

2007 Powell Police Department Annual Report



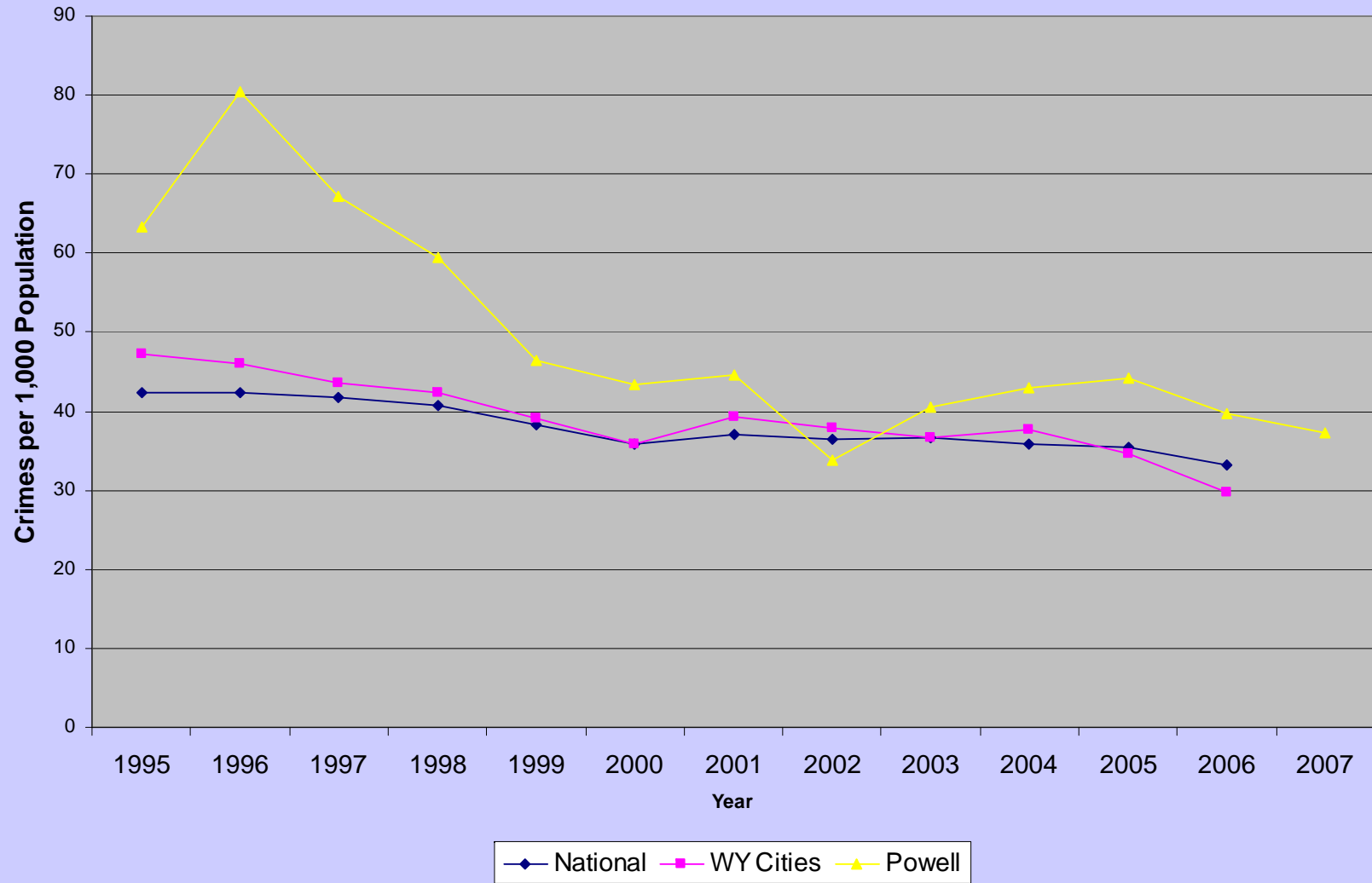
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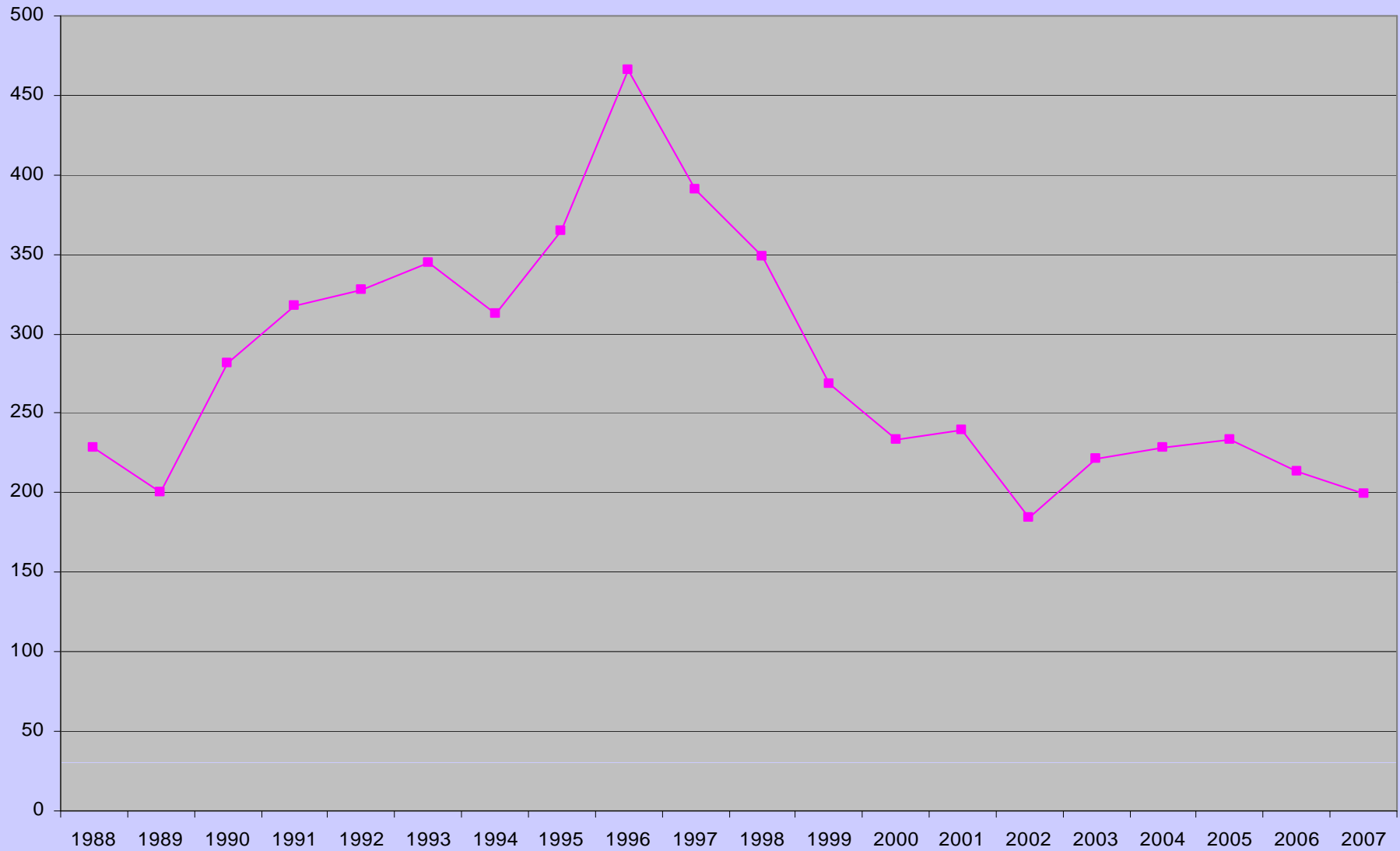
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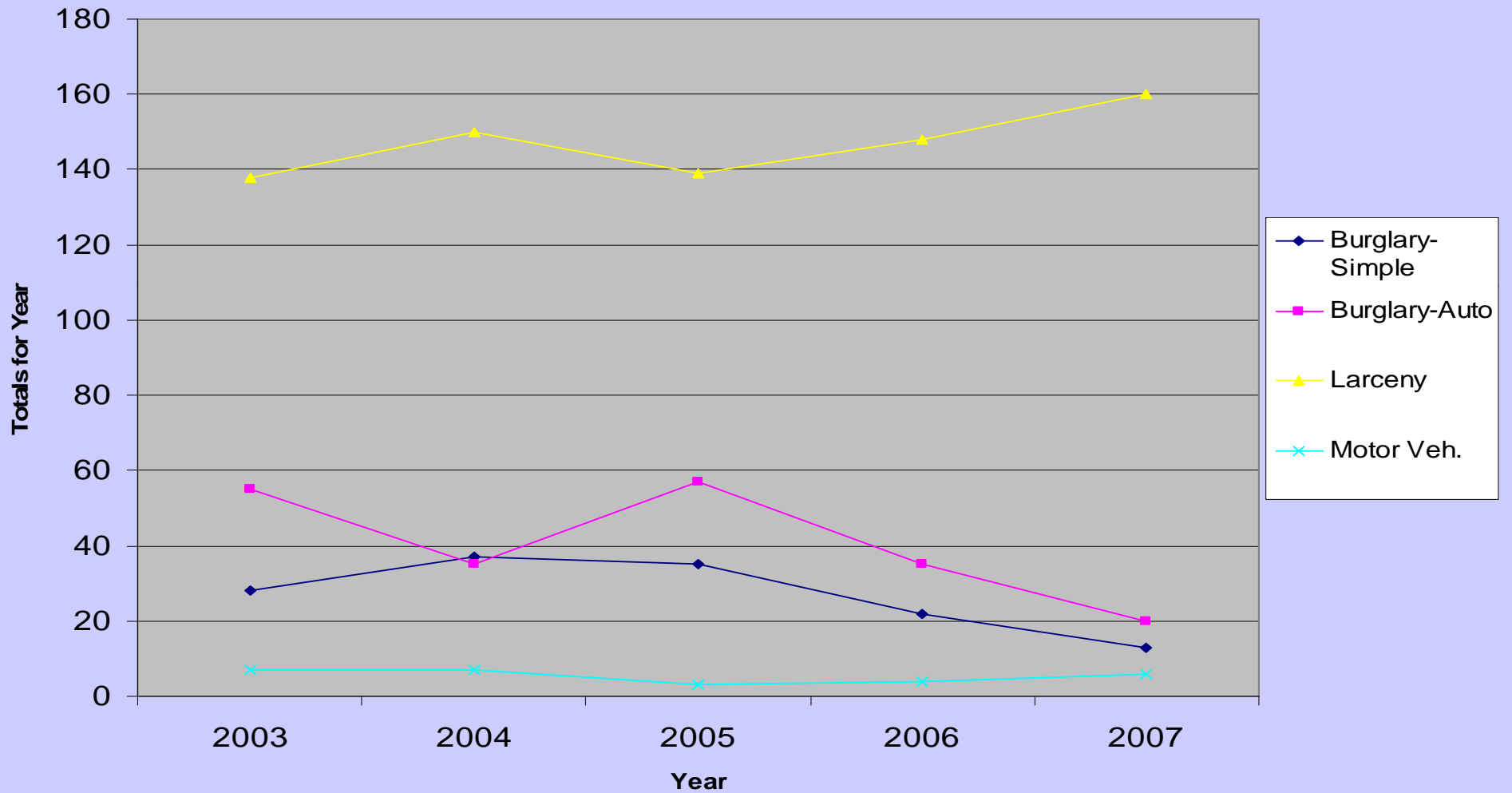
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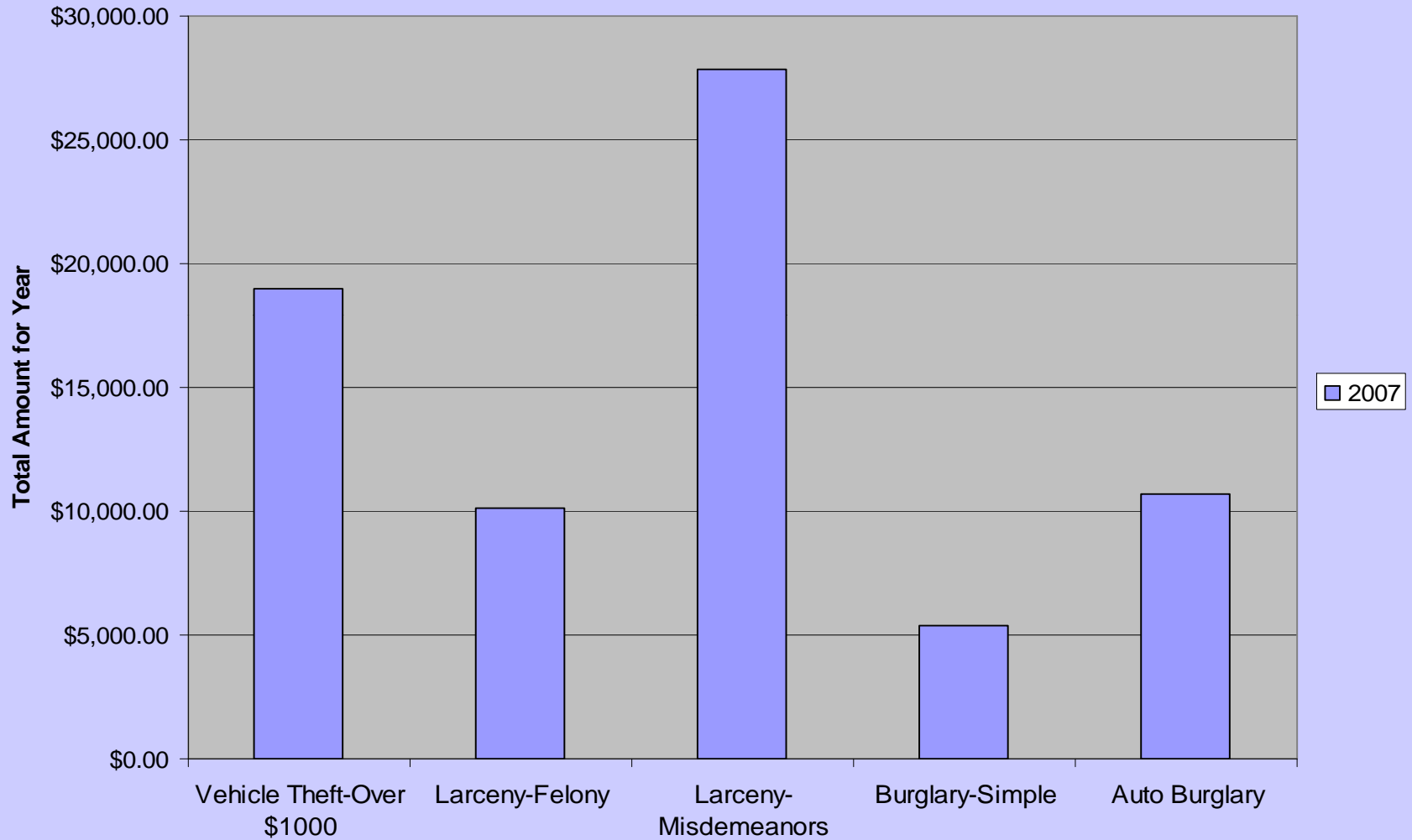
20 Year Property Crime Rate



