

VILLAGE OF MOUNT GILEAD
DIVISION OF POLICE
2022
ANNUAL REPORT



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MOUNT GILEAD DIVISION OF POLICE

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Chief's Summary

2022 was an interesting and productive year for the Mount Gilead Police Department.

On June 13, two EF-1 tornadoes touched down in Morrow County. One of the tornadoes touched down just North of Mount Gilead. The tornadoes caused a power outage to all the village and nearly the entire county, uprooted trees, and caused extensive damage to buildings, vehicles, and equipment. Law enforcement, Fire, EMS, the Emergency Management Agency, Citizens, and service departments from the villages, townships, state, and utility companies came together and worked hard to provide aid and clear debris. As of December 2022, nearly all the cleanup has been completed. Miraculously, the village, nor the county, suffered any casualties as a result of the tornadoes.

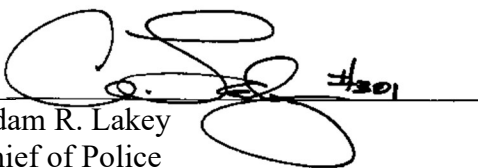
On July 16, the Police and Fire Departments joined forces and organized the first annual Mount Gilead Community Day. The fundraising event was conceived by Mount Gilead Exempted Village School Board Member Vanessa Gingerich. In addition to raising funds, the event strengthened the relationship between law enforcement, firefighters, and the community. With a matching donation by Modern Woodmen, the event raised over \$11,000. The funds were earmarked for the police department's safety town program and the fire department's fire safety house.

On August 15, Mount Gilead Village Council approved a proposal to provide significant raises to the police department staff putting us nearer to the median pay of agencies in surrounding counties with whom we compete with in recruitment and retention of officers. Patrol officers received an approximately 24% increase, supervisors received an approximately 30% increase, and the chief received 18%. Due to the increases, interest in employment with the department and morale have both increased notably. The department is thankful to both village council and previous Mayor Jamie Brucker for their evident support of the department.

On September 7, in collaboration with the Mount Gilead Exempted Village School District, a full-time School Resource Officer position was created and put into place at the start of the school year. The program has proven to be a huge success by both increasing the safety within the schools and building positive, meaningful, and lasting relationships between students, staff, and local law enforcement.

On September 15, the department was certified by the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. This certification indicates that department policies, procedures, and practices are in compliance with state and federal directives. Certification also gives access to some grant opportunities. The Mount Gilead Police Department was selected as the agency of the month for December.

My goals for 2023 continues to be training that aligns with the department mission and supports each individual officer to better serve our community. We will continue to provide professional and proactive law enforcement services to the citizens and visitors of the Village of Mount Gilead.



Adam R. Lakey
Chief of Police

Staffing Summary

The department began the year with seven full-time officers: Chief Adam Lakey, Captain Thomas Cronenwett, Officer Maiya Belcher, Officer Chase Beekman, Officer David Blanton, and Officer Micheal Turner. The department also has two auxiliary/part-time officers: Officer George Hinkle and Officer Jeffrey Cline.

On March 10, the department held the first annual awards banquet. The following were recognized for their service in 2021:

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| ▪ 2021 Officer of the Year: | Officer David Blanton |
| ▪ Chief's Commendation: | Officer Micheal Turner |
| ▪ Life Saving Award: | Officer Chase Beekman |
| ▪ Exceptional Community Service | Officer Roger Meyer |
| ▪ Exceptional Service – 31 Years | Captain Kenneth Underwood, ret. |
| ▪ Exceptional Service – 29 Years | Chief Brian Zerman, ret. |
| ▪ Exceptional Service – 25 Years | Captain Thomas Cronenwett |
| ▪ Exceptional Service – 10 Years | Officer George Hinkle |
| ▪ Exceptional Service – 6 Years | Officer Maiya Belcher |

On May 4, Officer Chase Beekman was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

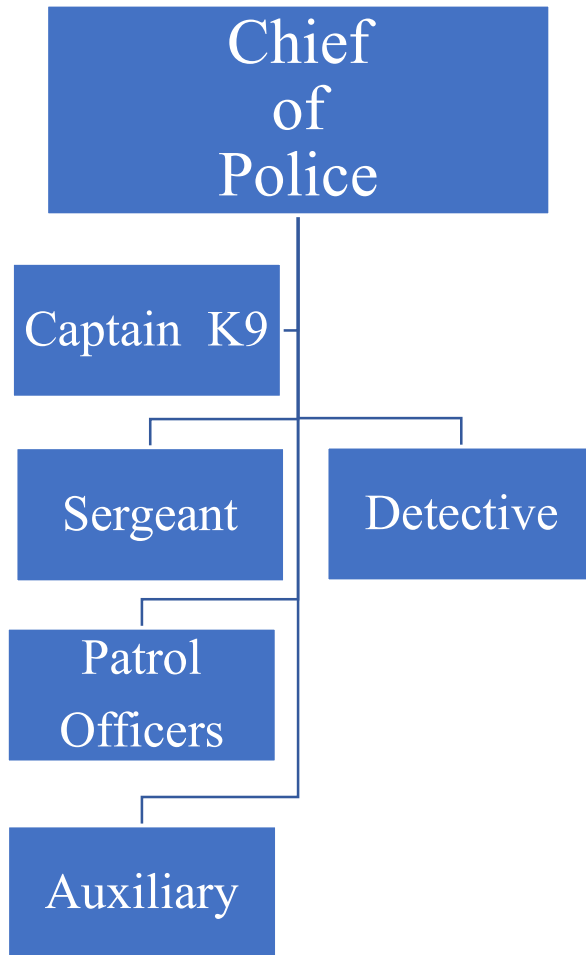
On May 25, Officer Maiya Belcher resigned.

On July 1, Officer Frank Ramos was hired as a full-time officer. Officer Ramos was previously a Sergeant with the North Lewisburg Police Department and an Officer with the Ohio Health Police Agency, Mechanicsburg Police Department, Edison Police Department, and Cardington Police Department.

On September 7, Officer Micheal Turner officially began assignment as the full-time School Resource Officer assigned to the Mount Gilead Exempted Village School District.

The Law Enforcement Cadet Program ended the year with four Cadets: Cadet Captain Caden Mosher, Cadet Katie Statler, Cadet Mikayla Meyer, and Cadet Robert Copeland.

Agency Administration Rank Structure



Leadership Assignments (December 31, 2022)

Chief of Police:	Adam R. Lakey
Captain / K9:	Thomas B. Cronenwett
Sergeant:	Chase A. Beekman
Detective:	Unassigned

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Mount Gilead Division of Police to protect the lives and property of the people we serve, to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to enhance public safety while working with the community to improve quality of life. Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest level of professionalism to maintain public confidence.

Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against abuse or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or abuse and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement.

Core Values

United in cause, purpose, and belief we, the dedicated professionals of the Mount Gilead Division of Police, embrace, serve, and live by the following core values:

Honor

Honor guides us to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior. We abide by an uncompromising code of integrity, respect human dignity, and respect others. Honor compels us to act responsibly, to fulfill our obligations, and to hold ourselves and others accountable for every action.

Courage

Courage is the value that gives us the moral and mental strength to do what is right, with confidence and resolution, even in the face of temptation or adversity. With physical courage, it is a matter of enduring physical duress and at times risking personal safety. Facing moral fear or adversity may be a long, slow process of continuing forward on the right path, especially if taking those actions is not popular with others.

