

# Lexington Police Department

## 2010

### Annual Report



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# Mission Statement



The men and women of the Police Department are dedicated to building a strong Lexington.

Through the delivery of exemplary service with a focus on problem solving, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhoods by building a partnership with the community we serve.

# A Message from Chief Green



The men and women of the Lexington Police Department are committed to the provision of the highest possible quality of service to the Lexington community. As public servants, we are accountable for the service which we provide. The Annual Report for the 2010 calendar year is one result of our dedication to the spirit of accountability to the citizens of Lexington in that it represents the Department's efforts and achievements during the past year. Through the provision of exemplary service with a focus on community oriented policing and problem solving, it is the goal of this Department to build and maintain a working partnership with the citizens of Lexington.

# LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or my agency. I will maintain courageous and calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

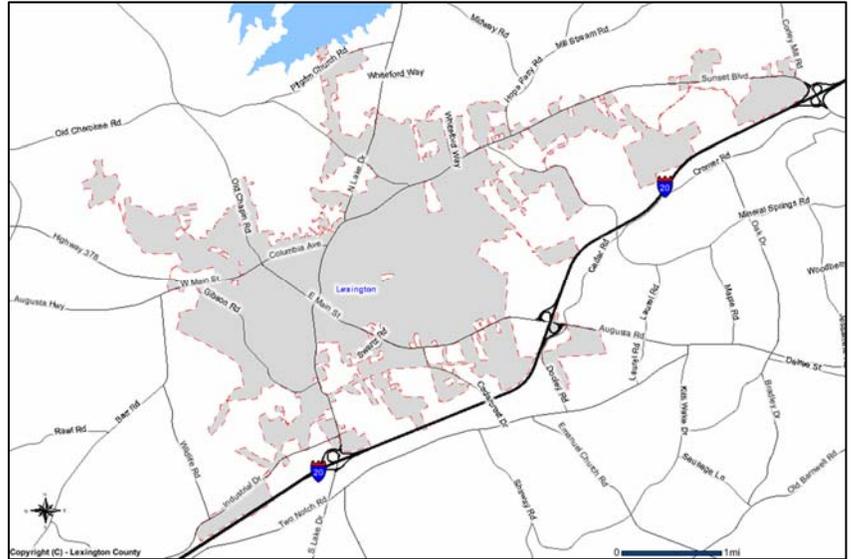
I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession, law enforcement.

# The Town of Lexington



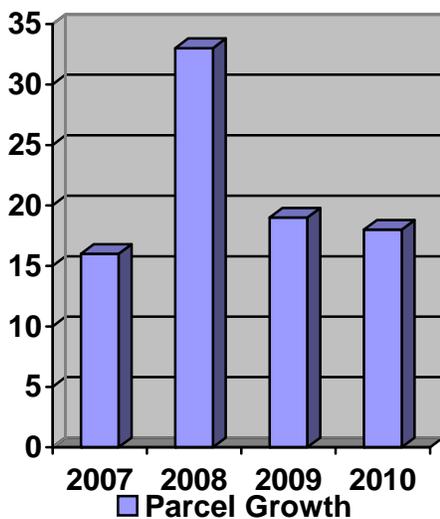
The Town of Lexington was incorporated in 1861. When it was incorporated as a town Lexington boasted a diverse population of lawyers, physicians, trades people, artisans and farmers. There were then 2 churches, several schools, a carriage factory, a saw and gristmill, a tannery, livestock yard, tin and blacksmiths, and a weekly newspaper.

If anything characterizes the Town of Lexington, it is the fast growth rate. The Town of Lexington is the 23rd largest municipality in South Carolina according to the 2010 U.S. Census. The Town's population grew 83% in the last ten years, jumping from 9,793 to 17,870 and still ranks as the second largest municipality in the Midlands.



These figures show that the Town of Lexington had the highest growth rate among the Top 25 municipalities in South Carolina. The second closest municipality had a 56% increase.

Since 1990, the Town of Lexington has grown 443%, making it the fourth fastest growing municipality in the state over the past two decades.



The Town's area has grown as well, from approximately 5.8 square miles in 2000 to over 14.5 square miles today, a 150% increase in size in just a decade.

Growth has not been limited to just that of the Town of Lexington. The County of Lexington has also grown and 2000 census figures indicated that approximately 65,000 people live within a 5 mile radius of the Town. Traffic counts routinely show around 130,000 vehicles travel on the three (3) major highways that pass through town.

Available census data shows Lexington to be approximately 84% white, 10.7% African American, and 2.6% Asian. Approximately 2.9% of the Town's residents are of Hispanic origin.

# Department Overview



The Lexington Police Department is comprised of a total of 48 personnel, including 43 sworn officers and 5 civilian positions. The Department is broken down into four divisions: the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations Division, Special Operations Division and Administration which includes the Office of Professional Standards.

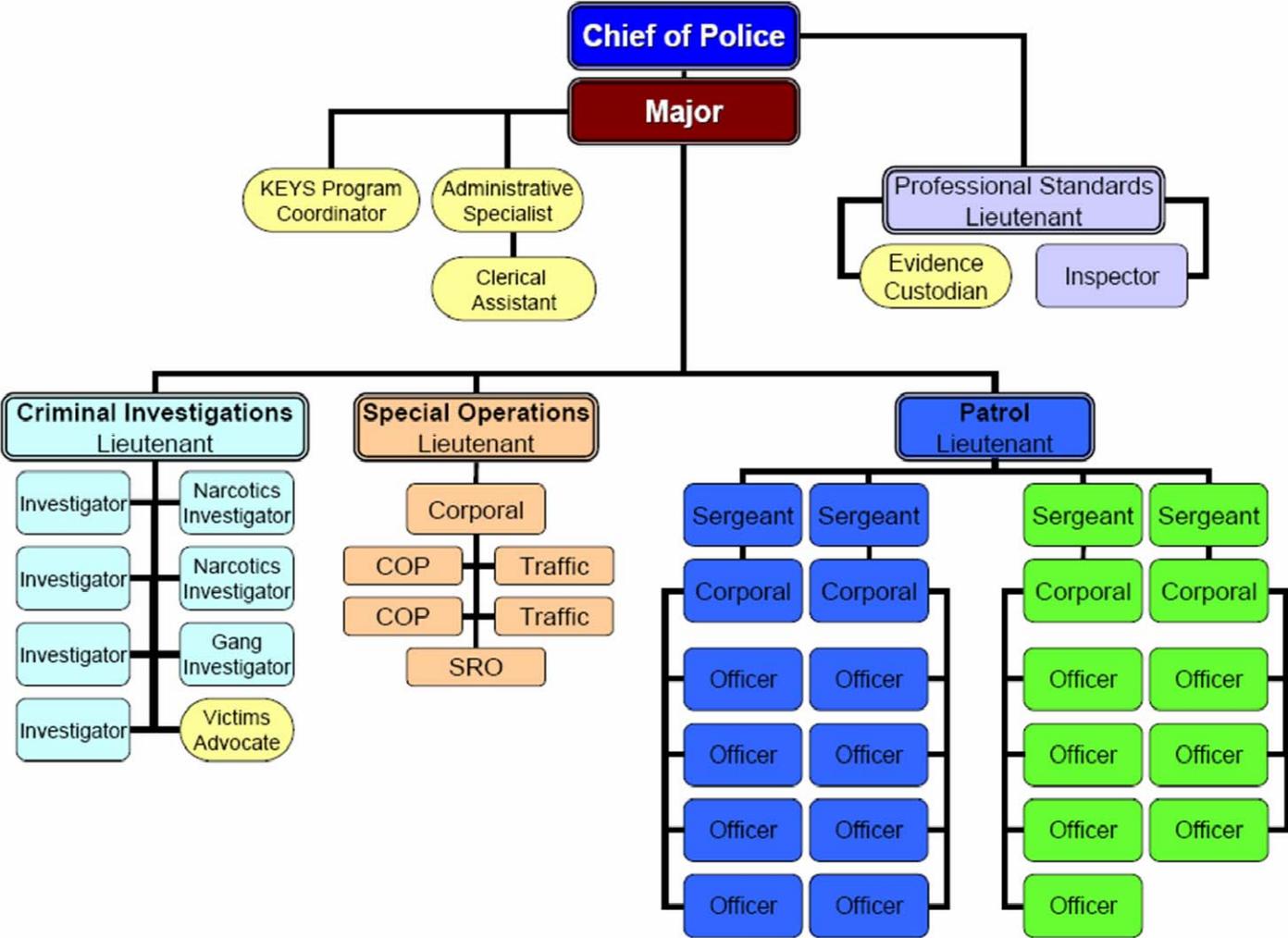
The Patrol Division is responsible for providing general police protection and service to the community including the enforcement of criminal and traffic laws, patrol of the Town, response to calls for service and the protection of property. The division consists of 24 personnel and is the “backbone” of the agency. Patrol officers are the ones any member of the public is most likely to encounter on a day to day basis in any given situation.

