

Fort Morgan Police Department



2007 Annual Report

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A Message from the Chief

On behalf of the members of the Fort Morgan Police Department, I am pleased to present you with our 2007 Annual Report.

For over 23 years, I have had the pleasure of serving my fellow citizens of Fort Morgan as a Police Officer, and 7 of those years as your Chief of Police. It is a privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Fort Morgan and to serve with the men and women who are the backbone of this department, your Fort Morgan Police Officers.

This Annual Report contains many examples of our work to make the City of Fort Morgan a safe place to live, work, and play. The secret to our success, however, is the cooperation and support of our citizens and the partnerships with neighboring communities. This support begins here at home. Our citizens, through their elected officials, insure our department is supplied with the necessary tools to assist us in the execution of our sworn duties.

Community requests for police assistance are now in excess of 38,000 calls for service per year. We continue to see an overall decline in violent and property crimes. We believe this result is a reflection of a community working together in a positive relationship with its police department, thus enabling us to say that your likelihood of becoming a victim of crime continues to decline and our ability to solve crimes when they do occur is high for the same reason.

We are a very approachable group. If you have any questions or suggestions of how we can better serve you or make our operation more efficient for the taxpayers, please wave a cruiser over, stop in, call, or e-mail. If you are interested in a ride-along to observe what we do and how we do it, (this is not TV COPS©), contact the department at 867-5678 for arrangements. I wish you all the best for safety, health, and happiness in this upcoming year.

Respectfully,
Keith A. Kurecich
Chief of Police

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Fort Morgan Police Department is to protect the rights of all people, ensure order, and provide for the public safety through the effective delivery of law enforcement services while maintaining the highest level of professional standards.

In order to obtain this mission, the members of the Fort Morgan Police Department have the following objectives:

- To identify criminal offenders and criminal activity and, where appropriate, to apprehend offenders and participate in subsequent court proceedings.
- To reduce the opportunities for the commission of some crimes through preventive patrol and other measures.
- To aid individuals who are in danger of physical harm.
- To facilitate the movement of people and vehicles.
- To protect constitutional guarantees.
- To assist those who cannot care for themselves.
- To resolve conflicts.
- To identify problems that are potentially serious law enforcement or governmental problems.
- To create and maintain a feeling of security in the community.
- To promote and preserve civil order.
- To provide other services on an emergency basis.



IN COMPLIANCE WITH CACP
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Fort Morgan Police Department continues to maintain accreditation through the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police. The accreditation provides an opportunity for the Department to demonstrate voluntarily that it meets professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery. This process requires adherence to standards of performance that prescribe recognized practices that agencies should be following.

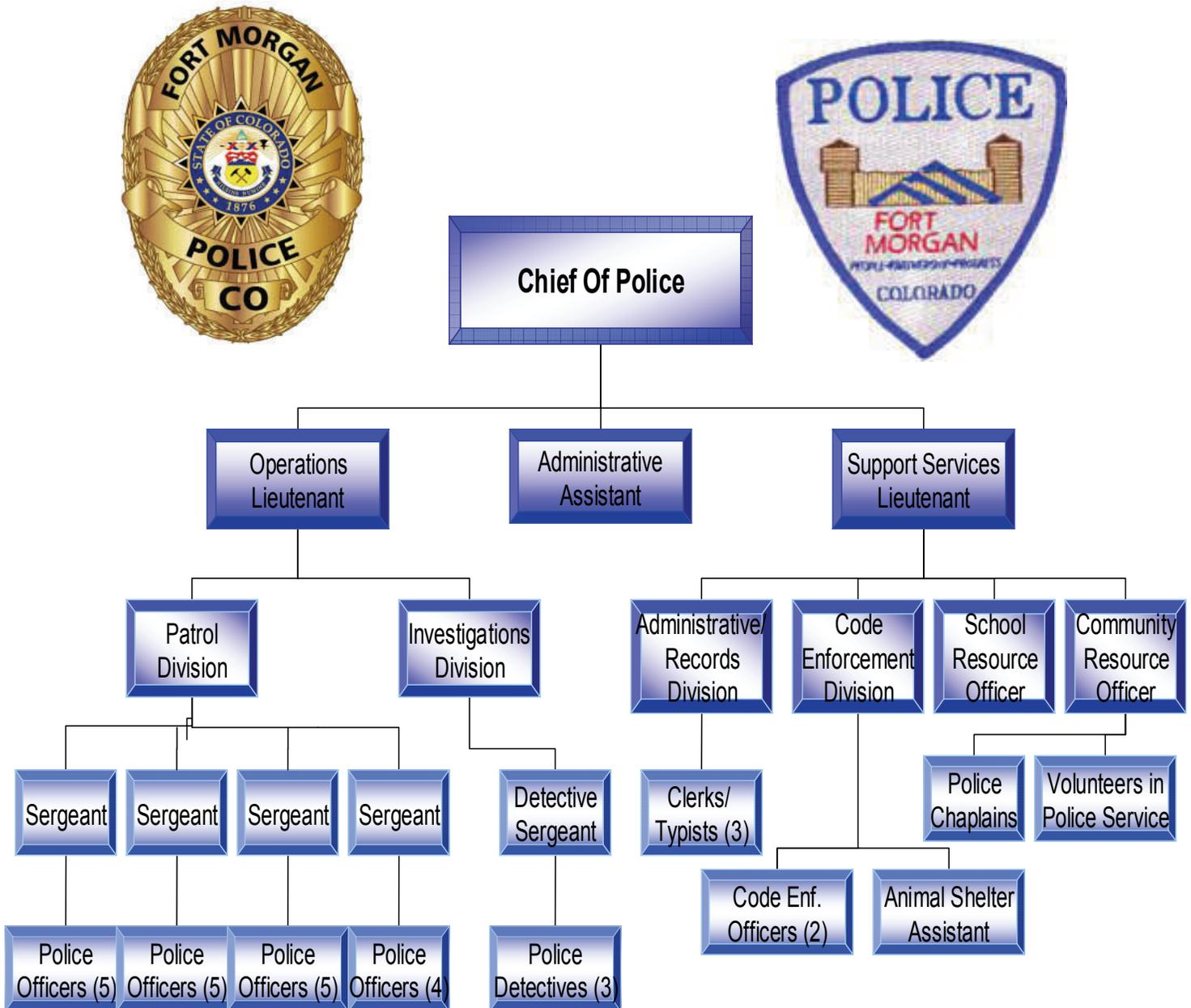
The accreditation process is an involved procedure where numerous professional standards must be met. Agencies desiring accreditation must make a request to the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police or the County Sheriffs of Colorado. Agencies must submit an application and pass an on-site inspection where policies and facilities are inspected, assuring all requirements and compliance to standards are met.

All aspects of the requesting agencies operations are subject to review. A few of the areas where standards must be met include:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Use of Force</i> | <i>Organization</i> | <i>Code of Conduct</i> |
| <i>Marked Vehicles</i> | <i>Canine Use</i> | <i>Emergency Response</i> |
| <i>Crime Prevention</i> | <i>Records</i> | <i>Victim Assistance</i> |

The accreditation must be applied for every five years. The Fort Morgan Police Department will be up for this accreditation in 2009.

Chain of Command



Administration



Lieutenant of Support Services
Jared Crone



Chief of Police
Keith Kuretich



Lieutenant of Operations
Darin Sagel



Administrative Assistant
Sheila Bass

Clerks/Typists



Sue Elliott



Mary Holt



Jennifer Dixon

Code Enforcement



John Simpson



Erik Cook

Patrol

Sergeants



Doug Schossow



Brian Cantin



K-9 Jim Parks



Loren Sharp

Detectives



Tom Davis



Todd Zwetzig



Steve Brown



Steve Vosburg

Patrol



CRO Roger Doll



K-9 Tim Malone



Kevin Miller



Cindy Brackett



Luis Vazquez



Clinton Coffin



Trevor Greenwood



Jake Fajardo



Anthony Gagliano



Julie Ramstetter



Ken Jansma



Cory Cook



Dominick Lucero



Zebulun Smeester



K-9 Zeb



SRO Ryan Douglas



Josh Kaber



Ken Mooney



K-9 Sorbon



Lieutenant Jerry White

Tour of Duty
August 25, 1971-February 3, 2007



Officer Jake Wittig

Tour of Duty
April 23, 2006-January 31, 2007



Cheryl Winberg
Administrative Assistant

Tour of Duty
January 28, 2005-April 30, 2007

Revenue Collected

Throughout the year, the Fort Morgan Police Department collects revenue from several different sources. Listed below are the categories where the monies are collected at the Department.

