

# ANNUAL



# REPORT

## 2010

CITY OF BASTROP

MAY, 2011

### CHIEF'S CORNER

On behalf of the men and women of the Bastrop Police Department, this 2010 Annual Report highlights our trends and activities over the past year.

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to the residents, staff and community leaders for their warm reception welcoming me into this outstanding city. My family and I are very excited to become newly -branded Bastropians.



The Bastrop Police Department has a rich history in providing exceptional police service to the community. Mirroring the success and "can do" spirit of our residents and business community, the police department strives to be an active community partner in contributing to Bastrop's high quality of life.

As is typical in other cities across Texas, new residential and commercial growth provides both new opportunities and new challenges for Bastrop. This growth as well as other economic variables often create cyclical crime trends, with predictable lows and highs.

The City did experience a 31% upswing in reported Major Crime in 2010 over that of 2009. Although we saw increases in property crimes, reports of violent crime were well below the State average, and our case clearance rate far exceeds statewide trends.

Today's 21<sup>st</sup> century policing is data and intelligence driven. The Bastrop Police Department will strive to initiate new programs to provide greater opportunities for citizen input, maximize information system technologies, and incorporate personnel deployment models designed to seamlessly and quickly allocate resources to address community needs in the areas of public education, crime suppression and traffic safety.

*Chief Michael Blake*

### BASTROP POLICE DEPARTMENT 2010 LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

**SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR**  
*Assistant Chief Matthew Wagner*

**OFFICER OF THE YEAR**  
*Sgt. Daniel McManus*

**SUPPORT STAFF OF THE YEAR**  
*Code Enforcement Officer Farah Rasco*

**LIFE SAVING AWARD**  
*Ofc. Kenneth Mack*

**COMMUNITY POLICING AWARD**  
*Ofc. Andres Rosales*

**CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR**  
*Chaplain Rick Bartlett*

**ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR**  
*Mrs. Pat New*

**EXPLORER OF THE YEAR**  
*Savannah Haney*

**CERTIFICATES  
OF CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT**  
*Ofc. Wesley Hamrick*  
*Ofc. Andres Rosales*  
*Mrs. Pat New*  
*Mrs. Gail MacDonald*  
*Mrs. Joyce Luttrell*

**CERTIFICATES OF MERIT**  
*Ofc. Ryan Preston*  
*Mrs. Phyllis West-Cobb*  
*Mr. John Allen*  
*Mrs. Kay Collins*  
*Mrs. Gail MacDonald*

**FIVE YEAR SERVICE AWARDS**  
*Detective Preston Kyle*  
*Records Technician Michal Hubbard*

## BPD FIGHTING CRIME

### Uniformed Patrol Division

The Patrol Division serves as the “face” of the Bastrop Police Department. Any request for service receives the personal response of a BPD patrol officer. The Patrol Division is the backbone of the agency and performs a myriad of tasks in direct support of the department’s motto, “To Serve with Pride and Dignity”.

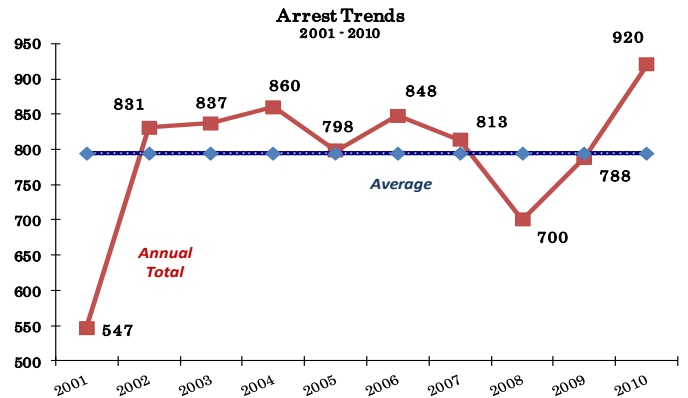
Patrol officer duties include detection of criminal activity and suspicious circumstances, protection of property, arrest of offenders, and traffic law enforcement. Patrol Division officers have many specialty skills, including: Advanced Accident Reconstruction, Emergency Medical Technician, Intoxilyzer Operator, K-9 Handling/Drug Detection, and Field Training Officer. Frequently offered training opportunities increase the skill and knowledge of these officers in an effort to provide continued excellent service to the public. These officers have the knowledge, skills, and compassion to assist the citizens of Bastrop and visitors with almost any need, and are able to refer people to other assets and services in the area if required.

