



COLONIAL HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2024



A Message from the Chief

On behalf of the men and women of the Colonial Heights Police Department, it is both an honor and a privilege to present our 2024 Annual Report. This year has been one of growth, resilience, and accomplishment. Despite facing a variety of challenges, I could not be prouder of how our agency has risen to the occasion. We have worked diligently to enhance public safety, improve operations, and strengthen our connection to the community we serve.

One of the most significant steps we took this year was the reorganization of the agency, which included the creation of a new Lieutenant of Support Services position. This change has allowed us to better focus on essential areas, provide more oversight for critical functions and streamline our operations for greater efficiency and effectiveness. Additionally, we have continued to aggressively pursue grant opportunities that enhance our capabilities in both the acquisition of essential equipment and training. These efforts culminated in one of our most significant achievements in 2024: the acquisition of a Crime Analyst position. The crime analyst was embedded in our Investigations Division and has proven to be an integral member of our crime-fighting and prevention team. Our analyst has not only supported our detectives with investigative insight but has also been key in developing and distributing crime reports, monthly statistical data, and community alert information—helping us keep the community informed and involved in our efforts to enhance public safety.

As we turn our attention to 2025, we are excited to unveil our updated **Mission Statement:** **“Serving and protecting our citizens, businesses, and visitors through proactive, community-focused policing that fosters safety, trust, and well-being.”**



In support of this mission, we have established a set of clear goals for the year ahead. These goals are designed to drive our agency's continued improvement and ensure that we remain focused on our primary responsibility: keeping our community safe.

- 1. Protect and uphold the constitutional rights of all individuals.*
- 2. Proactively and fairly enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the City of Colonial Heights.*
- 3. Conduct thorough, aggressive, and timely criminal investigations.*
- 4. Invest in our employees through ongoing training, personal well-being programs, and empowerment initiatives.*
- 5. Provide impartial, respectful, transparent, and professional service to all members of the community.*
- 6. Foster strong, collaborative partnerships with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.*
- 7. Efficiently manage departmental resources and actively pursue grant opportunities to enhance agency capabilities.*
- 8. Address quality-of-life crimes and place a heightened focus on traffic violations.*
- 9. Implement proactive measures to deter and apprehend individuals involved in organized retail theft operations.*
- 10. Enhance communication and foster deeper engagement with residents and businesses.*
- 11. Increase officer visibility and interaction with residents and businesses.*
- 12. Leverage technology to reduce crime, improve efficiency, and better manage departmental resources.*
- 13. Improve inter-departmental communication regarding policies, actions, and future initiatives.*
- 14. Focus on retaining current employees while attracting new talent to join our ranks.*
- 15. Continuously evaluate and enhance departmental equipment, training programs, and facilities.*

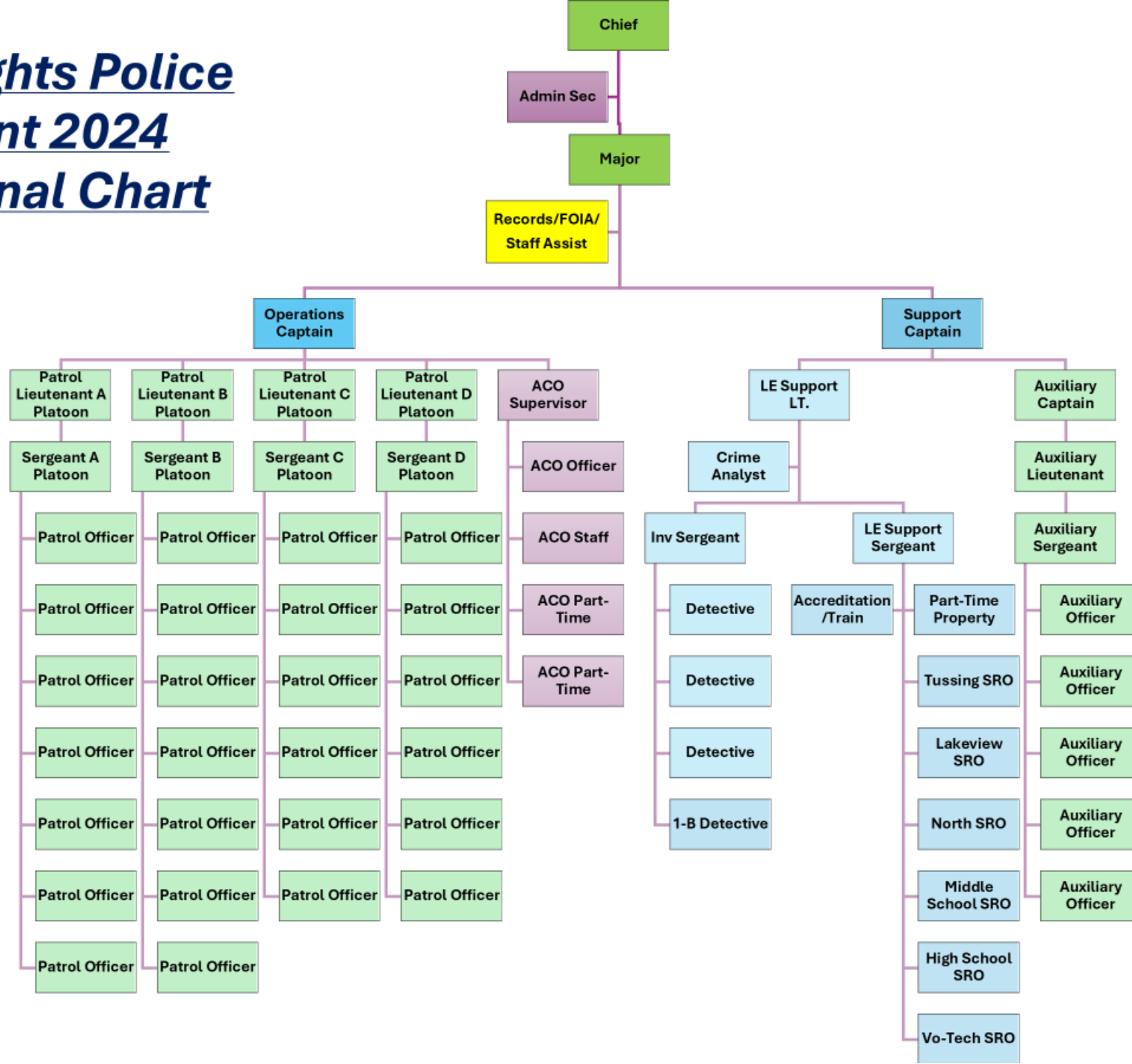
In closing, 2024 was an outstanding year for the Colonial Heights Police Department. As we move forward into 2025, we remain committed to the safety and well-being of our community. Our team is more dedicated than ever, and we are excited about the opportunities to continue building a stronger, safer, and more connected community.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working together in the year ahead.

William H. Anspach, III

Colonel William H. Anspach
Chief of Police

Colonial Heights Police Department 2024 Organizational Chart



****Chart assumes full staffing****

Thank you and Congratulations to Our 2024 Retirees!!



After 30 years of dedicated service, the last 16 with the City of Colonial Heights, **Captain Mike Foster** retired on December 31, 2024.



Lieutenant J. Stacey Whitt, with 27 years of outstanding professional police service to our community.



A pillar of the agency, **Records Manager Robin Kester** retired on December 31, 2024, with 33 years of exemplary service.

*You will be missed,
but your impact on the agency and our community will not be forgotten!*

2024 Promotions



**Animal Control Supervisor
Hannah E. Jones**

**Operations Lieutenant
Adam C. Brandeberry**

**Operations Lieutenant
Brandon T. Cherry**



2024 Promotions



**Detective
Sergeant
Joseph M. Vaughan**

**Operations
Sergeant
Robert N. Brown**

**Operations
Sergeant
William T. Waldrep**



January
Master Detective
Jacob Miller



February
Master Detective
Darrell W. Aleshire Jr.



