

City of Ukiah

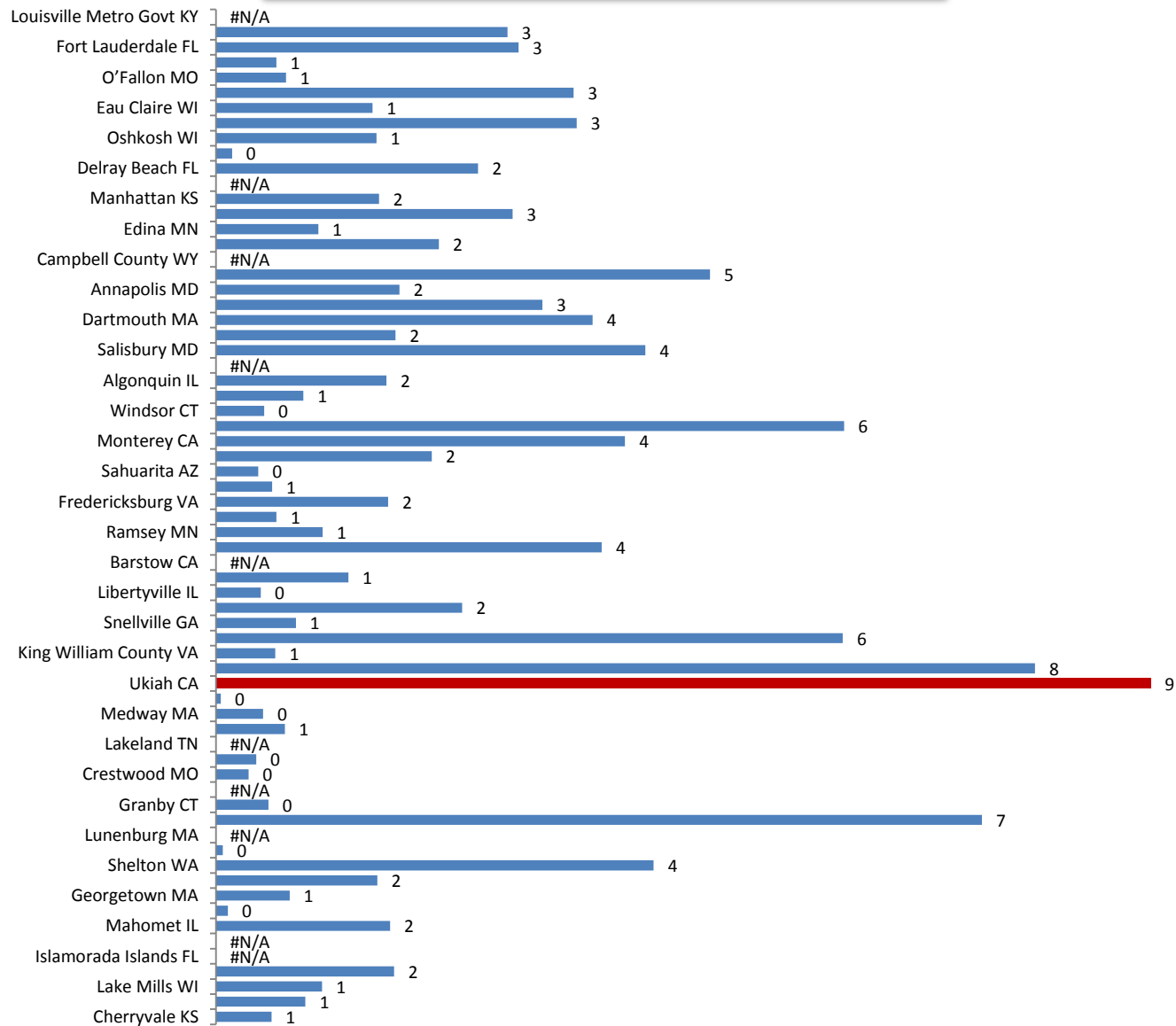
Homeless

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Transient Population

