

Town of West Seneca Police Department Annual Report 2021



MISSION STATEMENT

The principal mission of the West Seneca Police Department is to preserve the rights of citizens while maintaining public confidence through the prevention of crime and the maintenance of order in public places. This basic mission will be accomplished by our members anticipating and responding to events that threaten public safety, thereby securing the protection of life and property.

It is essential that all members remember that in the execution of their duties, they act not for themselves, but at all times, for the good of the public. They shall respect and protect the rights of individuals they encounter and professionally perform their services with honesty, zeal, courage, discretion, fidelity and sound judgment.

West Seneca Police Officers shall seek and preserve public favor by demonstrating absolute impartiality, and by offering themselves to the service of all members of the community.

“Police, at all times, should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence” - Sir Robert Peel

Town of West Seneca Police Department

On behalf of the entire West Seneca Police Department, I would like to welcome you to the Town of West Seneca and tell you a little about our community and agency. The Town of West Seneca is located in the far western region of New York State and covers approximately 21 square miles in area. Originally established as a territory for Native American tribes displaced by the American Revolutionary War, the Town was officially established in 1852 by a communal religious sect whose trades were logging the area's natural hardwoods and farming the fertile land between the numerous tributaries that lay within the Town's borders.

Today the community is a vibrant first-ring suburb of the City of Buffalo, primarily made up of residential neighborhoods, with some light retail and commercial development. Our police department services over 45,000 citizens, patrols over 150 miles of local roads and State highways, and protects one of the largest school districts in New York State.

Currently, we have 66 sworn police officers, 8 full-time and 12 part-time Public Safety Dispatchers, and civilian employees including; 4 matrons, 4 clerks, 12 crossing guards, and 8 Court Officers. We supply a full range of police functions to the town, including patrol and investigative activities, as well as numerous Community Policing initiatives.

In 1993 the West Seneca Police Department received Accreditation from the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Council. This is one of the highest honors that a police department in New York State can receive, delineating us as an exemplary law enforcement agency. We are proud to have been one of the first to receive this recognition, which we continue to maintain today, having been re-evaluated by the council in June of 2018.

In 2003, we were the first agency in our region to establish the School Resource Officer (SRO) program, which remains a model for law enforcement. We were also one of the first departments to create a Crisis Negotiation Team and to provide mental health response, diversity, and de-escalation training to our officers.

In typical years our department is community-oriented with a full array of Neighborhood Watch Groups, school programs, bike patrols, and a Stop-Walk-Talk program, however, the year 2021 has been an exception to a typical year. The year 2021 was another challenging year for law enforcement and the entire world. Due to COVID-19 many of our annual community programs had to be canceled again. Other areas of police enforcement were also affected and the data that follows may reflect that.

West Seneca is a very safe and special place to live, raise a family, and work in the Western New York area. The West Seneca Police Department is proud to be a part of making our community great. I ask that you check out our website at www.wspolice.com, find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wspolice and on Twitter at www.twitter.com/wspolice to see the fine work our officers and staff do for our community.

We welcome your questions and feedback.

Edward Baker
Chief of Police

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TRAINING REPORT

The West Seneca Police Department is resolute in maintaining the highest of training standards for all of our organization. New York State Accreditation requires a minimum of 21 hours of required training per sworn officer. We exceed this standard to strive for excellence by staying updated and educated in all law enforcement related topics, constantly growing our knowledge and ability to best serve the community. Currently the department has 28 Officers that are certified by NYS through Instructor Development School to be law enforcement instructors/trainers.

2020

- 75 Courses
- 4,000 Hours

2021

- 102 Courses
- 5,445 Hours

STAFFING 2021

Chief and
Assistant
Chief

4 Captains

10
Lieutenants

11 Detectives

36 Patrol
Officers

(Total includes 5 School
Resource Officers)

PAROL STAFFING 2021

Midnights (0000-0759hrs)	8
Days (0800-1559hrs)	9
Afternoons (1600-2359hrs)	11
Relief	3
School Resource Officers	5
Total Patrol Shift	36

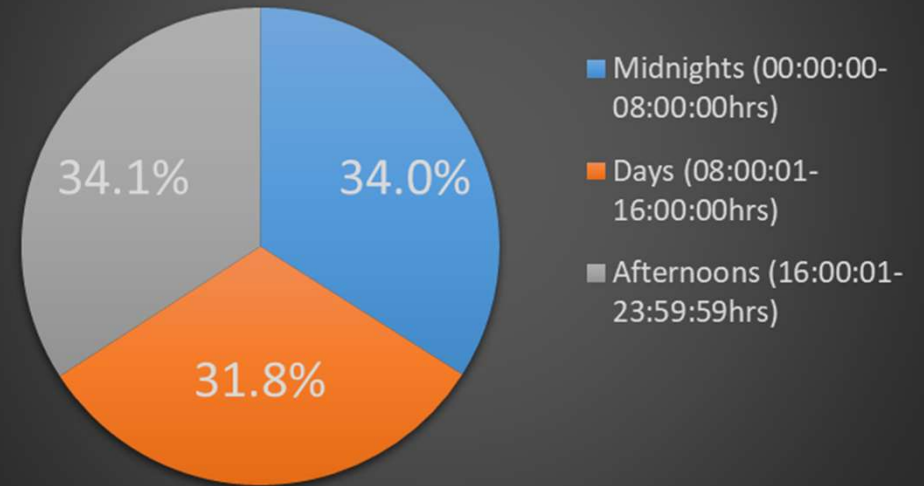
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Police
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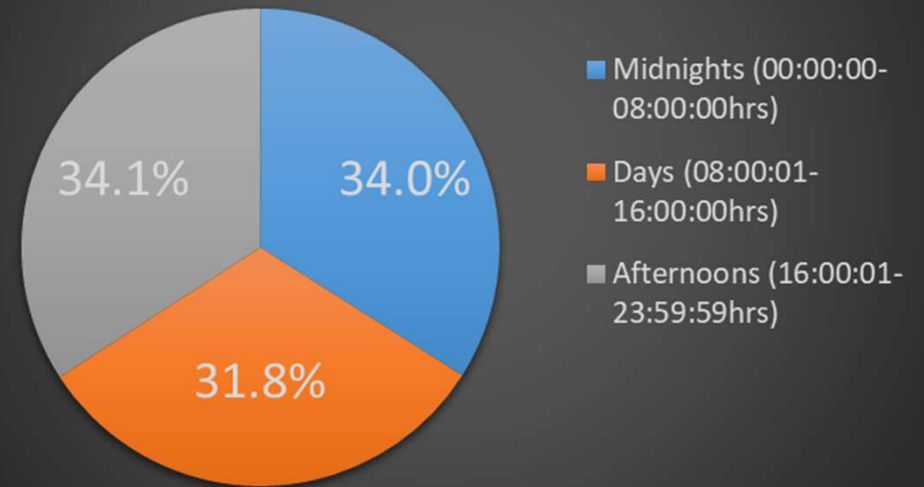
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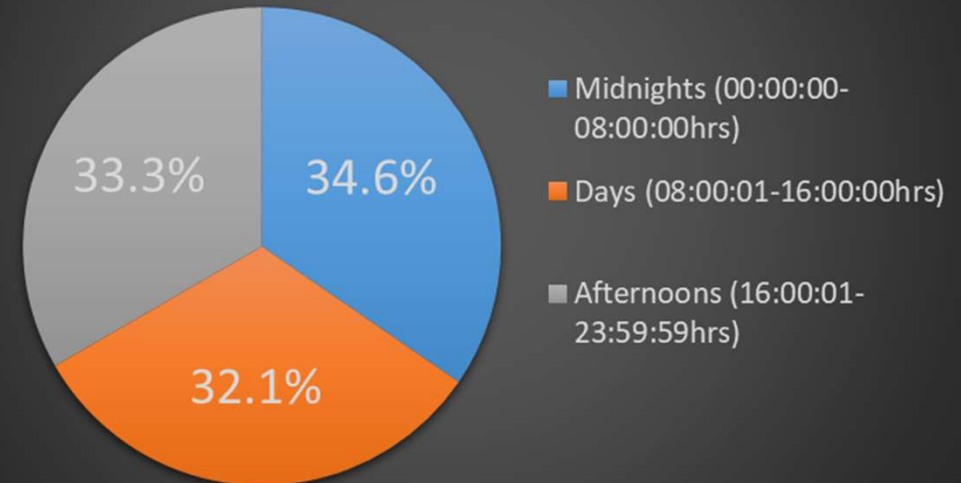


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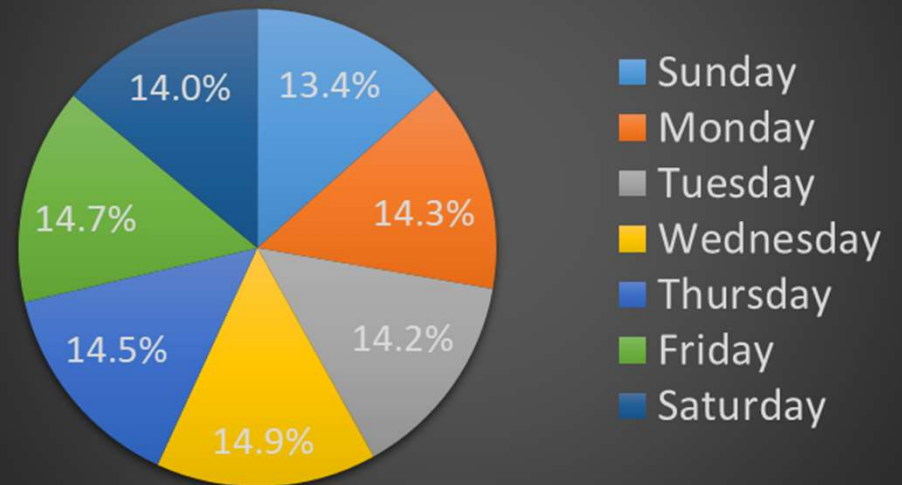
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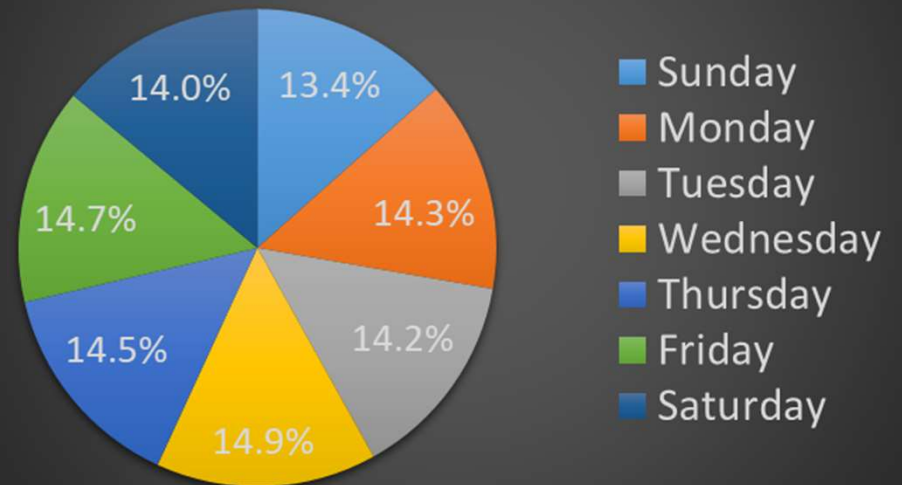
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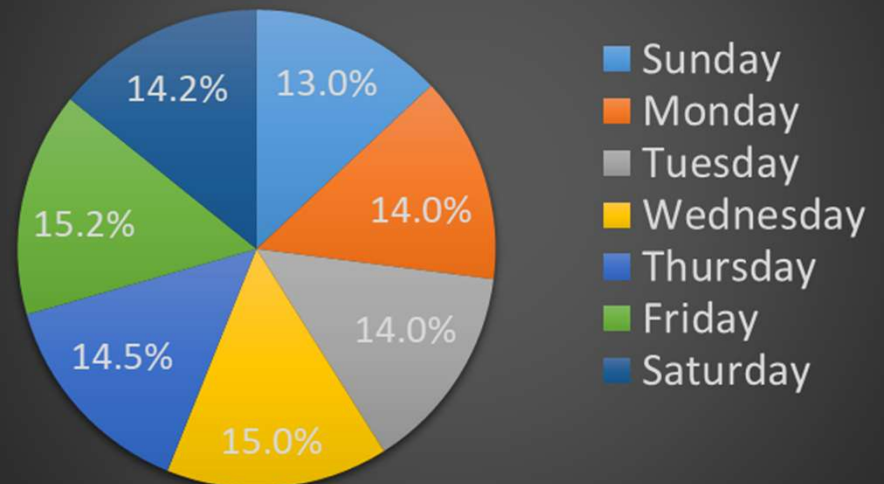


