



CENTRAL POLICE DISTRICT

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REVIEW OF 2009

At the end of each year I like to take a look at the various data sources to see where we are with the numbers of reported incidents. It is a check against our observations and analysis throughout the year as we look for trends and issues that need extra attention. In this article I will share the incident data figures I have for the past three years for some major categories and discuss what we are seeing from a policing perspective.

The table below summarizes the data by the numbers. I have color coded the 2009 numbers, with green numbers being at least one standard deviation below the three-year mean, yellow within one standard deviation of the mean in either direction, and red the numbers are more than one standard deviation above the mean.

While it is of value to hypothesize what is contributing to the changes, the reds are of particular interest and concern.

3-Year Comparison of Selected Incident Data					
Incident Data	2007	2008	2009	Mean	s.d.
Aggravated Battery	104	113	101	106	6
Battery	365	369	324	353	25
Homicide	2	3	0	2	2
Armed Robbery	27	30	27	28	2
Robbery	36	47	45	43	6
Sexual Assault	61	53	36	50	13
Residential Burglary	384	358	336	359	24
Non-residential Burglary	91	114	65	90	25
Theft from Auto	227	284	399	303	88
Drug Incidents	351	342	429	374	48
Fight Call	265	260	231	252	18
Weapons Offenses	46	57	46	50	6
Domestic Violence	366	312	309	329	32

Let's start our discussion with the two incidents that hit the red, Theft from Auto and Drug Incidents. There is no doubt that the thefts from vehicles continues to be an issue. This is a example of a crime of opportunity. The items taken from cars are easily concealed, saleable for quick cash, and all too frequently just laying in view behind that glass window.

The quick cash provides money for drugs and alcohol. We have made arrests for this offense, and many of the offenders have recycled through the system more than once. This is also a crime where one offender can cause numbers to spike

dramatically in a short period of time. If an offender attacks 10 vehicles in an area, this jump of 10 can be noticeable. The best option for this is prevention. Purses and bags on seats are prized items, and for those checking cars to find suitable targets, these visible possessions mark a suitable target.

I mentioned the connection between some crimes and drugs and alcohol. The jump in drug incidents has been obvious throughout the year. We have had more drug investigations and drug abatement letters. The drug abatement letters are sent to the property owner directing them to remedy the problem and prevent further drug activity on the premise. If they fail to remove the drug nuisance, the city can take further civil action.

Drug concerns are scattered throughout the district and not centered in any one neighborhood. Central District patrol officers and the Community Policing Team have been proactive in this area, piecing together tips and information, making arrests, building quality cases for prosecution, and pulling drugs out of our neighborhoods. Many of the best tips of drug sales/activity come from people who live and work in the neighborhood. Tips related to drug activity can be sent anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 608-266-4016.

On a positive note, aggravated battery, battery, and fights are all down. These incidents correlate strongly with the alcohol in the entertainment portion of the district, so having these numbers drop is good news. Other person crimes and burglaries remained relatively stable. It is often hard to attribute changes in the numbers to just one factor, so we will continue to assess what works to help drive the numbers down.

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Crime Stoppers: 266-4016

CRIME OVERVIEW

Person Crimes: *Batteries*

Date	Time	Address	Details
12/4	12:30 am	700 Blk E Johnson	The victim was drinking at the Caribou Bar when he went outside and was attacked by two suspects, described as male black, 35 to 45, 5'8", 150 pounds, and male white, 40, 5'8", 150 pounds.
12/6	2:35 am	200 Blk Langdon	Two suspects were arrested for battery during an incident on Langdon.
12/8	7:35 pm	1300 Blk E Wilson	The suspect was arrested and charged with Substantial Battery for battering the victim.
12/9	12:01 am	400 Blk W Wilson	The suspect was arrested and charged with various offenses for attacking his girlfriend with a fingernail file.
12/11	4:55 pm	1600 Blk Fordem	The suspect was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery for battering his roommate.
12/12	3:20 am	400 Blk N Butler	The victim reported being battered by two suspects (female white, approximately 25; male black, 30 to 40) who went to the victim's apartment, attempting to sell drugs.
12/13	2:00 am	200 Blk King St.	The suspect was arrested for Battery While Armed and Battery during a bar fight.
12/17	11:40 pm	600 Blk Howard Pl	The suspect was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery for battering his wife.
12/22	2:35 am	1200 Blk E Wilson	The suspect was arrested for Battery to a PO and OMVWI. While processing the suspect for OWI, she kicked out at one of the officers striking them in their shoulder.
12/20	1:15 am	200 Blk State St	The victim was battered by the suspect during a disturbance at Paul's Club.
12/23	1:50 pm	100 Blk Wisconsin	The suspect was arrested for Battery after a road rage incident with a pedestrian.

