

SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

**SPARTANBURG
PUBLIC SAFETY
DEPARTMENT**

ANNUAL REPORT

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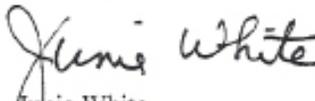
As we open a new year filled with optimism, I am grateful to have this opportunity not only to look ahead to what promises to be a year of tremendous opportunity, but also to look back at 2011 and thank my colleagues on our Public Safety team for what they have accomplished.

As leaders of a community that continues to strive for increased safety, the City Council and I are committed to maintaining an environment where neighborhood associations, churches, foundations and schools work together in identifying unique opportunities for our citizens to enjoy.

We continue to face challenges with educational attainment and poverty among many of our citizens. At the same time, the past 12 months have been a period of tremendous progress in a number of areas as our community grows. We can all play a role in creating recreational spaces, quality housing, vocational and advanced educational opportunities as well as quality healthcare services for those who can least afford it. All of these are critical components of a wholesome and viable community that ultimately contributes to substantial decreases in crime.

We will remain vigilant in seeking ways to provide these opportunities along with appropriate funding for Public Safety. Successful efforts in these areas will contribute to provide a safer community for our citizens, visitors and businesses.

Sincerely,


Junie White
Mayor

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January 17, 2012

Dear Friends,

Providing for the safety of our residents and visitors is a core mission of the City of Spartanburg. Without safe neighborhoods and business districts, the City will not be successful in its broader efforts to attract new residents and investment. Under the leadership of the Public Safety Department, the City is proud of its proactive, collaborative approach to crime prevention that partners with our faith based, educational, nonprofit, and business organizations. We are grateful for the support of these organizations. I also compliment the work of other City departments that support and cooperate with the Public Safety Department to make Spartanburg a safe community.

Early each year, the City publishes a report of the crime statistics for the previous year. This report lets us track progress and identifies areas where we hope to improve. The annual report is a key tool in our efforts to keep citizens and policy makers informed as we move forward in our collective endeavors to improve Spartanburg.

Finally, I commend the outstanding efforts and sacrifices of the men and women of the Public Safety Department and their colleagues who serve the citizens of this community everyday in what are very challenging and difficult conditions. We thank them for their service.

Sincerely,

Ed Memmott
City Manager

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Spartanburg City Officials

Mayor Junie L. White

2011 Council Members

- Joe D. Spigner - Council District One
- Renee Cariveau - Council District Two
- Robert Reeder - Council District Three
- Cate Brandt Ryba - Council District Four
- Jerome Rice, Jr. - Council District Five
- Linda Dogan - Council District Six

2012 Council Members

- W. Sterling Anderson, II - Council District One
- Jan Scalisi - Council District Two
- Robert Reeder - Council District Three
- Cate Brandt Ryba - Council District Four
- Jerome Rice, Jr. - Council District Five
- Linda Dogan - Council District Six

Spartanburg Public Safety Committee

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| James Bittner | Todd Bridges |
| Garrow Crowley | Jennifer Evins |
| Witney E. Fisher | Robert Grier |
| Chip Johnson | Florence Kennedy |
| Sylvia Means | John Nicholson |
| Kitty Payne | Vicki Schwartz |
| Richard Wheeler, Sr. | |

The Public Safety Committee serves as a valuable resource to the Public Safety Department of the City of Spartanburg. The Public Safety Committee comprises of a group of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to assist and give recommendations and feedback as we seek to develop and implement programs designed to enhance the services provided by the Department.

Director's Office

The Director is responsible for all divisions of the Public Safety Department and has appointed division commanders to oversee the daily operations of each division. Each of the operating divisions has various units that carry out the department's operational and administrative functions. The Office of Professional Standards & Inspections and the Office of Planning and Research report directly to the Public Safety Director.

Dear Community:

As we present our 2011 statistics for the City of Spartanburg, we would like our citizens to know that we are committed to creating a safe environment for our residents, businesses and visitors.

To achieve this goal, we will continue to invest in today's and tomorrow's technologies, such as the internet, social media websites and GIS capability, to provide Public Safety services--Fire and Police--to the Spartanburg community. Spartanburg is growing with new businesses and colleges, restaurants, and convenience facilities. The economic investment in the City of Spartanburg clearly suggests we are in the right direction.

However, our best efforts become negated without the cooperation of our citizens, our business and civic leaders and our neighborhood associations. With your partnership and participation, we can continue to reduce crime and keep Spartanburg safe and vibrant in 2012 and beyond.

