

FORT MORGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

2009 ANNUAL REPORT



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From the Chief

Fort Morgan Police Depart-



This 2009 Annual Report is an opportunity to share with you, the citizens we serve, an overview of the operation, goals and mission of your police department. With the support and cooperation of the Mayor, City Council and City Manager Pat Merrill, our commitment to the delivery of professional, responsive and fair police services is our pledge as part of the entire City of Fort Morgan government team's vision to "Aspire to be the City of choice for ourselves and future generations- beautiful, clean and safe."

As a department we have initiated some of the most innovative and distinctive programs and have introduced and are utilizing technology that provides an advantage for our officers and enhances the services for our community. I am proud of our officers and all police department personnel not only for their knowledge and abilities, but for what we call the "**right attitude**".

Providing community policing and customer service through teamwork, a high level of personal pride, and caring which we expect all our personnel to demonstrate.

In 2009, the Fort Morgan Police Department had a total of 38,870 calls for service. Of those, there were a total of 2,724 documented offenses, for which a total of 1,381 arrests were made. Additionally, we investigated 143 narcotics cases, for which 130 arrests were made. The "war" on drugs continues and every now and then we win a battle, but we are nowhere close to winning the war.

Our police department follows a community-oriented philosophy. Numerous hours are devoted to educating and informing our citizens about crime prevention. Pro-active patrol is also an important component of community policing. Additional patrol of the City on bicycles, on foot, and being more visible throughout the city helps deter crime and would-be criminals. We look forward to expanding on the community policing philosophy in 2010, especially in the areas of direct community involvement.

What else do your police officers do during their shifts? In addition the regular call load of theft reports, ordinance violations, traffic contacts and other calls our officers handle daily, our officers are commonly called upon to mediate issues, provide security details, perform public services, assist other agencies, and countless other assignments and public service commitments.

I occasionally hear general gossip to the effect that our Police Department doesn't do very much in the line of work, or that there really is no crime in Fort Morgan. I can only invite those that may believe that to review our annual report and some of our other departmental resources and make an informed decision on whether or not that is a fact.

I cordially invite any group that is interested in having a Police Officer speak at a function (regarding any number of topics), to call me at (970) 542-3931. If you wish, you can e-mail me at chief@cityoffortmorgan.com. I sincerely believe that we, as a community, need to work together to reduce crime. You, our citizens, are the eyes and ears of the community. Please take the time to report the issues that you see and hear, and do so in a timely manner.

We are all proud to serve this great community.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Kuretich
Chief of Police

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.



CACP Accreditation

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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.

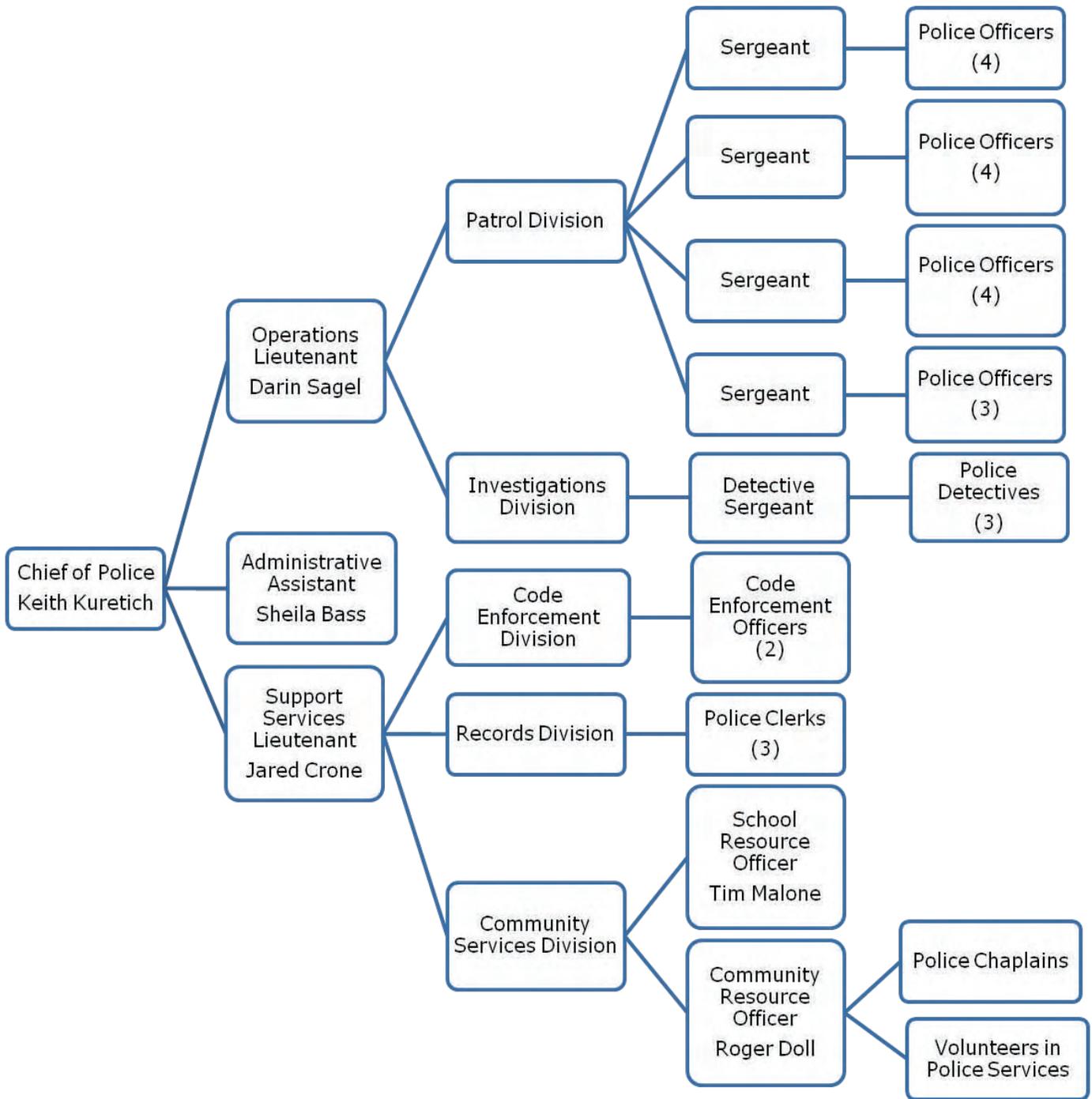
The accreditation process is an involved procedure where numerous professional standards must be met. Agencies desiring accreditation must make a request to the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police or the County Sheriffs of Colorado. Agencies must submit an application and pass an on-site inspection 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 submitted their application for re-accreditation in December of 2009 and will begin the inspection phase in 2010.

