



# COLONIAL HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2023





## 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



In 2023 Governor Youngkin signed into law a bill brought forward by Delegate Mike Cherry that makes it a felony crime to purchase or sell a minor child no matter the purpose. Prior to this bill, it was only a crime if there was an intent to cause harm to the child. This loophole in the law was discovered by Senior Detective Aleshire (pictured right) during an undercover investigation and brought to the attention of Captain Mike Foster (pictured left). Great teamwork by all involved to ensure those engaged in human trafficking for any reason are held accountable.

(Official photo courtesy of the office of Governor Glenn Youngkin)

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Drone photograph of Violet Bank Museum

## ***Message from the Chief***

As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to present our **Annual Report for 2023**, showcasing the remarkable efforts and accomplishments of the dedicated men and women of the Colonial Heights Police Department. This year has been marked by significant progress in our mission to ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

One of the highlights of this year has been the receipt of several key equipment grants, all of which have significantly enhanced our operational capabilities. Thanks to several initiatives from the Governor's Office, and the support of our City Council and City Manager, these grants have allowed us to acquire advanced technology and essential tools, ensuring our officers are better equipped to respond to emergencies and maintain public safety. From state-of-the-art forensic technology and equipment, to upgraded protective and response gear, these resources are critical in helping us perform our duties more effectively and efficiently.

This year, we also hosted our first **National Night Out** event, an exciting milestone in our efforts to strengthen community relations, providing an invaluable opportunity for residents and officers to come together and discuss important issues in the community. This was a change from our annual *Celebrate Safe Communities* program that had previously been held in the fall. **National Night Out** is an opportunity for citizens to meet officers; but more importantly, to meet their neighbors. The positive feedback and high participation rate we received affirmed that moving the event to a time when there is more daylight, and no school, was good for our community.

Community engagement remains at the heart of our policing philosophy. We have strengthened our outreach programs, fostered trust through transparent communication, and expanded our community policing efforts. By building stronger relationships with residents, we continue to promote mutual respect and understanding, which are essential to maintaining public safety.

This past year, our officers have worked tirelessly to reduce crime through proactive policing, enhanced community engagement, and implementation of innovative strategies to address emerging challenges. Through directed initiatives and collaborative efforts with our State and Federal partners, we are working to identify and arrest those involved in organized retail and auto theft, prevent opioid overdoses, and eliminate human trafficking.

This year, we have also invested in advanced training to better prepare our officers and supervisors in their roles. Our ongoing professional development programs ensure that our team remains at the forefront of modern policing techniques, allowing us to respond effectively to the diverse needs of our community.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our officers for their unwavering dedication, and to our citizens for their continued support, allowing the men and women of this agency to complete their mission. Together, we have made significant strides in making our community a safer and more vibrant place to live.

As we look forward to the coming year, we remain committed to our core values of integrity, service and excellence. We will continue to work diligently to uphold the trust you have placed in us and to protect and serve with transparency and honor.

Sincerely,

*William H. Anspach, III*

Colonel William H. Anspach, III  
Chief of Police



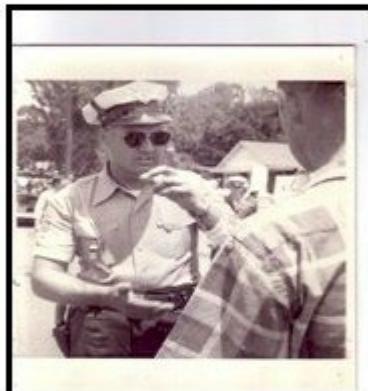
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# DEPARTMENT HISTORY

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Colonial Heights Police Department, 1958



Officer A.B. Williams



Officer Charlie Wells

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 Shepherd 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 and respond on average to 25,000 calls for service each year.



# **AUTHORIZED SWORN AND CIVILIAN STAFFING 2023**

<b><u>Sworn Law Enforcement</u></b>	<b><u>Authorized Staffing</u></b>
Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief/Major	1
Captain	2
Lieutenant	4
Sergeant	6
Police Officer	34
<b>Total Full-Time Staff</b>	<b>52</b>

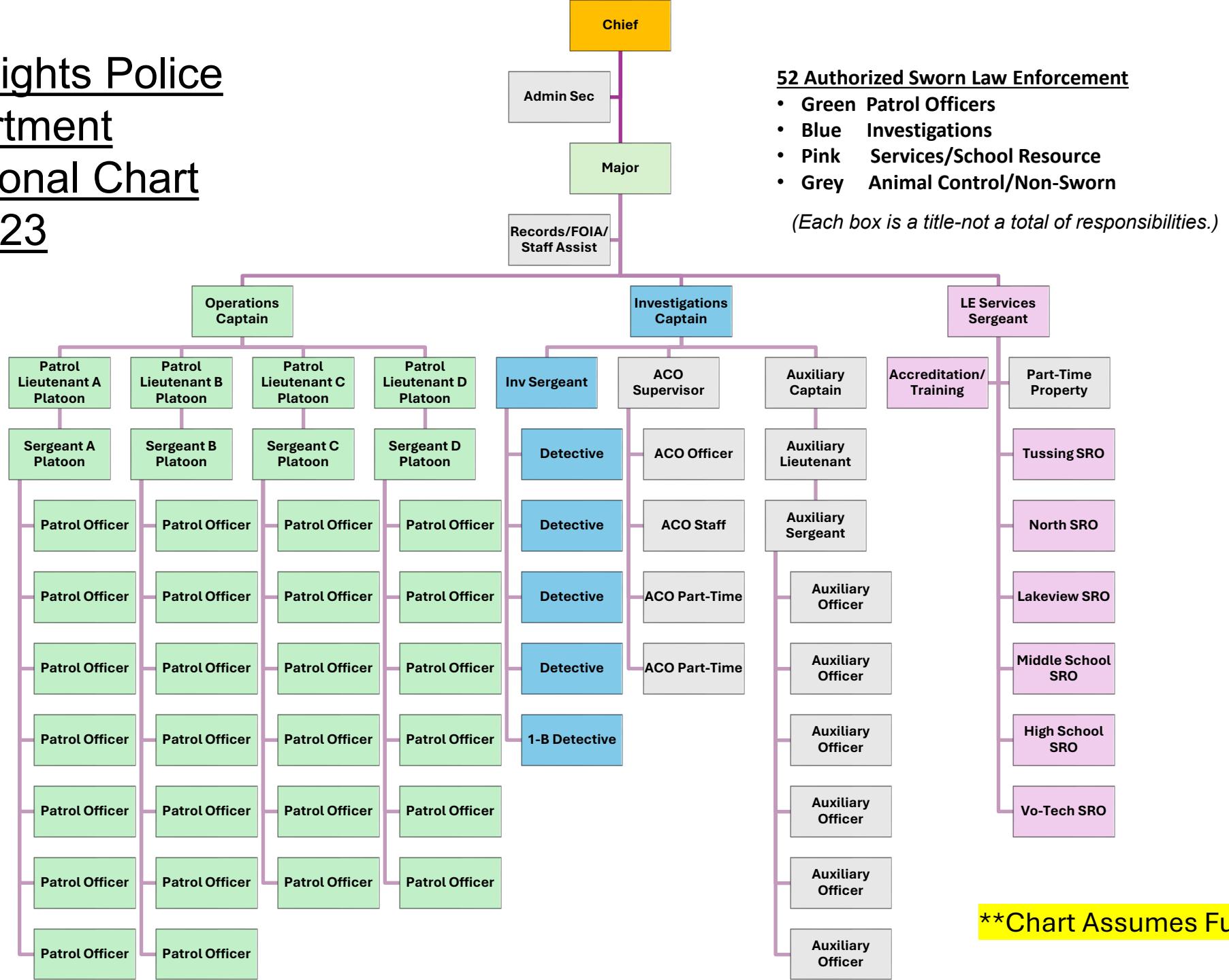
<b><u>Civilian Staff</u></b>	<b><u>Authorized Staffing</u></b>
Chiefs Admin Assistant	1
Staff Assistant	1
Records Specialist	2
Part-Time FOIA Specialist	4

<b><u>Animal Control Unit</u></b>	<b><u>Authorized Staffing</u></b>
ACO Supervisor	1
ACO Officer	1
ACO Aide	1
Part-Time Aide	2

<b><u>Volunteer/Part-Time</u></b>	<b><u>Authorized Staffing</u></b>
Part-time Police Officer	4
Auxiliary Police Officer	10

**\*\*Numbers listed assume full staffing\*\***

# Colonial Heights Police Department Organizational Chart 2023



**\*\*Chart Assumes Full-Staffing\*\***

# Chief of Police

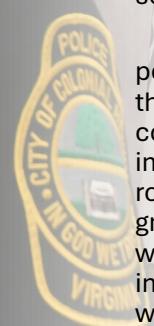


Chief William H. Anspach's service in the Commonwealth of Virginia began as a police officer with the City of Petersburg in 1995. In April of 1998, he was blessed to be selected as a certified police officer with his hometown of the City of Colonial Heights.

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.

# Law Enforcement Services

Major Robert L. Ruxer III, commands the Law Enforcement Services Division. This 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 oversees accreditation and crime prevention.

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 safe.

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 in Public Safety. In September of 2023, Major Ruxer graduated as a proud member of the 287<sup>th</sup> Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico Virginia.



# Investigations Division



The Investigations Division of the Colonial Heights Police Department is guided by Captain Mike Foster and is comprised of one sergeant, four 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 detective is trained in basic investigation, interviewing, interrogation, forensics and photography. Detectives are also trained in areas such as computer fraud, internet crimes, child sexual abuse, forensic science courses, narcotics investigations and social media. Detectives 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; the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Virginia State Police provide or receive assistance from the Investigations Division.

# Operations Division

The Uniform Patrol Division is lead by Captain Thad Johnson and is the most recognizable and easily the largest division in the agency. 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 uniformed patrol, the division is also in charge of the animal shelter and all animal control operations.

In addition to responding to more than 25,000 calls for service on average annually, 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 for the department to provide the most professional and transparent police service possible.





# Operations: Lieutenants



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



Lieutenant Jason Chimera has been with the Colonial Heights Police Department since 2003. Lt. Chimera commands B Squad. In addition to his patrol duties, he commands the agencies Drone fleet and coordinates all wrecker services. Lt. Chimera is also the Juvenile Intake Liaison for the Agency.



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



Lieutenant James "Stacey" Whitt has been with the Colonial Heights Police Department since 2008. Lt. Whitt commands D Squad and oversees the Agencies Field Training Officer Program. This program is responsible for training all new sworn police employees.



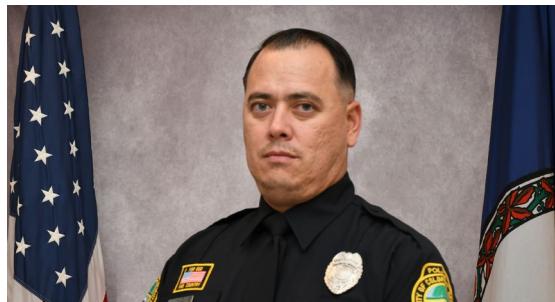
# Investigations Division



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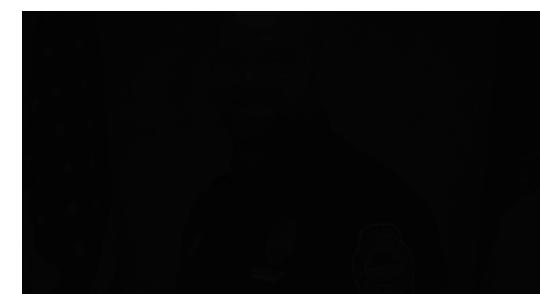
Senior Det. D. W. Aleshire Jr.



