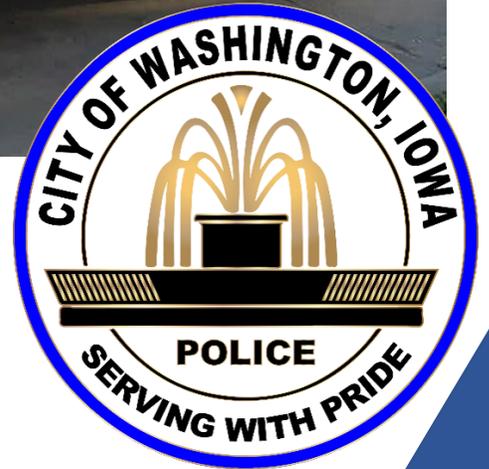
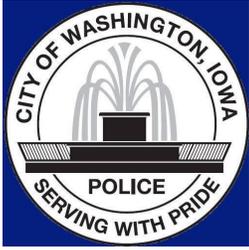


Serving With Pride



***CITY OF WASHINGTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT***

**2022
ANNUAL REPORT**



Washington Police Department

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Police Officer

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It is my pleasure to share with you the Washington Police Department's 2022 Annual Report.

Our motto prominently displayed on our marked patrol units says it all – *"Serving With Pride"*. The men and women of the Washington Police Department are committed to serving our citizens and visitors in making our community a safe and enjoyable place to live, work or visit.

I am honored to lead this dedicated and professional group of law enforcement officers, and together with your support we will continue to move the department forward; building on our tremendous community support while we continue to grow our community engagement and partnership programs.

I think you'll see as you review the statistical data provided in the following pages, that while we enjoy a mostly uneventful, small-town atmosphere, we do at times have our share of challenging incidents; and I say with confidence that your police officers are well trained and dedicate themselves each day to serving and protecting the citizens of our community.

Officers managed more than 5,000 calls for service during 2022 and completed more than 650 incident reports. Policing is a responsibility of everyone in our community and we urge everyone to do their part. As the saying goes, "If you see something. Say something."

It is my hope that this document will offer our community a perspective of what the department does throughout the year. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns as you review this document, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

I am honored to work for and with the great team at the Washington Police Department.

Respectfully,

Jim Lester
Chief of Police

Mission Statement



The Washington Police Department is a dedicated group of professionals who are committed to excellence in law enforcement and serving the community with pride; making the City of Washington a safe and enjoyable place to live, work or visit.

Our mission is to encourage community partnerships to solve problems and improve public safety in a manner that is consistent, fair, impartial and transparent.

Teamwork: The Washington Police Department works together in carrying out the mission of our department. Police Department staff are respectful to each other and work collaboratively to solve problems and serve the Washington community.

Professionalism: The Washington Police Department treats the public and our colleagues with courtesy, professionalism, and respect. We understand that our appearance, words and demeanor contribute to the community's confidence in us to do our jobs promptly and efficiently.

Integrity: The Washington Police Department is honest, truthful, and consistent in our words and actions. We are committed to the enforcement of laws and the preservation of order and property to maintain the community's trust.

Advocacy and Empathy: The Washington Police Department has compassion for victims of crime. We have respect for and promote the diversity of the community. We advocate for and collaborate with agencies that provide supportive services for victims, youth and others involved in the criminal justice system.

Accountability: The Washington Police Department takes great pride in being accountable and accessible to the community we serve. The police department staff are expected to serve as role models and leaders within the community.

Communication: The Washington Police Department believes in transparency and recognizes that communication with city leaders, community organizations, citizens and the media are important to maintain the community's confidence in our ability to adequately serve them.

The Police Department



Patrol

Patrol Officers are the most visible members of the Police Department. Officers work rotating 12-hour shifts providing law enforcement coverage throughout the community 24 / 7 / 365.

Patrol Officers are responsible for responding to calls for service as well as self-initiated activity for traffic violations and public safety concerns observed while patrolling the city. In addition, to business and residential patrols, officers are encouraged to visit local schools and community events during their shifts.

The Patrol Officer is often the first on scene and the first contact a citizen or victim has with the Police Department. Officers assess the incident, identify persons, provide emergency assistance as needed, secure evidence as necessary, gather information, investigate, and make arrests as needed. Officers are required to file written reports for most incidents.

