

# ***Vestal Police***

## ***2011***



The Town of Vestal is located in Broome County, New York. It is bordered on the east by the City and Town of Binghamton, on the south by the State of Pennsylvania, to the west by Tioga County and on the north, the Susquehanna River. The major east-west commercial and commuter routes are State Route 17, State Route 434 and Vestal Road. The major north-south commuter route is State Route 26, and State Route 201. The Vestal Police Department consists of 34 sworn officers, one dispatcher, and three police clerks. The Patrol Division is responsible for the handling of complaints, crime prevention, citizen safety as well as all vehicular traffic within the town's fifty-three square miles. The department's Detective division primarily conducts case investigations, assists patrols when needed, handles intelligence gathering and evidence handling.

In addition to the thoroughfares listed above, the Town is primarily a suburban community with shopping areas including large shopping malls and smaller strip malls, restaurants, motels, and other major businesses. These businesses are located mainly along the Vestal Parkway East corridor. Within the Town of Vestal lies Binghamton University which has a population of approximately 15,000 students and 2,000 faculty and staff.

The Town encompasses rural areas to heavily traveled commercial areas. Accordingly there is a strong demand for a variety of public safety services. Our priorities include efforts to increase traffic safety, active participation in community functions and activities, and assisting families and children at risk. Our department has developed a close liaison with our schools, both public and private, to ensure the safety of our youth. Included in the 34 sworn members is a School Resource Officer who works daily with the Vestal School district.

We make every effort to provide our employees with the best training because we recognize that quality training, that is both current and applicable to the functions of the department, will further our objective of making Vestal a safe place to live and visit. The men and women of the Vestal Police Department use strong, uncompromising enforcement in a fair and consistent manner.

2011 was a challenging year for the Vestal Police Department and many of the town's residents. Portions of the town suffered major damage from flooding in September. The police department facilities were flooded and the patrol and detective divisions were displaced for over three months. During this time period many work hours were redirected from routine patrol duties to flood related issues and concerns. The department is still in the process of returning to normal operations and trying to replace equipment that was damaged.

# YEAR END REPORT 2011

## ➤ Department Workload

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The department recorded 16,285 incident occurrences in 2011. 10,942 of these were numbered complaints deemed police incidents with an additional 5,343 “Quick Calls” recorded through the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. These “Quick Calls”, many of which are vehicle stops and officer initiated reports of suspicious behavior, represent patrol activity which does not require the filing of a police report.

The department responded to 195 Domestic Incidents which required the filing of a New York State Domestic Incident Report. There were 54 adults and 7 juveniles arrested at these incidents. An additional 49 incidents were reported as domestics yet for various reasons no domestic report was filed. An additional 3 adults and 1 juvenile were arrested at these incidents for crimes other than domestic violence.

## ➤ Detective Division Activity

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In addition to their investigative case load, the Detective Division is responsible for various other tasks. They are responsible for warrant control and maintenance. Eighty-two (82) new warrants were issued in 2011. Seventy-nine (79) warrants were executed in 2011. This number includes all warrants executed, including those that were still open from years prior. Warrant maintenance consists of insuring that all active warrants have been entered into the New York State Police Information Network (NYSPIN) and that all leads are pursued in searching persons with warrants for their arrest.

The Detective Division is also assigned to process individuals arrested by this department at the time that they appear in the Town of Vestal Court for arraignment if they were not processed at the time of their arrest. This processing includes the fingerprinting, photographing and completion of any unfinished paperwork regarding the arrest.