Senior Det. C. M. Velasquez



Senior Det. M. N. Davis



Master Det. J. A. Miller  
(not-pictured)





# Sergeants



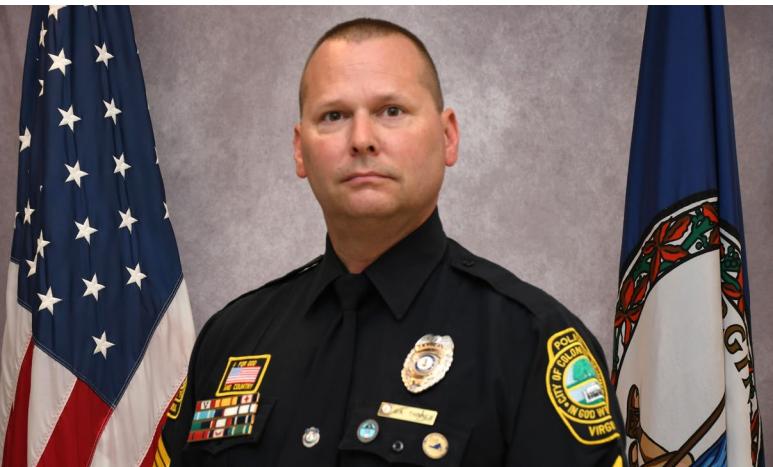
Sgt. A. C. Brandeberry,  
Investigations



Sgt. D. M. McCurry,  
Law Enforcement Services



Sgt. B. T. Cherry  
Operations A-Squad



Sgt. G. A. Thennes  
Operations B-Squad



Sgt. R. N. Brown  
Operations C-Squad



Sgt. J. C. Powell  
Operations D-Squad



# Operations - A Squad



Master Officer W. T. Waldrep



Senior K-9 Officer A. N. Fontaine



K-9 Sergeant Bane



Senior Officer J. E. Poe



Officer A. S. Riazi



Officer A. C. McCurry



Officer A. C. Polumbo



# Operations - B Squad



Senior Officer D. C. Marks



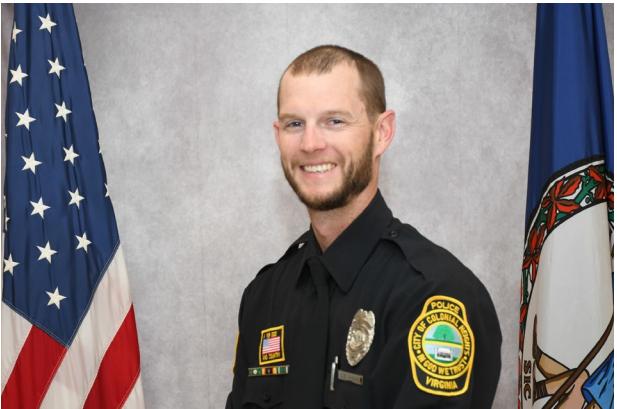
Master K-9 Officer M. R. Fable



K-9 Sergeant Nero



Senior Officer L. A. Thomas



Officer C. S. Ayers



Officer D. B. Hirn



Officer J. L. Gorrell



# Operations - C Squad



Officer R. Navarro



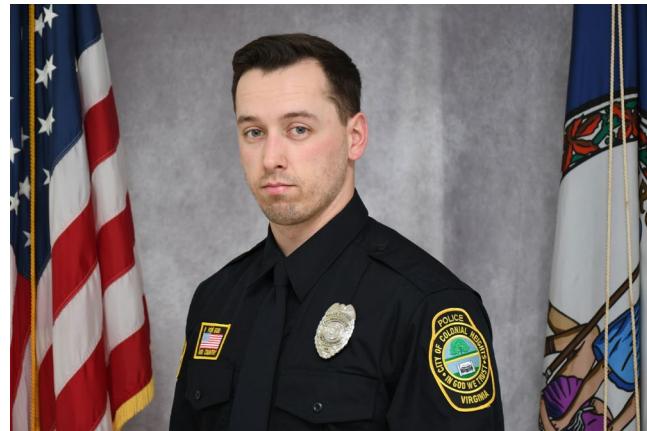
Officer J. M. Walker



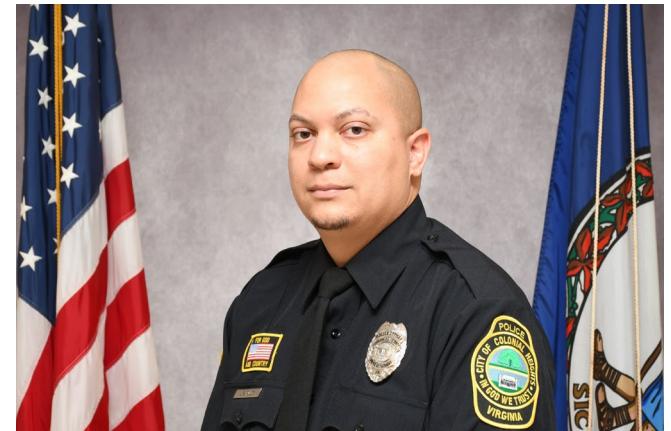
Officer J. R. Bland



Officer J. T. Davis



Officer C. R. Giacherio



Officer J. R. Riley



# Operations - D Squad



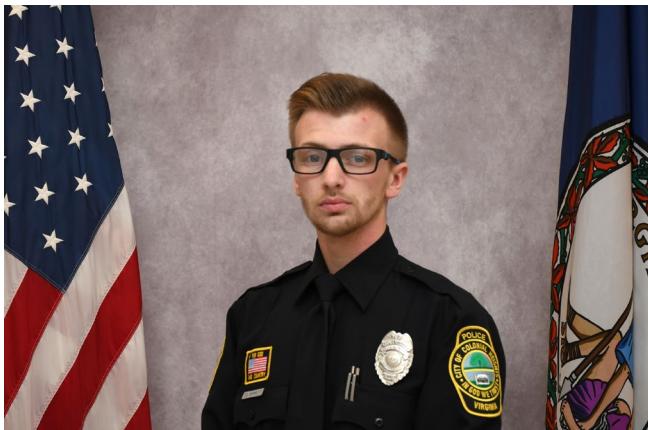
Officer A. L. Thomas



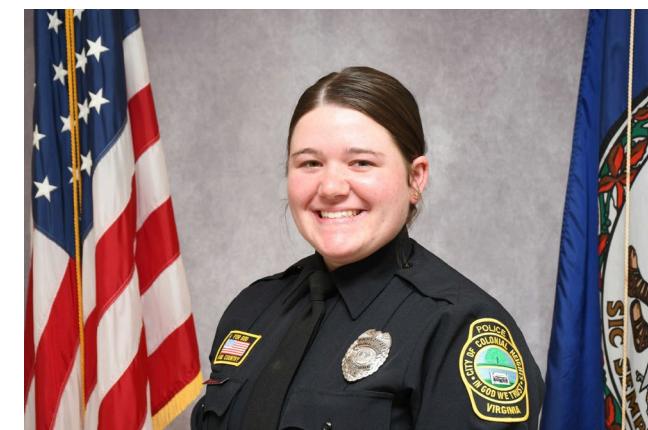
Officer C. P. Ramos



Officer T. L. Jones



Officer T.E. Bennett



Officer M. E. Beville



Officer J. B. Foster



# School Resource Officers



Senior Officer M. A. Hall  
North Elementary



Senior Officer E. L. Reedy  
Lakeview Elementary



Career Officer M. D. Duncan  
Tussing Elementary



Career Officer M. B. Kelley  
Middle School



Career Officer E. L. Allen  
High School



Career Officer W. W. Moody, Jr.  
Vo-Tech



# Law Enforcement Services-Accreditation

In addition to Training and Crime Prevention, Master Officer A.L. Barnhouse is responsible for maintaining the agency's accreditation through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. Accreditation is a voluntary process an agency chooses to undertake, thereby ensuring their policies, procedures and training practices meet prescribed standards. This process is intensive and is only achieved once certified assessors from outside the agency conduct multi-day, on-site inspections of the policies, personnel, equipment and facilities of the agency.

According to the Commission:

*"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."*

After nearly 20 months of preparation and self-assessment, In 2013 the Colonial Heights Police Department was the first agency in the Tri-cities to achieve accreditation. Since that time, the agency has been re-assessed multiple times, once in 2017 and again in 2021. Each time, the agency has maintained accredited status by providing proof of compliance on all standards. The agency looks forward to our next scheduled assessment in early 2025.



Master Officer A.L. Barnhouse





# Auxiliary Police Officers/Sentinels



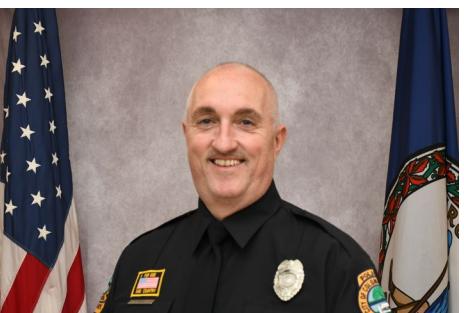
Aux. Captain S.A. Young



Aux. Lieutenant R.D. Hubbell



Aux. Sergeant W.S. Feasenmyer



Aux. Officer K.E. Bish Jr.