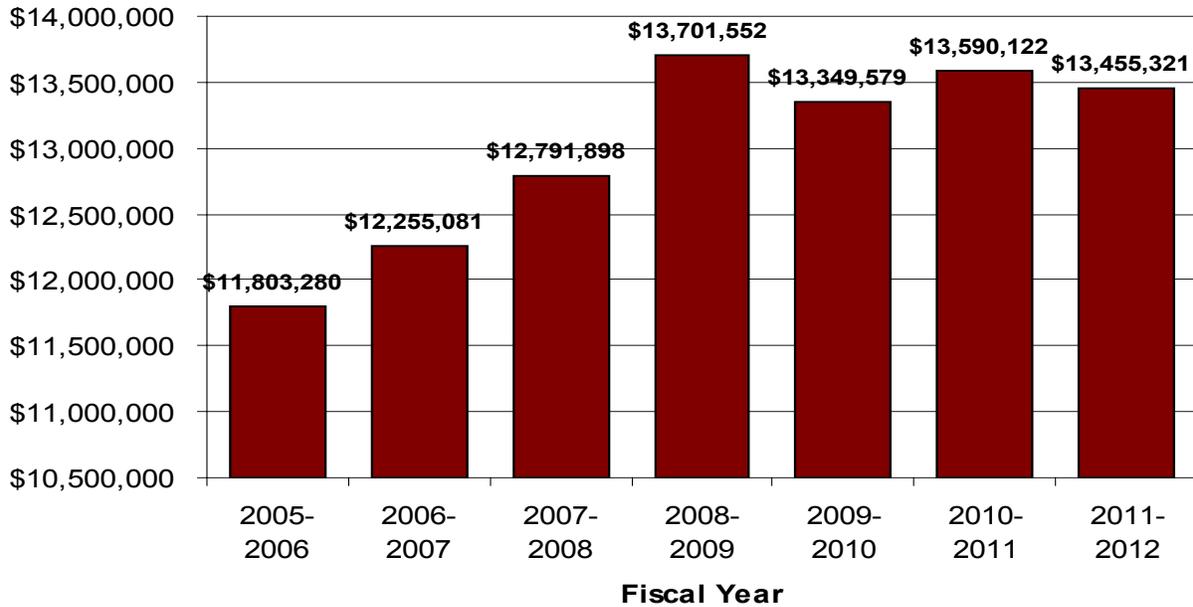
*Sincerely,
A. Tony Fisher
Director*



About the Department

The Spartanburg Public Safety Department (SPSD), under the leadership of Director A. Tony Fisher, is the City's largest department with approximately 250 employees. It is comprised of Law Enforcement, Fire, and Technical Support Divisions. The jurisdiction of the department spans approximately 20 square miles. Spartanburg's law enforcement and fire services professionals serve a residential population of more than 39,000, which swells to a daytime population that exceeds 200,000.

Public Safety Annual Budget



SPSD Public Information Officers

The role of the Spartanburg Public Safety Department Public Information Officers is to ensure the community is kept informed in a timely manner about current events, programs and news. The Public Information Officers are the official spokespersons for the Department relating to inquiries from the media and other sources. We recognize that open communication with the community we serve is critical. We believe this openness helps to ensure the confidence, respect and trust of community members.

Citizen involvement in solving crime in our community is an essential component of any successes of the Department. Our Public Information Officers will continue to provide information that is complete, accurate, and up to date. We continue to encourage our community to help us in solving and preventing crime by sending anonymous crime information by texting TIP649 to CRIMES (274637).

Although information will be posted on the Public Safety Department’s website, the media and citizens are encouraged to follow us on facebook. If any citizen wishes to be added to our media distribution list, you may subscribe to this service by submitting a request to one of our Public Information Officers. Learn more about our Department by visiting us on the web at www.spsdonline.org.



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2011 Public Safety Grants

During 2011, the City of Spartanburg was awarded new grants totaling \$1,657,015.

