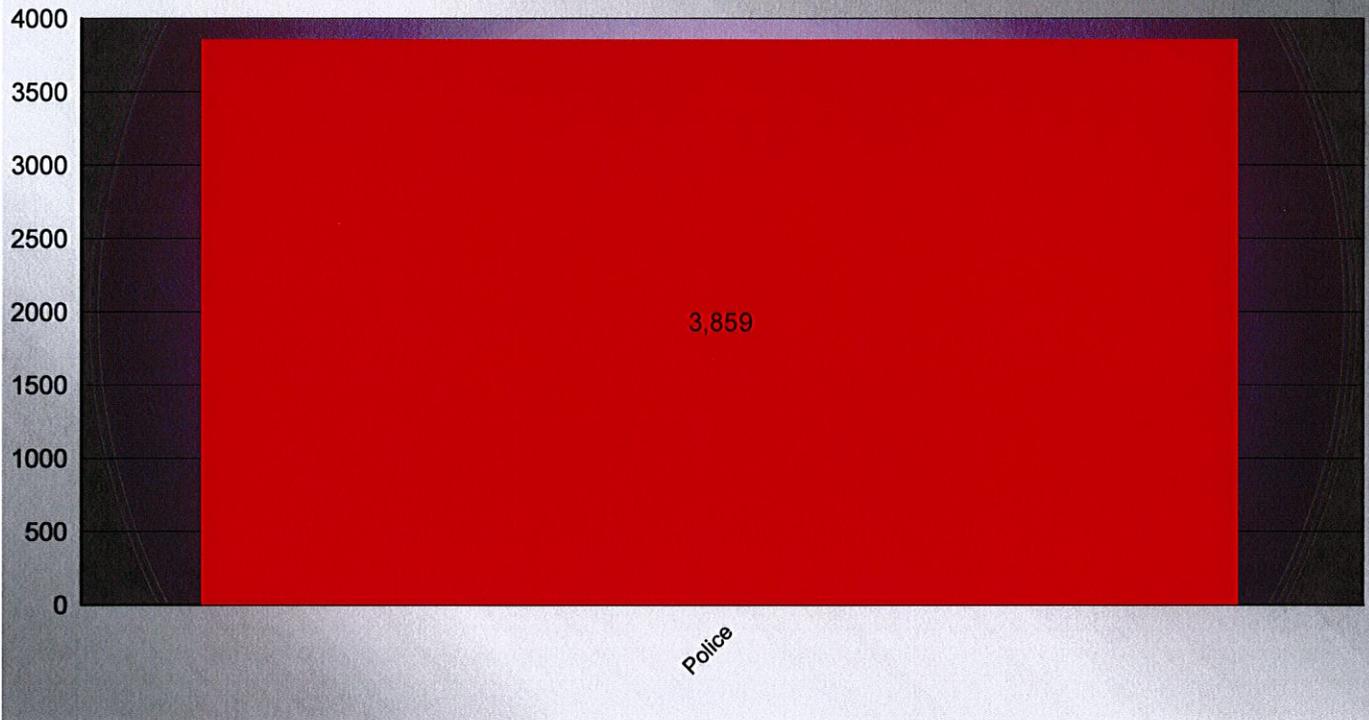


CAD Events By Organization

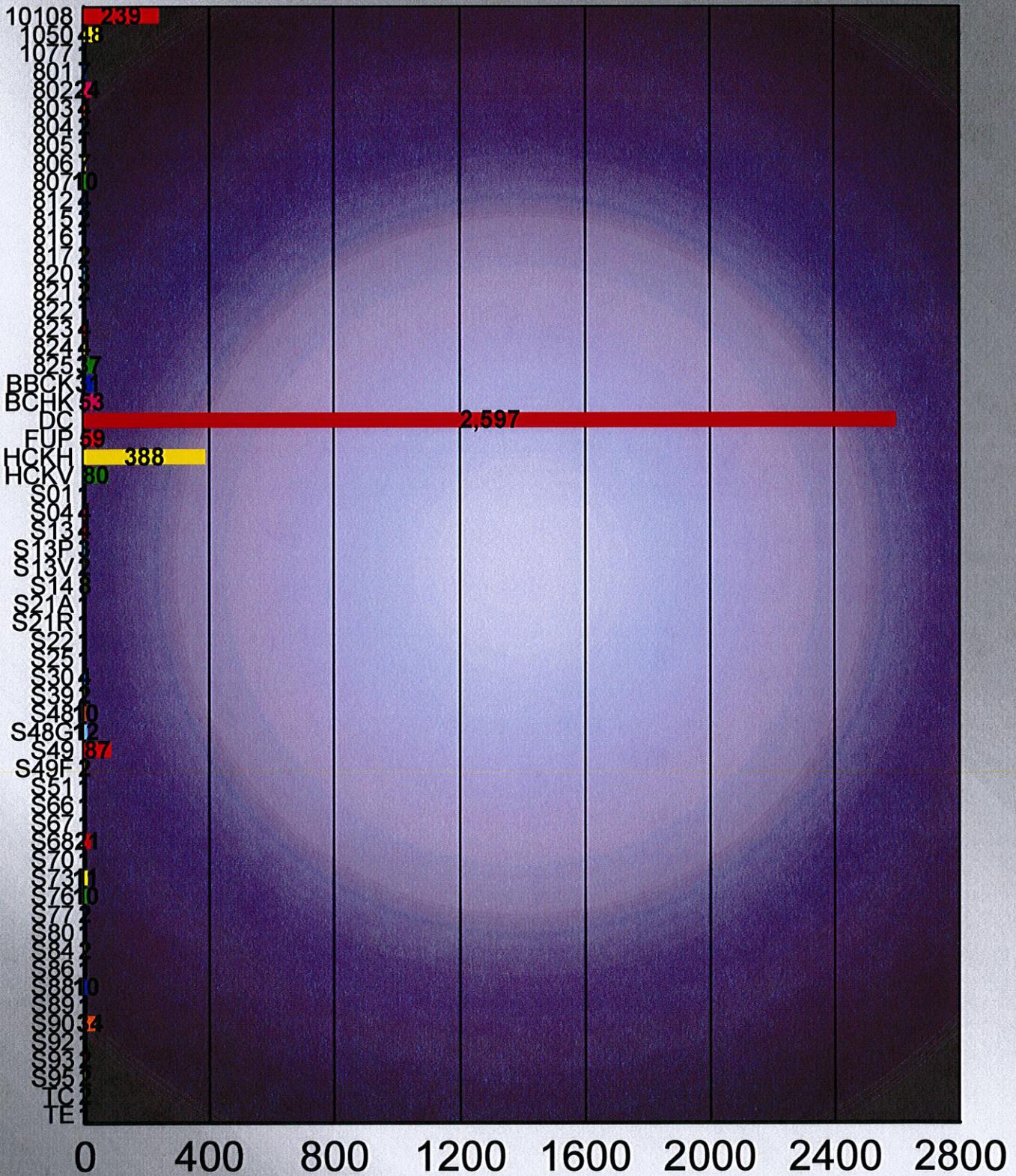


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CAD