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MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Johnson City Police Department to partner with our residents and businesses to make Johnson City as safe and inviting as possible for all people to reside in and visit. We further strive to form strong bonds with the community and to protect their property and preserve their rights.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to help create a more vibrant and flourishing Johnson City that is free of blight where our residents and guests feel safe while enjoying a higher quality of life.

OUR VALUES

In an ever-changing world, our core values remain constant. They are a fundamental part of who we are as Johnson City Police Officers. Core values are not descriptions of the work we do or the strategies we employ to accomplish our mission. These values form the foundation of our work, how we interact with each other and members of our community. We rely on our core values to shape the decisions that we make. These three values guide and inspire us in all we say and do; we will continually internalize and model these core values:

INTEGRITY

Honest and ethical behavior in all we do; our actions will match our words.

COURAGE

Selfless devotion to duty; taking action in the face of danger and holding ourselves and our peers to the highest ethical standards.

SERVICE

Our residents and businesses provide for us and our families through their hard-earned tax dollars. We owe it to them to go above and beyond to provide them with the absolute best service possible.



UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION

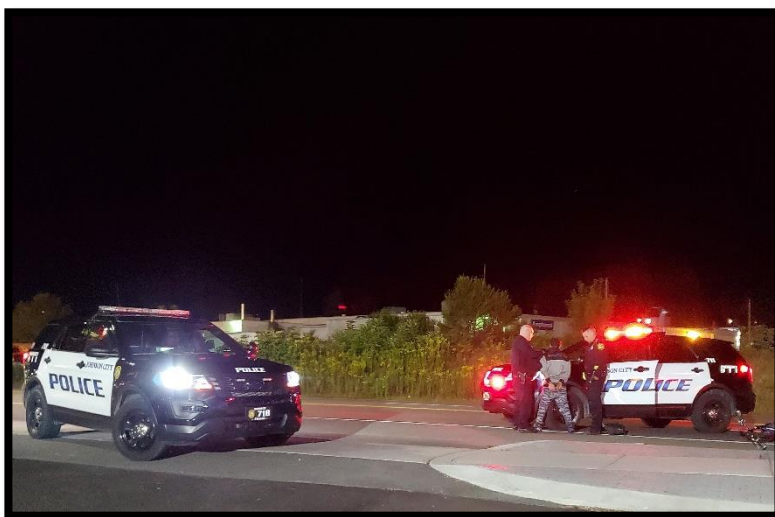
The Uniform Patrol Division functions as the primary enforcement and crime prevention branch of the Police Department. The Patrol Division is the largest branch of the Department, and serves as the backbone of all police functions.

The Patrol Division is overseen by the Captain and is comprised of 2 Lieutenants, 3 Sergeants, 25 Patrolmen, and 2 School Resource Officers. In 2022, the Patrol Division handled nearly 14,000 calls for service, 3,977 of which were officer-initiated services. The Patrol Division made 1,136 adult arrests resulting in over 1,600 charges.

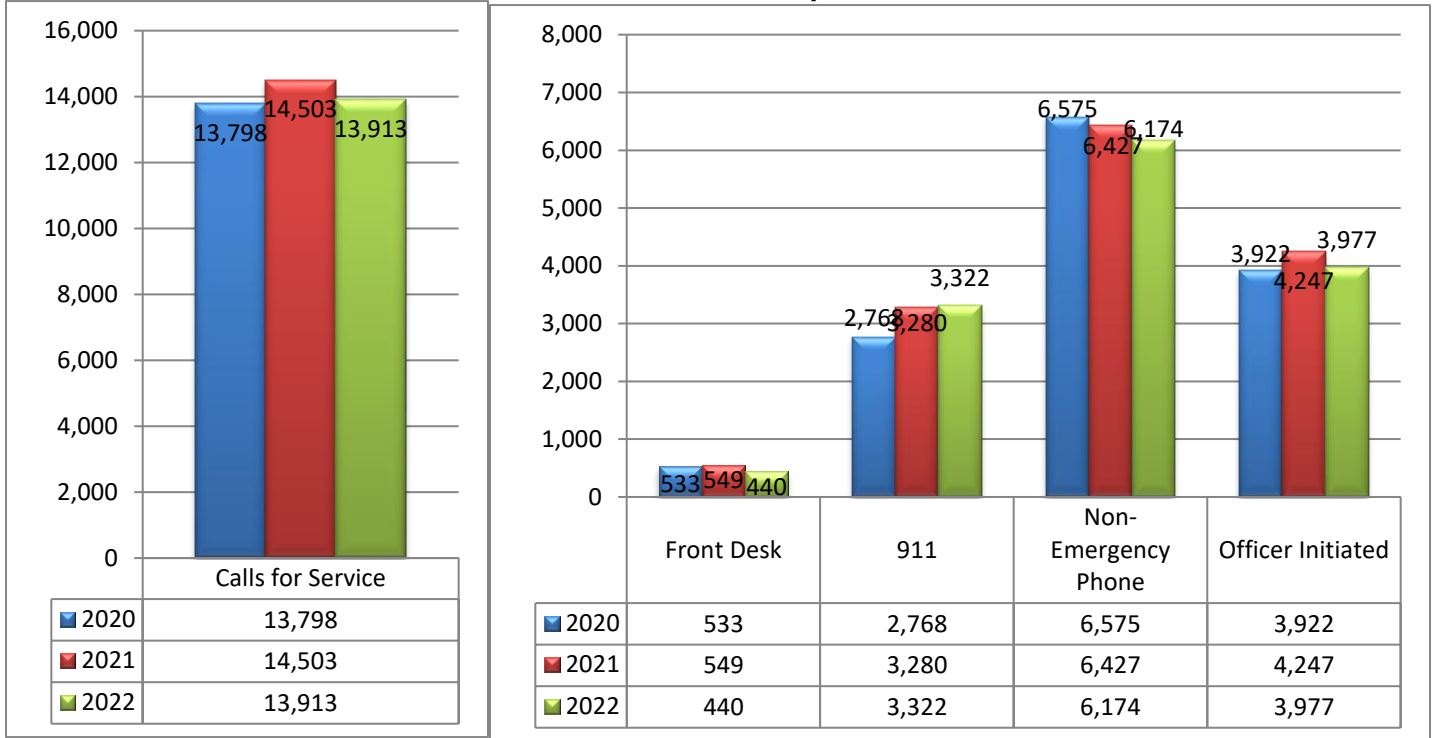
The Uniform Patrol Division is first to respond to citizens' calls for assistance, and usually first to arrive at the scene of an occurrence requiring police action. The Patrol Division is deployed 24 hours a day divided into three 8 hour shifts.

Most citizens' only contact with the police is with a member of the Patrol Division. The public's perception of the effectiveness and professionalism of the Department is largely shaped by these contacts.

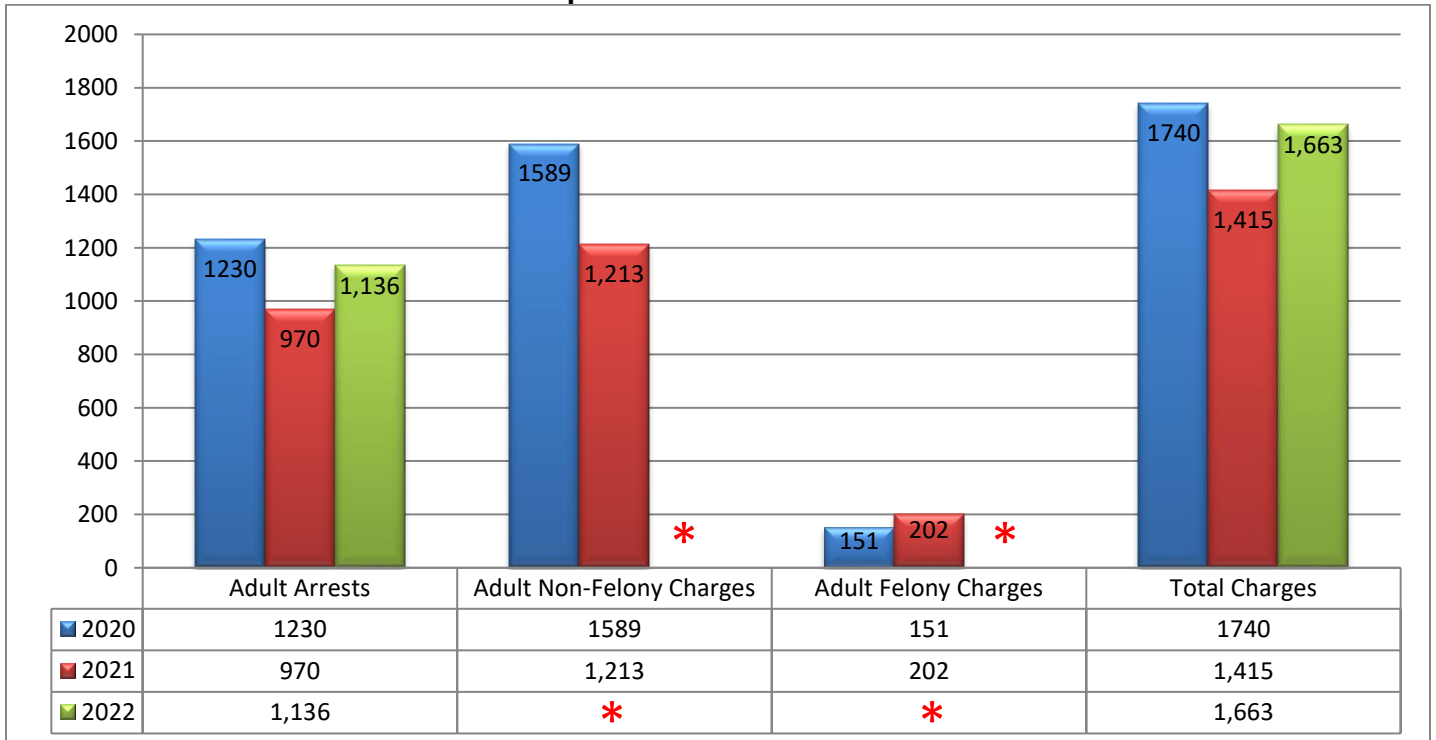
The many aspects of a patrol officer's duties include preventative patrol, response to calls for service, protecting those in need and providing neighborhoods a safe environment. The presence of uniform patrol will help deter criminal activity in a neighborhood, and help promote cooperation and communication with the residents.



