



Beaumont Municipal Detachment

Quarterly Report

Town Council

April to June

2013

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The RCMP endeavors to communicate regularly with its Federal, Provincial, and Municipal partners. The purpose of this report is to provide the Town of Beaumont with a quarterly update on any Detachment issues or trends, to provide an update on the progress of our annual policing priorities, and to provide information relative to our crime statistics.

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SPECIAL REQUESTS

This report has been designed with input from the Town’s Administration and out of discussions with the Police Advisory Committee. It is meant to serve the Town of Beaumont. If there is any information at all that any Council member would like to see on a one-time or permanent go forward basis, the Beaumont RCMP will always be pleased to consider such requests.

DETACHMENT COMMENTARIES

GENERAL

The cumulative per/1000 crime statistics continue to look promising overall in 2013. The Detachment’s crime prevention initiatives continue to climb higher (prolific offender / proactive checks, targeted enforcement initiatives, prevention presentations, bar walks, traffic blitz’s, etc.), and a good number of the more serious crimes that are often reported to police, such as break and enters and assaults, are showing a downward trend. There are areas, however, that are showing a recent increase, such as thefts from motor vehicles and mischief to property. In these latter cases, there was a significant jump in June, which appears to have dropped almost just as much in July after a number of individuals were identified and charged for thefts and mischiefs. Beaumont Detachment to this regard continues to monitor and adjust its proactive initiatives and enforcement activities accordingly.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE

An area that was cause for traffic safety concern this summer was the construction detour at 50th Ave and 50th St. As a result the RCMP, Municipal Enforcement, and Planning and Engineering teamed up to proactively address the problem with a collaborative problem solving approach. In this process a number of concerns were identified, including speeding, failing to stop at the stop sign, truck traffic, and traffic flow. A number of initiatives were implemented, including targeted enforcement, enhanced signage, and the use of digital speed signs. Upon an early assessment of the collaborative initiatives, there has been a reduction in speeding, truck traffic, and other violations observed. There is still, however, room for more improvement relative to stop sign violations at 50 St and 52 Ave, speeding S/B on 49 Street, and speeding on Rue Montalet. The Town of Beaumont might interested to learn of data that was collected from the new speed signs that were placed on 49 St, between 50 Ave and 52 Ave:

	Northbound	Southbound
Number of Vehicles (per day):	3,200	3,100
Average Speed	30 km/h	31 km/h
% of violators over 40 km/h	4%	7%
Highest Speeds (time of day)	5pm – 7pm	5 pm – 7pm

Speed was also monitored on Rue Montalet. The average speed there was 39 km/h; however, between 6am and 8am it was observed that there were some significant speeds that warrant special attention. Again, initiatives will be adjusted accordingly to this evidence-based information now made possible with this new technology.

RCMP COMPLAINT LINE

At present, there are two active complaint lines for the RCMP, 780-929-7267 (RCMP) and 780-929-7400. This second number was created as a result of the move to the new Detachment in 2008. Service Canada advises that the Detachment cannot continue to maintain two numbers. At the present time, the Detachment Commander is awaiting a recommendation from Service Canada with respect to which number is preferred. There are pros and cons to each. For example, the 780-929-RCMP is an easier number to remember, but there are no letters on Blackberry devices. When calling from a mobile phone, which is increasing, it may be easier to remember 780-929-7400. There are also considerations that must be given to which number has been advertised more. Town of Beaumont and the community will be advised of the outcome.

Beaumont Town and Country Daze & the BBRF

From a policing perspective, the Beaumont RCMP was very pleased with the organization and planning for this year's Town and Country Daze and the BBRF. The Detachment members were very grateful to have had advanced notice of these events and to have had the opportunity to contribute proactively to the BBRF's security plan. As a result of this advanced notification and participation, the RCMP was able to properly plan for adequate resources at minimal costs. Additionally, there were virtually no complaints to speak of that related to either of these events. Well done to the organizers, and we look forward to being a part of next year's planning.

