

CAYUGA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Police Chief Thomas L. Boyce:

Statistics on Deer Accidents and Incidents in Cayuga Heights*

Reported VCH Car/Deer Accidents and Deer Incidents By Year:**

YEAR Accidents/Incidents

2003 – 2 10

2004 – 10 14

2005 – 8 9

2006 – 11 8

2007 – 12 13

2008 – 6 16

2009- 24 31

2010- 30 29

* The difference between an accident and an incident is as follows: A car/ deer **accident** is investigated and there is proof that a car collided with a deer. A deer **incident** is an investigation of some problem involving a deer. For example: an officer is called to the scene of an injured deer and the officer has to shoot the animal to keep it from suffering. Another example: an officer is called to the scene of a dead deer in the roadway and has to remove the deer from the roadway.

**I believe our statistical data for car/deer accidents is probably grossly under reported. Drivers are just dealing with the deer problem on their own, thereby causing several problems:

1 - the law requires reporting any accident over \$1,000.00 dollars worth of damage;

2 - injured deer could be left to suffer;

3 - we can not accurately keep track of car/deer accidents for statistical purposes.

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