Grant Name	Awarding Agency	Amount	Purpose
Soft Body Armor	S.C. Municipal Association	\$2,000	Pays 50% of the cost for bulletproof vests.
Fire Equipment	S.C. Municipal Association	\$2,000	Pays 50% of the cost of fire equipment.
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	U.S. Department of Justice	\$70,332	Funds Law Enforcement Overtime for the holiday season and high crime times, computer hardware back-up and in-car video enhancements.
Bulletproof Vest Grant	U.S. Department of Justice	\$8,301	Pays 50% of the cost of bulletproof vests.
Paul Coverdell Forensic Grant	S.C. Department of Public Safety	\$9,000	Pays for a mobile data extraction device for phones taken into evidence.
Paul Coverdell Forensic Grant	U.S. Department of Justice	\$55,000	Pays for equipment to store digital evidence (pictures).
Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies	U.S. Department of Justice	\$397,416	Funds a partnership between SPSD, SAFE Homes-Rape Crisis Coalition, the SRMC Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Program, and Solicitor's Office for issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.
Secure Our Schools	U.S. Department of Justice	\$70,681	Partnership with Spartanburg County School District #7 and pays 50% of the cost for security enhancements. District 7 is responsible for 50%.
Community Policing Hiring Grant	U.S. Department of Justice	\$131,777	Funds a position for three years that will be assigned to the Northside to address property crimes.
Victim Assistance	State Office of Victim Assistance	\$15,325	Pays salary and benefits for a victim specialist for 4 months. Local match of \$3,831.
DMC Reduction Project	SC Department of Public Safety	\$85,431	Pays salary, benefits, and other costs for an officer to work with youth to avoid detention. Local match of \$9,492.
Assistance to Firefighters	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	\$809,752 Federal	Funds regional communications grants for County fire departments. Spartanburg County Fire Advisory Committee paid the match of \$202,438.

Law Enforcement Accreditation



Spartanburg Public Safety Law Enforcement was awarded National Accreditation on March 20, 1999 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The department is also recognized as an accredited agency with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation Council (SCLEA) and is a member of the South Carolina Police Accreditation Coalition. Proof that compliance to national standards has been maintained is required to CALEA every three years. A mandatory review of all aspects of our department and personnel was conducted December 4th – 7th, 2010. A team comprised of two assessors traveled to Spartanburg to conduct our review. The department was awarded re-accreditation in March 2011 at the CALEA Conference in Bethesda, Maryland.

Criminal Investigation

The Criminal Investigation Division is responsible for developing information leading to the arrest of criminal offenders, preparing cases, recovering stolen property, locating missing persons, focusing attention on violence in families and assisting victims of violent crimes. In addition to the investigative function, employees responsible for crime prevention, latent examinations, crime scene processing, gang investigations, burglary reduction and youth violence reduction are assigned to CID. Additionally, an investigator is assigned to the local Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) task force.

On May 24, 2011 the Spartanburg Public Safety Department was notified that Evelyn Shelton was missing and last seen in Spartanburg. Evelyn has not been seen by family or friends since 10 p.m., Friday, May 20, 2011.



Image courtesy of WSPA.

Citizens Academy

The Citizens Academy is a program intended to provide citizens in our community knowledge of the inner-workings of the Spartanburg Public Safety Department. The program is designed to develop partnerships with community members and the Public Safety Department. Information is exchanged to give students a better understanding of how they can best utilize the services that are offered by the Spartanburg Public Safety.

The Public Safety Department implemented the Citizens Academy program in April of 2004, the most recent class ended December of 2011. Since the inception of the Public Safety Academy, approximately 350 people have graduated. Several graduates have made a career choice to seek employment with the City of Spartanburg and are currently serving as police officers.

Citizens who attend the Academy will receive training in the following areas: City Fire Division operations, Spartanburg County E-911, Spartanburg County Detention, Spartanburg County Courthouse, Property and Evidence, Tactical Operations (SWAT), Narcotics Unit, K-9 demonstration, Traffic, and Forensics.

Riding alongside a police officer, and touring the facilities is an intense experience and it is highly recommended by past graduates.

2011 Successes

Traffic Safety

- Reflect for Safety Initiative; distributed reflective wrist bands to bring awareness to the need for pedestrians, cyclists, etc to increase their visibility.
- Educational video highlighting the importance of driver and pedestrian awareness/attentiveness
- Adjusted scheduling for Traffic Division Officers to better address DUI

Citizen Engagement

- Worked with neighborhood groups to provide educational programs.
- Conducted employee training for commercial establishments.
- Public Safety Committee met monthly, August – May to discuss public safety issues and share neighborhood concerns.
- Conducted 2 sessions of the Citizens Academy

Youth Violence Reduction

- The following organizations partnered with us to address youth violence
- Habitat for Humanity of Spartanburg
- The Haven Shelter
- Miracle Hill Ministries (Spartanburg Rescue Mission)
- Mobile Meals of Spartanburg
- SAFE Homes – Rape Crisis Coalition