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0203-ASSAULT OFFENSE-MENACING	4815-COM POLICING-SCHOOL LECTURE	0002-V&T-RECKLESS OPERATION	0852-SEX OFNDR REG-LEVEL 2	0575-SNOW REMOVAL	4517-ASSISTANCE-ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	4899-SERVICES-OTHER
0299-ASSAULT OFFENSE-RECKLESS ENDANGER	4816-DARE PROGRAM	0003-V&T-HIT & RUN	0853-SEX OFNDR REG-LEVEL 3	0704-ANIMAL COMPLAINT-BITE	4518-ASSISTANCE-CIT FOLLOW UP	5001-DISTURBANCE-PUBLIC PLACE
0300-HOMICIDE	4817-COM POLICING-LECTURE	0004-V&T-SPEEDING	1010-REPOSSESSED AUTO	0706-ANIMAL COMPLAINT-BARKING DOG	4519-ASSISTANCE-AIU ASSISTANCE TO OTHER	5003-DISTURBANCE-UNFOUNDED
0600-OFFENSE AGAINST CHILD	4818-COM POLICING-MEETING	0005-V&T-TRAFFIC STOP	1012-UUMV-RECOVERED	0707-ANIMAL COMPLAINT-LOOSE	4520-ASSISTANCE-DRONE DEPLOYMENT	5004-DISTURBANCE-CHILDREN IN STREET
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0805-SEX OFFENSE-EXPOSURE	4824-COM POLICING-MEDIA EVENT	0012-V&T-DWI DRUGS	2412-FIREWORKS-USE	0900-NATURAL DEATH	4607-REFERRAL-TOWN BLDG/ENGINEER	5099-DISTURBANCE-OTHER
0900-ARSON	4826-COM POLICING-FOOT PATROL	0015-V&T-HANDICAP PARKING VIOLATION	2414-FIREWORKS-YOUTH	4101-MISSING PERSON	4608-REFERRAL-DISASTER COORDINATOR	5101-PROPERTY LOST
1000-UUMV	4827-COM POLICING-MISC	0025-V&T-ROAD RAGE	2427-NOXIOUS SUB-USE	4102-MISSING PERSON-RUNAWAY	4609-REFERRAL-SCHOOL DEPT	5102-PROPERTY FOUND
1011-UUMV-ATTEMPT	4828-COM POLICING-BICYCLE PATROL	0039-V&T-COMMERCIAL VEHICLE-MISC	2429-NOXIOUS-SUB-ODOR	4103-MISSING PERSON-LOST	4610-REFERRAL-COUNTY HWY DEPT	5103-PROPERTY UNFOUNDED
1101-BURGLARY-RESIDENCE	4829-COM POLICING-PISTOL PERMIT	0040-V&T-LICENSE PLATE READER	2500-DRUNK	4199-MISSING PERSON-OTHER	4611-REFERRAL-STATE HWY DEPT	5104-DUMPING TIRES
1106-BURGLARY-GARAGE		0041-VIN VERIFICATION	2700-FALSE ALARM OTHER THAN FIRE	4401-FIRE-RESIDENTIAL	4613-REFERRAL-WELFARE/AID BUREAU	5198-DUMPING ILLEGAL
1108-BURGLARY-NON RESIDENCE		0099-V&T-TRAFFIC INFRACTION-OTHER	2704-FALSE ALARM MALICIOUS	4403-FIRE STORE	4614-REFERRAL-PUBLIC UTILITIES	5199-PROPERTY OTHERS
1109-BURGLARY ATTEMPT-RESIDENCE	Mental Health	4605-TRAFFIC CNTRL DEVICE/STOP SIGN DOWN	2705-FALSE ALARM MALFUNCTIONAL	4404-FIRE-GRASS	4616-REFERRAL-DETECTIVES	5307-AIRCRAFT HELICOP ASST OTHER
1117-BURGLARY ATTEMPT-NON RESIDENCE	4000-MENTAL	4801-DIRECT TRAFFIC	2706-FALSE ALARM UNINTENTIONAL	4405-FIRE-VEHICLE	4617-REFERRAL-JUV AID OFFICE	5403-PRISONER TRANS CO INSTITUTION
1199-BURGLARY-OTHER	4001-MENTAL-CONFUSED ADULT	4811-ROAD OBSTRUCTION	2713-BOMB THREAT-PLAZA/MALL	4406-FIRE-FALSE ALARM	4618-REFERRAL-TO PATROL	5404-PRISONER TRANS MED FACILITY
1200-TRESPASS	4002-MENTAL-CONFUSED CHILD	4901-ACCIDENT-PDO	2715-BOMB THREAT-OTHER	4408-FIRE ALARM UNFOUNDED	4620-STUDENT CONDUCT	5405-PRISONER TRANS TO COURT
1299-TRESPASS-OTHER	4200-SUICIDE OR ATTEMPT	4902-ACCIDENT-INJURY	2800-GAMBLING	4409-FIRE-SCHOOL	4624-REFERRAL-VLG/TOWN HWY DEPT	5406-PRISONER MUNICIPAL REQUEST
1300-POSSESS STOLEN PROPERTY	0400-FAMILY OFFENSES	4903-ACCIDENT-FATAL	2900-LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	4410-FIRE-CHEMICAL SPILL	4625-REFERRAL-VLG/TOWN WATER&SEWER	5450-WARRANT/ETC SERVE WARRANT
1400-FORGERY	5002-DISTURBANCE-DOMESTIC TROUBLE	4904-ACCIDENT-UNFOUNDED	3225-WEAPONS-ORDINANCE	4411-FIRE-CHEMICAL HAZARD	4626-REFERRAL-VLG/TOWN BLDG/ENGINEER	5451-WARRANT/ETC SERVE SUBPEONA
1500-FRAUD OFFENSE		4906-ACCIDENT-INDUSTRIAL	3401-SOLICITATION	4412-FIRE-TRASH	4628-WIRE DOWN-REFERRAL TO UTILITY	5452-WARRANT/ETC SERVE CRIM SUMMONS
1513-FRAUD OFFENSE-BAD CHECK		4909-ACCIDENT-SCHOOL	3460-SUBJECT W/GUN	4413-FIRE-CHIMNEY	4630-STREET SIGN DOWN/MISSING	5453-WARRANT/ETC ATT TO SERVE WARRANT
1601-LARCENY-PURSE SNATCH	Medical	4910-ACCIDENT-DEER-PDO	3461-SUBJECT W/KNIFE	4414-FIRE-CARBON MON DETECTOR	4633-STREET FLOODED	5455-WARRANT/ETC ATT TO SERVE CRIM SUMMONS
1605-LARCENY-AUTO ACCESSORIES	3105-NARCOTICS-OVERDOSE	4911-ACCIDENT-DEER-PERSONAL INJURY	3463-FIGHT	4415-FIRE-COMMERCIAL	4699-REFERRAL-OTHER	5456-WARRANT/ETC OUT OF TOWN RECEIVED
1606-LARCENY-BICYCLES	4502-ASSISTANCE-PERSON TO HOSPITAL	4999-ACCIDENT-OTHER	3464-SUSPICIOUS PERSON	4499-FIRE-OTHER	4701-TOW-DISABLED VEHICLE	5501-YOUTH ACTIVITY
1611-LARCENY-SHOPLIFTING	4504-ASSISTANCE-FIRST AID	5204-SNOWMOBILE STREET OPERATION	3465-SUSPICIOUS PERSON W/VEHICLE	4500-ASSISTANCE-DRE EVALUATION	4702-TOW-PARKING VIOLATION	5601-ORDER OF PROTECTION SERVE
1619-LARCENY-BOAT ACCESSORIES	4505-ASSISTANCE-AMBULANCE ONLY	5205-SNOWMOBILE SIDEWALK OPERATION	3467-SHOTS FIRED	4501-ASSISTANCE-TO OTHER POLICE	4704-TOW-ABANDONED VEHICLE	5604-ORDER OF PROTECTION ATT TO SERVE
1620-LARCENY-BOAT		5206-SNOWMOBILE PVT PROPERTY OPERATION	3468-UNKNOWN TROUBLE	4503-ASSISTANCE-NOTIFICATION	4799-TOW OTHER	5605-ORDER OF PROTECTION VACATE
1699-LARCENY-OTHER		5208-SNOWMOBILE RECKLESS OPERATION	3470-PEEPING TOM	4506-ASSISTANCE-DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	4802-ALARM RINGING	6099-MARINE OTHER
1701-ROBBERY-ARMED		5214-SNOWMOBILE ABANDONED	3471-LI/TENANT DISPUTE	4507-ASSISTANCE-LOCK IN/OUT	4803-PREMISES CHECK	6201-NUISANCE CORRESP THREAT
1703-ROBBERY-STRONG ARM		5103-ATV OPERATE STREET	3472-NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	4508-ASSISTANCE-PERSONS (IN BED, ETC.)	4804-ESCORTS	6202-NUISANCE CORRESP NON-THREAT
1706-ROBBERY-ATTEMPT		5104-ATV OPERATE SIDEWALK	3474-DEAD BODY	4509-ASSISTANCE-OPEN WINDOW/DOOR	4806-UNFOUNDED	6203-NUISANCE PHONE THREAT
1799-ROBBERY OTHER		5105-ATV OPERATE PVT PROPERTY	3475-DEAD BODY FLOATER	4511-ASSISTANCE-UNFOUNDED	4809-FUNERAL ESCORT	6204-NUISANCE PHONE NON-THREAT
1800-TAMPERING		5107-ATV RECKLESS OPERATION	3476-UNATTENDED DEATH	4512-ASSISTANCE-PERSON FOUND	4810-MONEY ESCORT	6401-K9 SEARCH BUILDING
1902-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF		5110-ATV ABANDONED	3477-POLICE INFO/INVESTIGATION	4513-ASSISTANCE-RESCUE	4813-FLOOD CONDITION	
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0203-ASSAULT OFFENSE-MENACING	4815-COM POLICING-SCHOOL LECTURE	3002-V&T-RECKLESS OPERATION	0852-SEX OFNDR REG-LEVEL 2	3575-SNOW REMOVAL	4517-ASSISTANCE-ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	4899-SERVICES-OTHER
0299-ASSAULT OFFENSE-RECKLESS ENDANGER	4816-DARE PROGRAM	3003-V&T-HIT & RUN	0853-SEX OFNDR REG-LEVEL 3	3704-ANIMAL COMPLAINT-BITE	4518-ASSISTANCE-CIT FOLLOW UP	5001-DISTURBANCE-PUBLIC PLACE
0300-HOMICIDE	4817-COM POLICING-LECTURE	3004-V&T-SPEEDING	1010-REPOSSESSED AUTO	3706-ANIMAL COMPLAINT-BARKING DOG	4519-ASSISTANCE-AIU ASSISTANCE TO OTHER	5003-DISTURBANCE-UNFOUNDED
0600-OFFENSE AGAINST CHILD	4818-COM POLICING-MEETING	3005-V&T-TRAFFIC STOP	1012-UUMV-RECOVERED	3707-ANIMAL COMPLAINT-LOOSE	4520-ASSISTANCE-DRONE DEPLOYMENT	5004-DISTURBANCE-CHILDREN IN STREET
0604-OFFENSE AGAINST CHILD-ENDANGER	4819-COM POLICING-BUSINESS CONTACT	3006-V&T-CHASE	1201-UNWELCOME GUEST	3709-ANIMAL COMPLAINT-DEATH	4599-ASSISTANCE-OTHER	5005-DISTURBANCE-LABOR PROBLEM
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0900-ARSON	4826-COM POLICING-FOOT PATROL	3015-V&T-HANDICAP PARKING VIOLATION	2414-FIREWORKS-YOUTH	4101-MISSING PERSON	4608-REFERRAL-DISASTER COORDINATOR	5101-PROPERTY LOST
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SEE SIMPLIFIED CATEGORY
BREAKDOWN