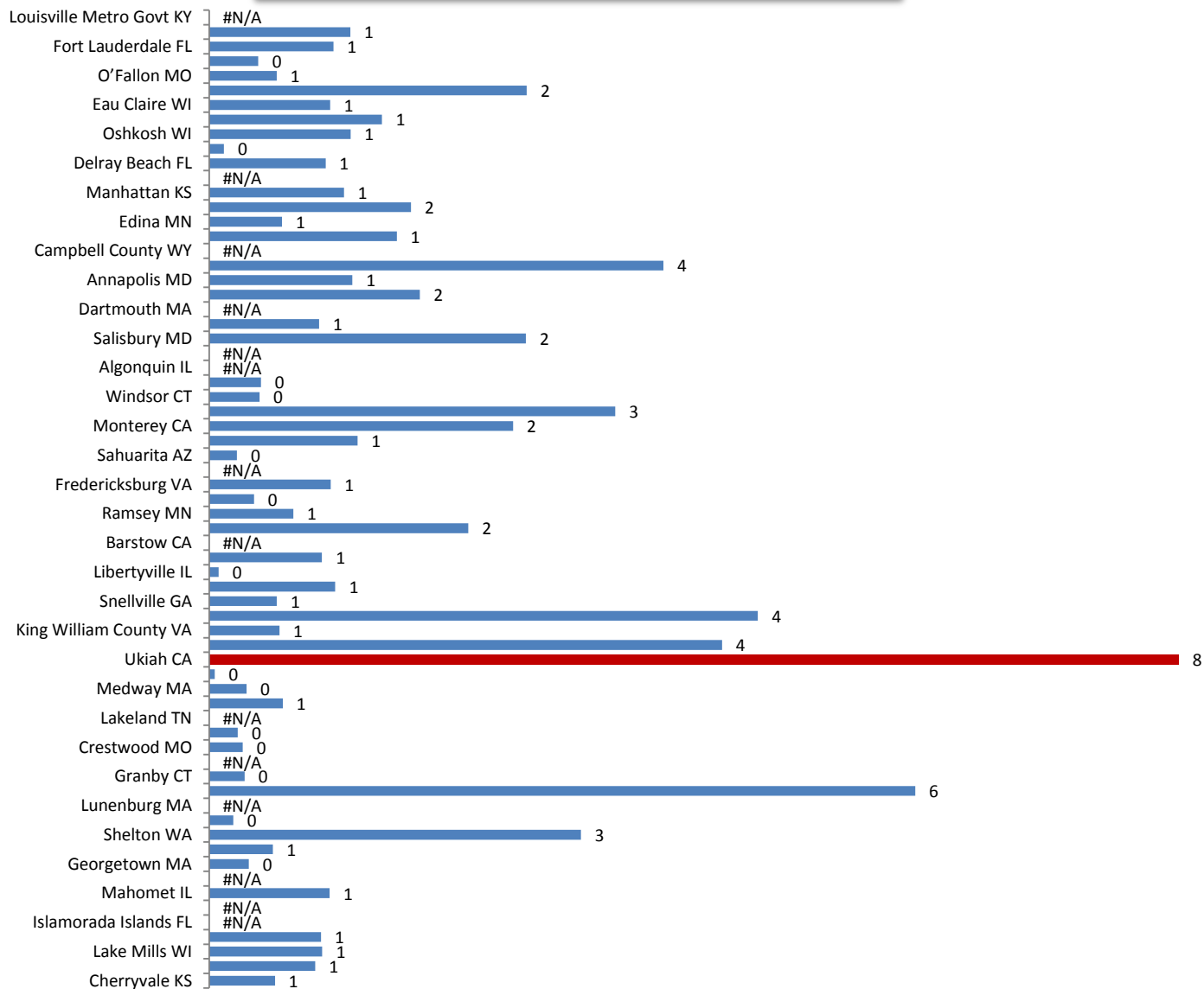
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Q75.5: UCR Part I Violent Crimes Reported per police FTE



