

MEMORANDUM

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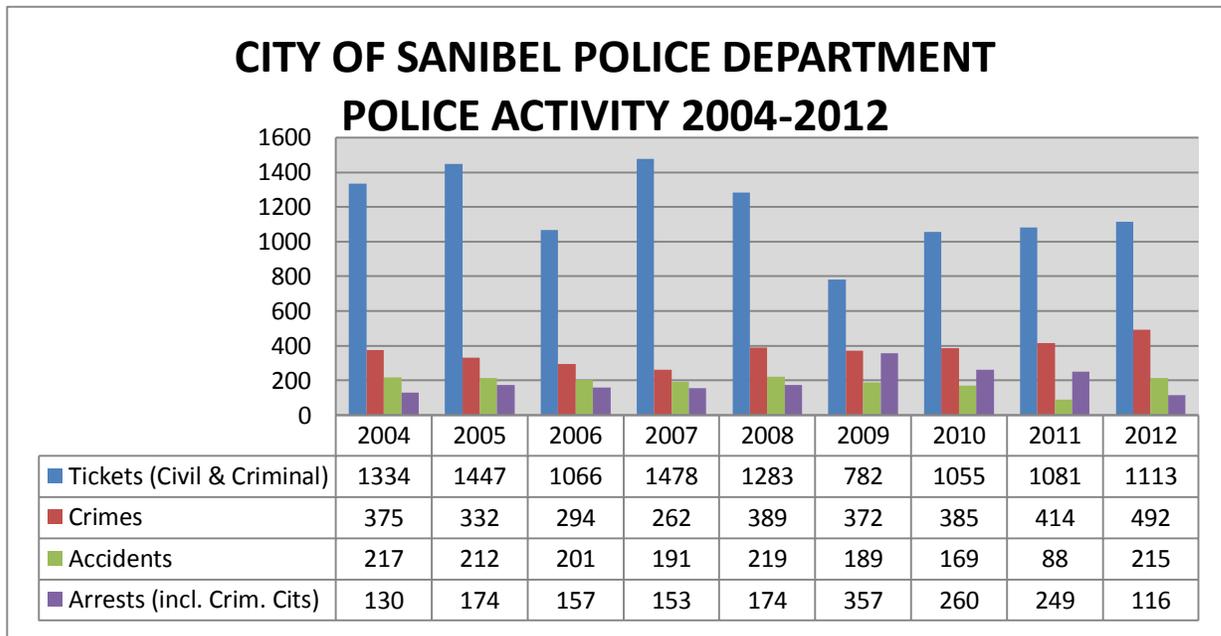
TO: City Manager Judie Zimomra

FROM: Police Chief William Tomlinson

RE: Final 2012 Sanibel Police Department Crime / Call Statistics

Staff has completed an analysis of the reports taken by the Sanibel Police Department during 2012. The analysis includes all calls for service and crime trends within the City of Sanibel.

