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History & Information

Elko Police Department History & Information

The City of Elko was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Nevada March 14, 1917. At that time a Police Supervisor, W.R. Mayer, was appointed to be the executive officer of his department and had under his special charge the enforcement of all police regulations.

On June 2, 1917, George Cotant was unanimously appointed City Marshall and J.C. Doughty was unanimously appointed Police Judge for the City of Elko, both with a monthly salary of \$1 each. Also on this date, F.H. Sutton was appointed Night Watchman with a monthly salary of \$100.

Today, the Elko Police Department consists of 56 employees. Of these 56 employees, 45 are sworn officers. Of those 45 sworn officers 31 are assigned to the Patrol Unit, 7 are assigned to the Detective Unit, 4 are in special assignments (i.e. the School Resource Officer Unit and the Elko Combined Narcotics Unit), and the final 3 sworn officers make up the Command Staff. The 11 non-sworn positions are assigned as follows: 1 Records Supervisor, 4 full-time Records Techs, 1 Evidence Tech, 1 Part-time Evidence Technician, 1 Administrative Assistant, 1 Part-time Domestic Violence Systems Advocate, 1 Animal Control Officer, and 1 Part-time Animal Control Officer.

The Elko Police Department is a professional and progressive law enforcement agency that is continually moving forward. We are always looking for opportunities to improve training, education, technology and equipment for our staff.

The Operations Division handles all crime calls and traffic accidents within the City limits, as well as routine police matters which include animal calls, funeral processions, parades and much more. Our average response time to emergency calls is three minutes from the time the call is dispatched to the officer's arrival.





Elko Police Department

Mission Statement

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We strive to provide consistent enforcement of all laws in a fair, firm, and professional manner to instill trust and build relationships with the community through problem solving to safeguard life and property.

Department Motto:

“Pride in Service “

- P - Prevent, reduce, disrupt criminal activity
- R - Recruit, train and develop our employees
- I - Initiate timely and open communication
- D - Develop and implement solutions to our community's problems
- E - Efficiently use innovation and technology





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The following is an Annual Report for the Elko Police Department, year 2022. The report includes summaries and charts for licensing permit data, crime comparison data, and records transactions data.

Licensing / Permits / Applications:

In 2022, the Elko Police Department processed a total of 72 licensing and permit applications. The licenses and permits breakdown into the following categories, (see chart 1a): 0 brothel licenses, 45 special event liquor licenses, 7 liquor license applications, 7 parade permits, 6 solicitor/peddler applications, 3 temporary sexually oriented business licenses, 4 special event/vendor applications, and 0 temporary merchant applications.

Online reports: 407 (down 57 from 2021).

Records Unit Transactions:

In 2022, the Records Unit processed 799 total transactions. These transactions breakdown into the following categories (see chart 1b): 154 work card applications (bartender cards, taxi drivers, etc.), 40 sex worker applications, 3 solicitor applications, 391 miscellaneous fingerprint transactions (gaming, nursing, teachers, daycare, etc.), and 211 insurance report records.





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Crime Report:

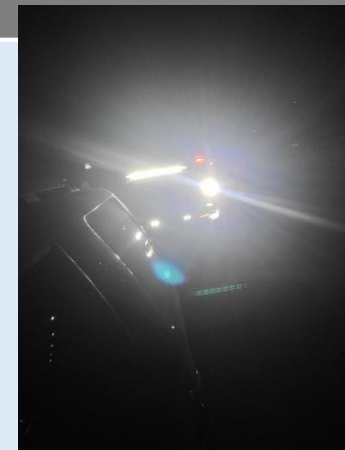
In 2022 the Elko Police Department made 807 arrests, 734 adults and 73 juveniles. There were 448 traffic collisions investigated and 642 traffic citations issued. 710 incidents of domestic violence were reported in 2022. The total calls for service in 2022 were 22,920, down 8% from 2021; this generated 2,105 cases for the department, down by 17%.

