



2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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FROM THE CHIEF

Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks, MA, MS



Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks

After four years as Chief, 2021 was a challenging year by any measure you use. Yet our agency is **one of the few award-winning police departments in Kansas!** A National Community Collaboration Award, a state level traffic safety program award and continued recognition at a national level of our policy and risk management efforts puts us in the forefront in Kansas. Amazing efforts by the policing staff placed the Parsons Police Department at the head of the class!

COVID-19 struck the agency in three different waves, eventually every member of the Department caught the virus even using personal protective equipment, vaccine shots and installing ultra-violet air disinfecting units in the Department. This impacted staffing and agency operations.

We continue to be plagued just like all police agencies throughout Kansas and across the nation with **recruiting and retention challenges**. Both the police and fire departments turn over an average of 20% of our staff annually. This has occurred for the past 25 years. Both departments have been cherry picked by larger and better paying departments.



Employees were again lost this past year to other law enforcement agencies and to the private sector where substantive pay, and incentives outpaced the City of Parsons. Maintaining a career staff will require additional investment by our community. Most of the year

the policing staff was 20% to 25% short further reducing agency effectiveness. Recruiting quality employees remains a critical priority as we move into 2022.

Facility needs continue to impact the effectiveness of the department. In the Fall of 2020, the City of Parsons

purchased 3.43 acres of land at Corning and 21st for the construction of a new Public Safety Center. Funding could come from a vote to extend the current Public Safety Sales Tax. In the meantime, work continues on building design to determine the construction cost for the new facility.

The surrounding communities of Independence, Coffeyville and Pittsburg faced similar and **greater crime challenges than our own community**. Socio-economic challenges, an uncertain economy, the impact of illegal drugs, an inadequate safety net for people in-crisis and especially crime associated with partner-on-partner violence need community focus to change the face of Parsons.

There were approximately **70 UCR violent crimes reported**. Domestic violence assaults drive the crime rate in Parsons. A continuing reality for the past 25 years. Illegal drugs combined with persons in crisis or in need of mental health services are the additional factors driving crime in Parsons.

Policing is a community partnership. We rely upon the eyes and ears of our community to report suspicious activity, to report the unusual and to share what they hear and see with us. Policing is a team effort, and every citizen is part of the team otherwise we all lose.

Our **See It! Hear It! Report It! Campaign** is working as citizens shared growing reports of suspicious activity through our dispatch center. This does not mean that crime increased, but it does mean that officers can better deter, displace, and prevent crime from happening as citizens alert us to suspicious activity.

This report contains a wealth of statistical and quantitative information. Our intent is to provide you with a better understanding of the breadth and depth of policing in Parsons. I am extremely proud of each person's contribution in continuing to move this department forward. The PPD Staff and I are dedicated to continuing to be a progressive department as we move into 2022.

Chief Robert Spinks, MA, MS



WEB SITE STUDY

In 2021 as a part of a college study, there was an evaluation completed on law enforcement agencies web presence and their associated websites. The study included the following law enforcement agencies: **Parsons Police Department**, Pittsburg Police Department, Coffeyville Police Department, Joplin Police Department, Chanute Police Department, Overland Park Police Department, Topeka Police Department, Independence Police department, Fort Scott Police Department, and Merriam Police Department.

validated all of the hard work that the Parsons Police Department has done to improve its web presence and it outreach to partner with the citizens of Parsons. The Parsons Police Department scored the highest overall between the ranked agencies with a total of 80 points out of 100 possible. Coffeyville, Merriam were the next closest with 60.5 and 62.5 each. The next were Joplin, and Topeka with 59 and 53 points respectively. The rest of the departments were all below 50 points in the study.



The study graded each agency with a dedicated matrix over eight different categories. The categories were Ease of Use, Agency Information, Crime Prevention, Crime Tips and Reports, Hotlines, Statistical Data, Personal Safety, and Most Wanted or Offender page.

