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### On the Cover

**2**010 was full of new and exciting things at your Laredo Police Department. We wanted to place the most obvious changes to the police department on the cover as an enticement to continue to read the pages within. In addition to the many visible changes to the department the statistics that are listed within hold true to the fact that the city of Laredo, Texas USA is a safe place. The pride of the department is its officers, detectives, supervisors, 911 operators, dispatchers and our civilian staff that have worked so diligently to make 2010 one of the safest years in Laredo. Despite the good news there is much work to be done and improvements yet to be made. We invite you to pass along the information in this report with your neighbors, family and co-workers so that everyone can be informed about where Laredo, Texas is with regards to criminality and safety. 2010 was a productive year and the department is already hard at work at in 2011 in order to make Laredo, Texas the safest and most successful city in the country.





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### Message from the Chief

As Chief of the Laredo Police Department, it gives me great pride to present this annual report of the activities, achievements, and outcomes of programs that have been undertaken over the past year. You will note in the report that overall reported crime has decreased by over twenty (20) percent. Of great significance is the more than thirty-five (35) percent decrease in reported Auto-Theft. Our department has made great strides toward curbing this crime by taking a multi-faceted approach that involves awareness/prevention campaigns, targeted investigations into identified auto-theft rings, high-visibility patrol activities and surveillances by our investigators, and outbound inspections at our international bridges. This department wide approach was able to significantly contribute to the large decrease in this type of crime. This exemplifies the work of our weekly COMPSTAT meetings, where our commanders are presented with up to date crime statistics in order to share information between and amongst our different divisions so that we may strategize and implement approaches to crime hot spots and problems throughout the city. This process has proven successful and greatly assisted our departmental response to reported crime. Even though Mexican drug cartel activity continues to create problems for the country of Mexico, our department working with law-enforcement partners in and around Laredo has made it possible for this community to remain a safe place to live and conduct business.

In addition to working diligently to preventing and solving crimes, we continue our work toward improving our delivery of services. With the help of our Mayor, City Council, and City Mangers, we have been able to make significant purchases of patrol units and have finalized the purchase of new uniforms in order to ensure that our officers are furnished with the most technologically advanced equipment necessary to carry out their mission.

Furthermore, in 2010 our department was issued a grant for \$4.3M to hire twenty-two (22) police officers to augment our patrol force. Eighteen (18) cadets were hired this month and we have already announced the testing date to be able to hire an additional thirty-one (31) officers. With this increase in personnel, we will continue to improve our services and outputs.



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As a department, in 2010 we continued our work toward bringing specialized training to our officers and law-enforcement partners. Further, we were able to host our second annual Executive Symposium that provided an opportunity to showcase our community and provide leadership training to close to one-hundred (100) attendees. As your Chief, I was able to attend several significant meetings and seminars where I was able to bring forth the message of the need for continued funding for border security from both the state and federal governments. To that end, I was appointed as Chair for the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Ad Hoc committee on Border Issues and met with John Morton, Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, as well as Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. My work with IACP and other law-enforcement organizations has allowed me to continue to keep the Laredo community on the forefront of issues dealing with law-enforcement and the need for border security funding to continue the challenge of keeping our community safe. I invite you to read through the report so that you may see the work that is being done by the men and women of this department in fulfilling the motto "*To Protect and Serve*".

*Sincerely,*

*Carlos R. Maldonado*  
*Chief of Police*



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### Police Memorial

For many years during National Police week the Laredo Police Department makes time to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their community and have died in the line of service. This long honored tradition was immortalized even further by the construction of memorial in front of the Laredo Police Headquarters. The unveiling of the bronze statue took place on May 11, 2010 in front of the family members and descendants of the honored fallen officers. Each family received a replica statue to keep at home as a memento of the day when the memory of their beloved family member was etched in Laredo Police history and immortalized for generations to come and remember these words engraved on the memorial plaque which reads;

*"Sworn to Protect"*

*I never dreamed it would be me*

*My name for all eternity*

*Recorded here at this hallow place*

*Alas, my name, no more my face*

*"In the line of duty" I hear them say*

*My family now the price will pay*

*My folded flag stained with their tears*





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*We only had those few short years  
The badge no longer on my chest  
I sleep now in eternal rest  
My sword I pass to those behind*



*And pray they keep  
this thought in mind  
I never dreamed it  
would be me  
And with heavy heart  
and bended knee  
I ask for all here from  
the past  
Dear God, let my name  
be the last.*







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### *New Patrol Cars*



*T*aking a classic from the past.....



