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POLICE



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The Law Enforcement Agency of Choice

2009
ANNUAL REPORT

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Making safer places for you to live, work and play.



Sergeant Ken Ramage leads the City of Star Police. As the very first ACSO deputy assigned to Star in 2003, Chief Ramage has formed a strong bond with members of the Star City Council and people living in the community. Sgt. Ramage began his law enforcement career with the Ada County Sheriff's Office in 1994. He has worked as a jail deputy and patrol deputy but says, with a smile, that he is "at home" in Star where he is committed to helping keep the city one of the safest in the Treasure Valley.



"People have high expectations of law enforcement. They want familiar faces protecting their community. They expect those officers to care about the public and to have the ability and resources to help people when they need it."

Through contract policing with the Ada County Sheriff's Office, the City of Star is able to provide its citizens with highly-trained, compassionate deputies dedicated to the community they serve while also getting all of the tactical, investigative and administrative support functions of Idaho's largest law enforcement agency."

- SHERIFF GARY RANEY



Star's low crime rate makes it one of the safest communities in the Treasure Valley!

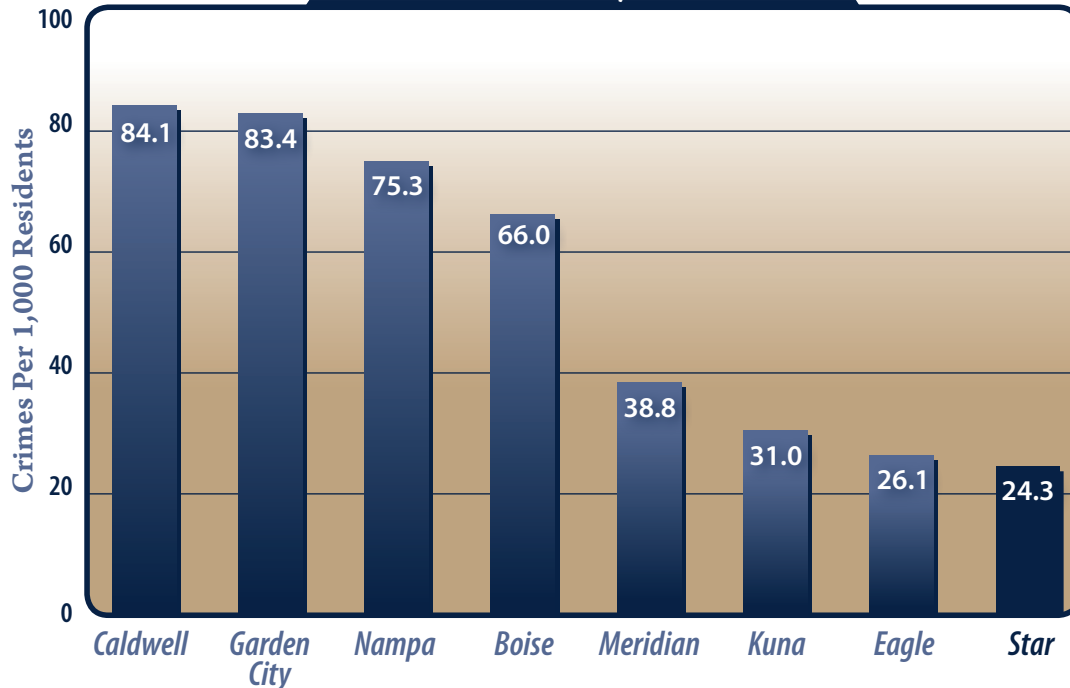
In Spring 2008, we surveyed Star residents about the top law enforcement issue in their neighborhoods. More than half (65%) reported property crimes was their biggest concern.

We listened. City of Star Police stepped up security checks, targeted juvenile curfew enforcement through the summer months and offered more education to citizens about how to protect themselves and their property.

Annual Crime Rate per 1,000 Residents

Crime Type	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Person	14.2	7.2	10.1	8.6	7.2
Property	34.3	18.9	22.2	13.5	15.4
Society	4.3	3.0	2.9	2.1	0.7
TOTAL	52.8	29.2	35.1	24.3	23.2
Population Estimate ¹	3,028	4,594	5,548	5,690	5,980

2008 Treasure Valley Crime Rates²



Law enforcement agencies in Idaho report crime within their jurisdictions to the Idaho State Police under the National Incident-Based Reporting System which has standard definitions, rules and guidelines for reporting specific crimes in three categories:

- **Person Crimes** = murder, manslaughter, rape/sodomy, assault, intimidation, and kidnapping offenses
- **Property Crimes** = robbery, burglary, larceny/theft, arson, destruction of property, counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, blackmail, and stolen property offenses
- **Society Crimes** = drugs/narcotics, gambling, pornography, prostitution, and weapons law violations

This program provides reliable statistics for law enforcement agencies and informs the public about the nature of crimes committed in Idaho.

