



Beaumont Municipal Detachment

Quarterly Report

Town Council

July to September

2013

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Beaumont Det. Commander
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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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REPORT INTENT AND CONTENT

This report has been designed with input from the Town’s Administration and out of discussions with the Police Advisory Committee. This report is not intended to provide a comprehensive account of all policing activities in Beaumont. Rather, it is meant to provide Council with an update on the more salient policing issues and priorities. Requests for additional information or amendments to this report may be submitted through the Manager of Community and Protective Services.

DETACHMENT COMMENTARIES

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The Detachment continues to move from 'traditional' policing operations to more 'strategic' policing operations (more proactive policing and less re-active policing). This has included, for example, the redesign and implementation of Beaumont's enforcement-oriented crime prevention program (prolific offender and proactive offender checks), increased bar checks, restructuring our schedule to adjust our resources to peak periods, targeting impaired drivers with traffic blitzes, partnering with other agencies and departments, and shifting administrative tasks to the our support staff operations (to reduce costs and increase effectiveness).

Our third quarter results since adjusting our operations remain promising. Overall, persons crimes and property crimes are down slightly from 2012 (on a per/1000 population basis). However, there has been an increase specifically in the area of mischiefs or damage to property. The fourth quarter results will determine the final year comparisons; however, we anticipate this will be an area to focus on in 2014. Over the five year period, our crime statistics on per/1000 basis still appear to be trending in the right direction.

For those crimes that are most often self-generated, i.e. targeting impaired drivers or arresting drug users/traffickers, we have seen an increase in these occurrences. This has been the result of implementing various strategies and initiatives within our operations. Accordingly, we expected these numbers would increase as we have been working to more proactively address these issues over the long term.

COLLABORATIVE FIVE YEAR RESOURCE PLAN

A collaborative 5 Year Resource Plan for the RCMP, Municipal Enforcement Services, and Support Staff (the plan) was recently completed for the 2014 budget cycle. Different from this quarterly report, the plan was designed to provide a comprehensive analysis of the anticipated law enforcement resource needs over the next five years. The plan includes a description of the strategic framework and initiatives for the delivery of law enforcement services in Beaumont, and it describes in detail the strategic initiatives implemented to date. In addition to what has been mentioned above, for example, it also touches on work being completed by our school zone safety and false alarm working groups (working again to proactively address issues and reduce complaints). The greater plan details will be presented to Council at the GMC meeting on January 21, 2014.

The Detachment Commander and Manager of Community and Protective Services would like to acknowledge and thank all those who contributed to the plan, including but not limited to, Municipal Enforcement Supervisor Sgt. Derek Radatzke, Office Supervisor Linda Remeshylo, Manager of Corporate Services Alan Harris, Human Resources Director Sue Armstrong, Town of Beaumont Intern Kie Shiroma, and Communications Officer Nick Nilsen!

TRAFFIC SAFETY – A GROWING ISSUE

One of the growing issues that we are seeing in Beaumont is traffic complaints. While we were able to have some success managing problems in the construction zones this past summer with some targeted enforcement initiatives, residents are still expressing concern with other areas, such as 56a Street, the Inner and Outer Ring Roads, and in our school zones. For this reason, the RCMP put forward a traffic safety initiative for the 2014 budget, which calls for enhanced policing in May, June, July, and August. This initiative is part of the Beaumont RCMP, Municipal Enforcement, Support Staff 5 Year Collaborative Resource plan.

56A STREET TRAFFIC CONCERNS

The RCMP and Infrastructure Services met with 35 residents on September 5th, 2013 to discuss concerns relative to 56a Street. The residents living at or near this location reported concerns of excessive speeds, increased traffic volume and increased noise.

In follow up to this meeting, the RCMP committed to increasing patrols in this area when possible and to approve this area (and Rue Bouchard) for photo laser enforcement. The RCMP is not able at this time to schedule resources specifically for 56a Street, due to the need to also balance other priorities. However, as stated in the previous section, the RCMP has put forward a traffic safety initiative for 2014. If approved, this initiative would be used in conjunction with any Infrastructure Services Initiatives or outcomes.

