

# POLICE

PORT HURON



## ANNUAL REPORT

# 2023





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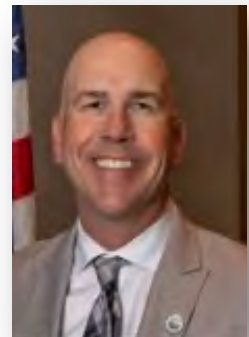
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# Chief's Message



Chief Joseph A. Platzer

Mr. James Freed – City Manager  
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## 2023 Annual Report

I want to take this opportunity to thank City Manager Freed, Mayor Repp, Mayor Pro-Tem Archibald, Council Members Ashford, Haremza, Lamb, Mosurak, and Pemberton for your continuous support of the Port Huron Police Department. This support does not go unnoticed.

With retirements, promotions, and continuous hiring in 2023, training continues to be priority for our newly promoted supervisors and all officers/employees within the department. Keeping up on the most recent tactics, policies, procedures, laws, and training methods, which are not only required by our agency but by the State of Michigan, is a top priority for the department.

Our department continues to value of partnerships with our local, state, and federal partners. From our Port Huron Fire Department, the Marysville Police and Fire Department's assigning personnel to the Special Response Team, to the Port Huron Police Department assigning officers to the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force, and a detective to the Department of Homeland Security Investigations. In return, a deputy from the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, a trooper from the Michigan State Police, an officer from the Marysville Police Department, an officer from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and an agent from the U.S. Border Patrol all are assigned to our Major Crimes Unit. With all of these law enforcement professionals working together and sharing information, it allows crimes to be solved not only in the City of Port Huron, but throughout St. Clair County, the State of Michigan, and Federal levels.

Our community support and outreach continues to grow. Community Services Officer Baker will highlight the department's partnerships, collaborations, and accomplishments in his annual report.

The department went through reaccreditation processes for the both national and state accreditation in November and December of this year. Assessors conducted the on-site assessments, which included meeting and speaking with department members, community leaders, and citizens of Port Huron. The department has been recommended for reaccreditation. In February 2024, the department will receive state reaccreditation through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) and in March 2024, the department will receive national reaccreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

***"Strengthening partnerships within our community through trust, cooperation, and dedication."***



# Chief's Message

The department's Peer Support Team has been well received by members of the department. The team continues to provide support for all members of the department recognizing that while performing daily first responder duties, agency personnel can become involved in or exposed to incidents that have the potential to cause various forms of short and/or long-term emotional trauma, both in their professional and personal lives. The Peer Support Team is designed to offer assistance to the employees. To compliment the team, the department designed a Wellness Room which gives employees a room to go to and decompress and welcomed Titian, our department's therapy dog. It's amazing to see how Titan brightens up everyone's day and has definitely been accepted into the PHPD Team!

I want to thank the City Council and City Manager on behalf of the employees of this department for the continuous support of the men and women of the police department, for allowing us to purchase equipment we need to do our jobs safely and supporting us for the professional jobs that we do day in and day out.

The Port Huron Police Department, bolstered by the tireless dedication of its officers and staff, has worked alongside our community partners to foster a safer city. Guided by our philosophy of community-oriented policing and our departments mission statement "*strengthening partnerships within our community through trust, cooperation, and dedication*", we have collectively enhanced the safety and quality of life in Port Huron. This steadfast collaboration ensures that our city remains a secure and welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike to live, work, and enjoy all our city has to offer.

I am very blessed, humbled, and honored to be allowed to lead the best officers, employees, and department in the country!

Respectfully,

*Chief Joseph A. Platzer*

Joseph A. Platzer

Chief of Police





# Assistant Chief's Message



Assistant Chief Brian Kerrigan

As we head into 2024, we reflect on how the department has progressed through 2023. We sent off Lieutenant Christopher Frazier into retirement after 25 years of service to the City of Port Huron. Chris's hard work and dedication will be hard to replace, but we wish him many years of happiness in retirement. As we celebrate the dedicated service and retirement of Lieutenant Chris Frazier, we are fortunate to have another dedicated lieutenant ready to fill his important role in our department. Lieutenant James Gilbert is now in charge of the Criminal Investigative Division. He brings an abundance of experience to this position with his prior service in road patrol, the St. Clair County Drug Task Force, and service on the Major Crimes Unit.

The Port Huron Police Department partnered with the St. Clair County Community Mental Health to start a Community Wellness Program. This program follows a national trend to have social and mental health professionals co – responding with law enforcement to people displaying symptoms of a mental health crisis. This program has a Community Mental Health Clinician assigned to the Port Huron Police Department working side by side with police officers responding to calls for service. The Community Mental Health employee, a law enforcement embedded clinician, will respond to calls for service which have a mental health component, complete follow up with individuals to help reduce the need for them to call the police, and provide education to the community about services available in our area. This proactive partnership with St. Clair County Community Mental Health has been in effect for a short time, but we are seeing many positive benefits.

We are excited to see what this year has in store for our department as we strive to provide the best services to those that live, work, and visit our community.

*Brian Kerrigan*

Brian Kerrigan

*"Strengthening partnerships within our community through trust, cooperation, and dedication."*



# Captain's Message



Captain Jeremy Young

The captain's responsibilities include overseeing the Criminal Investigative Division, the School and College Resource Officers, and the Records Division. This past year was another busy and exciting time at the Port Huron Police Department. For instance, our Flock Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) and Project Blue Light programs remain valuable assets to our criminal investigations. This year using our Flock ALPR program, we have recovered eight stolen vehicles, located a missing endangered person, arrested over a dozen wanted subjects, and solved over 30 cases that include felonious assaults, domestic assaults, hit-and-run accidents, robberies, and larceny from autos. Project Blue Light has continued to grow and foster strong partnerships with local businesses to utilize high-definition cameras to deter crime and help develop investigative leads.

Our records division welcomed two new part-time clerks, Michelle and Kerry, over the last year, who have proven to be a valuable addition to our team. We currently have six records clerks and a supervisor.

Records clerks are responsible for transcribing dictation, processing FOIA requests, overseeing parking enforcement programs, processing firearm purchase permits, preparing court cases, managing department records and retention, and customer service-related requests, among many other tasks that come their way.

I want to thank our Accreditation Managers, Gale Kicinski and Taylor Campbell, who made it possible for the department to successfully complete reaccreditation. The reaccreditation process is labor intensive and requires excellent attention to detail. Our department received reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP). Accreditation has become critical in setting standards encompassing best practices in law enforcement today. It requires that we provide objective evidence of our department's commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management, and service delivery. These best practices ensure that our agency provides our community with the most effective and efficient service. It helps to hold our department accountable to the citizens so we can meet the community's needs.

*Jeremy Young*

Jeremy Young

Captain





# Professional Standards and Training



Lt. Nick Godwin

2023 was a busy year for training for the officers of the Port Huron Police Department. We started out with our yearly in-service in February and completed twenty-four hours of instruction. Some topics we covered were legal update, CPR/First Aid, ethics, new mission statement and values roll-out, defensive tactics, hazardous material and incident command refresher, and traffic stop procedures. We were also able to bring in an outside subject matter expert for a refresher in traffic crash reporting.

Shortly after our in-service training, every officer completed five scenarios on our MILO training system. The MILO training system is an interactive scenario trainer. The officers are put into a wide range of scenarios where they are required to navigate the situation. They are given less lethal tools, a pistol, and can use a rifle that will interact with the screen and system. The scenarios range from a homeless person in the park to active shooter situations. The subject's actions can be modified by the instructor based on how the officer responds or things they say to remedy the situation they are presented. It is a great system to get officers into high-stress situations to make cognitive connections so that when faced with a similar situation on the street, they already have some good ideas of how to best handle their call for service.

Most months officers were assigned training from a police training program called Police One Academy. Many of the training we used supplemented training we were not able to cover in the in-service but are required to maintain our accreditations through CALEA and MACP. These assignments range from a five-minute video to an hour or two. Each assignment has a test at the end to ensure knowledge transfer.

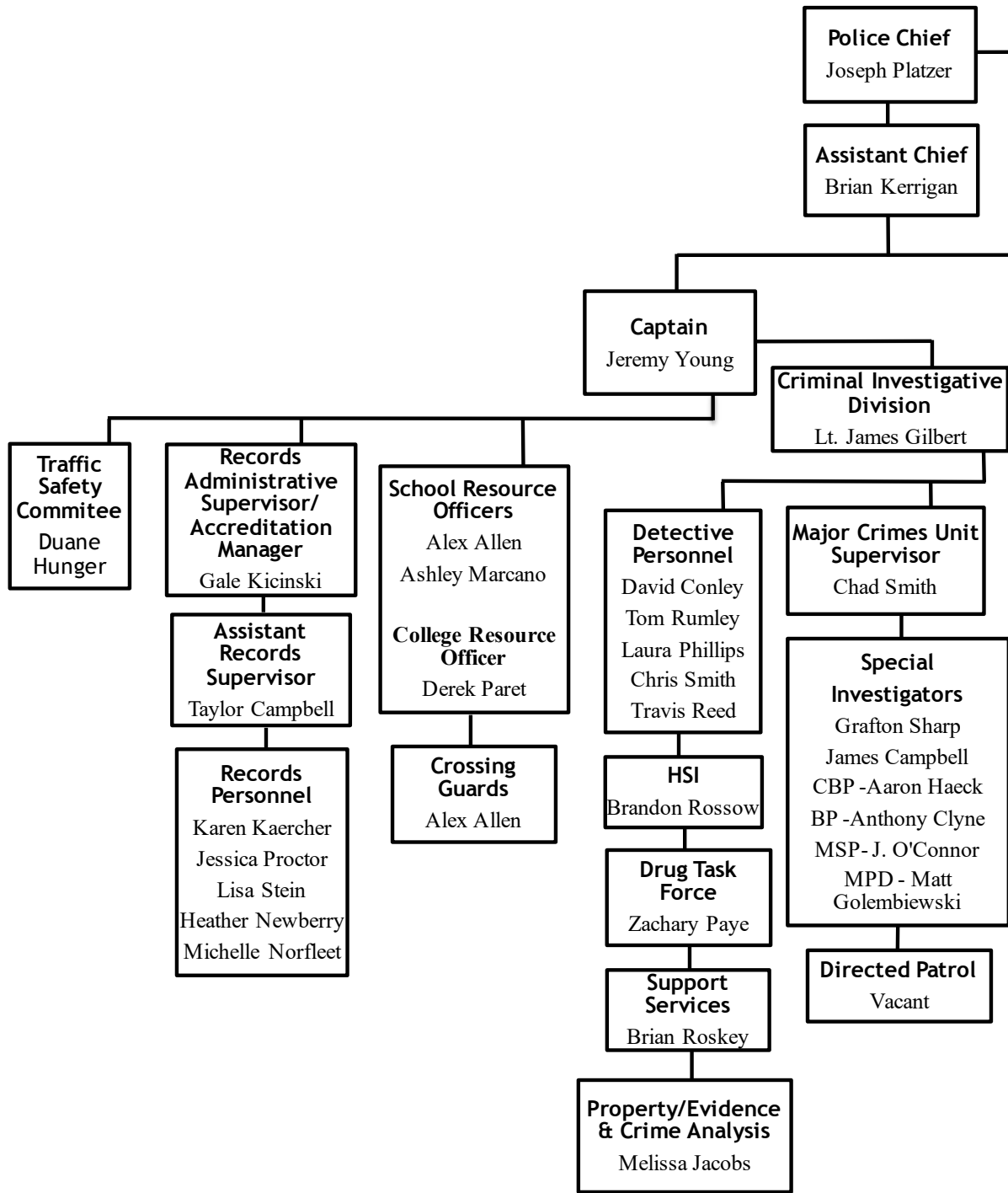
In September we held our yearly firearms qualification and training. We also completed our yearly Response to Active Violence training. We again trained with Tri-Hospital EMS, Port Huron Fire Department and many of the Blue Water Area fire departments. This year we opened the training up to outside law enforcement agencies as we know it will take everyone available to best respond to one of these horrible events. One added piece of training was a medical mannequin we used that could bleed out of wounds until officers or first responders applied actual first-aid items to stop the bleeding. The vitals of the mannequin could be viewed and would change depending on the quality of the application of the items. This was a level of interactive first-aid that many in our community could not train on in the past.

