PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 25, 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, Captains Travis Eynon and Scott Clark, Sergeant Robert Guerrero, Corporal Erica Sandoval, Communications Manager Amanda Hartsteen, Finance Director Mark Krawczyk, 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 continues to be just as challenging as 2020, regarding personnel staffing. HPD is down five sworn officer positions; two with long-term or short-term injury's/illness's, one with military deployment, and two new officers who still need to complete the 12-14 week in-house field training. It has been challenging keeping up with call load demand while juggling leave requests.
- Detective Robert Guerrero was promoted to sergeant on August 1st to fill the gap of Lieutenant Studebaker who is on extended leave.

3rd Quarter (2021) Activity/Crime Report

Chief Edmiston reviewed the 3rd quarter activity/crime report (attached) and stated just like 2020, 2021 has been and is unusual due to the pandemic and how this relates to state of affairs for the HPD. As the City continues to grow, so does the demand for service; although there is a 10% increase in report taken from last year, the total citations issued are down, this is due, in part, by staffing shortages. Robberies and burglaries are up significantly as the City is dealing with more people in crisis, such as self-induced or medical, and are seeing a significant relation to crimes being committed by person(s) under the influence or where the substance is the subject of the crime.

The Records Department activity has increased as HPD has recently reopened the in-person fingerprinting service that had been shut down for months due to the pandemic.

School Resource Officers (SRO's) have adjusted well in their assigned schools and HPD continues to hear tremendous feedback with the positive impacts each officer is making. The three SRO's and their direct supervisor, Captain Eynon recently attended the National School Resource Officer Conference in Orlando. This was challenging and expensive, but ensuring everyone is on the same page is mission-critical.

2022 Department Goals

Chief Edmiston stated the 2022 will remain unchanged from the previous year. The overall goals are intentionally broad as HPD is focused on more individual goals for each officer.

Wellness Committee Update

Chief Edmiston gave information regarding Faith & Blue weekend (flyer attached). Previously unknown to him, this event spans across the United States with over 1200 events listed with the majority of events located in the east. Chief Edmiston has meet with HPD's Wellness Committee, the Faith-Based Advisory Committee and Al Davis, the General Manager of EOTEC about potentially hosting a Harvest Celebration event next October as a way to also give thanks to our agricultural providers.

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Past/Upcoming Events

Chief Edmiston stated HPD plans to host the annual City Employee and Family Christmas Express Work Party on Wednesday, December 15th at 5:30pm at the Community Center. More information and calendar invites will be sent out shortly.

Adjournment

Chief Edmiston stated we are fortunate to have an exceptional group of diverse professionals working for the department. There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 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.

3rd 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	18997	18933	17784	17731	16940	17070	16648	17414	16206	17525	17117-17932	16771	**-4%**	**3%**
Calls for Service	11630	11592	9774	7676	7753	8122	8640	8879	7985	9117	8698-9536	8495	**-7%**	**6%**
Officer Initiated Activity	7367	7341	8010	10055	9187	8948	8008	8535	8221	8408	7969-8847	8276	**-2%**	**1%**
Traffic Stops	3645	3953	3717	5109	4735	3970	3161	4235	3965	4054	3544-4564	3939	**-3%**	**-1%**
Case Investigations	2104	1985	2155	2485	2365	2337	2534	2451	1781	2244	1979-2510	1956	**-13%**	**10%**
Total Arrests	980	1049	952	1051	1039	954	920	1014	614	953	800-1106	620	**-35%**	**1%**
Misdemeanor Arrests	663	720	651	816	788	652	642	739	413	676	547-805	453	**-33%**	**10%**
Felony Arrests	317	329	301	235	251	302	278	275	201	277	242-311	167	**-40%**	**-17%**
Total Citations	4656	4392	4466	5310	4698	4775	4128	5186	3569	4576	4012-5139	3304	**-28%**	**-7%**
POPULATION	*16865*	*16995*	*17240*	*17345*	*17520*	*17730*	*17985*	*18200*	*18775*			*19354*		

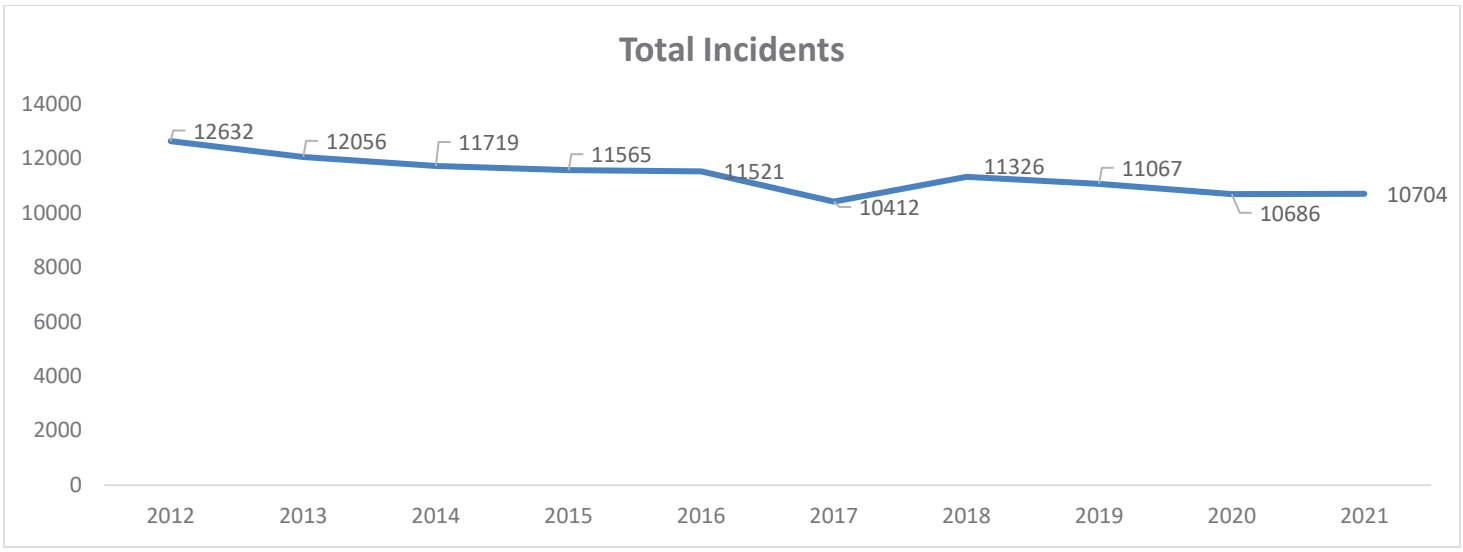
Hermiston Police Department 2012-2021 Police Statistics

