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# CHIEF OF POLICE

**Chief Robert Spinks, MA, MS**



Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks

This report contains a **wealth of statistical and quantitative information**, which we hope will better inform the community on the challenges facing the city and, on the successes, we have been able to deliver on.

This past year continued to see forward evolution at the Parsons Police Department. It included a significant **recruiting and training effort**, after our agency, like many rural communities, were targeted by higher paying police departments who recruited many of our staff away for better pay and benefits.

Both the police and fire departments turn over an average of 20% of our staff annually. This has occurred for the past 25 years. **Neither department can continue to be a training ground for other agencies.** This is a waste of local dollars, training and experience which can be held onto locally with competitive salaries and benefits.

Working with the City Manager and City Commission, we were able to **make progress in becoming more competitive in salary and benefits.** In 2022, the Parsons Police Department replenished a small portion of its low staffing levels increased 20% in dispatch staff and 33% in new officer hires. Recruiting, hiring, and retaining quality personnel remains a key resource and management priority.



Our staff worked extended hours with limited days off during 2022 because of staffing struggles. I continue to be **impressed by the commitment and sacrifice made by our team members.** Yet, even with the added workload with limited staff during the year, overall productivity rose across

the board.

We have many successes to share with the community:

**Parsons is one of the few award-winning police agencies**

in Kansas.

- **Seven years of recognition** with our state level traffic safety program awards, a national **Gold Award** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year recognizing our policy and risk management efforts and a **National Community Collaboration Award** in 2021, puts us in the forefront in Kansas.
- The **Kansas Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (KLEAP)** was created in 2022. I was appointed to the commission as one of the first Commissioners and our agency is currently in the self-assessment phase of the accreditation program. Officer Mark Raney is serving as our Accreditation Manager to prepare the agency for accreditation in 2024.

Violent crime (as defined by the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS), saw the number of reported **violent crimes in Parsons drop to its lowest number** for the past 7 years.



- Aggravated assaults were the core of our violent crime, and a majority of these involved **domestic violence** and/or drugs.

**Arrests increased by 17% to 804.** Yet roughly half of those arrested in 2022 were arrested at least twice..

- Socio-economic challenges, an uncertain economy, the impact of illegal drugs, an inadequate safety net for people in-crisis and crime associated with partner-on-partner violence remain a community challenge, not merely a policing issue.

**Policing is a community partnership.** Our **See It! Hear It! Report It! Campaign** is working as citizens share growing reports of suspicious activity through our dispatch center. This is evidenced by the increase in arrests that officers were able to make in 2022.



# DEPUTY CHIEF

## Deputy Chief Dennis Dodd, BS



Deputy Chief Dennis Dodd

As the Deputy Chief, Dennis Dodd assumes responsibility for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Parsons Police Department. He provides guidance and leadership in the areas of **Uniform Services, Investigations, and the School Resource Officer Program (SRO)**. The department comprises over 26 sworn and 8 non-sworn employees, collectively working towards the department's mission.

The Parsons Police Department is entrusted with the critical tasks of ensuring rapid emergency response, conducting comprehensive criminal investigations, promoting traffic safety, and offering community services and assistance to the public. Our department strives to deliver professional and customer-oriented service, prioritizing the community's needs.



cooperation.

Deputy Chief Dodd has pursued multiple advanced training courses, including **Leadership in Action**, Basic Supervision, Safe and Prepared Schools, Verbal De-Escalation Instructor, **Racial and Biased Profiling Trainer**, Finding Words Certified, **Crisis Intervention Team Training**, Critical Incident Stress Management Member, **Alert Active Shooter Level 1 Instructor**, Accreditation Manager Certification Program, and

Three-gun Firearms Instructor. These courses have enhanced his professional capabilities, enabling him to provide effective leadership within the department.

In addition to his training, Deputy Chief Dodd actively engages with the community and participates in numerous organizations. His memberships include the **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)**, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police (KACP), Big Brothers



Big Sisters, National Association of School Resource Officers, **FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA)**, Juvenile Justice Authority Board, **National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)**, Leadership Labette (Board Member), **Lions Club**, and Shop with a Cop. By actively involving himself in the community, Deputy Chief Dodd has played a pivotal role in strengthening the relationship between law enforcement and community members. He has also been instrumental in implementing improvements to departmental policies and personnel, while fostering transparency and accountability.

At the Parsons Police Department, we take immense pride in the high-quality law enforcement services we provide to the community. The accomplishments we have achieved over the past year serve as a source of pride for the entire Parsons Police Department.

Deputy Chief Dennis K. Dodd, with his extensive training, community involvement, and commitment to excellence, embodies the core values of the Parsons Police Department **Pride, Professionalism, and Dedication**.





# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES



## Lieutenant Jason Ludwig

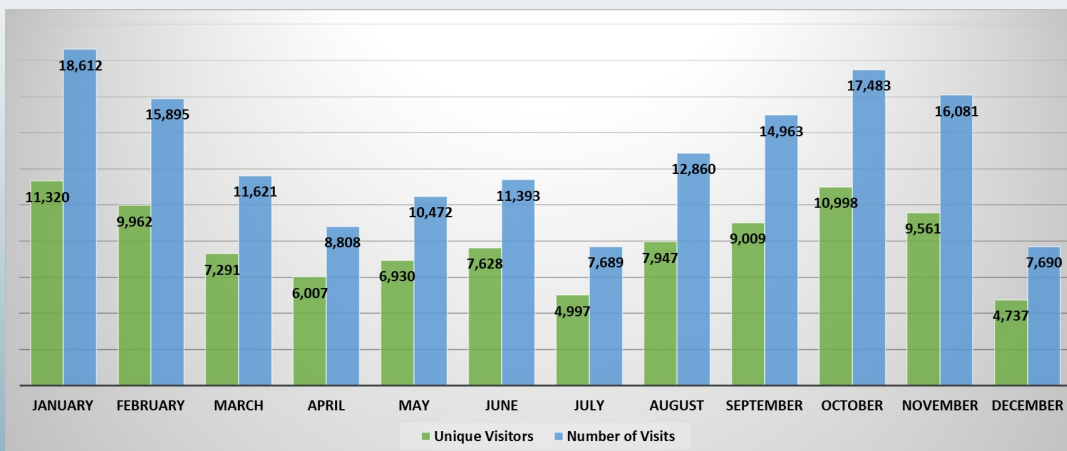


Lt. Jason Ludwig

The year 2022 presented the Parsons Police Department with a range of new and persistent challenges. Notably, the ongoing issue of **low staffing levels** and recruitment difficulties necessitated a concerted effort to ensure adequate coverage for Patrol shifts. Administrative Services and Investigations Divisions stepped up to shoulder additional responsibilities, simultaneously managing their usual duties and addressing calls for service.

Despite these challenges, the department remained resolute, employing all available resources to strengthen its personnel roster. While seasoned officers departed, the department welcomed a cohort of promising new recruits, injecting fresh energy and talent into our ranks.

Continuing our commitment to excellence, the department was honored with the **Lexipol Gold Award**, recognizing our unwavering dedication to comprehensive policy content and training. Additionally, Administrative Services took on the responsibility of managing the Communications Unit, which posed its own staffing challenges. However, through resilience and adaptability, we successfully navigated these hurdles.



To enhance our capabilities further, four (4) individuals from the department attended the **National De-Escalation**

**Training Center (NDTC)** in Ft. Hays, Kansas. This investment in professional development bolstered the expertise within our Administrative Services Division, allowing us to deliver high-quality training through a team of experienced instructors, in de-escalation skills training.

In line with our commitment to transparency, I personally published **55 press releases** on the Parsons Police Department Website. This platform garnered significant attention, attracting **96,387 unique visitors** and a total of **153,567 visits** in 2022. These remarkable figures underscore our proactive efforts to engage with the community and uphold departmental transparency.

Furthermore, our presence on social media platforms such as **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **Nexdoor.com** has proven instrumental in keeping the public well-informed about the activities and initiatives of the Parsons Police Department. We recognize that fostering a collaborative partnership with the community is vital to our success as an agency.

The achievements of the Administrative Services Division hinge on the unwavering dedication of our Communications Unit, Evidence and Property Unit, Records Department, and Community Service Officer Program. Their perseverance and commitment have been instrumental in the agency's continued success.

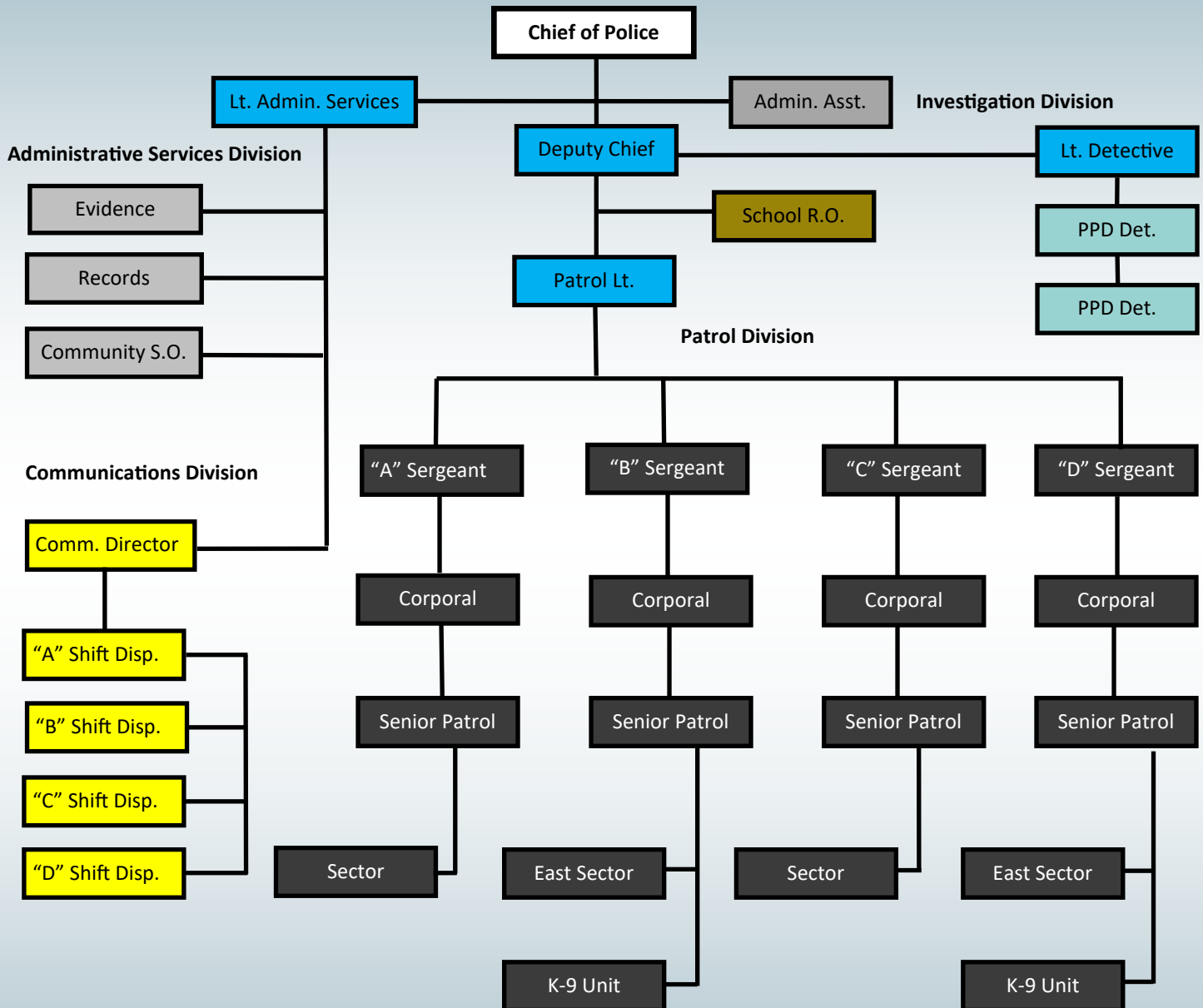
As we reflect on the challenges and accomplishments of 2022, the Parsons Police Department remains steadfast in our pursuit of excellence. We are proud of our team's resilience, adaptability, and unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the community we are entrusted with.





# Parsons Police Department

## Organizational Chart



The Parsons Police Department is staffed 24 hours a day 365 days a year. We have four divisions in the department. Administration, Investigation, Patrol, and Communications. Patrol and Communication Divisions are available to the public at all times with the Investigation Division on a call rotation for felonious and large crimes. The Parsons Police Department had 27,209 calls for service in 2022. The City of Parsons incorporates half of the population for the entire county. We focus on serving our citizens with our core values of Pride, Professionalism, and Dedication.





# PATROL

## Lieutenant Kyle Wiford



The Patrol Division is comprised of four 12-hour shifts. A shift is comprised of a Patrol Sergeant, a Corporal, a Senior Officer, and two Sector (East and West) officers. The Patrol Sergeant answers directly to the Patrol Lieutenant.

In 2022, Parsons recruited six (6) new officers, one lateral transfer and the Community Service Officer position became a certified law enforcement officer position. This kicked our field training program into overdrive. Our 2022 team of Field Training Officers, Lt. Kyle Wiford, Sgt. Brice Dickens and Cpl. Keenen Roberts worked diligently to get each recruit officer through the twelve (12) weeks of field training, which occurs after the recruit officer completes the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center Basic Academy. This is done before the new officer is assigned to a patrol shift.

