

# 2024 Storm Lake Police Department Annual Report





# **STORM LAKE *POLICE* DEPARTMENT**

## **Mission Statement**

**We, the members of the Storm Lake Police Department, are committed to the safety of our community. We are dedicated to providing police services that improve the quality of life and ensure a fair, safe, and equitable community.**

# Message from the Chief

As we look back on 2024, I'm proud to share our department's progress and accomplishments over the past year. Serving as your Police Chief has been an honor and a privilege, and I want to thank all our residents for your trust and support. Your support is the foundation of our success, as the police are only as effective as the community they serve.

This year, we saw a 4% decrease in Part I UCR Crimes, moving from 344 in 2023 to 330 in 2024. This reduction highlights the dedication of our patrol officers and detectives who work diligently every day to ensure your safety.

In 2024, we embraced challenges and opportunities to better serve our community:

- **Staffing and Retention:** In 2024, we prioritized filling open patrol officer positions and improving officer salaries and benefits to attract and retain the most qualified individuals. I'm pleased to share that as we moved into 2025, our department is fully staffed, with the exception of one officer currently deployed with the Iowa National Guard.
- **Loss of K-9 Ozzy:** Last fall our department faced the loss of K-9 Ozzy, who passed away from cancer. Ozzy was not just a member of our team but also a beloved figure in the community. While his loss was deeply felt, the community's outpouring of support was extraordinary. Through generous donations, we successfully raised the funds necessary to purchase and train a new Belgian Malinois K-9. We are pleased to share that our new K-9 is currently in training, and we anticipate having him join our team this spring.

- **Training and Development:** In 2024, we prioritized advanced training and professional development for our staff to equip them with the skills and knowledge needed to address the increasingly complex challenges of 21st century policing.
- **Community Engagement:** Expanding our community policing initiatives remained a top priority. In 2024 we introduced new events like Bingo with a Cop and youth basketball camps, while continuing to host pop-up BBQs and other events. Additionally, our officers partnered with “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” to deliver and construct beds for children in need.
- **Technological Advancements:** Late in 2024, we implemented Flock Community Safety License Plate Recognition (LPR) Cameras. These tools have proven invaluable in locating wanted individuals, recovering stolen property, and supporting investigations involving violent offenders and missing persons.

Looking ahead to 2025, we remain committed to advancing our mission and building on these successes. Key strategic goals for the upcoming year include:

- **Enhancing Employee Culture and Compensation:** We will continue to conduct employee salary reviews, expand benefits, and hold focus groups to address employee concerns, fostering a supportive workplace culture.
- **Expanding Training and Professional Development:** Specialized training programs will focus on officer safety, de-escalation, cultural sensitivity, and emerging challenges such as cybersecurity and opioid crisis intervention.
- **Strengthening Community Engagement and Trust:** We will continue to expand outreach events and engage in collaborative problem-solving to address public safety concerns and build stronger connections with residents.

- **Enhancing Partnerships:** Collaborating with social services and community organizations, we will address root causes of crime, such as homelessness, addiction, and poverty.
- **Leveraging Technology:** We will continue to use technology as a force multiplier to combat crime and enhance community safety in our community.

As we move into 2025, we remain grateful for the trust and partnership of our community. We have made a lot of progress and laid a strong foundation for the future. With your continued support, I'm confident that we can overcome any challenge and further strengthen the safety, trust, and connection that define our great city.

Thank you for allowing us to serve and protect.

# Storm Lake Police Department Command Staff 2024



Chief Chris Cole  
30 Years



Assistant Chief  
Patrick Diekman  
20 Years



Lt. Jeff Lundberg  
26 Years



Lt. John Bauer  
18 Years



Lt. Matt Younie  
18 Years



Lt. Alyssa Solem  
9 years



Ashley Ronk  
Office Manager  
8 years

## SLPD Business Office Staff



Jessica Meyer  
Office Assistant  
7.5 Years

# Civilian Volunteers



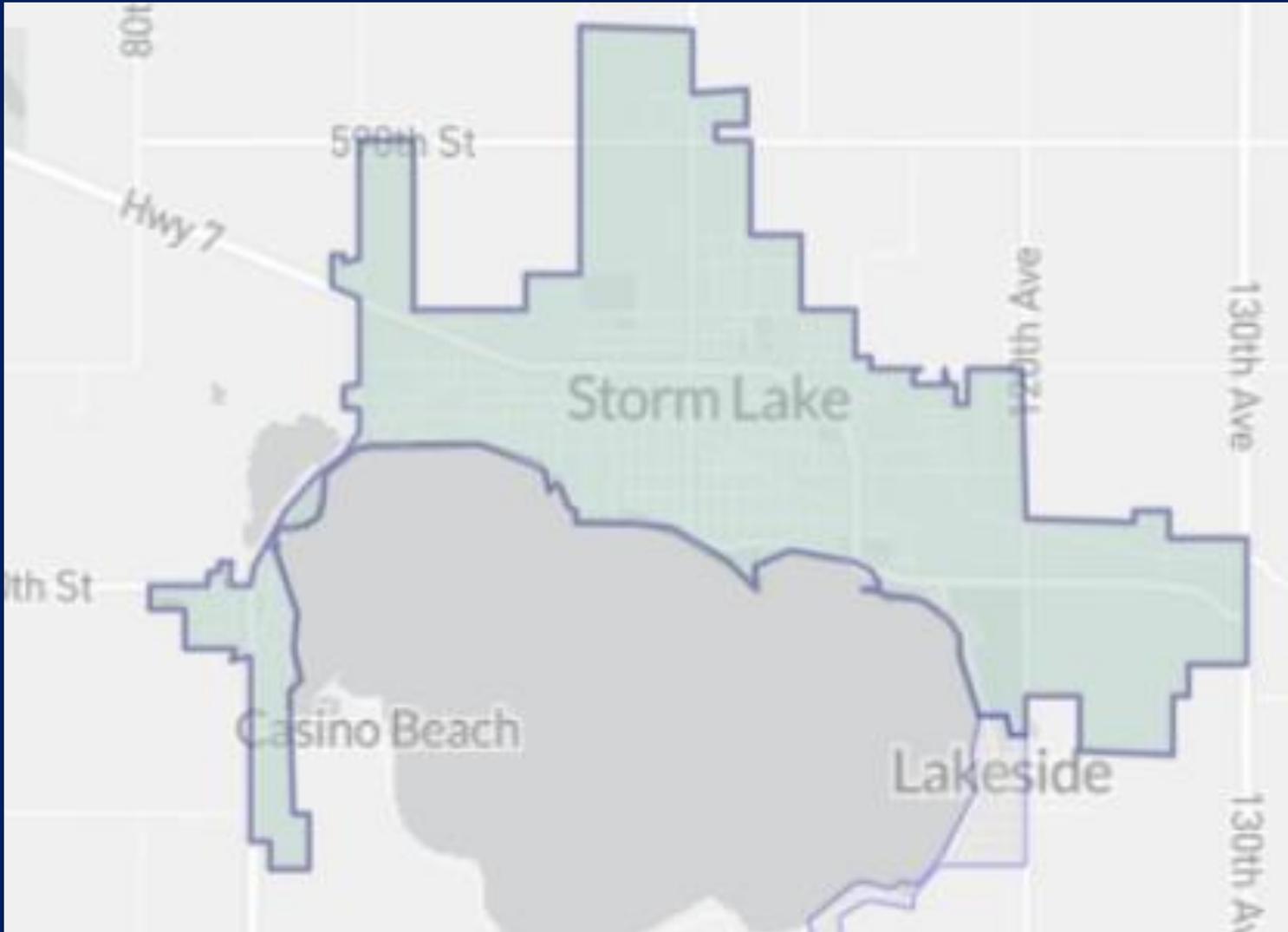
Police Chaplain  
Dave Keschull



Entry Team Medic  
Dr. Garrett Feddersen



Police Chaplain  
James Roland



# 2024 Storm Lake Demographics

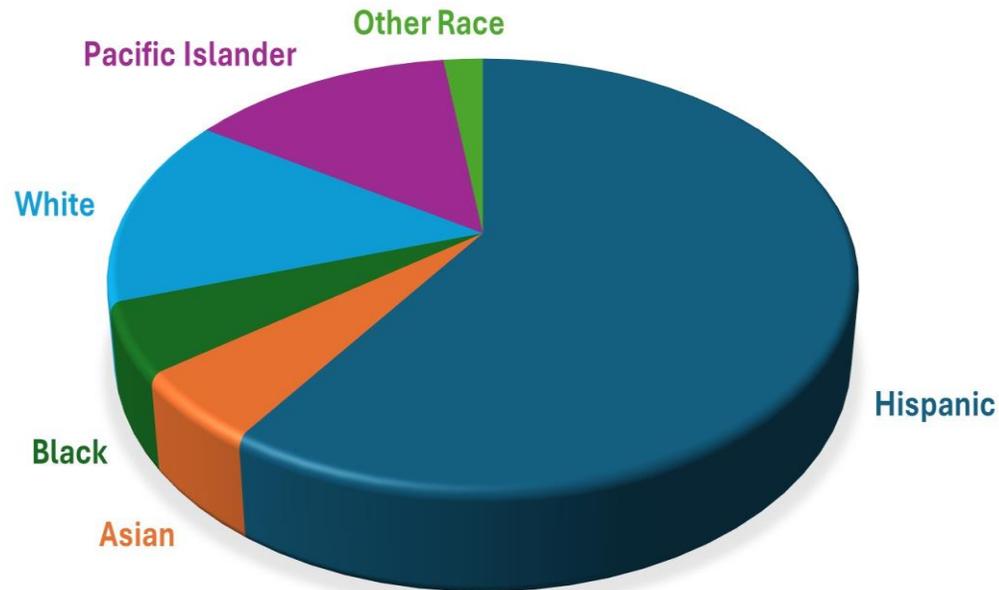
- Total population 11,470
- Female: 50.01%
- Male: 49.99%
- City Area: 5.3 Square miles
- Lake Area 3100 acres
- Median Age: 31
- Median Household Income: \$58,341
- Median Home Price: \$142,000
- Persons living in Poverty 7.7%

# Storm Lake Demographics

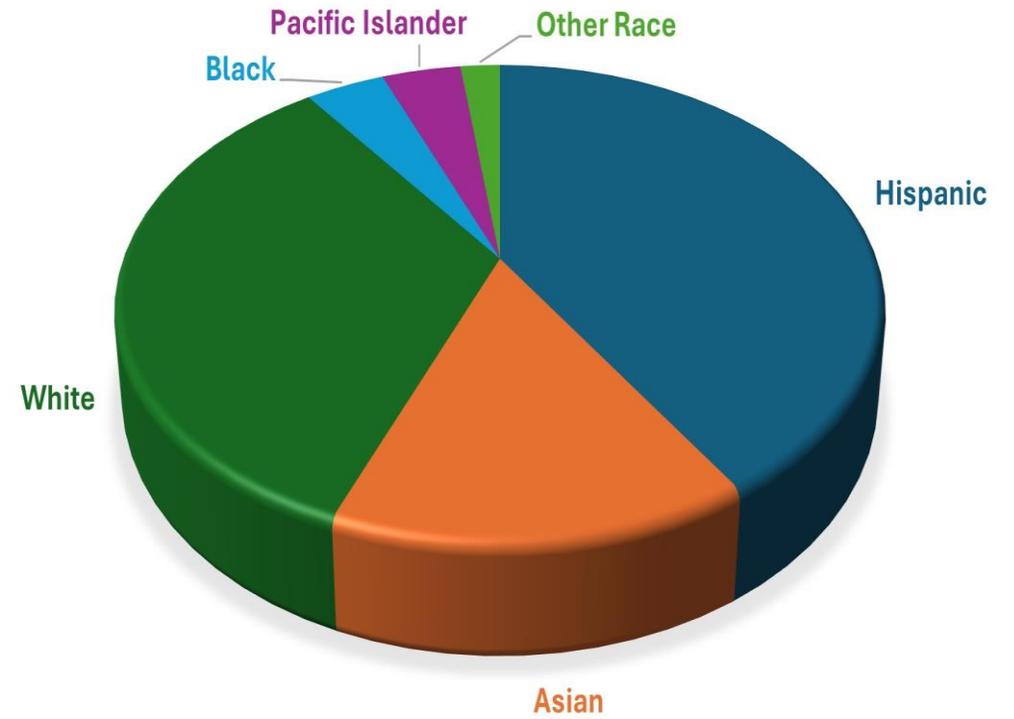
Storm Lake is one of the most diverse Cities in the State of Iowa. In 2024 the Storm Lake Community School District reported their student population was 56.2% Hispanic, 12.4% Asian, 4.6% Black, 12.6% White, 12% Pacific Islander and 1.8% other race. The School District is 87.4% non-caucasian. There are 36 different languages spoken in the school district.

According to US Census data, the city itself is 41% Hispanic, 34% White, 4% Black, 15% Asian, 4% Pacific Islander and 2% other race.

**STORM LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS**



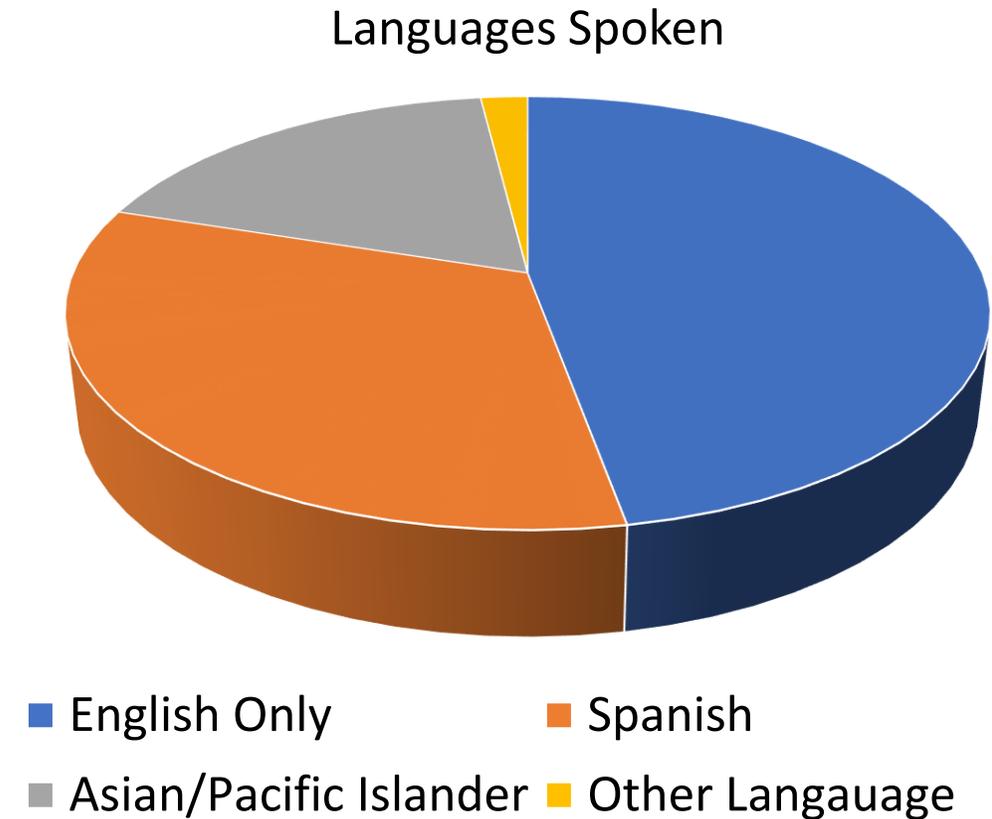
**CITY OF STORM LAKE DEMOGRAPHICS**



# Demographics – Languages

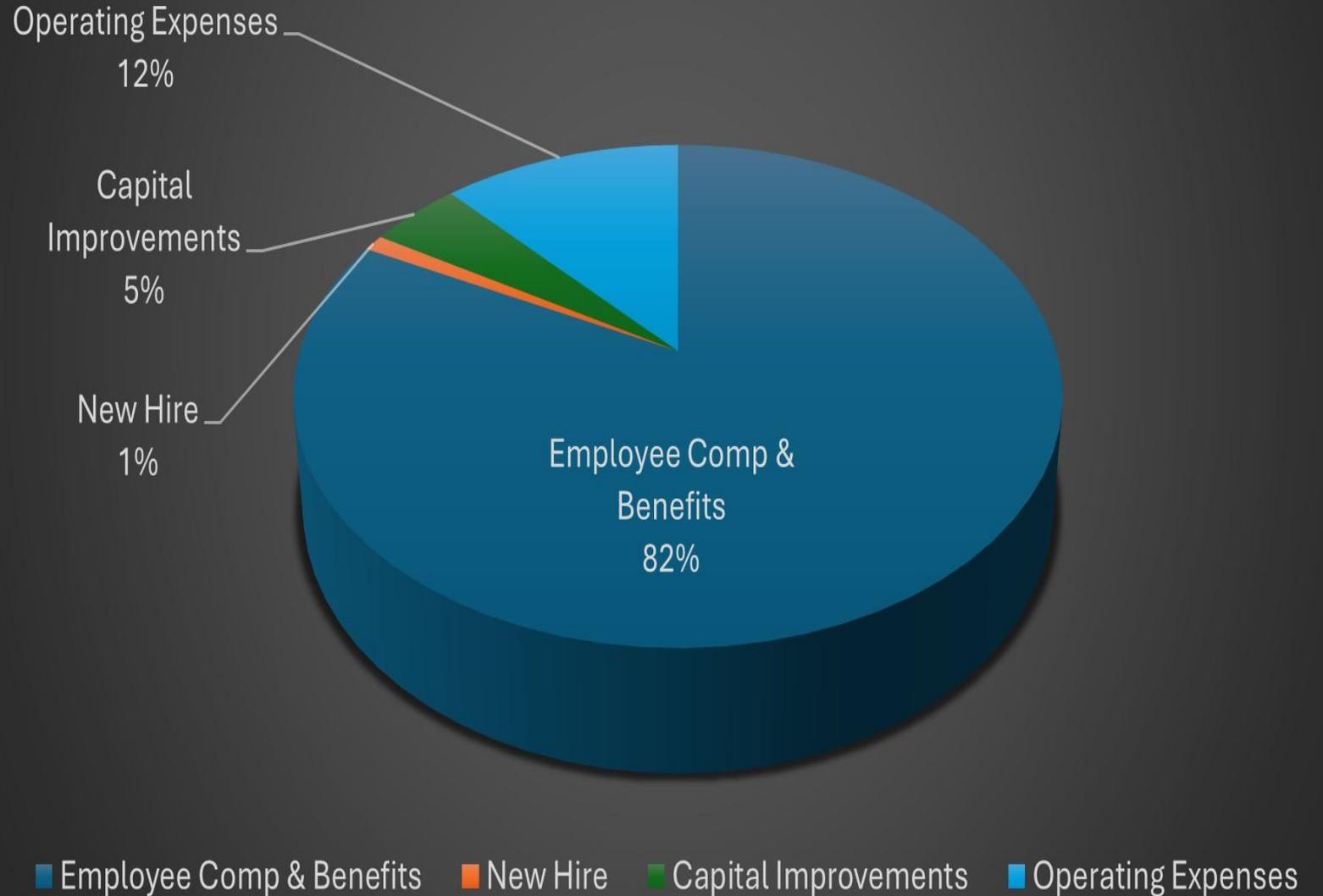
47.3% of Storm Lake residents speak English, while 52.7% speak other languages.