Calls For Service By Organization

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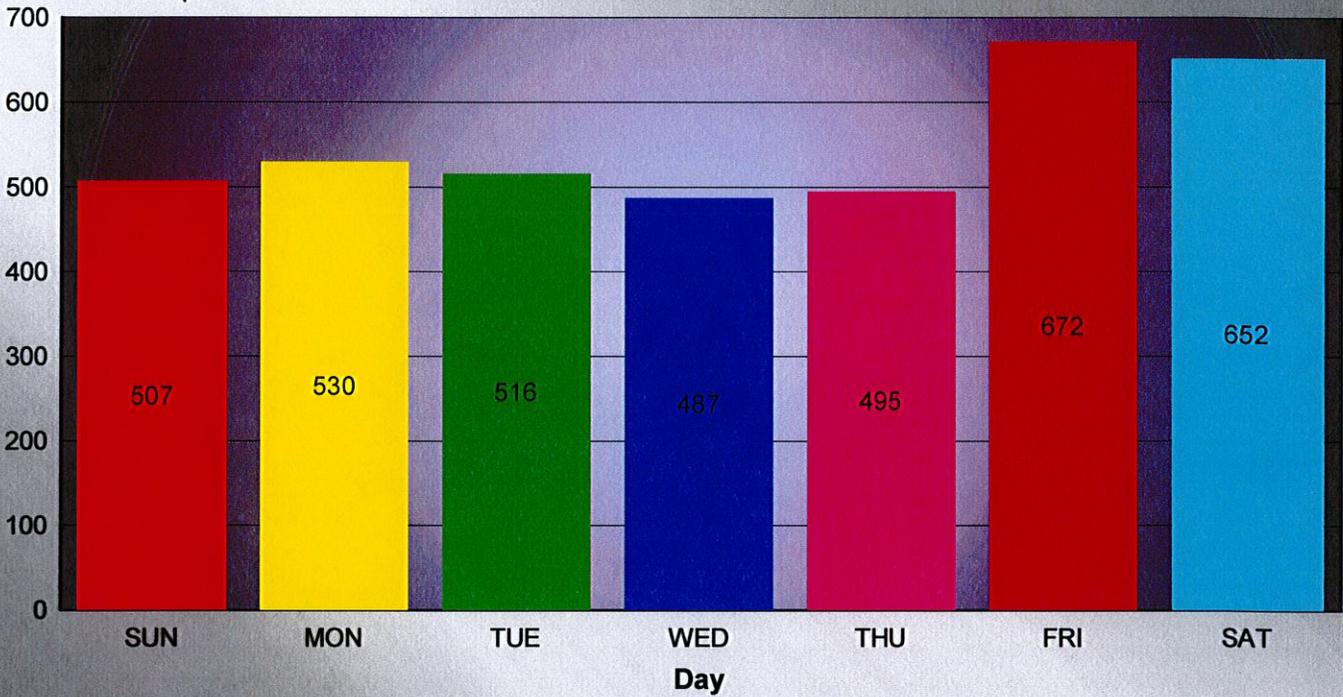
CAD Events By Type