Severe crimes in the City of Elko totaled 1,654 for 2022. This total is down 440 incidents from 2021's severe crime totals. Severe crimes include: murder and manslaughter, kidnapping and abduction, forcible rape, forcible fondling, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation, arson, extortion/blackmail, burglary, pocket picking new, purse snatching new, shoplifting new, theft from a building new, theft from coin operated device, theft from motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicle parts & accessories new, all other larceny, motor vehicle theft, counterfeiting and forgery, false pretenses swindling, CC/ATM fraud, impersonation, identity theft new, embezzlement, stolen property offenses, destruction of property, drug narcotic violation, drug equipment, incest new, statutory rape, pornography/obscene material, gambling offense split into other offenses, sports tampering new, assisting and/or promoting prostitution, weapon law violations, and animal cruelty new. (*see chart 2 for breakdowns*)

Less severe crimes totaled 461 for 2022. This total is down by 115 incidents from 2021 totals. Crimes included as "less severe" are bad checks, curfew/loitering/vagrancy, disorderly conduct, DUI, family offenses (non-violent), liquor law violations, runaway juveniles, trespassing, and other minor offenses. (*see chart 2 for breakdowns*)

Policy Manual

Lieutenant Palhegyi took on the arduous task of revamping the Elko Police Department's Policy and Procedure Manual, which has been in need of updating for several years. The updating of the policies and procedures is on on-going mission as laws and procedures change but this task was to go through the entire manual to update and refresh all policies and procedures. The task took over 6 months of dedicated time, research, and collaboration with specialty units and outlying agencies.





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Administrative Support Division Highlights

Spillman / Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)

In December of 2022, the Elko Police Department converted to Spillman, a new records management system (RMS).

Personnel

During 2022, the Elko Police Department hired one part-time Animal Control Officer and one part-time Evidence Technician. The department saw one resignation in the Patrol Unit, and three retirements - two from the Detective Unit, a Sergeant and a Detective, and one Sergeant from the Patrol Unit.

The Detective Sergeant retired in late 2022 and Detective Corporal Nielson was selected as the acting Sergeant for the Unit. Detective Parvin successfully tested for the Detective Unit in March

The Elko Police Department strives to hire only the top qualified candidates and we continue recruitment efforts for lateral and new Police Officers.





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Operations Division Highlights

Crime Suppression Unit (CSU)

In 2022, the Elko Police Department launched a trial run of the Crime Suppression Unit (CSU). The CSU 7-month trial operated from March 2022 to October 2022. This three officer unit focused on street crimes such as theft of property and drug violations.

During the 7-month trial period the CSU closed 64 cases, made 64 arrests, assisted other entities 90 times, served 40 warrants, investigated 84 suspicious activities, made 291 traffic stops, issued 29 citations and 95 warnings, conducted 45 follow ups and 82 security checks, responded to 11 alarm calls, and 41 criminal investigations focusing on property crimes that lead to drug related calls.

The CSU seized 362.38 grams of methamphetamine, 43.87 grams of heroin, 1.1 grams of cocaine, 60 grams of pills, a total of 115.5 pills, and 60.3 grams of other categories of drugs. This totals 364.35 grams of drugs removed from the streets of Elko by the CSU in a 7 month period.





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Promotions

In June of 2022, Corporal Daz was promoted to Sergeant in the Patrol Division. Sergeant Daz has been with the Elko Police Department since 2006, he is a Field Training Officer, a member of the Elko Special Response Team, and the Commander of the Elko Bomb Squad.

Certificates

Advanced:

Officer Ratliff
Officer Eisinger
Officer Bogdon

Intermediate:

Officer Cunningham

Training

In November 2022, Corporal Olvera, Officer Pinkham, Officer Pepper, and Officer Keil hosted a *Patrol Tactics* training class. A total of 15 law enforcement personnel attended the training. This included personnel from the Elko County Sheriff's Office, Eureka County Sheriff's Office, Nevada Game Wardens, Nevada Department of Investigation, Nevada State Police, and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Retirements

Detective Spring retired in March 2022, Sergeant Locuson retired in July 2022, and Sergeant Drake retired in December 2022.





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Operations Division Highlights

Animal Control Unit

In 2022, the Animal Control Unit worked 1,121 cases, handling 1,377 animals. These included: 1,052 canines, 279 felines, 17 chickens, and 29 other animals. In 2022, 172 animals were returned to their owners, 116 animal welfare checks were conducted, and 29 animal carcasses were removed.

Other Calls Handled:

Issued 104 Warnings and Citations

Investigated 28 Bite Cases

Investigated 55 Bark Complaints

Investigated 447 Running-At-Large Calls

Completed 106 Animal Trapping Calls

Completed 3 Fancier Permit Inspections





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Specialty Units

Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT)

2022 saw many changes to the SWAT Team. Sergeant Drake, the Commander of the team, resigned in June, and Corporal Williams took over command. There were three members added to the SWAT team and two resigned from the team. One new team leader was chosen, Corporal Olvera.

