

13. CITY MANAGER

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i. 2010 Crime Statistics

MEMORANDUM

February 14, 2011

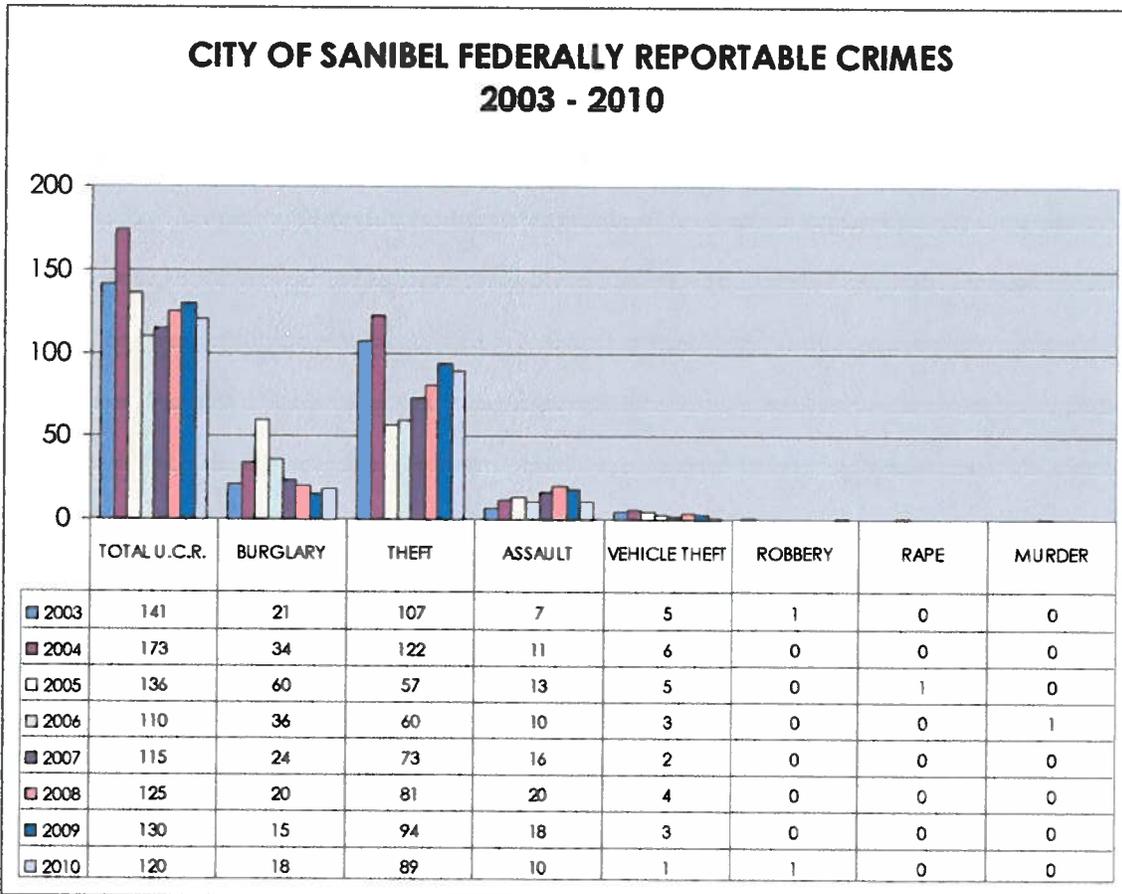
TO: City Manager Judie Zimomra

FROM: Police Chief William Tomlinson

RE: Final 2010 Sanibel Police Department Crime / Call Statistics

Staff has completed an analysis of the reports taken by the Sanibel Police Department during 2010. The analysis includes total calls for service and crime trends within the City of Sanibel. Although the City of Sanibel remains a very safe community with a low crime rate, there are noticeable trends emerging from the data.