Department	Signal	Description	Number of Calls
POLICE	10108	ON FOOT W/ PORTABLE	239
POLICE	1050	TRAFFIC STOP	48
POLICE	1077	COURT	1
POLICE	801	VTC PERMITS (BUILDING)	7
POLICE	802	VTC T.H. REGISTRATION	24
POLICE	803	VTC OVERGROWN LOT	4
POLICE	804	VTC SIGNS (ALL)	2
POLICE	805	VTC SOLICIT W/O PERMIT (DOOR TO DOOR)	1
POLICE	806	VTC WORKING WHEN NOT PERMITTED	7
POLICE	807	VTC TRASH/GARBAGE	10
POLICE	812	VTC TRUCKS/COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	4
POLICE	815	VTC PARKING ON VACANT LOT	2
POLICE	816	VTC NOISE (POWER TOOLS ETC.)	1
POLICE	817	VTC RENTAL REGISTRATION 30-157	2
POLICE	820	VTC ANIMALS ON BEACH	3
POLICE	821	VTC DOGS AT LARGE	2
POLICE	822	VTC BARKING DOGS	1
POLICE	823	VTC CONSTRUCTION SITE	4
POLICE	824	VTC ALL OTHER	4
POLICE	825	VTC WATER VIOLATION	37
POLICE	BBCK	BRINY BREEZES BUILDING CHECK	31
POLICE	BCHK	BEACH PATROL	53
POLICE	DC	DISTRICT CHECK	2597
POLICE	FUP	FOLLOW-UP	59
POLICE	HCKH	HOUSE CHECK HAND	388
POLICE	HCKV	HOUSE CHECK VISUAL	80
POLICE	S01	DRUNK DRIVER	1
POLICE	S04	AUTO ACCIDENT	4
POLICE	S13	SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT	4
POLICE	S13P	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	3
POLICE	S13V	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	2
POLICE	S14	INFORMATION	8
POLICE	S21A	BURGLARY ATTEMPT	1
POLICE	S21R	BURGLARY RESIDENCE	1
POLICE	S22	DISTURBANCE	1
POLICE	S25	FIRE/FD ASSIST	1
POLICE	S30	THEFT	4
POLICE	S39	NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	2
POLICE	S48	OPEN DOOR	10
POLICE	S48G	OPEN GARAGE DOOR	12
POLICE	S49	ALARM	87
POLICE	S49F	FIRE ALARM	2
POLICE	S51	TRESPASS	1
POLICE	S66	CIVIL MATTER	1
POLICE	S67	ACCIDENTAL INJURY	1

Department	Signal	Description	Number of Calls
POLICE	S68	POLICE SERVICE CALL	21
POLICE	S70	ANIMAL COMPLAINT	1
POLICE	S73	MEDICAL CALL	11
POLICE	S76	ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT	10
POLICE	S77	FIREWORKS	2
POLICE	S80	UNWANTED GUEST	1
POLICE	S84	WELFARE CHECK	2
POLICE	S86	LOUD NOISE/MUSIC	1
POLICE	S88	FLORIDA POWER LIGHT ASSIST	10
POLICE	S89	ASSIST MOTORIST	1
POLICE	S90	ILLEGAL PARKING	34
POLICE	S92	TRAFFIC LIGHT PROBLEMS	1
POLICE	S93	STREET OR TRAFFIC SIGNS	2
POLICE	S95	TRAFFIC INCIDENT	2
POLICE	TC	TRAFFIC CONTROL	2
POLICE	TE	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	1

CAD Calls For Service By Day



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CAD Calls For Service By Day

