

Washtenaw County Office Of The Sheriff

Crime on the decline in the County!

Since January of 2009 we have had one primary focus, improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods by addressing root causes of crime. See how this is beginning to have an impact. (Page 3)



“An educated community is our best partner”

Welcome to the first installment of the WCSO’s Annual Community Report. An educated community is our best partner and we provide this document in the spirit of partnership and collaboration.

The mission of the WCSO is to “Create Public Safety, Provide Quality Service, Build Strong & Sustainable Communities”. We believe that the best way to do so is through proactive, strategic partnerships with the community instead of just traditional, reactive policing. The WCSO is committed to deploying deputies that fully understand the communities they work in, are willing to have an open dialogue with neighbors, are committed to adapting strategies where appropriate because of community concerns and priorities, are focused on establishing trust with residents, and are willing to maximize opportunities to deliver police services in partnership with the community.

Through service excellence and crime prevention our goal is to improve the quality of life in the County and build strong and sustainable communities. We will also be good stewards of your tax dollars by pursuing our mission in the most efficient, strategic, cost-effective, fiscally responsible way possible. This report will highlight the progress we have made together toward achieving these goals.

Sheriff Jerry L. Clayton

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Mission: Create public safety, provide quality service,
build strong & sustainable communities

Home Invasions

Arrests are up, crime is down!

When a burglar breaks into your home they often take more than just your belongings. The lost sense of security or recurring fear can be as damaging as the smashed window or stolen property. That's why the WCSO has made the investigation and prevention of home invasions one of our core areas of focus.

Criminals that break into homes are opportunistic and habitual. Meaning, they will continue to break into homes until they are captured. **Figure 1** shows the total number of reports and arrests for Home Invasions in 2009 and 2010. It also illustrates an increase in the number of arrests for 2010 and nearly 100 fewer homes that were broken into.

What does this mean for you? It means we're headed in the right direction and that PROACTIVE patrols and community partnerships based upon sharing information work to prevent and solve crimes.

Figure 1: Home Invasion History

| Year | Cases with arrest | Home Invasions |
|------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2009 | 55 | 1,038 |
| 2010 | 78 | 941 |

The national average for home invasions being solved is 12.5% according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics.



Protect Your Property

- Prune your shrubs
- Draw the blinds
- Don't advertise new purchases
- Get motion sensors for lights
- Set timers for indoor lights
- Reinforce strike plate on doors
- Shield windows near doors
- Install deadbolts
- Lock all doors and windows
- Install & always set a home alarm
- Get a dog
- Know your neighbors
- Join neighborhood watch



To schedule a Home Security Survey

Please contact Deputy Yee @
734-973-4552 or yeer@ewashtenaw.org

The WCSO offers free Home Security Surveys!

