

Vestal Police

2012



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.

YEAR END REPORT 2012

➤ Department Workload

The department recorded 15,404 incident occurrences in 2012. 10,108 of these were numbered complaints deemed police incidents with an additional 5,296 “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 written police report.

The department responded to 169 incidents which required the filing of a New York State Domestic Incident Report. There were 46 adults and 1 juvenile arrested at these incidents. An additional 46 incidents were coded as domestics yet for various reasons no domestic report was filed. An additional 2 adults were arrested at these incidents for crimes other than domestic violence.

➤ Detective Division Activity

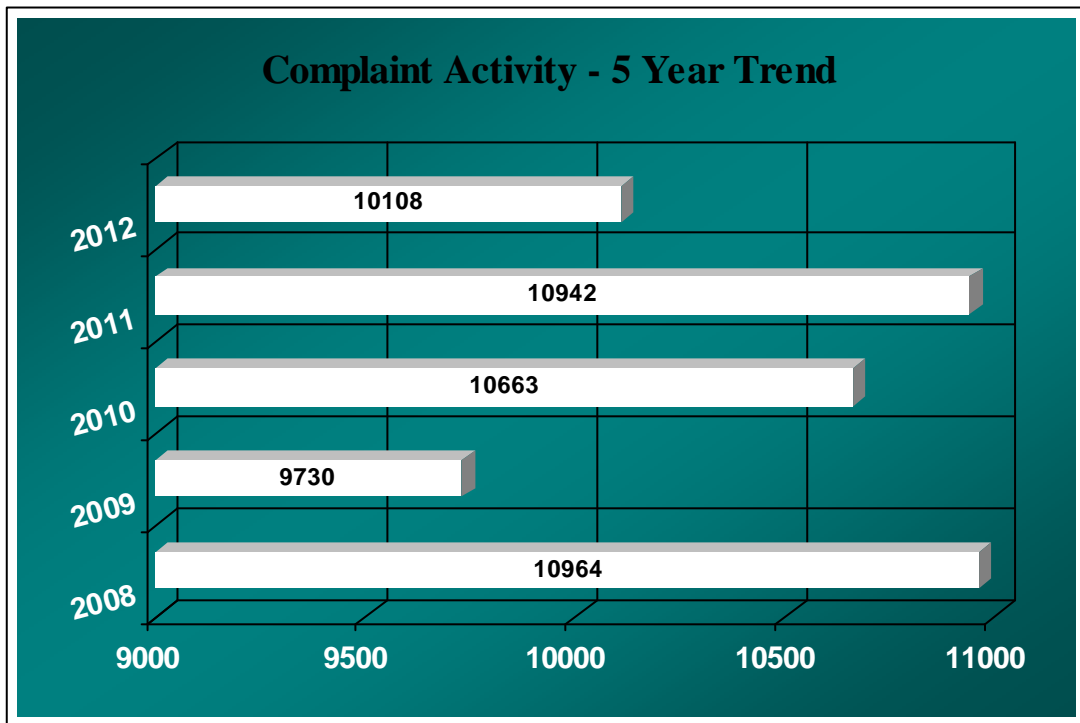
In addition to their investigative case load, the Detective Division is responsible for various other tasks. They are responsible for warrant control and maintenance. One hundred twenty-two (122) new warrants were issued in 2012. Ninety-two (92) warrants were executed in 2012. This number includes all 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 E-Justice Portal Information Network 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, 2012 the department held 2,051 individual pieces of property and evidence (up from 1,682 in 2011) which was secured for various reasons. In 2012 there were 941 pieces of property and evidence submitted for various reasons. Five hundred and ninety-six (596) 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.

➤ Training

The total number of training hours for the members of the Vestal Police Department in 2012 was 2,669 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.