Patrol Officers in 2022 include K-9 Handler Officer Eric Kephart, Officer Seth Adam, Officer Aaron Kephart, Officer Chris Raymer, Officer Tanner Lavelly, and Officer Mia Brdecka. The Police Department also has assistance from ILEA certified part-time officers: Officer Zach Haworth, Officer Eddie Cardenas, and Officer Brett Johnson.

New Officers in 2022:

Officer Aaron Kephart joined the Police Department in January 2022. Officer Kephart graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in 2011 and previously worked as a Deputy Sheriff in Keokuk County and with the Sigourney Police Department.



Officer Mia Brdecka joined the Police Department in July 2022. Officer Brdecka completed her Iowa Law Enforcement Academy certification training in December 2022. Officer Brdecka graduated from the University of Iowa in May 2022 with a degree in Criminology and had three years of experience as a Student Security Manager with the Security Division of the University of Iowa Department of Public Safety.

The Police Department



Investigations

Investigator Brian VanWilligen focuses on major criminal investigations involving sexual assaults, child abuse, domestic violence, and financial crimes. In addition, Investigator VanWilligen provides case follow-up and assistance for cases initiated by patrol officers, coordinating with the County Attorney's Office, providing assistance to other agencies and works closely with victim advocates from DVIP and RVAP.

The Investigator assists with crime scene processing, death investigation, search warrant preparation, evidence management and patrol duties as necessary.

The Investigations Division works closely with the Washington County Sexual Assault Response Team and the Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. Utilizing equipment provided by the ICAC Task Force, Investigator VanWilligen assists with investigations involving cellular phones. The DataPilot was used seven times to assist in gathering investigative data.

Investigator VanWilligen also serves as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). He is one of just 120 DREs in the State of Iowa. DREs provide specialized assistance to officers in identifying and classifying individuals into various categories of drug use including Central Nervous System Stimulants (Methamphetamine), Cannabis and Central Nervous System Depressants (Prescription Medications). During 2022, Investigator VanWilligen conducted 12 DRE evaluations.

Administration

The Police Department administrative team handles the hundreds of incident and arrest reports generated by the Patrol Officers and Investigator each year. In addition the administrative office processes golf cart permits, parking tickets, record requests, citations and walk-up window traffic.

Administrative Assistant Rhonda Hill is assisted in these duties by part-time assistant Jamie Mayer.

The Police Command Staff are also part of the administrative team. The Command Staff consists of Chief Jim Lester, Lieutenant Lyle Hansen, Lieutenant Shamus Altenhofen, Sergeant Jason Chalupa and Sergeant Benjamin Altenhofen. Duties of the command staff include, report reviews, scheduling, equipment and patrol unit maintenance and acquisition, evidence and property management, training records, policy development, budget planning and management, and ensure compliance with various programs and agreements. In addition, the Command Staff are also part of patrol and investigations.

Specialty Training & Teams



The members of the Police Department have over 150 years of combined public safety experience with a wide range of specialty training and involvement with specialized teams.

In 2022 officers received over 400 hours of training. Training in 2022 included: De-escalation, Implicit Bias, Diverse Communities, Bias Prevention, Hazardous Materials, Hazard Communication, Officer Mental Health Awareness, Taser recertification, firearms recertification, and Case Law updates.

The Police Department has certified instructors in the following areas:

- Defensive Tactics
- SFST (Standardized Field Sobriety Testing)
- Taser
- Firearms (Handgun, Shotgun, Rifle)
- Simunitions
- CPR
- Crisis Intervention Training (C.I.T.)
- ALICE (Alert. Lockdown. Inform. Counter. Escape).

Along with certified instructors, the department is also fortunate to have officers trained in the following specialty areas:

- Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)
- Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (LEIN)
- Narcotics Investigations
- Clandestine Lab Investigations
- Field Training Officer Program
- Certified Sniper/Spotter
- Ballistic Shield
- SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics)
- Ballistic Shield
- Evidence / Property Management
- Domestic Abuse Investigations
- Sexual Assault Investigations
- Child Abuse Investigations
- Crime Scene Photography
- Internet Crimes Against Children Investigations
- DataPilot Cell Phone Extractions
- Glock Armorer
- Rifle Armorer
- Shotgun Armorer

Specialty Teams



K-9 Team

The Washington Police Department K-9 Team dedicated over 220 hours to training during 2022.

