

VILLAGE OF MOUNT GILEAD
DIVISION OF POLICE
2021
ANNUAL REPORT



Chief Adam R. Lakey
MOUNT GILEAD DIVISION OF POLICE

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Chief's Summary

2021 was a year full of changes and challenges for the department.

The retirements of Chief Zerman and Captain Underwood prompted many drastic changes to the structure of the department in a very short period of time.

Both Zerman and Underwood are icons in the law enforcement community. Their presence as officers and leaders in the department will be missed.

I am both honored and excited to have been selected as the department's next chief of police. I am extremely proud of the community that I serve and the brave men and women I work beside.

I would like to extend a very special thank you to Mayor Jamie L. Brucker, Village Administrator Derek Allen, Fiscal Officer Cathy Davis, and all members of village council for their help and support as I transitioned into my new role.

As chief, my primary objectives are building and maintaining relationships with the community and proactive professional policing.

Over the year, Officer Roger Meyer successfully started a Law Enforcement Explorer Program for local youths that are interested in a career in law enforcement and Captain Cronenwett created a program, in conjunction with the Grassroots Community, to help the homeless in our area.

My goals for 2022 are to provide training to officers and supervisors in key areas to help them reach their full potential, upgrading equipment and adjusting protocols to make officers more effective and efficient in the performance of their duties, and continuing to work with the community to provide an exceptional level of service.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Lakey', with a small number '301' written to the right of the signature.

Adam R. Lakey
Chief of Police

Staffing Summary

The department began the year with six full-time officers: Chief Brian Zerman, Captain Kenny Underwood, Sergeant Thomas Cronenwett, Officer Adam Lakey, Officer Maiya Belcher, and Officer Chase Beekman. The department also had two auxiliary/part-time officers: Officer George Hinkle and Officer Roger Meyer.

On January 29, Chief Brian Zerman retired after serving the Village of Mount Gilead since October 15, 1991.

Captain Underwood served as Acting Chief until his retirement on February 26. Captain Underwood had served the Village of Mount Gilead since October 04, 1989. He had previously served as a Cardington officer since 1982.

Officer Roger Meyer was hired as a full-time officer on February 15. Meyer has previously served as a part-time officer since 2017, an Edison auxiliary officer from 2008-2013, a Mount Gilead auxiliary officer 2003-2006, a Morrow County special deputy in 2003, an Edison auxiliary officer in 2002, and a Morrow County reserve deputy 1998-2001.

Officer David Blanton was hired as a full-time officer on February 15. Blanton is a recent graduate of the Marion Law Enforcement Academy, and this is his first appointment.

Officer Lakey was promoted to the rank of Chief of Police on February 26.

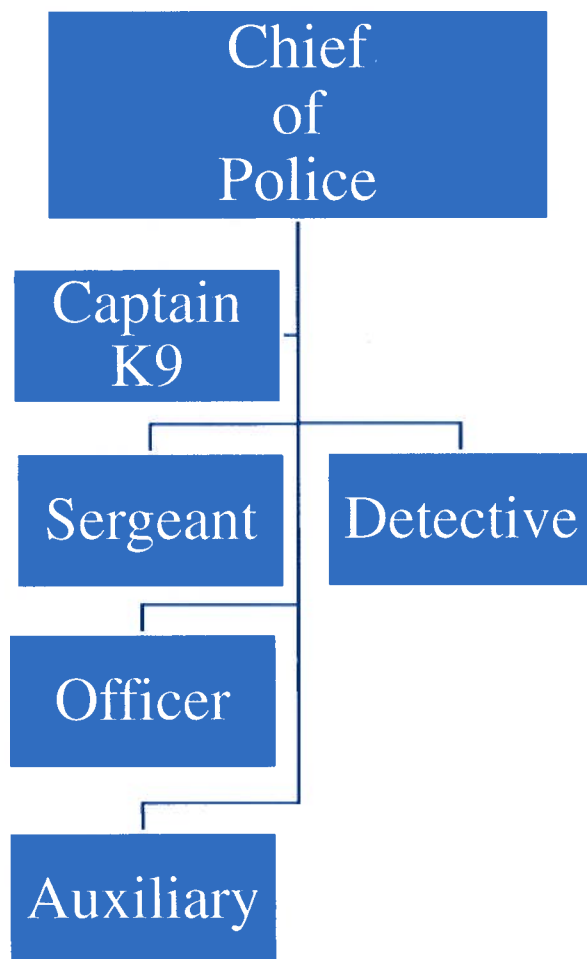
Sergeant Cronenwett was promoted to the rank of Captain on February 27.

Officer Micheal Turner was hired as a full-time officer on June 21. Turner previously served as a Maricopa County (Arizona) Deputy Sheriff 2013-2017 and a Morrow County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer and Dispatcher in 2020.

Auxiliary Officer Jeffrey Cline was hired as an auxiliary officer on April 27. Cline previously served as a Marion County Major Deputy Sheriff from 1993-2021.

The Law Enforcement Explorer Program ended the year with five Cadets: Cadet Captain Caden Mosher, Cadet Damian Meyer, Cadet Katie Statler, Cadet Seamus Walsh, and Cadet Breanna Lott.

Agency Administration



Assignments (December 31, 2021)

Chief of Police: Adam R. Lakey
Captain / K9: Thomas B. Cronenwett
Sergeant: Unassigned
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 2021, MGPD officers responded to 1,780 calls for service, investigated 344 reports, handled 44 crashes, made 1,592 traffic stops, issued 1,169 warnings, conducted 4,771 foot patrols, and issued 791 charges to 507 persons. The youngest person charged was 13 and the oldest person charged was 73.

