

COLONIAL HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Colonial Heights Police Department is to protect the life, individual liberty and property of all people within the City of Colonial Heights, to develop and actively pursue a positive relationship with members of the community and to foster a positive working environment for members of the Colonial Heights Police Department.

DEPARTMENT GOALS

The employees of the Colonial Heights Police Department are committed to accomplishing our mission through attainment of the following goals:

- Preserving individual rights as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States
- Effectively enforcing state and local laws and ordinances
- Aggressively investigating criminal offenses
- Providing timely apprehension of persons suspected of committing criminal acts
- Effectively managing departmental resources for optimal service delivery to all citizens
- Providing impartial, competent, and courteous service to the public without regard to race, creed, or gender



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

As many of you may already know, I retired from the Colonial Heights Police Department in July of 2021, after serving the City of Colonial Heights as a law enforcement officer in various capacities for nearly a quarter of a century. A year later, in July 2022, I returned as your new Chief of Police, a position for which I am extremely honored and humbled to have been selected. It is with great pride, therefore, that I present to you the Colonial Heights Police Department's **2022 Annual Report**. Contained in this report are documentations of criminal- and traffic-related statistics, as well as a myriad of department and community activities. Even as we transitioned from one administration to another, the men and women of this agency never once strayed from their mission of working to ensure the safety and security of our community.

I would like to begin by recognizing and commending all of the men and women in our agency who go above and beyond each day to serve our citizens. From our sworn officers to our animal control and civilian staff, everyone worked together, and I couldn't be prouder of this agency. You should also know that despite some of the negativity expressed across the country, our officers are deeply committed to their profession and take pride in the job that they have chosen to do. This is due in part to the fact that it is and will always be the goal of this agency to hire the best and brightest to serve our community. We have high expectations of our officers, in that we proactively police our community and aggressively investigate crime using an impartial, unbiased and transparent culture. In return, we have an amazing community, backed by a supportive City Council that works to ensure competitive compensation and leading-edge equipment.

In addition to our amazing sworn and civilian staff, we also depend heavily on our Auxiliary and Sentinel units. These two groups of volunteers take care of tasks such as traffic control, assistance during natural disasters, behavioral health emergencies, security assignments and many other situations, all of which allows us to better utilize sworn staff. Some of our Auxiliary members are retired police officers from this department, and we are so grateful that they have remained on in this capacity. We truly could not do our jobs without them.



While people are the backbone of any department, I must say that like most police agencies, we are becoming more and more reliant on advanced technology to do our jobs. A few of these initiatives include programs such as our unmanned aerial vehicle operations. These devices are utilized by our Federal Aviation Administration licensed operators to document serious traffic crashes, search for missing persons, locate wanted subjects and monitor large crowds. These devices have proven to be very beneficial for documentation and have been critical at gathering of real-time intelligence. Additionally, this year we successfully upgraded our Taser less-than-lethal weapon systems to the most up-to-date platform available. The deployment of these new devices, the transitional training, coupled with our body camera program, ensures our officers have the tools and skills available to best meet the challenges they may encounter as they go about their daily assignments.

For those many citizens who have participated in *Celebrate Safe Communities* for the past decade—including during the two-year COVID-19 pandemic—we offer our sincere appreciation. You may be excited to hear that we are now moving back to our initial community-oriented policing program and rejoining *National Night Out* on August 1, 2023. This “meet and greet” event not only encourages friends and neighbors to connect, but also allows your officers to interact face-to-face with those citizens who may otherwise never have that opportunity. Moving the event to August will provide more daylight and reduce the worry of our hosts who have children with homework assignments and sporting activities. We look forward to this occasion every year and are excited for the opportunity to introduce ourselves.

There are so many exciting things that we anticipate in our future. You can follow our progress by visiting our website and following us on Facebook. Nothing that we do would be possible without the constant support of our City Manager and City Council members. Above all else we are also so grateful to all of our citizens who show their appreciation for the sacrifices that are made every day by our officers and staff. I am so very honored and proud to be a part of this team that is the Colonial Heights Police Department.

Respectfully,

William H. Anspach

Colonel William H. Anspach
Chief of Police



Department History

In September 1926, Colonial Heights was established as a town, having originally been a part of Chesterfield County and the City of Petersburg.

The first Colonial Heights law enforcement officer was a Town Sergeant who relied upon the assistance of the Chesterfield County and City of Petersburg Police Departments.

The first full-time police officer was Officer Brown, who came to Colonial Heights from the Chesterfield County Police Department. Then Mayor Shepard served as the town's first Police Chief and Magistrate. The first police department office was established in 1931 at what is now the school board building.

During the 1930's and 1940's, two police officers were on duty to protect the town. One officer was assigned to the day shift while the second officer worked at night. At times when Old Town Creek threatened to flood U.S. Routes 1/301, the officers divided the town, one patrolling north, and the second patrolling south of the creek.

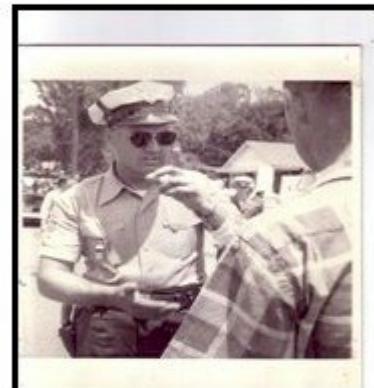
In 1948, Colonial Heights changed from a Town status to a Second Class City, having a population under 5,000 residents.

In 1956, the police department relocated to the new City Hall building located on James Avenue. In the 1970's, the police department moved to the basement of the courthouse, located on Temple Avenue. In 2001, the department was relocated to the newly established Public Safety Building in what was once City Hall.

First established as a town and now a First Class City, Colonial Heights has been served by eight police chiefs. Today, the Colonial Heights Police Department has a sworn strength of 52 men and women.



Colonial Heights Police Department, 1958



Officer A.B. Williams

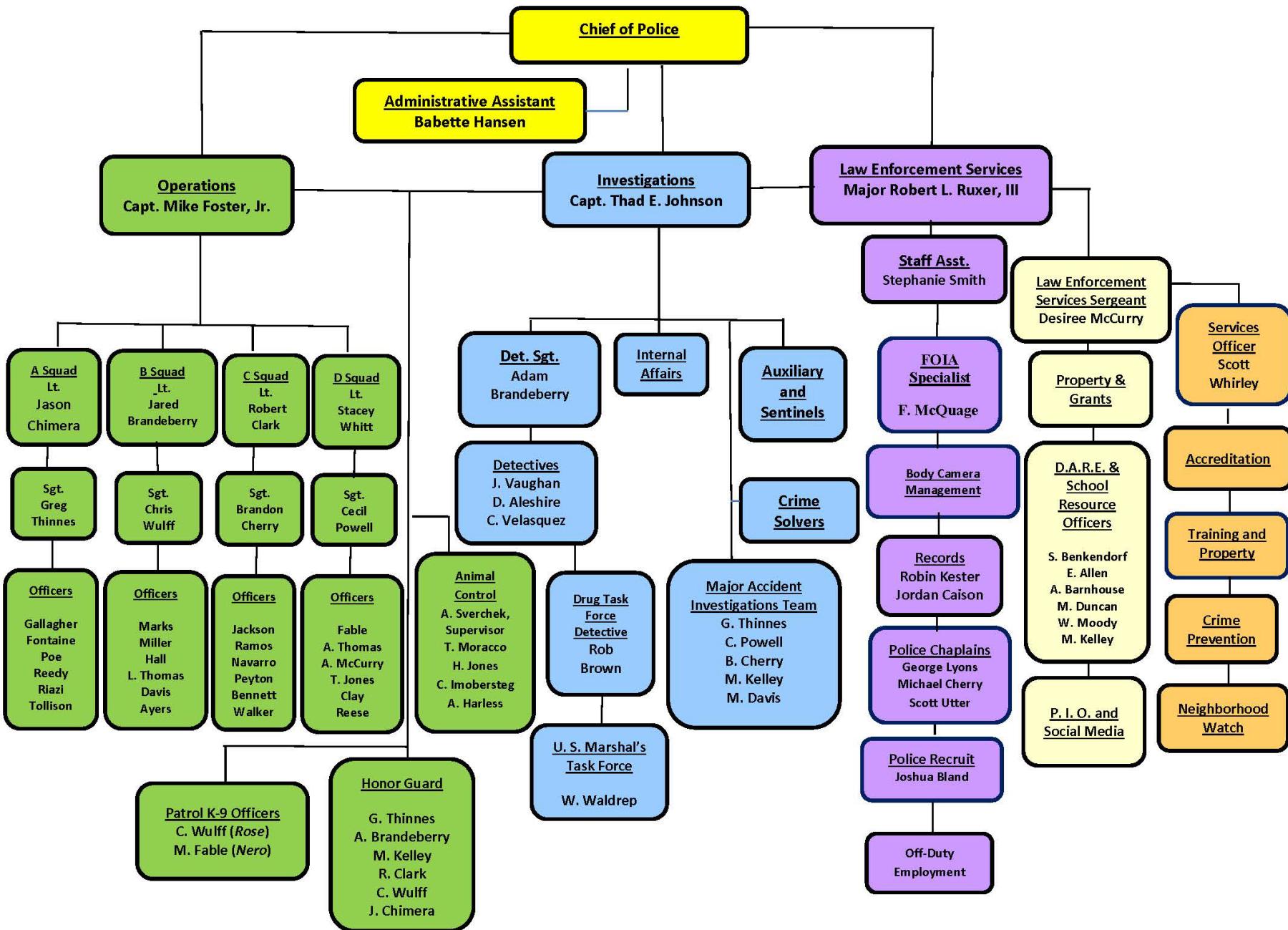


Officer Charlie Wells

AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AND STAFFING 2022

Police Staff	Authorized Staffing	Civilian Staff	Staffing
Chief of Police	1	Chief's Administrative Assistant	1
Deputy Chief of Police	1	Staff Assistant	1
Captain	2	Records Specialist	2
Lieutenant	4	Part-time FOIA Specialist	1
Sergeant	6	Animal Services Unit	
Police Officers	34	Animal Services Supervisor	1
Total Full-Time Staff	52	Animal Services Officer	1
		Animal Services Aide	1
		Part-time Aide	2
Volunteers/Part-time		Staffing	
		Auxiliary Police Officers	10
		Part-time Police Officers	4