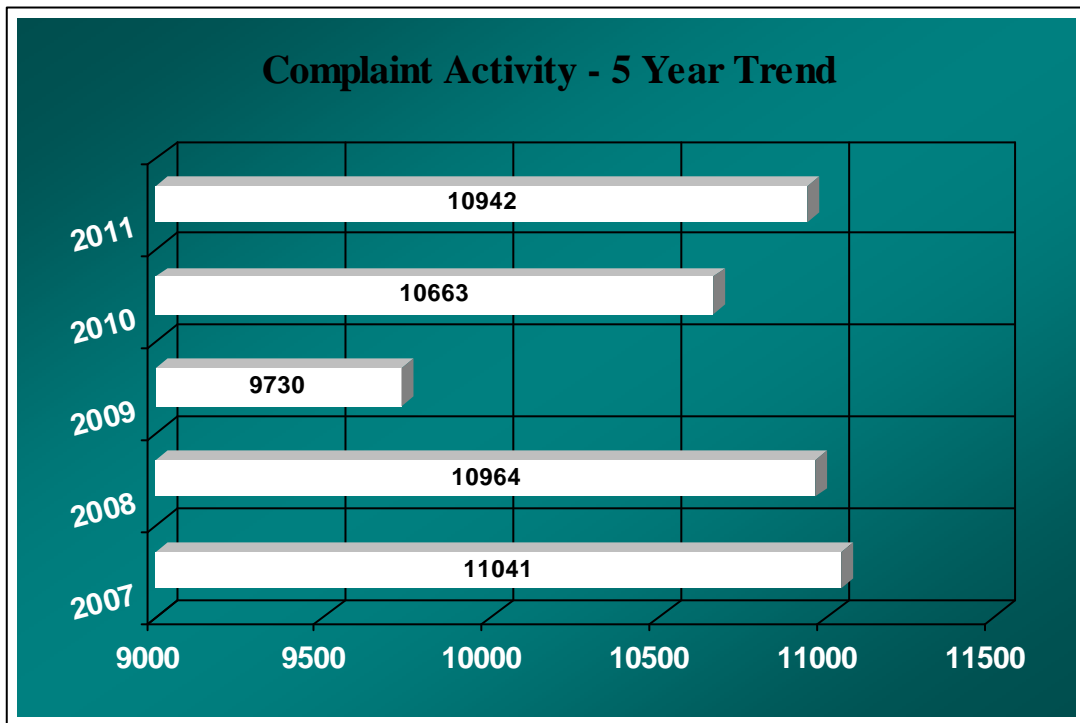
The Detective Division also processes crime scenes by collecting evidence and taking photographs. In addition to the evidence collected at a crime scene, officers from the Patrol Division may also collect evidence or property which needs to be maintained or stored at the police department. As of December 31, 2011, the department held 1,682 individual pieces of property and evidence (up from 1,637 in 2010) which was secured for various reasons. In 2011 there were 872 pieces of property and evidence submitted for various reasons. Eight hundred and six (806) of the items in storage were disposed of, destroyed, returned to its owner or sent to the crime lab for processing and analysis. The Detective Division also performs a yearly audit of the evidence room.

As of 2010 The Vestal Police Department no longer fingerprints persons for any reason other than criminal arrest. This is as a result of new state guidelines and the application of the state’s “livescan” fingerprinting system.

## ➤ Training

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The total number of training hours for the members of the Vestal Police Department in 2011 was 1,610 hrs. Included in these hours were in-service training, recertification training, firearms training, tactical team training, and several other specialized trainings. Officer Jared Fiacco and his K-9 Kai also attended weekly K-9 trainings and seminars.



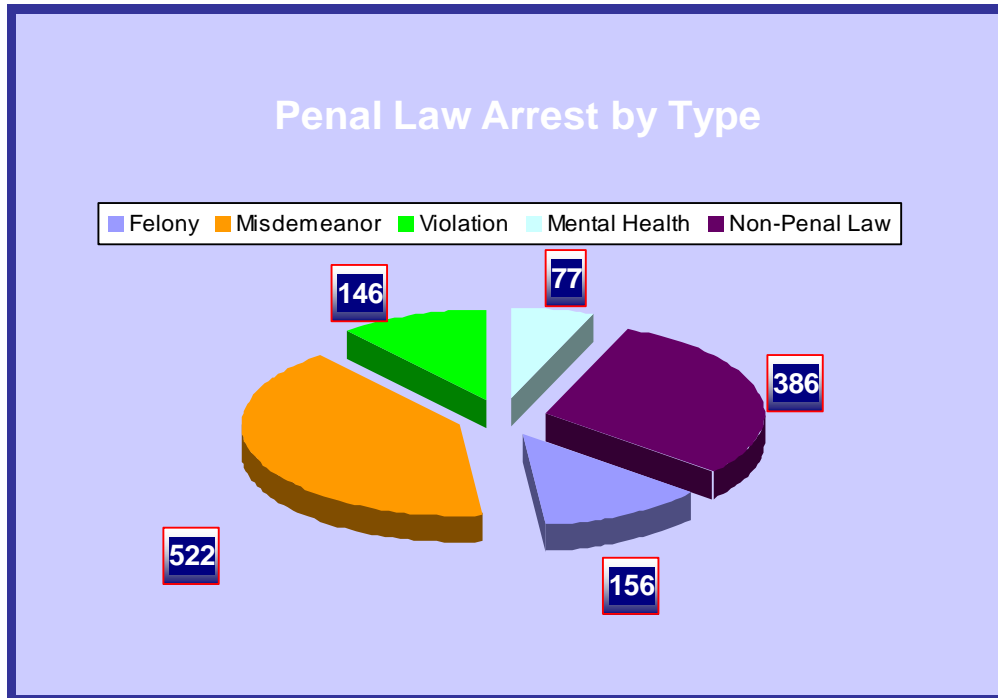
### INCIDENT BASED REPORTING OFFENSES

OFFENSE	NUMBER REPORTED 2011	NUMBER REPORTED 2010	NUMBER REPORTED 2009
Murder	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	1	1	2
Robbery	6	8	3
Aggravated Assault	8	6	7
Simple Assault	134	150	157
Burglary	41	41	35
All Larceny	597	526	481
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	6	5
Criminal Impersonation	68	49	64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>754</b>

\*SOURCE: NYS DCJS INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM\*

➤ **Adult Arrests (Non-Traffic)**

Members of the department made 1020 arrests with 1287 charges for adult offenses. A breakdown of 2011 adult arrest charges is as follows: 156 Felony charges, 522 Misdemeanors and 146 Violations, and 386 Non-Penal Law Offenses. In addition, there were 77 Mental Hygiene Law Arrests.



