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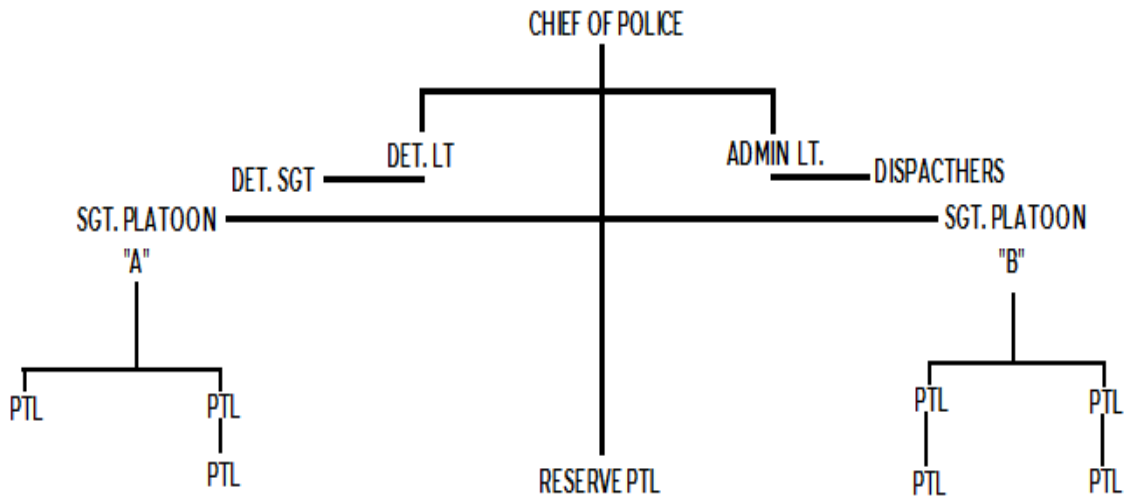
When I was asked to serve as Chief of Police after the retirement of Chief Terry Harris, I was honored. This past year marked my fifth year as Chief and thirteenth with the department. During this time I have seen the department go through numerous changes. Through all of these changes, the one thing that has remained a constant is the dedication of the men and women of this department to the Town of Granite Falls and its citizens. Although the names on the uniforms have changed, the hearts and souls under the badges have remained steadfast and proud to serve as an Officer with the Town of Granite Falls. That is why with each passing year my pride grows and my reasons for choosing this profession are reinforced. There are few professions as noble as providing safety and security to those around you and no greater place to hone those skills than in the Town of Granite Falls.

I would like to thank the men and women of this department for helping to make Granite Falls a safer and more secure environment. Their dedication and perseverance help make this town a wonderful place to call home. I would also like to thank the Mayor, the Town Council, and the Town Manager for the work they do in making sound decisions for the greater good of our community. As always, I would like to thank each department head and employees of their respective departments for the cooperation and willingness to help one another and to help those in need. This combined effort often allows us to provide an even better service to the citizens and those passing through our town.

I look forward to another year of service, working alongside the men and women of this town. Although each department goes in its own direction, we all strive to reach the same goal, and that is to make Granite Falls an even better place to call home.

