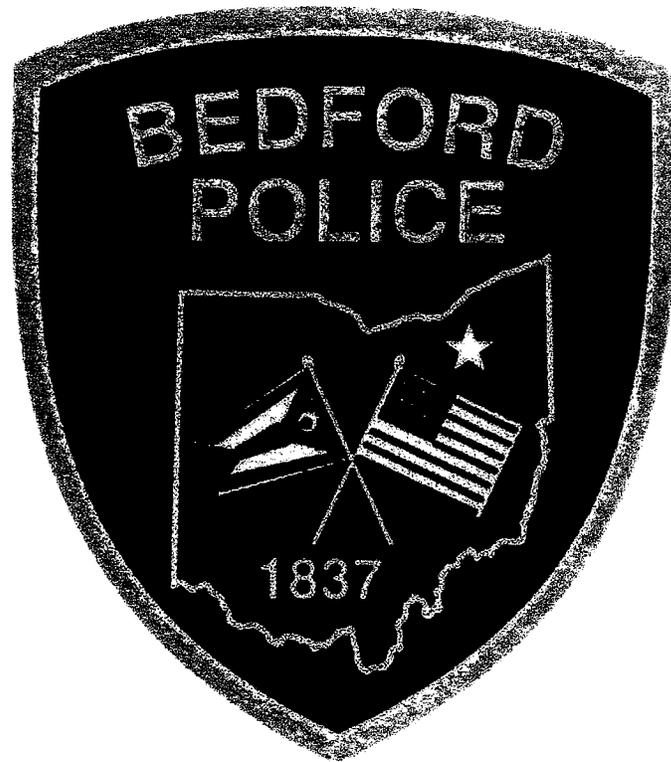


**BEDFORD POLICE**



**2009**  
**Annual Report**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the members of the Bedford Police Department, are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services. Recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership, which promotes safe, secure neighborhoods.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

The development of the Bedford Police Department as a model for all others to emulate. To be recognized, above others, in professional and ethical conduct and behavior, commitment to the needs of the community and self-development through continual training.

## **CORE PRINCIPLES**

### **Honesty**

Free from fraud or deception, marked by free, forthright, and sincere expression, sincere and truthful, keeping of one's word

### **Integrity**

A firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values

### **Professionalism**

Conduct, aims, or qualities that characterize or mark a member of the Department

### **Respect**

Demonstrating and extending high or special regard to all individuals

### **Loyalty**

Unswerving and faithful in allegiance to the community and department

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# Uniform Police Personnel

Nancy Hovan

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Chief of Police..... Gregory A. Duber

Lieutenants..... Robert Kohn  
Richard Borowiak  
Kris Nietert  
David Hinzman  
Ron Niemann

Sergeants..... Rick Suts  
Martin Stemple  
Ed Mementowski

Patrolmen..... Joseph Martukovich  
Robert Chase  
John Pfaff  
Keith Collins  
Dean David Eschweiler  
Dennis J. Bergansky  
David R. Dickson  
James Ritter  
Shawn Klubnik  
Sean Francis  
Buck Kidd  
Brian Byard  
Jeff Kirkwood  
Michael Stask  
Paul Kellermann  
Mark Witkiewicz  
Benjamin Lang  
Brian Geiger  
Kevin Webb  
Stacy Painter  
Brian Sara  
Justin Sisak

Total Number of Officers.....31

## 2009 Support Personnel

Nancy Hovan

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Secretary (to the Chief) . . . . .	Nancy Hovan
Full Time Dispatchers (6) . . . . .	Jeff Slezak Jacie Kelly Heidi Derrit Tara Reynolds Melanie Sinkie Sara Kozlowski
Part Time Dispatchers (5). . . . .	Kim Dickson Katie Duber Michelle Cutright Micki Picha Melissa Kovach (Training)
Detective Bureau Secretary . . . . .	Janey Mackiewicz
Record Clerk . . . . .	Michelle Cutright
Part Time Record Clerks . . . . .	Caren Trivett
Full Time Jailer . . . . .	Val Closs
Part Time Jailers (3). . . . .	Steve Karhan Michael Robinson Chris Carstarphen
Part Time Animal Control (4). . . . .	Ron Trivett Greg Gadt Matt Scharfenberg Steve Fine
Part Time Car Wash. . . . .	Tiffany Brill
Full Time Juvenile Diversion . . . . .	Penny Jarrell
International Consultant-Trainer (Part Time) . . .	Ron Borsch
Administrative Consultant (Part Time) . . . . .	Charles Piskura
Department Chaplain . . . . .	Edward Strnad
<u>School Crossing Guards (5)</u>	

Walter Jones  
Steve Senderak  
Paul Flask  
Sandy Pocisk  
Leonard Rarick

Glendale/Turney  
Center Rd.  
Henry/Broadway  
Wheelock/Washington  
Johnson/Harriman

Auxiliary Police (24)

Tara Reynolds\*  
Gerald Pastor  
Robert Webb  
Greg Gadt\*  
Chuck Browning  
Alan Benda  
Valerie Warren  
Rita Malcolm  
Tatjana Grizancic

Kenneth Jecmen  
Joseph Tuma  
Dawn Ward  
Wayne Witkowski  
Mike Miller  
Connie Ritter  
Matt Scharfenberg\*  
Christopher Hovan  
Greg Grattino

Ronald Trivett\*  
Les Ashby  
Angela Porinchak  
Steve Marmash  
Deborah Peterson  
Shawn Francis

(\* indicates they also hold other duties within the PD)

Life Members (non-active)

Del Berger  
Tom Minardo

Pat Williams  
Joseph Rzeszut

Andy Mizensak  
Tom Cashman

Total Number of Support Personnel . . . . . 53  
(F/T support 11, P/T support 22, Active Auxiliaries 20)

Total Number of Patrol Personnel . . . . . 31

**Total number of Bedford Police Personnel at the close of 2009 . . . 84**  
(42 F/T and 42 P/T)

## Overview

Chief Gregory A. Duber

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The following report is compiled to give a brief synopsis of the Police Departments activities for the year 2009. More detailed reports are available from the Division of Police.

The information contained in the Annual Report is compiled and prepared by the officers and employees responsible for various administrative tasks in the department.

**CALLS FOR SERVICE:** CAD Reports are generated to document officer activity. These include calls for service and officer initiated calls.

2009 - 23,467      2008 - 24,866

**INCIDENT REPORTS:** Incidents Reports are generated to reflect those CAD's that involved a Part I offense, arrest, property damage, or incidents that involved additional follow-up investigation.

2009 - 1701      2008 - 1725

**TRAFFIC CHARGES:** Decreased from 2505 in 2008, to 2233 in 2009

**PARKING CITATIONS:** Increased from 1438 in 2008, to 1447 in 2009

**CRIMINAL CHARGES:** Increased from 2284 in 2008, to 2367 in 2009

**JAIL BOOKINGS:** Increased from 1679 in 2008, to 1870 in 2009

**ACCIDENT REPORTS:** Decreased from 470 in 2008, to 336 in 2009

**PART I CRIMES:** Increased from 600 in 2008, to 669 in 2009

CATEGORY	2009	CLEARED	2008	CLEARED
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	4	4
Robbery	13	9	17	9
Assault	77	75	86	86
Burglary	56	21	37	8
Thefts	451	277	394	174
Auto Theft	71	56	62	47
Arson	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>328</b>

In October of 2009, after responding to numerous juvenile and young adult complaints after school and in the area we, along with other school district police departments, began an aggressive nine day enforcement of traffic and criminal violation in the area. As a result over 70 charges were filed. The problems in the area were significantly reduced. We will continue to monitor our problems with juveniles and young adults and take proactive measures when the need arises.

In May of 2009 we conducted a sting of businesses that sell alcohol. Under the watchful eye of our detective bureau, twelve businesses were visited by an underage person that wanted to buy alcohol beverages. Seven sold alcoholic beverages to the underage person and were cited for the violation. We will continue in 2010 to combat the sale of alcohol and cigarettes to underaged persons buy conducted stings throughout the year.

In 2009 we continued to use the criminal nuisance ordinance to hold homeowners accountable for continued police response to their residence. In 2009 ten (10) warning letters were sent out to residents and homeowners violated the ordinance that future response would result in action by the City. Four resident homeowners were eventually billed for continued police response to their address.

2010 will be a challenge for the Bedford Police Department. Manpower levels are down four (4) officers, including one layoff, with no plan to replace them. We have been without two additional officers that were injured in September of 2009. One has been cleared to return to duty in February, but the other remains off, with an unknown return to duty date.

Training for a second year has been restricted, jailer hours have been cut, and the City will begin negotiations with the police officers union later in 2010.

Whatever the challenge, the men and women of the Bedford Police Department will continue to provide quality service to the residents and continue to maintain, and improve, the quality of life within the community.

## Animal Control

Lieutenant Robert Kohn

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In 2009 The City of Bedford employed four part-time animal wardens, with a few personnel changes throughout the year. Katherine Mitchell (Kat) left us and was replaced by Melissa Kovach. Melissa has since transferred to Dispatch, and was replaced by Steve Fine. Ron Trivett, Greg Gadt, and Matt Scharfenberg continued to cover their regular days. Together they provide service to Bedford and Bedford Hts. Mon-Fri 0800-1600 and Sat-Sun 0800-1200, for a total of 48 hours per week. Bedford Hts. pays half portion of our expenses for this service.

The new truck, a 2008 Chevrolet, went into service in October 2008. The truck is equipped with a Mobile Data terminal, allowing the Animal Wardens to receive call data and clear calls from the truck.

The Animal Wardens responded to 1532 calls for service in Bedford, down from 1542 last year. They also handled 234 calls in Bedford Hts, down from 375 in 2008. These included everything from Dogs running at large to requests for animal traps. Summonses were issued for the following animal related complaints in Bedford:

Animal at Large	17
Barking Dog	3
Bite	3
Abandoned Animal	1

One dog was destroyed by officers who could not get it to disengage from another dog, after having attacked and bitten its owner.

## Auxiliary Police

Lt. Kris Nietert

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The Bedford Auxiliary Police force has an authorized strength of 30 officers. Currently, there are 25 Auxiliaries. The Auxiliaries serve to supplement and support the mission of the Bedford Police Department. They are the extra "eyes and ears" of the Police Department.

The Auxiliaries are responsible for a variety of services in the community. Some of these services include Bedford Foundation Classic Run/Walk, Memorial Day Parade traffic control, vacation checks, park patrols, and security at the square/civic functions, general traffic control, 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks, security at the High School athletic events, Halloween detail, foreclosure checks, and the Christmas detail.

The Auxiliaries continue to play an instrumental role in addressing juvenile problem areas. They accomplished this via the "juvenile patrol", focusing on juveniles walking, riding, or skateboarding in the streets. They also patrol the skateboard park and other city parks. The Auxiliaries continue to do foreclosure checks. This involves checking to make sure the home is secure and there has been no vandalism to the property.

The Auxiliaries worked a total of 4,315 hours in 2009, representing a 22% increase from 2008. They had 4-hour training blocks in baton/defensive tactics and OC. They handled numerous lockouts, and issued written warning notices and parking tickets.

Auxiliaries are required to work a minimum of 60 hours per year. The hours are broken down to 20 hours in the first half of the year and 20 hours in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of the year. The training goals will consist of scenario training and a self-defense class.

The Auxiliaries will continue to try to make the citizens feel safe and secure in their neighborhoods. They will also continue to address some of the quality of life issues affecting our community.

# BAC DATAMASTER

Lt. David Hinzman

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The Bedford Police Department currently has 34 Officers and Jailers who are qualified to administer BAC tests using the BAC DataMaster. Of those, 15 are Senior Operators and 19 are Operators. The addition of our jailers as operators continues to prove very beneficial as it frees an officer who normally would have been tied up administering the test in the jail. Both Senior Operators and Operators are tested by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) each fiscal year by taking a written and proficiency test to show their understanding of the breath testing equipment. Senior operators have additional training in the care and maintenance of the DataMaster. An instrument check is performed every seven (7) days to show that the DataMaster is operating correctly and within the standards set by the ODH.