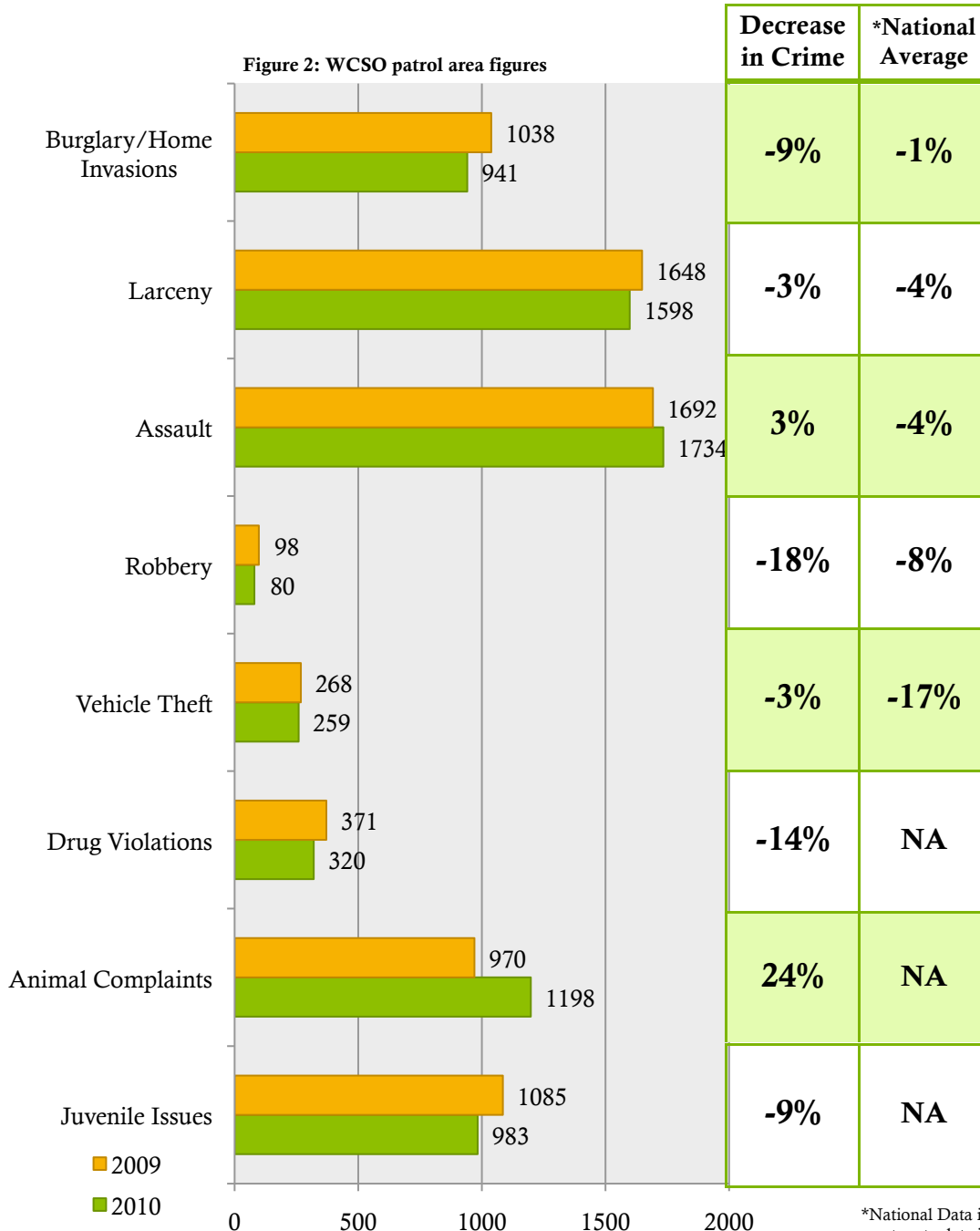
Burglars are opportunistic and look for the easiest way in and out. The more you can secure your property the less likely you are to have your home broken into.

One way to prevent home invasions is through a comprehensive home security report. Our deputies will come out, walk through your home and around your property with you in order to find those things that may leave you vulnerable to home invasions. Once done you will have a written report identifying where you are most vulnerable and be given suggestions on how to fix them.

Calls for Service

WCSO reduces Crime

Figure 2 compares the total number of calls for service in WCSO Patrol Areas between January and December of 2009 & 2010. It also shows how much crime has changed since 2009 and compares that change to the national average.



The Facts

Total dispatch center calls in 2009

- Washtenaw Co. Dispatch: 233,446
- Ann Arbor City Dispatch: 188,403
- U of M Dispatch: 81,354
- Ypsilanti Dispatch: 55,884**
- Milan City Dispatch: 20,562
- Chelsea City Dispatch: 20,402
- Saline City Dispatch: 18,678
- Pittsfield Twp. Dispatch: 13,445
- EMU Dispatch: 2,055

**In 2010 YPD will be included with the Washtenaw County figures since WCSO now dispatches for the City of Ypsilanti.

*National Data is from the FBI Uniform Crime Reports most up to date information, comparing 2008-2009. The 2010 national data was not yet available.

Value For Your Tax Dollars

WCSO lowest cost in county

Figure 4 below compares various police budgets within our area and demonstrates cost per resident based upon that budget. Those areas highlighted in blue are WCSO contract service areas.