CALLS FOR SERVICE & SOURCE OF CALLS | Patrol Division

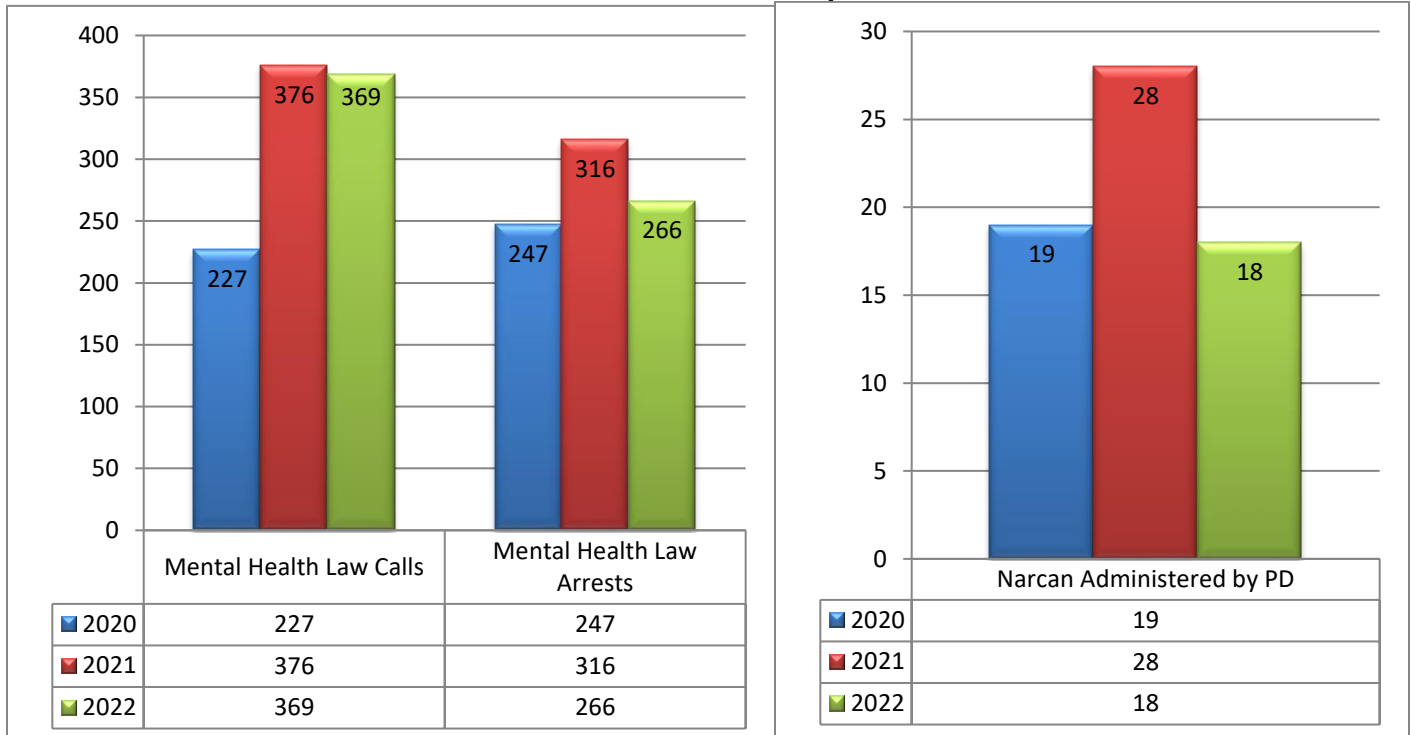


ADULT ARRESTS & CHARGES | Patrol Division

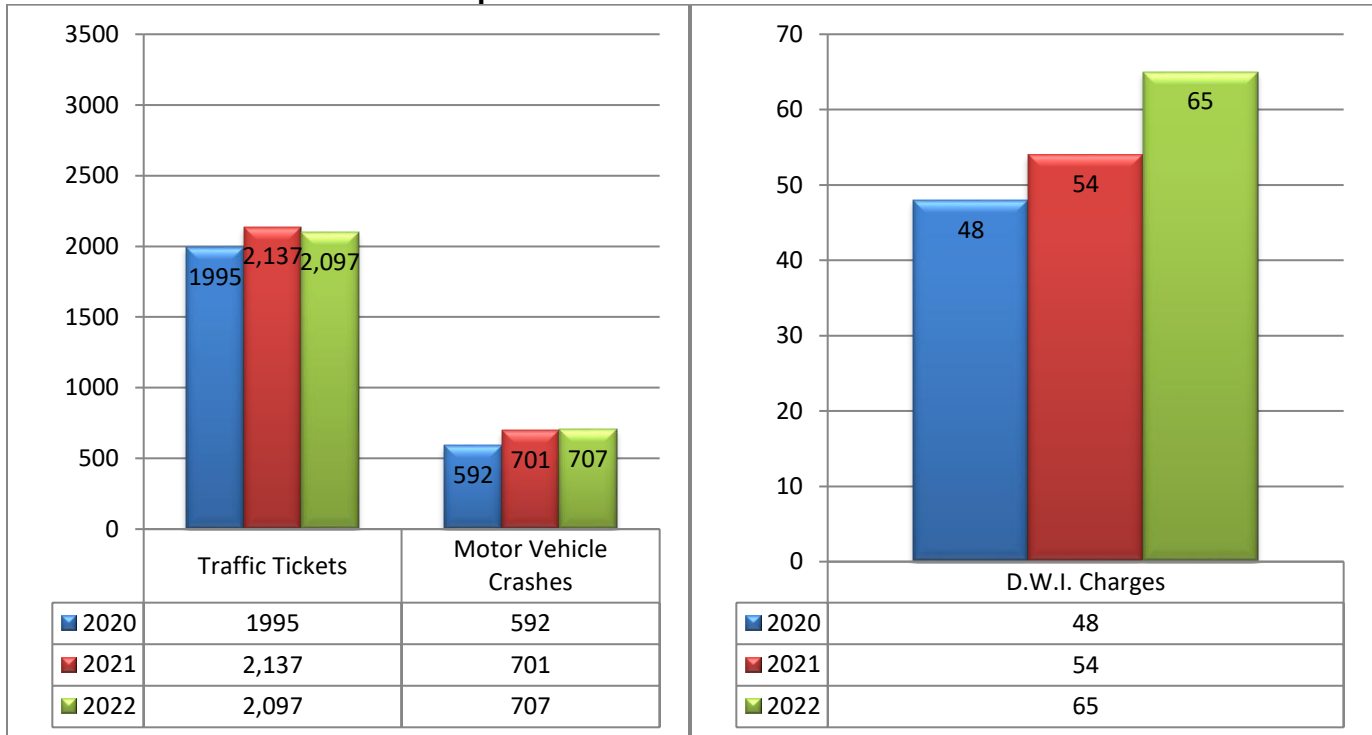


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MENTAL HEALTH AND NARCAN STATISTICS | Patrol Division



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT | Patrol Division



NOTABLE PATROL DIVISION ACTIVITY

FEBRUARY 22, 2022 | Patrol officers make felony drug arrests on traffic stop

Arrested:

1. Damien K. Marrero, age 20 of Johnson City, NY
2. Jermori M. Mills, age 18 of Binghamton, NY

Charges:

- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd Degree, B Felony
- Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 4th Degree, C Felony
- Tampering with Physical Evidence, E Felony

On 2/22/22, patrol officers stopped a vehicle on Laurel Street for a vehicle and traffic violation. An Officer approached the operator, Damien Marrero, and his passenger Jermori Mills. While the officer was speaking with Mills, he observed Marrero remove a substance from his pocket and further saw Marrero trying to conceal the substance. The officer was able to retrieve the substance and took both Marrero and Mills into custody. The officer recovered over 10 grams of cocaine and over \$2,900 in cash.

FEBRUARY 27, 2022 | Officers interrupt stabbing in-progress

On Sunday February 27, 2022 at about 11:00 AM, the Johnson City Police responded to an address on Pratt Ave in Johnson City for a report of a domestic incident. Responding officers were advised by dispatch that a male was armed with a knife. Upon officers' arrival and subsequent entry into the residence they encountered David Maiella, 31yo of Johnson City. Maiella who was armed with a large piece of glass and was actively attacking a male victim. Officers ordered Maiella to drop the glass and were able to take him into custody without incident.

The male victim had sustained multiple non-life-threatening stab and slash wounds during the incident. Officers recovered the shard of glass as well as a knife that was used during the incident. It was discovered that Maiella had menaced a female with a knife, prior to attacking the male victim. Additionally, there was a small child present during the incident that sustained a minor injury from falling. All involved parties were transported to Wilson Hospital for treatment.