The K-9 Team participates in monthly training with other regional K-9 Teams and annual certification trials to maintain proficiency in narcotics detection, article/person search and officer protection.



Officer Eric Kephart and K-9 Dex

Officer Eric Kephart and K-9 Dex were deployed seven times in 2022.

The K-9 Team not only assists in Washington, but also provided assistance to the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Washington County Jail and the Iowa City Police Department during 2022.

The K-9 Team trains with teams from ten other regional law enforcement agencies twice each month. The regional training group also assisted with searches at our local schools as requested.

The K-9 Team general operating expenses are paid with funds received through grants and donations from members of the community.

SWAT Team

The SWAT Team is led by Team Leader Sgt. Jason Chalupa and Assistant Team Leader Lt. Shamus Altenhofen. SWAT officers are selected, trained, and equipped to resolve critical incidents involving a threat to public safety which would otherwise exceed the capabilities of traditional law enforcement first responders.

In 2022, the team participated in joint training sessions with the Washington County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team and the Fairfield Police Department/Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team. The team had eight training days consisting of a total of 36.5 training hours.

The SWAT Team was activated twice in 2022. In February, the team was deployed along with members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office team to execute a high-risk search warrant in Washington. In May, the SWAT Team along with the Muscatine County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team executed a search warrant in Louisa County just hours after a shooting incident in Washington. Due to the threats of a firearm and the felonious conduct of the suspect, an armored vehicle from Muscatine County was utilized. The search warranted was successfully completed and the shooting suspect was taken into custody.

Community Engagement



2022
Washington High School Morale Machine &
Law Enforcement
Turkey Bowl

**KEWASH HALF MARATHON 2022
PUBLIC SAFETY TOP DOG AWARD WINNERS**

Community engagement is important to the police department, 2022 highlights included beginning top left: Officer Adam visits with a future firefighter during the Trunk and Treat event at the Washington Y; Officer Lavelly receives some Valentines treats from young members at City Point; Lt. Altenhofen, Officer Adam, Officer E. Kephart and K-9 Dex participated in the Kirkwood Kids camps; Sgt. Altenhofen hands out treats at the Trunk and Treat event; Chief Lester, Officer Adam and members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office competes in the WHS Morale Machine's annual Turkey Bowling event; Officer Cardenas helps a youngster place his hand print on a squad car during the Chamber's Touch-a-Truck event; Sgt. Altenhofen, Sgt. Chalupa, Investigator VanWilligen, Officer Hansen and Officer Raymer ran as a team in the 2nd Public Safety Challenge of the KeWash Half Marathon; and Officer Brdecka plays in a game of dodge ball with students at St. James Elementary School.

2022 Police Department Activity



The following charts show a summary of the activity and types of offenses the Washington Police Department investigated and responded to during 2022. Calls for Service numbers do not always include requests to return phone calls, assistance provided to other agencies, probation/parole checks or instances when officers are approached while on patrol or at other locations for minor issues or requests for assistance.