Our Department conducted a total of 143 BAC tests on our DataMaster this year. Actual OVI arrests this year totaled 44 down from 48 in 2008. Fourteen (14) of the 44 OVI's were refusals, down from eighteen (18) in 2008. Of the total of OVI's, 41 were by breath (BAC), 2 with blood and 1 with urine. When blood or urine is used to determine the degree of intoxication, it is generally because driver was in an accident and had to be taken to the hospital. In each case the samples were taken and sent to the Coroner's office where they are processed in their laboratory and the results are sent to us usually in 4-6 weeks.

The following is a breakdown of the BAC DataMaster tests conducted in the year 2009:

Total Tests Run (BPD)	143
Bedford Police OVI's	44 (2 blood, 1 urine)
Refusals	14
Not Charged	3
Other Departments	5
Instrument Checks	55
Proficiency Tests	39

With funds secured by a Federal grant in association with University Hospitals and the Ohio OVI Task Force, we conducted an OVI checkpoint on September 26, 2009. We were assisted with several officers from Walton Hills PD, as some of our officers assisted with their checkpoint earlier in the year. The location was Broadway and East Grace. The weatherman was not kind to us that day as it was pouring down rain at the outset of the checkpoint. The rain eventually let up some and it turned out to be a rather promising evening. The checkpoint produced 4 OVI's, 1 physical control, 3 traffic tickets and 2 drivers that were given

tests but turned out not to be intoxicated. During our second OVI test on the BAC DataMaster at the jail, the printer failed and we were unable to fix it. Luckily, we had a back-up machine that was immediately placed into service and worked fine.

Sgt. Suts and Sgt. Stemple were assigned to the Cuyahoga county OVI Task Force which works with local police departments in helping them obtain grant money for various police overtime details for projects such as CLICK IT OR TICKET, HIGH VISABILITY ENFORCEMENT OVERTIME (HVEO) and the OVI check points. Unfortunately, we found out that we had conducted our OVI check point too late in the year to qualify for 2010 grant funding. However, some additional funds became available when another department turned them down and since our OVI checkpoint in September was very productive they decided to give those available funds to us to conduct a checkpoint in 2010.

Ptl. Stacy Painter was recognized as the Bedford Police Department's Top OVI Cop in 2009 with seven (7) OVI arrests. He attended a luncheon with Chief Duber and Sgt. Stemple sponsored by University Hospitals, where he received his award. Because of the success of our OVI checkpoint and the luck of the draw in a raffle, the Dept. received a large traffic sign warning of an OVI check point ahead, 6 collapsible cones and portable stop sign.

At the request of the Bedford Court, the BAC DataMaster was used to test 10 individuals throughout the year to determine their level of intoxication when showing up for court.

Our officers continue to do an outstanding job of apprehending violators who operate their vehicles while under the influence of alcohol by actively patrolling the city and making the community aware of self-help groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), SADD, MADD, and the Designated Driver program.

## Communications

Lt. Robert Kohn

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The Communications Center consists of two workstations where our Dispatchers take telephone and 911 calls, communicate via radio with Police, Fire, Service, and surrounding Communities. Independence Communications maintains the Moducomm radio console system.

Along with handling radio and telephone traffic, the Communications Center also houses the main control panel for the Detention Facility. A similar console is in the Jail itself, controlled by the Jailer when on-duty. The Dispatcher also monitors 5 television screens, representing over fifty color cameras throughout the complex. The CCTV recorders are aging, and may need to be replaced in 2010.

In the area of two-way radio, not much has changed. We still operate on the 420MHz spectrum, sharing a frequency with Walton Hills and Oakwood Village. Our portables and mobiles are serviced by North Coast Two-Way of Maple Hts. The majority of our equipment is compliant with the new "narrow banding" requirements of 2013, and only our oldest portables will need to be replaced at that time.

To the rear of our station is a 190' monopole radio tower, which serves as a platform for AT&T, Sprint and Nextel. All Police, Fire, and Service radio equipment is housed in a small building between the AT&T and Nextel buildings. We have our own platform at 130'.

The telephone system serves the entire City Hall complex, including The Court, Fire, Police, and City Hall, and off-premise locations at Service and Recreation. The entire system, including 911, was also installed and maintained by SBC.

We have our own line to LEADS, with the LEADS/OMNIXX software installed on most desktop computers in the station. Since our in-house LEADS is separate from the TAC provided MDT LEADS access, we have system redundancy in the event of a failure of either our line to LEADS or TAC's line to LEADS.

Our mobile data terminal (MDT) service is provided by TAC Computer, who also provides hosting for MDT LEADS access. The computers are Panasonic "Toughbook" CF27 computers with touch screen. These were upgraded to newer, CF29 computers running Windows XP. We switched from Verizon to Sprint for mobile data, saving about \$215 a month in charges.

## Community Diversion Program

Penny Jarrell

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In 2009, the Bedford Police Department continued control over the Community Diversion Program. This is a program funded through a grant with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. The program is designed to deal with juvenile offenders who are arrested for non-violent misdemeanor offenses that would ordinarily go unnoticed and unpunished by an already over-whelmed Juvenile Court system, but are referred to the Community Diversion Program for adjudication and sentencing.

Upon the arrest of a juvenile offender, the paper work is forwarded to the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Intake Office. The individual is checked for prior arrests. If he/she has not been arrested before and the charges fall within the parameters for Diversion, the file is returned to the departments Juvenile Diversion Coordinator. The Coordinator schedules an interview with the juvenile and his parents/guardians to determine if the juvenile would comply and benefit from the program. The Juvenile Coordinator then determines what punishment would best suit the individual and charge. The punishment ranges from writing an essay to community service. The juvenile is then scheduled to appear before a volunteer magistrate in our court. The magistrates volunteer their time and meet once a week. Our two magistrates include Bedford Attorney Sherry Pidala and Janice St. John. The magistrate hears the particulars of the case and the recommendations of the program coordinator and determines the sentence for that individual. In most cases, it follows the recommendation of the program coordinator.

Most youths are placed into community service and are required to complete a pre-determined number of community service hours. Officers of the department oversee the community service and transport the youths as needed. Some youths are sent to the Fire Dept. or the High School and some are assigned to help clean up the Bedford Commons area after events that are held there. In most cases the youths pick up trash, rake leaves and shovel snow for our senior citizens who call in and request assistance, and any other jobs we can find for them.

Penny Jarrell handles the responsibilities of the program coordinator.

This past year we have seen an increase in the number of juveniles placed in the program. The main reason can be attributed to a more aggressive approach to handling juvenile offenders. Juveniles are being held more accountable for their actions.

The following is a breakdown of the Community Diversion Program:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Total youths	49	64
Males	26	36
Females	23	28
African-American	36	54
Caucasian	13	10
Hispanic	0	0
Asian	0	0
Youngest child was in	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	6 <sup>th</sup> grade
Youths successfully completed	43	62
Failed and referred back To Juvenile Court	6	2
<u>Residence</u>		
Bedford	34	42
Bedford Hts.	9	11
Oakwood Vlg	5	5
Other	1	6
<u>School</u>		
Bedford High School	35	48
Heskett Jr. High	10	4
Aurora	0	0
Columbus Rd.	0	1
Carylwood	2	1
Do not attend Bedford District	1	8
St. Peter Chanel	0	2
Education Alternatives	1	0
<u>Who generated complaints?</u>		
Bedford PD	36	54
Bedford Hts. PD	0	0
Oakwood Vlg PD	0	0
Businesses	1	2
Other	0	0
Bedford Board of Education	12	7
Parent	0	1
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>Type of offenses</u>		

Disorderly Conduct	17	11
Curfew violations	5	10
Possession of drugs/paraphernalia	2	2
Unruly Child	1	1
Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle	0	0
Petty Theft	3	3
Criminal Trespass	5	4
Criminal Damaging	1	1
Assault	2	2
Criminal Mischief	0	2
Underage Consumption /	1	0
Menacing	1	1
Inducing Panic	1	0
Making False Alarms	0	0
Truancy from School	3	7
Sexual Imposition	0	0
Telephone Harassment	0	0
Fireworks	0	0
Arson	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0
Falsification	0	1
Loitering	0	0
Runaway	0	0
Public Indecency	0	0
Obstructing Official Business	0	2
Gambling	0	0
Walking in the Street	11	22
Carrying Concealed Weapon	1	0
Total hours of Community Service	516	548

For 2010, we have been awarded a grant for \$7,500 from Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. In addition, Penny Jarrell will be handling the Juvenile Diversion Program, and all other duties related to juvenile offenses, in a full time position with the department.

## Crime Prevention Unit

Lt. Richard Borowiak

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The Crime Prevention Unit had another busy year in 2009. Most of the work is performed by Patrolmen Painter, Webb and Sara who are supervised by the unit's commander, Lt. R. Borowiak. All of the members of the unit have attended the OPOTA Basic Crime Prevention Specialist training program.

The unit was involved in several worthwhile events throughout the city and will continue to provide similar services in 2010.

Once again the department in conjunction with Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital participated in the Speed Enforcement Program, Click-it-Ticket Program and the High Visibility Enforcement Program. Officers worked blocks of overtime and concentrated their efforts in areas associated with each program.

The department provided 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Seat Belt instruction to all 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders in the Bedford City School District and received a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety to provide that service.

Officers made appearances at Safety Town, Safety Day, and a Community Block Watch Meeting rounding out this year's activity.

In 2010 the unit will continue with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Seat Belt Program and assist as needed throughout the year.

## OLEN/LEADS

Sgt. Rick Suts

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Law Enforcement Automated (LEADS)  
National Crime Information Center (NCIC)  
Interstate Identification Index (III)  
Computerized Criminal History (CCH)  
Ohio Law Enforcement Network (OLEN)  
Mobile Data Terminal (MDT)

2009 was the Bedford Police Departments fourth full year in the OLEN system. This system allowed dispatchers to use one continual CAD log instead of several different files streamlining the dispatch record keeping.

November 19, 2009 a LEADS audit was completed to ensure compliance with all LEADS requirements. During the audit only three errors were located. The errors were minor and were corrected before the auditor was completed with the full audit.

The Department continues to utilize the modern technology made available to us through the use of Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's). The MDT's allow officers to obtain information very quickly and also allows them to complete reports from their vehicles.

Lt. Kohn continues to update the MDT's to keep them functioning at their top capacity. The department switched service from Verizon to Sprint due to service issues as well as cost of service.

Michelle Cutright is the police department's TAC Officer. Dispatcher Heidi Derrit is the assistant TAC officer. Both continue to do an outstanding job with their responsibilities. Sgt. Suts oversees the TAC operations.

We will begin training on and using a new server for LEADS this year. Currently LEADS utilizes a program called OMNIXX. They are in the process of switching to a system called MESSENGER and will begin implementation in 2010.

## DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION – DARE

Ptl. Keith Collins

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The school year 2009-2010 currently has three DARE officers, Ptl. Keith Collins of Bedford PD, Ptl. Dennis Jezior of Bedford Heights PD, and Ptl. Melissa Walsh of Walton Hills PD. The current DARE program, which was researched by University of Akron, consists of nine lessons and a culmination ceremony.

Officer Collins facilitates the program at Holy Spirit Academy with 17 students. Officer Jezior presented the program to approximately 300 students at Columbus Intermediate School and Officer presented to 200 students at Carylwood Intermediate School. At the present time, there are no DARE officers presenting the middle school program at Heskett Middle School or the high school program at Bedford High.

The Seventh Annual Charity Basketball game between Bedford Schools and the area police departments was again a success. Money raised this year was through ticket sales, 50/50 raffle, bike giveaway, and the half court shot. This year the men and women in Blue won the game. THE POLICE lead the series 4 to 3. The proceeds are split between the DARE program and the District Boot and Shoe fund.

