

VILLAGE OF MOUNT GILEAD
DIVISION OF POLICE
2024
ANNUAL REPORT



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MOUNT GILEAD DIVISION OF POLICE

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2024 Chief's Summary

In 2024, felony investigations remained relatively consistent with 45 felony level reports in the village (24 theft related offenses, 6 fraud/forgery, 4 sex offenses, 2 burglary/breaking and entering, 1 disrupting public service, 1 domestic violence, 1 drug offense, 1 fleeing/eluding, 1 intimidation of a witness, 1 misuse of 911, 1 robbery, 1 vandalism, 1 strangulation), excluding 4 felony warrant arrests. This is up from 37 felony level offenses in 2023.

In February, Caden Mosher successfully completed the North Central State College Police Academy after being selected as the agency's first sponsored "Recruit". His attendance at the academy was funded via a recruitment and retention grant that allowed the village to pay the academy tuition costs of approximately \$8,500. Mosher, who started with the department as an explorer/cadet and was later promoted to cadet captain, was sworn in as a full-time police officer in March and assigned as a cadet advisor shortly thereafter.

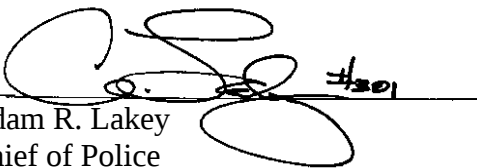
In May, the department implemented the use of body cameras. The cameras were purchased through a grant by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$11,835 and have proven themselves to be a vital piece of equipment that not only provides unparalleled evidentiary value but also protects officers from false or frivolous complaints.

In June, the department transitioned from the less functional, traditional "Class B", uniforms to customized outer carriers that provide options for removing some equipment from the belt while also providing increased visibility. The vests and equipment were purchased via a grant from the Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor Program with an award of \$10,736.68.

The 2022 Dodge Durango patrol vehicle received modifications and was assigned as the K9 cruiser. Part of the costs associated with the upfitting, \$5,000, was paid for with a donation from the Central Ohio Canine Foundation. A new 2023 Durango was purchased and upfitted as a patrol cruiser. The 2016 Ford Explorer was retired and auctioned.

In December, Mount Gilead Village Council approved a request for an additional full-time officer that would support a dedicated detective position. After careful consideration, Sergeant Chase Beekman was chosen to fill the assignment, starting in 2025.

My goals for 2025 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

2024 Staffing Summary

The department began the year with seven full-time officers: Chief Adam Lakey, Captain Thomas Cronenwett, Sergeant Chase Beekman, Officer Micheal Turner, Officer Jessie Brady, Officer Jason Robinson, and Recruit Caden Mosher who was attending the North Central State College Police Academy.

The department began the year with three part-time officers: Officer George Hinkle, Officer Jeffrey Cline, and Officer Frank Ramos.

On January 15, Officer Jessie Brady resigned to accept a position with the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

On March 7, Officer Caden Mosher changed classification from Recruit to full-time patrol officer upon completion of the police academy and becoming certified by the State of Ohio.

On April 4, Officer Scott Sanford was hired as an auxiliary officer. Sanford retired from the Powell Police Department and previously worked as a deputy with the Wood County Sheriff's Office. He brings with him over 28 years of law enforcement experience.

On May 22, Officer Aaron Gattshall was hired as a full-time patrol officer. He is a recent graduate of the Marion Law Enforcement Academy.

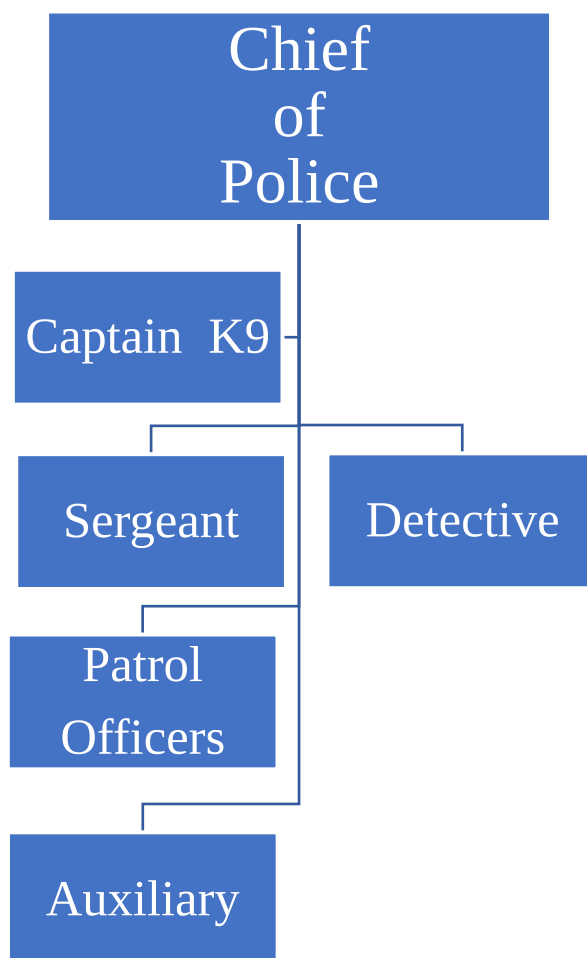
On May 22, Officer Ethan Lichtenberger was hired as a part-time patrol officer. He is a recent graduate of the Marion Law Enforcement Academy.

As a result of the new hires, Sergeant Chase Beekman spent in excess of 15 weeks assigned as a Field Training Officer.

In December, Village Council approved a request for the department to hire an additional full-time officer to allow for a full-time Detective assignment in 2025. After careful consideration, Sergeant Chase Beekman was selected to fill the assignment.

The Law Enforcement Cadet Program ended the year with three Cadets: Cadet Robert Copeland, Cadet Jimmy Hardy, and Cadet Cody Huffine. The Cadets assist with parade details, attend monthly trainings, and participate in ride-a-longs. In 2024, the Cadets volunteered in excess of 207.5 hours.

Agency Administration Rank Structure



Leadership Assignments (December 31, 2024)

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

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

2024 Summary

In 2024, Officers responded to 1,576 calls for service, investigated 228 offense reports, handled 79 crashes, conducted 1,818 traffic stops, issued 1,412 warnings, performed 4,395 foot-patrols, and issued 647 charges to 505 persons. The youngest person charged was 13 and the oldest person charged was 90.

In addition to patrolling the Village, officers carried out many valuable communities service functions such as: 121 assists for other agencies, 104 vehicle lockouts, 40 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.

