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City of Newton
2007 Annual Police Report
Newton, Iowa 50208

Greetings,

The year 2007 was a mixed year for the department and community in terms of most criminal activity. Calls for Service and incidents increased in number, however narcotic arrests declined in that same period, but narcotics allegedly played a role in the community’s first murder since the early 1990’s.

Calls for service in 2007 totaled 15,856. When corrected for self-initiated calls, the public-initiated calls increased by 3.3% from 2006. Overall, the number of total incidents (2,306) were slightly higher than in 2006. The more serious Part I offenses; Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson, decreased approximately 4.4% from 2006. The less serious Part II Offenses; Simple Assaults, Forgery, Fraud, Stolen Property, Vandalism, Weapons, and additional non-violent offences increased by 2.1% from 2006. The number of drug-related arrests went from 132 in 2006, to 99 in 2007.

While some parts of the country are experiencing an increase in violent crime, our citizens should feel reassured that we live and work in a relatively safe community. We did experience our first murder in many years last year, but the fact that an occurrence of this type of crime is so rare speaks highly for our community.

Meeting normal community demands, while stepping up to handle new, tourism-related opportunities, while at the same time dealing with reduced staff levels has been a challenge that the Department prides itself on meeting. It is the quality of the Department staff that ensures that the continued safety of all citizens is priority number one.

We welcome you to review this report. If you have questions or wish to volunteer or partner with us, do not hesitate to contact any member of the department.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Wardlow

Chief of Police
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MISSION STATEMENT

“The Newton Police Department dedicates itself to the highest standards of excellence in professional law enforcement. The Department is committed to providing a comprehensive program of education and enforcement services which creates a safe and secure environment for the well being of those it serves.”

OVERVIEW

The City of Newton, Iowa is centrally located in Jasper County, 30 miles east of Des Moines on Interstate 80 with a population of 15,579. Newton serves as the county seat for Jasper County with a total county population of 37,708. Besides four miles of Interstate 80 located within the city limits, two other highways, Highway 14 and Highway 6, are located within Newton. Newton is changing from just a major manufacturer, to a diverse workforce with an emphasis being shared as a manufacturing location and an event center. This creates different types, and different levels of demands for service placed upon the police department. Given the above listed factors, the Newton Police Department deals with an extremely high-service population.

The Newton Police Department consists of twenty-four sworn police officers and six civilian staff members. The staff is supported in its duties, by two Reserve Police Officers and three part-time school crossing guards. The Newton Police Department is responsible for the preservation of human life, public peace, protection of the rights of persons and property, prevention of crime, and the enforcement of all federal, state and local laws within the boundaries of the City of Newton. The Department also serves as liaison to the Animal Rescue League, which the City contracts with to provide animal control services.
POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

CHIEF OF POLICE

PRIMARY SERVICES

Day Shift

Lieutenant (2)
Officers (5)
School Resource Officer (1)

Evening Shift

Lieutenant (2)
Officers (5)

Night Shift

Lieutenant (2)
Officers (3)

SPECIAL SERVICES

Investigations
Lieutenant (1)

Investigators (2)
Drug Task Force Officer (1)

Identification Technician (1)

SUPPORT SERVICES

Administrative Assistant

Parking Enforcement Attendants (2)

Records Clerks (2)

School Crossing Guards Seasonal P.T. Employees (3)

Total FTE's: 31
## PRIMARY SERVICES

### SUPERVISORS
- Lieutenant Jim Appleby
- Lieutenant Wes Breckenridge
- Lieutenant Ron Cook
- Lieutenant Gary Dodds
- Lieutenant Leland Groves
- Lieutenant Bill Henninger

### POLICE OFFICERS
- Officer Curt Brass
- Officer Kyle Lovan
- Officer Dave Watson
- Officer Terra Case
- Officer Chad Plowman
- Officer Chris Wing
- SRO Randy Camp
- Officer Nicole Romer
- Officer Ryan Zylstra
- Officer Brian Foster
- Officer Ryan Repp
- Officer – Vacant
- Officer Dave Jones
- Officer – Vacant

## SPECIAL SERVICES - INVESTIGATIONS

### SUPERVISOR
- Lieutenant Jeff Hoebelheinrich

### POLICE OFFICERS
- Officer Wayne Winchell
- Officer Rob Burdess
- Officer Pat Richardson, Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement
- Brad VanZee, Identification Technician

## SUPPORT SERVICES

### ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT
- Janet Cox

### CLERKS
- Mary Ann Allspach
- Angie Wesselink

### PARKING ENFORCEMENT
- Amy Campbell
- Robin Smith

### CROSSING GUARDS*
- Betty Brown
- Arlene Boyer
- Barb Poole
- Carl Repp

*(seasonal employees)*
The Primary Services Division uniformed patrol consists of six Primary Services Lieutenants and fourteen Police Officers whose primary responsibilities for law enforcement duties include patrol, traffic law enforcement, accident investigation, preliminary investigation of crimes, calls for public service, and maintaining the general health, welfare, and peace in the community.

During 2007, the Primary Services Division responded to 15,363 Calls For Service (CFS), representing a 3.11% decrease from 2006. However, when self-initiated calls, such as traffic stops, are removed from the equation, total Calls for Service actually increased by 3.3%.

During 2007, the Primary Services Division responded to a total of 435 accidents representing a 10.69% increase from 2006. The table below outlines the traffic accidents by type, number reported, and associated property damage estimates.

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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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**Traffic Safety Unit** – A Traffic Safety Officer (TSO) position was created in April 1993 and works within the Traffic Safety Unit for the purpose of directing both educational and enforcement efforts related to traffic safety issues, primarily in the area of awareness for the impaired driver. This position has helped all Newton Police Officers to focus more closely on traffic safety issues through increased enforcement and education. Traffic Safety Officer Chad Plowman attended the standardized child passenger safety technician (CPST) certification course held for four days during the month of February 2007. Since 2002 the Newton Police Department has certified three officers in Child Passenger Safety Technician. The Newton Police Department also continues to utilize one Patrol Officer that is trained as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and is also trained to identify drivers that are operating under the influence of narcotics and/or alcohol. The Department continues to research grant opportunities to fund overtime for Traffic Safety projects as well as to purchase equipment for this unit.

**Bicycle Unit** – There are currently six certified bike officers who make up the Bike Unit. The Bike Units main function is to assist primary service officers during the summer evening months on patrol in the uptown area. The bike officers work the areas where there is a large congregation of people in the central business district on summer evenings, this works especially well during summer downtown events. The officers work selective enforcement activities and interact with the youth that are out during the evening hours. During the Newton Sesquicentennial the bike patrol was utilized and various citations and warnings were issued. The Bike Unit also enforces bicycle
codes; to include proper lighting and licensing. Due to the department’s manpower shortage the bike unit was only in operation once during the summer months.

**EQUIPMENT**

In August 2007, the Newton Police Department acquired an **OnSite 300 Speed Monitor/Trailer** with funds awarded through the FY 2007 Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau grant. The speed monitor was implemented immediately and from August – December 2007, averages about 6 hours per location. The **OnSite 300 Speed Monitor/Trailer** provides a number of reports that can be used to analyze total number of vehicles, the number of vehicles above the speed limit, maximum and average speeds, and a number of other traffic survey reports. The reports are a useful tool when the Department receives speeding complaints; we now have report results to present to citizens. The speed monitor continues to be requested throughout our neighborhoods, helping to inform and increase drive awareness to reduce their speeds. Further, the speed monitor helps neighborhoods realize the compliance and dangers of passing vehicles.

