

**NEKOOSA
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



2021

ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

“To safeguard life and property by preserving the peace, order and safety of the community while enforcing the law in a fair and impartial manner.”



CODE OF CONDUCT

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against abuse or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or abuse and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement.

CORE VALUES

PROFESSIONALISM

We are constantly striving toward ever-rising standards in our actions, conduct and job performance.

RESPECT

We recognize the authority we hold and will treat others as we would like to be treated. We will faithfully and without bias, honor our obligations to the community.

INTEGRITY

We are committed to the highest standards of honesty and ethical conduct, which are the cornerstones of our profession. We will uphold the public trust and our commitment to our core values.

DEDICATION

To the organization, each other, our families, and the citizens we serve, having an unquestionable work ethic.

EXCELLENCE

In everything we do, seeking to improve and excel, always.

CITY GOVERNMENT

MAYOR

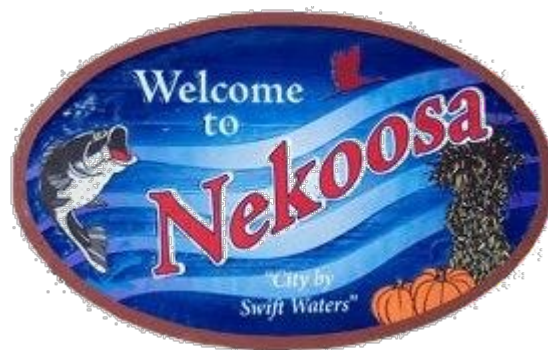
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NEKOOSA COMMON COUNCIL

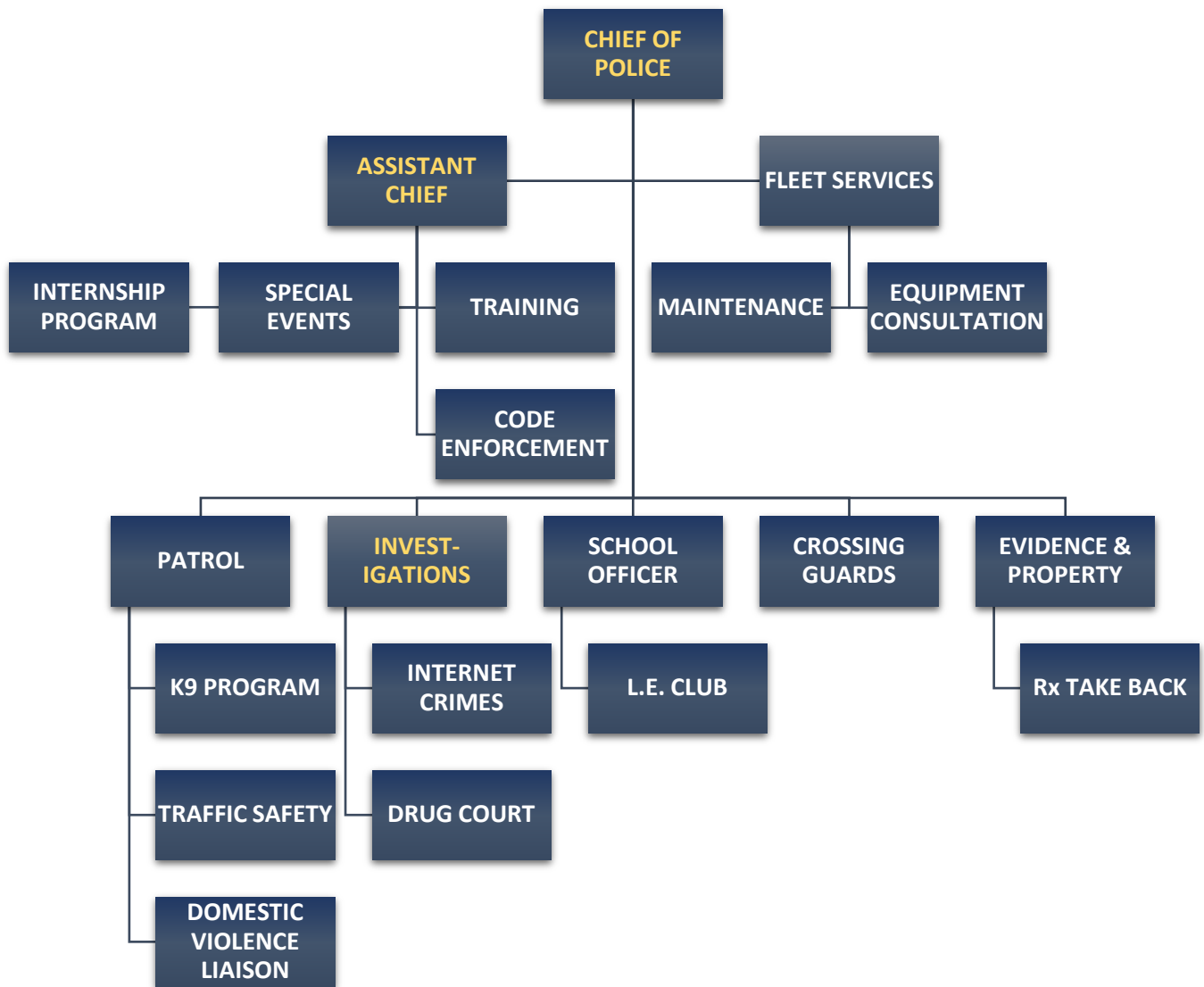
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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



