

2010

ROCKWALL POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



HELPFUL NUMBERS

Criminal Investigation Division: 972-771-7716
Municipal Court: 972-772-6478
Police Administration: 972-771-7714
Police Community Services: 972-771-7765
Police Dispatch (non-emergency): 972-771-7724
Police Records: 972-771-7725
Warrants: 972-772-6425

HELPFUL LINKS

Registered Sex Offenders:
https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS_WEB/Portal/index.aspx

Rockwall Police Accident Reports:
<http://rockwalltx.policereports.us>

City of Rockwall:
www.rockwall.com

City of Rockwall Crime Statistics:
www.rockwall.com/PoliceDepartment/CID.asp

Crime Locator by Area or Address:
www.crimereports.com

Registering An Alarm:
https://www.pmam-copsourc.com/fams/citizen/city/rockwall/ATB_Login.aspx





Chief of Police MARK C. MOELLER



Administration Services

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of all the dedicated men and women of the Rockwall Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2010 Annual Report.

Our mission as an organization is to provide outstanding police services, thereby ensuring that Rockwall is a safe and secure city for our residents and visitors. Along with the hard work of the members of this department, the successes we enjoy come from our community partnerships and support, which together contribute to a very high quality of life.

Some of our 2010 accomplishments:

Crime rate: In 2010 we saw a significant reduction in total crime of 6.2% compared to last year. This included a tremendous decrease of 32% in violent crime, most notably in Aggravated Assaults. This Crime Index Rate of 26.8 offenses per 1,000 population is the lowest this decade, and beats the previous low rate of 27.6 in 2007.

CAD/RMS: In September we went live with a complete software upgrade to our Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System. A lump sum payment, that was initially required, would have been over \$535,000 with additional annual maintenance fees of about \$100,000 per year. With our new seven year lease contract, and five additional years of guaranteed and set maintenance costs, we will actually save enough money over the next 12 years to cover the cost of the lease and maintenance.

Staffing: Although we have not gained any new police officer positions over the past couple of years, we were able to internally reassign two positions adding one detective to Criminal Investigations and one detective to Narcotics, without effecting the strong visible presence of patrol officers. These investigators conduct follow-up investigations targeting career criminals who commit most of the crime in our community.

We invite you to join us in keeping Rockwall a safe community by participating in programs like a neighborhood crime watch, the Citizens or Business Police Academy, or any other program conducted by the Community Services Division. We are committed to serving this community and meeting the challenges of the future. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Mark C. Moeller
Chief of Police

