

Goose Creek Police Department 2021 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 77 sworn officers and 30 full-time civilians during 2021 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 (Sergeant)

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 (48):

04 – Uniformed Patrol Corporals

01 – Traffic Team Corporal

24 – Uniformed Patrol Officers

06 – Traffic Team Officers (2-traffic officers were added via grant funding)

07 – Strategically Assigned Officers (4 are assigned a K-9 working dog)

Special Services Officers (4):

05 – School Resource Officers (SROs)

01 – Community Oriented Policing Services Officer

Investigative Personnel (7):

01 – Investigative Corporal

07 – Investigators

Civilian Support Staff (30):

01 – Communications Supervisor

01 – Forensic Services Supervisor

02 – Lead Communications Specialists

10 – Communications Specialists

02 – Community Service Specialists

01 – CALEA Accreditation Specialist

03 – Records Clerks

01 – Administrative Assistant

01 – Crime Analyst/Investigative Specialist

02 – Animal Control Officers

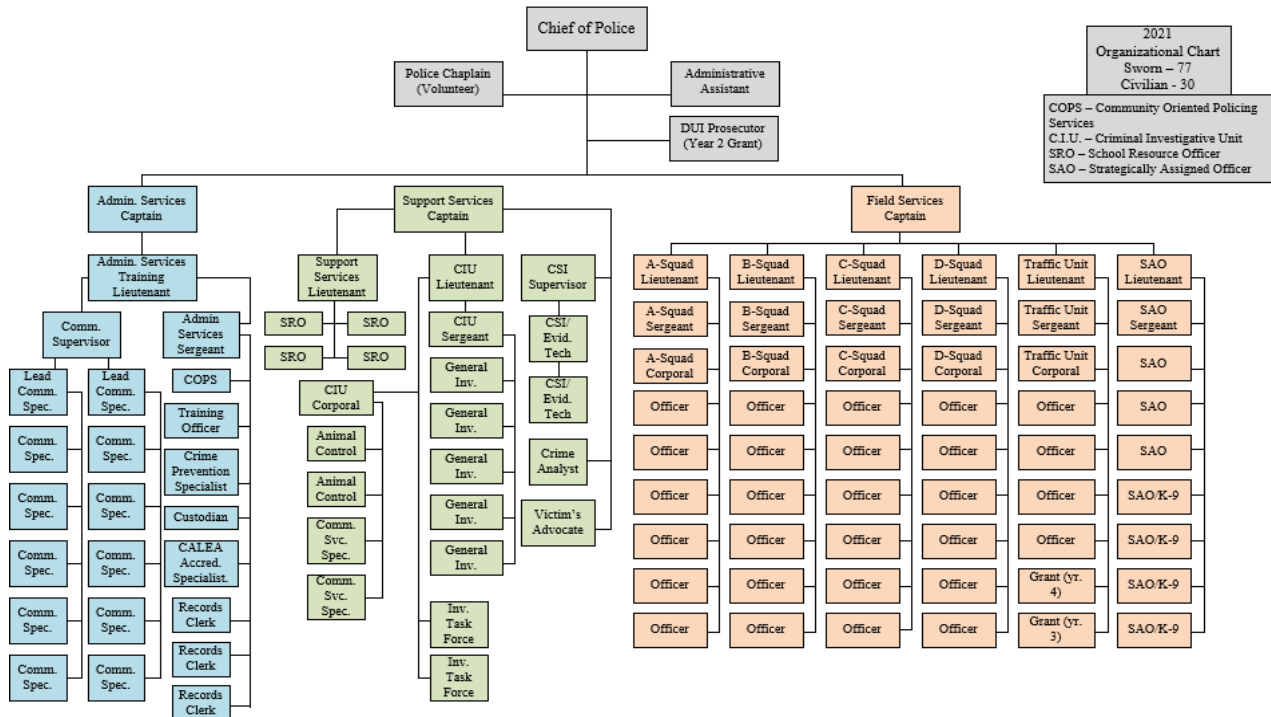
01 – Custodian

01 – Crime Prevention Specialist

- 02 – Forensic Services Unit
- 01 – Victim Advocate
- 01 – DUI Prosecutor/Attorney

Volunteer Employees (1):

- 01 – Police Chaplain





LJ Roscoe
Chief of Police



Captain Dave Soderberg
Support Services
Division Commander
(Retired 12/31/2021)