Ritch Bolick, *Chief of Police*

Organizational Chart



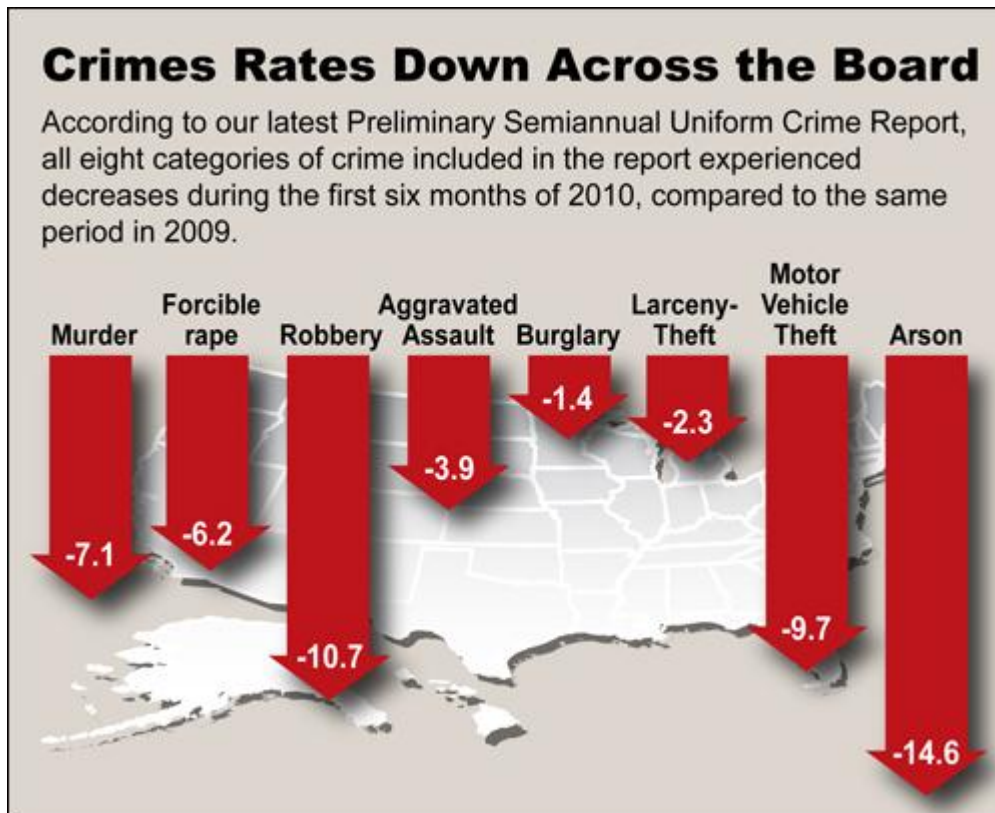
Award Recognitions

2010 Officer of the Year.....	Ricky Lail
2010 Communications Officer of the Year.....	Tonya White
2010 Most Arrests.....	Ricky Lail
2010 Most Special Checks.....	Drew Morris

Association Affiliations

North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police
North Carolina Association of Homicide Investigators
North Carolina DARE Officers Association
North Carolina Tactical Officers Association
North Carolina Criminal Information Exchange
National Domestic Preparedness Coalition

Crime Statistics



Since 1930, the FBI has been tasked with collecting, publishing, and archiving reliable uniform crime statistics for the nation. Our hope is that this report will continue to assist community leaders and law enforcement managers with formulating crime-fighting and crime prevention strategies.

Although many of the crimes reported in our UCR statistics fall primarily under state and local jurisdiction, the FBI continues to work closely with our law enforcement partners on numerous joint task forces around the country and to offer a range of services and support. A few examples include:

- Information services like the National Crime Information Center, the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and the Law Enforcement National Data Exchange (N-DEx);

- Fingerprint and other types of forensic identification services, such as the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System and the Combined DNA Index System.

As always, we caution against drawing conclusions about specific locations by making direct comparisons between cities. Valid assessments are only possible by carefully analyzing the range of unique conditions affecting each local law enforcement jurisdiction.

The full-year *Crime in the United States, 2010* report will be released next year.

Local Crime Statistics

Calls for Service Types

Item	2009	2010	Percent Change
Number of Calls Answered	27,408	29,003	+5.8%
Accidents Reported	248	263	+6.0%
Animal Complaints	151	145	-3.9%
Assist Stranded Motorist	85	272	+220.0%
Check the Welfare	90	81	-10.0%
Business Checks	3,487	4,374	+25.4%
Special Checks	7,097	5,632	-20.6%
Residence Checks	329	719	+118.5%
Number of Misdemeanor Arrests	277	300	+8.3%
Number of Misdemeanor Offenses Charged	492	506	+2.8%
Number of Felony Arrests	34	34	0.0%
Number of Felony Charges	55	44	-20.0%
Number of Criminal Papers Served	212	258	+21.6%
Number of Civil Papers Served	54	167	+209.2%
Number of Reports Taken	621	520	-16.2%
Number of Citations Issued	1,115	684	-38.6%
Number of Citation Charges	1,490	911	-38.8%
Number of Warning Citations	849	470	-44.6%
Number of Verbal Warnings	343	220	-35.8%
DWI Arrests	56	41	-26.7%
Alarms answered	434	445	+2.5%
Prowler	18	20	+11.1%
Suspicious Vehicle/Person	983	1078	+9.6%
Open Door / Window	48	46	-4.1%
Breaking and Entering	80	88	+10%
Larceny	179	176	-1.6%
Damage to Property	63	89	+41.2%
Shoplifting	68	133	+95.5%
Domestic Disputes	161	211	+31.0%
Civil Disturbance	176	169	-3.9%
Fights in Progress	42	38	-9.5%
Assault	32	23	-28.1%
School Crossing	381	458	+20.2%
Fingerprinting	27	150	+455.5
Providing Mutual Aid	Was not recorded in previous years	120	

