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Fredericton Police Force 2009 Year End Statistical Report

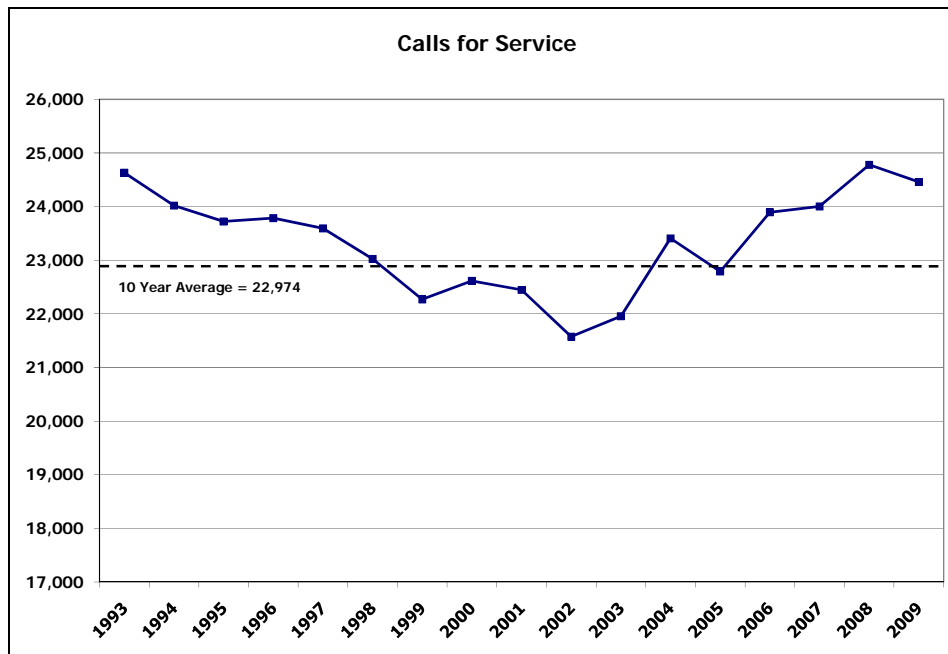
Introduction

This report refers to incidents that occurred during 2009 in the city of Fredericton. The data is compared to the 5 year average as well as the previous year's data.

Notable Trends from 2009

- Total criminal code offences have remained relatively stable;
- Crimes against people have increased, due mainly to an increase in reported common assaults, sexual assaults, aggravated assaults, and uttering threats;
- Crimes against property have remained stable, with a notable decrease in break and enters and increases in property damage and shoplifting;
- Reported drug occurrences increased.