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1620-LARCENY-BOAT		5206-SNOWMOBILE PVT PROPERTY OPERATION	3468-UNKNOWN TROUBLE	4503-ASSISTANCE-NOTIFICATION	4799-TOW OTHER	5605-ORDER OF PROTECTION VACATE
1699-LARCENY-OTHER		5208-SNOWMOBILE RECKLESS OPERATION	3470-PEEPING TOM	4506-ASSISTANCE-DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	4802-ALARM RINGING	5099-MARINE OTHER
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POLICE CALL COMPARISON BY CATEGORY - SIMPLIFIED BREAKDOWN

Crimes = Assaults, Homicide, Sex Offenses, Burglary, Larceny, Robbery, Narcotics, etc.

Community Policing = School Lecture, D.A.R.E. Program, Foot Patrol, Business Contact, etc.

Traffic = Drunk Driving, Hit & Run, Accident, Parking Violation, Traffic Stop, etc.

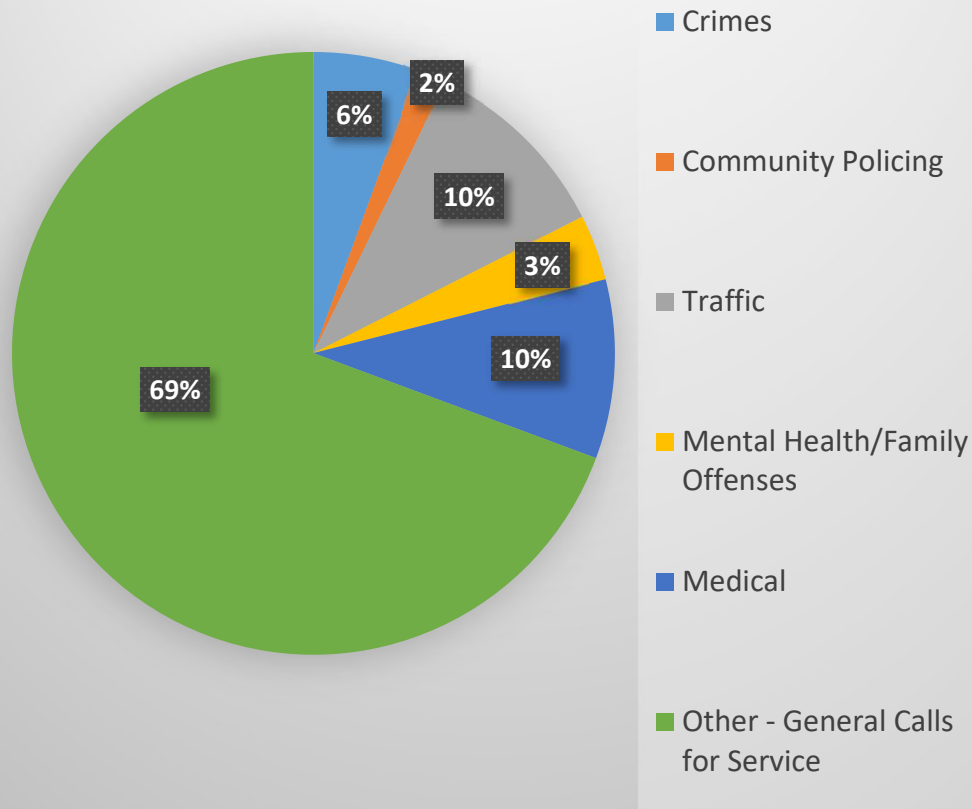
Mental Health/Family Offenses = Confused Person, Suicide, Disturbance, Domestic, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Family Offense, etc.

Medical = Overdose, First Aid, Ambulance Assist, etc.

Other - General Calls for Service = Suspicious Person, Unknown Trouble, General Assistance, etc.

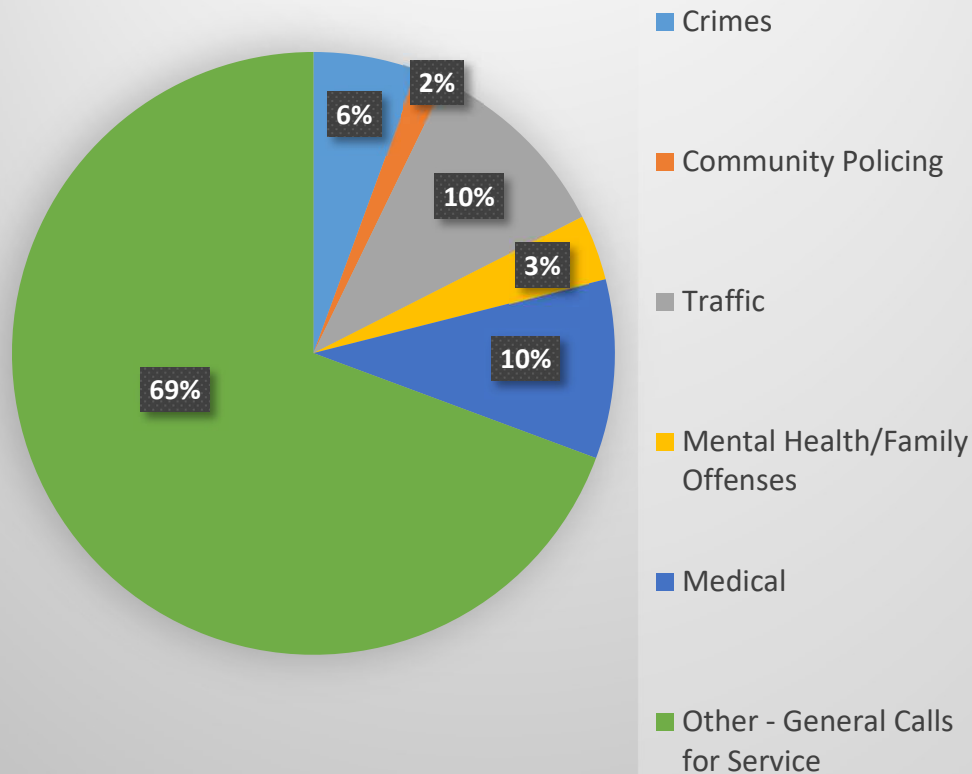
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2020 - Police Calls Breakdown

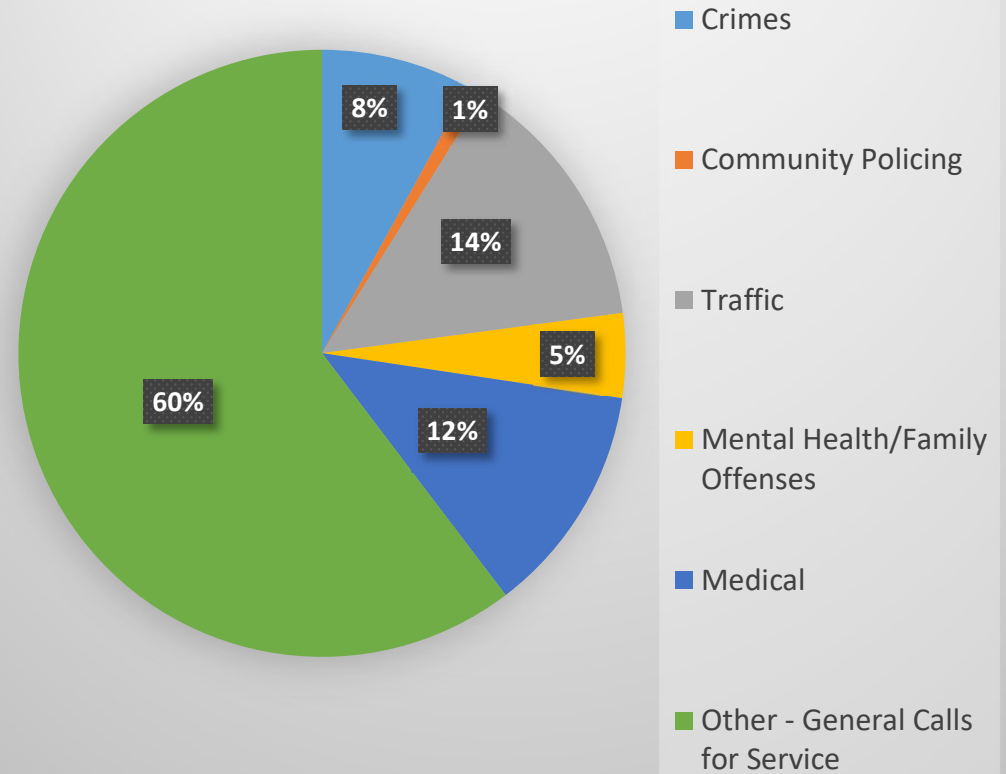


POLICE CALL COMPARISON BY CATEGORY - SIMPLIFIED BREAKDOWN

2020 - Police Calls Breakdown



2021 - Police Calls Breakdown



PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS (FIRE/RESCUE/EMS)

The Public Safety Dispatcher (PSD) role is vital in the day to day operation of the Police Department. PSD's are the first line of communication between the public and whichever first responder service they are in need of. PSD's must answer and/or redirect calls for information, prioritize and dispatch emergency and non-emergency calls for police, fire, medical aid, and allied agencies, and operate the terminals organizing each agency responding. PSD's are also responsible for maintaining communication with officers via radio throughout a call to keep them updated and aware of any status change that may need immediate action. PSD's assist with officer safety by checking subject status and history during police contact and ensure all necessary information is relayed to the officer.