Patrol saw several new and old faces in Patrol in 2022. Due to patrol shortages, Lt. Sherri McGuire and Lt. Jason Ludwig actively worked both Patrol and their normally assigned duty assignments to assist in shift work. This extra help was greatly appreciated. In March of 2022, Kyle Wiford was promoted to the position of Patrol Lieutenant and transferred from Investigations to Patrol. In September of 2022, Tony Adamson came back to Parsons Police Department from the Labette County Sheriff's Office to the rank of Patrol Sergeant. New Patrol Officers in 2022 were Officers Devin Wisdom, Josh Lindsey, Mark Raney, Luke Schibi, Connor Eichinger, Sean McCullough, and Community Service Officer Ricky Thompson and we congratulate them on their accomplishments.

The Patrol Division makes over 40,000 personal contacts yearly. These contacts range from the call for service, traffic stops and crashes, to general conversations had while on-duty. Patrol Officers are the most noticed persons on the road or in an establishment and work toward earning the public's trust and serving them admirably. Parsons Officers made 803 arrests; 2,040 traffic stops and issued 1,326 citations in 2022.

Parsons Officers also participate in the **Parsons Registered Offender Program (PROP)**. In 2022, seven (7) cases were worked against non-complaint Sex, Violent and Drug Offenders. This resulted in six (6) arrests and one (1) case filed after the offender was in custody on another charge.



"2022 saw various changes in Patrol and a lot of stress from short shifts and mandatory overtime, many officers working six to seven 12 hour shifts in a row. They did all this while still completing their day to day shiftwork, assigned tasks and other duties and functions. I am grateful for the great group of officers Parsons Police

Department has and the tremendous effort that they exhibited in 2022," said Patrol Lieutenant Wiford.

Duties of the Patrol Division include, but are not limited to:

- Provide for public safety by maintaining order, responding to emergencies, protecting people and property, enforcing motor vehicle and criminal laws, and promoting good community relations.
- Identify, pursue, and arrest suspects and perpetrators of criminal acts.
- Record facts to prepare reports that document incidents and activities. Review facts of incidents to determine if criminal act or statute violations were involved.
- Render aid to accident victims and other persons requiring first aid for physical injuries.
- Testify in court to present evidence or act as witness in traffic and criminal cases.
- Evaluate complaint and emergency-request information to determine response requirements.
- Patrol specific areas on foot or motorized conveyance, responding promptly to calls for assistance.
- Monitor, note, report, and investigate suspicious persons and situations, safety hazards, and unusual or illegal activity in patrol area.
- Investigate traffic accidents and other accidents to determine causes and to determine if a crime has been committed.
- Photograph or draw diagrams of crime or accident scenes and interview principals and eyewitnesses.
- Monitor traffic to ensure motorists observe traffic regulations and exhibit safe driving procedures.
- Relay complaint and emergency-request information to appropriate agency dispatchers.
- Issue citations or warnings to violators of traffic ordinances.
- Direct traffic flow and reroute traffic in case of emergencies.
- Inform citizens of community services and recommend options to facilitate longer-term problem resolution.
- Process prisoners and prepare and maintain records of prisoner bookings and prisoner status during booking and pre-trial process.
- Act as official escorts, such as when leading funeral processions or firefighters.



Patrol is the face of the department, and they work to uphold the Parsons Police Departments Core Values of **Pride, Professionalism, and Dedication**.



# INVESTIGATIONS

## Lieutenant Sherri McGuire, BS



In 2022, the Parsons Police Department's Investigations Division saw a big change. Acting Command Kyle Wiford was promoted to Patrol Lieutenant and left investigations. Lieutenant Detective Sherri McGuire was the only Investigator assigned to the division. Lt. McGuire is working with Sergeant Brice Dickens and Sergeant Tony Adamson to transition into the investigation division. Lt. McGuire is hoping to make this transition complete by the end of 2023.

The Investigation Division is tasked with providing investigative support to patrol, criminal investigations, and narcotics investigation. This entails being lead investigators on all **major crimes** within the City of Parsons. The Investigations Division also works with outside agencies to coordinate investigations that involve criminal activity which may begin in our community and spread out to other jurisdictions.

2022 brought the same challenges as 2021 to the investigation division as Lieutenant Wiford moved to the Patrol Division. Lt. Detective McGuire also returned to the patrol division to assist during officer shortages. While actively working patrol, Lt. Det. McGuire was also tasked with her day-to-day challenges of investigations.

During 2022, the investigation division worked one (1) **Attempted First-Degree Murder**. The remaining two (2) murder cases from 2022 are still winding their way through the court system. The Investigations division worked 249 cases in 2022.

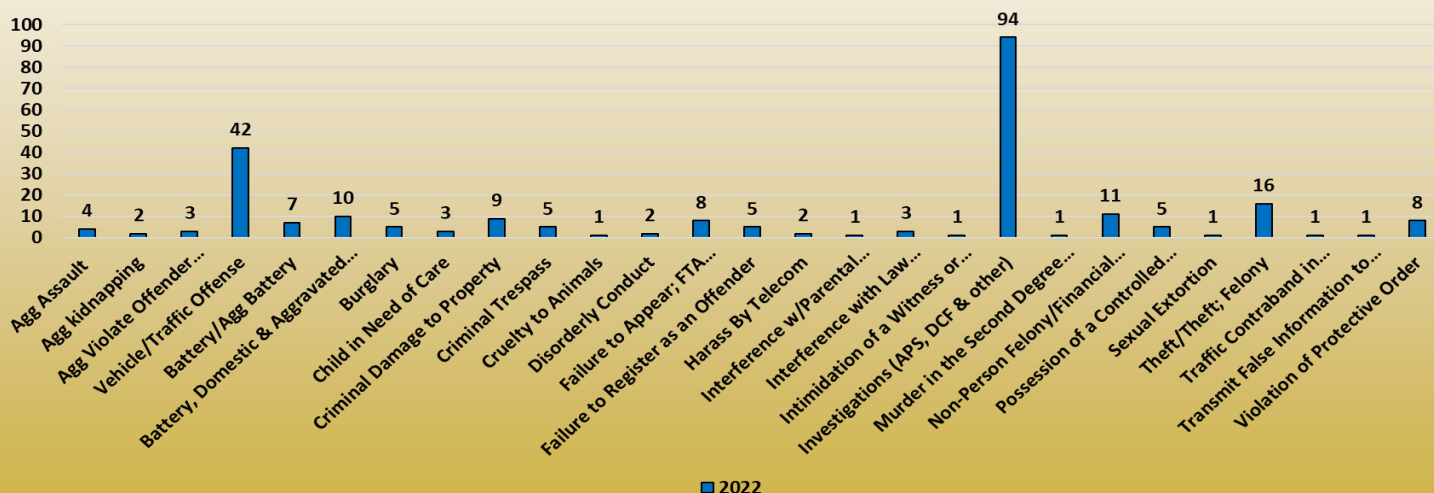
With all that has been happening within the department and surrounding agencies, **Kansas Combined Anti-Drug Task Force (KCAT)** was still in **HIATUS** status for the 2022 year. Lt. Det. McGuire is hopeful that by the end of 2023, KCAT can come out of **HIATUS** status.

Lt. McGuire passed the reins of the **Chaplains Program** to Officer Mark Raney at the end of 2022. Officer Raney has been speaking with the Chaplains and gaining new members. The **Chaplain Program** is beneficial to the citizens and to the department. Being able to have chaplains on call for emergency situations is key to provide services to members of the community and our officers in a time of need.

The investigations division worked **249** cases, all new cases for 2022. These **249 cases** ranged from traffic infractions, violent, person felonies of homicide, rape, aggravated battery/assault, felony drug cases, and other criminal investigations. We have continued to partner with other local, state, and federal outside agencies and strive to provide to highest level of criminal investigations to serve the citizenry of Parsons. We look forward to another outstanding year in 2023.



2022 Investigations List







# PARSONS

## COMMUNITY LIVABILITY



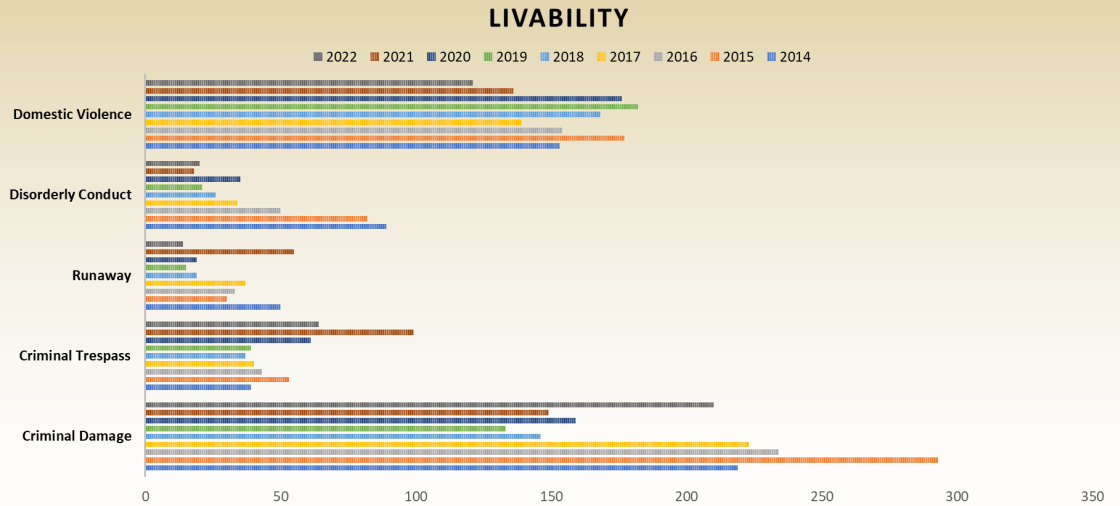
Behavioral and property-based crimes can be an indicator of a community's overall level of livability. These types of crimes can also be precursor warnings to the development of more serious crime in the future.

Key indicator crimes include criminal damage, criminal trespass, Runaway, domestic violence calls, and disorderly conduct. By paying attention to these crimes today, the police and the community can see trends that may later lead to more serious types of criminal activity.

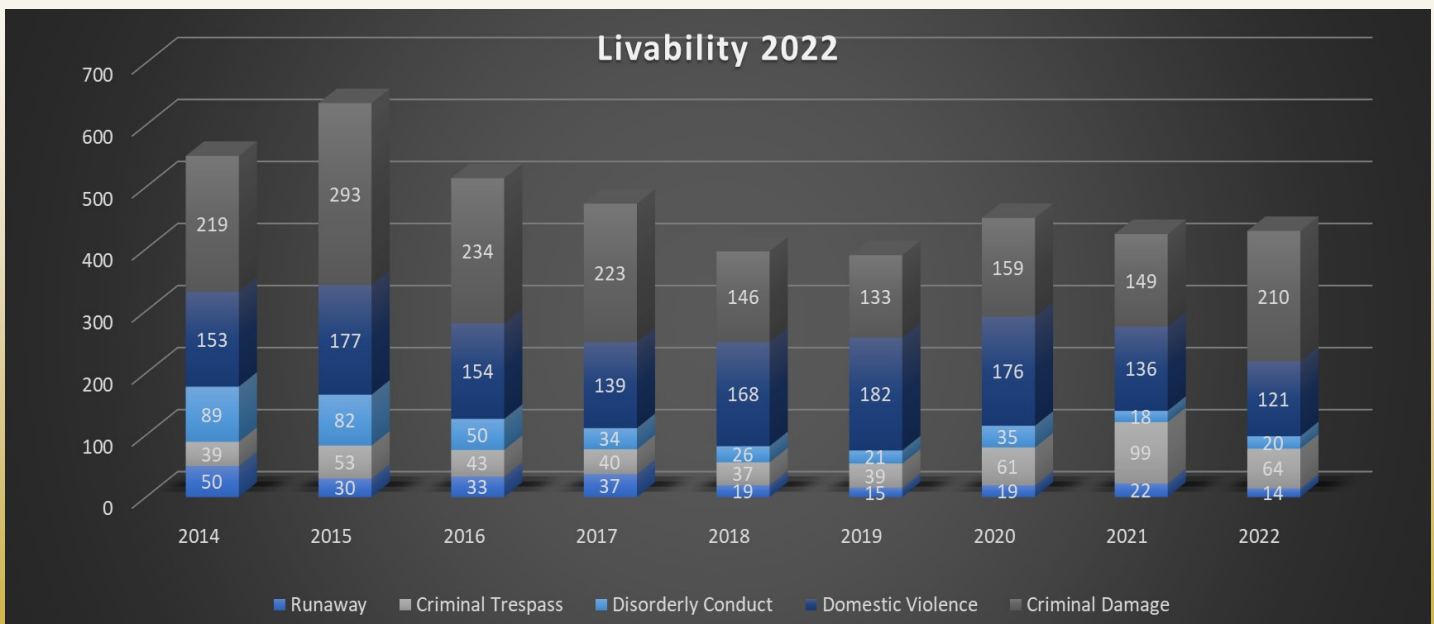
As the columns in the lower graph decline, there is a greater level of livability in the community in essence the community is healthier.

The results of quickly nipping 'quality of life' crimes supports the **"Broken Windows" theory of crime prevention**. If minor violations and crimes are left unchecked by the community, then a breeding ground for crime develops which, if

allowed to remain, gives rise to additional and more serious crimes.



In a small community, it is relatively easy to drive through unkempt neighborhoods and then overlay crime mapping on those areas to see the accuracy of the **Broken Windows Theory of Crime**. Proactively addressing nuisance code violations, abandoned vehicles, and minor criminal activity really is the first line of defense to protect the overall quality of life and livability in Parsons.



