

Lakewood Police Department



2021 Annual Report

Message from the Chief of Police

Lakewood continues to be a safe community for our residents, workers, and visitors. 2021 saw a dramatic spike in violent crime across the nation. Although Lakewood is not immune from criminal activity, our crime rate has remained relatively flat during the pandemic. The credit for this success goes to:

Our officers and detectives who deter, respond to, and investigate crimes in our town,

Our citizens who keep watch over their neighborhoods and alert the police to suspicious activities, and

Our City Employees/City Departments that work together to remediate quality of life issues in Lakewood, and who readily offer their assistance to the Police Department any time our officers identify a need or a problem in the community.

The Lakewood Police Department is charged with protecting all people who find themselves in our City. The Police Department's success is directly related to the combined efforts of everyone mentioned above.

Chief Kevin Kauchek

Organization of Lakewood P.D.

The Lakewood Police Department has a hierarchical structure led by the Chief of Police. The Police Department is comprised of three divisions, each of which is overseen by a Captain (Division Commander). The three divisions consist of the Patrol Division, the Investigative Division, and the Administrative Division.

The Lakewood Police Department has an authorized strength of 94 sworn officers.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest division in the department and it is also referred to as the Uniform Division. This division employs the officers who wear a police uniform every day and patrol the city in marked police cars. These are the officers that respond to emergencies, citizen complaints, and crimes in progress. They enforce criminal laws and traffic laws. The Special Operations Unit is part of the Patrol Division.

Patrol Shifts

Officers in the Patrol Division work twelve-hour shifts. There is a Day Shift and Night Shift, each of which is overseen by a Shift Lieutenant. Each shift is split into two platoons, and two sergeants are assigned to each platoon. The Lieutenants and Sergeants supervise and assist the officers on their shifts and/or platoons.

Special Operations Unit

The Special Operations Unit consists of our in-house Training Unit, our Neighborhood Police Officers, and our DARE/School Resource Officers. These officers typically work eight-hour shifts and they are supervised by the Special Operations Unit Lieutenant.

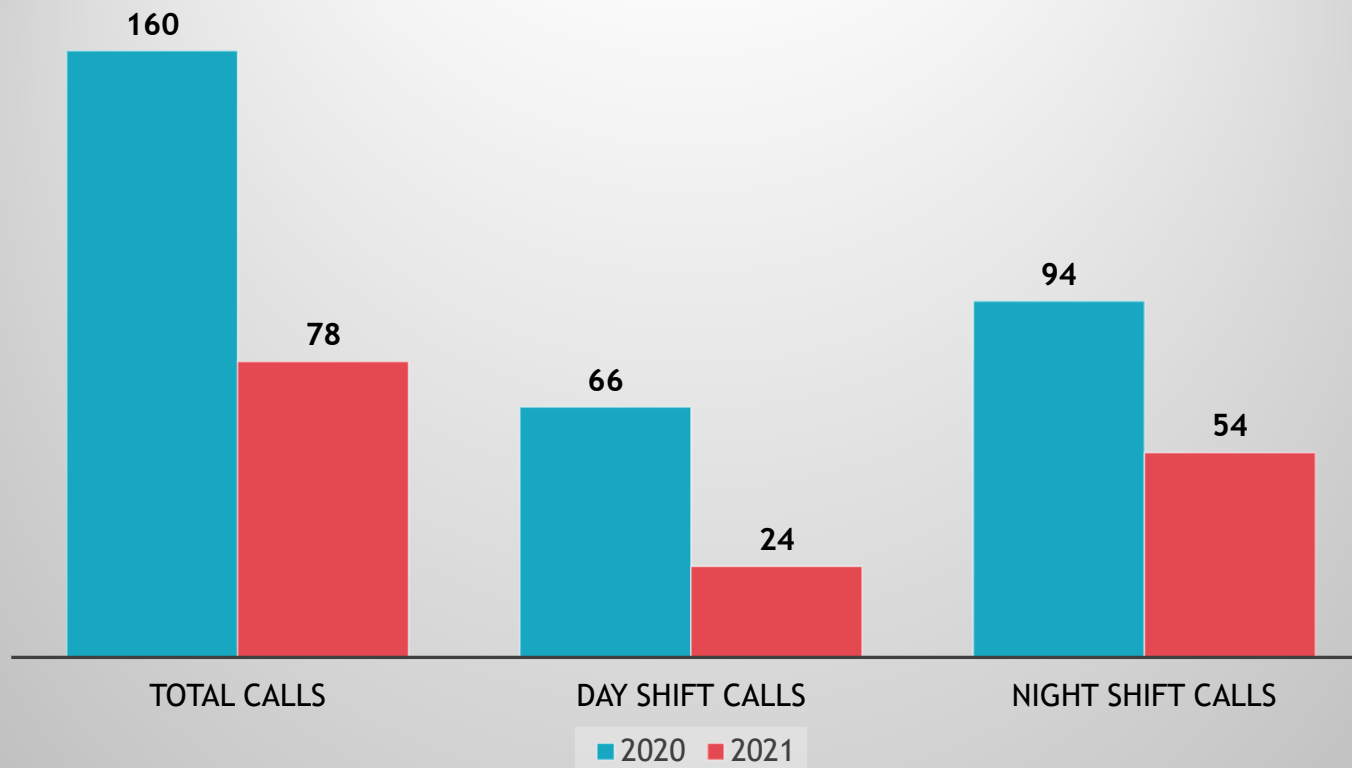
Training Unit

Our in-house Training Unit enables the Lakewood Police Department to deliver training to all our employees in a cost-efficient manner. The Training Unit generally puts together and conducts two to four in-service trainings per year. The in-service training includes range days where officers qualify with their pistols and patrol rifles. At the in-services, the officers also receive their yearly training in the proper use of the Taser and OC spray, as well as a review of our policies including but not limited to the following: Use of Force, Pursuit Driving, and Legal Updates. Our officers also attend specialized training throughout Ohio and other nearby states. In 2021, 120 employees in the police department received 9,018 hours of training for an average of 75 hours per employee.

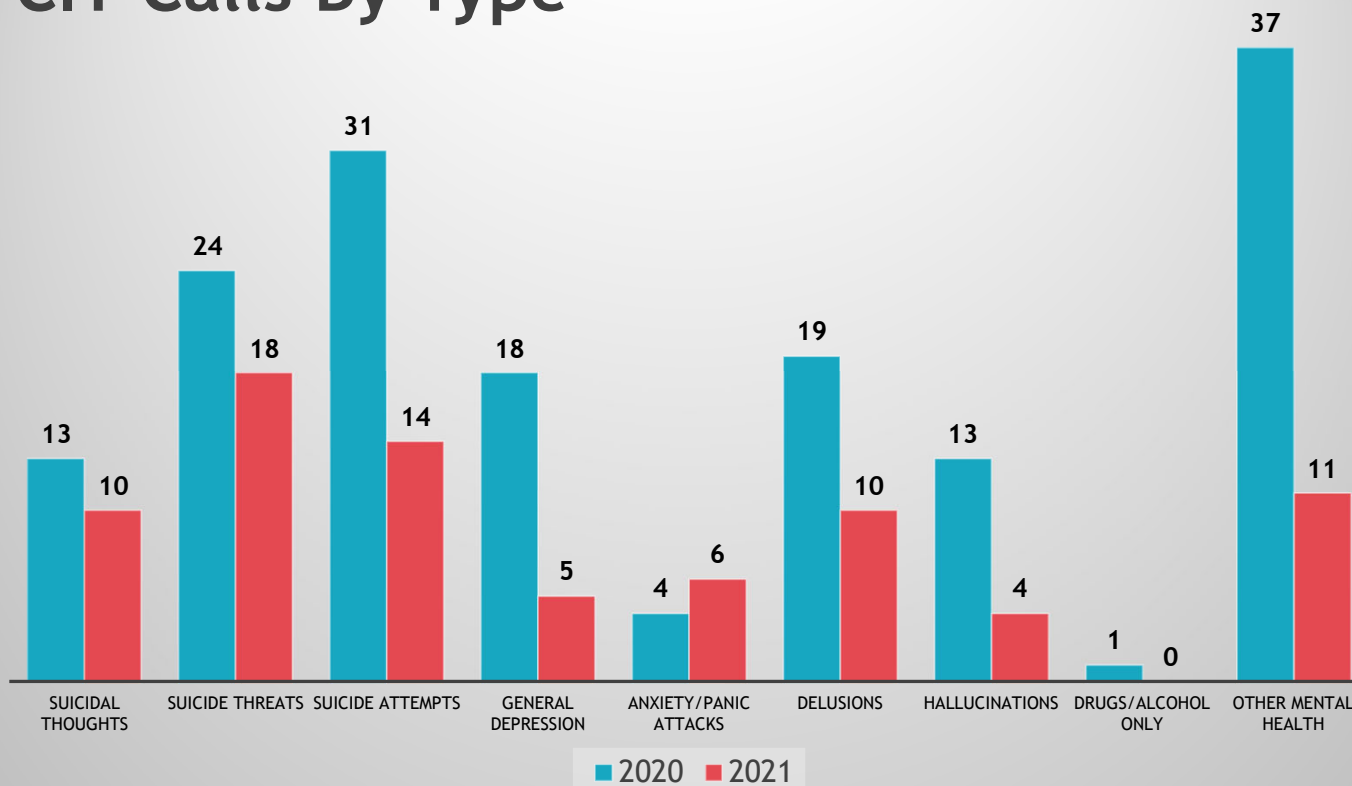
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

The Lakewood Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team responds to calls in which people are experiencing a mental health emergency. The specially trained CIT officers try to bring about the best resolution for these people in crisis by talking with them and getting them the assistance and services that they need. Every one of our CIT officers volunteered to be on the team and they voluntarily attend the required training.