Aux. Officer D.P. Ferguson



Aux. Officer M.C. Deffner



Aux. Officer D.B. Pattison



Aux. Officer R.K. Helms



Sentinel J. Peterson



# Administrative Staff



**Mrs. Babette Hansen**  
Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police



**Mrs. Robin Kester**  
Records Specialist



**Mrs. Jordan Caison**  
Records Specialist



**Mrs. Stephanie Smith**  
Receptionist



**Property Officer Renee Walters**



**Franklin McQuage, Jr.**  
FOIA Specialist

# Police Chaplains

Dr. George Lyons



State Delegate Mike Cherry



# Animal Control Unit

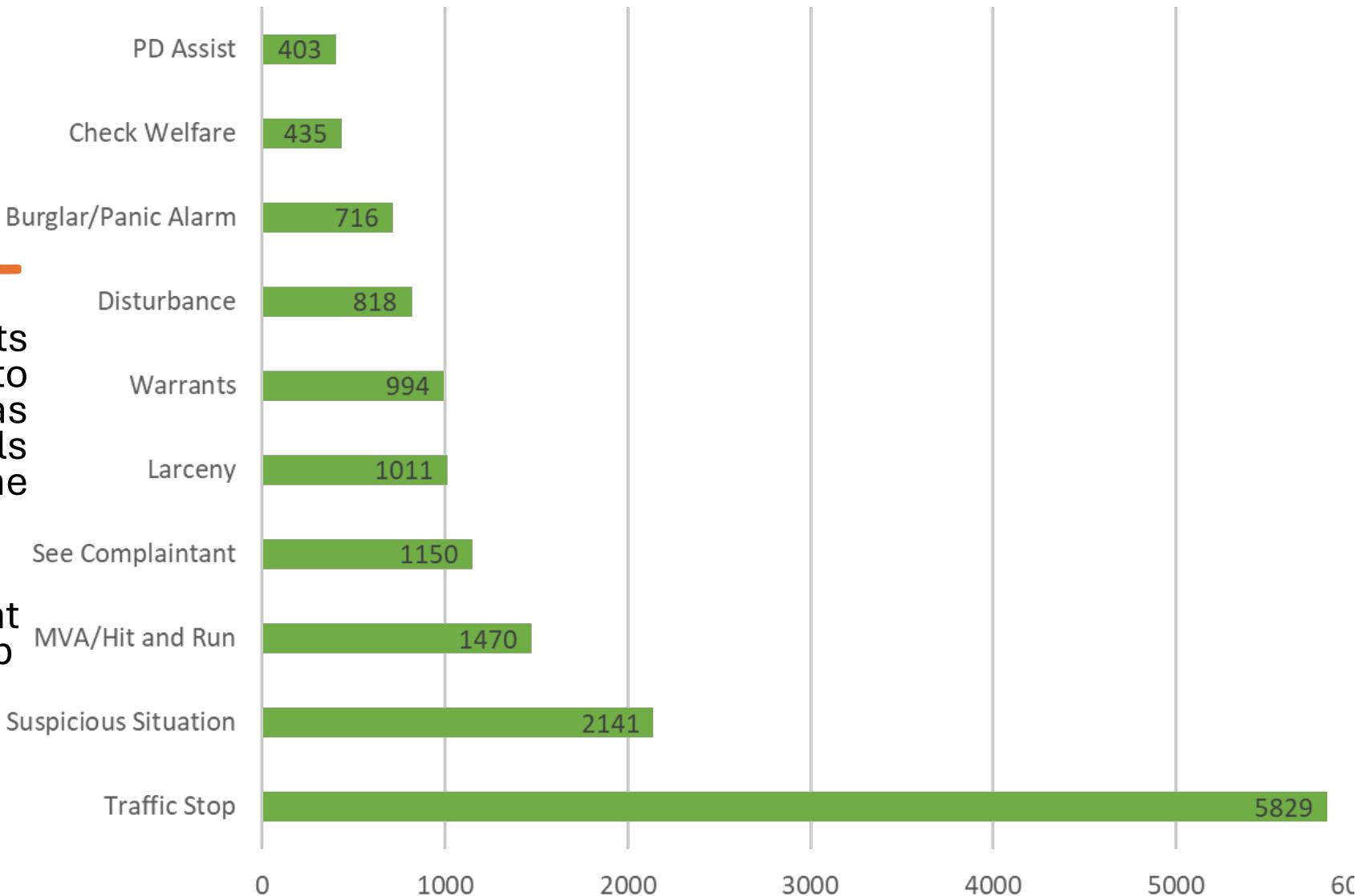


H. E. Jones  
Animal Control Officer



T. L. Moracco  
ACO Staff Assistant

## Top Ten Calls for Service



## 2023 Overview

In 2023, the Colonial Heights Police Department responded to 25,589 calls for service. This was an increase by about 450 calls for service in comparison to the year 2022.

Of the 25,589 calls for service that our offices responded to, the top 10 call types are shown.

3000

2500

2000

1500

1000

500

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January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

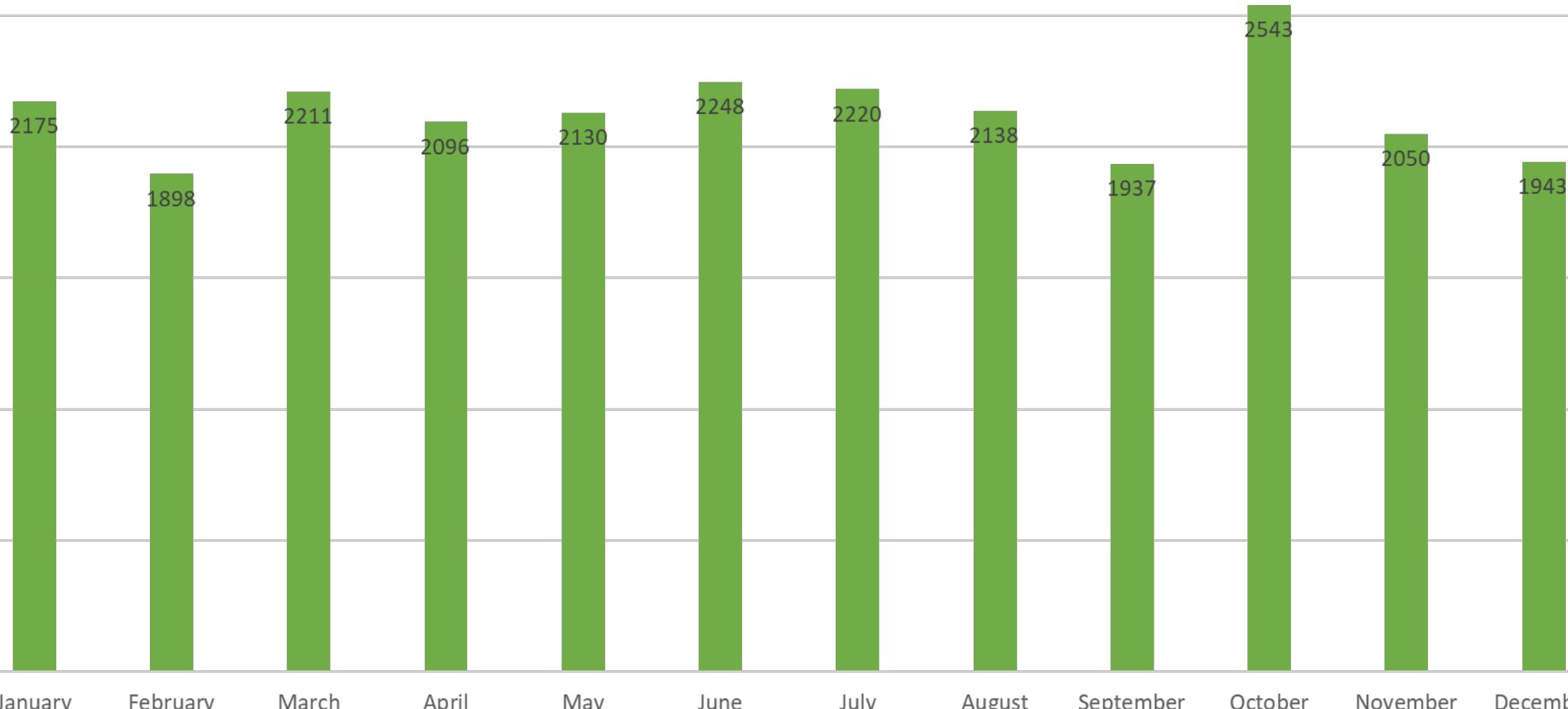
September

October

November

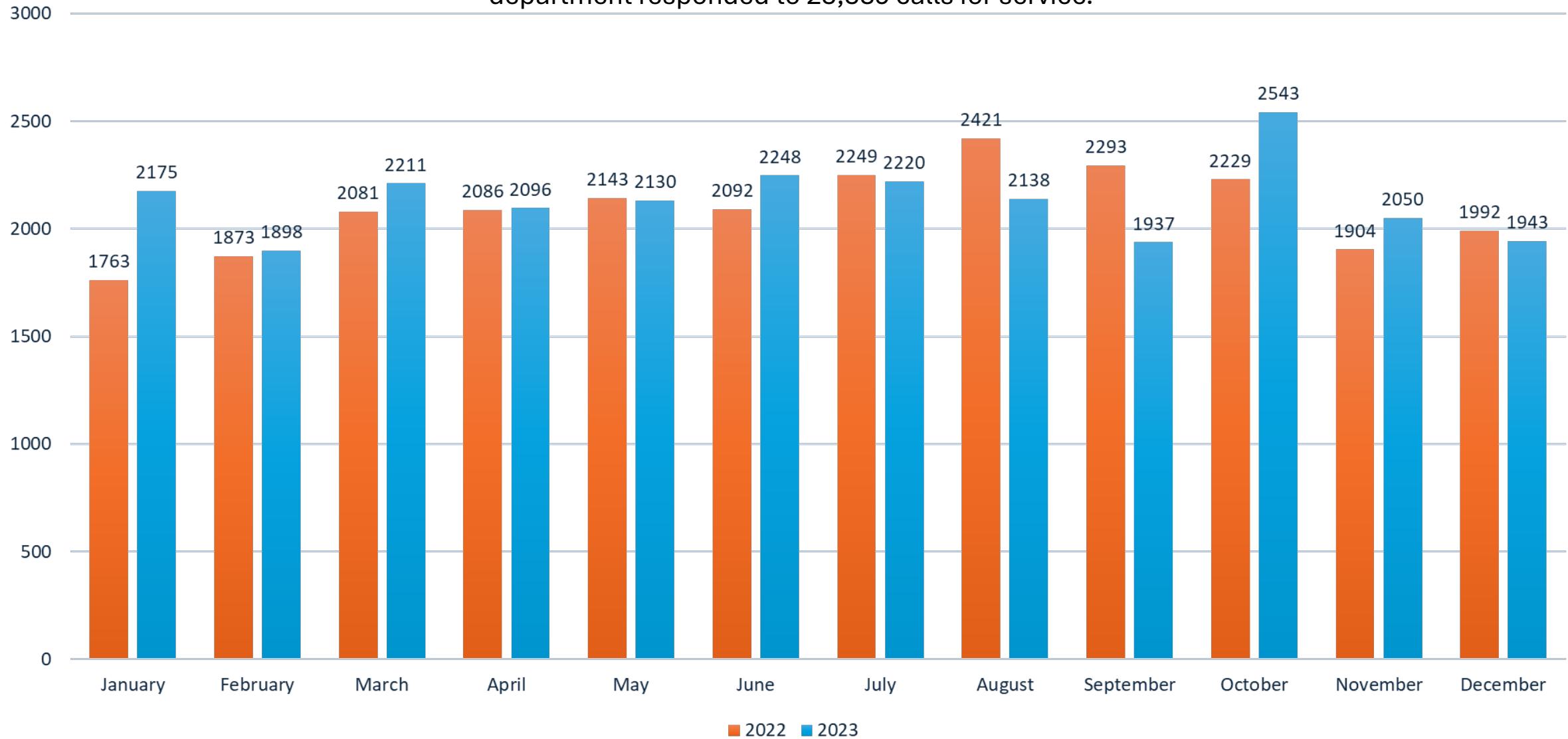
December

# 2023 Calls for Service by Month



# 2022 vs. 2023 Call for Service Comparison

In 2022, the Colonial Heights Police Department responded to 25,127 calls for service. In 2023, there was a slight increase in calls for service and the department responded to 25,589 calls for service.