DEPARTMENT ROSTER

FULL-TIME STAFF

POSITION

Shawn Woods	<i>Chief of Police</i>
Josh Kolo	<i>Asst. Chief, School Resource Officer</i>
Brian Machon	<i>Detective</i>
Chris Meyer	<i>Patrolman, Evidence Technician, Field Training Officer</i>
Andrew Berg	<i>Patrolman, K9 Officer</i>
Tim Resheske	<i>Patrolman, Field Training Officer, Domestic Abuse Liaison</i>
Josh Paltz	<i>Patrolman</i>

PART-TIME STAFF

POSITION

Lonn Radtke	<i>Patrolman</i>
Andrew Merkes	<i>Patrolman</i>
Cory Valiquette	<i>Patrolman</i>
Luke Maher	<i>Patrolman</i>

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Topic #1 of the year again - COVID-19. We were hoping that 2021 was going to rebound a little faster than it did. Thankfully, the police department was able to resume normal function with little interruption from the so-called pandemic.

In an analysis of the 2021 police department budget, expenses came in 3% under budget (including certain revenues). As with most work places currently, adequate staffing has declined. In 2021, full-time wages were up more than expected due to a shortage of part-time employees. The labor pool in public service continues to see a decline which challenges department scheduling and employees. Thankfully, the officers are all dedicated and professional. They come through when needed and often put the department and their co-workers before themselves.

Equipment purchases (other than regular maintenance and supply) were very limited in 2021. The front-line vehicles in the fleet are in good shape, maintained by city mechanic Terry Fancher.

Nekoosa Police officers continue to maintain their annual certification required by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. To limit travel and training expenses, much of the required training is done "in-house." Assistant Chief Kolo is a Defensive Tactics, Taser and Tactical Response Instructor, Detective Machon is an Emergency Vehicle Operations/Vehicle Contacts Instructor and Chief Woods is a Handgun/Rifle and Scenario Instructor. In 2021, Officer Berg was also trained as a Handgun/Rifle Instructor, certified by the WI DOJ. Officer Berg will transition to the lead firearms instructor for the department. Continuing education and professional development are some of my highest priorities to promote professionalism and expertise.

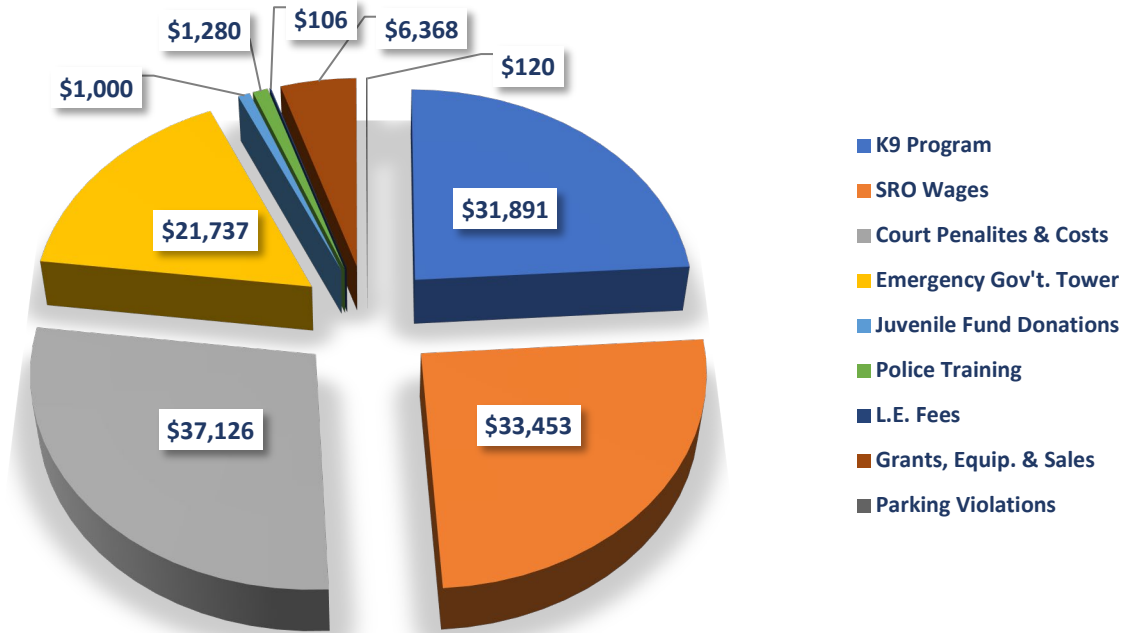
I am proud to report that we have a very well-rounded department and with very few exceptions, incidents are handled without outside assistance. Officers differing interests, expertise and abilities cover many of the aspects of law enforcement such as traffic enforcement, drug enforcement, domestic violence, juvenile matters, evidence processing, and K9 to name a few. What is remarkable however is the active community involvement by all the officers. Whether it is coaching, participation in schools or community events, all our officers are engaged with the community – all this a perfect recipe for an effective police officer and department. I am proud to be your police chief and support to our police department – always working to promote safety and the quality-of-life Nekoosa residents deserve.