Of interest to Council would be the following data that has been shared by Infrastructure Services with the residents of 56a Street:

	2010	2013 (August)	2013 (September)
Daily Volume	2,234	3,096	3,390
Average Speed	42km/h	39km/h	39km/h

MULTI-AGENCY CHECK STOP

As part of the Detachment's overall strategy to manage Beaumont's traffic safety issues, Beaumont RCMP Detachment hosted a multi-agency check stop at different locations throughout the municipality. This initiative, led by Cst. Dwayne O'QUINN, operated over a 9 hour period and included outside agency participation from the Alberta Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Department, Leduc RCMP Traffic Services, Strathcona County RCMP Traffic Services, Beaumont Municipal Enforcement, the Alberta Sheriff's Department, and Beaumont's Citizens on Patrol. Approximately 500 vehicles were checked during this initiative. In addition to educating drivers and alerting them to any safety concerns observed, there were 11 commercial motor vehicle inspections, 66 Provincial violation tickets issued (for a variety of offences), three youth arrested for possession of a controlled substance, and two drivers license suspensions (1 drug suspension and 1 alcohol). Additionally, one individual was charged for possession of a weapon dangerous to the public, 8 individuals were arrested for outstanding warrants, and there were a total of five motor vehicles seized and towed from the highway.

BEAUMONT RCMP COMPLAINT LINE

The Beaumont RCMP currently has two complaint line numbers for the Detachment: 780-929-RCMP (7267) and 780-929-7400. The second number came as a result of moving to the new Detachment. The Beaumont RCMP was advised in 2013 by Shared Services Canada that one of the telephone numbers must be discontinued. As an update to this issue, the RCMP anticipates bringing a resolution to this issue to the Police Advisory Committee meeting in March of 2014.

ANNUAL POLICE PRIORITIES UPDATE

In accordance with a public survey and discussions with the Community Advisory Committee, the Police Advisory Committee and Council; Beaumont Detachment's policing priorities for 2013/14 include domestic violence, positive youth development, and Substance Abuse – drugs and alcohol.

The Community Advisory Committee is now looking at making recommendations to Council for the 2014/15 policing priorities. This is a four month consultative process that begins in December and concludes in March of the following year. Council will be included in these consultations through the Police Advisory Committee meetings.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence continues to be an issue in the Town of Beaumont. This is most likely attributable to the high residential population. In 2012, the RCMP responded to 165 domestic incidents. Only 15 of these occurrences were later determined to be unfounded, which means there were 150 domestic incidents for that year. The third quarter statistics are little more promising, with 108 incidents reported from January to September (18 of which were unfounded). However, October to December can see a higher ratio of incidents during that quarter, and so these numbers will be monitored closely in the last quarter.

In addition to addressing this issue with RCMP and Provincial requirements, i.e. mandatory charges of offences, the Beaumont RCMP have been working to reduce the incidents of domestic violence with more proactive strategies. This has included increased awareness of the problem in the media and providing support information through our agency partners, such as FCSS and victim services. One of the most recent initiatives that the RCMP supported locally was the “Climb a Hill for Jill” event that was organized through FCSS. Another initiative has been to implement mandatory Victim Services in incidents where charges are laid, in order to try and prevent repeat incidents. Persons charged with a domestic incident may also find themselves the subject of Beaumont RCMP’s prolific/proactive offender program.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Beaumont has an amazing youth population. While there are youth crimes in Beaumont, the majority of these offences have been found to be committed by a relatively small number of offenders. Beaumont RCMP wholeheartedly believes in and supports positive youth development as an effective long-term crime reduction strategy. Investing in our youth is also one of the RCMP’s National priorities.

Cst. ROGAWSKI has been responsible for the delivery of our positive ticketing initiative that is delivered each year by the RCMP and the Town’s Municipal Enforcement Services. This year 600 positive tickets were given out to youth for observed positive behaviours. The Beaumont Positive Youth Ticketing Committee held the wrap up party for this season at JE Lepointe school and gave out the major prizes this year as well as T-shirts that say “I GOT CAUGHT...” on the front and “DOING IT RIGHT!” on the back. The program is fun for everyone and is a great way for our law enforcement services to connect with our youth.

Our Community Policing Officer, Cst. Lindsay POWERS, is the most involved with our youth. Since April 1, 2013, Cst. POWERS has delivered more than 50 youth presentations. This has included such presentations as Detachment tours, character building, conflict resolution, youth Criminal Justice, pedestrian safety, personal safety, and bike safety (to name a few). The Detachment generally was involved with the youth this past summer with the Beaumont Soccer Association, Canada Day, Movie in the Park, and the Dream Cruizers Show and Shine!