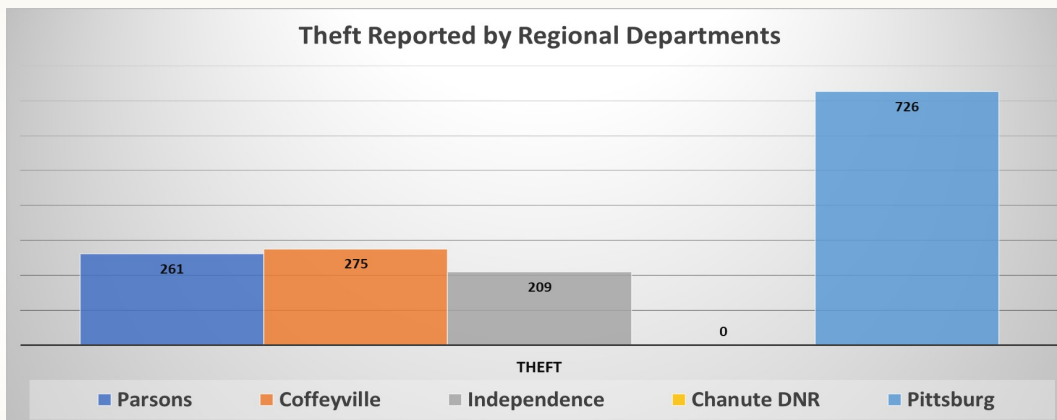
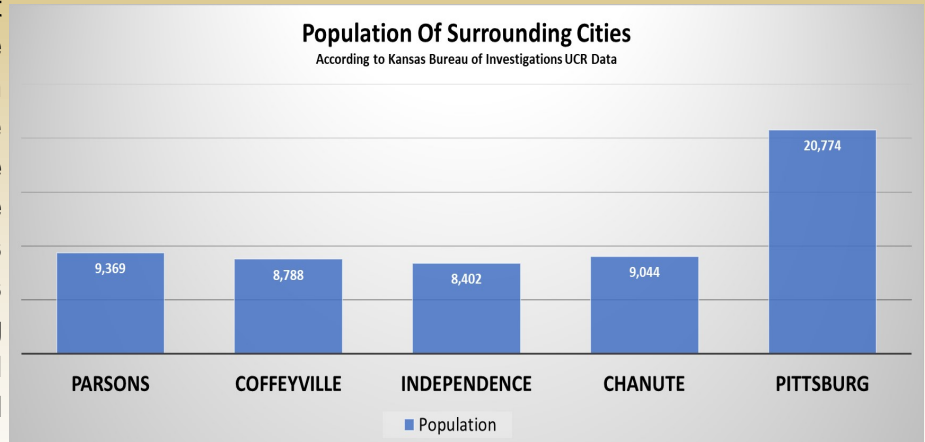


# UCR

## UNDERSTANDING CRIME: WHAT IS UCR?



The Parsons Police Department reports **ALL** collected crime data to the **Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI)**, which serves as the clearinghouse for collected crime data in the State of Kansas. **Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)** has been a staple in crime statistics since the 1930's. The State of Kansas collects agency information and their data as part of the **Kansas Incident Based Reporting System (KIBRS)**. This data is also submitted to the FBI for their **National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)**.

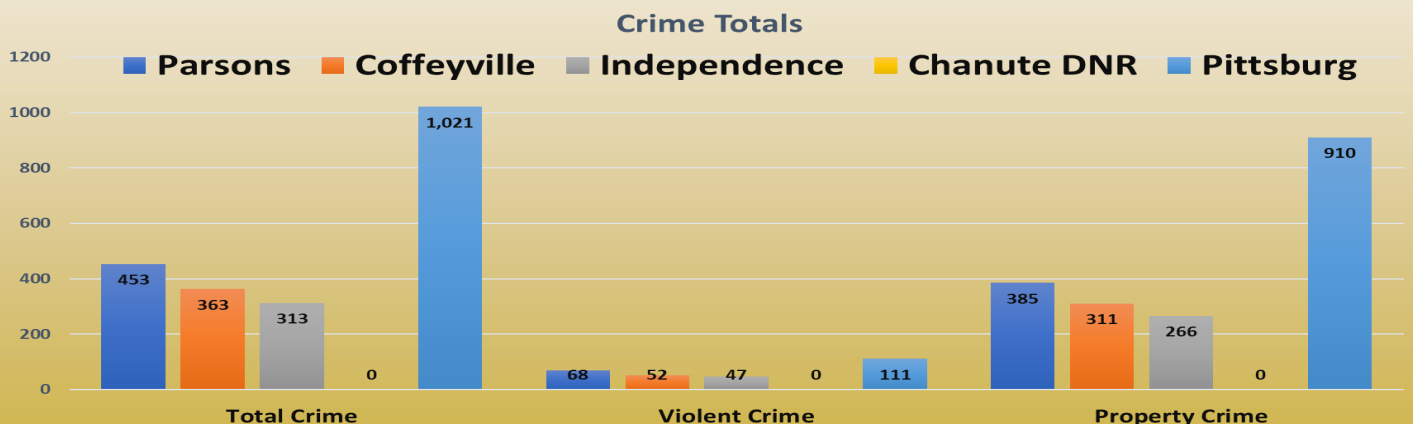


comparison between PPD and other agencies.

One common misconception is that the work environment for rural police officers is safer than in metropolitan communities. Yet, the data has shown for decades that the two highest risk work locations for police officers are the largest metropolitan cities and in rural

**Serious Crimes include:** Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Simple Crimes or less serious crimes are also tracked, this is not an all inclusive list of crimes. The charts shows the local UCR crime rate. This allows a

communities. All other areas and sizes of communities tend to provide a safer work environment for law enforcement officers. Usually because of lower staffing, less back-up, availability of weapons and a host of factors, policing metropolitan cities and rural communities remains a risky occupation.





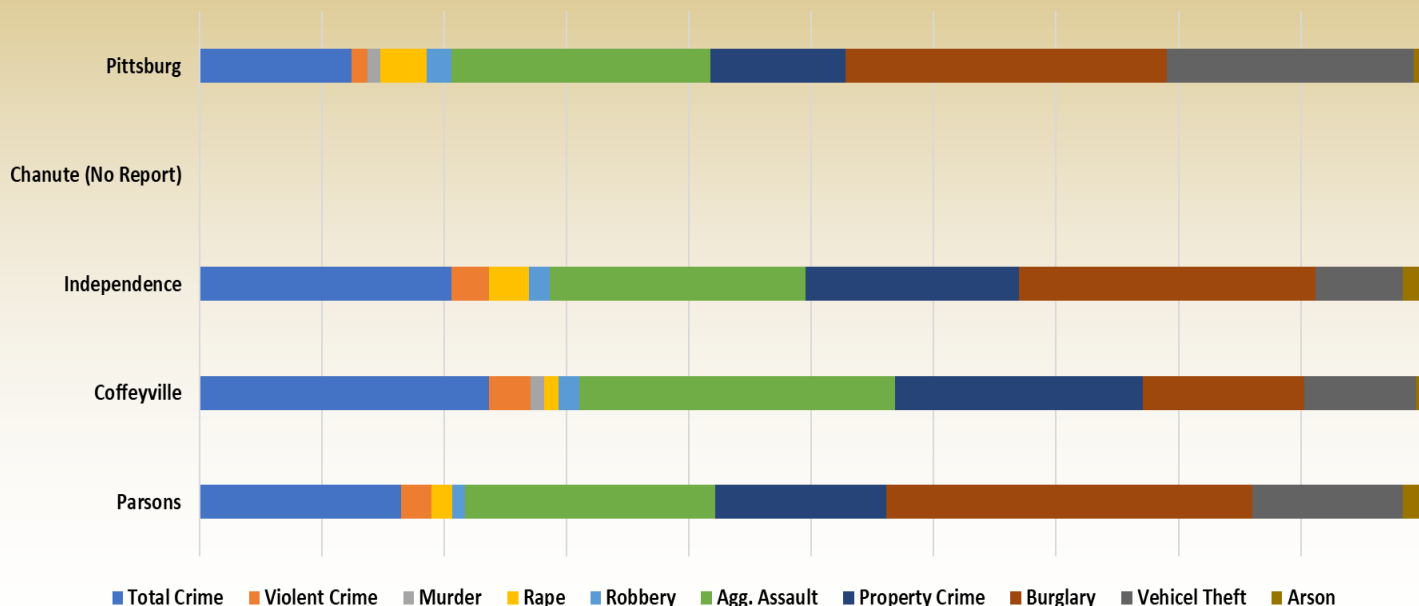


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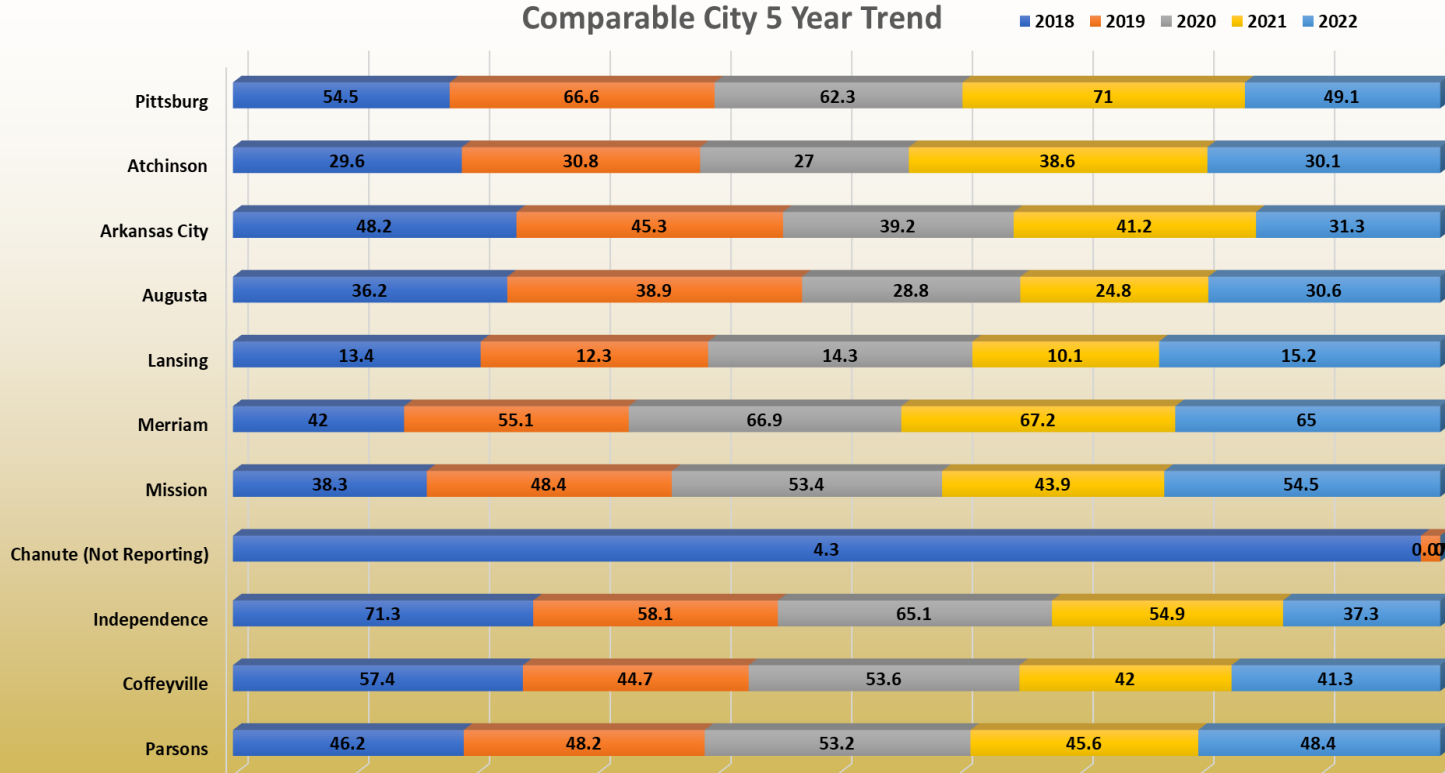


### 2022 Regional Comparison NIBRS



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### Comparable City 5 Year Trend