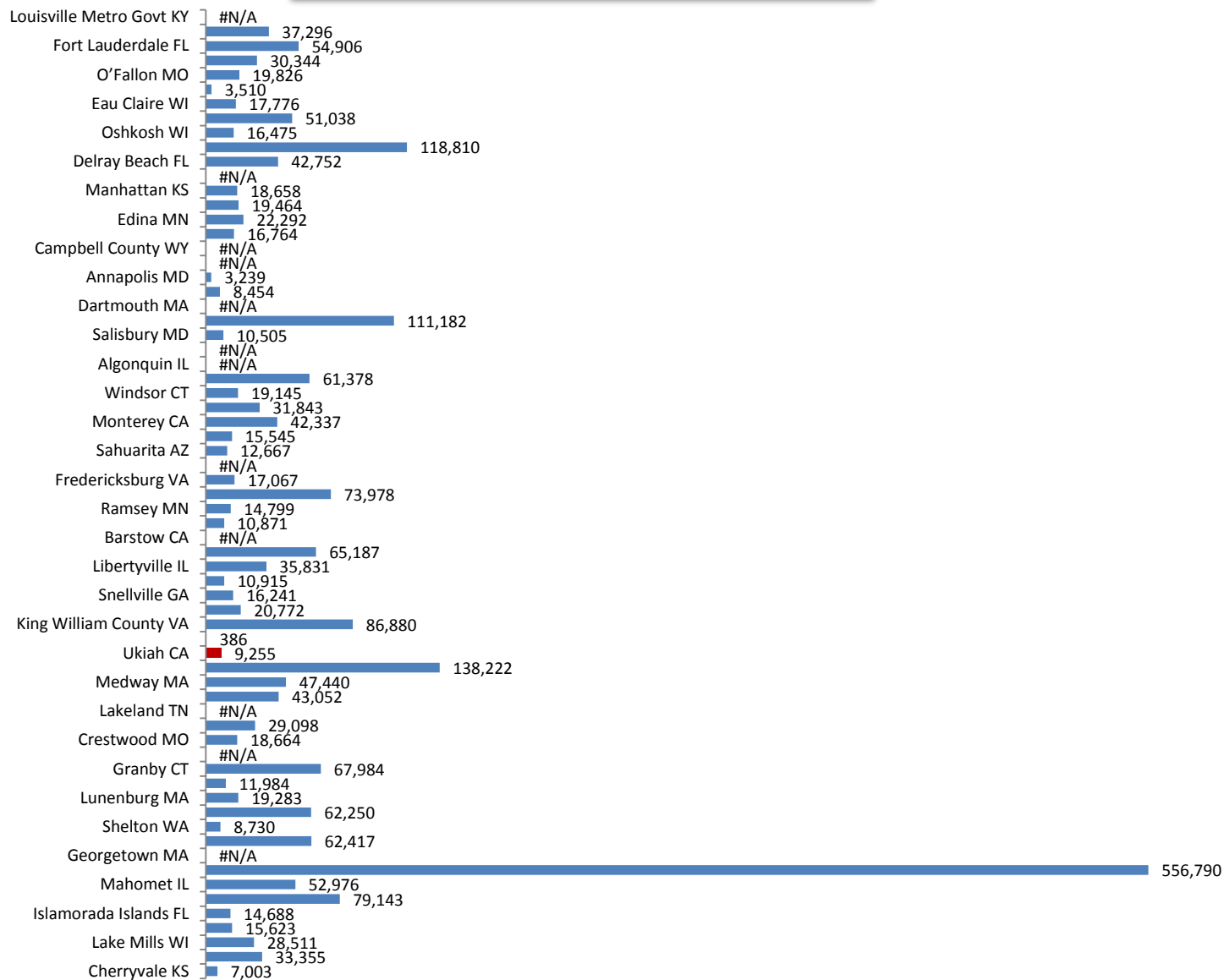
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Q75.6: UCR Part I Violent Crimes Cleared per police FTE