The Port Huron Police Department was also able to host a few trainings to bring in subject matter experts to teach not only our officers but also other officers in the area. We hosted Findlay University for a Port and Vessel Security class, Command Presence for a De-escalation and train-the-trainer. Training is a high priority at the Port Huron Police Department. We believe better-trained officers keep not only themselves safe but the community safer. The world is constantly changing from equipment, technology, and the law to name a few. Training allows the department to keep up with these changes that we face daily.

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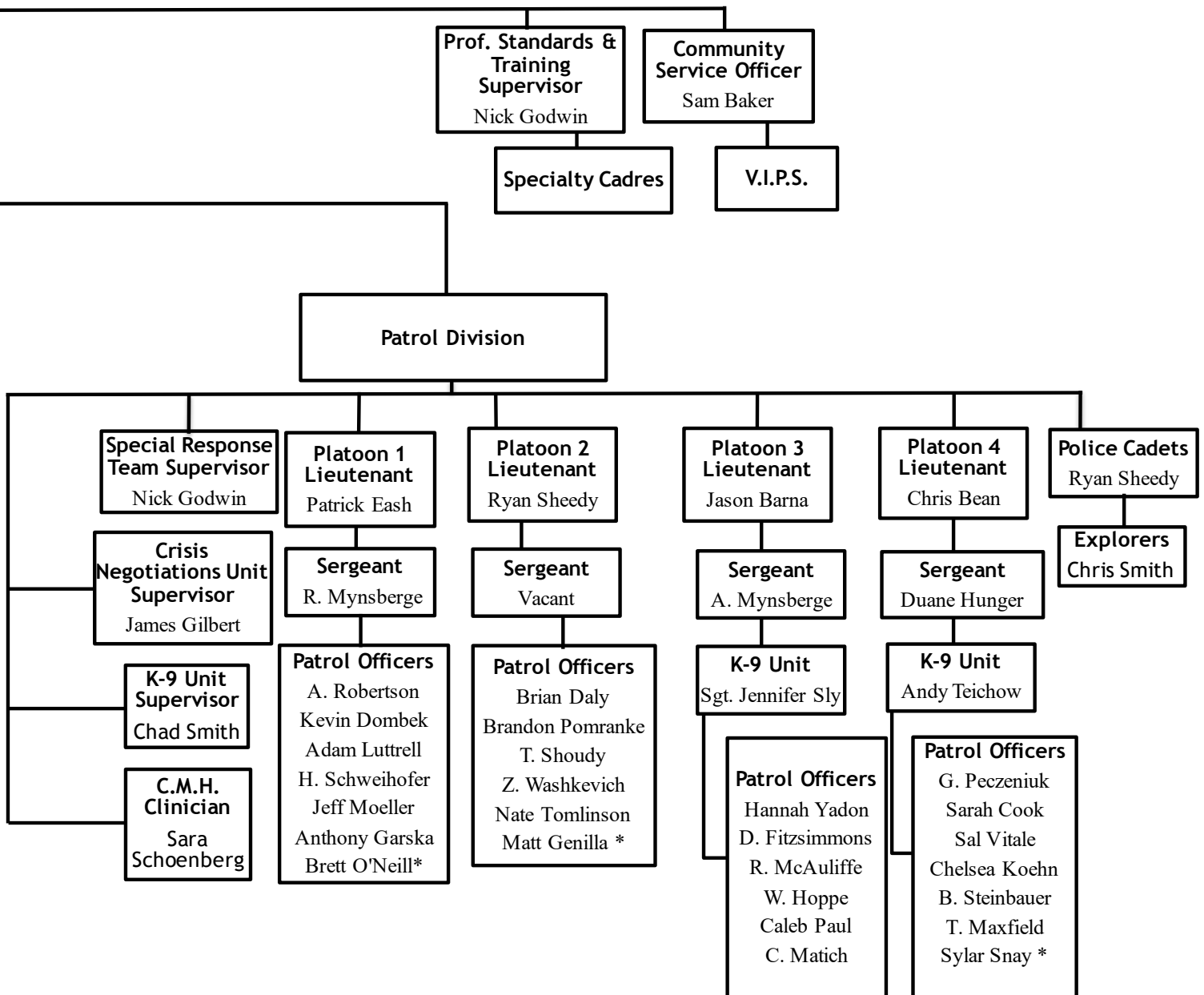
# PHPD Organization Chart







# PHPD Organization Chart



Effective January 22, 2024

\* *In Field Training Program*



# Criminal Investigative Division & Major Crimes Unit



Detective Lieutenant James Gilbert

The Port Huron Police Department's Criminal Investigative Division comprises the Detective Bureau and the Major Crimes Unit (MCU). This division consists of 16 sworn officers and 2 civilian members. This includes 7 detectives, an Animal Control Officer, a Crime Analyst, a Detective Sergeant who is the MCU supervisor, and a Detective Lieutenant who is in command of the division. This year the Division had some personnel changes due to retirements/promotions. This included a new detective and a detective lieutenant. Investigators assigned to the division received specialized training in the area of crime scene investigation and evidence collection/processing. Select investigators have received specialized training in the areas of sex crime investigation, child abuse investigation, elder abuse/fraud investigations, death investigation, fire investigation, computer crimes, and/or cell phone forensics. Detectives also receive training for interview/interrogation and are expected to possess a high degree of communication skills.

The Detective Bureau's primary function is to investigate felony crimes of all types, but the most common felonies assigned to Detective Bureau members are criminal sexual assault, arson, felonious assault, child abuse, home invasion, larceny, and fraud. The Detective Bureau also investigates misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence and stalking and is responsible for investigating law enforcement referrals from Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services. This bureau is comprised of five detectives assigned to the police department and a 6<sup>th</sup> detective assigned to Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) task force known as the Border Enforcement Security Task Force (BEST). This task force focuses on US/Canadian border criminal activity related to contraband, weapons, and drug smuggling; human trafficking, money laundering, and other border-related crimes.

The Major Crimes Unit (MCU) investigates all types of felony crimes as well, but the primary function is to investigate major or serial crimes including homicides, robberies, home invasions, human trafficking, narcotics investigations, organized retail fraud, serial crimes of any nature, and street crimes. This 9-member multi-jurisdictional task force comprises members from the Port Huron Police Department, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police, Marysville Police Department, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and U.S. Border Patrol.

## Notable incidents of 2023

**High-dollar fraud case:** In July 2023, road patrol began receiving calls from employees of a local hospital indicating that they had been defrauded by a co-worker. The Detective Bureau began an intense months-long investigation and found that the former hospital employee was obtaining money from co-workers under false pretenses from July 2022 through July 2023 and using the money to support her online gambling addiction. In total, 12 people were identified as victims of this scheme and collectively lost approximately \$118,500. The suspect was interrogated by the lead investigator and confessed to her wrongdoings. She was bound over to the St. Clair County Circuit Court on 10 felony counts of False Pretenses and is awaiting trial.





**Homicide Investigation:** In July 2023, Port Huron Police Officers were dispatched to a shooting that had just occurred in the area of 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Lapeer Avenue. Officers quickly arrived on the scene and were able to give suspect descriptions to responding officers. Members of the Port Huron Special Response Team and the St. Clair County Drug Task Force arrived and were able to arrest both suspects who were fleeing the area. The Major Crimes Unit responded and took over as lead investigators of this incident. Multiple search warrants were executed on this incident. The case is pending trial in the 31<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court.

**Shooting Investigation:** In April 2023, MCU was requested to assist with a shot-fired investigation that occurred in the 2000 block of Nern Street. MCU drafted a search warrant for a residence in the 3100 block of Rabidue Road which was executed by members of MCU and assisted by the Michigan State Police. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. He confessed to the incident. A search of the residence located the firearm involved in this incident.

**Attempt Murder / Torture / Unlawful Imprisonment Investigation:** In June 2023, MCU and members of the Detective Bureau were requested to assist in an attempted murder investigation in which the suspect entered the victim's residence in the 1100 block of Elmwood St. The suspect stabbed the victim in the neck before fleeing. MCU conducted surveillance and was able to take the suspect into custody. Further investigation revealed that the suspect had also tortured a female using a blowtorch and other weapons. Multiple search warrants were executed in the Port Huron and Marysville area, where further evidence was collected. The suspect is awaiting trial in the 31<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court.

**Unlawful Driving Away of Automobile Investigations:** During July and August 2023, multiple vehicles were stolen throughout St. Clair County. MCU members conducted multiple hours of surveillance on possible suspects. MCU members were able to locate a vehicle that was listed as stolen in the City of Detroit. MCU members took two of the two occupants into custody. During the interrogation, the suspects admitted to stealing multiple vehicles throughout St. Clair County.

MCU members also conducted surveillance on two additional stolen vehicles. Two suspects were safely taken into custody in Sanilac County for stealing those vehicles.

**Attempt Murder Investigation:** In October 2023, Members of MCU and the Detective Bureau were called in to assist at the scene of an attempted murder investigation located in the 600 block of Griswold St. The suspects forced entry into the home where they discharged a firearm in the victim's direction. MCU members collected evidence and located the suspects. During the interrogations, the suspects confessed to their involvement in the crime. The suspects have both pleaded guilty to the incident.



# Community Service Officer



CSO Sam Baker

The Port Huron Police Department follows a community-based policing model, a philosophy that combines traditional aspects of law enforcement with prevention measures, problem-solving, community engagement, and community partnerships. Here at PHPD, we are fortunate to have amazing partnerships and great community support but we employ a full time Community Service Officer (CSO) to not only maintain these crucial partnerships and service but build upon them. The CSO is the direct link between the community and the police department to facilitate dialogue and bridge any gaps between the police department and the community we serve. The CSO officer coordinates all PHPD events, manages the community outreach centers, maintains and operates the community engagement trailer, is a member of the Mobile Overdose Response Team (MORT) with The Odyssey House, representative on the St. Clair County overdose fatality review team, trains and supervises all the PHPD volunteers (VIPS), coordinator of the

annual citizen's police academy, supervises the 18 COP zones throughout Port Huron, helps establish and maintain neighborhood watch groups, film and edit any training content, sits on the CAPTURE board, creates this annual report, provides training/ presentations on numerous topics and specialties and much more.

Last year, Officer Baker unveiled the Community Engagement Trailer, the first of its kind police themed gaming trailer in the State of Michigan. 2023 was the first complete year with the trailer and it was a resounding success with the trailer traveling to events and welcomed approximately 2100 individuals to engage with members of PHPD and have some fun while doing so. The C.E.T. was designed and intended to encourage dialogue with the youth in our community and Law Enforcement by having a fun and inviting atmosphere. The C.E.T. has garnered attention across the state as other agencies have reached out to Officer Baker for a breakdown of how it was accomplished and ways they can create something similar. The Michigan Chiefs of Police Magazine even featured the C.E.T. in their Summer 2023 edition! The C.E.T. goes to any community event that is requested but also is available for non-profits, charities, block parties, community partners or anything that encourages community and relationship building, absolutely free of charge!

2023 also saw Officer Baker, Officer Allen, and Officer Marcano build on the Reunification program & team here at PHPD. The program was presented to the county wide SRO team this past





# Community Oriented Policing

year and other administrations have jumped on board by replicating what PHPD has put together. We are pleased to report that because of the high level of detail in the program/ process; several other nearby police agencies as well as the Department of Emergency Management have met with Officer Baker and now have the same equipment/process in place to make this reunification response & protocol the standard for all of St. Clair County. Officer Baker and the reunification team completed a training exercise this past year putting the program through its paces and getting new team members familiar with the process and procedures. We are excited to announce that because of the rapid growth of the program throughout the county, we will be hosting a large-scale inter-agency training in the near future with local and state representatives with a vested interest.

This year was year three (3) of the PHPD Christmas Elf on the Shelf; Officer Edison Tinsel! He has quite the online following and the kids and community have really grown to embrace and enjoy this new annual fun tradition. This year saw over 125,000 views to his daily online posts showing his shenanigans here at PHPD. We pride ourselves on sharing great content on our social media platforms informing the public on important information about recent incidents, safety information, department updates, upcoming events, and even some humor and light hearted material.