In addition to patrolling the Village, officers carried out many valuable community service functions such as: 113 vehicle lockouts, 69 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.

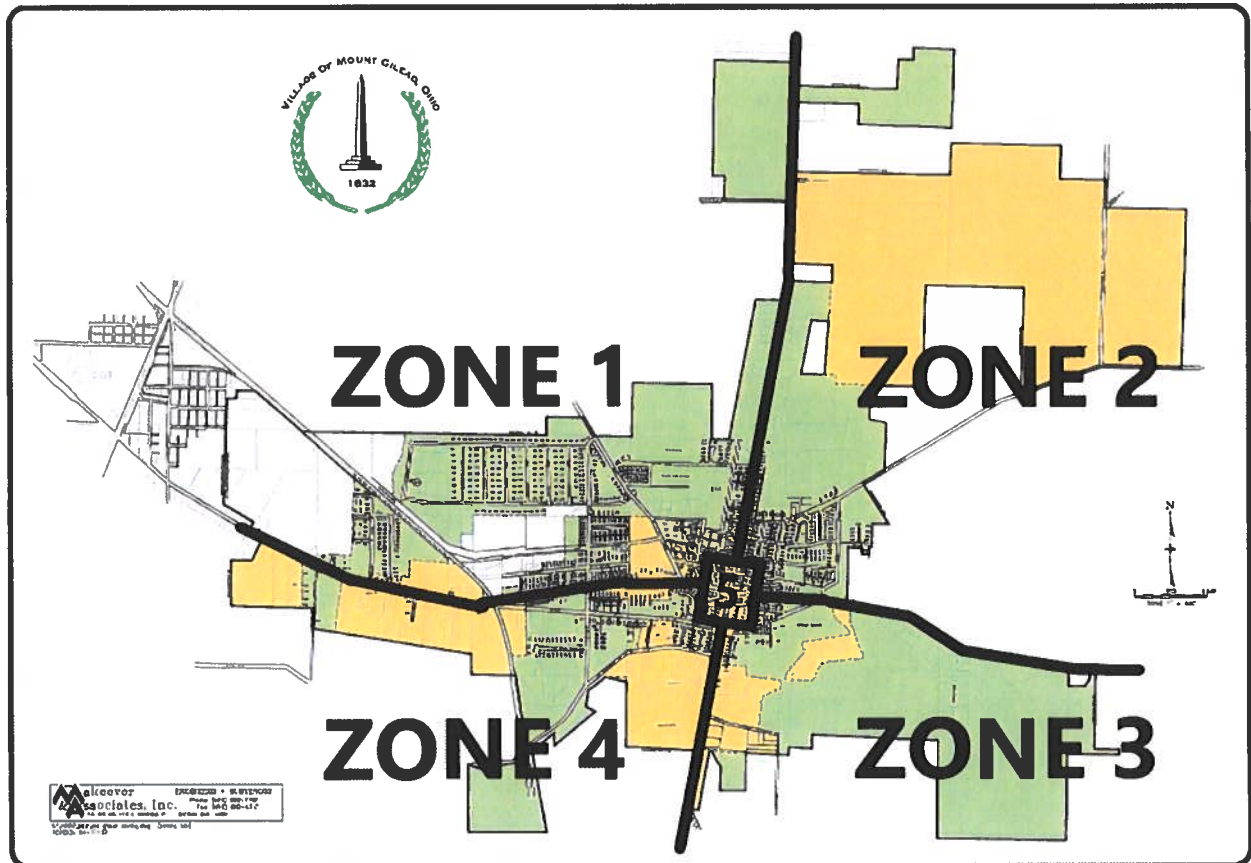
A crash report is taken for crashes that occurred on the roadway or crashes on private property resulting in injury or significant property damage.