5 YEAR COLLABORATIVE RESOURCE PLAN (2014-2018)

The RCMP, Municipal Enforcement, and our Support Services are working on a 5 year collaborative enforcement services resource plan. We recognize the historical challenges that have come from providing our individual recommendations in isolation, and we are striving to be more strategic in this area of our operations. Our goal is to have a collaborative resource plan that effectively manages everything from weeds to serious crimes in the community. Part of our plan includes identifying who is more strategically suited to perform a particular task or service. We have also set out to minimize costs and maximize service delivery. We do not know of any other communities that have taken this approach. Our plan also includes ensuring participation from Corporate Services and Human Resources, and we are looking forward to also having input from the Town's Leadership Team and Council. The collaborative plan will be considered during the 2014 budget deliberations.

FLOODING IN HIGH RIVER

Fortunate to have not been affected by the flooding in Southern Alberta, Beaumont RCMP Detachment was able to send resources to assist with the search and rescue efforts, as well as the security efforts, which were required at High River in their time of need. The Detachment Commander would like to especially thank Cst. ROCHETTE, Cst MCCORMICK, Cpl. MCGUNIGAL, and Cst. WHYNOT for being away from their families for a significant period of time to assist on their days off with this emergency. The Detachment Commander would also like to publically thank the members of Beaumont Detachment who stepped up to the plate to ensure that we had adequate local coverage in their absence.

RR243 Truck Traffic

Municipal Enforcement Services, with participation from Planning and Engineering, is currently examining challenges associated to overweight vehicles using RR243. Overweight trucks continue to cause damage to this municipal roadway. The RCMP will be assisting Municipal Enforcement and the Planning and Engineering Department with their endeavours to problem solve this issue.

ANNUAL POLICE PRIORITIES UPDATE

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence continues to be an issue for the Town of Beaumont. However, the early statistics in 2013 are promising. As can be seen below, domestic files appear for the moment to be overall in a slight downward trend. With this stated, the holiday seasons are still ahead, and these are the periods that are typically more stressful for families and can be cause for concern. Some of our initiatives in this area, in addition to the Provincially mandated initiatives) include increased public awareness, mandatory victim services where charges have been laid, and proactive checks. In April, Cst. CALLAHAN led a three piece media series with the Beaumont News in an effort to create greater awareness of the issue and to help families get the early intervention they need to ensure there are healthy families in Beaumont. FCSS and Victim Services participated in this initiative. Going forward, the Beaumont RCMP will continue to provide the public with updates on domestic violence each quarter to the Beaumont News. Cst. BRAND continues to identify those higher risk files where proactive checks are required to ensure there are no breaches. At the end of June there were 6 spouses subject to proactive checks. We will continue to monitor these initiatives.

Positive Youth Development

Beaumont has a fantastic youth population. Cst. ROGAWSKI is leading the positive ticketing program this year with Beaumont's members and was able to hand out a number of tickets at the Canada Day celebration alone. This year will see a different strategy where one youth each month will be specially identified and rewarded by the Positive Ticketing president for standing out above others. In other areas of prevention, Cst. POWERS as our Community Policing Officer, continues to be very active. In this last quarter, Cst. POWERS made 32 presentations to youth from preschool up to grade 9 (not including her DARE presentations). These included Detachment tours and presentations on Character building, Conflict resolution, Youth Criminal Justice System, Pedestrian Safety, Personal Safety, Media Safety, Bike Safety and Substance abuse resistance. In addition to delivering these specific presentations, the RCMP Beaumont members were building positive relationships in the community at events with heavy youth focus such as the MADD/SADD spinathon, Air Cadets, Beaumont Soccer Association Jamboree, Beaumont Daze Parade and Beaumont Daze Events.

