

*Hinckley Police Department  
2011 Annual Report*



*Chief Tim Kalavsky  
January 30, 2012*

# *Table of Contents*

Table of Contents.....	1
Foreword from the Chief.....	2
Mission & Vision.....	3
Organizational Chart.....	4
Department Personnel.....	5
Uniform Patrol Division.....	6
Investigations Division.....	7
Traffic Safety Enforcement.....	8-9
Annual Department Statistics	
Calls for Service.....	10
Activity.....	11-12
Traffic Enforcement.....	13
Traffic Crashes.....	14
DUI/Impaired Driving Enforcement.....	15
Physical Arrests.....	16
Training.....	17
Communications-911.....	18
Fleet Management	
Vehicle Inventory.....	19
Maintenance Statistics.....	20
2011 In Review.....	21
Budget Summary.....	22

## *Foreword from the Chief*

To the Township Trustees, Citizens, Businesses and Guests of Hinckley Township:

On behalf of the men and women of the Hinckley Police Department, I present our annual report for the calendar year of 2011. This report provides a general overview of the many aspects of department operations, and covers not only crime, traffic, and other related statistics, but gives the reader a general understanding of the diverse community services provided by our department.

Along with maintaining the safety of our citizens and members of our business community, we strive to provide them with outstanding customer service. We endeavor to maintain a close connection with the community through the endorsement of the community-policing philosophy and integration of initiatives such as Neighborhood Watch groups.

As vigilant public servants, members of the Hinckley Police Department remain committed to the highest standards of public safety and service to the Township. The culture of the police department remains a friendly and approachable organization with a reputation of going above and beyond what is expected, whether it involves providing service or protection to the community or mutual aid to surrounding jurisdictions. All members are trained and mentored into this culture, which strives to remain an interconnected part of the community. All members are expected to carry on this proud tradition of excellence.

Each component of the department is described in more detail throughout the following pages; who we are, how we function, our various responsibilities and what we have accomplished reflect the pride in what we do. Rest assured that we will continue to work hard to provide outstanding customer service and quality of life for all who live, work, or visit our community.

Special Thanks to the following for their valuable contributions to this report:

Detective Sgt. Daniel Huff  
Sgt. Bruce Linville  
Ptl. Michael Cossu  
Disp. Kumhee Agostin  
Administrative Assistant Lisa Chmielewski

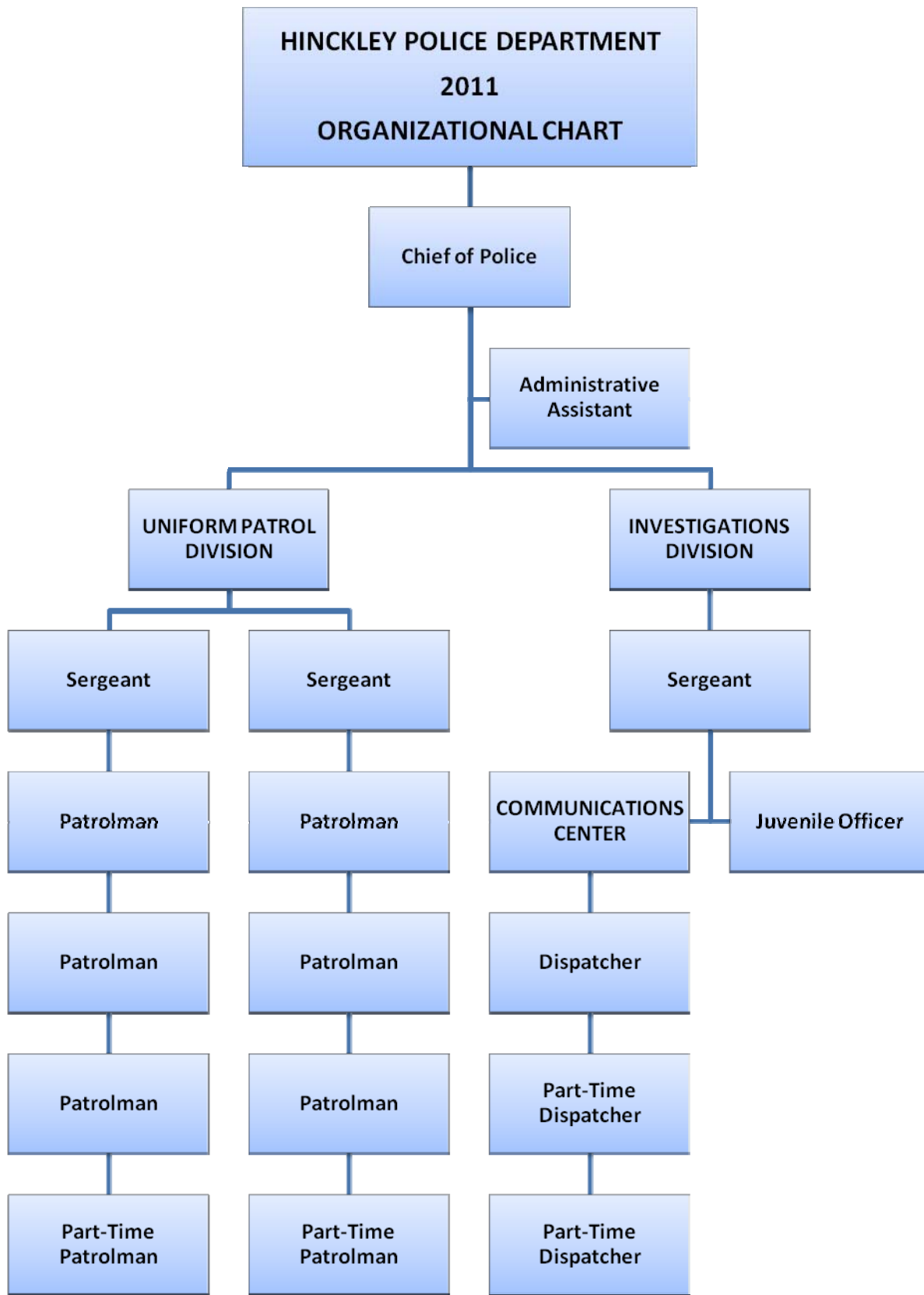
Tim Kalavsky  
Chief of Police

## *Mission and Vision*

Your Police Department, in the interest of providing a safe environment for all and to enhance the quality of life in this community, pledges to serve and protect the life and property of the people of Hinckley Township. Our goal is to prevent crime, to preserve the public peace, and uphold those guarantees set down in the Constitution of the United States of America, the laws of the State of Ohio and local resolutions of Hinckley Township.