PSD's must also multi-task their primary role with tracking the "Are U O.K.?" program, coordinating with local police and fire departments outside of town, overseeing all fire company communications, checking the status of the school district cameras, and monitoring prisoners in lock up and handling walk-in complaints when a desk officer is not working. PSD's are also the after hours contact point for all town agencies and responsible for making the determination of whether an agency requires an emergency call and/or communicate any relevant information.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>%Change</u>
Total Police Calls	25,303	22,515	-11%
Total Fire/Rescue/EMS	4,734	4,929	4%
Referral - other	163	130	-20%
TOTAL CALLS	30,200	27,574	-9%

*Referral - other call type refers to calls to animal control, water authority, and other public utilities

Freedom Of Information Law

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Approved	133	121
Denied	23	27
No Records	9	13
No Requestor Response	1	0
Sent to Town Attorney/Chief	4	3
Retention Expired	1	0
Ongoing	6	0
Already Received	2	0
N/A	1	0
Total Requests	180	164
Annual % Change		-9%

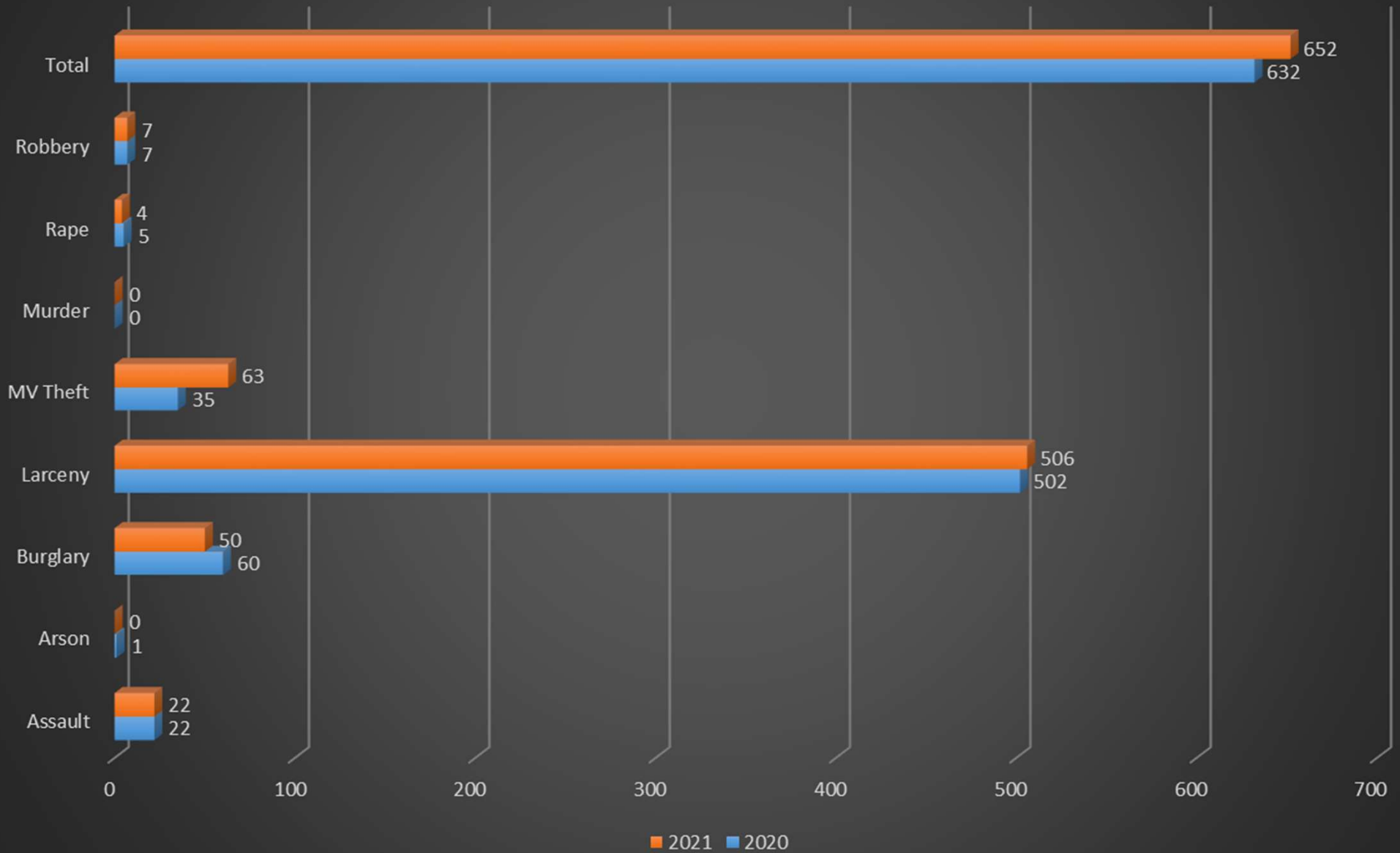
Also known as FOIL, the Freedom of Information Law is a NYS principal statute regarding public access to government records. FOIL requests are reviewed and records that are determined to be responsive and disclosable are approved and made available to the requestor. Those that do not meet the required criteria may be denied for cause.

About Index Crime

Since 1930, the FBI has collected and compiled data to use in understanding and improving law enforcement administration, operation, and management correlating with fluctuations in the level of crime in America. Individual departments nationwide provide the FBI with their Index Crime statistics. Using the information provided, the FBI then creates the National Uniform Crime Report (UCR). Index Crimes are the combination of eight categories of crime, selected because of their seriousness and frequency of occurrence. The 8 major Index Crimes include:

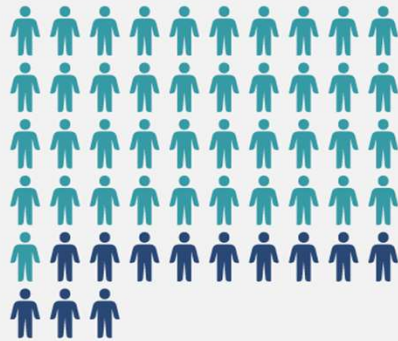
- Assault
- Arson
- Burglary
- Larceny
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Murder
- Rape
- Robbery

Index Crime Comparison 2020/2021



WSPD Behavioral Health Team (BHT)

West Seneca Police Department BHT Outcomes



Of all of the BHT Encounters in West Seneca have led to a diversion from Arrest and/or Hospitalization.



14 minutes is the average response time for all calls to the BHT in West Seneca.



32 minutes is the average amount of time the BHT Co-Response team is on scene.



All information provided here was gathered using Endeavor Health Services Electronic Medical Record with data entered by BHT clinical staff.

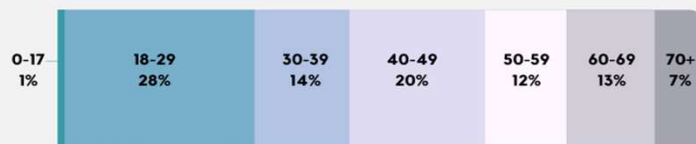


The estimated savings are calculated for all diversions between June - November 2021.



59% of all Persons in Crisis remained in their homes at the end of the Diversion Encounter with West Seneca's BHT Team.

Who we served



Age group distribution of persons served by the West Seneca BHT Team in 2021. The largest segment of people served by the West Seneca BHT are in between the ages of 18-29.

2021 total calls for service/follow-ups conducted by WSPD BHT:

305

USE OF FORCE

When police respond to a call, there are times a subject displays aggressive and unpredictable behavior towards police. Based on the degree of antagonism by a subject, Use of Force may be required to control a situation and prevent further safety hazards to the public, officers, and the subject. The Use of Force is the amount of effort required by police to compel compliance by an unwilling subject including, but not limited to, verbal commands when warning subjects of possible deployment of less than lethal weapons. Officers complete Use of Force forms any time this circumstance occurs.

