

Goose Creek Police Department 2022 Annual Report



Submitted by:

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LJ Roscoe
Chief of Police

Agency Mission Statement

The mission of the Goose Creek Police Department is to create and maintain a safe city by reducing and deterring crime, ensuring the safety of our residents and visitors by building trust through partnerships with our community.

Agency Vision Statement

The Goose Creek Police Department will strive to represent itself as law enforcement's benchmark for excellence, while exemplifying leadership, professionalism, community policing and aggressive crime fighting.

Department Staffing

The police department was authorized 82 sworn officers and 30 full-time civilians during 2022 as follows:

Chief Executive Officer

01 – Chief of Police

Upper Management

01 – Field Services Division Commander (Captain)

01 – Support Services Commander (Captain)

01 – Administrative Services Division Commander (Captain)

Middle Management and First Line Supervisors (17):

04 – Uniformed Patrol Team Supervisors (Lieutenants)

01 – Strategically Assigned Officer (Lieutenant)

01 – Traffic Team Supervisor (Lieutenant)

01 – Criminal Investigations Supervisor (Lieutenant)

01 – Training Supervisor (Lieutenant)

01 – School Resource Officer (SRO) Supervisor (Lieutenant)

01 – OPS Supervisor/Investigator/Polygraph Examiner (Lieutenant)

04 – Uniformed Assistant Patrol Team Supervisors (Sergeants)

01 – Strategically Assigned Officer (SAO) Supervisor (Sergeant)

01 – Traffic Team Supervisor (Sergeant)

01 – Criminal Investigations Supervisor (Sergeant)

Patrol Officers (45):

04 – Uniformed Patrol Corporals

01 – Traffic Team Corporal

01 – Community Oriented Policing Services Corporal

01 – Training Corporal

24 – Uniformed Patrol Officers

08 – Traffic Team Officers (4-traffic officers are grant funded)

06 – Strategically Assigned Officers

Special Services Officers (7):

06 – School Resource Officers (SROs)

01 – Community Oriented Policing Services Officer

Investigative Personnel (9):

01 – Investigative Corporal

08 – Investigators

Civilian Support Staff (30):

01 – Communications Manager

01 – Forensic Services Manager

03 – Lead Communications Specialists

09 – Communications Specialists

02 – Community Service Specialists

01 – CALEA Accreditation Specialist

03 – Records Clerks

01 – Administrative Coordinator

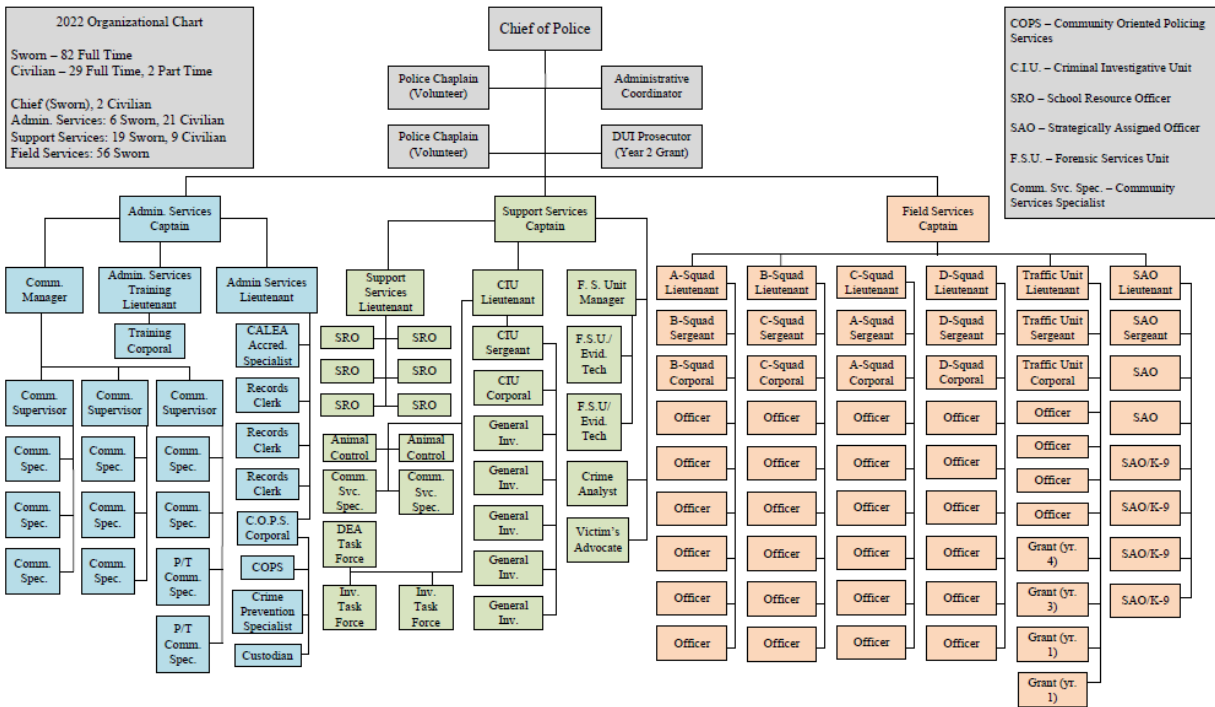
01 – Investigative Specialist

02 – Animal Control Officers

- 01 – Custodian
- 01 – Crime Prevention Specialist
- 02 – Forensic Services Unit
- 01 – Victim Advocate
- 01 – DUI Prosecutor/Attorney

Volunteer Employees (2):

