

VILLAGE OF MOUNT GILEAD  
DIVISION OF POLICE  
**2023**  
ANNUAL REPORT



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MOUNT GILEAD DIVISION OF POLICE

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## Chief's Summary

2023 saw a massive, over 47%, reduction in felony level reports in the village with a total of 37 felony investigations (13 theft related offenses, 8 drug offenses, 7 sex offenses, 4 breaking and entering, 1 weapons under disability, 1 felony OVI, 1 fleeing/eluding, 1 felony domestic violence, and 1 suspected arson), excluding 8 felony warrant arrests. This down from 61 in 2022.

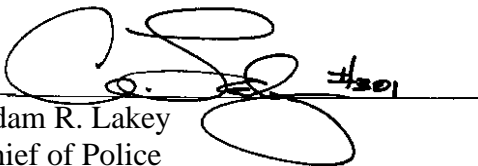
The department applied for and was awarded a grant for recruitment and retention. This grant allowed the village to sponsor and pay the tuition costs, approximately \$8,500, associated with a recruit attending a police academy. Cadet Captain Caden Mosher was selected for the newly created "Recruit" position and began attending the North Central State College Police Academy in August. Mosher, who began as a Law Enforcement Cadet, is a resident of the village and a graduate of Mount Gilead High School. He will become a full-time police officer for the village upon completion of the academy in early 2024.

The department applied for a grant through the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services to obtain body cameras for officers. Body cameras have become a standard piece of equipment for law enforcement and the evidentiary value is unparalleled. The grant was later approved in February 2024 in the amount of \$11,835.

In October, the Morrow County Healthcare Coalition approved a request to purchase five active shooter vests for the department to outfit each of our patrol vehicles with a cost of approximately \$3,000. The vests are capable of stopping high caliber rifle rounds and are outfitted with extra rifle magazines, a tourniquet, and a medical kit. These kits help officers to be as protected, and effective, as possible when responding to an active threat and rendering aid to victims. The department is very grateful for the support shown by the coalition.

The newly purchased 2022 Dodge Durango was upfitted and placed into service during 2023. The cruiser, which is the first in our transition to black patrol vehicles from white, received a significant amount of positive feedback from both officers and citizens on the aesthetics. Historically, the department had a fleet of four patrol vehicles. It was decided to increase the fleet size to five to allow for vehicles that are taken out of service for repairs or due to damage.

My goals for 2024 continue to be training that aligns with the department mission and supports each individual officer to better serve our community. We will continue to provide professional and proactive law enforcement services to the citizens and visitors of the Village of Mount Gilead.



Adam R. Lakey  
Chief of Police

# 2023 Staffing Summary

The department began the year with seven full-time officers: Chief Adam Lakey, Captain Thomas Cronenwett, Sergeant Chase Beekman, Officer David Blanton, Officer Micheal Turner, and Officer Frank Ramos. The department also has two part-time officers: Officer George Hinkle and Officer Jeffrey Cline.

On April 6, the department held our 2nd annual awards banquet. The following were recognized for their service in 2022:

- 2022 Officer of the Year: Sergeant Chase Beekman
- Chief's Commendation: Officer Micheal Turner
- Life Saving Award: Captain Thomas Cronenwett & K9 Nik
- Life Saving Award: Officer George Hinkle
- Exceptional Community Service: Officer Roger Meyer
- Meritorious Citizenship: Cadet Captain Caden Mosher
- Meritorious Citizenship: Cadet Katie Statler
- Meritorious Citizenship: Cadet Mikayla Meyer
- Meritorious Citizenship: Cadet Robert Copeland
- Citizen Commendation: Keith and Donna Rogers

On May 8, Officer Jessie Brady was hired as a full-time officer. Officer Brady is a graduate of Mount Gilead High School and the Marion Technical College Law Enforcement Academy.

On June 23, Officer David Blanton resigned to accept a position with Sunbury Police Department.

On July 31, Officer Roger Meyer resigned and retired from public safety.

On July 31, Officer Frank Ramos changed classification from full-time to part-time in order to return to North Lewisburg Police Department as a full-time supervisor.

On August 21, Cadet Caden Mosher was hired as a Recruit and began attendance at the North Central State College Police Academy.

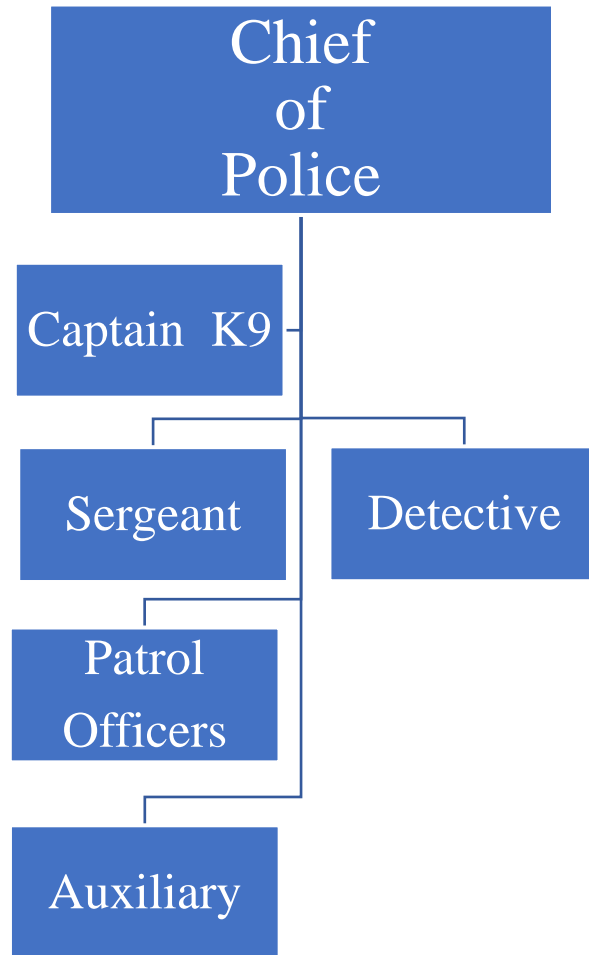
On August 28, Officer Jason Robinson was hired as a full-time officer. Officer Robinson is a graduate of Mount Gilead High School and the North Central State College Police Academy.

On December 22, K9 Nik retired after faithfully serving the village for 8 years.

On December 22, K9 Niko was sworn in as the new K9 officer.

The Law Enforcement Cadet Program ended the year with two Cadets: Cadet Katie Statler and Cadet Robert Copeland.

# Agency Administration Rank Structure



## Leadership Assignments (December 31, 2023)

<b>Chief of Police:</b>	<b>Adam R. Lakey</b>
<b>Captain / K9:</b>	<b>Thomas B. Cronenwett</b>
<b>Sergeant:</b>	<b>Chase A. Beekman</b>
<b>Detective:</b>	<b>Unassigned</b>

## **Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Mount Gilead Division of Police to protect the lives and property of the people we serve, to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to enhance public safety while working with the community to improve quality of life. Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest level of professionalism to maintain public confidence.

## **Code of Ethics**

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against abuse or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or abuse and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement.

# **Core Values**

United in cause, purpose, and belief we, the dedicated professionals of the Mount Gilead Division of Police, embrace, serve, and live by the following core values:

## **Honor**

Honor guides us to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior. We abide by an uncompromising code of integrity, respect human dignity, and respect others. Honor compels us to act responsibly, to fulfill our obligations, and to hold ourselves and others accountable for every action.