David Maiella was charged with the following offenses:

- Assault in the First Degree, a class B Felony
- Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree – a class D Felony
- Menacing in the Second Degree – a class A Misdemeanor
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child – a class A Misdemeanor

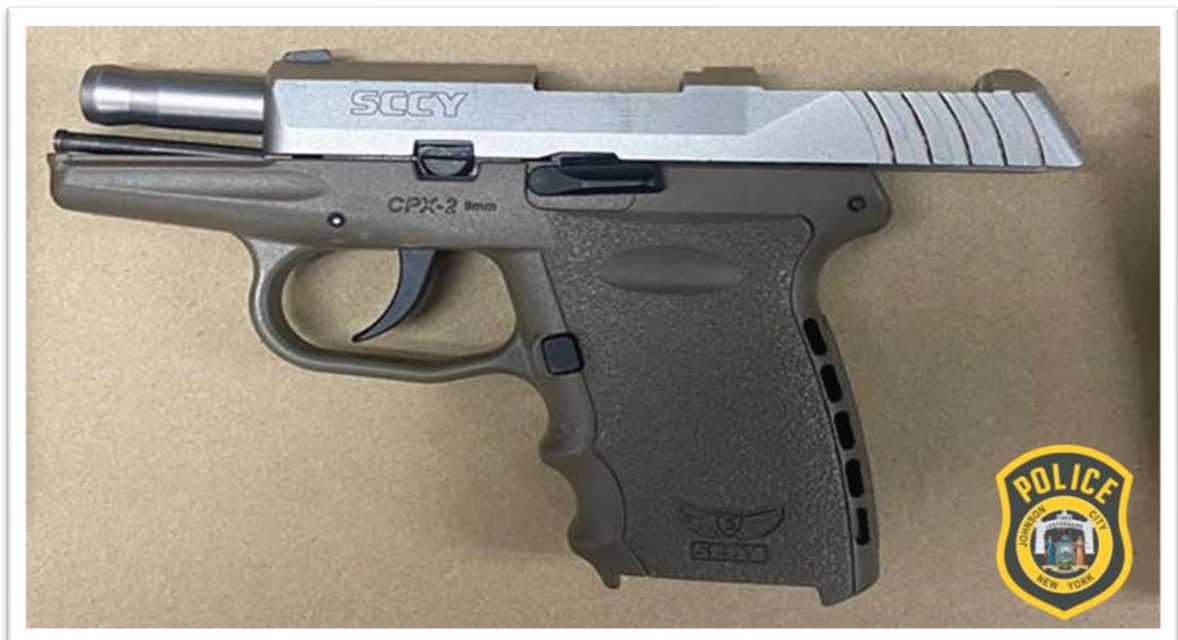
MARCH 31, 2022 | Officers stop convicted felon with loaded handgun***Arrested:***

Jimmy Garcia - Age 27 – Johnson City, NY

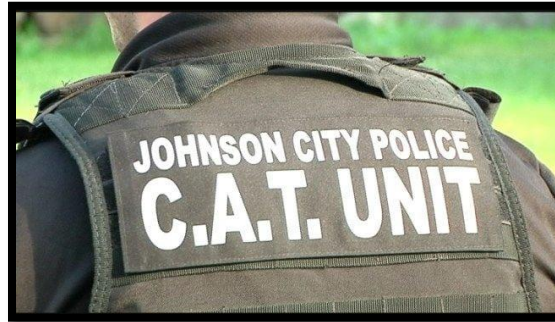
Charges:

- Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd Degree, C Felony
- Criminal Use of a Firearm 2nd Degree, C Felony
- Menacing 2nd Degree, A Misdemeanor

On 3/30/2022, the Johnson City Police Department responded to a report of a male displaying a handgun and threatening another male with whom he was acquainted with while on Reynolds Road. The male left the scene and was spotted by officers traveling on SR 201. Officers initiated a traffic stop on the suspect's vehicle on Grand Av in the village. The operator of the vehicle was identified as Jimmy Garcia, age 27 of Johnson City, NY. During the traffic stop, Garcia was found to be in possession of a loaded, unregistered 9 mm handgun.



COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM (C.A.T. UNIT)



The Johnson City Police Department instituted a new patrol initiative in 2018 called the Community Action Team, or CAT unit. The Unit is comprised of 2 Officers who are not part of the regular patrol function so its officers are not tied to a particular zone and do not respond to routine calls. This leaves them free to focus on community policing and enforcement issues in our most troubled neighborhoods. The main focus of the CAT unit is to utilize community policing practices and active enforcement of laws and statutes to positively impact the quality of life and safety factors in neighborhoods of need.

Goal

The CAT unit's goal is to work in partnership with neighborhood residents, Village Hall, and Code Enforcement to address on-going quality of life issues in the Village through community policing practices and proactive enforcement of state and local laws.

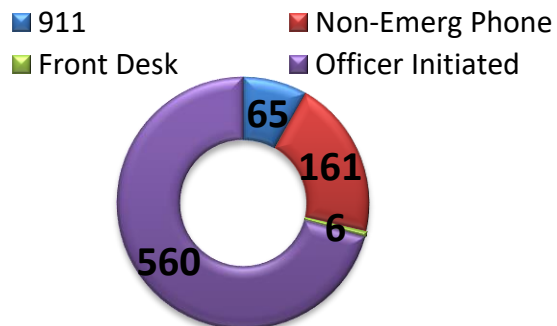
Partnered with our Community

The C.A.T. Unit's effectiveness requires information about neighborhood problems from the residents in order to identify on-going problems and formulate solutions as quickly as possible.

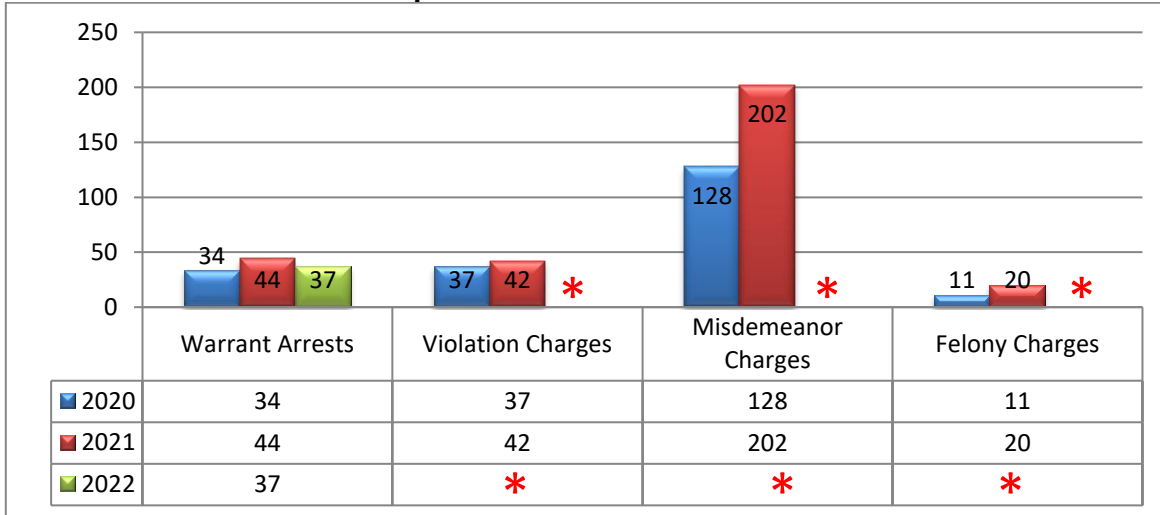
In order to assist the C.A.T. Unit with maximizing their results, residents are urged to meet the officers in person and become more comfortable with them, which will hopefully make the residents more likely to communicate with us about their neighborhood's issues. We believe that this type of interaction with the public is vital to our goal of improving the quality of life in these neighborhoods.

C.A.T. Unit Activity - 2022	
Incidents	1,017
Traffic Stops	435
Traffic Tickets Issued	485

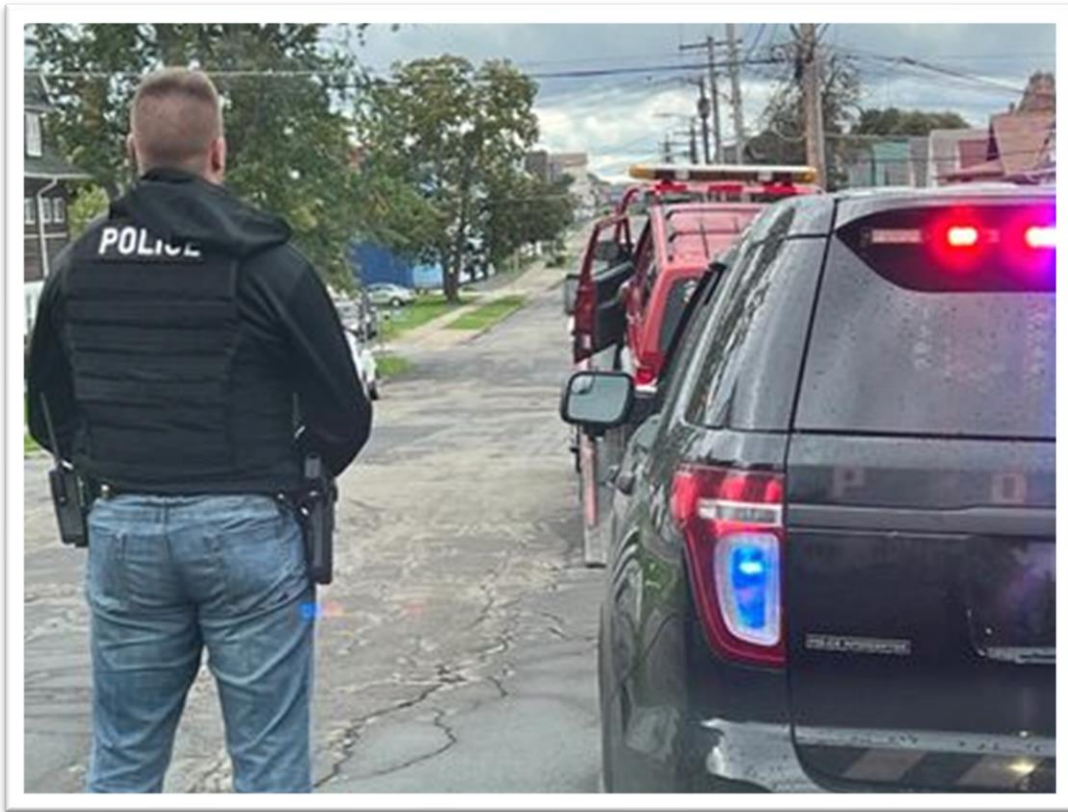
C.A.T. Unit Incident Sources



ARRESTS / CHARGES | C.A.T. Unit



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

In April 2022, Chief Dodge announced the implementation of the new Community Engagement Officer position. The Community Engagement Officer (CEO) position was created to add a personal presence to the Main Street business district area of Johnson City. The CEO will be patrolling this area primarily on foot and via bicycle patrol with the intent of welcoming residents, Binghamton University students, and visitors and helping to provide an increased sense of safety and security. The CEO will also act as a liaison between Main Street merchants and the police department in an effort to address their public safety concerns and to create a small business friendly environment.

In addition to these duties, the CEO will be connecting with residents through community events and organizing community meetings to provide them with a platform to ask questions and express concerns in the comfort of their own neighborhoods.

