

Lakewood Police Department



Combined Annual Report, 2019 and 2020

Message from the Chief of Police

The Lakewood Police Department has always been one of the top Law Enforcement Agencies in Cuyahoga County as well as in Ohio. All our officers are held to the highest ethical standards and all our officers enjoy serving and assisting the public every day. Our officers receive a large amount of training each year which enables them to master their job knowledge and job skills while ensuring that their job performance aligns with community expectations and standards.

The Lakewood Police Department is dedicated to the concept of Community Policing, which entails interacting with the community in an up-close and personal manner. Our Officers are not simply here to “police the community”, they are a part of the community. 2020 presented many challenges for us when it came to interacting effectively with the public due to social distancing mandates, mask mandates, and best practices to avoid contracting COVID-19. We hope that the pandemic subsides quickly so that we can return to truly interacting with the community in multiple positive ways.

When viewing this report, understand that 2020 was not just another year. Our service to the public, crime reports, arrests, and outreach efforts were all seriously affected by the pandemic. Whenever 2020 appears in a statistical analysis, realize that it must be viewed through the lens of the pandemic and it cannot be effectively compared with any other year.

Chief Kevin Kauchek



Changes in Statistical Analysis

The statistics in the 2019 and 2020 Combined Annual Report may appear different from the statistics that were presented in past Annual Reports. Mid-way through 2018, the Lakewood Police Department upgraded to a new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System and a new Report Management System (RMS). Because of this, we were unable to reproduce the statistical numbers from the prior years Annual Reports. Part of this is due to the fact that when we migrated the data to the new system some of the reporting codes were updated, changing how the events were stored and compiled. The other factor is that in the past, our data was able to be tallied in multiple ways and it is not known what methods were used to harvest the specific information from the obsolete systems. With the new systems firmly in place, I am confident that the statistics listed in this Combined Annual Report are reflective of the work performed by the Lakewood Police Department in 2019 and 2020.

Bear in mind that because these upgrades were performed mid-year of 2018, the only arrest and dispatch statistics that can be compared with confidence are 2019 to 2020. Although the different years in this report may appear to show a trend in crimes reported, arrests made, and dispatch data, that may not be the case due to the change in how the new systems compile and report information.

The financial statistics in this report are reproduceable and appear to be valid regardless of the year cited.

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 Police Department and it is also known as the Uniform Division. These are the officers who wear a police uniform every day and patrol in marked police cars. These officers are the ones that the citizens see on patrol, they are the officers that respond to citizen complaints and crimes in progress, and they enforce traffic laws and criminal laws. Our Special Operations Unit and Parking Enforcement Unit are also part of the Patrol Division.

Patrol Shifts

Officers in the Patrol Division work twelve-hour shifts. There is a Day Shift and a 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 Community/Neighborhood Police Officers, and our DARE/School Resource Officers (SRO). These officers generally work eight-hour shifts and they are supervised by the Special Operations Lieutenant.

Training Unit

Our in-house Training Unit enables the Lakewood Police Department to deliver training to all our employees in a cost-effective manner. The Training Unit generally puts together and conducts two to four in-service trainings per year. The in-services include range days where officers qualify with their pistols as well as the 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. Our officers also attend specialized training throughout Ohio and other nearby states.

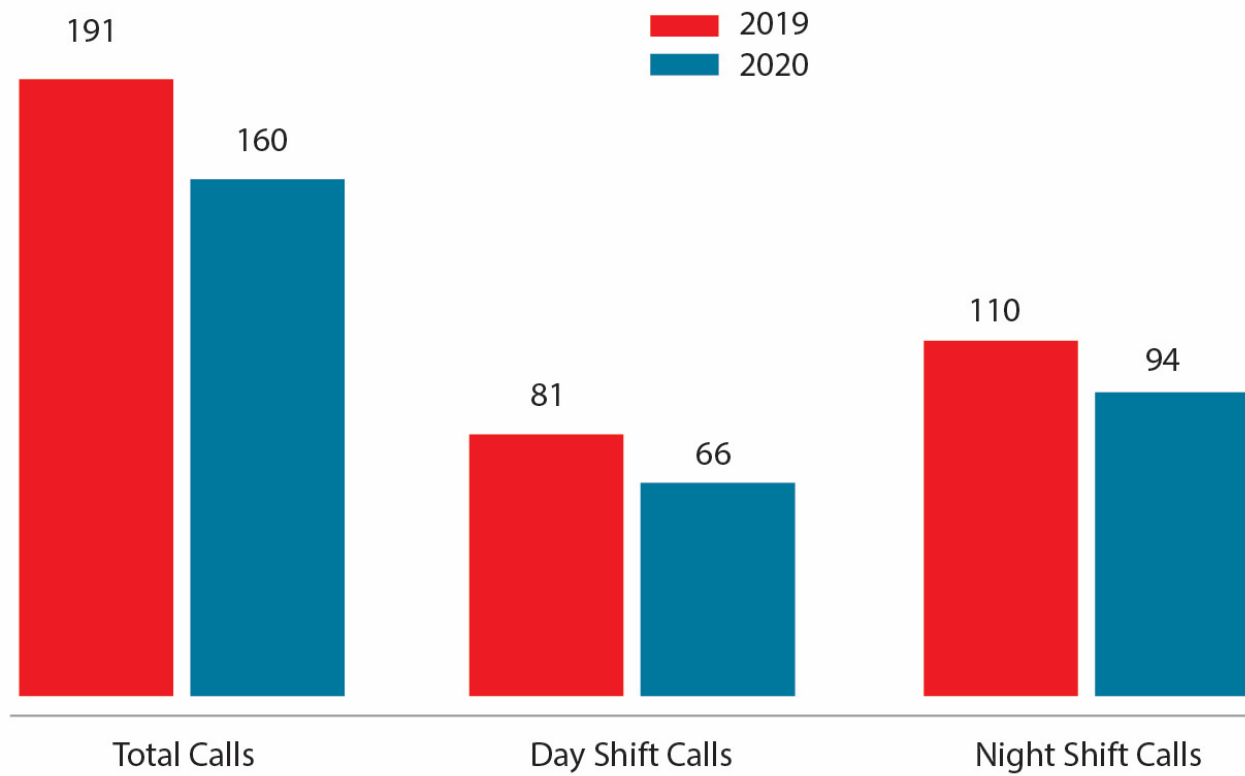
In 2019, 119 employees received 14,664 hours of training for an average of 123 hours of training per employee.

In 2020, our training hours were down due to COVID-19 precautions. Even with many training facilities being closed, we were still able to get 8,978 training hours to 103 employees for an average of 87 hours of training per employee.

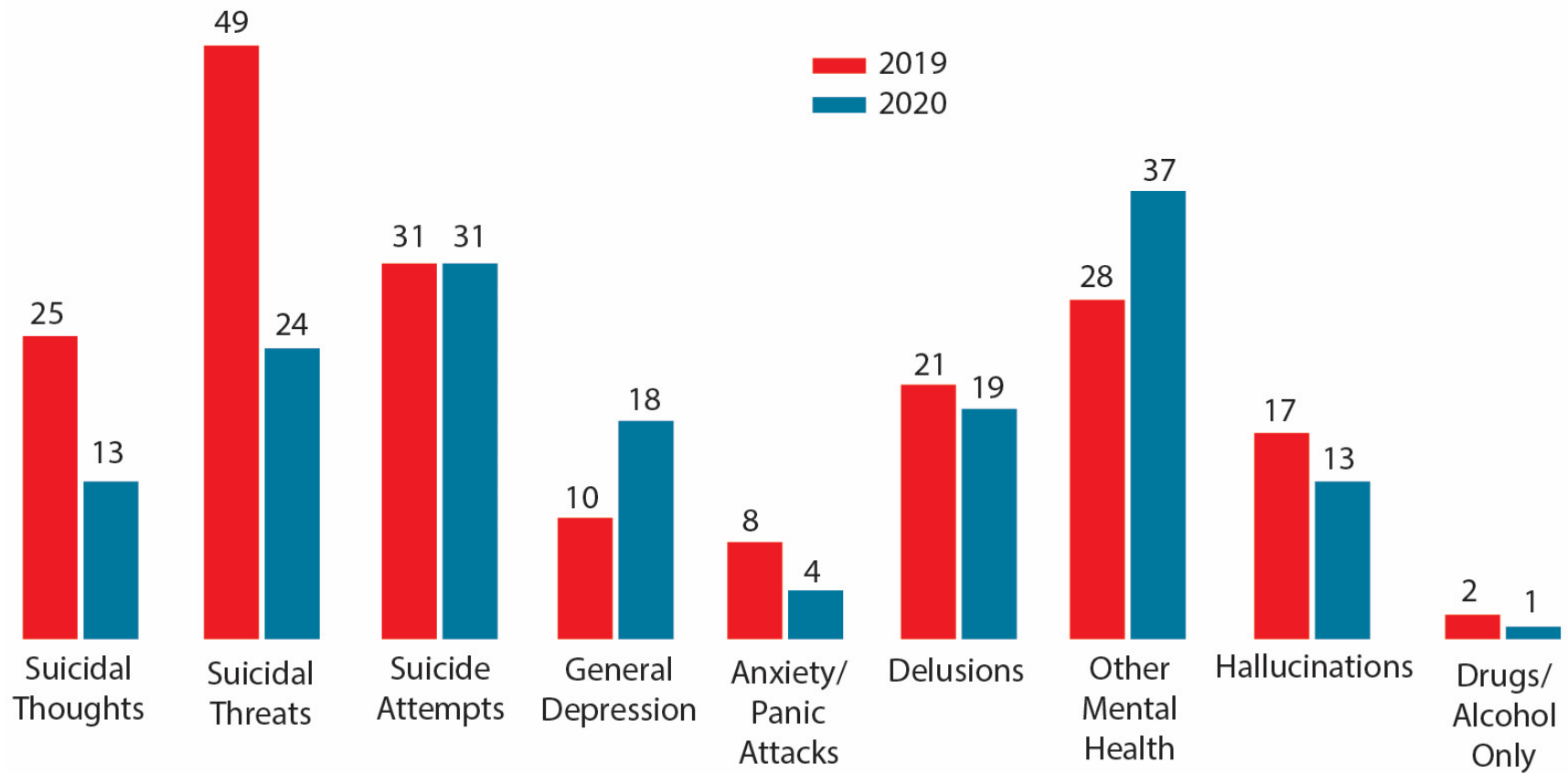
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

The Lakewood Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team responds to calls in which people are experiencing a mental health emergency. The specially trained 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 also voluntarily took on the requisite training.

