



Vestal Police

2013

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 routes are State Route 26 and State Route 201. The Vestal Police Department consists of 33 sworn officers, one dispatcher, two full time police clerks, and one part time police clerk. The Patrol Division is responsible for the handling of complaints, crime prevention and 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 33 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 2013

➤ Department Workload

The department recorded 15,183 incident occurrences in 2013. 10,106 of these were numbered complaints deemed police incidents with an additional 5,077 “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 149 incidents which required the filing of a New York State Domestic Incident Report. There were 30 adults and 6 juveniles arrested at these incidents. An additional 47 incidents were coded as domestics yet for various reasons no domestic report was filed. An additional 5 adults were arrested at these incidents for crimes other than domestic violence.

➤ Detective Division Activity

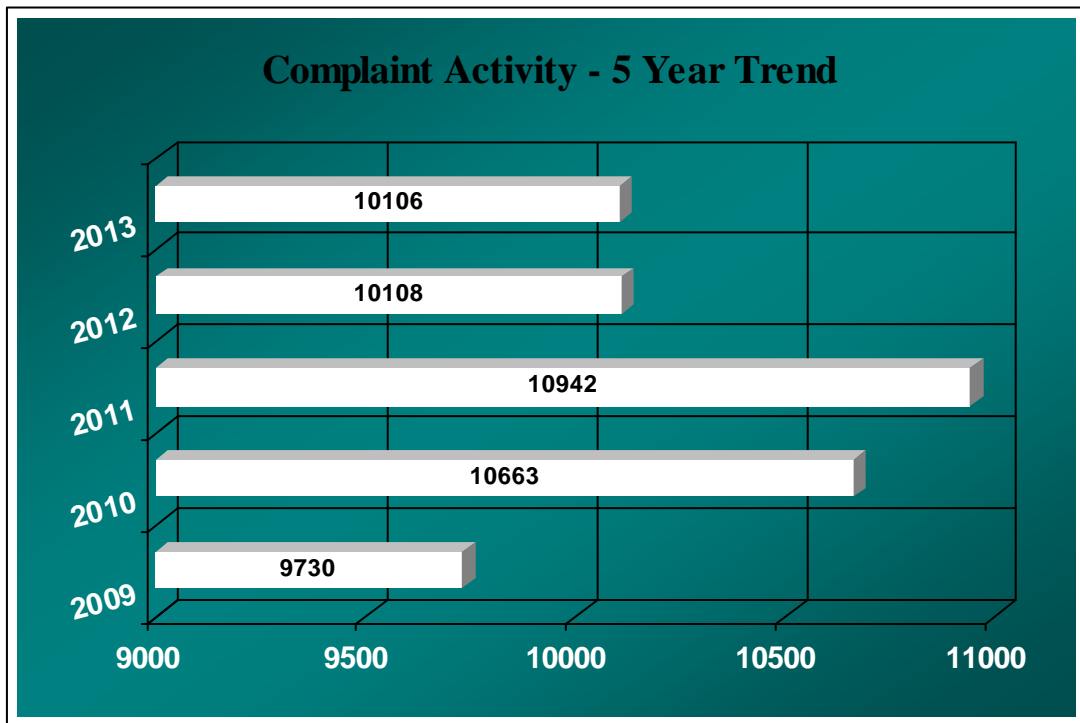
In addition to their investigative case load, the Detective Division is responsible for various other tasks. They are responsible for warrant control and maintenance. One hundred sixty-five (165) new warrants were issued in 2013. One hundred-thirteen (113) warrants were executed in 2013. This number 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, 2013 the department held 2,190 individual pieces of property and evidence (up from 2,051 in 2012) which was secured for various reasons. In 2013 there were 896 pieces of property and evidence submitted for various reasons. Seven hundred and eighty-three (783) 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 2013 was 2,445 hrs. Included in these hours were in-service training, recertification training, firearms training, tactical team training, K-9 and several other specialized trainings.