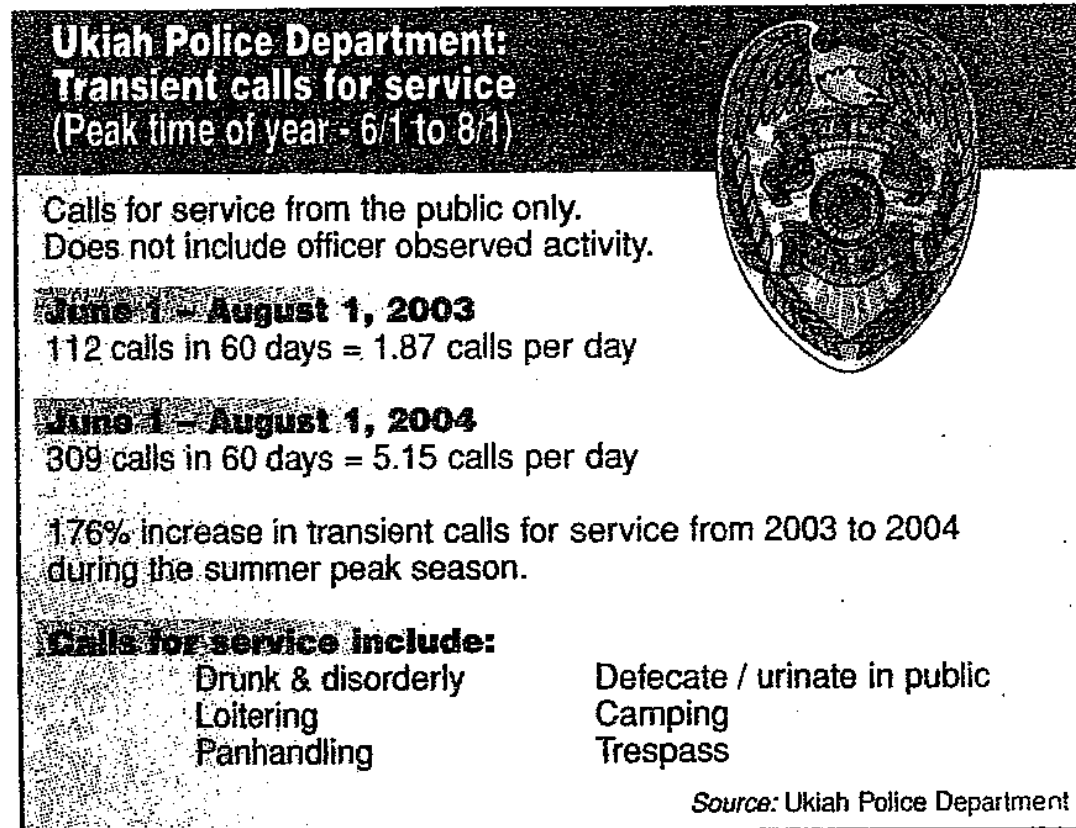


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Q76.7: Police expenditures per Part I crime cleared



2004 Transient Problem



Daily Journal graphic

City Council Actions

- 2005 Council Established Panhandling Ord. 6091 U.C.C.
 - A person cannot:
 - Panhandle aggressively in any public place
 - or
 - Panhandle generally - Within 20 feet of an entrance or exit of a check cashing business, retail store, supermarket, or automated teller machine without the consent of the business owner.
 - Panhandle a motor vehicle that is on a street, highway on or off ramps.
 - In a public transportation vehicle or in any public or private parking lot.

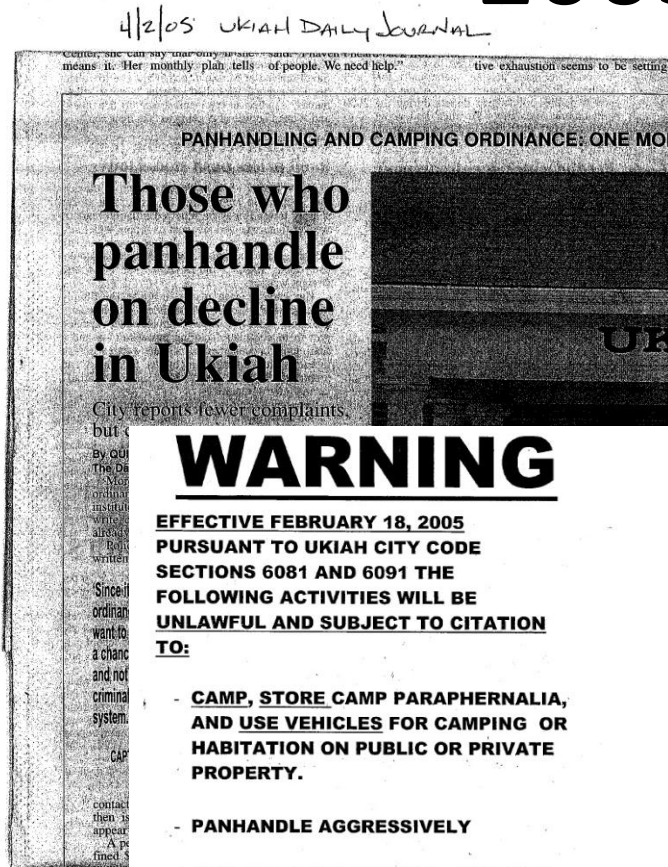
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Camping Ordinance

- 2005 – Council Established Camping Ordinances:
- 6081 U.C.C – prohibits camping on any public property within the City and private property with some exceptions (special events, private residential property overnight guests)
- 6083 U.C.C – prohibits storage of camping equipment on private property without owner consent
- 6084 U.C.C – prohibits camping in a vehicle of any type on a street, alley, private street, or parking lot.

