

# Grand Prairie Police Department



# 2007

*Annual Report*



# Message from the Chief

The Grand Prairie Police Department experienced a year of achievements in 2007, including being awarded status as an Accredited Law Enforcement Agency by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), exceeding hiring goals by 40 percent, receiving voter approval for a new Public Safety Building and installing 12 additional photo enforcement cameras at dangerous railroad crossings and red light intersections.

In July, CALEA awarded GPPD accreditation status after a four-year process during which all aspects of our Department's policies, procedures, management, operations and support services were examined in detail. Earning CALEA accreditation proves we are among the best internationally, and it stands as a challenge for us to continue demonstrating our commitment to this profession.

Another milestone reached in 2007 involved GPPD's recruiting efforts. For the first sustained time in recent GPPD history, the Department is fully staffed, thanks to our recruiting team and their aggressive approach to increase hiring by 55 percent over the previous year. We hired 28 sworn officers, 23 civilian employees, and our recruiting team earned one of the city's highest honors at the annual employee awards banquet, being recognized with the Group Achievement Award for 2007.

In the May election, Grand Prairie voters approved using a ¼ cent sales tax to build a new Public Safety Center that will replace our existing facility of 35 years that we have long since outgrown. An extensive design process is underway for the new 130,000-square-foot Public Safety headquarters, and we expect the construction to begin in October 2008 and be completed by May 2010. One important note about the sales tax is that it is not a new tax on residents but a continuation of the sales tax that was previously used to build Lone Star Park, which was paid off 18 years ahead of schedule.

GPPD experienced several "firsts" this year including becoming the first in Texas to install a railroad crossing photo enforcement camera. After only three months, violations at the photo-enforced railroad crossing decreased by 48 percent. Since then, we've installed four more cameras at railroad crossings and eight at dangerous red light intersections. We also became the first in Texas to use a new laser radar technology to measure the distance between cars in an effort to enforce tailgating violations.

Other highlights: Cross-trained all five of our Lake Patrol Officers as Emergency Medical Technicians; increased starting salary to \$48,641; launched Grand Prairie Police MySpace site as part of the online police recruiting strategy: [www.myspace.com/grandprairiepolice](http://www.myspace.com/grandprairiepolice); and honored fallen Police Sgt. Greg Hunter with a memorial at the site of his death, funded by family, friends, coworkers, private citizens and local businesses.

This continues to be an exciting time to be a police officer in Grand Prairie as we look to the future and plan for the needs of a growing and dynamic community.

**- Chief Glen Hill**

**Grand Prairie Police Chief  
Glen Hill  
972-237-8710**



The Grand Prairie Police Department's authorized strength is 223 sworn, 103 non-sworn, and 50 reserve officers. Grand Prairie was the 6th fastest growing city in 2006 (among cities of 100,000+). At a population of 161,571 in 2007, Grand Prairie is the 7th largest city in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, the 16th largest city in Texas, and the 157th largest city in the United States. Grand Prairie has a total area of 81.5 square miles in three counties.

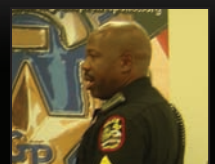
## 2007-08 Police Budget Appropriations

<b>Personnel Services</b>	<b>\$27,713,870</b>
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>\$933,454</b>
<b>Services</b>	<b>\$2,889,356</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>	<b>\$530,000</b>
<b>Reimbursements</b>	<b>(\$188,478)</b>
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$31,878,202</b>

## Administrative Investigations

**972-237-8811**

- Formal Complaints Investigated - 72
- Policy Complaints - 28
- Civil Service Employees - 26
- Non Civil Service Employees - 5
- Sustained - 9
- Unfounded - 3
- Closed by other means:
  - Justified Use of Deadly Force - 3
  - Review of Procedure - 1
  - Resigned Under Investigation - 2
- Pending - 0





# Field Operations Bureau



**Deputy Chief  
Don Trask**  
Field Operations Bureau  
972-237-8905



## K-9

**972-237-8784**

- Deployments - 87
- Narcotic Finds - 10
- Apprehensions - 13

## Reserves

**972-237-8940**

- Hours Volunteered - 2,418



## Tactical 972-237-8819

- Search Warrants - 17
- Barricaded Persons - 4
- Other - 2

## Patrol 972-237-8724

- Calls for Service - 136,435
- Fleet Miles - 1,346,425
- Traffic Stops - 39,496
- Traffic Pursuits - 21

## Directed Patrol 972-237-8832

- Felony Narcotic Cases Filed - 98
- Arrests - 385
- Citations - 818
- Undercover Drug Operations - 2
- Search Warrants - 24
- Guns Seized - 15
- Narcotic Seizures - Marihuana 30.2 lbs  
ICE 2.25 lbs  
Powder Cocaine 10 Kilos  
Crack Cocaine 4 oz  
MDMA 56 dosages
- Currency Seizures - \$45,000