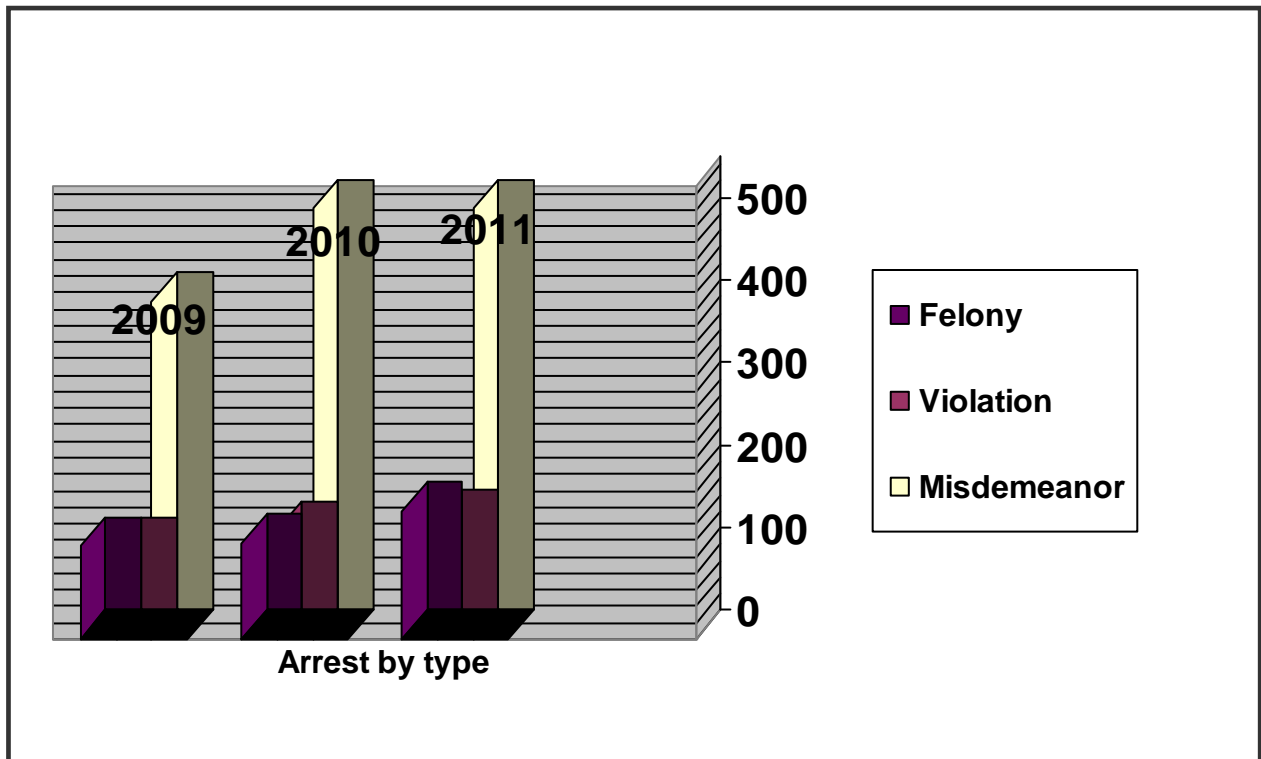
**ALL ADULT CHARGES FILED 5 YEAR TREND**  
*(INCLUDES AGGRAVATED UNLICENSED AND DWI ARREST)*

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2007	1169
2008	1347
2009	1310
2010	1349
2011	1287