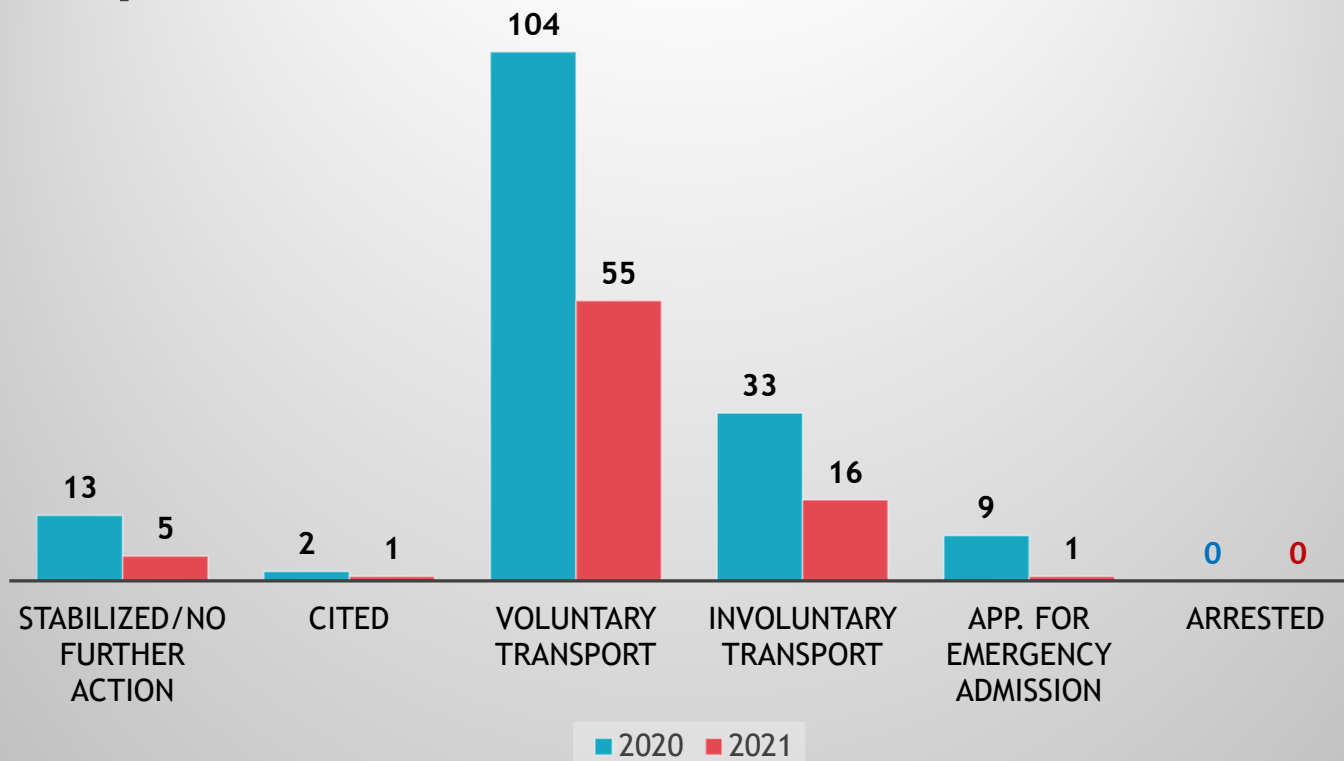
CIT Calls



CIT Calls By Type



Disposition of CIT Calls



Investigative Division

The Investigative Division is also referred to as the Detective Bureau. It consists of three groups of detectives. General Duty Detectives handle cases involving adults who are the victims or perpetrators of crime, Juvenile Bureau Detectives handle cases involving juveniles as victims or perpetrators of crime as well as family crimes such as Domestic Violence and Violation of Protection Orders, and Narcotics and Vice Detectives. Investigative Division personnel work eight-hour shifts, rotating between Day Shift and Afternoon Shift. One sergeant is assigned to rotate with each "squad" between days and afternoons. Each squad consists of a mixture of General Duty and Juvenile Bureau Detectives. There is one Lieutenant who supervises the Narcotics and Vice Unit.

Investigative Division 2020 Statistics

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pct.(%)</u>
Reports Reviewed	2,228	100
Reports assigned for Follow Up	1,349	61
Reports with no Follow Up to Conduct	877	39
<u>Report Clearance Method</u>		
Cleared by Arrest	424	31
Exceptionally Cleared	200	15
Victim Refused Prosecution	35	3
Record Only	76	6
Filed Pending Further Leads	277	21
No Further Action	187	14
Pending Warrant Arrest	7	1
Unfounded	1	0
Open	142	6

Investigative Division 2021 Statistics

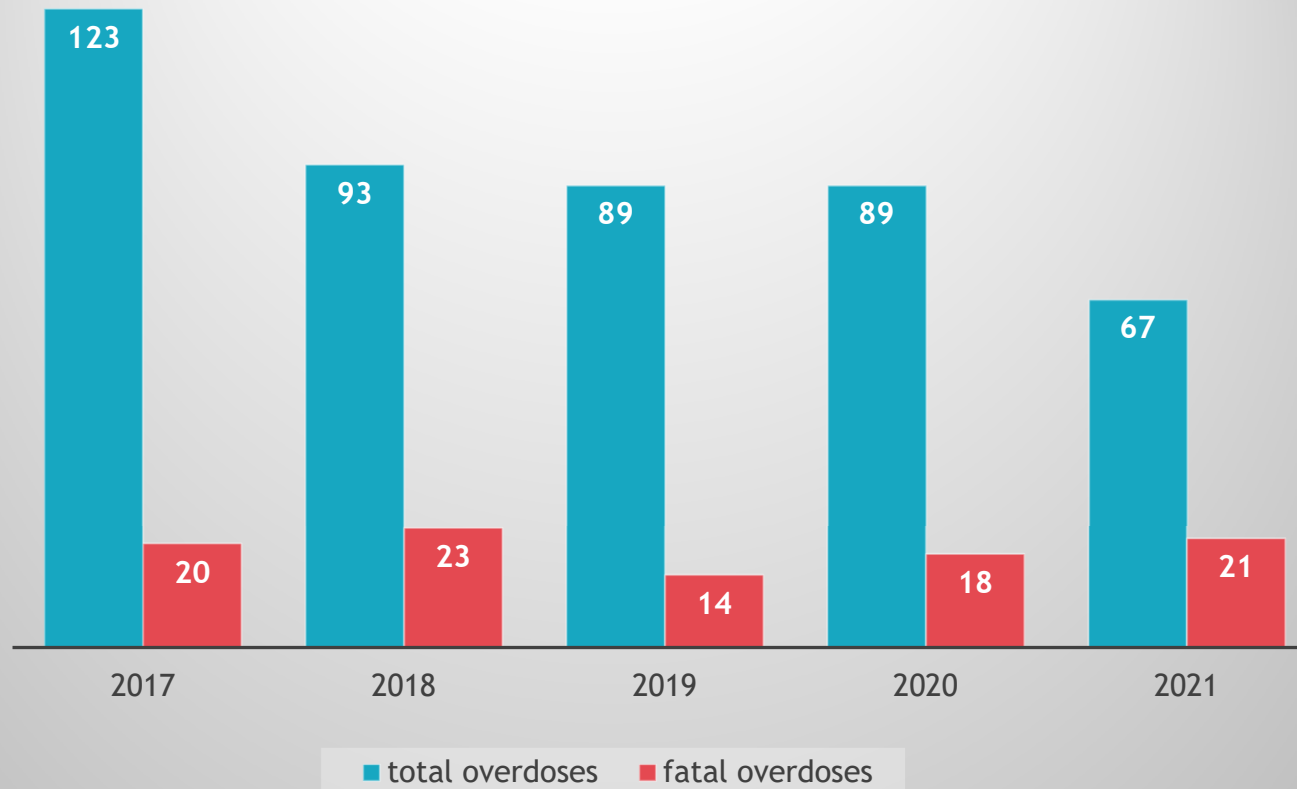
<u>Category</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pct.(%)</u>
Reports Reviewed	2,155	100
Reports assigned for Follow Up	1,214	56
Reports with no Follow Up to Conduct	939	44
<u>Report Clearance Method</u>		
Cleared by Arrest	323	27
Exceptionally Cleared	176	14
Victim Refused Prosecution	42	3
Record Only	69	6
Filed Pending Further Leads	231	19
No Further Action	101	8
Pending Warrant Arrest	8	1
Unfounded	0	0
Open	240	20

Narcotics and Vice Unit

The Lakewood Police Department has one Lieutenant and four Detectives assigned to the Narcotics and Vice Unit. They maintain strong relationships with Federal, State, and Local partners to investigate and prosecute narcotics related violations.

All of Lakewood P.D.'s officers are issued the life saving drug Narcan to administer to those that overdose on opiates.

Drug Overdoses

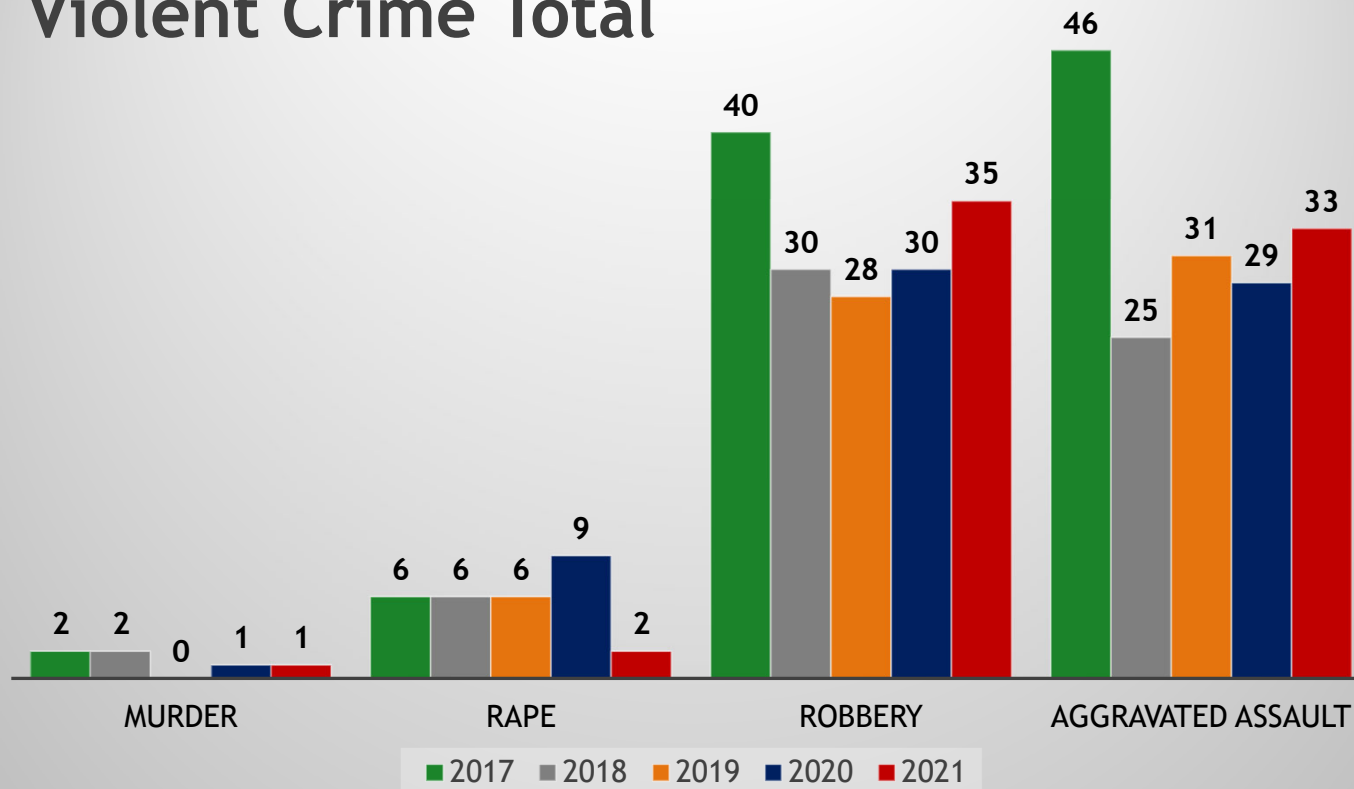


Crime Statistics

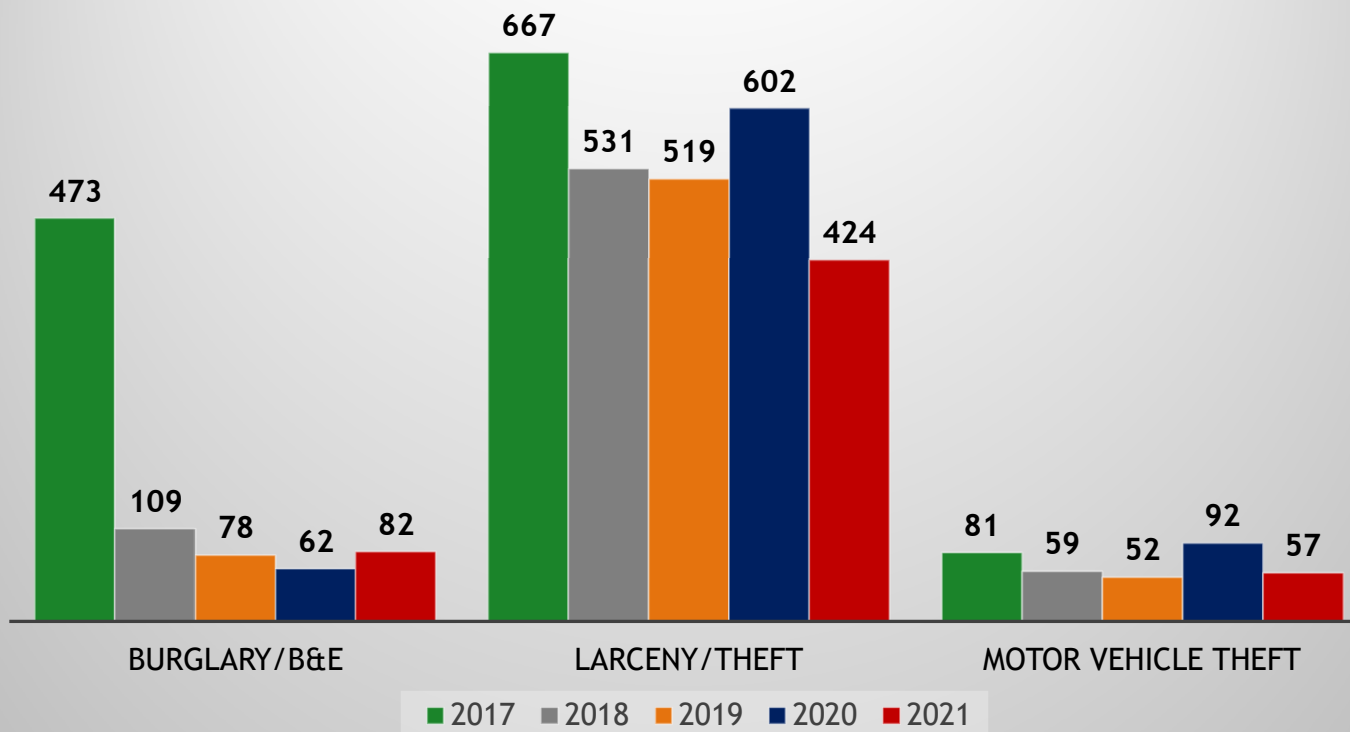
The following crime statistics on violent crime and property crime were obtained from the Office of Criminal Justice Services which tracks our reported criminal activity through an Incident-Based Reporting System (IBRS).