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

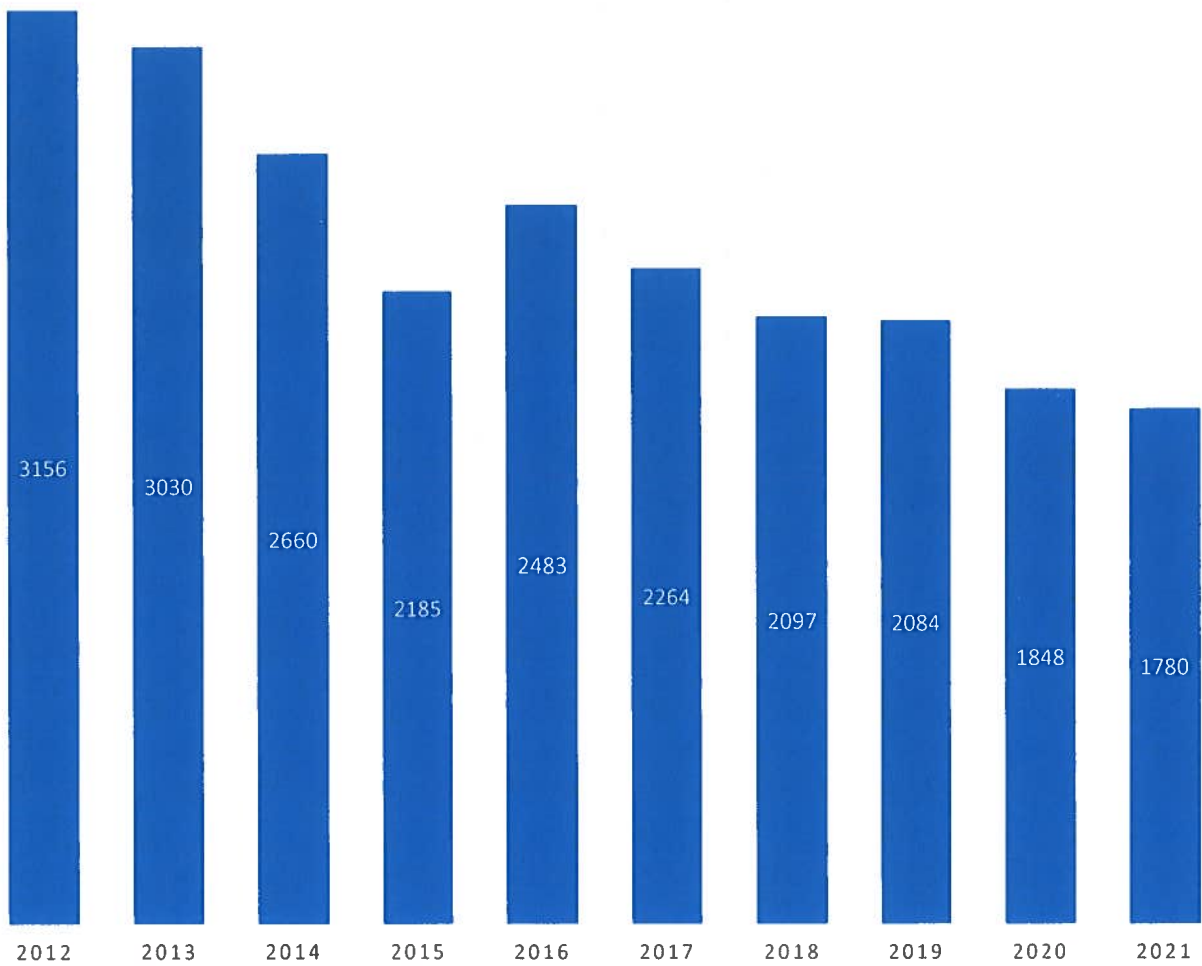
Zone 5 = Downtown Business District

Zone 0 = Outside the Incorporated Village

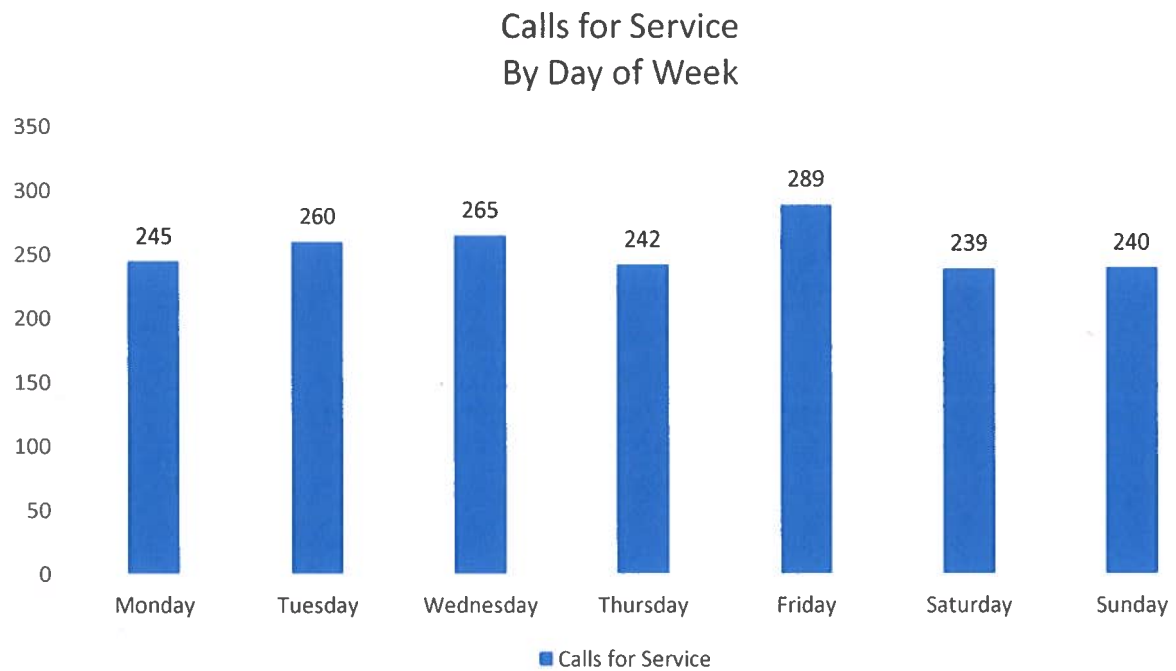
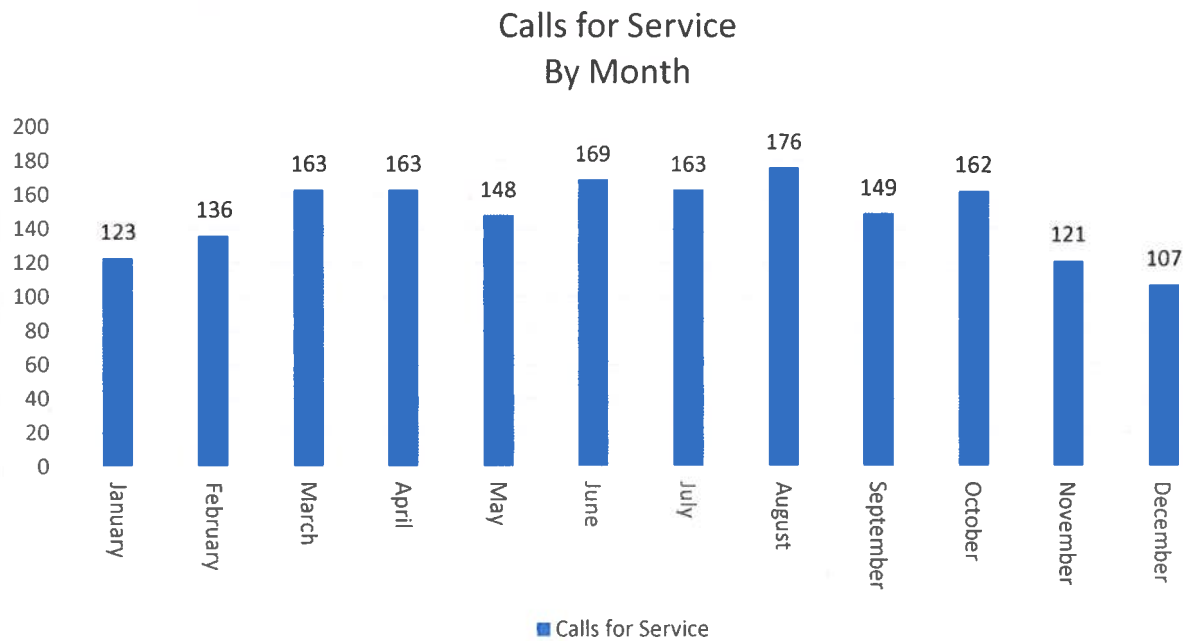
Patrol Operations Calls for Service