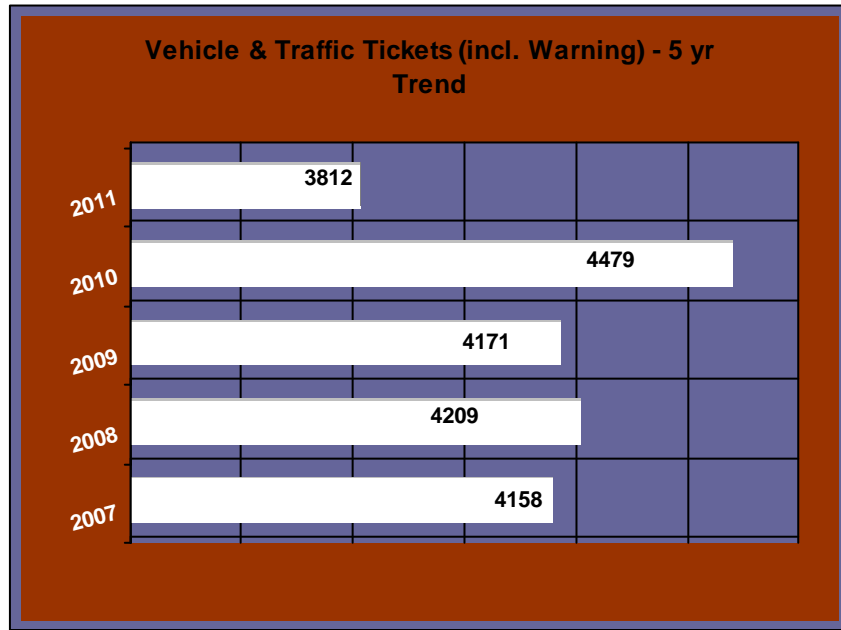
## NON PENAL LAW ADULT ARRESTS IN 2011

ARREST TYPE	NUMBER OF ARRESTS 2010	NUMBER OF ARRESTS 2011	CHANGE FROM 2010
Town/County Ordinance Violations	10	3	-7
Mental Hygiene Law	83	77	-6
Alcohol & Beverage Control Law	2	1	-1
Fugitive From Justice	6	4	-2
Fail to Register Sex Offender Law	0	0	-
Ag. & Markets	1	1	-
Public Health Law	3	1	-2
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>-18</b>

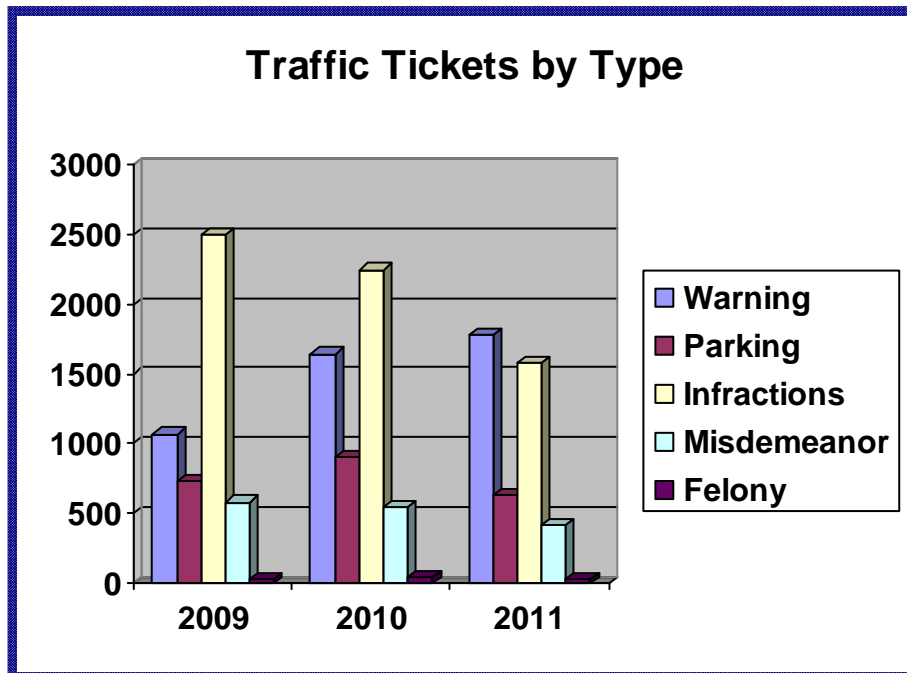


➤ **Vehicle & Traffic Enforcement**

Members of the Department issued 2,026 Uniform Traffic Tickets in 2011. There were 30 felonies, 420 misdemeanors and 1,576 traffic infractions of the Vehicle & Traffic Law, Transportation, and Tax Laws. Officers also issued 630 parking tickets during the year. An additional 1,786 Warning Tickets were also issued to motorists.