# 2023 Statistical Overview: Group A Offenses

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

### Crimes Against Persons

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

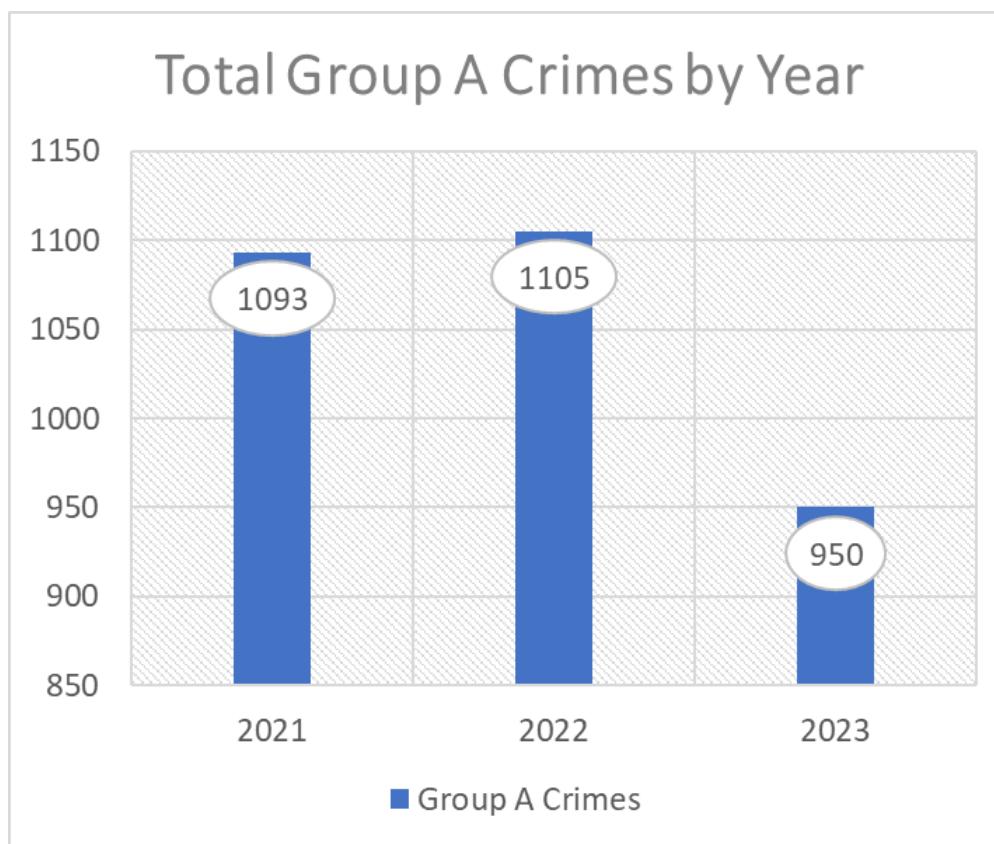
### Crimes Against Property

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

### Crimes Against Society

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

# 3 Year Group A Crimes Comparison



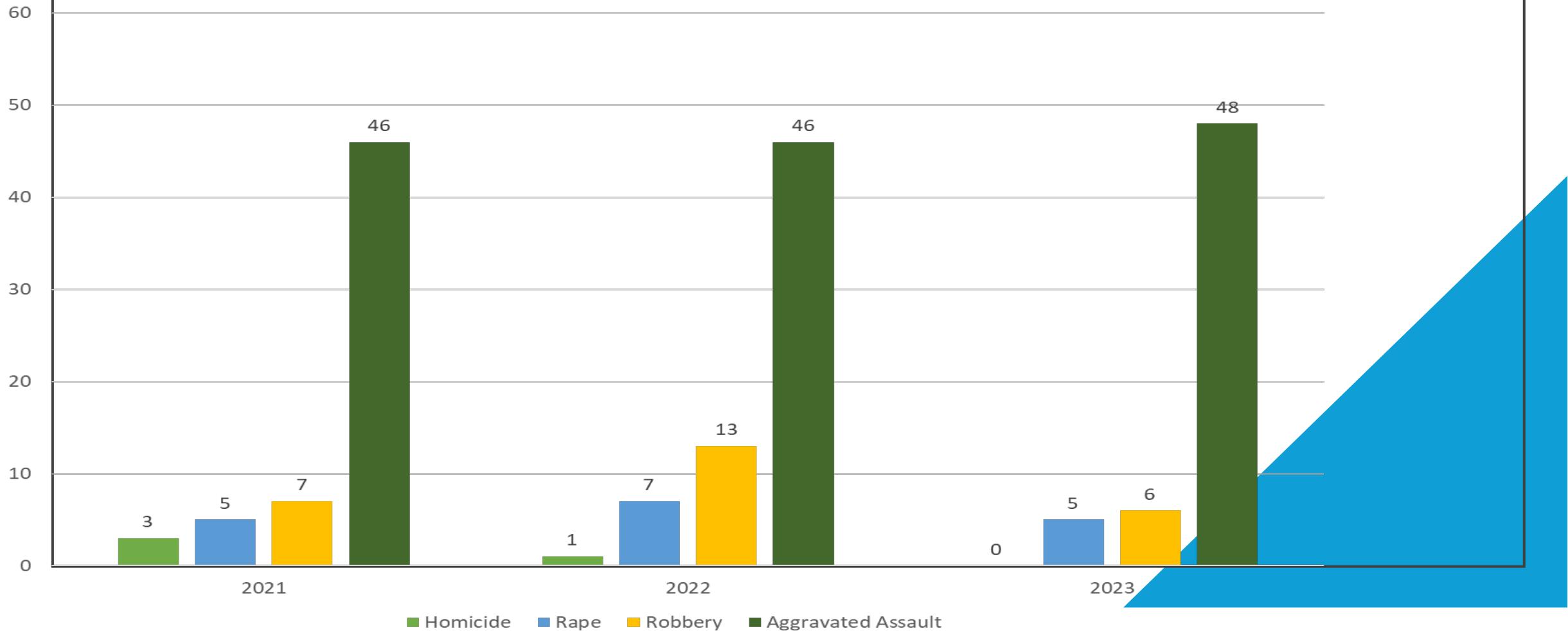
	2021	2022	2023
Homicide	3	1	0
Rape	5	7	5
Robbery	7	13	6
Aggravated Assault	46	46	48
<b>Violent Crimes Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>59</b>
Break & Enter	35	26	24
Larceny	751	647	555
Vehicle Theft	31	33	51
Arson	1	3	2
<b>Property Crimes Total</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>632</b>
Drug/Narcotic Violation	122	129	125
Weapon Violation	66	161	110
Pornography/Obscene Material	20	32	19
Animal Cruelty	6	7	5
<b>Crimes Against Society Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>259</b>

# 2023 Group A Crimes with Clearance Rates

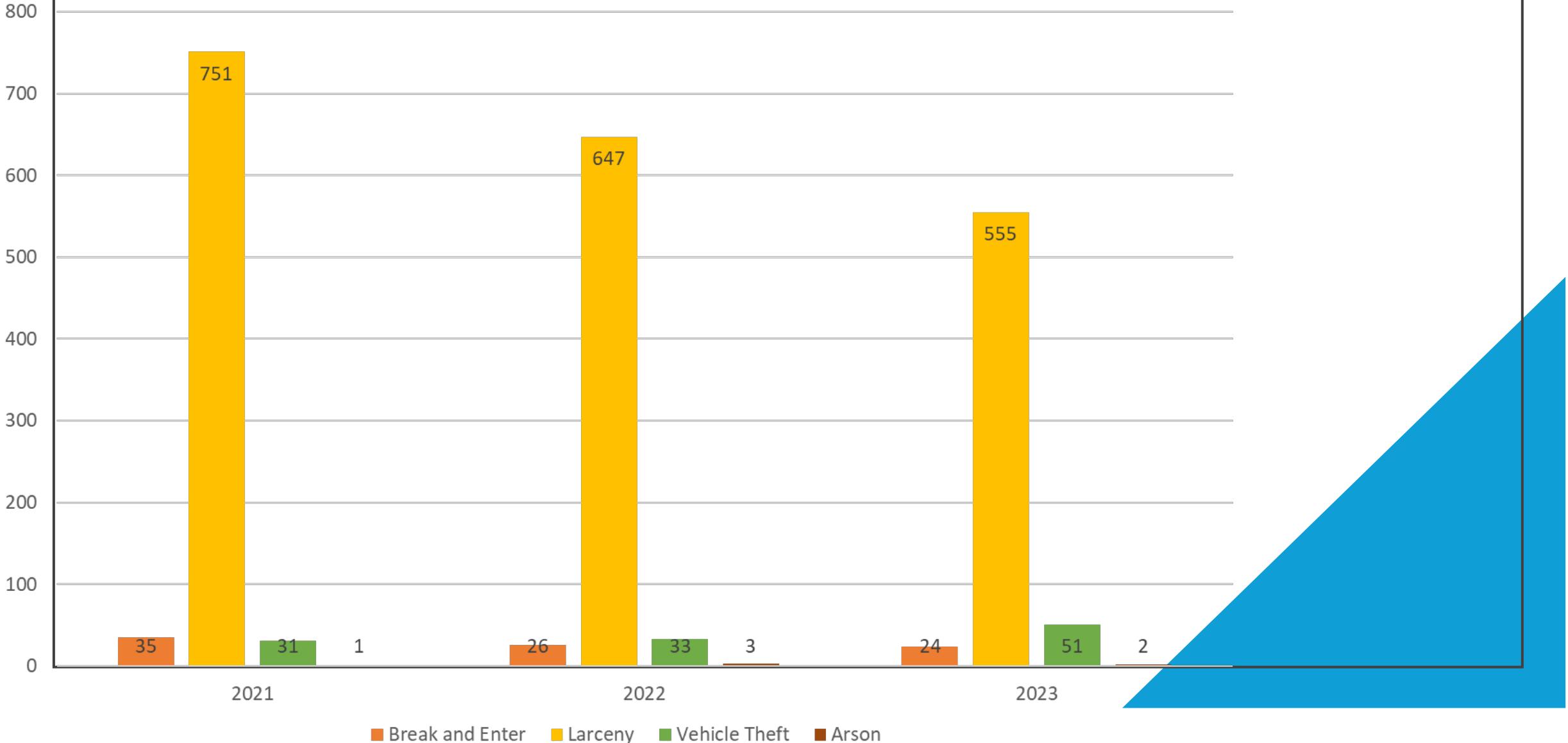
Offense	# of Offenses	Cases Cleared	% Cleared
Homicide	0	0	0%
Rape	5	4	80%
Robbery	6	3	50%
Aggravated Assault	48	42	87.5%
<b>Violent Crimes Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>83.1%</b>
Break & Enter	24	12	50%
Larceny	555	252	45.4%
Vehicle Theft	51	12	23.5%
Arson	2	2	100%
<b>Total Property Crimes Total</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>44%</b>
Drug/Narcotic Violation	125	117	94%
Weapon Violation	110	97	88%
Pornography/Obscene Material	19	16	84.2%
Animal Cruelty	5	2	40%
<b>Crimes Against Society Total</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>90%</b>

Out of the 950 Group A Crimes that were reported to this agency in 2023, 59% of those cases have been cleared.