A diverse group of well-trained officers cognizant of the community’s needs, Patrol Division’s men and women secure the streets, neighborhoods, and highways of Bastrop 24/7/365.

The Patrol Division is never closed!

### Major Crime Comparisons

2009	Crimes/100,000 population	% Cleared Cases	% Violent Crimes	% Property Crimes
<b>Bastrop PD</b>	<b>5107</b>	<b>30 %</b>	<b>4 %</b>	<b>96 %</b>
<b>Elgin PD</b>	3240	28 %	6 %	94 %
<b>Smithville PD</b>	2117	10 %	11 %	89 %
<b>Bastrop Co. SO</b>	2373	39 %	25 %	75 %
<b>State of Texas</b>	4507	18 %	10%	90 %



**Arrests have increased by nearly 70 % since 2001. The ten-year annual average for arrests by BPD is 788. After a drop in 2008, 2010 saw more arrests (920) than any previous year .**

### K-9 Unit

If you spot a blonde Labrador Retriever with a uniformed Bastrop Police officer, that will be “**Kilo**”, the department’s specially trained canine and his companion, **Sgt. Clint Nagy**. Kilo’s training and skills extend the capabilities of BPD to track and locate missing persons, and to pinpoint hidden contraband. BPD’s K-9 Unit was initiated in 2006 when Kilo was acquired to support the law enforcement mission of the Department.

Kilo is a European Lab, trained in Germany. His breed is closely monitored and regulated to be developed as “working” dogs. Law enforcement canines must exhibit exceptional intelligence and meet high physical demands, and the courage and loyalty of Labradors make them an excellent police dog.

Over the last two years, Kilo aided more than 50 investigations resulting in an arrest or citation. He also performed more than 30 drug-related details at area schools.

Kilo and Sgt. Nagy frequently provide demonstrations at schools and civic events, in addition to their formal duties. To request Kilo’s attendance at your event, contact Sgt. Nagy at 512-332-8600.

## 2010 SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM UNIT AWARD

*Bastrop Police Department  
Strategic Response Team Members:  
Sgt. Kenneth Yarbrough  
Sgt. Daniel McManus  
Officer Wesley Hamrick  
Officer Sandra Hernandez  
Officer Kevin Rogers  
Officer Andres Rosales*

***Special Response Team members aid in training Patrol Division officers in such tactical skills as building entry, room clearing, active shooter response, and felony stops.***



Department Honor Guard



***BPD rolled out a new graphic design for police vehicles in 2010. Look for the art work on the new Chevrolet Tahoe patrol units.***

### ***Vision and Values***

*Visions and values of the Bastrop Police Department become the foundation for the mission statement goals, objectives and ultimately the performance of the individual employee and our agency. By focusing attention on a vision, we can operate on the emotional and spiritual resources of the organization, on its values, commitment and aspirations. Once the human energies of the organization are aligned towards the common end, then the Department has achieved a major precondition for success. The Department is committed to protecting the community using the philosophies of community policing.*

## Special Response Team

In case of a catastrophic event or extreme threat situation, BPD is prepared. Six specially trained officers make up the Department's Special Response Team (SRT), officer volunteers trained to go above and beyond normal patrol duties in special threat circumstances.

These officers are selected through a rigorous process of interviews, physical fitness assessments, and firearms proficiency demonstrations. Skills must be maintained at or above minimum standards, and on-going training is required to ensure active SRT membership. Team members learn skills such as effective building entry and room clearing, high-risk warrant execution, appropriate tactical response to active shooters, and successful completion of felony traffic stops.

Three SRT members have achieved certification in Basic S.W.A.T. proficiencies. One member is a certified Emergency Management Technician and has successfully completed a rigorous Tactical EMS course for that certification.