Respectfully,

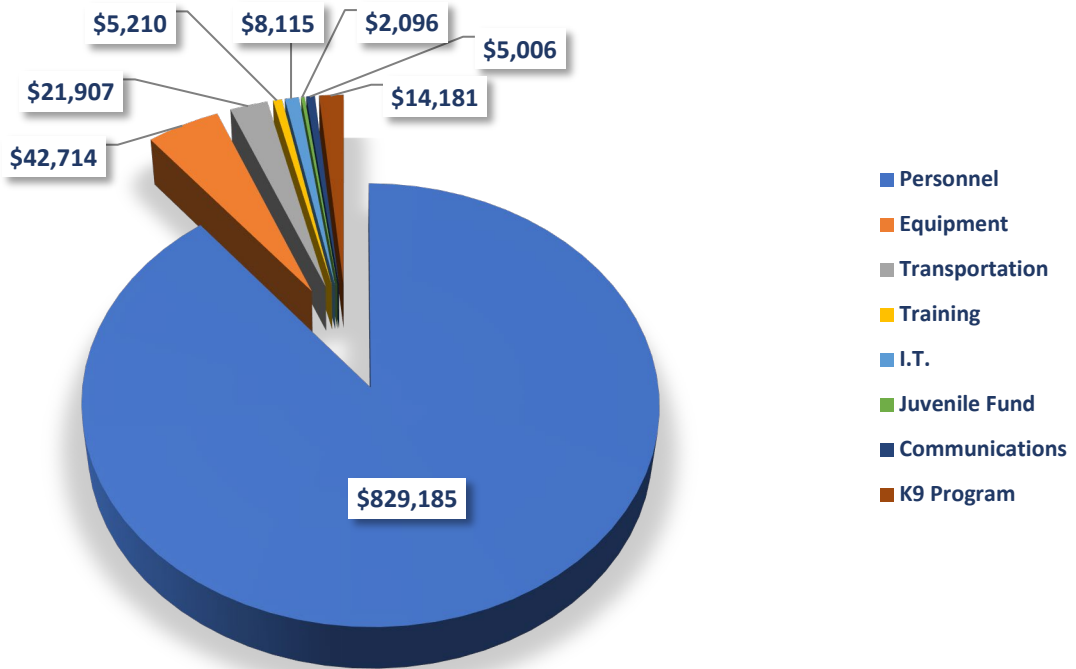
Shawn K. Woods, Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT FINANCES

REVENUE ANALYSIS



EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS



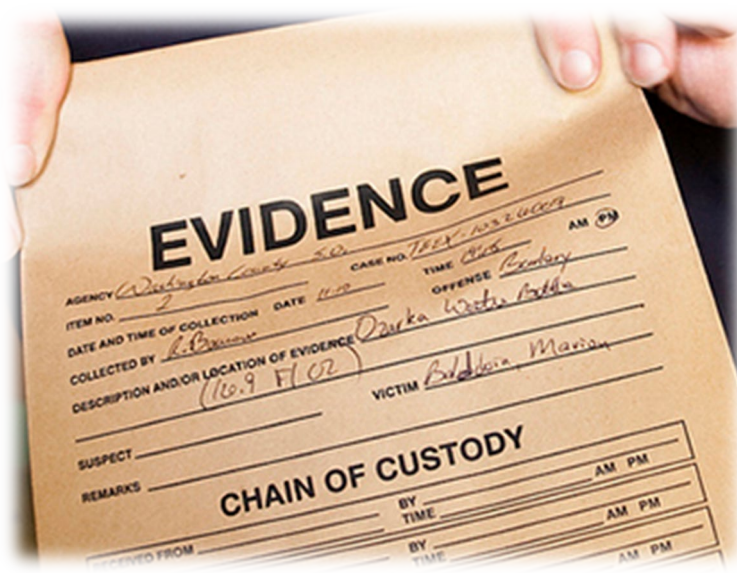
PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

Property and Evidence is a vital segment of the operations of the Nekoosa Police Department. Officer Chris Meyer, the department evidence technician stays current and accurate with the collection, processing and storage of all items taken into evidence. Officer Meyer's attention to this critical function is vital to prosecution of crimes and custody of property.

In 2021, 397 items were collected and processed into our evidence storage facilities. Most items are stored in our secure police department facility and large items such as bicycles, vehicles and furniture are stored off-site. Currently there are 731 pieces of property stored by the Nekoosa Police Department.

