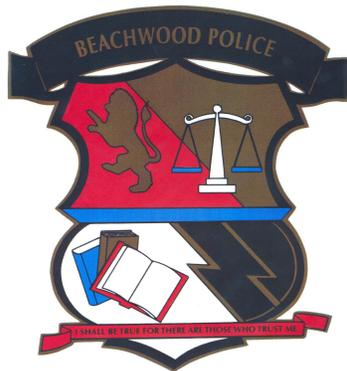


The City of Beachwood, Ohio



Police Department



ANNUAL REPORT

2008

INTRODUCTION

The following report details the activity of the Beachwood Police Department for 2008. You will see we experienced a slight increase in total calls for service, however serious crime did not increase and in fact was lower in most categories in the year 2008.

Planned technology upgrades were implemented in 2008 and completed early 2009. We are taking advantage of the latest technology both in the field and administratively. Patrol car computers and cameras enable officers to complete real time data entry and retrieval. Video cameras are streaming live video from the units as well as documenting archived recordings for future use.

We look forward to an active recruiting campaign in 2009 with an entrance exam scheduled for March 2010. We will focus on improving the diversity of our patrol force. Our recruiting staff has been expanded and we have been utilizing the services of JEM Relations, LLC on an initiative that works toward developing a relationship with area churches to increase the number of minority applicants. We continue to invite high school and college age interns to work with the Beachwood Police Department providing mentoring opportunities that we hope will increase the participant's interest in law enforcement as a career, with the goal that this will be another avenue towards diversity.

All the members of the Beachwood Police Department are dedicated to maintaining a highly trained and motivated team of professionals to deliver effective law enforcement services to the City of Beachwood. We are committed to our status as an accredited law enforcement agency through CALEA and we greatly appreciate the support of Mayor Merle S. Gorden, Beachwood City Council, and all of our co-workers in the City of Beachwood. We recognize that it is this support that makes us a successful organization.

Respectfully,
Mark S. Sechrist
Chief of Police

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Det. Mike McFadden

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C/O John Summers

C/O Terrence Conwell

C/O Kenneth Laster

C/O David Wervey

C/O Roy DeFlorville

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C/O Michael McClelland

ACCREDITATION REPORT



In 2008, the Beachwood Police Department continued the work to retain our accredited status through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (C.A.L.E.A.). C.A.L.E.A., an international organization comprised of law enforcement officials and professionals, has designated a list of over four-hundred fifty standards that they recommend be followed by law enforcement agencies. The standards are constantly reviewed by the commission and are considered the best professional practices for law enforcement.

A successful reaccreditation is contingent upon the department's ability to demonstrate continued compliance to applicable standards during the period being reviewed. The year was spent tracking the department's performance, identifying changes to procedures, and ensuring that periodic analyses, reviews, and other mandated activities were accomplished during our reaccreditation period. In July, we submitted our first C.A.L.E.A. Agency Annual Report.

All our policies were current at our on site assessment in April 2007. Between April and October, numerous policies were updated to comply with C.A.L.E.A.'s fifth edition standards. We instituted our new policy review program in January 2008. Each policy had been given a "review date" and on the first of each month policies were distributed to various department personnel for review to ensure the policies were current. This system has been very successful. During 2008, new policies were released and existing policies were revised. Some of these changes were due to an upgrade to our MDT / video camera system, implementation of our new electronic time card system, and the issuance of new patrol rifles.

In December, the accreditation manager attended a conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The annual conferences offer informative workshops and provide a means to speak with other law enforcement agencies on various accreditation related topics.

In the fall of 2009, the department will schedule a mock assessment to prepare for the actual C.A.L.E.A. assessment in April of 2010.

The accreditation process has resulted in many improvements to the department. Stricter evidence control, regular inspections of the operations and equipment, thorough recruitment of police personnel and streamlined promotional and hiring processes are just a few of the enhancements the department has seen as a result of becoming accredited. After several years of working under C.A.L.E.A. guidelines, accreditation has proved to be beneficial to the Beachwood Police Department. As part of the process, the department's policies and procedures have been updated with the goal of not only complying with C.A.L.E.A. standards, but to improve all aspects of the police department and most importantly, the service it delivers to the citizens of Beachwood. The progress that has been made through this process and the

attainment of an accredited status is a direct reflection on the dedication and professionalism of all members of the Beachwood Police Department.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Beginning in 2007 the department began exploring and reviewing new Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) systems to replace aging MDTs that were in use. With advancements in police technology the department also wanted to incorporate patrol vehicle camera systems in the project, as our camera systems which were VHS tapes were also aging and becoming costly to repair.

Chief Sechrist outlined the goals of the project. Cmdr. Sullivan, the officer in charge of the police vehicles and the patrol vehicle video systems and Ptl. Grein, the department's Computer Systems Administrator worked together to explore current and emerging technology.

After considerable research, they put together a project with a number of vendors to completely upgrade the police vehicles. This included new Panasonic ToughBook Laptop Computers, with Panasonic Arbitrator Vehicle Cameras that are able to record DVD quality video, and stream live video from the patrol car back to the station or to another patrol car. GPS capabilities were also added to aid in officer safety and crisis management.

This equipment replacement also required the interior equipment placement in the patrol vehicles to be redesigned. A new layout was designed to incorporate the new computer and camera equipment and the new patrol rifles. As a result the officer's work space in the patrol vehicle was improved and more user friendly. In addition each vehicle was set up the exact same way to keep uniformity, which aids in equipment usage in high stress situations.

The project also required additional servers and networking infrastructure at the police department to accommodate the new system.

After the design was completed and quotes were solicited; the project, projected to cost \$373,742.11, was approved by the Mayor and City Council in April of 2008.

The first test vehicles were put in service in late June of 2008, and the last vehicle was put in service at the end of September 2008. It should be noted that timing of upgrades were also coordinated with planned vehicle replacements, so the installations were scheduled to avoid putting new equipment in a police vehicle that was going to be replaced.

At the conclusion of the project the police department had all of the functions and benefits envisioned, such as:

1. High quality digital video that is automatically uploaded to the servers.
2. Storage space was reduced from more than 1300 VHS tapes on numerous shelves to a single server that takes up a mere 10 inches of a server rack system.
3. Networked managed viewing of the recorded video on any computer in the police department.

4. Live Streaming Video from the patrol to the station or to another patrol car.
5. Global Positioning System (GPS) functionality to aid in officer safety and response to calls.
6. Streamlined management of the systems. Updates and maintenance upgrades are performed automatically or remotely.
7. New faster computers which are able to incorporate State of Ohio Law Enforcement Automated Data Systems (LEADS) two factor authentication requirement.

Not only was this project a success and delivered all of the functions that were sought, it came in under budget by more than \$15,000.00. In addition, the obsolete equipment was recycled by trading in the computers and computer parts to TAC Computer for credit on software upgrades/purchases and the video equipment was donated to area departments who have similar systems and were in need of replacement parts.

Future projects include assisting the Fire Department, which is under way, in upgrading their MDT computer systems to have the same capabilities and functions that the police department has. We are also exploring the feasibility of a city-wide wireless mesh network for public safety, security, and other purposes.

During 2008, we also upgraded our station's network wiring for a new city phone system, however, the specifications were also for computer networking. We now have all new network wiring rated at CAT 6 which has also improved computer networking within the police department.

Our network has grown and as a result we had to add additional networking devices and replace aging equipment that was no longer able to perform at levels that the newer computers and servers can perform.

REVERSE 911 SYSTEM

Background

Reverse 911 is an interactive community policing system used by various agencies and service groups, providing them with the ability to quickly communicate urgent information to citizens in a specific geographic area via pre-recorded telephone messages.

In 1997 The Beachwood Police Department began researching this type of system. There were only a few companies that offered a system such as this. After a careful and extensive review of proposals received, the city accepted the proposal of the Sigma/Micro Corporation. Sigma/Micro Corporation was the first company to create a system to make telephone calls based on a geographic specification.

In October of 1999 the Reverse 911 system was installed and six dispatchers were trained to operate the system. If an emergency were to arise, it was the Department's intention to have at least one person on each shift that would be capable of operating the system.

System Overview

Sigma/Micro Corporation provided the city with a database of all listed telephone numbers and addresses within Beachwood. The city maintains and updates this database as the information becomes available, such as when new residents and businesses move into Beachwood. Periodically, notices are published to determine if new residents want to be included in the Reverse 911 database. If a resident chooses not to be contacted by Reverse 911, their name is excluded from future "call-outs." To expedite the use of the system, the system administrator creates lists and "geo-zones" of addresses in Beachwood, according to the needs of the police department. There is a list of all the streets in the city, as well as specific buildings, related businesses and organizations (such as medical facilities, religious organizations and schools).

Usage Report

The Reverse 911 system was utilized during the year to provide information to residents and businesses of public service announcements. These announcements included notification concerning crime prevention notices, utility interruptions, road closings, traffic pattern adjustments due to High School activities and charitable events as well as changes in the refuse collections within the city.

The city will continue to use the Reverse 911 system to notify residents and businesses of crime awareness, missing persons, public utility interruptions and road closings. The Reverse 911 system has proven to be an invaluable tool in communicating with the residents of Beachwood. The system has been accepted by the residents and the department has received many positive comments on information that was obtained via Reverse 911.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) PROGRAM

The Beachwood Police Department's Automated External Defibrillator program (AED) continues to provide the community with constant deployment of first responder cardiac defibrillatory care. All police units on patrol are equipped with an AED unit. Beachwood police officers that arrive to a medical emergency involving a person who has suffered sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) are able to deploy immediate cardiac care with an AED. Sudden cardiac arrest is a condition in which the heart is in a rhythm pattern of ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia. These heart rhythms can not sustain life and only immediate defibrillation can convert such a heart rhythm.

A person who is a victim of SCA requires immediate defibrillation. CPR alone will not save a victim of SCA although CPR may extend the window of time within which the AED is effective. For every minute from the onset of sudden cardiac arrest that the victim does not receive immediate defibrillation the survival rate drops by approximately 10%. If such defibrillation is delayed between 7-9 minutes, the survival rate is significantly small. Quick response from first responders equipped with an AED is the difference to a victim of sudden cardiac arrest.

Beachwood police officers are these first responders. During 2008 there were three deployments of an AED on a medical emergency in which Beachwood police officers were first on scene and activated the unit.

The first case involved a nursing home patient. In this case the police officers arrived on scene prior to paramedics and deployed the AED which found no shockable heart rhythm. The patient's care was turned over to the paramedics upon their arrival.

The second case involved another nursing home patient. In this case the police officers arrived on scene prior to paramedics and deployed the AED which found no shockable heart rhythm. The patient's care was turned over to the paramedics upon their arrival who transported the patient to a local hospital.

The third case involved a person exercising who suddenly collapsed. Emergency services were called via 911. Police officers who arrived on scene prior to paramedics deployed the AED which advised to administer one shock. The patient's care was turned over to the paramedics upon their arrival who transported the patient to a local hospital.

Police officers equipped with AEDs provide victims of SCA a chance to live through their episode and arrive to a hospital with an opportunity for more intensive care. Police officers equipped with AEDs save lives and promote the mission of the Beachwood Police Department: *"...to affirmatively promote, preserve and deliver a feeling of security, safety, and quality of services to members of our community."*

TRAFFIC REPORT

TRAFFIC BUREAU STAFF

The Traffic Bureau is supervised by Commander Patrick T. Sullivan. Both Ptl. Robert Brininger and Ptl. Martin are assigned full-time to the Traffic Bureau.

TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW

The purpose of this report is to review our traffic safety enforcement activity to determine if our enforcement activities are directed to the areas where there are traffic complaints, accident activity or overall random safety enforcement. This report is broad based and will review various aspects of traffic conditions throughout the City of Beachwood.

ACCIDENT ACTIVITY

In 2008 there were 899 motor vehicle accidents reported to the Beachwood Police Department. Of this total, 252 occurred on private property. These accidents usually involve minor damage to the vehicles or properties involved and are normally self-reported to the department by the accident participants. Because of the limited enforcement powers we have on private property, officers do not normally respond to private property accidents unless there is serious physical injury, disabling damage and/or some type of dispute between the participants. Many times a report is not even made until some type of conflict or dispute comes up. The 252 accidents that were reported to us will not be included in any further review.

FATAL ACCIDENTS

In 2008 we did not have any accidents that resulted in a fatality.

PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS

There were three accidents involving pedestrians in 2008. On Wednesday, January 16, 2008 a 28 year old female was struck as she was crossing Beachwood Blvd. The female was within the marked crosswalk area and was struck by a motorist who was making a left turn. The female was transported to a local hospital and treated for non-life threatening injuries. The driver was cited for failure to yield to a pedestrian in the crosswalk.

On Saturday, July 7th, 2008 a female motorist turned onto Cedar Road from Richmond Road. While making the turn, the motorist struck a male who was within the crosswalk. Investigation

revealed that the male had left the curb well after the “DON’T WALK” signal had been activated. The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. No citations were issued to either party.

On Wednesday, August 6th, 2008 a 30 year old female who was crossing Chagrin Blvd. at Enterprise was struck by a 17 year old motorist. The pedestrian, who refused medical transport, was cited for crossing outside a crosswalk.

CAUSATIVE FACTORS AND ENFORCEMENT

Of the remaining accidents, failure to maintain an assured clear distance ahead was listed as the causative factor in 254 accidents. 241 drivers were issued citations for Failure to Maintain an Assured Clear Distance Ahead. In many cases speed can be directly attributed to this type of accident. However, we have seen a dramatic increase in cell phone use, i.e. calling, texting, e-mails etc. and it is our opinion that many of these accidents are directly related to driver inattention and or failure to maintain full time and attention to the operation of the motor vehicle. 91 violators were convicted of failure to maintain full time and attention. Some charges were amended in court to this charge by the Prosecutor and or the Magistrate.

938 citations were issued for various speed violations.

Failure to Yield was listed as the causative factor on 60 accident reports. The Ohio OH-1 report does not differentiate between the various failure to yield violations. A review of our enforcement activity reveals the following:

- 19 citations issued for Failure to Yield while turning left.
- 51 citations issued for Failure to Yield at a stop or yield sign.
- 1 citation issued for Failure to yield to a funeral procession.
- 32 citations issued for Failure to Yield from a private drive.

Improper lane change was listed as the causative factor on 42 reports. 45 citations were issued.

Failure to control was listed as the causative factor on 81 reports. 79 citations were issued.

Red light violation was listed as the causative factor on 11 reports. 119 citations were issued.

Improper backing was listed as the causative factor on 20 reports. 15 citations were issued.

HIGH ACCIDENT LOCATIONS

Overall accident activity on Chagrin Blvd. revealed a decline of 24 reports. Most of the reported accidents were assured clear distance violations and lane change violations.

Intersection related accidents at Richmond/Chagrin decreased by 4 reports and Chagrin and Park East decreased by 1 report. A total of 835 citations were issued to violators on Chagrin Blvd.

Accident activity on Richmond Road however showed an increase of 15 reports. Many of these reports were directly related to the road construction project on Richmond Road at Shaker Blvd. This construction project lasted throughout the summer months and had Richmond Road restricted to one lane in each direction and left turns prohibited at the intersection. Due to some construction issues, a planned twenty day event extended into a six or seven week event. A number of assured clear distance accidents occurred between the High School driveway and Shaker Blvd. as a result of the changing traffic pattern and construction activity. A total of 141 citations were issued to violators on Richmond Road.

A total of 233 citations were issued to violators on Cedar Road for various traffic offenses.

INTERSECTION ACTIVITY

1. Park East Road and Chagrin Blvd.: As mentioned this location revealed a decrease in accident activity by one report. A total of 66 traffic citations were issued at this location for traffic signal violations, lane use violations, traffic control device violations, assured clear distance violations and OVI.
2. Chagrin Blvd. and Richmond Road: Showed a decrease of 4 reports. A total of 56 citations were issued at this location for traffic signal violations, lane use violations, traffic control device violations and assured clear distance violations.

INTERSTATE I-271

The following accident activity occurred on I-271 northbound, southbound and includes all exit and entrance ramps:

1. On I-271 northbound 2 accidents were reported.
2. On I-271 northbound exit to Chagrin Blvd., 9 accidents were reported.
3. On I-271 northbound express lanes, 2 accidents were reported.
4. On I-271 southbound, 42 accidents were reported.
5. On I-271 southbound entrance ramp from Cedar Road, 5 accidents were reported.
6. On I-271 southbound exit ramp to Chagrin Blvd., 9 accidents were reported.
7. On I-271 southbound exit ramp to Harvard Road, 3 accidents were reported.
8. On I-271 southbound express lanes, 20 accidents were reported.

Failure to control was the most frequently listed causative factor in these accidents, followed closely by assured clear distance and improper lane change violations. Many of these accidents are a direct result of speed that was excessive for the conditions and driver inattention. Overall,

693 citations were issued on the interstate for various traffic violations. We should maintain our high profile enforcement in this area.

TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS

The Beachwood Police Department receives some type of traffic complaint or concern from a motorist almost every day. The complaints range from suspected intoxicated drivers to simple complaints of debris on the roadway.

When a traffic complaint is received our response is limited to three or four different options. If the complaint is about a missing traffic sign or malfunctioning traffic signal, the traffic bureau will coordinate the adjustment, replacement or repair. Many times the complainant simply has a question that may need to be answered.

If the complaint involves motorists not obeying some type of traffic law, a police unit is dispatched and the complaint is also reviewed by the traffic bureau for further police response. After review, a special attention notice is posted and officers direct their discretionary enforcement time to the problem area. The following posting were made in 2008:

- 01/10/08 Speed complaints on Enterprise Parkway, both directions. Strict enforcement requested by the traffic bureau.
- 02/15/08 OVI special attention report to target the prime OVI violation targets within the city.
- 04/15/08 Speed complaints on Bryden Road.
- 04/21/08 Speed and improper passing complaints on Enterprise Parkway.
- 04/23/08 Passing a stopped school bus, Belvoir Blvd.
- 05/13/08 Speed, Sulgrave between Shaker and Fairmount.
- 06/02/08 Speed, Wendover
- 07/11/08 Speed and improper passing on Enterprise.
- 07/29/08 Elmhurst, Speed.
- 07/29/08 Speed, Sulgrave between Shaker and Fairmount.
- 07/29/08 Speed, Enterprise.
- 08/28/08 Passing a school bus, Cedar Road, Hilltop, Belvoir, Richmond Road. (No warnings for this violation).
- 08/28/08 Speed, Sulgrave.
- 08/28/08 Stop sign violators, Halcyon at Greenlawn and Penshurst, Hilltop and E.Baintree circle.
- 08/28/08 Parking on Hawthorne.
- 09/16/08 Wrong way traffic at Bryden School.
- 10/21/08 Penshurst, speed.
- 10/21/08 Sulgrave, speed.
- 10/21/08 Passing a school bus, Hilltop, Richmond and Belvoir.
- 10/24/08 Speed, Farnsleigh.

- 12/26/08 Snow plow violations, city-wide.

Problem areas in 2008:

1. Speed complaints on Enterprise.
2. Improper passing complaints on Enterprise.
3. Speed complaints on Sulgrave between Shaker Blvd. and Fairmount Blvd.
4. Passing stopped school busses.

The increase of traffic complaints on Enterprise can be related to a couple of mitigating factors. The construction of a new hotel created a large amount of construction traffic and parking congestion. The construction of a new building at Developers Diversified required that all employees park across the street. The increase of pedestrian traffic certainly contributed to the reported complaints. Employees from Developers Diversified were required to park off site and cross Enterprise Parkway.

Enterprise Parkway is also a cut-through street for traffic heading to the JCC and for traffic trying to avoid the intersection of Richmond and Chagrin Blvd. Strict enforcement in this area needs to be maintained throughout the year.

The speed complaints on Sulgrave were particularly problematic. This section of Sulgrave runs in a north to south direction between westbound Shaker Blvd. and Fairmount Blvd. The southbound side of the street is located in Shaker Heights and the northbound side is located in Beachwood. The majority of the speed violators are on the Beachwood side of the street as traffic uses this street as a short cut to avoid the intersection of Shaker and Green Roads. This short cut can actually take two traffic lights out of the route if the motorist intends on travelling north on Green Road or west on Fairmount Blvd. It also makes the left turn much easier at Sulgrave and Fairmount rather than Green and Fairmount. Residents from Shaker Heights have asked for speed bumps and various other traffic calming solutions. Possible one-way traffic options were explored. Strict enforcement in this area should be maintained.

Passing stopped school busses are still a frequent area of complaint. It is my opinion that the bus stop location at Richmond Road and George Zeiger Drive be relocated. The stop is too close to the intersection and I feel it is confusing to motorists. The other trouble areas involve the pick up of disabled students that require a specially equipped bus. Motorists are frustrated by the time involved and frequently will drive through and or around the stopped bus. Strict enforcement should be maintained.

OVI ARRESTS AND ENFORCEMENT

The Beachwood Police Department made 71 arrests for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. A review of the arrests revealed that:

- 21 arrests occurred along I-271 southbound.

- 2 arrests occurred on I-271 northbound.
- 12 arrests occurred along Cedar Road.
- 10 arrests occurred along Chagrin Blvd.
- 2 arrests on Park East Dr.
- 2 arrests on Green Road.
- 2 arrests on Shaker Blvd.
- 5 arrests occurred in other areas with no specific pattern.

The early morning hours between 2000 hours and 0400 hours on Saturday and Sundays were the most concentrated areas of OVI violations.

OVERALL TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Overall our traffic enforcement program is on target with our intentions to direct our focus on specific problem areas but not at the expense of other areas. We should maintain our consistent level of enforcement along our major streets and highways. We will continue to direct our discretionary enforcement time to the areas where complaints have been received.

GOALS FOR 2009

1. Better utilize the police motorcycles to respond to complaint areas, specifically the residential areas and the major intersections.
2. Initiate a low level marked police unit to assist us with enforcement in problem areas.
3. Maintain a strict approach to speed violators on Enterprise, Sulgrave and Hilltop.
4. Maintain a strict approach to school bus violations and school zone violations throughout the city.
5. Install semi-permanent speed monitoring device on Hilltop Road.

ENGINEERING

The Chagrin Blvd. ITS project is proceeding on schedule. The engineering firm of URS Consultants is in charge of this project.

The installation of a new traffic signal and the upgrade of the signal at Richmond and Spectrum are on schedule. Tom Krezco is in charge of this project.

The city has plans to do substantial road repair on Richmond Road. This project is on hold until the best options for repair and or possible widening are explored.

Mr. Krezco, the staff engineer for the City of Beachwood is currently involved with the normal road maintenance program and future repair and paving programs will be announce shortly.

There are no other traffic engineering issues for review.

TOWED VEHICLES ANNUAL REPORT

In 2008, the Traffic Bureau managed the Beachwood Police Department vehicle towing operation. This operation includes overseeing the towing and impounding of vehicles seized during the routine performance of police duties and the disposal of all unclaimed vehicles in accordance with state law. Complete records of all vehicles towed and their disposition are maintained.

In 2008 the Beachwood Police Department contracted with two tow companies to provide towing services. The companies were Interstate Towing and Mooney's Towing. Police dispatchers used a rotation system to ensure that each company gets an equitable share of the police tows. Exceptions to this rotation are if a tow company either cannot respond at the time requested or cannot respond with specific requested equipment such as a flatbed or dolly. Interstate Towing is the only contracted company presently equipped to handle large tows of semi's and heavy equipment. The tow companies currently charge \$100 for a standard tow (additional fees for extra labor, i.e. use of a dolly, winch-outs, etc.) and \$12 per day for storage.

In 2008 there were 554 vehicles towed by the two tow companies. This includes **134** private tows. Private tows are those that the police may have called for at the request of the driver but no further police action was taken. Of the vehicles towed, **15** were unclaimed and scrapped.

The breakdown of vehicles scrapped per company is as follows:

Interstate Towing	277 tows	7 scrapped
Mooney's Towing	277 tows	8 scrapped

The 2008 statistic totals compare to previous years as follows:

Year	Tows	Scrapped
2008	554	15
2007	570	42
2006	640	37
2005	619	60
2004	616	61
2003	594	70

TRAFFIC SIGNAL REPORT

The Beachwood Police Traffic Bureau is assigned the tasks of monitoring and maintaining the five closed loop traffic systems and thirty-eight (38) traffic signals belonging to the City of Beachwood.

The monitoring of traffic signals is done on a daily basis by a central traffic computer located in the Traffic Bureau. Officers also observe the traffic systems while on patrol to make sure that the signals are working properly.

While officers do not repair the traffic signals, they are usually the first person to realize there is a problem with a traffic signal. When a hardware problem is detected, the Beachwood Police call the Signal Service Company in Warrensville Heights. Signal Service responded to 241 repair calls for the City of Beachwood in 2008. While most of these involved minor repairs such as bulb replacement, there were some that were for the infrastructure: loops, wiring, and cabinets. The infrastructure repairs are usually very costly because of the man-hours involved in repairing the item. The cost of all repairs was approximately \$55,000.00. The conflict monitor testing that is normally done on an annual basis was not performed due to circumstances beyond our control.

Year	Number of Signals	Number of Repairs	Cost of Repairs
2008	38	241	\$55,000.00
2007	38	202	\$52,000.00
2006	38	234	\$65,000.00
2005	38	207	\$51,000.00
2004	37	225	\$47,000.00

OVI ENFORCEMENT REPORT

In 2008 the Beachwood Police Department made seventy-one (71) arrests for persons who were Operating a Vehicle while Under the Influence of alcohol and/or drugs (O.V.I.). Of the seventy-one (71) arrests made, fifty-seven (57) were male and fourteen (14) were female, including one (1) juvenile female and one (1) juvenile male.

Thirty-nine (39) of the arrested persons submitted to a breath sample with the average BAC level being .176, which is over twice the legal limit of .08. The high reading was .311, which is almost four (4X) times the legal limit. Twenty-eight (28) persons refused to provide a sample. The number of violators refusing the test has been a constant over the last three (3) years with totals of; 2006 - 39%, 2007 – 37% and 2008 – 39%.

Due to exigent circumstances, six (6) persons were requested to provide blood samples. Five (5) of those persons submitted to the test, one (1) refused. Two (2) were found to be impaired by alcohol and three (3) were found to be positive for both alcohol and drugs.

Twenty-one (21) of the violators had at least one (1) prior conviction with six (6) having two (2) or more priors. One (1) offender had four (4) prior convictions and two (2) had three (3). The percentage of repeat offenders has shown a steady decline over the last three (3) year period. In 2006 the percentage was 40% of arrested persons were repeat offenders, in 2007 the number went down to 34% and now in 2008 the number has decreased to 29%. We hope to keep this trend going in 2009.

All O.V.I. cases are adjudicated in the Shaker Hts. Municipal Court with the exception of juvenile O.V.I. cases which are handled through Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and felony O.V.I. situations.

There were two (2) juvenile cases and no felony cases in 2008.

The following is a court disposition breakdown of those cases:

46	Pled to O.V.I. related charges
1	Pled to reduced charges
2	Cases were transferred to county court w/ criminal charges
2	Were turned over to Juvenile Court
20	Cases are still pending

Five (5) of the persons were arrested after being involved in traffic crashes.

One (1) person rear ended another moving vehicle, with the party that was struck being transported to the hospital.

One (1) person rear ended a parked car, no injuries were reported

Three (3) people lost control of their vehicles which resulted in single car crashes. One (1) person was injured in those crashes, but was not transported to the hospital.

The day of week breakdown is as follows:

Monday	2
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Tuesday	8
Wednesday	4
Thursday	11
Friday	6
Saturday	21
Sunday	19

The time of day breakdown is as follows:

% of arrests made	Time frame
57%	1800 – 0200
84%	1900 – 0300
90%	2000 – 0400

In total ninety-three percent (93%) of the arrests were between the hours of 1800 and 0400.

The monthly breakdown is as follows:

January	3	May	2	September	7
February	6	June	5	October	8
March	9	July	5	November	5
April	4	August	10	December	7

The locations of the violations are as follows:

IR 271 S/B	21
Richmond Rd	15
Cedar Rd	12
Chagrin Blvd.	10
Park East	2
Green Rd.	2
IR 271 N/B	2
Shaker Blvd.	2
All others	5

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SUMMARY REPORT

Introduction

The Beachwood Police Department has prepared this annual report to summarize the vehicle accident activity within the municipality for the 2008 calendar year.