March
P/T Officer
A. Renee Walters



April
ACO Supervisor
Hannah E. Jones

2024 Employees
of the Month
Peer Selected



May
Officer Rocky Navarro



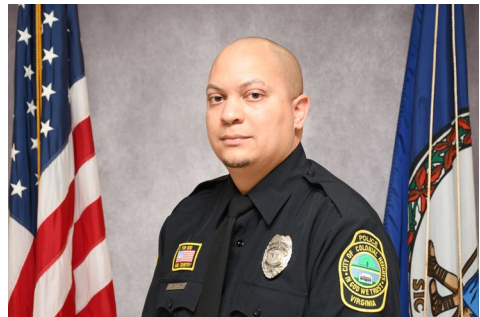
June
Master Officer
Devin C. Marks



July
Crime Analyst
Abigail M. Smith



August
Master Detective Christopher M. Velasquez and
Senior Detective Morgan N. Davis



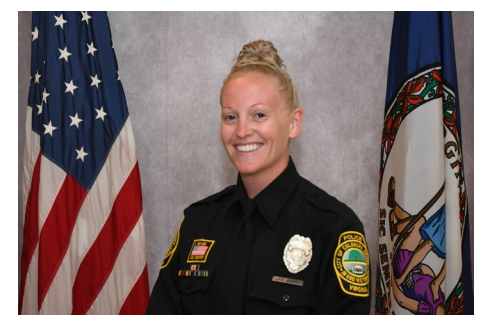
September
Officer
Joseph R. Riley



October
Officer
C. Storm Ayers



November
Senior Officer
Erik L. Reedy



December
Senior Detective
Morgan N. Davis

2024
WIEGRATZ
AND
MILLER VOLUNTEER OF THE
YEAR AWARD WINNERS

SENTINELS
JERRY AND PEG PETERSON



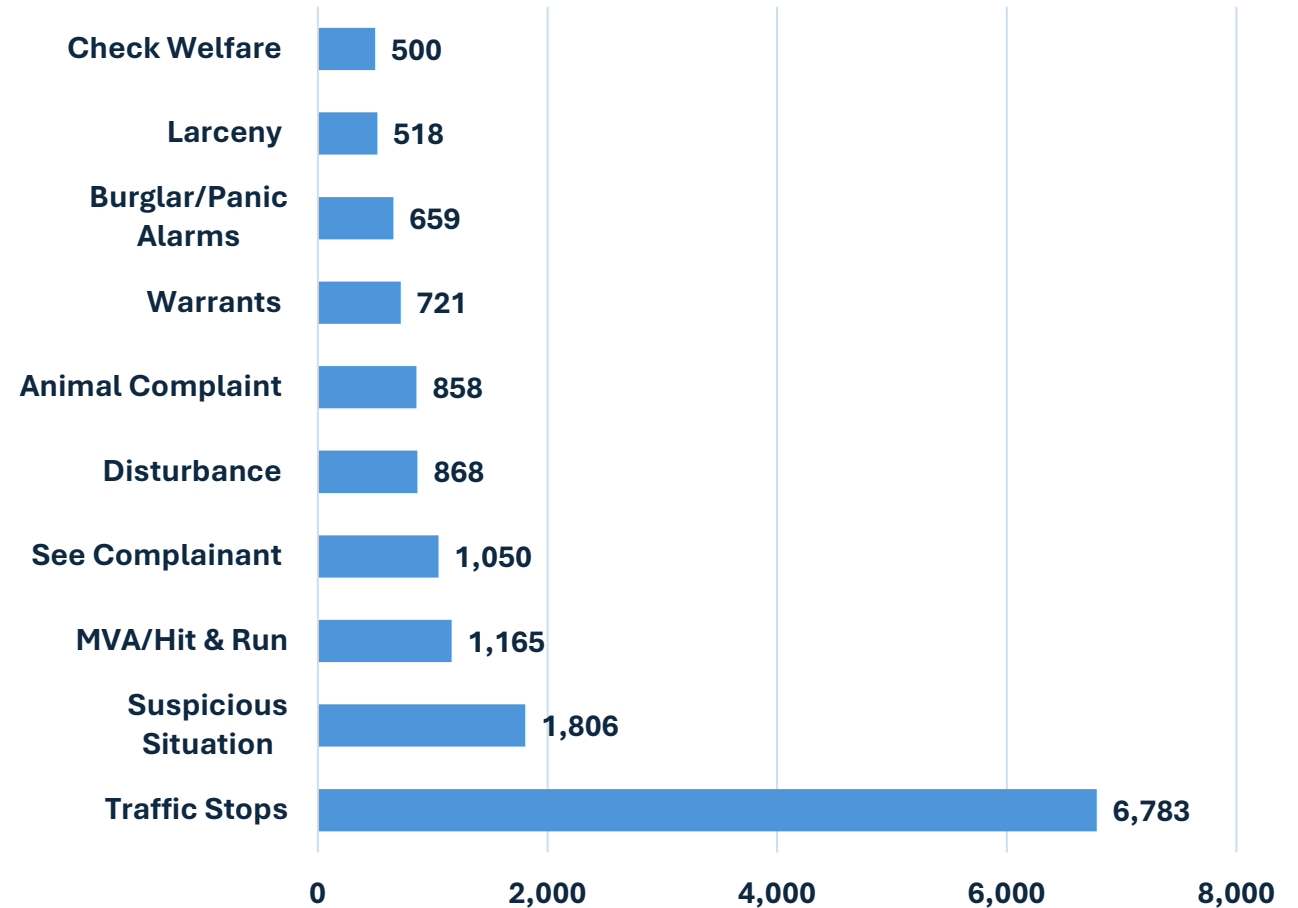


2024
COLONIAL
HEIGHTS
POLICE
OFFICER
OF THE YEAR
AWARD

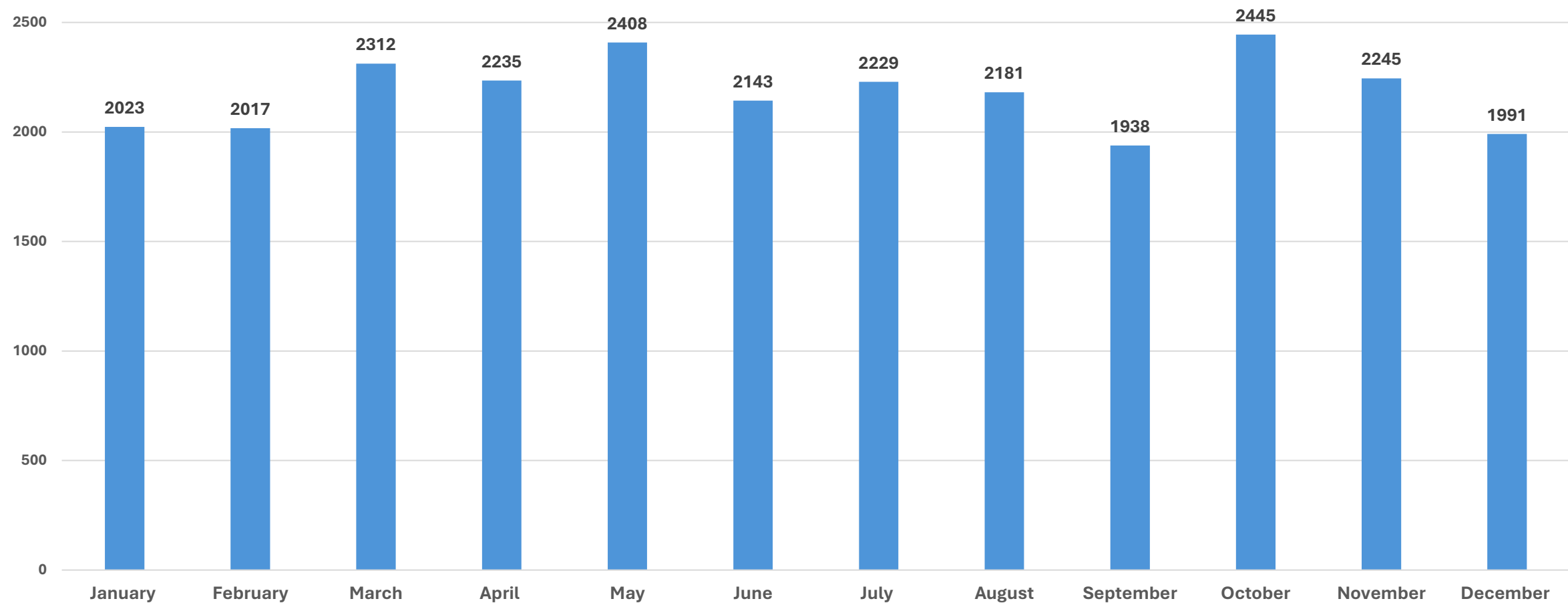
2024 Overview

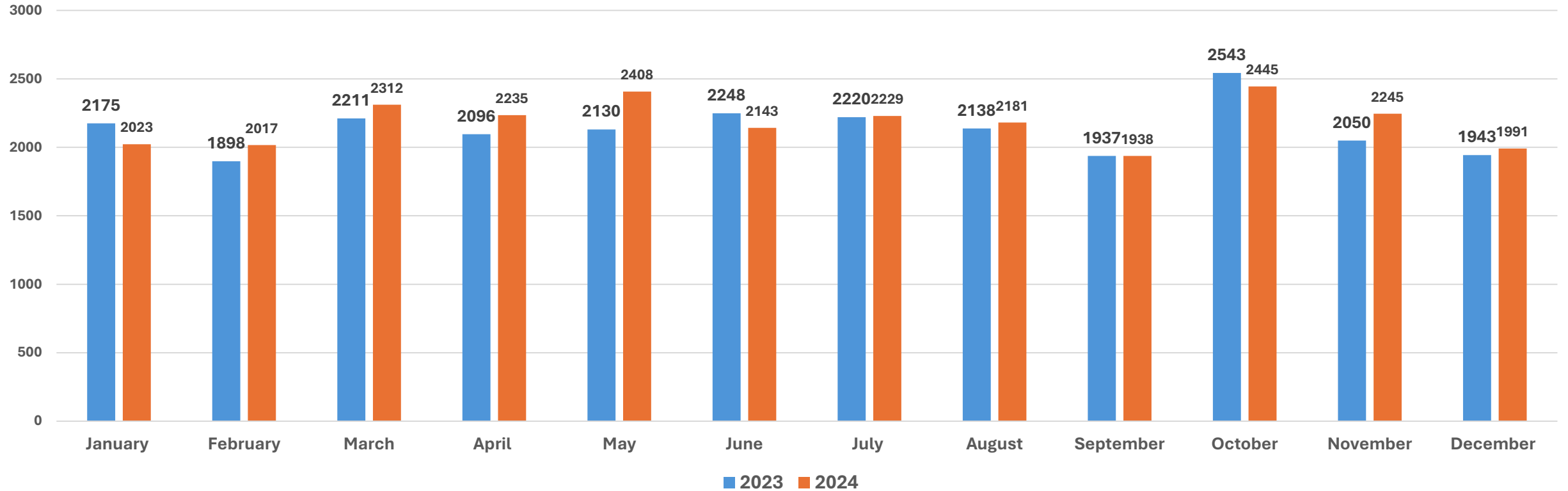
- In 2024, the Colonial Heights Police Department responded to 26,167 calls for service. This was an increase of approximately 578 calls for service in comparison to 2023.
- Of the 26,167 calls for police service, the top 10 call types are shown.