In August 2007, the Newton Police Department acquired an **In Car Digital Video Camera** with funds awarded through the FY Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau grant. The digital video camera system is integrated in the squad car rear view mirror, which frees up squad car trunk space which is where other in car video camera systems has been mounted. Records directly to solid state memory to provide the most reliable medium for our evidence and provides the highest quality and longest record times. The digital video camera system continuously records and displays the squad car’s coordinates showing exact locations. The system will “MARK” important events such as weapons or contraband being thrown from a fleeing suspect’s vehicle with exact latitude/longitude coordinates.

**SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION – INVESTIGATIONS**

The Special Services Division – Investigations Unit is headed by a Lieutenant and staffs three investigators. The Identification and Evidence Unit contained within this division employs a civilian Identification Technician.

**Investigations Unit** – This two-investigator unit has responsibility for the investigation of all criminal cases going beyond the preliminary stages of investigation initiated by Primary Services personnel. This includes all exceptional investigations requiring lengthy inquiry, all major crimes, and the maintenance of intelligence information regarding criminal and gang activity in the community.

The Investigations Unit works closely with all federal, state, and local agencies within the criminal justice system and acts as liaison for court preparations for the Jasper County Attorney’s Office.

**Narcotics Unit** – The Narcotics Unit has the responsibility of, but not limited to, the detection and apprehension of persons or groups involved in the use and sale of illegal drugs. The Newton Police Department assigns a Police Officer to serve in task force operations with the Mid Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force (MINE). Partial funding for this position comes from a Federal Byrne Grant.
Identification and Evidence Unit – The Identification Unit employs a civilian Identification Technician who processes crime scenes to document, collect and preserve physical evidence such as fingerprints, footwear impressions, blood and other biological fluids, as well as trace evidence such as hairs or fibers. The Identification Unit assists the Fire Department with photographic documentation and collection of evidence during arson investigations. The Identification Unit is also responsible for the development and printing of departmental film, filing of photo negatives, and maintenance of photo equipment and supplies. The Newton Police Department has added an evidentiary advancement through the use of digital photography, which lessens the need for costly film development. The Unit lends its expertise and assists other city departments with their photographic needs, and videotapes and broadcasts the city council meetings.

The Identification Unit maintains the evidence facility, logs in and secures evidence until final disposition of cases, then returns or purges evidence as necessary.

The Identification Technician also testifies in court on the chain of custody for evidence, the collecting and processing of crime scenes, the processing of the evidence in the lab and the results of the examinations made by the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Laboratory.

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Support Services Division is headed by an Administrative Assistant and includes a Records Unit, which staffs two full-time Records Clerks, a Parking Enforcement Unit, consisting of two civilian Parking Enforcement Attendants (PEAs), and a School Crossing Guard Unit which employs four seasonal crossing guards.

Records Unit – This unit has the responsibility for central coordination and administration of Department records, data entry, system storage, and maintenance and retrieval functions. Other duties include the coordination of court appearances, performing general typing, providing information to the public upon request, maintaining found property listings, the sale of dog, cat, and bicycle licenses, sale of parking permits, receiving payment on parking tickets, answering incoming administrative phone calls, and interacting with walk-in traffic.

Parking Enforcement Unit – The parking unit has taken on the responsibility of parking meter repairs and changing out of order meters. In early fall there was a brief training session with a Public Works employee and since then we have ordered “Out of Order” parking hoods for meters in need of repair. We have found these to be more customer friendly to the citizens, because the citizen can still park in the meter spaces without having to put money in the meter to see that it is out of order and a notification phone call to the police department is no longer necessary.

Within the Support Services Division, Parking Enforcement Attendants (PEAs) enforce local parking regulations throughout the City of Newton. During 2007, the Parking Enforcement Attendants issued 4,161 tickets representing an 8.73% decrease from 2006. The PEAs issue parking citations in the downtown business district, in all kinds of weather, with walking tours primarily to
the downtown area. Parking rounds include metered lots, three-hour parking zones, handicap and illegal parking areas.

While not on the street, the PEAs also handle various walk-in traffic from citizens, answer numerous phone calls, enter vehicle owner information, send out late notices for unpaid parking violations, receipt payment of parking tickets, and assist in the Support Services area when Records Clerks are not available. The Parking Enforcement Attendants also perform other public duties such as substituting for School Crossing Guards at various Newton schools, as well as delivering weekly information to Newton City Council members.

The PEAs continue to use Ticke-Trak automated parking system and the Crystal Report Software, which is used extensively as a reporting tool for the parking system. Primary Services officers utilize the system during the winter months while they are enforcing the snow ordinance.

School Crossing Guards Unit – Four seasonally employed, trained School Crossing Guards are placed at Thomas Jefferson and Woodrow Wilson Elementary Schools and Berg Middle School, with one of the four being a substitute. The crossing guards ensure the safety of Newton children as they go to and from school.

Internal Review

In March 2004 the Newton Police Department had been nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). During the auditing process, it was noted by the auditing team that the Department staff performs in a professional manner and is very competent with members of the public, victims, witnesses and arrestees. While the department cancelled its accreditation status due to restructuring, control and monitoring measures previously implemented remain in place.

During 2007, two internal reviews were conducted. This number continues a trend of below-average formal reviews. This trend confirms that the Newton Police Department maintains the highest standards of behavior and conduct while providing service to the community. Each formal complaint received is investigated and reviewed. The result of the two internal reviews in 2007 resulted in one finding of sustained and one on unfounded. The citizens of Newton can be proud of the high quality of officers and civilians that serve them.

Should a citizen have a complaint about the Department, they are encouraged to contact a supervisor by phone, in person, or by email. The Department ensures that each complaint is handled in a serious, thorough and respectful manner.
City of Newton employees were instrumental in creating a Web site for information about City government. The Web site was launched in May 2001 and can be found at the Internet address www.newtongov.org. This Web site includes information about each City Department, including the Police Department.

Newton Police Department employees, Lieutenant Wes Breckenridge and Janet Cox serve as “web captains.” The web captains were given the “mission” to guide the content of the Police Department’s portion of the City of Newton’s Web site. The web captains then began working on the goals, framework, and construction of the department’s web pages. Since the launch of the Web site, they have maintained ongoing updates to the department’s web page.

The Police Department’s web page includes information from each division along with other related programs. In addition, a section has been made available for information, upcoming and current events, as well as links to other relevant websites. The Police Department’s web page is continually expanding. It is hoped that the citizens of Newton will find the Web site useful as another tool for information and services regarding city government.

"We C.A.R.E." MISSION STATEMENT

"To emphasize customer service as a priority by educating employees in providing exceptional customer service while ensuring that the best interest of the community is served."

SLOGAN

"We C.A.R.E.": (Customer Assistance by Responding with Excellence)

In order to reinforce the value of customer service, the City of Newton has developed a customer service employee recognition program. The Customer Service Recognition Program observed its twelfth year in 2007. Citizens (persons who either live, work, or visit Newton) and City employees are encouraged to complete a Customer Service Recognition Program nomination form if they have been the recipient of or have observed exceptional customer service by a City employee. Nomination forms can be obtained from any city office, by contacting City Hall at (641) 792-2787, or by visiting the city’s web site at www.newtongov.org. Citizens are asked to describe how the nominee provided exceptional customer service and how the following criteria were met: accuracy, courtesy, friendliness, sincerity, empathy, patience, creativity, and enthusiasm. Citizens are also asked to describe how the service exceeded their expectations. Nomination forms are reviewed by the Customer Service Committee, which consists of five City employees and five Newton citizens. Customer Service Award recipients receive recognition and a gift.
CRIME STATISTICS

The most serious offenses are classified as **Part I Offenses** and include Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson. Less serious offenses are classified as **Part II Offenses**, some of which include Simple Assaults, OWI, Disorderly Conduct, and Public Intoxication.

