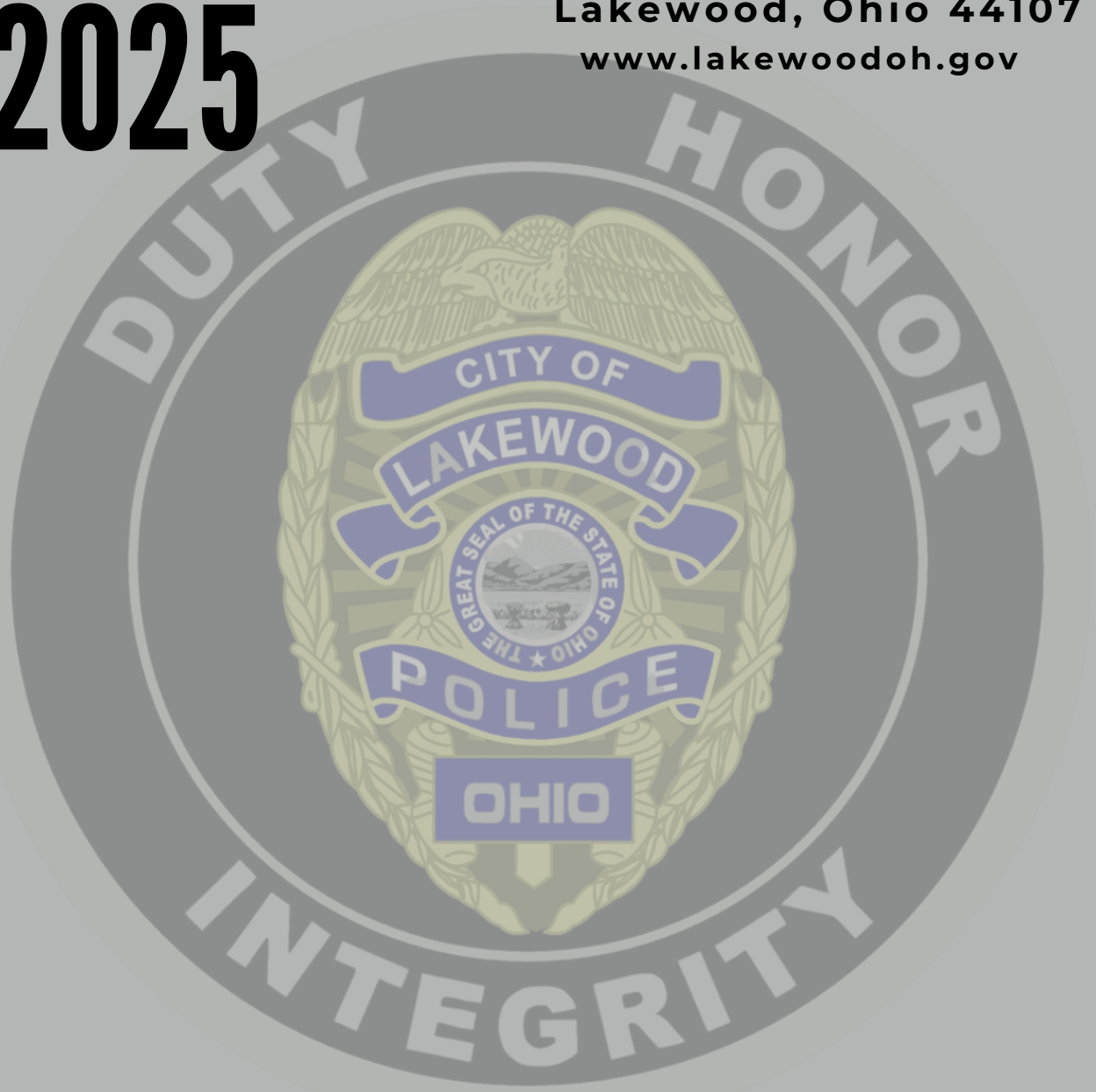


ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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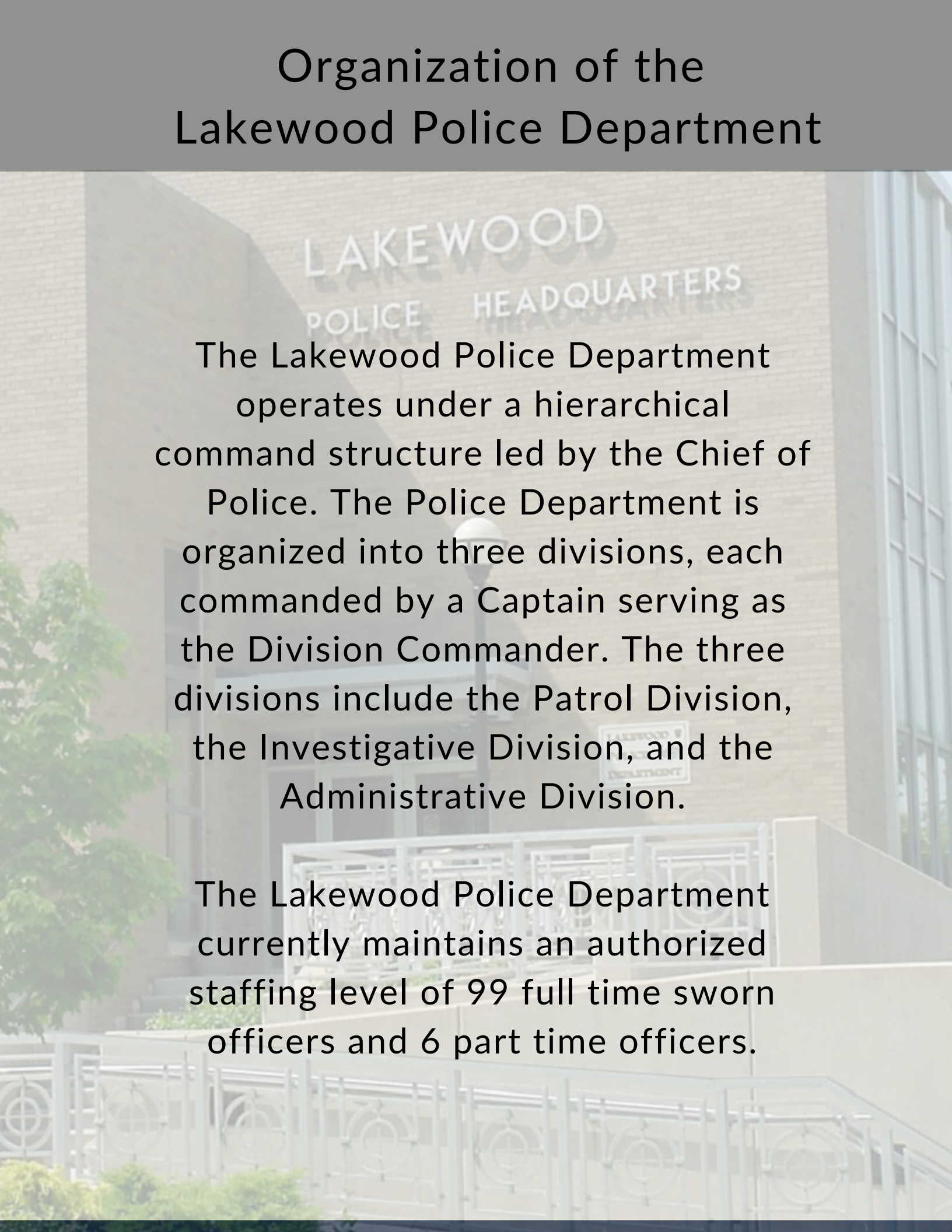
MISSION STATEMENT



It is the mission of the Lakewood Police Department to safeguard the lives and property of the people we serve, to reduce the incidence, and fear of crime, and to enhance public safety while working with the diverse communities to improve their quality of life. Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence.



Organization of the Lakewood Police Department

The background of the slide is a photograph of the Lakewood Police Headquarters. The building is a multi-story brick structure with large windows. A sign on the building reads "LAKEWOOD POLICE HEADQUARTERS". In the foreground, there is a metal fence with circular patterns and some greenery.

The Lakewood Police Department operates under a hierarchical command structure led by the Chief of Police. The Police Department is organized into three divisions, each commanded by a Captain serving as the Division Commander. The three divisions include the Patrol Division, the Investigative Division, and the Administrative Division.

The Lakewood Police Department currently maintains an authorized staffing level of 99 full time sworn officers and 6 part time officers.

Patrol Division

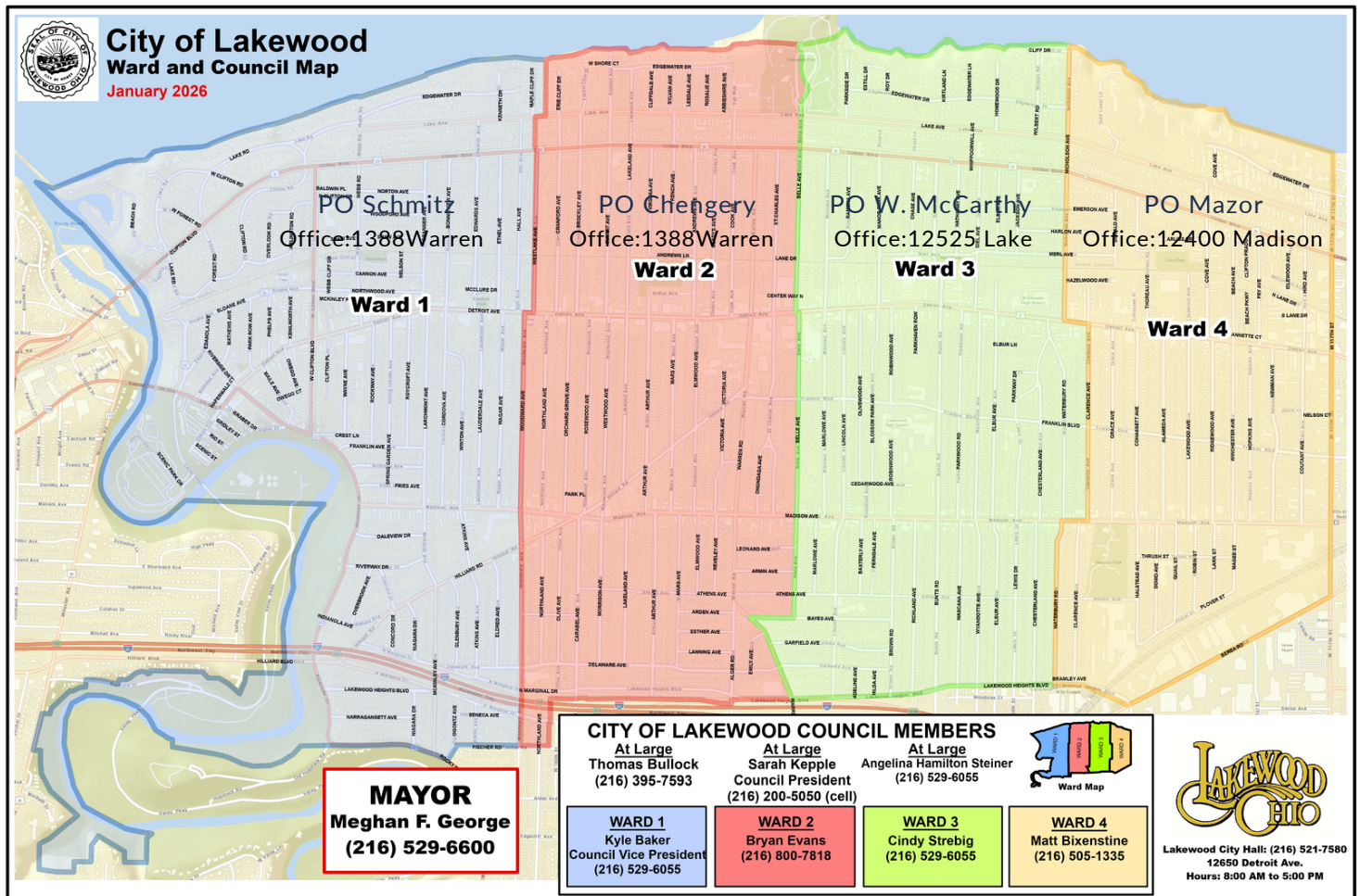


The Patrol Division is the largest division in the police department and is commonly referred to as the Uniform Division. This Division consists of officers who wear standard police uniforms and conducts routine patrol operations throughout the city in marked police vehicles. Patrol officers are primarily responsible for responding to emergency calls, citizens complaints, and crimes in progress. In addition , they are tasked with enforcing criminal and traffic laws. The Special Operations Unit operates within the Patrol Division.

Patrol Shifts

Officers assigned to the Patrol Division work twelve-hour shifts. The division operates on both Day Shift and Night Shift schedules, each supervised by a Shift Lieutenant. Each shift is further divided into two platoons, with two Sergeants assigned to supervise each platoon. Lieutenants and Sergeants provide leadership, supervision , and operational support to officers during their assigned shifts and platoons.