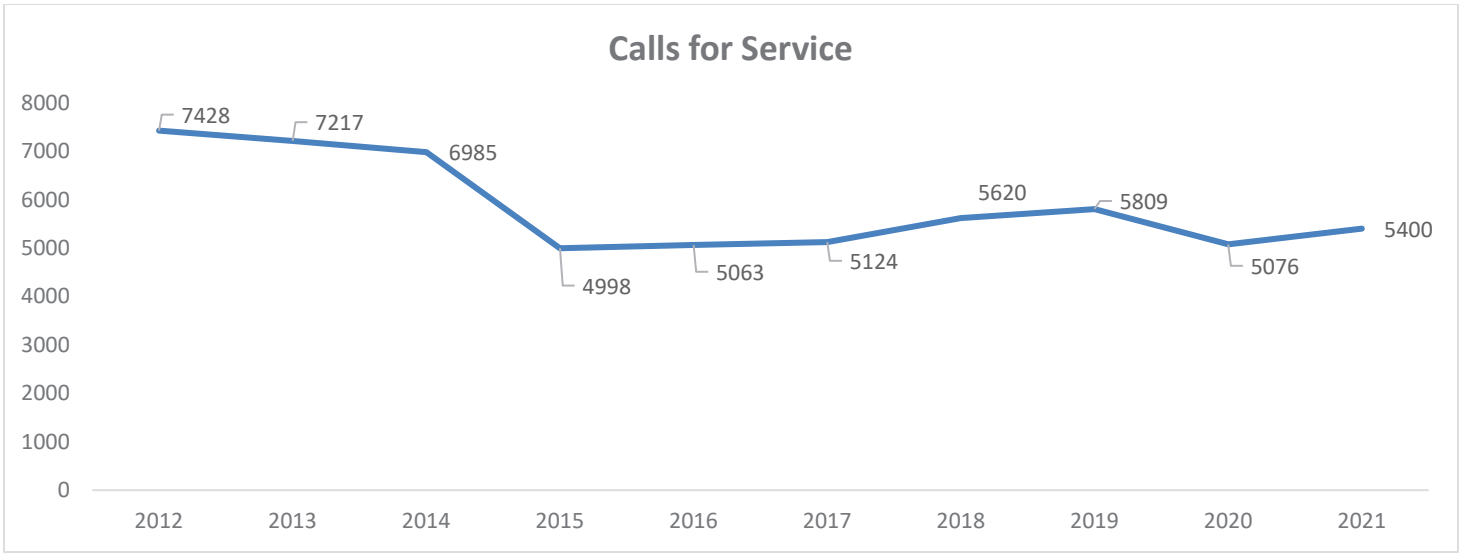
January through June 10-year Trends

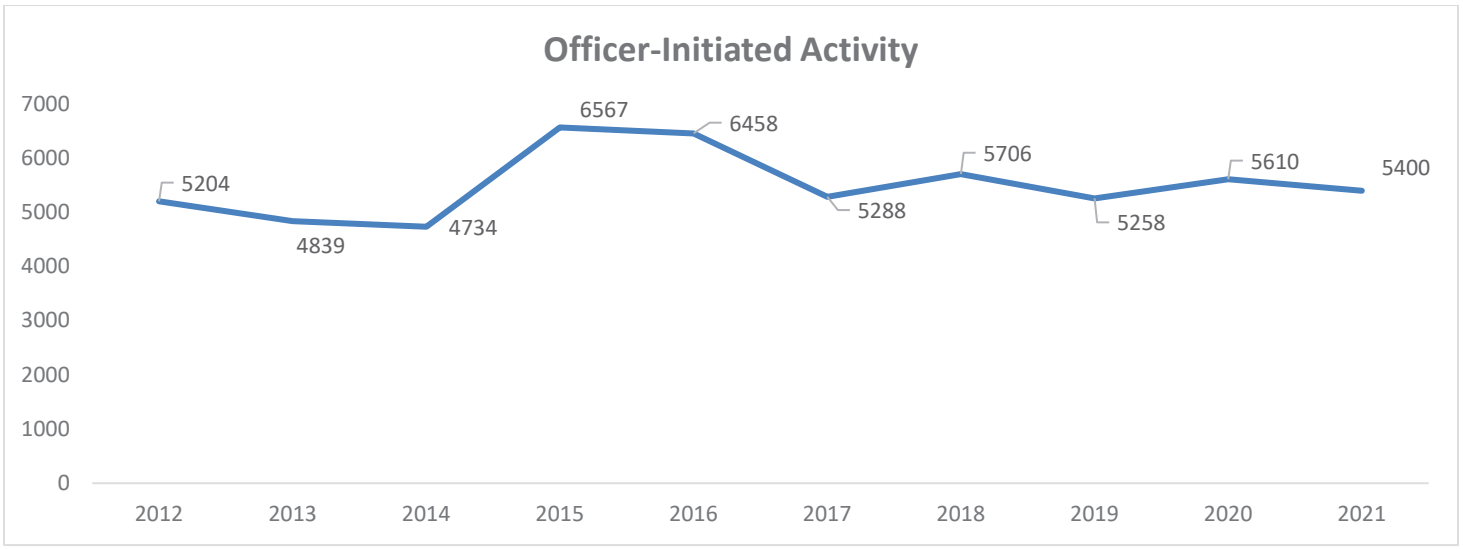
Incident Type	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Avg	Normal Range	2021	% Change Avg-'21	% Change '20-'21
Homicide	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	0-1	2	100%	0%
Rape	2	4	2	3	7	2	6	3	7	4	0-2	6	50%	-14%
Robbery	7	6	11	3	0	2	7	7	6	5	3-8	10	100%	67%
Aggravated Assault	10	4	5	9	20	26	27	25	11	15	9-21	15	0%	36%
Burglary	103	76	62	42	40	40	72	52	38	58	46-71	50	-14%	32%
Larceny	443	461	309	313	321	283	373	352	249	345	300-390	284	-18%	14%
Auto Theft	51	52	19	33	21	29	36	24	22	32	26-37	23	-28%	5%
Arson	4	1	2	1	0	2	3	2	5	2	1-4	2	0%	-60%
TOTAL	**601**	**604**	**410**	**405**	**410**	**385**	**525**	**465**	**314**	**458**	**386-529**	**392**	**-14%**	**25%**
TOTAL VIOLENT	**20**	**14**	**18**	**16**	**28**	**31**	**41**	**35**	**27**	**26**	**20-31**	**33**	**27%**	**22%**
TOTAL PROPERTY	**641**	**618**	**428**	**421**	**438**	**416**	**566**	**500**	**341**	**485**	**409-562**	**359**	**-26%**	**5%**
POPULATION	*16865*	*16995*	*17240*	*17345*	*17520*	*17730*	*17985*	*18200*	*18775*			*19354*		

