

# Metropolitan Nashville Police Department 2009 Annual Report



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## *MISSION STATEMENT*

The Mission of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department is to provide community-based police products to the public so they can experience a safe and peaceful Nashville.

## *MISSION VALUES*

In carrying out our mission, members of the department will continue to value:

- Organizational Excellence and Professionalism
  - The Impartial Enforcement of the Law
  - The People We Serve and Each Other
    - Problem-Solving Partnerships
    - Open Communications
    - Ethics and Integrity



## Letter From The Chief

To the citizens of Nashville:



As we look forward to the promises and challenges of the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is my pleasure to report that the men and women of our police department have met with success as they work to enhance the safety of Nashville's families and neighborhoods. I am extremely proud of our 1,800 officers and professional support staff as we all work to build on 2009's successes, not the least of which is an 11% increase in Neighborhood Watch Groups. The number stands at 475 and continues the healthy growth we have seen for the past several years.

Analysis of crime in Nashville during 2009 reflects an overall drop for the sixth consecutive year. Five of the seven major crime reporting categories showed reductions. The 2009 overall crime rate, which is based on Nashville's population estimates, was the lowest since 1978, a 31-year low. Two of the seven major crime reporting categories reflected increases. Criminal homicide was up by 8% (six

cases). Burglary increased by 7%.

Traffic deaths in 2009 totaled 68, a 6% reduction from 2008. A significant and consistent concern is lack of seatbelt usage. As has been the case in prior years, victims in half of the fatal crashes where seatbelts were available chose not to wear them.

The unwavering support of Mayor Dean and the Metropolitan Council has been the catalyst for the police department's successes, and the groundwork has been laid for our department to make an even stronger difference at the neighborhood level. The Mayor's bold decision to apply for an \$8.6 million federal grant, and the council's vote to accept that funding, will enable us to grow the police department by 50 officers at a time when police departments in some other cities are actually cutting back on staffing.

While the support of our elected leaders is important, it is second to the vital confidence of the citizens we serve. A poll at the end of 2009 showed that Nashvillians and local businesses have high levels of support in this police department and its crime fighting strategies. Thank you for your continued partnership. Working together has been, and continues to be, the key to ultimate success and an increasingly safer Nashville.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronal W. Serpas".

Ronal W. Serpas – Chief of Police



# Executive Staff



**Deputy Chief Steve Anderson**  
Field Operations



**Deputy Chief Honey Pike**  
Administrative Services



**Deputy Chief Louise Kelton**  
Investigative Services



**Mr. Don Aaron**  
Public Affairs manager



**Mrs. Kennetha Sawyers**  
Office of Prof. Accountability



**Dr. Lorraine Greene**  
Behavioral Health Services



**Ms. Christine Ragan**  
Chief Financial Officer



## Promotions and New Assignments

Chief Ronal Serpas announced a shift of assignments involving nine police department commanders and captains which took effect July 1 in keeping with his commitment to broaden the management experience of precinct and division leaders.

“As I told all of our captains and commanders more than one year ago, it is vitally important for a police department our size to develop the careers of senior leadership by exposing them to the challenges and rewards of managing various police department components during their tenures,” Chief Serpas said. “Too often in police work, precinct and division-level managers stay in one assignment for decades. That practice is a disservice to not only the employees, but the citizens we serve.”

“A number of persons transferring to new assignments have been in their current positions for several years. I have every expectation that all will be very successful in their new roles.”

The nine captains and commanders that are taking on new assignments are:

- **Captain Todd Henry**, who currently oversees the Specialized Investigations Division, will become the Commander of the Hermitage Precinct.
- **Commander Michelle Richter**, who currently oversees the Hermitage Precinct, will become the Commander of the West Precinct.
- **Captain Paul Trickey**, who currently oversees the Strategic Development Division, will become the Captain over the Specialized Investigations Division.
- **Commander Mickey Miller**, who currently oversees the West Precinct, will become the Captain over the Warrants Division.
- **Captain Karl Roller**, who currently oversees the Warrants Division, will become the Captain over the Identification Division.
- **Captain Mike Hagar**, who currently oversees the Identification Division, will become the Captain over the Strategic Development Division.
- **Captain Rita Brockmann-Baker**, who currently oversees the Domestic Violence Division, will become the Executive Officer in the Administrative Services Bureau.
- **Captain Michelle Donegan**, who currently is a Field Supervisor, will become the Captain over the Domestic Violence Division.
- **Captain Ben Dicke**, who is currently the Executive Officer in the Administrative Services Bureau, will become a Field Supervisor.

In addition to the shift in assignments, 12 new Field Training Officers were also recognized. They are pictured to the right.



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Pictured (l-r) are Mayor Karl Dean, new Hermitage Precinct Commander Todd Henry and Chief Ronal Serpas.



Pictured (l-r) are Chief Ronal Serpas, Officers Steve Cleek, Morgan Ford, Mike Evans, Sergeant Mary Lee, Officers Aaron Wigginton, Brad Williams, Carl Stocks, Kevin Cooley, Richard King, Carlos Anderson, Lee Bond and Mayor Karl Dean.



## Promotions and New Assignments

Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Ronal Serpas presided over a ceremony to congratulate two new lieutenants and seven new sergeants whose promotions were effective on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

The nine have a combined 82 years of law enforcement service to Nashville's families and visitors.

The promotions are as follows:

- New Lieutenant John Batty, a 14-year police department veteran, who is now leading the South Precinct's day shift.
- New Lieutenant Tommy Widener, a 9-year police department veteran, who is now leading the South Precinct's overnight shift.
- New Sergeant James Dunaway, an 8-year police department veteran, who is now a supervisor on the Central Precinct's overnight shift.
- New Sergeant Pete Dusche, a 9-year police department veteran, who is now a supervisor on the East Precinct's evening shift.
- New Sergeant Chris Gilder, a 7-year police department veteran, who is now a supervisor on the West Precinct's evening shift.
- New Sergeant Johnnie Melzoni, a 9-year police department veteran, who is now a supervisor on the South Precinct's overnight shift.
- New Sergeant Jeremy Moseley, a 7-year police department veteran, who is now a supervisor on the Hermitage Precinct's overnight shift.
- New Sergeant Ada Thaxter, a 7-year police department veteran, who is now a supervisor on the South Precinct's evening shift.
- New Sergeant David Walz, a 12-year police department veteran, who is now a supervisor on the Hermitage Precinct's evening shift.



Pictured (l-r) are Mayor Dean, Sgt. Johnnie Melzoni (South Precinct), Sgt. Ada Thaxter (South Precinct), Sgt. Daniel Walz (Hermitage Precinct), Lt. John Batty (South Precinct), Sgt. Jeremy Moseley (Hermitage Precinct), Lt. Tommy Widener (South Precinct), Sgt. James Dunaway (Central Precinct), Sgt. Chris Gilder (West Precinct), Sgt. Pete Dusche (East Precinct) and Chief Ronal Serpas.





# Metro Nashville Police Department Awards

The Nashville Police Department honored its officers, investigators, and professional support employee of the year for 2009.

## Patrol Officers of the Year for 2009 are Howard Martin and Steven Jones from the West Precinct.

In August, Martin and Jones were near the intersection of 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North and Clifton Avenue when they heard shots fired. The officers got out of their police car and approached a nearby group of men who were engaged in a gunfight. Martin and Jones ordered the men to drop their weapons, causing those involved to flee in various directions. One of them fired on the officers with a shotgun. Martin and Jones were unhurt in this dangerous situation. Their actions ended the gun battle and prevented serious injury to innocent bystanders.



Patrol Officers of the Year: Pictured (l-r) are West Precinct Commander Michelle Richter, Officer Howard Martin, Chief Ronal Serpas and Officer Steven Jones.

## The Police Officer of the Year for 2009 is Ryan Hampton from the South Precinct.

In June, Hampton spotted a 17-year-old matching the description of a carjacking suspect at the entrance of a Hickory Hollow area apartment complex. When Officer Hampton turned his spotlight on the suspect, he reached into his waistband and threw a pistol to the ground in an act of surrender. In July, Hampton's traffic stop of a Pontiac Grand Prix for excessive window tint led to the arrest of two men who had just stolen \$1500 worth of computer equipment from a local Wal-Mart.



Police Officer of the Year: Pictured (l-r) are South Precinct Commander Mike Alexander, Officer Ryan Hampton and Chief Ronal Serpas.



# Metro Nashville Police Department Awards

## Special Operations Officers of the Year for 2009 are Ron Black, Brad Bracey, and Joe Shelton from Canine.

In the heat of an August afternoon, these officers and their canine partners, Rex, Dax, and Memphis, worked tirelessly to apprehend a home burglar who had bailed from a vehicle into heavy woods. The canine teams alternated tracking the suspect for three long hours, knowing that he had burglarized homes in both Davidson and Williamson Counties and was not likely to stop the crime spree. Their diligence ultimately paid off, when Officer Shelton and Memphis located the suspect and took him into custody.



Special Operations Officers of the Year: Pictured (l-r) are Officer Joe Shelton, Officer Brad Bracey, Chief Ronal Serpas, Officer Ron Black and Special Operations Division Captain Randy Hickerson.

## The Field Operations Bureau's Investigator of the Year for 2009 is Detective Johnny Crumby from the Hermitage Precinct.

Crumby's exemplary work and interview skills strongly contributed to the resolution of a number of cases during 2009, including three homicides which began with very little evidence or information and were ultimately cleared by arrest.



Field Operations Bureau's Investigator of the Year Pictured (l-r) are Hermitage Precinct Commander Todd Henry, Detective Johnny Crumby and Chief Ronal Serpas.



## **Metro Nashville Police Department Awards**

**The Investigative Services Bureau's Investigators of the Year for 2009 are Detective Mike Clark and Mickey Elrod from the Youth Services Division.**

While investigating the cause of fatal injuries to a 31-month-old toddler, Detectives Clark and Elrod became convinced that the boy had not fallen down a flight of stairs as his mother and her boyfriend claimed. For more than a year, Detectives Clark and Elrod built a murder case, working closely with Vanderbilt doctors, the Medical Examiner's Office, the Department of Children's Services and the District Attorney. That work resulted in the 2009 second-degree murder conviction of the mother's boyfriend.



