PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

July 26, 2021

Chief Edmiston called the meeting to order at 6:17PM. Present were Councilor's Primmer, Myers and Hardin. Staff in attendance was: City Manager Byron Smith, Captain Travis Eynon, Communications Manager Amanda Hartsteen, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, Assistant City Recorder Heather LaBeau, and City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong.

Introductions and Personnel Updates

Hermiston's Police Department (HPD), Chief Edmiston, introduced members of the Hermiston Police Department (HPD) who were in the audience, and gave personnel updates to include:

- 2021 has been just as challenging as 2020, regarding personnel staffing. As of today, HPD is down six sworn officer positions; four with long-term or short-term injury's/illness's and two brand new officers who are/will be out for training. As well as, one officer possibly being activated with the military for the entire month of August. Strategies are being discussed with City Manager Smith to help mitigate some of the voids.
- Sergeant Leonard Stokoe attended the School of Police Supervision in Plano, Texas in June. Captain Eynon, along with the three school resource officers, attended the National School Resource Officer Conference in Orlando, Florida that was canceled in 2020.
- Officer Doug Gill has been rotated back to the dedicated traffic position. Officer Jarrod Flatau, Tim Miears, and Erica Sandoval have been promoted to leadership positions as corporals and Detective Robert Guerrero was promoted to sergeant. Robert will remain on the administrative side of the house and supervise our detectives, as he has been doing in an acting capacity since May. Robert will also join both Captains and the Chief in the on-call rotation. This is intended to help relieve some of the strain we are feeling with personnel issues.

2nd Quarter (2021) Crime Report

Chief Edmiston reviewed the 2nd quarter crime report (attached) and stated total crime is down 20% from the 10-year average, however it is up 13% from last year. Violent crime is down 5% from last year. Personnel issues have severely hampered proactivity. Calls for service are up 6% from last year, but officer-initiated activity is down 5%. Case investigations are up 10%. Misdemeanor arrests are up 14% with the majority of the increase due to shoplifting.

Records department stats are up in nearly every category tracked. This is likely due to things opening back up, but HPD remains grateful for the third record's position added last year as the numbers more than justify that position and our commitment to keeping our lobby window open as much as possible.

Legislative Update

Chief Edmiston and Captain Eynon gave a brief overview of some of the bills that were passed this legislative session (handouts attached). Although highlighted in the document, Chief Edmiston also gave a synopsis of how the HPD will be or has been implementing these bills and concerns he has regarding some of the passed bills as well.

Transient Activity

Chief Edmiston stated he had previously reported to the Committee that for the past year, approximately 18% of HPD calls for service, that were not officer-initiated activity, involve transient(s). Through yesterday, just for July, HPD is at 23%.

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Past/Upcoming Events

Chief Edmiston stated August is always HPD's busiest and most expensive month due to the amount of overtime needed to adequately staff the following annual events:

- National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3rd
- Umatilla County Fair Parade on Saturday, August 6th, the Umatilla County Fair and Farm-City Pro Rodeo the week of August 10th – 14th
- New event added this year, but will not be an annual event: Palau Festival on Saturday, August 28th.

Although not being organized by the police department, Chief Edmiston invited everyone to the benefit auction/concert/dinner for Lieutenant Randy Studebaker on Saturday, August 21st at EOTEC (information attached).

Adjournment

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

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HERMISTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement

Without fear or favor and in partnership with our diverse community, we will create and maintain a safe environment with the reduction of crime through problem-oriented and community-based policing strategies. The quality of life for those we serve takes precedent over our individual needs.

2nd QUARTER CRIME REPORT

2021

Incident Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Avg	Normal Range	2021	% Change Avg-'21	% Change '20-'21
Total Incidents	12632	12056	11719	11565	11521	10412	11326	11067	10686	11443	11036-11849	10704	**-6%**	**0%**
Calls for Service	7428	7217	6985	4998	5063	5124	5620	5809	5076	5924	5611-6238	5400	**-9%**	**6%**
Officer Initiated Activity	5204	4839	4734	6567	6458	5288	5706	5258	5610	5518	5084-5952	5304	**-4%**	**-5%**
Traffic Stops	2425	2761	2148	3260	3363	2211	2249	2484	2825	2636	2208-3065	2126	**-19%**	**-25%**
Case Investigations	1350	1279	1372	1671	1579	1496	1648	1678	1118	1466	1263-1668	1235	**-16%**	**10%**
Total Arrests	632	693	630	722	728	622	608	674	385	633	516-750	389	**-39%**	**1%**
Misdemeanor Arrests	418	478	434	557	561	437	437	495	249	452	348-556	284	**-37%**	**14%**
Felony Arrests	214	215	196	165	167	185	171	179	136	181	164-198	105	**-42%**	**-23%**
Total Citations	3178	3068	2807	3384	3315	2738	2909	3158	2589	3016	2750-3282	1776	**-41%**	**-31%**
POPULATION	*16865*	*16995*	*17240*	*17345*	*17520*	*17730*	*17985*	*18200*	*18415*			*18775*		

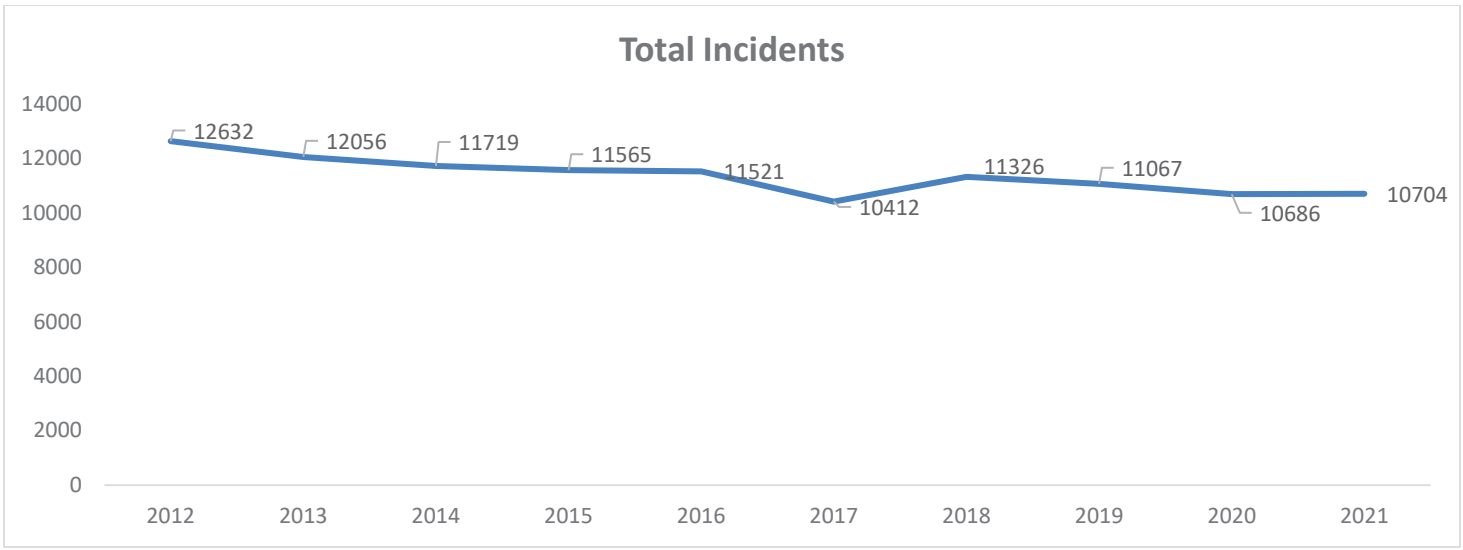
Hermiston Police Department 2012-2021 Police Statistics