Excellence

Excellence is the constant pursuit of perfection, despite knowing that perfection is rarely attainable. Excellence is the result of caring about what we do, and of putting our very best effort into what we care about. It is an outward expression of inner integrity, passion, and a strong sense to make a true difference. We relentlessly strive for both personal and professional excellence.

Patrol Operations Summary

In 2022, MGPD officers responded to 1,859 calls for service, investigated 367 reports, handled 72 crashes, made 1,299 traffic stops, issued 950 warnings, conducted 4,567 foot-patrols, and issued 686 charges to 564 persons. The youngest person charged was 14 and the oldest person charged was 75.

In addition to patrolling the Village, officers carried out many valuable community service functions such as: 188 money escorts, 128 vehicle lockouts, 58 Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service assists, and attended numerous public relations events.

A call for service is anytime an officer is requested for help.

A report is taken whenever there is a criminal offense requiring investigation or documentation or a death.

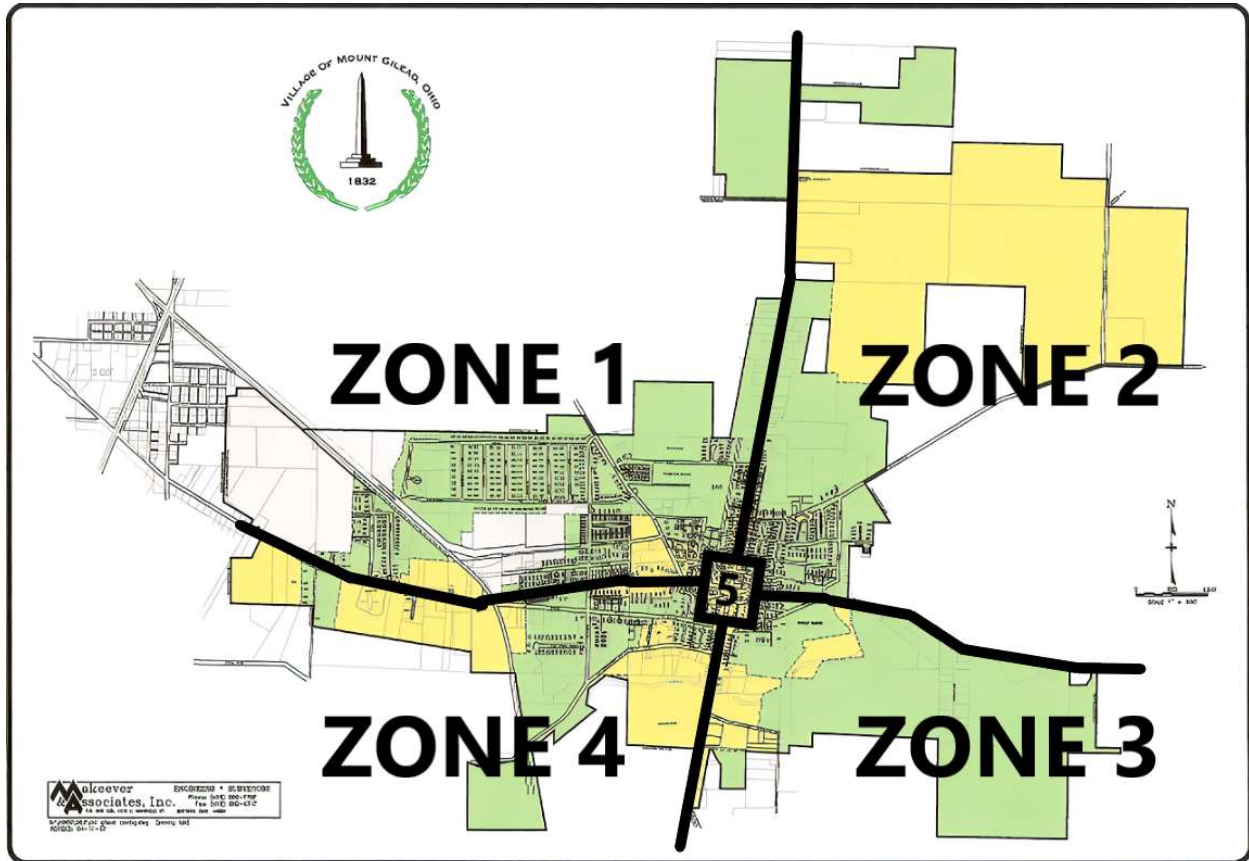
A crash report is taken for crashes that occurred on the roadway or crashes on private property resulting in injury or significant property damage.

A traffic stop is anytime an officer contacts a motorist for a violation of law.

A foot-patrol is anytime an officer is out of the car to check a business or residence or interacting with citizens for no reason other than to socialize.

A charge is a citation, complaint, or warrant issued for a criminal offense.

Patrol Operations Zone Map



The Village of Mount Gilead is divided into 5 “Zones” for statistics and tracking purposes.

Zone 1 = North of High Street, West of Main Street

Zone 2 = North of High Street, East of Main Street

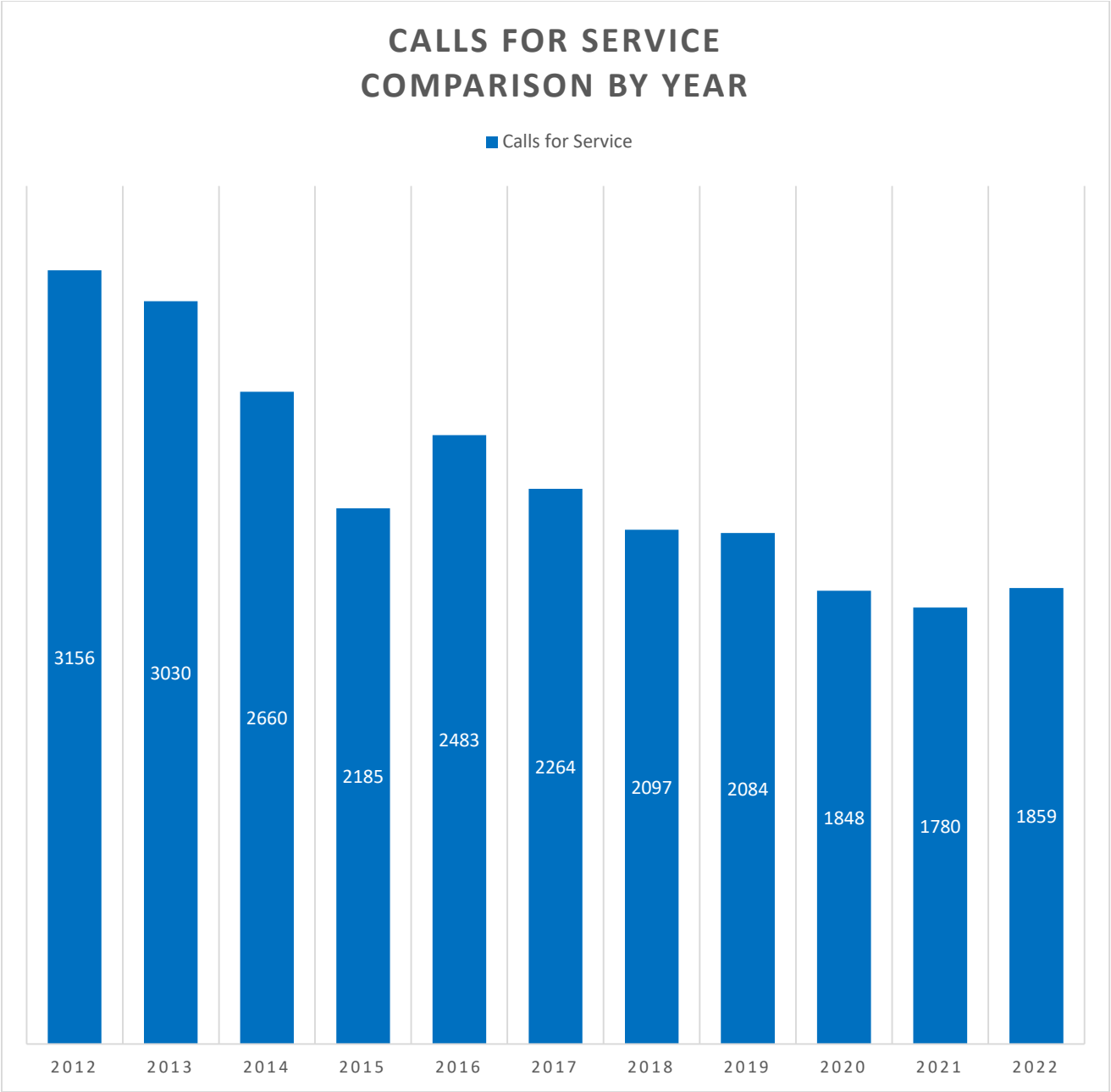
Zone 3 = South of High Street, East of Main Street

