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Police Department

Annual Report



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Message from the Chief



I'm honored to present our annual report, a comprehensive overview of the collective efforts of our Police Department and the community we serve. This past year has been marked by significant strides forward in our ongoing mission to enhance public safety and strengthen community trust. Our members have consistently demonstrated their dedication to upholding the values of integrity, professionalism, and compassion in every aspect of their service.

Central to our mission is the importance of building and nurturing strong relationships within the community. Through initiatives, such as, community policing programs and youth engagement efforts, we have worked tirelessly to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community we serve by fostering open communication, mutual respect, and trust. This allows the Department to better address the needs and concerns of our residents and work collaboratively towards our shared goal of a safer and more vibrant Yuma.

In addition to community engagement, we have placed a strong emphasis on training and professional development for our members. By investing in ongoing education and training programs, we are ensuring that our members are equipped with the latest technology, techniques, and knowledge to navigate the complexities of modern policing with skill and confidence. From de-escalation to cultural competency training, our officers are prepared to approach every situation with empathy, understanding and a commitment to preserving life and promoting peace.

Looking ahead, we recognize there is still much work to be done. We remain committed to the ongoing process of reflection, evaluation, and improvement as we strive to meet the evolving needs of our community. By embracing technology, fostering collaboration, and staying true to our core values we will continue to build a Police Department that reflects the higher standards of excellence and community.

I want to express my sincerest gratitude to the residents, businesses, community, visitors and most importantly, the members who have supported the efforts throughout the year. Our partnership and collaboration are essential to success and I'm grateful for everyone's continued support. Together let us forge ahead with optimism, determination, and a shared commitment to building a safer stronger and more unified community for all.

Thomas J. Garrity

Chief of Police

Statement & Values

VISION STATEMENT:

The Yuma Police Department aspires to be the premier regional law enforcement agency by promoting open communication, innovative thinking and contemporary policing services in order to provide a safe and healthy community.

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are committed to excellence in the performance of our duties as members of the Yuma Police Department; providing ethical, community oriented policing services with pride, respect and diligence.

CORE VALUES:

- **COURAGE:**
We demonstrate moral and physical courage in the performance of our duties.
- **INTEGRITY:**
We are honest and truthful, recognizing integrity as the cornerstone for all that is done by the Yuma Police Department.
- **DEDICATION:**
We are dedicated to maintaining the public trust, the pursuit of justice and the protection of human life.
- **COMPASSION:**
We possess the ability to empathize with others while still maintaining professional composure.
- **HUMILITY:**
We never consider ourselves above those whom we serve.

Department Organization

ADMINISTRATION

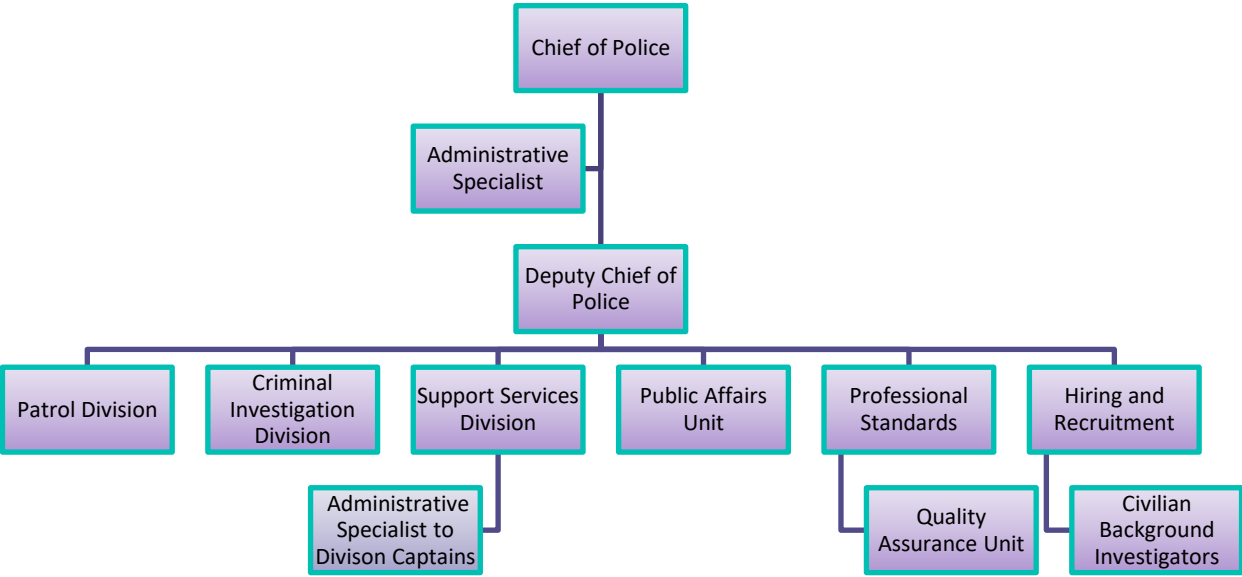
Police Administration is comprised of the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police, three Police Captains, one Police Lieutenant, four Police Sergeants, one Police Officer, one Hiring Supervisor, two Civilian Investigators, two Public Safety Technicians and administrative support staff. Administrators and staff are involved in daily interactions with the community, City Administrator and other City of Yuma Department Heads. Additionally, Police Administration is the primary point of contact for elected officials, civic leaders, and federal, state and local agencies.



Chief Thomas Garrity



Deputy Chief Lisa Culp (Retired)



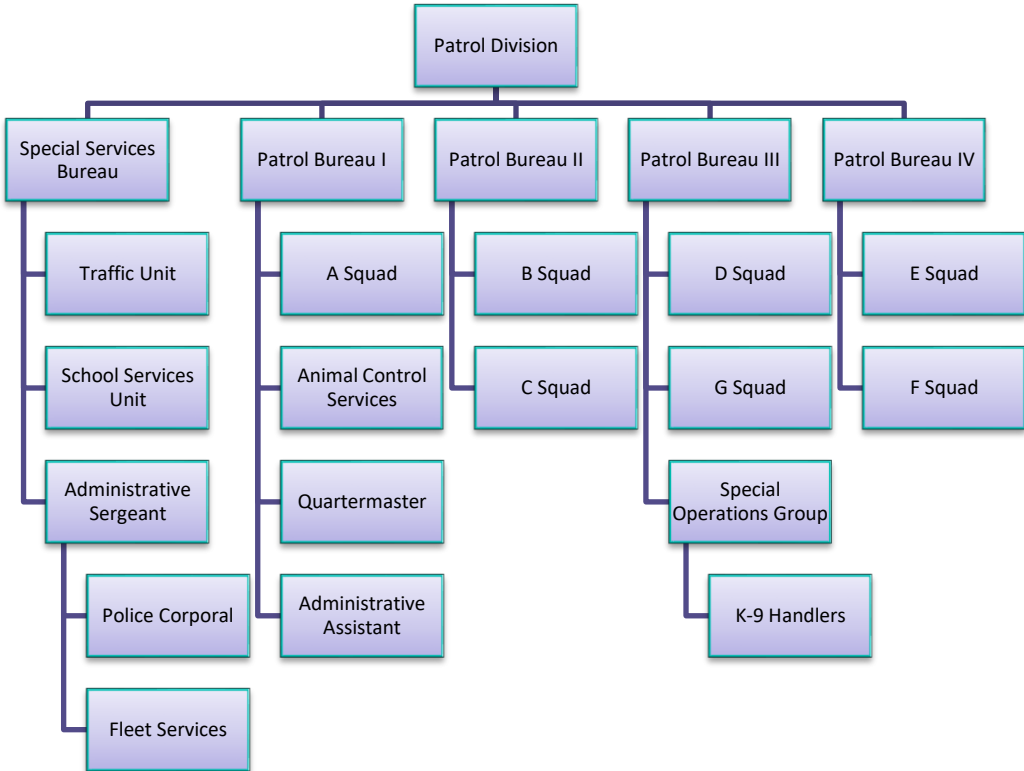
Department Organization

PATROL DIVISION



The Patrol Division is comprised of uniformed Patrol squads and various specialized units, including the Traffic, School Services, Special Operations Group, Special Enforcement Team, K-9, and Animal Control Units. Sworn officers partner with civilian professional staff to provide a wide variety of public safety, enforcement, community engagement, and investigative services while also serving as first responders to both emergency and routine calls for service.

The Patrol Division participates in and supports many community partnerships and annual events. Patrol Officers are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to ensure the safety of our community.



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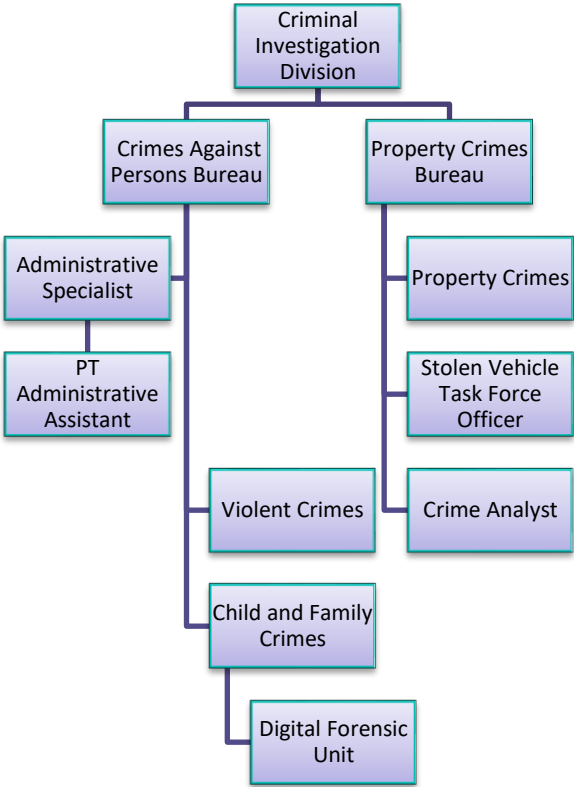
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Criminal Investigation Division supports daily operations and crime reduction efforts by conducting investigations of assigned felony cases and significant incidents. The Division is responsible for interviewing witnesses, directing evidence collection and crime scene processing, following up on leads, identifying suspects, and building prosecutable cases against defendants. Investigators work closely with prosecutors to prepare cases for trial and provide testimony at several venues during the judicial process.

The Criminal Investigation Division utilized contemporary Intelligence-Led Policing strategies to assist in identifying specific areas, individuals, and methods of crime, prioritizing and focusing our efforts to detect, deter, and detain criminals.