Criminal activity by its very nature is cyclical, and the most recent years have been no exception. Of the total 2,306 incidents reported in 2007, 719 (31%) are **Part I** (primary offenses) and 1,587 (69%) are **Part II** (secondary offenses).

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<td>719</td>
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<td>Part II Offenses</td>
<td>1,554</td>
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<td>1,587</td>
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Part I Crimes - Juvenile Involvement (2001 - 2007)

Calls for Service (2001 - 2007)
The total number of narcotic criminal charges the Newton Police Department has filed over the past seven years reflects: 2001 (188); 2002 (211); 2003 (165); 2004 (118); 2005 (121); 2006 (132), 2007 (99).

During 2007, the Newton Police Department filed a total of 99 narcotic criminal charges, which includes juveniles (those under 18 years of age). The chart above isolates 98 narcotic violations for certain categories including Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession/Sale of Synthetics, Possession/Sale of Marijuana, and Possession of Prescription Drugs and Altered/Forged Prescription. An additional narcotic charge was filed for the year, which was Possession of Other Unknown Drug.
Significant Issues and Achievements

To provide the utmost efficiency and effectiveness for departmental operation, the Newton Police Department has incorporated the use of state and federal competitive grants as a method to provide various beneficial programs and services. With the ever-increasing mobility of our society, the challenges facing modern law enforcement in its allocation of resources must continue to stress innovation and cooperation if it is to remain an effective and efficient means of providing a comprehensive program of education and enforcement services.

During the 2007/2008 grant cycles, the Newton Police Department met this challenge in many constructive ways that included the capture of approximately $62,957 in state and federal grant funds.

- **Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program – Drug Control & System Improvement Grant**
  - Grant award funded by the Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy
  - Project Title: *Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement*
  - Grant Award: **$47,957**

Since July 1, 2005 the Newton Police Department has been a member of the Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Drug Task Force (MINE). The grant cycle is from June 30 thru July 1 of each year and pays for seventy percent of salaries and benefits for one Newton Investigator.

The overall mission of the drug task force is “to provide a comprehensive and cooperative method of multi-jurisdictional narcotic investigative techniques while maintaining a personal level of service with the highest degree of quality and efficiency with member agencies and the citizens they serve.”

During 2007, MINE investigators arrested a total of 53 subjects on drug charges. MINE investigators also seized or recovered approximately 1,369.30 grams of marijuana and 154.80 grams of methamphetamine. A total of 34 conventional and consent search warrants were served and 46 new cases were opened for investigation during 2007.

**Training** – MINE Investigators attend a variety of scheduled training related to undercover techniques, clandestine labs, drug intelligence, basic narcotics and methamphetamine investigations. In addition, each new Newton Investigator attends one-week training with the Mid Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Drug Task Force. This training helps the investigator to understand the operation procedures of the MINE Task Force.

**Public Education and Awareness** - The MINE Drug Task Force attempts to educate local community agencies and committees on task force operations and task force capabilities. Presentations are provided each year to area schools and organizations on drug abuse identification and recognition. Public education and awareness was provided this year in conjunction with DARE Parent’s Nights at the local area schools.

**Drug Awareness Programs** - The Newton Investigator visits with various businesses regarding drug detection and identification. The program is designed to educate staff in the detection of
illegal drug manufacturing and distribution. Programs are given as requested by hotel or motel staff. This program has been expanded to pharmacies, convenience stores, Farm Service Co-ops and any other service businesses that would come into contact with people that manufacture illegal narcotics.

Please call the Newton Police Department at (641) 791-0850 and ask for a task force investigator if you have a concern regarding suspicious drug activity in your neighborhood.

- **Occupant Protection Grant**
- Grant award funded by the Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau

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These funds pay one-hundred percent of salaries for overtime enforcement directed at alcohol/drug-related, occupant protection and other traffic violations, training-related travel, educational materials pertaining to alcohol-related literature and our annual traffic safety mug campaign. Effective November 2007, Officer Randy Oldfield was assigned as the Traffic Safety Officer, prior to this Officer Chad Plowman was the Traffic Safety Officer.

Since the inception of our traffic safety program and through the efforts of the Traffic Safety Unit, highlights of department traffic safety promotional events include the following:

In February 2007, Officer Chad Plowman completed requirements for certification as a Child Passenger Safety Technician by attending a four-day, interactive, hands-on training workshop sponsored by the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technicians are trained to explain proper restraint of children in appropriate child safety seats or belt systems and compatibility issues between child safety seats and motor vehicles. CPS Technicians can also demonstrate safe and proper child passenger safety seat installation to the public. Saving lives and reducing injuries to children in motor vehicle crashes is the program’s primary goal. Officer Ryan Repp joined Officer Wes Breckenridge as a trained Child Passenger Safety Technician.

Since 2002, the Newton Police Department certified three officers as **Child Passenger Safety Technicians**. **CPS Technicians** work with parents of young children and infants, by giving individual instruction in the proper use of child restraints. During 2007, Officer Repp and Officer Plowman completed twenty-three child safety seat checks. **Car Seat Safety Inspections** are a great way for the public to have their children’s car seats checked out for safety and proper installation to reduce the possibility of injury or death in an accident.

For additional car seat safety information, or about Iowa’s current seatbelt and child safety seat laws, please contact the Newton Police Department at (641) 791-0850.
The Newton Police Department also has **T.I.K.E. (Toddler Info Kept for Emergencies)** stickers available that can be placed on the bottom of a child’s car seat to assist emergency personnel in identifying your child should an accident occur that disables the adults in your vehicle.

**Driver’s Education Presentation** – Traffic Safety Officer Chad Plowman and Officer Terra Case educated 190 drivers’ education students during the months of June and July. Their presentations included the three tier driver’s license system, emphasized seatbelt usage, speeding and alcohol related topics. Students were given the opportunity to experiment with the Fatal Vision goggles and watched patrol/educational videos.

The Newton Police Department conducts various **seatbelt observation surveys** to determine the total shoulder belt use rate of drivers and passengers observed driving in Newton. On April 5, 2007 a pre-test seatbelt observation was conducted resulting in a 97% seatbelt usage rate. Then on June 6, 2007 a post-test was done resulting in an 88% usage rate.

On April 12, 2007, Officer Chris Wing was awarded the Commissioner’s Special Award for Traffic Safety during the Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau Conference held in Des Moines, Iowa. In 2006, Officer Wing led the Newton Police Department in seatbelt/child restraint contacts and in operating while intoxicated convictions.

The Newton Police Department participated in “**Want to Make Your Truck Tough, Buckle Up or Eat Glass, Tough Choice Huh?**” encouraging passengers and drivers in pickup trucks to buckle up in order to prevent injuries and fatalities. This project is a partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Central Region, the Iowa Department of Public Safety, Iowa State Patrol, Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau and law enforcement officers from Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. The Newton Police Department received a free window tint meter as a result of their participation in this project.

The Newton Police Department continues to participate in **Click it or Ticket** safety belt mobilization, a nationwide law enforcement blitz designed to influence people to buckle up themselves and their child passengers in order to prevent injuries and fatalities. The event is sponsored by the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

**Traffic Safety Mug Campaigns** award area drivers with a refillable travel mug for their display of safe and courteous driving techniques. The thirteenth annual campaign was entitled, Travelin’ Traffic Ace XI “**While traveling safe, I became a Traffic Ace**” “Campaign Safe & Sober.” This year’s campaign was held June 6th through August 31, 2007. To date, over 2,350 mugs have been distributed in this educational effort.
Soft Cone for a Hard Head Campaigns award bicyclists seen wearing a bicycle helmet and/or practicing bicycle safety. Bicyclists from kindergarten through 12th grade are awarded a coupon for a free soft serve ice cream cone from participating Newton business. This year’s campaign was held from July through August 2007.

