



POTTSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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March 19, 2009

RE: Report to Borough Council – February '09

Dear Councilors:

The following information is provided as a means to give each of you a glimpse at some of the activities that the members of the Pottstown Police Department were involved in during the past month. Although the information presented is not intended to be all-inclusive; it is my intent that after your review, you will have a better understanding of the day-to-day work being performed by the men and women of your Police Department. Further; it is my hope that these monthly reports will provide each of you with some insight into the high level of professional services provided by the police officers in our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Flanders", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark D. Flanders
Chief of Police

The following information is provided as informational and does not represent all of the activities that department members engaged/participated in during the month of February 2009.

- 1) Members of the Pottstown Police Department responded to a total of 1,515 calls for service. Although the following list is not totally inclusive; Pottstown officers:
 - a) investigated 79 Part I crimes;
 - b) investigated 161 Part II crimes(at least 86 of which were officer initiated);
 - c) made 75 misdemeanor & felony arrests;
 - d) made 95 summary violation arrests;
 - e) executed 12 search warrants;
 - f) served 14 arrest warrants;
 - g) conducted 38 drug investigations
 - h) investigated 5 run-away youth complaints;
 - i) investigated 193 reported disturbances;
 - j) dealt with 28 abandoned vehicles;
 - k) responded to 81 domestic disturbances;
 - l) made 5 curfew violation arrests;
 - m) responded to 88 false burglary/hold-up alarms;
 - n) investigated 55 traffic crashes;
 - o) investigated 89 parking complaints
 - i) issued 133 parking citations;
 - p) made 15 DUI arrests;
 - q) issued 264 traffic citations;
 - r) during this time period several hundred follow-up investigations were conducted by our members;
 - s) members attended 131 traffic & criminal hearings at the local Magisterial District Courts as well as 4 criminal trials at the Court of Common Pleas in Norristown, 2 Juvenile Court hearings, 1 civil trial in Norristown, and 2 mental health hearings at Norristown State hospital, and lastly;
 - t) we housed 181 prisoners in our cells (52 of whom were from outside agencies).
- 2) In the fall of 2008 the Pottstown Police Department was awarded a DHS CDAP Technology Grant for the acquisition of Ocean Systems video enhancement hardware and software (excess of \$20,000). This software can be used to enhance evidentiary video received from a wide variety of sources (banks, stores, patrol car video, businesses, private, etc.) In February two members of the department travelled to Washington, DC to receive training on the equipment. Upon their return the equipment was received and installed at PPD. The grant paid for all equipment, training expenses, and installation.

- 3) Members of the Pottstown Police Department were involved in the following community service/public relations initiatives:
 - a) D.A.R.E. Education a five (5) Borough Elementary Schools (5 public, 2 private);
 - b) Police Ride-Along Program/College Interns spent a total of 44 hours with us during the month;
 - c) Cops 'n Kids Reading Program at the YWCA & Salvation Army, and;
 - d) Planning work was done in regard to the PPD 2009 Bike Rodeo to be held in May (date TBA) at Memorial Park.

- 4) Members attended/participated in the following training:
 - a) All members received mandatory CPR update training;
 - b) 2009 MPOETC Mandatory Update training began for all members (will continue through March & April);
 - c) Mandatory firearms training/re-qualification began for all members;
 - d) Domestic Violence (Strangulation and Identification of the Primary Aggressor) training for all members conducted in conjunction with the release of the our updated Response to Domestic Violence General Order (Policy & Procedure);
 - e) PPD CRU Officers received DHS Street Level Counterterrorism Training;
 - f) PPD CMERT Officers participated in regularly scheduled tactical and/or negotiations training;
 - g) PPD K9 Officers participated in skills maintenance training;
 - h) (2) members attended DHS CDAP Ocean Systems training in Washington, DC, and;
 - i) (1) member attended Interview & Interrogation training.

- 5) The Department Administration initiated one (1) internal investigation, conducted follow-up on five (5) outstanding internal investigations, and closed-out two (2) internal investigations.

- 6) The Department Administration conducted policy review on four (4) Departmental General Orders, updated two (2) Departmental General Orders, re-issued one (1) Departmental General Order, issued one (1) new Departmental general Order, and worked on the development of one (1) new Departmental General Order.

- 7) The Department Administration was involved in conducting one new traffic study and continued to follow-up on another in-progress traffic study.
 - a) New – Several citizen complaints were received and a request was made by Councilor Rhodes regarding that we address speed issues on Master St. west of Charlotte St. A speed study was conducted and, although there was sporadic speeding, there is not an issue – it is a perception issue.
 - b) Follow-up – The in-progress comprehensive traffic study for the area in and around Charlotte St. & Jefferson Ave. continues. I anticipate that we will be able to report findings and provide recommendations at either the May or June Council Meeting.

- 8) Our Department Administrative Manager coordinated and provided oversight during the February's successful installation of the new Borough wide phone system and of the Borough Hall security access system.

- 9) Currently the local Magisterial District Court Judges have a back-log of more than 10,000 outstanding warrants for individuals who failed to pay their fines for crimes/violation committed within the Borough. Coordinated planning is underway for the first of several "Warrant Sweeps" to be conducted throughout the region. These sweeps will be a cooperative endeavor between the Pottstown, Upper Pottsgrove, West Pottsgrove, Lower Pottsgrove Police Departments, the two local Magisterial District Court Judges, and the local PA State Constables. Details will be forthcoming.

- 10) The Pottstown Police Department Community Partnership met as scheduled. In conjunction with Mayor's Community Initiative; an informational community meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday March 24, 2009 at 7 PM. The meeting will be held in the Pottstown Area Police Athletic League (PAL) office located at 146 King St. Any community member interested in learning more about services available in the community, personal safety, and more is invited to attend.

**POTTSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 19, 2009
TO: BOROUGH COUNCIL
FROM: Chuck Bleile
Department Administrative Manager
REF: Monthly Report for February 2009

During February 2009 the Pottstown Police Department answered 1,515 calls for service. Of these calls 1,504 occurred in the Borough.

During the month we averaged 54.11 calls per day or 27.05 calls per 12 hour shift. For the year we have answered 3,278 calls. The daily average for the year is 55.56 calls per day or 27.78 calls per 12 hour shift.

During February 2008 we answered 1,565 calls. We answered 50 fewer calls this month than last February. This is a decrease of 3.19% from last year. For the year we have answered 55 more calls than this time in 2008. This is an increase of 1.71%.

Cc Borough Manager
Assistant Borough Manager
Mayor
Capt
Chief
All Personnel

MONTHLY REPORT TO COUNCIL

POLICE ACTIVITY BY WARD

		FEB		2009					
TYPE OF CALL ANSWERED						WARD			
CODE	ACTIVITY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	BORO TOTAL
0100	MURDER -MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0200	FORCIBLE RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0300	ROBBERY	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	6
0400	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	5
0500	BURGLARY	0	1	7	1	0	0	0	9
0600	THEFT	5	7	16	4	4	6	1	43
0700	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0450	ASSAULTS OTHER	5	3	3	1	3	0	0	15
0900	ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1100	FRAUD	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	12
1300	REC STOLEN PROPERTY	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1410	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF VEHICLES	1	3	1	2	2	5	0	14
1420	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF BUILDINGS	2	0	4	3	0	1	2	12
1440	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF ALL OTHERS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1500	WEAPONS VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1600	PROSTITUTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1700	SEX OFFENSES	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
1800	NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	20	5	2	0	4	6	1	38
2000	OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2100	DUI	3	3	3	0	2	3	1	15
2200	LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	5
2300	PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	14	7	0	2	2	2	1	28
2400	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	5	2	2	2	3	0	0	14
2450	HARASSMENT	17	5	9	3	2	5	2	43
2600	ALL OTHER VIOLATIONS	11	5	2	1	1	0	0	20
2691	OPEN CONTAINER VIOLATIONS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2800	CURFEW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	5
2900	RUNAWAYS	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	5
3600	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES	20	19	16	9	8	4	5	81
3610	OTHER DISTURBANCES	36	32	16	15	16	11	10	136
3810	FALSE ALARMS	11	10	29	7	14	11	6	88
3900	TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROBLEMS	7	13	26	20	8	8	7	89
6001	HIT AND RUN INJURY	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
6002	DEATH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6004	PROPERTY DAMAGE	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	4
6005	HIT AND RUN	4	2	4	1	4	1	1	17
6006	INJURY	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	4
6007	PEDESTRIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6008	NONINJURY	1	6	9	4	2	4	3	29
6010	OTHERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6602	ABANDONED VEHICLES	0	4	10	3	5	2	4	28
8000	WARRANTS SERVED	6	3	2	1	0	1	1	14
MISC	ALL OTHER CALLS	184	239	107	57	49	52	31	719
	TOTAL	362	380	276	139	141	127	79	1504
	TOTAL 2008 CALLS	329	435	302	120	119	151	95	1551
	INCREASE OR DECREASE FROM 2008	33	(55)	(26)	19	22	(24)	(16)	(47)
	PERCENT INCREASE OR DECREASE	10%	-13%	-9%	16%	18%	-16%	-17%	-3%
TRAFFIC CITATIONS									
	SPEEDING	1	0	39	1	1	20	6	99
	ALL OTHER MOVING VIOLATIONS	45	31	66	10	5	34	10	264

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02/01/2009 THROUGH 02/28/2009

For All Municipalities

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0310	- ROBBERY-FIREARM	2
0324	- ARMED - KNIFE - GAS SERVICE STATION	1
0340	- ROBBERY-STRONGARM	2
0381	- ATTEMPT-STRONG ARM-HIGHWAY	1
0420	- ASSAULT - KNIFE OR CUTTING INST	1
0430	- ASSAULT-OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON	1
0440	- ASSAULT - ATROCIOUS- HANDS ,FISTS ,FEET	3
0450	- OTHER ASSAULTS - NOT AGGRAVATED	15
0512	- BURGLARY-FORCED ENTRY-RESIDENCE-DAY	6
0513	- BURGLARY-FORCED ENTRY-RESIDNTL-TIME UNKN	1
0516	- BURGLARY-FORCED ENTRY-NON-RESID-TIME UNK	1
0521	- UNLAWFUL ENTRY-NO FORCE-RESIDENCE-NIGHT	1
0613	- THEFT-\$200 & OVER-RETAIL THEFT	2
0614	- THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0615)	2
0615	- THEFT-\$200 & OVER-AUTO ACCESSORIES	1
0617	- THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM BUILDINGS	4
0619	- THEFT-\$200 & OVER-ALL OTHER	1
0623	- THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-RETAIL THEFT	7
0624	- THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0625)	1
0626	- THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-BICYCLES	1
0627	- THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-FROM BUILDINGS	5
0629	- THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-ALL OTHER	2
0633	- THEFT-UNDER \$50-RETAIL THEFT	4
0634	- THEFT-UNDER \$50-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0635)	5
0637	- THEFT - UNDER \$50 - FROM BUILDINGS	3
0639	- THEFT-UNDER \$50-ALL OTHER	4
0648	- THEFT-ATTEMPTED-FROM COIN DEVICE	1
0710	- MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT-AUTO	1
1010	- FORGERY	1
1100	- FRAUD	7
1110	- FRAUD - BAD CHECKS	1
1120	- FRAUD - CREDIT CARDS	2
1130	- FRAUD - ALL OTHER (FLIM FLAN, CONFIDENCE	1
1300	- STOLEN PROPERTY-RECEIVING, POSSESSING, ETC	1
1410	- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO AUTOMOBILES	14
1420	- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO PRIVATE BUILDINGS	11
1430	- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - PUBLIC BUILDINGS	1
1450	- ALL OTHER VANDALISM(GRAFFITI)	1
1700	- SEX OFFENSES (EXCEPT RAPE & PROSTITUTION	1
1811	- NARCOTICS-SALE-MORPHINE, HEROIN, COCAINE	14
1812	- NARCOTICS-SALE-MARIJUANA, HASHISH, ETC.	4
1831	- NARCOTICS-POSSESSION-MORP, HERION, COCAINE	2
1832	- NARCOTICS-POSSESSION-MARIJUANA, ETC.	10
1833	- NARCOTICS-POSSESSION-SYNTHETIC NARCOTIC	2
1834	- NARCOTICS-POSSESSION-OTHER DANGEROUS	6
2110	- DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-LIQUOR/DRUGS	3
2111	- DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE - ALCOHOL	12

