

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2004, the Palmer Police Department answered approximately 14,735 calls for service. From these calls, 1,705 criminal offenses were recorded and investigated, including one murder. Additionally, 875 individuals were arrested and/or summoned to court. The department responded to 690 alarm calls. 615 (90%) of these calls were false alarms. More than 3,127 traffic citations were issued and 494 traffic accidents investigated. These accidents resulted in injuries to 200 individuals, including 2 fatalities. A complete statistical report of the year's activity follows this report.

The department is currently comprised of 21 full-time and 4 part-time police officers, who are supported by 6 full-time and one part-time non-sworn staff members.

The department received the following grants in 2004:

Community Policing Grant (Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety) - \$38,000 to aid in the development, implementation, and maintenance of community policing programs and initiatives. Our programs include citizen and student police academies, bicycle patrols, targeted traffic enforcement patrols, seat belt enforcement and many others. We owe a debt of gratitude to our state senator, Stephen Brewer, and our representative, Reed Hillman, who were instrumental in securing these funds for us.

- Through the use of funds from this grant, two officers were trained and certified as Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) trainers. This popular program teaches women how to defend themselves from a physical attack. Several RAD training classes were held in 2004 and proved to be very popular.

Traffic Enforcement Grant (Governor's Highway Safety Bureau) - \$8,400 to be used for speed, seat belt, drunk driving and red light enforcement as part of the state's "Click It or Ticket" and "You Drink – You Drive – You Lose" campaigns.

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank the staff of the Police Department for their dedication and commitment to their department and to their community.

Thanks, too, to the Board of Selectmen, Acting Town Administrator Patricia Kennedy, the Finance Committee, the town's fire departments and their chiefs, Acting DPW Director Richard Kaczmarczyk and his staff, and all the other town offices and departments for their cooperation throughout the year. As this chapter of our town's history comes to a close, we are looking forward to implementing the changes that our new charter brings and to working with our new Town Council/Town Manager for the benefit of our community.

Finally, I want to thank the good citizens of Palmer who continue to support us and appreciate the job we do, particularly in these difficult fiscal times.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert P. Frydryk
Chief of Police

**PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
CALLS FOR SERVICE BY TYPE - 2004**

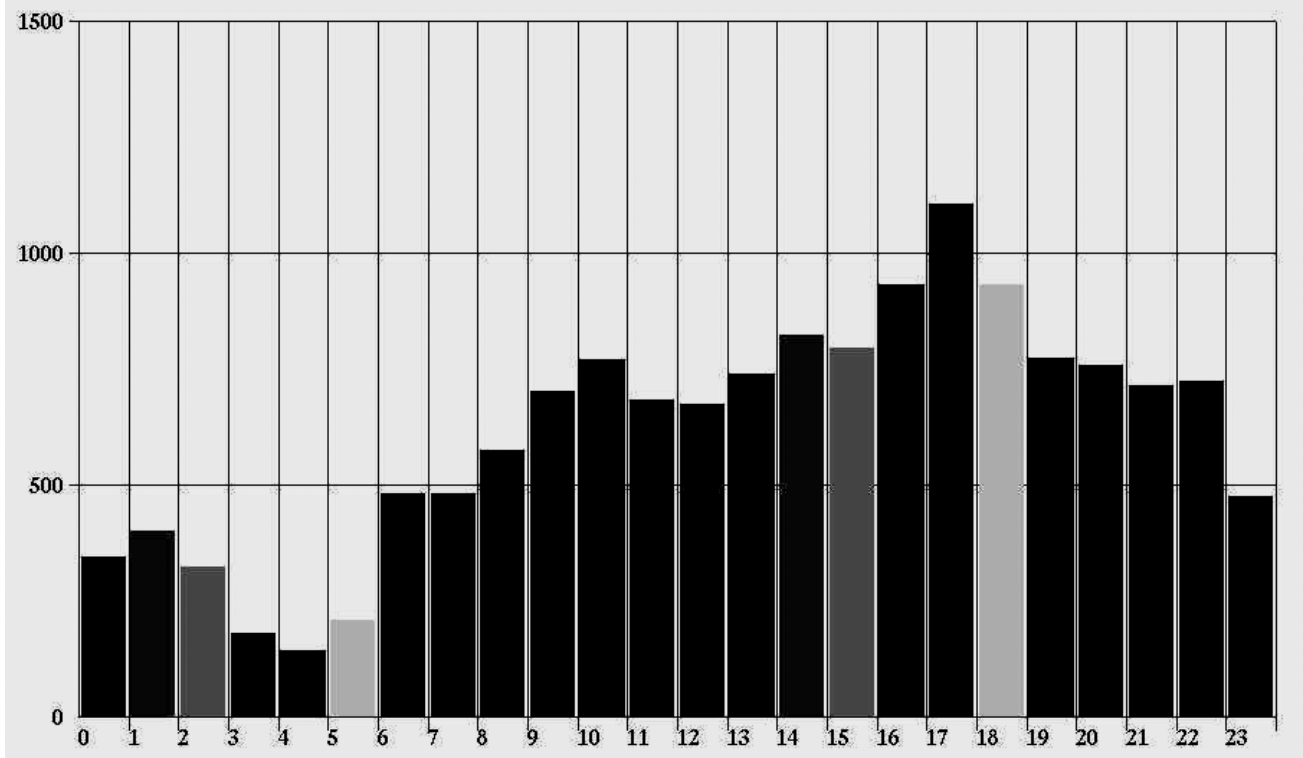
CALL TYPE	CALLS	INCIDENTS	ACCIDENTS	ARRESTS
209A Request *	37	10	0	2
209A Service	42	8	0	0
209A Violation *	40	5	0	14
9-1-1 Abandoned Call	96	4	0	5
9-1-1 Bogus Call	27	0	0	0
9-1-1 Hang-up Call	182	12	0	6
9-1-1 Misuse	65	1	0	1
9-1-1 Silent Call	13	0	0	0
Abandoned M/V	17	1	0	0
Accident (Hit & Run)	80	9	30	15
Accident (Pedest)	9	0	3	0
Accident (Pers Inj)	92	4	81	12
Accident (Prop Dam)	620	15	367	24
Alarm (Burglar)	621	11	0	12
Alarm (Fire/CO)	92	1	0	0
Alarm (Holdup)	13	0	0	0
Alarm (Medical)	5	0	0	0
Alarm (other)	27	0	0	1
Alarm (Panic/Trouble)	24	0	0	0
Alarm (TEST/MAINTENANCE)	66	0	0	0
Animal Complaint	231	6	1	1
Annoying/Accosting *	24	6	0	2
Annoying/Obscene Phone Calls	42	5	0	0
Arrest (On sight) *	13	0	0	10
Arrest (Unspecified) *	2	0	0	1
Arrest (Warrant) *	73	1	0	61
Arson *	1	0	0	0
Assault/A&B *	101	28	0	28
Assist Citizen	426	8	0	6
Assist Motorist	202	1	0	0
Assist Other Agency	183	5	0	8
Assist Other Police Department	231	5	1	8
Bomb Threat *	1	0	0	0
Breaking & Enter (M/V) *	28	25	0	0
