

May 30, 2008

Dear Committee Members,

I am proud to present to you the Glen Ridge Police Department's application for the distinguished Goldstein Award.

Glen Ridge is an Urban - Suburban Community, of 1.3 square miles, we are 16 miles West of New York City (Manhattan). Within our jurisdiction, we have neighboring communities that have many more times the crime rate than we experience. The 2000 U.S. Census reported a population of 7,762 residents in Glen Ridge. The area is largely a residential community, and approximately 5% commercial property.

The Glen Ridge Police Department began to seriously address and combat high Auto Theft after reviewing our Uniform Crime Reports during 2003. During this time the Glen Ridge experienced twice the number of auto thefts from 2002. Auto theft was a problem seen throughout the County of Essex in Northern New Jersey. The department staff, met to determine how we were to attack this issue. We knew that we were not going to increase the size of our 26-member department, we had to reach out to the community for their support. On the **Education** front - our crime prevention officers appeared at luncheons for local civic groups and senior organizations, we made use of the local cable network (channel 36) and our Borough website. The patrol Division confiscated a vehicle (Toyota - Camry) we outfitted it with low profile lights and siren with forfeiture funds. The Patrol Officer's would supplement the tour with operating the Toyota while in plain clothes.

Additionally, we called in the Essex-Union Counties Auto Theft Task Force (ATTF) to assist us during the evening. This Unit is made up of a bi-county initiative, departments from both counties loan officers to the Task Force. The ATTF is comprised of roughly 20 officers from individual departments, trained to combat auto theft from an arrest and recovery concept.

We tracked our data and we targeted the days that have been prone the auto thefts, our overall results ended with a 46% decline in auto theft, Suspicious Persons and Vehicles increased by 31%.

The Glen Ridge Police Department is a service-oriented department, we have always strived to work closely with our residents and the local merchants. Our Officers are made aware that like any corporation, we too have a product to offer, and that product is Service to the Community.

In the famed classic play *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens, Jacob Morley, visits his old friend Ebenezer Scrooge the main character in the story. "Old Morley was as dead as a door-nail," and as a spirit was destined to walk a condemned life. At a time when Morley tries to change the ways of Scrooge, the ghost of Morley cries out "Business! Mankind was my business..." Precisely, it is this thought that this department has embraced as we embrace our community policing efforts. We are here to serve the residents, merchants and visitors to our Borough. Our efforts to maintain a safe community can only be fully accomplished with the cooperation of these persons. In order to develop a working relationship with our business owners, the department first sent the Uniform Division Lieutenant out to introduce himself and explain the function of our department. Some of our services are offered through the Detective Bureau-Crime Prevention Unit and others through the Uniform Patrol Division. The department explains the Borough Ordinances that are enforced, and explains the penalties for failures to comply. It is our belief that an informed citizen and merchant will become a better neighbor. As a follow-up to the Patrol Lieutenant, our Detective Bureau Crime Prevention Unit will visit a business and again offer the services of the department, such as speaking engagements for staff, inspections to prevent intrusion, money escorts, vacancy checks, emergency key file located at headquarters and more. All of these are listed on our web-site. Our Patrol Officers are encouraged to stop at local parks and sporting events to speak to residents and find out what their concerns may be. We have an internet web site that has a web survey for any comments a person may have. It may range from comments about being stopped for a speeding ticket and how they were treated to suggestion to improve our crossing guards.

Additionally, we offer other programs such as Combat Auto Theft (CAT) by registering your car with the police department, the owner applies a CAT sticker to the rear window. The owner waives his rights to probable cause, and allows the car to be stopped past a certain hour early in the morning.

The department has been meeting with organized neighborhoods talking about their concerns from speeding vehicles to auto theft. Our simple message to the residents is "lock your car." New technology has allowed the department to track information and report back to these groups in a timely manner. The use of the Glen Ridge web page has opened a new door for the department as well. Residents are able to receive e-mail from the department or may contact command personnel by clicking on their names, our web site is full of information and still growing. Please visit us at www.glenridgenj.org.