¹ Source: 2000-2009 Population Estimates by City Limit Boundaries, Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) at <http://www.compassidaho.org/prodserve/demo-current.htm>

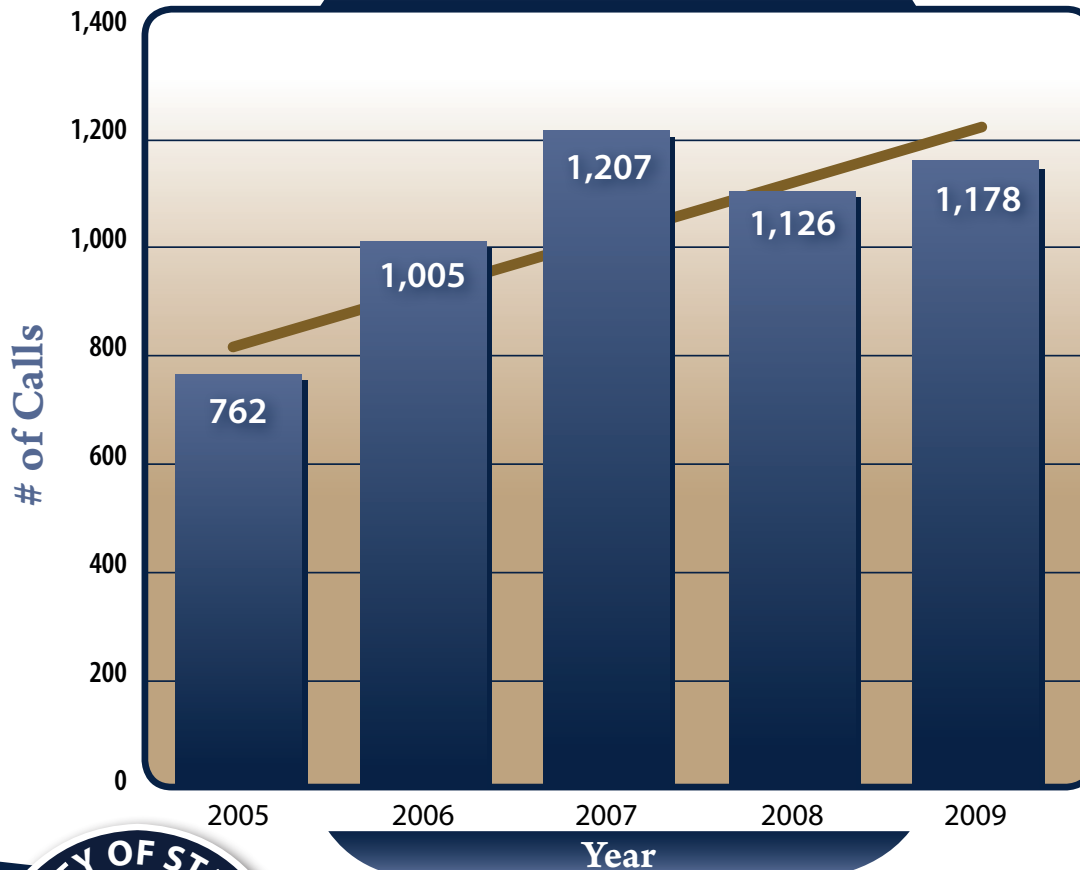
² Crime rates are calculated from the number of offenses reported in Crime in Idaho 2008 (Uniform Crime Reporting Section, Bureau of Criminal Identification, Idaho State Police at <http://www.isp.state.id.us/identification/ucr/crimeinidaho2008.html>) and 2008 population estimates from COMPASS.



Calls for Service

Star deputies responded to 1,178 calls for service in 2009. These are calls made to ACSO dispatchers from citizens requesting help. The most common calls for service were related to complaints about animal problems or to check on a person's well-being. The average time it took deputies to respond to high-priority emergency calls was 3 minutes and 47 seconds.