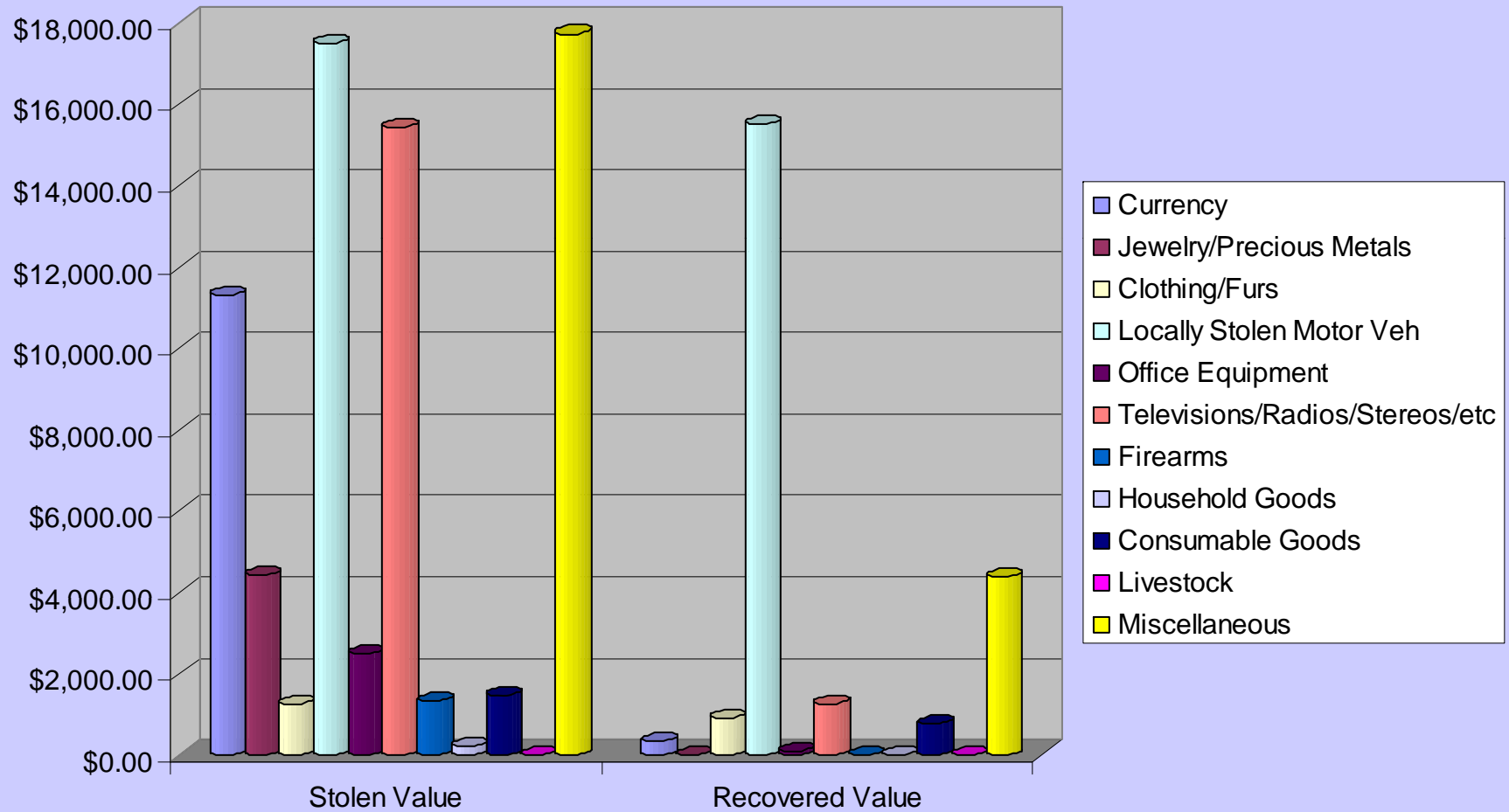
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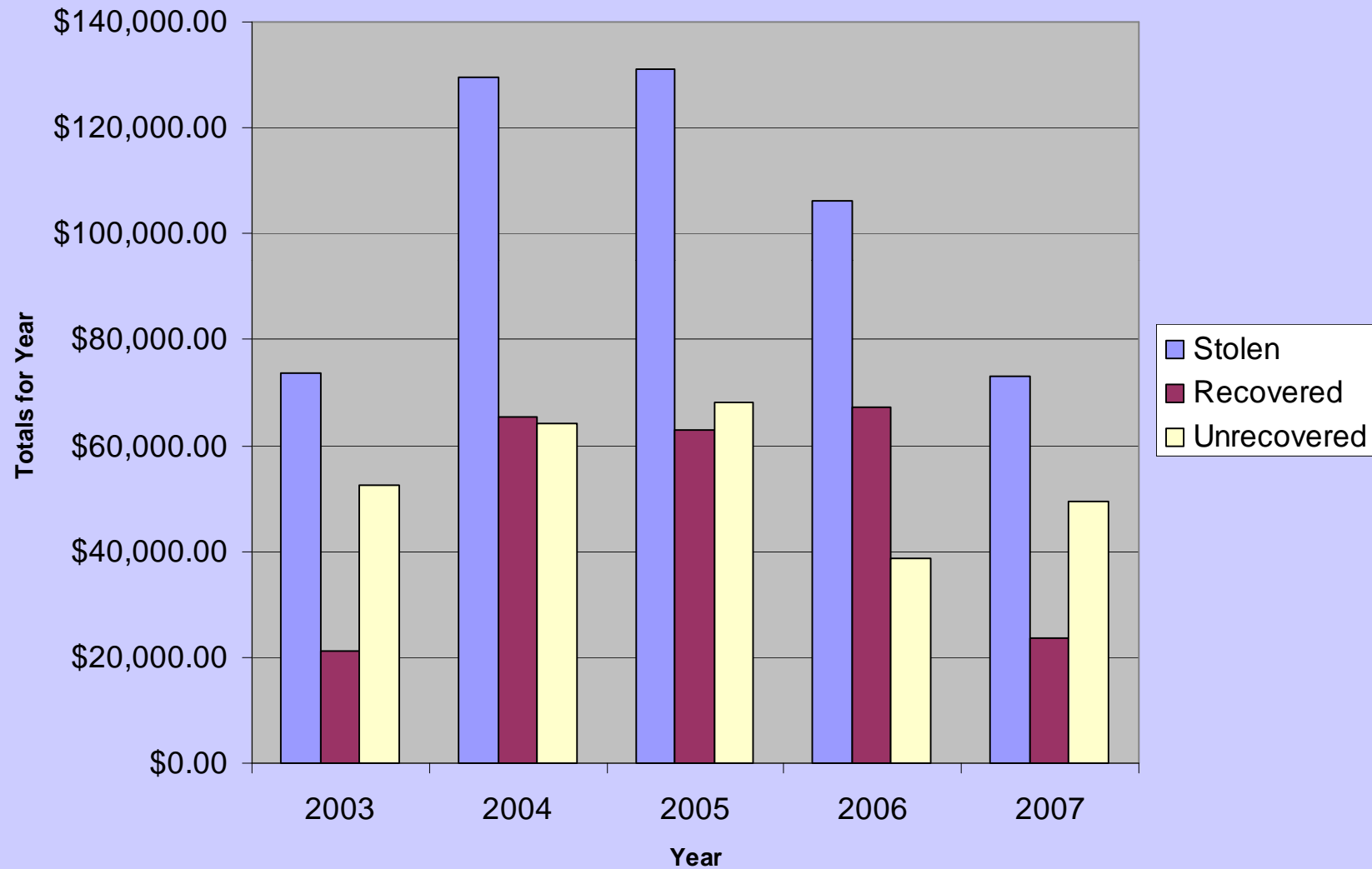
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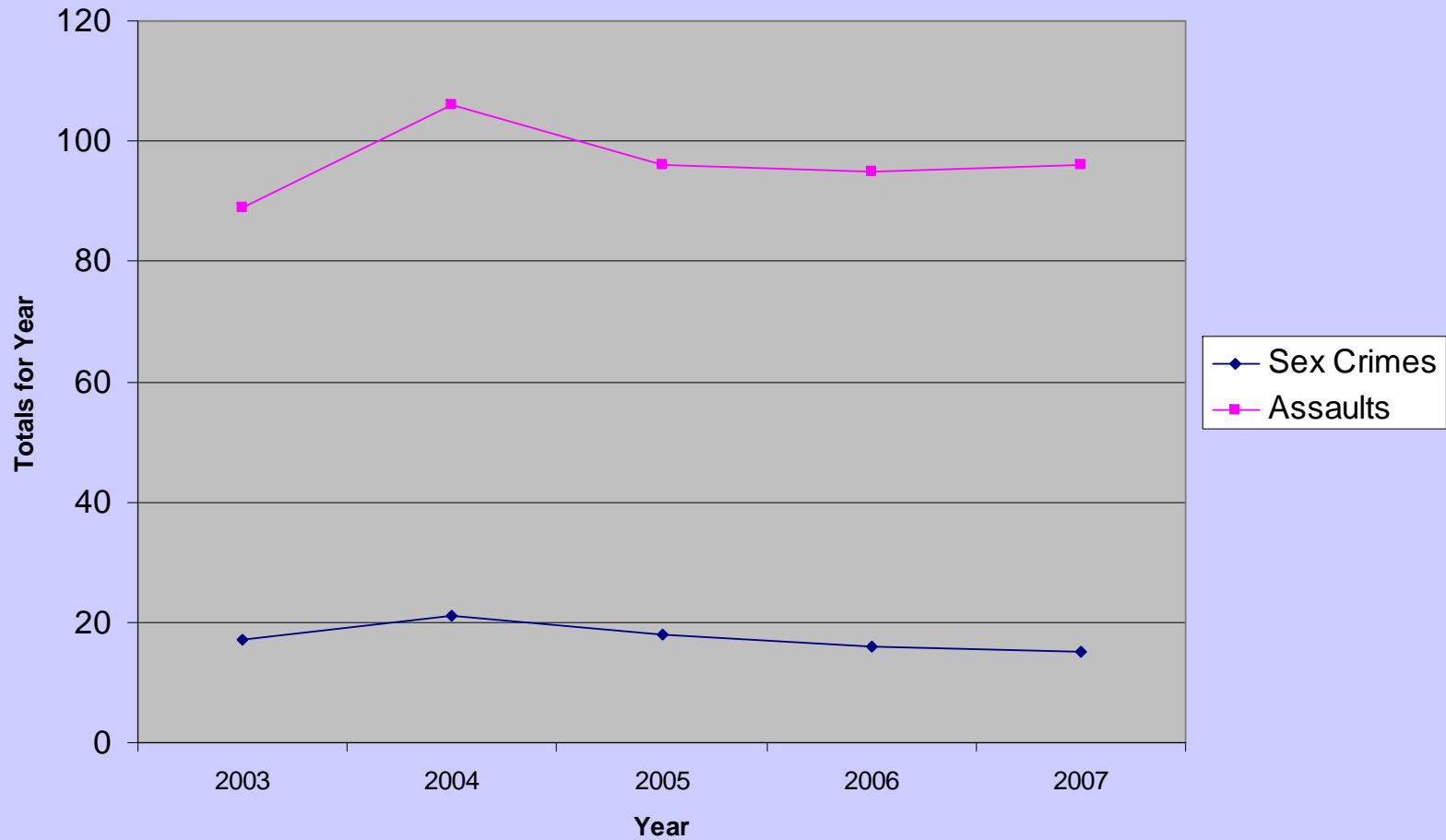