In an effort to promote a safe and accident free school year, the Newton Police Department along with members of the Jasper County Sheriff’s Office and the Iowa State Patrol conducted a multi agency traffic safety event on August 22, 2007. The traffic safety event was conducted in the 300 block of South 13th Avenue Wes and also in the 3000 block of North 4th Avenue East. A total of seven officers from the three law enforcement agencies conducted the multi-agency enforcement effort. A total of 16 citations and 25 warnings were issued for speeding, no insurance, child restraint, seatbelt, registration violations and other non-moving violations. There was one individual arrested and charged with driving while suspended.

The Newton Police Department joined forces with the Jasper County Sheriff’s Office, and participated in a traffic safety enforcement project Interstate 80 & Interstate 35 Corridor Enforcement Project, called Operation I’s, just prior to the Labor Day weekend. The Newton Police Department had three officers and the Jasper County Sheriff’s Department had three deputies work the project that generated the following contacts: speed citations (16), speed warnings (9), seatbelt citations (2), a citation for a registration violation, equipment warnings (15) and a citation for no driver’s license. The enforcement activity was conducted on I-80, westbound at the 164 mile marker. The Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau sponsored the special Traffic Enforcement Program (sTEP).

The Newton Police Department continues to participate in Safe Family Holidays/sTEP (special Traffic Enforcement Programs) throughout the year, to encourage safe holiday traveling in Iowa by reducing traffic injuries and fatalities.

Newton Chief of Police Thomas Wardlow issued a press release in August 2007, to remind motorists to be alert when schools are open. Chief Wardlow said, drivers should always be aware of their surroundings, but especially around children. Keep in mind: school’s open – drive carefully. Chief Wardlow also encouraged parents to instruct their children in safe street crossing practices.

Safety City is an annual program for all fall kindergarten students in the Newton Community School District. Safety City is a miniature city with streets, crosswalks, stop signs, traffic signals, and buildings that allow students to experience various traffic situations in a safe and protected manner. The program teaches the children how to properly cross the street by remembering three key words, “Stop, Look, and Listen” as well as other safety tips. Safety City was held September 17-20, 2007 at Aurora Heights Park with approximately 415 kindergarten students being served from six elementary schools in Newton and one elementary school from Colfax/Mingo.
Each student was presented with a Certificate of Achievement for completing the Safety City Traffic Course, a miniature Newton Police badge, and information on stoplights from the National Child Safety Council. A surprise visit from McGruff the crime dog followed each of the class presentations. Officers from the Newton Police Department and students from the Newton Senior High School assisted with the event.

The Newton Police Department participated in National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month during December 2007 to highlight safe driving and the prevention of impaired driving during the holiday season. The Department issued a press release to the local radio and media “Drunk Driving Over the Limit. Under Arrest,” urging Iowans to refrain from one holiday activity that can often lead to misfortune during the busy holiday times in December.

The Newton Police Department is fortunate to have a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), Officer Wayne Winchell, who was certified in the Iowa Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau’s sixth DRE school in 2000. A DRE is trained to evaluate a person who is intoxicated on a drug other than alcohol, and is too impaired to operate a motor vehicle safely. DREs are called upon to differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders. A DRE is able to classify what category of drug or type of drug the person is intoxicated on. The DRE is an additional effort to help prevent crashes and to avoid deaths and injuries by improving enforcement of drug-impaired driving violations on our streets and highways.

Since the inception of the DRE Officer the Newton Police Department has called on Officer Winchell’s expertise twelve times and other law enforcement agencies have requested his assistance four times. Since the beginning of the DRE program, Officer Winchell has completed sixteen exams, with nine persons being charged with Operating While Intoxicated and one case still awaiting lab results. Officer Winchell has also assisted four other law enforcement agencies with exams. In 2007, the DRE Officer was utilized during three traffic stops, with two out of the three resulting in Operating While Intoxicated charges. The other 2007 traffic stop is still awaiting lab results.

Our traffic safety program is also promoted by police officers through various Public Education and Awareness Activities during the year to such groups as: Kindercare Learning Center Care, Driver’s Education classes, and Newton Citizen Police Academy. Topics presented in 2007 included the Traffic Safety Officer position, motor vehicle laws, alcohol awareness, anti-drinking and driving, consequences of drinking and driving, effects of alcohol use, seat belt use, responsibilities of having a driver’s license, Drug Recognition Expert, and bicycle and personal safety.

- Conferences

On April 10-12, 2007 the Traffic Safety Lieutenant James Appleby and Officer Chad Plowman attended the Governor’s Highway Traffic Safety Conference in Des Moines, Iowa. Expenses were funded by the traffic safety grant.
➢ Traffic Safety Equipment

Since 1991, the Newton Police Department has received equipment awards through the Governor’s Traffic Safety Bureau grant funding totaling **$82,150**, which includes the following:

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The Newton Police Department acquired a set of **Fatal Vision Goggles**, donated by the Newton Police Association, which the Traffic Safety Officer incorporates into public education and awareness activities as a training tool to demonstrate the concept of impairment and the dangers of impaired driving. The Fatal Vision Goggles distort vision and cause behaviors that are similar to behaviors exhibited by someone under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The Newton Police Department has a variety of Fatal Vision Goggles that demonstrate different impairment levels in daylight and nighttime conditions.

### DARE Program

The Newton school district is not immune to the problem of substance abuse and its related problems. The Newton Police Department began its DARE Program in 1987, with the ten-week DARE curriculum taught in 6th grade classes at all five Newton elementary schools.

DARE is a collaborative effort by DARE certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and community (such as Capstone Center, Inc., our local substance abuse prevention provider) to offer an educational program in the classroom to prevent or reduce drug abuse and violence among children and youth. The emphasis is to help students recognize and resist the many direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, or other drugs or to engage in violence. The DARE program offers preventative strategies to enhance those protective factors, especially bonding to the family, school, and community, which appear to foster the development of resiliency in young people who may be at risk for substance abuse or other problem behaviors.

DARE curriculum, parent nights, and graduation events were provided by four certified DARE officers to approximately 240 students at the following Newton schools:

### DARE Instruction – 2007/2008

Newton Police Department DARE Officers, school(s) where DARE instruction was provided, and grade instructed:
The Newton DARE program offers a vital and workable solution and unifies local communities to attack the substance abuse issue with proven educational methods and shared resources.

- **DARE Role Models Program**
  A group of about 30 high school students make up the DARE role models program. The role models have made a commitment to remain drug and alcohol free. They provide positive impressions and help give anti-drug and alcohol messages to elementary and middle students in the Newton Community School District. The DARE role models program is made up of a wide variety of students, which helps to provide mentors of different backgrounds. The role models also do public speaking to local organizations and volunteer for outreach programs in the schools.

- **Summer Youth Police Academy** – The Newton Police Department promotes and instructs this program to students in sixth through eighth grade. The academy was implemented in 1997 and the eleventh session of the Summer Youth Police Academy was held at the Newton Police Department June 19 and 21, 2007, with Officer Terra Case as the instructor.

Pictured are the 2007 Youth CPA Graduates back row: Back Row left to right: Officer Terra Case, Jacob Mitchell, Michael Crowe, Alexa Bainbridge and Chief Thomas Wardlow
Front Row left to right: Spencer Struve and Kandace Breckenridge

The primary goals of the program are to introduce students to law enforcement, create better dialogue, and to prepare them to be active citizens, as they grow older. Topics include traffic stops, arrest procedures, crime scene security, and fingerprint identification. To date, a total of 105 students have graduated from the Newton Police Department’s Summer Youth Police Academy.

