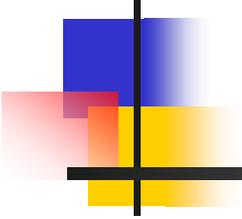
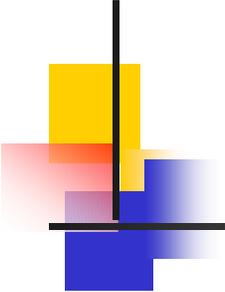


Town of Bethlehem

20/20 Advisory Committee



Committee Meeting
April 11, 2008
Elsmere Fire House, Poplar Drive
7:30 – 9:15 a.m.



Agenda

1. Co-Chair Report – Terri Egan and Ken Ringler
2. Part 1 Presentation of Programs/Services –
Louis Corsi and Tim Beebe, BPD;
Barbara Hodom, Court Clerk
1. Facility Needs Analysis Overview – Josh Cansler,
DPW
2. Open Discussion
3. Next Meeting: Friday, May 9, 2008

Agency Overview

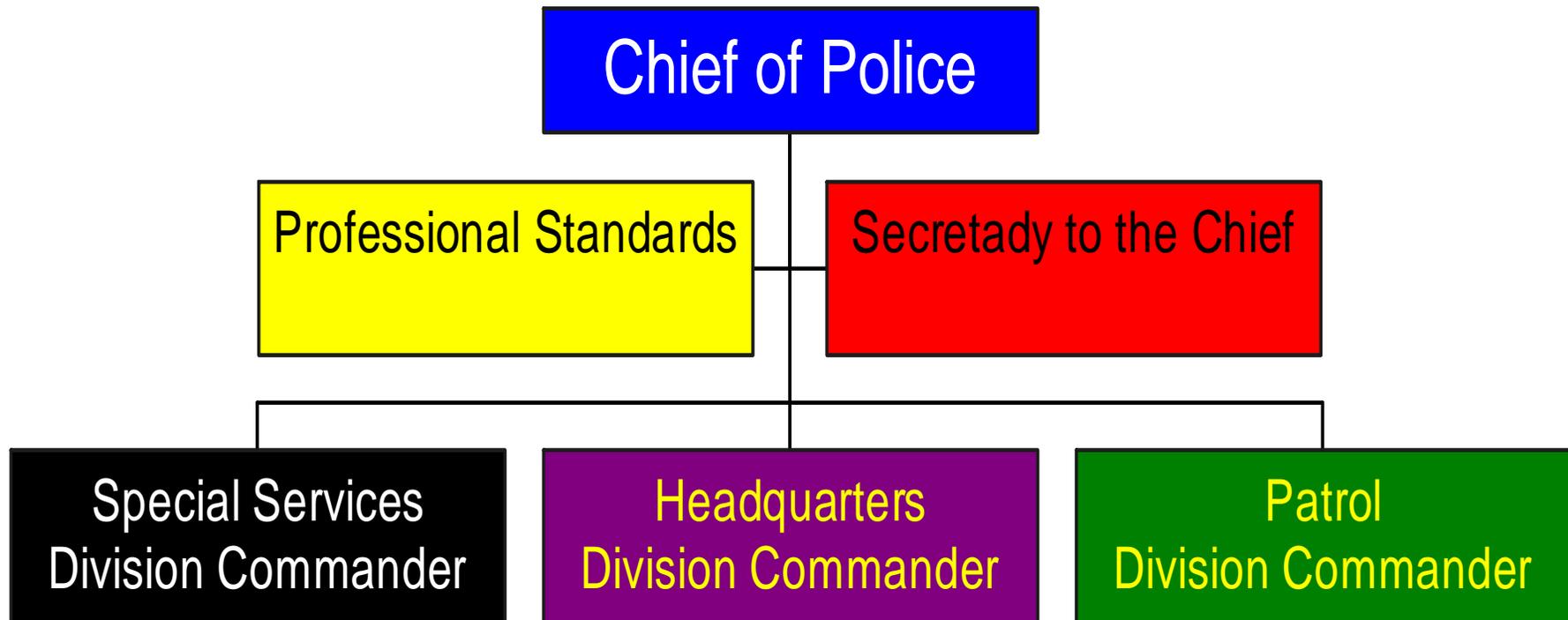


The delivery of public safety services to our community is accomplished through the management of three divisions each administered by a division commander who is responsible to the Chief of Police.

Our primary responsibility is for the protection of life, property and calls for services.

Our priorities include community participation and activism, assisting youths and families at risk, professional training to assure that we have the most capable, effective, efficient and compassionate personnel along with strong uncompromising enforcement of the laws, which is administered fairly and consistently.

Chain of Command

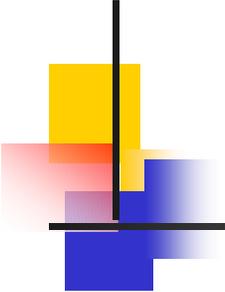


Accreditation



Accreditation is the process by which police organizations demonstrate operations in compliance with generally accepted standards. Its purpose is to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency and professionalism of an agency while promoting training and public confidence in law enforcement.

Originally accredited in 1990 as the fourth department statewide to achieve this honor.