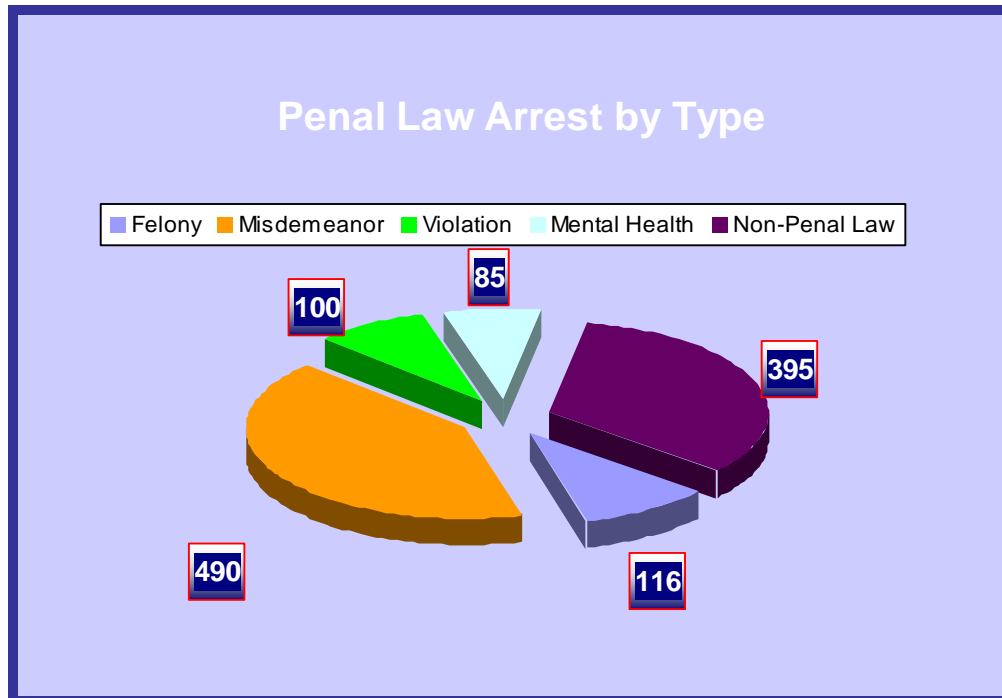
INCIDENT BASED REPORTING OFFENSES

OFFENSE	NUMBER REPORTED 2013	NUMBER REPORTED 2012	NUMBER REPORTED 2011
Murder	0	2	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape (forcible)	2	1	1
Robbery	7	1	6
Aggravated Assault	8	7	8
Simple Assault	82	111	134
Burglary	39	63	41
All Larceny	552	584	597
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	8	2
Criminal Impersonation	45	66	68
TOTAL	744	843	857

SOURCE: NYS DCJS INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM

➤ **Adult Arrests (Non-Traffic)**

Members of the department made 945 arrests with 1186 charges for adult offenses. A breakdown of 2013 adult arrest charges is as follows: 116 Felony charges, 490 Misdemeanors and 100 Violations, and 395 Non-Penal Law Offenses. In addition, there were 85 Mental Hygiene Law Arrests.