- **Parking** Fees collected for parking violations including 2-hour parking and illegal parking.
- **Bicycle** Includes the \$1 fee collected for licensing a bicycle.
- **Copies** Fees collected for making copies of any police records held by the Police Department.
- **Shelter** Fees collected by the Animal Shelter including lodging, impound, and adoption fees.
- **Restitution** Transport fees recovered by the Police Department when a person is extradited from another location.
- **DUI** Court-assessed portion of DUI fines.
- **Other** Fees collected for records checks, criminal histories, and other services.

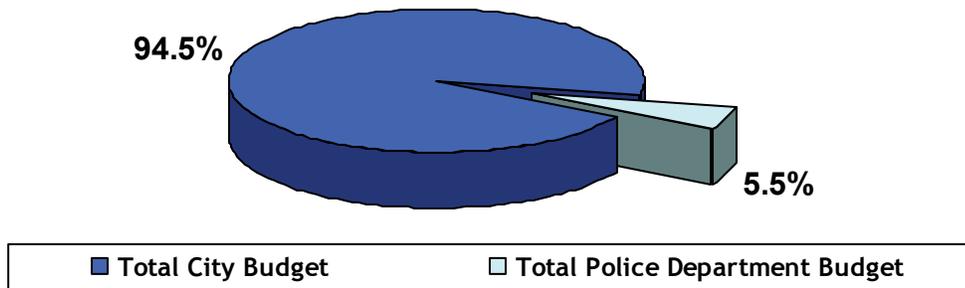
When a person is issued a summons and subsequently pays the fine, that money is collected through the Court system, not the Police Department; therefore, it is not documented in the chart below. Only fees collected at the Police Department are shown in the below chart.

Parking	Bicycle	Copies	Shelter	Restitution	DUI	Other
\$8,125.00	\$72.00	\$737.95	\$8,547.50	\$1,639.58	\$2,959.17	\$4,349.14

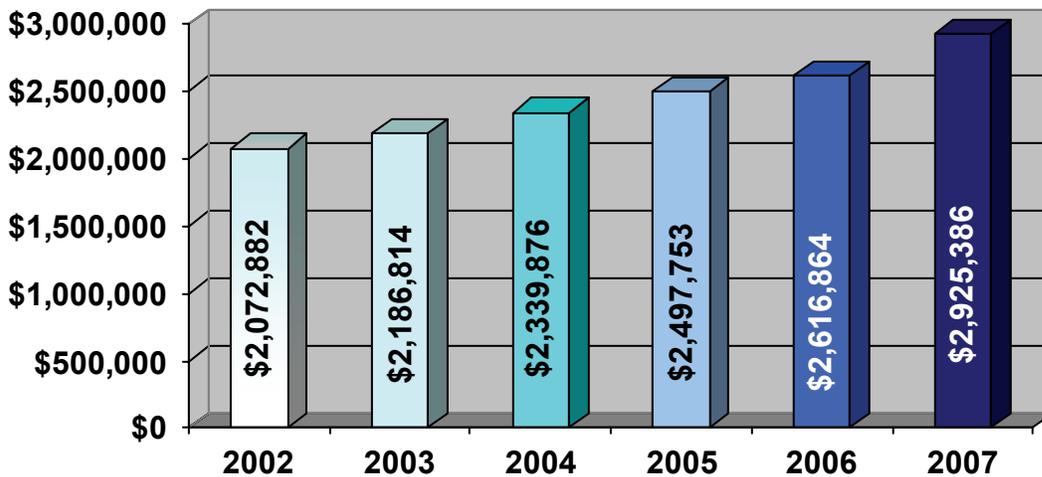
A total of \$28,842.19 was collected for the 2007 calendar year.

2007 Geographic and Budget Information

Population Estimate as of :	2000 Census	11,034
	1990 Census	9,068
Square Miles of the City:		4.5
Total Length of Paved Streets in Miles		60
Fort Morgan Total City Budget (General Fund, Special Revenue, Enterprise, Internal Service Funds)		\$49,032,852
Fort Morgan Police Department Budget		\$ 2,925,386



Yearly Budget Comparison



Account Name	2007 Annual Budget	YTD Actual Revenue & Expense	Difference
Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,508,977	\$ 1,416,055	\$ 92,922
Overtime	\$ 75,000	\$ 46,590	\$ 28,410
Retirement PERA	\$ 21,093	\$ 18,132	\$ 2,961
Retirement Money Purchase	\$ 134,873	\$ 128,173	\$ 6,700
Retirement FPPA	\$ 76,515	\$ 76,515	\$ -
Medicare	\$ 21,880	\$ 17,252	\$ 4,628
Health & Life Insurance	\$ 456,600	\$ 465,584	\$ (8,984)
Workmen's Comp	\$ 55,000	\$ 54,436	\$ 564
Death & Disability, FPPA	\$ 15,537	\$ 16,983	\$ (1,446)
Advertising	\$ 400	\$ 260	\$ 141
Equipment Allowance	\$ 36,115	\$ 36,198	\$ (83)
Crime Control	\$ 5,800	\$ 4,234	\$ 1,566
Criminal Investigations	\$ 5,250	\$ 3,753	\$ 1,497
Data Processing	\$ 2,650	\$ 696	\$ 1,954
Office Supplies	\$ 15,900	\$ 12,274	\$ 3,626
Utilities	\$ 32,000	\$ 24,513	\$ 7,487
Communication Services	\$ 12,705	\$ 10,099	\$ 2,606
Internet Access	\$ 1,500	\$ 864	\$ 636
Fuel/Oil	\$ 53,250	\$ 43,615	\$ 9,635
Miscellaneous	\$ 750	\$ 783	\$ (33)
Maintenance Equipment/Vehicles	\$ 45,820	\$ 30,752	\$ 15,068
Maintenance General Property	\$ 12,600	\$ 8,134	\$ 4,466
Janitorial	\$ 15,981	\$ 13,800	\$ 2,181
Uniforms	\$ 31,500	\$ 23,759	\$ 7,741
Tobacco Grant	\$ 16,120	\$ 2,550	\$ 13,570
Animal Shelter Donation	\$ 2,205	\$ -	\$ 2,205
Animal Shelter Grants	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,811	\$ 189
Maintenance Animal Shelter	\$ 14,730	\$ 11,483	\$ 3,247
Custody of Prisoners	\$ 1,500	\$ 861	\$ 639
K-9 Expense	\$ 2,850	\$ 1,115	\$ 1,735
Property & Casualty	\$ 52,883	\$ 51,330	\$ 1,553
Education & Training	\$ 20,500	\$ 14,113	\$ 6,387
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 7,282	\$ 6,135	\$ 1,147
Engineering & Consulting	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Data Processing	\$ 4,195	\$ 4,185	\$ 10
Office Equipment	\$ 5,080	\$ 4,579	\$ 501
Communications Equipment	\$ 41,320	\$ 40,866	\$ 454
Tools & Equipment	\$ 1,425	\$ 2,417	\$ (992)
Total Operations - Mid Range Capital	\$ 2,820,786	\$ 2,595,898	\$ 224,888
Transportation Equipment	\$ 92,000	\$ 92,000	\$ -
Data Processing	\$ 12,600	\$ 12,553	\$ 47
Total Capital	\$ 104,600	\$ 104,553	\$ 47
Total Budget	\$ 2,925,386	\$ 2,700,451	\$ 224,935

Department Goals

2007 has been another successful year in many ways and the New Year will continue to test our character and reputation as a law enforcement agency. The core values instilled in the members of this department include the responsibility for protecting constitutional guarantees and impartially enforcing the law, will continue to be reflected in the manner in which we serve the community. Equality in the delivery of policing services is essential. The Fort Morgan Police Department will continue to deliver a professional police force and earn respect from our community.

Community Oriented Policing

During 2007, the department's commitment to community policing was reflected daily in special projects, working partnerships with the community, and the day to day work of officers.

We continued the integration and implementation of community policing pro-



grams such as: continued collaboration with the Morgan Humane Society toward getting financial assistance and volunteer services, programs, and fundraisers to better serve the community and the shelter mission.

In a partnership with the local Seven-Eleven's in Operation Chill, Officers distributed coupons for good behavior and in

recognition of safe acts involving area youth.

Crime Prevention

Our crime prevention efforts are designed to enhance public safety by working in partnership with the community to promote awareness and prevent crime through education and enforcement. Activities include safety information, exhibits, presentations, workshops, and physical



security surveys. In 2007, we provided over 30 crime prevention presentations to audiences totaling approximately 5000 including community members, students, faculty, and parents.

Numerous topics were requested and included general personal safety, sexual assault awareness, workplace violence, auto and housing theft prevention, and alcohol and drug awareness. Presentations were also made to parents of new students during student orientation programs.