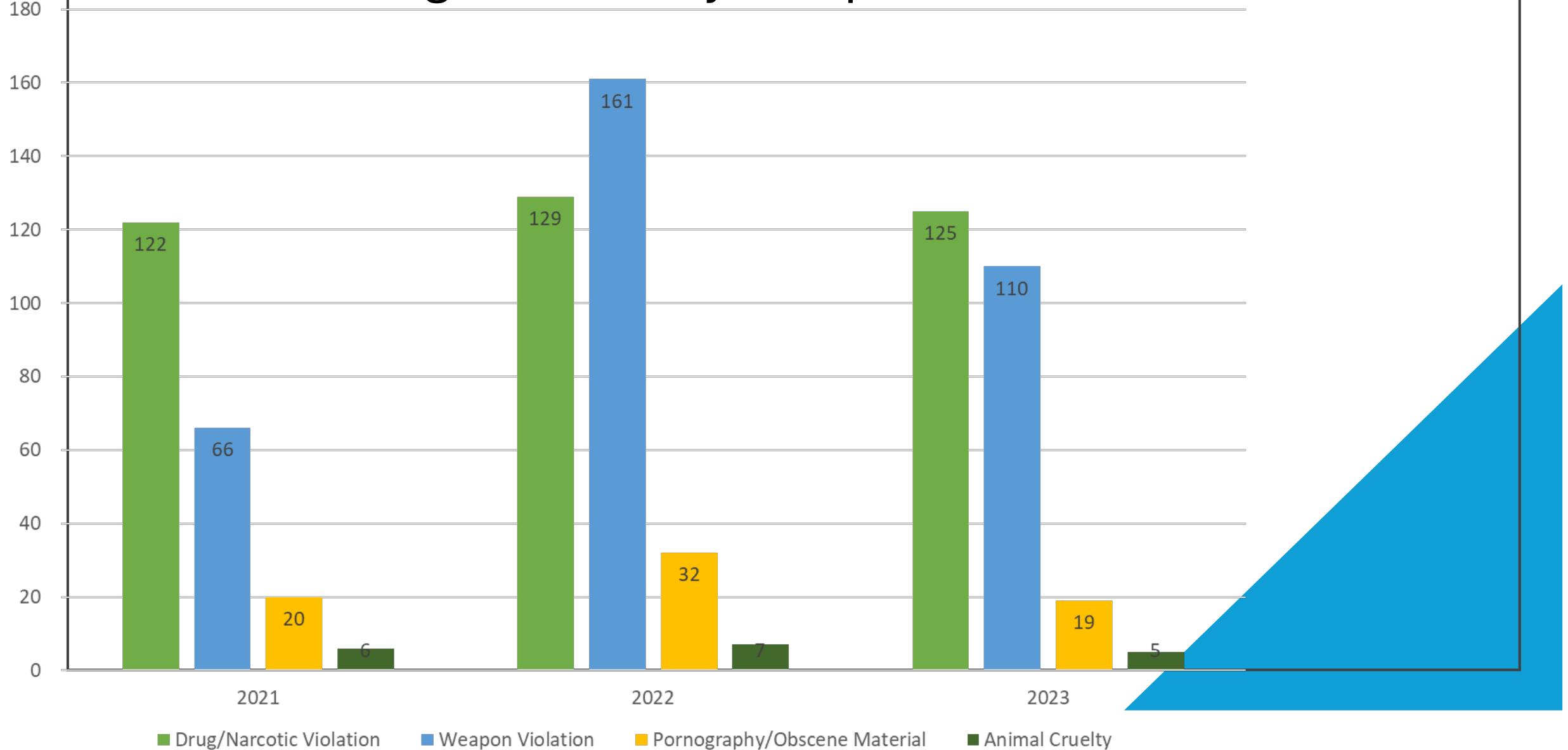
# 3 Year Violent Crimes Comparison



# 3 Year Property Crimes Comparison



# 3 Year Crimes Against Society Comparison

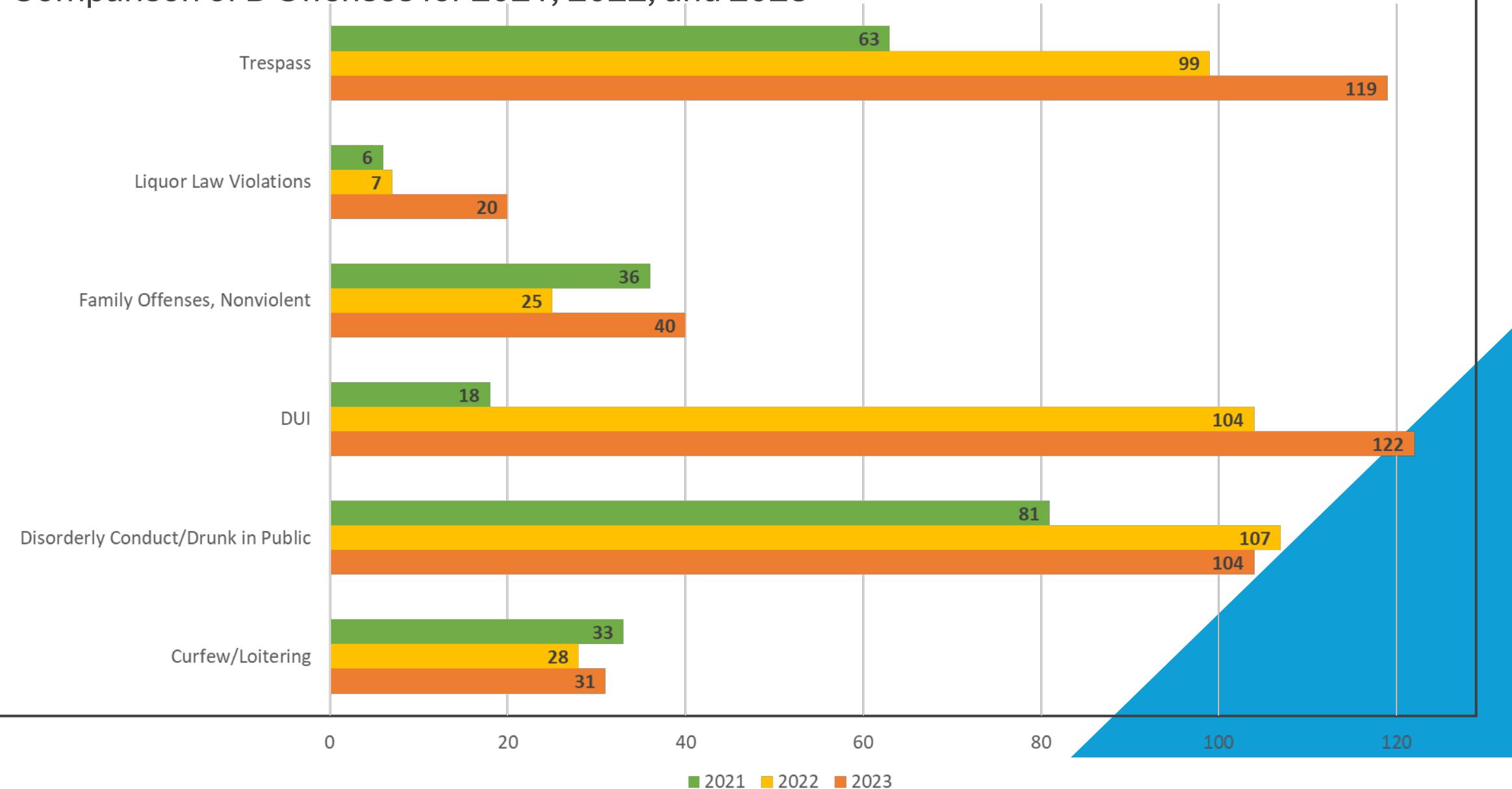


# 2023 Statistical Overview: Group B Offenses

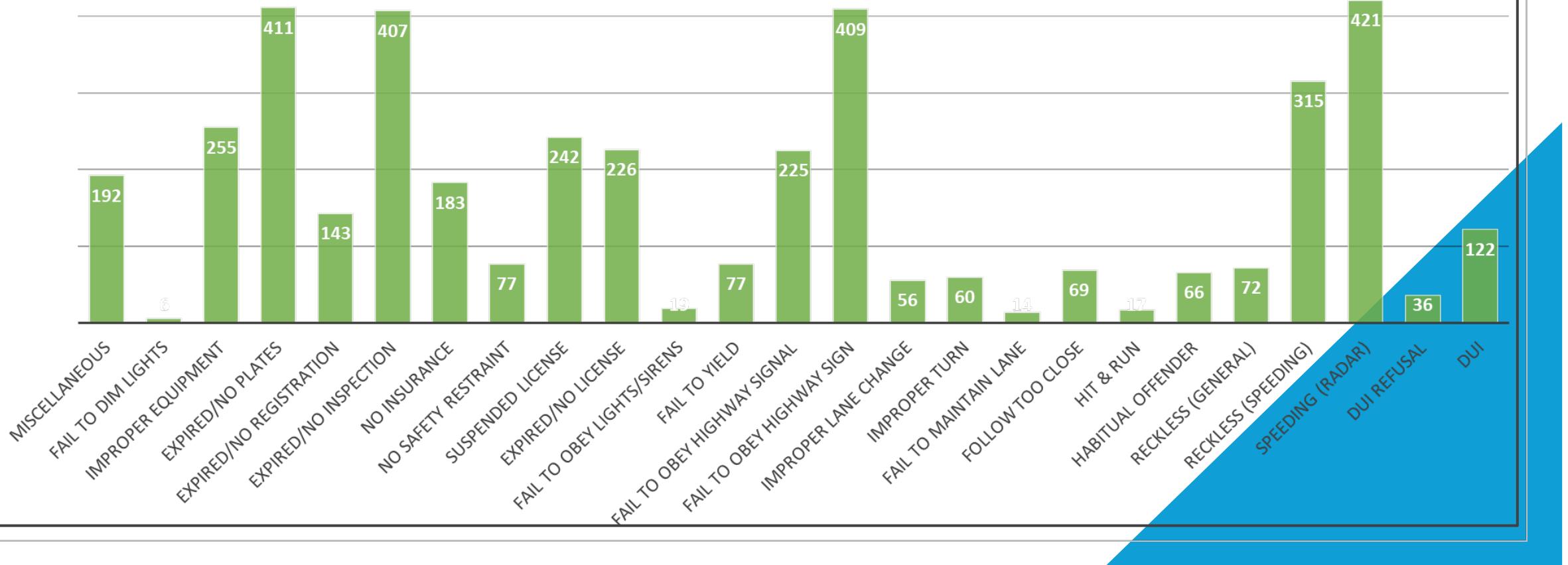
Group B Offenses tend to be minor in nature, such as Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations, Disorderly Conduct, Driving Under the Influence, etc., and as a result, NIBRS requires that we only report arrests for these categories.