2020 : 51

2021 : 23

-55%

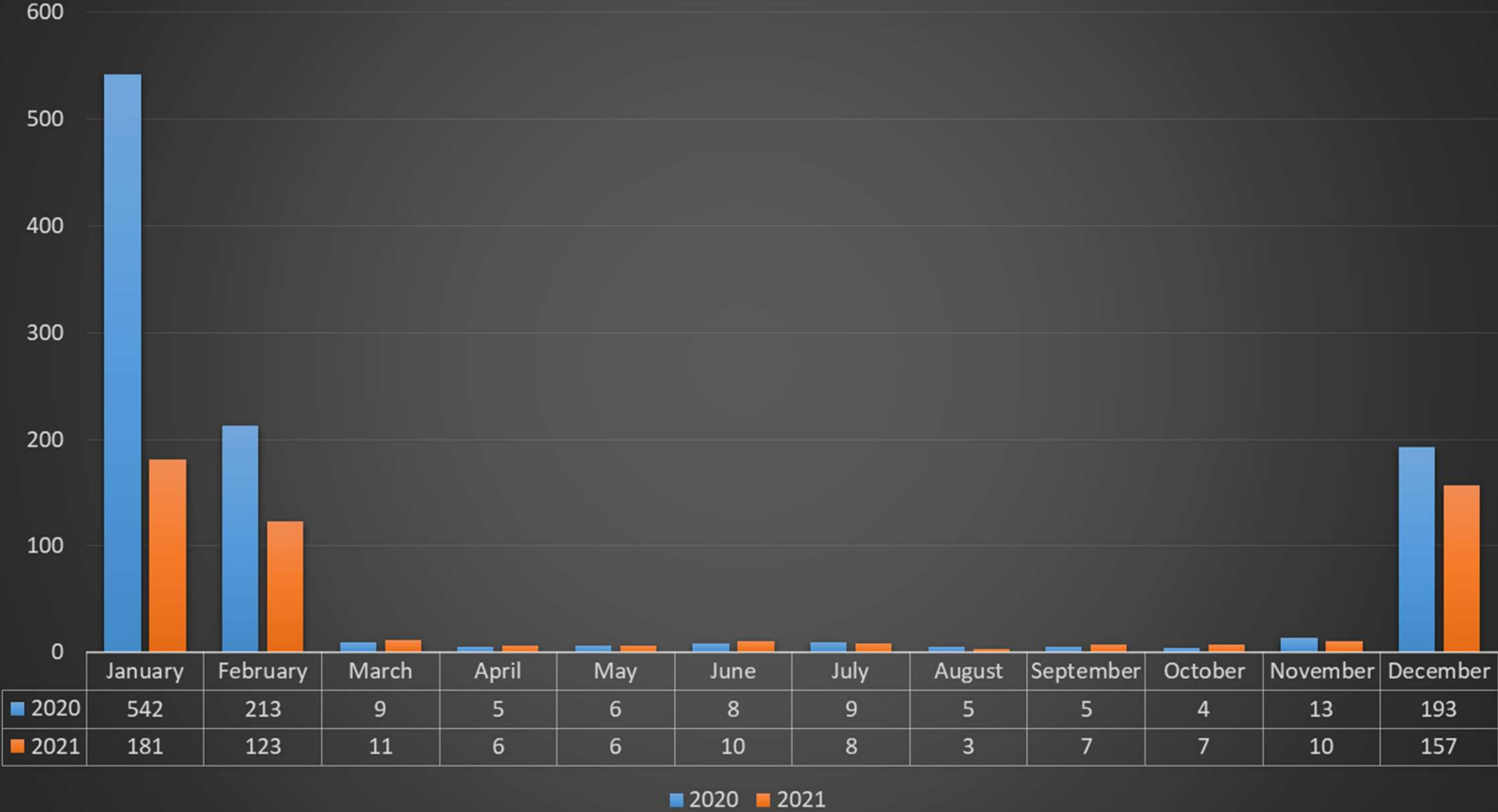
Officer Complaints

	<u>2021</u>
Founded	1
Unfounded	1
Pending	1
Total Complaints	3

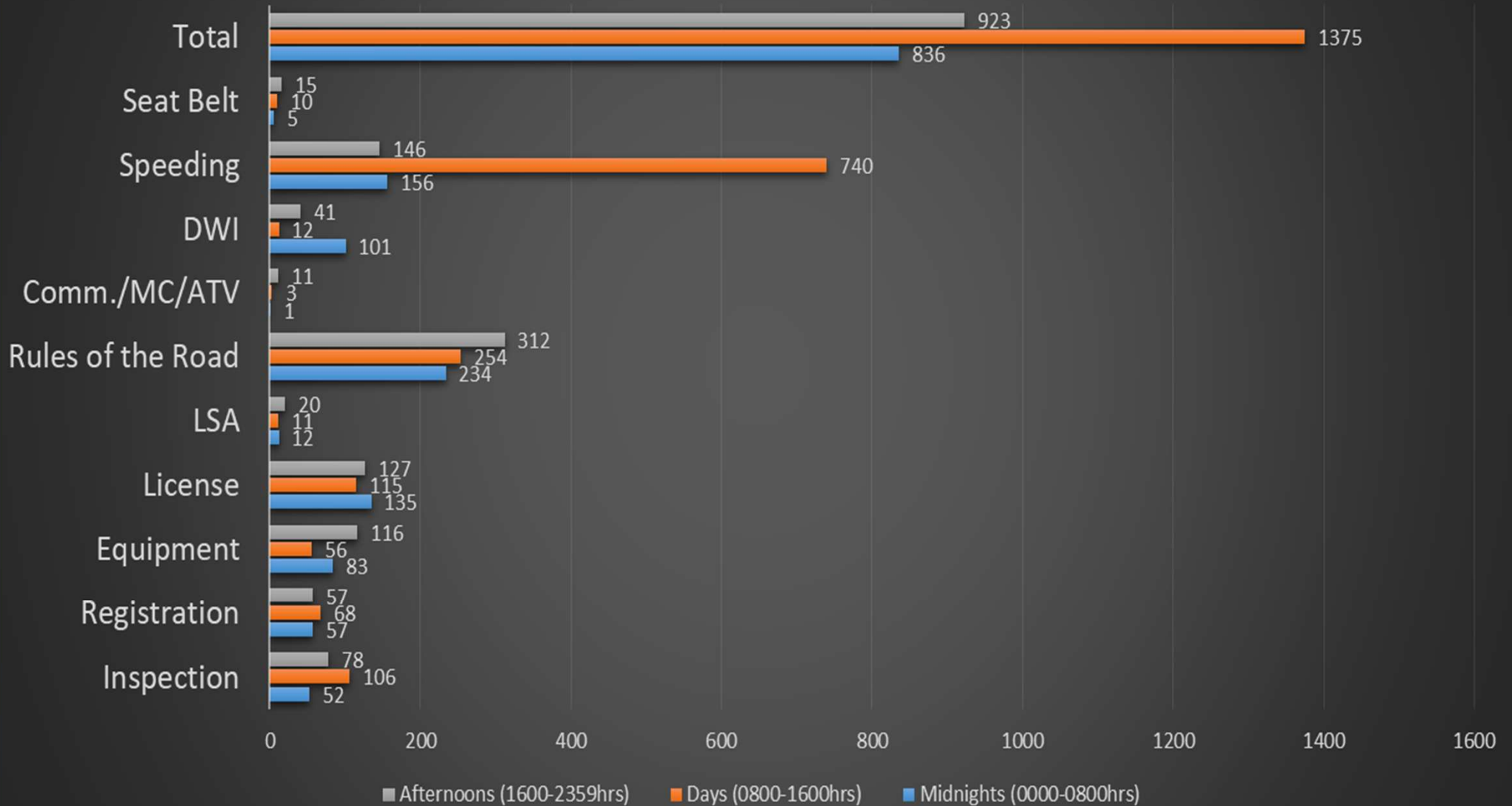
Collecting data on officer complaints is an important part of our process. The WSPD is committed to providing the West Seneca Community with exemplary service, if we fall short of our goal we want the people we serve to let us know. In our department we accept complaints in person, over the phone, by mail, and via our department website.

*1 of 3 above listed complaints received via department website

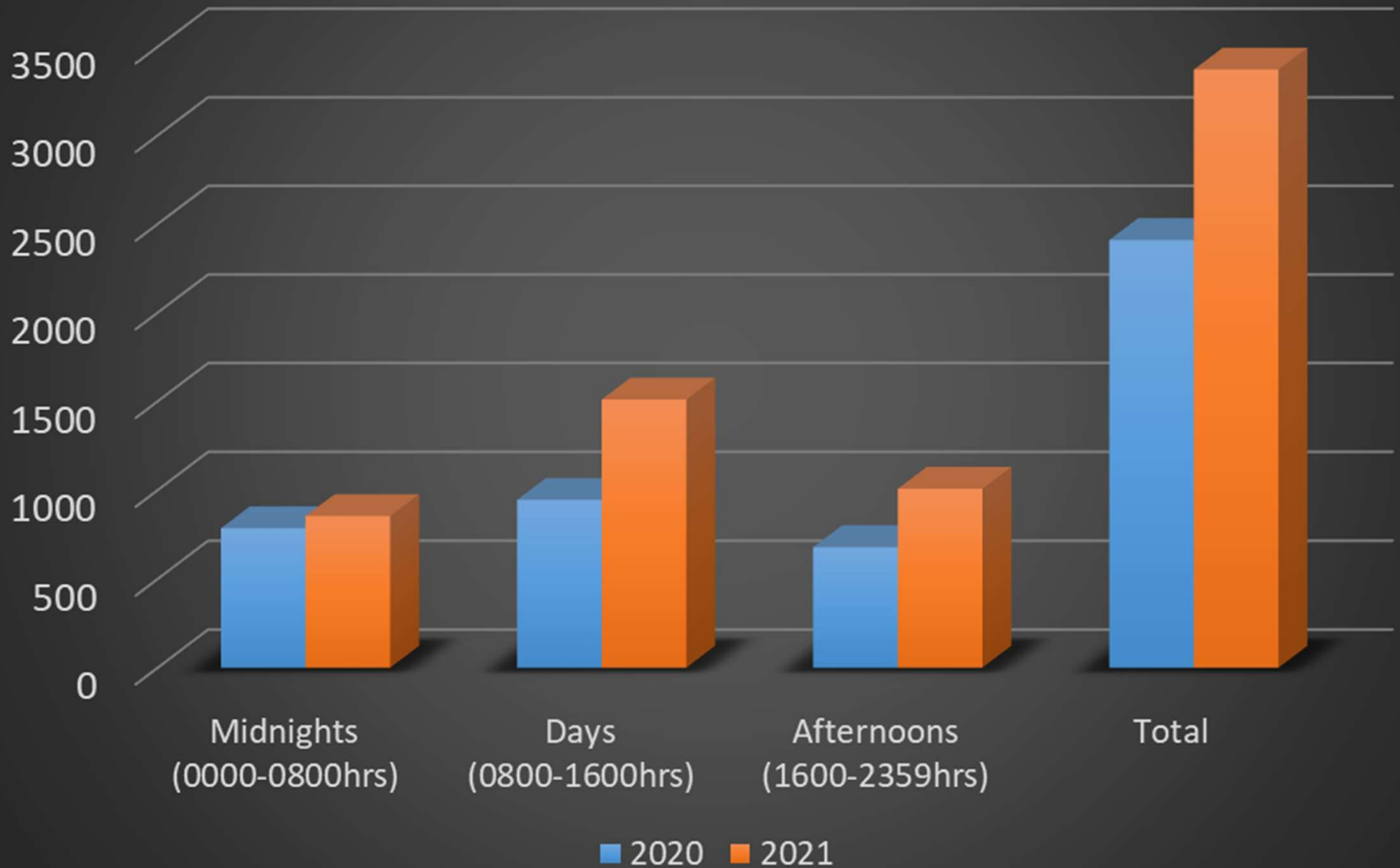
Parking Tag Comparison 2020/2021



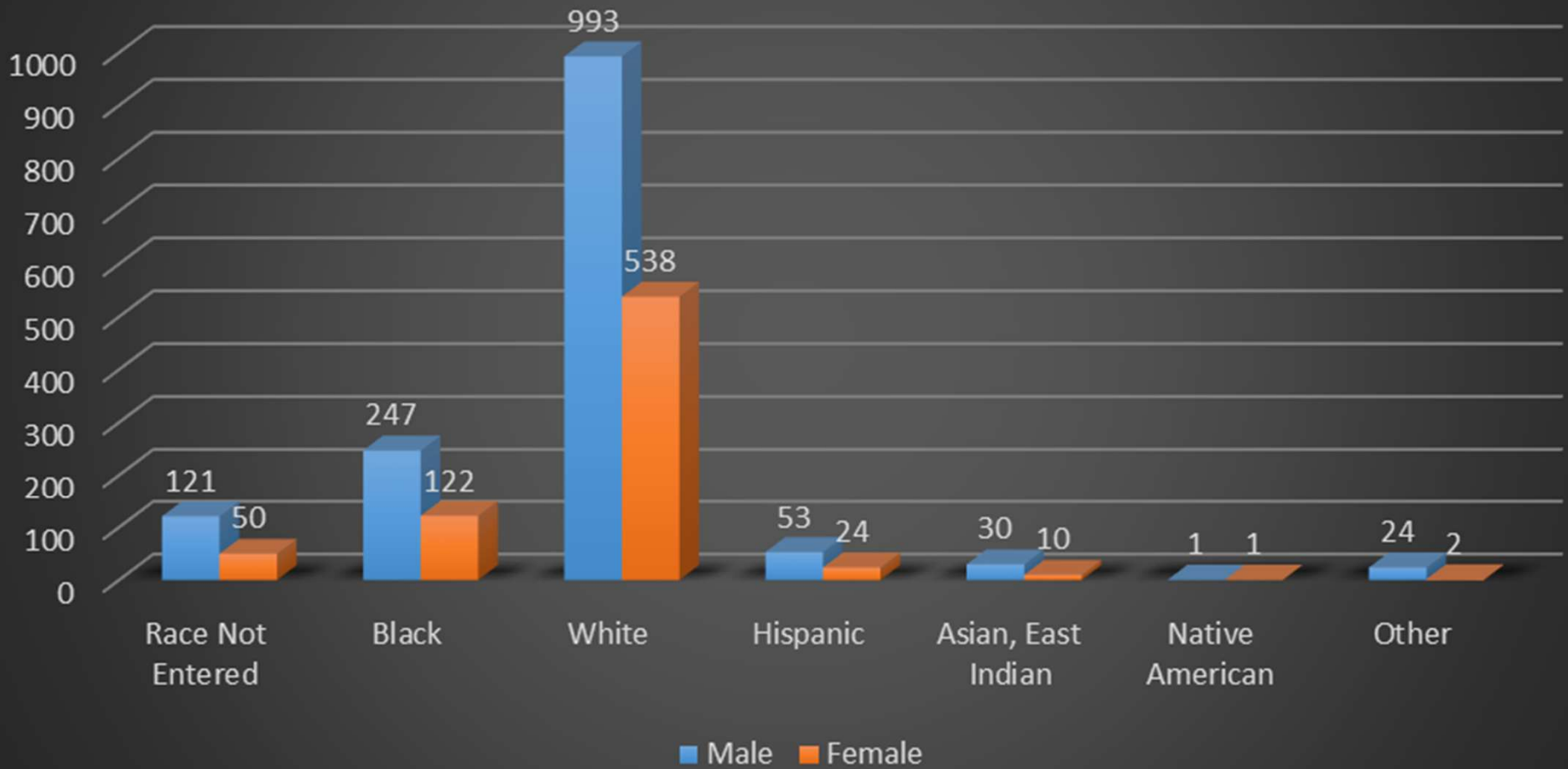
2021 Uniform Traffic Ticket (UTT) Breakdown