- 02 – Police Chaplain





LJ Roscoe
Chief of Police



Captain Tom Hill
Support Services
Division Commander

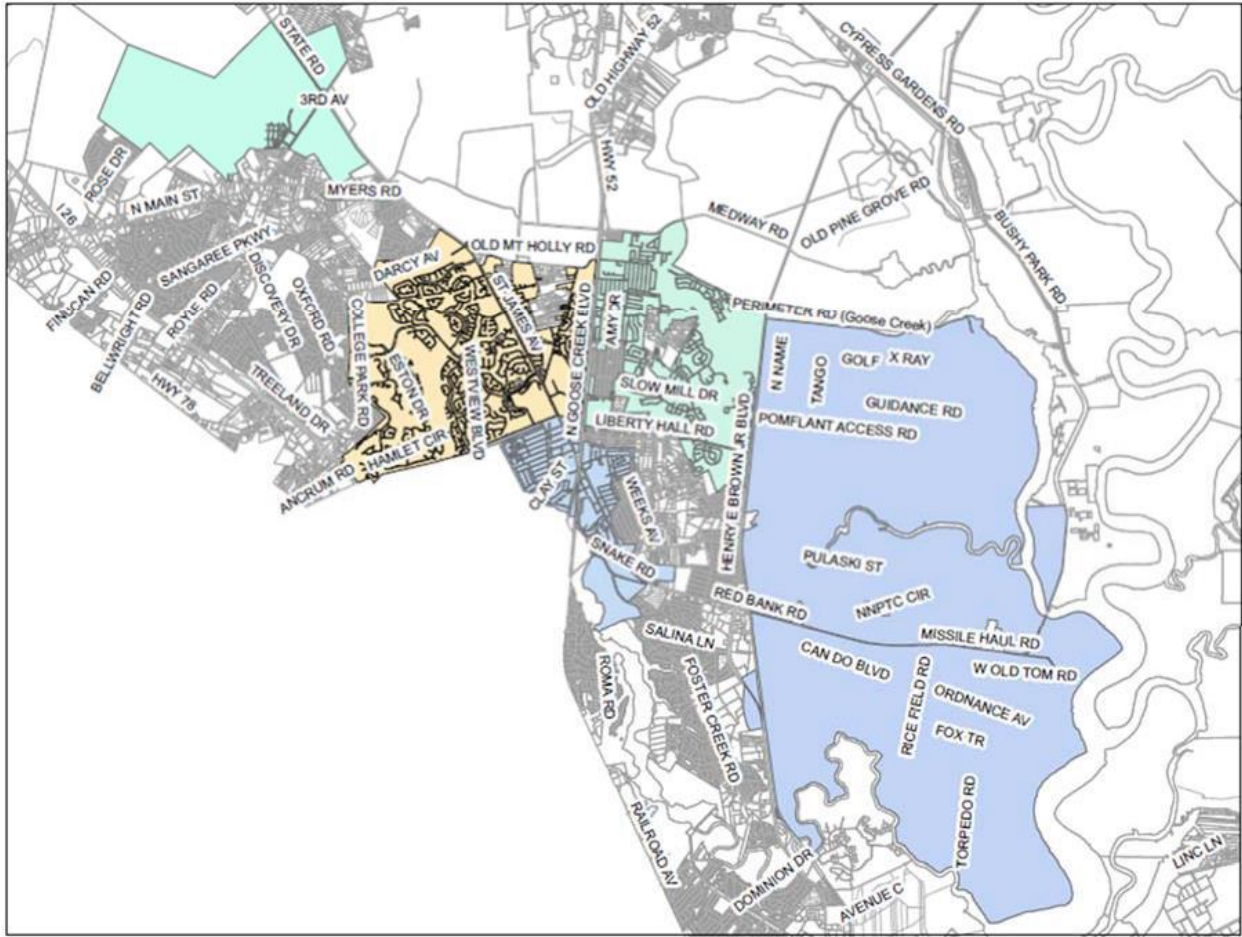


Captain James Brown
Field Services
Division Commander



Captain James Emerson
Administrative Services
Division Commander

Jurisdiction and Service Population

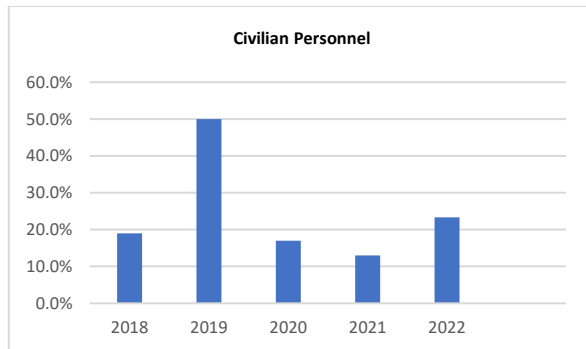
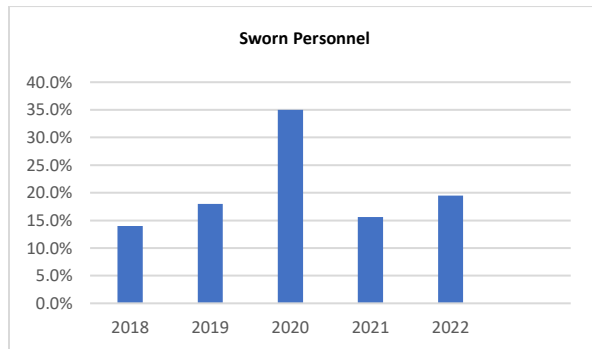


47,457

With a 2022 population of 47,457, it is the 8th largest city in South Carolina and the 918th largest city in the United States. Goose Creek is currently growing at a rate of 2.09% annually and its population has increased by 4.23% since the most recent census, which recorded a population of 45,533 in 2020.

Personnel Turnover

The police department Experience a 19.5% turnover of sworn personnel and a 23.3% turnover of civilian personnel in 2022. Four previous years and numbers are included below for reference.



Promotions

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| • Promoted to Lieutenant | David Banks | 01/10/2022 |
| • Promoted to Lead Comm. Specialist | JaLisa Pressley | 01/24/2022 |
| • Promoted to Lieutenant | Austin Rogers | 03/21/2022 |
| • Promoted to Forensic Services Supervisor | Sandy Favero | 05/02/2022 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Kristine Nolan | 05/30/2022 |
| • Promoted to Lieutenant | Lindsay Wright | 08/08/2022 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Nick Smith | 08/22/2022 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Eric Stewart | 08/22/2022 |
| • Promoted to Captain | James Emerson | 11/14/2022 |
| • Promoted to Sergeant | Orlando Valdez | 11/28/2022 |
| • Promoted to Sergeant | Thomas Tanner | 11/28/2022 |
| • Promoted to Sergeant | Doug Galluccio | 11/28/2022 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Hunter Carter | 11/28/2022 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Michael Aiken | 11/28/2022 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Ty'Shon Witherspoon | 11/28/2022 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Katelyn Usher | 11/28/2022 |

Points of Interest

- January 2022 - We received our official CALEA certification (7th time) as well as certificates of appreciation for both Allegra Robinson and Chief Roscoe for their commitment and dedication to see the process through.
- February 2022 - COPS unit had the honor of participating in a ribbon cutting in Moncks Corner for the first mobile wash station in our region. This was made possible by a nonprofit organization called Jean's Angels. The concept is to provide a place for local

homeless to wash their clothing, a luxury many of us may take for granted. We expect this will be a huge benefit to our county.

- March 2022 - Chief Roscoe, Sergeant Jones, and Officer Aiken attended the 14th Annual K-9 Down Memorial Service. This is the only K9 Memorial Service in the world that honors fallen working dogs. Each year the handler of the fallen dog is invited to come have their dog honored. Unfortunately, due to different circumstances sometimes the handlers cannot attend. As a result, other officers step in for that handler and accept the K9 flag on their behalf. Both Sergeant Jones and Officer Aiken accepted this responsibility.

Chief Roscoe led the missing dog formation carrying in the K9 Down flag followed by one handler simply carrying a leash to indicate the loss of his partner, immediately followed by other K9 handlers with their dogs.

This is a very emotional service to say the least and we were happy to be able to attend and assist with the program. This year dogs were honored from as far away as South Africa, and while that handler could not be present, he did watch the service live on Facebook.

Thank you to Holly Cripps and the WRTP-K9 Memorial organization, for putting this on annually.

- April 2022 - Goose Creek Police Department joined officers from 40 other agencies across the state to participate in the Greg's Groceries packing event. This event is hosted through Serve & Connect. We collectively packed over 2000 boxes of food. The boxes were then distributed to all the different departments to take back into their communities for those in need.

We had fun as always and can't wait until the next event. Thank you, Kassy Alia Ray, for having this vision and for allowing us to be a part of your program.

#TogetherWeAreBetter

- May 2022 - We partnered with the Kennedy Center and participated in the DEA's drug take back day. We collected over 13 pound of excess medications that will not make their way into the wrong hands or on our streets. Thank you to everyone that properly disposed of their unused and unwanted medications.
- June 2022 - The Goose Creek Police Department held our 4th annual Hot Pursuit 5K. All proceeds from the Hot Pursuit 5K go to fund the Shop with a Badge event and Operation Christmas Joy.
- June 2022 - It was brought to our attention that Meals on Wheels needed some help. So, we of course offered our assistance. The COPS unit along with Administrative Coordinator Rebecca Mitchell and Chief Roscoe, delivered 47 boxes to residents in the low country that are part of the Meals on Wheels program.
- July 2022 - Congratulations to our Explorers who recently participated in SCALE at Benedict College. We are happy to announce that our Explorer, Andrea Rivera won Explorer of the year, and we won 1st place in the overall team category. Other individual and team rankings are as follows:

Individual Events:

Female PAT: 3rd Place Penny Martinez

Collision Report: 3rd Place Andrea Rivera

Team Events:

Felony Traffic Stop

1st Place

Fight in Progress	1st Place
Active Shooter	1st Place
DUI Checkpoint	2nd Place
Burglary in Progress	2nd Place
Officer Down	2nd Place
Unknown Risk Traffic Stop	3rd Place
Crime Scene	3rd Place
Search Warrant	3rd Place