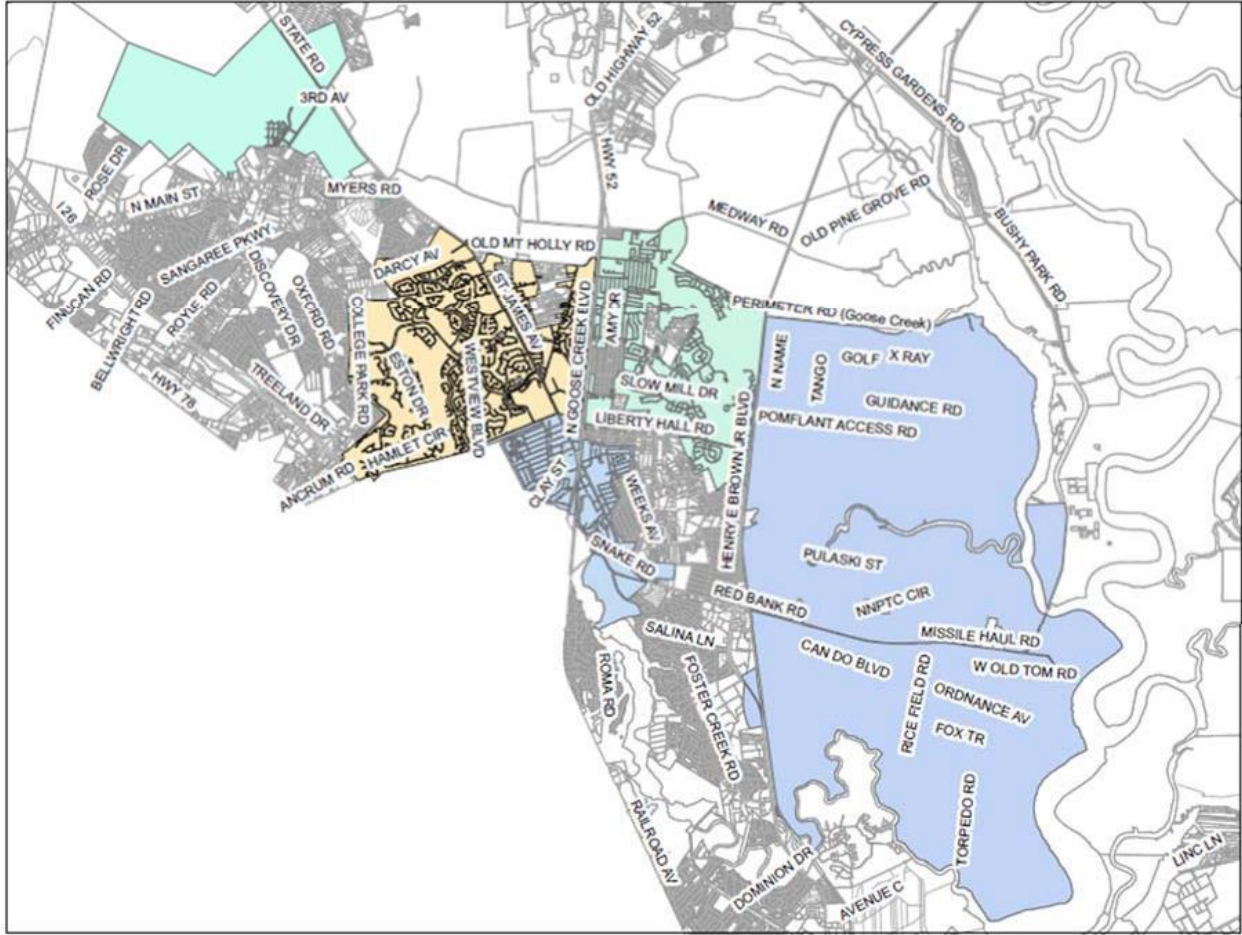


Captain Tom Hill
Field Services
Division Commander



Captain James Brown
Administrative Services
Division Commander

Jurisdiction and Service Population

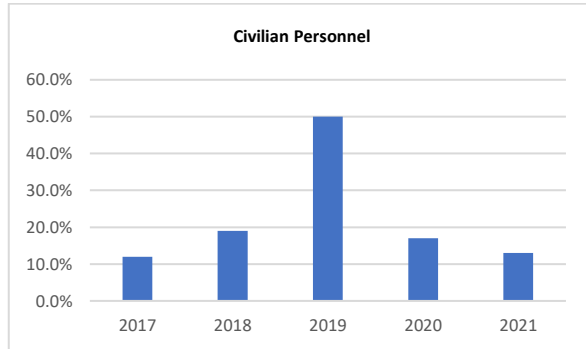
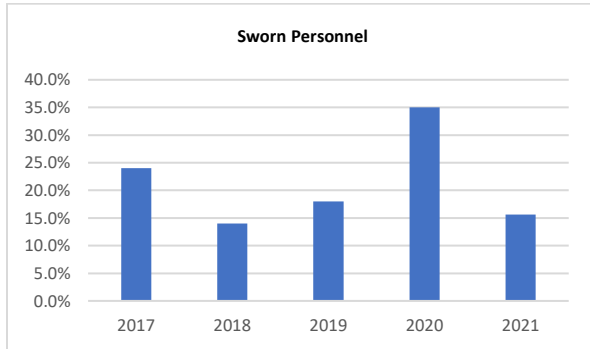


45,946

With a 2021 population of 45,946, it is the 8th largest city in South Carolina and the 866th largest city in the United States. Goose Creek is currently growing at a rate of 1.89% annually and its population has increased by 27.85% since the most recent census, which recorded a population of 35,938 in 2010.

Personnel Turnover

The police department Experience a 15.6% turnover of sworn personnel and a 13% turnover of civilian personnel in 2021. Four previous years and numbers are included below for reference.



Promotions

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| • Promoted to Lieutenant | David Banks | 1/15/2021 |
| • Promoted to Sergeant | Danielle Fowler | 1/15/2021 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Thomas Durham | 1/15/2021 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Tracy Cowee | 1/15/2021 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Tommy Lawson | 1/15/2021 |
| • Promoted to Lieutenant | Shawn Wegner | 4/01/2021 |
| • Promoted to Sergeant | Lindsay Wright | 4/01/2021 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Bryan Carlson | 4/01/2021 |
| • Promoted to Lieutenant | Tera Quinn | 5/06/2021 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Greg Jones | 5/06/2021 |
| • Promoted to Sergeant | Thomas Durham | 8/21/2021 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Jessie Cramer | 8/21/2021 |
| • Promoted to Sergeant | Tracy Cowee | 10/17/2021 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Thomas Tanner | 10/17/2021 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Doug Galluccio | 10/17/2021 |
| • Promoted to Corporal | Orlando Valdez | 12/10/2021 |
| • Promoted to Captain | Joshua Battista | 12/27/2021 |

Points of Interest

- On January 6th, 2021, The Goose Creek Police Department received three new Dodge Durangos.
- On January 8th, 2021, Chief Roscoe and Captain Hill led by example and received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination.
- On January 11th, 2021, the Goose Creek Police Department received a national award for their outstanding participation in the 2020 America's National Night Out Against

Crime.

- On January 12th, 2021, Community Services Specialist Jacob Wernicke received the employee of the year award.
- On January 21st, 2021, K9 Goose joined the Goose Creek Police Department.
- On January 21st, 2021, Chief Roscoe and Captain Hill received their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination.
- On February 3rd, 2021, Captain Hill, AJ (Captain Hill's Godson), and AJ's mother appeared on the Kelly Clarkson Show.
- On February 23rd, 2021, the Goose Creek Police Department hosted a Narcan and Overdose Prevention event.
- On March 6th, 2021, Pet Supplies Plus held an event that allowed the public to meet our Police Department K9's.
- The Goose Creek Police Department began our first Citizens Police Academy of 2021 on March 23rd.
- The Goose Creek Police Department held Coffee with a Cop at Ra Coffee on March 24th, 2021.
- The Goose Creek Police Department held a swearing in ceremony for five new officers (Officer Grooms, Officer Sobek, Officer Robinson, Officer Capobianco, and Officer Henry) on April 24th, 2021.
- After 30 years of service, 12 of which were with the Goose Creek Police Department, the Goose Creek Police Department bid a fond farewell and happy retirement to our Victim's Advocate Levolia Rhodes on April 3rd, 2021.
- On April 24th, 2021, the Goose Creek Police Department sponsored Drug Take Back Day.
- On May 2nd, 2021, the Goose Creek Police Department was awarded with the 2020 DUI Enforcement, Agency of the Year award from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety.
- The Goose Creek Police Department held a swearing in ceremony for recently rehired Officer Beeman on May 6th, 2021.
- The Goose Creek Police Department participated in the Greg's groceries program on May 20th, 2021.
- The Goose Creek Police Department held our annual Hot Pursuit 5K on June 13th, 2021.
- The Goose Creek Police Department held a swearing in ceremony for two new officers (Officer Gomez and Officer Parks) on June 18th, 2021.
- On July 13th, 2021, at the South Carolina Law Enforcement Network meeting, the Goose Creek Police Department was awarded agency of the year for our efforts in combating DUIs on our city streets. In addition, we were also recognized as a gold status agency for DUI enforcement. Individually, Officer Smith received a gold level award for making 50+ DUI arrests in 2020, Officer Plumer received a silver level award for 25-29 DUI arrests, and Officer Aiken received a bronze level award for 10-24 DUI arrests
- On July 14th, 2021, the Christmas Law Firm and the Peper Law Firm (attorneys Gary Christmas and Mark Peper) came to the Goose Creek Police Department to present a donation to our Shop with a Badge program. This donation was made on behalf of the

Sutherland family. Amy and James Sutherland are the parents of Jamal who recently died while in custody in Charleston County.

- On July 24th, 2021, the Goose Creek Police Department started a new program that we are calling the Cops, Community, Cookout (CCC). We traveled to Hallmark Apartments with our grill, hot dogs, chips, drinks, music, and games to interact with our citizens. This is the first event of its type for us, and we plan on doing many more.
- K9 Nuke joined the Goose Creek Police Department on July 25th, 2021.
- The Goose Creek Police Department participated in a grocery give-away on August 21st, 2021.
- The Goose Creek Police Department held a swearing in ceremony for five new officers (Officer Knecht, Officer Ashton, Officer Bell-Marze, Officer McClellan, and Officer Baer) on August 21st, 2021.
- The Goose Creek Police Department new state-of-the-art communications center unveiled on September 2nd, 2021.
- The Goose Creek Police Department participated in National Night Out on October 5th, 2021.
- The Goose Creek Police Department participated in Cops on the Coop at Chick-fil-a on October 8th, 2021.
- On October 11th, 2021, the Goose Creek Police Department participated in Greg's Groceries Serve and Connect.
- The Goose Creek Police Department held a swearing in ceremony for two new officers (Officer Dodson, and Officer Moore), as well as a new Police Chaplain (Chaplain Lewis) on October 17th, 2021.
- On October 23rd, 2021, the Goose Creek Police Department participated in the DEA's Drug Take Back Day.
- The Goose Creek Police Department participated in Trunk or Treat on October 31st, 2021.
- The Commission for the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) conducted their review of the police department for consideration of re-accreditation on November 18th, 2021.
- On November 18th, 2021, the Goose Creek Police Department provided Thanksgiving Meals to those in need.
- The Goose Creek Police Department supported the Susan G. Komen Foundation by selling to officers and permitting officers to wear pink shirts. All proceeds were then provided to the Susan G. Komen Foundation on November 24th, 2021.
- The Goose Creek Police Department came together to make Christmas very special for some underprivileged youths during our annual Shop with a Badge event on December 4th, 2021.
- The Goose Creek Police Department held a swearing in ceremony for four new officers (Officer Miles, Officer Hoffman, Investigator Handwerker, and Officer Dreher) on December 10th, 2021.
- Lieutenant Joshua Battista was awarded Officer of the Year for the police department, and Kendra Wise, our DUI prosecutor, was awarded the Civilian Employee of the Year

for the police department on December 15th, 2021.