B Offense Arrests for 2023	
Curfew/Loitering Violations	31
Disorderly Conduct/Drunkenness	104
Driving Under the Influence	122
Driving Under the Influence – Marijuana	1
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	40
Liquor Law Violations	20
Trespassing	119
All Other Offenses	935
<b>Total Group B Arrests</b>	<b>1,372</b>

## Comparison of B Offenses for 2021, 2022, and 2023



# 2023 Breakdown of Traffic Offenses

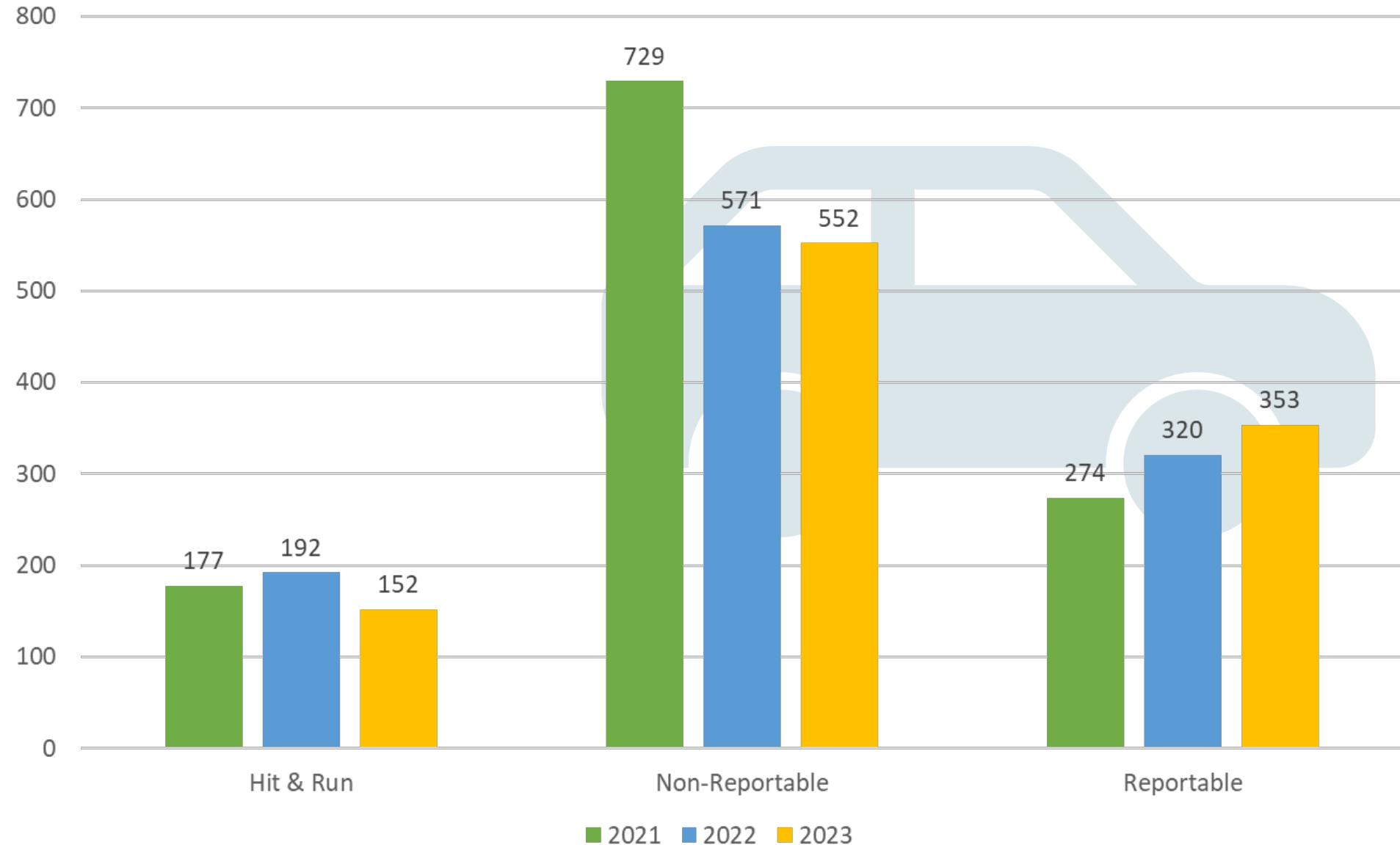


# Traffic Accidents

Accident Comparison by Type for 2021, 2022 and 2023

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

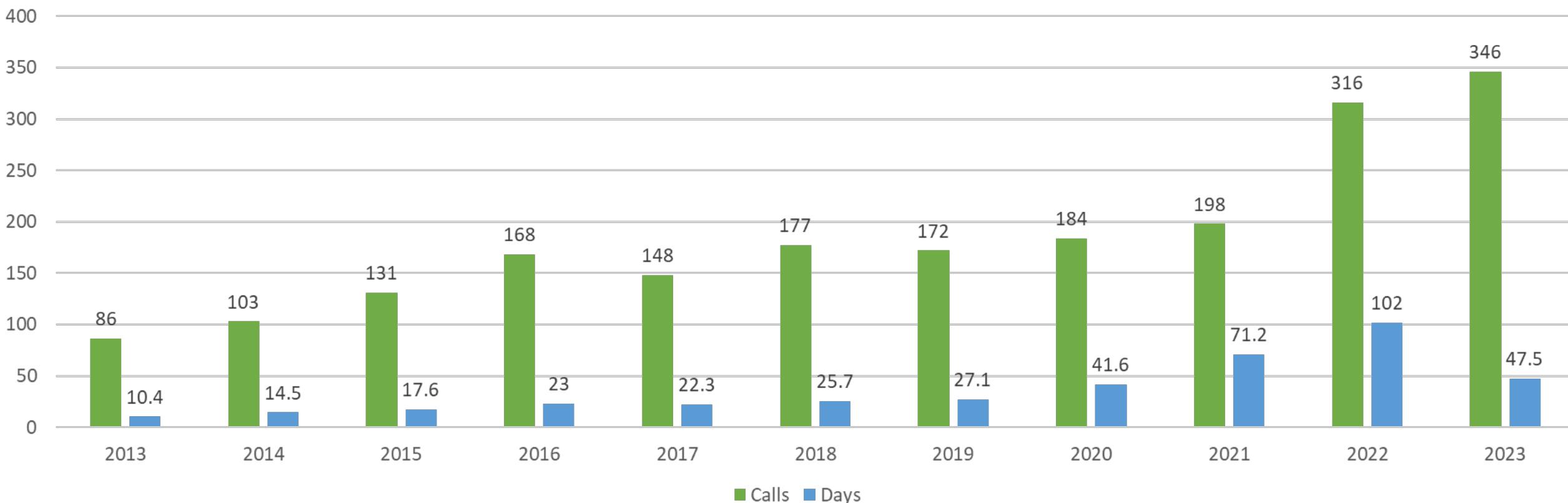
Non-reportable are minor in nature and generally involve an exchange of driver contact and insurance information.



# 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 (24 hours each) of an officer’s time, which includes time on scene, transportation and wait times for mental health evaluations at medical facilities. In 2023, CHPD responded to 346 mental health calls, which required the equivalent of 47.5 days of man hours to complete.

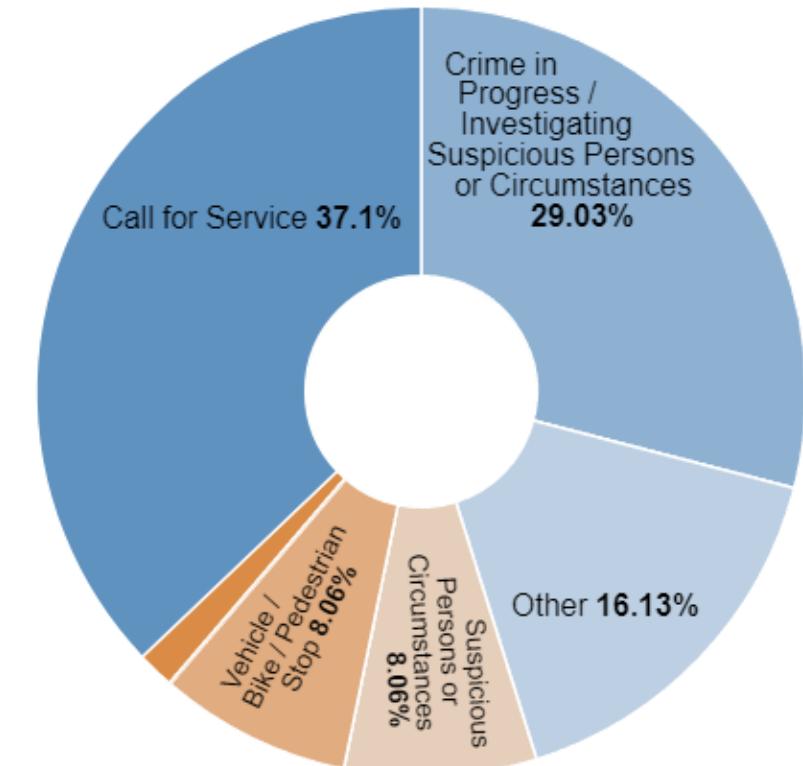
Behavioral Emergencies - TDO/ECO



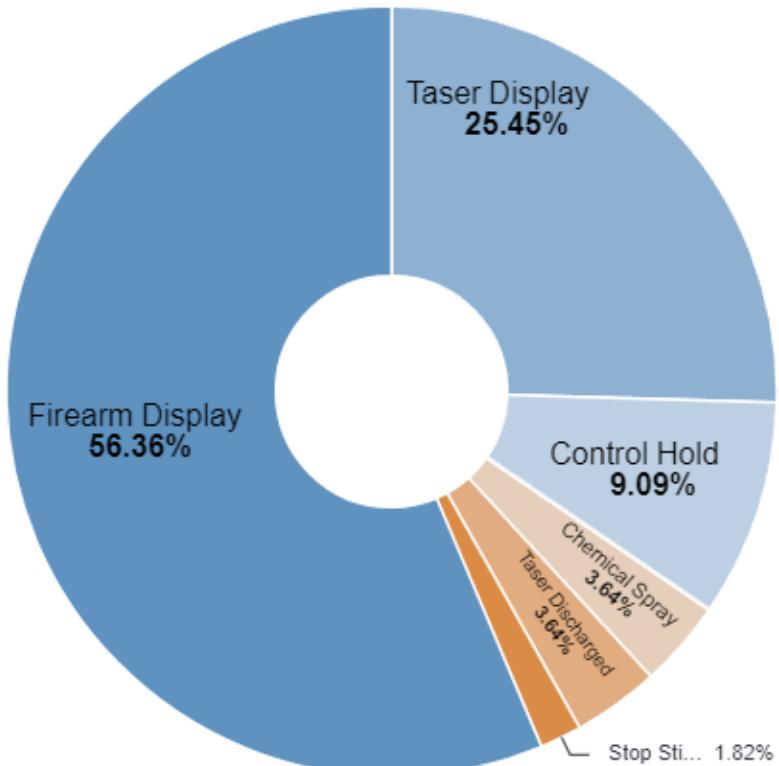
# Agency Activities: Use of Force

The Colonial Heights Police Department records every use of force. For context, if two officers on the same call display their firearm, it is recorded as two uses of force. Out of 25,589 calls for service in 2023, a total of 62 uses of force were recorded.