Beachwood Police 2008 Traffic Accident Summary Report

Select Accident Statistics For The Last Five Years

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Total Number Of Accidents	899	872	891	917	948
Private Property Accidents	252	248	242	261	238
On Street Self-Reported	119	129	102	113	120
On Street Taken By Officer	528	495	547	543	590

The Remaining Comparisons Will Only Use The On Street Accidents Taken By Officers

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Fatal Accidents	0	0	1	0	2
Injury Accidents	169	127	144	144	143
Persons Injured	213	176	197	201	231
Man Hours Taking Reports	678	660	713	739	812

Location Type

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Intersection	74	81	95	68	99
Driveway Access	70	64	73	64	72
Non-Intersection	374	321	378	411	419

Months Of Occurrence

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
January	50	58	37	60	68
February	53	53	49	33	48
March	49	30	32	36	46
April	38	44	25	41	48
May	39	35	48	37	50
June	37	38	42	49	53
July	45	34	46	44	28
August	46	36	54	32	44
September	24	41	45	49	42
October	40	47	64	49	44
November	51	36	48	47	53
December	55	43	47	66	66

Day of Occurrence

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Monday	78	72	71	65	76
Tuesday	108	78	98	83	105
Wednesday	78	82	94	88	92
Thursday	85	83	100	90	110
Friday	95	104	105	106	109
Saturday	45	46	49	65	61
Sunday	39	30	30	45	37

Street Locations

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Chagrin Blvd.	103	127	122	120	145
Cedar Road	87	70	84	81	91
Richmond Road	114	83	97	108	109
I-271 & Ramps	91	86	97	101	109

Time of Occurrence

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
0001-0100	5	1	2	1	2
0101-0200	1	3	2	2	1
0201-0300	3	0	2	1	5
0301-0400	1	1	2	4	3
0401-0500	1	1	0	0	4
0501-0600	5	1	3	3	3
0601-0700	5	3	6	11	8
0701-0800	23	30	17	19	31
0801-0900	41	34	36	35	45
0901-1000	18	24	28	27	38
1001-1100	28	19	19	29	23
1101-1200	34	25	36	31	34
1201-1300	48	36	40	26	42
1301-1400	33	40	39	44	48
1401-1500	42	34	39	44	35
1501-1600	58	55	45	54	54
1601-1700	46	37	42	57	61
1701-1800	55	69	66	62	67
1801-1900	29	28	47	37	25
1901-2000	10	16	20	17	14
2001-2100	14	13	16	17	15
2101-2200	11	11	24	13	14
2201-2300	11	10	14	6	11
2301-2400	6	4	2	2	6

Average Age of Driver At Fault

2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
43.0	41.9	39.9	42.3	43.2

Number of Driver's At Fault Age 65 and Older

2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
87	57	64	73	101

Causative Factors

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Assured Clear Distance	254	222	258	247	254
Failure To Yield	60	71	76	72	79
Improper Lane Change	42	49	40	52	58
Failure To Control	81	63	71	73	89
Red Light Violation	11	21	20	18	17
Improper Backing	20	16	18	15	25

Roadway Condition

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Dry	323	327	374	373	344
Wet	130	125	145	115	181
Snow	66	35	25	50	47
Other	9	8	3	5	18

ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

A careful review of the 2008 accident activity revealed the following:

1. The total number of accident reports taken increased by 27 reports.
2. Private property accidents increased by 4 reports.
3. On street self reported accidents decreased by 10 reports.
4. On street accident reports taken by an officer increased by 33 reports.
5. There were no fatal accidents in 2008.
6. Reported accidents where people claimed injury increased by 42.
7. The number of people injured in Beachwood accidents increased by 37 people.
8. The man hours spent taking reports increased by 18 hours.
9. For the second year in row, intersection related accidents showed another decrease. 2008 showed a decrease of 7 from 2007.
10. The busiest month for accident activity was December with 55 reports taken.
11. The busiest day of the week for accident activity was Tuesday with 108 reports taken. Friday was the next busiest day with 95 reports taken.
12. Richmond Road showed the most accident activity with 114 reports taken an increase of 31 over 2007. A road repair program on Richmond Road at Shaker Blvd. certainly contributed to the increase. Conversely, Chagrin Blvd. showed a decline in accident activity with 24 less reports taken than 2007.
13. Accidents occurring within an intersection showed a modest decline at 74 accidents, down from 81 accidents in 2007. This is the second year in a row where intersection related accidents showed a decline. 70 driveway access related accidents were taken in 2008 an increase of 6 reports. Non-intersection related accidents showed an increase of 53 reports over 2007. 374 non-intersection related accident reports were taken in 2008. Again this would relate to the increase in accident activity related to the Richmond Road construction project.
14. The busiest hour of the day for accident activity was the 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm rush hour.

15. The average age of a driver who was issued a citation was 43.0 an increase from last years average of 41.9.
16. Accidents where the causative factor of failure to maintain an assured clear distance ahead totaled 254 reports. Excessive speed, driver inattention and tailgating certainly contribute to this accident activity.
17. Dry road conditions were listed on 323 reports. Snow covered roadways increased by 31 with a total of 66 reports taken in 2008.

INVESTIGATIVE UNITS REPORT

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The numbers of reports received for specific types of crimes are reviewed each year. It is expected that fluctuations in crimes reported in most categories will vary somewhat from year to year. 2008 statistics are similar in many respects to those of prior years with serious crimes such as Robbery, Rape, Felonious Assault, and Aggravated Burglary showing little or no change in reported incidents. Increases in reported incidents of Breaking and Entering and stolen bicycles were observed as were reductions in the number of Simple Assaults and reported Stolen Vehicles.

Detective Roger Curtiss retired in 2008 after serving 23 years with the Beachwood Police Department. Detective Curtiss was responsible for financial crimes investigations as well as assisting with numerous major criminal investigations. Ptl. Mike McFadden was assigned to fill the vacancy in the detective bureau and will focus on general criminal investigations. Detective Allan Baumgartner will shift his primary focus to financial crimes working alongside Detective Nelson. Sgt. Keith Winebrenner will continue to supervise the fourth platoon while assuming his new responsibilities as Detective Sergeant.

The majority of serious criminal offenses assigned to the detective bureau were successfully cleared in 2008 and some cases of interest are summarized below:

An investigation was initiated at the request of a local hospital that suspected theft on the part of a long time employee. The investigation revealed that the employee working with her husband stole nearly four million dollars from the hospital. The couple committed suicide before the investigation was completed.

A local bank reported a case of fraudulent checks issued by two female suspects. An investigation was conducted and search warrants were executed resulting in the recovery of \$25,000.00 in cash and \$12,000.00 in jewelry. The pair were arrested and charged.

A case of identity theft and credit card fraud began in 2007 and concluded in 2008 with victim losses totaling more than 1.5 million dollars. This case was worked in conjunction with the FBI and the Ohio Highway Patrol resulting in the arrest of seven individuals.

A 90 year old victim was assaulted and robbed of his vehicle in a parking lot on Chagrin Blvd. Beachwood Detectives assisted by Cleveland PD made an arrest and cleared the case.

A suspect was interviewed in the theft of more than \$8000.00 from an office building on Orange Place. The suspect denied any involvement. After failing a CVSA exam he admitted to the theft and returned the cash.

A series of thefts of eyeglass frames from a retail store left police searching for a middle aged female suspect. Investigation revealed that the suspect was in fact a female impersonator. He was arrested and charged with the thefts.

A watch sales representative was the victim of a daytime robbery in the parking lot of Beachwood Place Mall. He was approached by multiple suspects who forced him to the ground and robbed him. This case is still under investigation as are two similar robberies of sales reps in the greater Cleveland area.

Members of the detective bureau desire to provide a high level of service to the community they serve. This can be accomplished in part by staying abreast of technological advancements available to law enforcement and maintaining good working relationships with allied agencies, the schools, and the residential and business community. To achieve these goals new equipment may be acquired, officers continue to hone their skills via continuing education, and efforts are made to establish and strengthen relationships with the entities mentioned above.

In 2008 new technology was put into service allowing for more efficient case and trial management. Detective Breckenridge spent considerable time working with the schools to resolve the growing number of issues often encountered within the school environment and detectives attended continuing education to keep abreast of developments within their specialty areas.

In 2009 detectives and investigators will continue to monitor/address criminal activity and keep up to date with trends and educational opportunities.

JUVENILE DIVISION

Detective Breckenridge was assigned 107 total cases in the year 2008.

12 were adult investigations and 95 were juvenile cases.

A total of 120 juveniles were physically arrested in 2008.

63 juveniles were placed in the Beachwood Police Department Diversion Program, completing over 200 hours of community service.

57 juveniles were charged through Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.

10 felony arrests were recorded with 8 juveniles being transported to the Cuyahoga County Detention Center.

A total of 14 resident juveniles were arrested in the year 2008, this number is basically the same as last year. The dramatic decline the last two years can now be successfully attributed to concentrating our efforts toward our habitual resident youth, directing a more aggressive

response and/or court intervention attitude. This new practice will continue in 2009. 1 juvenile was arrested for Carrying a Concealed Weapon, 6 for Theft, 4 for Drug / Alcohol Violations, 1 Aggravated Assault, 1 Assault and 1 for Domestic Violence.

A total of 90 non-resident juveniles were arrested in the year 2008. Of that 81 were arrested for Theft / Shoplifting, 2 for Aggravated Robbery, 2 for Rape, 3 Grand Theft Auto, and 2 for Felony Theft.

JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Beachwood Police Department Diversion Program has been a benefit to the victims, offenders and the community once again this year. This program is operated by our police department and most of the community service hours are completed in our community for our community.

This program would not be successful without open communication and cooperation from Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Intake Office Manager John William Tutt. His expertise and guidance is invaluable to this department and the community it serves.

To enhance our already successful Diversion Program that includes washing and waxing police vehicles, organizing authorized police environments, assisting with roadside trash clean up and city landscaping duties, it also provided community service hours to Menorah Park Center for Senior Living and the Montefiore Nursing and Health Care Center, assisting the facilities with elderly patients in their volunteer programs.

In 2007 we experimented with non-resident offenders completing service hours in their own community, volunteering at local soup kitchens, homeless shelters, low income housing projects, drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers, churches, temples and synagogues. By the end of 2008 the experiment was considered successful and we will continue the practice in 2009.

The Juvenile Division's Diversion Program objective is to provide effective individual treatment to help and guide the first time offender rather than simply putting them "through the Juvenile Court system". It implements alternative disciplines by utilizing outside resources with both professional and personal interaction between the parents, victims, offenders, schools and community resources.

It is imperative that we strive to constantly update and adjust our program so it will adapt to the ever changing community population and social environment.

TRAINING REPORT

DEFENSIVE TACTICS

While on duty, police officers may encounter violent resistance or dangerous assaults against them. The officers may use force to defend themselves and control situations. The Beachwood Police department provides officers with different use of force options to protect and defend others and themselves. Officers also receive training on the agency use of force policy which provides “guidelines to make force decisions in a professional, impartial, and safe manner” (.50 Use of Force policy). The following are some of the tools available to officers to defend themselves and control situations.

Electronic Control Devices

Trained police officers carry a Taser X26 electronic control device as a use of force option. “Electronic Control Devices (ECD) use propelled wires or direct contact to conduct energy to affect the sensory and motor functions of the nervous system.” (Taser International Instructor certification lesson plan, Version 13.0 May, 2006, page 18)

Recertification training for the Taser was conducted in 2008.

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Aerosol Spray

Department police officers are equipped with canisters of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) aerosol sprays. OC spray, which is commonly referred to as pepper spray, is a safe and effective police tool to help officers gain control of non-compliant individuals. OC is an inflammatory which is a derivative of cayenne pepper. If applied, it will cause the involuntary closing of the eyes and will impair a person’s breathing. It will also create an intense burning sensation to the exposed areas. It takes effect immediately and is most effective when inhaled. Symptomatic effects can last up to 45 minutes. When officers are initially trained in the concepts and use of OC spray, they receive exposure to it to allow them to better understand its potential effects and limitations. Recertification training for the OC spray was conducted in 2008.

PR-24 Control Batons

Department police officers are equipped with PR-24 control batons. The baton is an instrument designed to help officers defend themselves and others against a physical assault and also to help control non-compliant subjects. The baton can be carried on an officer’s duty

belt during a tour of duty. In 2008, applicable officers were recertified on the PR-24 control baton.

RIPP Restraints

The Beachwood Police Department is equipped with RIPP Restraint Hobbles and Arm and Ankle Restrainers for department use. These alternative restraint devices help to safely control violent resisting subjects. When applied to a subject, they can help prevent the subject from kicking or punching an officer.

Spit/Bite Protective Devices

The Beachwood Police Department is equipped with Tranzport Hoods and Protection Masks. These protective devices help allow police and correction officers to control arrested subjects who may bite or spit at officers. They are also designed to help prevent the transfer of infectious diseases from subjects under arrest. Hoods and masks are located in police cruisers and all department police officers are issued an individual Tranzport Hood for duty use.

Physical Fitness

Maintaining a high level of physical fitness is critical to an officer's health and job performance. A conditioned officer will not only be effective in handling the high volume and variety of public service and law enforcement responsibilities and duties but will also be more effective during sudden physical situations such as a foot chase or an assault against an officer. Also, a career in law enforcement can generally involve a significant amount of stress brought on by factors such as rotating shifts and high risk assignments. Stress can have adverse effects upon an officer's overall health. Along with a good diet, regular exercise can help combat the debilitating effects of stress.

The Beachwood Police Department is currently equipped with two exercise rooms for use by department police officers. One room is suited for aerobic conditioning and includes a StairMaster exercise machine, a treadmill and a stationary exercise bike. It also includes a Vectra On-Line 3500 machine for those interested in resistance training.

The other larger room serves officers interested in free weight training. It is equipped with iron weight plates, dumbbells and numerous pieces of strength equipment along with bars and attachments for resistance training. There training bags available for conditioning and training purposes. The room has a dual training function and allows police officers to receive instruction in defensive tactics, the use of the PR-24 control baton and OC (pepper) spray. Dispatchers also can receive matron training there.

The equipment in both rooms allows police officers the opportunities to stay in excellent shape. This equipment was largely funded through the generosity of the Beachwood 100 Club.

They consistently strive to promote health and fitness opportunities for Beachwood Police Officers who have always appreciated their generosity and thoughtfulness. Other equipment and material for the rooms have been funded through the City of Beachwood, the Beachwood Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 86 and the Beachwood Fraternal Order of Police Associate Lodge 88.

In 2001, the FOP purchased a large cable crossover machine, a decline bench and a body composition analyzer to check an officer's body fat percentage and body fat weight.

FOP Fitness Recognition Program

In 2000, the FOP initiated a Fitness Recognition program to recognize race and strength accomplishments of member officers. Beachwood Police Officers/Lodge members who have completed either a 5K run, 10K run, Half Marathon or Marathon can have their names, the date of the race (and their course time if desired) inscribed on a plate that is attached to a badge shaped Race Recognition plaque.

If officers complete a certain bench press, they can have their names, the date (and the exact amount of their lift if desired) marked on a plate that is attached to a badge shaped Strength Recognition plaque. This voluntary program not only recognizes fitness accomplishments of its members but also works as a motivational tool to encourage departmental physical fitness.

FIREARMS TRAINING PROGRAM AND PISTOL RANGE

Training Program

The 2008 training program consisted of training sessions which encompassed the following areas:

- 1) Winter low level light traffic stops. During this live fire course traffic stops are simulated inside the pistol range. The course is shot with the officers dressed in the winter uniform to include jackets and gloves. The course is also shot with the only illumination being a twin red rotating emergency light. The officers engage shoot – don't shoot targets as they walk toward the targets as if they are approaching a vehicle during traffic stop.
- 2) The Annual State Shotgun and Off Duty Handgun Re-qualifications. Officers re-qualified with department issue duty shotgun and approved off duty handguns. As implemented in 1998, level II scoring was utilized during qualifications.
- 3) The Annual State Duty Handgun Re-qualifications. Officers re-qualified with department issue duty handguns. As implemented in 1998, level II scoring was utilized during qualifications.
- 4) Officer Hostage. The purpose of this course is to help develop officer skills necessary to deal with a close quarter officer hostage situation. Tactics, verbal commands and

handgun skills will be discussed. Live fire drills will be conducted to include the utilization of an officer hostage target.

- 5) AR 15 – Police Carbine Familiarization and Duty Handgun Basics. In lieu of the AR-15 qualifications a weapon familiarization was conducted which covered function and features of the weapon. In addition to this, live fire drills were conducted utilizing the officers duty weapon covering reloading, one hand shooting and distance techniques.
- 6) AR-15 and SWAT Weapon Re-qualifications. Officers responded to an outdoor shooting range where they re-qualified with the AR-15 (patrol carbine). SWAT officers also re-qualified with the M-16 as well as the MP-5. SWAT team snipers also re-qualified with their sniper rifles at this time.
- 7) Tactical Movement. The purpose of this course was to provide non-SWAT officers with the principles of coordinated tactical movement, weapon management and room clearing techniques. This also served as a review for SWAT trained officers.
- 8) Draw by the Numbers. This course was designed to introduce officers to advanced drawing and improved carry techniques. Each officer will be introduced to the concept of “natural point of aim” and adjustments to the officers shooting platform will be made as needed.

Pistol Range Target Systems and Maintenance

The pistol range target system is functioning properly. To insure its operation, routine maintenance is performed by Sgt. Riley on an ongoing basis. The “simulator target system” was damaged in 2004 due to the flood in the building and is not yet back in operation.

Department Weapons Inspections and Cleaning

The departmental issue handguns are now 10 years old and have functioned flawlessly and up to expectations. These handguns have been inspected by the department range officers during cleaning and are showing little wear. In 2006 the department purchased an ultrasonic gun cleaner. This piece of equipment has allowed us to clean all of our weapons completely and improve our inspection process

Sgt. Winebrenner inspected and cleaned the department’s shotguns. The majority of our shotguns are Smith & Wesson model 3000 guns. These guns are old and are showing wear. In 2008 the patrol carbines were put into service and the shotguns will be phased out. This process will take two years as additional carbines and cruiser mounting systems will need to be purchased.

Patrol Carbine

In 2007 the department purchased (6) Colt AR-15 Law Enforcement Carbines Model LE6920 Cal 5.56 to replace the shotguns listed above. In 2008, uniform patrol officers received specialized training on these weapons and were successfully tested to show proficiency. The AR-15’s were then put into service for the uniform patrol. The department will purchase

additional patrol carbines in the near future which will allow us to replace all of the shotguns currently in use.

Outside Department Range Use

There are no outside departments currently using our pistol range on a regular basis. Outside departments may use our range facility on a Mutual Aid basis or to assist other departments in urgent situations.

Firearms Training for 2009

The emphasis of our ongoing training will be to continue training on real life incidents we encounter or may likely to encounter. We will create related scenarios, which will better prepare us for the situations we might face. Due to ongoing heightened national security alerts we will evaluate possible incidents that could take place in our community and attempt to create training scenarios to better prepare our officers.

In addition to the “in service” firearms training provided by this department numerous officers are being sent to OPOTC training courses which cover other advanced firearms training topics. This is done to insure that our officers and department is kept up to date with the latest training techniques.

The targets that will be used by the department display a photograph of an armed adversary which requires a deadly force response by the officer. These realistic targets can easily be altered removing the weapon which changes the response of the officer during the training.

In addition to utilizing our indoor range facility the department will once again train at outdoor range facilities in 2009. This allows us to train with the patrol carbine as well as allowing us the option of varying the type of training that we conduct.

Summary

We are committed to keep our training current and up to date. We have made improvements to our training program every year and will continue to evaluate the training needs of our officers.

POLICE USE OF FORCE REPORT

USE OF FORCE REPORT

In compliance with policy 06-01, this is an analysis of all reported use of force incidents which occurred in the year 2008. During 2008 there were six (6) reportable Use of Force incidents. Each of these incidents was reviewed within the seven days of the incident in compliance with this policy. The following is a brief synopsis of each of these incidents:

Date: 02/14/2008 CR 0801557

Officers responded to Dillard's, 26500 Cedar Road and the area of Beachwood Place mall where it was reported that an off duty officer was in foot pursuit of a theft suspect. The suspect was eventually stopped by responding officers and placed under arrest. Once handcuffed the suspect actively resisted officers swinging his legs and feet toward the officers. The suspect was subsequently hobbled at the knees to prevent him from kicking the officers and to gain better control of the suspect. The suspect was not injured.

THE USE OF FORCE WAS JUSTIFIED.

Date: 02/27/2008 CR 0801998

Officers responded to Connections, 24200 Chagrin Blvd for a probate situation and subject transport to a hospital for emergency admission. Responding officers were advised that the subject had become violent during a counseling session and was currently being restrained by Connections staff members. Upon arrival officers were advised that the subject had bitten one of the staff members. The subject was subsequently handcuffed, hobbled and a bite mask was utilized by officers at the scene. The subject was transported to the hospital by one of the Beachwood Fire Department rescue squads. The subject was not injured.

THE USE OF FORCE WAS JUSTIFIED.

Date: 03/02/2008 CR 0802110

A subject was arrested for OVI and was returned to the Beachwood Police Station for OVI testing and booking. The subject refused to complete the OVI testing and was uncooperative during the booking process. Due to the subject's uncooperativeness the booking process was stopped. The subject refused to remove his belt and shoes prior to being placed into a holding cell. When officers attempted to remove the subject's belt and shoes he became combative and resistive towards the officers. Officers subdued the subject taking him to the floor and removed his shoes and belt then placing him in the holding cell. Once in the cell the subject began pounding on the cell's window and began screaming. Subsequently the subject was placed in a restraint chair for his protection until he calmed down. The subject was returned to the holding cell without further incident. The subject and one of the officers sustained minor injuries which did not require medical attention. Photographs of the injuries were taken and included with the original report.

THE USE OF FORCE WAS JUSTIFIED.

Date: 05/17/2008 CR 0804717

Officers located and stopped an occupied stolen auto. The vehicle was occupied by three juvenile males. One of the males was found to have a concealed handgun on his person. When the subject was removed from the vehicle and arrested he sustained a minor abrasion on his left elbow. The subject was treated by Beachwood Fire Department Paramedics. The subject was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and receiving stolen property. The injury was photographed and documentation was included with the original report. THE USE OF FORCE WAS JUSTIFIED

Date: 06/01/2008 CR 0805170

Officers responded to the Hilton Hotel for a report of a highly intoxicated male in the lobby. The intoxicated male was found sleeping near the first floor elevator. The intoxicated male would not cooperate with officers and was placed under arrest. During the arrest the male became combative and resisted arrest. Control holds were used to take the subject to the floor where he was subsequently handcuffed. No injuries were sustained by the officers or the subject. The subject was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. THE USE OF FORCE WAS JUSTIFIED.

Date: 09/06/2008 CR 0808650

Officers responded to I271 south bound to reports of a possible intoxicated motorist driving his vehicle all over the road. Officers located the vehicle and attempted to stop the vehicle. A slow speed pursuit ensued with the driver refusing to stop his vehicle. With the assistance of Bedford Hts. Police Department the vehicle was eventually stopped. The operator of the vehicle fell to the ground as he was removed from the vehicle. The subject sustained minor abrasions to his legs and arms as a result of the fall. The injuries were photographed and documented in the original report. The subject was charged with OVI, reckless operation and fleeing and eluding. THE USE OF FORCE WAS JUSTIFIED.

The review of the use of force incidents for 2008 does not show any incidents in which excessive force was used by any officer of the department. The incidents showed that officers used an appropriate level of force necessary to gain control of the subjects involved. It should also be noted that there were no public complaints received or filed with this department that alleged that excessive force was used by officers of this department.

The number of reportable use of force incidents for 2008 falls within the average of reported incidents over the past 4 years.

It should also be noted that beginning in August of 2006 uniform patrol officers were issued and received certified training in the TASER X26 Electronic Control Device. The TASER was not utilized during the 2008 calendar year.

The annual in service training programs conducted by this department in the areas of the use of force and departmental policies has kept our officers current and up to date in this regard. There are no apparent needs for additional equipment or additional training above what

officers are currently receiving. The use of force policy 06-01 has been reviewed and doesn't need to be updated at this time.

HOT PURSUIT REPORT

One pursuit review was completed in 2008 by Commander Sullivan. It involved an arrest of a driver for OVI on September 6, 2008. The driver of the vehicle was travelling on Interstate 271 southbound and eventually was stopped outside city limits with the assistance of another agency. The review found the pursuit in conformance with policy.

The 2007 Hot pursuit report indicated consideration for a training class that would involve simulated pursuits and also one for actual driving training. These classes weren't conducted due to equipment problems with a driver training trailer. The training will be attempted this year. The report also suggested dispatchers for training related to their responsibilities in a pursuit. Two dispatchers were sent to "Dispatching for Emergency Response and Pursuit" training through OPOTA. An additional dispatcher is scheduled for this class.

An effort will be made to send patrol officers to outside training involving pursuits and emergency/tactical vehicle operations. Two supervisors are also scheduled for a "Supervisor's Role During and After Pursuits" at OPOTA.

ILLEGAL PROFILING REPORT

In compliance with policy 06-19 this office has conducted the annual review of the department's practices regarding profiling, citizen complaints/concerns, traffic stop statistics and any other signs of violations of this policy. As part of this ongoing process monthly reviews were conducted by each of the three patrol shift supervisors through out the year monitoring citation, arrest, and citizen complaint statistics. There was no cause for intervention by the shift supervisors during this 12 month review period.

In reviewing the officer activity reports it is important to acknowledge the following unique characteristics of the City of Beachwood. The resident population of the city is approximately 12,000 people but the daytime and afternoon population increases to approximately 100,000 people with business and retail activity in the city. It should also be noted that due to the geographic location of our city and the development of the area, Beachwood has four of the top ten busiest intersections in Cuyahoga County with Cedar Road, Chagrin Blvd and Interstate 271 accounting for high volumes of vehicular traffic flow daily.

The statistics indicated the following: of the 2331 citations issued by the uniform patrol during this review period 67% were issued to white motorists, 28% were issued to black motorists. These citations were also further broken down by gender. This breakdown indicates that 54% were issued to male drivers and 46% were issued to female drivers. These percentages mirror the most recent U.S Census Bureau statistics for Cuyahoga County. In comparison, over the

past 3 years, the departmental statistics have remained fairly consistent with no dramatic increases in any category.

There were no citizen complaints registered with this department alleging illegal profiling. Individual officer statistics and officer activity are continually reviewed by shift Sergeants and Lieutenants. The year end statistics do not reflect any abnormal officer activities and are consistent as compared to last year's activities.

The department has conducted annual in service training which included training in the areas of traffic stops, illegal profiling, officer discretion, use of force, search and seizure, cultural influence, traffic enforcement, officer ethics and values. It is my opinion that the department is in full compliance with this policy. The department will continue to be proactive in this area and responsive to any concerns of illegal profiling.

MAYOR'S COURT REPORT

Beachwood Mayor's Court processes and hears all uncontested non-serious misdemeanor offenses. If a case is contested, the case is then transferred to the Shaker Heights Municipal Court in Shaker Heights, Ohio. All felony or serious offenses are automatically processed by either Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, in the case of a felony, or Shaker Heights Municipal Court, in the case of a serious offense.

In 2008, Mayor's Court took in 2,366 new cases (which includes 214 parking ticket violations), with 2,538 charges being filed. Traffic citations accounted for 89% of the new cases processed by Mayor's Court.

In 2008, Mayor's Court transferred 70 contested cases to Shaker Heights Municipal Court. There were 580 cases automatically sent to either Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, or Shaker Heights Municipal Court.

	2007	2008
Fines	\$134,573.00	\$137,119.48
Court Costs/Fees	19,688.00	22,244.00
Computer Fund	9,870.00	10,122.00
Police Miscellaneous	3,746.37	3,177.06
Shaker Heights Municipal Court	71,947.30	64,289.00
Community Development Fines	788.00	925.00
Bond Retention	90.00	80.00
Bond Forfeiture	180.00	180.00
Total	\$240,882.67	\$238,136.54
State of Ohio (fines and costs)	\$47,693.00	54,823.00
Cuyahoga Regional Information System Fund	\$9,699.00	10,202.00
Total collected by Mayor's Court	\$298,274.67	\$303,161.54
Total Bonds Posted & Waivers Collected (waivers are payments collected for other courts)	\$228,380.08	\$176,470.70

SPECIALTY UNITS REPORT

COMPUTER CRIMES/FORENSIC UNIT

The Beachwood Police Department has the ability to examine most computers and investigate computer related crimes, and to view and enhance most video within the department. Rather than taking months to have a computer or a video tape or file examined by outside agencies, the department has the ability to do it in house.

Currently there are three officers trained to handle such cases. Ptl. Daniel Grein, Ptl. John Finucan, and Ptl. Aaron Lieb are trained in processing and enhancing video tapes or files. Ptl. Grein is also certified in computer data recovery.

In 2008, a total of 6 Computer related cases were investigated. The cases are outlined as:

1. *Fraud –Ten computers were examined for evidence involving fraud with public contracts. This was a mutual aid case to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, which involved more than 60 computers and servers, and a number of Computer Data Recovery Investigators in the greater Cleveland area. This is a carry over case from 2007 that continued in early 2008 to assist the prosecutor's office with gather additional evidence. A number of indictments were obtained in 2008 as the result of this case. (Report 07-04708)*
2. *Fraud –Examined a computer for evidence in a credit card fraud involving thousands of dollars in losses. (Report 08-03125).*
3. *Fraud –Imaged a computer for a credit card fraud. (Report 08-03926)*
4. *Fraud –Imaged and Examined two laptop computers and examined computer images taken from additional computers by Orange PD for a multi-million dollar fraud case. (Report 08-06377)*
5. *Child Porn –Examined and obtained evidence from a cell phone that contained numerous child pornography pictures. (Report 08-11951)*

In 2008, a total of 22 video related cases were handled by the unit. The cases are outlined as:

1. *Video examination of identity theft suspect caught on tape at Nordstrom. (Report 08-04556).*
2. *Video examination of theft caught on tape at True Religion (BPM). (Report 08-04877)*
3. *Video examination and still photos made for theft case at Sunglass Hut. (Report 08-04922)*
4. *Video examination and still photos made for theft case at Lens Crafters. (Report 08-05282)*

5. *Video examination and still photos made for theft case at Lens Crafters. (Report 08-05315)*
6. *Video examination, still photos and CD copy made of Lens Crafters theft. (Report 08-05522)*
7. *Video examination and still photos made for Sunglass Hut theft. (Report 08-05527)*
8. *Video examination made of surveillance tape from Beachwood Library ref: assault case. (Report 08-05532)*
9. *Video examination and still photos made of Sunglass Hut theft suspect. (Report 08-05631)*
10. *Video examination and still photos made of suspect in Lens Crafters theft case. (Report 08-05826)*
11. *Video examination and still photos made of suspect in Lens Crafters theft case. (Report 08-06057)*
12. *Video examination and still photos made of theft suspect from True Religion-BPM. (Report 08-06704)*
13. *Mutual aid video examination for Orange, PD fraud case. (Report 08-06810)*
14. *Video examination and still photos made of suspect in fraud case at area stores. (Report 08-06988)*
15. *Mutual aid Video examination for Pepper Pike, PD of Voyeurism case. (Report 08-07889)*
16. *Video examination and still photos made of suspect in Theft/RSP/Forgery case. (Report 08-08149)*
17. *Mutual aid Video examination to Shaker Heights, PD in theft at Shaker Library. (Report 08-08801)*
18. *Video examination of disturbance at US Bank. (Report 08-08968)*
19. *Video examination and still photos made of Nordstrom surveillance in Theft/RSP/Forgery case. (Report 08-10796)*
20. *Video examination of Warrensville Hts. Get-Go gas station surveillance in theft case from Travelers shoppe. (Report 08-10954)*
21. *Video examination and still photos made of Sunglass Hut theft suspect. (Report 08-11382)*

Although in 2008 there was one less case processed for computer crimes investigations, several of the cases involved numerous computers, and one involved 8 cellular phones, which increased the time investigating the cases. For example, the Mutual Aid case with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office involved ten computers, which had a combined total of more than 3 million files that were recovered. This process took days just to recover the data, and it took more nearly three months in 2007 and 2008 for assistants from the prosecutor's office to go through the files, with the assistance of Ptl. Grein.