Officer Jay Peets was selected to be our Community Engagement Officer. CEO Peets joined the JCPD in 2017 and has demonstrated that he is compassionate and understanding of the Johnson City community. He is highly motivated by this opportunity to form a more personal connection with our community.

**CHECK OUT THIS NEWS COVERAGE
ON CEO PEETS**



Community Engagement Officer Activity

Unlike other divisions within the JCPD, the Community Engagement Officer's activity and impact on the community is not measurable by statistical data. The CEO has countless contacts and positive interactions with the community on a daily basis that doesn't result in a ticket or arrest. Instead, the CEO is able to build relationships and trust with community members through open communication which often improves quality of life and solves problems without further law enforcement action.

In addition to making daily rounds in the community, the CEO also coordinates and participates in many opportunities to engage our community through special events, such as Coffee with a Cop, Youth and Police Initiative (YPI), Lunch with the Law in JC Schools, Family Bike Giveaway Event, CFJ Park Carousel Day, National Night Out, & Multiple Trunk-or-Treat events.



Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see a lot of what CEO Peets is up to!



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

School Resource Officers (SRO) are certified sworn law enforcement officers responsible for the safety, crime prevention, and a resource to both students and staff. The SROs are employed by the Police Department but are exclusively integrated into the JC School system working closely with school administrators to create a safer environment. Currently, we have an SRO in the Elementary/Middle School joint building and one SRO in the High School.

The SRO has a diverse role within the school and has many duties and responsibilities. The SRO works to improve safety and protection for students and staff while also serving as a resource, mentor, and educator. The SRO does not serve as a disciplinary role, but is available to quickly respond in the event that a situation develops that requires law-enforcement or to aide a victim of a crime.



SRO CIOCI – High School

Officer Cioci has served the JC community since 2000 and was assigned to the high school in 2020. Ofc. Cioci has 18 years of SWAT experience.

CHECK OUT THIS SPOTLIGHT
VIDEO ON SRO CIOCI



SRO SERKIZ – Middle & Elementary Building

Officer Serkiz has been a police officer since 2003, formerly serving with the Vestal Police Department. He was assigned to the elementary & middle school building in 2022. Ofc Serkiz has 12 years of SWAT experience and also has previous experience as an SRO in the Vestal School District.



METRO S.W.A.T.

The Johnson City Police Department is part of a multi-jurisdictional SWAT Team, Metro SWAT which is comprised of members of the Johnson City, Binghamton and Vestal Police Departments.

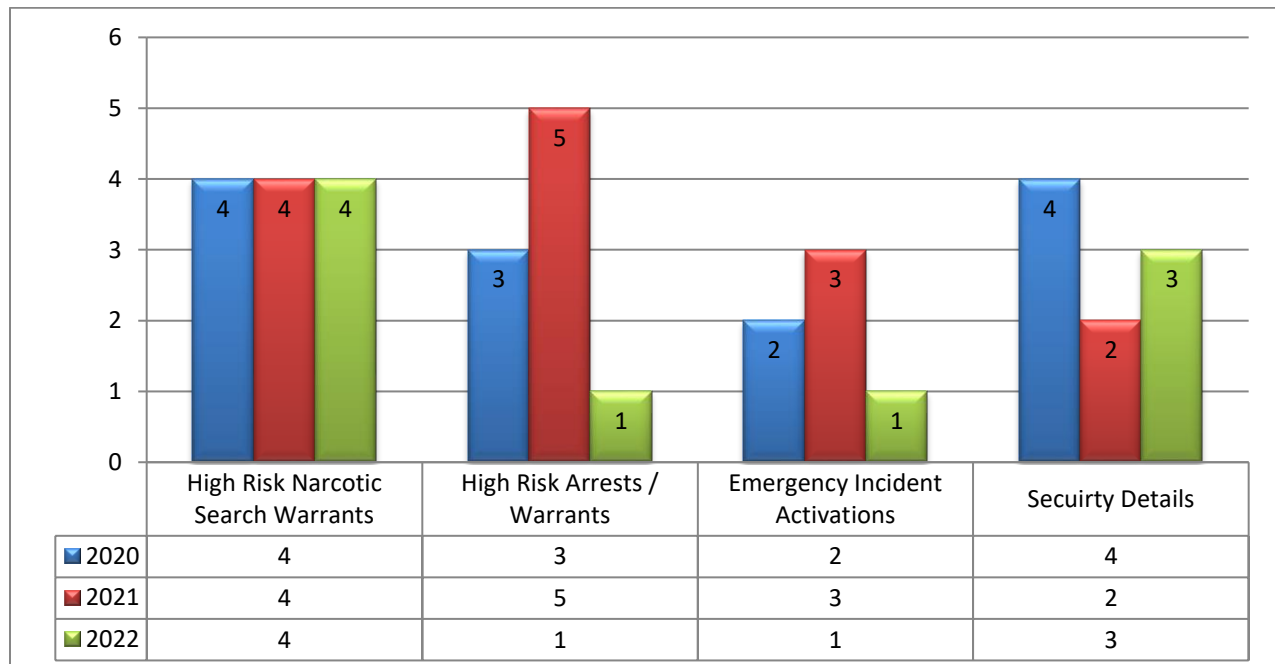
The members are highly trained and receive ongoing special training in tactics and weapons and work as a team to counter special situations. The SWAT Team has the responsibility of responding to any situation that requires specialized weapons and tactics. These situations include, but are not limited to, the following: hostage situations, barricaded suspects, violent civil unrest, and the execution of high risk search warrants. The team training involves specialized tactics to enable them to end critical situations with non-lethal force if at all possible. The team members are very dedicated and are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

This multi-jurisdictional SWAT team is one of only a handful of teams in New York State that is accredited by the New York State Division of Criminal Justices Services.

2022 METRO S.W.A.T. ACTIVATION STATISTICS

Total Activations

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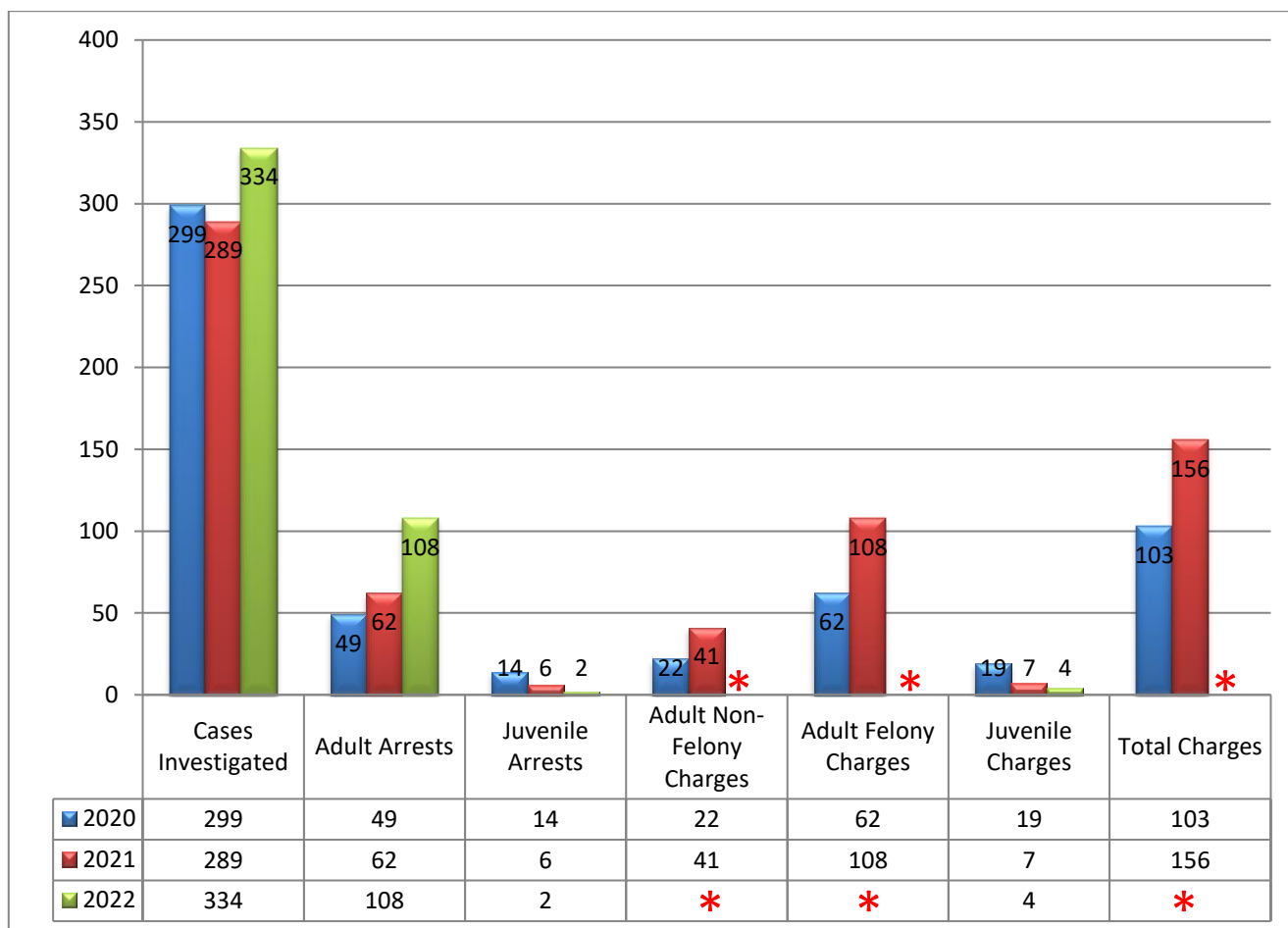
DETECTIVE DIVISION

Criminal Investigations | Narcotics | Juvenile | Evidence

The Johnson City Police Department’s Detective Bureau is comprised of a Detective Lieutenant who oversees the Criminal Investigations Division, the Narcotics Division, the Juvenile Division, and the Evidence Division.

Criminal Investigations:

The Criminal Investigation Division consists of three Detectives, and an administrative assistant all overseen by the Detective Lieutenant. The Division is responsible for a wide range of tasks. Detective duties include the investigation of all serious felonies including homicides, felony assaults, white collar crimes, sex crimes, and felony property crimes. The division also investigates misdemeanor crimes and offenses that require more investigative time and manpower that can be fulfilled by the Patrol Division. The Detective duties also include subpoena service, background investigations, internal investigations, warrant service, and other ancillary duties.