This mission grows from our vision of the relationship between the People of Hinckley Township and the Hinckley Township Police.

Your Police Department strives to remain a vital and responsive member of the community. The Hinckley Township Police have a commitment to training and professionalism and receive their direction and authority from the public trust. This continuing partnership will allow us to change, grow and develop together. With compassion, respect and understanding of your needs, we will be guided by justice, both now and tomorrow.





## *Uniform Patrol Division*

The Hinckley Police Department's Uniform Patrol Division is responsible for all patrol activities performed by sworn personnel. These activities include, but are not limited to, responding to calls for service, patrol duties, crime prevention, investigating criminal and traffic complaints, directed patrol, and traffic enforcement.

The fully uniformed police officer driving a marked police car is usually the first image a person pictures when thinking of law enforcement. This same image is almost always the first impression and contact a member of the community has with the Hinckley Police Department. The Uniform Patrol Division prides itself with proudly carrying this torch of responsibility.

In 2011, the Hinckley Police Department handled 6186 calls for service. The types of calls can range from a resident seeking advice in a simple matter, an officer entering a smoke-filled house and carrying occupants to safety, to more in depth investigations which include fatal traffic crashes, and felony violations of the law. Every time a police officer handles a call, the officer is committed to providing the best service with confidence and pride.

The first responders of the police department are typically organized into two different 12-hour shifts. Each shift is directly supervised by a single patrol sergeant. Our officers work 28 (twenty-eight) day work periods, which happens to be one of the systems approved by the State Wage and Hour Department.

## *Investigations Division*

The Investigations Division is responsible for the investigation of multiple and major crimes including homicide, criminal sexual assault, robbery, arson, burglary, identity theft, computer crimes, and drug violations.

The primary responsibility of a detective is to support patrol officers with incidents that require additional resources. Many of these incidents involve crimes; however, detectives also provide referral services to both victims of crime and juveniles in need of intervention measures. Detectives work closely with patrol officers during evidence collection. They are also responsible for sending completed reports to the appropriate prosecutor for the filing of criminal charges, while maintaining a professional relationship with the prosecutor throughout the court process. Additionally, member(s) of this division work to establish and maintain cooperative relationships throughout the criminal justice community, with other federal, state and local agencies in order to bring about a successful conclusion to on-going investigations.

Unlike what you see on television, our Investigations Division (more commonly referred to as a detective bureau) is typically there to guide officers in their initial investigations and to interview both suspects and victims. All reports taken in the field are subsequently reviewed and approved. Guidance is then given to the officers along with any support or assistance they may require. The primary reporting officer has always been encouraged to complete basic investigations to the extent possible.

The Investigations Division is also charged with investigating complaints of misconduct against members of the police department. Investigative results are subsequently forwarded to the Chief of Police for review and final disposition.

Supervision of the Communications Center, staff scheduling, payroll preparation and associated record-keeping as well as evidence/property control are some of the additional responsibilities assigned to members of the Investigations Division.

# ***Traffic Safety Enforcement***

The officers assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division have the ultimate responsibility of making the roadways of Hinckley Township safer for the motoring public. They accomplish this by influencing three main areas of traffic incidents: Education, Engineering, and Enforcement.

## **Education**

- Conducting traffic stops and informing the driving public of the various traffic laws. This is accomplished through the issuance of traffic citations, written warnings, and giving verbal warnings.
- Participation in various state supported traffic enforcement initiatives such as "Click it or Ticket".
- Distribution of safety awareness pamphlets and other sources of material. Posting safety messages on the Township website and cable access channel.

## **Engineering**

- The Hinckley Police Department works closely with the Ohio Department of Transportation, the County Engineering Department, as well as the Township Service Department to increase traffic safety by conducting traffic studies to include: traffic flow, excessive speeding and other traffic-related complaints.
- Whenever a traffic complaint or concern is received by the Hinckley Police Department, an officer is assigned the complaint and subsequently follows a standard set of steps in response to the complaint. First, the complainant is educated regarding the current law and what the police department can do to address the complaint. Next, the speed trailer can be deployed to verify the complaint. Once verified, enforcement details are established until such time that the complaint appears to have been mitigated or eliminated. Lastly, when the complaint or concern is beyond being solved by education and enforcement, the department can request assistance from the County Engineer in rectifying the problem.

## **Enforcement**

- The Hinckley Police Department responds to all complaints, whether they are in person, over the phone, or via e-mail. Officers are tasked with enforcing the various traffic laws of the state and typically respond to the majority of complaints by increased enforcement in the area of concern. Through the use of more proactive methods of enforcement (i.e. speed trailer, directed patrols, etc.) we have made progress in slowing the motoring public resulting in safer neighborhoods, school zones, and the community in general.

- During the year, officers conducted 1834 traffic stops resulting in the issuance of 729 traffic citations, 160 written warnings, and 945 verbal warnings. Of those, 49 were citations issued for violations of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Officers are also tasked with enforcement of violations of the township parking resolution. A total of 23 parking citations were issued for all parking violations in 2011.

