

Annual Crime Report

For 2012



"Building a Safer Gulfport Together"

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Executive Summary:

Gulfport Police Officers responded to **153, 647** calls for service during 2012. This represents a **10%** decrease in calls for service when compared to 2011 in which the Officers responded to **171,489** calls for service to the public. A decrease of **5%** in documented police reports was also noted in 2012 with **25,786** when compared to 2011 with **27,219**.

Violent Crimes, defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's as Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault, as a whole have decreased **31%** through 2012 when compared to 2011 and decreased **36%** compared to the previous five year average. More specifically, Homicides have decreased **82%** with three (**2**) being reported in 2012 where seventeen (**17**) were reported during 2011. Homicides are down **64%** when compared to the previous five year average. Aggravated assaults decreased **7%** compared to 2011 and decreased **42%** compared to the previous five-year average. Robberies are down **29%** in 2012 compared to the same time period of 2011 and decreased **32%** compared to the previous five-year average. Reported Forcible Rapes have decreased **42%** compared to 2011 and decreased **25%** compared to the previous five year average.

Property crimes increased **1%** compared from 2011 but have decreased **8%** when compared to the previous five-year average. Larcenies increased **3%** and Auto thefts increased **7%** when compared to 2011. However Burglaries are showing a **5%** decrease during the same period. On comparison with the previous five-year average, all of these categories showed decreases with Larcenies decreasing **7%**, Burglaries decreasing **8%**, and Auto thefts decreasing **23%**.

Crime	2012	2011		5-Yr Ave.	
	Total	Total	% of Δ	Total	% of Δ
Violent Crimes	135	195	-31%	209	-36%
Homicide	3	17	-82%	8	-64%
Forcible Rape	18	31	-42%	24	-25%
Robbery	75	105	-29%	110	-32%
Aggravated Assault	39	42	-7%	67	-42%
Property Crimes	3726	3692	1%	4056	-8%
Burglary	948	994	-5%	1029	-8%
Larceny	2617	2547	3%	2817	-7%
Auto Theft	161	151	7%	210	-23%
Total Group A Crimes	7617	8013	-5%	8981	-15%



Introduction

Data Source

On a national level, statistical information about crime is collected and reported in two ways. The first way is through the **Uniform Crime Reporting Program**. The UCR program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies voluntarily reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. Since 1930, the FBI has administered the UCR program and continued to assess and monitor the nature and type of crime in the nation. The program's primary objective is to generate reliable information for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management; however, its data has over the years become one of the country's leading social indicators. Criminologists, sociologists, legislators, municipal planners, the media, and other students of criminal justice use the data for varied research and planning purposes.

*In 2010 the Gulfport Police Department became the first law enforcement agency in the state of Mississippi certified by the FBI to report crime statistics using the **National Incident Based Reporting System or NIBRS**. This allows for a more timely reporting method that is software driven and reported directly to the FBI. Based on this the Gulfport Police Department will be using NIBRS for all future crime reporting. The crime numbers represented in this report were verified by the FBI on **01/07/2013**. These are crimes reported in 2012 and, as investigations develop new information, are subject to change. *More information on NIBRS reporting can be found on the Gulfport Police Department website at www.gulfportpolice.net**

While we recognize that many crimes go unreported to law enforcement authorities, on a local level, we do not have the resources to collect that data. As a result, the information in this report is based solely on crimes that were reported to the NIBRS program.

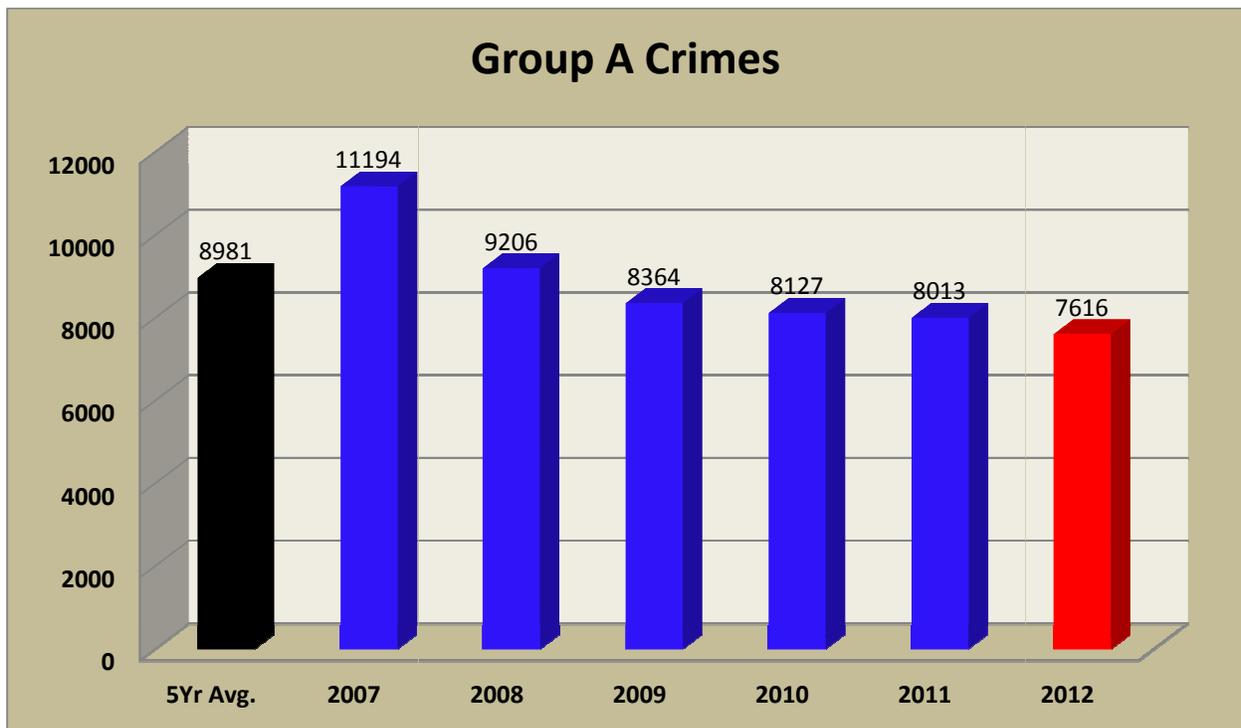
Reports released by the Gulfport Police Department previously have been scored using the UCR program which is limited reporting information compared to NIBRS. For this report we will compare the two major crime categories of Violent Crimes and Property Crimes to previous periods. Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated assault will be considered as Violent crimes. The category of Property crimes will contain Burglary, Larceny, and Auto theft.

In this report the reader will find the use of Group A Crimes. These have been defined by the FBI as: *Arson, Assault offenses, Bribery, Burglary/breaking and entering, Counterfeiting/forgery, Destruction/damage/vandalism of property, Drug/narcotic offenses, Embezzlement, Extortion/blackmail, Fraud offenses, Gambling offenses, Homicide offenses, Kidnapping/abduction, Larceny/theft offenses, Motor vehicle theft, Pornography/obscene material, Prostitution offenses, Robbery, Sex offenses (forcible and non forcible), Stolen property offenses, and Weapon law violations.*



Group A Crimes:

Group A Crimes							
	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	8981	11194	9206	8364	8127	8013	7616
% of Δ			-18%	-9%	-3%	-1%	-5%





Factors Affecting Crime

It is generally assumed the reader of this report understands that many factors affect crime in a community. Some factors which are known to affect the volume and type of crime are:

1. Population density
2. Variations in composition of the population
3. Stability of population with respect to resident's mobility, commuting patterns, and transient factors.
4. Economic conditions, including median income, poverty level, and job availability.
5. Cultural factors and educational, recreational, and religious characteristics.
6. Family conditions with respect to divorce and family cohesiveness.
7. Effective strength of law enforcement agencies.
8. Policies of other components of the criminal justice system.
9. Citizens' attitudes toward crime
10. Crime reporting practices of the citizenry.

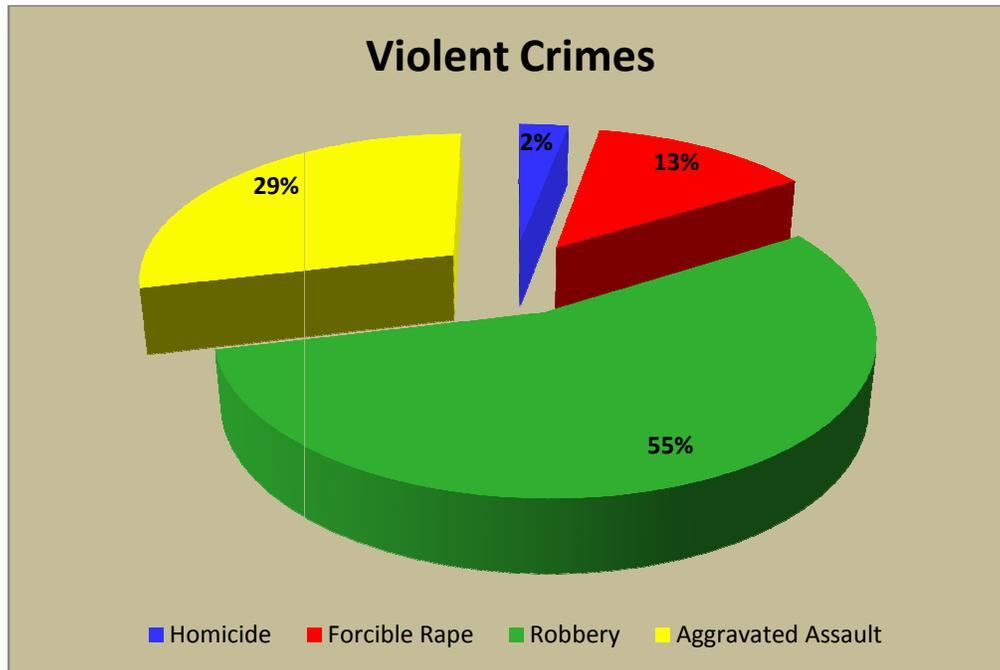
With regard to the effective strength of law enforcement, the reader should consider that an agency that significantly increases its enforcement efforts might see an increase in reported crime instead of a decrease.