As computer crimes increase and become more sophisticated, the Beachwood Police Department has continued to improve its officer's technology and training and is planning on training an additional officer to assist with the computer examinations.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

The City of Beachwood provides adult school crossing guards at various posts throughout the City. The current posts are:

- S. Woodland/Richmond
- Shaker Blvd. eastbound at Richmond Rd.
- Shaker Blvd. westbound at Richmond Rd.
- Richmond Rd. at Fairmount Blvd.
- Hilltop School Drive
- Hilltop/Halcyon
- East Silsby/Halcyon Circle
- East Baintree/Halcyon Circle
- Greenlawn/Beachwood Blvd.
- Penshurst/Twickenham.

HONOR GUARD

The Beachwood Police Department Honor Guard consists of six volunteer officers including Sgt. Gary Haba, who served in the U.S. Army as a member of the 3rd US Infantry “The Old Guard”. Stationed at Ft. Myer, Virginia, “The Old Guard” performs various ceremonial duties including funerals at Arlington National Cemetery, retirement and other ceremonies for high-ranking military and government officials, and guarding The Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers.

The Honor Guard is viewed by the public during special circumstances such as funerals, parades, or other ceremonies. For this reason, the unit’s members are equipped with special uniforms, leather gear and footwear to enhance their appearance. The Honor Guard typically attends funerals for fallen active officers, retired officers, or family members of active officers.

In 2008, members Honor Guard unfortunately attended more funerals than usual. Members attended the funerals of retired Beachwood Firefighter Ed Hanzel, Cleveland Police Patrolman Owens, and Twinsburg Police Patrolman Miktarian. Sgt. Haba also joined members of the Beachwood Fire Department Honor Guard to present the colors at a memorial/dedication ceremony in Willoughby Hills where a portion of interstate 90 was dedicated to the son of the Willoughby Hills Fire Chief who was killed during combat in the middle east.

Ptl. Lafrance and Ptl. Traub were added to the unit in 2008 and Ptl Korinek retired from the unit. Uniforms were ordered and should be ready in early 2009.

In 2009, the Honor Guard is looking forward to participating in the police memorial parade and any other events or ceremonies that arise.

FOURTH PLATOON

The following is an overview of the activities and independent investigations of the fourth platoon for 2008. The fourth platoon was staffed by a supervisor, 2 investigators and 2 uniformed officers. The uniformed officers provided supplemental manpower to the shifts during peak demand hours and provided staffing during manpower shortages. The uniformed officers assisted the fourth platoon investigators with plain clothes operations and performed plain clothes crime specific details in response to crime trends.

The fourth platoon investigators conducted 16 self initiated investigations leading to the arrest of 2 individuals for heroin possession, 2 individuals for heroin trafficking, 1 individual for theft and 1 individual wanted on a felony drug trafficking warrant. Currency and a vehicle were seized as the result of these investigations.

The fourth platoon investigators assisted the detective bureau with the investigation of 17 cases. Two individuals were arrested for extortion/burglary and 1 male was arrested for burglary. In addition to following up cases, the fourth platoon investigators and the fourth platoon uniformed officers conducted several details targeting specific crimes identified by the crime analysis as rising during the quarterly analysis. (Theft from auto, Commercial Burglaries)

The fourth platoon investigators continued to assist other agencies with controlled narcotics buys and surveillance and are currently involved in a large scale drug distribution investigation.

The fourth platoon uniformed officer staffing will increase from 2 to 4 during 2009. This will provide for more flexibility in targeting rising crime trends and provide overlapping coverage for the shifts during peak demand and weekends. The fourth platoon investigators staffing will remain the same for 2009.

MOUNTAIN BIKE UNIT

The police mountain bike unit consists of nine officers who deploy on bicycles on a part-time basis. Mountain bike officers typically mount the bicycles on vehicle racks to allow for them to change modes of patrol quickly during the shift if necessary.

Areas of special attention for bike officers include Beachwood Place Mall, the City Park, the Family Aquatic Center, and Chagrin Blvd. During hours of darkness, bike officers are utilized more in the parking lot areas of the hotels and fuel stations.

In addition to enforcement activities, officers on bicycles are more easily approached by citizens, particularly children. Public relations are an important part of police work and the bicycle unit allows for more exposure and positive citizen contacts than motor vehicle patrol alone.

Five specially equipped bicycles are used by the unit and feature silent hubs, red/blue lights, Kevlar tires and police markings.

The unit was quite active in 2008. In addition to normal patrol, unit members assisted during running races and parades. To extend the riding season, bicycle jackets were requested and should be procured by early 2009.

RECRUITMENT UNIT ACTIVITY

As the year began, the active recruiting campaign was coming to an end. The first week of January, Ptl. Draves made a visit to the Polaris Ranger Academy to encourage the participants to pick up an application and reminders were emailed or faxed to other academies and colleges. At the time of the application process, recruiters had 231 interested parties on the recruitment contact list which were compiled not only by recruiters, but all police personnel who were active in the recruiting process.

The application period began on January 7th and ran for two weeks. The recruitment team, consisting of Lt. Zuzek, Ptl. Draves, Ptl. Budny and Dispatcher Blackshear, assisted in distributing and receiving applications. A total of 325 applications were distributed and 216 applications were returned. It should be noted that the department had decided to use a different written test and physical agility test than in previous years. The written test was the Ohio Select test from I/O solutions, a test designed specifically for use in Ohio which had both knowledge based and personality based questions. Study guides for the test were distributed to applicants when they returned their application.

The physical agility test was conducted through Cuyahoga Community College. Those taking the written test had to complete / pass the physical agility prior to being able to take the written test.

The written test was conducted on the evening of February 13th at the Beachwood Community Center with 165 applicants taking the test. The test was administered by Beachwood Police Department personnel (including the recruiters) along with a representative from the City of Beachwood Civil Service Commission. The completed tests were then sent to I/O solutions for grading. The remaining portions of the testing process were conducted at the direction of the Civil Service Commission.

There were numerous goals for the recruiters on this campaign when comparing it to previous recruiting periods in 2005 and 2001. However, with the change in requirements - including having the physical agility test conducted prior to the written test - it was difficult to compare the results. In 2005, 214 applicants took the exam compared to 165 in 2008. In 2005, there were 419 applications distributed and 249 returned for a return rate of 59.5% compared to 325 distributed, 216 returned and a return rate of 66.5% in 2008. On the prior two tests, 11% of those taking the test were females and 22% were minorities. In 2008, 5% were females and 9% were minorities.

When looking at the recruiting efforts, there were increased efforts to attract minority and female applicants (as well as all applicants in general) than in the prior two tests. The requirement to complete the physical agility prior to the test appears to have caused the disparity in overall numbers. However, when comparing the 2008 test with the one in 2005, the pool of applicants remaining after the written and physical agility tests were higher (157) in 2008 than in 2005 (77) by more than a two to one margin. The 2008 test resulted in the department hiring two officers late in the year, including one minority officer.

Of those who picked up an application, the recruiting team attempted to learn how they had heard about the examination to help in further understanding where the recruiting process could be improved. The results are as follows:

- 86 were notified via the posting on the City of Beachwood website or email notification from recruiters
- 76 were notified by the Plain Dealer Newspaper posting
- 41 were notified via contacts made with police academies
- 33 were notified by a City of Beachwood employee
- 10 were notified via postcard
- The remaining applicants were notified via word of mouth through other departments

In reviewing the overall campaign, many lessons were learned. The biggest issue the recruiters faced was that the test date was announced in October 2007 with only three months until the application period. This caused a tremendous amount of communication issues as initially the recruiters gave a broad time frame of "early in 2008" when making contacts. This resulted in numerous phone calls and emails asking for more specifics including the exact date, time, and location. Much of the time spent by the recruiters was responding to the inquiries and not being able to provide specific information. The recruiters missed out on numerous job fairs as well not having a date set in advance.

The low number of females and minorities taking the test was somewhat puzzling as recruiters made more contacts than in previous tests. Recruiters contacted “Diversity Matters”, a community based group whose efforts aim to increase diversity in various areas, including employment. Contact was also made with the NAACP Cleveland Office, the Cleveland Police Black Shield Association, and the Cleveland Police Patrolman’s Association, not only in an attempt to advertise the employment opportunity, but to attempt to build a working relationship in order to recruit more minorities.

Numerous contacts were made with colleges throughout Ohio and all Ohio police academies were contacted. A number of professors in the criminal justice field were also directly contacted via email as well as community groups in an attempt to recruit more minorities. Recruiters also contacted local career service centers and employment agencies, in an attempt to notify interested parties of the employment opportunities. The official job announcement was posted on various college websites, police employment websites, (general) employment websites, as well as the City of Beachwood website.

In an attempt to “reach out” to younger members of the community in our recruitment efforts, Chief Sechrist instituted an “Intern Program” so that high school and college students can better understand the responsibilities and duties of a police officer as well as understand how decisions they make while younger can affect their ability to gain employment in such a respected profession. The department’s two recruitment officers as well as a dispatcher oversee this program which was formally instituted in the spring.

Overall, the recruiting campaign was successful as two fine officers were hired. Recommendations for upcoming recruiting campaigns based on lessons learned in this campaign are as follows:

- Make a test announcement only after the date, time, and location are finalized. Posting the announcement via Internet and periodically updating it as information was verified created confusion among applicants and difficulty in confirming which subjects had been notified of the updates.
- Postcard notification should also indicate the application period, test date, and Beachwood Website information, instructing interested parties to refer to the website for further information. It should also list the required information that they need to provide in order to be placed on the recruitment list. The postcard should not state that the subject will receive further updates.
- The application period should be for a duration of one week, including a Saturday from 0800-1200 and a couple of evenings until 1900. Due to police academies being in session and employment conflicts, many interested parties were unable to apply due to scheduling conflicts.

- Consider making the application available on line as a PDF file which can be downloaded by interested parties and submitted by the applicant in person. This file can be posted on the City of Beachwood website and available only during the application period. We can include prompts which request the demographics and how the person downloading the application heard about the test to assist the recruiters with future campaigns.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT

In 2008 the Beachwood Emergency Service team participated in the following activities:

1. January 9, 2008 training at BPD to include the issuance of new gas mask filters, a check of all swat equipment and officers updated all medical and personal contact information.
2. February 1, 2009 swat applications received from Page, Kemer and Lieb.
3. February 1, 2008, Assist Beachwood detectives with a search warrant at 3555 E. 153rd St., Cleveland, Ohio. Two arrests made.
4. February 4th, 2008, Assisted Beachwood 4th Platoon with a search warrant at 14329 Cedar Road, S. Euclid. Two arrests made.
5. March 20, 2008 assisted Euclid Police with two search warrants at 22300 Euclid Ave. Apartments 204 and 205. Multiple arrests made for E.P.D.
6. March 25, 2008, Training at Euclid P.D. Hostage negotiators, gas deployment and all equipment used.
7. April 9, 2008, training at BPD, new officer's orientation, hostage phone set up and deployment.
8. May 14, 2008, BPD indoor range training with new corner shot rifle.
9. September 10, 2008, new uniform issue, weapons training with new AR-15 rifles and extensive training at indoor range with handguns.
10. September 12, 2008, Assist 4th Platoon with a search warrant at 9705 Loretta, Cleveland, Ohio, One arrest made.
11. October 22, 2008, Training at BPD, annual fitness testing and quick clear training.
12. October 27, 2008, Assist BPD Detectives with a search warrant at 5714 Outhwaite, Cleveland, Ohio.
13. November 4, 2008 quick clear training and demonstration at the Middle School. All Beachwood School Employees were required to attend. Three stations set up and all equipment displayed and used. All members participated. (ALL HAZARD PLAN TRAINING).
14. December 10, 2008 training at vacant armory. Team practiced quick clear drills.

JAIL FACILITY

In 2008 just under eight hundred arrested persons were processed at the Beachwood police Department reflecting a slight increase in arrests over the previous calendar year. More that

one hundred of those processed were juvenile offenders. Male prisoners outnumbered female prisoners by a margin of nearly two to one. Primary charges of those booked mirrors the statistics of prior years with theft and theft related offenses accounting for the majority of arrests.

Warrant service and traffic offenses add significantly to the total. Ninety seven time servers were housed at Beachwood resulting in payments to the city totaling \$24,635.00. These prisoners committed offenses within the City of Beachwood and are housed here due to overcrowding issues at the county jail.

The county then reimburses the city for the expenses incurred in caring for those prisoners. This procedure has been in place for more than seven years.

In 2008 the police department took over the responsibility of staffing the reception desk at city hall. This task is handled by a group of corrections officers that were trained and outfitted for the assignment. One goal for 2008 was to train and prepare for this new responsibility which appears to be working well. One additional officer was added to the jail roster to maintain staffing requirements in the jail.

Inspections conducted by local, county, and state agencies went smoothly with no violations observed for the inspection period. These inspections cover such areas as sanitation, fire safety, and the overall level of compliance with state jail regulations and requirements. The transformation to electronic fingerprint capture was completed in 2007 and worked well through out 2008 with only minor glitches that appear to have been resolved. The facility required no major repairs and needed only routine maintenance throughout the calendar year.

In addition the goal of providing for successful implementation of the security function at city hall in 2008 a primary goal of the jail is to strive for the safe, secure, and efficient operation of the facility. Routinely objectives are geared towards identifying and reducing factors that may detract from that goal. In 2008 no incidents occurred that resulted in injury to any staff member or prisoner. A security concern was identified and eliminated by requiring electronic ID of persons exiting the sally port. In 2009 we will continue to monitor operations for areas of concern and respond accordingly.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS / CRIME PREVENTION

Effective and efficient community relations and crime prevention efforts play an important role in promoting, preserving and delivering a feeling of security, safety and quality services to those in the city of Beachwood. Efforts at preventing or controlling crime included preventive patrol, the investigation of suspicious or criminal activity and work involving community relations, community policing and crime prevention.

In 2008, officers, mostly from the midnight shift under the direction of Lt. Zuzek and Sgt. Haba, wrote 137 CPI, Community Policing Initiative, cards. Most were for garage doors found open overnight. The issuing of CPI cards based on the observations of patrol officers serve a valuable crime prevention function by alerting residents to the importance to securing their residences and also promotes good public relations for the agency.

A review of CAD statistics showed an increase in shoplifting thefts. One area of concern was thefts of eye glass frames from stores at the Beachwood Place Mall. Thefts of GPS units from automobiles were a problem in 2008. The fourth platoon set up a decoy car with a GPS unit at the Beachwood Place Mall and also conducted surveillance on various parking lots throughout the city. There was also an increase in suspicious person and suspicious vehicle complaints. Most of the suspicion related complaints generally did not involve criminal activity after being checked by officers. Most of the statistics from 2008 were pretty close overall to those in 2007.

Crime analysis is an important function to help track criminal behavior and coordinate efforts to stop and control further criminal action. Sgt. Winebrenner evaluated available department data and provided reports.

Traffic complaints and concerns such as reports of vehicles passing stopped school buses, vehicles driving in excess of the posted speed limit or other traffic violations were reported to patrol personnel, mostly through Commander Sullivan in the Traffic Bureau. These traffic related concerns were regularly addressed through traffic details by patrol officers. The traffic bureau also set up speed trailers at different locations to help make motorists aware of their speeds while travelling.

Maintaining liaisons with members, groups and organizations is a valuable opportunity for the department to promote harmony with the community, receive feedback and learn how to better serve our customers. Chief Sechrist regularly met with different people regarding this effort.

Community relations/crime prevention was an active function throughout the year and included officers who attended safety meetings and provided talks to different groups. Ptl. Martin received an "Outstanding efforts in community safety" award from the Safe Kids/Safe Communities Coalition for his work in community policing. The current community policing programs are useful and should continue. Current members of the Community relation and crime prevention unit include Ptl. Martin, Ptl. Alandt and Ptl. Budny.

STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS (S.A.D.D.)

The Beachwood Police Department Juvenile Division organized and is co-sponsor of the Beachwood High School Students Against Destructive Decisions Program. This year S.A.D.D. totaled 20 members. This is a significant drop from last year as we made the entrance requirements stricter and its members more accountable. We hosted several school assemblies throughout the year pertaining to health and welfare issues to promote making the right choices in life.

In 2008 we presented drinking and driving assemblies before Homecoming and Prom where victims shared first hand their experiences with the deadly combination.

Students, teachers and parents seem to appreciate the efforts this department and the S.A.D.D. program attempts to project and I feel the program augments our drug and alcohol stance of no tolerance within the school and our community.

THE SENIOR CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

The Senior Citizen Police Academy was conducted again in 2008 making this the 11th year the program has been in existence. A record 30 persons received crime prevention training and graduation certificates. There have been over two hundred resident graduates since its inception.

The Senior Citizen Academy is a crime prevention / informational program designed to meet the needs and interests of the senior citizen. It also gives the attendee an overview of how the Beachwood Police Department accomplishes policing our community. The personal relationships that we have garnered through this program have been invaluable to this department and its members.

THE SELF-DEFENSE and AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Police Department Self-Defense and Awareness Program is a community policing/crime prevention program that provides valuable self-defense and safety awareness training. It is presented by Beachwood police officers and is available to resident groups, civic organizations

and corporations within the City of Beachwood. An instructor provided a block of self-defense and awareness training to members of the Senior Academy.

EDUCATIONAL CHILDREN ONLINE PROTECTION PROGRAM (E-COPP)

The e-Copp program is a community policing educational tool instructing children and adults on the dangers and proper uses of the Internet. The program is available for any interested group, organization, or individual. It is the goal of e-Copp to prevent Internet victimization through education. Children who experience e-Copp gain valuable insight into fun and productive uses of the Internet as well as those things about surfing online, email, chat rooms, and instant messaging that can present a danger to unsuspecting or naïve children. The children are provided handouts to share with their parents including a "Safe Surfing" contract that allows the child to positively interact with their parents regarding Internet issues in their home.

During 2008 there were no requests for our Internet safety presentation and one police display table event focusing on community policing and Internet safety conducted by Ptl. Kevin Owens.

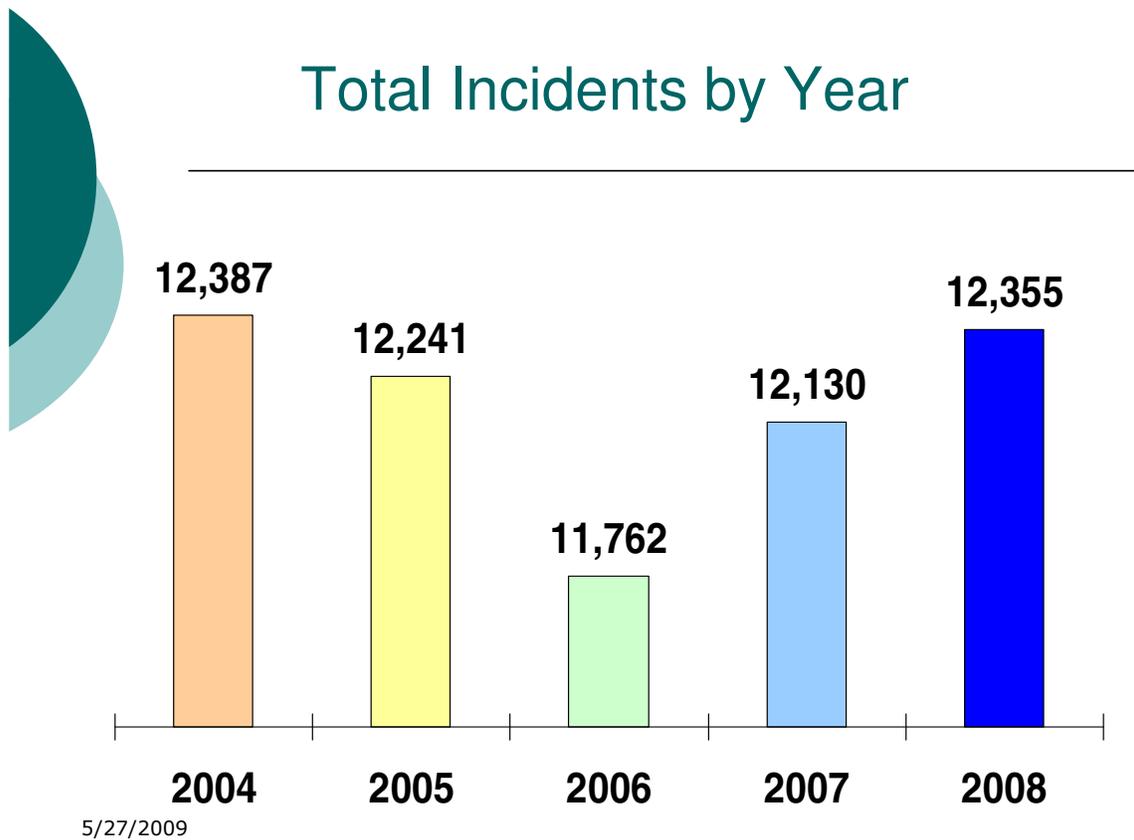
The Internet safety message is a relevant community policing tool available to any organization in Beachwood that requests our presentation. It is and has always been well received by the community. The Internet safety message fulfills the mission statement of the Beachwood Police Department as it truly and *“consistently seeks and finds ways to affirmatively promote, preserve, and deliver a feeling of security, safety, and quality services to members of our community”*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS

The following statistical reports were compiled from computerized records at the Beachwood Police Department.

With this information, not only allows the citizens to see what is happening within their community, but it also allows the police department to address areas of concern and better deploy resources as needed.

The following is a 5 Year Comparison Chart of select activity, with a break down by type of incident, followed by Hot Spot Maps of locations of crime activity and/or police and fire response by type.



Beachwood Police Department

Incidents by Type

ARRESTS		2007	2008	Difference
	All	666	631	-5.3%
	Domestic Violence	12	3	-75.0%
	Drug	16	14	-12.5%
	OVI (formerly DUI)	73	71	-2.7%
	Juvenile Offenders	195	124	-36.4%
	Warrants Served	154	153	-0.6%
ASSISTS		2007	2008	Difference
	911 Hang-ups/Checks	193	187	-3.1%
	Disabled Vehicles	611	550	-10.0%
	Fire Department	705	642	-8.9%
	General/Misc.	830	919	10.7%
	Lockouts	987	1020	3.3%
	Mutual Aid	393	354	-9.9%
	Rescue Squad	2682	2879	7.3%
COMPLAINTS		2007	2008	Difference
	Alarms -Fire	408	343	-15.9%
	Alarms -Police	1858	1935	4.1%
	Alarms -Total	2266	2278	0.5%
	Animal Related	183	196	7.1%
	Building Code Violations	103	67	-35.0%
	Disturbance	154	176	14.3%
	Family Trouble	42	54	28.6%
	Juvenile	216	195	-9.7%
	Neighbor Trouble	15	19	26.7%
	Noise Disturbance	84	74	-11.9%
	Solicitors	31	40	29.0%
	Suspicious Activity	566	466	-17.7%
	Telephone Related	103	71	-31.1%

Unwanted Guests	32	33	3.1%
Traffic -Altercation	10	9	-10.0%
Traffic -DUI/OVI	18	55	205.6%
Traffic -Reckless Driver	16	38	137.5%
Traffic -Passing School Bus	7	12	71.4%
Traffic -Traffic Signal	1	1	0.0%
Traffic -Speeding	86	405	370.9%
Traffic -Parking	213	335	57.3%
Traffic -Handicap	0	0	#DIV/0!
Traffic -Firelane	0	4	#DIV/0!
Traffic -Misc.	488	397	-18.6%
Traffic Related Total (Above)	839	1256	49.7%

OFFENSES

	2007	2008	Difference
Arson	0	1	0.0%
Assault	33	19	-42.4%
Breaking & Entering	8	15	87.5%
Burglary	30	13	-56.7%
Criminal	62	44	-29.0%
Damaging/Mischief			
Domestic Violence	15	8	-46.7%
Fraud/Forgery	124	105	-15.3%
Homicide	0	0	0.0%
Menacing	8	13	62.5%
Robbery	7	7	0.0%
Rape	1	1	0.0%
Sex -Non-Rape	10	3	-70.0%
Theft -All	411	464	12.9%
Theft -Felony	29	23	-20.7%
Theft -Shoplifting	180	213	18.3%
Theft -Gasoline	11	2	-81.8%
Theft -from Vehicle	44	37	-15.9%
Theft -of Vehicle	27	14	-48.1%
Weapon Violations	13	4	-69.2%

CRASHES

	2007	2008	Difference
Crash -On scene	601	614	2.2%

Crash -Private Property	163	187	14.7%
Crash -Self Reported	251	214	-14.7%

RESPONSES
MALLS

	2007	2008	Difference
Beachwood Place Mall	839	949	13.1%
Pavilion Mall	310	318	2.6%
LaPlace Mall	139	127	-8.6%

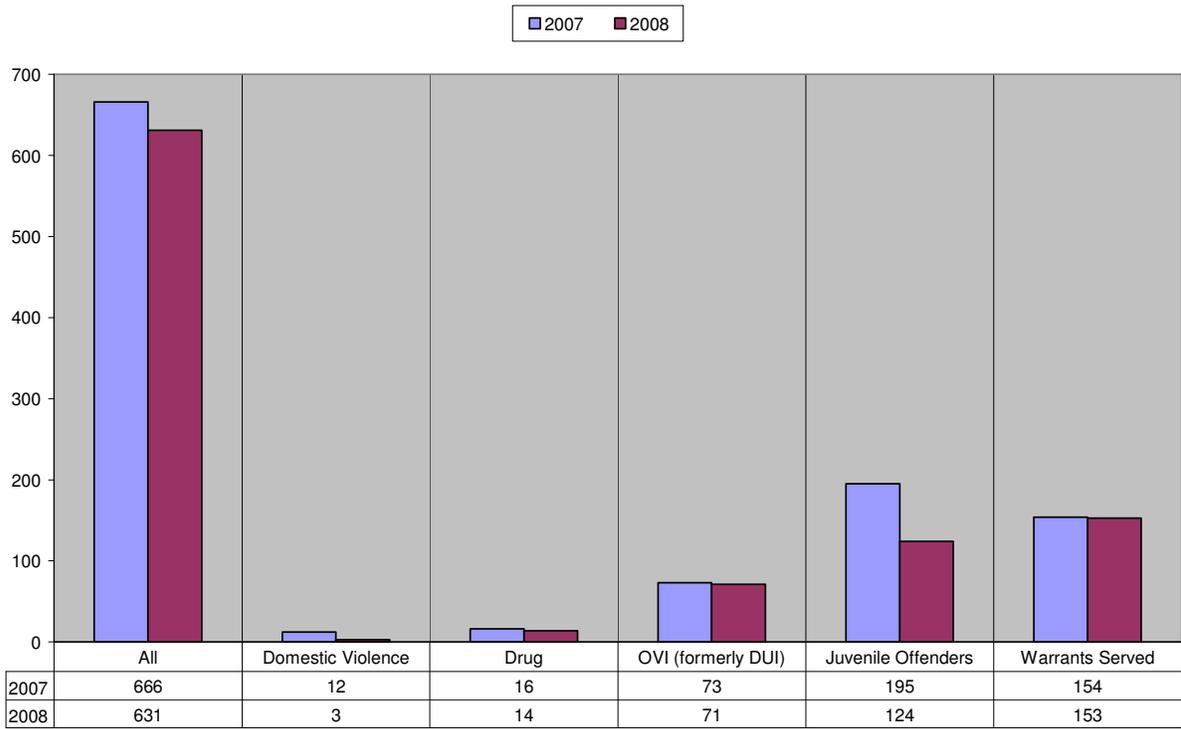
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	2007	2008	Difference
All Incidents	12130	12355	1.9%