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Notable 2022 Criminal Cases:**APRIL 15, 2022 | Arrest made after Baldwin Street Shooting**

On Thursday April 14, 2022 at about 3:00 PM, the Johnson City Police were called to 215 Baldwin St for a male with a gunshot wound. Responding officers arrived and located a 24-year-old male with a single gunshot wound to his right side. The victim was transported to an area hospital where he received treatment and has since been released. Patrol officers and detectives began a canvass of the area and determined that the shooting had taken place inside of the residence at 215 Baldwin St. Subjects from inside of the residence, including the suspect in this case, were secured and taken to the Johnson City Police Department for questioning. Detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence and were able to recover evidence pertinent to the case.

Upon conclusion of interviews, detectives have charged 23-year-old Johnson City resident, Spencer Chapman, with the following offenses:

- Criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree – class C Felony
- Criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree – class D Felony
- Criminal use of a firearm in the second degree – class C Felony

APRIL 27, 2022 | Attempted Murder Arrest after Diment Street Shooting

On Sunday April 24, 2022 at about 8 am, the Johnson City Police Department responded to a shooting incident that occurred on Diment St. Responding officers located an occupied vehicle that had been struck by gunfire during the shooting and quickly developed Denzel Duncan as a suspect. Duncan had fled the scene prior to officers' arrival. Johnson City Police detectives were called to the scene to assist with the investigation.

Detectives were able to recover 9mm shell casings as well as other evidence from the scene. Based on the information obtained by officers and the facts surrounding the case, detectives obtained a search warrant for Duncan's residence. During the execution of the search warrant, detectives recovered a loaded 9mm hand gun from inside Duncan's residence.

On April 27, 2022, JCPD Detectives and members of the US Marshall's Joint Fugitive Task Force took Duncan into custody inside of an Arlington St address in Johnson City.

Duncan is 30 years old and a resident of Johnson City, NY. Duncan was charged with the following:

- Attempted murder in the second degree, a class B Felony
- Criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, a class C Felony
- 2 counts of Criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, class D felonies
- Criminal use of a firearm in the 1st degree, a class B Felony

MAY 22, 2022 | Two arrests made after Grand Avenue Shooting

On Sunday May 22, 2022 at about 10:00 PM, the JCPD responded to a report of shots fired on Grand Ave near Harrison St. Responding officers located a live 9mm round of ammunition in the vicinity and requested detectives to the scene. It was further discovered that during the course of the shooting, a nearby occupied residence was struck by the gunfire, but thankfully no one in the residence was injured. Detectives on scene were able to recover a bullet that was fired into that occupied residence. Detectives further recovered three 9mm shell casings from the area. Detectives do not believe that anyone was struck by gunfire.

During the course of the investigation, it was determined that a 16-year-old male who lived in the area was the suspect in the shooting. On 5/25, detectives were in the area conducting surveillance and observed that 16-year-old suspect and an associate, 18-year-old Qualyn Terry, exit a residence on St Charles St. Additional detectives and patrol officers were requested to the area in an attempt to stop the suspect and Terry. Both the 16-year-old suspect and Terry fled on foot and failed to comply with commands, but were captured after a brief foot pursuit. Detectives were able to recover two firearms, discarded as detectives pursued the 16-year-old and Terry. A search warrant was then conducted on the 16-year-old suspect's residence, where detectives recovered clothing worn by the suspect at the time the shooting took place.

The 16-year-old was been charged with:

- 3 counts of Criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, class C felonies
- Reckless endangerment in the first degree, a class D Felony.

Terry was been charged with:

- 2 counts of Criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, class C felony

The firearms recovered were a Taurus semi-automatic 9mm pistol and a .40 caliber defaced pistol (pictured).



SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 | Attempted Murder Arrest after Endicott Avenue Shooting

On Tuesday September 20, 2022 shortly before 11:30 PM, the Johnson City Police Department responded to an address on Endicott Ave for a report of a male who had been shot. Responding officers located the 27-year-old male victim with a single gunshot wound to his midsection. The victim was transported to Wilson Hospital and treated for his non-fatal injuries. Officers secured the scene and JCPD detectives responded to collect evidence and investigate.

Detectives determined that multiple suspects had forcefully entered the victim's residence. Once inside the residence, the suspects assaulted the victim and forcefully stole property from a second victim before fleeing the scene.

On Friday September 23 detectives located suspect Destiany Kleine-Hill (23 years of age) at her residence on Prescott Rd in the Town of Chenango. Kleine-Hill was taken into custody, charged, and transported to the Broome County CAP court for arraignment.

In the early morning hours of Saturday September 24, the Broome County Sheriff's Office responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint on Daniel Dr in the Town of Chenango. After arriving on scene, an alert Sheriff's deputy detained vehicle occupants Justice Marimberga (20 years of age) and David Vanpatten (21 years of age); as the deputy was aware they were being sought by the JCPD for this incident. JCPD patrol units and detectives responded to Daniel Dr. and took custody of Marimberga and Vanpatten.

Marimberga and Vanpatten were brought to the Johnson City Police station for questioning and were subsequently charged as well. Marimberga and Vanpatten were transported to Broome County CAP court for arraignment.

Kleine-Hill, Marimberga, and Vanpatten are all charged with the following and remanded to the Broome County Jail:

- Attempted Murder in the 2nd degree, a class B Felony
- Robbery in the 1st degree, a class B Felony
- Burglary in the 1st degree, a class B Felony

OCTOBER 29, 2022 | Attempted Murder Arrest after Grand Avenue Shooting

On Saturday, October 29, 2022 at about 4:31 AM, the Johnson City Police responded to a report of a physical dispute that was occurring on Floral Ave. While officers were enroute to the scene they were advised that gun shots had been fired. Responding officers from the JCPD and the Binghamton Police Dept. located a 49-year-old male in his vehicle with gunshot wounds to his chest and back. It was determined that the victim was a ride share driver and that the suspect had become upset with the victim during a ride. The suspect began to assault the driver while inside of the vehicle, before exiting the vehicle and shooting the driver. A suspect description was immediately given to other responding officers.

Minutes later, JCPD officers located the suspect (Jaeden Cunningham) near the corner of Floral Ave and Burbank Ave. Cunningham was taken into custody without incident, and found to be in possession of a 9mm Taurus hand gun. The victim was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. JCPD detectives processed the scene and recovered numerous 9mm shell casings.

Cunningham was processed on the following charges:

- Attempted murder in the second degree – a class B Felony
- Attempted assault in the first degree – a class C Felony
- Criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree – a class C Felony
- Criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree – a class D Felony
- Criminal use of a firearm in the first degree – a class B Felony

Cunningham was brought to the Broome County central arraignment and remanded to the Broome County Jail. The JCPD was assisted on scene by the BPD, the NY State Police, and the Broome County Sheriff's Office.

Arrestee:

Jaeden Cunningham
20 years of age of Cocoa, Florida

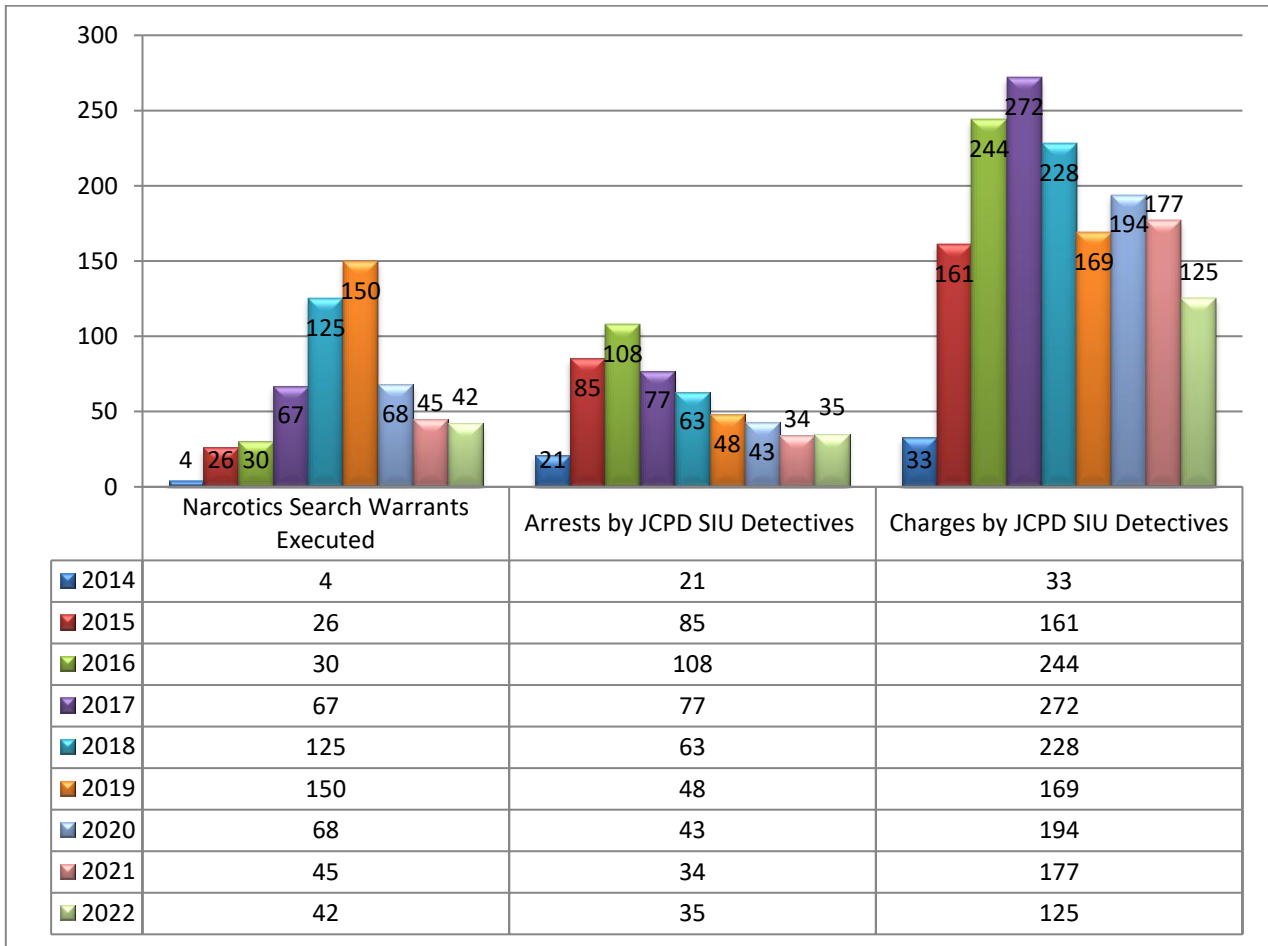




NARCOTICS DIVISION

Special Investigations Unit Task Force

The Johnson City Police Department is partnered with the Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force (BCSIUTF). The JCPD employs a Detective Sergeant and a Detective on the Task Force who join members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office, Binghamton Police Department, and the Endicott Police Department. Together, the investigators work to combat narcotic crimes and to conduct other special investigations.