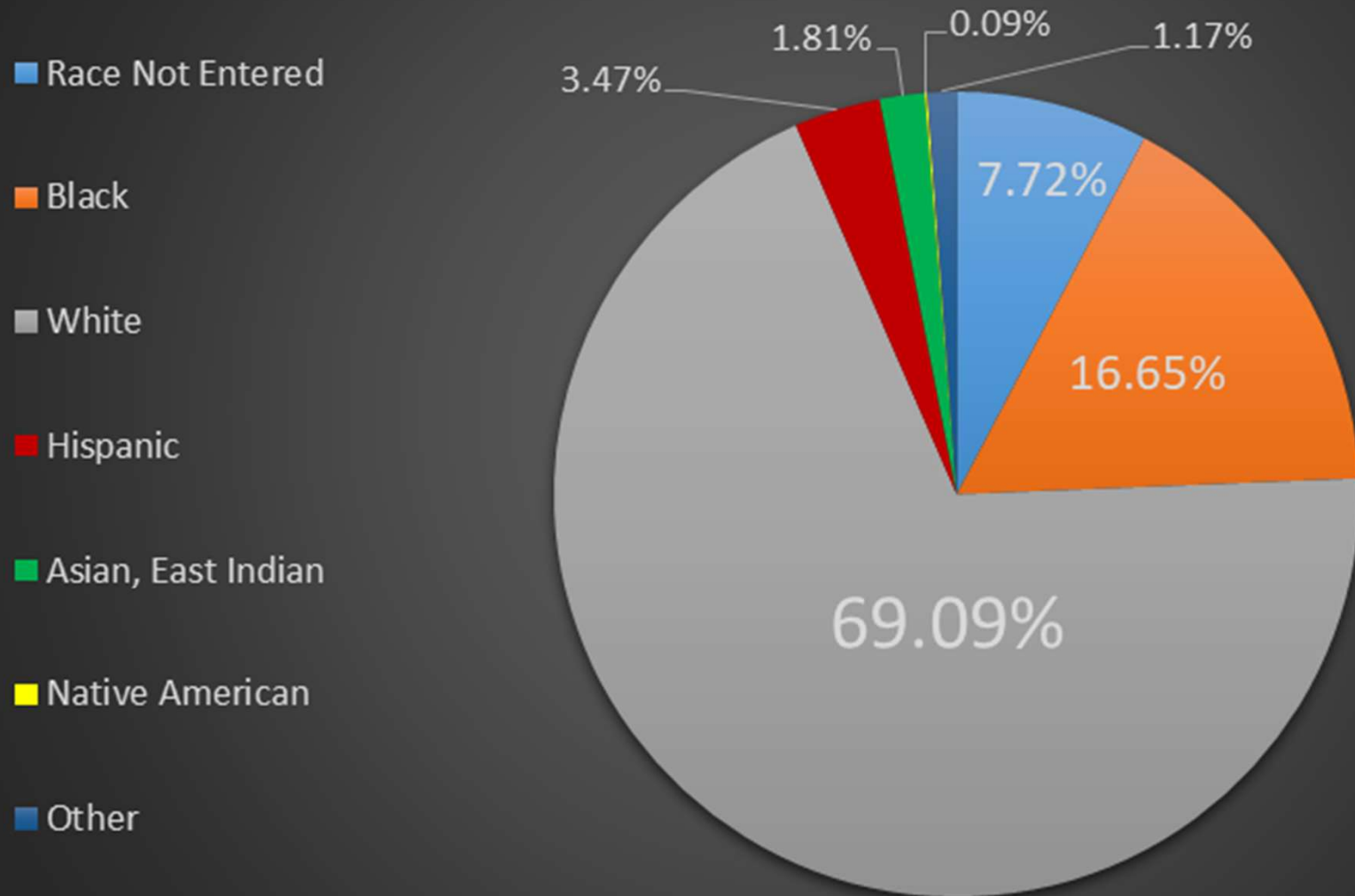
2020/2021 UTT Comparison



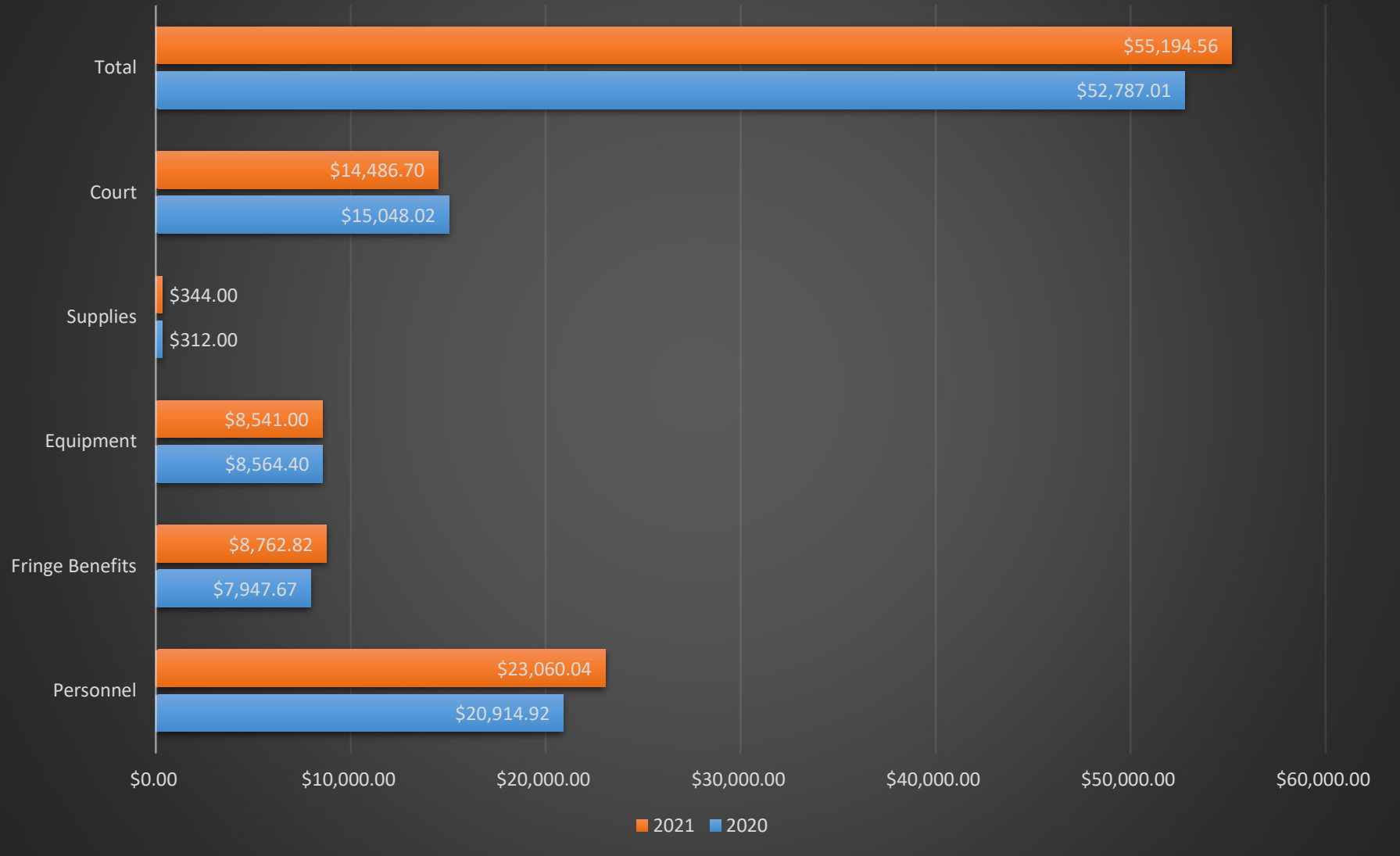
UTT Violation Totals by Race (5/4/21-12/31/21)



UTT Violation Percentage by Race (5/4/21-12/31/21)



Stop DWI Comparison



NYS Stop DWI is a program that was established to assist counties in carrying out the mandate of DWI related offenses to reduce the incidence of alcohol/drug related offenses. The program is funded wholly by fines collected from convicted drivers and advocates for public policy to further the goals of the STOP DWI Program.

Special Units and Programs

The West Seneca Police Department consists not only of patrol, detectives, administration, and dispatch but also incorporates specialized units and programs to further our ability to perform at the highest capacity. This section provides a general description of these units and their functions.



ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION UNIT (AIU)

The **Accident Investigation Unit (AIU)** is comprised of 1 Lieutenant and 4 Patrol Officers. The main functions of AIU are to investigate all serious injury and fatal motor vehicle accidents, perform all necessary follow up, and document summary results from the investigation. Investigators work in cooperation with the District Attorney's office when a case is deemed criminal requiring prosecution. AIU completes investigations for any Hit and Run accidents if patrol resources of an investigation are spent without conclusion.

AIU is also utilized by neighboring jurisdictions that may need assistance if they do not have a trained AIU unit or the size and scope of an incident requires greater manpower.

The specialized training of AIU also lends the ability to assist detectives in measuring and documenting major crime scenes.

ARSON INVESTIGATION UNIT

The Arson Investigation Unit consists of 3 Detectives that are utilized at the scene of all suspicious fires. Arson Investigation determines fire origin and cause. Investigators collect evidence, identify any potential accelerants, and work towards determining the cause of a fire. Once identified, if the cause is found to be criminal, Investigators will work towards apprehending those persons responsible for the crime.

