



## POTTSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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April 29, 2009

RE: Report to Borough Council – March '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 March 2009.**

- 1) Members of the Pottstown Police Department responded to a total of 1,807 calls for service. Although the following list is not totally inclusive; Pottstown officers:
  - a) investigated 106 Part I crimes;
  - b) investigated 265 Part II crimes(at least 96 of which were officer initiated);
  - c) made 109 misdemeanor & felony arrests;
  - d) made 116 summary violation (non-traffic) arrests;
  - e) executed 13 search warrants;
  - f) served 29 arrest warrants;
  - g) conducted 38 drug investigations
  - h) investigated 9 run-away youth complaints;
  - i) investigated 191 reported disturbances;
  - j) dealt with 9 abandoned vehicles;
  - k) responded to 110 domestic disturbances;
  - l) made 6 curfew violation arrests;
  - m) responded to 67 false burglary/hold-up alarms;
  - n) investigated 70 traffic crashes;
  - o) investigated 84 parking complaints
  - p) issued 138 parking citations;
  - q) made 13 DUI arrests;
  - r) issued 193 traffic citations;
  - s) during this time period several hundred follow-up investigations were conducted by our members;
  - t) members attended 123 traffic & criminal hearings at the local Magisterial District Courts as well as 5 criminal trials at the Court of Common Pleas in Norristown, 3 Juvenile Court hearings, and 1 mental health hearings at Norristown State hospital, and lastly;
  - u) we housed 179 prisoners in our cells (70 of whom were from outside agencies).
  
- 2) Members of the Pottstown Police Department were involved in the following community service/public relations initiatives:
  - a) D.A.R.E. Education continues at five (5) Borough Elementary Schools (5 public, 2 private);
  - b) Police Ride-Along Program/College Interns spent a total of 36 hours with us during the month;
  - c) Cops 'n Kids Reading Program at the YWCA & Salvation Army, and;
  - d) Planning work continues in regard to the PPD 2009 Bike Rodeo to be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Park.
  - e) Planning, in coordination with the PPOA, continues in regard to the upcoming PPOA Fishing Derby, for children 12 years of age & younger, to be held at Memorial Park (on the Island) from 8 AM to 12 Noon on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>.

- 3) Members attended/participated in the following training:
  - a) 2009 MPOETC Mandatory Update training continued for all members (will continue through April);
  - b) Mandatory firearms training/re-qualification continued for all members;
  - c) (5) members attended the PA Coordinator's Conference Re-Trainer at State College (expenses paid by PA DOT);
  - d) PPD CMERT Officers participated in regularly scheduled tactical and/or negotiations training;
  - e) PPD K9 Officers participated in skills maintenance training, and;
  - f) (2) members attended Pepper Ball (a defensive weapons system) Instructor/Armorer training at Bethlehem, PA P.D.
- 4) The Department Administration conducted follow-up on three (3) outstanding internal investigations, and closed-out one (1) internal investigation.
- 5) The Department Administration conducted policy review on two (2) Departmental General Orders, continued the update process on two (2) Departmental General Orders, and worked on the continued development of two (2) new Departmental General Orders.
- 6) The Department Administration continues to follow-up with the in-progress comprehensive traffic study for the area in and around Charlotte St. & Jefferson Ave. It is anticipated that we will be able to report findings and provide recommendations at June Council Meeting.
- 7) Our Department Administrative Manager continues to extrapolate requested data for Management Partners as part of the study process. So far approximately seventy (70) hours have been spent on the project – this is being done in addition to the DAM's regular duties.
- 8) The first of several "Warrant Sweeps" was conducted throughout the region on March 25<sup>th</sup>. This sweep was 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. During the first sweep forty (40) went before the District Court Judges. Since that time more have turned themselves in. Two more "Warrant Sweeps" have been scheduled for May and June.
- 9) The Pottstown Police Department Community Partnership hosted a community meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Pottstown Area Police Athletic League (PAL) office located at 146 King St. The meeting was well attended and a great deal of information was shared. The next regular meeting of the Pottstown Police Department Community Partnership is scheduled for Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> in the Pottstown Police Department Training Room.

- 10) Wave #1 of the PA DOT Seatbelt and Smooth Operator Programs ended in March. The Seatbelt and Smooth Operator programs are fully funded by PA DOT and are designed to address and/or deter aggressive driving and vehicle occupant injuries throughout PA. Our region is comprised of Pottstown and nine (9) of our surrounding Montgomery County municipalities. Our Region logged 669.75 hours (Pottstown = 132) during Wave #1; conducted 1,522 vehicle stops (Pottstown = 327); and issued 1,400 traffic citations (Pottstown = 219). Wave #2 will commence in the next few weeks.
  
- 11) Over a fifteen (15) day period in March; Pottstown Officers conducted traffic safety operations as a part of, and funded through the PA DOT Community of Opportunities Seatbelt Grant. During these operations; sixty-eight (68) traffic citations were issued (five for seatbelt violations) and officers made two (2) DUI and two (two) drug violation arrests.

**POTTSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 22, 2009  
TO: BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FROM: Chuck Bleile  
Department Administrative Manager  
REF: Monthly Report for March 2009

During March 2009 the Pottstown Police Department answered 1,814 calls for service. Of these calls 1,801 occurred in the Borough.

During the month we averaged 58.52 calls per day or 29.26 calls per 12 hour shift. For the year we have answered 5,092 calls. The daily average for the year is 55.58 calls per day or 28.29 calls per 12 hour shift.

During March 2008 we answered 1,884 calls. We answered 74 fewer calls this month than last March. This is a decrease of 3.93% from last year. For the year we have answered 19 fewer calls than this time in 2008. This is an decrease of .37%.