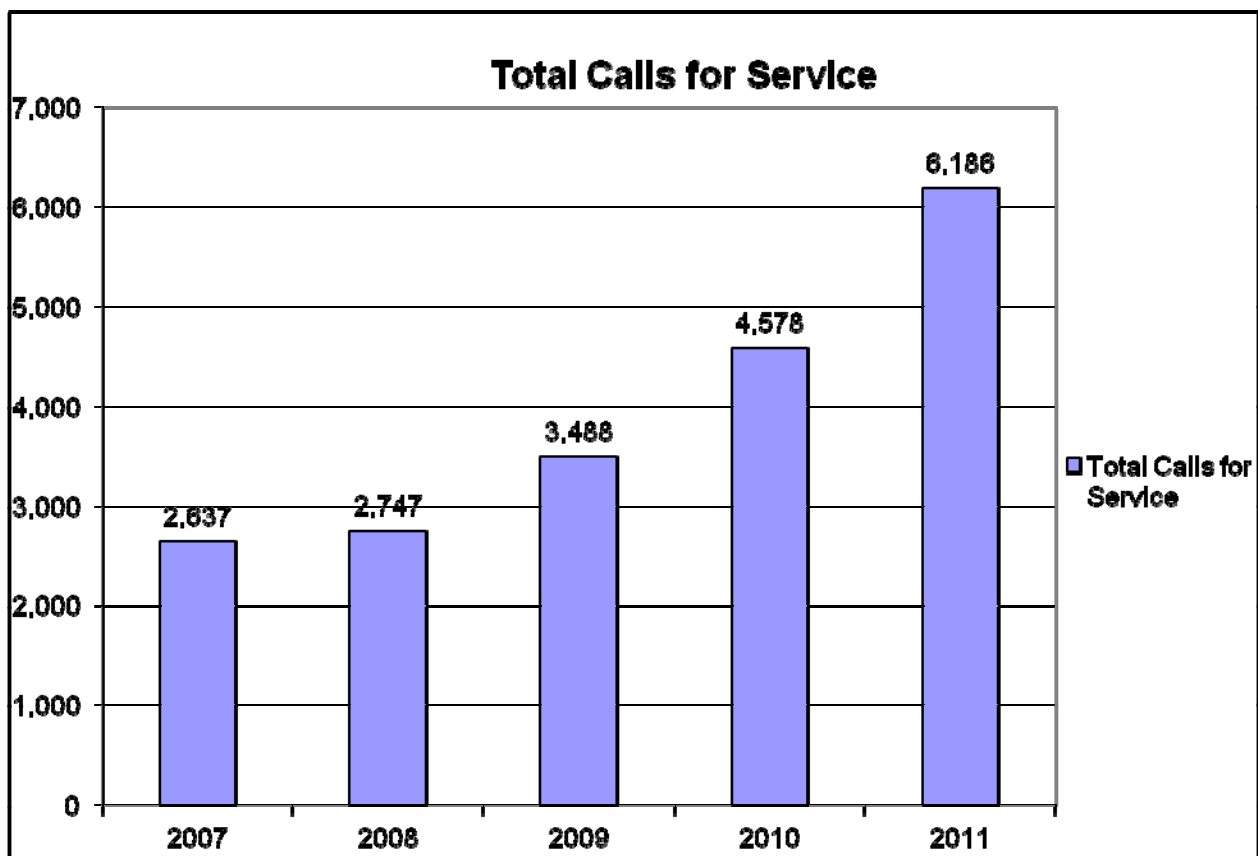
### **Traffic Crashes**

The Hinckley Police Department responded to a total of 163 traffic crashes during 2011, an increase of approximately 23% from 2010. Of the crashes, 15 were DUI-related.

## *Calls for Service*

A call for service is an event occurring in or near Hinckley Township to which a Hinckley police officer must respond to evaluate or take action, or an event that comes to the attention of the police department, or is initiated by the police department that requires formal documentation (i.e. criminal complaint, request for assistance, case report, supplemental report, summons, crash report, etc.). The number of calls for service numbered 6186 for 2011 which equates to more than a 28% increase over 2010. The chart below represents numerical values for calls for service during the past five years.

This dramatic increase can be attributed to a transition from manually inputted data to computer generated data which more accurately reflects overall officer activity.



- *The figures above have been modified to reflect computer tracking corrections*

## *Activity*

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Accidental Injury/Illness	0	2	1	0	0
Abandoned Vehicle	2	1	0	0	0
Accidental Property Damage	8	9	10	5	6
Aggravated Murder	1	0	0	0	0
Animal Complaints	32	33	20	12	26
Assault/Menacing	7	8	9	5	4
Assists - Citizens/Welfare Checks	33	43	15	19	15
Assists - Departmental	7	7	11	13	9
Bad Checks	0	3	1	1	2
Breaking & Entering	9	11	6	3	4
Attempted	0	0	1	1	0
Burglaries	10	7	6	5	6
Attempted	2	0	0	0	1
Burning Complaint	3	4	1	0	0
Child Abuse	2	1	1	2	4
Civil Disputes	25	7	29	29	25
Criminal Damaging/Vandalism	76	58	32	26	23
Dangerous Ordinance/Fireworks	0	1	0	0	1
Deaths	2	3	0	3	5
Disorderly Conduct	5	8	9	11	9
Domestic Disputes	22	45	26	17	18
Domestic Violence	17	8	13	10	6
Fires	1	3	5	5	6
Forgery	1	0	1	0	1
Fraud	13	14	16	12	20
Harassment/Harassing Phone Calls	26	36	17	17	13
Juvenile Complaints/Unruly/Runaway	15	40	25	12	11
Littering/Dumping Complaints	4	4	6	3	3
Liquor Violations	2	2	1	2	1
Lost Property	6	1	4	3	1
Mental Complaints	4	13	9	10	0
Miscellaneous Complaints	1	1	0	0	0
Missing Persons	0	4	3	1	0
Narcotics/Drug Abuse	13	2	4	13	15
Noise Complaints	0	1	0	0	0
Obstructing Justice	1	0	0	0	0
OVI	47	23	33	33	34
Probation Violations	0	2	0	1	0

Protection Order Violations	0	2	6	1	4
Prowler Complaints	1	1	0	0	0
Receiving Stolen Property	0	0	1	0	1
Recovered Property	15	9	8	15	17
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted	1	0	0	0	1
Sex Offenses	1	2	0	1	5
Shooting Complaints	3	3	1	3	2
Suicides/Attempted Suicides	4	6	3	3	1
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles	9	11	4	4	7
Thefts (\$500 - \$5,000)	15	20	18	22	20
Theft/Grand (Over \$5,000)	4	5	4	0	3
Theft/Petty (Under \$500)	30	14	9	22	19
Towed Vehicles	54	35	29	50	64
Traffic Complaints	45	41	30	35	30
Transient Vendor Complaints	7	1	1	6	0
Trespassing	13	6	5	11	9
Vehicle Thefts/Unauthorized Use	3	4	2	0	2
Attempted	1	0	0	0	1
Vice Laws	0	1	0	0	0
Warrant Arrests	18	12	13	27	20
Weapons Violations (CCW)	1	0	2	1	2

