



REPORT TO GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD - FRIDAY 22 APRIL 2005

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S ANNUAL REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. This report summarises Force Performance during the twelve months ending 31 March 2005, and is presented to members in compliance with the Police (Scotland) Act 1967. Copies have also been sent to the Sheriff Principal and the Scottish Executive.
- 1.2. The statistical information contained in this report, and the means of accessing more detailed information, will be made available to the public through local media, the Force website and in press advertisements.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1. Overall, recorded crime in Groups 1-5 has increased by 4.4%. This can be attributed ostensibly to the comparable increase in the number of vandalisms recorded as a result of compliance with the Scottish Crime Recording Standard (SCRS). The detection rate overall in these categories has reduced by 3%.
- 2.2. The number of complaints received has reduced from 346 to 277 while the number of days lost through sickness has reduced by almost 14%. It is also encouraging to note the increase in those applying to join the Force while the actual number of police and support staff has increased by 140. These positive trends are supported by progress in a number of key crime areas.
- 2.3. 240 fewer housebreakings have been reported compared to last year. This represents a significant reduction of more than 16%, a positive trend which has been sustained over recent years. Detection rates for all domestic housebreaking fell by 0.9% during the same period.
- 2.4. 620 fewer thefts from vehicles have been reported, a 33% reduction over the previous year. It is also encouraging to note that 292 fewer vehicles were reported stolen, 24.5% less than the previous year, and although the detection rate for stolen vehicles fell by almost 3%, detection rates for thefts from vehicles increased by almost 1%.

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- 2.5. The number of citizens killed or injured on our roads continues to fall. Although 41 people lost their lives, this is six fewer than last year while the number of those seriously injured fell to 248, an overall reduction of 24, and those slightly injured to 1128, a reduction of 31 compared to the previous year. These figures represent good progress towards meeting Government targets for casualty reduction by 2010.
 - 2.6. Reported serious violent crime fell by 57 incidents. This represents an overall reduction of 6%, accompanied by an encouraging increase in the detection rate of almost 2%.
 - 2.7. A total of 391 reports of racist crime were received, a significant increase in comparison with the previous year when 269 reports were dealt with. Although the detection rate for this offence has reduced from 65% to 58% during this period, the increase in reporting is regarded as a positive indicator of confidence in reporting such crimes amongst vulnerable groups.
 - 2.8. An increase in recorded crime in several categories during the first quarter of the year, most significantly racist crime, petty assault, breach of the peace and vandalism is considered to be attributable to compliance with the SCRS as opposed to any genuine increase in the number of actual crimes occurring. Evidence of this is found with the overall return of recorded crime in these categories to similar levels found during an extended period from August 2002 to March 2004.
 - 2.9. 58,535 emergency '999' calls were received by the Force Control Room which, on average, were answered within 4 seconds. 94% were answered within 10 seconds.
 - 2.10. It is positive to note the continuing reduction in reported crime as we strive to deliver our mission of promoting well-being and safety while enhancing the quality of life for all those we serve. We recognise, however, the need to improve our detection rate and have established this as a priority for the year ahead.
 - 2.11. At the end of my first year as Chief Constable, I am pleased to present this report and thank members of the board, all Grampian Police staff, partners and the public for their assistance in delivering our purpose of 'Keeping Our Communities Safe'.

