



Selma Police Department Annual Report 2024





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About Us

The Selma Police Department currently has 48 employees, 34 sworn peace officers and 14 professional staff members. Each member of the department is embracing proactive strategies to crime prevention and community engagement.

“Selma is significant to me because it feels like home. My Armenian ancestors settled in Selma, CA over 100 years ago. Selma gave me a chance, a home, and a family. I am forever grateful to be a part of Selma PD” .
- FTO C. Lynch

“The Selma Police Department is important to me because I have been able to grow with my teammates and learn. I’m glad to be part of an agency where my partners are like my family” .
- Officer J. Hernandez

“One of the many things I enjoy about the Selma Police Department is the sense of camaraderie officers have with one another. Having a close bond with my partners makes serving the community enjoyable” .
- Officer A. High



The Community We Serve

The city of Selma is 5.77 square miles with a population of approximately 24,000 residents. Located in the San Joaquin Valley, the City of Selma takes pride in its diversity.



“Raisin Capital of the World”

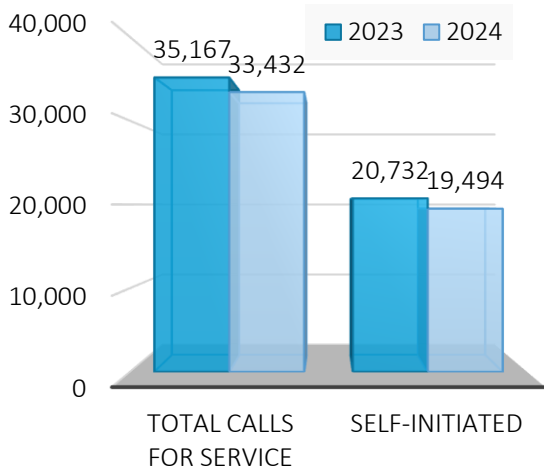
Patrol Operations

The Patrol Operations Division includes one Commander, four Patrol Sergeants, twenty-four Patrol Officers, and four Field Training Officers (FTOs). Patrol Officers are tasked with responding to 911 emergencies and non-emergency calls. Their duties include conducting proactive patrols, preventing crimes, investigating incidents, reporting illegal behavior, and traffic enforcement.



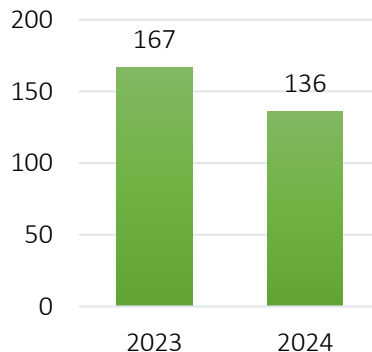
The average Priority 1 officer arrival time is 4:50 (min/sec).

Calls for Service



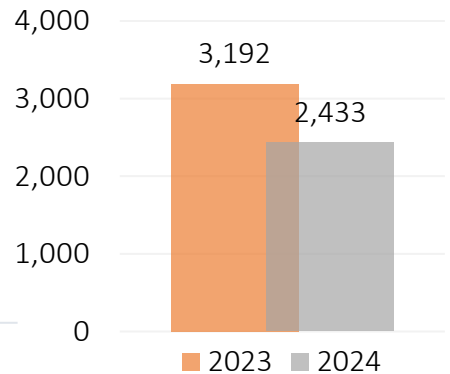
In 2024, there were 33,432 calls for service with over 58% of calls self-initiated by officers.

Traffic Collisions



There was approximately a 19% decrease in traffic collisions from 2023-2024.

Traffic Citations



Traffic citations decreased by 24% from 2023 -2024.

K-9 Unit

The K-9 Unit has two certified K-9 Officers. Their focus is apprehension, retrieving dangerous narcotics and illegal firearms. Our K-9 Unit had 13 successful apprehensions in 2024 and of those apprehensions, 5 were suspect apprehensions and 8 for narcotics.



Officer Shannon and K-9 "Jay". Jay specializes in detecting suspects, firearms, narcotics, and apprehending fleeing suspects.



Officer High and K-9 "Satin". Satin specializes in detecting firearms and narcotics.



