



# Longview Police

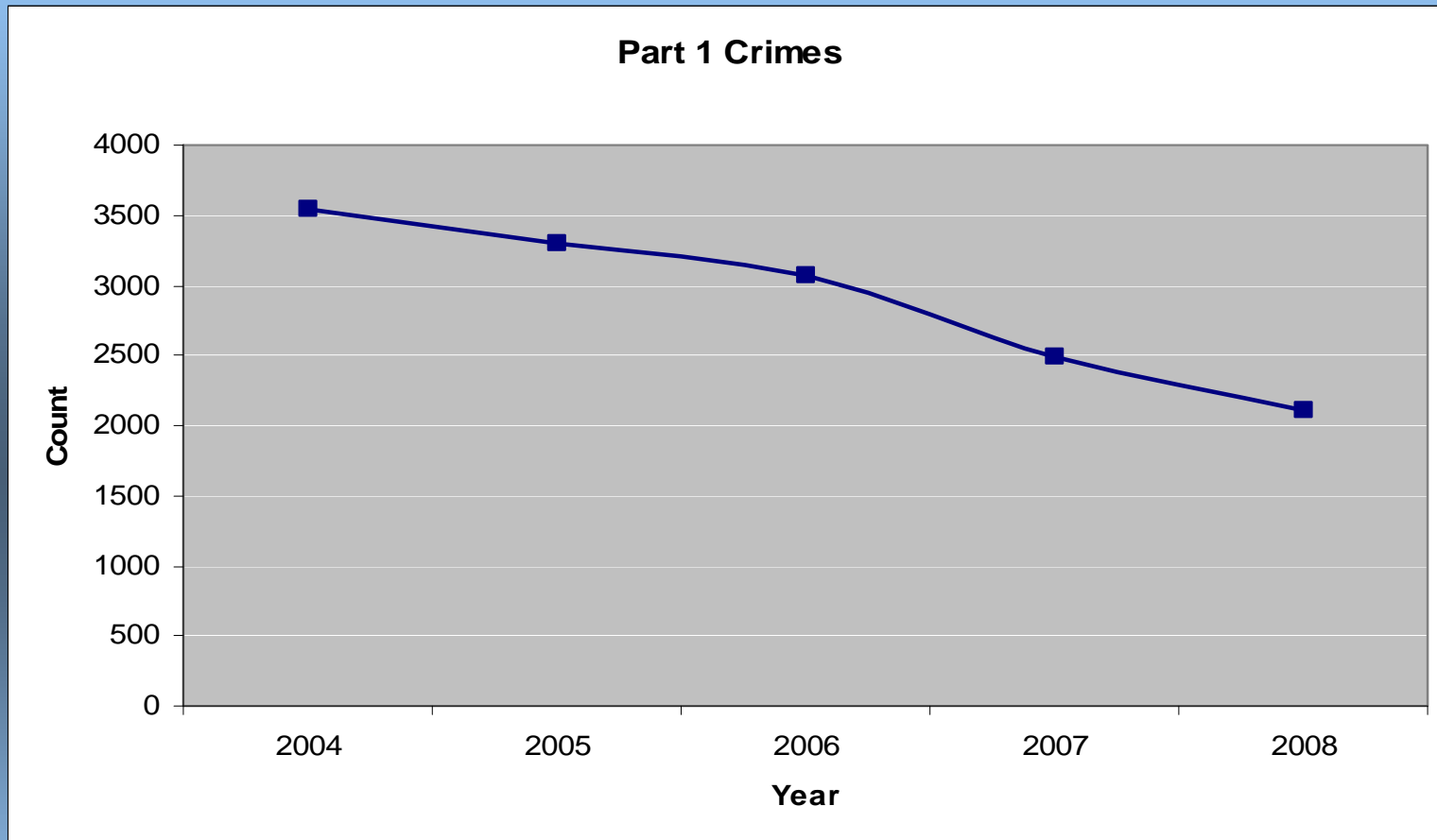
## Annual Report 2008

## **2008 Crime**

### **LPD continues to make significant progress**

- Since 2004, overall Part 1 crimes have been reduced by a significant 41%.
- Vehicle Prowl calls are down 21% from 2007
- Burglaries are down 35% compared to 2007
- Arrests for liquor law violations are up 28% compared to 2007

