

Ukiah Police Department’s Newsletter

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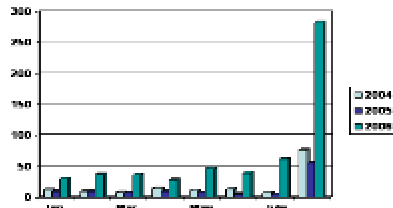
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DUI Arrests On The Rise:

According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2004, 16,694 people were killed in alcohol related crashes - an average of one almost every half-hour. These deaths constituted approximately 39 percent of the 42,636 total traffic fatalities. Over the last 6 months, the Ukiah Police Department has experienced a 500% increase in the number of DUI arrests. From January to July 2006 the department had 283 DUI arrests, compared to 56 arrests in January to July of 2005.



DUI arrests 2004-2006

Strategies underway:

- Early this year, Officer Hoyle volunteered to be assigned to a 5 PM to 5 AM shift, working primarily Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. This assignment was made recognizing the increasing number of DUI drivers within the City of Ukiah, and Officer Hoyle's performance during these last 6 months has been exemplary. During the first 6 months of this year, Officer Hoyle has taken over 127 DUI drivers off the streets of Ukiah.



Officer Hoyle on traffic stop.

District Attorney Norm Vorman's chief assistant, Assistant District Attorney Keith Faulder had high praise for Officer Hoyle. "Pete's performance has been key in keeping the City of Ukiah's streets safe! He has taken all of his years of experience, and knowledge, and is using these skills in making excellent arrests. I have had the opportunity over the last 6 months to review almost every one of Pete's DUI arrests and not one arrest has been rejected for insufficient evidence. That, along with the volume of arrests Pete is making each and every night, is in my opinion a remarkable achievement. Pete should be commended for his diligence in keeping drunk drivers off our streets and our community safe." Continued page 3.

"Keeping the streets safe for everyone can be a daunting task," MADD National President Wendy J. Hamilton says of the work of law enforcement officers. "That is why MADD applauds those officers who, day in and day out, are on the front lines of the war on drunk driving. It is their bravery, commitment and tireless work that will help save even more lives..."

Vandalism Arrest



On August 10th, 2006 Ukiah Police served a search warrant issued by the Mendocino County Superior Court, at 140 Zinfandel Drive Apt. #4. Investigators were seeking evidence related to the numerous incidents of vandalism that occurred in the City of Ukiah.

The acts of vandalism included “hate” type graffiti, including “Swastikas”, racial slurs, threats directed towards homosexuals, and one local Superior Court Judge. Investigators have linked the suspect to at least 17 different cases inside the city limits.

Officers arrested Timothy Charles Abbott, 51, of Ukiah after serving the search warrant at the suspect’s residence. Abbott was charged with Felony Vandalism, a Felony charge of Discriminatory Violation of Civil Rights, and Violation of Probation. Abbott had appeared in Superior Court in Ukiah earlier this year in front of Judge Ron Brown. On June 20, 2006, Officers investigated a Vandalism at the Alternate Public Defenders Office, in which “Judge Brown will die” had been spray painted on the building. On June 21st Officers took a report of similar writings on the wall at the County Courthouse. The Detectives removed evidence from Abbott’s home that links him to the some numerous case of vandalism.

During the most recent incidents, Abbott was captured on video at a local bank during the acts of placing graffiti on a building. After viewing the video, Officers Andy Porter and Rick Pintane began contacting local business and potential witnesses in attempt to identify a suspect. Information obtained by these two Officers led Detectives to look at Abbott as a possible involved party.

Detective Mariano Guzman developed information and evidence linking Abbott to many incidents of the vandalism. Det. Guzman prepared a search warrant for Abbott’s residence and the warrant was served on the 10th of August. Abbott was subsequently arrested and provided a statement to detectives linking him to these crimes. Submitted by: Sergeant John McCutcheon

GRI P— Gang Resistance Is Paramount



Ukiah Police Department has recently agreed to become a primary sponsor of the Ukiah GRI P Program, and has partnered with many community groups to develop a long-term sustainability plan for the program.

Gang Resistance Is Paramount (GRI P) is a highly effective program aimed at increasing young students' awareness and knowledge about the dangers of gangs, behaviors, and drug use, and gives students tools to resist and prevent further involvement through education. This program has been presented to the Ukiah Unified School District 5th grade classrooms for the last two years, after being adopted in 2004.

For the last two years, the GRI P program has been supported through the efforts of a small group of volunteers, small grants, and the assistance of a Public Health Department's AODP Grant. As these grants ended, the GRI P program began looking for alternative funding methods and approached the Ukiah Police Department for funding.