The non-English language spoken by most residents in Storm Lake is Spanish by 35.2%.



# 2024 Police Department Budget

## Storm Lake Police Department Budget Total Budget \$2,951,390.25



# Farewells and Welcomes



Officer Oscar Garcia  
Hired October 2024



Officer Angel Palacios and  
Officer Hunter Phelps  
Hired February 2024



Officer Anthony Chase  
Hired January 2024



Officer Caleb Villhauer  
Hired December 2024

This year we welcomed:  
Officers Oscar Garcia,  
Angel Palacios, Hunter  
Phelps, Anthony Chase and  
Caleb Villhauer.

But we said goodbye to:  
Officer Hunter Phelps.

# Complaints of Misconduct

The goal of the Storm Lake Police Department is to respond fairly and effectively to allegations of employee misconduct. Integrity and honesty are paramount to the policing profession, and it is expected of all members of the Storm Lake Police Department. A proper relationship fostered by confidence and trust between the Storm Lake Police Department and the citizens and visitors of the City of Storm Lake is essential to effective law enforcement.

Personnel complaints against department officers can originate from inside or outside the department. A complaint can be a report of wrongdoing or inappropriate action on the part of any employee of the Storm Lake Police Department.

When a person has a complaint against a police department employee (sworn or civilian), the complaint may be filed in person, by telephone at 712-732-8010, or by completing a citizen commendation / complaint form and sending it to the Chief of Police. This form is available on on the City Website, City Hall and at the Storm Lake Police Department.

When a person files a complaint, it may be considered a formal or informal complaint.

Informal complaints are minor in nature and can be resolved without a formal process and may be referred to the employee's supervisors. The supervisor will investigate the complaint, communicate with the initial caller, and identify a resolution to the complaint.

Formal complaints will be presented to the City Manager and Chief of Police, who will appoint an investigator to conduct a complete investigation of the complaint filed. The findings of the investigation will be reported to the City Manager and Civil Service Commission when applicable.

In most cases, a supervisor specially trained in these types of investigations will conduct the investigation with the disposition of each case being reviewed by the Chief of Police.

Whenever possible, the investigation will be concluded within 30 days unless unusual circumstances warrant an extension. The Department will make every effort to keep the complainant advised of the progress of the investigation. Once the investigation is completed, the complainant will be notified.

Allegations of misconduct are thoroughly investigated for three reasons:

**Protection of the Public** - The public has the right to receive fair, efficient, and impartial law enforcement. An informed public must have confidence that its police department honestly and fairly investigates and adjudicates all allegations of misconduct.

**Protection of the Department** - A department is often evaluated and judged by the conduct of its individual employees. It is imperative that the whole organization not be criticized because of the misconduct of a few.

**Protection of the Employee** - Employees must be protected against false or misinformed allegations of misconduct.

Each personnel complaint after being thoroughly investigated will be classified with one of the following dispositions:

- **Unfounded** - When the investigation discloses that the alleged acts did not occur or did not involve department members. Complaints that are determined to be frivolous will fall within the classification of unfounded.
- **Exonerated** - When the investigation discloses that the alleged act occurred but that the act was justified, lawful and/or proper.
- **Not sustained** - When the investigation discloses that there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the member.
- **Sustained** - When the investigation discloses sufficient evidence to establish that the act occurred and that it constituted misconduct.
- In 2024 there were three complaints of misconduct against a total of five officers. Two of the complaints were exonerated, and one complaint was unfounded.

# 2024 Service Awards

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Assistant Chief  
Patrick Diekman

20 years of service  
with the Storm Lake  
Police Department



# 2024 Service Awards

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Lt. Alyssa Solem  
10 years of service  
with the Storm Lake  
Police Department



# Five Year Service Awards



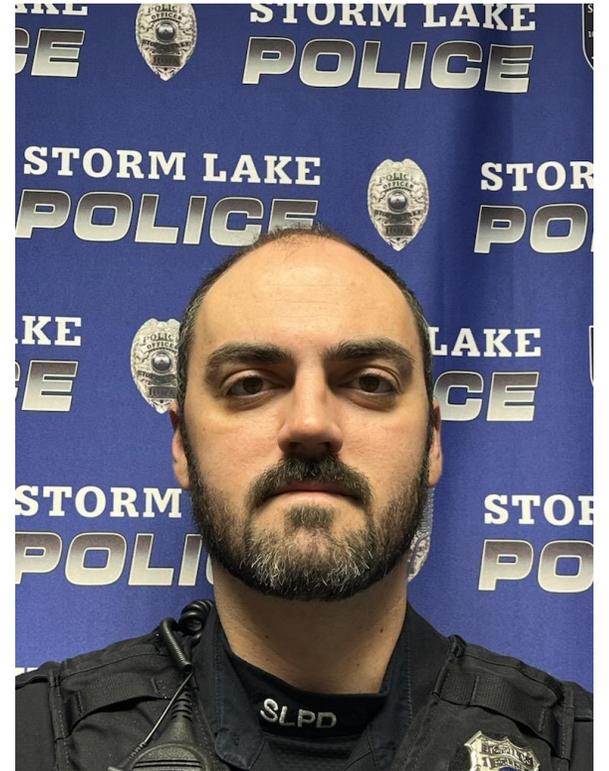
Mitchell Fritz



Dulce Salinas



Clinton Butler



Thomas Lane

# Police Officer Of The Year

Derien  
Beauregard



# 2024 Life Saving Awards



Lt. John Bauer



Officer Tristan Winey



Officer Clinton Butler

# Impaired Driver Detection AWARDS 2024

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The Following officers were recognized for their performance in detection and apprehension of impaired drivers.

Officer Thomas Lane  
Officer Gerardo Bravo  
Officer Clinton Butler



# 2024 Top Shooter Award

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Officer Angel  
Palacios



# 2024 Excellence in Traffic Enforcement Award

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This award is given to an officer that excels in the field of traffic enforcement.

Officer Thomas Lane



# Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

Impaired Driver  
Enforcement Awards  
2024

Officer Thomas Lane  
Officer Gerardo  
Bravo





# SLPD Duty Knife Award

Awarded for graduating from the SLPD Field Training Program.

- Officer Anthony “AJ” Chase
- Officer Angel Palacios
- Officer Oscar Garcia

# Patrol Division

The Storm Lake Police Department Patrol Division is made up of four Lieutenants and twelve patrol officers. Each Lieutenant oversees a patrol shift consisting of two to three patrol officers and one Community Service Officer. The patrol division is primarily responsible for answering calls for service which include:

- Responding to emergency calls
- Taking criminal complaints
- Enforcing traffic laws
- Addressing quality of life issues
- Investigating vehicular accidents
- Preliminary Investigation of crimes
- Community Policing
- Networking with other service providers
- Enforcing city and state criminal laws



# Storm Lake Patrol Officers



Gerardo Bravo  
8 Years



Tyler Munden  
7 Years



Mitchell Fritz  
5 Years



Dulce Salinas  
5 Years



Clinton Butler  
4 Years



Thomas Lane  
3 Years



Derien Beauregard  
2 Years



Tristan Winey  
2 Years



Anthony Chase  
1 Year



Angel Palacios  
1 Year



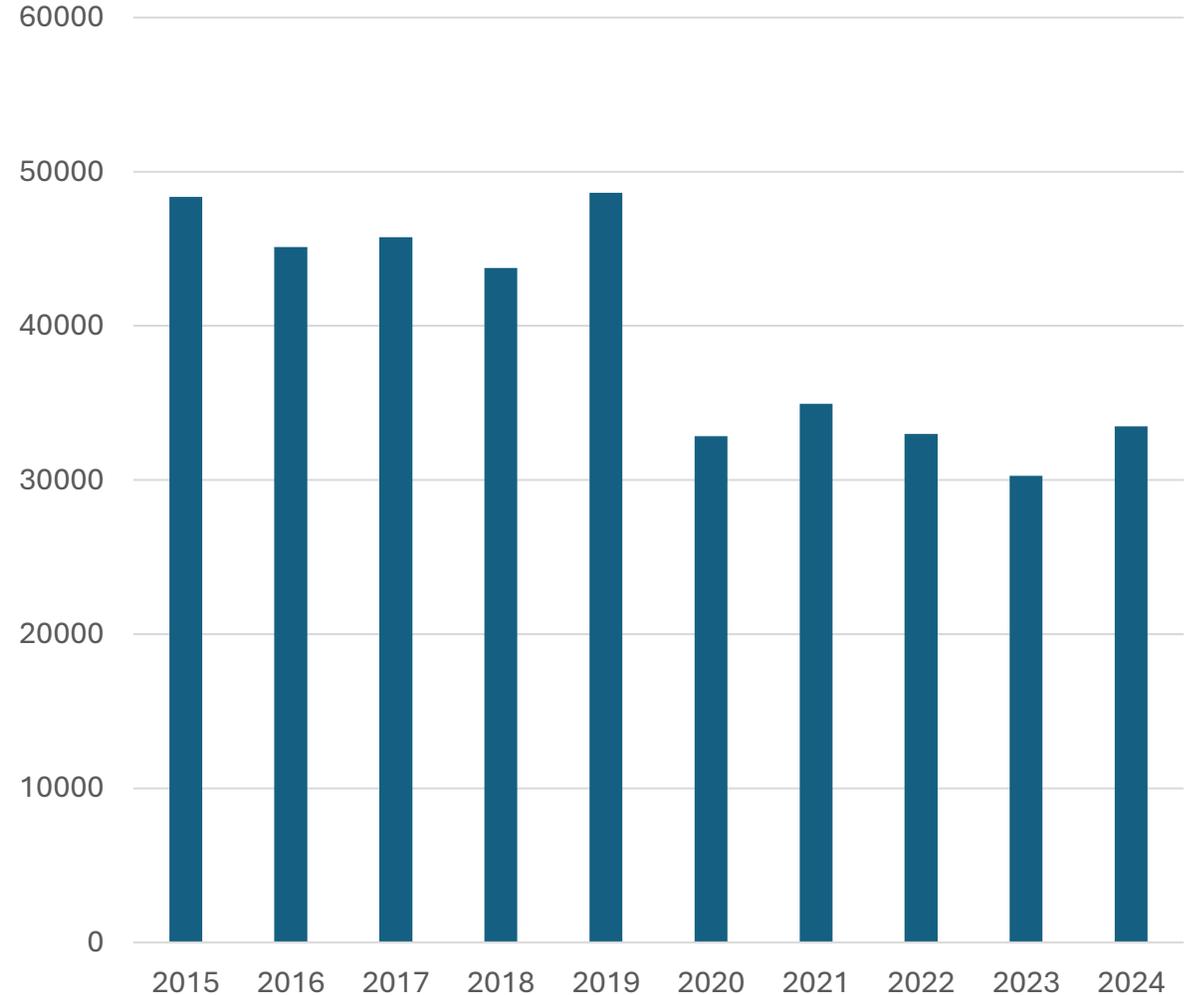
Oscar Garcia  
3 Months



Caleb Villhauer  
1 month

# Storm Lake Police Calls for Service

Year	Total	Per Month	Per Week	Per Day
2015	48,367	4,031	930	132.50
2016	45,120	3,760	868	123.62
2017	45,761	3,813	880	125.37
2018	43,752	3,646	841	119.87
2019	48,629	4,052	935	133.23
2020	32,850	2,737	632	90
2021	34,944	2,912	672	95.74
2022	32,998	2,750	635	90.41
2023	30,268	2,522	582	82.92
2024	33,481	2,790	644	91.73



# Incident Breakdown

2024 INCIDENT BREAKDOWN																	2023	
PROPERTY CRIME	JAN	FEB	MAR	1/QTR	APR	MAY	JUN	2/QTR	JUL	AUG	SEP	3/QTR	OCT	NOV	DEC	4/QTR	TOTAL	TOTAL
Arson	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Bomb Threat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Burglary	0	6	0	6	3	5	2	10	1	3	3	7	7	5	17	29	52	41
Check Cases	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Forgery	2	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	1	5	10	21
Prowler	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
9-1-1	78	56	50	184	70	78	92	240	92	84	70	246	75	83	70	228	898	1479
Assault	2	3	3	8	5	2	1	8	3	6	2	11	7	2	3	12	39	51
Child Abuse / Physical & Sexual	5	4	4	13	3	1	0	4	3	0	3	6	3	1	2	6	29	23
Dead Body Scene	0	1	1	2	2	2	1	5	3	0	0	3	1	0	1	2	12	9
Disturbance	18	13	12	43	22	25	34	81	22	20	25	67	24	12	16	52	243	255
Domestic Disturbance	10	9	7	26	5	7	4	16	11	6	9	26	6	9	12	27	95	119
Drug Investigation	6	14	7	27	9	6	15	30	8	6	9	23	10	7	6	23	103	99
Fight	1	6	2	9	3	1	2	6	4	2	1	7	0	1	1	2	24	37
Gun/Weapon Complaint	1	0	2	3	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	4	0	1	5	11	12
Harassment	6	9	5	20	5	9	9	23	5	1	9	15	8	2	7	17	75	87
Scam	1	7	3	11	5	9	6	20	8	3	8	19	7	9	8	24	74	83
Stolen Motor Vehicle	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	6	4
Stolen Property	17	16	11	44	23	13	12	48	19	28	12	59	17	19	13	49	200	223
Trespass	3	4	6	13	7	1	4	12	8	5	18	31	3	4	5	12	68	43
Vandalism	0	8	4	12	8	10	6	24	9	4	10	23	3	2	3	8	67	67
Execute Search Warrant	3	15	1	19	7	4	20	31	29	5	6	40	20	5	4	29	119	101
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murder / Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Rape/Sexual Assault (adult)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	1
Riot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Suicide/Attempted Suicide	2	2	1	5	0	1	1	2	0	2	2	4	4	0	2	6	17	17
Suspicious Person	1	8	23	32	11	10	10	31	13	27	21	61	17	14	11	42	166	127
Suspicious Vehicle	1	11	12	24	7	12	5	24	10	12	5	27	4	5	9	18	93	84
Pornography/Pornographic Materi	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	6	9
TRAFFIC RELATED	JAN	FEB	MAR	1/QTR	APR	MAY	JUN	2/QTR	JUL	AUG	SEP	3/QTR	OCT	NOV	DEC	4/QTR	TOTAL	TOTAL
Warrant/Computer Checks	141	189	207	537	211	190	239	640	181	236	185	602	154	160	165	479	2,258	1823
Impounded Vehicle Release	31	3	0	34	2	3	0	5	5	2	1	8	2	1	0	3	50	45
Improperly Parked Vehicle	149	8	10	167	10	13	10	33	12	13	16	41	10	10	21	41	282	240
Motorist Assist	66	15	20	101	19	23	16	58	18	18	20	56	15	17	29	61	276	287
Reckless Driver Complaint	7	7	6	20	12	24	10	46	12	10	13	35	11	11	7	29	130	123
School Bus Violation	6	5	1	12	2	4	2	8	0	0	11	11	2	3	4	9	40	39
Traffic Accidents	42	23	27	92	30	35	30	95	37	23	31	91	37	30	24	91	369	401
Traffic Control	3	0	3	6	0	0	2	2	5	1	12	18	2	1	2	5	31	66
Traffic Project	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	7	3	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	11	26
Vehicle Stop	319	430	357	1,106	410	439	443	1,292	387	552	286	1,225	340	307	476	1,123	4,746	5070
Pedestrian Stop	3	2	1	6	5	0	10	15	8	3	9	20	8	8	4	20	61	28