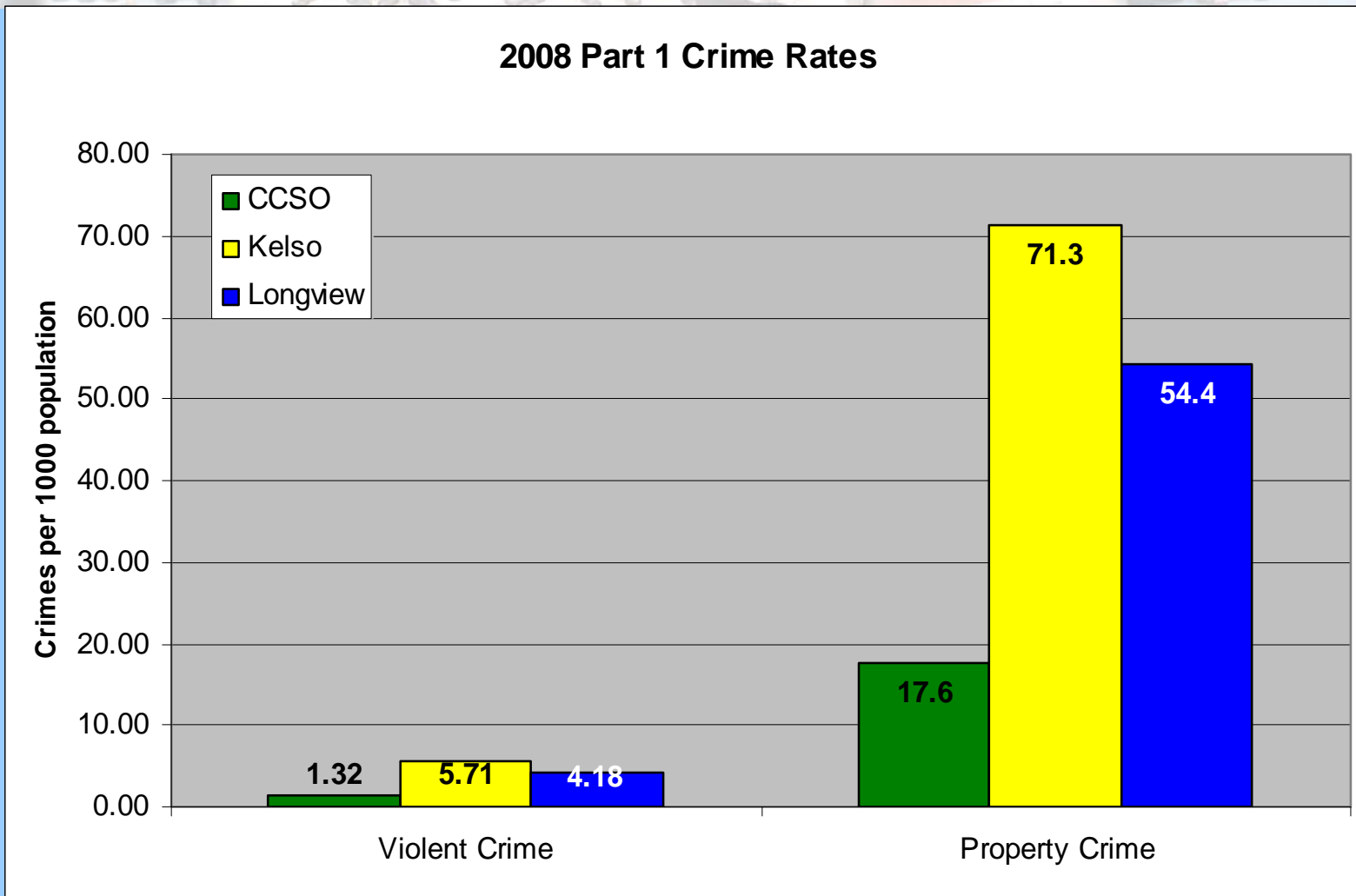
## Part 1 Crimes 5 Year Trend



Part 1 Crimes are the serious crimes such as homicide, forcible rape, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

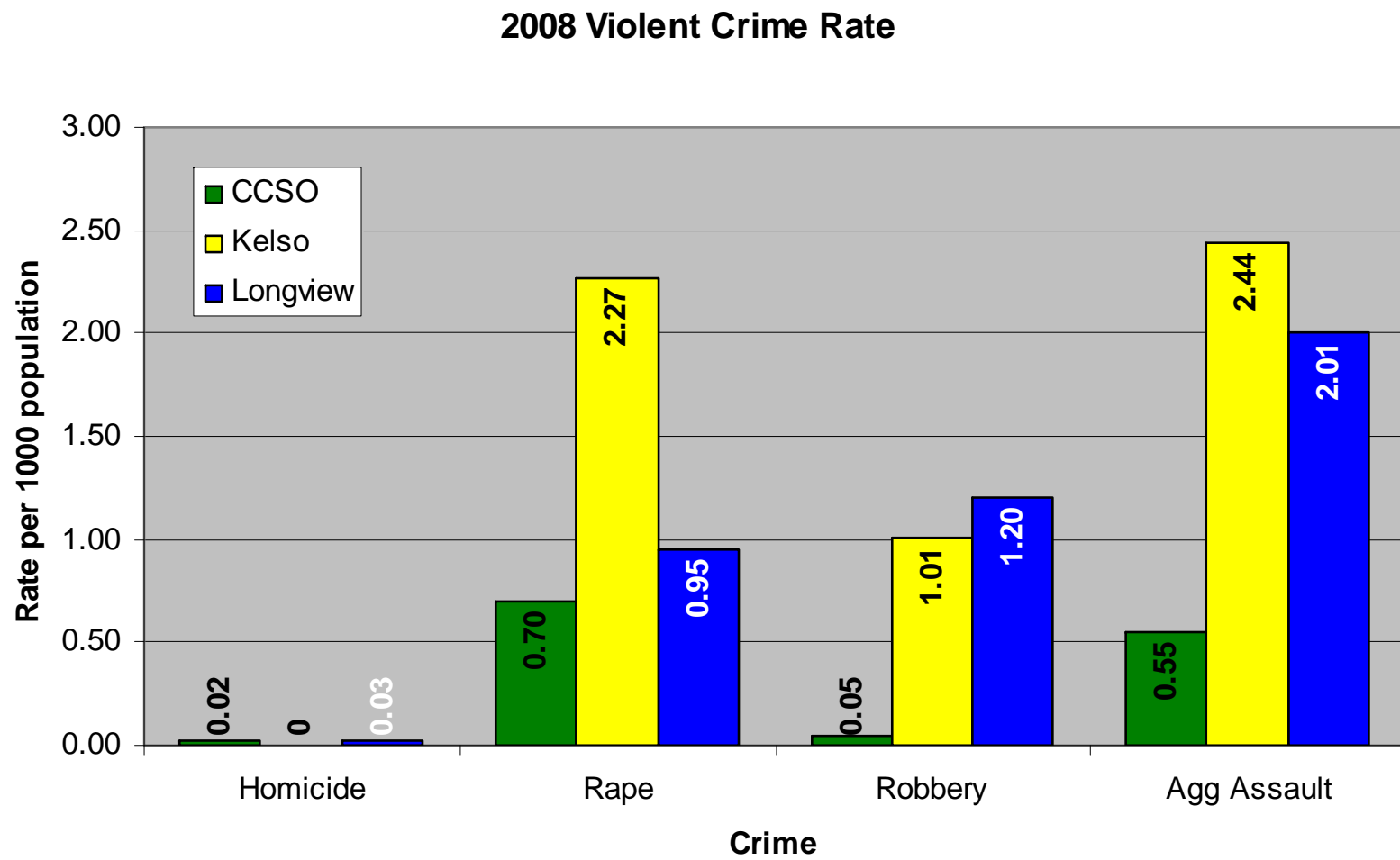
From 2004-2008, there has been a 41% decrease in Part 1 Crimes.