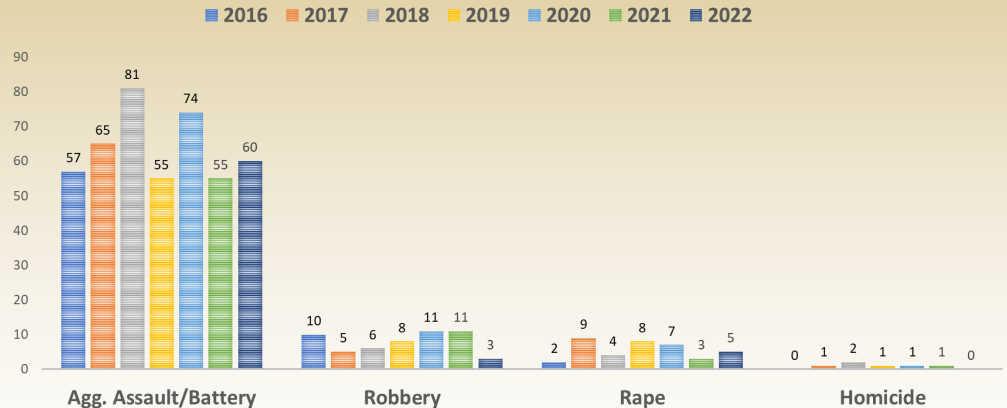
# STATISTICS

## UCR Department Stats

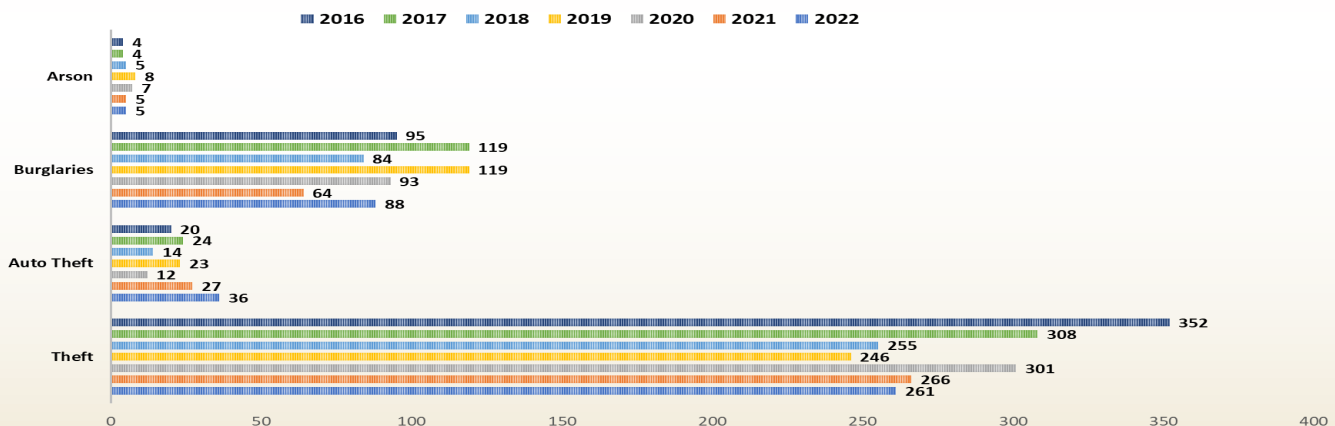


The **Uniform Crime Report (UCR)** samples only specific crimes, which allows for uniform comparison of data across city, state and regional lines. This system was created in 1928 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). It was then transferred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a means to establish a way to systematically measure crimes across the United States. The US Department of Justice (DOJ) publishes this data annually in the **FBI Crime Data Explorer** available on-line at: [https:// crime-data-explorer.fr.cloud.gov/pages/home](https://crime-data-explorer.fr.cloud.gov/pages/home)

### NIBRS PERSONS CRIME TRENDS



### NIBRS PROPERTY CRIME TRENDS



### Total Reports Taken 2014 - 2022





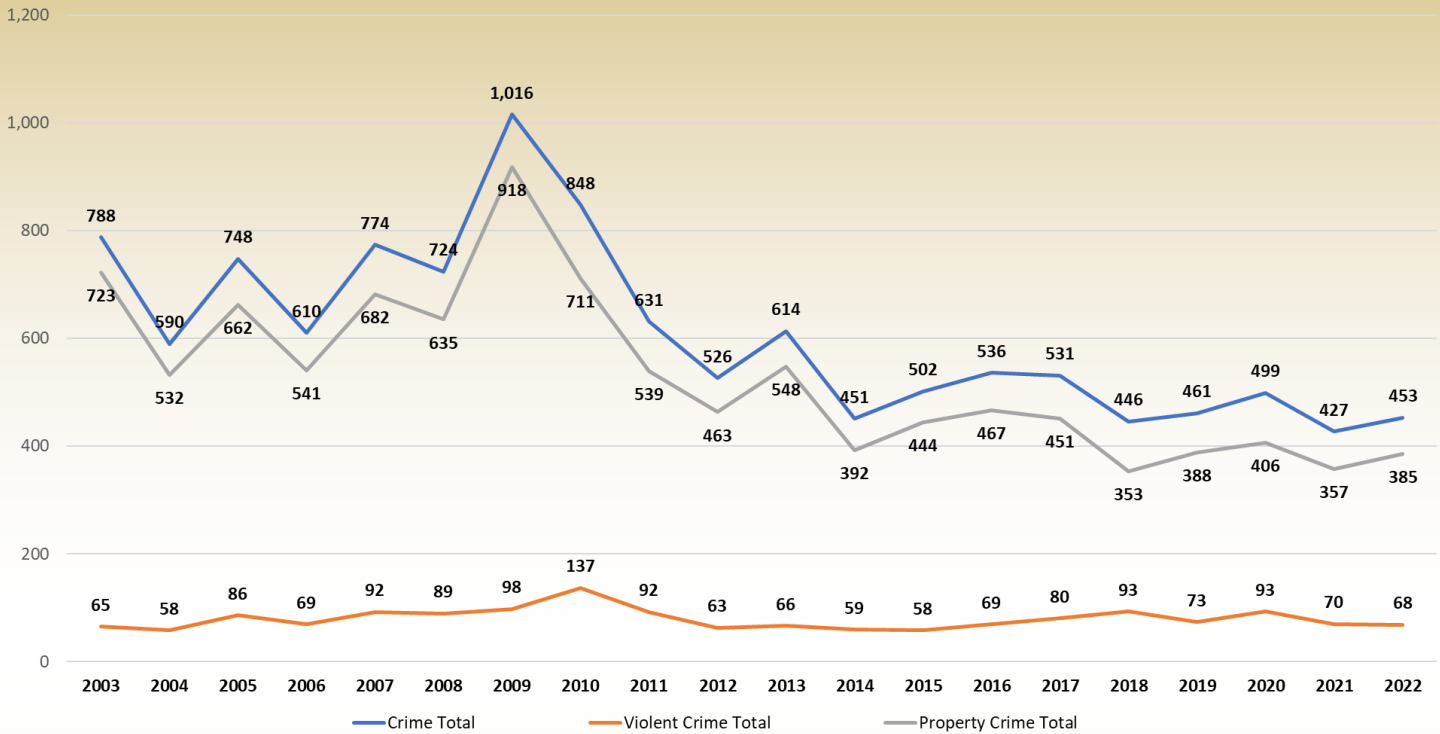


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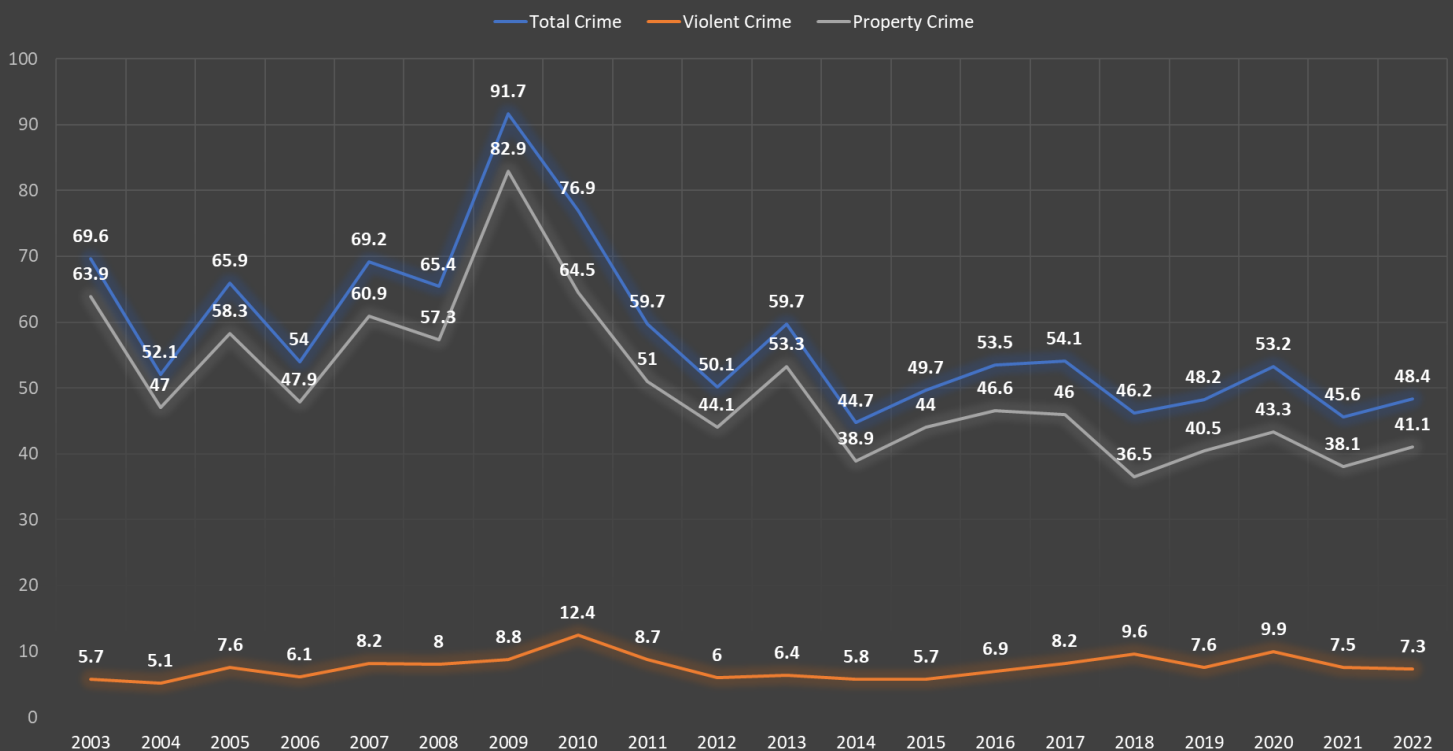
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PARSONS CRIME RATE BY ACTUAL CRIME 2003-2022



Parsons Crime Per 1000 Population 2003-2022



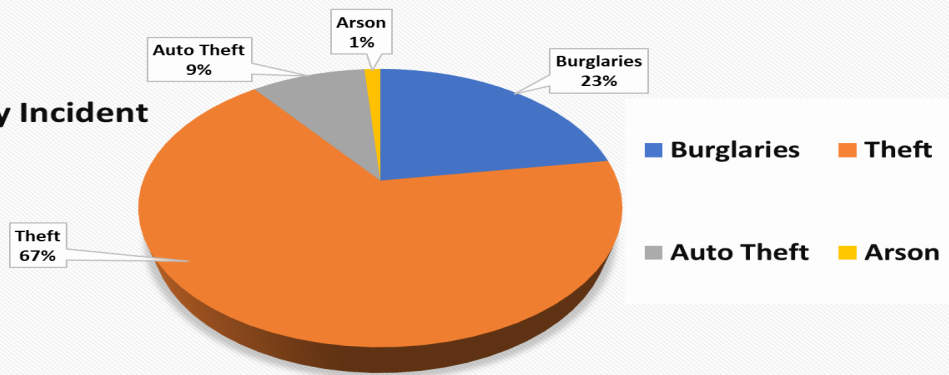


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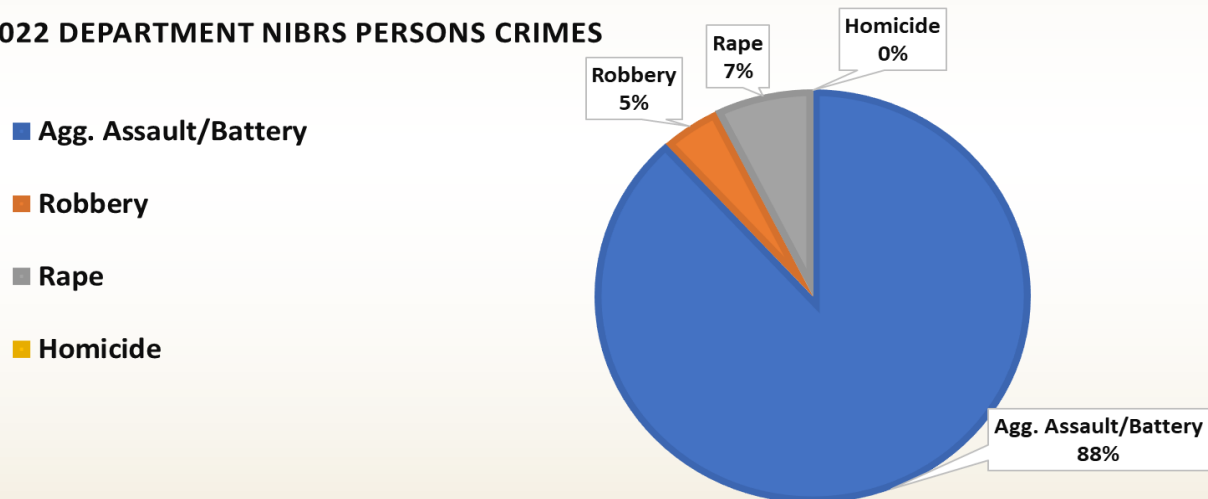
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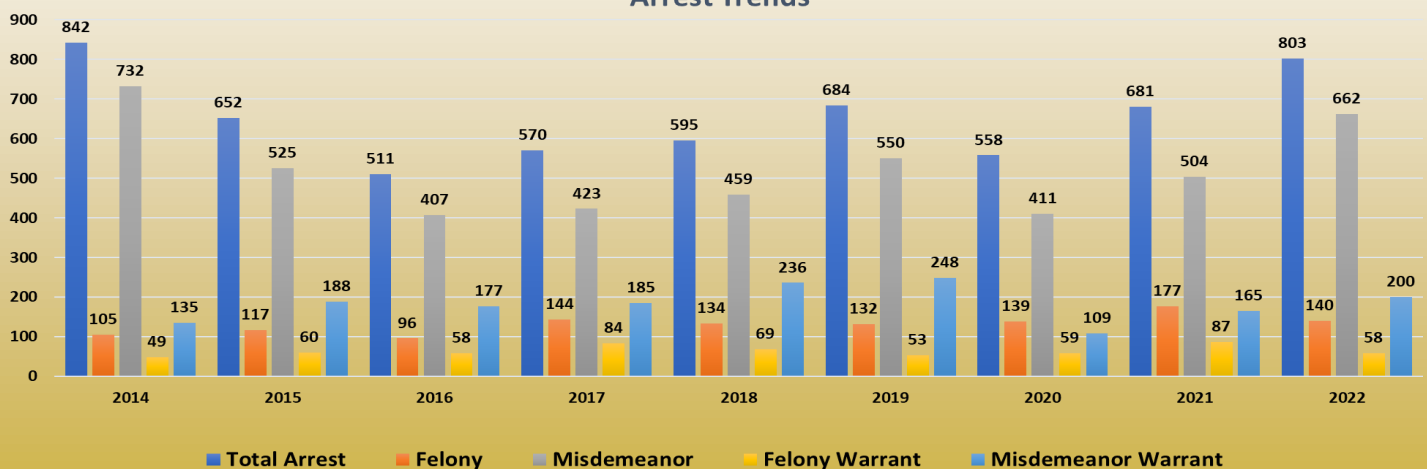
2022 Property Crimes by Incident