Person Crimes: *Robbery*

Date	Time	Address	Details
12/10	7:35 pm	10 Blk S Bedford	The victim came to Madison from Detroit to meet the suspect (bi-racial female, 5'0", 150 pounds) whom he had made contact with over the Internet. When the victim was ready to return to Detroit, the suspect drove him to the bus depot where a handgun was displayed and the suspect took a large amount of cash from him.
12/15	6:35 pm	900 Blk Spring St	The victim was walking from her underground parking stall when she was confronted by the suspect (male white, 25, 6'2", medium build) who grabbed her jacket, swung her around, reached into her pocket and took her wallet.
12/26	1:00 pm	1700 Blk Fordem Ave	The suspect was arrested for robbing the Chocolate Shoppe with a knife.
12/30	1:10 pm	100 Blk N Hancock	The victims were home when they were confronted by two suspects for forced their way into their apartment. The suspects were described as male black, 19 to 23 years of age, 5'10", medium build. The victims were forced to the ground by the suspects, one of which had a silver semiautomatic handgun. The suspects took a safe with cash, an X-Box, and assorted games.

CRIME OVERVIEW CONTINUED

Person Crimes: Other

Date	Time	Address	Details
12/4	8:20 pm	100 Blk W Washington	The suspect was arrested and charged with DC While Armed for an incident at Grace Shelter where he displayed a knife.
12/12	9:45 pm	2000 Blk Atwood Ave	The suspect was arrested for physical abuse of a child and DC for an incident during a concert at the Barrymore Theater.
12/20	2:00 am	100 Blk King St	The suspect was arrested for Second-Degree Reckless Injury and Resist/Obstruct for striking the victim with a bottle during a bar fight.

Person Crimes: Sexual Assault

Date	Time	Address	Details
12/18	12:10 am	10 Blk N Park St	The suspect (male white, 60 to 65, 5'10", 160 pounds, average build, unshaven, with a southern accent) contacted the victim near a bus stop in front of her address. The suspect began speaking to the victim who felt uncomfortable and began walking northbound on Park Street. At one point, the suspect moved the victim's hand down toward his genital area, touching his genitals.

Property Crimes: Burglaries

Date	Location	Type	Entry	Targeted/Stolen
12/02	300 Blk W Doty St	Residence	No Force	US Currency, Wallet
12/03	400 Blk N Lake St	Residence	No Force	Cell Phones, Electronics
12/03	400 Blk W Wilson St	Residence	No Force	Cell Phones
12/04	300 Blk N Frances St	Business	No Force	Phone, US Currency, iPod
12/04	400 W Mifflin St	Residence	No Force	Gaming Systems
12/05	500 Blk E Mifflin St	Residence	Force	Computers
12/06	600 Blk State St	Residence	No Force	iPod, Computer
12/06	300 Blk W Doty St	Residence	No Force	Bike, Gaming Systems, Camera
12/07	500 Blk W Washington	Residence	No Force	Computer, iPod
12/07	100 Blk N Bount	Residence	No Force	MP3 Player
12/07	300 Blk N Brooks	Residence	No Force	US Currency
12/14	100 Blk N Hancock	Residence	Forced	Computer
12/15	800 Blk Williamson St	Business	Forced	Computers
12/18	300 Blk E Mifflin St	Business	Forced	Cigarettes

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