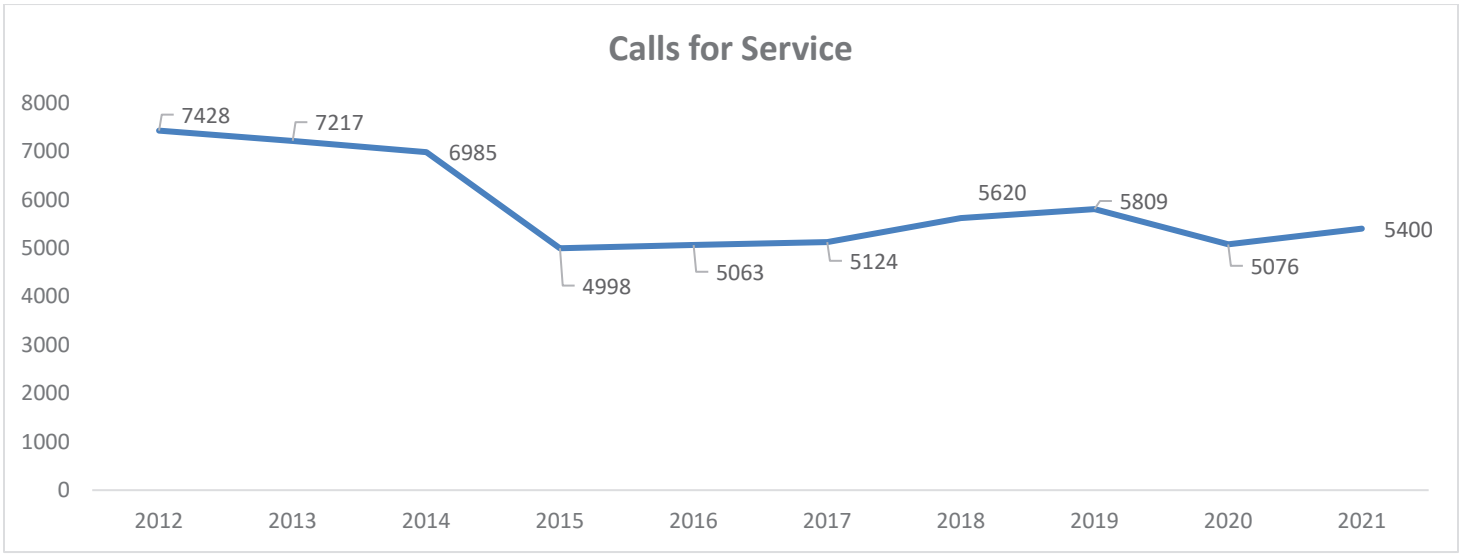
January through June 10-year Trends

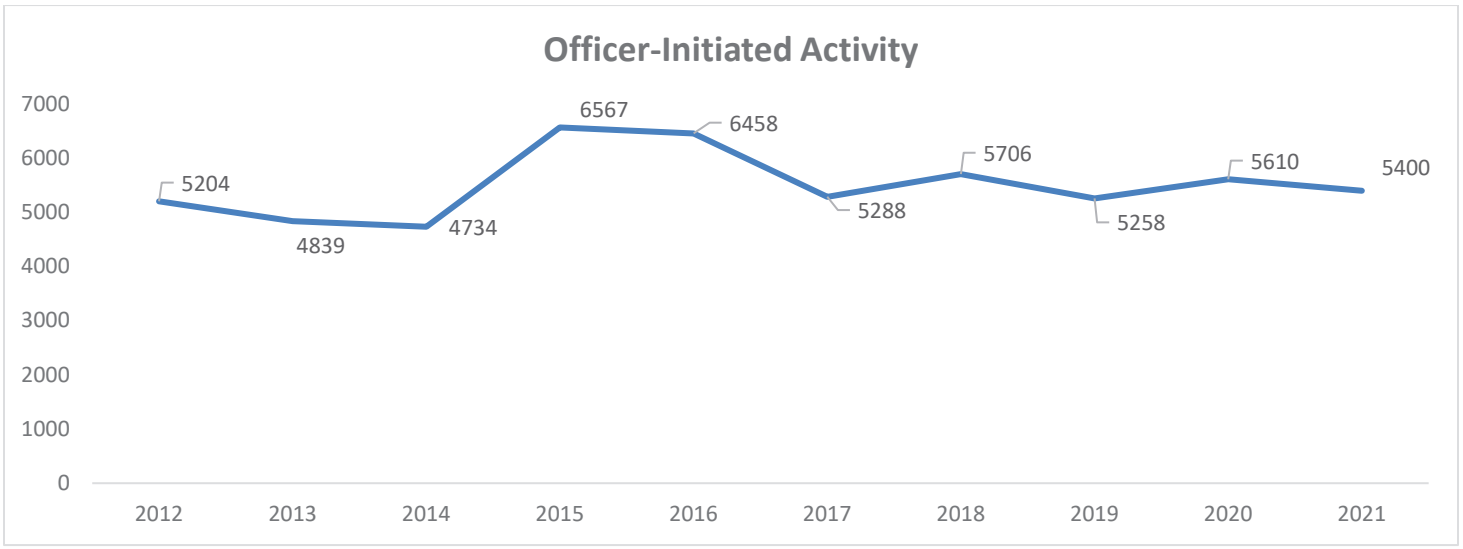
Incident Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Avg	Normal Range	2021	% Change Avg-'21	% Change '20-'21
Homicide	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	0-1	2	100%	0%
Rape	1	2	1	3	1	1	5	3	4	2	0-2	5	150%	25%
Robbery	7	5	7	2	0	1	5	4	5	4	2-6	4	0%	-20%
Aggravated Assault	6	3	4	7	13	16	20	12	8	10	6-14	7	-30%	-13%
Burglary	71	51	42	29	24	25	51	39	26	40	29-50	36	-10%	38%
Larceny	304	272	204	224	230	167	228	226	148	223	187-258	171	-23%	16%
Auto Theft	36	28	10	27	17	23	21	22	17	22	20-25	14	-36%	-18%
Arson	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	4	1	0-3	2	100%	-50%
TOTAL	**428**	**362**	**270**	**294**	**285**	**235**	**331**	**307**	**214**	**303**	**259-347**	**241**	**-20%**	**13%**
TOTAL VIOLENT	**15**	**10**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**19**	**31**	**19**	**19**	**17**	**11-23**	**18**	**6%**	**-5%**
TOTAL PROPERTY	**413**	**352**	**258**	**281**	**271**	**216**	**300**	**288**	**195**	**286**	**245-327**	**223**	**-22%**	**14%**
POPULATION	*16865*	*16995*	*17240*	*17345*	*17520*	*17730*	*17985*	*18200*	*18415*			*18775*		