# 2008 Part 1 Crime Rates



\* Population estimates taken from WA State Office of Financial Management.

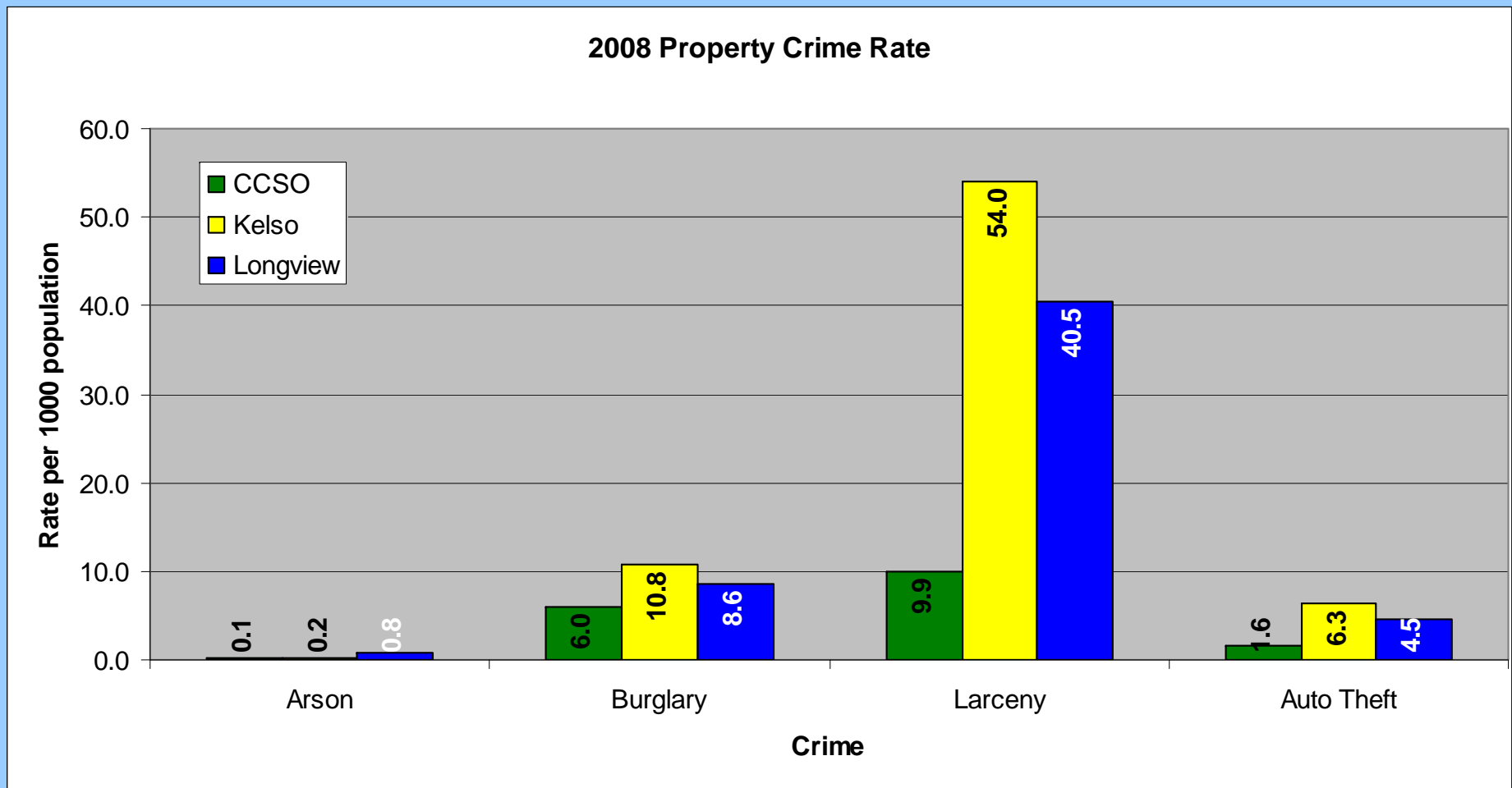
# 2008 Violent Crime Rate



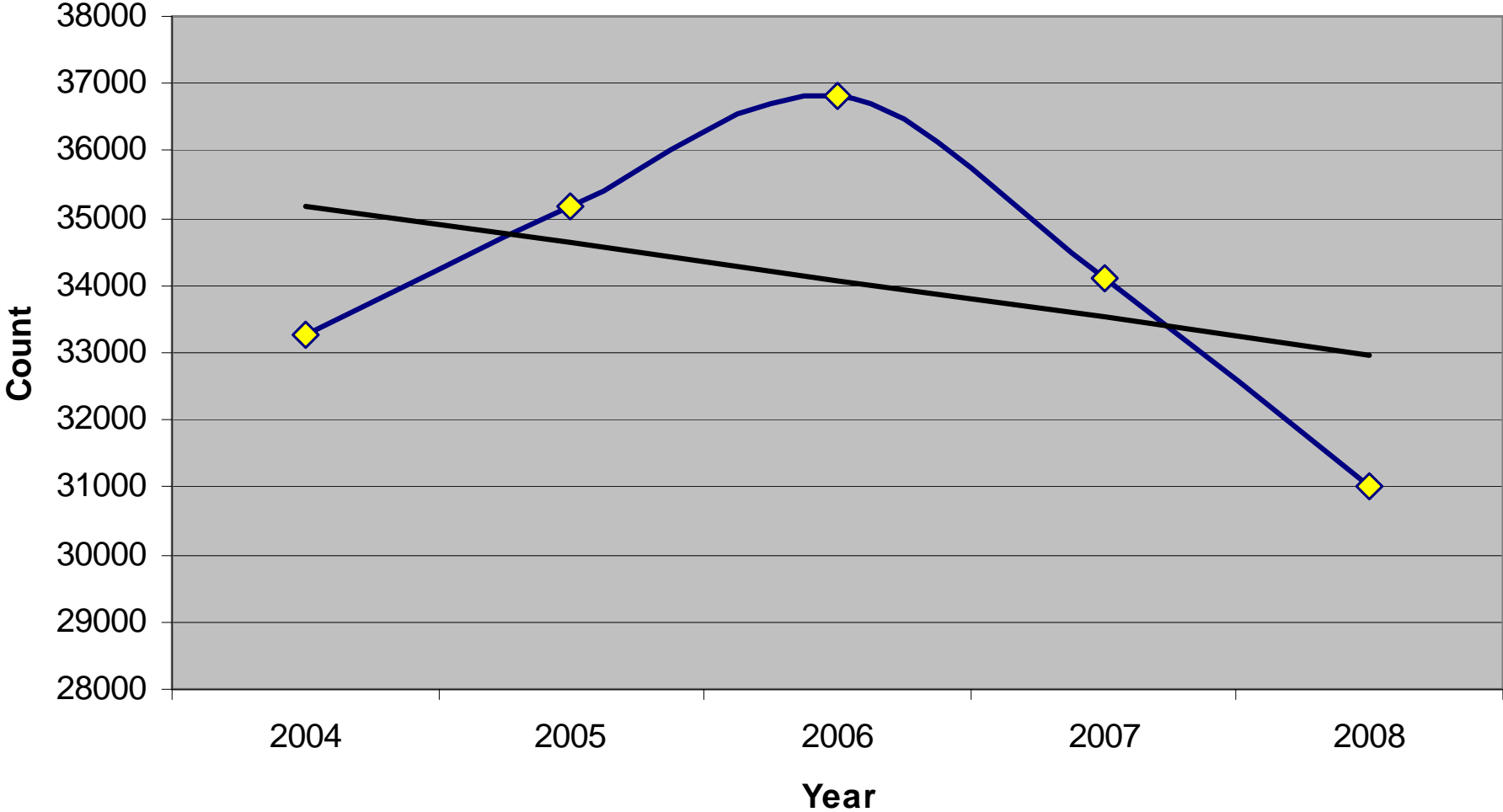
\*Longview had 1 homicide in 2008.



# 2008 Property Crime Rate



### Calls for Service 5 Year Trend



Calls for service are down 9% from 2007 to 2008

The calls for service do not include most traffic stops.