*See www.ocjs.ohio.gov for more information.

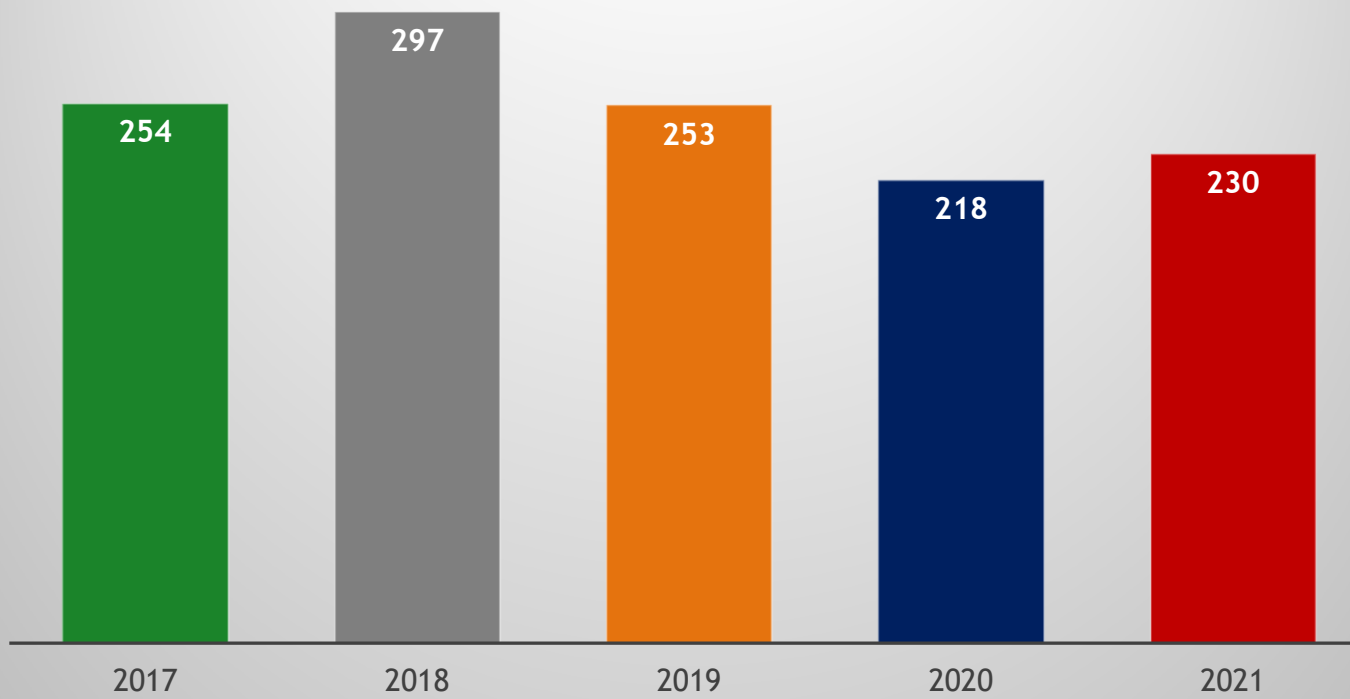
Violent Crime Total



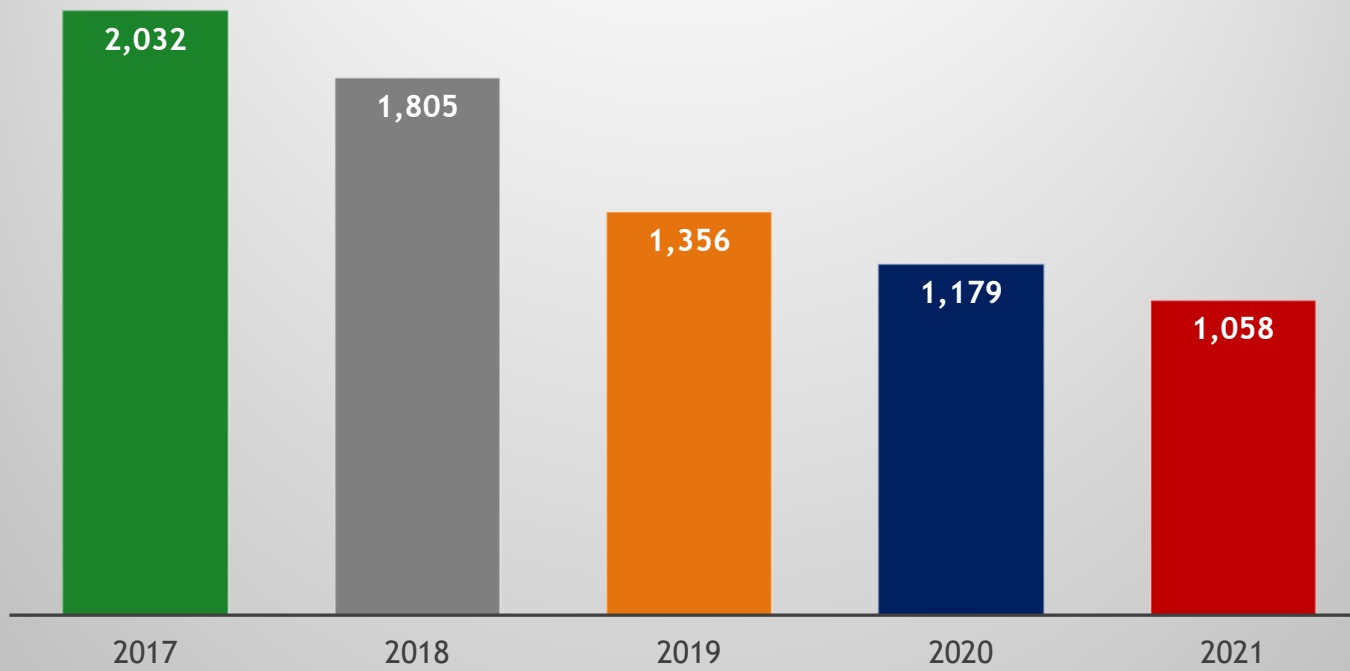
Property Crime Total



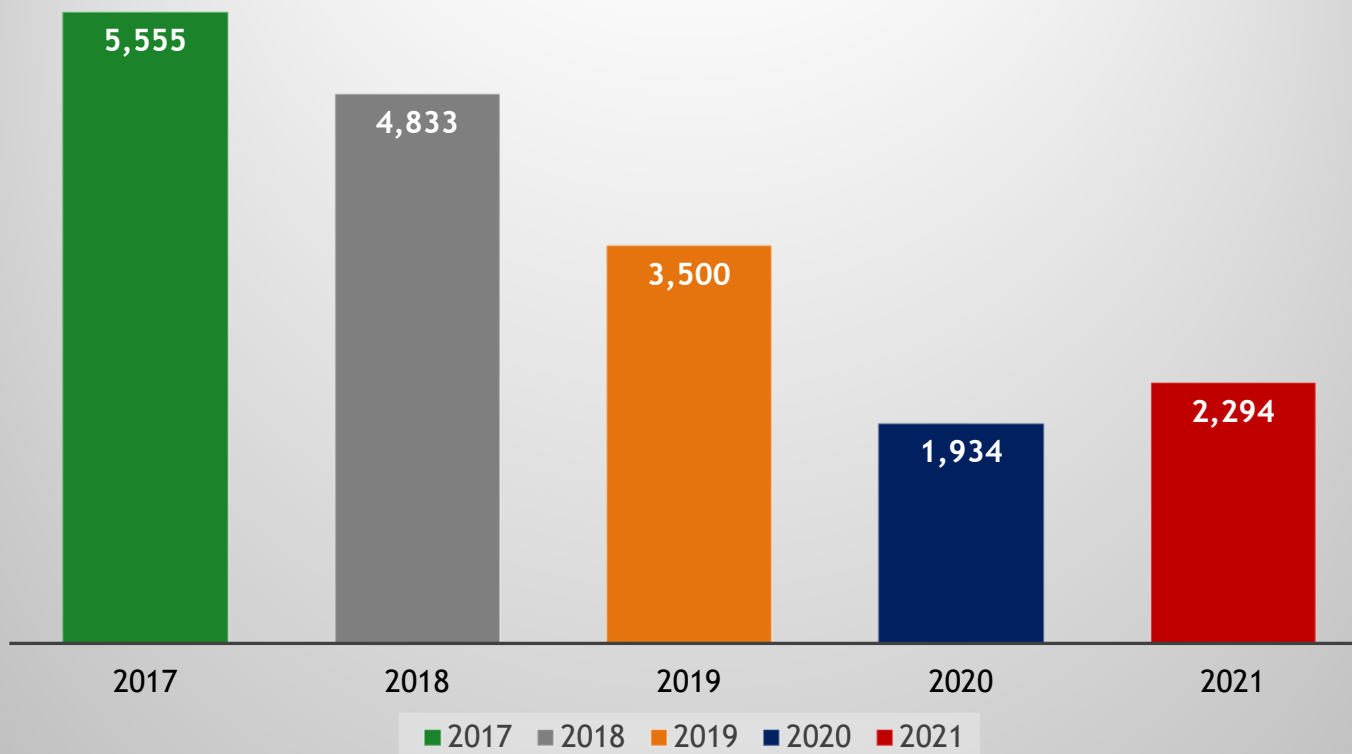
Felony Arrests



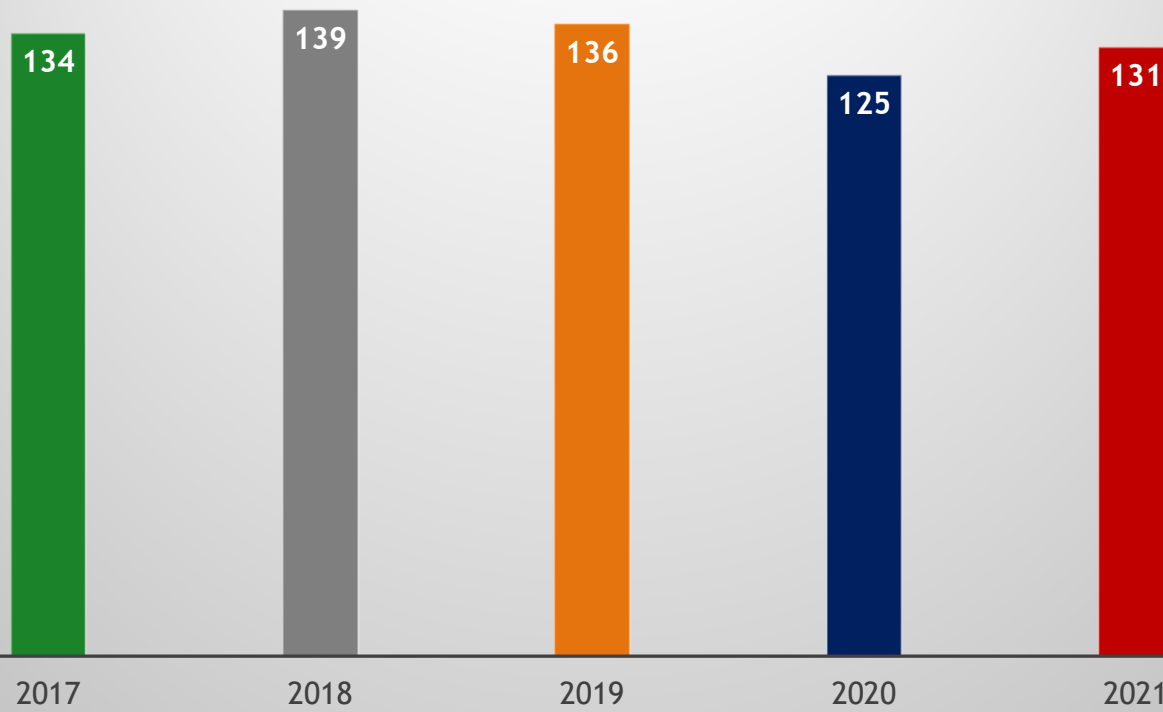