3. **EXPLANATION OF PERFORMANCE REPORT**

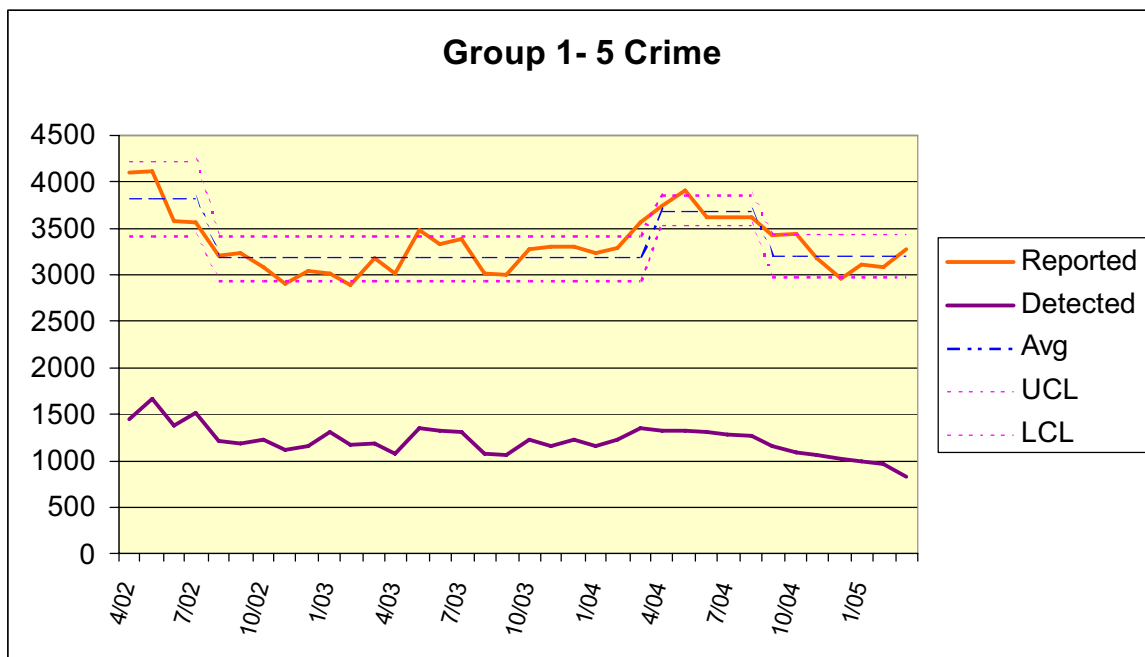
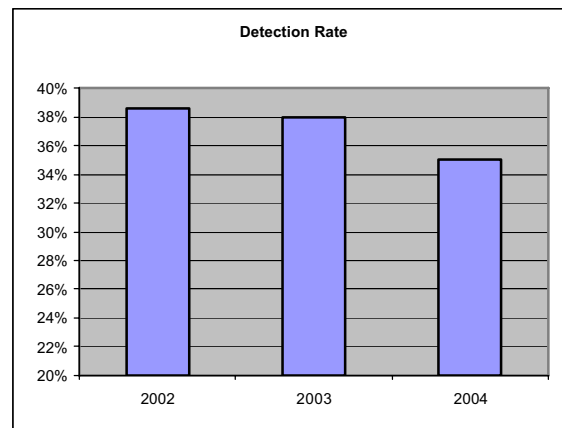
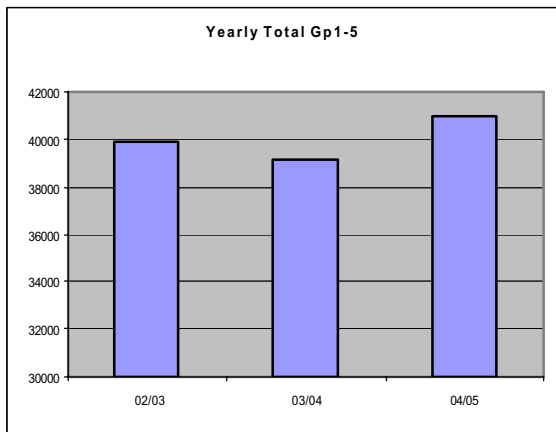
- 3.1. The figures included in this document show reported and detected crime during the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005. Members are asked to note that data on reported crime was extracted on 1 April 2005.
- 3.2. To compensate for time taken to complete enquiries and achieve greater integrity of information presented, statistics relating to detection rates have been provided for the whole 2004 calendar year compared with comparative data for 2002 and 2003.
- 3.3. More detailed statistical information on the financial year 2004-05 can be found at **Appendix 'A'** which members may recognise as the type of information previously provided in the 'Annual Report'.

4. PERFORMANCE REPORT

4.1. Group 1-5 Crime

- a) **Group 1 – 5 Crime**
Percentage of crimes detected
- b) Number of crimes recorded

2002	2003	2004
38.6%	38.0%	35.1%
02/03	03/04	04/05
39,872	39,197	40,953



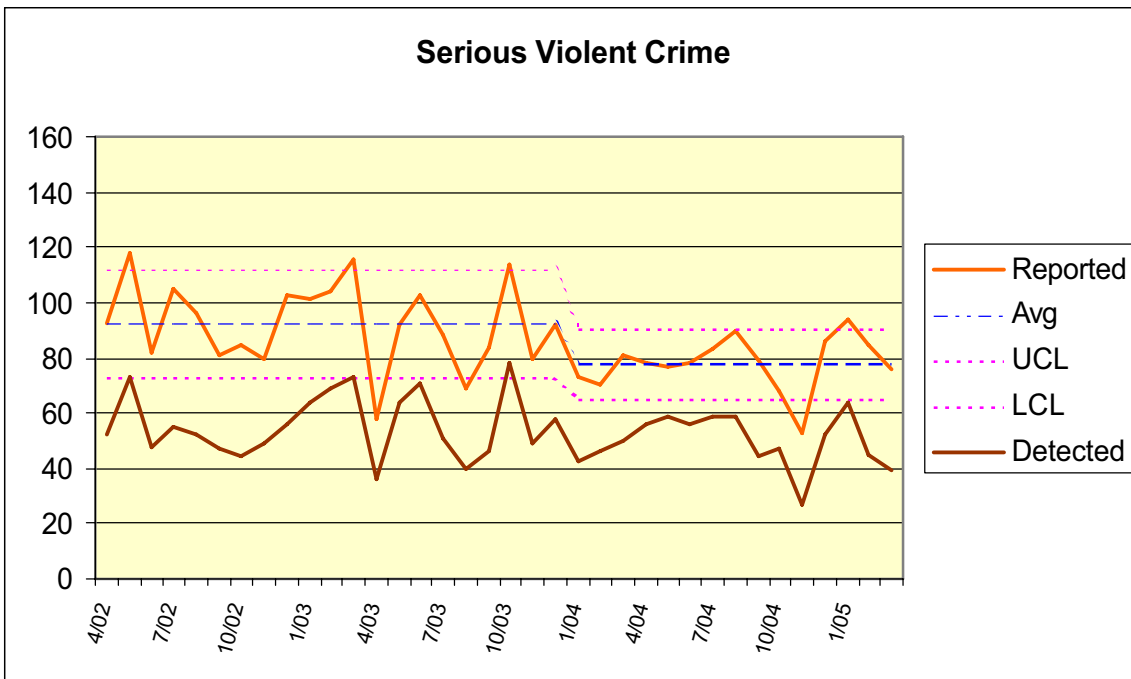
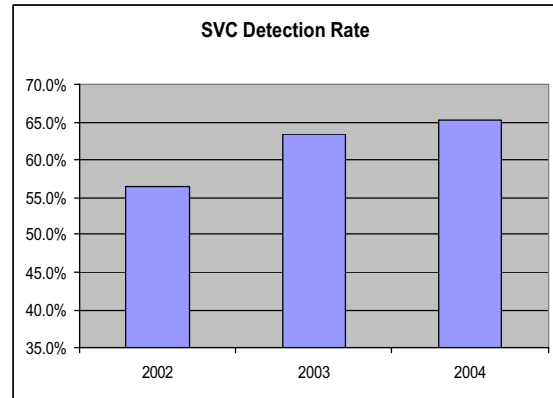
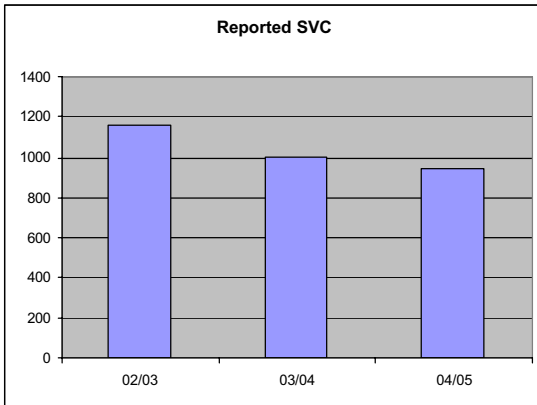
The current rise in Group 1-5 crime is largely attributed to an increase in the number of vandalisms recorded because of the new Scottish Crime Recording Standard (SCRS). Without this increase in recorded vandalism there would have been an overall reduction in crime. This is reinforced by the control chart which shows recorded crime levels have returned to pre SCRS levels.