Cc Borough Manager  
Assistant Borough Manager  
Mayor  
Capt  
Chief  
All Personnel

## MONTHLY REPORT TO COUNCIL

## POLICE ACTIVITY BY WARD

		MAR 2009							
TYPE OF CALL ANSWERED		WARD							BORO
CODE	ACTIVITY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	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	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	7
0400	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	6
0500	BURGLARY	6	1	2	2	0	2	0	13
0600	THEFT	6	8	16	11	3	6	4	54
0700	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	7
0450	ASSAULTS OTHER	2	1	3	2	1	2	1	12
0900	ARSON	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
1100	FRAUD	6	3	8	2	3	0	1	23
1300	REC STOLEN PROPERTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1410	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF VEHICLES	6	5	4	0	3	8	1	27
1420	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF BUILDINGS	6	3	4	1	0	4	0	18
1440	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF ALL OTHERS	3	2	1	2	0	1	1	10
1500	WEAPONS VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1600	PROSTITUTION	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1700	SEX OFFENSES	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1800	NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS	27	6	1	1	0	2	1	38
2000	OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	4
2100	DUI	3	1	1	3	0	4	1	13
2200	LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
2300	PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	8	9	3	4	1	3	1	29
2400	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	10	4	1	0	3	0	0	18
2450	HARASSMENT	16	7	11	3	2	5	3	47
2600	ALL OTHER VIOLATIONS	11	3	4	3	6	3	1	31
2691	OPEN CONTAINER VIOLATIONS	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
2800	CURFEW VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	1	4	1	0	6
2900	RUNAWAYS	4	1	1	0	1	1	1	9
3600	DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES	18	25	32	11	9	8	7	110
3610	OTHER DISTURBANCES	51	37	34	19	21	20	9	191
3810	FALSE ALARMS	10	9	17	4	11	9	7	67
3900	TRAFFIC AND PARKING PROBLEMS	15	21	20	10	2	9	7	84
6001	HIT AND RUN INJURY	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
6002	DEATH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6004	PROPERTY DAMAGE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
6005	HIT AND RUN	3	1	4	3	1	1	0	13
6006	INJURY	0	1	1	4	0	1	3	10
6007	PEDESTRIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6008	NONINJURY	2	5	7	1	2	5	2	24
6010	OTHERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6602	ABANDONED VEHICLES	1	3	1	0	0	2	2	9
8000	WARRANTS SERVED	12	9	1	3	0	3	1	29
MISC	ALL OTHER CALLS	190	347	130	53	56	66	37	879
	TOTAL	426	518	314	148	130	170	95	1801
		469	477	320	155	182	188	97	1888
	INCREASE OR DECREASE FROM 2008	(43)	41	(6)	(7)	(52)	(18)	(2)	(87)
	PERCENT INCREASE OR DECREASE	-9%	9%	-2%	-5%	-29%	-10%	-2%	-5%

## POTTSTOWN BORO POLICE DEPT.

03/01/2009 THROUGH 03/31/2009

For Municipality: 1

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
0310	- ROBBERY-FIREARM	3
0320	- ROBBERY-KNIFE OR CUTTING INSTRUMENT	2
0340	- ROBBERY-STRONGARM	1
0346	- STRONG ARM - RESIDENCE	1
0410	- ASSAULT - FIREARM	1
0440	- ASSAULT - ATROCIOUS- HANDS ,FISTS ,FEET	5
0450	- OTHER ASSAULTS - NOT AGGRAVATED	12
0511	- BURGLARY-FORCED ENTRY-RESIDENCE-NIGHT	1
0512	- BURGLARY-FORCED ENTRY-RESIDENCE-DAY	2
0513	- BURGLARY-FORCED ENTRY-RESIDNTL-TIME UNKN	3
0514	- BURGLARY-FORCE ENTRY-NON-RESID-NIGHT	4
0516	- BURGLARY-FORCED ENTRY-NON-RESID-TIME UNK	1
0526	- UNLAWFUL ENTRY-NO FORCE-NONRES.-UNKNOWN	1
0532	- ATTEMPT FORCIBLE ENTRY-RESIDENCE-DAY	1
0613	- THEFT-\$200 & OVER-RETAIL THEFT	2
0614	- THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0615)	6
0615	- THEFT-\$200 & OVER-AUTO ACCESSORIES	2
0616	- THEFT-\$200 & OVER-BICYCLES	2
0617	- THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM BUILDINGS	9
0619	- THEFT-\$200 & OVER-ALL OTHER	4
0624	- THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0625)	2
0625	- THEFT-\$50-\$200-AUTO PARTS & ACCESSORIES	1
0626	- THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-BICYCLES	1
0627	- THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-FROM BUILDINGS	3
0629	- THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-ALL OTHER	5
0633	- THEFT-UNDER \$50-RETAIL THEFT	7
0634	- THEFT-UNDER \$50-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0635)	1
0636	- THEFT - UNDER \$50 - BICYCLES	1
0637	- THEFT - UNDER \$50 - FROM BUILDINGS	4
0639	- THEFT-UNDER \$50-ALL OTHER	2
0644	- THEFT-ATTEMPTED-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0645)	1
0645	- THEFT-ATTEMPTED-AUTO ACCESSORIES	1
0710	- MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT-AUTO	4
0712	- M.V. THEFT - STREET - RESIDENTIAL AREA	3
0924	- ARSON-INCENDIARY DEVICE-BUSINESS	1
0926	- ARSON-INCENDIARY DEVICE-MOTOR VEHICLE	1
0928	- ARSON-INCENDIARY DEVICE-ALL OTHER	1
1020	- COUNTERFEITING	1
1100	- FRAUD	9
1110	- FRAUD - BAD CHECKS	2
1120	- FRAUD - CREDIT CARDS	9
1130	- FRAUD - ALL OTHER (FLIM FLAN, CONFIDENCE	1
1200	- EMBEZZLEMENT	1
1410	- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO AUTOMOBILES	27
1420	- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO PRIVATE BUILDINGS	16
1430	- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - PUBLIC BUILDINGS	2
1440	- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - ALL OTHER	1