Local Index Crimes

The following index crimes occurred within the jurisdiction of the Granite Falls Police Department during 2010:

Murder – 0	down from 1 in 2009
Rape – 2	up from 0 in 2009
Robbery – 1	down from 5 in 2009
Aggravated Assault – 8	up from 1 in 2009
Arson – 0	down from 1 in 2009
Burglary – 48	up from 32 in 2009
Larceny – 238	up from 202 in 2009
Motor Vehicle Theft – 7	down from 9 in 2009

Total index crimes reported in 2010 were 304 which was an increase from 251 that occurred in 2009. Of the 238 larcenies reported, 102 were shoplifting.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is divided into two 12 hour shifts each day, led by a Patrol Sergeant who is responsible for the supervision, evaluation, and discipline of the patrol personnel. The Patrol Sergeant reports directly to the Chief of Police. The Sergeant is the first line supervisor of the patrol officers on their respective shifts.

The uniformed Patrol Officers are the backbone of the entire department. It is their job to provide all aspects of police services to the community including taking calls for service and complaints, conducting criminal investigations, providing traffic enforcement and accident investigations, as well as patrolling the community to protect life and property and preserving peace and order.

One police officer is also assigned as the school resource officer. That officer maintains an office within Granite Falls Middle School and acts as a liaison between the school administration, students, and the police department.



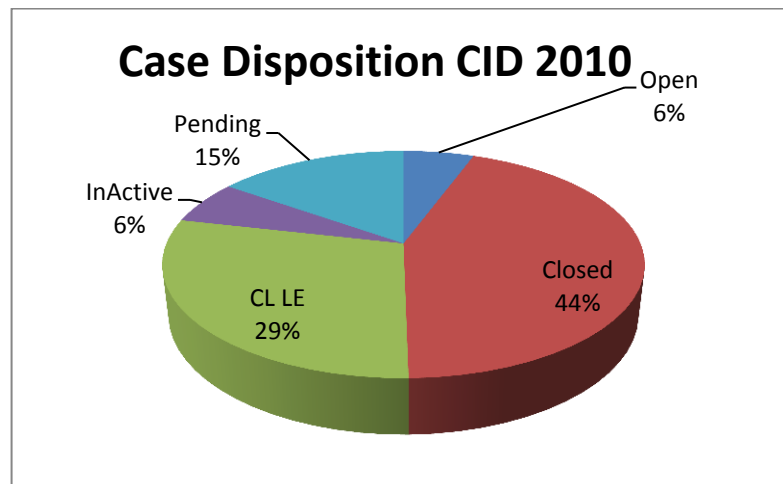
In 2010, we were able to offer our first DARE class to the 5th graders at Granite Falls Elementary School. Corporal Hicks became certified as a DARE instructor during the summer of 2010 and held his first series of instruction that culminated with the first graduation ceremony on November 23, 2010.

Investigations

The 2010 year proved to be yet another challenging and demanding year for the Criminal Investigative Division. Our division has worked constantly to provide the service our citizens, visitors, and guest deserve. The Criminal Investigative Division has received some relief with minor investigations from the Patrol Division. The Patrol Division is assigned cases at different levels to assist in the overall performance of the police department investigations.

