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CHAPTER I

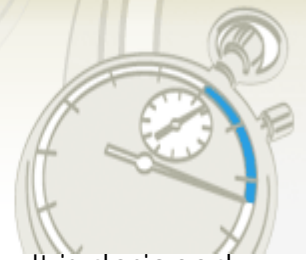
2011 - 2010
BROWNSVILLE CRIME INDEX COMPARISON

The City of Brownsville Police Department participates in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. Uniform Crime Reporting is the reporting of seven index crimes, thus making it possible for measurement and analysis of the crime index. The seven index crimes are categorized as crimes against persons or property crimes. Crimes against persons include murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crimes include burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. The index crimes are reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety on a monthly basis.

In calendar year 2011, there were a total of 8,688 index crimes in the City of Brownsville as compared to 9,879 in 2010. The crime index decreased 12.06% when compared to 2010.

OFFENSE	2011	2010	+/-	%
Murder	2	7	-5	-71.43
Rape	37	31	+6	+19.35
Robbery	109	165	-56	-33.94
Aggravated Assault	353	360	-7	-1.94
Burglary	1,009	1,286	-277	-21.54
Theft	7,015	7,784	-769	-9.88
Motor Vehicle Theft	163	246	-83	-33.74
TOTALS	8,688	9,879	-1,191	-12.06%

CRIME CLOCK STATISTICS



In is display represents the annual ratio of crime to affixed time intervals. It is designed to reflect the annual reported index crime figures by showing the relative frequency of occurrence.

One
INDEX CRIME OFFENSE
every 60.49 minutes

One
MURDER
every 182.5 days

One
PERSON CRIME
every 17 hours and 49 minutes

One
PROPERTY CRIME
every 1 hour and 7 minutes

One
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
every 1.03 days

One
THEFT
every 1 hour and 25 minutes

One
ROBBERY
every 3.34 days

One
BURGLARY
every 9 hours and 8 minutes

One
RAPE
every 9.86 days

One
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
every 2 days and
23 hours

CHAPTER II

CRIME TRENDS

Crime trends are analyzed using two separate methods, crime volume and crime rates.

CRIME VOLUME

Crime volume is the sum of the seven index crimes. Trends can be evaluated when comparing the volume of index crimes from year to year.

The crime volume for 2011 is the lowest in ten years. Compared to 2010 the crime volume has decreased by 12.06%.

TEN YEAR COMPARISON

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Murder	1	9	1	4	5	5	3	4	7	2
Rape	32	42	48	53	46	21	26	26	31	37
Robbery	181	164	162	128	168	207	173	152	165	109
Aggravated Assault	592	543	640	718	648	647	431	272	360	353
Burglary	1,207	1,024	1,208	1,240	1,377	1,442	1,590	1,576	1,286	1,009
Theft	10,266	8,121	6,676	6,647	6,483	7,574	8,205	7,865	7,784	7,015
M.V. Theft	480	442	403	431	524	458	344	337	246	163
Totals	12,759	10,345	9,138	9,221	9,251	10,354	10,772	10,232	9,879	8,688
+ / -	+853	-2414	-1207	+83	+30	+1,103	+418	-540	-353	-1,191
% change	+7.16	-18.92	-11.66	+0.91	+0.33	+11.92	+4.03	-5.01	-3.45	-12.06

CRIME RATE **2010 - 2011 COMPARISON**

Crime rates are compiled to compensate for the changes in population and reflect the number of people affected by crime in a given population. These rates are expressed in the number of crimes per 100,000 residents.

The estimated population for Brownsville in 2010 was 176,893*. During the calendar year of 2011 Brownsville's crime rate was 4,911.44 crimes per 100,000 persons. The crime rate decreased by 673.29 offenses per 100,000 in population which translates into a 12.06% decrease as compared to 2010.

Crimes Against Persons	OFFENSE	2010	2011
	MURDER	3.96	1.13
	RAPE	17.53	20.91
	ROBBERY	93.28	61.61
	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	203.51	199.55
	TOTAL	318.28	283.20

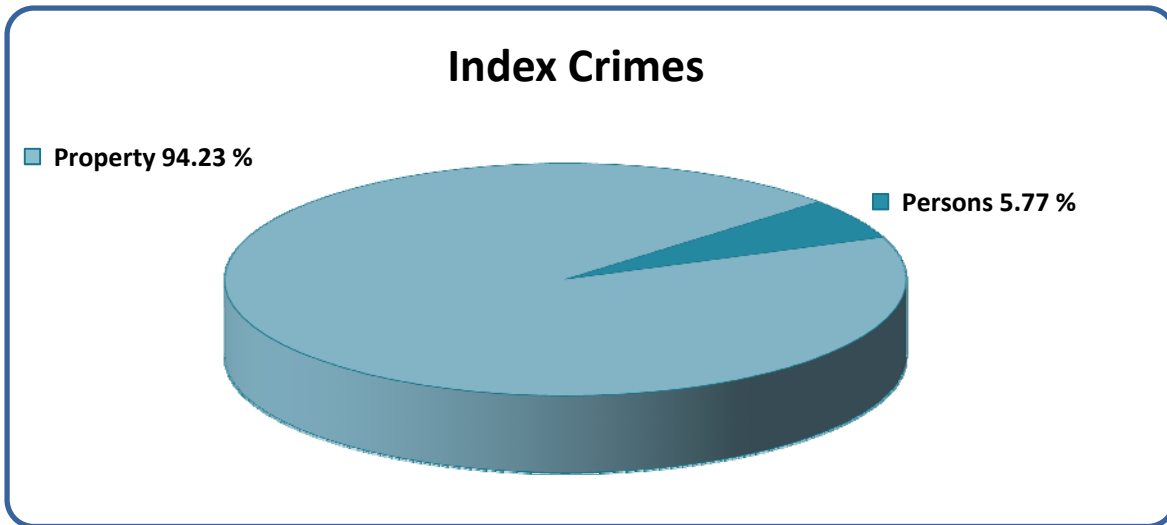
Property Crimes	OFFENSE	2010	2011
	BURGLARY	727	570.4
	THEFT	4,400.40	3,965.67
	M.V. THEFT	139.07	92.14
	TOTAL	5,266.47	4,628.21
INDEX CRIME TOTALS		5,584.75	4,911.41

* Source: U.S Census Bureau

CHAPTER III

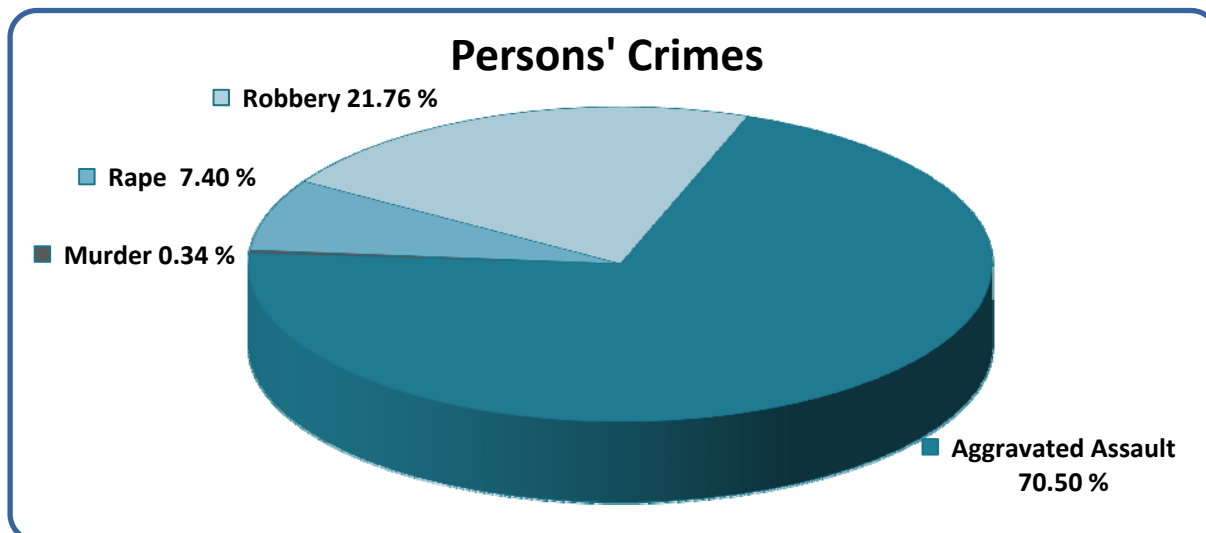
TYPES OF CRIMES

Crimes against persons and property crimes are the two categories in which the seven index crimes are classified into. In 2011, 5.77% of the crimes reported were crimes against persons and 94.23% were property crimes.



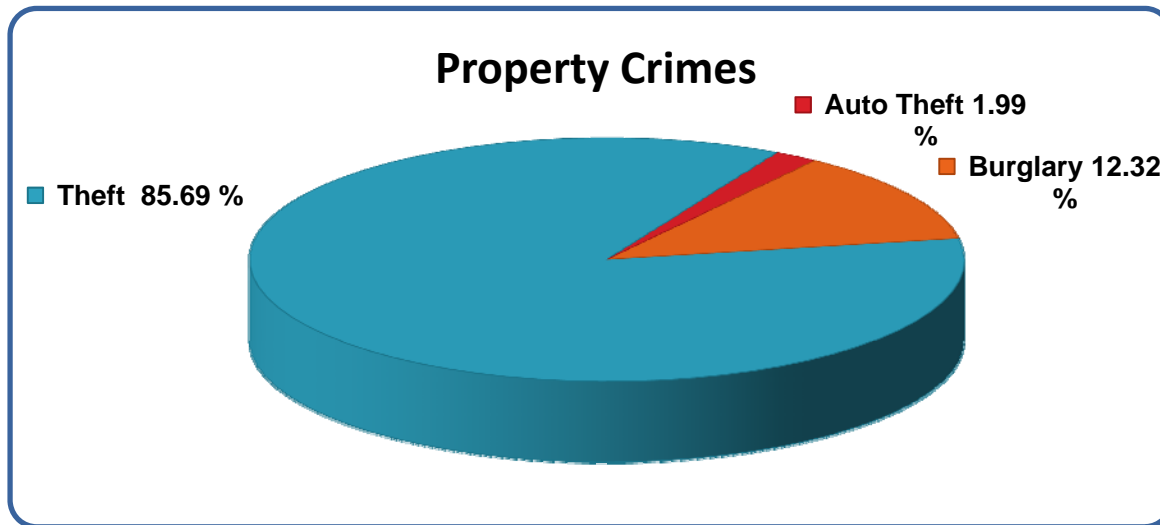
PERSONS' CRIMES

Crimes against persons are the personal confrontation between the perpetrator (suspect) and the victim. Due to this nature, crimes against persons are considered to be more serious than property crimes. 501 persons' crimes occurred during 2011 compared to 563 in 2010. This is a decrease of 11% from 2010. The 2011 crime rate was 283.22 persons' crimes per 100,000 persons as compared to 318.27 per 100,000 persons in 2010. Aggravated assault accounted for 70.50% of all persons' crimes. Robbery accounted for 21.76%, rape accounted for 7.40% and murder accounted for 0.34%.