Chain of Command





Administration

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Chief of Police
Keith Kuretich



Lieutenant of Support Services
Jared Crone



Administrative Assistant
Sheila Bass



Lieutenant of Operations
Darin Sagel

Police Clerks



Sue Elliott



Mary Holt



Stephanie Harman

Code Enforcement



John Simpson



Erik Cook

Patrol Staff

Sergeants



Doug Schossow



Brian Cantin



Jim Parks



Steve Brown

Detectives



Todd Zwetzig



Detective Sergeant
Loren Sharp



Steve Vosburg

Patrol



CRO Roger Doll



SRO Tim Malone



Kevin Miller



Cindy Brackett



Luis Vazquez



Clinton Coffin



Trevor Greenwood



Anthony Gagliano



Julie Ramstetter



Ken Jansma



Cory Cook



Dominick Lucero



Zebulun Smeester



Josh Kaber



Ken Mooney



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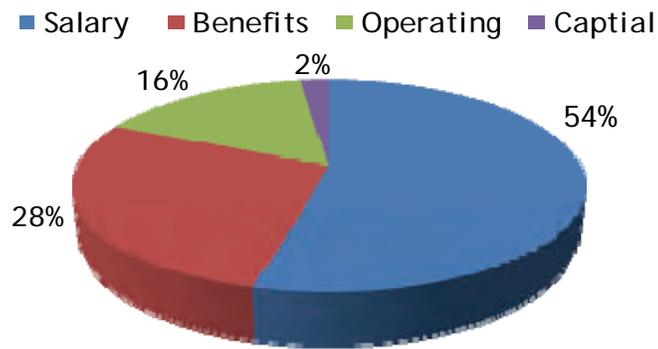
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2009 Budget Information

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Population Estimate as of:

2000 Census 11,034

1990 Census 9,068

Size of Fort Morgan 4.5 square miles

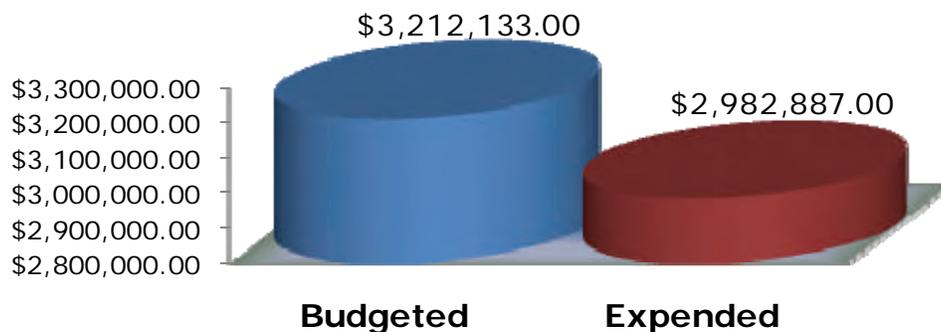
Total Length of Paved Streets 60 miles

Fort Morgan Total City Budget;

(General Fund, Special Revenue, Enterprise, Internal Service Funds) \$57,324,637

FMPD Grant Monies Received \$19,919.20

Fort Morgan Police Department Budget \$ 3,215,133



Expenditures for 2009

Account Name	2009 Annual Budget	YTD Actual Expenses	Difference
Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,664,831.00	\$ 1,645,370.59	\$ 19,460.41
Overtime	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 54,788.45	\$ 15,211.55
Retirement PERA	\$ 28,869.00	\$ 26,523.87	\$ 2,345.13
Retirement Money Purchase	\$ 194,272.00	\$ 182,726.12	\$ 11,545.88
Retirement FPPA	\$ 73,280.00	\$ 73,280.04	\$ (0.04)
Medicare	\$ 21,493.00	\$ 20,143.89	\$ 1,349.11
Health Insurance	\$ 494,800.00	\$ 459,624.00	\$ 35,176.00
Life Insurance	\$ 8,730.00	\$ 7,068.75	\$ 1,661.25
Workmen's Comp	\$ 56,300.00	\$ 50,136.69	\$ 6,163.31
Unemployment			\$ -
Death & Disability, FPPA	\$ 17,905.00	\$ 20,322.45	\$ (2,417.45)
Advertising	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 804.44	\$ 695.56
Equipment Allowance	\$ 51,508.00	\$ 47,350.31	\$ 4,157.69
Crime Control	\$ 5,425.00	\$ 3,288.67	\$ 2,136.33
Criminal Investigations	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,593.17	\$ (193.17)
Data Processing	\$ 3,440.00	\$ 2,339.99	\$ 1,100.01
Office Supplies	\$ 17,650.00	\$ 12,505.96	\$ 5,144.04
Utilities	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 27,769.94	\$ 3,730.06
Fuel/Oil	\$ 96,890.00	\$ 64,253.13	\$ 32,636.87
Miscellaneous	\$ 750.00	\$ 743.62	\$ 6.38
Maintenance Equipment/Vehicles	\$ 46,500.00	\$ 42,136.22	\$ 4,363.78
Maintenance General Property	\$ 10,900.00	\$ 14,858.18	\$ (3,958.18)
Janitorial	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 2,200.00
Uniform Maintenance	\$ 22,600.00	\$ 18,079.57	\$ 4,520.43
Grants	\$ 58,480.00		\$ 58,480.00
Animal Shelter Donations	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 591.14	\$ 1,908.86
Maintenance Animal Shelter	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 9,541.43	\$ 8,258.57
Custody of Prisoners	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,320.14	\$ 1,179.86
K-9 Expense	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 1,285.41	\$ 439.59
New Hire Testing	\$ 4,240.00	\$ 2,556.48	\$ 1,683.52
Property & Causality	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 45,274.96	\$ 2,725.04
Education & Training	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 7,612.72	\$ 8,387.28
Dues/Subscriptions	\$ 7,437.00	\$ 6,384.05	\$ 1,052.95
Graffiti Contract Services	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 7,131.25	\$ 5,868.75
Engineering & Consulting	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Office Equipment	\$ 2,868.00	\$ 2,842.20	\$ 25.80
Total Operations	\$ 3,126,093.00	\$ 2,889,047.83	\$ 237,045.17
Communications Equipment	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,700.00	\$ 300.00
Tools & Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Transportation Equipment	\$ 70,040.00	\$ 70,040.00	\$ -
Total Capital	\$ 86,040.00	\$ 85,740.00	\$ 300.00
Total Budget	\$ 3,212,133.00	\$ 2,974,787.83	\$ 237,345.17

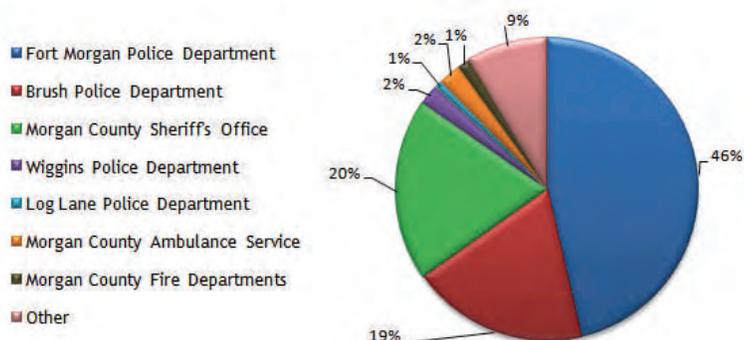


Calls for Service

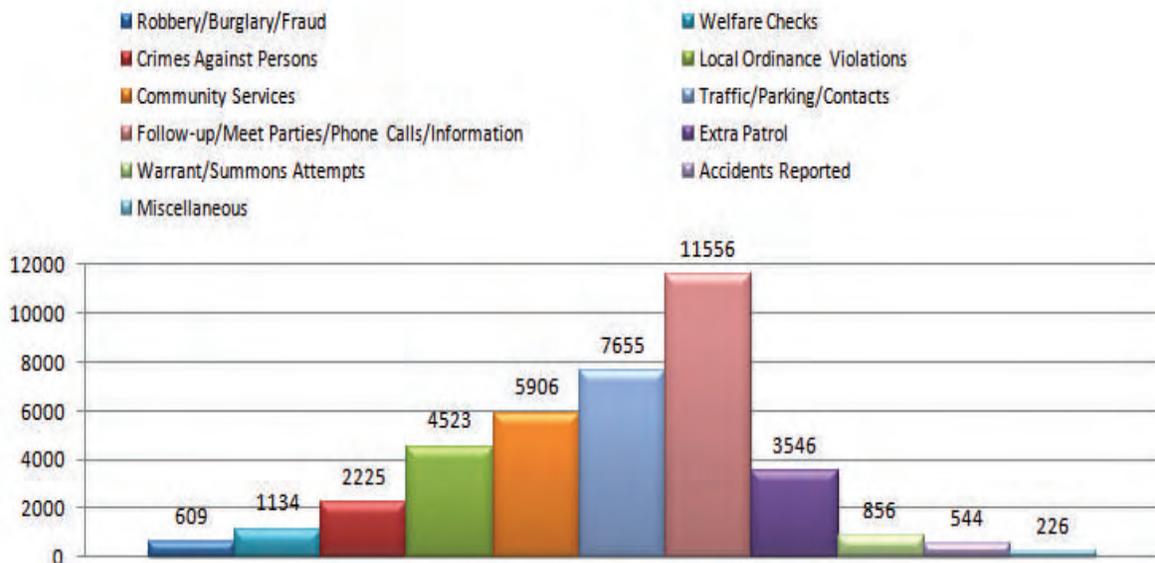
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The total Calls for Service for all Morgan County Law Enforcement Agencies and Emergency Services for 2009 was 82,148.