Substance Abuse – Drug and Alcohol

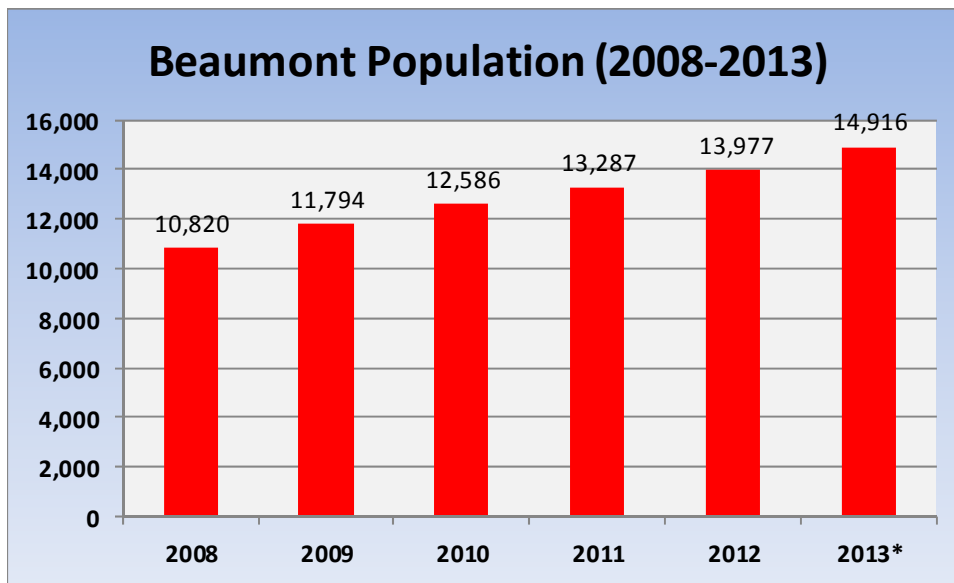
Cst's TEJA, O'QUINN, BRAND, WHYNOT, and POWERS are the leaders of initiatives at the Detachment that deal with substance abuse. This past quarter, Cst. POWERS concluded another DARE program at Coloniale School. The Beaumont RCMP is also now delivering more operational initiatives, including check stops (Cst. O'QUINN) and traffic blitzes – moving check stops to avoid tweeting (Cst TEJA). Council may find it interesting to know that in the first three initiatives alone impaired drivers were charged in every case. At one traffic blitz in June, an impaired driver was caught in the first 20 mins. Cst WHYNOT is also making sure that our liquor establishments are patrolled and that the patrons know the police will be monitoring their activities. In the area of drug enforcement, Cst. BRAND and our members have had some tremendous recent success. This can be seen in the dramatic increase in drug statistics that follow. As the Town is aware, Cst. BRAND has created an email address and a drug tip line. This number has been advertised on the Town Website and at the schools. This information is being used to identify and target any drug users and traffickers. In this past quarter there have been 28 drug investigations in Beaumont. Thirteen were unfounded; 7 were cleared by departmental discretion with offenders getting a warning or Extrajudicial Measures; 4 resulted in charges; and 4 are still ongoing. One of our concluded files includes Cst. CALLAHAN's charges relating to drug activity at the skate park. This is an area now of ongoing overt and covert enforcement to ensure this venue is a safe and fun location for all youth in Beaumont.

DETACHMENT CRIME STATISTICS

General

Note – Not all Detachment statistics are included in this report. Only those more significant statistics have been included. In accordance with previous discussions with council, the idea of presenting the information in the format that follows is to provide more meaningful information and to enable greater comprehension and brevity. **If there are any specific statistics that the Town of Beaumont would like to have reported, they may be added in future reports.** The attached charts and graphs are prepared by C/M Geri-Ann Harding with the RCMP's Operations Strategies Branch.

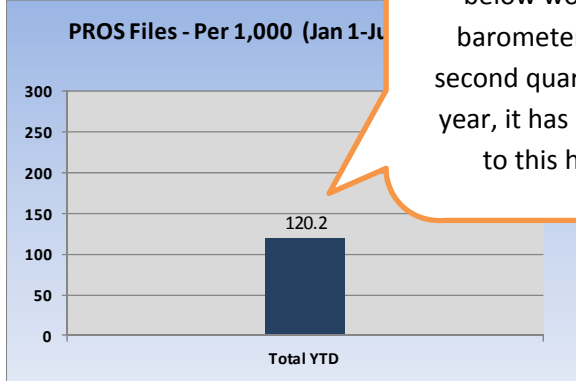
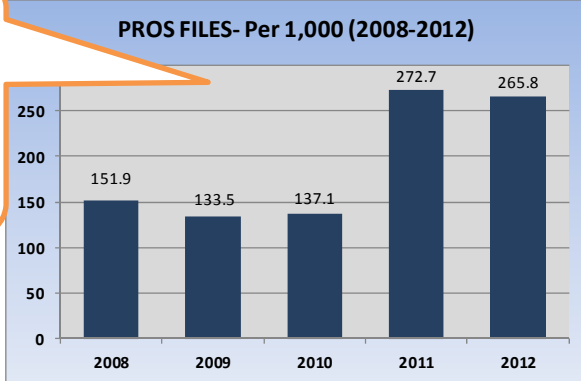
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*Municipal Affairs used as source for populations for 2008-2012, 2013 has been provided by the Town of Beaumont.