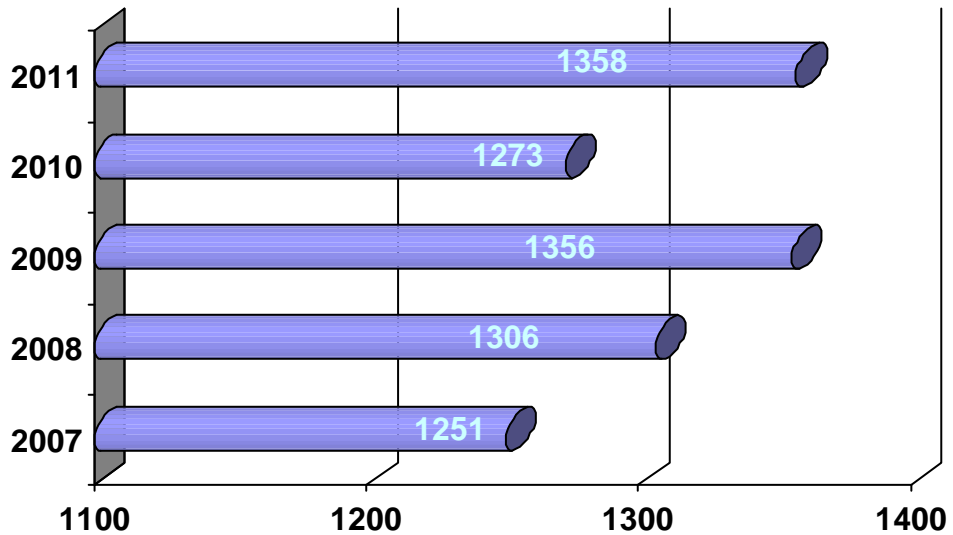


*Five year traffic and warning ticket average – 4,165*



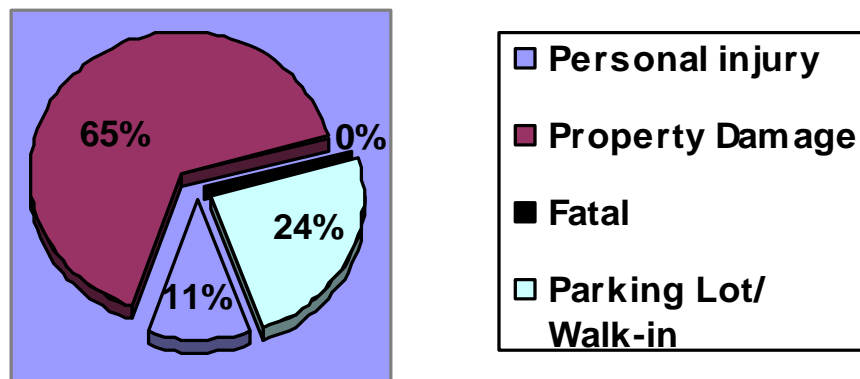
➤ **Motor Vehicle Accidents**

Overall, 1,358 accidents were reported to the department in 2011. These accidents, after investigation and classification, consisted of: 146 Personal Injury Accidents, 891 Property Damage Accidents, 321 Parking Lot/Walk-in accidents, and no fatal accidents.



**REPORTED ACCIDENTS - 5 YEAR TREND**

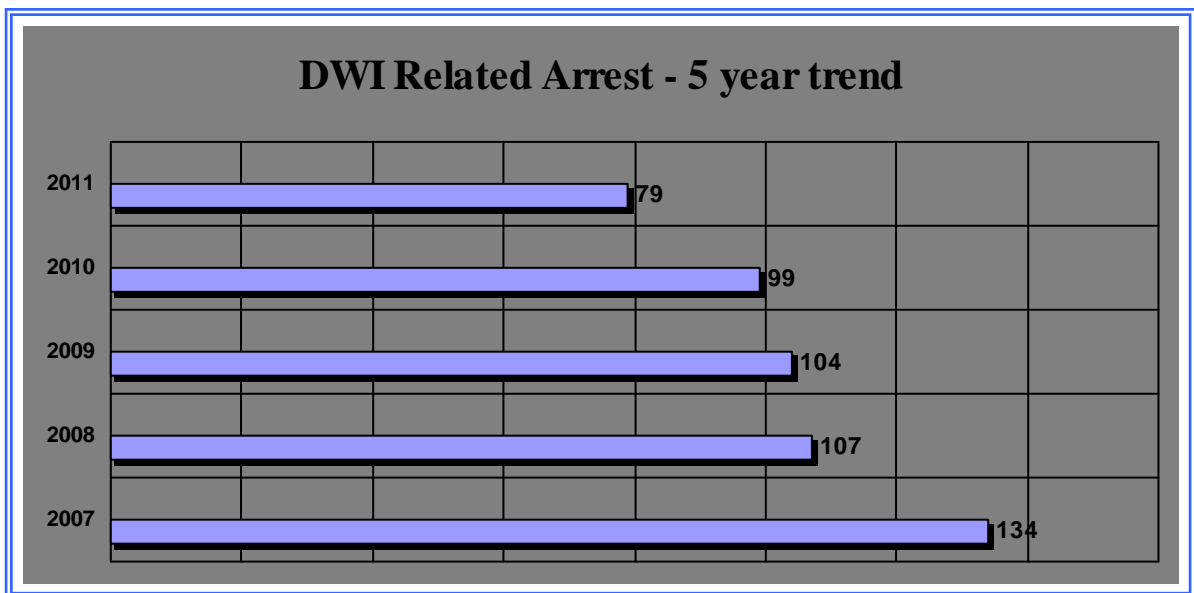
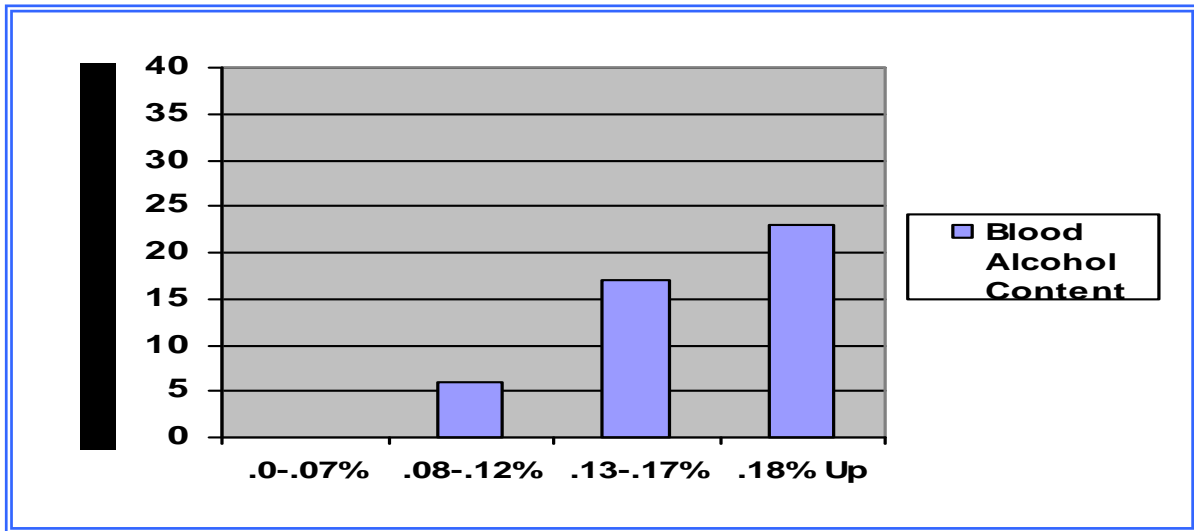
### Motor Vehicle Accidents by Type