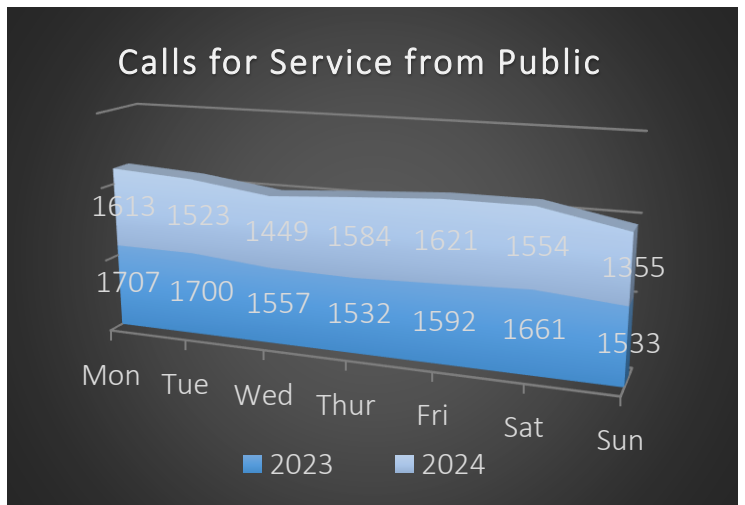
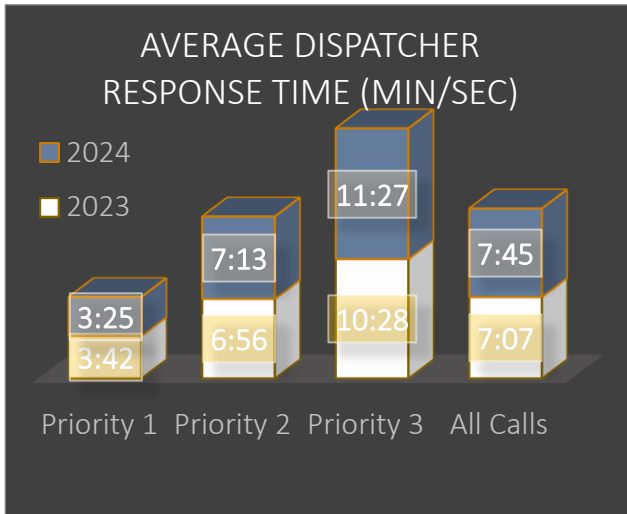
Support Services

The Support Services Division includes one Commander, one Detective Sergeant, two School Resource Officers, one Communications and Records Supervisor, four Detectives, seven Dispatchers, two Records Clerks, one Crime Analyst, one Evidence Technician, and two Code Enforcement Officers. This Division supports the field operations of the Selma Police Department to ensure effectiveness and efficiency.

Communications Division



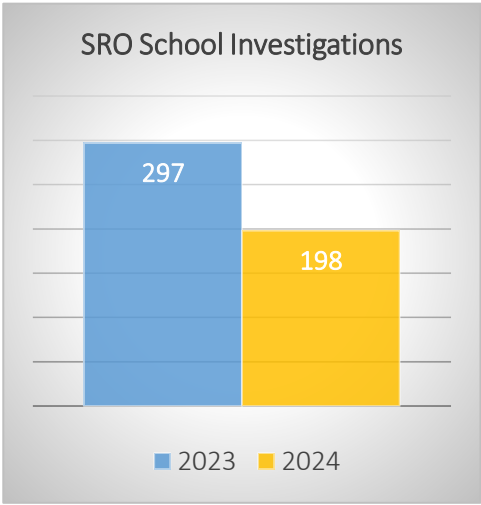
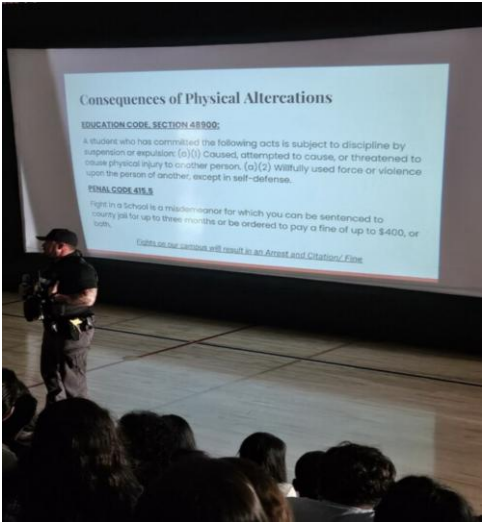
Dispatchers are responsible for receiving calls and dispatching officers to emergency and non-emergency calls for service. They provide critical information to emergency response teams and coordinate the appropriate resources. Dispatchers are a key part of the emergency response system, acting as a liaison between the public and first responders including police, fire, and medical teams. During high-stress situations dispatch ensures public safety and provide vital support in emergencies.



In 2024, Friday was the highest weekday for calls for service while Sunday was the lowest. Weekdays that had the highest calls for service were Monday, Thursday, and Friday. Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday had the lowest volume of calls for service.