Misdemeanor Arrests



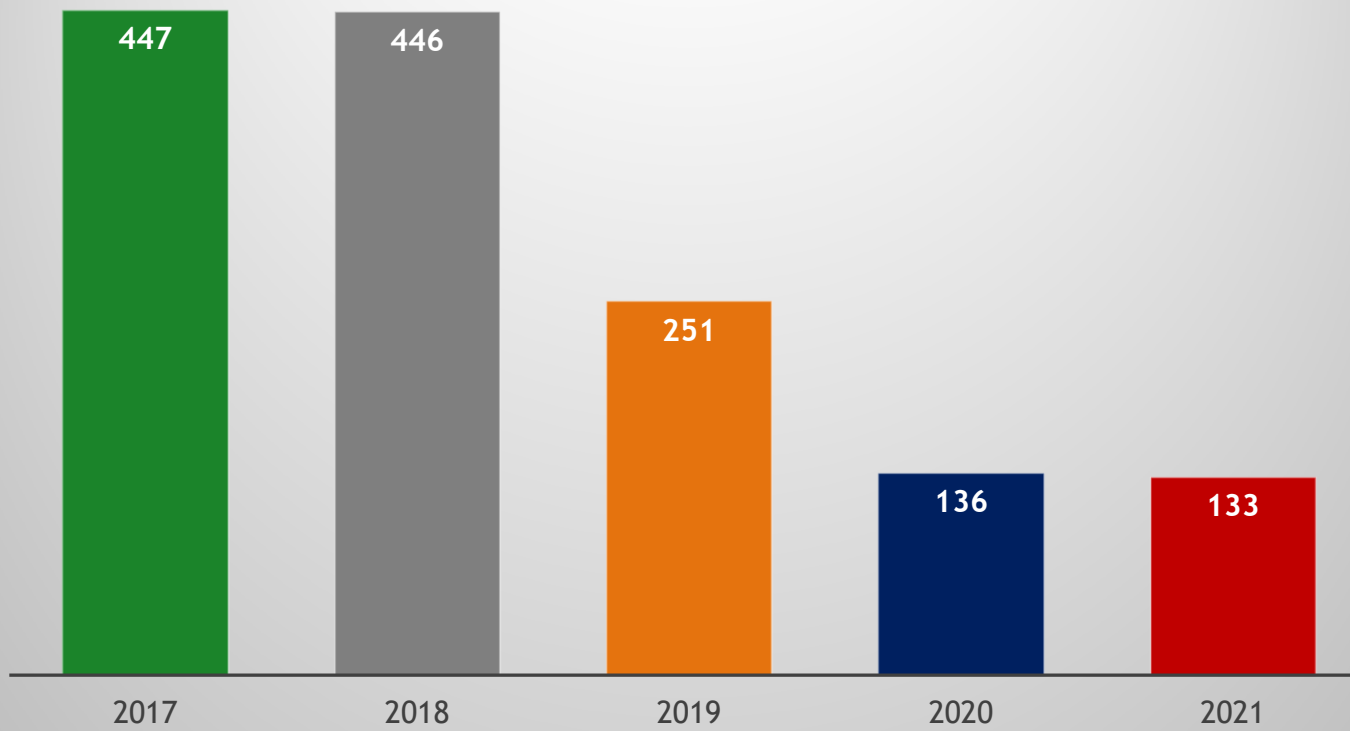
Traffic Arrests



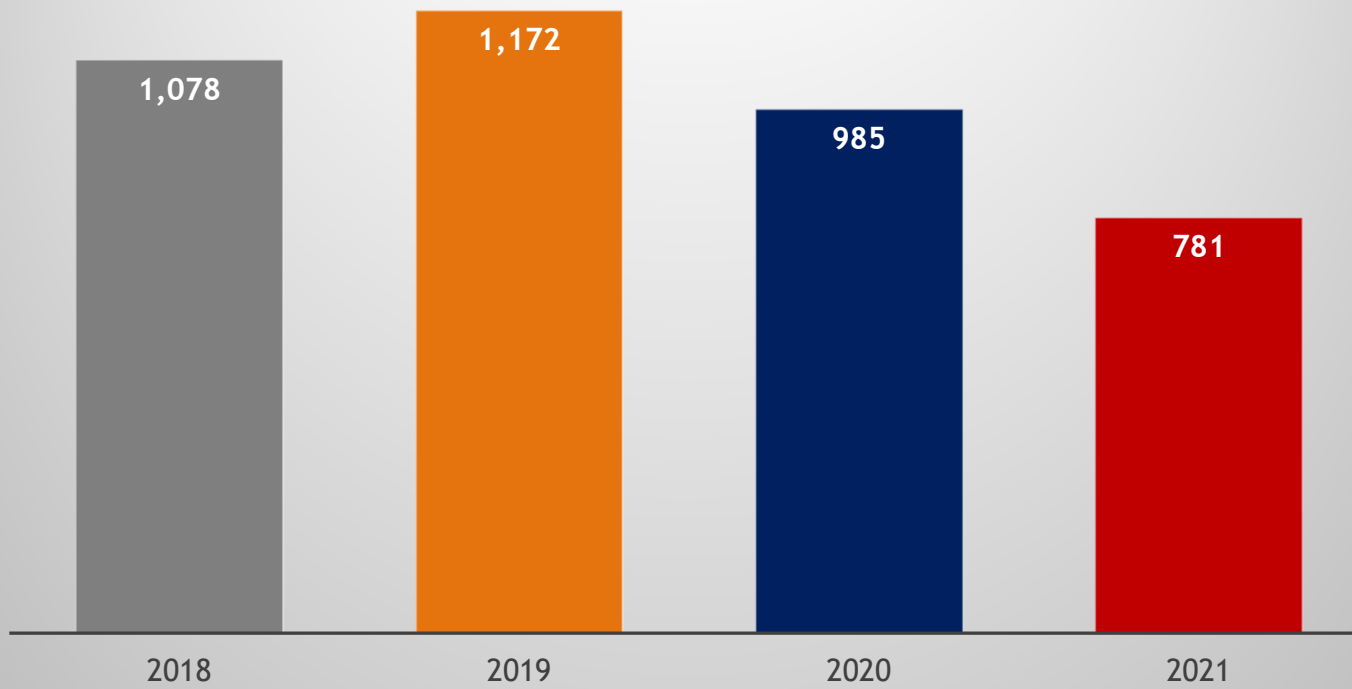
D.U.I. Arrests



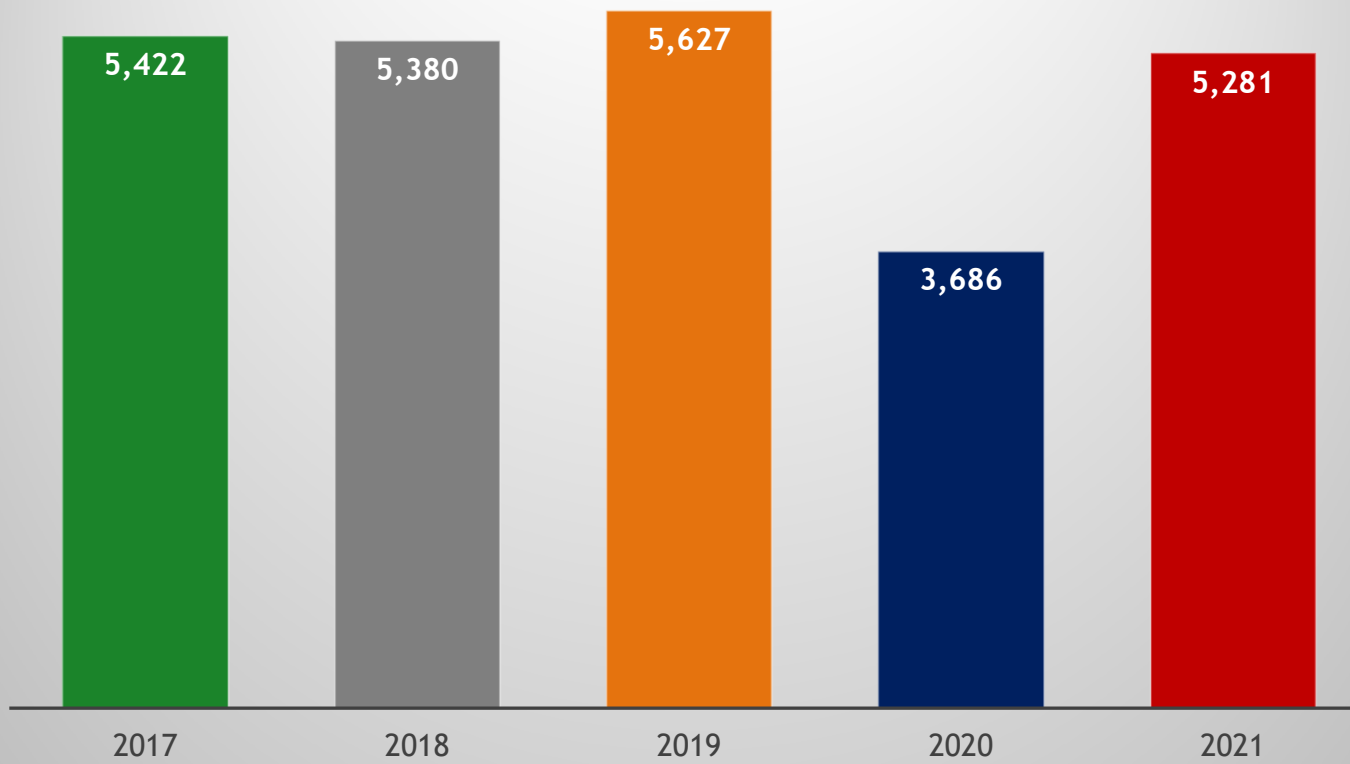
Radar Citations



Traffic Crashes



Parking Tickets (Non-Meter)