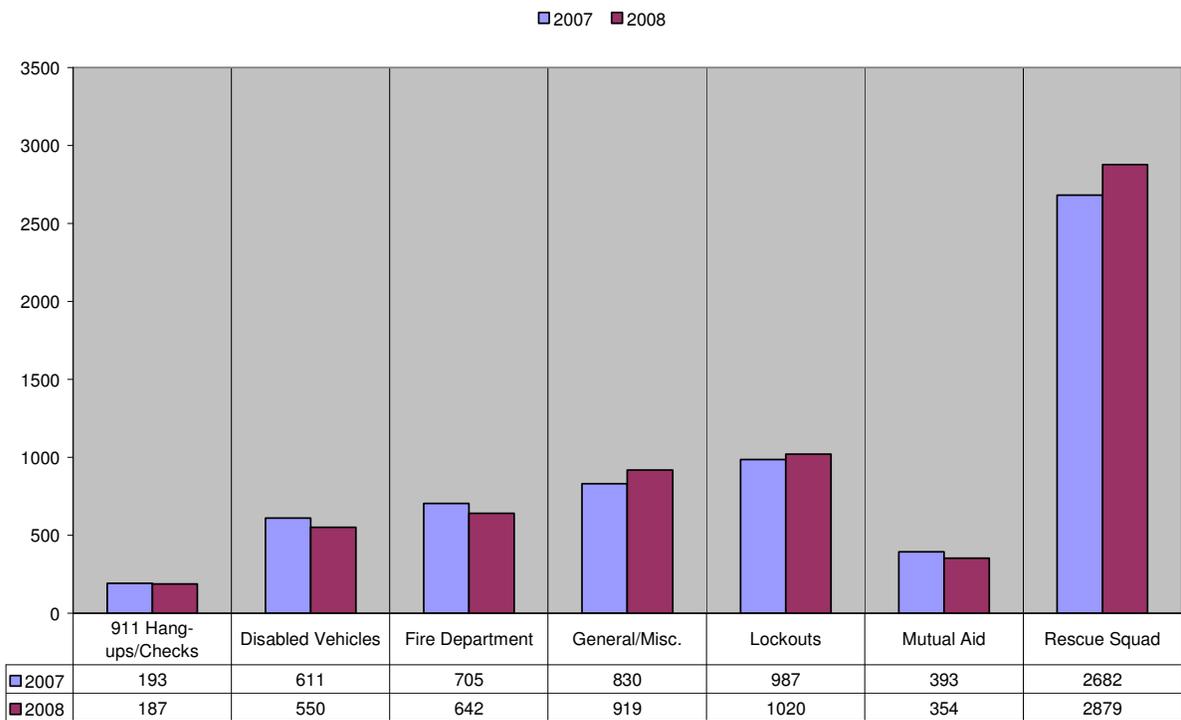
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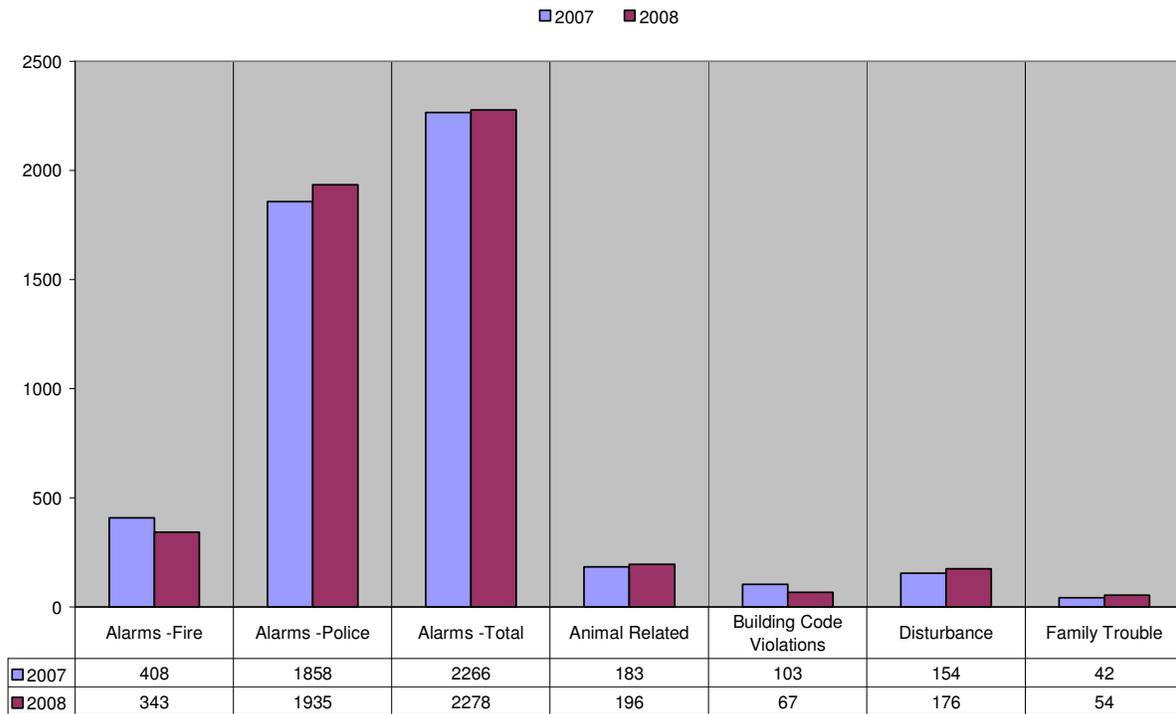
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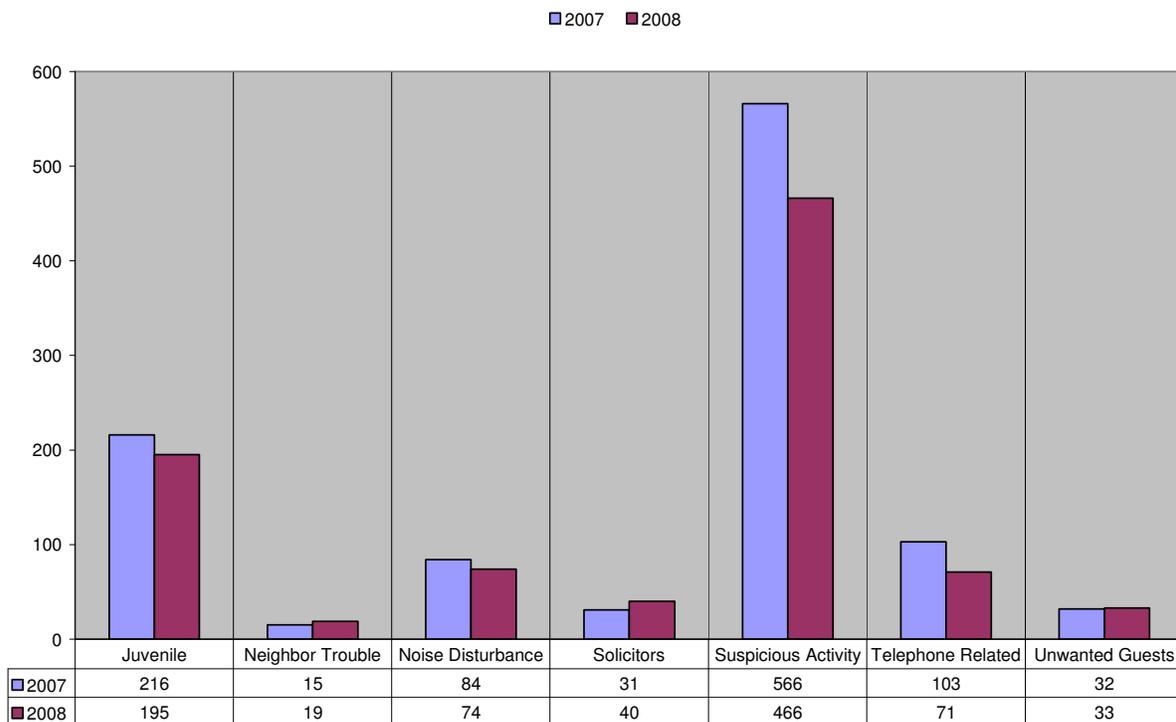
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COMPLAINTS

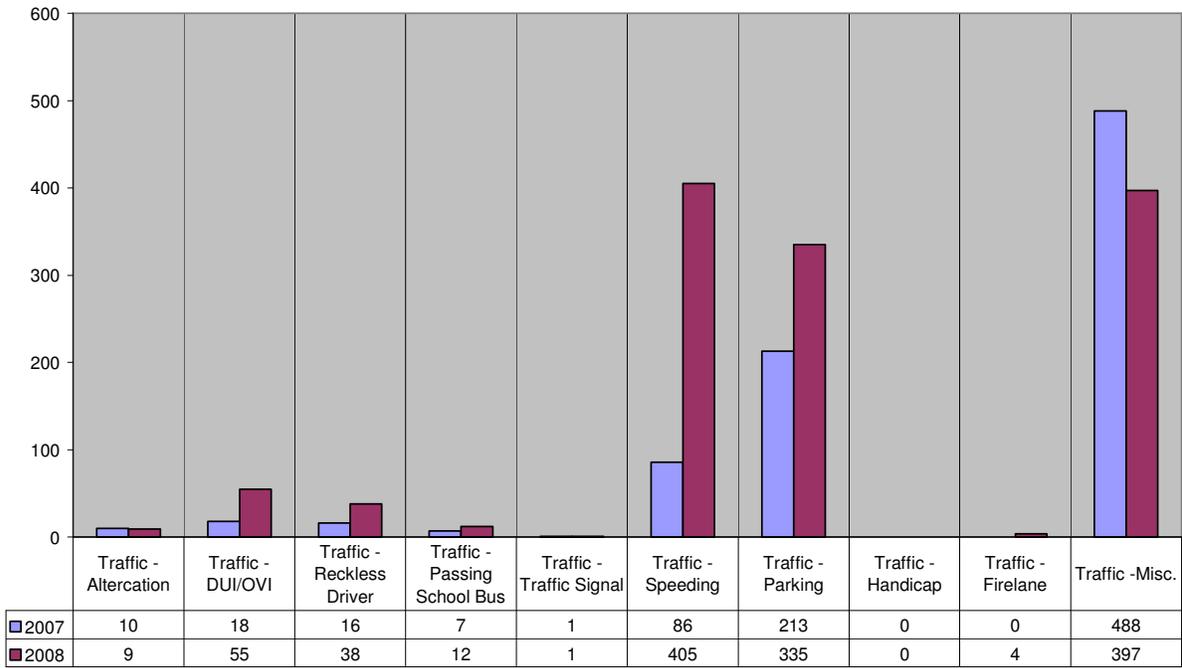


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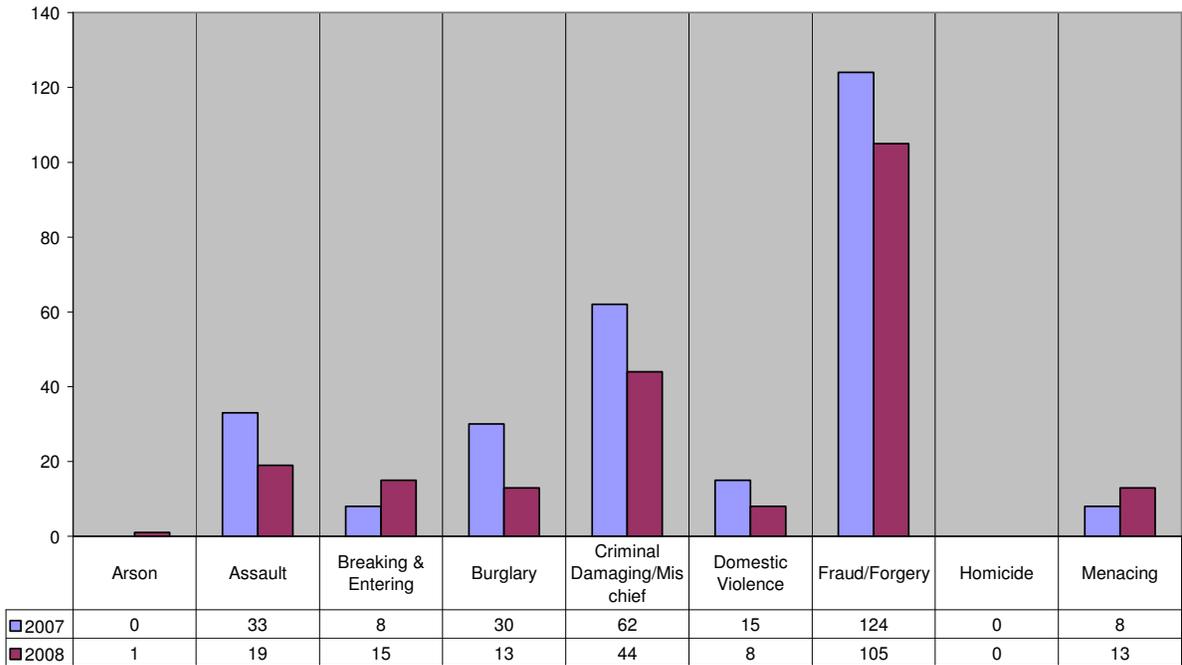
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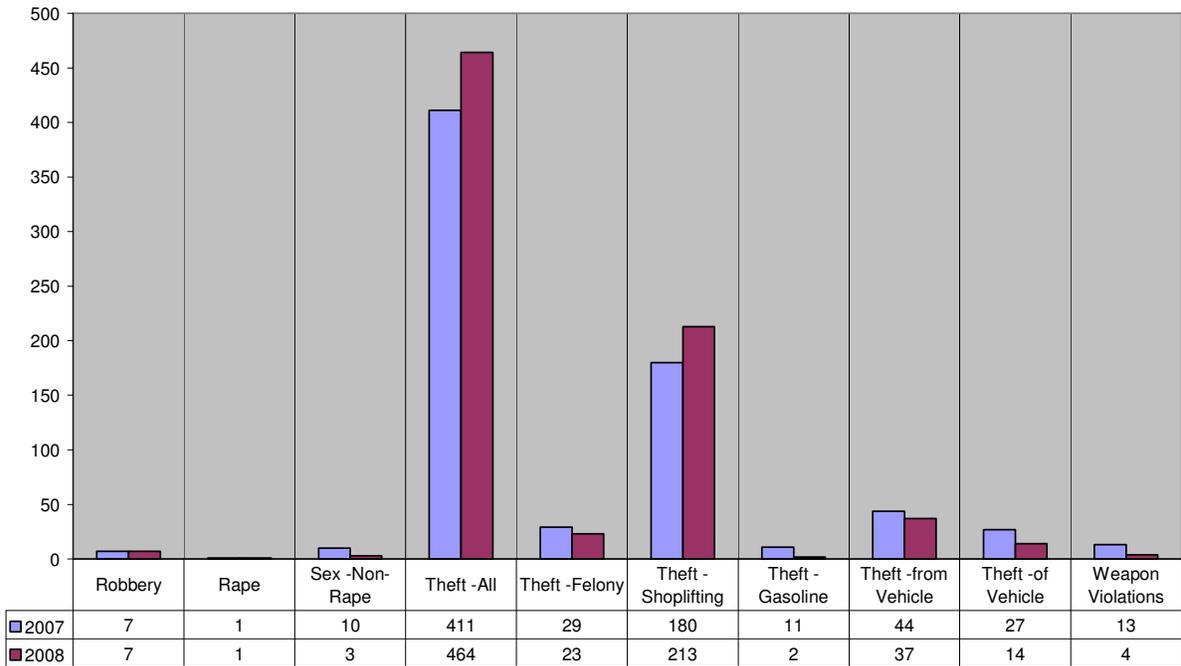
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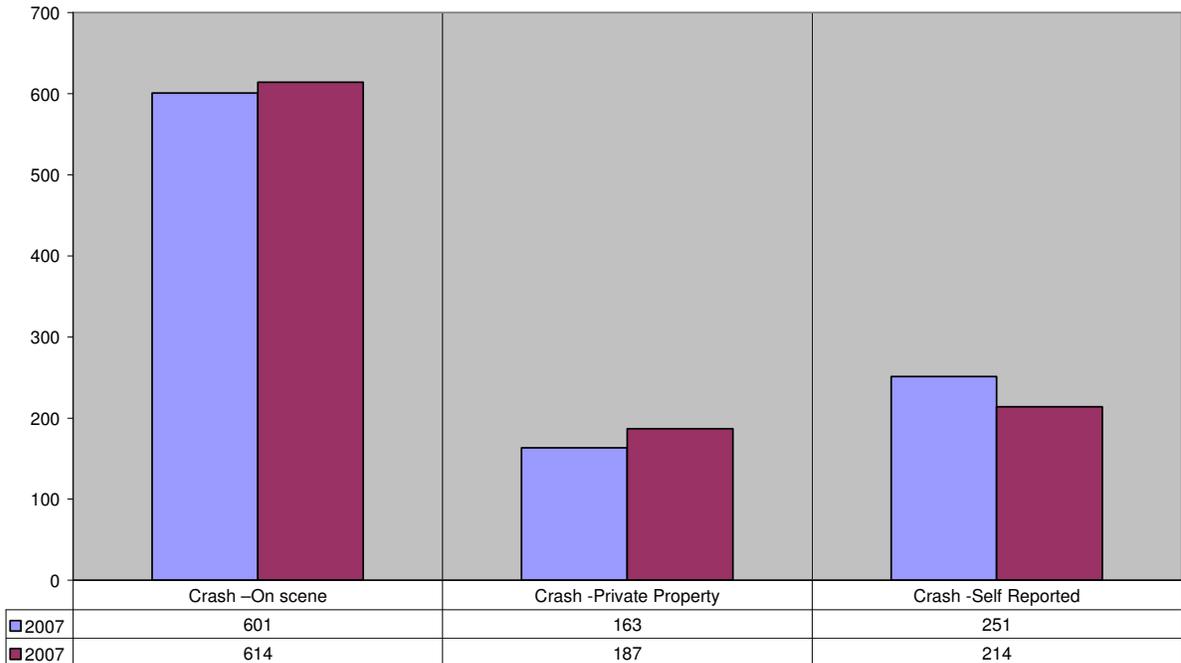
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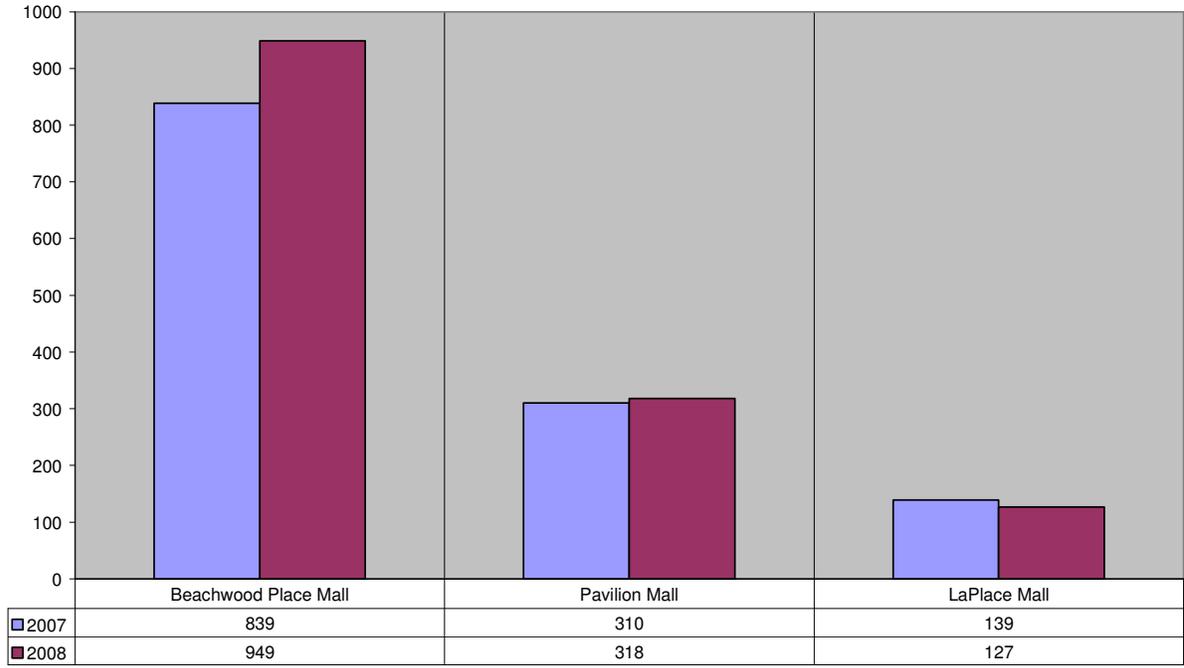
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RESPONSES to MALLS

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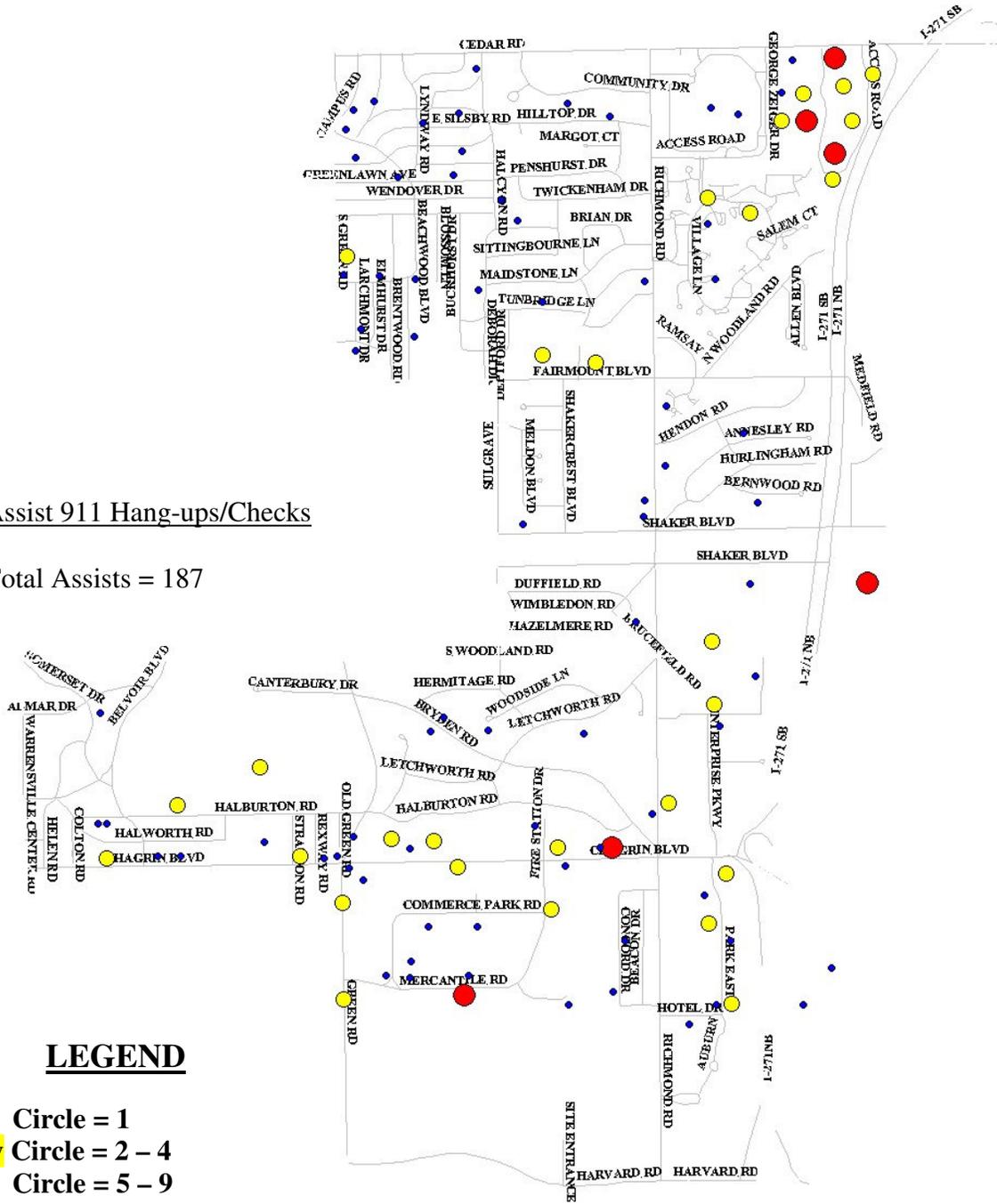


2008 Assists –911 Hang-ups/Checks

(by location)

Assist 911 Hang-ups/Checks

Total Assists = 187

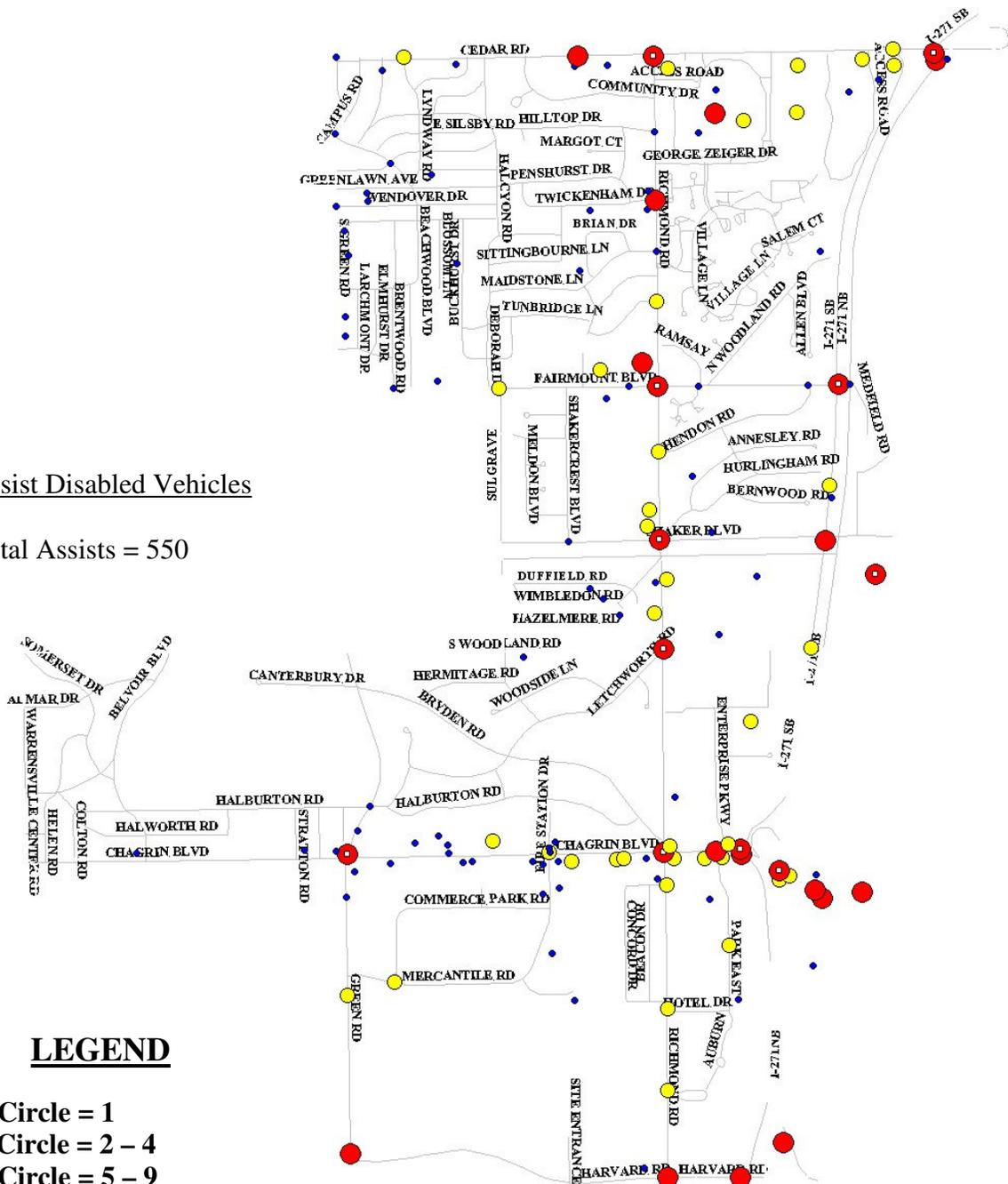


2008 Assists – Disabled Vehicles

(by location)

Assist Disabled Vehicles

Total Assists = 550



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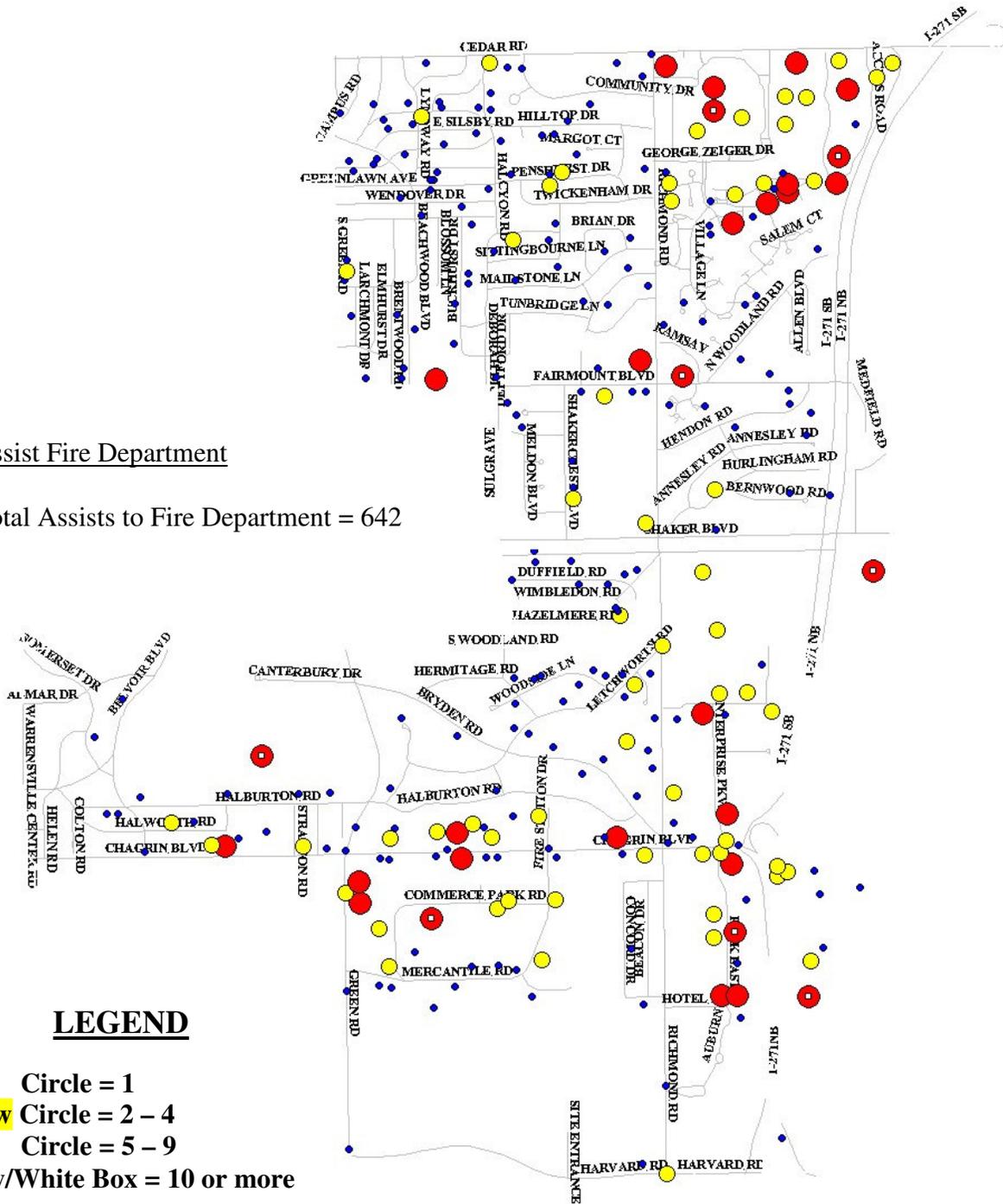
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2008 Assists –Fire Department