2022 Activity Summary

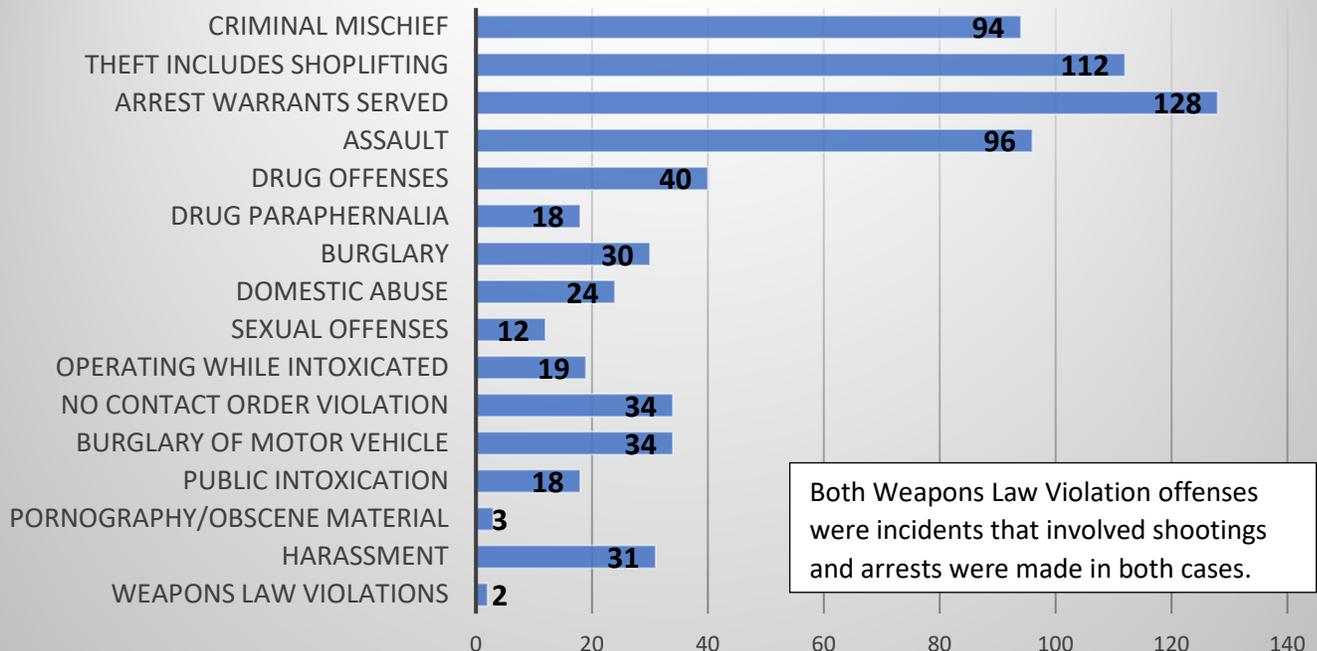
Citations / Warnings	363
Traffic Stops	423
Traffic Accidents	227
Parking Tickets	173
Vehicle Unlocks	353
Arrest Warrants Served	128
Search Warrants Served	19
Calls for Service	5118
Animal Calls	386
Mental Health Responses / Suicidal Subjects	182
Arrests	472
Reportable Incidents	669

2022 Evidence & Property

Total Items on Site	371
2022 Evidence Items	79
Assault Related Items (includes S.A.)	34
Drug Related Items	96
Returned DCI submissions on-site	112
Evidence Items Destroyed in 2022	267

The department participates in the federal Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) program and has possession