2021 PROPERTY ACTIVITY	FREQUENCY
Items Collected	397
Sent to Crime Lab	28
Items Returned to Owner	33
Items Destroyed	327
Items Retained for Dept. Use	17
Items Transferred to Other Agency	2

In an effort to combat prescription drug abuse, the department continues to provide the drug-drop box in the city office lobby. We also participate in bi-annual DEA sponsored prescription drug "take back" events. In 2021, over 80 pounds of unused prescription drugs and medications were collected by the Nekoosa Police Department through the drop box and events to reduce abuse and harmful environmental impact on our groundwater.



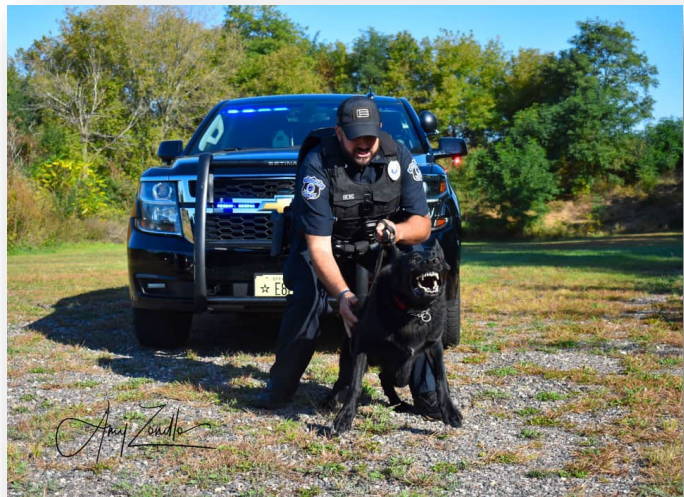
K9 PROGRAM

I am very pleased to report continued success and progress with the Nekoosa Police Department K9 program. Officer Berg and K9 Ivo are a tremendous team that not only provides a service to the City of Nekoosa, but also the surrounding area. K9 Ivo has proven to be a highly effective drug detection tool as well as wonderful public relations asset. His temperament and training are first rate and a great fit for our department. Officer Berg takes great pride in his role as K9 handler. Monthly training, annual certification, detailed reporting and an aggressive approach equal a highly effective K9 team.



The following reflects deployment activity for 2021:

MONTH	DEPLOYMENTS
January	9
February	3
March	1
April	7
May	8
June	6
July	9
August	9
September	8
October	3
November	5
December	4
Total	72



K9 Ivo assisted the following departments with vehicle searches:

- Wisconsin Rapids Police Department
- Grand Rapids Police Department
- Wood County Sheriff's Department
- Port Edwards Police Department

K9 Ivo assisted the following departments with K9 Tracks:

- Grand Rapids Police Department
- Wood County Sheriff's Department

K9 PROGRAM

The K9 team also assisted with searches at the Wood County Jail. Over the past year the following illegal contraband located:

- 57.6 grams methamphetamine
- 100+ grams raw THC
- Multiple THC cartridges
- 2+ grams Cocaine
- 9.9 grams Fentanyl
- 5+ grams Heroin
- Suboxone strip
- 35+ narcotic pills
- A multitude of paraphernalia items



The annual fundraising was again a tremendous success. Our new golf scramble host was The Ridges. 132 golfers participated and there were over 40-hole sponsors. We again partnered with a great friend of the police department - Partianimal Cycle. Their summer event was a big success. Our concessions fed many bikers and attendees.



Ongoing training for a K9 team is a must. The team logged over 100+ hours, recertified at Jessiffany Kennel in May as well as WI Law Enforcement Canine Handlers Association recertification in October.

Officer Berg and K9 Ivo also did several “meet and greets” including the Nekoosa Library and Boy Scouts.

The City of Nekoosa and surrounding area can take great pride in this highly effective resource to make the area a safer place to live.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Assistant Chief Kolo continues to serve the department and school district as School Resource Officer. His support to the district administrative team is quite unique. Most SRO's do not engage in day-to-day operations like Josh does. His connection with students is such a valuable asset as he fills roles as officer, teacher, counselor and friend.

The 2020-2021 School year was a very different year due to Covid 19 with social distancing, wearing masks, and students choosing to do online schooling. Unfortunately, interaction with students was not like a typical school year.

The NHS Law Enforcement Club was not able to meet due to Covid restrictions.

The end of the year showed some promise of normalcy as Humke Elementary Bike Safety and Crosswalk Safety resumed.

The following are some safety topics that are continued to be taught:

- Internet Safety
- Bike Safety
- Stranger Danger
- Alcohol/Drug awareness
- Crosswalk Safety
- ALICE



From SRO Kolo:

"I continue to strive to make Nekoosa School District safe and to be a positive influence on the students in the Nekoosa School District. The feeling that I get when former students look me up and talk to me about how I have influenced them is a feeling I can't put into words. I am proud to be the SRO of Nekoosa School District and will continue to influence students in a positive way."