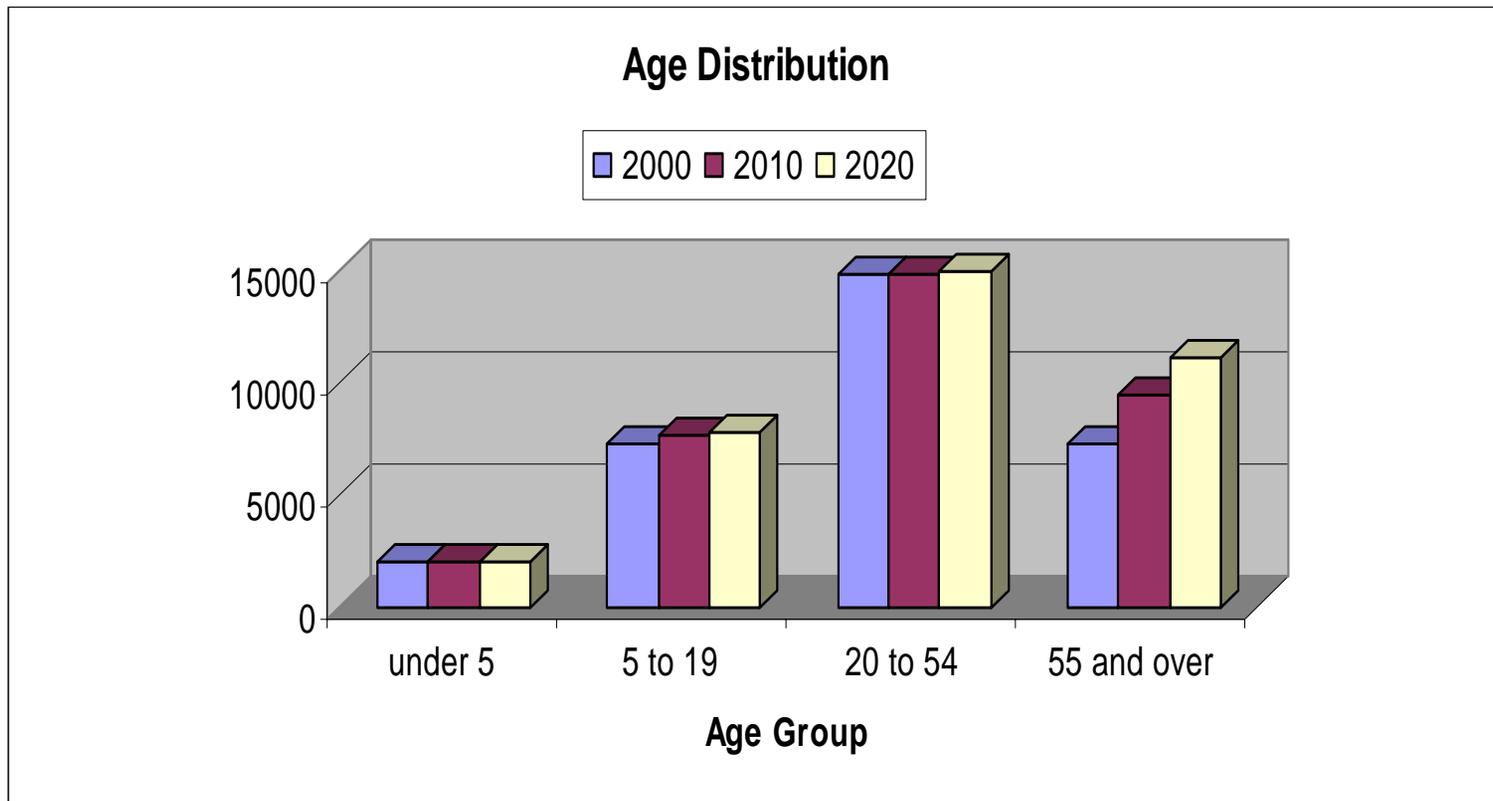


Community Survey

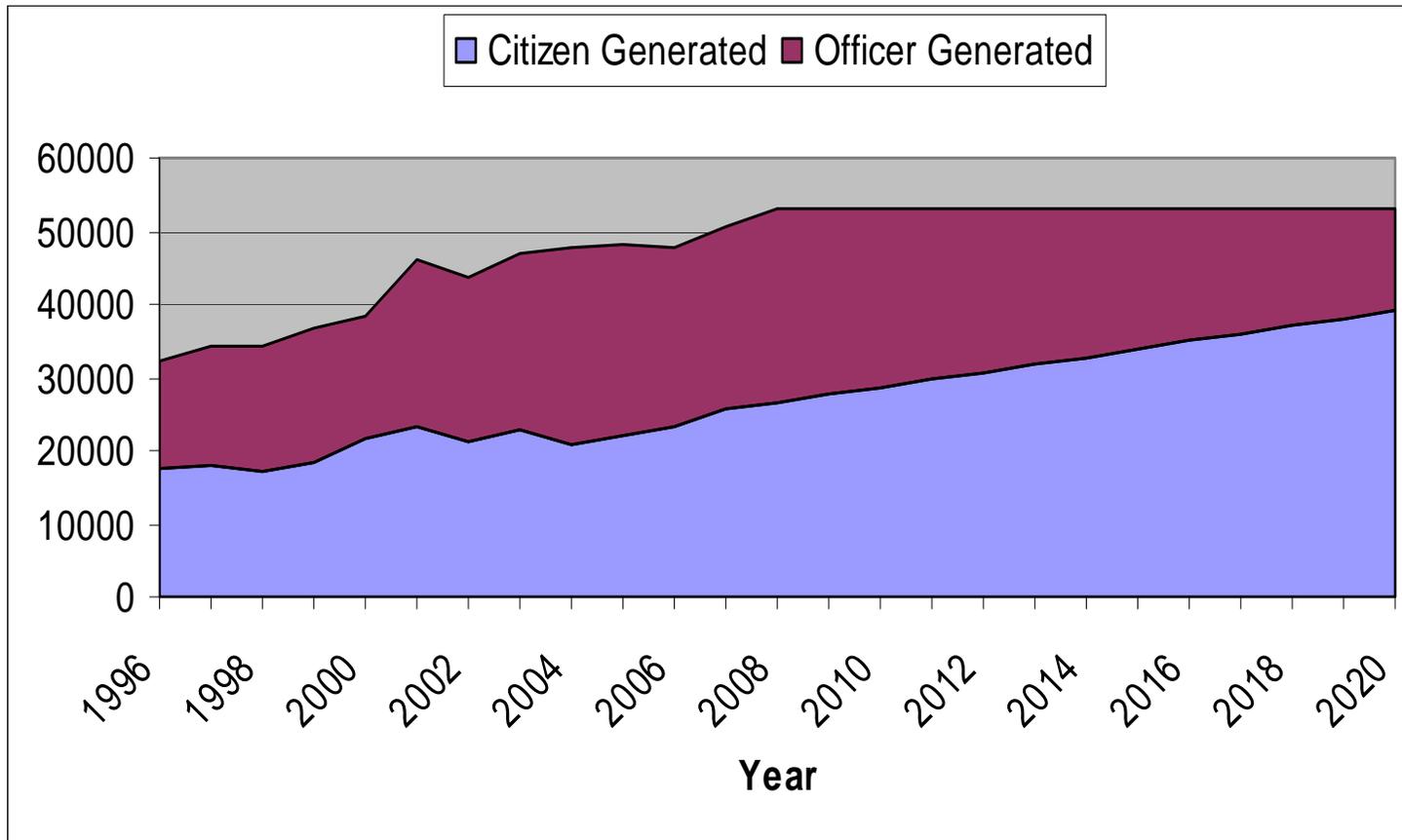
The top three reasons to stay in or move to Bethlehem:

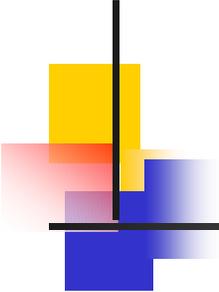
- It's a Safe Community
- Excellent Schools
- Diversity of housing stock

Population projections



Bethlehem Police Activity

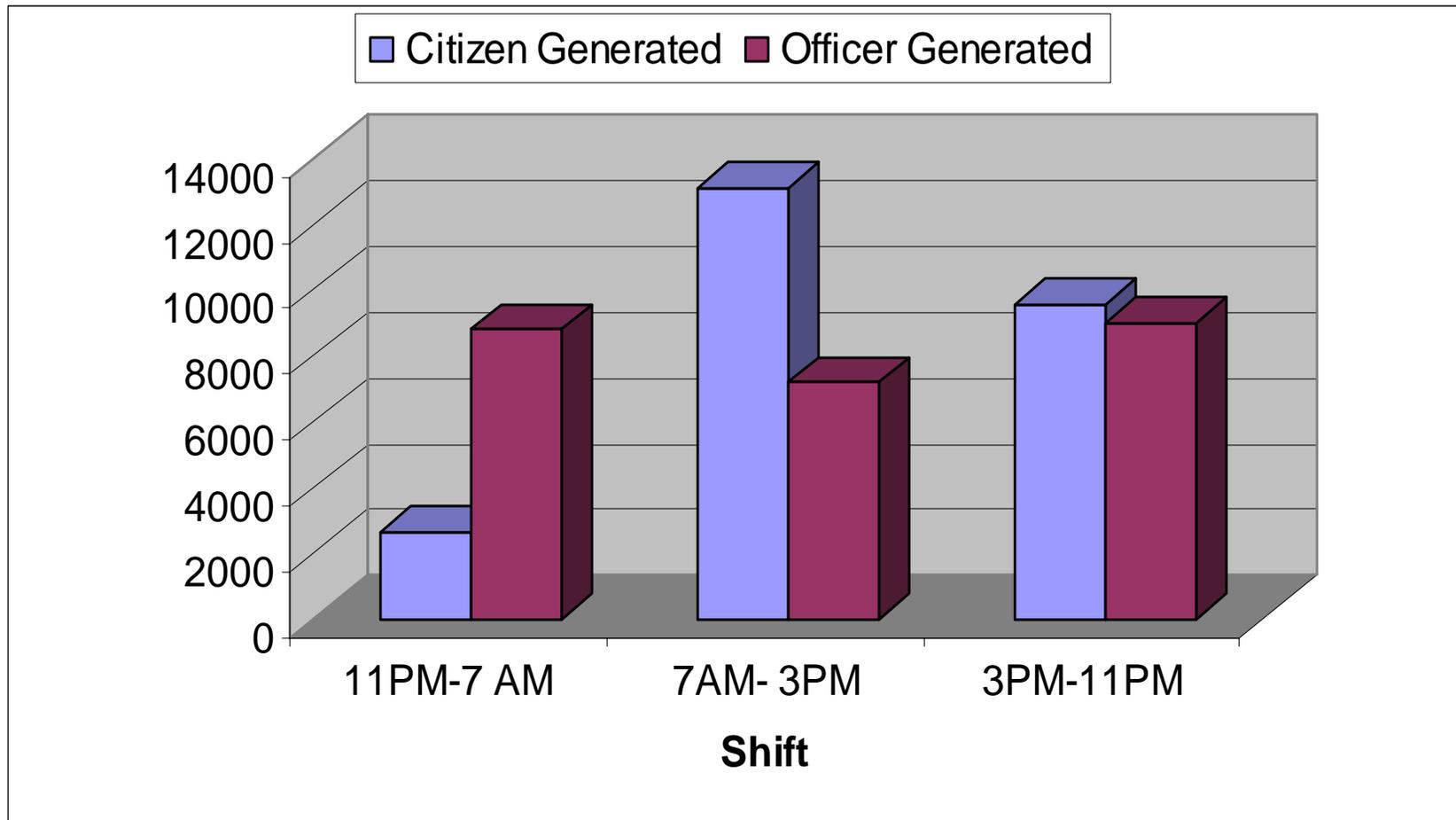




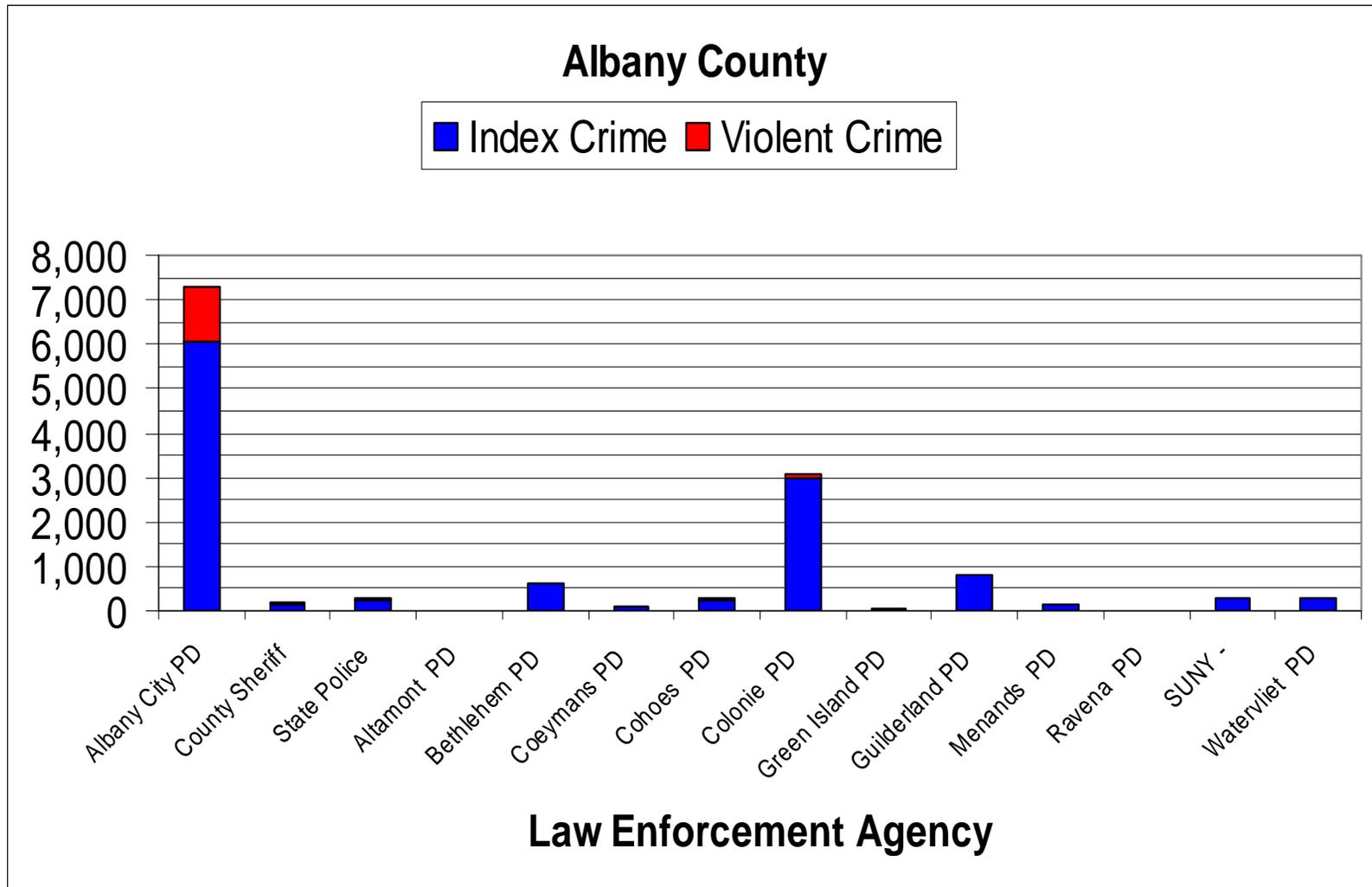
From 1996 through 2007

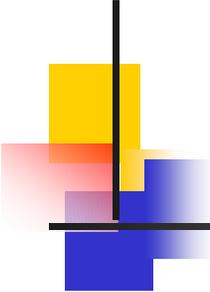
- Citizen generated activity has increased by 48%, Officer generated activity has increased by 66%.
- In 1996 there were 39 sworn Police Officers, today there are 43 (10% increase).
- 2007 was the highest recorded level of activity for the Police Department (6% higher than 2006)

2007 Police Activity



2006 Crime Statistics





Replacement / Additional Staffing

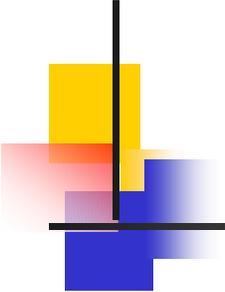
- We anticipate a minimum of 14 retirements by 2020.
- Combined with the need for additional staff we will have to hire 2 officers per year by 2020.

Challenges

Facility Needs

- Interview & interrogation
- Prisoner holding
- Booking & processing
- Roll call & shift change
- Locker rooms
- Office space
- Records retention space
- Communications
- Evidence & Property storage
- Structured Staff Growth