CHPD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2022



Meet Our Team: Chief of Police

Chief William H. Anspach's service in the Commonwealth of Virginia began as a police officer with the City of Petersburg in 1995. In April of 1998, he was blessed to be selected as a certified police officer with his hometown of the City of Colonial Heights.

In July of 2021, Chief Anspach retired from law enforcement, after accepting a position in the private sector. In July of 2022, he was selected to lead the Colonial Heights Police Department as the Chief of Police.

Chief Anspach has served in all roles of our agency, from Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Lieutenant/Investigations Division Commander, Internal Affairs/Accreditation Manager, Captain/Patrol Division Commander, Captain/Law Enforcement Services Division Commander and Major/Deputy Chief of Police.

Throughout his career, numerous accolades have been bestowed on Chief Anspach, to include many Officer of the Month awards, Officer of the Year, numerous M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) awards, not to mention his graduation from the National Command College. He is also a proud graduate of Class 274 of the FBI National Academy. Chief Anspach earned these accolades and achievements not only as the result of his work ethic, but also for his ideas and initiative to improve the department and better serve our community.

In addition to many achievements, he has worked closely with our personnel to provide guidance and mentorship to many. He continues to be the driving force with our state accreditation, which began in 2012, and continuing reaccreditation achievements, all in the name of enhancing our image and setting high standards and expectations for our officers. The many roles that Chief Anspach has had within the agency has allowed him to form great relationships with our local media, allowing greater transparency both within and outside of our department. Efficiency, effectiveness and improvement have always been the focus of Chief Anspach's tenure while working in the Colonial Heights Police Department.



Colonel William H. Anspach

Meet Our Team: Law Enforcement Services

Major Robert L Ruxer, III, commands the Law Enforcement Service Division. The services division is responsible for training; maintenance and purchasing of equipment; management of the Property and Evidence Room; handling of social media and media relations; and overseeing accreditation and crime prevention. Major Ruxer is a 2020 graduate of the National Criminal Justice Command College and a 2022 graduate of the University of Virginia, where he obtained a Masters of Public Safety.

Additionally, the division conducts inspections, manages grants, and maintains and controls all departmental records and special projects, to include the body camera and drone programs. The Law Enforcement Services Division encompasses a Services Sergeant, an Accreditation and Crime Prevention officer, Records personnel, a Freedom of information Act (FOIA) specialist and six School Resource Officers. Throughout the year, the division holds numerous community events such as “National Night Out”, drug take-backs, and other events that help to keep the community informed and in touch with their police department.



Major Robert L. Ruxer

Meet Our Team: Operations Division

The Uniform Patrol Division is the most recognizable and easily the largest division in the agency and is the responsibility of Captain Thad Johnson, who is the Operations Division Commander. The division is comprised of 34 sworn men and women, who are divided amongst four squads. Each squad consists of a lieutenant, sergeant, and patrol officers. Squad personnel provide police protection 24/7, working 12-hour shifts. Uniform Patrol officers provide a multitude of services to our community.

In addition to responding to calls for service, they regularly enforce state and local criminal and traffic laws, conduct in-depth investigations, process evidence, testify in court, proactively identify and address quality-of-life issues, and provide general guidance for citizen inquiries. The department has a strong belief in building partnerships with our community, other city departments, business leaders, civic organizations, and other criminal justice agencies. These relationships are critical in order for the department to provide the most professional and transparent police service possible.



Captain Thad E. Johnson

Meet Our Team: Investigations Division

The Investigations Division of the Colonial Heights Police Department is guided by Captain Mike Foster and is comprised of one sergeant, three general detectives, and one narcotics task force detective. Detectives have the primary responsibility in the investigation of serious or serial crimes. Crimes commonly assigned to the detectives include rape, robbery, homicide, burglary, sex offenses, missing persons and fraud-related incidents. Task Force officers are assigned to the Virginia State Police Central Virginia Regional Narcotics Task Force, with a primary focus on investigations of middle- and upper-level drug dealers in the Tri-Cities and Chesterfield and Dinwiddie Counties.

Each officer is trained in basic investigation, interviewing, interrogation, forensics and photography. Specialty courses such as computer fraud, internet crimes, child sexual abuse, forensic science courses, narcotics investigations and social media have been completed by most of the officers. Officers are regularly enrolled in advanced training to expand their knowledge and skills necessary to carry out these complex investigations.

The Investigations Division routinely works with local, state and federal agencies while investigating crimes occurring in Colonial Heights and the region. Agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigations; U.S. Secret Service; Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; Virginia Lottery and the Virginia State Police provide or receive assistance from the Investigations Division annually.



Captain Mike Foster

Meet Our Team: Patrol Lieutenants



A Shift

Lieutenant Jason Chimera has been with the Colonial Heights Police Department since 2003. In addition to his patrol duties, he also coordinates all wrecker services, is the Drone Program supervisor and is the Juvenile Intake Liaison.



B Shift

Lieutenant Jared Brandeberry has been with the Colonial Heights Police Department since 2014. Lt. Brandeberry commands B Squad and coordinates the Agency Peer Support Program, E-Citation Program and is in charge of the agency's Traffic Calming Program.



C Shift

Lieutenant James "Stacey" Whitt has been with the Colonial Heights Police Department since 2008. Lt. Whitt commands C Squad as well as being in charge of the agency's Field Training Officer Program.



D Shift

Lieutenant Robert Clark has been with the Colonial Heights Police Department since 2008. Lt. Clark commands D Squad and is a Master Firearms Instructor. Lt. Clark coordinates all firearms training as well as all agency less-than-lethal training programs.

Meet Our Team: Sergeants



Detective Sergeant Adam Bradeberry
Investigations Division



Sergeant Desirée McCurry
Law Enforcement Services Division



Sergeant Brandon Cherry
Patrol Division-C Squad



Sergeant Cecil Powell
Patrol Division-D Squad



K-9 Sergeant Christopher Wulff
Patrol Division-B Squad



Sergeant Greg Thennes
Patrol Division-A Squad

Meet Our Team: Investigations Division



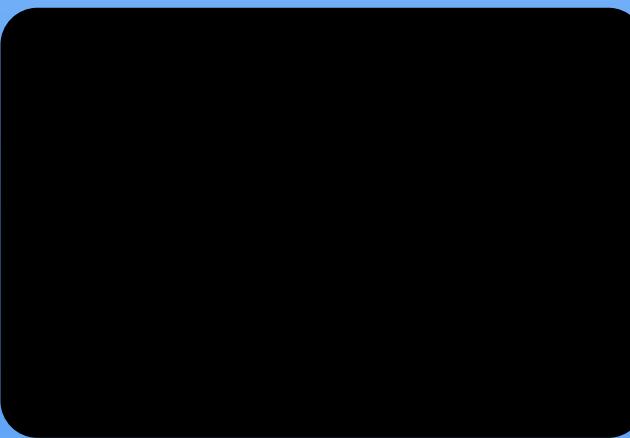
Senior Detective
Christopher M. Velasquez



Senior Detective
Joseph M. Vaughan



Senior Detective
Darrell W. Aleshire Jr.