Zone 4 = South of High Street, West of Main Street

Zone 5 = Downtown Business District

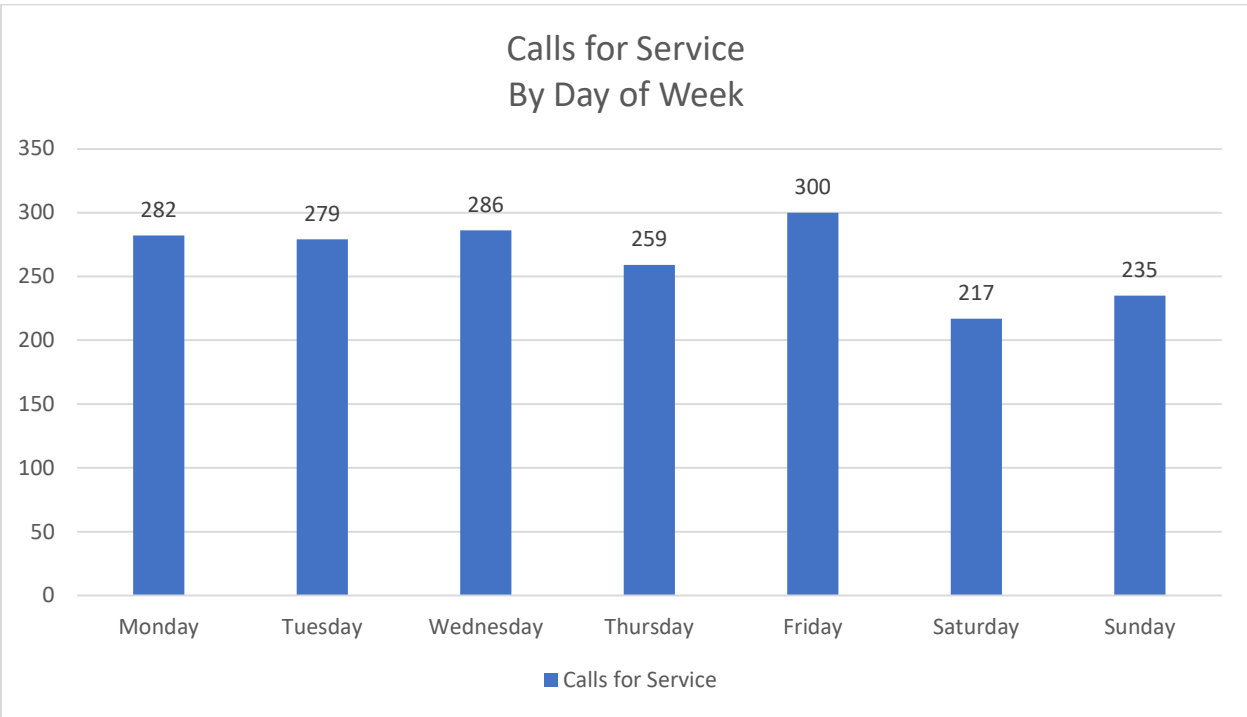
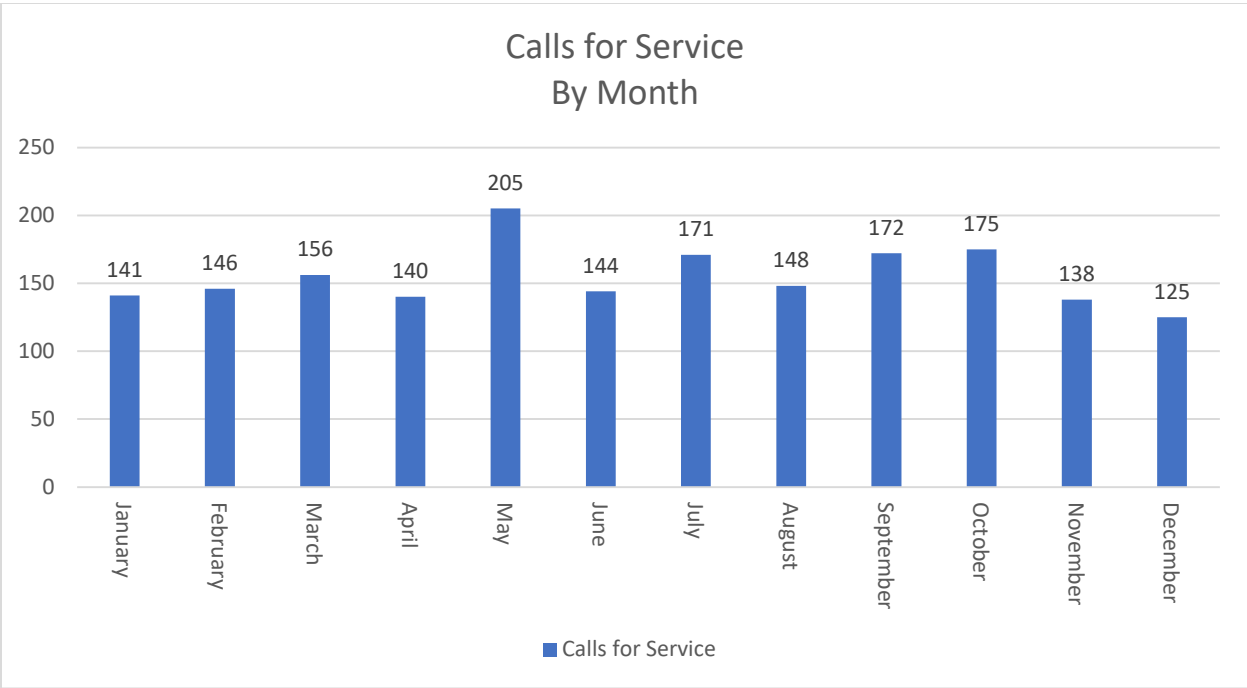
Zone 0 = Outside the Incorporated Village