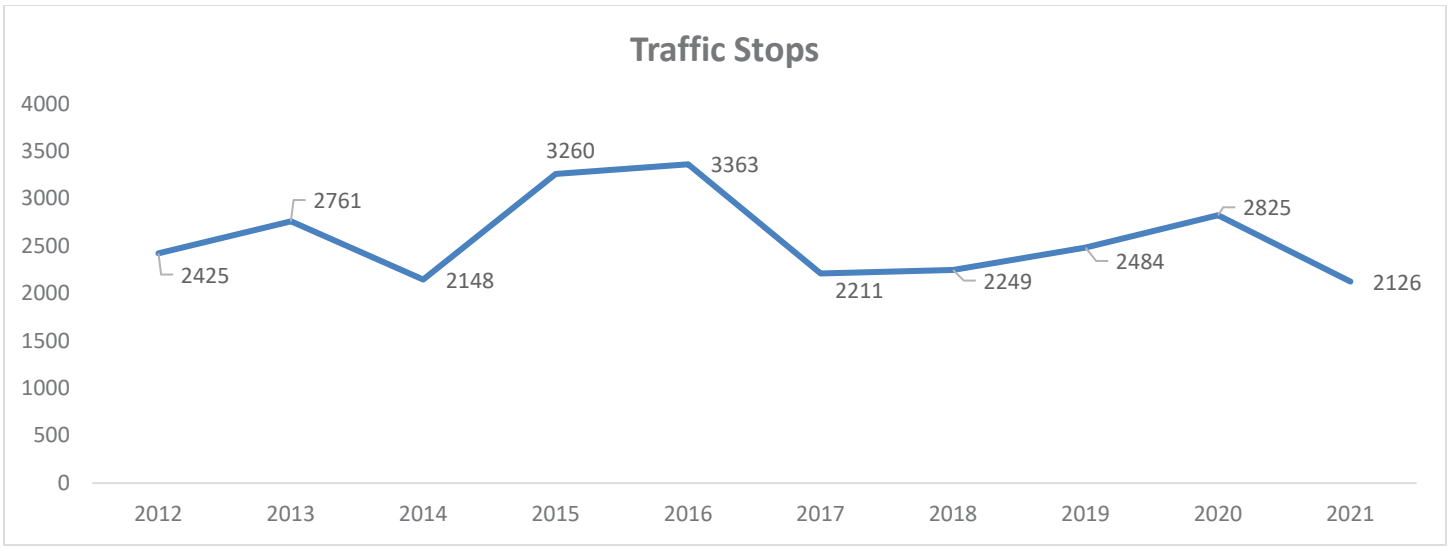
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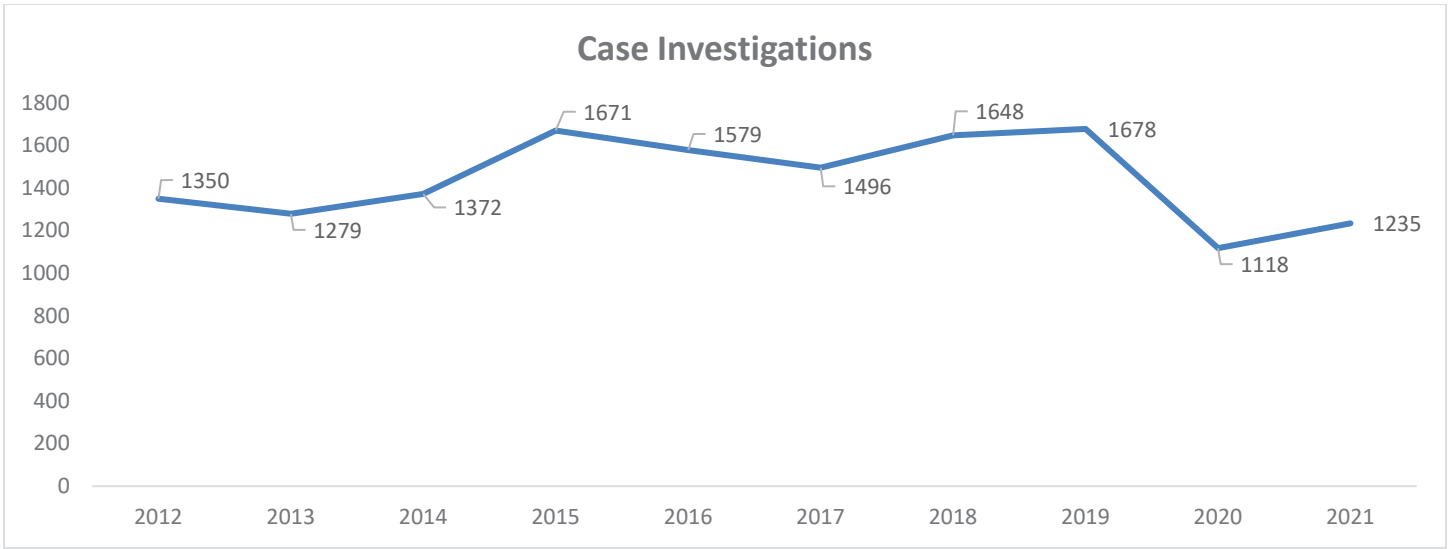
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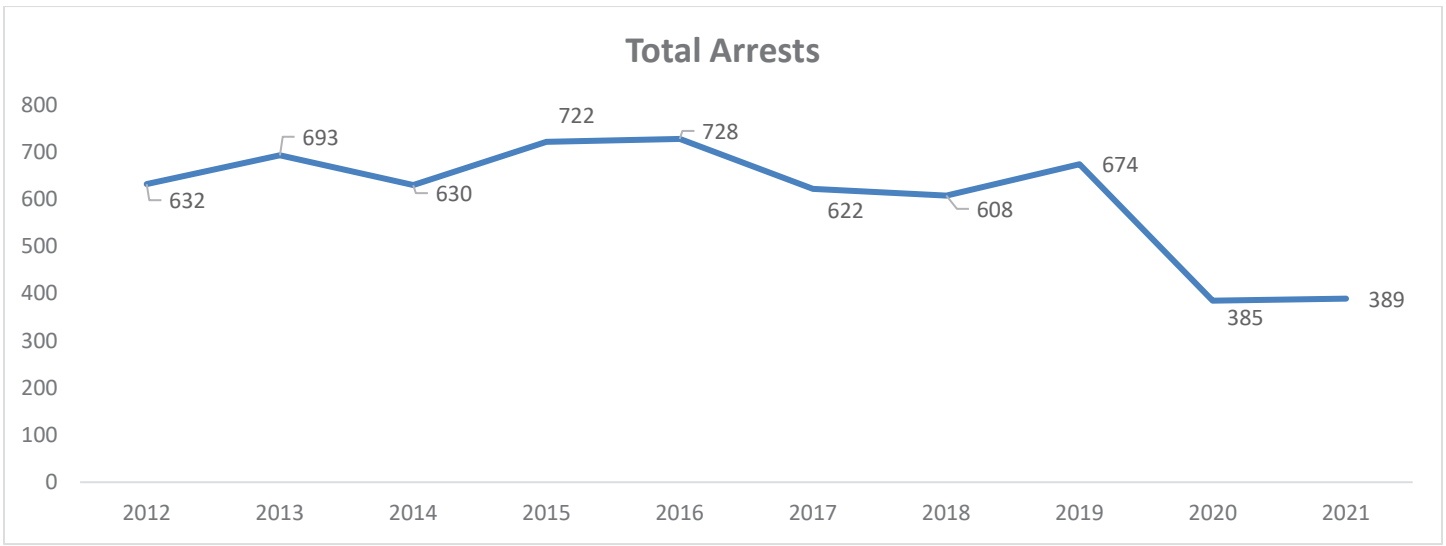

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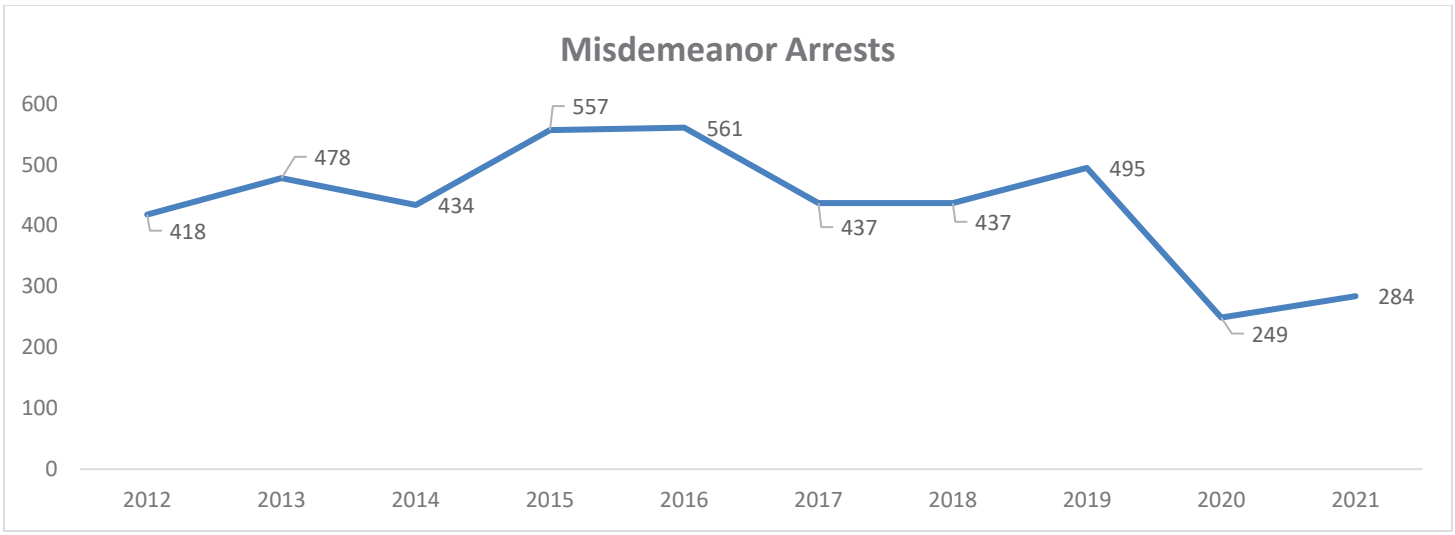