**Investigative Services Bureau's Investigators of the Year: Pictured (l-r) Youth Services Division Captain Marlene Pardue, Detective Mike Clark, Chief Ronal Serpas and Detective Mickey Elrod.**

**The Professional Support Employee of the Year for 2009 is Administrative Assistant Jeanette Bebout from the East Precinct.**

Bebout has been a valued and dedicated police department employee for 18 years. She is currently the administrative assistant to East Precinct Commander Bob Nash, where she handles a variety of duties, including directing communications between citizens and precinct supervisors. In addition, Bebout developed a tracking system for reports, a project deemed vitally important by lieutenants and others dealing with time-sensitive investigations and issues.



**Professional Support Employee of the Year: Pictured (l-r) are East Precinct Commander Bob Nash, Jeanette Bebout, Chief Ronal Serpas and police department Civilian Association President David Brewington.**



## Annual Awards Ceremony

More than 70 citizens and police officers were honored April 22<sup>nd</sup> during the Metropolitan Police Department's annual awards ceremony in the community room of the North Precinct. The award recipients were recognized for heroism, bravery, and outstanding acts performed during 2009. Chief Serpas and Mayor Dean gave out plaques, certificates, and uniform ribbons. Here are just a few examples of their tremendous efforts:

### **Distinguished Service Award: Sergeant Mark Chesnut**

On June 25, 2009, Sergeant Chesnut, supervisor of the Interstate Interdiction Unit, stopped a 2008 Dodge Magnum on I-40 because the driver was not wearing a seatbelt. He had no idea that the car contained a violent Mississippi prison inmate who had escaped from custody just hours earlier. While running a computer check on the Magnum, the inmate got out of the car, approached the passenger side of Sgt. Chesnut's vehicle, suddenly pulled a gun, and, without warning or provocation, opened fire. As the escapee and his accomplice ran to the Magnum, Sgt. Chesnut, although critically and severely wounded, put his police car in reverse to get away from them. He then radioed for help and provided responding officers with critical information necessary to apprehend the suspects. Through multiple surgeries and weeks of hospitalization, Mark Chesnut has persevered, and has now returned to work in the police department's Specialized Investigations Division. Mark received the Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of bravery, sacrifice, and heroism on behalf of Nashville's families.

### **Exemplary Service & Lifesaving Awards: Officer William Morgan & Sergeant Robert Haught Department Commendation & Lifesaving Awards: Officer Samuel Johnson & Sergeant Gene Donegan**

Officer William Morgan was the first to arrive on the side of I-40 to assist Sgt. Chesnut. In the most stressful of situations, Officer Morgan professionally and calmly radioed information to other officers en route to the scene, while at the same time keeping Sgt. Chesnut calm and assuring him that everything was going to be okay. Sgt. Haught, an ex-EMT who has years of experience tending to injured persons, arrived next. He immediately began undressing Sgt. Chesnut in order to better apply pressure to the gunshot wounds. One of the bullet wounds was making it difficult for Chesnut to breathe. Haught directed Officer Johnson to find a clean piece of plastic so that he could better treat the injury. Officer Johnson did so and worked to console Sgt. Chesnut as all waited for an ambulance to arrive. Sgt. Donegan joined the first responders in keeping their colleague clam and knew that he was indeed in a battle for his life. Once paramedics removed Sgt. Chesnut from his police car, Sgt. Donegan was at his side during the ambulance ride to Vanderbilt Medical Center and in the emergency room. Mark would later say that Sgt. Donegan's composure and strength transferred to him, and helped him make it through the first hours of this unimaginable ordeal.



Pictured (l-r) are Mayor Karl Dean, Officers Samuel Johnson and William Morgan, Sergeants Mark Chesnut, Gene Donegan and Robert Haught and Chief Ronald Serpas.



### **Meritorious Service Award: Detective Matthew Dixon & Sergeant Jason Duncan**

Moments after help arrived on the shoulder of I-40, officers at the scene were able to broadcast a description of the blue Dodge Magnum that Sgt. Chesnut had stopped. Undercover Detective Matt Dixon was in the area of Charlotte Pike and White Bridge Road when he spotted the car and fell in behind it. Dixon contacted undercover Sgt. Jason Duncan by phone while he continued to follow the Magnum on Charlotte Avenue and into downtown Nashville. Once Sgt. Duncan joined Detective Dixon, they devised a plan to use a jam maneuver to bring the suspects into custody and prevent their escape. Both officers were in plain clothes, unable to don their body armor in this situation, and were fully aware that the suspects were armed and not afraid to shoot the police. In spite of it all, both of these men performed flawlessly and with exceptional courage in the apprehension, without incident, of the two very dangerous suspects.



Pictured (l-r) are Mayor Karl Dean, Sergeants Jason Duncan and Mark Chesnut, Detective Matthew Dixon and Chief Ronal Serpas.

### **Exemplary Service Award: Detectives Charles Robinson & Norris Tarkington**

Detectives Robinson and Tarkington were the lead detectives assigned to investigate the shooting of Sgt. Chesnut, and were the two investigators who sat face to face with the suspects a short time later for interviews. Because of their dedicated work ethic and extreme focus, both suspects gave statements implicating themselves, and have been indicted for attempted murder of a police officer. Detectives Robinson and Tarkington also led the investigation into the July 4<sup>th</sup> murder of retired Titans quarterback Steve McNair and the suicidal woman who shot him. That high profile investigation involved numerous interviews with persons throughout Nashville as they worked to piece together exactly what occurred and why.



Pictured (l-r) are Mayor Karl Dean, Detective Norris Tarkington, Sergeant Mark Chesnut, Detective Charles Robinson and Chief Ronal Serpas.



### **Community Service Award: Loews Vanderbilt Managing Director Tom Negri**

As soon as he heard through news accounts that a Metro officer had been shot and seriously wounded, Tom Negri was immediately in contact with the police department to ask how he and his hotel could be of help. He immediately set aside rooms at the hotel, free of charge, so that Sgt. Chesnut's wife and out of state family would have a place to nap and shower while still being just minutes away from Vanderbilt Medical Center's Intensive Care Unit. Those hotel rooms proved to be vital to the Chesnut family's well-being, and were extended by Mr. Negri until the family decided they were no longer needed. The Nashville Police Department is sincerely grateful to Tom Negri for his friendship and unwavering support.



**Pictured (l-r) are Mayor Karl Dean, Loews Vanderbilt Managing Director Tom Negri, Sergeant Mark Chesnut and Chief Ronal Serpas.**

### **Community Service Award: Shoney's Chairman & CEO David Davoudpour**

David Davoudpour is committed to Nashville and being a leader in supporting the men and women of the Nashville Police Department. In his desire to give back to this community, Mr. Davoudpour last year developed the inaugural and now annual Shoney's 5K Family Fun Run benefiting the Nashville Police Department Support Fund. This special event, based at LP Field, features a family friendly festival and kid's zone, as well as a competitive race with cash prizes. Last year's event raised \$22,075. The Fun Run for 2010 is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> and promises to do even better. We salute Mr. Davoudpour for his generosity and community spirit.



**Pictured (l-r) are Mayor Karl Dean, Shoney's Chairman & CEO David Davoudpour and Chief Ronal Serpas.**



### **Citizen Commendation: Chris and Anne Hancock**

This dynamic brother and sister duo were out jogging in downtown Nashville when they heard the panicked cries of an elderly couple who had just been robbed. The man and woman were walking on Broadway when the suspect ran up behind them, pushed the 77-year-old woman to the ground, and ran off with her purse. Anne and Chris spotted the robber and began to pursue him on foot. Anne recovered the woman's purse after the suspect threw it to the ground. Chris continued to chase the suspect until he tackled him at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South and Korean Veterans Boulevard. He held the robber until police arrived.



**Pictured (l-r) are Mayor Karl Dean, Anne and Chris Hancock and Chief Ronal Serpas.**

### **Department Commendation: Central Precinct Sergeant Phil Vincion**

A mother and her two young children arrived in Nashville at the Greyhound bus terminal where she learned in order to continue to Florida, she would need a ticket for her two-year-old. She and her other child, who was 8, had originally been able to board a bus without a ticket for the toddler. Sergeant Vincion learned the family was fleeing a domestic violence situation and could not afford another ticket. Vincion and Lieutenant Melvin Brown provided bus fare and food for the family for the remainder of their trip.



**Pictured (l-r) are Mayor Karl Dean, Sergeant Phil Vincion and Chief Ronal Serpas.**



### **2009 Precinct of the Year Award: Central Precinct**

The 2009 Precinct of the Year is the Central Precinct. The Central Precinct led the police department in crime reduction with a calendar year decline of 17%. A number of criteria are used to determine Precinct of the Year, including the annual percentage change in major crime, the percentage change in total arrests, an evaluation of drug equipment and drug violation charges, the number of felony convictions, the percentage change in curfew and truancy violations, the change in the number of traffic stops, and the number of founded disciplinary matters as the result of internal and citizen complaints. Due to the varying sizes and manpower of the six precincts, a weighted formula is used to assure across the board fairness in determining the winner.



**Central Precinct Commander Damian Huggins receives the 2009 Precinct of the Year award from Chief Steve Anderson.**

### **Largest Increase in Drug Violations & Equipment Charges: Hermitage Precinct**

The award for largest increase in drug violations & equipment charges during 2009 went to the Hermitage Precinct.



**Hermitage Precinct Commander Todd Henry accepts the Drug Violation & Equipment Charges Award from Chief Steve Anderson.**





**The award for largest increase in self-initiated activity during 2009 went to West Precinct.**

West Precinct Commander Michelle Richter accepted the Self-initiated Activity Award from Chief Steve Anderson.



**The award for Quality Felony Investigations during 2009 went to Central Precinct.**

Pictured (l-r) are Central Precinct Lt. Brian Johnson, Central Precinct Commander Damian Huggins, Sgt. Tony Blackburn, and Chief Steve Anderson.



**The award for Total Arrests, Warrants Served, Curfew & Truancy Arrests, and Traffic Violations during 2009 went to the East Precinct.**

Lt. Horace Temple accepts the Total Arrests, Warrants Served, Curfew & Truancy Arrests, and Traffic Violations Award from Chief Steve Anderson.





# Awards

## The Annual Governors Highway Safety Office Lifesavers Conference Awards

The MNPD won first place in the Tennessee Chief's Challenge, first place for pedestrian/bicycle safety, and second nationally for the Chief's Challenge.