SWAT responded to nine high-risk callouts in 2023, with several activations for assistance to other agencies and in outlying areas.

Elko Bomb Squad

In 2022, the Elko Bomb Squad responded to fifteen bomb call-outs. The Elko Bomb Squad is a regional team that responds to five counties in the eastern half of the state.

The Elko Bomb Squad responds to calls for suspicious packages, bomb threats, old explosives, and other calls as needed.

Honor Guard

In February 2022, Officer Anderson took on the roll of Honor Guard Commander. The Honor Guard attended one line of duty death funeral in Las Vegas for Truong Thai of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

The Honor Guard had three training days and attended five events in 2022 (Parades, Color Guard, etc.). The unit currently has four active members, consisting of one Sergeant, one Detective Corporal, one Detective, and one Patrol Officer.





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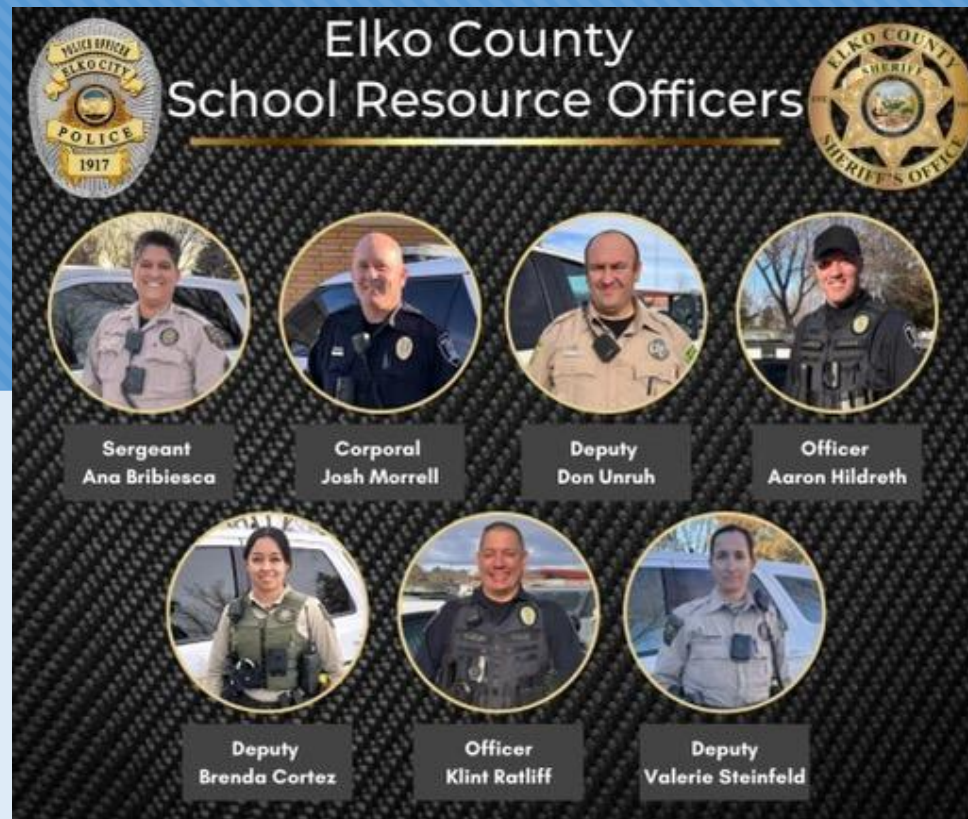
School Resource Officers

ALERT Class

School Resource Officers have continued the ALERT Class program. The ALERT class is an eight (8) hour drug, alcohol, and tobacco educational class required for students (and their parents) who violate the school district's drug, alcohol, and tobacco policy. Students who attend this class get their suspension time reduced by half, keeping students in school.

Future Law Enforcement Academy Training (FLEAT)

FLEAT was brought back this year. School Resource Officers assisted in teaching several classes during the week long FLEAT Academy. The junior police academy is organized by the Elko Police Department and the Elko Sheriff's Office each year. For 2022, 54 cadets signed up to attend the F.L.E.A.T. academy, 49 actually attended. During the week 4 cadets dropped out due to sickness. A total of 45 cadets complete the F.L.E.A.T. Academy.





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Detective Unit Highlights

In 2022, the Elko Police Department Detective Unit received 430 new cases.