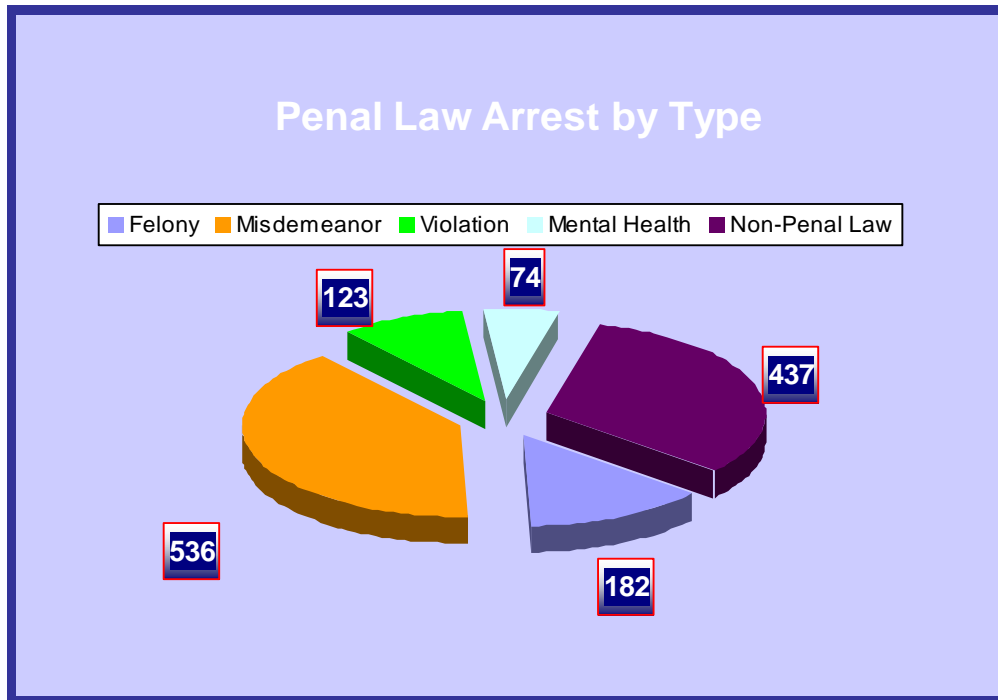
INCIDENT BASED REPORTING OFFENSES

OFFENSE	NUMBER REPORTED 2012	NUMBER REPORTED 2011	NUMBER REPORTED 2010
Murder	2	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape (forcible)	1	1	1
Robbery	1	6	8
Aggravated Assault	7	8	6
Simple Assault	111	134	150
Burglary	63	41	41
All Larceny	584	597	526
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	2	6
Criminal Impersonation	66	68	49
TOTAL	845	857	787

SOURCE: NYS DCJS INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM

➤ **Adult Arrests (Non-Traffic)**

Members of the department made 1019 arrests with 1352 charges for adult offenses. A breakdown of 2012 adult arrest charges is as follows: 182 Felony charges, 536 Misdemeanors and 123 Violations, and 437 Non-Penal Law Offenses. In addition, there were 74 Mental Hygiene Law Arrests.