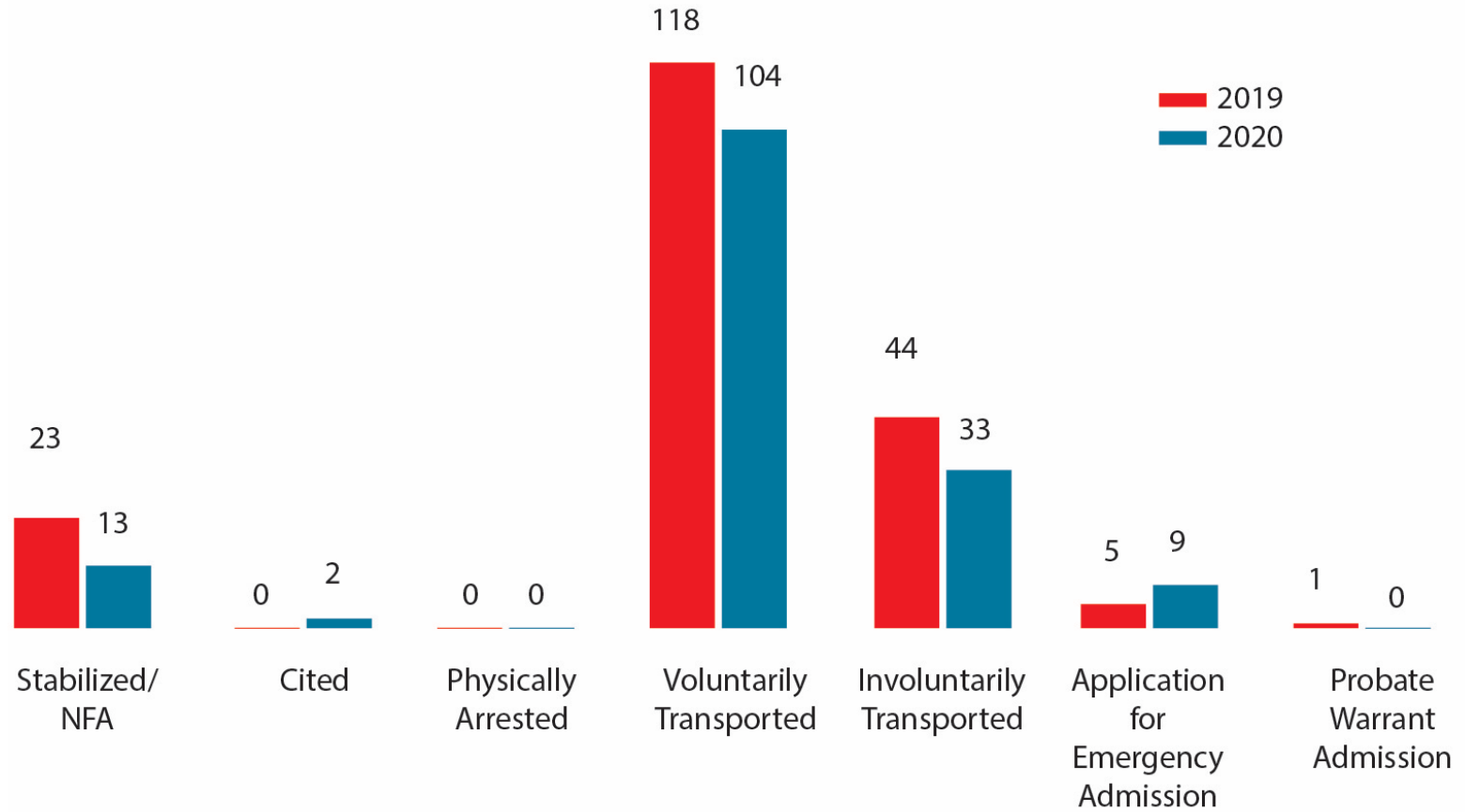
CIT Calls



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. Detectives that handle crimes involving adults who are the victims or perpetrators of crime (General Duty Detectives), detectives that handle crimes involving juveniles as victims or perpetrators of crime as well as family crimes such as Domestic Violence and Violation of Temporary Protection Orders (Juvenile Bureau Detectives), and Detectives who are assigned to our Narcotics and Vice Unit. All our Detectives work eight-hour shifts, rotating between Day shift and Afternoon shift. There is one Sergeant assigned to rotate with their “squad” between Days and Afternoons. Each of their squads consists of a mixture of General Duty Detectives and Juvenile Bureau Detectives. There is one Lieutenant that supervises the Narcotics and Vice Unit Detectives.

Investigative Division 2019 Statistics

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Reports Reviewed	2424	100
Reports Assigned for Follow Up	1336	55
Reports w/ No Follow Up to Conduct	1088	45
<u>Report Clearance Method</u>		
Cleared by Arrest	468	35
Exceptionally Cleared	228	17
Victim Refused Prosecution	30	2
Record Only	58	4
Filed Pending Further Leads	268	20
No Further Action	211	16
Pending Warrant Arrest	5	<1
Unfounded	0	0
Open	68	5

Investigative Division 2020 Statistics

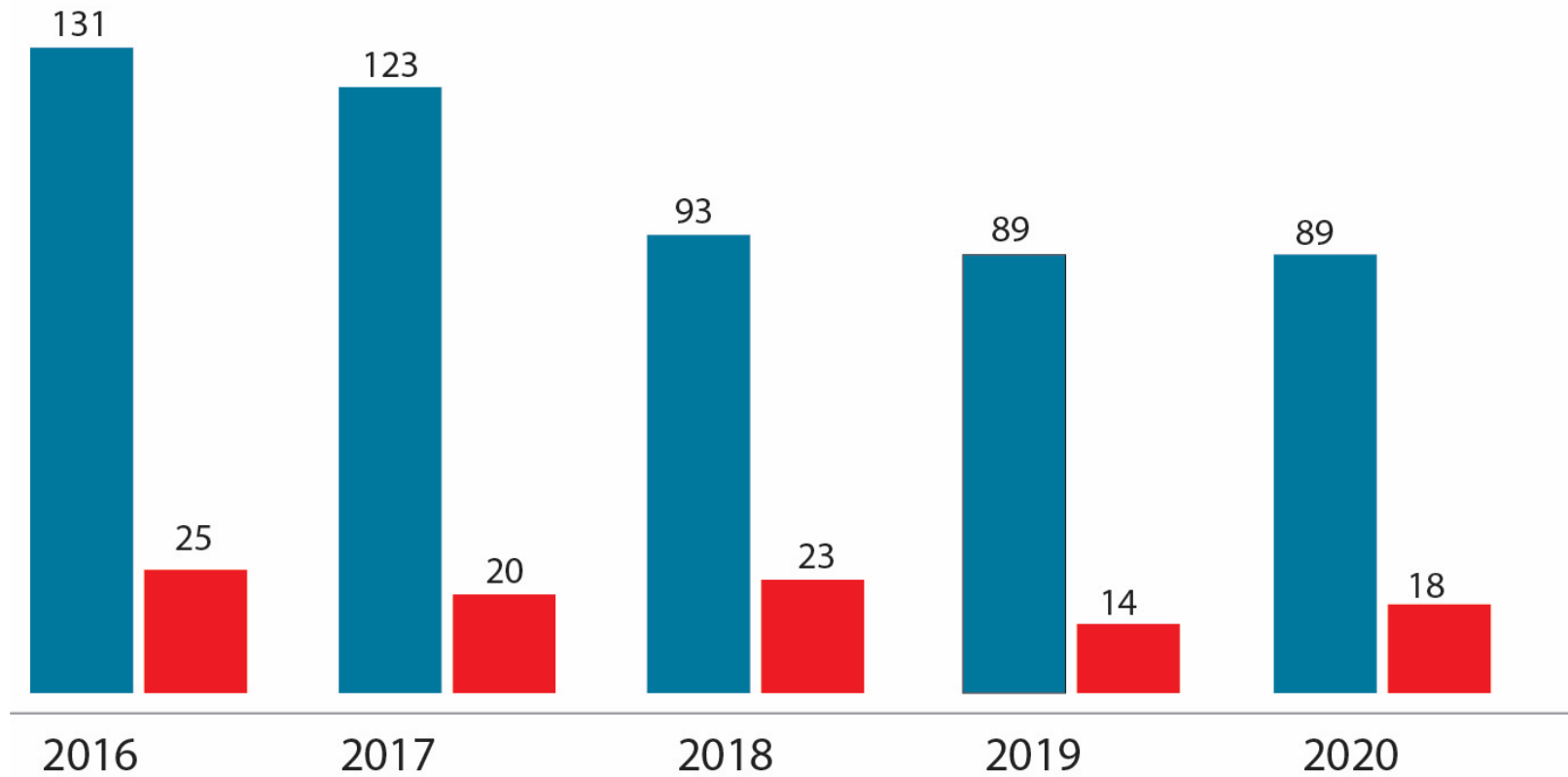
<u>Category</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Reports Reviewed	2228	100
Reports Assigned for Follow Up	1349	61
Reports w/ No Follow Up to Conduct	877	39
<u>Report Clearance Method</u>		
Cleared by Arrest	424	31
Exceptionally Cleared	200	15
Victim Refused Prosecution	35	3
Record Only	76	6
Filed Pending Further Leads	277	21
No Further action	187	14
Pending Warrant Arrest	7	1
Unfounded	1	0
Open	142	6

Narcotics and Vice Unit

The Lakewood Police Department has One Lieutenant and Five Detectives assigned to the Narcotics and Vice Unit. We maintain strong relationships with our Federal, State, and Local partners to investigate and prosecute narcotics related violations. The City of Lakewood continues to have high incidences of heroin overdoses and deaths, which have been a problem throughout our region. All of our officers have been issued the life saving drug Narcan to administer to those that have overdosed.

Drug Overdoses

total overdoses
fatal overdoses



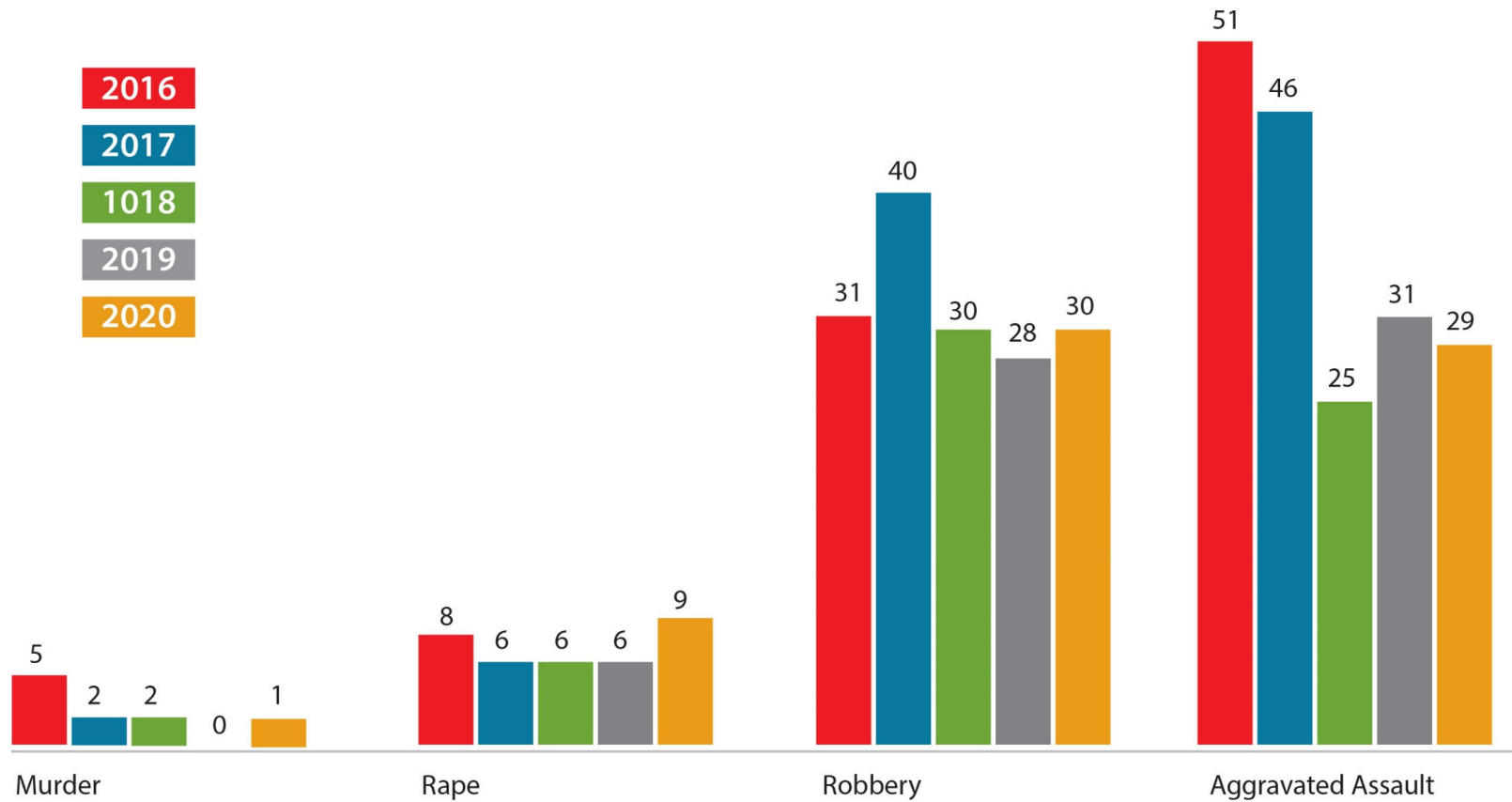
Crime Statistics

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 Internet Based Reporting System.