Calls for Service



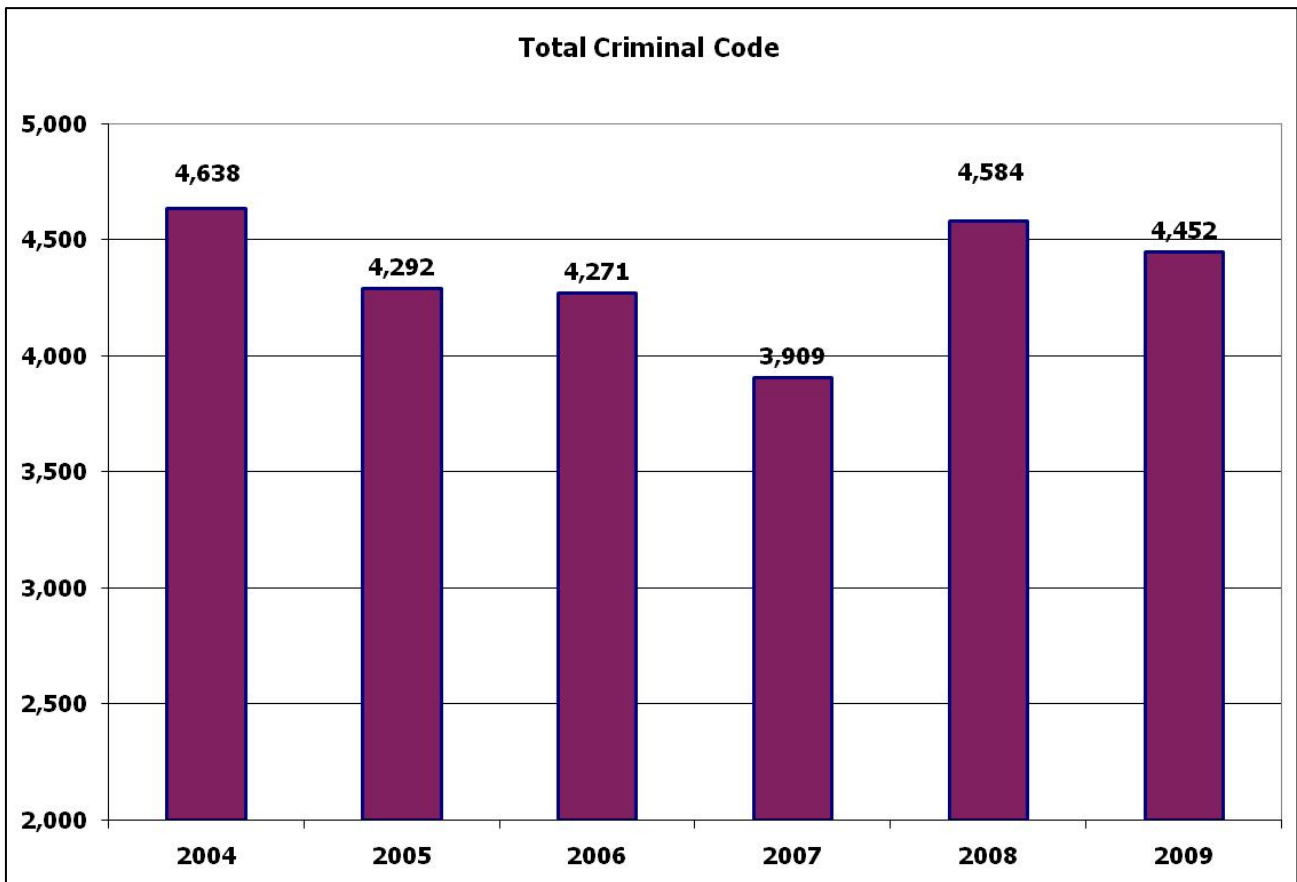
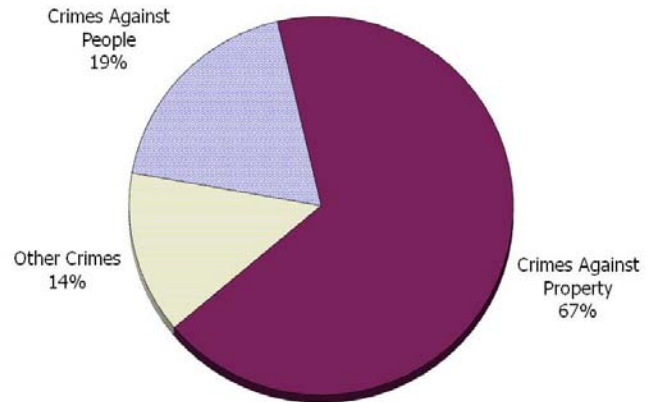
Total calls for service increased by 3% in 2009 when compared to the 5-year average, but decreased 1% when compared to the previous year. There were a total of 24,459 calls for service in 2009, plus a total of 3,517 requests for security clearance letters and taxi licences. Total calls for service have increased since 2002, remaining relatively stable over the last 10 years with only a 6% increase.

Total Reported Crime

The majority of crimes reported in Fredericton are **crimes against property**, representing 67% of all criminal code offences. This category includes such crimes as property damage, break & enter, and theft. **Other crimes** include incidents such as breach of probation, failure to attend court, and indecent or harassing phone calls.

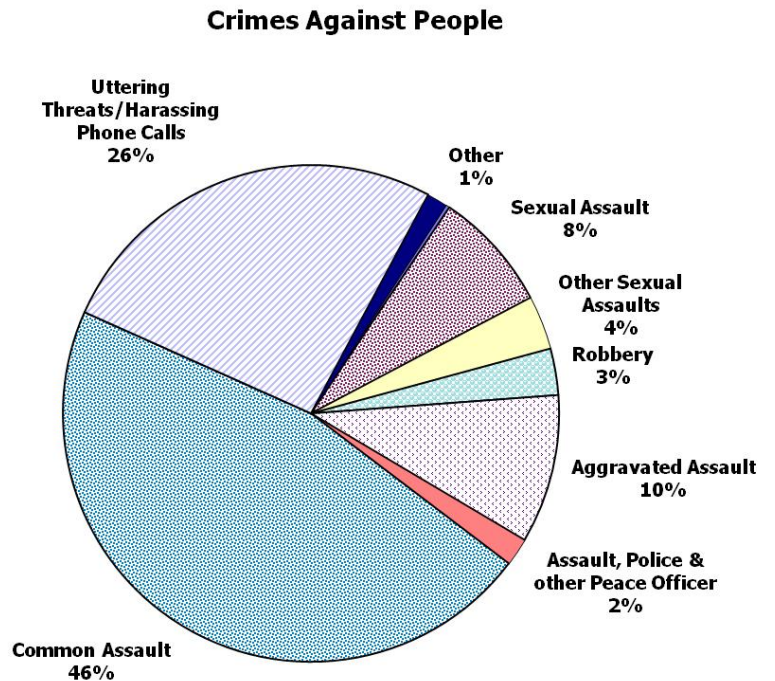
Total criminal code (people, property, and other) occurrences have remained relatively stable, showing a 3% increase when compared to the 5-year average. There was a 3% decrease when 2009 is compared to the previous year. This trend is illustrated in the graph below. Each of these crime categories will be discussed separately in this report.