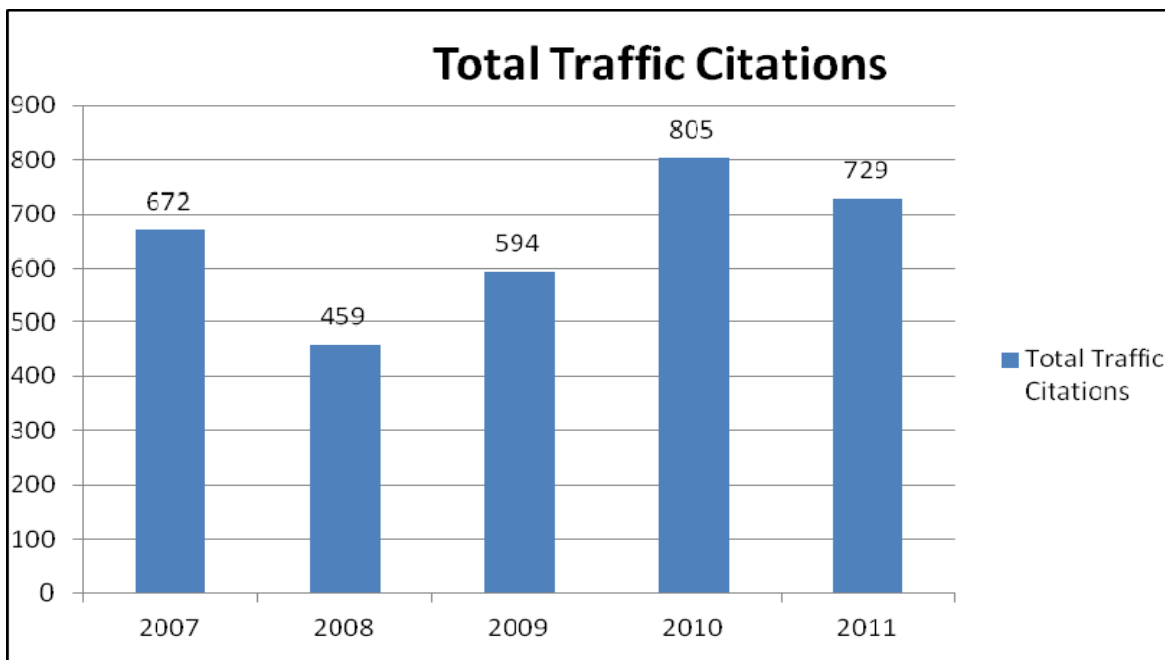
## *Traffic Enforcement Statistics*

Most people have experienced the “oh no” feeling after seeing a police car in the rear view mirror. Instinctively, most people will apply their brakes, even if they were not speeding. Personal physical reactions and experiences can influence perceptions of traffic enforcement efforts, and often prevent people from realizing its true benefit.

Traffic enforcement is the most recognizable and universal police function. Marked police cars are easy to see and most motorists have been stopped for a traffic violation. Because of the punitive consequences attached to traffic enforcement, many do not have an appreciation for the positive benefits. Additionally, “myths” can result from misconceptions about the goals and motivations of traffic enforcement.

### **“Do your part to support Traffic Enforcement”**

When you see a police officer stopping a motorist, remember that the law enforcement officer may be doing more than writing a traffic citation. The officer may be apprehending a wanted person, perhaps a murderer, or removing weapons or drugs from your community. Traffic enforcement can and does contribute to the quality of life in your community. Communities can realize the benefits of traffic enforcement and highway safety efforts; roads and neighborhoods will be safer and police agencies will have more time to effectively police their communities. The Hinckley Police Department continues to increase traffic enforcement efforts to ensure public safety.



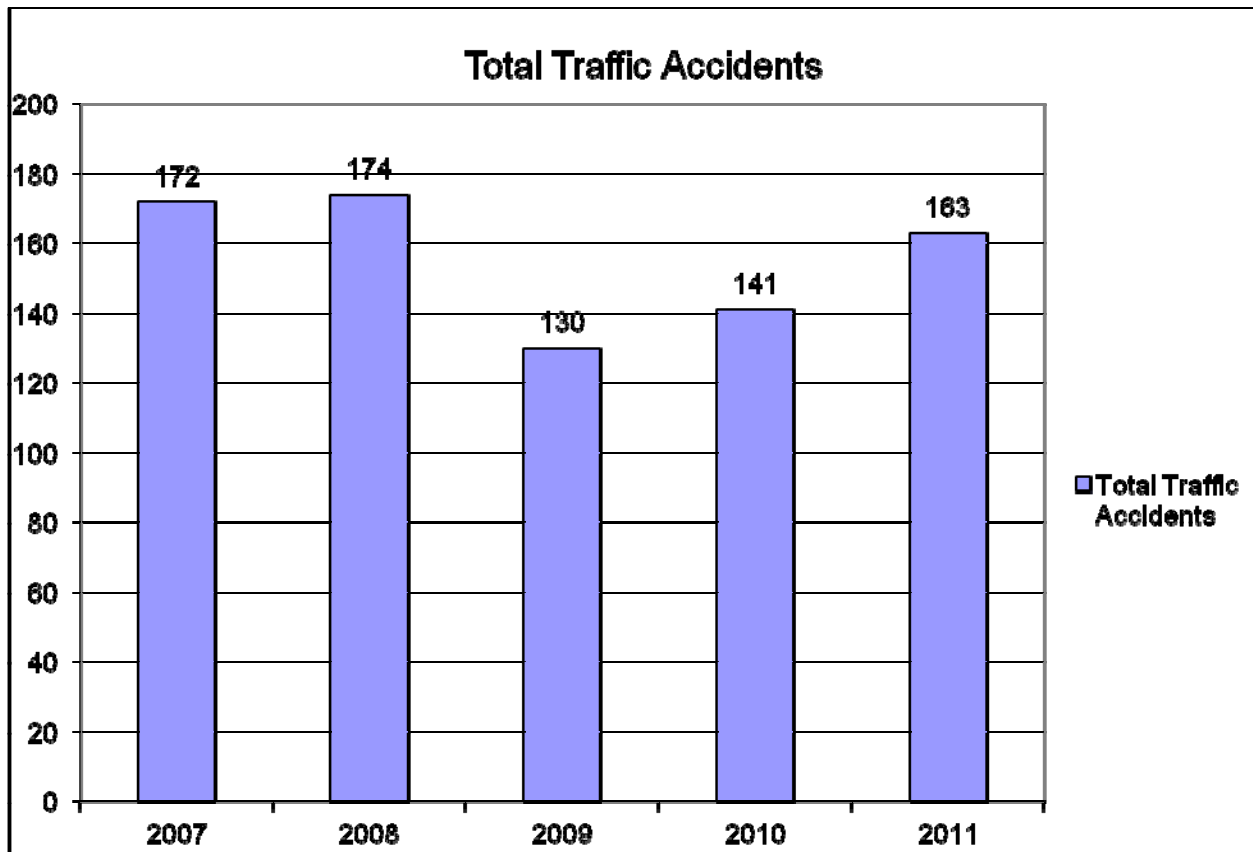
- *The figures above have been modified to reflect computer tracking corrections*

## *Traffic Crash Statistics*

It is the Hinckley Police Department's policy that a police officer will respond to all known or reported motor vehicle traffic accidents. Officers investigate and prepare crash reports for any traffic accident occurring on public thoroughfares (i.e. state or county highways, streets, township roads, etc.) or on private property open to the public (i.e. parking lots, schools, etc.).