Senior Detective
Robert N. Brown
(not pictured)

Meet Our Team: School Resource Officers



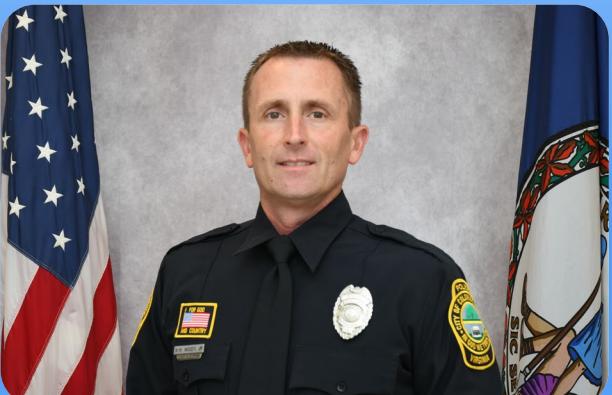
Master Officer Andrew L. Barnhouse
Lakeview Elementary SRO



Career Officer Sophie L. Benkendorf
North Elementary SRO



Career Officer Michael D. Duncan
Tussing Elementary SRO



Career Officer W. Wayne Moody
Vocation Tech SRO



Career Officer Eric L. Allen
High School SRO



Career Officer Michael B. Kelley
Middle School SRO

Meet Our Team: Patrol Division - A Squad



Master Officer William T. Waldrep



Senior Officer Jason E. Poe



Officer Erik L. Reedy



Officer Sarah M. Tollison



Officer Alex S. Riazi

Meet Our Team: Patrol Division - B Squad



Senior Officer Devin C. Marks



Senior Officer Jacob A. Miller



Senior Officer Marcus A. Hall



Officer Lamier A. Thomas



Officer Morgan N. Davis



Officer C. Storm Ayers

Meet Our Team: Patrol Division - C Squad



Officer Rocky Navarro



Officer Corbin P. Ramos



Officer Jonathan M. Walker



Officer Zaneisha J. Clay



Officer David B. Hirn

Meet Our Team: Patrol Division - D Squad



Senior K-9 Officer Micaulay R. Fable



Officer Anthony C. McCurry



Officer Tyson L. Jones



Officer Austin L. Thomas



Officer Tristan E. Bennett

Meet Our Team: Animal Services Unit



Amanda E. Richards
Animal Services Supervisor



Hannah E. Jones
Animal Services Officer



Toni L. Moracco
Animal Services Staff Assistant

Meet Our Team: Patrol K-9s

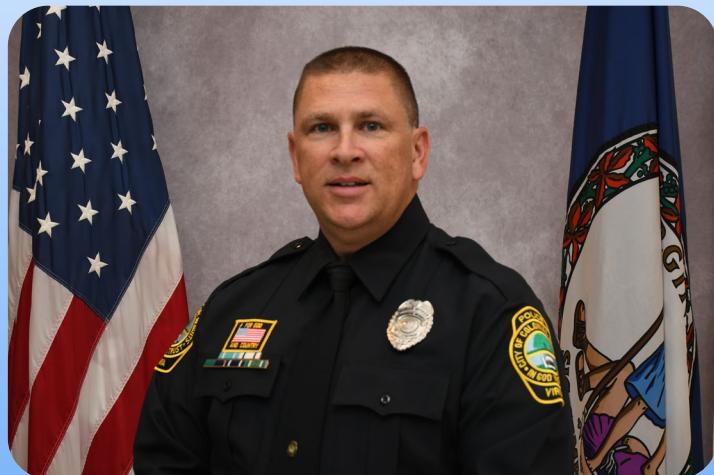


Lieutenant Rose
Trailing K-9



Sergeant Nero
Narcotics Detection K-9

Meet Our Team: Accreditation & Crime Prevention



Career Officer H. Scott Whirley

Career Officer Scott Whirley is responsible for maintaining the agency's accreditation through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. Accreditation is a process which ensures that a law enforcement agency's policies and procedures meet prescribed standards.

According to VLEPSC:

"Accreditation increases the law enforcement agency's ability to prevent and control crime through more effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement services to the community it serves. Accreditation enhances community understanding of the law enforcement agency and its role in the community as well as its goals and objectives. Citizen confidence in the policies and practices of the agency is increased. Accreditation, in conjunction with the philosophy of community policing, commits the agency to a broad range of programs (such as crime prevention) that directly benefit the public. Accreditation creates a forum in which police and citizens work together to control and prevent crime. This partnership will help citizens to understand the challenges that confront law enforcement. Law enforcement will, in turn, receive clear direction from the community about its expectations. Thus, a common set of goals and objectives will be arrived at and implemented."

In 2013, the Colonial Heights Police Department was the first agency in the Tri-cities to receive accreditation. Since that time, the agency has been re-assessed multiple times, once in 2017 and again in 2021. Each time, the agency maintained accredited status by showing compliance on all standards. The agency looks forward to our next scheduled assessment in early 2025.

Meet Our Team: Administrative Personnel



Babette B. Hansen
Administrative Assistant to
the Chief of Police



Robin B. Kester
Records Technician



Jordan E. Caison
Records Technician



Stephanie R. Smith
Staff Assistant



Franklin P. McQuage, Jr.
FOIA Specialist

Meet Our Team: Auxiliary Police/Sentinels



Auxiliary Captain
Scott Young



Auxiliary Sergeant
Richard Hubbell



Auxiliary Officer
William Feasenmyer



Auxiliary Officer
Michael Deffner



Auxiliary Officer
Derek Pattison



Auxiliary Officer
Dann Ferguson



Auxiliary Officer
Kenneth Bish



Auxiliary Officer
Renee Walters



Auxiliary Officer
Robert Helms



Sentinel
Jerry Peterson

Meet Our Team: Police Chaplains



Dr. George C. Lyons
Police Chaplain



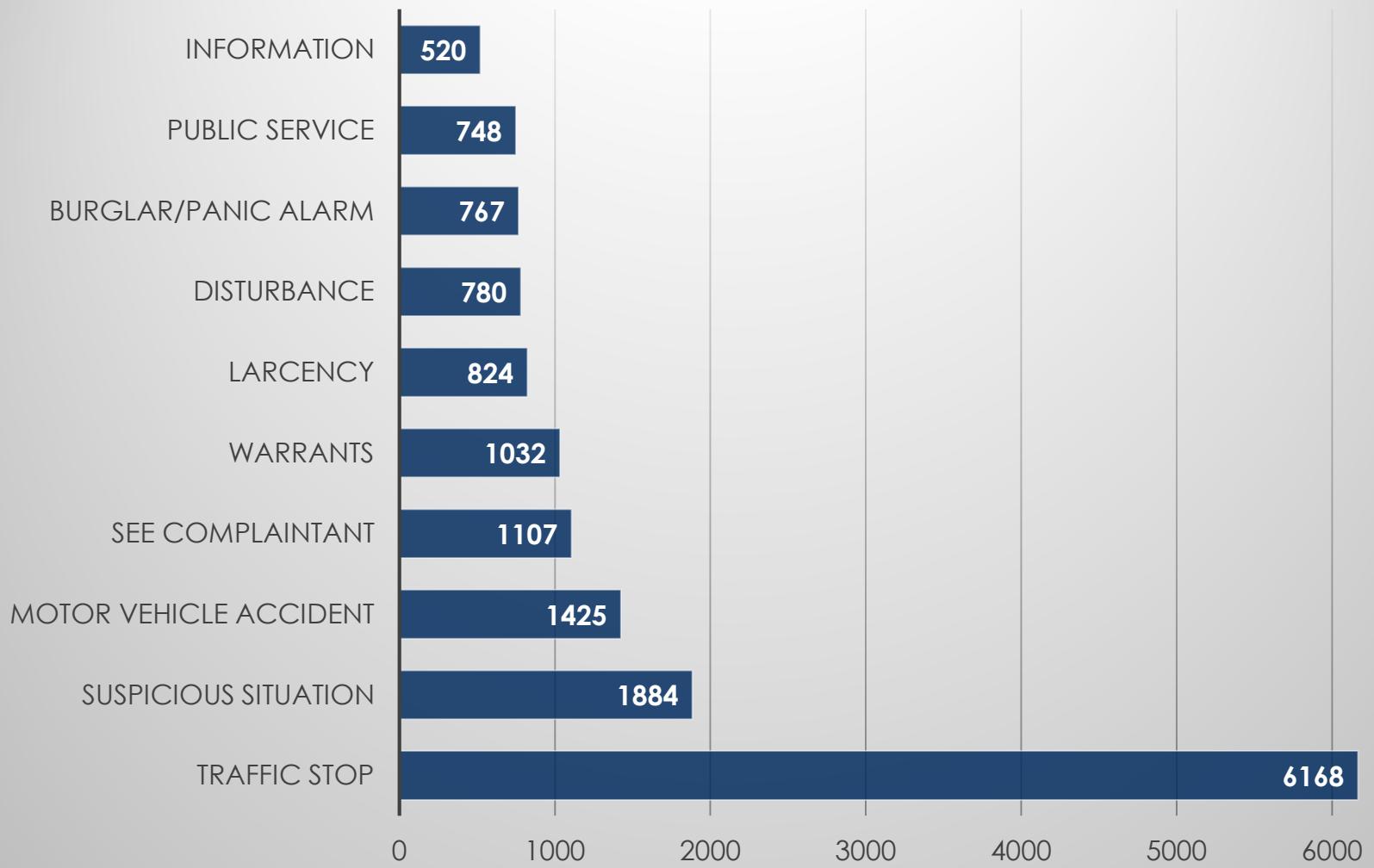
Delegate Michael Cherry
Police Chaplain



Scott Utter
Police Chaplain

2022 Overview

Top Ten Calls for Service



This year, the Colonial Heights Police Department responded to a total of 25,127 calls for service. The top ten call types that our officers responded to are shown below.

