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MAYS LANDING— Authorities are seeking a suspect or suspects who gunned down a Pleasantville man in Atlantic City early Sunday morning, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel said today at a press conference in which he asked for the public to cooperate with law enforcement to help make the streets safer.

Akeem Reynolds, 21, was shot two times early Sunday morning on the 1400 block of Cedar Court in Atlantic City. It was in the area of a party in which as many as 200 people could have been in attendance. When Atlantic City Police responded to the 911 call, no witnesses could be found. Reynolds died at the AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus, at 1:29 a.m. on Sunday morning. He suffered two gunshot wounds, a fatal one to his back and one which went through his leg. A .45-caliber shell casing was located near the scene.

“Nobody is really cooperating including the family of the victim,” the Prosecutor told the media, asking for the public to help take back their communities and assist law enforcement with solving the Reynolds homicide.

The Prosecutor referred to recent reports in The Press of Atlantic City that there was a recent anti-violence rally in Pleasantville. Nobody was quoted as saying that in order to stop gun violence in the county, people have to cooperate with police.

The Prosecutor pointed to four different charts that detailed the number of homicides in Atlantic City and Pleasantville as well as the number of shooting incidents. While the numbers point to higher crime rates in the summer, it is not unusual for seashore communities.

“Every time a person fires off a round from a handgun that person is consciously disregarding that someone could be killed,” Prosecutor Housel said. “Call police even if you only heard gunfire. I don’t care if someone was not hit. You need a cooperative public if you are going to end violence in the streets.”

He went on to say that while Atlantic County has high solve rates for homicides law enforcement needs the help of the citizens. Rallies are great but if the public does not

assist authorities and the feeling that retribution, not cooperation with police, is the way to fight back, then crime will just continue and will escalate.

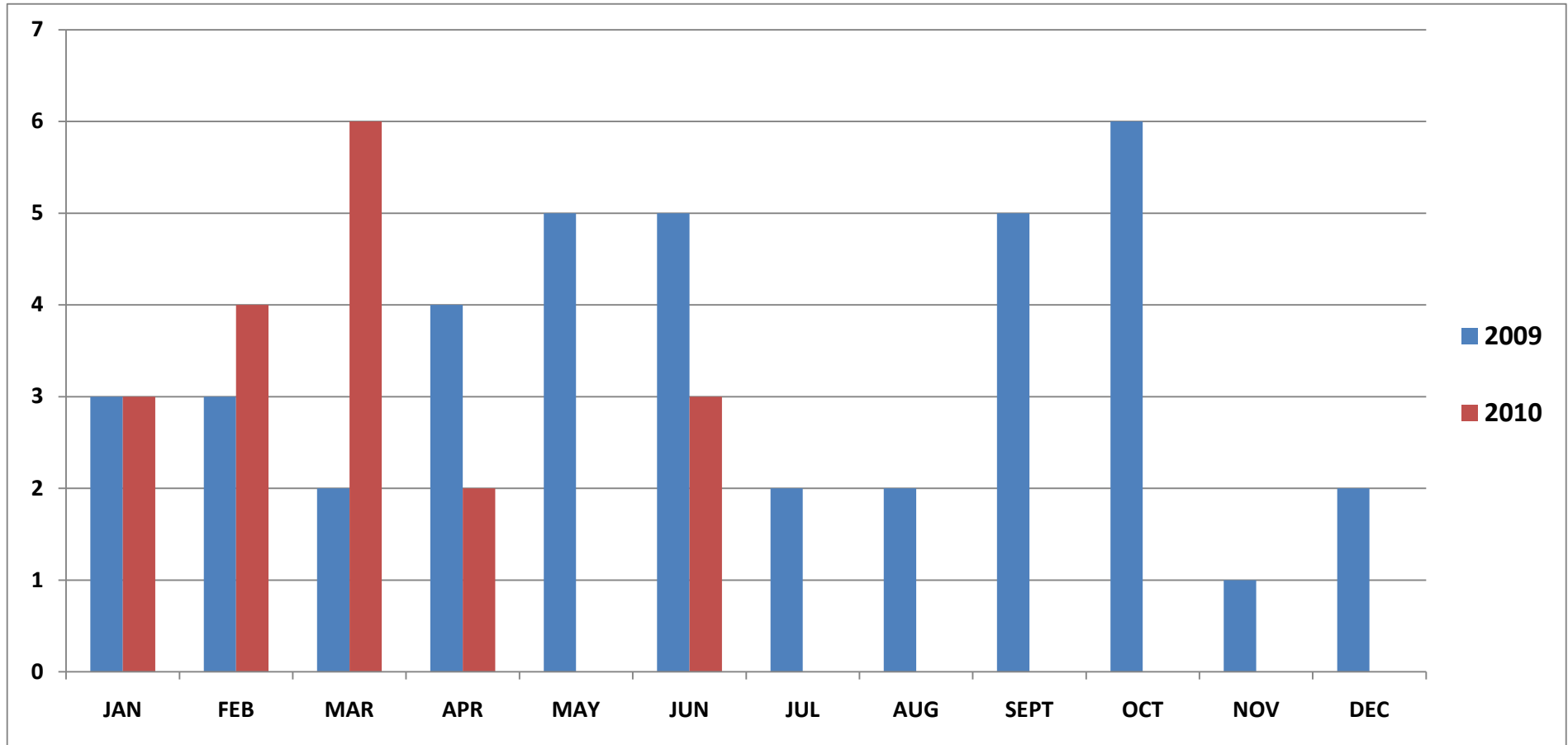
Prosecutor Housel emphasized that people could provide confidential information by calling the Crime Stoppers hotline or by submitting a tip on the ACPO Website.