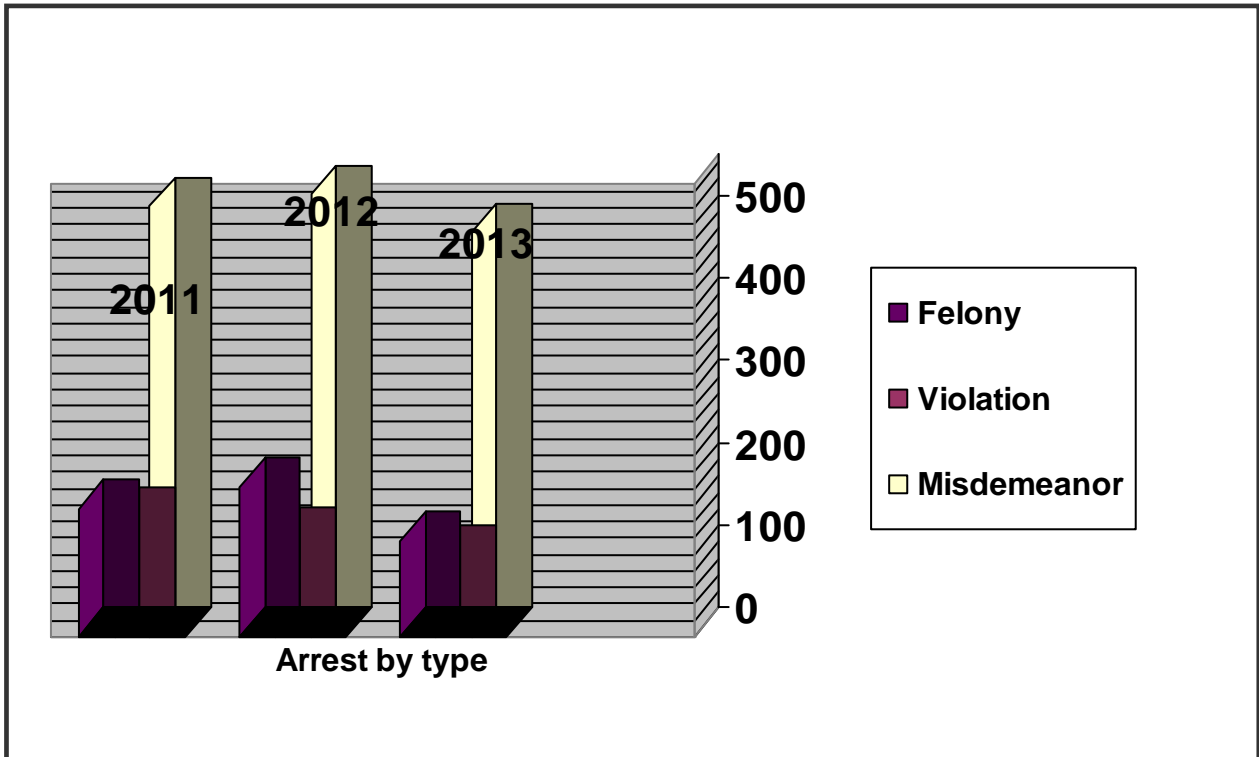


**ALL ADULT CHARGES FILED 5 YEAR TREND
(INCLUDES AGGRAVATED UNLICENSED AND DWI ARREST)**

2009	1310
2010	1349
2011	1287
2012	1352
2013	1186

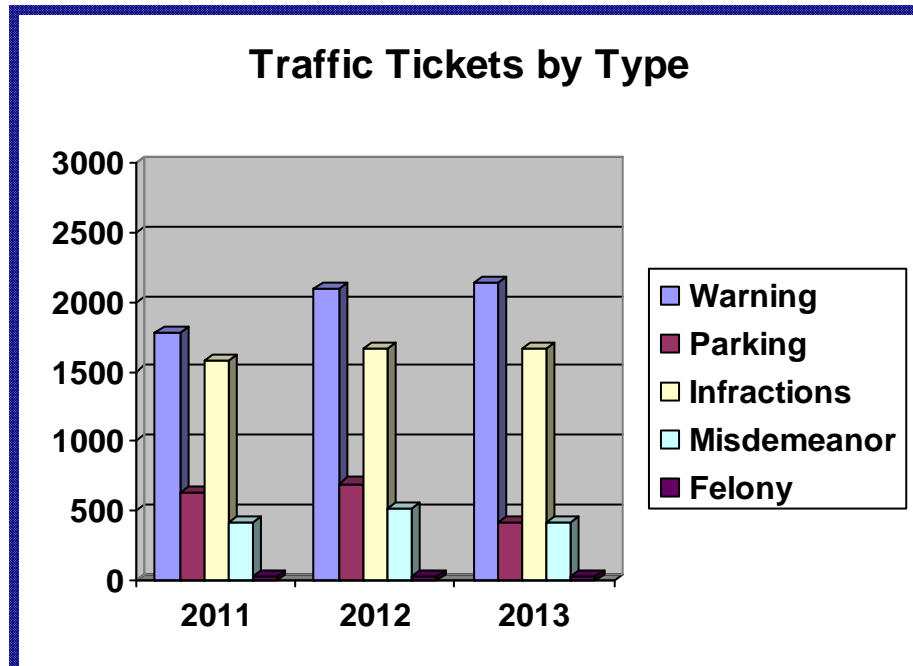
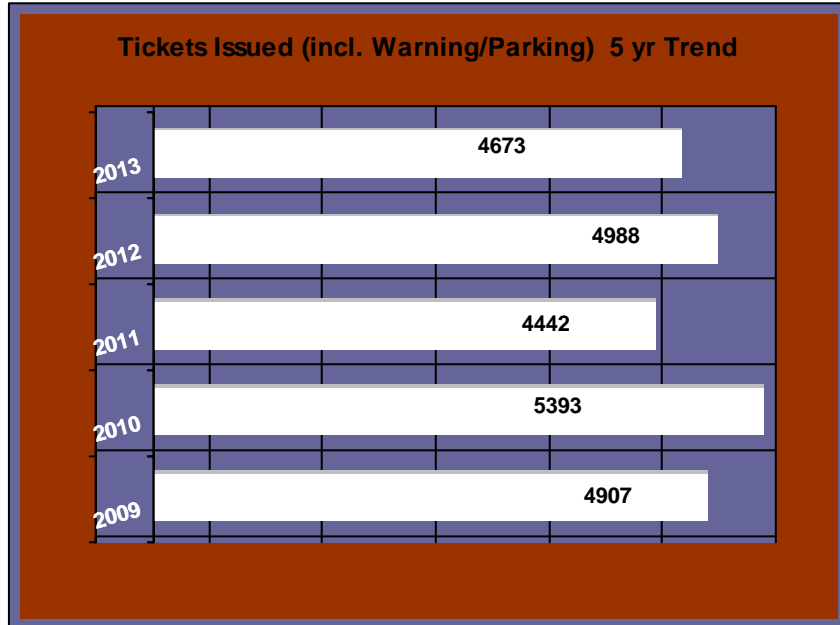
NON PENAL LAW ADULT ARRESTS IN 2013