➤ **DWI Enforcement**

Members of the department made 79 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) offenses in 2011. Of these 79 arrests, 14 were Felonies which means that the person arrested has a prior conviction for DWI or Operating With a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of .08% or more within the past ten years. Of the 79 DWI arrest, 23 persons were found to have a blood alcohol content of over 0.18% and were additionally charged with the section of 1192-2a “Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated.”

*\*The first Chart below compares the number of persons arrested who gave a breath sample and the range into which their blood alcohol content lies.\**



**FIVE YEAR AVERAGE FOR DWI RELATED ARRESTS – 104.6 PER YEAR**



➤ **Juvenile Offenses**

In 2011 the department did see a slight decrease in the number of juveniles contacted. The month of June saw the largest number of officer contacts with persons under 16. During 2011, the department filed 48 Juvenile Delinquency Petitions and of those petitions 12 of the offenses were felonies.

A total of 16 juveniles were arrested under the Mental Hygiene Law and were transported to the Crisis Center at Binghamton General Hospital for evaluation. The criteria for such an arrest are that the person is deemed to be harmful to themselves or others and are in need of immediate crisis intervention.

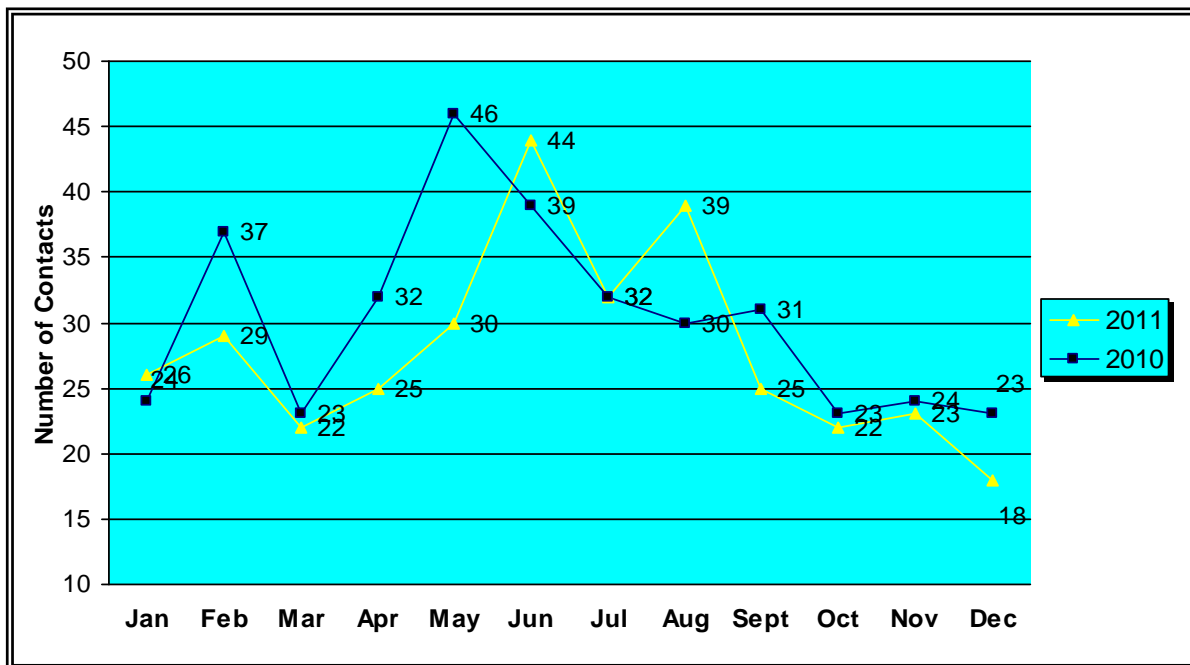
The Juvenile Office continues to maintain a strong working relationship with the Vestal Senior High School administration and the School Resource Officer. Additionally, the juvenile officer maintains ties with Broome County Probation, Broome County Attorney's Office, The Child Advocacy Center of Broome County and other local police department's juvenile divisions.