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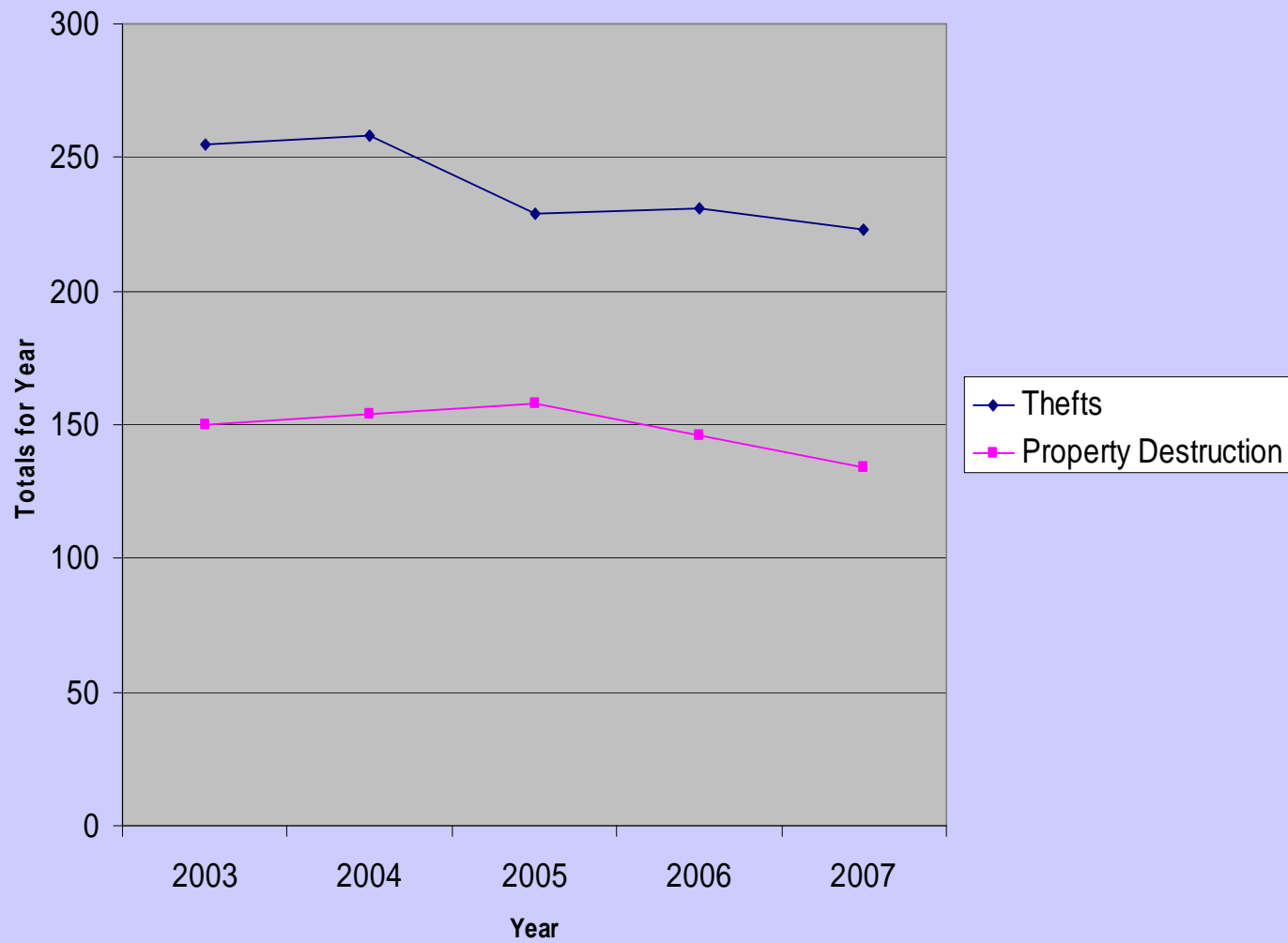
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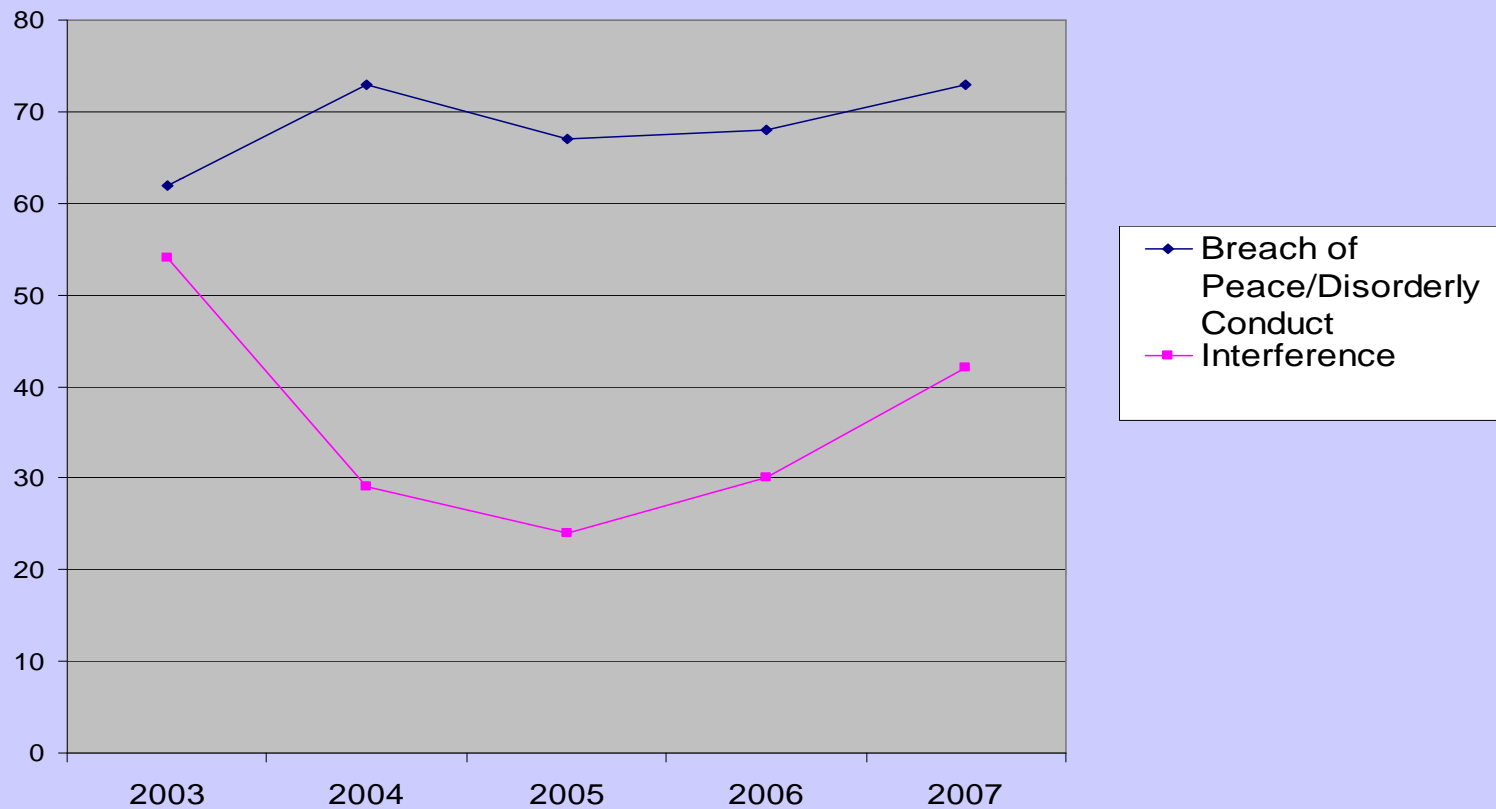
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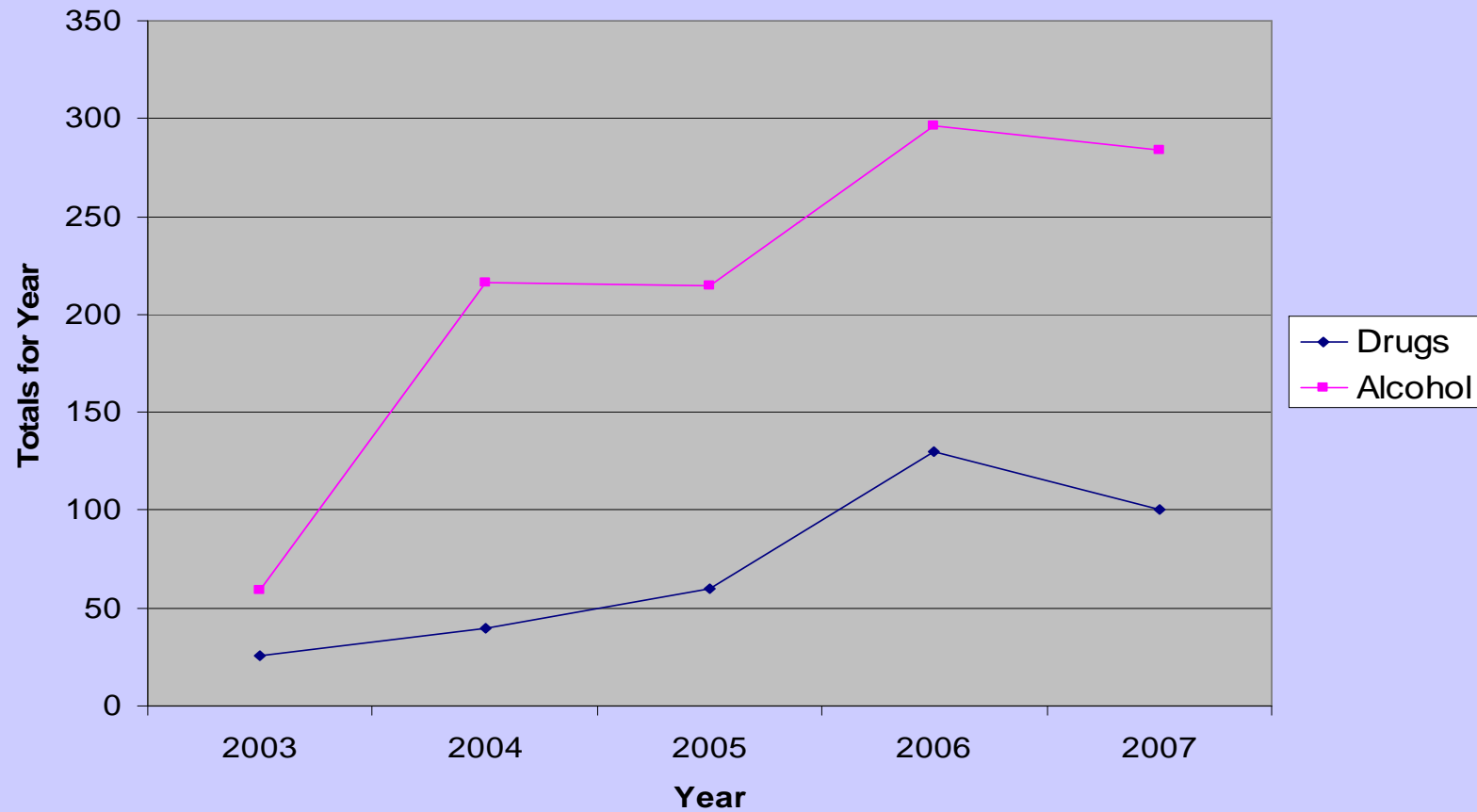
Crimes Against Property