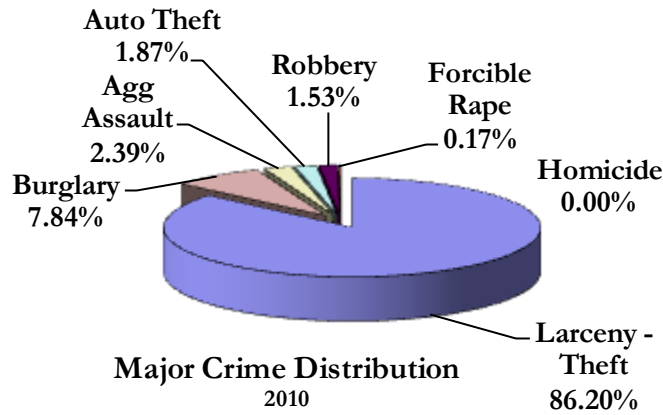
Due to the hazardous nature of the SRT's additional duties, members are issued special equipment to help ensure their safety, including ballistic helmets, ceramic armor, and other tactical clothing and gear.

The team trains and coordinates with the Central Texas Council of Governments Mobile Field Force Strike Team, a multi-agency group of Peace Officers able to respond to special threat situations or disasters.

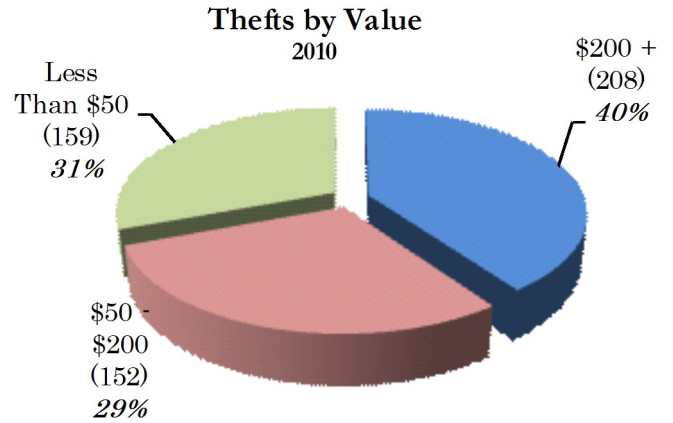
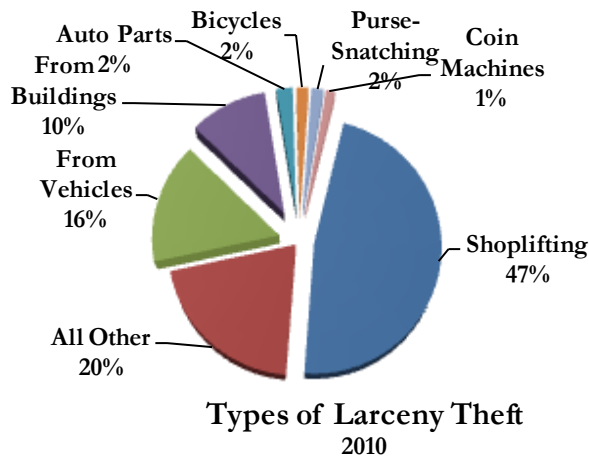


***Detectives Tamera Brown and Preston Kyle received Safe Driver awards in 2010. Tamera for completing Ten Years and Preston for completing Five Years without a service vehicle crash.***

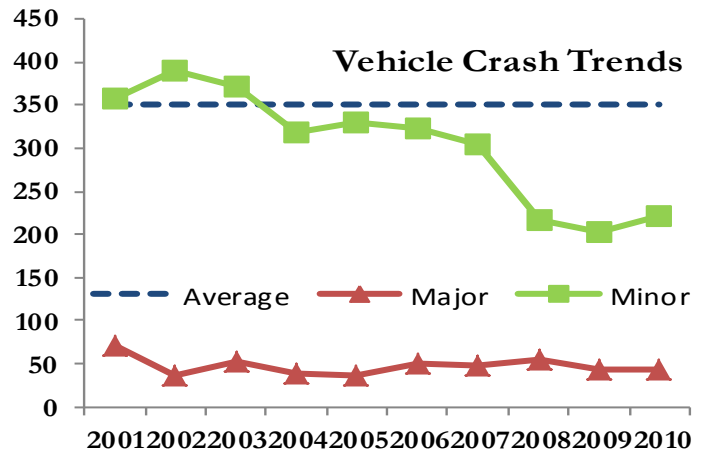
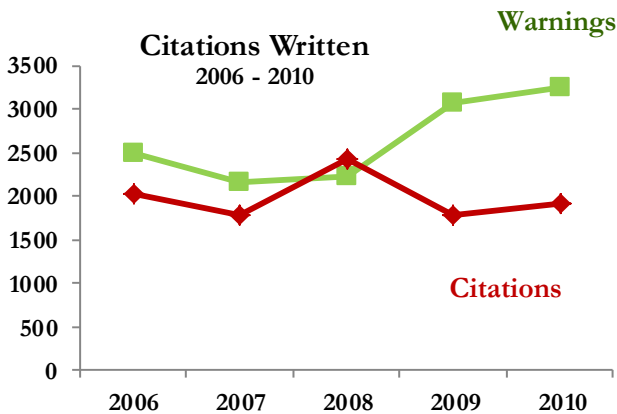
## BPD ACTIVITY STATISTICS