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For Municipality: 1

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
1450	- ALL OTHER VANDALISM(GRAFFITI)	9
1610	- PROSTITUTION	1
1700	- SEX OFFENSES (EXCEPT RAPE & PROSTITUTION	1
1811	- NARCOTICS-SALE-MORPHINE, HEROIN, COCAINE	18
1813	- DRUGS-SALE/MFG-SYNTHETIC NARCOTICS	1
1831	- NARCOTICS-POSSESSION-MORP, HERION, COCAINE	5
1832	- NARCOTICS-POSSESSION-MARIJUANA, ETC.	10
1833	- NARCOTICS-POSSESSION-SYNTHETIC NARCOTIC	1
1834	- NARCOTICS-POSSESSION-OTHER DANGEROUS	3
2000	- OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY & CHILDREN	1
2020	- OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	2
2040	- OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY - OTHER	1
2110	- DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE-LIQUOR/DRUGS	3
2111	- DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE - ALCOHOL	9
2112	- DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	1
2211	- LIQUOR LAW-UNDERAGE-PURCH, CONSMP, POSSESS	2
2300	- PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	29
2400	- DISORDERLY CONDUCT	8
2410	- HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATION	15
2430	- DISORDERLY CONDUCT - DRUGS	6
2440	- DISORDERLY CONDUCT-DISTURBING THE PEACE	3
2450	- HARASSMENT	32
2480	- DISORDERLY CONDUCT-ALL OTHERS	1
2600	- ALL OTHER CRIMES CODE VIOLATIONS	10
2616	- ALL OTHERS - CONTEMPT OF COURT (NON M.V)	1
2632	- ALL OTHER OFFENSES - LITTERING	2
2639	- ALL OTHERS - ILLEGAL DUMPING	9
2650	- ALL OTHERS - PUBLIC NUISANCE	1
2656	- ALL OTHER - THREATS (KILL, BOMB, PHONE, ETC	1
2660	- ALL OTHER OFFENSES - TRESPASSING	7
2691	- OPEN CONTAINER ORDINANCE	3
2811	- CURFEW LAW (JUVENILE) - MALE	4
2812	- CURFEW LAW (JUVENILE) - FEMALE	2
2900	- LOST/MISSING PERSONS	2
2910	- LOST/MISSING PROPERTY	1
2990	- RUNAWAYS - (JUVENILE) - REPORTS	9
3000	- FOUND/RECOVERED PROPERTY	25
3320	- DOA	4
3400	- MENTAL HEALTH	27
3500	- SUSPICIOUS PERSONS, AUTOS, CIRCUMSTANCES	119
3600	- DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	110
3610	- DISTURBANCES-JUVENILE	31
3620	- DISTURBANCES-OTHER (FIGHTS, DISPUTES, ETC)	132
3630	- LOUD MUSIC DISTURBANCE	25
3640	- ANIMAL COMPLAINTS-BARKING DOGS(FOUNDED)	3
3800	- SERVICE CALL-MISCELLANEOUS	42
3810	- SERVICE CALL-ALARMS-UNFOUNDED-EXCPT FIRE	67

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03/01/2009 THROUGH 03/31/2009

For Municipality: 1

<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
3840	- FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUND)	3
3870	- MEDICAL EMERGENCY	32
3890	- SERVICE CALL - PROTECT MONEY	1
3900	- TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	84
4014	- NON-CRIMINAL-INVESTIGATE OPEN DOOR,ETC.	5
4020	- NON-CRIMINAL - SUSPICIOUS AUTO	1
4027	- 911 HANGUPS-UNFOUNDED	38
4028	- NON-CRIMINAL-OTHER INVESTIGATIONS	62
4029	- GUNSHOTS	1
5016	- LOST & FOUND - MISSING ADULT MALES	1
5100	- JUVENILE	22
5105	- INFORMATION	1
5502	- ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - BARKING DOGS(UNF)	2
5504	- ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - DOG BITES	3
5506	- ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	33
5510	- ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - OTHER	5
5590	- ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	5
6001	- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT-HIT AND RUN-INJURY	2
6004	- TRAFFIC ACC. INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMAGE	1
6005	- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT- HIT AND RUN	13
6006	- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	10
6008	- ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	24
6602	- TRAFFIC RELATED -IMPOUNDED,ABANDON M.V.	9
6605	- TRAFFIC RELATED-UNFOUND ACCIDENT	1
6607	- TRAFFIC RELATED-SCHOOL CROSSING	1
6613	- TRAFFIC RELATED-SEIZED REG OR LICENSE	13
7002	- BUILDING CHECKS - OFFICER INITIATED	93
7003	- BUILDING CHECK BUSINESS	16
7005	- LIBRARY CHECK	2
7008	- PUBLIC SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE	1
7012	- PUBLIC SERVICES - BANK ESCORTS, ETC.	8
7014	- PUBLIC SERVICE - OTHERS (OFFICER ASSIST)	4
7090	- PUBLIC SERVICES - REPORTS	2
7502	- ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - FIRE DEPT.	41
7504	- ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	86
7506	- ASSISTING OTHER AGENCIES - ALL OTHERS	14
7508	- ASSIST POTTSTOWN POLICE	44
7510	- LIVE SCAN	36
8010	- WARRANTS - LOCAL - CRIMINAL	1
8012	- WARRANTS - LOCAL - TRAFFIC/CONTEMPT	3
8014	- WARRANTS - LOCAL - OTHER WARRANTS	3
8110	- WARRANTS - MONTGMERY COUNTY BENCH	12
8114	- WARRANTS - OTHER AUTHORITY-OTHER WARRANT	10
8504	- DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES - JAIL DUTY	64
8518	- DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES - RECORD CHECKS	5
8525	- DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES - LAB RUNS	4
9018	- ADMINISTRATION - TRAINING GIVEN	4

