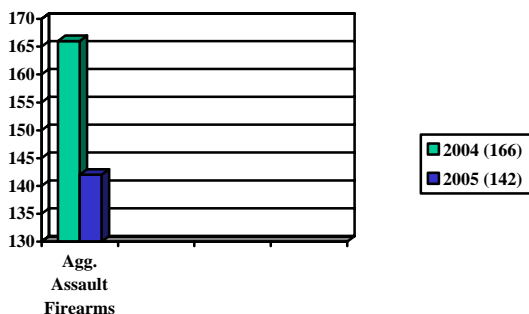
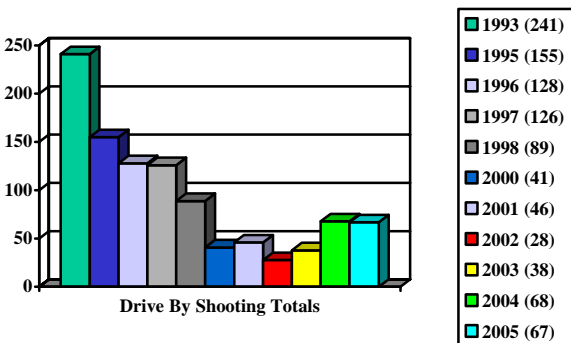
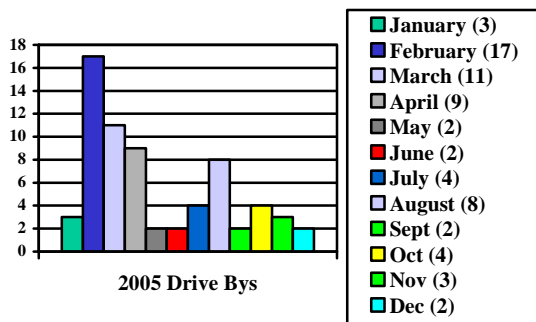
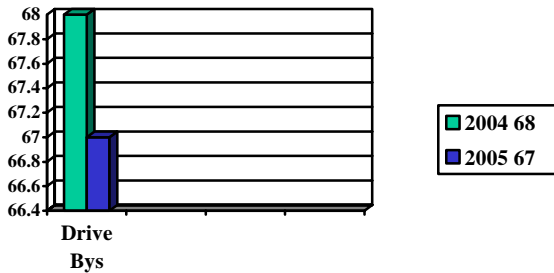


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Year end statistical data on drive bys and aggravated assaults



During 2005 the city of Wichita experienced 67 drive-by shootings and 146 aggravated assaults with a firearm. These two types of cases are mainly gang related and can create fear in the neighborhoods we live in. The Wichita Police Department, along with citizens of Wichita, combined efforts to stem the tide of gang violence in 2005. Through these partnerships, drive by shootings and aggravated assaults by firearms were down compared to 2004. The following are statistics for 2005.

The Targeted Offender Unit assisted in the revocation of the parole, probation or bond restrictions of 284 documented gang members. This means that 145 gang members were sent back to prison due to their inability to follow the rules of their parole.

A total of 480 gang members were arrested for misdemeanor and felony crimes, and 146 guns were seized from gang members. Of those arrests, 135 gang members were charged with new felony crimes, including 14 that were charged in Federal Court for firearms violations.

WPD personnel gave 53 educational presentations on gangs to educate citizens about gang activity and what they can do to help. These efforts could not be possible without the continuing information the WPD receives on a daily basis from citizens who want to make a difference in their neighborhood.

The next gang coalition meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Immanuel Baptist Church, located at 1415 S. Topeka. The meeting will be conducted in the dining room area adjacent to the gym at the church. Anyone interested in the topic of gangs is encouraged to attend the meeting and share opinions on gang issues, and hear information about the newly proposed gang legislation. For more information on the meeting or the location of the meeting, please contact Gayle Tenbrook at Immanuel Baptist Church at 262-1452 or by e-mail at gtenbrook@ibcwichita.com or

WPD Lt. Jeff Easter at 268-4298 or by e-mail at jeaster@wichita.gov

To report suspected gang or drug activity, callers can call anonymously 267-SCAT (7228). Callers may leave a message in English or Spanish.

In a new development, graffiti was spotted in the area of 18th and Waco that is gray in color and representative of the MS 13 gang. The MS 13 gang is an extremely violent gang that has been prevalent in other parts of the United States. This is the first time the Wichita area has seen this type of activity. Anyone with information about the MS 13s, or this specific graffiti, is asked to call Lt. Jeff Easter at 268-4298.

Communication and working together will be key to keeping this particular gang from establishing turf in the Wichita area. Information on this particular gang will be included in coming newsletters as it becomes available.