JUVENILE CASES

Crimes committed by a suspect under 18 years old are considered juvenile cases which are handled in a different manner and with other processes than that of an adult.

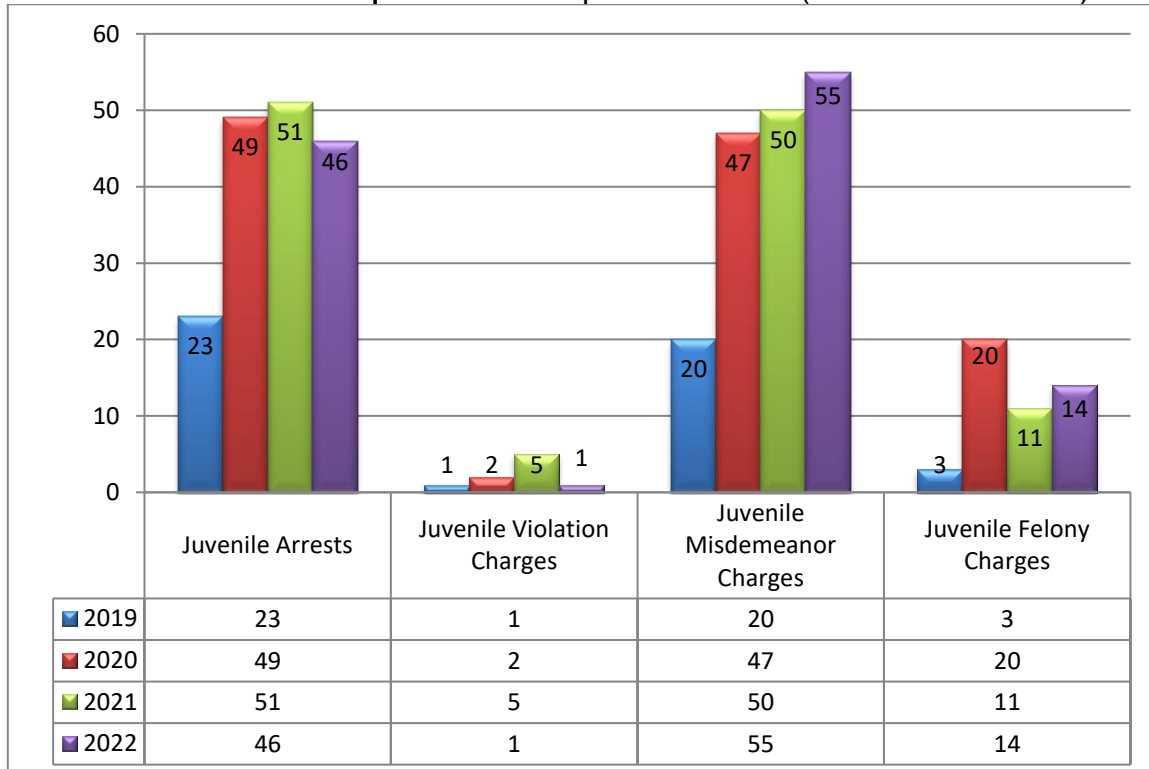
A child over 7, but under 18 years of age (effective 10/1/19), who commits an act that would be a crime if it had been committed by an adult is a Juvenile Delinquent. Cases involving Juvenile Delinquents are handled in Family Court. Juvenile Delinquents do not go to adult jails. Instead, the court decides if they need supervision, treatment or placement through the local department of social services or the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

A child who is 13, 14, or 15-years-old and is charged with committing a serious or violent felony offense listed in Penal Law 10.00 (18) is a Juvenile Offender. These cases are heard in the Youth Part of the Supreme or County Court. Juvenile Offenders who are convicted after a plea or a trial are subject to less severe sentences than adults.

A 16 or 17-year-old who commits a felony is an Adolescent Offender (effective 10/1/19). This means that the case is originally heard in the Youth Part of the Supreme or County Court. However, the case may be transferred to the Family Court, where the youth will be considered a juvenile delinquent and will be eligible to receive all the services and programs available to all juvenile delinquents.

All Johnson City Police Officers receive training on juvenile procedures so that juvenile cases are handled and processed within the guidelines of the laws.

ARRESTS & CHARGES | Juvenile – Department Wide (Patrol + Detectives)



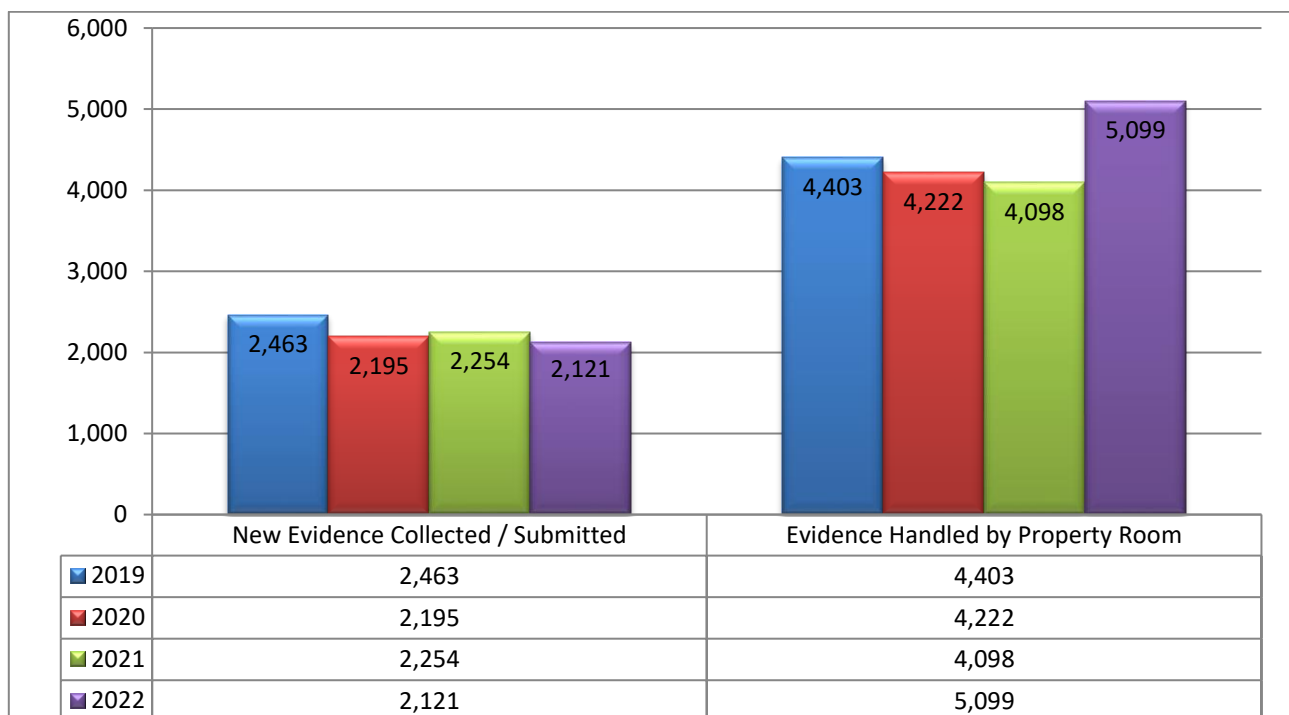


EVIDENCE & PROPERTY DIVISION

The Evidence Division primarily consists of a part-time Property Clerk/Evidence Technician who carries out the day-to-day functions but is also backed up by two other members of the Department who are cross trained and able to fulfill duties in the Evidence/Property room in the absence of the Property Clerk/Evidence Technician.

The Evidence Technician has been involved in numerous investigations and processed forensic evidence which resulted in several arrests based on fingerprint and/or DNA identification.

The Evidence Technician is responsible for handling and maintaining the submission of thousands of new evidence items collected by JCPD Officers. In addition to the handling of newly submitted evidence, the Evidence Technician has also reviewed thousands of items of evidence from previous years to determine if the items need to be retained or disposed of properly. As a result of the extensive research, in 2022, the Evidence Technician was able to return 271 items to the lawful owners, destroyed 2,083 items of illegal contraband, donated 36 unclaimed items to social programs, and auctioned 32 items of unclaimed property. This process is crucial in the ongoing maintenance of the Property Room to be able to purge evidence and property from older cases in order to free up storage space for new incoming evidence and property.