Breaking & Entering/Burglary *	113	75	0	11
Bylaw Viol (other)	10	0	0	0
Bylaw Viol-Public Drinking	4	0	0	3
Bylaw Viol-Snow on Sidewalk	5	0	0	0
Bylaw Viol-Unreg Veh(s)	32	2	0	3
Check Well-being	168	10	0	16
Child Abuse *	7	2	0	1
Child Neglect *	16	4	0	3
Civil Complaint	86	2	0	1
Cruiser Transport (Arrest)	10	0	0	0
Cruiser Transport (Courtesy)	102	1	0	1
Cruiser Transport (Emergency)	1	1	0	0
Disabled M/V	303	0	3	4
Disorderly Conduct	105	11	0	18
Disturbance (Domestic) *	202	77	0	89
Disturbance (Gathering)	87	5	0	23
Disturbance (General)	66	8	0	20
Disturbance (Loud Noise)	155	2	0	2
Disturbance (Motor Vehicle)	21	0	0	0
Disturbance (Neighbor)	48	8	0	2
Drug/Narcotics Violation *	36	4	0	9
Elder Abuse	2	0	0	0
Family Offense (Non violent)	8	1	0	1
Fire (Forest/Brush)	15	1	0	0
Fire (Motor Vehicle)	13	1	0	0
Fire (Other)	30	1	0	1
Fire (Outside Burning Complnt)	46	0	0	0
Fire (Structure/Dwelling)	24	3	0	0
Fire TONE TEST	32	0	0	0
Fish & Game Violation	6	0	0	0
Fraud *	48	19	0	4
Gas Leak/Odor	9	0	0	0
GENERAL SERVICES	75	1	0	0
Harassment	45	7	0	0
Hazardous Condition	236	1	0	0
HAZMAT Spill/Leak	9	0	0	0
Homicide *	1	1	0	1
House/Building Check	27	0	0	0