2022 DEPARTMENT NIBRS PERSONS CRIMES



Arrest Trends





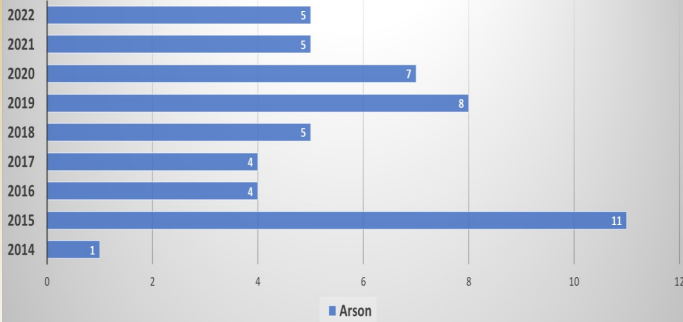


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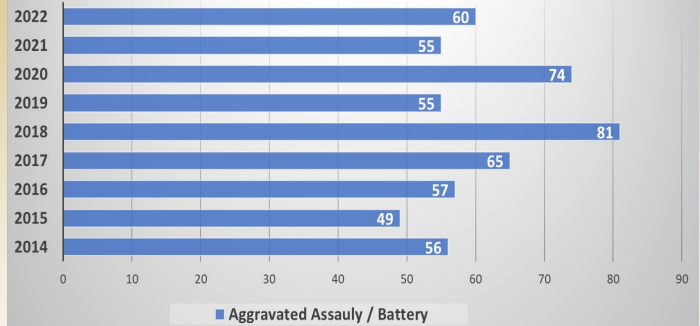
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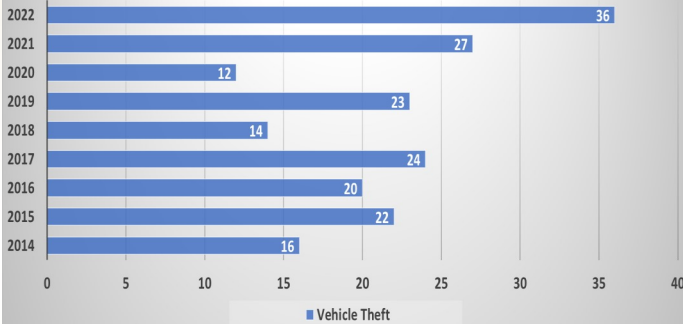
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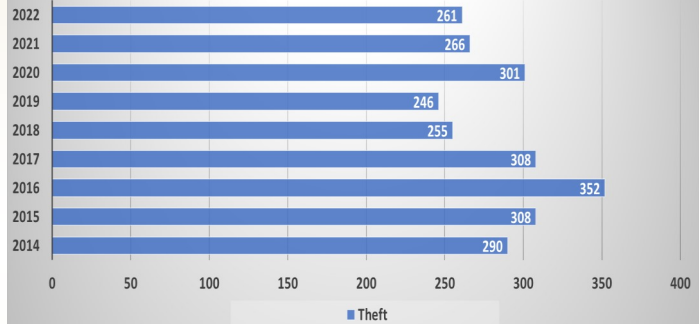
Aggravated Assaults / Battery



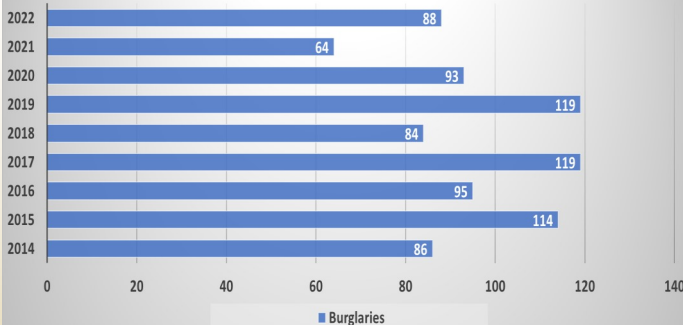
Vehicle Theft



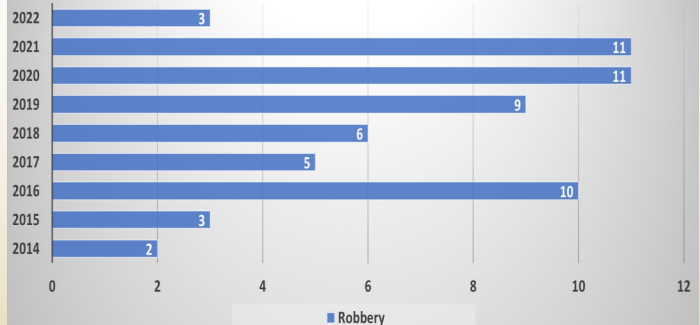
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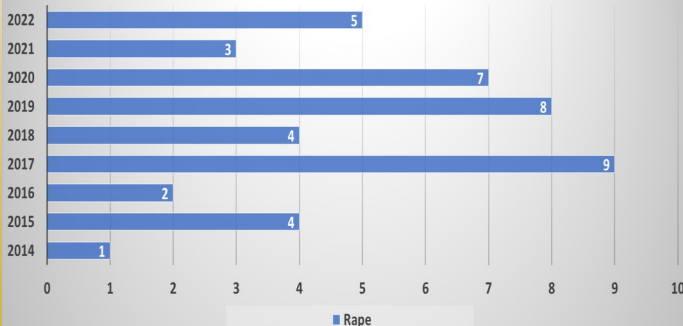
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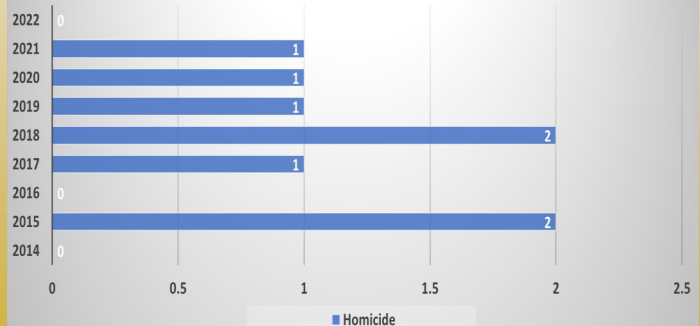
Robbery



Rape



Homicide



# K-9 REPORT

## K9 Karim / K9 Morgan

The Parsons Police Department's K9 Program soared to new heights with the addition of K9 Morgan to the program to help the already seasoned Karim. Karim, a veteran with two years of experience on the force, was the sole face of the program in 2021. In 2022, the department welcomed Morgan, a spirited and highly trainable Labrador Retriever, as the newest member of the K9 team.

Karim's expertise and dedication as a narcotics detector laid the foundation for the program's success. His firsthand experience in detection and tracking combined with his passion for working alongside his human partner. Both provided a wealth of knowledge and guidance to the team.



Upon meeting Morgan, it was clear that she possessed the traits and temperament necessary for the demanding role that Parsons has to offer. Morgan's natural intelligence, strong drive, and unwavering loyalty quickly won over the hearts of the department's staff. Karim and Morgan's compatibility to work with their partners is a testament to their handlers.

The duo embarked on an intensive training regimen that encompassed a wide range of critical skills. Their dedication to training was unwavering, as they spent countless hours refining their abilities.



Karim and Morgan wasted no time putting their skills to the test in the field. Their exceptional teamwork and efficiency quickly became the talk of the town. With Morgan's acute sense of smell and unwavering focus, combined with Karim's experience and

tactical expertise, the duo achieved remarkable success in uncovering illicit narcotics.

Beyond their operational triumphs, Karim and Morgan have become cherished members of the community. Their friendly demeanor and approachable nature allow them to connect with citizens wherever they meet them. They participated in community outreach events, engaging with local organizations, and community gatherings. Karim and Morgan help foster positive relations between the police department and the community they serve, solidifying trust and inspiring confidence.



The story of Karim and Morgan stands as a testament to teamwork, and the exceptional bond between a police officer and their K9 partner. Through their unwavering dedication, outstanding performance, and positive community engagement, Karim and Morgan will continue to elevate the Parsons Police Department's police canine program to new heights.



The Parsons K9 Program is a grant and donation funded program through the generosity of the community, The **Parsons Community Area Foundation** and **K9s4Cops**.

If you wish to make a donation to the K-9 Program, please go to the **Parsons Area Community Foundation** to donate in care of the **Parsons Police K-9 Program**.



# USE OF FORCE

## 2022 Police Use of Force Review

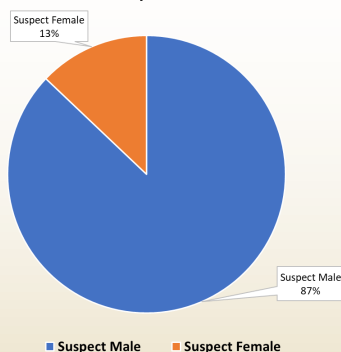


In 2022, the Parsons Police Department demonstrated a commendable record regarding the use of force incidents, arrests, and personnel complaints. Out of the **27,209** Calls for Service and **803** arrests, only **57** incidents involved the use of force, none of which required the use of firearms. This means that individuals interacting with a Parsons Police Officer faced less than a **2.9%** chance of encountering force. Furthermore, the likelihood of force being used during an arrest was a mere **7.1%**.

Notably, in 2022, there were **zero racial or biased-based complaints** filed out of the five personnel complaints received. None of these complaints were related to use of force incidents. As part of our commitment to transparency and accountability, the Parsons Police Department promptly forwards all Use of Force reports, as well as any racial or biased-based complaints, to the **Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI)** as mandated by our standard state reporting procedures.

Anticipating and proactively addressing the need for police reform, the Parsons Police

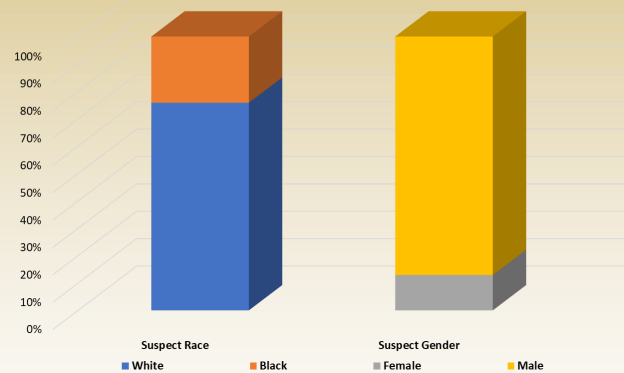
2022 Use of Force by Gender 57 Incidents



Department was already fully compliant with the executive order on police reform issued by the President of the United States in 2020. Our department's compliance with the executive order underscores our commitment to cultivating improved relationships and partnerships with the citizens of our community.

To enhance safety and trust during interactions with law enforcement, the department has implemented various measures. We utilize body cameras, which benefit both citizens and officers by providing a visual record of encounters.

Use of Force Breakdown by Gender and Race

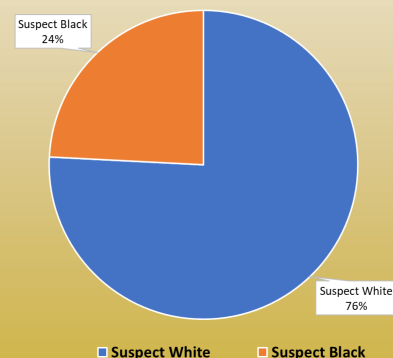


Additionally, our officers undergo annual training in Racial and Biased-Based Policing, ensuring they are well-equipped to uphold fairness and equality in their interactions. Furthermore, our department now boasts certified De-Escalation Instructors who train officers in techniques to effectively manage critical incidents and encounters, benefiting both officers and the community at large.

Through our dedication to compliance, transparency, and ongoing training, the Parsons Police Department remains committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for all members of our community. We strive to continually improve our practices and maintain open lines of communication to ensure that the trust and confidence of our community are upheld.