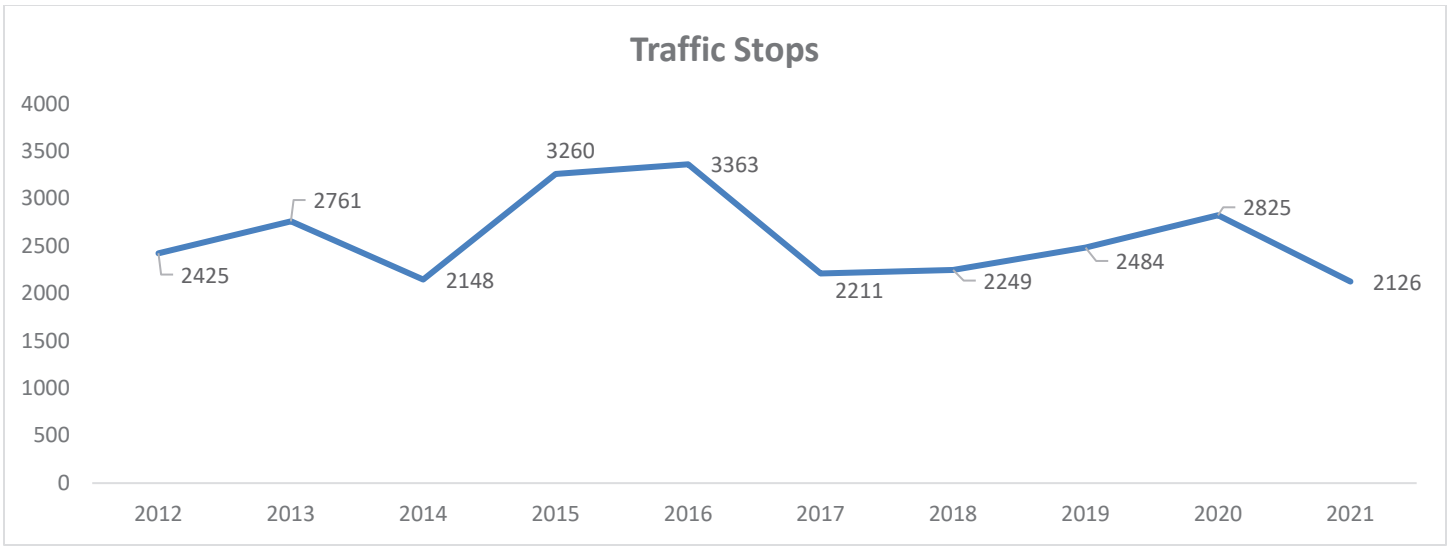
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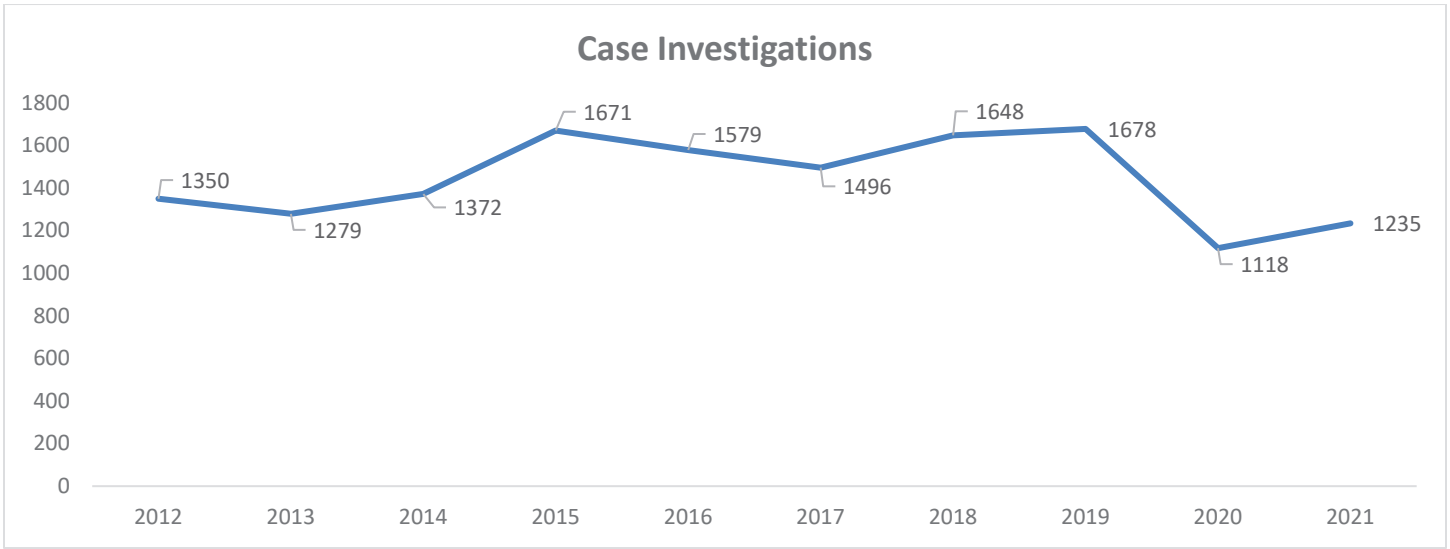
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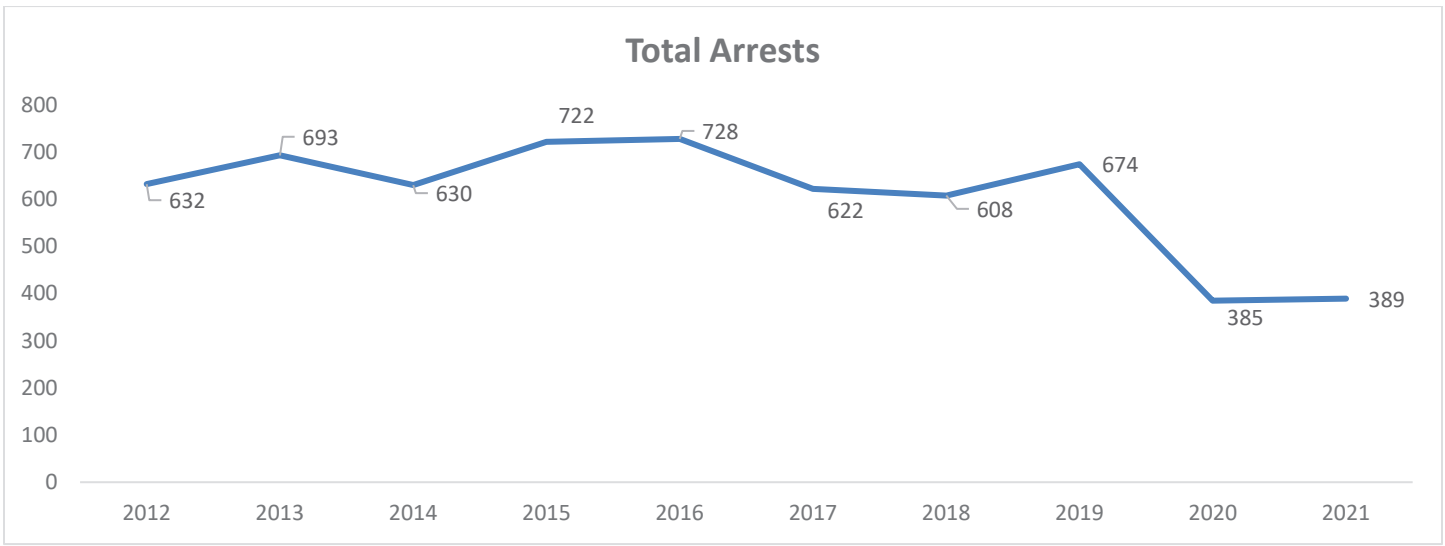

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Calls for Service
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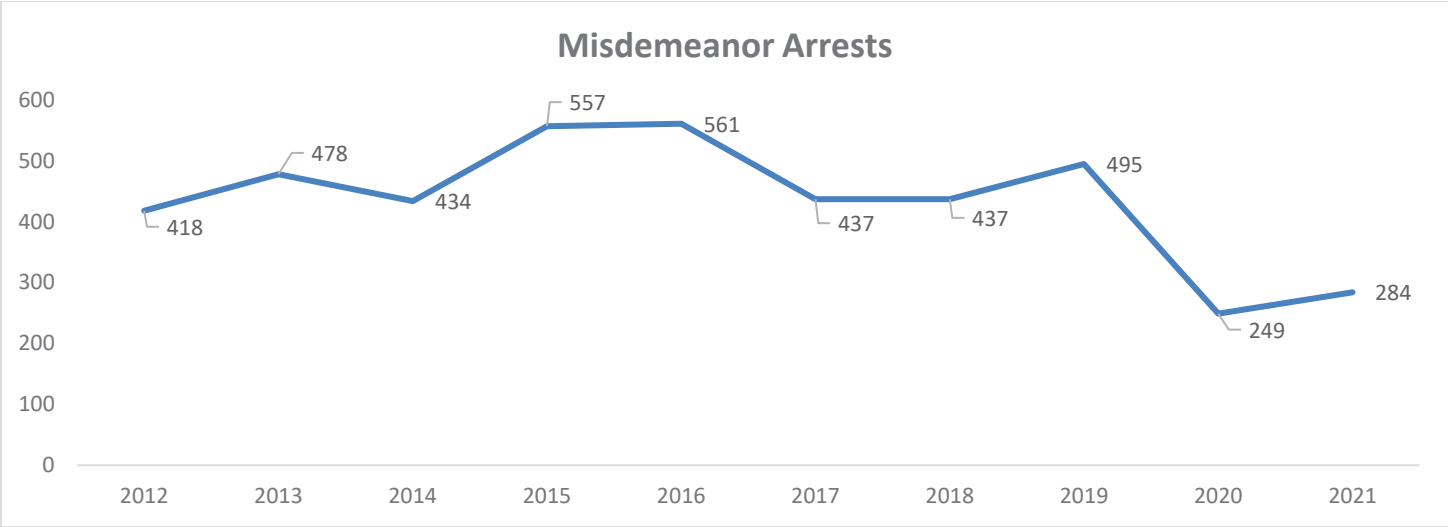