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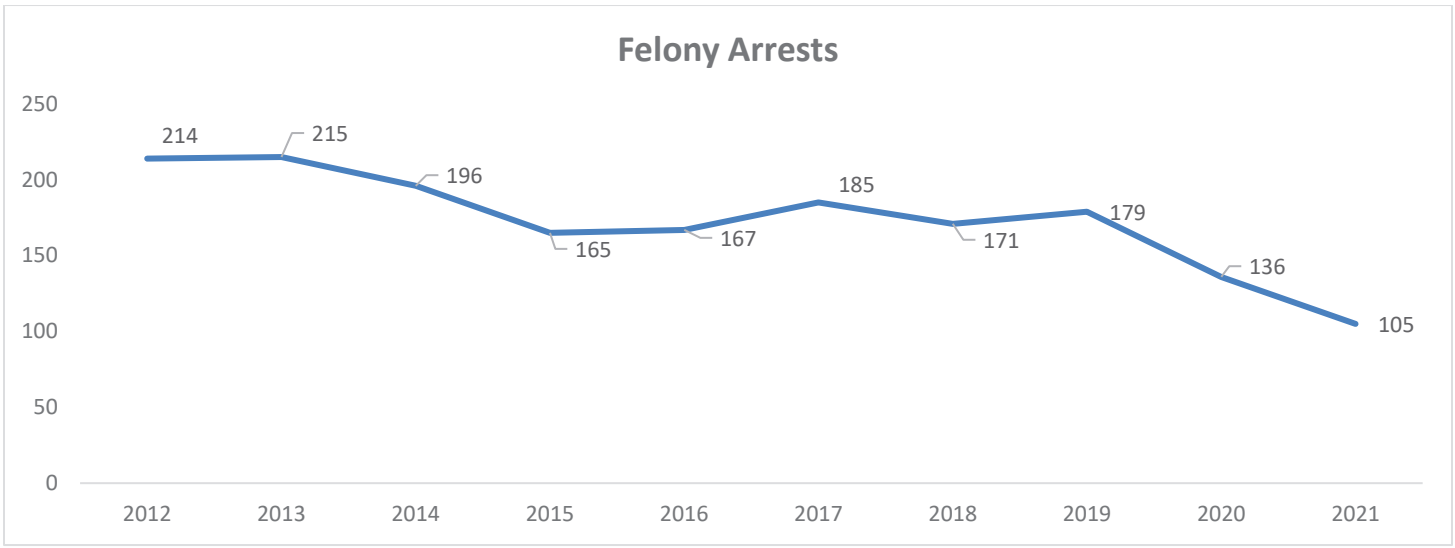

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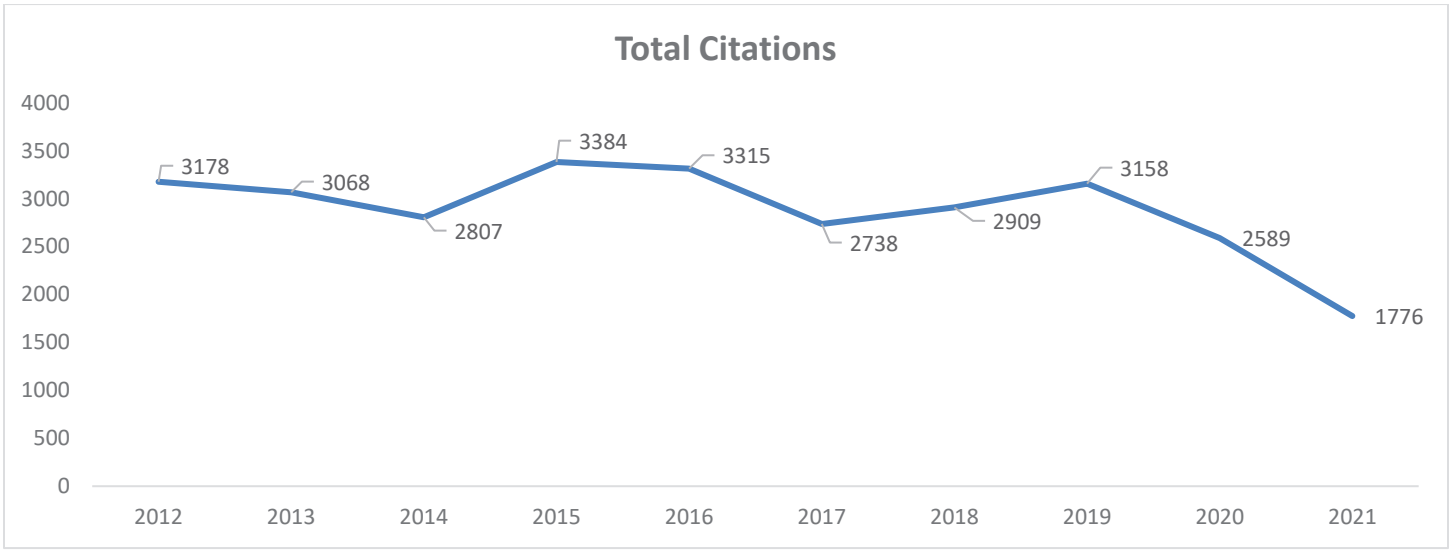

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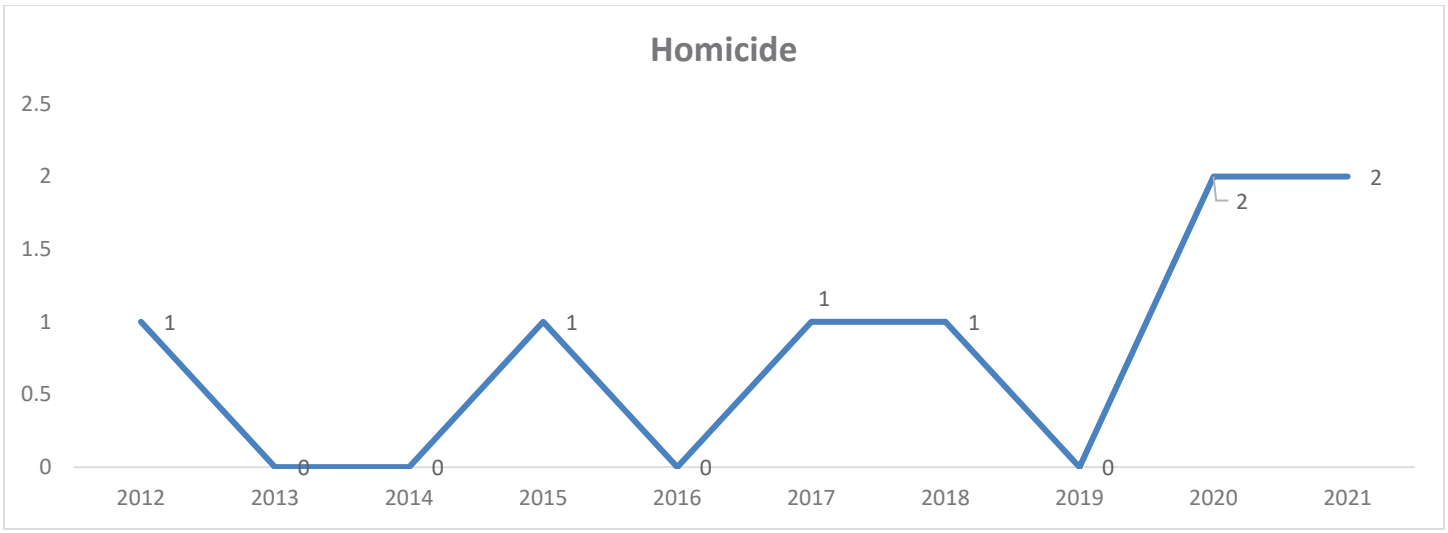

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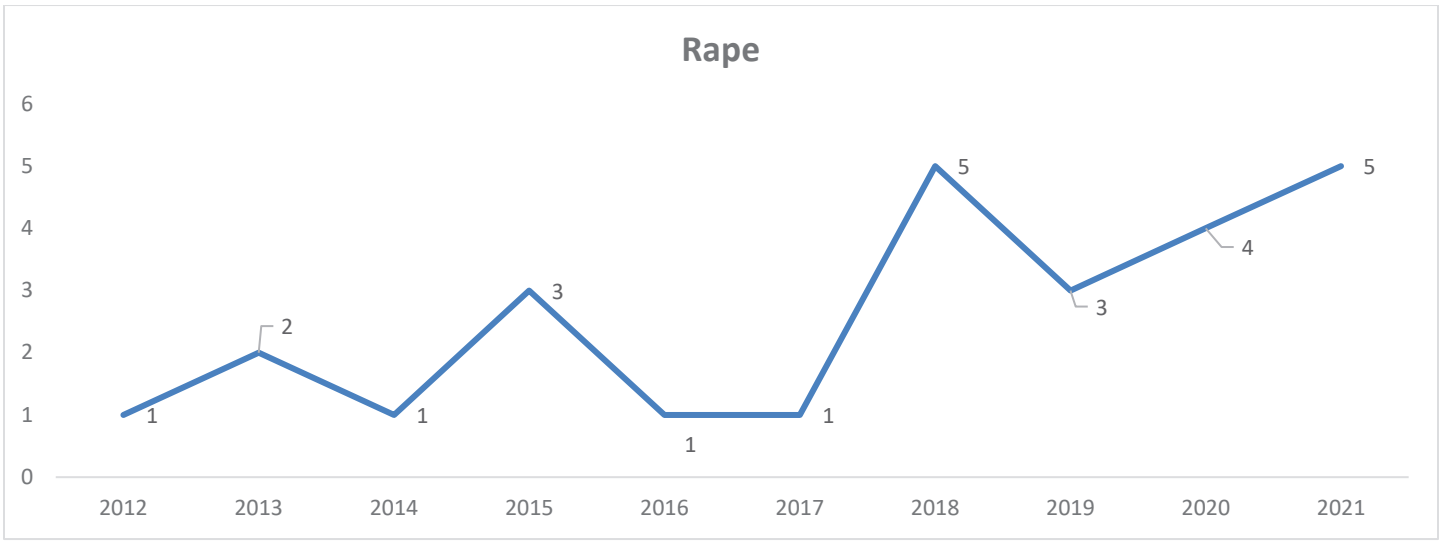