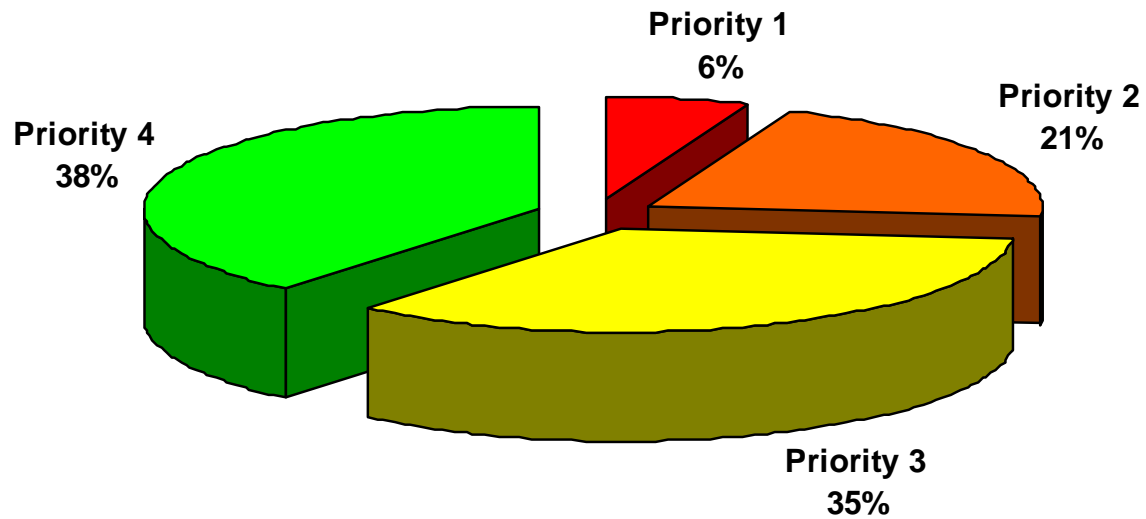


# Top Ten Call Types in 2008

Rank	Type	Count	% Change
1	Suspicious subject or circumstance	1607	-11%
2	Accident	1502	-4%
3	Abandoned Vehicle	1390	+2%
4	Welfare Check	1295	+1%
5	911 Hang up	1185	-7%
6	Theft or theft report	1152	-20%
7	Alarm	1066	-7%
8	Warrant	1045	-21%
9	Malicious mischief	1002	+4%
10	Driving While suspended or revoked	929	-9%



## 2008 Calls by Priority



Priority 1= Life Threatening calls in progress

Priority 2= Calls requiring immediate action

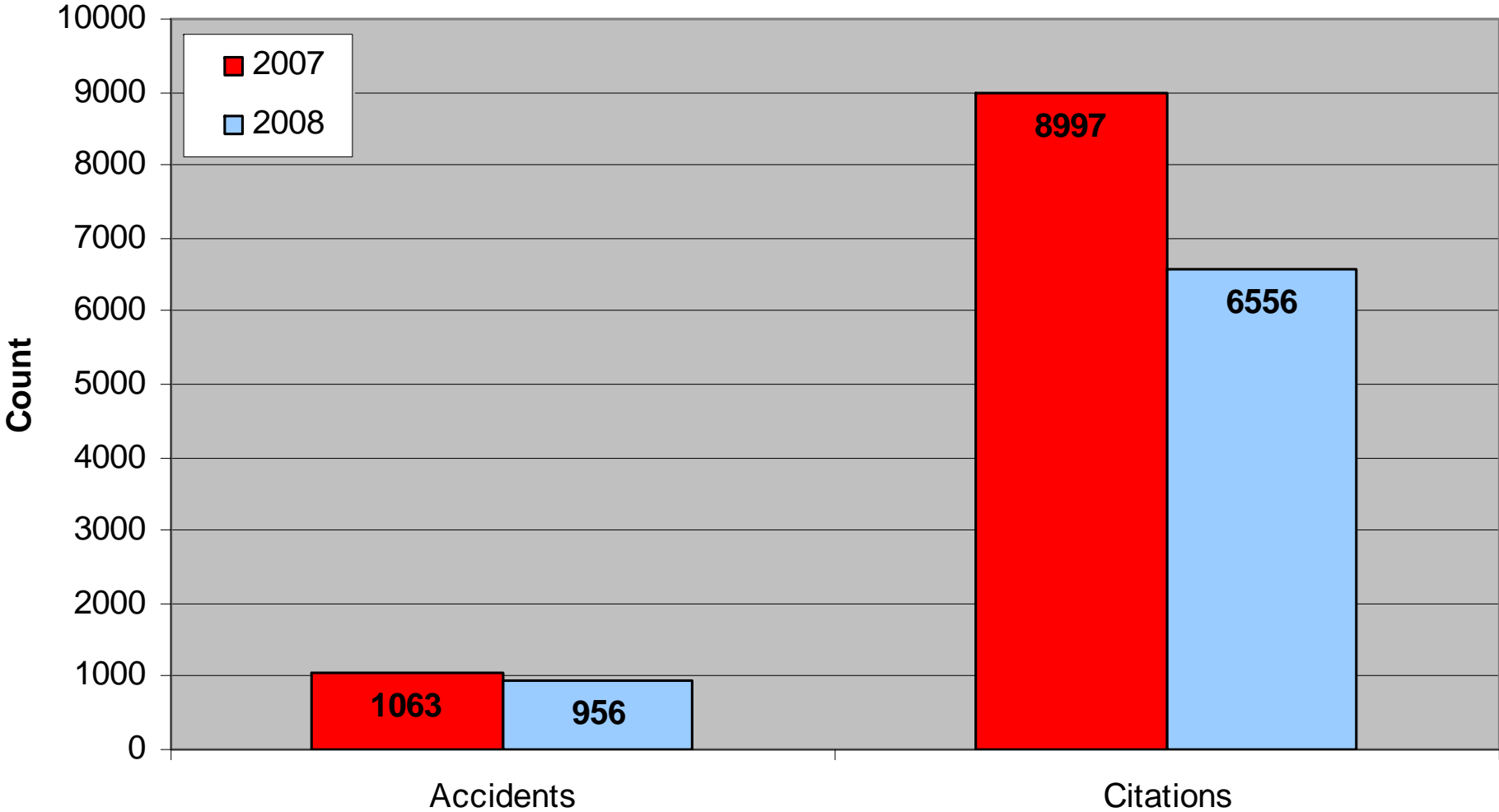
Priority 3= Non-emergency calls with possible suspect