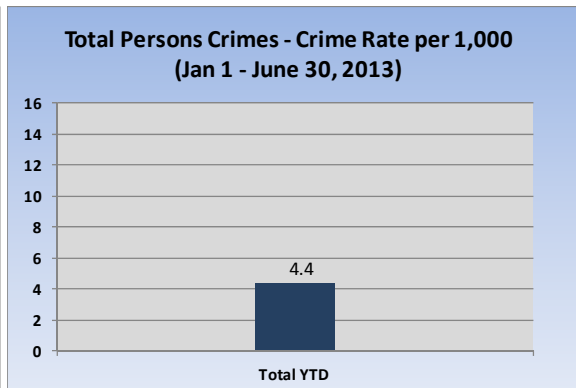
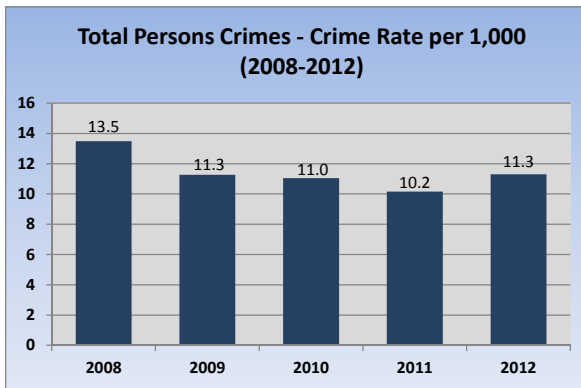
PROS (Occurrence Files)

The bar graph on the left identifies five full year results for comparison

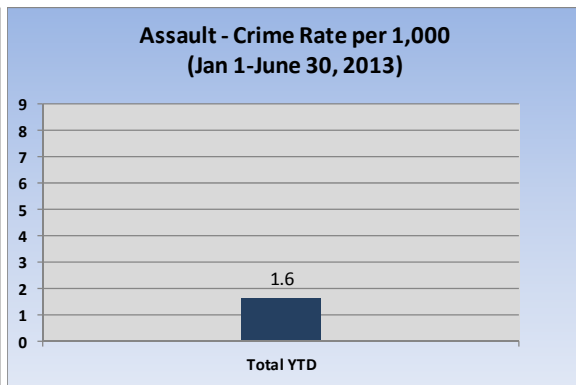
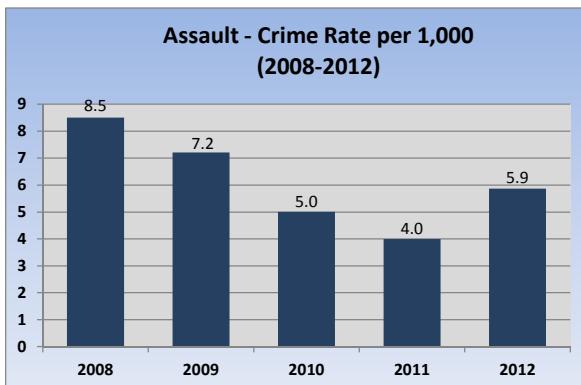


Note, the bar graph below works as a barometer. In the second quarter of this year, it has risen now to this height.

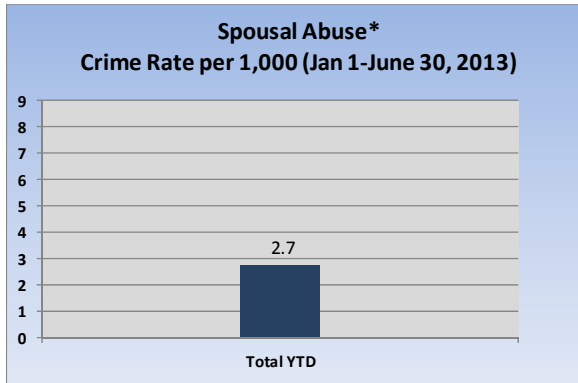
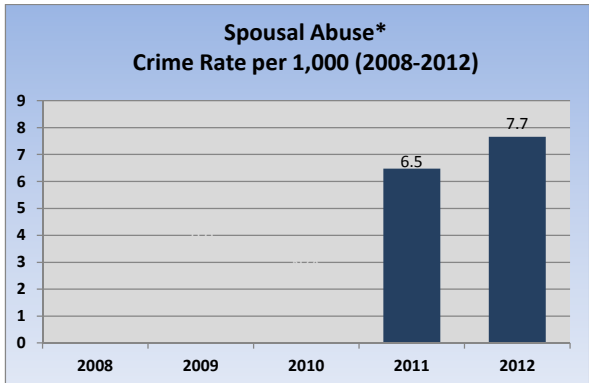
Total Persons Crime