In April 2006, the Ukiah Daily Journal announced our department's commitment to the program;

The Ukiah Police Department will donate \$21,000 to a program intended to help youth avoid gang involvement. However, it will take more than that to keep Gang Resistance is Paramount alive in the Ukiah Unified School District, according to Ukiah Police Capt. Chris Dewey and others committed to the cause.

"The GRI P program is in danger of being lost because they don't have funds," Dewey said, noting it costs about \$17,000 a year to run the program.

Rather than just funding an additional year of the GRI P Program, Public Health's AODP Department and the Ukiah Police Department, along with a number of other agencies, worked together to develop a long-term plan for sustainability. Working with the Department of Social Services, Juvenile Probation, the Ukiah Unified School District, a number of volunteers, and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, a GRI P Action Team and a two year plan to obtain GRI P sustainability has been created.

One goal of the GRI P Action Team is to continue to seek funding sources for the future through regular meetings and the hiring of a new Program Coordinator. The Program Coordinator, working out of Public Health's AODP Department, will be responsible for program coordination, program evaluation, and seeking long-term funding opportunities for the program. Another goal of the GRI P Action Team is to bring together on a monthly basis, high school, middle school and elementary school educators, GRI P teachers, Public Health's AODP and law enforcement, to discuss current and emerging gang and crime trends on that occur on campus, and develop strategies to reduce these activities. Detective Sergeant John McCutcheon was instrumental in incorporating this goal into the GRI P Action Team's plan of action.

This was all made possible through a number of significant commitments from the various partnerships developed by the GRI P Action Team. Social Services have donated staff time to coordinate and teach the GRI P Curriculum within the classroom, along with volunteer GRI P instructors. The Ukiah Unified School District has committed to the production of the learning materials for the classroom and coordinating teacher and GRI P instructor schedules. The Public Health, AODP Department has committed to coordinating monthly GRI P Action Team meetings, teaching in the classroom, and mentoring the new Program Coordinator in developing long-term funding opportunities. And, the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, and the Ukiah Police Department have committed to provide Officer visits in the classroom during the program.

Lastly, another \$10,000 dollars in funding was provided by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office. This along with the \$21,000 provided by the Ukiah Police Department will fund the entire program through August of 2009. These funds provided by the Sheriff's Office and our department come from Asset Forfeiture accounts, which are designated by law for education efforts to reduce drugs and crime in our community.

Chris Dewey , Captain

Ukiah Police Department

Stats for July 2006	Jan. to July 2006	2005 Totals	
Calls for Service:	2,585	15,616	23,798
Average Calls for Service per day :	83.39	80.34	70.42
Misdemeanor arrests:	158	967	1,278
Felony arrests:	65	452	698
DUI arrests:	62	283	116
Traffic Warnings	567	3,428	2,481
Speeding Citations	22	211	340
Moving Citations	88	464	549
Non-moving Citations	40	203	302
Traffic Accidents	31	292	618

DUI's Continued

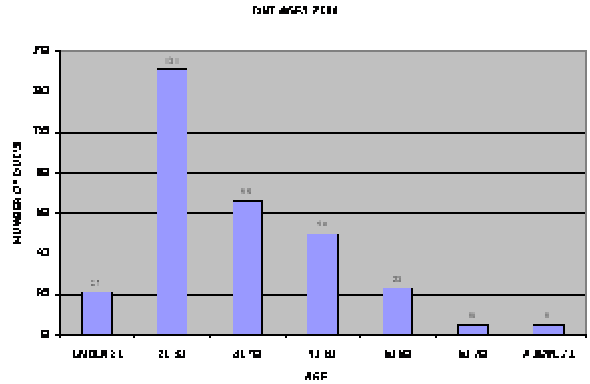
- Along with the department's increased DUI enforcement activity, the Ukiah Police Department has partnered the Mendocino County Public Health Department and State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to reduce under aged drinking within our community. Through a Public Health funded grant opportunity, Officers from our department, working with A.B.C. Agents, have initiated a number of "Minor-Decoy" and "Shoulder-Tap" operations. Minor-Decoy operations, utilize under aged minors who attempt to purchase alcohol from local vendors. Shoulder-Tap operations, utilize under aged minors who contact adults near alcohol establishments, and solicit the adults to purchase alcohol for them.

Officers Hoyle, Cabral, Stark, and Sergeants Wyatt and Kaeser, along with Department cadets, have already conducted two of these operations. These operations have resulted in 3 alcohol establishments being cited for the sale of alcohol to minors, 5 adult arrests for providing alcohol to a minor, and one arrest for the sale of marijuana.

- Recently, members of the Ukiah Police Department and the Ukiah Police Officers Association have formed a partnership with the Ukiah Unified School District, Ukiah High School, Ukiah Fire Department, California Highway Patrol and the Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, to present alcohol related programs on the Ukiah High School Campus later in the school year.