Assistant Chief of Police

Kirk Riggs

Lieutenant Administration Services

Bryan Garrett

Lieutenant Criminal Investigations

Kirk Aldridge

Lieutenant Patrol Division

Edward Fowler

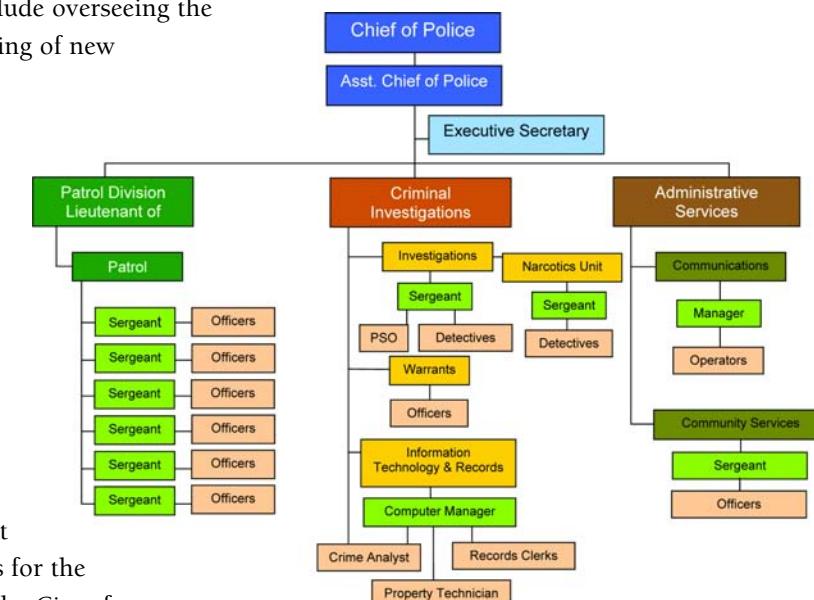
Executive Secretary

Diana Snyder

The Administrative Service Division of the police department is managed by a Lieutenant and consists of the following units: Communications and Community Services. The Administrative Lieutenant's duties include overseeing the various units in the division, budgeting, and recruiting of new employees for the police department.

Number of Personnel per Division:

- Administration (6)
- Patrol (48)
- Community Services (7)
- CID (11)
- Warrants (2)
- Records (5)
- Communications (12)
- Total 91



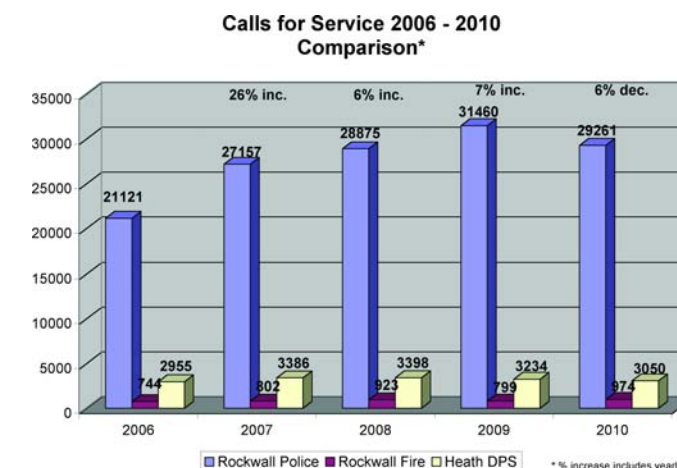
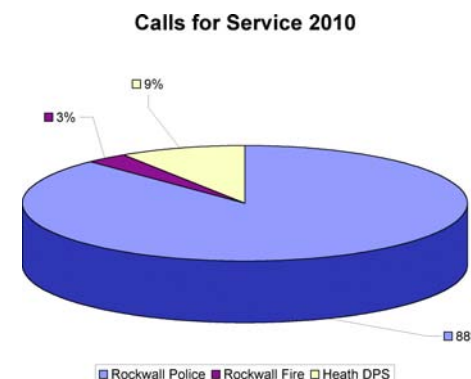
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The Communications Unit of the police department answers all non-emergency and emergency 911 calls for the Rockwall Police Department, Fire Department and the City of Heath Department of Public Safety. There are eleven non-sworn Communication Specialists and one non-sworn Communication Manager assigned to this unit.

2010 Calls for Service:

- Rockwall Police Department 29,261
- Rockwall Fire Department 974
- Heath Police Department 3,050

Total Calls Dispatched 33,285



Criminal Investigations Division



Community Services

The Criminal Investigative Division is organized into the following units: Investigative, Narcotics, Crime Scene, Warrants, Property/Evidence, Information Technology and Records. The division consists of eleven sworn and five non-sworn employees supervised by a Lieutenant and two Sergeants.

The Investigative Unit is responsible for the follow-up investigation of offenses reported to the Rockwall Police Department and those referred by other law enforcement agencies or judicial entities. The Investigative unit is also responsible for registering, deregistering, and tracking sex offenders who reside within the city limits. The unit is staffed by a Sergeant and five Detectives.

- 1,597 criminal offenses were referred to the investigative unit
- 30.29% of cases assigned were cleared
- 204 cases were filed with the District Attorney's office
- There were 18 sex offenders registered

The Narcotics Unit is responsible for working narcotic related cases. The unit works closely with the DEA and other local, state, and federal agencies. The unit is staffed with a Sergeant and two detectives. Additionally, a patrol officer is assigned to the unit for a one year period through the Officer Enrichment Program.