School Resource Officers

The School Resource unit has two SRO's who play a vital role in ensuring the safety and security of the Selma High School and Abraham Lincoln Middle School. In 2024, the SRO's were involved in 198 school investigations. Their primary mission is to maintain a safe environment for students, while also acting as mentors by building trust, engaging in extracurricular activities, and supporting after-school programs. SRO's conduct active shooter training for teachers and provide anti-bullying awareness for students.



There was a 33% decrease in SRO incidents from 2023 to 2024.



Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division has two professional staff members that are dedicated to enforcing the Selma Municipal Code to beautify the City. Code enforcement officers handled 1,058 city code violations in 2024. They proactively patrolled the City of Selma to ensure property maintenance, permit and business license compliance, vehicle abatement, homeless encampments, and public nuisances.



City of Selma Clean-Up



Before



After



Before



After

Records Division

The Records Division has two police clerks that are tasked with processing paperwork for the District Attorney's office, processing records requests from the public, answering phone inquiries, reporting monthly crime statistics to the California Department of Justice, and providing exceptional public service.



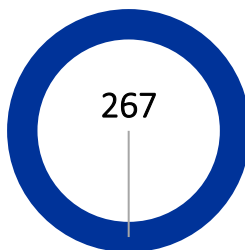
Police Department

[2055 Third Street, Selma CA, 93662](#)

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All Emergencies: 9-1-1
24 Hour Dispatch Center: (559) 896-2525
Graffiti Hotline: (559) 891-2236
Fax Number: (559) 896-8839

2024



In 2024, a total of 267 online reports were received through the Selma Police Department's Online Crime Reporting System.

Investigations Division

The Investigations Division consists of one Detective Sergeant, four Detectives, and one Crime Analyst.

The Investigations Division is responsible for conducting follow-up investigations, registering sex offenders, providing crime trends to the Department, and supports the Patrol Division. In 2024, through collaboration with the Patrol Division, the Investigations Division investigated over 150 cases, authored over 100 search warrants, and seized over 20 firearms.



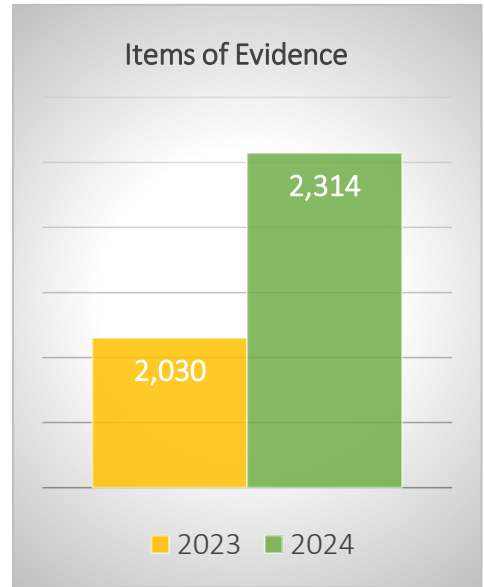
Detectives are assigned to special taskforce teams including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Adult Compliance Team (ACT), and Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC).



The Crime Analyst provides statistics to the Chief of Police, assists Detectives with investigations, and is a liaison with the Fresno County District Attorney's Office at the Multi-Agency Digital Lab (MAD Lab). The Crime Analyst is tasked with completing digital forensics on cellular devices as well as computers.

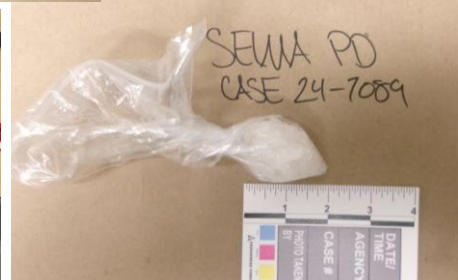
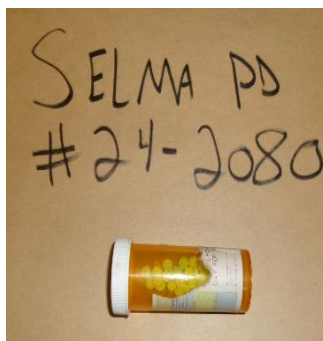
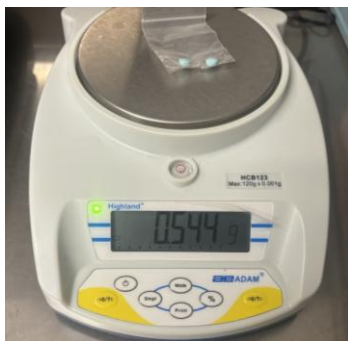
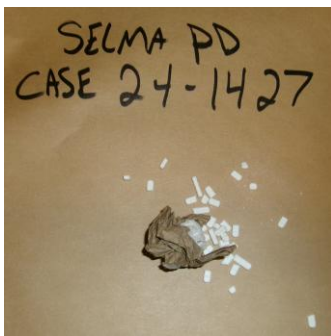
Property and Evidence Division

The Property and Evidence Division has one Evidence Technician that handles the storage of evidence, safe-keeping of property, and transports evidence to laboratories for testing and analysis when necessary.