- August 2022 - We bid farewell to Crime Prevention Specialist Kevin Scott. Many of you know Kevin from the crime prevention meetings, the Citizens' Academy, and the women's self-defense classes. Kevin came to Goose Creek as a retired police officer and after serving the citizens here for 13 years he has decided it is time to "really" retire. We thank Kevin for all of his years of service to the profession and wish him health and happiness in his retirement.
- September 2022 - Chief Roscoe and Corporal Derrick spoke to seniors at the South Berkeley Senior Center about scams and safety tips from how to secure your purse while walking, to properly maintaining your landscape to avoid it becoming a hiding spot.
- October 2022 - This year was the largest turnout to date for our annual Trunk or Treat, with approximately 1500 people in attendance. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.
- November 2022 - We have exciting news...the police department is getting a therapy dog. Through our contacts and partnerships, Chief Roscoe received a puppy donated to the department by Lesia's Goldendoodles. This puppy is the biological brother of North Charleston Police Department's therapy dog, Hope. Our therapy dog will be handled by Corporal Scott Derrick of our COPS unit.
- December 2022 - We had our Shop with a Badge event. This year we were able to shop with approximately 50 children from Goose Creek and the immediate area. We thank Mr. Booth who owns all the local McDonald's for again supporting us and this event by providing breakfast for all of the children, officers and volunteers as well as providing monetary donations. His staff is the absolute greatest and we thank them all for assisting us each year. Our officers, and especially our Chief, love this event and look forward to it each year. Remember that this event is made possible by our Hot Pursuit 5k which is held each June. We thank everyone that participates in the 5k and everyone that assists with Shop with a Badge. Goose Creek is by far the best City in the State.

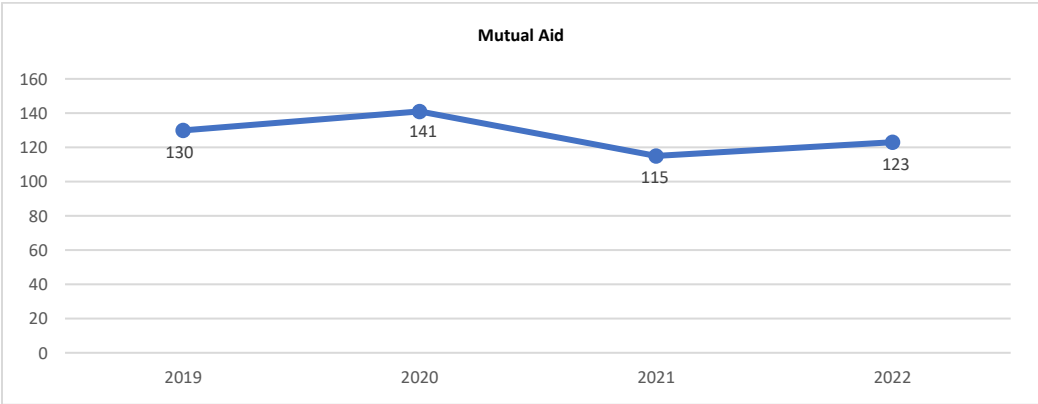
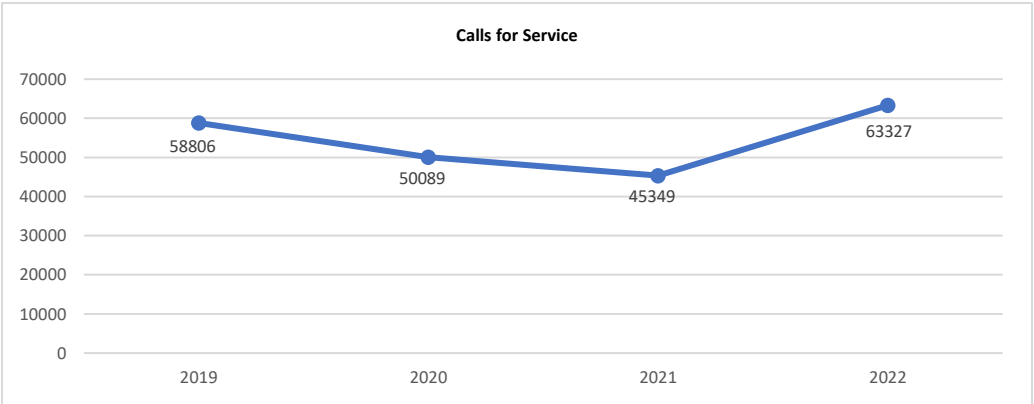
Field Services Division

Staffing and Service Delivery

The Field Services Division is led by a captain, six lieutenants, six sergeants, five corporals and allocated thirty-eight officers. Twenty-four-hour coverage of the city is provided by twelve hour overlapping shifts.

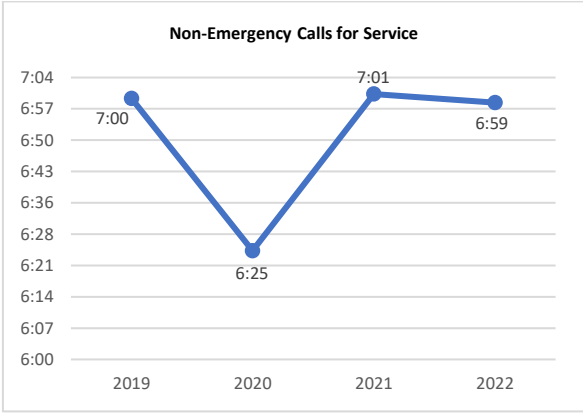
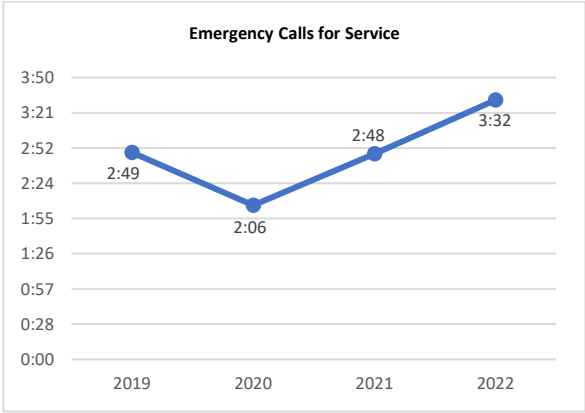
Calls for Service

The Field Services Division answered the majority of the agency’s 63,327 calls for service in 2022 (+39.64%). Of the total calls for service, 123 (+6.95%) were calls from the Berkeley County Sheriff’s Office requesting mutual aid assistance to incidents in their jurisdiction where they had not yet arrived on scene or could not respond due to personnel shortages. Previous years included for reference.



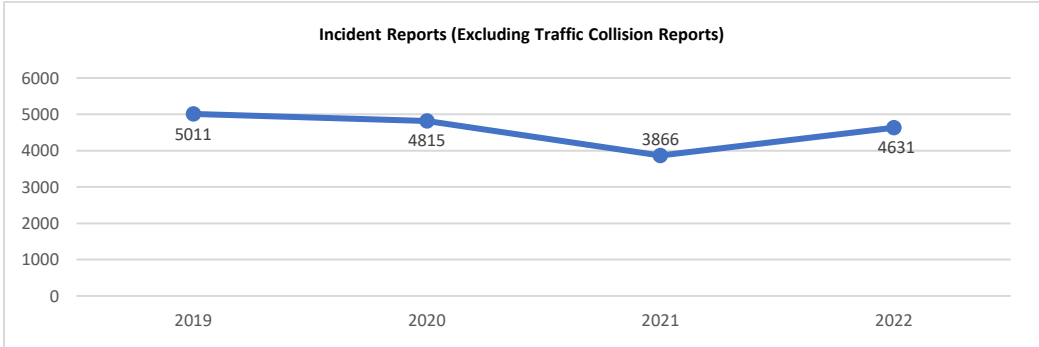
Response Times

Response times for 2022 were six minutes, fifty-nine seconds for non-emergency calls for service and three minutes, thirty-two seconds for emergency calls for service. Three previous years’ numbers are included below for reference:



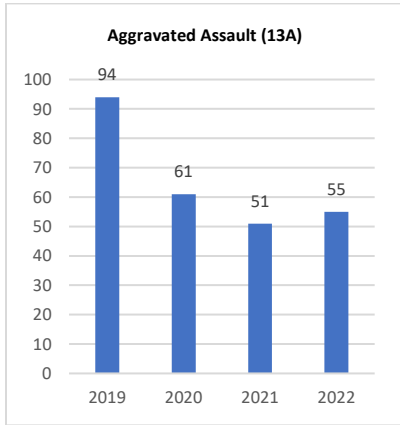
Crime Reporting and Enforcement

The Field Services Division wrote the majority of the department’s 6145 total reports in 2022. Of these reports 4,631 (+19.78%) incident reports were related to criminal and/or non-criminal incidents (excluding traffic collisions). Three previous years’ numbers are included for reference.