This reflects a 5% increase in calls for service for all Morgan County Agencies from 2008. 46% of the calls for service were for the Fort Morgan Police Department.



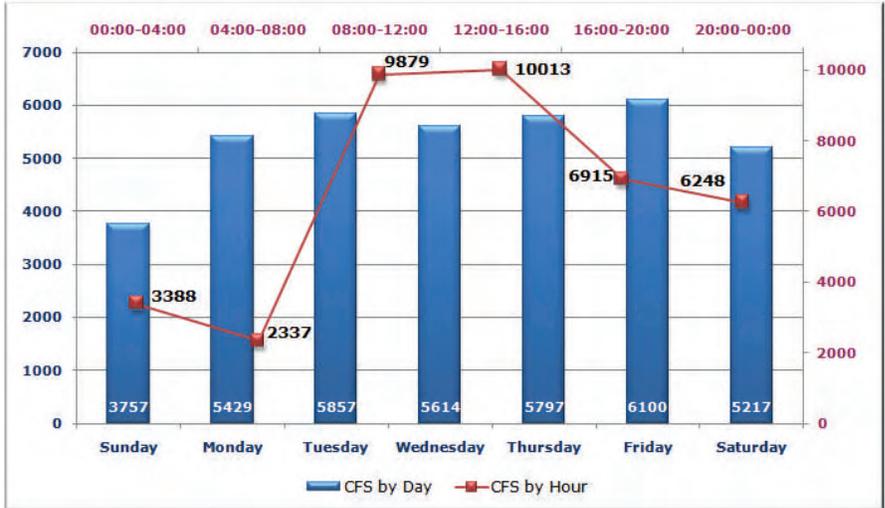
The total calls for service for the Fort Morgan Police Department for 2009 were 38,870 which is a 9% increase over 2008.



57% of the calls for service the Fort Morgan Police Departments handles are Community Service calls such vehicle unlocks, business escorts, extra patrol, VIN inspections, and vacation house checks. Also included in that total is calls for meet a parties, return phone calls, and information calls, many of which are generally law enforcement related questions.

Thanks to the support of our City Manager, City Council, and our citizens, we are able to continue offering the above types of services that many communities cannot.

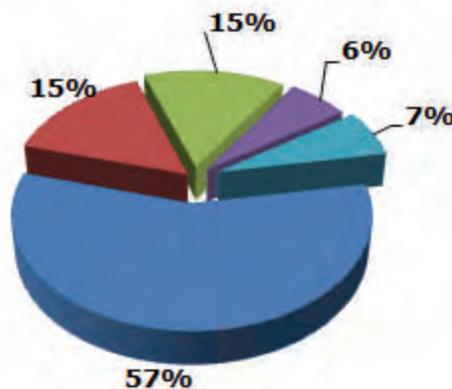
Calls for Service on a day to day basis are fairly consistent ranging from 10% of calls for service on Sundays and 16% on Tuesdays and Fridays. With an average of 6.8 calls for service each hour, we still receive the largest amount of calls for service between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



The number of calls for service an officer does can vary according to the type of call for service. Some, such as vehicle unlocks or escorts, may take only a few minutes. But others, such as traffic accidents, DUI contacts, or domestic violence calls may take up to several hours for an officer to complete. Many times there must be follow-up completed, interviews, measurements, and other agencies involved, depending on the type of call.

2009 Citations

■ Traffic ■ Parking ■ Criminal ■ Code ■ Animal



There were 2,778 citations written in 2009. Citations are written for traffic, parking, ordinance, animal, and criminal violations. Traffic Violations make up 57% of the total number of citations.



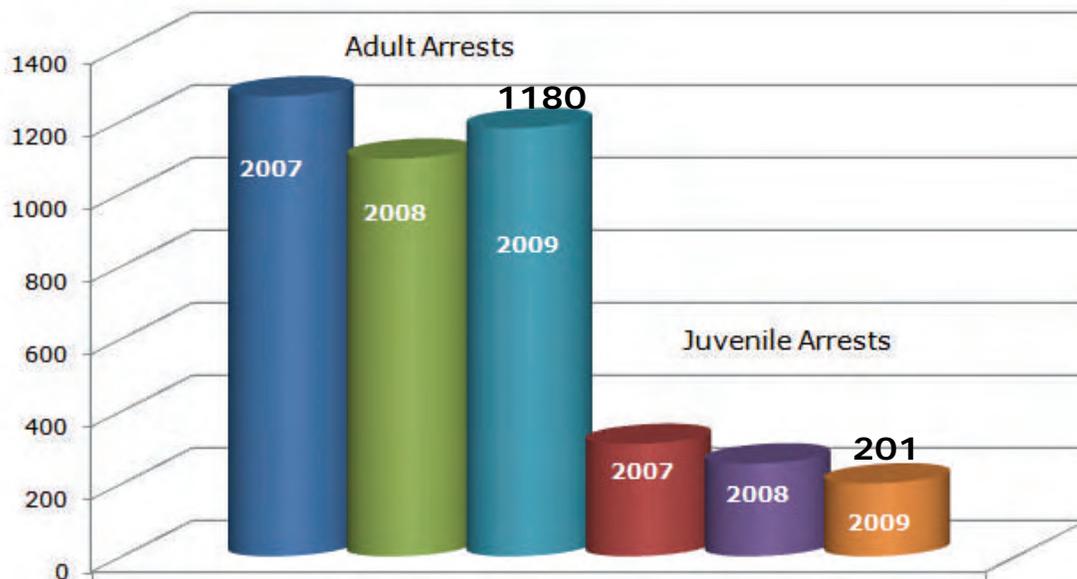
Crime in Fort Morgan

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The Uniform Crime Reporting Program collects crime data for eight main offense categories known as Part 1 crimes. There are nearly 17,000 city, county, university and college, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies that voluntarily report data for the program.