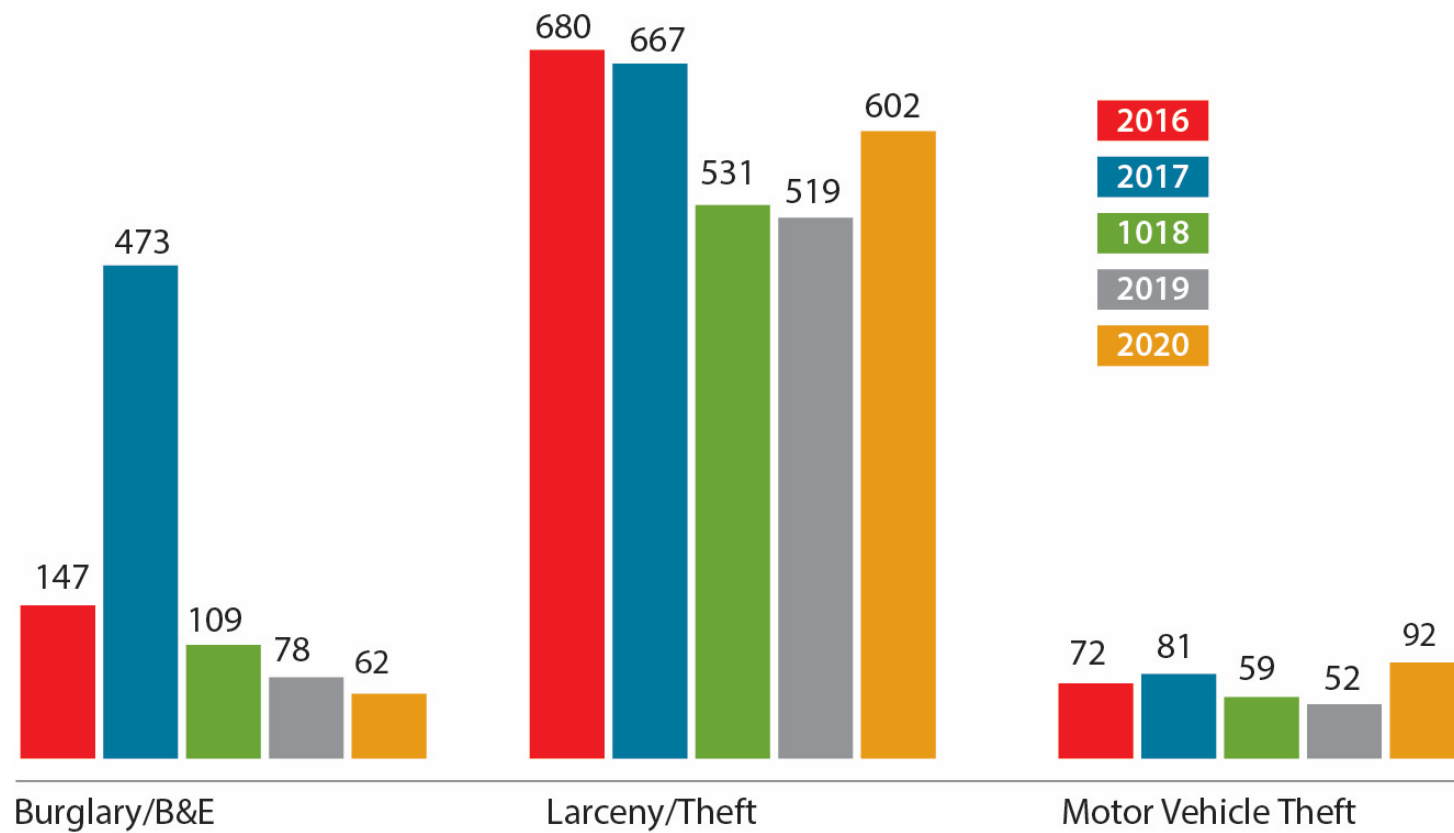
*These statistics are consistent for the time period reported, due to the standardized collection method. See www.ocjs.ohio.gov for more information.

*In 2020, officers were advised to only make traffic stops for hazardous moving violations due to concerns with COVID-19 (to limit person-to-person contacts). The fear was that a whole shift or platoon might contract the Coronavirus, leading to unsafe Police staffing levels. A fair portion of our misdemeanor and felony arrests result from evidence discovered during traffic stops. Less traffic stops are one of the reasons for the decrease in criminal arrests.