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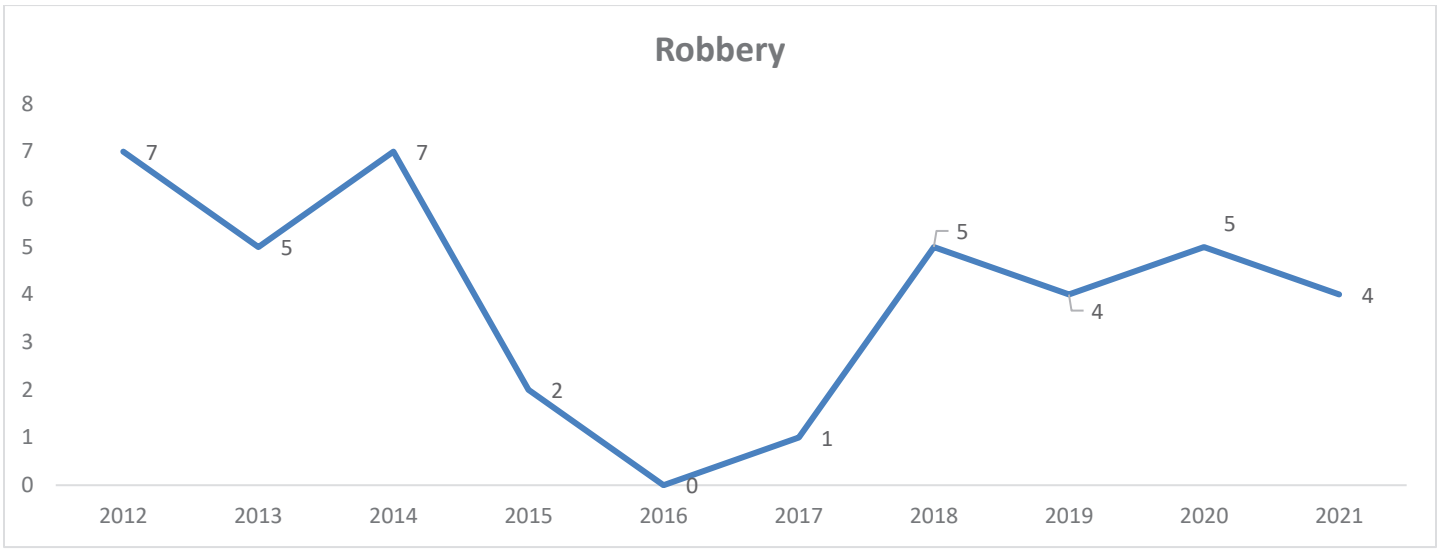

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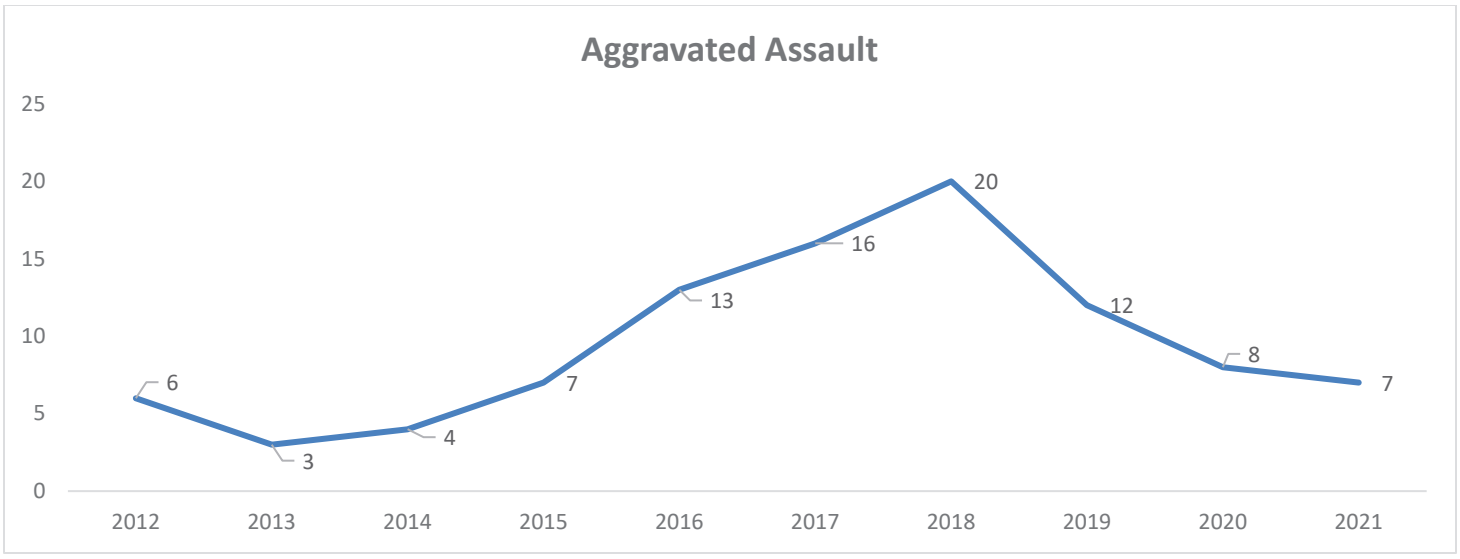

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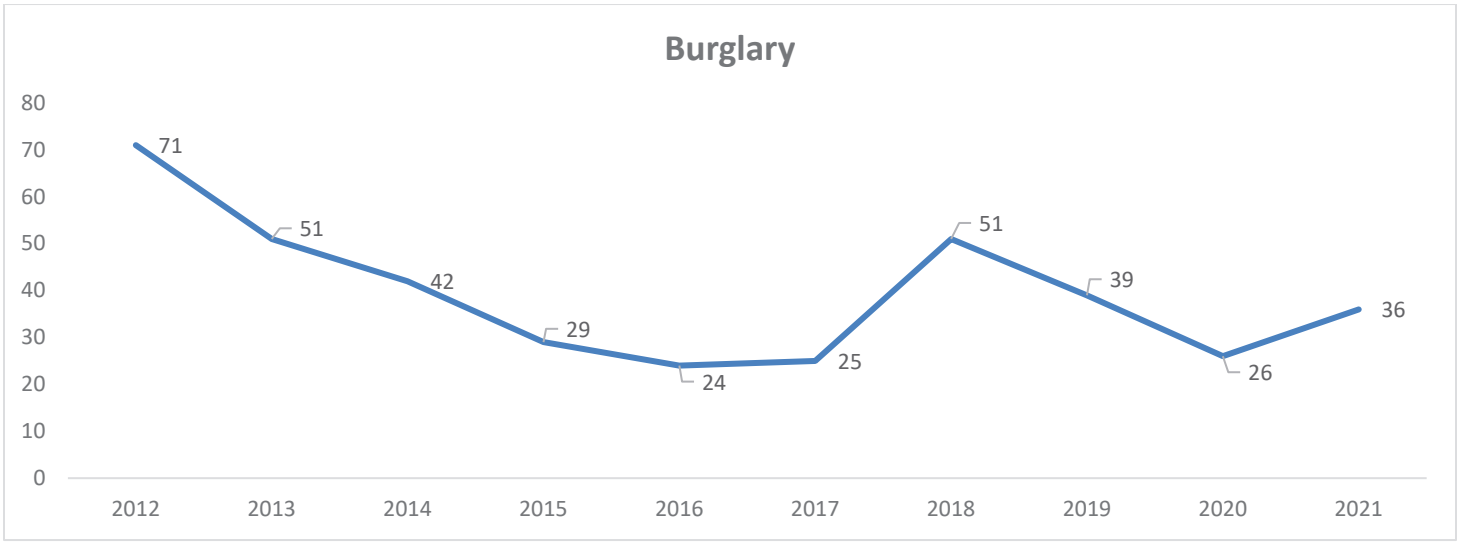