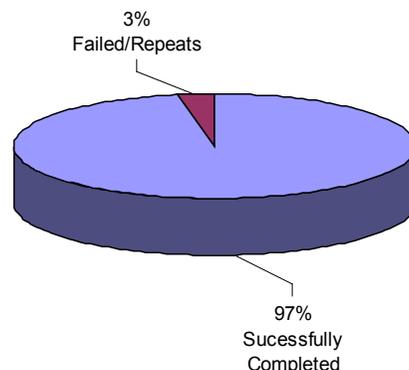
Technology

- Outfitted two patrol vehicles with a license plate reader system.
- The system has captured and analyzed over 224,000 vehicle license plates.
- SPSD had over 1,042 alerts on suspicious vehicle tags ranging from suspended license plates to stolen vehicles.

Youth Violence Reduction

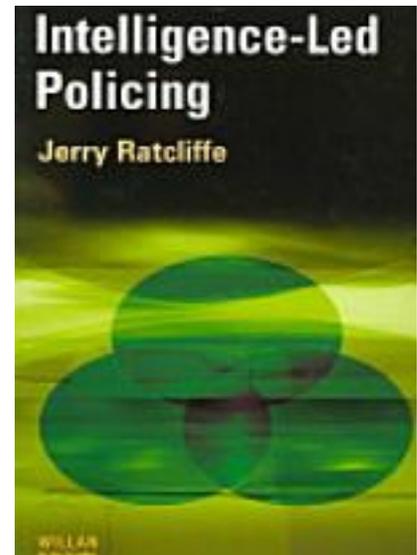
The Youth Violence Reduction Initiative focuses on reducing the likelihood of juvenile offenders engaging in subsequent criminal or delinquent behavior. The program was started in September 2009. During 2011, 96 juveniles were enrolled in the initiative. Ninety-seven (97) percent of the enrollees have successfully completed program requirements or are in compliance with program requirements. The program has a 3% recidivism rate.

Youth Violence Reduction Initiative



2012 Initiatives

- Provide copies of vehicle collision reports on-line.
- Implement Intelligence Lead Policing.
- Offer quarterly Neighborhood Watch Leadership training.
- Offer alarm registration on-line through the Spartanburg Public Safety Department's website.
- Gang crime reduction.



Employee Awards

On April 14, 2011, the Public Safety Department recognized the following employees for their contributions to improving the quality of life in the City of Spartanburg.



- Director's Award of Excellence - Lieutenant J. Bernard Brewton
- Non-Sworn – Marla Drummond
- Community Service Police – MPO Christopher Taylor
- Community Service Fire – Sergeant Thomas Lindsey
- Reserve Officer – Tim Hancock
- Rookie Officer – PSO Christopher Robinson
- Rookie Firefighter – SFF Brad Bennett
- Officer of the Year – PSO II Dana Dillard
- Firefighter of the Year – Lieutenant Jerry Morgan
- Problem Solving Police – Officer Dan Lemley
- Leadership Police – MPO David Hearst
- Leadership Fire – Sergeant Dean Hall
- Distinguished Citizen – Tameka & Rocky Watson
- Distinguished Service – Captain Randy Hardy
- Life Saving Police – PSO II Scott Eckhardt, PSO II Michael Andrews, SPO Charles Moore, PSO II Kevin Renneker, PSO II Keith Soules
- Life Saving Fire – SFF Jeffrey Dover, Captain Heath Henderson, Sergeant Ron Hunter, Captain Doug Lea, Captain Jamie Pruitt, SFF Blandon Yeargin
- Meritorious Conduct – SPO Bryan Shaw, Reserve Officer James Bogan
- Medal of Honor – MPO Jeffrey Cooper, SPO Jason Harris, PSO II Jeremy Hensley, Sergeant Mark Hillers, PSO II Brendall Mathis, SPO Shane Morrow, Sergeant Adrian Patton, SPO Bryan Shaw, PSO II Keith Soules, Reserve Officer James Bogan

The following Public Safety employees were given Honorable Mention recognition: Audrey McNair, Diedric Pough, Daniel Gordon, Jason Worthy, John Burgess, Eric Gallman, Jeffrey Kirby, Christopher Layton, Shane Morrow, Ashley Smith, Steve Lamb, William Reece, Bobby Culbreth.



Fire Division

The Fire Division is currently nationally accredited and ISO Public Protection Classification Rating of 2.