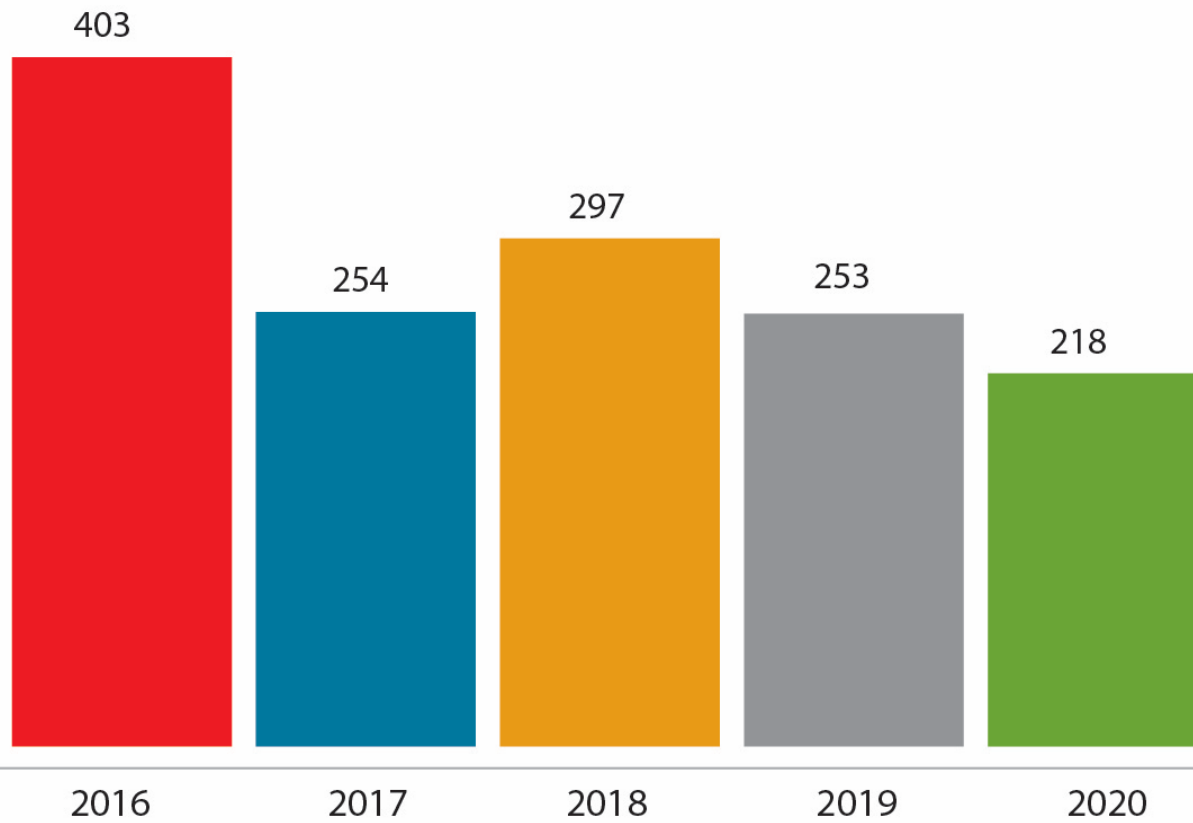
Violent Crime Total



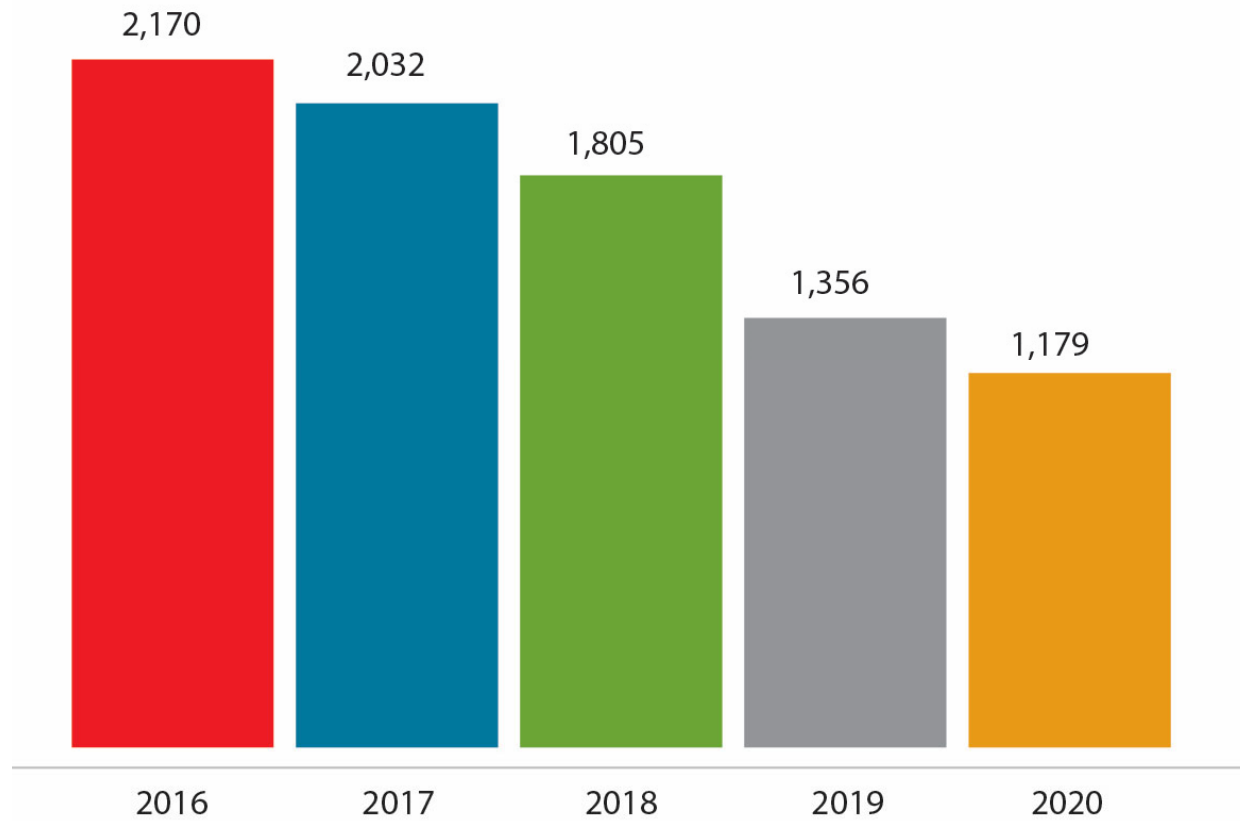
Property Crime Total



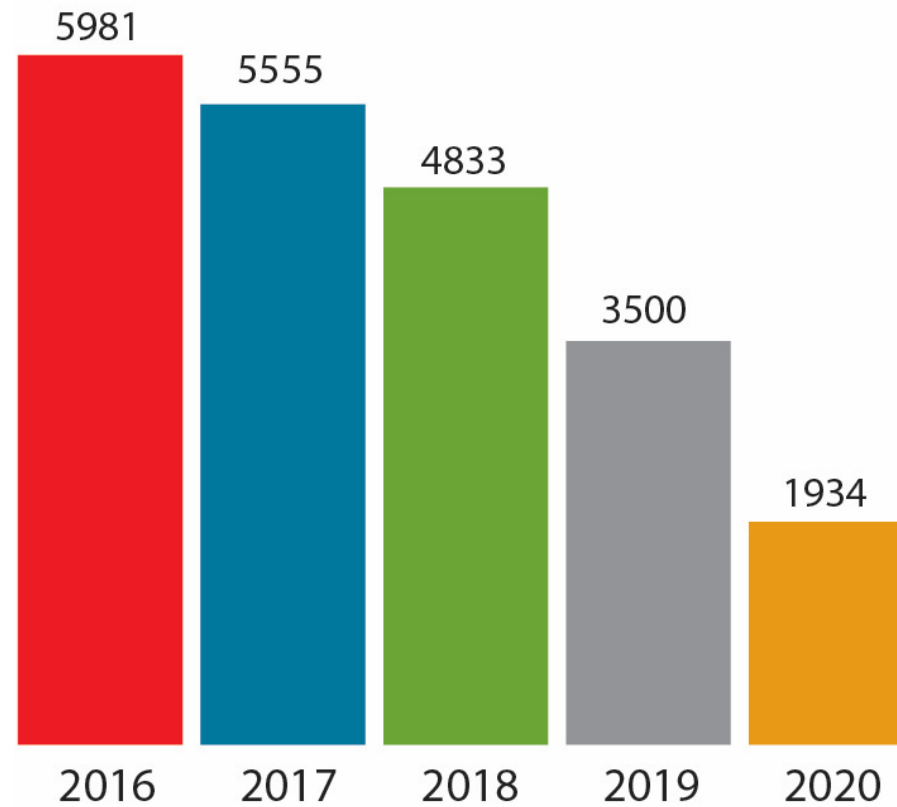
Felony Arrests



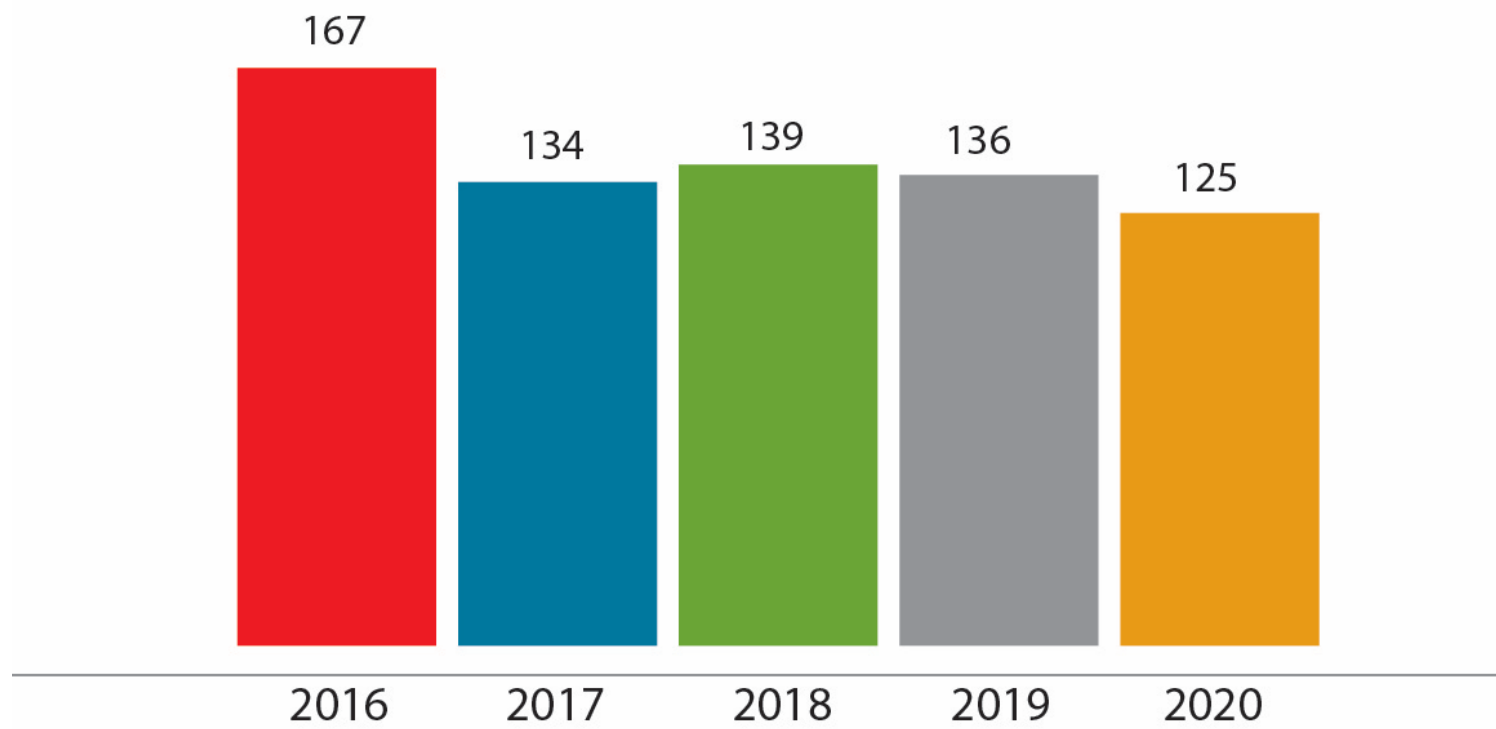
Misdemeanor Arrests



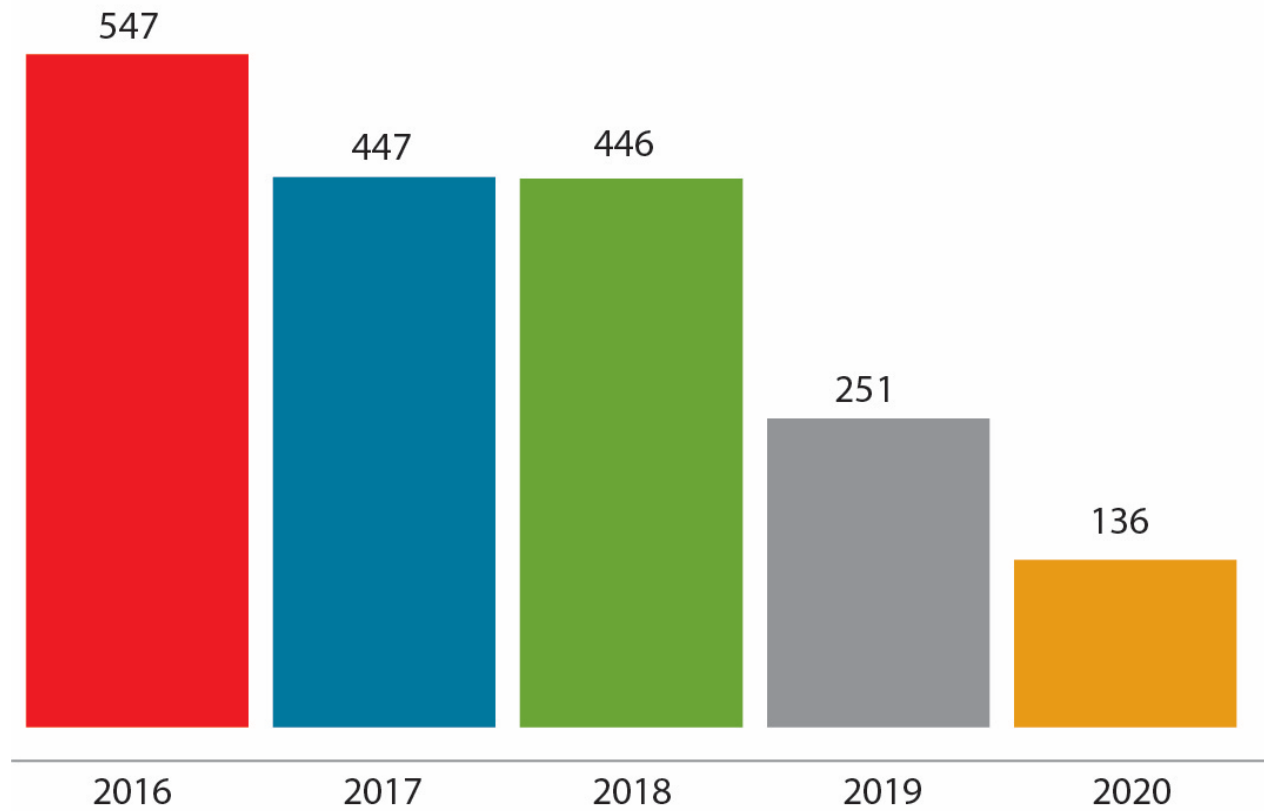
Traffic Arrests



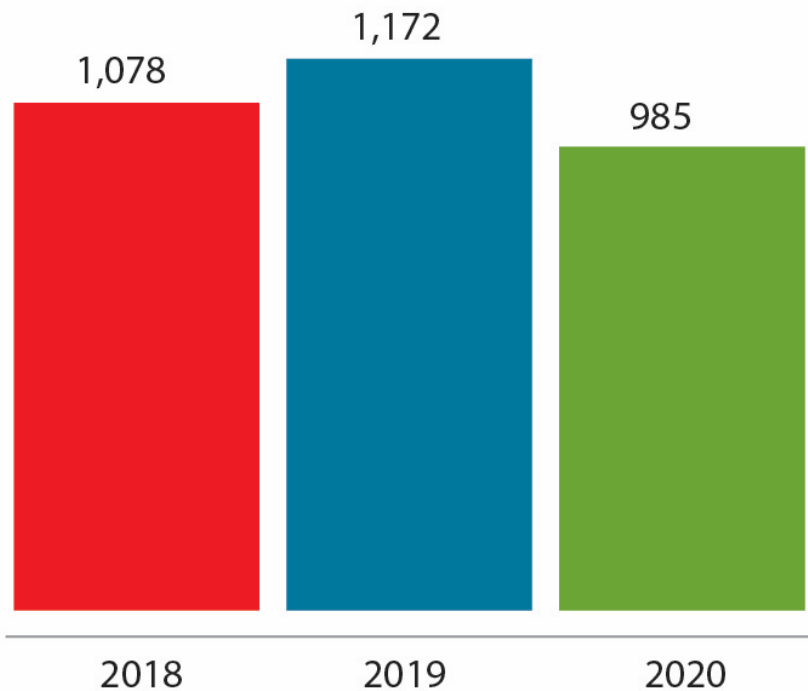
D.U.I. Arrests



Radar Citations

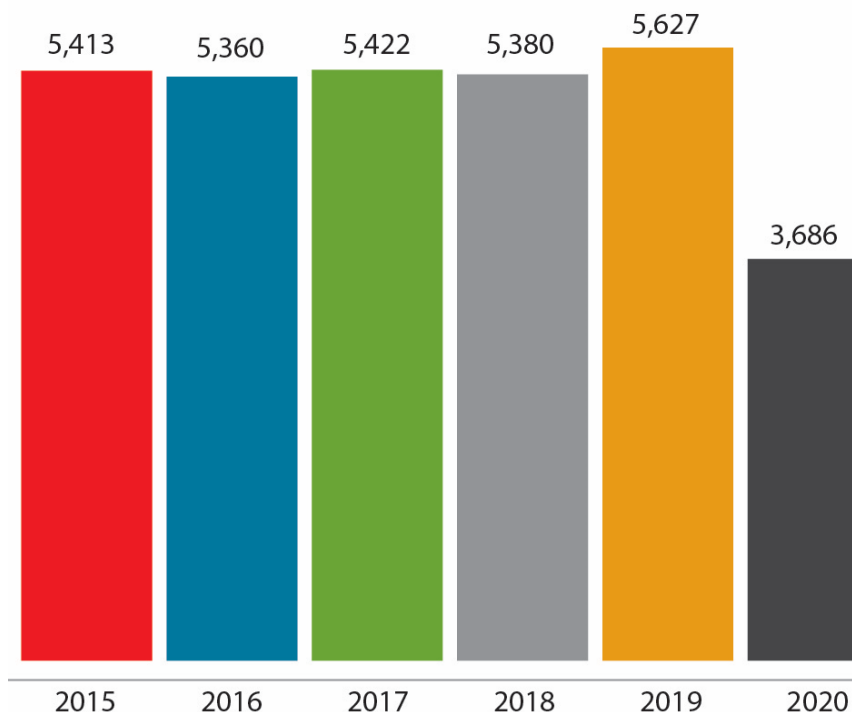


Traffic Crashes



Traffic crash data was obtained from an electronic reporting system administered by the State of Ohio. Lakewood Police switched to that system (OLEIS) in 2018. Traffic crash data prior to 2018 had been collated through a hand count, and it was observed to be unreliable and out of range. The numbers on this chart reflect every crash reported to the State of Ohio by L.P.D. from 2018 to 2020.