**More than 97 % of Bastrop's major crimes in 2010 were property-related.**



**Larceny-Theft cases constitute more than 86 % of BPD's criminal cases.  
Nearly half of these cases are for shoplifting.**



## BPD IN THE COMMUNITY

The Bastrop Police Department is committed to community policing, for through this partnership we insure a safer community for all. The following programs allow us to work together with the community to achieve crime prevention and citizen safety.

- > **Citizens' Police Academy** - an eight-week program designed to educate the community about their Police Department.
- > **Citizens on Patrol** - provide support to the Department at specials events, neighborhood patrols, and other activities to give the Department additional crime watch resources in the community.
- > **Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association** - an auxiliary group providing both volunteer and monetary support to BPD.
- > **Volunteer Park Ranger Program** - a program designed to train volunteer observers to monitor criminal activity in City parks.
- > **Neighborhood Watch** - educates neighbors to watch out for one another. Part of this program is participation in National Night Out, when residents come out of their houses to block parties as a show of support against crime.
- > **Explorers Post #850** - affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, the BPD post provides opportunities for youth to learn about law enforcement and its potential as a career.
- > **Teen Police Academy** - newly designed, to be implemented in 2011 by BPD.

### 2010 Supervisor of the Year

**Assistant Chief Matthew Wagner** was honored by his fellow employees as the **Supervisor of the Year** for 2010. A member of the force since 1995, Asst. Chief Wagner began with the department as a Patrol Officer, and has since served as School Resource Officer, Sergeant, Detective, Lieutenant, and since 2007, Assistant Chief. During the five-month period prior to hiring Chief Blake, Chief Wagner served as Interim Chief. His administrative and leadership skills were a primary factor in the on-going effectiveness and efficiency of the Department during that transitional time.



During his BPD career, Chief Wagner has achieved numerous certifications and awards. He has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Austin Community College, and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) has licensed him as both an Advanced and a Master Peace Officer. Chief Wagner has completed certification from the Police Staff and Command School at Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. He has also received many departmental honors and awards for his service.

Chief Wagner cooks "mean" barbeque, and is a mainstay of the many extracurricular functions the department sponsors: Citizens Police Academy, Citizens on Patrol program, CPA Alumni, Explorer Post 850, Neighborhood Night Out, Safe Assured Identification program, and the Thanksgiving Turkey Drive. The City of Bastrop and the Police Department are honored and fortunate to have this gentleman on the payroll.

*Thank you, Chief, for everything you contribute to the department.*

### Criminal Investigation Division

CID investigates criminal cases. In the Bastrop community, these cases consist of robberies, assaults, fraud and thefts. **Detectives Tamera Brown, Preston Kyle and Sarah Moore** are responsible for investigating these crimes.

Det. Brown is primarily responsible for fraud crimes, (forgeries, credit card or debit card abuse, etc.) Det. Kyle focuses on crimes against people (assaults and family violence). Det. Moore handles crimes against children (abuse and sexual assault). All other crimes involving thefts and property crimes are assigned equally among the CID staff.

Detectives must manage a crime scene in such a way as to preserve and collect evidence.. They interview witnesses and suspects to determine "who, what, where, when, why and how" a crime occurred. Working closely with the Patrol Division and other law enforcement agencies; using resources from the Texas Department of Public Safety; and coordinating with County and District prosecutors, Bastrop CID ensures that criminals are brought to justice.