I've completed 15 years as a DARE officer for the Bedford Police Department and the Bedford City School District. Funding for DARE has been trimmed due to the law changing. The funding now includes school resource officers and does not include teaching at parochial or private schools.

Without the support of the city administration, police administration, school administration, businesses, and parents, this program would not have the success it has had since the beginning in 1983. DARE continues to be a popular program for the elementary age students. It still helps prevent future drug abuse, alcohol abuse, and gang violence among school age children.

## Detective Bureau

Lt. Kris Nietert

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The Bedford Police Detective Bureau works diligently everyday to investigate and solve crimes within the community.

The bureau is comprised of four detectives (Dennis Bergansky, Shawn Klubnik, Buck Kidd, and Brian Byard) and a secretary (Janey Mackiewicz). Det. Byard is assigned to the SEALE Narcotics Unit. The SEALE Narcotics Unit investigates and prosecutes drug law violations within the SEALE communities.

The detectives duties include, follow-up investigations turned over by patrol and felony investigations initiated by the detectives. Coordinating court cases and assisting the prosecutor in Bedford Municipal Court and Cuyahoga Common Pleas Court. In addition, detectives provide testimony before the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury. The detective bureau manages the in-take and destruction of recovered property and drugs.

Some of the major cases the detective bureau worked on in 2009:

- The arrest of Jeffrey Elko for the robbery of U.S. Bank. The arrest of Alan Brown and Macroland Hurns for the robbery of Charter One Bank.
- The arrest of Gregory Lindsey, Willie Murphy, and Wynzo Brown for robbery and impersonating a police officer during a residential robbery.
- The continued investigation and prosecution of Joel Ferrin for rape and sexual offenses against minors.
- The arrest of Ben Cannon, Demetrius Golden, Angel Jackson, Charles Johnson, and Rodney Hardnett for the staged robbery of Pizza Hut.

The Bedford Police Detective Bureau prides itself on having an excellent reputation and working relationship with local, state, and federal agencies.

Goals for 2010 are to maximize the potential of the county's electronic case management system and utilize the video grand jury to minimize travel time and person-hours testifying in person. Continue the war on drugs, and the apprehension and prosecution of criminal activity in and around the City of Bedford.

## Equipment Violations

Ptl. Dave Eschweiler

In lieu requiring motorist to pay fines and court costs for violations such as loud mufflers, burned out lights or fuses, violators are issued a citation and given 72 hours to make repairs and bring the vehicle to the police department. If repairs are made the tickets is voided. If they do not make repairs they are responsible for paying the waiver or going to court.

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>REPAIR</u>	<u>COURT</u>
RGB	4	3	1
DAH	8	6	2
ELM	8	3	5
RC	12	10	2
DE	7	4	3
SF	8	8	0
PK	10	9	1
JP	17	16	1
JR	7	4	3
MJS	11	11	0
RJN	20	11	9
JM	1	1	0
JK	9	8	1
MS	11	10	1
RS	3	2	1
DD	5	5	0
KN	3	2	1
SP	7	4	3
BG	11	10	1
MW	7	5	2
BL	12	10	2
BS	12	10	2
KW	11	10	1
JMS	7	5	2
NK	7	6	1
KC	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>45</b>

## Firearms 2009 Annual Report

Lt. Ronald Niemann

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The Bedford Police Department fired fewer rounds in 2009 than in previous years. This was because of a nationwide ammunition shortage. During one of the months, officers used a laser training system called Beam Hit®, so we could train without ammunition. Every time the officer presses the trigger on the pistol it emits a one second, visible red laser beam. The officers shot at a target that senses the hits and provides an audible signal and a numeric count of the hits. We also modified some of our pistol courses so less pistol ammunition was consumed.



Firearms instructors and officers battled the wind and rain on the outdoor range this year. Detective Bergansky ran officers through a realistic rifle scenario that was creative, fun and challenging. Officers also had a big surprise when they ran the pistol course. They began with a towel over their head and loud music playing. They were told to begin the course when the towel was removed, but they were unaware their pistol had been disassembled. Officers worked under the peer pressure to reassemble their pistols as fast as possible before they could take their first shot.

We also had some new equipment purchased for our patrol rifles. Aim Point® red dot sights were purchased and installed. They make it easier to rapidly aim the rifle, especially in low level light.

All officers passed the State qualifications in 2009 with their duty weapon, shotgun, rifle and back-up weapons.

## Safety Forces Fitness Center

Sgt. Martin Stemple  
Nancy Hovan

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The Bedford Police Fitness Center remains one of the busiest places in our facility. The fitness center is open seven days a week, twenty four hours a day. The extensive use of the fitness center reflects on the dedication to physical fitness, by the members of the Police Department.

Equipment in the fitness center includes:

(2) Treadmills  
(2) Recumbent bikes  
An elliptical Stepper  
Cable crossover stations  
A variety of free weights  
(3) Leg Stations  
Dumbbells from 5 Lbs.-80 Lbs.  
Dip station  
Sit up station  
TV/VCR/DVD player

The following statistics are the Fitness Center use:

Individual Use (on duty): 1979 visits  
Average per month: 143 visits  
Average per day: 4.8 Visits

The on duty use for each individual machine is:

Treadmill #1 31795 min.  
Treadmill #2: 16738 min.  
Bike #1 3054 min.  
Bike #2 6561 min.  
Elliptical stepper: 10886 min.

Total combined minutes on the above five machines was 69,034 minutes. That is an average of 189 minutes daily. None of the above statistics reflect the additional use the gym gets from employees off duty. It is clear that the machines and the gym are very well used and a great asset to the department. In spite of discontinuing the Department Fitness Standards (due to manpower issues and injuries) the gym use has increased since the previous year.

Goals for the 2010 are:

- ✦ To raise funds for the gym, in order to maintain the present equipment, and possibly upgrade some of the machines.
- ✦ Contract with a new company to service and maintain the equipment.
- ✦ To keep the equipment in the best possible condition and to provide a safe, clean, professional environment to keep all personnel physically fit.

Name		01-09	01-09	03-09	04-09	05-089	06-09	07-09	08-09	09-09	10-09	11-09	12-09	Total
Bergansky	Dennis J.	8	6	8	6	1	2	7	9	2	8	3		60
Borowiak	Richard	8	13	8	11	5	7	7	4	4	6	1	9	83
Byard	Brian													0
Chase	Robert	12	11	11	14	12	11		5	9	13	14	15	127
Collins	Keith						4	5	1					10
Dickson	David	9	2	2	3	6				3			5	30
Duber	Gregory	6	7	6	4	2	2		4		2	1		34
Francis	Sean			6							3	3	2	14
Geiger	Brian	9	9	8	8	9	5	7	8	5	13	6	15	102
Hinzman	David	4	4	8	4	6	1	3	1	2	7	8	1	49
Kehl	Nick	1	6	7	4		1	3	2					24
Kellermann	Paul	7	7	8	8	8	12	10	9	11	6	4	9	99
Kidd	Buck M.													0
Kirkwood	Jeff												145	145
Klubnik	Shawn M.	6	15	4	9	10	6	12		4	6	1	3	76
Kohn	Robert	9	10	3						1				23
Lang	Ben	2	8	5	4	4	4	3	2	2	3	7	7	51
Martukovich	Joseph	10	9	4	12	4	11	7	6	10	9	10	10	102
Mementowski	Edward	9	12	6	7	7		1	1	3	10	9		65
Niemann	Ronald	10	6	9	2	8	5	10	7	2				59
Nieter	Kris	10	7	7	5	8	8	2	7	6	6	8	6	80
Painter	Stacy	11	5	6	13	6	8	4	4	6	7	6	11	87
Pfaff	John	11	5	13	12	7	8		6	8	1			71
Ritter	James F.		1			1								2
Sara	Brian	9	8	8	9	8	2	11	6					61
Sisak	Justin												110	110
Stask	Michael J.	14	13	13	13	12	8	11	12	11	15	11	14	147
Stemple	Martin	7	9	8	12	8	9	6	10	10	14	12	15	120
Suts	Rick				1			1				1		3
Webb	Kevin	4	7	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3			38
Witkiewicz	Mark	12	5	7	9	10	14	7	5	10	10	9	9	107
<b>Total</b>		<b>188</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>1979</b>

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Elyptical	1998	1275	1903	1299	810	467	493	333	521	571	523	693	10886
Treadmill #1	3423	1868	1769	1780	1323	15559	1095	1377	1148	1026	483	944	31795
Treadmill #2	597	2491	2310	608	575	1600	1430	963	1746	1555	1725	1138	16738
Bike #1	245	193	179	162	222	168	195	191	287	541	417	254	3054
Bike #2	877	1000	795	867	582	570	400	310	220	220	255	465	6561

# Bedford City Jail

Lt. Robert Kohn

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The Bedford City Jail is a State approved, twelve (12) day holding facility consists of six (6) double occupancy cells, (3) three dayrooms with shower facilities, television and eating space, (1) single occupancy administrative/segregation cell, two (2) holding cells, one (1) Detox cell, inmate/public visitation rooms, attorney visitation room, interview room, multi purpose room, kitchen, laundry room, storage room, property storage, processing area and booking desk.

Our Jail is staffed by four Corrections Officer's, one Full-Time and 3 Part-Time, permitting coverage 84 hours per week (12hrs.per day/ 7 days a week). The remainder of the time the jail duties are handled by the full time officers on duty. These hours were increased to allow for coverage to midnight most nights.

The Bedford City Jail is classified as a Twelve Day Holding Facility. The Ohio Bureau of Adult Detention is in the process of revising the Jail Standards, and therefore did not conduct an on-site inspection of the Jail in 2009. Inspections are expected to resume in 2010.

Jail Officers are responsible for the booking, processing, care, and release of all persons arrested and charged. They handle intake/release, visitations, showers, feeding, medication dispensing, assisting with transportation, and fingerprinting. They also handle the fingerprinting of civilian applicants, Ohio Web Check, who work in different fields within the city who are required by the state to be fingerprinted, i.e. car salespersons, teachers, child and elderly care professionals, etc.

In 2009 the Jail continued its contract with Dr. Arnold Feltoon to handle all medical needs and concerns in regards to inmates. Dr. Feltoon reviewed and approved our medical standards so they would comply with the state. The doctor is available 24/7 for consultation, and we consult with the doctor on every case in which a prisoner requests medical care, or has a prescription to take.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Contacted	75	53
Transported to Hospital	11	7

The following is a breakdown of persons charged and booked into the Bedford City Jail.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Booked into the Jail	1672	1860
Felons	161	165
Misdemeanors	969	1063
Sentenced	262	334
Warrants	280	301

Total days incarcerated:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
One	1236	1369
Two	103	133
Three	58	75
Four	40	50
Five	42	37
Over 5	200	199

Cost to feed inmates:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
	\$28,508.50	<b>\$30,929.25</b>

All meals are purchase and picked up from U.H.H.S. Bedford Medical Center. This insures that all meals are nutritious and meet state standards. The cost of prisoner meals in 2009 was still \$3.50 a meal.

The County Jail remained closed to all misdemeanor-sentenced prisoners. Local jails house sentenced prisoners, with the County paying a \$75 per day fee for County prisoners. This per diem was reduced to \$65 per day, through a cooperative agreement between our Jail and the County Sheriff. Sheriff Reid has announced his intentions to discontinue housing County prisoners at local Jails in 2010. This will cut out our revenue from the County, but we will continue to operate the Jail.

Revenue returned to the City for Housing County Prisoners:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
	\$134,962.50	<b>\$148,540.00</b>

## Juvenile Offenses

Detective Dennis Bergansky

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During 2009, the Bedford Police Department made 349 arrests of 267 different juveniles for a total of 444 charges, a decrease of 106 arrests from 2008. This includes 51 repeat offenders in 2009, down 14 from 2008. There is one juvenile that was arrested 5 times.

Of the 349 juveniles charged, 238 were males and 111 were females. There were 35 felonies and 409 misdemeanors.