Figure 4: Police Budget Comparison 2010

| Community | Population | Police Budget | Per Capita Cost |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Dexter, Dexter, Webster collaboration | 16,830 | \$1,347,140 | \$80.04 |
| Scio Twp. | 16,261 | \$1,337,500 | \$82.25 |
| Ypsilanti Twp. | 53,037 | \$4,865,011 | \$91.73 |
| Superior Twp. | 13,548 | \$1,455,310 | \$107.42 |
| Canton Twp. | 89,727 | \$15,726,681 | \$175.27 |
| Jackson City | 36,316 | \$8,151,781 | \$224.47 |
| Van Buren Twp. | 27,377 | \$6,472,456 | \$236.42 |
| Ypsilanti City | 19,419 | \$4,601,548 | \$236.96 |
| Ann Arbor City | 109,346 | \$26,383,948 | \$241.29 |
| Saline City | 8,369 | \$2,234,536 | \$267.00 |
| Average | 39,023 | \$7,257,591 | \$174.28 |

These numbers are not to be confused with contract price and represent a comparison of each individual jurisdictions 2010 budget.

WCSO Partnerships = Savings Co-located dispatch center



Ypsilanti City Dispatching Contract

| Savings/Earnings | Efficiency |
|---------------------|--|
| \$-158,000 annually | Reduction to Ypsi's general fund |
| +\$73,000 annually | Revenue generated by county |
| +\$75,228 annually | Revenue to County by Ypsi PSAP funding |

In early 2010 the WCSO assumed responsibility for Ypsilanti Dispatch and this past April Ann Arbor and WCSO co-located their dispatch centers. The result? Better efficiency, faster service, & financial savings for all three jurisdictions.

WCSO/Ann Arbor Co-Location Project

| Savings/Earnings | Efficiency |
|--------------------------|---|
| \$-430,000 every 8 years | Elimination of aging phone switch |
| \$-80,000 every 10 years | Elimination of aging logging recorder |
| \$-440,000 one-time | Elimination of need to install microwave link for MPSCS dispatch connectivity |

What You Pay For

What goes into the cost of a deputy contract

Figure 5 below shows every penny that goes into the cost of a Police Service Unit. It is important to recognize that these numbers reflect 2010 prices and will change slightly heading into 2011.



The Facts

2010 Price=\$144,802/PSU
2010 Cost=\$176,108/PSU

Price is what each contracting jurisdiction pays. Cost is the actual cost of doing business.

For years the debate over police service price/costs have gone on. Several years ago that debate heated up as the price for the contract rose.

Why did the cost rise?

The original cost model of a Police Unit only covered some of the cost of providing police protection. In order to cover the actual cost of doing business the County Board Of Commissioners worked to include all of the actual costs associated with running a police agency. Costs such as cars, uniform, technology, etc... were added.

What has changed?

For the first time the Police Services Steering Committee, which is made up of Township officials, County Commissioners, and the Sheriff have looked through each line item of the Sheriff's Office budget to reach an agreement as to what the true cost of a police unit is. Now that we finally know an actual cost the debate over the price to charge for that unit is much more clear.

Figure 5: 2010 contract price

| | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Deputy Salary | \$58,440 |
| Deputy Fringe | \$33,796 |
| Uniform | \$1,500 |
| Gun | \$600 |
| Fleet | \$11,137 |
| Central Dispatch | \$16,080 |
| Liability Insurance | \$2,167 |
| Sheriff Support Services Salary | \$5,292 |
| Sheriff Support Services Fringe | \$3,439 |
| Sheriff Support Services Overtime | \$99 |
| Sheriff Support Services Uniforms | \$58 |
| Information & Technology Systems | \$4,794 |
| General Supplies | \$698 |
| Other Services & Charges | \$2,264 |
| Capital Outlay | \$94 |
| Contract Related Legal | \$590 |
| Net Revenue | -\$6,955 |
| Net Fire Dispatch | -\$1,839 |
| Supervision (Sergeants & Lieutenants) | \$12,548 |
| TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE | \$144,802 |

The 2010 contract price (\$144,802) is different than the actual cost (\$176,108) of doing business. The price is what you pay as a contract jurisdiction; the cost is the actual cost of doing business. Below is a list of additional benefits associated with contract policing.