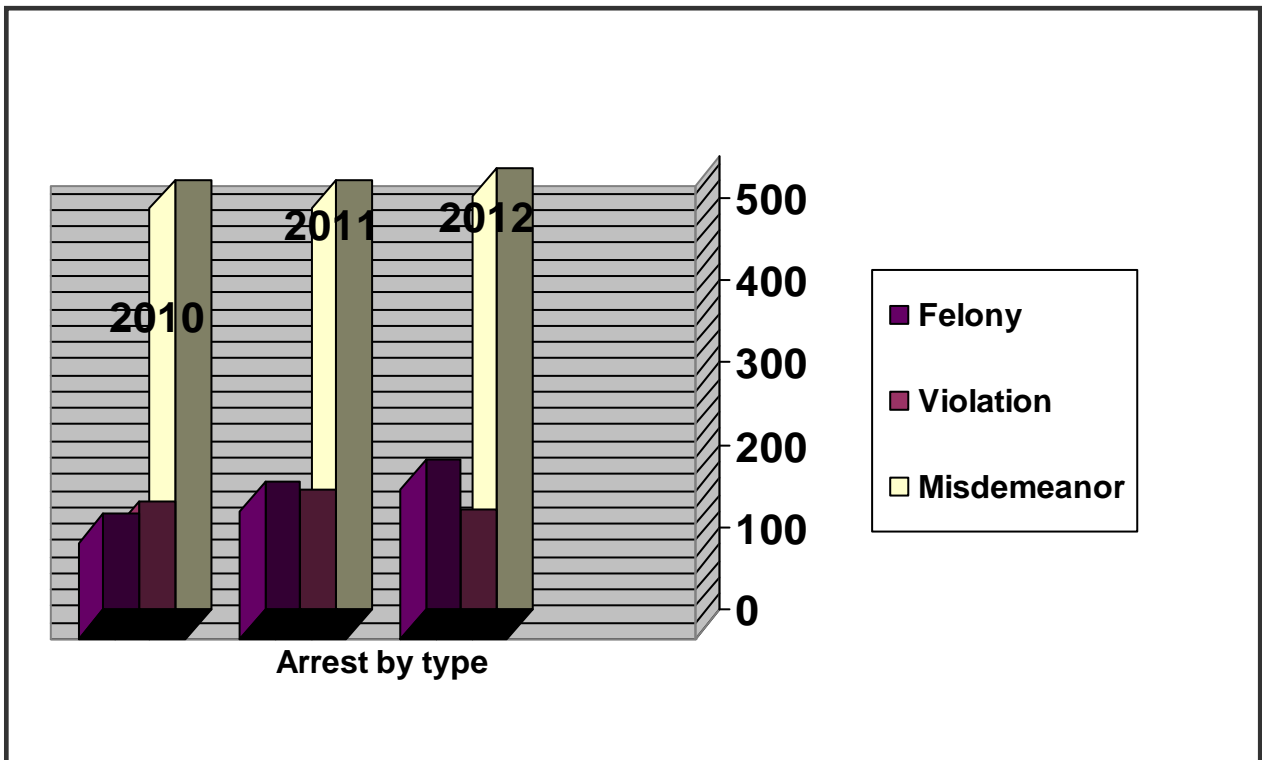


**ALL ADULT CHARGES FILED 5 YEAR TREND
(INCLUDES AGGRAVATED UNLICENSED AND DWI ARREST)**

2008	1347
2009	1310
2010	1349
2011	1287
2012	1352

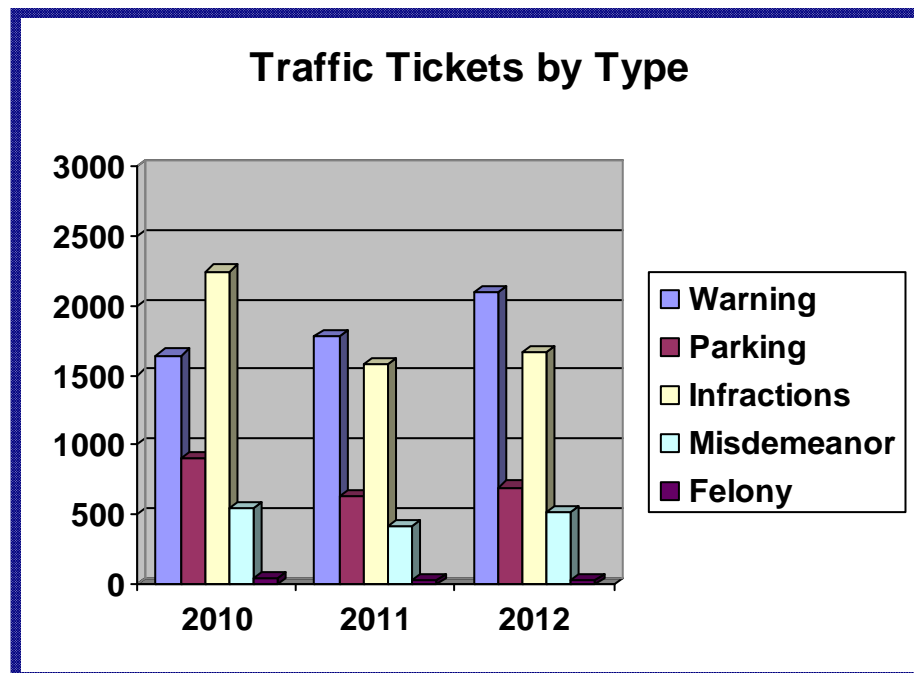
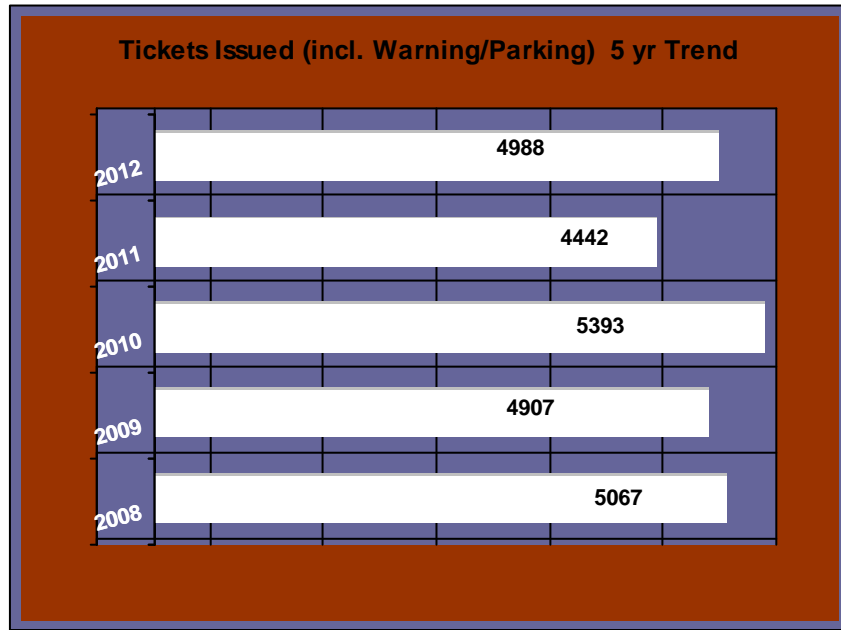
NON PENAL LAW ADULT ARRESTS IN 2012