Assault

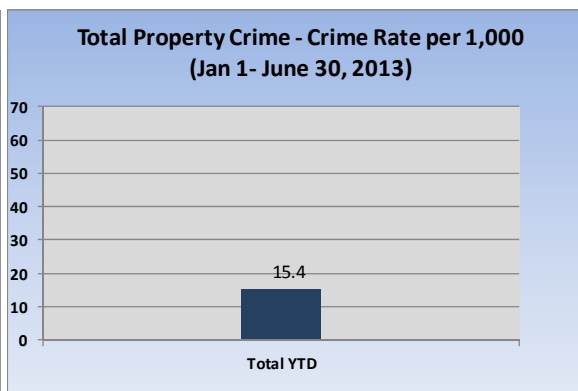
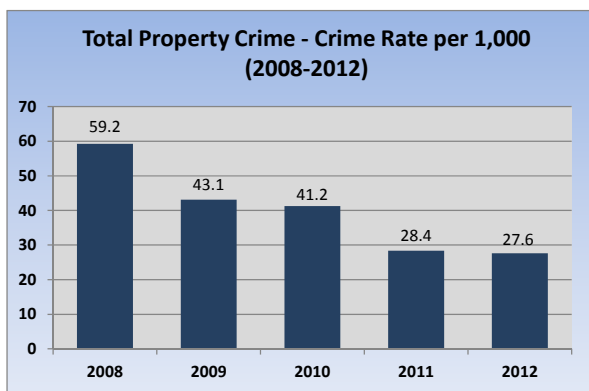


Spousal Abuse

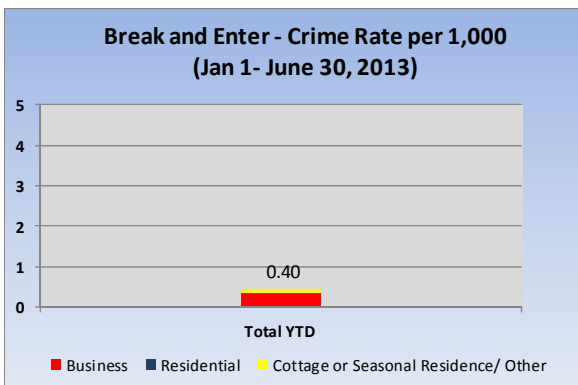
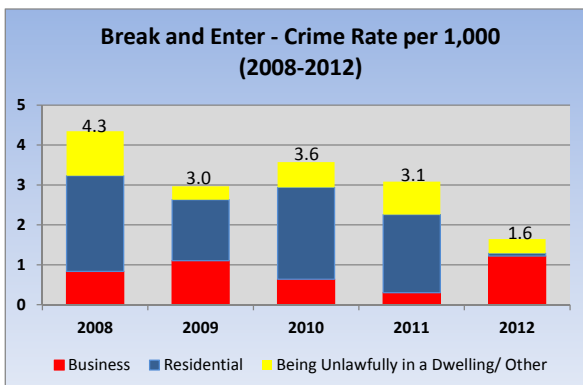


* As defined by The Family Violence Report.
 **Data not available for 2008-2010.