There was a 14% increase in evidence seizure from 2023 to 2024.

In 2024, there were 2,314 items booked into evidence. A total of 8 cases had a confirmed presence of Fentanyl.



Animal Services

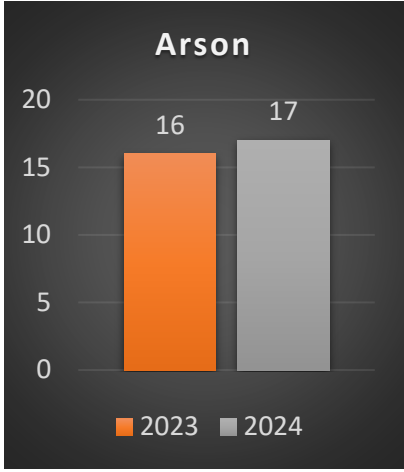
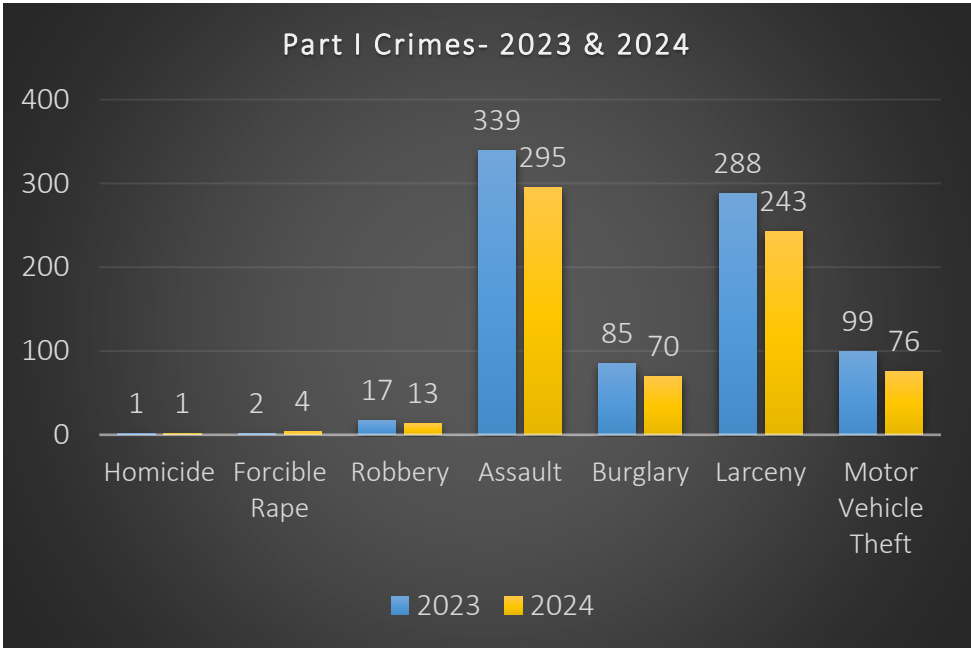
The Selma Animal Services Center has one Director, one Field Services Manager, one Shelter Manager, and three Animal Services Technicians. Together they focus on caring for animals in need, as well as rescuing sick, injured, and abandoned animals. Selma Animal Services Center also has contracts with the City of Kingsburg and the City of Fowler to provide animal control services.