ARREST TYPE	NUMBER OF ARRESTS 2011	NUMBER OF ARRESTS 2012	CHANGE FROM 2011
Town/County Ordinance Violations	3	4	+1
Mental Hygiene Law	77	74	-3
Alcohol & Beverage Control Law	1	3	+2
Fugitive From Justice	4	4	-
Fail to Register Sex Offender Law	0	0	-
Ag. & Markets	1	0	-1
Public Health Law	1	1	-
Total	87	86	-1



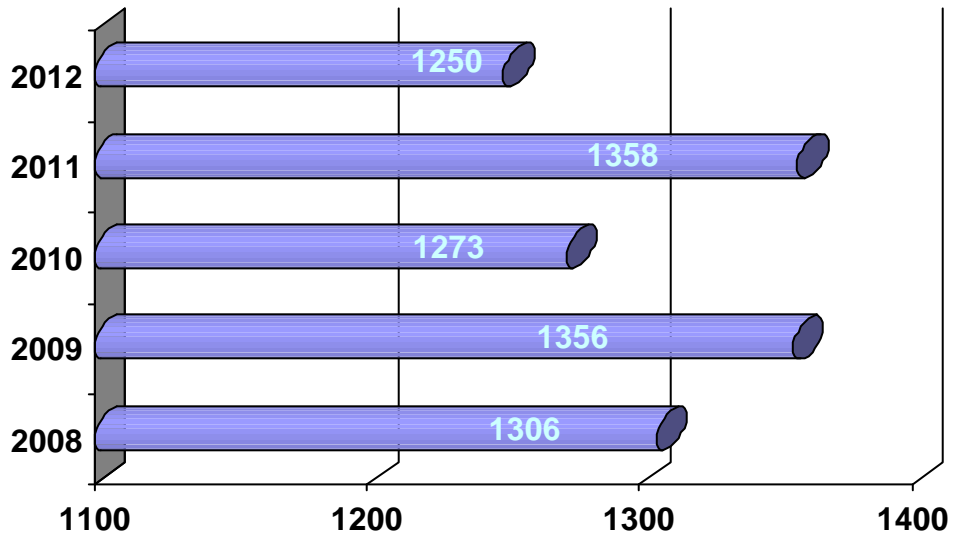
➤ **Vehicle & Traffic Enforcement**

Members of the Department issued 2,200 Uniform Traffic Tickets in 2012. There were 23 felonies, 514 misdemeanors and 1,663 traffic infractions of the Vehicle & Traffic Law, Transportation, and Tax Laws. Officers also issued 695 parking tickets during the year. An additional 2,093 Warning Tickets were also issued to motorists.