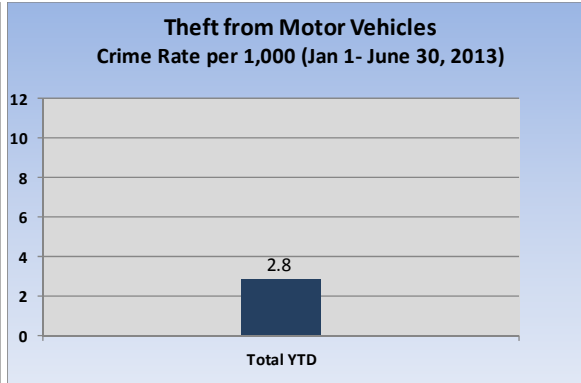
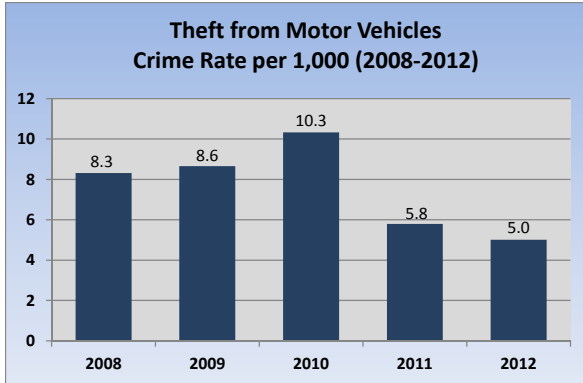
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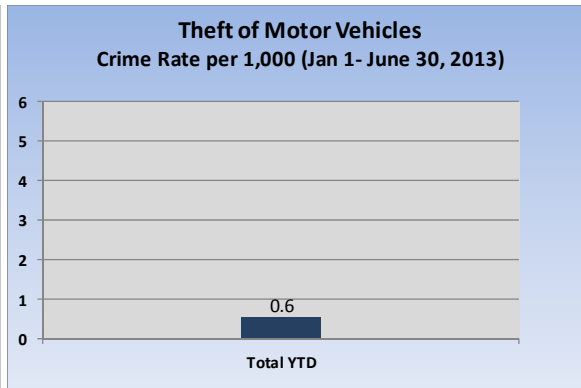
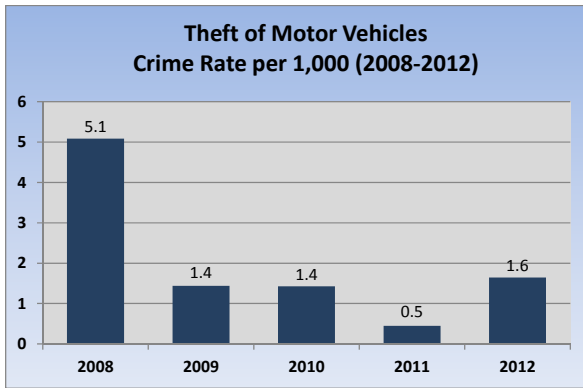
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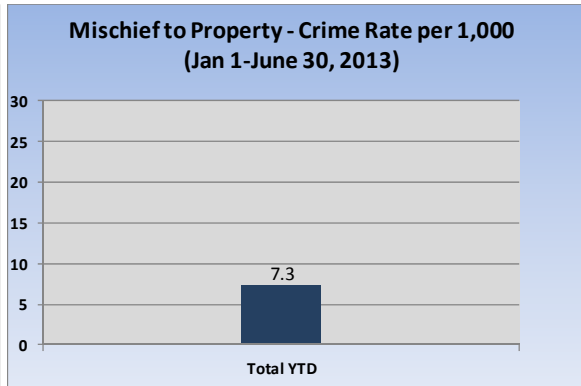
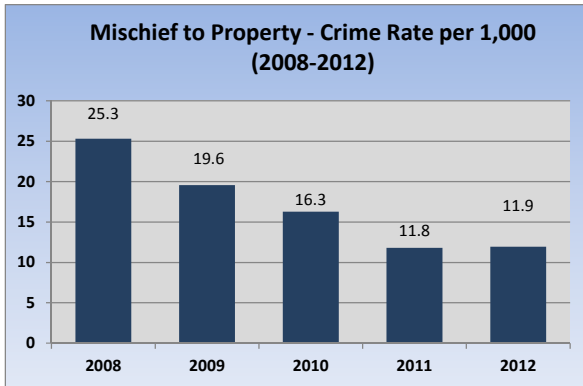
Theft from Motor Vehicles