*A*nd combining it with technology of the future.....



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### New Patrol Cars

The tradition of the Laredo Police Department's fleet has kept Laredo's finest firmly secured behind the wheel of some finest patrol cars while securing Laredo streets. In a move to combine classic police black and white patrol cars with the latest in modern technology, the newest version of the PD fleet hit Laredo's scene in 2010. The commanding demeanor of the color scheme is head



turning, while the inside keeps the officer in his "mobile office" with the latest up to date technology to be able to maximize his patrol time with ultimate productivity in mind.



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### New Uniforms

The other very noticeable things about our department are the new uniforms, which should be fully implemented by the first half of 2011. The LPD Police Uniform which is deep rooted in honor and tradition underwent a drastic upgrade. The latest in technology in uniform fibers and stay dry materials are what make the new uniform unique and comfortable to wear. The uniform bears the traditional classic PD dark navy blue color scheme but despite the new darker color officers who field tested the new uniforms said they were kept cooler during the blistering hot weather months Laredo sees the majority of the year. The uniform pants also the latest in technology in breathable comfort material was also well received feature of the new uniform. The image of the LPD is definitely the Police Officer's uniform and although the Department wanted the sharp professional image to stay intact, there was definitely a need to address fatigue factors the officers face when they are exposed to the everyday elements of the hot South Texas climate. The department as a whole elected to go with the new color and style of the uniform and was then accepted by the administration. Although the officers of the LPD shall always remember and cherish the unique and special look of our sky blue uniform, we look forward to making the new look as time honored as the classic uniform.







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### New Police Officers on the way

In late September of 2010, the City of Laredo and the Laredo Police Department received a grant from the United States Department of Justice in the form of a COPS grant, (Community Oriented Policing Strategy), in the amount of over \$4.3 million dollars for the purposes of hiring additional police officers for the City of Laredo.



The news could not have come at a better time for the Police Department and the City which needed to expand its police officer presence in order to meet the growing demand for policing services and security for one the largest in-land ports in the US. There are currently 18 Police Cadets attending the LCC Regional Police Academy. Each officer cadet will undergo rigorous training and conditioning along with the latest instruction in policing strategies, professional service, traffic investigation, firearms training, and other essential instruction for the demanding work of a Police Officer. The training phase will consist of a 4 month Academy training period where every Laredo Police Cadet will maintain an 80 or above grade average. The ultimate test will be passing the State Level TCLEOSE Examination for State of Texas Peace Officer certification. The instruction continues with an additional 3 months of in-house training at the Laredo Police Department headquarters where the cadets will be instructed with departmental policy and procedures. Once the cadets are sworn in their instruction phase continues in their Field Training Officer phase where they are partnered up with a seasoned police officer who will evaluate and properly finalize the application of academy training in the actual working law enforcement field. Once the officer proves his ability to apply his training, the officer is then independently conducting his duties as a member of Laredo's finest.