As a result of the numerous factors that affect reported crime, this report will be limited to presenting only the numbers of specific crimes reported. We will not try to draw a correlation between the volume of crimes reported and any other social factor. Furthermore, the reader should use great caution against comparing crime trends presented in this report and those of other jurisdictions. Finally, the differences in methodology for gathering data make it unwise to compare the Uniform Crime Report to the National Crime Victimization Survey.

Intended Use

The purpose of this report is to present the reader with a larger picture of crime as it is reported within the city limits of Gulfport, MS. ***We will look specifically at public safety issues during calendar year 2012 and compare them to past periods.***

Violent Crimes:



Definitions

Violent crime is comprised of four offenses:

- 1.) Murder and non-negligent homicide
- 2.) Forcible rape
- 3.) Robbery
- 4.) Aggravated assault

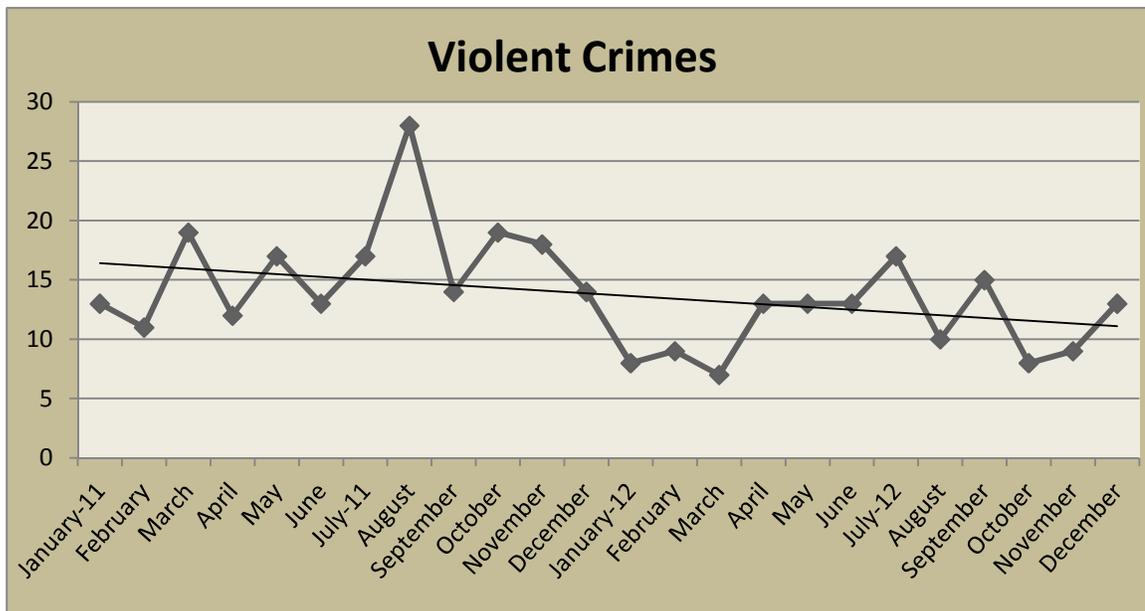


Violent Crimes: (Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault)

During 2012 violent crimes, as defined in this report, comprised only **2%** of all reported Group A crimes. When viewed together, violent crimes were down **31%** compared to 2011 and down **36%** compared to the previous five-year average.

Violent Crimes							
	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	209	317	222	151	162	195	135
% of Δ			-30%	-32%	7%	20%	-31%

The 24 month chart below shows a downward trend during the past 24 months in Violent Crimes overall in the City of Gulfport.





Homicide:

Homicides during 2012 decreased **82%** from 2011 with 4 being reported. A **64%** decrease was noted when compared to the previous five-year average.

Homicide							
	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	8	4	9	6	6	17	3
% of Δ			125%	-33%	0%	183%	-82%

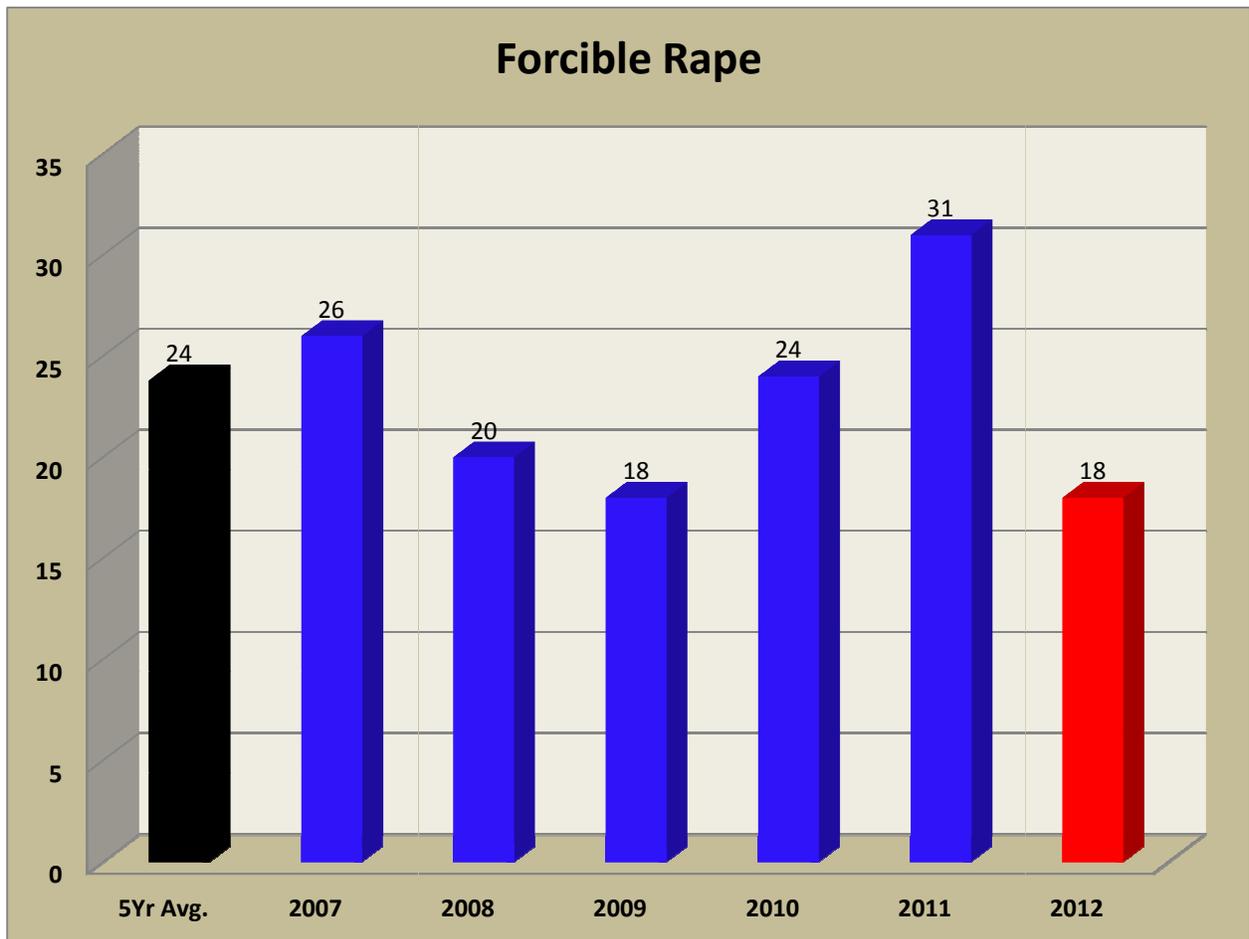




Forcible Rape:

Rapes reported in 2012 decreased **42%** compared to 2011 and decreased **25%** compared to the five-year average.

Forcible Rape							
	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	24	26	20	18	24	31	18
% of Δ			-23%	-10%	33%	29%	-42%