Crime in Fredericton



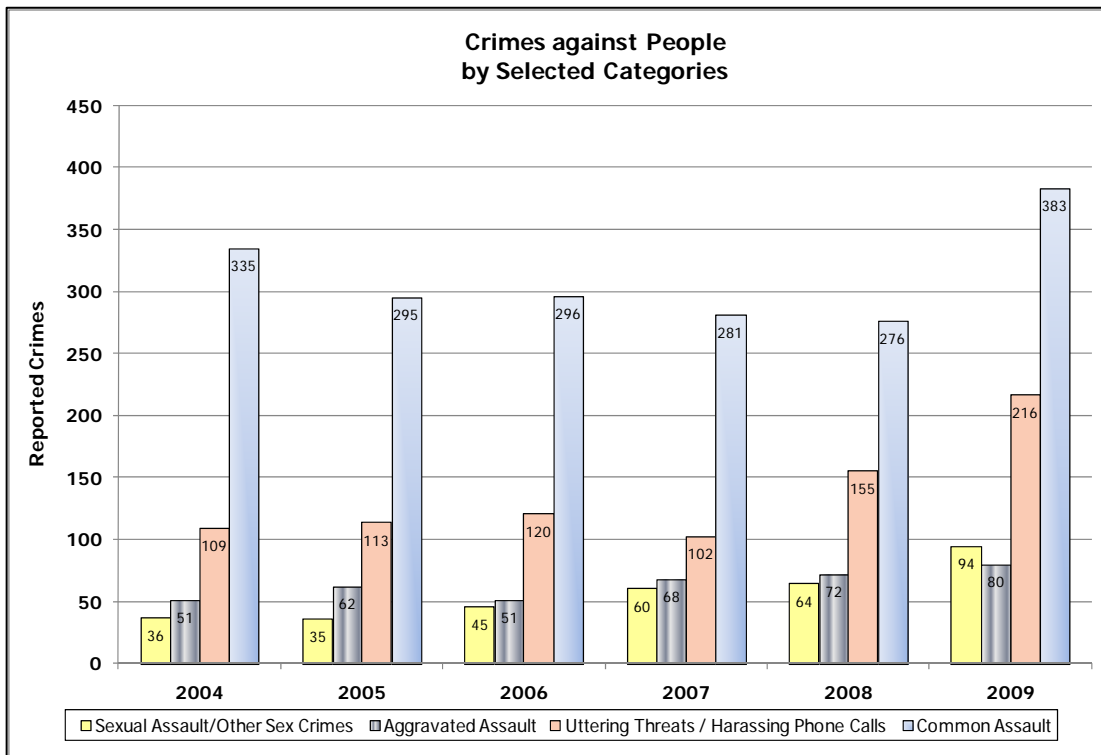
Crimes Against People- Violent Crime

Total crimes against people increased 40% in 2009 when compared to the 5-year average. All crimes against people increased in 2009 with the exception of robberies (-32%). The largest increases were seen in all reported assaults and uttering threats. The largest single category of crimes against people was common assault, representing just under half (46%) of the total violent crimes.



The graph below illustrates selected categories of crimes against people, these reported crimes contributed to the overall increase in crimes against people.

Common assaults increased significantly in 2009 when compared to the 5-year average (29%) and when compared to 2008 (39%). A special crime report prepared by the Force's Crime Analyst on common assaults will be presented at next month's committee

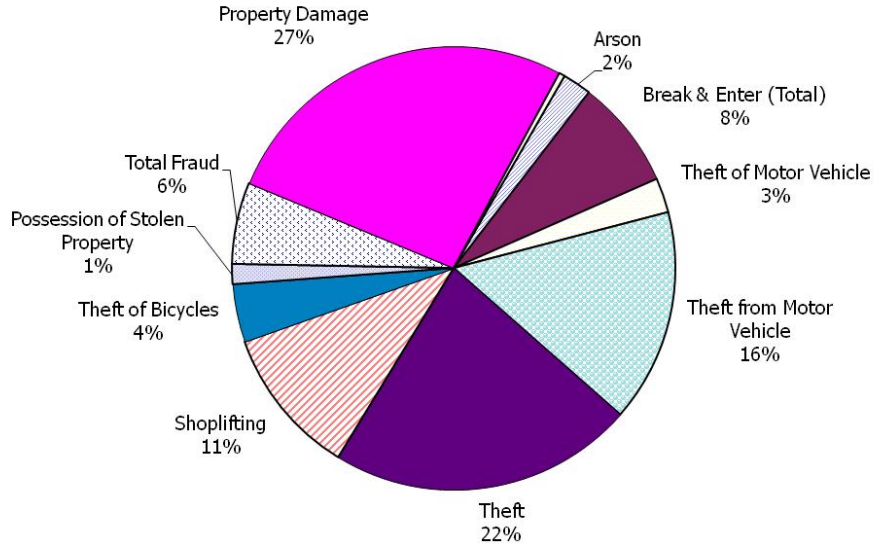


meeting. **Sexual assaults and other sex crimes** have been increasing for the last several years. This trend will be reviewed by the Force's Crime Analyst and monitored throughout 2010.