Top Ten Calls for Service



2024 Calls for Service by Month



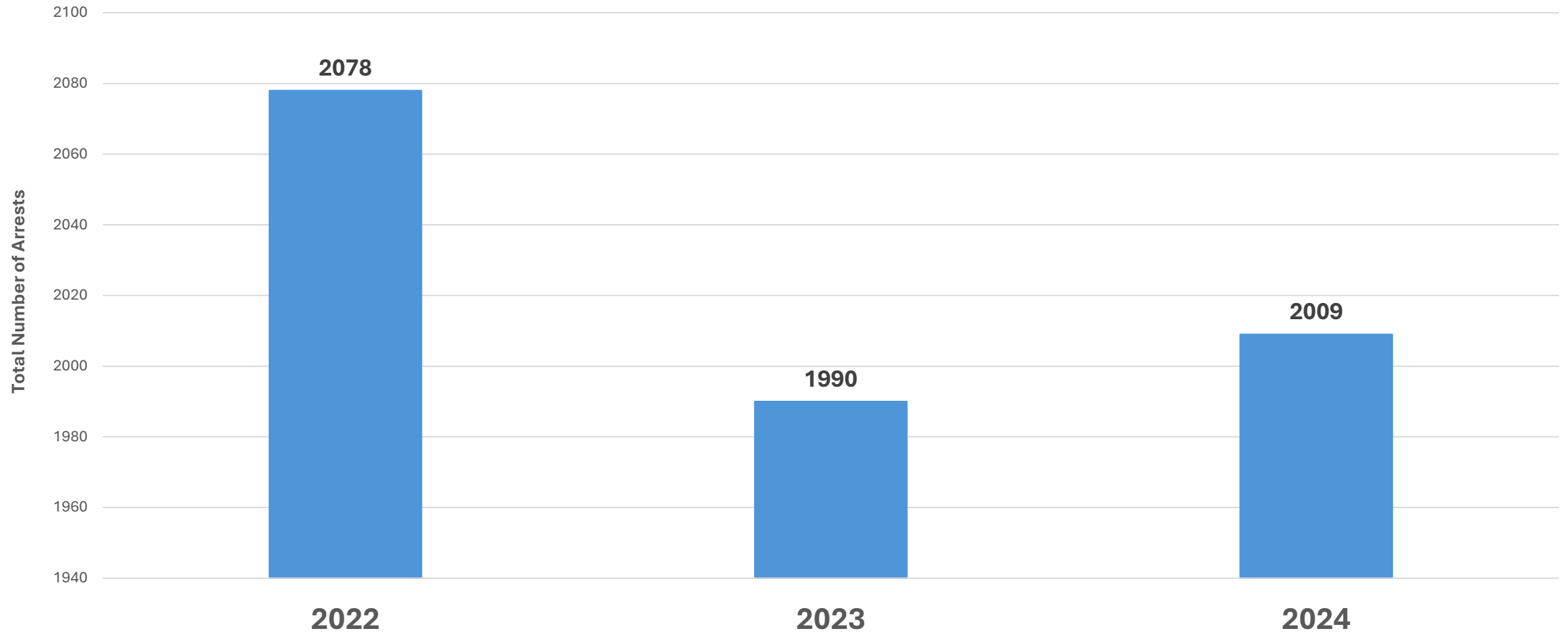


- In 2023, the Colonial Heights Police Department responded to 25,589 calls for service. In 2024, there was a slight increase in calls for service and the department responded to 26,167 calls for service.

2023 vs. 2024 Call for Service Comparison

3 Year Comparison: Criminal Arrests

2022, 2023, 2024



2024 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

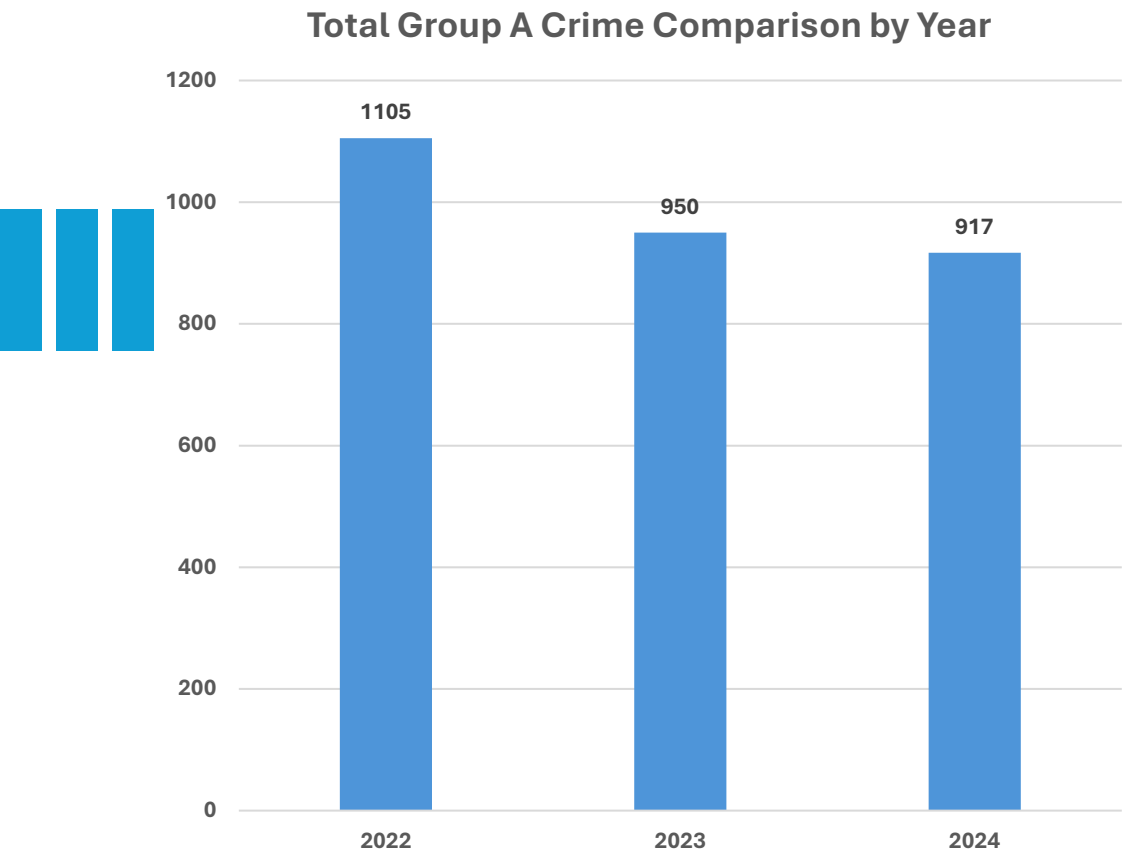
Crimes Against Property

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



Offense	2022	2023	2024	2023-2024 Difference	2023-2024 % Difference
Homicide	1	0	3	3	-
Rape	7	5	4	-1	-20%
Robbery	13	6	10	4	67%
Aggravated Assault	46	48	65	17	35%
Violent Crimes Total	67	59	82	23	39%
Breaking & Entering	26	24	30	6	25%
Larceny	647	555	549	-6	-1%
Vehicle Theft	33	51	23	-28	-55%
Arson	3	2	3	1	50%
Property Crimes Total	709	632	605	-27	-4%
Drug/Narcotics Violations	129	125	118	-7	-6%
Weapon Violation	161	110	88	-22	-20%
Pornography/Obscene Material	32	19	16	-3	-16%
Animal Cruelty	7	5	8	3	60%
Crimes Against Society Total	329	259	230	-29	-11%
Total	1105	950	917	-33	-3%

