



2008 Saint Paul Police Department Annual Report



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Officer Joseph Plant
October 2, 1983 - January 12, 2008

EAP Unit

The Saint Paul Police Department EAP (Employee Assistance Program) continued to serve department members and their families through methods of prevention and intervention. The EAP provided services to over 480 clients which included Saint Paul Police Department members and their families. In concert with tradition, the EAP continued to reach out to other law enforcement agencies in the metro area. In 2008, more attention was placed on the proactive/preventative aspects of EAP and the peer counseling network in EAP was expanded. A year-long training program was added that included practical application hours. The EAP was available at all times throughout the year because of the generosity and commitment of the support group members who volunteered their time.

Training Unit

2008 was an extremely busy year for the Saint Paul Police Department Training Unit. Multiple training events were conducted in preparation for the Republican National Republic event. The unit trained in excess of 1,400 officers from the Saint Paul Police Department and several other departments.

Another notable achievement was the training in a new academy of 24 officers and also offering 26 courses through the department's Professional Development Institute.

Target Range Unit

The firearms range staff developed and implemented firearms training for all police department sworn personnel and academy recruits. The staff provided firearms training including the 'Top Gun' competition, assistance in less lethal training and qualification, street safe training, and schooling and qualifications with the department's AR-15 rifles.

Inspections Unit

The Saint Paul Police Department Inspections Unit is assigned with examining department operations to ensure that goals and objectives are being met. In 2008, the unit reviewed and updated department policies and procedures to reflect current law and the needs of the department and community, conducted unit inspections to ensure effectiveness and efficiency, audited and deposited recovered money, audited and disposed of recovered guns and narcotics, and coordinated events at the Xcel Energy Center.



Accounting Unit

The Saint Paul Police Accounting Unit provided planning and budget support to the divisions, sections and units of the department and was responsible for the purchasing, and fiscal management functions. The unit was also responsible for the coordination of the annual operating budget, supervision of internal expenditures and internal controls, and maintained liaison with the City of Saint Paul Office of Financial Services.

False Alarms Unit

The Saint Paul Police Department False Alarm unit processed of all false alarm reports. A false alarm is defined as the activation of an alarm system which is intended to summon a police response by the alarm system user, owner, designated contact person or person in control of the premises on which the alarm system is placed, through intentional misuse; mechanical failure or malfunction; improper installation, maintenance or supervision; or negligence. In 2008, the unit processed approximately 7,000 false alarms, or about 50 each day.

Currently, the charges are generated on the following basis: A warning will be issued by the city for the first two violations in a calendar year with fines being assessed for false alarms in excess of two.

R & D Unit

The Saint Paul Police Research and Development Unit was assigned with the staff work essential to the development of departmental policies and procedures. It also served as the grant writing unit for the department. The unit generated and submitted grants and then administered the awarded grants. In addition, this unit was responsible for crime analysis and compiled departmental statistics into printouts which were used by management and line units as an aid in decision making. This unit was also responsible for publishing analysis of this material and other non-statistical information as determined by management for their use in formulating plans both short and long-term.

Internal Affairs Unit

The Saint Paul Police Department Internal Affairs Unit coordinated and exercised staff supervision over investigations of complaints against the department or allegations of misconduct against members of the department.

Internal affairs insured the integrity of the department by prompt and thorough investigation of alleged or suspected personnel misconduct, and policy and procedure violations. In doing so, the unit cleared the innocent, established guilt, and facilitated prompt and just disciplinary action.

Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.) investigated organized criminal activity and related matters within the City of Saint Paul. Adjunct to the responsibility for the investigation of organized criminal activity, S.I.U. performed the function of the Saint Paul Police Department's intelligence component. It had the responsibility for the collection, evaluation and dissemination of criminal intelligence data within and outside the department.

F.O.R.C.E. Unit

The Saint Paul Police Department F.O.R.C.E. Unit personnel worked to combat problem properties, which are home to illegal behavior and related activities that diminish the quality of life in the community. The unit combined the elements of patrol, environmental housing inspectors, citizens, other related agencies, and community programs in an effort to successfully interdict problem properties and inappropriate behaviors.



The Police Human Resources/Payroll Unit maintained, organized, and updated employee personnel records for approximately 800 employees. During the Republican National Convention, the payroll jumped to over 900 employees and an enormous amount of processing was completed by the unit. Staff also maintained and updated employee assignments, promotions, commendations, disciplinary actions and performance evaluations. The unit also coordinated the Commendation Review Board and submitted the committee's recommendations to the Chief.

The Saint Paul Police Department Background Unit supports the police department by conducting professional background investigations without bias and with a focus on fact finding and confidentiality.

By utilizing criminal investigative techniques, the unit searched for candidates whose previous behaviors tend to show qualities within the SPPD's Best Character Model.

In 2008, there were approximately 340 background checks on individuals seeking employment, internships, or volunteer experience with our department. This included 130 backgrounds for individuals working for the RNC.

The Saint Paul Police Department Impound Lot facility is a unit in the Support Services and Homeland Security Division of the Police Department. The facility supports the police department by providing secure and accurate intake, storage, release and disposal of vehicles and other property in police custody. The impound lot unit operates one year-round facility at 830 Barge Channel Road and one winter facility (snow lot) near the state fair. The impound lot uses both facilities to partner with the Saint Paul Public Works Department during snow emergencies. Both facilities accept and release a high volume of vehicles during these times.