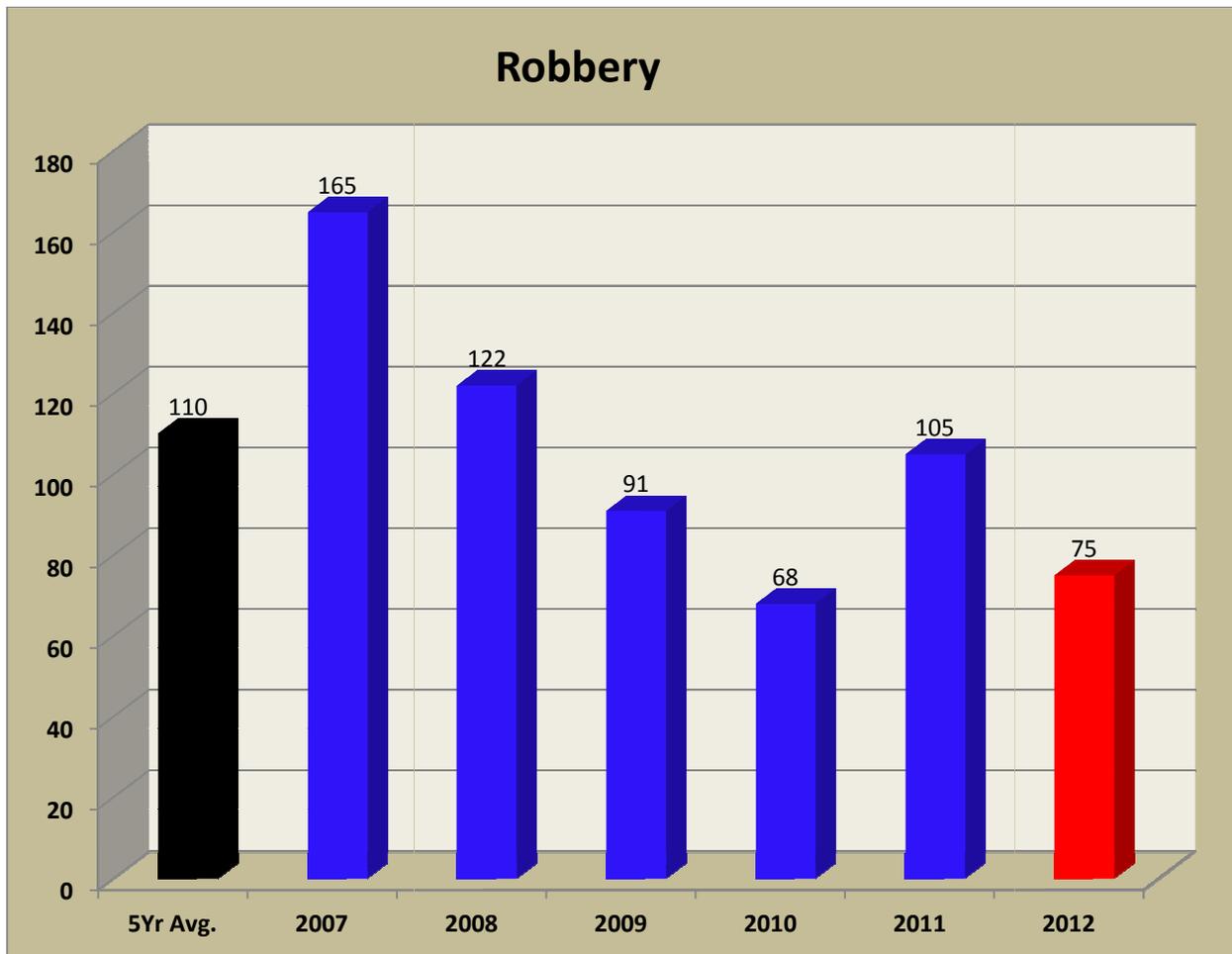




Robbery:

During this reporting period of 2012 Robbery decreased **29%** when compared to 2011 and decreased **32%** when compared to the previous five year average.

Robbery							
	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	110	165	122	91	68	105	75
% of Δ			-26%	-25%	-25%	54%	-29%

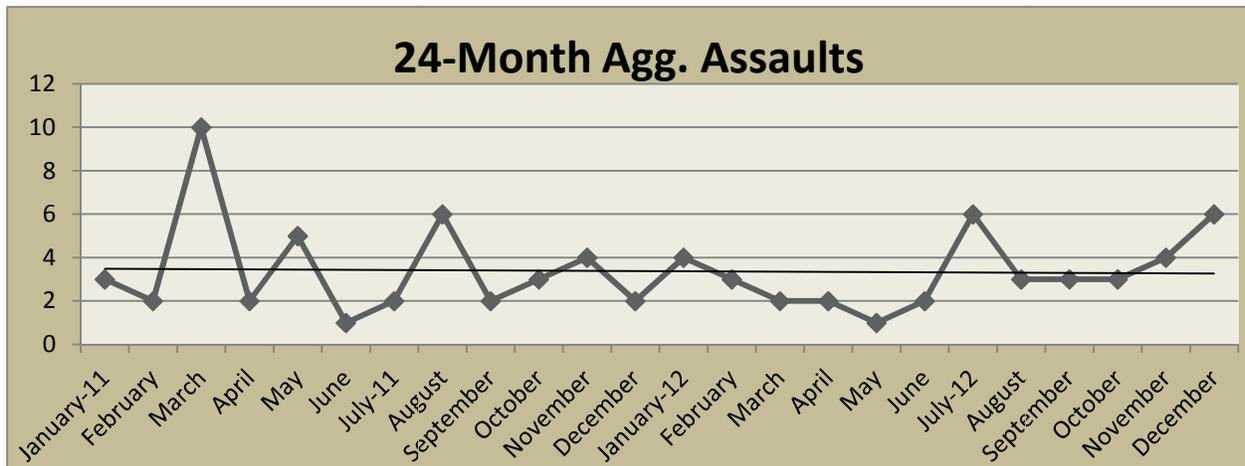
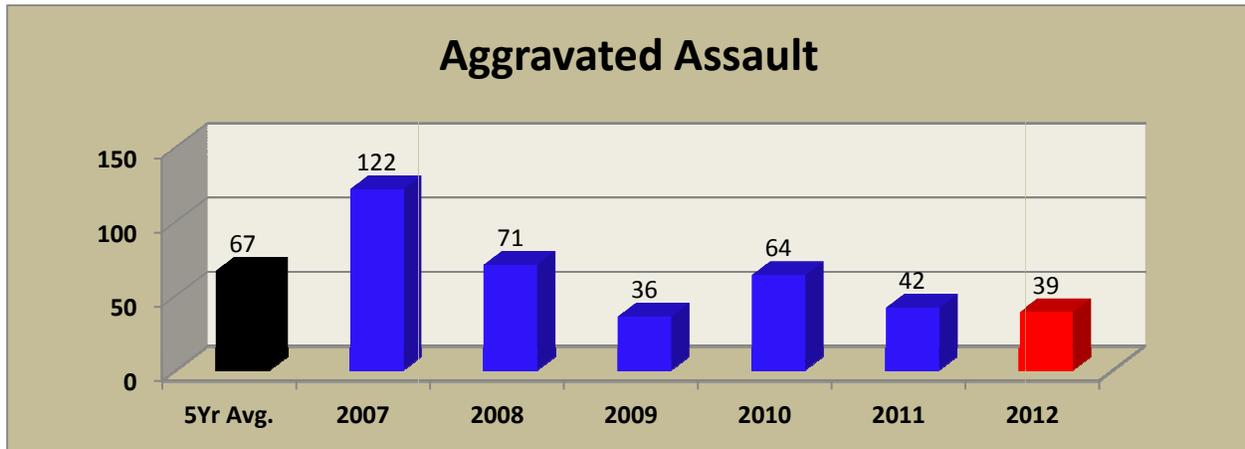




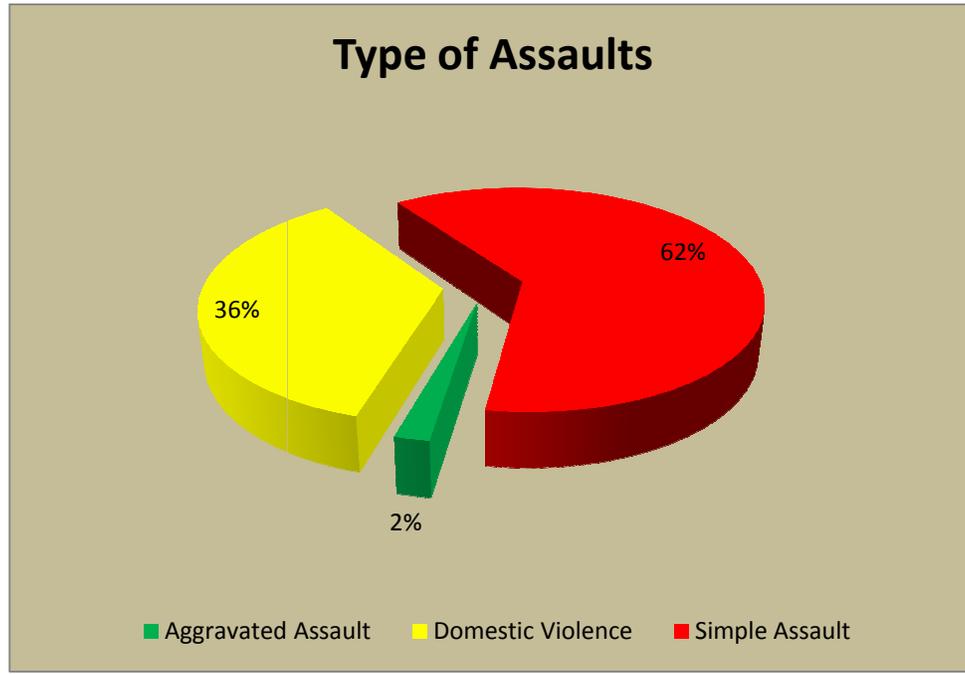
Aggravated Assaults:

Through 2012 Aggravated Assaults decreased **7%** compared to 2011 and also decreased **42%** when compared to the previous five year average.

Aggravated Assault							
	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	67	122	71	36	64	42	39
% of Δ			-42%	-49%	78%	-34%	-7%



Division of Assaults:



Definitions

Assaults in this section are comprised of three types:

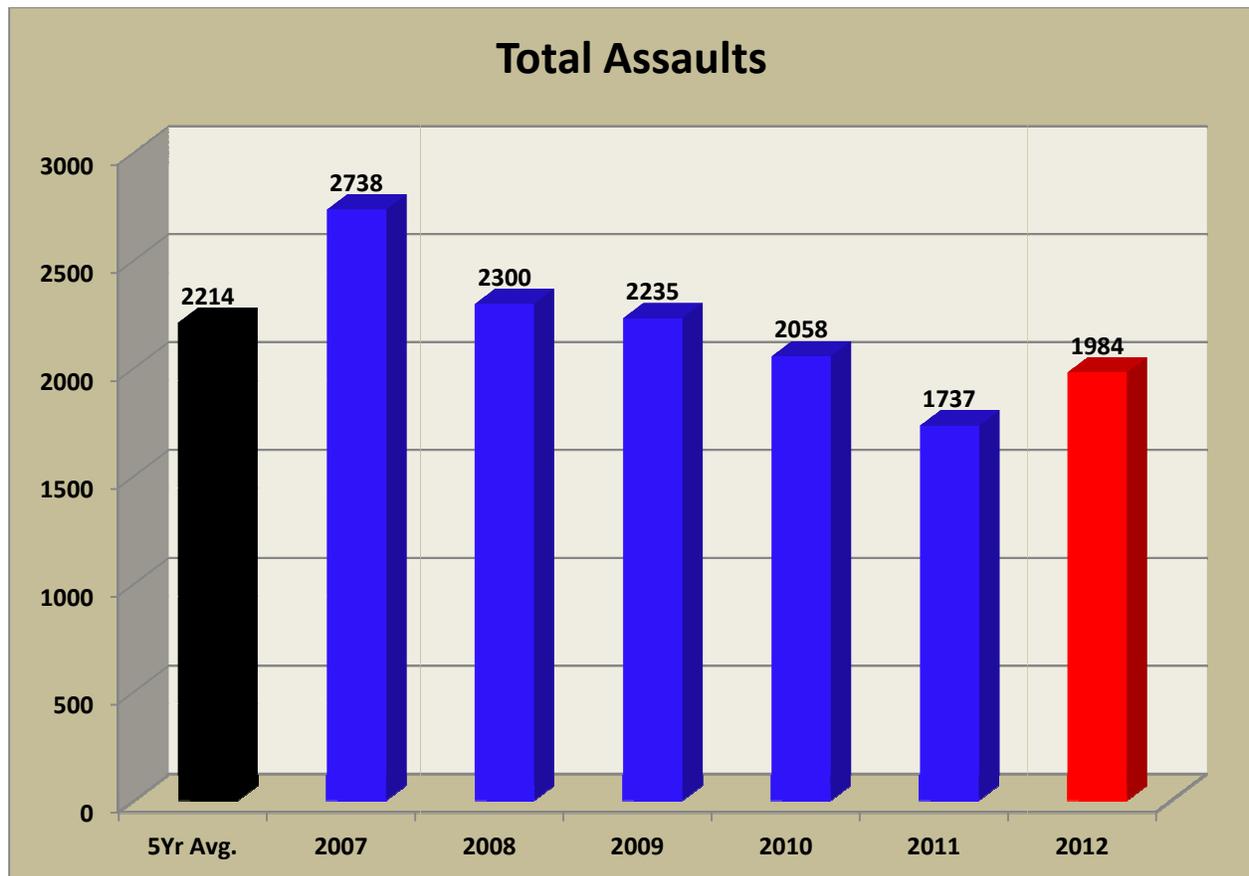
- 1.) Aggravated assault (*cumulative totals found in Violent Crimes*)
- 2.) Domestic Violence
- 3.) Simple Assault



Total Physical Assaults:

Total assaults and all other subdivisions of assaults were up **14%** in 2012 when compared to 2011 but were down **10%** when compared to the previous five-year average.

Total Assaults							
	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	2214	2738	2300	2235	2058	1737	1984
% of Δ			-16%	-3%	-8%	-16%	14%

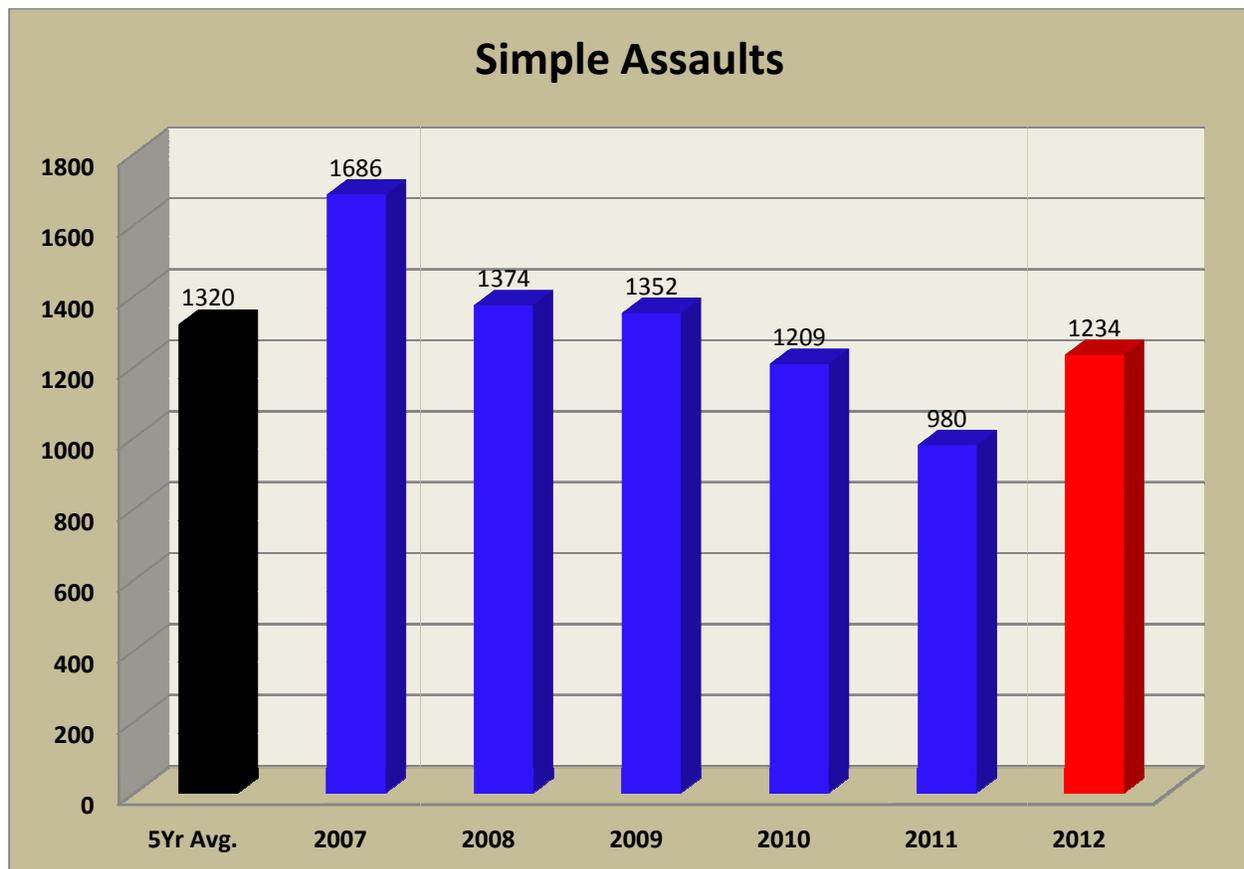




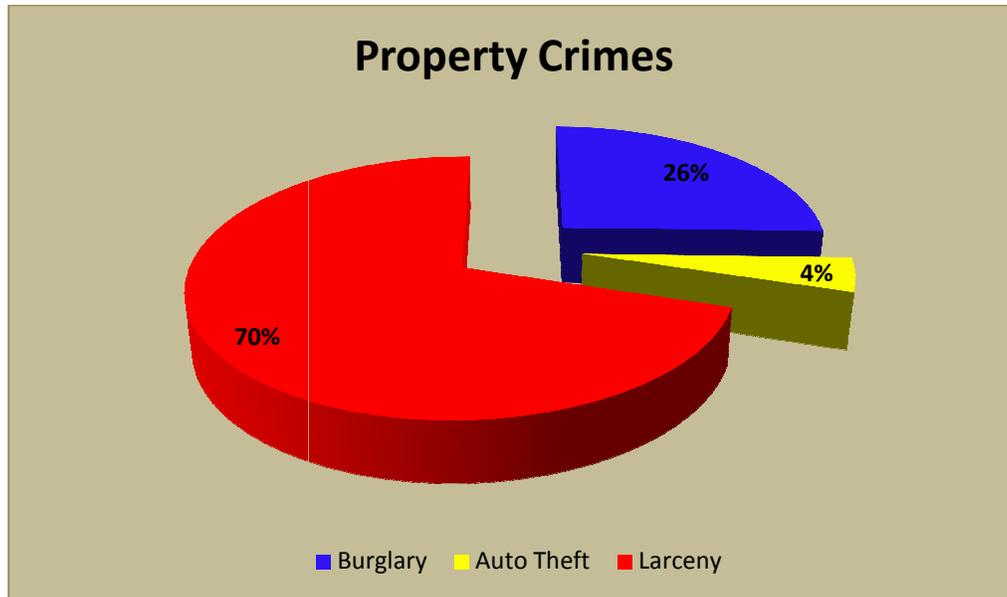
Simple Assaults:

Simple Assaults increased **26%** in 2012 when compared to 2011 but were down **7%** when compared to the previous five-year average.

Simple Assault							
	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	1320	1686	1374	1352	1209	980	1234
% of Δ			-19%	-2%	-11%	-19%	26%



Property Crimes:



Definition

Property crime includes the offenses of:

1. Burglary
2. Larceny-theft
3. Motor vehicle theft

The object of the theft-type offenses is the taking of money or property, but there is no force or threat of force against the victims. Although arson is a crime that involves the destruction of property, we will not include it in this section.