Special Operations Unit



The Special Operations Unit consists of our in-house training unit, our Neighborhood Police Officers, our DARE/School Resource Officers, Uniformed Technology Officer, and our Part Time Officers. These officers typically work eight hour shifts and are supervised by the Special Operations Unit Sergeant and Lieutenant.

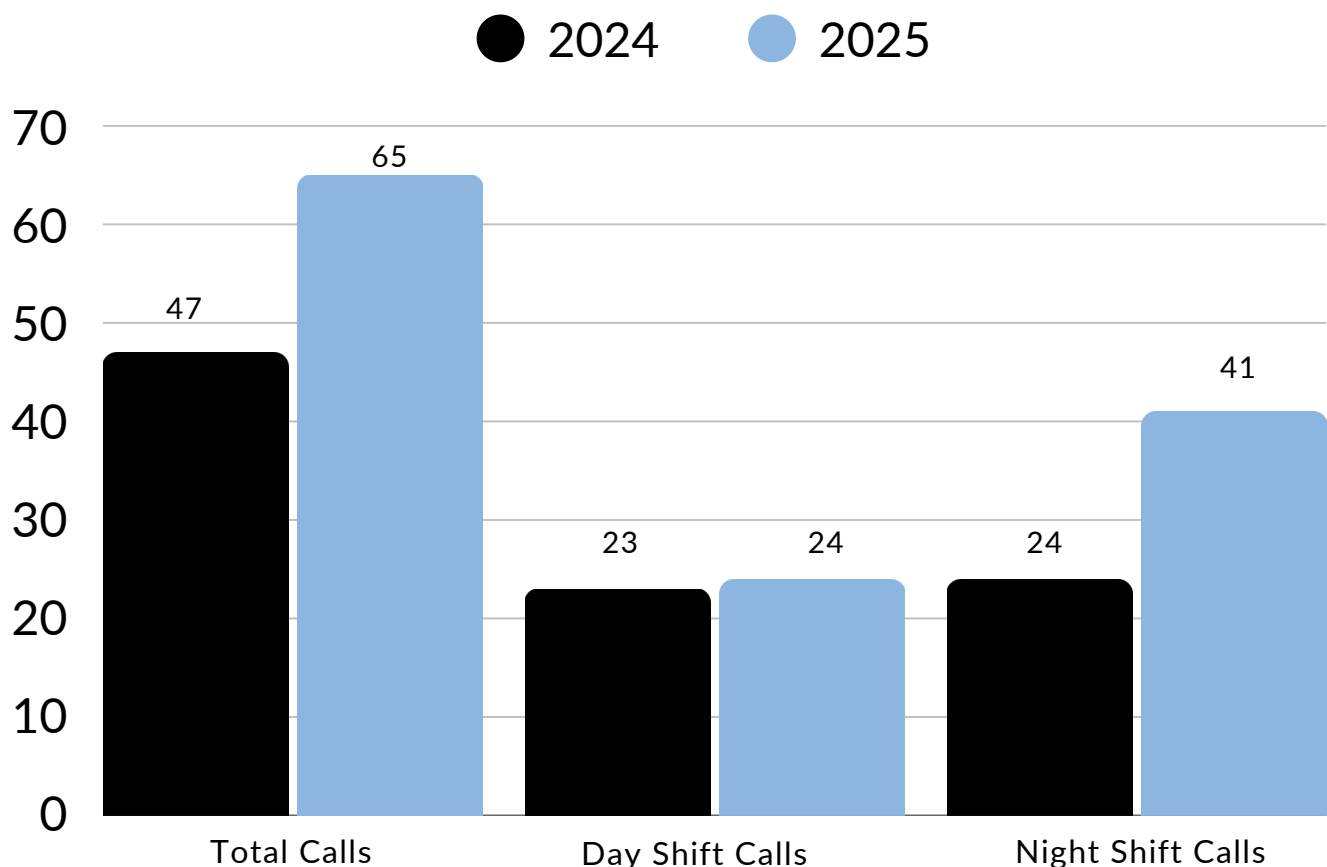
Training Unit

Our inhouse Training Unit enables the Lakewood Police Department to deliver training to all of our employees in a cost efficient manner. The training unit generally puts together and conducts quarterly in-service training each year. This 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 complete the mandated 24 hours of continued professional training required by the Ohio Police Officers Training Association (OPOTA). Our officers attend specialized training throughout Ohio and other nearby states.

In 2025, 130 employees received 9804.85 hours of training, averaging approximately 75 hours per person.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

The Lakewood Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team responds to the 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.



LAKEWOOD PD CIT OFFICER ROSTER

Sgt. Mance (CIT Coordinator) – A Nights

Chief Fischer

Lt. Minter – Narcotics

Lt. Deucher – Special Operations

Lt. McNeeley – Dayshift Patrol

Sgt. Acklin – Special Operations

Sgt. Bunner – B Nights

Det. Leanza – Detective Bureau

Inv. Krems – Special Ops

Inv. Drake – A Nights

Inv. Keenan – A Days

Ptl. Thibodeaux – A Days

Ptl. D. McCarthy – B Days

Det. Winters – Detective Bureau

Ptl. Betts – Special Ops

Ptl. Costanzo – B Days

Ptl. Rovito – B Days

Ptl. Hokin – A Nights

Ptl. Dulik – A Nights

Ptl. Torres – A Nights

Ptl. Williams – A Nights

Ptl. Vega – B Nights

Ptl. Dascani – B Nights

Ptl. Mullen – B Nights

Det. Zuk – Narcotics

Inv. Wiles – A Days

Ptl. Schmitz – Special Ops

Inv. Summerville – B Days

Ptl. W. McCarthy – Special Ops

Ptl. Jameson – Special Ops

Det. Clark – Detective Bureau

Ptl. Maher – B Nights

Ptl. Johnson – B Nights

Ptl. Hannaman – A Days

Inv. Ivanovic – B Nights

Disp. Todten – A Nights

Disp. Lavery – A Nights

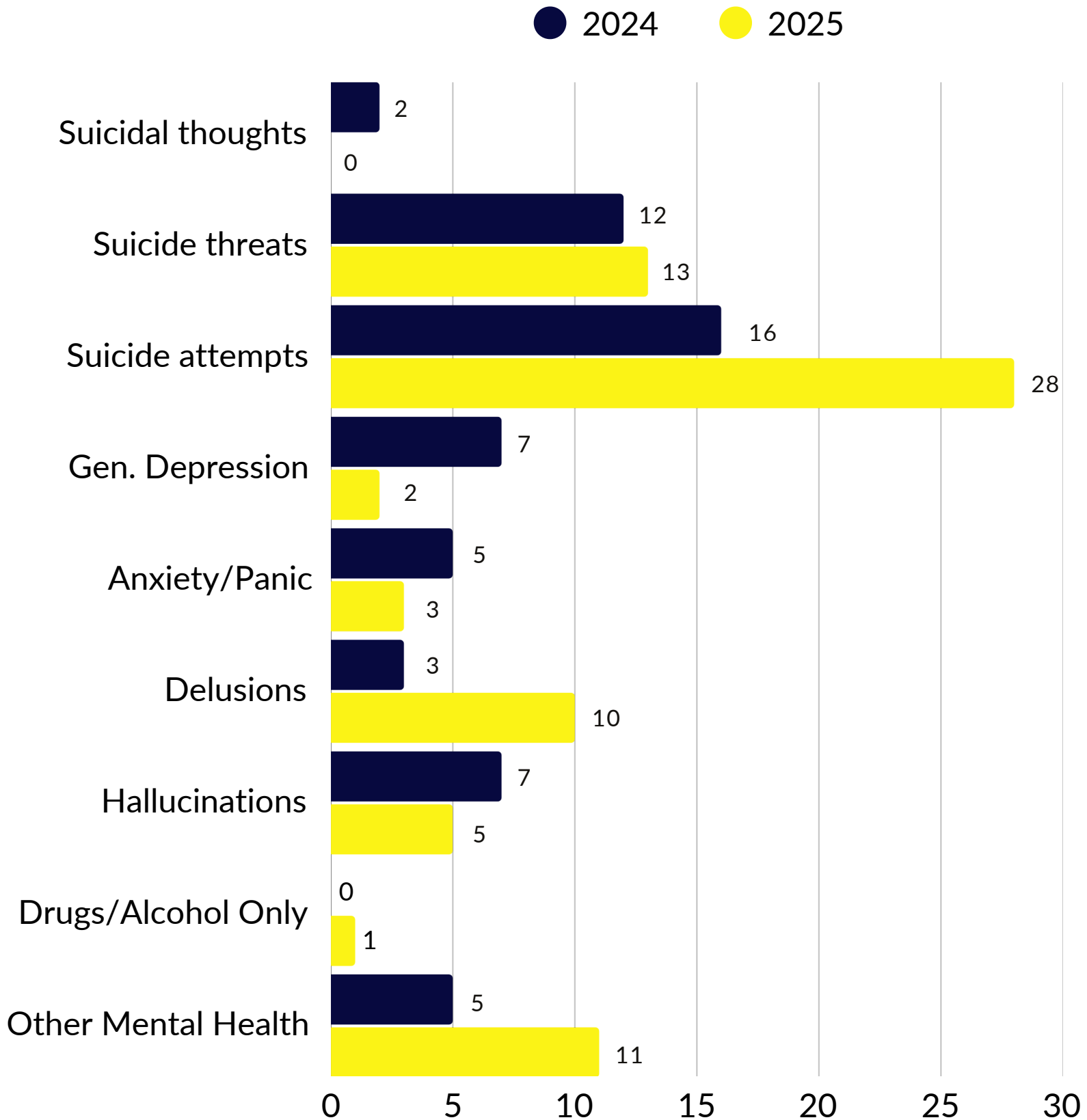
Disp. Cooney – B Nights

Disp. Florjancic – B Days

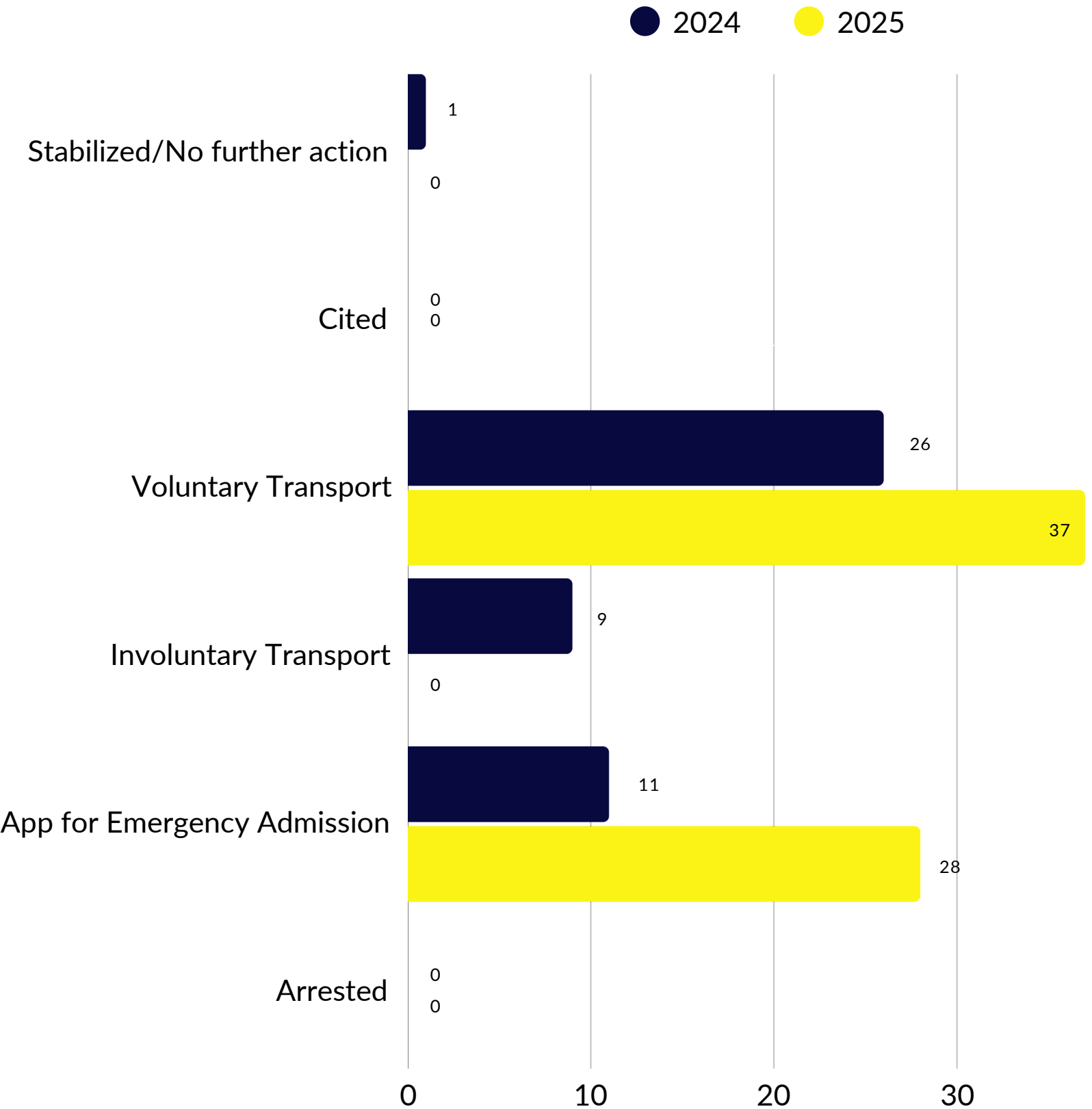
Ptl. Mistretta – A Days

Ptl. Scarlato – B Nights

CIT Calls By Type



Disposition of CIT Calls



Investigative Division

The Investigative Division is also referred to as the Detective Bureau. There are fourteen detectives. Ten are assigned as general duty detectives that have specialties in financial crimes, juvenile/sex crimes, family crimes, arson, and violent crimes. There are four detectives in the narcotics/vice unit. They deal with drug cases, overdoses, and prostitution cases.