Parking Tickets (Non-Meter)



Non-meter parking tickets were significantly lower in 2020 because Lakewood Police suspended enforcement of Rush Hour parking violations. With less traffic on the roads and more people working from home, parking in Lakewood was at a premium. Rush hour traffic flow was not adversely affected by this action, and it reduced the stress mentally and financially on our residents.

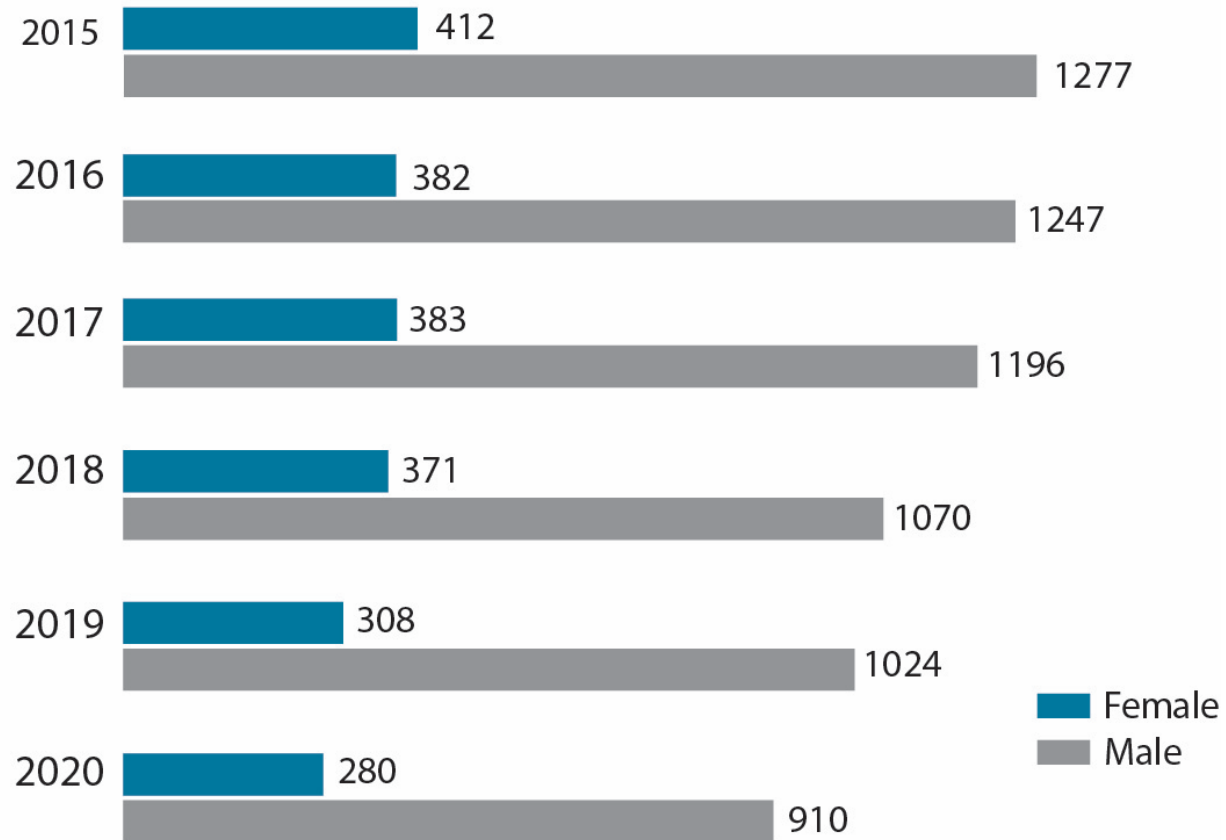
Administrative Division

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

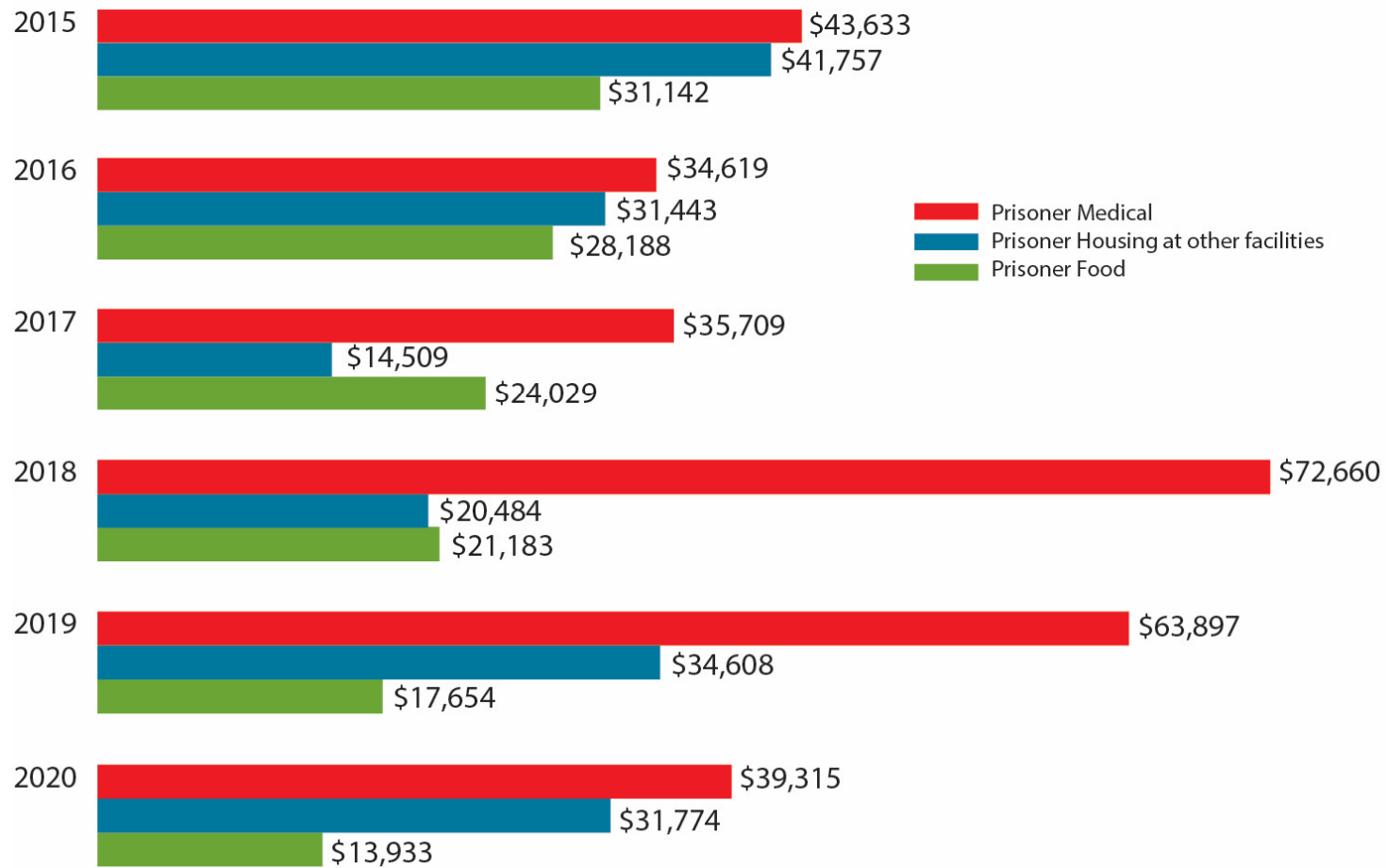
Lakewood City Jail

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 Corrections Officers and when they are not on duty, the Patrol Division staffs the Jail with specially trained officers.