Quick Stats

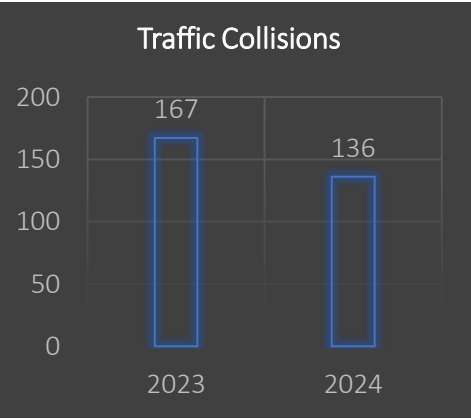
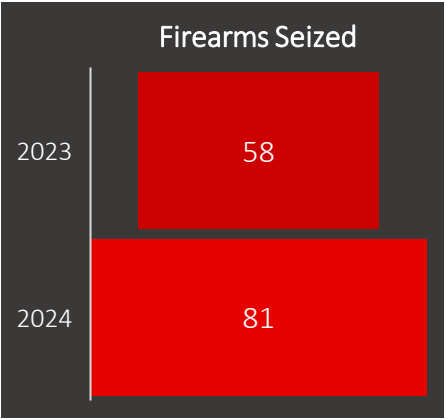
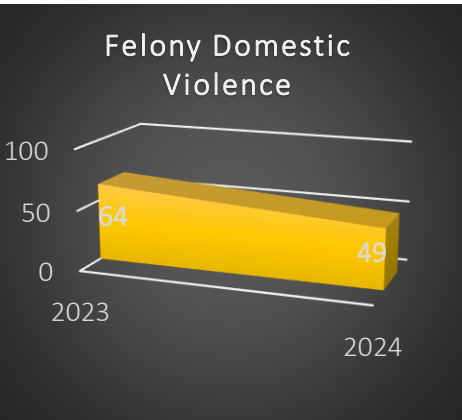
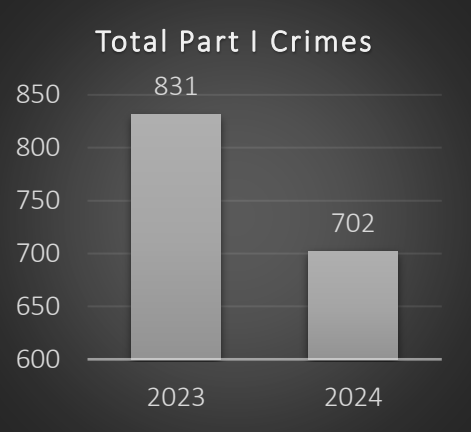
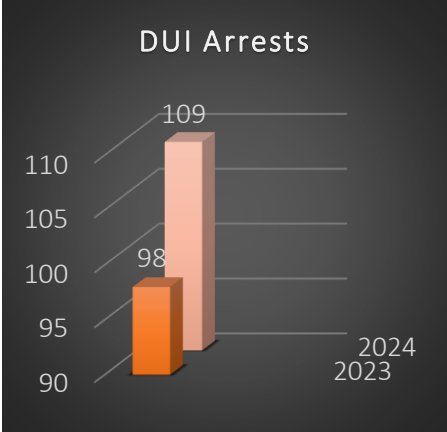
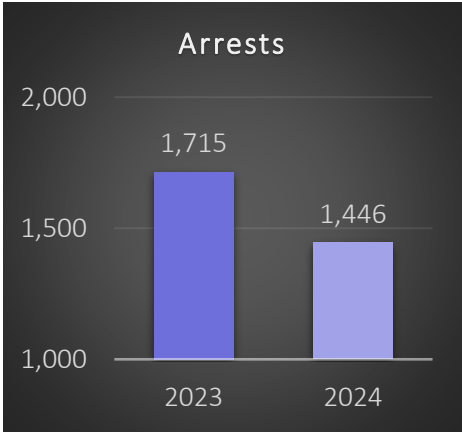
- 734 animals entered the shelter: 537 dogs, 188 cats, and 9 others (birds, rabbits, opossum, turtle, etc.)
- Live release rate of 96% (national average is 81%)
- Return to owner rate is 26% (national average is 3%-5%)
- 63% of animals arrived from public drop-off; 37% were from field service pick-up
- 65 animals were picked up deceased upon arrival



Crime Statistics



There was approximately a 16% decrease in Part I Crimes from 2023

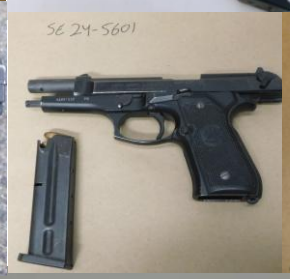


There was approximately a 24% decrease in Felony Domestic Violence from 2023 to 2024.

Firearm seizure increased by 40% from 2023 to 2024.

Traffic collisions decreased by 19% from 2023 to 2024.

Firearms Seized



Department Awards



Paula Tristan
Dispatcher of the Year



Tina Maldonado
Safety Professional of the Year (SPOTY) Award



Detective C. Cano
Officer Gonzalo Carrasco Jr. Award



Officer C. Lynch
Chief's Award



Officer Z. Shannon
Medal of Valor Award



Officer A. High
Top Gun Award



Officer's that seized 5 or more firearms in 2024.

Community Outreach

The Selma Police Department values transparency and strives to foster strong community-police relations. Officers are committed to earning the community's trust and addressing the concerns of its residents.



Community Support



Our Fallen Brother



Officer Gonzalo Carrasco, Jr. tragically lost his life in the line of duty on January 31, 2023. His dedication, bravery, and commitment to the people of Selma will never be forgotten. The Selma Police Department is dedicated to honoring his legacy of courage and service.