The Criminal Investigations Division consists of 8 detectives and is responsible for the investigation of reported crimes and special investigations such as those related to narcotics and gang activity. One civilian employee serves as the department’s Victims Advocate and provides initial and follow-up services to victims of crime.

The Special Operations Division’s 7 personnel makeup several subdivisions which coordinates and administers community programs, training and special events. This division houses the community action team, school resource officer, canine officer and the department’s traffic division.

The Administration division includes the Chief of Police, Assistant Chief of Police, Administrative Specialist, Information/Records Management, the Keeping Every Youth Safe (KEYS) Coordinator and Evidence Custodian. The 3 employees assigned to the Office of Professional Standards are responsible for the Internal Affairs function, Accreditation, Crime Analysis, Evidence and National Crime Information Center operation.

# Lexington Police Department Organizational Chart



# Accomplishments for 2010

1. In May 2010, the first Strategic Planning Training Seminar for the department was held at the Palmetto Collegiate Institute. During this three day retreat with Alisa Mosley of Association Solutions, LLC, the Command Staff, Sergeants, and C.A.T. members met to develop goals and plans of action for one, three, and five years for the department.
2. The Lexington Police Department, LRADAC and LOCC hosted alcohol education classes for retail businesses on August 31, 2010.
3. The Lexington Police Department hosted their first RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) class during September and was taught by Nationally Certified R.A.D. Instructor Ryan Whitlock of the department. The free 6-week class is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.
4. The department built a fully outfitted self-contained mobile incident command center.
5. The Lexington Police Department acquired four Phillips Heart Start Automated External Defibrillators, using funds received from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program and the police department budget.
6. With funds from the Police Department's capital budget, callbox stations were purchased and installed in all town parks.
7. Activated RAIDS Online on September 15, 2010, which maps and analyzes crime data, alerts Lexington citizens about crimes in their area, and allows the Lexington Police Department to quickly alert the public about crimes as they occur. Citizens can easily move between the map, data grid and analytics to learn about the crime that concerns them the most.
8. Officer Recognitions:  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: Mike Lawler - Officer of the Year 2009  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: Missy Aldrich -  
3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: Glenn Williams  
Officer of the Year: Brent Carter
9. "Chief's Letter of Commendation" presented on June 9, 2010, to the following for their attention to duty and heroic efforts on April 23, 2010, at the Waterway Apartment fire: Sgt. Thomas Stowe, Sgt. Mike Pickle, Cpl. John Neely, Ptl. Glenn Williams, Ptl. Grady Johnson, Ptl. Robin Rivers, Ptl. Steve Burroughs.
10. The following Citizens Awards were presented by the department during 2010:
  - VIP of the Year - Sylvia Bachman
  - Pillar of the Community - Dr. Ginger McCauley of Cherokee Trail Veterinary Hospital
  - Gilman D. Roof - April 23, 2010 - for coming to the aid of a fellow citizen
  - Midlands Pet Care (Brent Caughman, Todd Caughman, Joe Hopkins) - May 3, 2010 - for final arrangements and marker for K-9 "Ice"
  - Lexington Home Depot & Dan's Heating & Air (Dan Hurt) - coming to the aid of a town citizen with donation and installation of an air conditioner to Mrs. Willie Bea Taylor.

# General Statistics

The below listed information contains general statistical calculations for the 2010 calendar year. In some tables, additional statistics from the previous year have been included. These statistics encompass the general functions of the Department. Specialized functions, such as those specific to a particular Division or Unit, are included in later portions of this report.

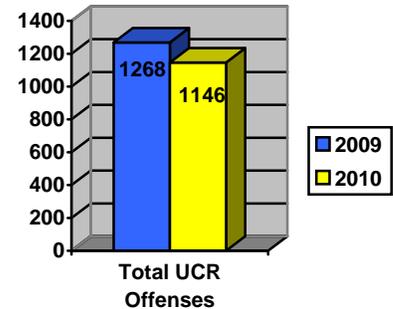
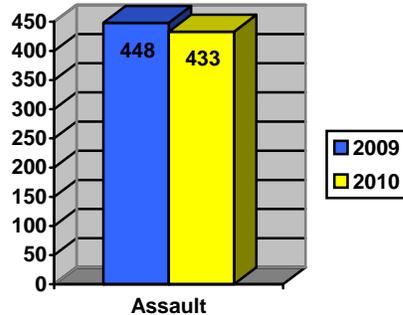
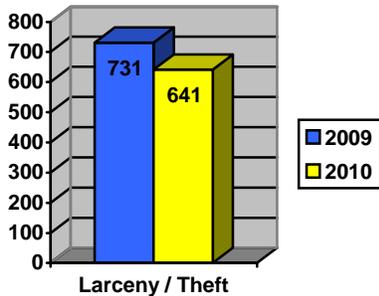
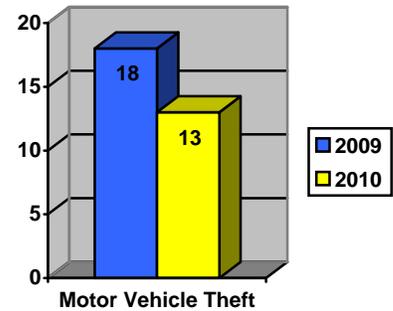
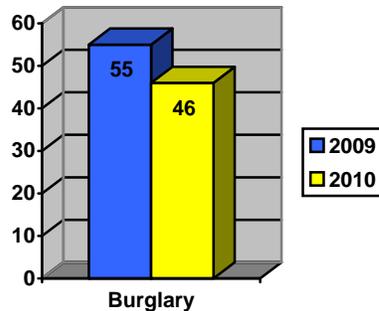
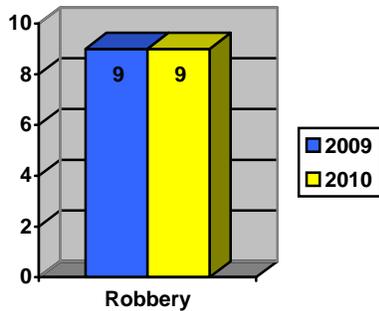
## Summary of Reported Offenses

### UCR Index Crimes

01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010

(Note: This data is retrieved from Department Records and may differ from official FBI/SLED UCR statistics)

Incident Type	2008	2009	2010	% Change
Murder	0	0	0	n/c
Forcible Rape Offenses	3	7	3	-57%
Robbery*	16	9	9	n/c
Assault	414	448	433	-3%
Burglary	56	55	46	-16%
Larceny (All larceny and theft reported)	650	731	641	-12%
Motor Vehicle Theft	23	18	13	-28%
<b>Total UCR Offenses</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1268</b>	<b>1146</b>	<b>-10%</b>



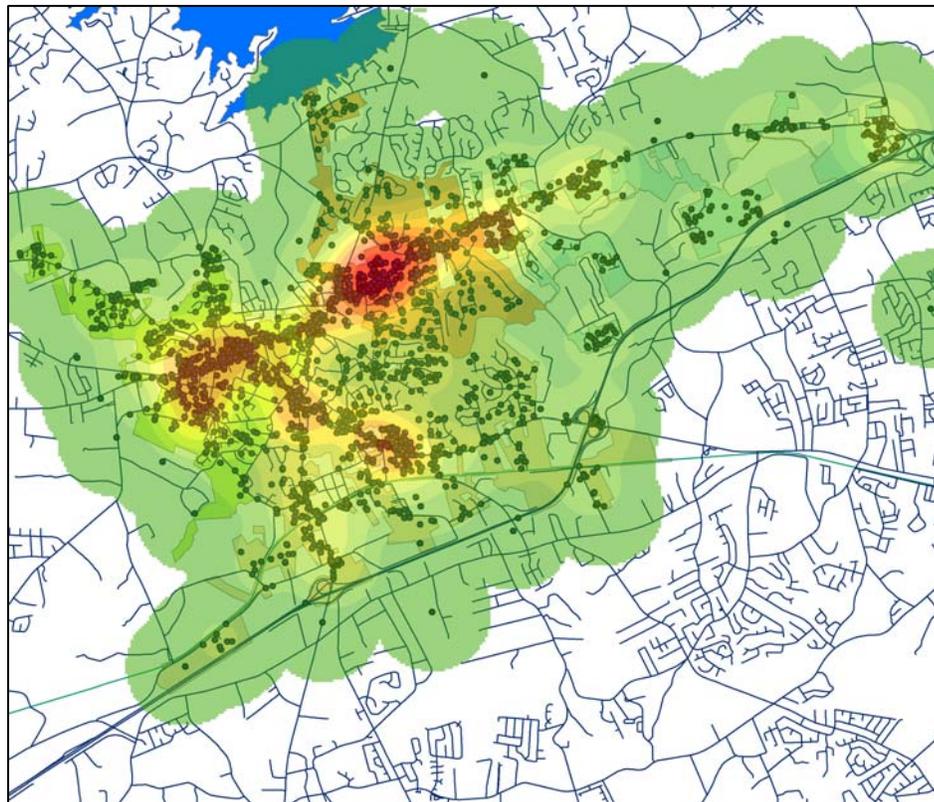
## Summary of Reported Offenses By Offense Category 01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010