(by location)

Assist Fire Department

Total Assists to Fire Department = 642



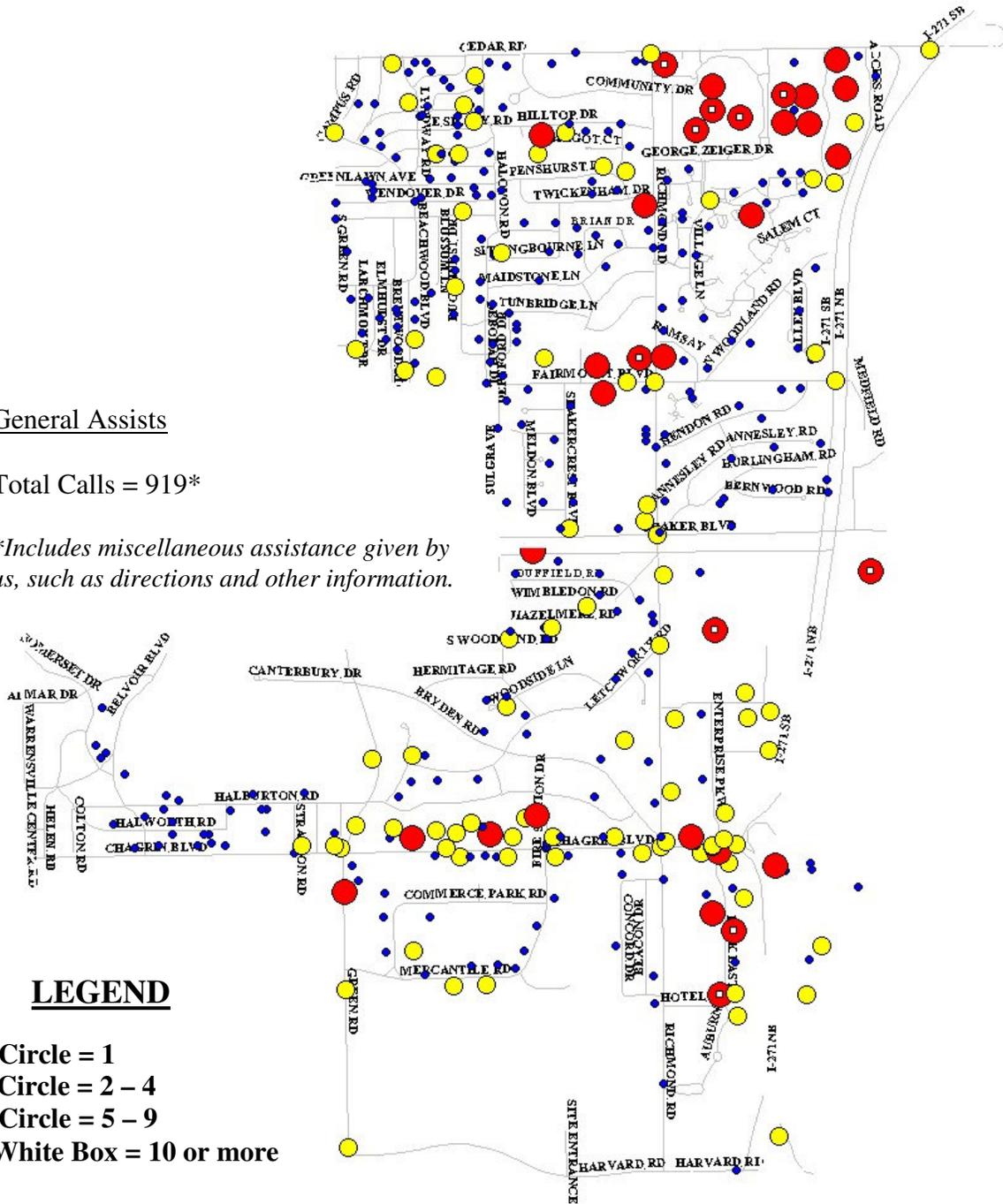
2008 Assists –General/Miscellaneous

(by location)

General Assists

Total Calls = 919*

**Includes miscellaneous assistance given by us, such as directions and other information.*

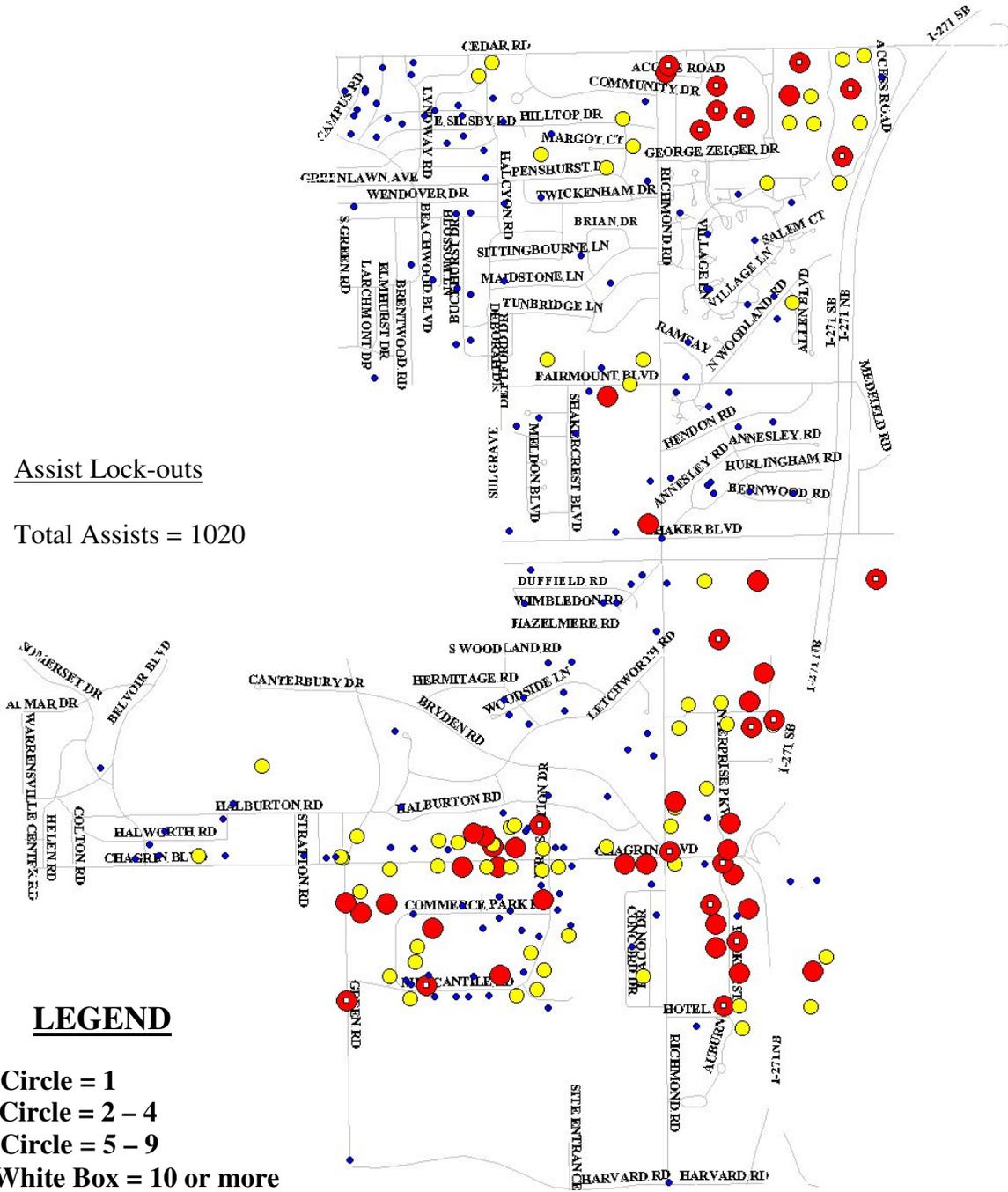


2008 Assists – Lock-outs

(by location)

Assist Lock-outs

Total Assists = 1020



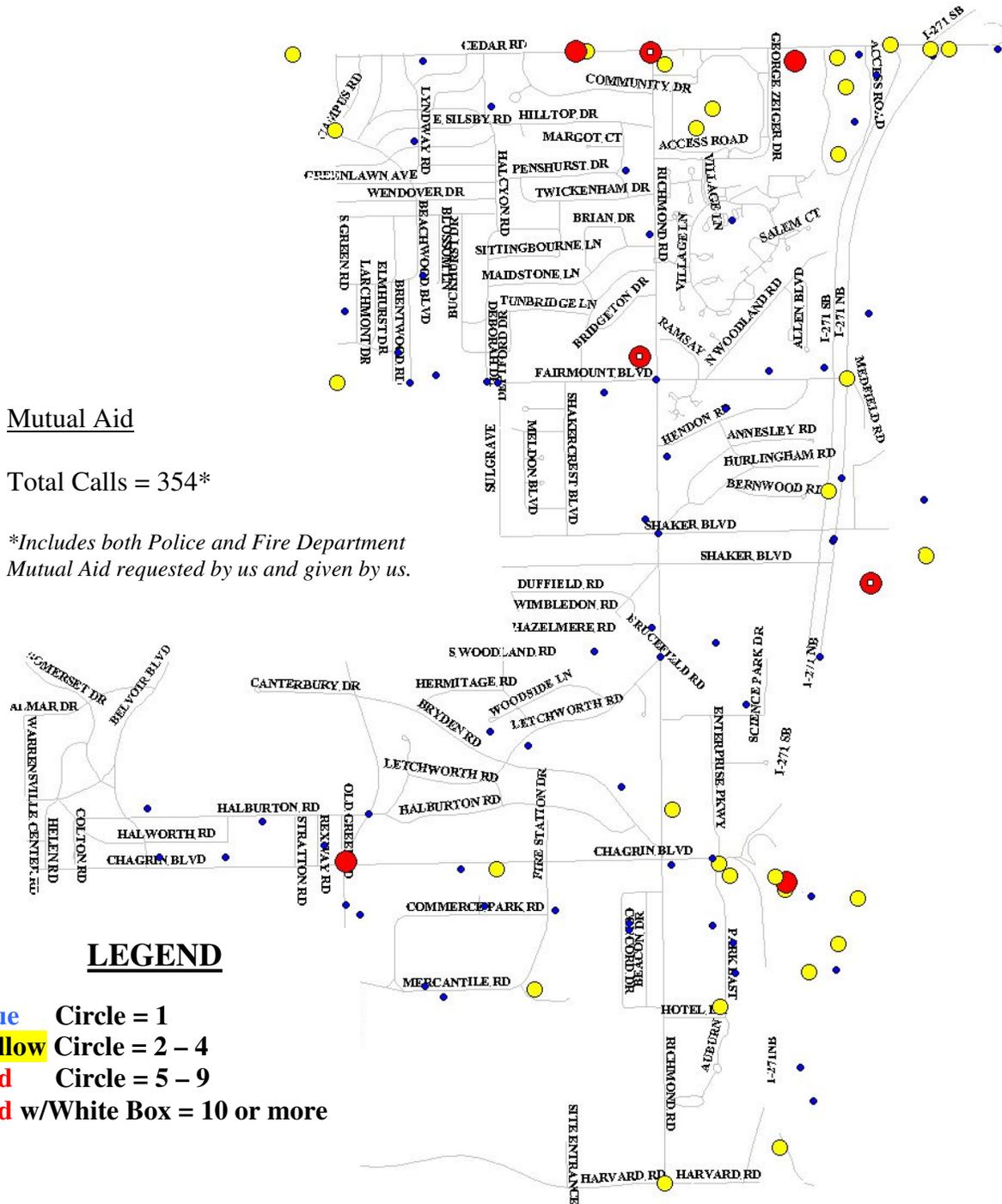
2008 Assists – Mutual Aid Calls

(by location)

Mutual Aid

Total Calls = 354*

*Includes both Police and Fire Department Mutual Aid requested by us and given by us.

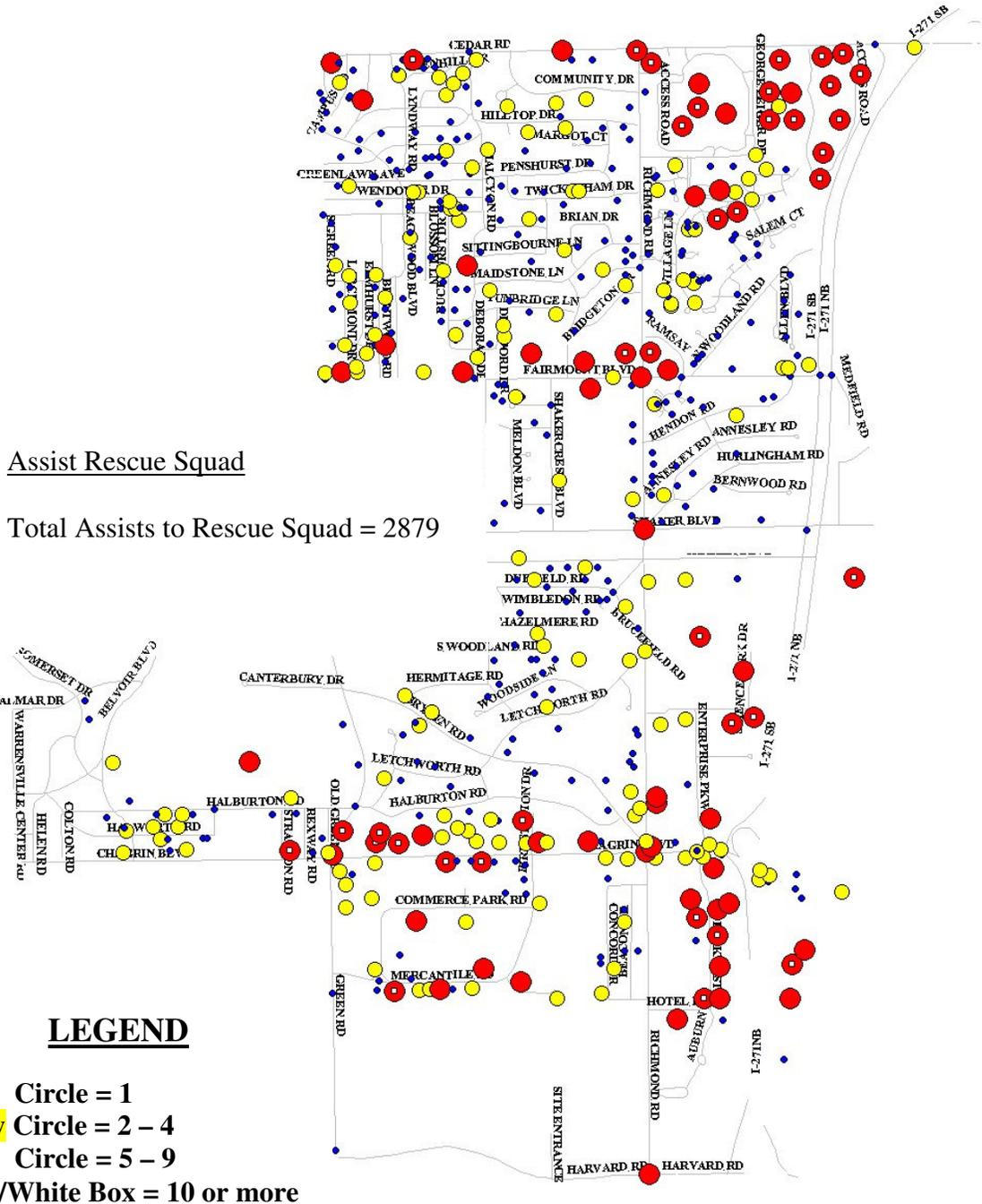


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2008 Assists –Rescue Squad

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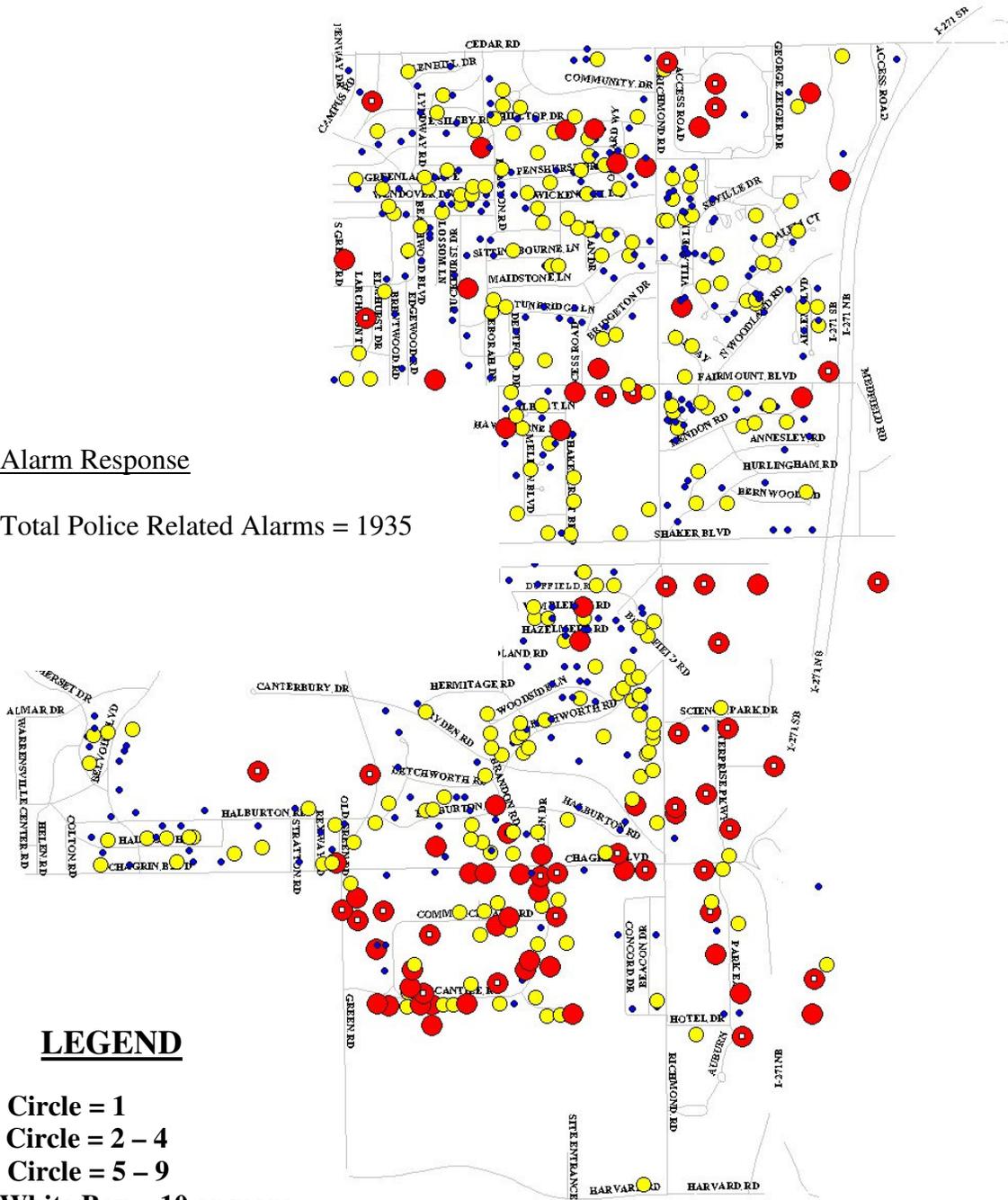


2008 Complaints – Alarms (Police)

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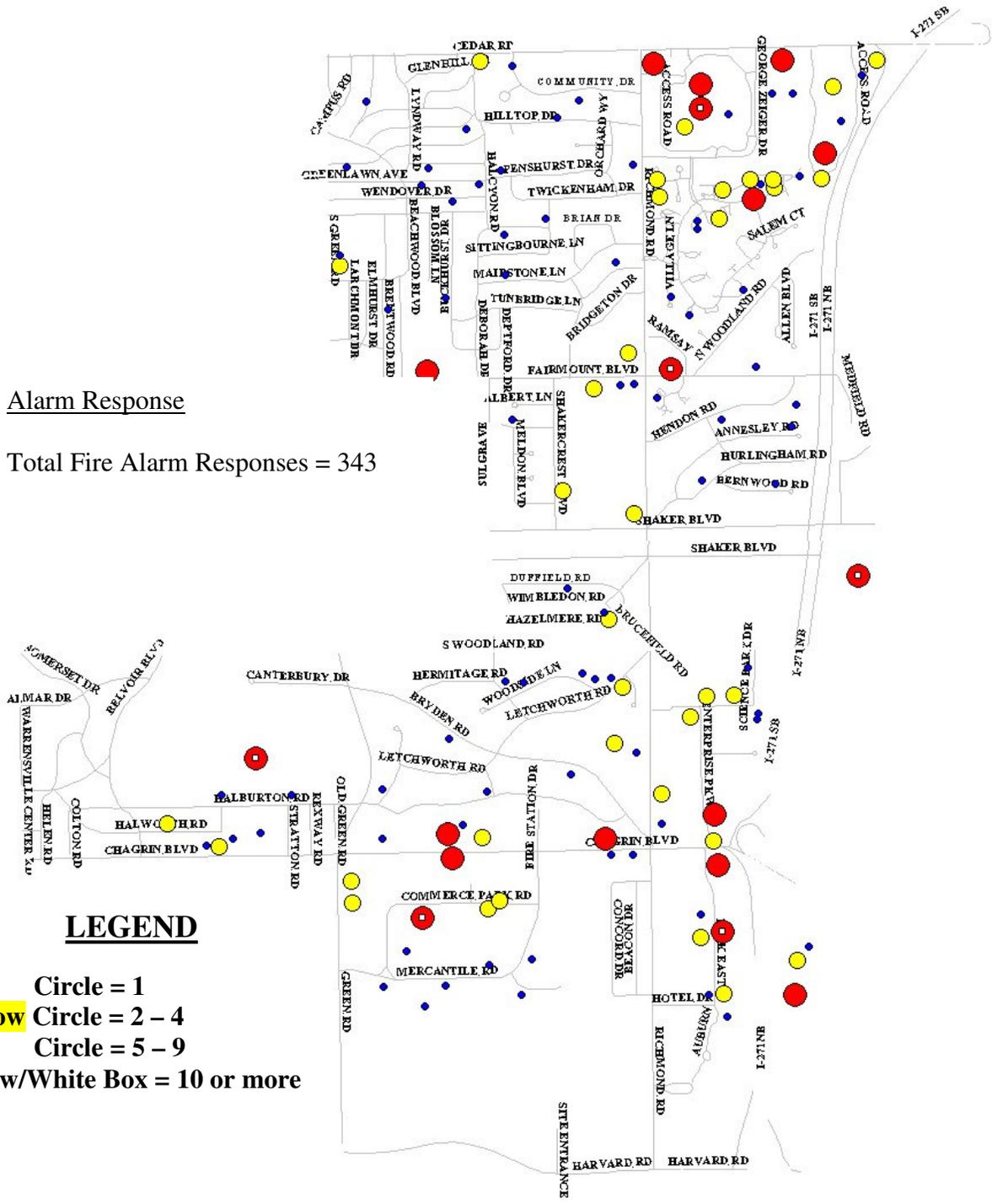
Alarm Response

Total Police Related Alarms = 1935



2008 Complaints –Alarms (Fire)

(by location)



Alarm Response

Total Fire Alarm Responses = 343

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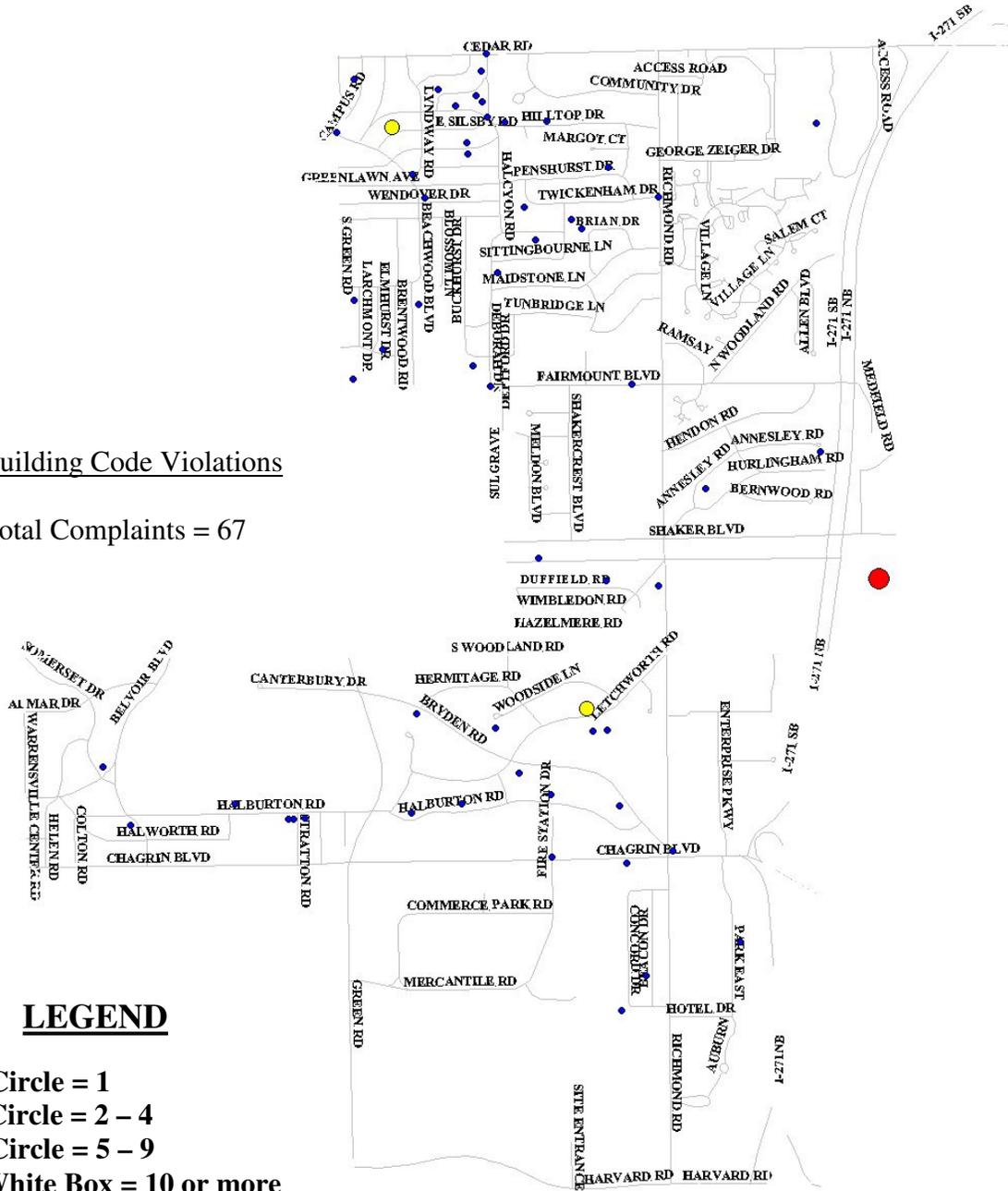
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2008 Complaints –Building Code Violations

(by location)