# Incident Breakdown

## 2023 INCIDENT BREAKDOWN

2023

<b>PUBLIC SERVICE</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>1/QTR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>2/QTR</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>3/QTR</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>4/QTR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Animal Complaint	37	29	12	78	47	69	60	176	54	53	61	168	44	32	29	105	527	466
Alarm Response	8	4	12	24	9	12	11	32	6	6	9	21	14	12	8	34	111	103
Bar Check	30	26	19	75	29	14	20	63	17	31	24	72	19	18	16	53	263	404
Business Assist	19	9	14	42	11	21	18	50	11	17	23	51	25	16	11	52	195	227
Business Escort	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Citizen Assist	124	107	127	358	111	121	113	345	140	97	106	343	105	115	106	326	1,372	1204
Citizen Complaint	3	2	0	5	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	10	20
City Code Enforcement	172	128	98	398	132	204	113	449	123	124	103	350	80	68	73	221	1,418	1431
Found Property	2	7	15	24	10	16	16	42	17	12	15	44	11	15	8	34	144	156
Funeral Escort	4	5	5	14	3	3	7	13	7	6	3	16	5	1	5	11	54	56
Keys Locked In Car	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	5	6	6
Lost Child	0	0	0	0	1	1	8	10	2	2	1	5	1	1	0	2	17	15
Lost Property	6	7	3	16	3	6	7	16	9	5	7	21	7	6	2	15	68	62
Missing Person	2	0	2	4	3	2	2	7	9	7	10	26	5	5	2	12	49	44
Natural Disaster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Security	507	716	685	1,908	727	543	490	1,760	467	603	609	1,679	522	612	529	1,663	7,010	6649
Street Beat	11	12	14	37	13	12	18	43	20	23	18	61	9	7	11	27	168	200
Welfare Check	25	9	13	47	11	6	5	22	13	19	19	51	14	11	16	41	161	160
<b>SERVICE TO OTHER AGENCIES</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>1/QTR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>2/QTR</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>3/QTR</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>4/QTR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Ambulance Assist	54	45	38	137	33	44	42	119	42	44	38	124	45	47	52	144	524	466
Attempt To Locate	1	1	2	4	2	1	2	5	1	1	2	4	2	1	2	5	18	16
City/County Department Assist	32	20	14	66	27	20	35	82	39	29	18	86	11	21	21	53	287	277
Court	3	2	5	10	1	9	3	13	2	0	1	3	5	8	8	21	47	32
Fire Department Assist	25	14	11	50	5	10	11	26	9	14	12	35	21	14	7	42	153	167
Law Department Assist	19	11	30	60	24	22	20	66	22	21	15	58	16	22	36	74	258	296
Record Check	25	22	13	60	28	16	13	57	20	24	15	59	47	46	30	123	299	246
Salvation Army Assist	2	2	1	5	0	0	3	3	2	2	0	4	2	2	0	4	16	13
Subpoena Service	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Truancy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warrant Service	36	31	32	99	18	27	41	86	22	34	20	76	31	17	14	62	323	331
<b>SPECIAL SERVICES</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>1/QTR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>2/QTR</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>3/QTR</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>4/QTR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Entry Team Activation	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	1
Meeting/Programs/Training	118	98	110	326	82	83	120	285	80	67	68	215	116	117	103	336	1,162	1068
Public Relations	84	53	52	189	52	113	109	274	86	74	56	216	68	62	49	179	858	846
Translation - CSO	25	39	28	92	39	19	14	72	14	27	26	67	18	21	20	59	290	275
Station Assignment	100	108	91	299	113	150	98	361	126	108	106	340	106	77	94	277	1,277	1009

# 2024 ARREST BREAKDOWN

## ADULT ARRESTS

2023

ADULT ARRESTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	1/QTR	APR	MAY	JUN	2/QTR	JUL	AUG	SEP	3/QTR	OCT	NOV	DEC	4/QTR	TOTAL	TOTAL
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Sexual Assault	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	23
Robbery	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	7	4
Assault	9	7	6	22	4	4	9	17	13	5	6	24	9	10	15	34	97	117
Burglary	0	3	2	5	1	3	2	6	2	1	0	3	2	1	5	8	22	13
Theft	3	15	5	23	5	6	4	15	3	9	4	16	5	8	4	17	71	81
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
Arson	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Forgery/Fraud/Embezzlement	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	7
Vandalism	1	3	0	4	3	0	2	5	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	3	14	14
Weapons	1	0	0	1	0	1	5	6	4	1	0	5	1	0	1	2	14	12
Drugs	4	12	8	24	7	5	20	32	10	10	8	28	18	13	16	47	131	134
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OWI	6	4	6	16	8	5	9	22	5	4	3	12	4	8	1	13	63	89
Liquor Laws	0	0	3	3	2	1	1	4	0	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	12	18
Public Intoxication	4	3	8	15	5	4	7	16	8	3	7	18	5	3	7	15	64	67
Warrants	16	16	12	44	10	9	14	33	13	9	6	28	14	11	11	36	141	146
Disorderly Conduct	1	1	4	6	1	3	2	6	5	3	5	13	6	1	2	9	34	39
Child Endangerment	2	1	2	5	1	6	4	11	3	3	0	6	3	1	1	5	27	13
False Imprisonment	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Municipal Infractions	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	7
All Other	9	43	17	69	24	26	19	69	38	34	25	97	22	17	21	60	295	341
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>1130</b>
<b>Traffic</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>1/QTR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>2/QTR</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>3/QTR</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>4/QTR</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Speeding	1	2	0	3	1	4	4	9	4	1	3	8	4	2	4	10	30	36
Other Traffic	46	92	53	191	41	43	49	133	69	50	40	159	38	44	65	147	630	695
Warnings	244	316	245	805	304	319	306	929	254	400	168	822	240	247	438	925	2,556	2959
<b>Total Adult Arrests</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>1861</b>

Adult Arrest  
Breakdown

# 2024 ARREST BREAKDOWN

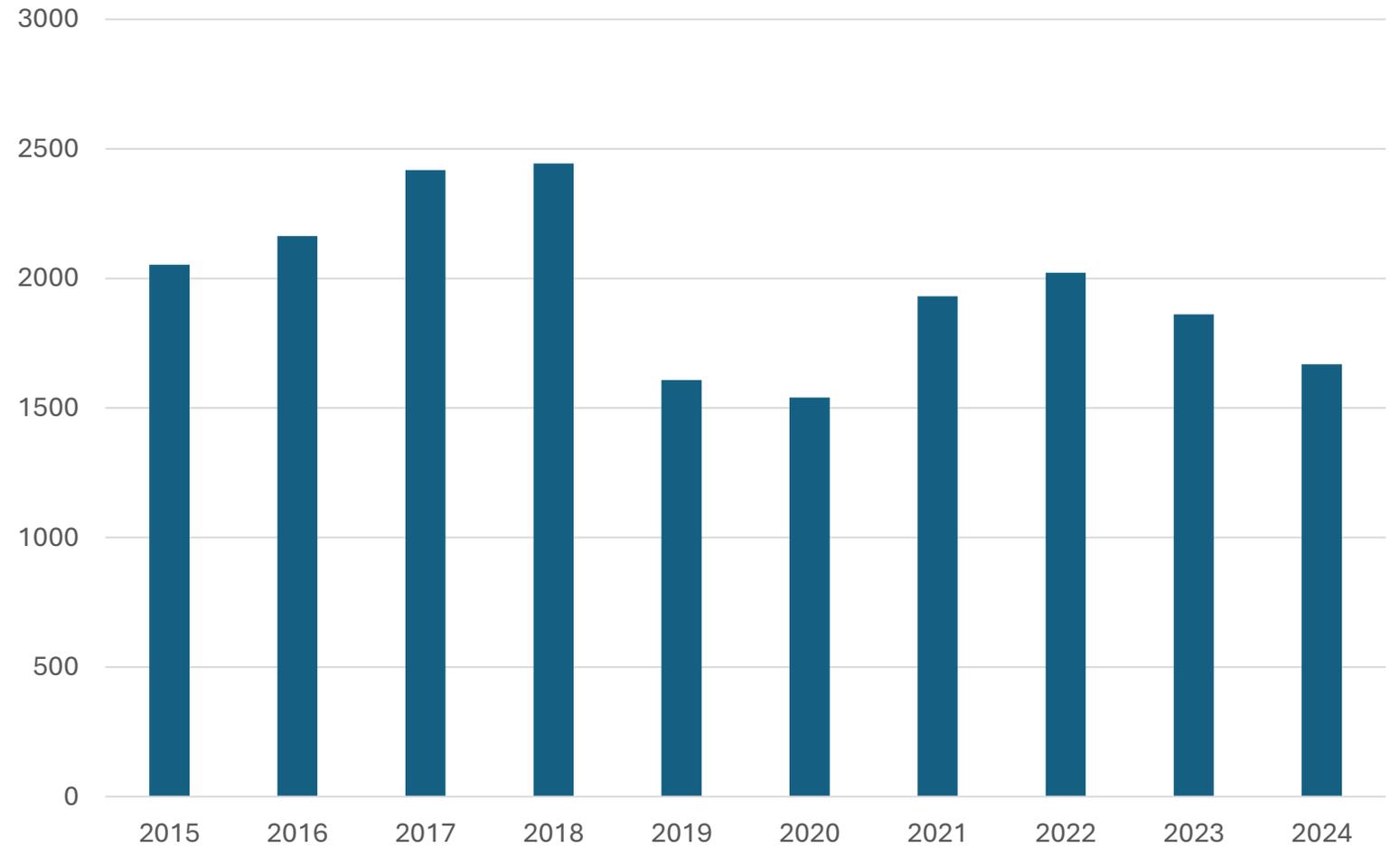
## JUVENILE ARRESTS

																		2023
JUVENILE ARRESTS	JAN	FEB	MAR	1/QTR	APR	MAY	JUN	2/QTR	JUL	AUG	SEP	3/QTR	OCT	NOV	DEC	4/QTR	TOTAL	TOTAL
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	3
Assault	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	11	23
Burglary	0	5	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	15
Theft	0	0	4	4	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	32
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery/Fraud/Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	3	3	6	12	20
Weapons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Drugs	1	5	1	7	1	1	2	4	0	0	3	3	7	0	3	10	24	28
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OWI	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2
Liquor Laws	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	4	9
Public Intoxication	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	5	3
Warrants	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	2
Disorderly Conduct	0	8	3	11	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	15	26
Child Endangerment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
False Imprisonment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Municipal Infractions	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
All Other	1	3	3	7	1	2	4	7	9	0	0	9	8	0	0	8	31	50
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>217</b>
Traffic	JAN	FEB	MAR	1/QTR	APR	MAY	JUN	2/QTR	JUL	AUG	SEP	3/QTR	OCT	NOV	DEC	4/QTR	TOTAL	TOTAL
Speeding	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	3
Other Traffic	3	5	0	8	7	5	3	15	0	2	12	14	9	3	3	15	52	64
Warnings	14	13	15	42	20	21	13	54	25	32	13	70	13	26	23	62	228	219
<b>Total Juvenile Arrests</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>284</b>

# Juvenile Arrest Breakdown

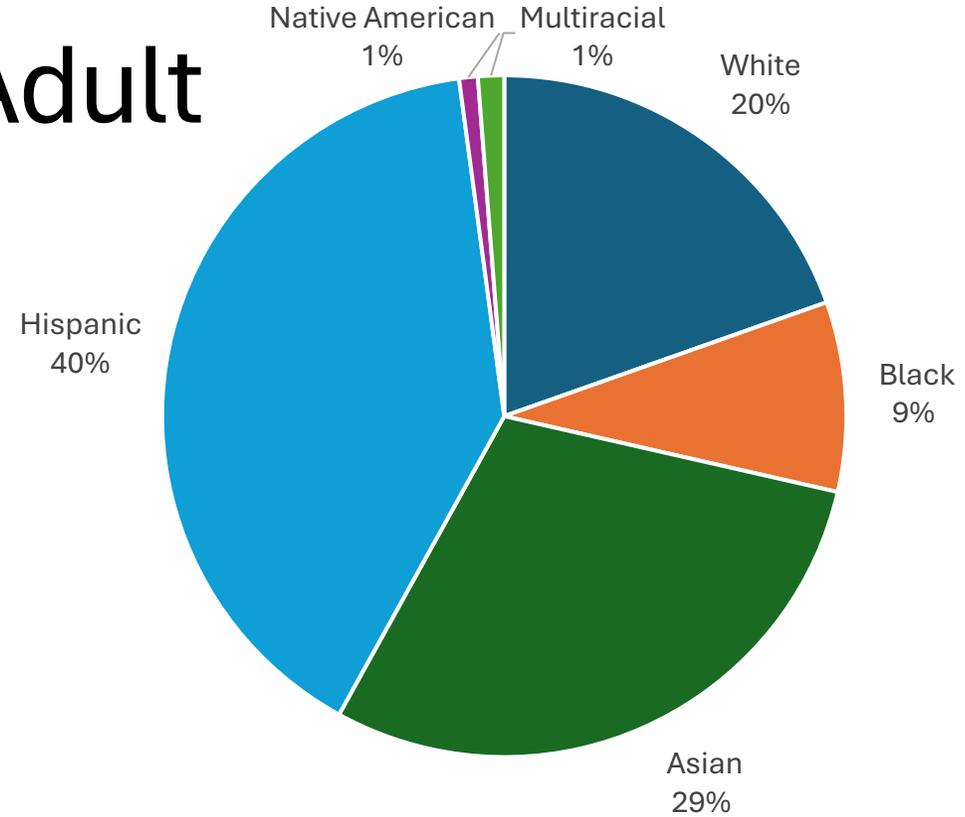
# Adult Arrest Data

Year	Non-Traffic
2015	2,053
2016	2,164
2017	2,418
2018	2,444
2019	2,608
2020	1,540
2021	1,931
2022	2,022
2023	1,861
2024	1,669



# Arrest Demographics - Adult

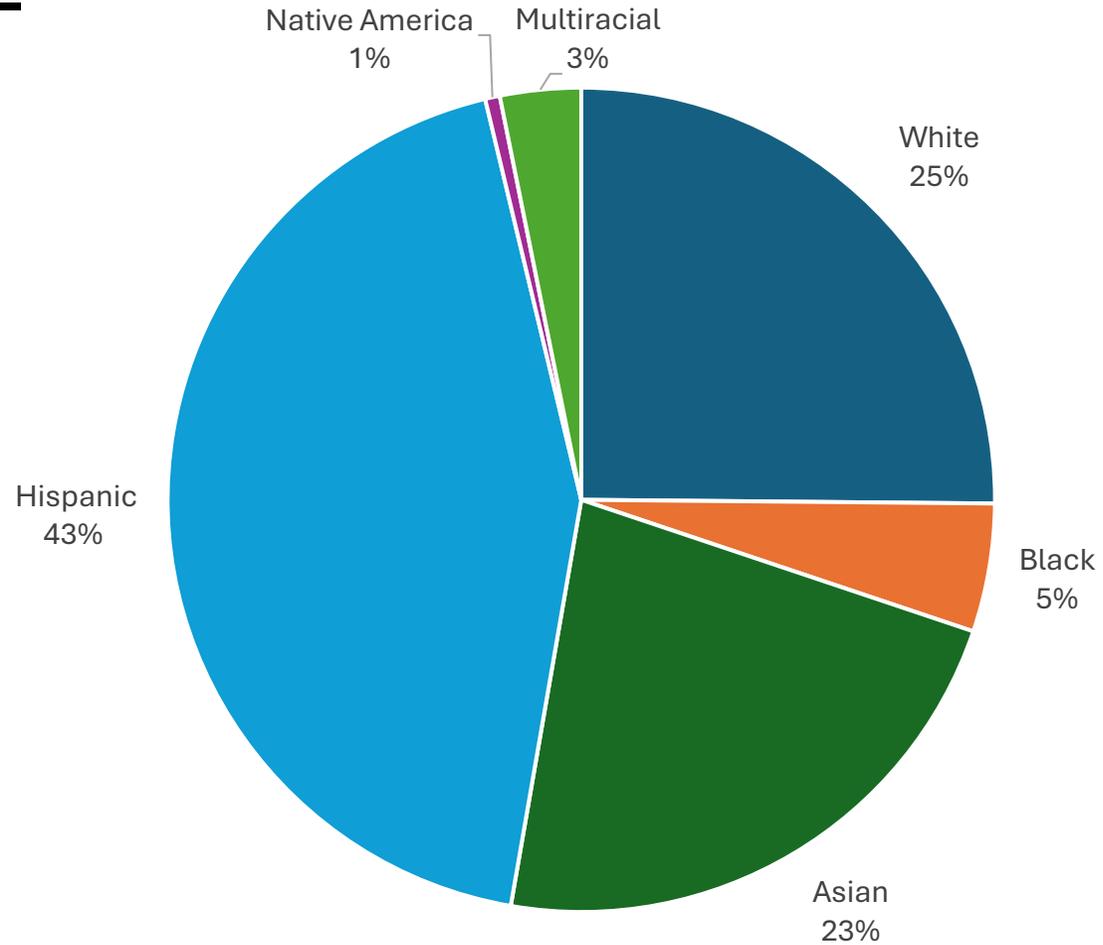
Male	Female
471	96



White		Black		Asian		Hispanic		Native American		Multiracial	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
79	32	41	10	155	12	189	37	1	4	6	1