The detection rate for Group 1-5 crimes fell from 38.0% in 2003 to 35.1% in 2004. Again, this is attributed largely to the additional vandalisms now being recorded.

4.2. Serious Violent Crime

- a) **Serious violent crime (SVC)**
- i Number of SVC
 - ii Number of SVC cleared up
 - iii Percentage of SVC cleared up

02/03	03/04	04/05
1164	1004	947
682	632	607
2002	2003	2004
56.5%	63.5%	65.3%

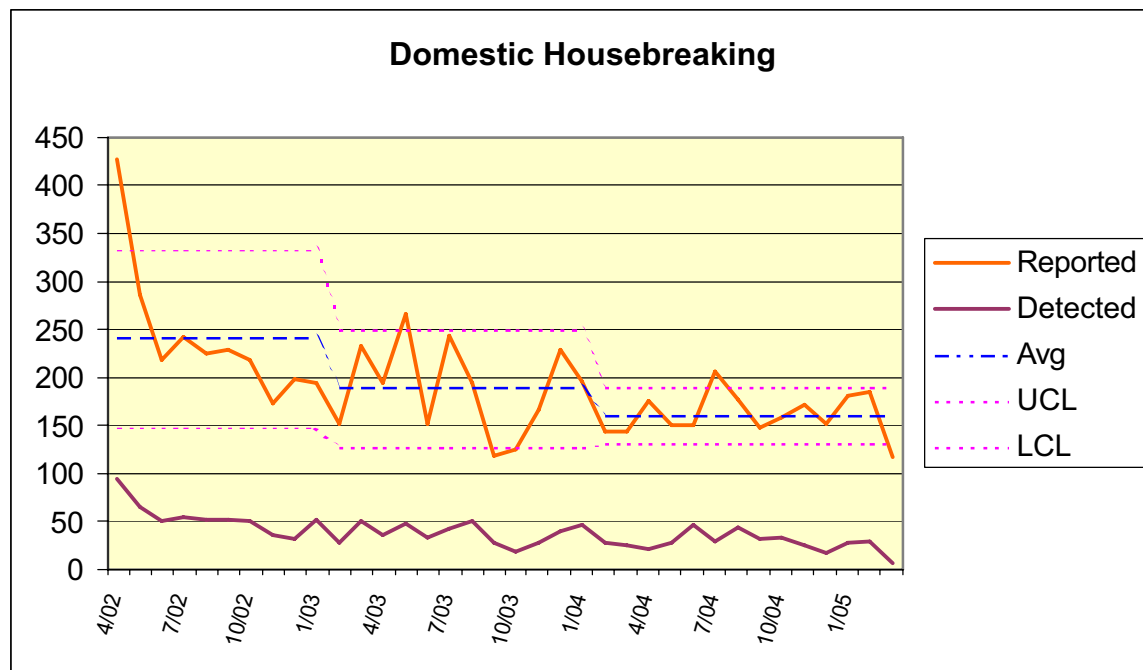
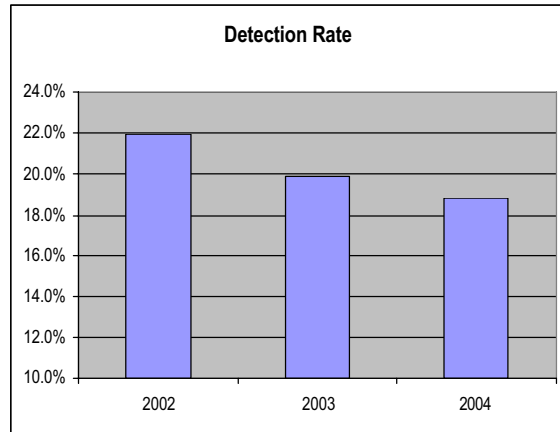
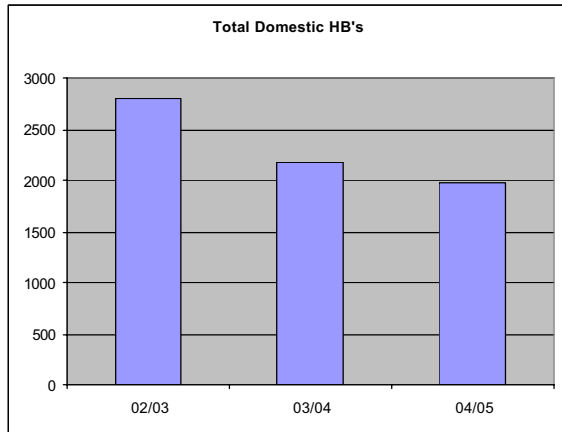