## **Courage**

Courage is the value that gives us the moral and mental strength to do what is right, with confidence and resolution, even in the face of temptation or adversity. With physical courage, it is a matter of enduring physical duress and at times risking personal safety. Facing moral fear or adversity may be a long, slow process of continuing forward on the right path, especially if taking those actions is not popular with others.

## **Excellence**

Excellence is the constant pursuit of perfection, despite knowing that perfection is rarely attainable. Excellence is the result of caring about what we do, and of putting our very best effort into what we care about. It is an outward expression of inner integrity, passion, and a strong sense to make a true difference. We relentlessly strive for both personal and professional excellence.

# Patrol Operations Summary

In 2023, MGPD officers responded to 1,461 calls for service, investigated 230 reports, handled 49 crashes, made 1,307 traffic stops, issued 872 warnings, conducted 5,295 foot-patrols, and issued 690 charges to 517 persons. The youngest person charged was 12 and the oldest person charged was 82.

In addition to patrolling the Village, officers carried out many valuable community service functions such as: 105 Assists for other agencies, 45 vehicle lockouts, 33 Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service assists, and attended numerous public relations events.

A call for service is anytime an officer is requested for help.

A report is taken whenever there is a criminal offense requiring investigation or documentation or a death.

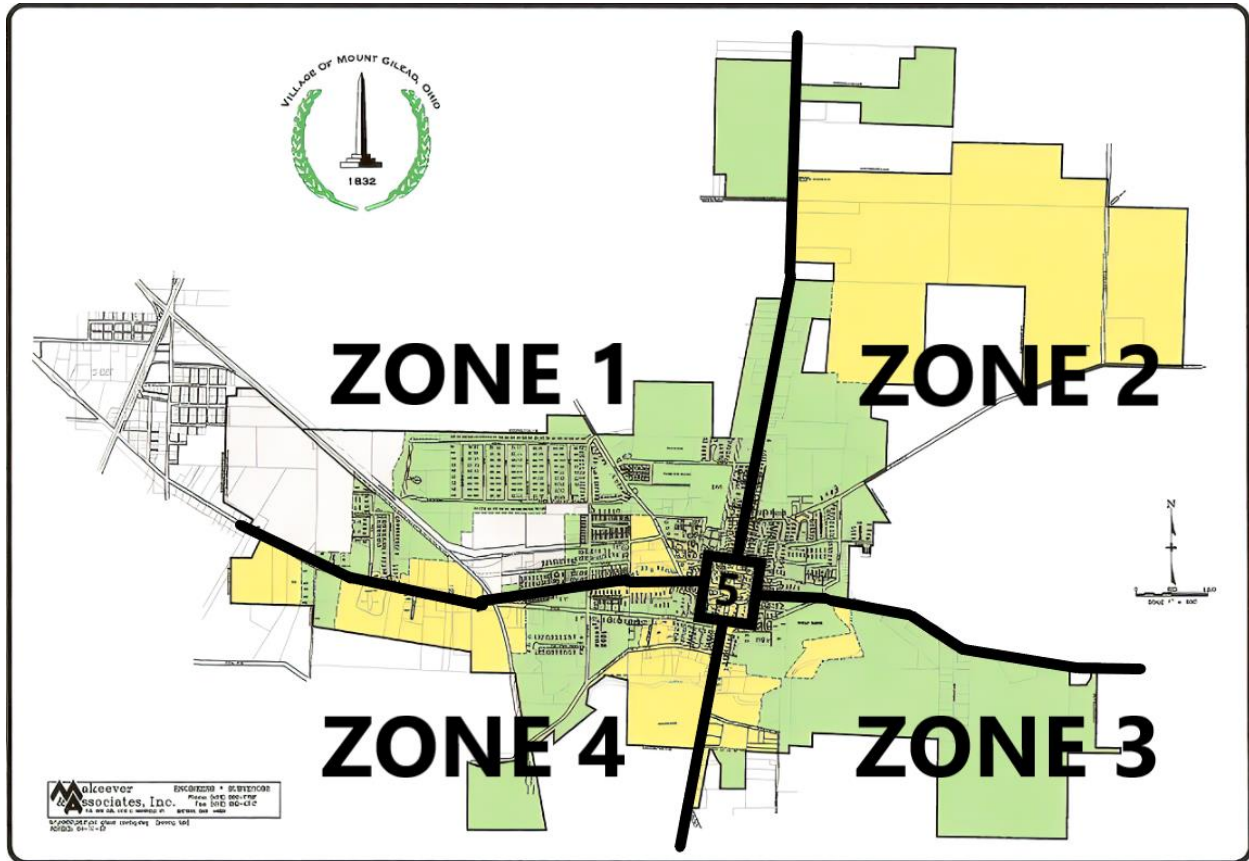
A crash report is taken for crashes that occurred on the roadway or crashes on private property resulting in injury or significant property damage.

A traffic stop is anytime an officer contacts a motorist for a violation of law.

A foot-patrol is anytime an officer is out of the car to check a business or residence or interact with citizens for no reason other than to socialize.

A charge is a citation, complaint, or warrant issued for a criminal offense.

# Patrol Operations Zone Map



**The Village of Mount Gilead is divided into 5 “Zones” for statistics and tracking purposes.**

**Zone 1 = North of High Street, West of Main Street**

**Zone 2 = North of High Street, East of Main Street**

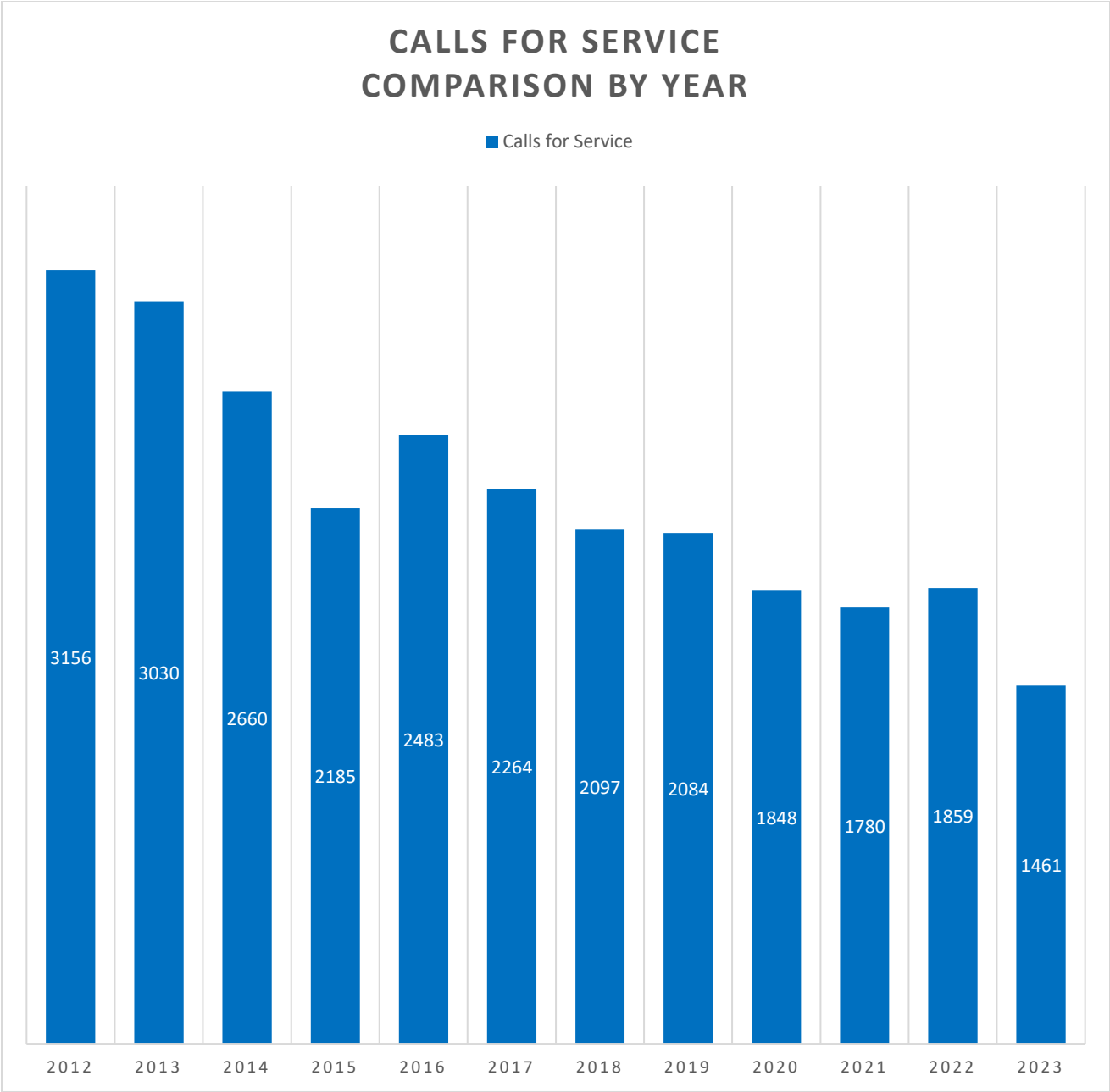
**Zone 3 = South of High Street, East of Main Street**