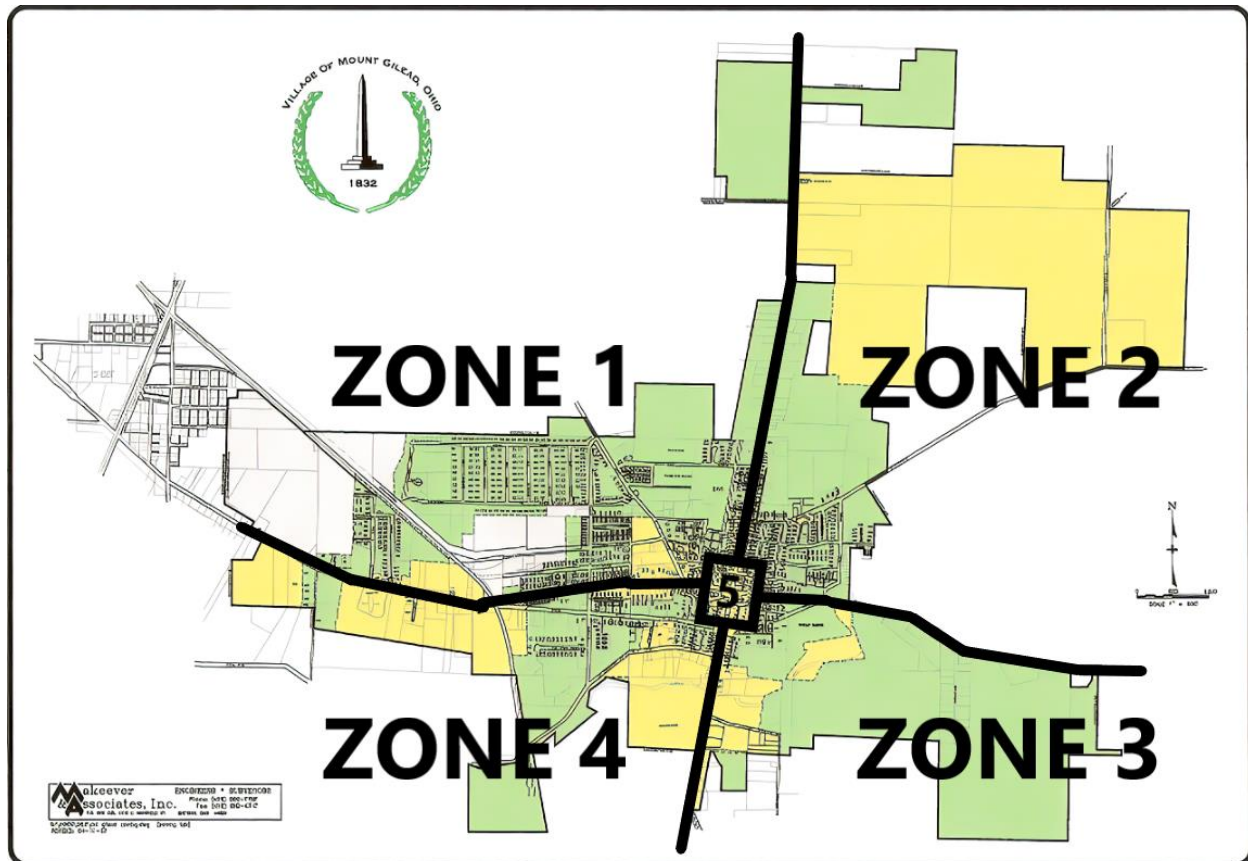
A crash report is taken for crashes that occurred on the roadway or crashes on private property resulting in injury or significant property damage.

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 or verify that the building is secure.

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

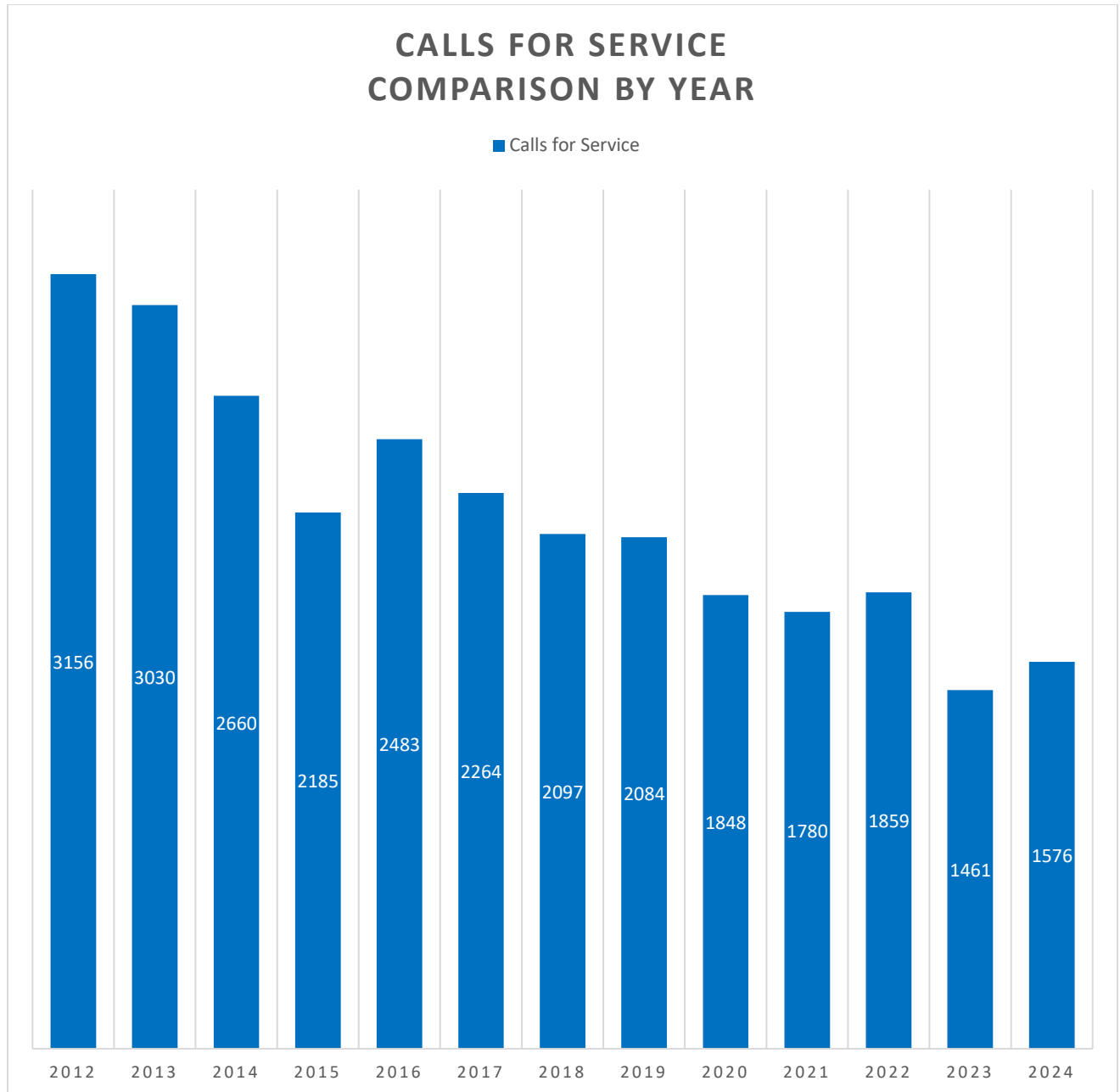
Zone 4 = South of High Street, West of Main Street