Police officers in the Hinckley Police Department receive basic as well as advanced training in the investigation of traffic crashes. The department has an accident reconstructionist on staff for more serious and complex crashes. Traffic Crash Reconstructionists focus on analyzing and interpreting information that has already been collected at lower levels of investigation in order to determine how a crash likely occurred.

The Hinckley Police Department investigated 163 motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2011, an increase of 23% from 2010. Of that number fifteen were alcohol-related.

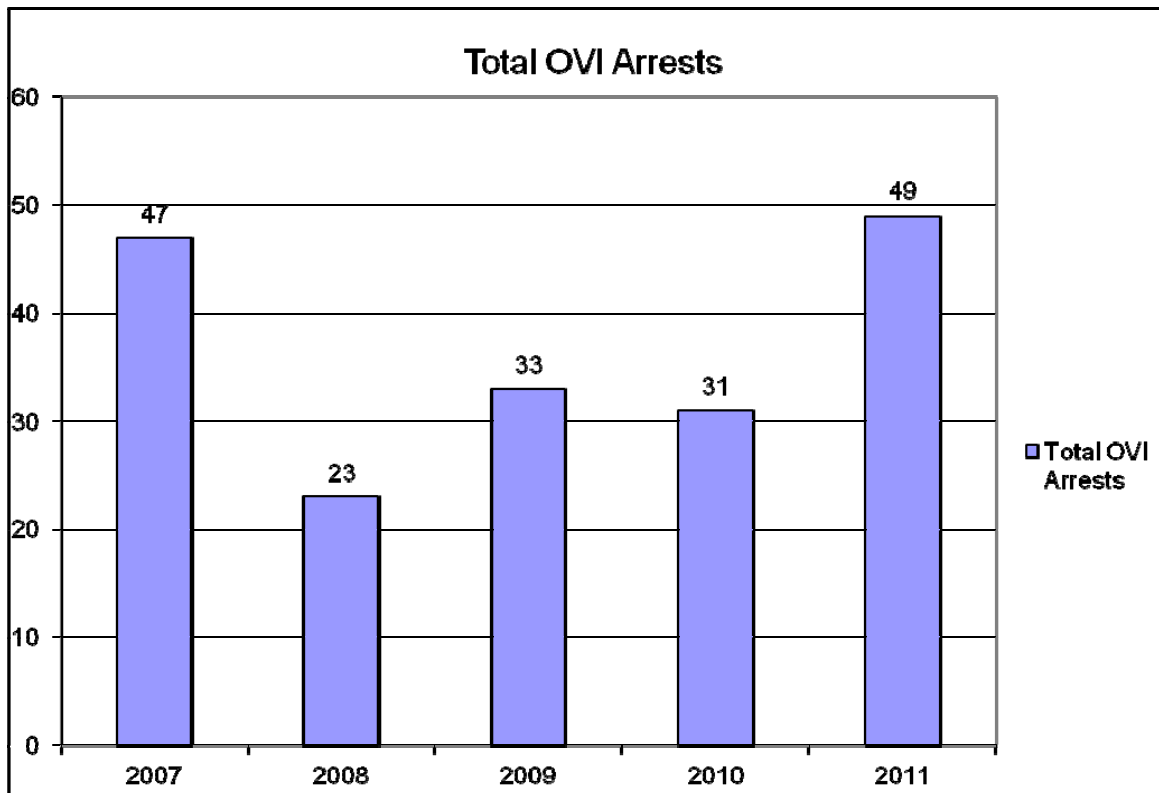


## ***DUI & Impaired Driving Enforcement***

Impaired driving, which means driving while your ability is affected by alcohol or drugs, is a crime under the Ohio Revised Code. If convicted, you can lose your license to drive, be fined, or spend time in jail. Your vehicle does not even have to be moving; you can be charged if you are impaired behind the wheel, even if you have not started to drive.

Driving while intoxicated is dangerous and drivers with high blood alcohol content are at greatly increased risk of car accidents, highway injuries, and vehicular deaths. Every single injury and death associated with drunk or impaired driving is totally preventable. Although the proportion of alcohol-related crashes has dropped dramatically in recent decades, there are still far too many such preventable accidents. Unfortunately, in spite of great progress, alcohol-impaired driving remains a serious national and local problem that tragically affects many victims annually.

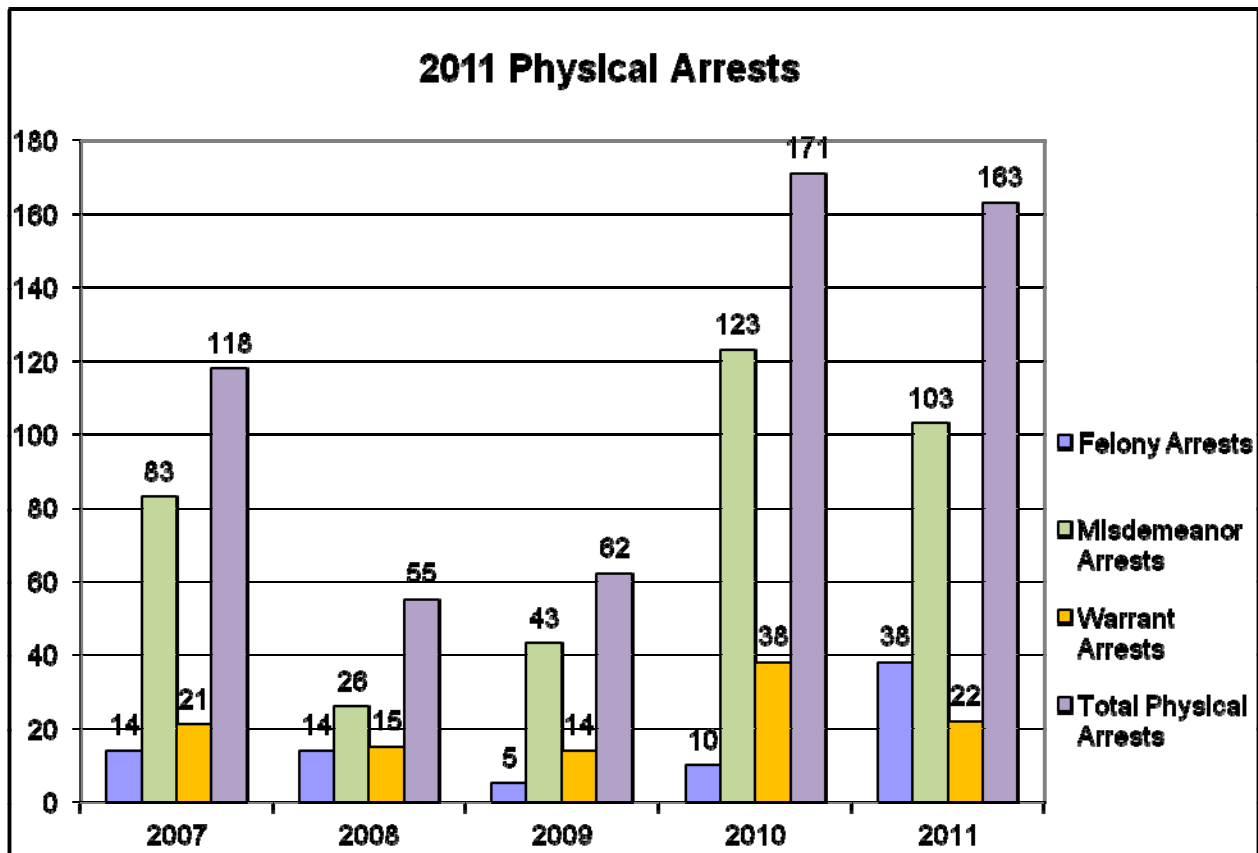
The Hinckley Police Department remains committed to the enforcement of Ohio's drunken driving statutes. To that end, we support this cause through participation in Medina County's Safe Communities Coalition OVI Task Force. In summary, we made 49 alcohol-related arrests, fifteen of which resulted in traffic crashes.