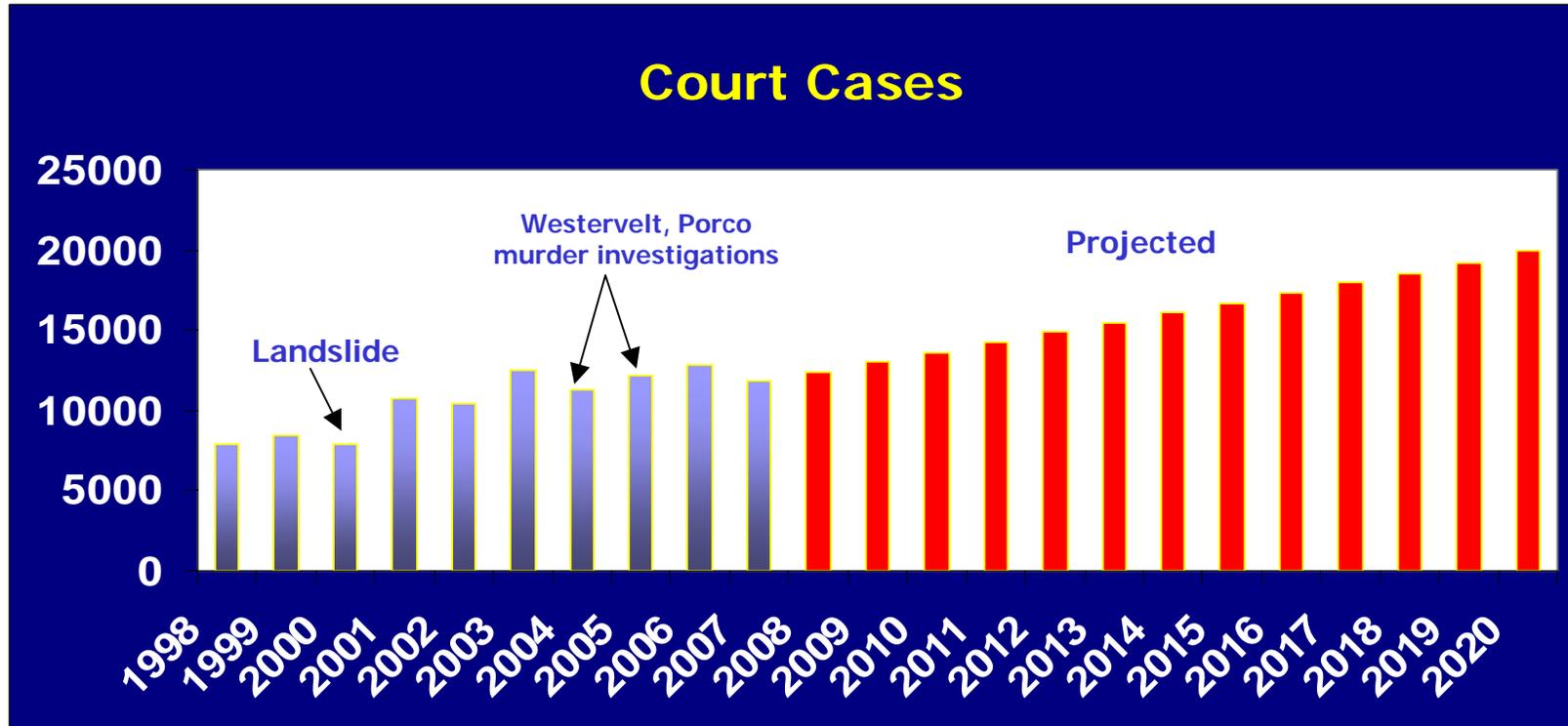


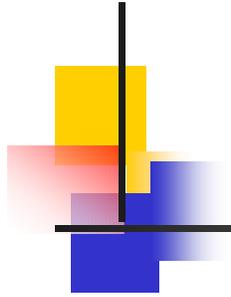


Town Court

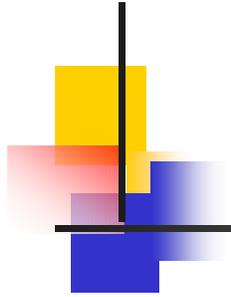
- 2007 Bethlehem ranked #33 of 1,200+ Town and Village courts, in N.Y., for activity.
- Anticipate 66% increase in cases to 20,000 by 2020.
- Will need to increase scheduled court days from current 8 to 13 per month.

Town Court



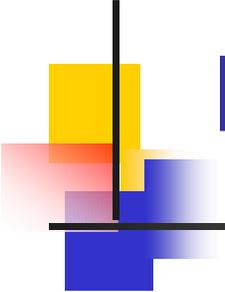


Questions?