SUBSTANCE ABUSE – Drug and Alcohol

Not unlike other communities across Canada, Substance abuse is a priority for Beaumont. Cst's TEJA, O'QUINN, BRAND, WHYNOT, and POWERS are the leaders of initiatives at the Detachment that deal with substance abuse. Cst. POWERS delivers the DARE program and has now commenced another year delivering the program with school back in session.

There were 33 incidents of impaired driving recorded at Beaumont Detachment in the last quarter. This includes both self-generated and reported incidents. Of these, our clearance rate went up from 33% last year to 39% this year. This is most likely attributed to the officer being proactive and strategic in this area. Cst. TEJA, for example, is delivering on the traffic blitz initiative (high volume vehicle stops). This is proving to be more successful than traditional check stops, as people are less likely to avoid them. They do have less visibility, as they look to a passerby as more of a single vehicle check; however, officers are checking 50-100 unsuspecting vehicles in a very short period with this technique. With this stated, there are still some major benefits to delivering check stops. This was evident in the results that we saw recently with Cst. O'QUINN's multi-agency check stop. As a result, the detachment will continue to rely on both traffic blitzes and check stops to make an impact on the issue of impaired driving.

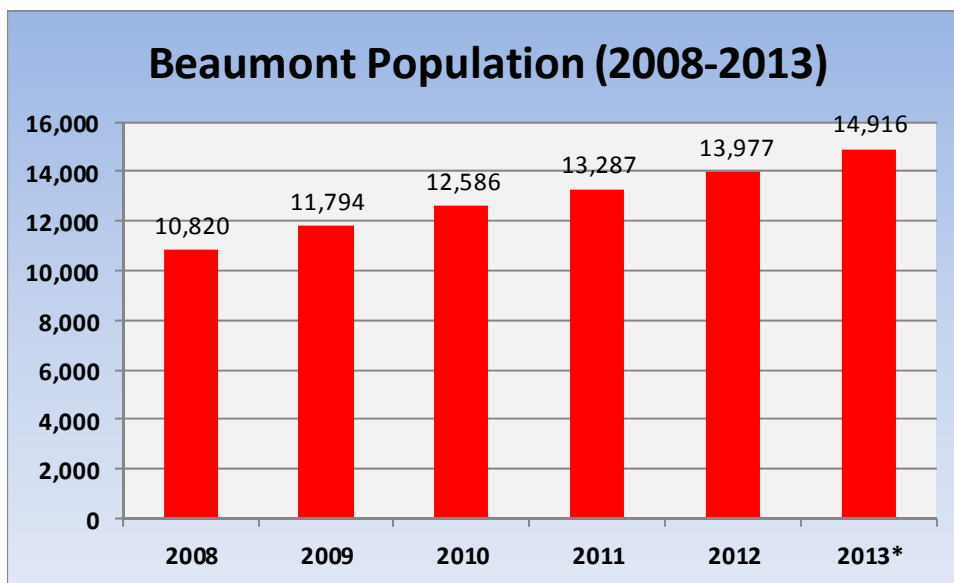
In the area of drug abuse, Cst. BRAND (our drug member) and our Detachment members generally have had some significant success in this area. In the last quarter there were 25-drug related tips/complaints. Of these, 14 resulted in charges. Although other drugs are in the community, the results of our investigations, experience, and sources suggest that marijuana is the most prominent drug in the community. Where youth are involved in a first-time capacity, many are being referred to the Alternative Measures program.