Building Code Violations

Total Complaints = 67

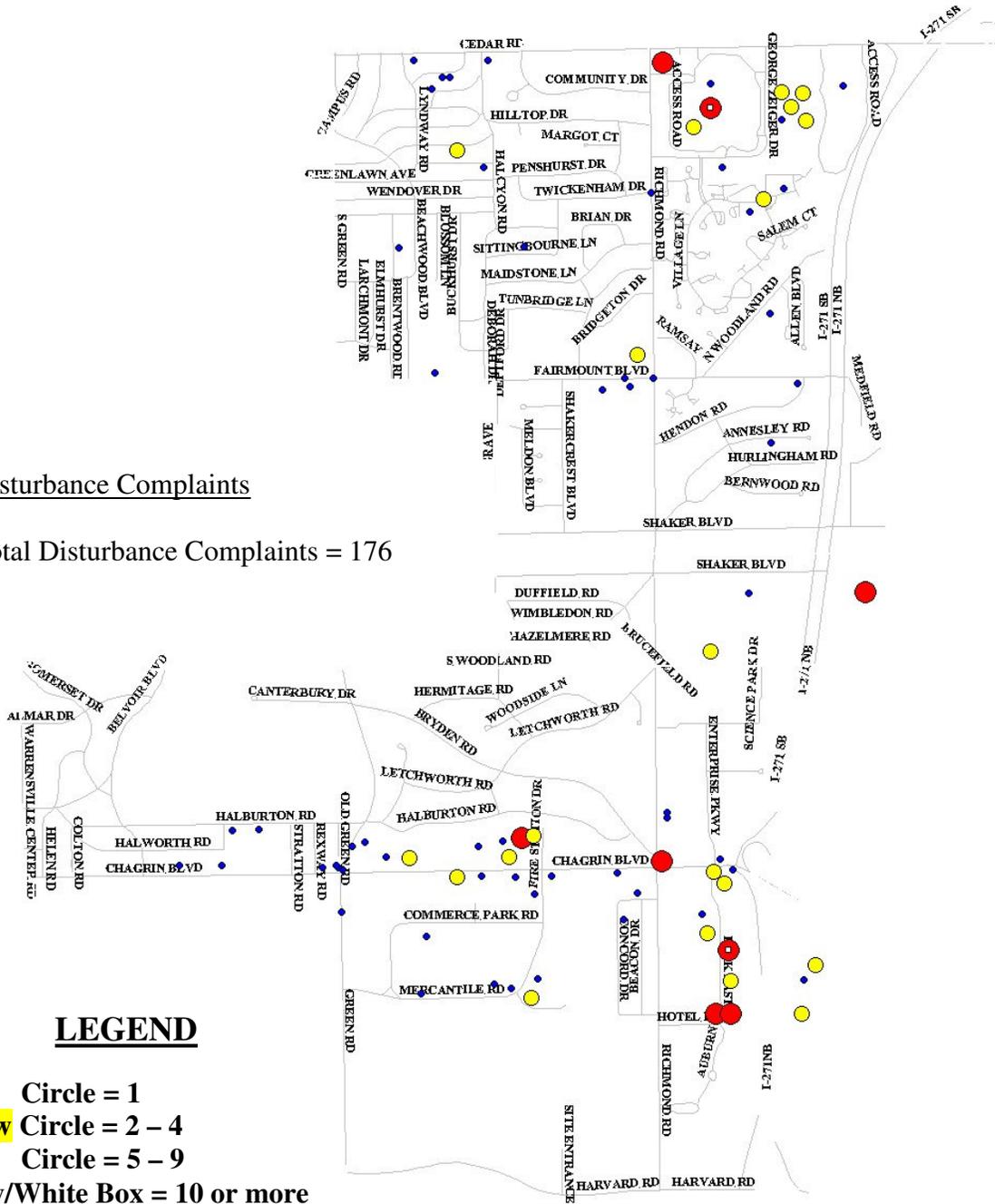


2008 Complaints –Disturbance

(by location)

Disturbance Complaints

Total Disturbance Complaints = 176

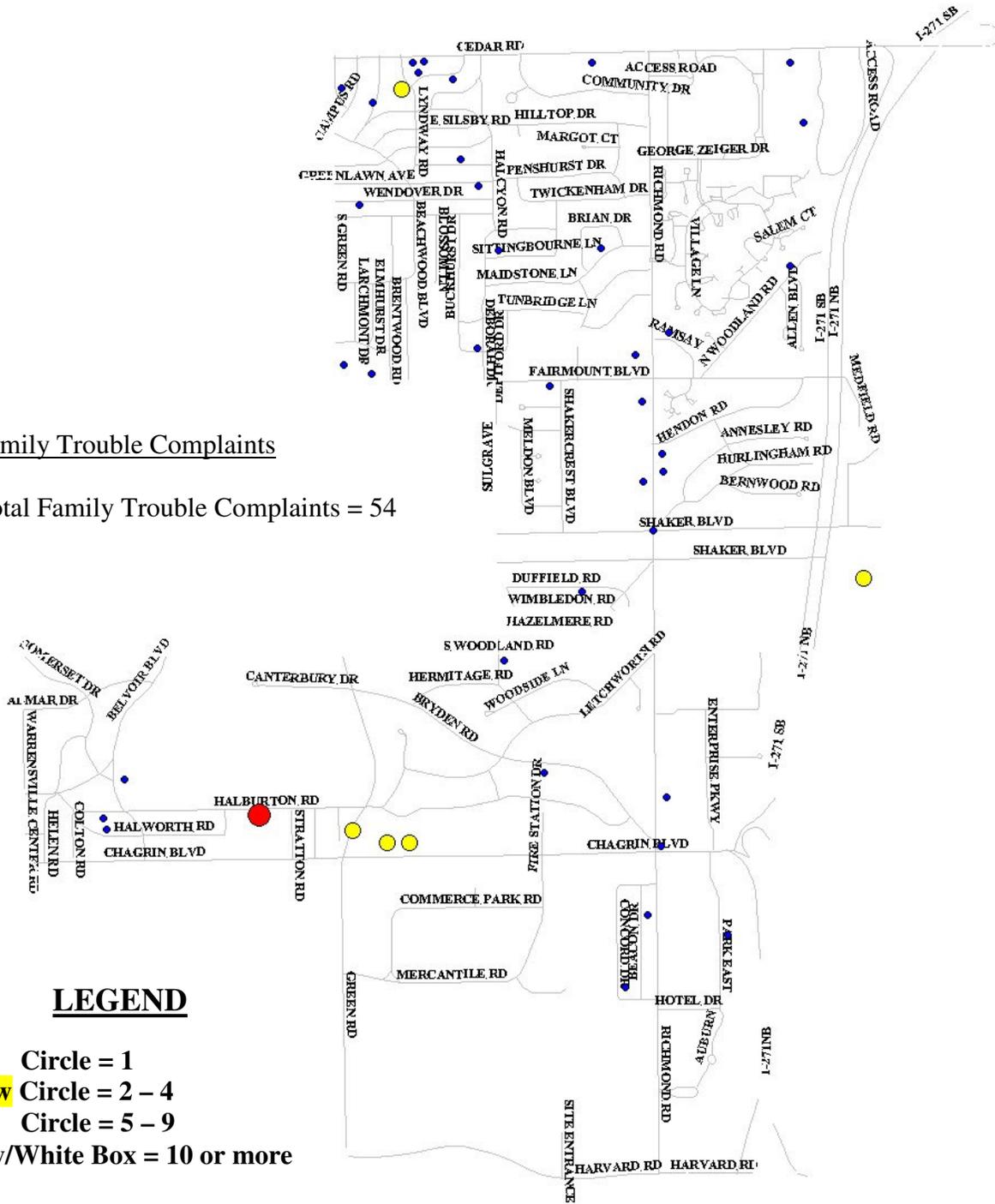


2008 Complaints –Family Trouble

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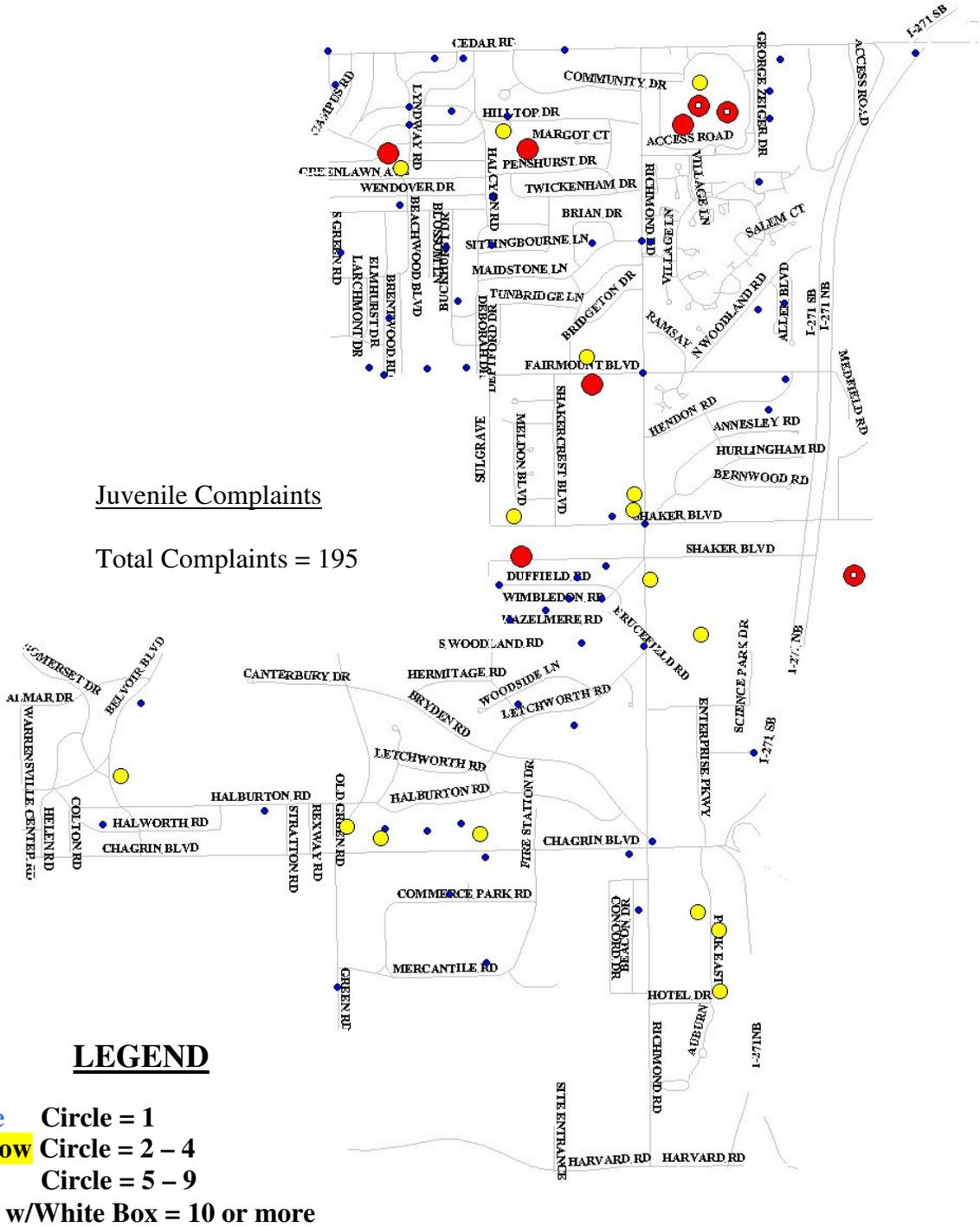
Family Trouble Complaints

Total Family Trouble Complaints = 54



2008 Complaints –Juvenile

(by location)

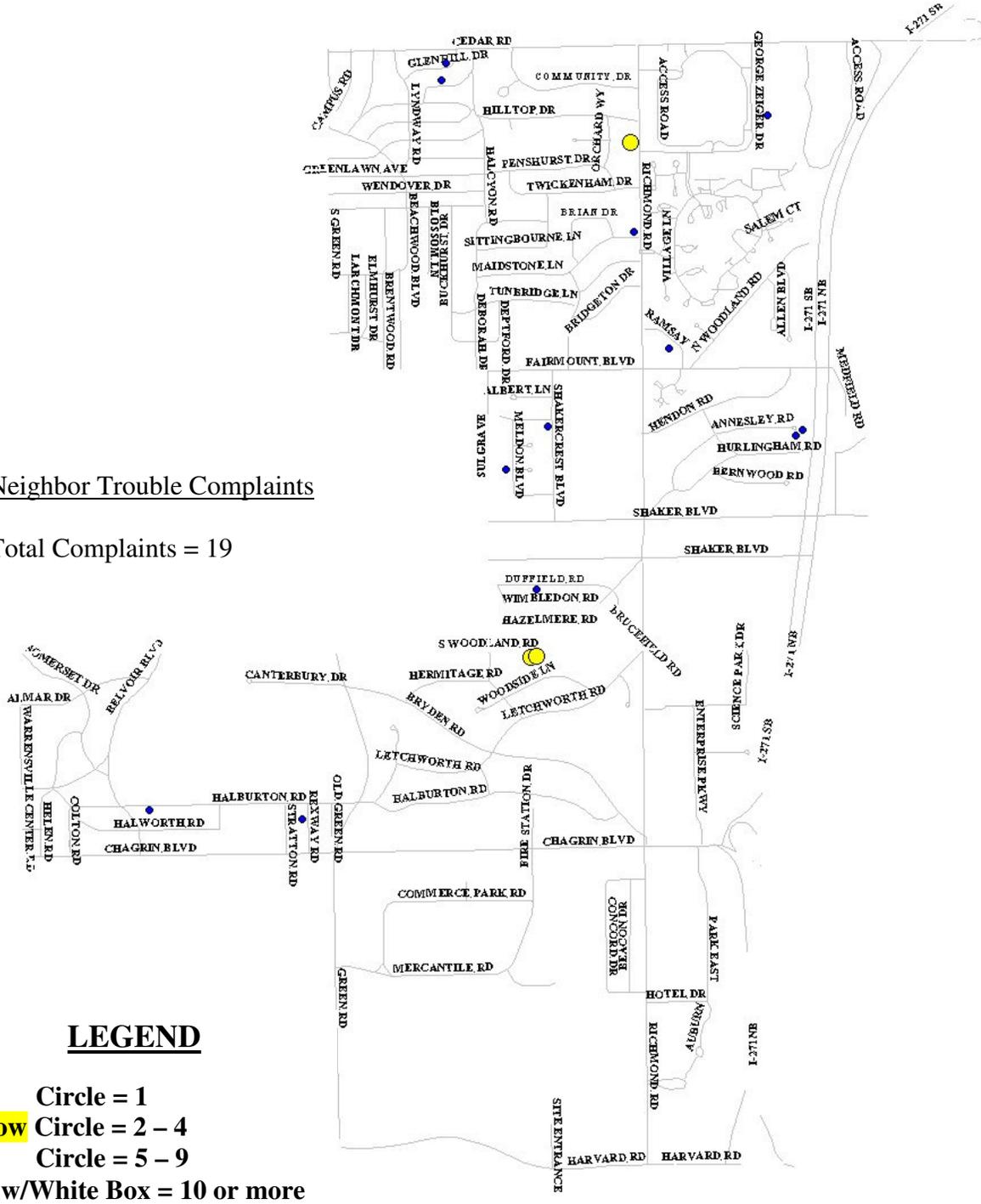


2008 Complaints –Neighbor Trouble

(by location)

Neighbor Trouble Complaints

Total Complaints = 19

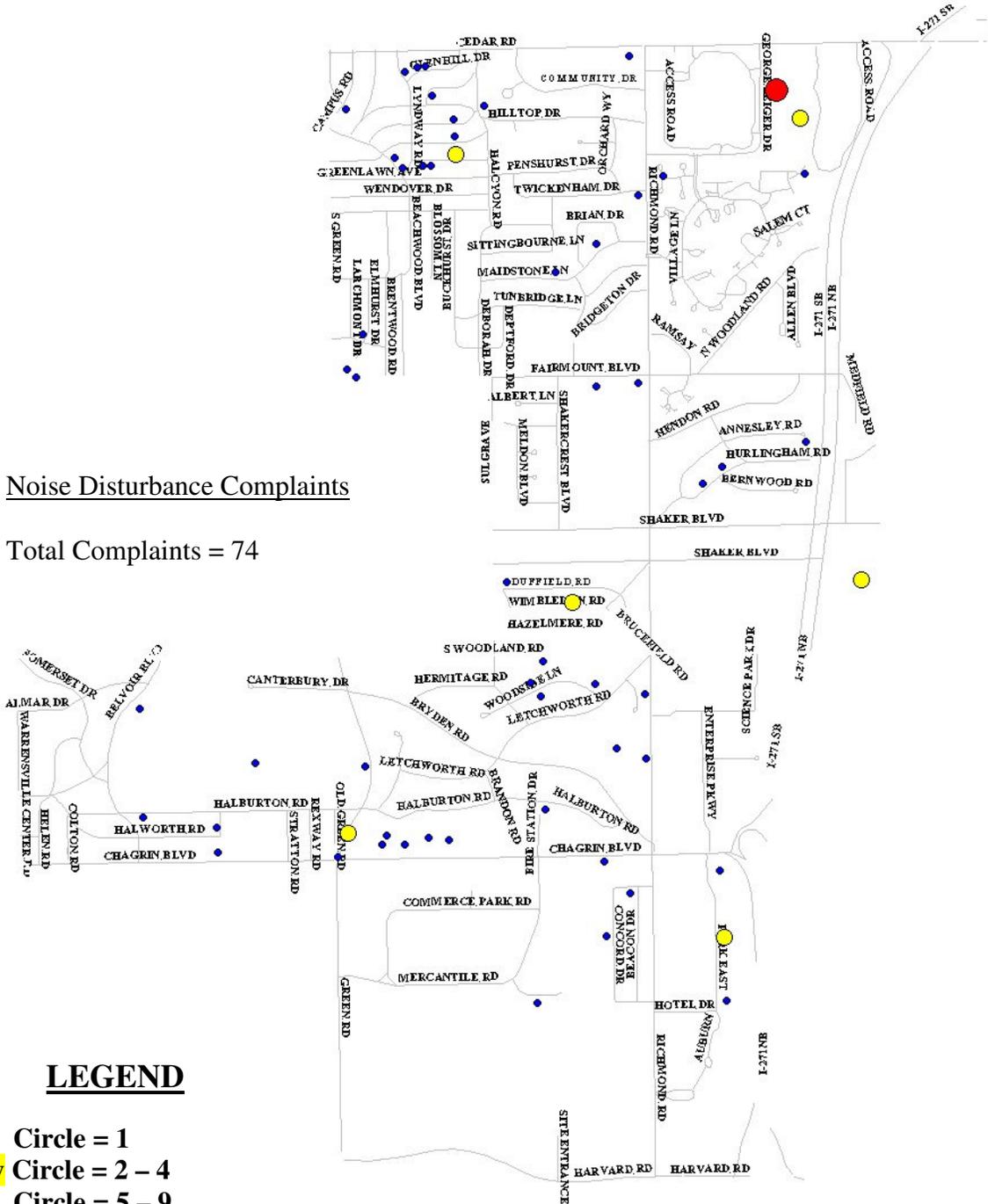


2008 Complaints –Noise Disturbance

(by location)

Noise Disturbance Complaints

Total Complaints = 74

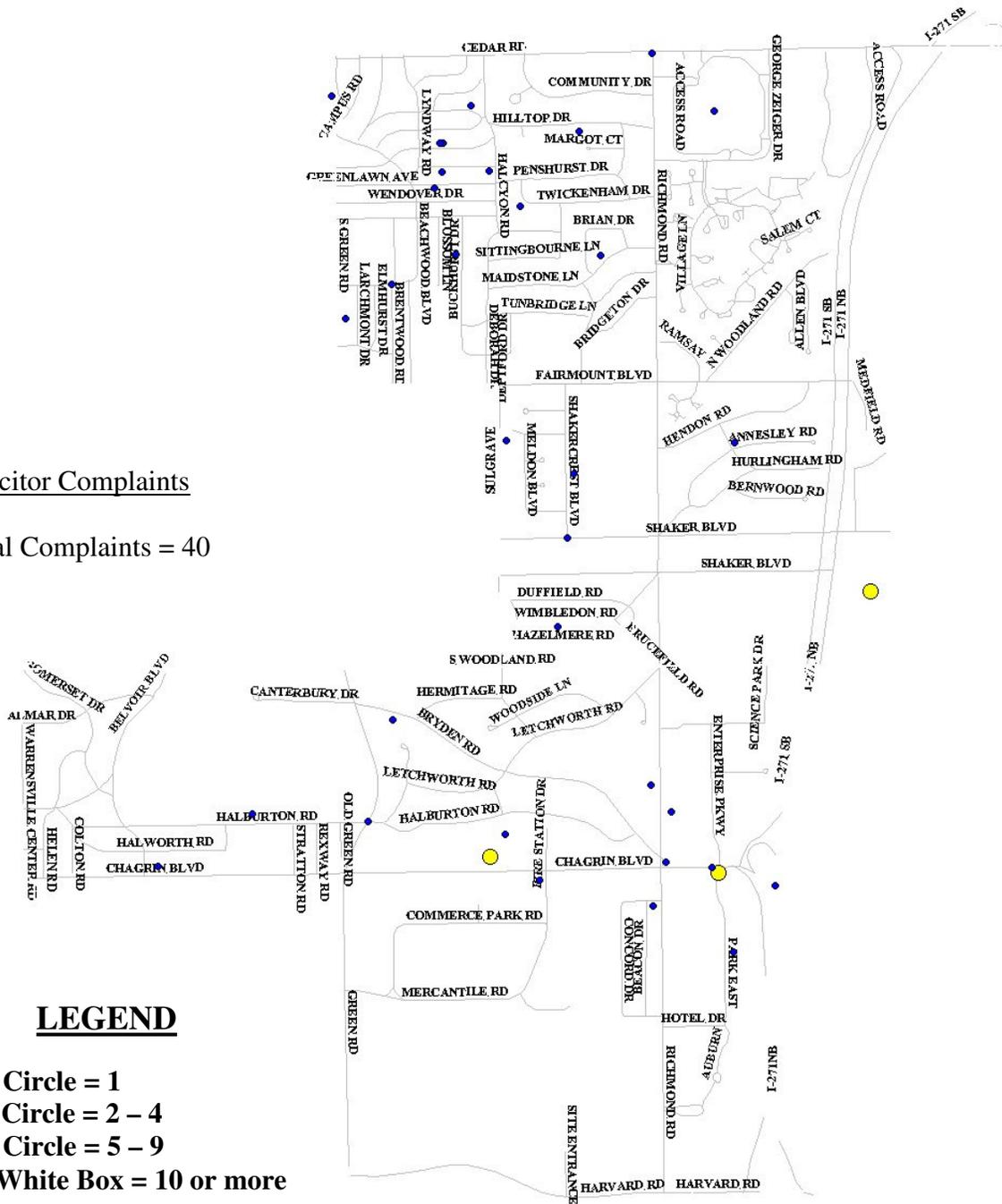


2008 Complaints –Solicitors

(by location)

Solicitor Complaints

Total Complaints = 40

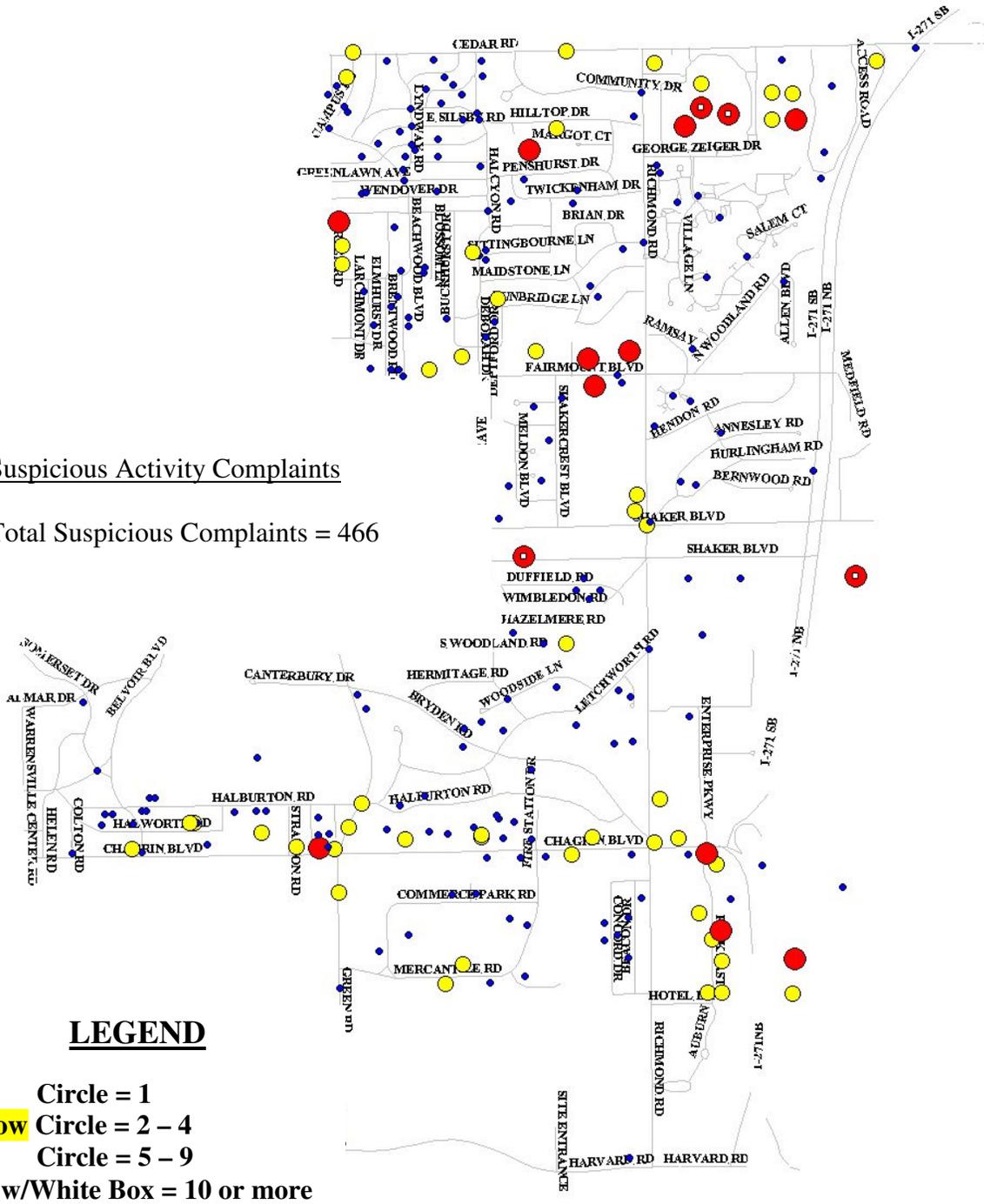


2008 Complaints –Suspicious Activity

(by location)

Suspicious Activity Complaints

Total Suspicious Complaints = 466



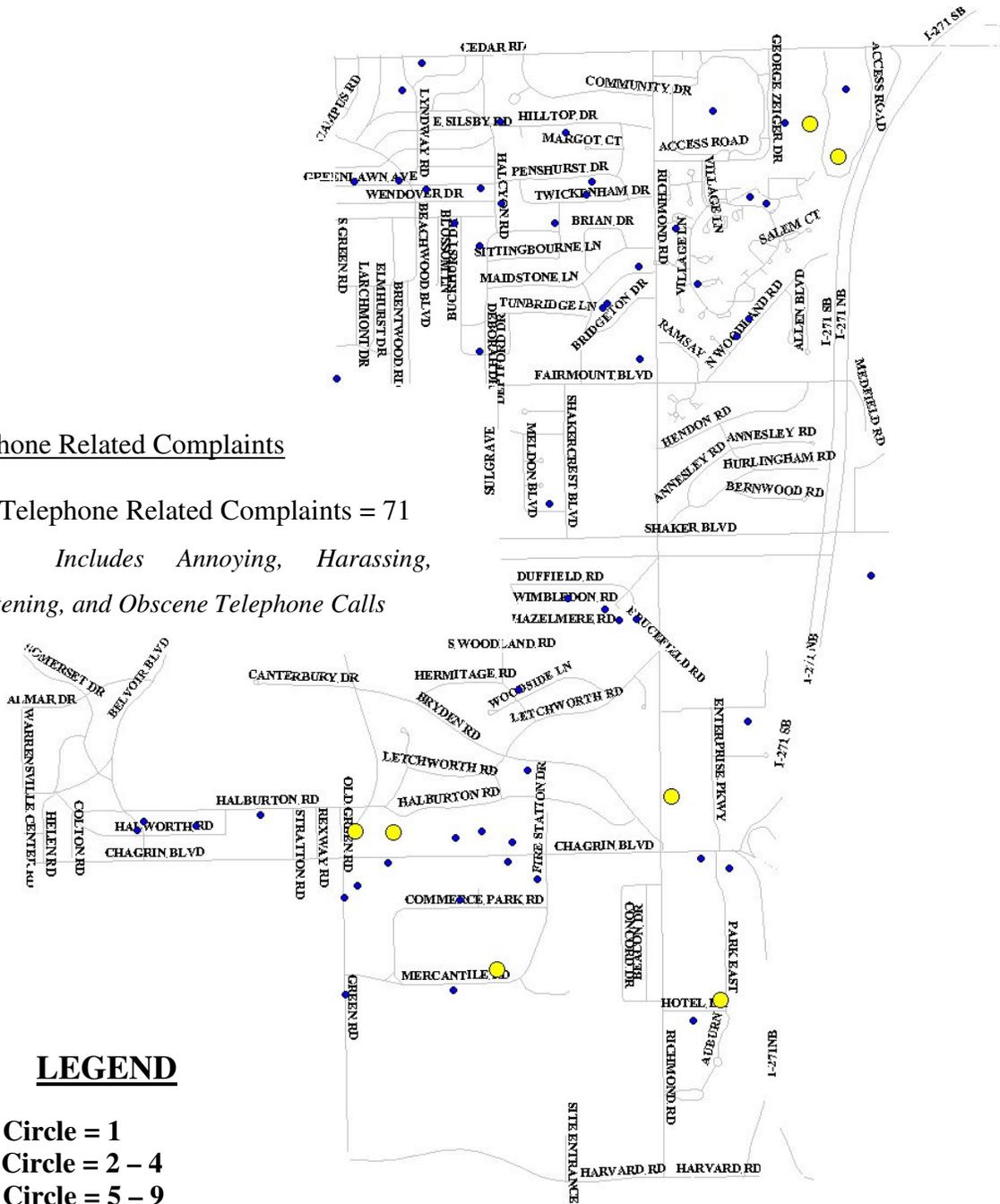
2008 Complaints –Telephone Related

(by location)