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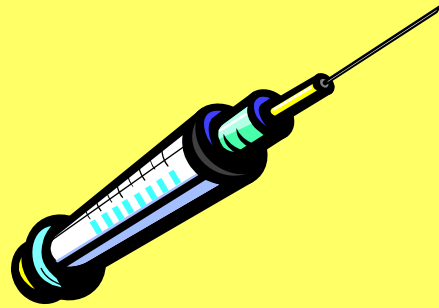


Drug/Alcohol Violations



Powell Police Community Outreach & Events





Health Fair



∅ In the spring, the Powell Police Department participates in the Annual Health Fair. During this time, we assist the Kiwanis, Masons and NWC with fingerprinting, updating photos and DNA kits. In 2007, approximately 150 children and their parents were provided booklets, photos and DNA kits to take home for safekeeping. Another service provided for the public was a Safe Kids Car Restraint Checkpoint. This checkpoint assisted educating parents and/or guardians with proper installation of child restraints in their vehicles reducing the risk of injury in vehicle crashes.





Torch Run

Law Enforcement Torch Run- 550 Law Enforcement Representatives~ 33 Agencies

542 Miles ~ 12 Legs ~ \$ 53,116.46 raised-

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is an actual running event in which officers and athletes run the “Flame of Hope” to the Opening Ceremonies of local Special Olympics competitions, state/provincial Games, and National Summer or Winter Games. In 2007, The Flame of Hope was carried more than 500 miles by 36 different agencies representing Law Enforcement from Gillette to the Special Olympics Wyoming Summer Games in Laramie. 10 participants from the Powell Police Department, Park County Sheriff’s Office and Park County Attorney’s Office participated in the run. T-shirts were sold and pledges were made to raise funds for this cause.