of one special purpose vehicle as a part of this program. The LESO program vehicle was not deployed during 2022.

2022 Offenses



Both Weapons Law Violation offenses were incidents that involved shootings and arrests were made in both cases.

Crime Reporting – Statistical Data



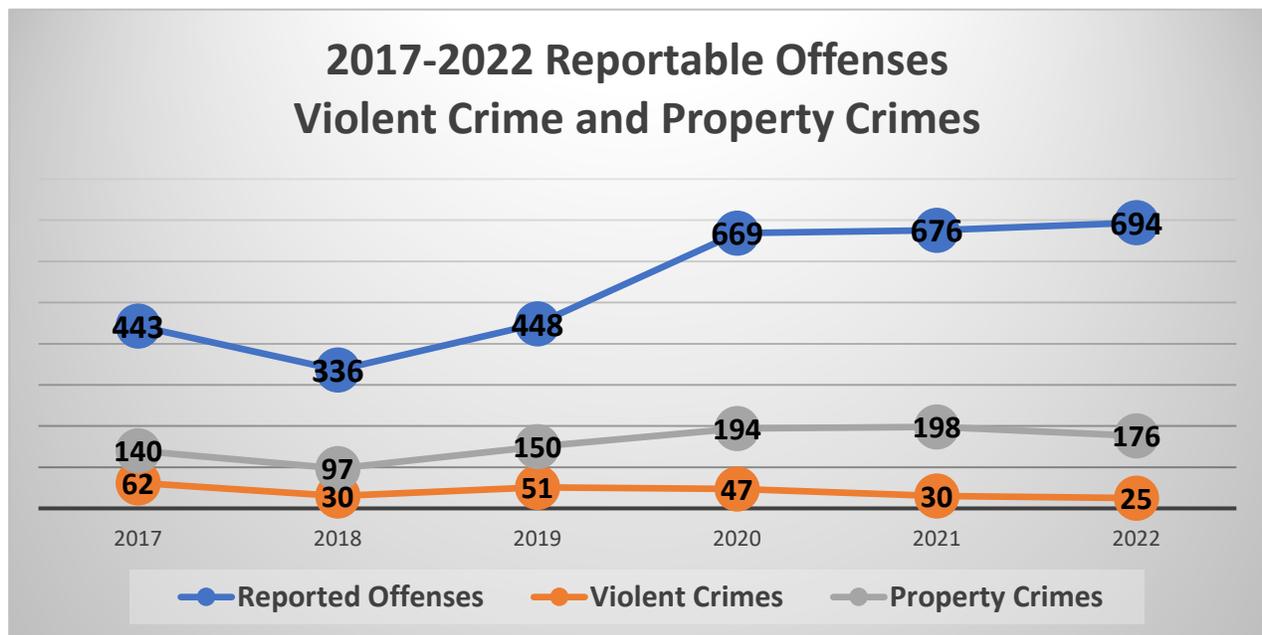
Iowa Code requires law enforcement agencies to report public offenses or delinquent acts that are reported in their jurisdictions. The UCR program’s primary objective is to generate reliable information for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management. The data is used across the country for varied research and planning purposes.