**Zone 4 = South of High Street, West of Main Street**

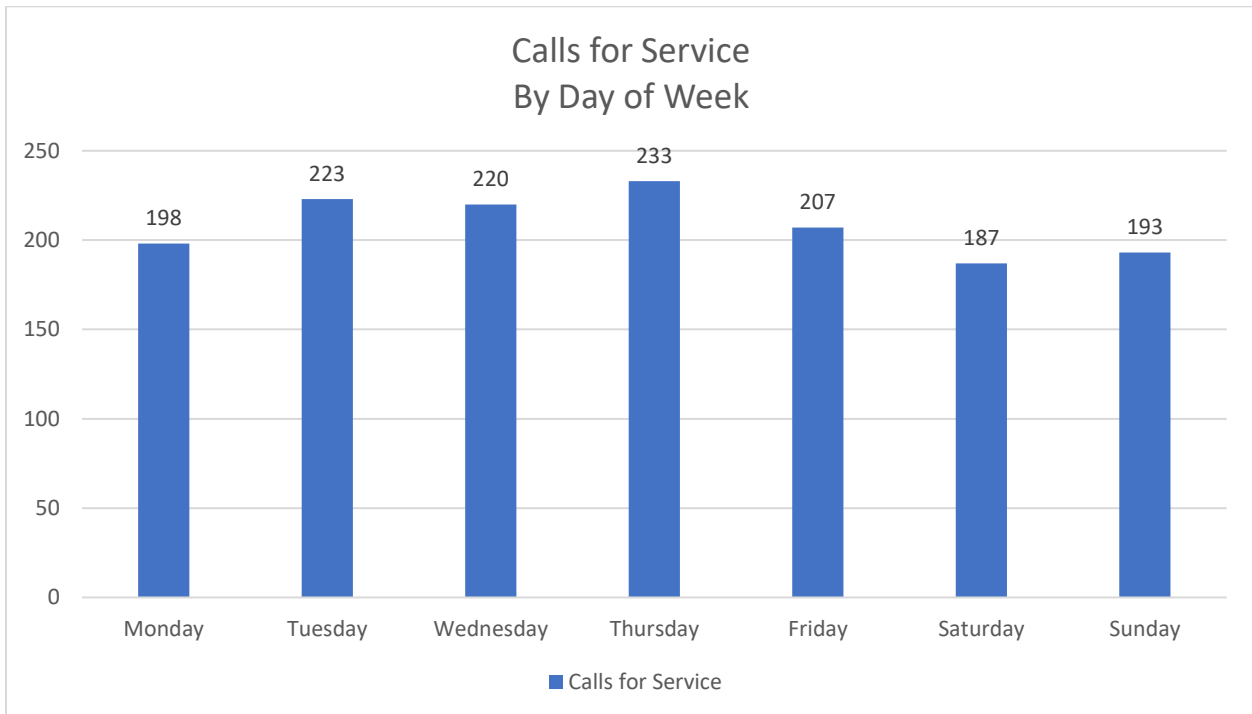
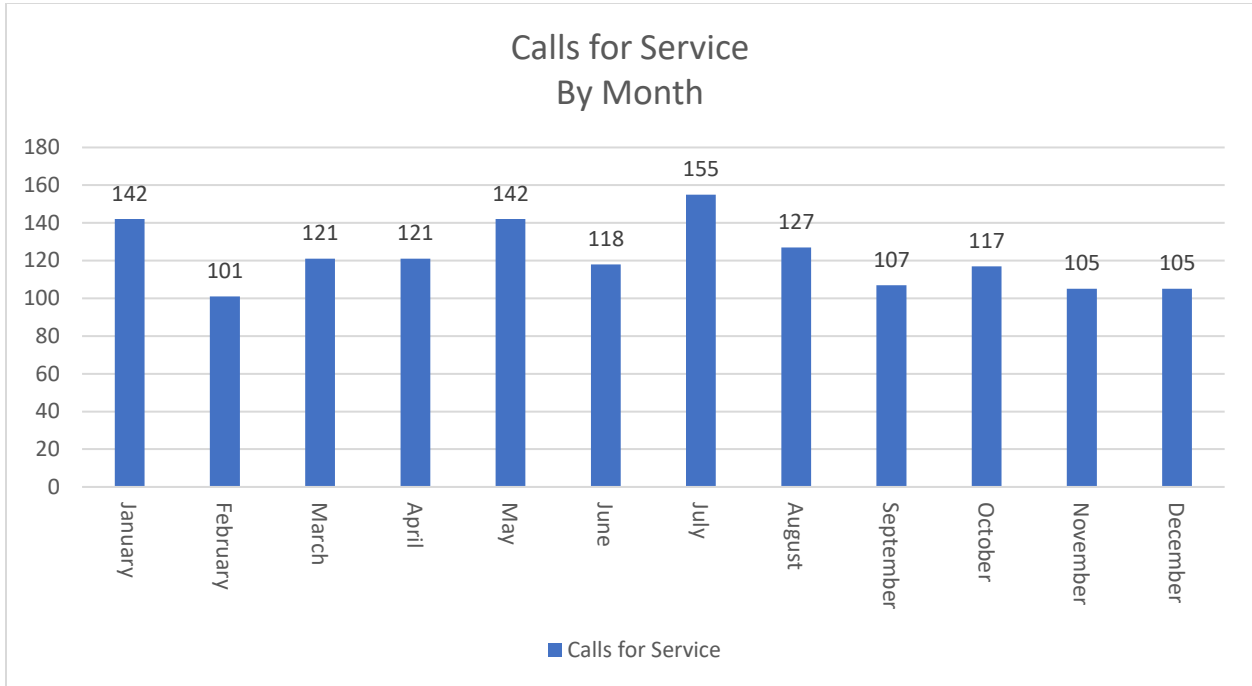
**Zone 5 = Downtown Business District**