Zone 5 = Downtown Business District

Zone 0 = Outside the Incorporated Village

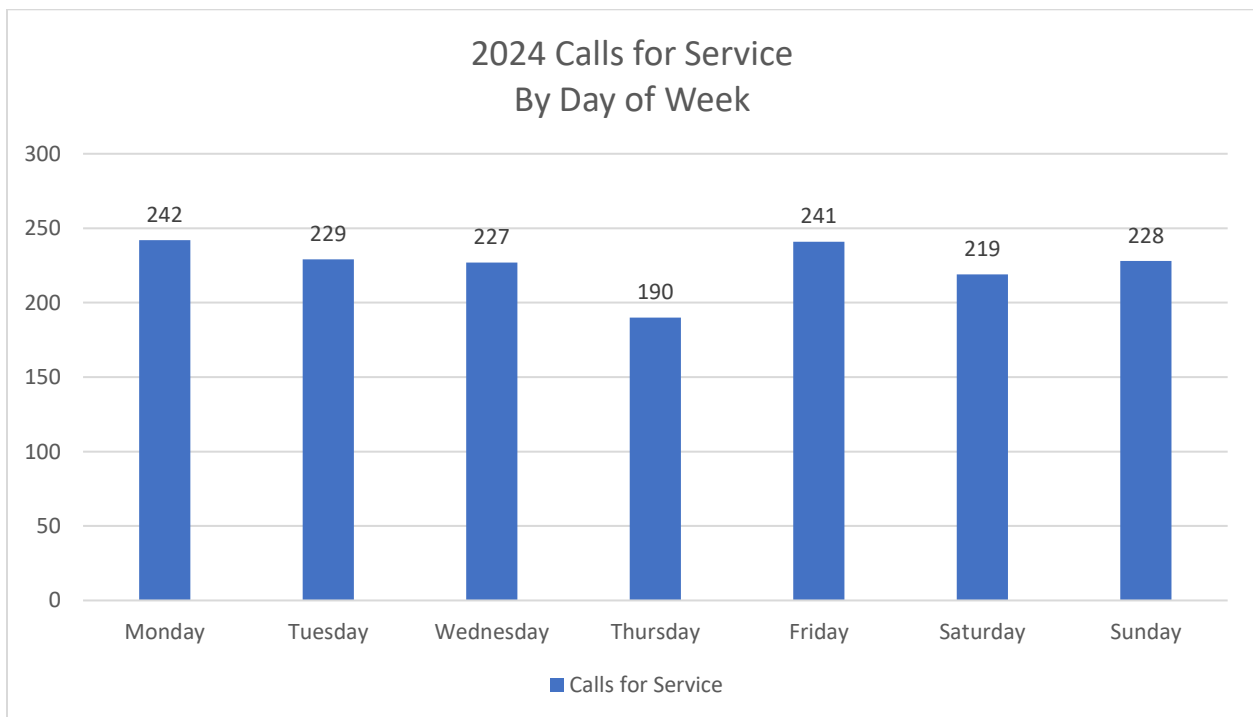
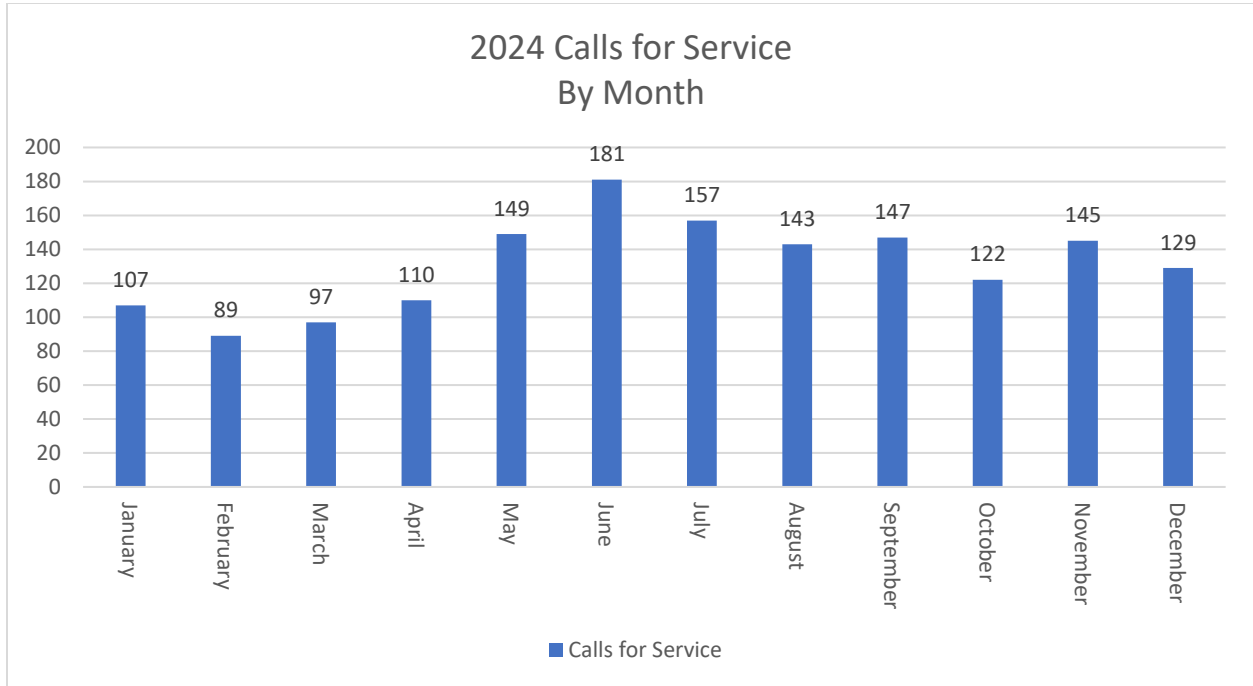
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2024 Calls for Service