### JUVENILE CONTACTS - BY MONTH 2010 v. 2011

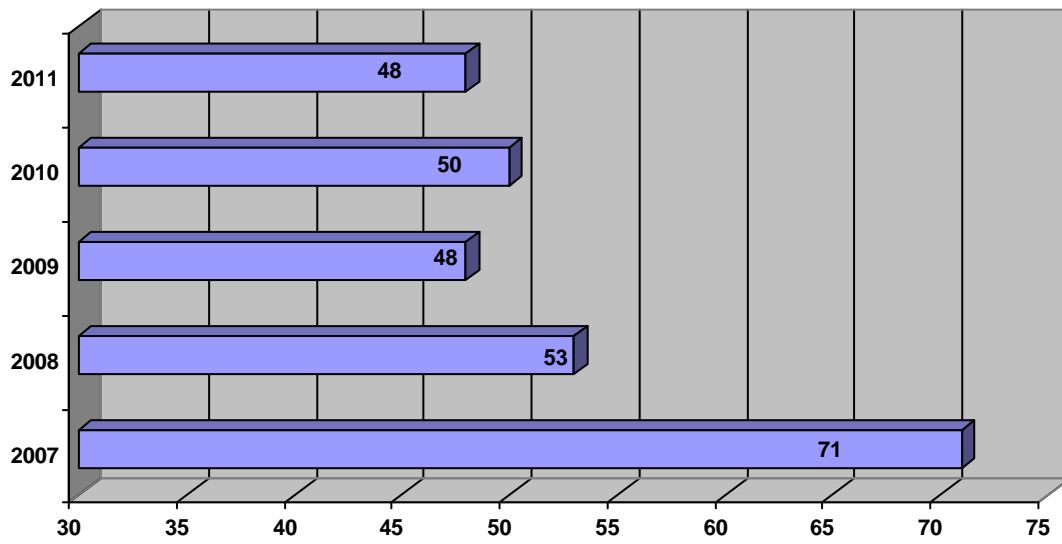
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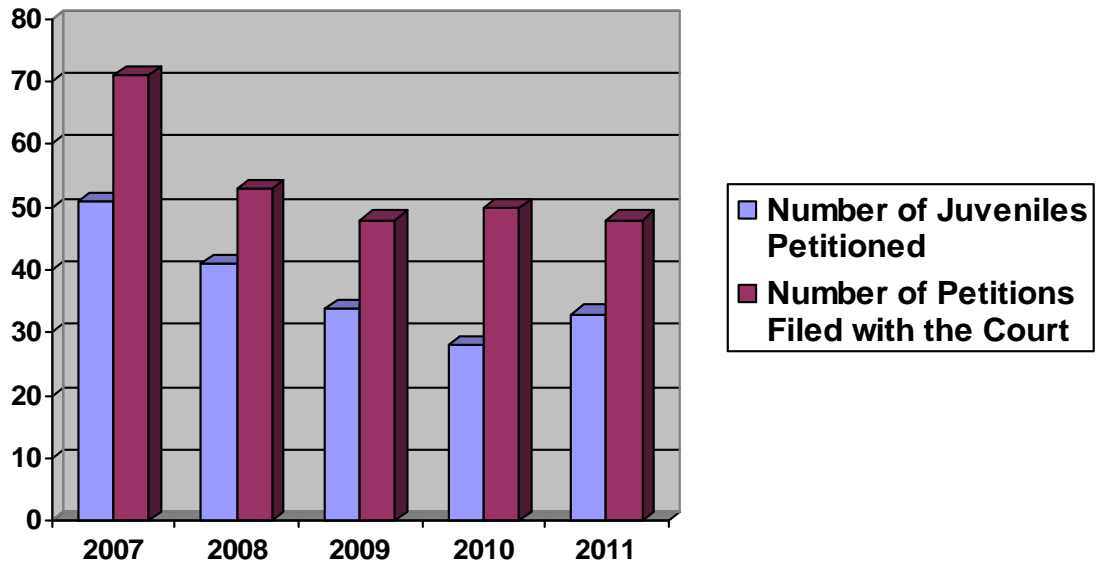
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### Juvenile Petitions - 5 Year Trend