(Note: This is overall data retrieved from Department Records and may differ from SLED UCR statistics)

<b>Incident Category</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Alcohol Crimes	241	229	-5%
Arson/Suspicious Fire	2	1	-50%
Assaults	450	441	-2%
Drug Crimes	339	213	-37%
Homicide	0	0	n/c
Information Only Reports (Alarms, Lost Property, etc)	2512	2444	-3%
Larceny Offenses	884	768	-13%
Other Crimes	257	245	-5%
Prostitution	0	0	n/c
Vandalism/Damage to Property	137	177	29%
<b>Total Offenses</b>	<b>4822</b>	<b>4518</b>	<b>-6%</b>

### 2010 Calls for Service Locations

The following map is a density analysis of all calls for service for 2010. Because of the commercial growth and high traffic volume, the US #378 corridor which includes Sunset Blvd, Columbia Ave and West Main Street represent a greater share of incidents than any other location within the town.

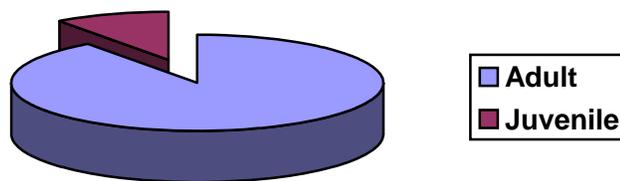


# Arrest Data



The arrest data below shows that a total of 1150 persons were arrested in 2010. This is a 16% decrease from 2009. For statistical purposes, the custodial seizure of a juvenile is counted as an arrest in the overall total. Adults accounted for 90% with custodial seizures of juveniles accounting for the remaining 10%.

## Summary of Arrests 01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010 (Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)



Type	2009	2010	% Change
Adult	1227	1034	-16%
Juvenile	135	116	-14%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1362</b>	<b>1150</b>	<b>-16%</b>

The majority of persons arrested by the Lexington Police Department reside outside the jurisdictional boundaries of the town therefore demographic data from Lexington County is used for comparison purposes.

## Adult Arrests Percentages by Race 01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010 (Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)

\*Hispanic persons are counted as Caucasian for race tracking purposes.

Race	2010 Arrests	% of Total Arrests	Lexington County 2008 Racial Estimates**
Caucasian*	814	71.27%	82.1%
African American	327	28.63%	14.8%
Other	1	0.0875%	3.0%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>1142</b>	<b>99.9%</b>	<b>99.9%</b>

\*\*US Census Bureau <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/45/4506.html>

# Warrants

Statistics regarding outstanding warrants and served warrants during the period from January to December 2010 are listed below.

A statistical summary of outstanding warrants held by the Lexington Police Department is presented below. Bench warrants are issued by the Municipal Judge in response to the failure of a convicted defendant to satisfy the terms of a sentence imposed by the Court. Arrest warrants are issued by a judge pursuant to the sworn affidavit of a victim, witness or officer and constitute the original charging document for the offense for which the defendant is charged. Service of outstanding warrants is a responsibility shared by all officers and no specific officer or Division of the Department is specifically charged with this duty.

## Summary of Outstanding Warrants

(Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)

Warrant Type	2009	2010	% Change
Bench Warrant	592	634	7%
Arrest Warrant	263	230	-13%
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>1%</b>

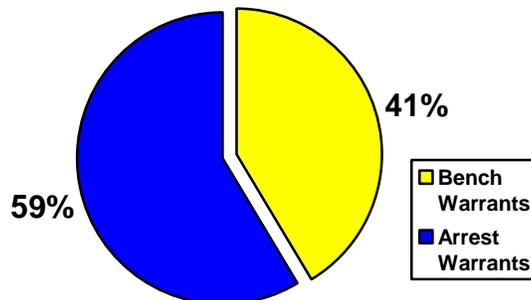
Note: These totals pertain to all outstanding warrants on file at the time of inquiry.

A combined total of 651 warrants were served by officers in 2010. This represents a 3% increase over 2009. The totals for each type of warrant are represented in the chart below.

## Summary of Warrants Served

01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010

(Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)

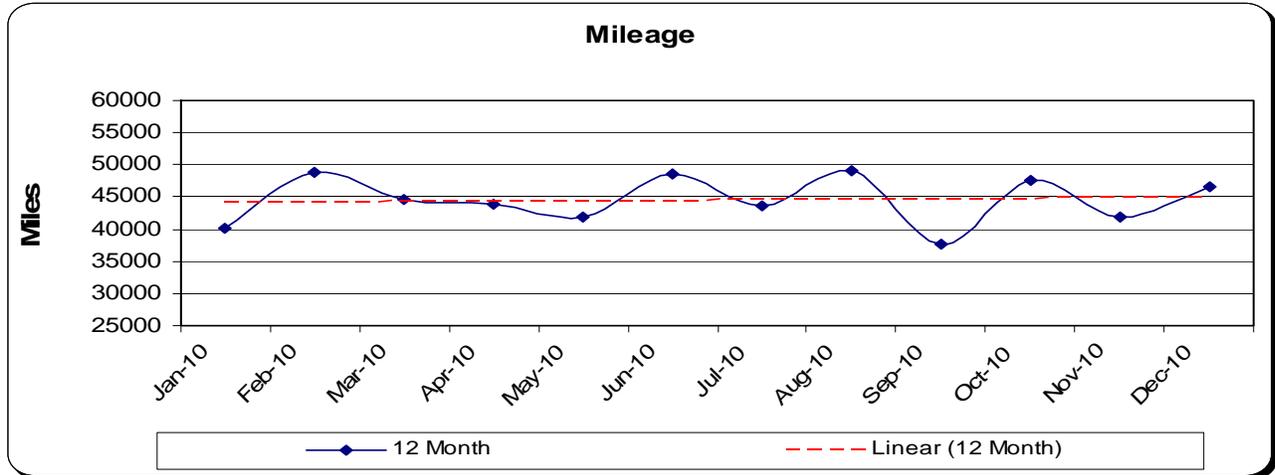


Warrants Served	2009	2010	% Change
Bench Warrant	263	229	-13%
Arrest Warrant	372	422	13%
<b>Combined Total</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

# FLEET MANAGEMENT



The Lexington Police Department operates a fleet composed of 51 vehicles. Department vehicles were driven 534,286 miles and used 43,685 gallons of fuel during 2010. Mileage by month is depicted below.