In 2009, 145 traffic tickets (up 14 from 2008) were issued to juveniles resulting in 151 separate charges. These consisted of moving, non-moving, equipment violations, underage tobacco, and other misc. citations. Some of the non-moving violations consisted of 2 cites for loud music (down 9 from 2008), 24 cites (up 4 from 2007) for jaywalking and crossing diagonally, and 30 cites for Failure to Obey Traffic Control Devices, most of which were issued to pedestrians crossing against the signal. 6 citations were issued for underage possession of tobacco products, and 3 (down 11 from 2008) for not wearing a seatbelt.

Juveniles walking in the street, continues to be an important concern of the residents. They are very appreciative when they see the police handling this problem aggressively. It also appears that the aggressive juvenile enforcement could have something to do with daytime burglaries being down this past year.

The Bedford Police Department will continue to monitor the juvenile complaints and concerns throughout the city in 2010 and be aggressive in its enforcement.

## Motor Vehicle Accident Reports

Michelle Cutright

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The Bedford Police Department investigated 323 motor vehicle accidents in 2009, which is a decrease of 30% from 2008.

There were 84 injury accidents and 30 property accidents.

There were also 4 pedestrian accidents, one less than last year and no bicycle accidents. The City of Bedford had 0 fatal accidents.

Officers investigated 36 hit-skip accidents and solved 26 of the reports, which is an outstanding clearance rate of 74%. There were 311 crash related citations in 2008 and 283 crash related citations in 2009. Local MVA reports totaled 220.

# Officer Arrests

Sgt. Rick Suts

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<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>TRAFFIC</b>	<b>PARKING</b>	<b>CRIMINAL</b>
CHIEF DUBER	10	0	3
LT. KOHN	3	0	0
LT. BOROWIAK	13	17	10
LT. NIETERT	23	7	28
LT. NIEMANN	90	95	82
LT. HINZMAN	56	25	34
SGT. SUTS	49	9	39
SGT. STEMPLE	56	36	19
SGT. MEMENTOWSKI	71	59	45
PTL. MARTUKOVICH	288	40	41
PTL. CHASE	85	74	69
PTL. PFAFF	96	71	39
PTL. COLLINS	14	14	41
PTL. ESCHWEILER	71	64	65
PTL. DICKSON	105	54	101
PTL. RITTER	77	57	96
PTL. FRANCIS	70	52	132
PTL. KIRKWOOD	88	59	67
PTL. STASK	113	76	88
PTL. KELLERMANN	107	73	107
PTL. WITKIEWICZ	93	82	78
PTL. LANG	85	74	76
PTL. GEIGER	91	50	83
PTL. WEBB	85	54	78
PTL. PAINTER	113	69	144
PTL. SARA	81	67	67
PTL. SISAK	108	69	73
PT. KEHL	81	59	62
DET. SGT. OLEKSIK	0	0	9
DET. BERGANSKY	7	0	60
DET. KLUBNIK	2	0	22
DET. KIDD	2	0	56
DET. BYARD	0	0	15
JAILER CLOSS			194
JAILER KARHAN			136
JAILER ROBINSON			59
JAILER CARSTARPHEN			37
OTHER SOURCES		41	12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2233</b>	<b>1447</b>	<b>2367</b>

## Property Room

Detective Shawn Klubnik

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The property room of the Bedford Police Department is used to store evidence, recovered property, and confiscated items that need to be secured. Evidence and property are stored together with drugs having a separate, well ventilated, storage room. Money confiscated from defendants is secured in a safe until dispositions are handed down from the courts.

The Bedford Police Department handled 559 various items that were entered into the property room. 452 items consisted of property/evidence, 12 consisted of money being taken from defendants for drug and/or theft offenses and 95 consisted of various drug cases.

The Bedford police department continues to support Rick Case Inc. with their charity, Bikes for Kids. This year 28 bikes were turned over to Rick Case and were donated to needy children during the Christmas season.

Officers again continue to do an excellent job, with the procedures instituted, which leads to maintaining a high level of accountability for property submitted.

The Bedford Police Department continues to make every effort to reunite all recovered and found property to the rightful owners.

S.E.A.L.E.  
Crisis Intervention Team - CIT

Det. Buck Kidd

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The responsibilities of the Crisis Intervention Team are:

- Respond to all incidents in the S.E.A.L.E. cities involving a hostage or a barricaded subject.
- Establish communications with the offender and to negotiate a non-violent conclusion to the situation.

The structure and personnel of the S.E.A.L.E. C.I.T. UNIT is as follows:

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With the retirement of Detective Sergeant Tim Oleksiak in 2009, Det Dillon took over as unit commander. Det Kidd joined the unit and Officer Jesenovic rejoined the unit.

The unit meets and trains once per month. At these meetings, different role player based scenarios are worked through, and equipment familiarization and maintenance are completed.

The C.I.T. unit had 2 call-outs in 2009. March 14, 2009 in Oakwood Village and January 31, 2009 at Aurora School. Both incidents were successfully resolved through negotiations.

The C.I.T. unit also participated in a combined SEALE training on April 15, 2009 at Aurora School.

The C.I.T. members attended the Midwest Crisis Negotiators conference in Columbus, Ohio.

New members attended the FBI basic hostage negotiators course in Cleveland, Ohio.

SEALE Chiefs approved the purchase of a new "Throw Phone" for communications with barricaded subjects to replace the old unit which was old and obsolete.

The goal in 2010 is to continue to provide the SEALE communities with expert negotiators in bringing hostage, barricaded subjects and suicidal situations to a safe conclusion for all involved.

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Ptl. Keith Collins

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The school year 2009-2010 began my sixth year as a School Resource Officer for the Bedford City School District. Incidents on campus have decreased from 206 (53 disruptions) in 2008 to 110 incidents (22 disruptions). Most of the incidents on campus involve student disruptions of classrooms or school and insubordination to administration, faculty, or staff. Decreases this year may be attributed to aggressive enforcement of the school rules and students are taking their disputes off campus into the community. The other increase was in daytime curfew violations. I believe this is due to aggressive enforcement by the patrol officers. There was a decrease in assaults from 18 in 2008 to 9 in 2009. I believe this is due to aggressive enforcement of school rules, 10-day suspension with a recommendation for expulsion, along with an arrest.

I was assigned to the role of School Resource Officer at Bedford High School in March of 2004. I received my State of Ohio certification in August of 2003 from OPOTC. I received my national certification from the National School Resource Officers Association in July of 2004. In December of 2004, I earned the credential of National SRO (Master SRO) Practitioner. My role at the high school has been predominately law enforcement and mediations to prevent physical altercations on campus. Mediations appear to be down this year also. I believe students again are settling things outside of school. The school discipline increases if mediation is held and a conflict erupts inside or outside of school.

I assist with lunch duty and bus duty, but not as much this year. I average about one counseling session a week with a student. This is mostly informal. Mediations are down this year. It appears some of the students do not wish to participate in mediation. If mediation is held and an incident occurs, the discipline increases. There appears to be more interpersonal conflict this year between students. As in the past, conflicts between female students are greater than male students. I am presenting five classes on drug prevention to the health classes. This is conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I have counseled students involved with issues of drugs or violence as a part of a team involved with a student's individual education plan or IEP.

Hopefully, I will be able to conduct more classroom presentations involving forensics, math, and law. I have conducted drug abuse presentations for the health classes this year. They have been well received by the students and teachers. One of the biggest concerns today is over the counter (OTC) drug use among teenagers. DARE has expanded its program to include over the counter drugs in its presentation.

I attended updated training on search and seizure law and gang updates this school year.

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# SEALE - Regional Training Academy

Academy Manager Ron Borsch

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SEALE Academy is a post-graduate facility and group cooperative between the seven communities of Bedford, Bedford Heights, Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Oakwood, Solon and Walton Hills. We are centrally located in the Bedford Recreation Center. Since it's beginning in 1998, our academy has served over one hundred local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

## POSITIVE PUBLICITY AND PRESTIGE

Our academy's and our manager's work in 2009 resulted in mentions appearing in a book, three magazines, four audio Pod-casts and several different law enforcement web sites, fourteen times. (Mentions for Ohio: 16; Bedford 13; SEALE: 13; and our manager: 51 times).

Our "Tactical 1st Responder" course and its unique reality proven countermeasures to the active killer, continued to gain national-international exposure. For example, the most frequently asked questions about rapid mass murder in public places and our academy research was published on the SpartanCops web site. In the world of law enforcement training, this has brought considerable prestige to Ohio, Bedford, and of course SEALE.

From all over the United States, our academy manager has fielded numerous telephone calls and E-mails from all over the United States inquiring about more information on the "TFR" course's "Multi-tiered and Multidirectional response of Solo officers", and SEALE's reality based research.

Our academy has taken the lead as part of a national movement to the "Multi-tiered and Multidirectional SOLO, (Single Officer Lifesaving Others©) Officer Action model". An official of the National Tactical Officers association, (NTOA), recently said they were changing their training doctrine for active killer response to less than the previous four, down to three, two and even a SOLO officer. Our academy is also mentioned on the Wikipedia site under active shooters.

## THE BYPRODUCTS OF PUBLICITY AND PRESTIGE

Our academy has specialized in training the 1<sup>st</sup> of the first responders since the year 2000, (shortly after the tragedy at Columbine High School). This good fortune may only last until the area interest is saturated. The majority of attendees are understandably from Ohio, but we have had representatives form Pennsylvania, Michigan and Indiana attend our specialty Tactical 1<sup>st</sup> Responder course

The economy seems to be hurting everyone. Networking with other police trainers across the nation, it appears that training in 2009 was 25 to 40% down. This seemed to be especially true for our academy. 2009 was the 2<sup>nd</sup> worst of 12 years. The statement **“Training is the first to be blamed, and the last to be funded”** would seem to be appropriate here.

While many courses had to be canceled due to insufficient registration in 2009, the upside showed the highest peak of registration, specifically in the “Tactical 1<sup>st</sup> Responder” courses.

All academy courses benefit professional officers in many other areas. Our academy’s beginning in 1998 was based on motor-skills, hands on arrest tactics, which included: Empty hand confrontations; Handcuffing; Batons; OC/Pepper, TASER, Non-lethal shotgun, and firearms. Outside contractors, from all over the USA have conducted other courses here in Bedford. The Ohio Police Officer Training Council required Continuing Professional Training courses are included, usually conducted by a former Lieutenant from the State Highway Patrol Academy. Some of these classes have continuing education credits for attorneys, who have periodically attended as students.

Tuition for our regular, (not outside contractor), courses are sixty dollars per day. SEALE community officers enjoy a benefit tuition of half that. Outside contracting instructors dictate the tuition charged for their courses. For years, we have solicited instructors from inside our SEALE communities, but there has been very little interest.

On occasion, SEALE Academy sponsors free symposiums such as the 2000 and 2005 seminars for School-Fire-Police discussions on the rapid mass murder in schools and workplaces. In 2007, a free seminar was held for Fire-Police on the subject of terrorist’s following the Beslan Russia blueprint for attacking four American schools. All of these were well attended. Another free symposium, 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Terrorism Countermeasures, is scheduled for March 2010

For 2009, the courtesy slots we often get from outside instructors were largely passed over for unknown reasons. We were no longer getting any value from courtesy slots. Each of those classes were a \$100.00 loss, (compensation for the manager to open, set-up tables and chairs, introduce the instructor, secure the facility for the lunch break, take-down, clean up and secure audio-visual equipment and secure the room). For the last half of 2009, we had a new procedure that charged the \$100. to training contractors, instead of the unused courtesy slots. This seems to work as a cost cutting measure,

The classroom air-conditioners were finally upgraded in 2009. The old ones were over-taxed for the size of the room, most especially so when motor skill courses were being conducted.