Investigative Division personnel work eight-hour shifts, rotating between day shift and afternoon shift. One sergeant is assigned to oversee both shifts.



Investigative Division

2024 Statistics

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PCT(%)
Reports Reviewed	2007	100
Reports assigned for follow up	1443	72
Reports with no follow up to conduct	532	27
REPORT CLEARANCE METHOD		
Cleared by arrest	424	29
Expectionally cleared	128	9
Victim refused prosecution	1	0
Record only	53	4
Filed pending further leads	196	14
No further action	107	7
Pending warrant arrest	0	0
Unfounded	8	0
Open	461	23

Investigative Division

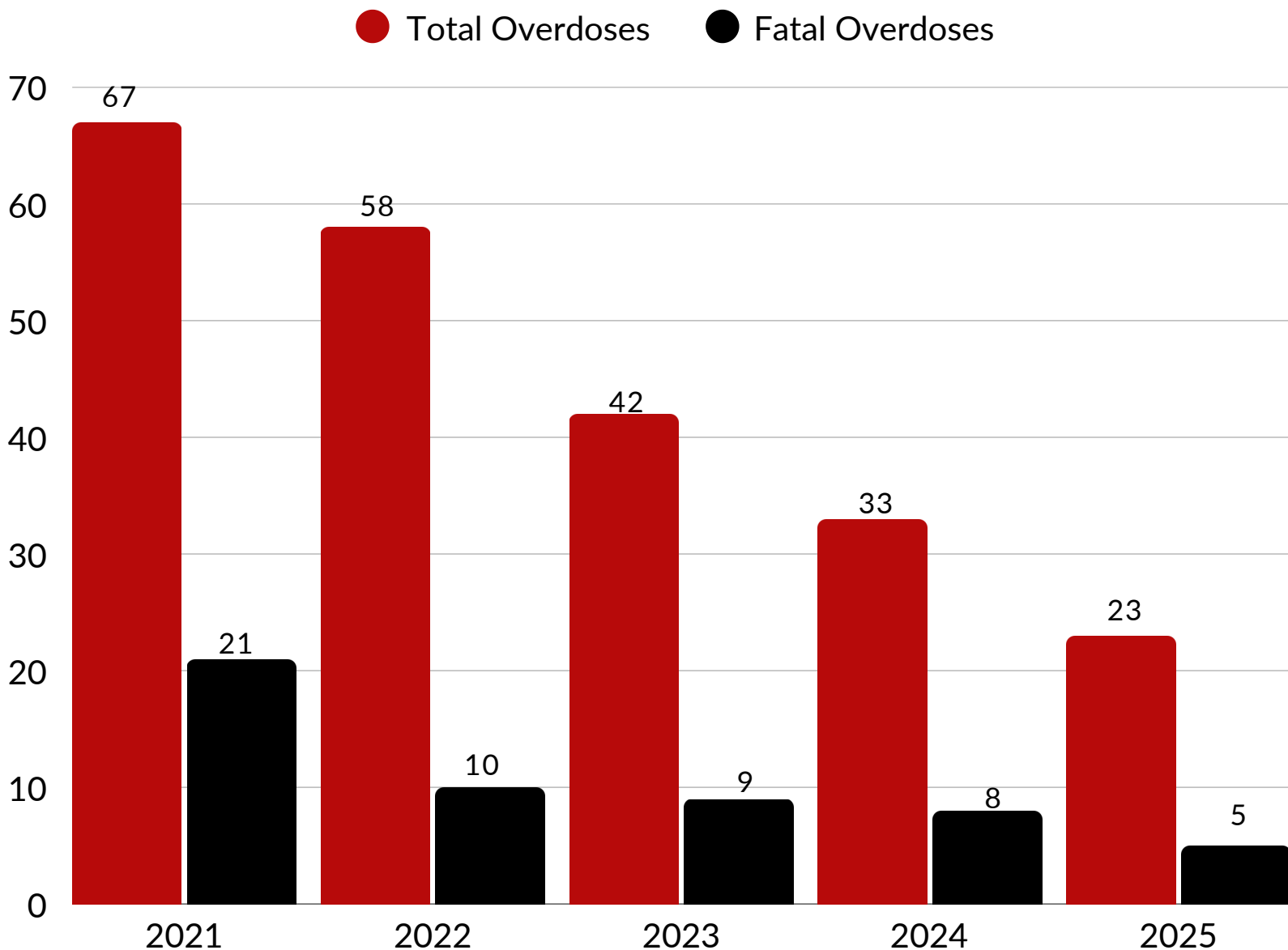
2025 Statistics

CATEGORY	TOTAL	PCT(%)
Reports Reviewed	1594	100
Reports assigned for follow up	1331	84
Reports with no follow up to conduct	262	16
Persons processed	163	
REPORT CLEARANCE METHOD		
Cleared by arrest	436	33
Exceptionally cleared	132	10
Victim refused prosecution	1	0
Record only	54	4
Filed pending further leads	126	9
No further action	137	10
Pending warrant arrest	4	0
Unfounded	5	0
Open	364	23

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 police officers of the Lakewood Police Department are issued and trained to administer the lifesaving drug Narcan to those that overdose on opiates.