### Juveniles Petitioned v. Number of Petitions Filed



## JUVENILE PETITIONS - BY PENAL LAW SECTION

<u>PENAL LAW SECTION</u>	<u>DEGREE OF CRIME</u>	<u>PETITIONS</u>
Assault 3 <sup>rd</sup>	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Burglary 2 <sup>nd</sup>	“C” Felony	2
Aggravated Harassment 2 <sup>nd</sup>	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Criminal Mischief 3 <sup>rd</sup>	“E” Felony	6
Attempted Arson 5 <sup>th</sup>	“B” Misdemeanor	1
Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4 <sup>th</sup>	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Menacing 2 <sup>nd</sup>	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Petit Larceny	“A” Misdemeanor	8
Criminal Nuisance 2 <sup>nd</sup>	“B” Misdemeanor	1
Criminal Possession Stolen Property 5 <sup>th</sup>	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Criminal Possession Stolen Property 3 <sup>rd</sup>	“D” Felony	1
Criminal Trespass 3 <sup>rd</sup>	“B” Misdemeanor	1
Criminal Sale of Marihuana 2 <sup>nd</sup>	“D” Felony	1
Endangering the Welfare of a Child	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Grand Larceny 4 <sup>th</sup>	“E” Felony	4
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle 3 <sup>rd</sup>	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Mental Health Law 9.41 arrest	N/A	16

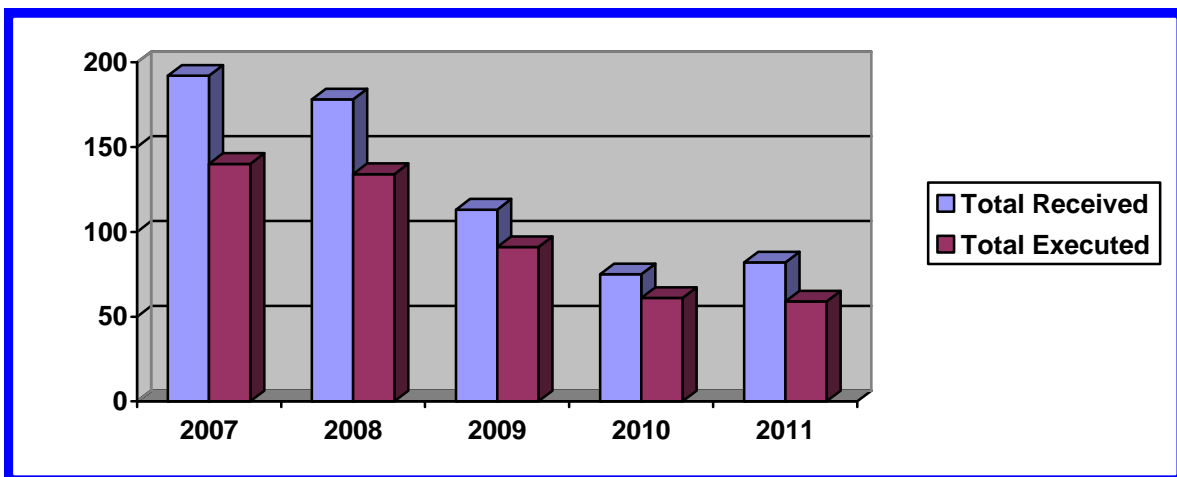
➤ **Warrant Control**

During the year 82 new warrants were received from the Town of Vestal Court. Forty-three (43) of these were arrest warrants and 36 were bench warrants and 3 other entered warrants. Of these 82 warrants, 59 were either executed or canceled with 23 remaining open at the end of the year.

Seventy-nine (79) of the total number of warrants (this includes warrants that are still open from prior years) in the Vestal Police Department files were either executed by members of the department or canceled by the court during 2011. As of December 31, 2011 the Department still had a total of 125 active warrants from all years.

**WARRANTS RECEIVED IN 2011**

Type	Category	Issued	Executed/ Recalled	Total Open
<b><u>Arrest</u></b>	Felony	08	07	01
	Misdemeanor	32	22	10
	Violation	03	02	01
	<b>Total Arrest Warrants</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>
<b><u>Bench</u></b>	Felony	1	1	0
	Misdemeanor	30	22	8
	Violation	04	02	02
	Other	01	01	0
	<b>Total Bench Warrants</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>
<b><u>Probation/other</u></b>		<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b><u>Total</u></b>		<b>82</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>23</b>



## RESPONSE TO ALARMS

In 2011 The Vestal Police Department Patrols responded to 758 police related alarms, 497 Business Alarms and 261 Residential Alarms. The 758 alarms is an increase of 49 alarms over the 709 in 2010.

This however does not take into account Fire Alarms, Medical Alert Alarms and Car Alarms that patrols usually respond to. In 2011 Vestal Police Patrols handled a total of 10,942 calls for service with approximately 7% of these calls being alarms which is roughly the same as 2010.

The department sends warning letters to owners of residences and local establishments where we have experienced problems with repeated false alarms. During the year numerous personal contacts were also made with these same people to educate them regarding the law and our procedures in the hopes of bringing them voluntarily into compliance prior to an arrest.

### 5 Year Alarm Response Trends