CALLS FOR SERVICE COMPARISON BY YEAR

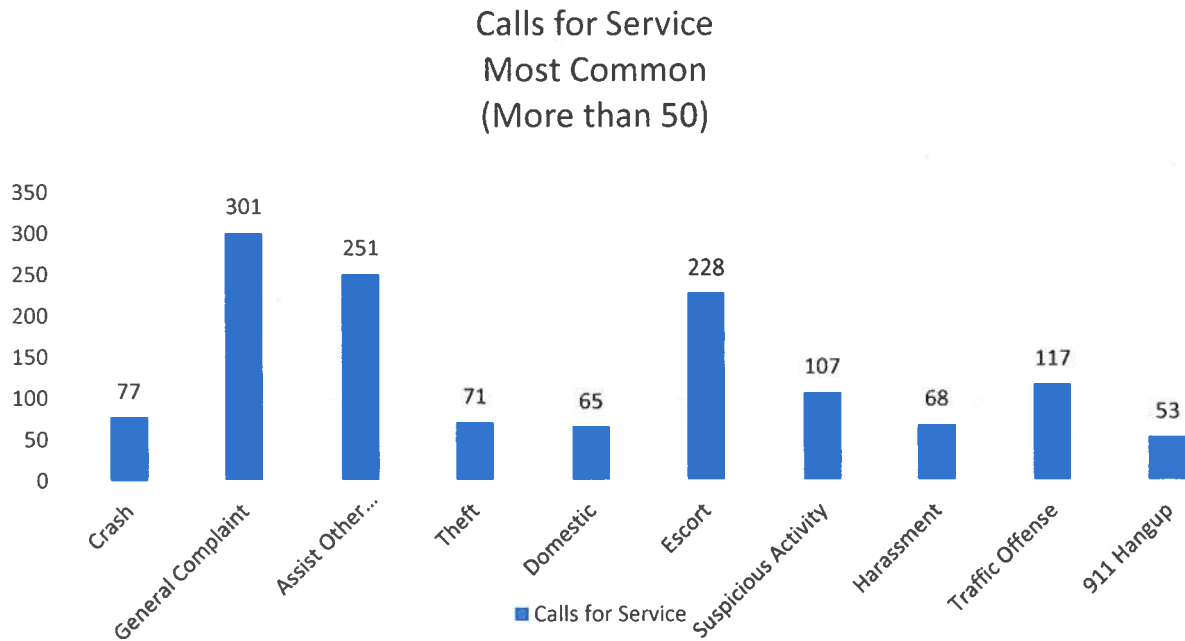
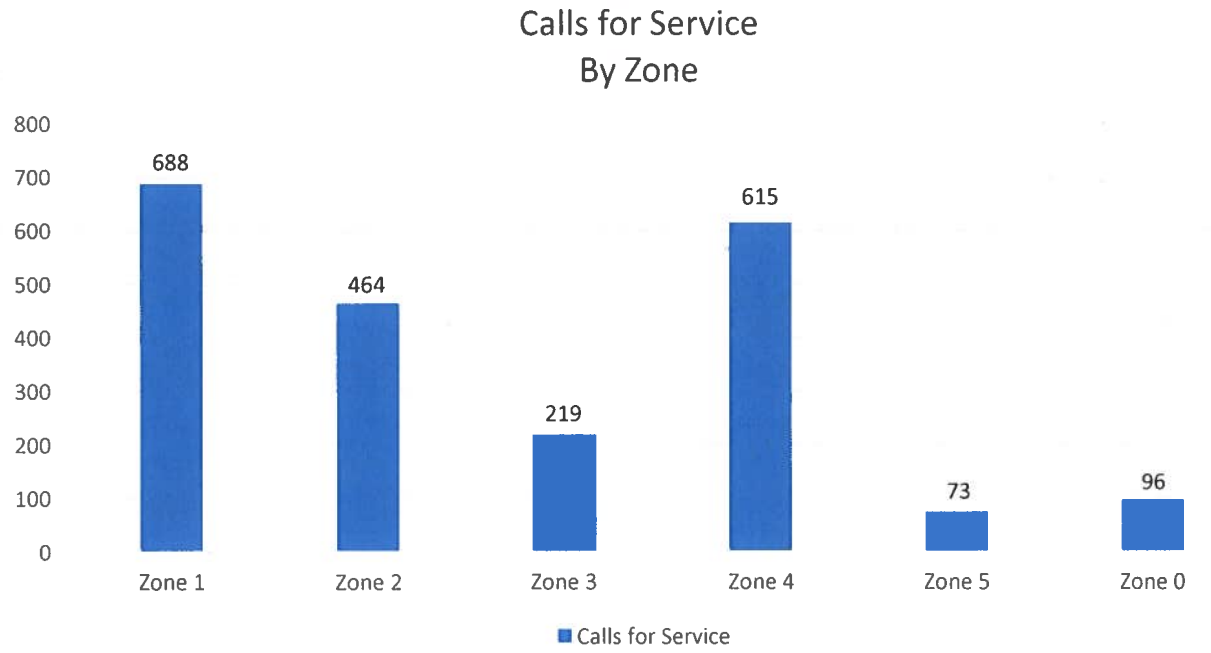
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Patrol Operations Calls for Service