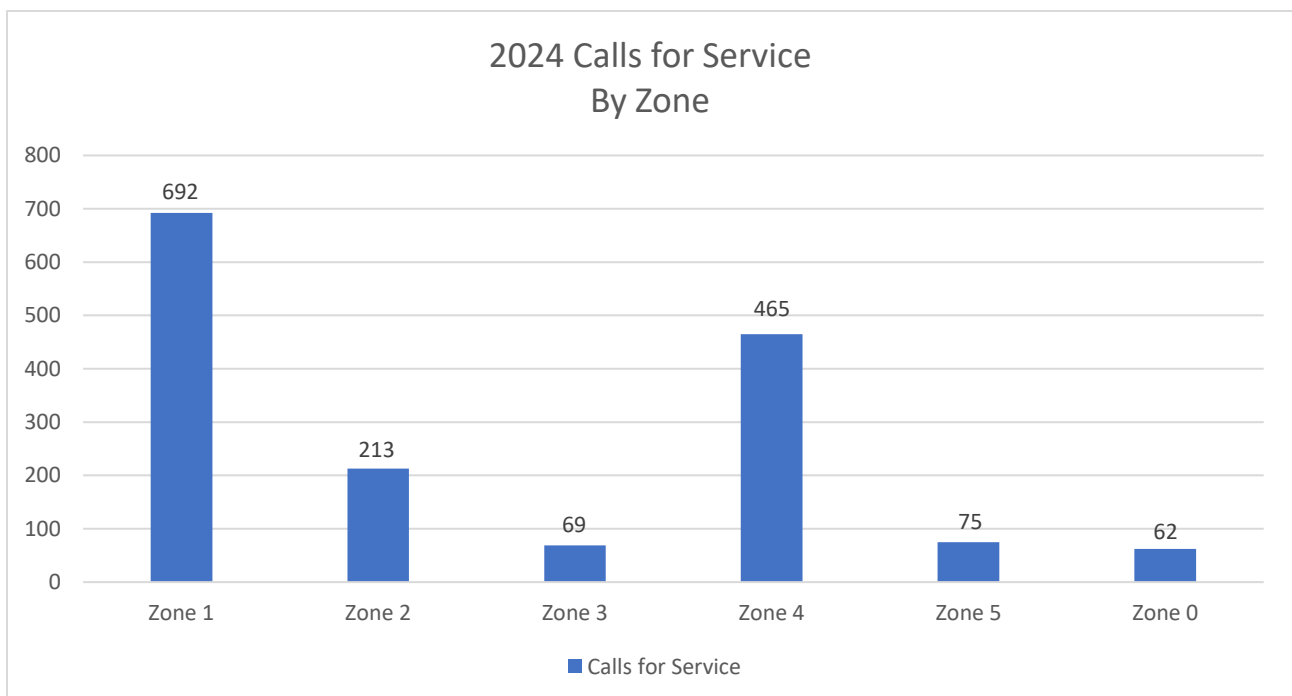
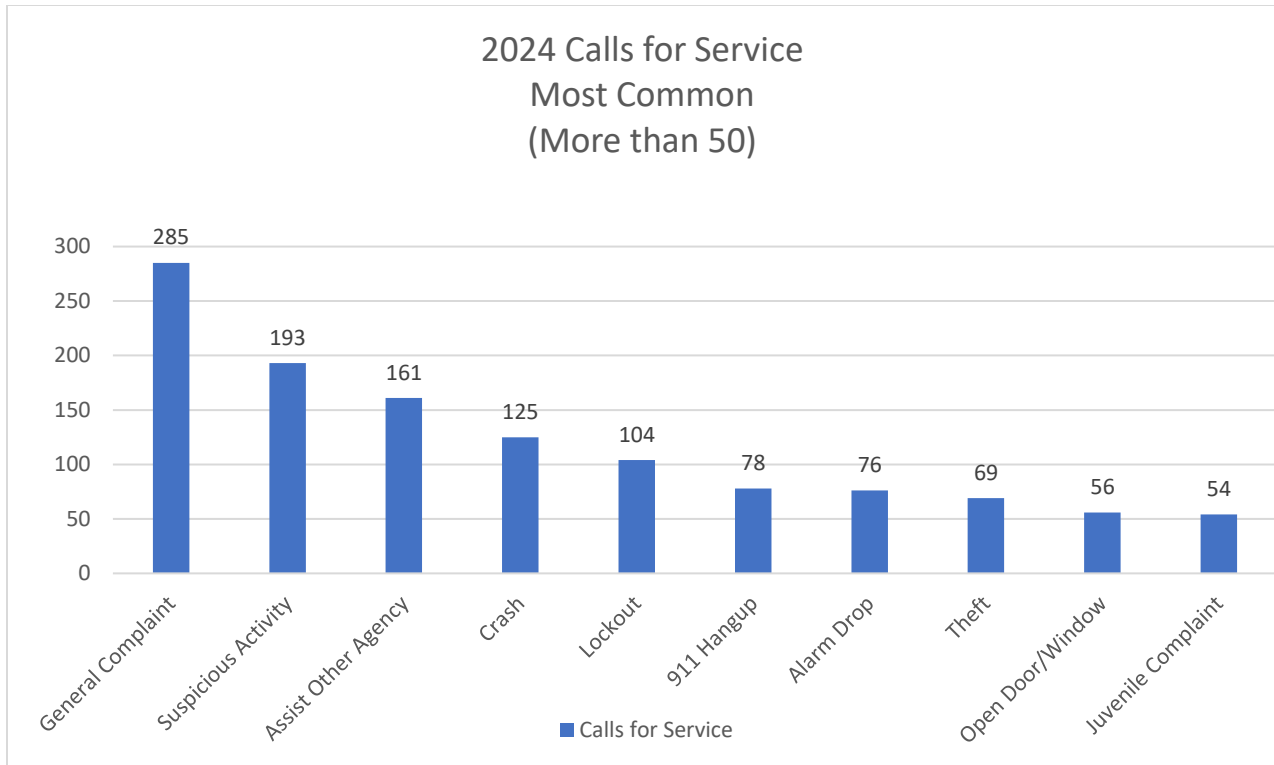
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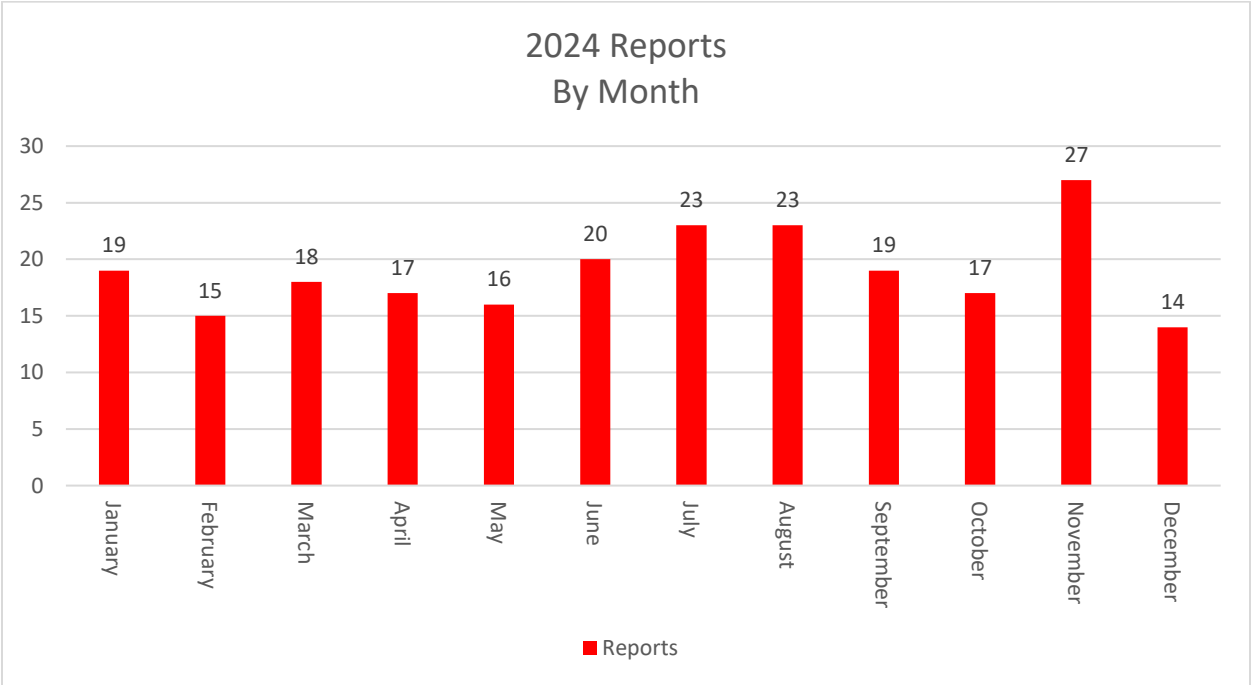
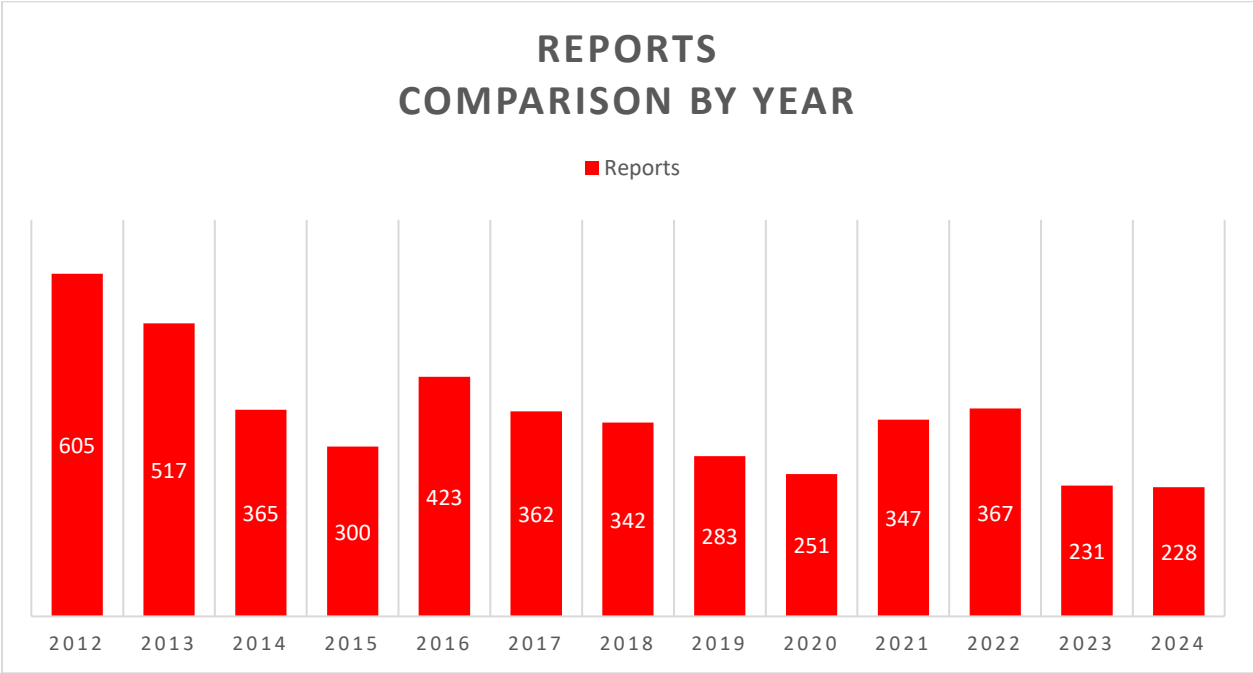
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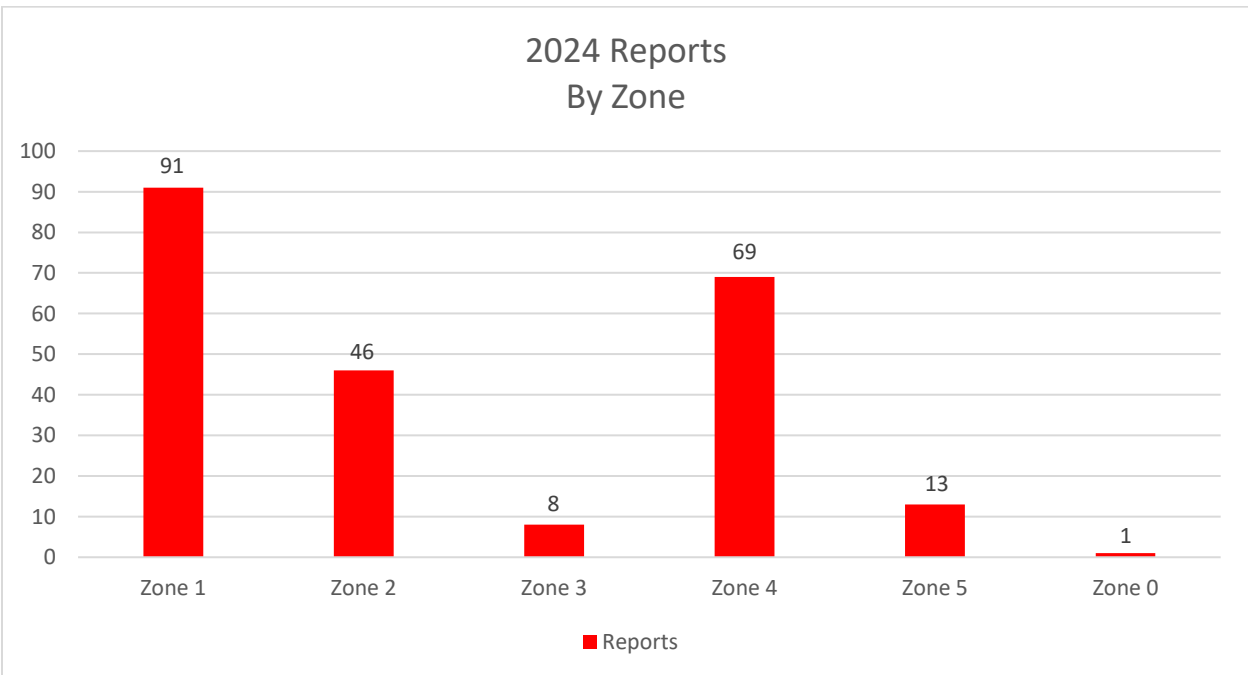
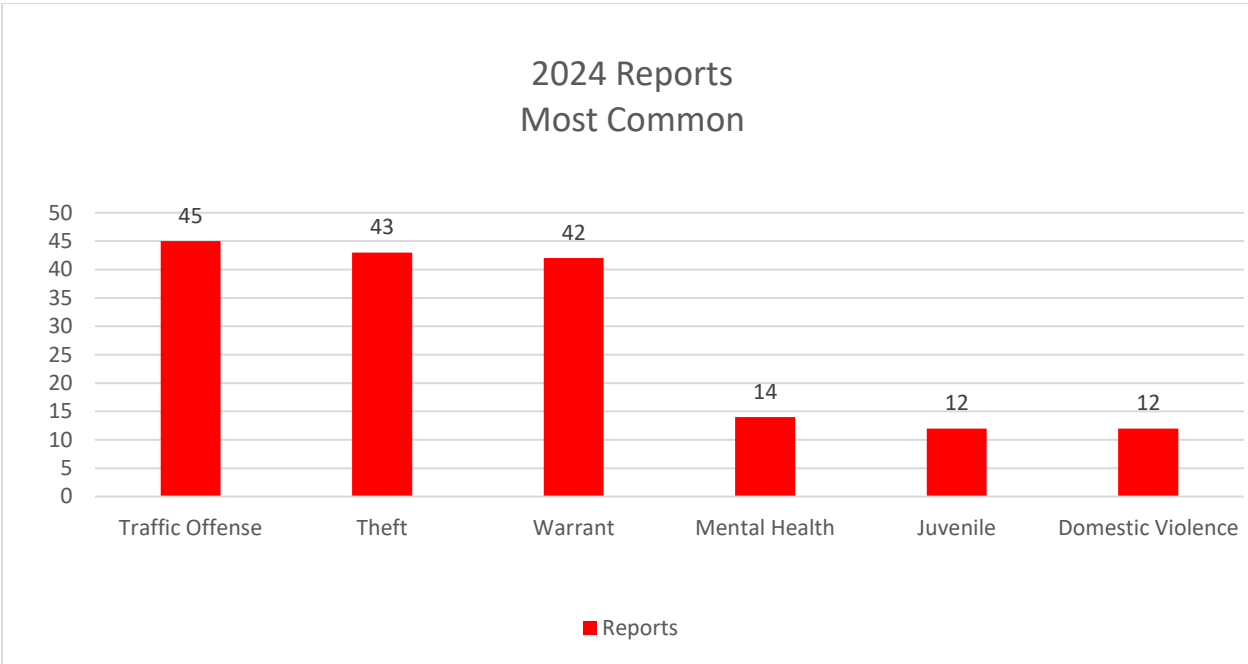
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2024 Reports