- **Halloween Safety** – An officer from the Newton Police Department presented Halloween Safety to kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students throughout the Newton Elementary Schools in October 2007. This officer visited classrooms, giving safety tips, and handing out reflective trick or treat bags to approximately 360 students. In addition the department had a request from the YMCA Childcare program for 100 bags and Emerson Hough School requested 150 for a school fundraiser. The Newton Police Department also distributed free trick or treat bags from the front office along with a pamphlet containing safety tips for a fun and safe Halloween.
Chief Thomas Wardlow sponsored a family trick or treat event at the Newton Police Department for children of Newton Police Department employees prior to the start of Beggar’s Night. Pictured below are a few of the employees’ children and grandchildren that came to the Police Department for the family trick or treat event.

➢ School Resource Officer Program

The School Resource Officer program began in 1994 and was discontinued in May 2005 due to budget constraints. In August 2007, the Newton Schools will once again have the School Resource Officer Program (SRO). At the January 2007 council meeting, the Newton City Council voted unanimously to reinstate the school resource officer position, contingent on a three-year commitment for partial funding from the Newton Community School District. The Newton Community School has committed to pay for 56.25% of the SRO’s wages and benefits.

Effective August 2007, Officer Randy Camp has been assigned to the SRO position. The SRO’s primary function is to serve as intervention and prevention officer for all Newton Community School District students. The SRO is also available for parents and school staff that have concerns regarding students. An office is maintained by the SRO at the Newton Senior High School allowing open access for students with law enforcement needs. Since the August the SRO has had 124 administrative referrals and 30 juvenile custody referrals.

The School Resource Officer also receives Administrative Referrals from school administrators and, depending on the offense, takes the appropriate action.
The School Resource Officer is involved with various meetings, special projects, presentations, training, and special enforcement efforts throughout the year pertaining to his duties. The SRO is also actively involved with school programs and attends functions where he meets with students and parents.

The SRO also assists in Truancy Mediation by attending meetings with students, parents, and the Jasper County Attorney’s Office to form plans for improved school attendance. The DARE vehicle is used by the School Resource Officer (SRO) as the officer travels to and from the various schools. The Newton Police Department DARE vehicle was acquired in 1999 as a result of forfeiture action stemming from a major burglary investigation in which the vehicle had been used for illegal purposes.

As SRO Camp visits various Newton Schools, Newton students identify SRO Camp with the DARE vehicle and think it is an awesome looking BIG truck. Through use of the DARE truck, the Newton Police Department is able to highlight substance abuse prevention/awareness through the visibility of the DARE vehicle.

- **Tobacco Enforcement – Iowa Pledge Program**
- 28E Agreement with the Iowa Department of Commerce, Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD) – Bureau of Tobacco Enforcement

The Newton Police Department renewed a 28E Agreement in 2007, cooperating with the State of Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division (ABD), to provide tobacco enforcement through the Iowa Pledge Program for its eighth year. Through the agreement, the Newton Police Department conducts tobacco compliance checks on Newton’s tobacco retailers, utilizing confidential underage youth with parental/guardian consent, to ensure their compliance with Iowa’s tobacco laws.

Iowa’s tobacco laws state that it is illegal for minors under the age of 18 to purchase or possess tobacco products, and that it is illegal to sell tobacco products to minors. The Newton Police Department issues citations to minors caught with tobacco in their possession. During 2007, the Newton Police Department issued a total of 12 “Minor in Possession of Tobacco” citations. Any minor found with tobacco in his or her possession can be assessed fines ranging from $50 to $250.

The retailers who violate state tobacco laws are subject to the issuance of a citation to the clerk who made the illegal sale and a citation to the establishment. A clerk who sells tobacco to a minor is charged with a simple misdemeanor and a fine ranging from $100 to $500, depending on the offense. The business receives a civil fine for selling tobacco to minors, which ranges from $300 for the first violation to revocation of their tobacco license for the fourth offense within three years.

The Newton Police Department is committed to educating Newton’s tobacco retailers by helping their employees become aware of Iowa’s tobacco laws, receiving appropriate information on how to properly identify minors, and how to avoid illegal sales. The enforcement of these violations is funded by money the State of Iowa has received as part of a federal lawsuit against tobacco companies.
The Newton Police Department conducted compliance checks on 24 tobacco retailers in April and May of 2007, one business sold tobacco to a minor and one citation was issued to the clerk for providing tobacco to a minor. The state has a goal of zero tobacco sales to minors. Tobacco retailers and law enforcement continue to actively participate as partners in helping keep tobacco products out of hands of Iowa youth. The Newton Police Department again commends Newton’s tobacco retailers for not selling tobacco to underage youth and being in compliance with Iowa’s tobacco laws.

**Alcohol Enforcement**

Since December 2006 the Newton Police Department has taken a stand on strict enforcement of underage drinking. In an effort to reduce alcohol use by underage persons the Newton Police Department implemented one component of its multi-part approach in May 2007. The Newton Police Department conducted alcohol compliance checks at thirty-one (31) businesses in Newton that are licensed to sell alcohol to the public, and determined that eleven (11) of those businesses did not comply with the law, resulting in a noncompliance rate of 35% and a compliance rate of 65%. The individual employees were issued citations for Providing Alcohol to Persons Under Age. The assessed fine for an employee that sells alcohol to an underage person is $710 and the employer can be assessed a fine of $2,030.

The Newton Police Department plans to meet individually with the management of each non-compliant business and offer an information and training session for all businesses that wish to participate. The goal of the Newton Police Department is through education and enforcement to have all businesses that are licensed to sell alcohol in Newton be 100% compliant.

All Newton Alcohol Retailers were invited to a training session given by the Newton Police Department in April of 2007. Topics covered were when and how to refuse an alcohol sale, how to evaluate an Iowa drivers license, and laws and regulations governing alcohol sales in Iowa.

The Newton Police Department will be doing periodic education and compliance checks with the goal of 100% compliance.

**Neighborhood Watch**

Our Neighborhood Watch Program now stands at thirteen groups representing some 145 residences in Newton. Our community is ever changing and we have lost several Block Captains who had to move out of the area.

Four of our neighborhoods planned activities during the first week of August, in observance of National Night Out, celebrating having a safe neighborhood that watches out for each other. Chief Wardlow, Lieutenant Dodds and Lieutenant Groves were able to visit the neighborhoods, thanking them for their participation and updating them on events going on in their community.
Citizen Police Academy

As part of our community policing effort, the Newton Police Department established a Citizen Police Academy with the first session commencing September 17, 1996. A total of 209 citizen members have graduated from the thirteen Citizen Police Academy sessions. The purpose of the twelve-week academy is to provide an educational opportunity for citizens to learn first hand about police operations and to gain a deeper understanding of today’s law enforcement functions.

In a press release dated August 27, 2007, Chief Thomas Wardlow announced the cancellation of the 2007 Citizen Police Academy. The decision came after much deliberation and analysis of the ability to allocate staff time to the valuable program. The decision comes in light of the department facing three current vacant positions and one anticipated vacant position. The vacancies are the result of a retirement, a military activation, the renewed School Resource Officer program at the Newton Senior High School and a pending resignation. Also the Newton Police Department has had to reassign officers throughout the year in order to maintain staff in the patrol division to meet normal demand plus new event – driven demands while attempting to control costs. In 2008, the Newton Police Department hopes to resume the Citizens Police Academy with session 14 beginning September 2008.