**Zone 0 = Outside the Incorporated Village**

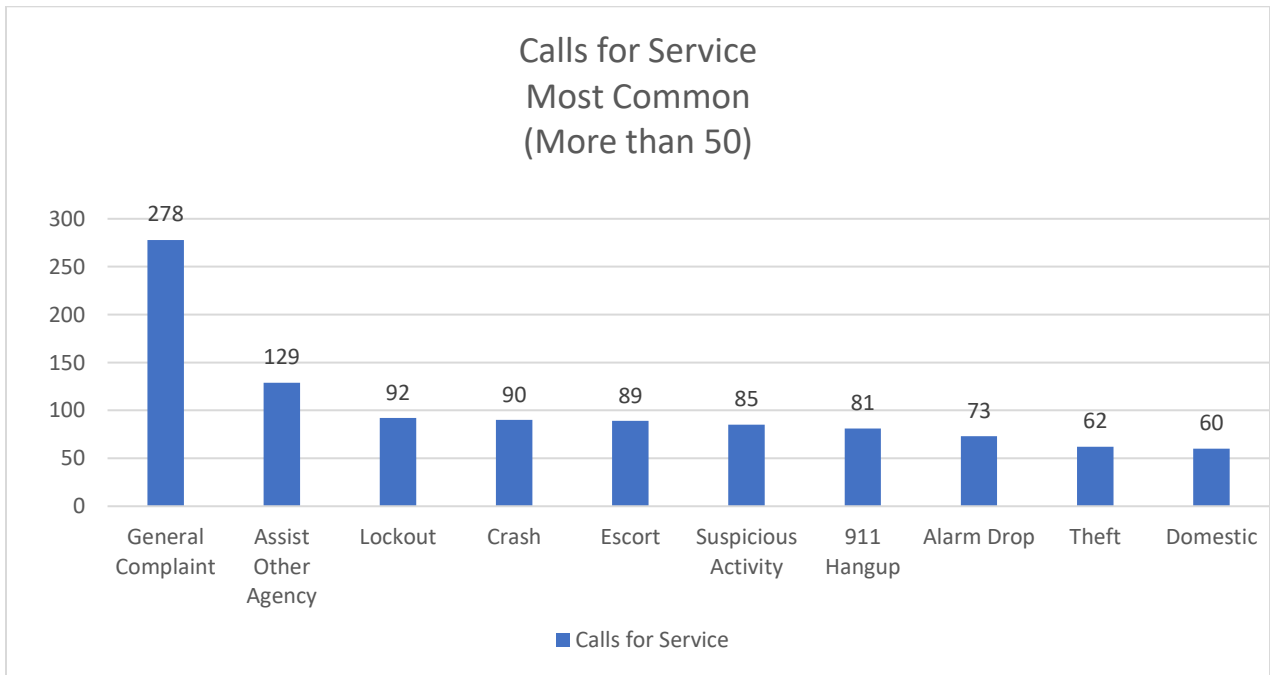
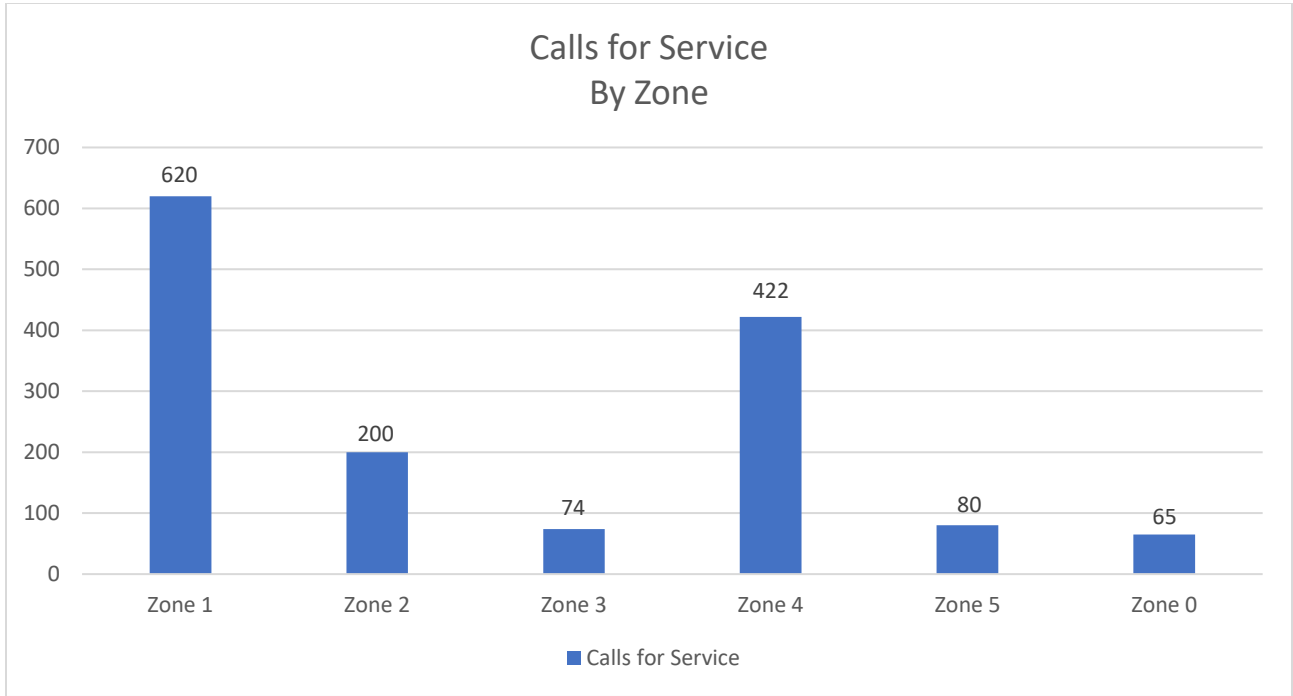
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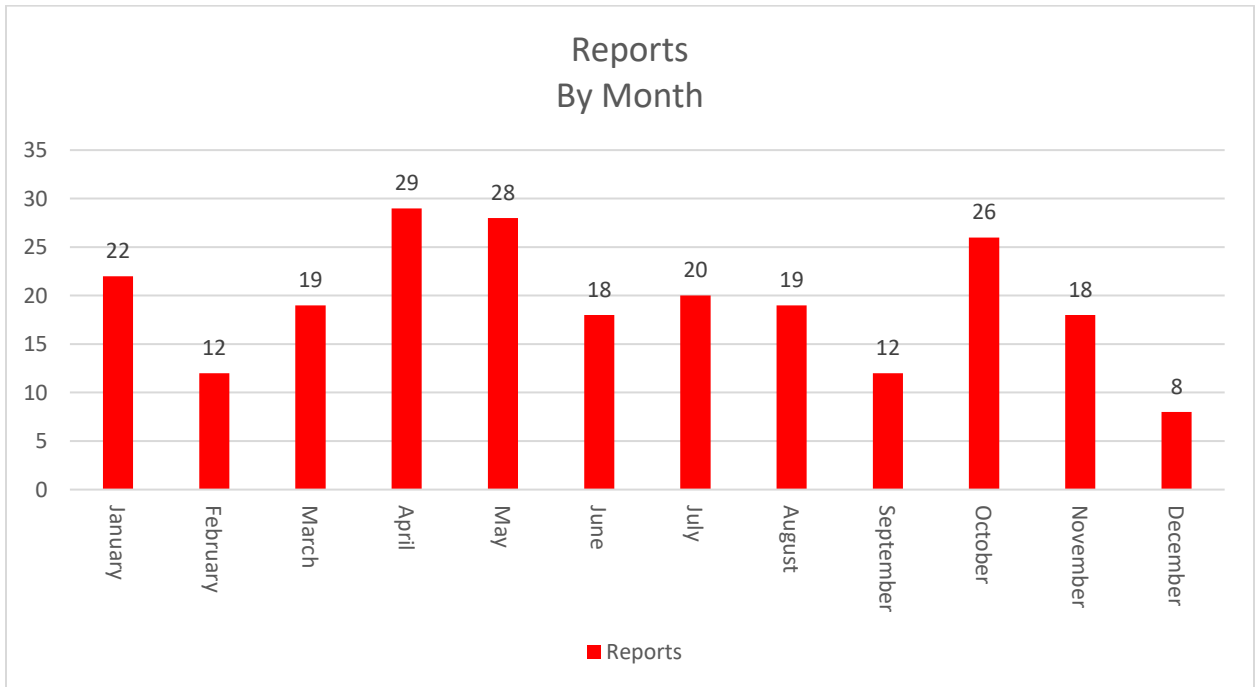
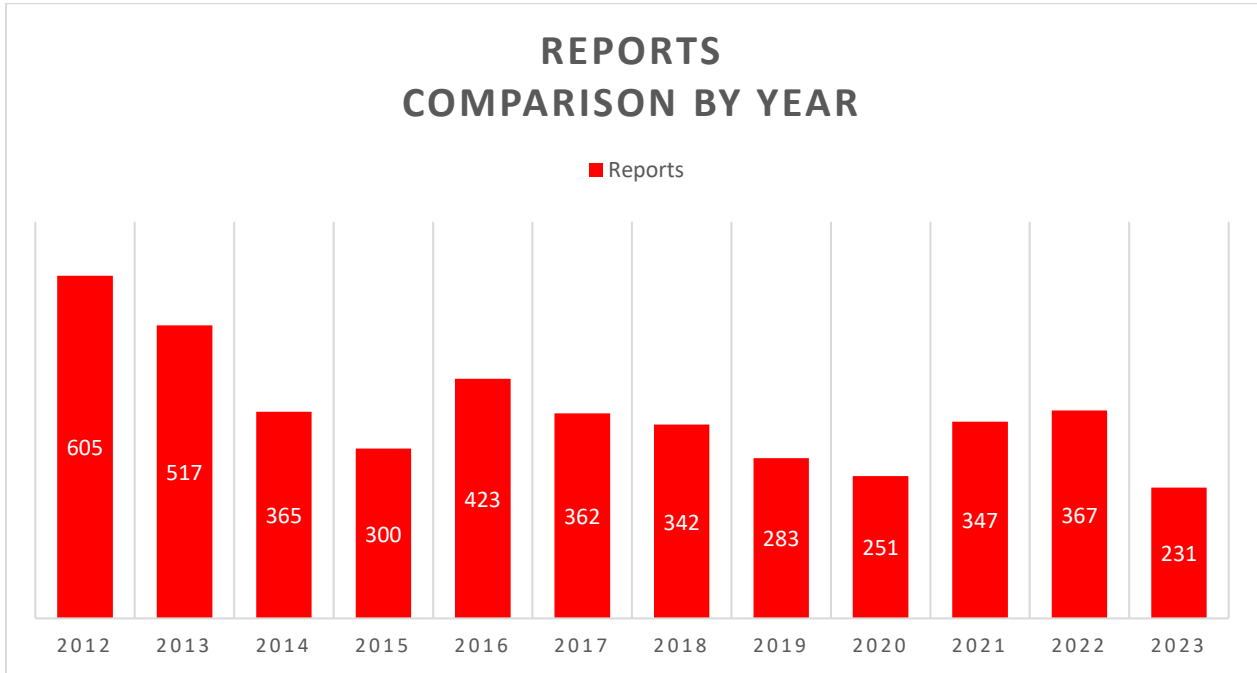