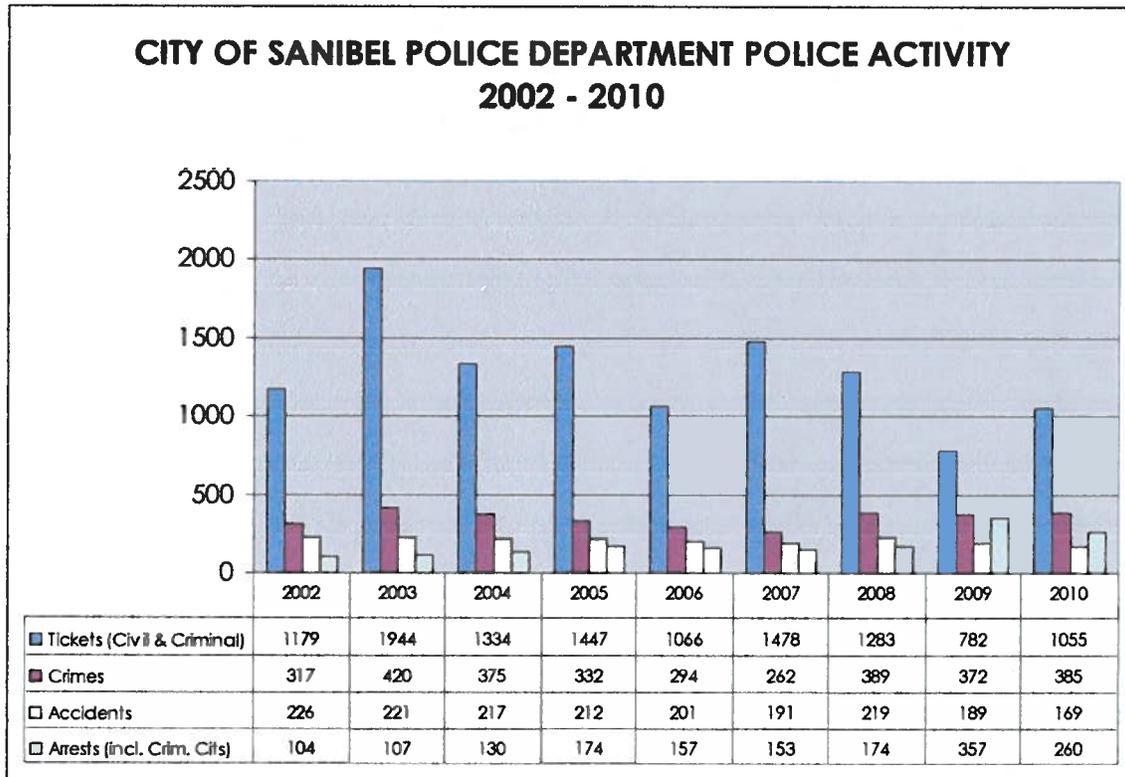
The Federally reportable crimes (UCR) decreased by 7.5% from 130 UCR's in 2009 to 120 UCR's in 2010. This marks the first decrease in major crime on Sanibel in four years and keeps the overall UCR's in a long term downward trend.



The 2010 incidences of theft, assault, and vehicle theft decreased 5%, 45% and 66% respectively from 2009 levels. The decrease in thefts was primarily from vehicles at

single family residences and condominiums. Approximately 37% of the thefts occurred at commercial locations, 34% occurred at single family residences and 29% occurred at condominiums.

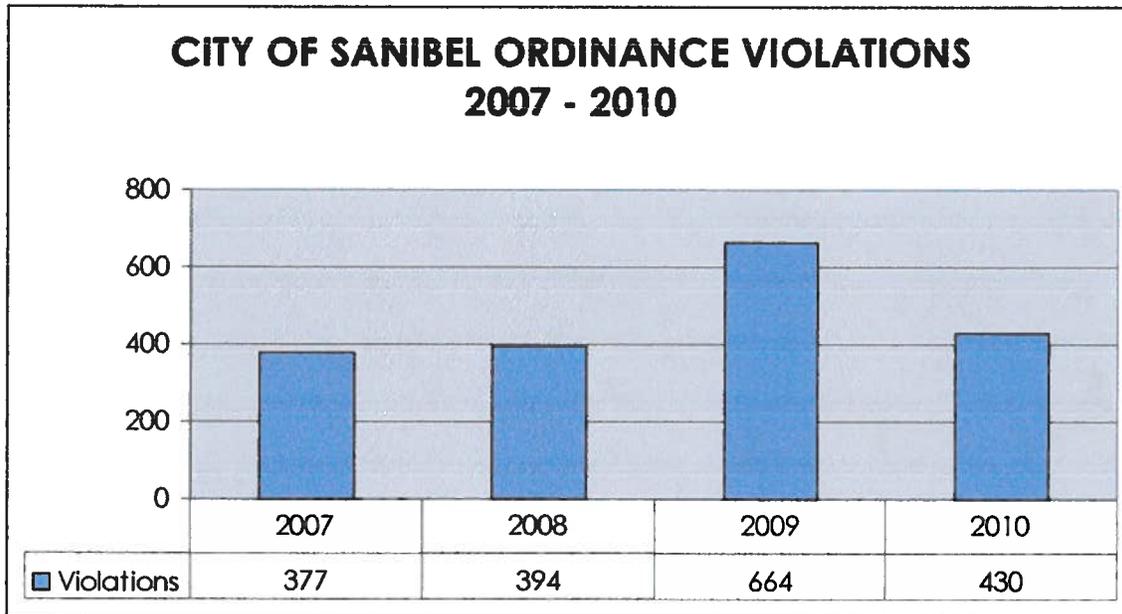
The crimes category includes all reported crimes, including those not captured for Federal statistics; such as fraud, embezzlement, trespass, drug violations, DUI, criminal traffic violations, employee theft, criminal mischief, and harassment. Within the category of crimes tracked by the Sanibel Police Department, there has been a steady decrease since 2003. **However, there was a significant spike of over 48% in 2008. The total number of crimes reported in 2010 was up 3.5% to 385 from 372 in 2009 and was primarily due to criminal traffic cases.**