Sometimes in order to take a stand against gun violence you have to take the stand, Prosecutor Housel said.

Joining the Prosecutor for the press conference were Atlantic City Deputy Chief Ernest Jubilee, Pleasantville Police Chief Duane Comeaux, Sheriff Frank Balles and Prosecutor's Office Capt. Dennis McKelvey, Capt. Bill Sooy, Lt. Leslie Folks and Lt. Bruce DeShields.

Anyone with information involving serious crimes is asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office at 609-909-7800 or go to the Prosecutor's Office Web site at <http://www.acpo.org/tips.html> and provide information by filling out the form anonymously on the Submit a Tip page. People can also call Crime Stoppers at 609-652-1234 or 1-800-658-8477 (TIPS) or visit the Crime Stoppers Website at <http://www.crimestoppersatlantic.com/>. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.

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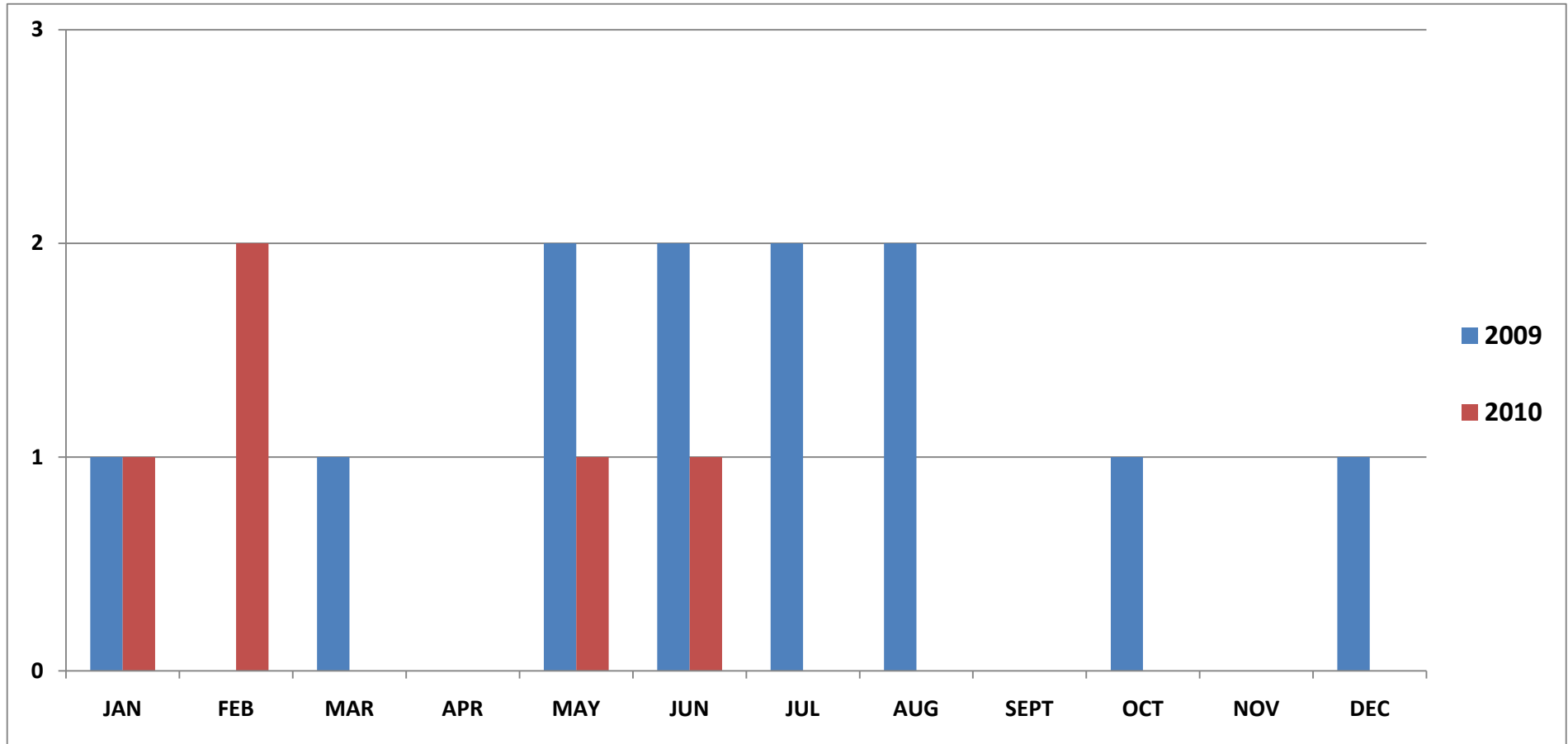