- The Goose Creek Police Department held a swearing in ceremony for two new officers (Investigator Brennan and Officer Wilkenson) and for an officer returning to our agency (Investigator Erickson) on December 22nd, 2021.
- The Goose Creek Police Department participated in our annual Operation Christmas Joy program where we bring in underprivileged families to enjoy a full Christmas meal, receive presents and meet some of their needs to pay bills and feed their families on December 22nd, 2021.

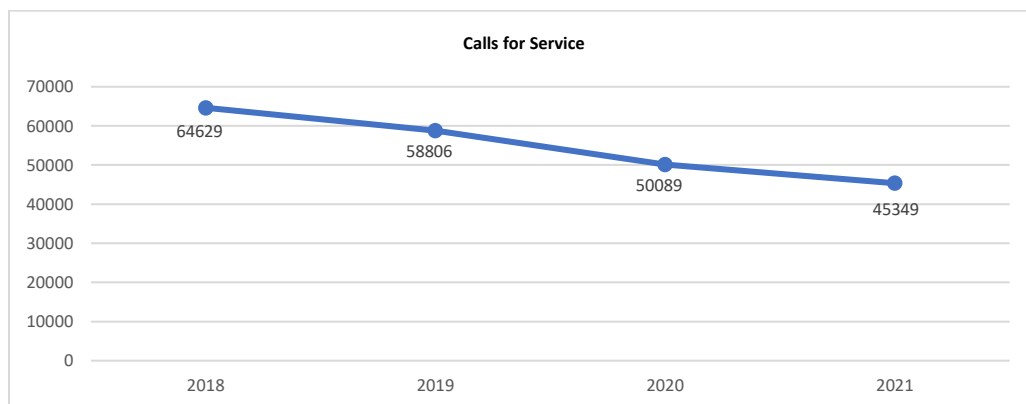
Field Services Division

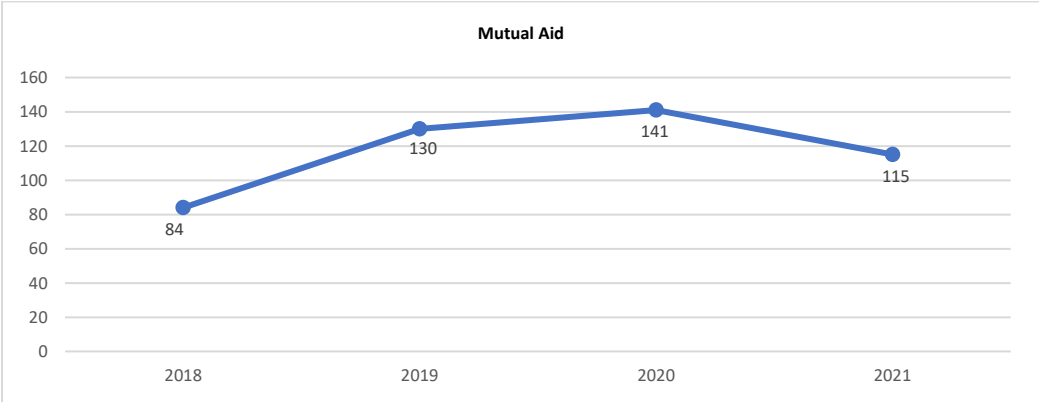
Staffing and Service Delivery

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

Calls for Service

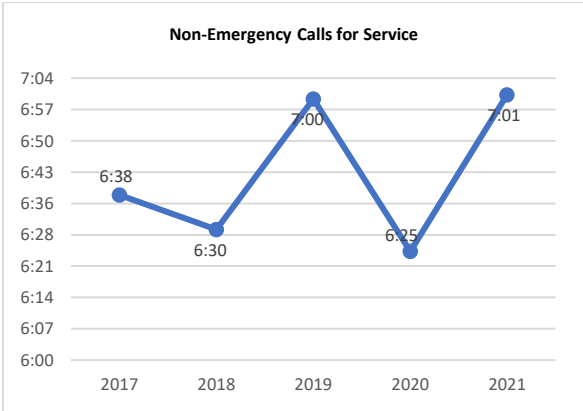
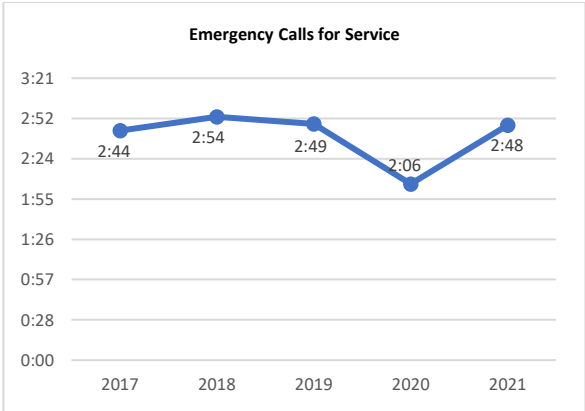
The Field Services Division answered the majority of the agency's 45,349 calls for service in 2021 (-9.46%). Of the total calls for service, 115 (-18.4%) were calls from the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office requesting mutual aid assistance to incidents in their jurisdiction where they had not yet arrived on scene or could not respond due to personnel shortages. Previous years included for reference.





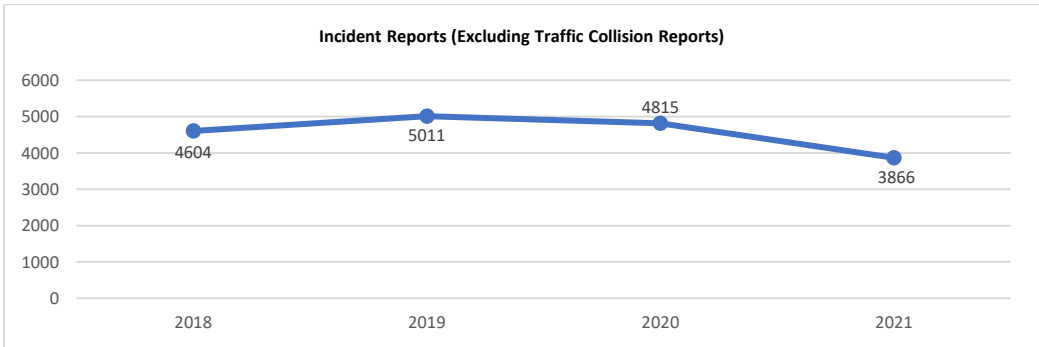
Response Times

Response times for 2021 were seven minutes, one second for non-emergency calls for service and two minutes, forty-eight seconds for emergency calls for service. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



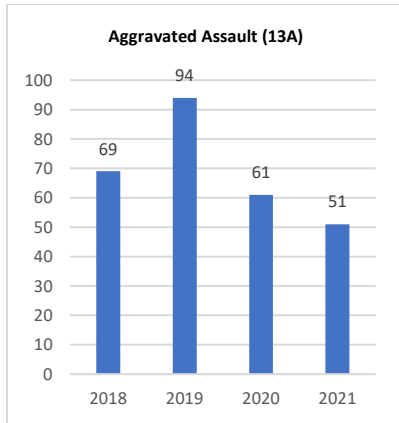
Crime Reporting and Enforcement

The Field Services Division wrote the majority of the department's 5,585 total reports in 2021. Of these reports 3,866 (-19.7%) incident reports were related to criminal and/or non-criminal incidents (excluding traffic collisions). Three previous years' numbers are included for reference.