Top 10 Call Types in 2022

Call Type	# of Calls
Traffic Stop	6,168
Suspicious Situation	1,884
Motor Vehicle Accident and Hit and Run	1,425
See Complainant	1,107
Warrants/Protective Order	1,032
Larceny	824
Disturbance	780
Burglar or Panic Alarm	767
Public Service	748
Information	520

2022 CALLS FOR SERVICE BY MONTH



2022 Statistical Overview

The following pages contain statistical information that we report to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) regarding offenses that occur and arrests we make in Colonial Heights. Incidents and arrests depending on their nature are classified in two main categories, or Group A and B Offenses.

Group A offenses are the more serious crimes such as Murder, Rape, Robbery, etc. and as a result, NIBRS requires that we report both offenses and arrests for these categories.

Group A Offenses

<u>Crimes Against Persons</u>	<u>Crimes Against Property</u>	<u>Crimes Against Society</u>
<p>Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter Negligent Manslaughter Kidnapping/Abduction Forcible Rape Forcible Sodomy Sexual Assault With An Object Forcible Fondling Incest Statutory Rape Aggravated Assault Simple Assault Intimidation Human Trafficking: Commercial Sex Acts Human Trafficking: Involuntary Servitude</p>	<p>Arson Bribery Burglary/Breaking & Entering Counterfeiting/Forgery Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property Embezzlement Extortion/Blackmail False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game Credit Card/Automatic Teller Fraud Impersonation Welfare Fraud Wire Fraud Identity Theft Hacking/Computer Invasion Robbery Pocket-picking Purse-snatching Shoplifting Theft From Building Theft From Coin Operated Machine or Device Theft From Motor Vehicle Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories All Other Larceny Motor Vehicle Theft Stolen Property Offenses</p>	<p>Drug/Narcotic Violations Drug Equipment Violations Betting/Wagering Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling Gambling Equipment Violations Sports Tampering Pornography/Obscene Material Prostitution Assisting or Promoting Prostitution Purchasing Prostitution Weapon Law Violations Animal Cruelty</p>

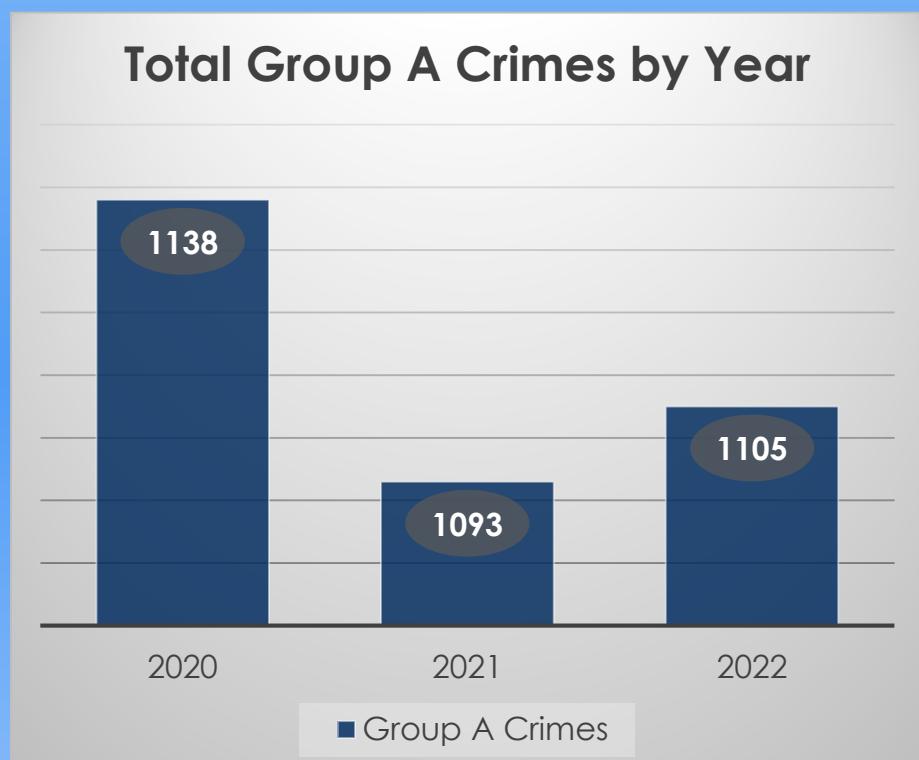
3 Year Group A Comparison

Crime	2020	2021	2022
Homicide	0	3	1
Rape	2	5	7
Robbery	14	7	13
Aggravated Assault	38	46	46
Violent Crimes Total	54	61	67
Break & Enter	17	35	26
Larceny	631	751	647
Vehicle Theft	17	31	33
Arson	1	1	3
Property Crimes Total	666	818	709
Drug/Narcotic Violation	328*	122	129
Weapon Violation	76	66	161
Pornography/Obscene Material	13	20	32
Animal Cruelty	1	6	7
Crimes Against Society Total	418	214	329

	2020	2021	2022
Total Group A Crimes	1,138	1,093	1,105

* In 2020, our department's Drug/Narcotic Violations were over double that of the following two years because in July of 2021, marijuana was decriminalized in the state of Virginia.

Total Group A Crimes by Year



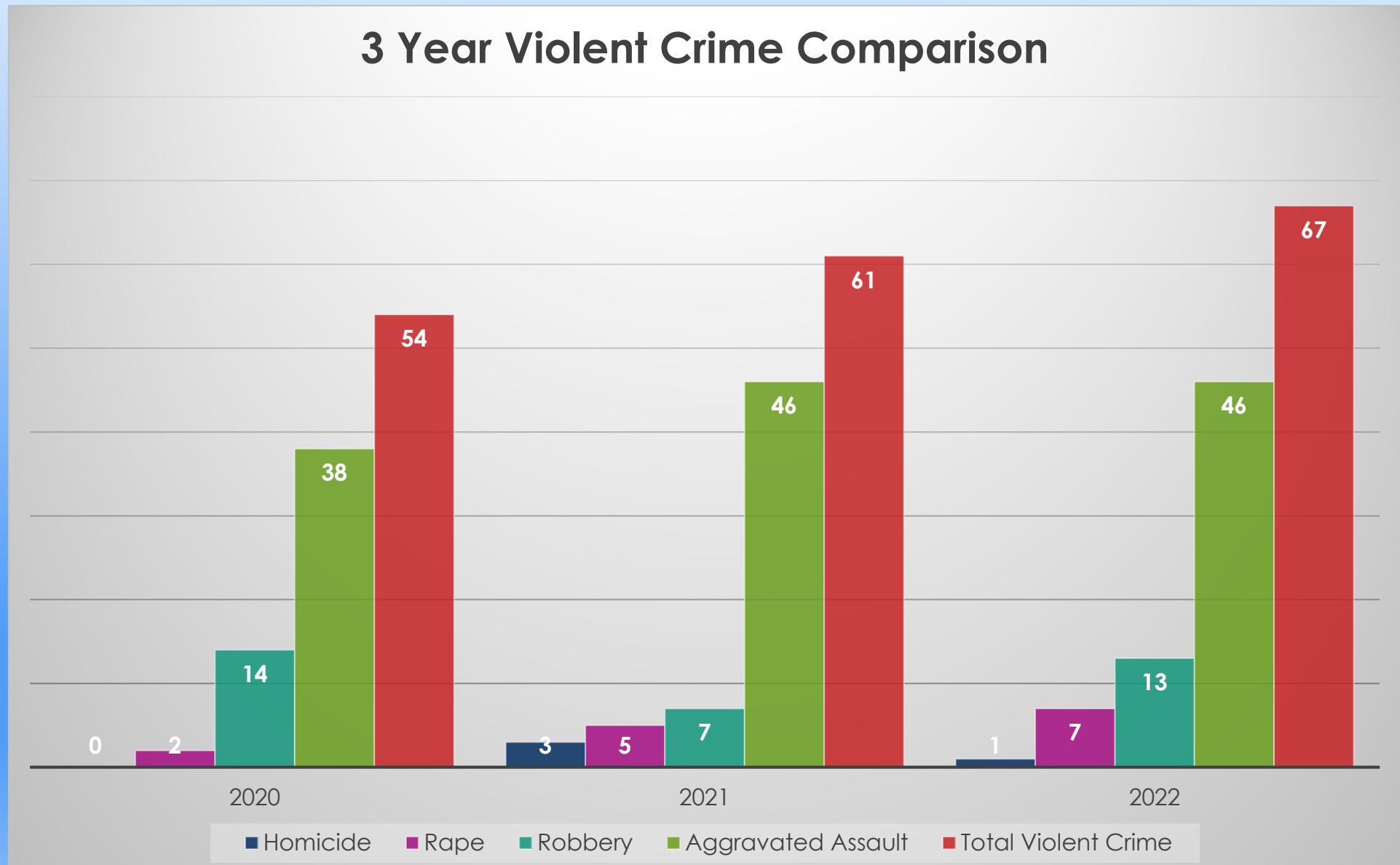
2022 Group A Crimes with Clearance Rates