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### Newest Assets

The continued expansion and progressive training reached new peaks in 2010. The Laredo Police Department has expanded the LPD Bomb Squad to two more additional certified bomb techs to make a total of four to the group. The squad not only serves the fast growing Laredo community but also serves as a regional asset

to the surrounding smaller communities as well. Laredo is the largest inland port in the United States. With the surmountable amount of trade, trucks, cargo and dangerous materials being part of that trade business it was essential that the bomb squad had the equipment and trained personnel to handle any crisis threat that may become available with as little interruption to the everyday trade business thus allowing for the free and efficient flow of commerce. The bomb Squad techs have attended numerous trainings and certifications and added various valuable equipment and assets to the division. These assets include explosives detecting canines, a more compact and diverse mobile bomb robot, new bomb suits and other high tech equipment. In total \$550,000 worth of grant funded equipment was allocated in 2010. Several trainings were set up by the diversely knowledgeable division; ***Criminal Highway Interdiction***, the objective of this course is to educate law enforcement officers in proper techniques and procedures to successfully and lawfully conduct criminal interdiction patrol stops. The certified bomb squad instructors have hosted 383 students and help certify 5 K-9 teams in relation to bomb interdiction and techniques in addition to other related law enforcement fields (175 students). ***Jetway Hotel / Motel Criminal Interdiction***, this course main objective teaches students the fundamental principles of criminal interdiction of multiple venues including; commercial / private aircraft, hotels / motels, buses, trains, parcels / packages, and K-9 operations (172 students). ***ATF Post Blast Investigative Techniques***, this class was designed to teach systematic methods of investigating explosion scenes. The course provided instruction in explosive identification, applications, explosives effects, IED component recognition and evidence collection (36 students). ***K-9 Patrol and Tracking Class***, This class taught students how to properly handle and command canine maneuvers, in addition to training the canines to track human scents for criminal apprehension or lost person scenarios (5 K-9 Teams Certified).





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### *Bomb Squad Activities*

<b>Bomb Threats</b>	<b>Jan - Dec '10</b>
Bomb Threat Calls	<b>81</b>
Bomb Squad Call Outs	<b>28</b>
Trainings & Certifications	<b>803 hours</b>



*The Laredo Police Bomb Squad has been trained as a certified ATF Task Force.*





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### 911 Emergency Dispatch Enhancements

The Emergency 911 dispatch system has been advanced with the latest technology to meet the challenges Laredo is faced with. The advances include additional 911 lines in order to meet the growing needs for emergency service. The 911 center itself was reconfigured and expanded in order to help meet the challenges of all first responders out on the field and the families of the Laredo community. The workstations were completely replaced with state of the art desks and display screens which allow the dispatcher the added room and ability to either sit or stand without comprising their workstation. The control monitor system raises and lowers in order to allow for the long hours spent in front of the 911 operating system. The new system also allows for trajectory GPS location of cell phone emergency calls to 911. With this new advance the 911 operator can pinpoint the location of an emergency call in case the caller is unable to speak or communicate their exact location. This technology has already proven to be a valuable asset rendering emergency assistance to many people.



The 911 system has also been equipped with reverse 911 emergency callback systems. The system works to call out residences in a designated area in case of an emergency communication is needed to reach a mass amount of residences in little time. This system was first put to the test during the mass flooding of the Rio Grande in 2010. A large area of residences that live in close proximity to the river's edge were contacted through reverse 911 and told by a pre-recorded message about evacuations and emergency shelter locations. The system was proven successful and no lives were lost in our city perhaps in part due to the ability to reach and warn a large area of residences.





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### Community Service



After the flooding of 2010 the Laredo Police Department and its officers got right to work on restoring and assisting Laredo residences despite flood waters receding. There were countless families who were left homeless and lost all their life belongings in the flood ravaged neighborhoods. The City of Laredo and the LPD quickly mobilized to render whatever services were needed. Supplies of water and food were given

out daily for several days after the flood as the Governor of Texas declared the Laredo area a disaster and an outpouring of support from the surrounding communities and cities all helped those affected by the devastation. The community truly came through for those less fortunate families whose lives would never be the same.



The LPD coordinated countless drives for food and clothing along with other essential needs. Aside from the traditional role of first responders the officers, along with our support groups like the LPD explorer program, gave countless volunteer hours and gave selflessly for the overall well being of the community.