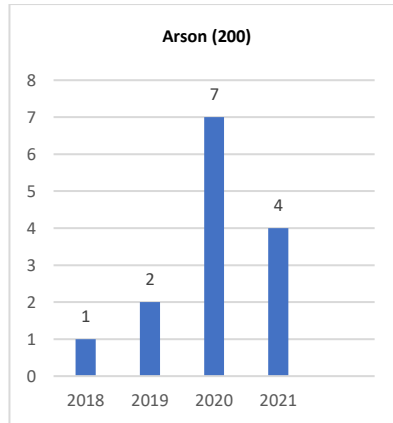


Part 1 crimes include eight individual crimes chosen by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) regulations. These crimes are chosen because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to police. Part 1 crimes are used to compare crime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

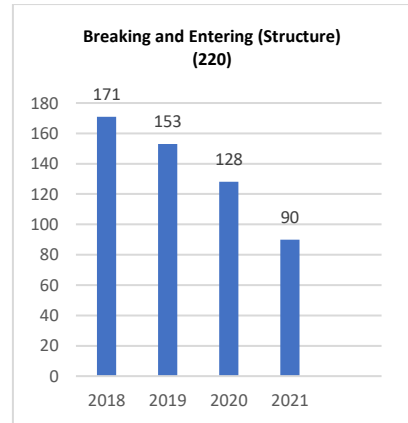
The following are the Part 1 Offenses (to include the UCR Code), with five-year comparison.



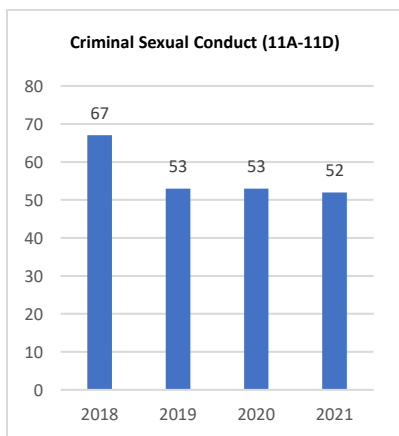
-16.4% from 2020



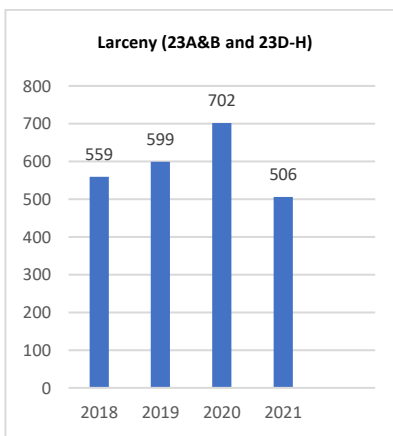
-42.9% from 2020



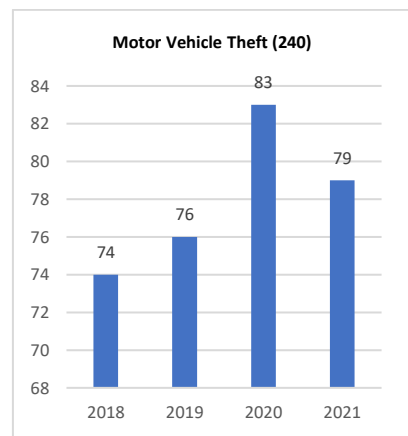
-29.7% from 2020



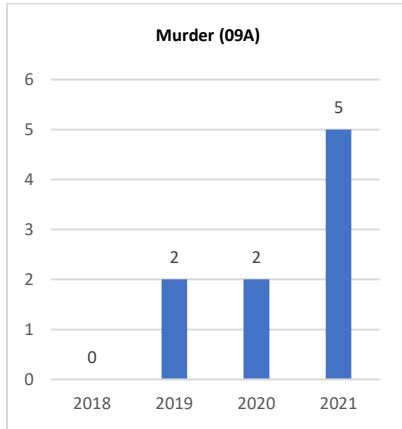
-1.9% from 2020



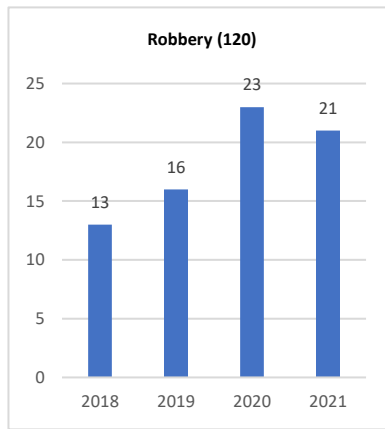
-27.9% from 2020



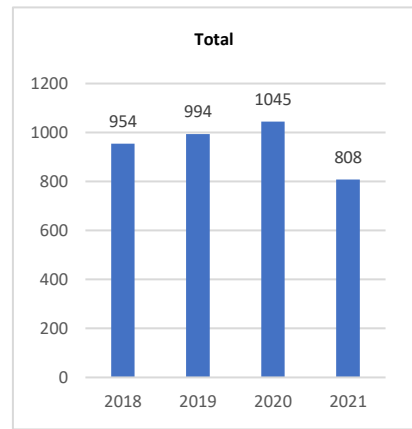
-4.8% from 2020



+150% from 2020

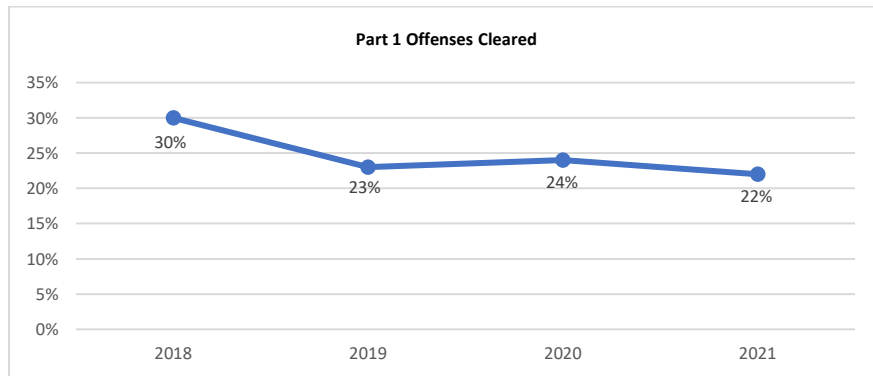


-8.7% from 2020

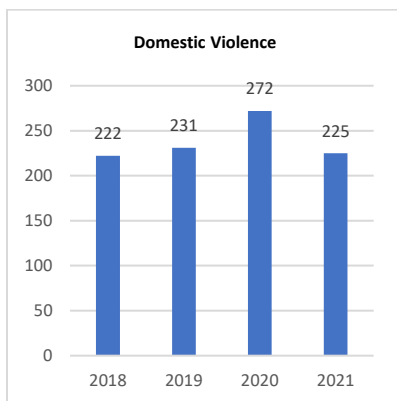


-22.7% from 2020

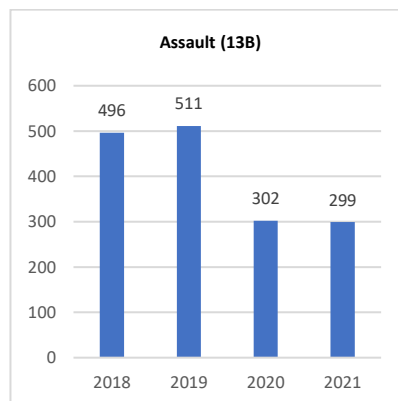
Cases can be cleared in multiple ways. The closure statuses approved for Uniform Crime Report standards are: Cleared by arrest; Prosecution Declined; Occasionally there are circumstances beyond the control of law enforcement that exist once the offender is identified and located such as the offender's 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 2021 offenses with three previous years' numbers included for reference:



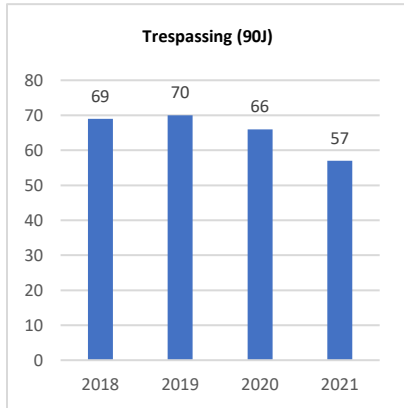
-17.3% from 2020



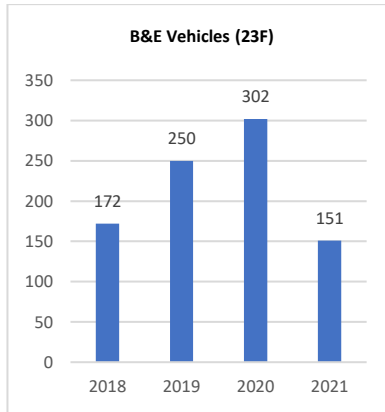
-9% from 2020



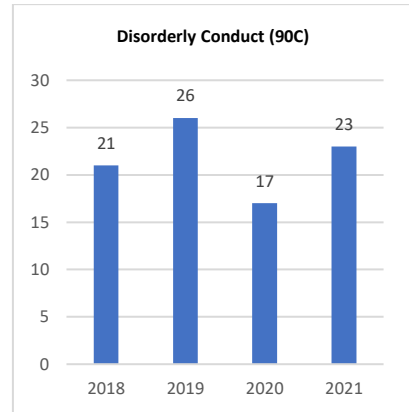
-50.7% from 2020



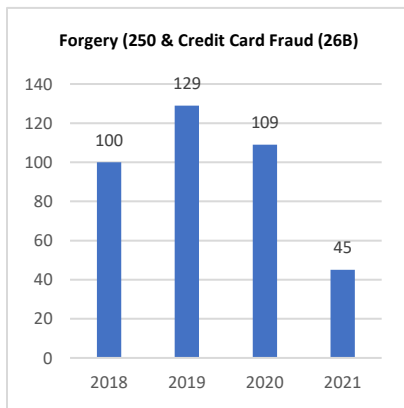
-13.6% from 2020



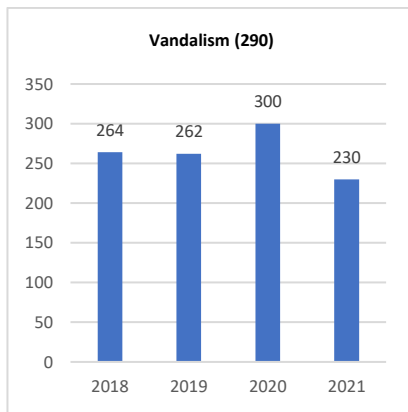
-50% from 2020



+35.3% from 2020

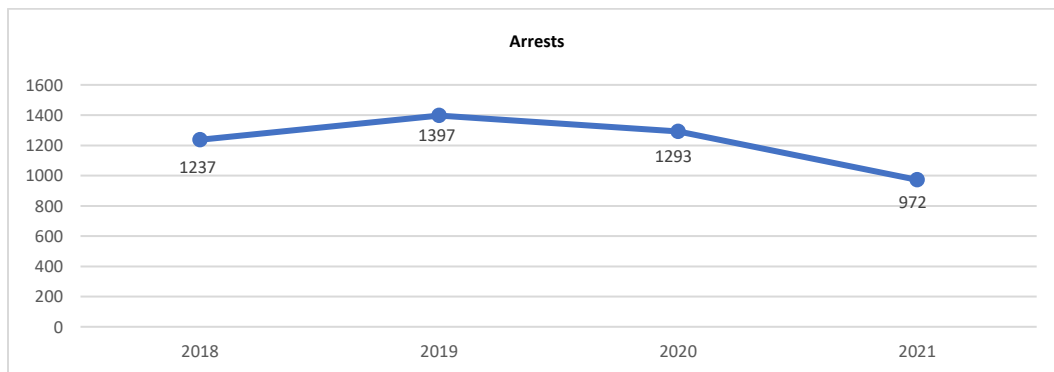


-58.7% from 2020



-23.3% from 2020

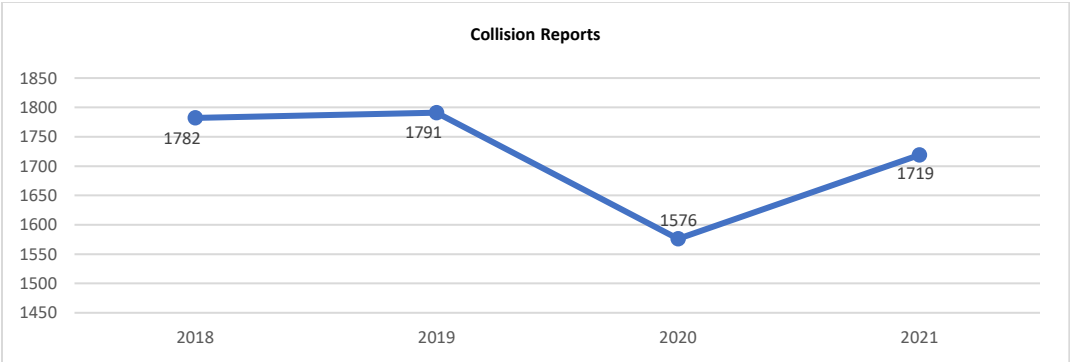
The Field Services Division made a majority of the department's 972 (-24.8% from 2020) arrests in 2021. Three Previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



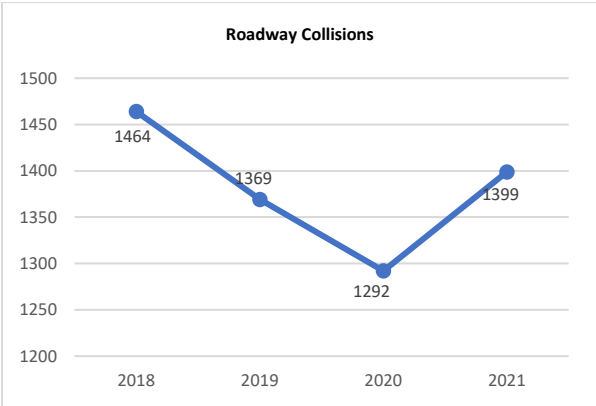
Traffic Collisions

The statistics for traffic related collisions and enforcement are directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and are therefore (in many cases) lower than previous year's statistics however as

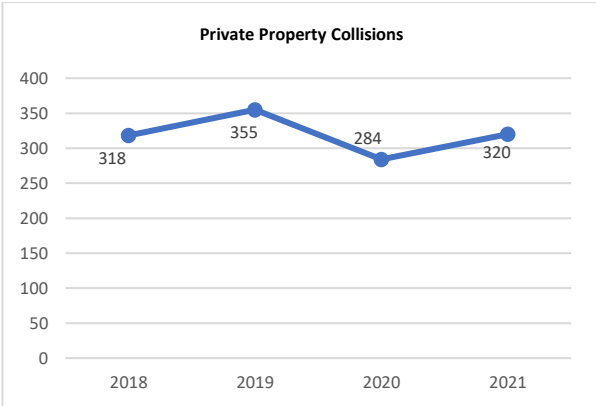
restrictions eased in 2021 the numbers began to return to normal levels. There were 1,719 (+9.4% from 2020) traffic collisions investigated during calendar year 2021. Three previous years' numbers are included below for reference.



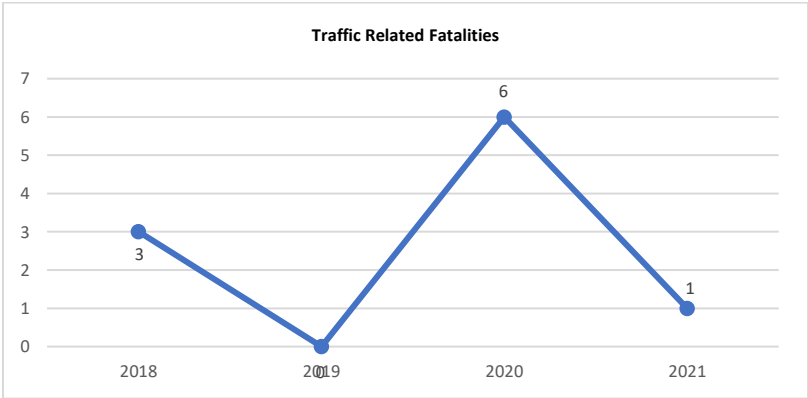
Traffic collisions were investigated both on roadways and private property. A breakdown of traffic collisions by location with three previous years as reference is as follows:



-6% from 2020

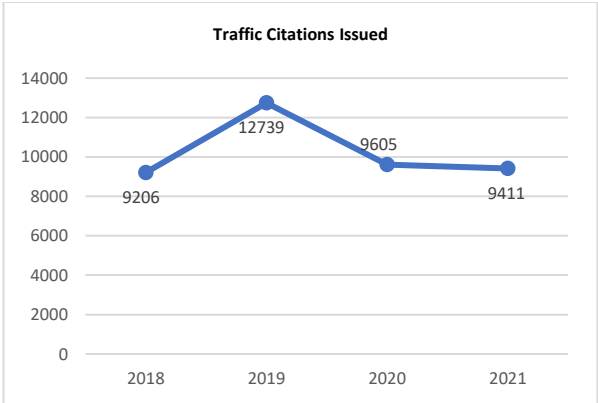
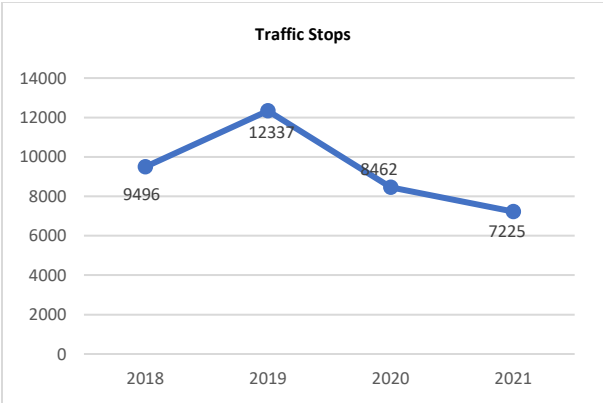


+12.7% from 2020

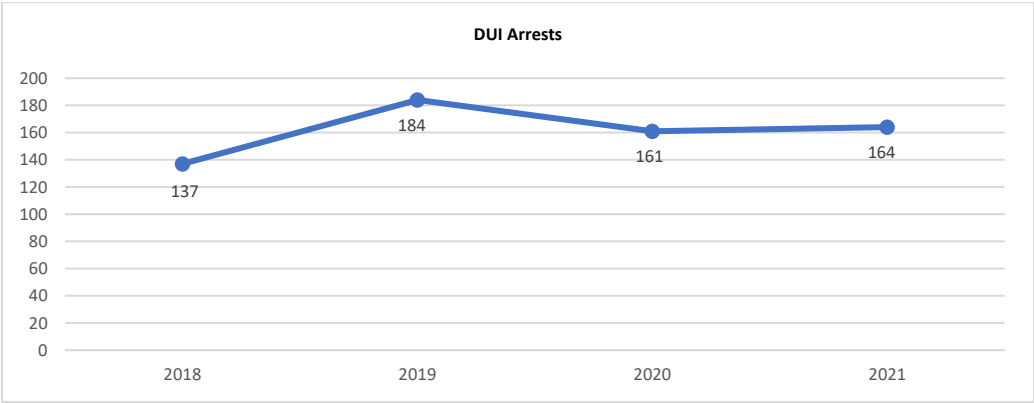


Traffic Enforcement

There were 7,225 (-14.6% from 2020) traffic stops conducted and 9,411 (-2% from 2020) traffic citations issued by patrol and traffic officers. Three previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

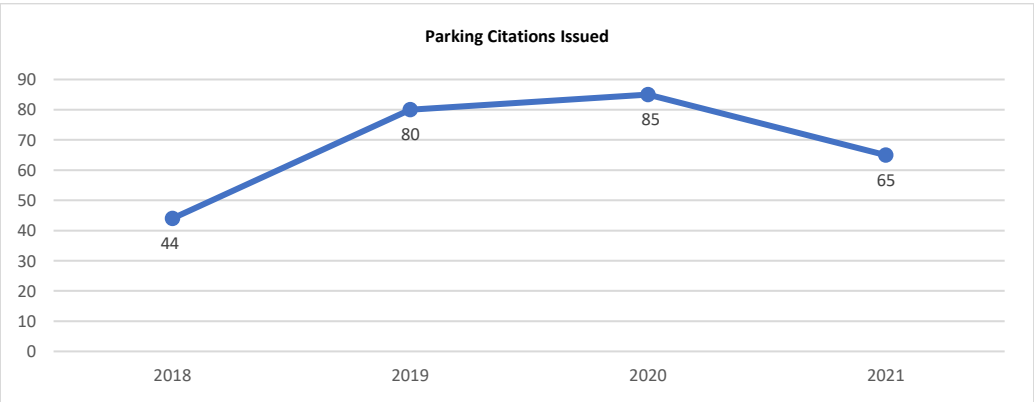


Patrol and Traffic Officers arrested 164 (+1.9% from 2020) motorists for driving under the influence (DUI) in 2021. Three previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Parking Enforcement

There were 65 (-30.8% from 2020) parking citations issued in 2021. Three previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

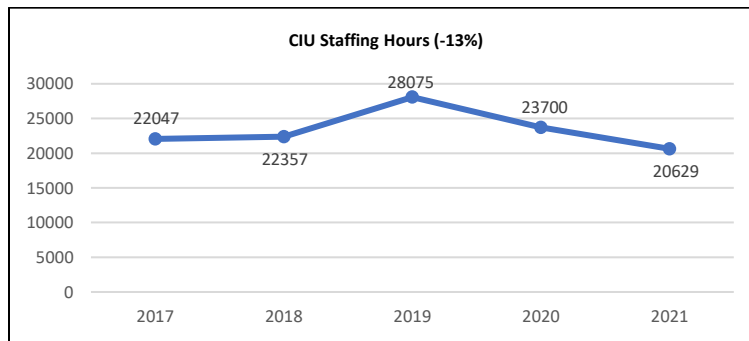


Support Services Division

Staffing and Service Delivery

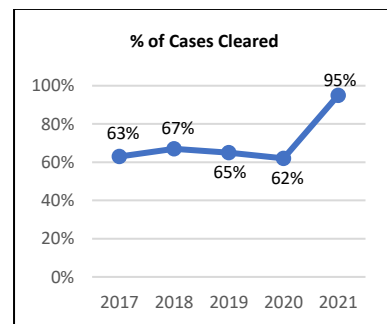
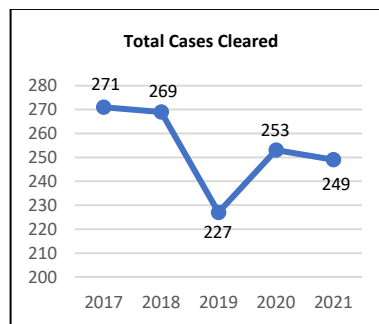
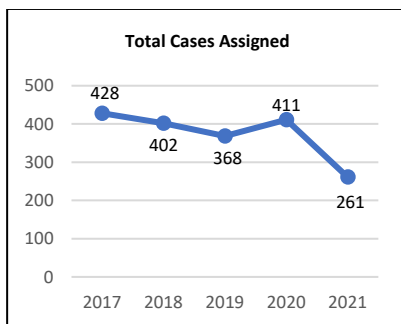
The Support Services Division is led by a police Captain, two Lieutenants, one Sergeant, one Corporal, one Forensic Services Unit Supervisor (Civilian), and during 2021 was allocated twelve sworn officers and eight civilian support staff members.

The Criminal Investigative Unit was adversely affected by a shortage of personnel assigned to the Unit, which began in 2020. The unit experienced the departure of a Sergeant and several investigators. Immediate replacements for these vacant positions had to wait due to the shortage of personnel in the Field Services Division, which continued well into 2021. The Sergeant position was filled in July of 2021 and the remaining vacancies were filled or accounted for by the end of December 2021.