The following Officers had over 100 DUI Arrests for 2009:

- James T. Cole, Jr. – 163 arrests
- Thomas Jackson – 106 arrests
- Jessie Loy – 172 arrests
- Robert Richards – 302 arrests
- John Roberson – 263 arrests
- Harold Taylor – 395 arrests
- Wallace Taylor – 384 arrests
- Shawn Taylor – 262 arrests



Pictured (l-r) are Sgt. David Mundt, Officers Thomas Jackson, Harold Taylor, John Roberson and Wallace Taylor

## Tennessee Narcotics Officers Association Awards

Detective Joe Simonik, a Metro officer assigned to the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Task Force, received the following three awards at the annual Tennessee Narcotics Officers Association conference in Gatlinburg:

- Largest Marijuana Seizure (1,352 pounds)
- Middle District Officer of the Year
- State-Wide Narcotics Officer of the Year.



Seized marijuana and SUV.



## **Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence Honor Metro Officers**

West Precinct Officer Frank Campbell and Domestic Violence Detective Jeremy Moseley were honored for their outstanding work by the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence during the annual “Meet Us at the Bridge” ceremony October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event, held on the Shelby Street pedestrian bridge, recognizes judicial and advocate agencies that work with domestic violence victims.



**West Precinct Officer Frank Campbell received the Annual N. C. A. D. V. Officer of the Year Award.**



**Domestic Violence Detective Jeremy Moseley received the annual N. C. A. D. V. Detective of the Year Award.**



## Behavioral Health Services Division

Behavioral Health Services Director Dr. Lorraine Greene was honored for her dedicated service to the Division 18 Police and Public Safety Section of the American Psychological Association (APA) during their annual meeting held in Toronto.

Dr. Greene received special recognition for serving as Chair of Division 18 Police Public Safety Section from 2007-2009. She was recently elected Division 18 Psychologist and will represent all members who work in public service including those who work for police departments, the Veteran's Administration, community mental health facilities, and prisons.

Dr. Greene also received the Exemplary Service Award for her outstanding work for Division 18. She was presented a commemorative plaque by the Deputy Director of the National Institute of Justice, Dr. Ellen Scrivner, and the Canadian Minister of Homeland Security, the Honorable Peter Van Loan.



Pictured (l-r) are Rochester, NY. Police Psychologist Dr. Jay Supnick, Dr. Greene and NIJ Deputy Director Dr. Ellen Scrivner.

Dr. Lorraine Greene was the winner of the 2009 Excellence in Victim Services Award at the IACP's 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Denver on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The award was presented to Dr. Lorraine Green and her staff. The award recognizes agencies that have developed and implemented innovative strategies for providing comprehensive services to victims of crime.



Chief Ronal Serpas and members of the police department who coordinate victim services display the IACP award. Pictured (l-r) are Chaplain James Duke, Dr. Lorraine Greene (Behavioral Health Division Director), Dr. Carol Gipson (Crisis Counseling Supervisor), Chief Serpas, Amy Griffith Taylor (Head of the Victim Intervention Program), Officer Gilbert Ramirez (El Protector Officer) and Captain Michelle Donegan (Domestic Violence Division Commander).



## Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy Graduation

East Precinct Lieutenant Justin Pinkelton and Special Operations Lieutenant Steve Lewis graduated January 23<sup>rd</sup> from the Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga.

The Southeastern Command and Leadership Academy (SECLA) is a dynamic seven week law enforcement leadership and management program designed for progressive and innovative police managers. SECLA prepares supervisory personnel for the increased responsibility of administrative command positions by providing them with the knowledge and skills necessary for successful leadership in their agency and community.

Additionally, Lieutenant Lewis received the Innovator Award which is given to the graduate who best shows the ability to find new solutions in problem solving.



Pictured (l-r) are Lieutenants Justin Pinkelton and Steve Lewis.

## MNPD Police Explorers

MNPD Police Explorers won three first place trophies during a statewide competition at the Training Academy. The team took top honors in Domestic Disturbance, Felony Traffic Stop, and Unknown Call categories. Explorers placed third in two other contests, Team Firearms and DUI Stop.



Pictured (l-r) are Officer Angelo Iezzi, Yeraldin Chavez, Chief Ronal Serpas, Amanda Shemwell, Nic Burn, Lindsey Johnson and Officer Brad Nave.



## 2009 Theodore Roosevelt Award

### Officer and Chaplain James Duke Receives Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award

Metro Police Officer and Chaplain James Duke, who suffered severe damage to his left arm after being dragged for more than a mile by a shoplifter's car, became the latest member of the Metropolitan Police Department to receive the prestigious Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award.

The Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award is given to a police officer who has rendered outstanding and praiseworthy service to the department and the community despite a serious handicap, illness, or injury.

On January 23, 1991, Officer Duke was dragged at speeds between 45 and 60 mph after trying to arrest a shoplifter outside a Gallatin Road department store. After reaching into the suspect's car to remove keys from the ignition, the driver rolled up the window, trapping Duke's arm inside. She drove away, with him hanging from the door. Duke managed to wrestle away the steering wheel at least three times during the mile and a half trek to avoid being struck by other vehicles. Throughout the ordeal, the suspect indicated she was going to try to kill Duke by running him into a tractor-trailer or the median of the interstate. Duke was ultimately able to force the car into a ditch and break the window. Buck Dozier, a Metro councilman at the time, actually saw Duke hanging from the window of the moving car and followed it. He was the first person to render aid to the injured officer.

Duke suffered a severed artery in his left arm. A vein was taken from his left leg to repair the damage. It was more than eleven months before he was able to use his hand and almost 18 months before he could use his police firearm. The nerve damage from that cold January day was so severe that, to this day, Duke has no sensation in his arm and hand. In some ways, however, the most difficult part of his recovery was emotional. Officers who experience near-death injuries have more than just physical wounds. Officer Duke suffered nightmares and anxiety attacks and today realizes his symptoms of shock and distress were perfectly normal.

Today, Duke works in the police department's Behavioral Health Services Division, which assists officers who have experienced a traumatic event. In addition, Duke, an ordained minister and pastor of St. Paul Primitive Baptist Church, is the police department's chaplain and is a driving force behind the success of the department's volunteer chaplain program.

The Theodore Roosevelt Association established this program in honor of Roosevelt's distinguished service as President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York City from 1895 to 1897, and in recognition of his lifelong admiration for the police.

Nashville is one of a small number of cities in the United States to present the Roosevelt Award. Others include New York City, Buffalo and upstate New York, Boston, Long Island, Dallas, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles.

The generous support of Shoney's makes this year's award possible. Through Shoney's generosity, and that of the Theodore Roosevelt Association, Officer Duke received a \$1,000 cash award, a medal, and a bust of Theodore Roosevelt. A bronze plaque, which bears a likeness of Roosevelt, and which is currently on display in the lobby of police headquarters, will now include the inscription of Officer Duke's name.



Pictured (l-r) are Buck Dozier, Theodore Roosevelt Association Trustee Jim Summerville, Shoney's CEO David Davoudpour, Chaplain James Duke and Chief Ronal Serpas.



## Officer James Heads to the White House

Metro Police Officer Alisha Shoates James found herself in the White House as one of just a very small number of American citizens chosen by the Obama Administration to serve a three-month internship.

James, 26, who is presently a police department recruiter and background investigator, was assigned to the Presidential Personnel Office, which works to recruit and select qualified candidates to serve the President in departments and agencies across the government.

In her application to the White House, James wrote that the opportunity to work in the Presidential Personnel Office would help expand her abilities to innovatively recruit the top candidates for the Metro police department.

“I feel as if I am an emerging leader in my community, and I would love to gain the knowledge from this internship and return to my community and my workplace more prepared to serve,” James wrote.

Chief Ronal Serpas, after learning of James’ selection as an unpaid intern and reviewing her application, approved her request to be placed on temporary special assignment from September 8th through December 18th.

“This is a very unique opportunity that comes along very rarely in life,” Chief Serpas said. “I am particularly impressed that Alisha applied for and received an internship position in the Presidential Personnel Office. I have no doubt that her experiences in Washington will enhance her skills as a police officer and recruiter.”

Thousands of citizens applied for White House internship positions. Only approximately 100 were chosen.



Officer Alisha Shoates James.



## 2009 Donelson-Hermitage Exchange Club Officer of the Year

Field Training Officer Ronnie Richards was named the 2009 Officer of the Year by the Donelson-Hermitage Exchange Club for his outstanding dedication and commitment to public safety. Officer Richards was honored at an Exchange Club breakfast at McKendree Towers. Officer Richards, 50, a 28-year veteran of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, has been assigned to the Hermitage Precinct since its creation in 2001, and has been a Field Training officer for the past two years. Officer Richards' supervisor nominated him for his exemplary policing skills, where his direct knowledge of the community led to five arrests in four separate burglary cases, and for his outstanding training of new officers. In 2009, Officer Richards arrested 64 persons and served 81 warrants on 491 attempts. "Officer Richards' proactive police work and down-home attitude have truly made him a valuable asset," Hermitage Precinct Commander Todd Henry said. "He works tirelessly in the community and is truly deserving of this award."



Pictured (l-r) are Hermitage Precinct Commander Todd Henry, Officer Ronnie Richards and President of the Donelson-Hermitage Exchange Club Desha Hearn.

## 2009 Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce Officer of the Year

Detective Johnny Crumby, Jr. was named Officer of the Year by the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce for his outstanding investigative work and commitment to public safety in the area of Davidson County in which he has lived since childhood. Crumby was honored at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon at The Club at Gaylord Springs Golf Links. Crumby, 35, a 13-year veteran of the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department, has been a detective for the past eight years, and is a second generation law enforcement officer. He followed the career path of his father, retired Metro Detective Johnny Crumby, Sr.



Detective Johnny Crumby, Jr.





## Drill & Ceremony Team

The police Department's Drill & Ceremony Team performed a final run through of its national competition routine before heading to Washington, D.C., where the team went up against other law enforcement Drill & Ceremony Teams from across the nation.

The Metro Council at its August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting presented copies of a resolution to members of the MNPD's Drill & Ceremony Team congratulating them for being judged the best in the nation during the Honor Guard Competition in Washington, D.C. Councilman Parker Toler introduced the legislation, which was co-sponsored by all other council members.



Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Ronal Serpas pictured with the Drill & Ceremony Team.



Councilman Parker Toler pictured with members of the MNPD's Drill & Ceremony Team.

## The 2009 National Honor Guard Champions

The Drill & Ceremony Team presents the colors prior to the nationally televised divisional playoff game at LP Field.



Pictured in the front row (l-r) are Sgt. Chris Warner, Det. Bryan Doersam, and Officers Warren Fleak, Chad High, Ryan Catron, Sgt. Chris West and Officer James Boone. Pictured in the back row (l-r) are Lt. Ben Rodgers, Officer Leonard Keeler and Lt. Grant Carroll.



Pictured (l-r) are Lt. Ben Rodgers, Officers Bryan Doersam, Leonard Keeler, and Warren Fleak, Sgt. Chris Warner and Officer Ryan Catron.



## Retirees



**Lt. Gary Castleman, 36 years of service.**



**Officer Fred Cloud, 29 years of service**



**Officer Faye LeCompte, 29 years of service.**



**Sgt. Mark Garafola, 34 years of service.**



**Officer James Sullivan, 32 years of service.**



**Officer Earl Smith, 29 years of service.**



## ...More Retirees



**Sgt. Bill York, 35 years of service.**



**Helen Neeley, 25 years of service.**



**Mary Wilhoite, 29 years of service.**



**South Precinct Commander Mike Alexander presents commemorative plaques to retired Detectives Marvin Rivera, 25 years and Brad Corcoran, 23 years.**

## More Retirees Not Pictured...

Nancy J. Fielder, 28 years  
Gary W. Whitehouse, 39 years  
John A. Thompson, 13 years  
David A. Justice, 28 years  
Steven P. Garton, 32 years  
Mary E. Stamper, 23 years  
Hugh Franklin Coleman, 25 years

John R. Swor, Jr., 21 years  
Phillip I. Meador, 25 years  
Donald R. Pirtle, 13 years  
James P. Buck, 33 years  
Thomas L. Taylor, 31 years  
David L. Zoccola, 32 years  
Kenneth M. Hayes, 22 years



# Police Graduates

## Session 59

The Metro Police Department's officer ranks grew by 23 on March 12th as the city's newest police officers graduated from five months of training, received their badges, and took the oath of office.



Session 59 Firearms Training on the gun range.



Session 59 receives the oath of office from Mayor Karl Dean at Christ Church.

## Session 60

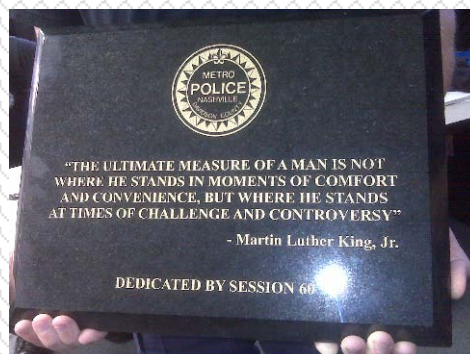
The Metro Police Department's officer ranks grew by 38 on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The 38 members of the graduating class began training on February 17th. The new officers will spend the next six months with precinct field training officers before patrolling the streets by themselves.



Members of Session 60 assist Hermitage Precinct Detectives on an article search.



Mayor Dean administers the oath of office.



Members of Police Recruit Session 60 purchased a commemorative plaque for placement at the foot of the flag pole in front of the Training Academy.



## Session 61

On Thursday, October 2nd, the Metro Police Department grew by 28. The graduation of 28 new Nashville police officers once again reminded the entire Nashville community that the people of this police department are the backbone of the tremendous and numerous public safety successes over the past six years.



Session 61 stop strip training.



Mayor Karl Dean administers the oath of office to Session 61.

## Session 62

Mayor Karl Dean and Chief Ronal Serpas welcomed the 53 members of Police Recruit Session 62, the class that represents the first increase in the authorized strength of the Nashville police force in six years. Session 62 started on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fifty of the police officer trainees were funded by an \$8.6 million federal stimulus grant that will pay their full salaries and benefits for three years. The receipt of the grant allowed the police department's sworn positions to grow from 1,315 to 1,365. Members will graduate in early April of 2010.



Chief Ronal Serpas welcomes Session 62.



Session 62 completes the 300 meter sprint during physical training.



## Officer Survives Shooting



June 25, 2009 is a day that this police department will never forget. On this tragic day, our colleague, Sgt. Mark Chestnut (a 22-year police department veteran), while performing his duties on I-40, was cowardly attacked by an escaped and dangerous Mississippi inmate with a stolen prison guard's gun. Mark was shot several times while seated in his police car. Despite the shock of what had just occurred and the very critical nature of his wounds, Mark radioed for help and provided details about the suspect and the vehicle involved.

Mississippi prison escapee Joseph Jackson, 29, admitted to shooting Mark. Jackson said he didn't want to go back to prison. Jackson was charged with attempted murder, stealing a Mississippi correction officer's gun, unlawful gun possession by a convicted felon, and being a fugitive from justice. Jackson's accomplice and the driver of the vehicle, Courtney R. Logan, 25, of Louisville, Kentucky, is charged with attempted murder and unlawful gun possession by a convicted felon.

Mark is assigned to the Interstate Interdiction Unit of the Specialized Investigations Division. He had stopped the 2008 Dodge Magnum for a traffic violation and was seated in his police car checking the tag and Logan's license when Jackson walked up to the police car and opened fire from the passenger side door. Even though Mark was wearing a bullet proof vest, he received gunshot wounds to a part of his body that was unprotected. He radioed Interdiction Officer Bill Morgan that he had been shot. Officer Morgan was close by on I-40 and sped to Mark's aid.

Officer Bill Morgan, Sergeant Bob Haught, and Officer Sammy Johnson were the first officers to arrive on the scene. They quickly assessed the injuries and began providing first aid with the equipment available. Their quick actions were instrumental in saving Mark's life.



## Events Following Officer Shooting.....

### Training and Trauma Kits

In the weeks and months following Sgt. Mark Chestnut's shooting, our Training Division conducted an evaluation, headed by Officer Greg Lee, to determine what equipment or training might better prepare an officer to deal with an incident such as this. This evaluation resulted in the development of a Tactical Treatment of Gunshot Wounds class that is being provided to all officers next year during in-service training. The curriculum was developed in consultation with the Metro Fire Department's paramedic program and Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Emergency Department.

At the recommendation of the Training Division, the police department has purchased nearly 1,200 Individual Trauma Kits that will be issued to officers after they complete training in their use. The trauma kits will supplement presently carried first aid supplies and will provide officers with the materials they need to provide stabilizing care for themselves or a colleague until emergency medical personnel can respond to the scene.

### Battle of the Badges Blood Drive

The Battle of the Badges Blood Drive in honor of Mark Chestnut was held on Monday July 27, in the Sky High Lounge of Greer Stadium. Law enforcement and public at large were invited to support this blood drive that was sponsored by American Red Cross.

### Paul's Pride Benefit Ride 2009

Paul's Pride Benefit Ride 2009 was held in August. The proceeds benefited Sgt. Mark Chestnut and his family. More than 160 persons registered for the event, which involved 120 motorcycles and raised \$28,500. The ride went from Bost Harley Davidson in West Nashville to Silverado's in Rivergate. Mark was on hand at both locations to greet the riders and thank them for their generous support.



Sergeant Chestnut with just a few of his police department friends who attended Saturday's event.

### Guest of the Metro Council

Sergeant Mark Chestnut was an October 6<sup>th</sup> guest of the Metro Council. The Metro Council presented him with a resolution honoring his bravery and exceptional acts in the line of duty. Sergeant Chestnut thanked council members and the Nashville community for the outpouring of support he and his family have received.



Sergeant Mark Chestnut with Metro Council Members.



## Interdiction Unit

The Interdiction Unit seized 53 pounds of marijuana concealed in secret compartments of a Ford pickup truck in March 2009 after the driver was stopped on I-40 in West Nashville for following too closely.

Fancisco Eli Ayala, 23, of Brownsville, Texas, was jailed on charges of possession of marijuana for resale and driving on a revoked license.

Officer Jaime Scruggs stopped Ayala and received consent to search the truck. Police dog Raven alerted to the presence of a drug odor. Marijuana bundles were then recovered from hidden compartments built into the truck bed.

Ayala told police he was traveling through Nashville en route to Indianapolis.



Seized Marijuana

The stop of a rental car for following too closely on I-40 east near Bellevue resulted in the seizure of 14 pounds of crystal methamphetamine, commonly known as ICE, with an estimated street value of \$1 million.

Interstate Interdiction Officer Jaime Scruggs found the 13 wrapped bricks of contraband hidden in the car after the driver consented to a search. The driver said he was returning to North Carolina after vacationing in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration were called to the scene and assumed the investigation, which led to the identification of two additional defendants in Georgia.



Seized crystal methamphetamine





## Metro Police Drug Officers

Sham corporations, money laundering and lots of marijuana. Those are the essential elements of a nine-month investigation by Metro police drug officers and partner agencies that led to the dismantling of an alleged major drug distribution organization believed responsible for trafficking thousands of pounds of marijuana into Nashville and Middle Tennessee over at least the past five years. Eleven persons were charged.

Since last summer, Metro officers assigned to the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Drug Task Force, Sumner County law enforcement assigned to the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Drug Task Force, and DEA agents have jointly led an investigation into a very lucrative marijuana business allegedly headed by Jeffrey K. King, of Chickasaw Trail in Goodlettsville, and Vernon E. Lockhart, of Rustic Way in Old Hickory. Investigators believe that the two arranged for the delivery of thousands of pounds of marijuana into Nashville this decade and the subsequent distribution of it to street dealers. The two are alleged to have set up sham corporations, including Pyramid Engineering and JK Trucking, to launder hundreds of thousands of dollars in drug money. Jeffrey King and his wife, Cassie, are also alleged to have laundered drug proceeds through a beauty salon she co-owns, Eyecandy on Villa Place.

Search warrants were executed at homes and properties in various Middle Tennessee locations. Among the items seized thus far are 41 vehicles, including four dump trucks, four boats, six trailers (a second of which has a secret compartment), eight 4-wheelers, tractors, lawnmowers, custom cars, high-end SUVs and pickup trucks. Also seized were 700 pounds of marijuana, 74 firearms (including assault-type rifles), thousands of rounds of ammunition, \$278,359 cash, and 45,679,000 Iraqi Dinar (which Jeffrey King and Vernon Lockhart allegedly bought as a money laundered investment).