# Traffic Demographics - Adult

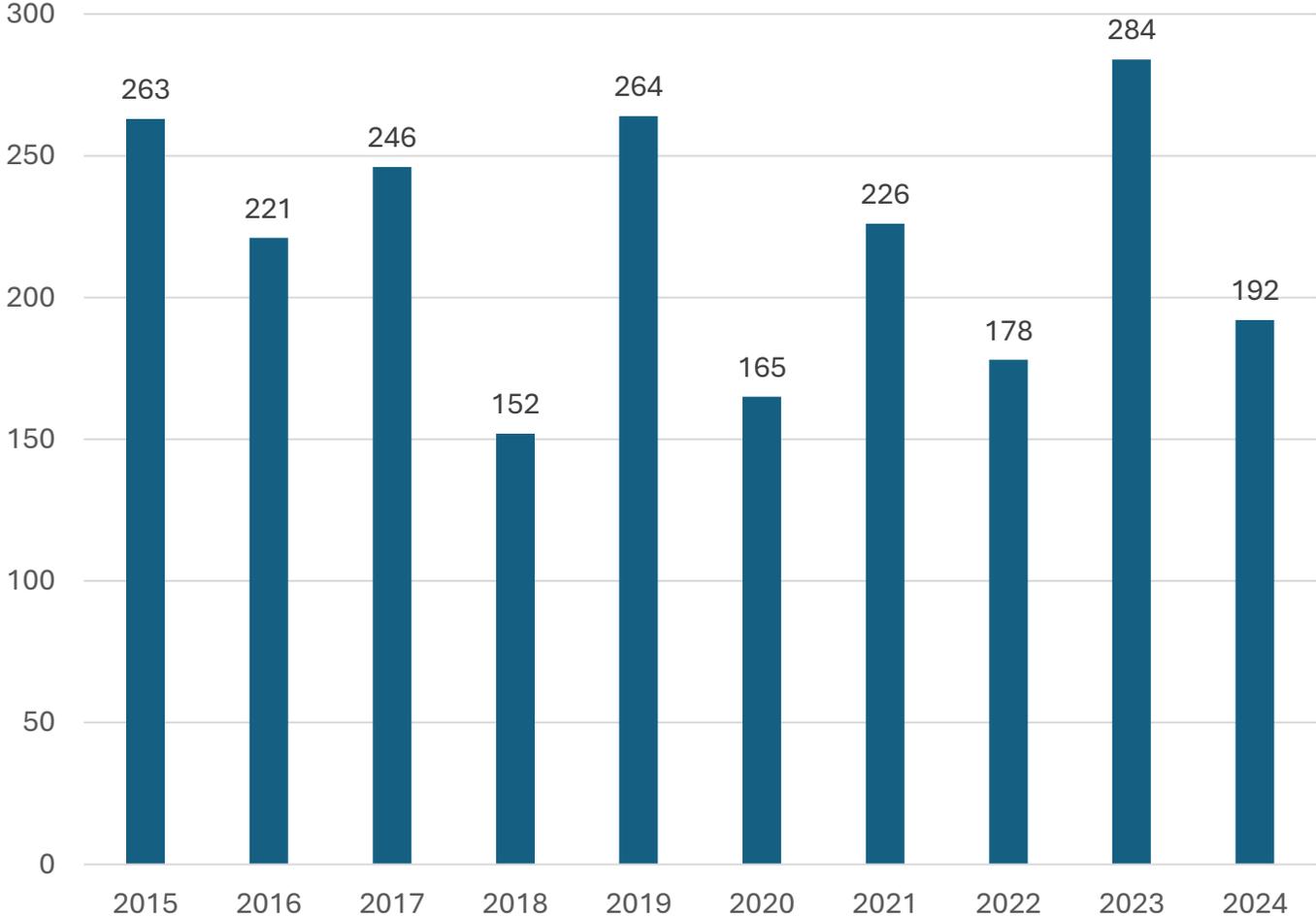
Male	Female
484	212



White		Black		Asian		Hispanic		Native American		Multiracial	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
107	68	28	7	114	43	224	79	1	3	10	12

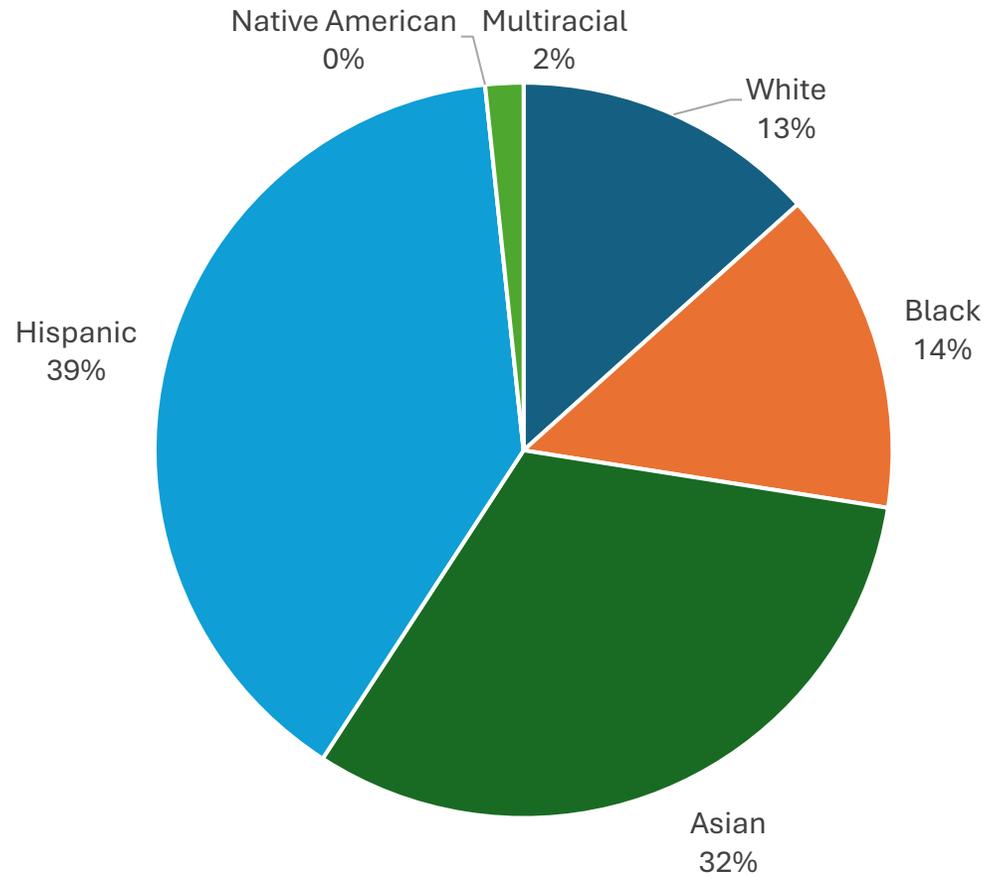
# Juvenile Arrest Data

Year	Total
2015	263
2016	221
2017	246
2018	152
2019	264
2020	165
2021	226
2022	178
2023	284
2024	192



# Arrest Demographics - Juvenile

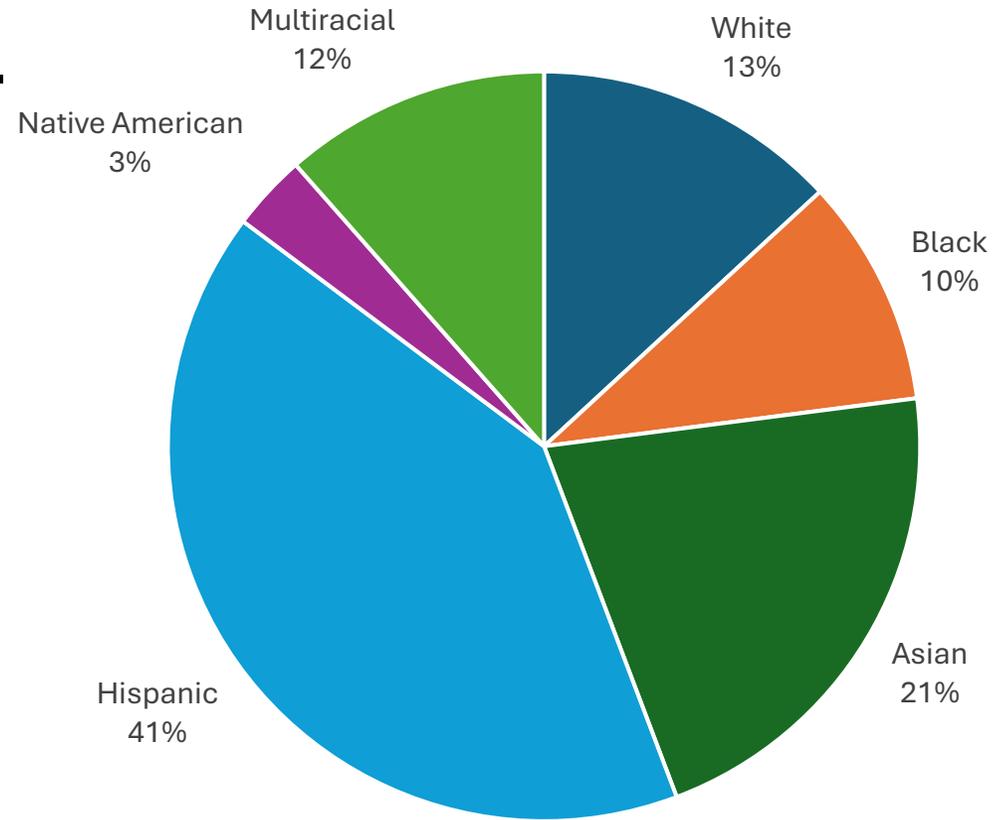
Male	Female
85	35



White		Black		Asian		Hispanic		Native American		Multiracial	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
5	11	11	6	27	11	40	7	0	0	2	0

# Traffic Demographics - Juvenile

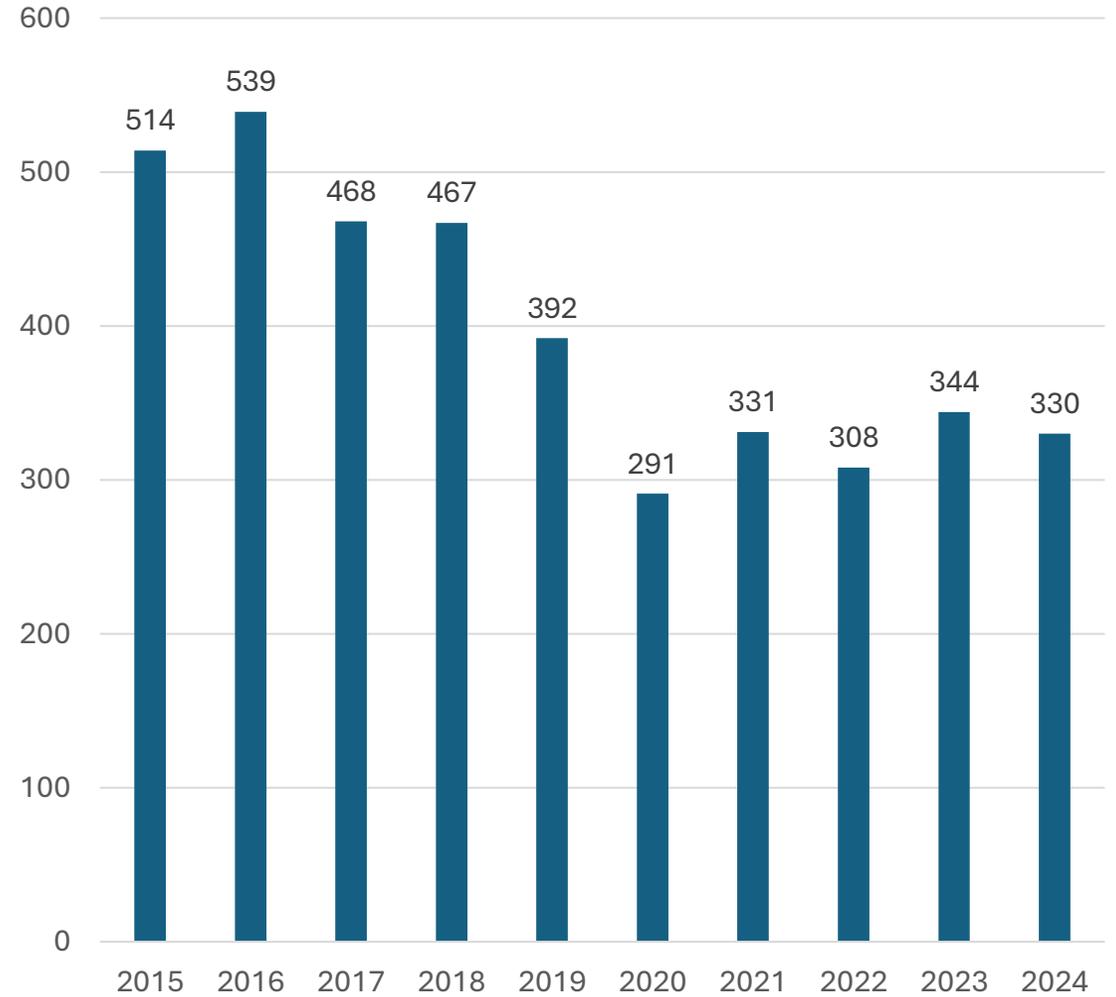
Male	Female
37	24



White		Black		Asian		Hispanic		Native American		Multiracial	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
6	2	1	5	9	4	17	8	0	2	4	3

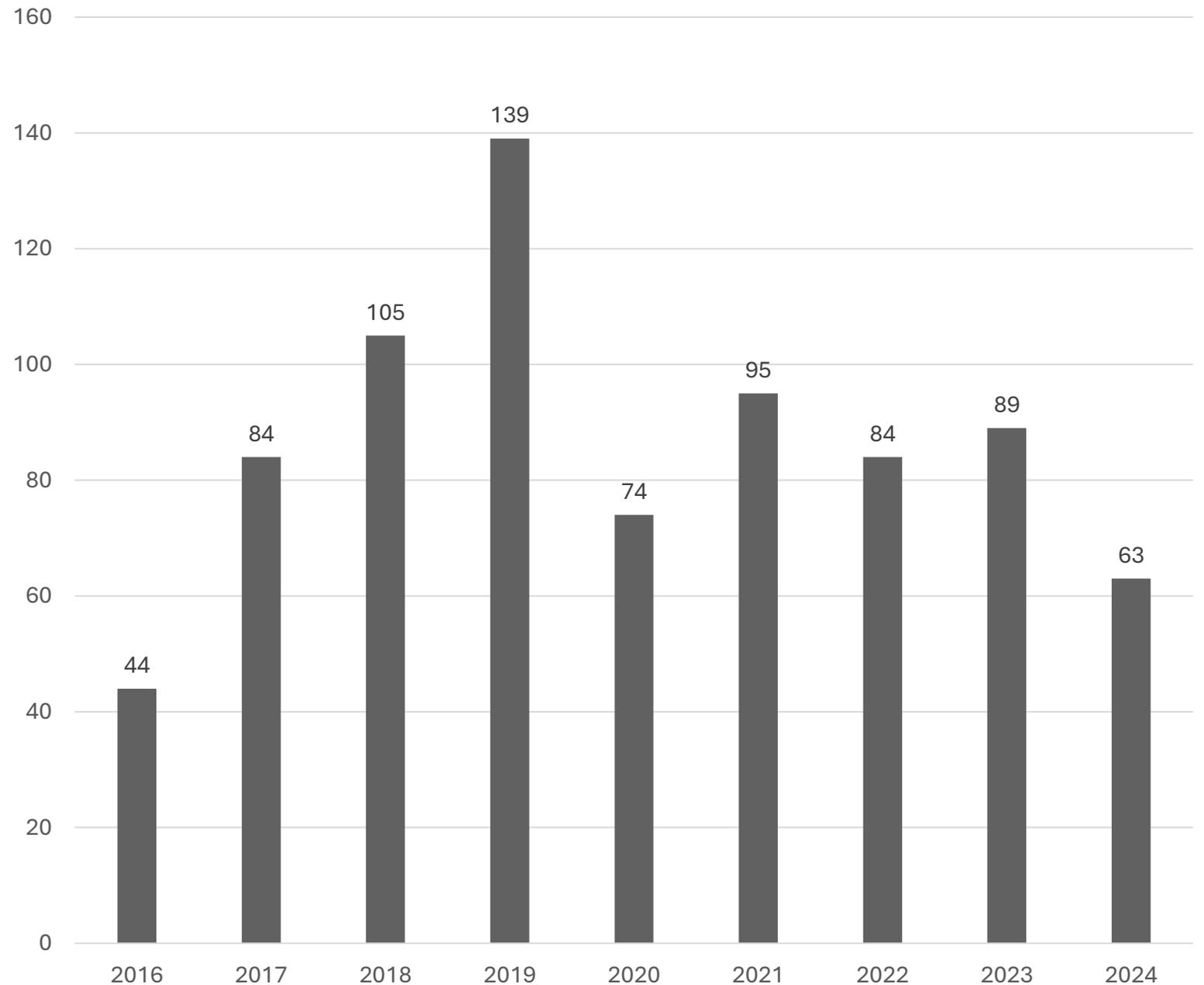
# 2024 Part I Uniform Crime Reporting Index Crimes

