Annual Report

2023

Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting

Wisconsin Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Information & Analysis

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) is a city, county and state law enforcement program. This program provides a nationwide view of crime based on the submission of statistics by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. The Sturgeon Bay Police Department submits their crime data to the Wisconsin UCR Program which, in turn, sends the data to the national UCR Program administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

There are certain known offenses (referred to as Index Crimes) or what is commonly referred to as the eight most serious crimes. These offenses have been selected to represent crime in the United States, Wisconsin, and local agencies. Those identified crimes are as follows.

Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Theft/Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Obviously, many other crimes are tracked as well, such as Simple Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Drug Law Violations and Criminal Damage to Property just to name a few. The Yearly Offense Count for Sturgeon Bay PD lists those crimes.

UCR also tracks yearly arrests for those crimes and numerous other crimes. You can find that information and a six-year average on Yearly Arrest Count for Sturgeon Bay PD.

The Yearly Clearances for Sturgeon Bay PD page has information regarding the percentage of crimes that are cleared after they are reported. This is most commonly done after an arrest for that crime has been made.

The page titled Yearly Sex Offense Count for Sturgeon Bay PD lists the sex crimes that were reported and actively investigated.

The Yearly LEOKA Count for Sturgeon Bay PD (Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted) page tracks officers who were either killed or assaulted in the line of duty.

To: The Honorable Mayor
Members of the Common Council
Members of the Police and Fire Commission
City Administrator Josh VanLieshout
Officers of the Sturgeon Bay Police Department
Media

From: Assistant Chief Daniel J. Brinkman

Subject: Annual Report for 2023

Date: February 12, 2024

The following is a summary of the Police Department's activities for the year of 2023. The activities included are crimes investigated, police service, arrests completed and traffic accidents investigated.

Crimes Investigated
The Department, during the year of 2023, investigated a total of 576 incidents.

These crimes can be broken down and classified as follows:

Bail Jumping	042
Battery	012
Burglary	005
Child Abuse/Neglect	004
Computer Crimes	001
Criminal Damage to Property	066
Custodial Interference	019
Death Investigation	007
Domestic Abuse	046
Disorderly Conduct	091
Drug Investigation	003
Elder Abuse	003
Forgery/Fraud/Scams	053
Identity Theft	004
Internet Crimes Against Children	005
Possession of Controlled Substance	041
Prostitution	001
Resist/Obstruct Police Officer	002
Sex Offense	015
Stalking	004
Stolen Vehicle	017
Theft	086
Threats to Injure	029
Trespass	007
Violate Court Order/Restraining Order	009

Weapons Offense	004
Total	**576**

Arrests

The Department completed a total of 1,482 arrests during the year 2023. These arrests encompass violations from traffic to felony and are listed below by type of violation and number of arrests for each category.

A. Felony Crime Arrest

Aggravated Assault Hands, Fist, Feet	001
Bail Jumping	057
Battery to Healthcare Worker	001
Burglary	001
False Imprisonment	002
Fraud/Forgery	004
Intimidate Victim	001
Physical Abuse of a Child	002
Possess Controlled Substance	022
Possess/Distribute Nudity w/o Consent	001
Sexual Assault of Child	001
Sex Offense	001
Stalking	006
Stolen Vehicle	007
Strangulation/Suffocation	004
Theft	005
Threats to Law Enforcement Officer	005
Terrorist Threat	001
Throw Bodily Fluid at Public Safety Officer	001
Weapons Offense	002
Total	**125**

B. Misdemeanor Crime Arrests

Bail Jumping	060
Battery	018
Criminal Damage to Property	012
Criminal Trespass to Dwelling	005
Disorderly Conduct	084
Fraudulent Use of Credit Card	003
Harassment	002
Intimidate Witness	001
Lewd and Lascivious Behavior	001
Possess Controlled Substance	018
Possess Drug Paraphernalia	017

Resist/Obstruct Police Officer	015
Retail Theft	001
Theft	006
Unlawful Use of Electronic Device	001
Unlawful Use of Telephone	001
Vehicle Theft	003
Violate Court Order	004
Weapon Offense	002
Total	**254**

C. Ordinance Violation Arrests

Animal Not Licensed	001
Animal Neglect	001
Animal Running at Large/Barking	007
Animal Not Vaccinated	001
Burn Without a Permit	001
Defraud Taxi	003
Discharge Fireworks	001
Disorderly Conduct	028
Disorderly Conduct w/Motor Vehicle	012
Indecent Conduct/Language	003
Littering	002
Loitering	002
Meddle w/Damage to Property	003
Misuse 911 System	005
Nuisance or Dangerous Animal	002
Open Intoxicants in Public	001
Operate Taxi Without License	001
Possess Drug Paraphernalia	010
Possess Marijuana	008
Resist/Obstruct Police Officer	003
Retail Theft	010
Slow No Wake/Boating Violations	002
Snowmobile Violations	001
Storage of Junk/Debris Outside	003
Theft	001
Trespass to Land	004
Underage Alcohol Possess/Consume	012
Urinate/Defecate in Public	004
Total	**132**

D. Traffic Crime Arrests

Fail to Install/Tampering Ignition Interlock Device	026
Hit and Run Attended Vehicle	002
Hit and Run	001

Operate while Intoxicated (2nd or more)	017
Operate while Intoxicated Causing Injury	002
Operate w/o Valid Driver's License (2nd or more)	026
Operate after Driver's License was Revoked	051
Reckless Driving/Endangering Safety	002
Total	**127**

E. Traffic Violation Arrests

Miscellaneous Moving Traffic Violations	247
No Valid Driver's License	047
Operating while Driver's License Suspended/Revoked	041
Operate Vehicle w/o Insurance	061
Operate Motor Vehicle while Intoxicated	042
Seat Belt Violation	015
Speeding Violation	250
Total	**703**

Wisconsin Probation & Parole Violation Arrests **141**

In addition to the preceding arrests, the Department conducted a total of 2,862 traffic stops during 2023 and logged 1,458 violations for various motor vehicle defects and local ordinances and issued 1,258 written warnings for those violations. A total of 194 parking tickets were issued for parking violations throughout the city.

Traffic Accidents

The Department, during 2023, investigated a total of 182 vehicle accidents. These investigations are categorized into four types, which are described below.

A.	Motor Vehicle Accidents Involving Property Damage (Less than $1,000.00)	008
B.	Motor Vehicle Accidents Involving Injuries	016
C.	Motor Vehicle Accidents Involving Property Damage (Greater than $1,000.00)	158
D.	Motor Vehicle Accidents Involving Fatalities	000

Police Service Calls

Department members handled 8,149 calls during 2023. These calls consisted of 7,250 citizen requests for police service as described below, 576 crimes investigated, 182 traffic accidents investigated and 141 Probation Parole arrests by officers on patrol.

A.	Traffic and Road Incidents	1,113

This category consists of all assignments involving assists to motorists in distress, directing traffic, complaints of noisy or otherwise disorderly vehicles, removing debris from roadways, and all parking problem complaints.

B. Miscellaneous Incidents 3,592

Includes arrest warrants served, recovered property calls, and all unfounded calls for police service. This category includes unfounded 9-1-1 calls investigated by Department members during the month.

C. Self-Initiated Field Activity 176

All initiated activity by the officer to include, but not limited to, routine security checks of area industries, businesses, city parks, residences, and compliance checks of local liquor establishments.

D. Complaints Involving Animals 224

Investigation by officers of noisy animals, loose animals, animal bites, wild animals, and sick, injured or dead animal complaints.

E. Welfare Checks 261

Includes calls to check on the well being of a person who has not been heard from or seen for a period of time by family, friends, neighbors, or employers.

F. Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Circumstance 333

Involves both citizen complaints and observations by officers on patrol who took investigative action in regard to the suspicious behavior of other people.

G. Alarms 266

Officers responded to activated burglar and hold-up alarms at area banks and other business establishments and residences as well as fire alarms.

H. Sick and Injured Persons 216

Assistance rendered to the Ambulance Service and sick or injured persons.

I. Escorts 48

Transporting citizens, money escorts for area financial institutions, funerals, and for area industry.

J. Citizen Assists 651

This category is broad and involves such services as auto and home lockouts, emergency notifications, attempts to locate people, retrieve personal property, and registration assistance.

K. Juvenile Problems 97

Requests for police service that strictly involve property calls and all unfounded calls for police service. The calls vary from mischief to family problems to runaway situations.