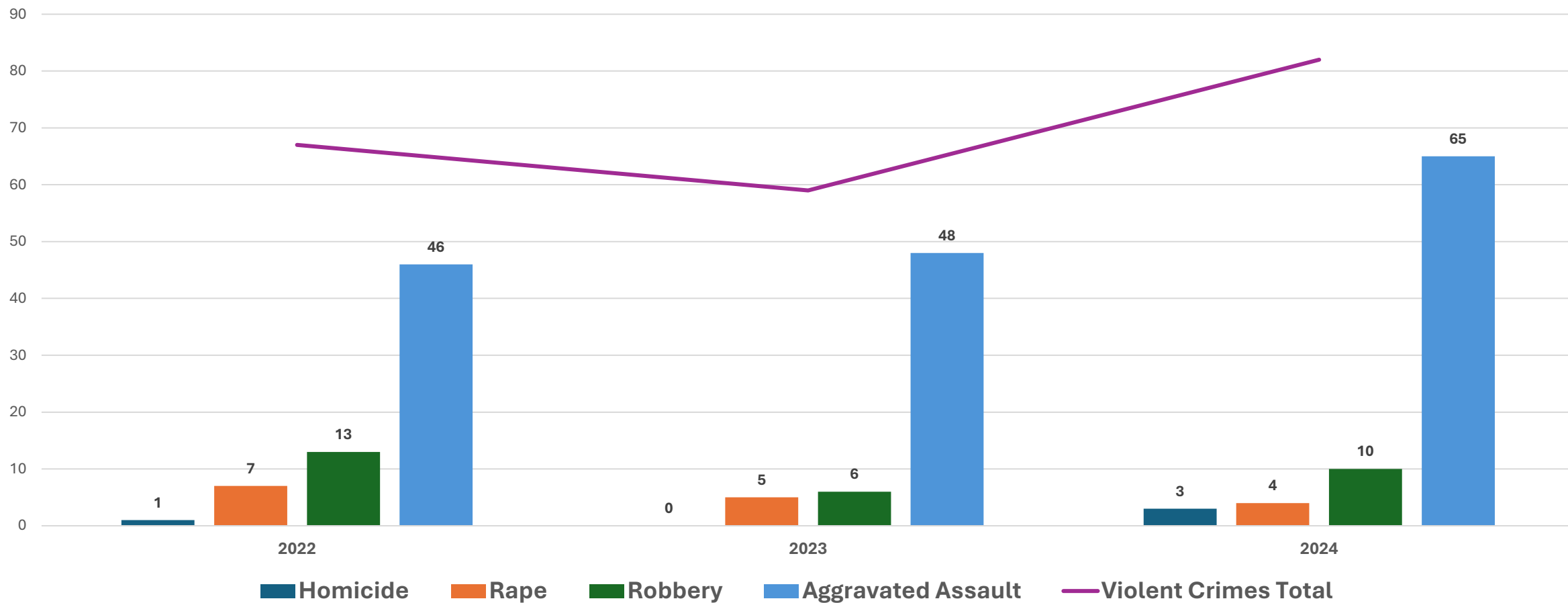
Offense	Number of Offenses	Cases Cleared	% Cleared
Homicide	3	3	100%
Rape	4	2	50%
Robbery	10	9	90%
Aggravated Assault	65	58	89%
Violent Crimes Total	82	72	88%
Breaking & Entering	30	10	33%
Larceny	549	304	55%
Vehicle Theft	23	6	26%
Arson	3	2	67%
Property Crimes Total	605	322	53%
Drug/Narcotics Violations	118	109	92%
Weapon Violation	88	78	89%
Pornography/Obscene Material	16	14	88%
Animal Cruelty	8	4	50%
Crimes Against Society Total	230	205	89%
Total	917	599	65%

- Out of the **917** Group A Crimes that were reported to this agency in 2024, **65%** of those cases have been cleared.