Captain Rod Hamilton



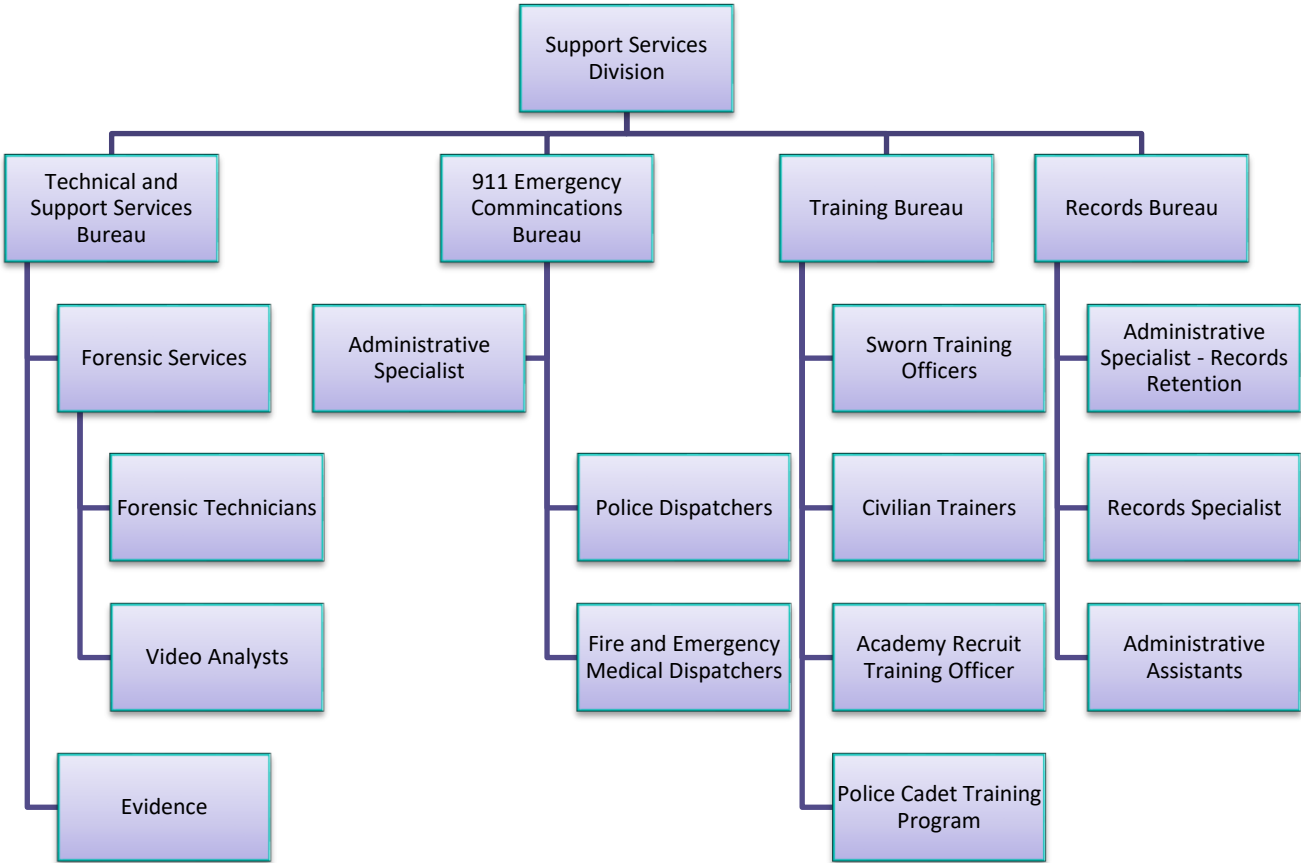
Department Organization

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION:

The Support Services Division encompasses the Public Safety Communications Bureau, the Quality Assurance Unit, the Training Bureau, the Records Bureau, and the Technical and Support Services Bureau. The Division provides operational, administrative, and logistical support to the entire Police Department. Each bureau and unit within the Support Services Division possesses specific areas of expertise and functions to enhance the overall operations, duties, and tasks of the Department.



Captain Luis Marquez



Quick Facts

Current Staffing Levels

Sworn authorized-167

Civilian authorized-122

General Information:

FY 2023-2023 Adjusted Budget \$36,763,054

FY 2023-2024 Adjusted Budget \$38,098,632

City square miles-121

Population- 101,018 full time residents

Officer per 1,000= 1.6

Calls for Service:

Total incoming/outgoing calls to
Public Safety Communication Center: 190,402

Total calls for public safety service-97,459

Reports:

Total Reports:-12,186

- General reports-9,223
- Animal Control reports-1,035
- Total traffic collisions reports-1,928

Total arrests- 3,273

Total citations- 5,640



DEPARTMENT WIDE

- *Joined the Yuma Regional Bomb Squad.*
- *Purchased gun lockers for each SRO's school office.*
- *Implemented Take Home Vehicle policy and program for Patrol Officers.*
- *Purchased I2 analytics software with grant funding to assist with intelligent-led policing initiatives.*
- *Formalized the implementation of the Department's first full-time Criminal Intelligence and Analytics Unit consisting of three employees.*
- *Formation and participation of the Regional Critical Incident Response Team.*
- *YPD's Technical & Support Services Integrated Ballistic Identification System (IBIS) program was selected to join the NIBIN National Correlation Center.*
- *YPD's Forensic Services Unit deployed a Fotokite tethered drone, while the Department's Special Enforcement Team deployed a LOKI tactical drone system.*
- *Grant funding has allowed for a department-wide roll-out of smart cellphone devices.*
- *Fortified our power system to ensure uninterrupted service to dispatch during emergencies, prioritizing public safety and community protection.*
- *Our agency supported YFD accreditation, aligning dispatch operations with industry standards for excellence.*
- *Implemented LexisNexis Request a Report (RAR) which simplified the request process for citizens and staff.*
- *Assigned a Record Specialist at the Araby Substation on a monthly rotational basis to provide easier access to Records for citizens on the east side of the city.*
- *Installed a kiosk at the Araby Substation which allows citizens access to Cop Logic and RAR*
- *Enhanced our Power Engaged surveys. YPD sent out over 25,000 surveys regarding our calls for service. YPD has an 89% positive feedback rating from the surveys.*

Awards & Recognition

The Yuma Police Department named the 2022 Officer, Sworn Supervisor, Detective, Professional Staff Supervisor, and Professional Staff Employee of the Year during the annual awards ceremony held on May 20th, 2023. Among those presented were several recipients of the Medal of Valor.

Officer of the Year – Officer Levi Jones

Officer Levi Jones served as School Resource Officer for Cibola High School in 2022. He exhibited dedication in performing his duties with the utmost respect, commitment, integrity, and professionalism. Levi, who also serves the community as a Threat Liaison Officer or TLO, was tasked with developing a workplace violence program to address YPD's partnership with local schools. He was instrumental in identifying key points and data that would best serve our stakeholders at the school districts. Levi custom-tailored the training to address areas of concern directly linked with schools, staff, students, and the community. Levi partnered with other department TLOs and SROs to present the training to over 1000 community members throughout the year. More specifically, Levi trained staff and leadership from Yuma Union High School District, Crane School District, and Yuma School District One. The training has been a solid foundation upon which our partnerships with the schools in our community continue to build. Instant positive feedback was received from School Superintendents and leadership on the quality of training provided. Unquestionably, the exceptional contributions of Officer Levi Jones, with his knowledge and experience as an SRO and TLO, brought great honor to himself, the agency, and our profession. In addition to this, Levi continues to provide exceptional service with regard to police investigations, mentors' junior officers, and is at times sought out by supervisors for his opinion on his areas of expertise. It is for these reasons and more that Officer Levi Jones was awarded Officer of the Year.



Detective of the Year – Detective John Gawler

Currently assigned to the Digital Forensic Unit, Detective John Gawler has been involved in over 50 significant cases, completed detailed supplements, and written over 50 search warrants. He assists the detectives in all 3 bureaus in any case containing a nexus to digital devices or media by examining computers, cell phones, digital media, social media, call detail records, and other records from electronic service providers. He writes search warrants for GEO fence, CDR, call detail records, Facebook and Facebook Messenger, and other social media platforms.



Awards & Recognition

Detective Gawler generates reports from data examined/analyzed to identify evidence such as images, videos, communication, and location information. The reports are made so that case agents can clearly locate and determine important pieces of information to aid in their investigation. In addition to all this, Detective Gawler also assists the county and federal agencies located within Yuma to obtain digital evidence needed in their individual cases. He maintains and encourages the tracking and auditing of the systems they currently use to keep the technology up to date. Detective Gawler even assisted in the procurement of a GPS tracker during 2022, which, during its first use, was used to make an arrest of a wanted criminal. He maintains inventory of over \$100k worth of police department equipment within a secured area within Yuma Police Department. Detective Gawler was awarded Detective of the Year!

Professional Staff Supervisor of the Year - Adrian Rodriguez

Throughout 2022, Technical & Support Services Manager Adrian Rodriguez has shown a dedication to the Yuma Police Department for going above and beyond his assigned duties. Adrian has always found a way to help others or get the resources to help someone or a unit in need. For example, Adrian has been more than willing to help with events outside of his assigned duties such as the 2022 Scary and Safe Halloween event, the Gateway Easter Event, the GAIN event, the Fuddle Run, conducting or coordinating presentations for the Citizens Academy, fingerprinting services, and the Elks Kid's Fingerprinting Day. Every time Adrian has been asked to help, he always comes through.



Adrian played a major role in the introduction of the BWC program and has been an advocate for the officers with the use of this program, assisting in the creation of the BWC Policy and listening to feedback to make processes more seamless for everyone involved. Adrian also completes grant-writing projects to obtain additional funds for equipment and supplies. In 2022, Adrian was able to secure a second BWC Video Analyst. Adrian continues to seek ways to innovate within the Yuma Police Department.

Adrian understands the need for employee wellness and has stepped up to oversee the Evidence Unit when its supervisor had a family emergency. In addition, Adrian understands and is flexible with his subordinates, empathizing and being flexible for them when situations arise requiring the need for them to care for their family. Adrian is always someone who can be counted on. It is for these reasons, and many more, that he was awarded Civilian Supervisor of the Year.

Awards & Recognition

Medals of Valor:

Officer Robert Rosas, Carlos Buitrago, Sergeant Stephanie Malone, Officer Devin Wood, Officer Oscar Elizarraras, Officer Michael Atencio, Officer Richard Fuller, Officer Brian Heras, Officer Alexis Iniguez, Officer Benjamin Acosta, Esteban Arroyo, Marco Garcia, Tyler Caley, Officer Yvonne Powell, and Officer David Abalos.

Medals of Merit

Officer Maribel Saenz, Officer Leonard Longoria, Joshua Phillips, Officer Ernesto Mosqueda

Other Awards:

In addition to the above awards, Yuma Police Department also recognized the following:

2 Academic Achievement Awards

4 Administrative Excellence Awards

3 Community Service Awards

1 Distinguished Achievement Awards

3 Specialty Service Awards

12 Unit Citation Awards

The Office Professional of Professional Responsibility

The Office of Professional Responsibility is pivotal in upholding the delicate equilibrium of trust and respect between a Police Department and its community. For effective policing and a fruitful partnership with the community, the Department must uphold a stringent commitment to integrity, credibility, and adherence to high professional standards. To achieve these standards, we must have rigorous self-assessment and rectification of any shortcomings uncovered. Consequently, the Department must establish and enforce standards for its personnel, ensuring adherence to these benchmarks.

The Department's authority, integrity, and reputation hinge on the conduct of its members in performing their multifaceted and demanding duties, which frequently involve interactions with the public. These interactions can engender queries, apprehensions, and grievances that necessitate prompt attention from the Department.