In 2008, the impound lot received and stored approximately 10,000 vehicles. Scrap metal prices remained high for the first 3 quarters and then fell substantially in the final quarter of the year. Of the approximately 10,000 vehicles entering both lots in 2008, nearly 3,000 were scrapped or auctioned to the public. During 2008, the impound lot handled only two snow emergencies, both of which occurred in December. As a result, the total number vehicles received at the lots were down from previous years.

Community Services Unit

The duties of the Saint Paul Police Community Services Unit are varied. The unit reviewed and approved event permits for the City of St. Paul. Additionally, the unit coordinated the police reserve, internship program, ride-a-long program, police chaplains, police band, police explorers, and the police honor guard. The unit also chaired the monthly, special event meetings.

The community service unit approved 385 permits for the year of 2008. Most notably, there were 137 permits issued for National Night Out. 106 additional permits were given out for such gatherings as parades, races and public assembly.

133 ride-a-longs were coordinated by the unit, which allowed civilians to see first-hand what it's like to work as a patrol officer.

Community Services scheduled and mentored 13 interns. The internships varied from 100 hours to 359 hours. Interns were rotated through the various units in the police department.

In 2008, the police reserve program had 73 current members. The reserves were assigned to 296 events throughout the year and each officers was assigned to a minimum of a four hour shift. The reserves also went on duty 298 times to patrol city parks, city buildings, schools and trouble spots through out the city. In total, reserve officers donated approximately 13,500 hours.

Other functions that were coordinated by the community services unit included the police band and honor guard. The police band attended approximately 40 events and members donated approximately 6,000 hours of time. The police honor guard was asked to do approximately 35 details.

Crime Prevention Unit

The crime prevention unit was comprised of two officers and two non-sworn personnel. The primary focus of the unit was to continually improve safety and security needs throughout the city for citizens as well as businesses. The unit strived to achieve this goal through programs such as National Night Out, Crime Free Multi-Housing Program and various other programs designed to assist the citizens of Saint Paul.

The hard work of the unit helped the City of Saint Paul receive a top distinction for its participation in National Night Out and the unit was awarded for its work.



RNC Unit
The RNC Planning Unit was created in early 2007 and assigned to the Homeland Security and Support Services Division.

The unit's mission was to have a dedicated staff familiar with all aspects of the RNC security sub-committees, facilitate the planning process, and the budget and purchasing of needed equipment. At the completion of the planning process, the unit aided in the implementation of their strategies as the operation phase was entered.

Approximately eighteen sub-committees were created and each committee had an area of responsibility such as; transportation, venue security, logistics, VIP security, communications, and mobile field force. These committees were chaired by a Saint Paul Police representative and a Secret Service counterpart.

These groups then were assigned with the planning of their specialty and reported their progress to Assistant Chief Bostrom. Assistant Chief Bostrom worked closely with the Mayors office, chiefs of other agencies both local and federal, and various RNC-related citizen groups.

Throughout the planning and implementation progression, the unit worked closely with the sub-committees to ensure duplication or competition for resources was avoided. The groups had a working understanding of how the other sub-committee's plans corresponded with theirs.

Over 8,000 Law Enforcement, fire, and EMS personnel from over 130 agencies were used during the event. The area of operations encompassed the entirety of the twin cities, making the 2008 Republican National Convention the largest security event in Minnseota's history.

Records Unit
The records unit was the principal repository for all information collected by the department and was open 24-hours every day. Its information was accessible to operational personnel at all times. The basic function of the records unit was to provide and maintain a repository of all reports received into the unit. These documents contained information regarding offenses, complaints, investigations, or services performed. It was the responsibility of the records unit to receive, compile, file, and otherwise manage the information outlined in the 'Function' section above.

Systems Unit
The Saint Paul Police Department Systems Unit is the computer and technology support center for the department. In 2008, the unit responded to 2,700 requests in 2008, supported all of the computers in the squads and around the department, hundreds of PacketWriter licenses, and department-issued mobile devices.

The major projects undertaken in 2008, include the scanning of all police report attachments, deployment of handheld devices with access to the CAD system and NCIC, and tested a GPS system for squad cars. The unit also deployed the new Saint Paul Police Department systems/records after hours Help Desk.

The systems unit undertook two major projects for the RNC. The unit co-developed, trained, and coordinated the Report Writing process for the RNC. Additionally, the unit trained and deployed the time keeping and scheduling software at four separate locations around the metro area for the event. Both of these projects took several months to prepare and execute.

Building Maintenance Unit
The Saint Paul Police Department Building Maintenance Unit was comprised of non-sworn personnel whose primary task is the upkeep and maintenance of the buildings and grounds occupied and utilized by the department.

CSM Unit
The communications services and maintenance provided the technical expertise required to maintain the department's communications systems at an uninterrupted operational level.

Station Commander Unit
The station commander's office is staffed by the duty officer. This rotating position was responsible for monitoring street activities during a specific tour, usually at nights and on weekends. The duty officer reviewed arrests to ensure the validity of charges and arrest procedures, received inquiries from citizens on matters of a police nature that cannot be satisfactorily addressed by another element of the department. The duty officer also monitored ongoing activities and notified the appropriate district commander, unit head, or assistant chief when necessary to investigate or resolve the respective issue.

Fleet Unit
The fleet unit is responsible for the acquisition, scheduling of maintenance and disposition of all department-owned vehicles. The functions of the fleet unit are to: schedule repairs of department vehicles, phase out department vehicles which have become too costly to maintain, keep records on each vehicle, and maintain records that are necessary to the efficient management of the department fleet.