- Closed 141 cases
- Completed 119 supplemental reports
- Conducted 5 background investigations
- Prepared / executed 46 search warrants
- Administered / observed 74 forensic interviews
- Completed 23 administrative subpoenas / preservation letters
- Forensically downloaded and examined 89 telephones / mobile devices
- Hosted 5 presentations
- Investigated 82 sexual assaults / child abuse cases
- Investigated 11 homicide / suspicious deaths



Cases

The Detective Unit saw an increase in assigned cases. With the absence of two detectives, the remaining available detectives were tasked with more cases. More cases will be brought into the new year, and higher caseloads are expected for 2023 due to lower staffing levels in the Detective Unit.

Of the 182 assigned cases, 151 were crimes against a person, which equates to 83% of the caseload, versus 17% or 31 crimes against property cases.

The Detective Unit worked on several sexual assault cases, including juvenile sexual assault, with positive outcomes, many of which are still in the judicial process.

Upgrades

The Detective Unit has acquired more computer forensic equipment, which has proven helpful in vehicle forensics. The unit performed an infotainment center extraction on a Ford Mustang involved in a vehicle vs. pedestrian showing the vehicle's movements before, during, and after the pedestrian was struck.



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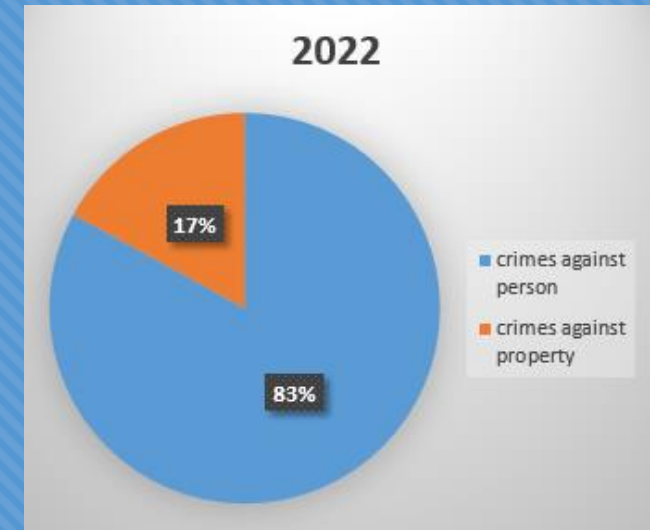
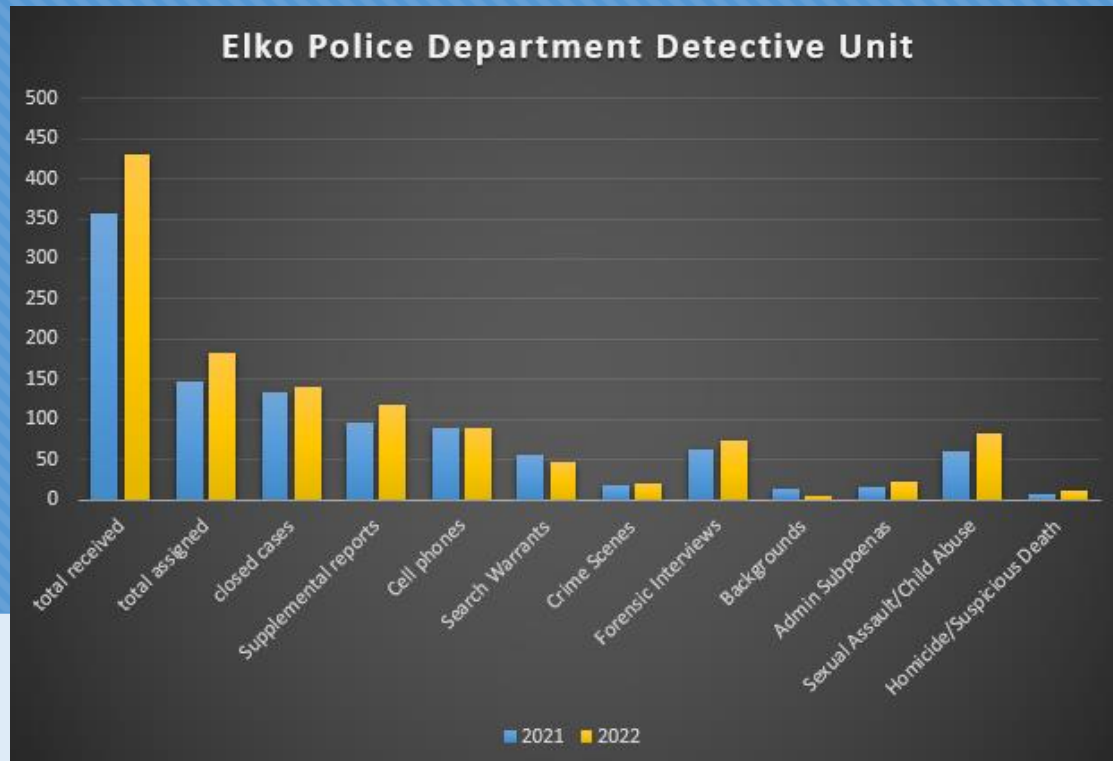
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Detective Unit Highlights (cont.)