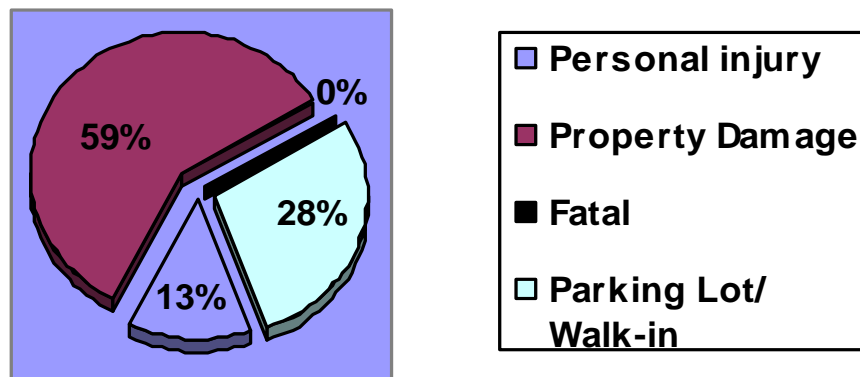
➤ **Motor Vehicle Accidents**

Overall, 1,250 accidents were reported to the department in 2012. These accidents, after investigation and classification, consisted of: 164 Personal Injury Accidents, 736 Property Damage Accidents, 350 Parking Lot/Walk-in accidents, and no fatal accidents.



REPORTED ACCIDENTS - 5 YEAR TREND

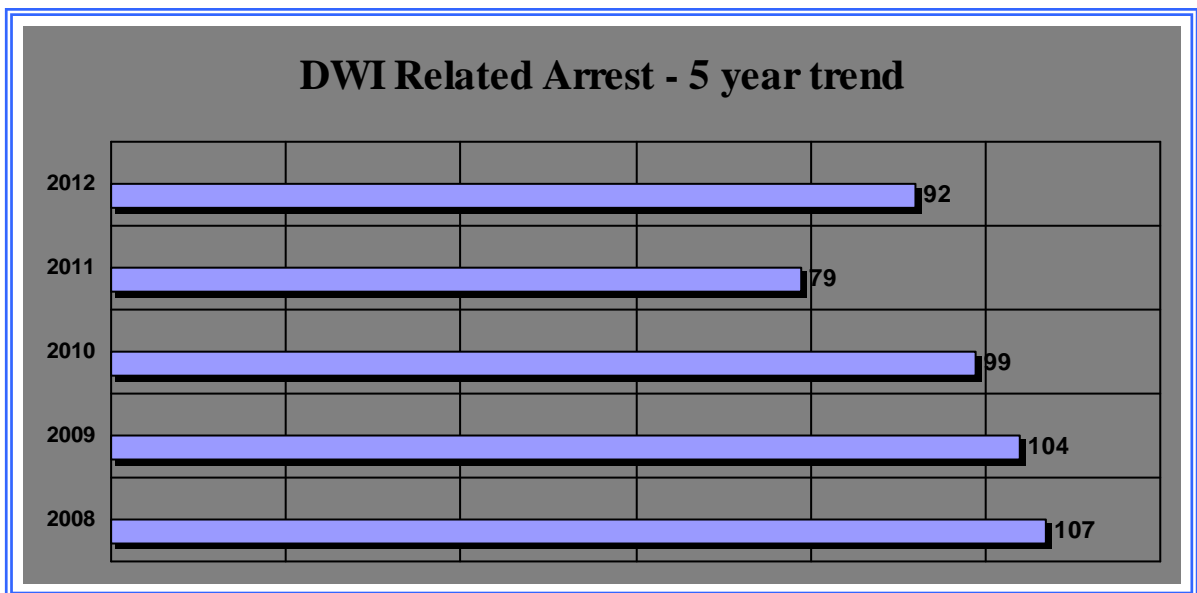
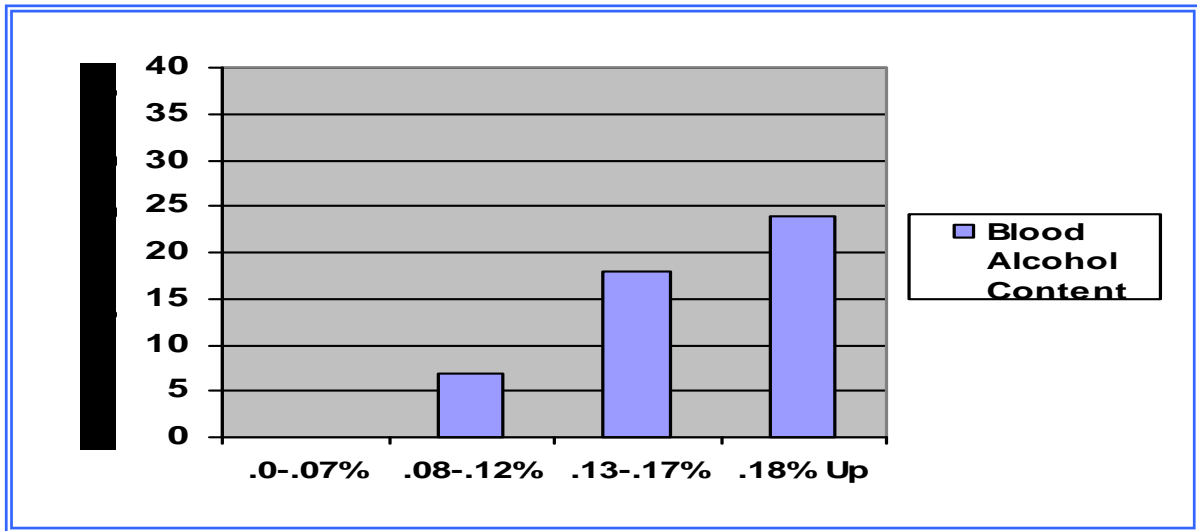
Motor Vehicle Accidents by Type