Ordnance Disposal Unit
The ordnance disposal unit was responsible for specific searches for concealed explosives, explosive and incendiary devices. The unit's personnel were responsible for identifying and neutralizing explosives and incendiary devices. The unit also assisted other law enforcement agencies as necessary throughout the year in addition to working with business and civic groups to advise about bomb threats and business security.

S.W.A.T.
The special weapons and tactics team (S.W.A.T.) were assigned to respond to hostage situations, barricaded suspect situations, sniper situations, civil disturbances, warrant services as requested, and also to assist with dignitary protection as needed.

Chaplain Program
Operating under the authority of the chief of police and administered by community services, the Saint Paul Police Department sponsors and maintains a police chaplaincy program.

The internal mission of the Saint Paul Police Chaplain Program is to provide professional guidance to the chief of police and to the Saint Paul Police Department, to promote the spiritual, religious, moral, corporate and personal well-being of members of the department, and when the situation so dictates, to be a force of reconciliation within the department.

The external mission of the Saint Paul Police Chaplain Program is to offer spiritual guidance and assistance to persons confronted with crisis experiences, and when the situation so dictates, to serve as instruments of reconciliation, easing stress-related situations involving the public, hence a tool of police community relations.

Stationed at the Saint Paul Police Department headquarters, the Central District covers the West Side, Downtown, and along Rice Street to the North End neighborhood.

The district has strong partnerships with the community and is home to most of the major festivals in the city, including the Taste of Minnesota, Cinco de Mayo, the Winter Carnival, and the Rice Street Festival.

The successful G.R.I.D. (Getting Residents Involved Daily) program continued in the district. The program was staffed by five sworn officers who worked with community resources and researched, assessed, and designed courses of action to address community concerns. The officers worked with varied interests that included businesses, property owners and residents, and chronic offenders.

The increased use of technology has changed how the Central District operates. Statistical and intelligence-based crime mapping trends were relied upon for the deployment of resources. These efforts were partnered with community prosecutors, district councils, other city agencies, and community members to form strategies and reduce criminal activities. Central officers have made use of the newly-installed, downtown, closed circuit television system to improve investigations.

Central investigator Matt Toupal was named Detective of the Year and was honored by the Saint Paul City Council for his outstanding community police work. As supervisor of G.R.I.D. he was essential to the program's success.

The Central District responded to 15,071 emergency calls for service. The district also recorded 14,965 proactive police visits during the year. Proactive police visits allow officers to interact with citizens through positive contacts as well as being able to immediately respond to criminal incidents.

Central District Crime	2007	2008	% Change
Homicide	6	3	-50.0%
Rape	56	53	-5.4%
Agg. Assault	400	404	1.0%
Robbery	203	215	5.9%
Crimes Vs. Persons	665	675	1.5%
Theft	1722	2060	19.6%
Auto Theft	514	475	-7.6%
Com. Burglary	185	151	-18.4%
Res. Burglary	444	574	29.3%
Crimes Vs. Property	2865	3260	13.8%

Eastern District
 Saint Paul's East Side neighborhoods having been facing some significant challenges because of the economic recession. Amid the recession, there are strong signs that small businesses are thriving on the East Side. As is typical of the East Side, which has been called home by many new immigrants, today's revitalization is attributed to their efforts.

The Saint Paul Police Department continued to partner with neighborhood organizations such as the Neighborhood Development Center and the Payne-Arcade Business Association to assist in the

911 calls in the Eastern District decreased 4.5% in 2008 compared to the previous year. In 11 of 12 months, the district had the same or fewer emergency calls for service than the previous year. Auto Theft led the district's decline in crime with a 22.6% decline in incidents from the previous year.

continued revitalization of the Eastern District. In 2008, the district implemented Community Involved Team Enforcement (CITE). CITE worked to build a stronger partnership with the community; thus increasing the community's confidence in the police department. These efforts were complimented by our officers working the Payne Avenue, Dayton's Bluff, Railroad Island, and White Bear Avenue beats.

We had our 1st Annual Joe Plant Memorial 5k run at Phalen Park. Joe was a rookie officer in East who passed suddenly on January 12th, 2008.

In 2008, we also saw the last Payne – Arcade Harvest Festival Parade, which had eastern district officers serving as the grand marshalls.

In an intensive collaboration with East Side Peace Makers, East District completed a domestic violence training DVD. The completed DVD was distributed to roll calls for training. Survey results indicated officers found the material very helpful.

Our investigators were instrumental in the recovery of \$50,000 worth of copper wire and numerous arrests of suspects. This was as a result of our proactive efforts visiting vacant and abandoned homes.

Eastern District Crime	2007	2008	% Change
Homicide	3	8	166.7%
Rape	62	51	-17.7%
Agg. Assault	533	493	-7.5%
Robbery	244	245	0.4%
Crimes Vs. Persons	842	797	-5.3%
Theft	1549	1480	-4.5%
Auto Theft	795	634	-20.3%
Com. Burglary	130	132	1.5%
Res. Burglary	792	847	6.9%
Crimes Vs. Property	3266	3093	-5.3%

Western District
 In 2008, the Western District, the most-populated of the city's three police districts, continued two, popular programs that allowed officers to build partnerships with neighborhood children. The first is the Shop with Cops program, which was created in 2009 by Chief John Harrington when he was the the senior commander of the Western District. The program allowed neighborhood children to be

The Western District made great efforts to use proactive policing as a tool to counteract crime. The district had a 70.2% increase in officer-initiated calls for service, these range from patrol officers responding to a crime that they witnessed to talking about community concerns directly with citizens.

given money to spend for gifts for family members and have an officer help them with the shopping. The program has grown over the decade and in 2008, the partnership featured about 100 cops and over 150 children interacting and building solid relationships. This endeavor could not have been done without the Saint Paul Police Foundation and the many volunteers. For more information go to the program's Web site at <http://www.shopwithcops.com>.