Offense	# of Offenses	Cases Cleared	% Cleared
Homicide	1	0	0%
Rape	7	7	100%
Robbery	13	7	53.8%
Aggravated Assault	46	38	82.6%
Violent Crimes Total	67	52	77.6%
Break & Enter	26	10	38.4%
Larceny	647	311	48.1%
Vehicle Theft	33	14	42.4%
Arson	3	0	0%
Total Property Crimes Total	709	335	47.2%
Drug/Narcotic Violation	129	115	89.1%
Weapon Violation	161	145	90%
Pornography/Obscene Material	32	26	81.2%
Animal Cruelty	7	5	71.4%
Crimes Against Society Total	329	291	88.4%

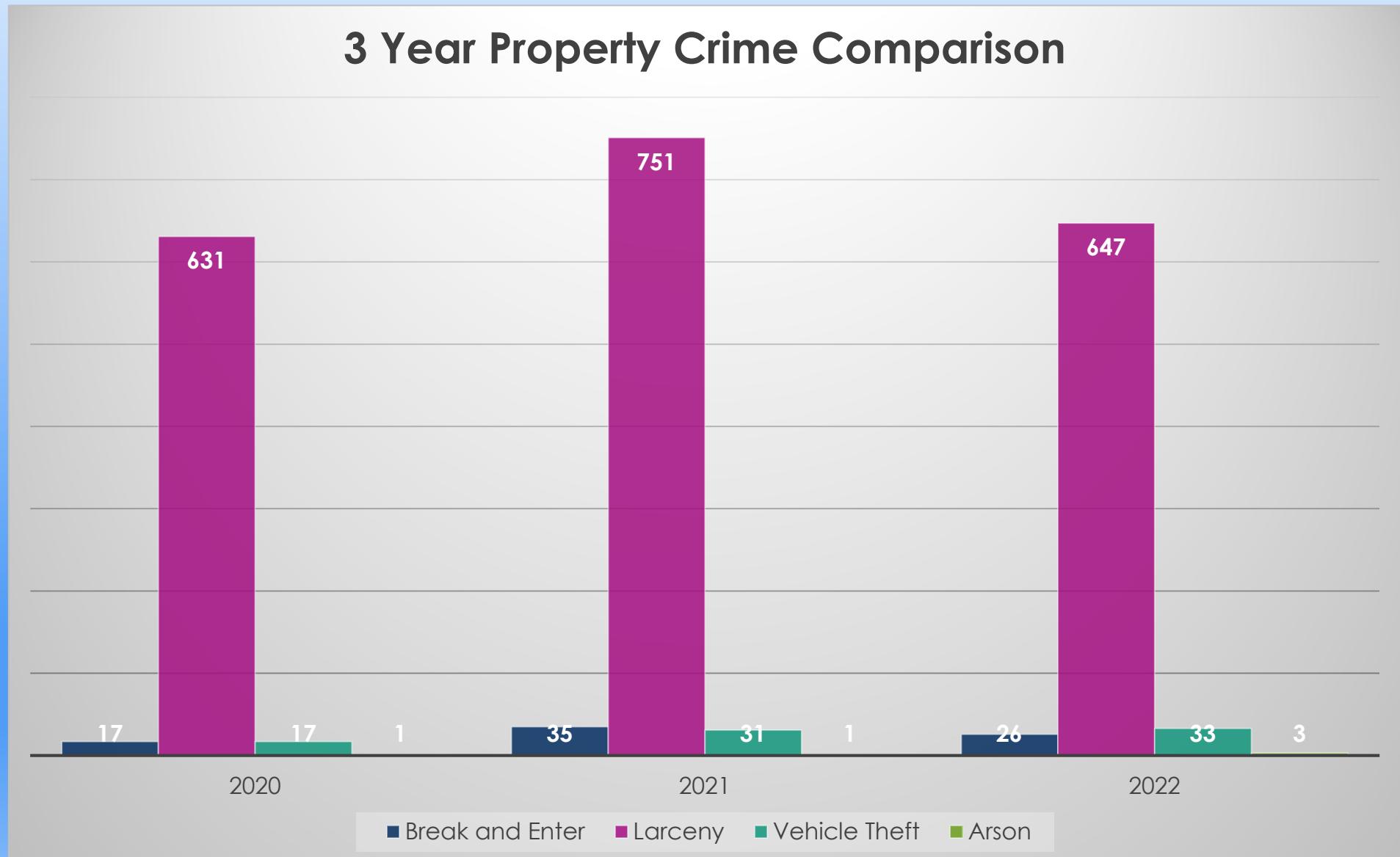
2022 Group A Total Clearance Rate

	Total # of Offenses	Total Cases Cleared	% Cleared
Group A Crimes	1,105	678	61.3%

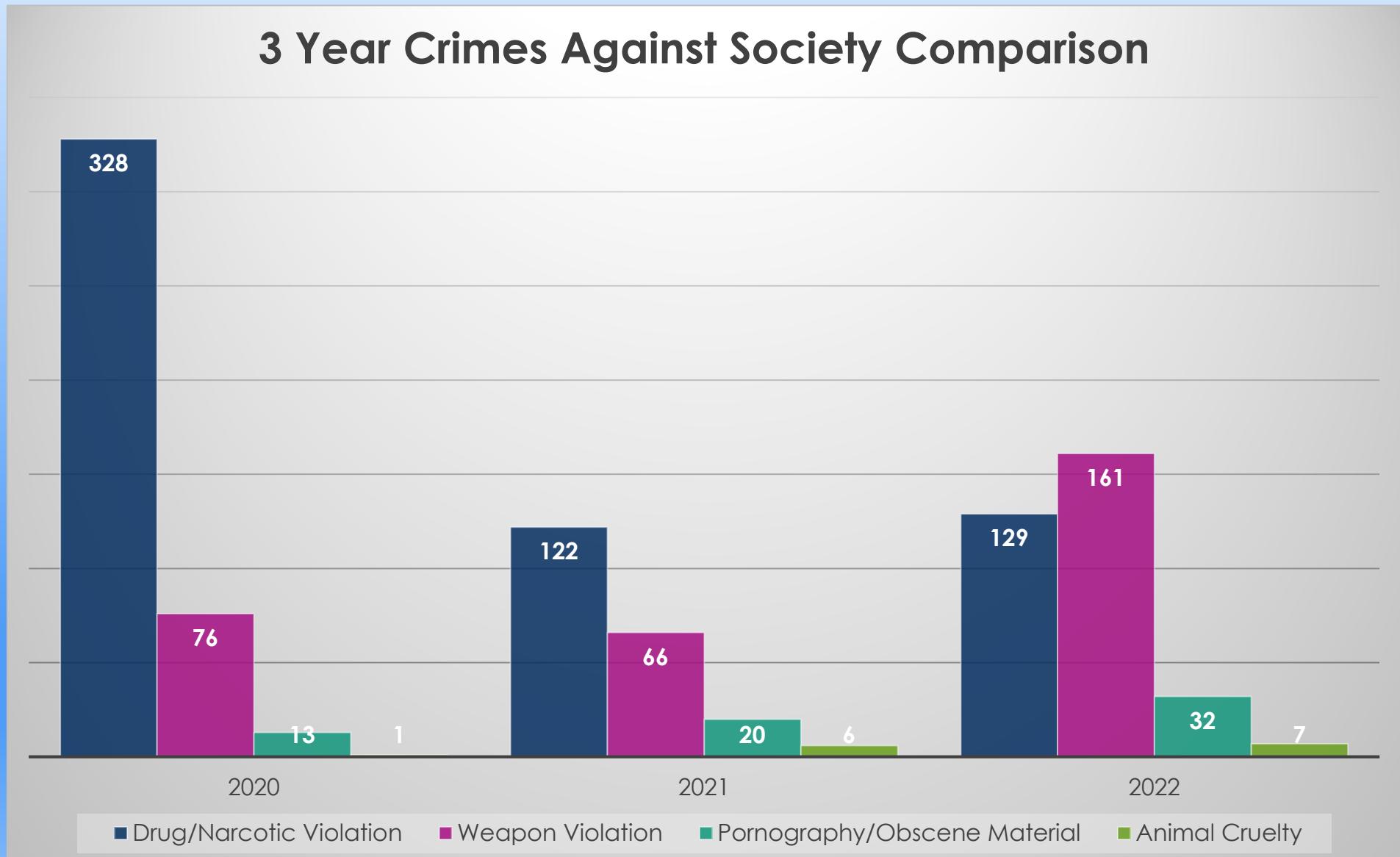
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2022 Statistical Overview

B Offense Arrests for 2022	
Bad Checks	0
Curfew/Loitering Violations	28
Disorderly Conduct/Drunkenness	107
Driving Under the Influence	104
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	25
Liquor Law Violations	7
Peeping Tom	0
Trespassing	99
All Other Offenses	845