ATLANTIC CITY SHOOTING INCIDENTS – 2009 / 2010 MONTHLY COMPARISON

2009 Total: 40

2010 YTD Total: 18

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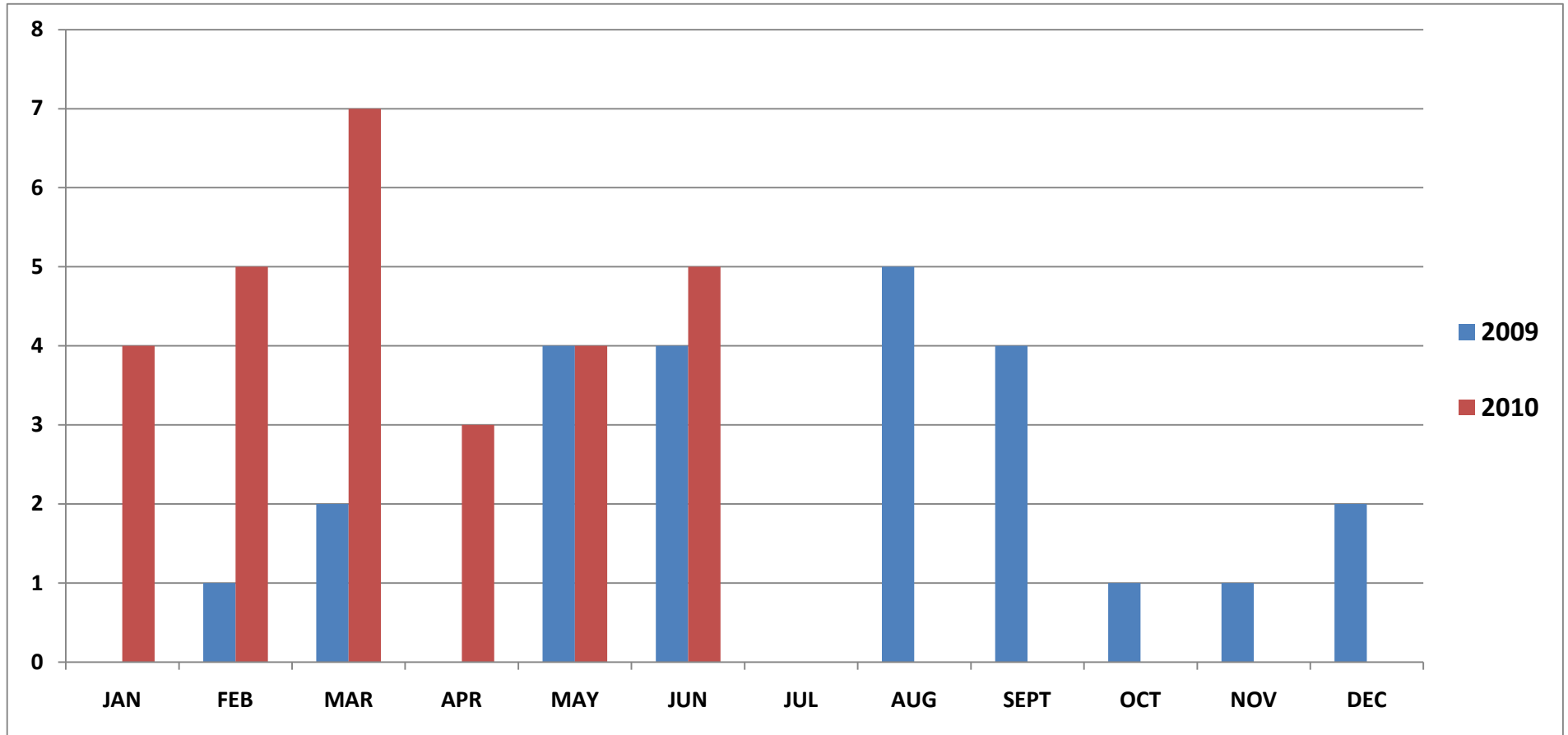