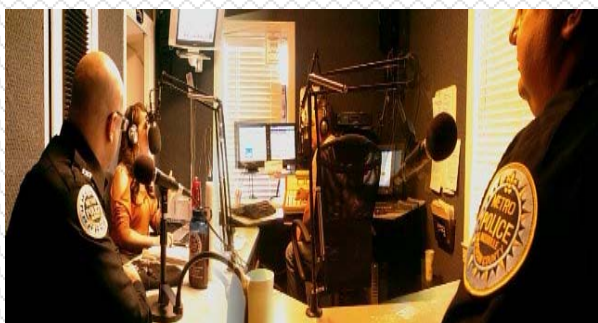


**Chief Ronal Serpas announcing the dismantling of the drug organization. To his right are Nashville District Attorney Torry Johnson, Sumner County District Attorney Ray Whitley and Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent in Charge Harry Summers.**



## El Protector Program

The Nashville Police Department's South Precinct in partnership with the El Protector Program hosted the tremendously successful first annual Hispanic Community Festival March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Coleman Park. Nearly 1,000 people attended the festival which featured live music, children's rides, police special operations displays, crime prevention tips, and child safety seat information.



South Precinct Commander Mike Alexander and El Protector Officer Gilbert Ramirez were guests on La Sabrosita 810 AM talk radio. Commander Alexander and Officer Ramirez answered questions concerning the El Protector Program and general law enforcement in a continuing effort to reach the Hispanic Community.



The El Protector Program, in partnership with Meharry Medical College, hosted child safety seat inspections July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Iglesia De Dios Hispana De Nashville Church on Dikerson Pike. Certified child safety seat inspectors checked 76 car seats, replacing 62.



Hermitage Precinct El Protector Officer Rafael Fernandez was the guest speaker February 28<sup>th</sup> at the COPLA (Committee of Latino Parents) meeting attended by nearly 300 parents and visitors at Glenclyff High School. Officer Fernandez addressed many issues including gang and drug awareness.





## North Precinct/G.R.E.A.T. Summer Camp

The North Precinct this week, in partnership with the G.R.E.A.T. Program, hosted a summer camp for children ages 9 through 13. In addition to visiting the Criminal Justice Center and A.A. Birch Building, the youngsters also met with Governor Phil Bredesen. No camp experience would be complete without a trip to Wave Country which was enjoyed by all. Officers provided excellent role models for the children while activities promoted the development of good citizenship and team building skills.



The North Precinct hosted a summer camp in partnership with the G.R.E.A.T. Program.

## Hispanic Teen Academy

The Nashville Police Department's South Precinct, in partnership with the El Protector Program, hosted 30 students during the first Hispanic Teen Academy June 1-3. Various police components performed demonstrations, including officers from South Precinct Investigations, Canine, Aviation, the Special Response Team, the Bomb Squad, Background and Recruitment and the Gang Unit. The teens were also treated to a day of swimming and other activities Wednesday at the Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp followed by the graduation ceremony. The teen participants were recommended for the academy by area business and church leaders. South Precinct Commander Mike Alexander said the program will provide teens with role models. "We believe this proactive, youth-oriented mentoring program offers invaluable experiences that will have a positive effect in the direction of these young people's lives."



Teens learn about today's technology in police vehicles.



Chief Serpas addresses the teens.



## Port of Nashville Grand Opening

Emergency services personnel and community leaders gathered September 10<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the grand opening of the Port of Nashville at the intersection of McGavock Pike and Pennington Bend Road. Metro Government approved a license agreement with Gaylord Entertainment Company in April giving the Metro Police Department and other emergency services agencies access to the Cumberland River at the Port of Nashville. Formerly known as the Williams Ferry Boat Ramp, the Port of Nashville is the first dock and boat launch on the Cumberland River dedicated solely to law enforcement and emergency services agencies greatly improving access for water operations along the Cumberland River. The floating dock, which is designed to negotiate the rise and fall of the river, was donated by the Army Corps of Engineers. Metro Public Works officials were instrumental in repairing the ramp and clearing brush. Other agencies who have committed to the project include the Metro Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, Metro Water Services, United States Coast Guard, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Army Corp of Engineers and Homeland Security.



Lt. Steve Lewis pilots a police boat on the Cumberland River.



Pictured (l-r) are Captain Randy Hickerson, Councilmember Phil Claiborne, Captain Paul Trickey, Fire Department Captain Don Young, Hermitage Precinct Commander Todd Henry, Tennessee Department of Homeland Security Deputy Director Rick Shipkowski, Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center Senior Vice President and General Manager Pete Weien and Councilmember Parker Toler.

## Citizen Police Academy Graduation

Mayor Dean and Chief Serpas congratulated the 56 newest graduates of the Metropolitan Police Department's Citizen Police Academy during a May 26<sup>th</sup> ceremony at the Hermitage Precinct. Graduates spent 12 weeks learning about the inner-workings of the police department. Topics included gang enforcement, domestic violence, the judicial process, DUI enforcement, and criminal investigations. Including these graduates, 989 persons have completed Nashville's Citizen Police Academy since it began in 1995.



Graduates of the Metropolitan Police Department's Citizen Police Academy pictured with (on right) Troy Meadows, (seated) Michelle Crowder and Chief Ronal Serpas.



## Crime Stoppers Adds New Ways to Report Information

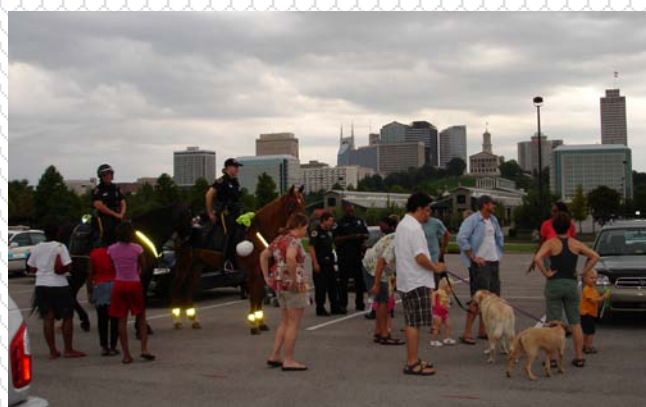
Chief Ronal Serpas and the Board of Directors of Nashville Crime Stoppers announced two new ways for citizens to anonymously report information concerning wanted persons and criminal activity. Effective immediately, persons can reach Crime Stoppers by texting the word CASH along with their message to CRIMES (274637). An automated system will immediately reply to the sender with a unique Tip ID, which can be used to report additional information or inquire about a reward, which, in the discretion of the Crime Stoppers Board, can total up to \$1,000. Persons with crime or criminal suspect information can now also report it anonymously through Nashville Crime Stoppers' new Internet site, [www.nashvillecrimestoppers.com](http://www.nashvillecrimestoppers.com). The web site is maintained by the Crime Stoppers Board and is not hosted by the Metropolitan Government. Anonymity of a tipster is guaranteed through the texting and Internet reporting methods, just as it has been for the past 26 years through the special **74-CRIME** telephone line. Callers are still welcome to dial **74-CRIME**, which is answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Spanish speaking operators are also available. Detective Jim Lambert of the Specialized Investigations Division is the police department's Crime Stoppers Coordinator. In addition to processing tips and forwarding them to the appropriate police department components, Lambert organizes Crime of the Week reenactments for NewsChannel 5.



Chief Serpas discusses Crime Stoppers enhancements.

## Nashville's Night Out Against Crime

On Tuesday, August 4th, Nashville celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> year of participating in the National Night Out Against Crime. Nashville's Night Out Against Crime was a tremendous success with community gatherings across the city.





## Drug Destruction

The MNPD periodically destroys illegal drugs seized throughout the year along with unwanted or expired prescription medication persons have turned in at various safe sites. During a 2009 destruction, four Evidence Storage employees, one person from the District Attorney's office and several SWAT officers were on hand as 3.15 tons of illegal drugs and relinquished medications from 7,135 cases were incinerated at an undisclosed location.



Seized drugs and relinquished medications destroyed.

## Guns for Universoul Circus Tickets Program

Mayor Karl Dean expresses his appreciation to area church leaders and Universoul Circus for organizing and implementing the guns for tickets program.



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## The Domestic Violence Division celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.





## Getting Tougher on Crime...

Law enforcement's push has begun in the state legislature for the enactment of laws that will keep violent criminals in prison longer and away from innocent families and visitors. Chief Serpas joined other members of the Public Safety Coalition during March in meetings with the legislative leadership, including the House and Senate Judiciary Committees. The message to the committees covered these significant points:

- We realize that times are tough economically and that the state must set funding priorities. But what priority could be any greater than protecting the safety of Tennessee's families and visitors.
- Article One, Section One, of our state constitution clearly states, "All power is inherent in the PEOPLE, and all free governments are founded on THEIR authority, and instituted for THEIR PEACE, SAFETY AND HAPPINESS."
- We are advancing a fiscally conservative agenda, in line with our several year push for "laser like focus" on the most dangerous and repeat offenders, and are asking for a badly needed change in the classification for Aggravated Robbery, that's Robbery with a firearm, from a Class "B" to a Class "A" felony.
- Aggravated robbery is but a few pounds of trigger pull away from a murder. Changing aggravated robbery from a Class "B" to a Class "A" felony would effectively double the sentence to a new range of 15 to 25 years to serve.
- Under existing law, with the state's current presumption that a first-time armed robber is eligible for parole after serving less than one-third of his sentence, not to mention the issue of time off for good behavior, the change from Class "B" to Class "A" felony status would still mean several more years behind bars for those dangerous persons who use firearms to rob innocent Tennesseans and businesses.
- What we are asking is that Tennessee treat aggravated robbery with the seriousness that it absolutely demands, and, if I may use a slight exaggeration-- that we stop treating armed robbers like shoplifters!
- The Public Safety Coalition's proposals have been carefully crafted given the state's financial picture and are the right changes for Tennessee this year.
- There is a groundswell of support from citizens and businesses across our state. From Memphis, to Nashville, to Knoxville, our citizens are demanding to be SAFE.
- We understand the need for spending tax dollars for "Education" and "Economic Growth and Development," and that priorities must be set. But please know this: you do not have to have a PhD in Economics to know that if people and businesses are afraid, businesses will close. If neighborhoods are afraid, home values fall, social disorganization advances, and both schools and the economy suffer – this is not rocket science, you can simply look around America, and our state, to see the real and devastating effect that crime issues directly cause.