Patrol Operations Calls for Service

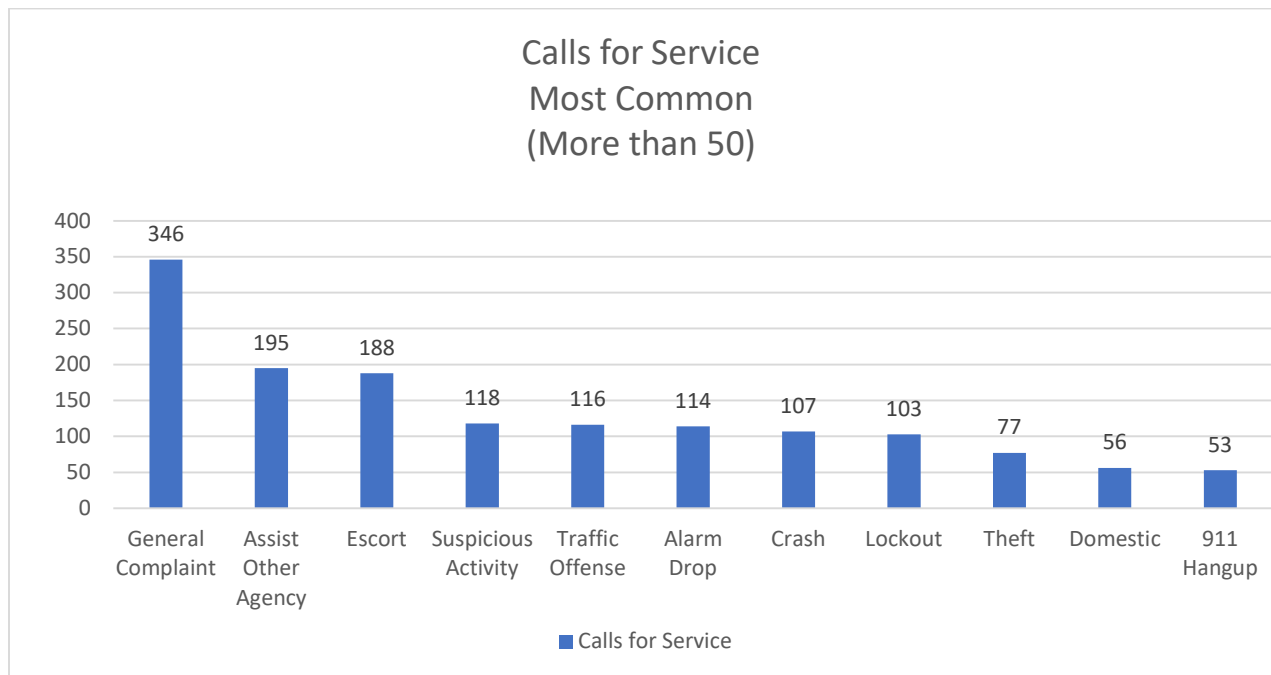
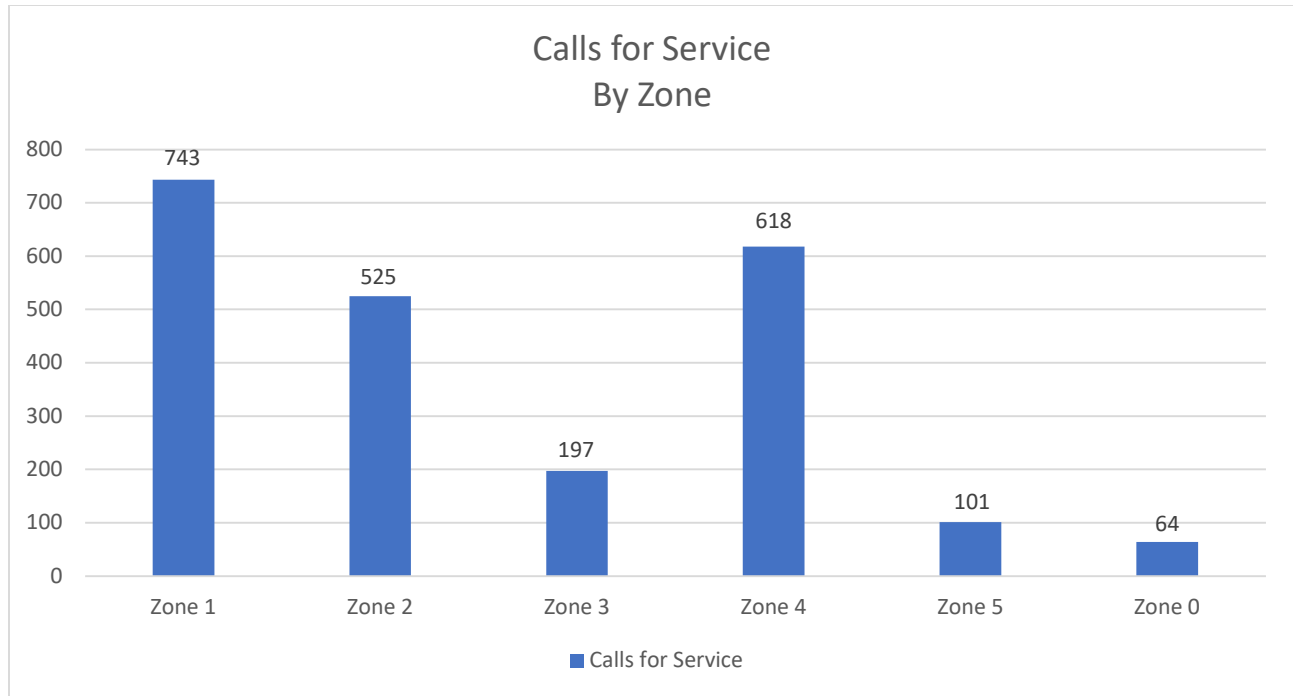