Family Night at the Drive-In

∅ This year the Powell Police Department hosted a Family Night at the Drive-In at the American Dream Drive-In. The night out was designed as an outreach to the community focusing on families with small children. The event was created with the intention of providing information on Crime Prevention and Safety by staging an interactive activity. This year we staged a Missing Person case and the children went from station to station learning new clues to try and solve the case. Pencils, water bottles and stickers were given out along the way. The kids learned how to be safe and how to keep their property protected from being stolen. Everyone had great fun!



Crime Prevention Services

We have begun three new programs in 2007 as
Crime Prevention measures...





Crime Tip Line

The Crime Tips line was created to give residents a way of giving the Powell Police information that would help solve a crime without getting directly involved. Residents are encouraged to contact the TIPS line at 307-764-8477 (TIPS) or 307-764-8700. They can also email the information to crimetips@cityofpowell.com ALL tips received are anonymous and cannot be traced back to the caller. The Powell Police Department NEEDS the residents help in solving crimes. If the residents have ANY information that would help solve a case they are encouraged to call the dispatch center at 307-754-2212. If they want to be anonymous they are encouraged to call the TIPS line. Working together we can keep Powell a safe place to live!!!!

It Takes a Thief

**IF I WERE A THIEF
I WOULD HAVE SELECTED
YOUR PROPERTY BECAUSE ...**

EASILY STOLEN ITEMS WERE LEFT VISIBLE

YOU GARAGE DOOR WAS OPEN
An open garage door is an invitation to a thief to take anything he sees.

YOUR WINDOWS OR DOORS WERE OPEN
Never leave a door or window open when gone.

YOUR VEHICLE WAS LEFT UNSECURED

COMMENTS: _____

OFFICER: _____
DATE & TIME OBSERVED: _____
LOCATION: _____
LICENSE #: _____

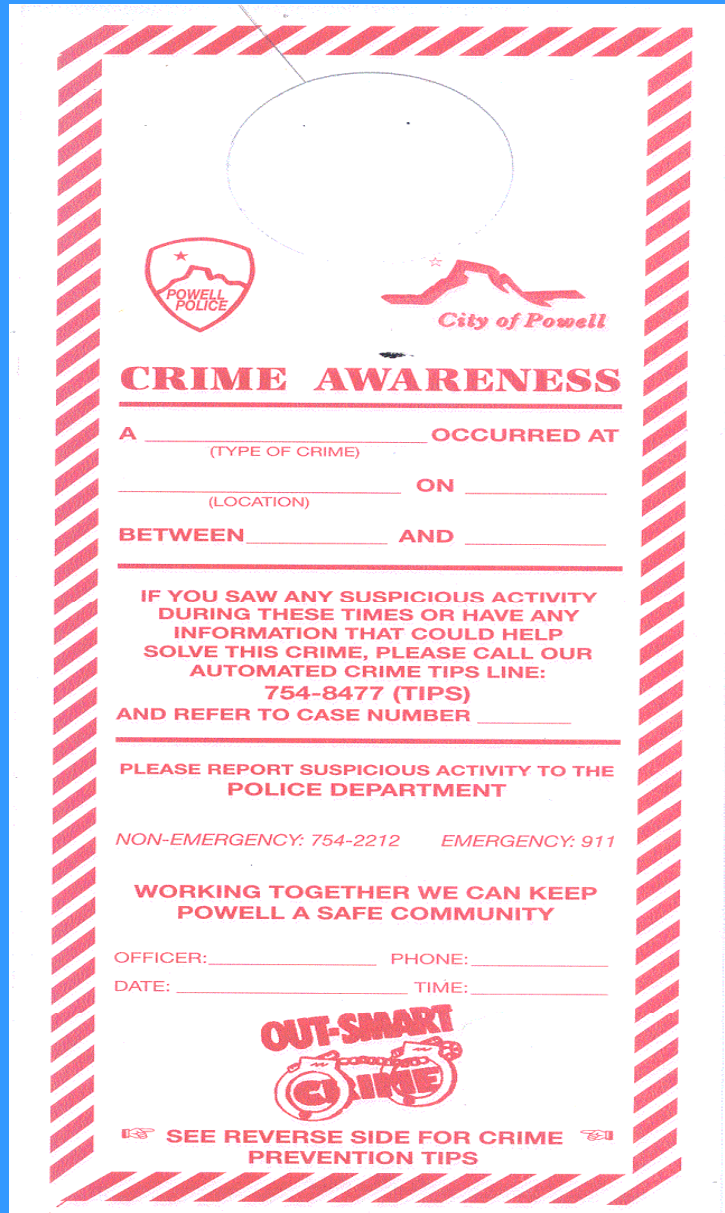
FOR CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION
CONTACT THE POWELL POLICE
DEPARTMENT AT 307-754-2212

POLICE 911
NON-EMERGENCY 754-2212
CRIME TIPS LINE 754-8477 (TIPS)

YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS ARE NOT VISIBLE FROM THE STREET. PLEASE CORRECT THIS PROBLEM.
THANK YOU!

- The "It Takes A Thief" flyer was designed as a crime prevention and an educational tool for the residents of Powell. Officers check for open garage doors, unlocked cars, unsecured valuables being left outside, open windows, keys left in cars and other easy opportunities that would lead a thief to commit a crime. When the officers observe one of these actions, a flyer is filled out, thereby educating the resident to take steps to prevent a property crime from occurring. One of the goals of the Powell Police is to reduce property crimes. Hopefully, our residents will take simple crime prevention measures thus reducing the number of property crimes in Powell.

Crime Prevention



The flyer is a rectangular card with a red and white diagonal striped border. At the top left is the Powell Police logo, a shield with a star and the words 'POWELL POLICE'. To its right is a red silhouette of a mountain range with the text 'City of Powell' below it. In the center is a large, empty circle. Below the circle, the title 'CRIME AWARENESS' is printed in bold red letters. Underneath the title are several lines for reporting a crime: 'A _____ OCCURRED AT _____ (TYPE OF CRIME) _____ ON _____ (LOCATION) _____ BETWEEN _____ AND _____'. Below this is a section with the text: 'IF YOU SAW ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY DURING THESE TIMES OR HAVE ANY INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP SOLVE THIS CRIME, PLEASE CALL OUR AUTOMATED CRIME TIPS LINE: 754-8477 (TIPS) AND REFER TO CASE NUMBER _____'. This is followed by 'PLEASE REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT' and 'NON-EMERGENCY: 754-2212 EMERGENCY: 911'. Below that is the slogan 'WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP POWELL A SAFE COMMUNITY'. At the bottom left, there are fields for 'OFFICER: _____ PHONE: _____' and 'DATE: _____ TIME: _____'. In the center bottom is a graphic with the text 'OUT-SMART CRIME' and an illustration of a police officer's helmet. At the very bottom, it says 'SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CRIME PREVENTION TIPS' with small icons of a telephone and a computer monitor.

CRIME AWARENESS

A _____ OCCURRED AT _____
(TYPE OF CRIME)

_____ ON _____
(LOCATION)

BETWEEN _____ AND _____

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NON-EMERGENCY: 754-2212 EMERGENCY: 911

WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP POWELL A SAFE COMMUNITY

OFFICER: _____ PHONE: _____
DATE: _____ TIME: _____

OUT-SMART CRIME

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- The "Crime Awareness" flyer was created to assist officers in doing a neighborhood canvass of the area and also to let residents know that a crime has been committed in their neighborhood. When a resident sees a flyer on their door, they are asked to call Powell P.D. if they have any information about the crime such as seeing a suspicious person, a suspicious car or hearing anything that can help Powell Police solve the crime.

Public Affairs

Different Ways of Reaching Out to the Community

- Monthly appearances on KPOW and KODI discussing:
 - Child Exploitation
 - Internet Safety
 - Excited Delirium
 - Family Night Out
 - Web Alert
- Presentations given to NWC students on:
 - Personal Safety/Self Defense
 - Drugs
 - Crime Prevention/Internet Safety

Public Affairs cont.