Year	Total Index Crime	Index Crime	Total
2015	514	Arson	3
2016	539	Homicide/Attempted	1
2017	468	Sexual Assault	16
2018	467	Robbery	2
2019	392	Assault (child abuse)	50
2020	291	Burglary	52
2021	331	Theft	200
2022	308	Motor Vehicle Theft	6
2023	344	Kidnapping	0
2024	330	Total:	330

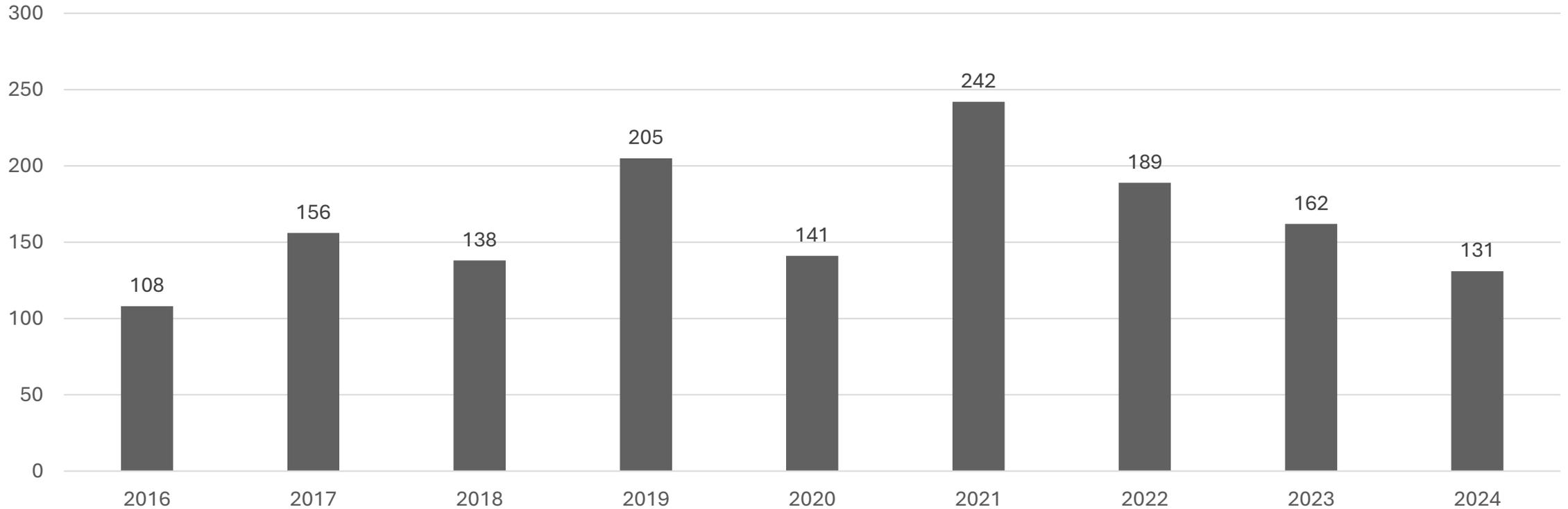


**2024 SHOWED A 4.07% DECREASE IN INDEX CRIMES**

# 2024 IMPAIRED DRIVING ARRESTS

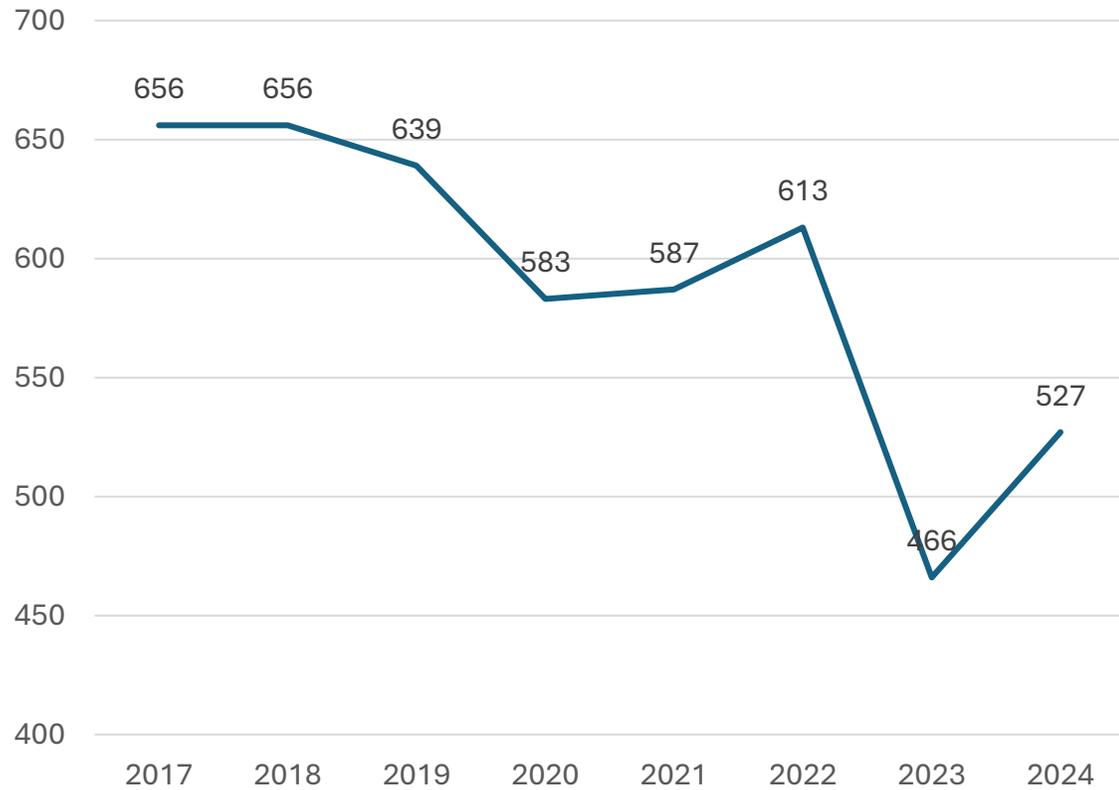


# 2024 DRUG ARREST

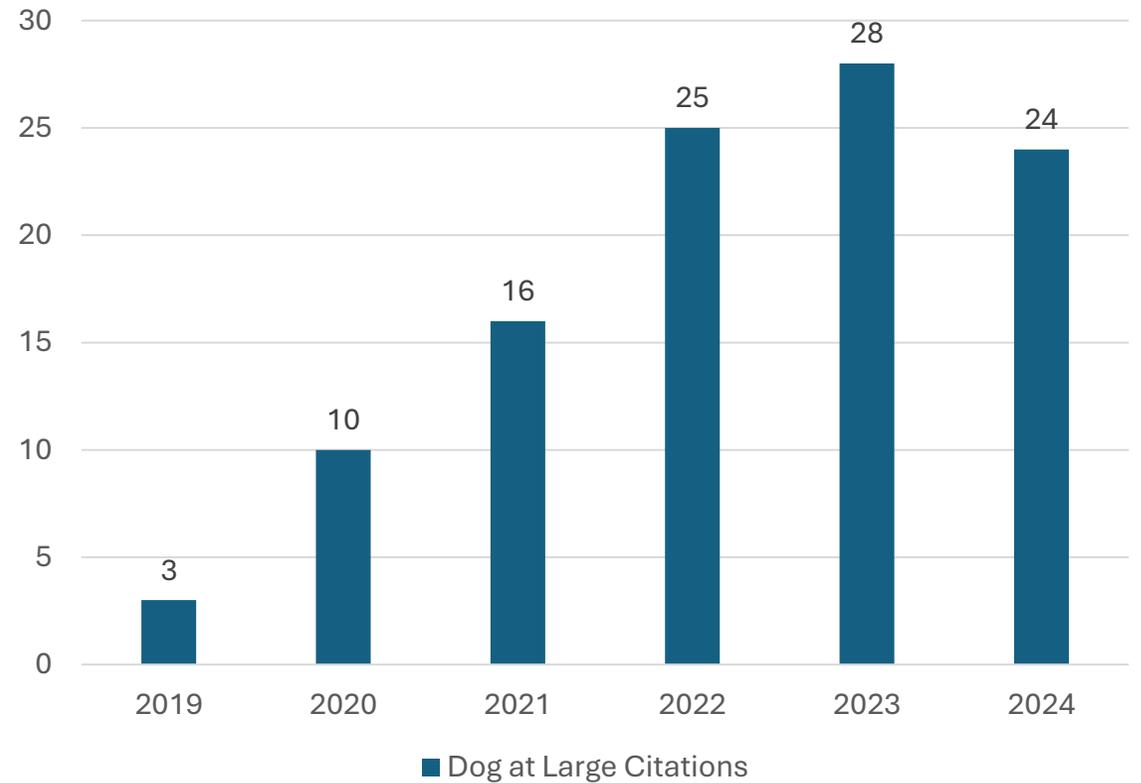


# ANIMAL CONTROL

## Animal Calls

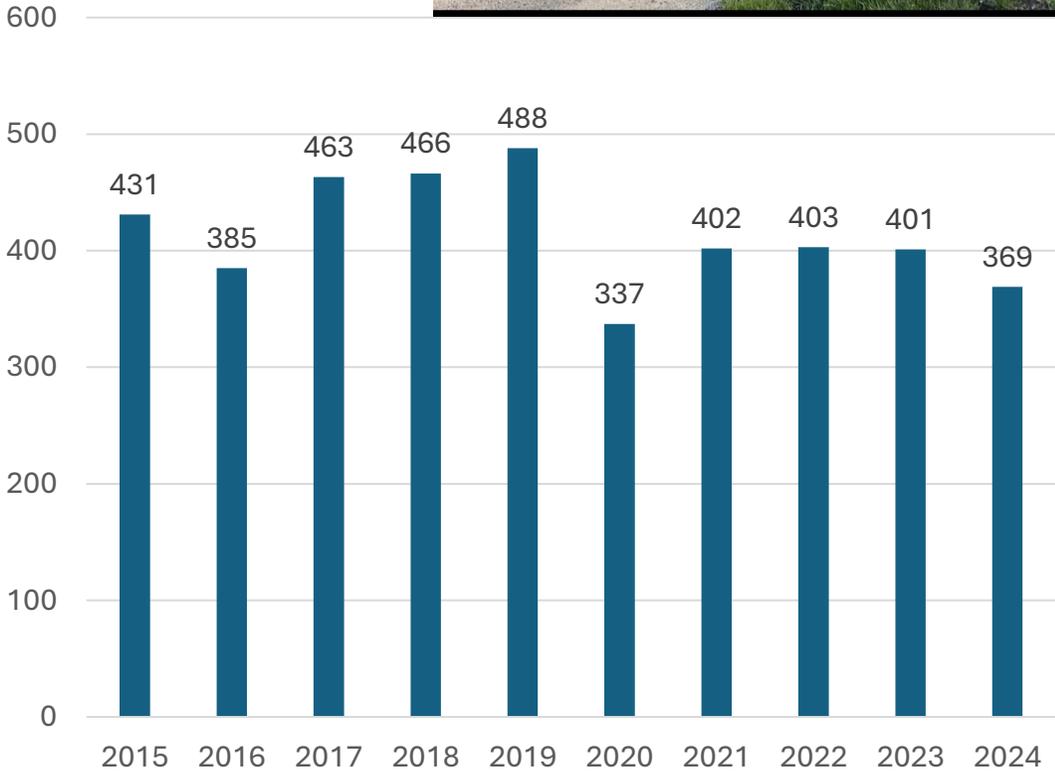


## Dog at Large Citations



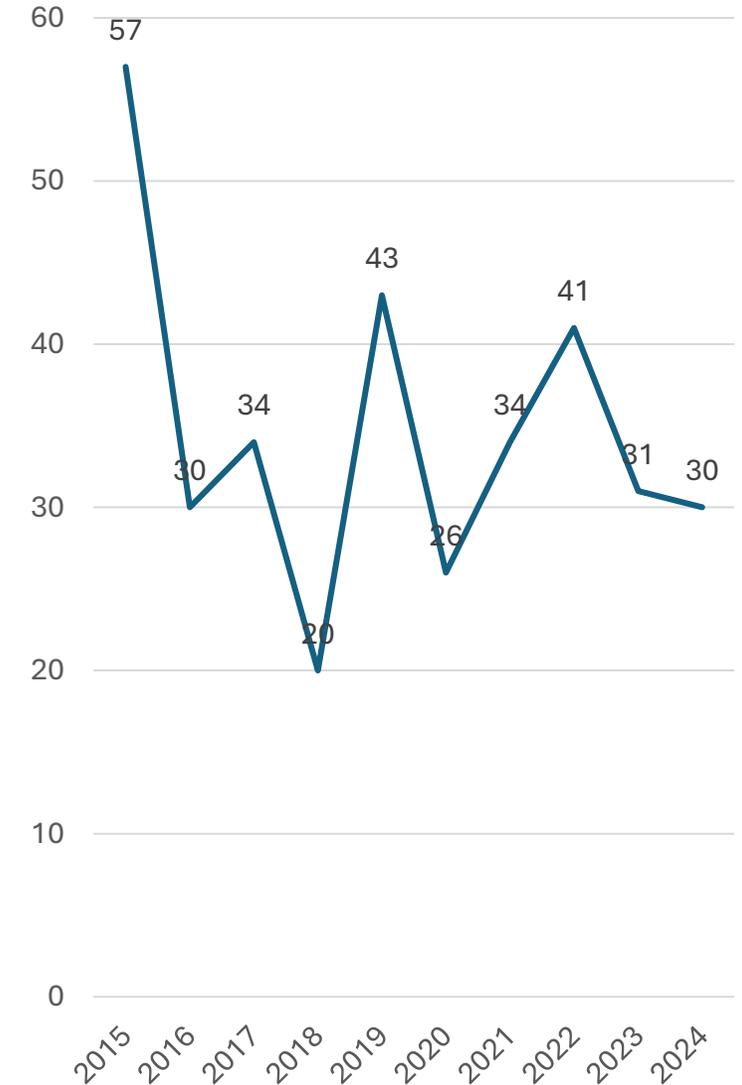
# Motor Vehicle Accidents

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	46	30	49	34	34	34	38	29	43	42
Feb	30	37	29	53	53	32	41	39	27	23
March	33	25	34	41	41	23	27	30	27	27
April	35	23	31	35	28	12	25	29	20	30
May	35	27	35	45	26	25	37	26	49	35
June	29	34	43	33	43	26	27	32	34	30
July	43	34	26	33	42	21	29	40	35	37
Aug	36	31	43	27	36	24	25	28	26	23
Sept	31	35	27	27	42	28	32	35	37	31
Oct	24	27	33	40	36	43	46	29	36	37
Nov	54	56	35	43	48	32	31	33	35	30
Dec	32	26	68	39	49	37	44	53	32	27
Total	431	385	463	466	488	337	402	403	401	369



# Personal Injury Accidents 2024

Month	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	7	3	4	3	1	3	0	2	0	0
Feb	0	1	2	0	7	2	3	5	3	4
March	4	1	4	5	1	0	2	2	2	2
April	9	1	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	2
May	3	3	2	0	6	3	4	3	5	2
June	8	2	5	2	5	3	2	5	2	0
July	6	3	2	1	5	0	2	2	6	5
Aug	8	3	3	2	0	3	2	3	3	2
Sept	3	1	2	1	5	4	6	3	4	3
Oct	1	1	3	2	4	3	4	2	2	2
Nov	7	9	5	3	2	3	3	5	1	4
Dec	1	2	1	0	3	2	5	8	2	3
Total	57	30	34	20	43	26	34	41	31	30



# K-9 Ozzy & Handler Officer Mitch Fritz

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of K-9 Ozzy in 2024.

After battling medical complications caused by cancerous tumors, Ozzy was humanely euthanized. Despite every effort, veterinarians determined this was the most compassionate course of action.

K-9 Ozzy joined the Storm Lake Police Department in March 2019. His dedicated service and significant contributions to both the department and our community will always be remembered.

In 2024, the department held K-9 fundraisers and successfully raised the funds needed to acquire a new Belgian Malinois K-9, who is currently in training. Once fully trained, the new K-9 will be assigned to Officer Fritz.