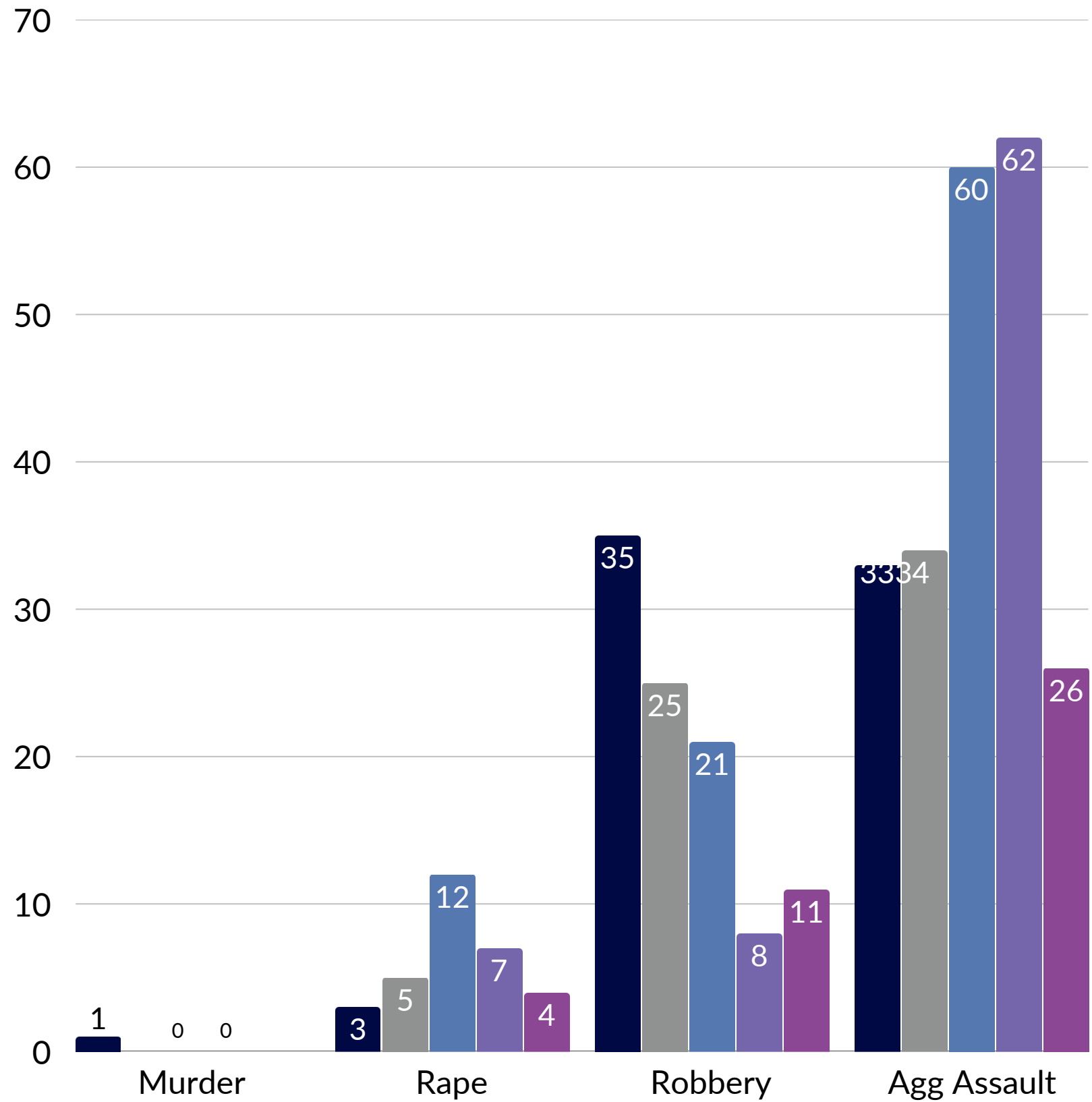
Crime Statistics

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

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

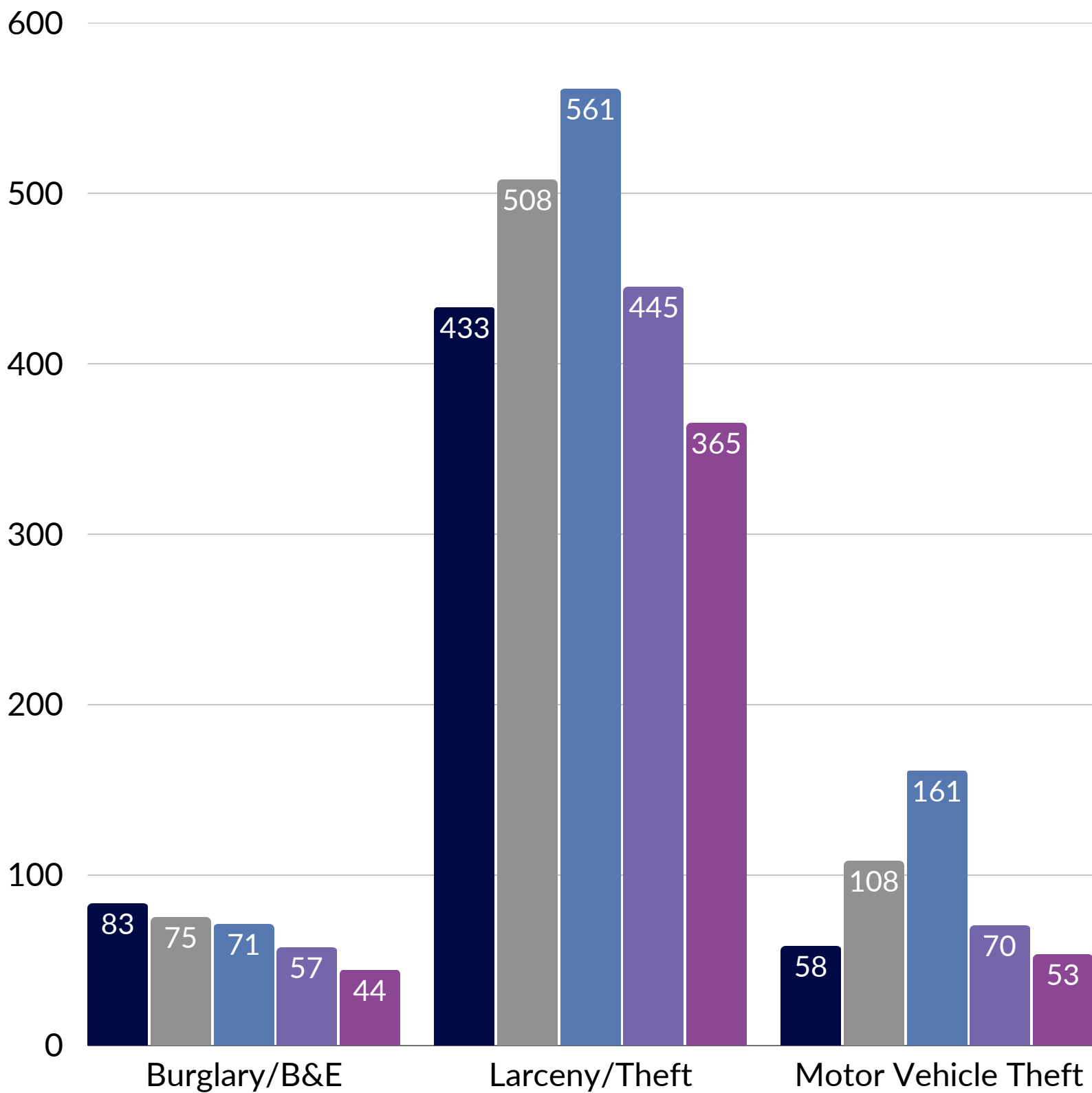
Violent Crime Total

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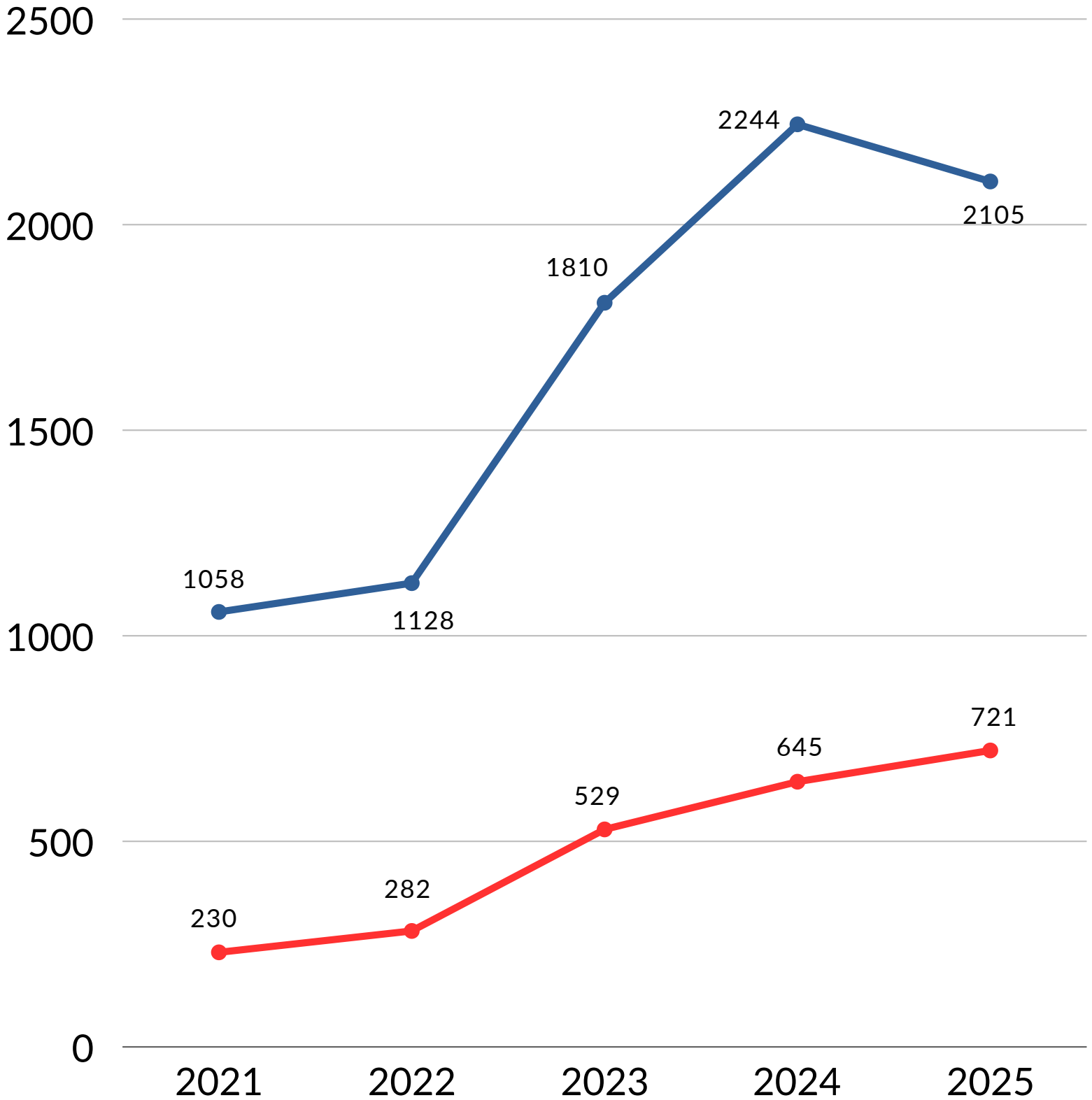
Property Crime Total

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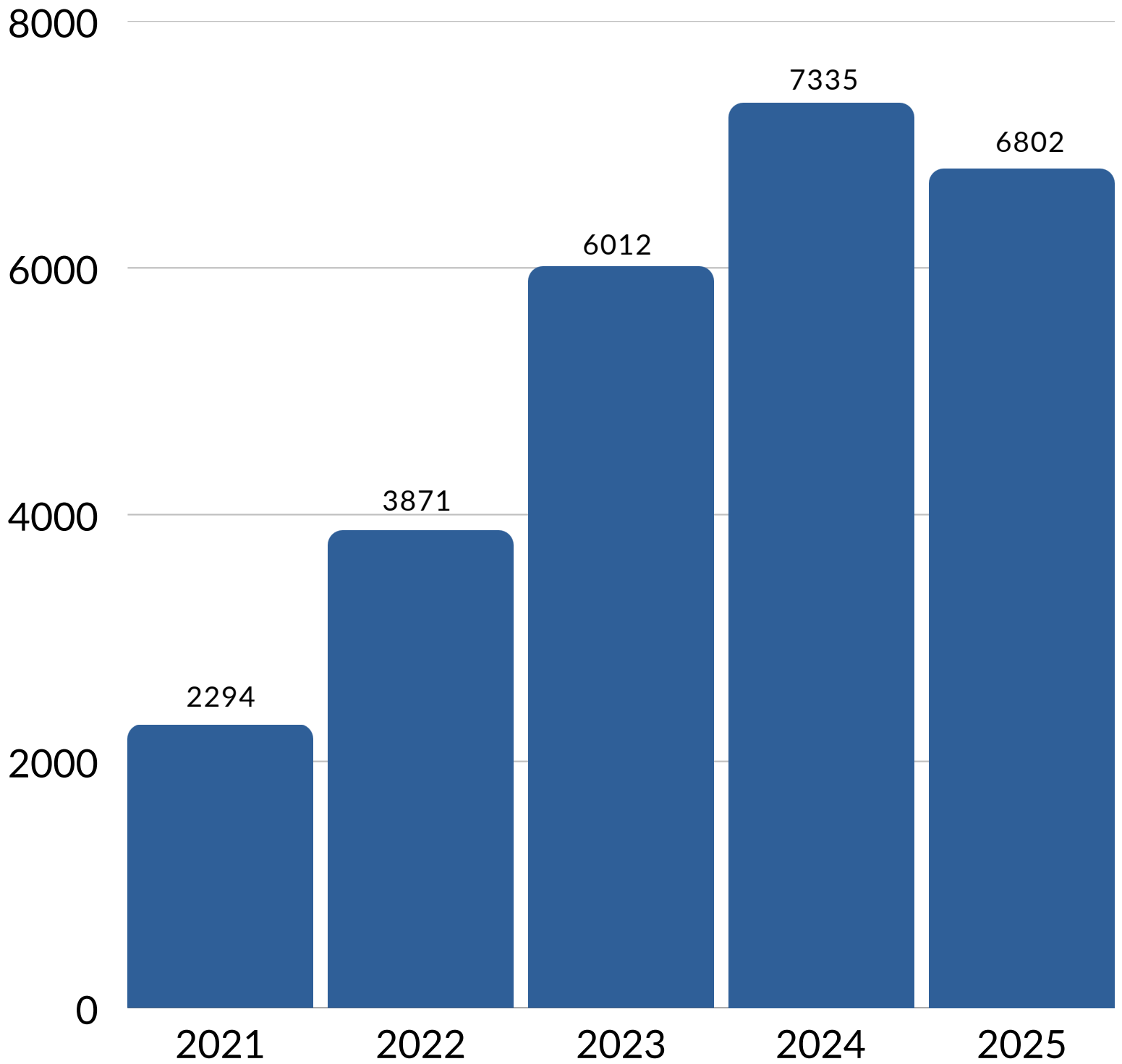