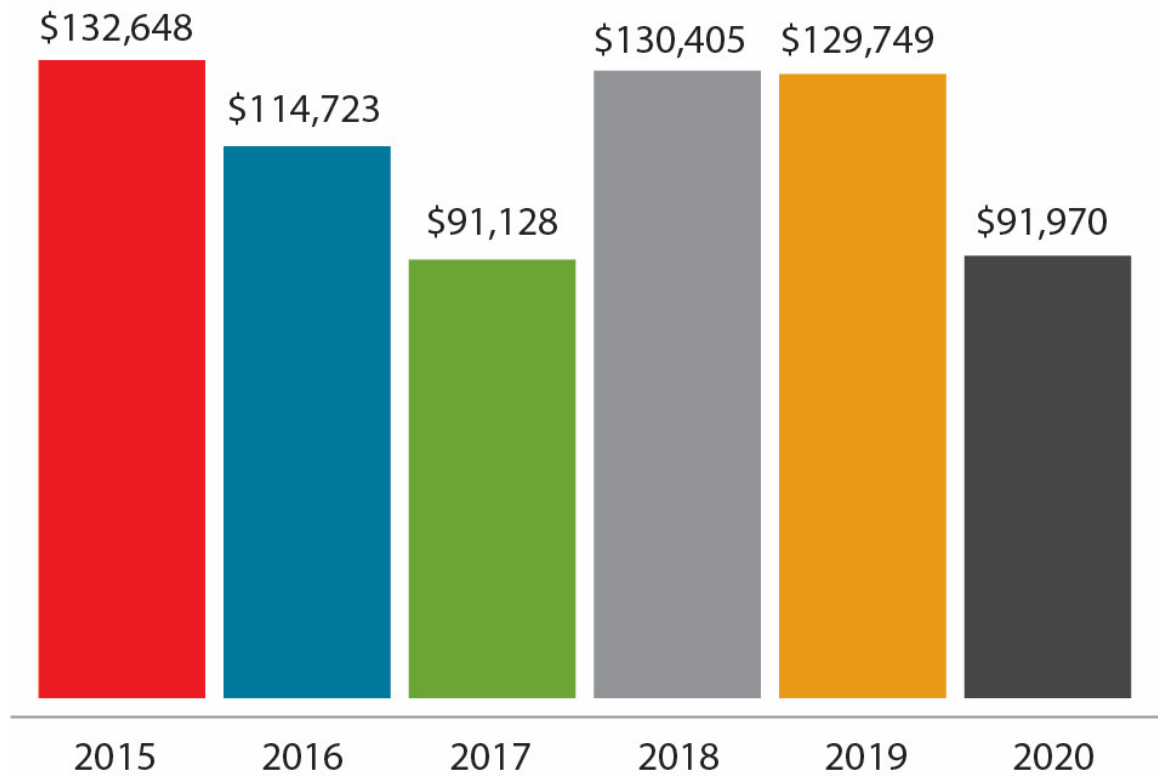
Lakewood Jail Population



Prisoner Costs



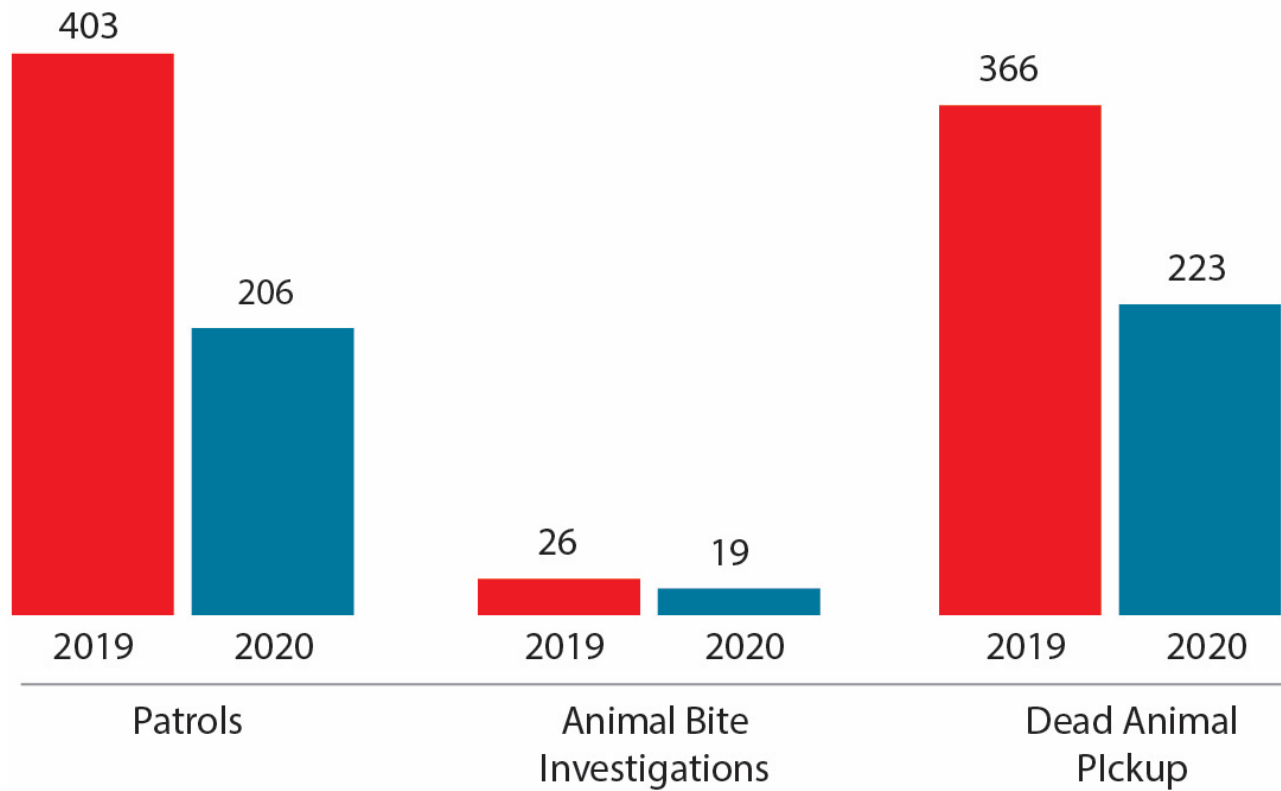
Net Cost Prisoner Care



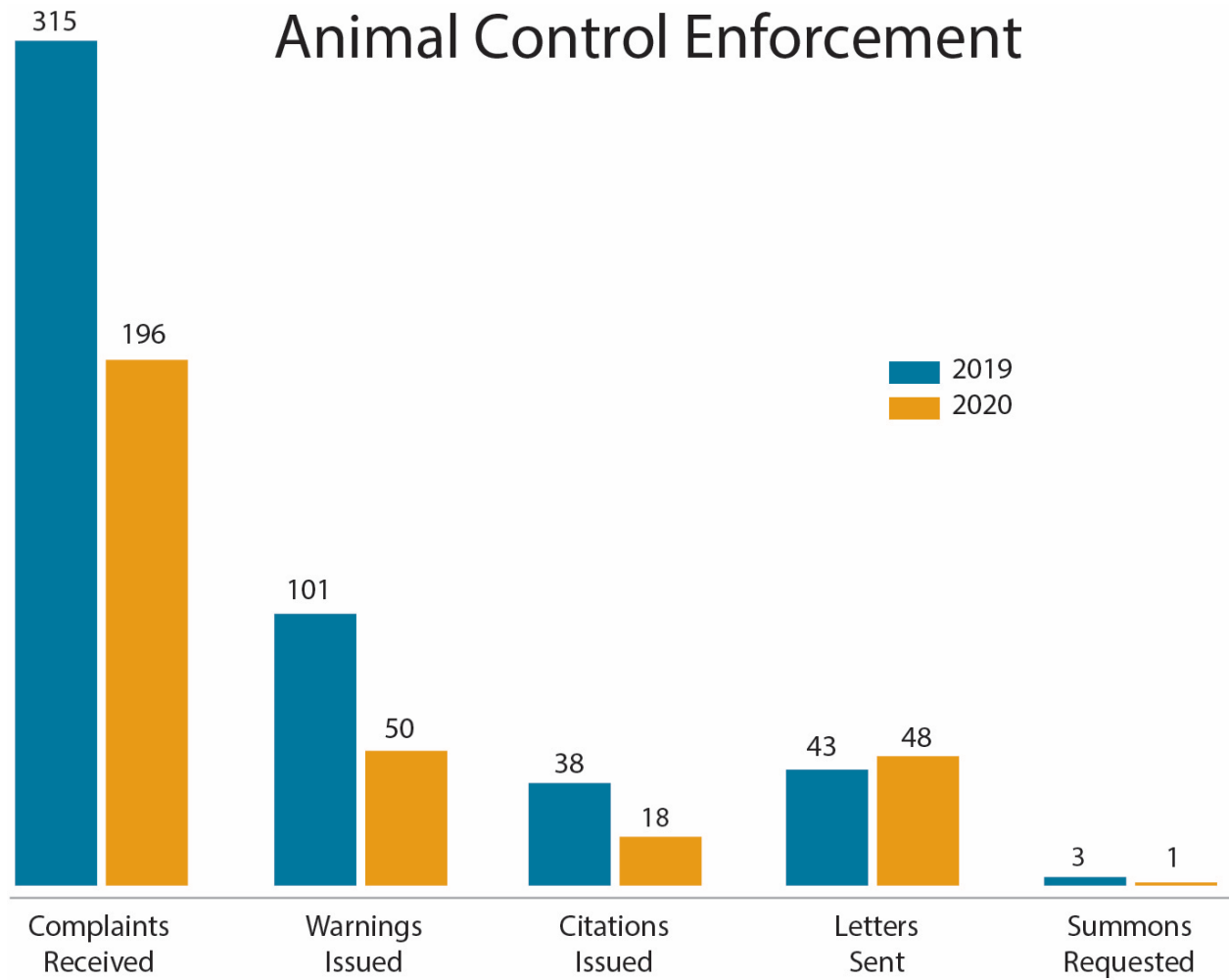
Animal Control Officers

The Lakewood Police Departments Animal Control Officers respond to all calls for service regarding noise disturbances, animal cruelty, and any situations involving animals. The officers work with county agencies and citizen groups to reduce nuisance complaints and find new homes for stray pets.

Animal Control



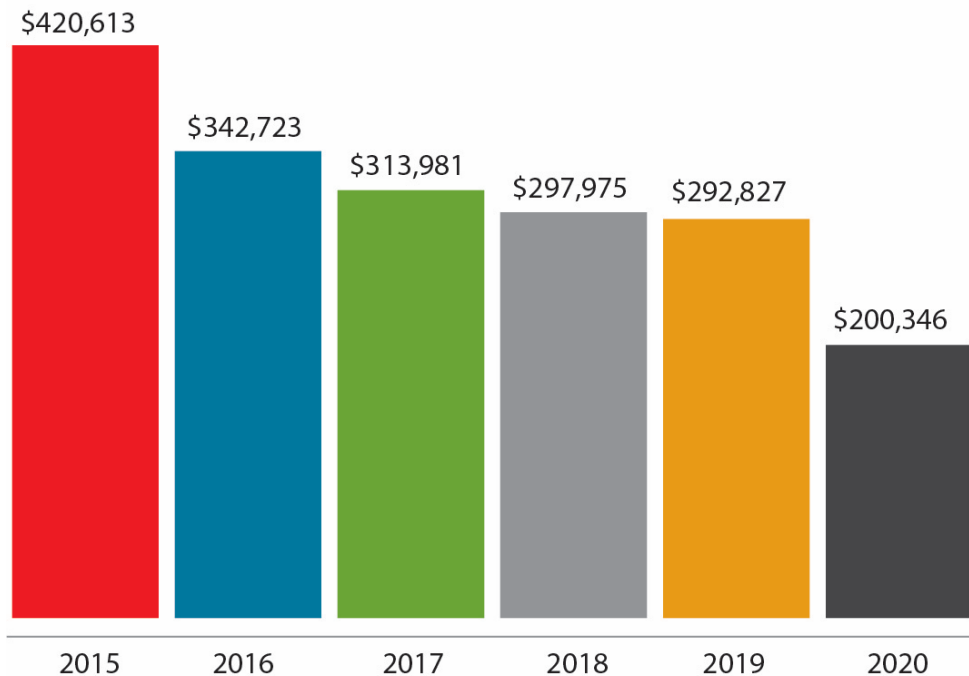
Animal Control Enforcement



Parking Enforcement Unit

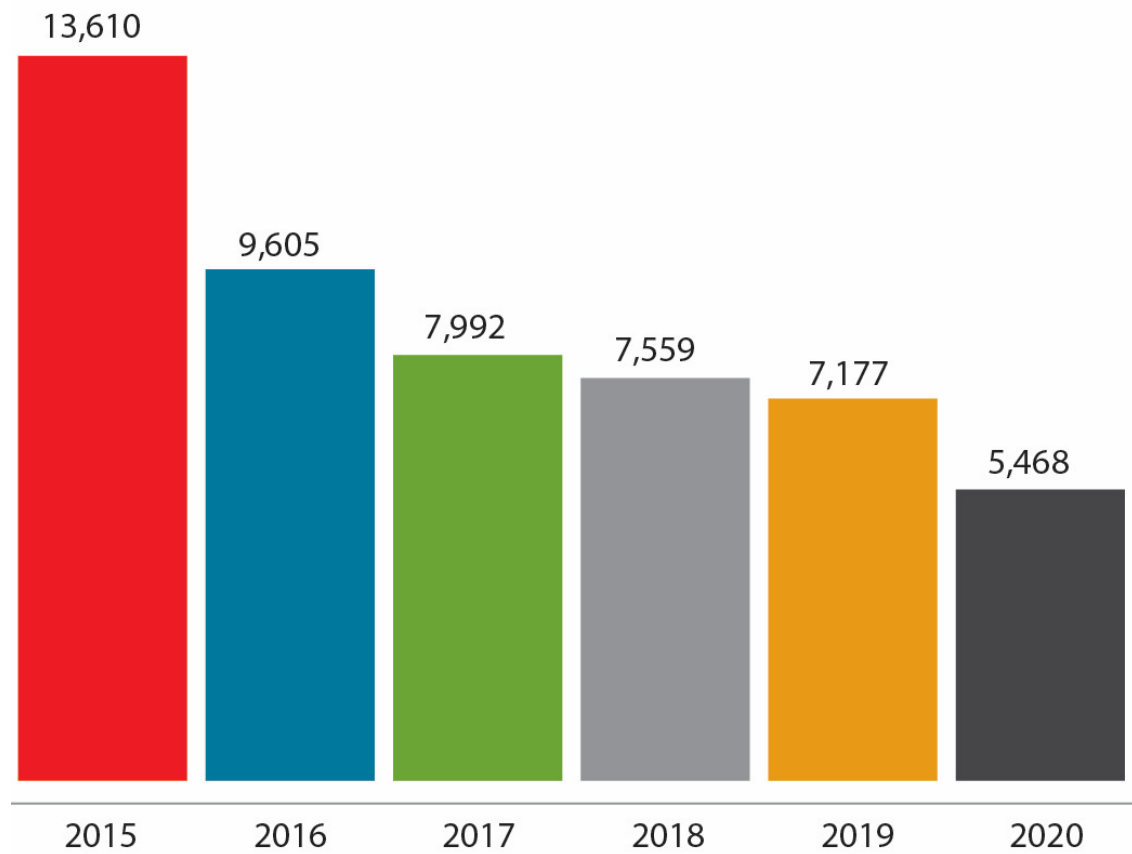
The Parking Enforcement Unit is responsible for enforcing parking meter violations in City owned lots as well as meter spaces on the street. They conduct maintenance on the meters to ensure that they are functioning properly. The proceeds collected from the metered lots and spaces pay for the personnel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