2024 Group A Crimes with Clearance Rates

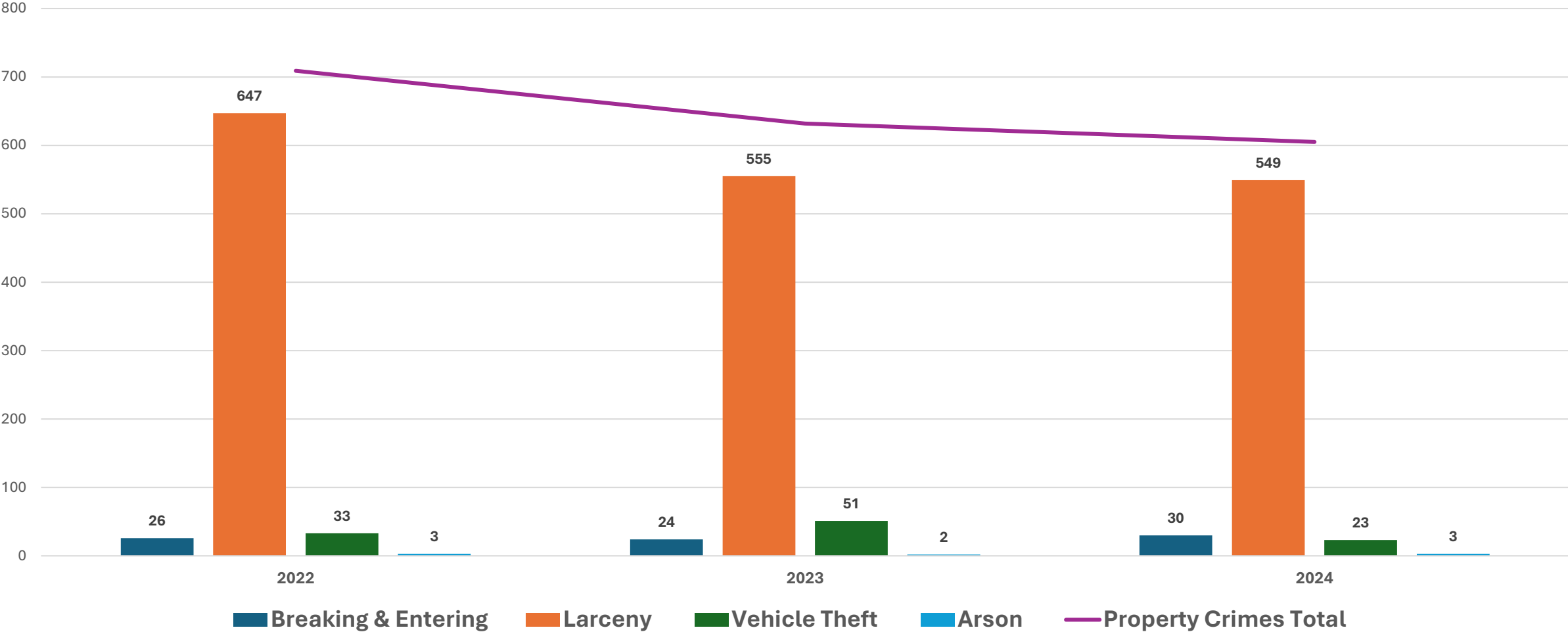
Violent Crime

3 Year Comparison: 2022-2024



Property Crime

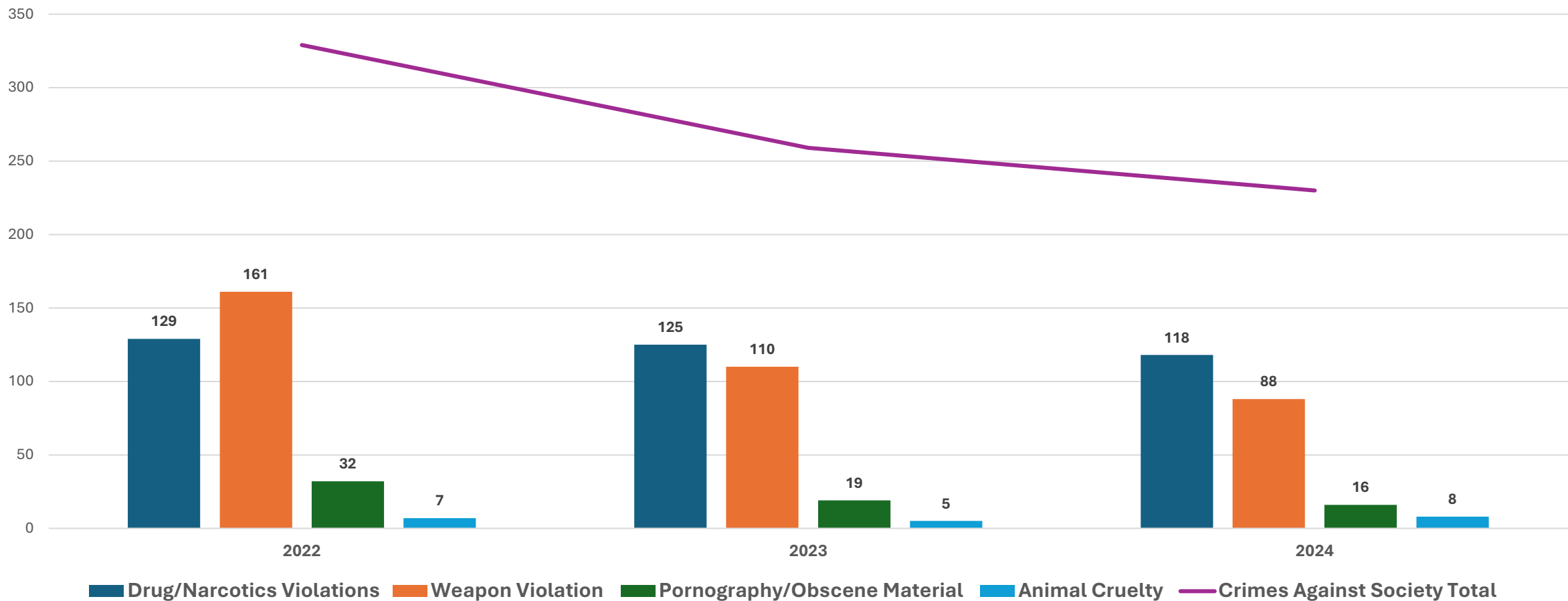
3 Year Comparison: 2022-2024



Crimes Against Society

3 Year Comparison: 2022-2024

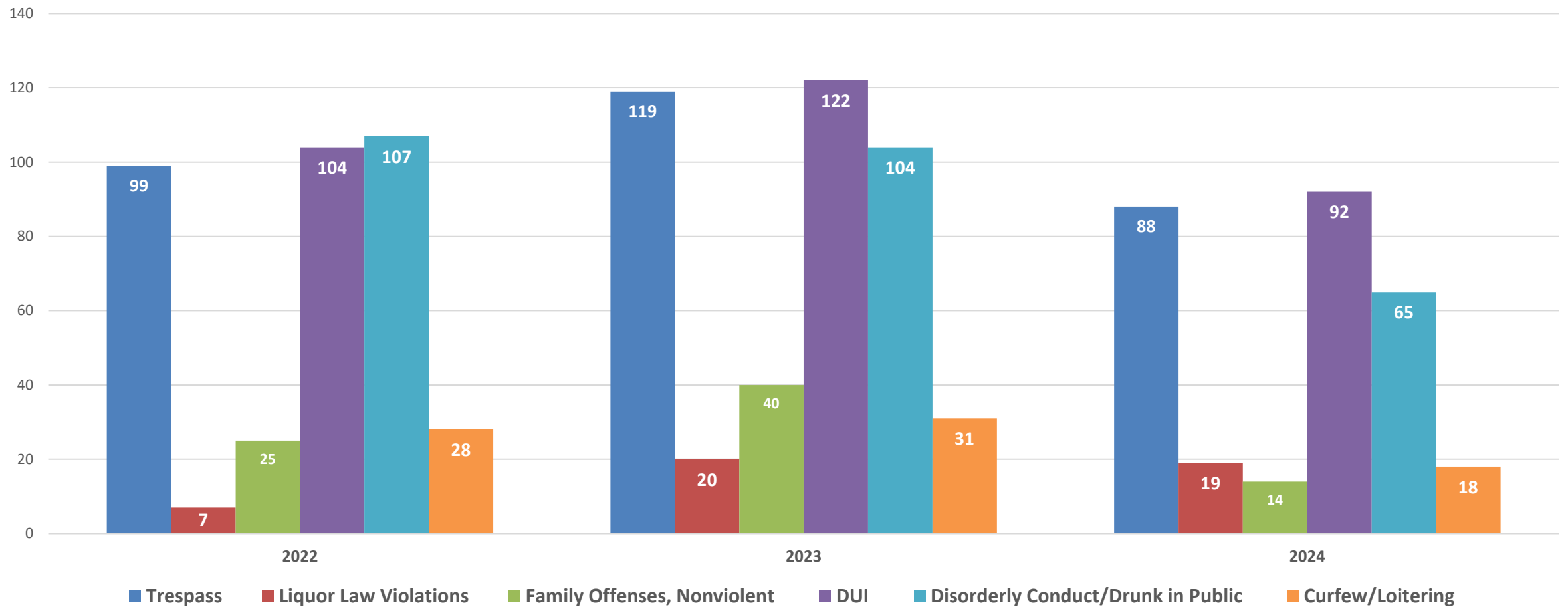
Crimes Against Society represent society's prohibition against engaging in certain types of activity and are typically victimless crimes.



2024 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.

Group B Offense Arrests for 2024	
Curfew/Loitering Violations	18
Disorderly Conduct/Drunkenness	65
Driving Under the Influence	91
Driving Under the Influence – Marijuana	1
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	14
Liquor Law Violations	19
Trespassing	88
All Other Offenses	800
Total Group B Arrests	1,096