- 29 cases were worked by the unit
- 19 arrests were made by the unit
- 5,157.10 grams of narcotics were seized

The Property/Evidence Unit is responsible for the processing and safekeeping of all items of evidence and found property submitted to the police department. Additionally, the unit is responsible for the creation and submission of all court ordered evidence destruction documents and the maintenance of property/evidence records. The unit is staffed by one non-sworn property/evidence technician and supervised by the Computer Manager.

- 6,593 pieces of evidence and property were received and processed by this unit

The Community Services Unit serves to provide crime prevention education presentations, supervise Neighborhood Crime Watch programs, provide home security inspections, and conduct other crime prevention activities. Additionally, unit personnel act as School Resource Officers (SRO) at all secondary public schools within the city limits of Rockwall. Rockwall County Crime Stoppers, Inc. is managed by this unit. The unit is staffed by one Sergeant, one Crime Prevention Officer, and five School Resource Officers.

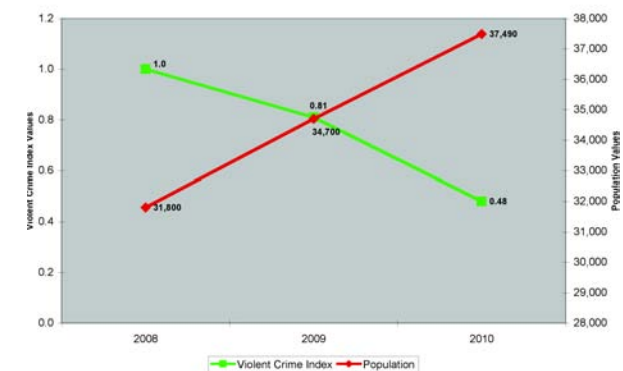
The Community Services Unit also coordinates the Texas Night Out (TNO) program which was introduced in 1984 as "America's Night Out Against Crime". It is a chance for neighbors to turn off the television sets and gather as a community to show criminals the strength of numbers and that we stand together as neighbors against crime. TNO was held this year on October 5, 2010. Rockwall became involved in the program in 1997 and has been recognized with national awards 10 out of the 12 years in which we have been participating.

The Records Unit is responsible for handling all reports generated by the Rockwall Police Department. This unit controls and maintains the integrity of the organization by providing and preserving the storage of police records under strict guidelines of confidentiality. Other services provided by the records unit include processing the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and Uniformed Crime Reports (UCR) to the Texas Department of Public Safety and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

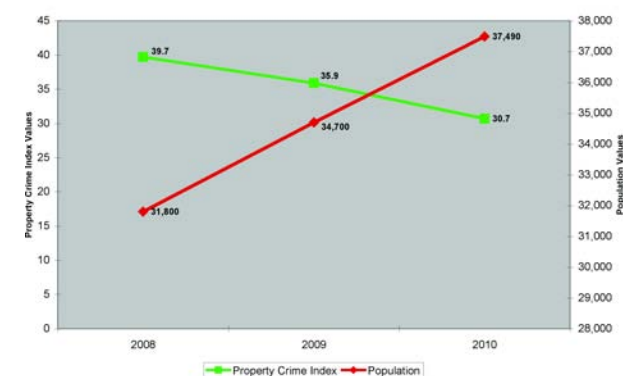
The Warrant Unit is responsible for the serving of outstanding warrants of arrest, setting up and processing payment plans for violators, the service of subpoenas and parental summons, and for serving as bailiff during court times. The unit is staffed by two sworn police officers, one clerk who also works with other Municipal Court staff and is supervised by the CID Sergeant.