L. Noise Complaints 91

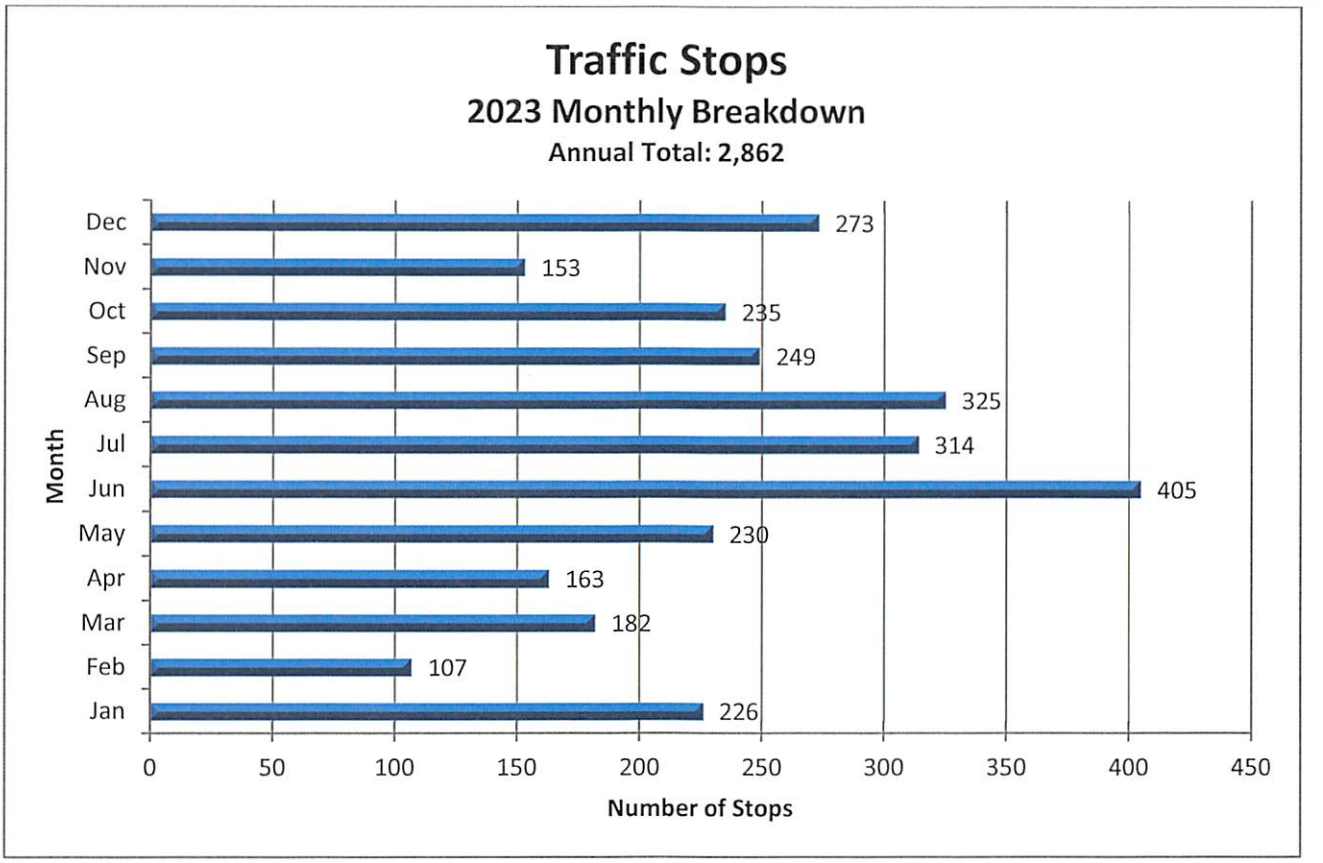
These complaints involve private parties, licensed liquor establishments, and parties in public places.

M. Assistance Rendered to Other Agencies 77

Includes assistance to other law enforcement and government agencies.

N. Civil Disputes 105

Arguments between neighbors, landlords and tenants, and family members where no crimes have been committed.


Traffic Stops
2023 Monthly Breakdown
Annual Total: 2,862
Month
Dec
Nov
Oct
Sep
Aug
Jul
Jun
May
Apr
Mar
Feb
Jan
273
153
235
249
325
314
405
230
163
182
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50
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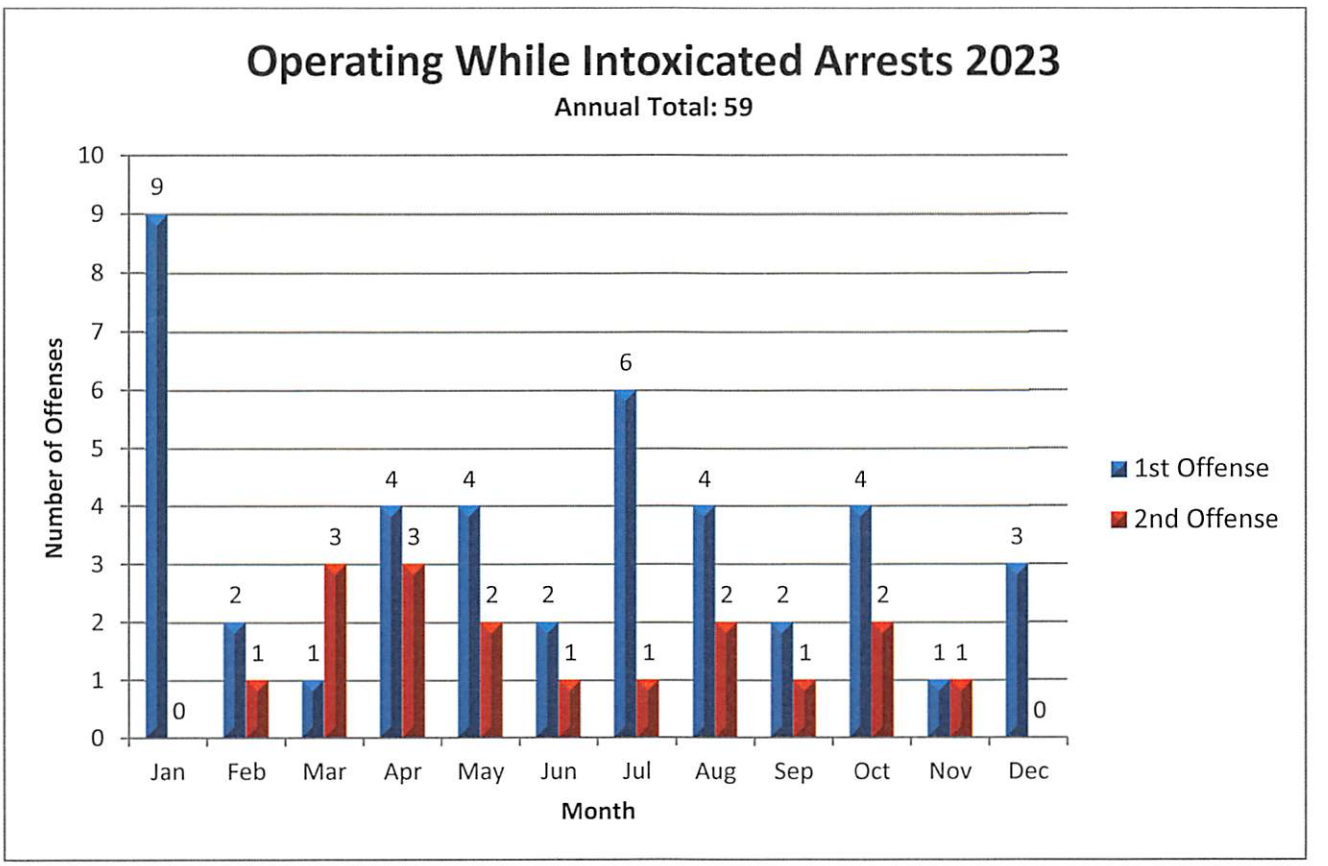
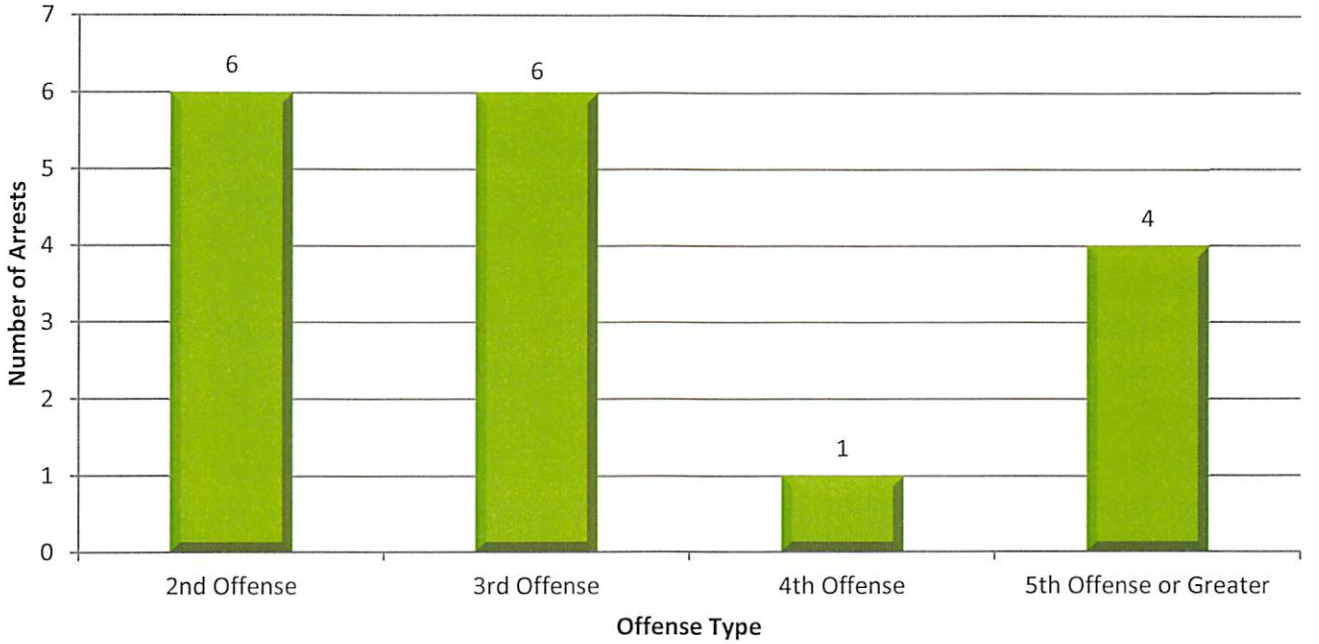
150
200
250
300
350
400
450
Number of Stops