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Assistant Chief Kolo fills another very important role within the department as code enforcement officer. Largely during spring break and summer, there is an increased focus on city beautification. Ordinance enforcement primarily includes junk, unlicensed and/or unregistered vehicles and recreation equipment, long weeds and grass and dilapidated structures.

Assistant Chief Kolo reports the following activity:

Since 2018, 71 residences have gained compliance on their houses that qualified as “dilapidated.”

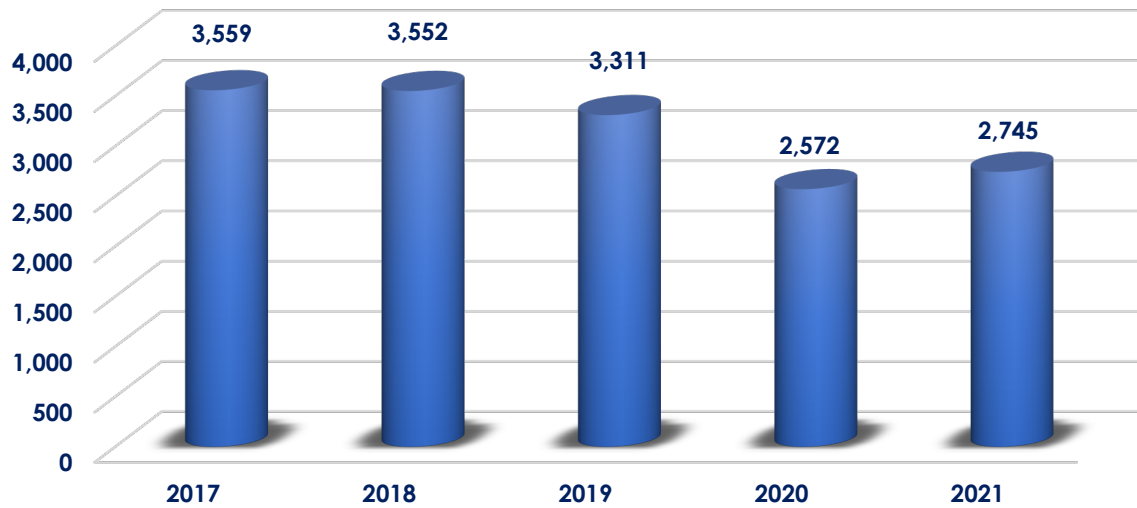
2021 CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

Dilapidated Building letters issued	5
Vehicle notices	55
Junk notices	28
Recreational vehicle notices	14
Long grass/noxious weed notices	51
Properties mowed/billed by the City	15
Junk/Vehicle citations issued	5

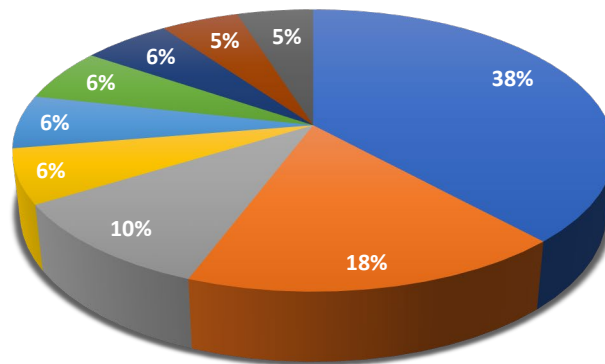


STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE - PAST FIVE YEARS



MOST FREQUENT CALLS FOR SERVICE



- Traffic Stop
- Assist other Agency
- Property Protection
- Disturbance
- Assist Citizen
- Welfare Check
- Ambulance Assist
- Follow up Investigations
- Traffic/parking complaint

STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Abandoned Vehicle	1
Alarms	39
All Other	104
Ambulance Call	113
Animal Complaint	69
Assist Citizen	123
Assist Motorist	28
Assist Other Agency	351
Attempt To Locate	4
Civil Matter	22
Computer Crimes	4
Court	17
Criminal Damage	19
Death/Suicide	1
Disturbances	125
Domestic Problem	4
Drugs-sale/manufacture/possess	22
Escort	60
Extra Patrol	1
Fire Call	13
Follow Up	70
Funeral Escort	9
Liquor/Tobacco Violation	4
Lost & Found	16
Lost or Found Animals	13
Mental/Alcohol Problem	3
Missing Person	12
Off-Road Vehicle Complaint	4
Ordinance Violation	21
Paper Service	3
Parking Complaints	1
Project Lifesaver Check	1