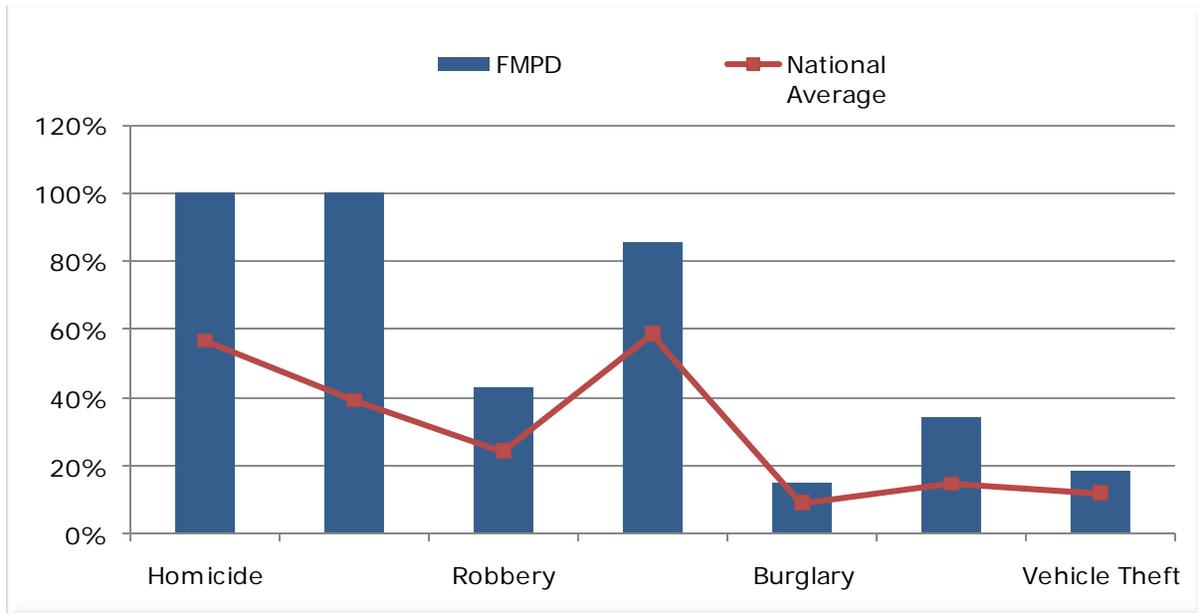
Part 1 Crimes					
Violent Crimes	2008	2009	Property Crime	2008	2009
Homicide	0	1	Burglary	65	51
Rape/Sexual Assault	10	4	Larceny/Theft	259	215
Robbery	3	7	Vehicle Theft	11	13
Aggravated Assault	15	14	Arson	2	1
Other Offenses					
Simple Assault	70	83	Fraud/Forgery/Checks	106	98
Disorderly Conduct	101	131	Drug Offenses	123	144
DUI/DWAI/DUID	130	102	Vandalisms	227	213
Other Liquor	93	84			

Violent crime in Fort Morgan has decreased 16% in 2009 from 2008. For other offenses that occur the trend is up and down. Overall, the difference in other offenses between 2008 and 2009 is only about 1%.

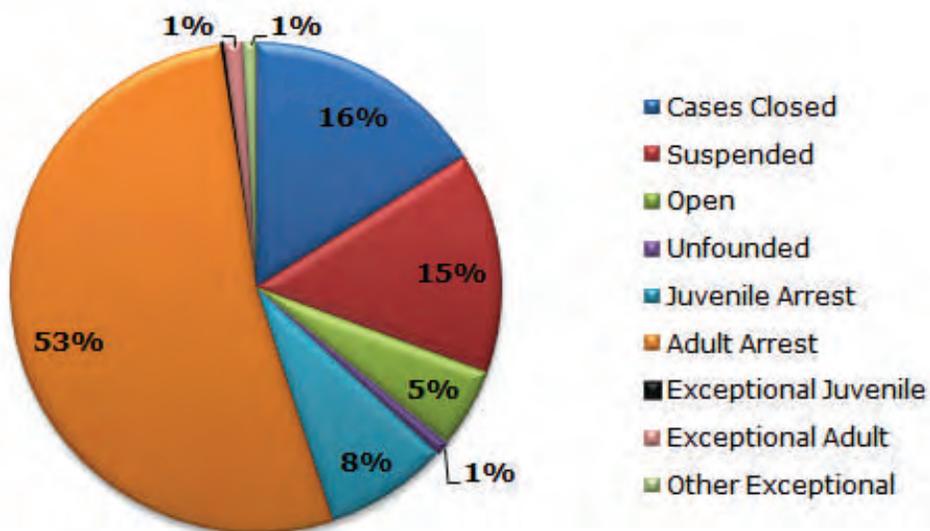


Adult Arrests increased by 9% Juvenile Arrests decreased by 8%

How many cases has the Fort Morgan Police Department cleared? The Uniform Crime Reporting program tracks Part 1 crimes that are cleared by arrest or exceptional means. The Fort Morgan Police Department continues to be above the National Average for Part 1 crimes.



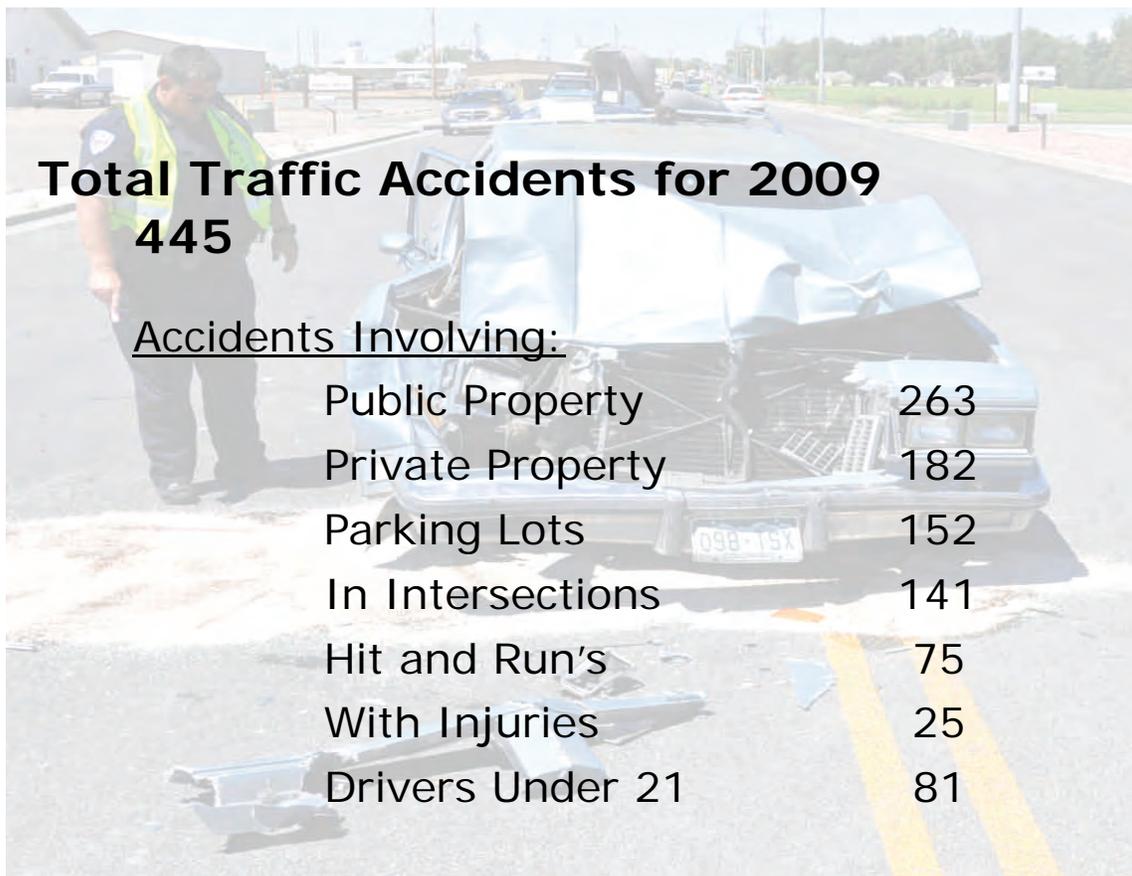
However, cases are cleared by other means as well. In 2009, we had a total of 2,726 offenses reported. 61% of those offenses were cleared by adult or juvenile arrests. As of the end of 2009, only 5% of offenses reported remain open.