Operating While Intoxicated Arrests 2023
Annual Total: 59
Number of Offenses
Month
Jan
Feb
Mar
Apr
May
Jun
Jul
Aug
Sep
Oct
Nov
Dec
1st Offense
2nd Offense

CRIMINAL OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED ARRESTS

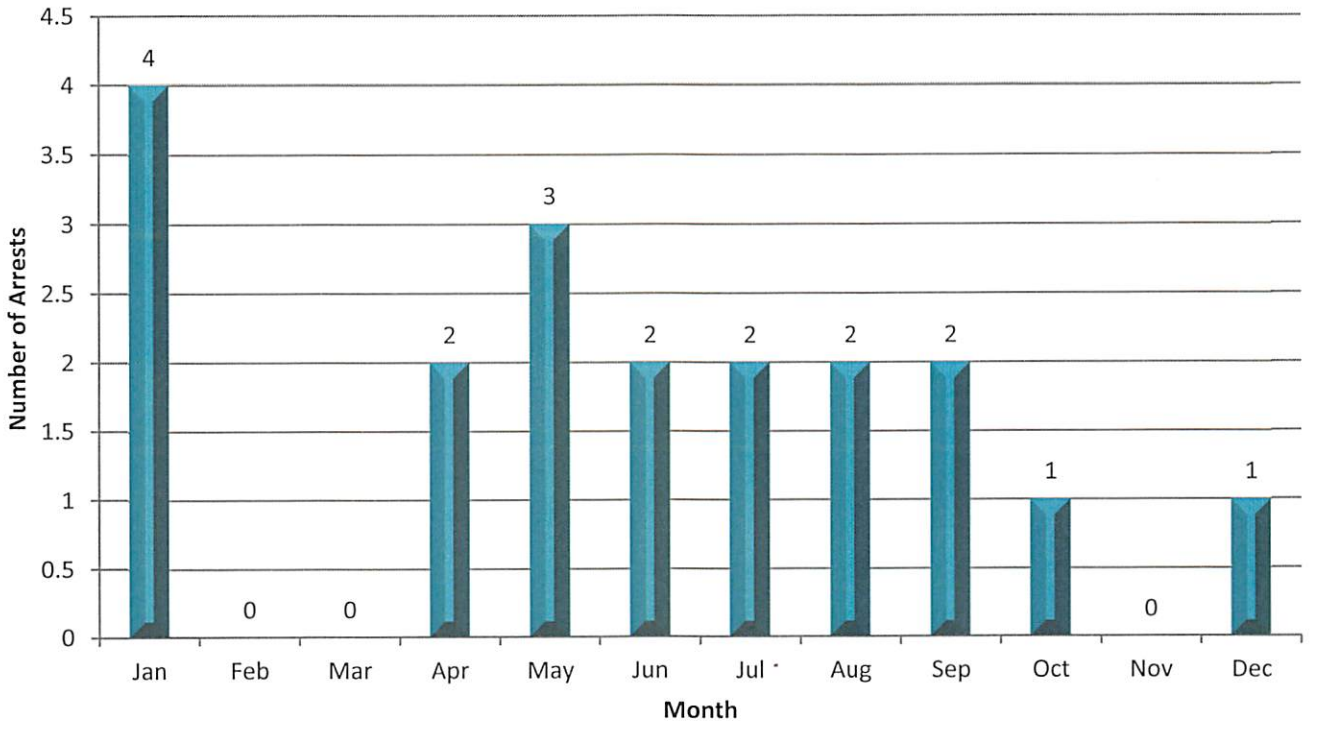
Breakdown of Arrests by Offense Number

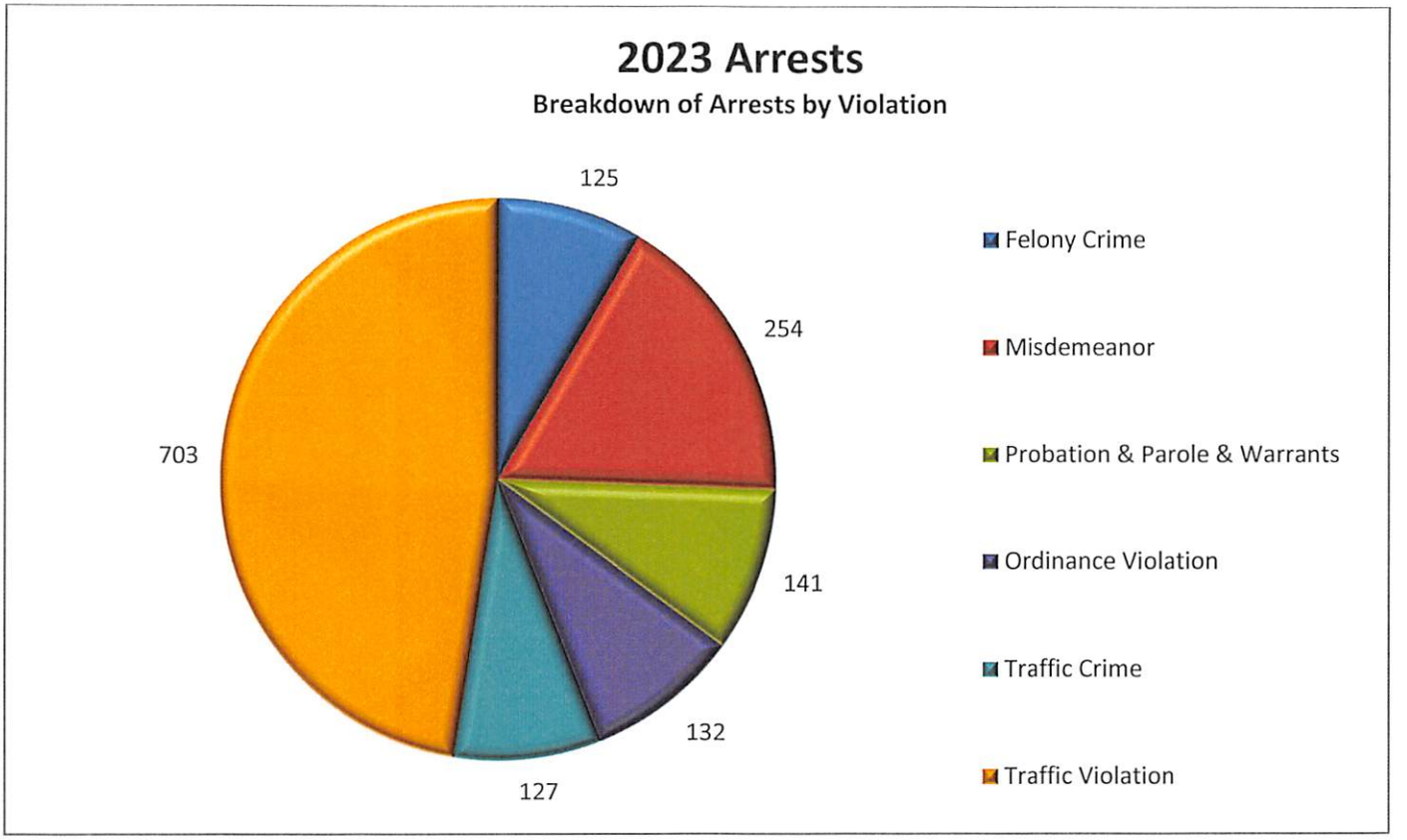
Annual Total: 17

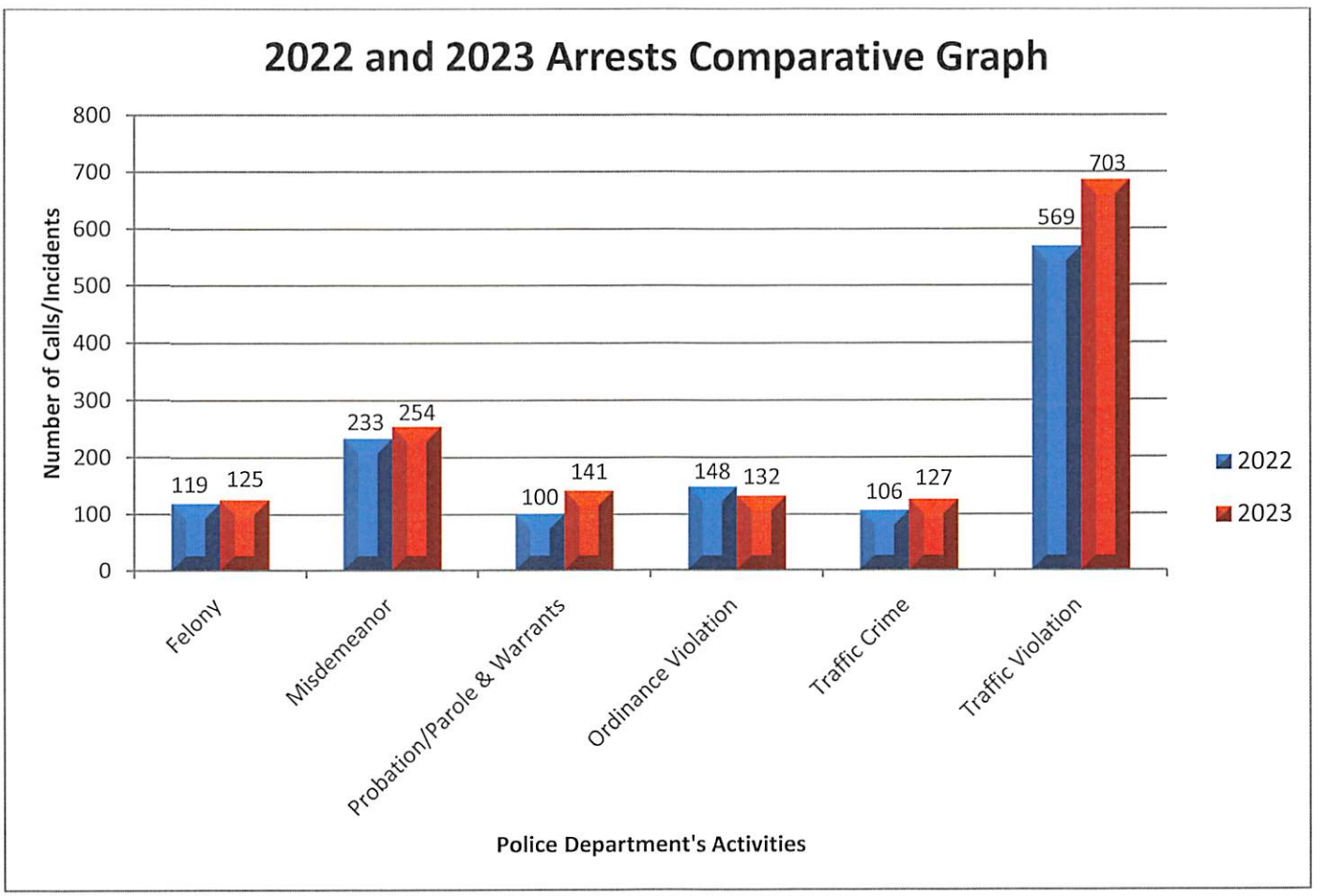


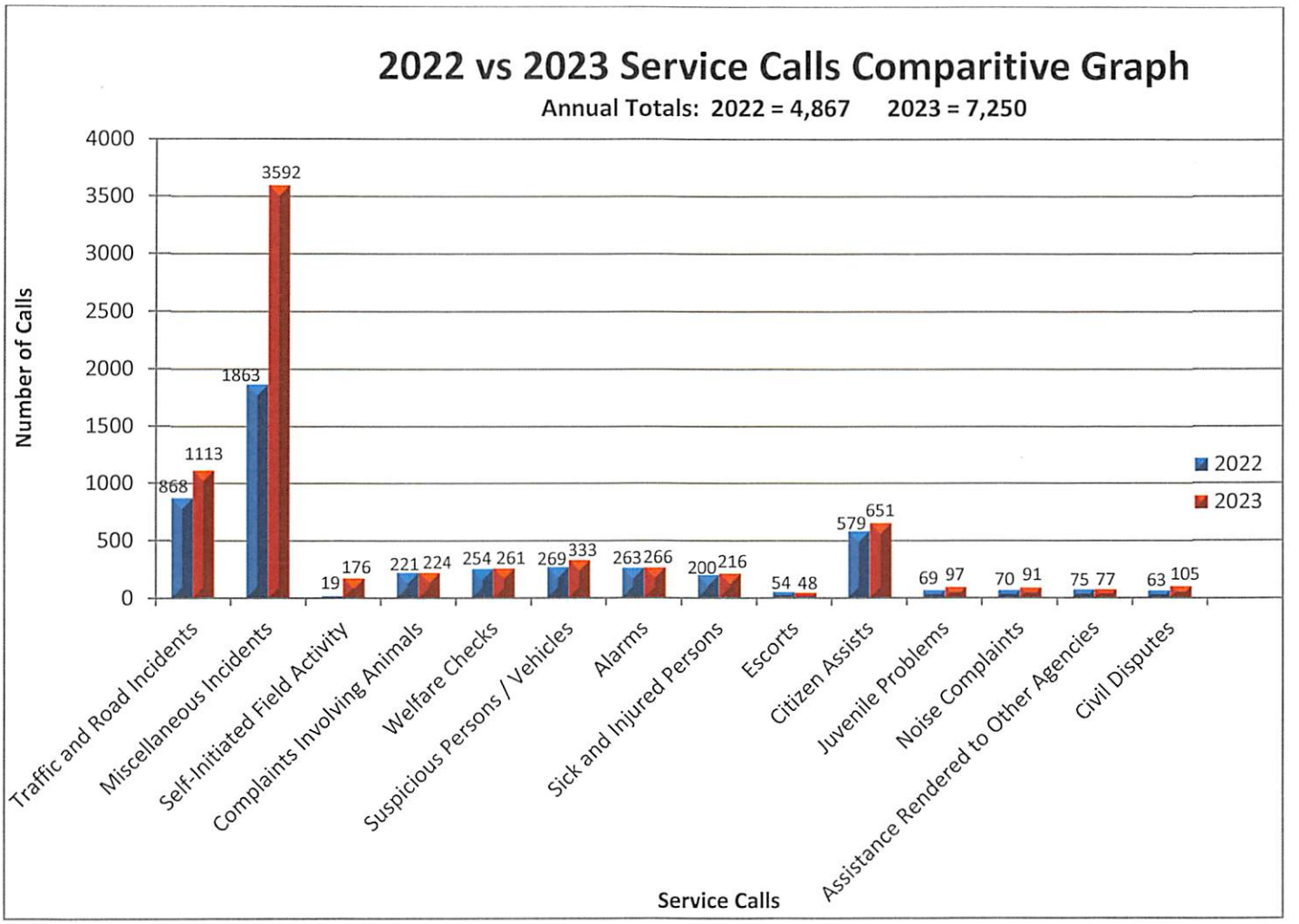
OPERATING WITH A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ARRESTS

Annual Total: 19




2023 Arrests
Breakdown of Arrests by Violation
125
254
703
141
132
127
Felony Crime
Misdemeanor
Probation & Parole & Warrants
Ordinance Violation
Traffic Crime
Traffic Violation


2022 and 2023 Arrests Comparative Graph
Number of Calls/Incidents
800
700
600
500
400
300
200
100
0
119
125
233
254
100
141
148
132
106
127
569
703
Felony
Misdemeanor
Probation/Parole & Warrants
Ordinance Violation
Traffic Crime
Traffic Violation
2022
2023
Police Department's Activities