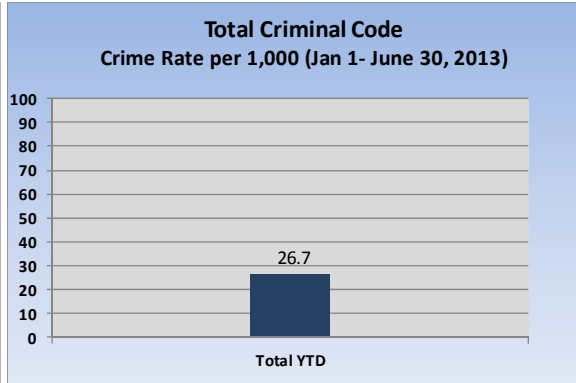
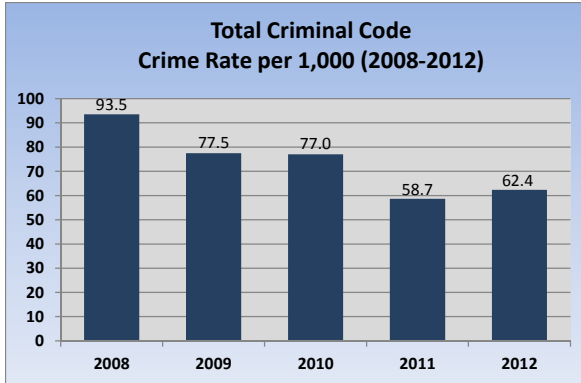
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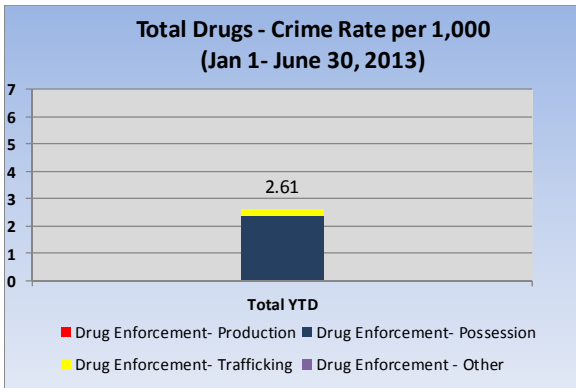
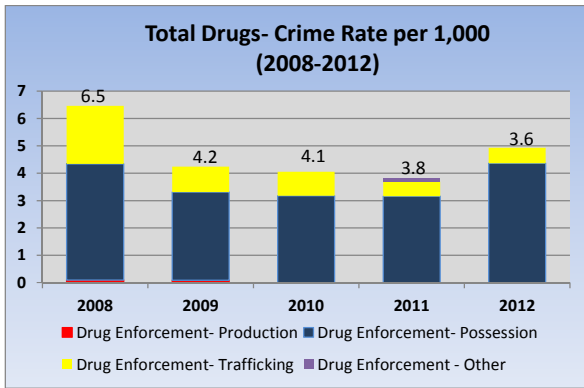
Mischief to Property



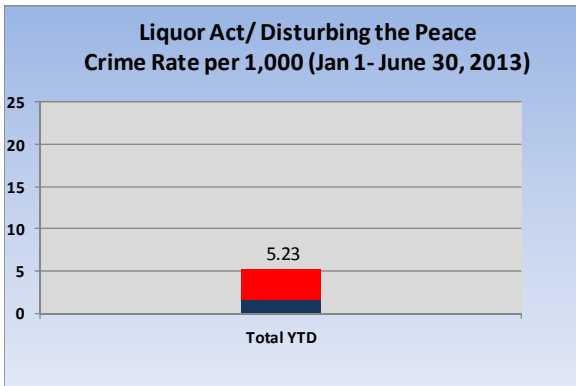
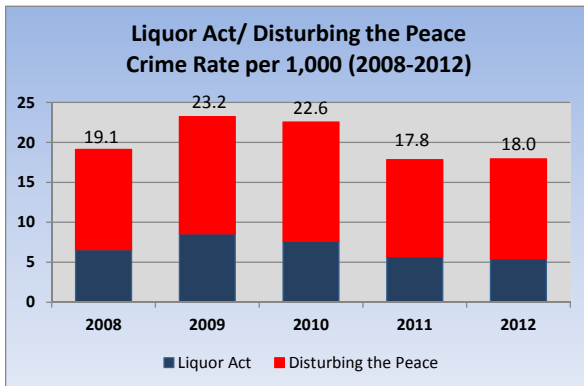
Total Criminal Code