## Fleet Mileage and Fuel Usage 01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010

Department Totals			
	2009	2010	% Change
<b>Mileage (Fleet)</b>	550,063	534,286	-3%
<b>Fuel Consumed</b>	43,540	43,685	N/C
<b>Miles Per Gallon</b>	12.60	12.33	-2%

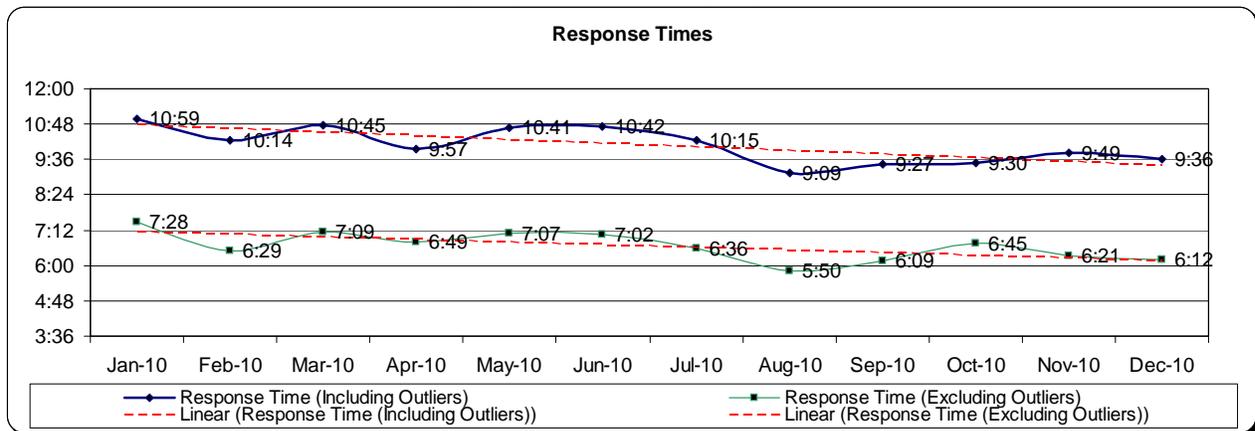
# PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is lead by a Lieutenant and is divided into four operational shifts that are each comprised of a Sergeant, Corporal and patrol officers. The Patrol Division performs the most essential function of the Department. Patrol officers are tasked with responding to calls for service/assistance, completing incident reports, investigating and reporting traffic collisions, performing traffic enforcement, recognizing and investigating suspicious/criminal activity, enforcement of South Carolina laws and ordinances of the Town, performing traffic direction and a vast array of other duties which maintain the safety and security of residents and visitors to the Town of Lexington. Patrol officers are also usually the first, if not only, contact a citizen or visitor has with the Lexington Police Department; thus, they serve a vital role as ambassadors of the Town and its government.



A statistical summary of Patrol Division activities is provided in the following pages. It is important to note that incident, collision and traffic enforcement statistics are addressed in separate sections of this report. These are the main response activities of the Patrol Division.

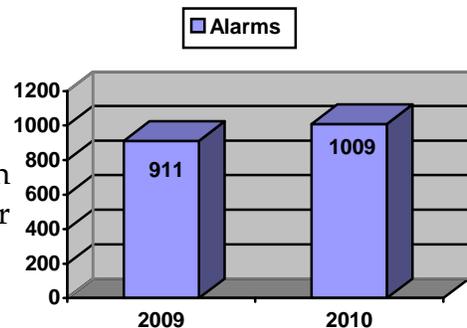
## Average Call Response Time 01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010



The overall average response time for 2010 was 6:40. As noted in the chart above the response time for 2010 decreased throughout the year.

## Alarm Response

Officers responded to 1009 alarms within the Town during 2010. This represented an 11% increase over 2009.





# TRAFFIC



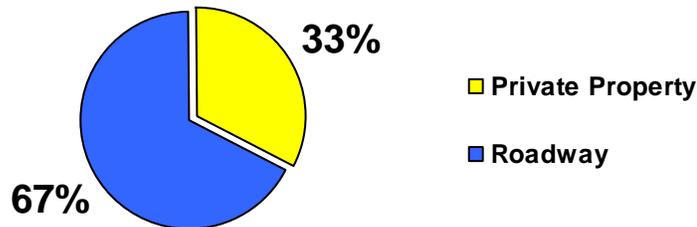
## Traffic Collision Reports 01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010

General Collision Information	
Total Traffic Collisions Reported	1142
Average Collisions Per Day	3.13

Of all reported traffic collisions that occurred in the Town of Lexington during 2010, most (69%) occurred on public roadways.

### Totals for Traffic Collisions Roadways and Private Property 01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010

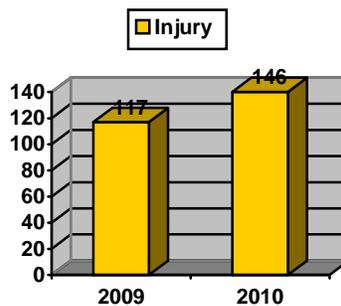
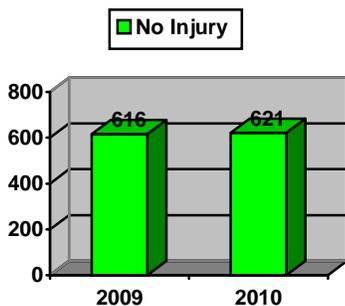
Private Property	Roadway
374	768



The table and chart below show that 19% of traffic collisions which occurred on public roadways resulted in injury or possible injury to at least one person. Tragically one (1) person was killed in a single vehicle collision in a roadway construction site.

### Total Reported Injuries Related to Traffic Collisions (Public Roadways Only) 01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010

Collision Type	2009	2010	% Change
No Reported Injury	616	621	1%
Injury	117	146	25%
Fatality	3	1	-66%



In addition to investigating traffic collisions, all uniformed officers are charged with enforcing traffic laws within the Town of Lexington. 8974 traffic stops were conducted in 2010 with 8119 tickets and 3286 warnings issued. The Department is highly conscious of its enforcement practices. In light of nationwide concerns regarding racial profiling, statistics are maintained regarding the race and sex of violators cited or warned by officers during traffic stops. As demonstrated in the following tables, the statistics show that officers of the Department do not show any tendency toward discriminatory enforcement practices.

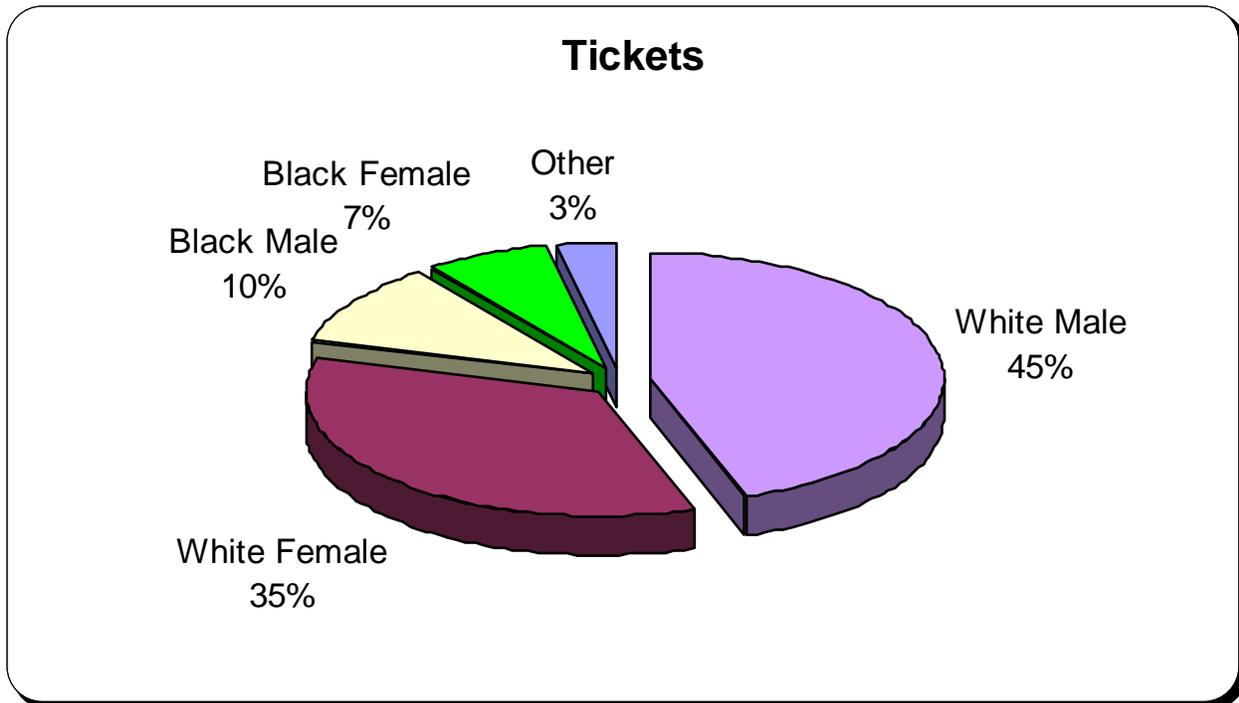
**Traffic Enforcement -- Uniform Traffic Tickets Issued  
(Traffic Offenses Only)  
Totals by Race and Sex  
01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010  
(Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)**

Race	Male	Female	Total	% of Total	Lexington County 2009 Race Estimates*
Caucasian	3636	2802	<b>6438</b>	79.3%	82.1%
African American	849	555	<b>1404</b>	17.3%	14.8%
Other	277		<b>277</b>	3.4%	2.9%
<b>Totals</b>			<b>8119</b>	100%	100%

\*Hispanic persons are counted as Caucasian for race tracking purposes.