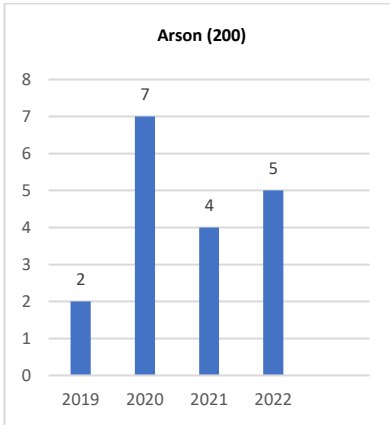


Part 1 crimes include eight individual crimes chosen by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) regulations. These crimes are chosen because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to police. Part 1 crimes are used to compare crime relatively between jurisdictions based on ratios per 1,000 residents.

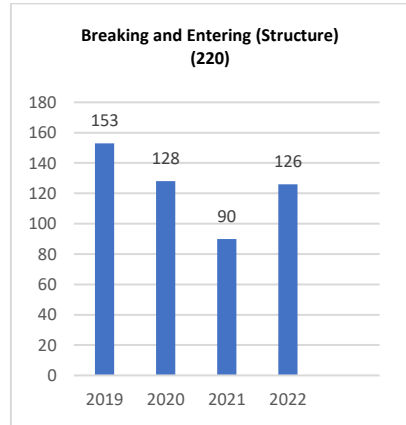
The following are the Part 1 Offenses (to include the UCR Code), with three previous years' numbers for comparison.



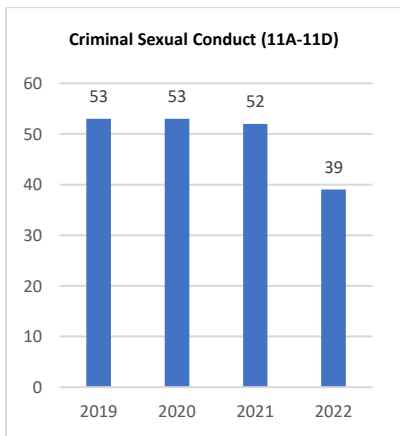
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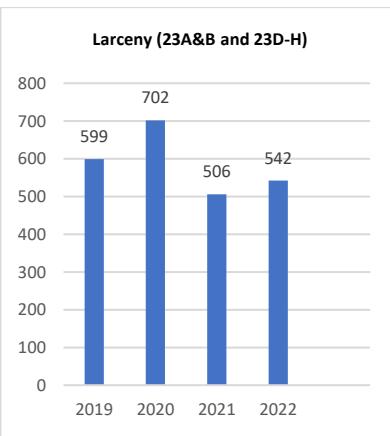
+25% from 2021



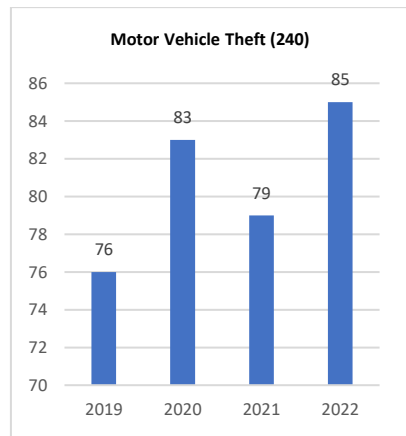
+40% from 2021



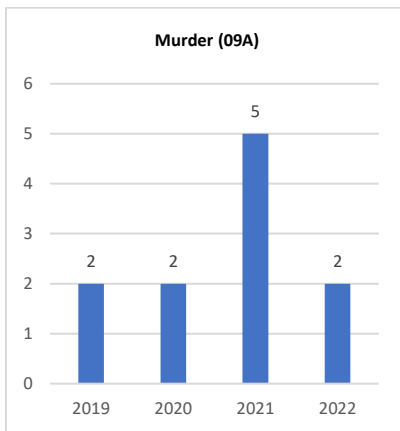
-25% from 2021



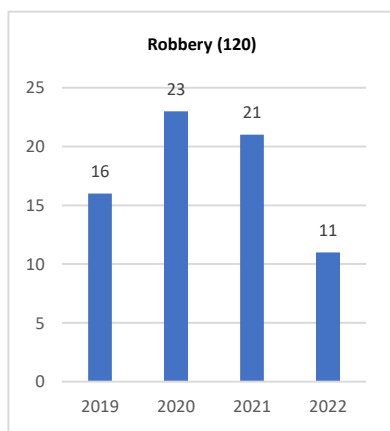
+7.11% from 2021



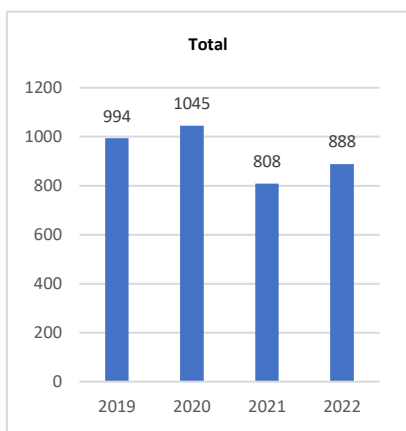
+7.59% from 2021



-60% from 2021



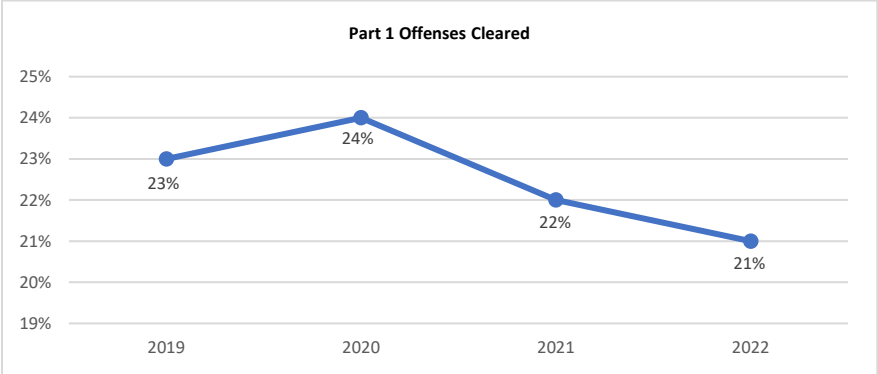
-47.61% from 2021



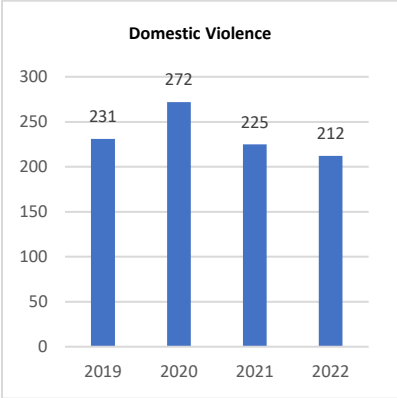
+9.90% from 2021

Cases can be cleared in multiple ways. The closure statuses approved for Uniform Crime Report standards are: Cleared by arrest; Prosecution Declined; Occasionally there are circumstances beyond the control of law enforcement that exist once the offender is identified

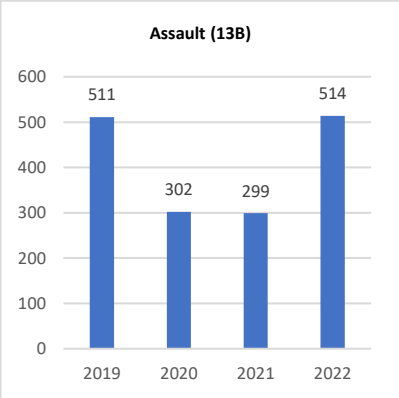
and located such as the offender’s death; Victims who refuse to cooperate; Extradition from another state being denied; and certain cases involving juveniles.