Case Load and Clearances

A total of 261 (-36.5%) cases were assigned to investigators in 2021. Investigators cleared 158, which equals 60.5% of the cases assigned. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Case Assigned and Clearance Type

	Total Cases	Arrest	Ex-Cleared	Unfounded	Active	Adm. Closed	Total Cleared	% Cleared
Murder	5	3	0	0	2	0	3	60%

Attempted Murder	5	2	1	0	2	0	3	60%
Kidnapping	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	100%
Criminal Sexual Conduct	12	4	2	3	3	0	9	75%
Criminal Sexual Conduct w. Minor	29	4	7	4	11	3	15	52%
Home Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Commercial Robbery	4	2	0	0	0	2	2	50%
Robbery of a Person	7	2	1	0	1	3	3	43%
Assault and Battery	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	100%
Harassment	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	33%
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Indecent Exposure	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0%
Arson	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0%
Commercial Burglary	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	50%
Residential Burglary	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	100%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
B & E Motor Vehicle	10	4	2	0	0	4	6	60%
Grand Larceny	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0%
All Other Larcenies	7	0	4	1	1	1	5	71%
Forgery	10	2	2	1	1	4	5	50%
Fraud	34	4	5	4	10	11	13	38%
Identity Theft	6	0	1	0	2	3	1	17%
Receive/Posses Stolen Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Breach of Trust	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	100%
Obtain Money by False Pretenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Runaway	20	0	19	1	0	0	20	100%
Missing Person	10	0	9	1	0	0	10	100%
Neglect of a Child	4	1	1	0	1	1	2	50%
Cruelty to Children	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Contribute to Delinquency of Minor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sexual Exploitation of a Minor	14	2	4	2	4	2	8	57%
Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0%
All Other Crimes	38	4	11	11	10	2	26	68%
Death Investigations	27	0	16	2	9	0	18	67%
Totals:	261	38	89	31	60	43	158	61%

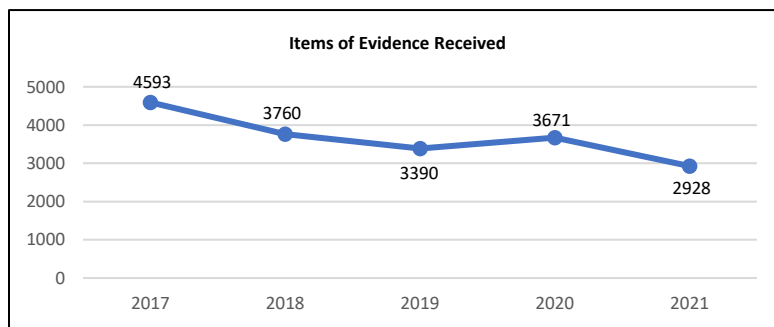
Narcotics Investigation Berkeley County DEU: Goose Creek Jurisdiction

The Support Services Division has two Investigators assigned to a task force with the Berkeley County Drug Enforcement Unit. Both assigned Investigators left law enforcement in June of 2021 and the two positions remained vacant until January of 2022. The numbers below reflect totals accumulated between January to June of 2021.

Arrests: 32
 Firearms: 2 Seized
 Search Warrants Conducted: 8
 Heroin: 1 gram seized
 Cocaine Base (Crack): 1 gram seized
 Cocaine: 25 grams seized
 Fentanyl: 27 grams seized
 Marijuana: 656 grams seized
 Methamphetamine: 56 grams seized
 MDMA (Ecstasy or Molly): 4 grams seized
 Currency: \$50,480.00

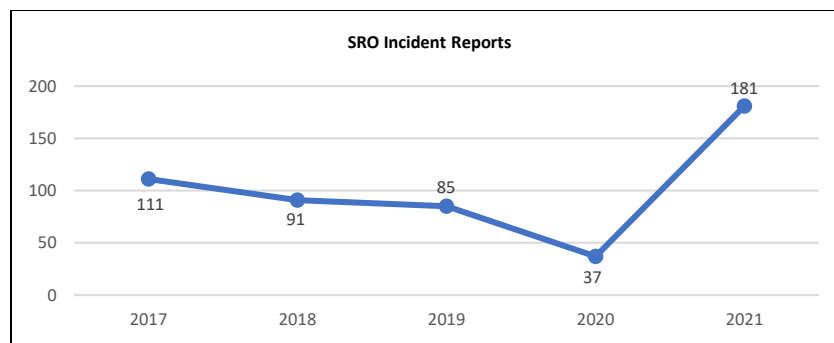
Evidence

The Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs) / Evidence Technicians processed 2,928 (-20%) items of evidence in 2021.



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 and one full-time SRO assigned to Marrington Elementary/Marrington Middle School. During the 2021 school year, a new SRO position was added for Goose Creek Elementary School. The supervising Lieutenant floats between all nine schools in the city limits. SROs wrote 181 incident reports in 2021, which is a 389% increase from 2020. This dramatic increase was the direct result of the schools return to full capacity following the lockdown for the COVID-19 pandemic. Four 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 2022.

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.

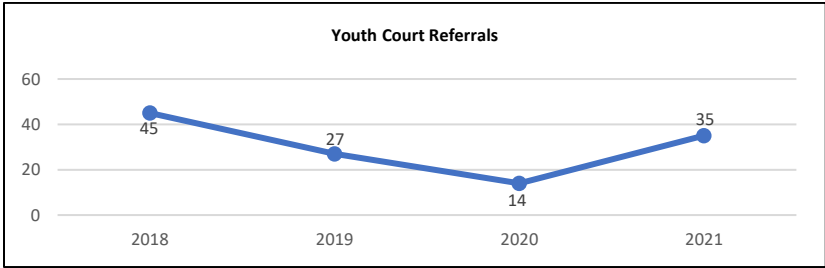
In the City of Goose Creek, Youth Court offers a judicial procedure in which peers' sentence nonviolent juvenile offenders. By involving the community and family members

of offenders and victims, our youth court influences the lives of juveniles in a unique and positive way. The program is sanctioned by the 9th Circuit Solicitor’s Office.

The City’s Youth Court is comprised of students from Goose Creek and Stratford High Schools. Students can elect to become a part of the Youth Court Program by signing up for this credited course at either of the high schools in Goose Creek.

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.

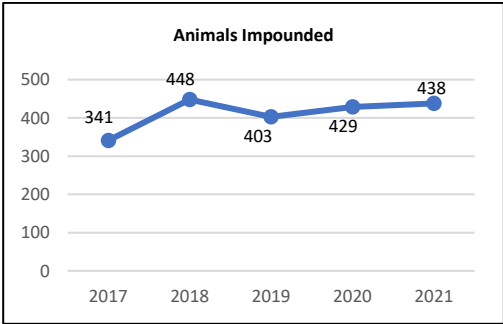
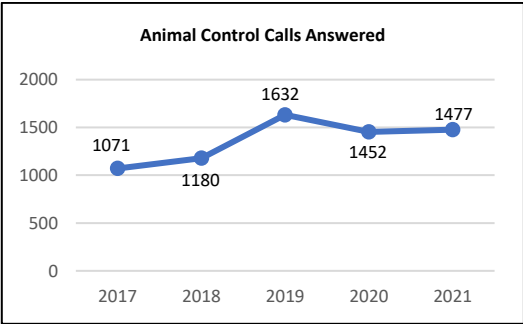
The program is very successful for both the teenage participants and the juvenile offenders. Officers referred thirty-five (a 150% increase from 2020) cases to Youth Court in 2021. This dramatic increase was the direct result of the schools return to full capacity following the lockdown for the COVID-19 pandemic.



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).

Animal control officers answered 1,477 (an increase of 1.72% from 2020) calls for service and impounded 438 (an increase of 4.53% from 2020) animals in 2021. Four previous years’ numbers are included below for reference:



Administrative Services Division

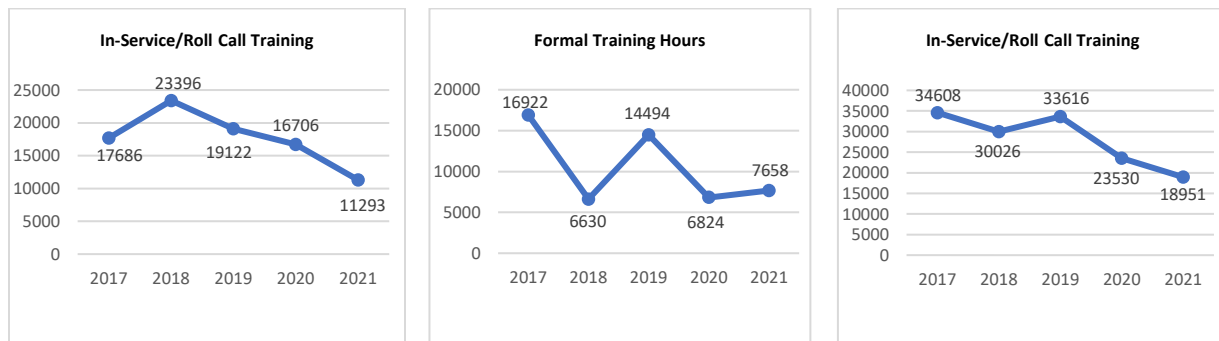
Staffing and Service Delivery

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

Department Training

A quality training program is a department priority. The department conducted 11,293 (-32.4%) in-service/roll-call training hours, 7,658 (+12.22%) formal training hours, and a grand total of 18,951 (-19.46%) department-wide training hours. COVID-19 greatly reduced the amount of outside training our department was able to attend. It also limited the number of classes we were able to host.