Priority 4= Routine calls, do not require immediate action

### Average Response Times

Priority 1	5:26
Priority 2	8:07
Priority 3	13:47
Priority 4	22:13

# Traffic Statistics



Traffic citations are down 27%  
Traffic accidents are down 10% from 2007

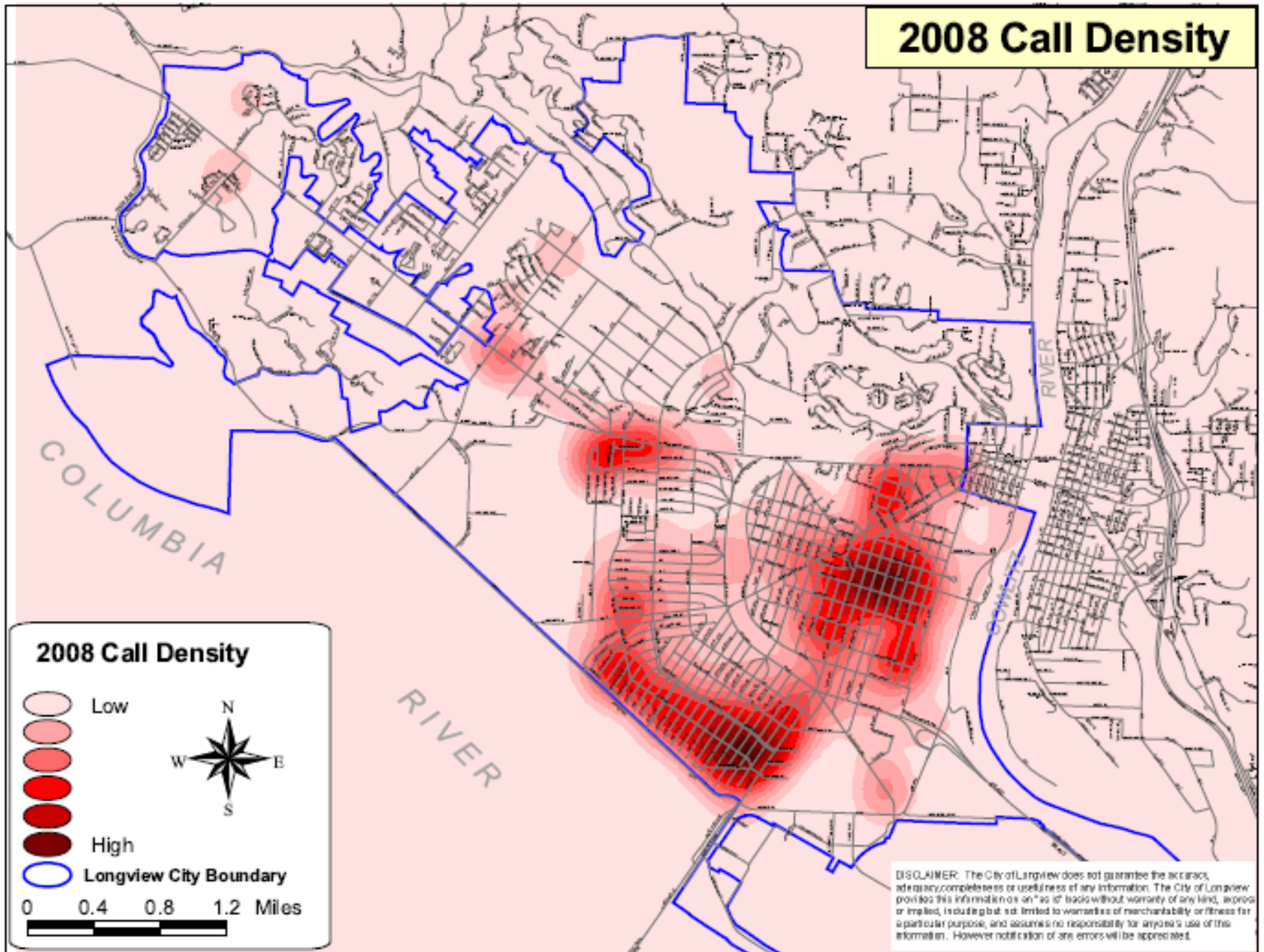


# Street Crimes Unit

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% change 2006-2007
<b>Felony Drug</b>	97	70	49	85	35	-59%
<b>Misdemeanor Drug</b>	28	7	20	54	26	-52%
<b>Felony Other</b>	32	12	10	19	11	-42%
<b>Misdemeanor Other</b>	13	19	10	57	42	-26%
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>-47%</b>

The SCU staff was re-assigned to cover patrol shortages in August through the end of 2008.