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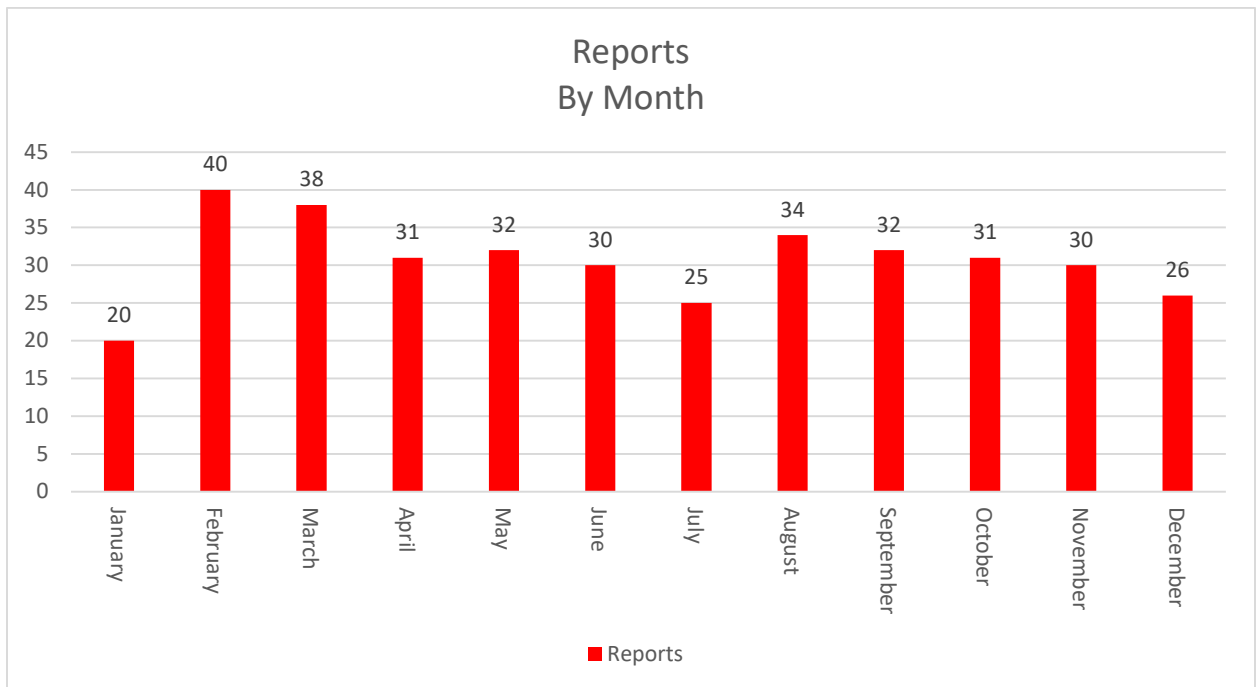
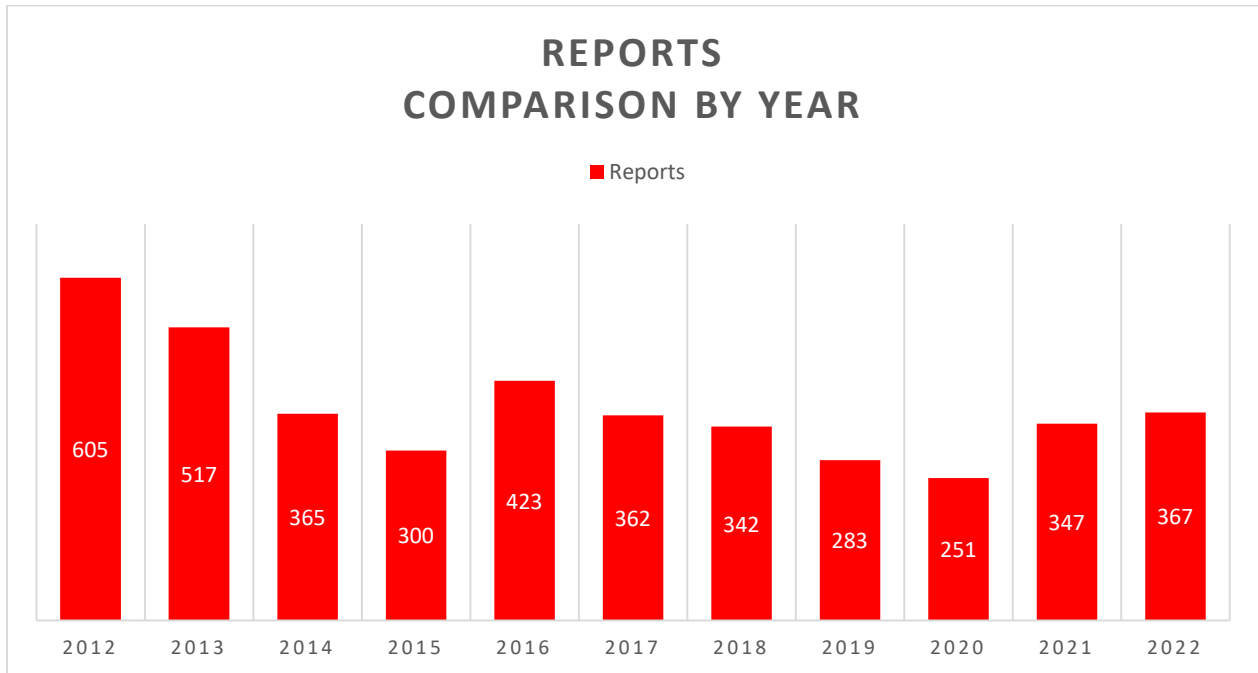
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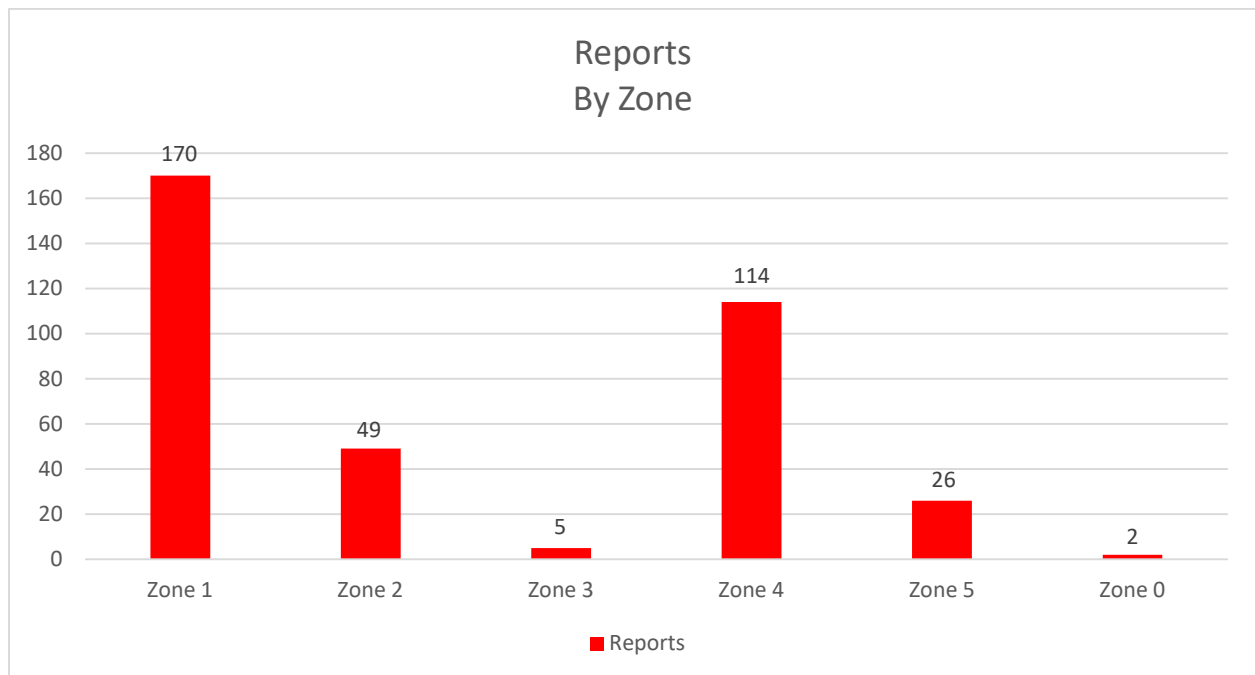
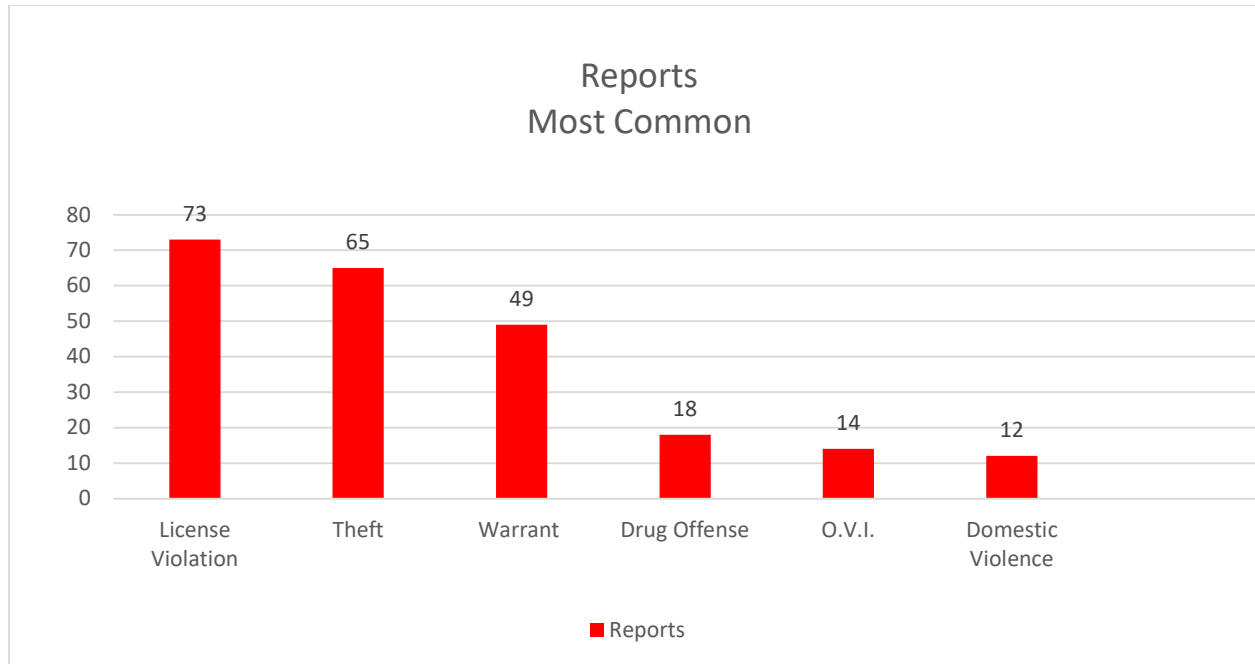
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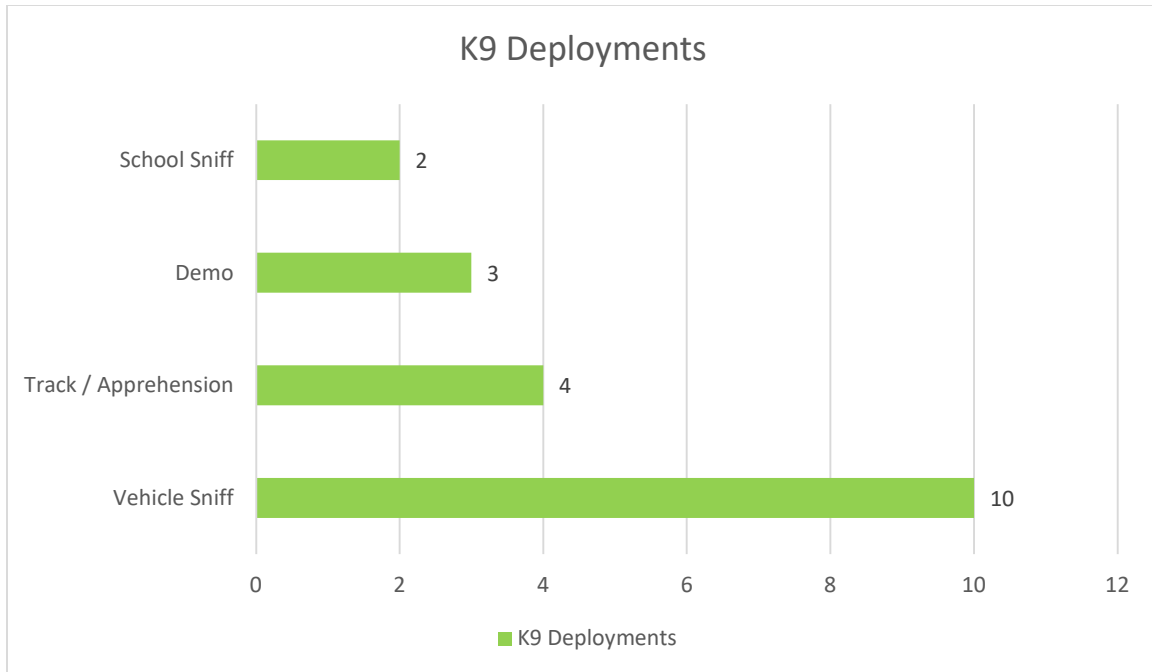
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Patrol Operations K9 Statistics