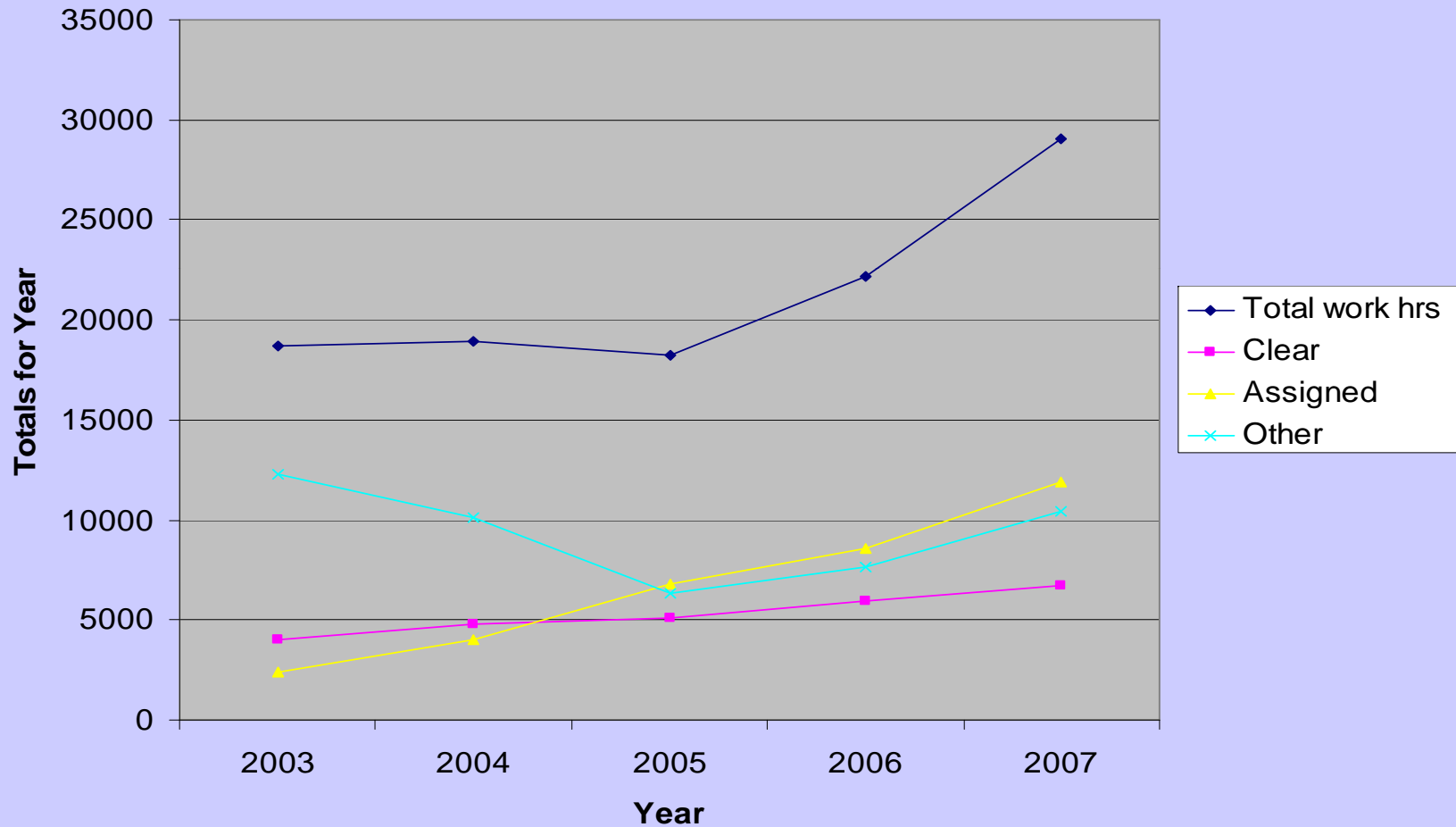
- Presentations to schools and parents for:
 - Child Exploitations
 - Internet Safety
- Speaking to Service Clubs regarding:
 - Incident Command System
 - Child Exploitation

Activities Report

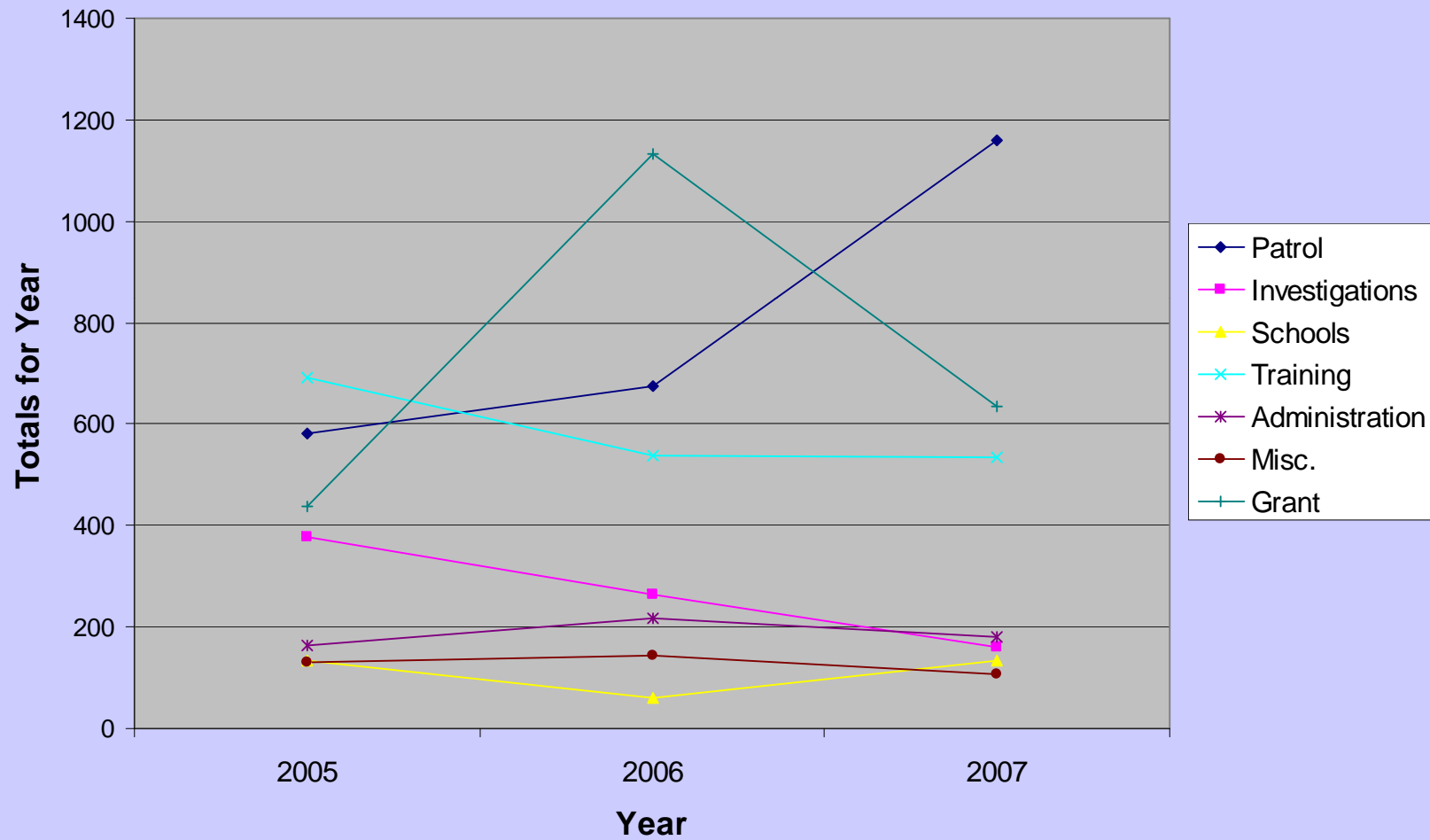
Patrol Statistics

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Incidents:	11316	13910	15024	16703	16858
Calls for Service	8490	8166	7893	7886	7825
Officer Initiated Incidents	2826	5744	7131	8817	9033
Traffic Stops	1361	2312	2369	3429	2942
Other OIA Incidents	1465	3432	4762	5388	6091
Business/Building Checks	416	710	809	836	1486
Vehicle/Pedestrian Checks	53	81	161	177	271
Total Officer Reports:	1245	1431	1430	1514	1500
Accident	188	160	150	149	176
Crime	889	1139	1171	1242	1181
Incident	166	131	107	121	142
Unclassified	2	1	2	2	1
Total Misdemeanor/Felony Arrests:	463	675	750	797	844
Misdemeanor Arrests	438	653	704	758	793
Felony Arrests	25	22	46	39	51
Total Citations:	785	1178	1185	1541	1513
Misdemeanor-Criminal	415	519	509	676	686
Vehicle-Parked	33	69	58	47	34
Vehicle-Traffic	321	546	585	751	729
Unclassified	16	44	33	67	64