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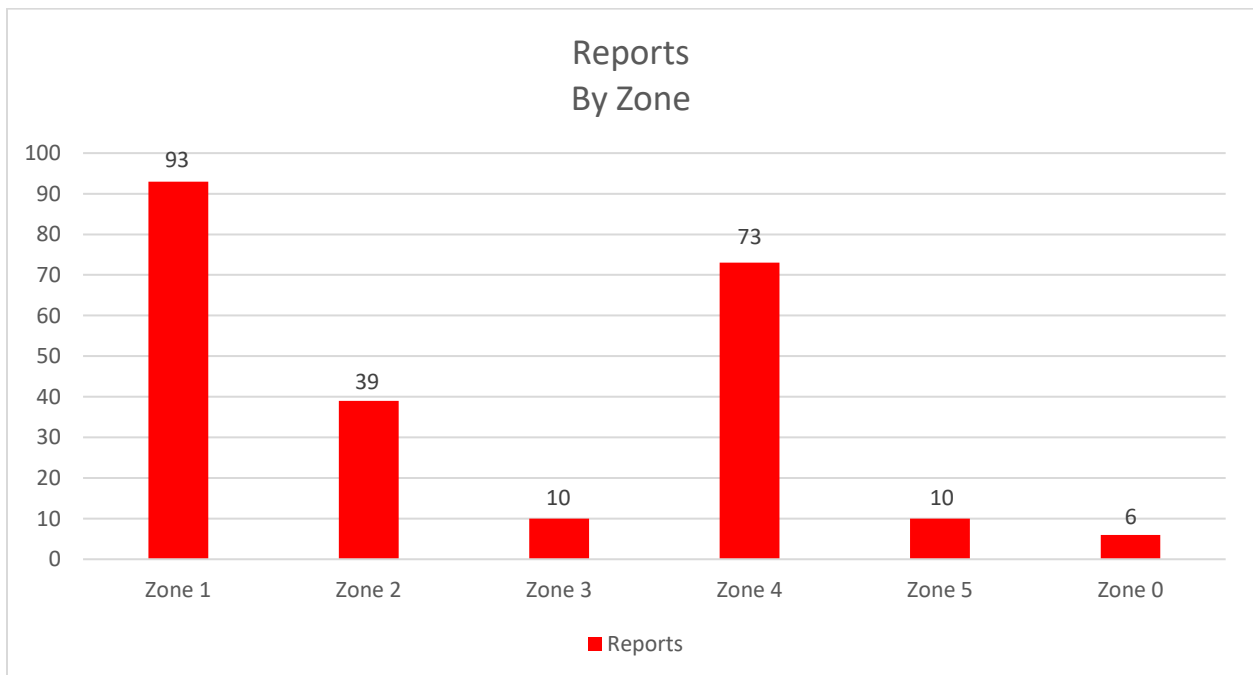
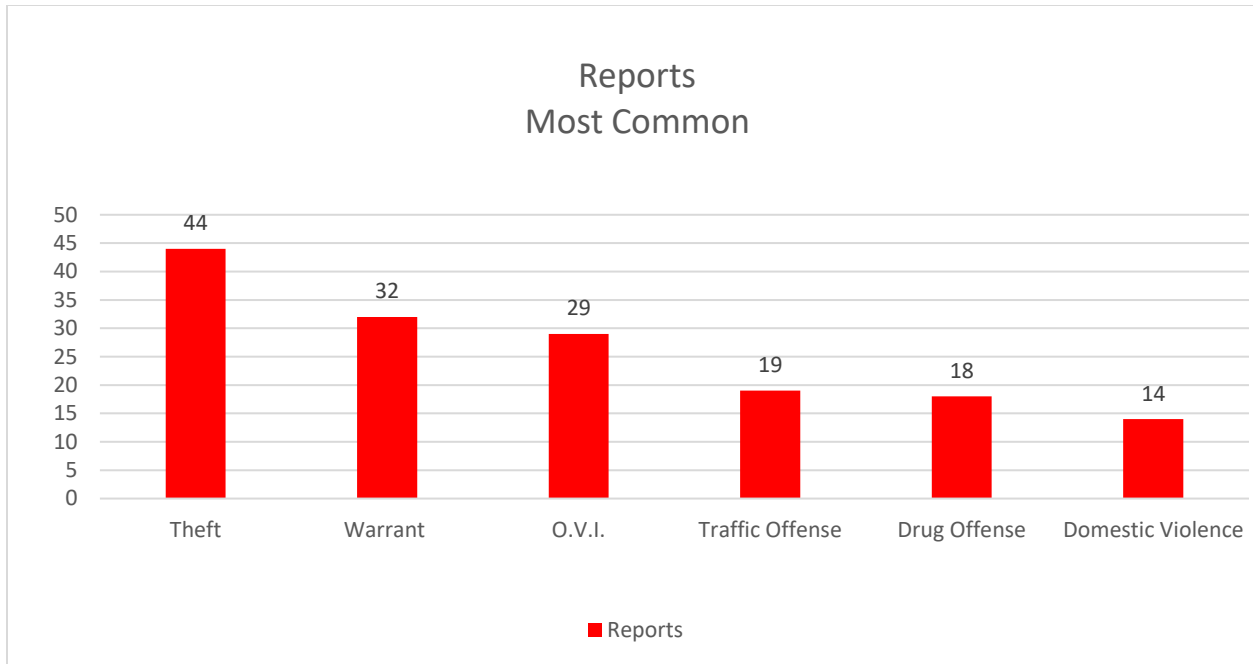
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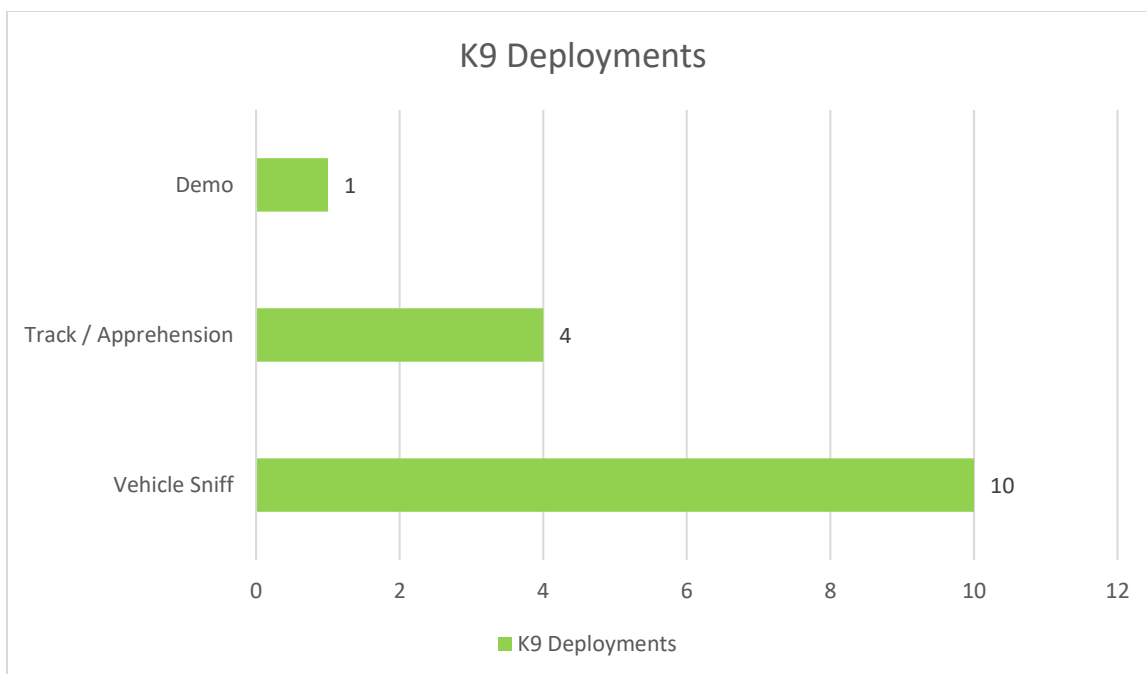
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## Patrol Operations K9 Statistics