Also included in the total reports written are the following 2022 offenses with three previous years’ numbers included for reference:



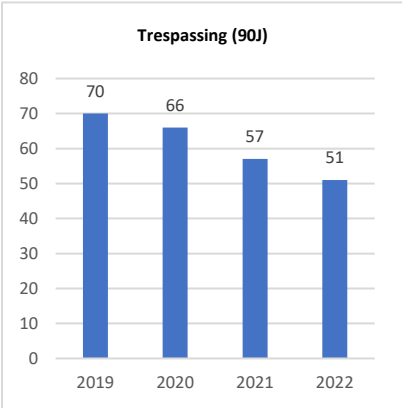
-5.77% from 2021



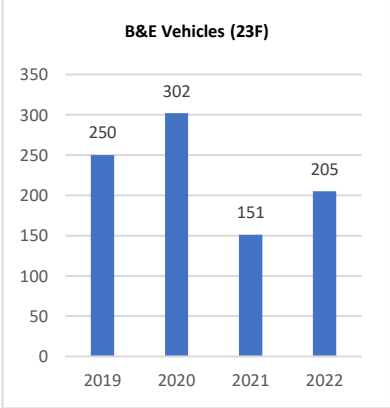
+71.90% from 2021



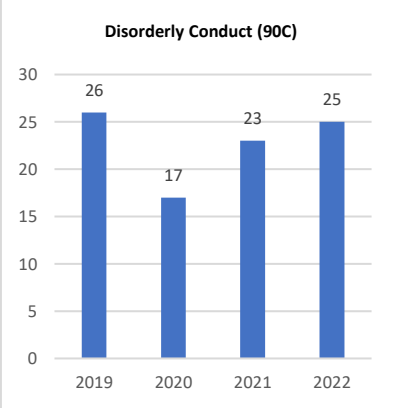
-40.90% from 2021



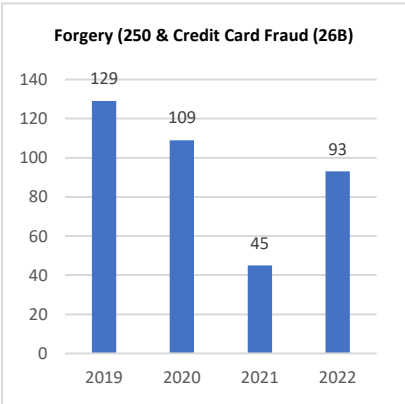
-10.52% from 2021



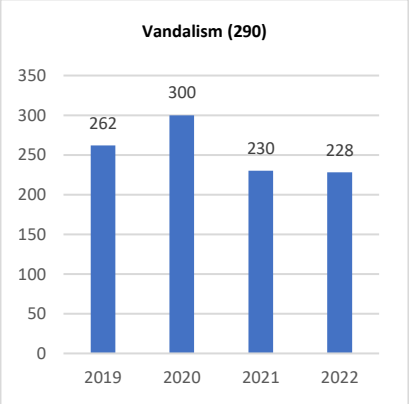
+35.76% from 2021



+8.69% from 2021

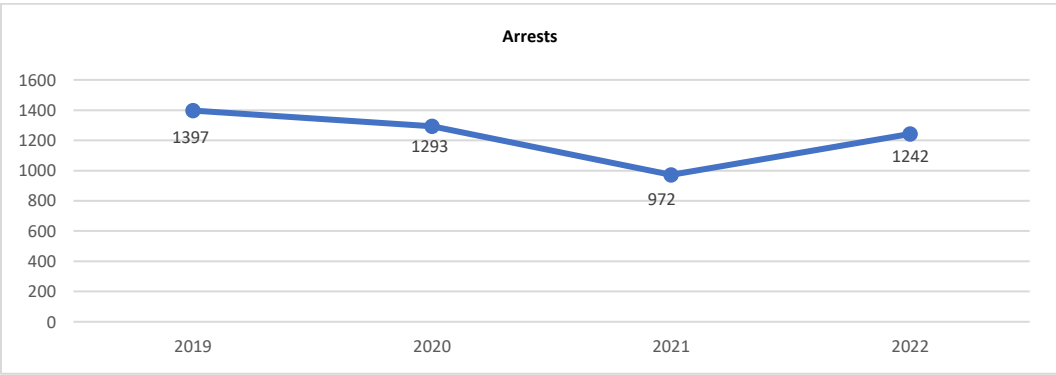


+106.66% from 2021



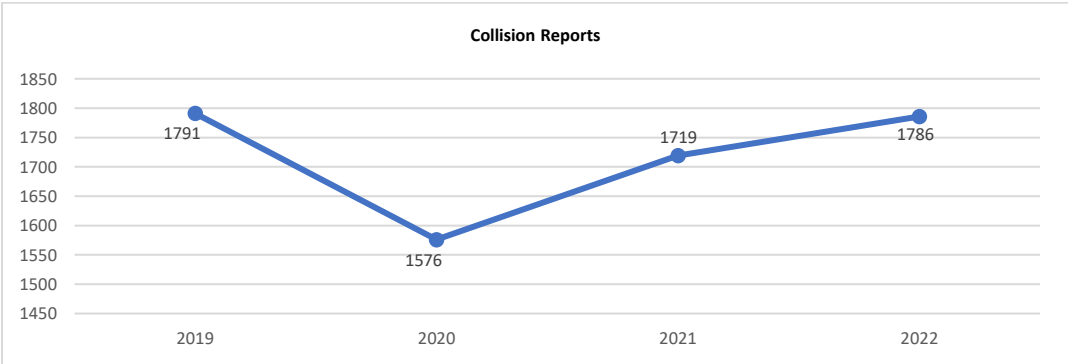
-.86% from 2021

The Field Services Division made a majority of the department's 1242 (+27.77% from 2021) arrests in 2022. Three Previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

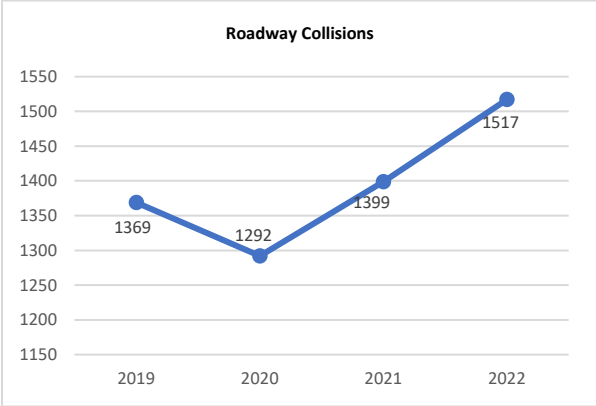


Traffic Collisions

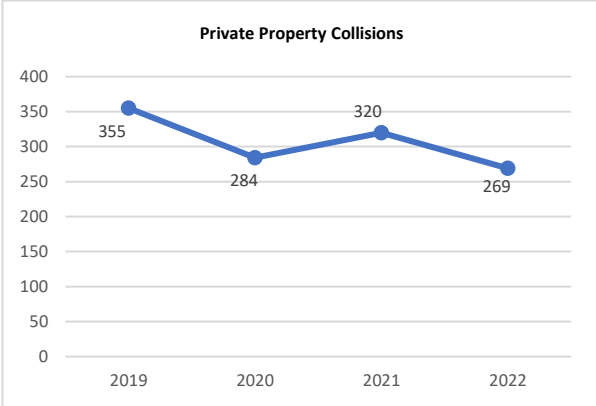
There were 1,786 (+3.89% from 2021) traffic collisions investigated during calendar year 2022. Three previous years' numbers are included below for reference.