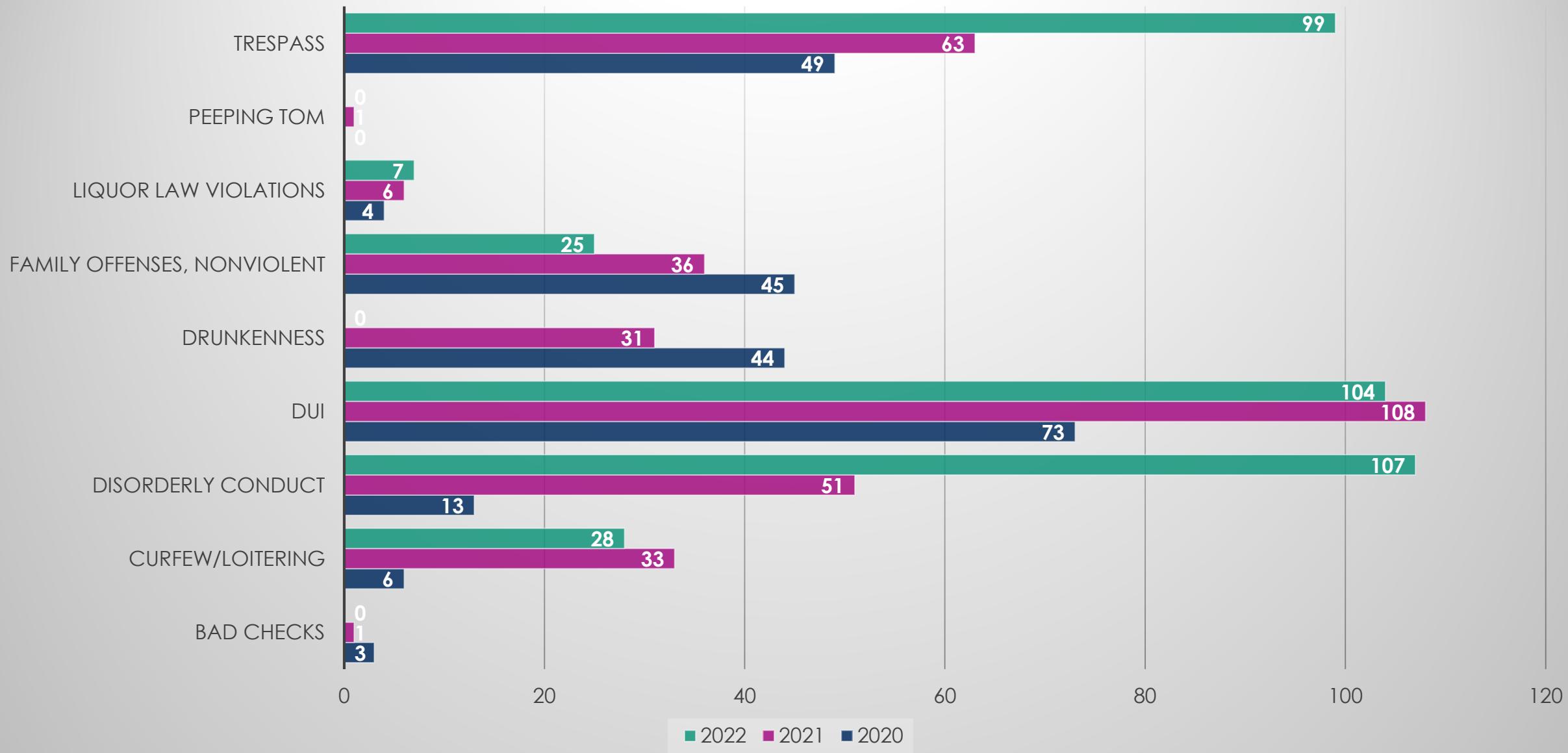
Group B Offense Arrests

Group B Offenses tend to minor in nature, such as Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations, Disorderly Conduct, Driving Under the Influence, etc. and as a result, NIBRS requires that we only report arrests for these categories.

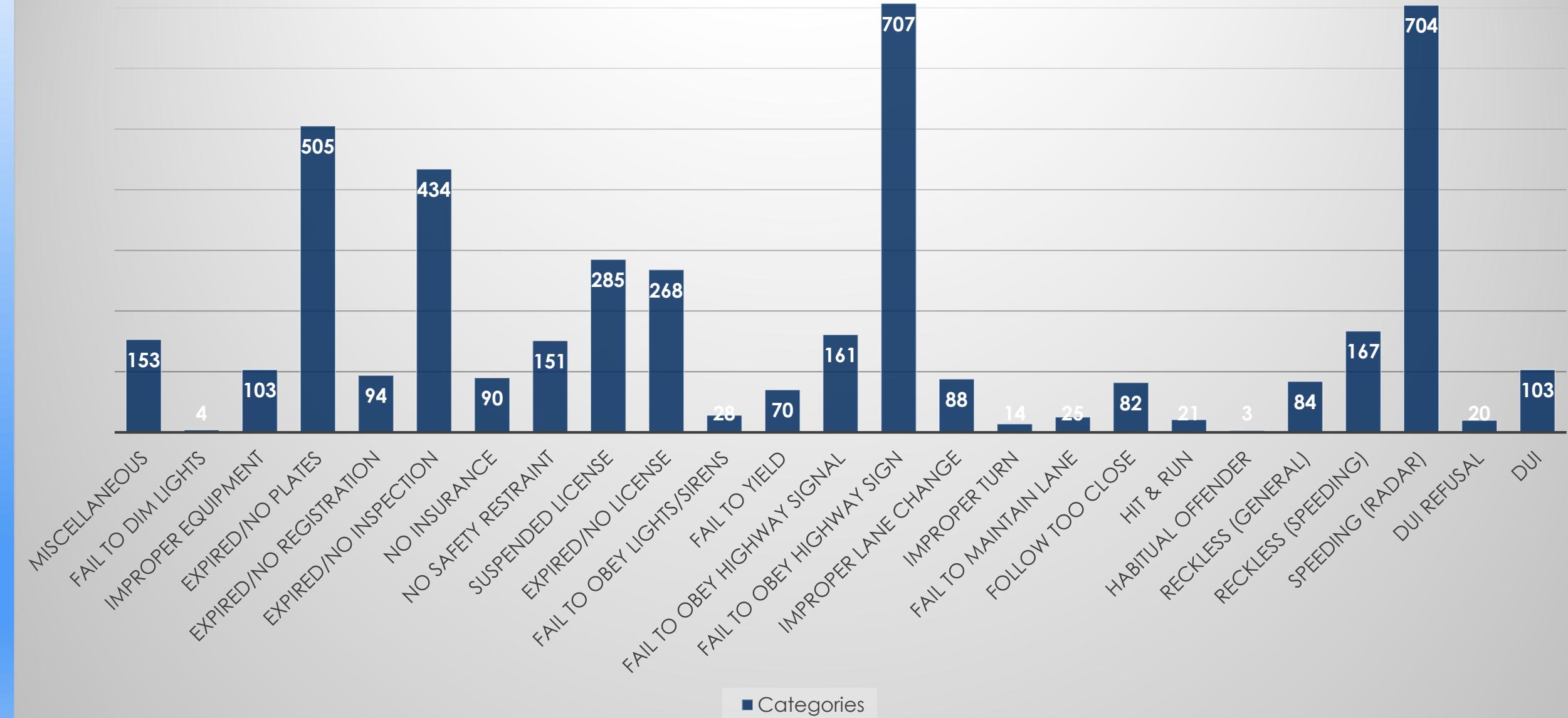
Arrests Only

Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations
Disorderly Conduct
Driving Under the Influence
Driving Under the Influence - Marijuana
Family Offenses (Nonviolent)
Liquor Law Violations
Trespass of Real Property
Other Offenses