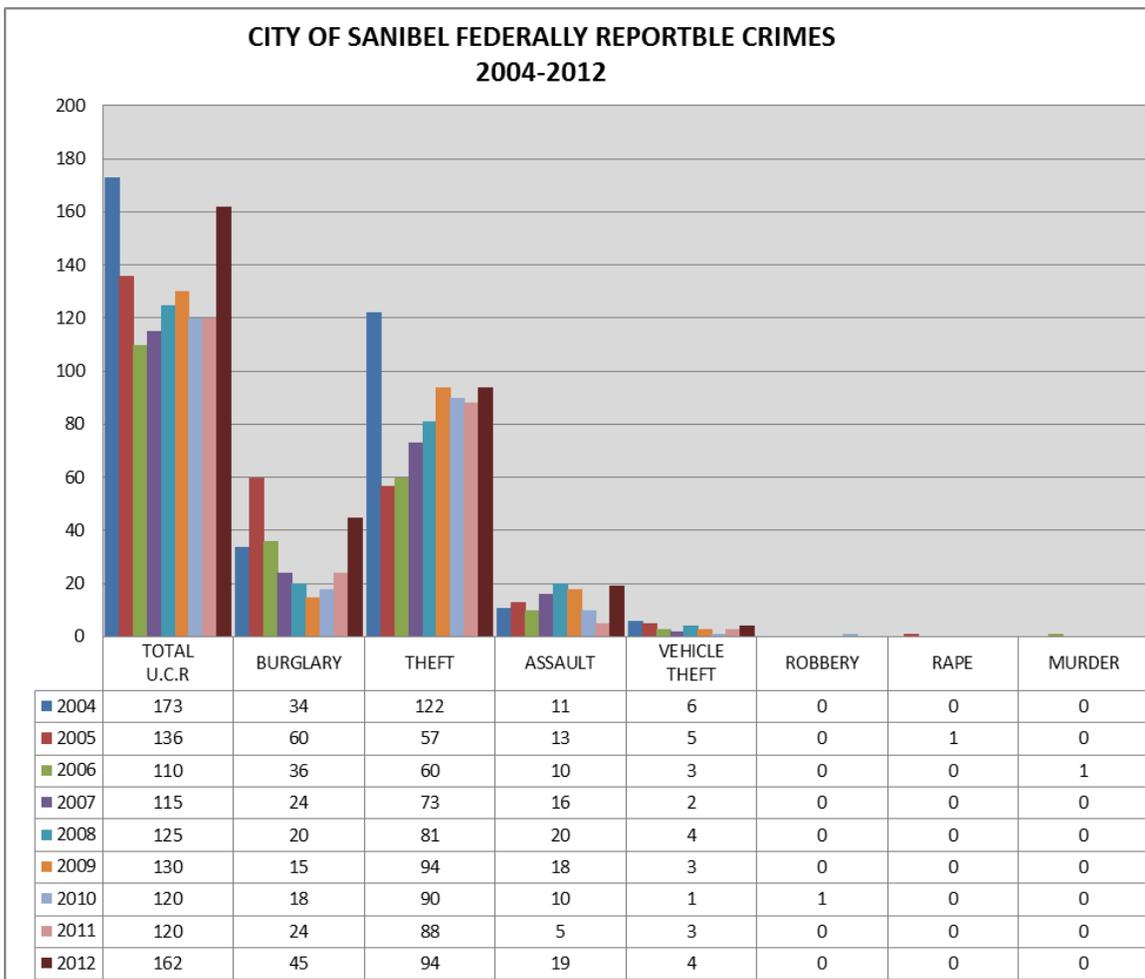
The most notable trend within the statistics tracked by the Sanibel Police Department is that the number of accidents in 2012 increased to 215 from 88 accidents in 2011. This is a significant increase despite the fact that issuance of traffic citations also increased by 3%. The 2011 traffic crash totals were an anomaly when compared to historical traffic crash numbers. The amount of traffic crashes in 2012 is more consistent with traffic crash numbers from the historical period 2004-2008. Additionally, there were over 50,000 more vehicles on the island in 2012 than in 2011 which increased congestion, possibly leading to more traffic accidents.



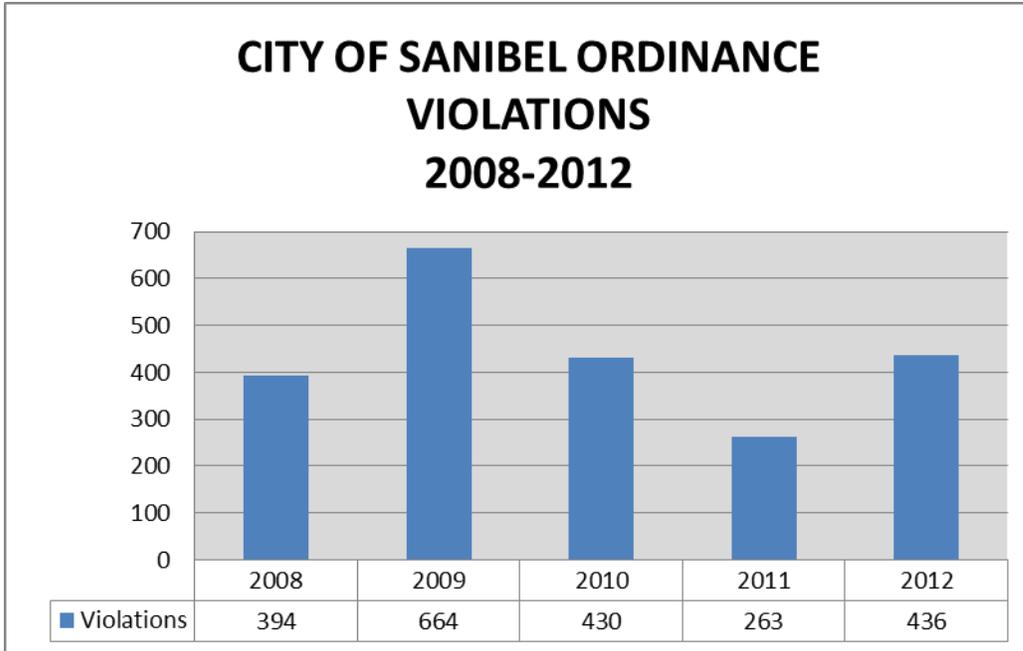
The crimes category includes all reported crimes, including those not captured for Federal statistics; such as trespass, drug violations, DUI, criminal traffic violations, employee theft, criminal mischief, and harassment. The crimes category also includes City ordinance violations and criminal citations. The total number of crimes reported in