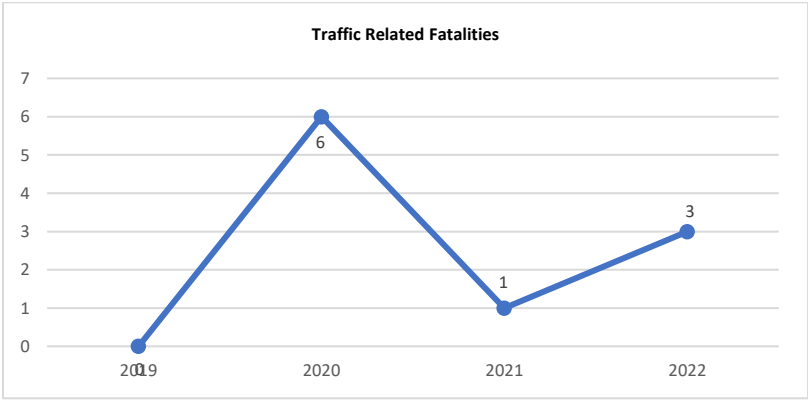
Traffic collisions were investigated both on roadways and private property. A breakdown of traffic collisions by location with three previous years as reference is as follows:



+8.43% from 2021

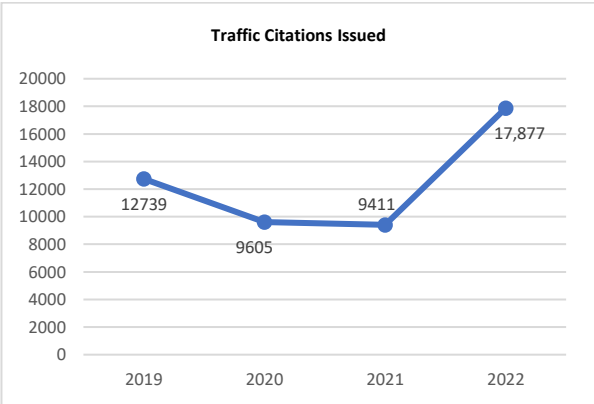
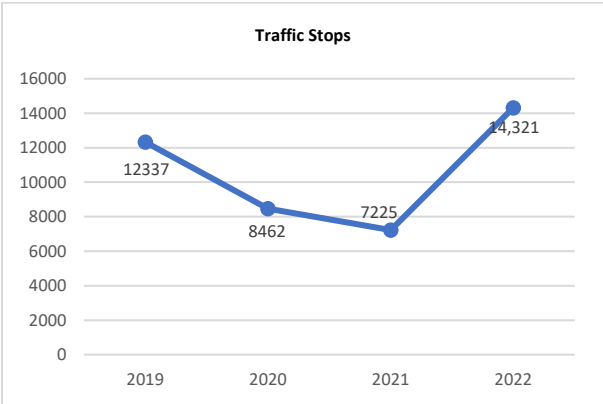


-15.93% from 2021

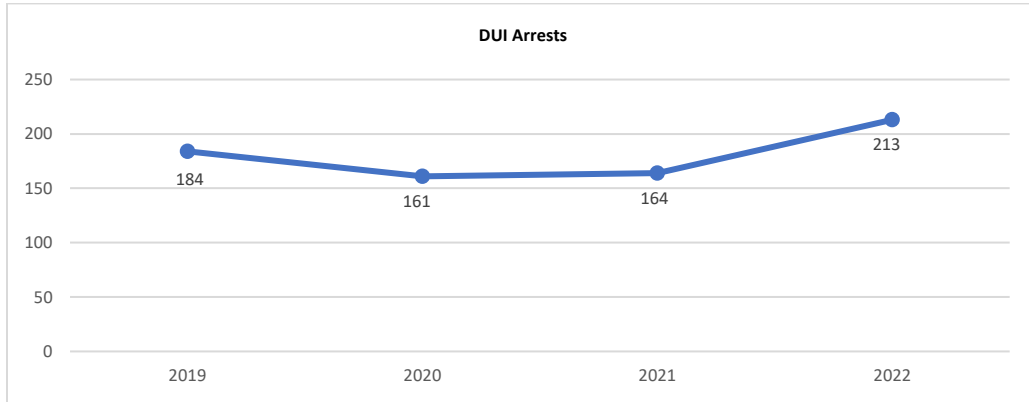


Traffic Enforcement

There were 14,321 (+98.21% from 2021) traffic stops conducted and 17,877 (+89.95% from 2021) traffic citations issued by patrol and traffic officers. Three previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

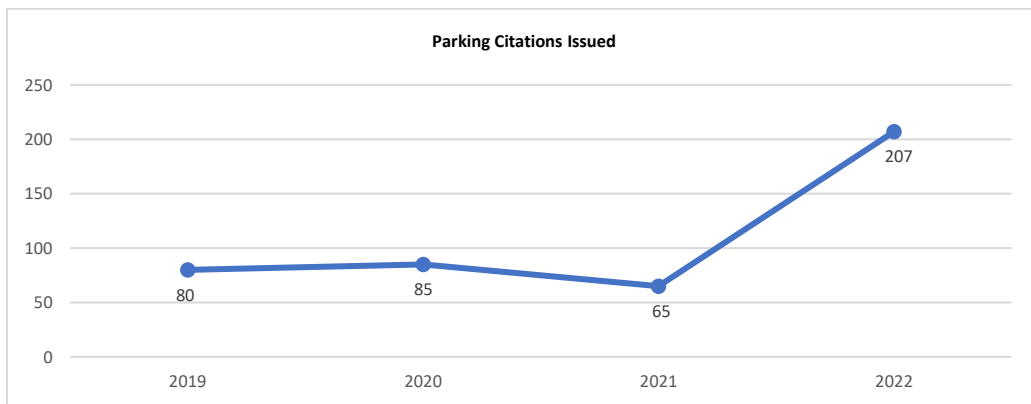


Patrol and Traffic Officers arrested 213 (+29.87% from 2021) motorists for driving under the influence (DUI) in 2022. Three previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Parking Enforcement

There were 207 (+218.46% from 2021) parking citations issued in 2022. Three previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Support Services Division

Staffing and Service Delivery

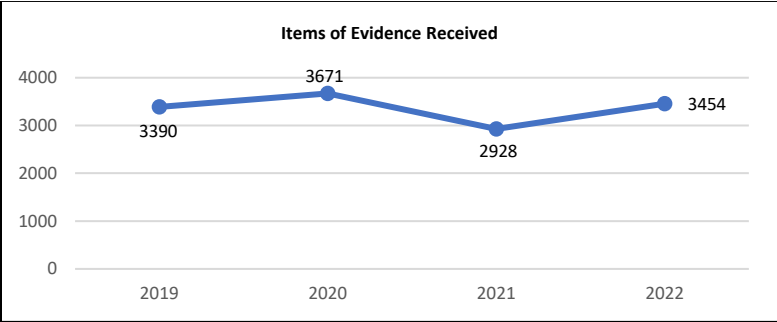
The Support Services Division is led by a police Captain, two Lieutenants, one Sergeant, one Corporal, one Forensic Services Unit Supervisor (Civilian), and during 2022 was allocated fourteen sworn officers and eight civilian support staff members.

The Criminal Investigative Unit was fully staffed for the majority of 2022 which allowed for more case assignments to be made in contrast to previous years that were affected by a shortage of personnel. We continued to have two investigators assigned to the Berkeley County Narcotics Task Force as well as adding an additional Investigator that was assigned to the Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force.