*\*Use of force is Defined as any force beyond voluntary handcuffing. Data is sometimes duplicated due to multiple officers or suspects.*

Use Of Force by Race 57 Incidents



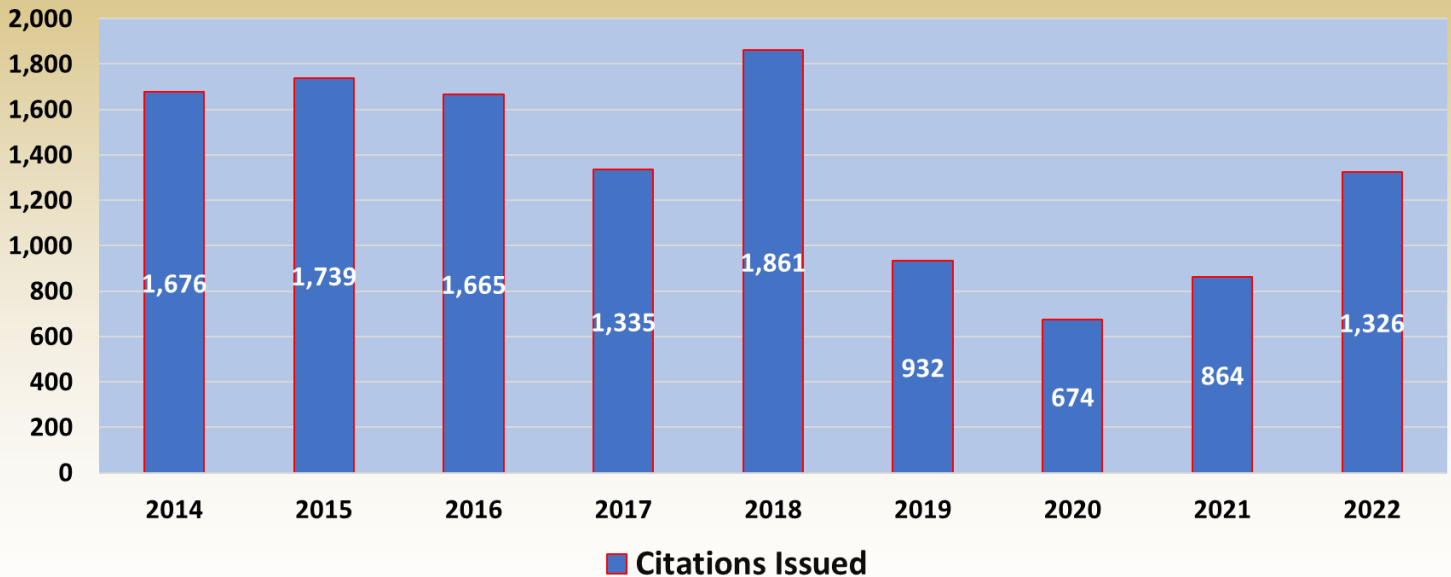




# TRAFFIC REPORT



## 2022 Traffic Citation Data



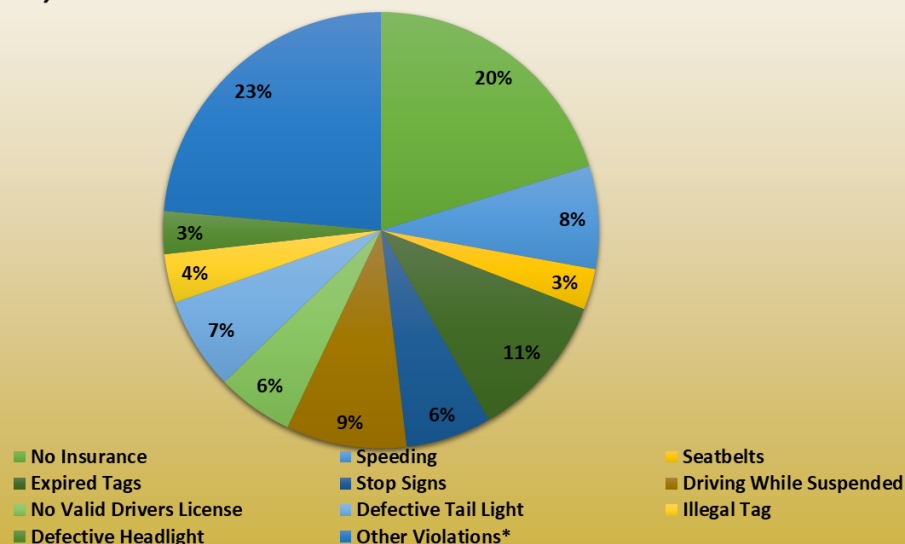
Citations for the Parsons Police Department have been consistent in the past, but dramatically dropped in 2020 due to COVID-19 issues. However, this year we saw a larger increase in citations. The graph shows that our agency is starting to get back to our pre pandemic numbers.

The breakdown for citations is interesting. The Pie Chart shows that our biggest issue is drivers with **No Liability Insurance**. This makes up 20% of all our issued traffic citations and seems like a high percentage of uninsured drivers, but it can

also be misinterpreted since officers write the citations for not having proof of the insurance in the vehicle. If the driver has proof of the insurance and takes it to the municipal court, they can possibly have the charges dropped.

The largest portions of our citation totals (**23%**) this year came from miscellaneous traffic violations, misdemeanor violations, and includes city ordinance violations. This allows the Parsons Police Department to continue to use the lowest level of force to gain the highest level of voluntary compliance.

## Percentages for the 1,326 Citations in 2022





# TRAFFIC REPORT

## 2022 Traffic Citation Data



In 2022, the Parsons Police Department experienced a notable increase in traffic stops and citations compared to the previous year. This significant rise signifies the department's ongoing commitment to conducting traffic enforcement despite enduring a long-standing personnel shortage.

It is crucial to present this data to the public, considering the numerous complaints on social media regarding traffic violations. One prevalent complaint is the perception that the police solely focus on issuing seatbelt citations to fulfill a predetermined quota. However, this chart and the comprehensive traffic report demonstrate that officers prioritize maintaining road safety for all drivers through a combination of education and enforcement. Furthermore, the chart highlights the Parsons Police Department's commitment to fairness and equity in the distribution of citations relative to warnings issued.

The agency's policy emphasizes the use of the least amount of enforcement to gain the highest level of voluntary compliance. The ultimate goal is to reduce traffic crashes and ensure the safety of not only vehicles but also pedestrians and bicyclists.

In 2022, the Parsons Police Department achieved an average citation-to-stop ratio of 36%, a notable decrease from the 67.28% recorded in 2021. This change can be attributed to the impact of a higher number of traffic stops made in 2021. As staffing levels increase and newer faces join the department more traffic stops were conducted, resulting in officers addressing more significant violations and subsequently issuing more citations instead of warnings.

According to a 2015 survey conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), **the national average estimated that approximately 49% of traffic stops resulted in citations or enforcement actions.** In comparison, the Parsons Police Department is well below the national average in terms of citations issued during traffic stops, which proves that we are determined to educate the public to meet our public safety challenges.

\*This information was obtained from an outside source: <https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/cpp15.pdf>

### Citation to Stop Ratio

Total Stops	2,040
Total Stops with Issued Citation	736
Percentage of Stops Resulting in Citation	36%

1 Citation per 2.78 Stops

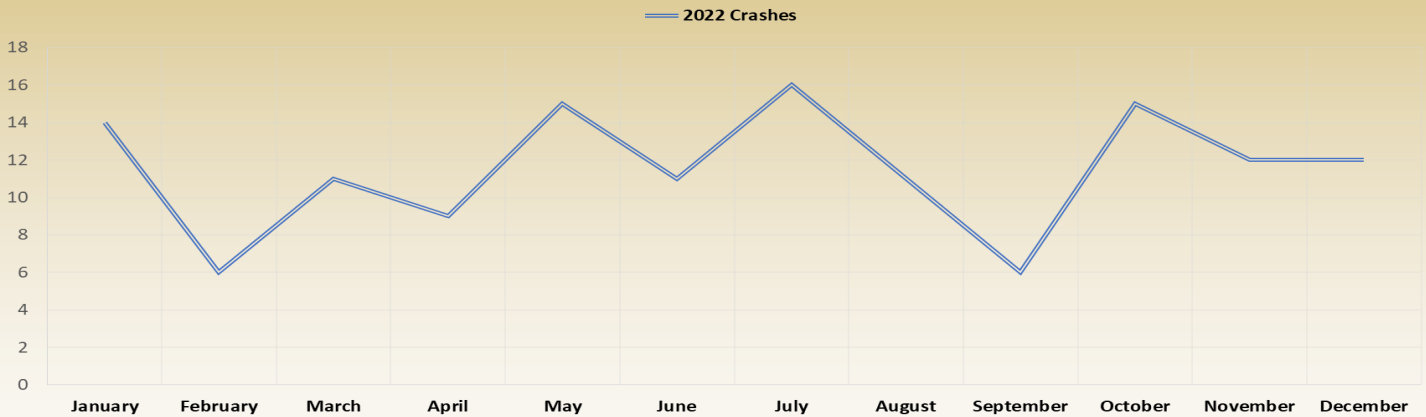


# PARSONS CRASH DATA

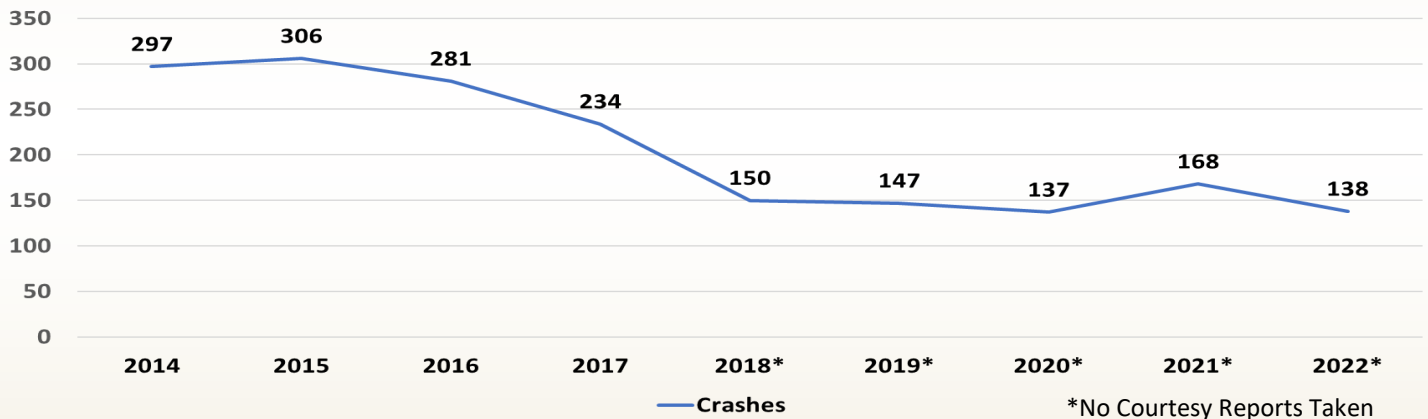
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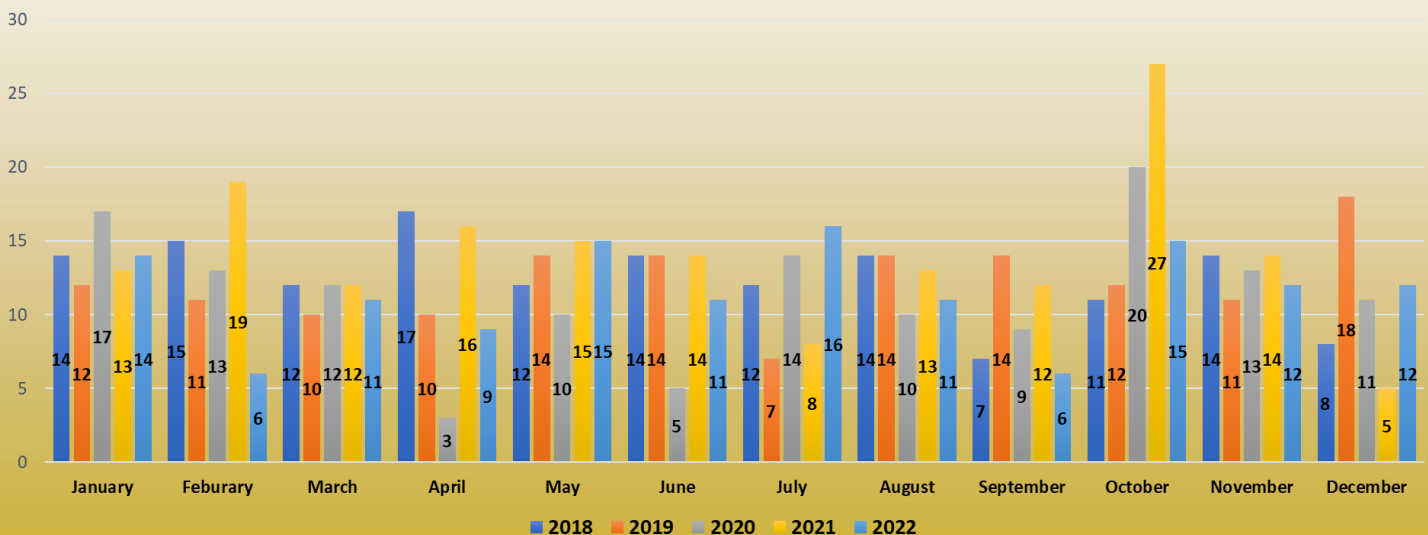
## 2022 CRASHES



## 9 Year Crash Data Trend



## 2018-2022 Traffic Crash By Month Comparison







# DISPATCH

## Communications Director Marti Shields



The Parsons Police Department operates a round-the-clock Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) dispatch center, ensuring continuous service 365 days a year. The center is staffed by a team of four full-time dispatchers, overseen by a dedicated Communications Director. As the primary point of contact in emergencies, dispatchers are often the **first "first responders,"** offering immediate assistance to callers.



Our dispatch team works in 12-hour shifts, with one dispatcher on duty at any given time. Their responsibilities are extensive and multifaceted, encompassing the simultaneous monitoring of **twenty-five cameras, six phone lines** (three administrative and three NG911 ('Next Generation 911') lines), text-to-911 capabilities, and up to ten police, fire, and EMS 800MHz radio channels. Within a single shift, dispatchers handle caller information, prioritize calls, and coordinate officer dispatch.