Successful Initiatives

Over the past several years the Spartanburg Public Safety Fire Division has worked to reduce the number of fire deaths and fire related injuries. Fire personnel have engaged in outreach activities at local schools, community events and in neighborhoods. In 2011, the Fire Division participated in 275 fire prevention events including Spring Fling, Fire Prevention Week, Fire in the Streets, Smoke Detector Installations, Station Tours, and other fire safety presentations.

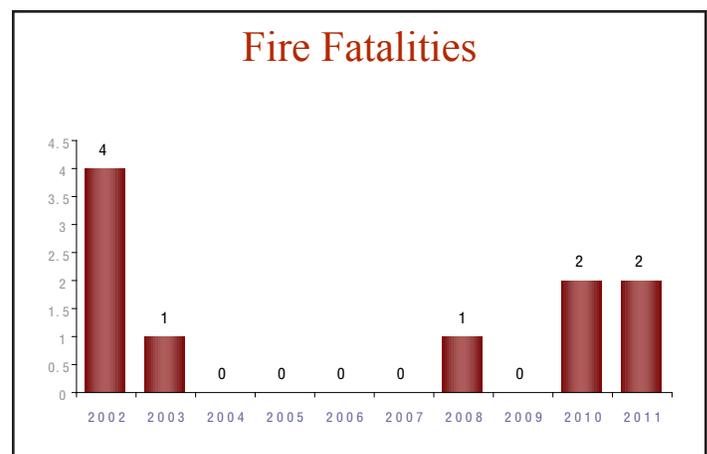
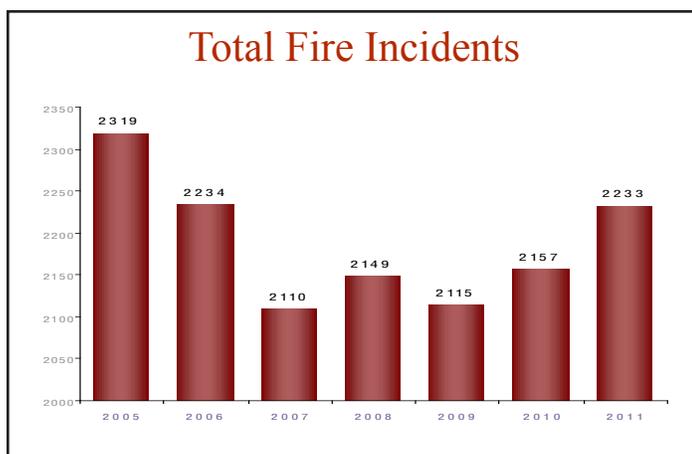
Year	Children	Jr High	High School	Adults	Seniors	Totals
2011	2802	40	59	1622	77	4,600

Fire personnel continue to participate in school fire drills throughout the city and assist with emergency planning programs. These programs will help improve our familiarity with these important facilities while improving safety.

Fire personnel continued the partnerships with county fire agencies and have remained active with the Spartanburg County Fire Chiefs' Association to increase cooperation and improve incident scene safety during fire and rescue emergencies.