The department currently has one Canine Officer, K9 Nik.

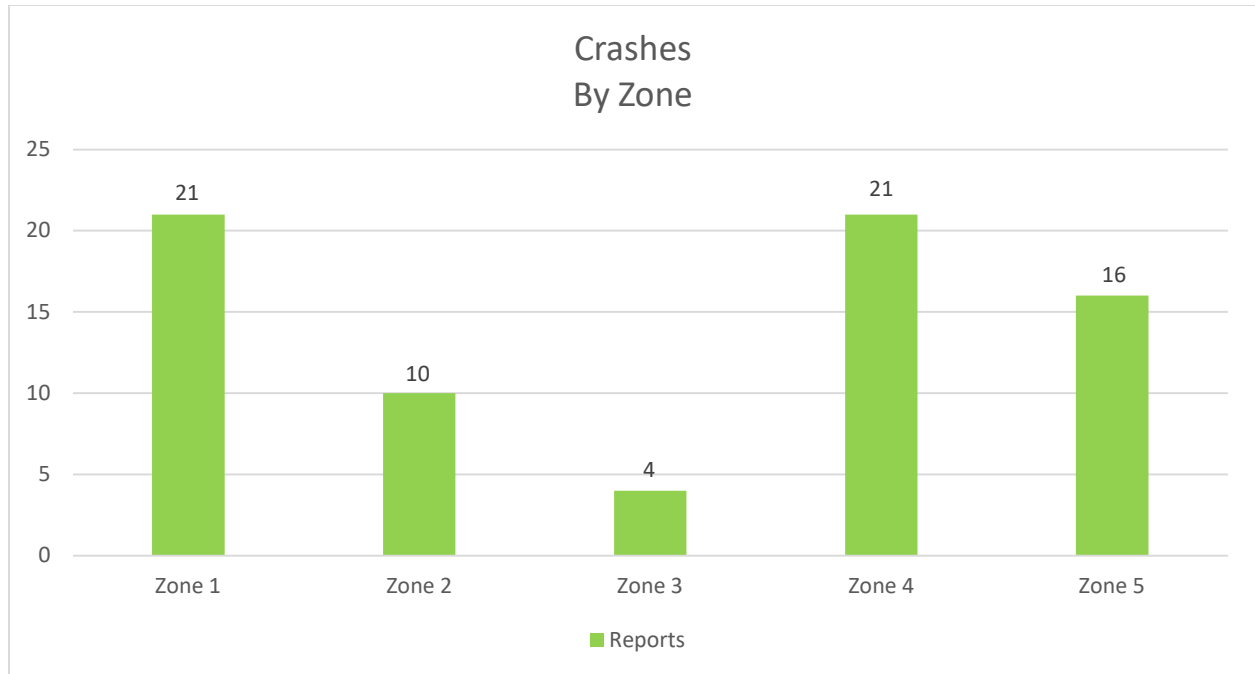
He is handled by Captain Cronenwett.

Captain Cronenwett and Nik are certified by the State of Ohio in tracking, apprehension, and narcotics detection.

K9 Nik was responsible for 3 drug finds and 3 suspect track/apprehensions without bite in 2022.

Note: K9 cruiser was out of service 7/4-8/12 and K9 handler was out of service for majority of December.