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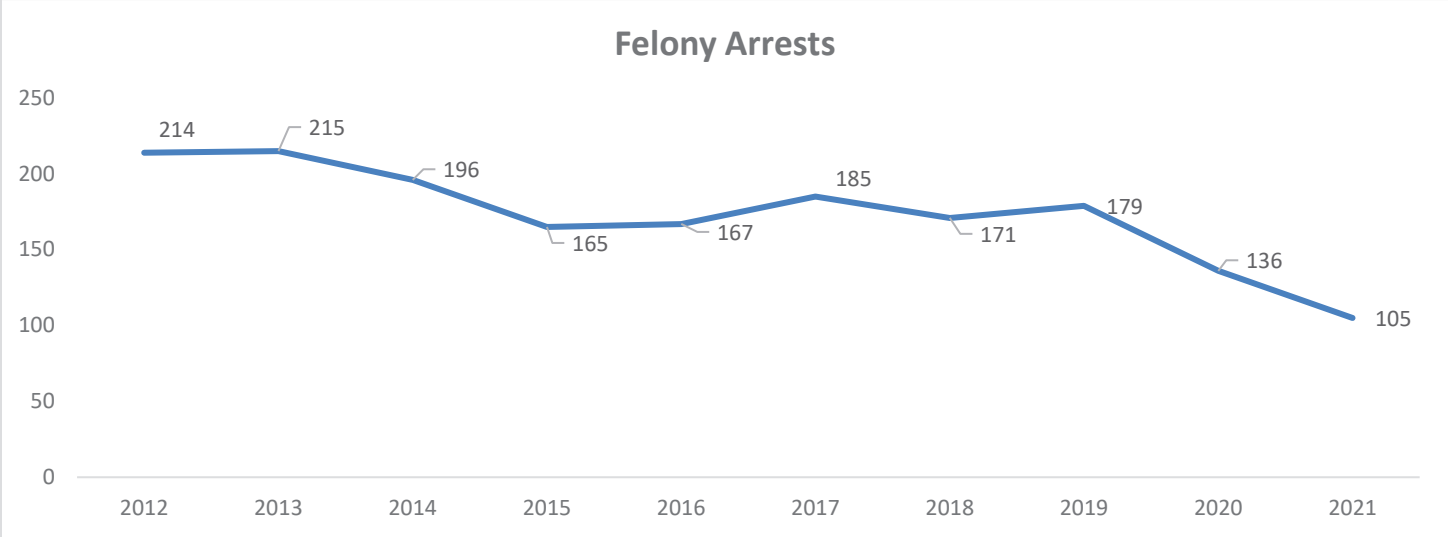