K-9 Ozzy

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# Deployment Summary

Mitchell Fritz and K9 Ozzy, Storm Lake Police Department  
Using all 32 Records from October 1, 2023 to August 2, 2024

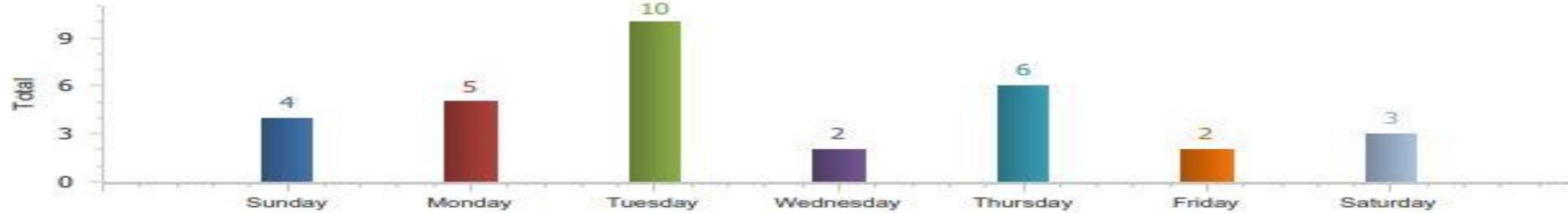
## Overview

**Total Deployments: 32**  
**Total Arrests: 22**

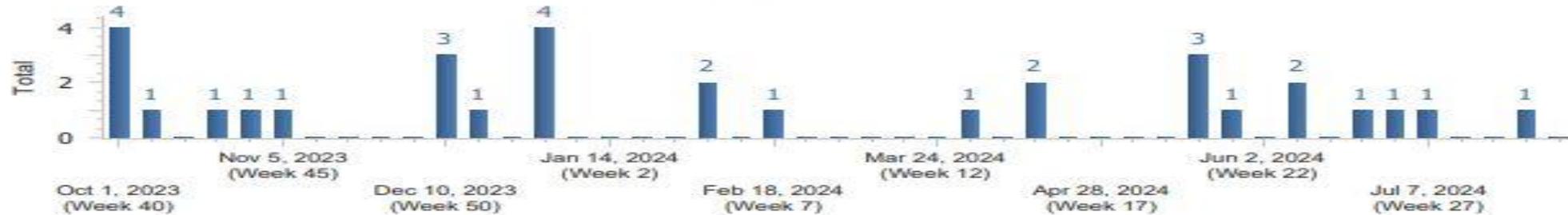
**Detection Deployments: 29**  
**Arrests With Bites: 0**

**Patrol Deployments: 3**

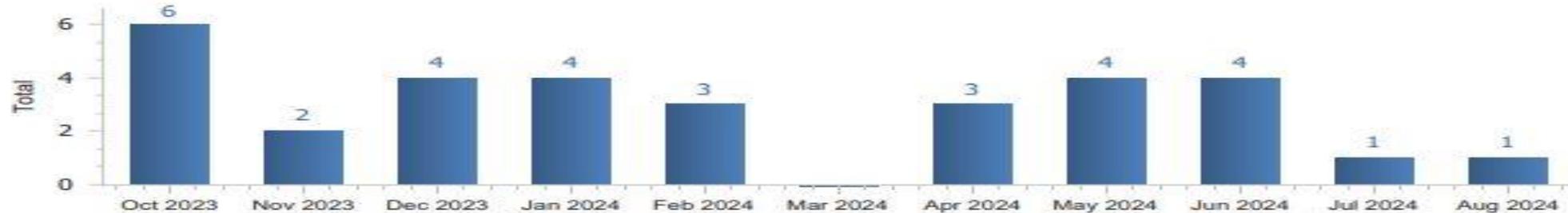
### Deployments By Day Of Week



### Deployments By Week



### Deployments By Month



## Drug Paraphernalia Indications

Paraphernalia: 2 seizure incidents (100%); 3 items

### Packaging Around Drug Paraphernalia

None: 1 (50%)      Glass: 1 (50%)

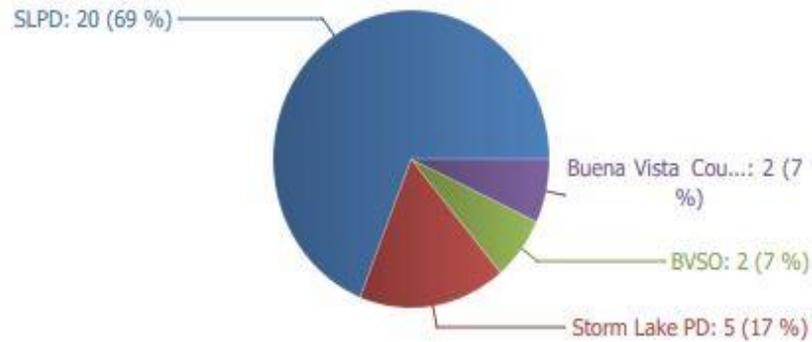
## Drug Indications

Marijuana: 8 seizure incidents (67%); 29.574 millileters and 92.7 grams  
 Methamphetamine: 4 seizure incidents (33%); 42.5 grams

### Packaging Around Drugs

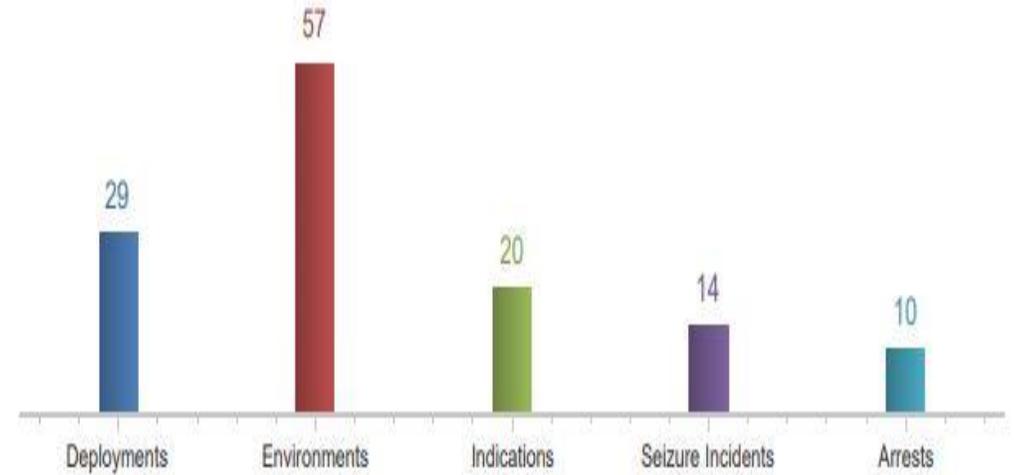
Plastic: 8 (66%)      None: 1 (8%)      Glass: 1 (8%)      Paper: 1 (8%)  
 Needles: 1 (8%)

## Top 25 Requesting Agencies

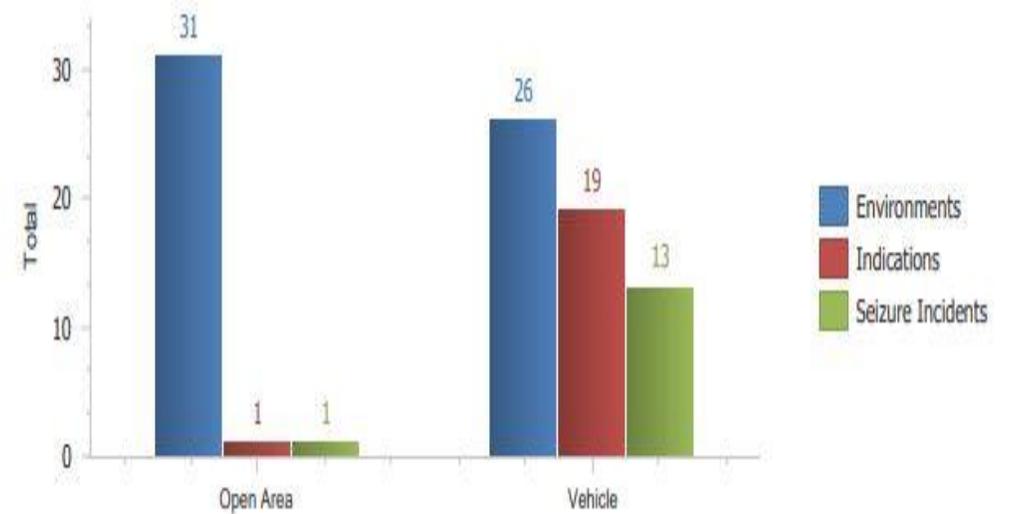


SLPD: 20 (69 %)  
 Storm Lake PD: 5 (17 %)  
 BVS0: 2 (7 %)  
 Buena Vista Cou...: 2 (7 %)

## Detection Statistics



## Detection Environments





# Criminal Investigations Division



# Investigations Division



Detective Breanna Nieland  
13 Years



Detective Randy Weflen  
14 Years

# Criminal Investigations Overview

The Storm Lake Police Criminal Investigation Division (CID) provides the highest quality criminal investigations by conducting timely and thorough criminal investigations using advanced investigative techniques and forensic equipment. Motivated only by a search for the truth.

Detectives Weflen and Nieland will search out and collect all available evidence surrounding each case to exonerate the innocent and substantiate the culpability of the guilty. As professional fact finders, these two detectives will conduct systematic and methodical investigations to determine what findings the evidence supports and will not form conclusions in advance. They recognize their responsibilities to the community they serve and are committed to investigating all criminal allegations in an ethical and impartial manner with sensitivity toward the needs of victims and witnesses.

The detectives are steadfast in their resolve and will mobilize all available resources to accomplish their mission, despite any obstacles, discouragement, or danger. The Storm Lake Police Departments investigators are dedicated to providing superior investigative services to the citizens of Storm Lake and to preserve the quality of life that our citizens and visitors enjoy.

# Criminal Investigations Functions

The Criminal Investigation Division, commonly known as CID, provides professional investigative services to the Citizens of Storm Lake. The investigators are responsible for investigating all serious crimes, less serious crimes as assigned or needed and to conduct sensitive or special interest investigations as directed by the Chief or Assistant Chief.

Detectives primarily investigate felony-level crimes and provide criminal investigative support to the Patrol Division. CID works closely with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to counter and investigate serious crimes.

CID conducts a broad spectrum of criminal investigations to include death investigations, serious assaults including sexual assault, robbery, burglary, fraud, computer crimes and drug enforcement.

Specific functions include:

- \* Investigate serious crime - and less serious crimes upon request or as needed
- \* Perform drug suppression operations
- \* Collect, analyze and disseminate criminal intelligence
- \* Liaison with other local, state and Federal investigative agencies/units
- \* Liaison with County Attorney, Attorney General, and the United States Attorney's Offices
- \* Conduct pre-employment background investigations
- \* Conduct missing persons investigations
- \* Conduct internal affairs investigations
- \* Collect and examine evidence at crime scenes
- \* Maintain custody of physical and drug evidence
- \* Provide protective services
- \* Conduct sensitive or special interest investigations as directed by the Chief of Police.

# Criminal Investigation Highlights

- **January 2024** – Police received a report of fraudulent activity occurring on an account of a Storm Lake business resulting in several thousand dollars of loss occurring in multiple jurisdictions. Police began an investigation and allege that a male subject used credit card numbers belonging to a Storm Lake business without authorization to obtain approximately several thousands of dollars of fuel in the Storm Lake area. The male subject was ultimately charged with felony theft.
- **February 2024** – Police were called to a Storm Lake neighborhood for multiple reports of burglaries and vandalism to vehicles, garages and homes in the area. Police launched an investigation and ultimately charged six subjects with Felony Burglary and various related crimes.
- **February 2024** – Police were called to a Storm Lake residence for a trespass and subsequently took a male subject into custody. Police allege that as the subject was being transported by an officer for a pre-incarceration screening, the subject broke free of custody and fled on foot. Police allege the male suspect then stole a vehicle from a residence in Storm Lake and fled to a neighboring jurisdiction where the vehicle ran out of gas. Police and local authorities located the suspect in the neighboring jurisdiction where he was taken into custody for felony theft and escape from custody among other charges.
- **February 2024** – Police were called to a motor vehicle accident on an arterial heavily traveled roadway in Storm Lake.
- After investigation police allege a driver veered off the roadway, struck a fire hydrant and five parked vehicles at a local car dealership, causing an estimated \$200,000 in damage. One injury was reported, and the driver of the vehicle was cited by police.
- **March 2024** – Police were called to a belated robbery involving a reported firearm which occurred outside of a local apartment building. Police conducted an investigation which culminated in a search warrant for the suspects residence executed by the Storm Lake Police Department Tactical Entry Team. Police took the male suspect into custody and located a bb pistol during a search. The male suspect was charged with Felony 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Robbery.
- **March 2024** – Police were called to a reported fire inside at a local laundromat. Police arrived on scene and found a trash can had been intentionally set on fire inside the business and then extinguished by patrons before it spread. Following a review of video surveillance police charged a male suspect with Felony Arson 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.
- **March 2024** – Police were notified of an ongoing scheme involving reports by citizens of cellular phones traded into a local business that were misappropriated by the employee. Following an investigation, police allege a female employee at the business was misappropriating cell phones traded in by customers and selling them for personal gain. The adult female was charged by police with Felony Theft.

# Highlights Continued

- **March 2024** – Police were called to a fight in progress occurring in the middle of a Storm Lake roadway. Police responded and shortly after apprehended the suspects. Following an investigation aided by video surveillance police allege a dispute led to two men approaching and entering a victim’s vehicle, striking the victim in the face and pulling the victim from the vehicle continuing the assault. Both suspects were charged with Felony Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.
- **April 2024** – Police arrested a male subject after a monthslong investigation into a vehicle burglary in which the suspect stole tools valued at over \$10,000 and attempted to sell them using online platforms. The male suspect was charged with Felony Theft 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.
- **April 2024** – Police were called to a Storm Lake residence for a male subject trespassing on the property. Police subsequently took the subject into custody and found that they had entered into three different properties, taking items from some of the homes. The male subject was charged with several counts of trespassing, theft, and Felony Burglary.
- **May 2024** – Police were called to a burglary/domestic disturbance at a Storm Lake residence where the victim alleged a male suspect forcefully entered their home and threatened to kill the victim. Police were further advised of previous incidents where the same male suspect threw a knife at the victim’s head and on another occasion sprayed the victim in the face with bleach. Police located the male suspect who was charged with several Domestic Assault and Felony Burglary charges.
- **May 2024** – Police received a report of a belated sexual abuse of a minor at a residence in Storm Lake. Police subsequently launched a joint investigation with partnering agencies which resulted in charging a male with Felony sexual abuse of a child among other charges.
- **May 2024** – Police were called to a local hospital for a subject presenting with a stab wound to the upper body. An investigation was launched in which police learned the wounded subject was involved in a domestic disturbance at a Storm Lake residence where children were present. Following an investigation, police charged a male and female with Domestic Assault and Child Endangerment related charges.

# Highlights Continued

- **May 2024** – Police were called to a belated burglary at a local school where entry was forced and gained through a window during overnight hours. Police subsequently launched an investigation and ultimately charged a juvenile male with Felony Burglary and criminal mischief.
- **June 2024** – Police were called to a local residence for a report by a caller on 911 alleging a shooting and armed barricaded individual. Police initiated a response, evacuated the area and worked with partnering agencies along with the Storm Lake Police Department Tactical Entry Team to secure the residence. Following subsequent investigation, police determined the incident to be a hoax with no public safety risk, and the investigation is ongoing.
- **June 2024**- Police were alerted to an allegation of a minor being provided with marijuana by an adult subject who then consumed the marijuana with them. Following an investigation involving multiple agencies, police charged an adult male with Felony Drug Distribution to a Minor and child endangerment.
- **June 2024** – Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a minor violation. During the stop police K9 was deployed and indicated to narcotics. During a subsequent search police located narcotics in the vehicle, and upon attempting to take the male subject into custody he fled on foot. Police pursued the subject on foot and ultimately located them, taking them into custody and finding additional narcotics and a large quantity of methamphetamine alleged for sale. The subject was charged with multiple felony level drug violations. A search warrant was subsequently conducted at the male suspect's home which yielded several firearms. The male subject was further charged with Felony possession of firearms by a prohibited person.
- **June 2024** – Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a minor violation. During the stop an officer detected an odor of narcotics and subsequently searched the vehicle. During the search officers allege they located marijuana intended for sale as well as ecstasy pills. The driver was charged with multiple felony level drug violations.

# Highlights Continued

- **June 2024** – Police were called to a Storm Lake residence for a male subject who was causing a disturbance and was asked to leave. Police were informed that the male subject returned to the residence and forcefully entered, assaulting occupants within. Police took the male suspect into custody on scene where they were charged with Felony Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.
- **June 2024** – Police were notified of a report of several vehicles being intentionally vandalized at a Storm Lake business causing several thousand dollars in damage. Police subsequently launched an investigation and charged a male juvenile with Felony Criminal Mischief.
- **July 2024** – Police were called to large fight in the street in a residential neighborhood involving approximately twenty subjects, some reported to be armed with handguns. Police arrived and found multiple victims with serious injuries. Police subsequently searched the area for the suspects and narrowed their focus to a residence which they allege the suspects fled to.
- A hours long standoff ensued, in which the police department was assisted by partnering agencies and the Storm Lake Police Department Tactical Entry Team. Eventually the suspects exited the residence and surrendered. A subsequent search of the suspect's residence yielded firearms including a stolen handgun. After an extended investigation, police charged ten suspects in connection with the investigation with Felony Rioting, Robbery, Assault and Weapons charges among others.
- **July 2024** – Police were called to a local restaurant for a threat made by a customer. On arrival police were advised that a customer had threatened to shoot staff at the restaurant following a disagreement over an order. Police charged the suspect with felony threats of terrorism.
- **August 2024** – Police were called to a local hospital for a victim who presented with serious injuries to their upper body. Police launched an investigation and allege that the victim was assaulted by a male subject who struck the victim in the upper body with a machete, causing serious injuries. The suspect was later located by police and charged with Felony Willful Injury among other assault charges.