DETACHMENT CRIME STATISTICS

General

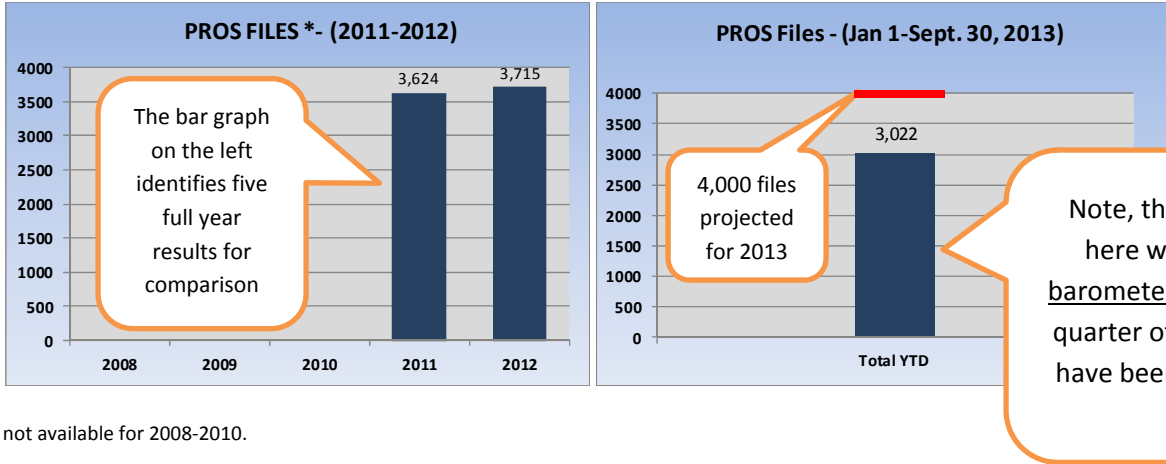
Note – Not all Detachment statistics are included in this report. Only those more significant statistics have been included. In accordance with previous discussions with council, the idea of presenting the information in the format that follows is to provide more meaningful information and to enable 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.

Population



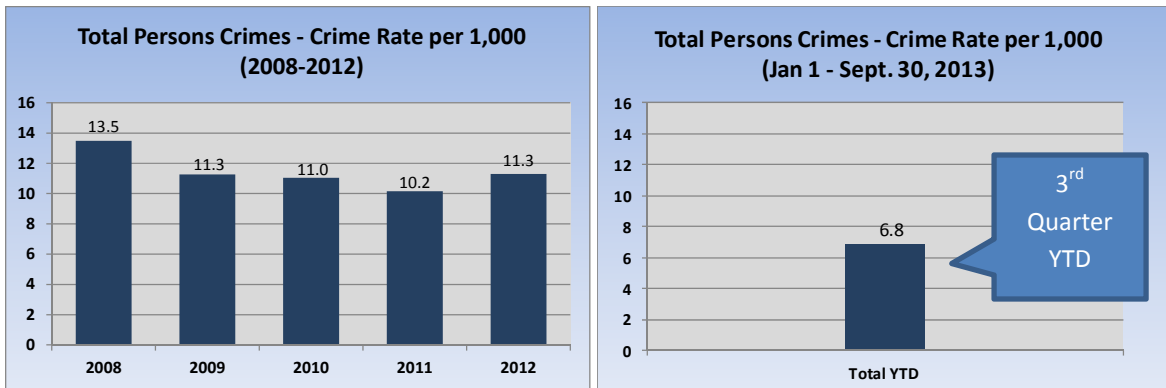
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PROS (Occurrence Files)