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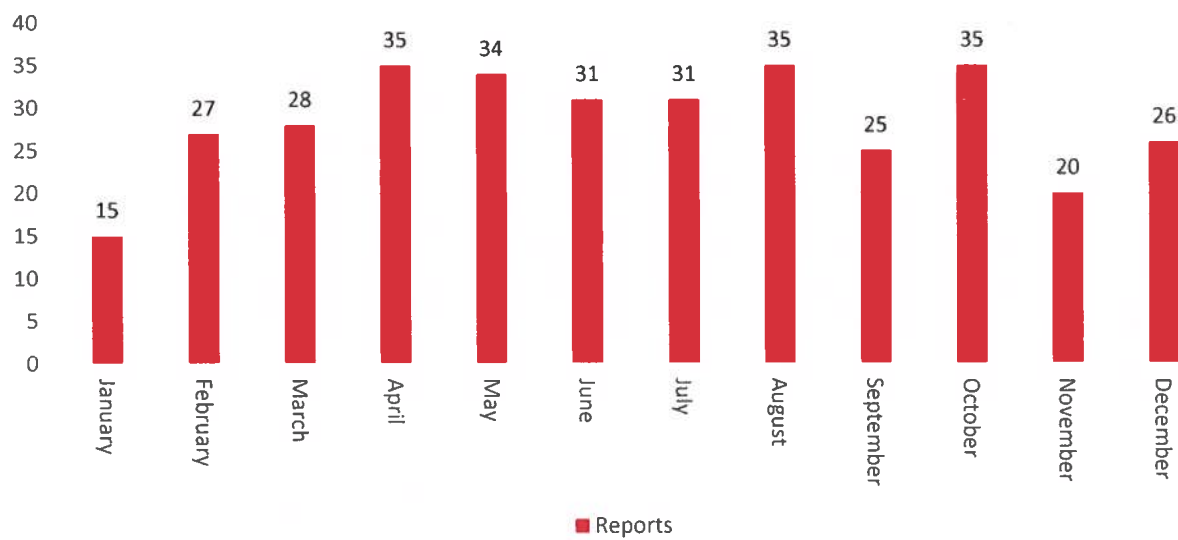