ARREST TYPE	NUMBER OF ARRESTS 2012	NUMBER OF ARRESTS 2013	CHANGE FROM 2012
Town/County Ordinance Violations	4	10	+6
Mental Hygiene Law	74	85	+11
Alcohol & Beverage Control Law	3	3	-
Fugitive From Justice	4	1	-3
Fail to Register Sex Offender Law	0	0	-
Ag. & Markets	0	2	+2
Public Health Law	1	1	-
Total	86	102	+6



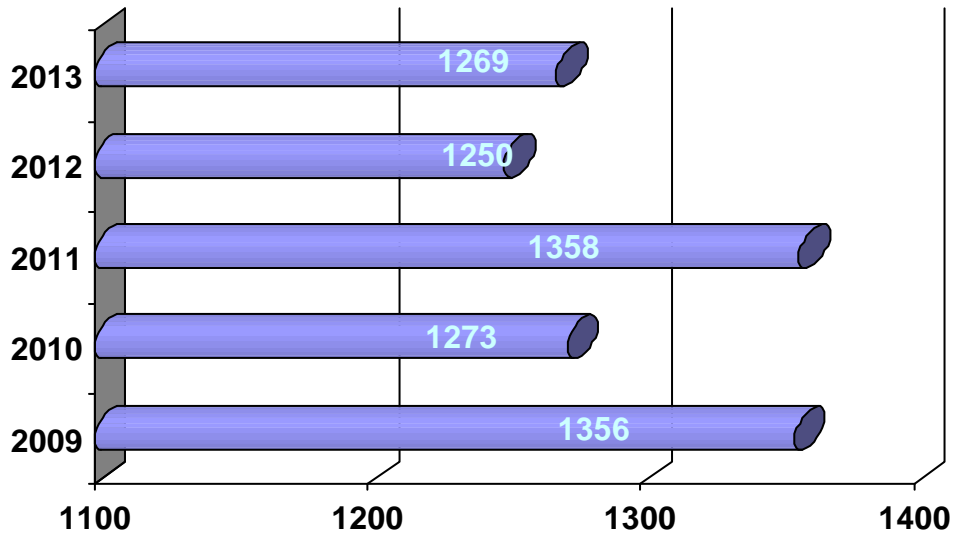
Vehicle & Traffic Enforcement

Members of the Department issued 2,111 Uniform Traffic Tickets in 2013. There were 32 felonies, 410 misdemeanors and 1669 traffic infractions of the Vehicle & Traffic Law, Transportation, and Tax Laws. Officers also issued 419 parking tickets during the year. An additional 2,143 Warning Tickets were also issued to motorists.