PROPERTY CRIMES

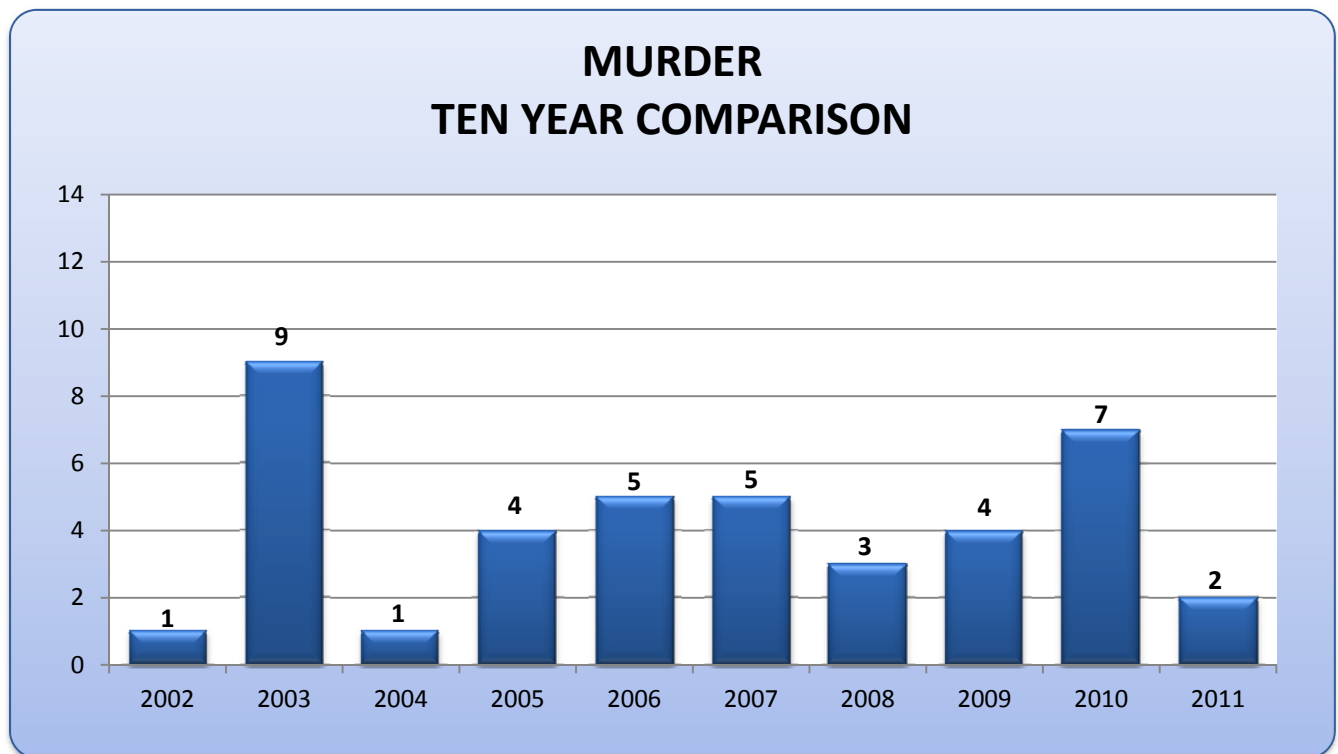
The number of property crimes reported for 2011 was 8,187 as compared to 9,316 in 2010. Property crimes decreased 12.12% in 2011 compared to 2010. The 2011 crime rate was 4,628.22 property crimes per 100,000 citizens as compared to 5,266.46 for 2010. Theft accounted for 85.69% of all property crimes. Burglary accounted for 12.32% and auto theft accounted for 1.99%.



CHAPTER IV

Murder

Murder and non-negligent manslaughter as defined in the UCR program is the willful killing of one human being by another. This offense category includes any death due to a fight, argument, quarrel, assault or commission of a crime. Attempted murder and assaults with the intent to kill are not counted as murder, but are included in UCR as aggravated assault. Suicides, accidental deaths, and justifiable homicides are also excluded from the murder classification.



Rate

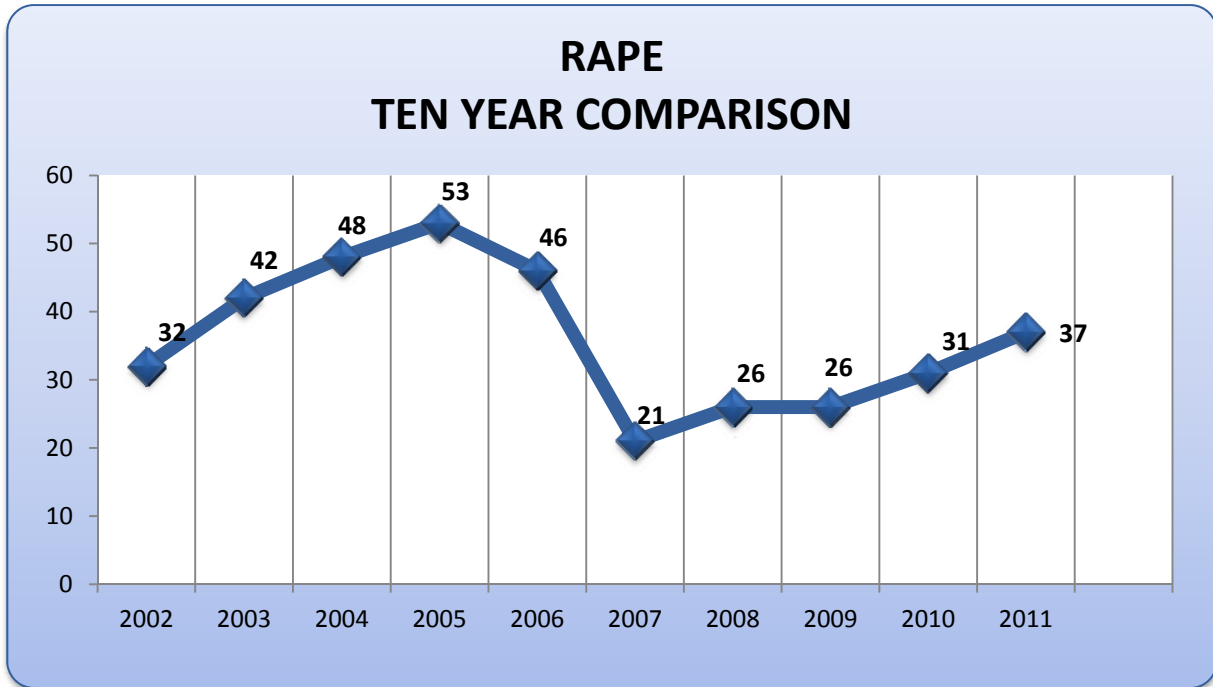
The murder rate in Brownsville for 2011 decreased by five, a 71% decrease. The rate of murders per capita (every 100,000 persons) for 2011 was 1.13.

Clearance

In 2011 one murder was a justifiable homicide and no arrests were required. Two persons were arrested and charged for the remaining murder, giving us a 100% clearance rate.

Rape

Rape, as defined in the UCR program is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Statistics reported in this crime category include assaults to commit forcible rape, however, statutory rape (rape against a female under the age of consent) and sexual assaults on males are excluded.



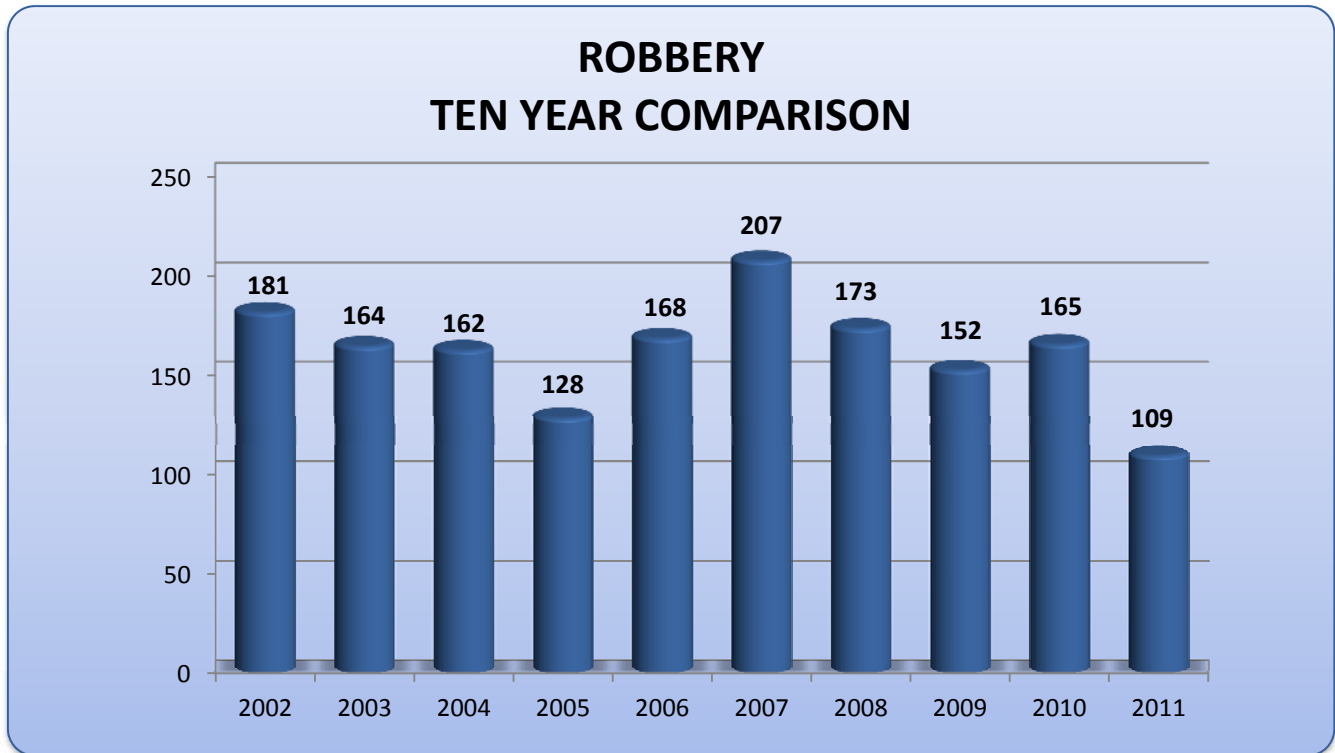
Rate

The number of rape incidents increased to thirty-seven in 2011 as compared to thirty-one in 2010. The rate of rapes per capita (every 100,000 persons) for 2011 was 20.91. Fourteen persons were arrested and charged for such crimes, which resulted in 37.83% clearance rate.

The number of rape incidents is the highest rate in the last four years.

Robbery

Robbery, in the UCR program is defined as the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force, threat of force or violence, or by putting the victim in fear. It is a violent crime that frequently results in injury to the victim. Included in this category are assaults to commit robbery and attempted robberies.