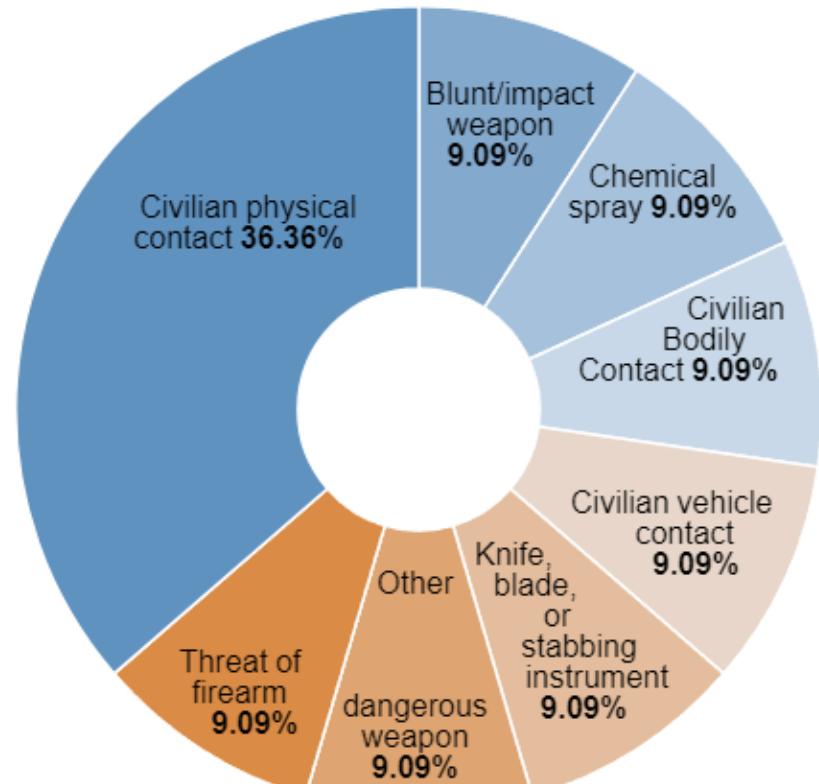
Use of Force - Reason for Contact



Type of Force Used on Suspect by an Officer

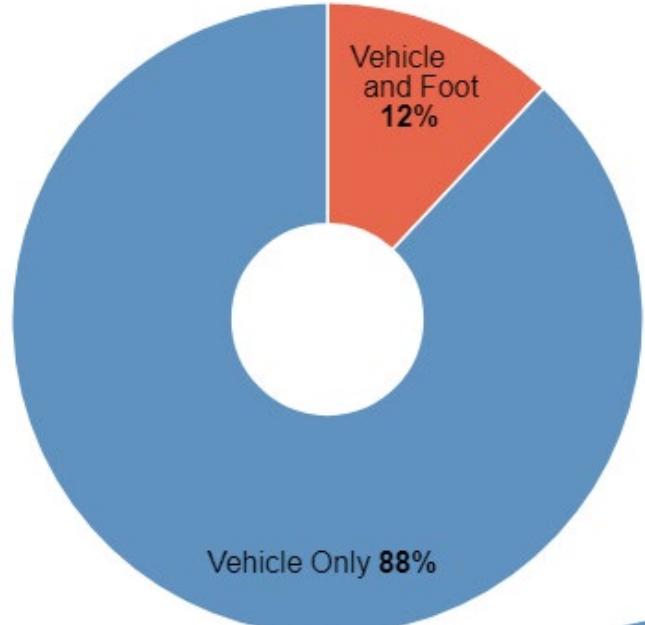


Type of Force Used on Officer by Civilian

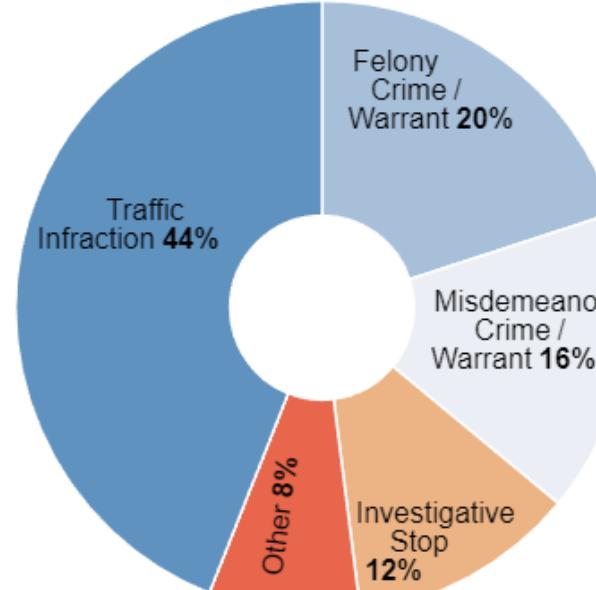


# Agency Activities: Vehicle Pursuits

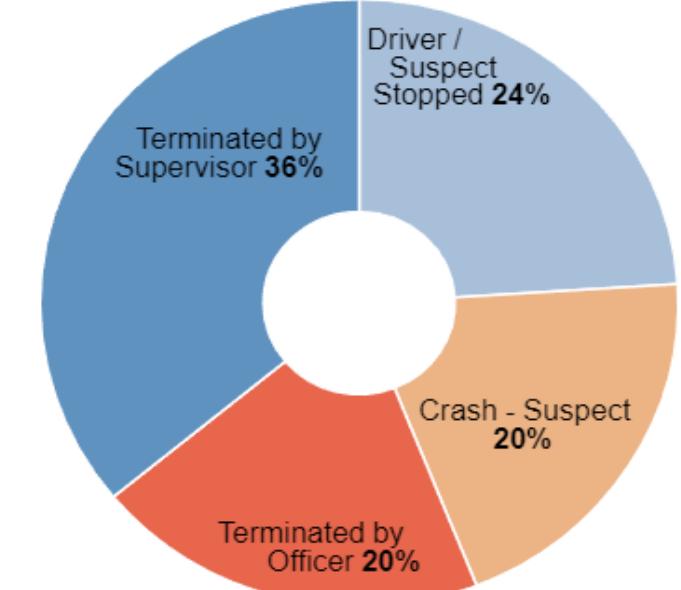
Out of 25,589 calls for service in the year 5,829 of those calls were traffic stops. From those 5,829 traffic stops, the agency recorded a total of 25 vehicle pursuits.



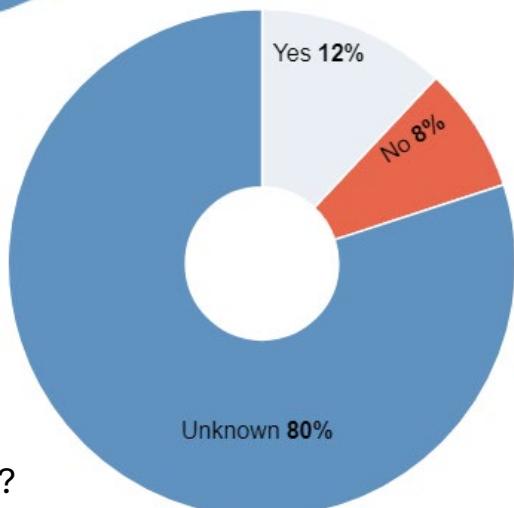
Type of Pursuit



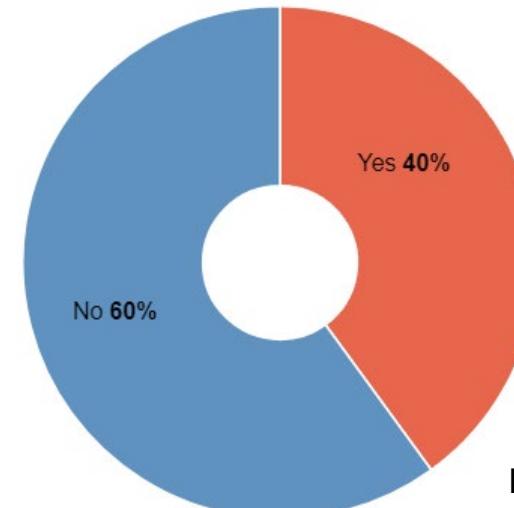
Reason for Pursuit



How Pursuit Ended



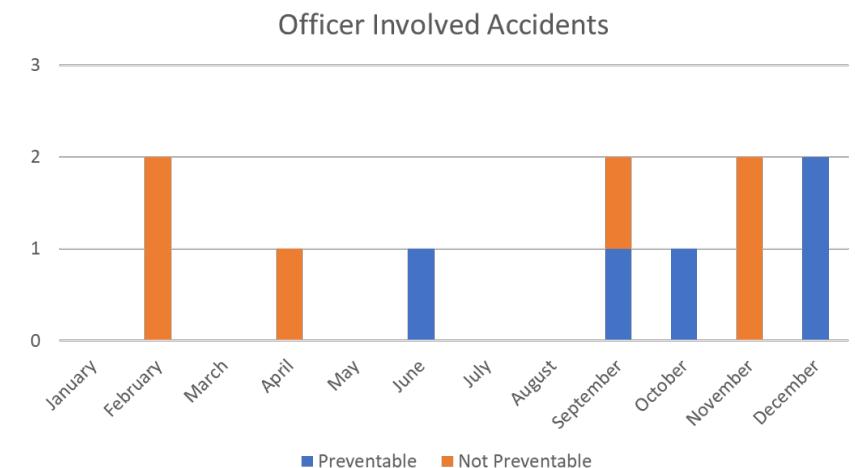
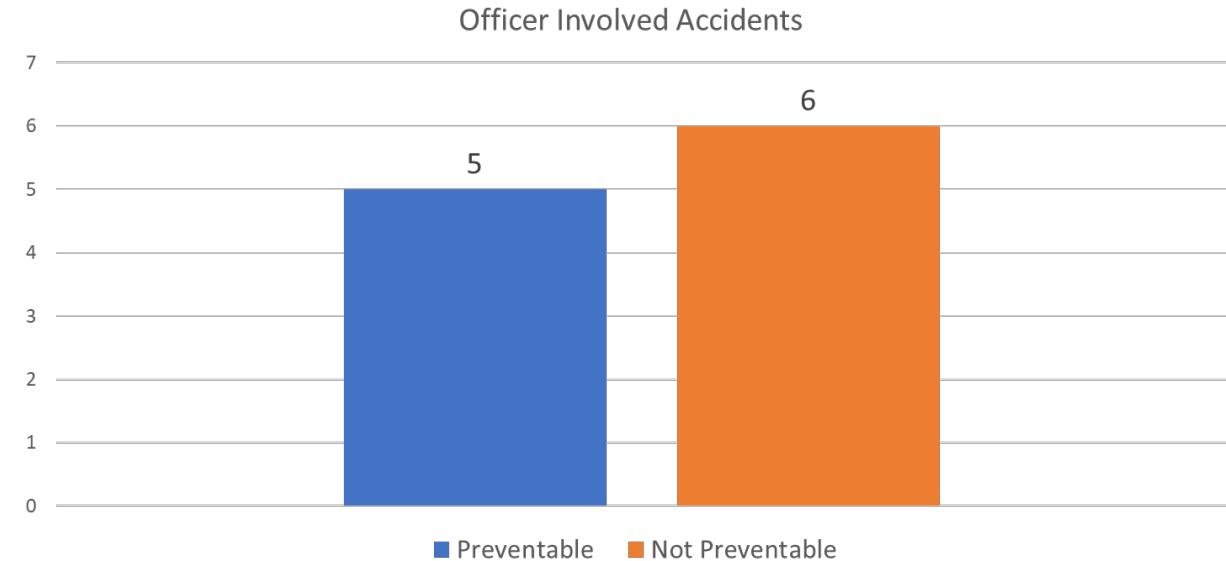
Suspect Armed?