## *Physical Arrests*

During 2011, officers of the Hinckley Police Department made a combined total of 163 physical arrests. This represents a slight decrease over the previous year. However, upon closer review the department concluded the year with 28 more felony arrests, representing a 380% increase.

Physical arrests are broken down into three major categories: felony, misdemeanor, and warrant arrests. Included in this statistical report are arrests for violations of the criminal and traffic codes of the State of Ohio, such as domestic violence, burglary, OVI/impaired driving, resisting arrest, and many other felony and misdemeanor violations.

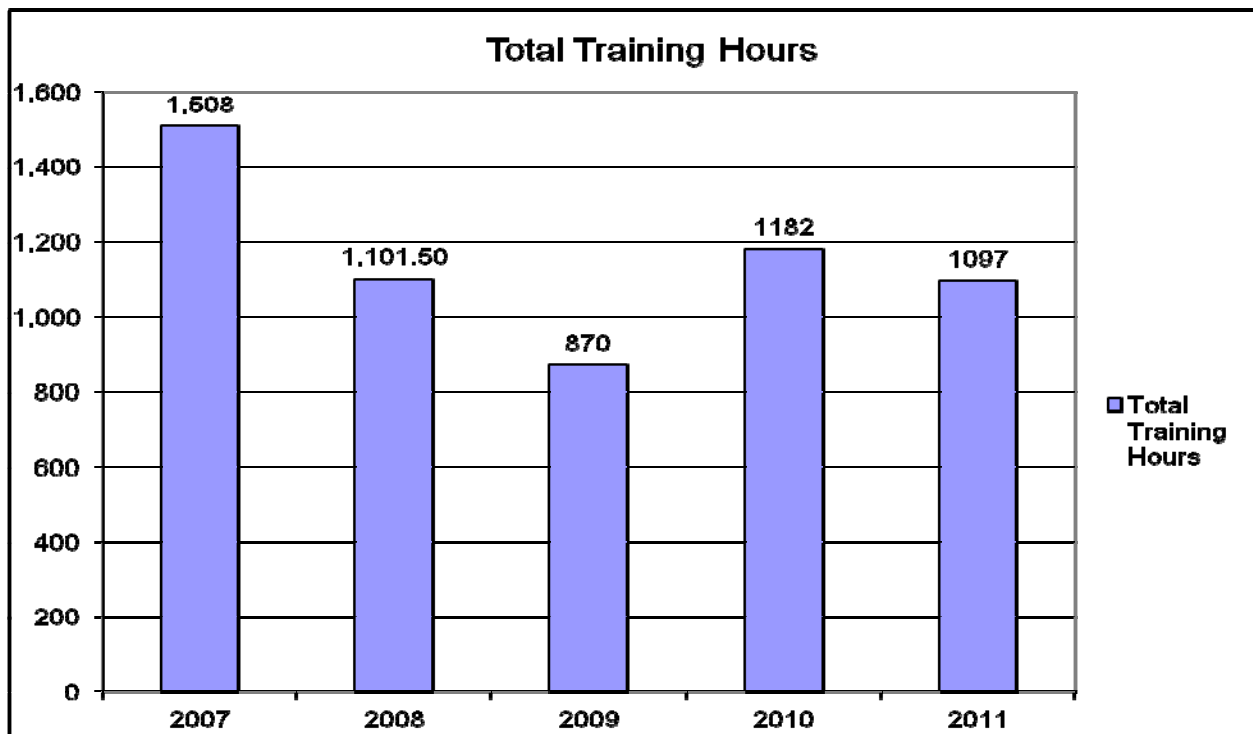


## *Training*

Training is an ongoing process. We attempt to provide our employees with the highest achievable quality of criminal justice training. This is accomplished through the identification and development of training programs for each officer by various supervisory staff members that focus on the employees' strengths as well as weaknesses.

Officers of the Hinckley Police Department attend classes in a variety of settings including off-site, in-house, and via the internet. The opportunity for officers to train in an on-line setting is a winning proposition for all involved. Normally, when an officer requires in-service training or instructional updates and recertification they normally have to travel to other venues, such as the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy. This puts an increased strain on manpower and resources. Now, with on-line training the officer is still in town and available to answer calls for service. He/she can merely come into the office and benefit from this type of training at their own pace.