Telephone Related Complaints

Total Telephone Related Complaints = 71

Note: Includes Annoying, Harassing, Threatening, and Obscene Telephone Calls



2007 Complaints –Traffic / Parking

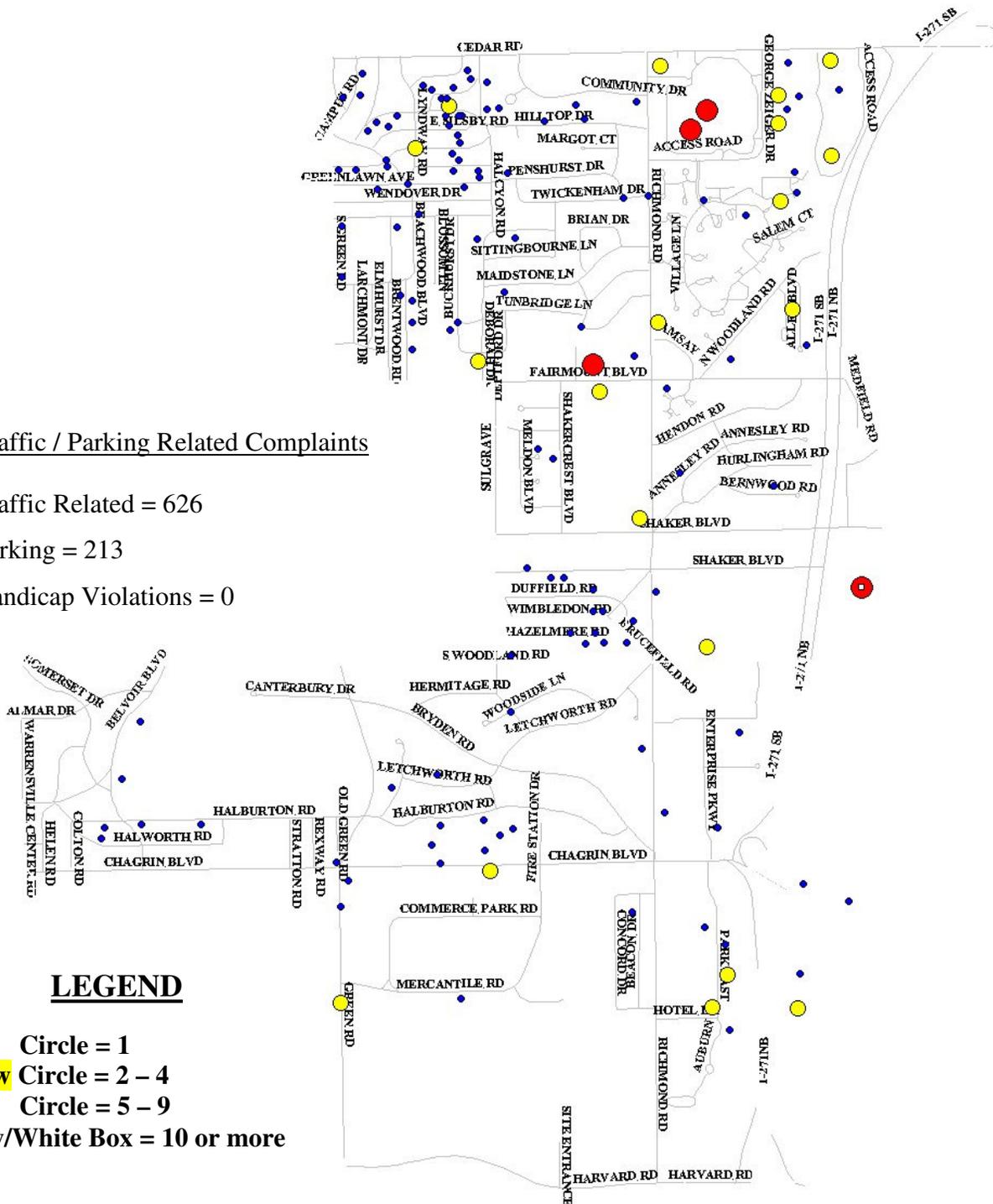
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Traffic / Parking Related Complaints

Traffic Related = 626

Parking = 213

Handicap Violations = 0

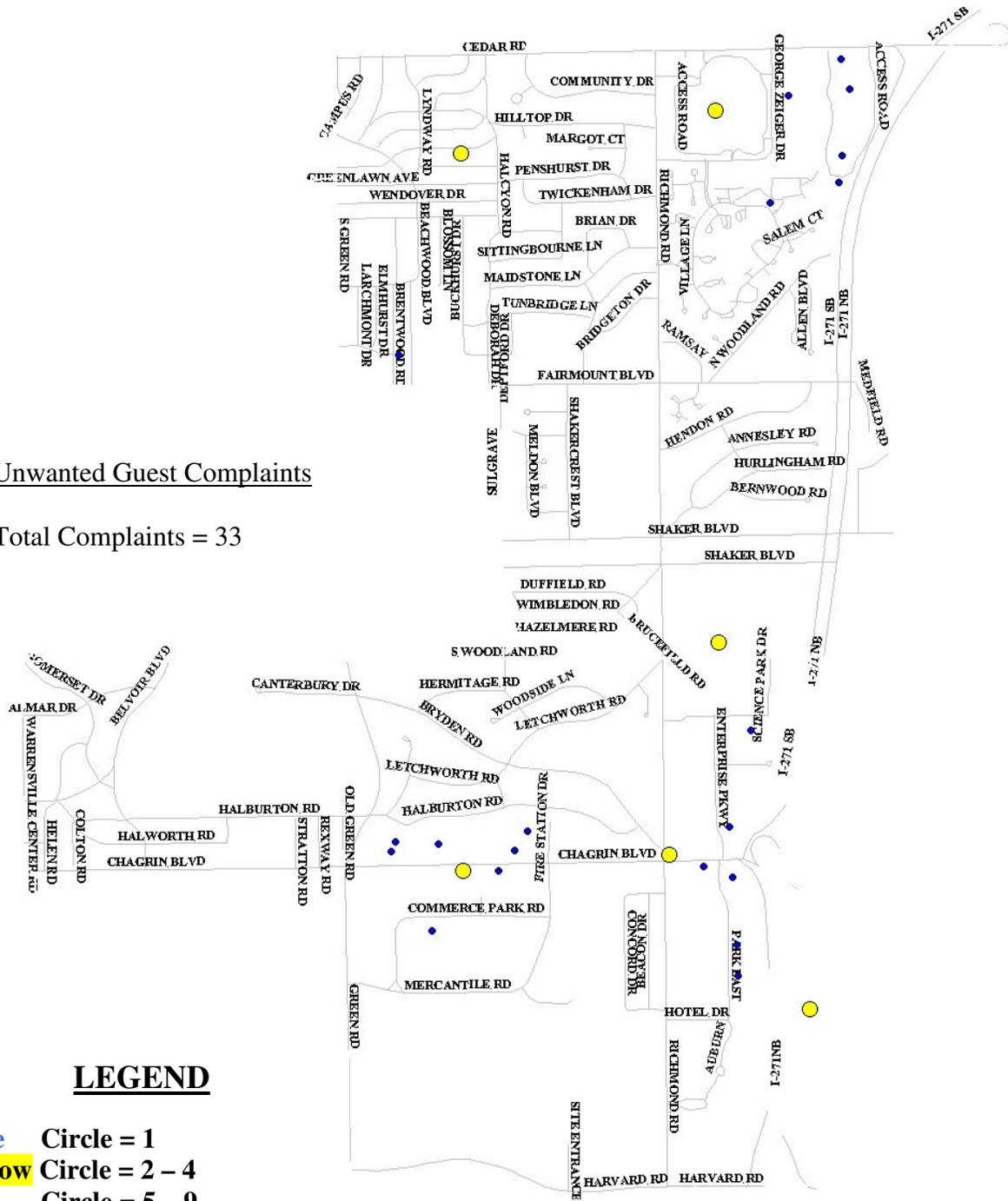


2008 Complaints –Unwanted Guests

(by location)

Unwanted Guest Complaints

Total Complaints = 33

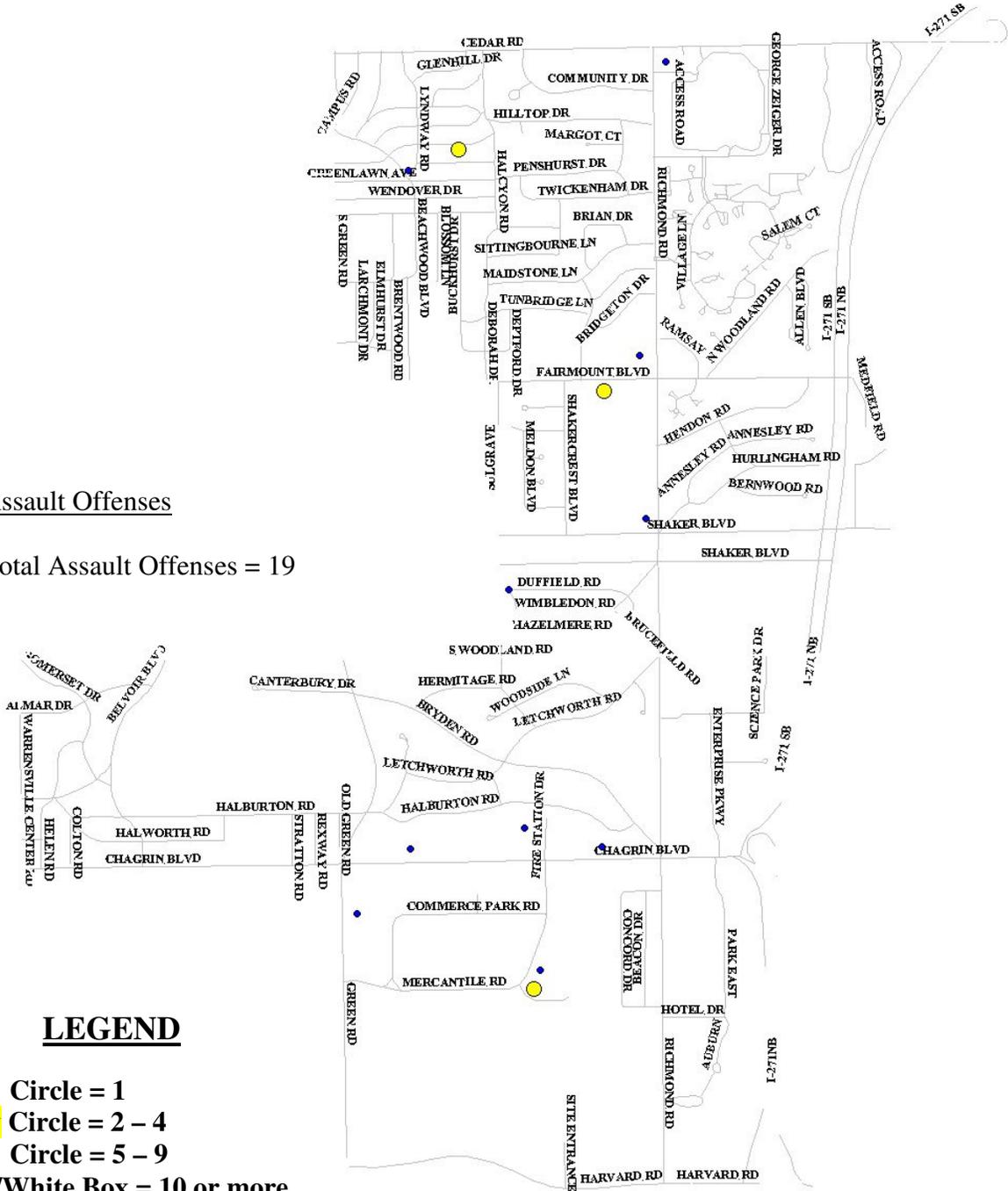


2008 Offenses - Assault

(by location)

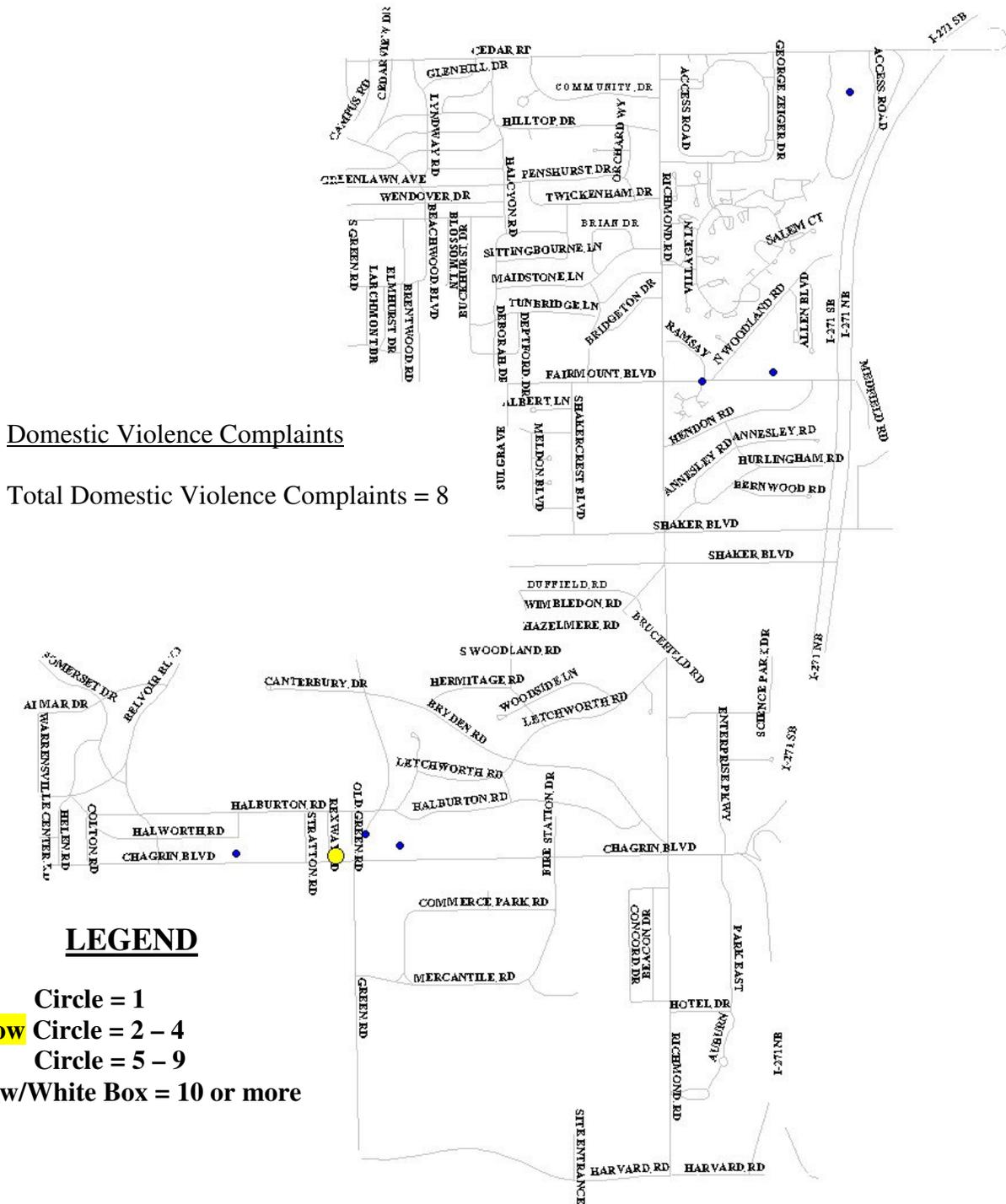
Assault Offenses

Total Assault Offenses = 19



2008 Offenses -Domestic Violence

(by_location)

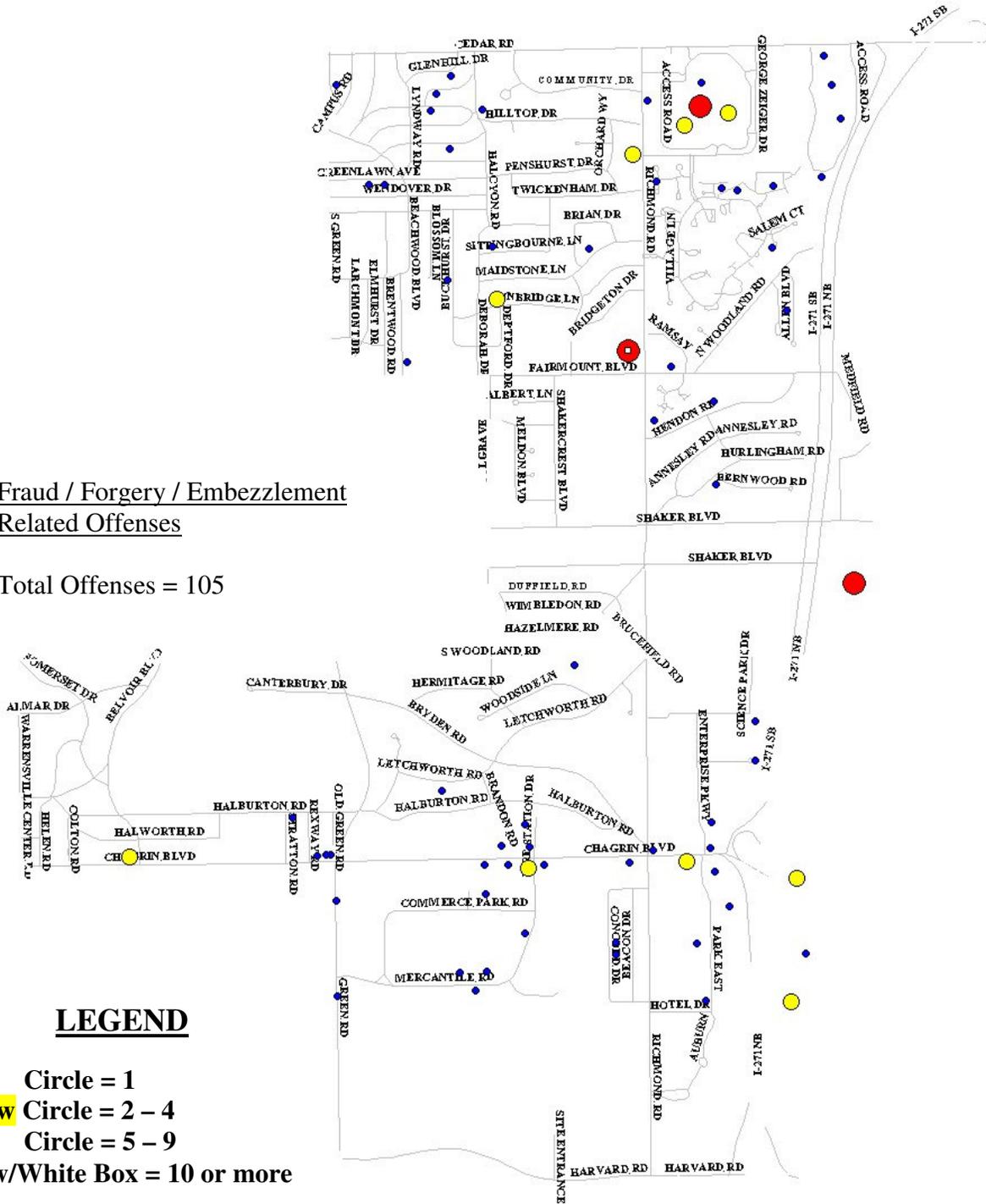


2008 Offenses -Fraud/Forgery

(by location)

Fraud / Forgery / Embezzlement Related Offenses

Total Offenses = 105

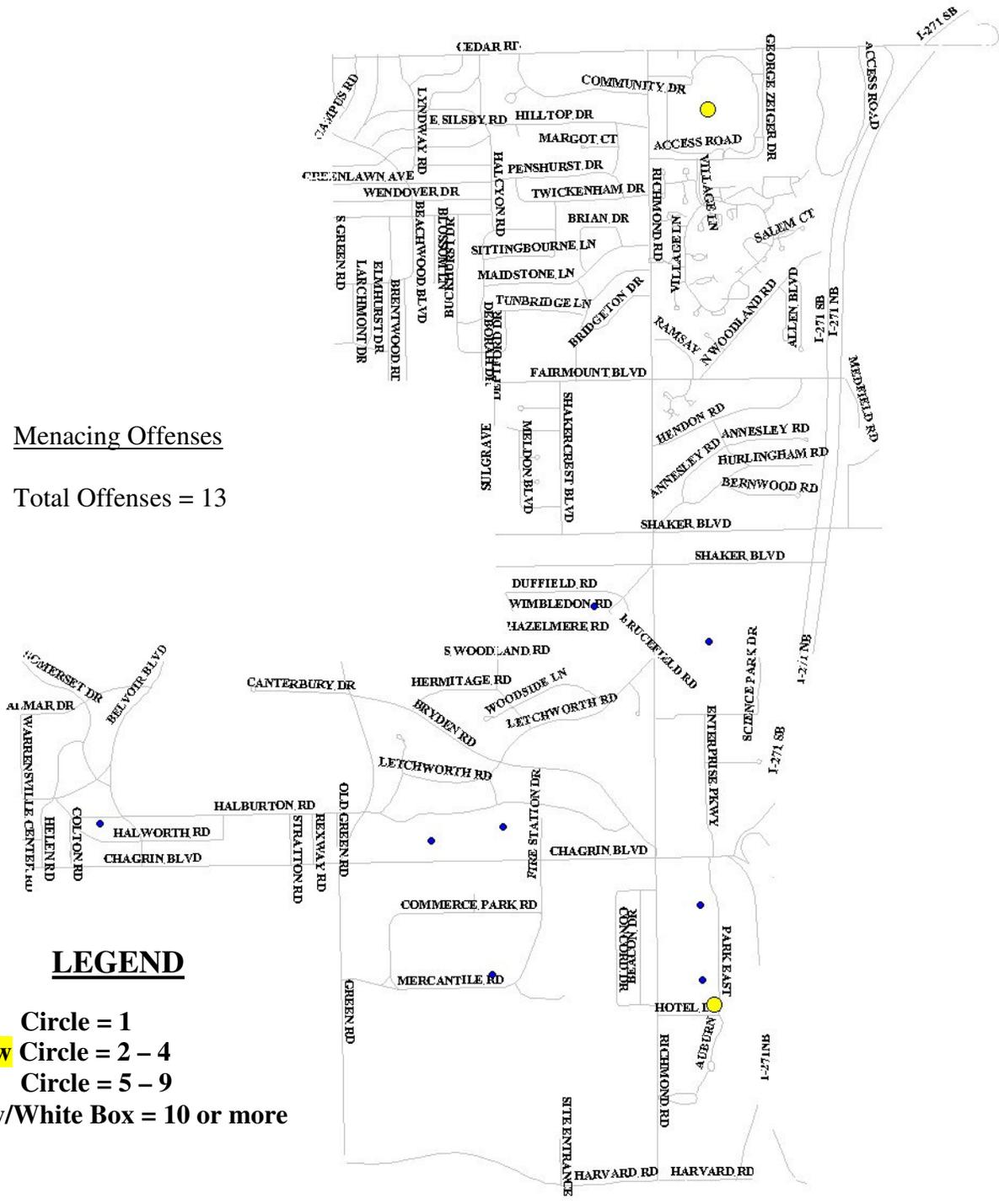


2008 Offenses -Menacing

(by location)

Menacing Offenses

Total Offenses = 13



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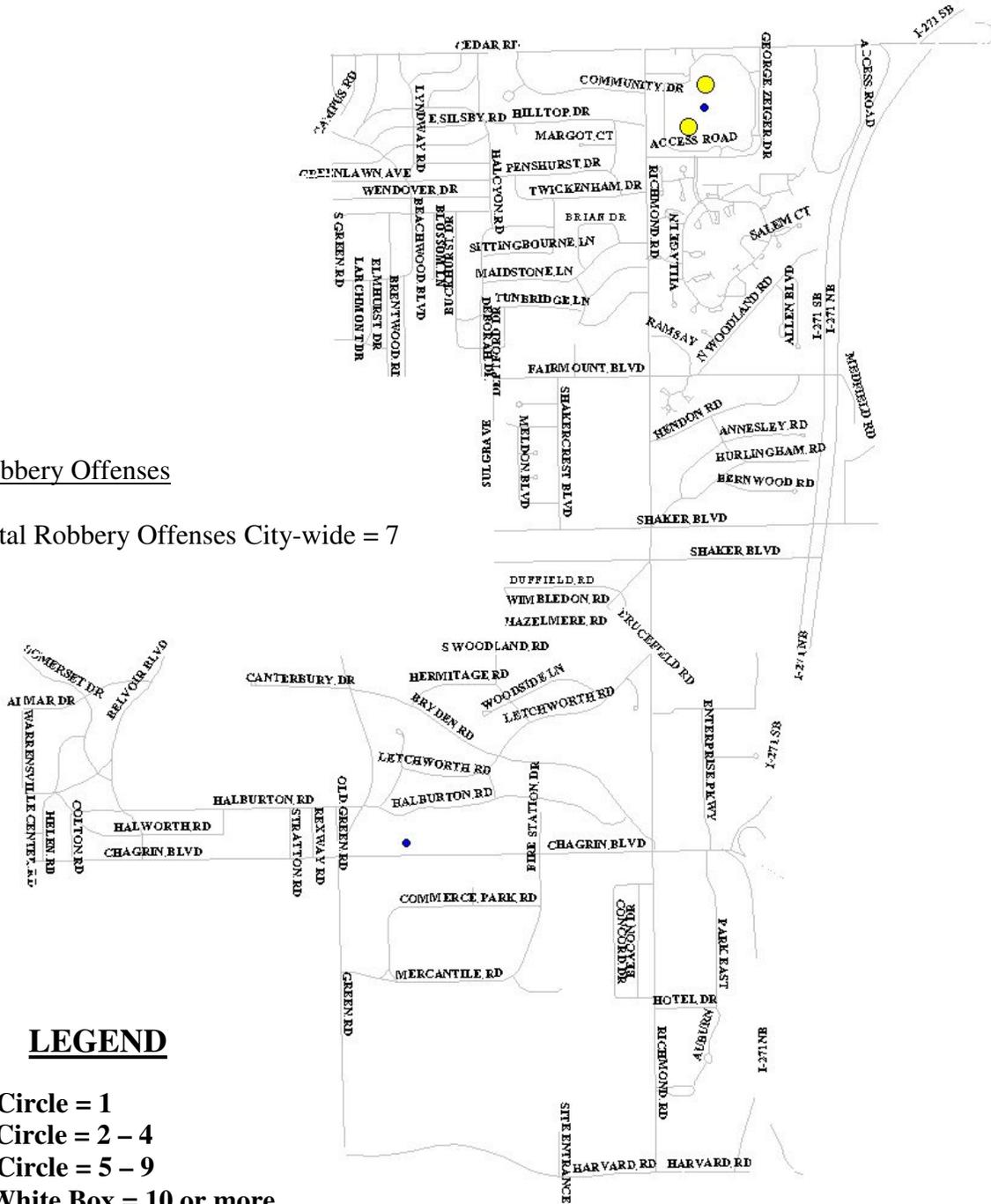
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2008 Offenses -Robbery

(by location)

Robbery Offenses

Total Robbery Offenses City-wide = 7



2008 Offenses -Sex

(by location)