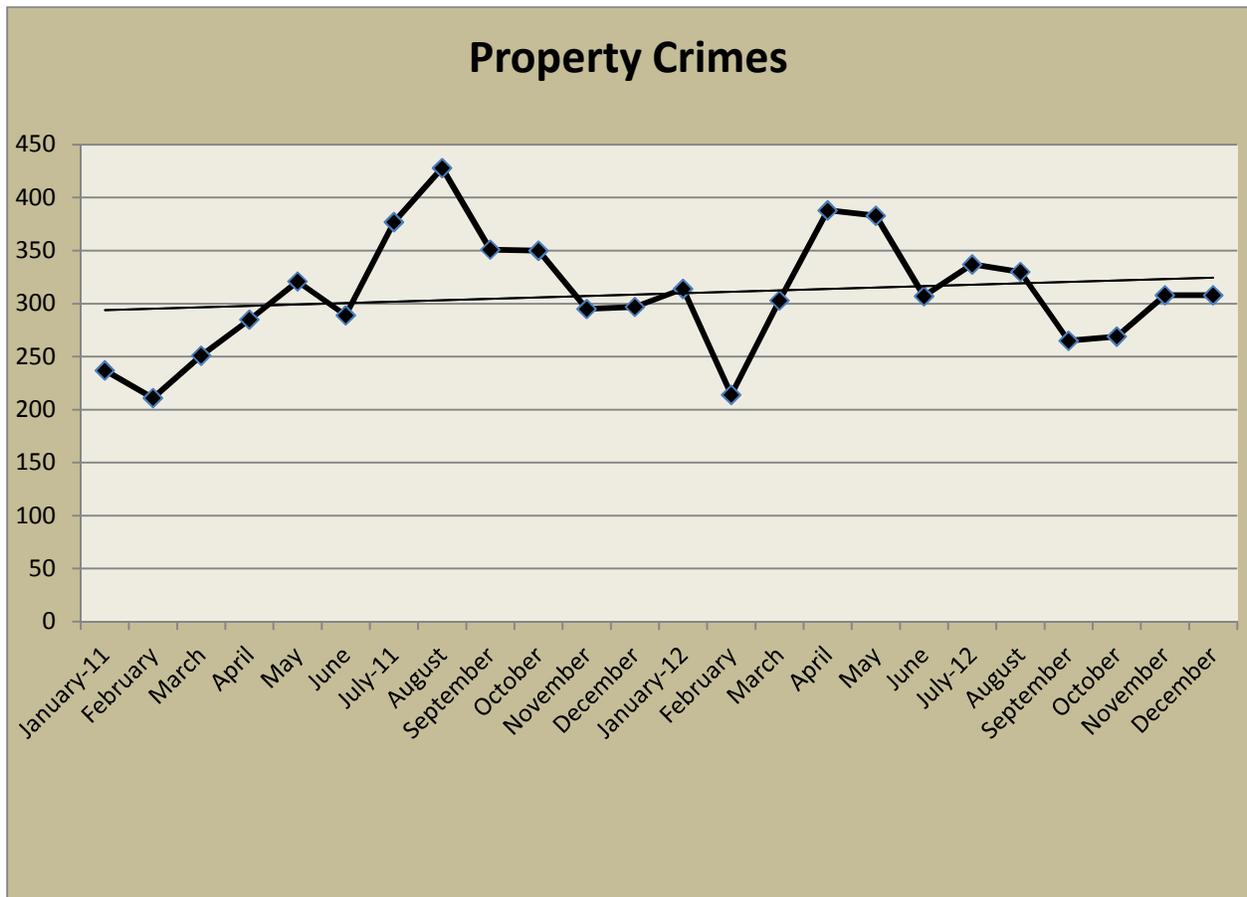


Total Property Crimes:

Property crimes increased **1%** by the end of 2012 when compared to 2011. However a decrease of **8%** was noted when compared to the previous five year average.

Property Crimes							
	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	4056	5185	3997	3687	3719	3692	3726
% of Δ			-23%	-8%	1%	-1%	1%

The trend line shows a slight increase of property crimes on the 24 month comparison.

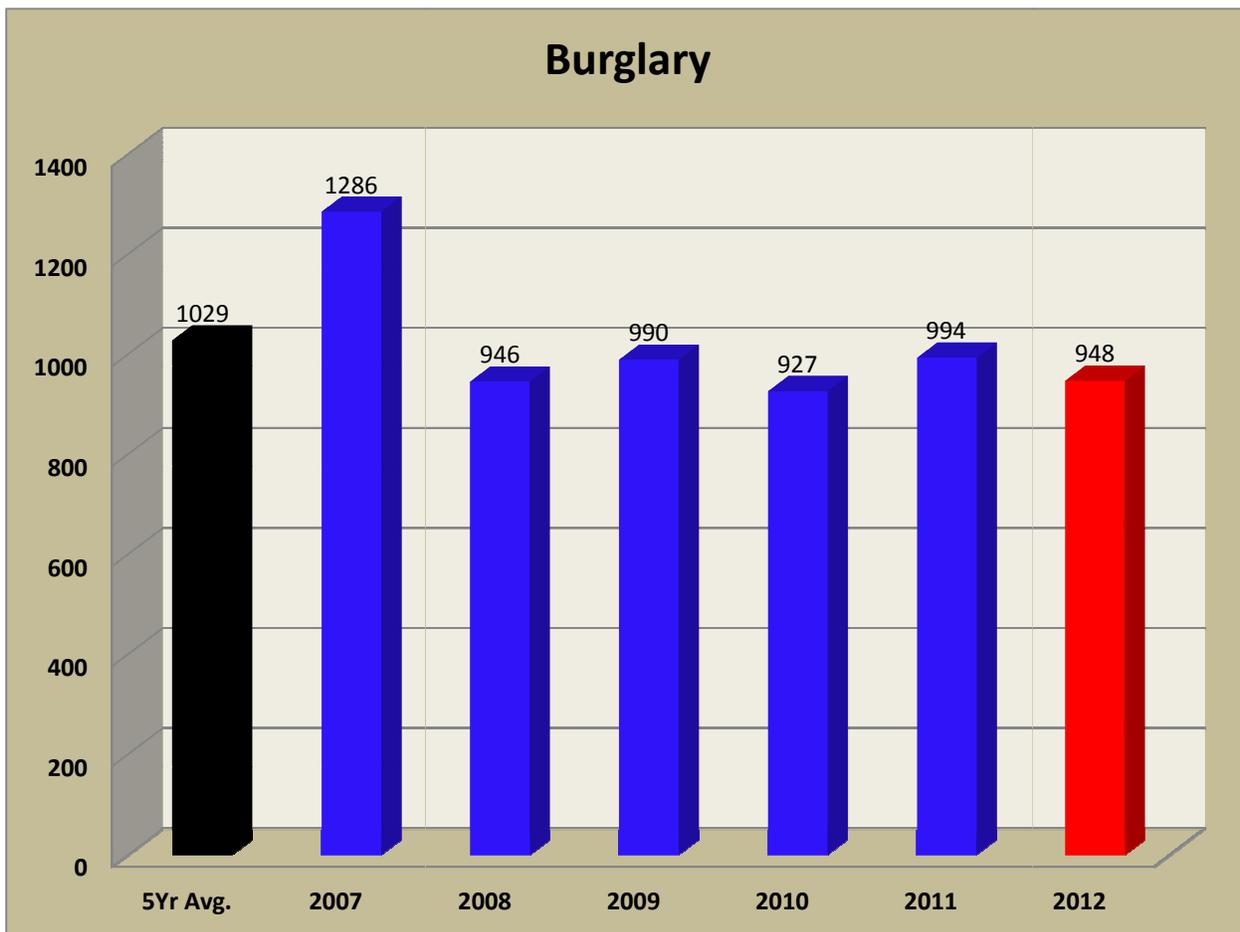




Burglary:

During 2012 Burglaries decreased **5%** compared to 2011 and have also decreased **8%** when compared to the previous five year average.

Burglary							
	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	1029	1286	946	990	927	994	948
% of Δ			-26%	5%	-6%	7%	-5%

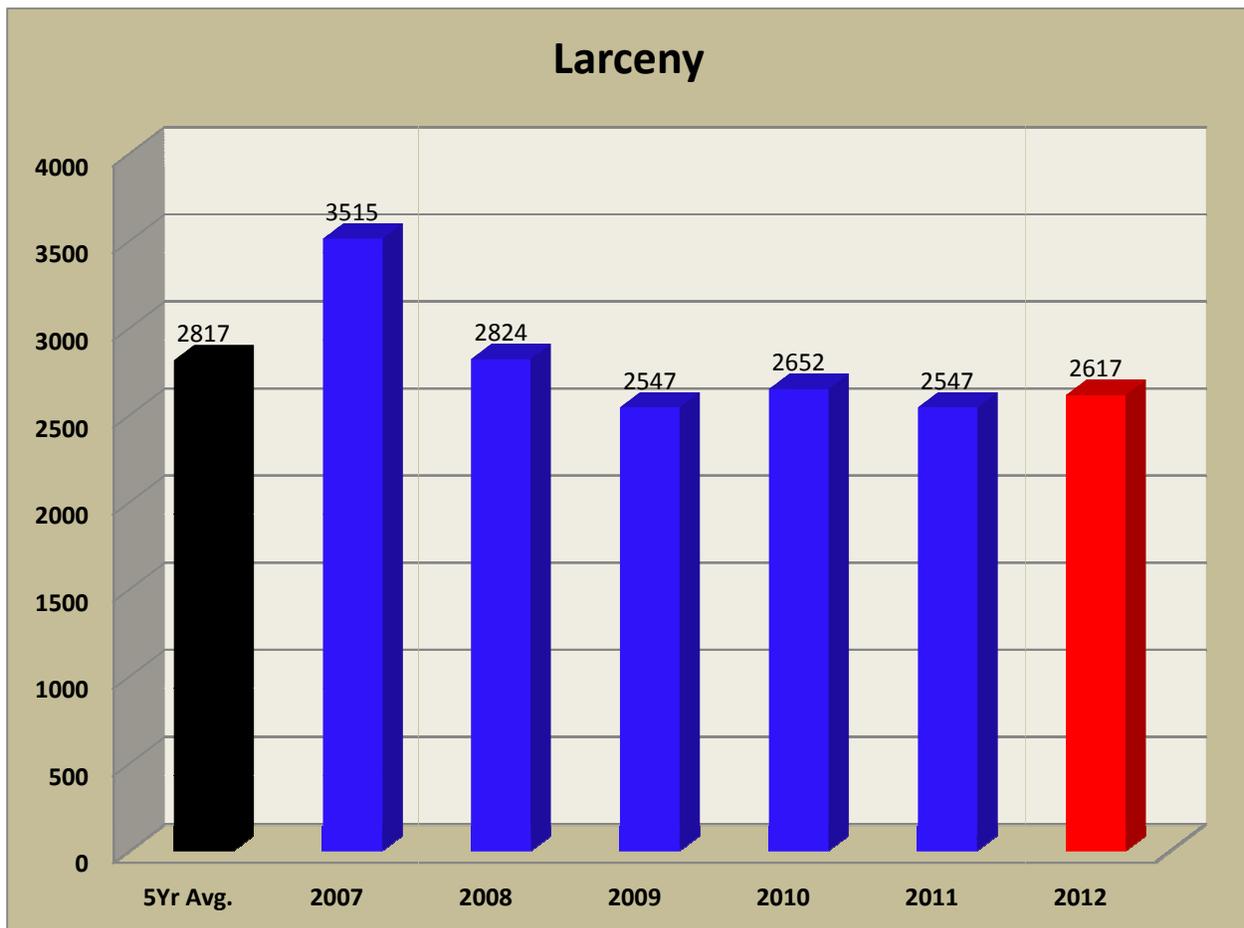




Larceny:

For 2012 Larcenies increased **3%** compared to 2011 but decreased **7%** compared to the previous five year average.