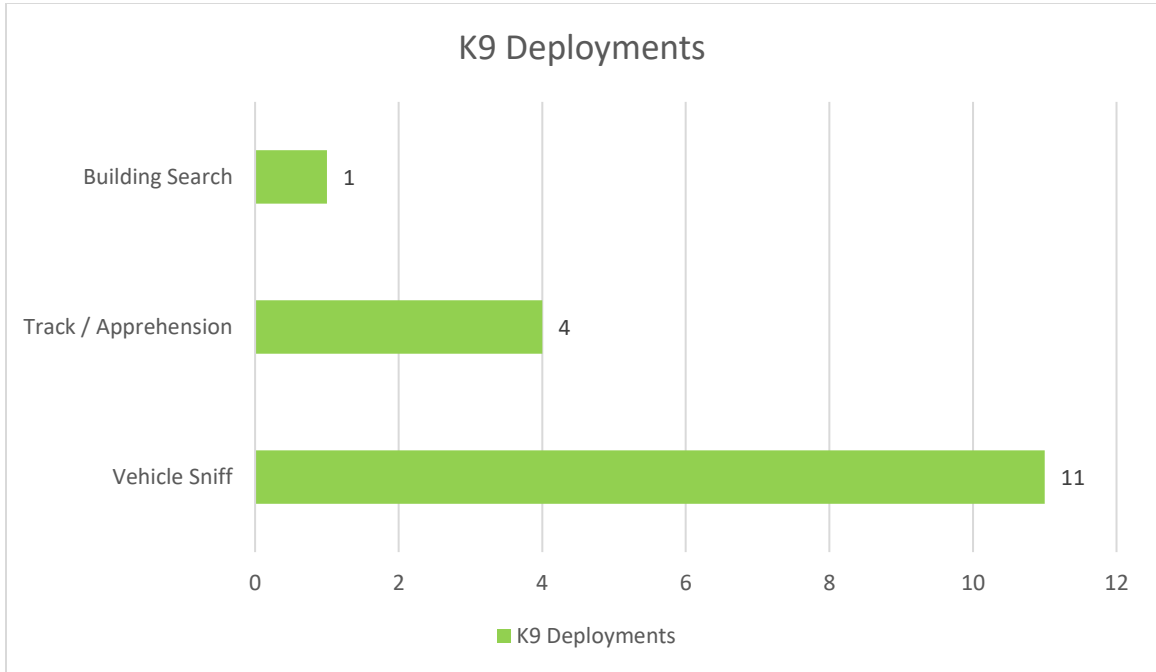
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2024 K9 Statistics