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MON 530

TUE 516

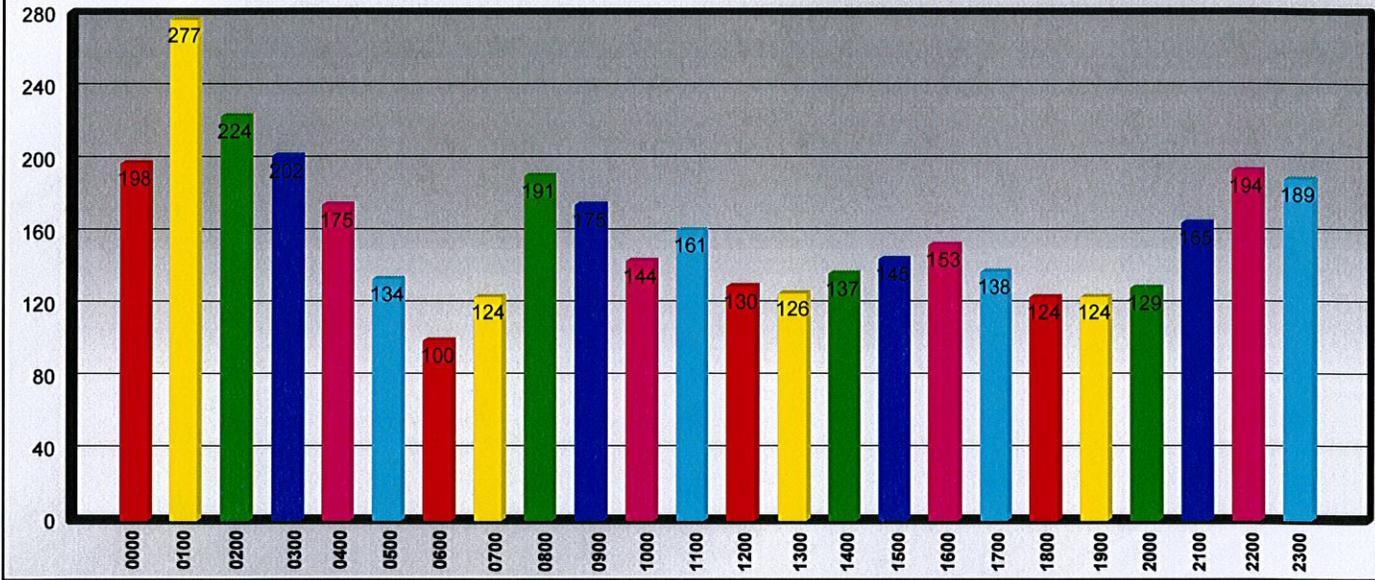
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THU 495

FRI 672

SAT 652

Call for Service By Hour



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CAD Calls For Service By Hour SQL

Hour: 0000	Number of Calls: 198
Hour: 0100	Number of Calls: 277
Hour: 0200	Number of Calls: 224
Hour: 0300	Number of Calls: 202
Hour: 0400	Number of Calls: 175
Hour: 0500	Number of Calls: 134
Hour: 0600	Number of Calls: 100
Hour: 0700	Number of Calls: 124
Hour: 0800	Number of Calls: 191
Hour: 0900	Number of Calls: 175
Hour: 1000	Number of Calls: 144
Hour: 1100	Number of Calls: 161
Hour: 1200	Number of Calls: 130
Hour: 1300	Number of Calls: 126
Hour: 1400	Number of Calls: 137
Hour: 1500	Number of Calls: 145



Hour: 1600	Number of Calls:	153
Hour: 1700	Number of Calls:	138
Hour: 1800	Number of Calls:	124
Hour: 1900	Number of Calls:	124
Hour: 2000	Number of Calls:	129
Hour: 2100	Number of Calls:	165
Hour: 2200	Number of Calls:	194
Hour: 2300	Number of Calls:	189

ORPD Other Activity:					
Type	Total	Days-Sgt. Wohlfel	Days- Lt. Hutchins	Nights-Sgt. Mollica	Nights-Sgt. Hallahan
<u>Traffic</u>					
Citations	25	1	22	0	2
Written Warnings	31	0	20	8	3
Parking Tickets	29	5	12	4	8
<u>Arrests:</u>					
S19 Felony	1	0	1	0	0
S18 Misdemeanor	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Telephone Calls Handled by Dispatch:</u>					
<u>November 2013</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>			
9-1-1	55	565			
Incoming/Non-Emergency	736	9749			
Outgoing/Non-Emergency	443	6215			
PBX (Internal Town Hall)	312	4110			
Total:	1546	20639			
<u>Walk-Ins Handled by Dispatch:</u>					
All	247	2206			
After Business Hours	103	1054			
Top 5 Services Provided:					
Issue Keys ** -	59				
Visitors/Information -	59				
Alarm Issues -	46				
Crime/Incident Reports -	16				
Vendors -	15				
Pet Tag/Vehicle Decals -	15				
** Turtle Season/ATV key					

**Town of Briny Breezes
November 2013**

Type	Total	Days- Sgt. Wohlfel	Days- Lt. Hutchins	Nights- Sgt. Mollica	Nights-Sgt. Hallahan
14 - Information	1	1			
48 - Open Door	5				5
49 - Alarm	6	1	2	1	2
68 - Police Service Call	2		1		1
70 - Animal Complaint	1			1	
73 - Medical Call	3	1	1	1	
76 - Assist Other Department	1		1		
88 - FPL Assist	5		1	2	2
90 - Illegal Parking	9	4	4	1	
10-108 Foot Patrol	1		1		
BBCK Briny Business Checks	30			14	16
FUP - Follow Up	0				
Total Calls for Service	64	7	11	20	26
OTHER ACTIVITY					
<u>Traffic</u>					
Citations	1	0	1	0	0
Written Warnings	0	0	0	0	0
Parking Tickets	6	1	4	0	1