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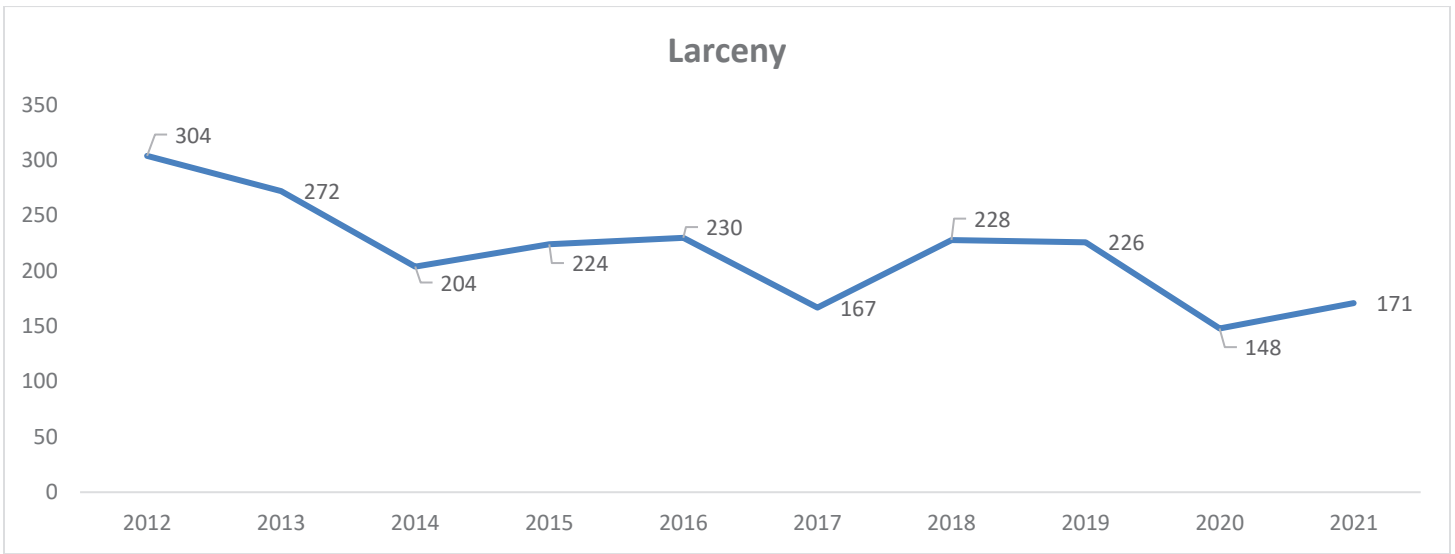

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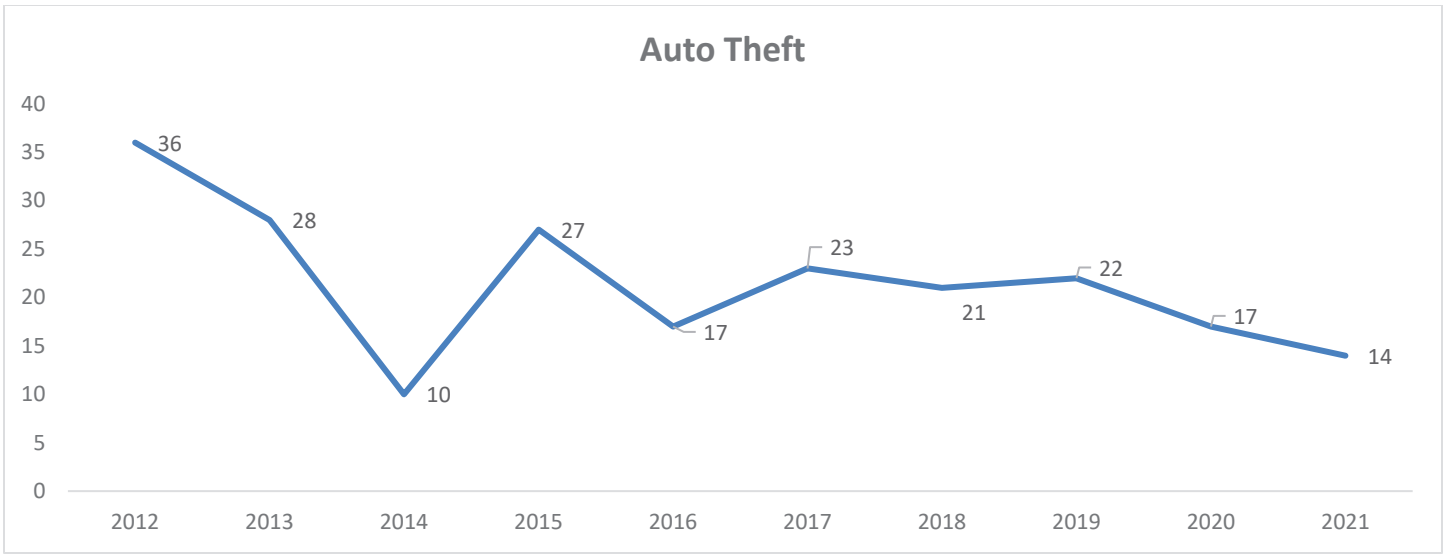

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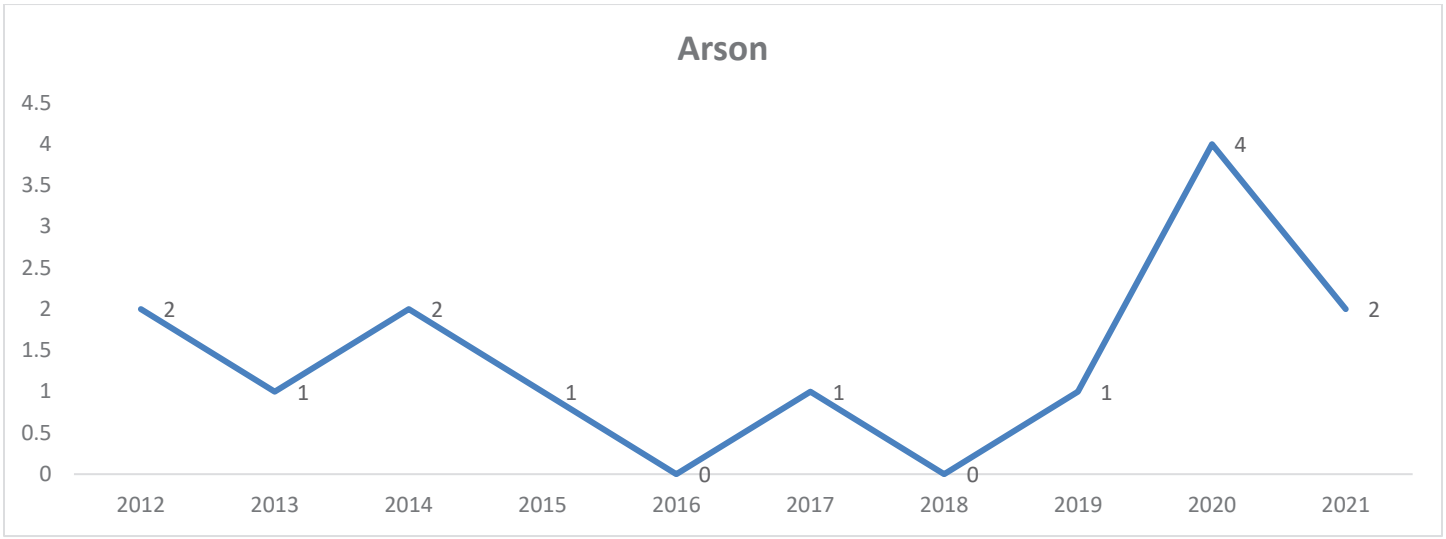