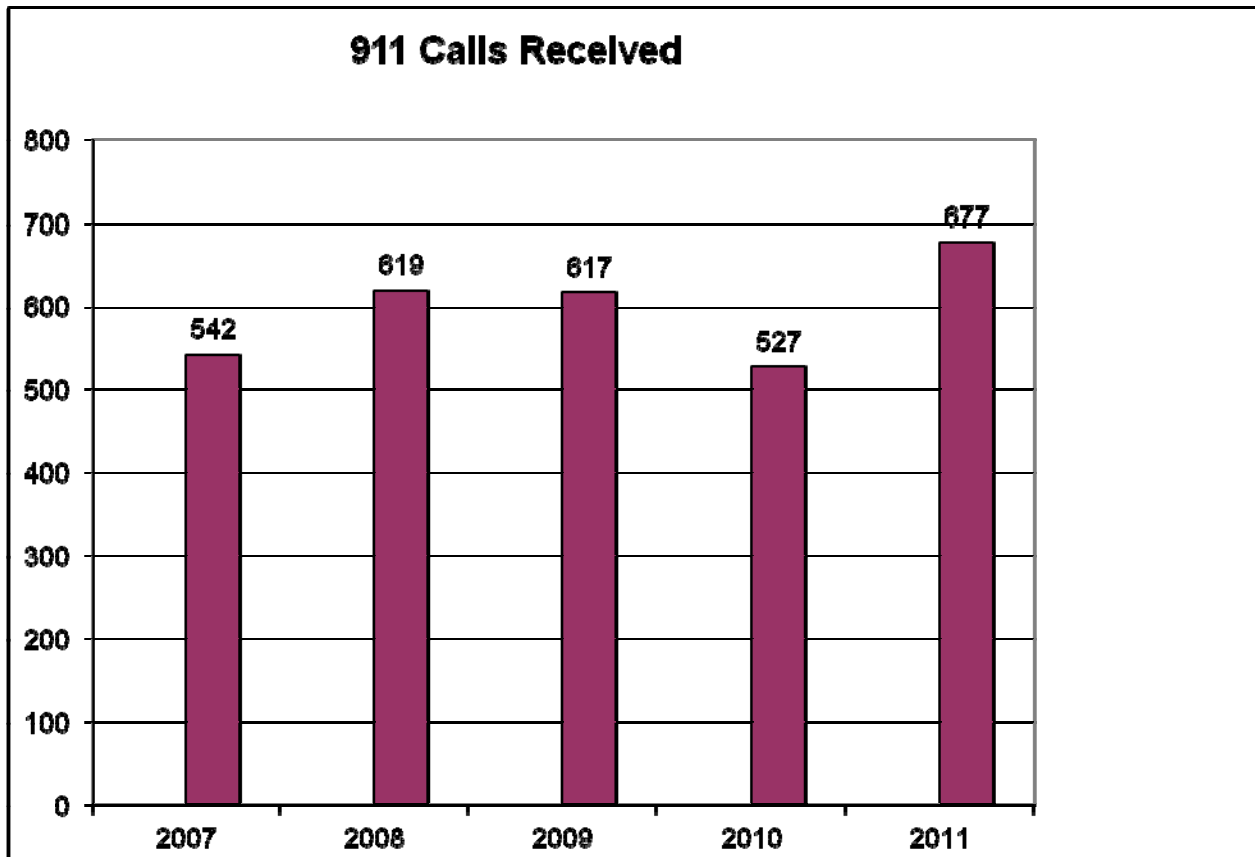
In 2011, officers attended 1097 hours of training, including topics such as Death Investigations, Prescription Drug Abuse, Combat Veteran Issues, Cell Phone Technology, Range Medical Emergencies, Civil Liabilities, just to name a few. Additionally, officers recertified in the use of tasers, department-issued firearms, and the intoxilyzer.



## *Communications-911*

When a citizen needs the assistance of the Hinckley Police Department, they call 911 or the non-emergency line and their call is answered by a dispatcher. The Hinckley Police Department provides dispatch services typically from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday and 4:00 pm until 12:00 pm, Tuesday through Saturday as scheduling permits. The Brunswick Division of Police is under contract to provide dispatch services outside of these hours.

In 2011, members of the Hinckley Police Department's Communications Center handled 378 911-emergency calls. Additionally, Brunswick's Communications Center received 299 911-emergency calls from residents of Hinckley Township.