Unit	Veh Year	Patrol Vehicle Mileage			Engine Hours	Engine Miles **	Total Wear Miles	Repairs/Month	Repairs/FYTD	Replace *
		Start	End	Total						
562	2013	14380	16158	1778	2767	91311	107469	34.99	34.99	FY2016/17
563	2011	38990	40179	1189	3839	126687	166866	0.00	34.99	FY2015/16
564	2010	70673	72304	1631	6710	221430	293734	0.00	34.99	FY2012/13
565	2011	53205	54310	1105	418	13794	68104	0.00	34.99	FY2014/15
566	2011	49900	51493	1593	4330	142890	194383	34.99	34.99	FY2014/15
A1 Veh	2008	69676	70485	809	237	7821	78306	34.99	34.99	FY2011/12
Ford Escape	2002	78840	79103	263	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.00	FY2010/11
Polaris-ATV	2000	2555	2555	0	421	13893	16448	0.00	0.00	FY2013/14
Suzuki - ATV	2006	2824	2900	76	383	12639	15539	0.00	55.54	FY2015/16
			Totals:	8444				\$104.97	\$265.48	
Unit	Driver	Driver	Driver							
562	476	502	518							
563	509	519	528							
564	520	524								
565	444	522								
566	526	530								
A1 Veh	515									
Ford Escape	513									
Rev. 11/01/13										

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563	2011	38990	40179	1189	3839	12687	166866				Due	
564	2010	70673	72304	1631	6710	221430	293734	Past Due				
565	2011	53205	54310	1105	418	13794	68104		Due			
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Boynton Beach Fire Rescue

OR Average Elapsed Time by District/Inc. Type

**Alarm Date Between {11/01/2013} And {11/30/2013}
and District In "5 " , "6 "**

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Incident	Alarm Date & Time Disp. Rcvd Date & Time	Arrival Date & Time Address	Stn	Shift	Elapsed Time
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury					
13-010291	11/05/2013 13:18:31	11/05/2013 13:26:22	4	C	00:08:28
	11/05/2013 13:17:54	5000 N OCEAN BLVD			
13-010348	11/07/2013 07:52:25	11/07/2013 07:57:44	4	B	00:06:20
	11/07/2013 07:51:24	5540 N OCEAN BLVD /111			
13-010471	11/10/2013 15:23:58	11/10/2013 15:29:33	5	A	00:07:22
	11/10/2013 15:22:11	20 CEDAR DR /E			
13-010550	11/13/2013 06:24:05	11/13/2013 06:31:19	4	A	00:08:29
	11/13/2013 06:22:50	24 HIBISCUS DR /I			
13-010610	11/15/2013 00:36:51	11/15/2013 00:42:22	4	C	00:06:55
	11/15/2013 00:35:27	11 TROPICAL DR /9			
13-010660	11/16/2013 17:39:43	11/16/2013 17:48:16	1	B	00:09:37
	11/16/2013 17:38:39	11 TROPICAL DR			
13-010864	11/23/2013 07:32:39	11/23/2013 07:37:31	4	C	00:06:26
	11/23/2013 07:31:05	5530 N OCEAN BLVD /204			
Average Elapsed Time for District/Incident Type					7.66
600 Good intent call, Other					
13-010518	11/12/2013 00:20:17	11/12/2013 00:28:08	4	C	00:09:34
	11/12/2013 00:18:34	5566 N OCEAN BLVD /A			
Average Elapsed Time for District/Incident Type					9.57
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route					
13-010962	11/26/2013 08:30:57	11/26/2013 08:30:57	1	C	00:01:19
	11/26/2013 08:29:38	E WOOLBRIGHT RD & N OCEAN BLVD			
Average Elapsed Time for District/Incident Type					1.32
735 Alarm system sounded due to malfunction					
13-010818	11/21/2013 15:58:34	11/21/2013 16:04:24	4	A	00:07:22
	11/21/2013 15:57:02	5518 OLD OCEAN BLVD			
Average Elapsed Time for District/Incident Type					7.37

Overall Average Elapsed Time for District in Decimal Minutes 7.19

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Incident	Alarm Date & Time Disp. Rcvd Date & Time	Arrival Date & Time Address	Stn	Shift	Elapsed Time
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Boynton Beach Fire Rescue