There has been an annual decrease in the reports of serious violent crime as can be seen from the table above (top left). This represents a 6% reduction from 1004 in 2003/4 to 947 in 2004/5. Recorded levels of SVC since January '04 show a sustained reduction on the previous period.

Detection rates for this type of crime show an almost 2% increase from 2003.

4.3. Domestic Housebreaking

b) Housebreaking		02/03	03/04	04/05
i	Number of housebreakings	2978	2170	1971
ii	Number of housebreaking cleared up	616	418	337
iii	Percentage of housebreakings cleared up	21.9%	19.9%	18.8%



The yearly situation shows a steady reduction in the total number of Domestic Housebreakings during the past three years 2002/3, 2003/4, 2004/5. This year's figures represent a 10% reduction on last year and a 33% reduction on 2002/03.

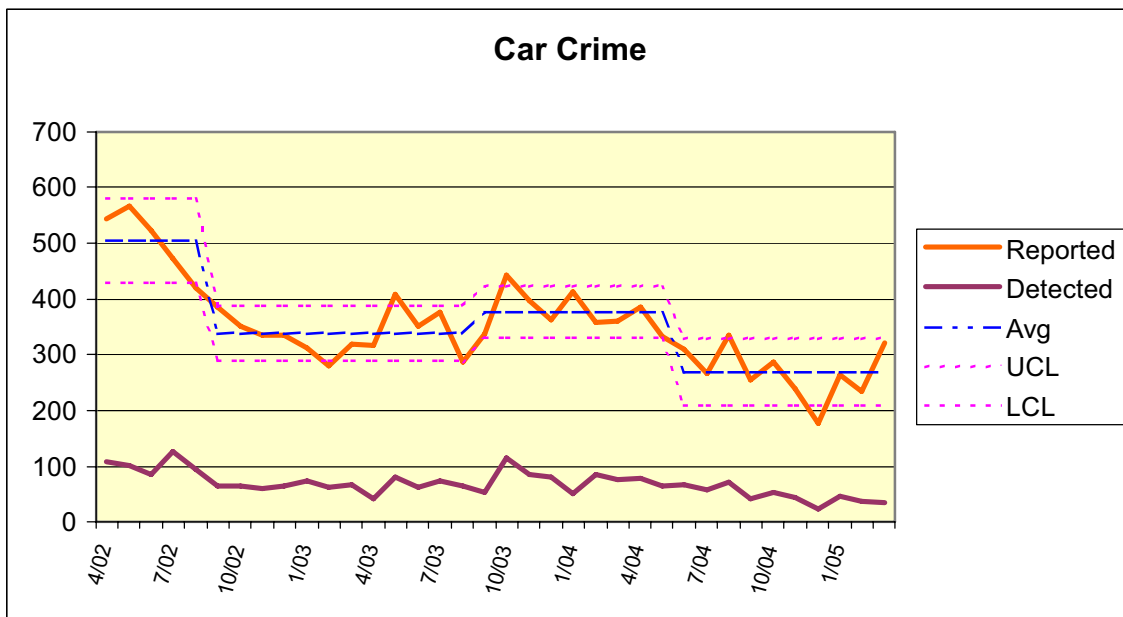
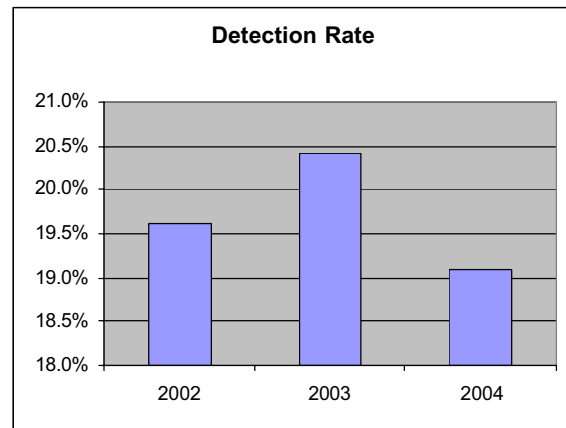
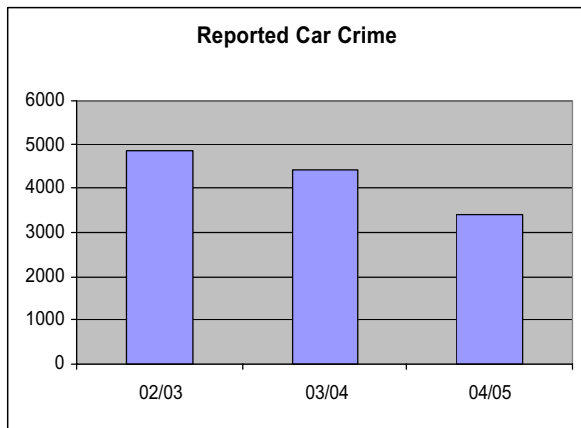
The control chart (bottom centre) reflects this steadily decreasing situation and also shows that in March '05 the lowest monthly figure for 3 years was recorded.