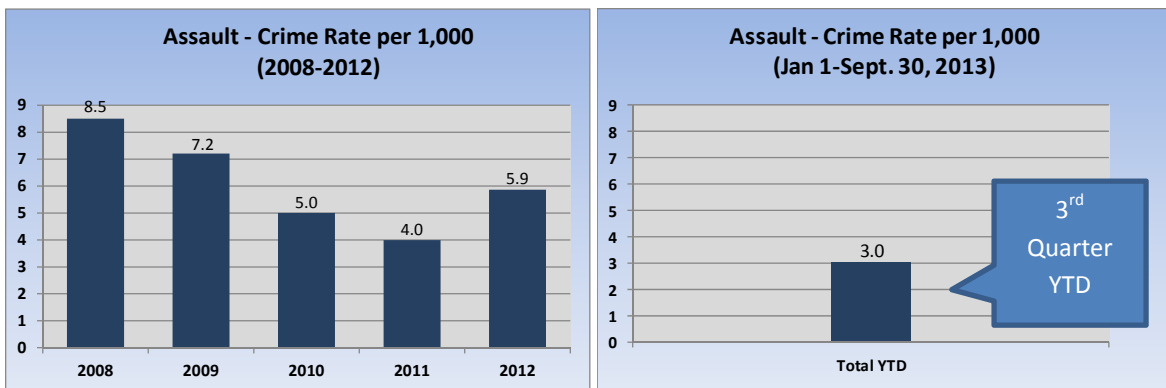


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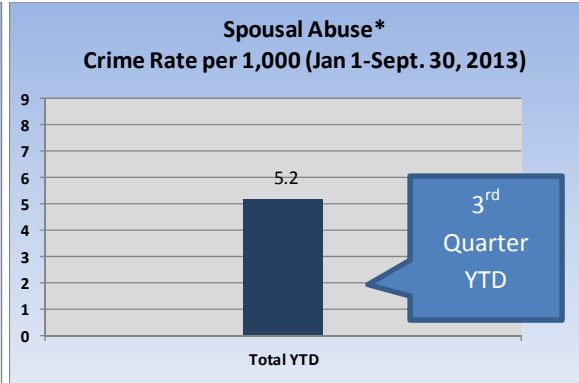
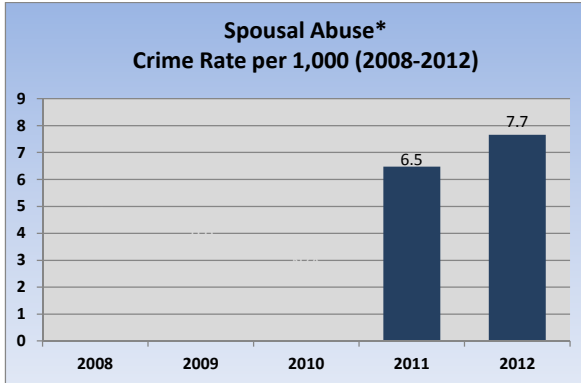
Total Persons Crime



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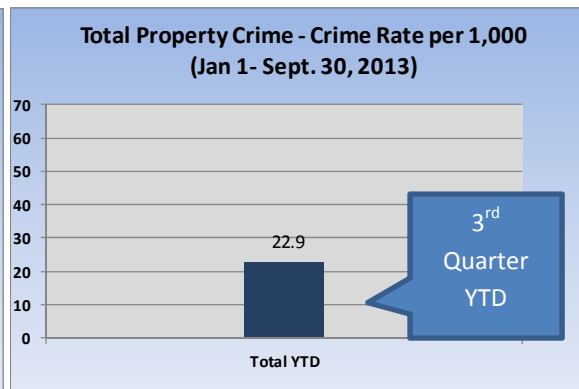
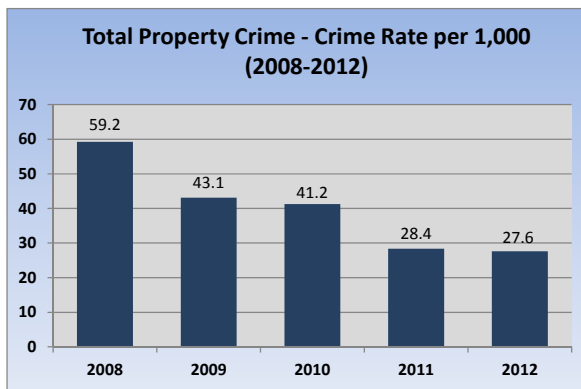


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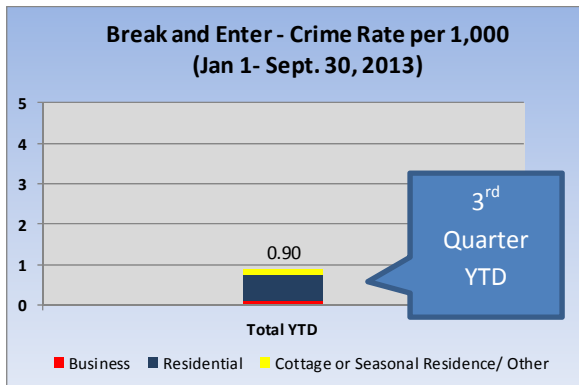
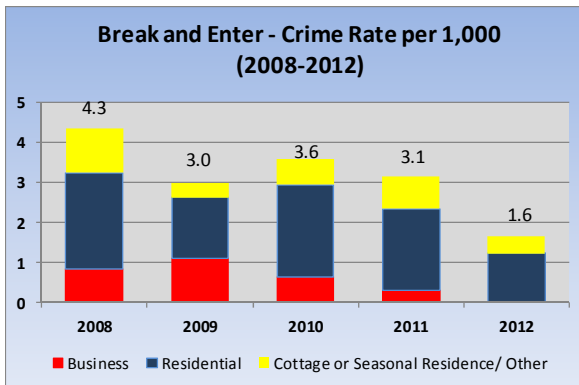