AVIATION UNIT

The Aviation Unit is comprised of 1 Lieutenant, 1 Patrol Officer, 1 Detective and 1 Public Safety Dispatcher. The Unit was established to further the ability to utilize technology to assist with a vast number of law enforcement needs. Members of the unit are specifically trained in the deployment of the Unmanned Aerial Unit or Drone. This unit has the ability to provide unprecedented capability in surveillance of situations like active shooter calls, crime and traffic scene analysis, crowd monitoring, bomb inspection, search and rescues and natural disasters.

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT)

The **Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)** is a group of officers that have completed advanced training in specifically dealing with situations involving mental illness, developmental disability, and emotionally disturbed persons. The CIT program was developed together with mental health professionals and advocates to allow officers to better identify a situation involving a mental illness, de-escalate the situation, keep the subject and bystanders safe, and put those involved in contact with the mental health resources that are needed. Currently, there is 1 Lieutenant who acts as the liaison between the department and Crisis Services. In addition, the WSPD has partnered with Endeavor Health Services and has been assigned a full-time mental health clinician. Our mental health clinician provides much-needed support to the department by accompanying officers on calls for service and completing mental health follow-up where appropriate resources can be provided to individuals in need. Our partnership has resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars saved from unnecessary ambulance transports, treatment, and inpatient stays at our already overburdened and understaffed hospitals, particularly ECMC.

CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM (CNT)

The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) consists of 1 Patrol Lieutenant and 4 Patrol Officers. CNT's function is to lead any incidents that require formal verbal intervention and negotiations. This includes, but is not limited to, hostage taking situations, barricaded subjects, and immediate suicide risks. The goal of CNT is to provide a trained skill set in controlling high risk situations to provide a safe resolution for all those involved.

DISCOVERY OFFICER

The Discovery Officer was implemented due to Discovery Reform passed by NYS in 2019. All evidence and information relevant to a case (including all paperwork/electronic recordings/911 calls/electronically created or stored information) must be preserved, copied, and turned over to the defense no later than 15 days after arraignment. Due to the magnitude of information and extremely limited time frame mandated by law, the Discovery Officer was a necessary addition to ensure NYS compliance. The Discovery Officer reviews all cases within the department, preserves and copies all required information, and provides copies to the defense and District Attorney's office when appropriate. This position is assigned to 1 Public Safety Dispatcher that performs these duties on a full time basis.

DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT (DRE)

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) is an officer who receives certification and advanced training in observing the signs of drug and alcohol impairment. DRE's have become a vital asset due to the recent epidemic of citizens not only abusing alcohol but also recreational, prescription, and OTC drugs before operating a motor vehicle or being involved in other various disturbances such as domestic incidents, disorderly conduct, and assaults.

The Drug Influence Evaluation is a psychophysical and clinical evaluation of a subject to determine whether an ingested drug was impairing an individual at the time of the incident. Though chemical tests can provide evidence there was a specific drug in the body at the time of the test, it cannot alone explain the time the drug was impairing the subject. The DRE evaluation becomes an excellent tool to use in conjunction with a chemical test to prove and verify suspected impairment as well as potentially rule out any drug or alcohol involvement in an incident.

DRE's are required to maintain their certification yearly through continued documentation of evaluations that are confirmed through toxicology results, a minimum of 8 hours of additional training, and successfully passing a written test. Currently, the department has 3 certified DRE's on patrol.

FIREARMS

The Firearms Program consists of 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, and 1 Patrol Officers that serve as instructors and creators of the training programs implemented to the entire department. Instructors are also responsible for the upkeep, maintenance, and upgrading of all departmental equipment. They are also tasked with continuing education on ever changing training needs based on current environmental factors and constant evolution of weapons and equipment to ensure officers are always best prepared to handle any sudden situation in the safest manner possible for themselves and the community.

Since 2017 the Firearms Program incorporated more realistic training scenarios and courses of fire utilizing real world actions, singular and team movement drills, communication drills, and lifelike barricades. Annual training in pepper spray, baton, cuffing, and true to life training for TASER qualification were added.

Equipment was also upgraded to further enhance safety measures with the addition of Level III Armor Vests (also incorporated with improved Go Bags combined into the vest) in each patrol vehicle, updated patrol rifles with sights and suppressors, were purchased and deployed in all of the patrol vehicles replacing the shotguns. Outdated equipment such as magazines and slings were also updated. Implementation of new maintenance programs and measures to extend the maximum durability of all equipment were also assigned.

Reality Based Training was an essential addition to the program providing a mixture of active shooter and realistic scenarios that cover all areas of training. This allows officers to physically, mentally, and emotionally experience a potential violent encounter in a safe environment so they are prepared to recognize the stress response associated with the situation. This teaches officers to act with intrinsically trained tactile responses with the goal of a successful safety driven outcome.

In 2018 training in Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC), Rescue Task Force (RTF), and Active Shooter Mass Casualty were added to the Firearms curriculum to further the ability of responding officers to proactively address potential threats that may occur in any dangerous encounter.

HONOR GUARD

The **Honor Guard** is a unit that includes 1 Captain, 2 Patrol Lieutenants and 5 Patrol Officers. This unit is a ceremonial detail in which officers represent the police department at law enforcement funerals, parades, memorials, tributes and other special occasion services for the department and civic functions.

MOTORCYCLE PATROL UNIT

The Motorcycle Patrol Unit (MPU) is a multi- purpose trained unit currently utilizing 1 Patrol Officer. The MPU is a full service patrol vehicle. Its unique maneuverability allows it to negotiate dense/congested traffic that would otherwise be inaccessible by car. This can be of critical value in responding to emergencies, and clearing the way for emergency equipment. In addition, it is a highly effective community policing/public relations tool, being used for parades, policing large crowds, and community events. The MPU also joins motorcycle units from surrounding agencies to form a multi-jurisdictional motorcycle team that provides escorts for charitable bicycle/motorcycle rides, dignitary escort, and has even provided the screening units for visiting Presidential Motorcades.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

The **School Resource Officer (SRO)** is a position created in cooperation with the West Seneca School District. There are 5 Full-Time SRO's, staffed with one in each high school, one in each middle school, and one traveling between all of the elementary schools. SRO's are dedicated to intervening in all conflict situations that occur within the schools or effect the safety within the schools. The SRO's provide security and crime prevention services, mentoring, conducting presentations on youth related issues, law enforcement counseling, and in-service training and safety lectures for school staff. SRO's most importantly build positive relationships with the youths of the community that potentially encourages supportive attitudes about law enforcement and community unity that continue into adulthood.

The Elementary School SRO, along with the Administrative Captain, also manage and facilitate the West Seneca Youth Court. Youth Court is a justice system for juveniles in lieu of Erie County Family Court. This court is unique in that all members of the court (Judge, Prosecution, Defense, Bailiff) are also juveniles. Those selected to be Youth Court members are then trained in each role and conduct the court proceeding, including the verdict and sentencing, based upon the guidelines of the New York State Youth Court Association. The SRO trains the members, assists families of the Respondent in need of resources for their child, and liaises with Erie County Probation for non-compliance referrals. This program presents a creative solution to helping give a Respondent a form of accountability while not compromising his/her permanent record. Youth Court is an opportunity for Respondents to learn to make better decisions while giving valuable experience to it's members.

SRO PROGRAMS

K- Officer Friendly

2- Child Abuse Prevention

5- D.A.R.E.

6- Decision Making during Adolescence into Adulthood

7- Decision Making related to Juvenile Justice System

Internet and Computer Safety

Business and Criminal Law Classes

Forensic Crime Investigation Classes

DWI-Alcohol Awareness and Prevention Classes

Freshman Orientation and Role of the SRO in a High School Setting

SRO PROGRAMS

Building Level Emergency Preparedness and Response

First Aid Training

Enhanced Lockdown and Violent Intruder Response including full-scale hands on scenarios

Transportation Department Emergency Procedures and Safety

Bi-Monthly Building Level Safety Meetings

Quarterly District Level Safety Meetings

Provide safety and security services during many district community events

WS Teacher Center Classes

YOUTH COURT DATA

Total Cases: 11

Total Hours: 190

Non Compliance: 0

Failed to Appear: 1

Transfers to Probation/Family Court: 0

Open Cases: 2

Charges: Assault 3rd, Criminal Mischief 4th, Disorderly Conduct, Harassment 2nd, Petit Larceny, Trespass

TRAFFIC SQUAD

The Traffic Squad is comprised of 1 Lieutenant and 4 Patrol Officers. This squad primarily addresses issues pertaining to Vehicle and Traffic laws. They also perform functions such as radar/speed details, stop sign details, mobile device details, child safety restraint installations and incorporate the use of grants to provide safety details for Buckle Up New York. The Traffic Squad also provides traffic control for major events including parades, organized 5K runs and other planned events that may impede the regular safe flow of traffic.

In 2021 the Traffic Squad issued 993 Vehicle & Traffic violation summonses from details and 176 seat belt violations from Buckle Up New York (BUNY).

COMMUNITY SERVICE



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

National Night Out (NNO)

- An annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. NNO enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, bringing them together under positive circumstances, to bring back a true sense of community.
- NNO showcases community participants, displays and booths from local businesses, Police and Fire Department demonstrations, music, food vendors, and children's activities.
- The West Seneca Police take great pride in being the coordinator of this event and the enthusiastic response from the community in volunteering and attending that have made this a yearly success.

Neighborhood Watch

- A program that mentors concerned residents how to form a Watch Group in their neighborhood where members learn how to make their homes more secure, protect each other and the neighborhood, and report suspicious activity to the police.
- Each Watch Group is supported by a Police Lieutenant in assisting the group with community meetings, citizen patrols, communications, and special events.
- Neighborhoods with a Watch Group have shown dramatic decreases in crimes such as burglary and drug activity. They also build neighborhood pride and can serve as a springboard for other community concerns like recreation for youth and affordable housing.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Bike Patrol

- A community policing program designed to promote police interaction with the community and allow officers access to areas not available to patrol vehicles.
- This concept further expanded into the “Stop-Walk and Talk” program putting officers on foot patrol in designated areas of the town giving them the ability to converse with community members one-on-one to address needs and concerns on a personal level.

“Are U O.K.?”

- This program is a computerized telephone calling system, operated free of charge by the WSPD, designed for older adults, disabled persons, shut-ins who live alone, or anyone in West Seneca that needs to be checked upon daily. The system calls the subscriber at designated times each day. If the subscriber fails to answer with the appropriate response, or if there are repeated attempts with a busy signal, the system immediately notifies the police dispatcher who then sends a patrol unit to check on the welfare of the subscriber. The WSPD also maintains the program for all subscribers in Hamburg and Blasdell.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Child Safety Restraint Installation

- Designated members of AIU and Traffic Squad are certified in Child Safety Restraint installation through SafeKids Worldwide. Certified installers are available to perform safety checks and installation of Child Safety Restraints for town residents. This service is also offered during special events such as National Night Out.

INVESTIGATION STATISTICS



DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau is the component of the organization that is primarily responsible for the prevention, detection, and investigation of crime. The work of the bureau often complements that of patrol officers, working in conjunction to smoothly transition from initial complaint to the follow through phase of investigation until final disposition.