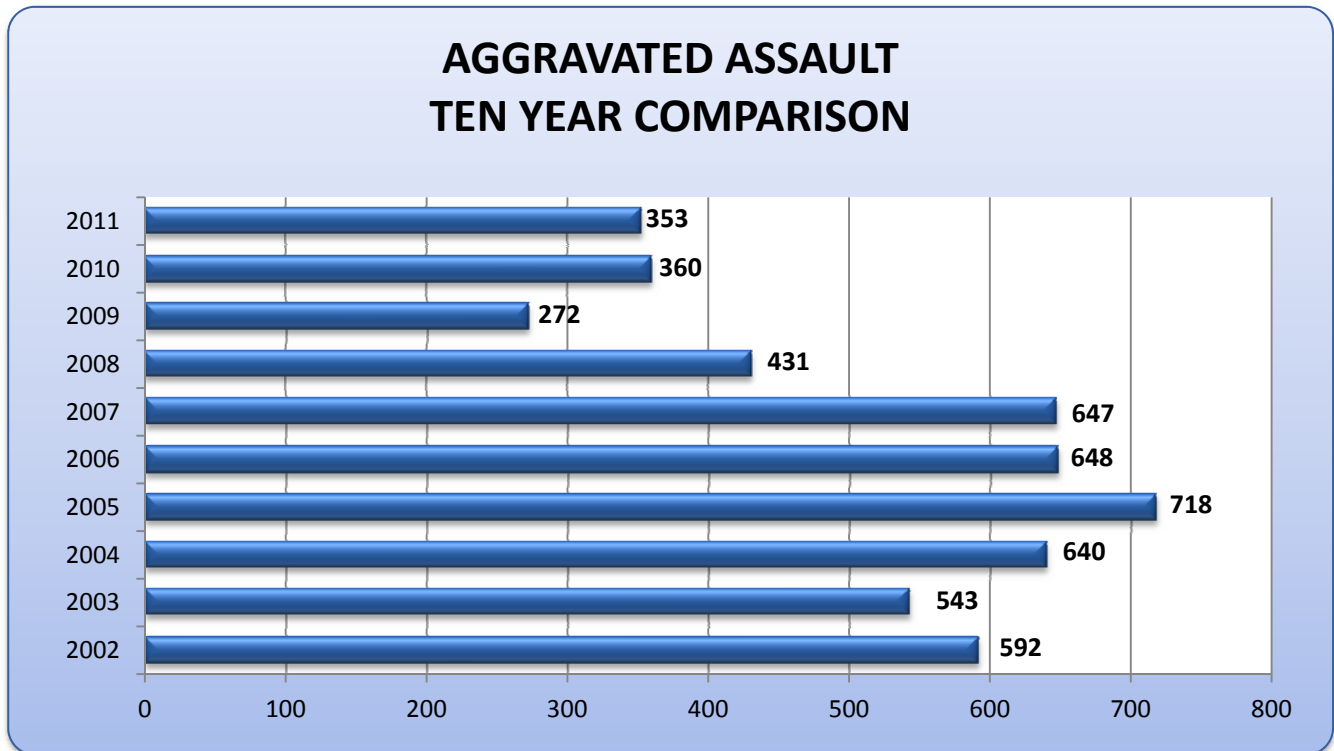
Rate

The Robbery rate in Brownsville for 2011 decreased by 33.94% as compared to 2010. The rate of robbery per capita (every 100,000 persons) for 2011 was 61.61. Eighty-four persons were arrested and charged for such crime which resulted in 77.06% clearance rate.

The robbery rate of 109 for 2011 is the lowest rate in the last ten years.

Aggravated Assault

Aggravated Assault is defined in the UCR program as an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Statistics for aggravated assault include attempts to commit aggravated assault.



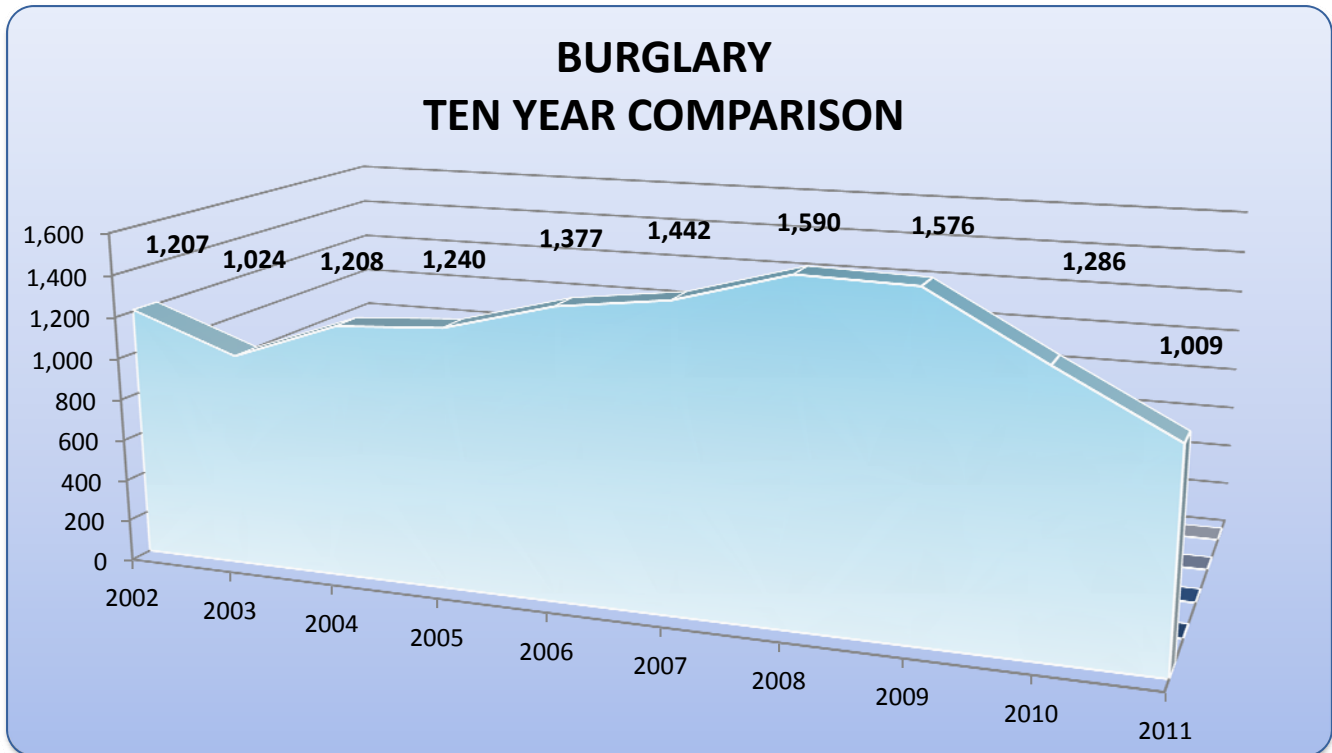
Rate

The aggravated assault rate in Brownsville for 2011 decreased 1.94% as compared to 2010. The rate of aggravated assault per capita (every 100,000 persons) for 2011 was 199.55.

The aggravated assault is the second lowest rate in the last ten years.

Burglary

Burglary, for UCR purposes is the unlawful entry of a structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft. While the use of force to gain entry is not required to classify an offense as burglary, attempted forcible entries to commit burglary are counted in this crime's statistics.



Rate

The burglary rate in Brownsville for 2011 was decreased by 21.40% as compared to 2010. The per capita rate (every 100,000 persons) for 2011 was 570.4. Two hundred cases were cleared with 424 arrests. This is a 19.82% clearance which is above the national rate of 14%. Burglary arrests decreased by 12.03% as compared to 2010. \$1,253,862 was the estimated value of property reported stolen from burglaries.

BURGLARY VALUES

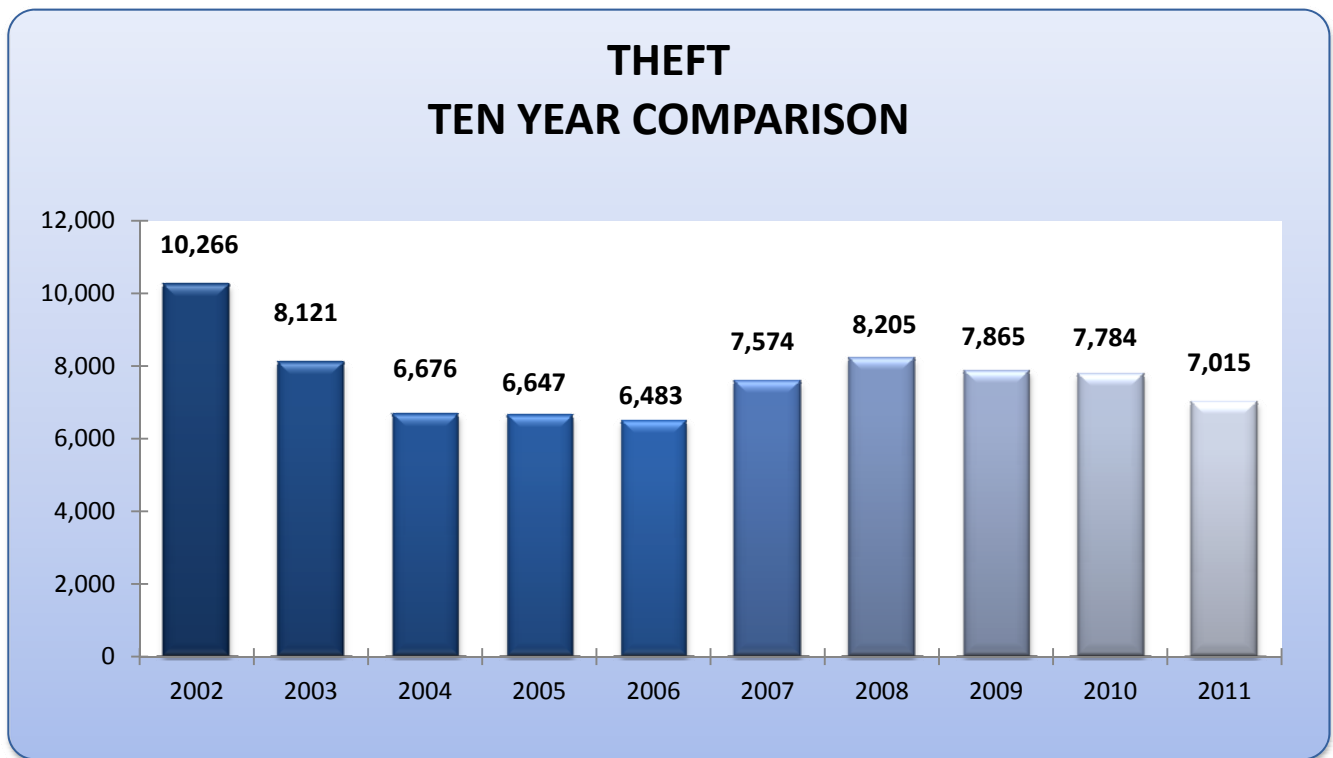
STOLEN	
January	\$ 440,065
February	\$ 467,508
March	\$ 419,582
April	\$ 441,191
May	\$ 879,149
June	\$ 523,996
July	\$ 706,682
August	\$ 588,061
September	\$ 479,204
October	\$ 366,106
November	\$ 567,944
December	\$ 608,716
Total	\$ 6,488,204

RECOVERED	
January	\$ 30,505
February	\$ 47,568
March	\$ 68,608
April	\$ 36,742
May	\$ 47,689
June	\$ 65,845
July	\$ 108,555
August	\$ 214,401
September	\$ 36,193
October	\$ 91,516
November	\$ 33,904
December	\$ 31,141
Total	\$ 812,267

Theft

Larceny/Theft in the UCR program is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Larceny/Theft includes crimes such as shoplifting, pocket-picking, purse snatching, thefts from motor vehicles, theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories, bicycle thefts, and other things of value in which no use of force, violence, or fraud occurs.