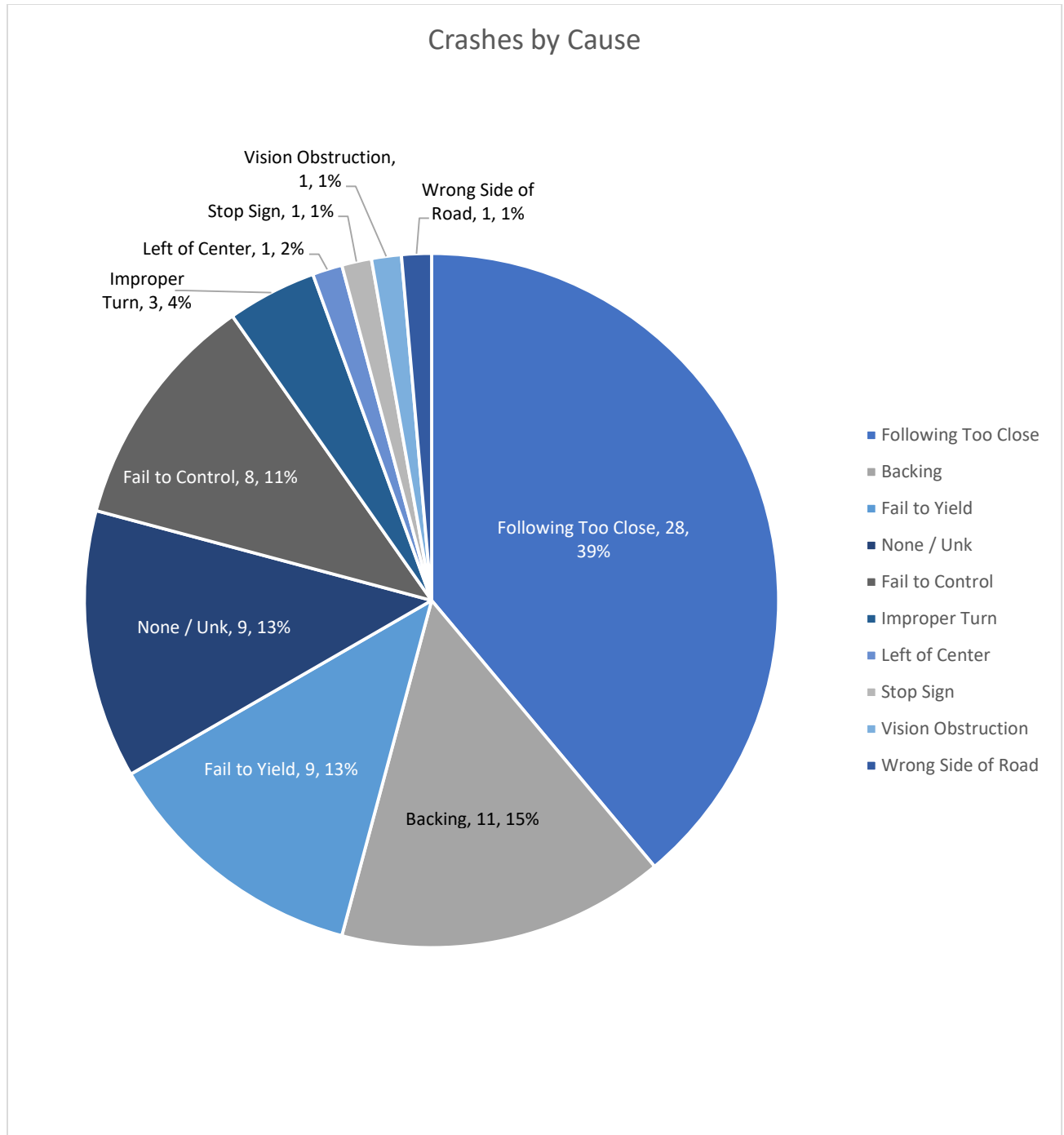
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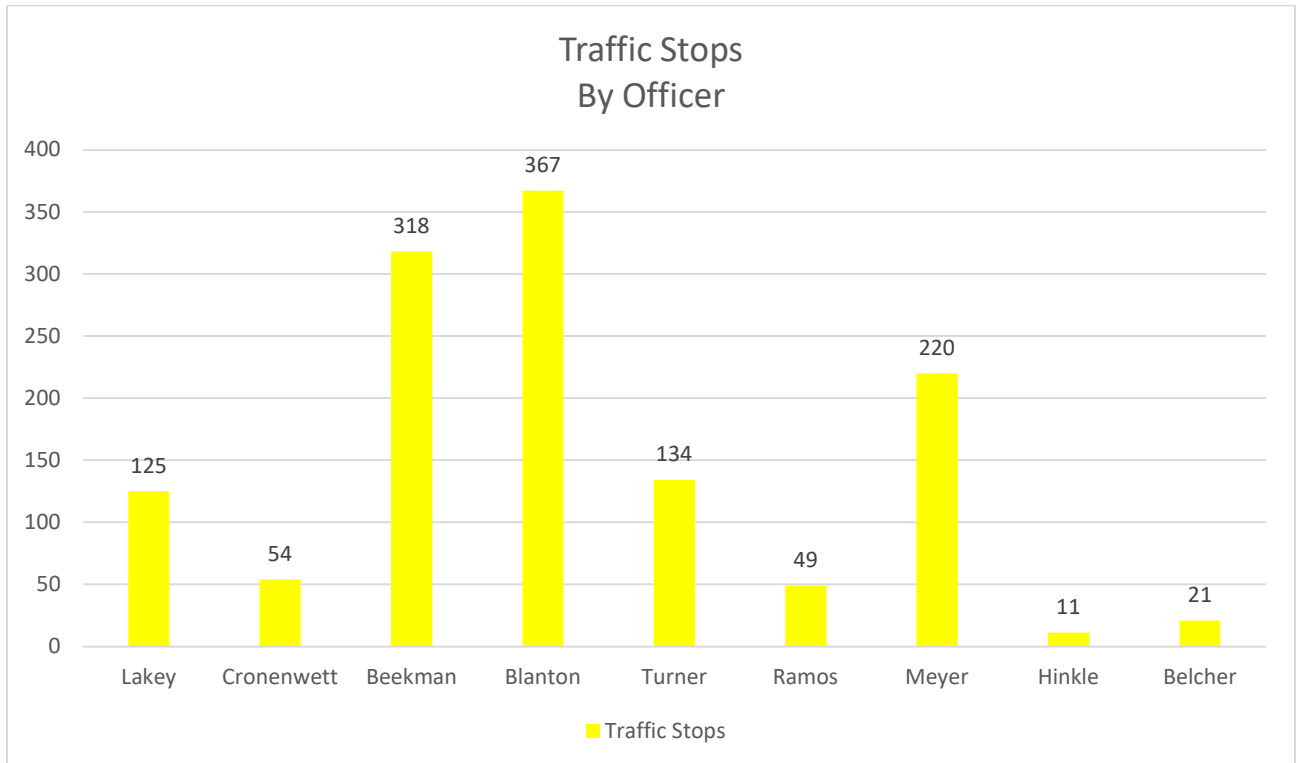
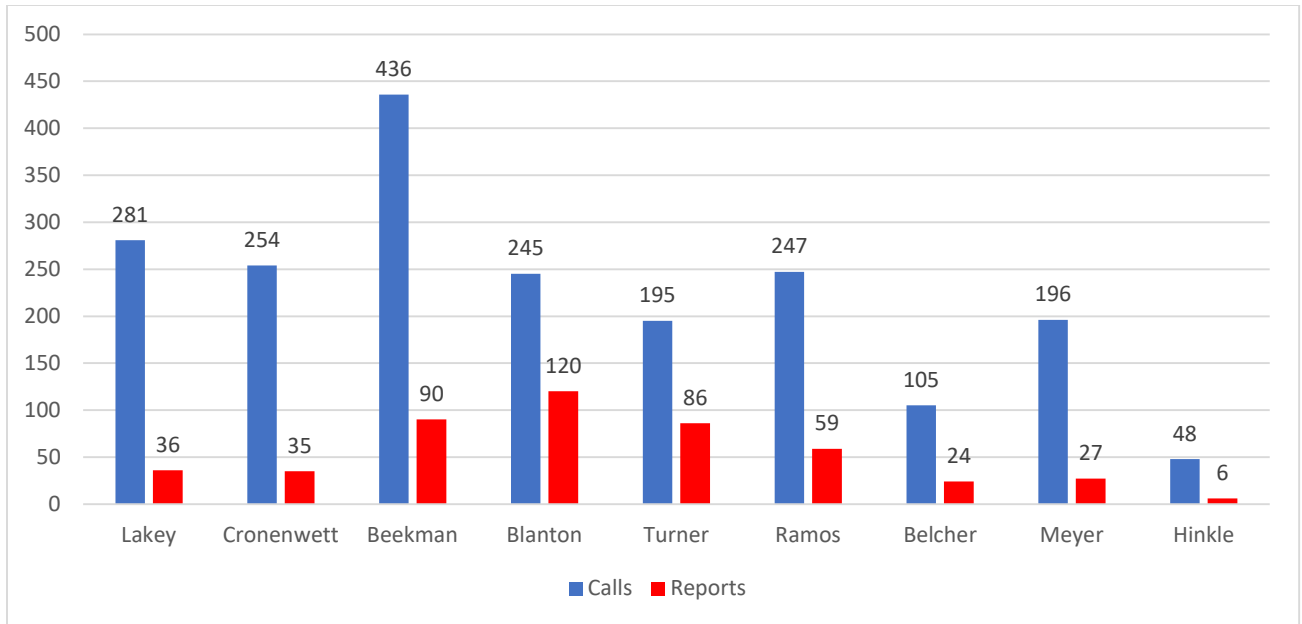
Crashes by Day of Week	Crashes
Monday	6
Tuesday	15
Wednesday	11
Thursday	6
Friday	15
Saturday	6
Sunday	14