The other program involving Saint Paul Police officers interacting and assisting the youth in the district is the junior police academy. The program was aimed at children ages 8-10, who graduated as part of the YWCA Youth Achievers Program. The academy allowed children to learn about fingerprinting, crime scene investigation, and the many specialty units within the department. Activities included trips to the mounted unit horse barn, a canine demonstration, and meetings with the bomb squad, motor and bike patrol, and the SWAT unit.

The western district continued to build solid relationships with its community neighbors and reduced violent crime in the district again in 2008. Policing strategies in the district included specific anti-crime initiatives, such as proactive burglary and robbery efforts and enhanced beat initiatives (focusing officers to specific retail and geographic areas).

The western district made great strides in reducing firearm violence. Aggravated assault incidents with a firearm decreased 43% and weapons discharges fell 27%.

Western District Crime	2007	2008	% Change
Homicide	7	7	0.0%
Rape	53	43	-18.9%
Agg. Assault	423	371	-12.3%
Robbery	330	305	-7.6%
Crimes Vs. Persons	813	726	-10.7%
Theft	3075	3228	5.0%
Auto Theft	767	708	-7.7%
Com. Burglary	265	214	-19.2%
Res. Burglary	880	1018	15.7%
Crimes Vs. Property	4987	5168	3.6%

ACOP Unit

ACOP (A Community Outreach Program) was an example of the Saint Paul Police Department's commitment to community-oriented policing. The ACOP unit, comprised of one sergeant, nine officers, and two community liaison officers, was operated out of the McDonough Homes Community Center. In partnership with the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency, the ACOP unit responded directly to issues and resident concerns.

In 2008, the ACOP unit partnered with Saint Paul's Summer Youth Employment program, Saint Paul Public Housing Agency, the Conflict Resolution Center, and several other organizations to provide a youth leadership course and employment opportunities for teens in Saint Paul Public Housing. Courses focused on a variety of topics such as how to interview for jobs, develop leadership, and learn problem solving techniques. The highlight of the program was a week-long wilderness camping trip. Participating teens teamed up with officers, took their course work to the field, and lead small groups in a variety of outdoor adventures. The PAL program also partnered with the Minnesota Thunder P.L.U.S. Youth Soccer organization. Through this partnership, ACOP was able to field a team of players that were 16 years old and younger from all of the Saint Paul Public Housing sites to compete in matches and tournaments throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Parking Enforcement Unit

The non-sworn, parking enforcement officers occupy a unique position within the Saint Paul Police Department. The primary function of the officers was to resolve parking issues throughout the city. They responded to thousands of parking complaints generated by our citizens. They also conducted proactive patrols to continually monitor adverse parking situations that are brought to our attention by individuals, neighborhood groups or businesses. Their work was designed to keep abandoned vehicles from collecting throughout the city, to ensure there is turnover at parking meters, to recover discarded stolen vehicles, and to help maintain the free flow of traffic on our public streets.

The Parking Enforcement Officer position also functioned to provide a wide variety of candidates for the Saint Paul Police recruit academy. The department looks for students who are enrolled in a post-secondary educational program that is dedicated to law enforcement and who also aspire to become a Saint Paul Police Officer. Parking enforcement officers have a maximum of four years to complete their education and become P.O.S.T. license eligible. Upon completion of these criteria, they move into the recruit academy.





The canine unit was staffed by twenty-two officer/canine teams and supervised by one sergeant. Twenty-one of the canines are trained as basic patrol service dogs. Most canines are also cross trained for either narcotics detection or explosives detection.

The canine unit functioned as a support unit for the operations division and officers assigned to the canine unit perform the same basic duties as the district, patrol officers. In addition, canine officers responded to situations that utilized the canine's locating abilities. These situations included: building searches, tracking of suspects, evidence searches, narcotics searches, bomb sweeps, and physical apprehensions of fleeing suspects.

The canine unit hosted a 12 week basic police canine school. Canine teams from the upper-Midwest were trained by the Saint Paul Police Canine Unit. The 2008 class included officers from 12 different law enforcement agencies from 3 states.

In 2008, the canine unit was very involved with the planning and execution of the Republican National Convention. The explosives detection canine teams performed explosives sweeps at numerous venues. The explosives detection teams were also deployed daily to assist the ATF, FBI and local jurisdictions to assess suspicious packages and devices.

The Saint Paul Police Canine Unit strived to uphold the department's commitment to community policing. Officers were involved in providing canine demonstrations for schools, block clubs, civic business organizations, and churches throughout the year. During the Minnesota State Fair, canine officers performed public demonstrations each evening in the pet building on the fairgrounds. These demonstrations allowed thousands of people to see and hear what the canine officers do on a day to day basis.

Mounted Unit

The mounted unit continued to operate in the tradition established by years of public service rendered to the citizens of Saint Paul. The four, full-time officers have developed a reputation for skill and expertise that have resulted in numerous requests for training from other law enforcement jurisdictions to private individuals

The unit's ability to see over and disperse large crowds resulted in a high volume of requests for their services. The mounted unit participated at major events held in the city, including Grand Old Day, Taste Of Minnesota, Cinco de Mayo, and the Republican National Convention. The unit also provided demonstrations at events such as school safety camps, and National Night Out.