OR Average Elapsed Time by District/Inc. Type

**Alarm Date Between {11/01/2013} And {11/30/2013}
and District In "5 " , "6 "**

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Incident	Alarm Date & Time	Arrival Date & Time	Stn	Shift	Elapsed Time
	Disp. Rcvd Date & Time	Address			
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury					
13-010211	11/03/2013 08:04:28	11/03/2013 08:09:21	1	A	00:05:10
	11/03/2013 08:04:11	5840 N OCEAN BLVD			
13-010241	11/04/2013 10:27:41	11/04/2013 10:33:03	1	B	00:05:34
	11/04/2013 10:27:29	13 E OCEAN AVE			
13-010264	11/04/2013 18:28:51	11/04/2013 18:35:00	4	B	00:07:00
	11/04/2013 18:28:00	13 E OCEAN AVE			
13-010635	11/15/2013 20:00:08	11/15/2013 20:06:19	1	A	00:07:41
	11/15/2013 19:58:38	17 SPANISH RIVER DR			
13-010671	11/17/2013 08:56:30	11/17/2013 08:58:37	1	C	00:03:13
	11/17/2013 08:55:24	N OCEAN BLVD & E OCEAN AVE			
13-010828	11/22/2013 02:50:30	11/22/2013 02:57:07	1	A	00:07:51
	11/22/2013 02:49:16	15 HARBOUR DR N			
Average Elapsed Time for District/Incident Type					6.08
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries					
13-010827	11/22/2013 00:34:43	11/22/2013 00:43:14	1	A	00:09:45
	11/22/2013 00:33:29	6393 N OCEAN BLVD			
Average Elapsed Time for District/Incident Type					9.75
324 Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries					
13-010317	11/06/2013 13:04:50	11/06/2013 13:10:49	1	A	00:06:15
	11/06/2013 13:04:34	6415 N OCEAN BLVD			
Average Elapsed Time for District/Incident Type					6.25
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)					
13-010939	11/25/2013 14:09:02	11/25/2013 14:16:07	1	B	00:08:07
	11/25/2013 14:08:00	3 ADAMS RD			
Average Elapsed Time for District/Incident Type					8.12
463 Vehicle accident, general cleanup					
13-010574	11/13/2013 20:14:03	11/13/2013 20:20:11	1	B	00:07:21
	11/13/2013 20:12:50	6450 N OCEAN BLVD			
Average Elapsed Time for District/Incident Type					7.35
Overall Average Elapsed Time for District in Decimal Minutes 6.80					

Total Incident Count: 20

Overall Average Elapsed Time, Decimal Minutes: 6.99

Boynton Beach Fire Rescue

Incident List by Street Address

**Alarm Date Between {11/01/2013} And {11/30/2013}
and District In "5 " "6 "**

Incident-Exp#	Alm Date	Alm Time	Location	Incident Type
13-010939-000	11/25/2013	14:09:02	3 ADAMS RD	412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG
13-010471-000	11/10/2013	15:23:58	20 CEDAR DR /E	321 EMS call, excluding vehicle
13-010241-000	11/04/2013	10:27:41	13 E OCEAN AVE	321 EMS call, excluding vehicle
13-010264-000	11/04/2013	18:28:51	13 E OCEAN AVE	321 EMS call, excluding vehicle
13-010828-000	11/22/2013	02:50:30	15 HARBOUR DR N	321 EMS call, excluding vehicle
13-010550-000	11/13/2013	06:24:05	24 HIBISCUS DR /I	321 EMS call, excluding vehicle
13-010291-000	11/05/2013	13:18:31	5000 N OCEAN BLVD	321 EMS call, excluding vehicle
13-010864-000	11/23/2013	07:32:39	5530 N OCEAN BLVD /204	321 EMS call, excluding vehicle
13-010348-000	11/07/2013	07:52:25	5540 N OCEAN BLVD /111	321 EMS call, excluding vehicle
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13-010660-000	11/16/2013	17:39:43	11 TROPICAL DR	321 EMS call, excluding vehicle
13-010610-000	11/15/2013	00:36:51	11 TROPICAL DR /9	321 EMS call, excluding vehicle
13-010962-000	11/26/2013	08:30:57	E WOOLBRIGHT RD & N OCEAN	611 Dispatched & cancelled en ro
13-010671-000	11/17/2013	08:56:30	N OCEAN BLVD & E OCEAN AV	321 EMS call, excluding vehicle

Total Incident Count 20

Police Activity:

Here is a listing of significant crime/code enforcement/suspicious activity reported to ORPD in November 2013 for both Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes:

<u>Type of Incident</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Synopsis</u>
Theft	11/02/13	2:00-4:12 PM	Edith St. Crossover	Unattended/Unlocked bicycle stolen. The bicycle was recovered abandoned within 24 hours in Boynton Beach.
Violation of Town Code/Permits	11/04/13	10:39 AM	5500 blk N. Ocean Blvd.	Investigation of business conducting remodeling found no permit had been issued for the work.
Burglary/Arrest	11/05/13	11:50 AM	100 blk Island Dr South	The location is in foreclosure. Officers on patrol observed the home occupied. Further investigation identified a subject who had illegally attempted to claim possession. Suspect turned over to the Palm Beach County Jail.
Attempted Burglary	11/08/13	11:43 AM	100 blk Ixora Way	Officers responded to a burglar alarm activation and found front door pried. Entry not gained and nothing taken.
Violation of Town Code/Permits	11/19/13	7:45 AM	100 blk Harbour Dr. N.	Investigation of construction being done found no permit had been issued for the work.
Violation of Town Code/Unsafe Conditions	11/19/13	11:05 AM	5700 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Previously permitted remodeling work had not been finished, leaving hazardous stairways. Joint investigation with the Building Official resulted in location being posted as unsafe.
(OVER)				

Theft/Arrest	11/22/13	4:27 PM	100 blk Hudson Ave.	Maid/Nanny charged with stealing jewelry and other items from home. Subject also found to be an illegal alien and action pending by Border Patrol.
Theft	11/26/13	12:00 –2:30 PM	5600 blk Old Ocean Blvd.	Victim left beach bag unattended with purse. Items taken.
Theft	11/27/13	11:08 AM	100 blk Harbour Dr. N.	Follow up investigation of Maid/Nanny from previous case resulted in identifying another victim/employer.