The department currently has one Canine Officer, K9 Major Niko.

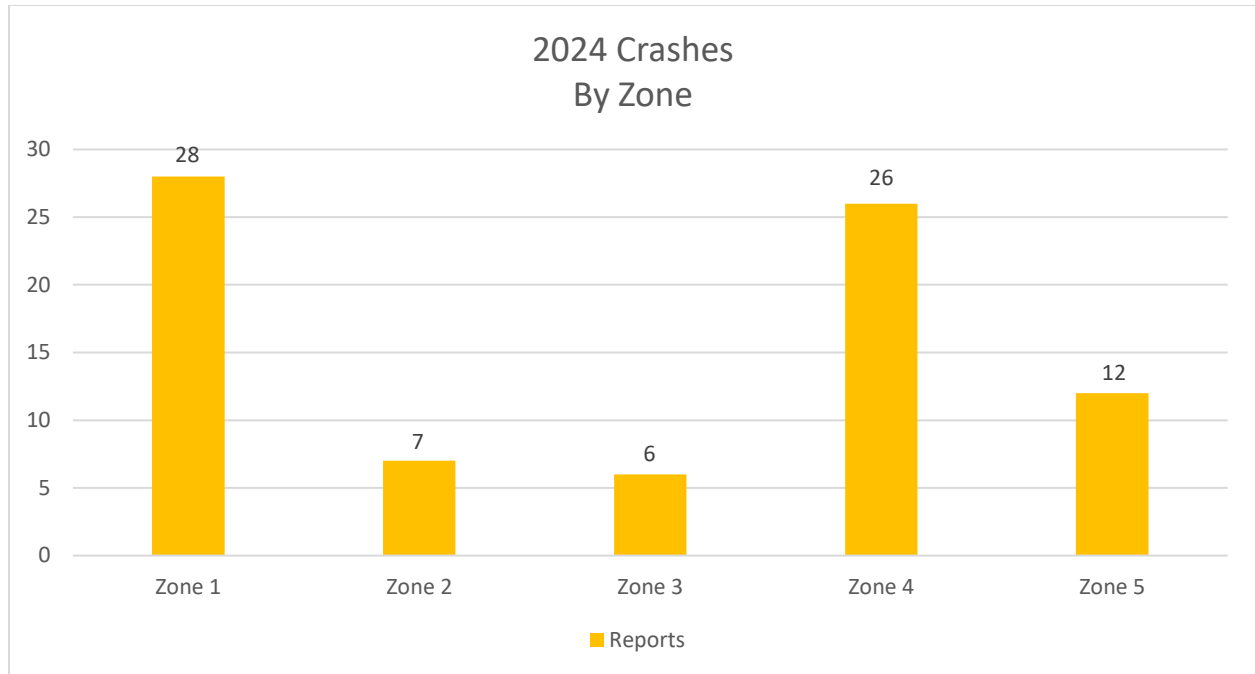
Niko is handled by Captain Thomas Cronenwett.

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

The K9 team was responsible for 3 drug finds in 2024.