The mounted unit responded to citizen complaints and assisted other officers on the street with their high visibility patrol of residential neighborhoods. The unit coordinated the training of their horses, provided services to the residents of Saint Paul, and assisted mounted units in other jurisdictions with their training needs.



Accidents and traffic fatalities are a significant problem in St. Paul. The estimated cost related to these incidents was well in excess of 50 million dollars for 2008. Primary factors that contributed to our accidents were inattention, alcohol consumption and speed. Speed was a contributing factor in one out of eight accidents and one out of three fatal accidents. For every one mile per hour reduction in speed, we generally see a five percent reduction in crashes.

There were two distinct assignments for officers assigned to the motors and traffic enforcement unit. One group of officers, the traffic enforcement unit, was dedicated to traffic enforcement throughout the entire year. These officers responded to citizen complaints about improper driving, which is one of the most common complaints we receive. The officers also conducted proactive patrol work in those areas where problematic driving is quite common. In addition, they were involved with selected enforcement endeavors such as Project NightCAP and Safe and Sober.

The other group of officers, in the motors unit, were deployed on motorcycles for seven months of the year and in traffic cars for five months. In addition to traffic enforcement, they give us the ability to: (1) work in heavy traffic congestion; (2) patrol on trails that are too restrictive for conventional vehicles; and (3) provide escort security.

In 2008, motors officers from throughout the metro area trained together in anticipation of the Republican National Convention. During the convention, they were deployed as a united command in both Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Because of their escort abilities and flexibility, they were some of the most active units at the convention.

The traffic and accident investigation unit had three sergeant investigators and one DWI officer. These investigators were responsible for the investigation of all vehicle crashes, fleeing police in a motor vehicle, DWI processing, and other traffic offenses. In 2008, there were over 6,000 accidents, which included over 800 personal injury and 1,500 hit and run accidents.

The investigators responded to serious injury and fatal crashes and provided reconstruction of the scene. This included scene analysis and forensic mapping to better understand the factors that led to the crash. In 2008, there were over 500 DWI arrests in Saint Paul. The DWI officer was responsible for case preparation and presentation of these cases for criminal charging.

Traffic Accidents	2007	2008	% Change
Property Damage	3956	3823	-3.4%
Property Damage: Hit & Run	1514	1464	-3.3%
Personal Injury	742	772	4.0%
Personal Injury: Hit & Run	100	96	-4.0%
Fatal Accident	10	3	-70.0%
Fatal Accident, Hit & Run	1	1	0.0%
Private Property	17	9	-47.1%
TOTAL	6340	6168	-2.7%

Crimes Against Property Unit
The Saint Paul Police Department Crimes Against Property Unit (C.A.P.R.O.P) consisted of the following units: Fraud and Forgery, Auto Theft, and the Arson. These units were responsible for investigating property and financial crimes in the City of Saint Paul.

The Saint Paul Police Department recorded 1,818 auto theft incidents in 2008. This was a decrease of 12.4% from the previous year. This total is also the lowest number of auto thefts recorded in 21 years.

The Arson Unit was staffed by a sergeant who worked side by side with the Saint Paul Fire Department in uncovering and investigating fire-related crimes. They worked to determine the origins and causes of fires in Saint Paul, and to identify perpetrators. Reported arsons increased 4.9% in 2008.

The Auto Theft Unit investigated motor vehicle thefts and related crimes including stolen vehicle recoveries and "chop shop" investigations. The unit worked with auto theft investigators from other agencies under the auspices of the auto theft prevention program. The auto theft unit managed the use of License Plate

Recognition (LPR) technology to disrupt thieves and recover stolen automobiles. There were 1,818 vehicles reported stolen in Saint Paul in 2008, a rate of 6.3 cars per 1,000 people.

The Fraud and Forgery Unit was responsible for investigating financial crimes and crimes involving fraud and swindling. Fraud-related crimes continued to increase - primarily in the areas of bank fraud, identity theft, and internet-related offenses. Our investigators partnered with various local, state, and federal to combat these crimes. The number of cases the unit processed in 2008 increased 12%.

Homicide Unit
As the country spiraled into recession throughout 2008, Senior Commander Tim Lynch coordinated and met with the Saint Paul Fire Department and Mental Health staff to create strategies to reduce the number of suicides and suicide attempts in the City of Saint Paul. The program incorporated public education and first-responder training.

The Saint Paul Police Department Homicide Unit was awarded several medals and letters of Commendations. Sergeant Tom Bergren was awarded the Saint Paul Police Department's Detective of the Year.

The homicide unit investigates non-domestic aggravated assaults. In 2008, the unit investigated 828 such incidents, down 7.4% from the previous year.

Homicides in Saint Paul remained at a low level in 2008 compared with prior years as a result of cooperative efforts with other units and successful prosecutions.

The department's cold case unit officially started its cold case investigations on September 2008 with funds made available through a federal grant. The unit catalogued all cold/murder cases from 1921 to present.

Crime Lab Unit
The crime lab was responsible for the examination of evidence and crime scenes. The lab assisted with evidence for Saint Paul and several surrounding communities.

In 2008, the lab responded to over 150 crime scenes and analyzed over 40,000 pieces of evidence.