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### Preparedness and Networking for Laredo

The Laredo Police Department was host to a string Law Enforcement Symposiums and Executive Sessions with an array of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. The line of communication between the agencies in addition to interdepartmental cooperation is one of the key elements needed to maintaining security and stability along the border. Chief Carlos Maldonado has had success in reaching out to the various agencies and developing a strong network of law enforcement resources and assistance.

In July 2009, the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) hosted a national summit where local and federal officials had a candid discussion of immigration and its effect on police agencies. Feedback by summit participants and the White House indicated that the current administration is interested in engaging law enforcement in the development of policies that will impact police at the local level. As a result, PERF is taking the discussion to various regions across the country to ensure the broadest level of participation and opportunity for dialogue in the law enforcement community.





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### Preparedness and Networking for Laredo

The Executive Session in Laredo, TX is the third of the regional series and is part of a larger PERF project, funded by the Carnegie Corporation, to examine the effect of immigration on local law enforcement agencies. This important event will include police executives from the region as well as federal immigration officials from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Based on our research and recommendations from national level advocacy groups, we expect that the issues faced by law enforcement agencies in Laredo will reveal unique challenges regarding immigration enforcement.





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### Community Relations Unit Activities

<b><u>Community Relations Unit</u></b>		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan- Dec '10
Presentations/Events	(Blue Santa, Career Days, etc.)	251	456	480

### Crime Victims Unit Activities

<b><u>Crime Victims Compensation Unit</u></b>		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan- Dec '10
LPD Case Reports Submitted		724	607	674
Victim Contacts		965	2,091	1,804
CVC Application Activity		317	271	462
Misc. Activity		207	55	162
<b><i>Total CVC Unit Activities</i></b>		<b><i>2,213</i></b>	<b><i>3,024</i></b>	<b><i>3,102</i></b>



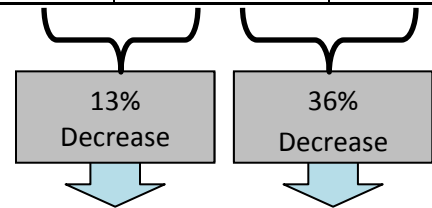
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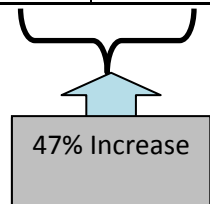
### Auto Theft Task Force Statistics

Citywide	Offenses		
	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
<u>Auto Thefts</u>			
Number of Stolen Vehicles	1,701	1,482	951



Auto Theft Recoveries	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Stolen Car Recoveries	416	458	328

Auto Theft Arrests	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
<b>Criminal Arrests</b> (made by Task Force only)	101	73	107



*LPD Auto Theft Division has been proactively educating the public about safe guarding anti theft practices, took down two major auto theft rings, and were also successful in working grants for overtime enforcement which have resulted in significant increases in auto theft arrests.*





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### Crimes Against Persons (CAPERS)

Investigation Index Totals	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Cases Assigned	2644	2233	2546
Murders	10	19	9
Deceased	67	82	90
Robberies	227	180	114
Cleared Cases	2275	1854	1651
Unfounded	113	312	377
Arrests	252	153	140

*CAPERS is directly responsible with specific part 1 offenses which include; Homicide, Robbery, Death Investigations, and Assaults.*

### Crimes Against Property (CAPROS)

Case Index Totals	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan- Dec '10
Cases Assigned	5387	5357	5183
Exceptionally Cleared	2006	1712	856
Closed Inactive	2014	1545	1166
Open Inactive	78	1305	1774
Arrests	418	239	274

*The CAPROS Division is directly responsible for specific property & white collar offenses which include; Burglaries, Thefts, Identity Theft, Fraud, and Animal Cruelty cases.*



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### Juvenile Enforcement Team (JET)

Case Index Totals	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Cases Assigned	992	1075	1313
Felonies	163	183	191
Misdemeanors	382	398	583
Exceptionally Cleared	814	772	755
Not Cleared	144	255	167
Unfounded	39	39	30
Status Offender	315	372	378
Missing Persons	120	116	157
Arrests	160	223	123