➤ **DWI Enforcement**

Members of the department made 92 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) offenses in 2012. Of these 92 arrests, 17 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 92 DWI arrest, 24 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 – 96 PER YEAR

➤ **Juvenile Offenses**

In 2012 the department had a comparable amount as 2011 in the number of juveniles contacted. The month of May saw the largest number of officer contacts with persons under 16. During 2012, the department filed 36 Juvenile Delinquency Petitions and of those petitions 7 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.

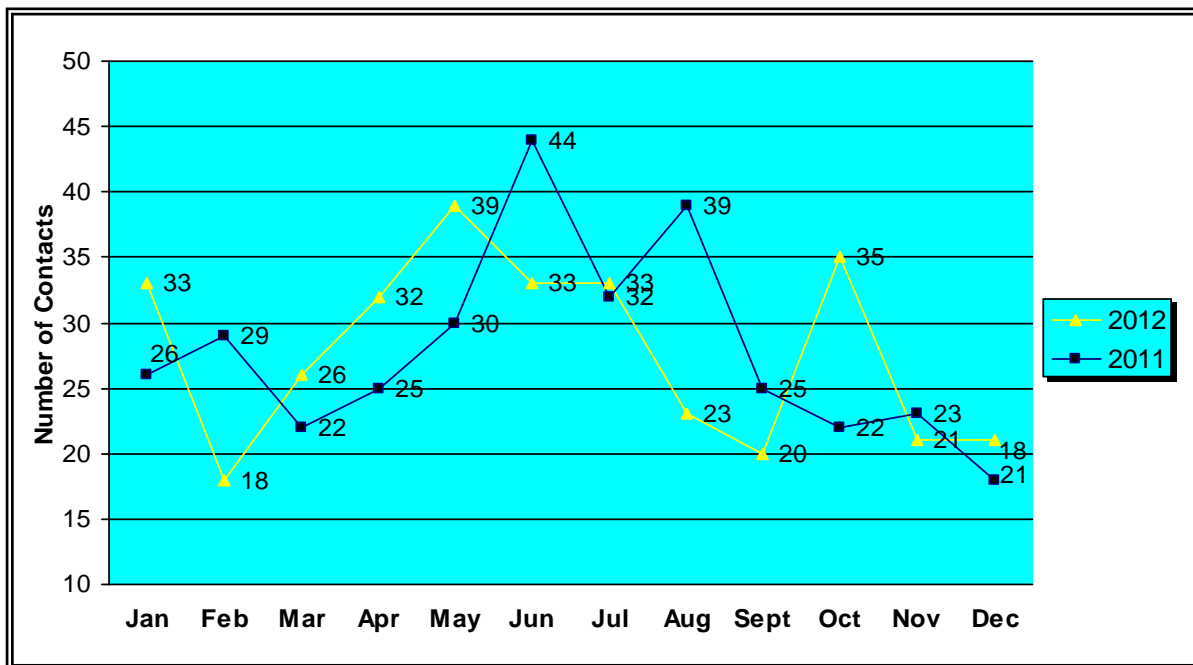
The Juvenile Office continues to maintain a strong working relationship with the Vestal Senior High School administration and the School Resource Officer. Additionally, the juvenile officer maintains ties with Broome County Probation, Broome County Attorney's Office, The Child Advocacy Center of Broome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