We operate a web-based e-mail Crime Prevention Notice to any subscriber it is a police generated notice explaining recent crime activity. Subscribers are alerted to the method of the crime and the actors involved. Again, we believe that an informed public is our best asset to fighting crime. Persons that do not receive our message can read about the alert on the bulletin board at the community center, located at the train station.

To enhance our partnerships we take advantage of National Night Out in a way that is exception to Glen Ridge. We have a number of organized block parties, starting a 6:00PM the Police Department travels from party to party and speaks to each group. There are approximately six officers attending, the Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeants, Detectives and McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog. We offer a presentation about crime, particular to that area of town and answer any questions or concerns. It is a time to be intimate with the residents, hand out toys to the children and promote awareness. Once our department identifies a problem or a trend we begin to bring the matter to the attention of the public.

We have learned that a small agency can take on a big problem, we need to get the residents and merchants more involved. We need to teach the public how to see crime the way we do. It is unfortunate, but a reality. It is a positive experience working with the residents, letting them know our limitations. So many people see too much television and expect so much. Yet, it is contrary to real life, that you cannot solve a crime in one hour. It is the same issue across the county, the difference is whether you have more or less crime.

I have included a copy of our analysis sheet and a graph of our progress.

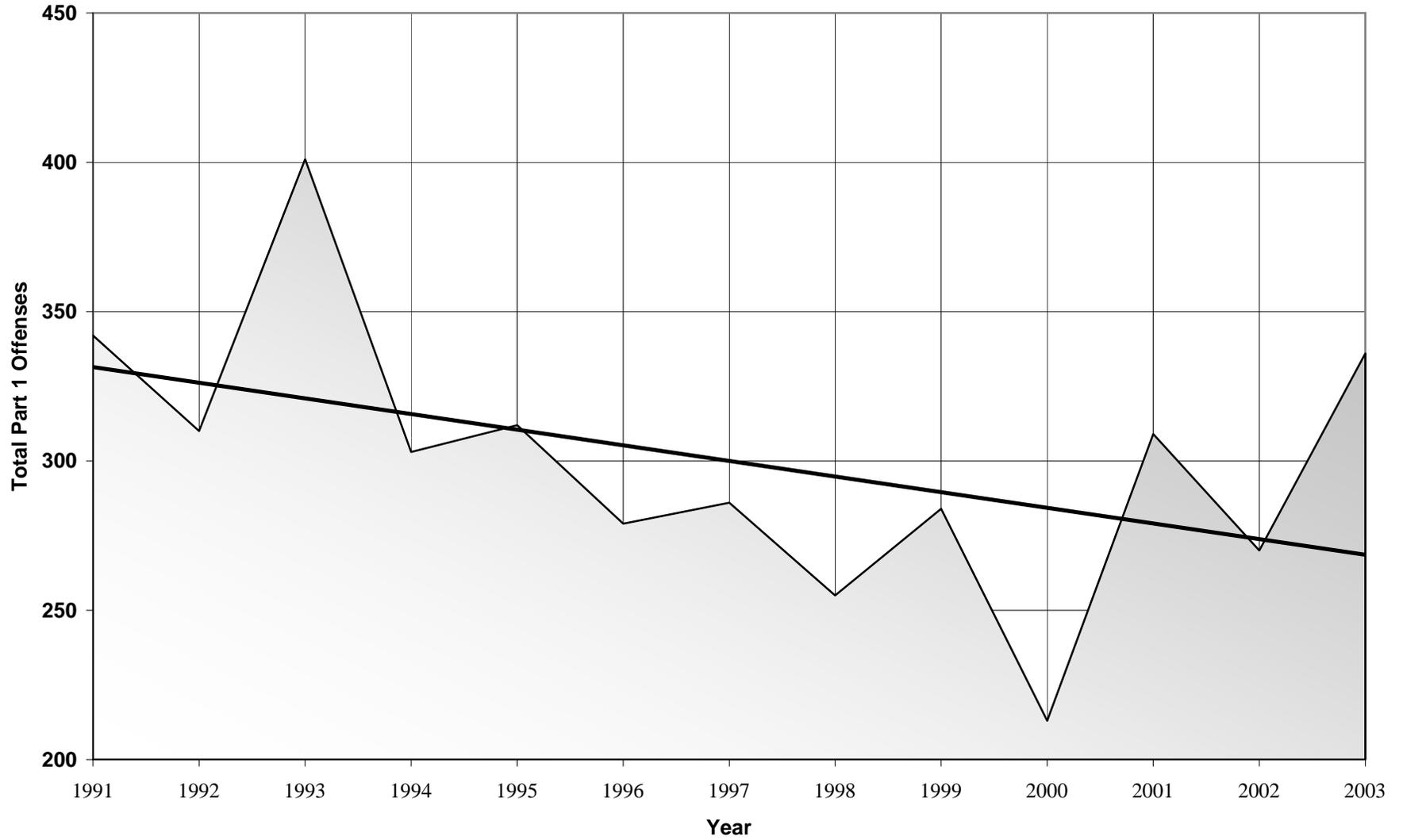
Thank you for the opportunity to apply for such a prestigious award.