Crimes Against Property

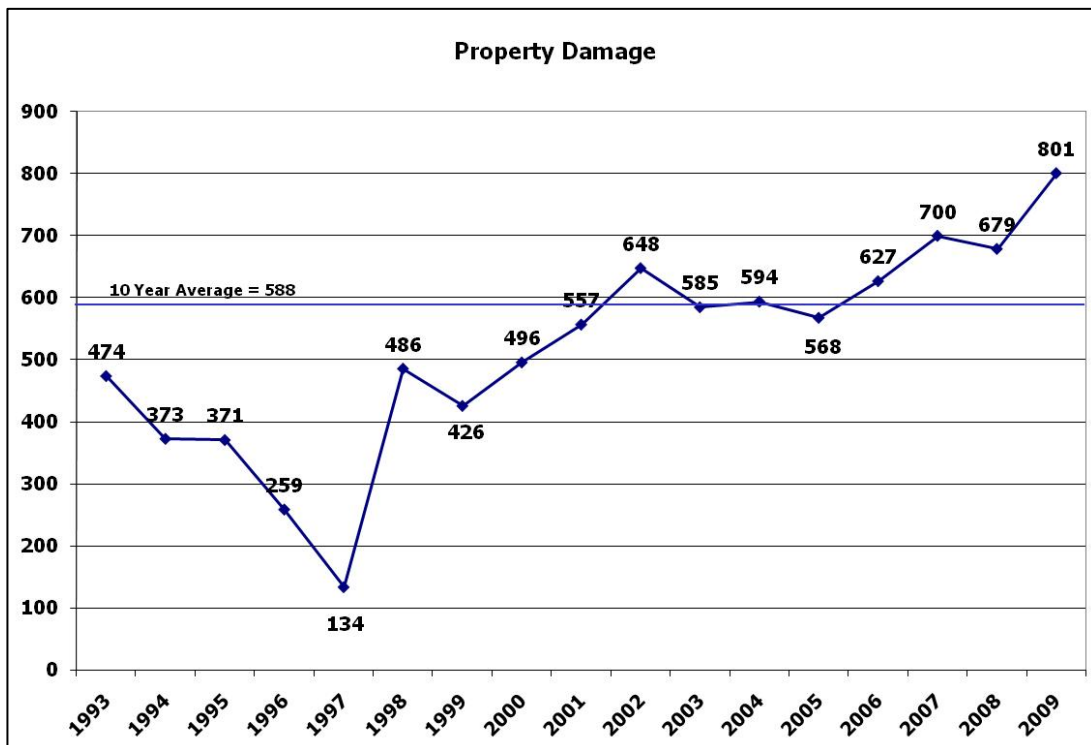
Crimes against property have remained relatively stable in 2009 with decreases of 2% and 4% when 2009 is compared to the 5-year average and the previous year. The largest categories within this overall group are **property damage** (27%), **theft** (22%) and **theft from motor vehicles** (16%). There were notable increases in **shoplifting** and **property damage**.