TRAFFIC DIVISION & PARKING ENFORCEMENT

The Traffic Division is responsible for:

- Radar Units - ordering, maintenance, and calibration
- DataMaster (breathalyzer) – weekly tests, maintenance, & calibration
- Fleet Vehicles – purchasing, maintenance, upfitting, auctions
- Street Striping – ordering annual road markings / evaluate any needed changes
- Traffic Signs - posting and monitoring
- Traffic Signals – ordering, maintenance
- Special Events
- Traffic Grants – application, grant reporting
 - Stop-DWI grant
 - Police Traffic Safety grant

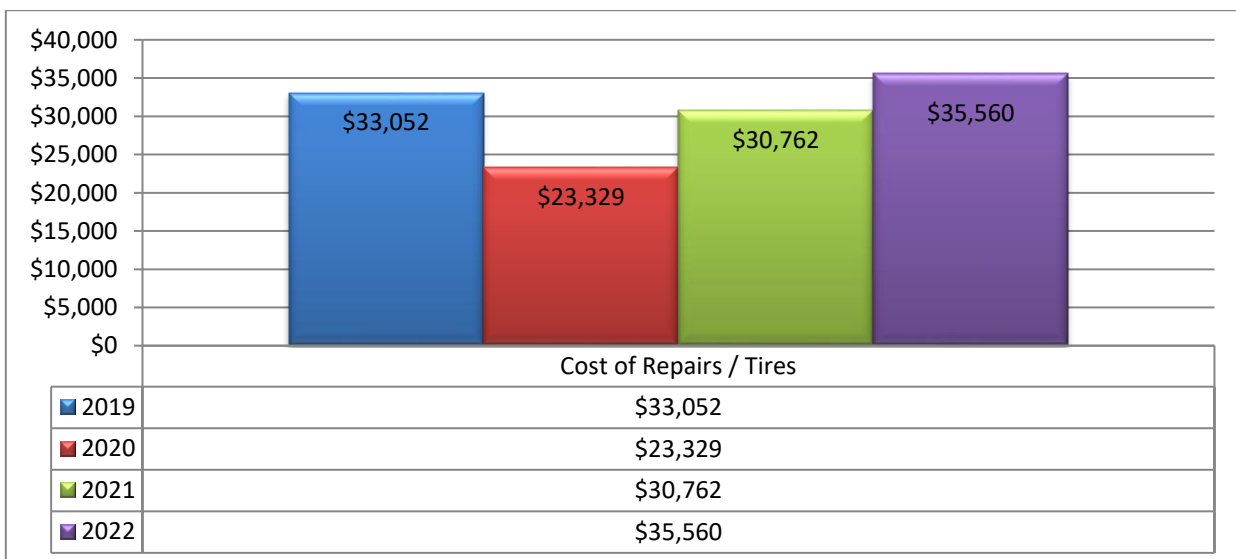
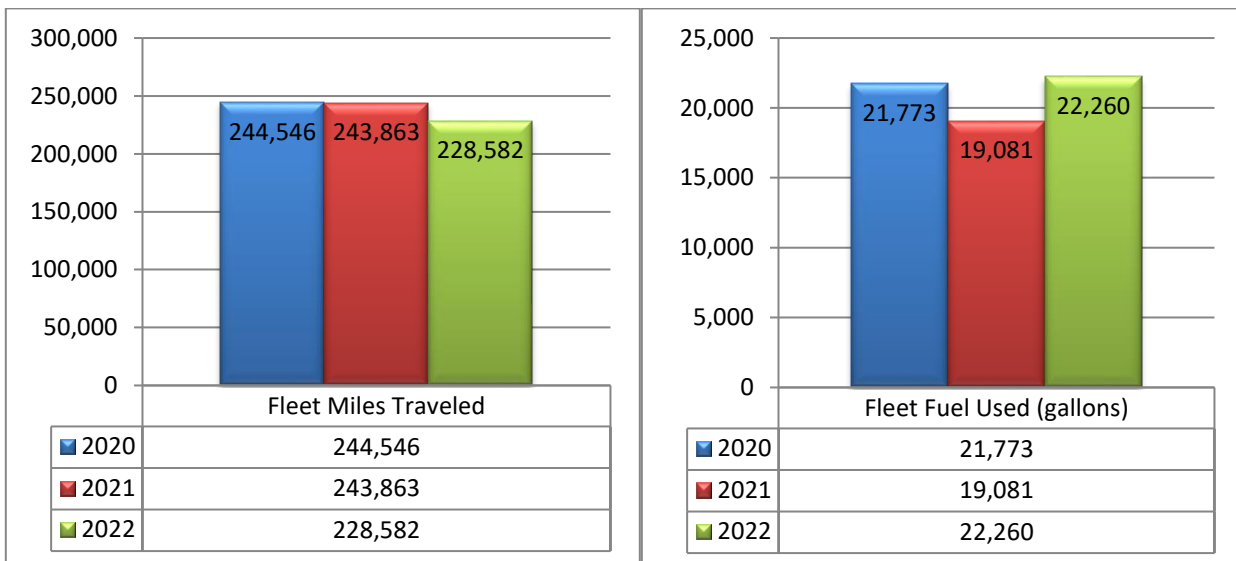
The Traffic Division oversees:

- Parking Enforcement
- Meter Division

FLEET

Fleet management consists of the ongoing preventative maintenance in addition to repairs during the life span of a vehicle, and then the replacement of such vehicle once it becomes problematic or no longer a good value to repair. There are currently 24 vehicles in the police fleet.

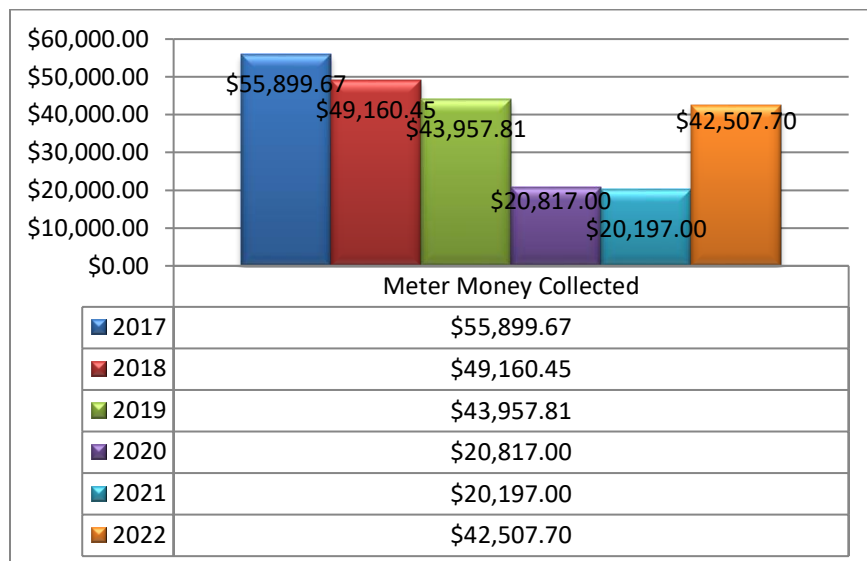
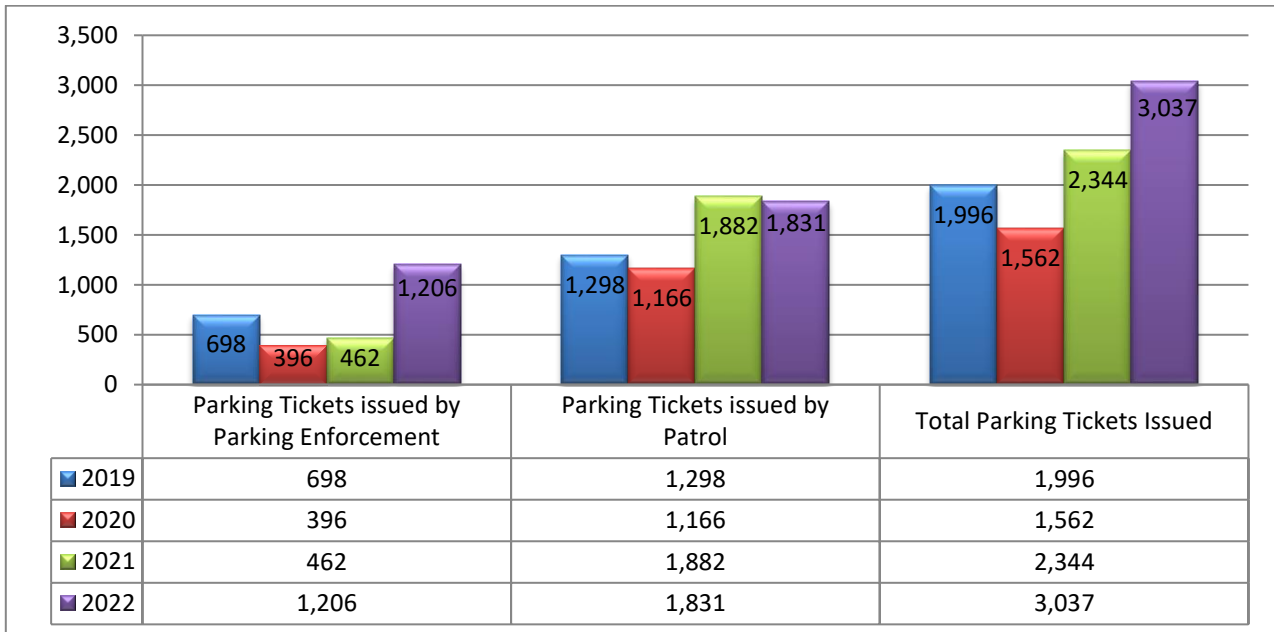
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- 11 – Marked Patrol Vehicles
- 7 – Unmarked Detective Division Vehicles
- 1 – Parking Enforcement Vehicle
- 1 – SWAT Truck
- 1 – Maintenance / Plow Truck



PARKING ENFORCEMENT

The Parking Enforcement Division is primarily responsible to ensure that motorists comply with local parking laws and ordinances and issue tickets for violations on all Johnson City streets and municipal parking lots. In addition to monitoring violations, parking enforcement is also responsible for maintenance of the parking meters and meter money collection.

Parking Enforcement Officers monitor parking and address violations by issuing warnings or parking tickets. Effective parking enforcement provides for the safe and efficient flow of traffic and turnover of parking spaces in the downtown business district. Enforcement also helps to enhance the safety of pedestrians by keeping crosswalks clear and street corners clear of parked cars which inhibit the line of sight between pedestrians and motorists.