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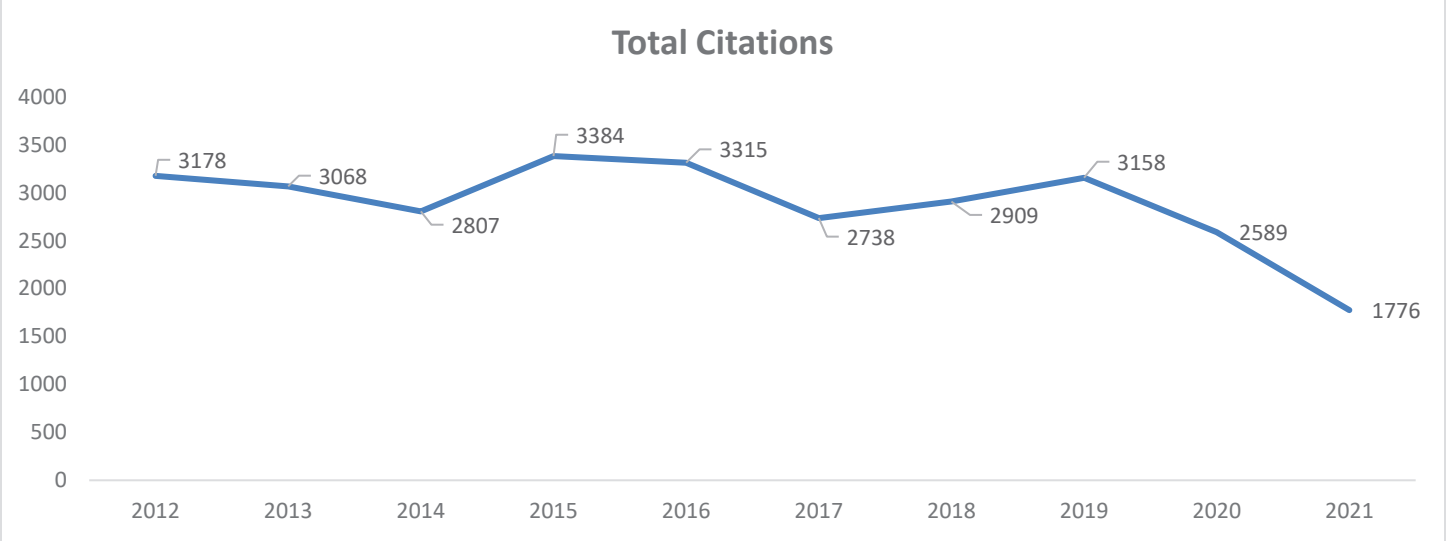
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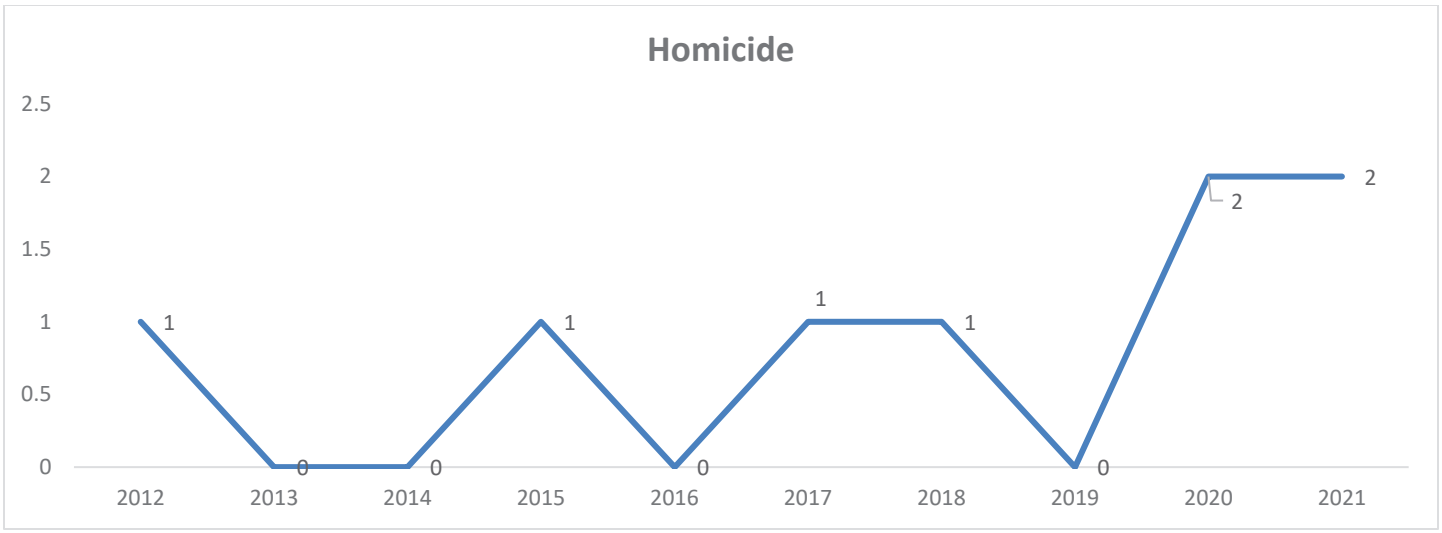
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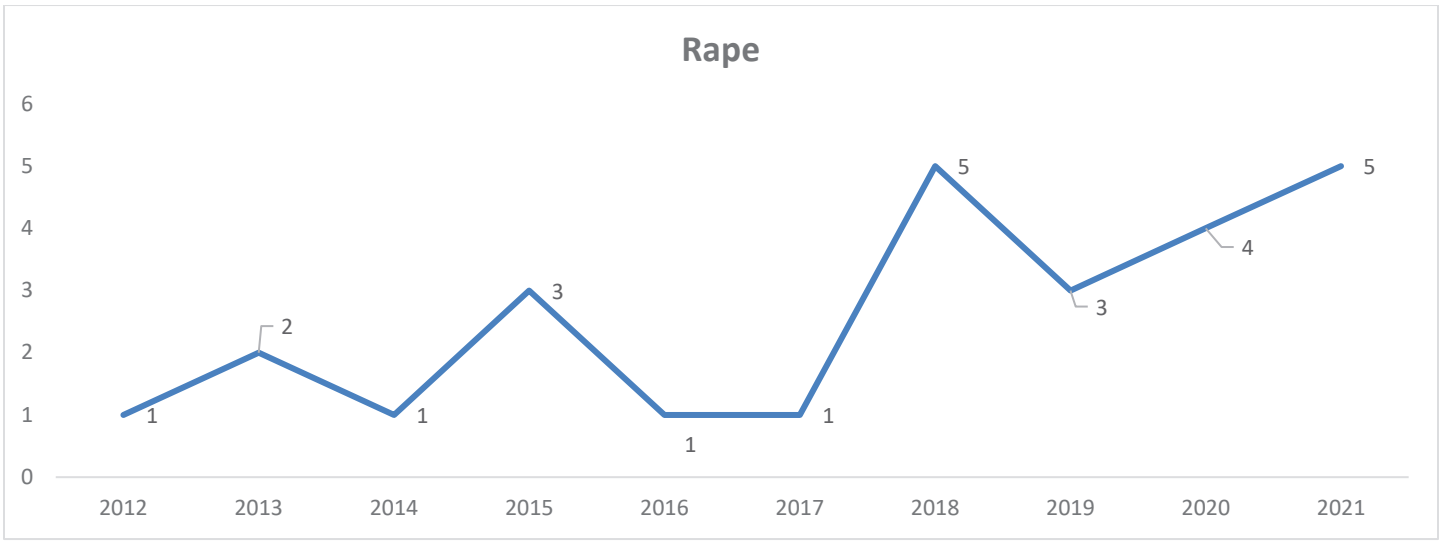
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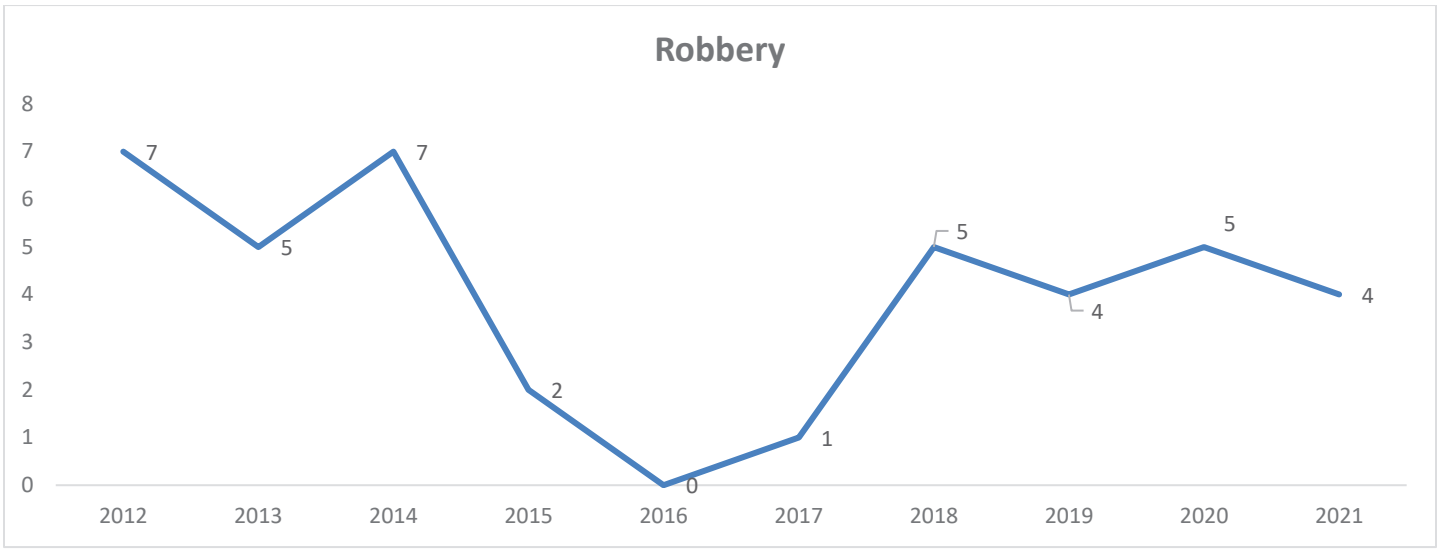







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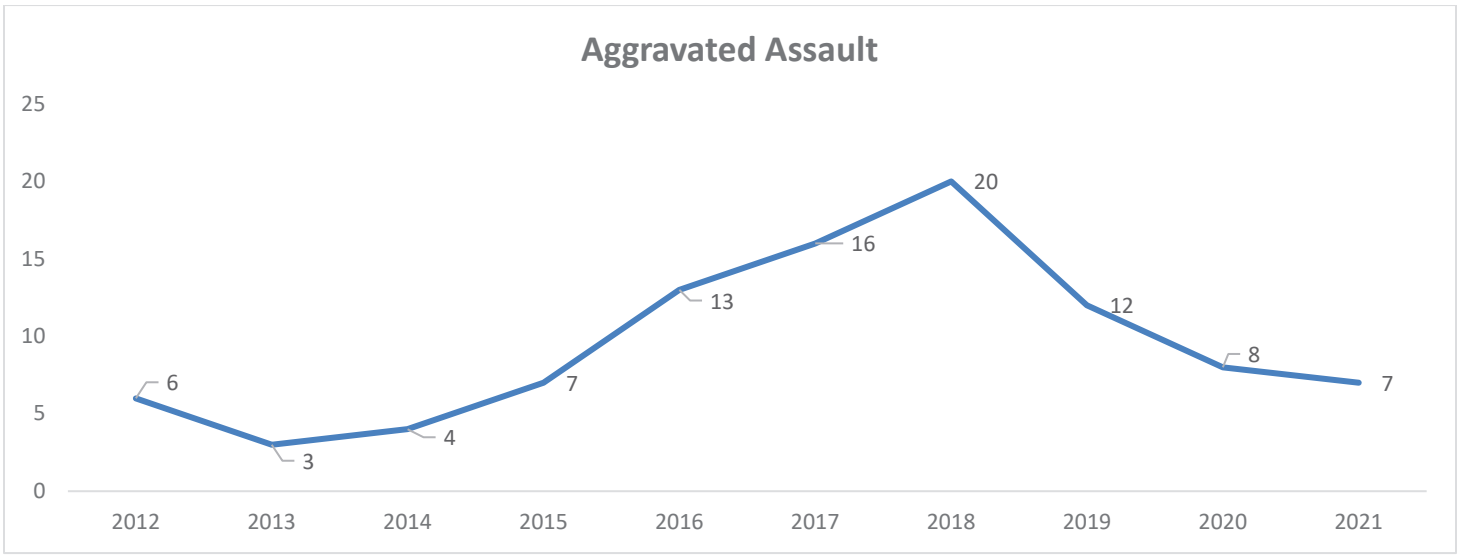