The detection rate has declined by 95 from 19.9% in 2003 to 18.8% in 2004 (calendar year).

4.4. Car Crime

- c) **Car crimes**
 - i Number of car crimes
 - ii Number of car crimes detected
 - iii Percentage of car crimes detected

02/03	03/04	04/05
4845	4413	3406
973	865	620
2002	2003	2004
19.6%	20.4%	19.1%

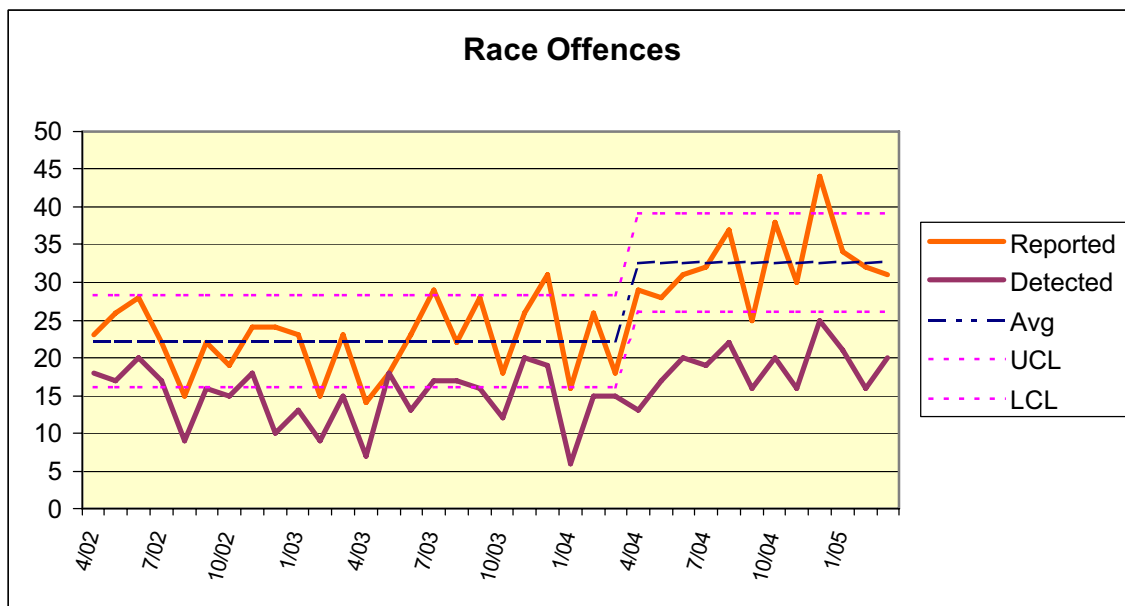
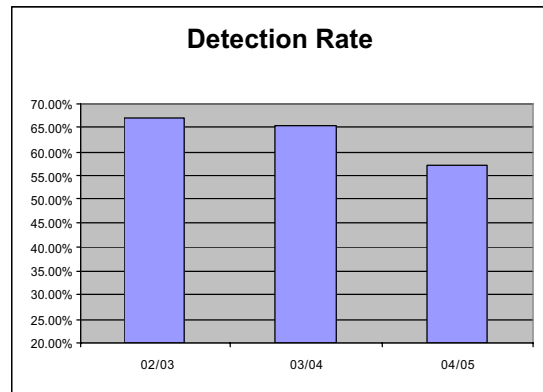
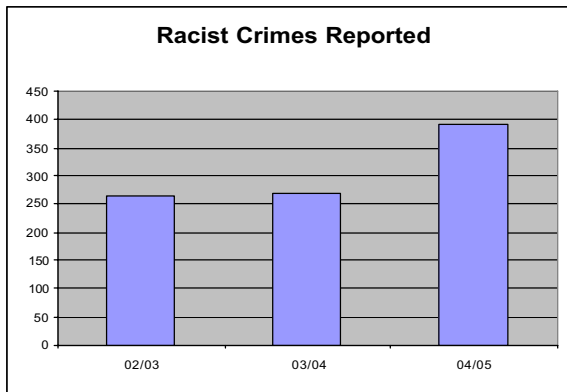


Reported car crime fell from 4413 in the 2003/4 to 3406 in 2004/5. This represents a significant reduction of 23% from last year and a 30% reduction on figures for 2002/03. After last year's improved performance, the detection rate fell from 20.4% to 19.1%.