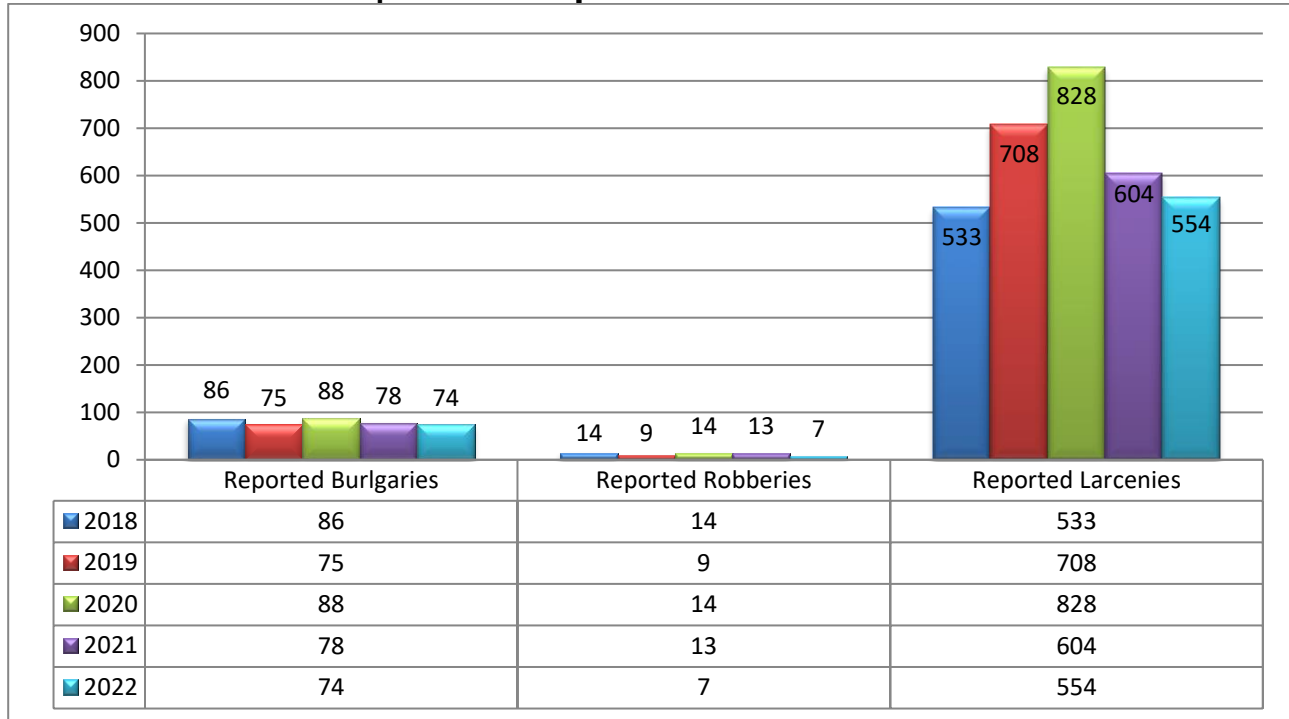


SUPPORT DIVISIONCivilian Support Staff

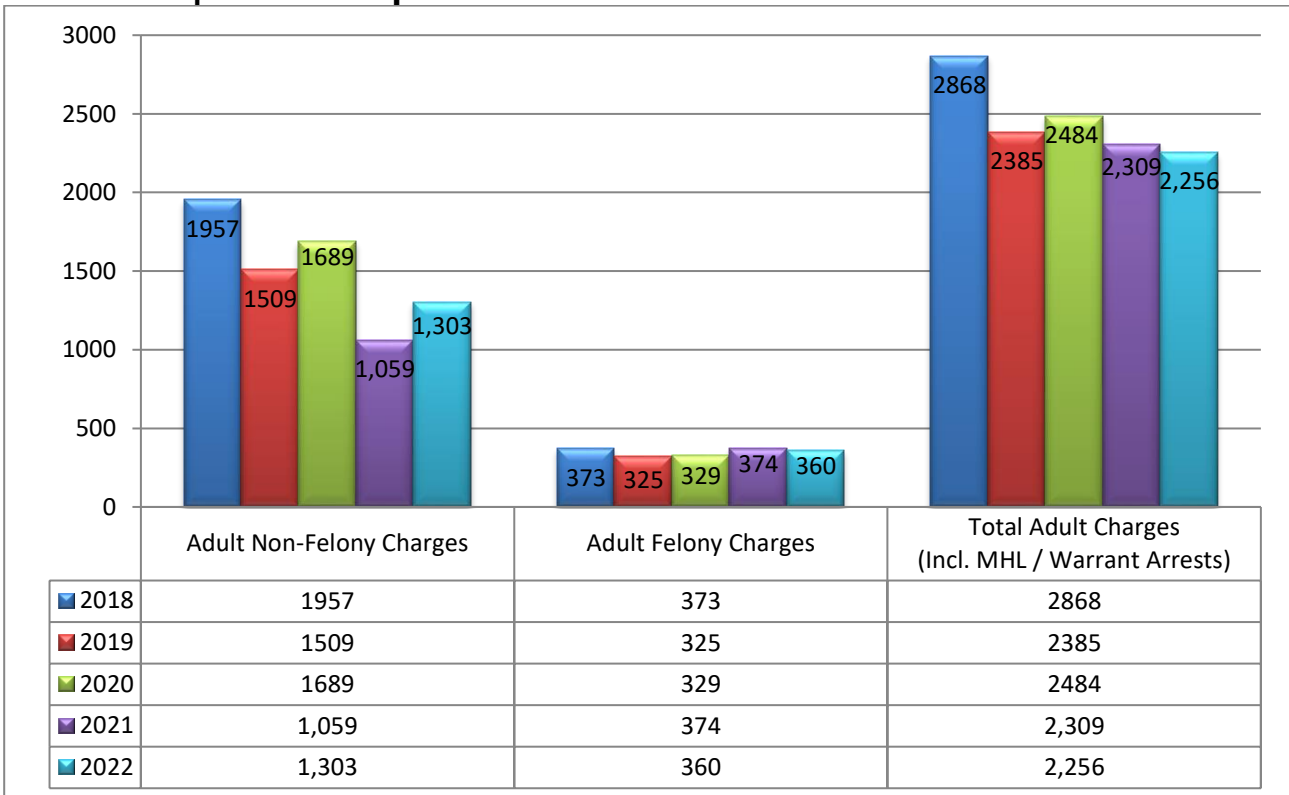
The civilian support staff is responsible for:

- Processing of completed police reports
- Data entry into the records management system
- Maintaining and filing of all reports and documents
- Finalizing case files and transmission of case files to the DA's Office
- Compiling data in order to submit NYS Uniformed Crime Reports and NYS Incident Based Reporting
- Tracking and updating case statuses
- Monthly and annual reporting
- Processing of public records requests
- Payroll and employee time records
- Building maintenance and cleaning
- Staffing of the front desk

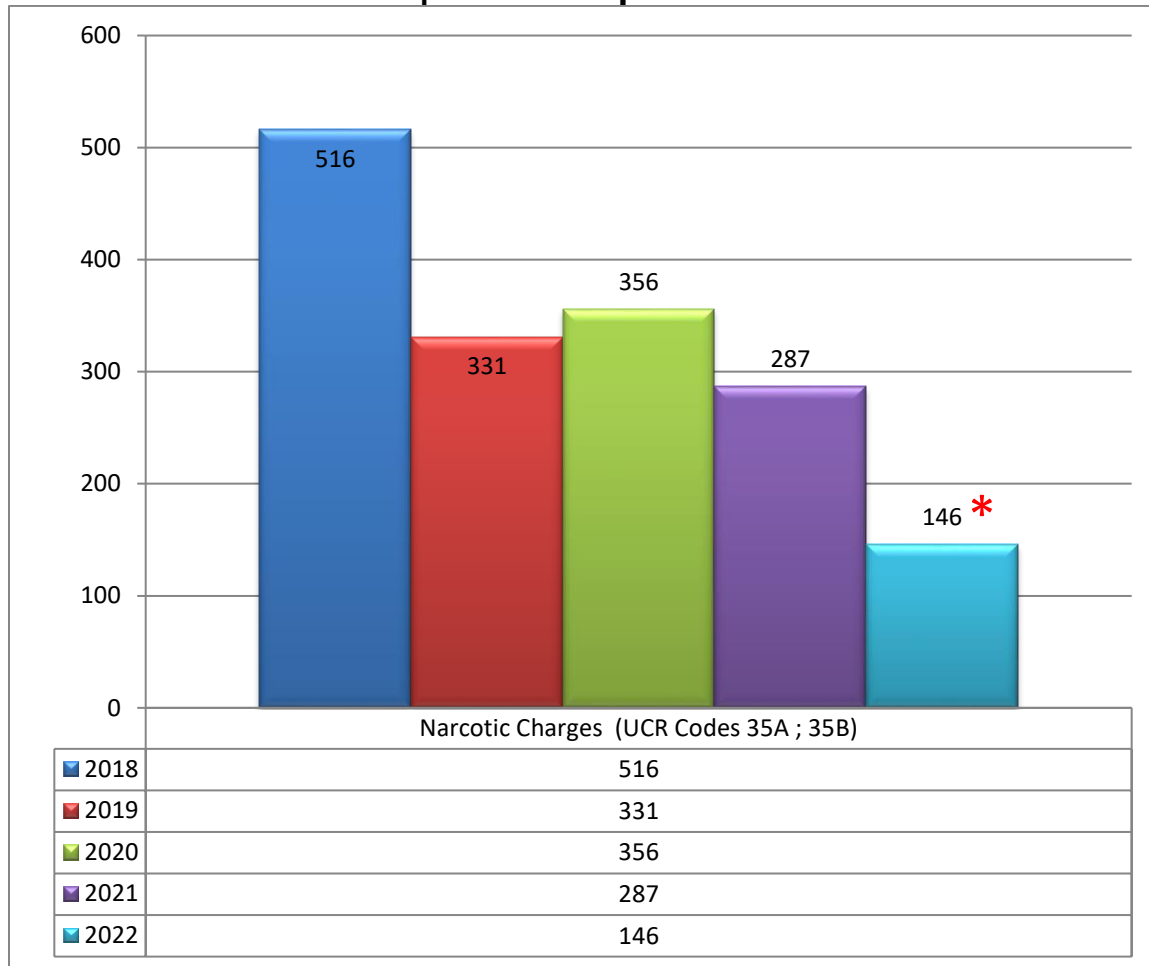
PROPERTY CRIMES | Total – Department Wide



ARRESTS | Total – Department Wide



NARCOTICS CHARGES | Total – Department Wide



* The legalization of marihuana in 2021 is a major contributing factor to the reduced number of narcotic charges in 2022.

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