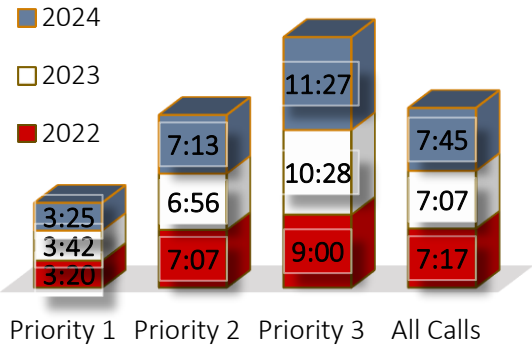


THIS MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED TO
ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
INSCRIBED ON THESE WALLS ARE THE NAMES OF THOSE
MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

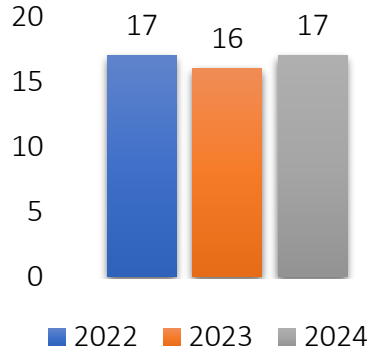


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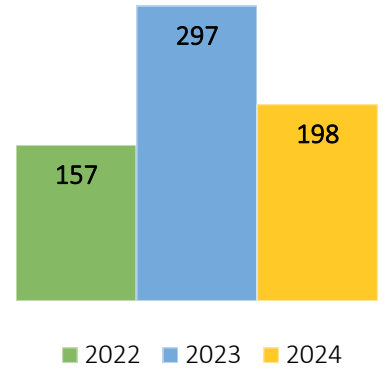
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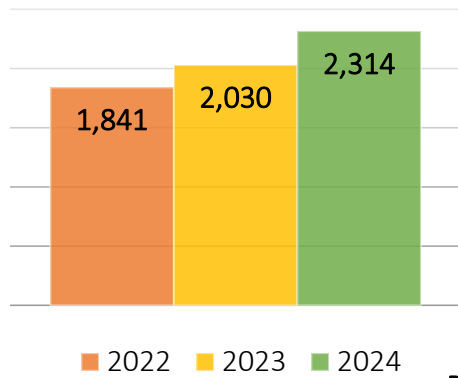
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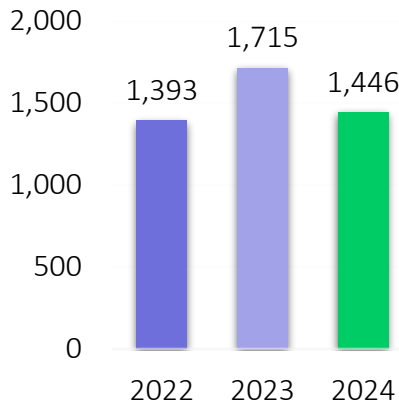
SRO School Investigations