Traffic Accidents

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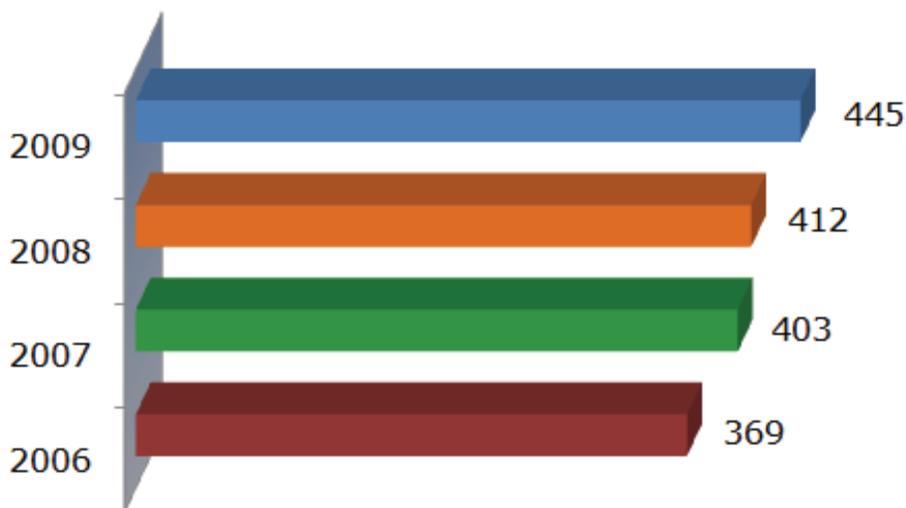
Total Traffic Accidents for 2009

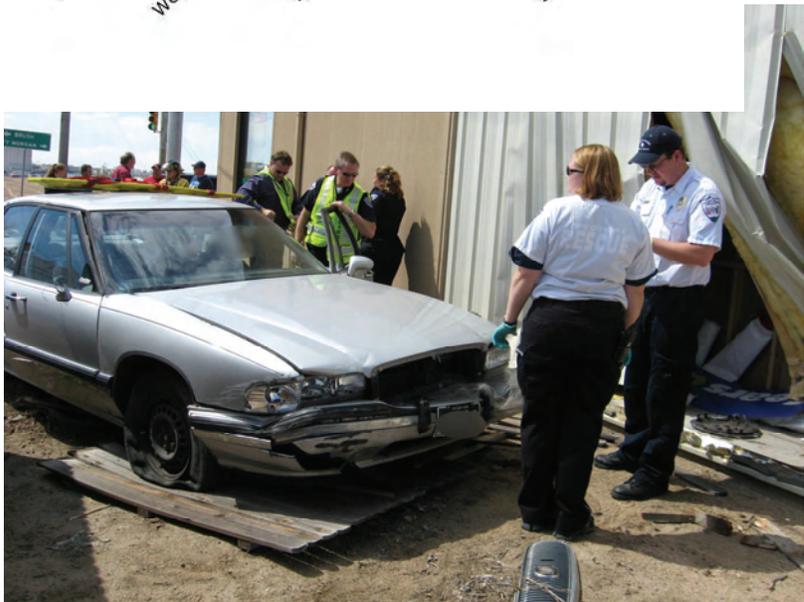
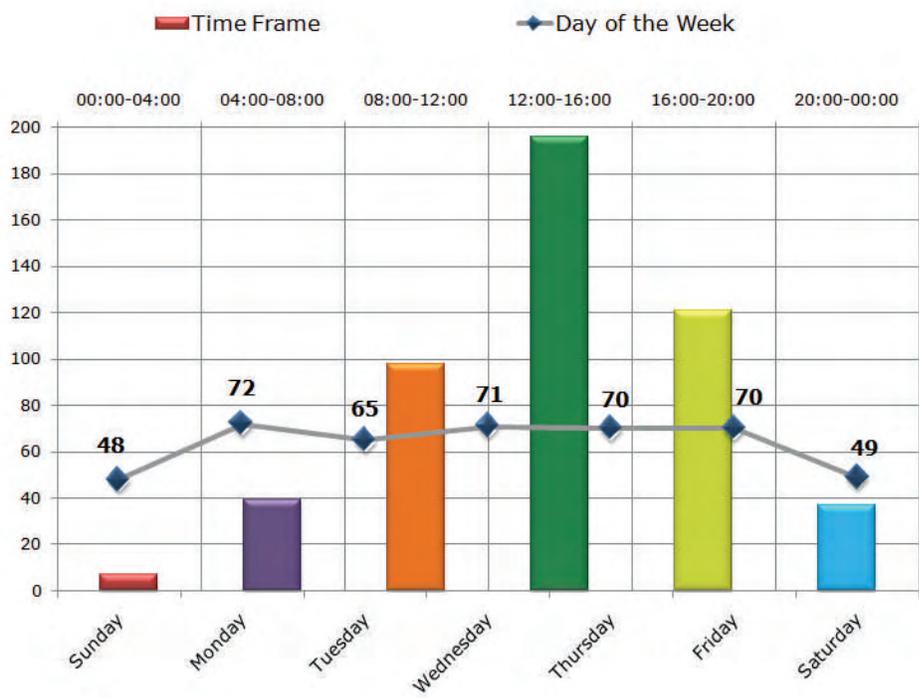
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Accidents Involving:

Public Property	263
Private Property	182
Parking Lots	152
In Intersections	141
Hit and Run's	75
With Injuries	25
Drivers Under 21	81

2009 ended with a 9% increase in traffic accidents from 2008, most of which were accidents that occurred on private property. There was a decrease of 44% of traffic accidents involving persons under the age of 21. Out of the 263 traffic accidents that occurred on public property, 53% of those accidents occurred in intersections.







Community Resource

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In 2009, 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.

Community Policing is a way of doing police work that includes the entire community. Everything the police department does has an effect on the residents in and around Fort Morgan. While there is a Community Resource officer assigned to the position, community policing involves the entire department. The goals and programs could not be accomplished without support from all staff, from administration to street patrol.

In addition, the Fort Morgan Police Department could not effectively police the public without the support of the community. Partnerships with the community improve police services and provide input on enforcement actions. Much of the success of the Fort Morgan Police Department comes from the community which we serve. In a manner of speaking, everyone has a responsibility for keeping our community safe, but it is the Police Department that is charged with enforcing the laws.

This year the Fort Morgan Police Department initiated several new outreach programs in an effort to connect with our community and hear what residents have to say.

Throughout 2009, the Fort Morgan Police Department organized several community meetings. A meeting was held in each of the City's three wards. The idea was to interact with the community in their neighborhoods, provide information specific to where they lived, and encourage residents to ask questions about their police department. The communication between the public and the police department was encouraging.



Late in 2009 the Fort Morgan Police Department initiated a program called "Coffee with a Cop". While this program is not new in the field of law enforcement, it is new to Fort Morgan and seemed like a natural extension of the community meetings held by the department earlier in the year.

By choosing a location in a relaxed atmosphere, officers hope to encourage positive interaction with the community and be available to answer questions residents may have about a law enforcement related topic.



With the assistance of the local radio and newspaper, the police department began regular law enforcement related informational releases, including Crime of the Week Alerts and Crime Prevention Tips. These information spots allow the Fort Morgan Police to pass along reports on current crime trends as well as information on new laws and other law-related happenings that affect our community.

In addition to these new programs, the department continues many current programs that assist the community with crime prevention and law enforcement education.



New Website



The City of Fort Morgan’s website has a new look! Instead of visiting several different websites to access various city departments, everything is now under one site. Along with a uniform look and feel, the new website offers citizens the opportunity to sign up to be notified electronically of Press Releases, Weekly Crime Alerts, News Flashes, Events, and our Monthly Newsletter.

The Police Department page features a “Frequently Asked Questions” column, Quick Links to various law enforcement related sites, and helpful information about the police department itself.



The Fort Morgan Crime Prevention Connection is a monthly electronic newsletter that is filled with crime prevention tips and information.

The new City of Fort Morgan website allows for subscribers to sign up to be notified when the new monthly newsletter is available. Visit our website www.cityoffortmorgan.com and follow the “Notify Me” link (circled in red above) on the left side of the web page to sign up for the newsletter.