\*\*US Census Bureau <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/45/45063.html>

The chart below breaks the numbers down further by race and sex.



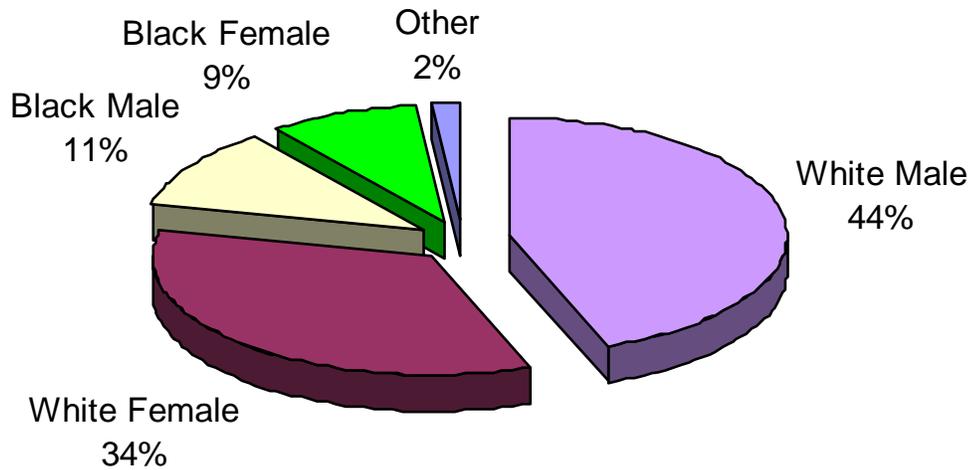
**Traffic Enforcement - Warning Tickets Issued**  
**Totals by Race and Sex**  
**01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010**  
(Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)

Race	Male	Female	Total	% of Total	Lexington County 2008 Race Estimates*
Caucasian	1453	1130	2583	78.6%	82.1%
African American	368	282	650	19.8%	14.8%
Other	53		53	1.6%	2.9%
<b>Totals</b>			<b>3286</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**Warnings**



**Uniform Traffic Ticket Counts**  
**Totals by Offense Description**  
**01/01/2010 thru 12/31/2010**  
(Data Compiled by LAWTRAK)

<b>OFFENSE DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Operating Uninsured Vehicle	59	54	-8%
Speeding or Too Fast for Conditions 10 mph above or Less	2115	3181	50%
Speeding or Too Fast for Conditions 11 to 24 mph above	73	103	41%
Speeding or Too Fast for Conditions 25 mph and above	0	0	N/C
Driving in Wrong Lane	0	1	N/C
Shifting Lanes Improperly	6	22	266%
Parking Improperly	0	1	N/C
Lights Improper	794	756	-5%
Improper Backing	1	3	200%
Vehicle in Unsafe Condition	2	2	N/C
Disregarding Sign or Signal	192	173	-10%
No Right of Way	115	126	10%
Wrong Side of Road	37	24	-35%
Passing Unlawfully	2	12	500%
Turning Unlawfully	27	18	-33%
Following too Closely	108	127	18%
Reckless Driving	22	39	77%
Hit & Run Property Damage	18	11	-38%
Failure to Stop for Police Vehicle	4	3	-25%
Other Moving Violation	35	37	6%
Drivers License Violation	350	355	2%
Vehicle License Violation	857	617	-28%
Vehicle License Improper	90	56	-38%
Faulty Equipment	45	60	33%
Other Violations	1592	1437	-10%
Driving Under Suspension	278	225	-19%
Driving Under the Influence	86	109	27%
Minimum Speed Law	0	2	N/C
Non-Traffic Offenses	467	587	26%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7375</b>	<b>8141</b>	<b>10%</b>
Note: Percentages are not calculated for offenses which reported 0 incidents in one of the two years cited.			

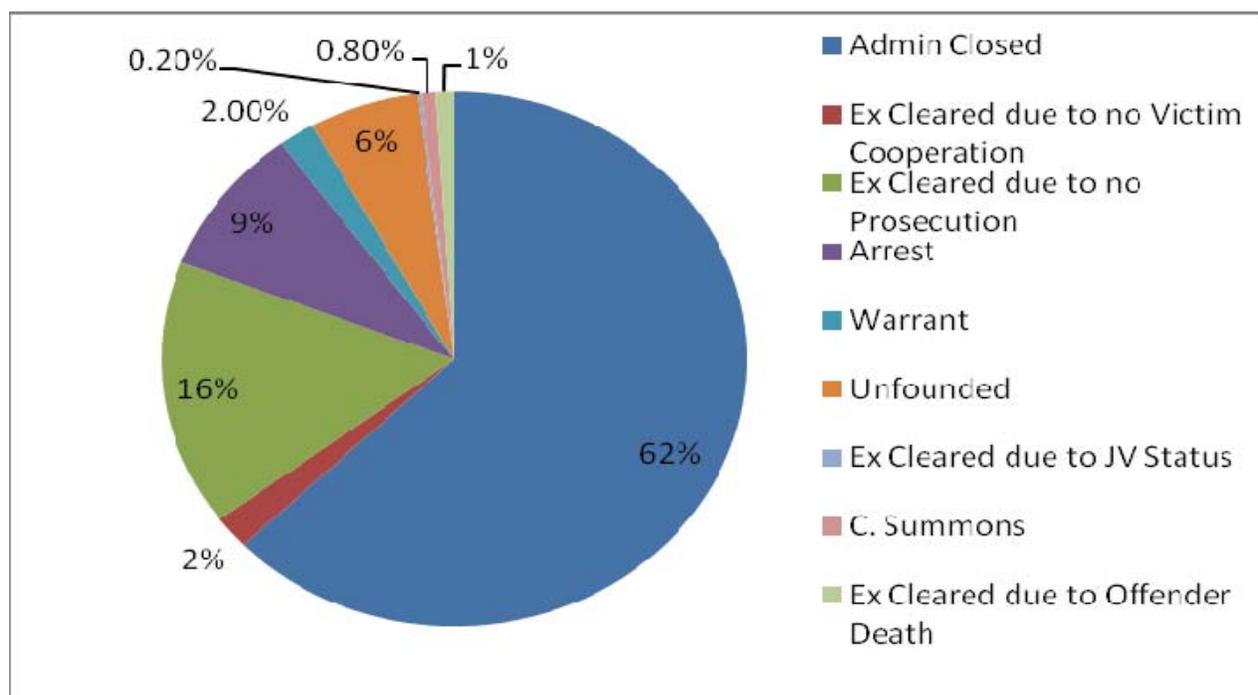
# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



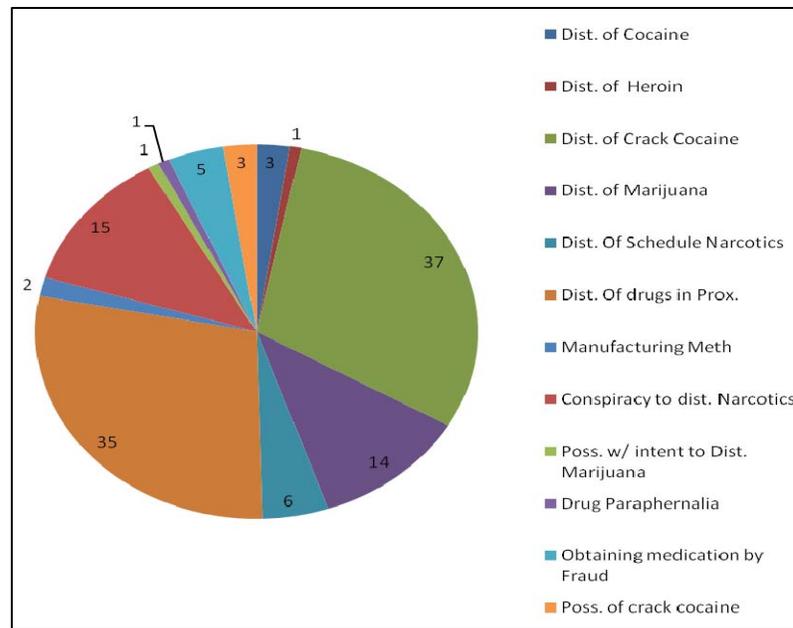
The Criminal Investigations Division is managed by a Lieutenant who supervises four Detectives, two Narcotics Agents, one Gang Intervention Officer and the Victims Advocate. The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is tasked with following leads in criminal cases. The Criminal Investigations Division is available to respond at anytime, day or night, to the needs of crime victims, or to the scene of any incident.