2012 was up approximately 19% to 492 from 414 in 2011. This is primarily due to an increase in burglaries, thefts and assaults.

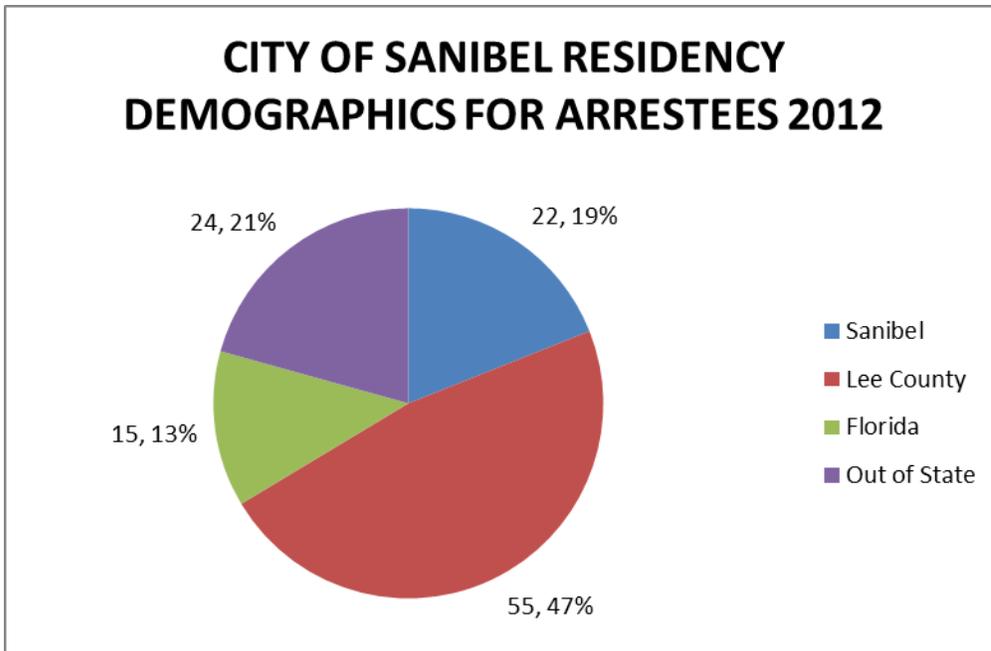
The Federally reportable crimes (UCR) were up to 162 for 2012 from 120 for 2011, a 35% increase. Within the Federally reportable crimes, there were two noteworthy statistics. There was an 87.5 % increase in the report of burglaries. There were 19 assaults in 2012 as opposed to just 5 in 2011. Although this is statistically significant, it should be noted that the 5 assaults in 2011 were an anomaly on the low end of the spectrum. Over all, the City is still seeing a trend of slightly higher thefts as well as higher vehicle thefts over recent years. All violent crimes reported on Sanibel last year were related to domestic altercations.