# Highlights Continued

- **September 2024** – Police were called to a Storm Lake residence for a report of a domestic disturbance involving a firearm. Police responded and secured a perimeter, and after a brief standoff the suspect exited the residence and was taken into custody. Police allege an adult female forcefully entered another’s residence, engaged in an argument and armed themselves with a handgun. Police eventually charged the female with Felony Burglary in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree among other charges.
- **September 2024** – Police were called to a Storm Lake residence for a report of a victim who was assaulted. On arrival police spoke with a victim who reported a male suspect pointed a handgun at them and then struck them in the head with the frame of the handgun. Police located the suspect and charged them with Assault while displaying a weapon.
- **September 2024** – Police culminated a several months long investigation into complaints regarding non-conforming hemp products being sold at vape and hemp establishments in Storm Lake. Police conducted search warrants at two separate vape establishments and seized hundreds of illegal hemp products from each establishment. As a result of the investigation two adult males were charged with misdemeanor Hemp violations.
- **October 2024** – Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a minor violation. During the stop, a K9 was deployed which indicated narcotics in the vehicle. Police allege that during the investigation related to the stop an adult female knowingly provided narcotics to a minor passenger in the vehicle. The adult female was charged with Felony Distributing controlled substances to a minor, Felony Child Endangerment among other charges.
- **October 2024** – Police attempted to stop a driver in a vehicle known to have an active warrant and no valid driver’s license. The driver subsequently failed to stop and fled, leading to a several block pursuit of the vehicle until the pursuit was abandoned as it entered residential neighborhoods. Police allege the driver lost control, veered off the roadway and struck a utility pole disabling the vehicle. Police allege the driver then fled on foot from the area. The driver was eventually located and charged with Felony Eluding among several other traffic violations.
- **October 2024** – Police received a report of theft of hundreds of thousands of dollars of jewelry and cash reported missing from a home. A subsequent investigation involving multiple partnering agencies resulted in several search warrants and charges being filed against an adult female for Felony Theft in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Ongoing Criminal Conduct.

# Highlights Continued

- **November 2024** – Police were called to a Storm Lake motel for a report of an assault. On arrival police were advised by a victim that an adult female engaged in an argument with another and then struck the victim through a window of a vehicle. Police were advised the female suspect fled in a vehicle in a reckless manner but was then shortly after located by police. The adult female was charged with Felony Burglary, Child Endangerment, and Violating a No Contact Order among other charges.

- **December 2024** – Police were called to a Storm Lake residence for a report of an assault in progress. On arrival police were advised that the male suspect had fled on foot. Police and local partnering agencies located the male subject on foot in the area. Following investigation police allege the male suspect struck the victim in the head and followed the victim after they fled in a vehicle, again encountering the victim and forcefully entering the vehicle and assaulting the victim. The male suspect was charged with Felony Burglary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Assault.

- **December 2024** – Police culminated an investigation spanning three months involving coordinated burglaries to vehicles, garages and homes in Storm Lake where tools, electronics, and other items were taken. Police conducted four search warrants and seized numerous suspected stolen items in connection with the investigation. As a result, two men were charged with multiple Felony charges of Burglary and Ongoing Criminal Conduct.

- **December 2024** – Police received a report of a belated assault occurring outside of a local nightclub. Police were advised by a victim that after leaving a nightclub they were followed by three men who assaulted them as they attempted to leave in a vehicle. The three men were eventually located and all three were charged with Felony Rioting.



# Special Services

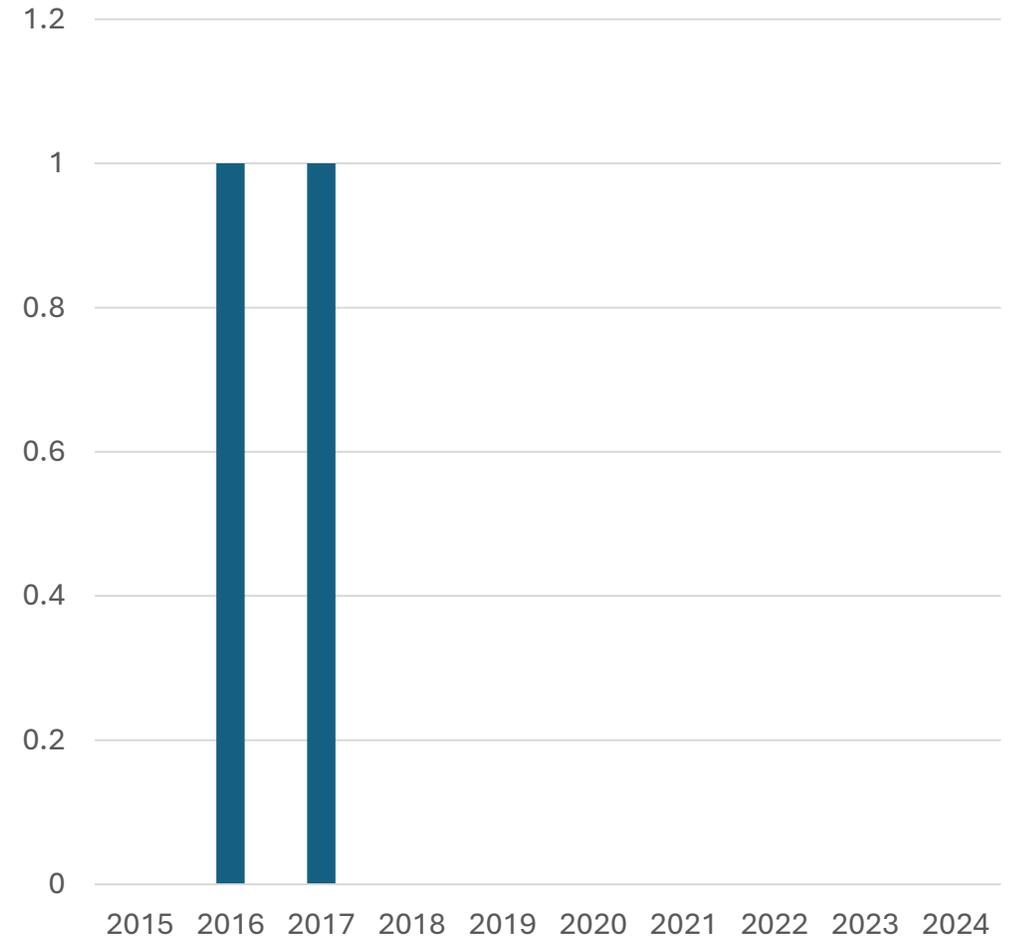


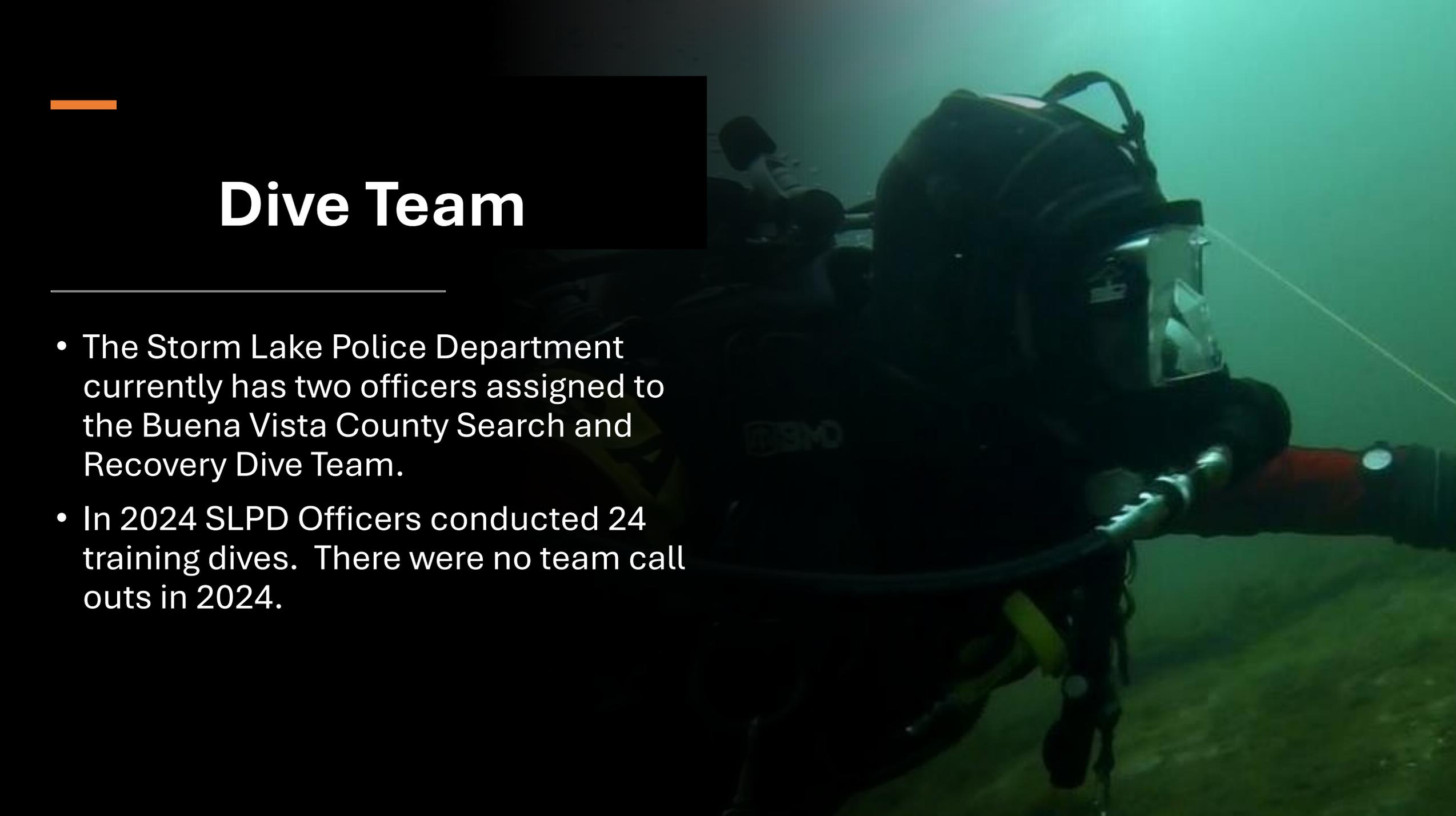
# Storm Lake Police Clandestine Lab Team

- The mission of the Storm Lake Department of Public Safety Clandestine Lab Team is to identify, process for evidence, and eradicate all actual and suspected illegal clandestine labs within the jurisdiction of the Storm Lake Police Department, or when called upon to provide assistance to another jurisdiction.
- The primary goal in every response made by the Clandestine Lab Team is to ensure the safety of responding personnel, the public, and the environment. This goal requires the utmost level of professionalism, attention to detail, and thoroughness. The dedication and discipline inherent in these qualities is found in every member of the Clandestine Lab Team.

# 2024 Lab Team Activations

- The Clandestine Lab Team was formed with the assistance of a federal grant in 2003 and consists of 2 team members including Police Lt. Jeff Lundberg and Firefighter Josh Fevold. Both team members are certified clandestine lab responders. Members of the Lab Team take on these additional responsibilities along with their regular duty assignments, within their respective departments such as patrol, investigations, traffic enforcement, code enforcement, and fighting fires.
- Each certified member must undergo specialized lab training that includes a 40-hour Basic Lab certification course, advanced investigative and evidence sampling classes, advanced tactical entry and weapons training, a medical exam, and ongoing training classes. Each team member is certified as a hazardous material technicians and Firefighter Fevold is certified to the operations level.
- The Clandestine Lab team utilizes many unique pieces of equipment to accomplish their mission including air monitoring devices, chemical resistant suits, gloves and boots, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), digital video devices, current computer technology, as well as a 1994 GMC pickup truck acquired from the Storm Lake Fire Department after it was retired in 2013.



An underwater photograph showing a diver in the foreground wearing a black BSCD diving mask and a red and black regulator. The diver is holding a yellow and black buoy. In the background, other divers are visible in a dimly lit, greenish underwater environment.

# Dive Team

- The Storm Lake Police Department currently has two officers assigned to the Buena Vista County Search and Recovery Dive Team.
- In 2024 SLPD Officers conducted 24 training dives. There were no team call outs in 2024.

# SLPD Drone Program

The SLPD Drone program was formed in 2018 following a series of search/rescue incidents which identified a need for the technology. In 2018 the SLPD purchased and deployed a DJI Phantom 3 drone in conjunction with the launch of the drone program. In 2019, an additional drone, a DJI Mavic Dual equipped with FLIR thermal imaging was purchased and deployed with the program, allowing pilots to conduct night operations.

The SLPD Drone program consists of two certified pilots, Officer Alyssa Solem and Assistant Chief Patrick Diekman, who also serves as the program coordinator. Both pilots are licensed and certified remote pilots of small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Pilots are required to pass an aeronautical knowledge test through the FAA, demonstrating knowledge of safe operations of drones through FAA regulations.

Pilots are required to complete monthly training for preparedness for a variety of scenarios such as:

- Search and Rescue Operations
- Crime Scene Documentation
- Disaster Scenes
- HazMat
- Other Incidents as needed
- Fatality or serious injury accident Investigations
- Damage Assessment
- Tactical Operations
- Event Security



# 2024 Storm Lake PD Drone Deployments

The SLPD Drone Program was deployed on three occasions in 2024:

- 02-8-24 Search and Rescue
- 10-8-24 Search and Rescue
- 11-6-24 City Department Assist



# SLPD Community Service Officer



Diane Yang  
2 Years of Service

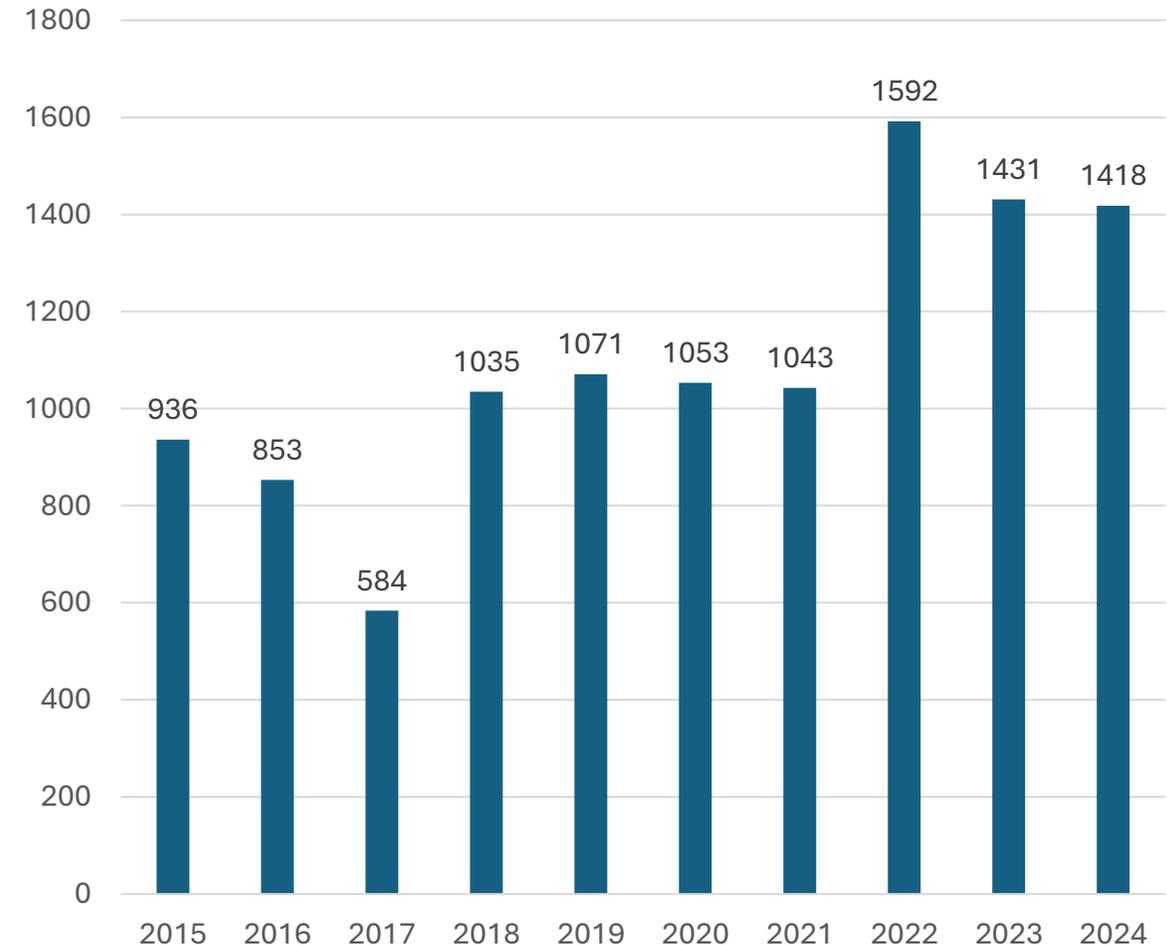
The Storm Lake Police Department currently has one non-sworn Community Service Officer (CSO).