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Dealing meaningfully with recidivism at the legislative level is critical. When you consider that in Nashville alone, 14,010 unique persons have been arrested between February 2008 and February 2009 for at least one of these charges: homicide, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, a drug offense, and/or a weapon offense, you realize that 2% of our population is causing the majority of the trouble. Yet, of those who make up that 14,010 group, 32% have prior felony convictions, 63 % have prior convictions for any offense, and 80% have prior arrest histories. More profound is that these individuals, not counting drug offenses, have created more than 35,000 crime victims during their lifetimes.

Lawmakers from both parties told the Public Safety Coalition that they get the message. My colleagues and I are guardedly optimistic at least some of our legislative package will be enacted.



**Chief Ronal Serpas spoke to Memphis-area media on March 9th regarding the critical importance of the legislature strengthening Tennessee law so that violent criminals serve meaningful sentences behind bars. Joining Chief Serpas (l-r) were Shelby County Sheriff Mark Luttrell, Shelby County District Attorney Bill Gibbons, Memphis Police Director Larry Godwin and District Attorney General Mike Dunavant from West Tennessee's 25th Judicial District. All are members of the Public Safety Coalition.**



## Danita Marsh Home Dedication Celebration

The Metropolitan Police Department and The 100 Club of Nashville hosted a “Home Dedication Celebration” for Officer Danita Marsh on Wednesday, June 3, in the North Precinct’s community room. Chief Serpas and 100 Club President Reed Trickett awarded certificates to the many Nashville businesses that donated manpower and supplies to the home construction process. The deed to the home was also formally presented to Officer Marsh. Officer Marsh was ambushed and critically wounded while assisting a domestic assault victim on October 27, 2006. She is paralyzed from the waist down. In the days after the shooting, the 100 Club of Nashville committed itself to helping Officer Marsh regain some of life’s basic choices by financing and arranging the purchase of accessible housing and a specially equipped vehicle. The 100 Club was founded by the late Bill Trickett and the late John T. Johnson 29 years ago to aid the families of Nashville’s police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty, as well as officers and firefighters who receive serious, traumatic and disabling injuries while working to protect our community.



**Pictured (l-r) are Deputy Chief Louise Kelton, 100 Club President Reed Trickett, Officer Danita Marsh and Chief Ronal Serpas.**



**Officer Marsh’s newly constructed special home.**



## Morning Star Sanctuary Golf Classic

The annual Morning Star Sanctuary Golf Classic, which benefits the domestic violence shelter and wounded Metro Officer Danita Marsh, raised \$50,000. Proceeds from the golf tournament help support Officer Marsh and aid in her long-term recovery from the paralyzing gunshot wounds she received on October 27, 2006, while assisting a domestic violence victim. Proceeds will also help fund the work of Morning Star Sanctuary, which provides a confidential shelter in a home-like environment to women and their children who have fled from domestic violence and abusive relationships.



Chief Ronal Serpas and Sheriff Daron Hall present Danita Marsh and her son with a check for \$25,000.



Chief Ronal Serpas and Sheriff Daron Hall present Morningstar Sanctuary Court Advocate Rachel Terry with a check for \$25,000.

## FOP Youth Camp

The Fraternal Order of Police Youth Camp accepted a check for \$18,000 from the Music City Harley Owners Group (HOG) Chapter and Boswell's Harley Davidson. "The FOP Youth Camp is the perfect example of the police officers, the youth and the larger community coming together to support and foster beneficial partnerships and examples for children," said Sergeant Robert O. Weaver, FOP President of the Andrew Jackson Lodge 5. The Music City HOG Chapter selected the FOP Youth Camp as one of their charities to support. The money was raised through several events. "We appreciate the continued support of this group and our community in providing an opportunity to get these children out of the routine of their summer and give them a chance to meet and get to know their police officers in this environment," Weaver said. This summer FOP Camp hosted over 300 children. Activities included boating, camping, swimming, and even getting a ride in an airplane at the Lebanon Airport. Every camper went home with a prize and a back pack filled with school supplies.



Pictured (l-r) are FOP President Sergeant Robert O. Weaver, Vice President of FOP Camp Retired Officer Allen Herald, Chief Ronal Serpas, Scott Fowlkes, Boswell's Harley Davidson owner Bubba Boswell and Music City Hog Chapter President Gary Bagwell.



All the children got an airplane ride courtesy of the EAA Experimental Aircraft Association.



# Happenings...

Retired Sergeant James Allen and his daughter Kimberly Warbritton, a fourth grade teacher at Shane Elementary, and her two daughters, donate stuffed animals for officers to share with children during difficult situations in the field.



**Pictured (l-r) retired Sergeant James Allen, his granddaughters and daughter, Kimberly Warbritton and South Precinct Commander Mike Alexander.**

Chief Serpas joined Titans and Predators players, and Nashville media personalities at the "Strike Up a Cure" fundraiser at Hillwood Strike & Spare. The event was sponsored by NewsChannel 5 Sportscaster Eric Yutzy and benefited the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



**Chief Serpas participates in the "Strike Up a Cure" fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.**

North Precinct C-Flex officers volunteered their time to participate in a basketball scrimmage at the West Park Community Center Tuesday afternoon as part of a Light of the Nations community outreach event. North Precinct Commander Anthony Carter shared his experiences as a police officer with the children prior to the start of the scrimmage. Light of the Nations is a partnership of neighbors and churches working together to build community relationships and solve neighborhood problems.



**Light of the Nations youth outreach basketball game.**

Chief Ronal Serpas and the men and the women of the department participated in MedVance Institute's "Scrubs for a Cause" benefit which raised over \$4,000 dollars for local charities including Magdalene House and the 100 Club of Nashville.



**Personalized MNPD "Scrubs for a Cause".**



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West Precinct Sergeant Connie Tripp's "Sharp Shooters" chili won a Kroger contest to raise money for the Breast Cancer Awareness Fund.



The Nashville Chapter of the National Black Police Association partnered with Metro Social Services on November 21<sup>st</sup> for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Basket giveaway. Five hundred needy families received Thanksgiving dinners at the event generously hosted by Tennessee State University. Other organizations and businesses that assisted in the effort included Promise Care, Hope Community Center, Publix, Tennessee Bikers Education Association, Nashville Chapter of the Ruff Ryders Motorcycle Club, Pan-Hellenic Council, The Salvation Army, 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue Family Enrichment Center, Martha O'Bryan Center, Service Employees International Union and Fellowship Bible Church. The goal next year is to provide Thanksgiving dinners for 1,000 families.



More than 500 underprivileged children and their families received food and Christmas gifts December 19<sup>th</sup> at Metro Social Services on Mainstream Drive during the annual Christmas Toy Event sponsored by the Nashville Chapter of the National Black Police Association. Metro Social Services partnered with the N.B.P.A. to identify children in need between the ages of two and 15. More than 300 families participated.





## Boswell's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Parade

Boswell's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Parade, a significant fundraising event for the Metropolitan Police Department's Christmas Basket Program benefiting needy Nashvillians, drew motorcycle enthusiasts from across Middle Tennessee on November 7<sup>th</sup>. "Middle Tennessee is loaded with great and caring motorcycle riders, and this shows the community how we consistently contribute to a very needy cause," said Bubba Boswell, President of Boswell's Harley-Davidson, who noted that more than \$150,000 has been raised over the past five years. "I join with the police department in thanking the Music City and Rivergate Chapters of the Harley Owners Group for caring so deeply about Nashville's less fortunate," Boswell said. Participating riders brought new toys and made cash donations. The money and toys will be used to support the police department's annual Christmas Basket Program, now in its 48<sup>th</sup> year, through which police officers deliver food and toys to needy Nashvillians on Christmas Eve morning. Hundreds of men, women and children comprising more than 200 underprivileged families will receive surprise gifts of food and toys this year.



## Christmas Basket Program

Hundreds of men, women and children comprising more than 300 needy Nashville families received food and toys from Metro police officers Christmas Eve morning as the police department's annual Christmas Basket Program celebrated its 48th year. In its inception, the program served two families. Over the years, requests for assistance and those actually helped by the program have steadily grown. Families are chosen at the recommendation of police officers who come into contact with them during the year. This Christmas, approximately 550 needy children received toys from the Christmas Basket Program. Sixty needy elderly citizens were also served. Contributions from hundreds of police department personnel, both sworn and civilian, and from the Nashville community fund the program. "The Christmas Basket Program is one of our police department's most important traditions and has helped disadvantaged Nashville families and elderly persons since 1961," Chief Ronal Serpas said. "I am very proud of our dedicated police department staff who, year after year, come together to make sure the less fortunate in our community have a special Christmas." Captain Rich Foley is the police department's volunteer coordinator and "Chief Elf" of the Christmas Basket Program.





## Christmas Basket Corporate Partner Awards

The following partners, who generously support the annual Christmas Basket Program, were honored during a ceremony April 23:

### **Tennessee Department of Corrections:**

TDOC allows the program to operate out of the old Tennessee State Prison, providing over 22,000 square feet of space and a savings of over \$576,000 dollars in lease payments.

### **Studio 33:**

This company provides not only financial assistance but also networking opportunities within the music community which has opened additional avenues of support.

### **Pinnacle Bank:**

Pinnacle Bank's contributions allow items to be purchased throughout the year, many times at a reduced price.

### **Dollar General Stores:**

Dollar General provides numerous items at greatly reduced costs.

### **Target:**

For twenty years, Target has provided a day of shopping at a Nashville store. Target's generosity has saved the program over \$50,000 dollars.

### **Heritage Medical:**

In their first year of giving, the employees adopted 25 families.

### **Walgreens:**

Throughout the year, Walgreens donates toiletries and other essentials to Nashville's elderly.

### **Purity Dairies:**

Purity Dairies is the program's oldest partner. For over 40 years, Purity has provided milk for each basket and this year will also include juice and other products.

### **Associated Wholesale Grocers:**

AWG supplied produce at no charge. This year, AWG plans to include canned goods and frozen foods.