## Lake Patrol 972-237-8940



- Boating Contacts - 1,566
- Boaters Assisted - 193
- Water Rescues - 24
- Land Contacts - 4,983
- Boat Accidents - 16
- All five lake officers were trained through EMT

## Traffic 972-237-8906



### Citations

- Traffic Unit - 12,503
- STEP - 15,521
- Patrol/Other - 23,582

### Crashes

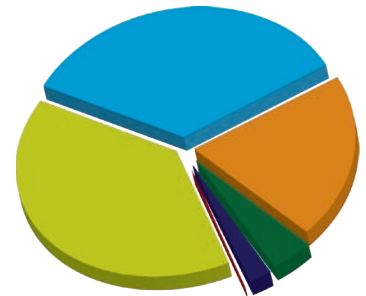
- Total Collisions Reported to 911 - 6,369
- Collisions Reported on CRB-3s - 3,147
- Non-Injury Collisions - 2,098
- Injury Collisions - 1,033
- Fatal Collisions - 16
- Killed in Collisions - 18
- Hit & Run Collisions - 828

### Cases Filed

- DWI - 455
- DUI - Minor - 19
- Other Criminal Traffic Cases - 649

## Traffic Data

- White, 39%
- Hispanic, 34%
- Black, 20%
- Other, 4%
- Asian, 2%
- Native American, .1%



Between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007, 29,722 traffic and pedestrian stops were recorded. 51% of those stopped were not residents of Grand Prairie.

**2007**  
in review

## January

Began referral incentive program for recruiting police applicants.



Preliminary design

## May

Grand Prairie voters approved Crime Control and Prevention District, allowing 1/4 cent sales tax to fund new police center and jail.

## June

Added first railroad crossing enforcement camera in the state of Texas, at the corner of Jefferson and Belt Line.



## A group of four police officers, two men and two women, are standing in a row. They are all wearing dark blue police uniforms with "POLICE" and "CHICAGO" visible on their shirts. The man on the far left is wearing a dark uniform. The man next to him is wearing a dark uniform with a "CHICAGO" patch. The woman next to him is wearing a dark uniform with a "CHICAGO" patch. The woman on the far right is wearing a dark uniform with a "CHICAGO" patch. They are standing in front of a wall with several flags, including the American flag and the Chicago flag.

A portrait of a man with short, dark hair and a mustache, wearing a dark military uniform with green shoulder patches and a gold star on the collar. He is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera.

- Crime Scene Searches - 690
- Lab Requests Processed - 535
- AFIS Searches - 436
- Fingerprint Comparisons - 5,569

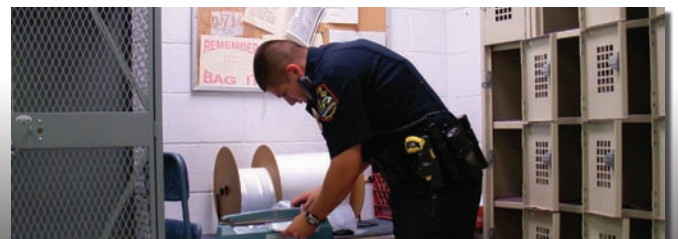
A pocket watch with a white face and gold-colored case. Lines point from various crimes and their frequencies to different parts of the watch face:

- Simple Assault - 1,245** (1 every 7 hours) - points to the 12 o'clock position.
- Burglary - 1,577** (1 every 6 hours) - points to the 1 o'clock position.
- Criminal Homicide - 6** (1 every 1,460 hours) - points to the 2 o'clock position.
- Forcible Rape - 74** (1 every 118 hours) - points to the 3 o'clock position.
- Robbery - 225** (1 every 39 hours) - points to the 4 o'clock position.
- Aggravated Assault - 221** (1 every 40 hours) - points to the 5 o'clock position.
- Theft - 4,575** (1 every 2 hours) - points to the 6 o'clock position.
- Motor Vehicle Theft - 1,178** (1 every 7 hours) - points to the 7 o'clock position.

In 2007, the Grand Prairie Police Department served 1,728 victims of violent crime. Services included crisis intervention, follow up contact, personal advocacy, information and referrals, criminal justice support and advocacy, assistance obtaining emergency protective orders and filing crime victims' compensation claims.

- Cases Assigned - 4,154
  - Narcotics - 117
  - Major Crimes (Persons) - 602
  - General Assignments
    - (Property / Financial / Computer) - 3,247
  - Special Operations
    - (Auto Theft / Gang / Vice) - 188
- Cases Filed - 979
  - Narcotics - 107
  - Major Crimes (Persons) - 281
  - General Assignments
    - (Property / Financial / Computer) - 468
  - Special Operations
    - (Auto Theft / Gang / Vice) - 123
- Search Warrants - 38
- Narcotic Seizures - \$187,991
- Assets/Currency Seized - \$3,300

- Items Received - 74,885
- Items Released - 107,773
- Stolen Property Recovered from Pawn Shops in Grand Prairie - \$81,932



Became the first in Texas to use a new laser-powered radar with distance between cars technology to pick out tailgaters.