In the UCR program, this crime does not include embezzlement, "con" games, forgery, and the passing of worthless checks. Motor vehicle theft is not included in this category as it is a separate index crime offense.



Rate

The theft rate in Brownsville for 2011 was decreased by 9.88% as compared to 2010. The per capita (every 100,000 persons) for 2011 was 3,965.670. The rate is the lowest in the last ten years. Estimated losses for all thefts were valued at \$3,637,577.00.

THEFT VALUES

THEFTS Less Than \$ 50	
January	\$ 3,602
February	\$ 2,860
March	\$ 3,506
April	\$ 3,736
May	\$ 4,894
June	\$ 4,188
July	\$ 4,014
August	\$ 3,549
September	\$ 3,782
October	\$ 4,479
November	\$ 4,168
December	\$ 3,914
Total	\$ 46,692

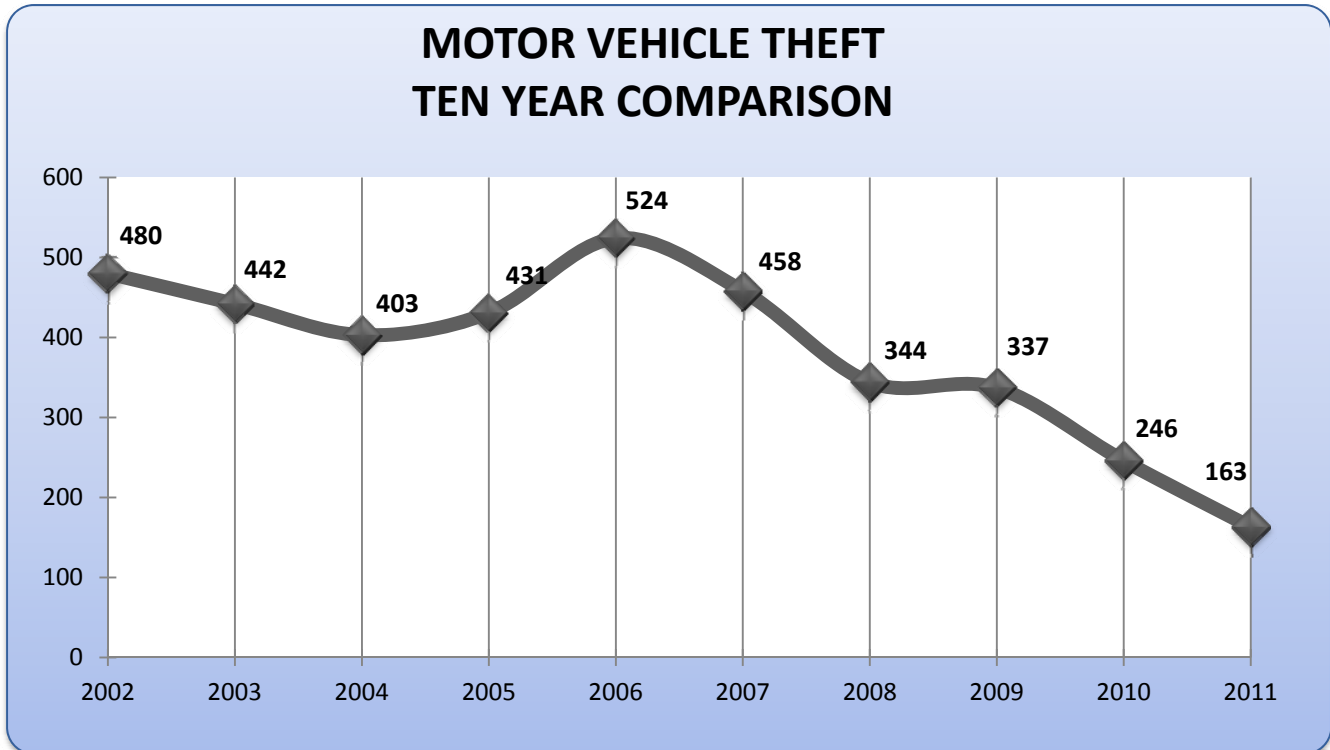
THEFTS \$ 50 - \$ 200	
January	\$ 19,068
February	\$ 14,004
March	\$ 16,370
April	\$ 21,161
May	\$ 22,671
June	\$ 15,976
July	\$ 18,388
August	\$ 17,372
September	\$ 13,372
October	\$ 16,507
November	\$ 14,484
December	\$ 19,783
TOTAL	\$ 209,156

THEFTS \$ 200 - OVER	
January	\$ 208,893
February	\$ 316,431
March	\$ 186,729
April	\$ 231,472
May	\$ 587,505
June	\$ 294,122
July	\$ 326,260
August	\$ 260,665
September	\$ 299,669
October	\$ 154,430
November	\$ 245,264
December	\$ 270,289
TOTAL	\$ 3,381,729

CATEGORY TOTALS	
Less Than \$ 50	\$ 46,692
\$ 50 - \$ 200.00	\$ 209,156
\$ 200.00 - OVER	\$ 3,381,729
TOTAL	\$ 3,637,577

Motor Vehicle Theft

Motor Vehicle Theft, for UCR purposes, is the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. A motor vehicle is defined as a self-propelled vehicle that travels on the surface but not on rails. Specifically excluded from this category are motor boats, construction equipment, airplanes, and farming equipment.

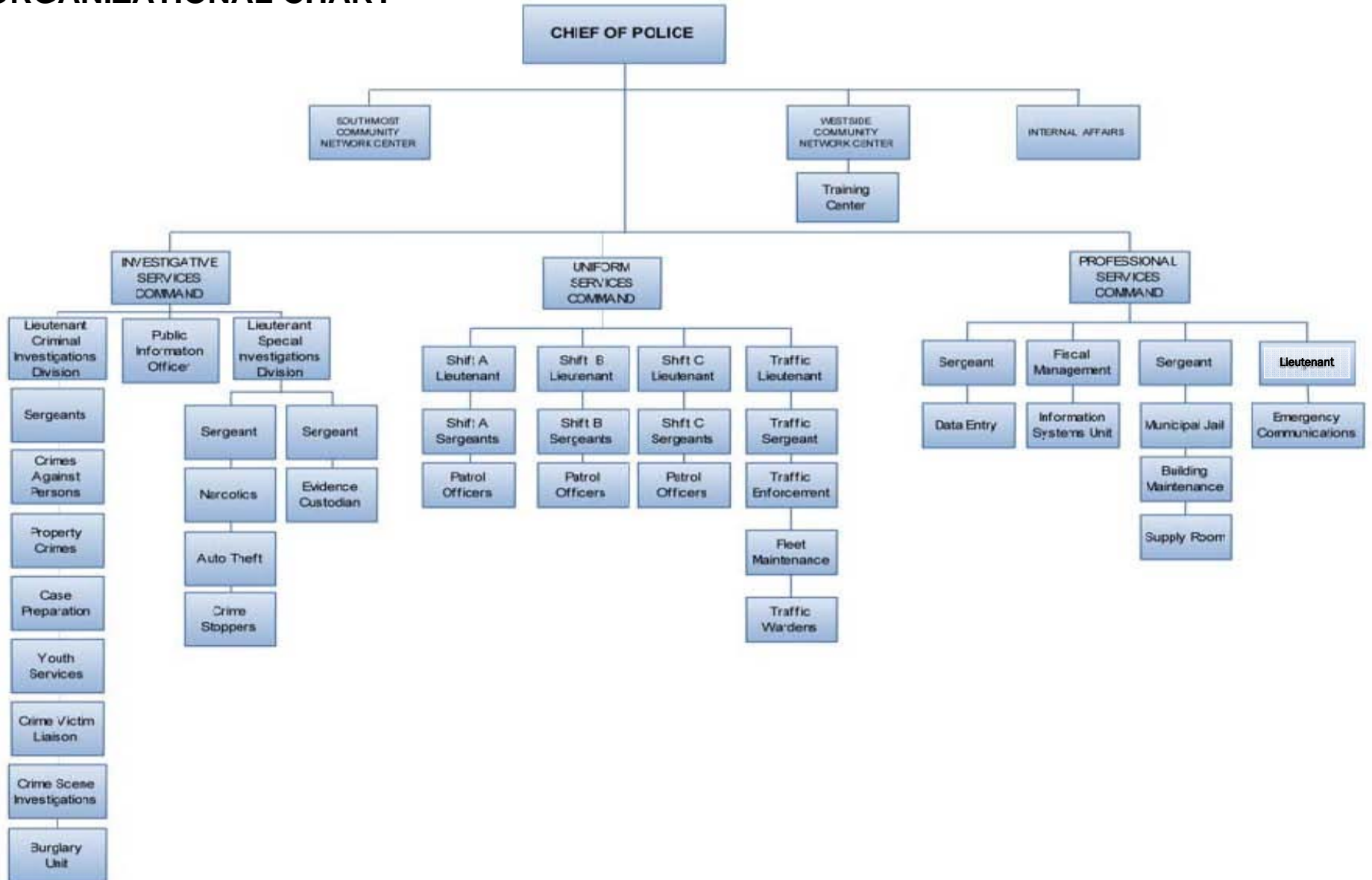


Rate

The motor vehicle theft rate in Brownsville for 2011 decreased by 33.74% as compared to 2010. This is the lowest rate for motor vehicle thefts in the last ten years and only since 1976, with a rate of 232, it has never been this low. The per capita rate (every 100,000 persons) was 92.14. Estimated value of all motor vehicle thefts is approximately \$ 1,357,909.00

CHAPTER V

BROWNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Uniform Services Command

Three Rotating Shifts and Traffic Enforcement

Activity	2011
Calls for Service	142,935
Public Events	107
Traffic Accidents	5,399
Fatalities	12
Traffic Violations	35,774
Parking Citations	3,160
DWI (Arrests)	874
Domestic Violence Calls	5,077