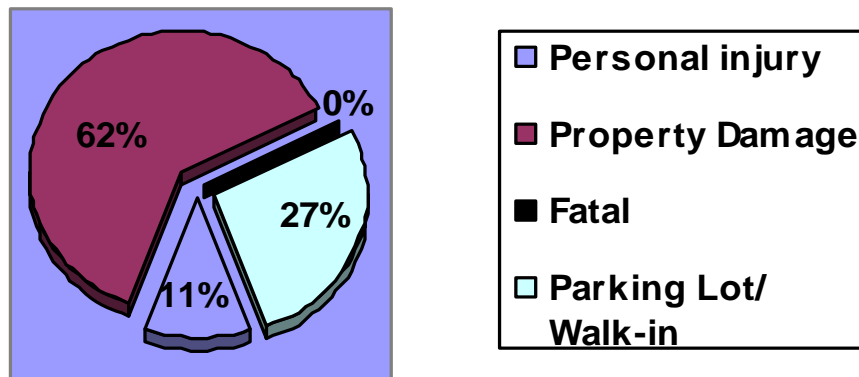
➤ **Motor Vehicle Accidents**

Overall, 1,269 accidents were reported to the department in 2013. These accidents, after investigation and classification, consisted of: 141 Personal Injury Accidents, 785 Property Damage Accidents, 343 Parking Lot/Walk-in accidents, and no fatal accidents.



REPORTED ACCIDENTS - 5 YEAR TREND

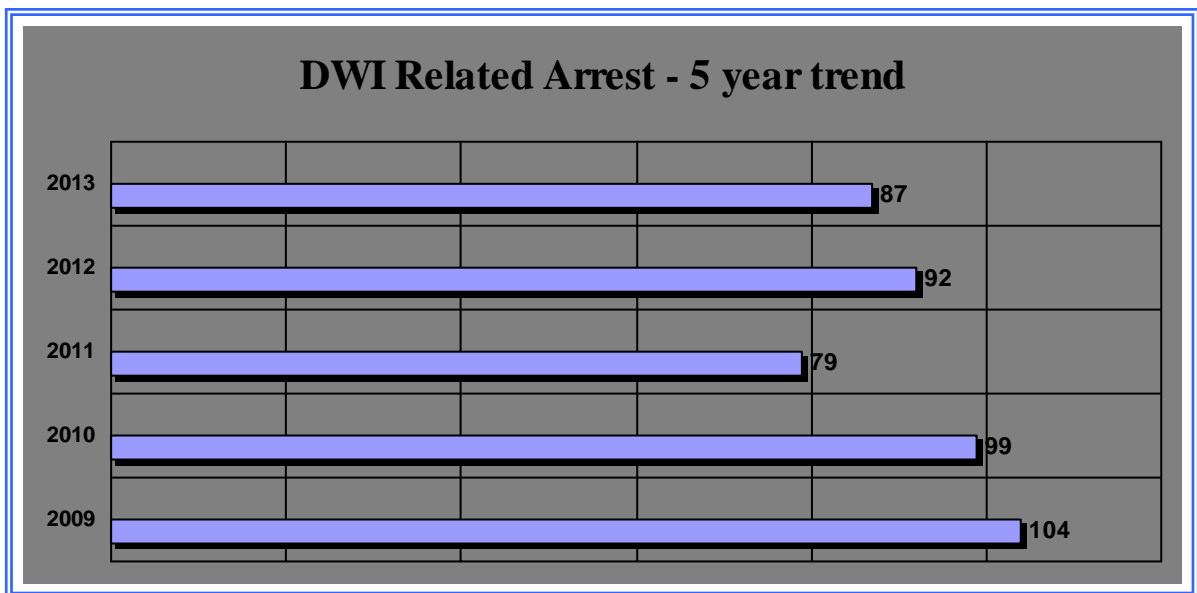
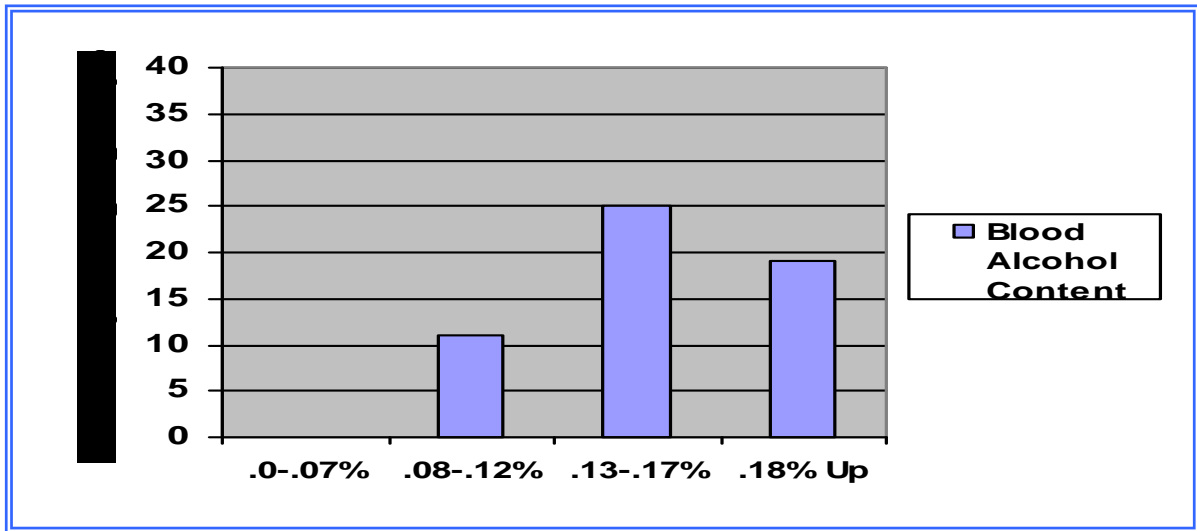
Motor Vehicle Accidents by Type