Respectfully,

John R. Magnier /s/

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Chief of Police

Crime in Glen Ridge, New Jersey



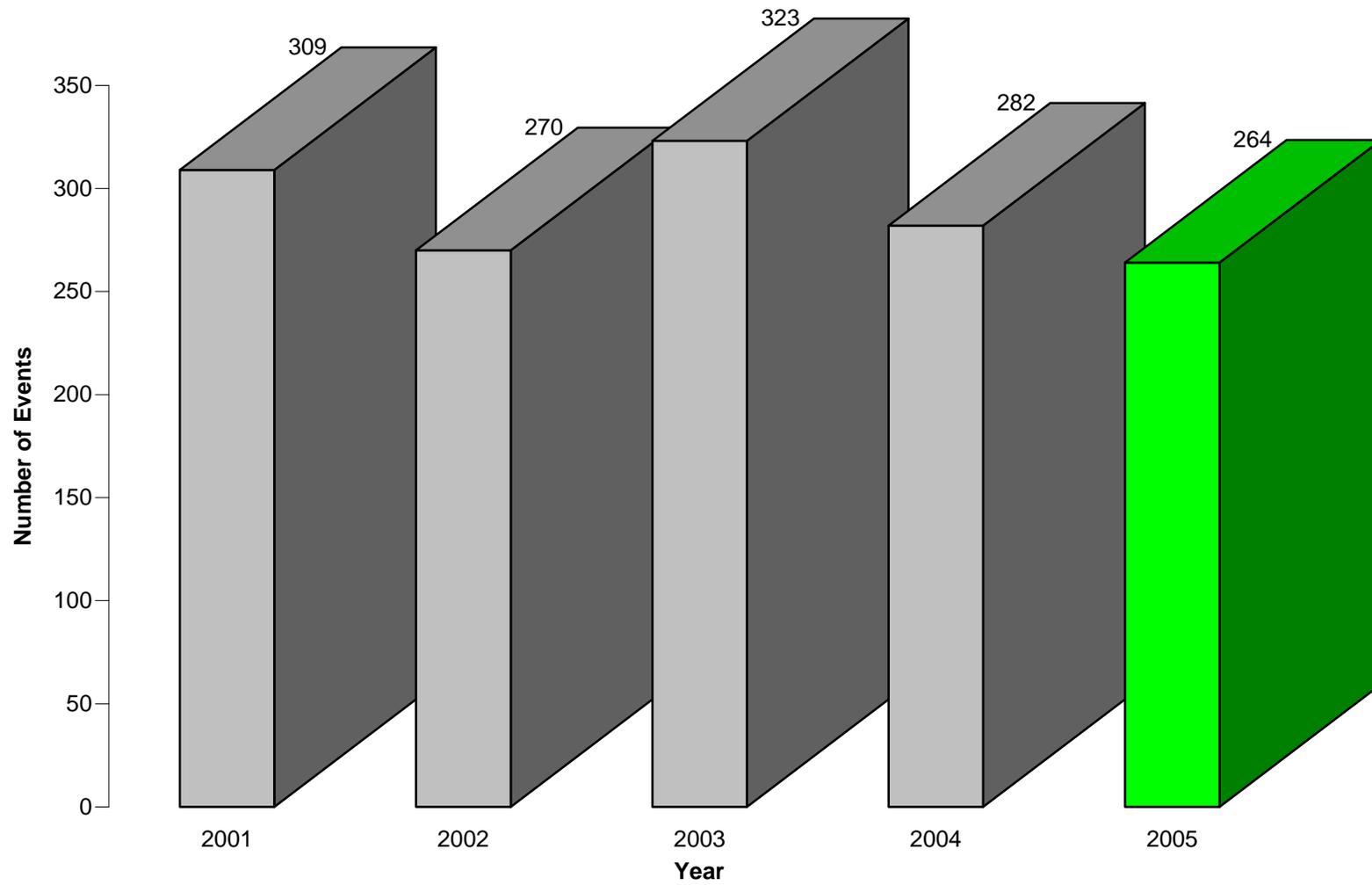
Presented to the Public Safety Committee November 8, 2004
John R. Magnier Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety

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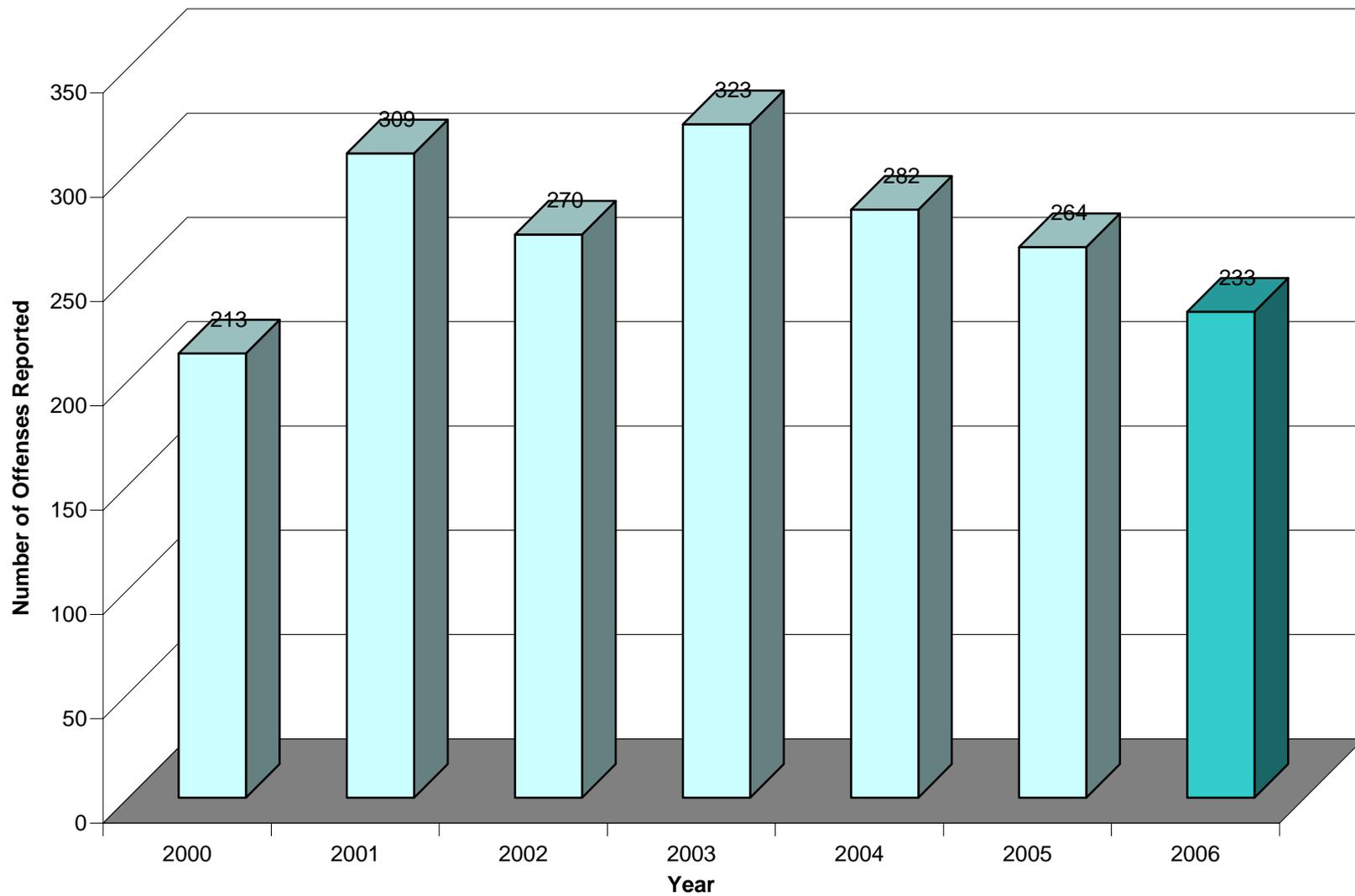