Internal Investigations provide a structured mechanism for identifying, documenting, and addressing employee misconduct or deficiencies, safeguarding proper conduct and the Department's policies against baseless allegations or scrutiny. Acknowledging the community's right to voice concerns about the Police Department, we are dedicated to investigating all allegations of employee misconduct violating policies or laws.

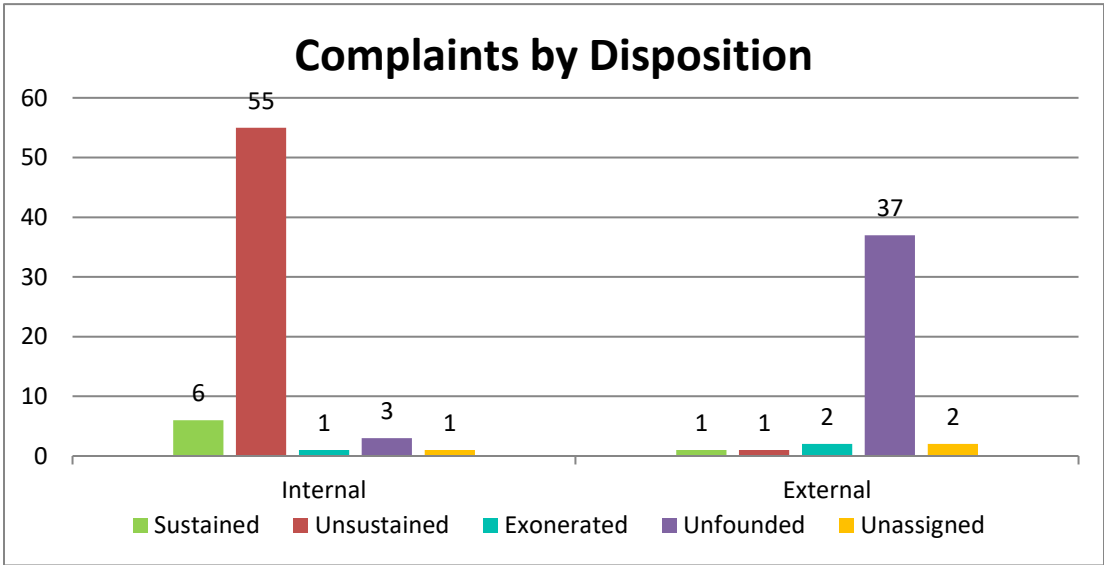
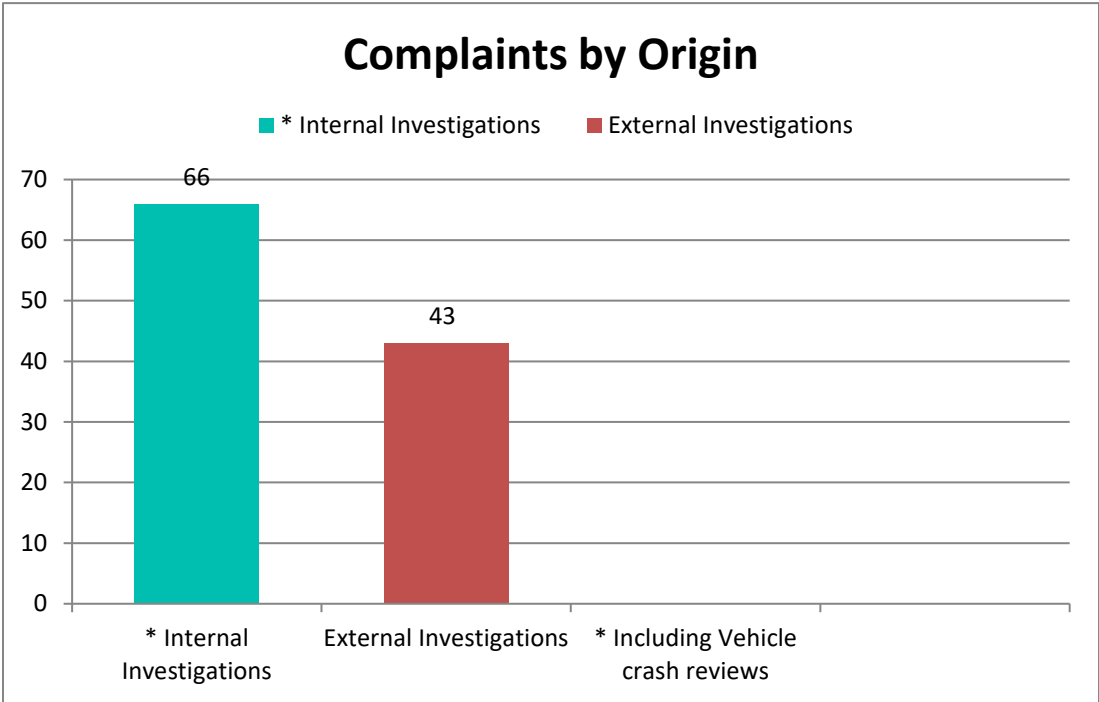
The Office of Professional Responsibility is overseen by one Lieutenant and two Sergeants, who directly report to the Chief of Police. This Unit assumes responsibility for orchestrating and managing internal investigations, handling citizen complaints, reviewing traffic collisions, and collecting data on the use of force.

Complaints received by the Unit are categorized as either internal, stemming from department personnel, or external, originating from community members. In 2023, the Office of Professional Responsibility Unit recorded 109 inquiries and reviews, leading to formal administrative investigations in nine of those cases.

The Quality Assurance Unit comprises a Police Sergeant and a Public Safety Technician. Their job is to clearly outline all policies, procedures, goals, and objectives. This clarity helps in their correct interpretation and implementation, ultimately aiming to minimize risk and liability. Additionally, the Unit oversees the maintenance of standards across the Department to meet accreditation requirements.

The Office of Professional Responsibility

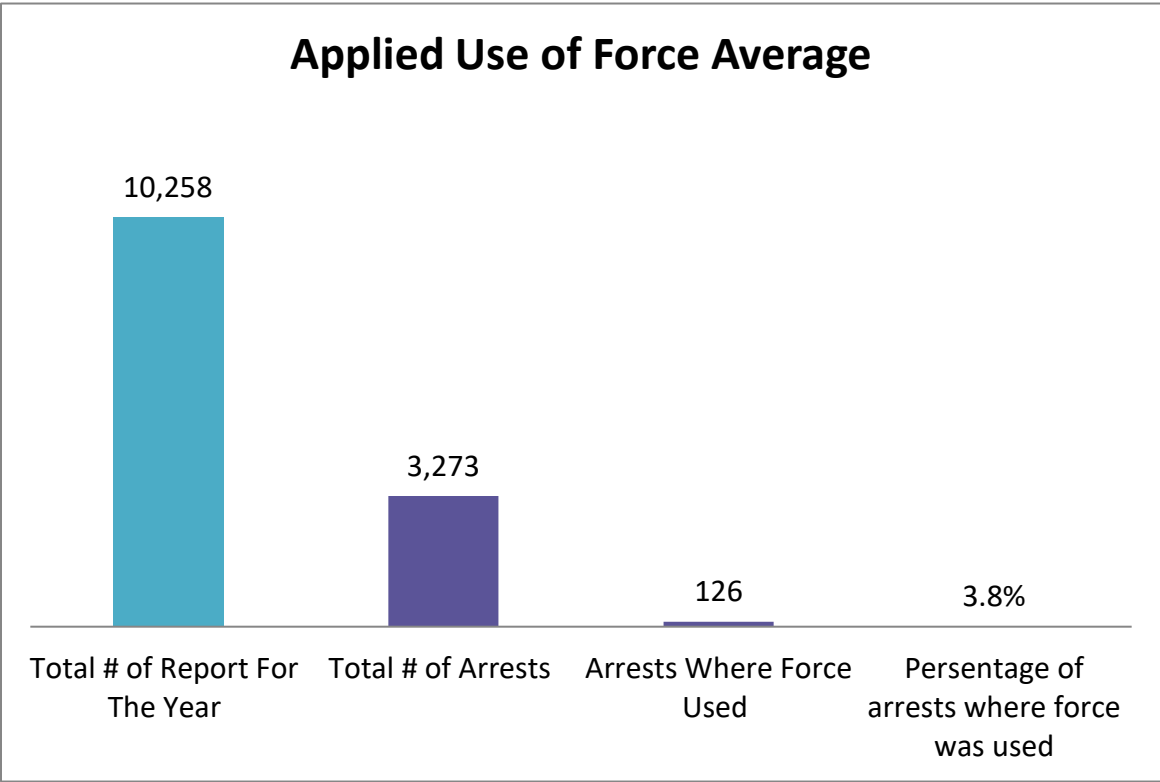
COMPLAINTS



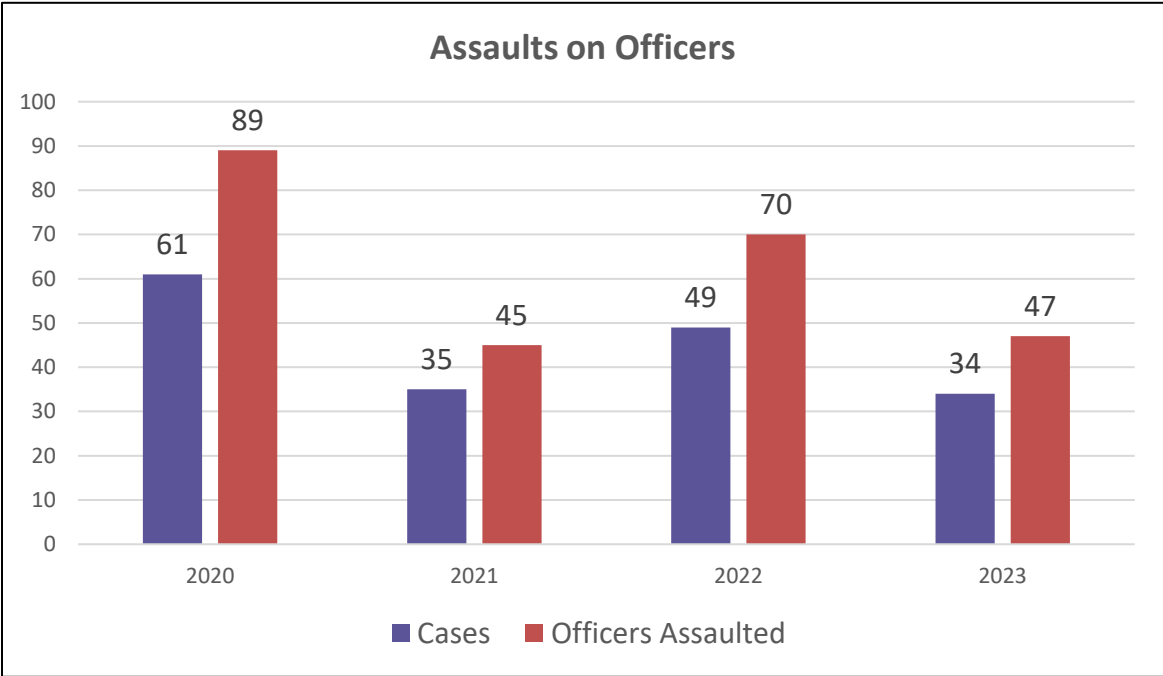
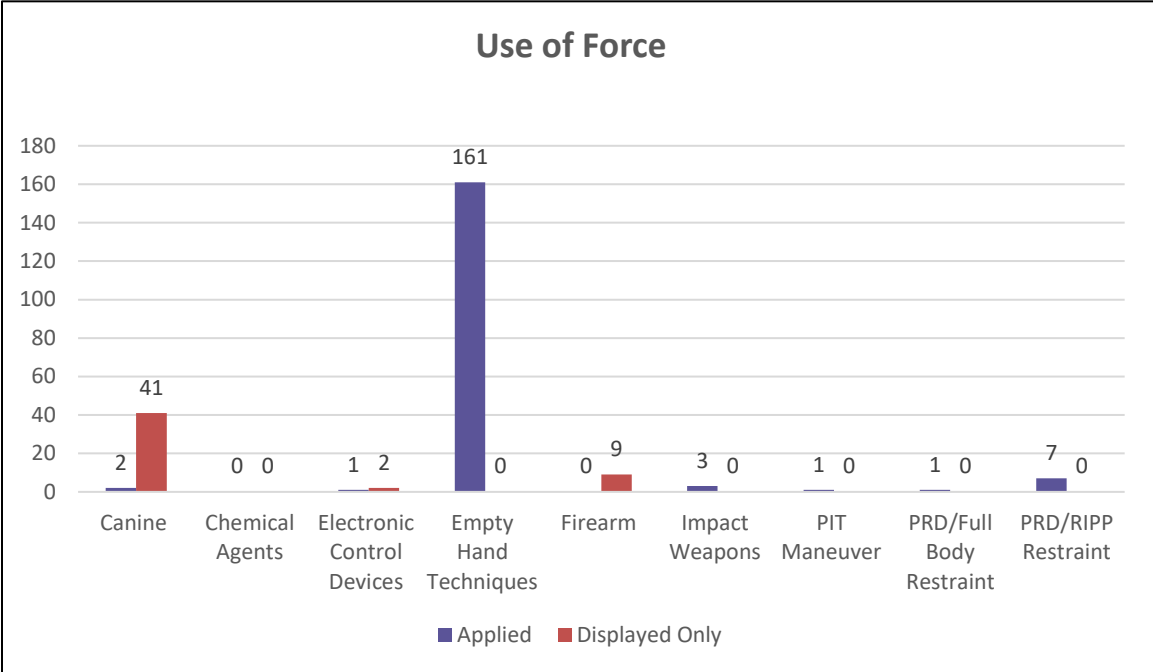
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USE OF FORCE