Lastly, we are proud to share that PHPD was selected as one of two recipients of the 2023 Community Collaborative Award by the St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body. This award holds significant meaning and recognizes the outstanding dedication and commitment shown by our department in building strong partnerships and fostering collaboration with organizations and citizens within the community. The Community Collaborative Award represents recognition of our efforts in working hand in hand with our residents, organizations, and community leaders by fostering a collaborative approach on issues and concerns within the City of Port Huron. In taking this approach, our police department has played a pivotal role in enhancing public safety and the overall well-being of our community.

Whether it is our community engagement initiatives, working closely with local organizations, schools, and community groups to address concerns, building relationships, or providing valuable resources, our commitment to community-oriented policing has made a significant impact on creating a safer and more inclusive environment for all.



Recipients of 2023 Community Collaborative Award

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# Resource Officers



SRO Alex Allen

In 2023 we continued our partnership with the Port Huron Area School District by having two full time officers assigned as School Resource Officers in the High School but also adding a School Resource Officer position at Holland Woods Middle School. Officer Alex Allen started his new assignment at Port Huron Northern while we saw Officer Ashley Marciano continue at Port Huron High. Even though the SRO'S are assigned to the specific schools, make daily stops and check in with all the schools located within the City of Port Huron.



SRO Ashley Marciano



CRO Derek Paret

Since 2019 we have had an officer assigned to the SC4 campus full time and 2023 was no different. In 2023, Officer Derek Paret took on his new role as CRO. As a College Resource Officer, Officer Paret collaborates with the college to enhance the overall security of the college. Officer Paret maintains a positive relationship with the students, faculty, and staff, enhancing the quality of life on Campus.





# K9 Units

Sgt. Jennifer Sly has been a K9 handler since March of 2004. She is the handler for K9 Knight and K9 Jade. Sgt. Sly is certified as a Master Trainer by the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers. K9 Jade is a Dutch shepherd trained in explosive detection and is used at any critical event or incident occurring in the city. Jade has been used at Boat Night, pub crawls, parades, and has assisted Customs Officers at the Blue Water Bridge. K9 Knight is a Dutch Shepherd trained in narcotic detection, tracking, building searches, and handler protection.

Officer Teichow has been with the Port Huron Police Department for 10 years and became a K9 handler in July of 2020. K9 Zeke is a German shepherd who made his way here from Hungary. Zeke is trained in narcotic detection, tracking, building searches, and handler protection. K9 Zeke and Officer Teichow were both trained by Sgt. Sly.



Sgt. Sly with K9 Knight & Jade    Officer Teichow with K9 Zeke

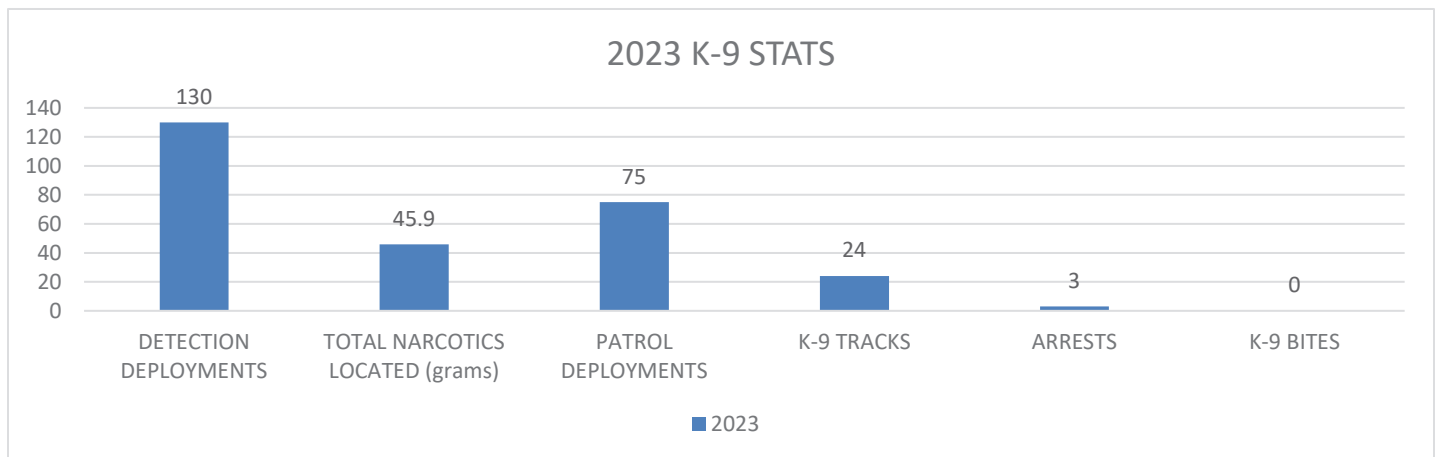
This past year, Sgt. Sly, Officer Teichow, and their K9 partners competed in the USPCA Region 19 canine certifications. This event saw K9 teams from throughout the State of Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Canada compete and certify in the categories of tracking, narcotics detection, explosives detection, handler protection, criminal apprehension, article search, and building searches. PHPD was proud to be the host agency and our K9 teams received the following awards!

### Officer Sly

- K9 Jade- 1st place Explosives Detection
- K9 Jade- Skip Brewster Award
- K9 Jade- 2nd place Criminal Apprehension
- K9 Knight- 2nd place PDI-Patrol Dog overall
- K9 Knight- 1st place Criminal Apprehension
- K9 Knight- K9 Borris Award

### Officer Teichow

- K9 Zeke- 1<sup>st</sup> place Narcotics Detection
- K9 Zeke- Most Improved K9 Team



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# Cadet Program



Cadets Johnson, Kellerman, and Larson

The Port Huron Police Department has had a Police Cadet Program since the 1970's. Many Port Huron police officers began their careers as police cadets. Some have worked their way up through the ranks to become command officers. Several former cadets have also been hired at other police departments around the state.

Police cadets are introduced to law enforcement by learning to write and complete minor police reports, minor accident reports, parking enforcement, and enforcement of some civil infractions. They are also tasked with serving subpoenas, patrolling the parks, the beaches, and assisting with some administrative tasks.

The program is currently under the command of Lt. Ryan Sheedy and is supported by executive team members Detective Laura Phillips, and Officer Jeffery Moeller. Several officers have also volunteered their time and expertise to mentor a cadet. Each cadet is assigned a mentor who helps with their growth and development. The knowledge, hands on experience is invaluable and more often than not gives one an advantage when applying for and attending the police academy. We were fortunate enough to hire cadets Jayden Howcroft, Rebecca Larson, Emily Benedict, Logan Kellerman, and Kylar Luscomb in 2023.

In addition to gaining valuable hands-on training, cadets are part-time employees. Cadets are able to coordinate their work schedule with their school schedule. In many cases, employment as a Port Huron Police Cadet counts towards their criminal justice internship. This program is invaluable!

To be eligible all applicants must possess the following:

- Must be a college student in good standing, maintaining a "C" or better grade point average and have a minimum of 9 credit hours each semester
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be of good moral character with little or no formal contact with the criminal justice system
- Must have a valid Michigan driver's license
- Applicants must be able to pass an oral interview and background screening process

If you are interested in the cadet program or have any questions, visit [www.joinphpd.com](http://www.joinphpd.com) or contact Lt. Sheedy [sheedyr@porthuron.org](mailto:sheedyr@porthuron.org) at (810) 984-9715.







# Explorer Post 2008



Law Enforcement Explorer Post 2008 is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. This voluntary program places emphasis on character building and the familiarization to the law enforcement profession. Explorers learn law enforcement functions through a coordinated method of hands on and classroom training. Guest speakers include police officers and other law enforcement officials who are experts in their related fields. Explorers are also given the opportunity to advance through a rank structure within the post.

Once a year, police explorers are able to attend the Michigan Law Enforcement Youth Advisory Committee (MLEYAC) Academy. The academy is a scaled-down version of a police academy and gives explorers the opportunity to experience what a career in law enforcement may be like.

Explorers are also able to complete in the MLEYAC State Explorer Competition, which is held at Camp Grayling. The competition evaluates explorer teams on how well they handle various law enforcement scenarios, such as domestic violence, building searches, and traffic stops.

#### Requirements:

- Must be a student in good standing and maintaining a "C" or better grade point average.
- Must be between the ages of 14 and 20 years of age.
- Must be of good moral character with little or no formal contact with the criminal justice System.

The final decision on appointment lies with the Post's Senior Advisor Detective Chris Smith.

If you are interested in learning more about the Port Huron Police Explorer Program, please visit [www.joinphpd.com](http://www.joinphpd.com) or contact Detective Chris Smith at (810) 984-8415 or at [smithc@porthuron.org](mailto:smithc@porthuron.org).

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# Records Bureau



The Records Bureau is a crucial focal point in the Port Huron Police Department. The purpose of records management is maintaining compliance by identifying, classifying, storing, securing, retrieving, tracking, and destroying or permanently preserving records.

The Records Bureau is currently supervised by Gale Kicinski who also manages the department CALEA and MACP Accreditation. They are here to assist the public with requests, sustain and process incident reports, motor vehicle accident reports, moving violations, parking citations, Freedom of Information requests, fingerprinting, pistol purchase permits, local background checks, and sex offender registrations among many other tasks.

The Records Bureau is a very functional and efficient department that handles a large amount of work on a daily basis. On any given day the Records Bureau will handle walk-in customers, telephone calls, email requests, as well as processing many police reports, and court paperwork. The Records Bureau is a very busy department. The Records Bureau staff has a talent for multi-tasking and work sharing. The employees work together, supporting the department in a professional and exceptional manner.





# Promotions



Lt. Patrick Eash

Sgt. Adrianne Mynsberge

Det. Travis Reed



Lt. Ryan Sheedy

Sgt. Jennifer Sly

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# New Hires and Retirees

## New Hires



Tyler Maxfield



Mathew Genilla

Skylar Snay

Brett O'Neill

## Retirees



Lt. Christopher Frazier





# Departmental Statistics

## Annual report on the year 2023 activities of the Port Huron Police Department

City Manager Freed, Mayor Repp, City Council Members, and Citizens of Port Huron:

In your review of this year's annual report, you will find additional information relative to the work product of the Port Huron Police Department for 2023, along with information on subject control and online reporting. As you will see, the 2023 statistics show an 8% decrease in calls for service and a 5.5% decrease in crime reports. 2023 saw a decrease in seven (7) of the major crime categories tracked, a 46% decrease in reported overdoses but an increase in operating under the influence and parking violations. Mental health calls continue to be prevalent in our community. To help combat these issues, we have a clinician through Community Mental Health housed at the Port Huron Police Department. This clinician works with officers to respond to mental health calls in progress, conducts follow-up (behavioral & substance abuse), helps the community and staff work through trauma they may have experienced, and is a member of the PHPD Mobile Overdose Response Team (MORT).

I commend the men and women of the Port Huron Police Department for their professionalism, dedication, partnerships within the community, and their continued team building efforts regarding our community oriented policing philosophy over this past year. Their hard work reflects in the statistics you are about to review.

### Definitions

#### Call for Service (CFS)

All requests for police assistance generate a Call for Service (CFS) number. A CFS may be a minor event (loud party, traffic stop, barking dog complaint, etc.). A CFS, sometimes called a "Mini Report", may document some general or brief information about the event.

#### CR (Crime Report)

A Crime Report (CR) is a CFS that may require detailed documentation, deeper analysis, further investigation or legal prosecution. A CR may involve a suspect/arrestee/victim or witness. Not all CFS will generate a Crime Report (CR). A Crime Report is a more formal description of the facts surrounding an incident or potential crime. A CR will document an event for future reference. Crime Reports are often used to determine if further investigation or prosecution of a crime may be needed. Statistics can be generated on all CFS and Crime Reports. Many Crime Reports also provide statistical information for mandated Crime Reporting to the State and Federal authorities.