# 2008 Call Density





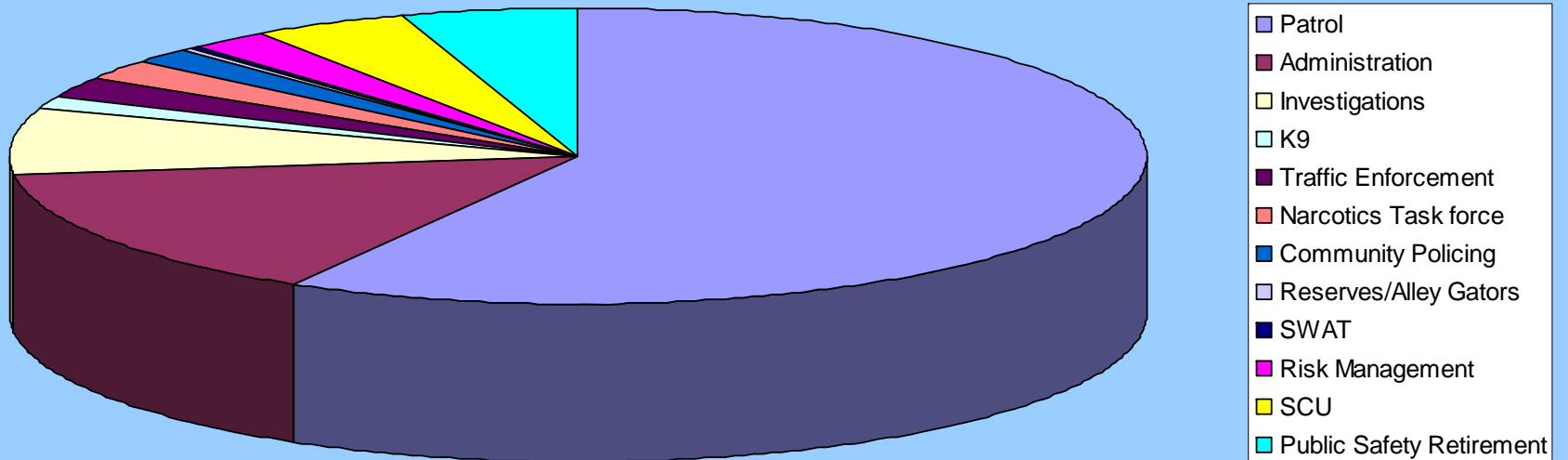
## Jail Expenses

Part of doing the business of law enforcement is arresting and booking suspects of crime. This part of our business is rather expensive.

In addition to the booking and holding fees, Longview Police Department is also responsible for the medical expenses of any prisoners arrested by our agency while in custody.

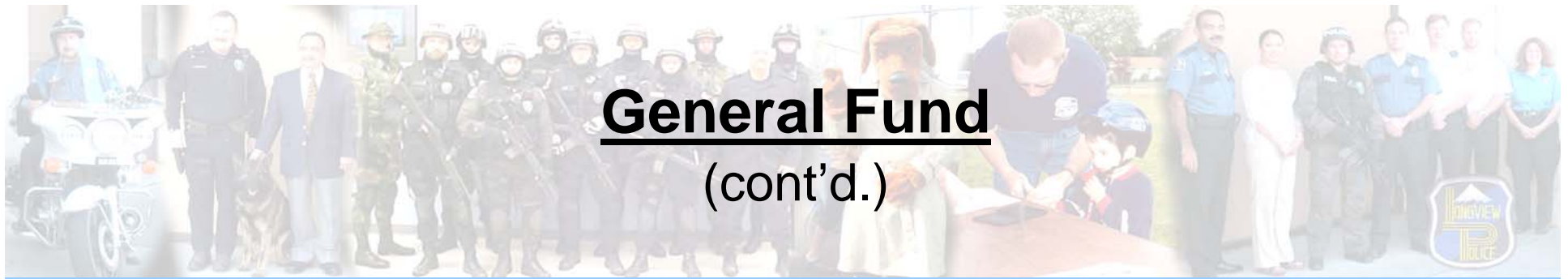
In 2008, Longview Police Department spent over \$750,000 on the cost of housing prisoners and their medical expenses. This is approximately 8% of our entire 2008 budget.

# 2007-2008 General Fund Program Budget Budget









## General Fund

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**Traffic Enforcement** - \$425,000 -The Traffic unit consists of 2 officers on motorcycles. The unit provides additional traffic enforcement over and above that of our patrol officers. This unit was created in an effort to reduce motor vehicle accidents and improve the safety of our citizens.

**Narcotics Task Force** - \$360,000 -Longview Police Department participates in a county-wide multi-agency drug enforcement task force. The primary mission of this unit is to perform drug interdiction of upper level drug manufacturers and distributors. The other agencies participating are Cowlitz County Sheriff, Kelso Police, and Wahkiakum County Sheriff.

**Community Policing** - \$325,000 -Our Community Policing Program consists of two Community Service Officers who are assigned to handle lower priority patrol calls with no suspect. Also a portion of these funds are used for the operating expenses of our Satellite Office.