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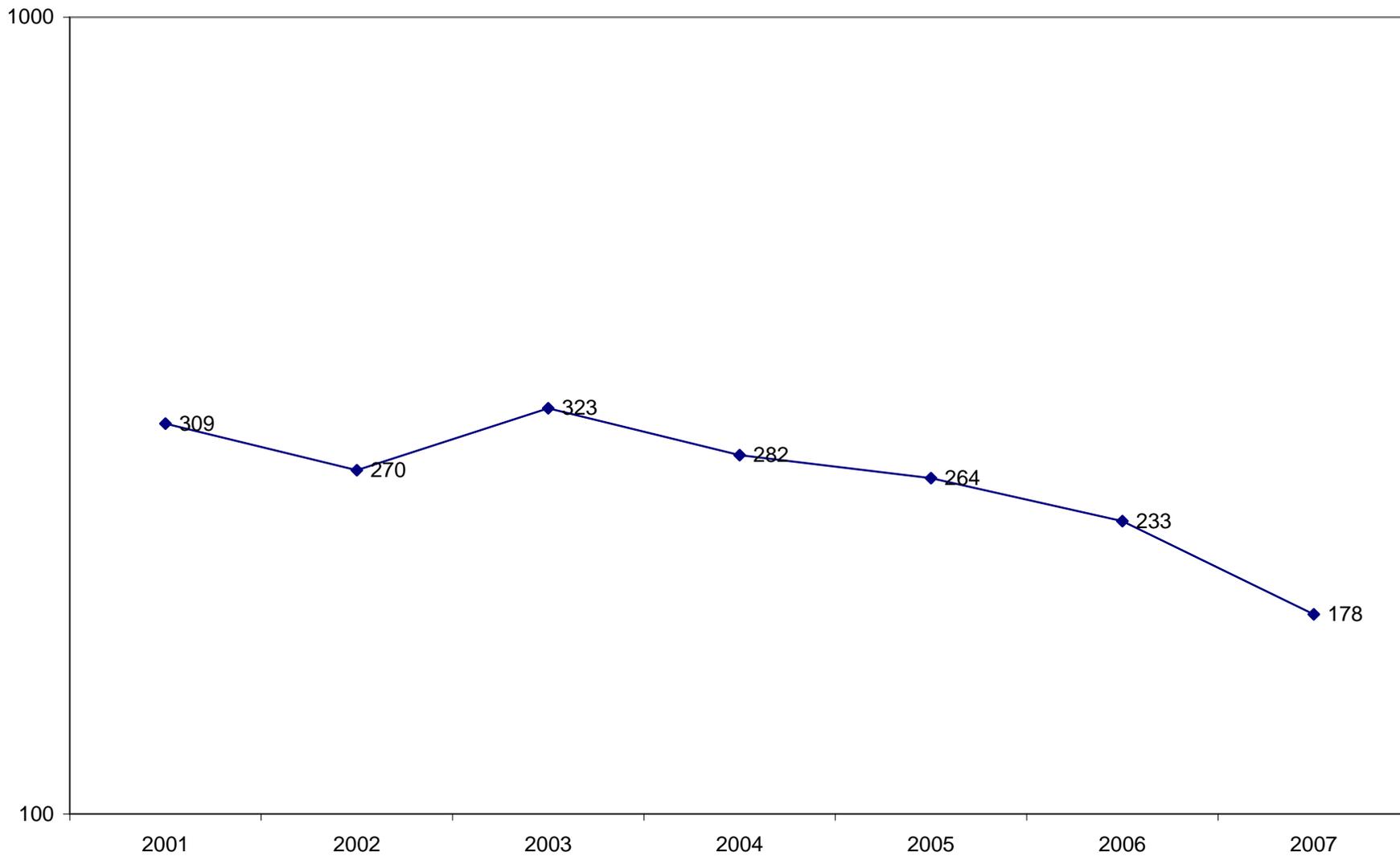