Respectfully,

*Chief Joseph A. Platzer*

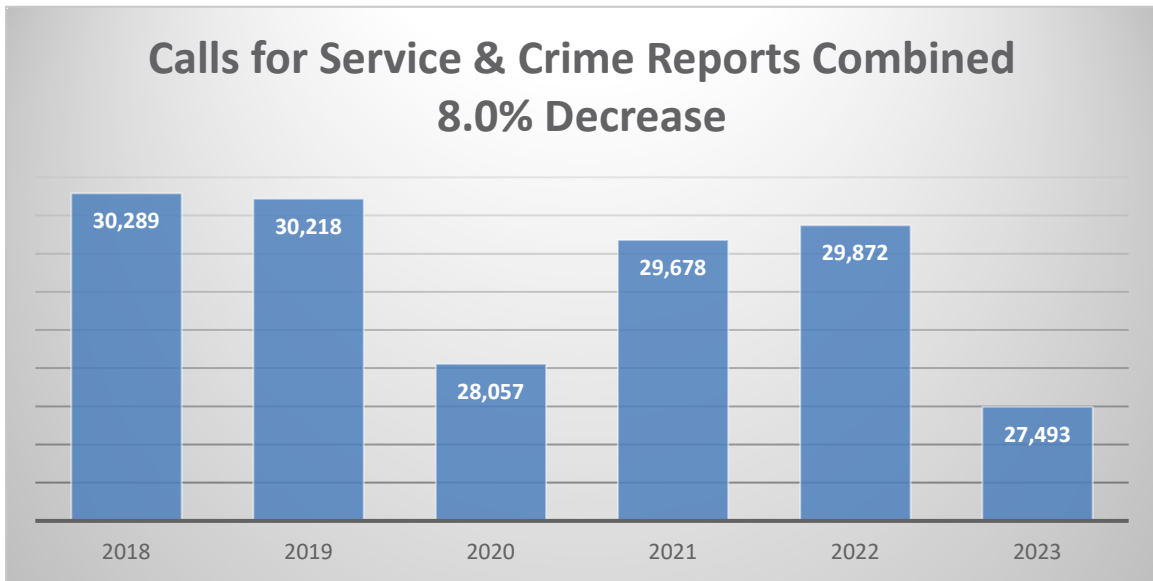
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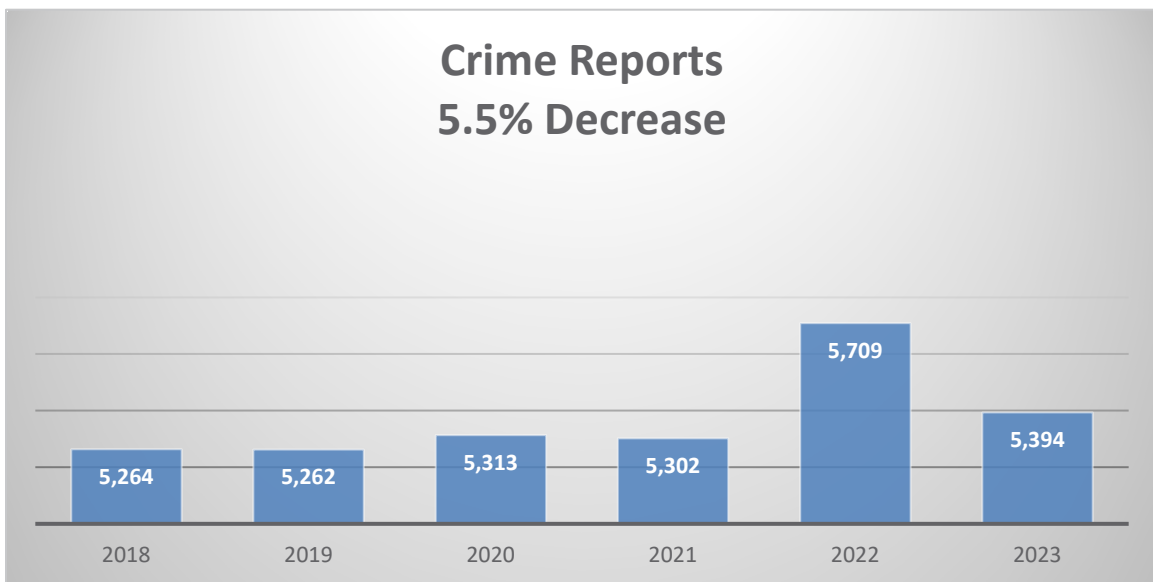


# PHPD Statistics 2023

## Calls for Service & Crime Reports Combined 8.0% Decrease

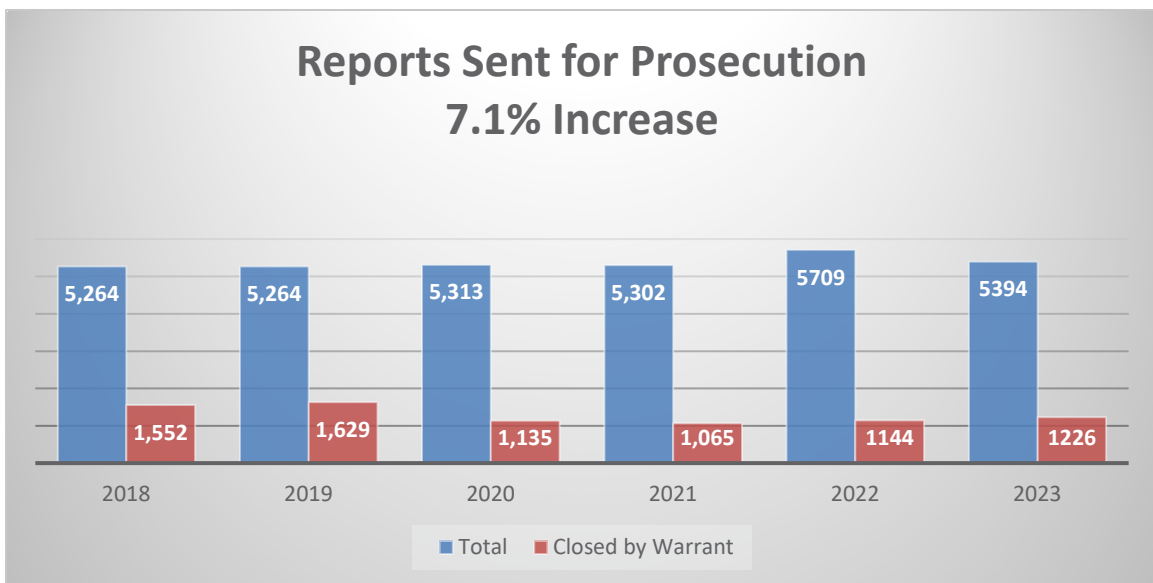
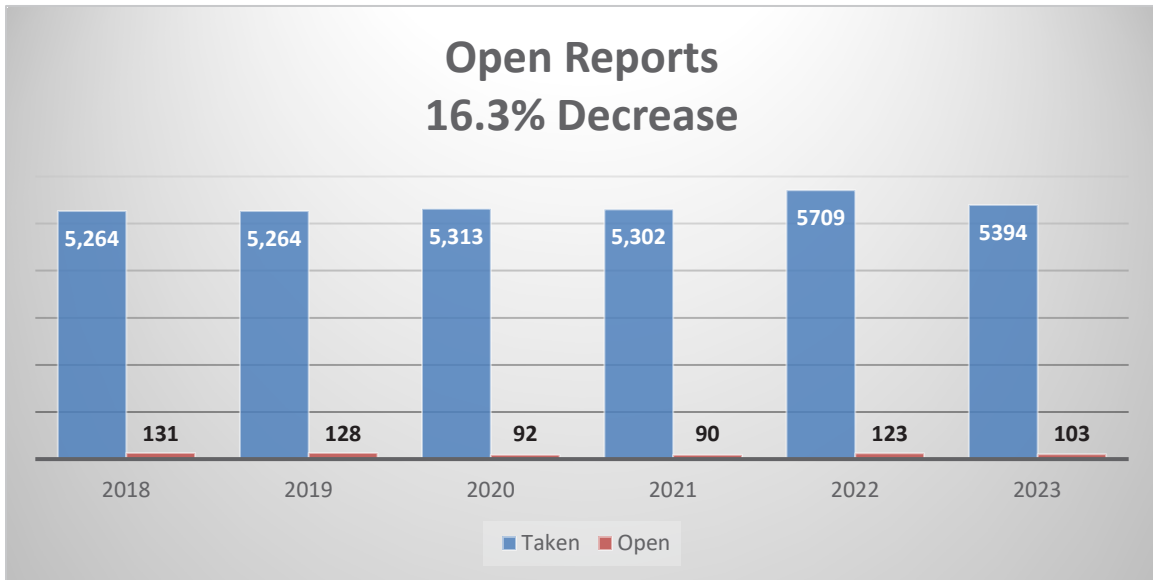