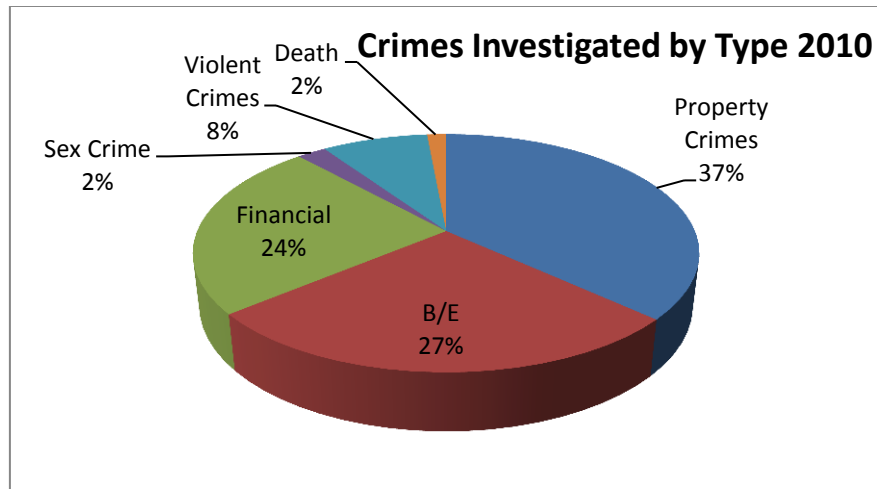
I. Investigative Case and Disposition Summary

From January 1st, 2010 to December 31st, 2010 the Criminal Investigations Division, which consists of two investigators, Lt. T. J. Bates and Sgt. R. D. Crosby investigated 187 Incidents from the 520 reported to the Granite Falls Police Department in 2010. Of those cases investigated 78 (44%) have been closed by arrest, or Unfounded while 22 (15%) are pending prosecution by the District Attorney's Office, giving this department a positive clearance rate of 59.32% for 2010. Ten investigations are still active from 2010.



II. Incident types Investigated

Of the 187 incidents investigated by CID in 2010 37% (69) were related to property crimes including Larceny, Damage to Property, and Arson. While 27% (50) were related to Breaking and Entering to a business or residence and 24% (45) were associated to Financial Crime including Credit Card Fraud, Embezzlement, and counterfeit checks or currency.



a. Death Investigations

Of the two death investigations conducted by this department in 2010 one was determined to be due to natural causes. It was determined that the second death investigation, an infant child, was contributed to the actions of a parent, therefore that case is being reviewed by the District Attorney's Office prior to any charges being issued. The Tony Myers Murder investigation has been an ongoing operation of this division. Over 330 leads have been followed up on since the homicide on December 28, 2009. Evidence has been tested in Northhamptonshire United Kingdom and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. The investigation is active and will continue.

b. Narcotics Investigations

The narcotic investigations for the 2010 have been worked closely with the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office I.C.E. unit and the NCSBI. Several narcotics investigations are ongoing and arrests are anticipated in the future. The Granite Falls Police Department received \$7487.89 in drug tax reimbursement from the NC Department of Revenue for drug seizures during 2010.

c. Armed Robberies

The Granite Falls Police Department investigated the first bank robbery in over 100 years on April 02, 2010. Two suspects were arrested for the robbery of First Citizens Bank, and have currently been sentenced to the North Carolina Department of Corrections for a total of seventeen years. The United States currency stolen in this incident has been recovered.

d. Embezzlement

This division investigated three separate embezzlement cases involving three different banking facilities where the suspects in each case were employees of that business. The amounts embezzled ranged from \$50,000.00 to \$150,000.00. All three cases have been submitted to the District Attorney's office and are pending Grand Jury review for indictments.

e. Other Investigative Duties

This division was also responsible for the investigation and reconstruction of nine (9) vehicle crashes where injuries occurred. Our investigations assisted road officers to determine speed at impact, contributing factors for the incident, and determining fault in the crash.