## ABOUT THE ACADEMY MANAGER

SEALE's academy manager and le SEALE's academy manager and lead trainer is Ron Borsch who holds international, master, numerous lesser police instructor credentials, and a Black Belt in Karate. He has presented classes to international audiences, in New Orleans LA, Milwaukee WI, Lowell MA, Breezy Point MN and once in Canada. He is a member of the training board of advisors for Lambert Less-Lethal, in Canada. He has been a guest instructor, or assistant instructor, at four different Ohio colleges, and has trained the instructor staffs at Columbus Police Academy, CMHA, and Lake Erie Corrections Institute as police Baton instructors. His ideas, techniques, or essays have been published on numerous Internet sites, a police instructor CD, a police journal, and a gun magazine, (for co-designing a triple stimulus firearms target).

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# SEALE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

65 Columbus Road, Bedford, OH 44146

Bedford, Bedford Heights, Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Oakwood Village, Solon, Walton Hills

January 14, 2010

To: SEALE Chiefs  
From: Detectives Gall & Byard  
Re: 2009 Annual Report

Dear Sirs:

The SEALE Narcotics Task Force has seen another successful year pass with the detection, investigation, apprehension, and prosecution of drug dealers in the SEALE and surrounding communities. As the onslaught of illegal narcotics and pharmaceuticals continues, so does the perseverance of the SNTF. With the safety and quality of life of its residents a top priority, the SNTF continues its pursuit against those trying to saturate society with the debilitating effects of drug abuse.

The SNTF has successfully continued to work hand in hand with other law enforcement agencies. The Northern Ohio Law Enforcement Task Force (NOLETF), DEA, and the Cleveland Police Department are the agencies the SNTF corroborated their efforts with mostly this past year, however, the SNTF also utilized and assisted the local police departments within and surrounding the SEALE communities.

A tremendous increase in Heroin use, sales, and overdoses occurred over the course of 2009. What used to be a small percentage of SNTF cases has transformed itself into the largest portion of the caseload. Sadly, this epidemic has consumed our teenagers and young adults, causing them to turn to crimes of burglary, robbery, theft, etc as a means to support their addiction.

In early March, the investigation of Julian Burford and Turner Williams concluded with the arrest of both and the seizure of (33) kilos of cocaine. The investigation uncovered a connection to the Mexican Drug cartel operation out of California. Both Burford and Williams have been sentenced to prison with Burford waving his trial and opting for a (20) year sentence in lieu of giving up the details of his operation.

In April, several search warrants were executed in Maple Hts and South Euclid after multiple controlled buys. In one instance, one of the targets was an escapee from Illinois that was wanted since December 2008. The male was indicted through the Court of Common Pleas and eventually returned to the Illinois Department of Corrections. In an unrelated case, Harlan Palmer was on active parole for prior drug charges and had just been released from the Pre-release detention center and the same day the SNTF made controlled buys from him. The SNTF also arrested a heroin dealer identified as a major supplier in the Warner Road area of Cleveland. Ronald Pirro had been selling heroin out of his apartment to support his own drug habit. The SNTF and CPD SWAT Team executed the search warrant and recovered SEALE marked police money spent on a prior controlled buy.

In August, Dean Stowers, 58, of Garfield Heights, along with Reginald Thompson, 51, of Bedford were both arrested after SNTF detectives executed arrest and search warrants in Garfield Hts and Bedford. SEALE Detectives were investigating both Stowers and Thompson for heroin trafficking in the greater Cleveland area and had made controlled buys of heroin. Both Stowers and Thompson have extensive records, some dating back nearly four decades. Both worked in concert to distribute heroin and are considered to be major suppliers in the area. Counterfeit U.S. currency was also recovered.



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The SNTF assisted the Walton Hills PD with a prostitution ring on Dunham Road. Posing as a prospective John, a SEALE detective made arrangements for service and arrested Laura Lukehart after she accepted marked police money as payment for service. Also arrested were Ed Dvorak and James Fradette. The males would take the money collected from the John and purchase drugs while the John was being serviced.

The SNTF wrapped up a joint investigation with the DEA resulting in multiple arrests and search warrants executed in Cleveland, Bedford, and Willoughby Hills. Detectives recovered nearly (2) full kilos of uncut powder cocaine, (180) grams of Crack Cocaine, and a bundle of Heroin, as well as over \$14,000.00 in cash. Curt Harris, Lekendrick Robinson and his father Morris, along with David Cheeks were all arrested. Lekendrick Robinson was given a (12) count indictment with Major Drug Offender (MDO) specs which carry a ten year mandatory sentence with an additional (1-10) years for the MDO specs. David Cheeks faces a seven count indictment also with MDO specs. Morris Robinson faces multiple drug trafficking charges.

Following is a statistical summary of the SEALE Narcotics Task Force for 2009:

## Monetary

- Program Income \$123,933.85
- Fed. Equitable Sharing \$4,928.53

## Property

- Guns (26)
- Vehicles (7)
- Cell Phones (63)
- TV's (10)
- PC's/Laptops (7)
- Electronics (11)
- Jewelry (5)

## Drugs

### ***The SNTF conducted (74) controlled buys in 2009***

- Crack Cocaine 394.22 grams
- Cocaine Powder 35,279.1 grams (35 kilos)
- Heroin 54.9 grams
- Marijuana 27,408.9 grams (60 pounds)
- Hashish 13 grams
- MDMA (Ecstasy) 3.5 grams
- Mushrooms 1.5 grams
- PCP Awaiting BCI lab results
- Various Pills (22) tablets/caplets/capsules





# SEALE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

65 Columbus Road, Bedford, OH 44146

Bedford, Bedford Heights, Garfield Heights, Maple Heights, Oakwood Village, Solon, Walton Hills

## Search Warrants

- Bedford (9)
- Bedford Hts (5)
- Garfield Hts (5)
- Maple Hts (9)
- Oakwood (0)
- Solon (0)
- Walton Hills (1)
- Cleveland (6)
- Warrensville (1)
- Willoughby Hills (1)
- Vehicle (5)
- DNA (2)

Total Search Warrants (44)

## Cases

- Bedford (9)
- Bedford Hts (10)
- Garfield Hts (19)
- Maple Hts (15)
- Oakwood (0)
- Solon (0)
- Walton Hills (1)

(Two individuals also charged federally)

Total (54)

As always, please accept an expression of gratitude for the continuous support we receive each and every day in this joint law enforcement endeavor. Without the seamless cooperation that is currently in place between the SEALE communities, a multi-jurisdictional task force such as this would not, and could not exist.

Respectfully Submitted,

Detective William Gall #027  
Garfield Heights Police Department

Detective Brian Byard #029  
Bedford Police Department



## Training - Schools

Nancy Hovan

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In the year 2009, officers, dispatchers, and support personnel of the Bedford Police Department accumulated a total of **1,232.5** hours of classroom training/schools held at various locations outside of the department and within the City. This represents a decrease of 1,245 hours of classroom training from 2008. The reason for this is due to budget cuts within the city.

Ptl. Ben Lang accumulated the most hours of training with 124 hours. Chief Greg Duber attended the FBINAA 2009 conference in Louisville KY. Det. Byard attended an Advanced Undercover Techniques and Survival conference in Las Vegas, NV. Sgt. Suts attended an Advanced Improvised explosive devices and terrorist activities conference in Baltimore, MD. Det. Shawn Klubnik attended a Basic Forensic Response to Missing and Abducted Children in San Diego, CA.

Some of the other locations that personnel were sent to last year for schools are as follows:

1. Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy-Richfield
2. NASA Glenn Research
3. Cuyahoga County Coroner's Office
4. Cuyahoga Valley Career Center
5. Twinsburg
6. Metro Parks
7. Lakewood P.D.
8. Cleveland Clinic-Lyndhurst
9. FBI-Cleveland
10. Allegheny County Police Training Academy

## Vehicle Fleet

Lt. Robert Kohn

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The Bedford Police Departments Vehicle fleet consists of 20 vehicles, 7 marked patrol vehicles, 1 Traffic Enforcement car, 1 marked Auxiliary car, 3 unmarked detective vehicles, 3 administration vehicles, 1 school car, 1 transport van, 1 animal control vehicle, a U.S. Army surplus M113A2 armored personnel carrier for use in tactical situations, and a Navistar (International) truck tractor and 25 ton trailer to tow the M113. We also have an American Hauler Nite Hawk trailer that is used to house and haul the four (4) Honda generators that we use to power traffic signals during blackouts. This trailer has also proven useful for hauling supplies for outdoor range.

In 2009, we took delivery of three new vehicles, a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria, a 2009 Dodge Charger, and a 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe 4X4. The Tahoe was purchased through GSA and the other two cars were purchased through State Contract

Maintenance actually increased slightly and is expected to increase in years to come as we keep our vehicles longer. The drastic increase in fuel cost in 2008 finally settled down and we saw a return to near normalcy in fuel costs.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Miles Driven	303,911	287,023
Gallons of Gas	26,173	27,154
Maintenance Costs	\$28,362.24	\$25,841.90
Gas Costs	\$55,520.53	\$86,900.19
Total Cost	\$83,882.77	\$112,742.09

# Bedford Police Department

## Yearly Activity

Calls for Service: 01/01/2009 Through 12/31/2009

911 EMERGENCY	177
911 NON-EMERGENCY	58
ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE	16
ABDUCTION	1
ALARM TEST	41
ALARMS	557
ANIMAL/MISC.	1534
ARREST BOOKING / FOLLOW-UP	189
ASSAULT	54
ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT	230
ASSIST OTHER DEPTS	363
ASSIST RESCUE SQUAD	256
ASSIST SQUAD-NO PD RESPONS	87
ATT AUTO THEFT	11
ATT B&E	9
ATT BURGLARY	2
ATT SUICIDE	3
ATT SUICIDE - JAIL	1
ATT THEFT	9
ATT.ROBBERY,BUSINESS,ESCAL	2
AUTO THEFT	66
AUTO TOWED	2
B&E	29
BAD CHECKS	36
BOMB THREAT	1
BUILDING CODE VIOLATION	59
BURGLARY	30
BUSINESS CHECK	48
BUSINESS COMPLAINT	11
CAPIAS/WARRANT ARREST	358
CHILD RESTRAINT	1
CHILD/FAMILY SERVICES INFO	1
CITIZEN COMPLAINT	10
CIVIL MATTER	118
CO CALL	2
CONSERVATION	6
COPS/CRIME PREV PRESENTATI	18
COUNTERFEITING	15

COURT ASSIGNMENT	71
CRIMINAL DAMAGING	18
CURFEW	10
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	175
DEBRIS ON STREET	68
DEPARTMENT INFORMATION	1109
DISABLED VEHICLE	478
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	32
DISPATCH RELIEF	45
DISTURBANCE	458
DOA AND BODY FOUND	16
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	242
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	32
DRUG ABUSE	7
DUI/ALCOHOL	1
DUS	4
ENDANGERING CHILD	2
ERRANDS-CITY BUSINESS	60
ESCORT	31
FALSIFICATION	2
FINES & COSTS	1
FIRE DEPT - NO PD RESPONSE	158
FIRES	21
FIREWORKS	19
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	792
FOLLOW UP NEEDED	3
FORGERY	1
FOUND PERSON	7
FOUND PROPERTY	103
FRAUD	53
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	54
GYM ON-DUTY	1907
HARASS PH CALLS	78
HARASSMENT	98
HARRASS PH CALLS	23
IDENTITY THEFT	11
IN-SERVICE TRAINING-FD	1
IN-SERVICE TRAINING-PD	160
JUVENILE WALKING IN STREET	75
JUVENILE(S)	568
K-9 ASSIGNMENT	1
LIQUOR VIOLATION	8
LITTERING FROM MV	3