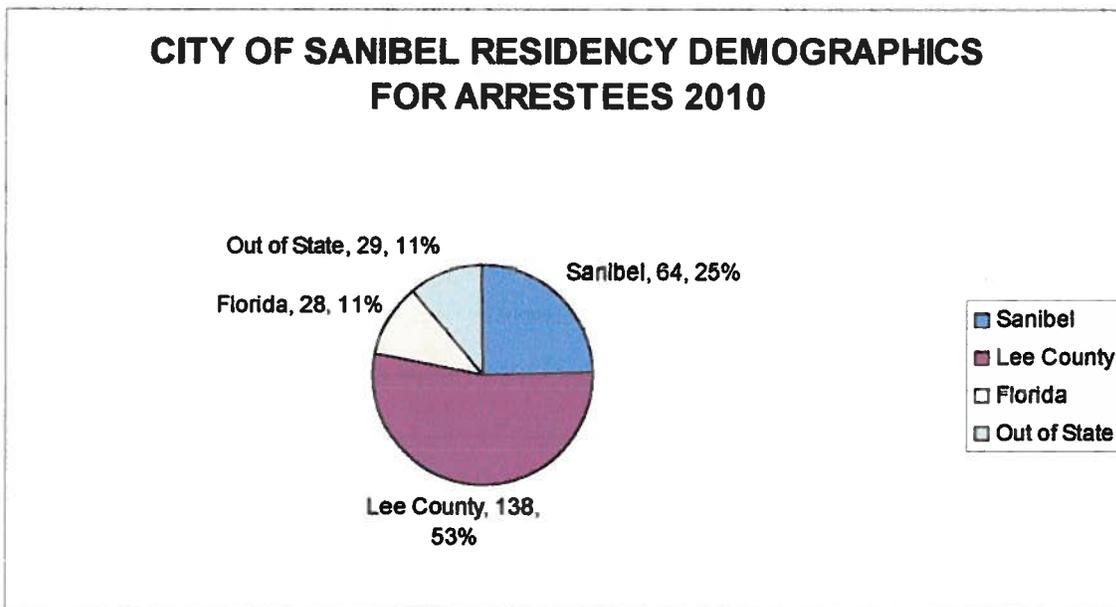
Although the rate of overall crimes has remained steady at the high end of the historic range since 2008, the average rate of arrests has significantly increased during the past two years by approximately 118% in comparison to the average of the previous seven years.

The number of accidents has decreased by more than 10% from 189 accidents in 2009 to 169 accidents in 2010. The long term trend is even more significant, since 2002 the number of accidents has decreased by 25%. There was also a 35% increase in traffic citations issued from 782 citations in 2009 to 1055 citations issued in 2010.

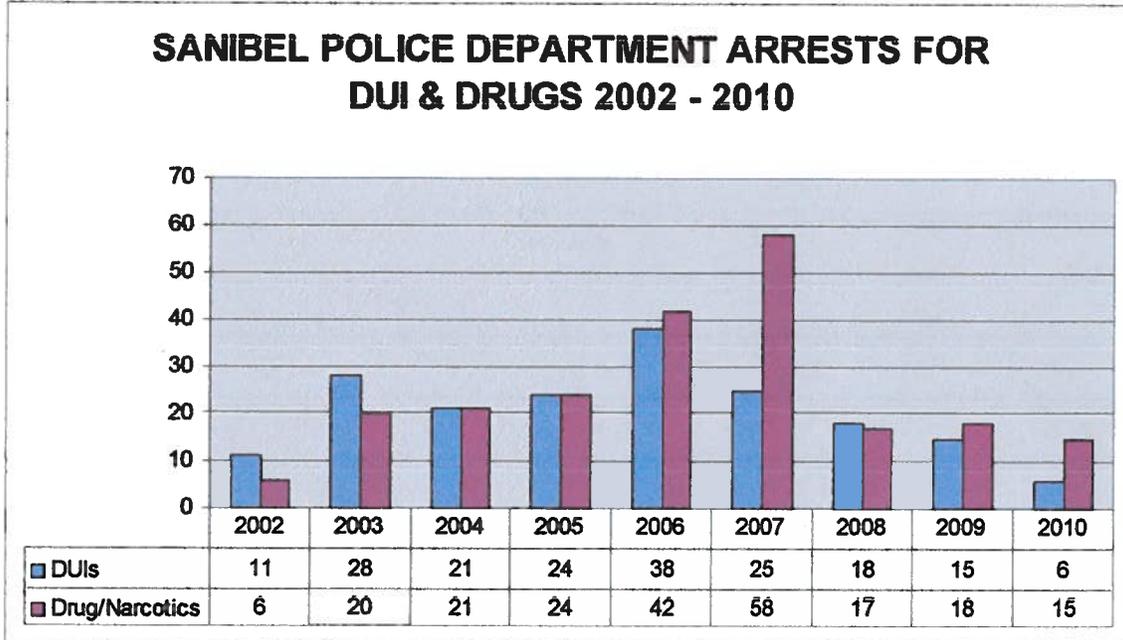
Additionally, staff tracks ordinance violations. This statistic gives another barometer for evaluating violation trends and helps guide staff deployment. The ordinance violations decreased over 35% from 664 in 2009 to 430 in 2010. The decrease in ordinance violations was seen primarily in beach diminishment and manatee zone infractions.