Patrol Operations Reports

REPORTS COMPARISON BY YEAR

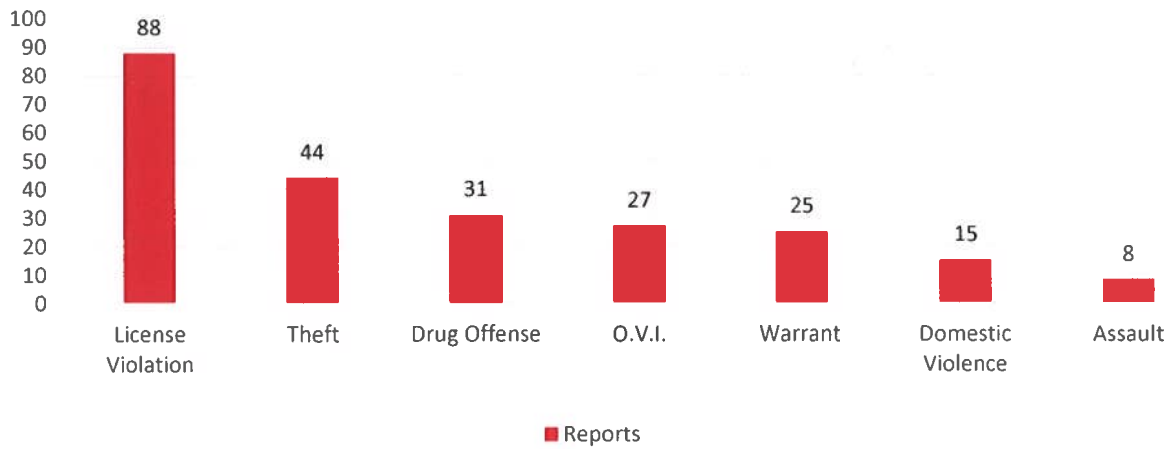


Reports By Month

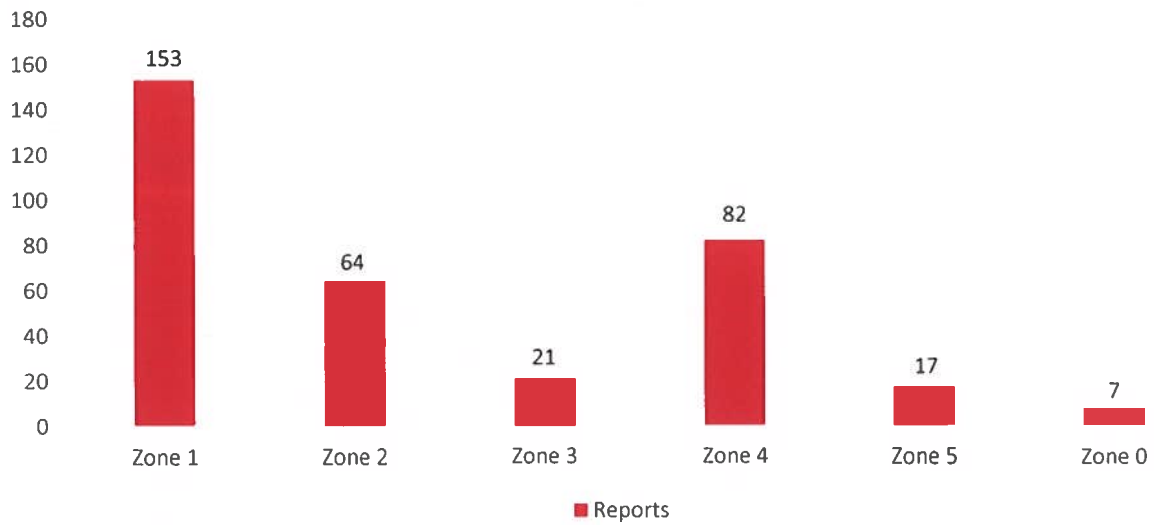


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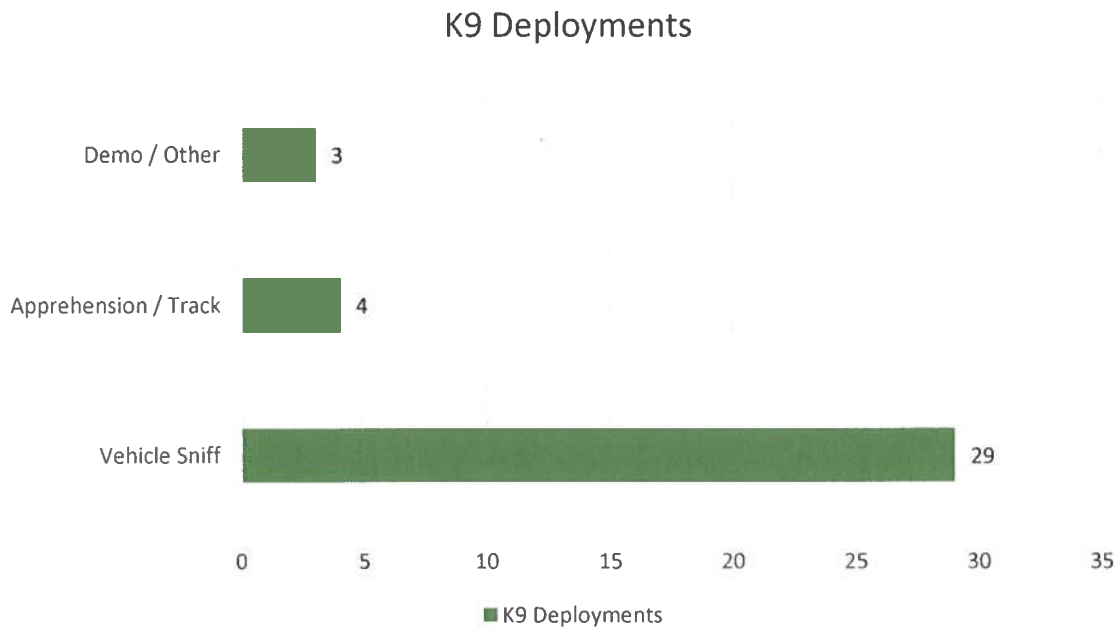
Reports
Most Common