Administrative Division

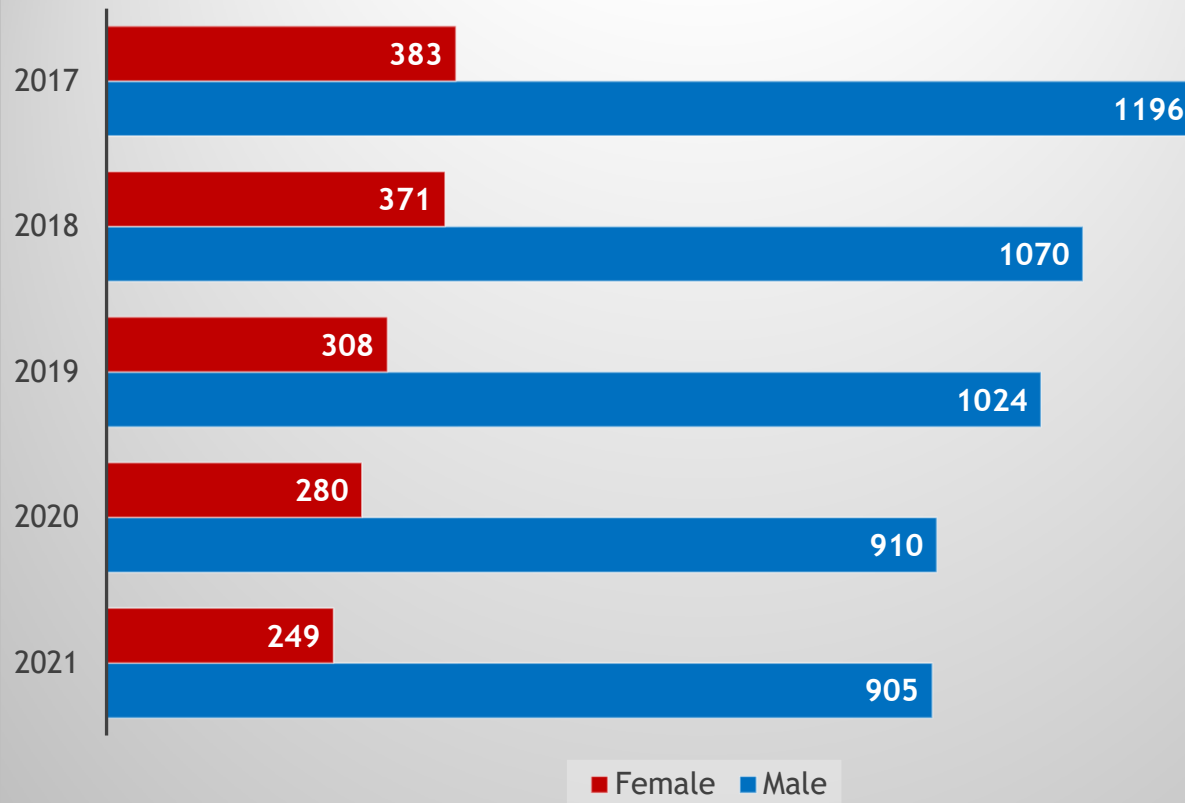
The Administrative Division is where most of our non-sworn personnel are found. These employees include our Dispatchers, Correction Officers, Animal Control Officers, and support personnel. These employees are supervised by the Administrative Division Commander.

Lakewood City Jail

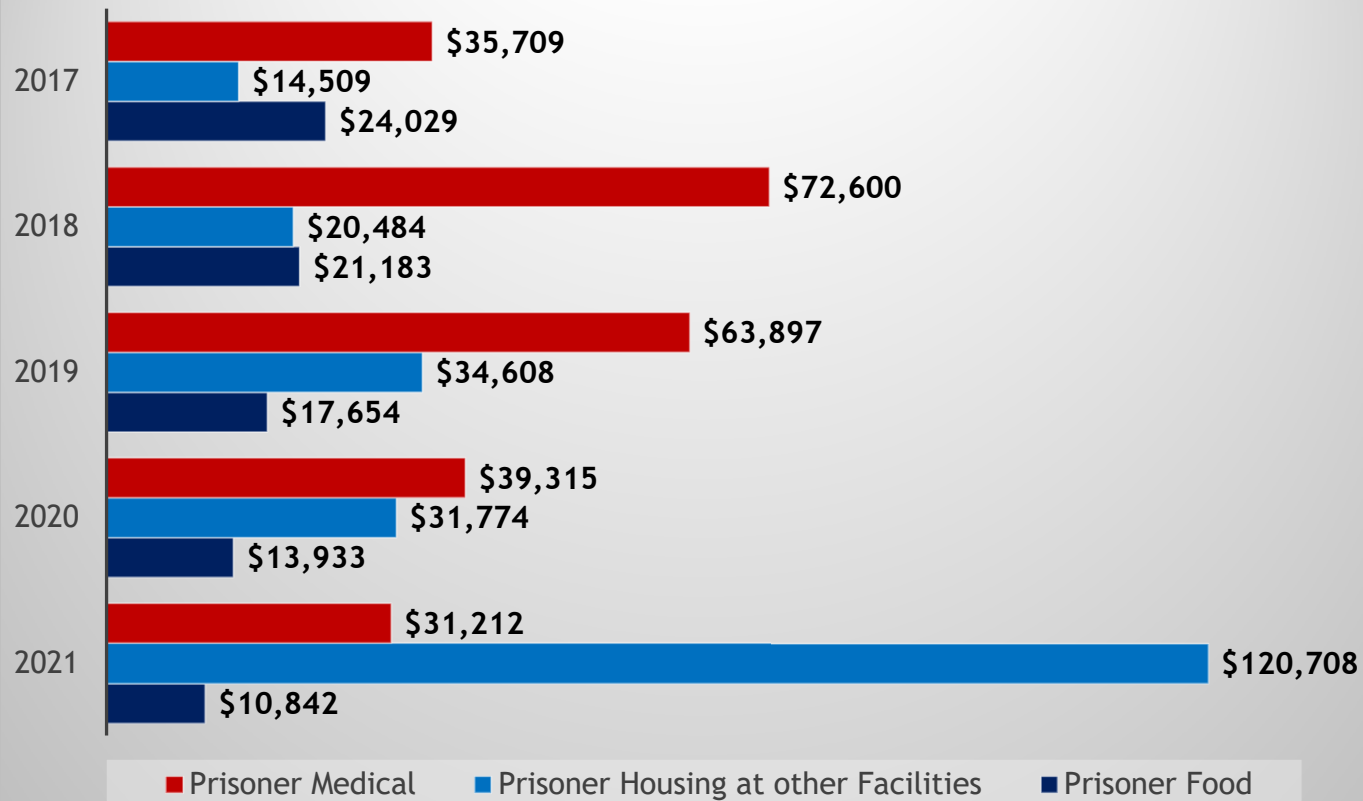
The Lakewood Police Department's Jail is a Twelve-Day Facility meant to house prisoners on a temporary basis. It is staffed 24 hours a day by two full-time Correction Officers and when they are not on duty, The Patrol Division staffs the Jail with specially trained police officers.

In 2021 the physical layout of Lakewood Jail was updated to better comply with State mandated regulations. During these renovations, the Jail was closed for four months. This resulted in the dramatic rise in our costs associated with housing prisoners at other facilities.

