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SPD's Yearly Statistics Show More Arrests, Less Accidents

The Somerset Police Department's statistics for the year ending December 31, 2007 show positive results.

Officers responded to a total of 26,033 calls for service during the year.

The number of arrests and criminal cases rose. Officers made 1,461 arrests during 2007, compared to 1,261 in 2006. There were a total of 1,470 criminal cases opened, showing an increase of 332 over the previous year. This increase is contributed to a large volume of fraud and forgery cases. However, crimes such as burglary, felony theft, and assault have seen a 24% decline in 2007.

There was an 8% increase in both the number of written warnings issued and DUI arrests. Those increases contributed to a decrease in accidents from 1,208 in 2006 to 1,092 in 2007, a five-year low.

"Our officers understand the type of traffic violations that contribute to accidents. When possible, written warnings are issued to promote safety awareness," says Major Doug Nelson. "Our participation in highway safety grants for DUI and traffic enforcement has helped to prevent accidents and injuries to the public."

Aggressive patrols targeting street-level narcotics have contributed to an increase of Indictments from 77 to 132.

The Somerset Police Department is currently staffed with 32 officers and 6 civilian employees.

SPD participates in numerous multi-jurisdictional task forces, including the Lake Cumberland Area Drug Task Force, the Pulaski County Major Crimes Task Force, and the Regional Organized Crime Information Center.