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<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
2211	- LIQUOR LAW-UNDERAGE-PURCH, CONSMP, POSSESS	5
2300	- PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	28
2400	- DISORDERLY CONDUCT	12
2410	- HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATION	17
2430	- DISORDERLY CONDUCT - DRUGS	1
2450	- HARASSMENT	26
2460	- DISORDERLY CONDUCT-OBSCENE LANGUAGE	1
2600	- ALL OTHER CRIMES CODE VIOLATIONS	5
2616	- ALL OTHERS - CONTEMPT OF COURT (NON M.V)	1
2632	- ALL OTHER OFFENSES - LITTERING	1
2639	- ALL OTHERS - ILLEGAL DUMPING	7
2646	- ALL OTHERS-OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE	1
2650	- ALL OTHERS - PUBLIC NUISANCE	1
2656	- ALL OTHER - THREATS (KILL, BOMB, PHONE, ETC	1
2660	- ALL OTHER OFFENSES - TRESPASSING	3
2691	- OPEN CONTAINER ORDINANCE	1
2811	- CURFEW LAW (JUVENILE) - MALE	1
2812	- CURFEW LAW (JUVENILE) - FEMALE	4
2900	- LOST/MISSING PERSONS	1
2910	- LOST/MISSING PROPERTY	2
2990	- RUNAWAYS - (JUVENILE) - REPORTS	5
3000	- FOUND/RECOVERED PROPERTY	25
3300	- SUICIDES	1
3310	- ATTEMPTED SUICIDES	1
3320	- DOA	2
3400	- MENTAL HEALTH	35
3500	- SUSPICIOUS PERSONS, AUTOS, CIRCUMSTANCES	111
3600	- DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	81
3610	- DISTURBANCES-JUVENILE	20
3620	- DISTURBANCES-OTHER (FIGHTS, DISPUTES, ETC)	100
3630	- LOUD MUSIC DISTURBANCE	16
3800	- SERVICE CALL-MISCELLANEOUS	22
3810	- SERVICE CALL-ALARMS-UNFOUNDED-EXCPT FIRE	88
3840	- FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUND)	1
3870	- MEDICAL EMERGENCY	26
3880	- OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	2
3890	- SERVICE CALL - PROTECT MONEY	1
3900	- TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	89
4010	- NON-CRIMINAL-FIRES	2
4012	- NON-CRIMINAL - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	1
4014	- NON-CRIMINAL-INVESTIGATE OPEN DOOR, ETC.	7
4027	- 911 HANGUPS-UNFOUNDED	31
4028	- NON-CRIMINAL-OTHER INVESTIGATIONS	59
4029	- GUNSHOTS	2
5100	- JUVENILE	19
5105	- INFORMATION	1
5502	- ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - BARKING DOGS(UNF)	5