Larceny							
	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	2817	3515	2824	2547	2652	2547	2617
% of Δ			-20%	-10%	4%	-4%	3%

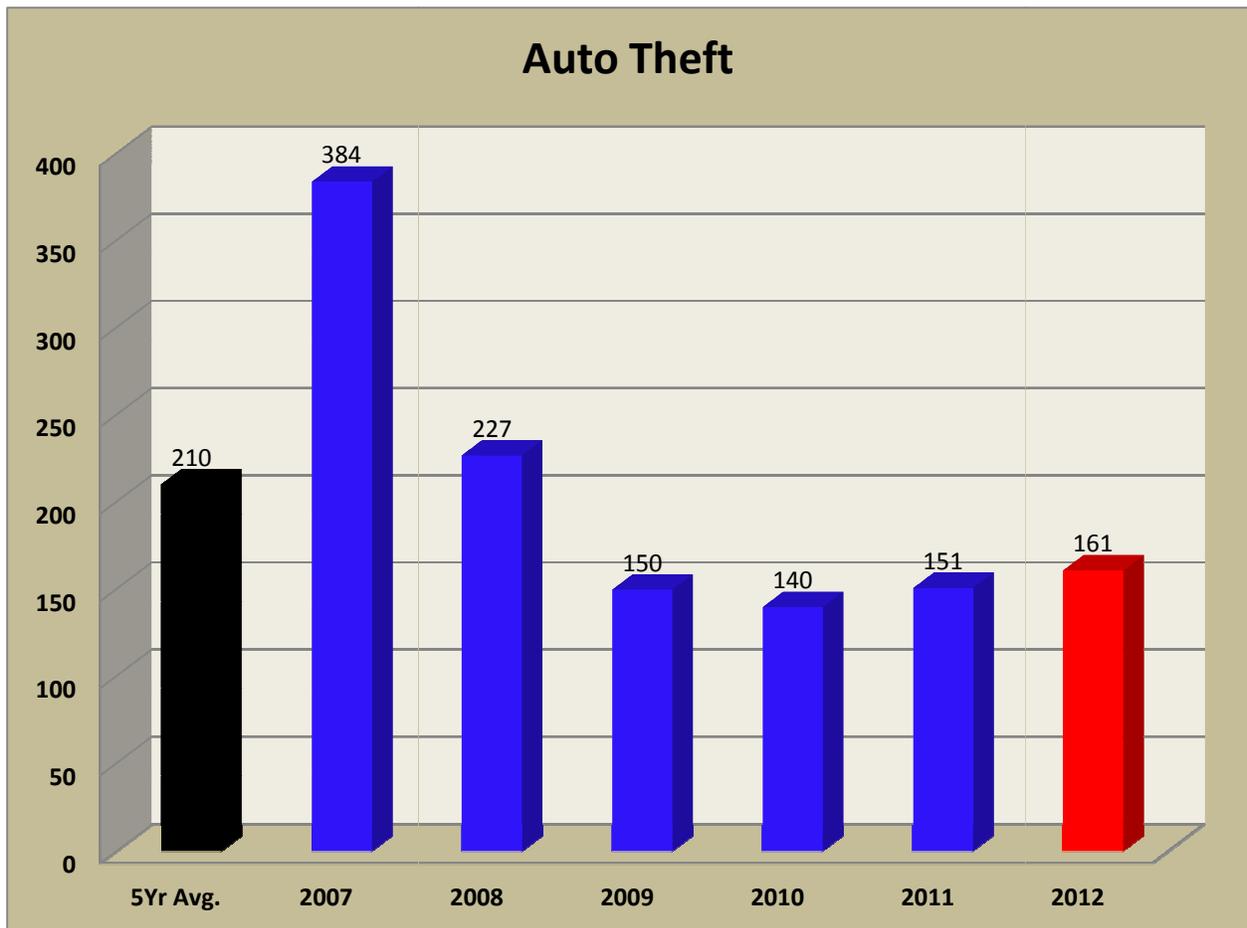




Auto Theft:

Auto thefts showed an increase of 7% from 2011 although decreased 23% when compared to the previous five year average.

Auto Theft							
	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total	210	384	227	150	140	151	161
% of Δ			-41%	-34%	-7%	8%	7%

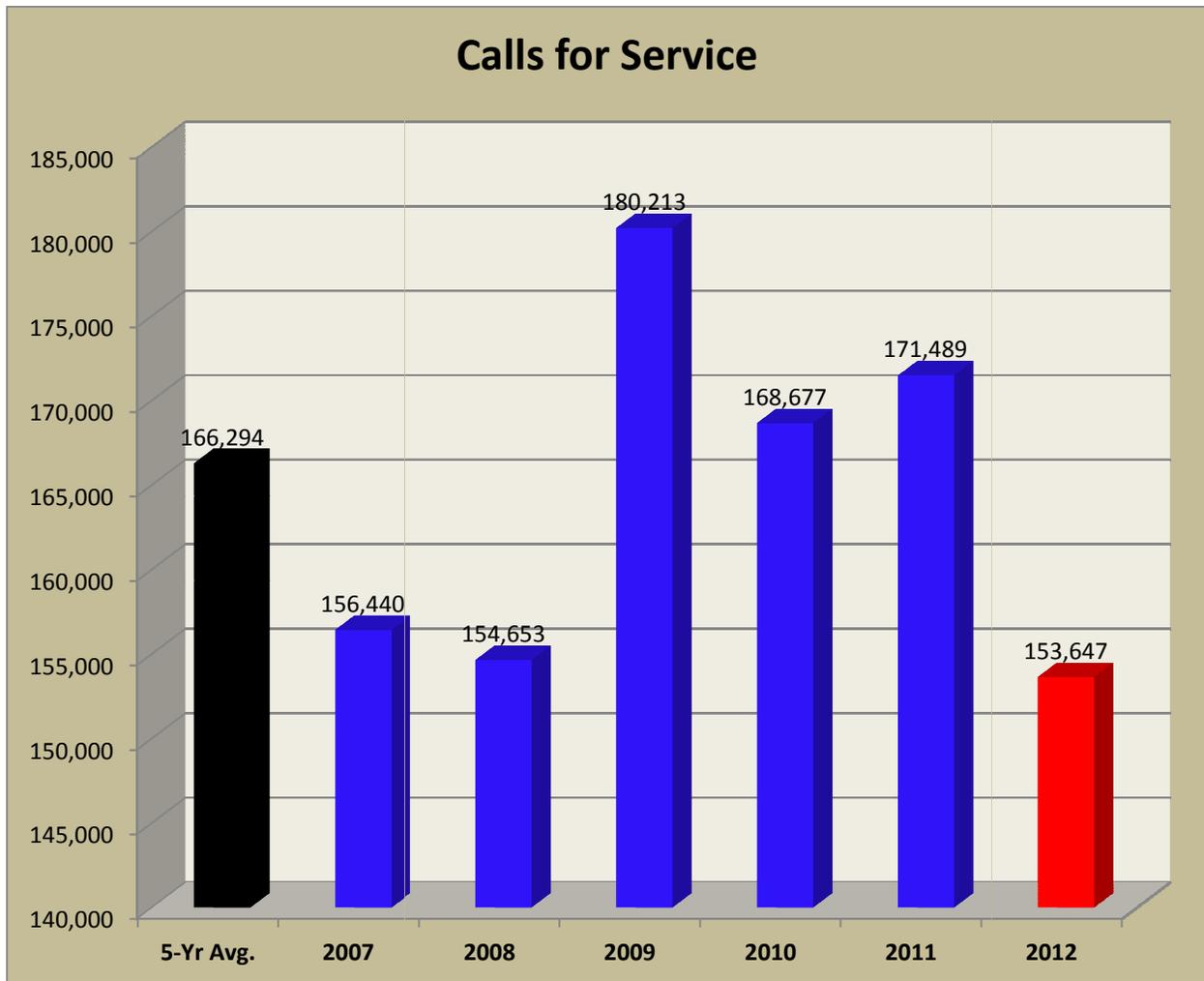




Calls for Service

During 2012 the Gulfport Police Department responded to **153,647** calls for service. That represents a **10%** decrease when compared to 2011. In comparing to the previous five year average an 8% decrease was noted.

Call for Service							
MONTH	5-Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Totals:	166,294	156,440	154,653	180,213	168,677	171,489	153,647
% of Δ			-1%	17%	-6%	2%	-10%