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2005 Decline



Warnings: February to May 2005

Decrease in Calls: (*June -July Sample Period)
309 Transient Calls in 2004
to
91 Transient Calls in 2005

Transients reported that they came to the Ukiah community :

- for services or handouts
- lack of strict ordinances

The bulk of those traveling to Ukiah came for some type of assistance, or the kindness of the community.

Marijuana was not typically a factor.

Life Style Choice

- Many of today's transients are different than those Ukiah experienced in 2004
- Life style
- Out of state traveler
- Want easy to obtain services
- Aggressive panhandlers
- Not interested in long-term assistance
- Marijuana culture











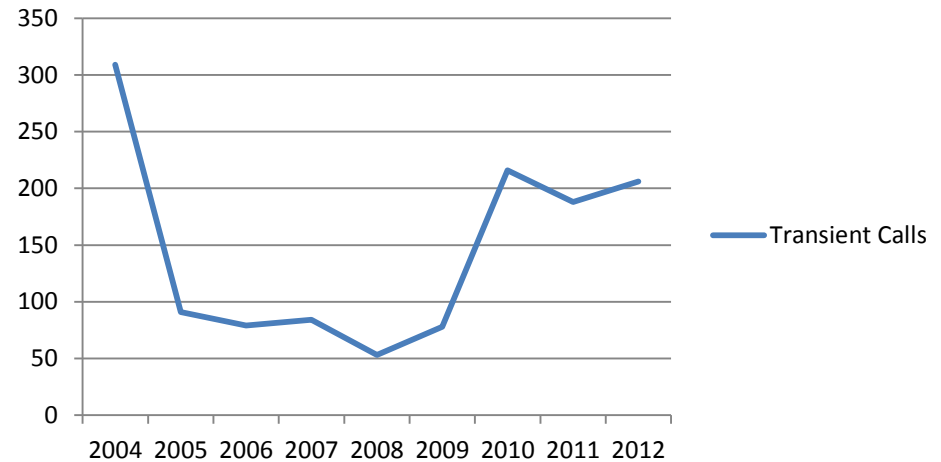




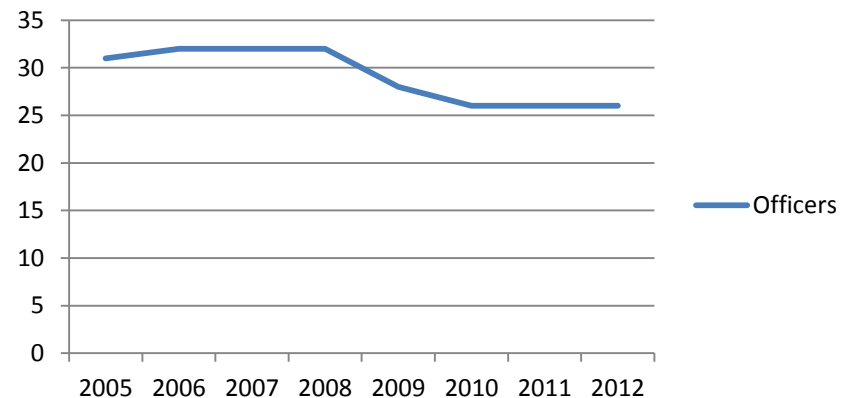
Transient Related Calls for Service – *June / July Sample Period

- 2004 – 309 calls for service
(*Avg. 5.1 calls per day)
- 2005 – Est. Panhandling Ordinance
- 2005 – 2009, Reduced Transient Related Incidents
(*Low Point 0.8 calls per day)
- 2010 – 2012, Increase In Transient Incidents
(*Avg. 3.5 calls per day)
- Drunk, Loitering, Panhandling, Defecate/Urinate in Public, Illegal Camping, Trespassing

Transient Calls



Officers



Transient Attacks

- One officer, checking the Sun House Museum for a burglary alarm call, was assaulted by a transient from the Humboldt area who was under the influence of methamphetamine and had a number of outstanding warrants for his arrest. As a result of the assault, the officer seriously injured his shoulder.
- One officer was called to assist hospital staff after a transient brought to the emergency room for treatment became violent. The officer was forced to wrestle with a violent transient who was flinging his blood – infected with Hepatitis C – at the officer.
- One officer was trying to break up a fight between transients. Both transients turned their aggression toward the officer and began fighting with the officer, trying to take his gun. This officer was forced to fight alone until a CHP officer arrived to assist him.
- One officer contacted a transient who was trying to break into cars. When the officer determined the transient had a warrant for his arrest from the State of Washington and began to arrest the transient, the transient fought with the officer, and seriously injured the officer's knee.
- One officer was helping a transient from New York who said he was suicidal. The transient assaulted the officer and as a result of the struggle the transient injured the officer's knee.
- On 9/26/2012, a dog owned by a transient from Long Beach bit a senior citizen who was shopping at Walmart.

Associated Factors

- California Realignment Plan
- Mendocino County Felony Sentencing
 - 2011
 - State Prison – 105 Sentenced
 - County Jail / Probation – 12 Sentenced
 - 2012 (Through September)
 - State Prison – 89 Sentenced
 - County Jail / Probation – 42 Sentenced
 - Mendocino County Probation Day Reporting Center
 - 589 Low Gap Road
- State Realignment Funding for Cities
- Booking Fees (\$41.05)
 - Adopted by Mendocino County, June 2011
 - Currently offset by VLF fees

Other Factors

- Eligibility for food stamps and general assistance.
 - Food Assistance Program (\$200 per month)
 - Food Stamp / ATM Cards
 - Trafficking / Welfare Fraud
- Homeless Service Planning Group
 - Homeless Services, Shelter and Housing, Identifying Program gaps.
- Mental Health Services
 - County working to contract Mental Health Services

Non-Profit Services



Handouts Are Not Helping

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Hospitality House
237 North McPherson Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437-3725
(707) 961-1150

Fort Bragg Food Bank
910 N. Franklin St.
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
(707) 964-9404

Coast Community Center
253 North McPherson Street
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
(707) 961-6363

*If you give spare change or a few dollars to a panhandler,
that person may never get off the street.
Give to organizations that provide help
and you can change a life.*



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Ukiah Area Services

Plowshares
1346 S State Street

Ukiah Community Center
& Food Bank
888 N State Street

Buddy Eller Center
201 Brush Street

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Ukiah Police Department
Safety, Professionalism, Community Service

Handouts Are Not Helping Reference Cards

MEALS-ON-WHEELS **PLOWSHARES** **HOMELESS SERVICES**



COMMUNITY DINING RM

*You are welcome at
Plowshares*

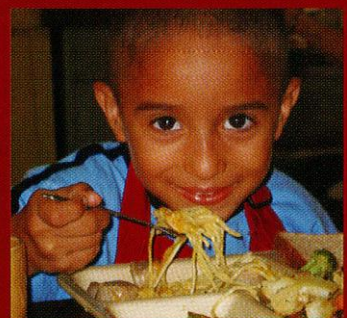
1346 S. State St., Ukiah
(see map on back)

Community Dining Room open to all
Free Lunch 11:30-12, Dinner 5:30-6:30 Mon-Fri.

Homeless Services—open at mealtimes:
Mail, phone, haircuts, socks, info + referrals, etc.

*You are Invited
to Join Us*

for a
Free Hot Meal
at
Plowshares
Community Dining Room



Other Ideas

- Added staffing – CSO
- Pro-Active Police Enforcement Activities of Transients
 - Foot Patrols
 - Criminal Enforcement
 - Code Enforcement
 - Targeted Fraud Sweeps
- Handouts are not helping
 - Available Service Handouts
- Crime prevention design
 - Public toilets
- Work program / housing & food
 - Ford Street Project – UCC – Food Bank
- Habitat Removal
 - Neighborhood clean-up efforts
 - Railroad clean-up