All dispatchers possess full access NCIC (National Crime Information Center) certification, enabling them to perform critical tasks such as running vehicle plate and personal information, checking criminal histories for police investigations, entering, confirming wants and warrants, and verifying serial numbers for stolen items.

Additionally, Parsons Dispatch plays a vital role in monitoring severe weather conditions and **National Weather Service (NWS)** alerts. When tornado warnings are issued, dispatch is responsible for activating storm sirens and

coordinating the opening of storm shelters. Regular testing of storm siren equipment is conducted weekly to ensure its operational readiness. Furthermore, dispatch staff conducts hourly checks on inmates held in our facility, which comprises three cells with a total of four beds, a detox cell, and a holding cell.

As the initial point of contact for citizens seeking assistance at the Police Department, Parsons Dispatch guides individuals to the appropriate resources and ensures officers are promptly deployed to address their needs. Their compassionate and reassuring demeanor provides comfort to those in distress.

In 2022 alone, our Dispatch Center handled a total of **34,576** phone calls, including emergency **911** calls and administrative inquiries. Additionally, we responded to a total of **27,209** calls for service throughout the year.



Our Dispatch staff undergo specialized training in dispatching protocols and the handling of sensitive information. They are dedicated to continually improving their skill set and knowledge to better serve the residents of Parsons, Kansas. Aligned

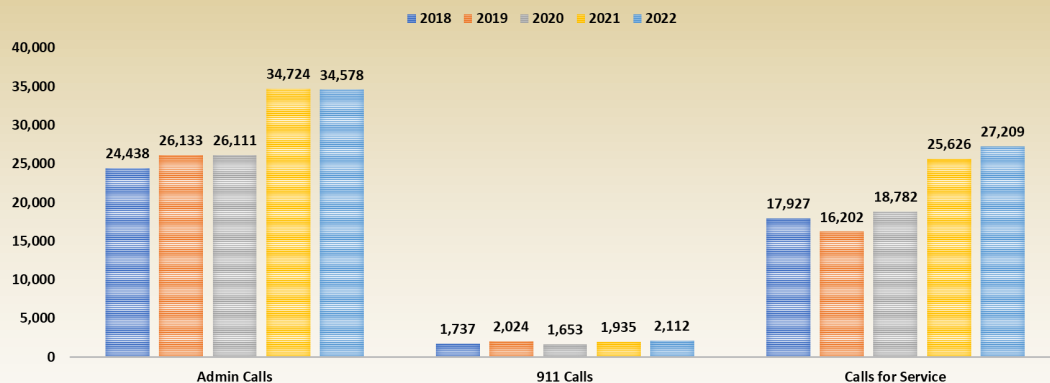
with the Parsons Police Department's core values, which include **PRIDE, PROFESSIONALISM, and DEDICATION**, our dispatchers strive to uphold these principles and set a high standard of service excellence.

# DISPATCH

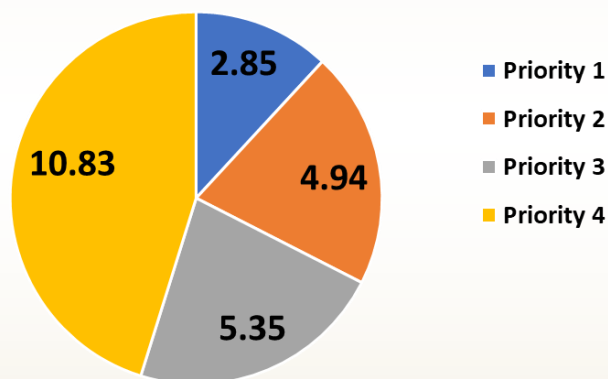
## Parsons 911 Statistics



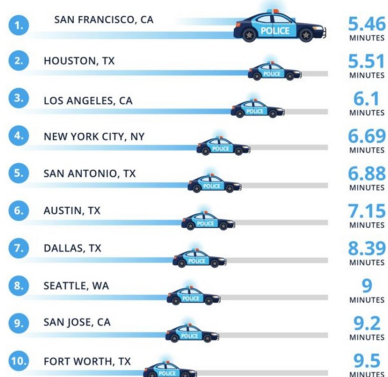
### DISPATCH ACTIVITY



### 2022 Response Times in Minutes



### 10 MAJOR CITIES RANKED BY AVERAGE POLICE RESPONSE TIME



### Calls For Service



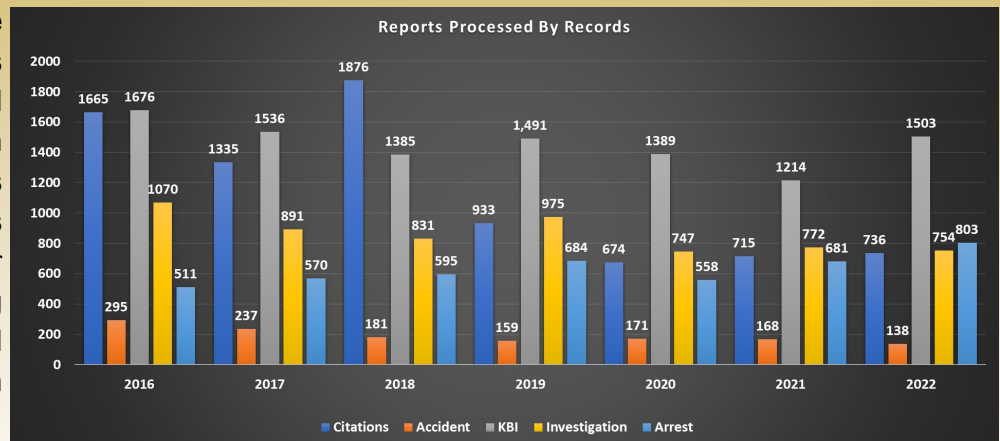


# RECORDS

## 2022 Records Statistics



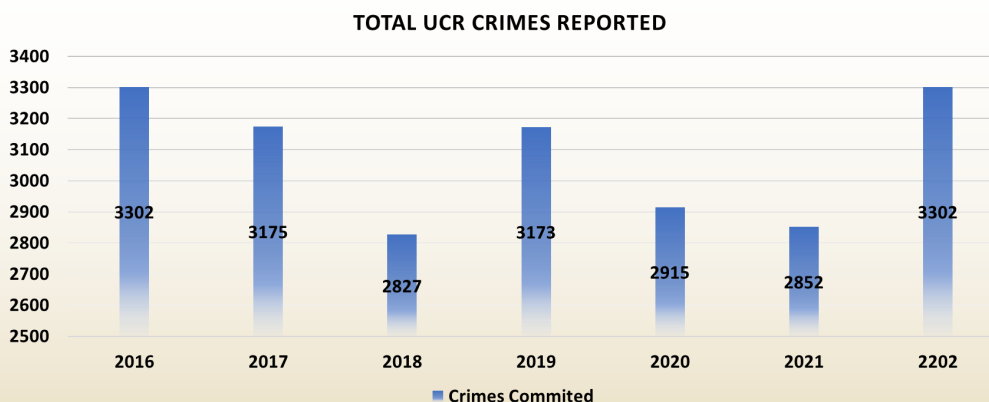
As a Records Coordinator for the Parsons Police Department, Marshall Sills role is crucial in maintaining accurate and organized records for the department. On a daily basis, I handle administrative tasks to ensure smooth operations. This includes entering and updating data in our electronic records system, assisting officers and the public with record requests, and ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations.



Each month, I contribute to the department by conducting record audits, compiling statistical reports, and organizing physical records. Audits help identify discrepancies and errors, while statistical reports provide valuable insights into crime trends and our department's performance. Additionally, I collaborate with other department staff to organize and maintain physical records, ensuring accessibility and adherence to retention policies. Maintaining confidentiality and professionalism

various other capacities that contribute to the department's smooth operation and effectiveness. As the **Technical Agency Coordinator (TAC)** I am responsible for overseeing the integration and maintenance of our technical systems, such as the computer-aided dispatch and records management systems.

As the **Local Agency Security Officer (LASO)** I take on the responsibility of safeguarding sensitive information and enforcing security protocols. This includes conducting regular audits, implementing security measures, and ensuring compliance with state and federal guidelines.



is fundamental to my work as I handle sensitive information with care and stay informed on best practices. Confidentiality and professionalism are fundamental in my work as the Records Coordinator. I treat sensitive information with care and respect privacy concerns. To provide exceptional support to the community, I continuously seek to improve my skills and stay updated on advancements in recordkeeping, data management, and ever-changing rules and regulations.

In addition to my primary role as a Records Coordinator at the Parsons Police Department, I am honored to serve in

Another role I hold is that of a **Communications Training Officer (CTO)**. In this position, I have the privilege of training and mentoring new dispatchers. I emphasize the importance of clear and concise communication, active listening, and accurate information gathering. By imparting these skills to new recruits, I help ensure that our emergency call responses are swift, efficient, and effective.

These additional roles within the department allow me to make valuable contributions to the Parsons Police Department's mission of protecting and serving our community. I am proud to work alongside my colleagues and with pride, professionalism, and dedication, I strive to uphold the Parsons Police Department's reputation as a trusted law enforcement agency.





# EVIDENCE



## 2022 Evidence with Shawn Johnston

In 2022, the Property and Evidence Unit experienced notable expansion and transformations. Shawn Johnston assumed full responsibility for the unit and underwent training with the **International Association of Property and Evidence (IAPE)**, attaining certification as a Property and Evidence Manager. Shawn now oversees various day-to-day evidence-related tasks, including but not limited to intake, return, storage, and transportation of items for further testing by the **Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI)** and other agencies involved in multi-jurisdictional investigations. Additionally,



Shawn is tasked with issuing and executing destruction orders. Moreover, he assists our officers in adhering to current packaging practices and guidelines and also serves as a backup dispatcher during major or critical events.

Due to the pressing threat of Fentanyl in our community, we have implemented changes in the processing and storage of narcotics. To safeguard our officers from potential hazards posed by unknown substances, we have introduced **NARCAN** as a mandatory training requirement for all department personnel. This measure prioritizes the safety of both our staff and the community, recognizing the urgent nature of situations involving Fentanyl.

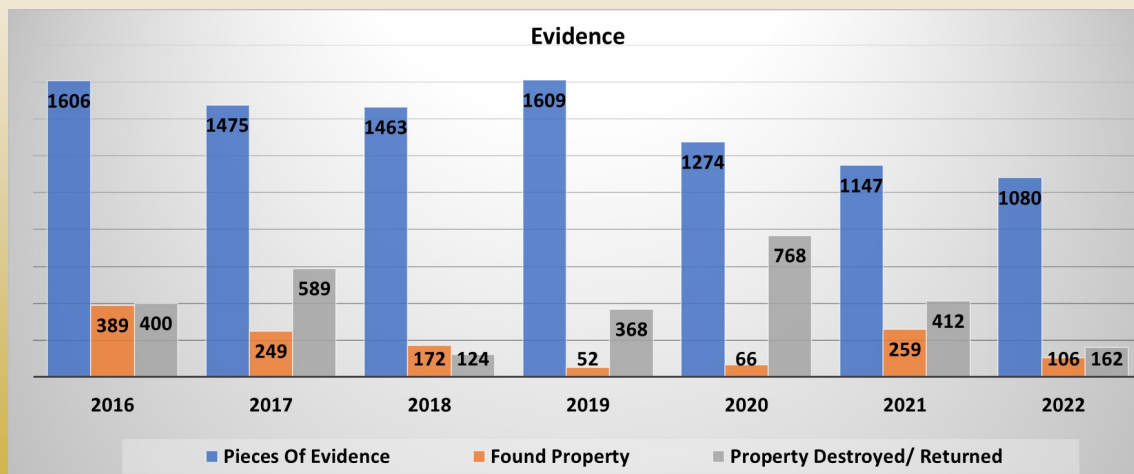
Furthermore, significant changes have been made to our facilities. The antiquated fingerprint lab has been repurposed into an evidence processing area where we package and prepare evidence for storage or submission to the KBI Crime lab for further analysis. Additionally, we have



expanded our offsite evidence storage facility by adding a second cage certified by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). This expansion has allowed us to transfer a substantial portion of our older evidence from the main "evidence room" to the offsite location. Moreover, the department has acquired a DEA-certified portable drug incinerator, known as the "Drug Terminator," which ensures environmentally safe destruction of narcotics as mandated by the court. This acquisition has facilitated the disposal of several hundred pounds of illegal narcotics and prescription medications collected through our drug take back program.



Shawn's leadership and proactive approach have brought about significant improvements, propelling the **Property and Evidence Unit** into the modern era of police work. The strides made in 2022 regarding long-term evidence storage have been remarkable, and Shawn aims to sustain this growth throughout 2023.