➤ **DWI Enforcement**

Members of the department made 87 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) offenses in 2013. Of these 87 arrests, 21 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 87 DWI arrests, 19 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 2013 the department had a lower amount than 2012 in the number of juveniles contacted. The month of August saw the largest number of officer contacts with persons under 16. During 2013 the department filed 33 Juvenile Delinquency Petitions and of those petitions only one (1) of the offenses was a felony.

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.

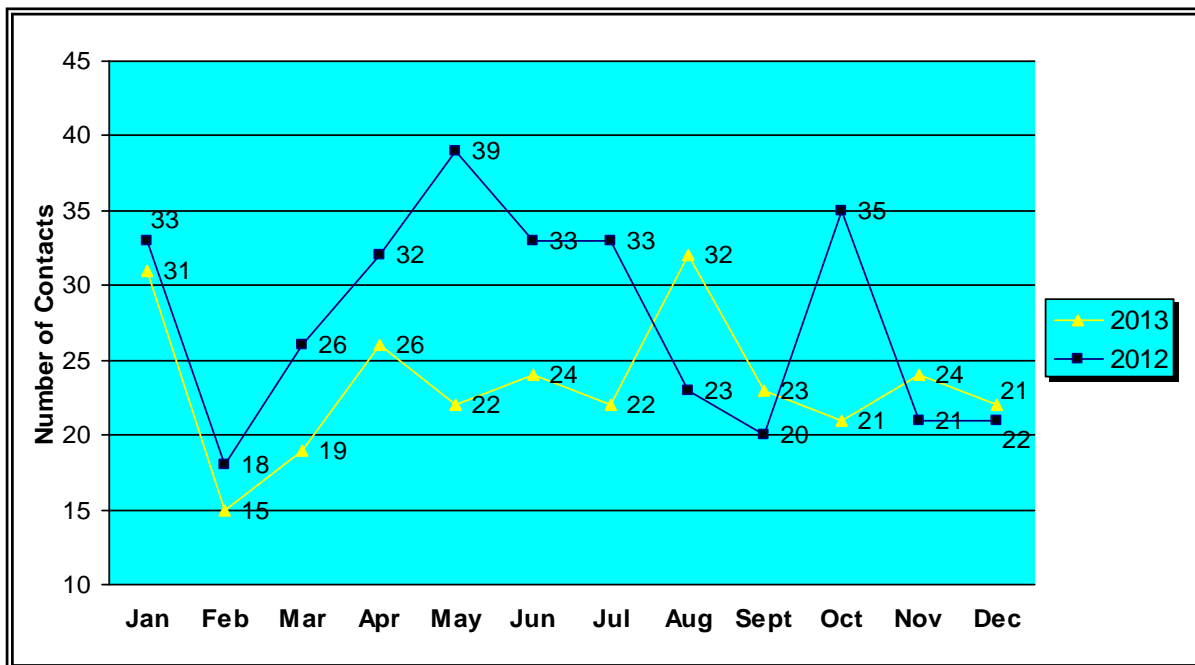
The Juvenile Office continues to maintain a strong working relationship with the Vestal Senior High School administration and the School Resource Officer. Additionally, the juvenile officer maintains ties with Broome County Probation, Broome County Attorney's Office, The Child Advocacy Center of Broome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