Group B Offense Comparison for 2022, 2023, and 2024

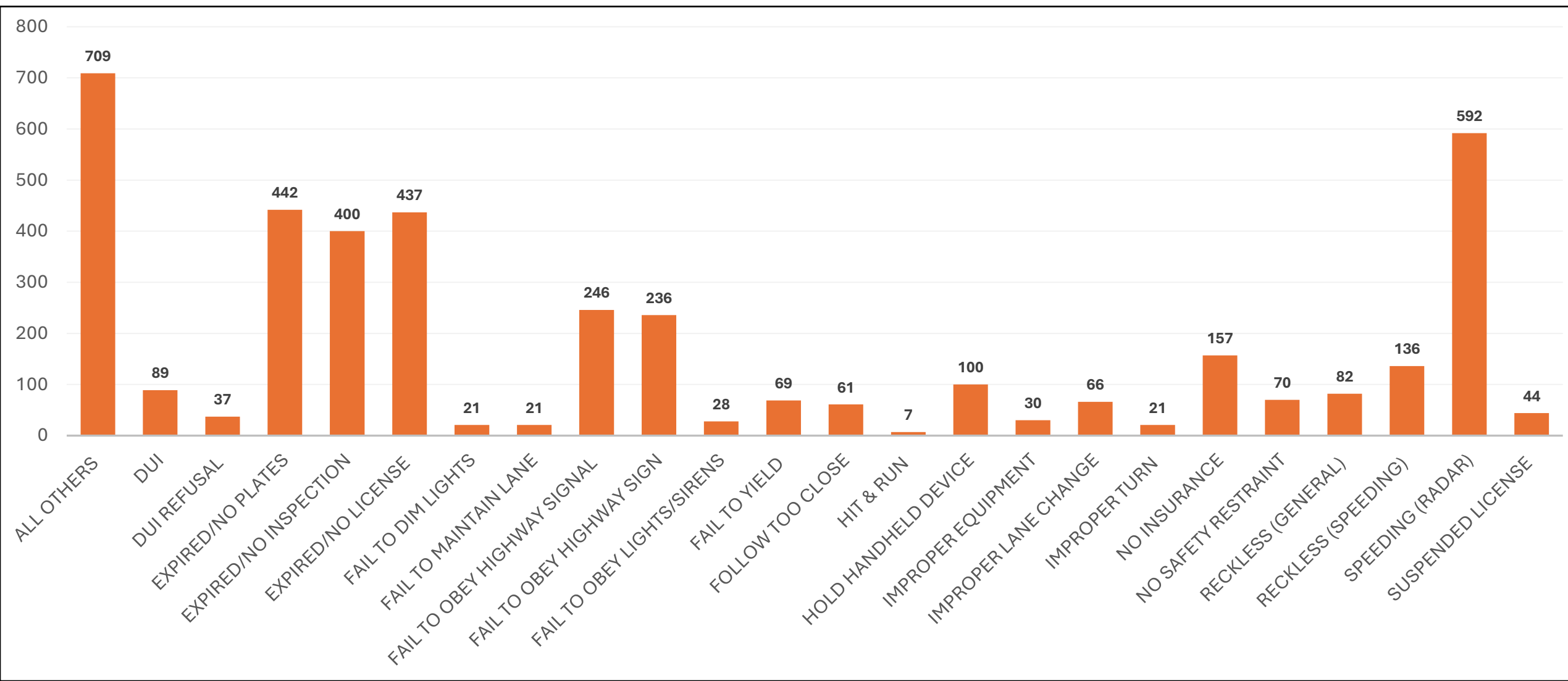
2024 Breakdown of Traffic Offenses

Total Number of Traffic Stops

6,735

Total Number of Citations Issued

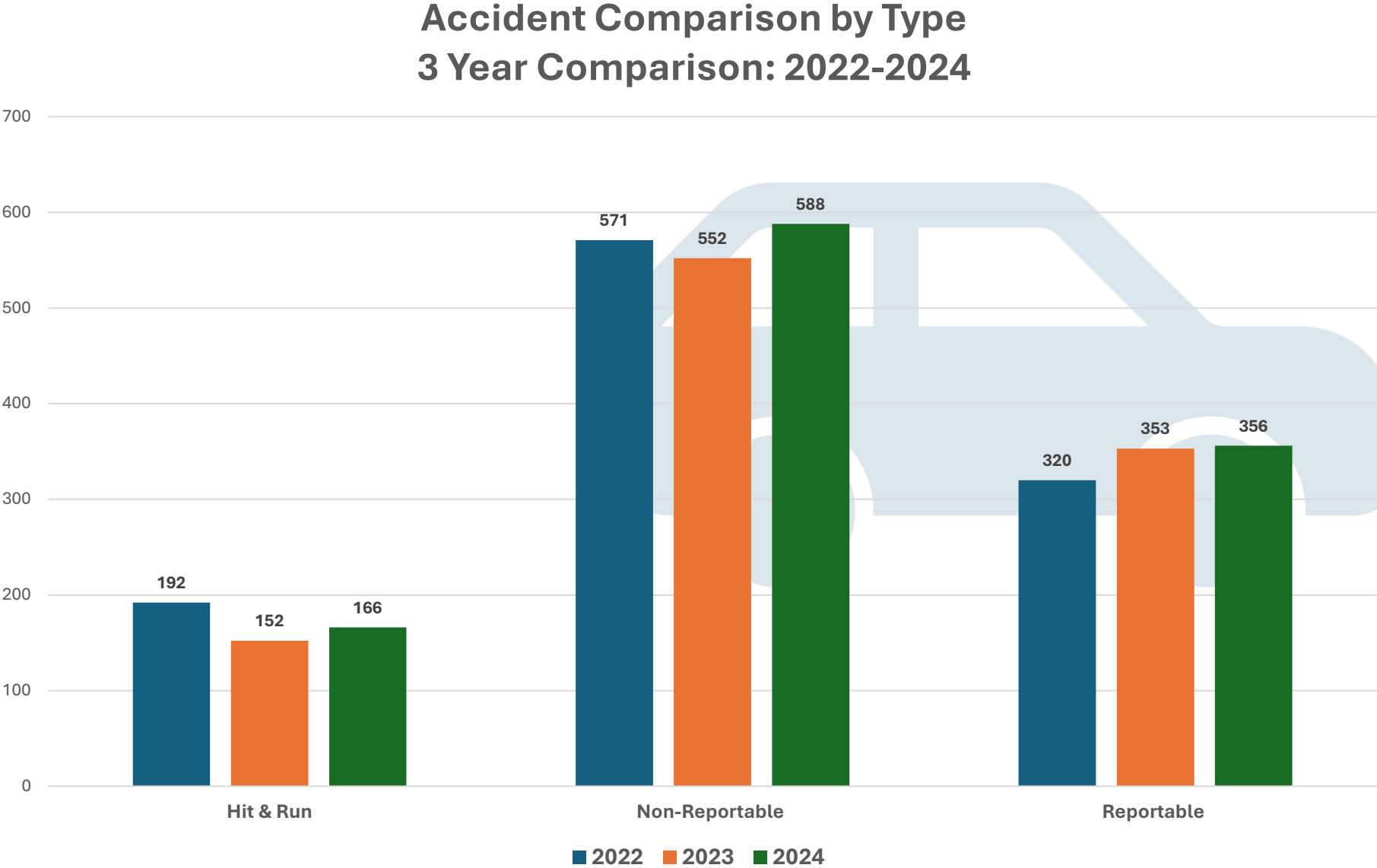
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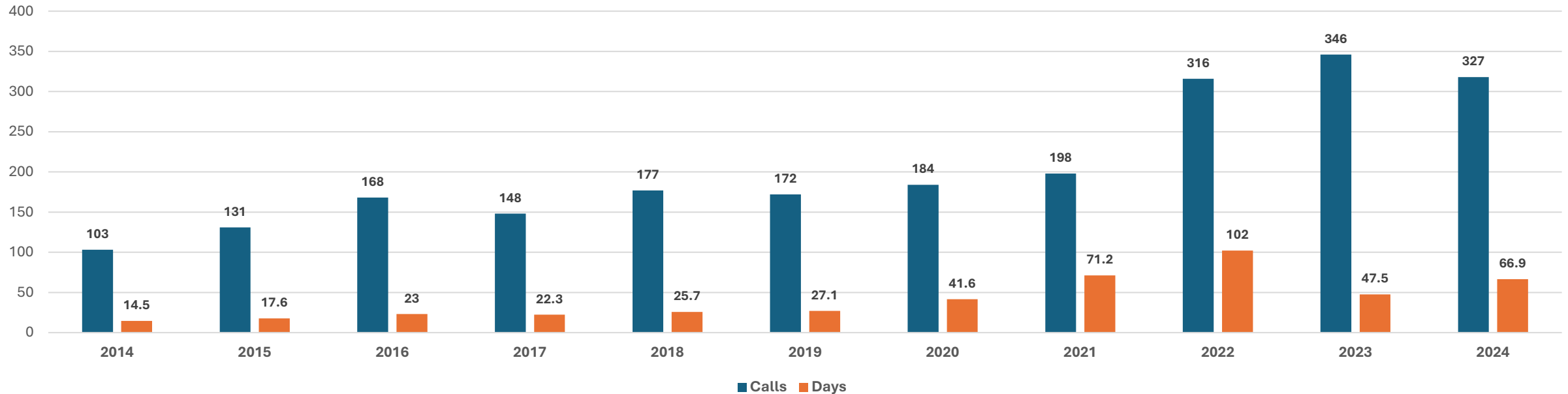
Traffic Accidents

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.



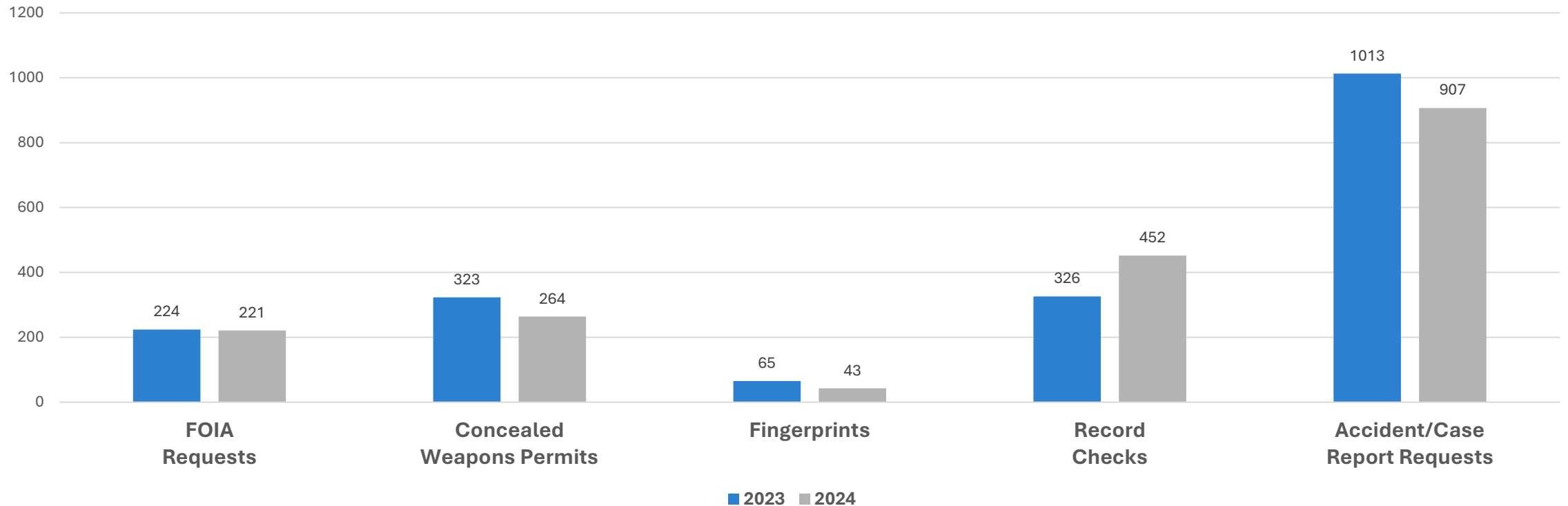
Behavioral Emergencies - ECO/TDO 10 Year Comparison: 2014-2024



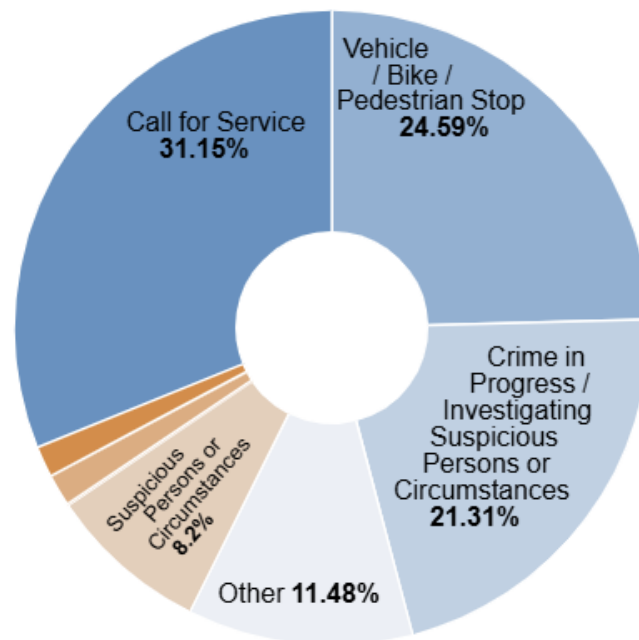
Behavioral Health Emergency Calls

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 2014, we responded to 103 mental health calls. This required the equivalent of over fourteen and a half 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 2024, CHPD responded to 318 mental health calls, which required the equivalent of 66.9 days or more than two months to complete.