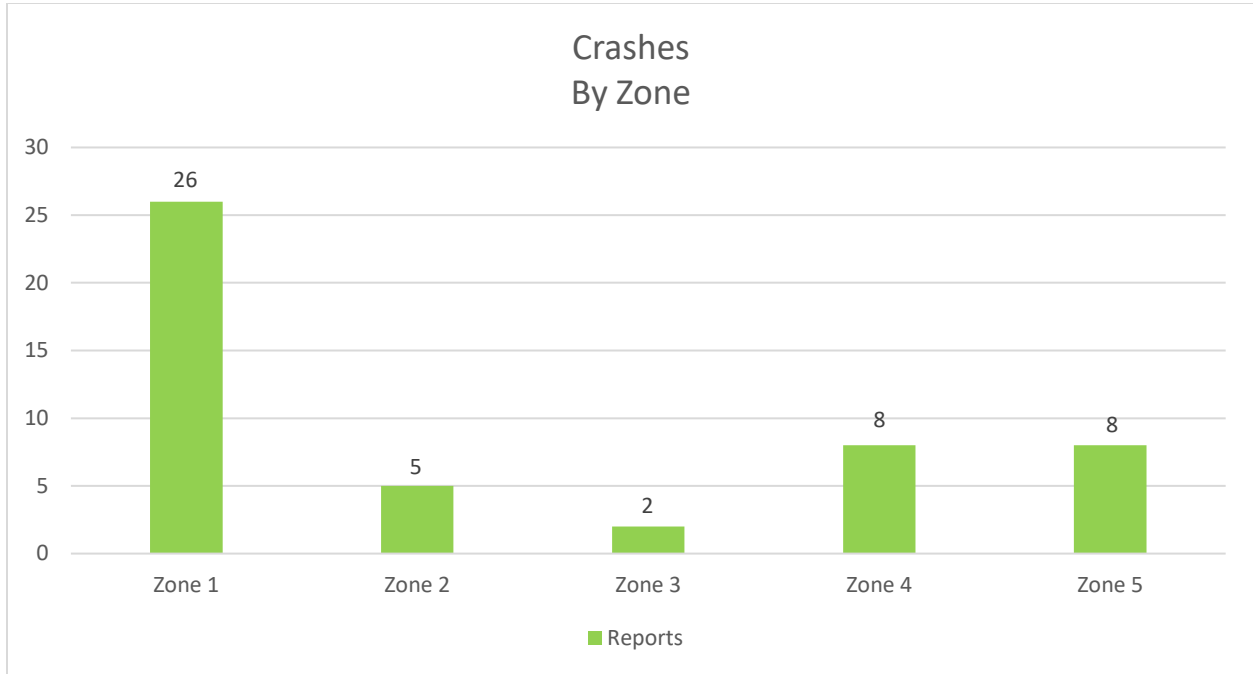
**The department currently has one Canine Officer. K9 Niko replaced K9 Nik upon his retirement in December.**