CID works to follow up on reports of criminal activity initially reported to our uniformed patrol officers. The Detectives then establish the elements of the crime as defined by state law identify and apprehend the person responsible for the criminal act. The Investigations Division is also responsible for forensic examination of crime scenes along with the evaluation, collection of evidence, and the transport of fugitives from other jurisdictions. The Criminal Investigations Division also plays an integral part in assisting the Solicitor's Office in the prosecution of cases.

During the year of 2010 the Criminal Investigations division investigated 1271 cases. 1256 of those were closed for a clearance rate of 98.83%. The chart below breaks down the dispositions of how those cases were closed.



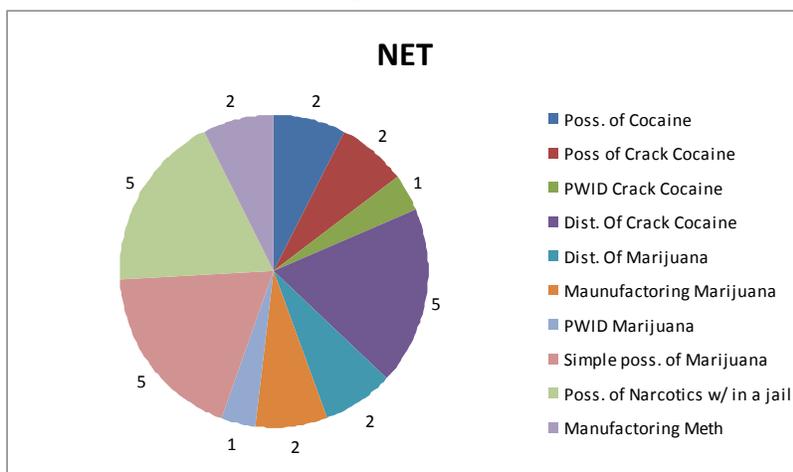
## Narcotics/Vice Activity



Additionally the Narcotics/Vice Detectives conducted the following:

Collision Type	2009	2010	% Change
Warrants Served	102	123	21%
Search Warrants Obtained	18	6	-66%
Electronic Surveillance (Hours)	206	400	94%
Surveillance (Hours)	129	250	94%
Narcotic Purchases	54	24	-56%
Educational Presentations	13	20	54%

### 2010 Lexington County Narcotics Task Force Officers Charges



The Lexington Police Department has an officer assigned to the Lexington County Narcotics Task Force Team. The Following are their stats for the year 2010.

Additionally the Task Force Agent conducted the following:

Warrants – 25  
 Citations - 3  
 Surveillance Hours - 25  
 Buys – 9

## GANG ACTIVITY

The Department has been monitoring gang activity in the Town for several years now. While the percentage of gang-related incidents is low (less than 1% of the total in any given year), the propensity of gang members to commit violent crimes and the difficulty of eliminating gangs which have the opportunity to become entrenched in a community has led the Department to assign a detective the task of identifying, monitoring, and suppressing gang activity. This detective has received additional training related to gangs and how to identify and decode gang graffiti and symbols.

Through information sharing with other local law enforcement agencies this detective provides any necessary updates on gang activity as part of each bi-weekly COMPSTAT meeting. To date, the Department has been able to confirm the presence of several gangs and continues to closely monitor any suspected activity. The gang related crime statistics for 2010 are currently being recovered. The reporting system used is not geared toward keeping these types of statistics so alternate methods of tracking and adjustments to the current system are being researched.

In 2010 gang contacts amongst our Hispanic community were consistent with national trends. Numerous individuals were contacted on traffic stops that were found to be documented as gang members in the VGTOF portion of NCIC. A list of names has been prepared by the Town's gang detective for entry into the NCIC VGTO file. Further advanced training in gang identification has been received by the town's gang detective and training was also provided to the uniformed patrol division in the form of annual training sessions and roll call training.

Solid relations with gang detectives from other agencies were further solidified this year which have opened the flow of information sharing between agencies within the area. Gang intelligence and information sharing meetings hosted by SLED have been attended on a monthly basis which has provided a great deal of knowledge and information to be shared. From discussions with other law enforcement agencies which must deal with a larger gang problem, the Department is well aware that gang members will typically move from "small" crimes to "big" crimes as they get older and that the transition can occur quite suddenly. It is for this reason the Lexington Police Department is devoting the resources it can spare to gathering intelligence on gang members, who they associate with, and what patterns of behavior they engage in.

Gang Investigator Activity	2009	2010	% Change
Events Worked	1	10	1000%
Classes Taught	7	17	143%
Standard Surveillance Hours	260	598	130%
Cases Worked	76	55	-28%

The presence of local gang members has been observed to have increased through investigation and intelligence into the activities, trends and identification of gang members and potential gang members in the Lexington area. The gang detective provides any necessary updates on gang activity as part of each COMPSTAT meeting. This information then helps guide the development of division action plans that are in response to specific crime trends and patterns. Through these efforts the Department has been able to confirm the presence of several gangs within the Town and continues to closely monitor any suspected activity.

# VICTIM ADVOCATE



The Department's Victim's Advocate continues to provide a variety of services to those who are victims of crime. The Victim's Advocate responds to critical incidents and assists victims through the criminal justice process. The Victim's Advocate also provides follow up contacts to victims and witnesses, counsels victims and provides appropriate referrals to professionals in the area, including the State Victim's Compensation Fund which helps victims of crime with medical payments. The below listed table provides a summary of the number of victims served and the number of services provided.

## Summary of Activities for Victim Advocate for Calendar Years 2008-2010

ACTIVITY	2008	2009	2010
Victims Served	871	1142	893
Services Provided	1955	2309	1522

## "KEEPING EVERY YOUTH SAFE" Program

The "KEYS" program continues to be active in improving the quality of life for Lexington youth. In 2011 the KEYS program received an \$87,591 Community Development Block Grant through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development with approval of Lexington County Council. "KEYS" is located at 209 South Lake Drive beside Town Hall and the Virginia Hylton Park. The program operates Monday - Thursday from 2pm to 6pm and continues to focus on improving the academic and life skills of its participants. Each youth receives individual tutoring and mentoring, based on their needs, provided by program staff and a cadre of volunteers from local churches, colleges and high schools. Additionally, assistance from Community Action Team (CAT) officers provides life skills training and the opportunity to positively react with law enforcement officials.

Averaging 28 youth per day in 2010, the program was successful in multiple areas of its mission. Most importantly, "KEYS" exceeded a majority of objectives and outcomes, number of youth served, improvement in school attendance and grades, parent and student satisfaction with "KEYS" and successful completion of students from the program. Finally, 50% of the involved youth demonstrated an increase in at least one life skill area (time and money management, character education, etc.).

Community Sponsors and/or contributors to the program in 2010 included:

- The Town of Lexington
- Lexington Police Department
- Lexington County
- Lexington Improvement League
- Lexington Rotary Club
- South East Regional Rotary Club
- Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church
- Grace EMC
- St. Paul Baptist Church
- Spring Hill AME
- Wal-Mart
- Select Health of South Carolina
- Kohl's
- Harvest Hope Food Bank
- Personal Donations

# TRAINING



One of the most important ways the Department strives to insure that officers' actions are within the law and departmental policy is through rigorous training. Training falls under the Special Operations Division, which works closely with all the other divisions of the Department to identify what type of training officers need before implementing changes to the Department's training program. The training officer's receive is categorized as advanced, in-house, and specialty. Advanced training is training approved by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and taught by SCCJA instructors or instructors from outside sources. Examples of these would be Speed Measurement Device certification, Legal/CDV update, Leadership courses, Supervisor courses, Instructor courses, etc... In-house training is training required by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy that is taught by department instructors and training that is required by the department for accreditation or areas the department feels necessary for officers. Examples of these would be firearms, defensive tactics, emergency vehicle operations, sexual harassment awareness, gang updates, court room testimony etc... Specialized training is not required by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and is often taught by outside training organizations and is available at a cost for the Department. Examples of these would be CPR/First Aid, Narcotics Detector Dog certification, IED recognition, etc...

The Department sends officers to training as outlined in the Table below. The Department's dedication to professionalism meant that officers underwent an average of 167 hours of training per officer and a total of 7174 hours of training during 2010. This increase in total training can be accounted to the increase of advanced training within the state and hosting advanced classes at Lexington Police Department which allows free or extra slots. The in-house training hours had no significant change due to streamlining of block training and increasing quality rather than quantity of training.