ATLANTIC CITY HOMICIDE INCIDENTS – 2009 / 2010 MONTHLY COMPARISON

2009 Total: 12

2010 YTD Total: 5

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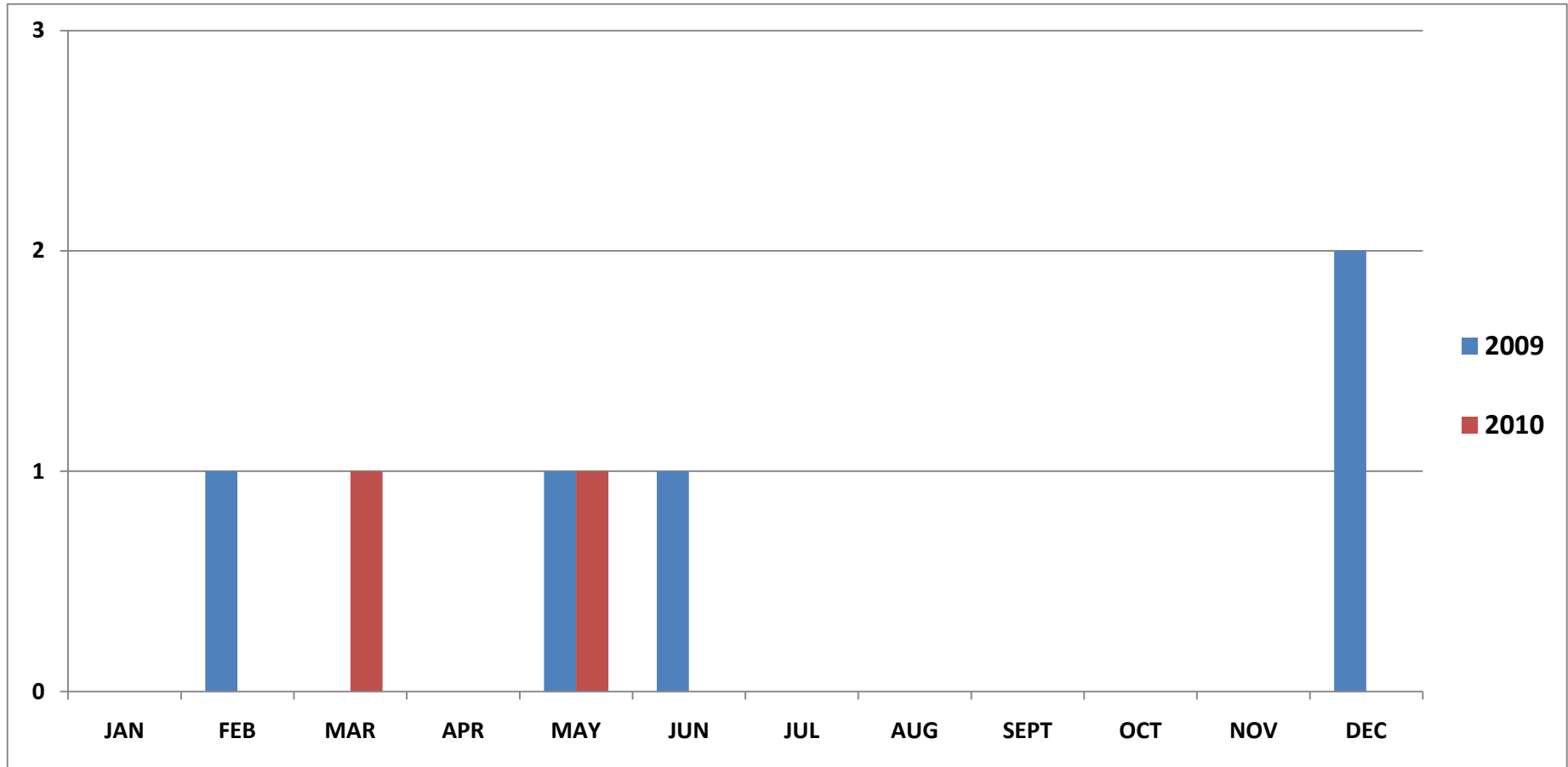


PLEASANTVILLE SHOOTING INCIDENTS – 2009 / 2010 MONTHLY COMPARISON

2009 Total: 24

2010 YTD Total: 28

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PLEASANTVILLE HOMICIDE INCIDENTS – 2009 / 2010 MONTHLY COMPARISON

2009 Total: 5

2010 YTD Total: 2