*JET is directly responsible with various Juvenile offenses which include; Gang identification, Graffiti, Criminal Mischief, and*

### Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

Case Index Totals	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Cases Assigned	2379	2589	3045
Felonies	1011	1349	1177
Misdemeanors	1368	1521	1732
Exceptionally Cleared	1517	1999	2342
Warrants	254	230	226
Arrests	101	123	143
Sex Offender Registrations	286	319	395

*SIU is the investigative section responsible for criminal cases involving; Sexual Assault, Child Abuse, Sex Crimes, Sex Offender registration and Probation compliance monitoring, and domestic*



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### Narcotics and Vice Division

Case Index Totals	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Cases Assigned	146	145	129
Marijuana (lbs)	13,115	8,227	6,974
Cocaine (grams)	1,096 g	6.27 lbs	59,550 g
Heroin (grams)	98.3 g	4.76 g	9.05 g
Weapons Seized	31	27	24
Currency Seized	\$4,801,317	\$870,728	\$885,676
Arrests	209	141	107

*The Narcotics and Vice section directly operates the surveillance, arrest and seizure of “street level narcotics” and its participants. The section also is responsible for “vice crime” such as prostitution, promotion of prostitution and the gathering of intelligence for the purposes of advancing narcotics investigations through the development of confidential informants and undercover work. This division works closely alongside other LPD divisions and also partners alongside other law enforcement agencies in order to more effectively combat criminal*



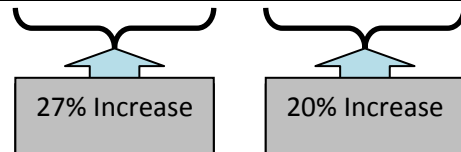
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### Patrol Division (Uniformed Police Services)

<u>Patrol Activities</u>	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Arrests	4,396	5,208	6,362
Case Reports	26,390	32,193	32,107
Accident Investigations	7,086	6,867	9,297
Self Initiated Cases	10,845	20,195	28,483
Parking Citations	4,780	3,543	5,079
<b>Total Patrol Activities</b>	<b>53,497</b>	<b>68,006</b>	<b>81,328</b>



*The patrol division exists to “protect and serve”. The primary mission of the patrol division is public safety and crime deterrence of assigned beats within certain geographic locations and adjacent areas. The patrol division officers are generally first on the scene for most emergency calls and undergo continuous advanced training in order to enhance and improve first response services for the Laredo Community.*





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### Problem Oriented Policing Strategy (POPS)

<u>Patrol Activities</u>	Jan - Dec '10
Arrests	138
Special Details	391
Citations	1221

*POPS is a policing strategy that involves the identification and analysis of specific crime and disorder problems, in order to develop effective response strategies in conjunction with ongoing assessments. The goals of Problem Oriented Policing Strategy include increasing lines of communication with the public in order to assess priorities within a certain community and enhance more proactive versus reactive police practices. The activities of the group netted several arrests and led to the recovery of several stolen items. The unit conducted bike and foot patrols in problem areas with high crimes especially in those neighborhoods with high incidents of burglaries and thefts. The unit was also used to saturate traffic problems and blitz the area with patrol presence thus rendering several traffic violations.*



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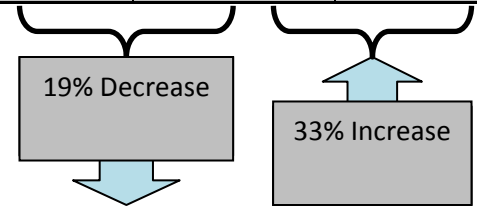


### Traffic Section

The Laredo Police Department traffic section concentrates on the daily enforcement of traffic laws. Their duties also include accident reconstruction of major traffic accidents (fatalities) and Commercial Motor Vehicle traffic enforcement. The officers of this section also provide escorts for dignitary motorcades and funeral escorts. The traffic section has attained and implemented state of the art equipment to help reconstruct more precisely how an accident occurred. The officers are constantly evolving their skills with training and modern accident reconstruction techniques.