Arrests

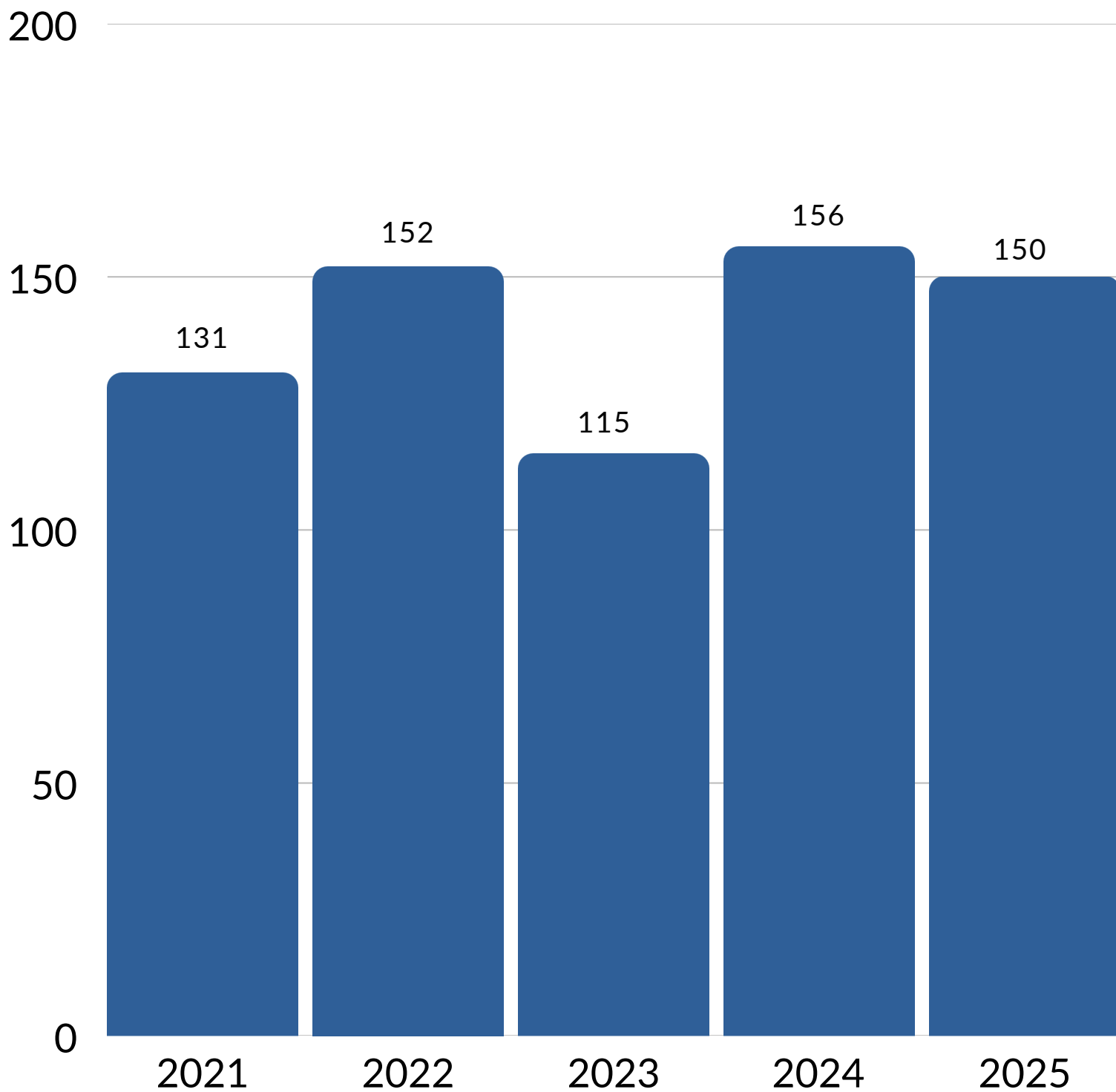
● Felony Arrests ● Misdemeanor Arrests



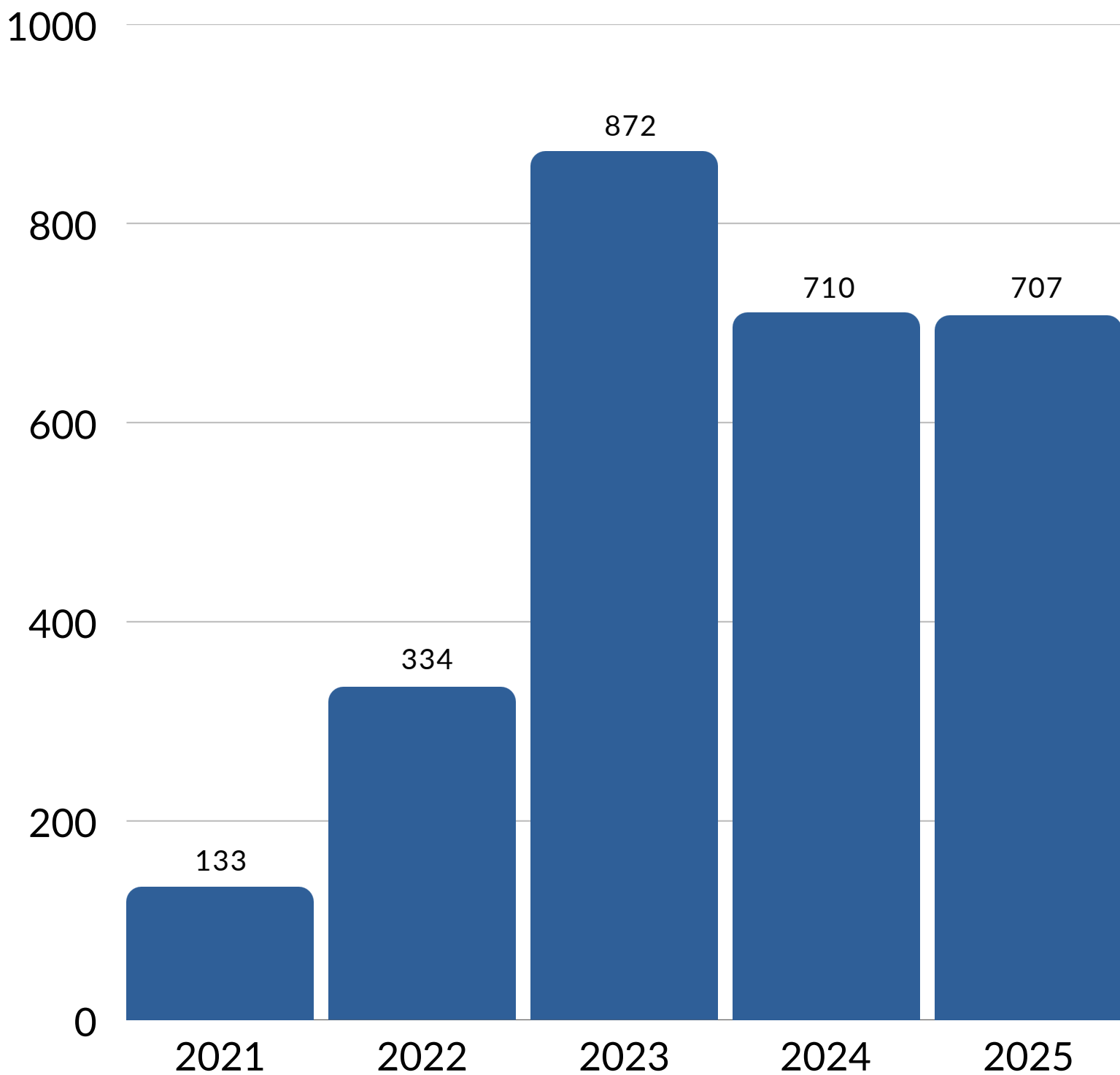
Traffic Arrests



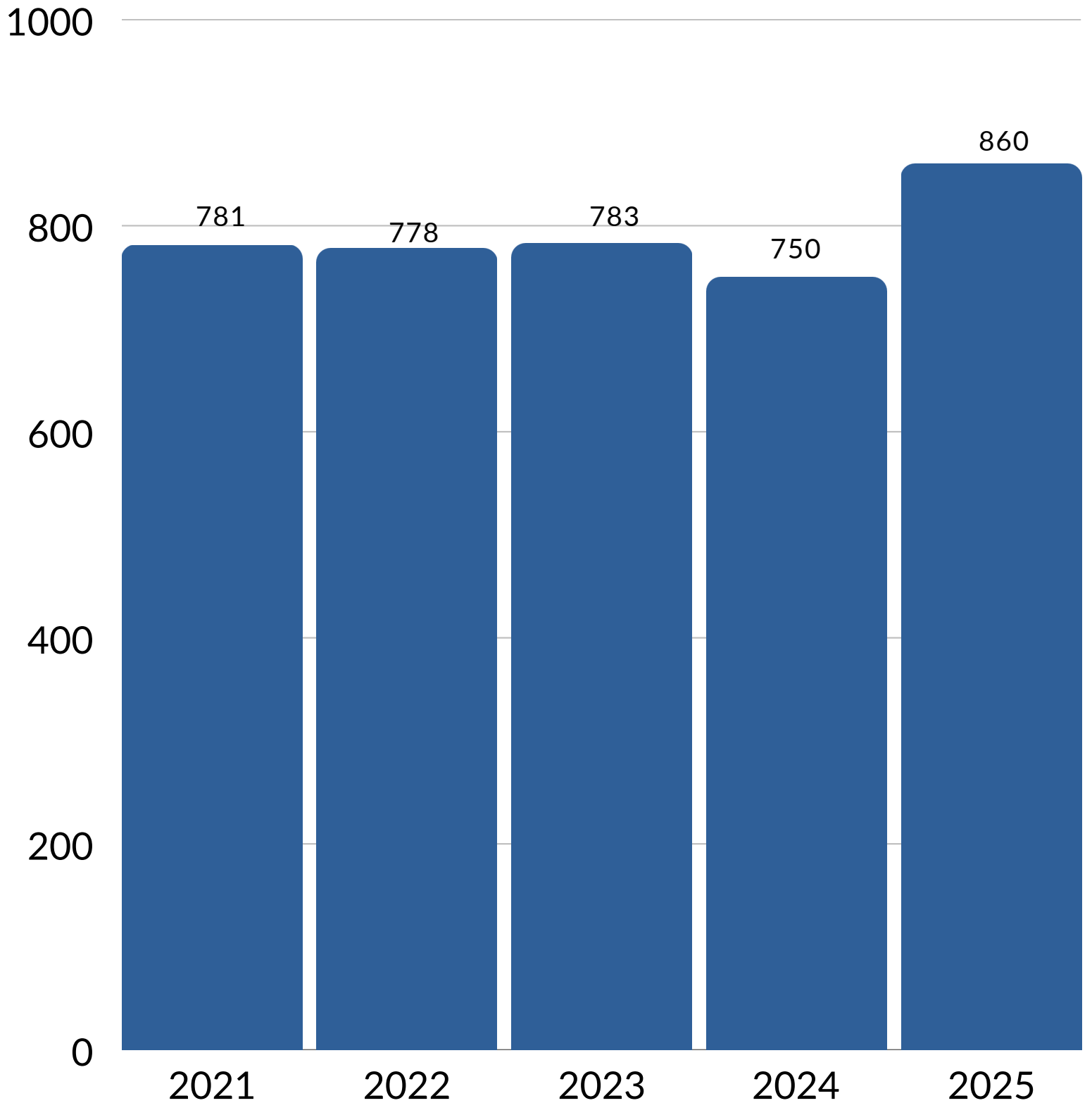
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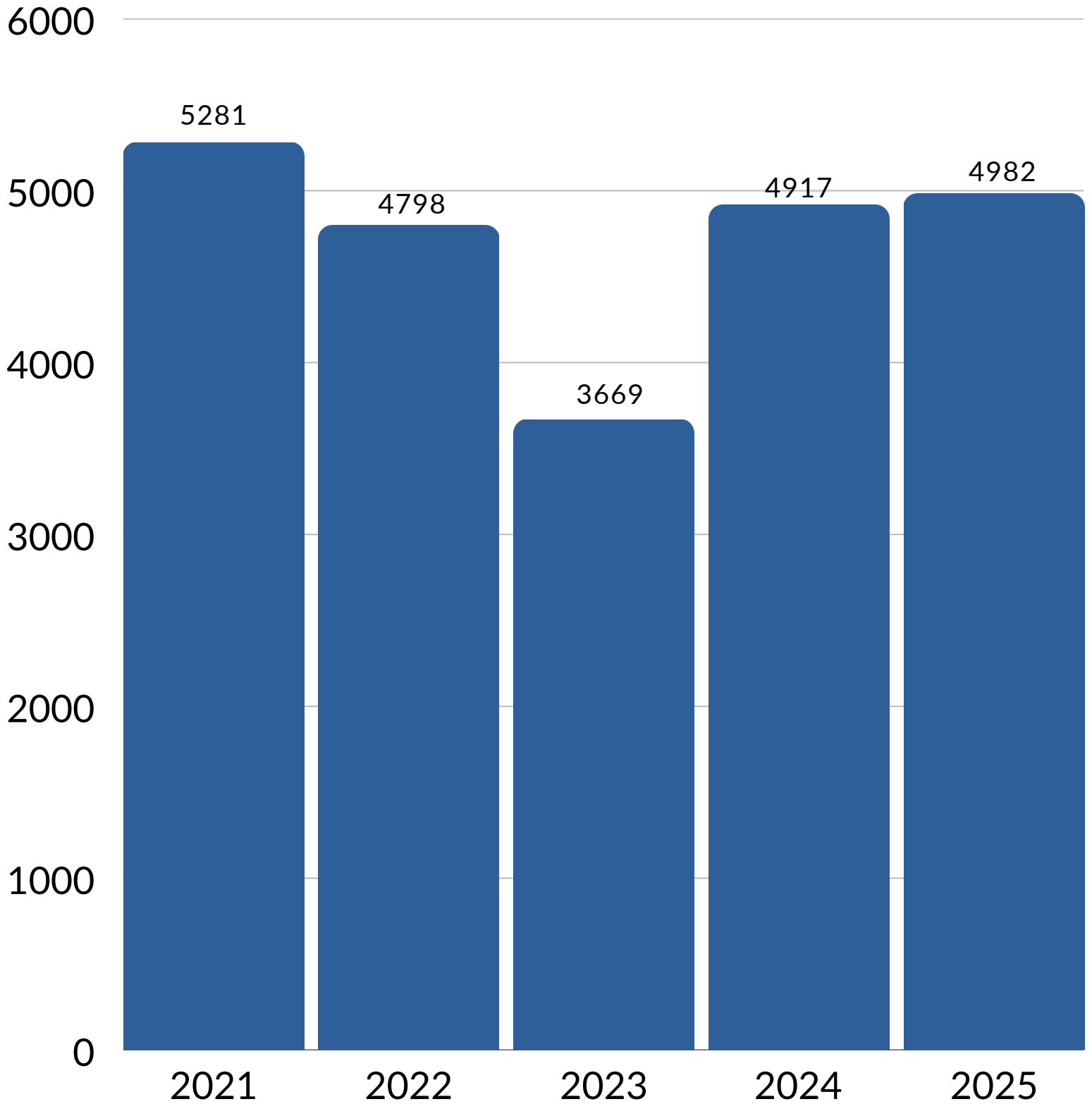
Radar Citations