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FACILITIES NEED ANALYSIS

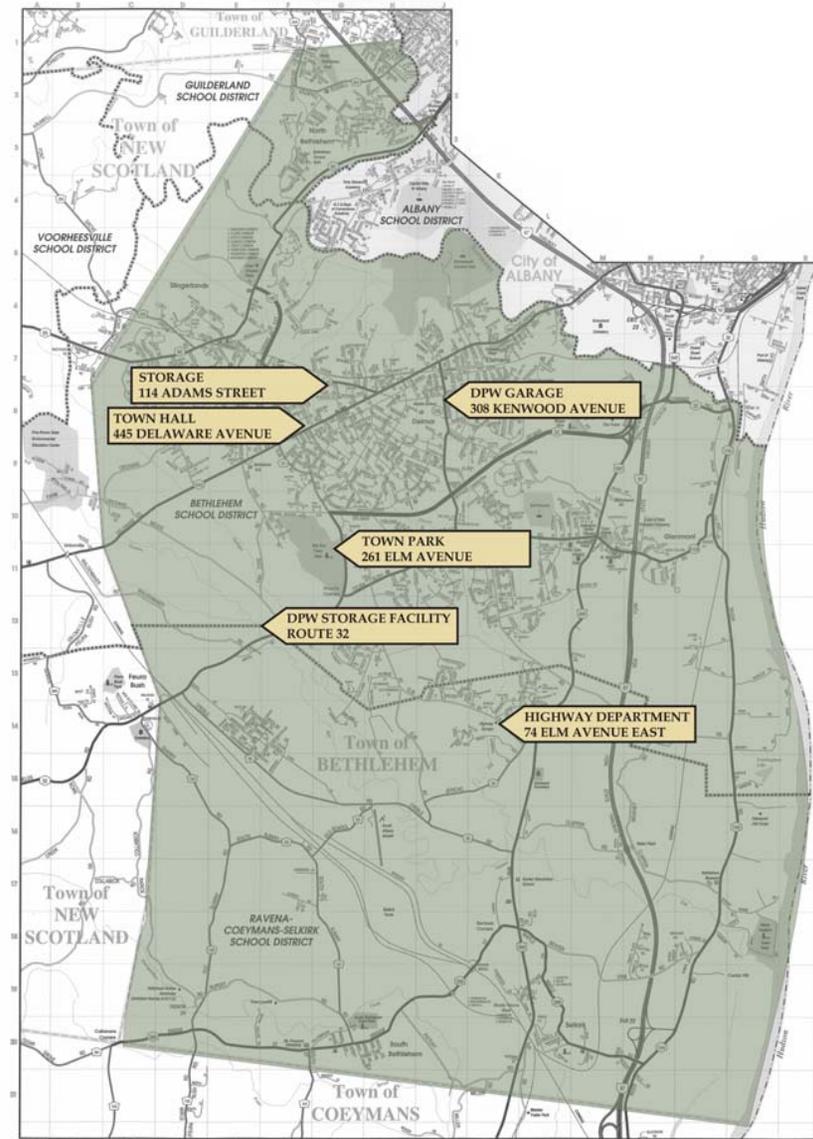


Facilities Need Analysis

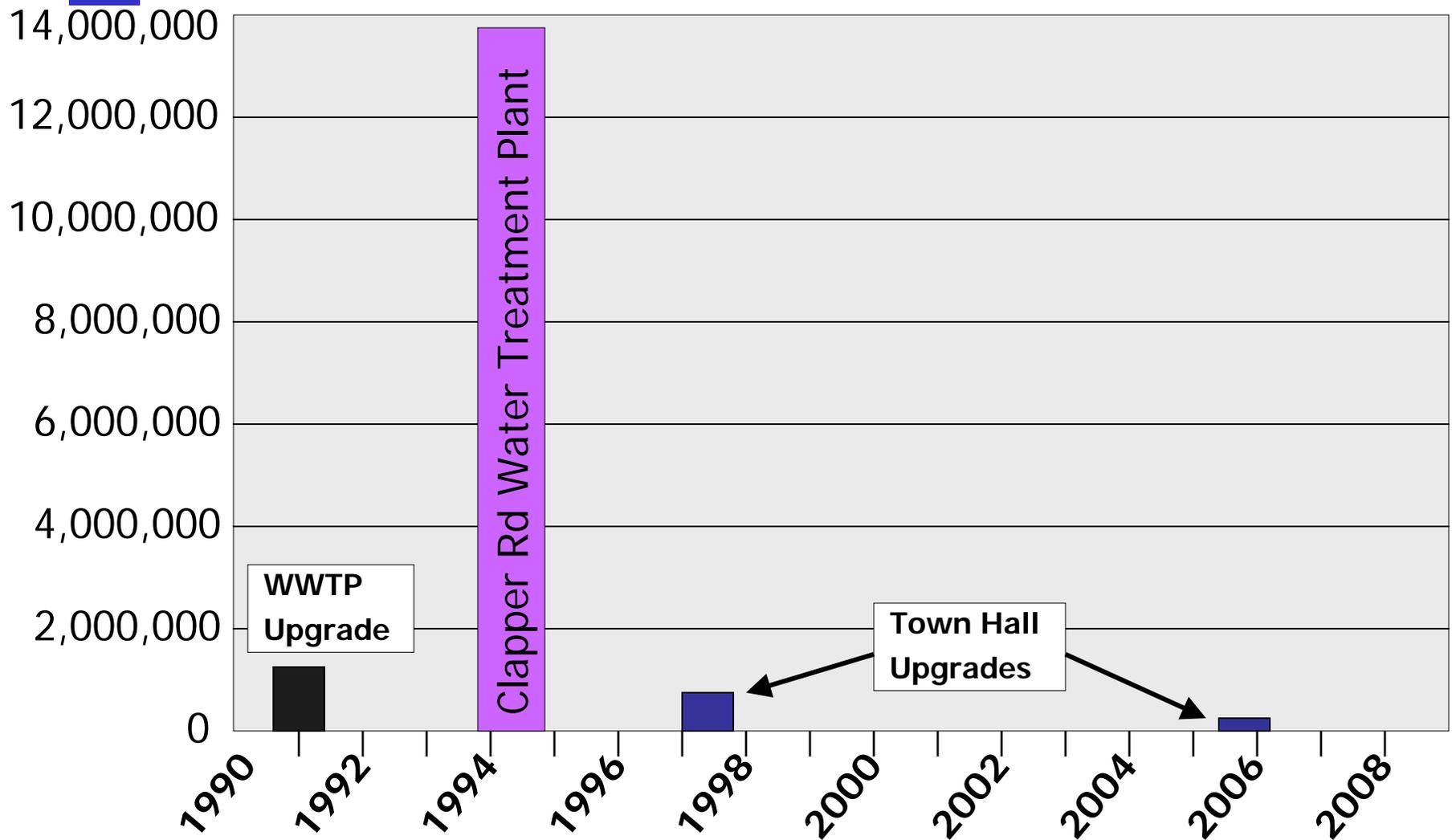
- Conducted by Woodward, Connor, Gillies, and Seleman Architects.
- Completed in 2006.
- Assessed condition of municipal facilities
- Quantified space needs for departments at least through the year 2015
- Capitalized on existing facilities
- Developed cost effective renovations and construction

Facilities Evaluated

- Town Hall 445 Delaware Avenue
- Highway Department Garage 74 Elm Ave E.
- Public Works Garage – 308 Kenwood Ave
- Adams Street Garage
- Parks and Recreation Buildings