Crimes Against Property

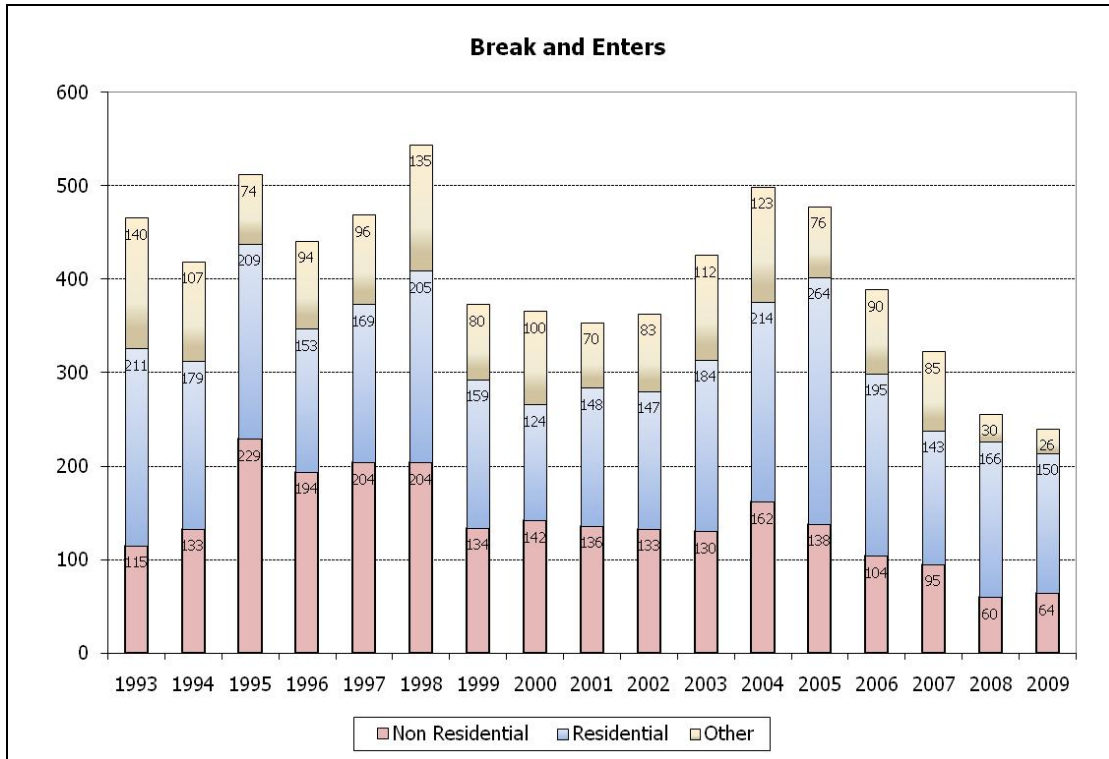


Theft from Motor Vehicle incidents

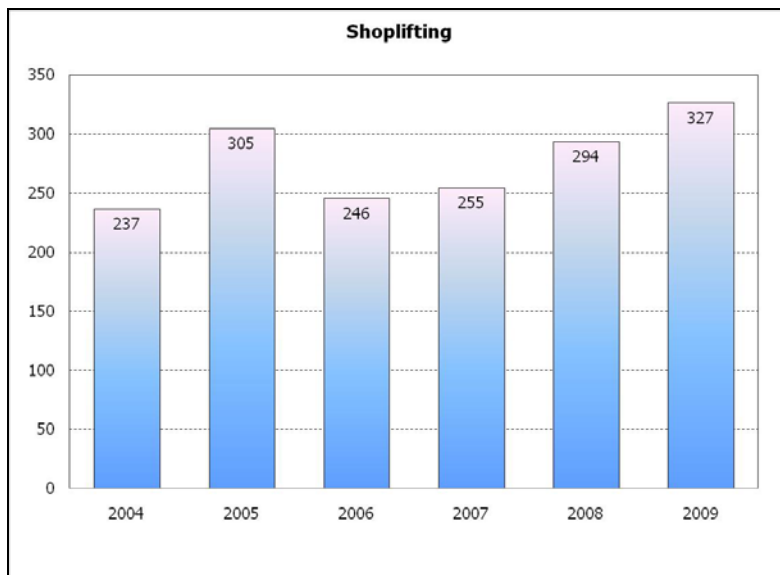
accounted for 16% of crimes against property. This crime category decreased by 2% when compared to the 5 year average and 21% when 2009 is compared to 2008. **Property damage** occurrences increased 26% when compared to the 5-year average and 18% when compared to the previous year's data. There is a notable increasing trend in property damage since 2005. This trend will be monitored throughout 2010.



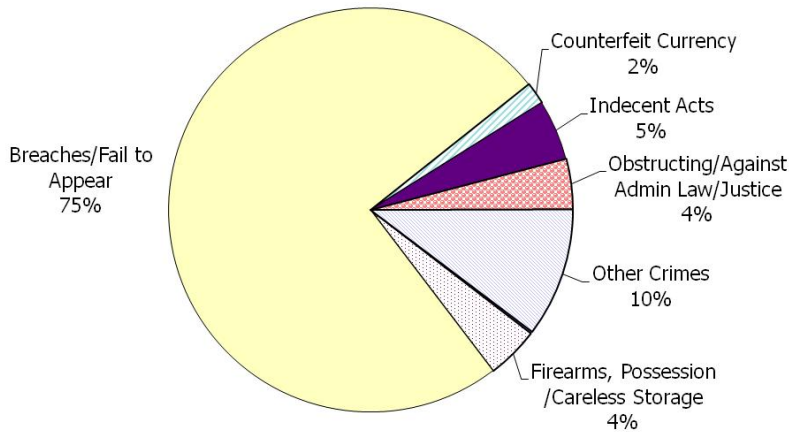
Break & enters accounted for 8% of the total crimes against property. These crimes are categorized as **residential, non-residential** and **other**. **Other break and enters** involve entry into sheds, exterior garages, and outbuildings. Break and enters decreased significantly (-38%) for the third consecutive year when compared to the 5-year average. Data from the last 17 years is illustrated on the graph below. The lowest number of break and enters in the previous 16 years was in 2009.