More New Faces at ORPD:

On December 9, 2013 the Town Commission authorized the hiring of a full-time Police Officer and the appointment of a Reserve Officer; both filling previously authorized positions.

Frederick Stang: “Rick”, as he prefers to be called, comes to us from Arkansas. His latest law enforcement employment was with the Hot Springs Police Department where he performed general patrol work, accident investigations, community relations and the training of junior officers. Prior to his 6 years with Hot Springs, he was an officer with the Flippin (AK) Police Dept for 2 ½ years.

Rick moved to our area due to family issues. He has completed the necessary cross training to become Florida certified. In addition, he has an extensive record of training in a multitude of areas that will be beneficial to the Ocean Ridge Police Department and the citizens we serve.

Aaron Zawistowski: Aaron has approximately 9 years of law enforcement experience; with his latest being with the Indian River County Sheriff’s Office (IRSO) until 2010. While with IRSO, Aaron was a Patrol Deputy and a Narcotics Detective; eventually being assigned to a Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force. Previously he was with the Seminole Tribal Police Department.

Aaron has attended several training classes, to include those needed to reactivate his Florida law enforcement certification. He will be an asset to the Ocean Ridge Police Department and the residents of the Town.

Soliciting on the rise:

The annual migration of solicitors has begun. The colder weather in the North has driven these folks to our more temperate climate. As a result, these “entrepreneurs” will be going door-to-door soliciting funds for magazine subscriptions, bogus sports teams (lacrosse, “Irish” soccer, baseball, etc.), and other causes.

The good news is that residents of Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes have been very good at calling the Police Department to report these visitors and/or suspicious persons. These calls are greatly appreciated.

Our initial response is to meet with and identify the violators, issue them and their company warnings and, as long as they did not have a warrant, send them on their way. However, re-offenders sometimes require a stronger message, so the issuance of a citation or physical arrest may be needed.

Again, it is important to note that our investigations determined that several of these folks have warrants and/or criminal histories, and their companies have had numerous Better Business Bureau complaints filed against them.

Soliciting without a Permit is a Town Code violation. Please continue to call us when you encounter or observe suspicious persons. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Holiday Scams:

- During the holiday season, many criminals will attempt to take advantage of those who are moved by the spirit of giving. Did you know that the Federal Trade Commission has helpful hints on ways to determine the legitimacy of the charity you are thinking of sending a donation?

Here is a link that provides information on how you can confirm that the organization is legal and authentic: <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0074-giving-charity>

- Another opportunity to be victimized is via the Internet. Malware and viruses can be easily attached to email that looks legitimate. The opening of email from an unknown/unreliable source or downloading of an electronic greeting card or other attachment could allow access to your most prized possession – your identity.

Please avoid opening unsolicited emails. The safest button to push on your computer is “Delete”.

(OVER)

Alcohol and Driving don't mix:

With the holidays upon us I would like to share a personal experience with you about drinking and driving.

As you may know, many people have brushes with the authorities from time to time on the way home after a "social session" out with friends.

Well, last night I was out for the evening at a holiday party and had several cocktails. Feeling jolly I still had the sense to know that I may be over the limit. That's when I did something that I've never done before ... I took a cab home!

Sure enough on the way home there was a police road block, but since it was a cab they waved it past. I arrived home safely without incident. This was a real relief and surprise because I had never driven a cab before.

I don't even know where I got it from and now that it's in my garage I don't know what to do with it!