### Traffic Section Enforcement

<u>Citations by Traffic Section</u>		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Citations	(# of citations issued)	23,785	19,277	25,666
<b>Total Citations Issued</b>		<b>23,785</b>	<b>19,277</b>	<b>25,666</b>





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### Warrants and US Marshals Task Force

The warrants section collaborates with the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Apprehension Task Force. The arrests made are that of fugitive criminals that pose a significant threat to the safety of the Laredo citizenry.

<u>Warrants Section</u>		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Sept. '09	Jan - Dec '10
Warrants	(# of served warrants)	437	534	1257
<b>Total Warrants Served (Arrests)</b>		<b>437</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>1257</b>

22% Increase

135% Increase



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### Crime Scene Investigations

The Laredo Police Department processes thousands of crime scenes and collects thousands of pieces of evidence. This process is crucial to increasing crime solvability and maintaining evidentiary value for prosecutions.

<b><u>Crime Scene Requests</u></b>		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Crime Scenes	(# of crime scene requests)	4,716	7,908	6,915
<b><i>Crime Scenes Processed</i></b>		<b><i>4,716</i></b>	<b><i>7,908</i></b>	<b><i>6,915</i></b>





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### Laredo Police Department Sworn Strength

<u>Personnel</u>		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Sworn Personnel	(Authorized Strength)	443	460	460
Sworn Personnel	(# of filled positions)	421	425	411
<i>Total Sworn Personnel</i>		421	425	411

*The Bureau of Justice Statistics publishes a national average of all local municipal police departments in the United States. The national average ratio of police officers to citizens for populations of 250,000 residents is listed at approximately 2.5 officers per 1,000 residents. Laredo is at a 1.8 officers per 1000 residents. Laredo has a listed Metropolitan Statistical population of approximately \* 233,000 residents.*

*\*Population based on Laredo Development Foundation 2008 stats*

*\*The Laredo Police Department has 460 budgeted officer positions. There is currently a Police Academy with **15 cadets** in training to be Laredo PD Officers. This came as a result of a COPS grant award in the amount of 4.3million dollars.*



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### Laredo Police Civilian Personnel Strength

<u>Civilian Personnel</u>		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Civilian Personnel	(# of budgeted positions)	84	84	84
Civilian Personnel	(# of filled positions)	79	74	74
<i>Total Civilian Personnel</i>		79	74	74



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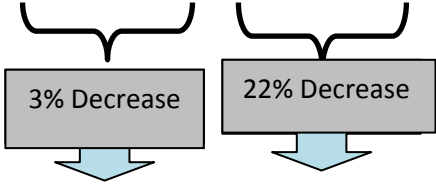
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### Overall Crime Statistics

Citywide		Offenses		
<b>Part I Index Offenses</b> UCR Rules Reported Date of Offense		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Murder	(# of victims)	10	19	9
Rape	(# of victims)	69	76	78
Robbery	(# of offenses)	277	313	184
Aggravated Assault	(# of victims)	859	893	892
<b>Total Violent Index Crimes</b>		<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>1,163</b>
Burglary	(# of premises entered)	2,091	2,159	2,488
Theft	(# of offenses)	10,518	10,088	7,153
Auto Theft	(# of vehicles)	1,701	1,482	951
<b>Total Property Index Crimes</b>		<b>14,310</b>	<b>13,729</b>	<b>10,592</b>
<b>Part I Index Crimes Overall Totals</b>		<b>15,525</b>	<b>15,030</b>	<b>11,755</b>

*Part 1 Index Crimes are considered to be the most prevalent priority crimes reported in the F.B.I. Uniform Crime Report recorded annually.*