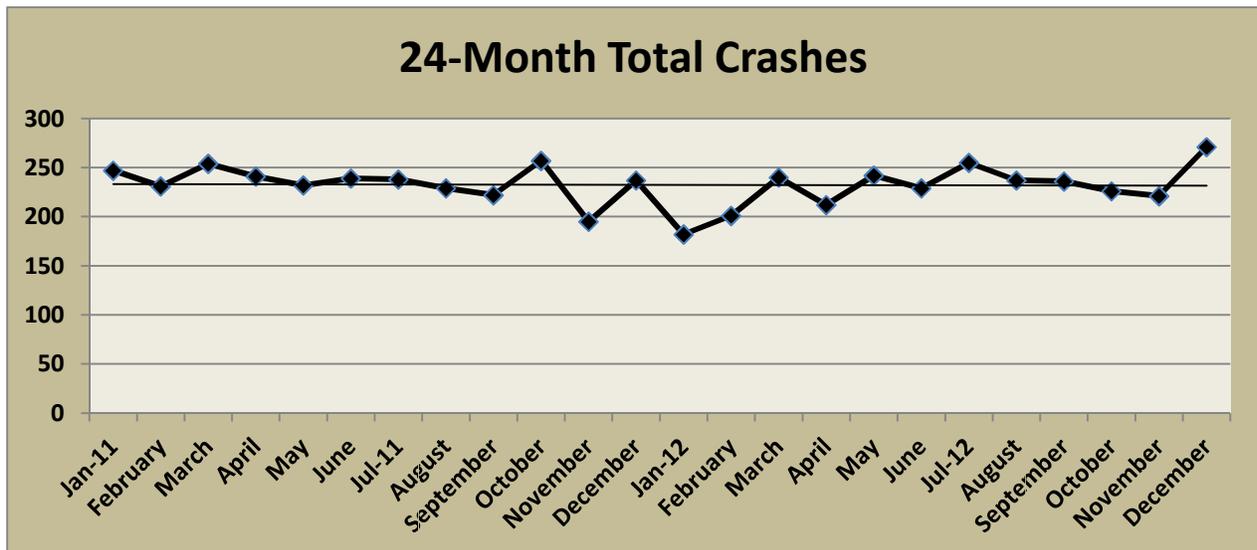
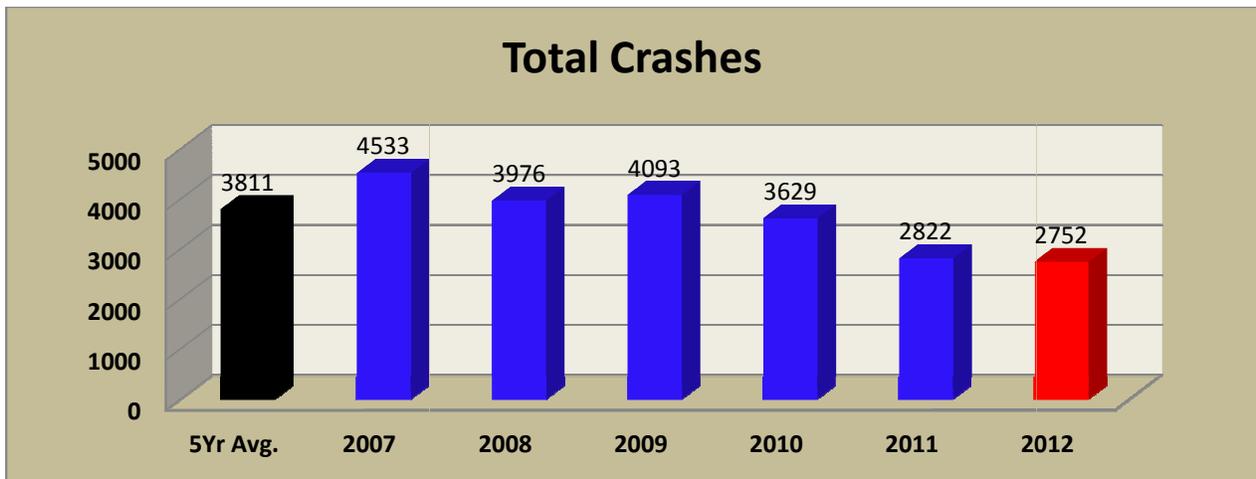




Traffic Data:

Total crashes for 2012 decreased **2%** when compared to 2011 and decreased **28%** compared to the previous five-year average.

Total Crashes							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Totals	3811	4533	3976	4093	3629	2822	2752
% of Δ			-12%	3%	-11%	-22%	-2%

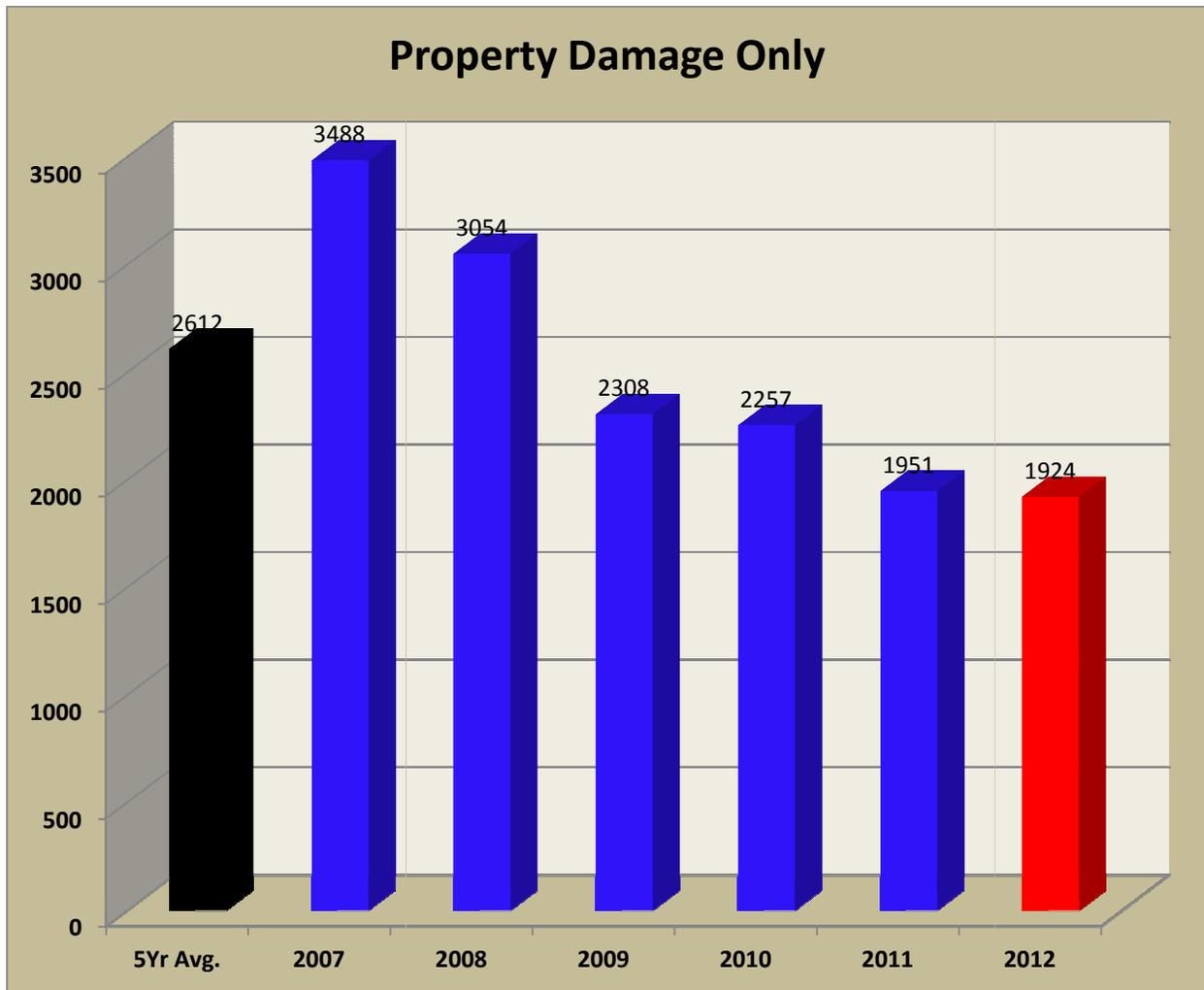




Property Damage Only Crashes:

Crashes involving property damage only decreased **1%** compared to 2011 and decreased **26%** compared to the previous five-year average.

Property Damage Only Crashes							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Totals	2612	3488	3054	2308	2257	1951	1924
% of Δ			-12%	-24%	-2%	-14%	-1%

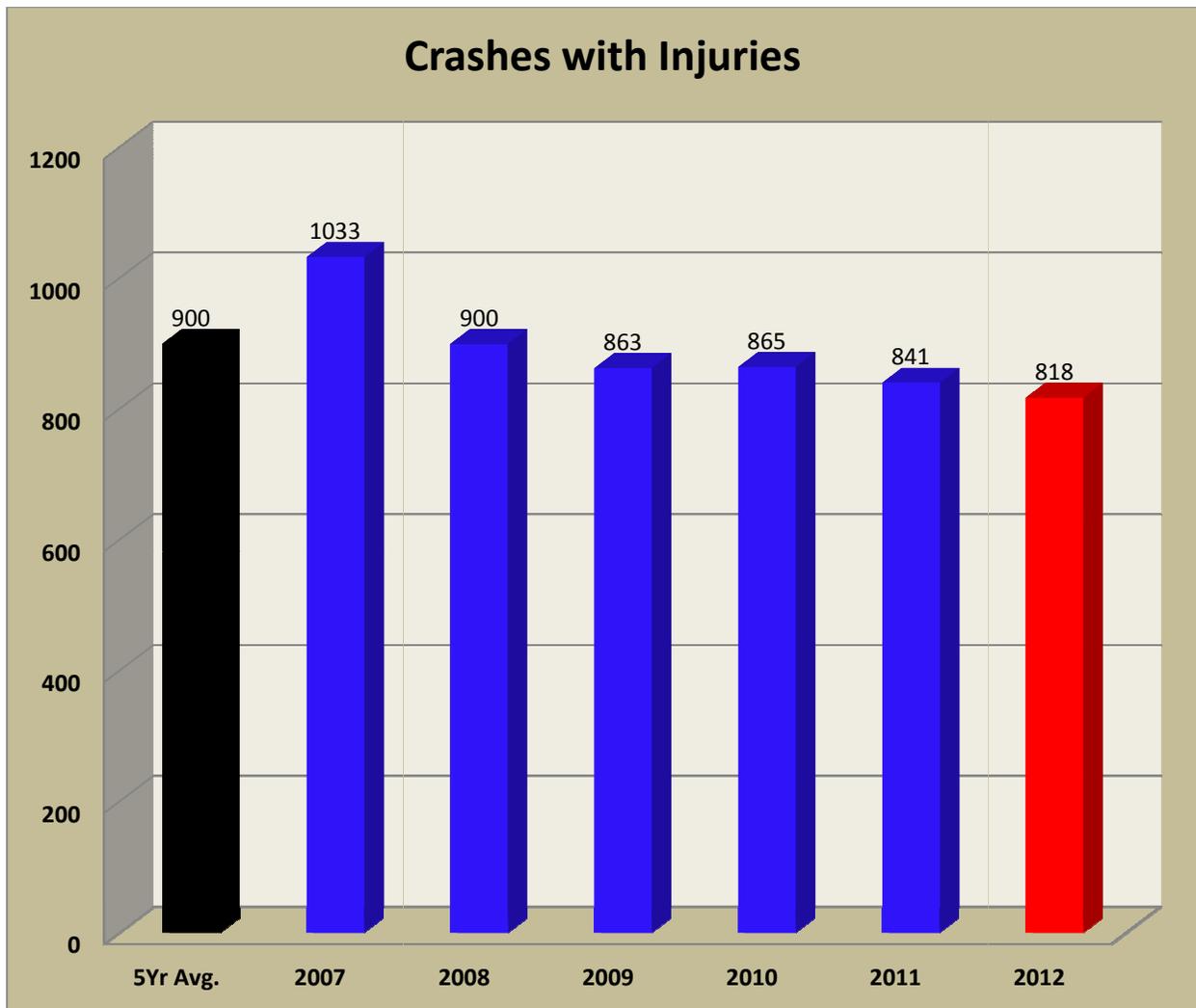




Crashes with Injuries:

Crashes involving injuries decreased **3%** during 2012 when compared to 2011 and decreased **9%** compared to the previous five-year average.