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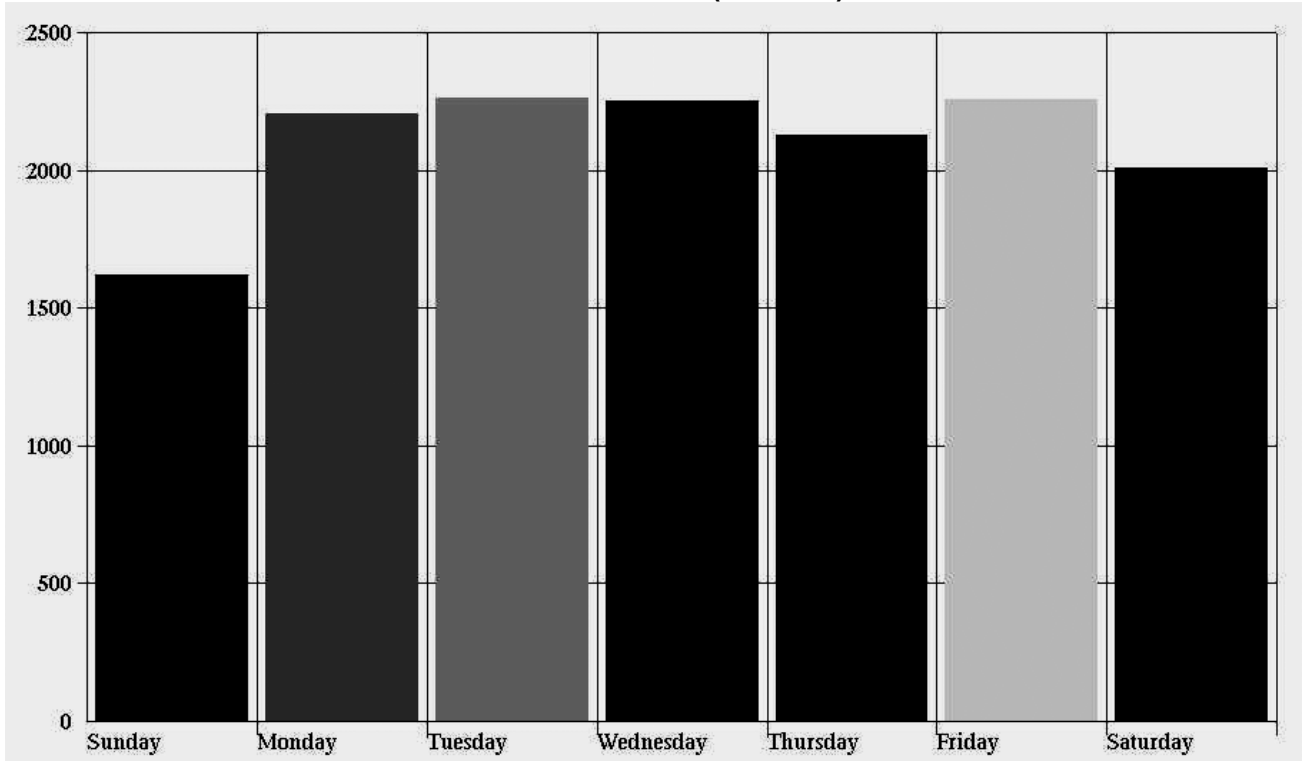
CALL TYPE	CALLS	INCIDENTS	ACCIDENTS	ARRESTS
Illegal Dumping	33	4	0	0
INFO-Abuse/209A Orders	19	1	0	0
INFO-Ambulance Service	9	0	0	0
INFO-Burning Permits	1	0	0	0
INFO-Directions	107	0	0	0
INFO-Extra Duty Details	128	0	0	0
INFO-General	689	3	0	0
INFO-Pistol Permits/FIDs	2	1	0	0
INFO-Police Reports	48	0	0	0
INFO-Record Checks	5	0	0	0
INFO-Road Conditions	2	0	0	0
INFO-Solicitors	1	0	0	0
INFO-Town Offices/Depts	1	0	0	0
INFO-Warrants	8	0	0	0
Intox / Incapacitated Person	86	2	1	30
INVESTIGATION	243	8	0	17
Kidnapping *	1	1	0	1
Larceny *	262	138	0	18
Liquor Law Violations *	9	0	0	0
Loitering	1	0	0	0
M/V Recovery *	18	4	0	4
M/V Release	178	0	0	0
M/V Repossession	24	0	0	0
M/V Stop	3,663	2	0	162
M/V Theft *	44	28	0	5
M/V Violations	357	4	1	31
Medical Assist (Illness)	53	1	0	0
Medical Assist (Injury)	42	1	0	1
Medical Assist (Mutual Aid)	2	0	0	0
Medical Assist (Psychiatric)	11	1	0	1
Medical Assist (unspecif)	10	0	0	0
Medical Transport (Emergency)	427	17	1	3
Medical Transport (Routine)	10	1	0	0
Missing Person *	67	22	0	1
Notification/Message Delivery	37	0	0	0
Officer Requests Assistance	5	0	0	4
Officer Wanted	62	5	0	0
Open Door/Window	19	0	0	0
Parking Violation	119	0	0	0
Power Outage	16	0	0	0
Property Return	28	0	0	0
Property-Found	96	17	0	0
Property-Lost	54	10	0	0
Protective Custody *	12	0	0	12
Public Service (Other)	30	0	0	0
Rape *	3	1	0	1
Reported Death *	9	6	0	0
Robbery *	5	3	0	1
Runaway *	15	6	0	0
Search & Rescue	2	1	0	0
Sex Offenses *	23	13	0	5
Shoplifting *	16	7	0	7
Smoke Report (No fire evident)	35	0	0	0
Soliciting	11	0	0	0
Suicide *	2	2	0	0
Suicide Attempt/Threat *	35	9	0	2
Summons Service	118	1	0	2
Suspicious (Other)	250	9	1	3
Suspicious Auto(s)	393	4	1	14
Suspicious Person(s)	300	16	0	33
Threat Report *	83	23	0	11
Trespass Complaint	52	2	0	2
Unwanted Person(s)	105	14	0	22
Vandalism *	258	97	0	30
Water Hazard	9	0	0	0
Water Leak	30	0	0	0
Water Rescue	1	0	0	0
Weapons Violations *	12	5	0	5
TOTALS:	14,735	909	491	858