The State of Iowa made major changes to their UCR Program reporting system in 2021. One of the major changes involve the classification and coordination of Iowa criminal statutes to align with the definitions of the FBI’s UCR reporting codes. Iowa rules require that agencies submit data with less than 4% error-rate to maintain state certification.

The UCR Program uses the National Incident Based Report System (NIBRS) to assist agencies in accurately reporting data on each incident and arrest within their jurisdiction. Using NIBRS, law enforcement agencies report data on each offense and arrest within 24 offense categories made up of 52 specific crimes called Group A offenses. Agencies only report arrest data for an additional 10 Group B offense categories.

In the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, violent crime is composed of four offenses: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes are defined in the UCR Program as those offenses which involve force or threat of force. Property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The object of the theft-type offenses is the taking of money or property, but there is no force or threat of force against the victims. The property crime category includes arson because the offense involves the destruction of property; however, arson victims may be subjected to force.

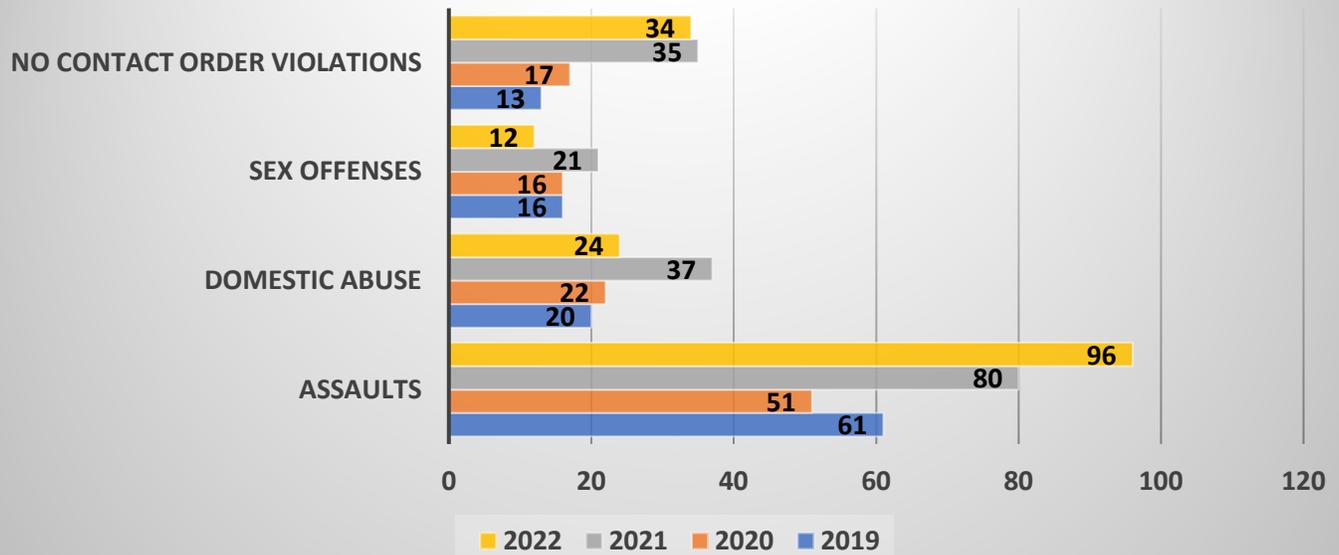
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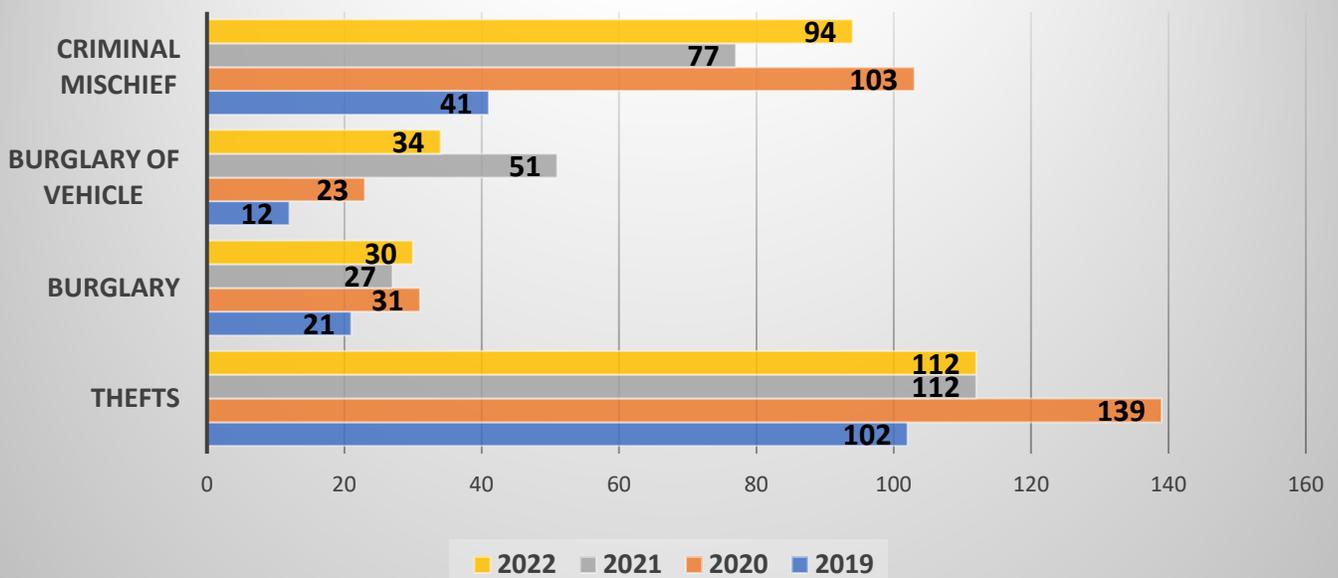
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Crimes Against Persons