Near the beginning of each month, a new newsletter is sent out to subscribers who have signed up to receive notice that the new edition is ready. You can also access the newsletter from the department home page under “Quick Links” on the right side or the “Community Policing” link on the left side of the page.



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Community Shred Event

In March of 2009, the Fort Morgan Police Department partnered with Morgan Federal Bank to present the Second Annual Community Shred Event. This event allows residents an important opportunity to help prevent fraud and crime by destroying documents with sensitive information. The documents are shredded on site and officers are on hand to provide crime prevention tips.



National Night Out



Across the country, neighborhoods are encouraged to spend this evening outside with their neighbors and promote crime prevention. In years past, we have invited neighborhoods to host a block party and ask officers to visit their group. This year we took a different approach. Instead of waiting to be asked to visit a neighborhood, officers took the initiative and spread out across all of Fort Morgan, knocking on doors and talking with residents. Police visited approximately 1,500 homes in Fort Morgan, providing residents with crime prevention information and answering questions.

Citizen Police Academy

The Citizen Police Academy continues to be one of our most successful programs for giving the average citizen an inside look at the operations of law enforcement. During the ten week program, participants have an opportunity to tour law enforcement facilities, ride along with officers, and handle equipment used by specialized units of the department.

Blue Santa

Thanks to the generous donations of the citizens of Fort Morgan and city employees and their families, in 2009 our Blue Santa program provided non-perishable food, blankets, and toiletry items to 34 seniors and disabled citizens of Fort Morgan. This is the ninth year our community has been able to help those in need.

It may not seem like much, but for those who live on a fixed income of \$500 or less, such items that to us are an everyday item we purchase, can be a luxury item to them.



Police Chaplain Program

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.

Community Programs



The Fort Morgan Police Department offers a wide variety of programs to the community on a regular basis. Citizens, civic groups, schools or anyone else is encouraged to contact the police department for a presentation on any law related topic or department tour.

Throughout the year officers attend health and safety fairs, present pedestrian safety to preschoolers, provide Halloween safety information to classes and discuss safety and crime prevention issues with adult groups. For more information on what we can assist you with, please call Community Resource Officer Roger Doll at (970) 542-3948.





School Resource Officer

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The Fort Morgan Police Department's School Resource Officer program is in its 9th year and continues to bridge the gap between today's youth, the community, and law enforcement.

Officer Tim Malone is our School Resource Officer. His strong communication skills, networking abilities, and many years in law enforcement has created a successful bond between the school system and the City of Fort Morgan. Officer Malone, although primarily assigned to the Fort Morgan High School and the Fort Morgan Middle School, assists the other schools in the district when called upon.

Officer Malone's daily routine consist of many things such as interacting with the students, assisting school administration with legal issues, instructing classes, and promoting a safe environment which is conducive to the learning process.

Officer Malone has been instrumental in implementing many programs at the High School. The school now requires all students to park on campus, thus freeing up the traffic congestion and the possibility of trash problems to the area residents.

He organized a weekly trash pickup program in which various groups and organizations pickup trash in the neighborhood.

He is also spearheading a project to renovate some outside areas at the high school, making them more visually pleasing and a better use of space. This has made the school become more user friendly to the surrounding neighborhoods.

Officer Malone's teaching duties cover many areas including drug awareness, teen driving, sexting, and constitutional law. In addition to his own teaching duties, Officer Malone also attends his own training such as a seminar for the Prevention of School Violence, required training for the police department, and other school resource officer training.

The positive impact Officer Malone has had in the Fort Morgan School District is evident. He was honored



Photo courtesy of the Fort Morgan Times.

as the district's November 2009 Employee of the Month. High School Principal Judy Florian and Special Education Director Tammy Johnson nominated Officer Malone. School Board Superintendent Greg Wagers said that Officer Malone is "very accessible, very knowledgeable, and very caring."

The School Resource Officer program is a great example of the community working together for the greater good.



PPCT Training

Lieutenant Darin Sagel and Sergeant Steve Brown

In 2009 the department was staffed with 27 sworn officers. These officers had a combined total of 2,777 hours of training with an average of 103 hours per officer.

Officers are required by POST (Peace Officer Standards Training) to complete 40 hours training per year, some of which is in-service training that is required by the Fort Morgan Police Department.

In 2009, officers attended a variety of courses such as:

- ◆ Supervisory School
 - ◆ Accident Investigation
 - ◆ Special Weapons & Tactics
 - ◆ Firearms Instructor
 - ◆ Domestic Violence related courses
 - ◆ On-going re-certifications
 - ◆ Semi-Annual Firearms re-certifications
 - ◆ In-house training.

This year Chief Keith Kuretich and Lieutenants Darin Sagel and Jared Crone had the opportunity to attend the International Association of Chief's of Police Conference held in Denver, CO. With it being so close, they were able to take advantage of several great seminars and classes presented by fellow officers from around the world.

In addition to officer training, we had 6 non-sworn staff members attend 132 hours of training. Classes included Officer Safety for Code Enforcement, CCIC/NCIC training and sex offender registration training for police clerks, and website design and criminal justice records training for the administrative assistant.



Train Crossing Collision Training

Back Row: Officers Tony Gagliano, Tim Malone, Pedro Malave, and Zeb Smeester.

Middle Row: Officers Josh Kaber, Roger Doll, and Pete Coffin.

Front Row: Sergeant Brian Cantin and Officer Cindy Brackett.



Specialized Assignments

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Investigations



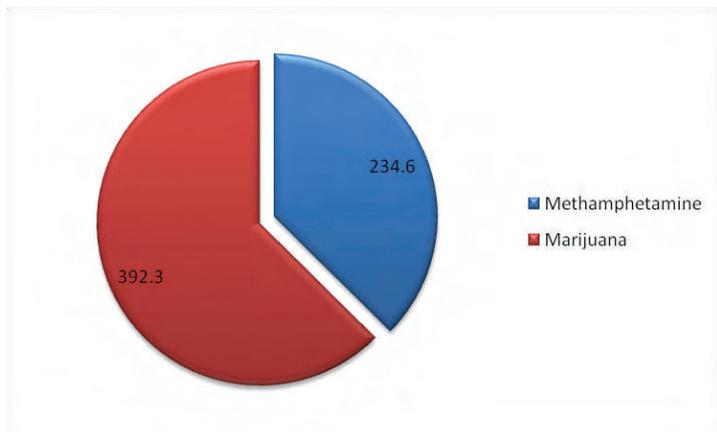
In 2009 the Investigations Division had an unusually high volume of cases. These cases included a homicide, a home invasion sexual assault, a kidnapping and sexual assault, five armed robberies, and numerous crimes against children. Fortunately, we have been able to solve nearly all of these cases and continue to gather evidence and information on the two unsolved cases with the strong belief that we will soon have enough evidence to make an arrest on the persons responsible for these crimes as well.

The Investigations Division is continually evolving to adapt to new technology as well. Advances in DNA analysis, and computer/cell phone forensic evidence has been a great asset to our investigations. We are constantly finding new and improved ways to gather evidence which has been found to be very beneficial.

Members of investigations and patrol have attended training on identifying and monitoring gang activity. We have identified 25 gang members in the Fort Morgan and continue to monitor other suspected members and activity.



Since July of 2009, we have logged 257 drug investigations hours in cooperation with the Northeastern Colorado Drug Taskforce. This year we seized 234.6 grams of Methamphetamine; which has a street value of approximately \$23,500, and 392.3 grams of Marijuana which has a street value of approximately \$1,200. There have been 143 total cases for possession and distribution of narcotics for the entire department and a total of 130 arrests have been made.



Bike Patrol

Officers on the bicycle patrol unit receive special training in patrol tactics using a bicycle. 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.