* As defined by The Family Violence Report.
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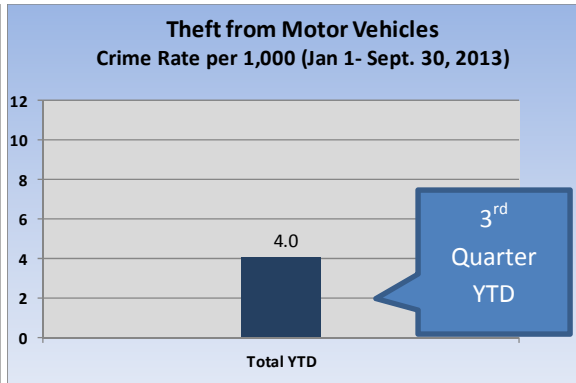
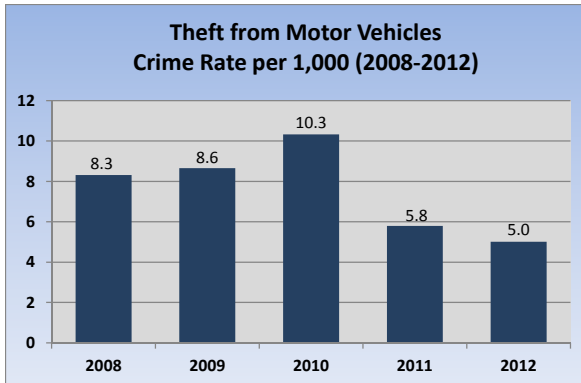
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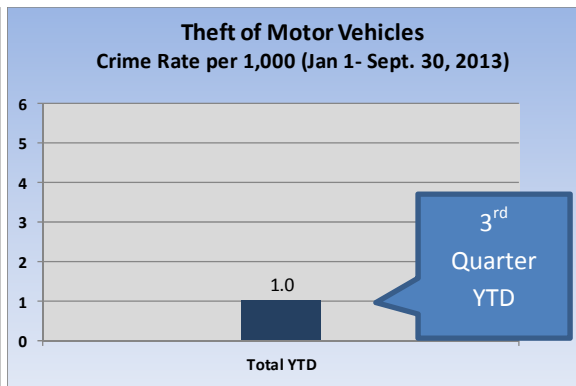
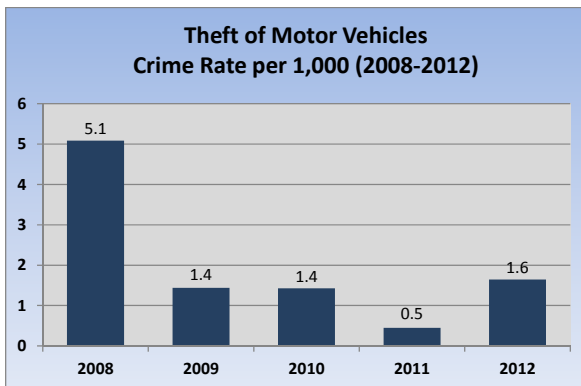
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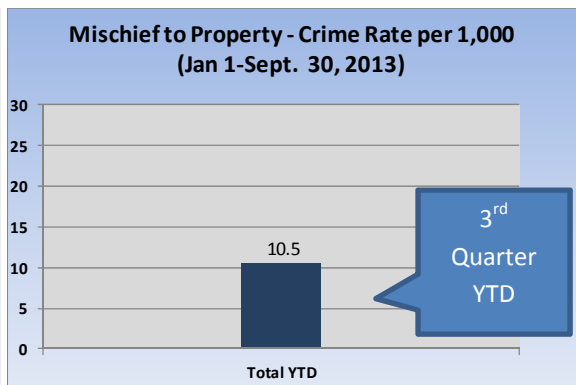