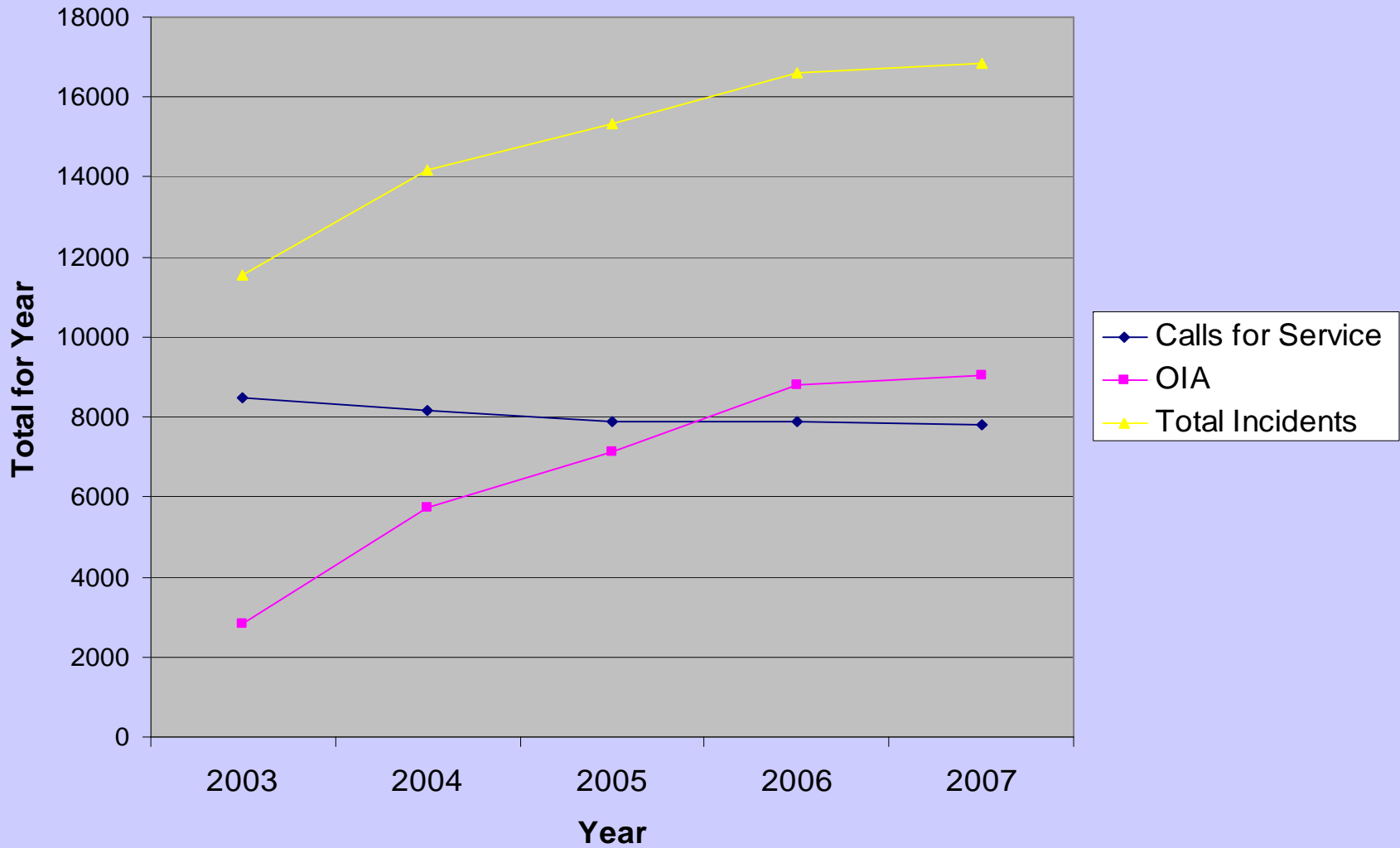
Officer Work Hours



Overtime Hours



Incidents



Incident Trends

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
911 Hang Up	138	162	133	116	96
Animal Calls	1445	1378	1266	1386	1176
AOA	508	805	881	1025	946
Barwalks	50	75	71	82	133
Welfare (Child/Adult)	107	128	126	140	143
Citcon	148	1252	1508	1727	1500
Civil	150	173	127	112	114
Disturb	340	295	244	262	389
Domestic	99	113	85	83	114
Extra patrol	106	130	131	103	120
Fraud	35	26	39	57	55
Hazard	287	323	319	256	278
Miscasst	1055	1114	1290	1367	1420
MVC	220	203	206	210	243
Opendoor	53	44	75	51	89
Parking	241	340	269	251	397
Probation	76	154	136	152	68
Property Lost/Found	375	355	343	420	453
Property Damage	182	187	200	172	148
REDDI	68	73	100	69	56
Security Checks	363	666	734	785	1397
Suspicious Activities	237	288	329	319	396
Thefts	177	199	181	182	194
VIN	420	384	384	422	400
Warrant Attempts	211	168	168	124	139

Traffic



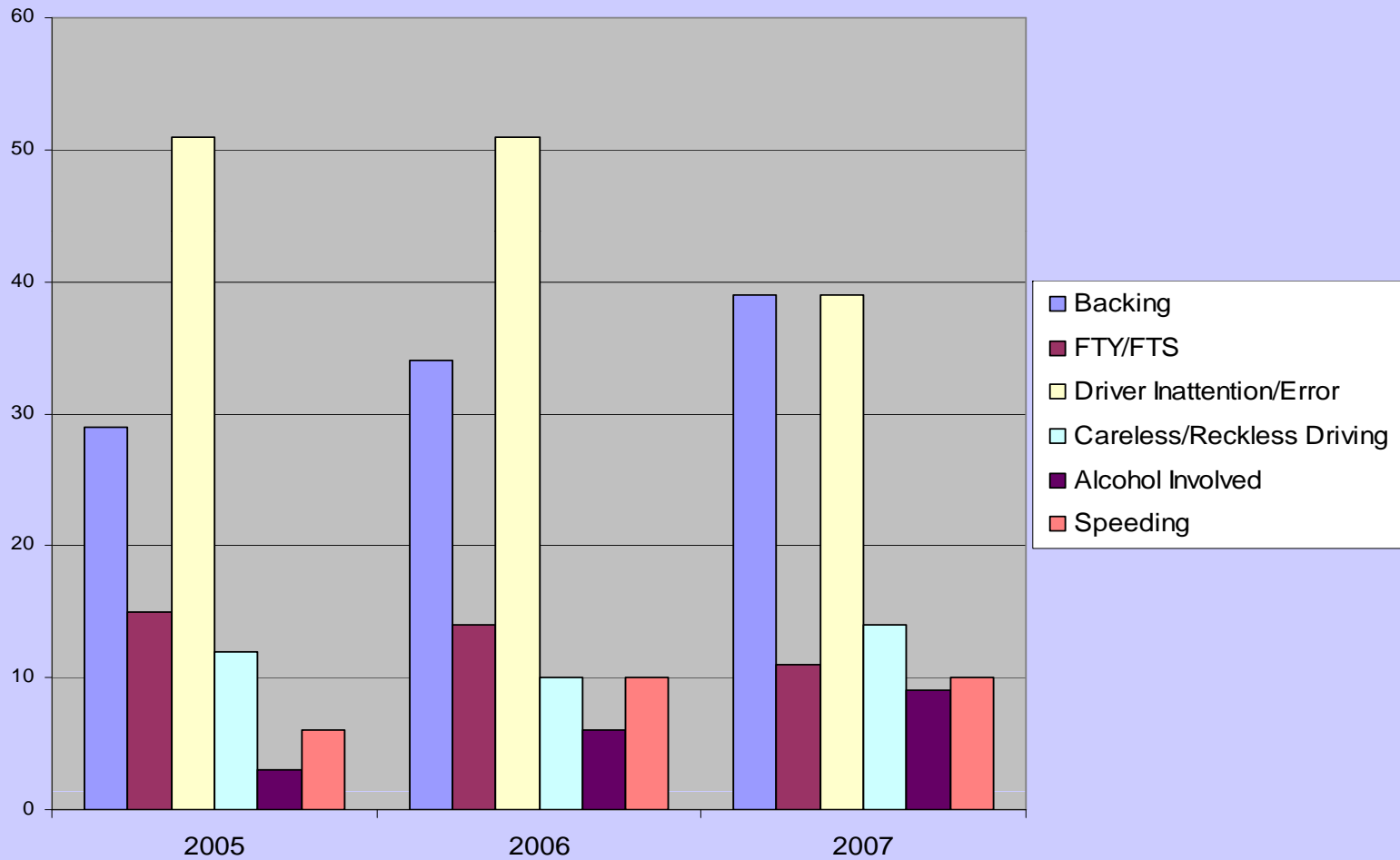
Top 8 Citations Issued

- Speeding in School Zone
- Driving While Under Suspension
- Compulsory Insurance
- Vehicle Registration Required
- Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs
- Careless Driving
- Seat Belts Required
- Backing without Caution

Top 10 Warnings Issued

1. Speeding
2. Compulsory Insurance
3. Registration
4. Lane Changes
5. Equipment Violations
6. Failure to Yield
7. Failure to Stop
8. Turn Signals
9. Careless Driving
10. Backing

Primary Collision Factors





Goals for 2007

Goal #1-Citizen Satisfaction

The Powell Police believe we can best serve the community on a trust-based relationship with the citizens of Powell. A trust-based relationship will be built upon the foundation of competency of the performance of our duties, personal integrity and organizational integrity in the consistency of our operations. When these are present the citizens of Powell will not only be able to trust our ability to serve them, but will have the confidence that the Powell Police Department is at work for the good of the community.

Activities outlined elsewhere on this report reflect some of our efforts to establish that trust-based relationship through our interaction with the public on a day-to-day basis and Community Outreach events. An ongoing priority for the Powell Police Department is to continue to enhance and maintain the trust and support of the citizens of the community through these efforts.

Citizen Satisfaction

In 2007, a measure was taken of that support through a community survey. Using Random Digit Dialing (RDD), the Survey Research Center (SRC) of the Wyoming Survey and Analysis Center (WYSAC) conducted a phone survey of adult Powell residents between April 12 and May 9, 2007. A commercial vender provided a list of phone numbers for adult Powell residents. The survey contained 45 questions, with one question containing multiple parts and one question being open-ended for general comments. The survey measured perception of harm related to alcohol abuse and attitudes towards alcohol use and abuse. Many of the survey questions came from or were based on the Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA), Monitoring the Future (MTF), and the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). In addition to the questions based on these surveys, the survey included project-specific questions. No individual participant identifiers were used during survey administration. One component of the survey was a measure of citizen satisfaction with the Powell Police Department.

Citizen Satisfaction

Four questions were asked in which the participant had the following choices:

- Agree or Strongly Agree
- Neither or Don't Know
- Disagree or Strongly Disagree

The questions were as follows:

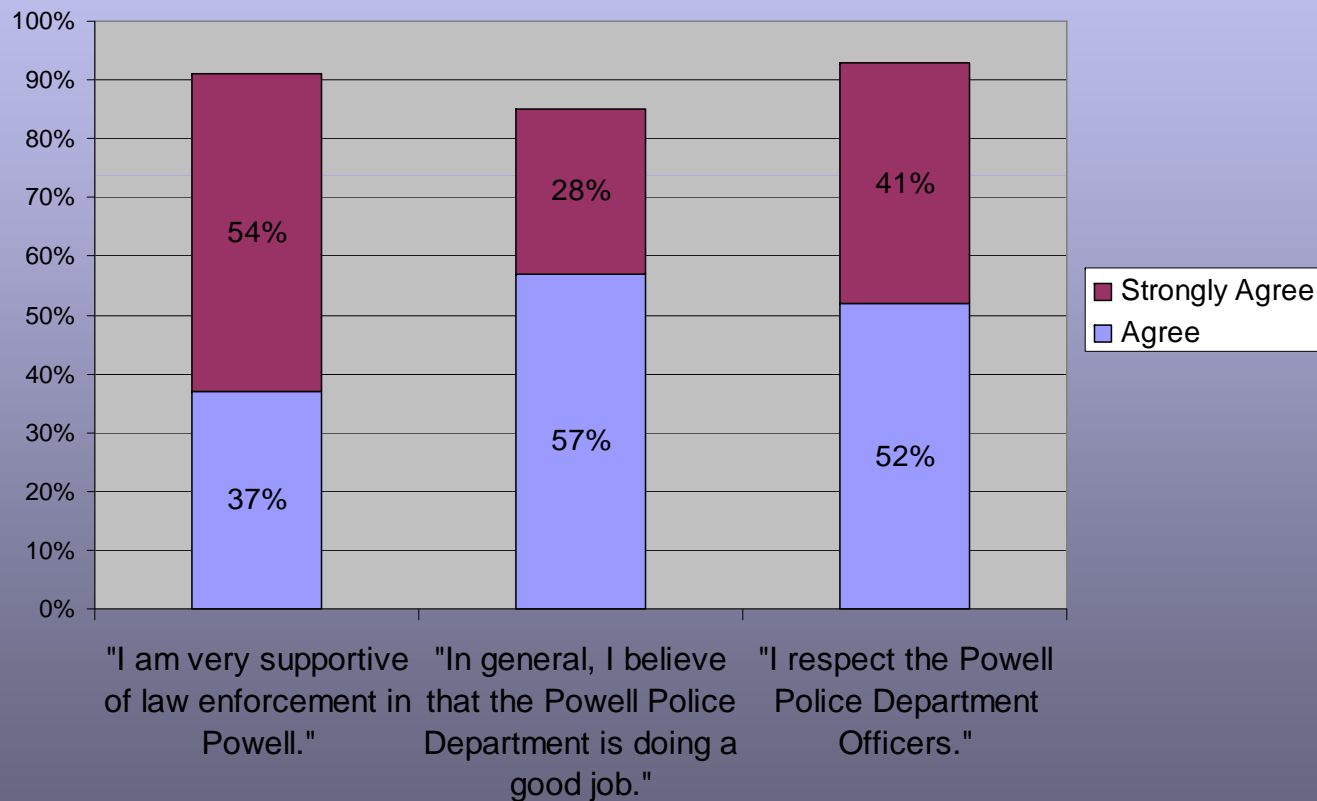
How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