LOCK-OUT HOME	21
LOCK-OUT VEHICLE	667
LOST PROPERTY	34
LOST/STOLEN LIC PLTS	46
LUNCH/OFFICER	1323
MENACING	20
MISCELLANEOUS	13
MISSING JUVENILE	58
MISSING PERSON	8
MOTOR VEH ACC - HIT SKIP	13
MVA-LOCAL REPORT	221
MVA-OHI	318
NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	61
NOISE	386
NOTIFICATION	10
OBSTRUCT OFF BUSINESS	1
OFFICER-DUTY INJURY	14
ON STATION	23
OPEN BUILDING	112
OUT OF CAR - ON PORTABLE	41
PARKING VIOLATION	252
PEACE OFFICER	62
PERSONAL WELFARE	252
POSS OF MARIJUANA	8
PRISONER CARE	108
PRISONER TRANSPORT	83
PROSECUTOR RULING	1
PSYCHIATRIC SITUATION	40
RAILROAD CROSSING	30
RANGE	101
RAPE	1
RECOVERED PROPERTY	6
RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO	27
REPOSSESSED VEHICLE	158
RESCUE SQUAD-NO PD RESPO	1112
ROBBERY	11
SCHOOL GUARD CROSSING	21
SENTENCED PRISONER	1
SERVICE DEPARTMENT	48
SEX OFFENSE	2
SEXUAL ASSAULT	3
SEXUAL HARASSMENT	1
SHOPLIFTING	173

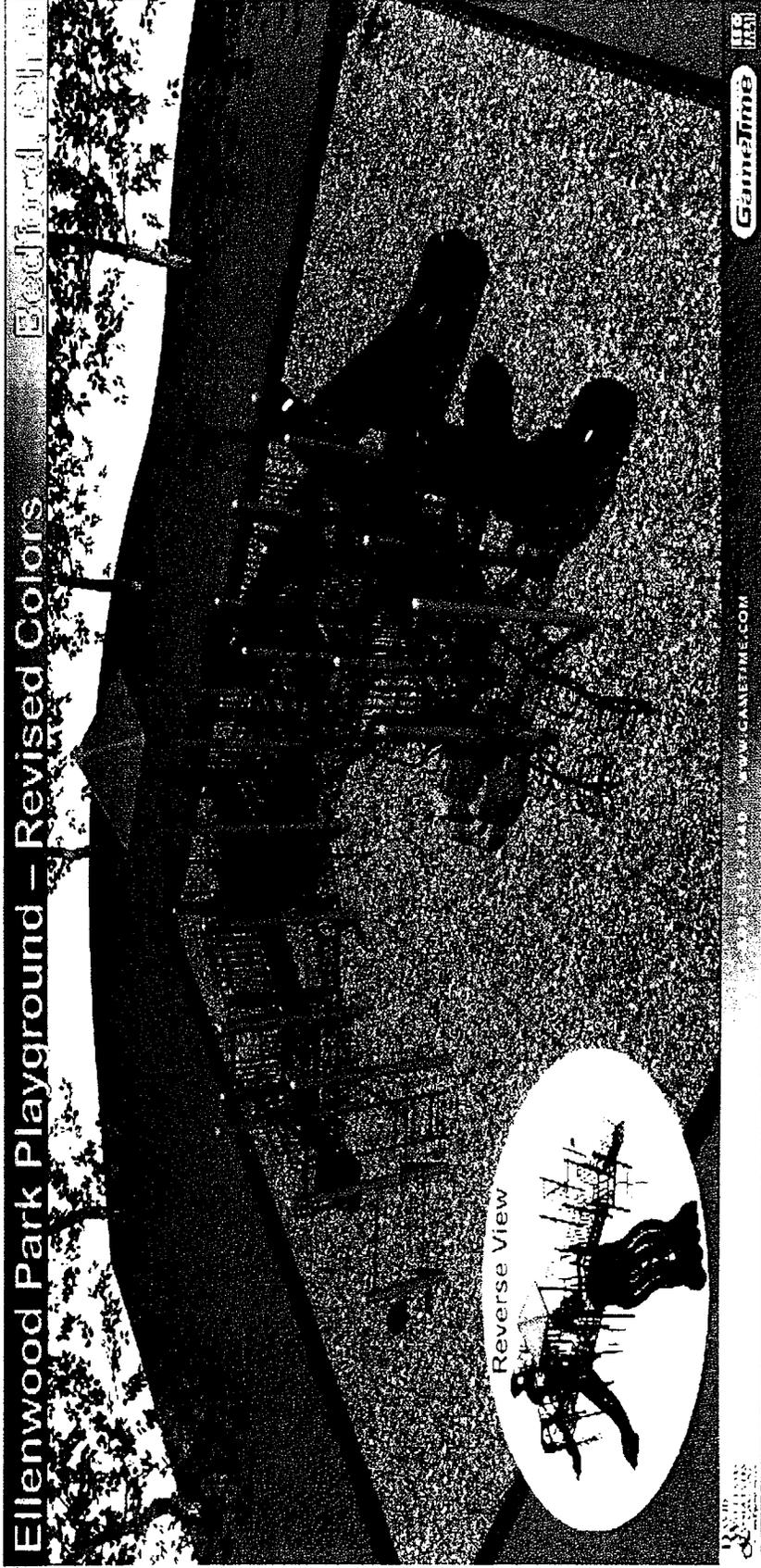
SNOW/ICE COMPLAINTS	15
SOLICITING	21
SPECIAL ATTENTION	94
SUSPICION	210
SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	588
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	510
SWAT CALLOUT	2
THEFT	226
THEFT FROM AUTO	55
THEFT/TITLE	1
TRAFFIC ALTERCATION	5
TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS	232
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	15
TRAFFIC STOP	3514
TRANSP BY POLICE	16
TRASH OUT EARLY	39
TRASH OUT/CANS REMOVED	17
TRESPASSING	24
TROUBLE W/CUSTOMER	68
UNAUTH USE MV	16
UNAUTH USE OF PROPERTY	2
UNWANTED GUEST	35
UTILITIES-PUBLIC	151
UTILITIES-SERVICE DEPT	102
VANDALISM	30
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE/WASH	56
VIOLATION OF PROTECTION OR	7
WALKING IN ROADWAY	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>23373</b>





# **BEDFORD RECREATION 2009 ANNUAL REPORT**

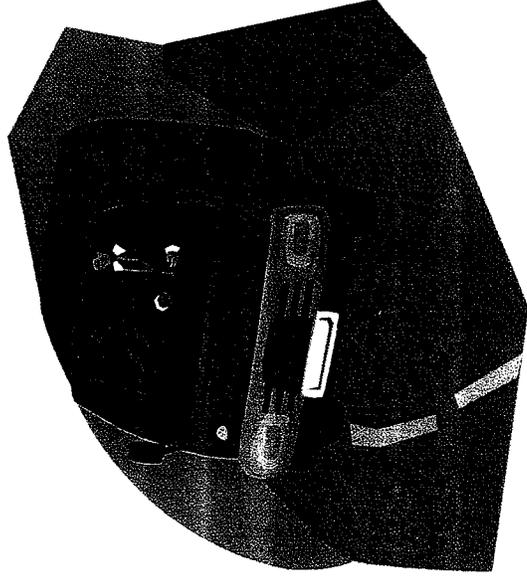
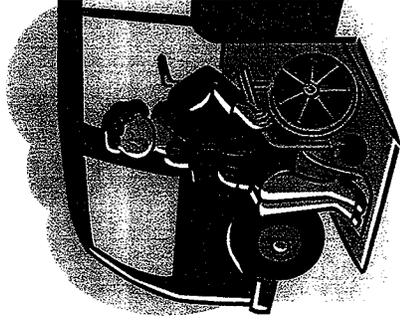
# ELLENWOOD



In March we received a \$35,000 grant from the Cuyahoga County Office of Development to replace the main playground toy at Ellenwood. It was installed in late fall. With funds from the Bedford Community Council final site grading and placement of a safe landing material will finish this project in the spring. Our new playground will then officially open to our community's children providing them many years of fun and enjoyment.

# RECREATION FACTS AND ACTIVITIES

- The Recreation Department maintains over 27 acres of property along with the baseball fields at various locations.
- In 2009, over 67,000 people utilized Ellenwood Center with permitted functions; this does not include open gym, or special events/activities.
- More than 30,000 individuals utilized the pavilion with permitted functions (does not include the open to the public uses)
- The Senior Citizen Van provided trips for over 3,200 residents, averaging almost 18 trips a day and logging over 15,800 miles in 2009.
- The Ellenwood Center was open for activities on 323 of 365 days in 2009, almost 90% of the year.



# **BEDFORD SENIORS**

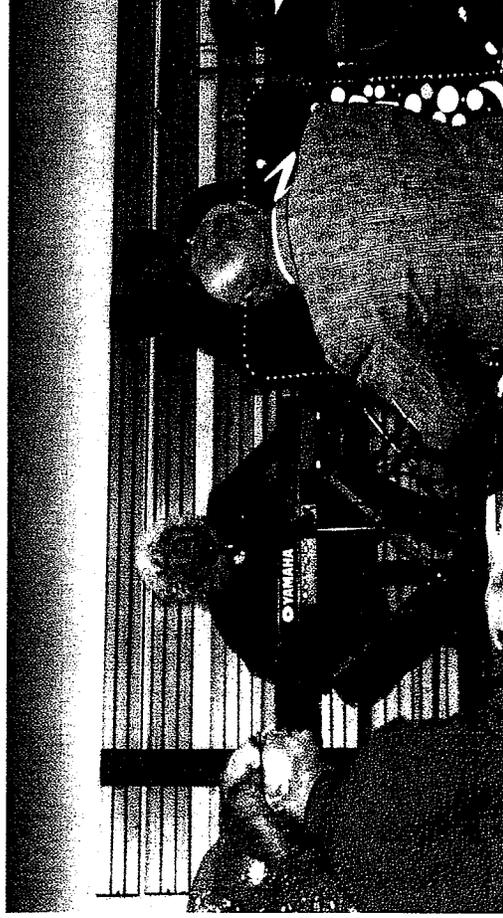
## **Ongoing Senior Programming**

**Senior Van Service** - Our Senior van travels over a thousand miles a month to serve nearly 300 seniors. The van transports to doctors' visits, shopping trips, personal and business appointments and hospital visits.

**Senior Line Dancing** - nearly 25 seniors gather each Monday morning to enjoy some exercise and to socialize. Another group meets on Thursday evenings to serve seniors who are still working.

**Senior Chair Aerobics** - nearly 50 seniors have fun shaping up with this low impact exercise class.

**Craft Class** - 12 seniors a month enjoy creating a simple yet interesting craft while visiting with their friends



# **SENIORS CONTINUED**

**Senior Movie Wednesdays** – 15-20 seniors gather bi-monthly to enjoy some popcorn and a current or classic movie.

**Medicare/Health Insurance Counseling** - through the Ellenwood Center nearly 62 seniors received helpful advise and assistance in choosing medical and health care plans through Medicare and the private sector. Many seniors also received help to complete HEAP applications to lower their utility bills.

**Book Club** – In cooperation with the Southeast Library, Ellenwood provides a monthly opportunity for seniors to read and discuss a they have read in common. 6-12 seniors meet the first Wednesday of each month for a spirited discussion.

**WII Bowling** – Several dozen senior residents have enjoyed participating in our newly-organized WII bowling league this past year at Ellenwood. One senior is currently holding a 214 pin average! Plans are underway to begin play with WII Golf or WII Baseball in the coming year.

## **Seniors cont.....** **Older Adult Connection**

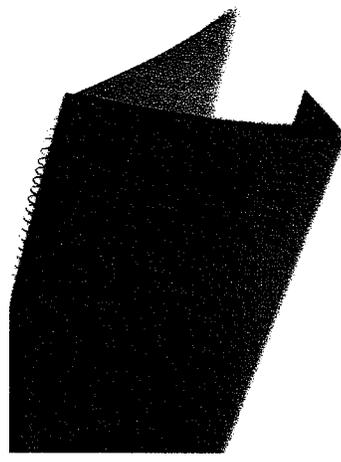
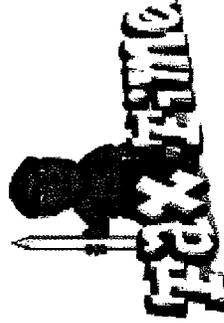
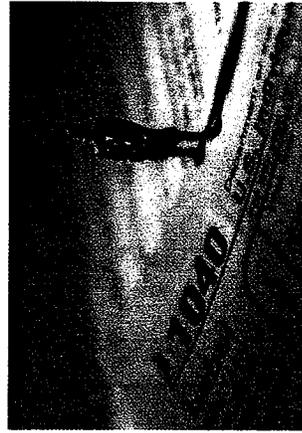
Our senior residents continue to receive many benefits from our ongoing participation in the Older Adult Connection.