## Summary of Training Statistics for Calendar Years 2008-2010

Training Statistics	2008	2009	2010	% Change
Total Training Hours	5790	6309	7174	12%
In-House Training Hours	2998	2763	2771	N/C
Avg. Training Hours per Officer	145	147	167	12%



# EMERGENCY SERVICES TEAM



For operational purposes, the EST is considered a component of the Special Operations Division. EST is composed of two components, including a tactical unit and a crisis negotiations unit. Tactical unit officers receive advanced specialized training in tactical deployment, building entry, chemical munitions and high risk response. Team members are on call at all times and can assist in a variety of potentially hazardous situations such as those involving barricaded suspects, hostage situations, high risk warrant service/vehicle takedowns, search and rescue and fugitive recovery. The crisis negotiations unit functions independently of the tactical team and is staffed by three officers with specialized training in crisis/hostage negotiations. All officers who participate in the EST serve on a voluntary basis as an additional responsibility to their assigned duties. Activities of the EST in 2010 are represented in the table below.

Emergency Services Team Stats	2009	2010	% Change
Training Hours	160	110	-31%
Training Hours (Monthly Average)	13.3	11	-17%
Total Training Days	20	20	N/C
Call Outs	4	1	-75%

# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



The School Resource Officer (SRO) is assigned under the Special Operations Division and serves at the Lexington Middle School. All school resource officers must attend specialized training for the position and conduct a variety of activities in their assigned school. Activities of the SRO in 2010 are represented in the table below.

School Resource Officer			
Activity	2009	2010	% Change
Total Classes Instructed	14	17	21%
Total Students Instructed	920	1151	25%
Total Counseling Sessions	196	166	-15%
Total Incident Reports Taken	45	40	-11%
Total Arrests/Petitions	8	2	-75%
Total Special Events	21	35	66%
Total Training Hours Completed	48	286	496%

# COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

The position of Community Oriented Policing Officer (COP) was created in August 2004 to insure that neighborhood organizations, businesses, and civic groups would have a single, direct line of communication to the Department. In October 2006 the COP function was re-cast with the addition of a second officer and the designation of Community Action Team (CAT). A third officer was assigned to the team. The CAT officers are designated as the “go to” team assisting the patrol division in addressing crime trends and issues identified in the COMPSTAT meetings or by the community. As part of this responsibility, the CAT officers are the Department’s front line of defense in identifying and dealing with gang activity. Community Action Team officers still handle the annual Citizen’s Academy and also work with the Lexington KEYS after-school program. The number of community meetings decreased due to the implantation of the email notification system with the neighborhood homeowners associations. The Community Action Team also operates the department’s prisoner transports for all court days which averages to sixteen hours a month and assists with prisoner transports from other jurisdictions which can range from one a month to as many as five a month.

Activity	2009	2010	% Change
Bike Patrol Hours	53	96.5	82%
Bike Patrol Miles	91	277	204%
Community Meetings	20	12	-40%
Community Meeting Attendance	347	169	-51%
Informal Community & Business Visits	1211	1882	55%
Fingerprinting Services	30	36	20%
Child Safety Seat Inspections	57	84	47%
Code Enforcement (Hours)	21.5	24	12%
KEYS Program (Hours)	346	285	-18%



# Canine Function



For operational purposes, the Canine Function is considered a component of the Special Operations Division. The Canine is trained in narcotics detection, tracking and apprehension. The Canine program at Lexington Police Department has been active since July 1998. The current Canine (Leena) has been in-service since September 2008. For operational purposes, the Canine Function is considered a component of the Special Operations Division.

Canine activities are represented in the table below.

Training and Deployment	2009	2010	% Change
Training Hours*	280	254	-8%
Tracking Deployments	11	3	-73%
Drug Sniff Deployments	32	31	-4%
Patrol / Apprehension Deployments**	2	1	-50%

\*The number of training hours in 2009 included Canine Leena's initial basic training and certification thus inflating those numbers.

\*\*Lexington County Sheriff Department Canine division went full time in 2010 allow a Canine unit to be on duty at all times. Lexington PD entered into an agreement with LCSD to mutually aid each with Canines. This attributes to the reduction in deployments in 2010.



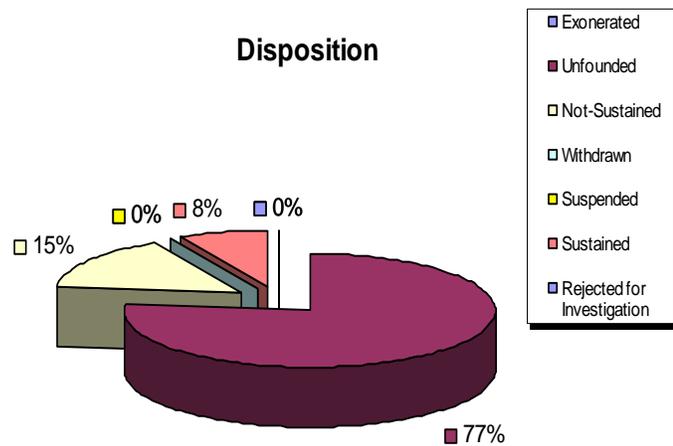
# OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is staffed by two officers, a Lieutenant and Inspector, who report directly to the Chief of Police. The OPS is responsible for the Department's Internal Affairs functions and handles all internal and external complaint investigations; reviews/investigates all Response to Resistance incidents and Pursuits; and administers the Departmental Early Warning System. Additionally, OPS maintains accreditation (through CALEA and SCLEA), is responsible for the Department's Intel and Crime Analysis, NCIC compliance and provides management of the Department's policies and procedures.

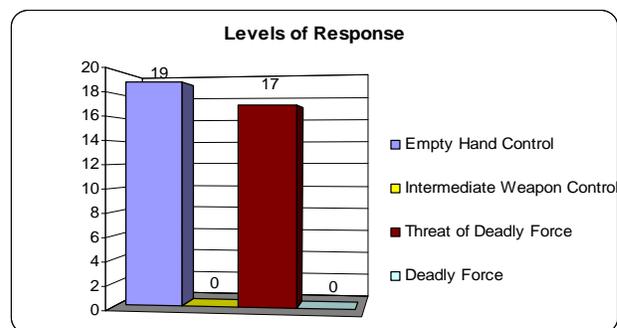
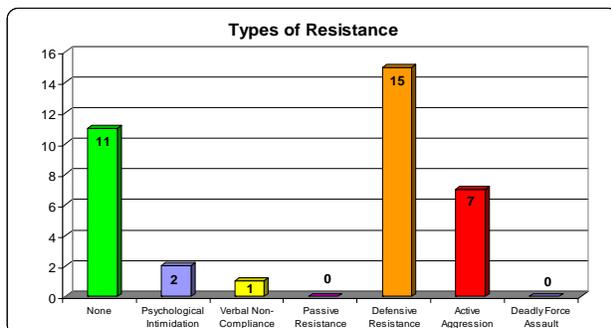
## Complaints

The most significant statistic from the OPS in 2010 is the continued decrease (25%) for the third consecutive year in complaints lodged against officers of the Department. The twelve (12) complaints were the lowest number seen since OPS was created in 2003. Officers were cleared in 77% (10) of the cases. Only one (1) complaint was sustained for the year. This decrease most likely continues to reflect the maturity of the officers as turnover among patrol level employees is at its lowest in many years with the department average tenure at 6.42 years. It is certainly commendable and a testament of the professionalism exhibited by our officers.