- ❖ I am very supportive of law enforcement in Powell
- ❖ In general, I believe that the Powell Police Department is doing a good job
- ❖ I respect the Powell Police Department officers

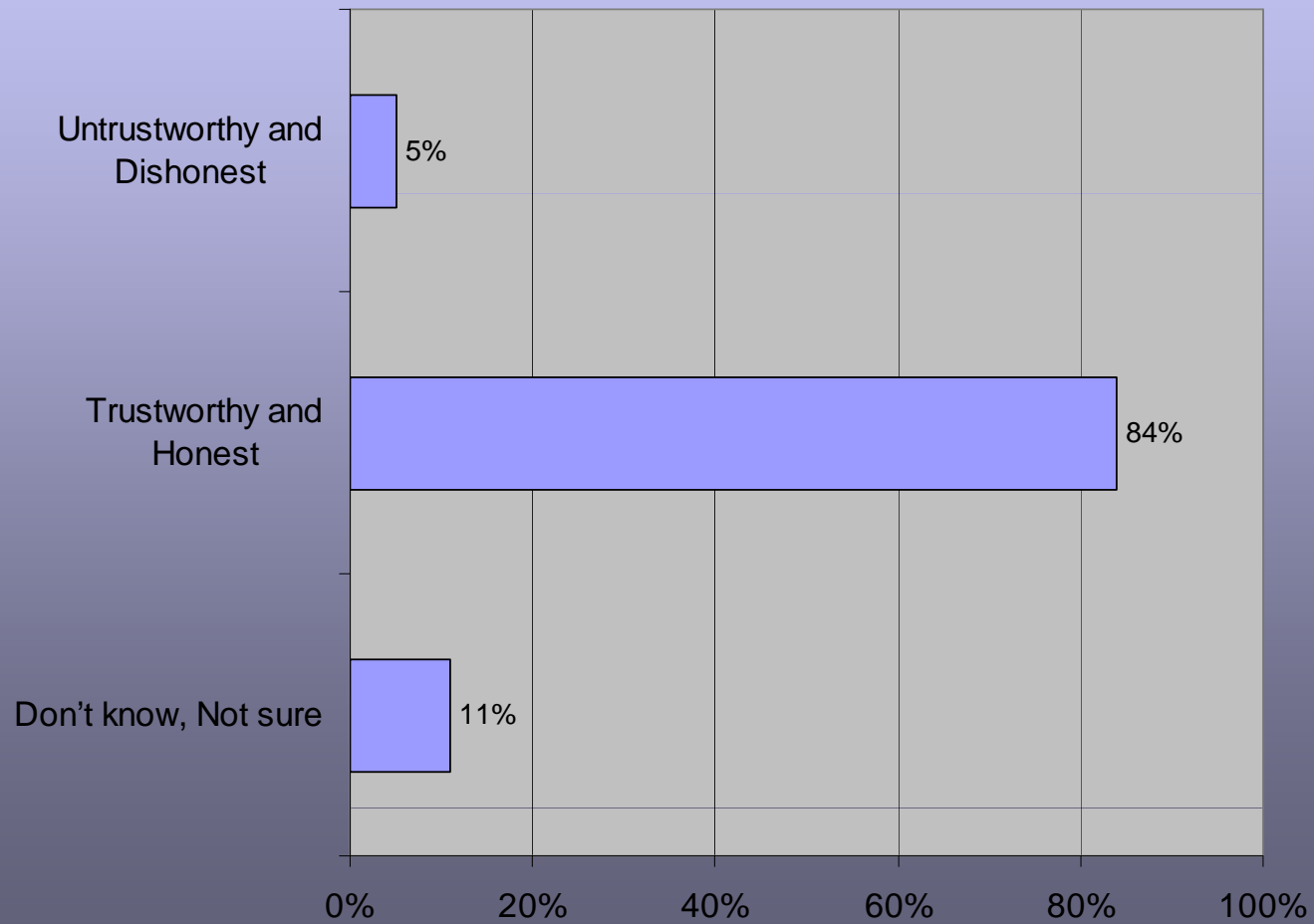
Which of these two statements do you agree with more?

- ❖ Powell law enforcement officers are generally trustworthy and honest, or Powell law enforcement officers are generally untrustworthy and dishonest

Powell Community Attitudes Regarding Law Enforcement



“In your experience, do you find the Powell law enforcement officers to be trustworthy and honest or rather untrustworthy and dishonest?”



Citizen Satisfaction

As a result of the survey, the citizens demonstrate they have a high degree of trust and confidence in the Powell Police Department. Our ongoing goal will be to serve our community in such a way that we build upon that trust and confidence.

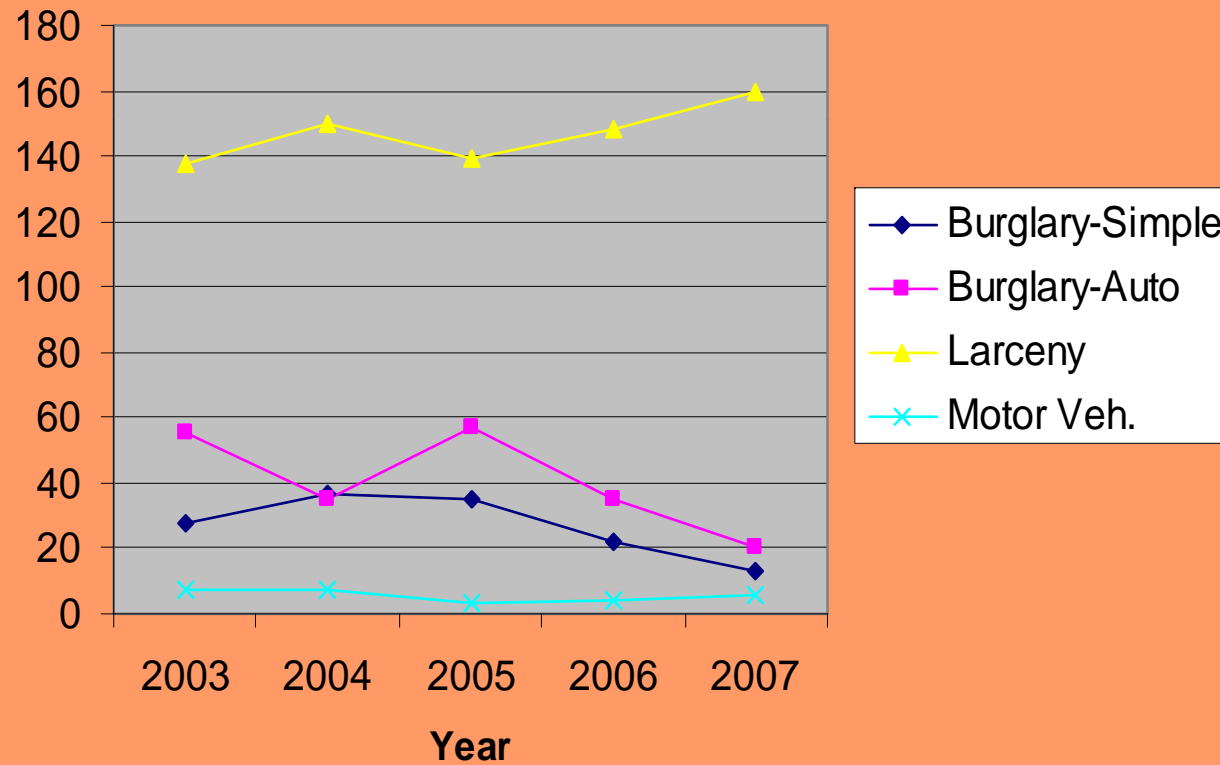
Goal # 2-Theft Reduction

Property Crime continues to be our most pressing issue. In 2007 our goal was to reduce all types of thefts by 10% from 2006. Special emphasis was placed on thefts from vehicles. We had two Crime Prevention Campaigns during the year. One was at the Park County Fair and the other was at Northwest College in October. The message relayed was not to leave your valuables in vehicles and to lock the doors. Our overall theft offenses in 2007 show they were reduced by 6.6%. Auto Burglaries were reduced by 43% and Burglaries were reduced by 41%. However, we had an 8% increase in Larcenies.



Theft Reduction

Thefts



Summary

- Strong citizen support and satisfaction
- Property crimes continue their downward trend
- Enhanced ability for proactive community outreach
- More robust crime prevention efforts
- Strategic plans focus department efforts making us more effective in dealing with the important issues