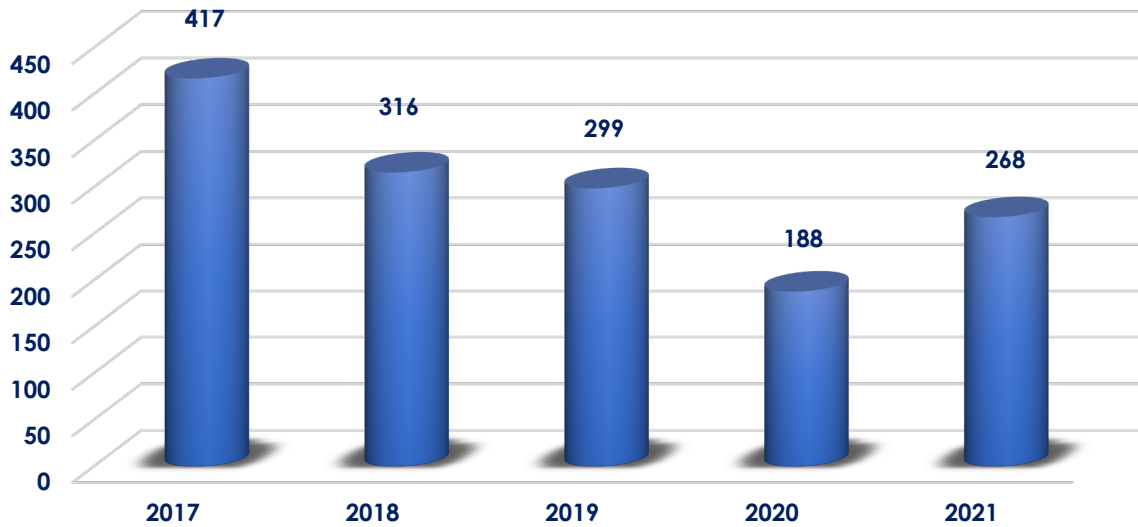
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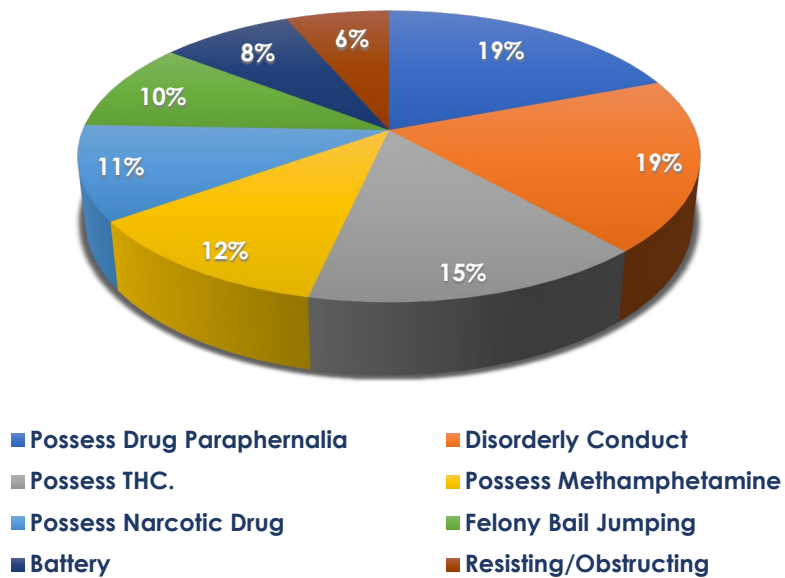
Prowler/Suspicious Person/Vehicle	36
Repo Documentation	5
School Zones	30
Search Warrant	4
Sexual Offense	7
Special Detail	28
Squad Service	2
Telephone Abuse	19
Theft	38
Traffic Accident - Deer	3
Traffic Accident - Hit & Run	3
Traffic Accident - Injury	5
Traffic Accident - Property Damage	36
Traffic Direction	1
Traffic Inquiry	19
Traffic Stop	768
Traffic/Parking Complaint	98
Training	2
Trespassing	4
Utility Problems	12
Wanted Person Check	5
Warrant Pick-up	12
Welfare Check	121
Total	2,745