Capital Program Expenditures on Town Workspace Facilities since 1990



Highway Department Facilities

Elm Ave
26,770 SF



DPW - Field Operations Facilities

308 Kenwood Ave. - 3,740 SF



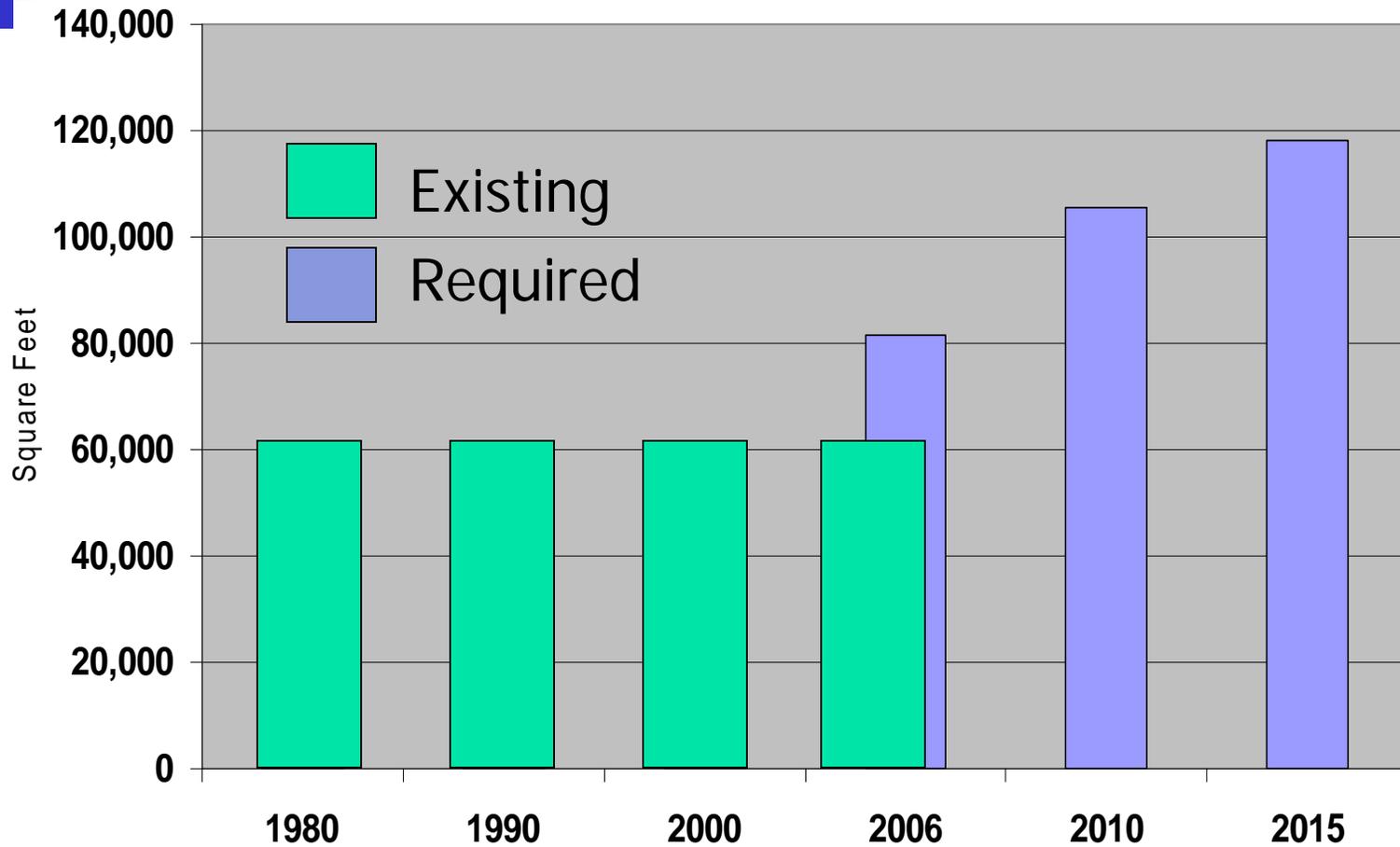
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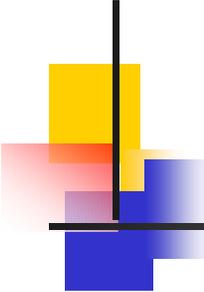
Adams Street Garage

3,700 SF



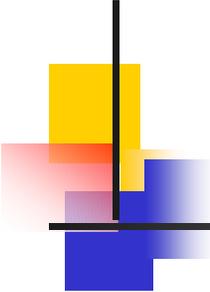
Highway & DPW Field Operations Space Requirements





Highway & DPW Field Operations Recommendations

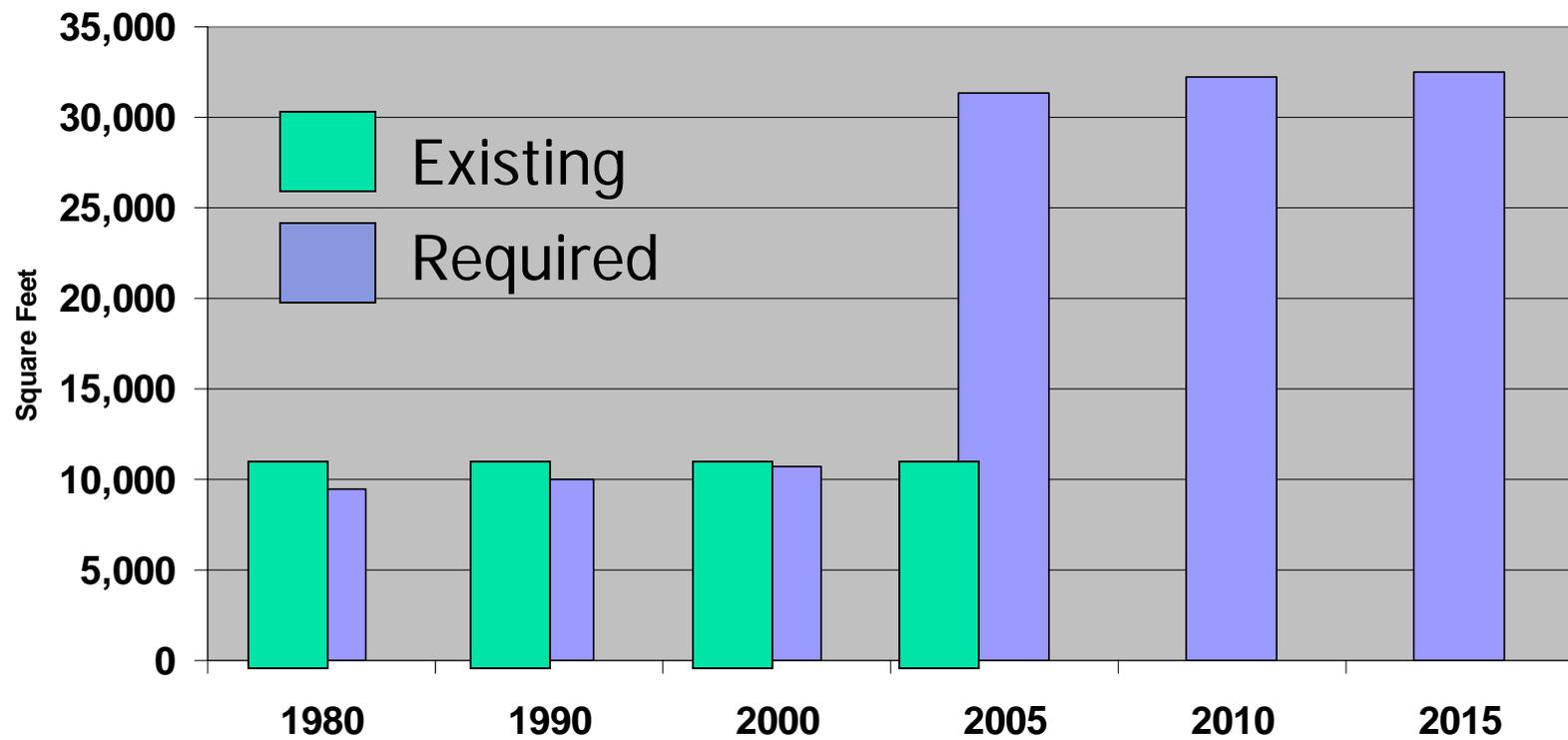
- Create a collocated site for Highway and DPW on Elm Avenue East
- Use Kenwood Avenue location for In-Town Storage of DPW and Highway Equipment
- Eliminate use of Adams Street Garage