**He is handled by Captain Thomas Cronenwett.**

**Captain Cronenwett and Niko are certified by the State of Ohio in tracking, apprehension, and narcotics detection.**

**The K9 team was responsible for 7 drug finds and 1 suspect track/apprehension without bite in 2023.**

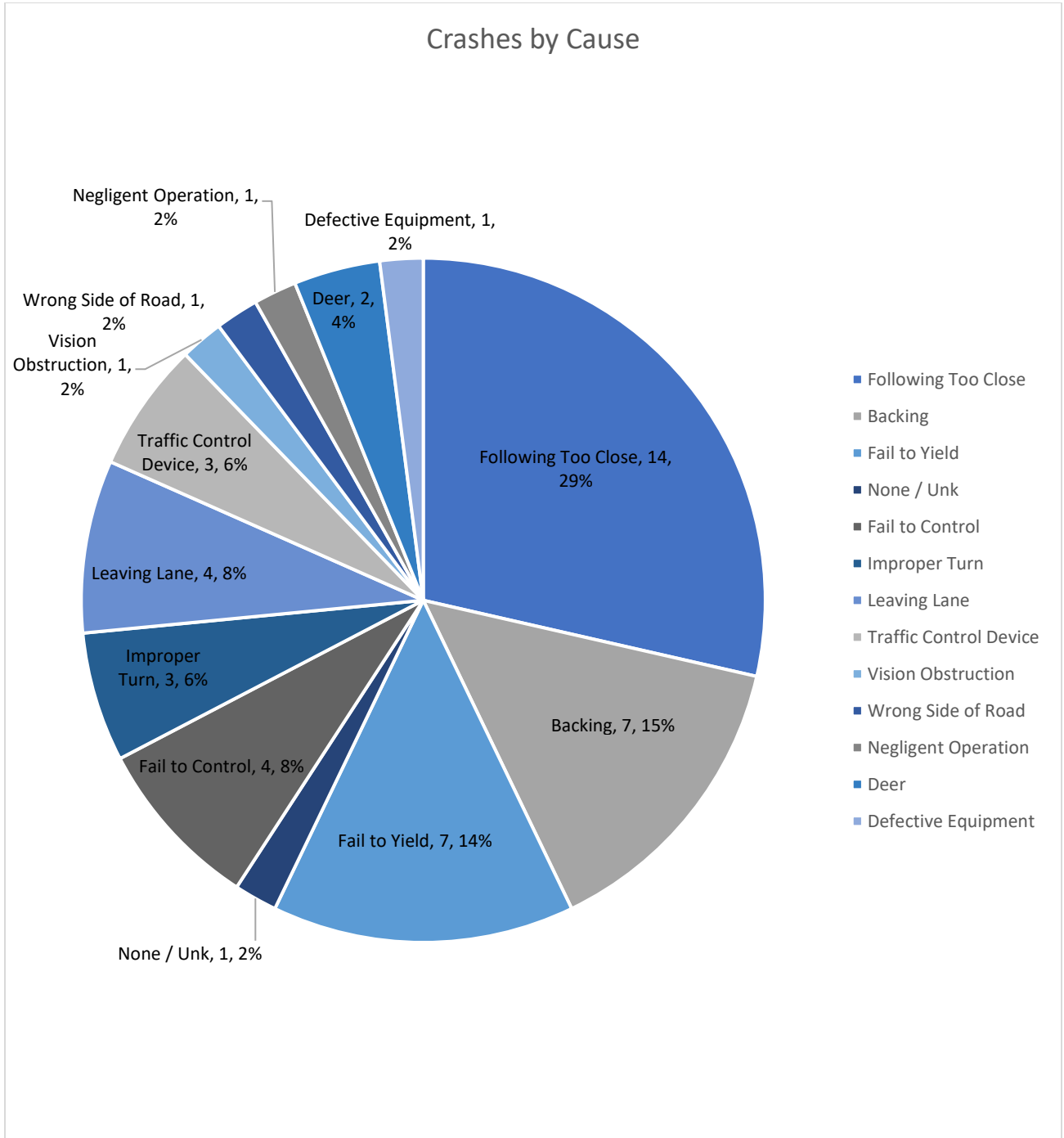
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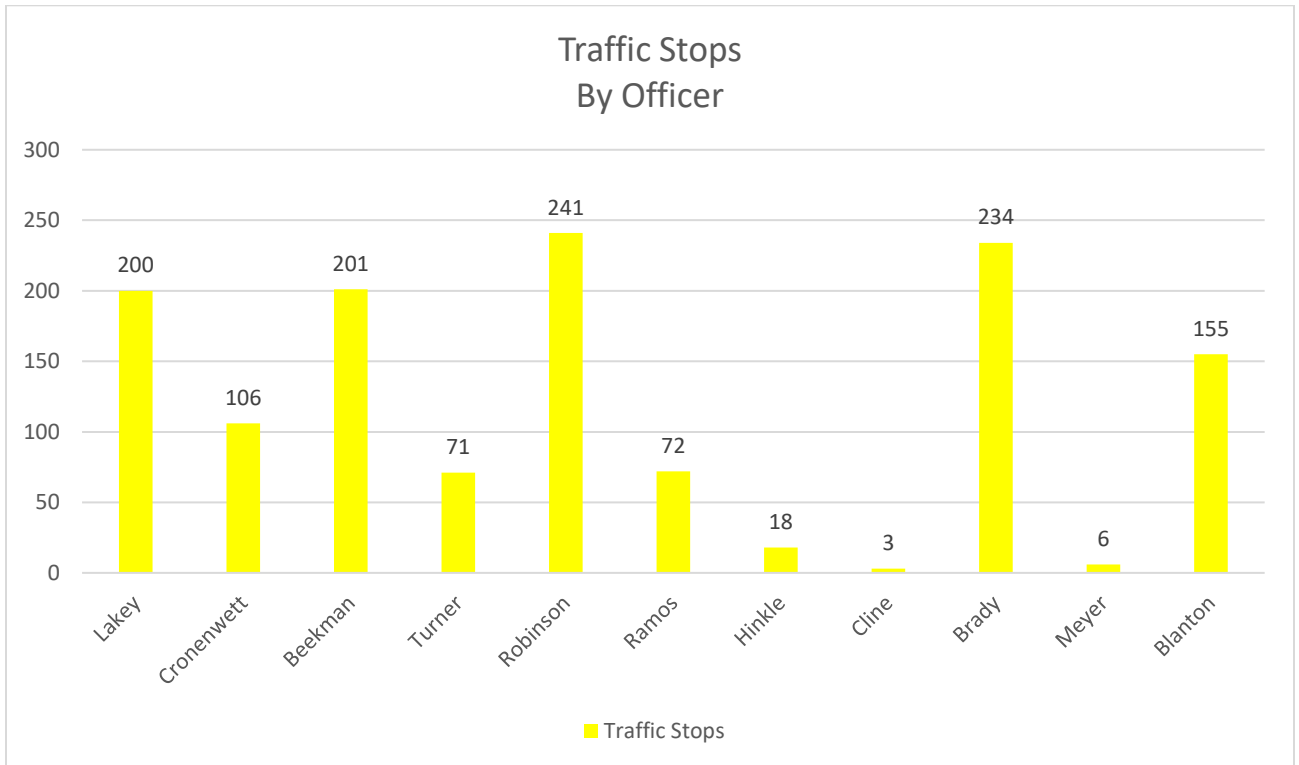
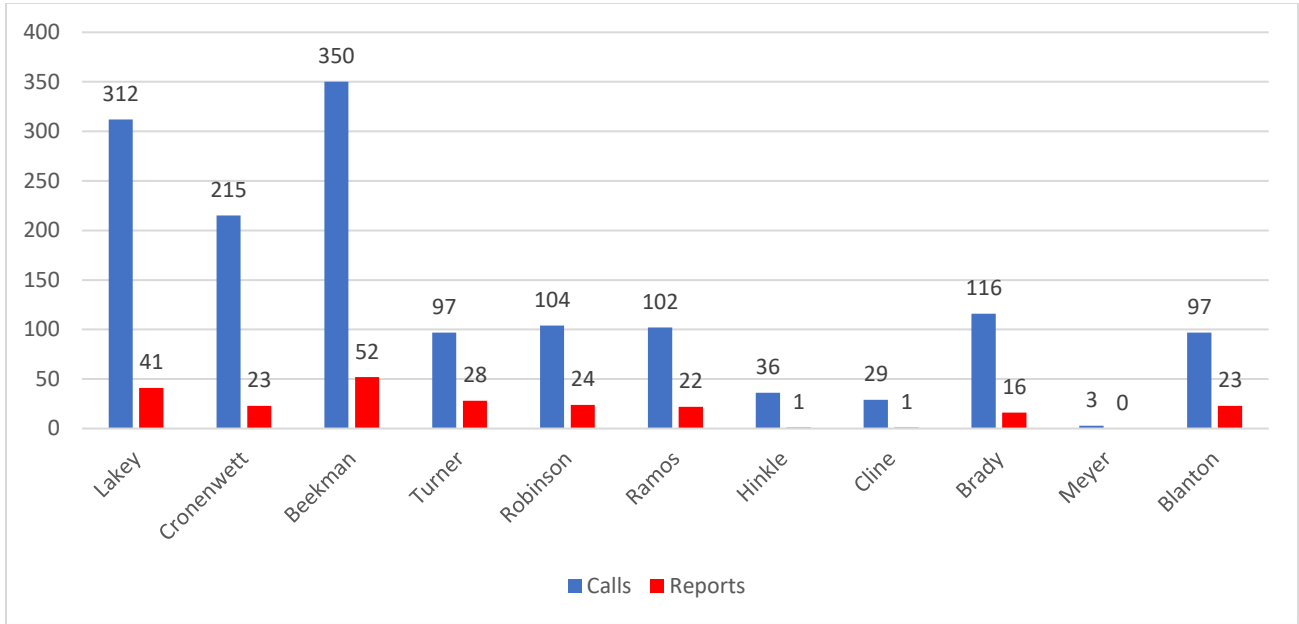
Crashes by Day of Week	Crashes
Monday	7
Tuesday	6
Wednesday	5
Thursday	8
Friday	11
Saturday	5
Sunday	7