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
CALL ANALYSIS BY TIME AND DAY OF WEEK FOR 2004

CALLS BY TIME OF DAY (GRAPH) - 2004

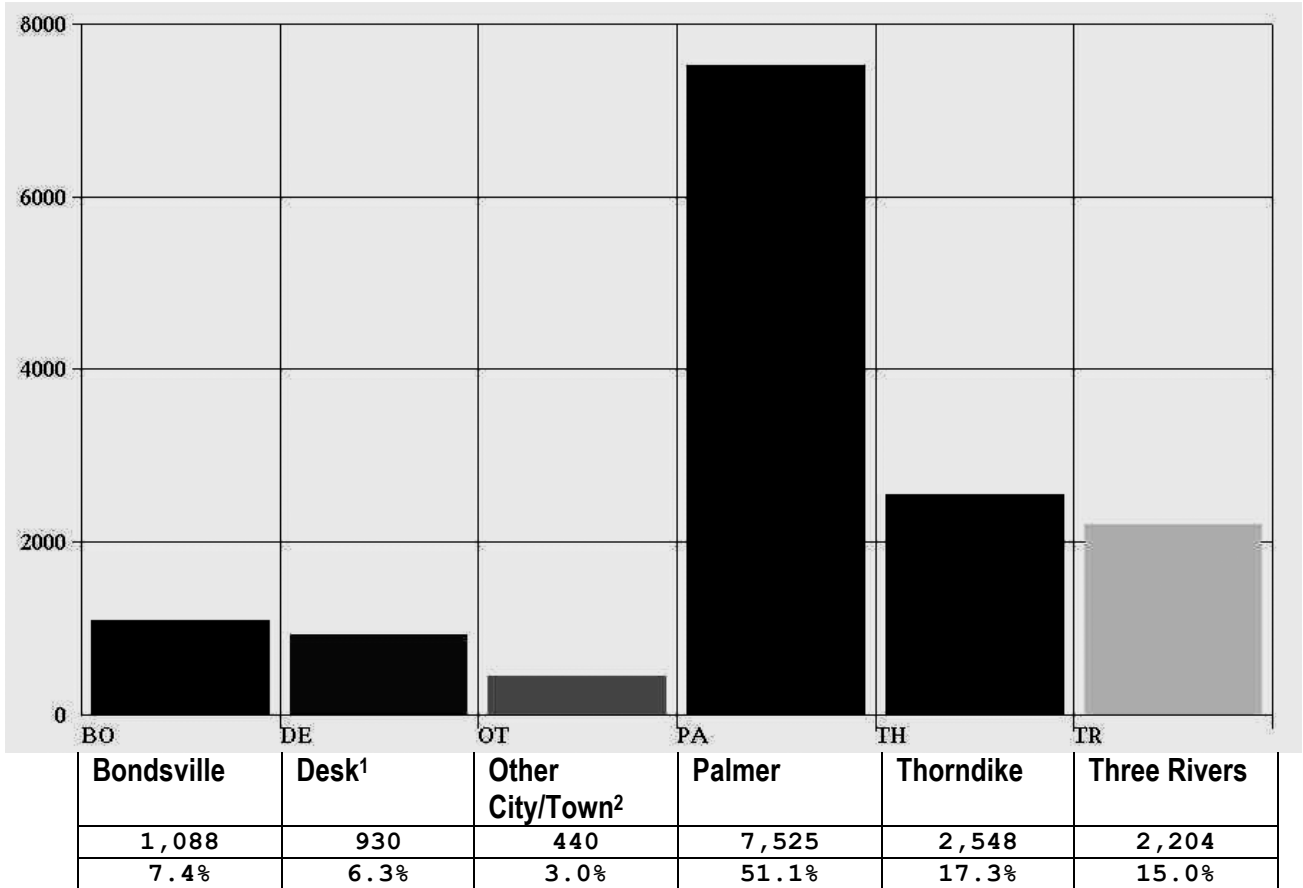


CALLS BY DAY OF WEEK (GRAPH) - 2004



**PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
CALL ANALYSIS BY ZONE – 2004**

CALL ANALYSIS BY ZONE (GRAPH) – 2004



¹ Activity in this zone reflects calls received at the Police Department that did not require the dispatch of a police officer to a specific location. The service was provided at the police station itself or over the telephone, such as providing accident or crime information, directions, referrals to other agencies, etc.

² Activity in this zone reflects calls received for incidents that occurred in another jurisdiction that required a referral to that jurisdiction or a response to that jurisdiction by this department

**PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFENSES REPORTED BY MONTH - 2004**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
ARSON	1		1		1				1				4
ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED	1	1	4	6	2	2	4	7	8	7		1	43
ASSAULT, SIMPLE	10	8	17	9	10	21	21	11	16	13	9	12	157
BAD CHECKS											1		1
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING	9	12	8	21	6	6	14	12	11	7	11	7	124
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY		2	2	1		2	1	2		6	2		18
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER FRAUD	1	2				4			1				8
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM	10	19	13	23	17	12	14	17	15	20	15	7	182
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	3	3	6	2	5	6	15	8	6	8	4	1	67
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	2	2	1	5	4	5	7	8	1	4	6	2	47
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	2	2	8	4	9	11	2	9	3	5	3	4	62
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	1		1					2	1	1		2	8
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE / CONFIDENCE GAME	3	2	2	2	1	2		3					15
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT												1	1
FONDLING, FORCIBLE							7	1		2			10
IMPERSONATION			1										1
INTIMIDATION	6	1	5	3	6	19	4	5	4	2	4	3	62
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION					1								1
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS		2				3	1	5		1			12
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	4	1	2	4	3		3	3	3	5	1	4	33
MURDER AND NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER								1					1
POCKET-PICKING			1										1
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	11	8	8	10	16	14	16	13	13	12	11	13	145
PURSE-SNATCHING		1											1
RAPE, FORCIBLE										1			1
RAPE, STATUTORY			1					2					3
ROBBERY	1	2		2		2							7
RUNAWAY								1					1
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT	2						1			3			6
SHOPLIFTING	1	2			1	2	2	1	2	2	4	3	20
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	1		3	3	1	2					3		13
THEFT FROM BUILDING	4	3		5	1	1	1	1	3	2	2		23
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	14		1	1	1	2	10	1	1	6	8	1	46
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS/ACCESSORIES	2		1	5	1	2	1	2		1			15
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	14	22	34	28	32	21	40	47	21	21	42	17	339
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY		2	4	1	1	1	2	9	2	1		1	24
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	1		3			1					1		6
ALL OTHER LARCENY	2	7	3	10	10	10	16	13	6	8	12	11	108
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	5	9	6	5	7	9	3	9	5	13	9	9	89
TOTALS	111	114	135	150	136	160	185	193	123	151	148	99	1,705

**PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRIMARY ARRESTING OFFENSE BY MONTH - 2004**

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED	1			4				5	2	2		2	16
ASSAULT, SIMPLE	6	7	9	8	8	11	15	7	7	7	6	8	99
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING	2	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	2	2	2	20
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY							1						1
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER FRAUD									1				1
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM	1			1	16		4	1	1	1	3		28
DISORDERLY CONDUCT		6	1	3	3	4	9	4	1	6	3		40
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	2	2	1	4	4	5	5	3	1	2	5	3	37
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS		1	10	4	7	10	1	3		5	4	1	46
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS							1	1	1			1	4
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE / CONFIDENCE GAME	1	1					1	1					4
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT		3										1	4
FONDLING, FORCIBLE											1		1
INTIMIDATION				1	2	4		1					8
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	6	2				3	1	10		2			24
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT				2	2					1			5
MURDER AND NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER								1					1
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	13	8	8	10	16	14	17	13	14	12	12	13	150
RAPE, FORCIBLE							1						1
RAPE, STATUTORY									1				1
ROBBERY						1							1
SHOPLIFTING						1	1	1	1	1	2	1	8
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES				2	2	1					3		8
THEFT FROM BUILDING											1		1
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	4	1					1						6
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	10	15	18	18	15	17	19	27	15	23	22	14	213
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY				1		1	4	3					9
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS				2		2							4
ALL OTHER LARCENY		1			1	1	1	2		1		5	12
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	5	13	11	8	13	15	8	10	8	7	17	7	122
TOTALS	51	63	63	66	91	90	93	94	55	70	81	58	875

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFENSES (IN ARRESTS) BY AGE GROUP – 2004

	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	TOTALS
ARSON		2					2
ASSAULT, AGGRAVATED		1	7	10	26	1	45
ASSAULT, SIMPLE		24	39	39	50	2	154
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING		9	13	1	4		27
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY				2	12		14
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER FRAUD					1		1
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM		25	27	9	8		69
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1	10	32	13	25	2	83
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE			14	11	24	3	52
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS		15	28	16	19		78
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS			1	3	4		8
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE / CONFIDENCE GAME			2		3		5
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT				1	3		4
FONDLING, FORCIBLE				2			2
INTIMIDATION		10	7	15	12		44
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS		10	15	1	1		27
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT			3	1	2		6
MURDER AND NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER					1		1
POCKET-PICKING					1		1
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY		1	37	38	64	10	150
RAPE, FORCIBLE		1	1				2
RAPE, STATUTORY						2	2
ROBBERY					2		2
SHOPLIFTING			1	3	4	1	9
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES		9	6	1	3		19
THEFT FROM BUILDING		2	7	1	1		11
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE		21	2	1			24
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	1	26	209	104	194	29	563
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY		5	12	3	5		25
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS				13	2		15
ALL OTHER LARCENY		13	8	1	5		27
ALL OTHER OFFENSES		18	54	35	72	7	186
TOTALS	2	202	525	324	548	57	1658