ICAC Unit
The Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children (MICAC) Task Force has been managed by the Saint Paul Police Department since 2000. The task force, made up of 60 affiliate agencies throughout Minnesota, continued to work as part of a national program funded by the United States Department of Justice and coordinated the investigations of the exploitation of children via the Internet. Crimes investigated include the solicitation of children for sexual purposes and the manufacture and/or distribution of child pornography.

The task force participated in 496 new investigations in 2008 and members conducted 203 Internet safety presentations that reached over 18,000 people and over 900 law enforcement personnel.

Juvenile Unit
The Saint Paul Police Department Juvenile Unit continued its efforts to help reduce disproportionate minority confinement in the City of Saint Paul. More cost effective alternatives to detention were implemented with the continued focus on public safety first. The alternatives enabled additional support for the complex mental, physical, and emotional needs of youth offenders.

The school resource officers (SROs) worked closely with the Saint Paul Public Schools to provide a safe and crime free environment in the schools. The SROs conducted foot and squad patrol of the school grounds searches for individuals who may pose a threat to school safety. The SROs also provided training to students, parents, and school staff on Internet safety, police civics, and gang resistance education.



Narcotics Unit

The Saint Paul Police Department Narcotics Unit focused on three levels of drug enforcement to include street-level sales, mid-level dealing and national / international trafficking directly impacting the city. To increase productivity through collaboration and information sharing, members of the narcotics unit participated in several drug task forces. As part of the East Metro Narcotics Task Force, thousands of pounds of narcotics were recovered, along with dozens of firearms and the resulting arrest of more than 400 persons

The unit also processed more than 800 persons arrested by patrol officers accounting for additional tens of thousands of grams of narcotics. 2008 saw a sharp rise in the amount of marijuana seized and an increase in illegal prescription drug offenses.

Several significant and long-term drug investigations were conducted throughout 2008. The highest profile detail was Operation Gridlock which targeted street level drug dealers in and around downtown from April through July of 2008. During this operation, undercover officers posed as drug buyers in the downtown area and purchased drugs from these dealers. The result was one hundred and forty (140) felony level charges levied against these dealers. Stay away orders issued by the courts also prohibited the return of those convicted of drug trafficking from returning to these areas. This was the second such operation in the past two years, the first being Operation Shamrock. A comparison between the arrest records from Shamrock (2007) and Gridlock (2008) revealed that there was a very low recidivism rate with only 7 of those arrested during Shamrock being rearrested in Gridlock.

The City of Saint Paul recorded 1,318 narcotics reports in 2008, an increase of 3.2% from last year. After last year, the total number for narcotics reports in 2008 is the second lowest total number of reports dating back to 1996.

Vice Unit

The Saint Paul Police Department Vice Unit conducted more than 83 prostitution details targeting both street prostitution and internet-based prostitution. The details utilized a balanced approach targeting both the prostitutes themselves and the person buying the services. Enforcement was not the only tactic utilized to address the issues related to prostitution. Partnerships with organizations such as Breaking Free provided an avenue to assist people trapped in a life of prostitution.

The sergeant assigned to the vice unit worked with pawn shops and tracked 51,913 transactions through the pawn shops and 483 transactions for the second hand store. 267 stolen items were recovered from city pawn shops with a total value of \$132,377.00. The vice unit was also responsible for gambling and liquor license violations and the unit conducted 273 compliance checks at businesses distributing alcohol.

The Gerald D. Vick Human Trafficking Task Force continued to focus on human trafficking investigations related to the sex trade, but in 2008 began finding victims of labor trafficking. The unit also worked with local legislators to create clearer laws relating to human trafficking and task force members have become regional leaders in this field. In an effort to educate and create awareness within other police departments, the task force hosted a training conference that brought 131 officers from agencies across the region to Saint Paul.

FSVU
The Saint Paul Police Department Family and Sexual Violence Unit (FSVU) was comprised of two major sections, family violence and sex crimes. The two sections acted independently in regard to case specialties with each having an executive sergeant.

The sex crimes section was responsible for investigating all reported cases of criminal sexual conduct, indecent exposure, obscene phone calls, peeper, and all other sexual offenses. This section also had the responsibility of all child abuse and vulnerable adult cases.

The family violence section was responsible for investigating all cases of physical abuse that are interfamilial in nature, involving victims who are over 18 years of age. Husband/wife, boyfriend/girlfriend, and shared children parents are all considered interfamilial. This section also investigated elder abuse.

Missing Persons Unit
The Saint Paul Police Department Missing Persons Unit conducted investigations of circumstances surrounding the mysterious disappearance of persons to assist in the proper direction of efforts to locate them.

Gang and Gun Unit
The Saint Paul Police Department Gang and Gun Unit worked to counteract the negative and pervasive influence that violent street gangs and guns have on the quality of life in our community. The unit worked to coordinate a response between our police officers, citizens, and the combined resources of the City of Saint Paul.

The goals of the gang and gun unit were to prevent, intervene, apprehend, and charge men and women who are entering or engaging in illegal, gang activity. One of the biggest functions of the unit was to prevent youth from beginning to engage in gang activity. The unit is involved a number of activities from Pass to Play to GREAT, which educate and give positives influences in lives of at-risk youth. The unit also worked to counter gangs themselves, by arresting and charging members, monitoring their behavior, and disseminating information on gang activity through the department and with outside law enforcement agencies.