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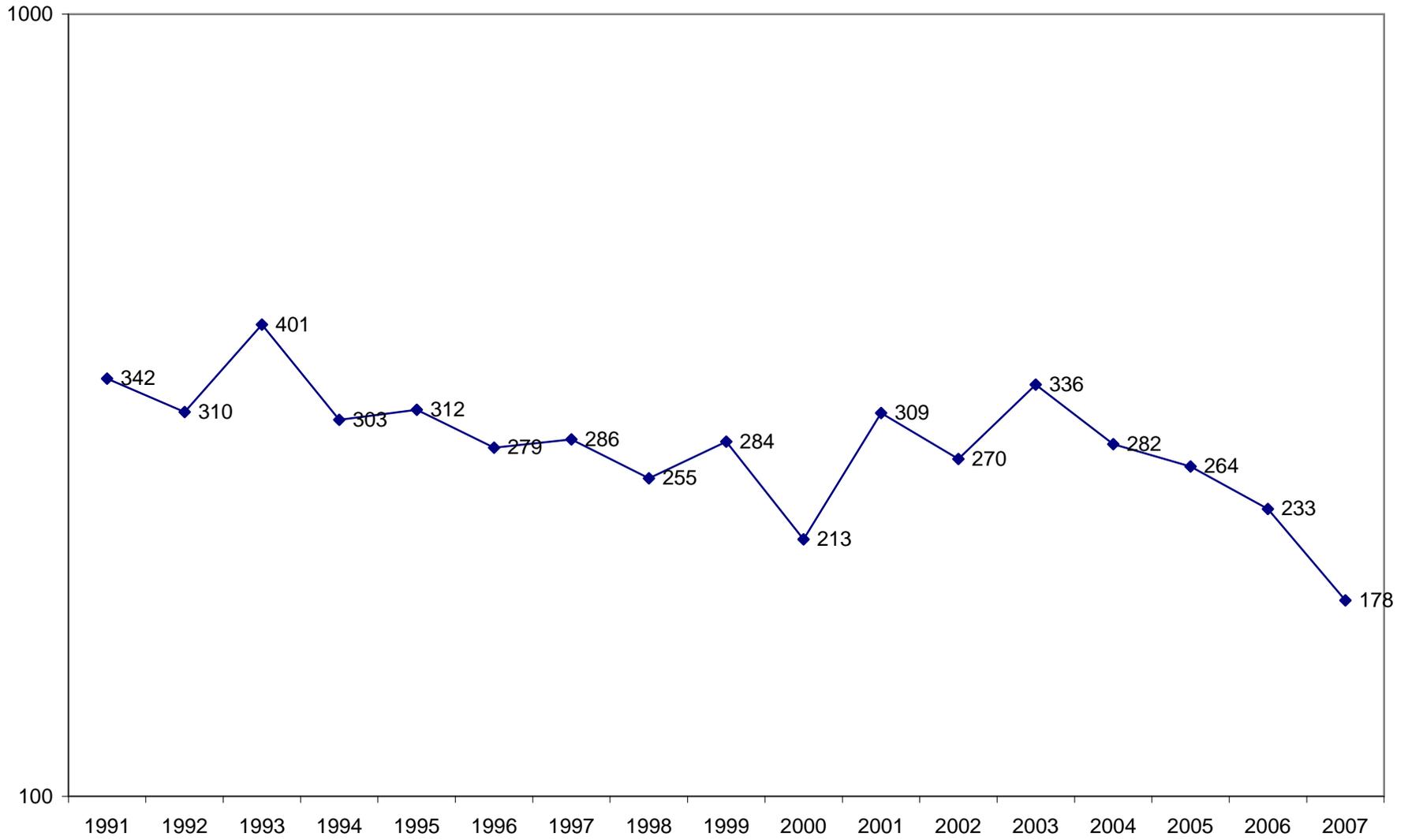