Crashes by Shift	Crashes
0000-0800	8
0800-1600	30
1600-0000	23

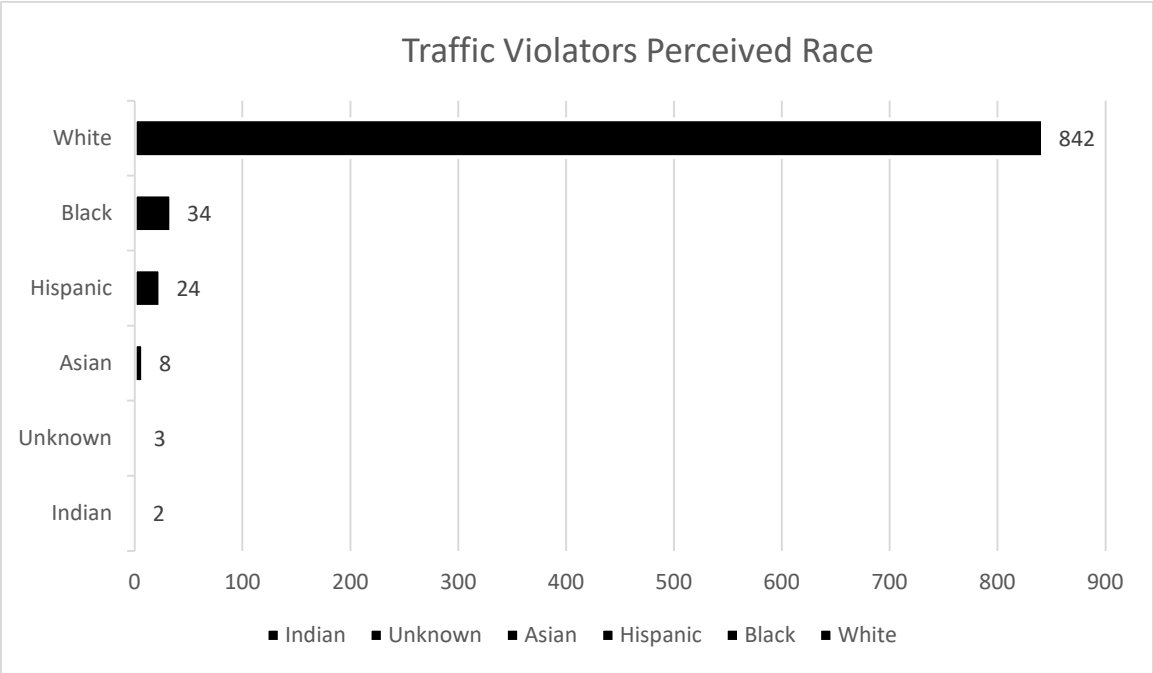
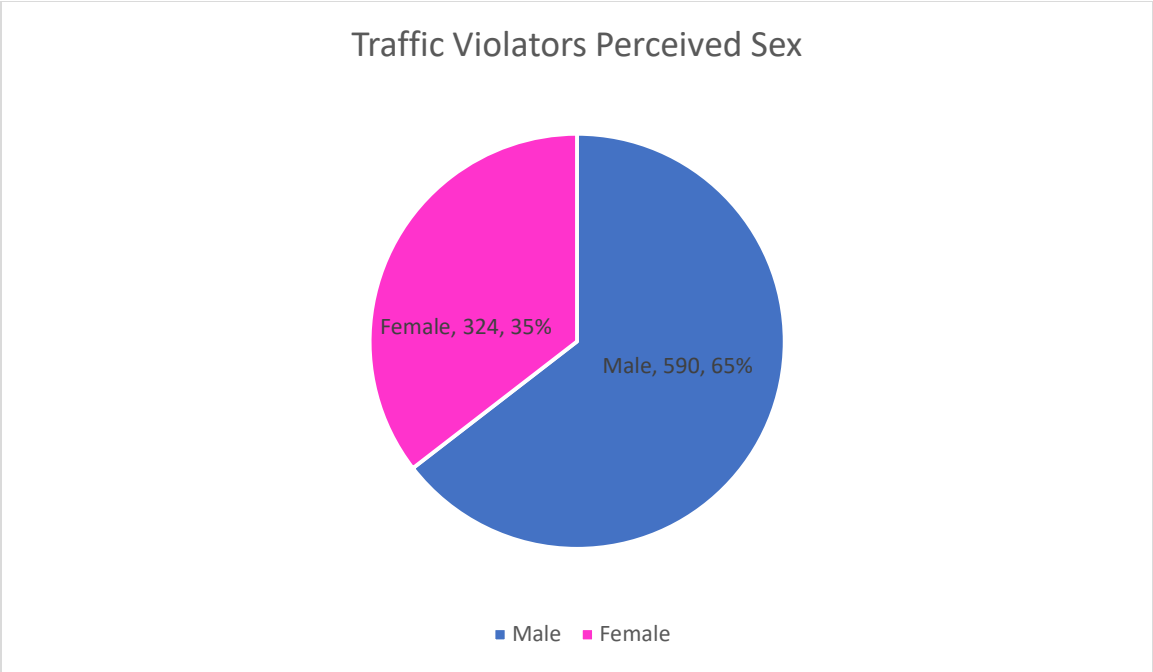
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Patrol Operations Officer Activity



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*Data collected April 1 – December 31

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