**Senior Info Fair** – On June 10<sup>th</sup> 82 vendors from local and area agencies, businesses, hospitals, and home health care companies provided much needed information at the Bedford Heights Community Center.

**Hospital Flu Shots** – In October in collaboration with the Bedford Medical Center, flu shots were given at the hospital. In addition to the shots being given in a profession environment the shots were less expensive for self-paying seniors.

### **Income Tax**

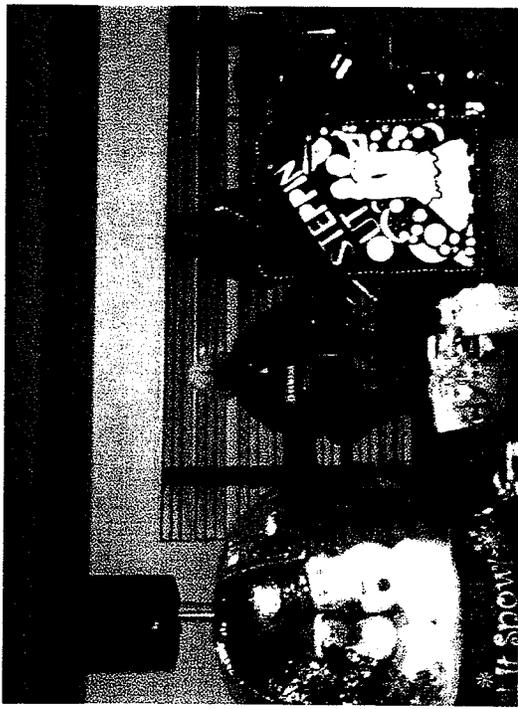
**Assistance** – Beginning in February, 185 area seniors received free tax filing assistance at the Ellenwood Center. Trained AARP volunteers provided this excellent and needed service to our seniors



## **Seniors cont.....**

**VIP/SWU Volunteers** – Over 70 different community volunteers, some from area churches, have assisted over 100 area seniors with a variety of chores around their homes. These volunteers have torn down garages, sprayed bees and ants, cleaned attics and apartments, cut grass, clean yards, raked leaves, shoveled sidewalks, removed appliances, replaced light bulbs and smoke detector batteries, unclogged drains, fixed steps, installed mailboxes, picked up groceries and prescriptions, and driven seniors to hospital appointments that are outside the senior van area.

**“Matter of Balance” class** – Throughout April in collaboration with the Maple Heights Senior Center, Tim Anderson taught a 16-hour class to area seniors, on how to manage their concerns about falls. The class included an exercise phase, a time for personal reflection, and a plan for fall prevention.

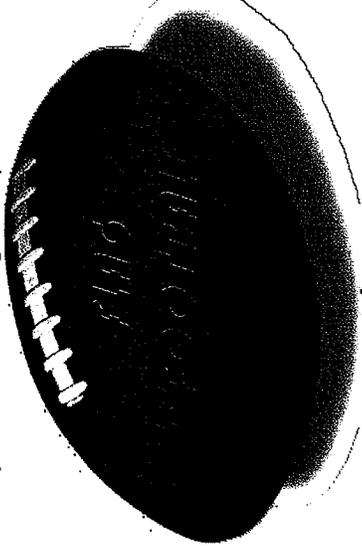


# Special Events

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Memorial Day coordination
- Fourth of July Parade participation
- Men's Golf Outing
- Senior Picnic
- Baseball Days
- Progressive Field
- Halloween Party
- Christmas Party
- Food Commodity Distribution



77 participants in fall league (22% decrease)



62 participants on swim team (10% increase)  
203 participants in swimming lessons (81% increase)

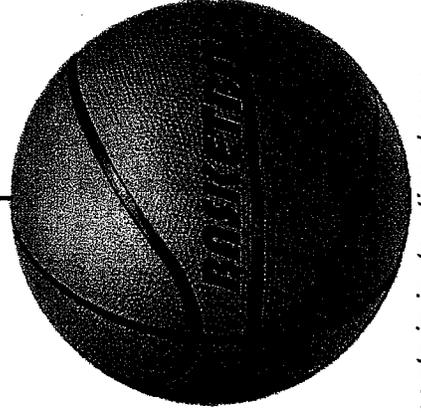
# YOUTH SPORTS



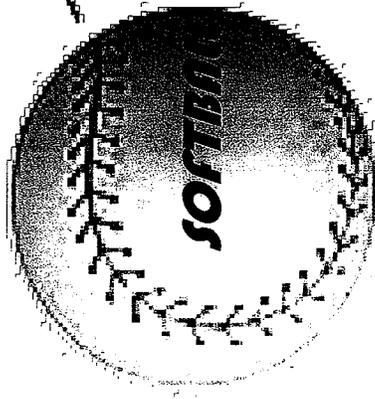
249 participants in spring league (12% increase)  
119 participants in fall league (11% decrease)



440 participants in summer rec. league (29% increase)  
1 summer travel teams  
4 All-Star tournament teams



122 participants in instructional program (no change)

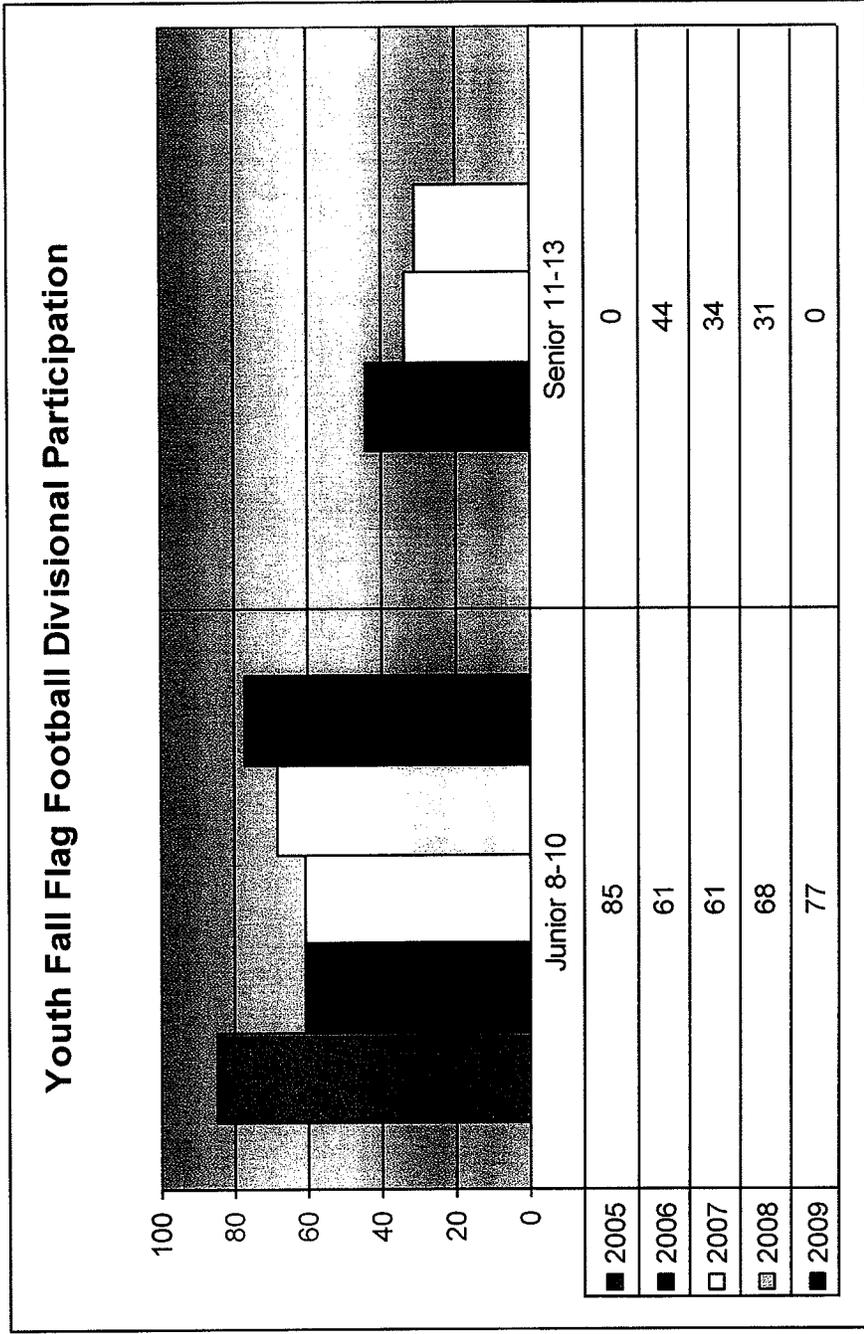


87 participants in summer rec. league  
2 summer travel teams  
2 fall travel teams; hosted 9 other teams



# Setbacks in our Youth Sports

- The Senior Division flag football could not muster enough participation due to Pop Warner and Heskett's tackle football programs.
- We took the 11 year olds and move them down to the Junior Division.
- We are optimistic this division will return next year with 17 participants moving up to the Senior Division.