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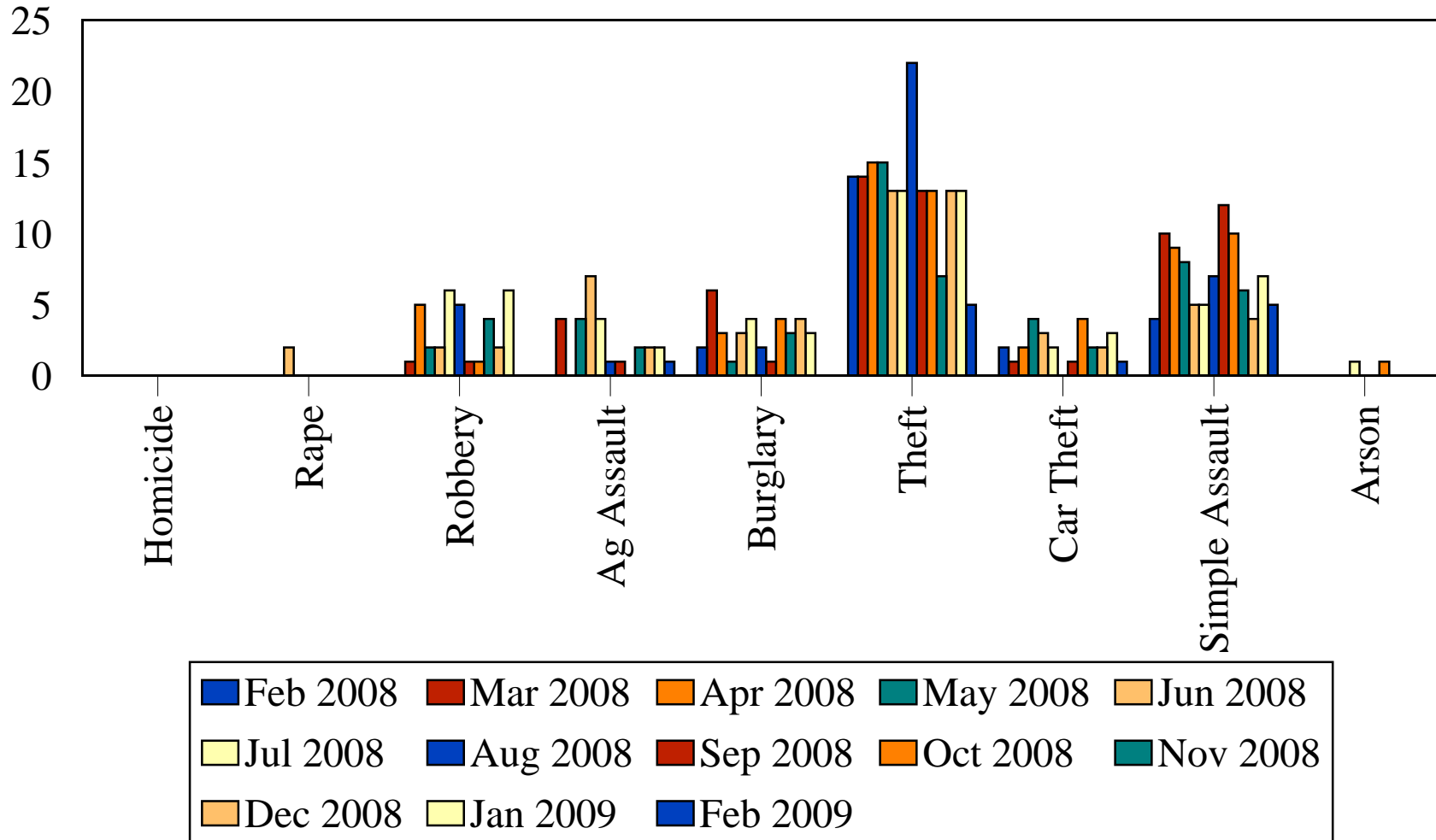
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For All Municipalities

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
5504	- ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - DOG BITES	2
5506	- ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	29
5508	- ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - OTHER ANIMAL BITES	1
5510	- ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - OTHER	4
5590	- ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	3
6001	- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT-HIT AND RUN-INJURY	1
6004	- TRAFFIC ACC. INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMAGE	4
6005	- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT- HIT AND RUN	17
6006	- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	4
6008	- ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	29
6602	- TRAFFIC RELATED -IMPOUNDED,ABANDON M.V.	28
6605	- TRAFFIC RELATED-UNFOUND ACCIDENT	3
6607	- TRAFFIC RELATED-SCHOOL CROSSING	3
6608	- TRAFFIC RELATED - ESCORTS	1
6610	- TRAFFIC RELATED - MOTORIST AID	4
6613	- TRAFFIC RELATED-SEIZED REG OR LICENSE	13
7002	- BUILDING CHECKS - OFFICER INITIATED	87
7003	- BUILDING CHECK BUSINESS	7
7005	- LIBRARY CHECK	4
7012	- PUBLIC SERVICES - BANK ESCORTS, ETC.	2
7014	- PUBLIC SERVICE - OTHERS (OFFICER ASSIST)	1
7502	- ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - FIRE DEPT.	23
7504	- ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	67
7506	- ASSISTING OTHER AGENCIES - ALL OTHERS	12
7508	- ASSIST POTTSTOWN POLICE	23
7510	- LIVE SCAN	16
8110	- WARRANTS - MONTGMEY COUNTY BENCH	8
8114	- WARRANTS - OTHER AUTHORITY-OTHER WARRANT	6
8504	- DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES - JAIL DUTY	50
8510	- DEPT. SERVICES - NNCIC LOOK-UPS	3
8518	- DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES - RECORD CHECKS	2
8525	- DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES - LAB RUNS	5
9018	- ADMINISTRATION - TRAINING GIVEN	2
9100	- CARD STRUCK WHEN NOT NEEDED	6
CITT	- TRAFFIC CITATION	227
WARR	- WARRANT	11
	Total	1753