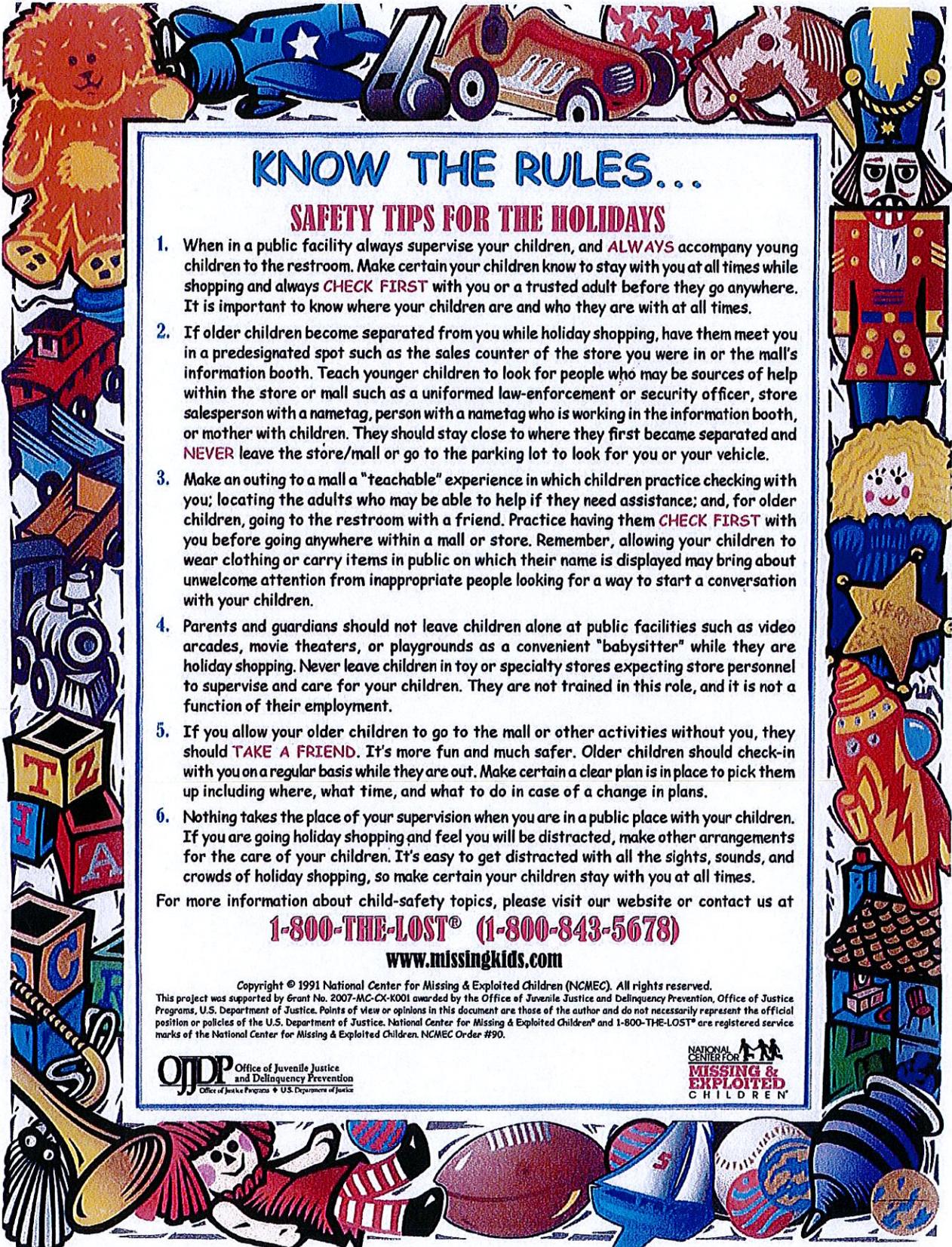
Only kidding! But I'm using this to remind everyone that there are alternatives to driving under the influence. Appoint a "DD" (Designated Driver), or call for a taxi or use the annual, free service offered through the AAA "Tow-to-Go" program at http://autoclubsouth.aaa.com/safety/tow_to_go.aspx or (855) 2-TOW-2-GO or (855) 286-9246. This service is available Dec 20, 2013 through Jan 1, 2014.

Remember, "Over the Limit, Under Arrest!" and "Buzzed" Driving is "Drunk" Driving.

Please don't drink and drive!

On behalf of all of the members of the Ocean Ridge Police Department,

I wish you a healthy and safe Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!



KNOW THE RULES...

SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

1. When in a public facility always supervise your children, and **ALWAYS** accompany young children to the restroom. Make certain your children know to stay with you at all times while shopping and always **CHECK FIRST** with you or a trusted adult before they go anywhere. It is important to know where your children are and who they are with at all times.
2. If older children become separated from you while holiday shopping, have them meet you in a predesignated spot such as the sales counter of the store you were in or the mall's information booth. Teach younger children to look for people who may be sources of help within the store or mall such as a uniformed law-enforcement or security officer, store salesperson with a nametag, person with a nametag who is working in the information booth, or mother with children. They should stay close to where they first became separated and **NEVER** leave the store/mall or go to the parking lot to look for you or your vehicle.
3. Make an outing to a mall a "teachable" experience in which children practice checking with you; locating the adults who may be able to help if they need assistance; and, for older children, going to the restroom with a friend. Practice having them **CHECK FIRST** with you before going anywhere within a mall or store. Remember, allowing your children to wear clothing or carry items in public on which their name is displayed may bring about unwelcome attention from inappropriate people looking for a way to start a conversation with your children.
4. Parents and guardians should not leave children alone at public facilities such as video arcades, movie theaters, or playgrounds as a convenient "babysitter" while they are holiday shopping. Never leave children in toy or specialty stores expecting store personnel to supervise and care for your children. They are not trained in this role, and it is not a function of their employment.
5. If you allow your older children to go to the mall or other activities without you, they should **TAKE A FRIEND**. It's more fun and much safer. Older children should check-in with you on a regular basis while they are out. Make certain a clear plan is in place to pick them up including where, what time, and what to do in case of a change in plans.
6. Nothing takes the place of your supervision when you are in a public place with your children. If you are going holiday shopping and feel you will be distracted, make other arrangements for the care of your children. It's easy to get distracted with all the sights, sounds, and crowds of holiday shopping, so make certain your children stay with you at all times.

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