## General Fund (cont'd.)

**Reserve Unit/ Alley Gator Program** - \$46,000 -Reserve Officers are non-paid citizen volunteers who receive police training and supplement our full-time police officers. The Alley Gator program is another volunteer program that conducts citizen patrols throughout the city deterring crime through their presence and reporting suspicious behavior to the dispatch center.

**Lower Columbia SWAT** - \$60,000 -Longview Police Department participates with CCSO, KPD and Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue in a county-wide SWAT team which responds to critical incidents with the goal of safe resolution for the community and our officers.

**Risk Management** - \$390,000 -As part of reducing our risks, it is important to screen applicants properly, identify and investigate policy violations and investigate citizen complaints. The purpose of this program is to monitor these activities to reduce the risks in law enforcement and ensure that the highest possible standards are maintained. Several positions are partially funded by this program, they include: Chief of Police, Captains, Investigations Sergeant, Administrative Sergeant, Business Manager, and Administrative Secretary.



## General Fund

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**Street Crimes Unit** - \$800,000 – The SCU is a special emphasis, high-volume enforcement unit intended to impact street level crime and related neighborhood and community problems associated with street crime. This includes responding to citizen complaints regarding drug houses and neighborhood issues. Activities targeted by the SCU include theft of metals, nuisance abatement issues, property crimes, crimes against persons, assisting the CIU (Criminal Investigations Unit), assisting the Drug Task Force, working with Drug Court personnel (assisting with home visits), working with the Dept. of Corrections personnel (arrest of probation violators, etc) and an emphasis on traffic enforcement. This unit is comprised of 1 sergeant and 2 officers.



## Criminal Justice Assistance Fund

Longview Police Department also operates several programs out of the Criminal Justice Assistance fund which primarily comes from grant sources. Those programs include for **2007-2008**:

### **School Officer Unit - \$400,000**

Longview Police Department partners with the Longview School District to provide 2 police officers assigned to the Longview schools. School Officers respond to calls for service at the schools in addition to providing drug and crime prevention information to students and staff.



## Criminal Justice Fund

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**Community Policing** - \$360,000 - This Community Policing program includes the remaining costs to operate the Satellite Office including the Crime Prevention Community Service Officer and Block Watch. This program also funds a portion of our Crime Analyst's salary. The Crime Analyst is responsible for providing statistical and spatial data analysis to our patrol officers, detectives and administration and responding to public requests for data. The Alley Gator program is headquartered out of the Satellite Office.


**Crime Analysis**- \$165,000 - Our Crime Analysis Unit consists of 1 Crime Analyst who analyzes crime patterns and trends for the City of Longview, provides crime maps for the department and the public, and provides technical support for all of the various department equipment.



The last budget fund for the Longview Police Department is the Parking Fund.

The **2007-2008** budget for this fund was \$318,000. This fund generates revenue which offsets the cost to operate this program. There is 1 parking enforcement officer who is responsible for parking enforcement and issuing parking permits in downtown Longview.



A group of police officers and staff standing together, with a dog and a child in the foreground. The image is faded and serves as a background for the title.

## Budget Summary

For our 2008 budget, the Police department was under budget by over 1.32%. Salary savings from vacant positions and the other costs associated with those positions such as uniforms, equipment etc. were largely responsible for this budget savings.



## Volunteer Hours

Volunteers assist Longview Police Department in several different ways.

First we have a Reserve Police Officer Program.

Reserve Officers assist with special events throughout the community such as the 4th of July, parades, car cruises and many other events. Longview Police Reserve Officers donated over 950 hours in 2008.

Second, volunteers staff our Satellite Office doing clerical support, data entry and many other tasks which provide assistance to the police department and the crime prevention efforts out of that office. Satellite Office volunteers donated over 2,400 hours in 2008, saving the city \$31,000. We currently have 5 volunteers in this program.

Our third group of volunteers are the Alley Gators. The Alley Gators are a volunteer citizen patrol who patrol the streets and alleys of Longview looking for suspicious behavior to report to the dispatch center. The Alley Gators donated over 1000 hours of time this year. The Alley Gator patrol consists of 8 volunteers.

All 3 groups of volunteers donated nearly 4,300 hours of time to the police department. **Thank you volunteers!**



## Longview Police Staffing

Longview Police Department is made up of both commissioned police officers and civilian staff.

Below is a list of the authorized positions at the police department for 2008:

- **Commissioned Officers**

- 1 Chief
- 3 Captains
- 7 Sergeants
- 45 Officers

- **Civilian Employees**

- 1 Administrative Secretary
- 1 Business Manager
- 1 Civilian Investigator
- 5 Clerk/Receptionists (1 grant funded)
- 4 Community Service Officers (1 grant funded)
- 1 Crime Analyst
- 1 Evidence Technician
- 1 Parking Enforcement Officers
- 1 Meth Project Coordinator (grant funded)

During 2008, we had a 6.9% turnover rate.

5 employees separated service from LPD during this year. We also hired 9 employees during the year. However, we still have 3 vacant positions at this time.





## Grants

In 2008, Longview Police Department was awarded over \$245,000 in grant funds. Those funds came from several different sources:

- Washington State Traffic Safety Commission: Traffic enforcement emphasis and equipment
- Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs: Bullet Proof Vest program
- Meth Initiative Grant: to study meth use and effects in the City of Longview and develop strategies to reduce meth use.
- Safe Schools: funds training for law enforcement regarding school safety /Healthy students