## Crime Reports 5.5% Decrease





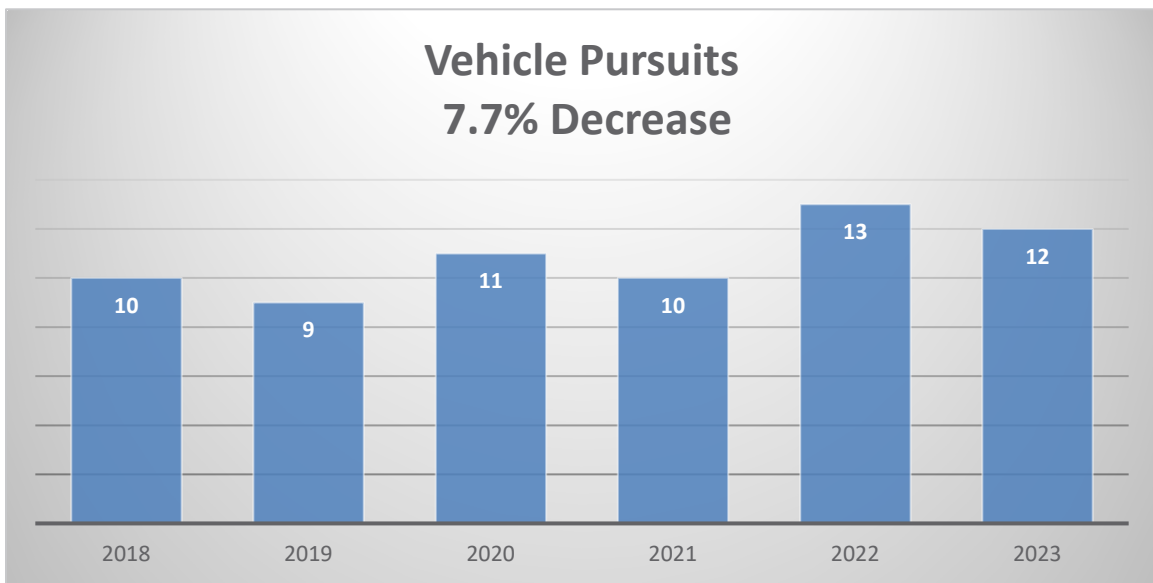
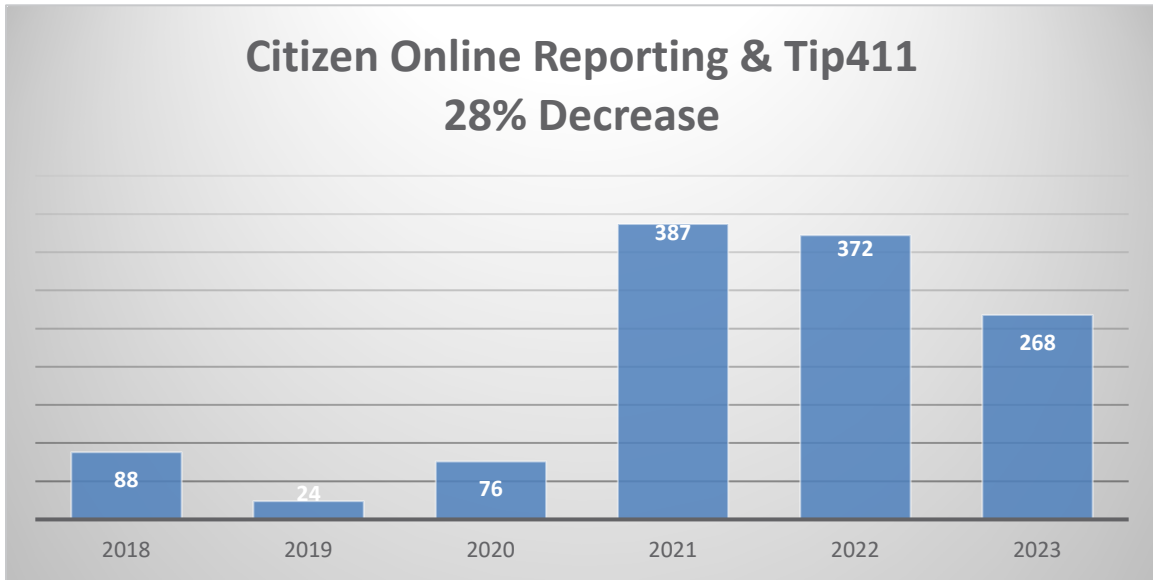
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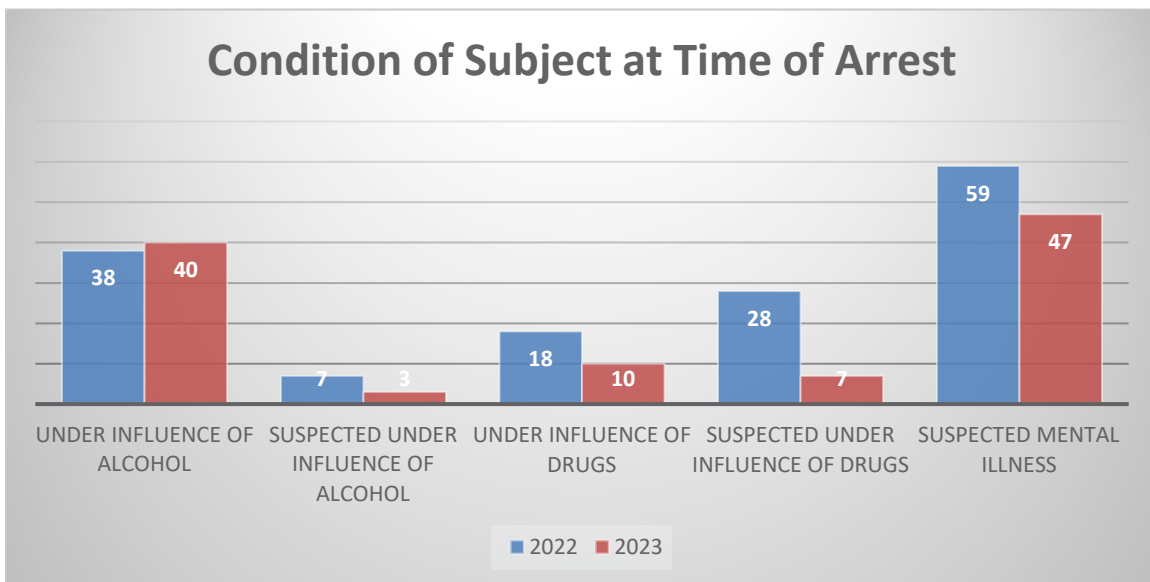
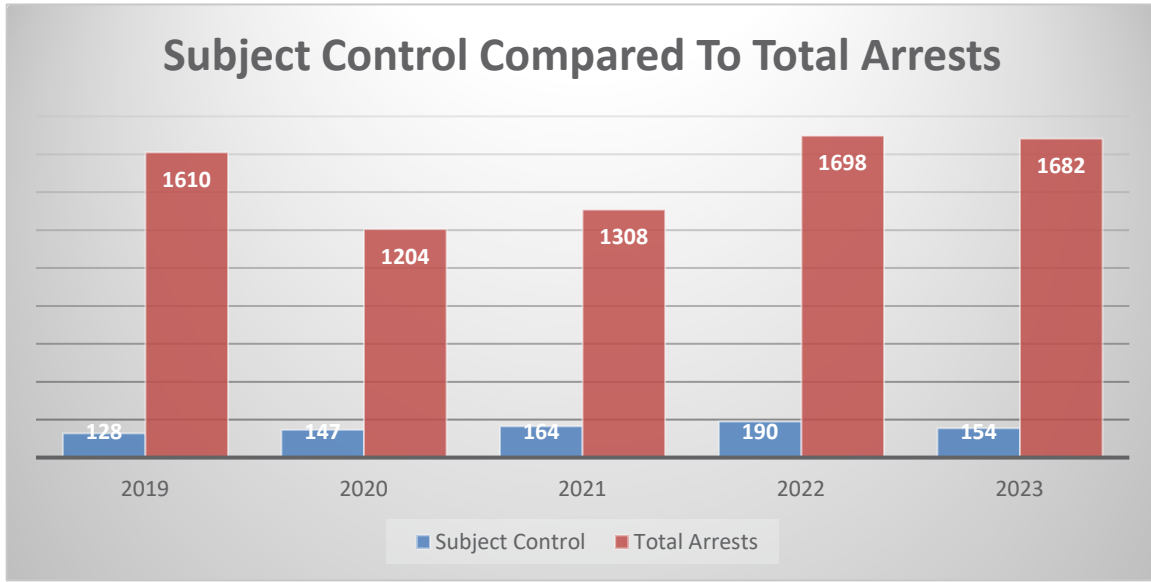
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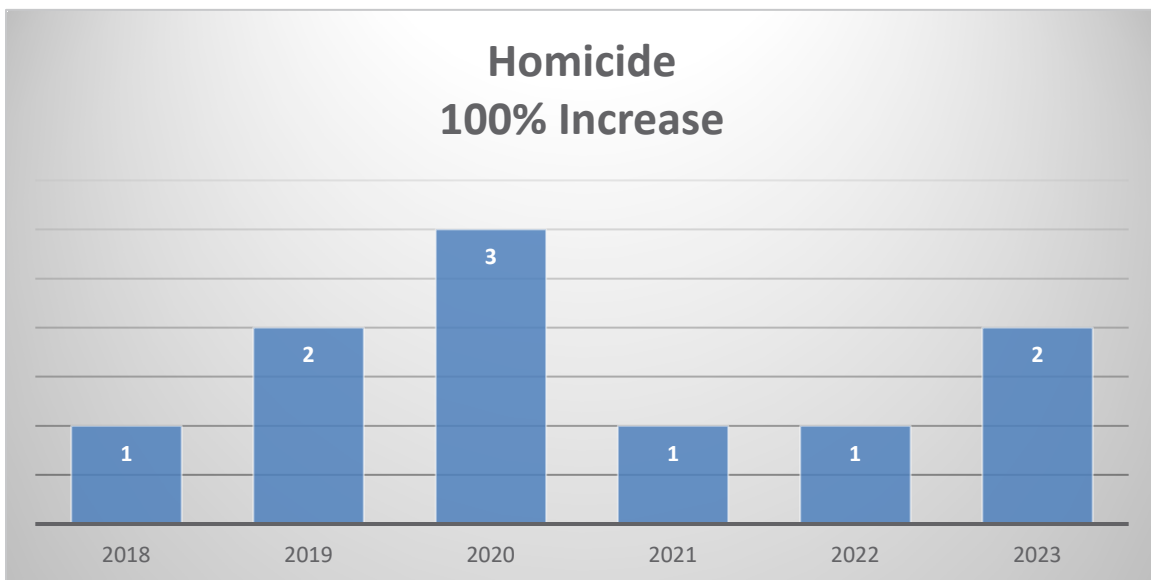
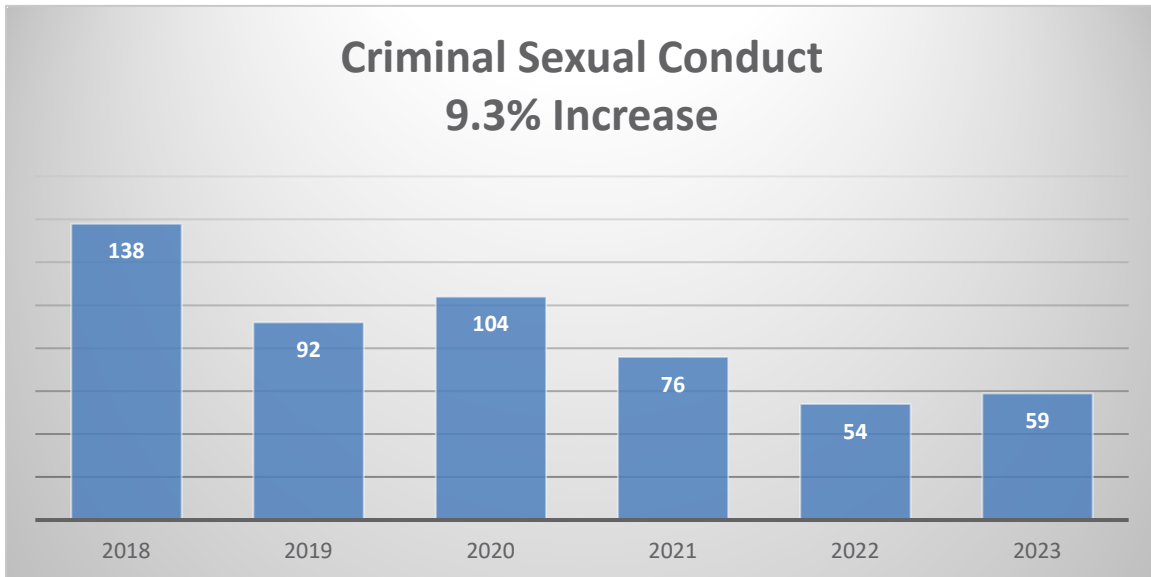
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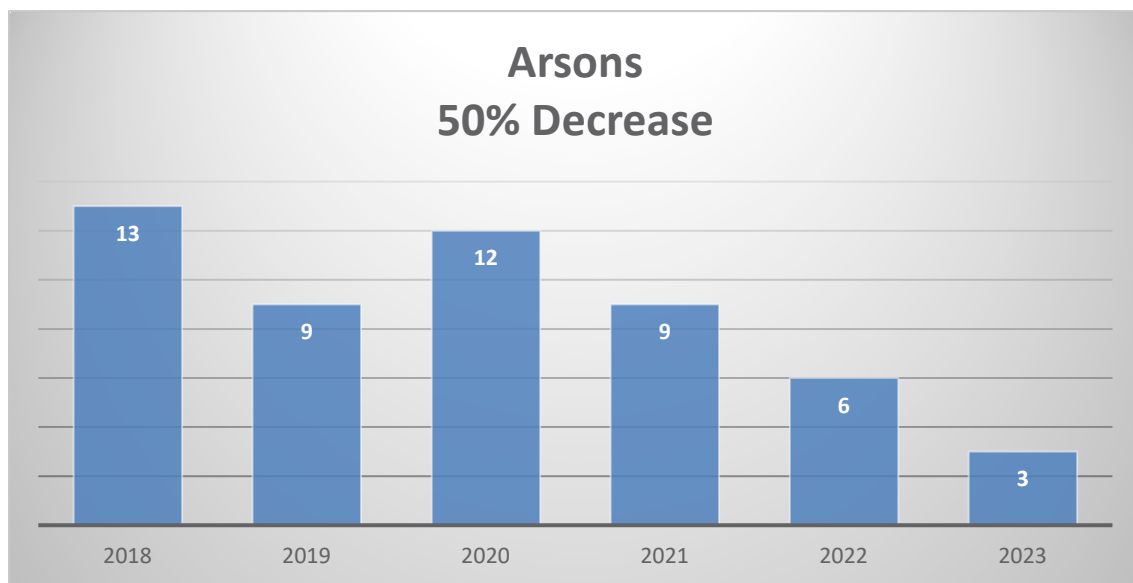
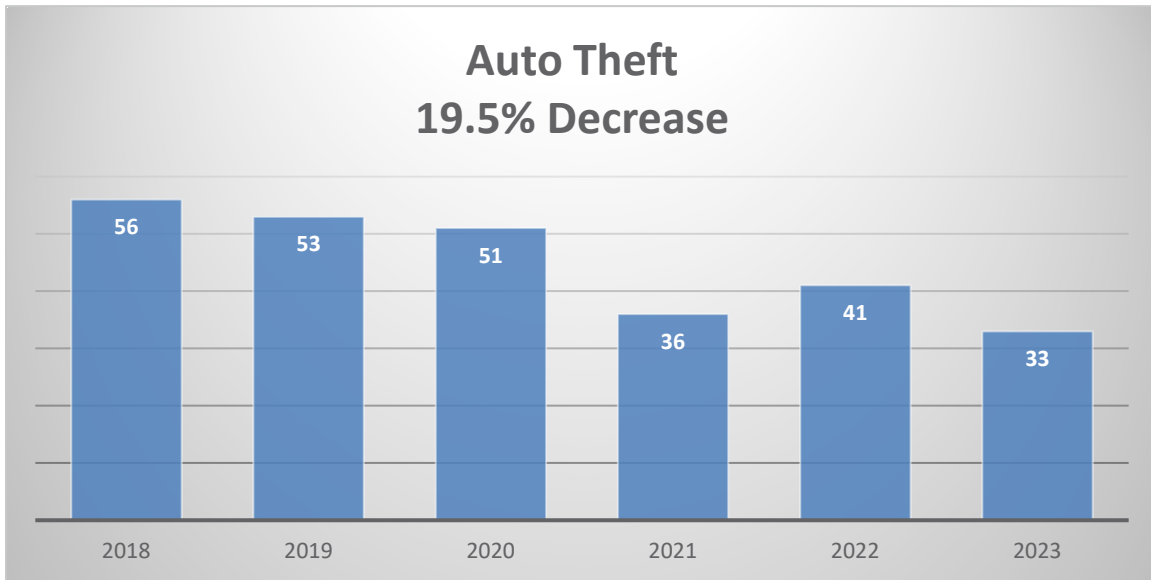