| | |
|--|---|
| Animal Control Officers | Marine Safety Officers |
| Detective Bureau/Warrant Officer | Accident Investigations |
| S.W.A.T | K-9 |
| County-Wide Deputy Support (12 Deputies) | Other Contract Area Support (80 Deputies) |
| Prevention Services | Facilities |
| Lawsuit Settlements | Court Transport |
| Back-fill of long-term leave deputies | Drug Enforcement Unit |
| Crisis Negotiation Team | Auto Theft Unit |

Community Engagement

WCSO Adding Value to our Community

The WCSO is in a unique position to engage community residents, influence community resources, and work with other components of the criminal justice system. Our mission is more than just arresting and holding those that have committed crimes. Building Strong and Sustainable Communities requires a commitment and dedication to the community and requires a connection to neighborhoods in order to be truly successful.

It's not about feel good programs. It's about getting into our neighborhoods, forming meaningful relationships, building trust, working together to prevent and solve crimes, and ultimately it's about a better quality of life for us all.

Understanding that crime is not just a law enforcement problem but that it is also a community problem is the basis of our commitment to building partnerships with our neighbors. Whether it is focused on youth or seniors...a one time, month long, or year round event...preventing crime or reintegrating a former inmate back into society...it all comes down to addressing root causes.

The WCSO is taking the lead and initiative to work within our neighborhoods. We are addressing the root causes of crime, being proactive and preventing crime, working closely with human service organizations, and working with residents to revitalize some of our most vulnerable areas. Listed in the column to the right are just a few of the many community-oriented prevention programs run by the Sheriff's Office.



Building Community

Neighborhood Watch
Email Alert System
Community Outreach Team
Touch A Truck
WCSO Explorers
Homeless Soccer
Book-A-Cop
Car Seat Giveaway
STOPPED
Shop With A Cop
Citizens Police Academy
Ballin' Basketball Series
Victim Notification System

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Community Outreach

Building Community With Those That Tore it Down



In 2009 & 2010 WCSO was awarded the DOJ Justice Assistance Grant for Community Outreach that focuses on reducing recidivism and revitalizing neighborhoods.

With released inmates returning to our community on a daily basis the WCSO is at the forefront of reintegrating them back into society.

Our Community Outreach Team (COT) acts as the liaison between the streets, community residents and law-enforcement. By engaging the community on three fronts, our goal is systemic community change to address root causes. We have begun partnering and connecting with residents that at one time were incarcerated. To address root causes you cannot simply deal with the symptom through arrests. The goal is to connect with the streets and use those connections and the information generated to prevent crime and solve crimes faster when it does occur. The COT is also focused on building strong neighborhoods by identifying quality of life issues and addressing the conditions in neighborhoods that contribute to crime.

Book-A-Cop

Month Long Promotion of Literacy



There's no jail time or fingerprinting involved in "Book a Cop," only a month long promotion of literacy.

The WCSO, including Sheriff Clayton, spent the entire month of March volunteering to read to the Ypsilanti Public Schools' first grade students. The activity is part of "*March is Reading Month*" celebrations and was designed & led by Corporal Charles Ball.

"We want students to feel comfortable with law enforcement personnel and this is one way to build a positive rapport with some of our youngest citizens."

Corporal Charles Ball

It's one thing to solve a crime after it has been committed, but the WCSO has focused our efforts on preventing crime from taking place. By proactively targeting specific areas and engaging residents prevention is possible.

Have you seen the horses? Last summer the Mounted Unit began patrolling our streets, along with increased bike patrols and foot patrols. These are not random patrols, but are focused on particular streets and neighborhoods at specific times aimed at prevention.

Proactive Patrols

Walking & Riding the Streets



Stay connected to the information that matters most to you!

Sign up to receive text and email crime alerts from the WCSO.

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office is committed to fully engaging the citizens that we serve and working with you to prevent criminal activity, capture those individuals that have committed crimes, and to find non-enforcement methods of improving the quality of life in our county.

Nixle is a new communications service that allows us to send important, valuable community information directly to you using the latest technology. It allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via text message and/or email.

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Stay up-to-date on happenings in your neighborhood. Sign up for official emails and texts from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office.



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