JUVENILE CONTACTS - BY MONTH 2012 v. 2013

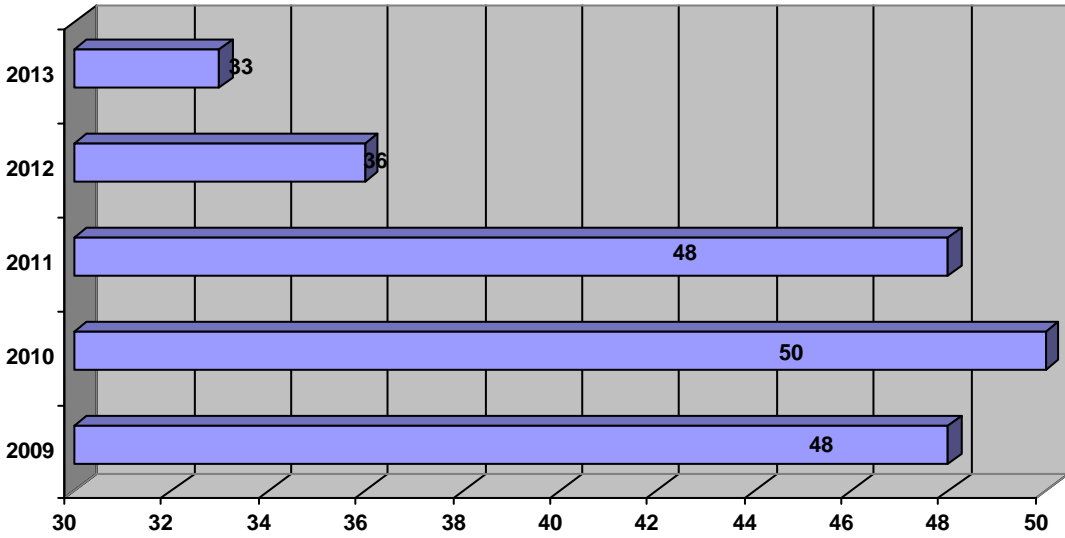
Total number of Juvenile contacts for 2013 = 281

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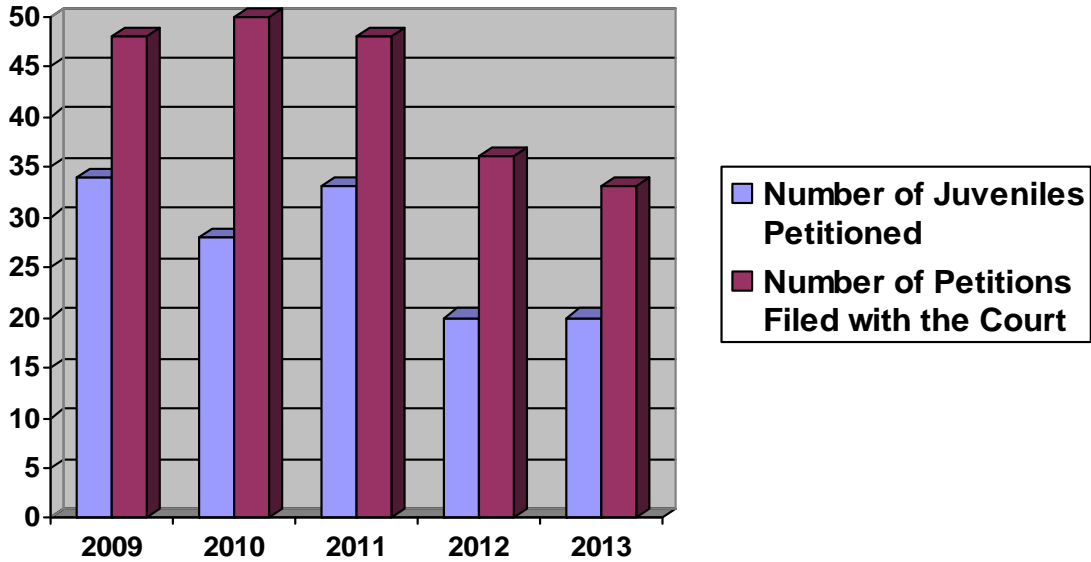
Total number of Juvenile contacts for 2012 = 334