Reported **shoplifting** cases increased 22% in 2009 when compared to the 5 year average and 11% when compared to the previous year. This is illustrated in the graph on the below. **Shoplifting** accounted for 11% of total crimes against property.



Other Criminal Code Incidents

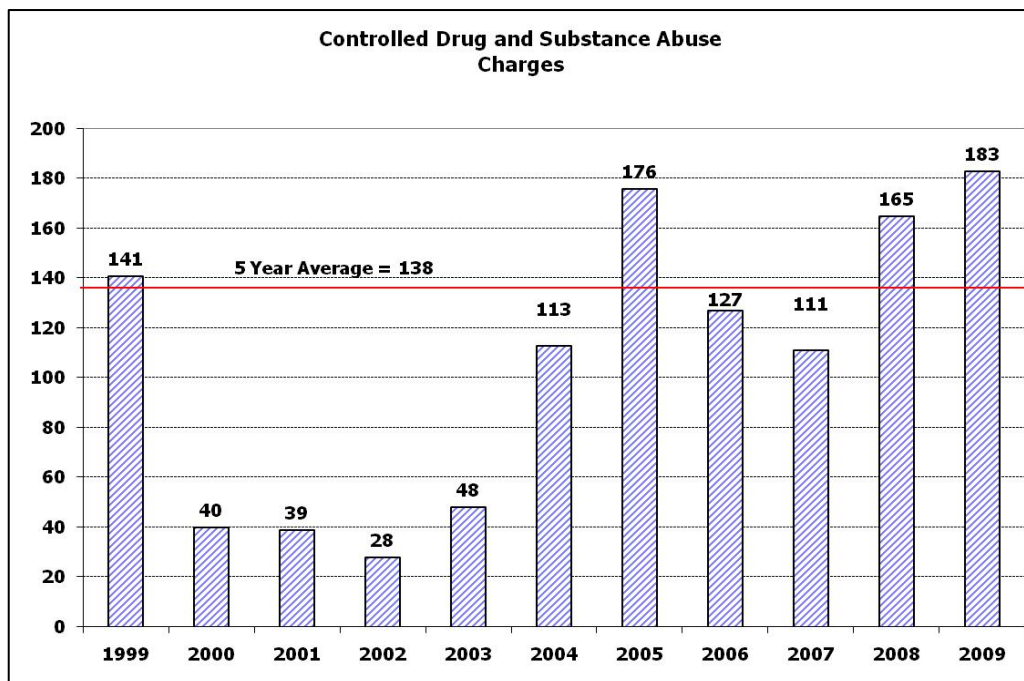


The category of **other crimes** accounts for 14% of the total crimes committed in the City of Fredericton. Other criminal code incidents decreased 9% in 2009 when compared to the 5 year average. The largest category is **breach of probation** and **failure to appear**, representing 75% of the total. This category represents individuals who fail to obey court orders or fail to appear in court. These crimes increased by 13% in 2009 when compared to the 5-year average but decreased by 18% when compared to the previous year.

This type of offence may seem minor, but is costly to society with the large amount of lost time for both the courts and police.

Other Notable Trends

Total **drug occurrences** increased 32% in 2009 when compared to the 5-year average. To date there have been 183 charges stemming from 129 drug occurrences in 2009. The number of charges will continue to increase as the files go through the court system in 2010. Sixty-eight percent (68%) of the drug crimes were the result of possession, trafficking,