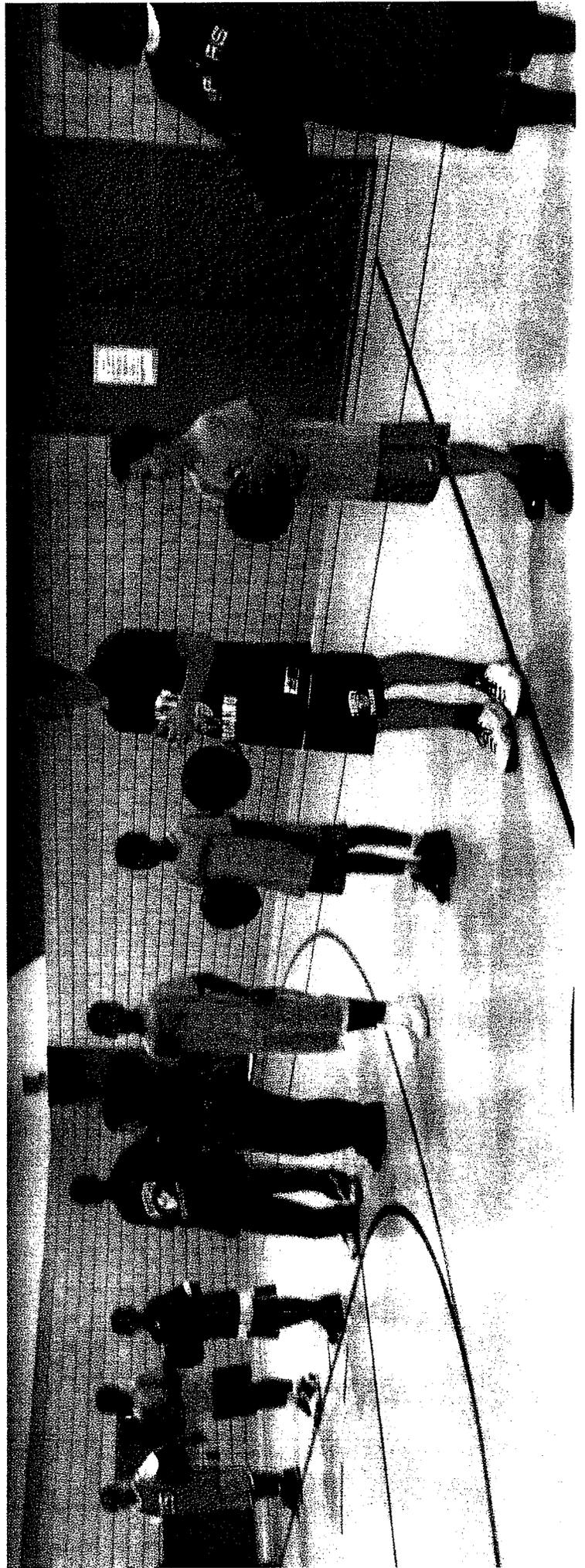
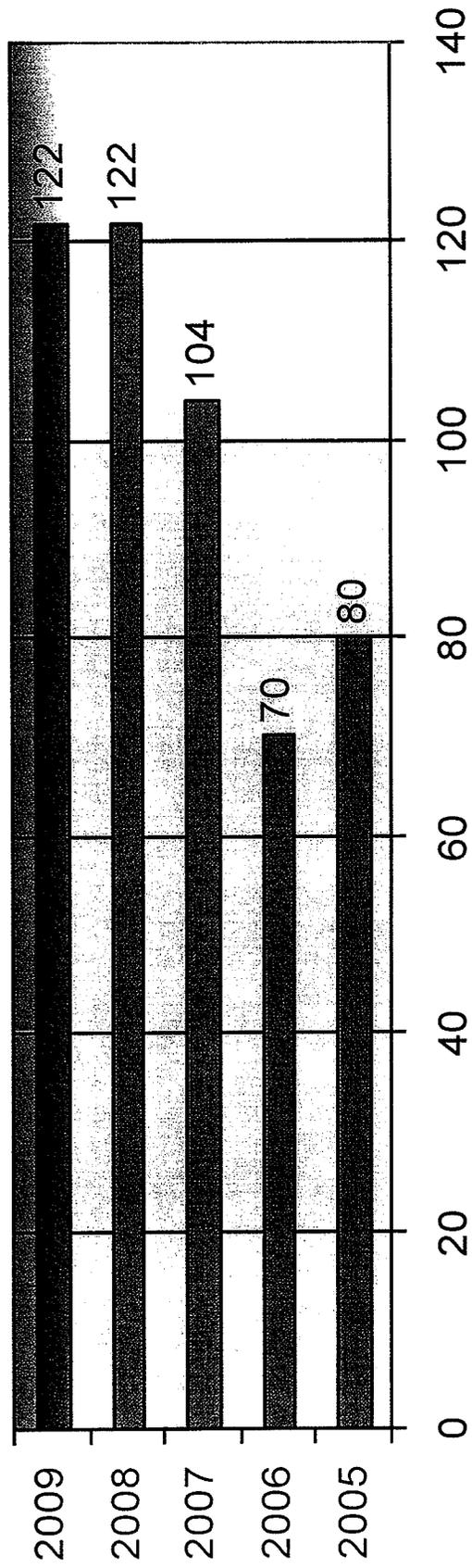


# Additions to Youth Basketball

- We were at full capacity for a second year in a row. Already for 2010, we've added a fifth session time to the program.
- We had our second year of a Pee Wee division in our instructional basketball program for ages 6 and 7.
- Weekly awards are given to players leading in stats and demonstrating sportsmanship and improvement.
- Three junior students from Trinity High School fulfilled their service project hours by instructing and coaching our youth.



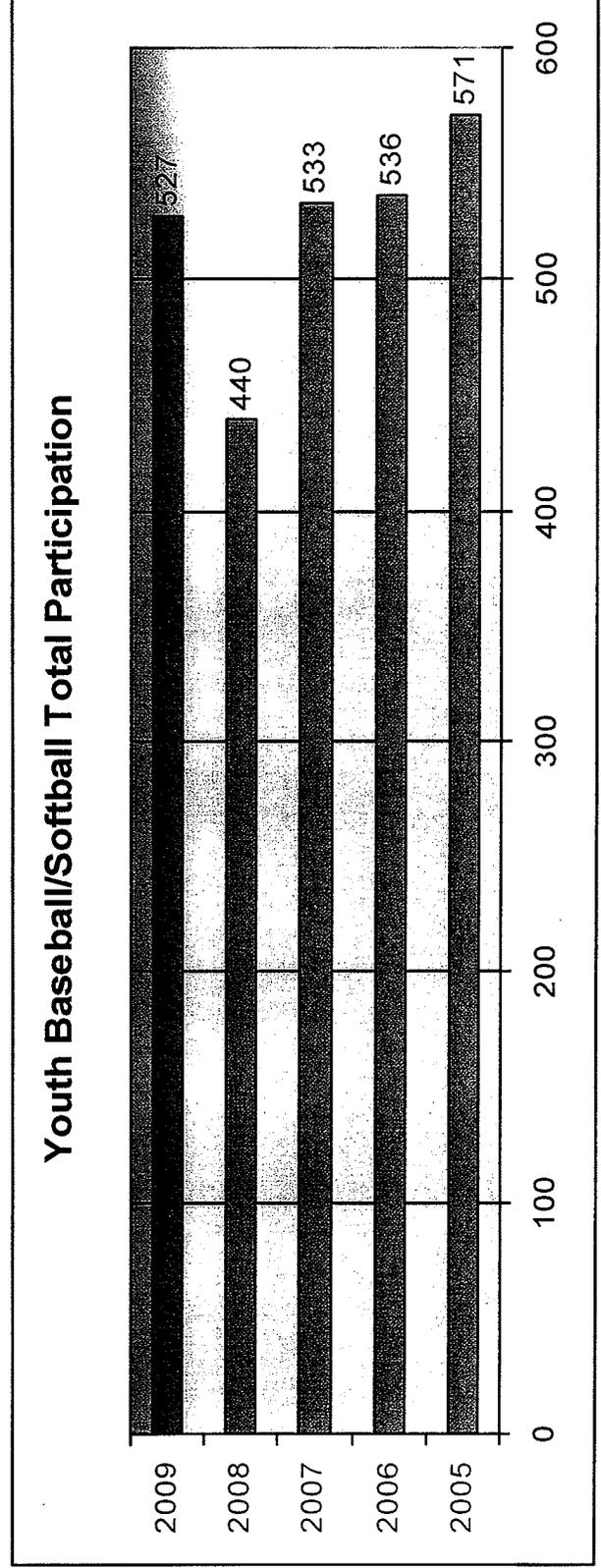
# Youth Basketball Total Participation



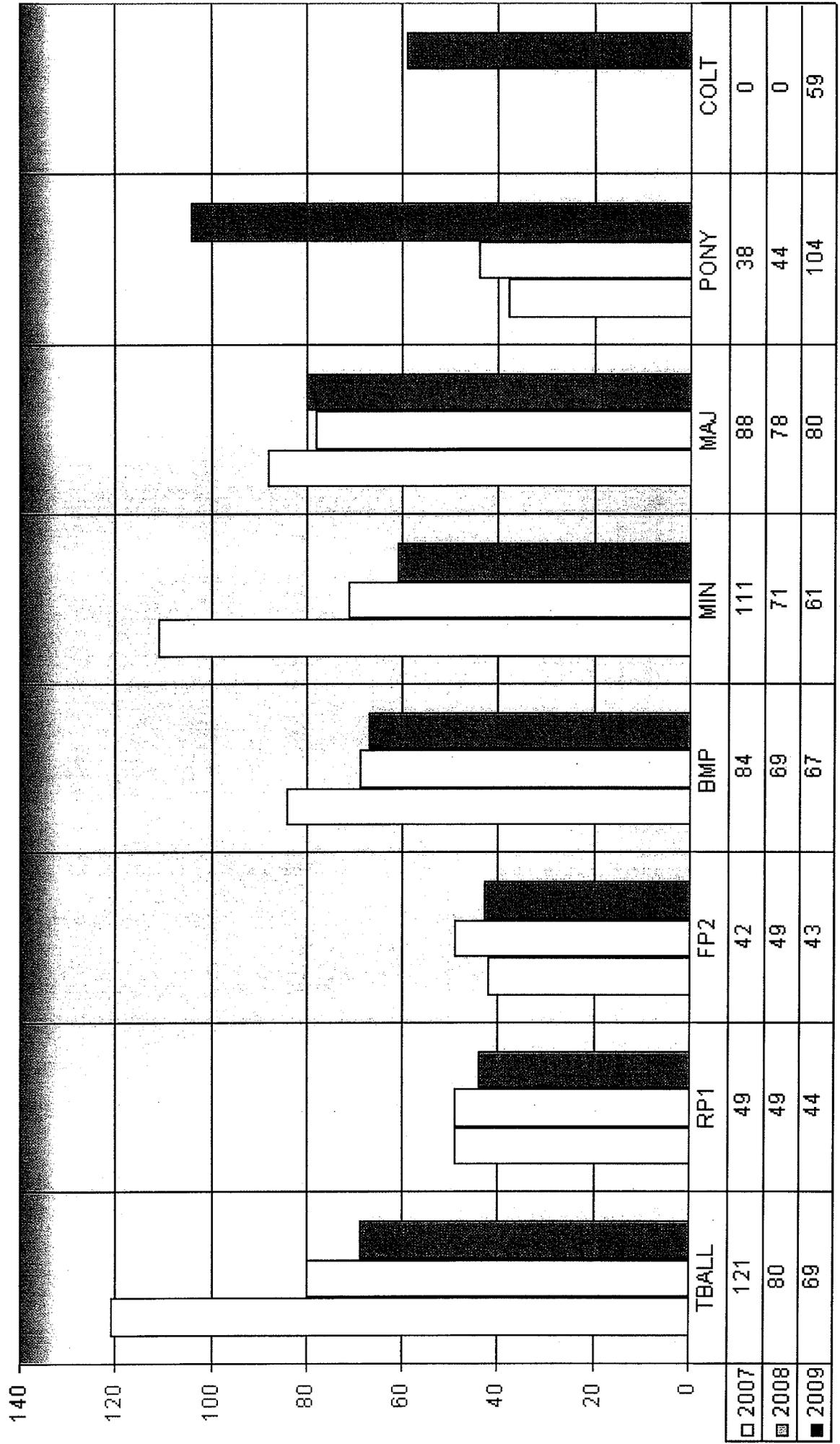


# Additions in Baseball

- We've increased 20% overall in our summer baseball and softball participation. To credit this large increase would be the return of many participants from Bedford Heights' baseball program and our new partnership with the Garfield Heights Baseball League.
- Regionalizing with our cooperating neighbors, Maple Heights and Garfield Heights, has increased our program with two Majors teams and five Pony teams. We also created a Colt League for boys ages 15-17.



# Youth Baseball/Softball Divisional Participation





# Our Extended Family

*The benefits are endless...*

- Our youth sports program's integrity is influenced by our retention of outstanding volunteers.
- Our coaches teach mechanics and exemplify the "spirit of the game."
- Our coaches provide life-lessons of success, failure, teamwork, confidence and sportsmanship in any game.
- We had 49 volunteer head coaches and over one hundred assistant coaches and active parents.
- Of these 49 coaches, 21 manage multiple teams and multiple sports.
- We've added 19 new head coaches to our program this year.
- Our head coaches are required to have a background check.



*Rob Kennedy been part of our family for over six years, coaching his daughter Katie and son Collin simultaneously in baseball/softball, soccer, and basketball. Rob also volunteers as the PTA President for Glendale Primary School. Rob Kennedy is one of our many valuable volunteers and was named our 2009 Baseball & Softball Coach of the Year.*



## **Our family continued...**

- One of our program priorities was to formally recognize and appreciate our coaches and volunteers.
- We had two picnics and one dinner in which the Commissioner and Administration grilled, served, and entertained our VIPs.
- We had guessing games and raffles in which we gave away Indians tickets, Ohio sport shirts, gift certificates, a soccer camp scholarship, Party in the Park leftovers and the favorite... City of Bedford oven mitts!

*One final thought.....*

*With the exception of the Water and Tax Departments whose primary interaction with residents comes as a result of paying a bill, the Recreation Department personally touches the lives of more residents, infants through seniors, than any other department in the city. We strive diligently throughout the year to create community and to improve the quality of life in Bedford through our people, parks and programs.*