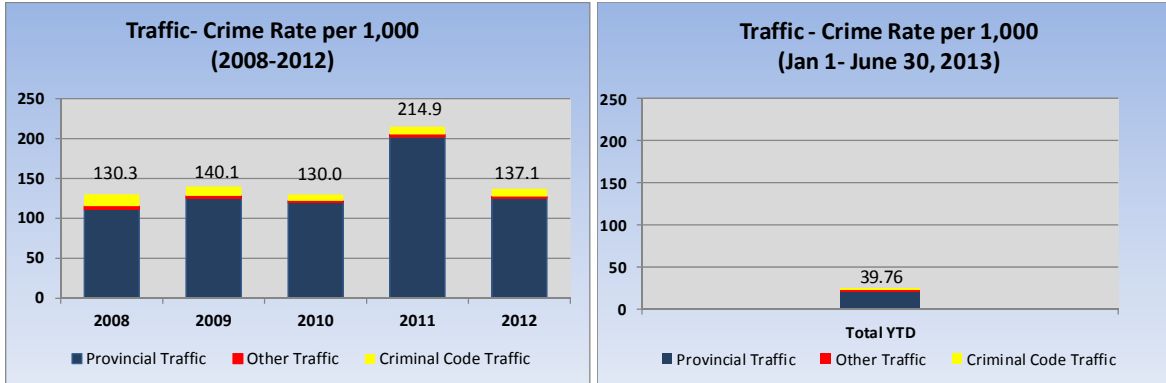
Total Drugs



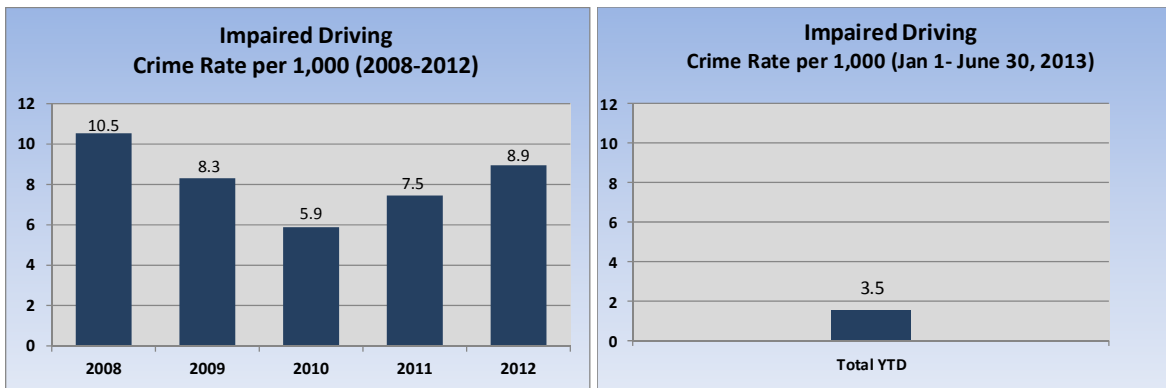
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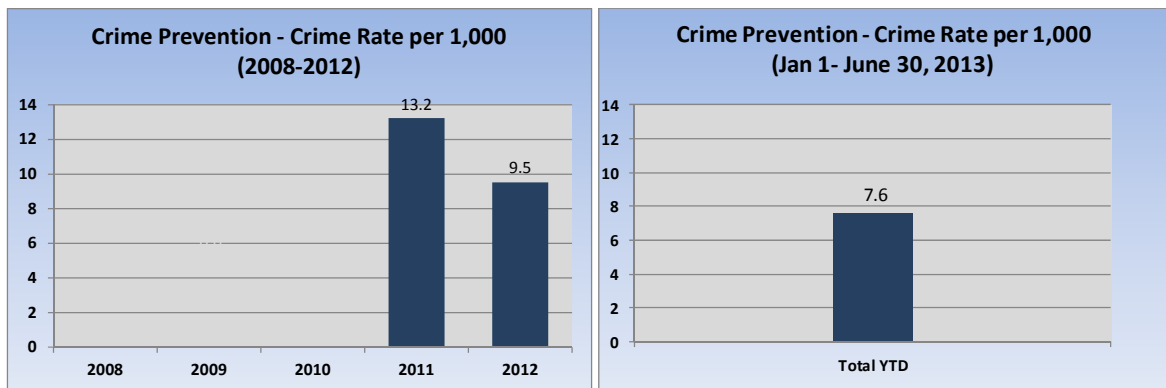
Traffic



Impaired Driving



Crime Prevention



*Data not available for 2008-2010.