Arson	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	100%
Commercial Burglary	4	2	0	0	0	2	2	50%
Residential Burglary	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	67%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
B & E Motor Vehicle	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	100%
Grand Larceny	6	1	1	0	2	2	2	33%
All Other Larcenies	26	3	4	3	4	12	22	85%
Forgery	23	11	1	0	4	7	12	52%
Fraud	30	5	5	5	8	7	15	50%
Identity Theft	6	0	0	2	1	3	2	33%
Receive/Posses Stolen Property	6	3	0	1	0	2	4	67%
Breach of Trust	5	3	0	0	1	1	3	60%
Obtain Money by False Pretenses	5	1	0	0	1	3	1	20%
Runaway	18	1	13	4	0	0	18	100%
Missing Person	13	0	8	5	0	0	13	100%
Neglect of a Child	7	3	1	2	1	0	6	86%
Cruelty to Children	6	0	2	2	2	0	4	67%
Contribute to Delinquency of Minor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Sexual Exploitation of a Minor	12	1	3	3	5	0	7	58%
Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	100%
Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult	6	0	0	3	3	0	3	50%
All Other Crimes	32	2	2	14	8	6	18	56%
Death Investigations	32	1	4	26	1	0	31	97%
<u>Vice Crimes:</u>								
Narcotic Investigations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Organized Crime Investigations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Totals:	304	56	53	86	53	56	251	83%

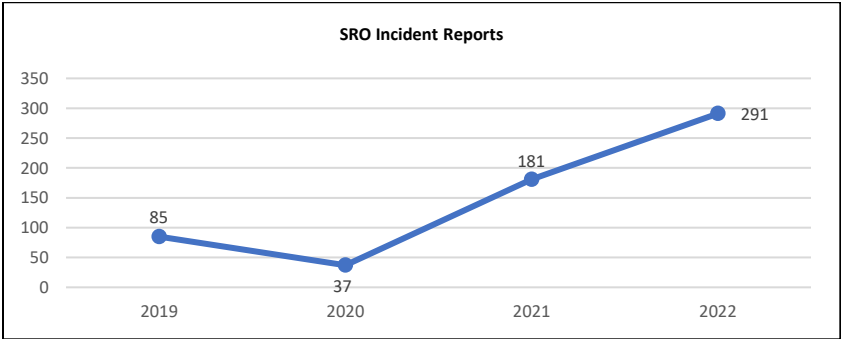
Evidence

The Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs) / Evidence Technicians processed 3454 (18%) items of evidence in 2022.



School Resource Officers

The department has two full-time school resource officers (SRO) assigned to Stratford High School, one full-time SRO assigned to Westview Middle School, one full-time SRO assigned to Marrington Elementary/Marrington Middle School, and one (grant funded) SRO position at Goose Creek Elementary School. During the 2022 school year, a new SRO position was added at Meyer’s School of Excellence. We also received one new grant funded SRO position at Boulder Bluff Elementary School. The supervising Lieutenant floats between all nine schools in the city limits. SROs wrote 291 incident reports in 2022, which is a 61% increase from 2021. This increase was the result of a proactive approach within the schools as well as the addition of new schools. Three previous years’ numbers are included below for reference:



Law Enforcement Explorers

The Law Enforcement Explorer Program is a partnership between the Boy Scouts of America and the Goose Creek Police Department. Explorers are young men and women between the ages of fourteen and twenty. Explorers learn the various aspects

of law enforcement and compete in local and state competitions, as well as serve in and assist with the many special events and programs in which the Police Department participates. Currently, there are thirty-three Law Enforcement Explorers.

Explorers will participate in the biennial S.C.A.L.E. competition again in 2023.

Youth Court

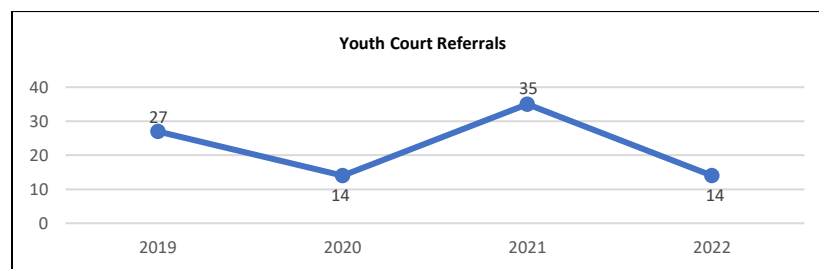
Youth Court provides a service that is two-fold. The purpose of Youth Court is to give juvenile offenders the opportunity to be tried by a group of peers instead of a typical jury trial. The program also educates the teenagers conducting the trial – teaching them about the judicial process and the rule of law through a hands-on approach. These courts continue as one of the fastest growing crime intervention and prevention programs in the nation.

The Goose Creek High School Youth Court offers a judicial procedure in which peers sentence nonviolent juvenile offenders. By involving the community and family members of offenders and victims, Youth Court influences the lives of juveniles in a unique and positive way. The program is sanctioned by the 9th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

Youth Court is comprised of students from Goose Creek high school. Students can elect to become a part of the Youth Court Program by signing up for this credited course.

The students are given Youth Court training classes through several means other than the assigned instructor. City judges, police officers, and attorneys are called in as guest instructors. During court, each student is given the opportunity to be the bailiff, defense, or prosecuting attorney, or one of the three judges who preside over each individual case.

The program is very successful for both the teenage participants and the juvenile offenders. Officers referred fourteen (a 60% decrease from 2021) cases to Youth Court in 2022.

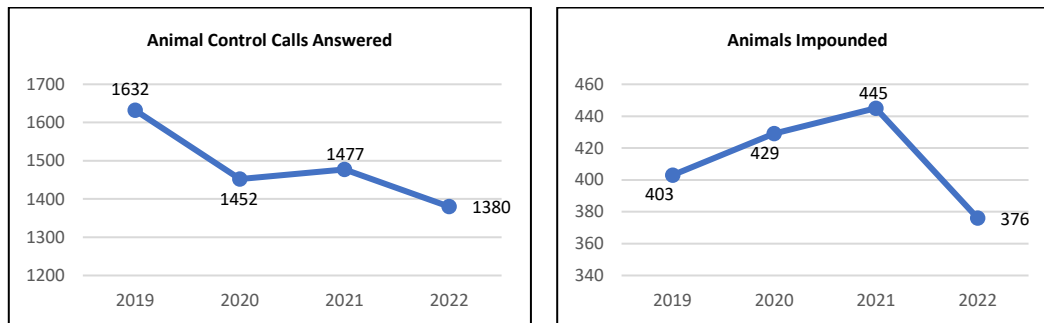


Animal Control Services

The department provides two animal control officers. These are non-sworn employees who wear a designated animal control uniform. They respond and deliver essential

services using marked animal control vehicles (pickup trucks). In August of 2022 one of our Animal Control Officers fell ill and was unable to return to work.

Animal control officers answered 1,380 (a decrease of 6.6% from 2021) calls for service and impounded 376 (a decrease of 15.5% from 2021) animals in 2022. The numbers for 2022 were adversely affected by numerous periods where the Berkeley County Animal Shelter was full and refused to intake animals unless they were injured. Three previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Accreditation

The department completed our year 1 assessment by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The review of our files was conducted virtually via PowerDMS in November of 2022. The review found that the department was 100% in compliance with all standards assessed.

Administrative Services Division

Staffing and Service Delivery

The Administrative Services Division consists of eight (8) components: Internal Affairs, Training, Communications, Records, Custodian, Crime Prevention, Grants, and Community Oriented Policing Service Officer (COPS).

Administrative Services is led by one (1) Captain, two (2) Lieutenants, one (1) Sergeant, two (2) Corporals and one (1) certified Community Oriented Policing Services Officer. The division is also allocated nineteen (19) civilian support staff members.