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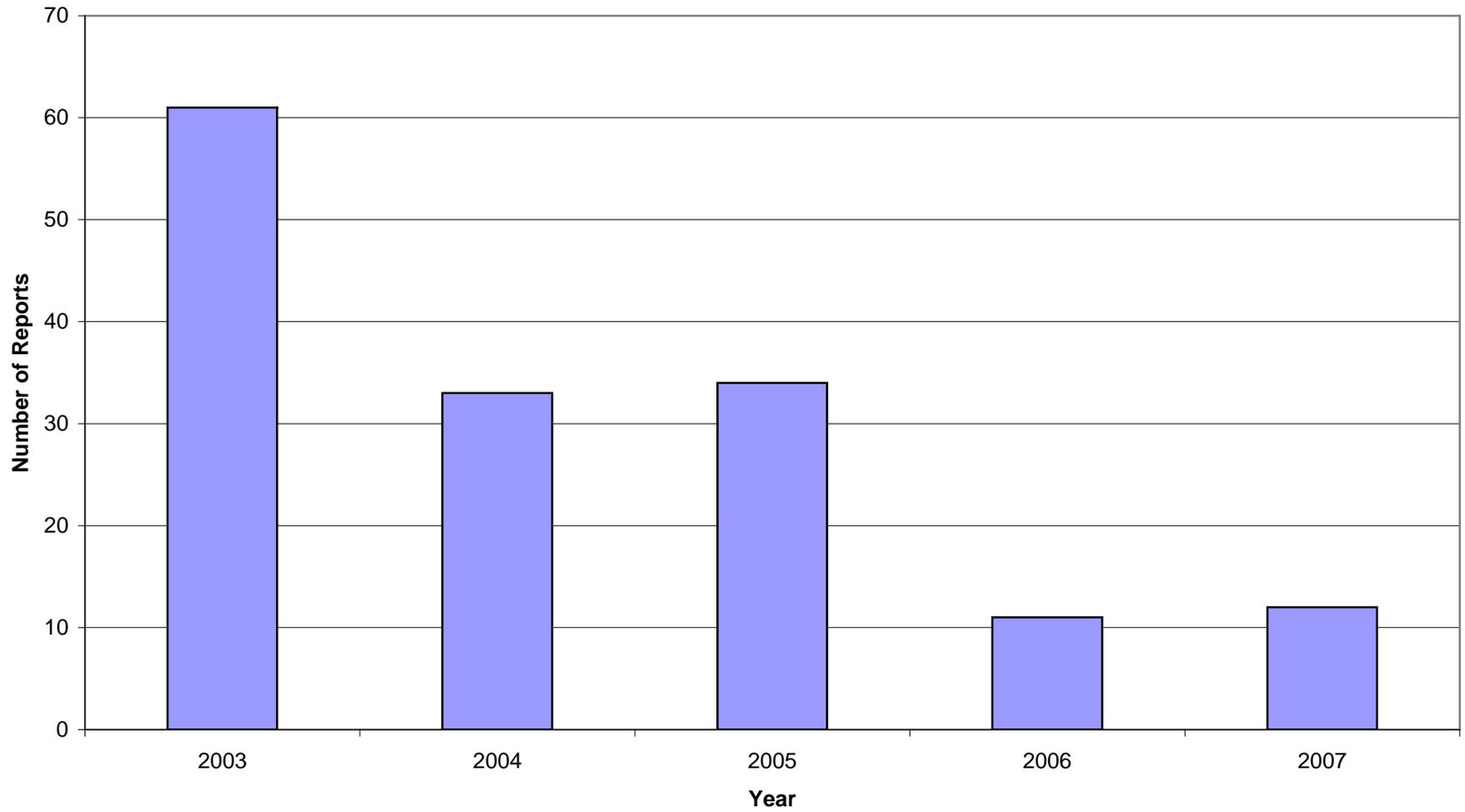
History of Part 1 Offenses