Crashes with Injuries							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Totals	900	1033	900	863	865	841	818
% of Δ			-13%	-4%	0%	-3%	-3%

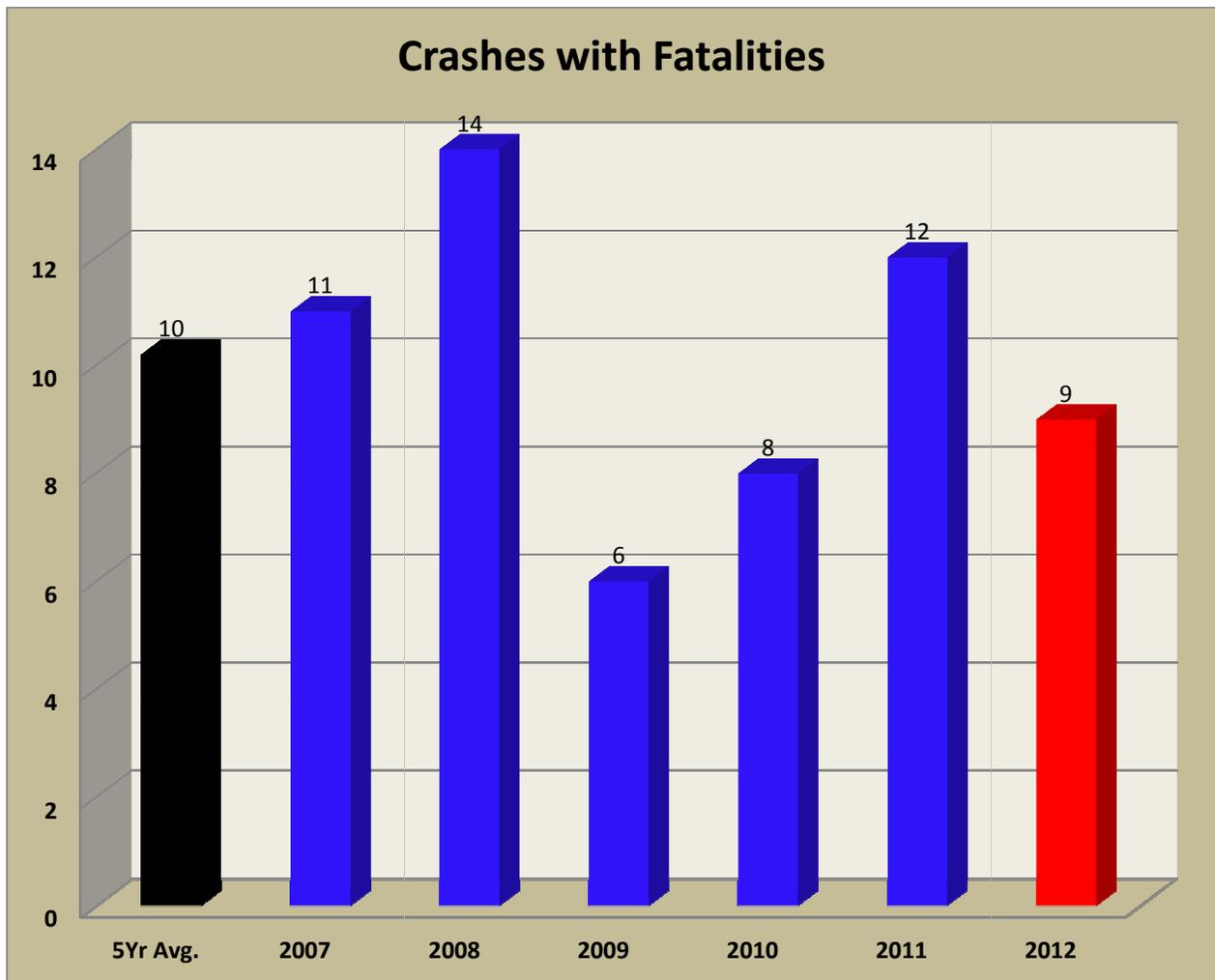




Fatality Crashes:

Crashes resulting in deaths decreased **25%** in 2012 when compared to 2011 and decreased **10%** compared to the previous five-year average.

Crashes with Fatalities							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Totals	10	11	14	6	8	12	9
% of Δ			27%	-57%	33%	50%	-25%



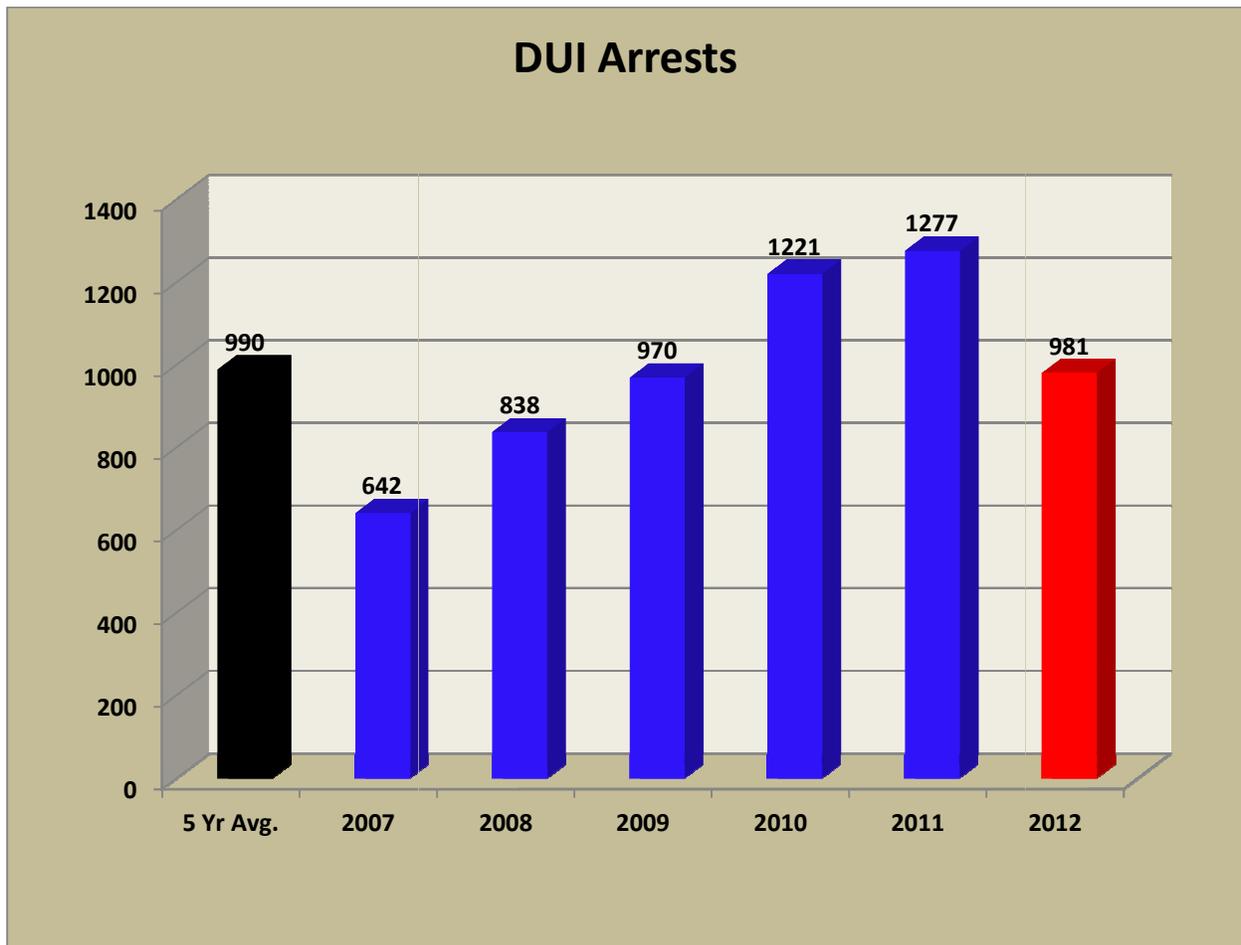


DUI Arrests:

Arrests for driving under the influence decreased **23%** in 2012 compared to 2011 and were down **2%** compared to the previous five-year average.

DUI Arrests							
MONTH	5 Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Totals	990	642	838	970	1221	1277	981
% of Δ			31%	16%	26%	5%	-23%

DUI data was used from the court system in the past. This has transitioned to data being used from RMS. This data contains DUI arrests for 2009 and retroactive to 2007 which was the first full year data was available from GPD RMS. This data is obtained from the GPD Traffic Unit.





Alcohol related crashes:

Alcohol related crashes decreased **5%** when compared to 2011. A **4%** decrease was noted when compared to the previous five year average. Alcohol related crashes made up **4%** of all crashes in the City of Gulfport for 2012.

Alcohol related crashes							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Totals	127	126	125	135	119	130	123
% of Δ			-1%	8%	-12%	9%	-5%