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2024 Crashes

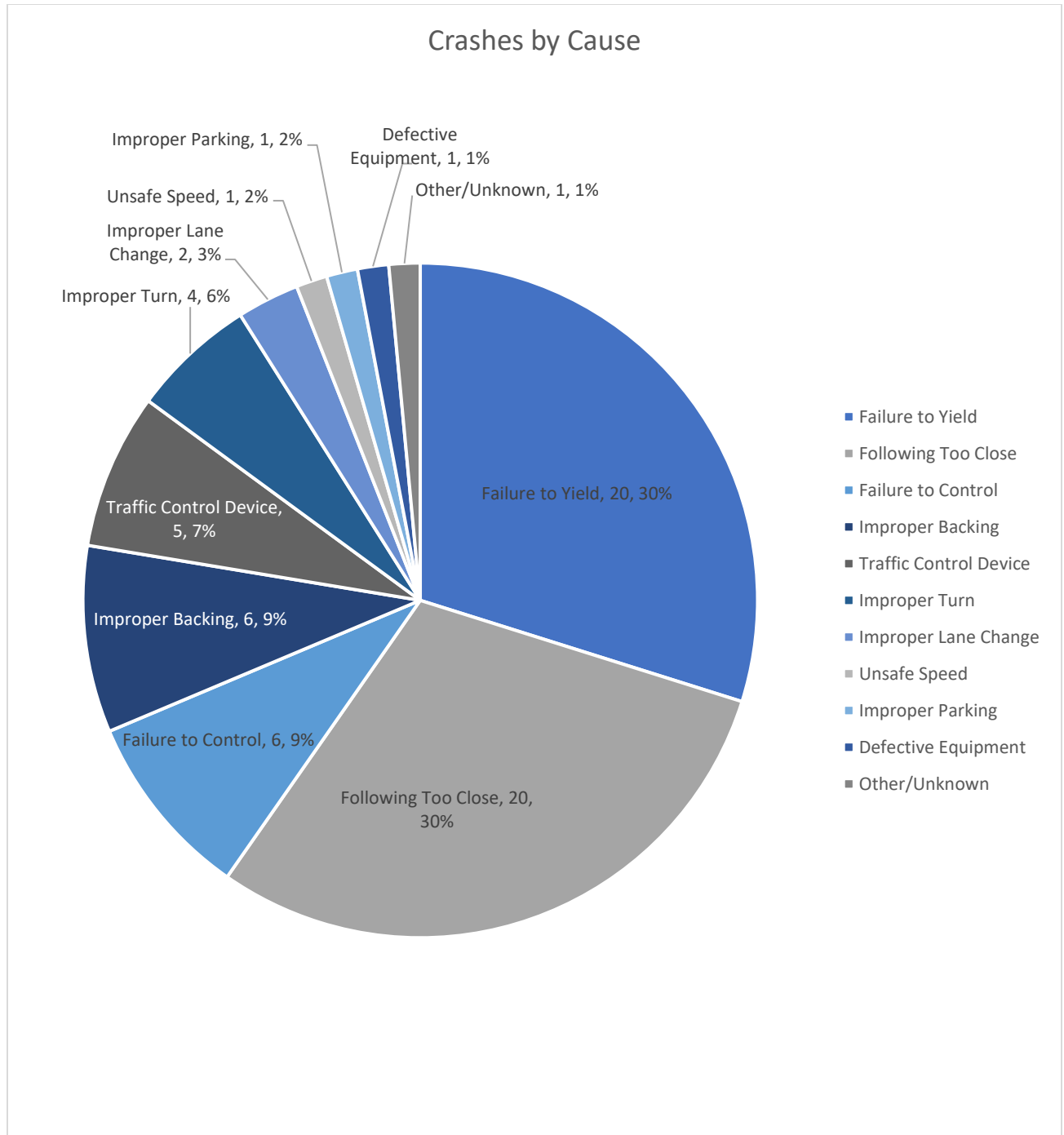


Crashes by Day of Week	Crashes
Monday	9
Tuesday	14
Wednesday	11
Thursday	16
Friday	15
Saturday	4
Sunday	10

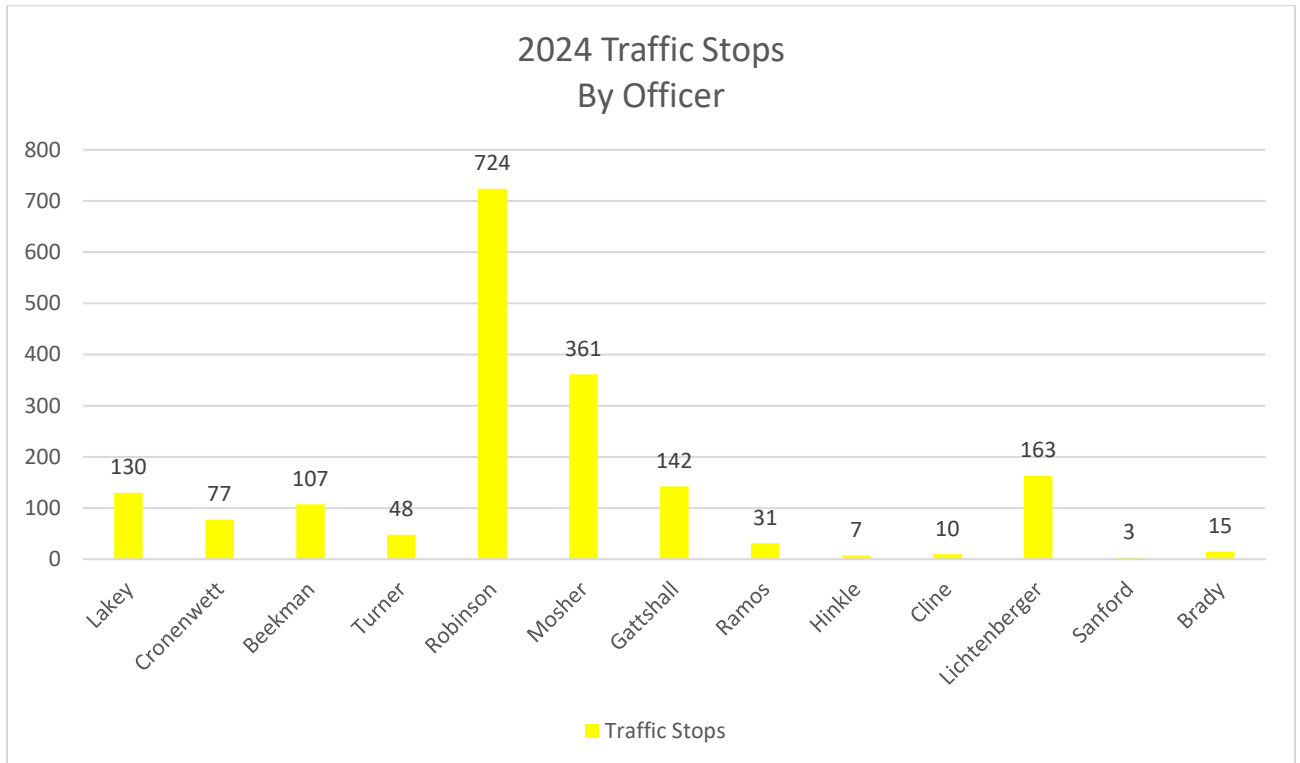
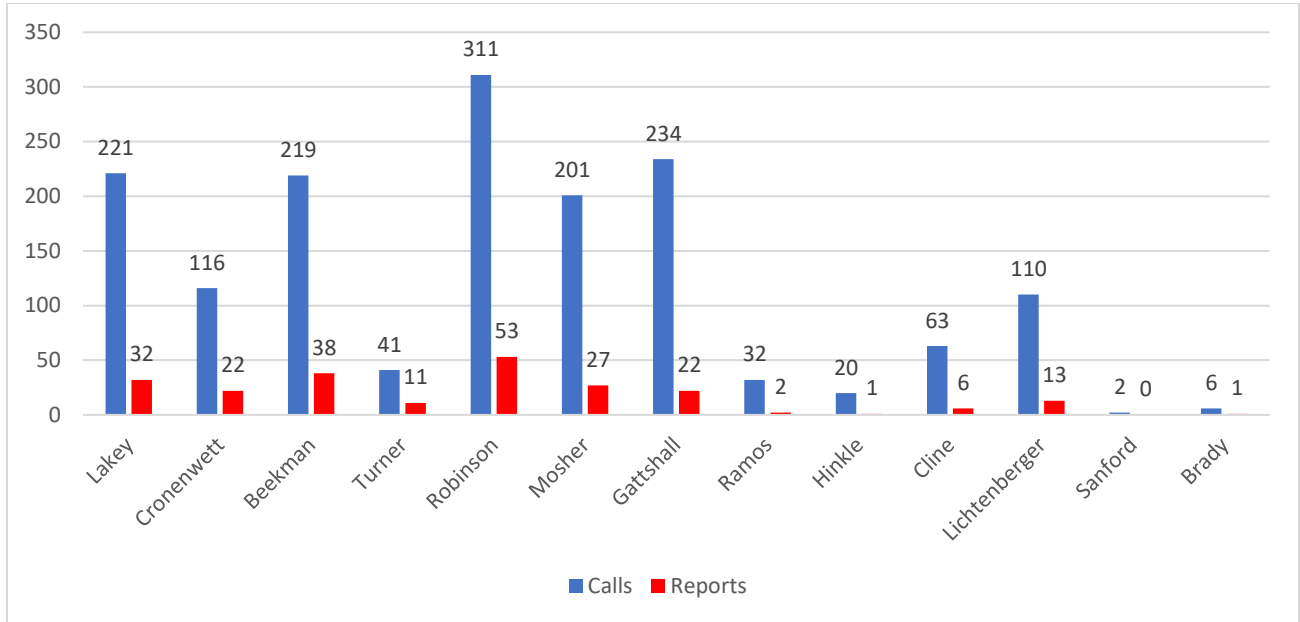
Crashes by Shift	Crashes
0000-0800	11
0800-1600	34
1600-0000	34