History of Part 1 Offenses from 1991 - 2007
(Inclusive of murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft, arson)



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Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028
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Auto Theft



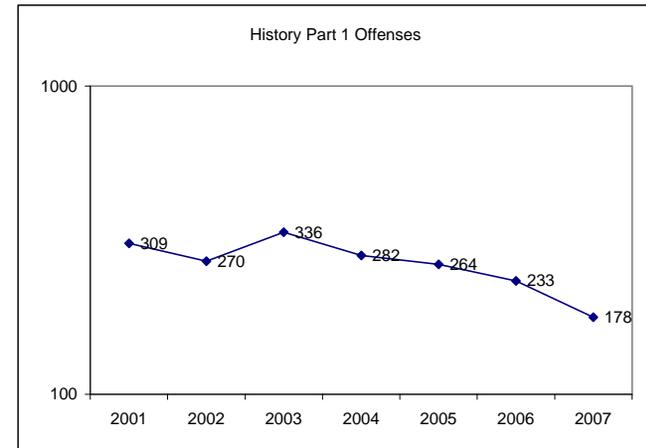
UCR Reports	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Murder	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	2	2	0
Robbery	11	9	10	8	5	14	8	9	3	0	3	4	10	10	2	2	7
Agg. Assault	2	5	5	8	4	4	6	6	5	1	8	5	3	6	11	16	19
Burglary	76	58	151	118	87	72	78	56	36	63	78	63	47	53	46	45	23
Larceny	215	204	199	137	176	140	149	151	202	128	154	165	211	179	166	155	117
Motor Vehicle Theft	38	30	34	31	39	48	44	33	38	19	61	32	61	33	34	11	12
Arson	0	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	1	2	1	0
Part 1 Offenses	342	310	401	303	312	279	286	255	284	213	309	270	336	282	264	233	178
Violent Crime per 1,000										1.2	0.4	1.7	2.3	3	2.9		

Part 1 Offenses	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Rape	2	1	0	2	0	2	2	0
Robbery	0	3	4	11	11	2	2	7
Agg. Assault	1	8	5	9	10	11	16	19
Burglary	63	78	63	47	53	46	45	23
Larceny	128	154	165	193	175	166	155	117
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	61	32	60	33	34	11	12
Arson	0	4	1	1	1	2	1	0
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Murder	0	0	0%
Rape	2	0	-100%
Robbery	2	7	250%
Agg. Assault	16	19	19%
Burglary	45	23	-49%
Larceny	155	117	-25%
Motor Vehicle Theft	11	12	9%
Arson	1	0	-100%

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Part 1 Offenses	2005	2006
Murder	1	0
Rape	2	2
Robbery	2	2
Agg. Assault	11	16
Burglary	46	45
Larceny	166	155
Motor Vehicle Theft	34	11
Arson	2	1
Total Offenses	264	232

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