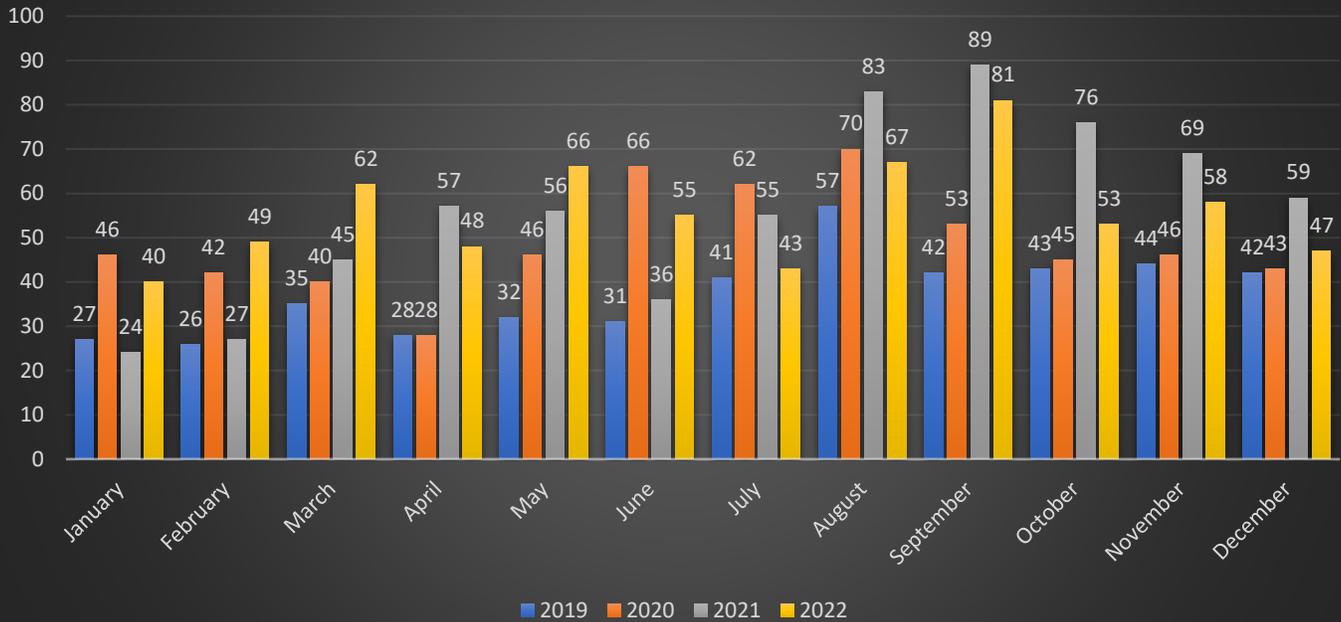
Property Crimes



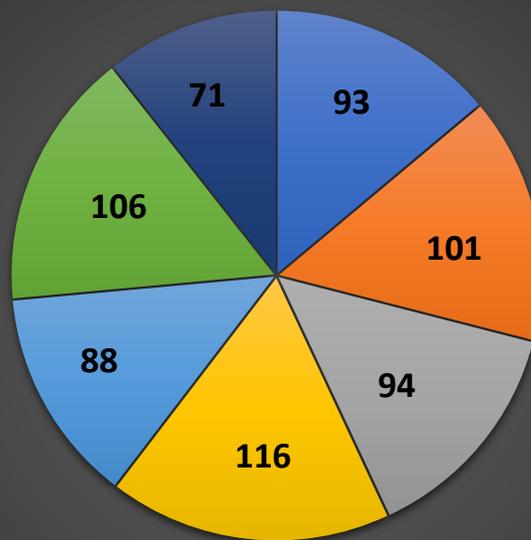
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Reportable Incidents by Month 2019-2022