2012 Initiatives

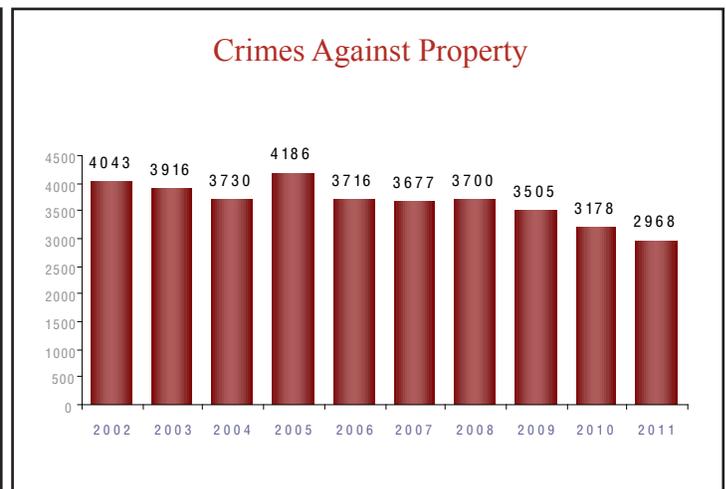
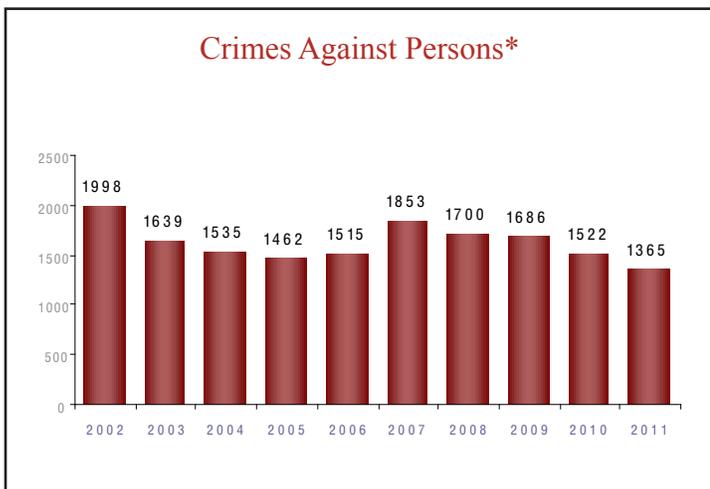
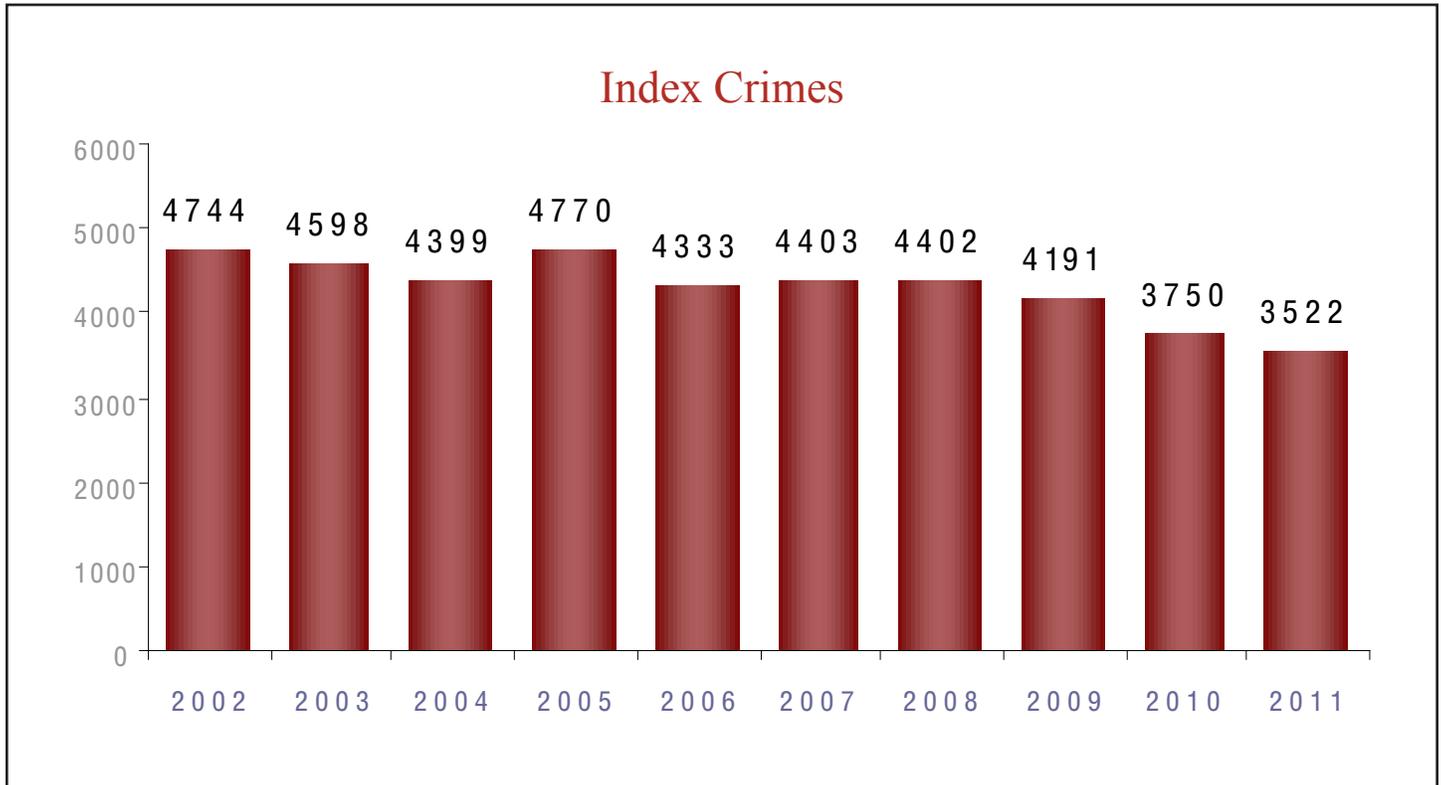
- A new engine will be added to our fleet this month. This engine replaces a twenty year old engine.
- New Records Management System to replace current system that does not track information necessary for maintaining our accreditation.
- Automatic Aid – Work with two additional agencies in signing automatic aid contracts (Drayton and Glendale).