# ANIMAL CONTROL

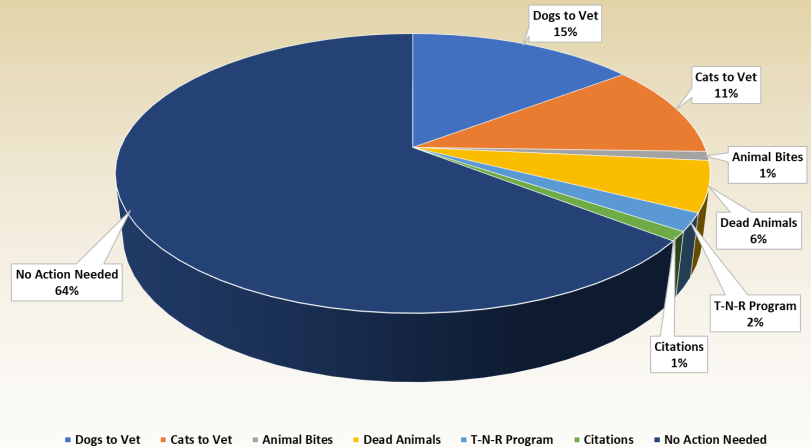
**Community Service Officer Ricky Thompson**



2022 the **Community Service Officer (CSO)** position was busier than ever, with nearly double the call load of 2021. This was **Ricky Thompson's** first full year in the position. He continued his training by attending the Kansas Animal Control annual meeting in February. During this training he was certified for chemical immobilization and thermometry. He also began his training at the **Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in December**. Resulting in Officer Blake Sanchez being cross training and filling in for the CSO position for the latter months of 2022. CSO Thompson will be Parsons' first armed Community Service Officer/Police Officer

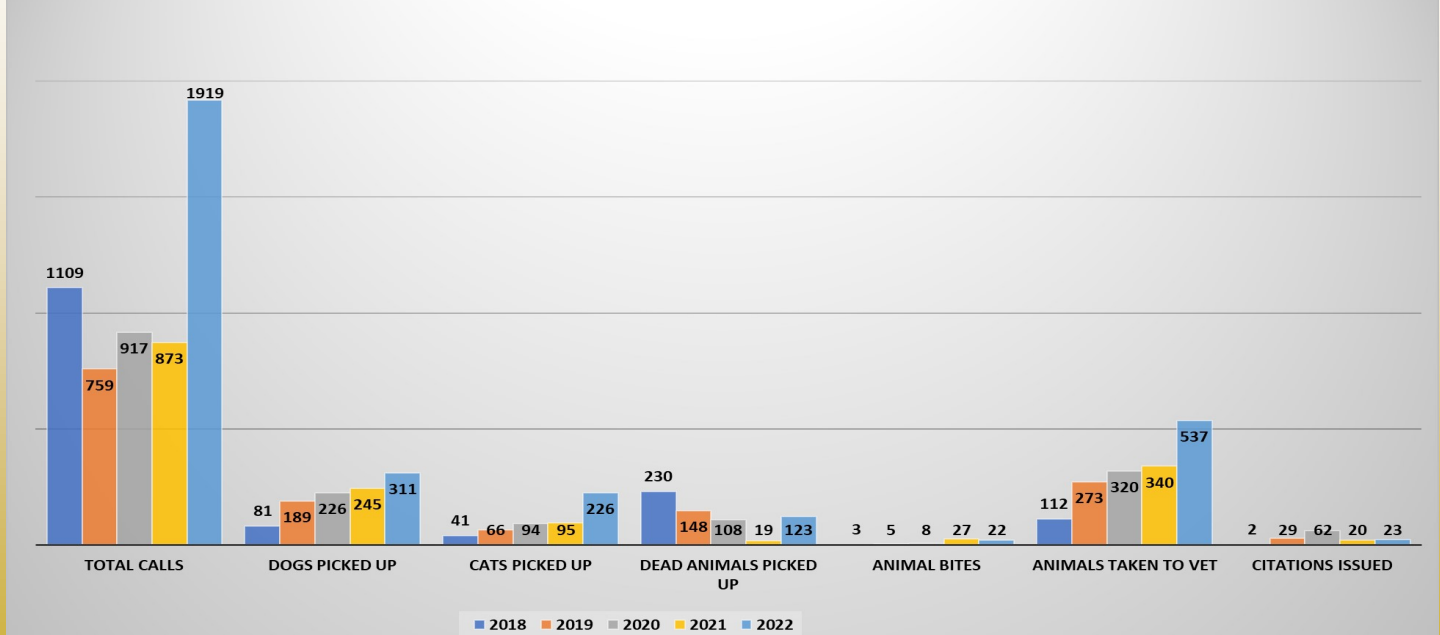
CSO Thompson continued community relations through his position. The percentage of animals that were reunited with owners on average went up approximately 10% from 2021 to 2022. However, this is still not high enough. With our current call volume for 2022 approximately 28% of all animal calls result in an animal being impounded. We cannot stress enough how much an identification tag helps reunite animals with their owners and reinforces the '**Animal Guardian**' mentality with pet owners.

Summary of 1,919 Calls for Animals



Parsons Officers handled **1,919** animal calls for service in 2022 resulting in 537 animals being taken to the veterinarian. Of those 537 animals there were 311 dogs and 226 cats. With CSO Thompson working throughout the year he was able take the majority of that call load, 1,454 of the total 1,919 animal related calls. He was able to take 419 of the total 537 animals, **catching 68% of the total dogs** and **91% of the total cats** taken to the veterinarian for the year. Of the total 226 cats that were taken to the veterinarian 44 of the cats were subject to Parsons TNR Program (Trap-Neuter-Return) started in 2022.

Animal Control Trends 2018-2022





# FLEET

## Police Department Vehicles 2022



As of 2022, the Parsons Police Department possesses a fleet consisting of a total of 24 vehicles. Among these vehicles, 15 are designated for patrol purposes and are utilized by patrol officers and supervisors. Additionally, specific units within the department, such as the School Resource Officer (SRO), K-9 Officers, Administrative Services, Investigation Division, and Administration, have their own assigned vehicles.

Pooling or sharing of vehicles is currently practiced within the patrol division, which involves the utilization of vehicles by the Corporal, Senior Patrolman, East Sector, and West Sector. The remaining vehicles serve as supplemental resources for specialized patrols like the **Click It or Ticket** campaign, **DUI campaigns**, and saturation patrols. They also function as transport vehicles for officers who are called in to provide specialized transportation services to other agencies or facilities. The following charts indicate that patrol vehicles are utilized extensively, with monthly mileage exceeding that of some cars throughout an entire year.

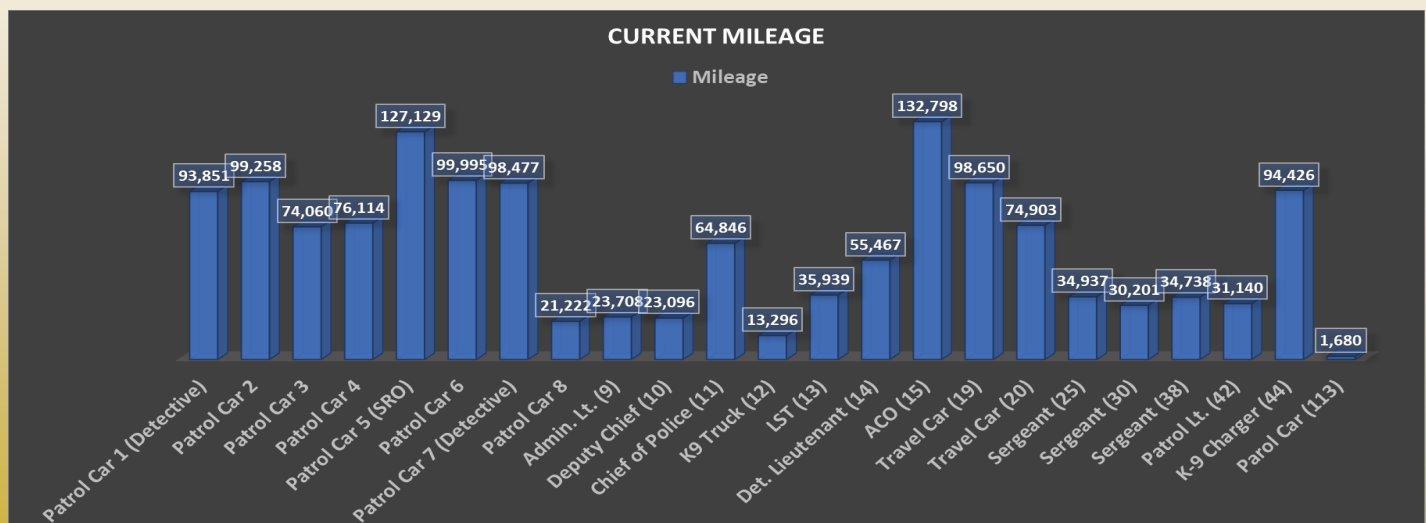
On average, patrol cars are driven over **2,000** miles per month by patrol officers. The mileage of Sergeants and Corporals, who serve as shift supervisors and are responsible for considerable administrative duties, tends to be lower compared to Sector Officers or Senior Patrolmen.

Within the unmarked portion of the fleet, vehicles are assigned to the detective unit. However, these vehicles are aging and incur increasing maintenance costs. To better accommodate the equipment required at major crime scenes,

the detectives have been provided with retired patrol Chevy Tahoe vehicles. These vehicles have replaced the program cars acquired in 2011, which were initially procured to meet the needs of the detectives. Two of the Program cars have been phased out of service and replaced by two Chevy Silverado's. These have been assigned to the Deputy Chief and Administrative Services.

The **Logistics Support Truck (LST)**, despite having relatively low mileage, requires equipment upgrades. The LST serves as a staging area for events such as **Katy Days** and is taken to venues like **Touch-A-Truck** and the **Parsons Christmas Parade**. Its primary function involves serving as an evidence collection point for serious crimes and as an **Incident Command** center for large-scale investigations and crime scenes. Currently, the LST operates on an outdated analog radio system, which needs to be replaced with a digital radio system compatible with the agency's 800 MHz frequency. Equipped with a computer and new communication tools, the Parsons Police Department could establish a mobile dispatch center in the event of a natural disaster.

Additionally, the Police Department includes the Community Service Officer's vehicle as part of its fleet as well as a **Polaris UTV** for specialized patrols off road. The CSO vehicle has been upgraded with animal-friendly transport cages featuring ventilation systems and interior lighting. The remaining vehicles maintained by the department consist of the Chief of Police's and Deputy Chiefs' vehicles, along with all travel cars.





# FLEET

*Fleet Continued...*



## Patrol Car Average Miles Driven Per Month

### Mileage per month

Vehicle	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average
1	0	3467	2573	1484	581	1364	302	134	1415
2	0	0	2169	2795	2046	1507	796	957	1712
3	0	0	0	1965	1751	1316	987	626	1329
4	0	0	0	2431	1740	1301	1156	494	1424
5	0	3848	2486	3376	1668	972	322	52	1818
6	0	0	2357	2765	2059	1372	208	973	1622
7	1298	1403	2636	1260	360	1165	281	246	1081
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	NEW	1574	1574
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	NEW	559	559
25	0	0	0	0	0	1266	1109	701	1025
30	0	0	0	0	0	72	1293	667	677
38	0	0	0	0	0	766	1286	799	950
42	0	0	0	0	0	351	1290	374	1226
44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	441	441
113	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NEW	140

### Mileage per Year

Vehicle	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Average
1	0	17336	30880	17813	6966	13641	3628	1606	13124
2	0	0	8677	33545	16368	18081	9552	11486	16285
3	0	0	0	15717	21008	15787	11846	7508	14373
4	0	0	0	19450	17404	15617	13868	5926	14453
5	0	19242	29858	40511	20012	11658	3858	619	17965
6	0	0	9427	33182	24711	11464	2501	11671	15493
7	7790	16841	31626	15119	4322	13974	3373	2946	11999
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	NEW	18889	18889
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	NEW	6703	6703
25	0	0	0	0	0	7595	13304	8416	9772
30	0	0	0	0	0	72	15513	8008	7864
38	0	0	0	0	0	4596	15428	9591	9872
42	0	0	0	0	0	351	15479	4491	6774
44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5287	52587
113	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NEW	1680





# CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

## Parsons Police Department Chaplain Partners



The Parsons Police Department partners with churches in the community to provide a Police Chaplain Program. These trained volunteer professionals provide support to crime victims and community members when they are in crisis. They also provide support to our policing staff.

The role of police chaplain can be a very demanding position as their services can be requested at all hours of the night, under all kinds of conditions. They are bound by the same ethics as law enforcement officers, especially when it comes to confidentiality, as well as by departmental policies.

As noted by the **International Conference of Police Chaplains**, the position and function of a police chaplain differs from that of a pastor.



Their role is to serve, not preach — it is a ministry of presence. Police chaplains, just like military chaplains, must be able to deal with a variety of people with different faith backgrounds, as well as people without faith backgrounds. There is

a difference between being a pastor and being a chaplain. A pastor takes an active role in people's faith life development, while a chaplain supports people where they are at that moment.

A police chaplain is considered a volunteer staff member of the Department. The Chaplain functions as a non-sworn staff assistant to the Chief of Police or his/her designee and comes under the authority of the Chief of Police.

**Police chaplains serve in a wide variety of ways.** They may be called upon to assist in death notifications, assist and support victims in times of crisis, respond to suicide incidents, and serve

as part of a crisis response team. They visit sick or injured personnel, are a resource for counseling for members of the agency and their families, and serve as a liaison with other clergy in the community. They are called upon to deliver the invocation or benediction at public ceremonies as representatives of the police department. They also are on hand to serve inside the police department.

The **Police Chaplain Program** allows the Chaplains an opportunity to ride-along with officers on patrol and to interact with the community and department members.

Our partner is the **Parsons Foursquare Church**. Other area churches are available to be contacted in times of need as well. Parsons Foursquare Church often provides other services to citizens in need at their own discretion through the police department such as food from their food pantry or temporary shelter for the night in desperate times.

In 2022 we were blessed to be able to add another dedicated Volunteer to the Chaplain Program. Frank Chapman was added and has been working with Officer Mark Raney to better serve the Community.

We want to thank the **Parsons Foursquare Church** for their help and support in 2022. The help they gave throughout the pandemic and the following year was instrumental to our success.



We look for a great 2023 for future endeavors.



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