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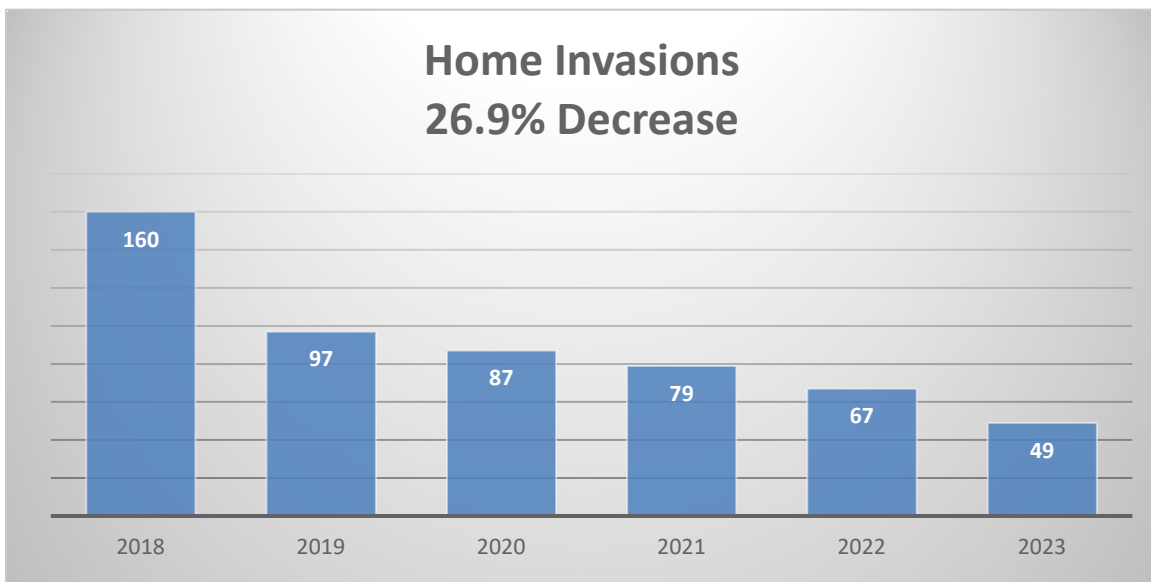
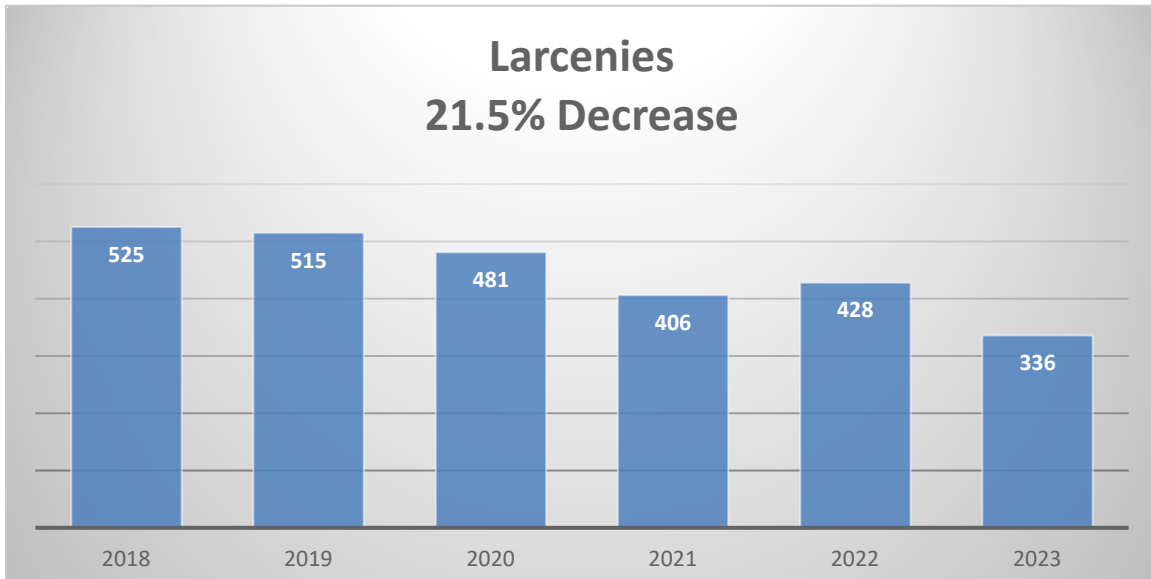
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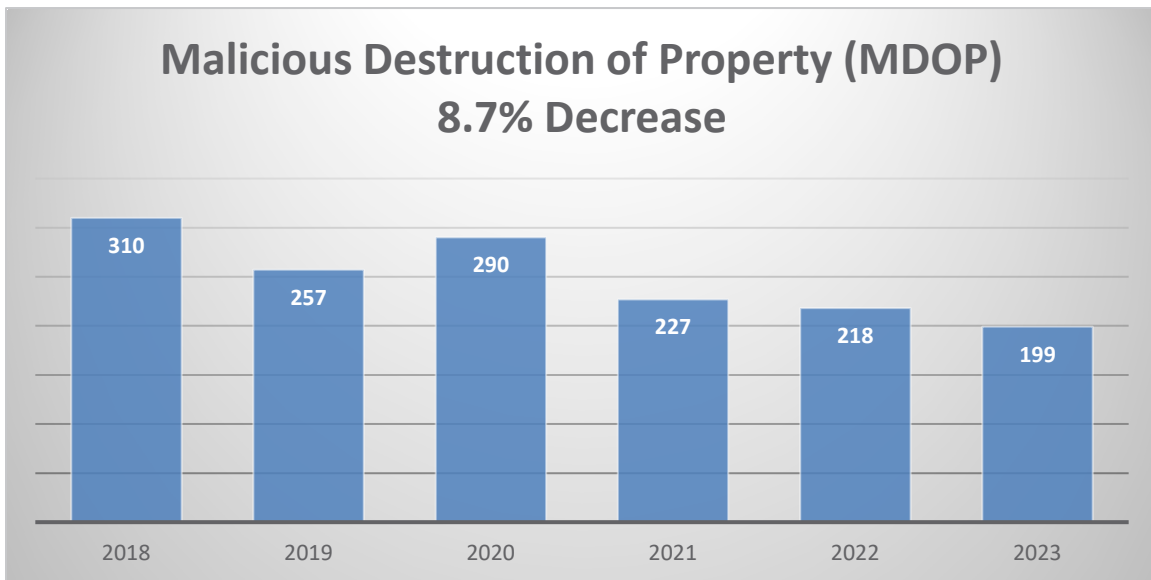
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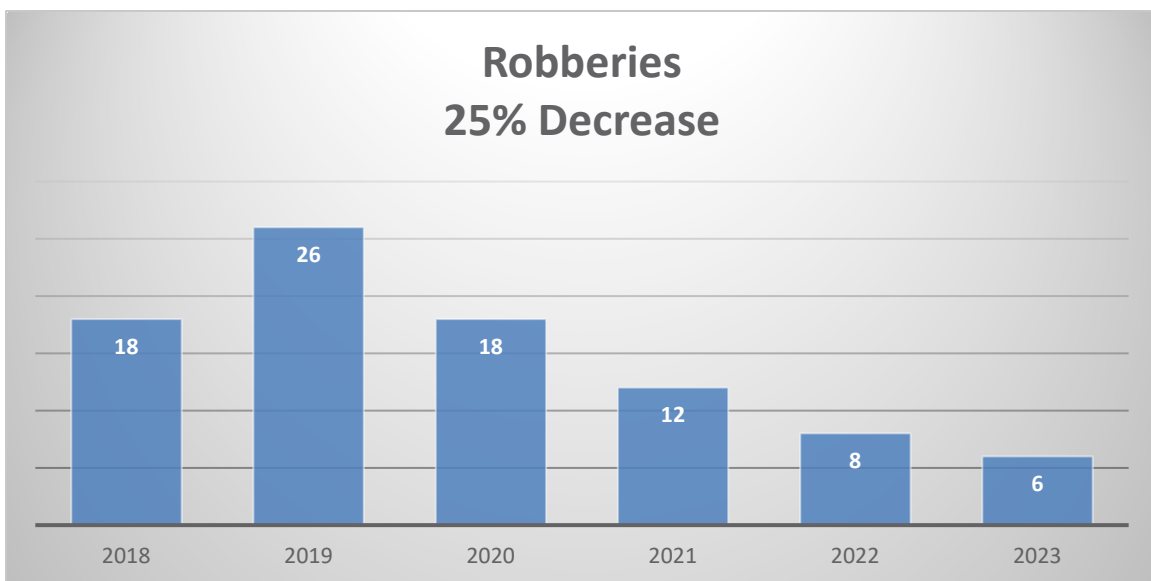