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>
Sexual Abuse 1 st	“D” Felony	1
Stalking 3 rd	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Assault 3 rd	“A” Misdemeanor	3
Criminal Mischief 4 th	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Aggravated Harassment 2 nd	“A” Misdemeanor	1
Petit Larceny	“A” Misdemeanor	5
Making Graffiti	“A” Misdemeanor	2
Menacing 3 rd	“B” Misdemeanor	2
Mental Health Law 9.41 arrest	N/A	16
Family Court Warrant	N/A	1

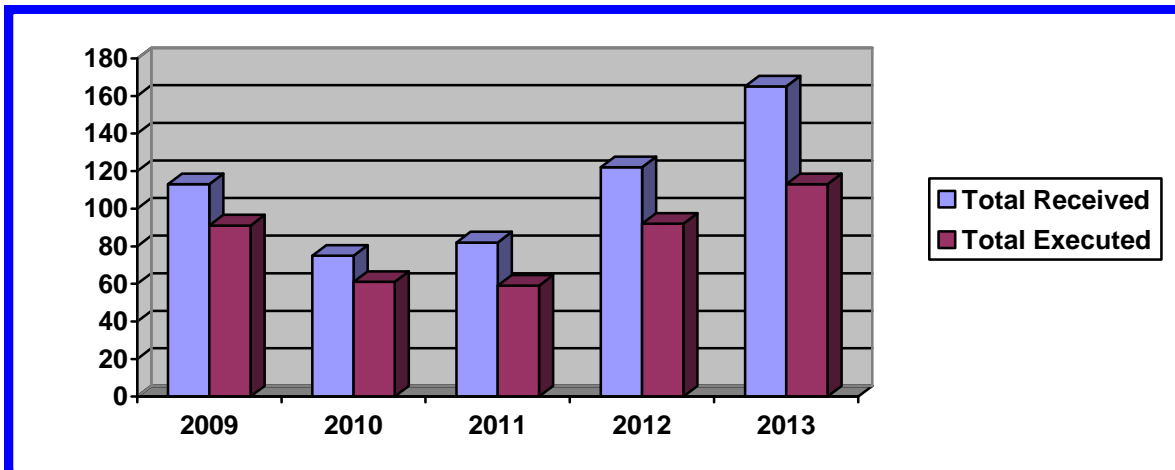
➤ **Warrant Control**

During the year 165 new warrants were received from the Town of Vestal Court. Seventy-five (75) of these were arrest warrants and 78 were bench warrants and 12 other entered warrants. Of these 165 warrants 113 were either executed or canceled with 52 remaining open at the end of the year.

One hundred-thirty (130) 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 2013. As of December 31, 2013 the Department still had a total of 180 active warrants from all years.

WARRANTS RECEIVED IN 2013

Type	Category	Issued	Executed/ Recalled	Total Open
<u>Arrest</u>	Felony	21	21	0
	Misdemeanor	48	36	12
	Violation	6	2	3
	Total Arrest Warrants	75	59	15
<u>Bench</u>	Felony	1	1	0
	Misdemeanor	70	40	30
	Violation	7	3	4
	Total Bench Warrants	78	44	34
<u>Probation/other</u>		12	10	3
<u>Total</u>		165	113	52



RESPONSE TO ALARMS

In 2013 The Vestal Police Department Patrols responded to 943 police related alarms. These alarms consisted of 658 business alarms, 276 residential alarms, and 9 deemed as “other”. The 943 alarms is an increase of 109 alarms over the 834 in 2012.

This however does not take into account Fire Alarms, Medical Alert Alarms and Car Alarms that patrols usually respond to. In 2013 Vestal Police Patrols handled a total of 10,106 calls for service with approximately 9% of these calls being alarms which is above the percentage in 2012.

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