Comparison of B Offenses for 2020, 2021, and 2022



2022 Breakdown of Traffic Offenses



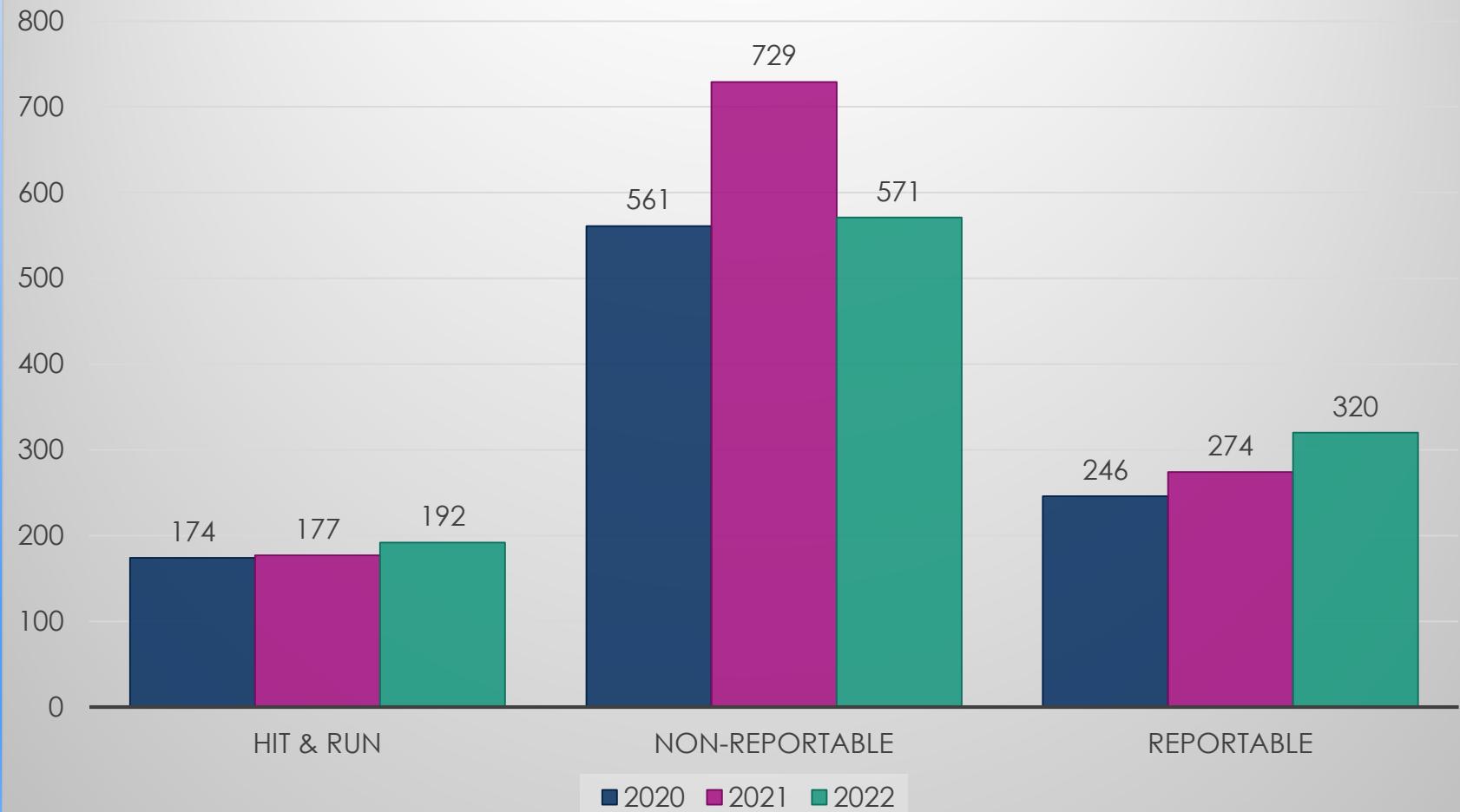
■ Categories

Traffic Accidents

Accidents that are “reportable” are generally ones that occur on the roadway and involve damage over \$1500, injury, or a vehicle is towed away.

Non-reportable are minor in nature and generally involve an exchange of driver contact and insurance information.

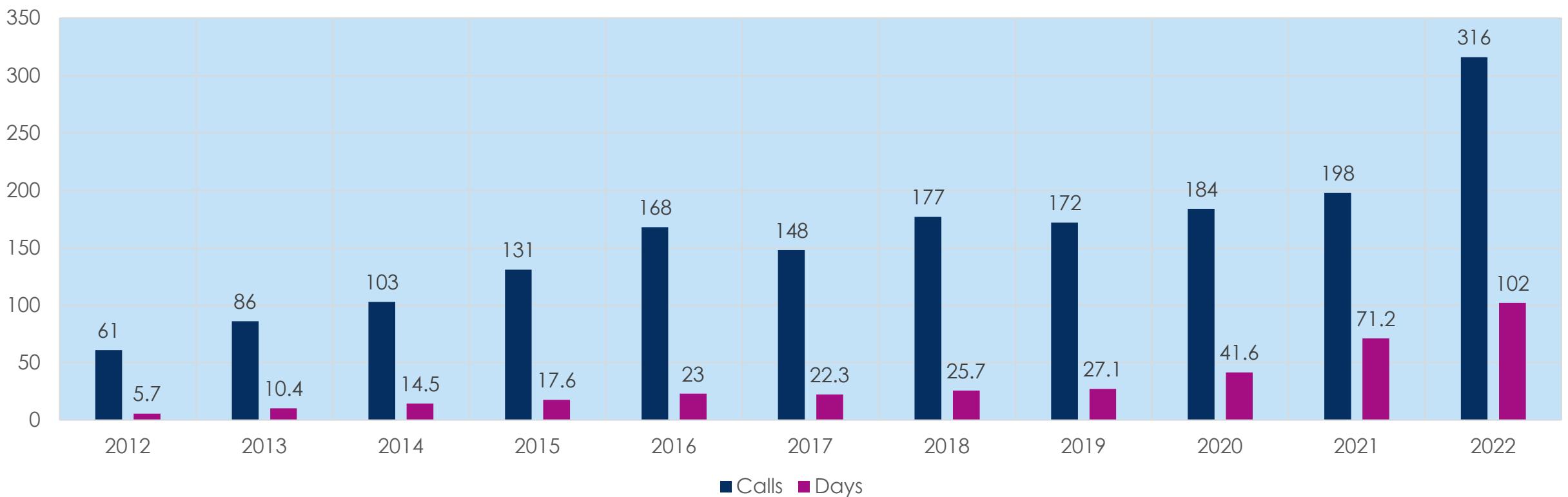
Accident Comparison by Type for 2020, 2021, and 2022



Behavioral Health Emergency Calls

Over the past several years, agencies across the country have seen a significant increase in calls for mental health referred to as “behavioral health emergencies”. We ourselves are experiencing the same increase in calls and related demands on our agency. In 2012, we responded to 61 mental health calls. This required the equivalent of over five days of an officer’s time, which includes time on scene, transportation and wait times for mental health evaluations at medical facilities. In 2022, CHPD responded to 316 mental health calls, which required the equivalent of 102 days of man hours to complete.

BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCIES- TDO/ECO



2022 Agency Activities

2022 Use of Force	Taser Used	Taser Displayed	ASP Baton	Control Hold	Spike Strips	Pepper Ball	K-9 Bite	Bean Bag	OC Spray	Firearm Displayed	Firearm Used
1 st Qtr.	2	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
2 nd Qtr.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
3 rd Qtr.	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
4 th Qtr.	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

2022 Vehicle Pursuits	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
Continued	1	1	2	1
Terminated	1	6	4	2

Officer Complaints			
1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
5	5	3	3

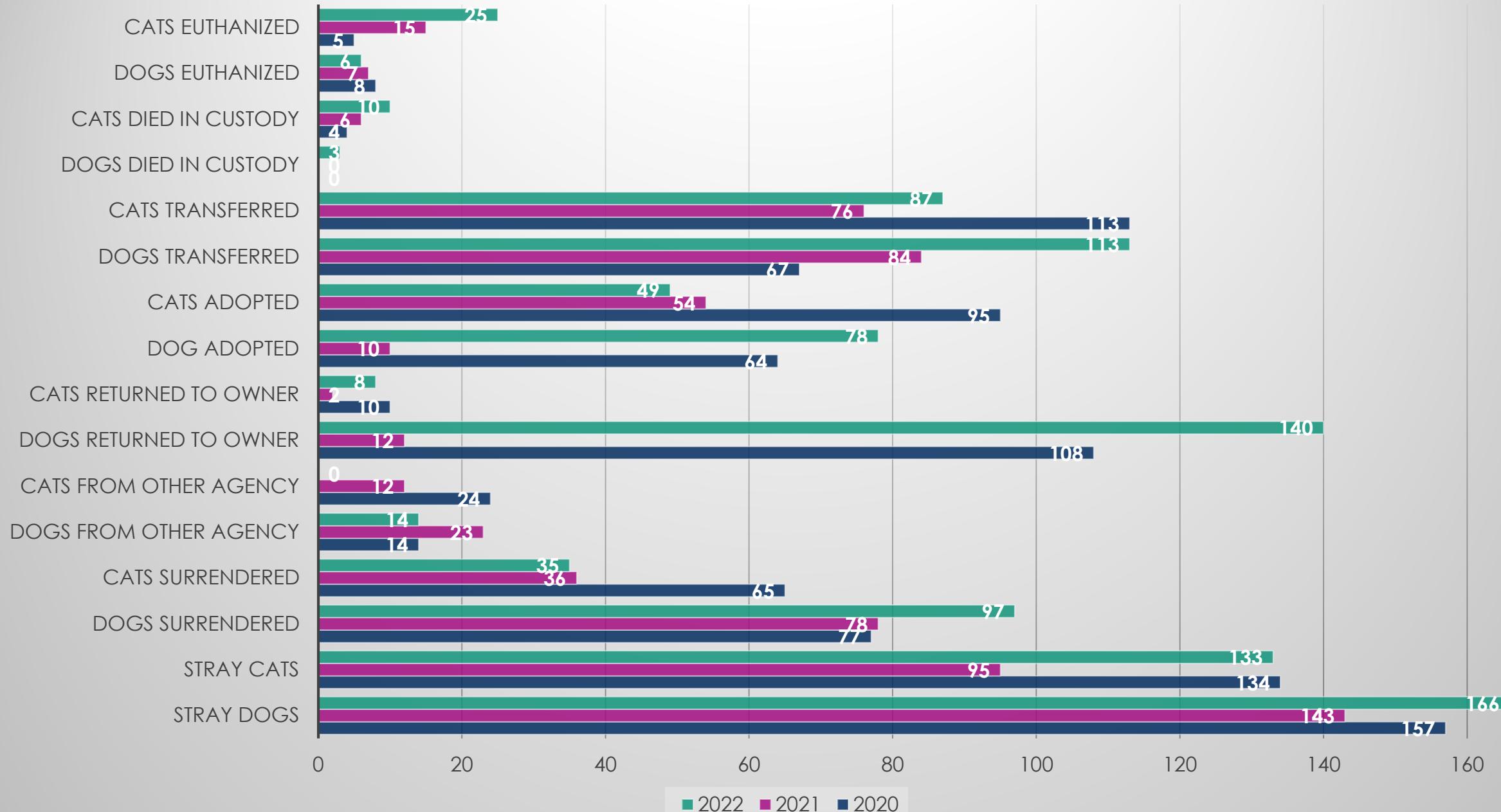
	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter
PD Vehicle Crashes	1	2	7	1

2022 Animal Services Activities



Category	Total
Stray Dogs	166
Stray Cats	133
Other	5
Dogs Surrendered by Owner	97
Cats Surrendered by Owner	35
Dogs Received from Another Agency	14
Cats Received from Another Agency	0
Dogs Reclaimed by Owner	140
Cats Reclaimed by Owner	8
Dogs Adopted	78
Cats Adopted	49
Dogs Transferred to Another Agency	113
Cats Transferred to Another Agency	87
Dogs Died in Custody	3
Cats Died in Custody	10
Dogs Euthanized	6
Cats Euthanized	25

Animal Services 3-Year Comparison



2022 Awards and Recognitions



Officer Corbin Ramos (left) and Sergeant Cecil Powell (right) received awards for their efforts to apprehend impaired drivers at the Annual Mother's Against Drunk Driving Awards Ceremony.