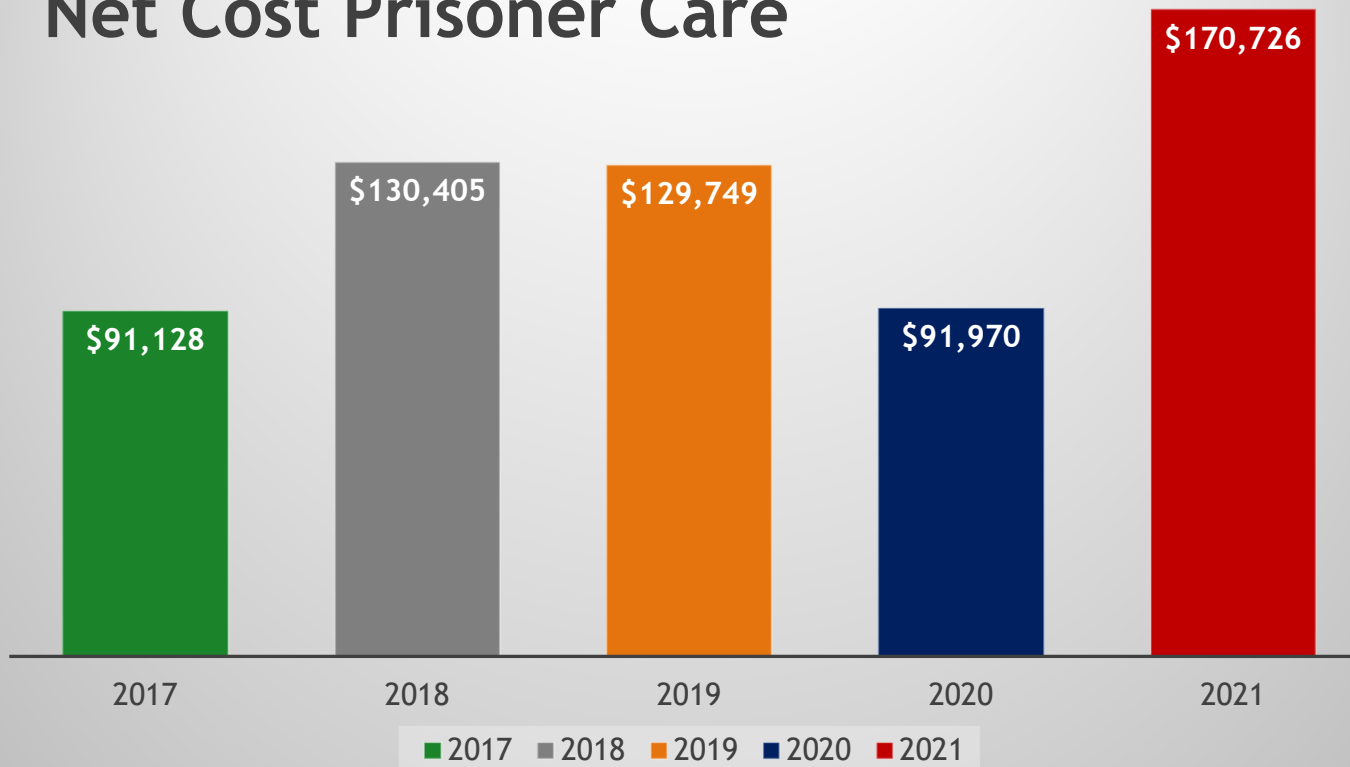
Lakewood Jail Population



Prisoner Costs



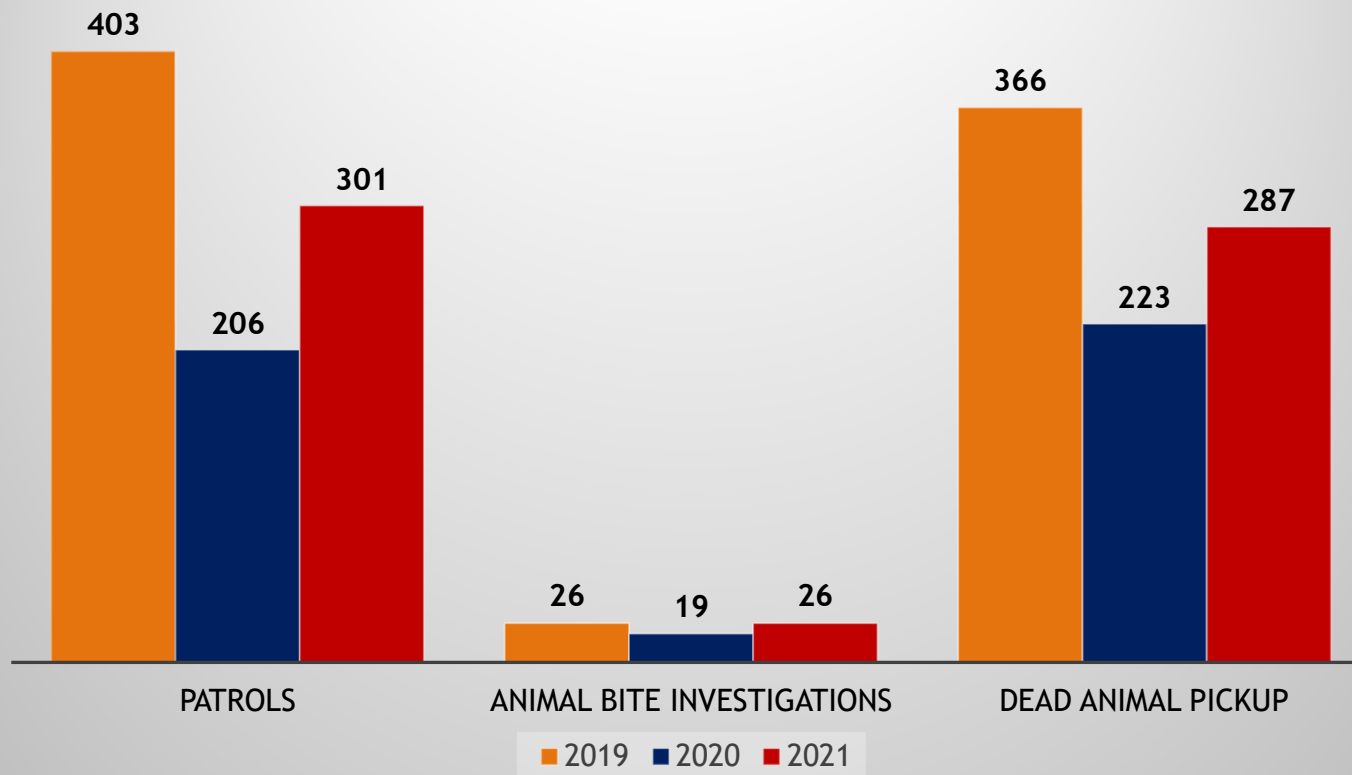
Net Cost Prisoner Care



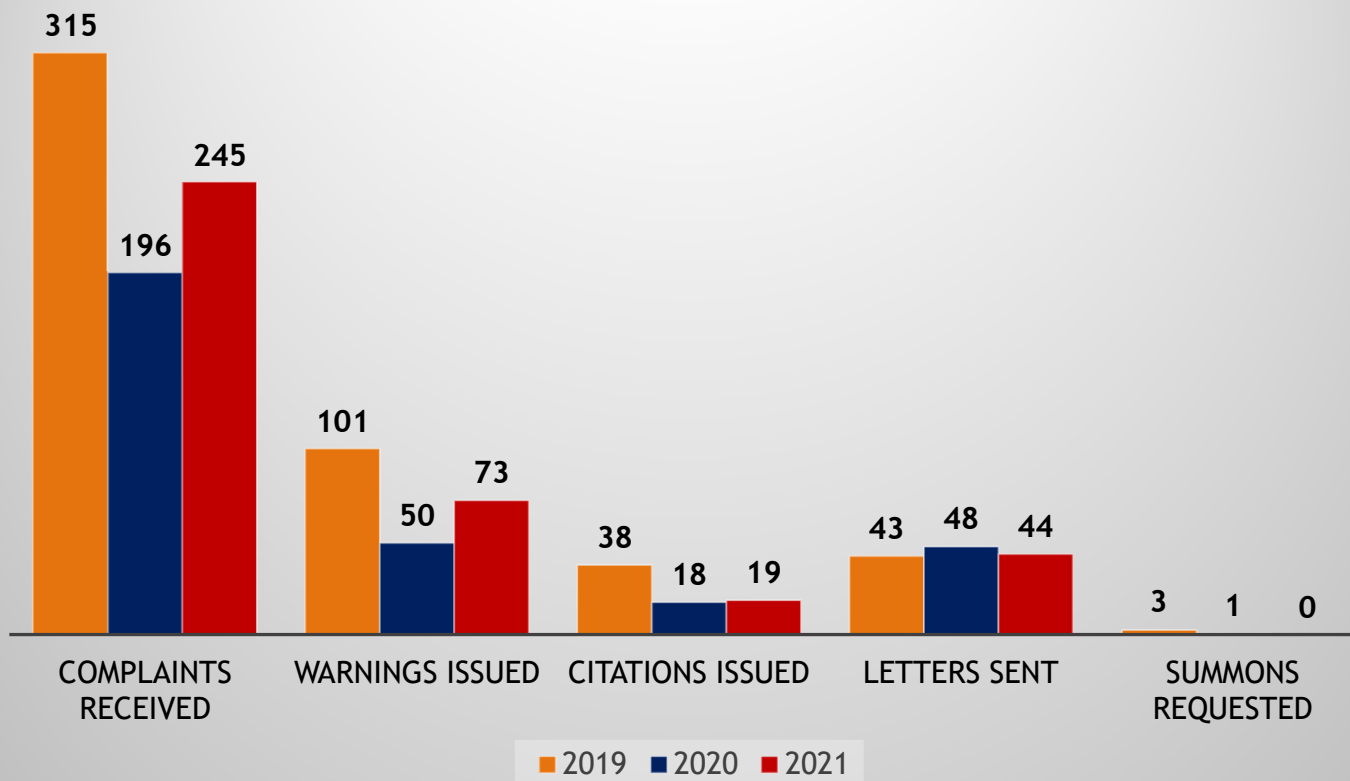
Animal Control Officers

The Lakewood Police Department's Animal Control Officers respond to calls for service regarding animal cruelty, animal noise disturbances, animal bites, and any other situation involving animals. The Animal Control Officers work with county agencies and citizen groups to reduce nuisance complaints and to find new homes for stray or abandoned pets.

Animal Control



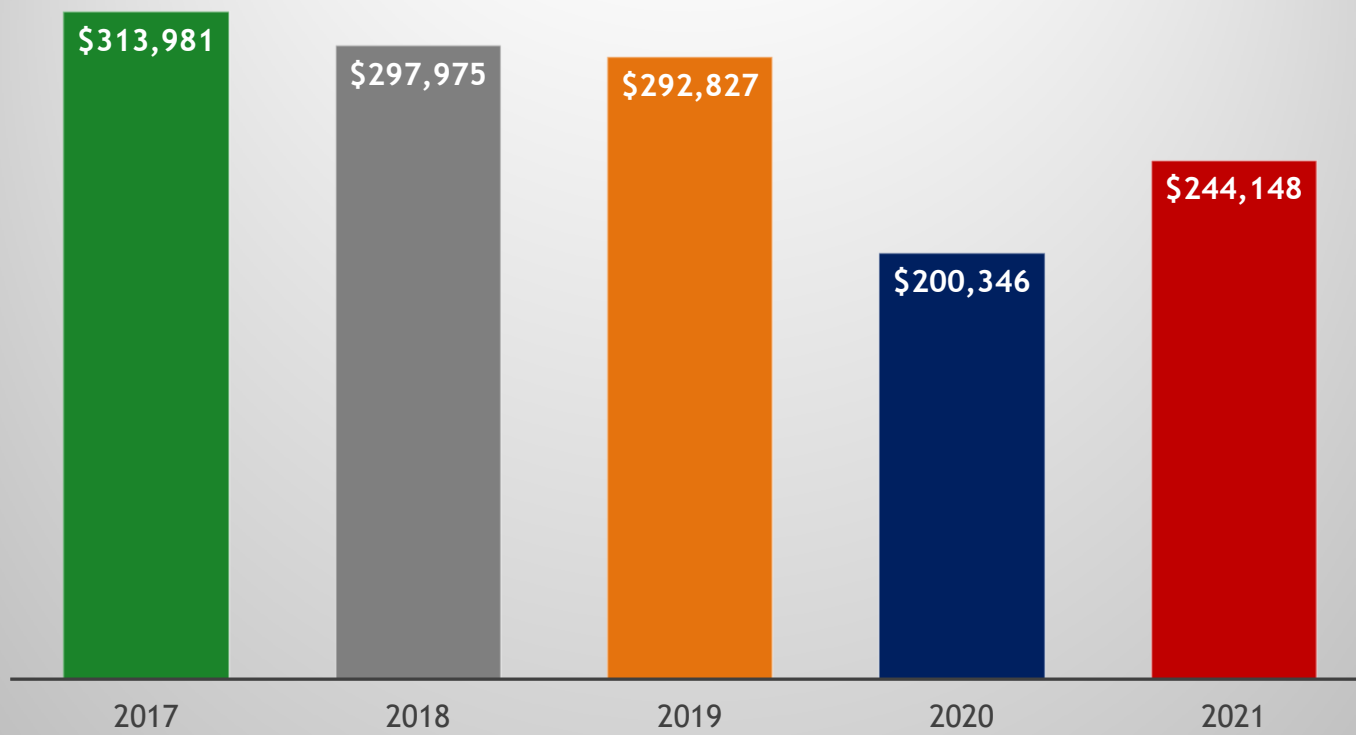
Animal Control Enforcement



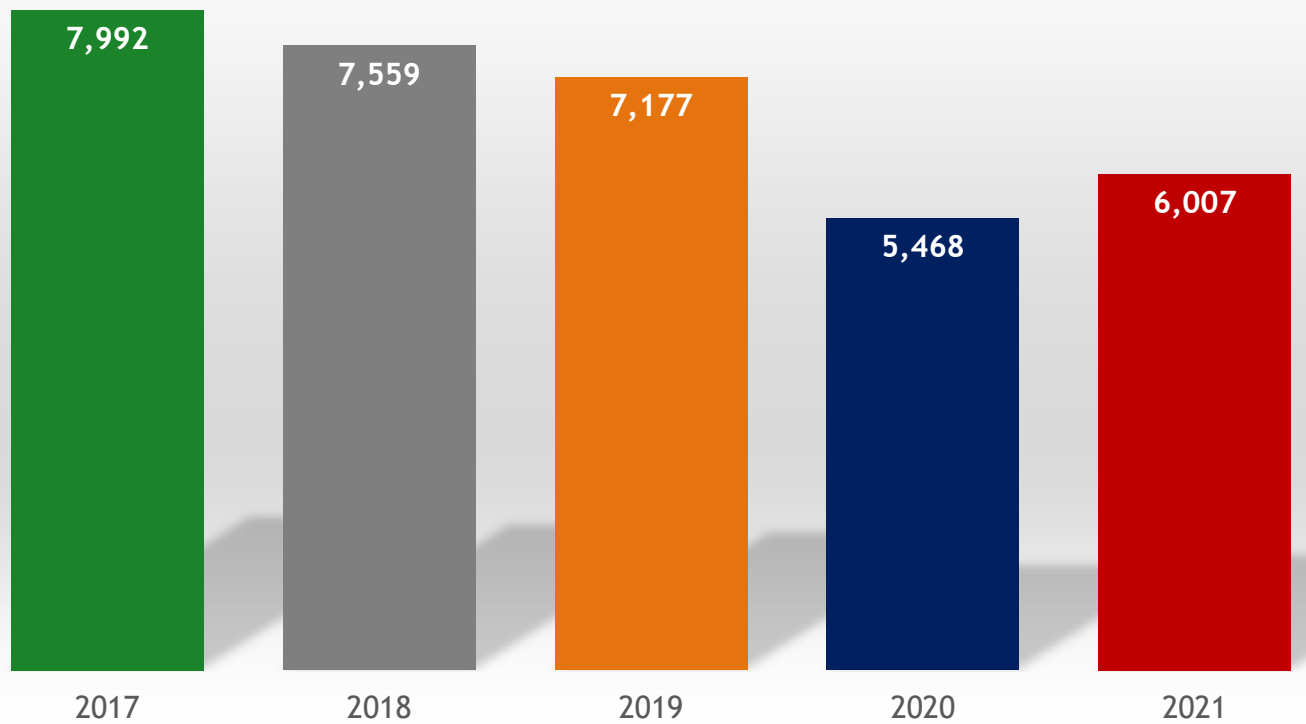
Parking enforcement Unit

The Parking Enforcement Unit is responsible for enforcing parking violations in City owned lots as well as metered spaces on the street. They conduct maintenance on the meters to ensure that they are functioning properly. The proceeds collected from the metered lots and spaces pay for the personnel in the unit, their equipment, as well as improvements. The unit is supervised by the Special Operations Lieutenant.