Use of Force – When a member uses physical action (beyond soft empty hand techniques), a chemical, or an object to overcome another person’s resistance. YPD Policy 2.25.01



The Office of Professional Responsibility

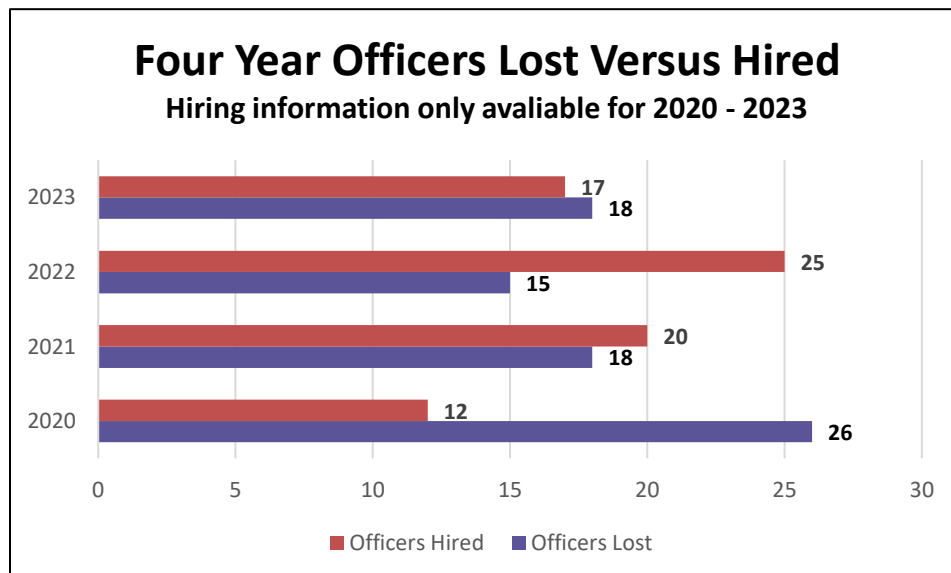
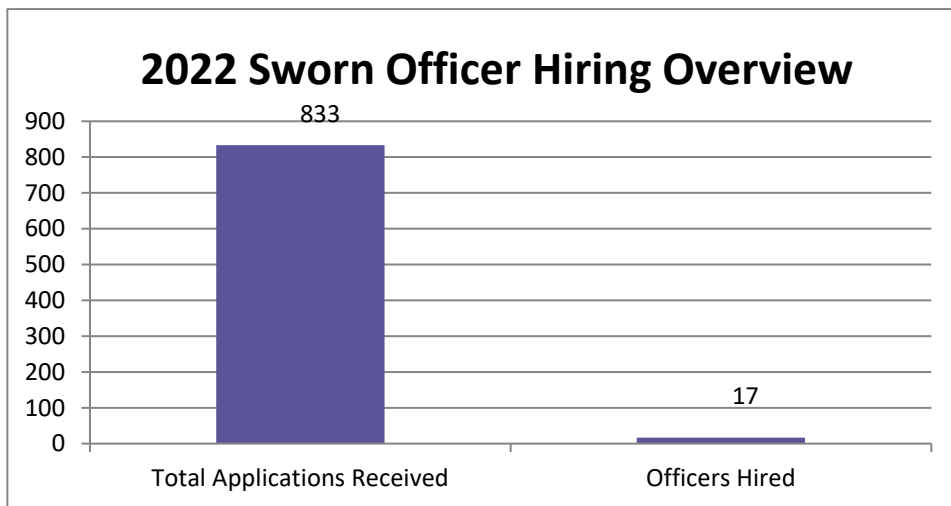


Personnel

The Hiring & Recruitment Unit (HRU) plays a critical role in ensuring the Department maintains a qualified and diverse workforce. By administrating the hiring process for Police Recruits/Cadets, Professional staff, and assignments for internal specialty units, the HRU helps to ensure that the Department can meet its staffing needs and provide efficient and effective law enforcement services to the community.

The HRU is responsible for retaining and purging employment application documents according to federal, state, and city regulations. It is essential to maintain compliance with legal requirements to ensure the security and confidentiality of applicant information.

Hundreds of applications were processed in 2023, resulting in the hiring of 54 Sworn Police Officers and Professional staff members. This effort demonstrates their commitment to bringing in new talent, strengthening the Department's ranks, and contributing to the overall effectiveness and efficiency of department operations.

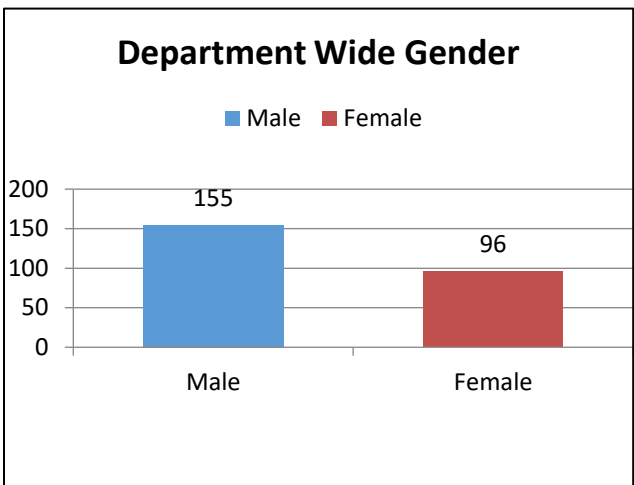
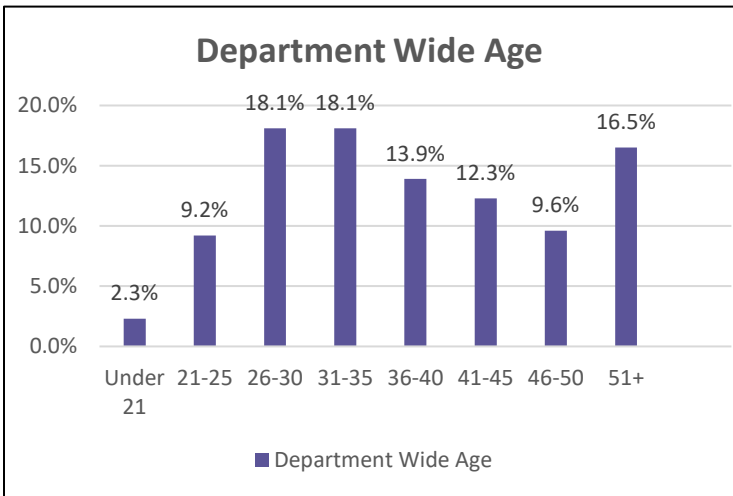
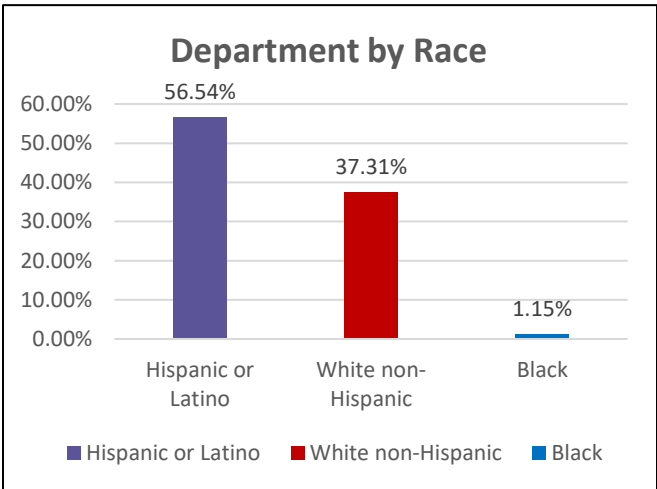
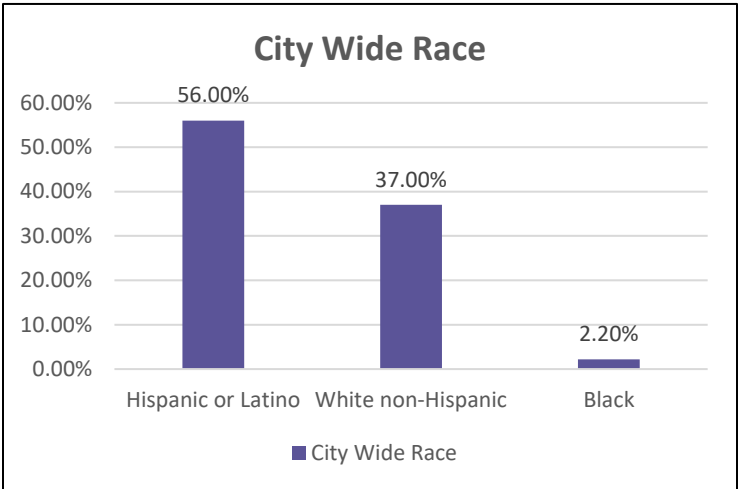