Sex Offenses -Non-rape
 Total Sex Offenses = 3

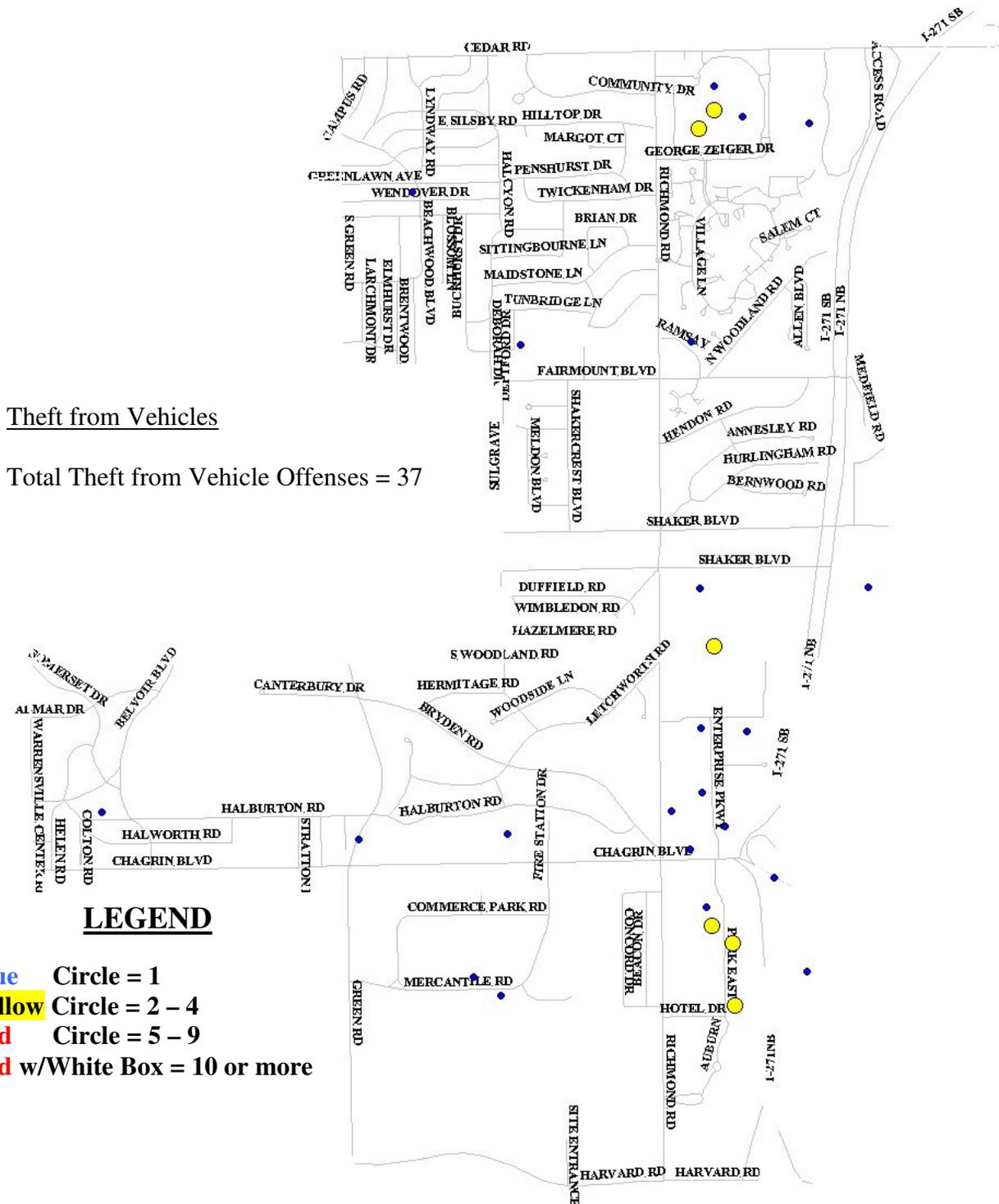


2008 Offenses – Theft from Vehicle

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Theft from Vehicles

Total Theft from Vehicle Offenses = 37

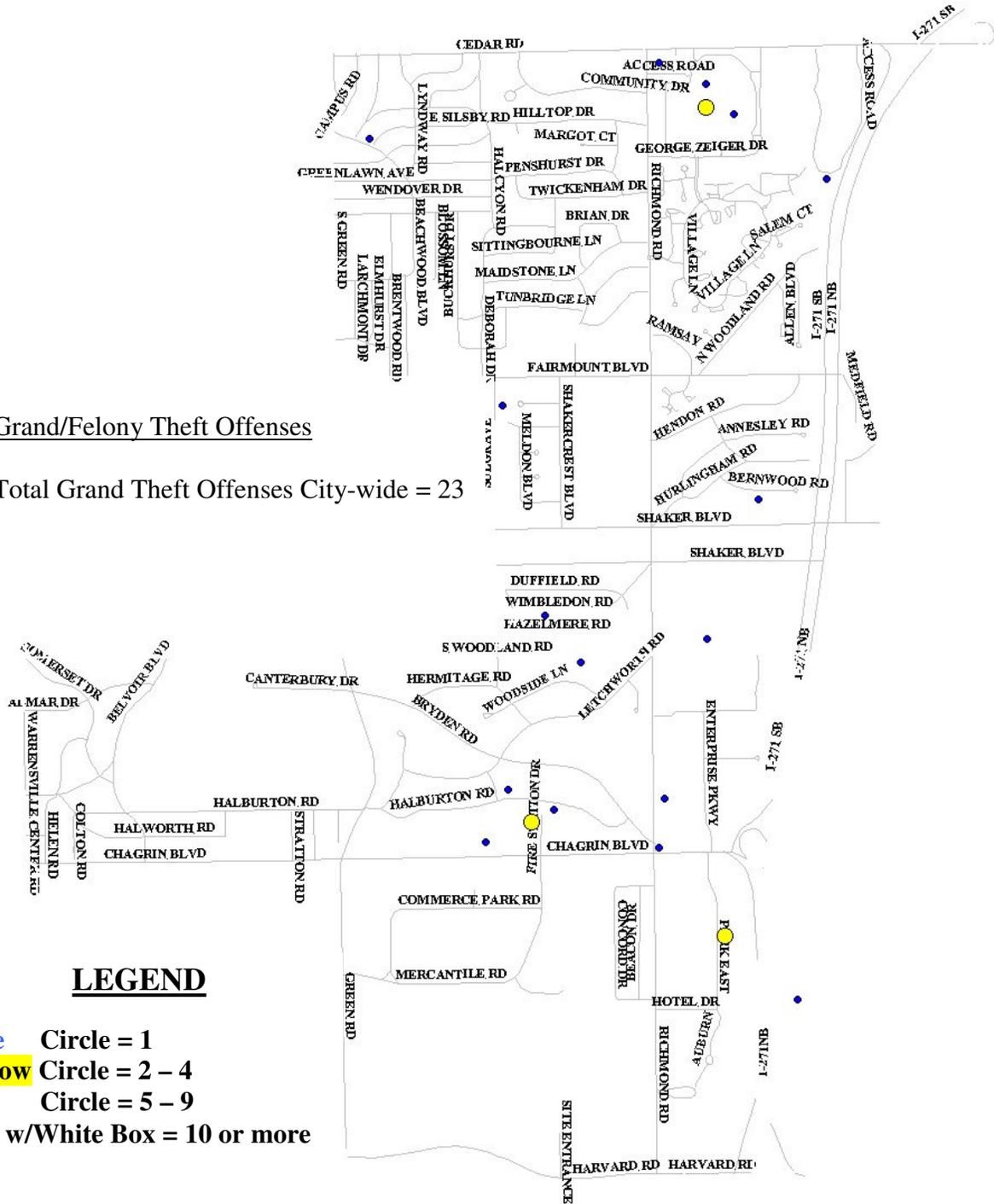


2008 Offenses –Thefts Grand/Felony

(by location)

Grand/Felony Theft Offenses

Total Grand Theft Offenses City-wide = 23

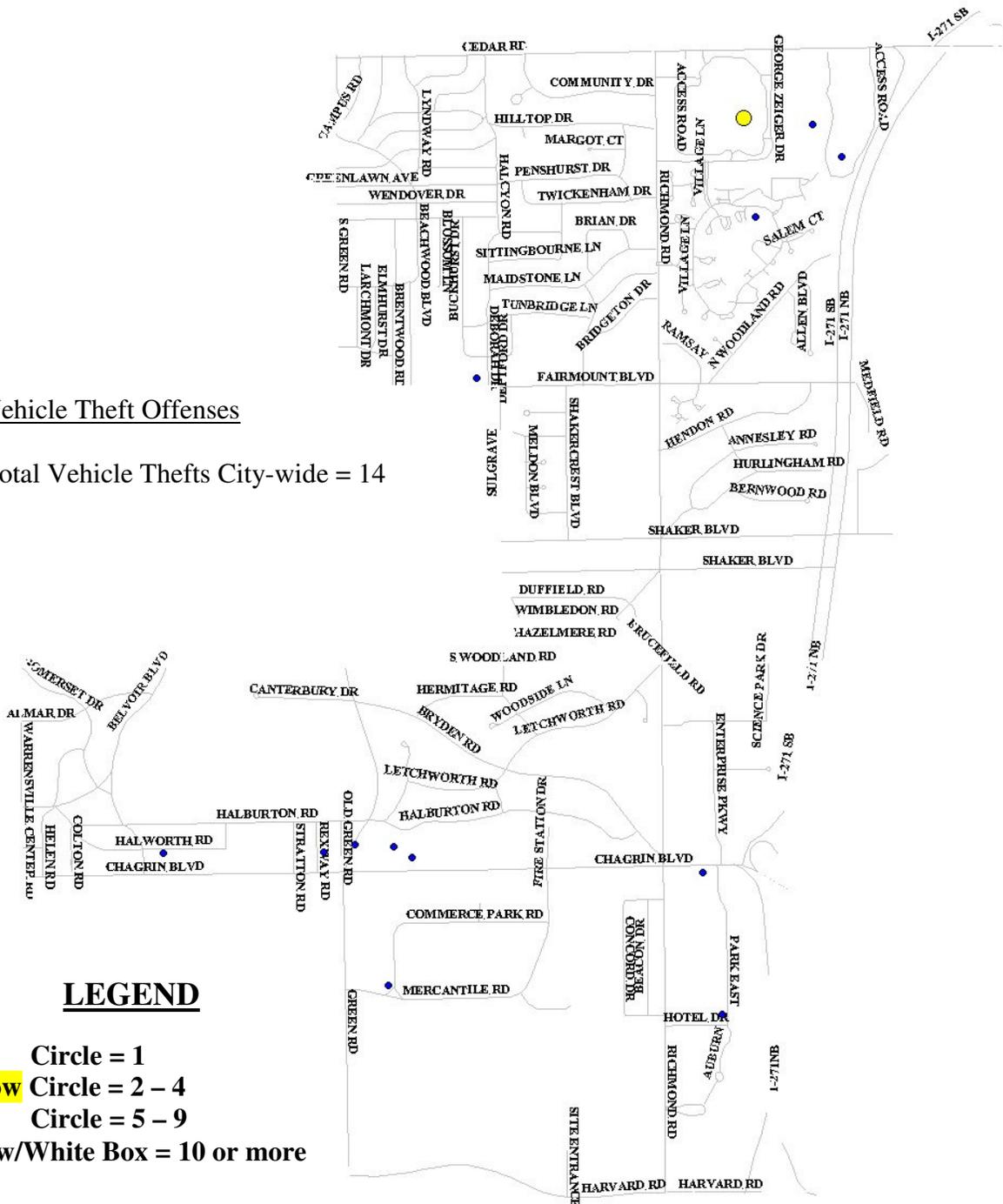


2008 Offenses – Theft of Vehicle

(by location)

Vehicle Theft Offenses

Total Vehicle Thefts City-wide = 14

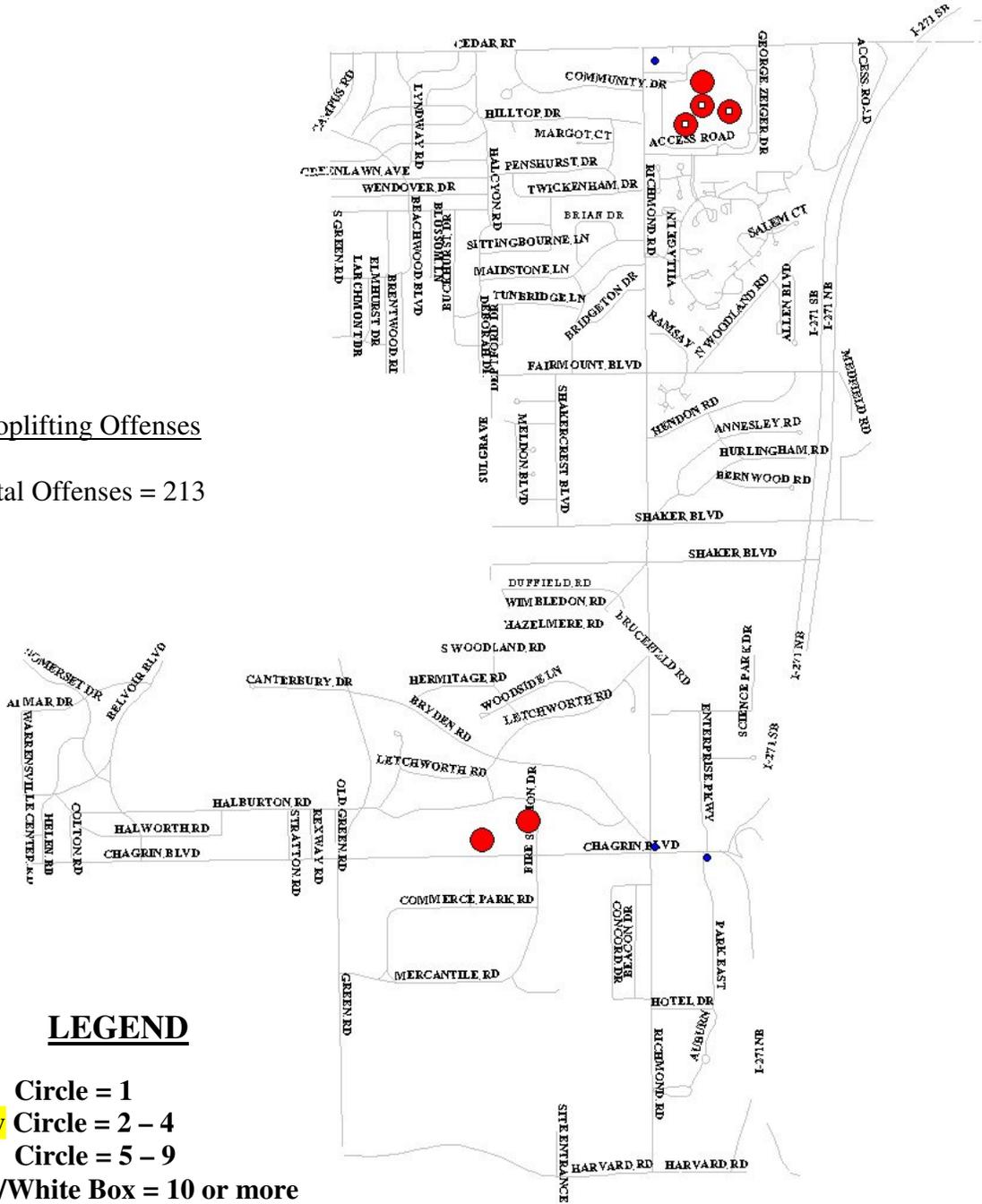


2008 Offenses –Shoplifting

(by location)

Shoplifting Offenses

Total Offenses = 213



2008 Offenses -Weapon

(by location)

Weapon Offenses

Total Offenses = 4



2008 Police Response –To All Malls

(by location)

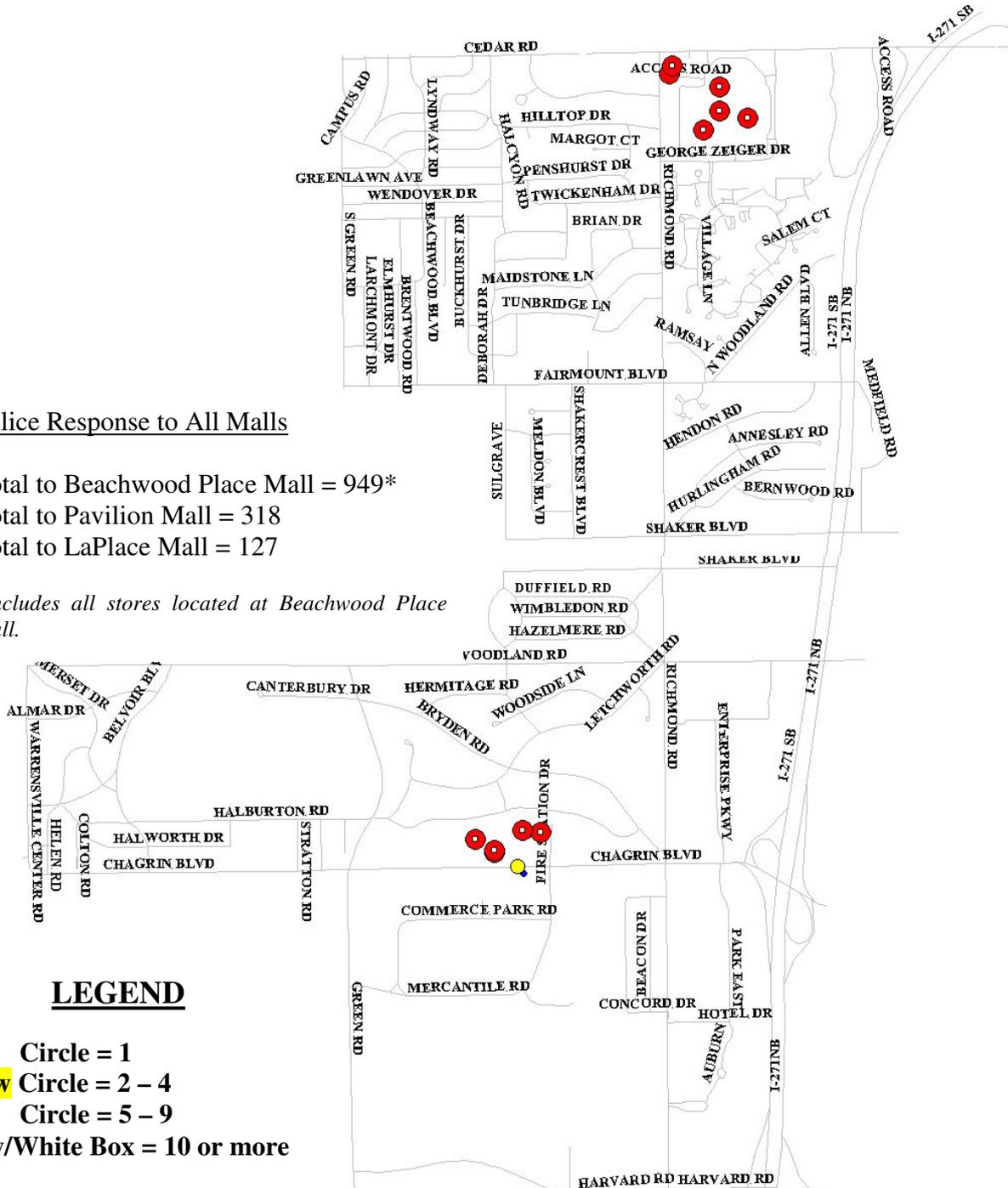
Police Response to All Malls

Total to Beachwood Place Mall = 949*

Total to Pavilion Mall = 318

Total to LaPlace Mall = 127

**Includes all stores located at Beachwood Place Mall.*

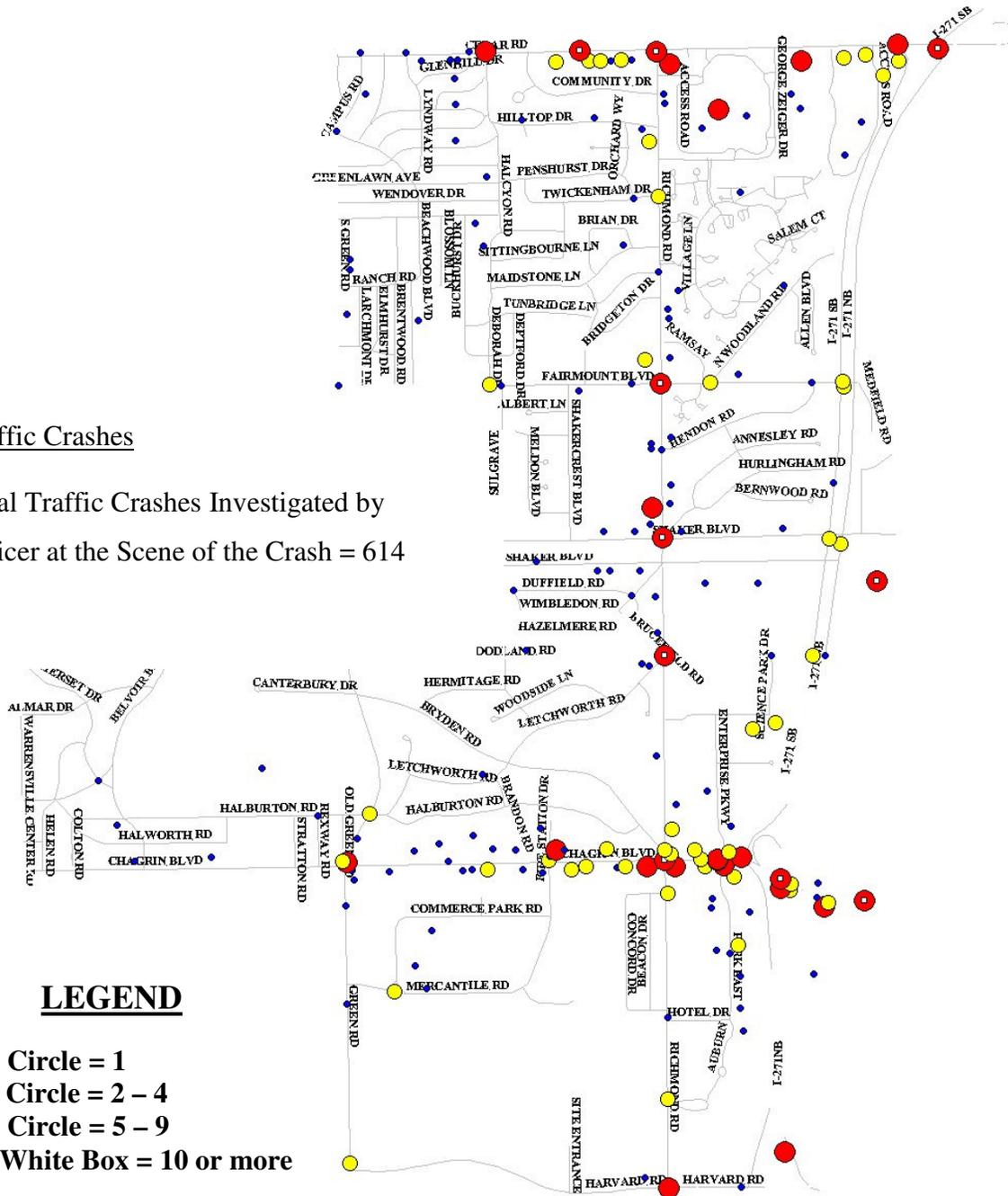


2008 Traffic Crashes – Officer Investigated

(by location)

Traffic Crashes

Total Traffic Crashes Investigated by
Officer at the Scene of the Crash = 614

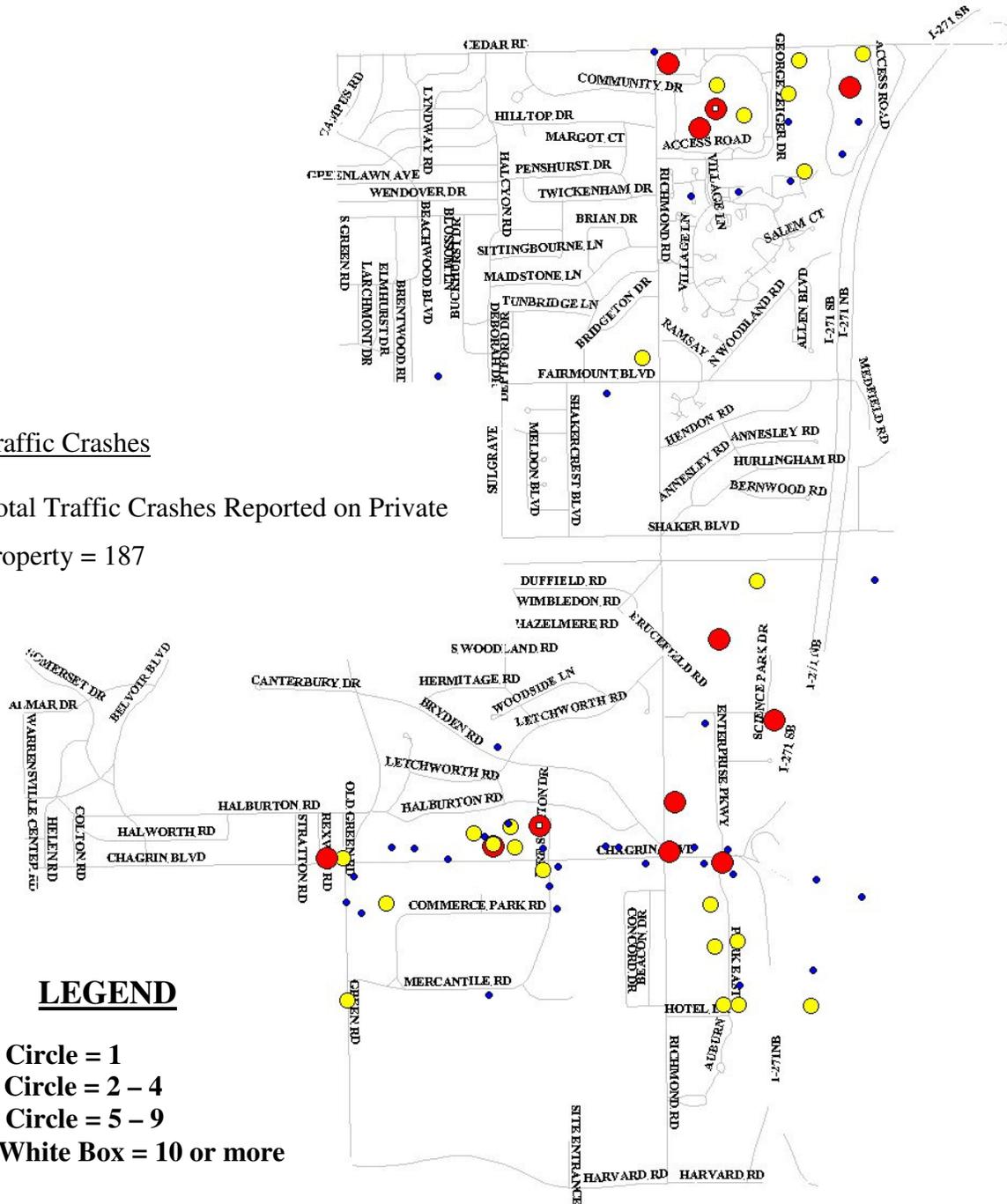


2008 Traffic Crashes - Private Property

(by location)

Traffic Crashes

Total Traffic Crashes Reported on Private Property = 187

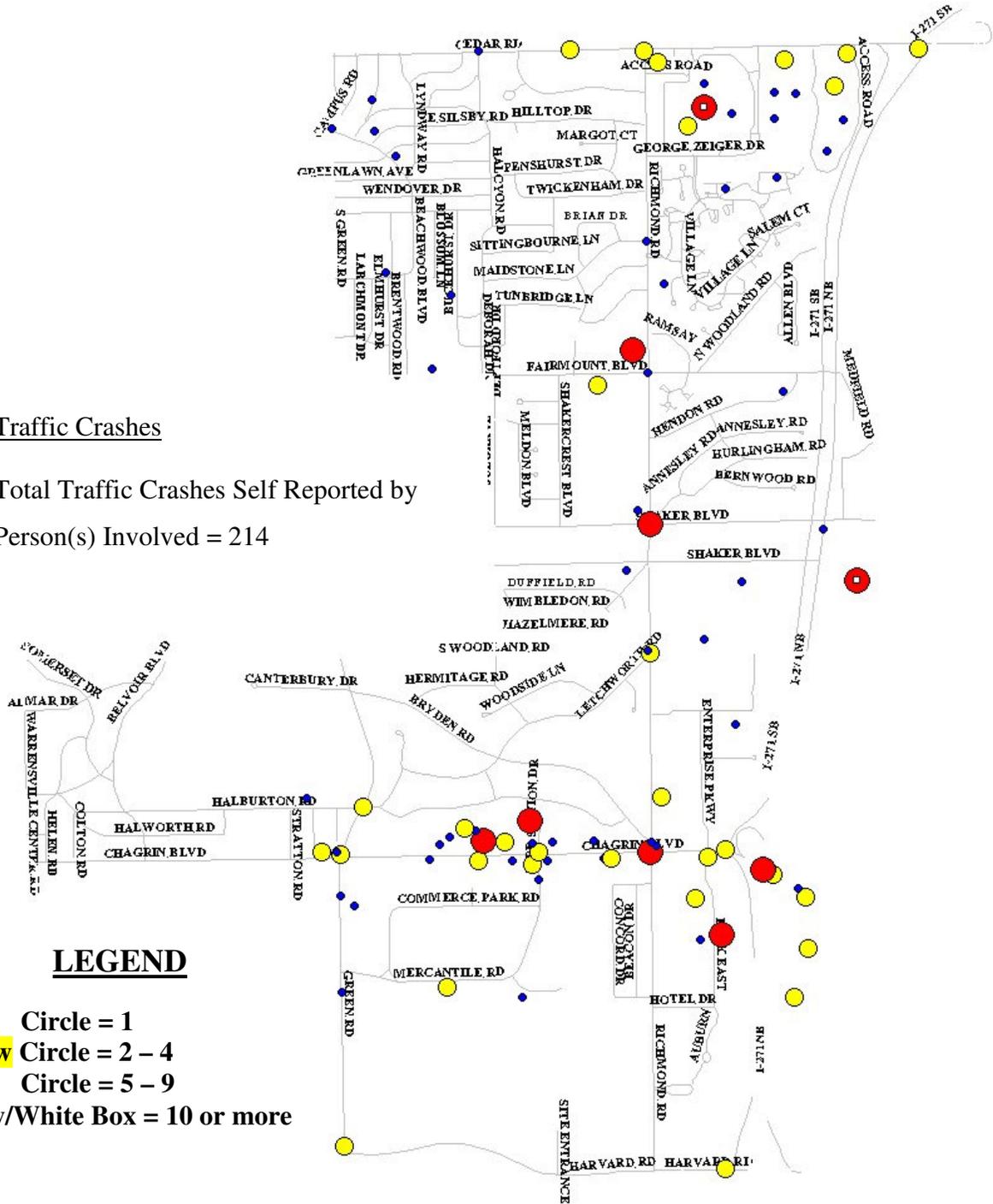


2008 Traffic Crashes – Self Reported

(by location)

Traffic Crashes

Total Traffic Crashes Self Reported by Person(s) Involved = 214



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