Crashes by Shift	Crashes
0000-0800	8
0800-1600	27
1600-0000	14

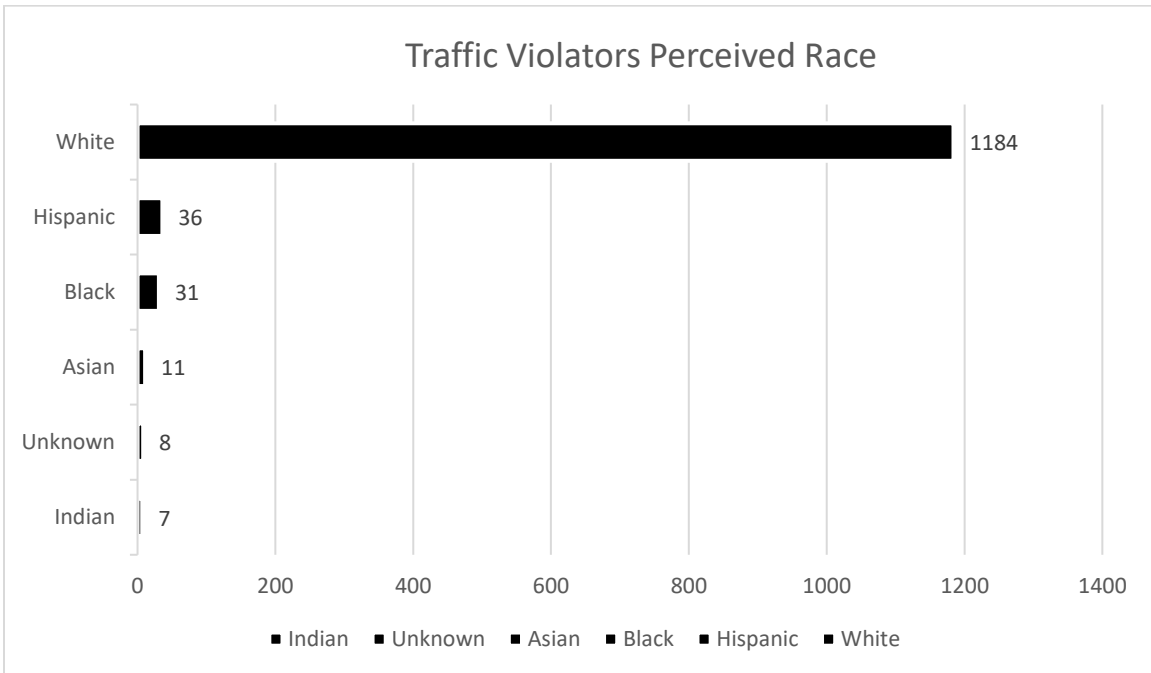
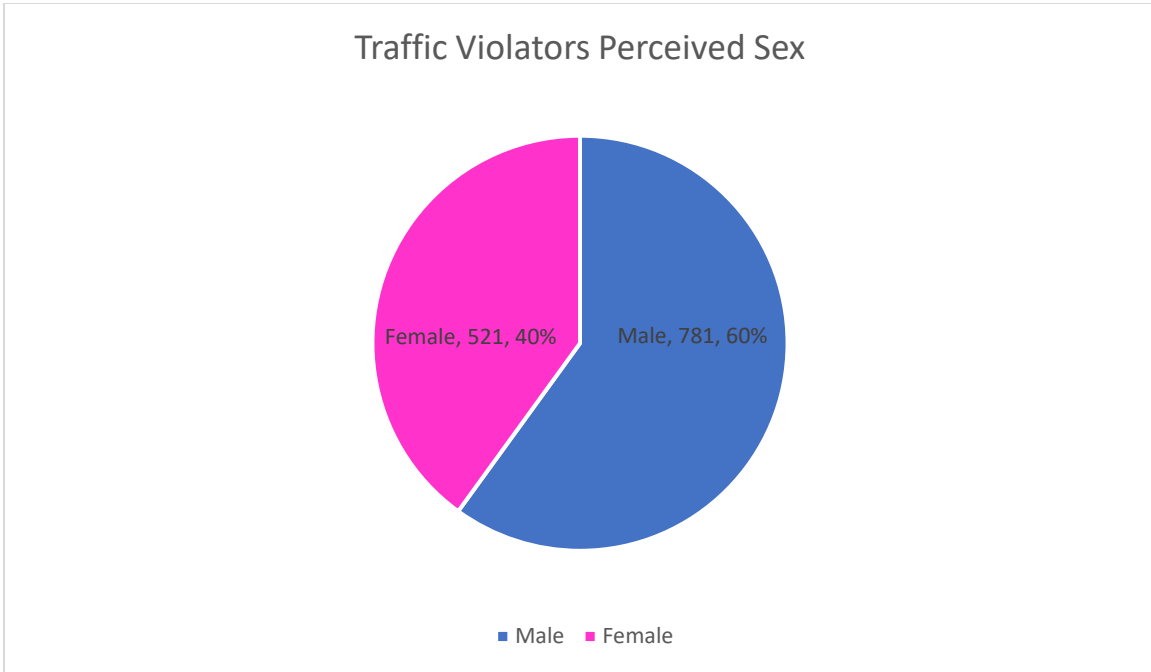
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