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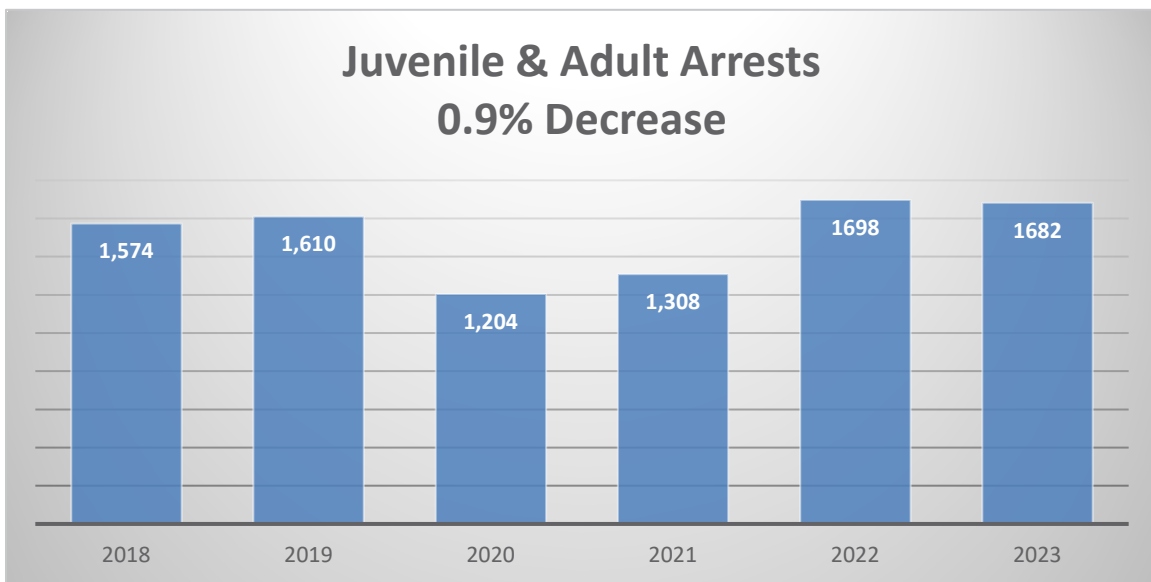
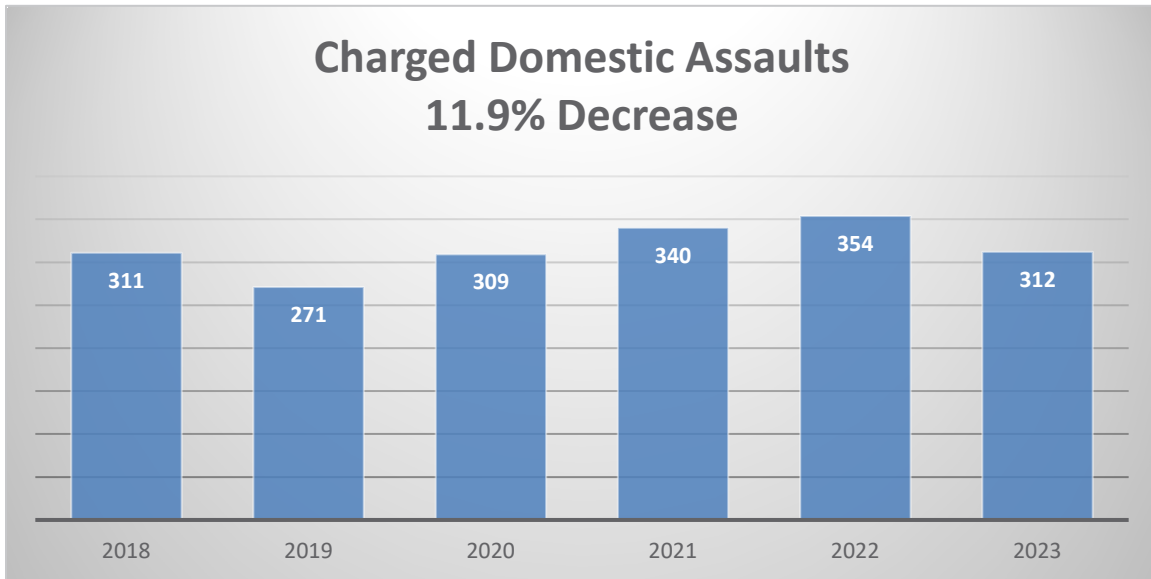
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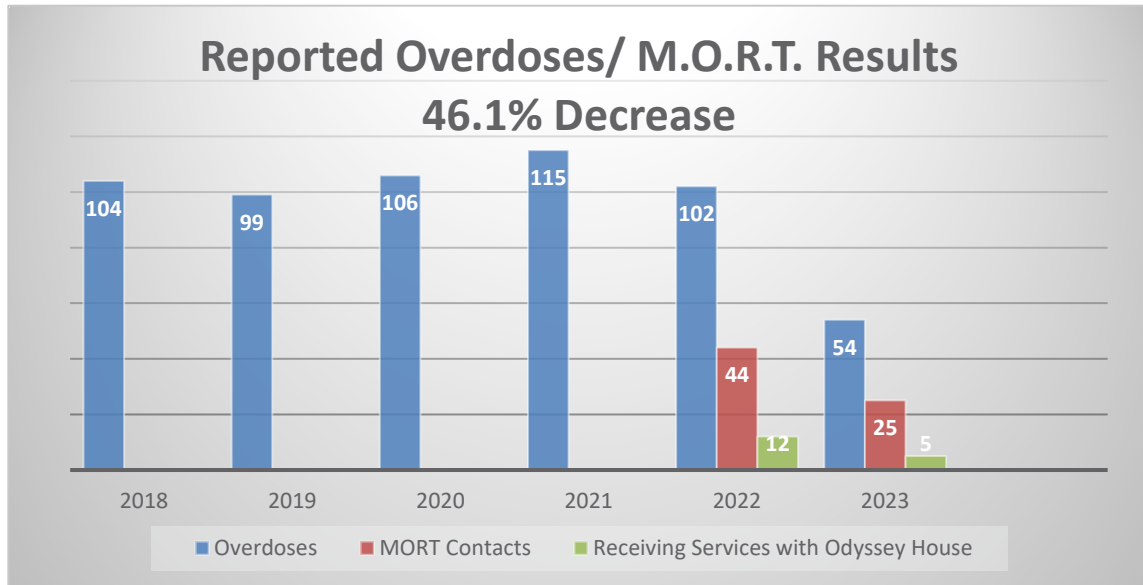


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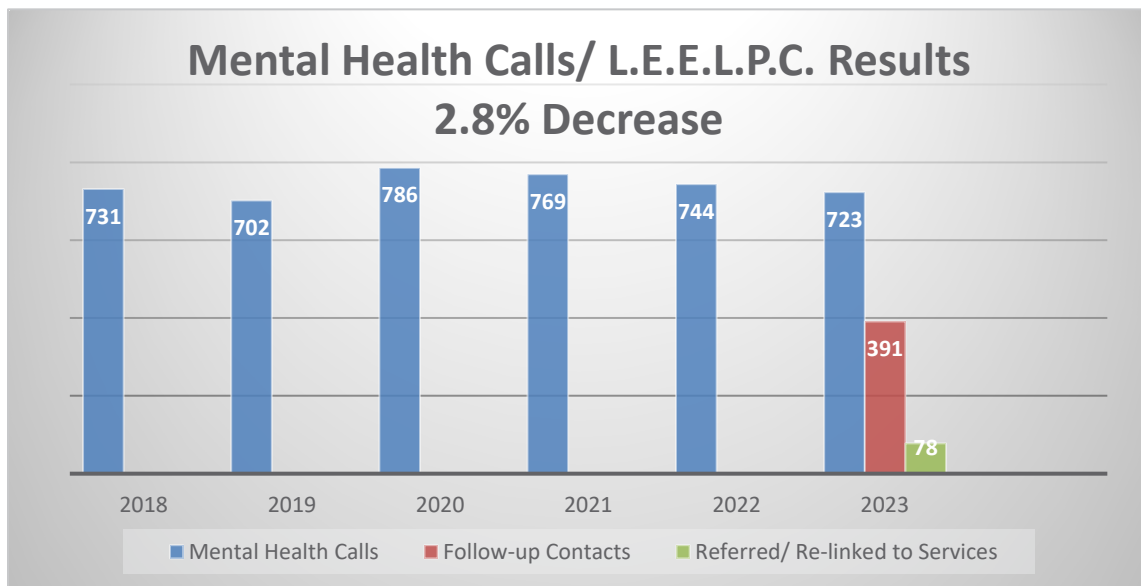




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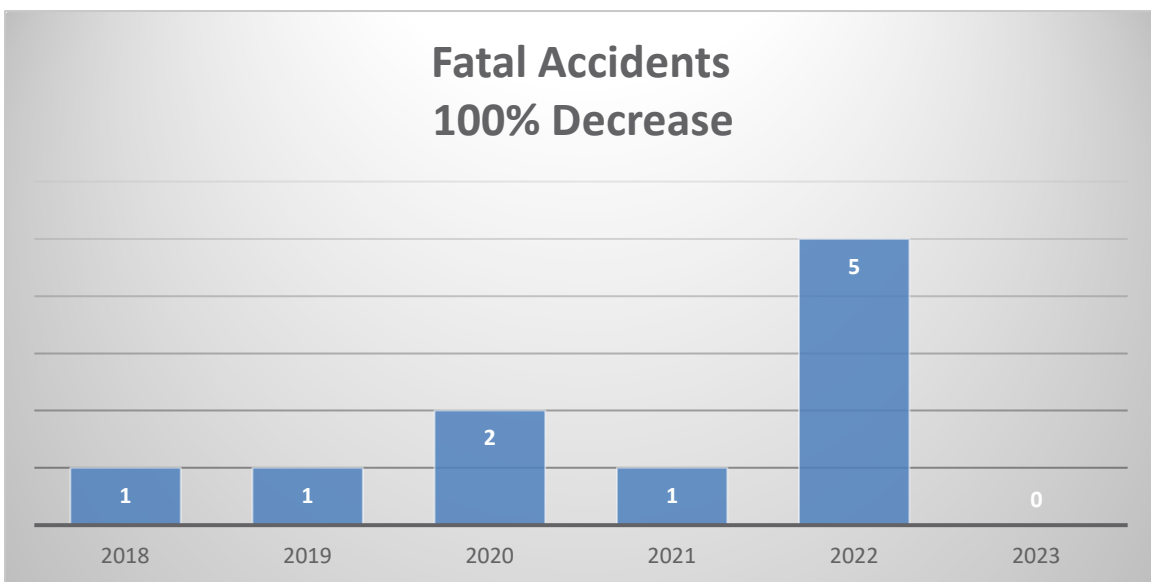
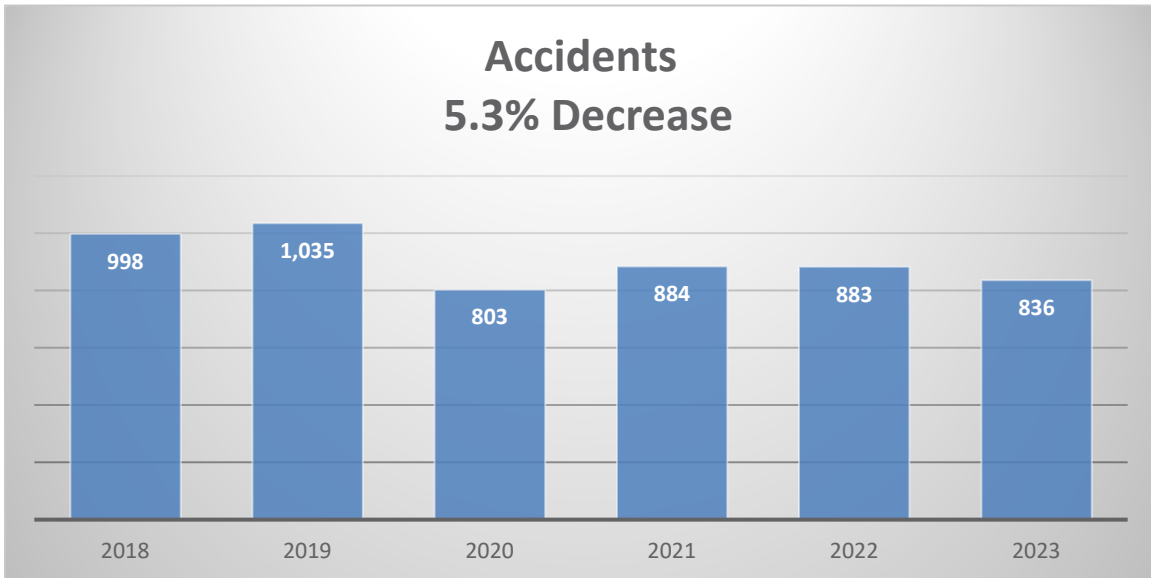