STATISTICS

CRIMINAL ARRESTS, PAST FIVE YEARS



MOST FREQUENT CRIMINAL ARRESTS



STATISTICS

ARRESTS & CITATIONS

10.05(7) Dilapidated Building	6
10.06(3) Storage of Inoperable Motor Vehicles	4
10.06(4) Storage of Unlicensed Motor Vehicles	4
10.06(5) Storage of Junk & Refuse	8
10.12.(2) Chronic Nuisance Premises	2
118.15(1)(C) Habitual School Truancy	1
12.02(14) Underage – Possess or Consume Alcohol	1
12.09(2) Unlicensed Dog	2
12.09(7)(C) Permitting a Dog/Cat to Run Loose	1
125.07(4)(B) Underage Drinking-Possess/Consume	1
174.042(1)(a) Dog Running at Large	1
23.33(3)(A) Operate ATV or UTV in Careless Way	1
236.03(A) Possess THC/Synthetic Cannabinoids	1
254.92(2M) Purchase Cigarettes for a Minor	1
341.03(1) Operate After Rev/Susp Of Registration	5
341.04(1) Non-Registration of Vehicle, Etc	13
341.15(1) Fail/Display Vehicle License Plates	1
341.62 Display False Vehicle Registration Plate	3
342.05(4) Failure to Obtain Vehicle Title	1
342.15(5) Failure to Transfer Vehicle Title	2
343.05(3)(A) Operate without Valid License	16
343.05(3)(B) Operate Motorcycle w/o Valid License	1
343.18(1) Operate w/o Carrying License	1
343.43(1)(D) Violate Driving License Restrictions	1
343.44(1)(A) Operating While Suspended	41
343.44(1)(B) Operating While Revoked	27
344.62(1) Operating a motor vehicle w/o insurance	25
344.62(2) Operating motor vehicle w/o proof of insurance	19
346.04(2) Failure to Obey Traffic Officer/Signal	7
346.04(2f) Resisting/Failing to Stop	1
346.04(3) Vehicle Operator Flee/Elude Officer	1
346.05(1) Operating Left of Center Line	1
346.06 Meeting of Vehicle-Wrong Side	1
346.09(3) Passing in No-Passing Zone	2
346.14(1m) Automobile Following Too Closely	1
346.18(3) Fail/Yield Right/Way from Stop Sign	1
346.20(1) Fail/Yield to Funeral Procession	1

STATISTICS

ARRESTS & CITATIONS, cont.

346.34(1)(B) Fail to Signal Turn	1
346.38(1) Pedestrian Signal Violation by Vehicle	1
346.46(1) Fail/Stop at Stop Sign	8
346.53(5) Parking/Standing near Crosswalk	1
346.57(2) Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed	6
346.57(4)(D) Speeding in Alley	1
346.57(4)(E) Speeding on City Highway	39
346.57(4)(F) Speeding in Outlying District	31
346.62(2) Reckless Driving-Endanger Safety	1
346.63(1)(A) Operating While under the Influence	26
346.63(1)(AM) Operate with Restricted Controlled Substance	4
346.63(1)(B) Operating with PAC	13
346.63(2M) Violate Absolute Sobriety Law	1
346.68 Hit and Run-Unattended Vehicle	2
346.69 Hit and Run-Property Adjacent to Highway	1
346.70(1) Failure to Notify Police of Accident	1
346.79(2)(A) Bike Rules-Transport Unauth. Passengers	1
346.88(3)(C) Obstructed Driver's Vision-Rear View	1
346.89(1) Inattentive Driving	2
346.89(3)(a) Texting While Driving	1
346.92(2) Riding Illegally on Vehicle	4
346.93(1) Minor Transporting Intoxicants in MV	1
346.935(2) Possess Open Intoxicants in MV	7
346.935(3) Keep Open Intoxicants in MV	1
347.413(1) Ignition Interlock Device Tampering/Failure to Install	10
347.48(2M)(B) Vehicle Operator Fail/Wear Seat Belt	10
347.48(2M)(D) Vehicle Passenger Fail to Wear Seat Belt	3
7.10 Disorderly Conduct With a Motor Vehicle	3
9.06(1) Loud/Unnecessary Noise - Construction	2
9.06 Loud/Unnecessary Noise Prohibited	1
9.16 Curfew	2
9.19(4) Minor Possess Tobacco	14
9.943.20 Theft	2
9.943.50 Shoplifting less than \$100.00	1
9.946.41 Resisting/Obstructing an Officer	2
9.947.01 Disorderly Conduct	3
9.961.41(3G)(AM) Possess Schedule I/II Narcotic Drugs	2

STATISTICS

ARRESTS & CITATIONS, cont.

9.961.41(3g)(e) Possession of THC	26
9.961.573 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	16
940.01(1)(A) 1st-Degree Intentional Homicide	1
940.19(1) Battery	14
940.203(2) Battery/Threat to Judge, Prosecutor, or LE Officer	1
940.235(1) Strangulation and Suffocation	3
940.45(1) Intimidate Victim/Use or Attempt Force	1
941.20(1)(B) Operate/Go Armed w/ Firearm-Intoxicated	2
941.23 Carrying a Concealed Weapon	1
941.231 Carrying a Concealed Knife	1
941.29(1m)(a) Possess Firearm-Convicted of a Felony	2
941.30(2) 2nd-Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety	3
941.39(2) Violate No Contact Court Order (Misdemeanor Conviction)	1
943.01(1) Criminal Damage to Property	4
943.20(1)(A) Theft-Movable Property	7
943.201 Unauthorized Use of Individuals ID/Document/Info	1
943.38(2) Forgery-Uttering	1
943.50(1M)(B) Retail Theft-Intentionally Take	1
946.41(1) Resisting or Obstructing an Officer	11
946.415(2) Fail/Comply-Officer/Person into Custody	1
946.47(1)(A) Harboring/Aiding a Felon	1
946.49(1)(A) Bail Jumping-Misdemeanor	16
946.49(1)(B) Bail Jumping-Felony	17
947.01 Disorderly Conduct	23
947.0125(2)(b) Computer Message-Threaten/Injury or Harm	1
948.02(1)(e) 1st Degree Child Sex Assault - under Age of 13	1
948.03(2)(B) Child Abuse-Intentionally Cause Harm	2
948.12(1m) Possession of Child Pornography	1
948.21(1)(A) Neglecting a Child	1
948.21(2) Neglecting a Child-Acts/Omissions	6
949.70(3) Exception-Tattooing of Children	1
951.13(1) Fail/Provide Sufficient Food for Animal	3
961.41(1)(A) "Manuf/Deliver Schedule I, II Narcotics"	2
961.41(1)(cm)(1r) Manufacture/Deliver Cocaine 1-5 grams	1
961.41(1)(cm)1r Manufacture/Deliver Cocaine (>1-5g)	1