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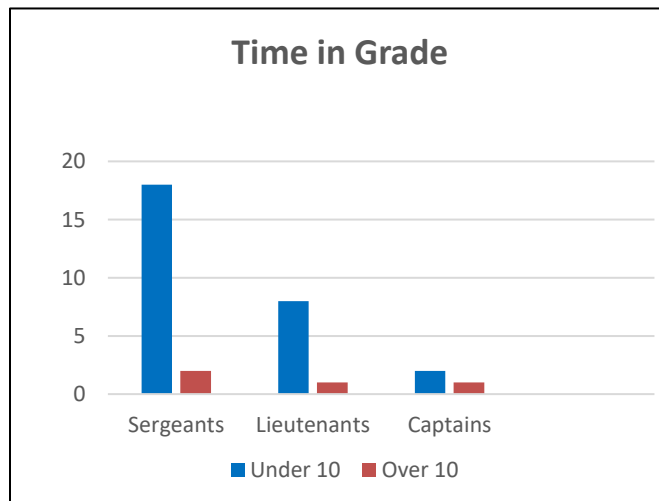
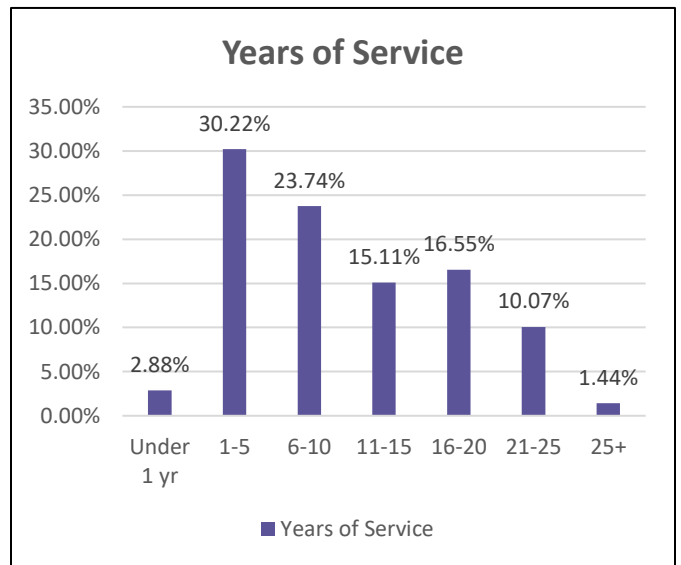
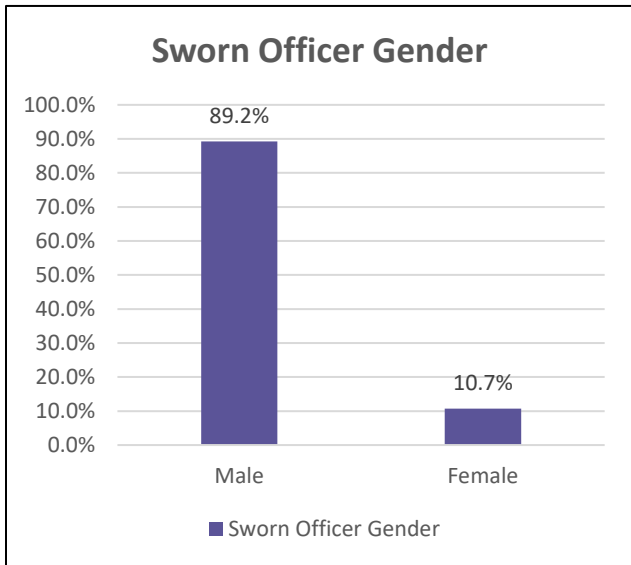
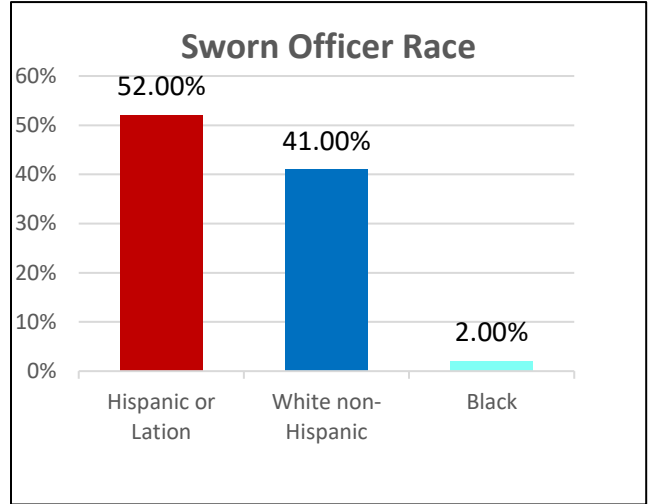
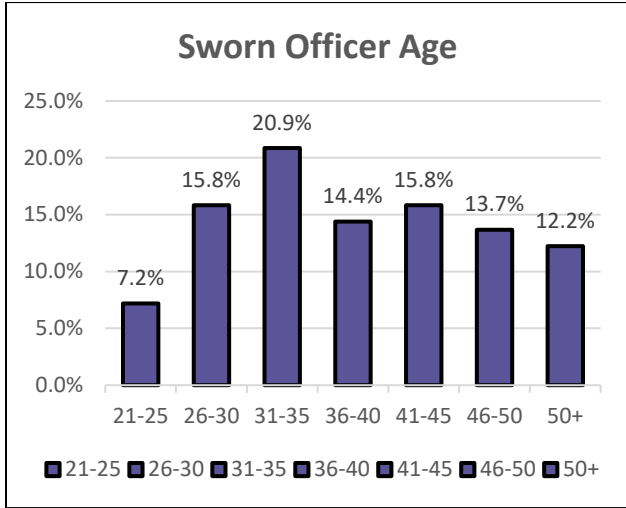
DEPARTMENT WIDE DEMOGRAPHICS

The Yuma Police Department is a diverse and innovative law enforcement agency. We are committed to recognizing and embracing the uniqueness in all individuals and the things which make Yuma a great place to live, work, and play. The Yuma Police Department has over 250 employees who represent the community inclusive of all nationalities, genders and backgrounds within our sworn and professional staff ranks. These dedicated employees, who have vast and distinctive experiences, enhance the ability for the Yuma Police Department to deliver professional and compassionate services our community deserves.

SWORN PERSONNEL DEMOGRAPHICS



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Division Overview

ADMINISTRATION:

The Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police serve as the senior law enforcement and public safety officials for the City. They plan, organize, and direct the overall functions of the Department and its employees to ensure effective and efficient operation.

A Captain is assigned to command each of the three Divisions: Patrol, Criminal Investigation and Support Services. Division Captains oversee resource management, fiscal allocation, administer strategic goals, and operational objectives as outlined by the Office of Chief of Police.

The Professional Standards Unit is comprised of a Police Lieutenant and two Police Sergeants that investigates, tracks, and documents the majority of internal and external complaints of alleged employee misconduct and reports directly to the Office of Chief of Police.

The Public Affairs Unit is comprised of a Police Sergeant, a Police Officer and one Public Safety Technician. They are the primary points of contact for the news media. The Public Affairs Unit leads the Department in community engagement such as the Citizens Police Academy, G.A.I.N. event and Scary and Safe.

The Office of Professional Services is supervised by one Civilian Manager. This manager oversees Hiring and Recruiting and Training.



Division Overview

PATROL DIVISION:

Patrol Division staff are the first responders to the public's calls for service. The Division consists of four Patrol Squad Bureaus, the Special Services, and Animal Control Bureau.

At full staff, the Division is comprised of a Captain, five Lieutenants, 13 Sergeants, one Corporal, approximately 100 sworn Police Officers and approximately 30 professional staff members, including Public Safety Technicians, Civilian Accident Investigators, Animal Control Officers and administrative support employees.

The Squad Bureaus consist of eight Patrol squads that provide 24/7 call response. Patrol officers proactively deter crime, respond to calls for service, complete initial investigations, and provide routine traffic enforcement.

The Special Services Bureau is comprised of the Traffic, School Services, and Administrative Services Units. These units provide traffic enforcement and control, education, collision investigation, engagement with and enforcement relevant to schools, fleet management and a wide variety of administrative functions respectively.

The Animal Control Bureau provides public education and enforcement relevant to animal licensing, animals at large, and various animal related ordinances.



Unit Spotlight

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

At full staff, the Special Operations Group consists of a Police Sergeant, eight Officers and a Patrol Support Technician. The unit proactively patrols Yuma, focusing specifically on criminal street gangs, narcotics, and violent criminal activity, as well as fugitive apprehension. The unit is responsible for graffiti abatement, Crime Free Multi-Housing, and various intelligence and analytical functions.

SCHOOL SERVICES

The School Services Unit consists of a Police Sergeant and ten School Resource Officers (SROs.) The unit provides law enforcement services to three school districts that consist of middle and high school schools within the city limits. The School Services Unit provides a law enforcement presence on school campuses, teaches law related education, and assists in the development of safety plans for each school.



K-9

The Department's K-9 Unit is comprised of a Sergeant, four sworn canine handlers and their K-9 partners. The unit specializes in illegal drug detection, building searches, subject tracking, and tactical apprehensions. The unit trains on a weekly basis, regularly partnering with our Special Enforcement Team and other local law enforcement agencies. The K-9 unit is recognized state-wide as subject matter experts in their field.



In 2023, the K-9 unit collectively located and seized 5.8 grams of cocaine, approximately three pounds of fentanyl, .54 grams of heroin, 292 grams of methamphetamine, approximately \$22,000 in cash, five guns, and conducted nine subject apprehensions (two bites and seven surrenders).

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT

The Special Enforcement Team (SET), adept in handling high-stakes situations, is charged with the execution of high-risk warrants, the deployment of advanced tactical responses, and the execution of operations demanding a level of proficiency, tactics, and equipment beyond the standard patrol divisions' capabilities. This unit is structured around core leadership roles, including team leaders and assistant team leaders, each bringing a wealth of experience

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and specialized expertise. Comprising tactical operators, a dedicated technical support cadre, and a specialized hostage negotiation contingent, the YPD team's composition is meticulously tailored to meet the complex demands of its operational environment.

Operational readiness remains the team's utmost priority, a standard maintained through rigorous bi-weekly training regimens and consistent strategic partnerships with fellow tactical entities within the Yuma and southern Arizona sectors. This symbiotic relationship enhances their tactical understanding and establishes the SET's pivotal presence within the local tactical community, ensuring they remain at the forefront of specialized enforcement capabilities.



ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

The Animal Control Unit is supervised by one civilian Sergeant, five Animal Control Officers, and one support staff member. The mission of the Yuma Police Department Animal Control Unit is the delivery of professional, courteous, and effective animal-related services to the community. The Unit is responsible for stray, abandoned, neglected, and mistreated animals, as well as the enforcement of State and Local animal related laws and ordinances.