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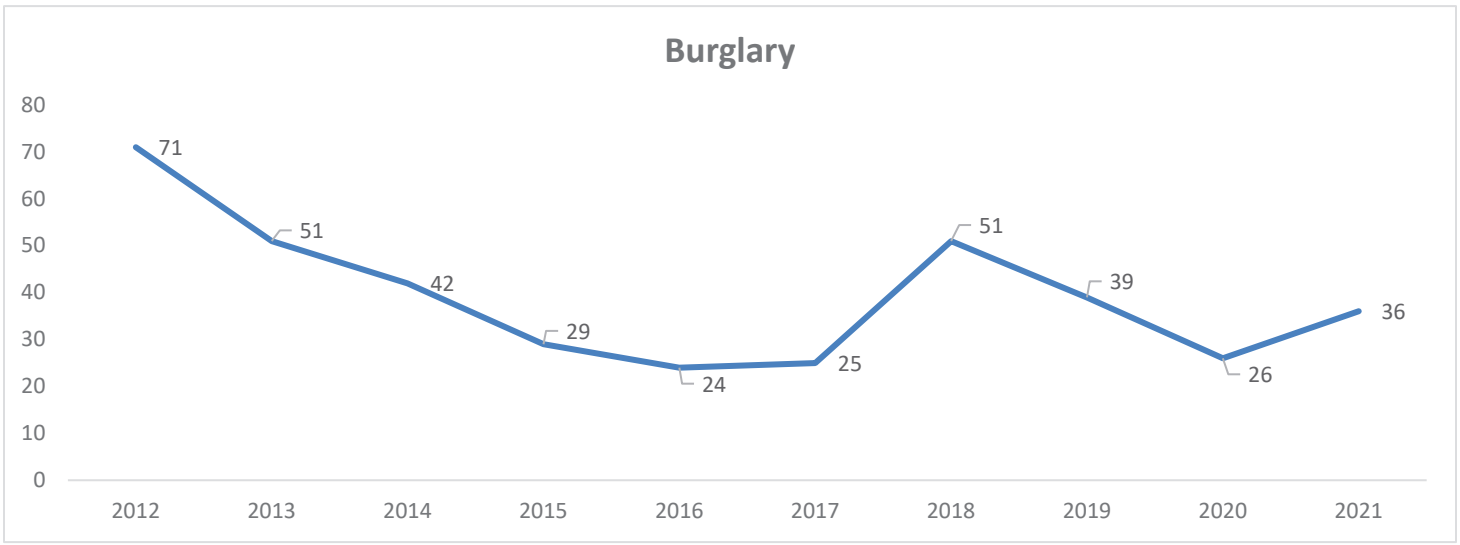