The control chart shows that, on average, during the period June 2004 to March 2005, car crime has been at its lowest level during the three year period. The lowest level was achieved in December 2004, when 178 car crimes were reported. Since December, there has been an increase in this type of crime which, while still within the normal range, is close to the level at which additional action will be triggered.

4.5. Race Related Offences

Race Related Offences		02/03	03/04	04/05
a)	The number of racist incidents per 1,000 population	0.6	0.58	0.78
b)	The percentage of racially aggravated crimes detected	69.0%	65.2%	57.6%

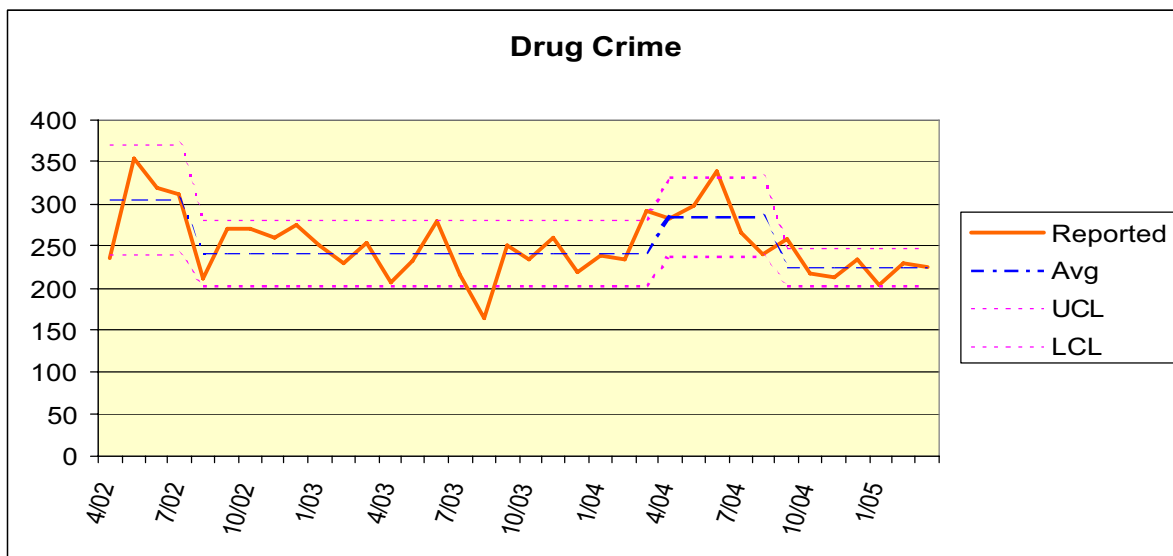
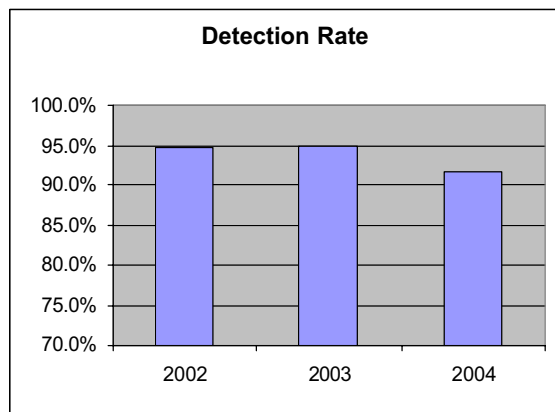
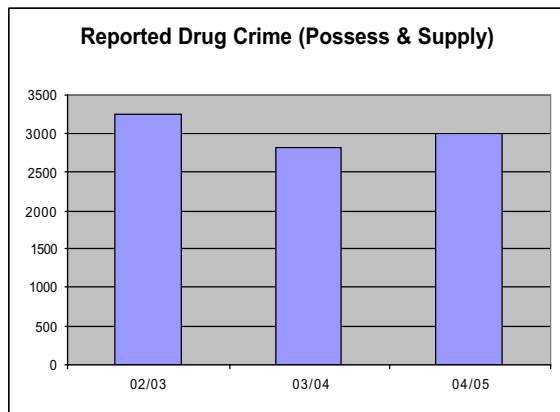


During 2004/5, the number of incidents of racist crime reported increased from 269 to 391 (a 45% increase). This crime category must be considered in relation to the MacPherson Report (Stephen Lawrence Enquiry) which indicated the need to increase public confidence in reporting crime in this area. While this rise can be partly attributed to the introduction of the SCRS, the upward trend throughout the year indicates that more crimes are being reported due to greater awareness of the issues and greater confidence amongst minority groups.

While detections rose almost in line with the increased reporting, the overall detection rate fell by 7.6 percentage points to 57.6%.

4.6. Drug Crime

		02/03	03/04	04/05
a)	i	3243	2822	3008
	ii	95.0%	83%	88%
b)	i	904	625	723
	ii	37.0%	- 4.4%	10%



These charts reflect annual reported drug crime (possession and supply). They illustrate a rise from 2822 in the previous reported year to 3008 this year. This is a rise of 1.1%. During the calendar year of 2004, detections fell to 91.5%, a fall of 3.3 percentage points.

The control chart shows that during the last 6 months figures for drug crime are at their lowest for the three year period illustrated. It should be noted however, that few drug crimes are actively reported to the Police. Statistical variations therefore, do not necessarily mean a rise or fall in drugs offences.