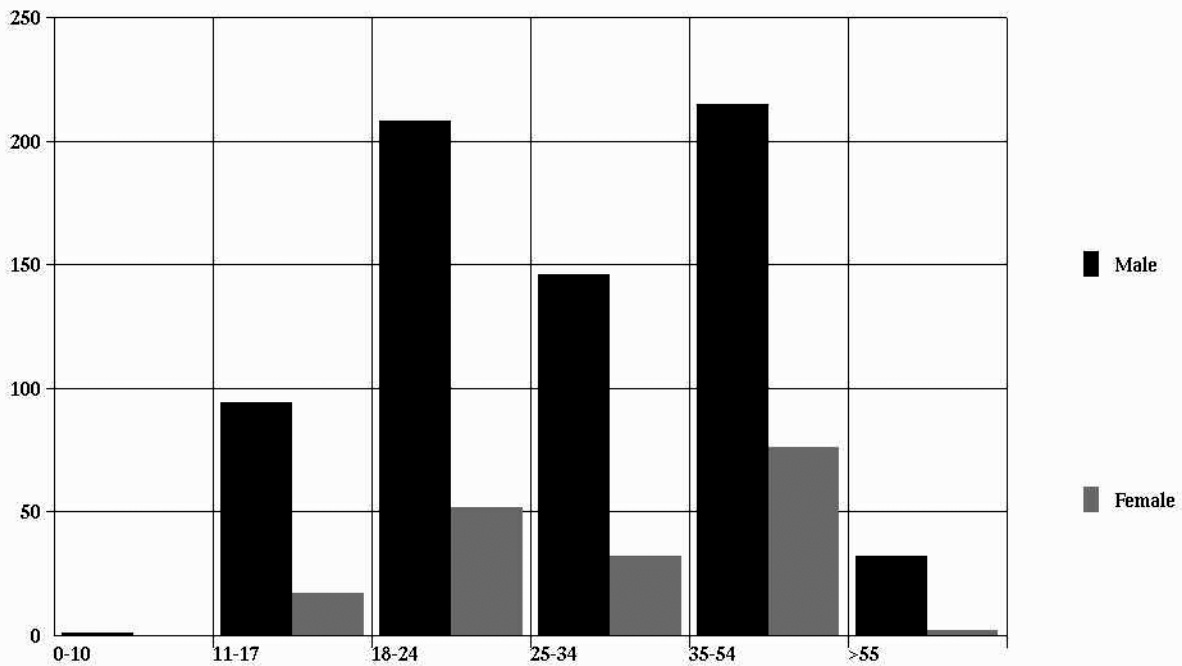
WEAPONS INVOLVED IN OFFENSES – 2004

Weapon Type	Occurrence(s)	Percentage
None	1484	86.8%
Personal Weapons (Hands/Feet/Etc)	170	9.9%
Knife/Cutting Instrument	15	0.9%
Blunt Object	15	0.9%
Other	15	0.9%
Handgun	3	0.2%
Motor Vehicle	4	0.2%
Handgun (Automatic)	1	0.1%
Shotgun	1	0.1%
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	1	0.1%
Unknown	1	0.1%
Total Occurrences	1,710	100.00%

**PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
ARRESTEE RACE AND SEX BY AGE - 2003**

	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	TOTALS	Hispanic
White								
Male	1	87	199	139	203	32	661	18
Female	0	15	52	30	75	2	174	2
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black								
Male	0	3	8	6	11	0	28	1
Female	0	1	0	2	1	0	4	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian/Pacific Islander								
Male	0	4	1	1	1	0	7	0
Female	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native								
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown								
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1	111	260	178	291	34	875	22

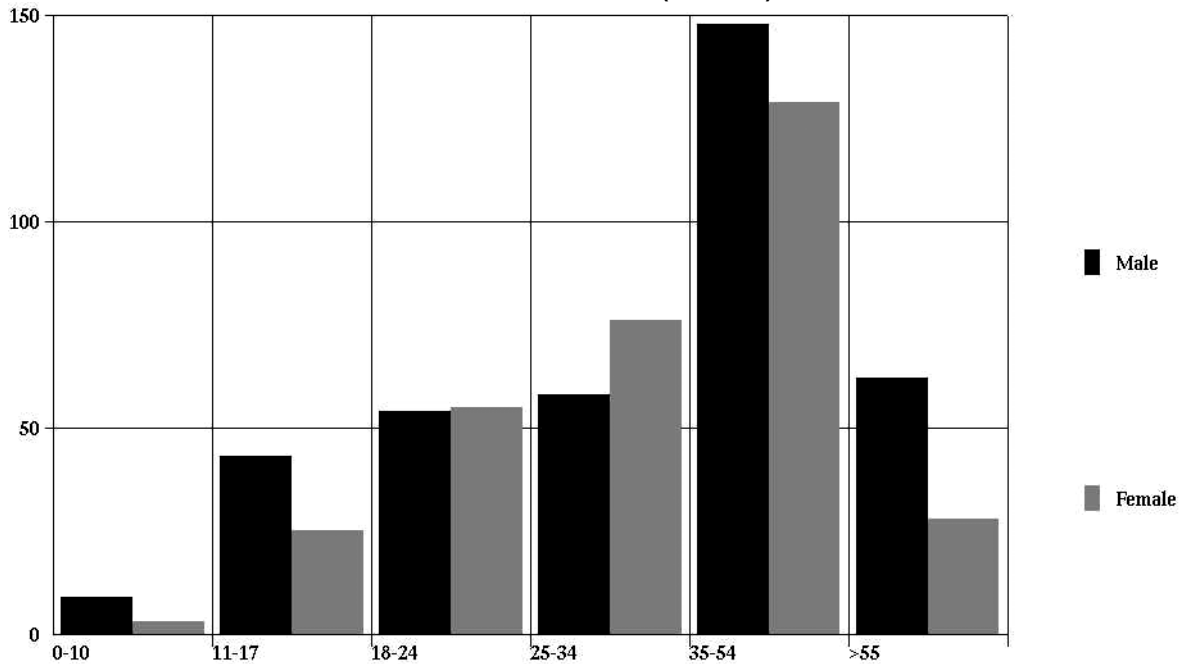
ARRESTEE BY AGE AND SEX (GRAPH) – 2004



**PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
VICTIM RACE AND SEX BY AGE - 2003**

		00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	TOTALS	Hispanic
White									
Male		6	41	52	56	145	61	361	1
Female		3	23	55	72	125	28	306	2
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black									
Male		1	2	1	1	1	0	6	1
Female		0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian/Pacific Islander									
Male		1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Female		0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native									
Male		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown									
Male		1	0	0	1	2	1	5	0
Female		0	0	0	2	4	0	6	2
Unknown		0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
TOTALS		12	68	109	134	278	90	691	6