Reportable Incidents by Day of Week

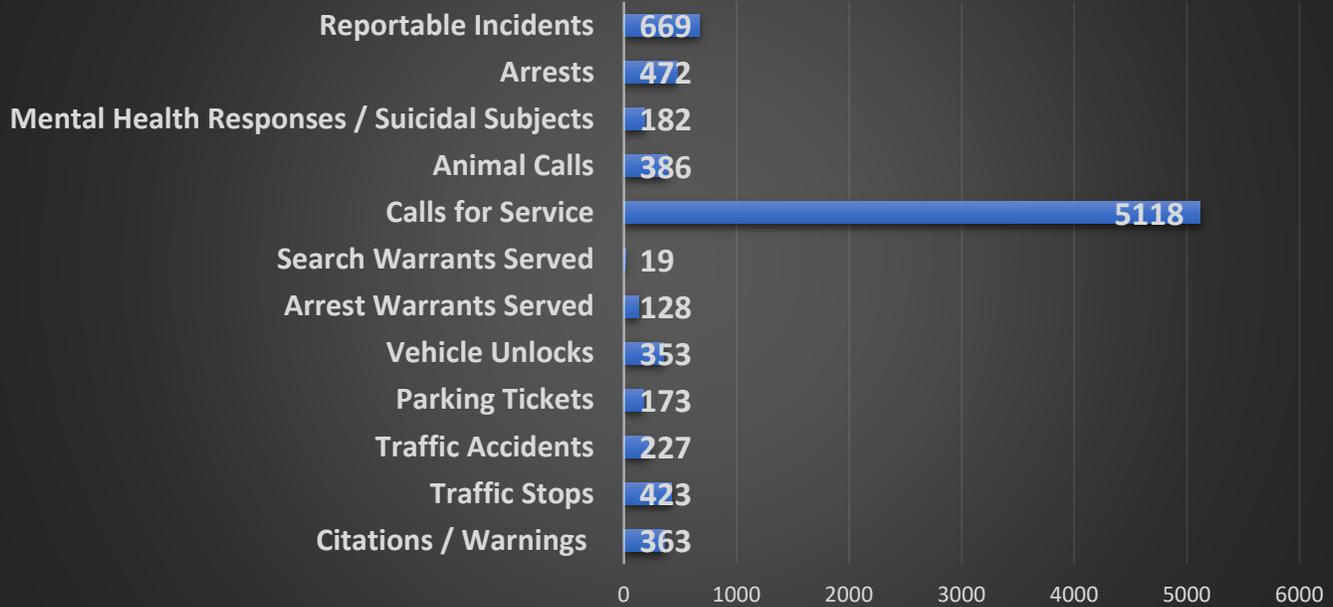


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- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday

Police Department Statistics



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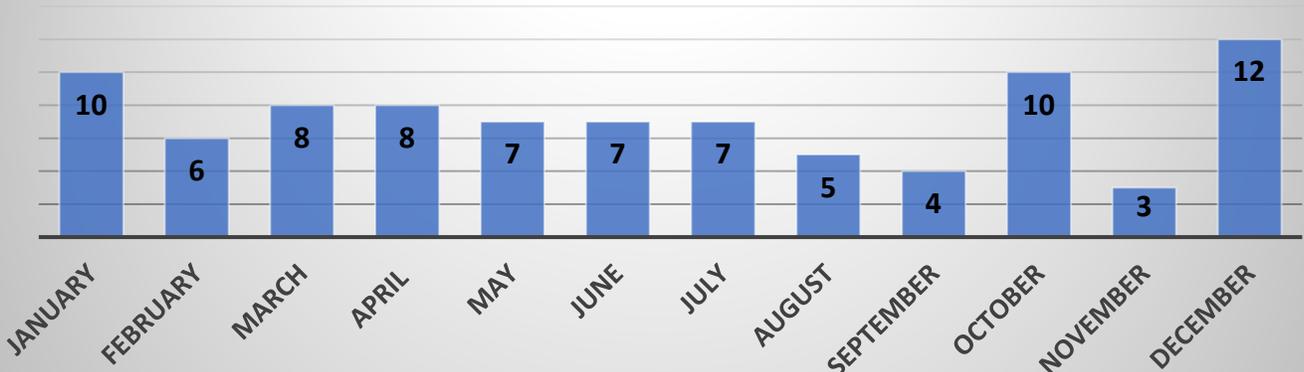


2022 Motor Vehicle Accidents

Total Reported	227
State DOT Reports	87
Property Damage	71
Possible Injury	9
Minor Injury	5
Serious Injury	2
Fatality	0

An Iowa DOT reportable accident is an accident that results in a personal injury or death or one that results in more than \$1,500 damage.

DOT Reportable Accidents By Month



2022 Officer of the Year



Officer of the Year: Officer Seth Adam



Officer Seth Adam

The Washington Police Department is pleased to announce Officer Seth Adam as the department's 2022 Officer of the Year.

Officer Adam has served with the Washington Police Department since September 2010 and graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in December 2010. He was awarded the John P. Stark Award for Best Firearms Marksmanship for the 236th Basic Academy Class.

Officer Adam demonstrates professionalism, teamwork, and excellence in police work. He is recognized as a hardworking and consistent officer. He

regularly and without hesitation, supports department operations with filling extra shifts or assisting other officers as needed. He works beyond regular shift hours to ensure his work is thorough, timely and accurate.

In 2022, Officer Adam completed the Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) program, a 16-hour training course that provides officers an understanding of the impairing effects of drugs, alcohol, and/or the combination of both. In addition, Officer Adam serves as the department shotgun armorer, Taser instructor and is a member of the SWAT Team.

Officer Adam is often complimented for his calm demeanor in stressful situations and compassion shown to victims. His work ethic throughout the year, reflects his dedication to the Washington community and the profession of policing.