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SPD Activity for 2009

2009 turned out to be a very busy year for the Somerset Police Department.

Officers responded to 27,449 calls for service last year, an increase of almost 1,200 calls over 2008.

Criminal arrests and criminal cases rose in 2009. There were 2,526 criminal arrests in 2009 compared to 2,012 in 2008. Criminal case reports rose from 1,728 to 2,172.

Traffic accidents rose from 1,093 to 1,167 despite an increase in enforcement actions by patrol officers. Citations decreased slightly since 2008, but warning tickets rose sharply from 4,634 to 7,066.

SPD units arrested 348 people for DUI during 2009, compared to 284 last year.

The department welcomed three new hires, and said goodbye to two veteran officers.

Officer Randall Smith and Officer Justin Creech were hired in 2009 and have graduated from the police academy. Both are in field training and will be released for solo patrol in the near future. Recruit Officer Kevin Bickford is presently in the police academy and is scheduled to graduate in April 2010.

Lieutenant Allan Coomer and Officer Allan Sexton retired in November 2009. Lt. Coomer was hired in 1988, Officer Sexton was hired in 1990.

The police department is currently staffed with 40 sworn officers, four full-time civilians, four part-time civilians, and one volunteer. Two of the sworn officers are assigned to Operation Unite, and one is assigned to the Lake Cumberland Area Drug Task Force.