We maintain a strong partnership with non-profit organizations providing victims assistance and sharing a rape prevention program grant for instructing self-defense classes for women. We work with local businesses such as Cargill, Leprino, and area schools to support the needs of employees and students through safety education, participation in special events, crime

reporting, and investigation protocols. These presentations conducted by the department and staff are highly successful and routinely requested.

Community and Patrol

The patrol division is responsible for providing law enforcement services to a diverse community, including our local Community College, residential areas, industrial and commercial areas, and



schools. In addition to call response, officers routinely patrol on bicycles and on foot, interacting with the community and acting as a visible deterrent on crime.

As well as the approximately 8 (eight) square miles our officers patrol, this department works closely with surrounding communities and other Morgan County Law Enforcement agencies in various endeavors.

In Fort Morgan, the chances of apprehension are higher than other areas. Our response time is noted as immediate on emergencies and high priority calls and good for low priority calls for service.

Domestic Violence

The Fort Morgan Police Department and other Morgan County Law Enforcement agencies were one of two areas in Colorado participating in a two-year study of Domestic Violence in Morgan County. A 100

page document will be presented to the community of its findings, recommendations, and policies adopted by the area agencies. The department also participated in a Roll Call Training Video which will be used for training throughout Colorado.

Web Page

The Fort Morgan Police Department's web page has seen an increase in traffic in the last year. In addition to basic information about the department, the website also has updates on new ordinances, news updates, crime prevention tips, and many other pages for community members to browse through.

We have also provided a citizen survey form which can be filled out and submitted electronically. We encourage you to visit our website and give us your input.

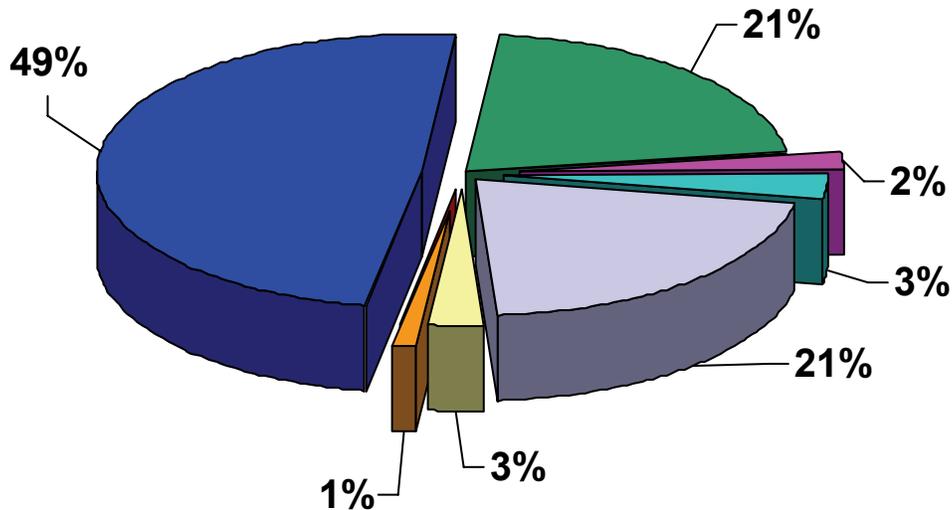
Budget Comments

Responding to City directives, in 2006 the department's budget was split into two main divisions, operations and support. Those divisions were sub-divided into many smaller supplemental budgets supporting projects or programs. This process involves middle management in making spending decisions for their command and develops more awareness of the budget process and concerns as well as holds the department accountable for all expenditures.

In 2007, the department pursued grant opportunities in the amount of \$81,180 to address department needs with no committed funding from the City.

This year the department's operation goals and the specific objectives they encompass were all geared toward the City Council's goal of maintaining public safety. We continued to focus on the core mission of providing front-line law enforcement services to the community while minimizing the impact of local budget issues.

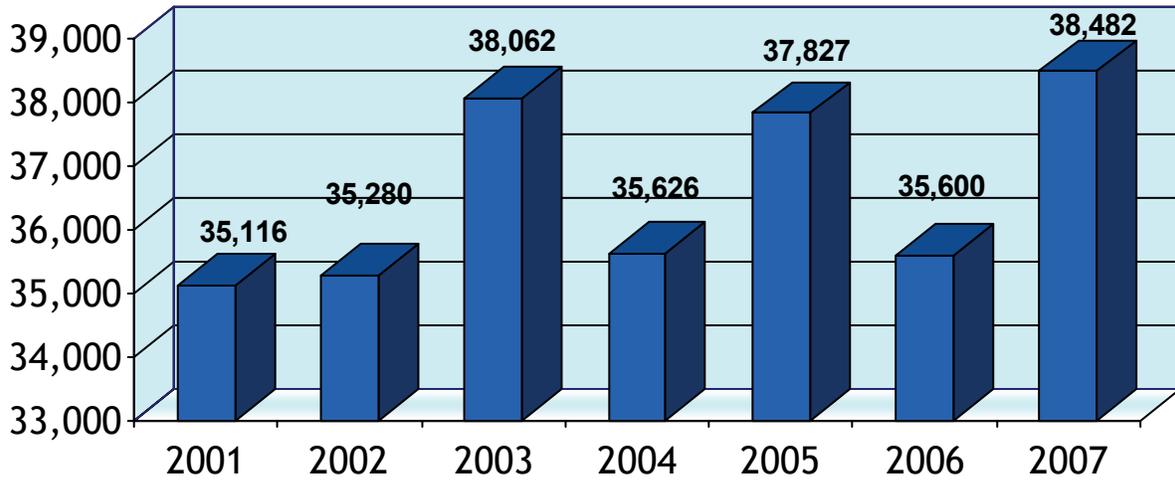
Calls For Service



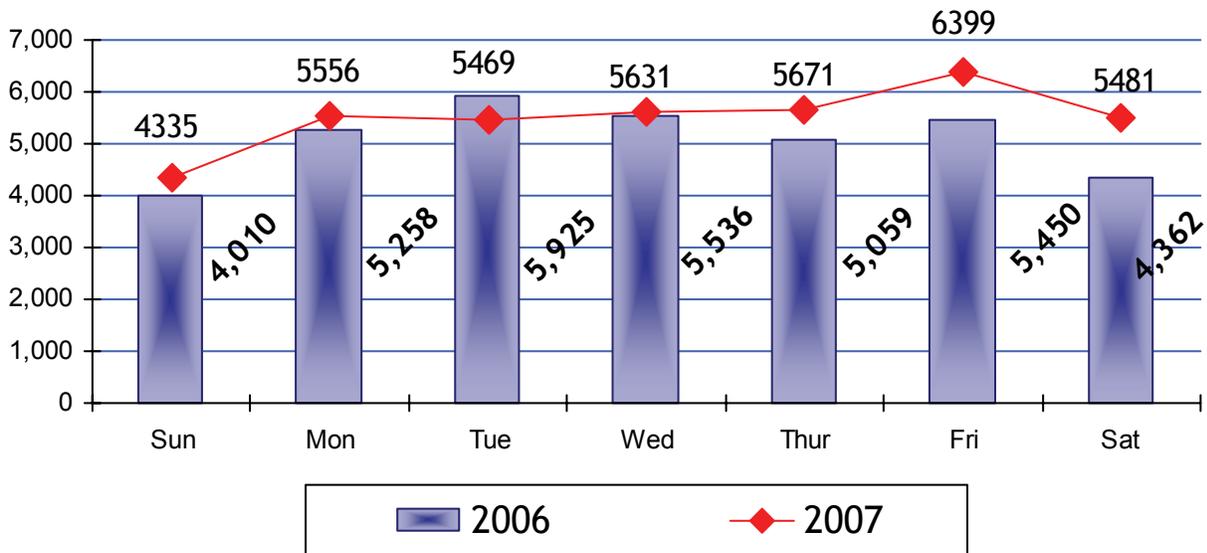
- Fort Morgan Police
- Brush Police
- Log Lane Police
- Wiggins Police
- Morgan County Sheriff
- Ambulance
- All Fire Departments

Agency	2006	2007	+ or -
Fort Morgan Police Department	35,600	38,482	+2,882
Brush Police Department	19,191	16,514	-2,677
Log Lane Police Department	2,536	1,601	-935
Wiggins Police Department	2,359	2,339	-20
Morgan County Sheriff's Office	18,889	16,435	-2,454
Morgan County Ambulance	2,116	2,185	+69
All County Fire Departments	1,050	977	-73

