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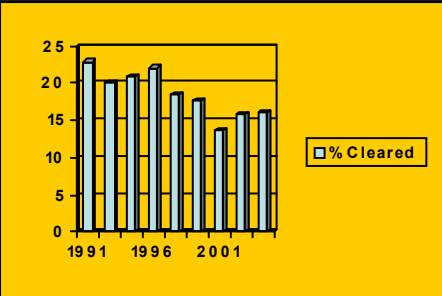
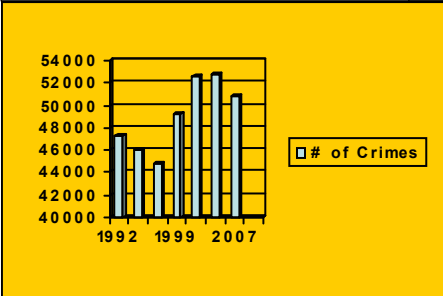
HELP US KEEP OUR STREETS AND COMMUNITIES SAFE

West Virginia Citizens deserve your HELP!!!
 West Virginia Troopers need your HELP!!!

2008 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE cited the following:

- "INADEQUATE LAW ENFORCEMENT COVERAGE" (manpower shortage)
 - "70% of the Field Troops believe there is a shortage of officers in the counties in which they work"
 - "The legislative Auditor recommends that the WVSP administration review current manpower to ensure adequate field troop coverage to rural areas with limited law enforcement and determine the number of hours officers are ON-CALL without compensation"
 - National ratio for police officers to citizens is 2.5 officers to every 1000 residents. In West Virginia it is 1.69 officers per 1000 residents.
 - "Manpower Issues Appear to be creating Inadequate Field Trooper Coverage"

-The West Virginia State Police has sixty (60) detachments providing coverage to the State 24 hours a day with **thirty three** (33) of these detachments with **five** (5) or less members assigned.
 - **Twenty six** (26) of the detachments have **four** (4) or less members.
 - **Twelve** (12) detachments have **three** (3) or less members.
 With the growing crime, responsibilities, and growing violence it has become a serious **SAFETY** concern for our members to provide the law enforcement services to the citizens of our State in a safe manner.
 -The State Police has had to resort to require Troopers to remain on-call for a large portion of the workweek in order to provide a minimal amount of coverage to our citizens and during the majority of the time **"STANDING ALONE WITH NO BACK UP"**.
 -West Virginia Law Enforcement (city, county and state officers) cleared only **16%** of the crimes in 2006. The crimes that these figures are reflecting are murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. Major crimes have continued to be on the rise in our State (1997=44,839, 2001=46,120, 2006=52,759, 2007=50740 major crimes)
 In 1991 **22.9%** of the major crimes were cleared.
 The State Police had 700 Troopers at one time in 2000. We now only have 653, with 20 Troopers away serving our US MILITARY. Only **633** State Troopers on the streets.



Crime Statistics which include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft within West Virginia reflecting an increase since 1992.

PERCENT OF CRIMES CLEARED by WV Law Enforcement (Murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft) reflecting a decrease in the quality of services provided. Responsibilities increasing without manpower.

- ### Crime in WV 2007
- 2800 Sex Offenders
 - 40 Drug Labs Seized
 - Ranked #8 in % of population using drugs other than marijuana, in 2006 ranked #6
 - 4,987 violent crimes
 - 64 Murders
 - 369 Rapes
 - 852 Robberies
 - 50,740 Major crimes
 - 24.8% violent crimes occur in rural areas
 - 26.2% of violent crimes involve firearm
 - State Police field division made
 - 40515 arrest
 - Completed 11466 crash reports
 - Reported 69553 crimes

Possible Solutions: Create Line Item and increase overtime budget for the State Police, Increase manpower to at least 800, provide proper compensation to those on-call to protect West Virginia.

WOULD "YOU" WANT TO BE STANDING ALONE IN THIS JOB