2022 vs 2023 Service Calls Comparitive Graph
Annual Totals: 2022 = 4,867 2023 = 7,250
Number of Calls
4000
3500
3000
2500
2000
1500
1000
500
0
2022
2023
868 1113
1863 3592
19 176
221 224
254 261
269 333
263 266
200 216
54 48
579 651
69 97
70 91
75 77
63 105
Traffic and Road Incidents
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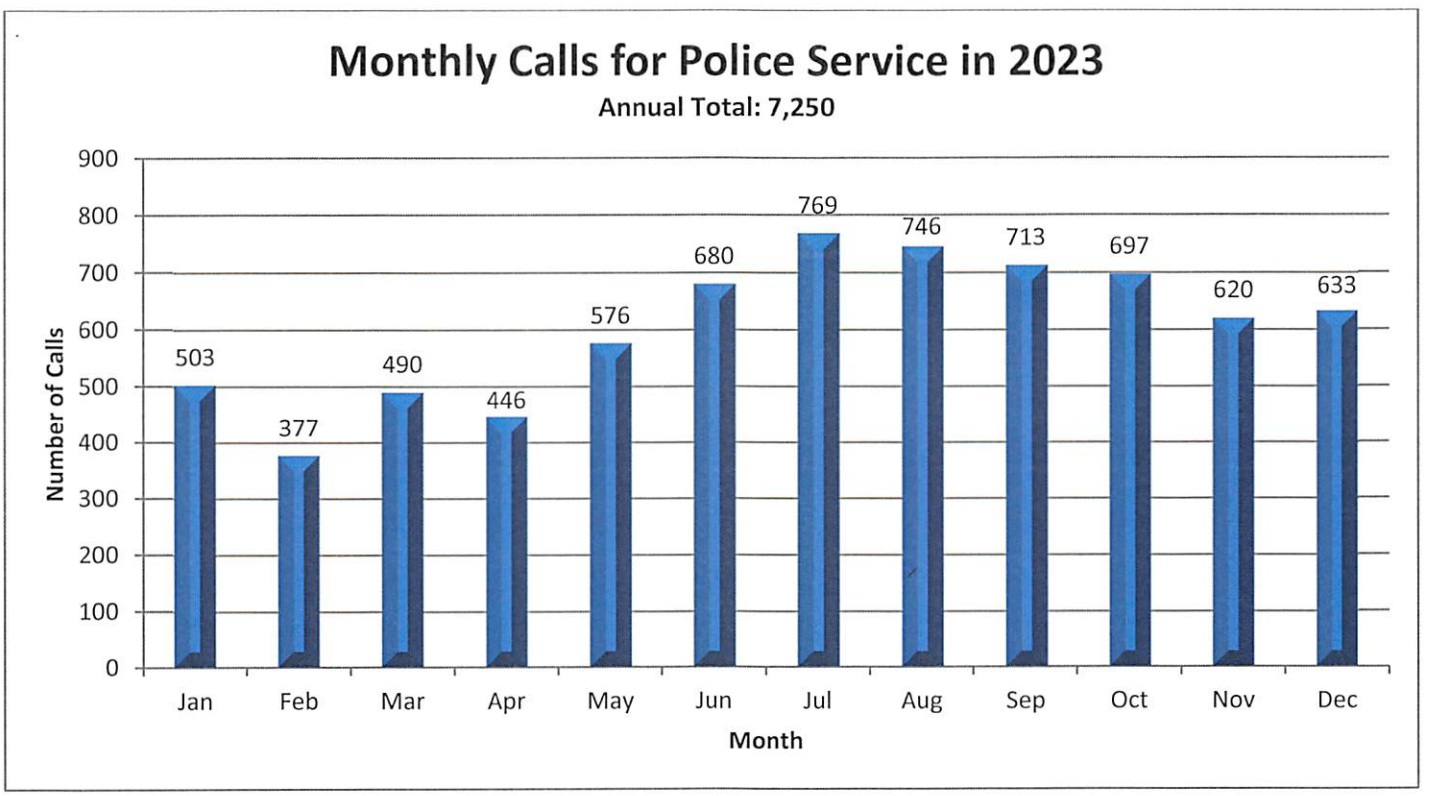
Service Calls


Monthly Calls for Police Service in 2023
Annual Total: 7,250
Number of Calls
900
800
700
600
500
400
300
200
100
0
503
377
490
446
576
680
769
746
713
697
620
633
Jan
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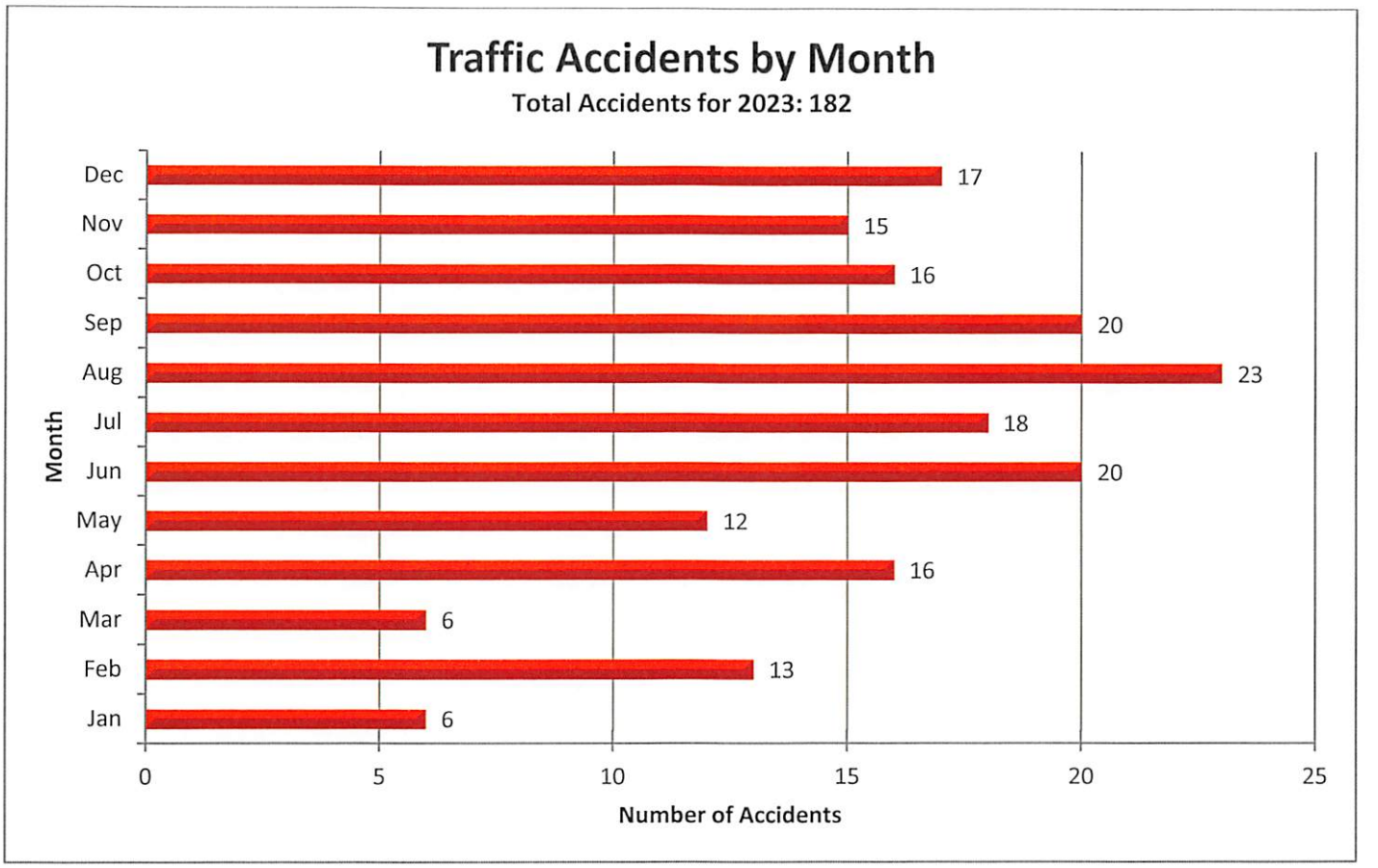
Dec
Month