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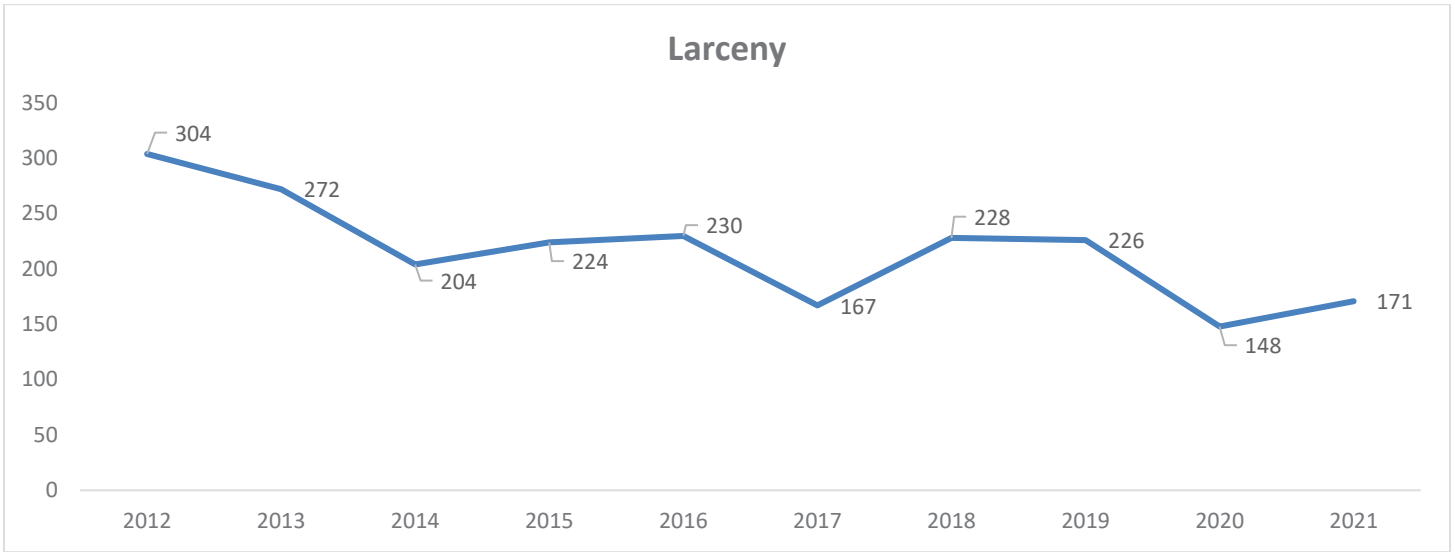
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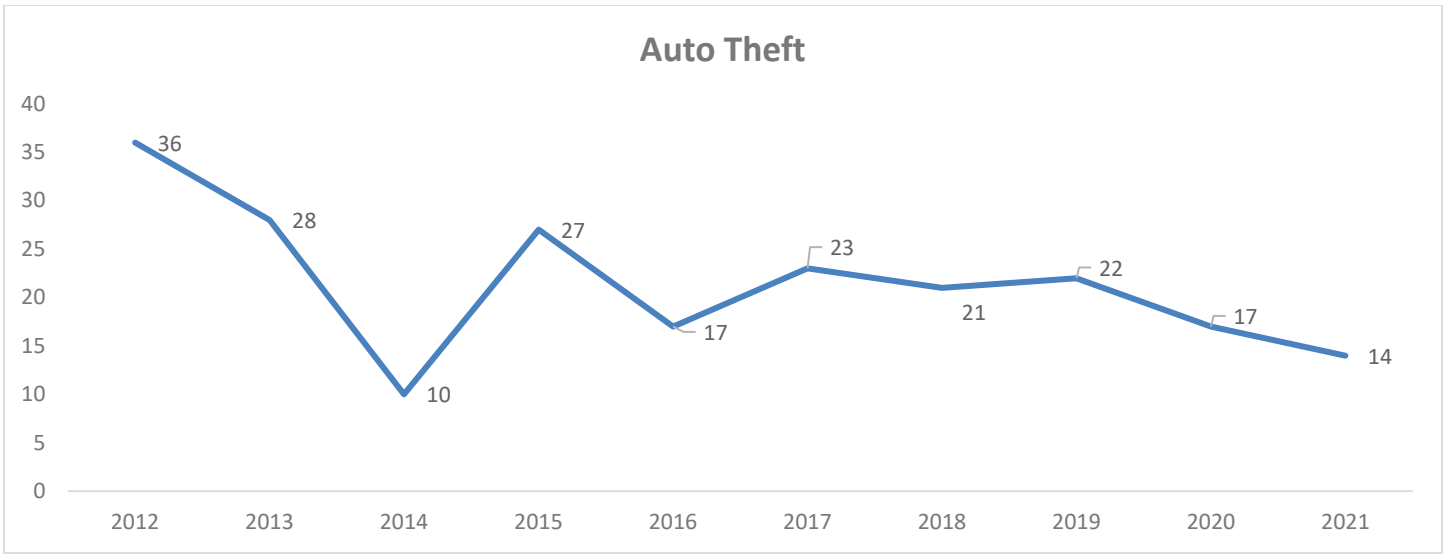
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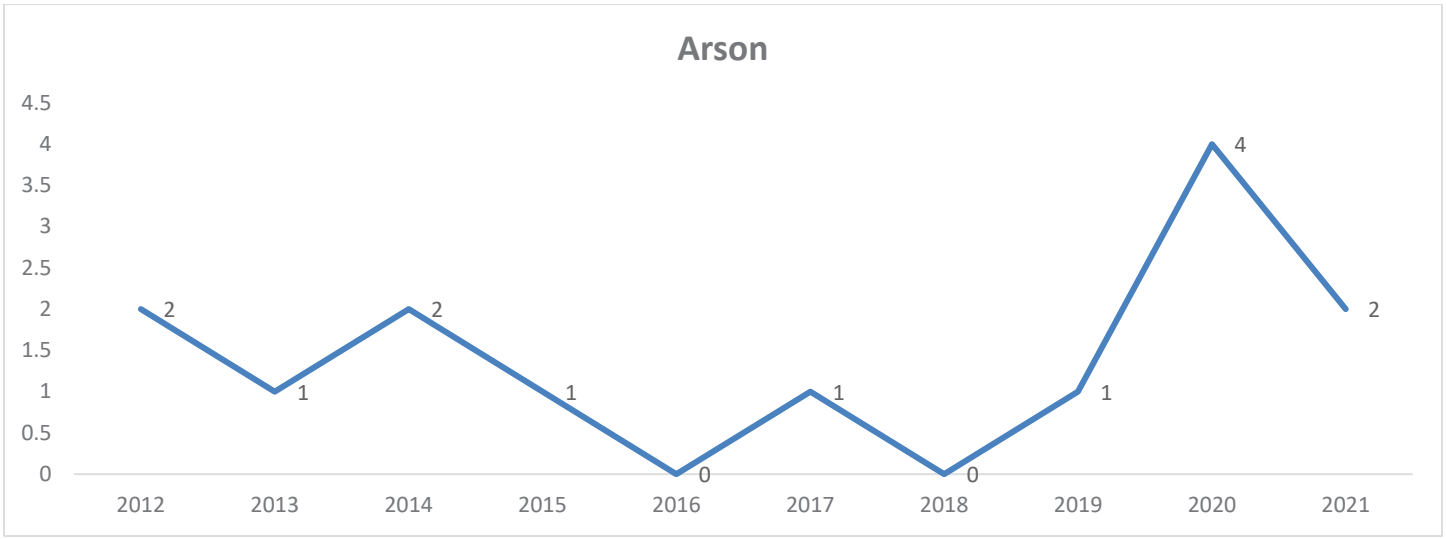
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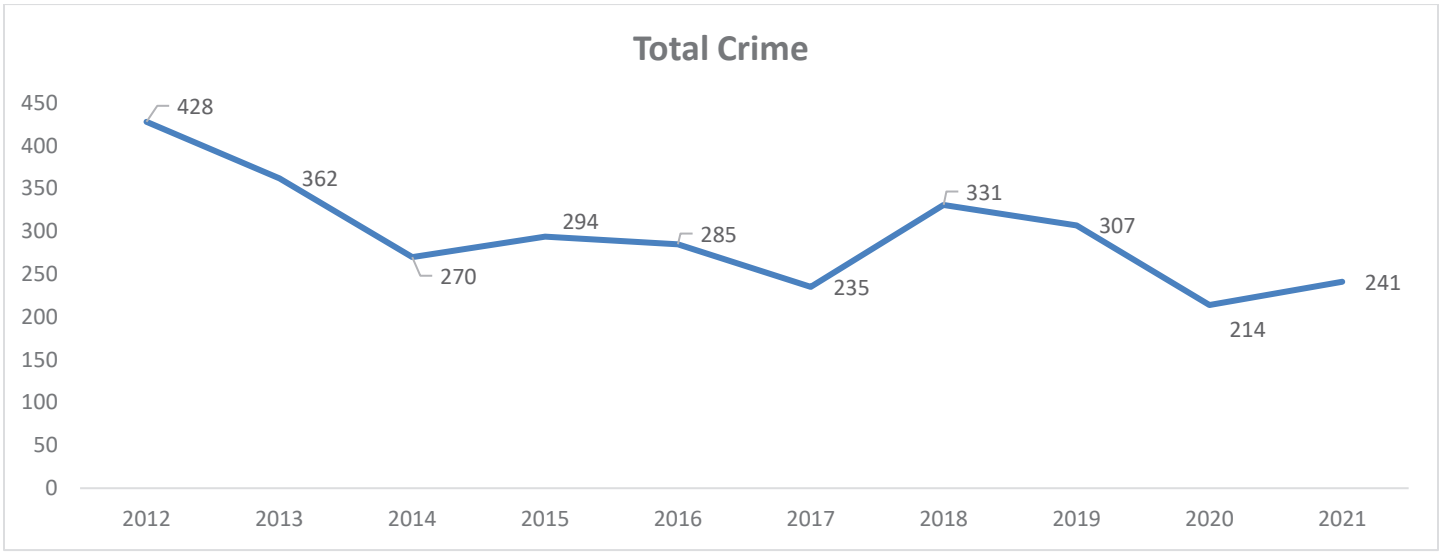