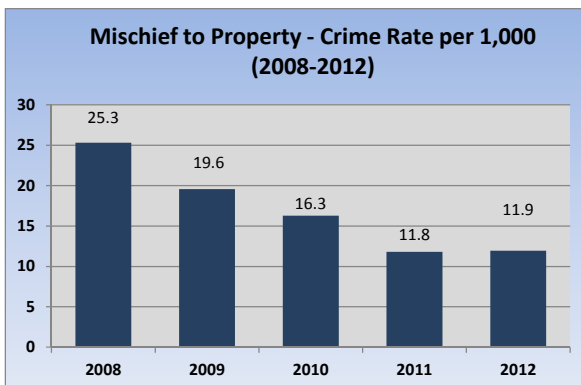
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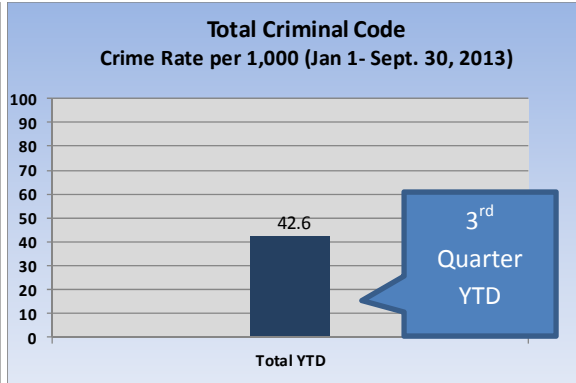
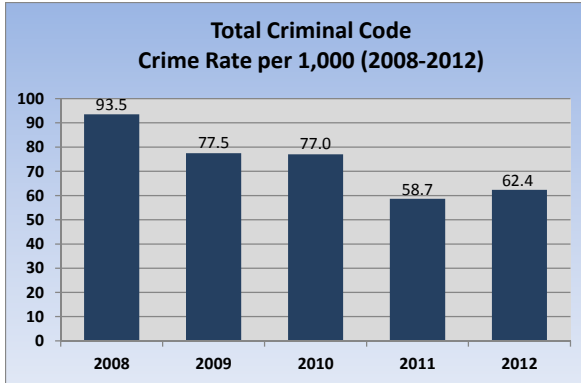
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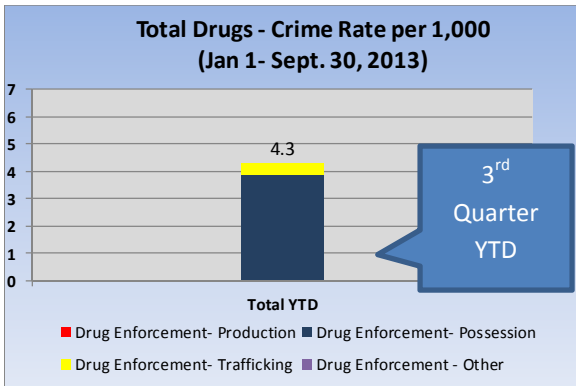
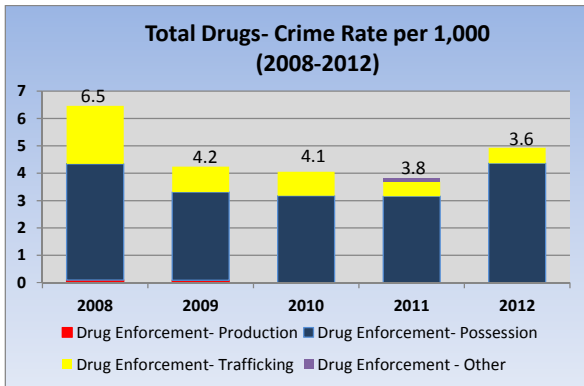
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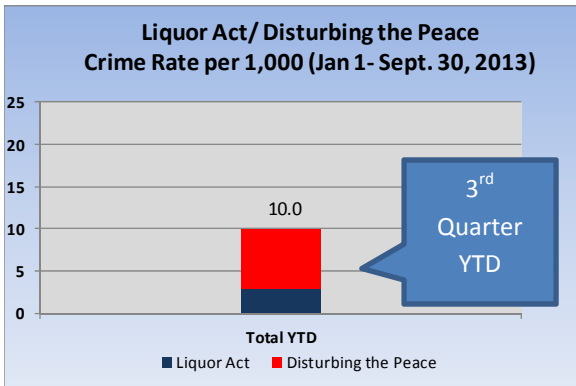