Traffic Crash Reports



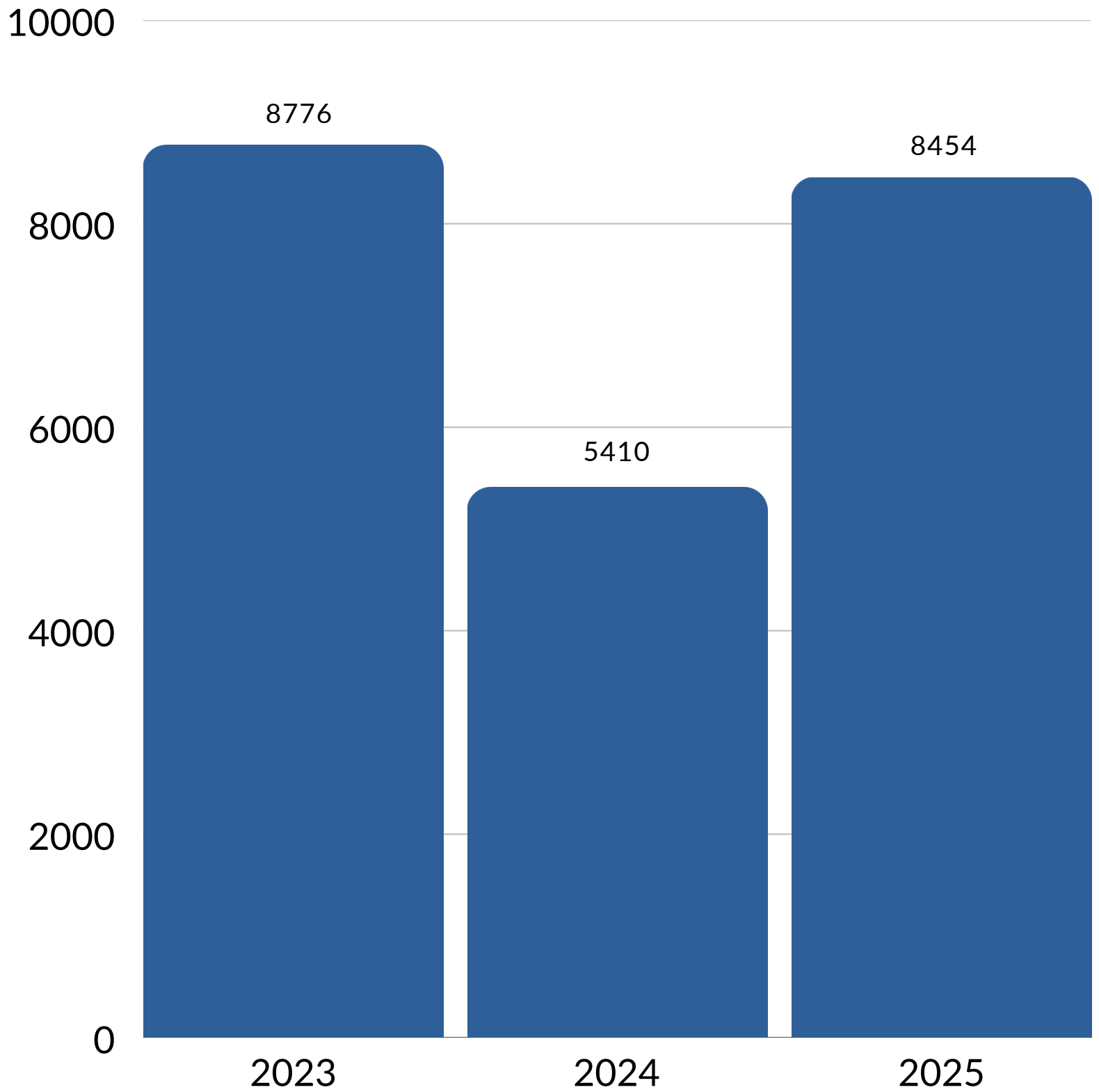
Parking Tickets (Non Meter)



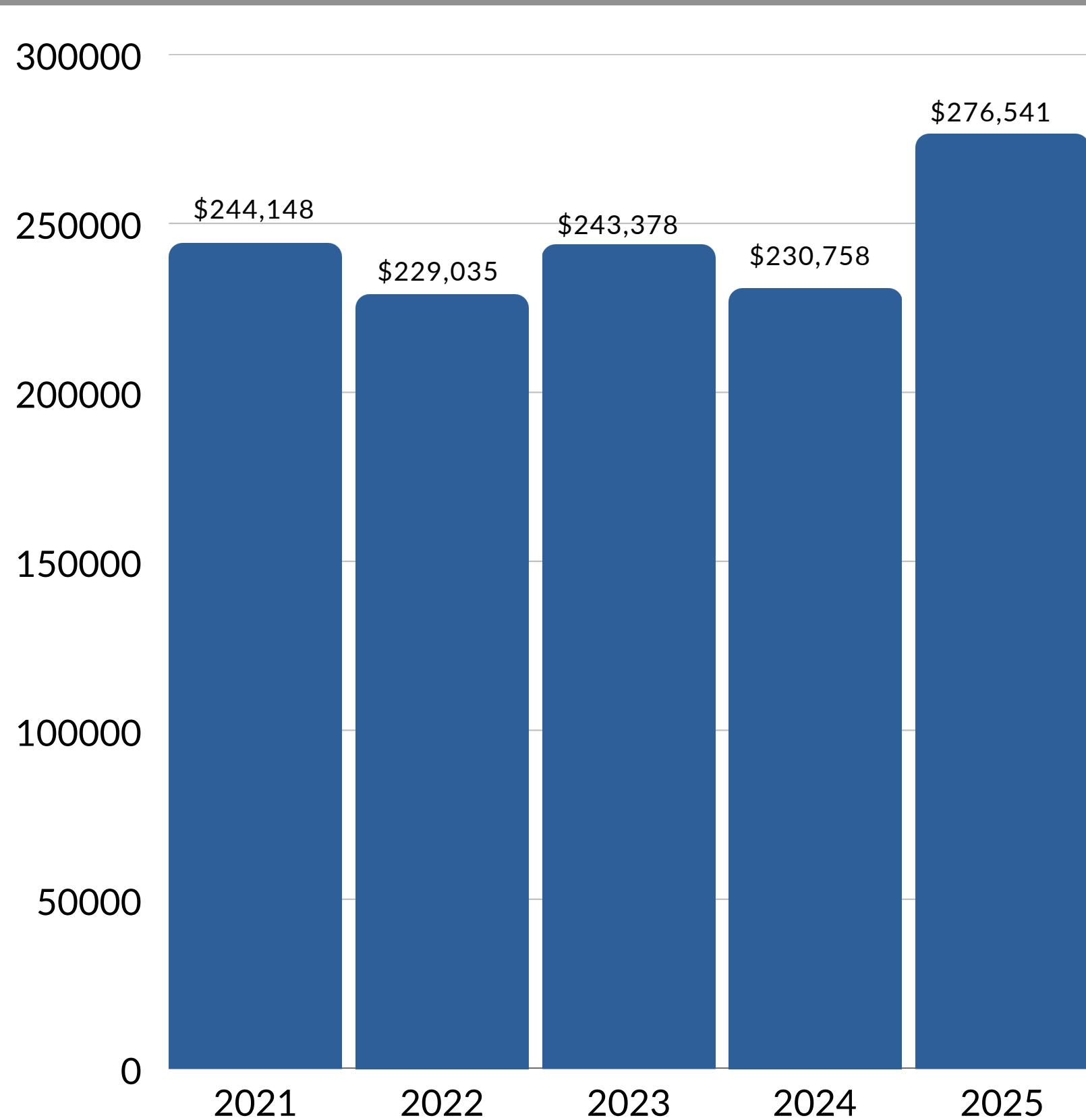
Parking Enforcement Unit

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.

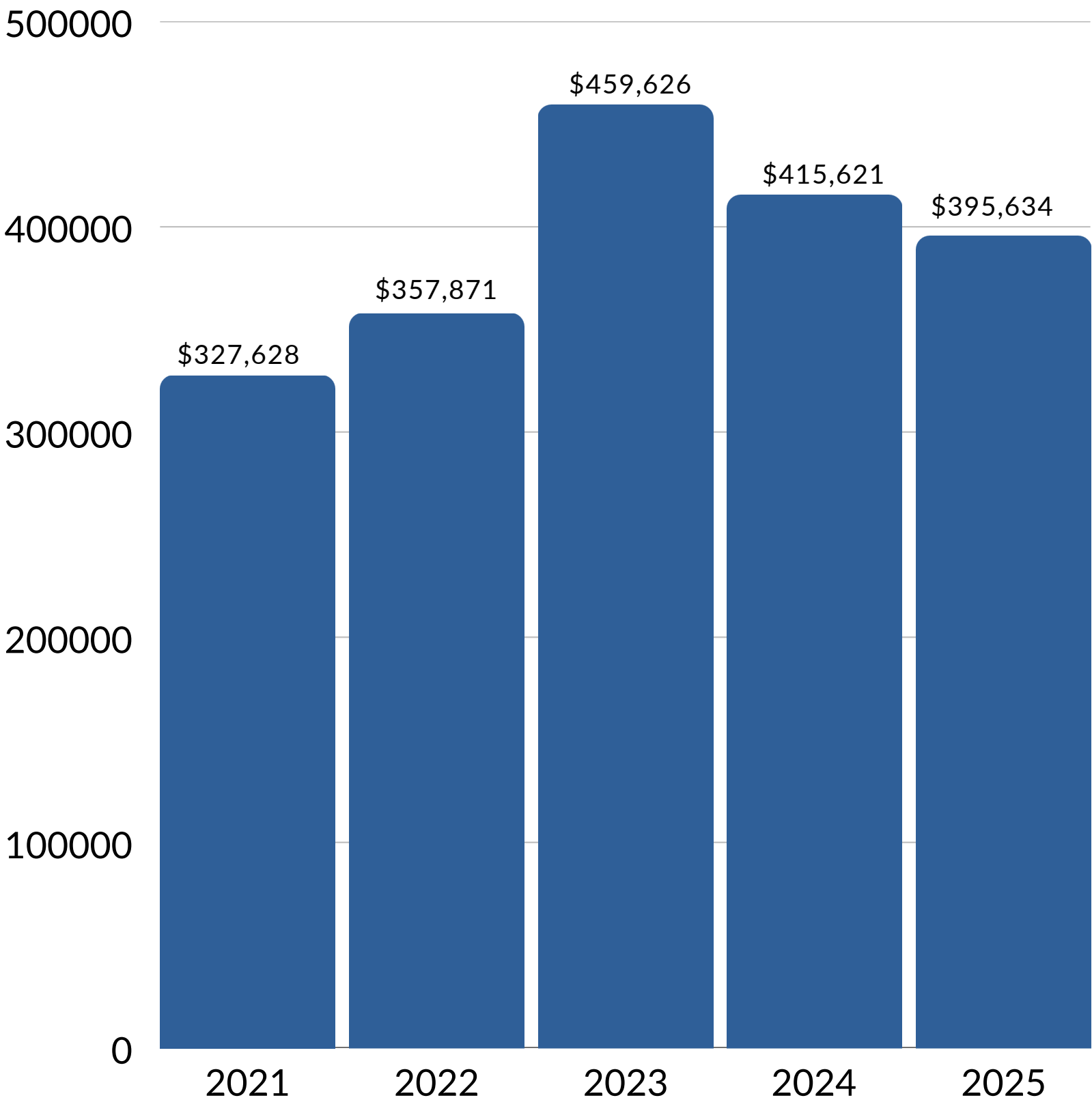
Parking Tickets (Meter)



Parking Citation Revenue



Parking Meter Citation Revenue (to include parking permits)