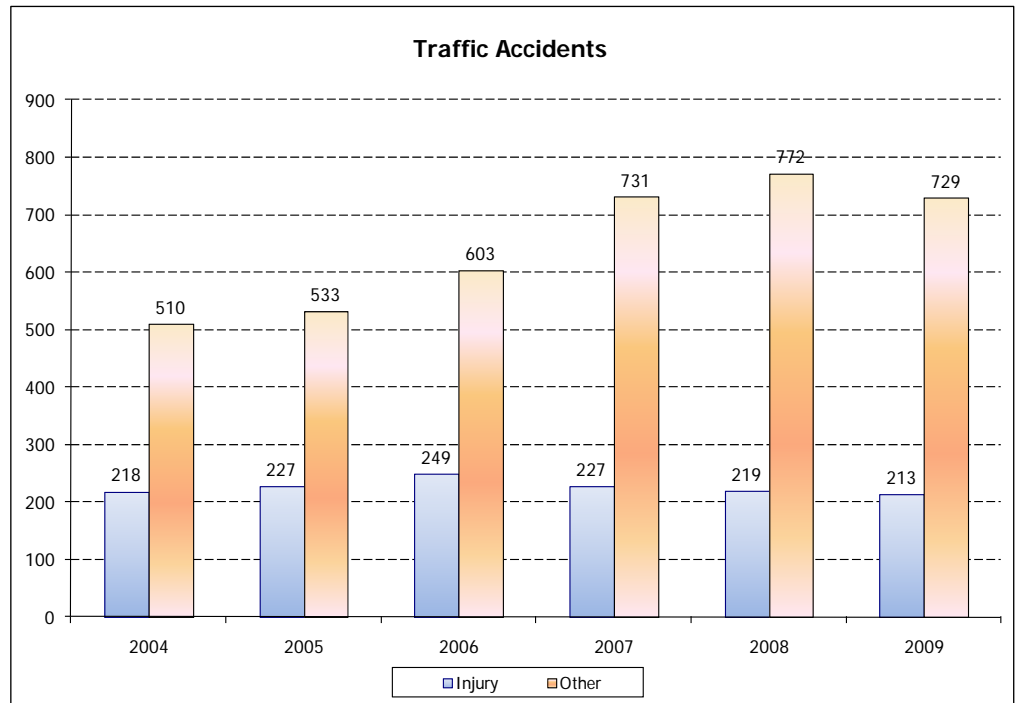


producing, or importing of marijuana. Other illicit drugs and substances accounted for 21% of the reported occurrences, while the remaining 11% involve cocaine. The majority of crimes committed in the City of Fredericton have some relation to drugs.

Total impaired driving offences increased 11% in 2009 when compared to the 5-year average and 3% when compared to the previous year. Notably, **refusals** increased 56% in 2009 when compared to the 5 year average from an average of 18 to a reported 28 in 2009. **24 hour suspensions** decreased by 58% in 2009 when compared to the 5-year average and 50% when compared to the previous year.

Motor Vehicle

Accidents increased 10% when compared to the 5-year average while accidents resulting in injury declined 7% in 2009. In 2009, there were 3 motor vehicle accidents resulting in 5 fatalities. **Other** accidents contributed to the overall increase in Motor Vehicle Accidents with an increase of 16%. These trends are illustrated on the graph to the right.



The number of **pedestrian motor vehicle accidents** remained unchanged in 2009 as compared to the previous year with one of the accidents resulting in a pedestrian fatality.

Year	Number of Accidents
2009	26
2008	26
2007	26
2006	31
2005	23
2004	28
2003	23

In terms of traffic issues in 2009, members of the Force issued 11,325 tickets. Of the tickets issued, the largest number of tickets were for violation of speeding 25 km per hour in excess of the posted speed limit (28%). The next largest number of tickets issues were for vehicles not properly registered representing 15%. Notably, the number of tickets issued for this violation increased 81% in 2009 when compared to 2008.

Crime Severity Index (CSI)

In 2009, the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics released a new crime measurement tool, the Crime Severity Index. This tool reflects the seriousness of individual offences and tracks changes in crime severity over time of police-reported crimes. The Crime Severity Index complements the current crime rate and victimization data. The measurement was introduced to address the issue of high volume, low serious crimes being equal to more serious crimes, for example 1 homicide and 1 property damage occurrence were counted equally to formulate the crime rate. The traditional crime rate simply counts the number of reported crimes reported to and by police divided by population.

According to the CSI, each crime category receives a seriousness weighting based on the incarceration rate and length of sentences handed down by provincial and territorial courts in the five most recent years. The weighting factors will be updated every 5 years to ensure consistency with the courts. Only 2008 data was available at the time of this report.

Fredericton's Crime Severity Index is listed in the table below. The overall Crime Severity Index decreased slightly in 2008 when compared to the previous year. The level of severity of violent crimes decreased (-11%) in 2008 when compared to the previous year. Fredericton's CSI is lower than the national index overall and in crimes of violence. As discussed earlier in this report, property crimes make up the largest number of reported crimes in Fredericton.

	Fredericton						Canada
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2008
Crime Severity Index	105.83	107.59	97.33	93.45	90.02	89.36	90.01
Violent	72.75	70.43	61.62	71.67	89.05	78.89	94.60
Non-violent	118.55	121.88	111.06	101.82	90.4	93.39	88.24

Summary

The City of Fredericton is experiencing a stable crime rate and has a crime severity index level below the national index. Overall, 2009 witnessed a notable decrease in break and enters and robberies, but also witnessed a notable increase in selected violent crimes. Violent crimes will be analyzed in detail and monitored throughout the coming year with quarterly and special reports.