Personnel

Detective Spring retired in March of 2022 and Detective Sergeant Drake retired in November of 2022. Detective Parvin joined the Detective Unit in March and had a significant role in a homicide case, which is still awaiting trial.



2022	
total received	430
total assigned	182
closed cases	141
Supplemental reports	119
Cell phones	89
Search Warrants	46
Crime Scenes	21
Forensic Interviews	74
Backgrounds	5
Admin Subpoenas	23
Sexual Assault/Child Abuse	82
Homicide/Suspicious Death	11



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Elko Combined Narcotics Unit Highlights – 2022

The Elko Combined Narcotics Unit (ECNU) initiated 80 cases – 61 drug related. ECNU had a total of 63 arrests and authored several search warrants during 2022.

ECNU seized:

- Methamphetamine: 4,083.15 grams
 - *Down 6,357.65 grams from 2021*
- Heroin: 1,738.21 grams
 - *Up 806.96 grams from 2021*
- Cocaine: 4.84 grams
 - *Up 3.16 grams from 2021*
- Others: 1,014 dosage units
 - *Up 1,010 dosage units from 2021*

The total seized drugs had a street value of \$455,893.

ECNU detectives seized 20 firearms in 2022, with a street value of \$30,650.

The Elko Combined Narcotics Unit assisted neighboring agencies in the response and investigation to other major crimes during the 2022 calendar year.





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YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

Five Years of Service

Officer Anderson
Officer Gilboy



Ten Years of Service

Detective Parvin
Officer Eisinger

Fifteen Years of Service

Detective Gustafson
Corporal Ortiz
Officer Ratliff

Twenty Years of Service

Corporal Morrell

Twenty-Five Years of Service

Sergeant Locuson

Exemplary Performance Award

Lieutenant Pepper
Corporal Williams
Officer Gray

2022
ROOKIE
of the Year

Rookie of the Year
Officer Pepper

2022
OFFICER
of the Year

Officer of the Year
Corporal Williams



Chart 1 — Licensing / Permits / Applications

Chart 1a

Licensing / Permits / Applications 2022	
<u>LICENSE/EVENT TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Brothel License	0
Special Event Liquor License	45
Liquor License Applications	7
Parade Permits	7
Solicitor/Peddler Applications	6
Temp Sexual Oriented Business License	3
Special Event / Vendor Applications	4
Temp Merchant Applications	0
TOTALS	72

Chart 1b

2022 Records Unit Transactions		
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DOLLAR TOTAL</u>
Bar Employee Work Permits / Taxicab Employee Work Permits	154	\$15,400.00
Sex Worker Cards	40	\$10,000.00
Solicitor Work Permits	3	\$300.00
Fingerprinting	391	\$9,660.00
Insurance - Police Reports	211	\$4,645.00
TOTAL	799	\$40,005.00



Crime Analysis—Five Year Average (Page 1)