Lieutenant Stacy Whitt (2nd from right) was honored with the "Valor Award" for an Act of Courage in the Line of Duty at the Virginia Association of Chief's of Police Conference in Roanoke Virginia.

2022 Awards and Recognitions



Officer Storm Ayers (left) and Officer Alex Riazi (right) received recognition for their efforts to combat crime and keep our community safe during 2022. Officer Ayers received the American Legion's Officer of the Year for 2022, and Officer Riazi received the Southern Virginia Regional Chamber of Commerce Officer of the Year for 2022. Strong work by both officers.

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Officer Corbin Ramos (left) and Sergeant Cecil Powell (right) received awards for their efforts to apprehend impaired drivers at the Annual Mother's Against Drunk Driving Awards Ceremony.



Lieutenant Stacy Whitt (2nd from right) was honored with the "Valor Award" for an act of courage in the Line of Duty at the Virginia Association of Chief's of Police Conference in Roanoke Virginia.



In September of 2022, Detective Sergeant Adam Bradeberry (right) was recognized by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern Virginia Division. Sergeant Bradeberry investigated and arrested suspects for a robbery where \$23,000 worth of merchandise was stolen and the employees were held against their will.

2022 Employees of the Month



January 2022 Sergeant
Renee Walters



May 2022
Officer Morgan Davis



February 2022
Officer Storm Ayers
and
Officer Anthony
McCurry



June 2022
Officer Stephen Peyton



March 2022
Lieutenant Stacey Whitt



July 2022
Master Officer David Gallagher



April 2022
Master Officer David Gallagher and
Auxiliary Officer Dann Ferguson

2022 Employees of the Month



August 2022
Officer Anthony McCurry, Officer Zaneschia Clay
and
Officer Tyson Jones



September 2022
Officer Morgan Davis



November 2022
Senior Officer Jacob Miller



October 2022
Career Officer Scott
Whirley



December 2022
Senior Detective Christopher
Velasquez

2022 Employee Retirements



Sergeant Renee Walters retired on February 1, 2022, after serving the Commonwealth of Virginia for over 27 years. She continues to serve the community as an Auxiliary officer and part-time evidence custodian.



Career Detective Roger Santini Retired on March 1, 2022, after serving the Commonwealth of Virginia for over 27 years as a Law Enforcement Officer.



Career Officer David Gallagher retired on November 1, 2022, after serving the Commonwealth of Virginia for over 25 years as a Law Enforcement Officer.

2022 Employee Promotions



Senior Officer Deseree McCurry
was promoted to the rank of
Sergeant on February 2, 2022.



Captain Rob Ruxer was promoted to the
rank of Major/Deputy Chief of Police on
February 16, 2022.

2022 Trailing K-9 Activities



The year 2022 was a busy one for K-9 Lieutenant Rose and her partner, K-9 Sergeant Christopher Wulff. This year, Lt. Rose and Sergeant Wulff responded to numerous calls for K-9-related services. These calls were not only in Colonial Heights, but they also responded to several calls in our neighboring jurisdictions, to include Chesterfield County, Dinwiddie County, Prince George, Hopewell and Petersburg. The types of calls vary from attempting to locate burglary and assault suspects, to trailing missing adults and runaway children.



2022 Narcotics K-9 Activities



In 2022, Senior Officer Micaulay Fable and K-9 Sergeant Nero responded to calls for service in the City of Colonial Heights, as well as Chesterfield and Petersburg. They also provided assistance to the Virginia State Police. In addition to patrol work, the team was able to assist the Investigations Division with multiple search warrants, as well as traffic checkpoints for the Patrol Division

Sr. Officer Fable and Sgt. Nero complete a minimum of 16 hours of training every month and regularly train with K-9 Units in both the City of Richmond and Chesterfield County. Our agency is very grateful for the partnership with these agencies and their willingness to share this extremely valuable training.

Additionally, this year the team was able to recertify through the Virginia Work Dog Association and placed second in the "Iron Dog" Narcotics Detection Class Competition on April 30, 2022.



2022 Major Accident Investigations Team

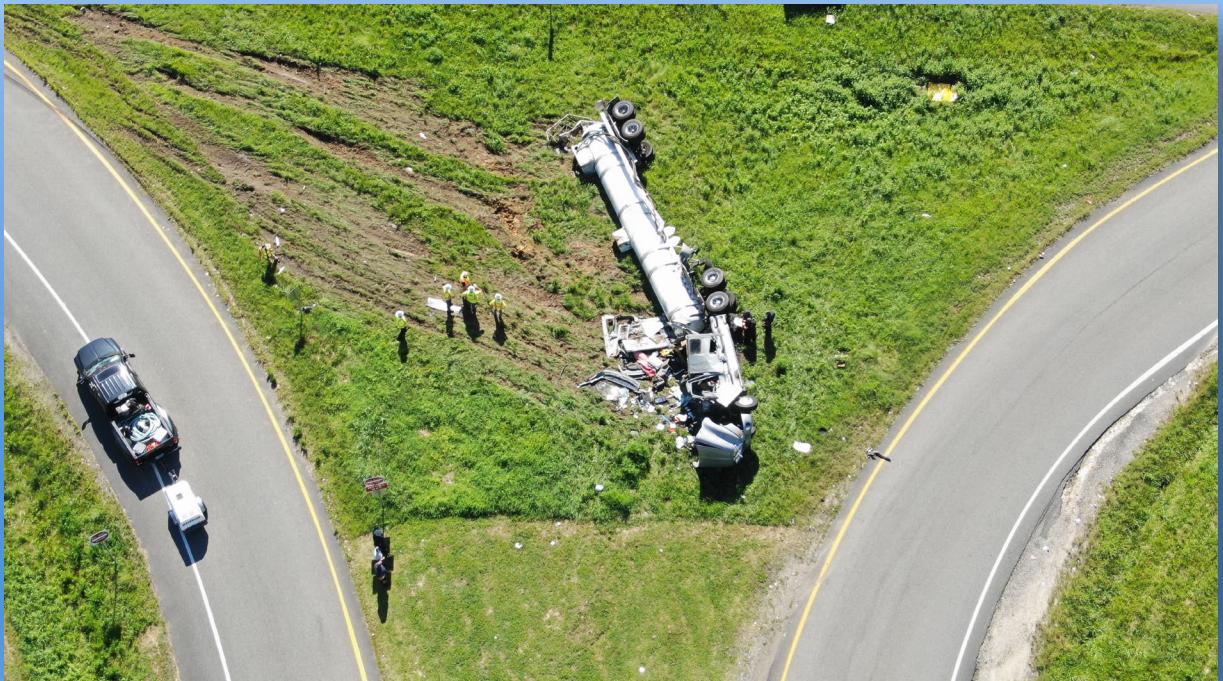
Officers assigned to the Major Accident Investigation Team (M.A.I.T.) are responsible for investigating fatal and major vehicle crashes, as well as serious crashes involving police department vehicles. M.A.I.T. members also provide expertise to patrol officers regarding the investigation of less serious crashes. Many investigations conducted by the team involve the determination of speed, crash reconstruction, interviewing witnesses, collecting and preserving forensic evidence, and courtroom testimony.

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Non-Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fatal	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2



2022 Drone Team

As expected, 2022 presented CHPD with a number of challenging incidents that have allowed us to deploy our “eye in the sky” drone technology. We launched our drones on several occasions to assist with missing persons cases and utilized its FLIR (forward looking infrared) capabilities to assist with locating a stranded swimmer after dark at Roslyn Landing Park. Our drones also proved to be highly beneficial by mapping buildings, such as the schools, for training. Drone operators mapped each school and were able to get a layout for each building to assist in training for cases of an Active Shooter event. Our program continues to grow as we add additional pilots to the team, and we look forward to another successful year in 2023.



2022 Community Support



Every year we receive amazing support from our community, and 2022 was no different. It's truly impossible to thank everyone, but here are a few pictures to remember the year!!!!