Driver Apprehended?

# Agency Activities: Officer Involved Accidents

Accident Date and Time	Preventable or Not Preventable
02/13/2023 18:30	Not Preventable
02/23/2023 00:43	Not Preventable
04/20/2023 06:54	Not Preventable
06/24/2023 01:30	Preventable
09/01/2023 11:12	Preventable
09/26/2023 10:25	Not Preventable
10/28/2023 01:28	Preventable
11/05/2023 05:22	Not Preventable
11/25/2023 01:05	Not Preventable
12/08/2023 03:20	Preventable
12/26/2023 10:00	Preventable



# Agency Activities: Complaints

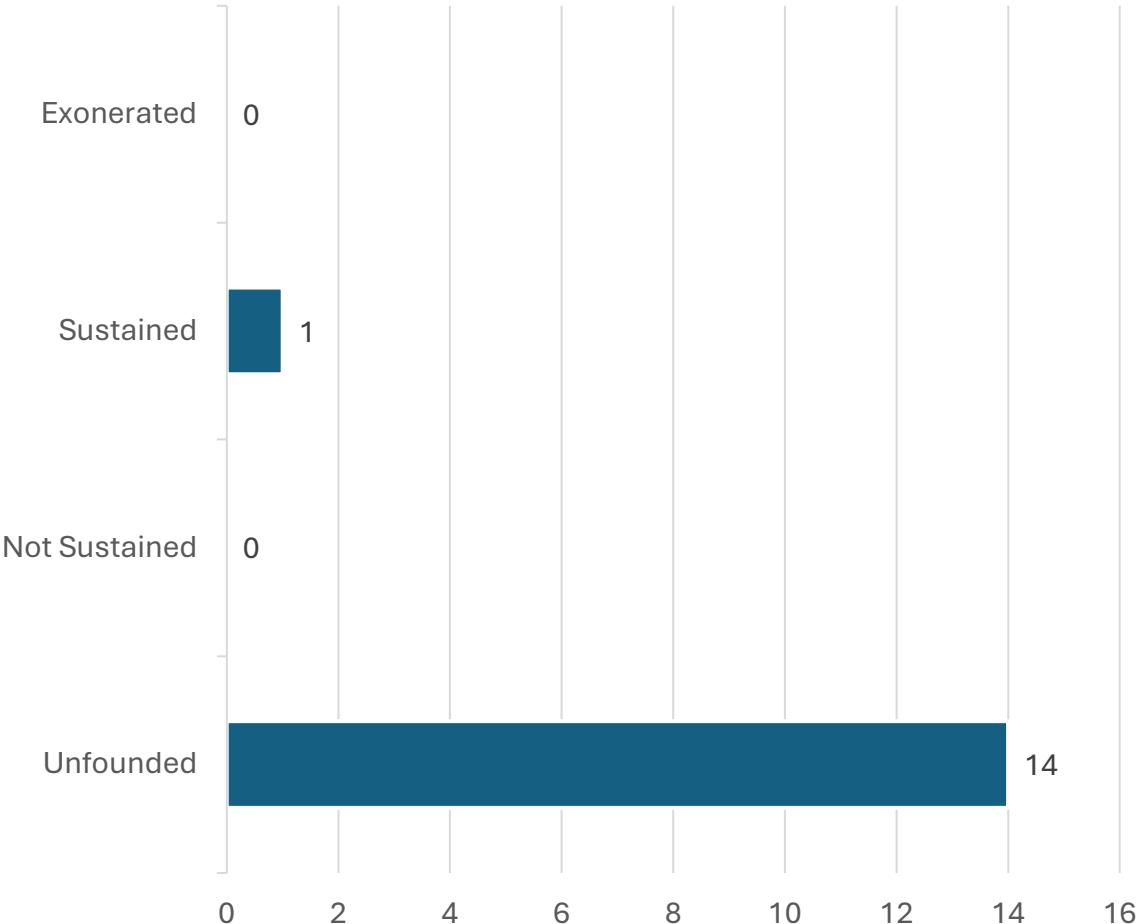
Complaints made against an officer, not criminal in nature, are investigated and will generally be concluded with one of four possible outcomes:

- Unfounded – The allegation made is false, and the evidence shows that misconduct or inappropriate behavior did not occur, or the named employee was not involved.
- Exonerated – The facts suggest that the alleged incident did occur, but that the employee's actions were lawful, proper and consistent with department policy and directives.
- Not Sustained – Unable to verify the truth of the matters under investigation.
- Sustained – The action of the person accused was inconsistent with department policy or directives.

In 2023, Colonial Heights Police Officers responded to 25,589 calls for service.

## 2023 Total Complaints Against Officers

**15**



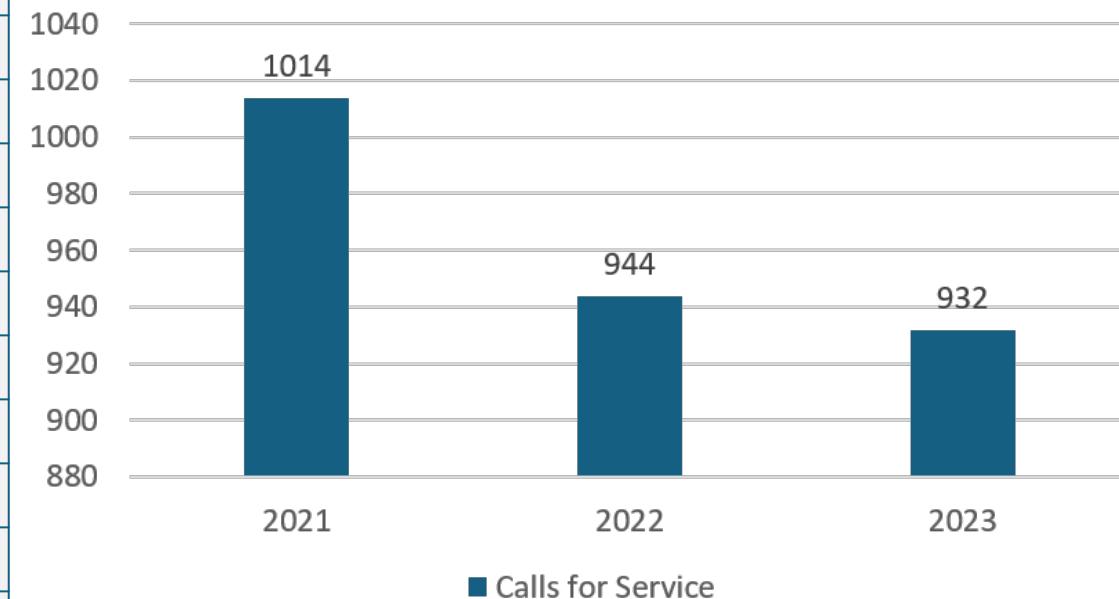
# 2023 Animal Control Activities



Category	2023	2022	2021
Stray Dogs	127	166	143
Stray Cats	116	133	95
Other	7	5	5
Dogs Surrendered by Owner	61	97	78
Cats Surrendered by Owner	38	35	36
Dogs Received from Another Agency	13	14	23
Cats Received from Another Agency	5	0	12
Dogs Reclaimed by Owner	118	140	103
Cats Reclaimed by Owner	3	8	2
Dogs Adopted	74	78	80
Cats Adopted	46	49	54
Dogs Transferred to Another Agency	41	113	84
Cats Transferred to Another Agency	86	87	76
Dogs Died in Custody	4	3	0
Cats Died in Custody	6	10	6
Dogs Euthanized	6	6	7
Cats Euthanized	21	25	15



Calls for Service



■ Calls for Service



# 2023 Achievements

In September, Major Ruxer joined the less than 1% of law enforcement professionals in the country who have been selected and graduated from the FBI National Academy.



On September 14<sup>th</sup>, Major Ruxer graduated from the 287<sup>th</sup> session of the FBI National Academy.



The National Academy, located in Quantico, Virginia, is a 10-week residential program that is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders. The Academy serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad. Its objective is to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide. Its mission is "to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic and contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research, and forging partnerships throughout the world."

The National Academy is not only academics, but also physical fitness. Each day, participants complete fitness requirements and must complete weekly challenges such as 5K runs. Successful completion of those challenges allows participants to qualify for the highly anticipated "Yellow Brick Road" run. This challenge is a 6.1 mile run through an obstacle course consisting of hills, wall and rope climbs, and a long muddy fire road run. Those who successfully complete the run and successfully complete all course work receive their highly coveted Yellow Brick!

Major Ruxer now joins Chief William Anspach as alumni of the program who are currently serving at the Colonial Heights Police Department. Great job Major Ruxer!





# 2023 Achievements



In November, Lieutenant Jason Chimera (center) graduated from the 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Professional Executive Leadership School



In November of 2023, Senior Detective Christopher Velasquez completed the 110<sup>th</sup> Session of the Virginia Forensic Science Academy



# 2023 Awards



**Police Officer of the Year**

Master Officer William T. Waldrep



**Wiegratz and Miller  
Volunteer of the Year**

Aux. Officer Dann P. Ferguson



# 2023 Retirements



In September Career Officer Sophie Benkendorf retired after serving with the agency since 2001. Career Officer Benkendorf served for several years as the School Resource Officer for North Elementary and was passionate about the agency's involvement in Virginia Special Olympics.



In November, K-9 Lieutenant Rose and her partner Sergeant Wulff retired. Lieutenant Rose had served with the agency beginning in 2015 and retired with her handler, Sergeant Wulff after his 20 years of service.



In December, Career Officer Scott Whirley retired after 27 years of dedicated service to the citizens. Career Officer Whirley served in patrol as well as the Resource officer at Colonial Heights Middle School and finally as the crime prevention and accreditation manager for the agency.



# 2023 Promotions



Police Sergeant  
R.N. Brown



Auxiliary Police Lieutenant  
R.D. Hubbell



Auxiliary Police Sergeant  
W.S. Feasenmyer



# CHPD Adds New Police K-9

In June Senior Officer Andrew Fontaine and his new K-9 partner, Sergeant Bane graduated from a 14-week K-9 academy. Sergeant Bane is trained in apprehension, tracking and searching for articles.

The addition of Sergeant Bane is in part thanks to our incredible Community and Businesses. Support from organizations such as the American Legion Post 284, Cal's, Dance's Sporting Goods, E. Alvin Small Funeral Home, Fruit Fix Colonial Heights, J. Concrete LLC, Medallion Pools, the Virginia K-9 Association and several private citizens.

We simply can not thank you enough for assisting us with this vital tool.





# 2023 National Night Out

Thanks to our Community for supporting us with nearly 20 locations in 2023!! Join us again on Tuesday, August 6, 2024!!