The residency of those arrested on Sanibel in 2010 remains consistent from past years with 25% of those arrested were Sanibel residents, 53% of those arrested were from Lee County non-Sanibel, 11% of those arrested were from other locations in Florida, and 11% were from all other states and countries this past year.

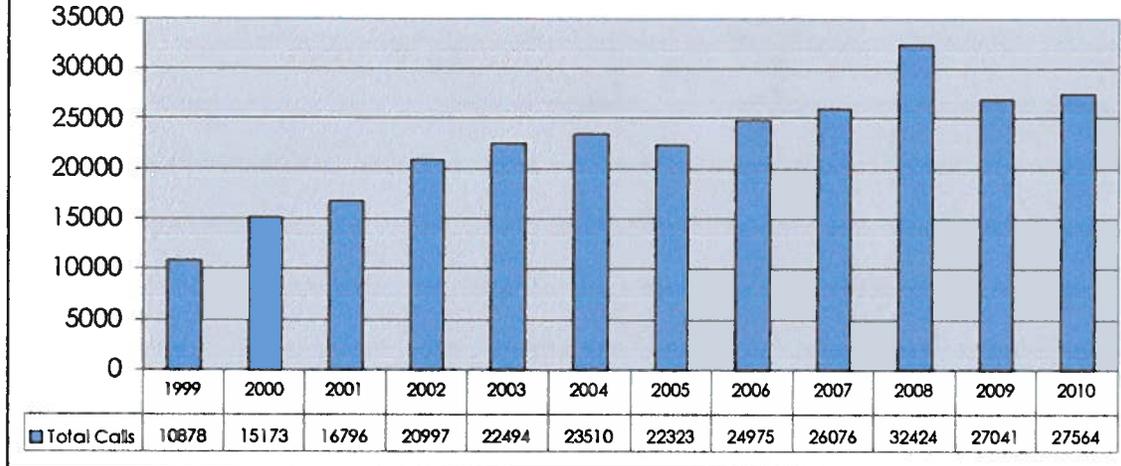


The trend for DUI and drug arrests is showing a significant trend lower over the past three years. There was a 60% reduction in DUI arrests and a 17% reduction of drug arrests from 2009 to 2010. This trend also has positive implications for juvenile arrests with a significant decrease in under age drinking and drug complaints and violations.



In the past twelve years Sanibel has seen an increase of over 250% in total calls for service from 10878 calls for service in 1999 to 27564 calls for service in 2010. In 2010 the calls for service increased approximately 2% from 27041 in 2009 to 27564 in 2010. The calls for service statistic includes every criminal report, ordinance violation, arrest, call for service and proactive area check completed by the Police Department. Proactive area checks are initiated to prevent criminal acts from occurring in higher risk areas, such as the fishing pier, beach accesses, business zones, and speed detection details.

SANIBEL POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL CALLS 1999 - 2010



The final analysis of the 2010 data shows a 7.5% decrease in federally reportable crimes, a 5% decrease in theft, a 45% decrease in assault, a 66% decrease in vehicle theft, a 35% decrease in reported ordinance violations, a 10% decrease in traffic crashes, a 27% decrease in arrests, less than a 2% increase of total calls, a 3.5% increase of criminal violations, a 20% increase in burglaries and a 35% increase in traffic citations. **Overall crime on Sanibel is down and Police Department productivity is up.**

In conclusion, the crime analysis is utilized to establish department priorities and staff deployment. The Sanibel Police Department is committed to working toward keeping Sanibel a safe community to live, work and visit.