Reports
By Zone



Patrol Operations K9 Statistics



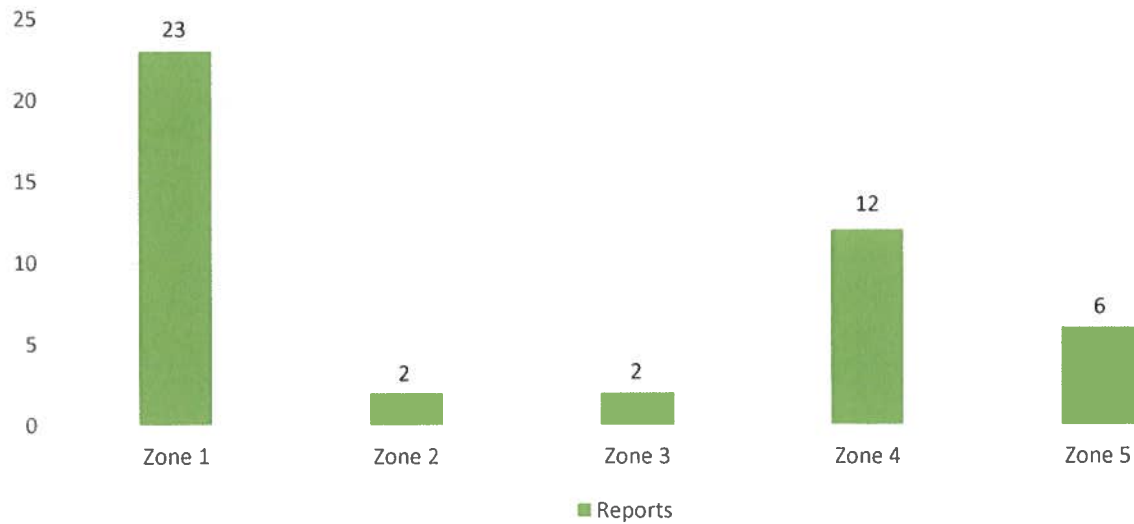
The department currently has one Canine Officer, K9 Nik.

He is handled by Captain Cronenwett.

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

Patrol Operations Crashes

Crashes
By Zone

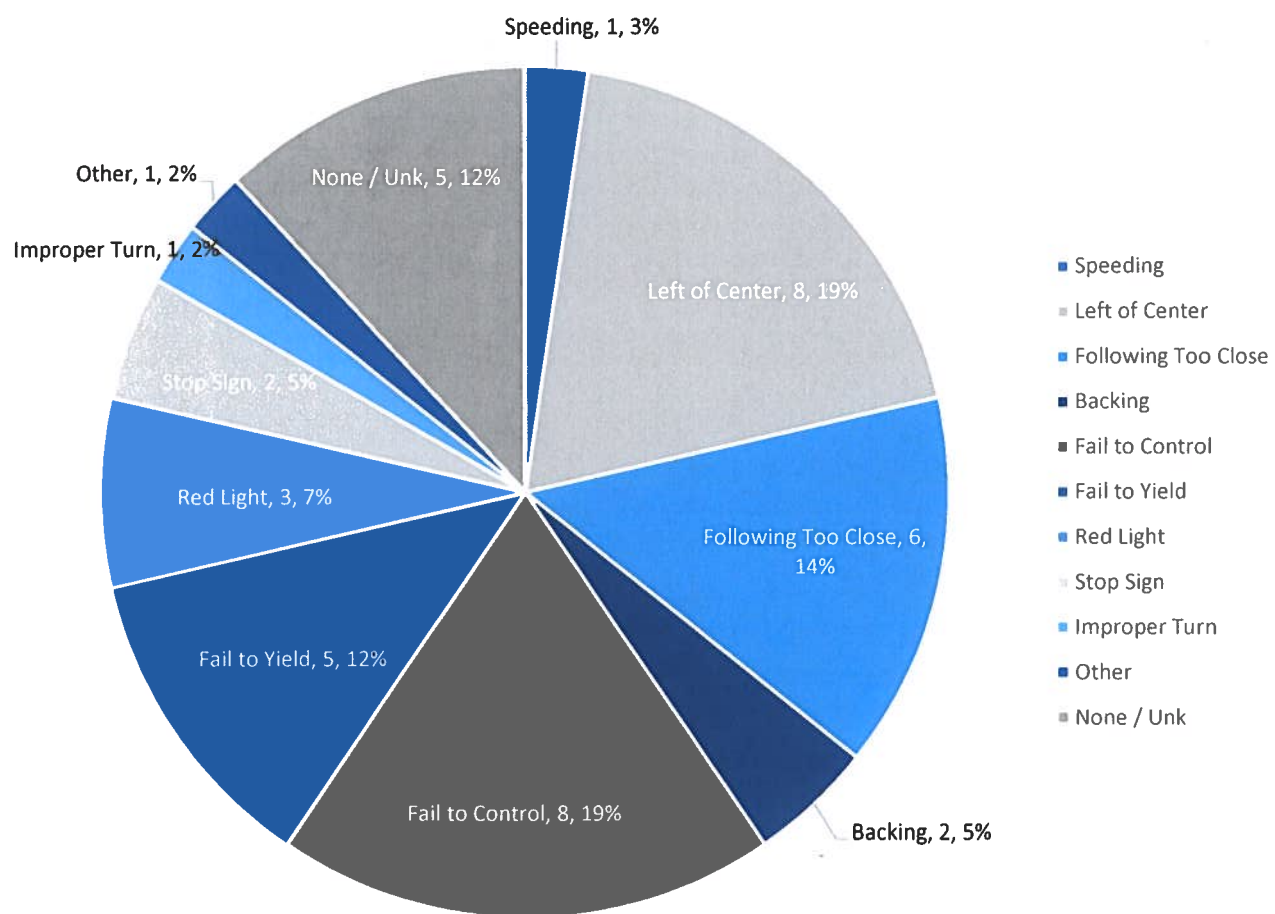


| Crashes by Day of Week | Crashes |
|------------------------|---------|
| Monday | 7 |
| Tuesday | 6 |
| Wednesday | 4 |
| Thursday | 9 |
| Friday | 7 |
| Saturday | 7 |
| Sunday | 5 |