Property Room/Central Supply
The Saint Paul Police Department Property Room and Central Supply provided a secure facility for the storage of evidence and property (except vehicles and bicycles) coming into the custody of the department until such evidence or property is disposed of within the established legal guidelines. The unit conducted a documented inspection of the unit at least monthly to determine that the property storage areas are being maintained in a clean and orderly fashion, that provisions of agency procedures and directives concerning the control of property are being followed, and that property is protected from damage or deterioration.

PCIARC
The Police-Civilian Internal Affairs Commission (PCIARC) was a mix of several citizens that represent the diverse community of Saint Paul and whom all differ in experiences and lifestyles. The PCIARC meetings proved to be quite interesting and contained many lively discussions because of the diversity of the commission.

The SPPD/PCIARC was an active member with the National Association for Civilian Oversight in Law Enforcement (NACOLE). NACOLE is dedicated to promoting greater police accountability through training, technical assistance, finding best practices, networking, and the sharing of information between agencies.

During the year of 2008, the PCIARC convened for 10 regular meetings. At those meetings, 78 cases were reviewed, which resulted in 223 separate charges of improper action by members of the department. Of those recommendations: 21 were sustained, 72 were not sustained, 58 were exonerated, 67 were unfounded, and 5 were deemed policy failures.

For the first time since 2000, the PCIARC used its subpoena power. The PCIARC held a fact-finding meeting for a specific case to obtain face to face interviews from two witnesses.

The PCIARC held three community meetings held throughout the year at community centers in the West Side, Summit-University, and North End neighborhoods.

Two main themes were voiced at the meetings. The first issue was the concern that the PCIARC should be more reflective of the community they serve in both civilian and sworn appointments. The second concern was that the findings of the commission needed to be communicated to the community in a more timely fashion. The second issue presented several problems as Minnesota Data Practices statues and data privacy came into play.

In 2008, the PCIARC participated with the Saint Paul Police Department's Audit through Berkshire Advisors, Inc. The commission and the internal affairs unit staff were interviewed by staff from the Berkshire Advisors, Inc. The interviews were to help find best practice findings and to suggest changes to the PCIARC, which is to be considered by the Mayor's Office and the Saint Paul Police Department.

PCIARC Dispositions	
Cases Reviewed	78.0
Charges	223.0
Sustained	21.0
Not Sustained	72.0
Exonerated	58.0
Unfounded	67.0
Policy Failures	5.0

Employees of the Year

Employees of the Year

Officer Jeffrey G. Schwab for his superior accomplishments while working in the Family and Sexual Violence Unit.

Honorable Mention

Sergeant Axel C. Henry for his excellent leadership, training and mentoring skills.

Detective of the Year

Sergeant Matthew L. Toupal for his outstanding leadership and community involvement as Central Investigator and lead supervisor for the GRID program.

Honorable Mention

Sergeant William F. Haider for his exemplary performance in his role on the MN Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Civilian of the Year

Catherine J. Carbone for her outstanding ability to bring the ECC people together on the successful revival of Operation Santa.

Honorable Mention

Peter T. Panos for his extraordinary work as the Public Information Officer for our department.

MEDAL OF VALOR

Ann Bebeau
Robert Edwards & K-9 Rico
Cory Kochendorfer
Jessica Phillips

MEDAL OF COMMENDATION

CLO Muhamud Abdulle
Constance Bennett
Peter Bydzovsky
Edward Dion
Deanna Fink
Gregory Gravesen
William Haider
Axel Henry
Ronald Himes
Shannon Hutton
Susan Jones
Ian Kough
Lisa Kruse
John Linssen
Evan O'Halloran
Glen Pettit
Paul Rhodes
Joseph Strong
Sayareth Vixayoung
Chou Jim Yang
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LETTER OF RECOGNITION

Randy Barnett
Timothy Bradley
Kathleen Brown
Shawn Campbell
Brian Casey
Patrick Daly
Sean Filiowich
Brady Harrison
Susan Hartnett
Darren Johnson
Chad Koch
Cory Kochendorfer
Dean Koehnen
Stephen Lentsch
Robert Merrill
Rich Oesterreich
Steven Petron
Timothy Pinoniemi
John Riley
Sid Rioux
Andrew Shanley
Matthew Sweeney
Michael Whisler
Mark Wiegel
Lucia Wroblewski

UNIT LETTER OF RECOGNITION

-Impound Lot Staff-
Commander Ken Reed
Impound Lot Supervisor Bret Smith
Shannon Adams
Viet Huynh
Jacqueline Terry

Zachary Arnt
Patricia Jones
Mor Thao
Erica Barragan
Sochinda Keopenchan
Yin-Ya Thao
Melode Bowmont
Lee Kochendorfer
Youa Thao
Chantres Brazil
Sylvester Kwofie
Joan Thompson
Shantrelle Carter
Lawrence Langlois
Michael Thompson
Susan Cha
Rodney Langton
Martha Tolefree
Michael Chickett
Chester Lemanski
Joseph Vanguilder
Rick Collier
Susan Lick
Cheri Ward
Karynn Cummings
Meghan Longen
Ernestine Washington
Loren Dhar
Caitlin Massop
Amber Waxon
Rita Dougherty
Sharmaine Meadows
David Wilken
Sean Doughty
Chad Noble
Michael Wilken Sr.
Ana Esquivel
Yessenia Perez
Michael Wilken Jr.
Kathy Grant
Tina Phothisane
Deborah Wilson
Stacy Gray
Doris Riebe
J. Paul Yang
LuAnn Hanrahan
Lawrence Ryan Sr.
Koua Yang
Doug Hendrickson
Devin Shackle