Parking Citation Revenue

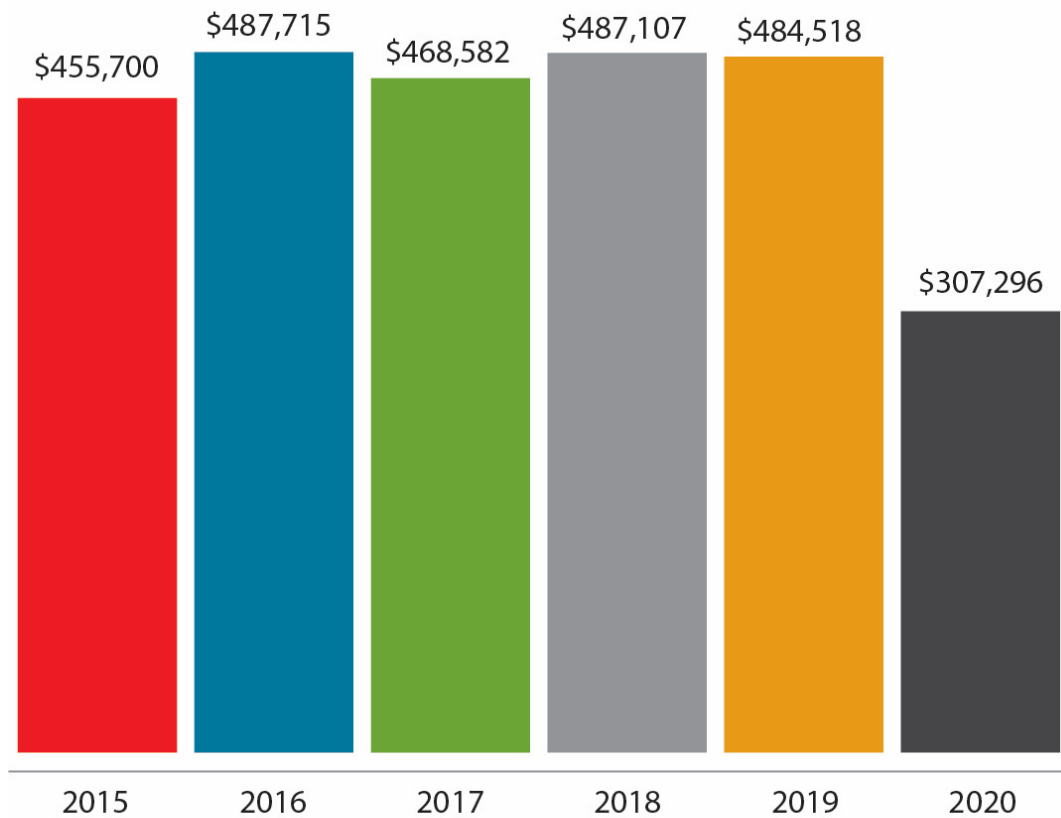


Parking ticket revenue from meters and from pay lots were down in 2020 due to COVID-19. With many residents working from home and with many of our bars and restaurants having shortened hours, customer capacity limits, or only serving from take-out menus, metered parking use in Lakewood saw a dramatic decline.

Parking Meter Tickets Issued



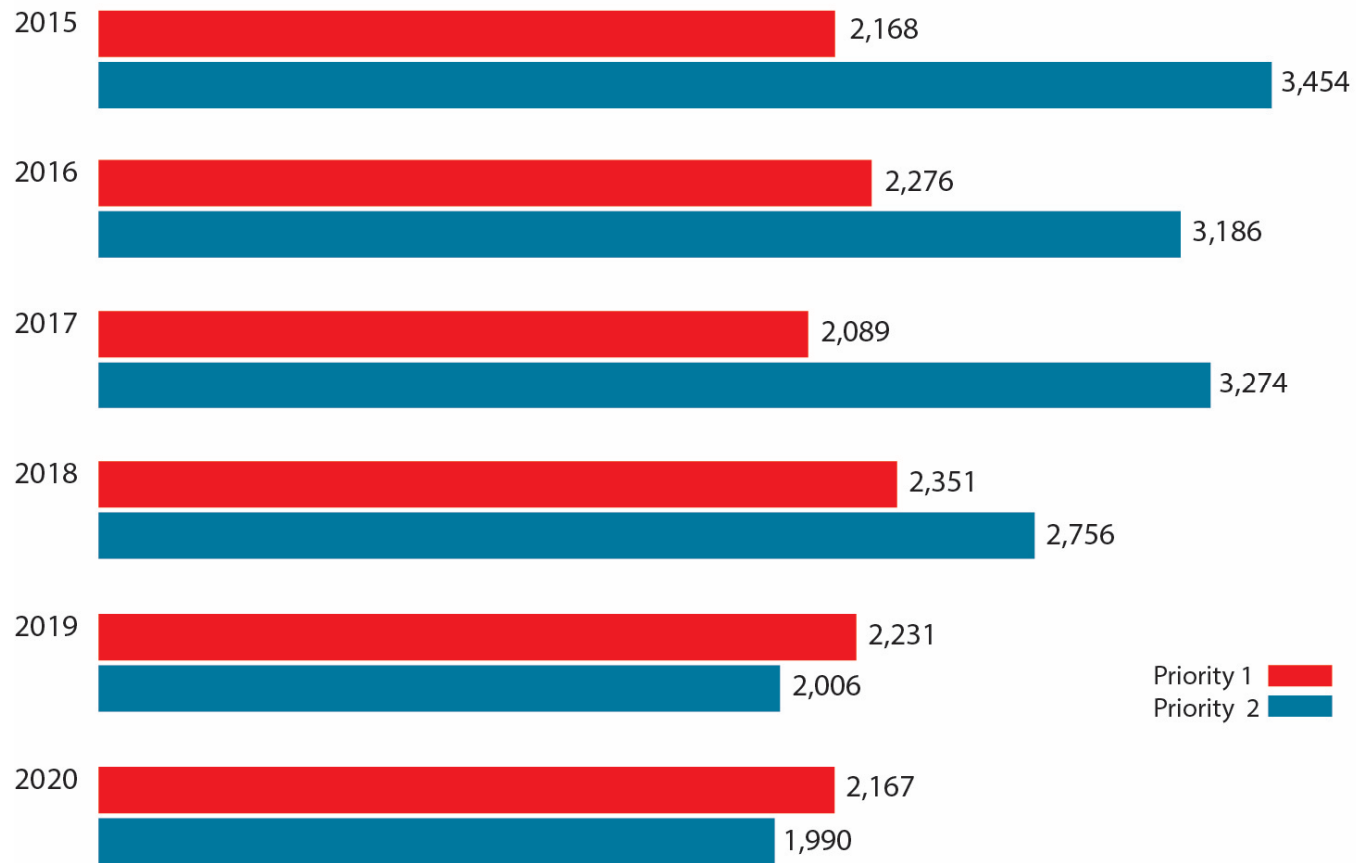
Parking Meter Revenue



Emergency Dispatch Center

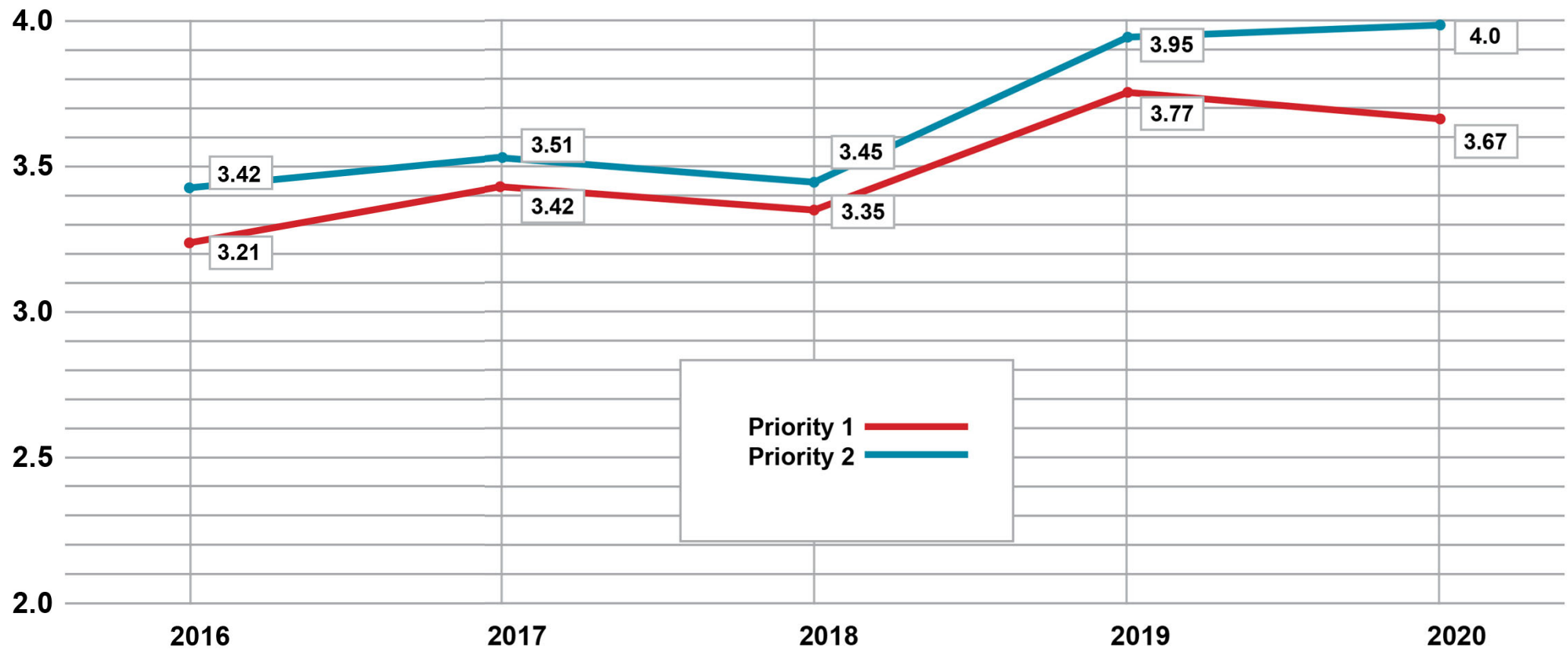
The Lakewood Police Department's Emergency Dispatch Center is staffed 24 hours a day by civilian Dispatchers who have received specialized training in answering calls for assistance from the public for Police, Fire and EMS services. They determine which public safety forces get sent to a particular call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