JUVENILE CONTACTS - BY MONTH 2011 v. 2012

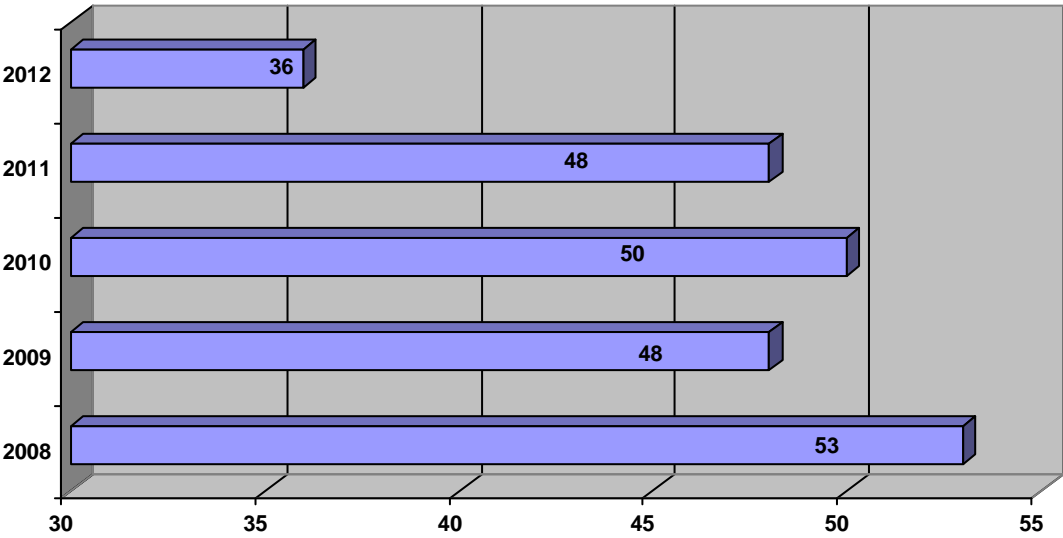
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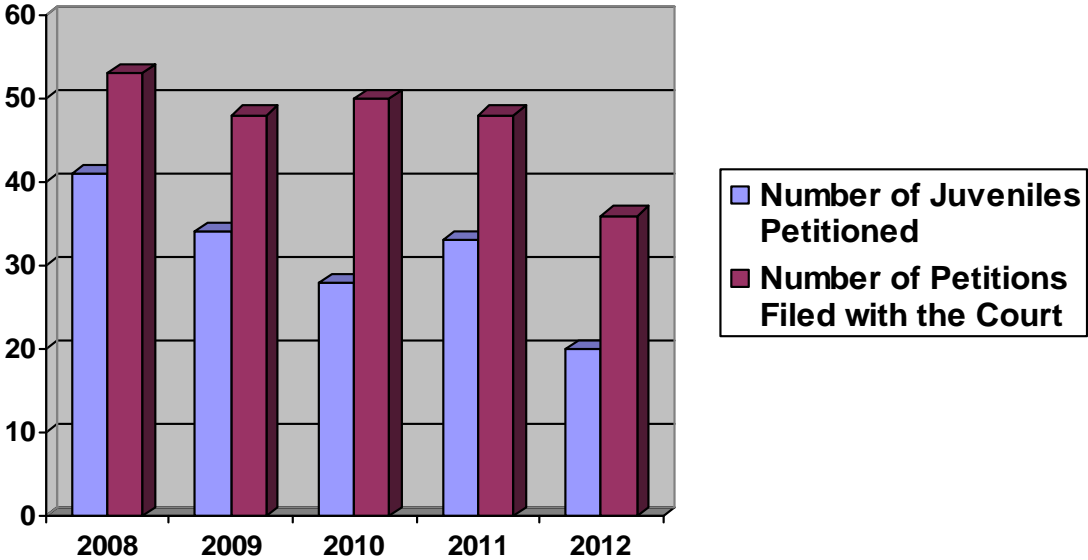
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Juvenile Petitions - 5 Year Trend