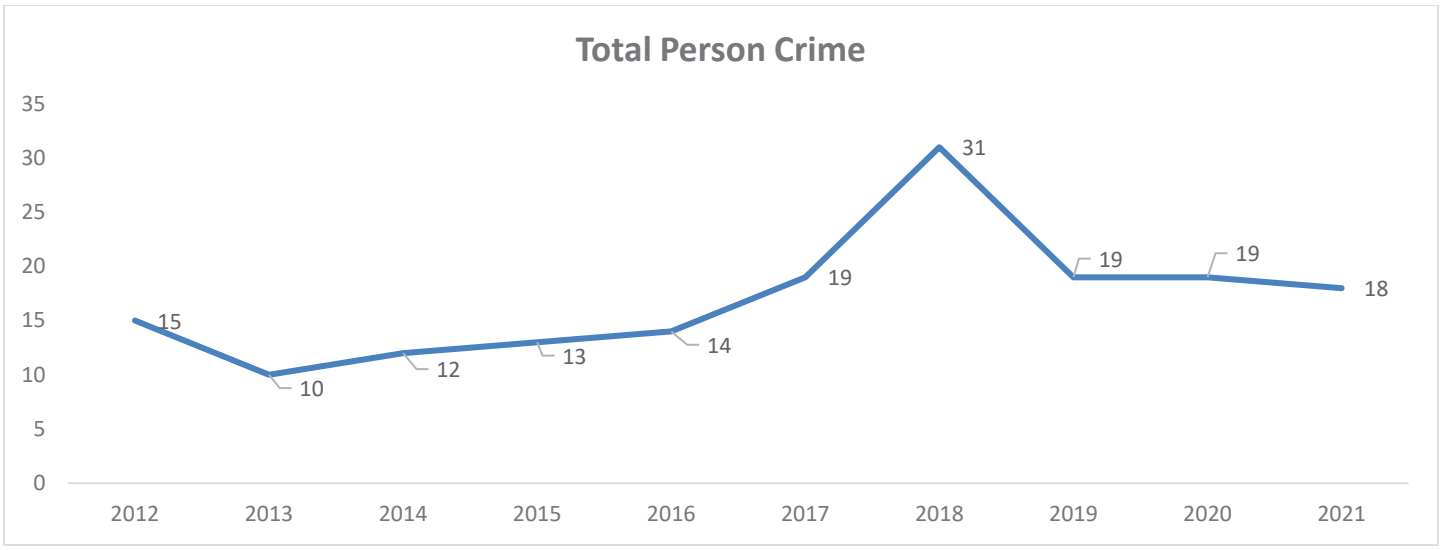


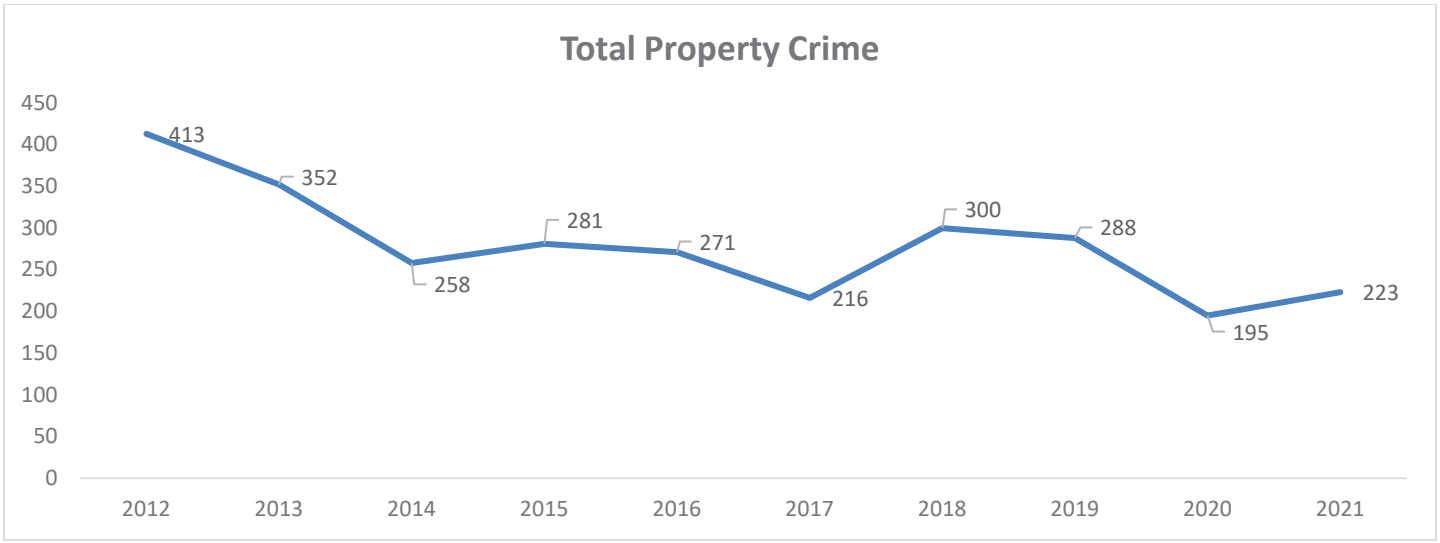


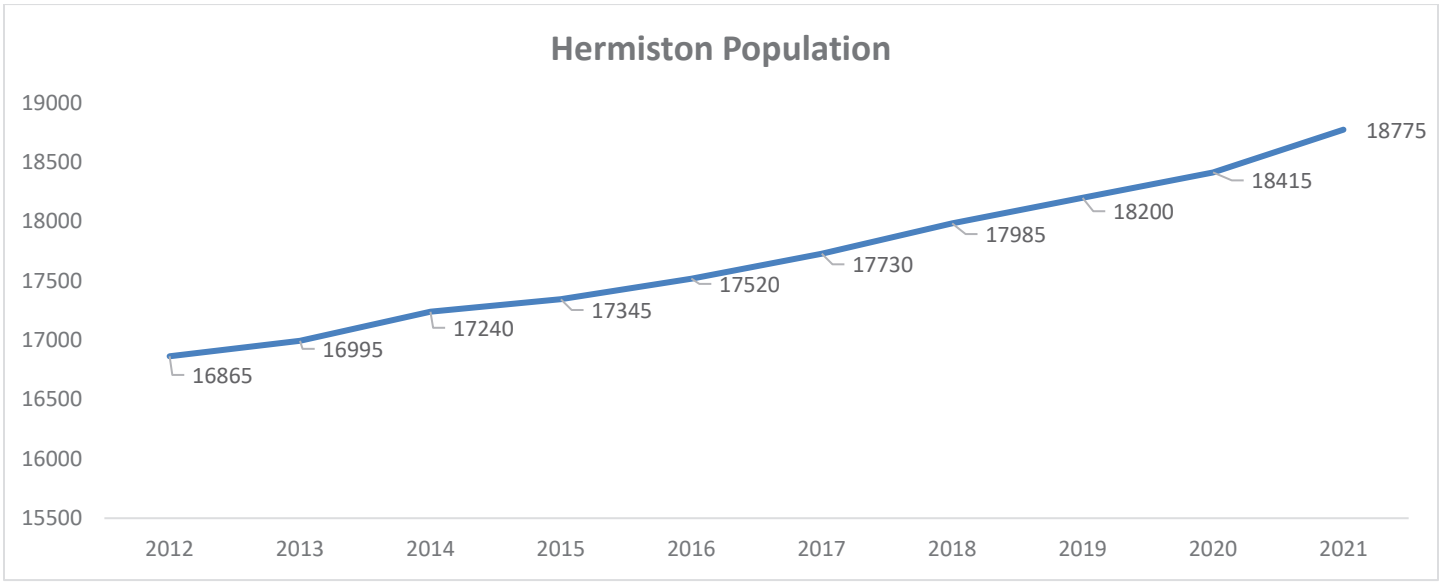

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Total Crime
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428
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Hermiston Population
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NATIONAL
Faith & Blue Weekend



October 8–11, 2021

An initiative of MovementForward, Inc. and One Congregation One Precinct (OneCOP)

WHAT

National Faith & Blue Weekend (Faith & Blue) is a collaborative initiative that builds bridges and breaks down biases through activities and outreach amongst law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve.

WHY

National Faith & Blue Weekend is based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect, trust and understanding. Law enforcement entities and faith-based groups are key pillars of a local community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive.

HOW

National Faith & Blue Weekend is an expansion of the One Congregation One Precinct initiative (OneCOP), a program of MovementForward, Inc. which is a bridge-building, solutions-focused human & civil rights organization based in Atlanta, Georgia. The OneCOP initiative pairs officers at the beat or precinct level with local houses of worship. Similarly, Faith & Blue is facilitated by law enforcement entities, faith-based organizations and the community.

WHO

National Faith & Blue Weekend organizers represent every major national law enforcement group and faith tradition in the United States of America. The effort is being co-convened by MovementForward, Inc.'s OneCOP initiative and the USDOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) and is the most collaborative police-community engagement project in recent history. National Faith & Blue Weekend is sponsored by FirstNet Built with AT&T along with the Motorola Solutions Foundation.

Getting Involved

To find out more, please go to:

www.faithandblue.org

- Read about National Faith & Blue Weekend.
- Submit a "Host An Event" interest form so that a staff member can help you get started.
- Download a toolkit.

Organizing an Event

After the Faith & Blue "Host An Event" interest form is submitted, a staff member will follow-up with the interested party to assess specific interests regarding your community event idea, collect additional information, and provide materials such as the toolkit to help get started organizing the event.

Creativity is key – no one knows a community or understands the unique qualities of a neighborhood better than those who live in it!

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Impact and Reach

Sixty-five million Americans attend weekly gatherings and services at more than 350,000 houses of worship nationwide.

The depth and breadth of influence held by houses of worship present an unrivaled, unique and powerful gateway to the hearts of local communities where there is shared, mutual interests in realizing effective police-community engagement.

Partners

Below is a list of law enforcement-related entities that partnered to organize the National Faith & Blue Weekend, October 8–11, 2021.