Total Calls Priority 1 & Priority 2

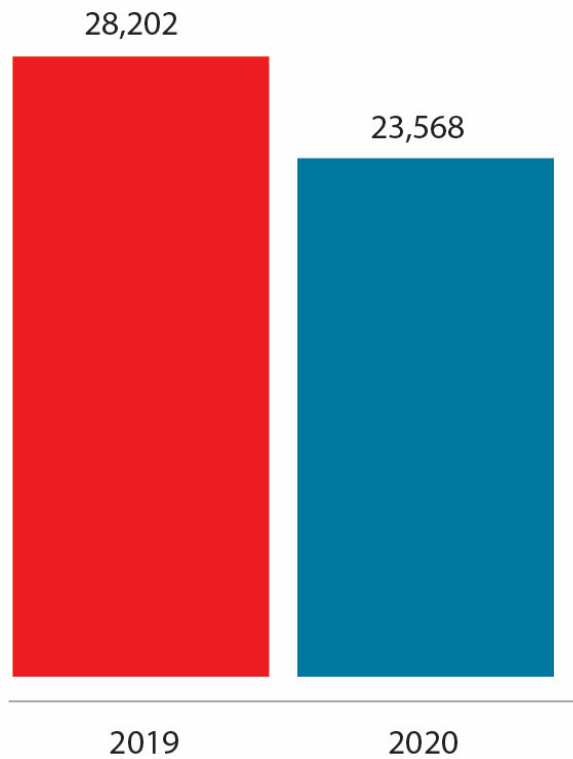




Police Response Time Dispatch to Arrival (in minutes)

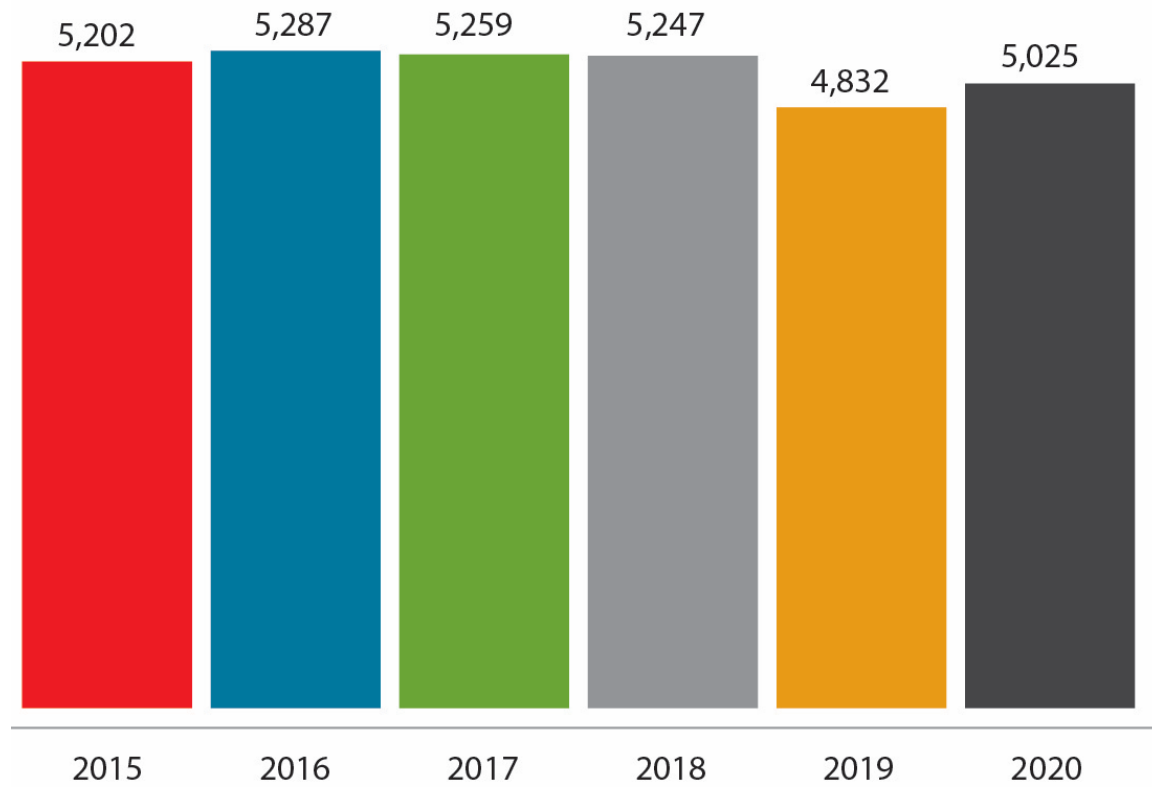


Total Calls for Police

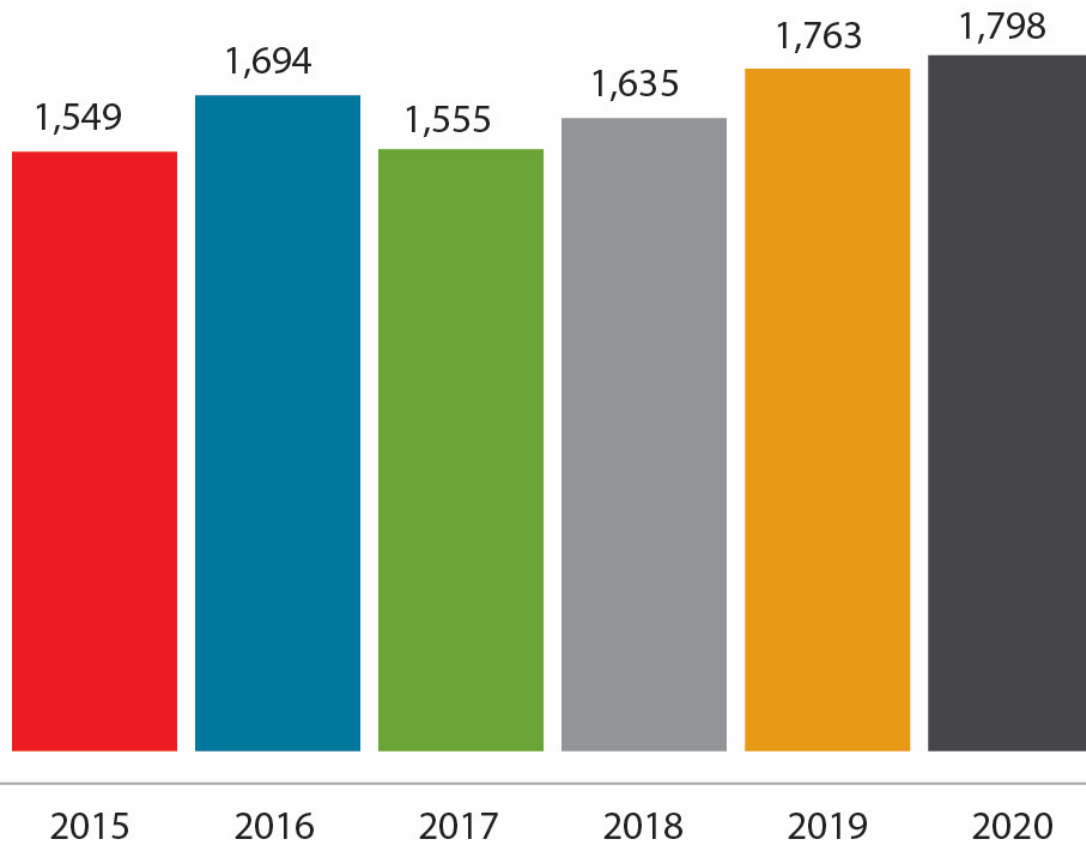


Lakewood P.D. upgraded our CAD system (which tracks all calls for service) in the middle of 2018. Although EMS and Fire Calls were tracked consistently from 2015 to 2020, the way that the system tracked police calls changed dramatically. The total number of Police calls from 2015 to 2018 were severely out of range. For this reason, only two years of data is shown on this chart.

Total Calls for EMS

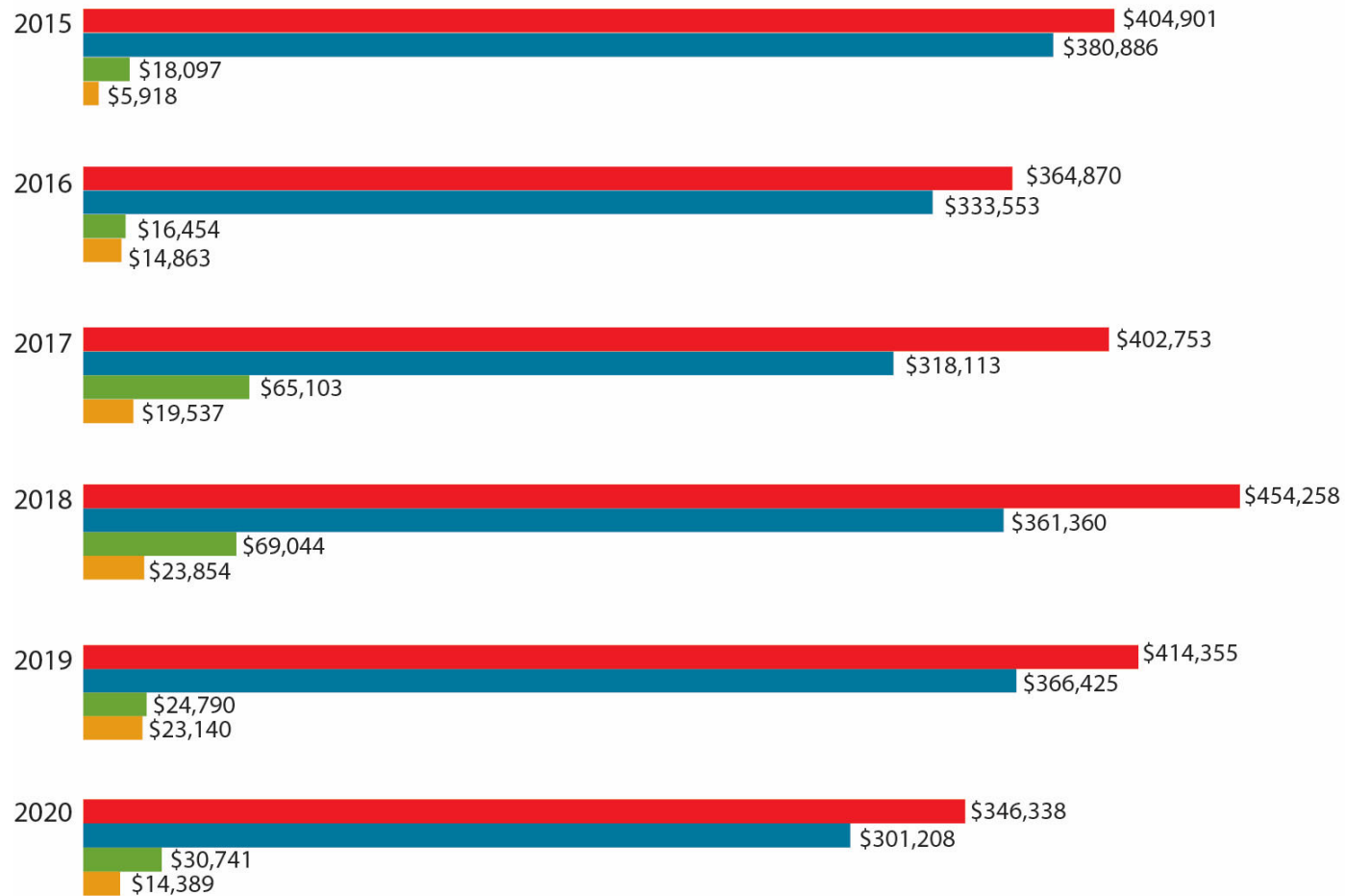


Total Calls for Fire



Overtime Costs

Total Police Dispatch Jail



Auxiliary Police Unit

The Lakewood Auxiliary Police Unit currently has 18 members who volunteer their talents and time to assist the Lakewood Police Department at special events and in emergency conditions. Auxiliary Police Officers can also “ride along” with our sworn officers on patrol.

School Guards

The Lakewood Police Department employs part time School Guards to cover 28 school crossings throughout the city. These employees work outside, in all types of weather to make sure that children who walk or ride their bikes to school, arrive there safely each day.