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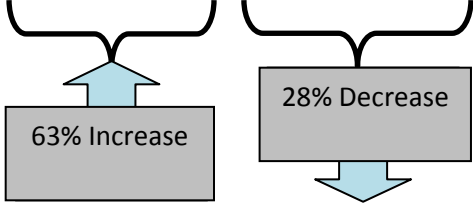
### Arrest Stats

<u>Persons Arrested</u>	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Adults	5,595	6,408	5,531
Juveniles	1,260	1,356	952
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>6,855</b>	<b>7,764</b>	<b>6,483</b>

### Criminal Reports

<u>LPD Criminal Reports</u>	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Criminal Reports forwarded to Prosecution	4,188	6,992	5082
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>4,743</b>	<b>7,777</b>	<b>5608</b>

*Cases in 2008 and 2009 include those sent to both the District Attorney's Office and the Webb County Attorney's Office (Juvenile Cases). Juvenile Cases in 2008-555 / in 2009-785 / in 2010 -526*







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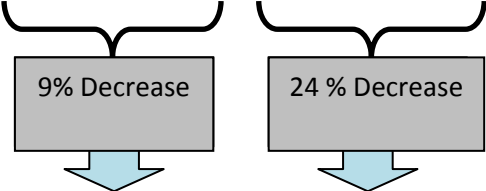
### Emergency Dispatch

The Laredo Police Department 911 Communication Center is responsible for the call taking and dispatching of all emergency responses and calls for service for both Police and Fire Departments. The 911 Communication Center continues to modernize and add additional personnel to meet the growing needs of the city. In 2009 the Communication Center remodeled and expanded its facility adding more 911 lines and modern electronic GPS tracking systems to map where an emergency call is coming from and better locate and direct emergency services to the caller.

### Emergency Dispatch Call Totals

<u>Call Volume</u>	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
E-911 Calls	171,681	166,473	155,586
Non 911 Calls	392,041	347,261	235,207
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>563,722</b>	<b>513,734</b>	<b>390,793</b>

*Laredo 311 Call Center was activated in February of 2008, thus having a direct effect on decreased service calls to the dispatch center.*





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### Laredo Police Records Division

The Laredo Police Records Division is comprised of civilian and sworn personnel tasked with managing, storing, and record authenticating of all official LPD documents and reports. The division has undergone significant software and equipment modernization which in turn increases productivity and electronic availability of police records.

<u>Records Management</u>		Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '10
Reports	(# of reports handled)	21,772	18,146	18,269
Online Reports	(# of reports requested on-line)	30,189	29,995	28,754
<b>Total Reports</b>		<b>51,961</b>	<b>48,141</b>	<b>47,023</b>
Revenues		\$360,349.30	\$243,580.50	\$219,680.33
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### Specialized Police Trainings

The specialized police trainings involve an array of new innovative techniques, taught by internationally recognized instructors in order to have the best prepared police department possible. The special trainings include; **The National Forensics Academy (Tennessee)** *where investigators learned innovative forensic techniques and applications in order to enhance homicide investigations,* **Criminal Highway Interdiction** in which officers are instructed in the latest advances and techniques in investigating potential narcotics, weapons and money seizures. **Explosive Handling and Breaching Course**, *The aim of this course is to introduce the student to the recognition, transportation, storage, safe handling, and firing of high explosive compounds. This phase is mandatory for all personnel who are not EOD or military demolition qualified and Phase Two Explosive Breaching Course in which the course is to introduce the student to time tested and operationally proven drills and procedures in order to establish or further enhance an existing explosive breaching program within their unit or department.* **Explosives Detection Dog Handling**, *This training Program prepares dogs and handlers to serve on the front lines of America's War on Terror. These very effective, mobile teams can quickly locate and identify dangerous materials that may present a threat to transportation systems. Just as important, they can quickly rule out the presence of dangerous materials in unattended packages, structures or vehicles, allowing the free and efficient flow of commerce.*

<u>Specialized Police Trainings</u>	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Sept. '09	Jan - Dec '10
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>43</b>

*These and other courses were made available to our officers and also officers around the region.*