Four 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.

In an effort 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 1 crime prevention meeting, 57 child safety seat checks, and made 62 business contacts, and coordinated 4 Women Self Defense Seminars in the 2021 calendar year. COVID-19 greatly limited the amount of citizen contact we were able to schedule this year.

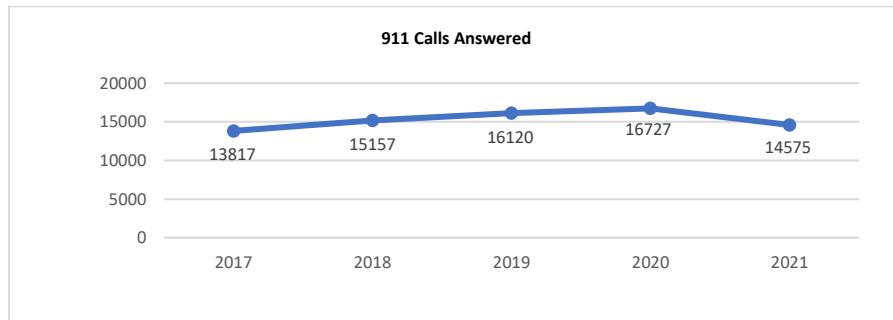
Communications

The City of Goose Creek Police Department's communications center is a 24-hour operation staffed by 2 lead communications specialists and 10 full-time communications specialists under general supervision of the communications supervisor.

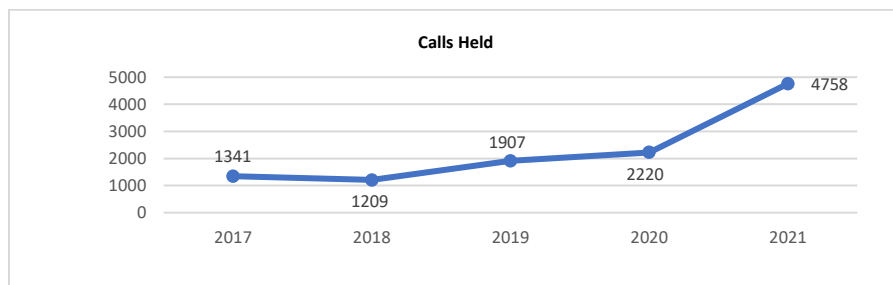
The communications center is responsible for dispatching and monitoring all radio equipment for the City to include police, fire, EMS, mutual aid, public works, and sanitation.

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 14,575 (-12.86%) 911 calls during 2021. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



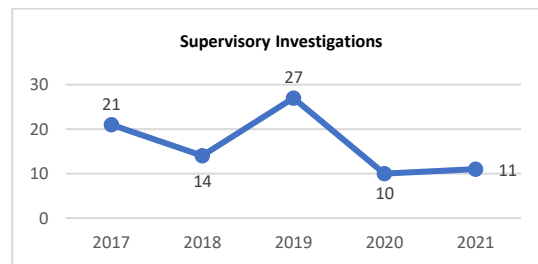
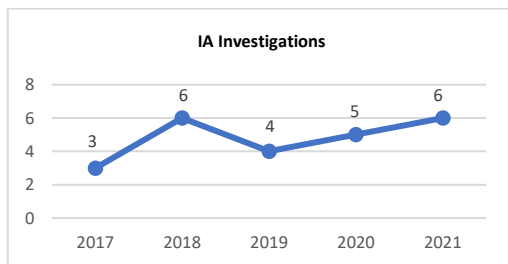
The communications center held 4,758 (+114.32%) calls, which was a result of all on-duty officers being previously assigned to other calls during 2021. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Internal Affairs

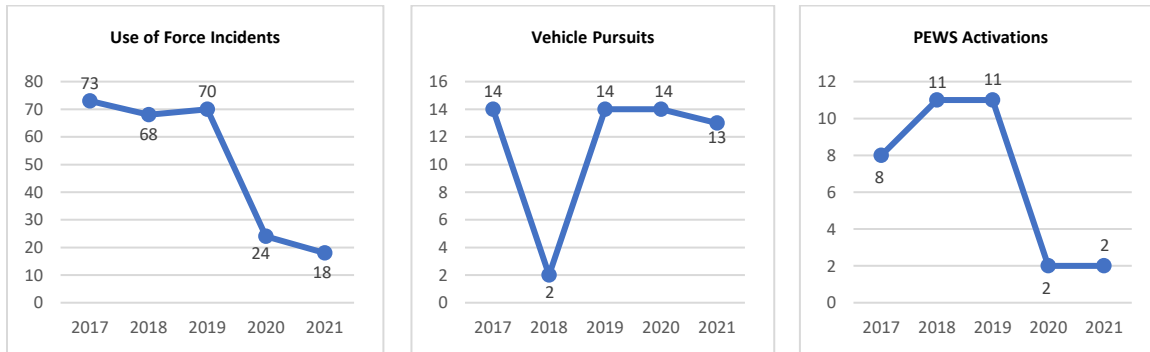
Complaints made against the agency or personnel are classified as either Supervisory Investigations (SIs), which are complaints of a minor nature, or Internal Affairs (IAs), which are complaints of a more egregious nature. A total of 6 IA investigations and 11 separate SI investigations were conducted subsequent to internal and external complaints.

Internal Affairs and Supervisory Investigations Conducted:



Administrative Reviews

A total of eighteen (18) incidents involving use-of-force occurred in 2021. This is a 25% decrease from 2020. A total of thirteen (13) vehicle pursuits were reviewed and statistically tracked, which was a 7.14% decrease from 2020. Two (2) Personnel Early Warning System (PEWS) alerts were generated. This was a 0% change from 2020.



Grants

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

- BJA FY21 federal grant funding for the purchase of fingerprint/facial recognition scanners (\$10,219).
- A grant was obtained funding the purchase of Rapid Deployment Traffic Message signs (\$20,800).
- Impaired Driving Countermeasures Officer – Year 5 approval for this highway safety grant which will fund an officer for two years (\$146,310).
- Traffic Enforcement Officer – Year 4 continuation for this highway safety grant which will fund an officer for two years (\$146,310).
- Traffic Enforcement Officer – New Year 1 grant funding the officer and all equipment for one year (\$148,770).
- Special DUI Prosecutor Grant – Year 2 approvals for an additional two years (\$184,608).
- Justice Assistance Grant Program No. 1G20018 Radio Interoperability (\$157,500).
- Continued funding for the Office of Justice Programs ballistic vest reimbursement program (\$19,132).

Accreditation

The department was re-assessed by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) during its year 4 “onsite” review (completed virtually due to COVID-19) in November of 2021. The review found that the department was in compliance with all standards assessed. Due to the positive review, CALEA awarded the Goose Creek Police Department its 7th reaccreditation on November 17th, 2021.

Applicant Processing and Testing

A total of 159 (+62%) sworn and 80 (+82%) civilian applicants were processed for potential employment in 2021. Processing includes, at a minimum, logging biographical data and checking criminal and driving records.

Polygraph Examinations

A total of 94 (-43%) polygraph examinations were conducted. The total number of polygraphs includes both inter and intra-agency examinations for criminal and pre-employment polygraphs.