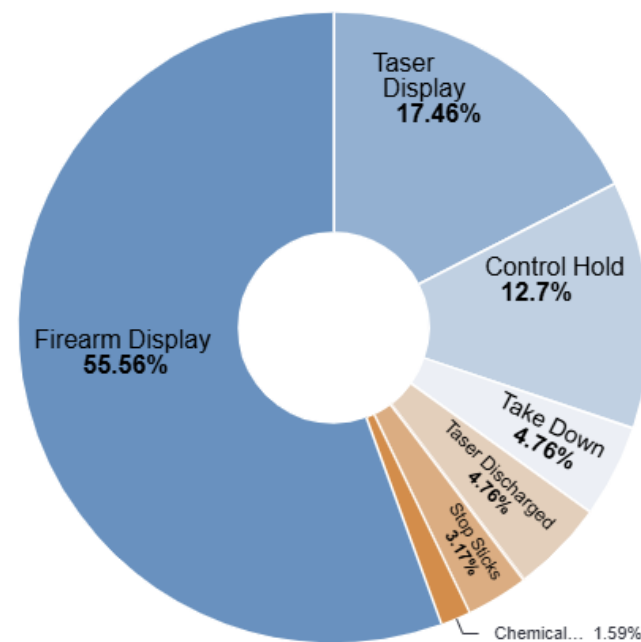
Freedom Of Information Act Requests 2023 vs. 2024



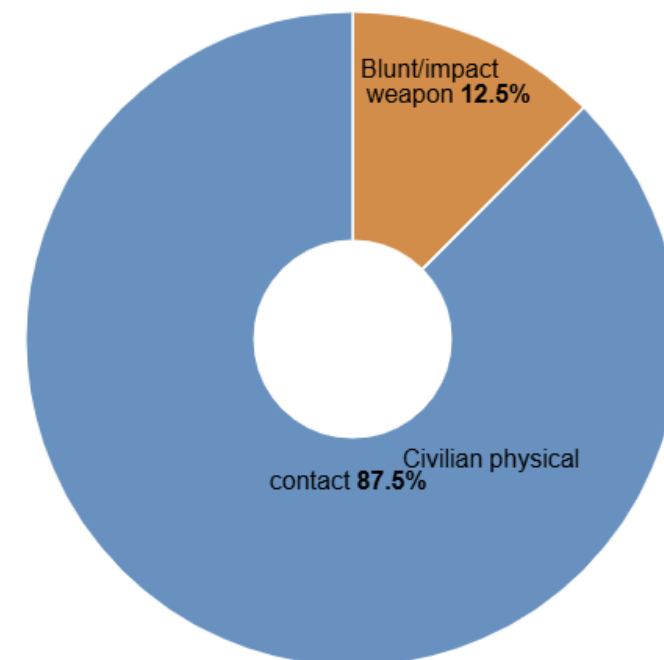
Use of Force - Reason for Contact



Type of Force Used on Suspect by an Officer



Type of Force Used on Officer by Civilian

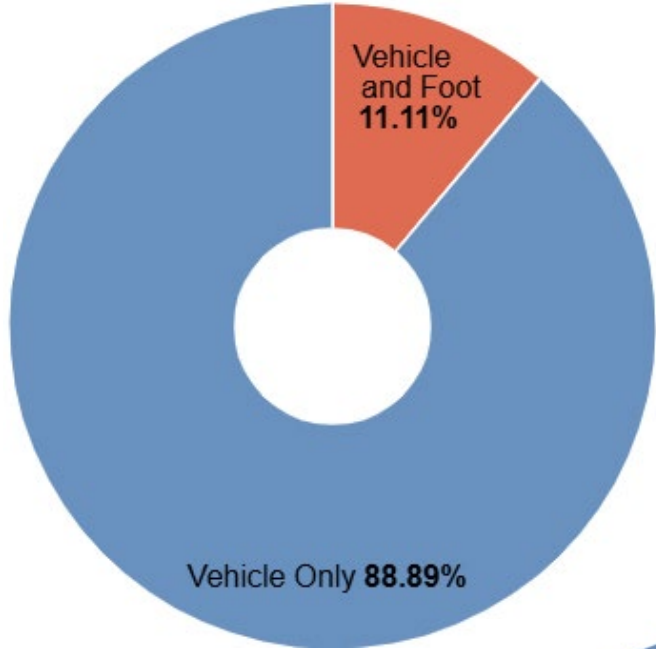


Agency Activities: Use of Force

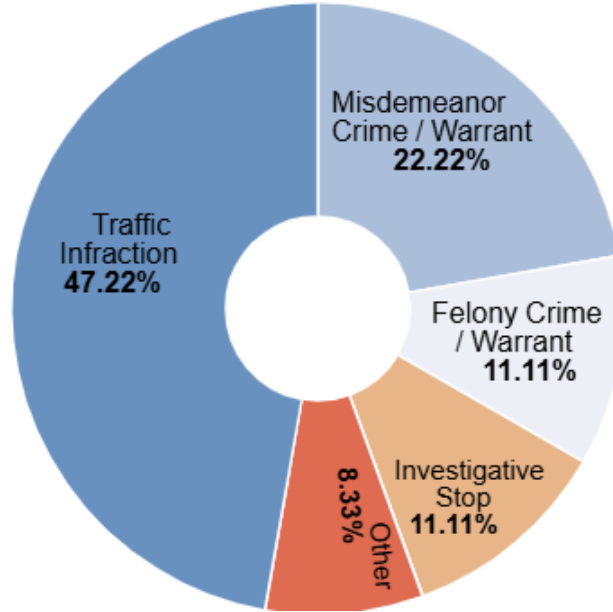
- The Colonial Heights Police Department records every use of force. For context, if two officers on the same call display their firearm, it is recorded as two uses of force. Out of 26,167 calls for service in 2024, a total of 61 uses of force were recorded. Compared to 2023, there was a decrease in one use of force in 2024.

Agency Activities: Vehicle Pursuits

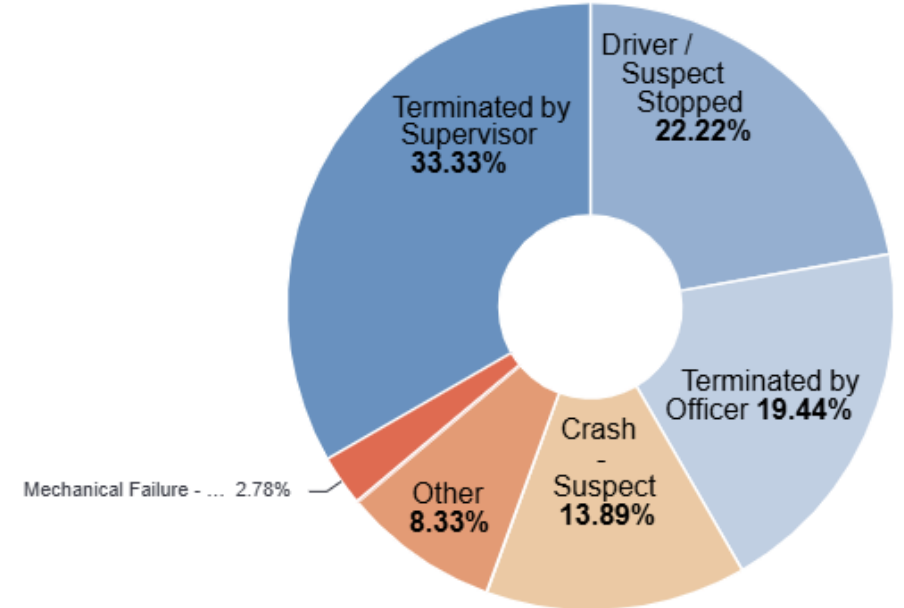
Out of the 26,167 calls for service, 6,735 were traffic stops. Of those 6,735 traffic stops; the agency recorded a total of **32** vehicle pursuits.