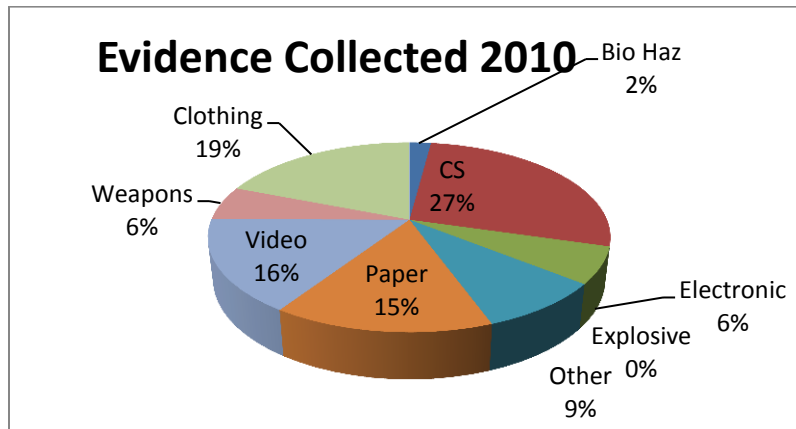
III. Sentencing and Adjudication

The Criminal Investigative Division has successfully followed through with the District Attorney's Office for the prosecution of twenty two (22) defendants in the state court system for the 2010 year. A total of 49.41 years sentence in the North Carolina Department of Corrections have been handed down from cases generated and or investigated by this division.

The Jason McCreary murder of 2008 went to court on 11/15/2010. Michael Speagle pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The total active sentence was 11.75 years in North Carolina Department of Corrections. Four additional defendants are currently awaiting trial for their involvement in this homicide.

IV. Evidence

Another duty of the Criminal Investigations Division of the Granite Falls Police Department is the processing and storage of all property collected by Granite Falls Police Officers. In 2010 Granite Falls Officers submitted 260 pieces of property to the Granite Falls Police Department. Of these items (19) were pieces of found property to be returned to the owner while 241 pieces were seized or confiscated as evidence connected to an on-going investigation. Twelve (12) items were sent to the State Bureau of Investigation's Crime Lab for testing and analysis. Of the evidence collected in 2010 (58) items have been destroyed by court order and (18) items have been returned to their owner. An additional (278) pieces of evidence from 2007, 2008, 2009 were also destroyed by court order in 2010. Of the Evidence Collected in 2010 66 items or (27.39%) were related to controlled substance and 14 or (5.81%) firearms were collected. 2010 was also the first full year that our department has utilized the Police-Pak Evidence Management Software. This software has allowed for better management, tracking, and documentation of evidence submitted.



Training

The Granite Falls Police Department continues to strive to obtain the highest degree of professionalism and to meet or exceed all requirements set out by the Town of Granite Falls, the State of North Carolina and the Federal Government of the United States. The Granite Falls Police Department is determined to improve the service to the people of Granite Falls by providing training for our officers in many specialized areas. During 2010, officers attended training in the following areas:

Southern Software Users Conference, Homicide Investigators Conference, Public Records Law, Introduction to Traffic Crash Investigation, Child Protective Seat Training, Sub-Gun Course, Police Law Institute, SWAT Competition, Introduction to Financial Crimes, Field Training Officer, Radar and Radar Re-certification, Officer Survival, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, DCI Certifications, Intoximeter Certifications, DARE Instructor, Critical Incident Stress Debriefing. This non-mandated training time totaled 789 training hours.

Each year the North Carolina Criminal Justice Training and Standards Division require that each sworn officer complete a mandatory 24 hours of in-service training. In 2010, the required training included:

Legal Update, Juvenile Minority Sensitivity Training, Career Survival, Firearms Training and Qualification, Mental Illness, Emotional Intelligence. We also completed training in Blood borne Pathogens and Hazardous Materials that are required by OSHA. We also had an attendee at each of the Town Safety Training days. The mandated training time totaled 420 hours for a combined total training time of 1,209 hours.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate my appreciation for these men and women who continue to do their job without complaints, even when they had to work shifts by themselves, answering every call. I feel that this shows how much is being asked of each officer, and how much time and dedication they are putting into their job in order to make a difference in the lives of the people they contact each day. What this report cannot show is the amount of heart and dedication each officer puts into their profession.

Again, let me say what a privilege and honor it is to serve as the Chief of Police for the Granite Falls Police Department. I would like to again thank the Mayor, the Town Manager, and the Town Council, but most of all the men and women of the Granite Falls Police Department who have dedicated their lives to the service to the Town of Granite Falls and its visitors.



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