UNIT LETTER OF RECOGNITION

-FSVU-
Commander Shari Gray
Sgt. Jacob Bobrowski
Sgt. Paul Meffert
Officer Douglas Whitaker
Officer Steven Carlson
Officer Eric Meyers
Sgt. Michael Wortman
Officer Michael Dollerschell
Sgt. David Ossell
Officer Sharon Ellison

OOT Sgt. Catherine Pavlak
Sgt Shannon Hutton
Sgt. Murray Prust
Sgt. Kenneth Jensen
Sgt. Thomas Radke
Sgt. Candice Jones
Sgt. Paul Rhodes
Sgt. Jeffrey Keller
Officer Jeffrey Schwab
Sgt. Sylvia McPeak
Sgt. Paul Strong

CHIEF'S AWARD

Mr. Ahmed Abdir Mohamed
Ms. Ashlen Oniana Degado
Mr. Steven Hitchcock
Mr. Mark Laliberte
Mr. Steven Cantu
Mr. Leith
Ms. Cathalina Young
Mr. Donovan Young

LIFE SAVING AWARD

Charles Anderson
William Beaudette
Amy Boyer
Gerald Carter
John Corcoran
Edward Dion
Daniel Ficcadenti
Joshua Lynaugh
Michael McGinn
Michael McGinn
James McKnight
Francisco Molina
Jesse Mollner
Kathy O'Reilly
Matthew Sweeney
David Quast

UNIT CITATION

-SPPD Honor Guard-
Armando Abila-Reyes
James Andersen
Pamela Barragan
Arnulfo Curiel
Dancile Day
Lou Ferraro
Salim Omari
Brian Townsend
Genaro Valentin
Lucia Wroblewski
John Lozoya

-Crime Lab Unit-
Stephanie Bailey
Layne Lodmell
Matthew Meinsch
Shay Shackle
Ronald Whitman

Personnel and Demographics

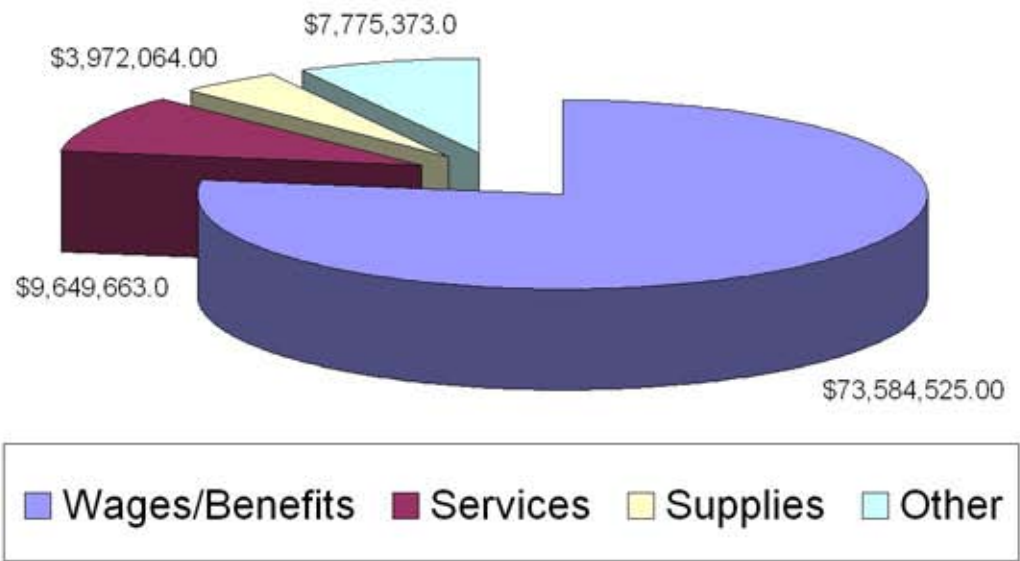
Chief	Authorized	Actual	Difference
Chief	1.0	1.0	0.0
Assistant Chief	3.0	3.0	0.0
Commander	20.0	21.0	1.0
Sergeant	121.0	125.0	4.0
Police Officer	444.0	417.0	-27.0
Police Trainee	0.0	0.0	0.0
Civilian	83.9	87.1	3.2
TOTAL	672.9	654.1	-18.8

Chief	Chief's Office	Support Services	Opers	Major Crimes	General Fund	Special Fund	Inactive	Military Leave	Grand Total	Out of Title
Chief	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Assistant Chief	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0
Commander	2.0	2.0	11.0	6.0	6.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	24.0	0.0
Sergeant	16.0	7.0	49.0	53.0	53.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	133.0	2.0
Police Officer	19.0	15.0	330.0	52.0	52.0	19.0	0.0	1.0	436.0	1.0
Total Non-Sworn	14.0	54.1	6.0	12.0	86.1	123.4	0.0	1.0	210.5	1.0
Total Sworn	38.0	25.0	391.0	112.0	566.0	30.0	1.0	1.0	597.0	3.0
Grand Total	52.0	79.1	397.0	124.0	652.1	153.4	1.0	2.0	807.5	4.0

Chief	Dept. Total	Male	Female	Sworn
Asian	61	39	22	25
Black	56	40	16	33
Hispanic	38	31	7	27
Indian	8	4	4	7
Other	1	0	1	0
Unk	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	165	114	51	92

Total Department Females	261
Total Sworn Females	106
Total Department Employees	863
Total Sworn Employees	598

Budget



General Fund Distribution