Investigative Services Command

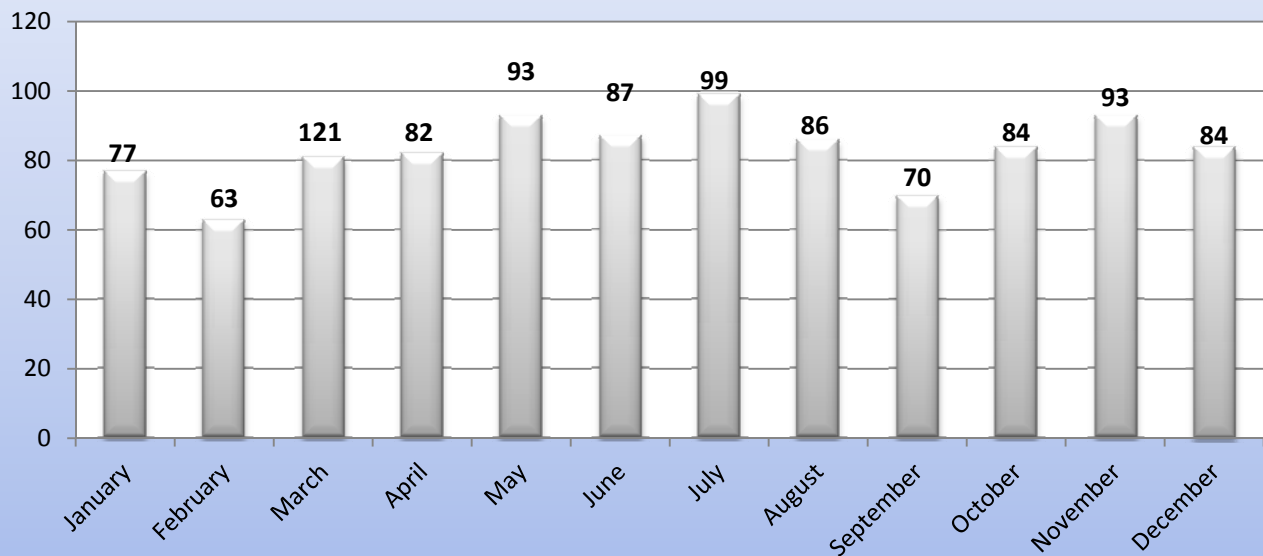
Criminal Investigations Division

Offense	Number	Arrests	% Cleared
Rape	37	14	37.84
Robbery	109	84	77.06
Aggravated Assault	353	206	58.35
Burglary	1,009	424	42.02
Theft	7,015	1,334	19.02

- The Domestic Violence Unit investigated 383 family violence cases.
- 617 runaway reports were also investigated.
- Crime Scene Technicians processed 529 scenes.
- 1,424 cases were followed-up by Property Crime Investigators.
- Case Preparations processed the submission of 2,361 misdemeanors and 1,274 felony cases to the Cameron County District Attorney's Office.
- The Fugitive Apprehension Unit made 183 arrests.

The Criminal Investigations Division Burglary Detail investigated 1,009 cases in 2011 as compared to 1,286 cases in 2010. These 1,009 cases consist of 601 habitations and 408 building/business reports. The number of burglaries in 2011 represented an 21.54% overall decrease. Our clearance rate of 19.82% is above the national average of 14%. Our burglary arrest rate for 2011 was 424 as compared to 482 arrests in 2010. This represents a 12.03% decrease in the number of arrests. The value of recovered stolen property from burglary cases is estimated at \$132,579.00

Burglary Monthly Comparison-2011



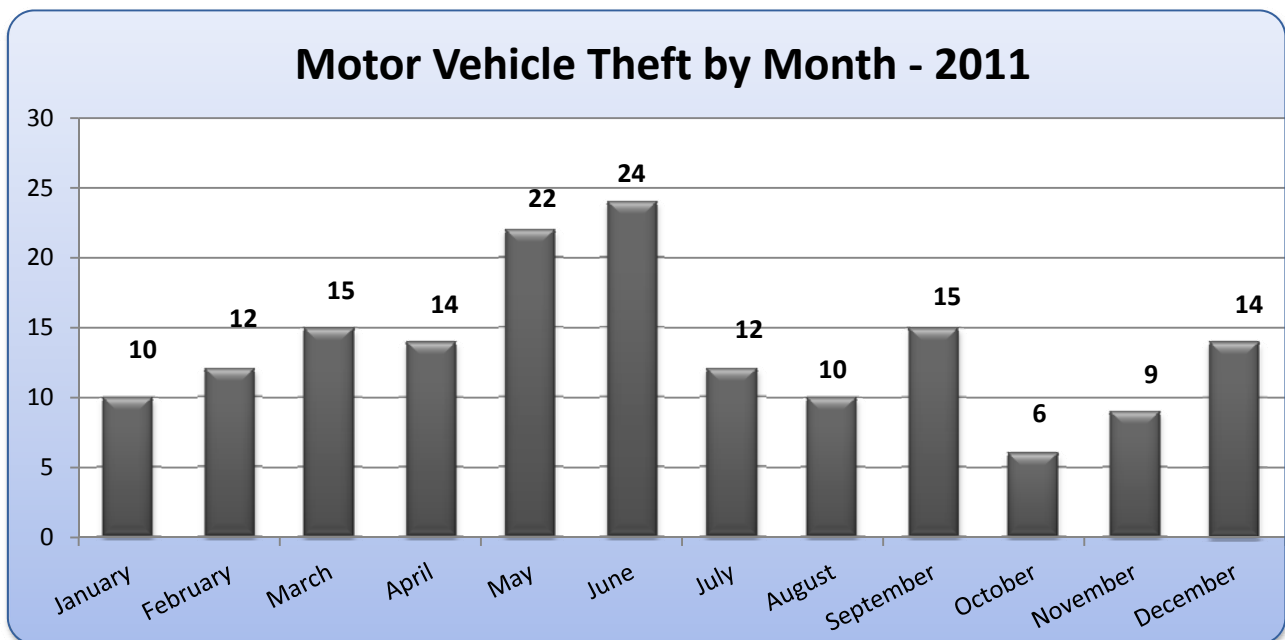
Special Investigations Unit

South Texas Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS	
Residential Areas	78
Business / Shopping Centers	64
Apartment Complexes	21
Motel / Hotel	0
Other (Robbery/Burglary)	0

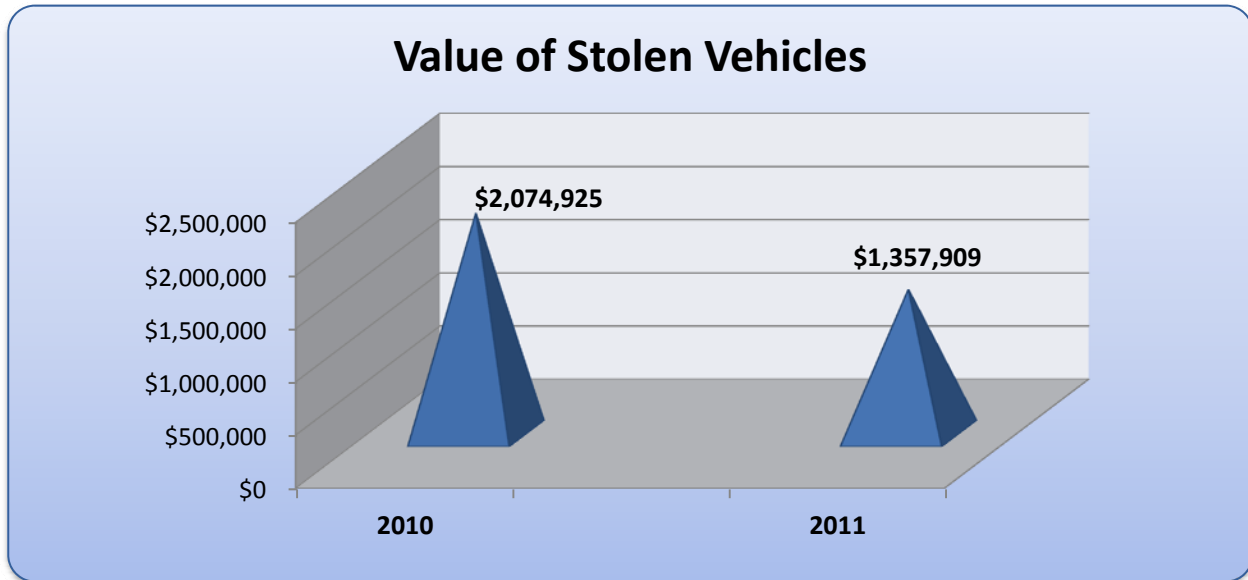
Volume

The number of motor vehicle thefts committed in Brownsville in 2011 was 163. The volume of motor vehicle theft decreased 33.74% from 2010. June had the highest number of thefts while October had the fewest.



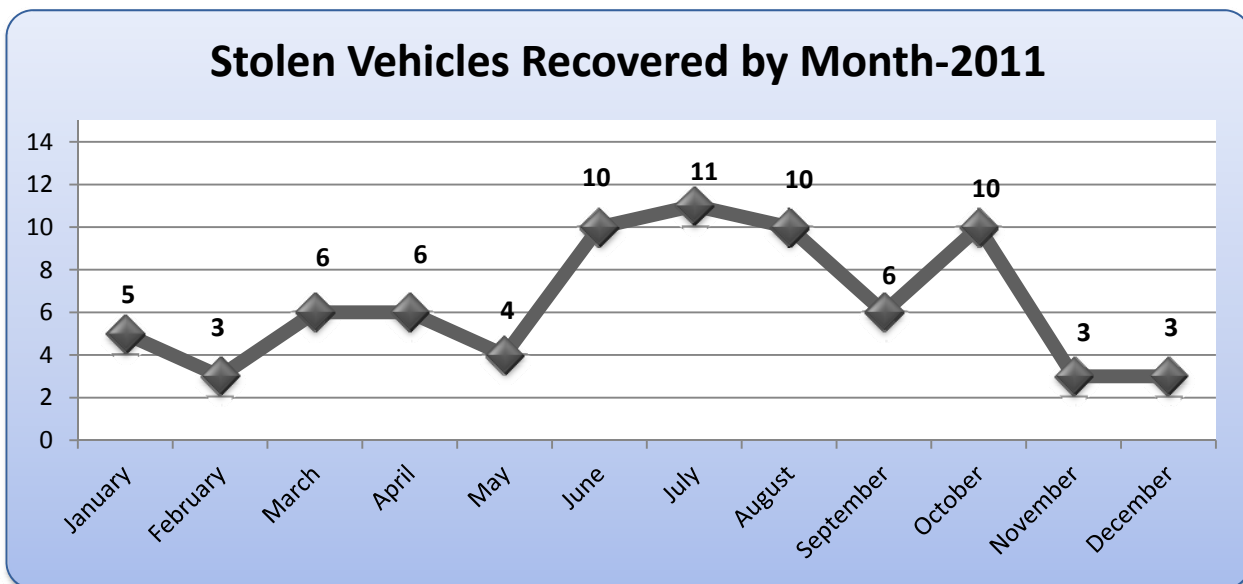
Value of Stolen Vehicles

In 2011 motor vehicle theft victims suffered losses totaling \$1,357,909.00. This total value loss represents a decrease of 34.56% when compared to 2010 total motor vehicle theft losses were of \$2,074,925.00. The average dollar loss per motor vehicle theft was \$8,279.93, a decrease from \$8,434.65 2010.