Grants

The department applied for and received the following grants from the state and federal government:

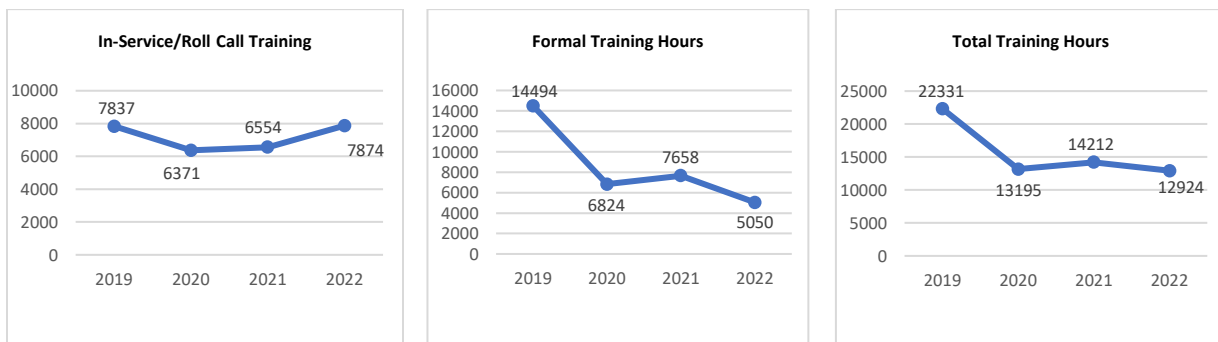
- South Carolina Department of Public Safety Grants
 - Impaired Driving Countermeasures Officer
 - Year 7 approval, which will fund two officers for one year (\$157,056.00).
 - Traffic Enforcement Officer

- Year 6 approval, which will fund two officers for one year (\$157,056.00).
 - Special DUI Prosecutor Grant
 - Year 4 approval, which will fund one DUI Prosecutor for one year (\$99,338.00).
 - School Resource Officer Program
 - Year 3 approval, which will fund two officers for one year (\$196,275.00).
 - Body-Worn Cameras (BWC) Fund Cash Award
 - \$93,637.38 for BWC-related maintenance and/or storage costs.
 - In-Car Video Cameras Fund Cash Award
 - \$10,916.64 for In-Car Video Cameras (ICVC)
 - \$14,121.82 for ICVC supporting item costs
 - \$10,000.00 for ICVC-related maintenance and/or storage costs.
- Federal Funded – Department of Justice Grant Program
 - Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership
 - Reimburses 50% of the costs (Total cost of bulletproof vest purchased in 2022 was \$39,437.00). Reimbursement amount should be \$19,718.50
 - Federal Justice Assistance Grant
 - \$10,219.00 to purchase three mobile fingerprint identification and facial recognition devices

Training Department

A quality training program is a department priority. The department conducted 7,874 in-service/roll-call training hours, 5,050 formal training hours, and a grand total of 12,924 department-wide training hours.

Three previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Crime Prevention

The Administrative Services Division is responsible for the Police Department's community-oriented policing activities. Crime prevention and education programs allow citizens to become a vital partner in the city's safety efforts.

To foster increased participation and equitable representation Citywide, the police department has a full-time crime prevention specialist position in order to better meet the needs of the city. This function conducted four (4) crime prevention meetings, fifteen (15) child safety seat checks,

made four (4) business contacts, held two (2) citizens academies, and coordinated four (4) Women Self Defense Seminars in the 2022 calendar year.

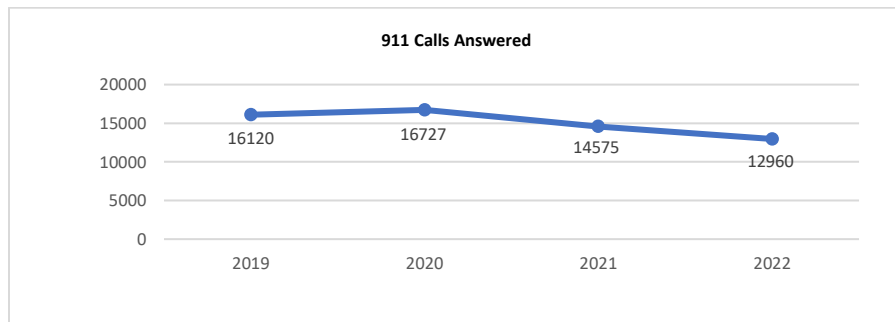
Communications

The City of Goose Creek Police Department’s communications center is a 24-hour operation staffed by three (3) communications supervisors, ten (10) full-time and two (2) part-time communications specialists under general supervision of the communications manager.

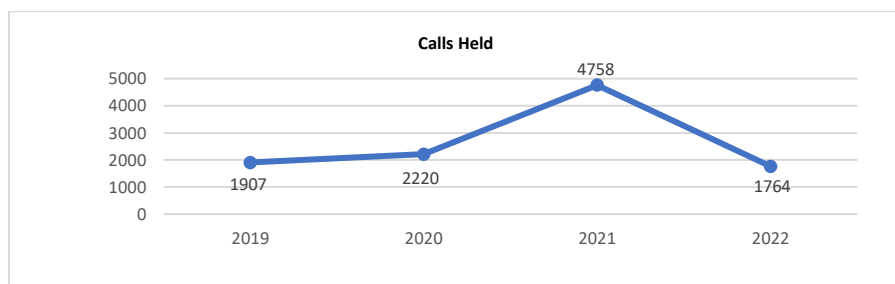
The communications center is responsible for dispatching and monitoring all radio equipment for the city to include police, fire, EMS, mutual aid, public works, and sanitation.

Communications specialists are responsible for gathering information, evaluating situations, processing all information into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, assisting callers, and dispatching the proper parties to related calls.

The communications center received 12,960 (-11.08%) 911 calls during 2022. Three previous years’ numbers are included below for reference:



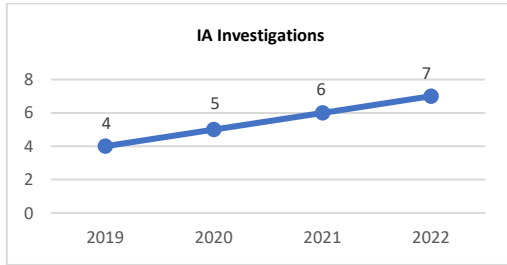
During 2022 the communications center held 1,764 (-62.93%) calls, which occur when all on-duty officers are assigned to other calls and unable to respond to calls pending. Three previous years’ numbers are included below for reference:



Internal Affairs

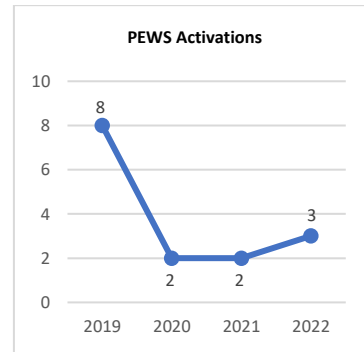
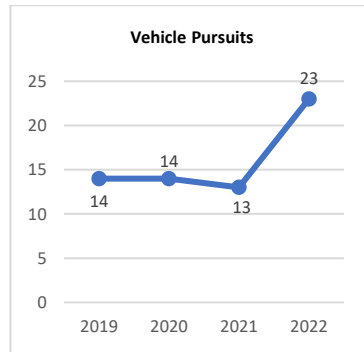
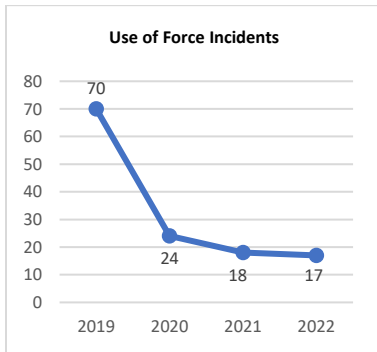
Complaints made against the agency or personnel are classified as either Supervisory Investigations (SIs), which are complaints of a minor nature, or Internal Affairs (IAs), which are complaints of a more egregious nature. A total of seven (7) IA investigations and twenty-seven (27) separate SI investigations were conducted subsequent to internal and external complaints.

Internal Affairs and Supervisory Investigations Conducted:



Administrative Reviews

A total of seventeen (17) incidents involving use-of-force occurred in 2022. This is a 5.5% decrease from 2021. A total of Twenty-three (23) vehicle pursuits were reviewed and statistically tracked, which was a 76.9% increase from 2021. Three (3) Personnel Early Warning System (PEWS) alerts were generated. This was an 50% increase from 2021.



Applicant Processing and Testing

A total of 203 sworn and 121 civilian applicants were processed for potential employment in 2022. Processing includes, at a minimum, logging biographical data and checking criminal and driving records.

Polygraph Examinations

A total of 62 polygraph examinations were conducted. The total number of polygraphs includes both inter and intra-agency examinations for criminal and pre-employment polygraphs.