The Newton Police Department receives requests from other law enforcement agencies in the State of Iowa regarding our Citizen Police Academy program. Information is provided to those agencies seeking to implement their own Citizen Police Academy. The Newton Police Department has hosted officers from other law enforcement agencies as guest participants throughout the twelve-week Citizen Police Academy sessions.

The past classes of the Citizen Police Academy have been very gracious with their donations to the Newton Police Department, which have included:

(1) VCR; (2) REDMAN training equipment; (3) Light for ballistic entry shield; (4) 8-mm camcorder, tripod, and carrying case and furnished room at RSVP/JCVP house for interviewing juvenile abuse victims; (5) “Vince” and “Larry” Crash Test Dummies; (6) Contribution enabling the purchase of a videotape copy machine capable of saving video recorded by Newton Police squad car video recorders; (7) Projection Screen; (8) Cash donation for equipment purchase; (9) Preliminary Breath Testing Equipment; (10) Cash donation for equipment purchase; (11) Cash donation to be used for next Citizen Police Academy Class; (12) Cash Donation for equipment purchase; (13) One year of veterinary care and one year of dog food for “Topper” Officer Rob Burdess’s bloodhound that is utilized by the department; Cash Donation to the Bloodhound fund to help Officer Rob Burdess with expenses for the replacement cost of Topper.
Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

The Newton Police Department began exploring the establishment of a Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) in August of 1998. Since that time, the foundations of the Newton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association have been established. A steering committee was formed and a constitution and by-laws were established. Officers were elected to the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The first meeting of the Newton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association was held April 22, 1999.

The Alumni Association exists to assist the Newton Police Department in its overall mission. The Department provides the Alumni Association with education in law enforcement issues and community concerns. The Alumni Association supports the Newton Police Department by volunteering and fostering the belief that preservation of public welfare is the duty of every citizen. As a citizen group, the Alumni Association offers a helping hand to the Newton community to improve our quality of life by developing and coordinating various projects that are meaningful, rewarding experiences for our community.

The Newton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association is open to all Citizen Police Academy graduates. Members pay a ten-dollar initiation fee, with the fiscal year beginning July 1st. Membership recruitment is currently at 48 paid members. Also Alumni Association members have designated their participation to be either “active” or “supportive.” Membership to the Alumni Association is consistent throughout the thirteen graduating sessions.

Newton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association officers were elected at the January 30, 2007 meeting, President (Pete Koppin), Vice President (Carroll Brodersen), Secretary (Fran Henderson), and Treasurer (Gary Haynes). Carl and Jane Repp are co-chairs of the membership committee.

The annual CPAAA picnic was June 19, 2007 at the Woodland Park Shelter house. A number of CPAAA members attended the picnic and enjoyed a delicious potluck. City Administrator David Watson was the guest speaker and after giving a brief biography he opened the floor for questions. Chief Wardlow gave a department update on current staffing issues, unique demands in the community and opened the floor for any questions.

The Newton Police Department held a CPAAA Holiday Open House and Alumni Meeting on December 19, 2007, at the Police Department in the briefing room from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. About 12 CPAAA members enjoyed fellowship and holiday treats. At 11:30 am President Pete Koppin called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to elect new officers, give a finance report, and to discuss Newton Police Department activities for which they may need assistance. An election of officers took place, with a motion made to keep the same slate of officers as the previous year, with no objections being heard the motion carried. Newton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association officers for 2008 are President Pete Koppin, Vice President Carroll
Brodersen, Secretary Fran Henderson, Treasurer Gary Haynes and Membership Carl and Jane Repp. A CPAAA picnic date was set for June 17, 2008. Chief Wardlow gave a Police Department update. The CPAAA members will have a membership drive in spring 2008. The Police Department will need assistance with reminder phone calls to citizens who need to purchase their 2008 dog and cat licenses. The Chief thanked all the CPAAA members for their help; it is greatly appreciated by the Police Department.

During 2007, the Alumni Association was involved in keeping the Citizen’s Police Academy program alive. One CPAAA volunteered his time and assistance at our 2007 bicycle auction. About seven CPAAA members volunteered by making reminder phone calls to citizens about purchasing their dog and cat licenses. During 2007, CPAAA members Fran Henderson and Bev Reeser volunteered at the Police Department by entering traffic citations, general filing, data entry for pawn slips and compiling data for pawn reports.

**SNIPE Program** – The SNIPE Program was implemented in 1999. Officers on the third shift remove the prohibited “snipe signs” within the City of Newton. The program offers options to the responsible party prior to a municipal infraction being issued on a second violation of the ordinance.

A snipe sign is “*Any temporary sign or poster affixed in any manner to a tree, fence, utility pole, building or any similar object on public or private property.*”

**Nuisance Hotline**  
**(641) 791-0868**

Implemented in June 1996 the nuisance hotline continues to be very active. The nuisance hotline is an anonymous reporting hotline that dials directly into police operations with dissemination to various city departments for follow-up. Typical calls to the hotline include: garbage complaints, junked vehicles, vehicles parked off all-weather surfaces, un-maintained weeds, grass and tree growth, piled lumber and branches, parking complaints, animal complaints, obstructed view, and sidewalk snow removal.

The enforcement of nuisances handled by the Newton Police Department start with a citizen’s complaint or initiated by Patrol Officers. The homeowner is contacted and informed of the complaint. They are then given 7 days to bring the residence into compliance. After 7 days, the residence is inspected and if in compliance, the case is closed. If after the second inspection the residence is not in compliance, a legal action is started.

The Newton Police Department responded to over 64 calls regarding nuisances, 57 of which were forwarded to Public Works. Many of the reports come from calls to the nuisance hotline, other complaints are initiated by complaints taken at the front office or to Officers themselves.
During 2007, the Snow Help Line, implemented in 1998, also remained active. The Snow Help Line was created in a team effort between the Police Department and Public Works to notify citizens when snow operations are in effect and street parking is prohibited. When snow removal operations are declared, vehicles may not be parked on any public street, alley, or city-owned off-street parking area between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM from November 1 – April 30. A declaration of snow removal is made no later than 10:00 PM the night snow operations are declared. Snow operations remain in effect until the snow has been removed or until the declaration has expired. The snow ordinance fine was increased to $25.00 in 2001 after a community task force was formed to study city snow removal operations.

Newton Police Department Annual Training Summary

- **In Service Training**
  
  During 2007, Newton Police sworn personnel accumulated 2,333.50 hours of training in one capacity or another. In service training sessions are normally held in the spring and fall, each officer being scheduled for 36 hours annually, however staffing constraints this year reduced the scheduled hours to about 14 per officer, conducted during a spring session and during duty hours throughout the year. During 2007, topics covered during in service training included those required annually for officers to maintain state certification in the following: firearms, CPR, Automatic External Defibrillators, impact weapons, defensive tactics and TASER recertification. In order to remain eligible for Homeland Security Grant Funds, each officer completed an online training and testing program through FEMA, detailing aspects of the National Response Plan and National Incident Management System.

  The Newton Police Department maintains a staff of state certified instructors who provided instruction in their areas of expertise. Out of agency personnel who provided instruction during In Service Training included personnel from the Newton Fire Department.

  **TOTAL In Service Hours:** 274 hours

- **Recruit Training**
  
  One officer was hired during 2007 and participated in supervised field training during the year. That officer is currently continuing with the training process. Officer Brian Foster graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in December, attaining the 300 point club for recognition of outstanding physical fitness. Foster was also voted Most Congenial by his fellow recruits.

  NPD Supervised Field Training 640
  ILEA Recruit Certification 520

  **TOTAL Recruit Training Hours:** 1,160 hours
➢ Out of Agency Training

Out of agency training is comprised of schools, seminars and courses of instruction generally attended at locations other than Newton. It often includes the state mandated certification process for in house instructors, most often conducted in conjunction with the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA). Newton Police Department personnel are often called upon as guest instructors by ILEA.