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 2 nd	“D” Felony	1
Robbery 3 rd	“D” Felony	1
Criminal Sale of Marihuana 2 nd	“D” Felony	2
Grand Larceny 4 th	“E” Felony	3
Assault 3 rd	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Criminal Mischief 4 th	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7 th	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4 th	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Menacing 2 nd	“A” Misdemeanor	6
Petit Larceny	“A” Misdemeanor	2
Criminal Trespass 3 rd	“B” Misdemeanor	1
Mental Health Law 9.41 arrest	N/A	16

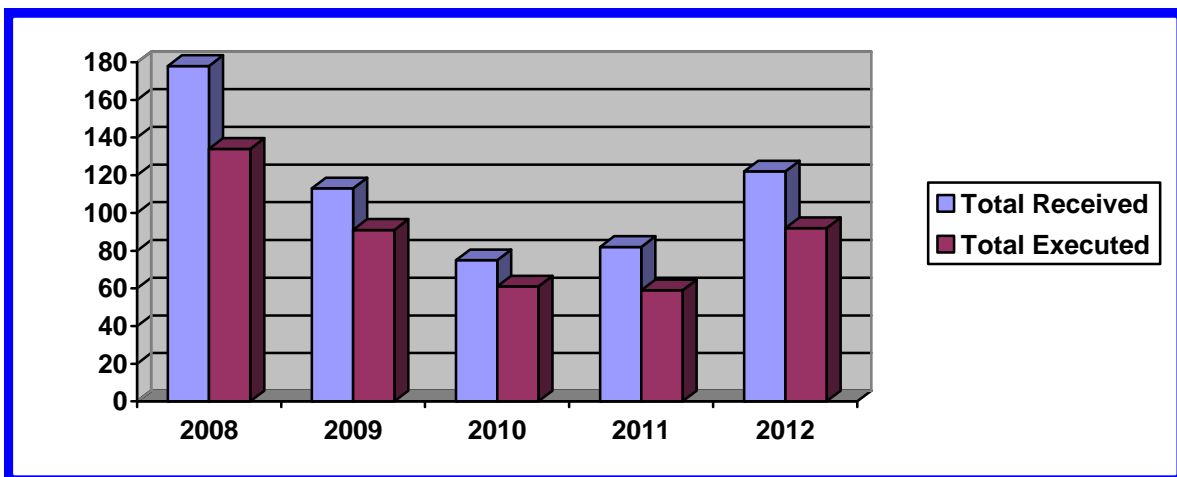
➤ **Warrant Control**

During the year 122 new warrants were received from the Town of Vestal Court. Sixty (60) of these were arrest warrants and 48 were bench warrants and 14 other entered warrants. Of these 122 warrants, 92 were either executed or canceled with 30 remaining open at the end of the year.

One hundred-ten (110) 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 2012. As of December 31, 2012 the Department still had a total of 152 active warrants from all years.

WARRANTS RECEIVED IN 2012

Type	Category	Issued	Executed/ Recalled	Total Open
<u>Arrest</u>	Felony	25	21	4
	Misdemeanor	30	25	5
	Violation	5	3	2
	Total Arrest Warrants	60	49	11
<u>Bench</u>	Felony	1	1	0
	Misdemeanor	41	29	12
	Violation	5	2	3
	Other	1	1	0
	Total Bench Warrants	48	33	15
<u>Probation/other</u>		14	10	4
<u>Total</u>		122	92	30



RESPONSE TO ALARMS

In 2012 The Vestal Police Department Patrols responded to 834 police related alarms, 605 Business Alarms and 225 Residential Alarms and 4 deemed as “other”. The 834 alarms is an increase of 76 alarms over the 758 in 2011.

This however does not take into account Fire Alarms, Medical Alert Alarms and Car Alarms that patrols usually respond to. In 2012 Vestal Police Patrols handled a total of 10,108 calls for service with approximately 8% of these calls being alarms which is slightly above 2011.

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