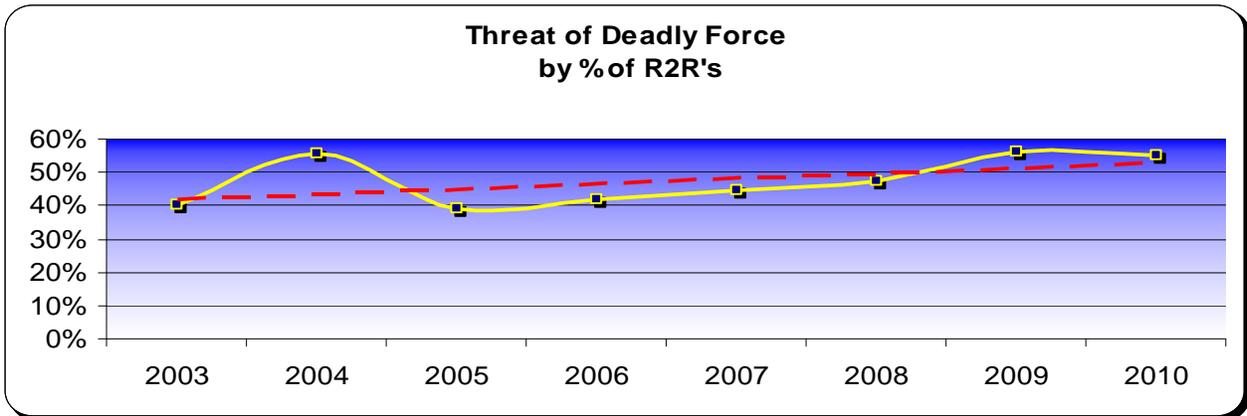
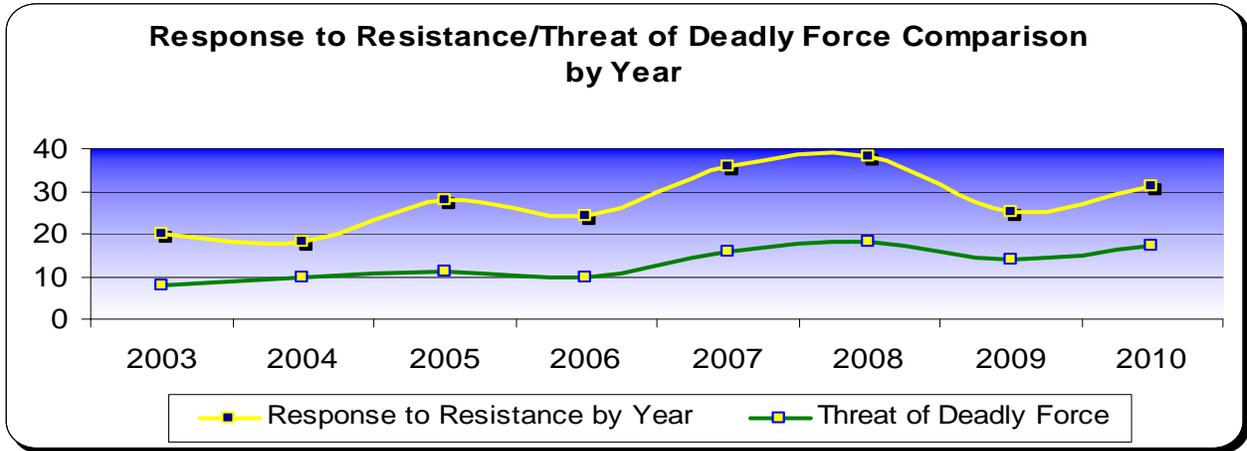


## Response to Resistance

There were 31 reportable Responses to Resistance in 2010 which is a 24% increase from 2009 despite a 16% decrease in custodial arrests. This equates to an incident in 1 out of every 37 arrests versus 54.5 arrests last year. All Responses to Resistance in 2010 were classified as "authorized".

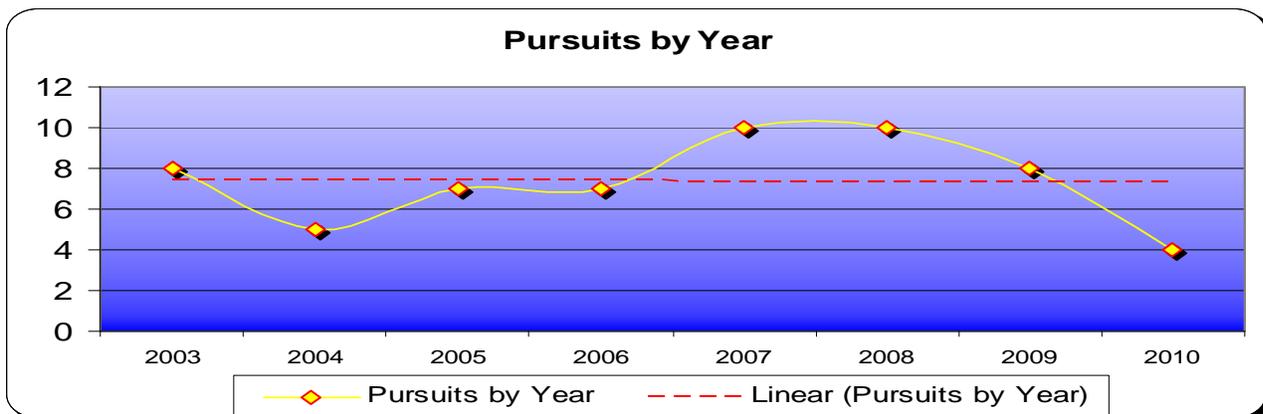


The 17 incidents in which a threat of deadly force was made due to subject actions was an increase over last year however remains within the three year average. The concern however, still lies in that the threat of deadly force continues to trend upward and most telling is the percentage of incidents requiring the threat of deadly force as shown in the following charts.

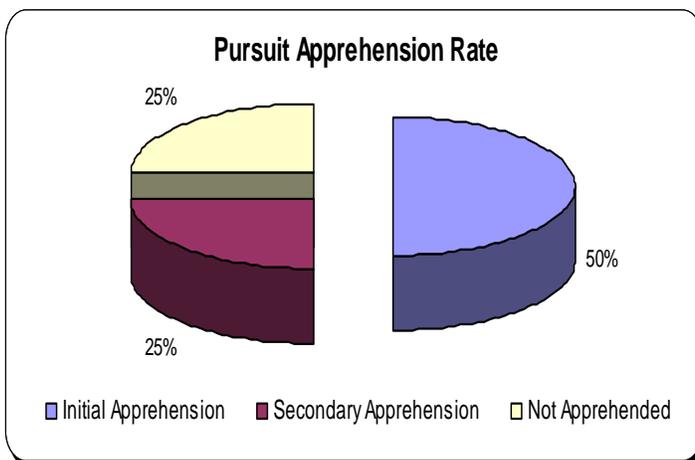


### Pursuits

The department was involved in 4 pursuits in 2010. This was a 50% decrease over 2009 totals. All but one of the pursuits for 2010 was classified as “authorized”. The number of traffic stops (9320) was up for the year, so the decrease in pursuits also greatly affected the ratio of traffic stops to pursuits. The number of pursuits occurring per traffic stop decreased dramatically to 1:2330 versus 1:1106 last year. The average pursuit lasted 3.5 minutes and covered a distance of 2.11 miles.

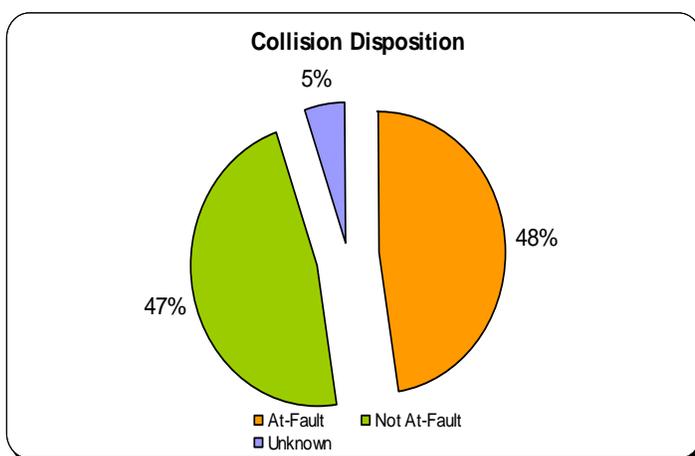


Half of the pursuit suspects in 2010 were initially apprehended with one (1) other apprehended at a later time for the offense. The overall apprehension rate for pursuits in 2010 was 75%. While this is down from previous years, our overall apprehension rate remains at 85% and should continue to be kept in mind for supervisory consideration when authorizing any continuance of a pursuit.



### Fleet Damage

Twenty Five (25) reports of Fleet Damage were recorded in 2010, an increase of 32%. Over half (56%) were “at-fault”, which is defined as being caused by department employees. Only three (3) incidents involved an officer utilizing lights and sirens of which 2 were found at-fault. Of the 14 at-fault collisions, 36% (5) were due to striking objects while backing, 21% (3) each were due to rear ending another vehicle and turning and striking an object (curb/stump).



### Accreditation

The Office of Professional Standards maintains the Department’s ongoing accreditation efforts. The department currently maintains dual (International and State Accreditation) and is preparing for the next accreditation on-site in December 2011.



### Summary of Key Activities from the Office of Professional Standards for Calendar Year

Incidents	2007	2008	2009	2010	Previous Year % Change
Complaints	30	22	16	12	-25%
Response to Resistance	36	38	25	31	24%
Pursuits	10	10	8	4	-50%
Fleet Damage	13	16	19	25	32%

A complete analysis of all OPS activities is available in the OPS annual report available upon request.