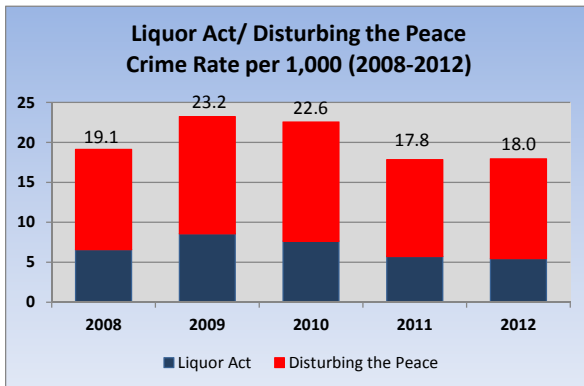
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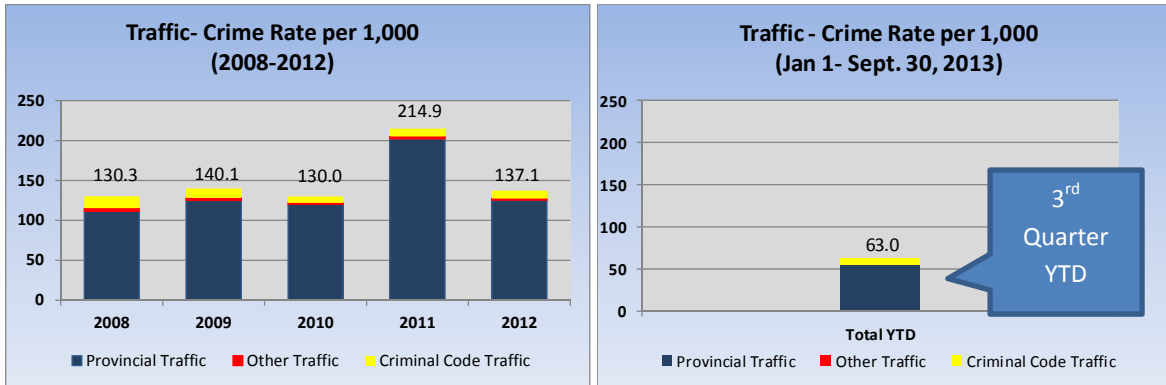
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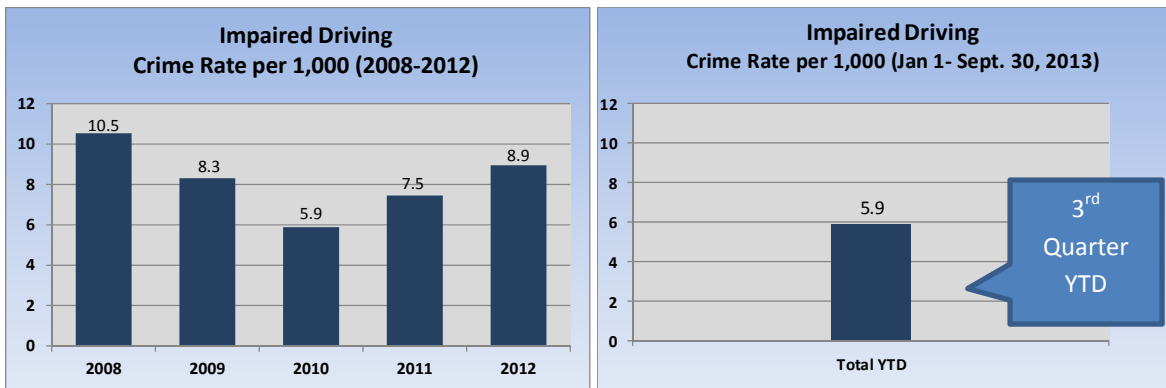
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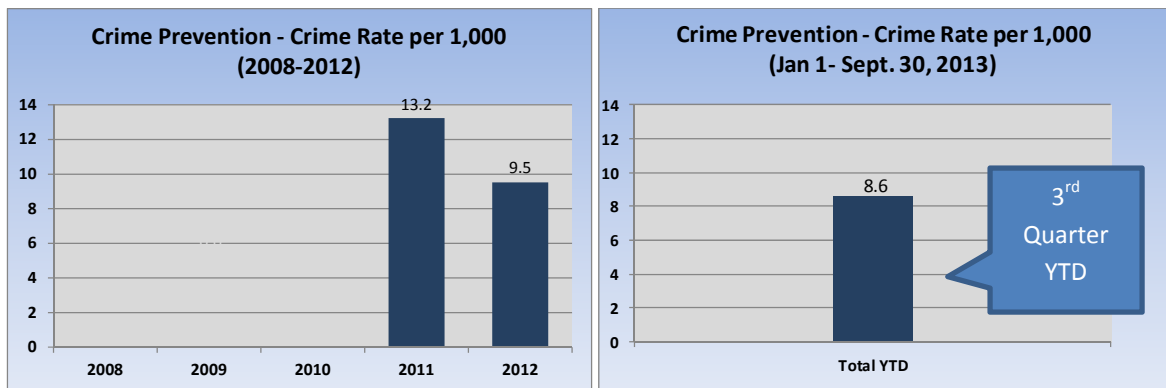
Traffic



Impaired Driving



Crime Prevention



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