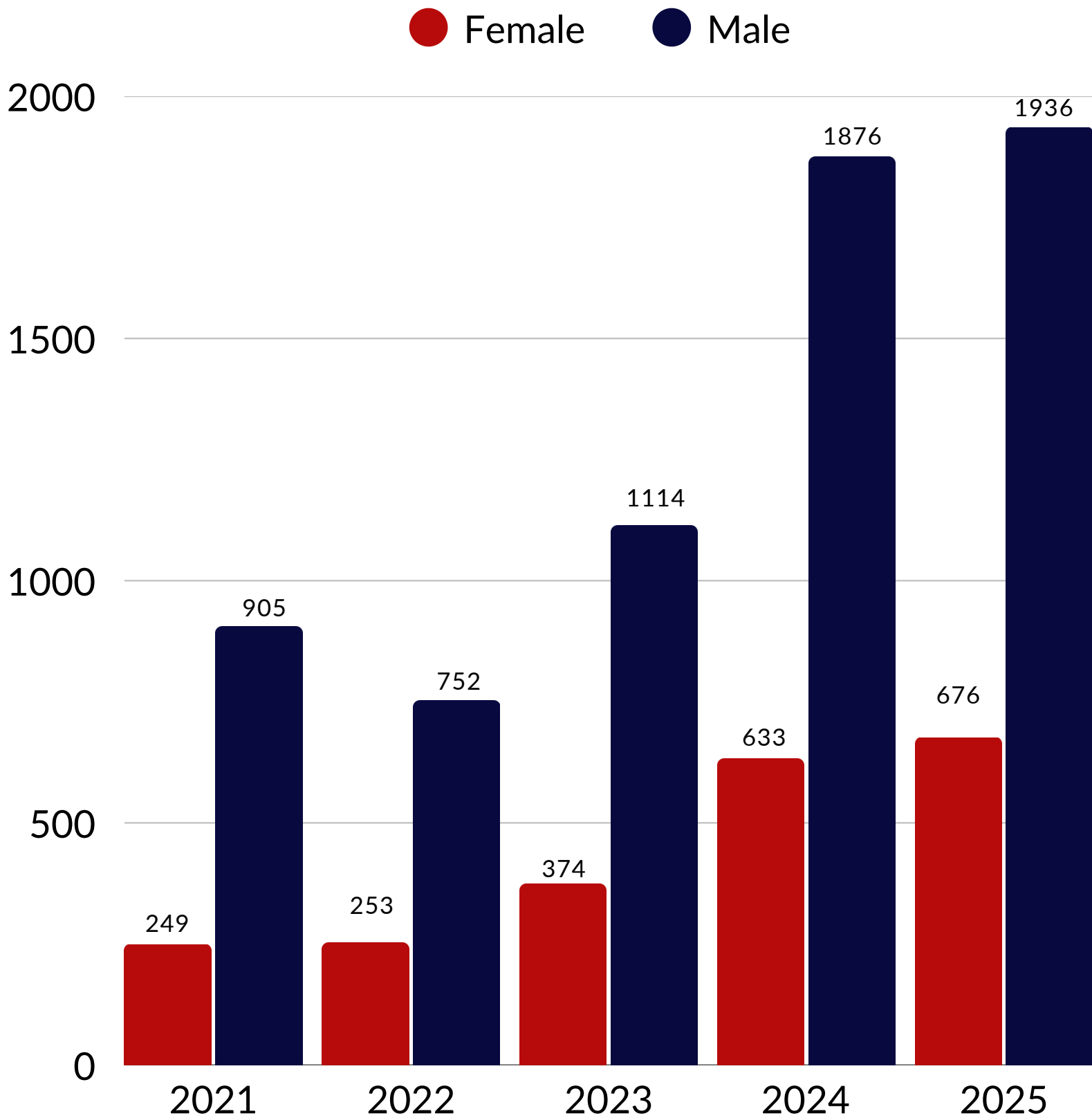
Administrative Division

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

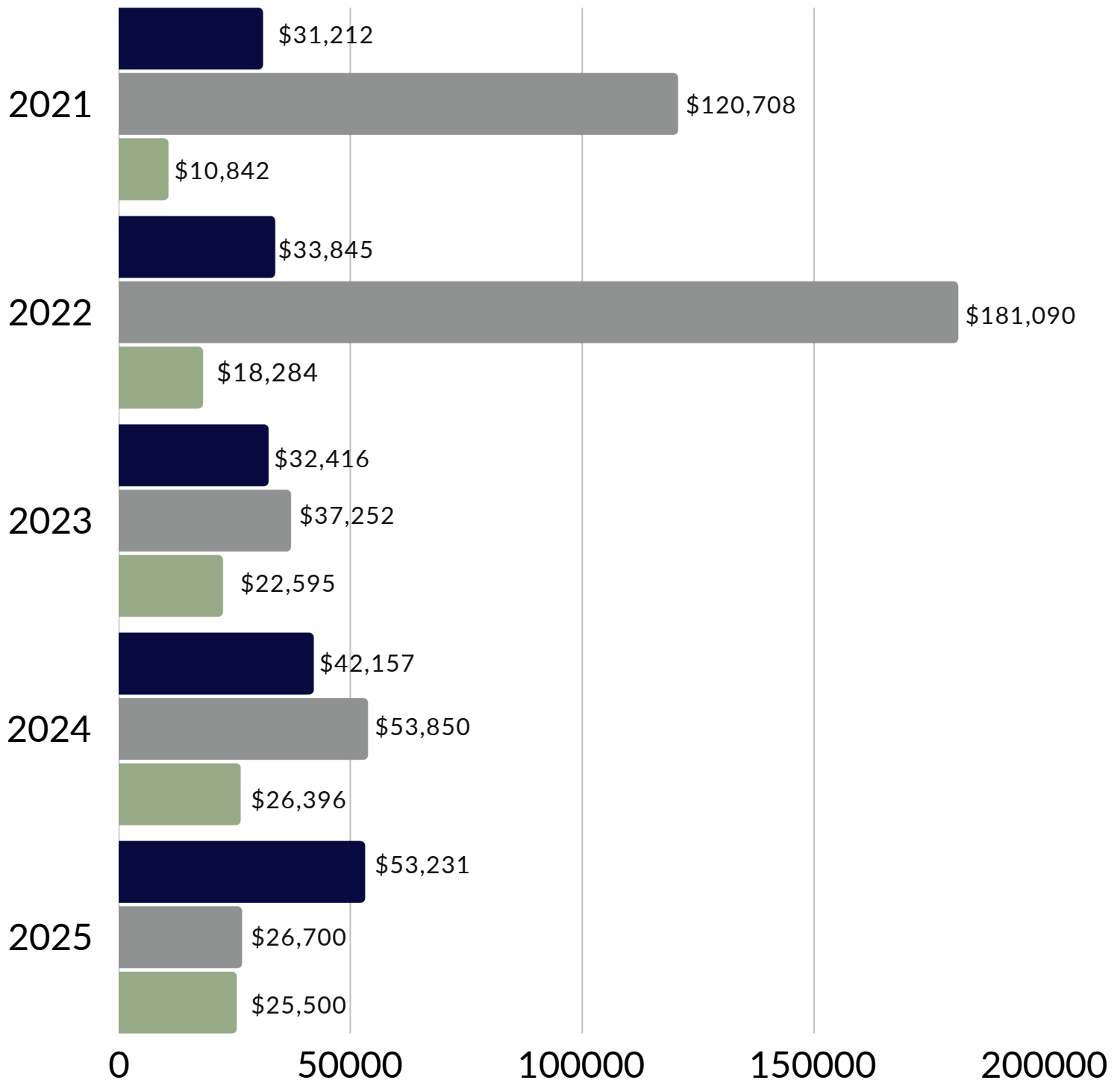
The Lakewood Police Department's Jail is a 12 day facility meant to house prisoners on a temporary basis. It is staffed 24 hours a day by two full time Correction Officers, and when they are not on duty, the Patrol Division staffs the Jail with specialty trained police officers.

Lakewood City Jail Population



Lakewood City Jail

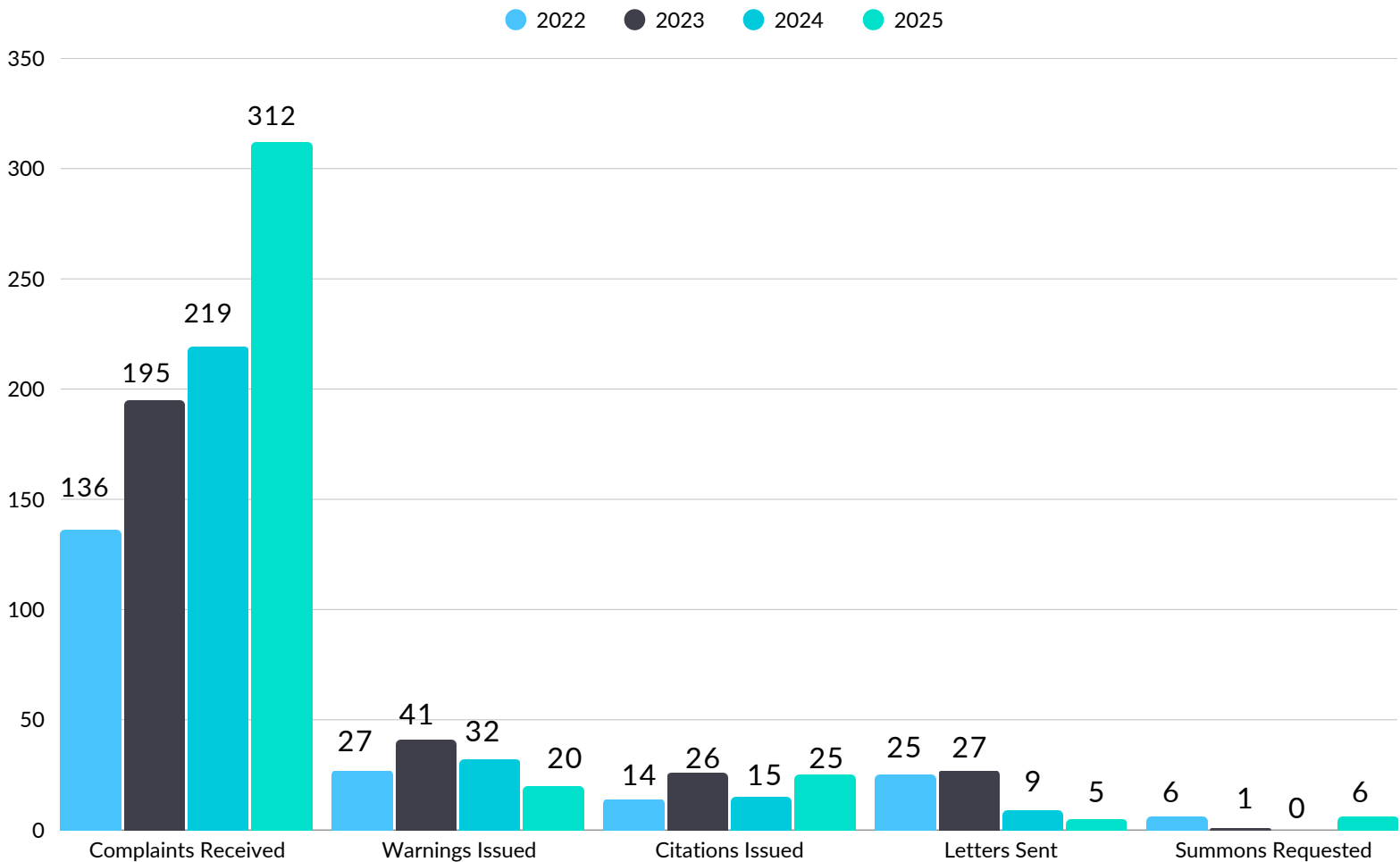
Prisoner Medical Other Facilities
Prisoner Food



Animal Control Officers

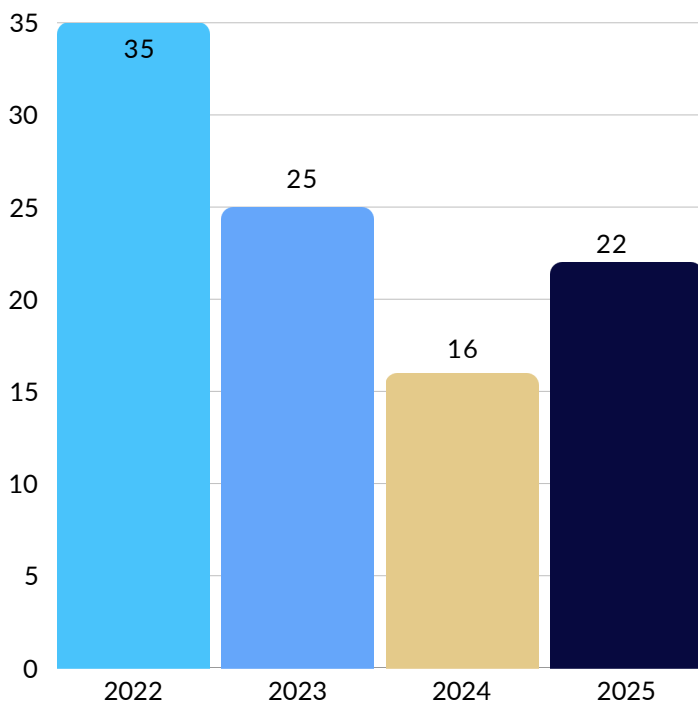
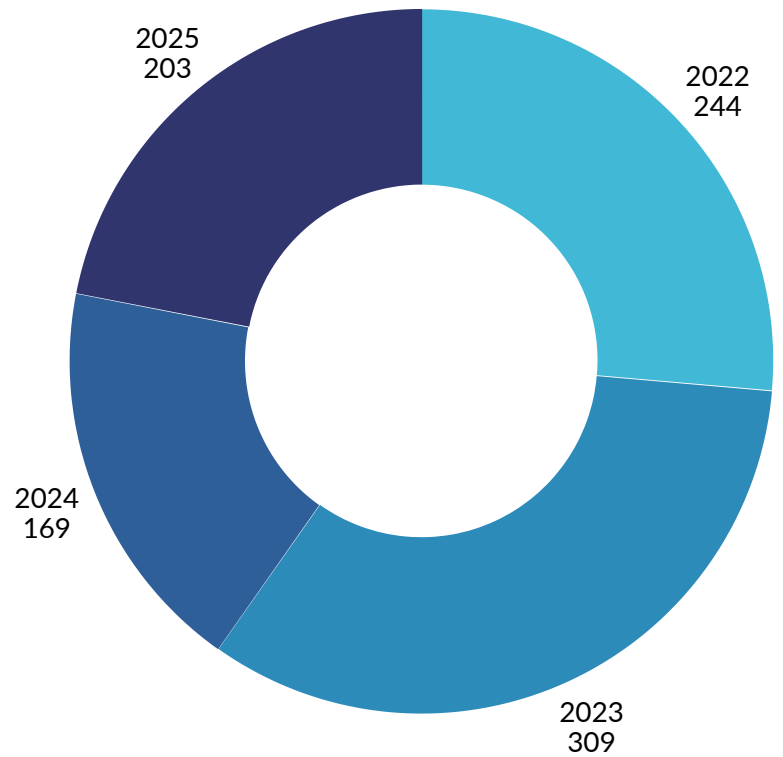
The Lakewood Police Department's Animal Control Officers respond to calls for service regarding animal cruelty, animal noise disturbances, animal bites, and any other situation involving animals. The Animal Control Officers work with county agencies and citizens groups to reduce nuisance complaints and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