Alcohol Related Traffic Collisions down 50%:

These increased efforts have significantly reduced the number of alcohol related collisions within the City of Ukiah. During the first 6 months of 2006, the department investigated 4 DUI injury accidents, compared to 10 for the same period last year, and 7 during the same period in 2004.



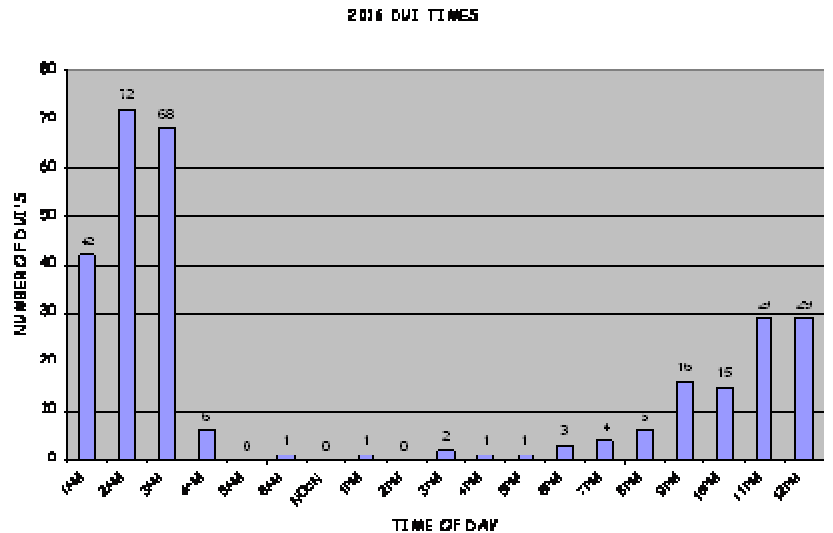
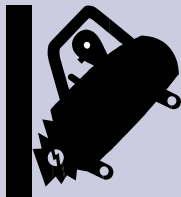
Did you know?

53% of the DUI drivers we arrested this year are under the age of 30. 7% are under the age of 21.

46% of our DUI's are between 21 & 30 years old.

33% of our DUI arrests were made between 5pm and midnight.

And.....64% of our DUI arrests were made between midnight and 3am.

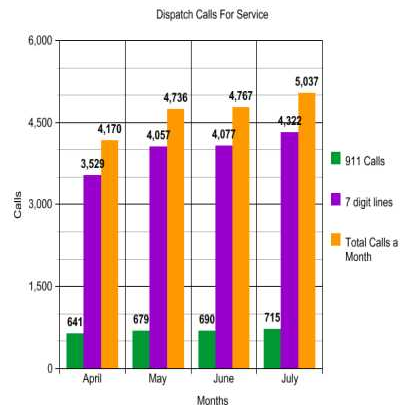
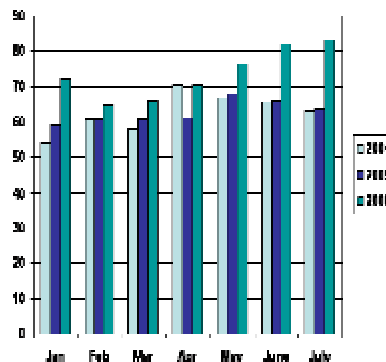


Dispatch Update

During the month of July, we experienced another "all-time" high in the number of times a police officer responded to a call for service, rising from 81.97 times a day in June to 83.39 times a day during the month of July.

But, did you know that our dispatch staff answered the phone over 5,000 times during the month of July! Our dispatch staff performs a vital function in screening calls for service and determining the most appropriate response. This workload at times can be overwhelming, and we are constantly amazed at a dispatcher's ability to multi-task and support our officers in the field, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel.

Daily average calls for Police service 2004-2006



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Training Corner

We are proud to announce that Officer Cedric Crook has recently been able to attend the 2006 Annual Gang Conference presented by the Criminal Intelligence Bureau.

Academy Update:

Brian, Julian, & Ross are doing great at the Police Academy in Santa Rosa. Julian Covella is currently ranked number one in the class!



Career Enhancement Tips

Be proactive with your training. The Ukiah Police Department is expected to have 3 Corporal/FTO promotions in the next year. If that is something that you are interested in doing with your future, consider checking into what classes are offered through POST at www.post.ca.gov.

Courses on line? The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) serves as the national focal point for the development & delivery of emergency management training. This training enhances the capabilities of the Federal, state and local government, volunteer organizations, and the private sector to minimize the impact of disasters on the American public. EMI curricula, including the Independent Study Program courses, are structured to meet the need of this diverse audience with an emphasis on how the various elements work together in emergencies to save lives and protect property. For more information about courses go to the website at www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/