2023 Animal Licenses Issued 2,657

2023 ACS Calls for Service: 8,190

2023 ACS Reports: 1,035



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT & ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

At full strength, the Traffic Unit is supervised by two Police Sergeants and staffed with seven Motor Officers, a Traffic Collision Detective, two DUI officers, and ten Civilian Investigators. The mission of the Traffic Unit is to prevent and investigate traffic collisions and expedite the flow of traffic. They accomplish this through community education and routine traffic enforcement. The Traffic Unit also provides event planning and traffic control plans for several civic events within the City.

Total Accident Calls for Service: 3,206

Injury: 1,156

Non-Injury: 2,050

Total Accident Reports Taken: 1,928

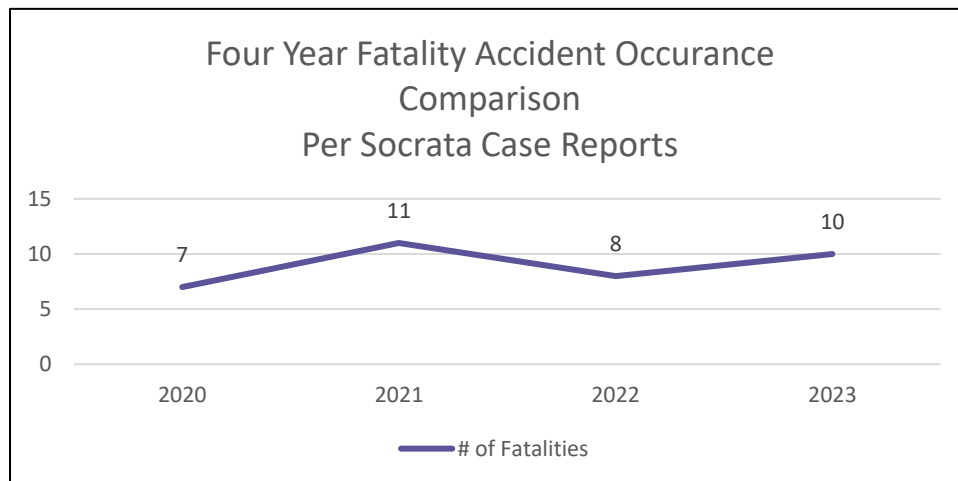
Injury: 664

Non-Injury: 1,264

DUI Cases: 328

DUI Details: 11

Special Event Details: 18



Division Overview

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION:

The Criminal Investigations Division is managed by one Police Captain, two Police Lieutenants, and three Police Sergeants. The Division consists of 16 Police Detectives and five direct support personnel.

The Investigations Division investigates most felonious crimes committed in our community. The Division is divided into the Violent Crimes Bureau, Property Crimes Bureau, and the Criminal Intelligence and Analytics Unit.

The Violent Crimes Bureau is supervised by two Police Sergeants. The Investigators are responsible for follow-up investigations such as homicides, aggravated assaults, sex crimes, crimes against children, armed robbery, domestic violence, and missing persons.

Property Crimes Bureau is supervised by a Police Sergeant. The Bureau is responsible for follow-up investigations such as residential and business burglaries, stolen vehicles, narcotics, fraud, financial crimes, and firearms. The Bureau has two Public Safety Technicians assigned to assist with follow-up, forfeitures, and case investigations.

Computers, cell phones, and digital media are evidence features of most major crimes committed today. The Digital Forensics Unit is comprised of two detectives trained in the unique and complex characteristics of locating and retrieving digital evidence.

The Criminal Intelligence and Analytics Unit is a new addition to the Criminal Investigations Division and is currently comprised of 1 Crime Analyst, 1 Public Safety Technician, and a records specialist. The Unit's primary duty is to collect, collate, and convert information and data into actionable intelligence for use by all divisions within the department.



Division Overview

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION:

The Support Services Division offers administrative and technical services in support of the Yuma Police Department's operational functions. This Division is comprised of three Bureaus and a Unit, handling a wide range of responsibilities including training personnel, supporting the police academies, managing police records, overseeing 911 emergency communications, and providing technical and support services. At full staff, the Division consists of a Captain, a Lieutenant, three Civilian Managers, a Sergeant, eleven Civilian Supervisors, and several officers and professional staff.

The Public Safety Communications Bureau provides dispatching services for a range of critical situations, including law enforcement, animal control, fire, and medical emergencies, as well as non-emergency situations. The Bureau provides service for citizens, officers, and firefighters by upholding high standards of conduct and maintaining a rigorous training program. Annually, the Communications Bureau processes approximately 189,000 telephone calls for service, demonstrating its efficiency and reliability in serving the community's needs. When fully staffed, the Bureau is comprised of a Dispatch Manager, six Dispatch Supervisors, 30 Dispatchers, and an Administrative Specialist.



The Training Unit operates under the guidance of a Civilian Supervisor. It includes a team composed of a Police Sergeant, two Training Officers, an Academy Recruit Training Officer (RTO), and a Civilian Training Specialist. The primary role of this unit is to oversee, develop, and manage the Department's basic training and advanced training programs.

The Records Bureau is the official Public Record keeper for the Department. Records are kept pursuant to state mandated retention schedules. They provide agency records and statistics to other law enforcement agencies, courts, probation departments, and the public. The professional staff of the Bureau is comprised of a Records Manager, two Records Supervisors, twelve Record Specialists, three full-time Administrative Assists, two part-time Administrative Assistants, and one Administrative Specialist.



The Technical and Support Services Bureau provides forensic science examinations and management of evidence. The Bureau is divided into two units, the Forensic Services Unit, and the Evidence Unit, managed by the Technical and Support Services Manager. The Forensic Services Unit consists of a team of four Forensic Technicians and two Video Analysts, all overseen by the Forensic Services Supervisor. They leverage the latest technology and their expertise to deliver high-quality, accurate, objective, and timely forensic science examinations. The Evidence Unit is responsible for processing all evidence types, including receiving, documenting, storing, and releasing. The Evidence Unit is made up of a team of four Evidence Technicians, overseen by the Evidence Supervisor.



Unit Spotlight

TRAINING UNIT

The Training Unit, managed by a civilian supervisor and supported by a mix of sworn and civilian personnel, is dedicated to delivering superior training programs and ensuring adherence to the Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) guidelines. This unit is pivotal in facilitating advanced training initiatives and maintaining compliance with state mandates for law enforcement education and practices.

One of the unit's key responsibilities includes stationing an officer at the Arizona Western College Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy. Serving as a recruit training officer, this officer offers guidance, training, and mentorship to academy attendees, significantly contributing to their development through various classes annually.

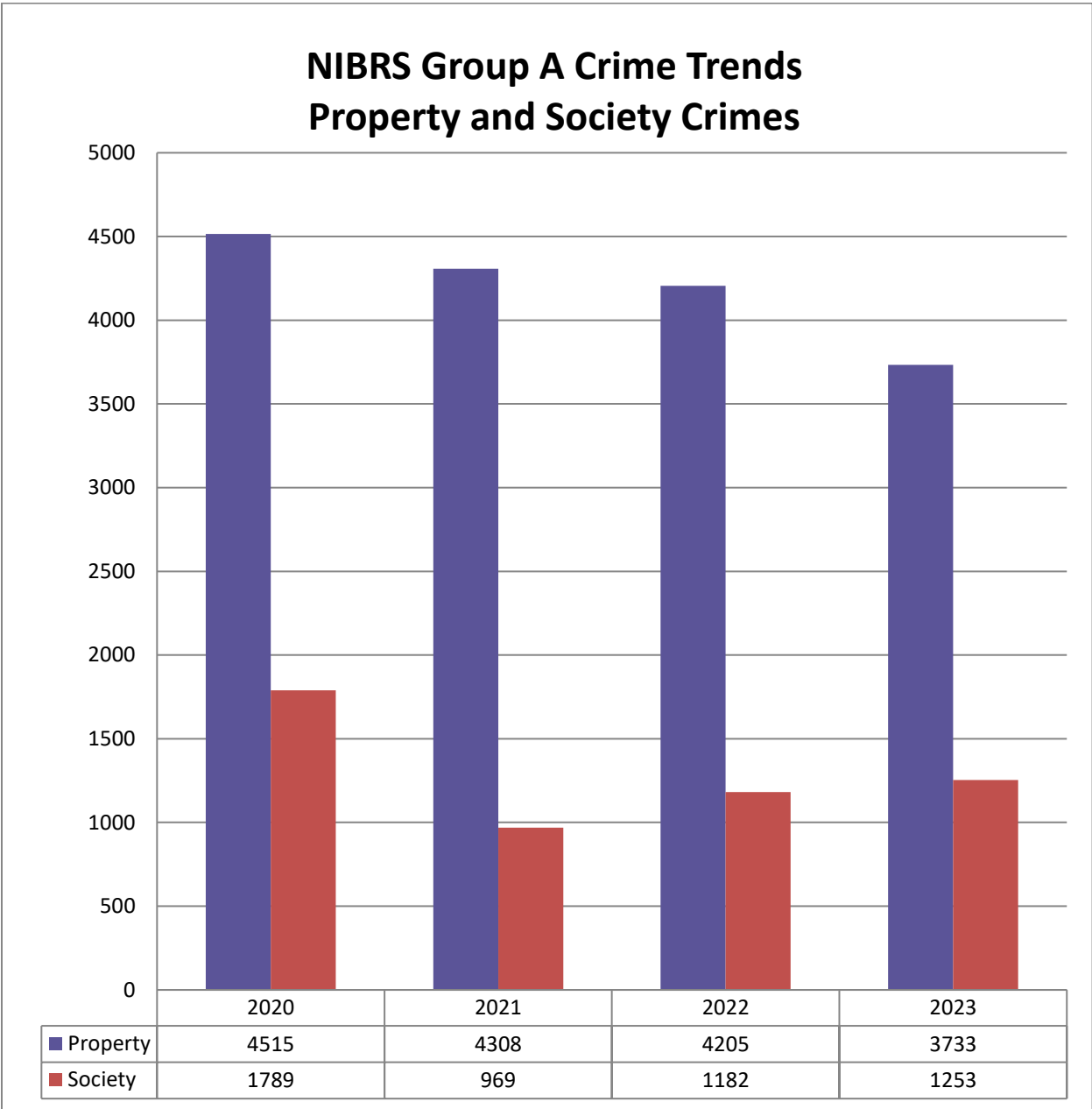
Moreover, the Training Unit orchestrates the Department's Cadet Officer Training Program, aimed at recruiting and training young aspirants interested in law enforcement careers who are yet to meet the age requirement of 21 for formal academy training.