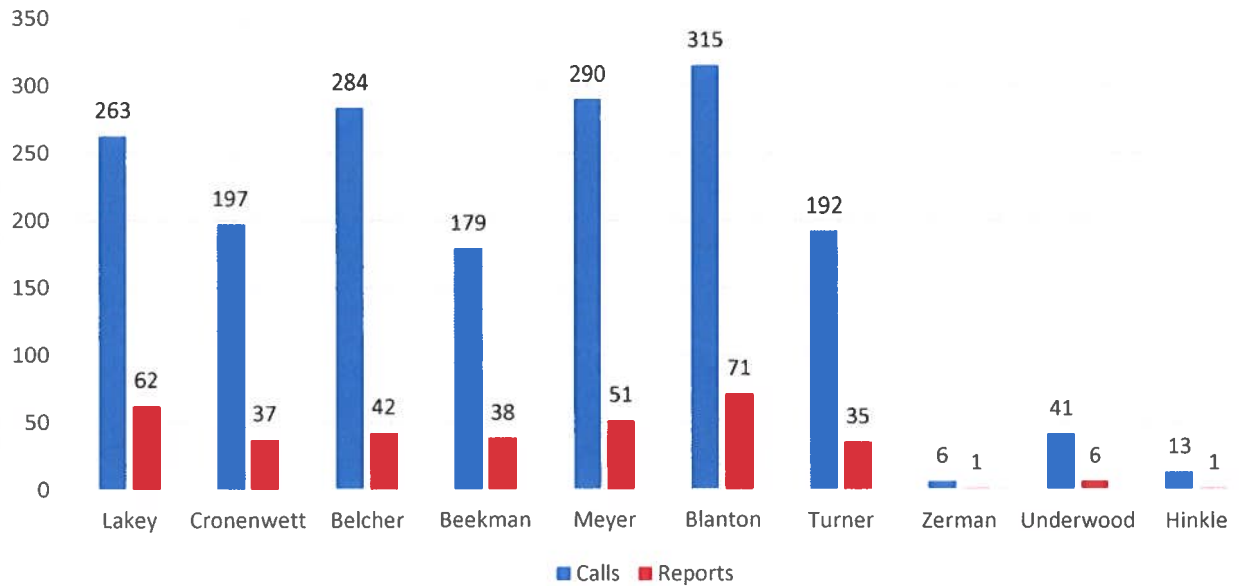
| Crashes by Shift | Crashes |
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| 0000-0800 | 3 |
| 0800-1600 | 25 |
| 1600-0000 | 17 |

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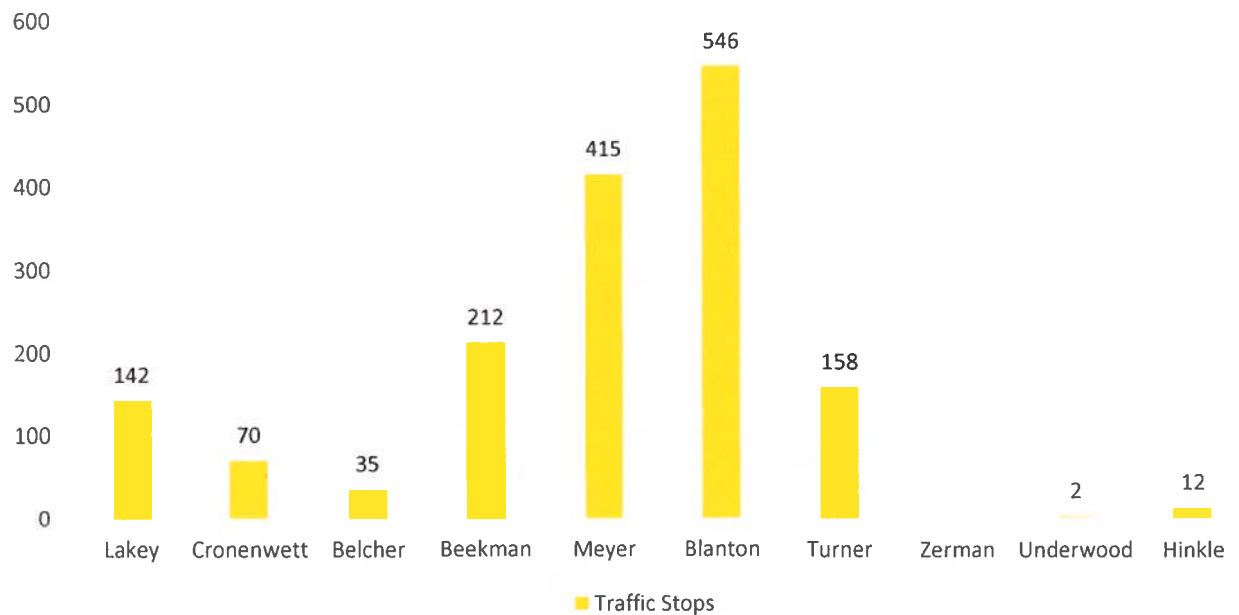
Crashes by Cause



Patrol Operations Officer Activity



Traffic Stops By Officer



Patrol Operations Officer Activity