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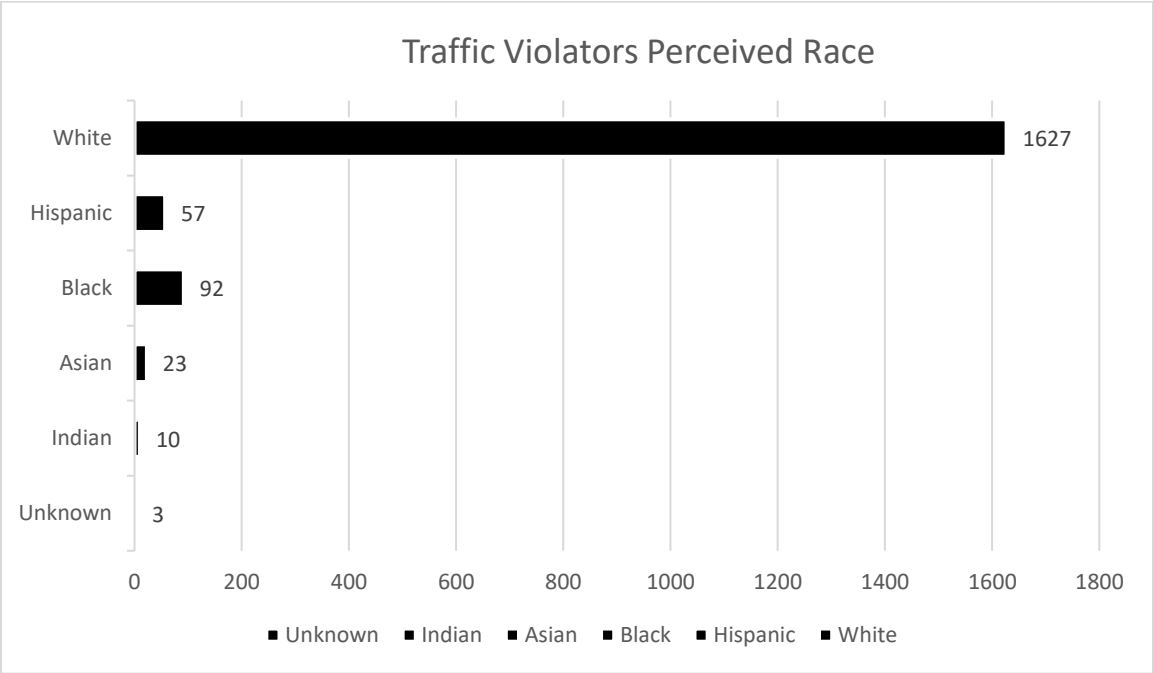
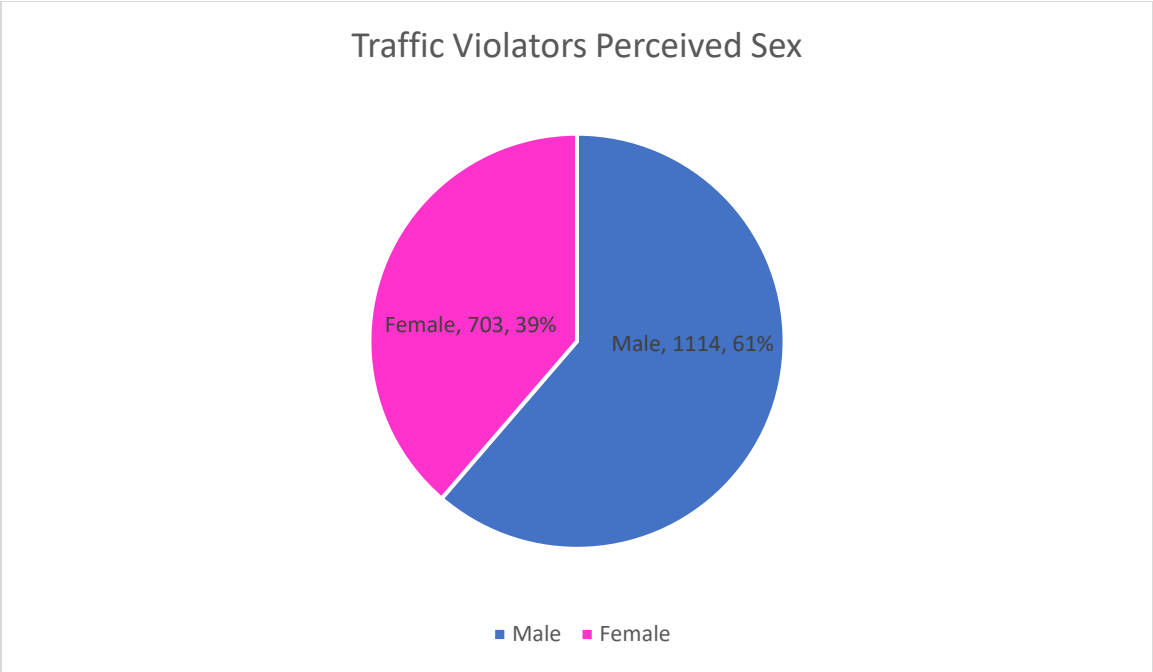
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Patrol Operations 2024 Officer Activity



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