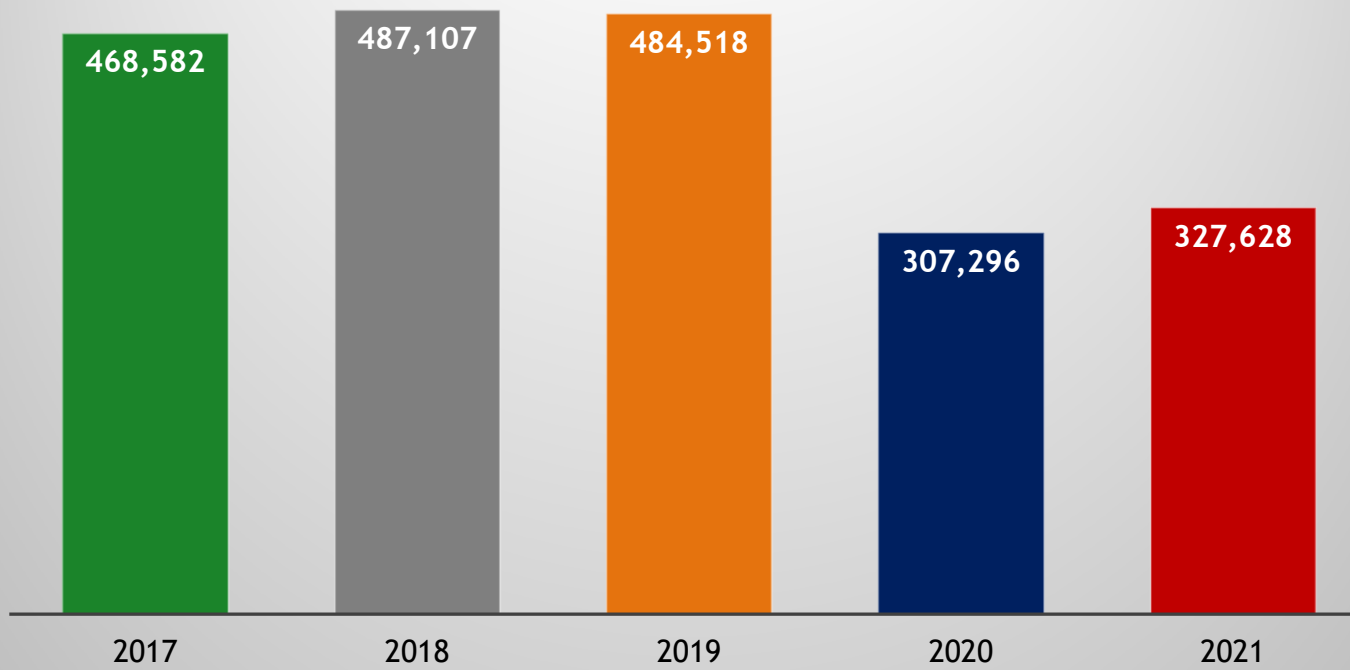
Parking Citation Revenue



Parking Meter Tickets Issued



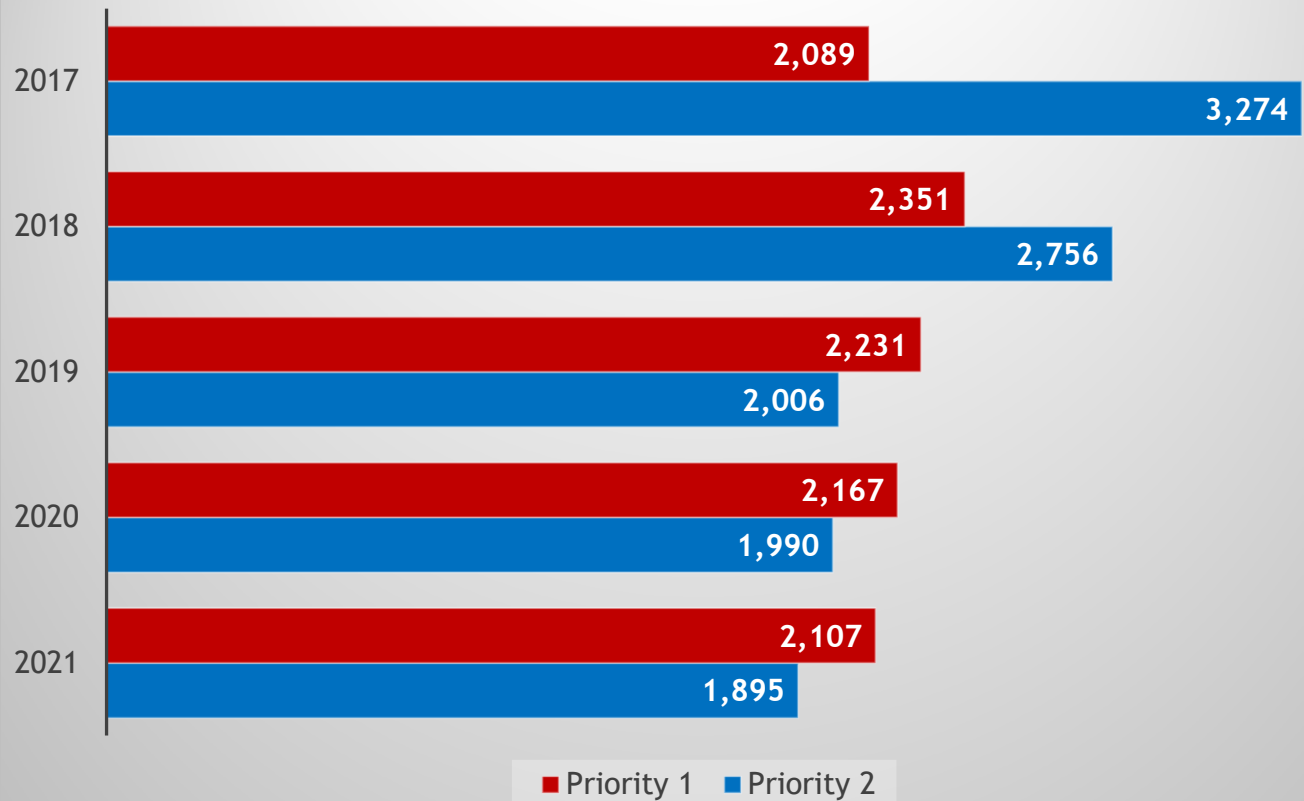
Parking Meter Revenue

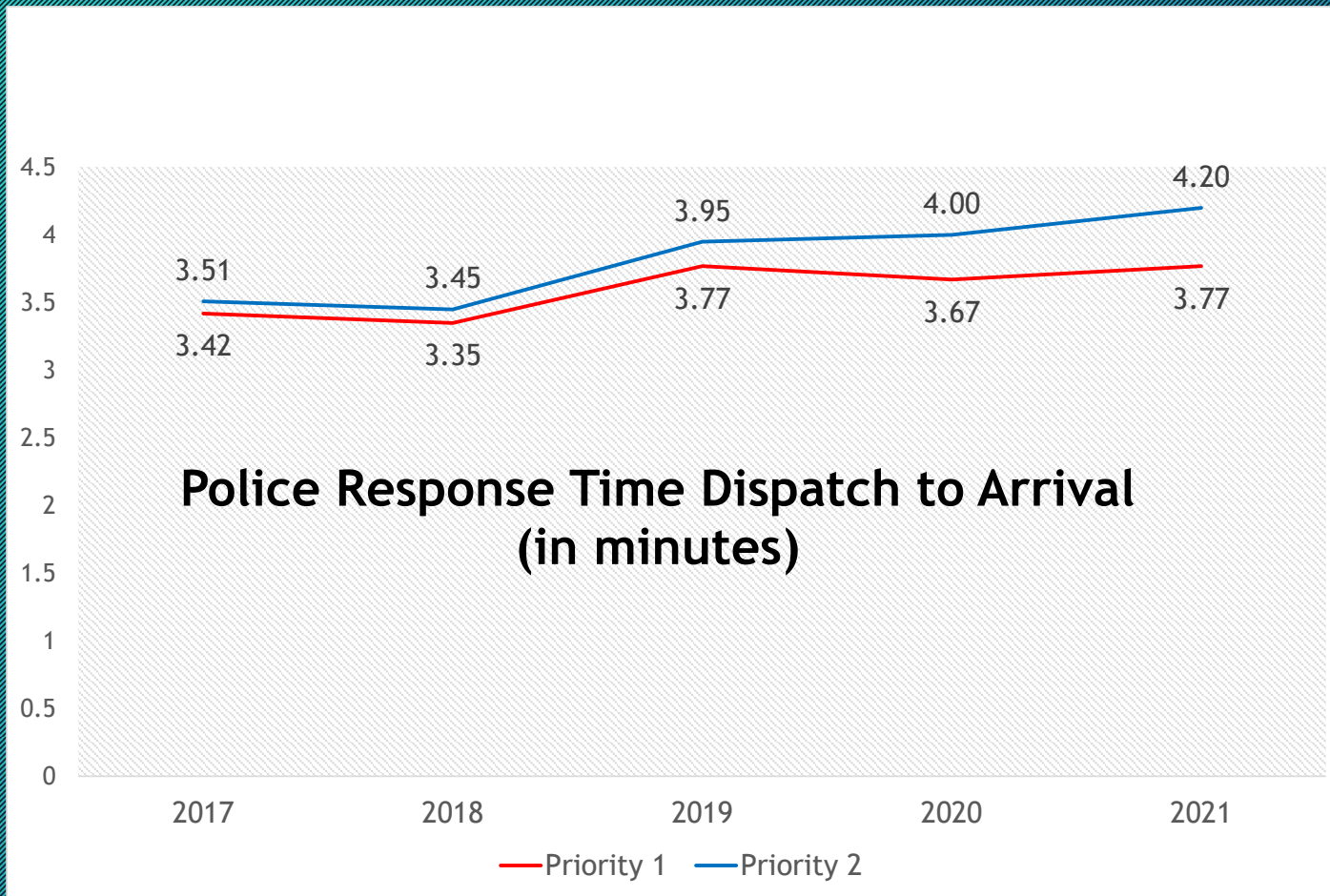


Emergency Dispatch Center

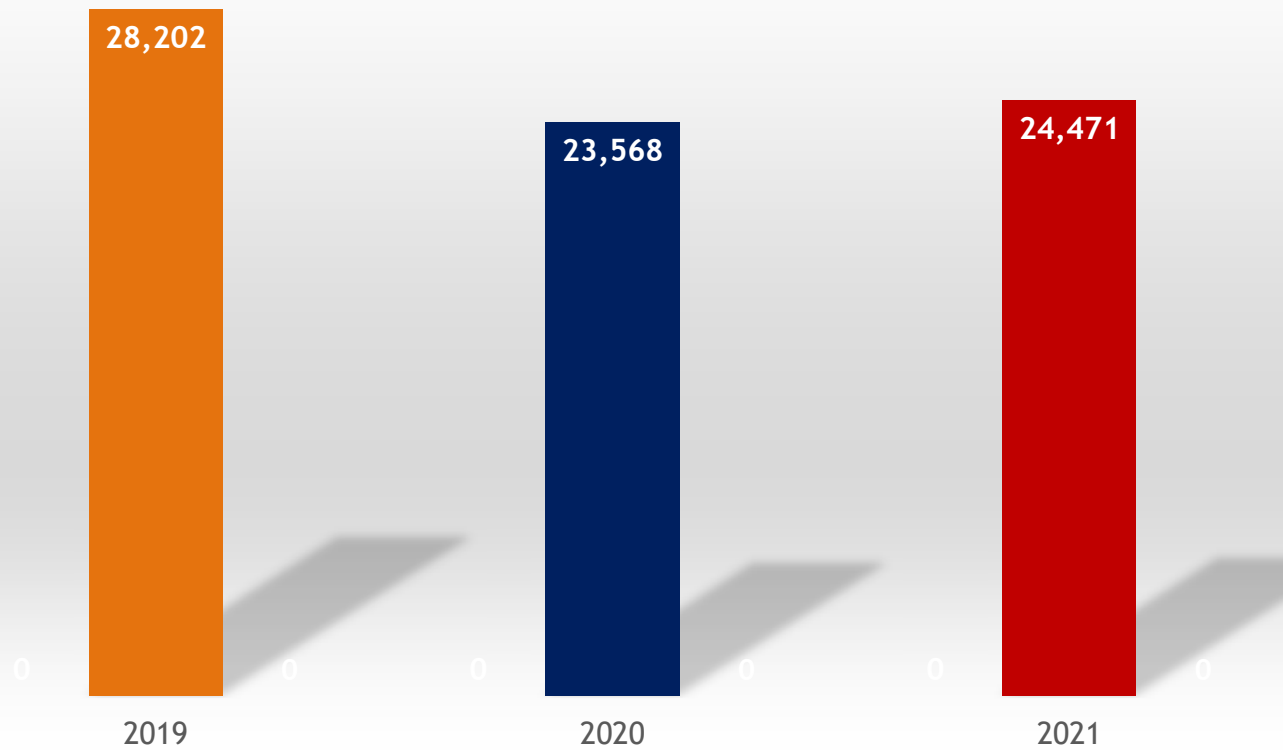
The Lakewood Police Department's Emergency Dispatch Center is staffed 24 hours a day by civilian Dispatchers who have received specialized training in answering calls for assistance from the public for Police, Fire, and EMS services. The Dispatchers determine which public safety forces get sent to a particular call and they gather critical information which is relayed to the responding personnel. Our Dispatch Center provides dedicated service to the citizens of Lakewood (we are not part of a regionalized Dispatch Center).