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TOTAL Out of Agency Hours       899.50    hours
TOTAL HOURS OF TRAINING               2,333.50    hours

➢ Reserve Officer Training

Effective July 1, 2006, Chief Wardlow implemented the Reserve Officer Longevity Recognition Program. Reserve Officers will be awarded Series EE savings bonds on a graduated scale. Each officer must complete twelve months of continuous service as of June 30th of each year. The value of the bonds depends on the length of service that a reserve has each July 1st. The graduated scale begins at a bond face value of $100 and increases to $1,500.

The Newton Police Department Reserve Unit is a group of citizens that have volunteered to assist the Newton Police Department and its officers. The Newton Police Reserves have been trained extensively, using Iowa Law Enforcement Academy guidelines, and are required to meet all of the same hiring standards as full time officers. Their training includes college courses, training from certified instructors of the Newton Police Department and Fire Department, and on the job training.
from fulltime officers. Their training allows them to function alongside full time Newton Police Department officers, with full police powers. The Reserves provide security at events such as dances, ball games, prom night, parades, graduation ceremonies, and other community events. The Newton Police Reserves also assist the Newton Police officers with routine patrol, search warrants, and other manpower needs.

Currently the Newton Police Department has two reserves; John VanDalen and Dan Ritter, who worked a total of **168.25 hours in 2007**. Regular meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month. At these meetings, work assignments are distributed for the next month and training and information is received from the Reserve Liaison Lieutenant.

The reserve unit provides valuable training and experience for citizens who are interested in a career in law enforcement. Several of the Department’s full time officers started as members of the reserve unit. If you are interested in the Newton Police Department’s Reserve program, please contact the Police Department for an informational brochure and application by calling (641) 791-0850.

- **Tactical Unit Training**

In 2005 the Newton Police Department completed a long standing strategic goal, by selecting seven officers to act as a Tactical Unit. Following the extensive training and selection process, the seven officer team was assessed by Chief Wardlow and deemed ready to respond to incidents that require a specialized response. During 2007, members of the Tactical Unit were scheduled to participate in **40 hours of training per the seven (7) member team**, in addition to the departments regular in service training requirements. Approximately **50% of that training time was dedicated to conducting live fire training on the firearms range designed to enhance firearms proficiency in a variety of environments**. The remaining time was spent training with specialized equipment, group movement, building clearing and advanced defensive tactics skills. Residences procured under the City of Newton’s Dangerous and Dilapidated program were utilized to enhance this training. Tactical Unit personnel are required to maintain and demonstrate a higher level of personal fitness and firearms proficiency than required by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

- **Tactical Unit Deployments**

During 2007, the Newton Police Department Tactical Unit was utilized to execute narcotics search warrants, high risk arrest warrants, and in response to an armed individual threatening to harm himself inside a residence. All these incidents were resolved successfully, without significant injury to any parties involved.
MISSION STATEMENT: "The Newton Police Department dedicates itself to the highest standards of excellence in professional law enforcement. The department is committed to providing a comprehensive program of education and enforcement services which creates a safe and secure environment for the well being of those it serves."

Administration

- To develop a successful strategy and organization structure that provides as high a level of service as possible, with a reduced staff.
- To maintain employee morale and productivity while implementing said strategy.
- To aggressively seek out supplemental funding sources to provide technology, equipment, and personnel that enhances our ability to achieve fulfillment of the Department’s mission.
- To provide required reporting to meet grant demands in a timely and comprehensive manner.
- To put in place the appropriate people with adequate training that ensures fulfillment of the Department’s mission.
- To enhance efficiencies and effectiveness by structuring the Department so that abilities, functions and demands are balanced and integral.

Primary Services

- To maintain an effective proactive, community-based Primary Services enforcement and educational function.
- Provide and/or coordinate and document all training received by members of the Newton Police Department as required by state law, bargaining unit agreements and departmental requirements for operational proficiency.
- To provide as high a level of service as possible with less staff and supervision.
- To provide traffic safety services through selective enforcement and education opportunities.
Investigations

- To maintain an effective proactive, community-based investigative function, including oversight of the narcotics investigator.
- To ensure, in the face of staff shortages, the timely and successful investigation of crimes referred to the division.

Support Services

- Provide responsive, efficient administrative support to the Chief of Police and all departmental components.
- To provide as high a level of service as possible with less staff.
- Process all financial records in an efficient, effective, and timely manner.
- Provide word processing capabilities to all departmental components.
- Assist citizens at the front desk and answer front desk telephones in an efficient and expedient manner while providing less business hours to the public.
- To effectively and efficiently manage the department's reports of criminal activity in compliance with state statutes and department requirements.
- To provide effective and positive parking enforcement for the city.

Special Department Events

- **Lieutenant Hoebelheinrich Attends FBI National Academy**

Lieutenant Jeff Hoebelheinrich attended the 228th session of the FBI National Academy from January 7 through March 16, 2007. This 10-week class is put on by the Federal Bureau of Investigations at their Academy in Quantico Virginia. Also in attendance for the 228th session were leaders from Law Enforcement agencies from all 50 states as well as 25 countries including Spain, Germany, France, Pakistan and Chad. The FBI national Academy has been in existence since 1935.

The 275 students in the 228th session were given opportunities to attend college courses that they would not be able to get in their local jurisdiction. The large majority of instructors are FBI agents that specialized in a field of instruction with years of work experience on some of the highest profile crimes in the United States.

Lieutenant Hoebelheinrich’s schedule of classes included Media Relations, Physical Fitness, Computer Forensics, Labor Law, Conflict Resolution and Interrogation Techniques. All students, ranging in age from 24 to 56, attended physical training classes 3 days a week. Every student left the academy in much better shape than how they started their classes. Lieutenant Hoebelheinrich’s Interrogation instructor was raised in Iowa and interrogated some of the terrorist’s cell members that assisted in the 9/11 terror attacks.
The costs for the training are born, for the most part by the FBI. The department paid for incidentals and travel, but the federal government pays for tuition and other costs.

Lieutenant Hoebelheinrich said that he made many new friends from around the world. These contacts in Law Enforcement have already proved beneficial for the Newton Police Department. These other agencies have already shared successful programs and policies and procedures with the Newton Police Department. Contact has been made with fellow classmates that assisted the Newton Police Department with interviews and background checks of individuals that would have been nearly impossible to do from the Newton Police Department.

Lieutenant Hoebelheinrich says that this was definitely one of the best training opportunities that he has had since joining the Newton Police Department. He hopes that other Lieutenant’s at the Newton Police Department will also be able to experience this outstanding training opportunity some time in the future. The one thing that stood out the most, of all of the things that he learned, was how lucky Newton Officers are to be able to work for a fine law enforcement agency like the Newton Police Department. Newton’s Police Department is as professional as any other that attended the FBINA. The city of Newton is fortunate not to have the problems and crimes that many other cities have to deal with on a daily basis. The city of Newton has a dedicated group of men and women serving them every day and they should be proud of their Police Department.

- **City of Newton Employee Recognition**

The City of Newton had a Department Employee Recognition ceremony on August 20, 2007 in the Newton Police Department briefing room. Chief Thomas Wardlow presented service award pins to the following employees: Officer Kyle Lovan (5 years), Officer Chris Wing (5 years), Administrative Assistant Janet Cox (10 years), Officer Curt Brass (10 years), Officer Dave Watson (10 years), Officer Ryan Zylstra (10 years) and Lieutenant Jim Appleby (30 years).

Congratulations to all these Newton Police Department employees for their many years of service!