4.7. Road Traffic Collisions

		02/03	03/04	04/05
a)	i	328	319	289
	ii	- 17.0%	- 19.2%	26.8%
b)	i	27	35	33
	ii	-38.6%	- 20.5%	25.0%
c)	i	1,168	1,159	1128
	ii	-25.8%	- 26.4%	-28.4%

	03/04	04/05**
Total number of collisions	3990	4075
Collisions involving casualties	1085	1098
Persons killed	47	41
Persons seriously injured	272	248
Persons slightly injured	1159	1128
<i>Extracted from above</i>		
Child Casualties (under 16)	155	142
Children killed	2	0
Children seriously injured	33	33
Children slightly injured	120	109

*** Please note these figures should not be regarded as final figures for the financial year 2004/05, due to accident cards being submitted late, in the process of being checked, or requiring further information.*

The total number of collisions reported to Grampian Police during 2004/05, increased by almost 2% over 2003/04. Of the 4075 reported collisions, 1098 involved injury, representing a slight increase of 1% over the previous financial year. Persons killed and seriously injured on Grampian roads fell by almost 9% over 2003/04, including a fall of 13% in fatalities. There were reductions in slight injury casualties and child casualties of 3% and 8% respectively.

In 2000, the Government announced casualty reduction targets to be achieved by 2010. These targets, based on an average of the 1994 to 1998 figures, include a 40% reduction in all persons killed or seriously injured, a 50% reduction in children killed or seriously injured, and a 10% reduction in the slight casualty rate. The figures in Grampian are showing good progress towards achieving the required reductions by 2010.

4.8. Complaints

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS	03/04	04/05
Total number of complaints received	346	277
Allegations arising from complaints	570	464
Allegations carried over from previous year	225	251
Total Allegations:	795	715
Disposal of allegations:		
Withdrawn by complainer/ Abandoned due to non co-operation of complainer	51	26
Unsubstantiated	254	252
Informally resolved	131	104
'No proceedings' by PF	86	110
Criminal proceedings	0	0
Advice/warning to Officers	48	38
Other	0	0
Total :	570	530
Other details	Of the 570 allegations disposed, 116 were classified as Service Delivery/ Organisational Issues	Of the 530 allegations, 93 were classified as Service Delivery/ Organisational Issues
Allegations still being investigated	225	185
Complaints investigated by other forces	1	0

Please note that 2003/2004, shows 225 allegations still being investigated at the end of the year. Allegations carried over at the beginning of 2004/2005, show 251. This is due to cases having been resulted with more allegations identified during the course of enquiry than initially recorded at the time of 2003/2004 statistical count.

All complaint cases are recorded centrally and the total number includes those classified as Service Delivery. This type of complaint case does not fall within the definition of a Complaint Against Police as defined by the Accounts Commission. Annual returns to HMIC and Audit Scotland adhere strictly to the Accounts Commission definition and consequently those figures will differ from these in this report.

4.9. Personnel

4.9.1. Staffing

DESIGNATION	STRENGTH	
	03/04	04/05
Police		
Chief Constable	1	1
Deputy Chief Constable	1	1
Assistant Chief Constable	1	1
Chief Superintendents	4	8
Superintendents	10	14
Chief Inspectors	23	25
Inspectors	87	87
Sergeants	202.88	217.58
Constables	970.85	1004.66
Police Total	1300.73	1359.24
Number of female officers	281	276.93
Support Staff		
Clerical	391.07	401.36
Technical	188.14	191.25
Traffic Wardens	38.62	24
Community/Neighbourhood Wardens		52
Domestic/cleaners	33.92	33.08
Support Staff Total	651.75	701.69
Special Constabulary	110	141
Force Total	2062.48	2201.93

The Actual Strength figures are based on Full Time Equivalents.

4.9.2. Recruitment

	REGULAR FORCE			
	02/03		04/05	
Applications received	551		601	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Number appointed	48	19	72	34
Number rejected for:				
Failing entrance exam/initial selection day	78	27	60	34
Failing physical test/medical	36	22	7	7
Being unsuitable	91	27	139	20
Withdrawn/not pursued	31	10	25	13
In process at end of reported year.	63	24	128	62

4.9.3. Secondments

	03/04	04/05
HM Inspectorate of Constabulary	1 Chief Superintendent, 1 Superintendent	1 Temp Chief Superintendent 1 Chief Superintendent
Scottish Drugs Enforcement Agency	3 Sergeants, 11 Constables	14 Constables, 2 Sergeants, 1 Temp Sergeant
Scottish Police College	1 Chief Superintendent, 1 Temp Superintendent, 1 Temp Inspector, 1 Inspector, 6 Sergeants, 5 Temp Sergeants	2 Temp Inspectors, 2 Sergeants, 6 Temp Sergeants, 1 Temp Superintendent
Police Federation	1 Constable	1 Constable
Bosnia		1 Constable
United Nations, Geneva	1 Inspector	
National Criminal Intelligence Service	2 Temporary Detective Chief Inspectors, 1 Detective Chief Inspector, 1 Sergeant, 1 Detective Constable	2 Temp Chief Inspectors, 1 Temp Superintendent
Other	1 Temporary Chief Inspector, 1 Detective Inspector, 2 Constables	1 Temp Chief Superintendent, 1 Temp Chief Inspector, 1 Inspector, 6 Constables
Total	42	44

4.9.4. Sickness and Injury

	03/04		04/05	
	Days Lost		Days Lost	
	Police Staff	Support Staff	Police Staff	Support Staff
Sickness or illness	11,742	6,566	11,075	4,691
Of which days lost as a result of Assault/resist arrest	51	1	37	3
Of which days lost as a result of Accident on duty	52	7	40	15
No of injury assaults	22	2	27	2

4.10. Response Times

Response Times	02/03	03/04	04/05
The proportion of 999 calls answered within 10 seconds	95.2%	n/a	94.3%

During the reported year 58,535 emergency '999' calls were received by Grampian Police. Of these, 94.3% were answered within 10 seconds. The average answer time during the year was 4 seconds.