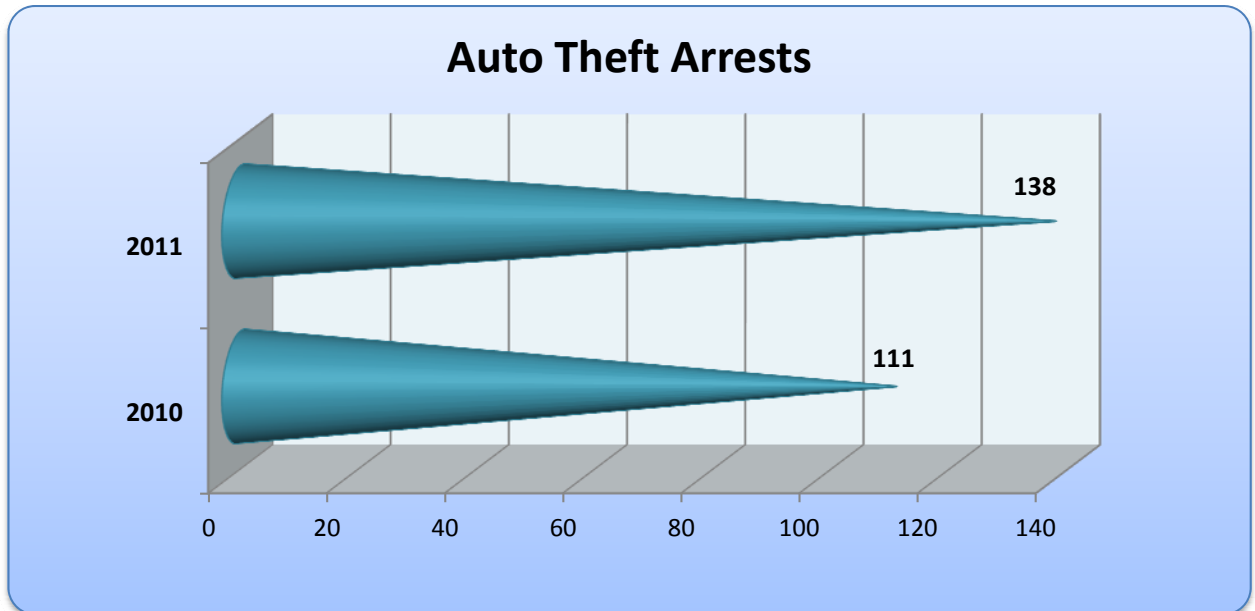
Recoveries

In 2011, there were 77 stolen vehicles recovered. In comparison to 2010 where 112 vehicles were recovered which resulted in a 31.25% decrease in 2011. The total value for the vehicles recovered in 2011 is \$948,818.00 with an average of \$12,322.31 per vehicle.

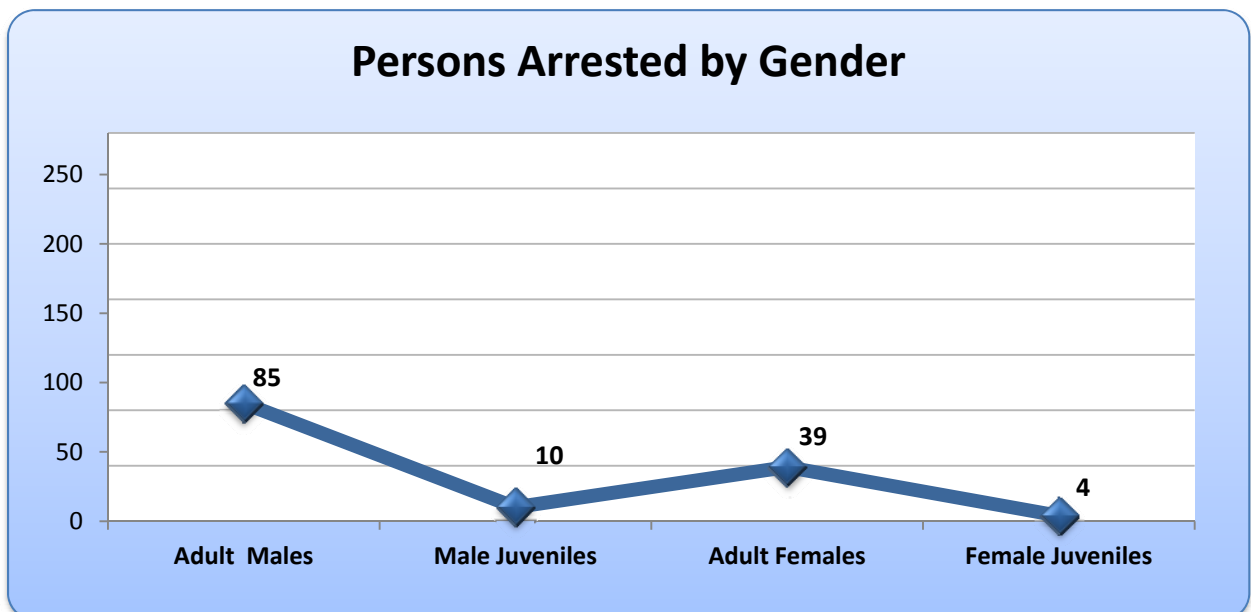


Motor Vehicle Theft Arrests

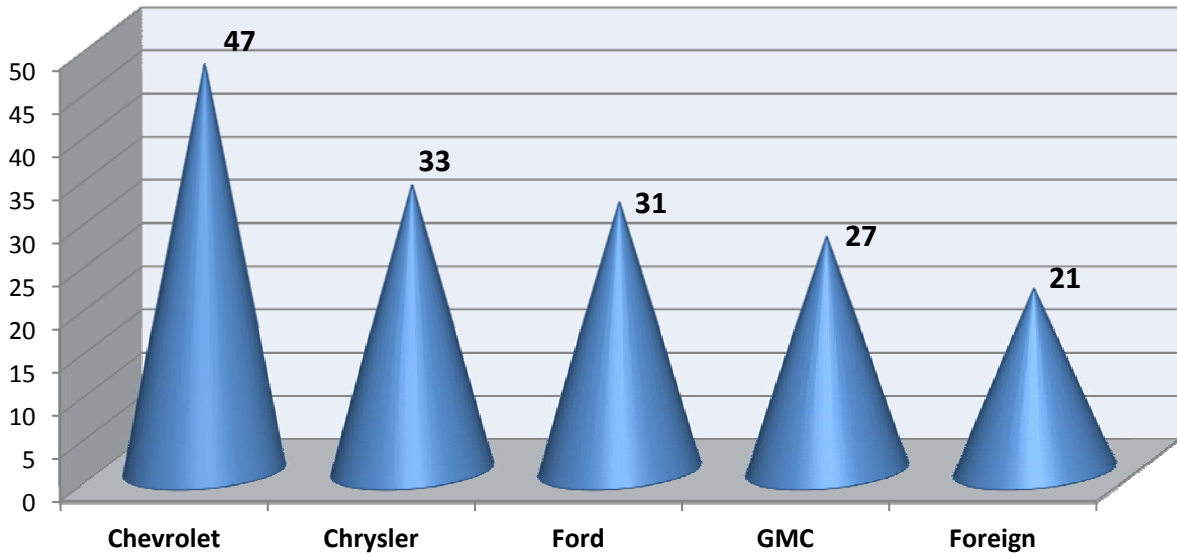
In 2011, Brownsville Police arrested 138 persons for motor vehicle theft or related offenses. As compared to 111 for 2010, this represents a 24.32% increase.



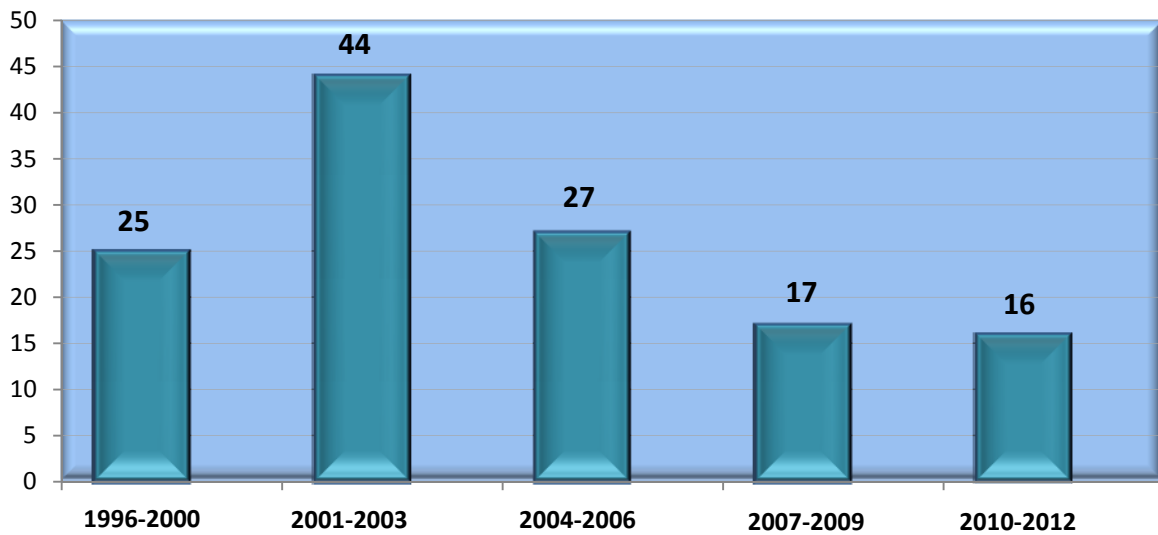
Adult males arrested represented 61.59% of all Auto Theft related offenses, while male juveniles represented 7.2%. Adult females represented 28.3% while female juveniles represented 2.9%.



Top 5 Makes of Vehicles Stolen



Top 5 Popular Year Models



Narcotics and Controlled Substance Enforcement Unit

Drug seizure information is presented in compliance with article 4476-15 5.14 VACS and its requirement that "All law enforcement agencies in this state shall file monthly with the (DPS) Director a report of all arrests for drug offenses made and quantities of controlled substances seized by them during the preceding month.

229 Arrests

158-- Felonies
71-- Misdemeanors

SEIZURES	
Marijuana	5,247.63 lbs.
Cocaine	271.82 lbs.
Heroin	0.11 lbs.
Weapons	9
Vehicles	7
U.S. Currency	\$ 726,229.71

Gambling

Gambling is the wagering of money or something of material value on an event with the primary intent of winning something of value solely or partially by chance.

Figures for 2011

Arrests	15
Gambling Devices	746
U.S. Currency	\$ 61,170.71

Crime Stoppers

The Brownsville Crime Stoppers Program began in 1982 from the efforts of our Chamber of Commerce and the Brownsville Police Department. Our Program now operates as an independent organization. The concept has developed into a combination of efforts by local media, businesses, civic and social clubs, law enforcement agencies, and the public.