Chart 2

Severe Crime	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	5Y AVG	2022	% UP/DOWN	2021	2022	% UP/DOWN
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	3	3	4	5	3	4	1	-72%	3	1	-67%
Negligent Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Kidnapping and Abduction	4	3	5	14	11	7	15	103%	11	15	36%
Rape	23	26	25	24	22	24	23	-4%	22	23	5%
Sodomy	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	400%	4	4	0%
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100%	0	1	100%
Fondling	11	17	19	28	12	17	15	-14%	12	15	25%
Robbery	14	20	15	20	17	17	15	-13%	17	15	-12%
Aggravated Assault	44	53	40	64	56	51	73	42%	56	73	30%
Simple Assault	323	336	342	415	433	370	339	-8%	433	339	-22%
Intimidation	27	20	30	21	14	22	21	-6%	14	21	50%
Arson	12	9	2	9	8	8	4	-50%	8	4	-50%
Extortion/Blackmail	3	4	0	1	2	2	3	50%	2	3	50%
Burglary	208	130	125	123	123	142	83	-41%	123	83	-33%
Pocket Picking	6	1	1	1	3	2	1	-58%	3	1	-67%
Purse Snatching	12	4	3	13	9	8	4	-51%	9	4	-56%
Shoplifting	70	52	86	85	67	72	35	-51%	67	35	-48%
Theft from a Building	236	169	136	148	162	170	50	-71%	162	50	-69%
Theft from Coin Operated Device	3	2	0	4	2	2	2	0%	2	2	0%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	130	92	126	147	150	129	52	-60%	150	52	-65%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts & Accessories	13	11	12	8	23	13	16	19%	23	16	-30%
All other Larceny	209	139	198	183	188	183	220	20%	188	220	17%
Motor Vehicle Theft	71	43	101	94	85	79	79	0%	85	79	-7%
Counterfeiting and Forgery	70	36	55	27	26	43	21	-51%	26	21	-19%
False Pretenses Swindling	73	55	45	30	30	47	31	-33%	30	31	3%
CC/ATM Fraud	64	75	40	45	39	53	27	-49%	39	27	-31%
Impersonation	46	38	32	3	1	24	2	-92%	1	2	100%
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Wire Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Identity Theft	0	0	0	143	80	45	23	-48%	80	23	-71%
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		1	0	-100%
Embezzlement	25	25	21	18	25	23	11	-52%	25	11	-56%
Stolen Property Offenses	56	31	47	53	44	46	58	26%	44	58	32%
Destruction of Property	249	151	164	200	194	192	144	-25%	194	144	-26%
Drug Narcotic Violation	257	316	247	142	141	221	164	-26%	141	164	16%
Drug Equipment	27	38	23	94	71	51	45	-11%	71	45	-37%
Incest	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	400%	0	1	100%
Statutory Rape	1	5	4	2	1	3	2	-23%	1	2	100%
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	5	7	3	2	4	15	317%	2	15	650%
Betting/Wagering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Operating/Promotion/Assisting Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Sports Tampering	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-100%	0	0	
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100%	0	1	100%
Assisting and/or Promoting Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Weapon Law Violations	51	63	50	27	38	46	42	-8%	38	42	11%
Human Trafficking/Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Human Trafficking/Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	9	7	3	11	244%	7	11	57%
Total	2342	1972	2005	2205	2094	2124	1654	-22%	2094	1654	-21%



Crime Analysis—Five Year Average (Page 2)

Chart 2 (Cont.)

Less Severe Crimes											
Curfew/loitering/Vagrancy	28	17	20	9	7	16	4	-75%	7	4	-43%
Disorderly Conduct	132	135	113	38	31	90	16	-82%	31	16	-48%
DUI	61	80	72	79	57	70	68	-3%	57	68	19%
Drunkenness	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	-100%	0	0	
Family Offenses Non-Violent	35	39	45	36	40	39	43	10%	40	43	8%
Liquor Law Violations	55	44	54	30	31	43	8	-81%	31	8	-74%
Peeping Tom	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0%	2	0	-100%
Trespassing	83	71	58	66	56	67	12	-82%	56	12	-79%
All Other Offenses	903	951	967	279	352	690	310	-55%	352	310	-12%
Total	1297	1337	1329	540	576	1016	461	-55%	576	461	-20%
Arrests											
Adult Arrests	978	1019	943	879	852	934	734	-21%	852	734	-14%
Juvenile Arrests	85	74	88	69	78	79	73	-7%	78	73	-6%
Total	1063	1093	1031	948	930	1013	807	-20%	930	807	-13%
Traffic Crashes											
	323	449	430	413	423	408	448	10%	423	448	6%
Citations											
	806	844	1013	750	549	792	642	-19%	549	642	17%
Domestic Violence											
Crime Reports	197	205	232	229	228	218	192	-12%	228	192	-16%
Calls For Service	741	770	780	901	873	813	710	-13%	873	710	-19%
Calls for service are patrol responses; Crime Reports are investigated and sent for charging.											
Calls for Service											
Incident	27258	27299	29289	26291	24841	26996	22920	-15%	24841	22920	-8%
Cases Generated	2565	2485	2517	2602	2538	2541	2105	-17%	2538	2105	-17%
Online Reporting											
Total Cases	51	206	303	509	464	307	407	33%	464	407	-12%

5Y AVG = The number from the five columns listed to the left of this number averaged

% UP/DOWN = The current year total against the five year average.

Raw number comparision= this year and previous year total comparison