### **Music City and Rivergate Harley Owners Group:**

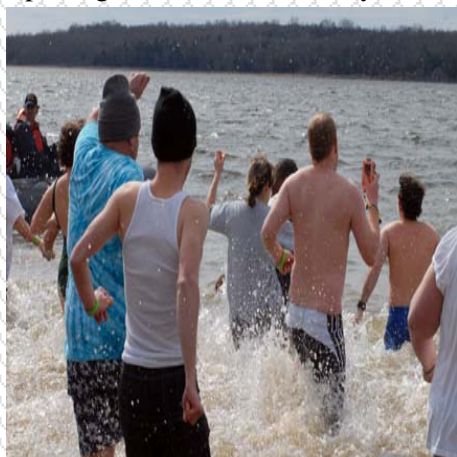
Over 15 years ago, Bubba Boswell joined with Metro Police Christmas Charities and called the motorcycle community to action. Due to the outstanding efforts of this organization, their cash donations have totaled over \$300,000 dollars.





## Polar Bear Plunge

Nearly 200 people gathered at Nashville Shores Saturday for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual "Freezin' for a Reason" Polar Bear Plunge benefiting Tennessee Special Olympics. Sponsored by the Metropolitan Nashville Police Law Enforcement Torch Run Program, the event featured a plunge by participants into Percy Priest Lake in anything but a wetsuit. Plungers collected a minimum of \$25 in donations for Special Olympics. The Metropolitan Police Department has a long-standing commitment to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics, the nation's largest provider of athletic events and sporting activities for mentally challenged children and young adults.



*All ended well with over \$20,000 raised for Special Olympics Tennessee!!*

## West End Synagogue Supports MNPD

Chief Ronal Serpas and Rabbi Kliel Rose of the West End Synagogue met in April as part of what's become an annual practice to support the holiday of Passover. Chief Serpas helps the Jewish community of Nashville celebrate the holiday by purchasing leavened products, known as "chametz," during the eight days of Passover. Jews are prohibited from owning leavened products such as bread, cereals, and even beer, during the holiday. A rabbi is given the power of attorney to sell all of the products to a non-Jew until Passover has ended. After the holiday ends, Rabbi Rose buys back the leavened products from Chief Serpas. The West End Synagogue made a financial donation to the 100 Club of Nashville in honor of the police department's assistance to the Jewish community. The 100 Club helps pay the debts of police officers and firefighters who are killed or suffer disabling injuries in the line of duty.



Chief Ronal Serpas accepts documentation from Rabbi Kliel Rose, making the Chief the temporary owner of leavened products.





## Law Enforcement Talent Show

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Talent Showcase held October 13<sup>th</sup> at B.B. King's, featured employees of the Nashville Police Department. All proceeds benefited the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Nashville Children's Alliance.



Retro Bob & Metro's Retro's with East Precinct Commander Bob Nash, and Sergeants Dan Ogren on drums and Bill York on bass.



Sgt. James Johnson. (Photo by Collen Kelton)



Sgt. Phil Vincion accompanied by his wife Lynli. (Photo by Collen Kelton)



Event organizer Captain Marlene Pardue. (Photo by Collen Kelton)



Deputy Chief Louise Kelton. (Photo by Collen Kelton)



The Rock Ness Monsters with Officers Carey Steel and Dennis Shepherd.



## 2009 Reported Index Crimes

Overall in Nashville and Davidson County, reported index crimes decreased by 10.7% from calendar year 2008 to 2009. Major crimes were at the lowest since 1989 (20 years). Violent and property crime counts both decreased 15.2% and 9.6% respectively. Forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, larceny, and motor vehicle theft all demonstrated decreases. Murder was the only offense category that increased. At the same time, the total physical arrests increased by 0.4% from 2008 to 2009. A record high 802 incident numbers per sworn strength were issued during 2009 (a 13.0% increase from 2008 to 2009). Motor vehicle theft was at its lowest level since inception of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County in 1963 (a 26.2% decrease from 2008 to 2009). Rape decreased 9.8% and was at its lowest since 1979 (30 years). Aggravated assault decreased by 15.8%, robbery decreased by 15.3%, and larceny was down 12.2%. Conversely, burglary increased 7.2% from the 40 year low reported in 2008. Murder increased by six offenses from 74 to 80 (8.1%).

If one assesses the crime rate determined by comparing reported crimes against Davidson County population estimates, females over 14 years of age population estimates for rape, and the number of registered vehicles for auto theft, significant decreases can be noted. Auto theft was again at a record low (the lowest reported rate since 1963). Although the burglary crime rate increased slightly, the overall property crime rate was the lowest since 1972 – a 37 year low. Rape was at its lowest rate since 1978 – a 31 year low.

In 2009, 68 persons died in 64 fatal crashes. Motor vehicle crash related deaths decreased for a third consecutive year (5.6%), and the number of fatal crashes decreased 4.5%. This reduction in motor vehicle crashes and fatalities occurred during a period when officers stepped up traffic enforcement initiatives throughout the city. Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests decreased slightly (1.4%) from the ten year high set in 2008.

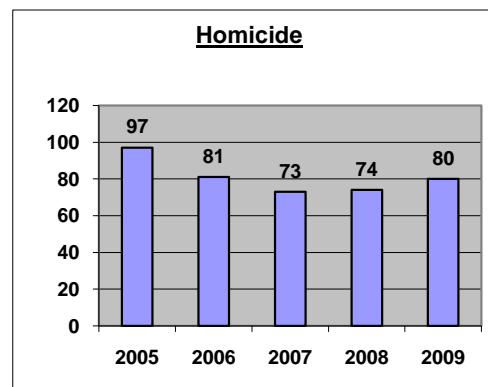
### Part One Offenses

Because of their seriousness and frequency of occurrence, these seven crimes, called Part One Offenses, serve as a basis for indicating the nation's crime rate. The FBI uses Part One totals to calculate the crime index for cities in the United States and to make comparisons.

These charts depict a yearly summary for the past five years of reported criminal offenses in Nashville using Uniform Crime Reporting definitions and standards.

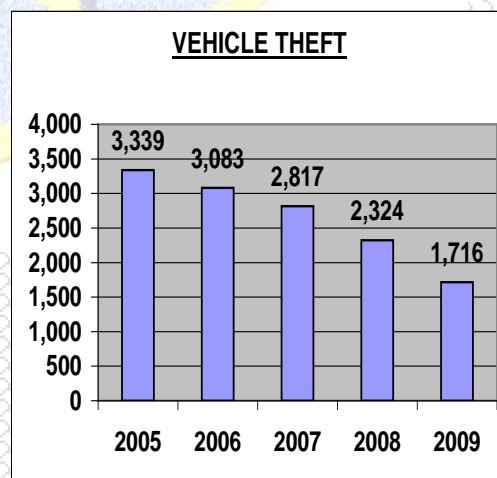
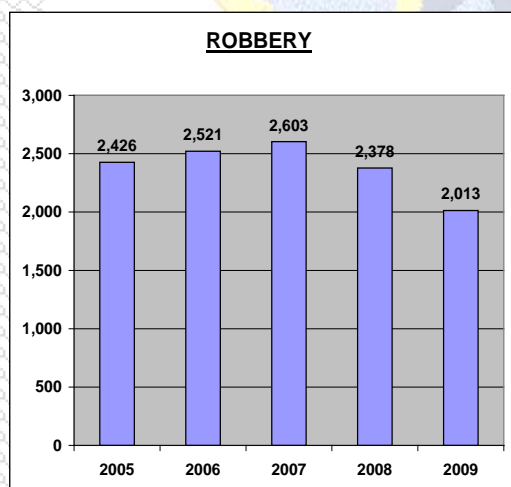
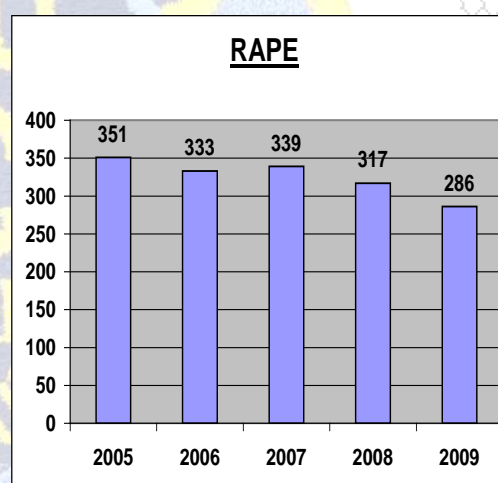
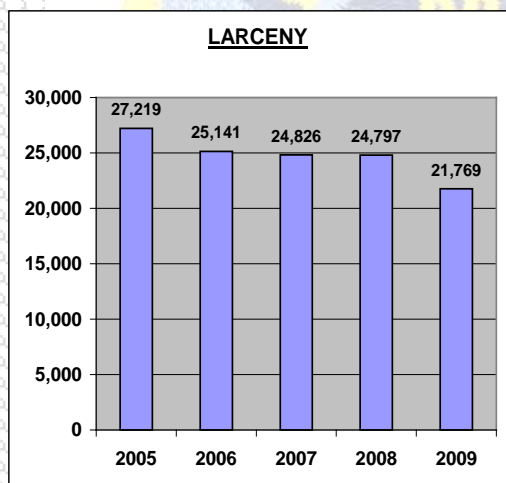
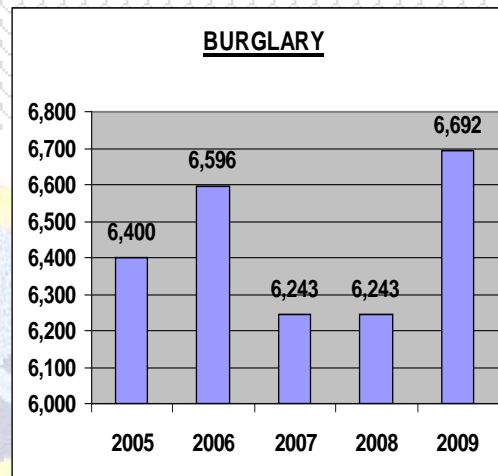
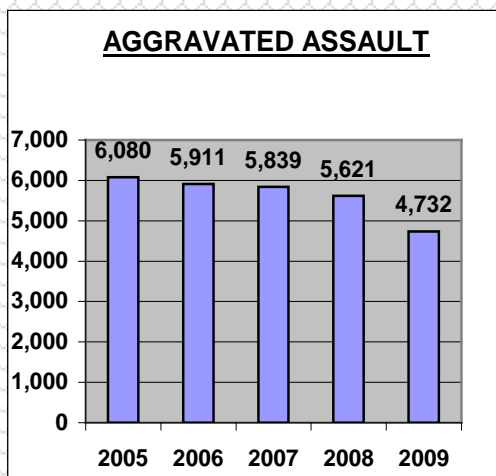
### 2009 UCR Stats:

**Homicide = 80**  
**Aggravated Assault = 4,732**  
**Burglary = 6,692**  
**Larceny = 21,769**  
**Forcible Rape = 286**  
**Robbery = 2,013**  
**Auto Theft = 1,716**





## 2009 Reported Index Crimes (page 2)





# OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

## 2009 Case Summary

Complaints and Investigations Brought Over From 2008.....	35
Complaints and Investigations Initiated In 2009.....	132
Total Investigations In 2009.....	167
Total Investigations Completed In 2009.....	94
Investigations Carried Over Into 2010.....	38

Of the 94 completed cases, the alleged violations were resolved as follows:

Charges Exonerated.....	32
Charges Sustained.....	72
Charges Unfounded.....	78
Charges Not Sustained.....	39
Policy Failure.....	0
Matter of Record.....	27
Total Charges Resolved.....	252

“Exonerated” means an incident did occur but the action was consistent with established policy, rules, or procedure.

“Sustained” means that the allegation(s) is supported by sufficient evidence and further action is recommended.

“Unfounded” means that allegation(s) is not valid or is untrue.

“Not Sustained” means that there is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation(s).

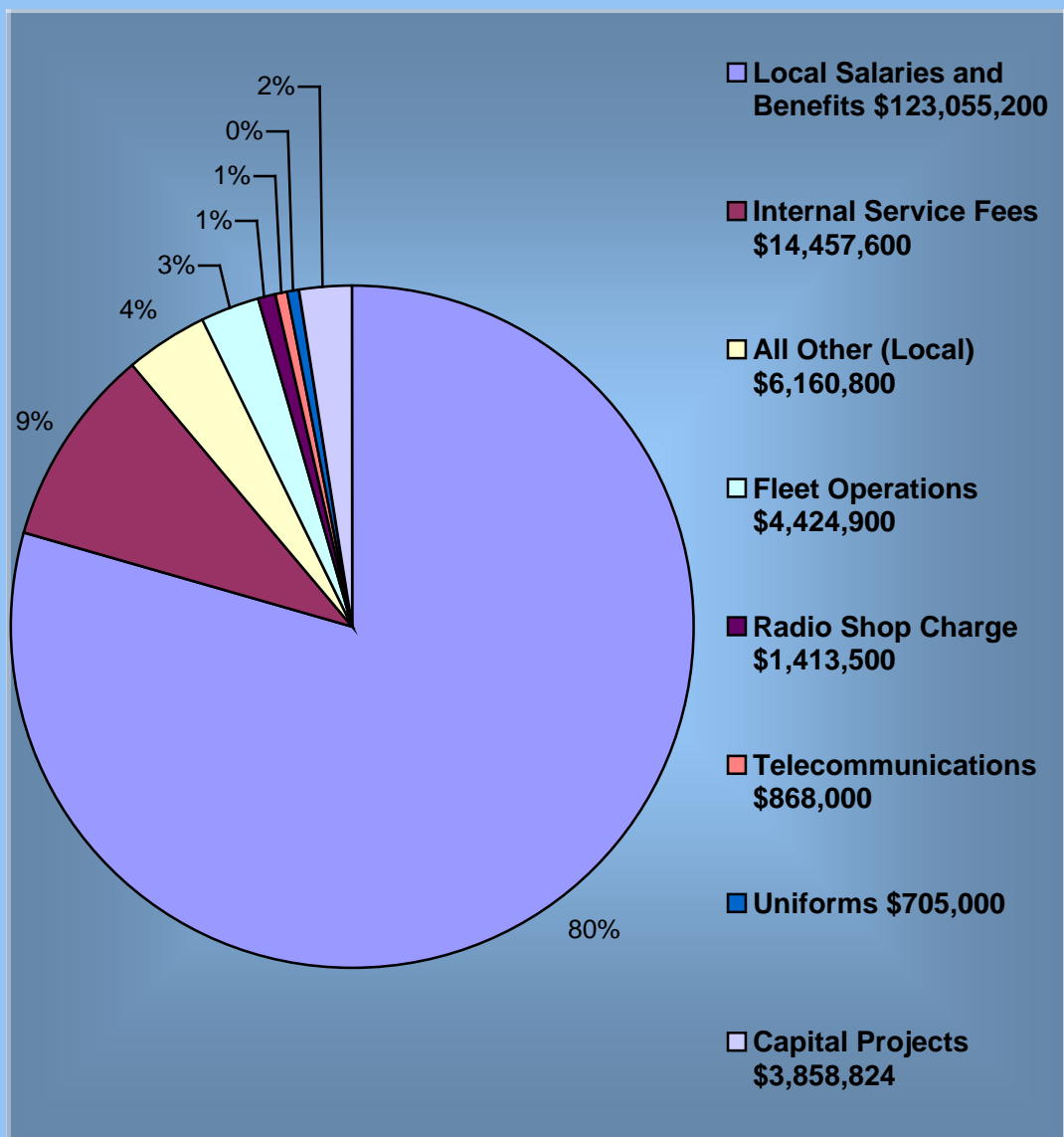
### Total Disciplinary Actions:

Termination.....	6
Resignation Prior to Hearing.....	2
Oral Reprimand.....	13
Written Reprimand.....	155
Suspension.....	255
Resigned with Discipline Pending.....	11



## FY 2009 Budget Total:

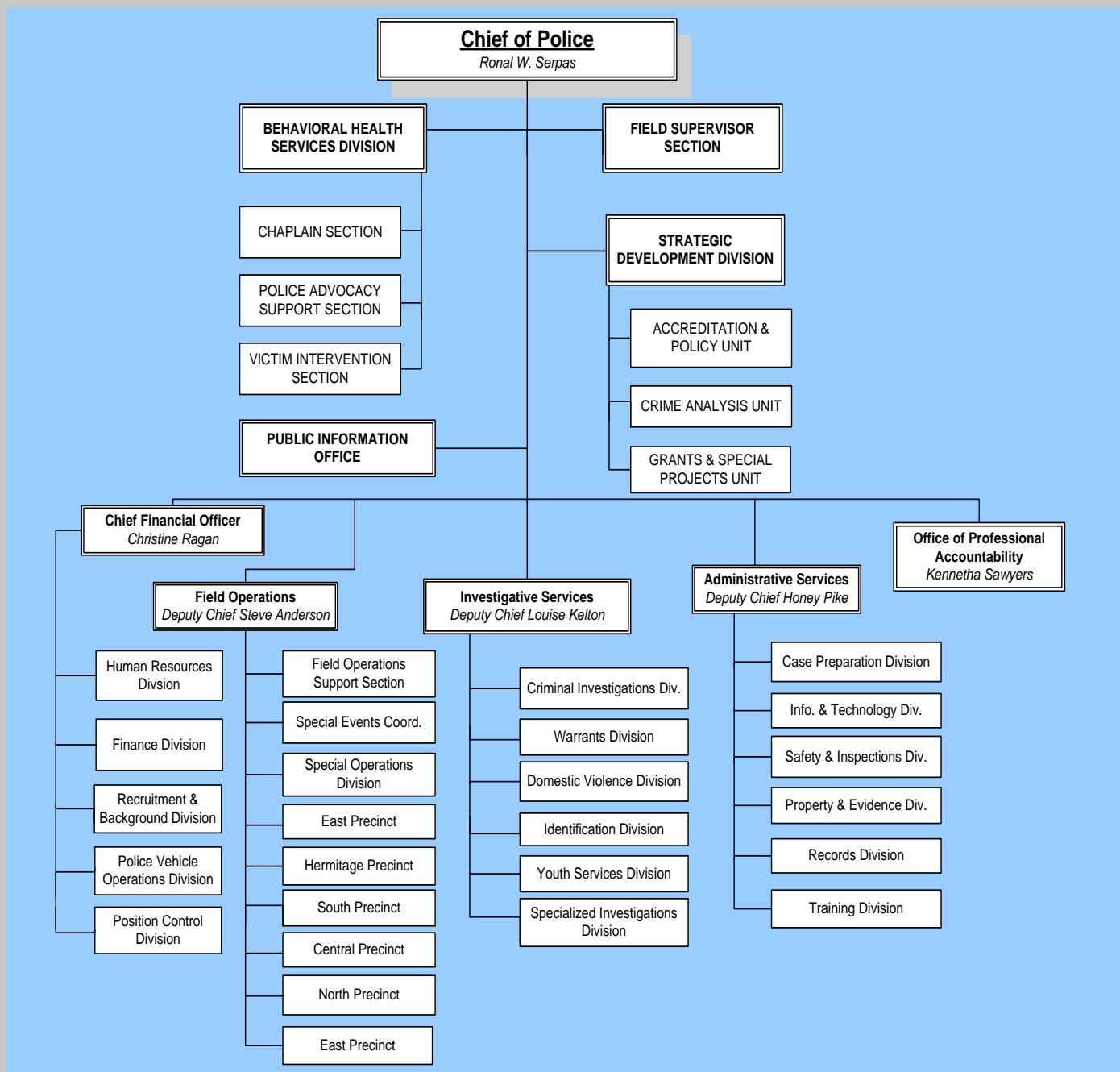
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# Organizational Chart

METROPOLITAN POLICE  
DEPARTMENT NASHVILLE,  
TENNESSEE  
CALEA 11.1.2







**DO YOU HAVE  
WHAT IT TAKES?  
Metropolitan Nashville Police  
Officers have**

**CHARACTER**

- **Competitive Salary**
- **1 Sick Day/Month (May Build to 120)**
- **20 Vacation Days**
- **3 Personal Days**

**COURAGE**

- **10 Holidays**
- **Generous Health/Dental Benefits**
- **Excellent Retirement Benefits**
- **20 Paid Military Days**

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