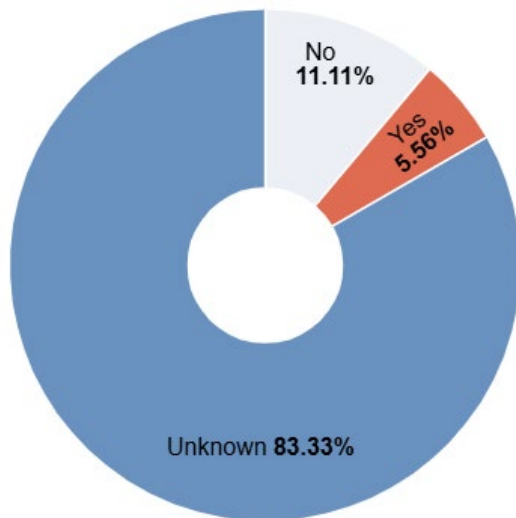
Type of Pursuit



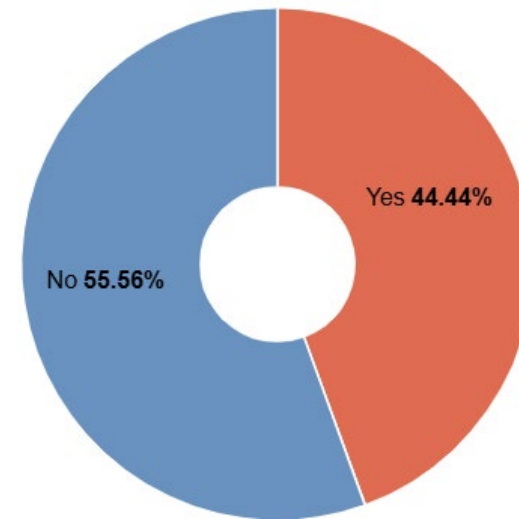
Reason for Pursuit



How Pursuit Ended



Suspect Armed

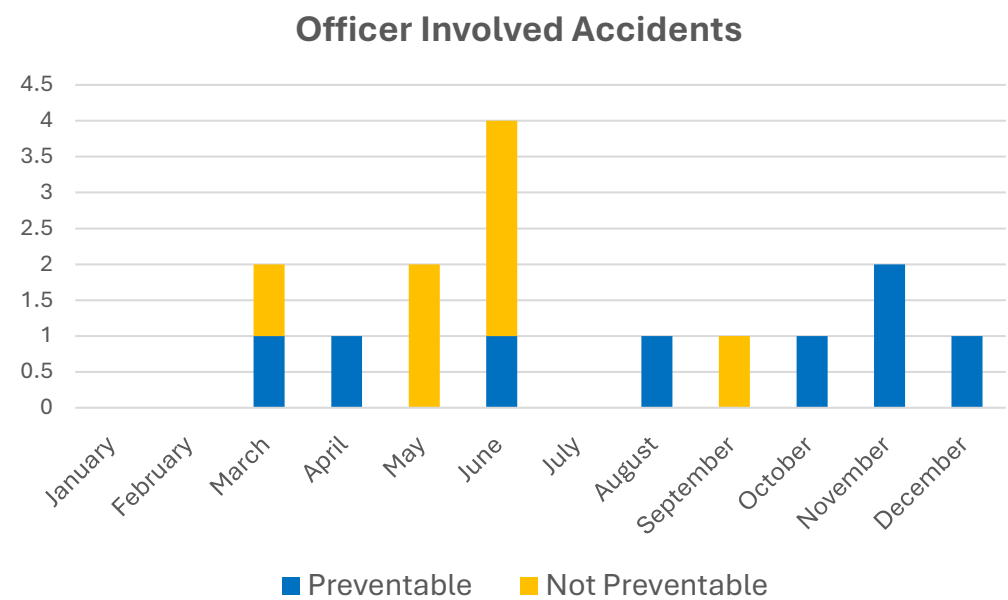
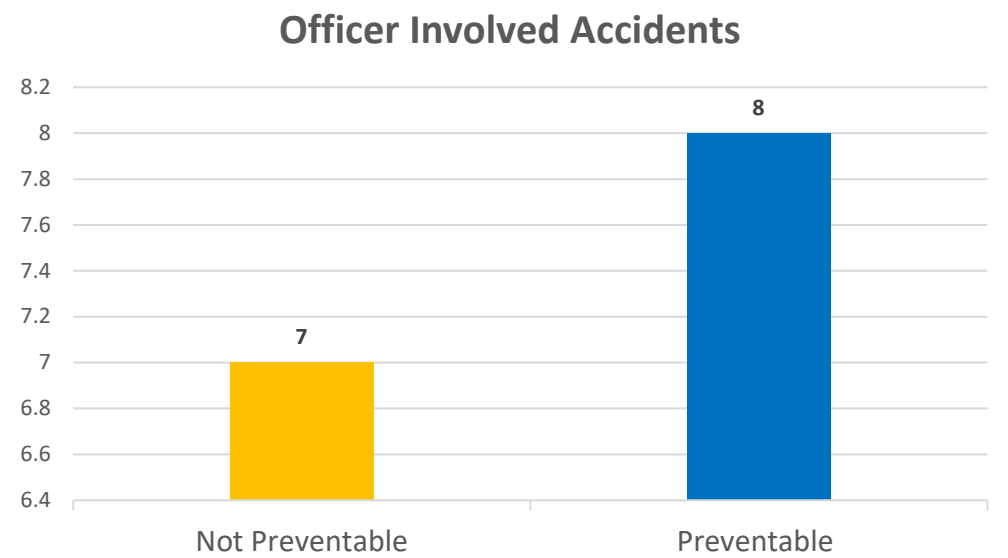


Driver Apprehended

Agency Activities:

Officer Involved Accidents

Accident Date and Time	Preventable or Not Preventable
3/18/2024 16:11	Preventable
3/24/2024 5:43	Not Preventable
4/6/2024 15:00	Preventable
5/16/2024 2:08	Not Preventable
5/29/2024 19:00	Not Preventable
6/7/2024 7:50	Preventable
6/6/2024 12:54	Not Preventable
6/26/2024 12:00	Not Preventable
6/30/2024 20:30	Not Preventable
9/9/2024 13:51	Not Preventable
8/17/2024 12:00	Preventable
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11/10/2024 14:40	Preventable
11/25/2024 14:07	Preventable
12/13/2024 16:00	Preventable



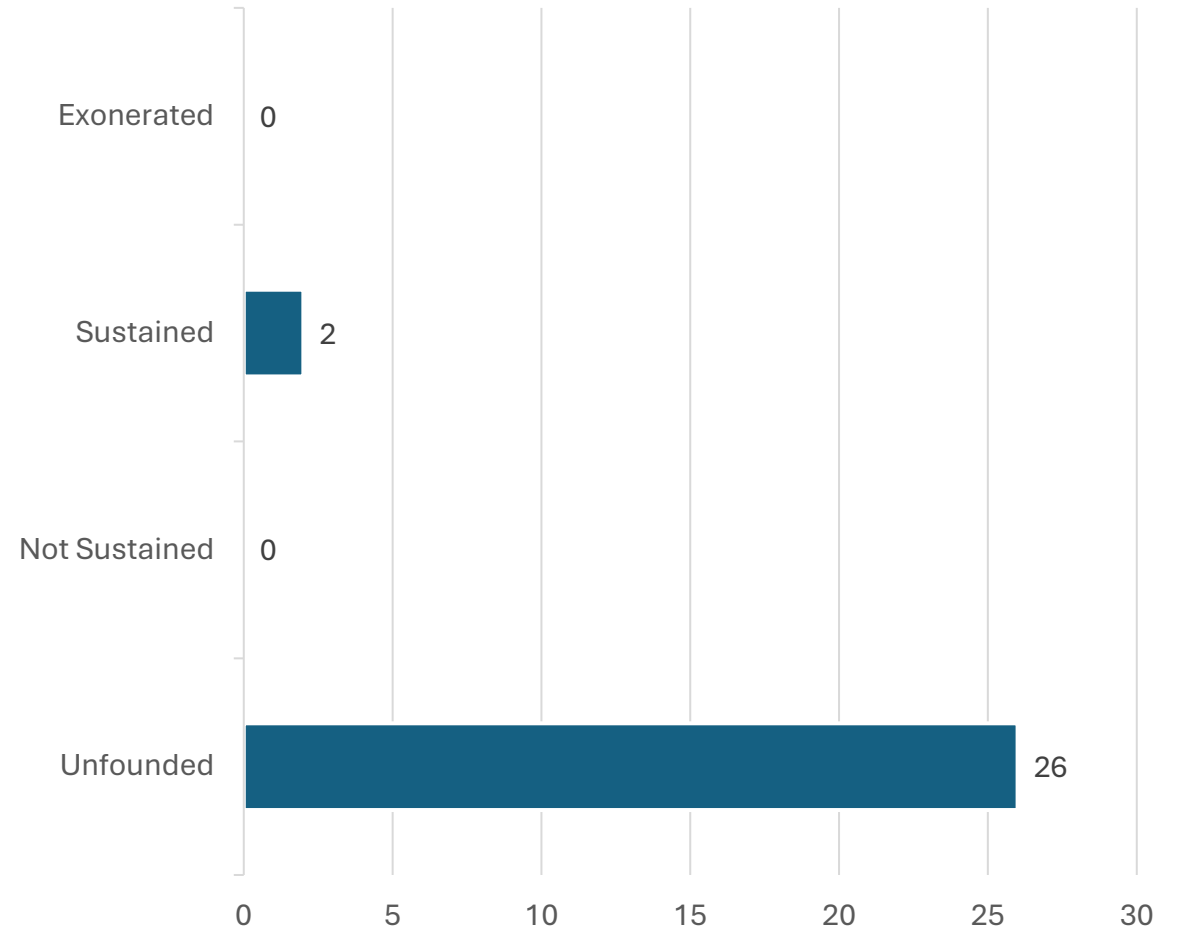
Agency Activities: Complaints

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 2024, Colonial Heights Police Officers responded to 26,167 calls for service.

2024 Total Complaints Against Officers **28**



2024 Animal Control Activities

Category	2022	2023	2024
Stray Dogs	166	127	177
Stray Cats	133	116	130
Other	5	7	5
Dogs Surrendered by Owner	97	61	62
Cats Surrendered by Owner	35	38	54
Dogs Received from Another Agency	14	13	5
Cats Received from Another Agency	0	5	0
Dogs Reclaimed by Owner	140	118	119
Cats Reclaimed by Owner	8	3	5
Dogs Adopted	78	74	81
Cats Adopted	49	46	97
Dogs Transferred to Another Agency	113	41	56
Cats Transferred to Another Agency	87	86	68
Dogs Died in Custody	3	4	0
Cats Died in Custody	10	6	20
Dogs Euthanized	6	6	4
Cats Euthanized	25	21	14