VICTIM BY AGE AND SEX (GRAPH) – 2003

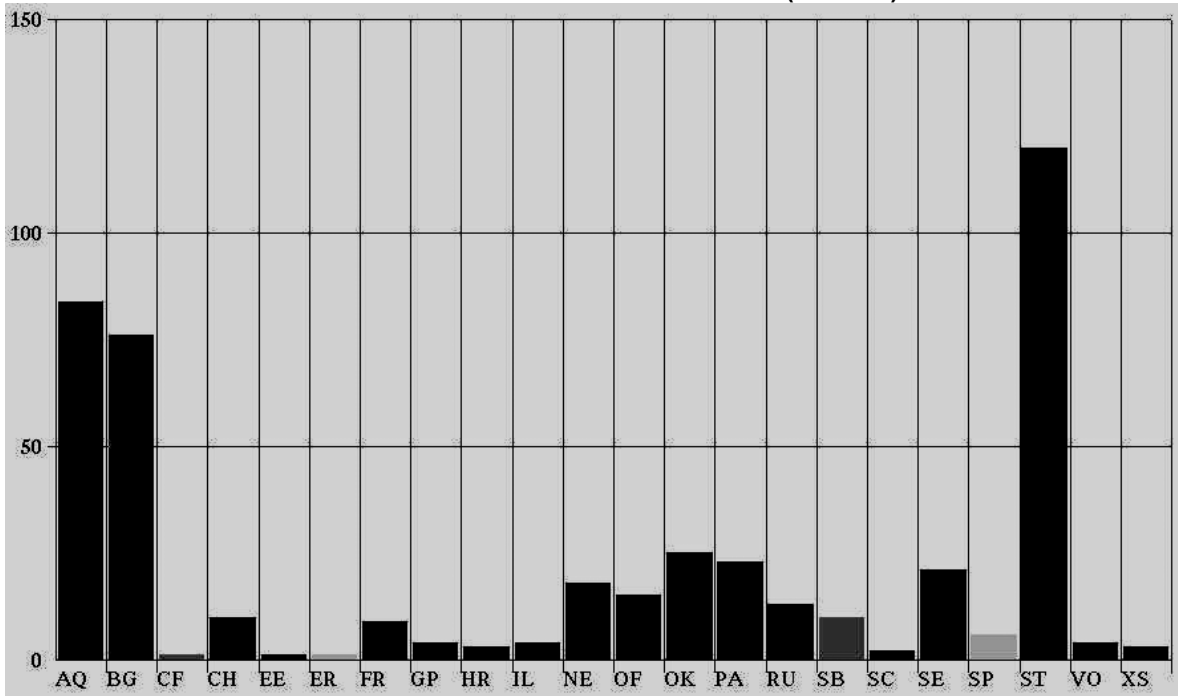


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RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIMS TO OFFENDERS – 2004

CODE	RELATIONSHIP	TOTALS	CODE	RELATIONSHIP	TOTALS
AQ	Acquaintance	84	NE	Neighbor	18
BE	Babysittee	0	OF	Other Family Member	15
BG	Boy/Girl Friend	76	OK	Otherwise Known	25
CF	Child of Boy/Girl Friend	1	PA	Parent	23
CH	Child	10	RU	Relationship Unknown	13
CS	Common-Law Spouse	0	SB	Sibling	10
EE	Employee	1	SC	Stepchild	2
ER	Employer	1	SE	Spouse	21
FR	Friend	9	SP	Stepparent	6
GC	Grandchild	0	SS	Stepsibling	0
GP	Grandparent	4	ST	Stranger	120
HR	Homosexual Relationship	3	VO	Victim was Offender	4
IL	In-Law	4	XS	Ex-Spouse	3

RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIMS TO OFFENDERS (GRAPH) – 2004



VICTIM INJURIES – 2004

Injury Type	Occurrence(s)	Percentage
None	121	54.00%
Apparent Minor Injury	88	39.30%
Severe Laceration	4	1.80%
Other Major Injury	4	1.80%
Apparent Broken Bones	3	1.30%
Possible Internal Injuries	2	0.90%
Unconsciousness	2	0.90%
Total Occurrences	224	100.00%