After the presentation of employee awards, Chief Wardlow, on behalf of the members of the Police Department, presented Officer Curt Brass with a thank you/going away gift. Officer Brass was given an EOTech holographic weapon rifle site to be used in Iraq; this rifle site will enhance the capabilities of his duty rifle. Officer Brass will be deployed to Iraq sometime in January 2008 for a second tour of duty. City Administrator David Watson thanked Officer Brass for his service to our country.

- **Promotions & Reassignments**

Effective March 2007, Officer Rob Burdess accepted the position as Detective with the Police Department. Due to Police Department manpower shortages since his promotion he has been reassigned to patrol and also works some investigative cases.

Officer Dave Watson was reassigned from the drug task force to patrol the beginning of 2007 and Officer Patrick Richardson accepted the open drug task force position.
A.J. “Jim” Greve Remembered

On February 7, 2007, Newton was saddened by the death of long time public servant Jim Greve. Greve’s public service to the Newton Community spans more than 30 years. In 1974, he was named Chief of Police of the Newton Police Department, a position which he held until the mid-1980s. Previously, Greve lived in Clinton, Iowa where he also served in law enforcement for 14 years before coming to Newton. In 1999, Greve was elected to his first term on the Newton City Council and served the citizens for two terms. A proclamation honoring the life and work of A.J. “Jim” Greve was signed by Governor Chet Culver, Mayor Charles “Chaz” Allen, Representative Paul Bell and Senator Dennis Black.

National Police Week   May 13-19, 2007

In honor of National Police Officer’s Memorial Day (May 15th), a memorial service was conducted at the Newton Union Cemetery on May 9, 2007, to honor the memories of Newton Police Officer Bobby Barrickman and Officer Daniel McPherren.

Invitations were extended to the families of the deceased officers, Newton Police Department personnel and their families, former officers, Citizen Police Academy Alumni members and local dignitaries. A large crowd gathered to commemorate the Officers.

Following welcome and remarks by Mayor Charles Allen, Chief Thomas Wardlow and National Deputy Chief of Chaplains Services United States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Ken Van Loon, Newton Police Officers laid wreaths at the gravesite of each Officer while Bagpiper Ron Husted played “Amazing Grace.” The ceremony concluded with a presentation of “Taps” by Officer Randy Oldfield.

Officer Bobby Barrickman was killed on September 30, 1979 in an on duty traffic accident and Officer Daniel McPherren was shot and killed on September 13, 1985 while responding to an armed robbery of a grocery store.

The COPS ribbons and the blue window lights are displayed in their honor at the Newton Police Department. A press release was made requesting that Newton residents fly their flags at half-staff.
Newton Police Association

The Newton Police Association’s Annual Fundraising envelope stuffing event was held April 28, 2007. As a result of community giving, the Newton Police Association was again able to donate to many worthy causes in Jasper County during 2007. With the help of generous citizens in Newton and the surrounding area, our association was able to donate to the Concerns of Police Survivors, Special Olympics, the Salvation Army, Shop with a Cop and various other organizations.

United Way Campaign

The Newton Police Department participated in the 2007 United Way Campaign by making contribution pledges.

Special Recognition for “Topper” & a Welcome for “Toby”–

The Newton Police Department held a recognition ceremony on June 8, 2007 in the Police Department briefing room honoring Officer Rob Burdess and his previous bloodhound Topper. Chief of Police, Thomas Wardlow presented Officer Burdess with a special plaque in remembrance of Topper’s dedication and volunteerism to law enforcement. The department also welcomed Officer Burdess’ new partner, Toby, a 12 week old bloodhound. Toby was purchased as a result of a number of public donations from Newton and Jasper County residents. Toby is only one of two police bloodhounds in the State of Iowa.

Officer Burdess and Topper served law enforcement agencies in a noteworthy capacity. The assistance they provided the city of Newton and other communities, by searching for lost persons, and escape suspects is worthy of considerable gratitude.

Golf Grudge Match

The Newton Police Department held its annual golf outing on May 8, 2007. The teams consisted of Police Department supervisors and two teams of Police Department officers. The Police Department Supervisors’ Team claimed 1st place. The Supervisors’ Team members were Chief Thomas Wardlow, Lieutenant Jim Appleby, Lieutenant Wes Breckenridge and Lieutenant Jeff Hoebelheinrich. The members of the Officers’ Team that took second place were Officer Dave Watson, Officer Ryan Zylstra, Officer Ryan Repp and Officer Pat Richardson. The members of the Officers’ Team that took third place consisted of Officer Wayne Winchell, Officer Terra Case, Officer Dave Jones and Officer Kyle Lovan.
Special Olympics

The Newton Police Department along with members from the Newton Correctional Facility participated in the local leg of the Special Olympics Torch Run on May 16, 2007. Special Olympics is an international non-profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition. More than 85,000 law enforcement officers across 35 nations took part in the celebration.

Iowa Speedway

The Iowa Speedway kicked off its first full season of racing events and concerts on April 21, 2007 with the Koni Challenge Race. The Newton Police Department acts as the lead law enforcement agency for speedway venues. During the 2007 season, the Iowa Seedway hosted nine racing events and three concerts. An estimated total of 182,739 people attended events at the speedway this year, and law enforcement handled a total of 128 calls for service and 18 arrests during the 2007 event year.

In November of 2007, the Newton Police Department participated in a disaster response exercise drill at the Iowa Speedway. The Fifth US Army Civil Support Readiness and the 71st Iowa Civil Support Team also participated in the disaster drill.

Newton Police Department Participates in Summer Reading Program

During the month of June the Newton Police Department was invited by the Newton Public Library to participate in their summer reading program, “Get a Clue @ Your Library.” A guest appearance on June 14th by Evidence Technician Brad Van Zee, who demonstrated to program attendees how police use magnetic powder to lift fingerprints and also explained some of the techniques he uses to help solve crimes.

Officer Curt Brass participated in a re-enactment of a Murder Mystery event for teens at the library on June 26th. Officer Brass arrived at the scene of the crime in a marked squad car with emergency lights on and was posted at the library entrance in a squad car giving participants a preface of the murder.

Shop with a Cop

The Newton Police Department partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters youth for the second annual Shop with a Cop program on
December 15, 2007. This program was spearheaded by Officer Rob Burdess and organized by the Newton Police Association. Eleven children awaiting a Big Brother or Big Sister mentor were paired with a Police Department Officers or Lieutenants for a morning of Christmas shopping for their family members. Those from the Police Department who volunteered their time to shop with the youth were Lieutenant Jim Appleby, Lieutenant Gary Dodds, Officer Rob Burdess, Officer Randy Camp, Officer Lynn Miller, Officer Pat Richardson, Officer Nicole Romer and Officer Wayne Winchell. After shopping the youth, and the Police Department Lieutenants and Officers returned to the Newton Arboretum to wrap the Christmas gifts. Newton Police Wives Mary Appleby, Julie Dodds, Sharon Hoebelheinrich and Leisa Zylstra prepared gift wrapping stations for the youth. Those who helped with the present wrapping were; Mary Appleby, Julie Dodds, Leisa Zylstra, Police Department civilians Mary Ann Allspach and Janet Cox, and Police Department Lieutenants and Officers. The Newton Police Association donated money to purchase gift bags for each child. Mary Ann Allspach and Janet Cox volunteered to go shopping for the gift bags for each child. A delicious lunch was prepared by Kelli Van Manen of Big Brothers Big Sisters and was enjoyed by all who participated in the event. The day turned out to be very upbeat, with positive comments heard from those who volunteered their time to help, along with positive feedback and appreciation from the mentors’ families. The Police Department plans on continuing the Shop with a Cop program.