Traffic Accidents by Month
Total Accidents for 2023: 182
Dec
Nov
Oct
Sep
Aug
Jul
Jun
May
Apr
Mar
Feb
Jan
17
15
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Month
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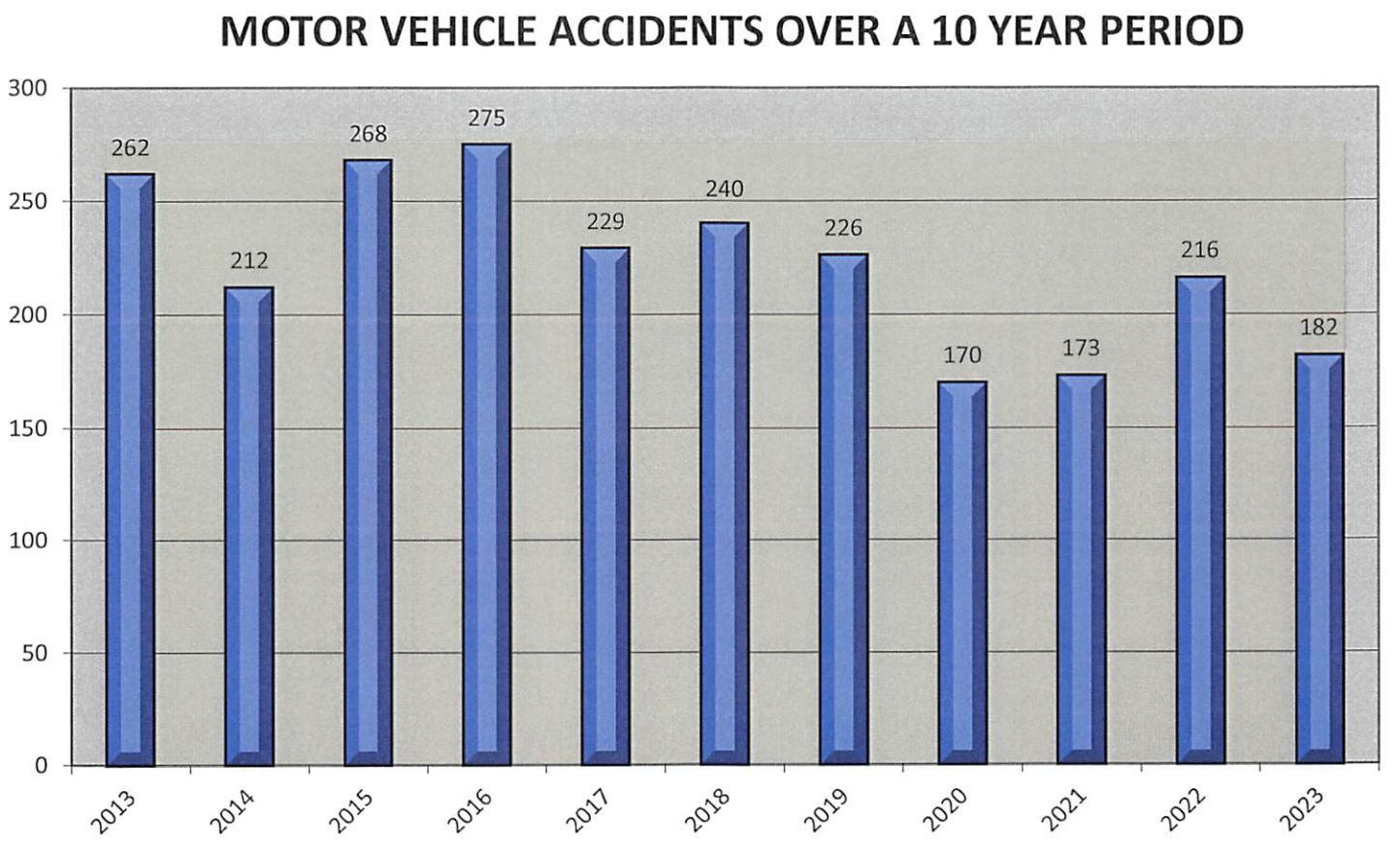
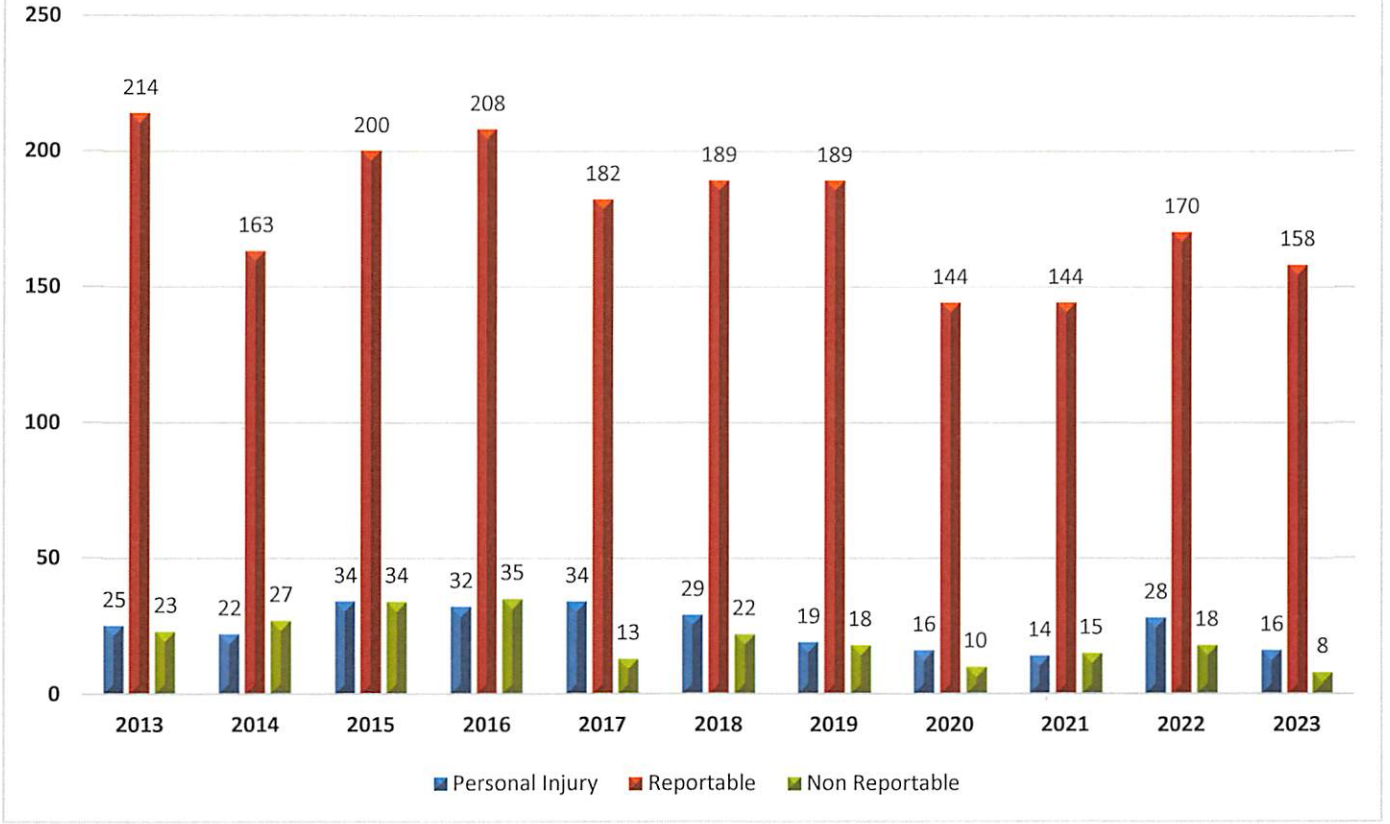
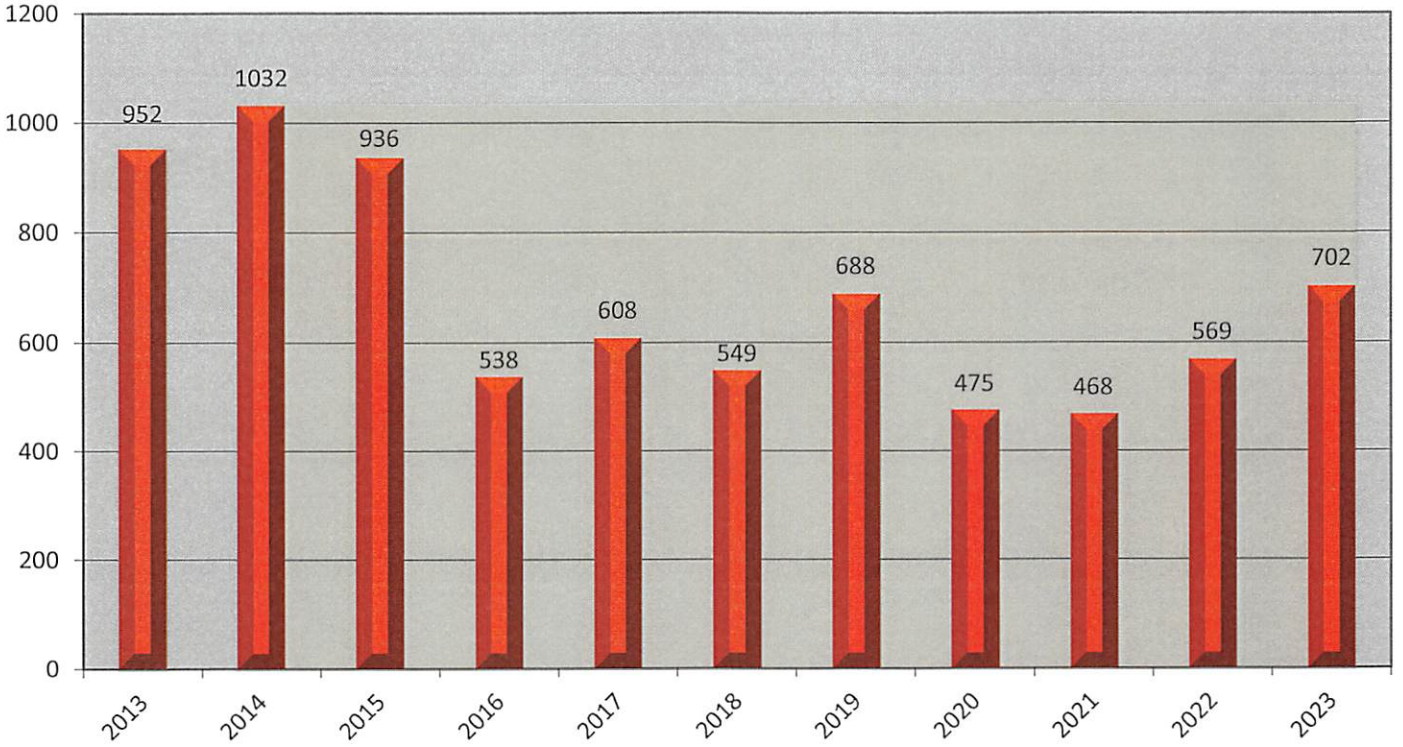
20
25
Number of Accidents


MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS OVER A 10 YEAR PERIOD
300
250
200
150
100
50
0
262
212
268
275
229
240
226
170
173
216
182
2013
2014
2015
2016
2017
2018
2019
2020
2021
2022
2023