Brownsville Crime Stoppers is an anonymous reward program that involves the citizens, the media, and local area law enforcement in an effective crime control program. The program is designed to assist law enforcement agencies in the identification, apprehension and prosecution of persons suspected of having committed a criminal act.

Crime Stoppers is based on the principal that "Someone other than the criminal has information that can solve a crime" and was created to combat the three major problems faced by law enforcement in generating that information: Fear of reprisal, an attitude of apathy, or reluctance to get involved.

Year Statistics	
Calls Received	650
Arrests	81
Cases Cleared	73
Property Recovered	\$ 20,709
Narcotics Recovered	\$ 880,519
Rewards Approved	70
Amount of Rewards	\$ 20,225

REPORT CRIMES YOU SEE!
We want your tips not your name
546-TIPS (8477)

Professional Standards Command

Overview:

In 2011, the Brownsville Police Department Emergency Communications Center received 142,935 calls for service. The total number of calls includes calls for all public safety services and reflects a decrease of 4,182 calls as compared to 147,117 calls for service in 2010. The Police Department responded to the majority of these calls, 112,814 followed by 22,282 by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and 7,839 calls for the Fire Department.



Calls for Service

Police: 112,814

Fire: 7,839

EMS: 22,282

Total: 142,935

In 2011 the Emergency Communications Center received an average of 392 calls for service per 24-hour period. This represents a 3.72% decrease in the number of calls per day as compared to calendar year 2010, which averaged 403 total calls per 24-hour period.

Follow up investigative activity by the Criminal Investigation Division, Special Investigation Unit, and other investigative units of the Department, and non-emergency business related calls, including customer service calls to medical facilities for Non-Emergency EMS transfers, are not reflected in the call activity listed above. The activity listed above represents only primary calls for service in which an event or incident number was generated.

Milestones:

Project-25 Radio Interoperability

Shortly after the terrorist events of September 11, 2001, the Federal Government concluded that communications between first responders of different agencies and disciplines was sparse to non-existent at ground

zero. As a result of this discovery, a new mandate was initiated, dubbed Project-25(P-25). This new initiative tasked the mobile radio and data manufactures to create a standard communications protocol wherein emergency responders would be able talk to each other regardless of frequency, band, or radio brand.

As per Federal Government mandate all emergency response agencies must come into compliance with the P-25 radio interoperability standard by 2014 or risk losing access to Federal grants.

- Infrastructure:

Additional infrastructure equipment was purchased through grants and has been delivered and is pending a funding source for installation and implementation. This additional equipment will increase the capacity of the P-25 radio system infrastructure in order to accommodate all city departments in normal day-to-day activities and the addition of multi-agency/multi-discipline emergency response agencies in times of crisis or emergency and moves the Brownsville Police Department and the City of Brownsville one step closer to meeting the federally imposed Project-25 deadline of 2014.

Goals and Objectives:

Personnel & Staffing

The current authorized staffing level of the Emergency Communications Center is set at twenty-five Communications Operators and three Shift Supervisors. At closing of 2011 all full-time positions were filled and there were two part-time Communications Operator positions vacant.

Minimizing turn-over rates has been a challenge for emergency communications centers nationwide; the Brownsville Police Department has been no exception to this trend.

In an effort to curb this trend the following measures will be explored and/or implemented:

- Working closely with the City's Human Resources Department in reviewing employee exit surveys to help identify areas in need of improvement in regards to employee retention.
- The development of a formal training structure that will set a standardized training program for all new communications operators. This training model should include both classroom and hand-on activities that are realistic, attainable and measurable.

- The use of part-time Communications Operators to allow for flexible scheduling during peak call hours.

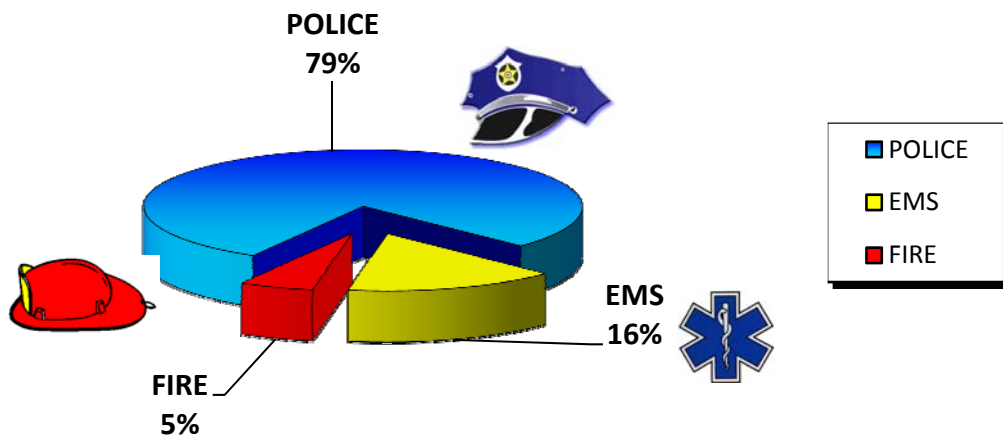
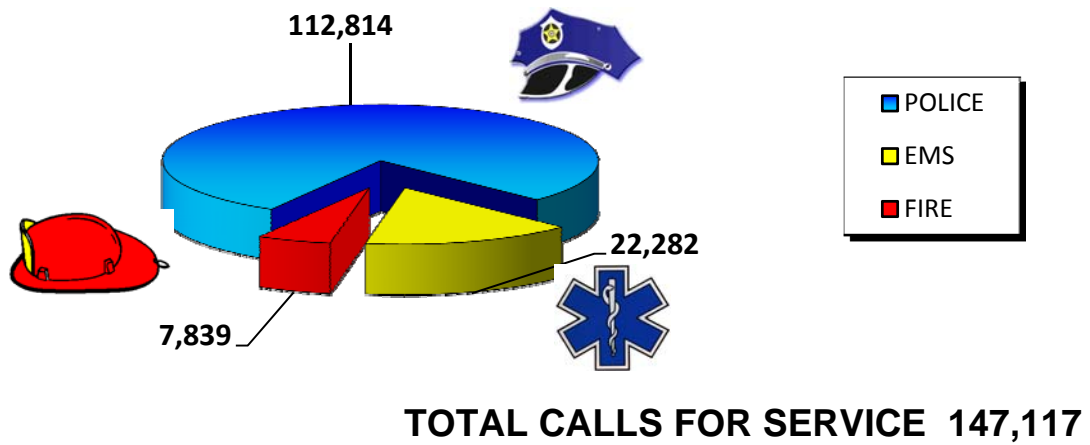
Facility, Equipment and Radio Infrastructure

In late 2010, a meeting was held to discuss the remodeling of the Emergency Communications Center, which is an integral part of the P-25 radio migration process. In attendance were representatives from Motorola, ATT Special Services (9-1-1 provider) and Mr. Calvin Walker (president/architect- Walker-Perez Associates). Preliminary design concepts, new equipment installation and infrastructure re-location were discussed.

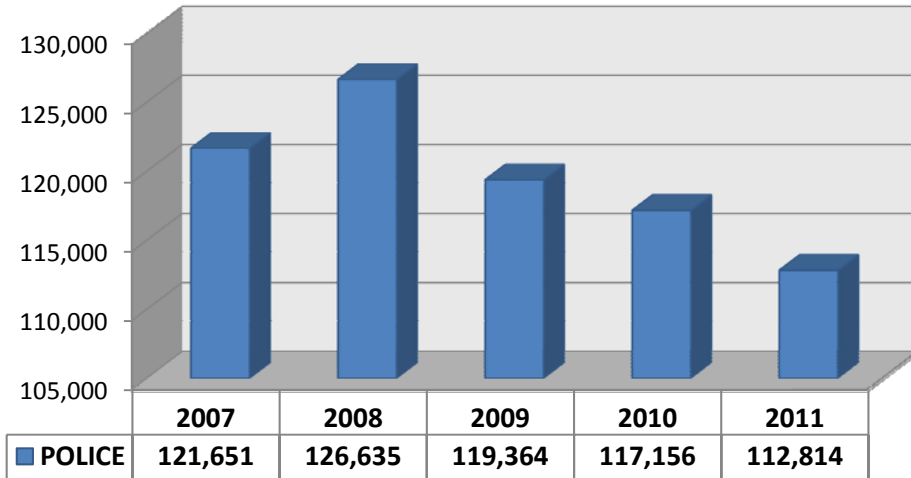
Goals for 2012 include:

- Identifying additional external (grants) and internal funding sources for:
 - Installation of additional P-25 radio infrastructure to enhance capability and functionality of the radio system.
 - Remodeling and furnishing of the existing Emergency Communications Center.
 - Purchase of additional radio subscriber (portable and mobile) units

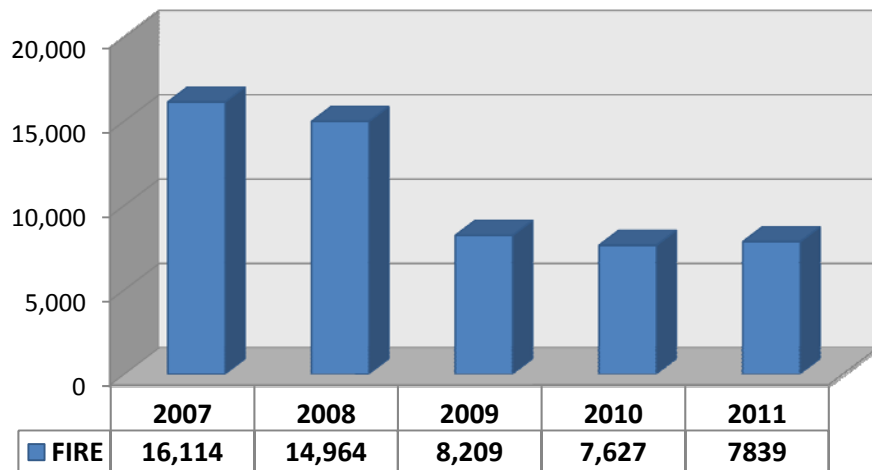
2011 CALLS FOR SERVICE



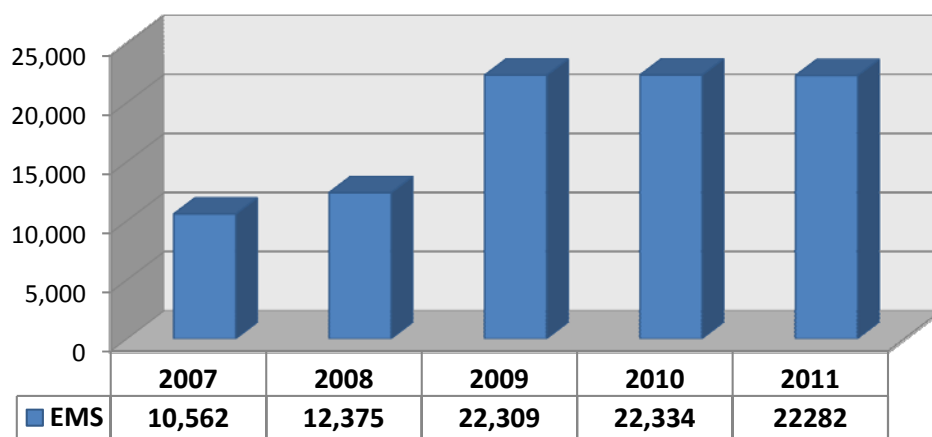
**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CALLS FOR SERVICE - FIVE YEAR COMPARISON**