Key achievements of the Training Unit encompass:

- **Continuous training for sworn personnel, focusing on legal aspects, search and seizure procedures, and report writing skills.**
- **Introduction of mental health resiliency training to support officer well-being.**
- **Successful provision of mandatory Arizona POST proficiency and ongoing skills training for all sworn officers, ensuring the department's compliance and success in annual state training audits.**
- **Offering ongoing active shooter response training to prepare first responders for high-stakes situations.**
- **The Training Unit has implemented a robust program featuring over 100 unique training sessions, meticulously crafted to foster officer development and ensure compliance with evolving laws. These sessions provide over 100 hours of continuing and proficiency training annually for our officers, not counting the additional classes our dedicated instructor conducts for ongoing instructor development.**



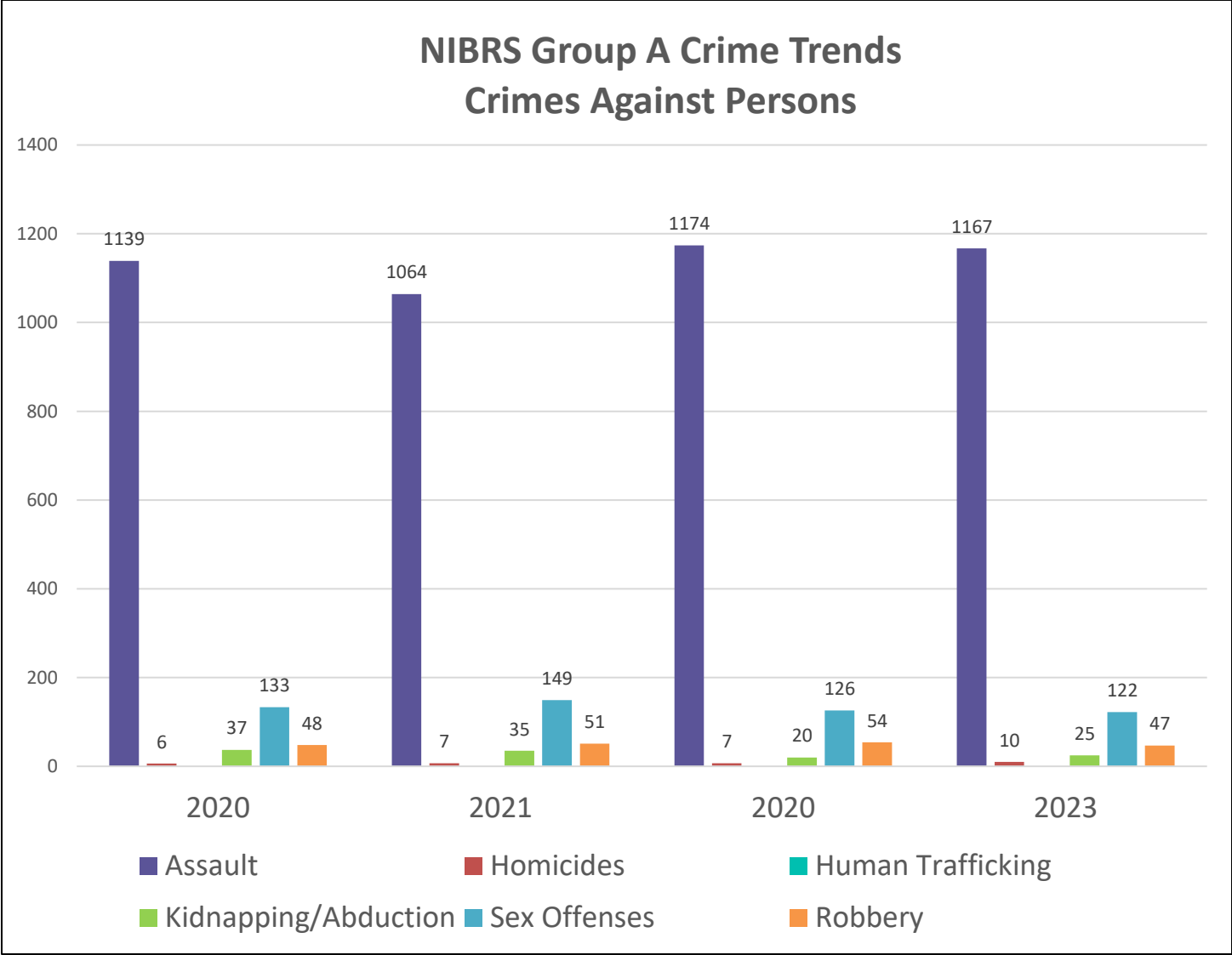
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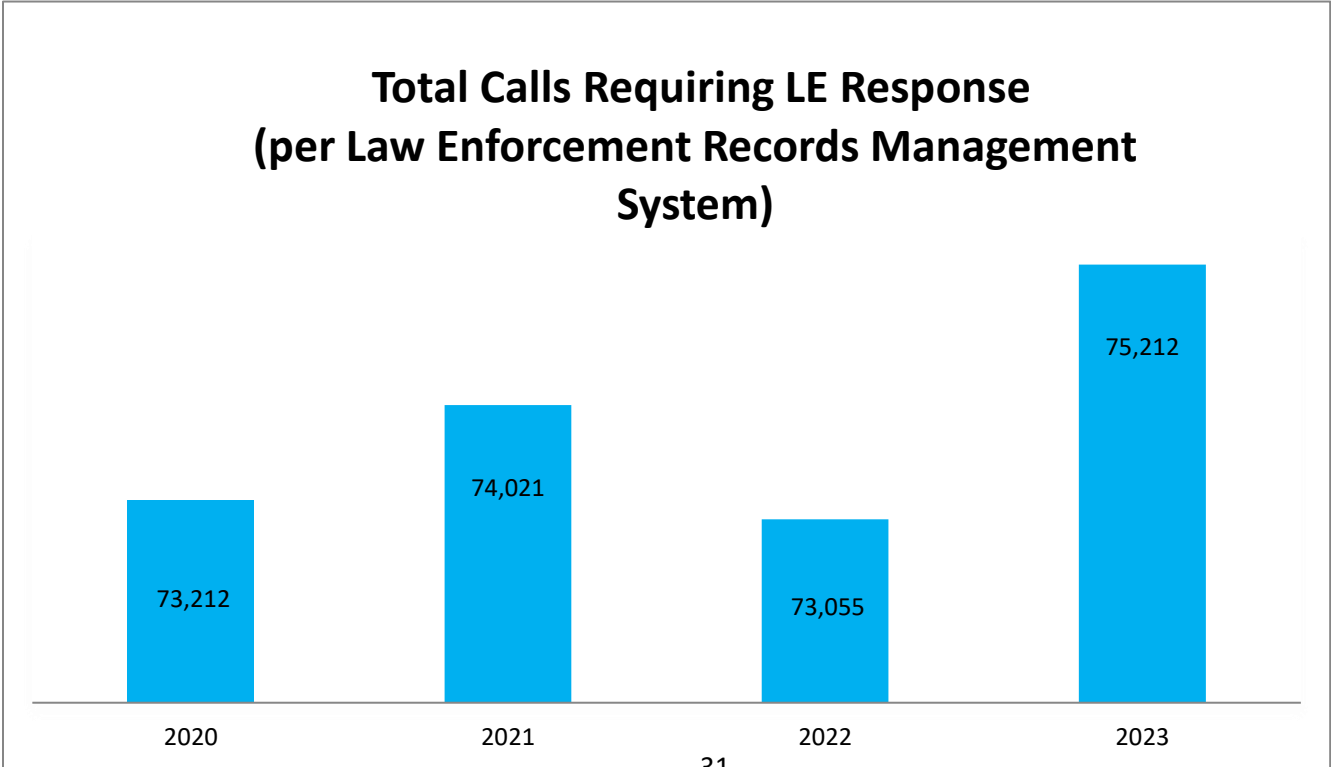
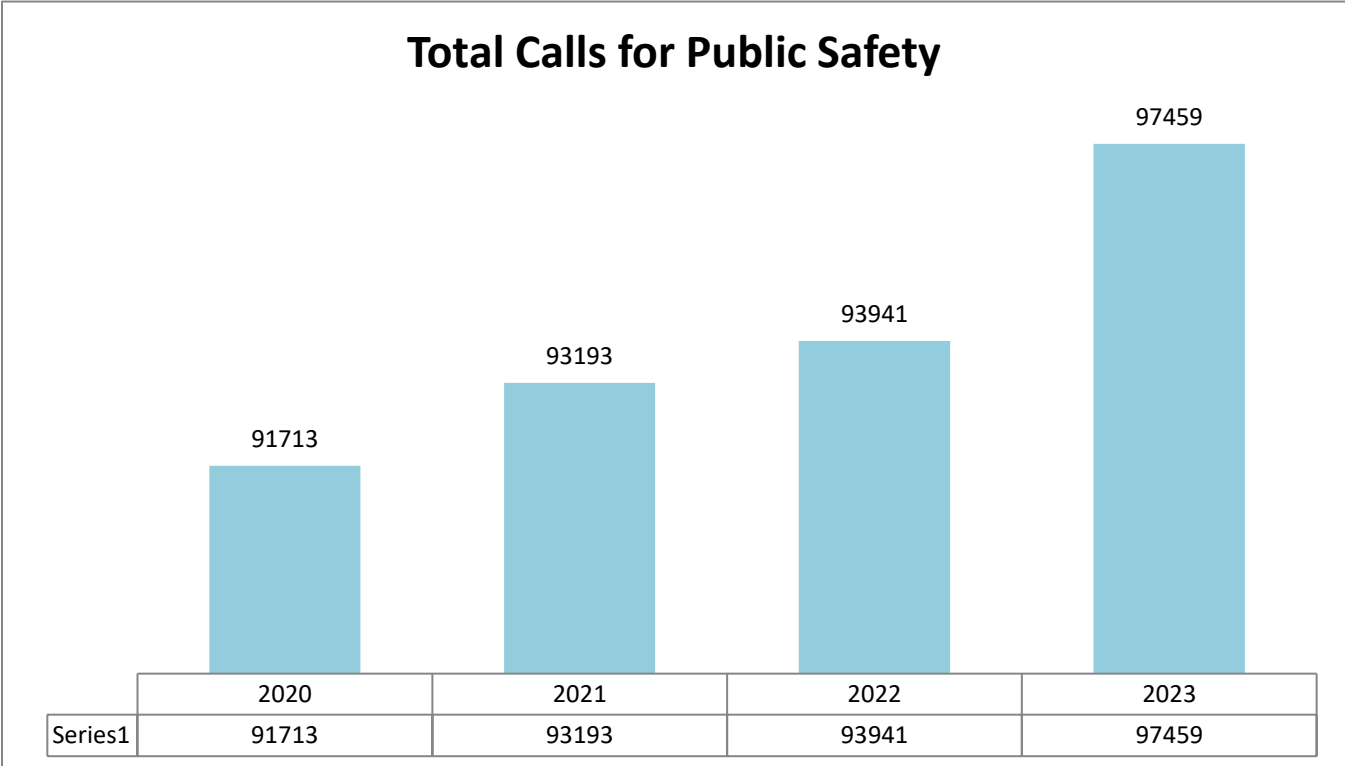
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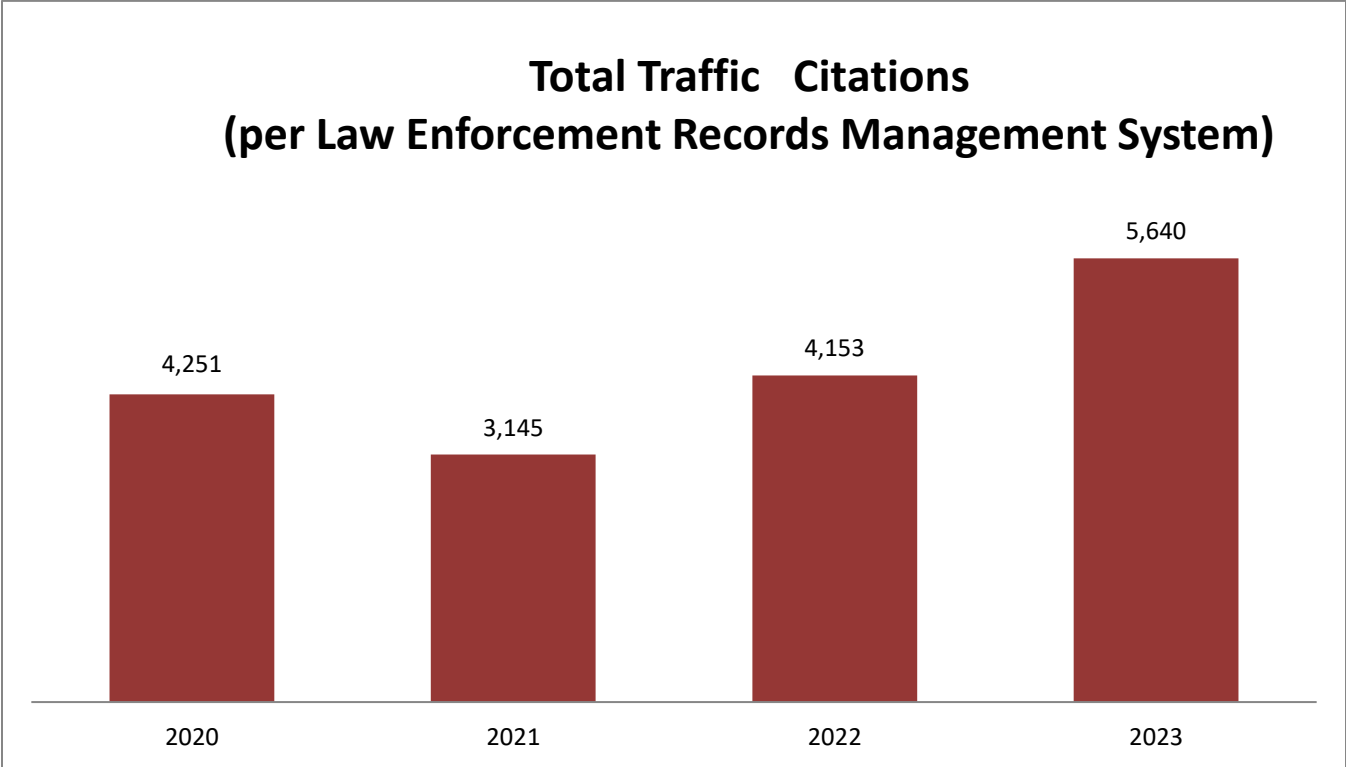
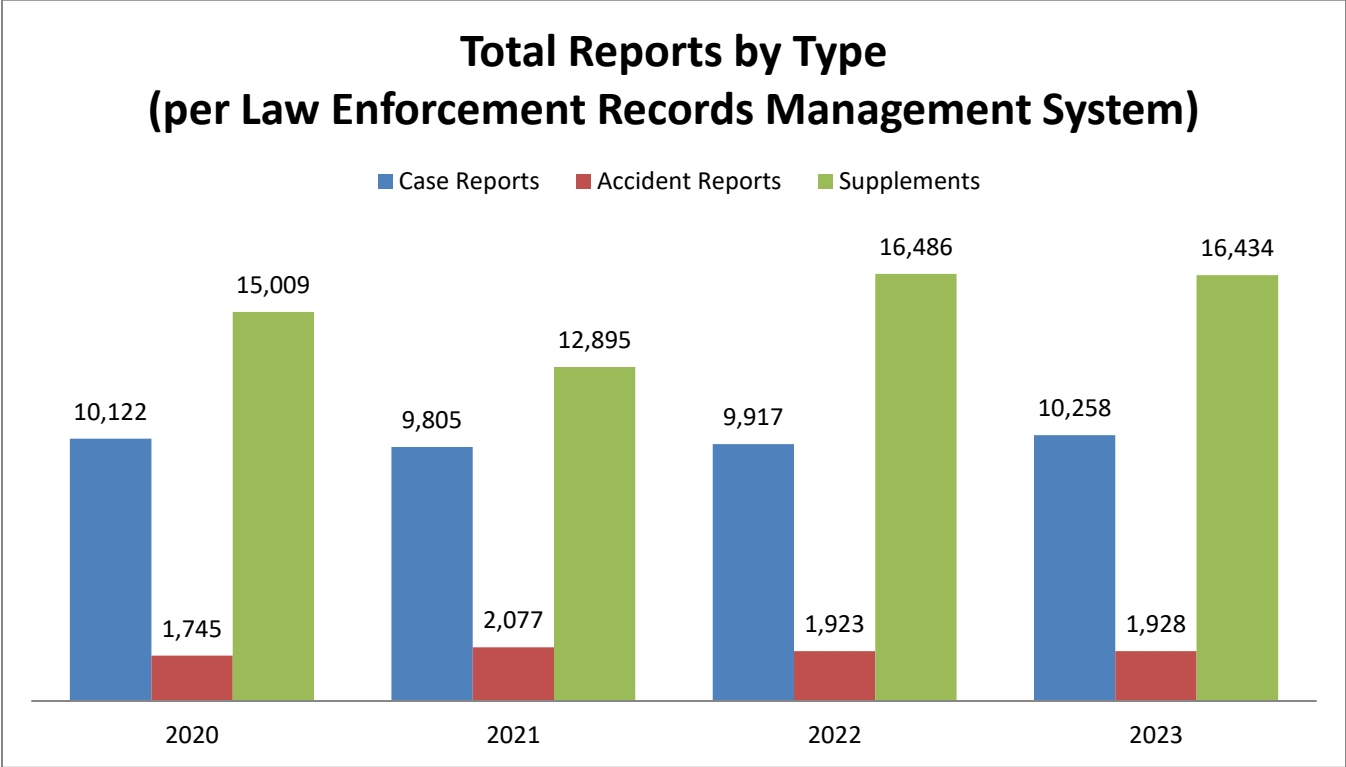