- \$113,079.40 in outstanding warrants were cleared
- 400 arrests were made for non-payment of warrants

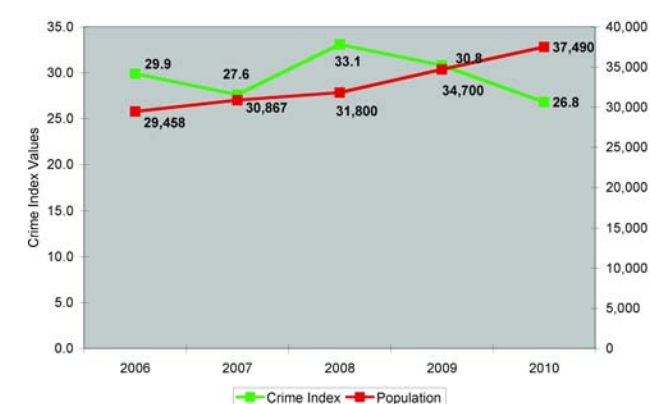
Violent Crime Index vs Population 2008 - 2010



Property Crime Index vs Population 2008 - 2010



Crime Index vs Population 2006 - 2010



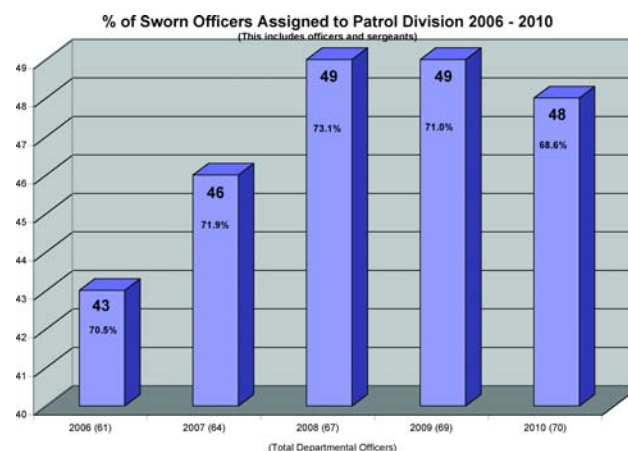
Patrol Division



The Patrol Division is the primary provider of police services to the community. This service is comprised of traditional law enforcement activities and innovative, proactive strategies based on Community Policing and Problem Solving models. The many functions of the Patrol Division include; enforcement of city ordinances and state laws, crime detection and suppression, traffic enforcement and education, accident and crime investigation, and response to calls for service. As the most visible members of the Police Department, the “beat officers” are the first responders to calls for service while patrolling the streets of Rockwall. Specialized units such as Traffic and K-9 also offer support to the Patrol Officers in answering calls for service.

Our Patrol Division is the largest division in the police department, with strength comprised of one Lieutenant, six Sergeants and forty-two officers. The patrol division is responsible for the preliminary investigation of calls for service, traffic enforcement, and accident investigation. The patrol division is made up of the following units: Patrol, Traffic, and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT.)

The Traffic Unit consists of four officers, two motorcycle officers and two officers assigned to special traffic vehicles. The primary duties of the traffic unit are enforcement, advanced accident reconstruction, and escort functions. “To Save Lives” is the Traffic Unit’s primary objective. By aggressively enforcing the most serious moving violations (i.e. speeding, running stop signs and red lights, etc.) and seat belt violations, officers strive to influence the driving behavior of individuals which will result in fewer accident and injuries.



The K-9 Unit consists of two handlers, whose responsibilities include various types of searches for contraband, assisting in investigations and drug interdiction.

The Rockwall SWAT Team consists of fifteen members, twelve unit operators, two Team Leaders and one Commander. Additionally, the unit includes six hostage negotiators who assist during crisis situations. These officers work in assignments throughout the department and are “called out” from their primary duties. Historically, utilizing a highly trained, highly skilled police tactical unit has been shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, police officers and suspects. It is the intent of the Rockwall SWAT Team to provide a highly trained and skilled tactical team as a resource for the Rockwall Police Department in the handling of critical incidents. The mission of the Rockwall SWAT Team is to support the Rockwall Police Department and any other requesting law enforcement agency with a tactical response to critical incidents.