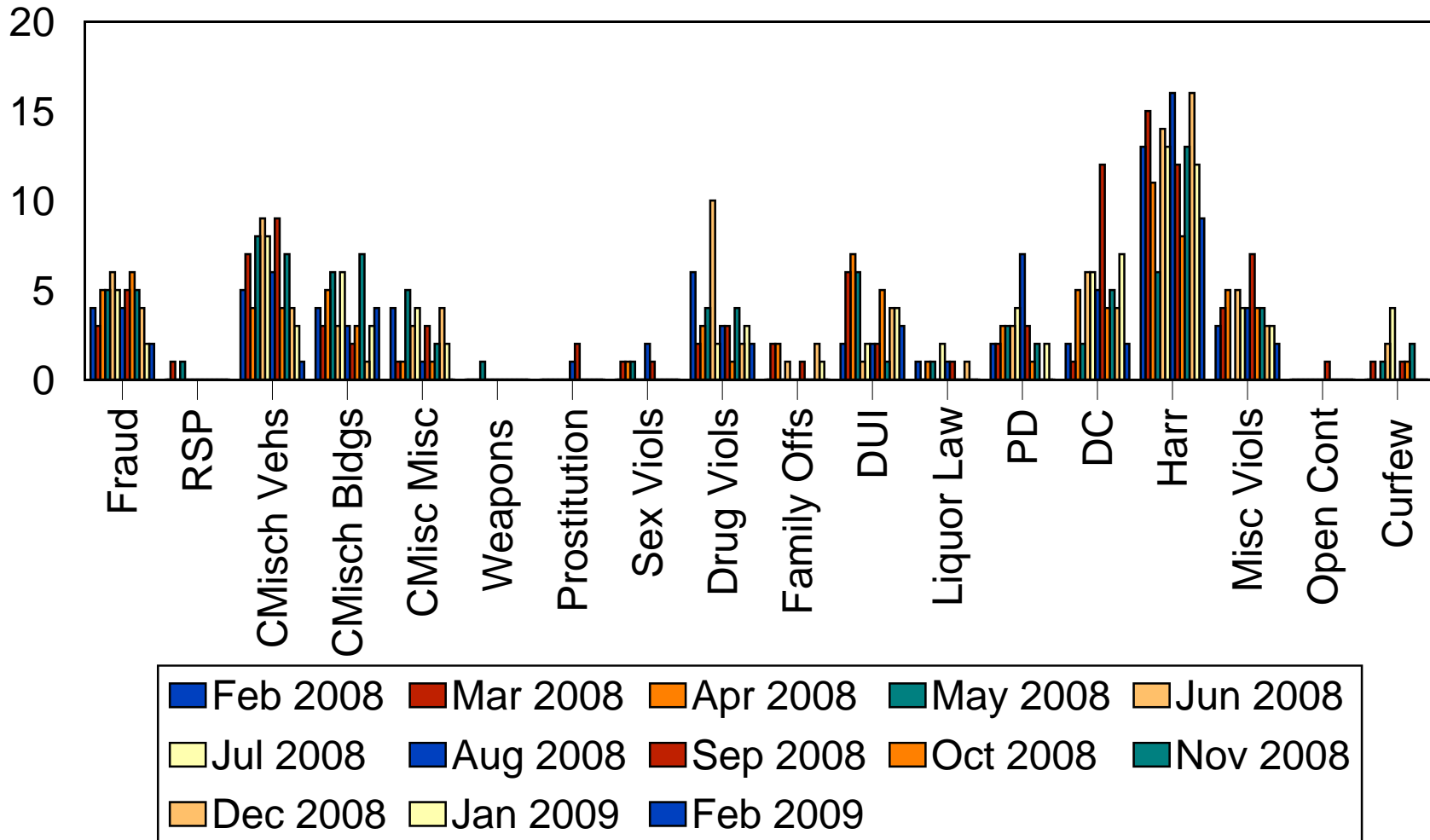
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Part 1 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison



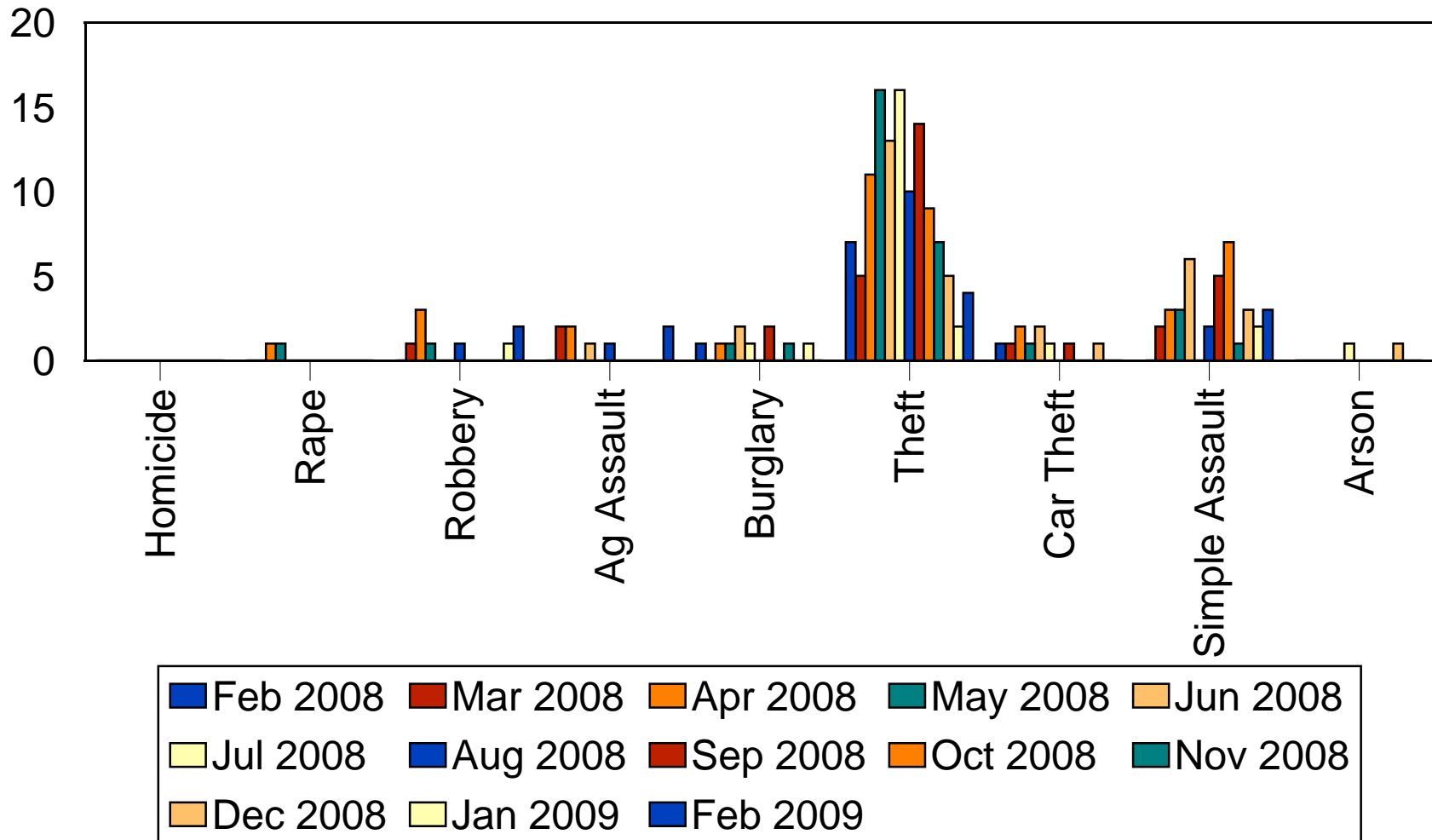
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Part 2 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison



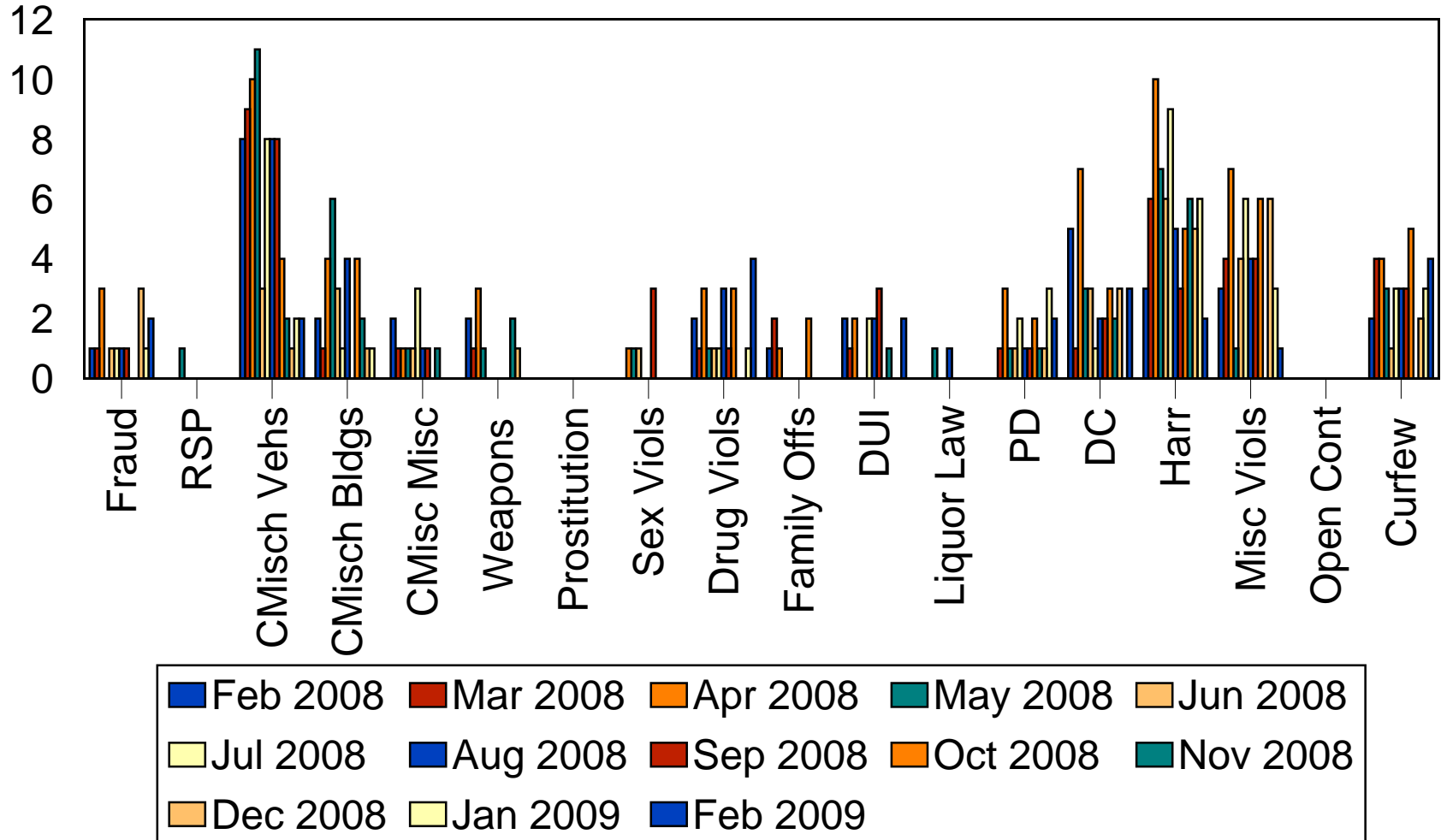
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Part 1 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison



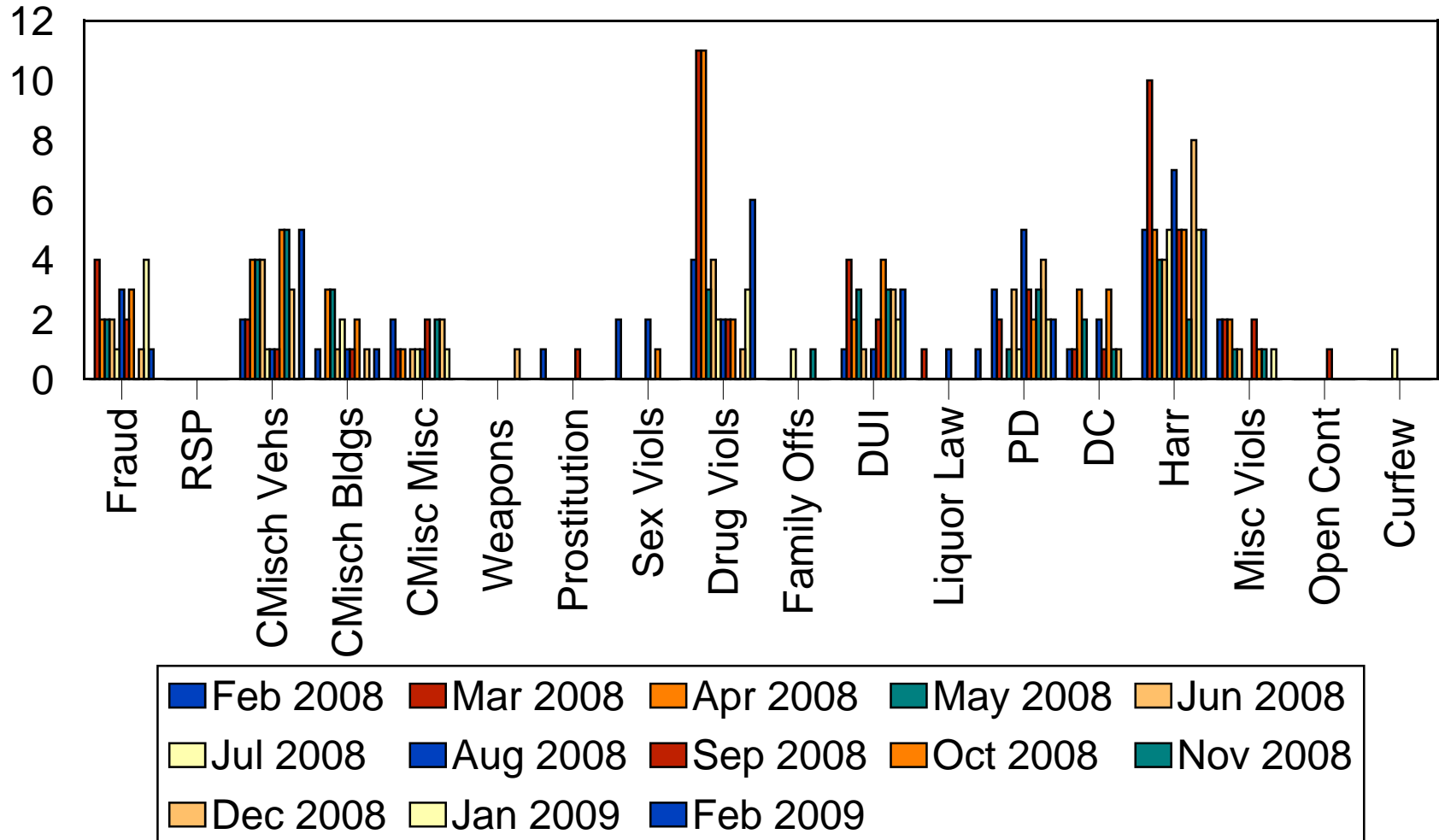
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Part 2 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison



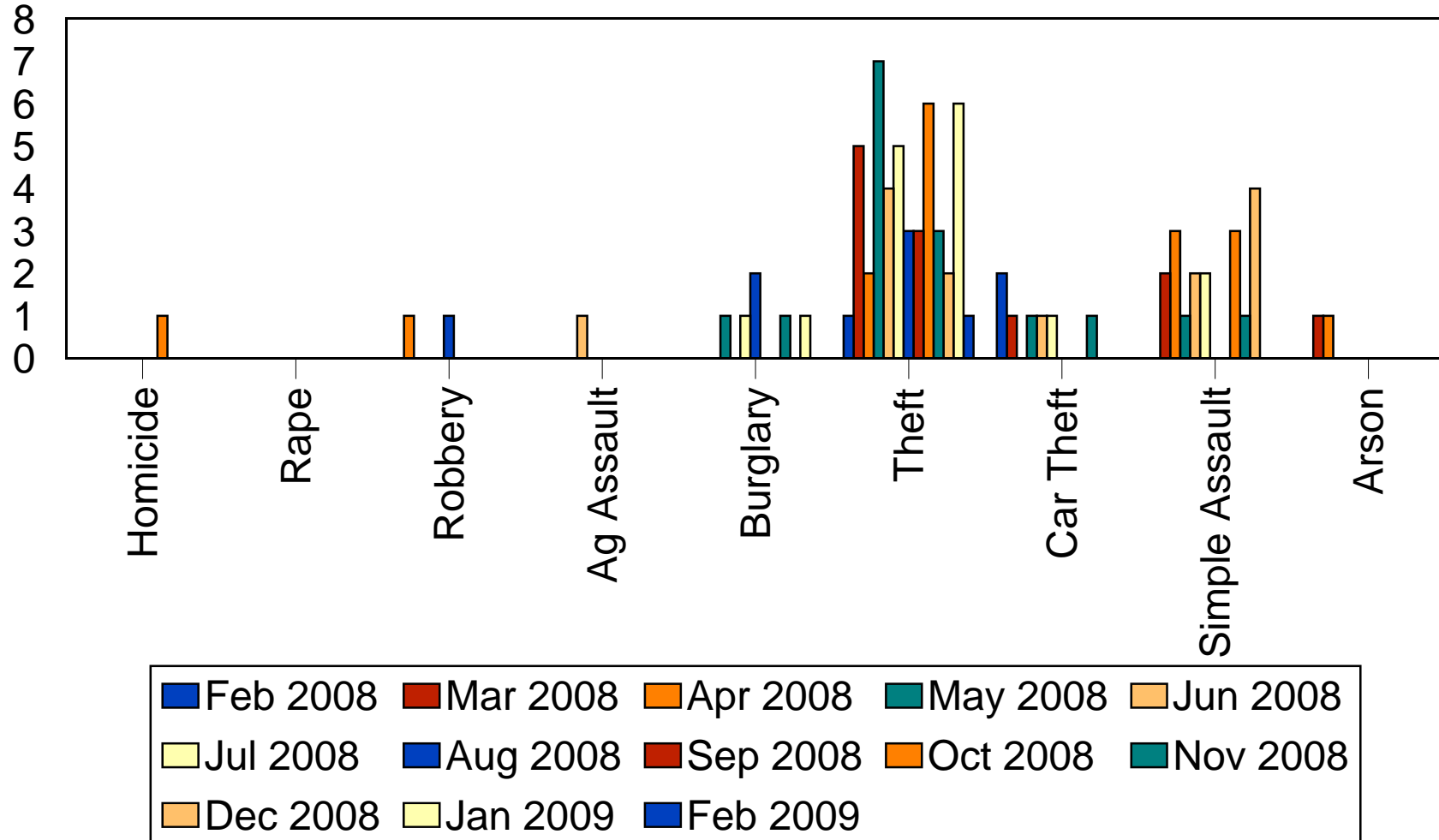
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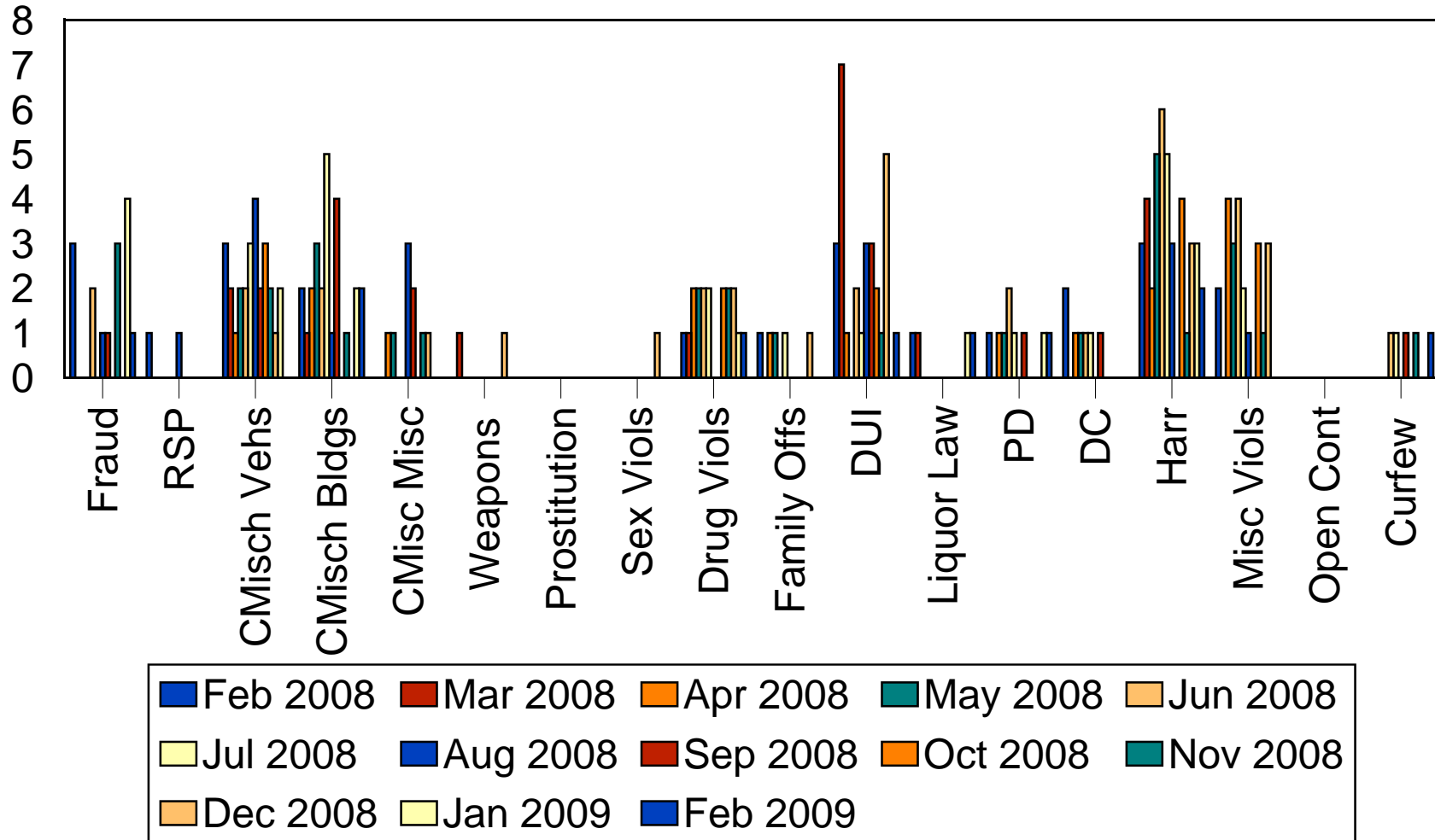
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Part 1 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison



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Part 2 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison



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Part 2 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison