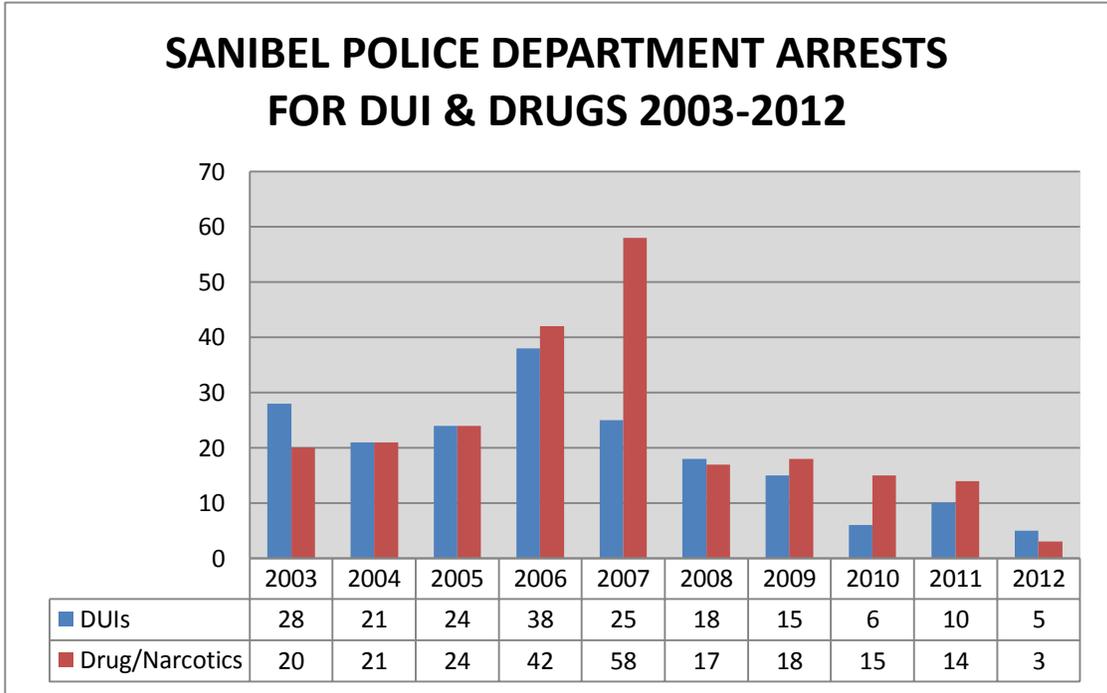
Additionally, staff tracks ordinance violations. This statistic gives another barometer for evaluating violation trends and helps guide staff deployment. The ordinance violations increased 65% from 263 in 2011 to 436 in 2012. The increase in ordinance violations were primarily observed in violations of beach diminishment, noise violations, and manatee zone infractions.



The residency of those arrested on Sanibel in 2012 remains similar to past years with 19% of those arrested as Sanibel residents. In 2012, 47% of those arrested were from other areas in Lee County (non-Sanibel), In 2012, 13% of those arrested were from other locations in Florida, and 21% were from all other states and countries this past year.

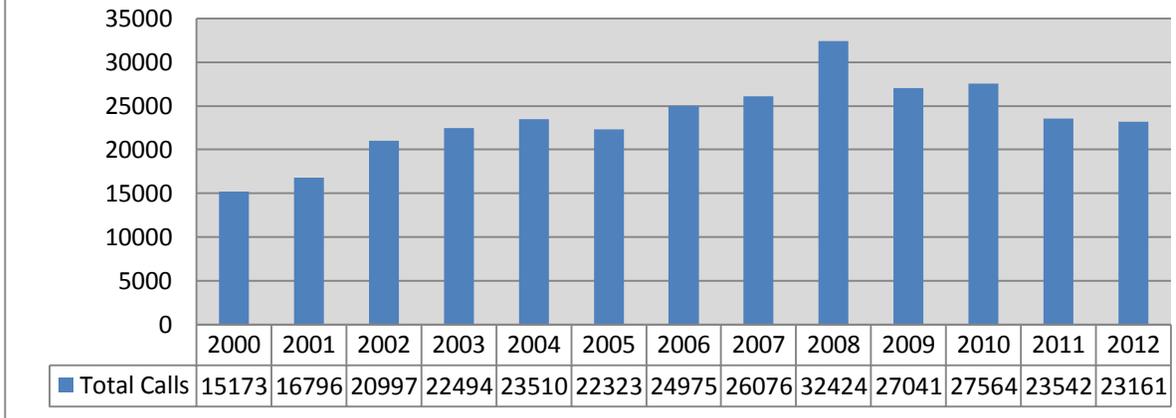


DUI and drug arrests are showing a significant trend lower over the past four years from 2008-2012. We believe this is partially due to national education efforts as well as increased traffic enforcement efforts.



In the past four years, the Sanibel Police Department has experienced a 29% decrease in total calls for service from a peak of 32424 in 2008 to 23161 calls for service in 2012. 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 2000-2012



The final analysis of the 2012 data shows that federally reportable crimes increased 35% overall with an 87% increase in burglaries, a significant increase in assaults. There was a 244% increase in traffic crashes from an abnormally low number in 2011 and a 1.0% decrease of total calls which is not statistically significant.

In conclusion, this crime and call 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.