Citizen Calls for Service



Top Calls for Service

2009

of calls

Dog Problem	77
Welfare Check	67
Loose/Dead/Injured Animal	54
Burglary Alarm	42
Suspicious Subject	39
Suspicious Vehicle	39
Citizen Assist	35
Property Check	29
Noise Complaint	29



Proactive Policing

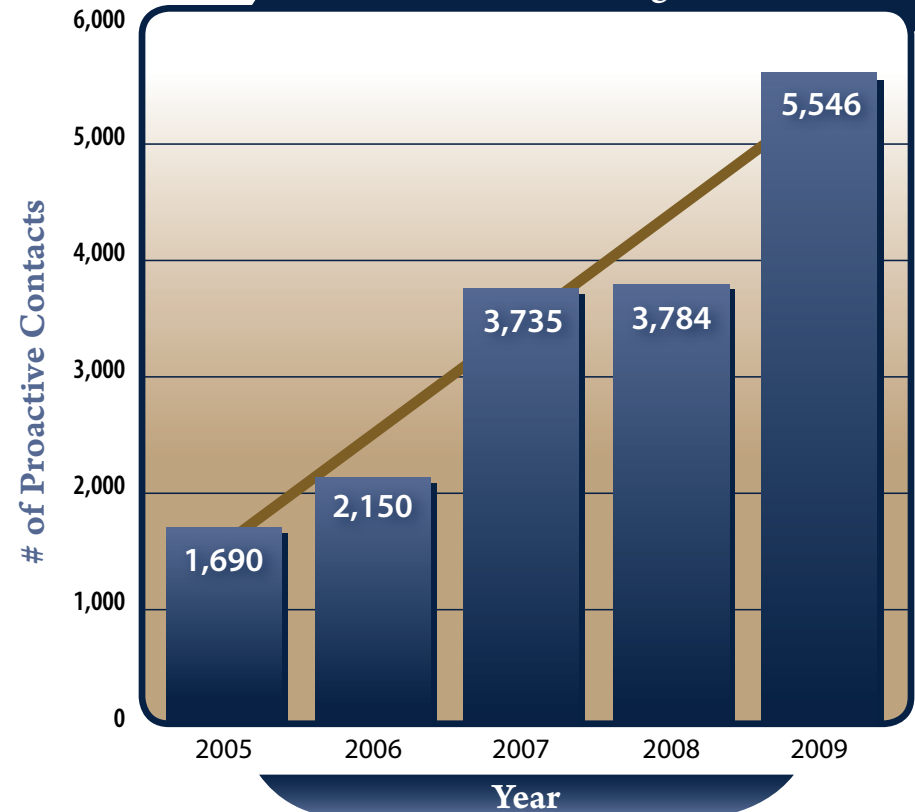
Just as important as our response to emergencies is the time your deputies spend on proactive policing - conducting traffic stops, checking local businesses or construction sites for suspicious activity and educating the community about ways to prevent crime and protect themselves. We know that when we increase security checks, the number of property crimes like vandalism and theft go down.

Common Proactive Policing Activities

2009

	<i># of contacts</i>
Security Check	2,487
Traffic Stop	1,790
Directed Patrol/Community Policing	478
Citizen Assist or Stop	156
Suspicious Subject/Vehicle Check	114
Disabled Vehicle	51
Check for Illegal Parking	43
Dog Problem	24
Welfare Check	23
Abandoned Vehicle	20

Proactive Policing



Our 2008 citizen survey showed 35% of Star residents wanted to see more patrols and an increased police presence in the community. Another 14% requested deputies spend more time on traffic enforcement. Star deputies have more than tripled the amount of time they spend on proactive policing in the last five years.





"...and our police officers here in Star are so friendly. It feels great to know we have good people working hard to protect us and keep our town safe."