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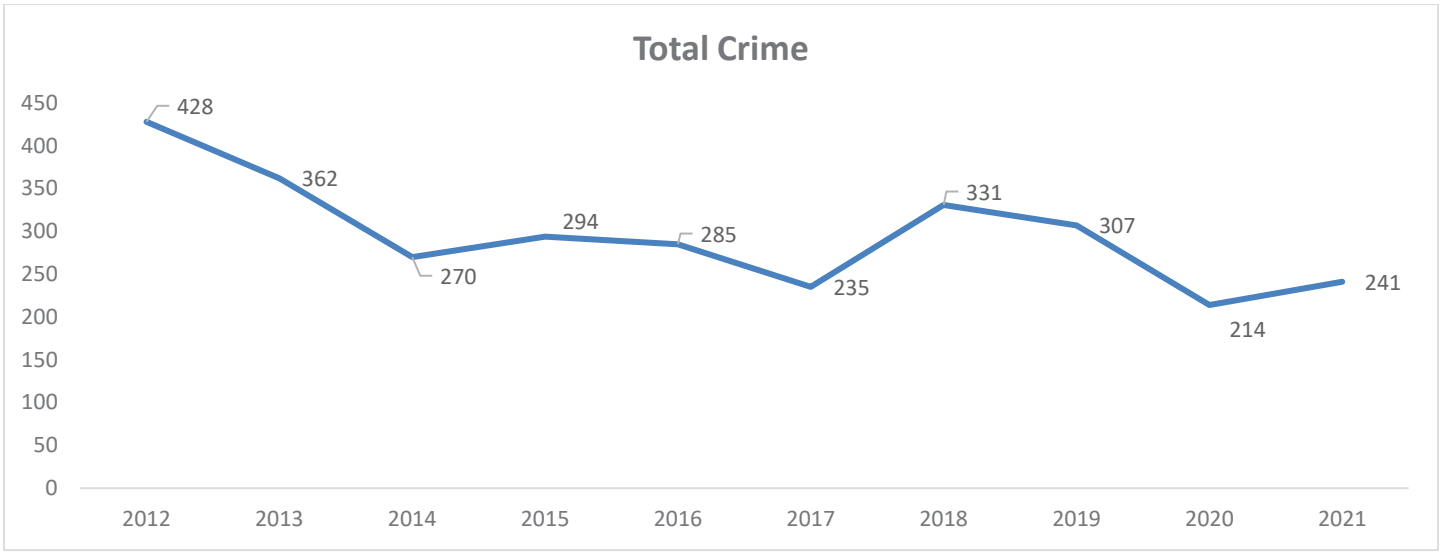

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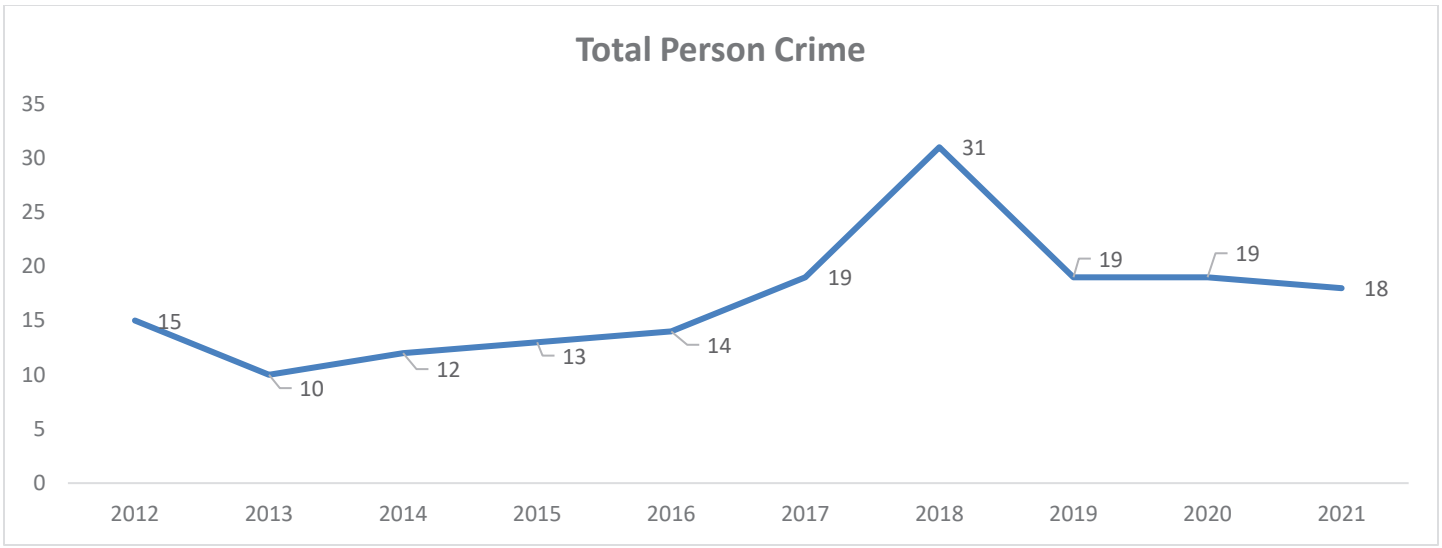

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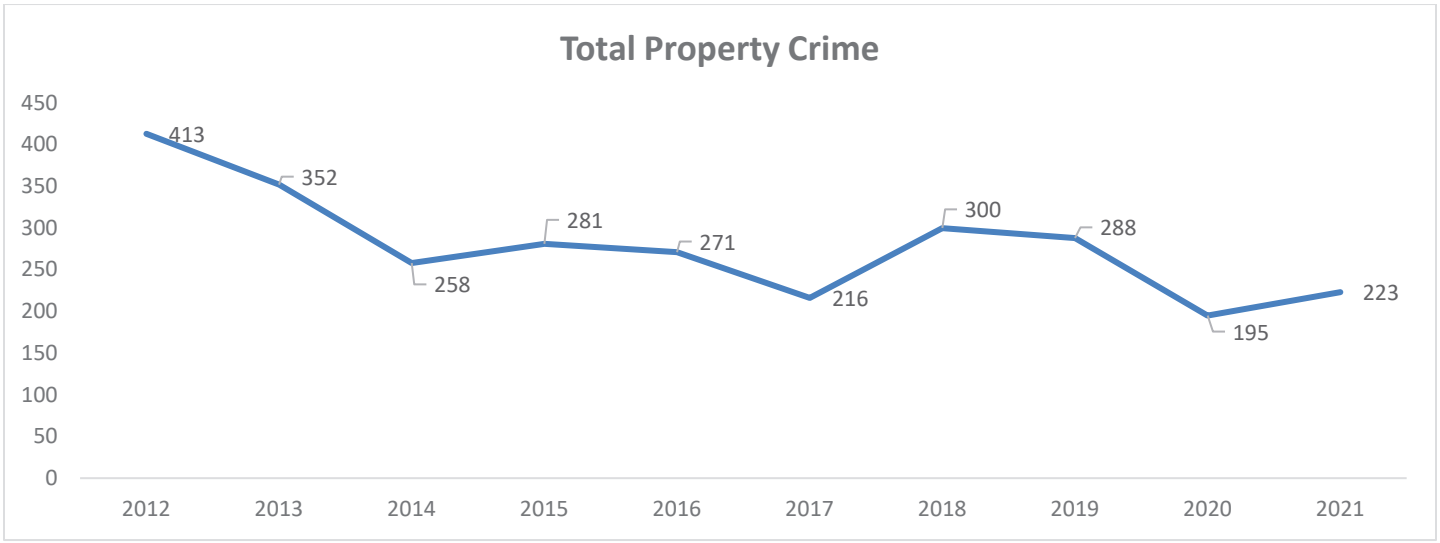

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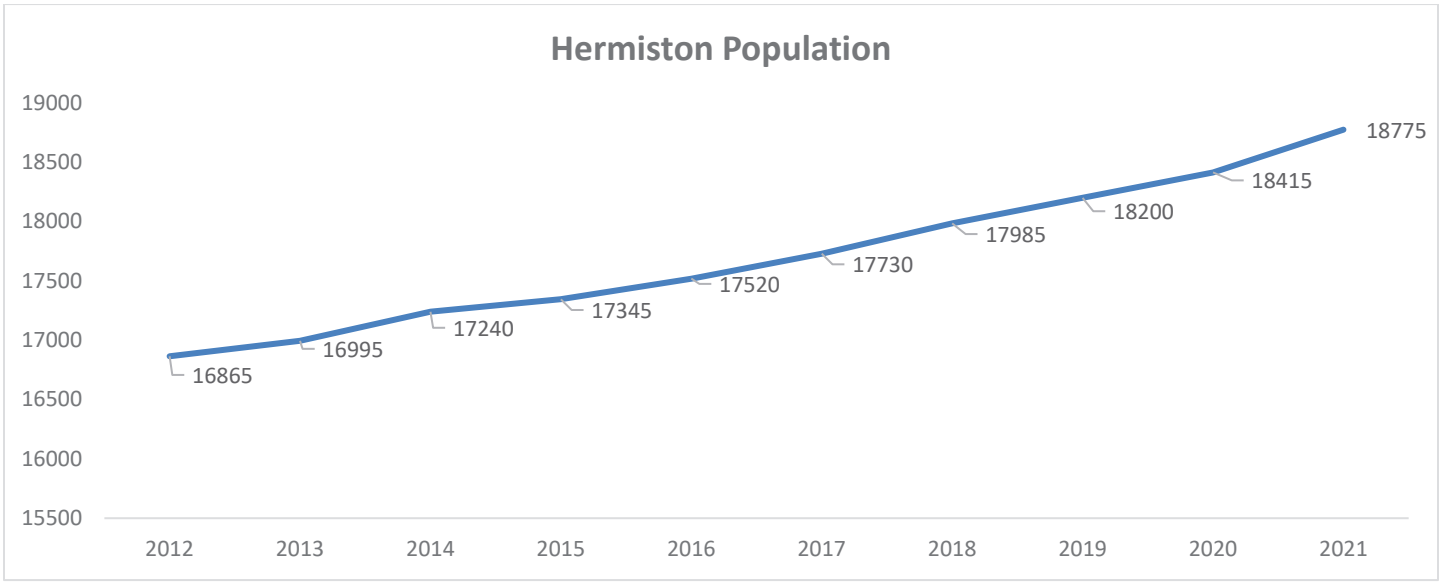

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House Bill 2162: Most police agencies are required to obtain accreditation, which means meeting standards set by an organization designated by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (state agency). For agencies with at least 100 officers, the deadline is July 1, 2025; for agencies with at least 35 officers, it's July 1, 2026.