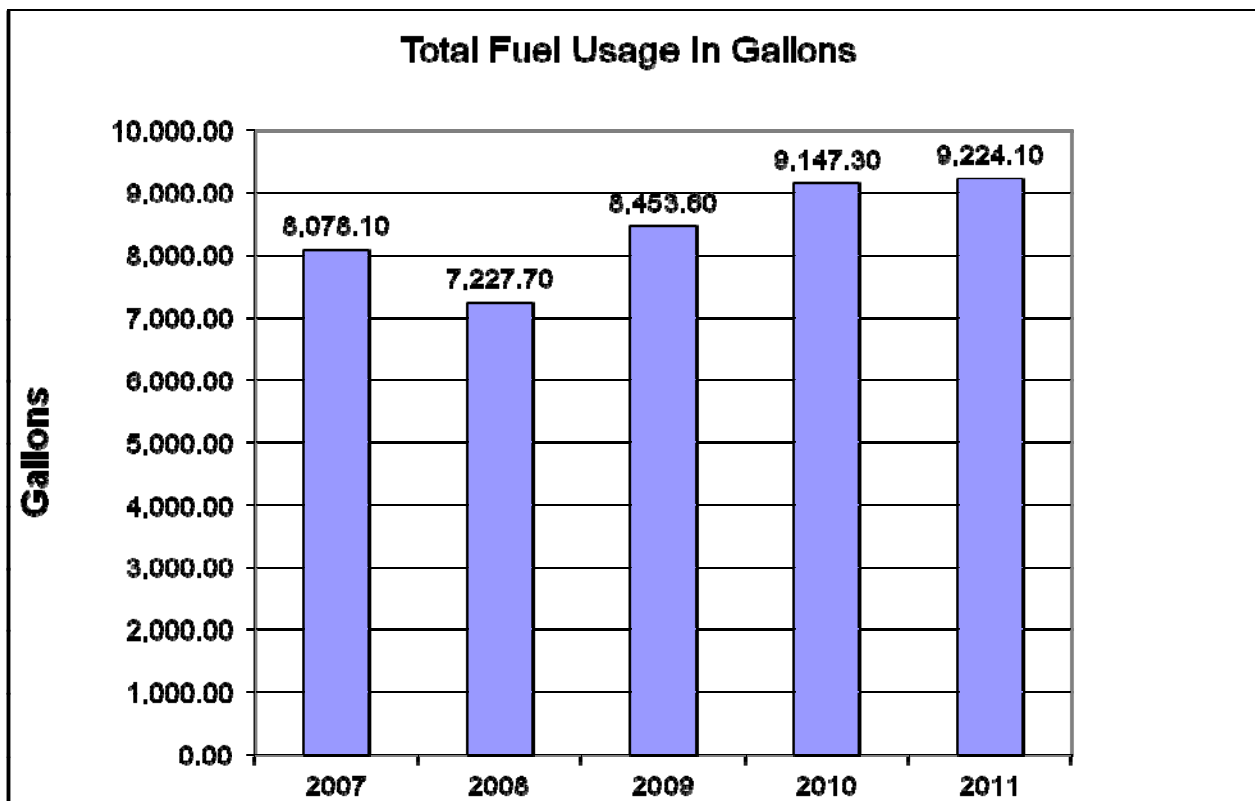
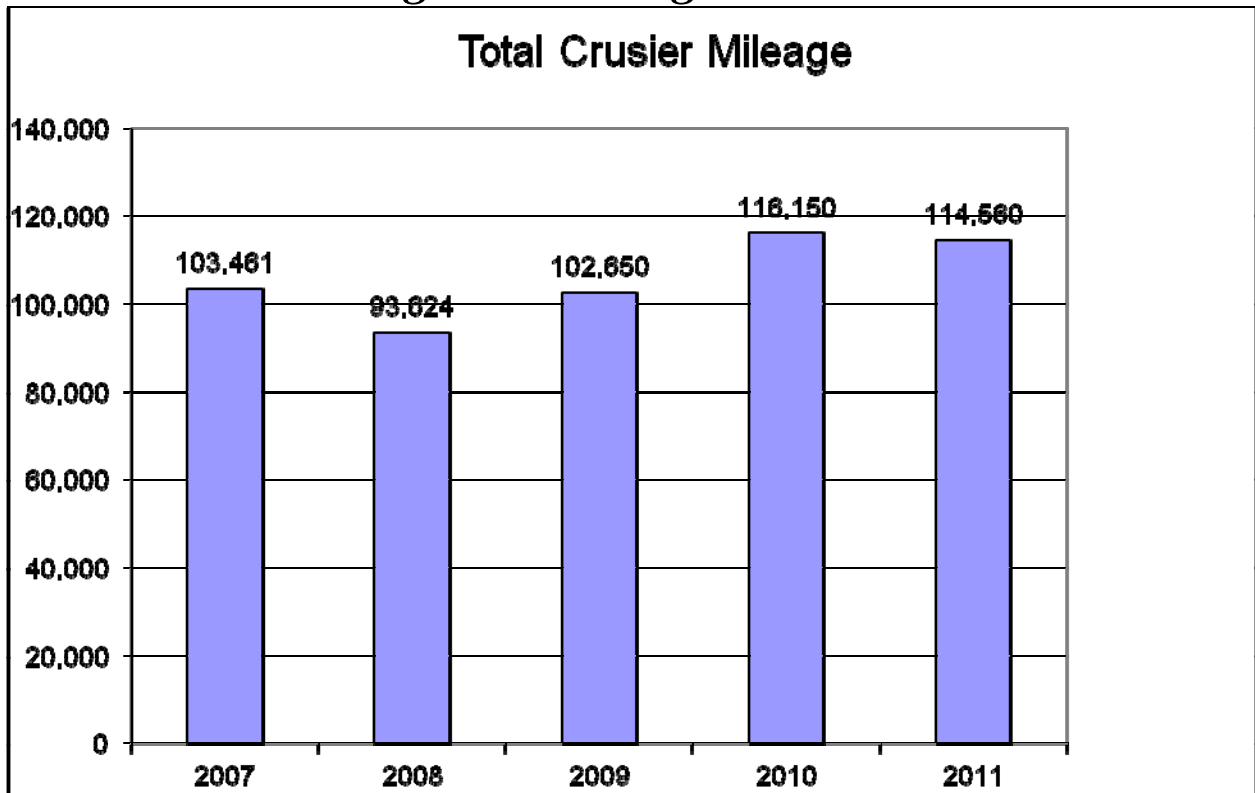
## *Fleet Management Vehicle Inventory*

Currently, the Hinckley Police Department has the following vehicles available for its use:

<b>HINCKLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE INVENTORY</b>						
<b>UNIT #</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>MAKE</b>	<b>MODEL</b>	<b>VIN #</b>	<b>MILEAGE</b>	<b>DESIGNATION</b>
37	2005	FORD	EXPEDITION	1FMPU16505LA93664	34195	SUPPORT
38	2007	FORD	CROWN VICTORIA	2FAHP71W57X102597	102,344	GENERAL DUTY
39	2007	FORD	CROWN VICTORIA	2FAFP71W47X155783	100,283	GENERAL DUTY
40	2007	CHEVY	UPLANDER	1GNDV23W07D205696	17,733	DETECTIVE
41	2008	FORD	CROWN VICTORIA	2FAFP71V08X180446	67,849	GENERAL DUTY
42	2010	FORD	FUSION	3FAHP0HG1AR265419	36,301	CHIEF OF POLICE
43	2010	FORD	CROWN VICTORIA	2FABP7BVAX121483	46,865	GENERAL DUTY
44	2010	FORD	EXPEDITION	1FMJU1G52AEB45282	16,290	SUPPORT

The Incident Command Center, 1994 Dutchman Classic, VIN# 47CT20P27R1050169, has been removed from service and readied for sale.

## *Mileage/Fuel Usage Statistics*



## *2011 In Review*

In 2011 the Hinckley Police Department identified and subsequently upgraded equipment and instituted operational initiatives that will enable us to be more efficient on the road as well as in the workplace.

Equipment acquisitions/upgrades include the following:

- Purchased 2 (two) additional patrol rifles with money received from trade-in of confiscated/surplus weapons.
- Replaced 3 (three) CCTV security cameras.
- Service Department repainted all upper level office space.

Operational initiatives:

- Completed an internal audit of the following Department operations: records retention, evidence log/storage room, equipment inventory, and records management. Identified deficiencies and began the process of updating/streamlining the internal control process. Secured professional assistance with development/updating a Department records retention schedule.
- 8 (eight) Hinckley Police Officers received "Special Deputation" from the United States Marshals Service, Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task Force. As a member of this joint law enforcement operation, the Hinckley Police Department has access to a wide range of supportive services, including, training and assistance with major case investigations.

Grant Opportunities:

- Applied for and received funding from the Region 5 "Law Enforcement – State Homeland Security Program" for a License Plate Reader valued at \$17,150.
- Applied for and received funding from the Region 5 "Law Enforcement – State Homeland Security Program" for 2 (two) Mobile Data Computers valued at \$7,532.
- Applied for funding through the Ohio Criminal Justice Services, JAG-LE (Justice Assistance Grant – Law Enforcement) Program and recently learned that we have been approved for \$5,000 towards the purchase of in-car mobile video cameras.
- Applied for and received funding in the amount of \$3,325 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program to be used for the purchase of bulletproof vests.

## *Budget Summary*

The total expenditures for the Hinckley Township Police Department's 2011 fiscal year were \$1,199,004.17. Personnel costs continue to dominate the annual budget accounting for 83% of the overall police budget, followed by Operating Supplies (5%) and Contracted Services (4%).

We continue to seek out grant funding opportunities when available. Grant funding, when awarded, can assist in offsetting costs typically associated with major equipment purchases.