Detective work is highly specialized, usually encompassing the examination and evaluation of evidence. It also requires strong interpersonal skills that enables detectives to obtain and extract information from witnesses, interrogate suspects, and empathize with a victim in order to build strong cases for prosecution.

DETECTIVE BUREAU STAFFING

The Detective Bureau consists of 11 total investigators, 1 Lieutenant, and 1 Captain.

The Bureau is separated into 2 investigative entities. The Criminal Unit is formed by 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 7 Detectives, and 1 special assignment Detective. That specified role is the ID Detective who is responsible for all fingerprinting, booking, processing, and prisoners on town court dates. The Family Offenses Unit consists of 3 Detectives and is supervised by the Detective Captain.

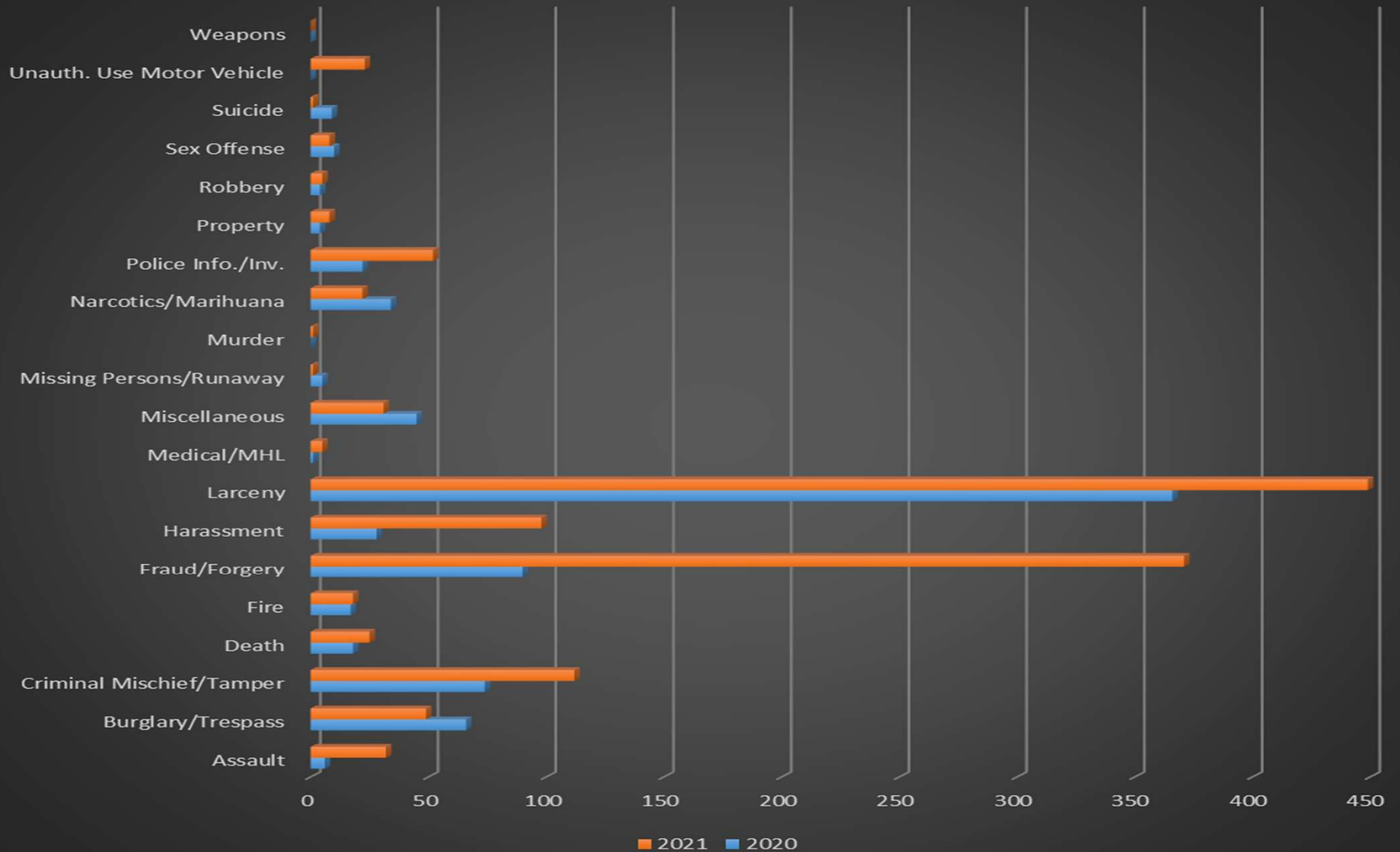
The Family Offenses Unit is responsible for investigating all cases involving juveniles, domestic incidents, crimes against the elderly, all school related initiatives (including D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officers), cases involving State School property in town, and narcotic rehabilitation facilities.

The Criminal Unit is responsible for all other cases involving adult victims and suspects, narcotics, weapons, sex offender registry, arson investigation, and major crimes.

DETECTIVE BUREAU CRIMINAL UNIT: CASE CLOSURE RATE

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Open Cases	122	108
Closed Cases	677	1203
<u>Total</u>	799	1311
<u>Closure Rate</u>	84.7%	91.8%

DETECTIVE BUREAU CRIMINAL UNIT: CASE CATEGORY BREAKDOWN



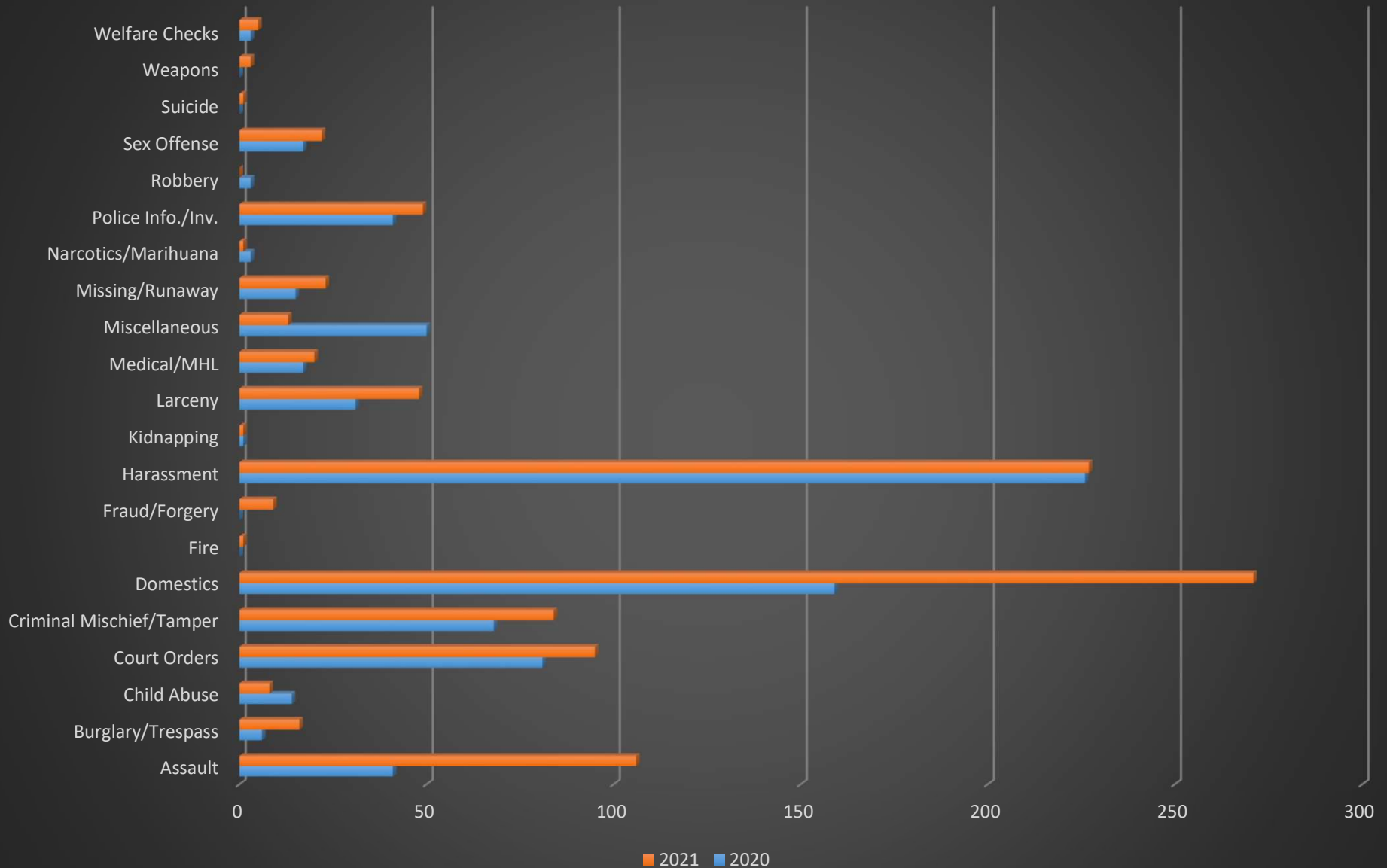
DETECTIVE BUREAU CRIMINAL UNIT: CASE CATEGORY BREAKDOWN

	2020	2021
Assault	6	32
Burglary/Trespass	66	49
Criminal Mischief/Tamper	74	112
Death	18	25
Fire	17	18
Fraud/Forgery	90	371
Harassment	28	98
Larceny	366	449
Medical/MHL	1	5
Miscellaneous	45	31
Missing Persons/Runaway	5	1
Murder	0	1
Narcotics/Marihuana	34	22
Police Info./Inv.	22	52
Property	4	8
Robbery	4	5
Sex Offense	10	8
Suicide	9	1
Unauth. Use Motor Vehicle	0	23
Weapons	0	0
Total	799	1311
% Change		+64%

DETECTIVE BUREAU FAMILY OFFENSE UNIT: CASE CLOSURE RATE

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Open Cases	16	57
Closed Cases	760	946
<u>Total</u>	776	1003
<u>Closure Rate</u>	97.9%	94.3%

DETECTIVE BUREAU FAMILY OFFENSE UNIT: CASE CATEGORY BREAKDOWN



DETECTIVE BUREAU FAMILY OFFENSE UNIT: CASE CATEGORY BREAKDOWN

	2020	2021
Assault	41	106
Burglary/Trespass	6	16
Child Abuse	14	8
Court Orders	81	95
Criminal Mischief/Tamper	68	84
Domestics	159	271
Fire	0	1
Fraud/Forgery	0	9
Harassment	226	227
Kidnapping	1	1
Larceny	31	48
Medical/MHL	17	20
Miscellaneous	50	13
Missing/Runaway	15	23
Narcotics/Marihuana	3	1
Police Info./Inv.	41	49
Robbery	3	0
Sex Offense	17	22
Suicide	0	1
Weapons	0	3
Welfare Checks	3	5
Total	776	1003
% Change		+29%

DETECTIVE BUREAU COMBINED TOTAL

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Open	138	165	+19.6%
Closed	1437	2149	+49.5%
<u>Total</u>	<u>1575</u>	<u>2314</u>	+46.9%

DETECTIVE BUREAU ARRESTS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<u>Criminal Unit</u>	66	84	+27.3%
<u>Family Offense</u>	42	25	-40.5%

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