The state public safety academy in Salem must conduct equity training for police.

Two public members are added to the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training, one each nominated by the House speaker and Senate president, and one public member is added to its police policy committee. One of the three must be from a historically underrepresented community.

* working on it since 2020, though we are incredibly taxed resource-wise

House Bill 2481: Police agencies cannot obtain specified military surplus equipment from the federal government: unmanned armored or weaponized aircraft, grenades and grenade launchers and firearms silencers. If other equipment purchases are approved, city councils and county boards must sign off on them.

* we do not

House Bill 2513: Officers must have training in airway anatomy and child and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Police must summon medical services, when "tactically feasible," if someone under restraint is having a medical emergency.

* we currently do with policy to support it

House Bill 2575: State grants from a $960,000 fund can go to local agencies to develop local trauma training through the state agency. The program is intended to help police deal with people or groups experiencing trauma.

* no clue what this will look like

House Bill 2928: Tear gas and nonlethal projectiles, such as rubber bullets, can be used for crowd control only if someone's conduct justifies police use of deadly physical force. Sound devices and strobe lights are banned. Police must evacuate injured people and allow access by emergency medical services. If police induce another agency to take actions barred by state law or court order, it is second-degree official misconduct, a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a maximum of 30 days in jail and a $1,250 fine.

* something we will follow if ever needed

House Bill 2929: Police must report misconduct by officers of violations of standards. Reports are to be filed with a direct supervisor, a higher-ranking officer in the chain of command or the state agency, which can forward a report to the local agency where it originated. Reports must be filed within 72 hours and investigations completed within three months. The state agency must receive reports when misconduct is substantiated. Gov. Brown has signed this bill; it takes effect Jan. 1.

* not entirely clear what the expectation is with regard to another entity being involved – DPSST?

House Bill 2930: A new 15-member commission will develop statewide standards, instead of local, for police conduct and discipline. The new standards will prevail over collective bargaining between local agencies and police unions. A statewide standard of "preponderance" of evidence will guide decisions by arbitrators in police misconduct cases.

* we will follow whatever guidance we are given – this may be challenged by some entity – I have personal concerns about this being one step closer to federalization

House Bill 2932: Agencies must report incidents to a national use-of-force database maintained by the FBI. The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission will analyze data and report to lawmakers on its findings.

* we have been doing this for a couple of years

House Bill 2936: The state agency must investigate the backgrounds of officer candidates at the state public safety academy, aimed at whether they have prior participation in hate groups, racial supremacy organizations or militant groups. Local agencies must set standards for speech and expression by officers both in and outside the course of their employment, but cannot violate their constitutional rights. Brown signed this bill, which takes effect Jan. 1.

* waiting for guidance from the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police

House Bill 2986: Officers are required to undergo training in identifying, investigating and reporting crimes motivate by bias, based on the perceived gender of the victim. Brown signed this bill, which takes effect Jan. 1.

* we currently do this and it is covered by policy and oath

House Bill 3047: Suits can be filed against people who release personal information with the intent of stalking, harassing or injuring someone, a practice known as "doxxing." Brown signed this bill, which took effect June 15.

* this stems from police officers being targeted at their homes

House Bill 3059: Police authority to declare "unlawful assemblies" is modified. Brown signed this bill, which takes effect Jan. 1.

* we will follow the law as written

House Bill 3145: Officer discipline when an agency imposes an economic sanction must be reported within 10 days to the state agency, which already maintains a database of officers whose certifications have been suspended or revoked. These reports would be added to the database.

* this could be challenging but obviously, we will follow

House Bill 3164: State law is changed to align with Oregon Supreme Court decisions about when someone is arrested for interfering with police. Arrests must be based on whether someone knowingly or intentionally interferes with police, so police cannot arrest people based on noncriminal behavior. Brown signed this bill, which took effect June 11.

* we will follow this law as written/revised

House Bill 3273: Police are restricted in their release of booking photos and how they can be used publicly. Brown has signed this bill, which takes effect Jan. 1.

* we have already started this practice

House Bill 3355: Identification is specified for police assigned to work crowd control in cities over 60,000 (Portland, Gresham, Hillsboro, Beaverton, Bend and three others), either a name or number on a uniform and something that signifies the officer's agency, such as "police" or "sheriff." It also specifies how the public can obtain that information. The requirement does not apply to Oregon State Police, or to officers in undercover operations. Brown signed this bill, which took effect June 15.

* not applicable, but our uniforms already have this information

(source: Peter Wong – Oregon Capital Bureau - Corvallis Gazette-Times)

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ENTERTAINMENT: ZAC GROOMS AND FRIENDS

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BEVERAGES: BEER & WINE SERVED BY NEIGHBOR DUDES TAP HOUSE

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CONCERT ENTERTAINER - ZAC GROOMS & FRIENDS

A SEASONED VOCALIST AS WELL AS AN ACCOMPLISHED GUITARIST, ZAC GROOMS HAS BEEN WRITING AND PERFORMING COUNTRY MUSIC IN THE NORTHWEST AS A SOLO ARTIST AND BAND FRONTMAN FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS.

ZAC HAS HAD A HAND IN WRITING OVER 40 SONGS INCLUDING, "IF I HAD MY WAY" WHICH WENT ALL THE WAY TO #1 ON THE INDEPENDENT CHARTS IN 1999. SINCE RECORDING HIS FIRST SINGLE AT AGE 14, ZAC HAS WON SEVERAL AWARDS, HAS SHARED THE STAGE WITH VARIOUS COUNTRY LEGENDS, AND HAS APPEARED ON NUMEROUS RADIO AND TV SHOWS. HE CONTINUES TO BE HIGHLY RECOGNIZED IN NORTHWEST MUSIC COMMUNITY.

ZAC ORIGINALLY FOUNDED UNWOUND IN 1999 WITH BAND-MATE CODY CHRISTOPHERSON, AND CONTINUES TO ENTERTAIN CROWDS OF ALL SIZES ACROSS THE REGION WITH BREWER'S GRADE.



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Today we are asking for your support For Our brother in blood, and brother in blue; Lieutenant Randy Studebaker who leads the investigations unit for Hermiston Police Department. Randy is not only a great detective, but he's a husband, a father, a son, brother, uncle, and friend to so many.

Recently, Randy made an ER visit for what we all believed was a minor issue, It was a shock to learn he had two very aggressive brain tumors that required immediate medical intervention.

On May 4th Randy underwent a very delicate brain surgery to attempt to remove those tumors. With any brain surgery there are many things to overcome. There are some big adjustments Randy and his wife Shelly have to make for now. We have come together as a community to make changes to their home to accommodate his current mobility issues and provide the basic medical equipment required, but more is needed both now an in the future.

Randy's wife Shelly is a full time police officer for Pendleton Police Department. They are both off work for an unknown amount of time. Understandably, there is stress and fear of the unknown. Their lives have been turned upside down in just a couple weeks but they are both fighters.

Our goal is to help relieve the financial burden they are sure to experience. We are praying for your help to help raise funds that would be used for medical equipment as needed, tools and furniture to accommodate his current mobility issues, the cost of medical bills, travel expenses related to countless doctor appointments Randy has coming, plus other expenses.

Please help us lift some of the burden so they can focus on what's important- Randy's health.

Randy and Shelly NEVER ask for anything, And they never will. They are givers and always so humble about it. These two people have, and would drop everything to help friends, family, and even strangers. Now we have the chance to help them.

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