Data Attached



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**FREDERICTON POLICE FORCE
OPERATIONAL STATISTICS 2009**

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>AVG/ 5YR</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>%C 5 Year Average</u>
CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE	591	552	560	584	651	588	826	40%
Murder, Manslaughter, Attempted Murder	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	100%
Sexual Assault	27	31	35	40	47	36	65	81%
Other Sexual Assaults	9	4	10	20	17	12	29	142%
Robbery	41	31	31	51	31	37	25	-32%
Aggravated Assault	51	62	51	68	72	61	80	31%
Assault, Police & other Peace Officer	12	8	9	17	15	12	15	25%
Common Assault	335	295	296	281	276	297	383	29%
Uttering Threats/Harassing Phone Calls	109	113	120	102	155	120	216	80%
Other	7	8	8	3	37	13	11	-15%
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	3383	3022	3055	2747	3126	3067	3006	-2%
Arson	45	60	60	74	75	63	63	0%
Break & Enter (Total)	499	478	389	323	260	390	240	-38%
Break & Enter-non res	162	138	104	95	60	112	64	-43%
Break & Enter-res	214	264	195	143	166	196	150	-23%
Break & Enter-other	123	76	90	85	30	81	26	-68%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	108	72	66	66	63	75	76	1%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	504	393	585	309	593	477	467	-2%
Theft	735	627	645	583	649	648	669	3%
Shoplifting	237	305	246	255	294	267	327	22%
Theft of Bicycles	218	163	119	125	128	151	127	-16%
Possession of Stolen Property	58	73	69	69	92	72	44	-39%
Total Fraud	369	280	242	239	283	283	179	-37%
Fraud by Cheque	73	56	50	46	100	65	23	-65%
Fraud by Credit Card, Computer	92	102	74	75	69	82	43	-48%
Fraud by Other Means	94	69	49	61	59	66	66	0%
Forgery, Uttering Forged Documents	96	42	52	34	28	50	27	-46%
Other Fraud	14	11	17	23	15	16	20	25%
Property Damage	594	568	627	700	679	634	801	26%
Other Property Crimes	16	3	7	4	4	7	13	---

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OTHER CRIMES	664	718	656	576	782	679	620	-9%
Prostitution	2	4	5	6	9	5	1	---
Firearms, Possession/Careless Storage	8	13	14	29	19	17	26	53%
Breaches/Fail to Appear	282	397	401	397	564	408	463	13%
Counterfeit Currency	240	173	103	11	22	110	11	-90%
Indecent Acts	25	29	15	22	15	21	30	43%
Obstructing/Against Admin Law/Justice	30	21	28	23	22	25	25	0%
Indecent/Harassing Phone Calls (Offence code no longer used)	41	32	39	41	16	34	0	---
Other Crimes	36	49	51	47	115	60	64	---
TOTAL CRIMINAL CODE	4,638	4,292	4,271	3,909	4,584	4,339	4,452	3%
TOTAL DRUGS	72	107	97	81	126	97	129	33%
Cannabis, Possession	42	57	44	40	57	48	77	60%
Cocaine, Possession	9	14	16	14	16	14	11	-21%
Other CADS, Possession	12	12	21	7	21	15	19	27%
Cannabis, Traffic/Import/Produce	3	18	12	15	10	12	11	-8%
Cocaine, Traffic/Import/Produce	2	3	3	3	9	4	3	---
Other CDSA, Traffic/Import/Produce	4	3	1	2	13	5	8	---
TOTAL PROV. STATUTES	596	749	539	590	443	583	336	-42%
Liquor Act	468	592	422	453	309	449	236	-47%
Liquor Act - Underage	58	75	56	99	85	75	72	-4%
Trespassing Act	68	82	60	28	37	55	24	-56%
Other	2	0	1	10	12	5	4	---
TOTAL Traffic CC Offences	134	202	169	200	195	180	200	11%
Refusal	10	19	18	23	19	18	28	56%
Impaired	115	178	145	169	171	156	165	6%
Other	9	5	6	8	5	7	7	0%

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Motor Vehicle - Prosecution	5648	2566	2503	3180	2431	3,266	2,097	-36%
City Bylaw Warning	2070	1050	1059	1928	1767	1,575	1,452	-8%
Bylaw Prosecution	1291	1307	1023	1271	1420	1,262	1,114	-12%
Motor Vehicle Warning	11530	7673	5940	9188	9331	8,732	9,228	6%
24 Hour Suspension	259	394	293	335	262	309	131	-58%
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	728	761	854	961	992	859	945	10%
Injury	218	227	249	227	219	228	213	-7%
Fatal	0	1	2	3	3	2	3	---
Other	510	533	603	731	772	630	729	16%
Hit and Run - Investigation			21	50	92	54	138	---
TOTAL ALARMS	1,806	1,736	1,708	1,834	1,758	1,768	1,702	-4%
Cleared as False Alarms	1395	1160	1100	1169	1094	1,184	1065	-10%
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	23,408	22,790	23,894	24,004	24,780	23,775	24,459	3%
Clearance Letters/Taxi Licences/Admin.	3977	3825	3741	3847	3751	3,828	3517	-8%
TOTAL	1090	1144	1114	1249	1289	1,177	1381	17%
IPDA	413	386	384	491	469	429	432	1%
Protection	144	53	82	111	40	86	106	23%
Held for another agency	61	57	45	49	48	52	78	50%
Other	16	3	3	15	22	12	23	92%
Arrested	481	640	305	592	707	545	742	36%