Hours Ridden	555	Bikes Contacted	36
Miles Ridden	1938	Vehicles contacted	295
Calls Handled	593	Open Doors	13
Tickets issued	130	Arrests Made	42
Pedestrians Contacted	286		

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.

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 and other situations that require highly trained officers to efficiently manage similar incidents.



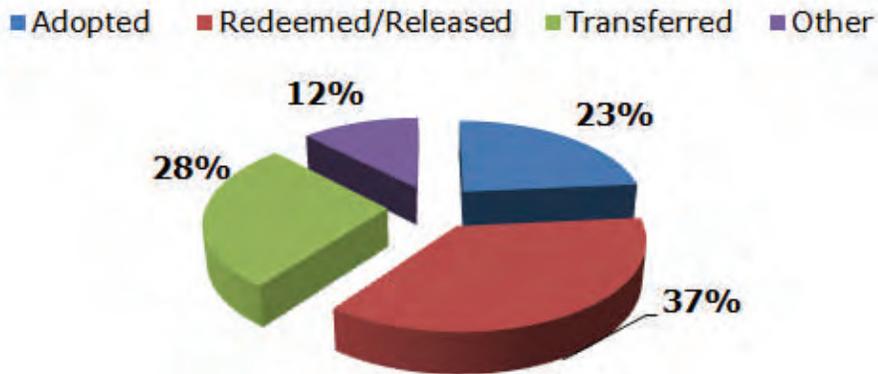
K-9 Patrol

The Fort Morgan Police Department's K-9 team consists of Sergeant Jim Parks and his partner Zeb. Zeb is a German Sheppard and is crossed trained to work a myriad of duties including: Patrol, Narcotics Detection, Building Clearances, and Tracking. Not only does Sergeant Parks and Zeb help the Fort Morgan Police Department, but they often assist other local law enforcement agencies such as the Morgan County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado State Patrol in narcotics detection and tracking.

Sergeant Parks and Zeb continue to successfully serve the citizens of Fort Morgan and Northeast Colorado through police call-outs and demonstrations. Sergeant Parks and Zeb logged over 100 training hours in narcotics, patrol, and tracking.



2009 City of Fort Morgan Animal Impounds



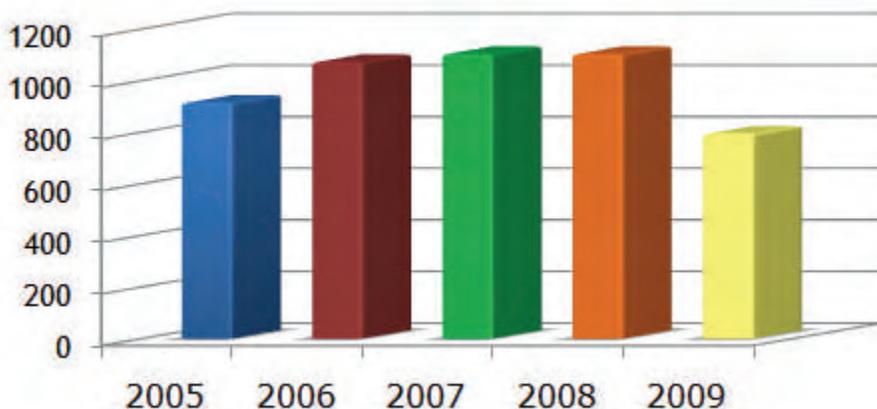
In September of 2009, the Fort Morgan Humane Society assumed the day to day operations of the Fort Morgan Animal Shelter.

As of that date, the Fort Morgan Animal Shelter had impounded a total of 626 animals from the City of Fort Morgan and Morgan County. Of those animals, 101 were adopted, 195 were released to their owners, and 113 were transferred to other facilities.

For the entire year, there was a total of 797 animals impounded with 118 citations issued for animal ordinance violations such as dog at large and vicious dog.

Over the last five years, we have impounded over 5000 animals, ranging from cats and dogs, to chickens and ferrets.

Animals Impounded





2009 Annual Awards

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Citizens Citation of Meritorious Service Award

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



Back Row: Matthew Brannon, Elisio Faz, Jorge Ricco, Ron Jasso, Glenda Powell, and Jeff Schwindt.
Front Row: Kevin Kuretich, Brandon Kuretich, Amy Harris, Valarie Laydon, and Ashley Zamora.



Wal-Mart, Miller's Landscaping, and Murdoch's were honored for their combined donations of 4,605 pounds of pet food to the Fort Morgan Animal Shelter from January 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010.

Damon Mussman, Wal-Mart
Pam Rainer, Murdoch's.

Letter of Appreciation

In the past year we have expanded our cooperative relationship that has developed between our police department and the media that is epitomized in the region.

Each of these recipients is to be recognized for demonstrating continuing and unwavering dedication to making our community healthy, strong, and safe.

The Fort Morgan Times (represented by John Brennan, right), provides a weekly Crime Bulletin highlighting crimes and information regarding the city. Radio Station KFTM, (represented by Jim Brunner, Center), provides a weekly news tip each Monday Morning. B-106 (represented by Alec Creighton, Left), interviews a police employee on its monthly Morgan Matters Talk Show.



Letters of Commendation

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.



Back Row: Lieutenant Darin Sagel, Sergeant Steve Brown, Officer Dominick Lucero.
Front Row: Officers Ken Mooney and Pete Coffin.

Back Row: Detective Todd Zwetzig, Officers Josh Kaber, Det. Sergeant Loren Sharp, and Officer Ted Thyne.
Front Row: Chaplain Bob Schreiner, Officers Tony Gagliano and Cindy Brackett.

Officers were nominated for Letters of Commendation for the performance of their duties for a Homicide Response, number of cases handled in the investigations division, DUI work, Car Fire response, and for services above and beyond.

Safe 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.

10 Years	Officer Cindy Brackett
15 Years	Lieutenant Darin Sagel Detective Sergeant Loren Sharp Community Resource Officer Roger Doll Officer Kevin Miller



Distinguished Service Award



Distinguished Service Awards are given to officers who have performed above and beyond what is normally expected by the use of exemplary initiative rather than carrying out an assigned task. There were two Life Saving Awards and two Medals of Honor awarded in 2009.

Sergeant Steve Brown and Officer Ted Thyne were nominated to receive the Life Saving Award. On October 10, 2009, these officers responded to a report of a Cor-0. The gentleman on scene was suffering a heart attack and was un-responsive. They began CPR and continued for several minutes until fire and medical personnel arrived on scene. Their actions contributed greatly to saving this person's life.

Officers Dominick Lucero and Pedro Malave were nominated to receive a Medal of Valor for their action within the realm of duty which involved risk to themselves or that of another department member.

On May 12, 2009, these officers responded to the report of a fight in progress. Upon arrival, they learned that one of the parties involved was in the backyard and was armed with a knife. The officers went to the backyard and the suspect charged Officer Lucero with the knife in his hand. Officer Lucero deployed his taser at the suspect in order to keep himself from harm.

The suspect fell to the ground with the knife underneath him. Officer Malave attempted to secure the knife when the suspect grabbed the knife again and attempted to swing it at Officer Malave's leg. Officer Lucero again tased the suspect and other officers arrived to assist with the apprehension of the suspect.

These two officers, when faced with the possibility of being injured, remained calm and performed their duties to the utmost of their ability, thus preventing injury to themselves, the suspect, and others around them.

Employee of the Year



The 2009 recipient of the Employee of the Year Award is Police Clerk Stephanie Harman.

Police Clerk Stephanie Harman was nominated by her peers for the 2009 Employee of the Year. Stephanie began her career with the Fort Morgan Police Department in December of 2008. Since her employment began, Stephanie has excelled as a member of our team.