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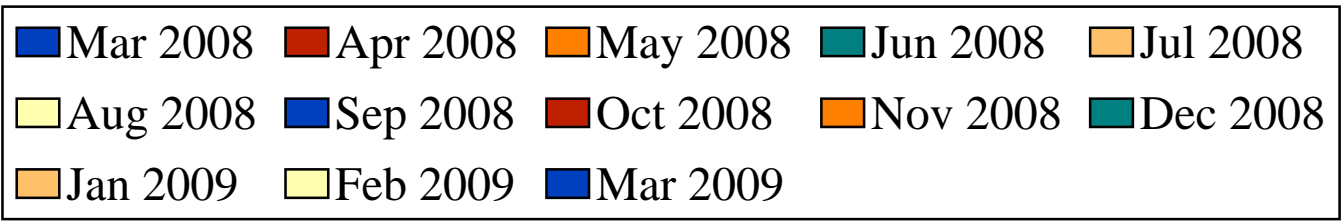
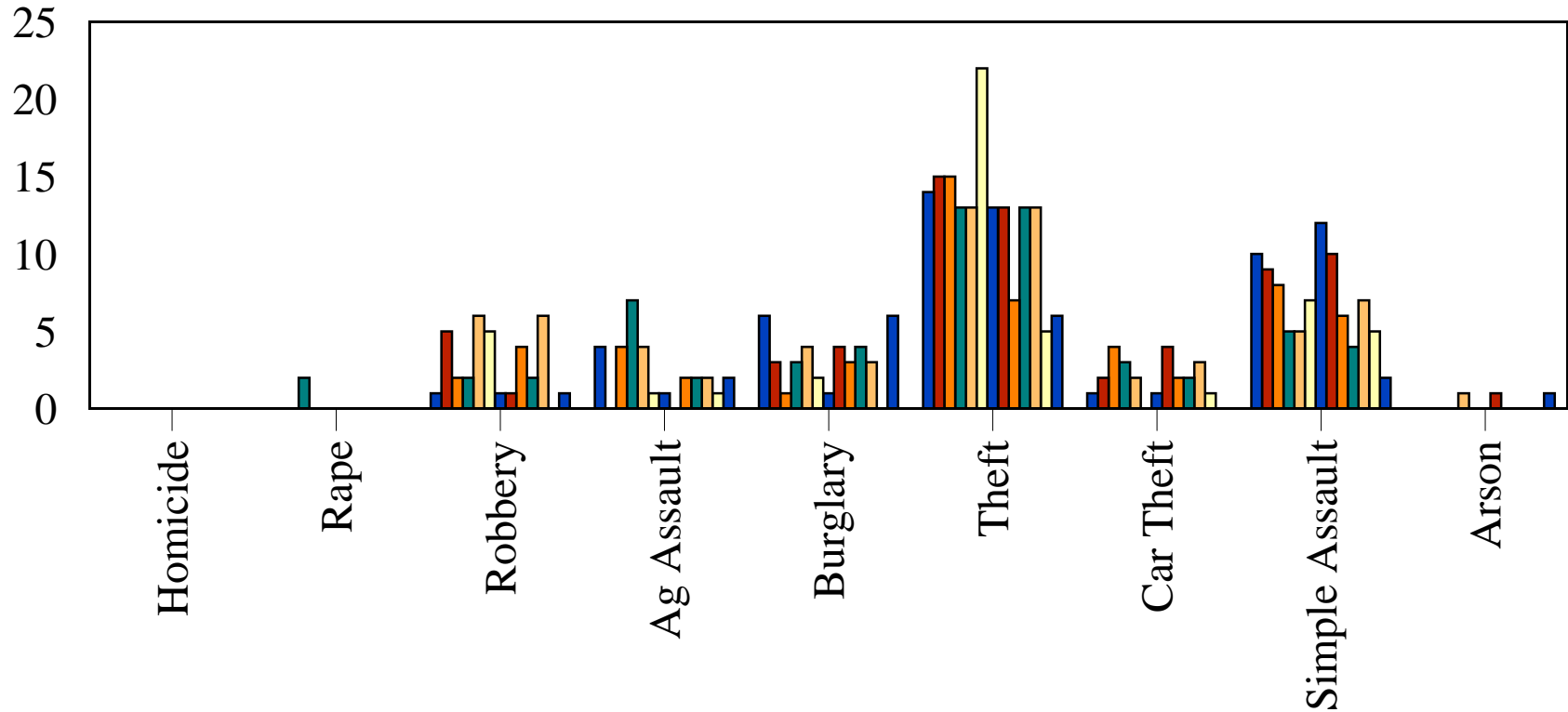
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<u>CODE</u>		<u>COUNT</u>
9100	- CARD STRUCK WHEN NOT NEEDED	18
CITT	- TRAFFIC CITATION	193
WARR	- WARRANT	26
	Total	<u>2033</u>

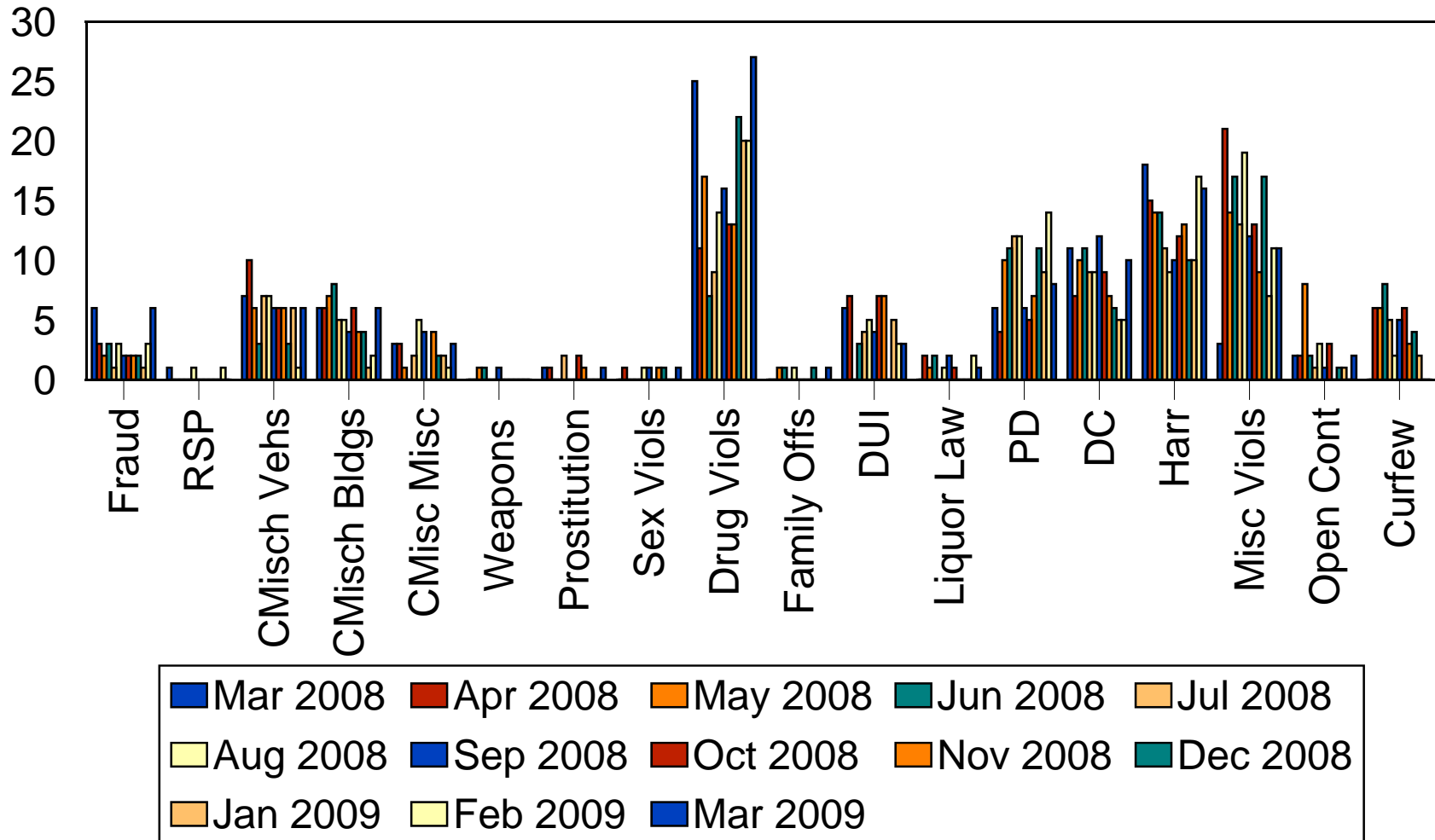
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## Part 1 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison



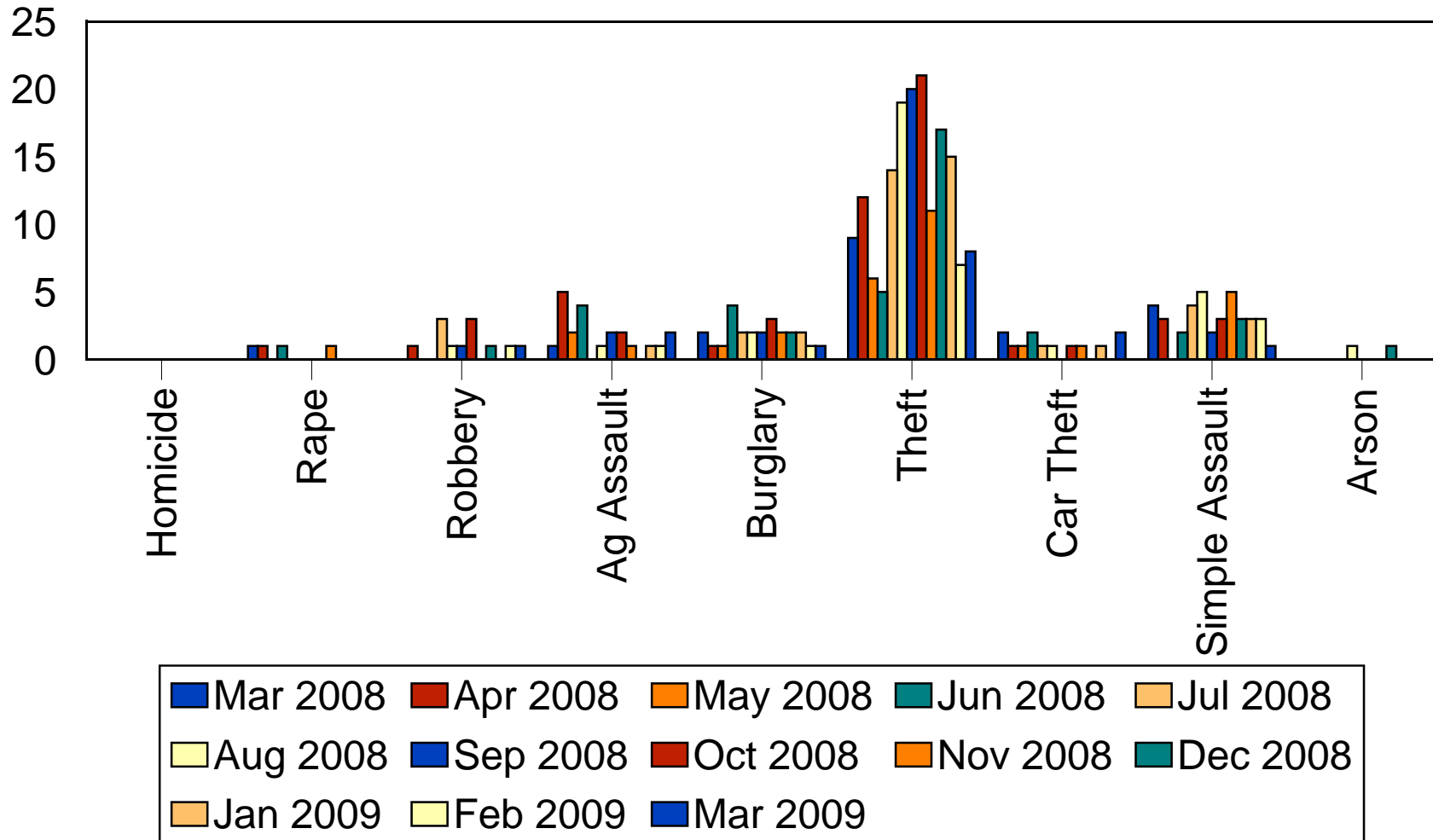
# Ward 1

## Part 2 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison



# Ward 2

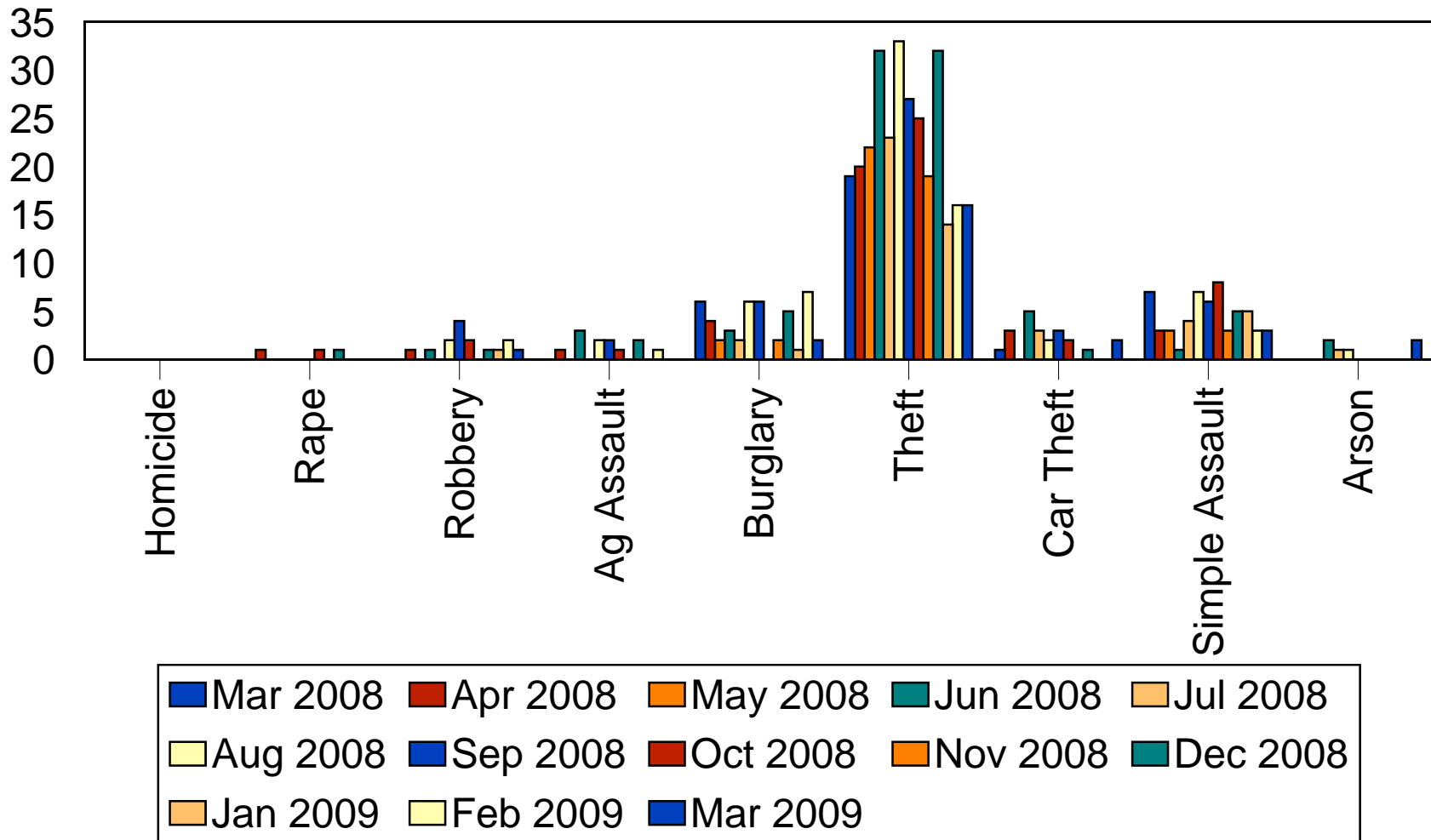