Total Calls Priority 1 & Priority 2

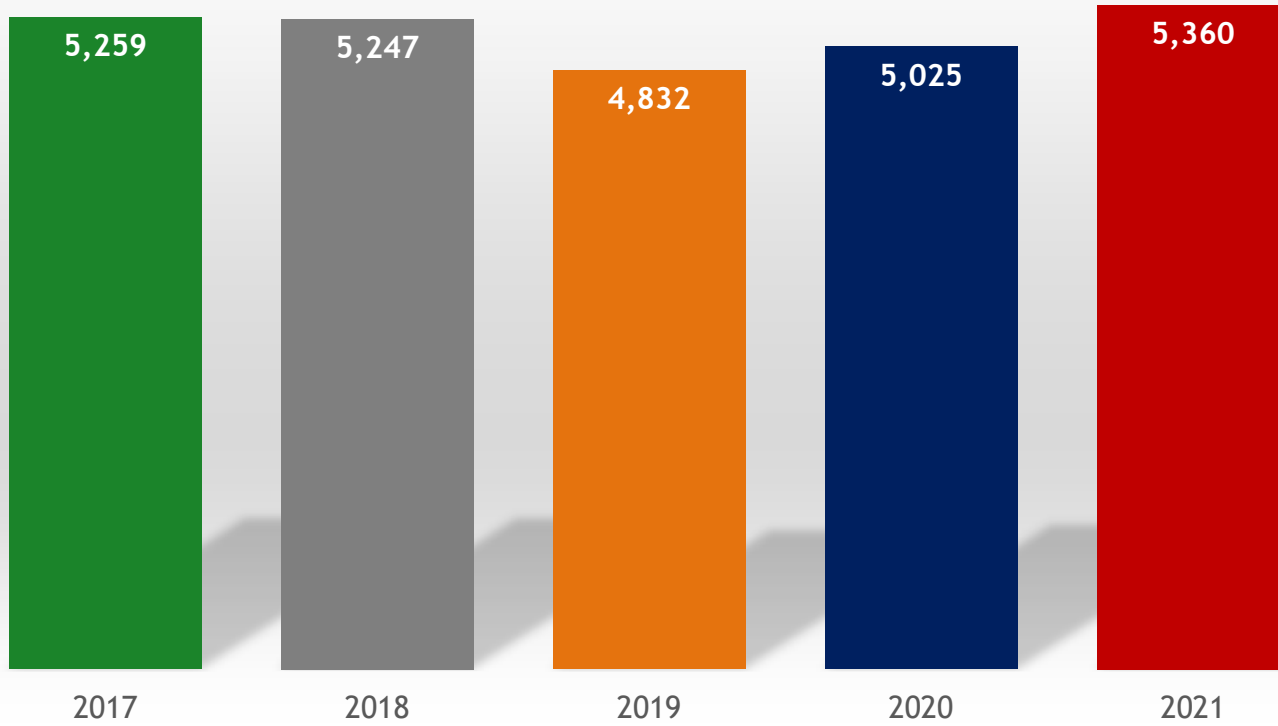




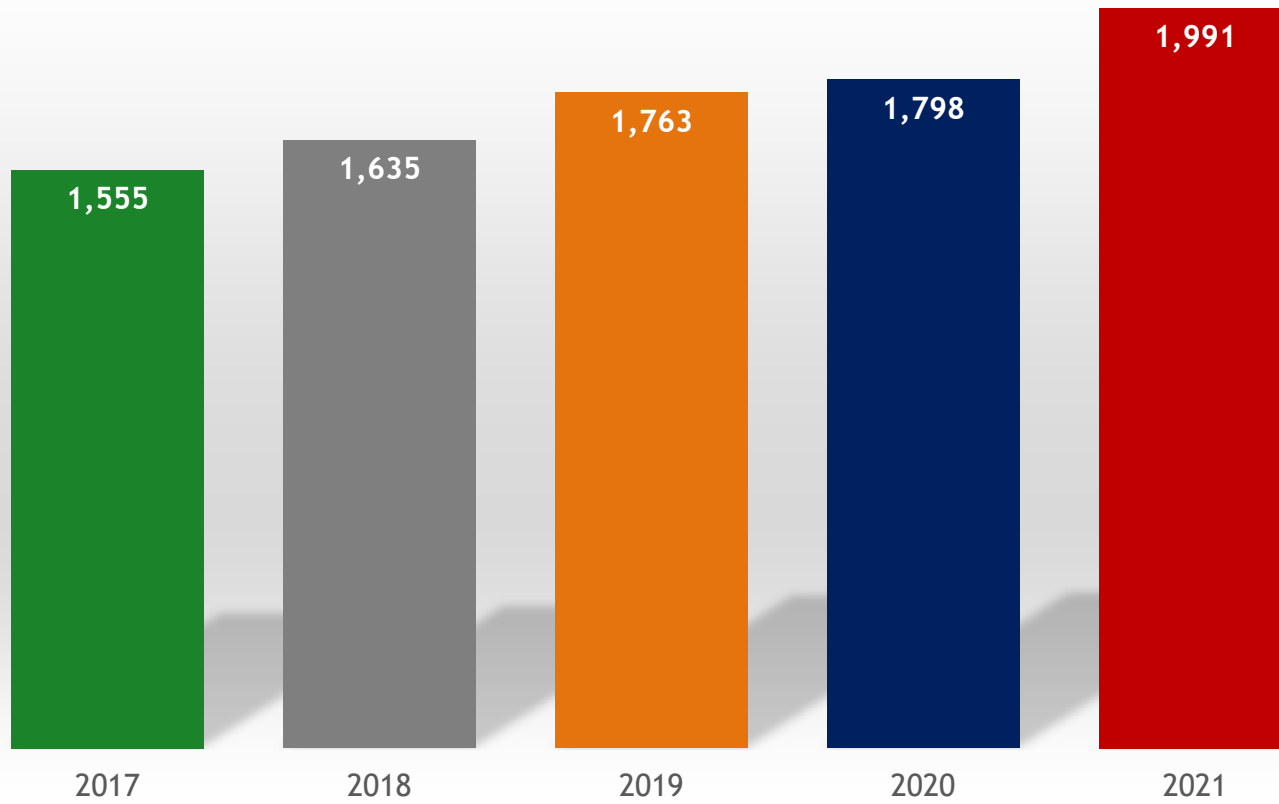
Total Calls for Police



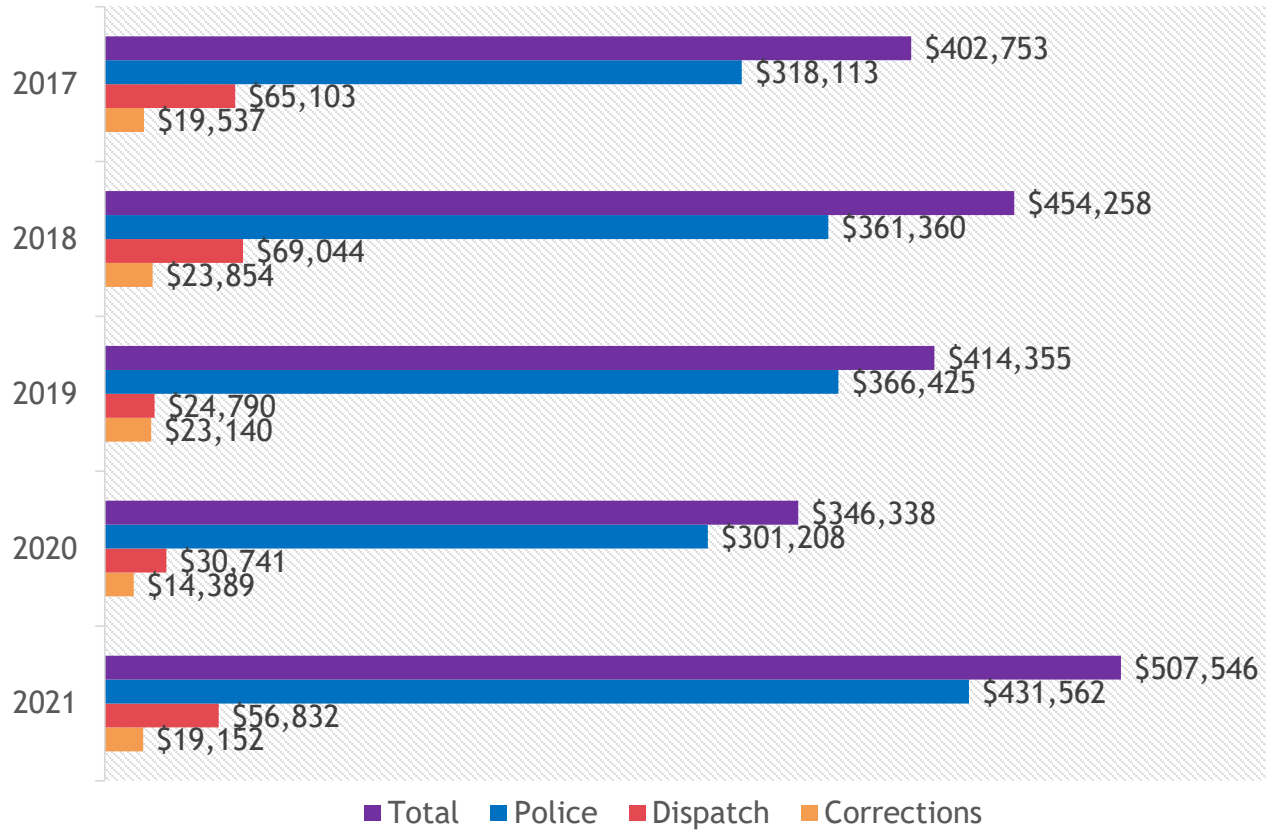
Total Calls for EMS



Total Calls for Fire



Overtime Costs



School Guards

The Lakewood Police Department employs part-time School Guards to cover 29 school crossings throughout the city. These employees work outside, in all types of weather to make certain that the children who walk or ride their bikes to school, arrive there safely each day.

Auxiliary Police Unit

The Lakewood Auxiliary Police Unit's members volunteer their time and talents to assist the Lakewood Police Department at public events and in emergency conditions. Auxiliary Police Officers are also able to "ride along" with our sworn officers on patrol.