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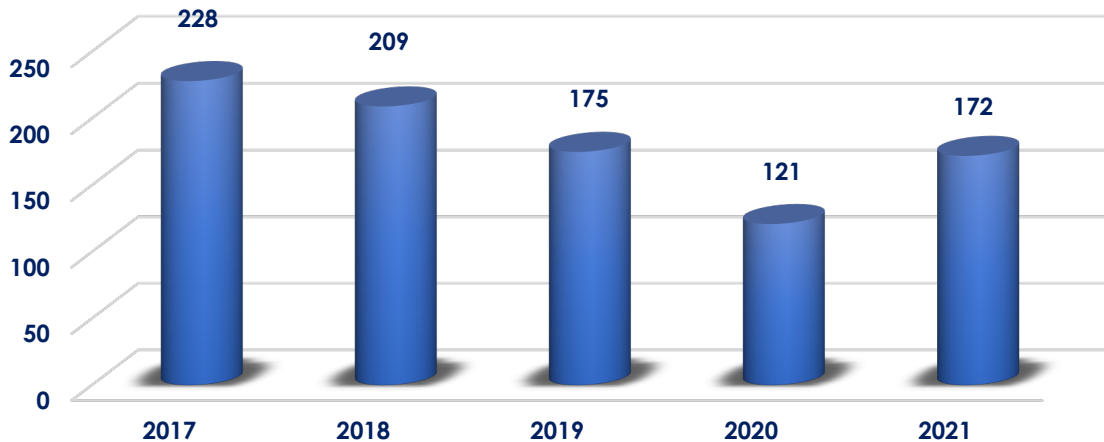
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961.41(1)(h)1 Manufacture/Deliver THC (<=200g)	2
961.41(1M)(A) Possess w/Intent/Deliver Narcotics	2
961.41(1M)(B) Possess w/Intent/Deliver Non-Narcotics	1
961.41(1m)(e)3 Possess w/ Intent-Amphetamine(>10-50g)	2
961.41(1m)(h)1 Possess w/Intent-THC (<=200 grams)	1
961.41(1m)(h)2 Possess w/ Intent-THC(>200-1000g)	3
961.41(3G)(AM) Possession of Narcotic Drugs	18
961.41(3G)(B) Possession of Controlled Substance	5
961.41(3G)(C) Possession of Cocaine/Coca	1
961.41(3G)(D) Possess Amphetamine/LSD/Psilocin	2
961.41(3G)(E) Possession of THC	26
961.41(3G)(G) Possession of Methamphetamine	20
961.42(1) Maintain Drug Trafficking Place	7
961.573(1) Possess Drug Paraphernalia	33
973.10 Probation Violation	2
TR305.11(3)(b) Fail/Maintain Headlamps	1
Total	727



STATISTICS

DRUG OFFENSES - LAST FIVE YEARS



2021 Drug Related Violations

236.03(A) Possess THC/Synthetic Cannabinoids	1
9.961.41(3G)(AM) Possess Sch. I or II Narcotic Drugs	2
9.961.41(3g)(e) Possession of THC	26
9.961.573 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	16
961.41(1)(A) "Manuf/Deliver Schedule I, II Narcotics"	2
961.41(1)(cm)(1r) Manufacture/Deliver Cocaine 1-5 grams	1
961.41(1)(cm)1r Manufacture/Deliver Cocaine (>1-5g)	1
961.41(1)(h)1 Manufacture/Deliver THC (<=200g)	2
961.41(1M)(A) Possess w/Intent/Deliver Narcotics	2
961.41(1M)(B) Possess w/Intent/Deliver Non-Narcotics	1
961.41(1m)(e)3 Possess w/ Intent-Amphetamine(>10-50g)	2
961.41(1m)(h)1 Possess w/Intent-THC (<=200 grams)	1
961.41(1m)(h)2 Possess w/ Intent-THC(>200-1000g)	3
961.41(3G)(AM) Possession of Narcotic Drugs	18
961.41(3G)(B) Possession of Controlled Substance	5
961.41(3G)(C) Possession of Cocaine/Coca	1
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961.41(3G)(E) Possession of THC	26
961.41(3G)(G) Possession of Methamphetamine	20
961.42(1) Maintain Drug Trafficking Place	7
961.573(1) Possess Drug Paraphernalia	33
Total	172