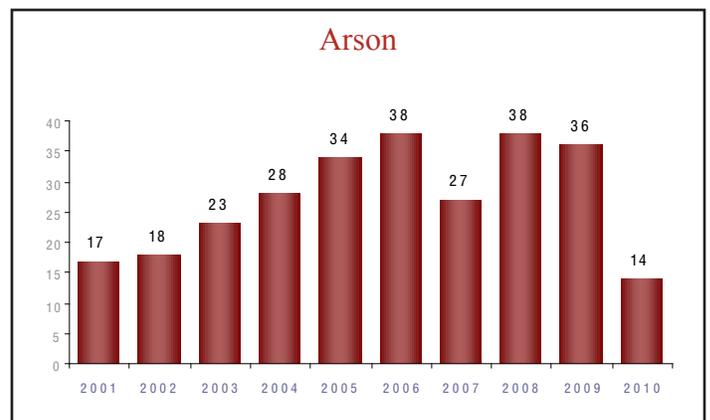
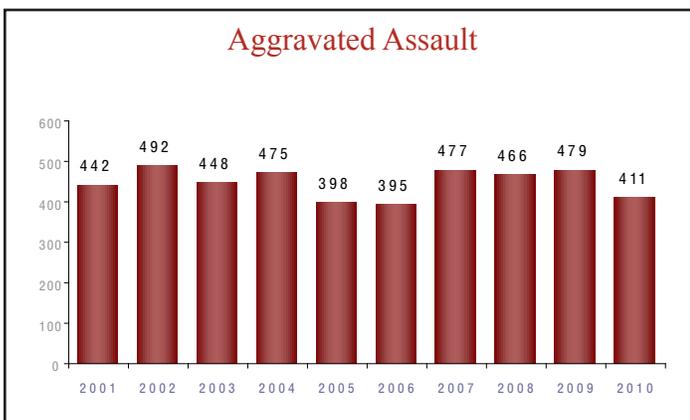
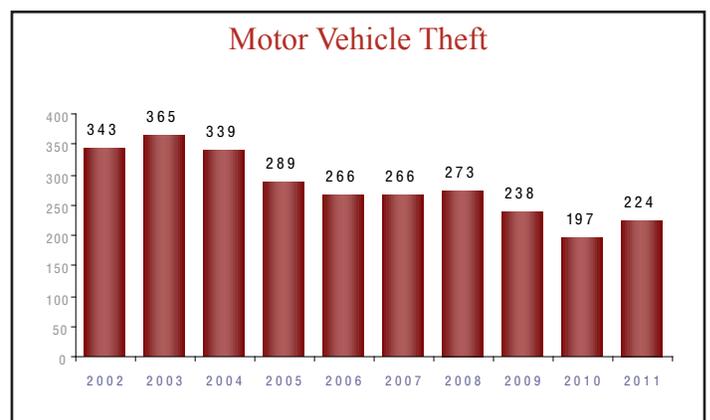
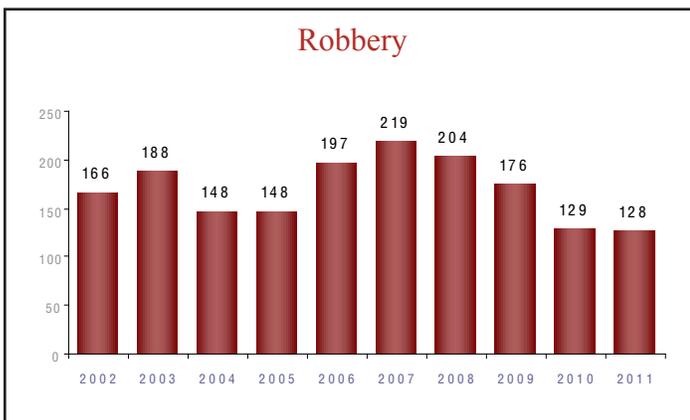
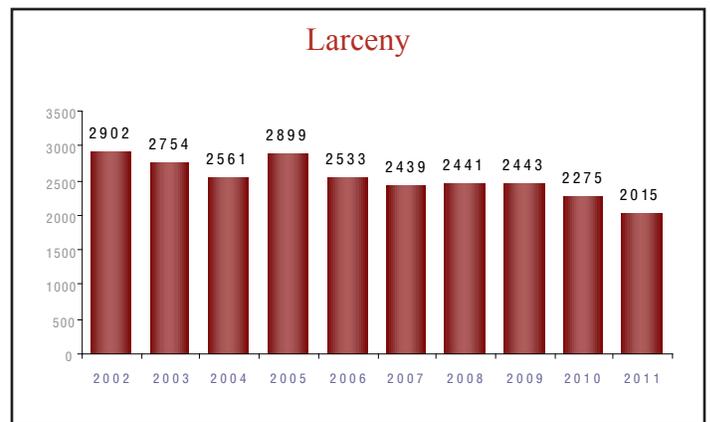
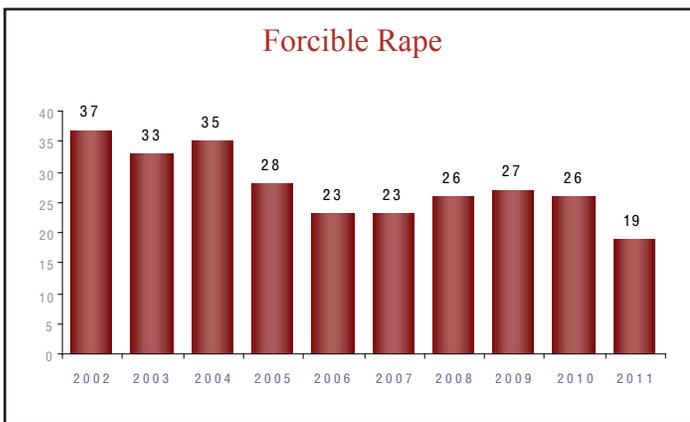
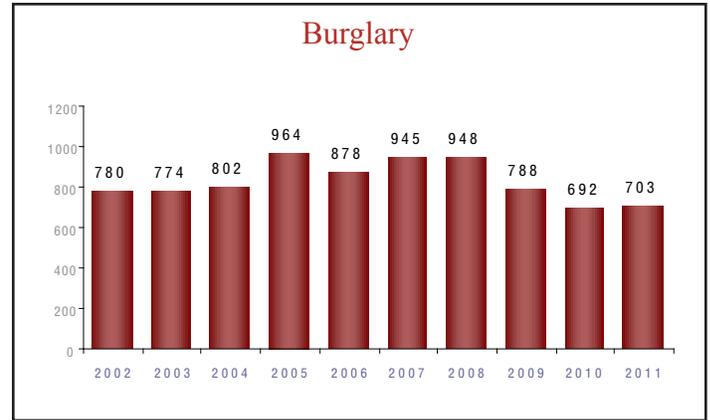
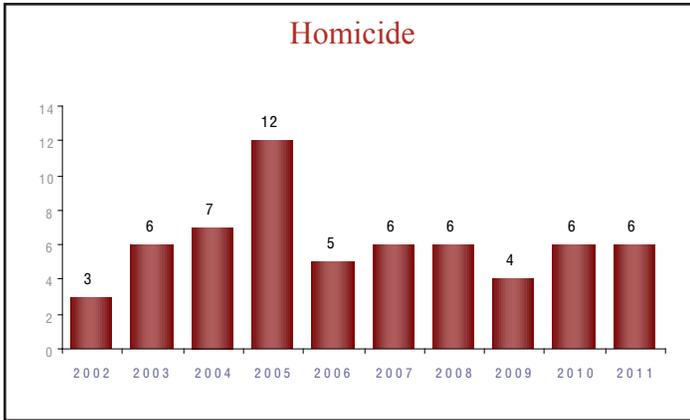
Index Crimes

Index Crimes are defined as murder and non-negligent manslaughter, robbery, forcible rape, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

In the City of Spartanburg, these crimes decreased by 223 in 2011 as compared to 2010. Index Crimes have declined dramatically since 2002 (down 25.8%) and continue to remain 18.3% below the ten year average. This pattern of decline has closely mirrored overall crime rates throughout the United States.



*Includes manslaughter, simple assault and intimidation which are not part of the Index Crimes as defined by the FBI.



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