**FIRE DEPARTMENT
CALLS FOR SERVICE - FIVE YEAR COMPARISON**

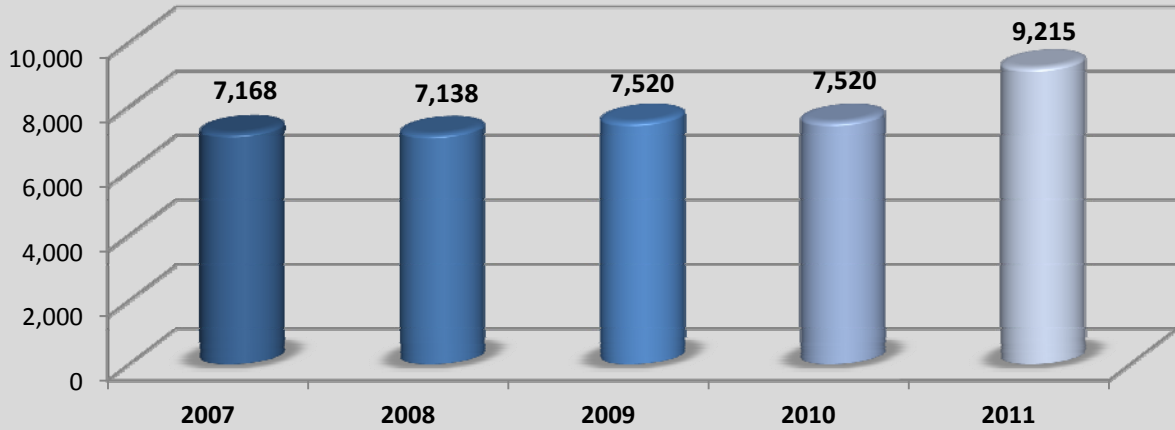


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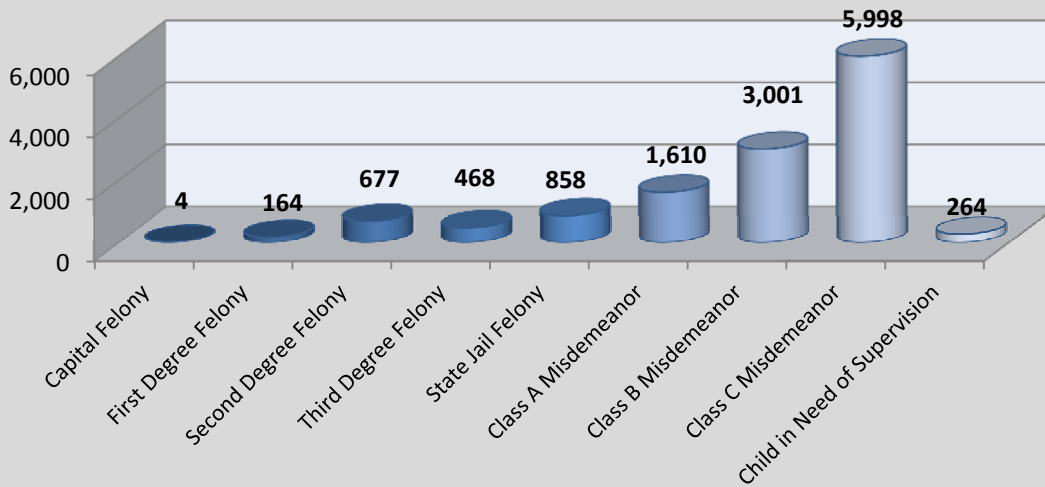


BROWNSVILLE MUNICIPAL JAIL - 2011 BOOKINGS

Arrests - 5 Year Comparison



Arrest by Charge Classification



MISDEMEANOR	FELONY	TOTALS
10,609	2,141	12,750

ARRESTS BY GENDER

MALES	6,929
FEMALES	2,286

Southmost Community Network Center

The community network center was established to provide a pro-active police response and build a positive relationship with the community. The goal is to identify potential areas that may lead to criminal activity, and to help built a network between the citizens, city departments and ourselves in order to provide solutions to problems that can be addressed by other than police presence or intervention.



➤ Citizen's Police Academy

The police department offers the ten week course, free, to citizens 18 years of age. Those enrolled will meet every Thursday to learn about police procedures, criminal prosecution, self defense and use of firearms. This is one more way of interacting with the community and teaching them about police practices.



YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES	
<i>Presentations</i>	351
<i>Make a Difference Referrals</i>	1,304
<i>Abandoned Vehicles Tagged</i>	571
<i>Arrests</i>	49
<i>Traffic Citations</i>	845

- **Brownsville Police National Night** is designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships; (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Approximately 2,500 persons in attendance.
- **Halloween Festival** as an alternative to door-to-door trick or treating the department annually provides treats to 7,000 children; this is a combined effort from both centers Westside and Southmost Centers.

Westside Community Network Center

Police Training Unit

The Westside Community Network Center focuses on the training aspect of our officers with internal and external mandated courses.

The center is responsible to administer the Police Entrance Exams and follow through with the hiring process.

The center is a satellite site for the City of Brownsville Municipal Court and the Cameron County Tax Assessor Office.

A variety of presentations and special events are hosted to the public and attended by center personnel.

The Westside is the reporting site for the Brownsville Police Department Bomb Squad.

	CLASS HOURS	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	TOTAL HOURS
Core Courses	147	163	1,680
Specialized Training	1205.5	2,074	2,3953.5
TOTALS	<u>1,352.5</u>	<u>2,237</u>	<u>25,633.5</u>



Explosives Ordnance Disposal Unit



The Explosives Ordnance Disposal Unit has the responsibility to not only keep up minimum training levels to maintain our certification, but to also recognize our national role as the front line against terrorist plots that involve explosive devices. As a nationally accredited Bomb Squad, it is incumbent upon the unit to remain vigilant to new threats, and participate in programs that develop new policies, techniques, and equipment.

Calls For Service Breakdown

K- 9 Dignitary Sweeps	36	
Found Explosives	8	Military/Commercial
Called Suspicious Devices	4	
Total Calls	48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 inside city limits, • 8 outside jurisdiction and Agency Assist.
Calls Outside Jurisdiction	5	
Agency Assist	3	
Total Agency Assist and Outside Jurisdiction	8	



CHAPTER VI

POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

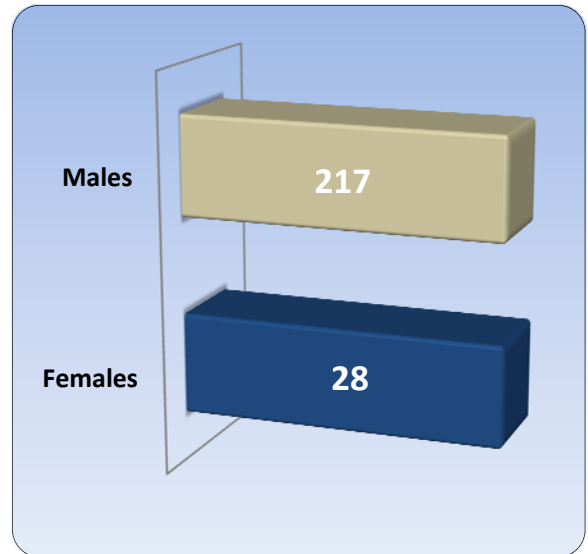
COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL

Brownsville Police Department employed an average of 245 full-time sworn officers.

Recommended number by the National Institute of Justice is 1.81 per 1,000.

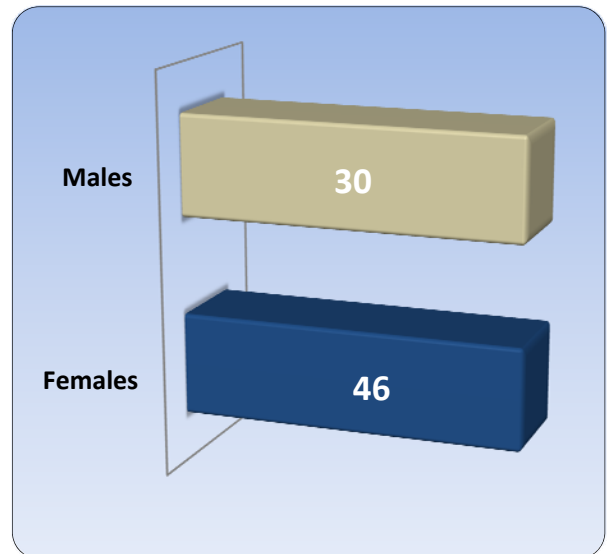
Average number of officers per 1,000 citizens for Brownsville is 1.38.

City of Brownsville is currently authorized 245 sworn officers.



CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Brownsville Police Department employs 76 civilian employees and is authorized 79. Of the 76 civilian employees 46 are female and 30 are male.



Emergency Communication Supervisors	3
Emergency Communication Operators	24
Custodians	5
Data Entry Clerks	12
Administrative Assistants	5
Administrative Supervisor	1
Traffic Wardens	5
Fleet Maintenance Personnel	1
Accountant	1
Information System Manager	1
Information System Coordinator	1
Detention Officers	15
Property & Evidence Clerk	1
Payroll Technician	1

2011

Annual Summary of Facts

- The City of Brownsville is approximately 147.52 square miles.
- Estimated population 176,893.
- 245 average number of sworn personnel on staff.
- 76 number of civilian personnel. 79 authorized positions.
- 142,935 calls for service were handled by police personnel.
- 8,688 Part I Crime Index offenses were reported.
- Crime Index decreased by 12.06% in 2011 compared to 2010.
- The crime rate for the City of Brownsville was 4,911.44 index offenses per 100,000 population.
- Crimes against persons decreased by 11%.
- Property crimes decreased by 12.12%.
- 2 murders were committed and all were exceptionally cleared.
- Residential burglaries accounted for 60% of all burglaries reported.
- 19.82% of all burglaries were cleared. 14% is the national average.
- 163 actual motor vehicle theft reports were filed, a 33% decrease from 2009.
- The estimated total dollar value for stolen vehicles is \$1,357,909.
- The three most popular make of vehicles stolen were Chevrolet, Chrysler and Ford.
- 77 stolen vehicles were recovered, a 40.18% decrease from 2010.
- The estimated total dollar value for recovered stolen vehicles is \$948,818.
- 9,215 persons were booked in to the City Jail.
- 6,929 of all persons booked were male, which represented 75.19% of all bookings.