Animal Control Enforcement



Animal Control

Dead Animal Pickup 2022 - 2025



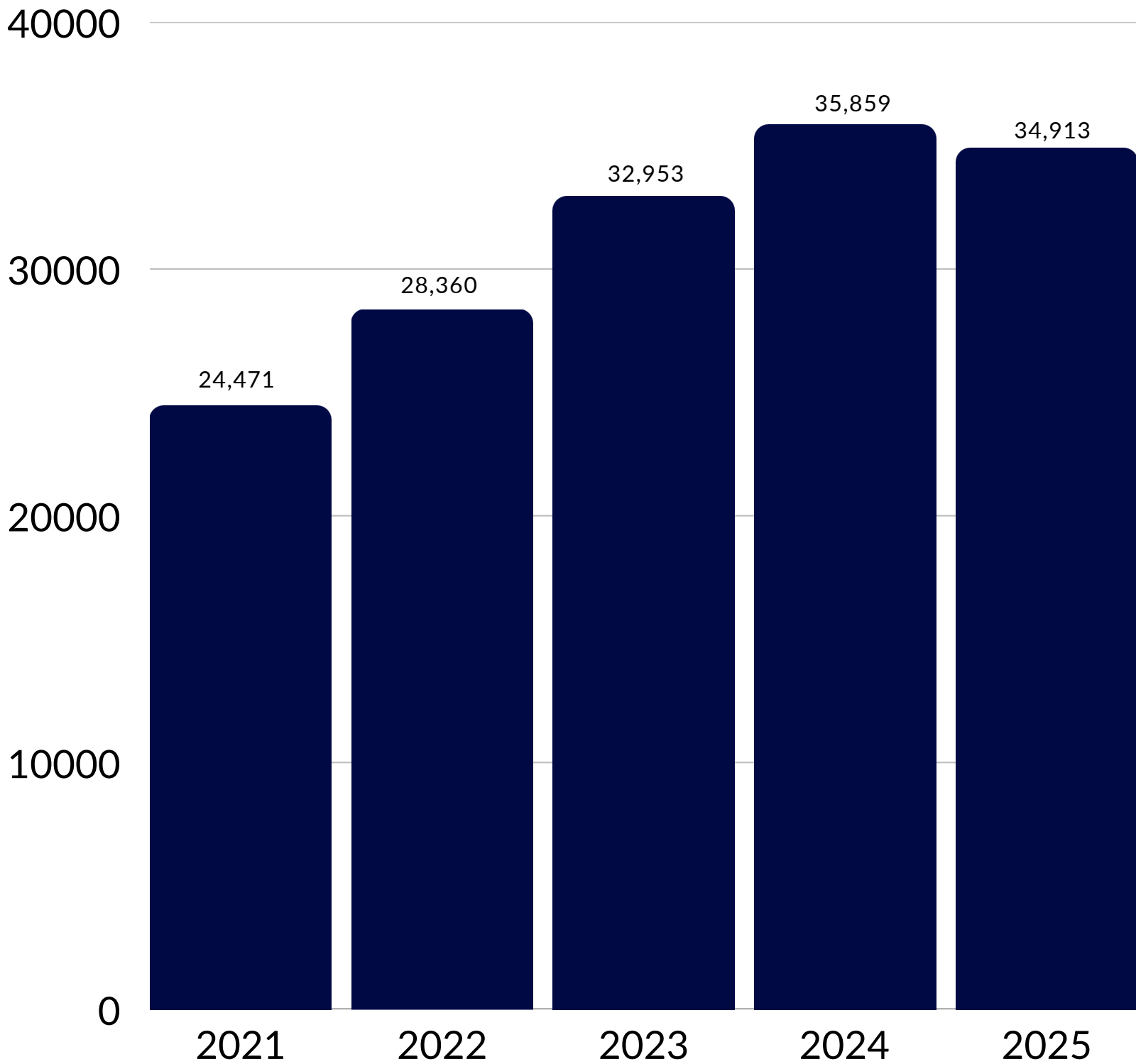
Animal Bite Investigations 2022 - 2025

Emergency Dispatch Center

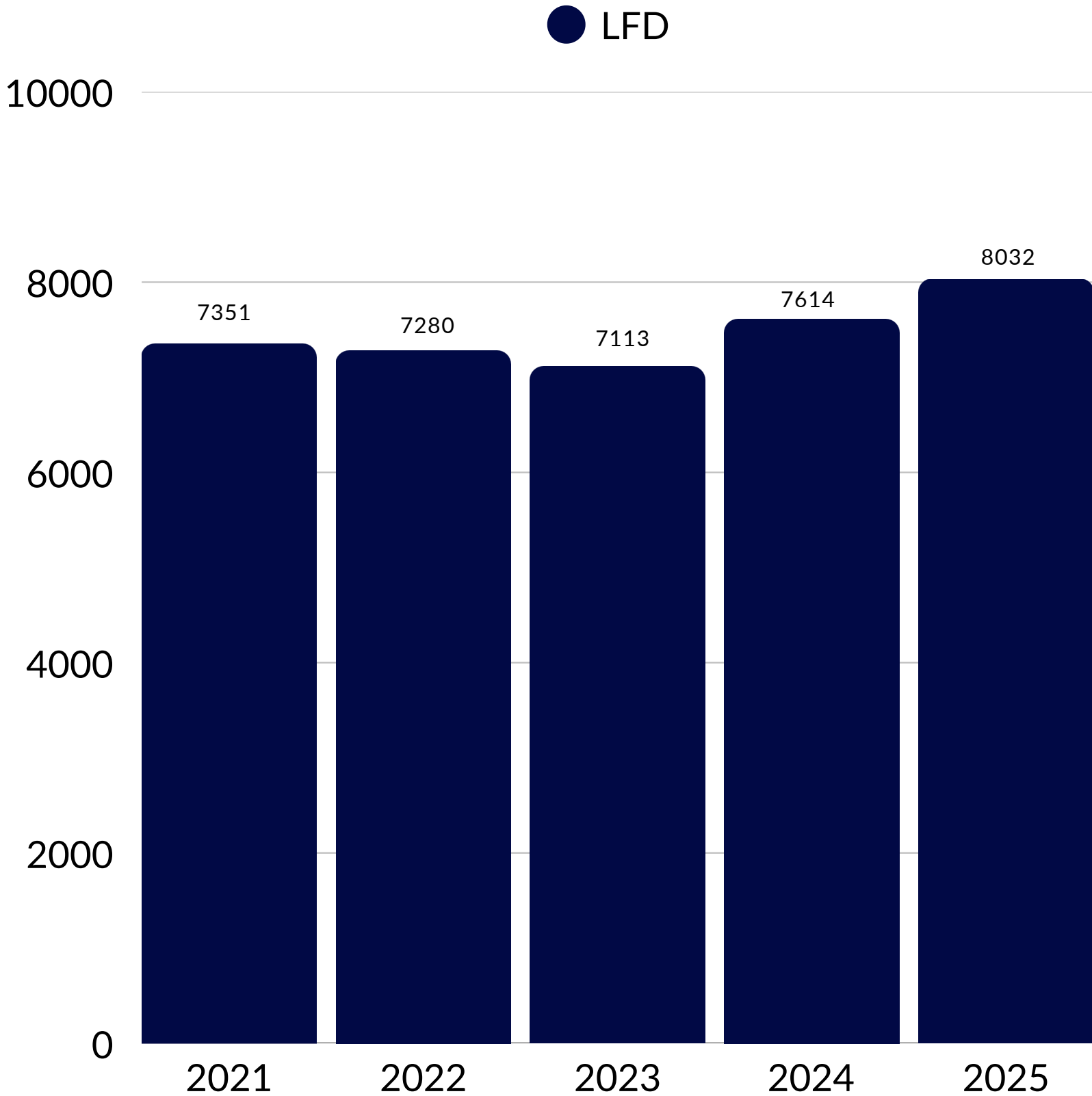
The Lakewood Police Department's Emergency Dispatch center is staffed 24 hours a day by civilian Dispatchers who have received specialized training in answering calls for assistance from the public for Police, Fire, and EMS services. The Dispatchers determine which public safety forces get sent to a 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.) There are currently 12 full time dispatchers who work a 12 hour shift schedule.

Total Calls For Police

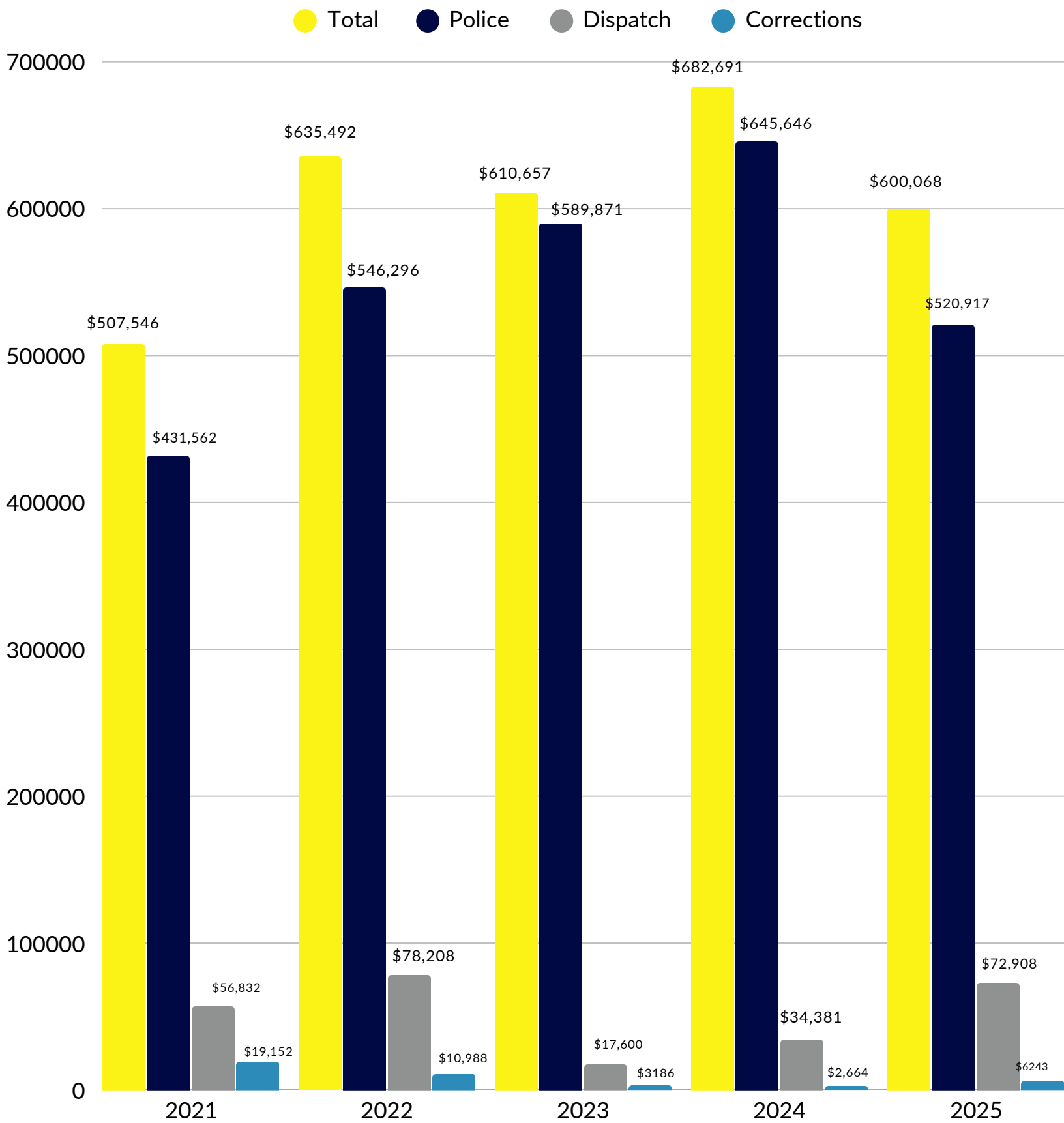
● LPD



Total Calls For Fire & EMS



Overtime Costs



School Crossing Guards

The Lakewood Police Department employs part time School Crossing 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.

There are 29 permanent and 8 substitute for a total of 37 school crossing guards.

Auxiliary Police Unit

The Lakewood Auxiliary Police Unit consists of volunteers who donate their time and energy to assist the Lakewood Police Department at public events and during emergency conditions. Auxiliary Police Officers also have the opportunity to participate in “ride alongs” with our sworn officers while they are on patrol.