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Community Engagement

CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

The Yuma Police Department offers programs at no cost to the public such as: Workplace Violence Training, Watch Your Car, Fingerprinting, VIN Etching, ongoing education and awareness seminars on a variety of topics, the Citizen Police Academy, Teen Academy and others. The Public Affairs Unit scheduled and participated in over 100 events in the Yuma Community, which focused on safety, crime prevention and community outreach such as:

- Two Citizen Police Academies, which educate numerous citizens of the Yuma community on the functions of YPD.
- One Teen Academy to educate our teens on police functions.
- Hosted the "Scary and Safe Halloween Event with approximately 10,000 attendees.
- Getting Arizona Involved In Neighborhoods (GAIN)
- Crime Free Multi Housing
- Neighborhood Watch
- Graffiti reporting
- DEA Drug Take Back
- Fingerprinting
- Web Page
- PowerEngage
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Honor Guard
- Safety Briefs
- School functions
- Rotary Groups
- Optimist Clubs
- RV Parks
- Businesses
- Boy/Girl Scout Groups
- MCAS Yuma
- Shop With A Cop
- Coffee With A Cop / Pizza With A Cop
- Station Tours



2023 Highlights

- **Thomas Garrity was sworn in as the 15th Chief of the Yuma Police Department**
- **Developed the Yuma Community Advisory Committee**
- **Collaborated with regional law enforcement to form the Yuma County Critical Response Team**
- **Joined the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad**
- **Held two Citizens Police Academies**
- **Held first Teen Academy**
- **Wellness hour for all employees**



2023 Grants

Operation Stonegarden

Received \$152,052.00 in Operation Stone Garden Funding.

- 2-4X4 Pickup Trucks
- 54 First Aid Kits



State Homeland Security Grant

Awarded a State Homeland Security Grant for \$44,654.00.

- Intelligent Analyst software \$13,950.00
- Intelligent Analyst software Training \$5,000.00
- Digital Forensics Software \$10,027.00
- Mobile Data Computers \$10,027.00



Governor's Office of Highway Safety

Awarded \$40,000 in overtime funding from Governor's Office of Highway Safety to target DUI and Traffic Enforcement.



2023 Grants continued

U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Awarded \$32,279.68 in funding from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership to continue to purchase body armor vests for law enforcement officers.



Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Awarded \$53,100.00 to cover the cost of mobile data devices, increasing successful prosecutions, improving response, and filed operations, enhancing real-time information sharing, and reducing violent crimes through increased productivity, resource utilization, and capabilities.



Department of Emergency and Military Affairs – Border Security Fund

Awarded \$9,286,332.00 for the administration and maintenance of border security technologies, including cameras, drones, software, and other equipment. Below is a breakdown of the awarded items:

- Patrol Vehicles (25) - \$2,125,000**
- Tethered Drone - \$73,000**
- Portable Radios - \$420,000**
- Night Vision Headsets - \$400,000**
- Regional P25 System (IT) - \$3,357,140**

2023 Grants Continued

- Four-Wheel Drive All-Terrain Vehicle (2) - \$120,000**
- Investigations Vehicles (5) - \$325,000**
- Forensic Technology SafeGuard Support - \$123,094**
- Officer Mobile Communications Technology - \$700,098**
- BWC Hardware/License/Support - \$350,000**
- Watch Tower - \$80,000**
- 3D Laser Scanner - \$105,000**
- Night Vision Scopes - \$18,000**
- Nigh Vision Sites - \$30,000**
- First Aid Kits - \$400,000**
- Digital Cameras - \$35,000**
- Mobile ID Units - \$625,000**



Department of Emergency and Military Affairs – Anti-Human Trafficking

Awarded \$499,998 to enhance services and programs that reduce human trafficking by providing resources for personnel, equipment, and training to combat human trafficking within the state. Below is a breakdown of the awarded items:

- Anti-Human Trafficking Billboard Signage, Pamphlets, Radio, and TV Commercials - \$86,400**
- Anti-Human Trafficking Outreach and Promotional Items - \$19,800**
- Patrol Level Anti-Human Trafficking 101 Training - \$216,768**
- Out-Of-State Conference/Training - \$61,500**
- Anti-Human Trafficking Conference/Training - \$67,650**
- Forensic Computer Services Software Training - \$47,880**



Looking Forward

2023 Chief's Priorities

- **Recruitment and Retention**
 - Expand the Teen Academy
- **Officer and Professional Staff Health and Wellness**
 - Develop a wellness unit
- **Reduction in Crime**
 - Intelligence led policing
 - Technology to enhance solvability
 - Hot spot policing
 - Re-establish Bike Patrol
- **Training**
 - Develop scenario based training
- **Community Engagement**
 - Facebook Live events

2023 Department Goals

Respected & Responsible

- **Ensure Officer and Professional Staff Health and Wellness**

Connected & Engaged

- **Continue Hiring and Recruitment through Community Engagement.**
- **Increase Community Engagement throughout the Police Department.**
- **Arrange and Complete 2024 Citizens' Police Academies.**

Unique & Creative

- **Host a Teen Academy**
- **Create PSA videos with employees to keep our community informed and engaged.**

Safe & Prosperous

- **Ensure contemporary and necessary officer training while protecting the community through creative Patrol scheduling.**
- **Reduce Crime**