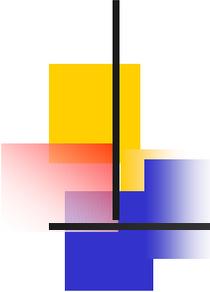


Police/Court Issues

- Communications/Dispatch Center inefficient and crowded
- Criminal Holding Area, Squad Room, Fingerprinting all in one room
- 911 System improperly housed
- Courtroom frequently overcrowded and courtroom access areas inefficient.
- New security system reduced space even more
- Parking insufficient when Court is in session

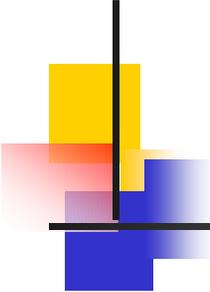
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Police/Court Recommendations

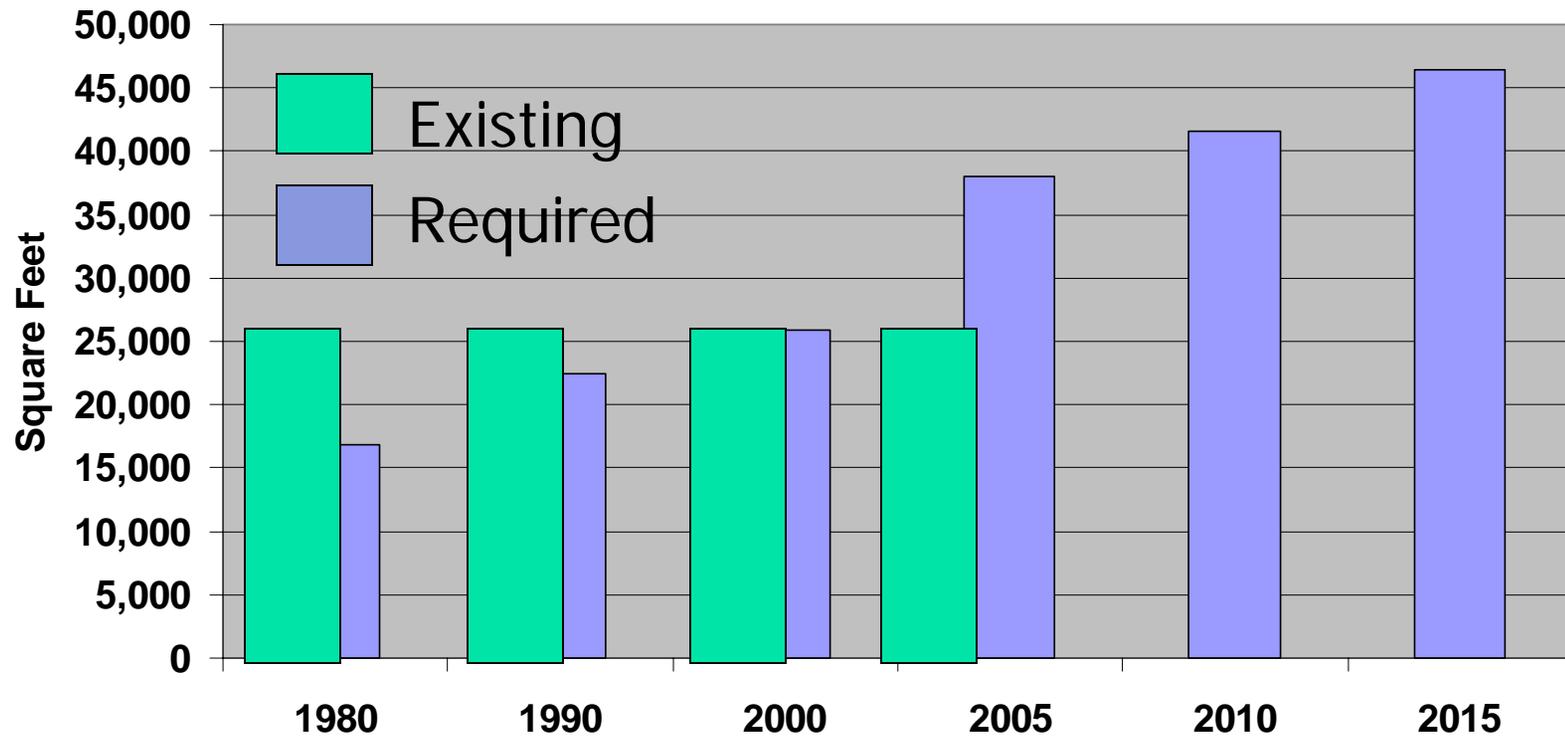
- Relocate Police and Court functions out of Town Hall. Town Hall does not have sufficient space to expand and properly support a modern Police and Justice Facility.
- New building recommended

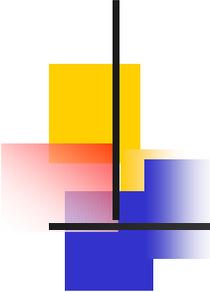


Town Hall

- Occupied in 1979
- Departments have grown in size
- New Offices have been added:
MIS, Family Services
- Increasing demand for Community/Civic
Facility Space

Town Hall Space Requirements





Town Hall Recommendations

- Relocate Police/Court to a new facility.
- Expand Town Hall core services into vacated Police/Court space.
- Create a new entrance to better serve the growing senior population



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Thank you!

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