Stephanie was nominated as Employee of the Year for her focus on assuring that the job is done right and her willingness to help everyone. She has learned her position quickly. She is quick and efficient about getting reports and entries into CIS and other programs. She focuses on correcting errors and makes sure the job is done right. Stephanie communicates well with other staff and employees and treats everyone with respect and dignity.

Stephanie is always willing to help with extra projects. She has assisted investigations with setting up a system to assure that sensitive narcotics reports are being completed effectively. She has been working on revising the clerk's procedure manual to assure that procedures are easy to follow and are well organized. Stephanie is a great asset to our department and we appreciate her and her hard work very much!



Moving On

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Each year, we have officers that move on to different agencies, different careers, and retirement. In 2009, the Fort Morgan Police Department said goodbye to a longtime employee, Detective Sergeant Tom Davis.

Tom started his career in July of 1984. He has served as a patrol officer, detective, patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, firearms instructor, and range officer. After 25 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Fort Morgan, Tom retired and is enjoying his favorite pastimes; hunting, fishing, and his grandchildren.



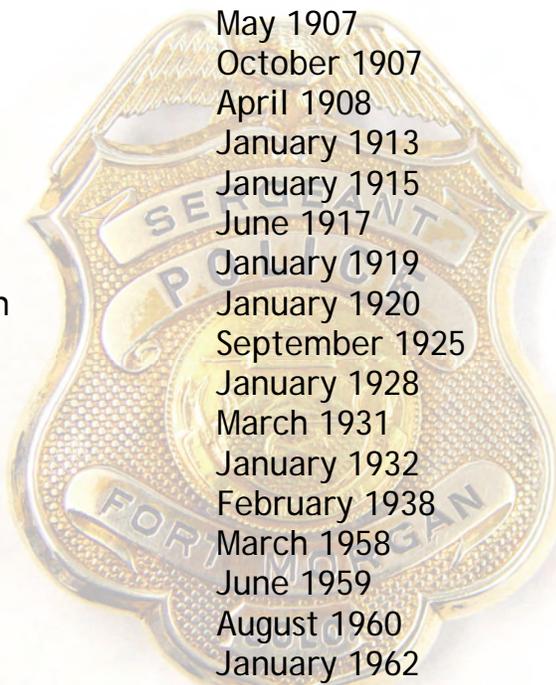
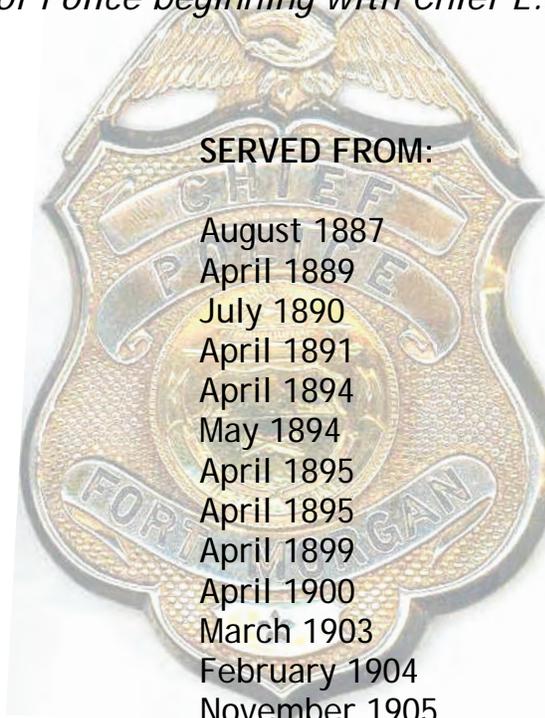
Detective Sergeant
Thomas Davis

Tour of Duty
July 12, 1984 —March 15, 2009

Marshals and Chiefs

In 2009 we acknowledge 120 years of Law Enforcement in the City of Fort Morgan. There has been 33 Town Marshals and Chiefs of Police serving the City of Fort Morgan 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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Police Department

Overview

Our Department consists of 28 sworn officers and 6 civilians who serve the community under the direction of the Chief of Police. We operate under a community policing and problem solving philosophy, which keeps us focused on our community partnership responsibilities.

The Department, in cooperation with the citizens we serve, strive to meet identified objectives toward the goal of enhanced public safety administered in an efficient and cost effective manner.

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.

New! CRIMESTOPPERS On-Line

Do you have a tip that might lead to the arrest of a criminal? You can use the [CRIMESTOPPERS](#) form to anonymously submit information that may help solve some of the burglaries and vandalisms that have occurred in our community.

You can also call CRIMESTOPPERS at (970) 542-3411 to report your information.

Blue Santa Program

Each year, members of the Fort Morgan Police Department organize a drive to benefit the elderly and disabled in our community. Officers, employees, and volunteers spearhead an effort to collect food, toiletries and money to benefit some of the less fortunate members of our community.

Visit our [Blue Santa](#) page to find out how you can help.

CALENDAR VIEW ALL

Nov. 20 - Dec. 5
Blue Santa Donation Drive

Nov. 26 - Nov. 27
Front Office Closed - Thanksgiving Day and Day After

Dec. 5
Blue Santa Donation Drive

NEWS FLASH VIEW ALL

Weekly Crime Information Alert
Theft From Yard [\[Read on...\]](#)

Police Round Up 11 Alleged Drug Dealers
Eleven drug dealers who were suspected of Distribution of Methamphetamine and Marijuana in Morgan County were targeted to be arrested Wednesday morning in coordinated drug raids. [\[Read on...\]](#)

QUICK LINKS VIEW ALL

- Colorado Road Conditions
- Police Department City Council Reports
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- Fort Morgan Municipal Court
- Fort Morgan Police Department Crime Prevention Connection

FAQS VIEW ALL

- General Department Information
- How do I get a copy of a police or accident report?
- Where are the truck routes in the City of Fort Morgan?

OPINION POLL

What area would you like to see the Fort Morgan Police Department concentrate their efforts on?

Vandalism

Burglaries

Traffic Violations

Drug/Alcohol Violations

Crime Prevention Programs

SUBMIT

Visit our New Web Site!
<http://www.cityoffortmorgan.com>

Thank You



Thank you for taking the time to look through our 2009 Annual Report. 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 members of Fort Morgan City Council. Without City Council's recognition, support, 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.

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 new City of Fort Morgan Website and the Police Department's web page at www.cityoffortmorgan.com to view this report on-line and to learn more about your City Police. If you have any questions or would like to express comments, please feel free to contact us at 970-542-3930.

Office of the Chief Of Police

Keith A. Kuretich, Chief

Sheila Bass, Administrative Assistant

Support Services Division

Lieutenant Jared R. Crone

Police Chaplains	Code Enforcement	Community Resource Officer	School Resource Officer	Police Clerks
Bob Schreiner	John Simpson	Roger Doll	Tim Malone	Sue Elliott
Phil Tarman	Erik Cook			Stephanie Harman
Greg Larson				Mary Holt
Doug Trevithick				
Bob Tolson				

Operations Division

Lieutenant Darin L. Sagel

Sgt. Doug Schossow	Sgt. Brian Cantin	Sgt. Jim Parks	Sgt. Steve Brown	Det. Sgt. Loren Sharp
Ofc. Kevin Miller	Ofc. Cindy Brackett	Ofc. Trevor Greenwood	Ofc. Zebulun Smeester	Det. Todd Zwetzig
Ofc. Luis Vazquez	Ofc. Pete Coffin	Ofc. Tony Gagliano	Ofc. Josh Kaber	Det. Steve Vosburg
Ofc. Julie Ramstetter	Ofc. Ted Thyne	Ofc. Ken Jansma	Ofc. Ken Mooney	
Ofc. Cory Cook	Ofc. Pedro Malave	Ofc. Dominick Lucero		