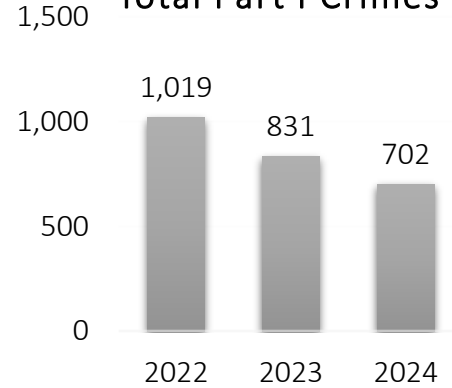
Items of Evidence



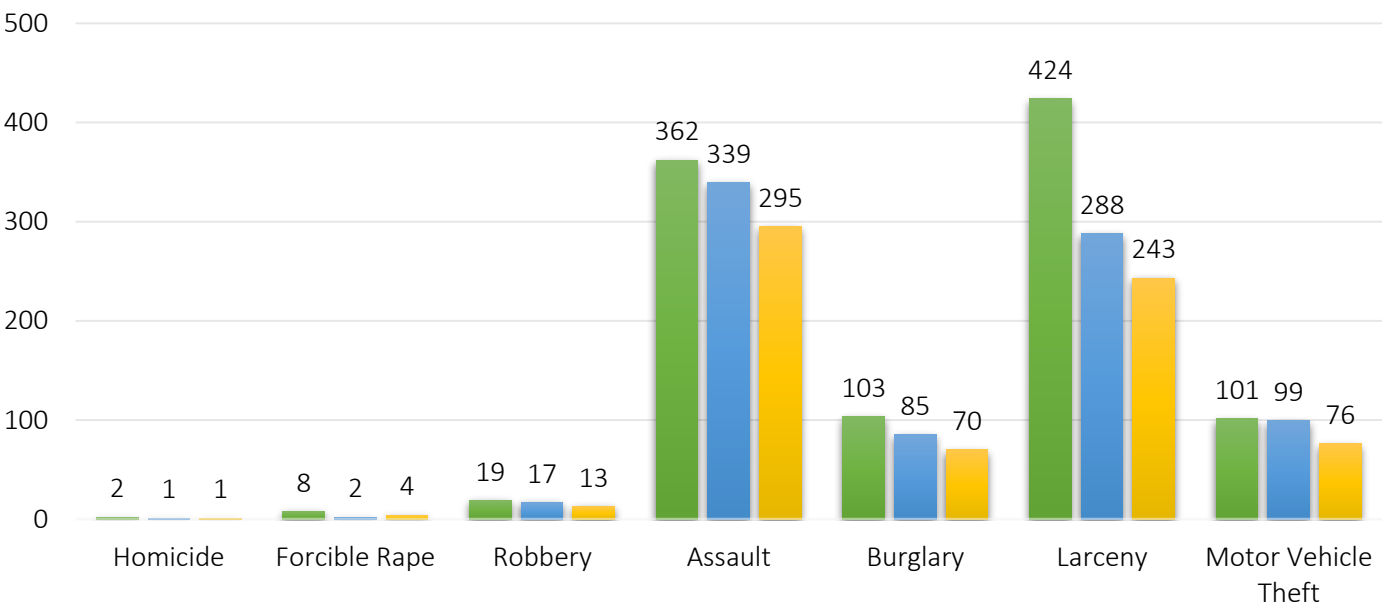
Arrests



Total Part I Crimes

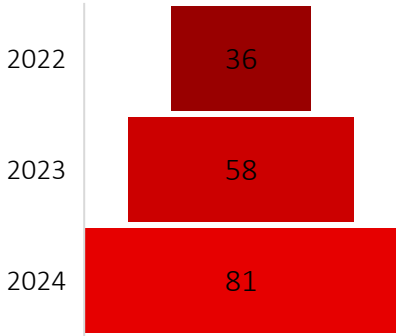


Part I Crimes- 2022, 2023 & 2024



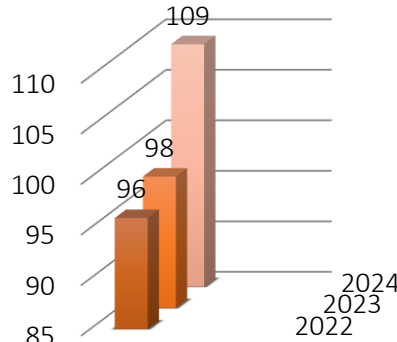
Part I Crimes decreased by 19% from 2022 to 2023. From 2023 to 2024, Part I Crimes decreased another 16%. In sum, Part I Crimes decreased approximately 35% from 2022 to 2024.

Firearms Seized

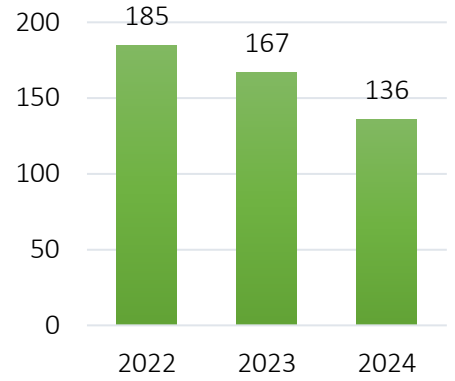


There was a 61% increase in firearm seizure from 2022 to 2023. From 2023 to 2024, firearm seizure increased an additional 40%. In total, firearm seizure increased 125% from 2022 to 2024. There is a strong correlation between increase in firearm seizure to our decrease in Part I Crimes.

DUI Arrests

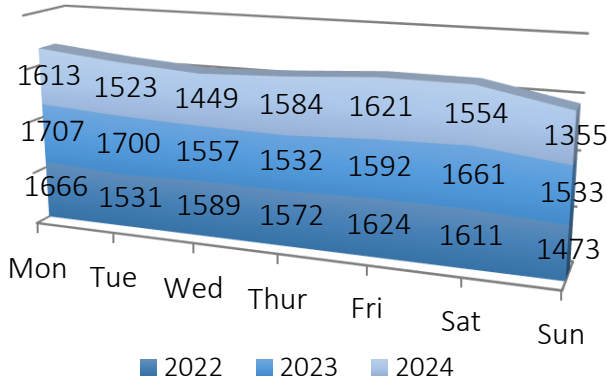


Traffic Collisions

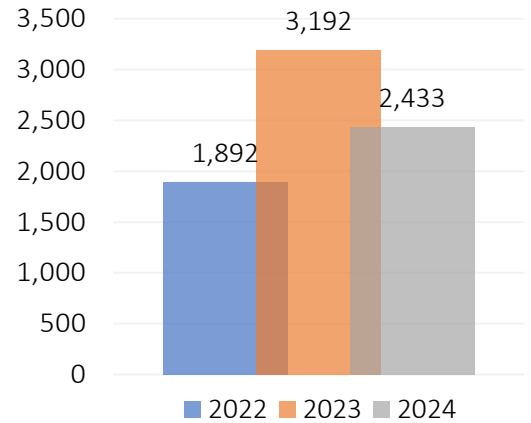


There was approximately a 29% decrease in traffic collisions from 2022-2024.

Calls for Service from Public

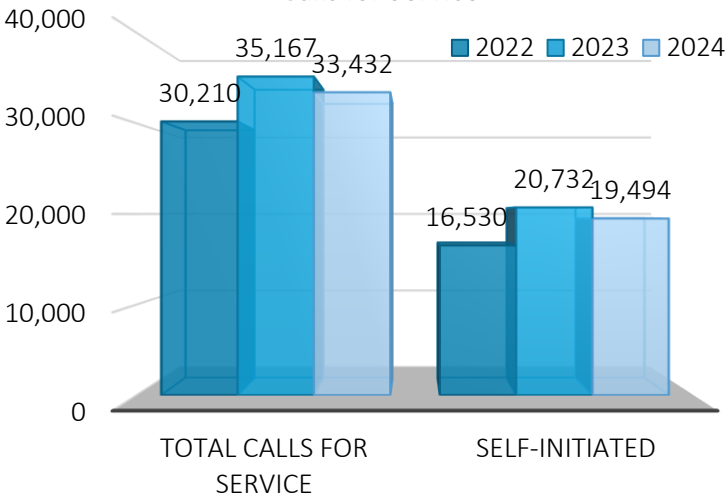


Traffic Citations



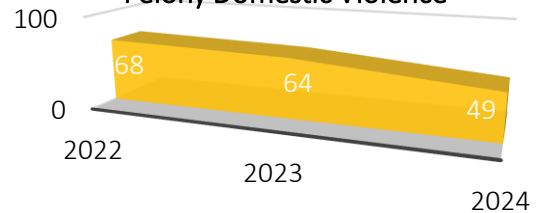
Traffic citations increased by 69% from 2022 to 2023. Traffic citations decreased by 24% from 2023 to 2024.

Calls for Service



Calls for service increased 16% from 2022 to 2023. There was a slight decrease in calls for service from 2023 to 2024. Over 58% of calls for service were self-initiated by officers.

Felony Domestic Violence



There was approximately a 29% decrease in Felony Domestic Violence from 2022 to 2024.



As the Chief of Police for the City of Selma, it has been an incredible honor to lead such a dedicated team at the Selma Police Department. Since stepping into the role of Police Chief in 2022, I have been focused on guiding our department into the future, meeting the expectations of our community, and addressing the challenges that come with such a responsibility. The progress we've made is a testament to the hard work, commitment, and professionalism of our officers and staff.

Under my leadership, we have successfully reduced Part 1 Crimes by 35% and decreased traffic collisions by 26%. In 2024, traffic citations significantly decreased compared to 2023. These undeniable statistics reflect that our community is becoming more compliant and aware of our efforts to prevent violent crime and ensure traffic safety. Additionally, we recovered 81 illegal firearms in 2024, a critical achievement that has contributed to a safer environment for our children to thrive.

Our Department has also focused on enhancing the physical appearance of Selma, CA. Our Code Enforcement Division has made a significant impact on the City of Selma by eliminating blight and enhancing the city's appearance. The "Broken Windows Theory" supports our efforts in addressing visual disorder for successful crime prevention and improving the quality of life.

I would also like to recognize the hard work of our Animal Services Division. Our animal services professionals have worked to implement and improve animal services. Their dedication led to them achieving an impressive 96% live release rate for animals and a 35% return-to-owner rate—well above the national average.

As I reflect on the accomplishments we have made, I am filled with pride and gratitude. Our collective efforts have created a stronger and safer community. Our achievements would not have been possible without the unwavering support and cooperation of the community. Thank you for being a part of this journey and for your continued trust as we work toward a brighter future for Selma.

We are building Selma into
a place of Prosperity, Unity,
and Strength.