The Community Service Officer is Bilingual, often assisting Police Officers in interpretation, translation, and community outreach and engagement events.

She is also responsible for city code enforcement and assist officers with parking enforcement, traffic control, vacation house watch and funeral escorts.

# Operation Clean Sweep

- Operation Clean Sweep was designed to utilize the community service officer with the police department to seek out property owners and renters, and educate them to the city's laws on trash, public nuisances, and safety issues. Operation Clean Sweep was designed to be educationally based and speak face-to-face with individuals whose property had violations of city ordinances.
- Operation Clean Sweep is an ongoing program. The program will continue to elevate the quality of life in Storm Lake.
- During 2024, CSO's contacted **1,418** individuals who had public nuisances on their property. Of the **1,418** people contacted, **1,414** voluntarily cleaned the nuisance. During the 2024 year, **4** people were cited for failing to clean up their property after being shown what the nuisance was.

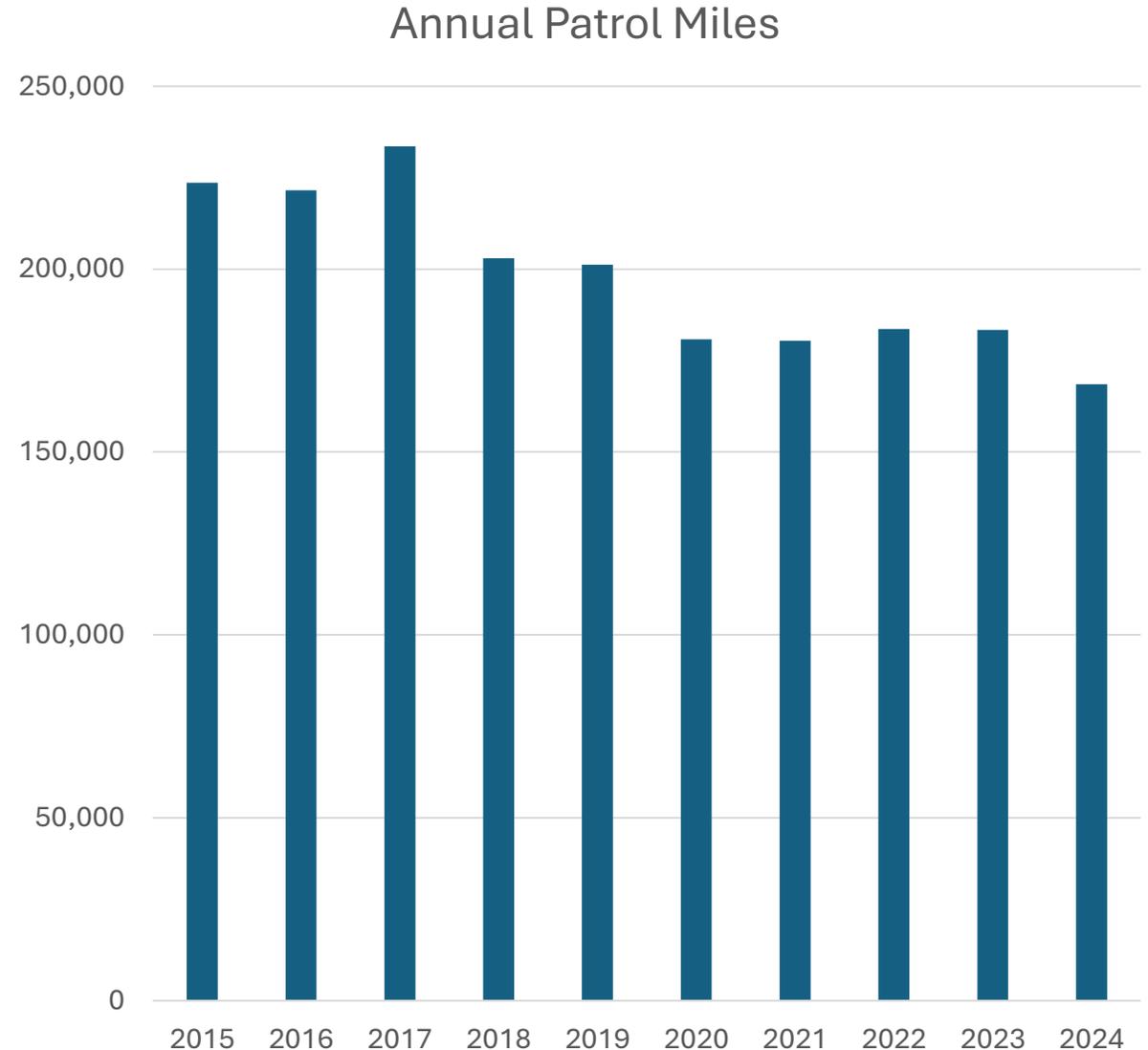


# Community Service Officer Calls for Service

<b>Call Type</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Funeral Escort	67	72	63	46	65	72	61	56	54
Traffic Control	69	70	72	84	15	68	65	66	31
Interpretation	167	276	274	197	164	194	186	275	290
House Watch	N/A	N/A	N/A	509	621	521	235	191	86

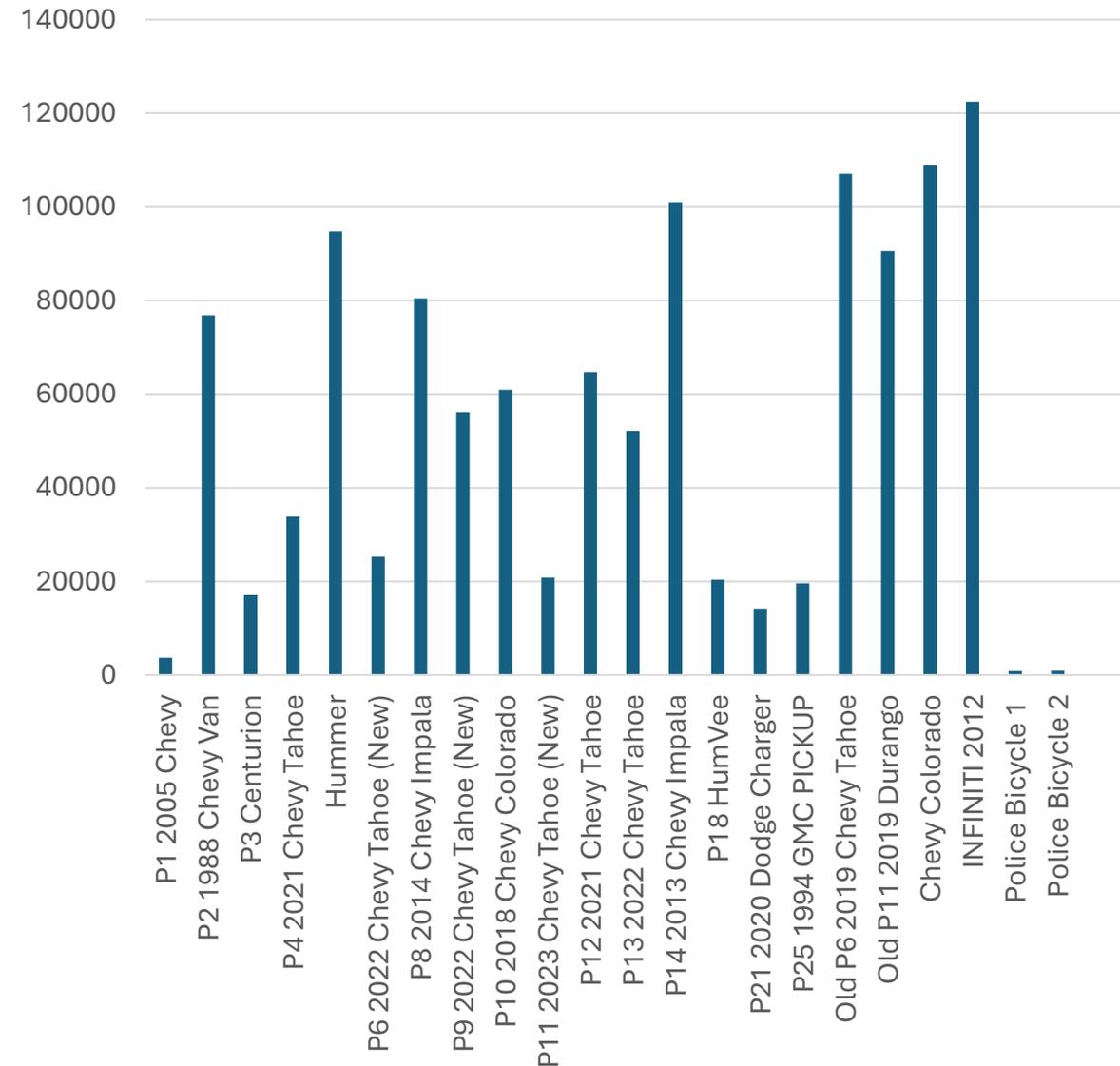
# 2024 Police Fleet Patrol Miles

VEHICLE	STATUS	PATROL MILES
P1 2005 CHEVY	COMMAND POST-MOCOM 1	28
P2 1988 CHEVY VAN	ENTRY TEAM VAN	38
P3 CENTURION	MRAP	81
P4 2021 CHEVY TAHOE	K-9 MARKED PATROL UNIT	9,566
P6 2022 CHEVY TAHOE (NEW)	MARKED PATROL UNIT	22,456
P8 2014 CHEVY IMPALA	DETECTIVES VEHICLE	1,408
P9 2022 CHEVY TAHOE (NEW)	MARKED PATROL UNIT	22,380
P10 2018 CHEVY COLORADO	CSO TRUCK	2,327
P11 2023 CHEVY TAHOE (NEW)	MARKED PATROL UNIT	18,610
P12 2021 CHEVY TAHOE	MARKED PATROL UNIT	11,773
P13 2022 CHEVY TAHOE	MARKED PATROL UNIT	21,351
P14 2013 CHEVY IMPALA	UTILITY VEHICLE	1,964
P15 2024 Tahoe Supervisors	MARKED PARTROL UNIT	20,895
P 18 HUM VEE	MARKED UTILITY VEHICLE	0
P21 2020 DODGE CHARGER	DETECTIVES VEHICLE	3,267
P25 1994 GMC PICKUP	UTILITY TRUCK (LAB TEAM)	0
INFINITI 2012	UTILITY VEHICLE	20
CHEVY COLORADO	UTILITY VEHICLE	118
HUMMER	UTILITY VEHICLE YUM VEE	0
POLICE BICYCLE 1	BIKE PATROL UNIT	0
POLICE BICYCLE 2	BIKE PATROL UNIT	0



# 2024 Police Fleet Odometer Readings

VEHICLE	STATUS	ODOMETER READING
P1 2005 CHEVY	COMMAND POST-MOCOM 1	3,673
P2 1988 CHEVY VAN	ENTRY TEAM VAN	76,814
P3 CENTURION	MRAP	17,059
P4 2017 CHEVY TAHOE	K-9 MARKED PATROL UNIT	33,815
HUMMER	UTILITY VEHICLE YUM VEE	94,764
P6 2022 CHEVY TAHOE NEW	MARKED PATROL UNIT	25,280
P8 2014 CHEVY IMPALA	DETECTIVES VEHICLE	80,429
P9 2022 CHEVY TAHOE	MARKED PATROL UNIT	56,175
P10 2018 CHEVY COLORADO	CSO TRUCK	60,914
P11 2023 CHEVY TAHOE NEW	MARKED PATROL UNIT	20,857
P12 2021 CHEVY TAHOE	MARKED PATROL UNIT	64,703
P13 2022 CHEVY TAHOE	MARKED PATROL UNIT	52,135
P14 2013 CHEVY IMPALA	UTILITY VEHICLE	100,992
P18 HUM VEE	MARKED UTILITY VEHICLE	20,394
P21 2020 DODGE CHARGER	DETECTIVES VEHICLE	14,189
P25 1994 GMC PICKUP	UTILITY TRUCK (LAB TEAM)	19,578
OLD P6 2019 CHEVY TAHOE	MARKED PATROL UTILITY	107,055
OLD P11 2019 DURANGO	MARKED PATROL UTILITY	90,550
CHEVY COLORADO	UTILITY VEHICLE	108,847
2012 INFINITI	UTILITY VEHICLE	122,492
POLICE BICYCLE 1	BIKE PATROL UNIT	824
POLICE BICYCLE 2	BIKE PATROL UNIT	887



# 2024 SLPD Special Events & Outreach

The SLPD relies on community outreach programs to engage with community members, build trust and learn how we can better serve the community.

Outreach events in 2024 included the following:

- Bingo With A Cop
- YumVee Patrols
- Dental Health Outreach and Health Fairs
- Youth Basketball Clinic
- Mexican Consulate Outreach
- Meet us at the Marker (Farmers Market Outreach)
- Coffee with a Cop
- Food with Friends
- SLCSD Back-to-School Jam
- Thrills and Chills Downtown Trick-Or-Treating
- Little League Softball
- Pop-Up-Barbeques
- Lao and Karen Buddhist Temple Events
- Movie with a Cop
- Kids Fest
- National Night Out
- Tacos with a Cop
- Operation Hoop Dreams
- Santa Cops
- And More





# Bingo With A Cop 2024 Otsego Place & Methodist Manor

# Storm Lake Elementary School High Five Friday 2024





# Prime Time 2024



# United Community Health Center Health Fair 2024

# Back to School Block Party 2024





# SLPD Operation Hoop Dreams 2024



# Storm Lake Community School District New Teacher and Student Outreach Event 2024



# Youth Boys and Girls Basketball Clinics 2024



The SLPD Community Engagement and Outreach Team Partnered with BV Public Health to help promote Dental Health in 2024.



Meet us at the Market  
(Farmers Market Outreach)

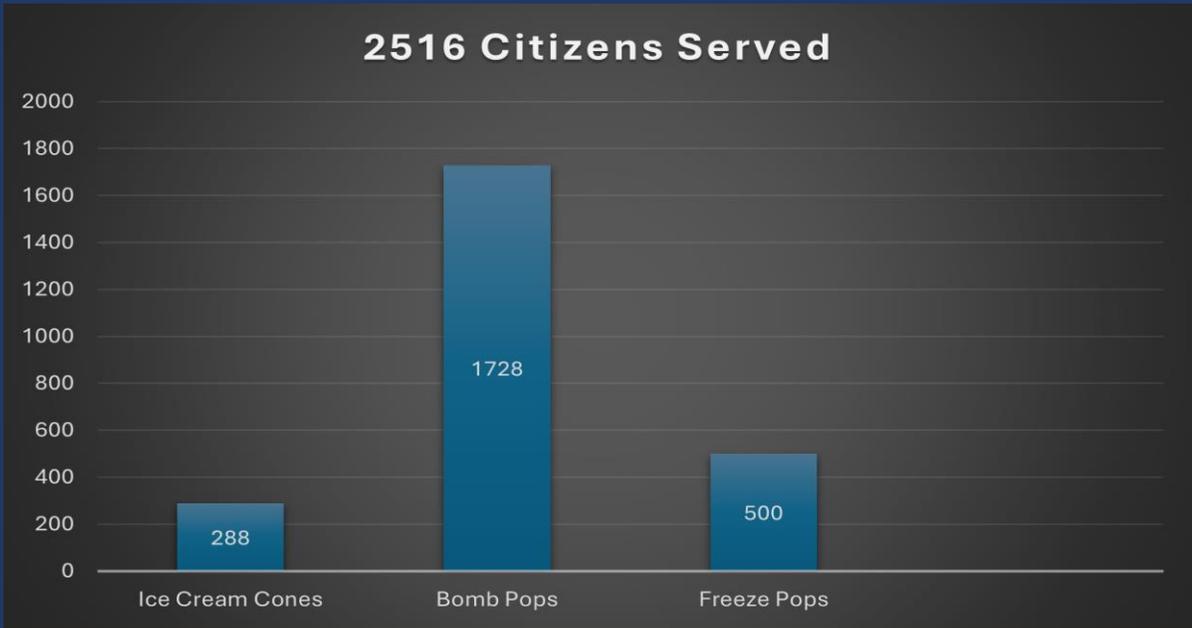
# YumVee Ice Cream Truck Patrols

- The Storm Lake Police Department's YumVee H2 Ice Cream Truck continued its patrols through Storm Lake neighborhoods in 2024, bringing smiles and fostering connections by distributing free ice cream and sports equipment.
- This initiative remains a cornerstone of the SLPD's Community Engagement and Outreach efforts, providing a fun and approachable way for officers to engage with residents and strengthen community relationships.





# 2024 YumVee Patrols





# Tacos with a Cop 2024

# City of Storm Lake Kids Fest 2024





# 2024 Lao Buddhist Temple Boun Pravet Festival.

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# Coffee with a Cop 2024

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# Movie with a Cop 2024



# National Night Out 2024





# Pop-Up-Barbeques 2024



# Thrills & Chills 2024



# Theravada Buddhist Society of Storm Lake Celebrations 2024



# Karen Temple Water Festival 2024



# SLPD Santa Cops 2024



# Breakfast with Santa Event 2024





**Sleep In Heavenly Peace Partnership  
SLPD Partnered with this nonprofit to  
build and deliver beds to children in  
need in our community**