In 2010 a total of 506 cases were assigned to the detectives and 136 of these cases were cleared. The cases cleared consisted of 46 crimes against persons, 33 crimes against property, 7 drug and alcohol crimes and 50 other cases.

The remaining cases are either still under investigation, unfounded or suspended due to lack of evidence. In some cases complainants choose to not pursue charges or to discontinue an investigation.



**Bastrop Police Department**  
*“Serving With Pride and Dignity”*

**DEDICATED  
 TO THE MEN AND WOMEN  
 OF THE  
 BASTROP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief of Police: *Michael Blake*  
Assistant Chief: *Matthew Wagner*

Sergeants:  
*Daniel McManus*  
*Clint Nagy*  
*Ken Yarbrough*

Detectives:  
*Tamera Brown*  
*Preston Kyle*  
*Sarah Moore*

Patrol Officers:  
*Chris Chavez*  
*Dale Hamilton*  
*Sandra Hernandez*  
*Kenneth Mack*  
*Scott Newton*  
*Jason Pierson*  
*Brian Platts*  
*Ryan Preston*  
*Kevin Rogers*  
*Andres Rosales*  
*Vicky Steffanic*

School Resource:  
*Wesley Hamrick*  
*Raven Prettyman*

Animal Services:  
*Susan Keys*

Code Enforcement:  
*Farah Rasco*

Administration:  
*Debbie Royal*

Records:  
*Donna Pierce*  
*Michal Hubbard*

Custodian:  
*Angie Perez*



*School Resource Officers  
 supplement Patrol Division as a  
 “force multiplier” during special  
 events and in the summer.*

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

**C**hief *Michael Blake* serves as the City’s *Emergency Management Coordinator*, and the Police Department facility is equipped to become the City’s *Emergency Operations Center* in case of a weather-related or other type of disaster.

The City is required by the Texas Department of Public Safety to maintain certain levels of training and preparedness. Currently, the City of Bastrop is certified to an Advanced Level of Emergency Preparedness by the Governor’s Department of Emergency Management.

The City also continues to strive to meet federal requirements recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Maintaining these standards allows the City to be eligible to receive potential funding from FEMA to help in recovering from disaster damage.

For more Emergency Preparedness information see [www.cityofbastrop.org](http://www.cityofbastrop.org)

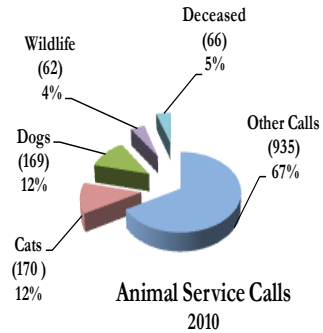
*Animal Services Information*

If you live within the city limits of Bastrop and have an animal problem, please call (512) 332-8600. The BPD Animal Services Officer, **Susan Keys**, is on duty week days, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. After hours and weekends, call (512) 303-1080 .

For animal issues outside the city limits, contact Bastrop County Animal Control, Tuesday thru Saturday, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

*For emergencies, dial  
 (512) 581-4080.*

Animals picked up within the city limits are transported to the County Animal Shelter at 589 Coolwater Dr. If you cannot pick up your pet during regular business hours, you may schedule an appointment at (512) 581-4080 to recover your pet.



***BPD’s innovative “swing shift” patrol position supplements the normal 12-hour shifts during peak service times.***

**HELPFUL NUMBERS**

**Bastrop Police Department**

Local Line      **512-332-8600**  
 Fax Number     **512-332-8629**  
 Code Enforcement **512-332-8618**  
 Animal Services **512-332-8607**  
**City of Bastrop**  
 City Manager    **512-332-8810**  
 Utilities         **512-332-8830**  
 Municipal Court **512-332-8650**

**Bastrop County**

Sheriff’s Office **512-303-1080**  
 Jail/Detention **512-549-5073**  
 County D.A.    **512-581-7125**  
 Texas DPS      **512-581-4250**  
 Drivers License **512-581-7152**  
 TABC            **512-451-0231**  
 County Animal **512-581-4080**