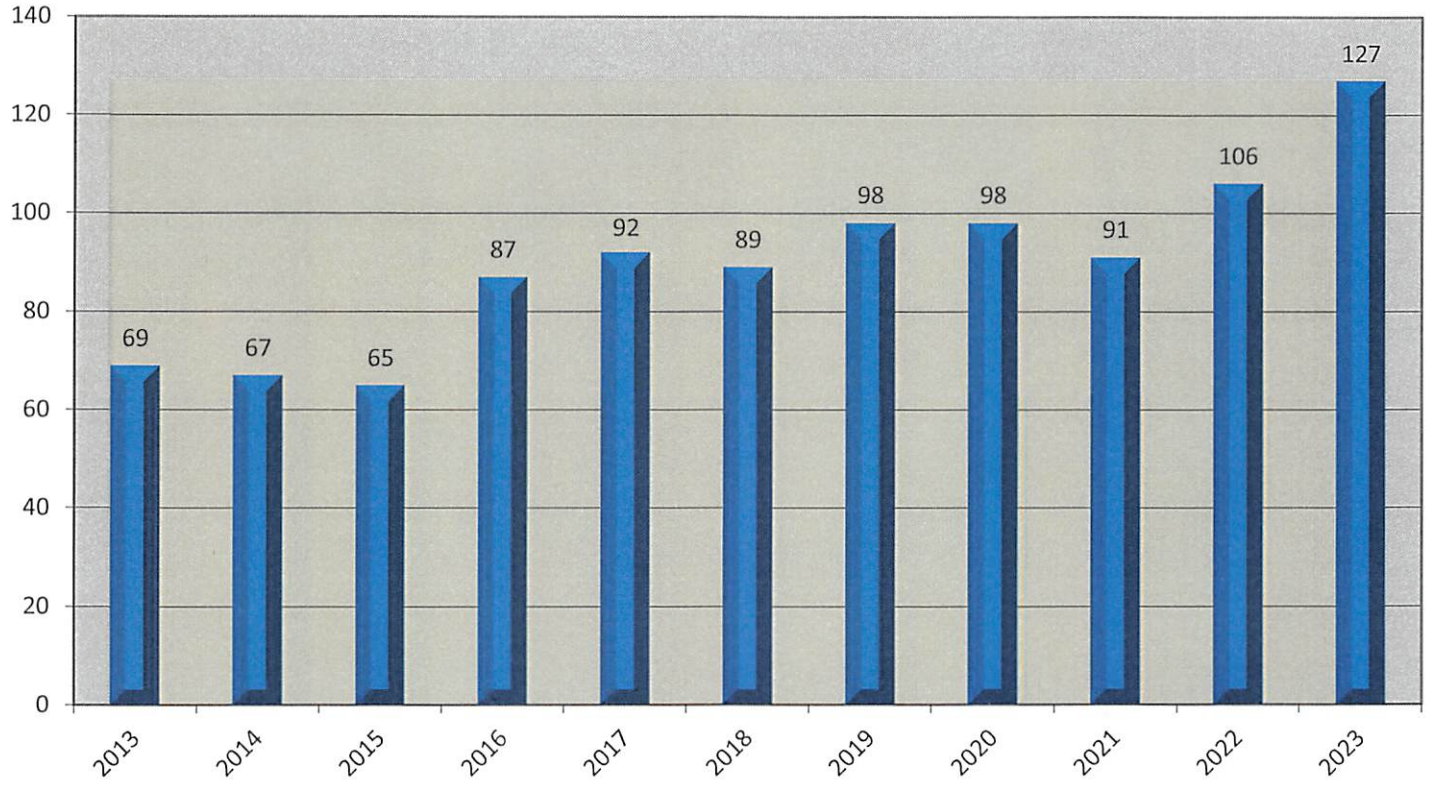
REPORTED ACCIDENTS OVER A 10 YEAR PERIOD



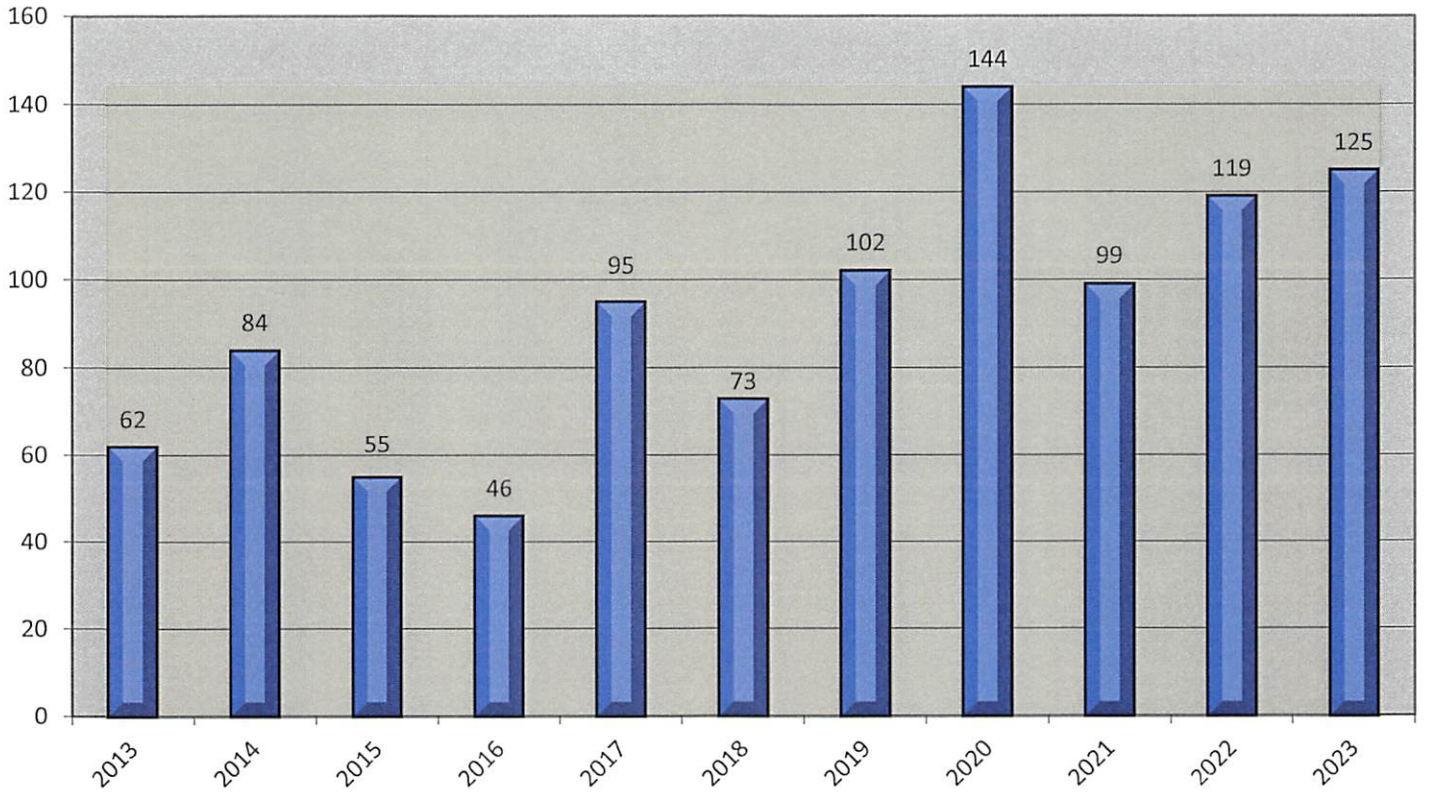
TRAFFIC VIOLATION ARRESTS OVER A 10 YEAR PERIOD



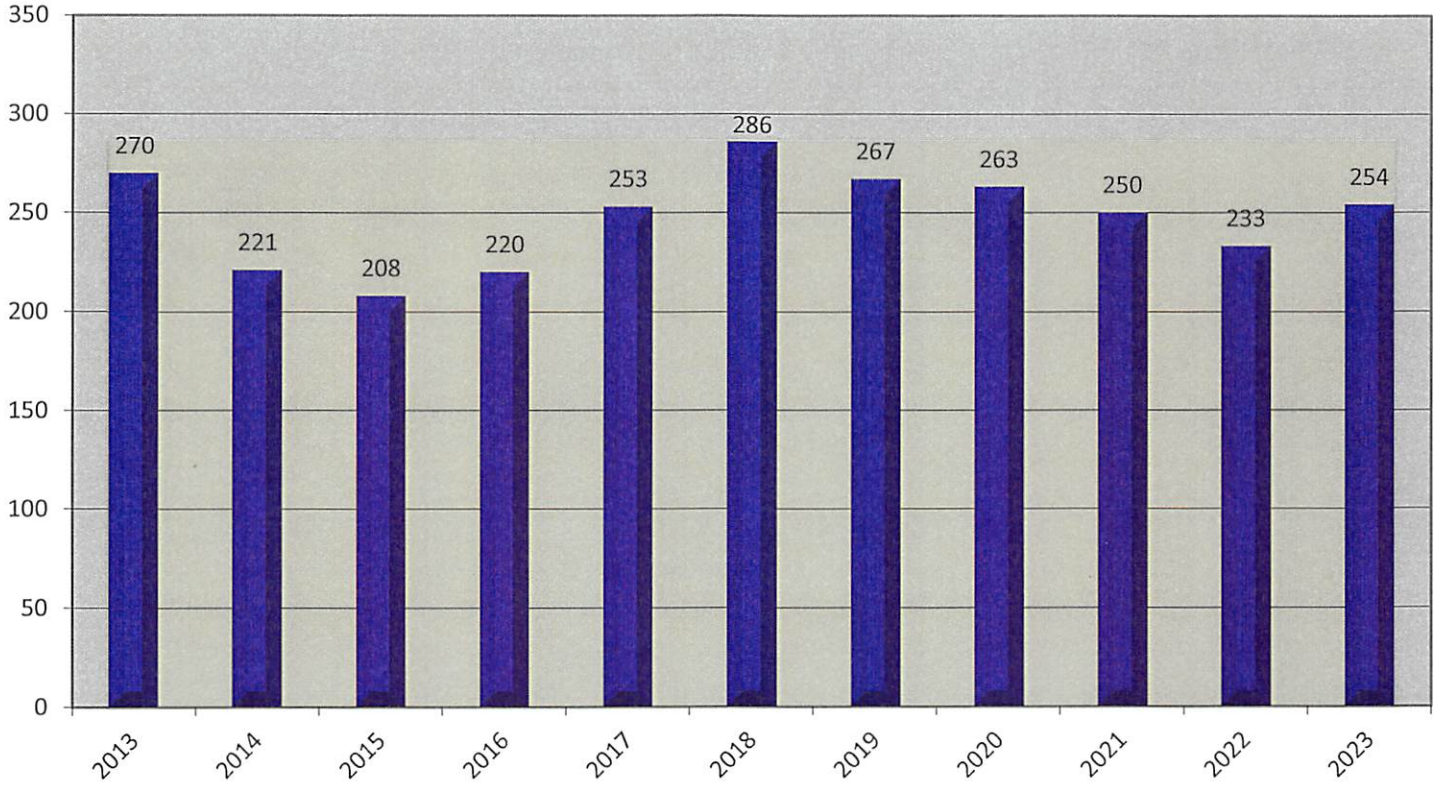
TRAFFIC CRIME ARRESTS OVER A 10 YEAR PERIOD