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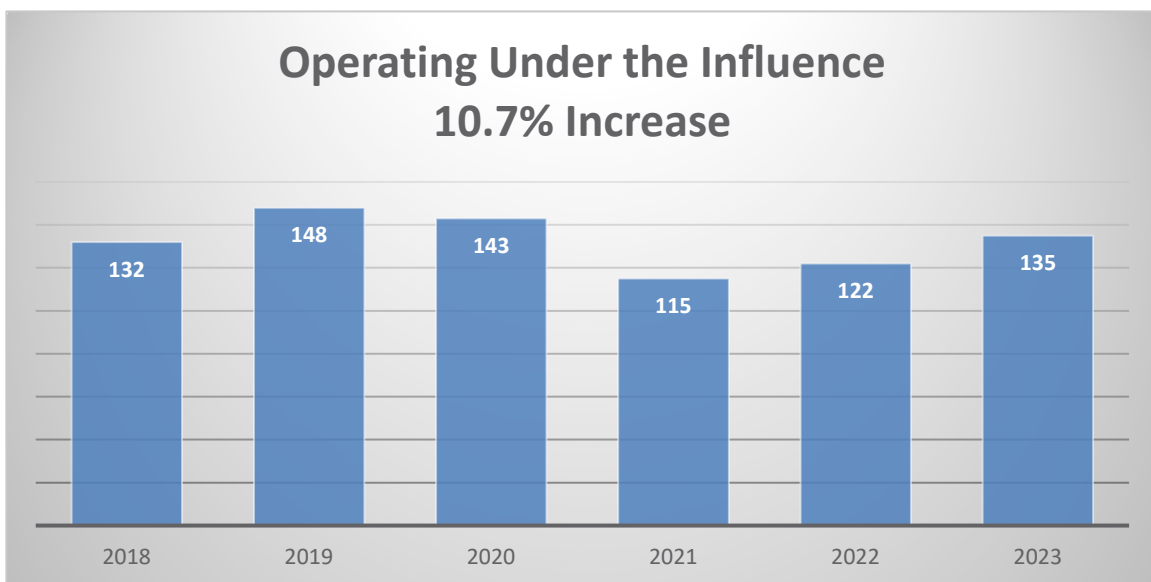
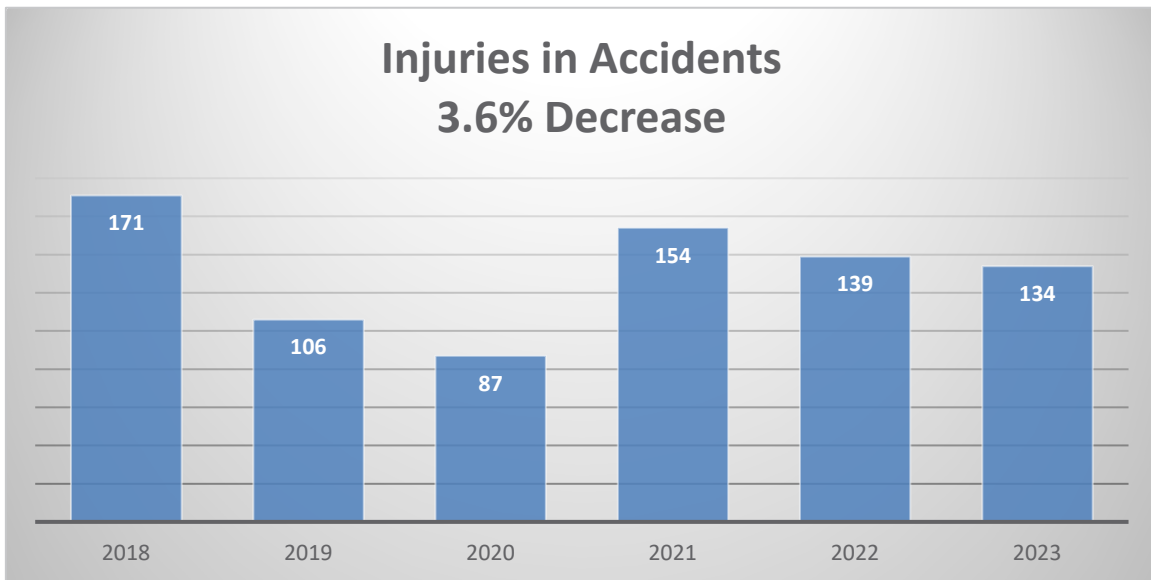
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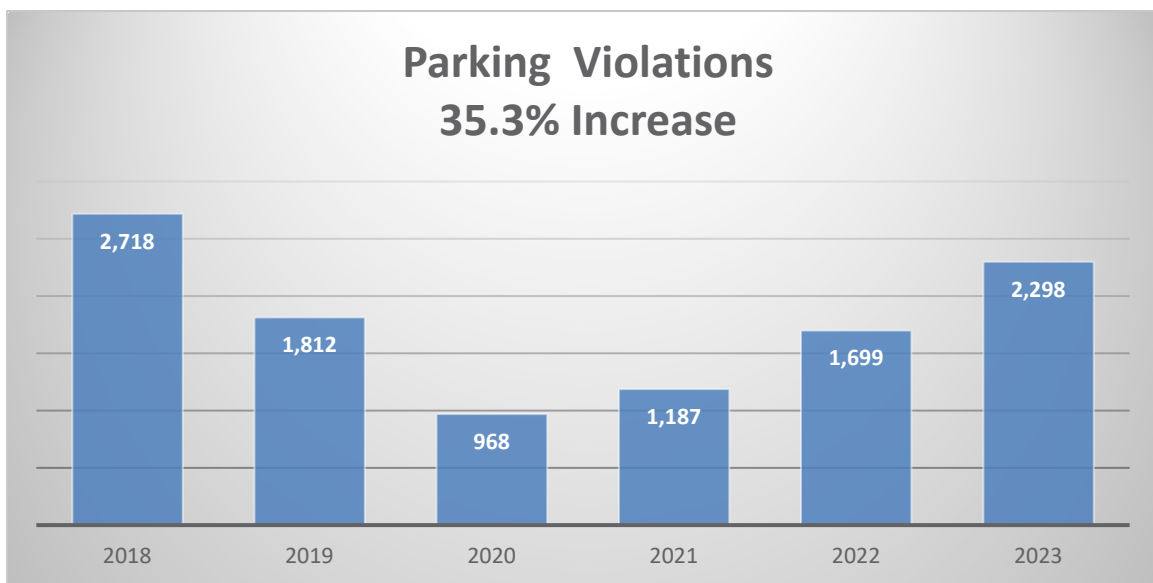
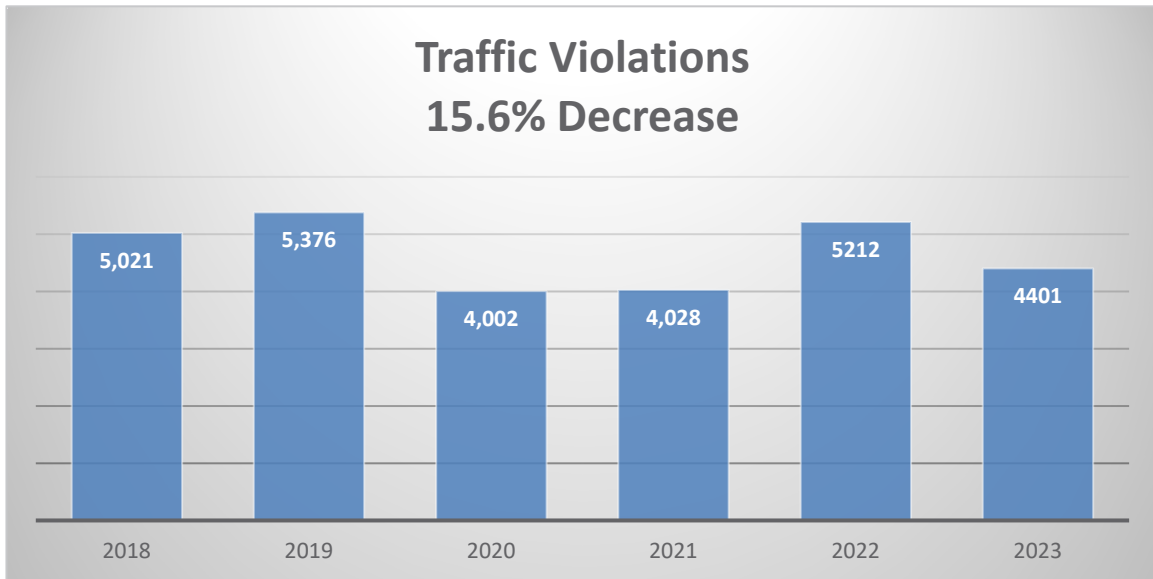
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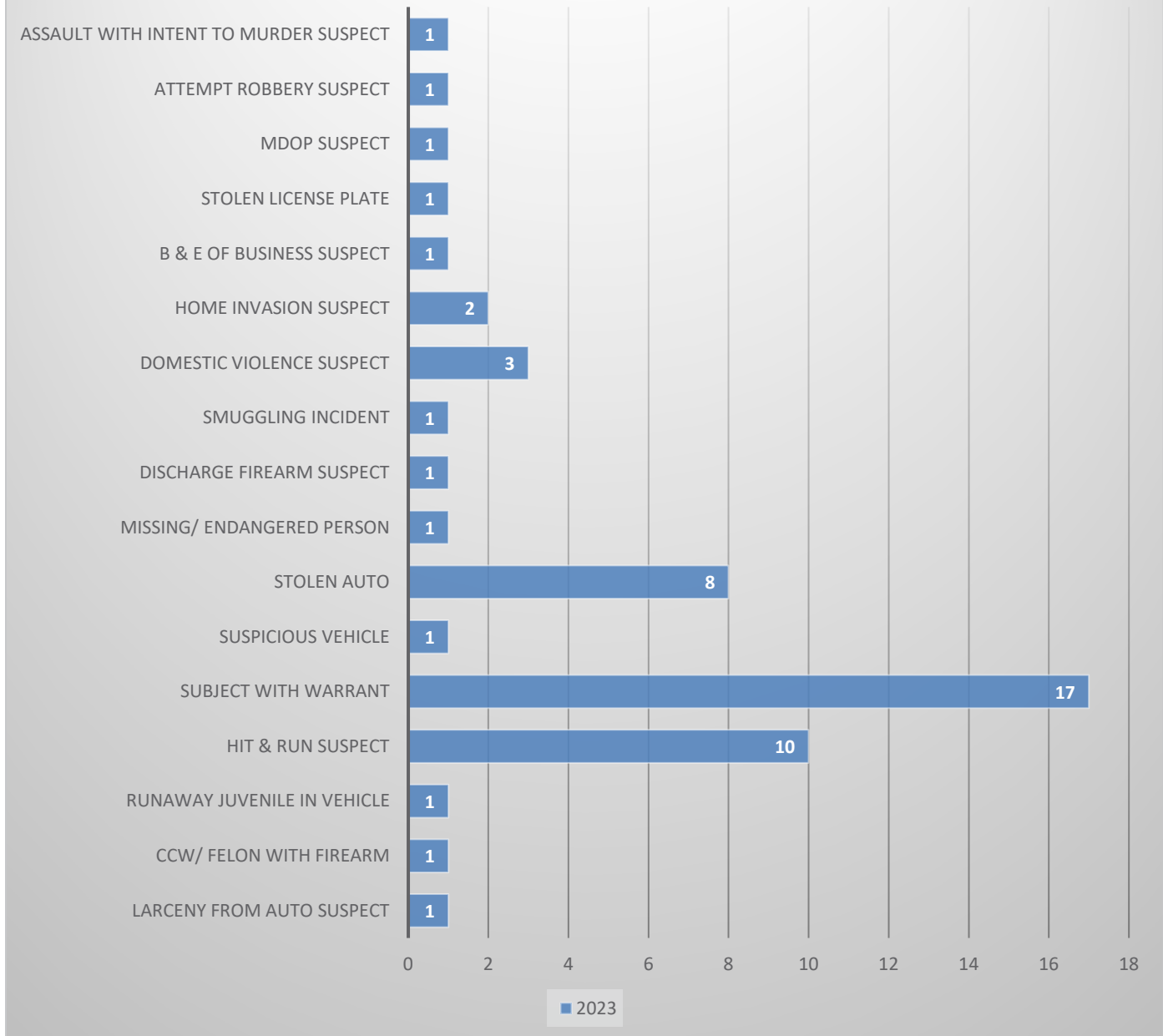
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## 2023 FLOCK RESULTS



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