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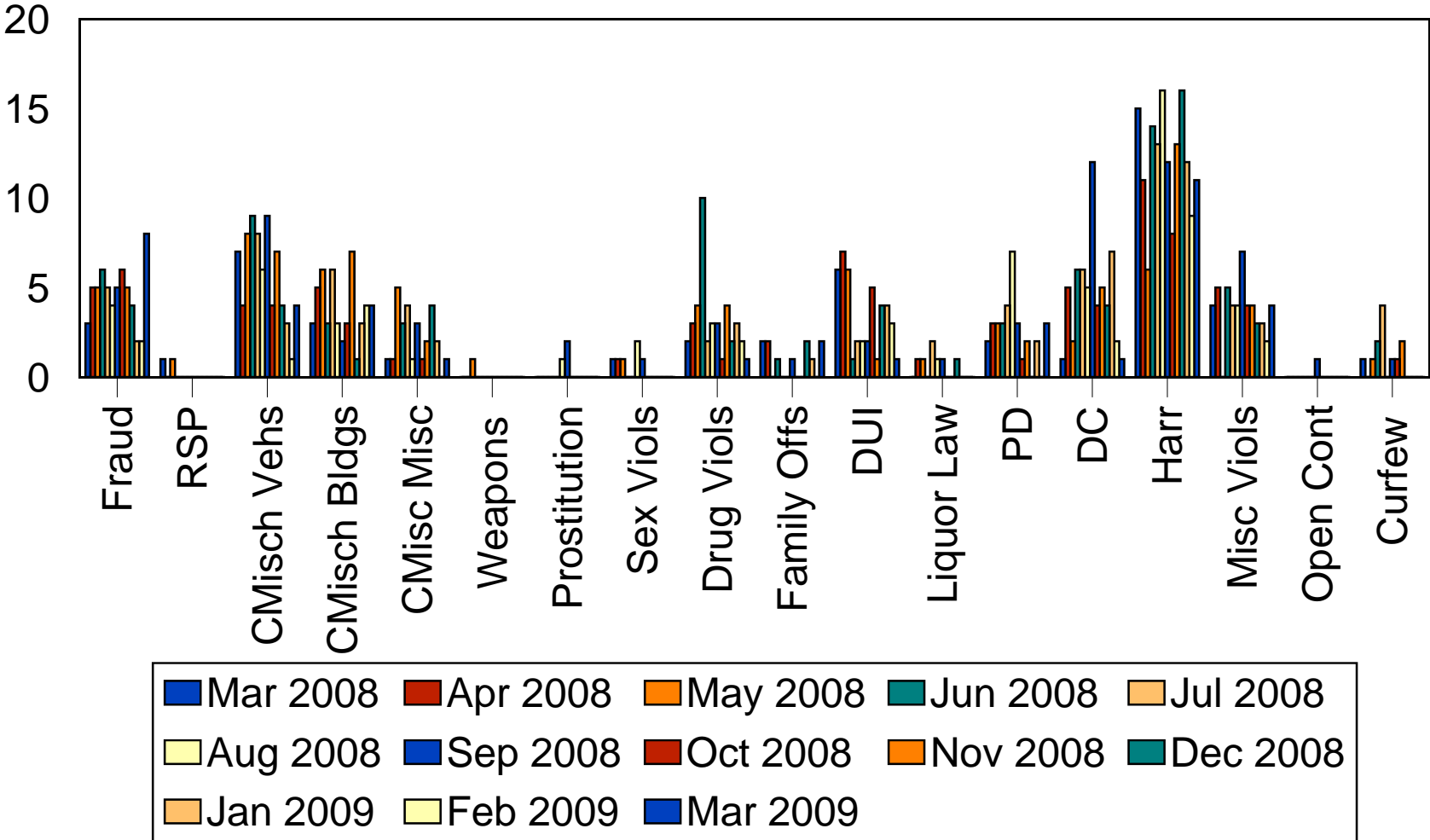
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## Part 1 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison



# Ward 3

## Part 2 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison

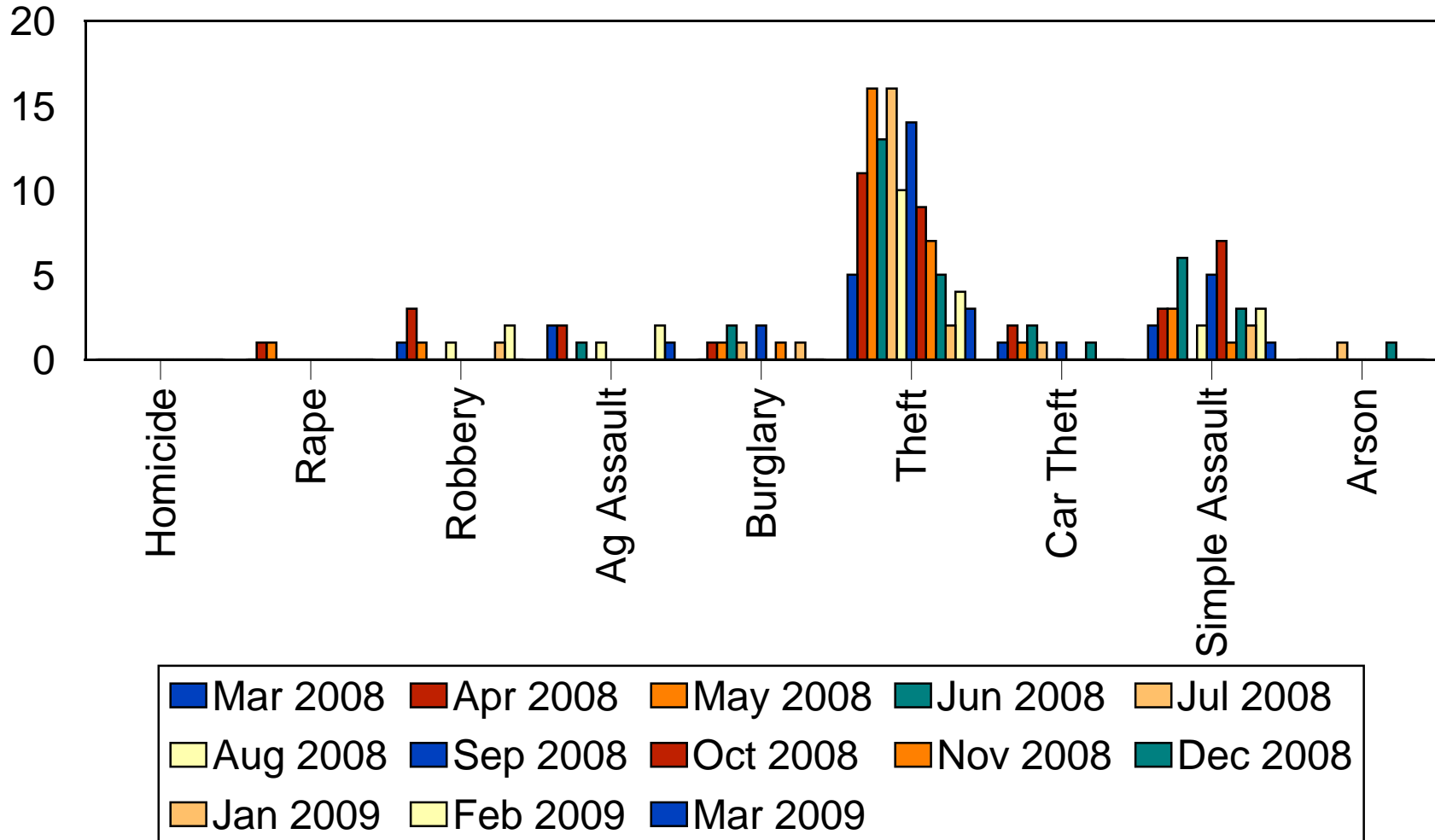






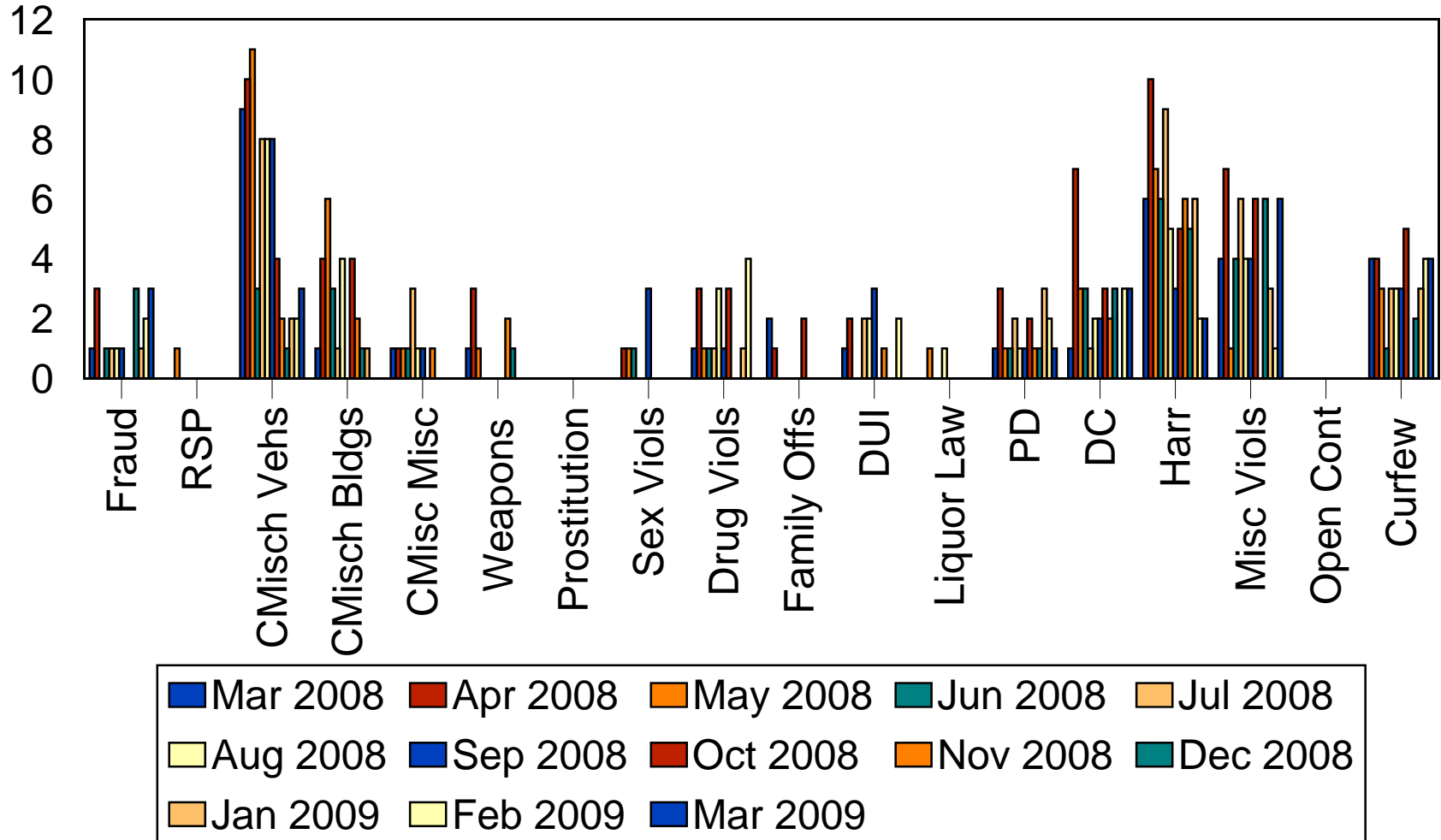
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## Part 1 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison



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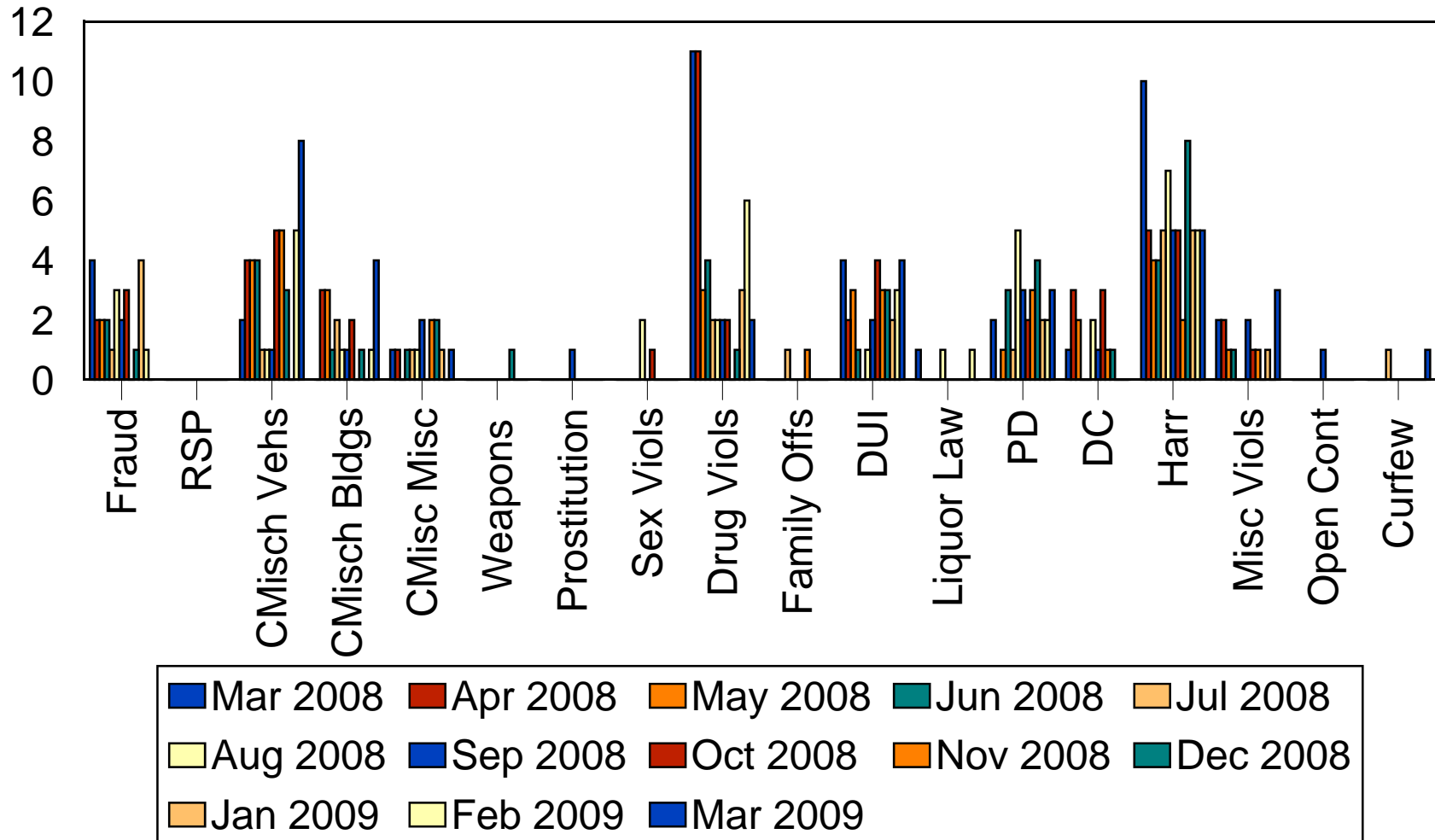
## Part 2 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison





# Ward 6

## Part 2 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison









# Borough of Pottstown

## Part 2 Crimes - 12 Month Comparison