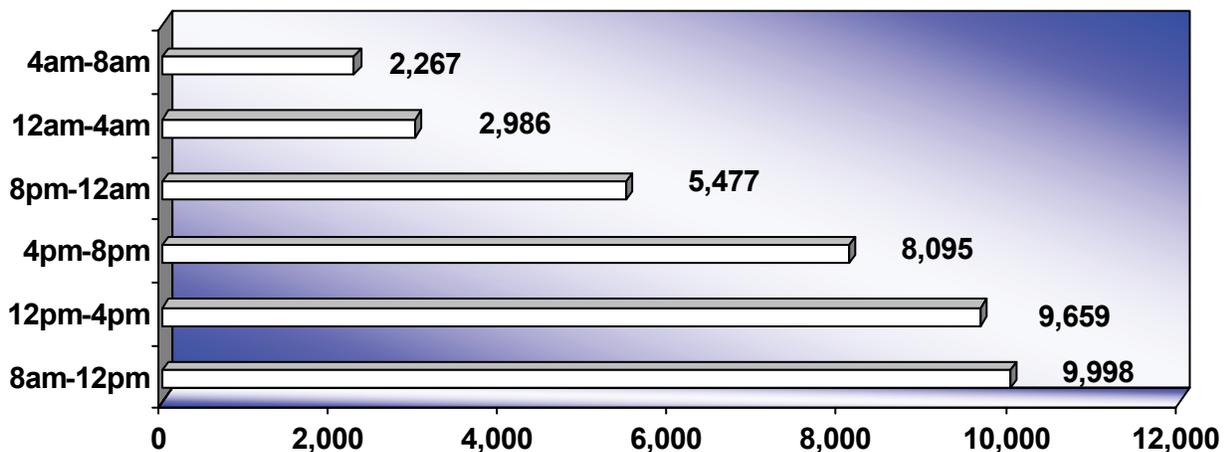
Calls for Service by Year



Calls for Service by Day

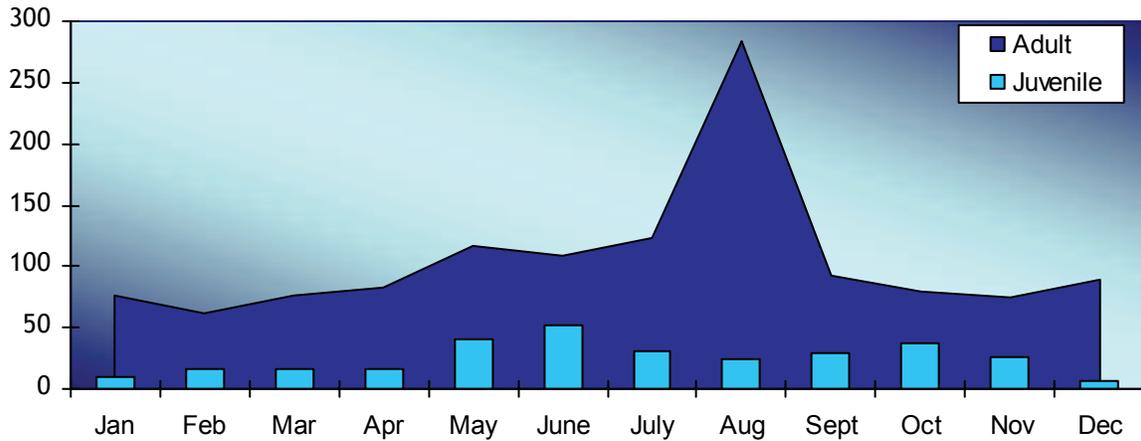


Calls According to Time of Day



Crime Clearances

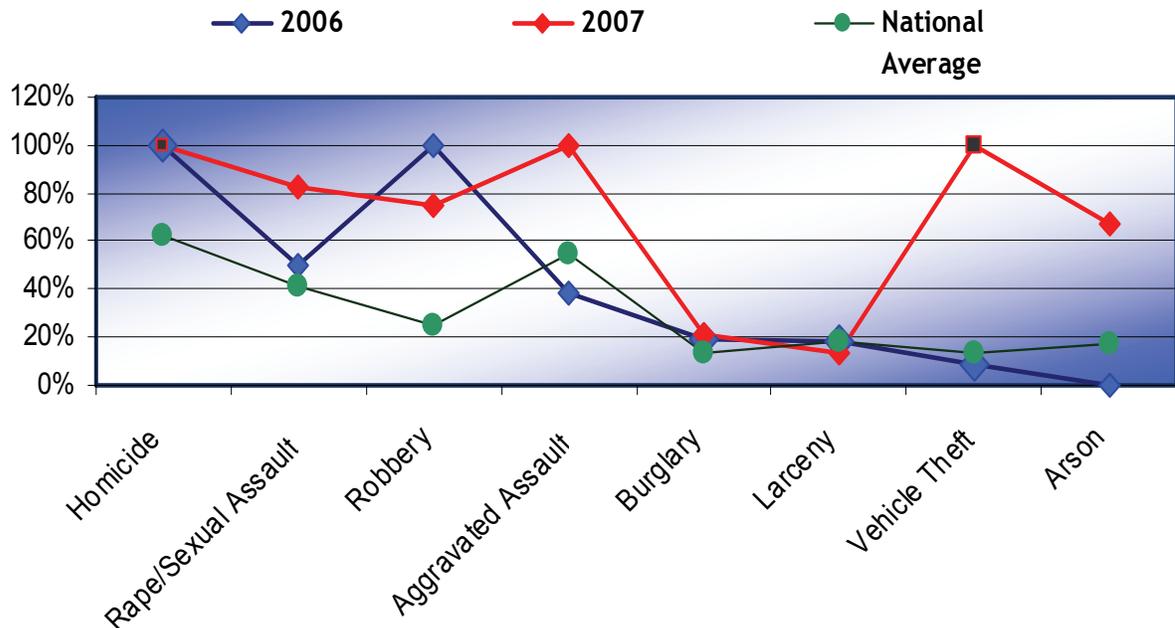
Arrests-2007



Number of Crimes in Fort Morgan in 2007

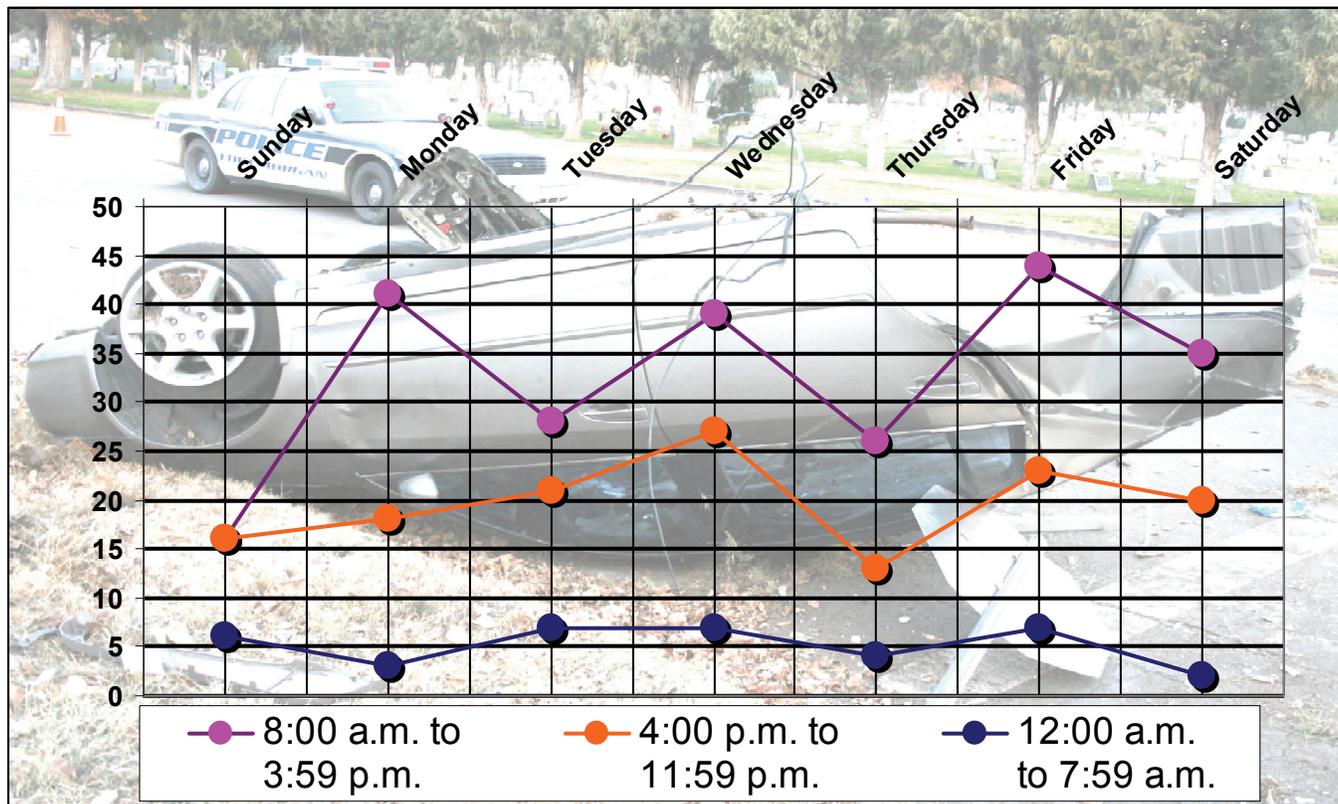
Major Crimes		Other Offenses	
Homicide	0	Simple Assault	67
Rape/Sex Assault	6	Fraud/Forgery/Checks	65
Robbery	4	Curfew	48
Aggravated Assault	17	DUI/DWAI/DUID	133
Burglary	67	Other Liquor	73
Larceny/Theft	267	Loud Noise	17
Vehicle Theft	11	Shoplifting	39
Arson	6	Disorderly	117

Crime Clearance Rates-Comparison

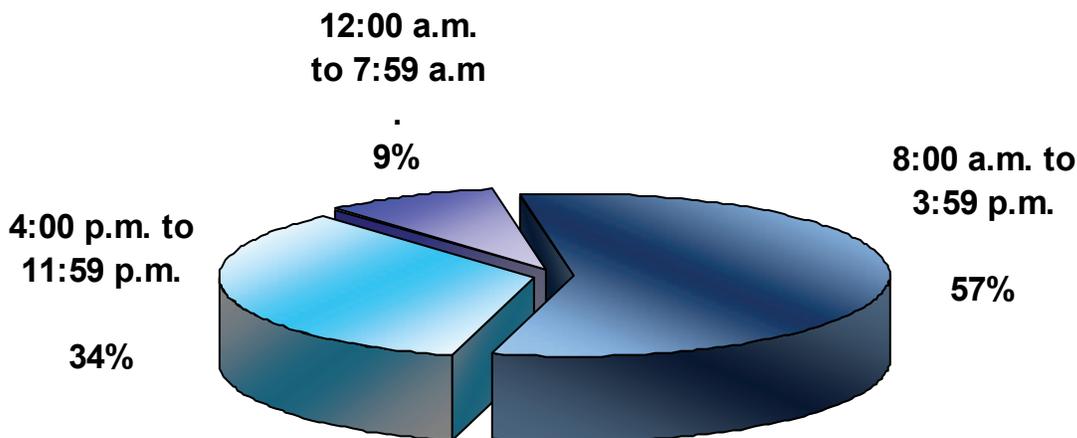


Traffic Accident Summary

Traffic Accidents by Day/Time Period

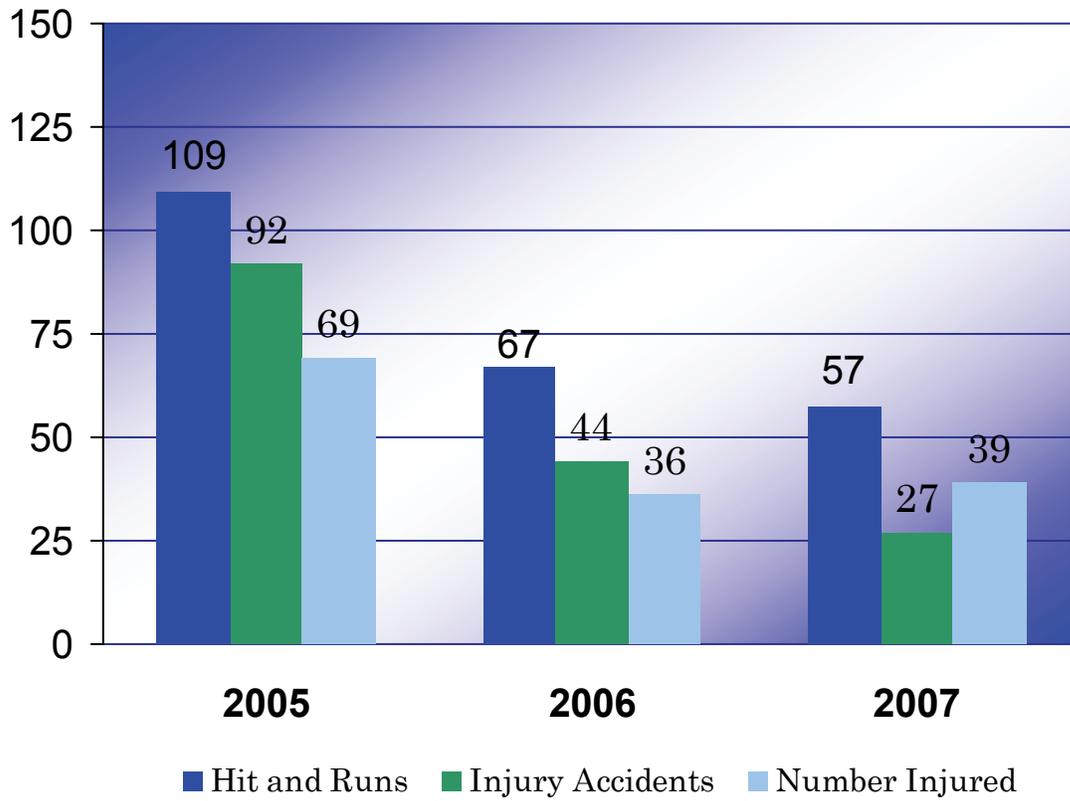


Total Accidents by Time Period 2007

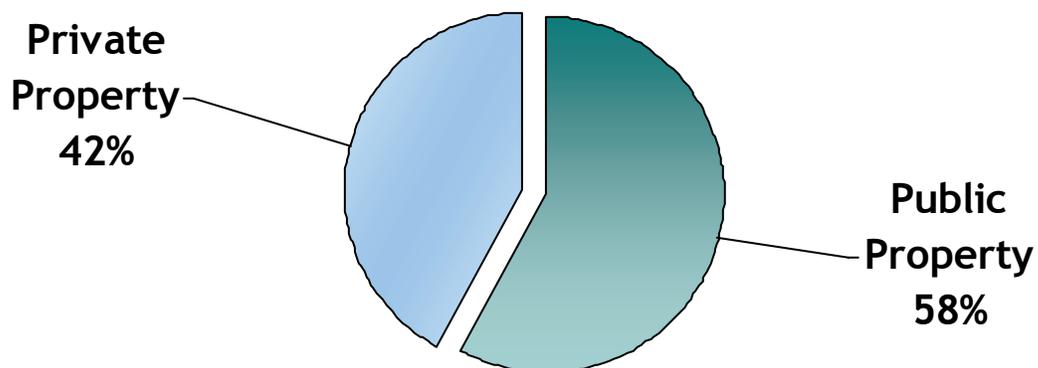


Total Number of Accidents
 2007—403 2006—369 2005—615

Injury Accidents and Hit and Runs



Public and Private Property Accidents



Community Resource

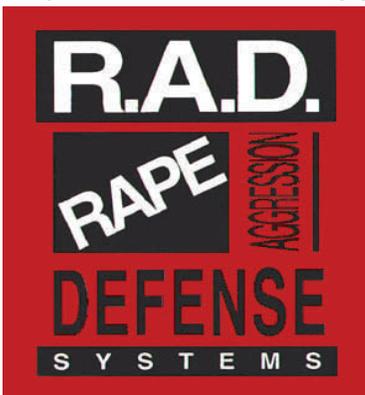
The Fort Morgan Police Department believes that our job is not possible without the assistance of the people we serve. The job of a police officer is a collaborative effort between police and community to identify problems and involves the community in the search for solutions to these problems. This concept brings the police and community into a closer working relationship.

This concept was perhaps best explained by one of the most important men in Britain during the Nineteenth Century. Sir Robert Peel was responsible for the establishment of the modern Police Force in 1829. He described the roll of the police in the following quote:

“The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being the only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interest of community welfare and existence.”

Robert Peel

As a part of this philosophy, the Fort Morgan Police Department is please to have been able to provide the following programs in 2007.



Rape Aggression Defense

The Rape Aggression Defense System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on

defense training.

R.A.D. is not a Martial Arts program. Our courses are taught by nationally certified R.A.D. instructors and provide each student with a work book/reference manual. This manual outlines the entire Physical Defense Program for reference and continuous personal growth. Classes are taught locally by Fort Morgan Police Officers.



Safety Kids, Inc. has developed a comprehensive curriculum for children in pre-school through grade five. This

innovative curriculum is highly effective in teaching children personal safety. “Be a Safety Kid” is a fun, motivating, and effective way to teach personal safety to children in a non-frightening approach.



Students learn the Charlie Check First rule: “Check first before going anywhere with anyone”



In partnership with local Seven-Eleven stores in Fort Morgan, the Police Department “ticketed” youngsters that they observed doing something helpful with a free Slurpee® coupon. During this first year of participation, officers gave coupons for things such as: Following bicycle rules, deterring crime, and participating in a positive activity.



National Night Out and Neighborhood Watch

Police encourage local neighborhoods to work together and improve the safety of their communities by creating Neighborhood Watch groups. When concerned citizens get involved to increase crime prevention, many things are possible. One example of a community coming together was the National Night Out celebration at Hillcrest/Fremont Apartments.

In partnership with the Fort Morgan police Department, this Neighborhood Watch group hosted a dinner for all complex residents and invited Colorado Attorney General John Suthers as the guest speaker. In addition, attendees received a presentation from the AARP Elder Watch program regarding fraud prevention.



Citizens Police Academy

This popular annual event gives “ordinary” people an inside look at how the Police Department operates on a day to day basis. Through the classes, participants have the opportunity to get a behind the scenes look at every aspect of police work.

National Police Week



In recent years, the Fort Morgan Police Department has made a significant effort to recognize and remember all members of law enforcement that have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their communities including our own Marshal Eyser and Officer Rehmer.

This year’s remembrances during National Police Week included the placement of a memorial wreath at the department, the display of a memorial flag, and a brief memorial service by police chaplains during briefings.

The Community Resource division provides presentations to any community group or organization requesting information about law enforcement related topics. Tours of the police Department are available by appointment. For more information about this or any of these programs, contact Officer Roger Doll at 970-542-3948.



Child Fingerprinting

School Resource Officer



The 2007-2008 school year saw the re-introduction of the School Resource Officer position. This position was filled by Officer Ryan Douglas, who has been working

with the Fort Morgan Police Department since January of 2007.

The School Resource Officer position provides an opportunity for positive interaction between law enforcement and the students of Fort Morgan RE-3 School District. A proactive component of the SRO program is to provide law related education to students.

In 2007, this was done in five separate classes on 17 different subjects. The subjects ranged from drug and alcohol awareness in health classes, using the Scientific Method on crime scenes, and how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich in speech classes.

At the School Districts request, Officer Douglas also presented a program on the dangers of social networking sites.

Websites such as My Space, Facebook, and others were discussed. Officer Douglas gave the attendees a better understanding of the sites and the possible dangers students face because of the information shared on the site.

An additional proactive component of the SRO program is the availability of Officer Douglas to

the faculty and administration for their needs. On many occasions, faculty have been concerned about a situation with a student and have sought advise on dealing with the student or the student's family.

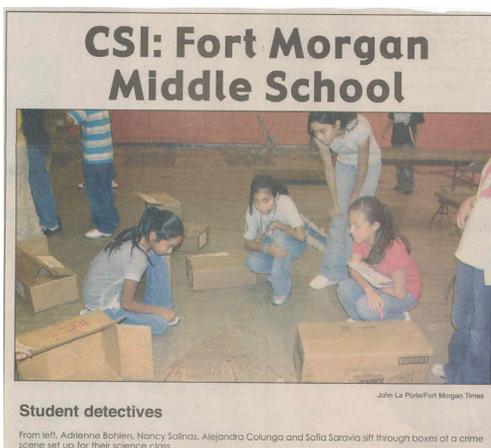
Officer Douglas has also partnered with the Department of Human Services in checking on students who have not been attending school. In an effort to prevent additional bad choices, Officer Douglas deals with the legal side of discipline problems by speaking to those who have made choices to put themselves on the wrong side of the law. Because Officer Douglas had the opportunity to intervene, the



majority of the students were given warnings and the legal ramifications for the continued bad choices were discussed with the students and their parents.

Having Officer Douglas spend time with the students creates an atmosphere in which he can interact with them in a positive manner. In 2007, relationships were forged with students as Officer Douglas taught classes and was available for one-on-one interaction with students, parents, and faculty. Faculty and staff fell like they have an Officer who cares about the students and can help them with Fort Morgan's most precious resources;

Our Children and Our Future.



From left, Adienne Bohlen, Nancy Solinas, Alejandra Colunga and Sofia Saravia sift through boxes at a crime scene set up for their science class.

Investigations



Methamphetamine

The detectives perform many duties which includes investigations, tracking crime trends, surveillance, and case follow-up to include working with the District Attorney and City Attorney. As a result of drug investigations in 2007, there were 72 drug arrests. Specific narcotics investigations included 44 covert drug purchases. The following amounts of illegal drugs were purchased or seized:

Type of Drug	Amount	Street Value
Cocaine	18 grams	\$1,440
Marijuana	230 grams	\$1,020
Methamphetamine	297 grams	\$37,163

Cocaine

Of the 149 drug arrests for narcotics, the chart below shows the number of persons charged with each specific offense.



Money seized from drug arrests



	Distribution	Possession
Methamphetamine	10	10
Cocaine	3	4
Marijuana	3	45
Other	N/A	5

Officer Training



In addition to In-Service training, officers are encouraged to attend training offered by other agencies or organizations that will enhance the performance of the officers and the Department.

In 2007, each officer received an average of 115 hours of training in various areas.

Many of these training sessions include practical exercises where officers demonstrate what they have learned.

-  Liquor Enforcement
-  Victim's Rights
-  Child Death Investigations
-  Officer Survival Tactics
-  Fraud & ID Theft



-  Interview and Interrogation
-  Basic Criminal Investigations
-  Forensic Computer Investigation
-  Methamphetamine Lab Awareness
-  Traffic Accident Investigation

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Special Assignments

Bike Patrol

Officers Pete Coffin, Trevor Greenwood, Steve Brown, and Ken Jansma comprised the Bicycle Patrol Team in 2007. These officers spend their time between regular vehicle patrol and bicycle patrol.

The Bicycle Patrol responds to calls just as an officer in a vehicle would. However, these officers can often go places a patrol vehicle cannot go and can respond unnoticed when necessary.

When fully staffed, the Bicycle Patrol Unit has five officers who ride numerous hours and pedal thousand of miles in a year. Manpower and weather permitting, a Bike Patrol officer can be seen almost any day of the year.

Hours Ridden	848	Bikes Contacted	97
Miles Ridden	3168	Vehicles contacted	369
Calls Handled	800	Open Doors	17
Tickets issued	203	Arrests Made	46
Pedestrians Contacted	461		

Special Response Team

The Fort Morgan Police Department maintains a multi-jurisdictional team of highly trained specially equipped law enforcement officers known as the **Special Response Team**.

This Team is comprised of members of local law enforcement agencies in the Morgan County area.

Team members train for eight hours each month on a variety of tactics to handle situations outside normal police operations. Such situations may include:

- ◆ Armed and/or Barricaded subjects



- ◆ Hostage situations
- ◆ High-risk warrant service

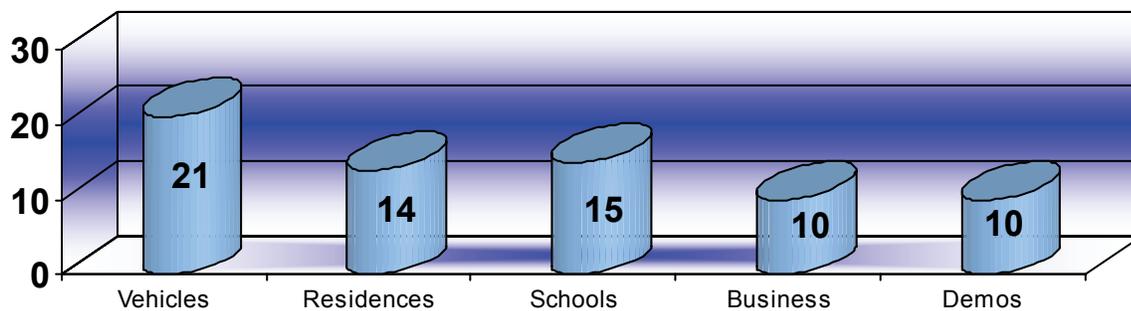
In 2007, the Special response Team responded to two armed/barricaded incidents and were utilized to serve two high-risk warrants in Morgan County.

K-9 Unit

The Fort Morgan Police Department maintains two highly qualified K-9 units that have proven to be a valuable resource for officers as well as other agencies in the area.

Both teams, Sergeant Jim Parks & Zeb and Officer Tim Malone & Sorbon, have been working together and serving the community for five years. The Fort Morgan K-9 Unit is strongly supported by citizens, businesses, and civic organizations and the donations received from these groups allowed the purchase of both K-9s.

Both canines were brought to the United States from Slovakia. Their handlers attend a 14 week training program and were specifically matched with their new “partners”. The cost for each dog and required training is approximately \$8,000.



K-9 Searches

During May of 2007 both K-9 units attended certification trials in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Competing with approximately 30 other handlers and their K-9s, both of Fort Morgan’s canine units finished in the top 10 in narcotics detection.

Fort Morgan’s canine teams completed roughly 150 hours of training in narcotics, patrol and tracking in 2007 and are certified in USPCA (United States Police Canine Association) Narcotic Trials and Tracking Trials.

On June 6, 2007 Sergeant Parks and his K-9, Zeb, were asked to assist the Colorado State Patrol on Interstate-76 near mile marker 67. Sergeant Parks and Zeb conducted a vehicle search and Zeb alerted in several places on the vehicle. Based on his partners indications, Sgt. Parks advised the State Trooper to check the truck. When the Trooper opened the trunk they found eight large packages of Marijuana totaling 177 pounds.



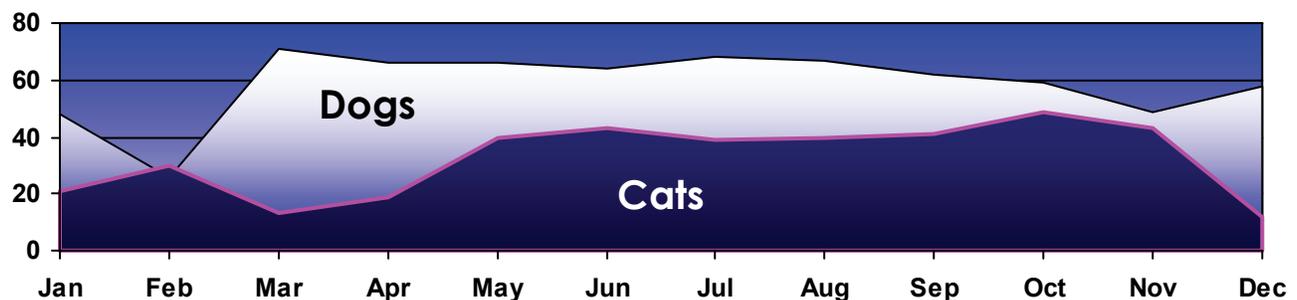
SHELTER STAFF

Code Enforcement Officer John Simpson
Code Enforcement Officer Erik Cook

The Fort Morgan Animal Shelter continued to see a steady increase in the number of animals passing through the facility each year. Our redemptions, adoptions, and transfers continue to increase while animal euthanasia has dropped over 50 % in 2007.

We hope to continue this trend by working with groups like the Morgan Humane Society, Fur-ever Friends, and our shelter volunteers to decrease the number of animals entering the shelter and at the same time we will strive to increase redemptions, adoptions, transfers, and continue to decrease euthanasia.

Monthly Animal Counts



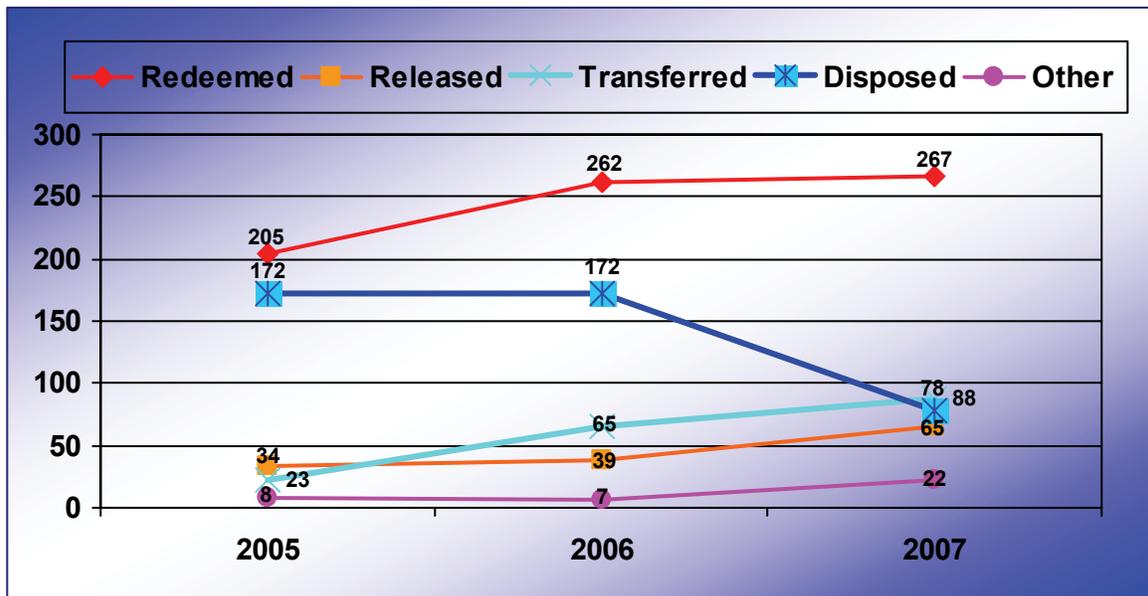
Our group of dedicated volunteers have spent nearly 330 hours assisting with the daily operations of the Animal Shelter, caring for animals and keeping records. We truly have an extraordinary foundation of dedicated volunteers who deserve more recognition than they receive.

Some of the services we are able to provide, thanks to the partnership with community organizations, include: spay and neuter clinics, vaccinations, micro-chipping, transfers to other shelters, and showcasing adoptable animals. These programs have been invaluable to the shelter and resulted in a positive impact on the community.

2007 Grants

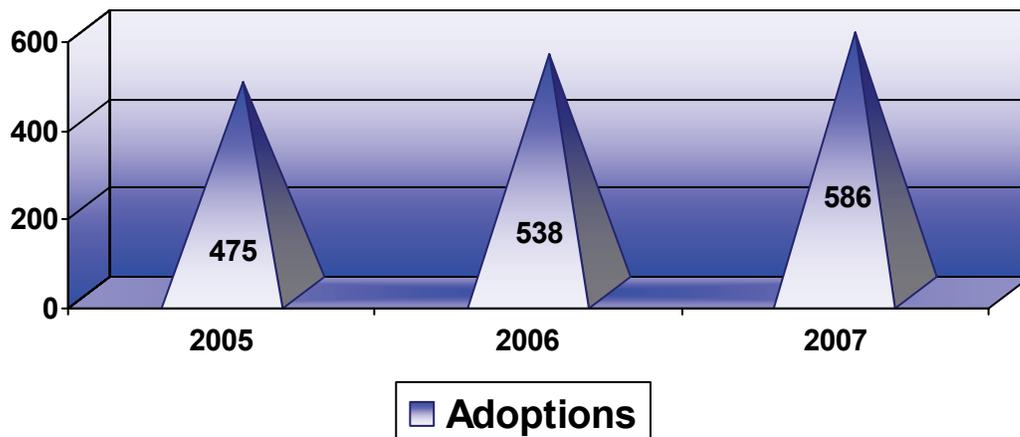
Pet Over-Population Fund, Spay and Neuter Grant \$3,000

Through the generous assistance of the Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund and collaboration with the Fort Morgan Veterinary Clinic and volunteers, the Fort Morgan Animal Shelter was able to offer a low cost spay & neuter clinic and a voucher program for deeply discounted spay and neuters. This grant program allowed approximately 360 pets to be better cared for.



PEDIGREE® Adoption Drive \$668.85

PEDIGREE® Food for Dogs created The PEDIGREE® Adoption Drive to help shine a spotlight on the plight of homeless dogs. Each time you purchase PEDIGREE® animal food, PEDIGREE® donates a portion of their sales to the fund. The money is then dispersed to animal shelters throughout the country to assist with their adoption program.



Our Donors

The Fort Morgan Animal Shelter is grateful to the local businesses and private individuals who have contributed so generously throughout the year. With your help, we are able to provide additional services to the animals and their new owners that we otherwise would not be able to.

Fort Morgan State bank
Fort Morgan Veterinary Clinic
Sue Kelley
Molly Higgins
Betty Larrick
Priscilla Loonsten
Murdoch's
Gary & Cindy Pollard
Sue Silz
Wal-Mart
Thomas Williams.

**In memory of Dana Calhoun
Danny & Carolyn Heltenburg**

**In Memory of Dr. Richard Simmons
James & Lois Brodak
Fort Morgan Furniture
Fort Morgan Veterinary Clinic
Dixie & Jim Higgins
William J. Kammerer
Damon McMahan & Family
Cynthia Osburn
VFW Post #2551**

Police Chaplains

Bob Schreiner, Bob Tolson, Phil Tarmen, and Doug Trevithick

The Fort Morgan Police Chaplains Program was established in 1989 under the direction of Chief of Police, Harold Davisson. In the beginning, four volunteer Chaplains lead the program through its early stages.

To express their mission, the Police Chaplains adopted this motto:
“Serving our community and those who serve and protect.”

The Chaplain Program serves people of all faiths and backgrounds. Chaplains volunteer to be “on-call” one week at a time and respond whenever and wherever they might be needed. Over the years, the Chaplains have found creative ways to show their support for law enforcement, including serving breakfast to the officers and offering family enrichment classes.

In 2007, the Police Chaplains logged over 75 hours of volunteer services responding to assist with medical emergencies, hospital call-out’s, assisting officers with death notifications, and ride-a-longs.

This year, two of our founding chaplains retired from the program.



Police Chaplains Tom Wheeler and Ben Baughman served the citizens of Fort Morgan in this capacity for nearly 20 years.

At a reception held in their honor, the Fort Morgan Police Department thanked the Chaplains for their years of dedicated service and commitment. They will be missed.

Blue Santa



The Blue Santa committee consists of department members who volunteer their time to organize the collection drive at local stores at which food and hygiene items are collected from local citizens. During the collection day, officers and their family members, along with the police chaplains, volunteered their time to greet shoppers and wish them a Merry Christmas.



Members of the Fort Morgan Police Department receive great satisfaction in helping senior citizens in the Fort Morgan area. Many of the recipients have little or no income and often do not have any close family members. The police department accepts referrals from area agencies that focus on senior needs as well as from patrol officers who have come into contact with these individuals during their daily duties



For the second year, officers were assisted in their delivery by “Blue Santa”, who along with fellow officers visited 35 recipients and gave them their Christmas package. Blue Santa’s uniform comes complete with an official police officer’s badge.

The Department would like to thank the many citizens who donated items and money to this worthwhile cause.

2007 Annual Awards

Employee of the Year



The 2007 recipient of the Employee of the Year Award is Sergeant Jim Parks.

Sergeant James Parks has been a sworn employee with the Fort Morgan Police Department since November 27th, 1989. In addition to working patrol, Sergeant Parks is the Assistant Team Leader for the Special Response Team and oversees the K-9 Program.

Sergeant Parks and his K-9 partner Zeb faithfully patrol and protect the streets of Fort Morgan. In doing so, they have been instrumental in apprehending many burglary suspects in the last year.

Sergeant Parks is always professional and is very community oriented. He will take the extra time to negotiate and come up with the best solution to the problem for those involved rather than force it. When it comes to handling big incidents, he steps in and takes control, organizing responses and the events happening at the scene.

Sergeant Parks is a team player. He promotes cooperation among all shifts and will go out of his way to help any officer become the best that they can be by taking time out of his personal schedule to help them with needed training and by acting as a teacher, negotiator, and supporter when needed.

Distinguished Service Award



Police Chaplain Bob Schreiner was nominated for the Distinguished Service award by Sergeant Loren Sharp.

Police Officers are called upon to assist with all types of calls. One such call was the report of a nine month old baby who was not breathing. Despite the best efforts of the police officers, fire fighters, and medical services the child did not live.

Chaplain Schreiner, even though he was not on call or paged to respond to the call, responded. Once he heard the outcome of the call, Chaplain Schreiner responded to the Fort Morgan Police Department to talk with the officers who responded to the call and to be there for whatever they needed. This type of commitment to the members of the police department is unheralded and greatly appreciated by many.

Although this is only one example, it is well known that actions such as these are common practice for this man.

Citizens Citation of Meritorious Service

This is an award to a private citizen or business for significant assistance rendered to the police in achieving its mission.



Back Row: Mike Speaker, Ron Sands, Eric Tillery, William Wilson, and Damon Mussman, Wal-Mart.

Front Row: Paula Trujillo, Sara Escalera, Katreena Campbell, and Karen Vega.

Not Pictured: Murdoch's, Fort Morgan Veterinary Clinic, Alvina Schrum, Country Steak-Out, Peter Anderson, Mark Flores, Eva Riblett, and Jessie Thompson.

Certificate of Appreciation



John Laporte (*pictured*), Jesse Chaney, and Dan Barker, were nominated by Community Resource Officer Roger Doll and Chief Keith Kuretich and approved for a Certificate of Appreciation.

These gentlemen provided excellent coverage of the 2007 Citizens' Academy. The Fort Morgan Police Department appreciates the time your staff took to make sure that there was a representative at each class and in writing very thorough articles which gave the public an opportunity to learn about the day to day operations of the Police Department.

Letter of Commendable Service

Commendable service awards are given to department members who display an unusual attention to duty, perform their functions in an unusually effective manner, or make an exceptional contribution to the progress of the department.



Officers Zebulun Smeester, Dominick Lucero, and Jacob Fajardo

Save Driving Awards

Safe driving awards are issued to employees who drive police department vehicles as a normal part of their duties and are not found to be the direct contributing cause of any traffic accidents. These awards are given in 5-10-15-20-25 and 30 year increments.



**Back Row: Officers Pete Coffin(5), Tim Malone(10), and Detective Todd Zwetzig(5).
Front Row: Lieutenant Jared Crone(15) and Officer Trevor Greenwood(5).**

100 Years of Service

In 2007 we acknowledge 100 years of Law Enforcement in the City of Fort Morgan. There has been 33 Town Marshals and Chief's of Police serve the City of Fort Morgan over this 100 years beginning with Frank Anderson, to our present and 33rd Chief of Police, Keith Kuretich. In 1917, the title of Town Marshal was changed to Chief of Police beginning with Chief E.A. Morse.

NAME	SERVED FROM:	SERVED TO:
1. Frank Anderson	August 1887	April 1889
2. A.L. Wilson	April 1889	July 1890
3. R.W. Atchison	July 1890	April 1891
4. F.J. Dingman	April 1891	April 1894
5. H.S. Pyott	April 1894	May 1894
6. J.H. Farnsworth	May 1894	April 1895
7. James Hall	April 1895	April 1895
8. A.K. Hill	April 1895	April 1899
9. James Hall	April 1899	April 1900
10. A.L. Burdette	April 1900	March 1903
11. C.J. Carlson	March 1903	February 1904
12. A.K. Hill	February 1904	November 1905
13. A.W. Croft	November 1905	February 1906
14. L.M. Davis	March 1906	April 1907
15. J.C. Grahm	May 1907	October 1907
16. J.A. Tilson	October 1907	April 1908
17. S.S. Lamb	April 1908	January 1913
18. R.E. Parker	January 1913	January 1914
19. E.A. Morse	January 1915	June 1917
20. Charles R. Todd	June 1917	December 1918
21. C.J. Carlson	January 1919	December 1919
22. F.W. Quackenbush	January 1920	September 1925
23. Alva Burton	September 1925	December 1927
24. William Hauge	January 1928	February 1931
25. C.J. Carlson	March 1931	December 1931
26. Arthur L. Shaffer	January 1932	February 1938
27. Homer F. Morse	February 1938	March 1958
28. Anthony Erosky	March 1958	June 1959
29. Daniel Dorn	June 1959	July 1960
30. Homer F. Morse	August 1960	January 1962
31. W. Gale Davey	January 1962	December 31, 1980
32. B. Harold Davisson	January 1, 1981	December 31, 2000
33. Keith A. Kuretich	January 2001	Present



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Thank You!

The Fort Morgan Police Department extends its appreciation to the citizens of Fort Morgan for all of their support. We would also like to acknowledge the Fort Morgan City Council. Without the City Council's recognition and endorsement of the concepts of community oriented policing, we would not be able to provide many of the programs and services our community has come to value. We, the employees of the Fort Morgan Police Department, value our relationships with the people we serve and recognize that it is only through community partnership that we can combat crime and the fear of crime. We are confident that the Fort Morgan community will continue to work together in attaining the best possible quality of life for us all.

Fort Morgan Police Department Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Fort Morgan Police Department is to protect the rights of all people, ensure order, and provide for the public safety through the effective delivery of law enforcement services while maintaining the highest level of professional standards.

Visit our Web Page - www.fortmorganpolicedept.com

Thank You

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The Fort Morgan Police Department has individuals that are interested in being more than just law enforcement officers. They are men and women that desire to not only to protect and serve, but to get to know and support the people in our community.

We urge all Fort Morgan residents to visit the Fort Morgan Police Department web site at www.fortmorganpolicedept.com to view this report on-line and to learn more about your City Police. If you have questions or would like to express comments, please feel free to contact us at 970-542-3930.