Earned national accreditation from Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

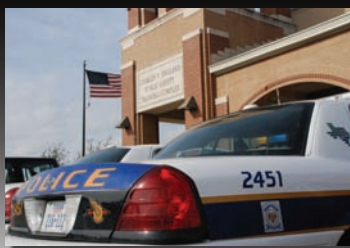


Launched Grand Prairie  
Police MySpace site  
as part of online police  
recruiting strategy:  
**[www.myspace.com/  
grandprairiepolice](http://www.myspace.com/grandprairiepolice)**

**Earned overall team honors at National Police Motorcycle Skills and Training Championship in Frisco.**



# Support Bureau



**Deputy Chief  
Michael Taylor**  
Support Bureau  
972-237-8716



## Special Recognition

### 2007 Retirees

Stephen Courson ♦ Gary Gouge  
Diana Paulsen ♦ Judy Read  
Cleta Shaw ♦ Doyle Winter

### 2007 Promotions

Gerald Brown - Sgt.

## Personnel and Training

972-237-8690

- Police Officers Hired - 28
- Non-Sworn (civilian) Employees Hired - 23
- Training Classes - 145

## Auto Pound 972-237-4100

- Vehicles Impounded - 6,626
- Vehicles Released - 5,249
- Vehicles Crushed - 65
- Auction Revenue - \$450,441

## Detention 972-237-8951

- Total Inmates - 11,091
- Average Length of Stay - 3 Days



## Communications

911 Emergency • 972-237-8790 Non-Emergency

- 911 Calls Received - 148,089
- Non-Emergency Calls - 149,361



## Community Service

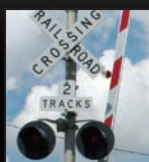
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- H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft) and VIN Registrations - 348
- New Crime Watches Organized - 13
- Neighborhoods Participating in National Night Out - 32
- Child ID Kits Distributed - 63
- Safeside City Graduates - 2,480
- Citizen Police Academy Graduates - 45
- Junior Police Academy Graduates - 16

## Records 972-237-8740

- Reports Entered into RMS - 40,889
- Fees Collected - \$82,923
- Visitors to Lobby - 18,766
- Open Records Requests - 11,500

## September



Violations at the first photo-enforced railroad crossing decreased from June to September by 48 percent.

## October

Increased starting salary to \$48,641.  
Officers Bo Stegall and Joe Kalota earned first and third place trophies at Lone Star Police Motorcycle Competition.

## December



Santa Cop and Santa Spot collected and delivered food and toys to about 400 Grand Prairie families in need.

Police Recruiting Team receives 2007 Group Achievement Award at City of Grand Prairie Annual Awards Banquet



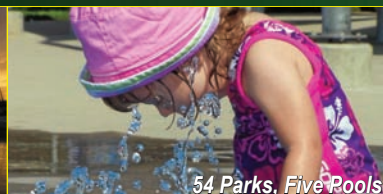
# Grand Prairie Police Department · Grand Prairie, Texas



Good Link Trail



Lake Joe Pool



54 Parks, Five Pools



Lone Star Park

The Grand Prairie Police Department is continually seeking diverse, highly motivated, community-oriented officers with integrity, who are willing to face a variety of challenges and responsibilities. We are committed to working in partnership with the residents of our community to provide a safe, secure environment to enhance the quality of life for each citizen of Grand Prairie.

"People, Service & Integrity" EOE

## Qualifications:

- Applicant must be a United States citizen between the ages of 21 and 44. Applicants 45 years of age or older are not eligible for a beginning position as a police officer.
- Applicant with felony convictions will not be considered for employment.
- Applicant may never have been convicted of an offense above the grade of a Class B misdemeanor or a Class B misdemeanor within the last 10 years.
- Applicant must not be on probation for any offense at the time of application.
- Applicant must have a high school diploma or a G.E.D. with 60 accredited college hours

or

Four years military experience with 30 accredited college hours

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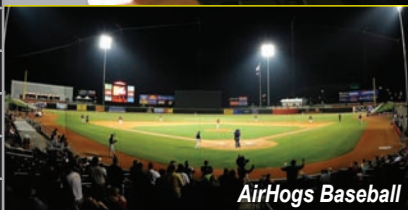
At least two years full-time employment with a federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency with a current peace officer's license.



## Excitement! Advancement! Teamwork!

Pay Scale as of Oct. 13, 2007		CERTIFICATION PAY*	
Officer - Recruit	\$48,641	Intermediate	\$40
Officer - 1 Year	\$51,073	Advanced	\$80
Officer - 2 Years	\$53,624	MONTHLY INCENTIVE PAY*	
Officer - 3 Years	\$56,310	Associate Degree	\$50
Officer - 4 Years	\$59,131	Bachelor Degree	\$100
Officer - 5 Years	\$62,087	Field Training Officer	\$100
Officer - Years 6-14	\$65,191	Language Pay	\$100
Officer - 15 Years	\$66,821	Shift Differential	\$100

\* Contact recruiter for details. Some restrictions apply.



AirHogs Baseball



Two Municipal Golf Courses