Due to a software problem at the time the data was produced, figures for 03/04 were not available. This has now been remedied.

APPENDIX 'A'

	Financial	Calendar	Financial	Calendar
	2003/2004		2004/2005	
Main Group 1 - Non Sexual Crimes of Violence	Reported	Detected	Reported	Detected
Murder	5	5	7	7
Attempted Murder	37	35	49	52
Culpable Homicide - Common Law	2	2	1	1
Serious Assault	329	240	334	230
Possession of Offensive Weapon	409	360	444	425
Offensive Weapon in Public Place, Etc	160	150	170	160
Robbery and Assault with intent to Rob	242	129	217	99

	Financial	Calendar	Financial	Calendar
	2003/2004		2004/2005	
Main Group 2 - Crimes involving Indecency	Reported	Detected	Reported	Detected
Rape	78	36	73	28
Assault with intent to Ravish	18	14	15	8
Indecent Assault	134	61	169	72

	Financial	Calendar	Financial	Calendar
	2003/2004		2004/2005	
Main Group 3 - Crimes Involving Dishonesty	Reported	Detected	Reported	Detected
Theft by HB - Domestic, Dwelling	1484	374	1244	282
Theft by HB - Domestic, Non-Dwelling	515	38	422	41
Theft by HB - Other Property	745	157	723	176
HB wi Steal - Domestic, Dwelling	291	45	329	51
HB wi Steal - Domestic, Non-Dwelling	221	5	193	15
HB wi Steal - Other Property	274	33	272	38
Att HB wi - Domestic, Non-Dwelling	135	6	144	5
Att HB wi - Other Property	172	16	206	20
Theft by OLP - excl MV	804	276	851	172
OLP wi Steal - excl MV	227	16	204	34
Att OLP wi Steal - excl MV	89	26	96	31
Theft OLP from MV	1877	209	1257	182
OLP wi Steal from MV	565	50	372	56
Att OLP wi Steal from MV	149	9	159	19
Theft of MV & Contents inc TADA	1193	488	901	390
Theft from MV not elsewhere classified	420	66	580	42
Att Theft of MV	197	34	142	20
Reset	225	224	195	183

	Financial	Calendar	Financial	Calendar
	2003/2004		2004/2005	
Main Group 4	Reported	Detected	Reported	Detected
Fire-Raising - excl muirburn	491	129	506	80
Muirburn	6	2	5	0
Vandalism	8770	1624	10840	1802
Reckless Conduct with Firearms	48	18	84	31

	Financial	Calendar	Financial	Calendar
	2003/2004		2004/2005	
Main Group 5 – Other Crimes	Reported	Detected	Reported	Detected
Escape and Rescue (inc from Police Custody or Prison)	25	15	3	4
Resisting Arrest	441	440	449	446
Obstructing Constable in Pursuance of Lawful Duty	262	259	212	199
Attempt to Defeat/Pervert Course/Ends of Justice	595	627	431	421
Bail Offences other than Absconding or Re-Offending	330	321	347	349
Breach of Anti-Social Behaviour Order Act 1998	45	42	39	34
Production Manufacture or Cultivation of Drugs	18	21	30	28
Supply Possession wi to Supply etc of Drugs	601	545	689	611
Possession of Drugs	2181	2101	2320	2251

	Financial	Calendar	Financial	Calendar
	2003/2004		2004/2005	
Main Group 6 – Miscellaneous Offences	Reported	Detected	Reported	Detected
Petty Assault	5550	4106	7544	4586
Breach of the Peace	7407	6352	9884	6881
Racially Aggravated Harassment Consolidation Act 1995	8	6	16	11
Racially Aggravated Conduct Consolidation Act 1995	255	170	375	193
Miscellaneous Firearms Offences	63	66	84	65
Drunk and Incapable, Habitual Drunkenness	179	176	271	256

	Financial	Calendar	Financial	Calendar
	2003/2004		2004/2005	
Main Group 7 – Road Traffic Offences	Reported	Detected	Reported	Detected
Dangerous Driving Offences	290	264	304	246
Driving Carelessly	2128	1428	2780	1602
Drive MV while Unfit through Drink/Drugs	92	96	109	96
In Charge of MV while Unfit through Drink/Drugs	11	8	12	14
Drive MV with Blood Alcohol Content > Prescribed Limit	931	911	902	866
In Charge of MV with Blood Alcohol Content > Prescribed Limit	82	91	80	74
Speeding in Restricted Areas	173*	204*	102	105
Other Speeding Offences	3163*	2543*	2414	2579
Driving Whilst Disqualified	464	468	361	363

NB: The figures in Group 7 marked with an asterisk DO NOT include figures for Conditional Offers of Fixed Penalty that are provided by the Camera Enforcement Unit.