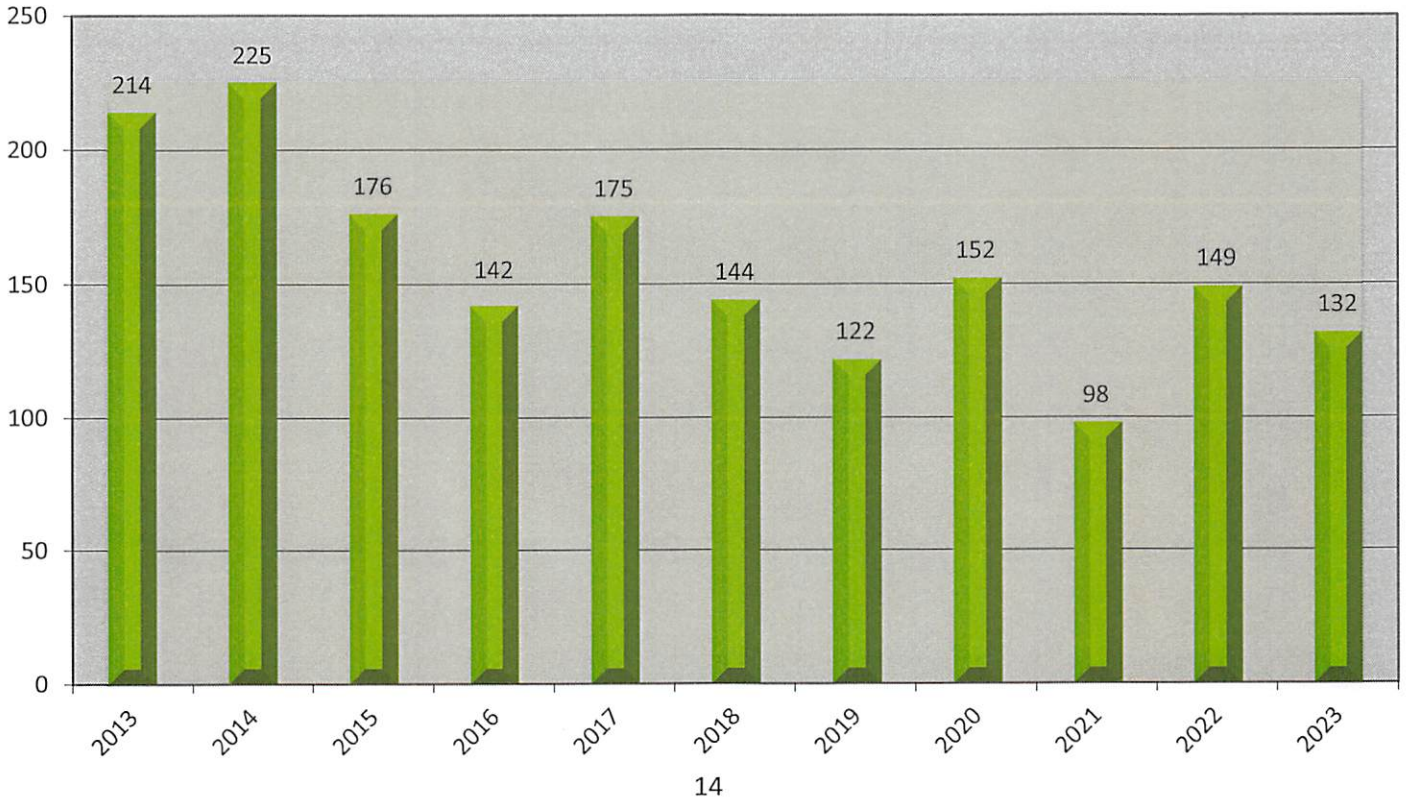
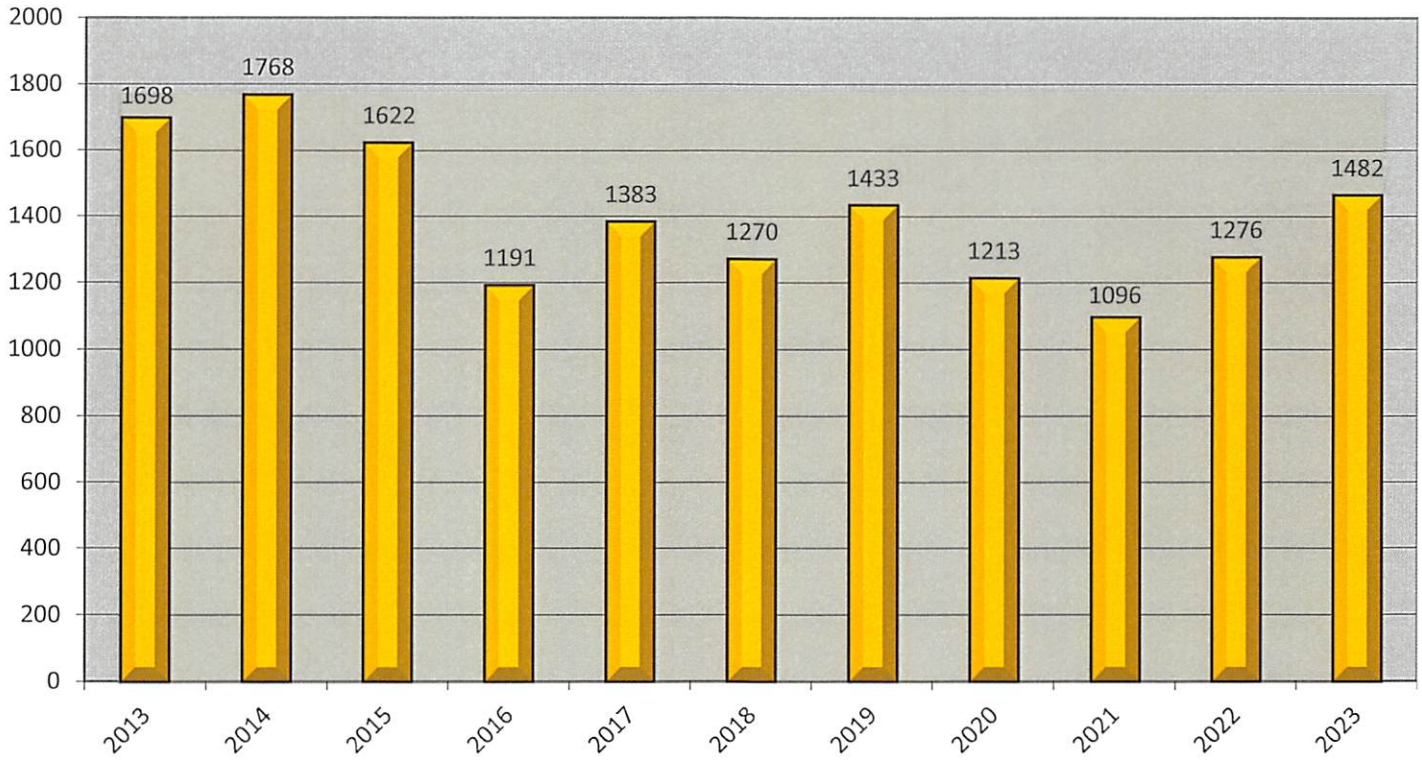
FELONY ARRESTS OVER A 10 YEAR PERIOD



MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS OVER A 10 YEAR PERIOD



ORDINANCE ARRESTS OVER A 10 YEAR PERIOD



TOTAL ARRESTS OVER A 10 YEAR PERIOD