-a "thank you" from a Star homeowner



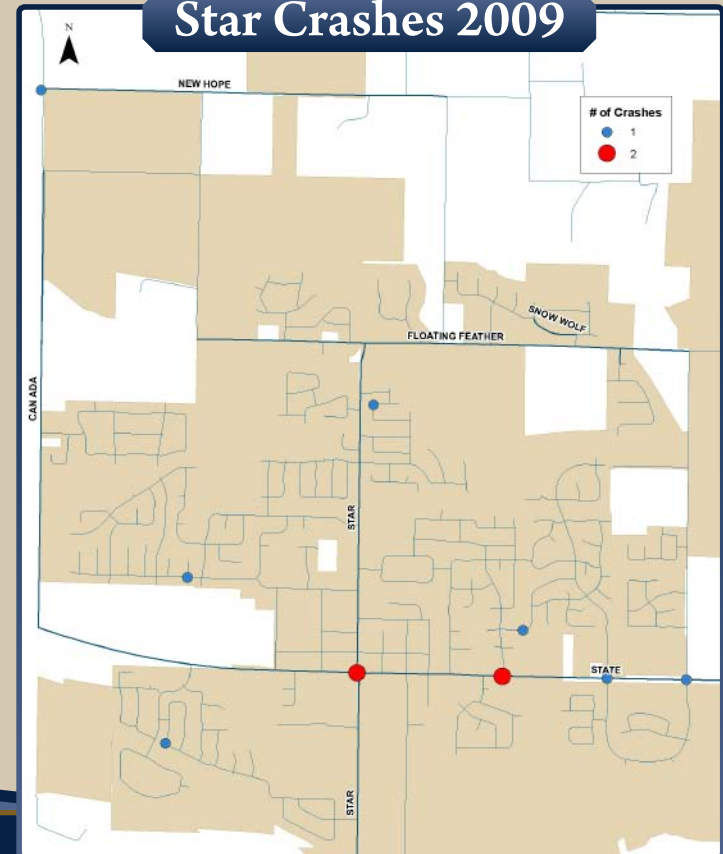
Crashes in Star



Almost a quarter of Star residents tell us they are concerned about traffic issues in the community. Star saw half as many crashes in 2009 as in the year before. Of the 11 crashes investigated, nine (82%) resulted in property damage and two (18%) caused injuries to people.

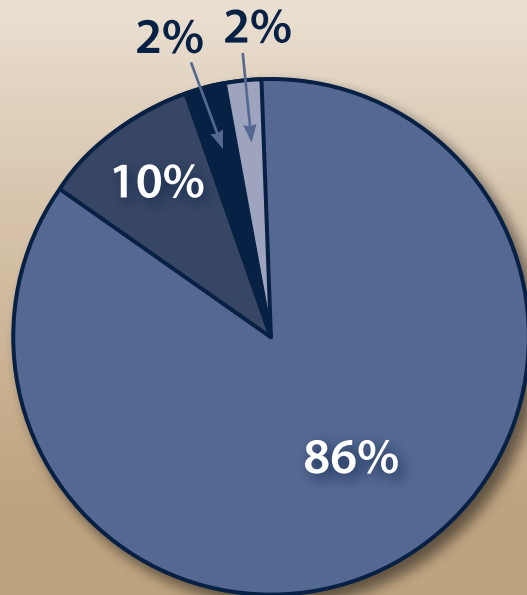
In an effort to reduce the number of traffic crashes, City of Star Police use grant-supported directed patrols and saturation patrols to encourage drivers to avoid speeding and aggressive driving.

Star Crashes 2009



Star Police Budget for FY 08-09

\$512,876	Total Cost
- \$38,692	Shared Services Credit
\$474,184	Total Contract



- Personnel
- Vehicles
- Operational
- Equipment

Star Police operated on \$474,184 from October 2008 to September 2009 with 86% of that money used to pay deputies. The remainder went to vehicles, equipment and operational costs like building and utility fees, training and computers.

In addition to paid contract services, the Ada County Sheriff's Office provides crime scene investigation and lab services; specialized K-9, SWAT and narcotics response teams; records management services; and human resources to recruit the best deputies and ensure they are properly trained. The ACSO also provides financial services for purchasing and budgeting along with law enforcement planning beyond the crime analysis services included in the budget.

The contract with the ACSO also includes a "Shared Services Credit" that encourages County and Star deputies to respond to calls for service in each other's jurisdiction if they are the closest unit. This creates quicker response times and allows for immediate back-up during emergency calls. All crimes reported in Star are investigated by ACSO detectives.

Contract policing is a cost-effective way for the City of Star to have a reliable, well-trained and independent police force at the lowest possible cost to taxpayers. The cost of law enforcement was \$79 per Star resident in 2009, compared to nearly \$200 for residents of other Treasure Valley communities.¹

¹Based on the average cost per resident for Garden City, Boise, Meridian, Nampa, and Caldwell calculated from FY08-09 proposed police budgets and 2009 COMPASS population estimates.



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