The study highlighted the challenges for police agencies to develop their department in the 21st century with all of the advances in technology and social media. Maintaining an effective and user-friendly website was one of the largest challenges. It is often looked at as not a primary duty. Those agencies that use a web presence and maintain social media accounts understand that policing has to evolve along with the rest of the society.

The results from the study were very interesting and

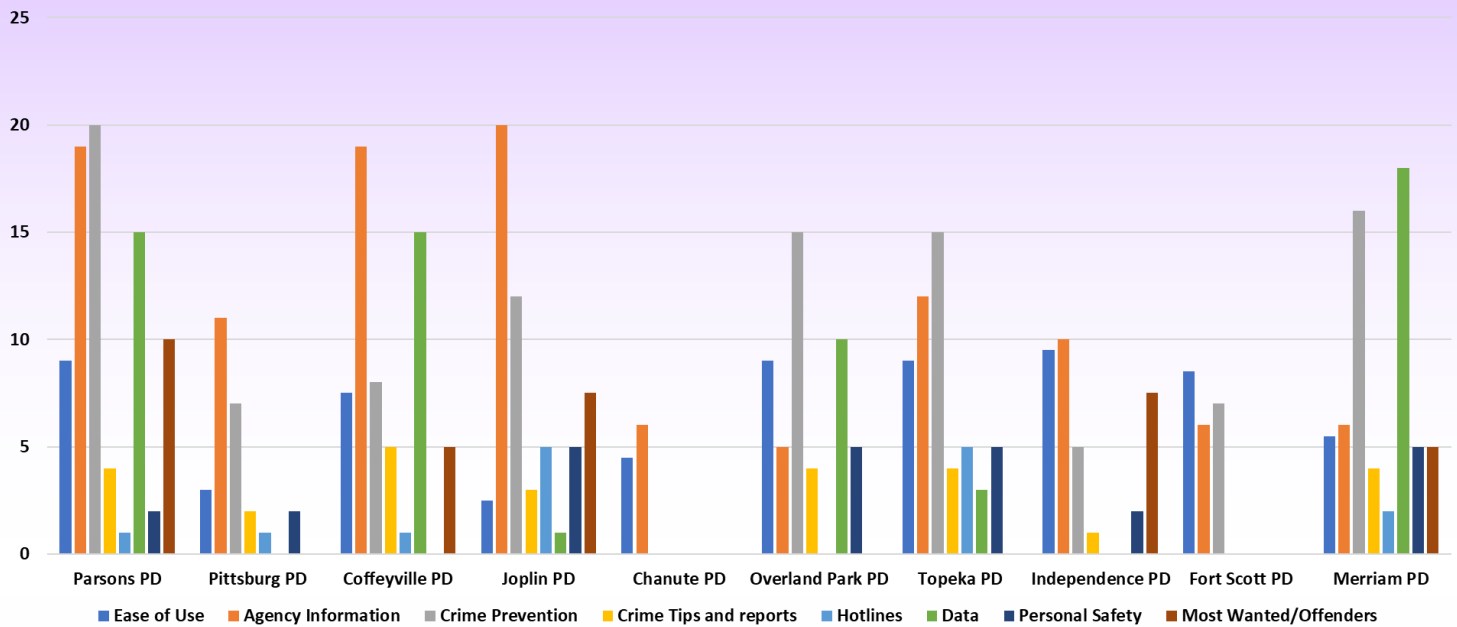
Some of the trends that were found in the course of the study was that **90%** of law enforcement agencies did not have a website independent from their cities own page, **80%** did not have a hotline number to point citizens to external avenues of assistance, **70%** of agencies did not publish the results from their Annual Reports online, **70%** of departments did not have a most wanted list or links to registered offenders, **60%** did not address crime prevention on their websites.

Where the Parsons Police Department is not the most cutting-edge department in the nation, the results show that we definitely strive to be the best agency we can and work to be better each day.

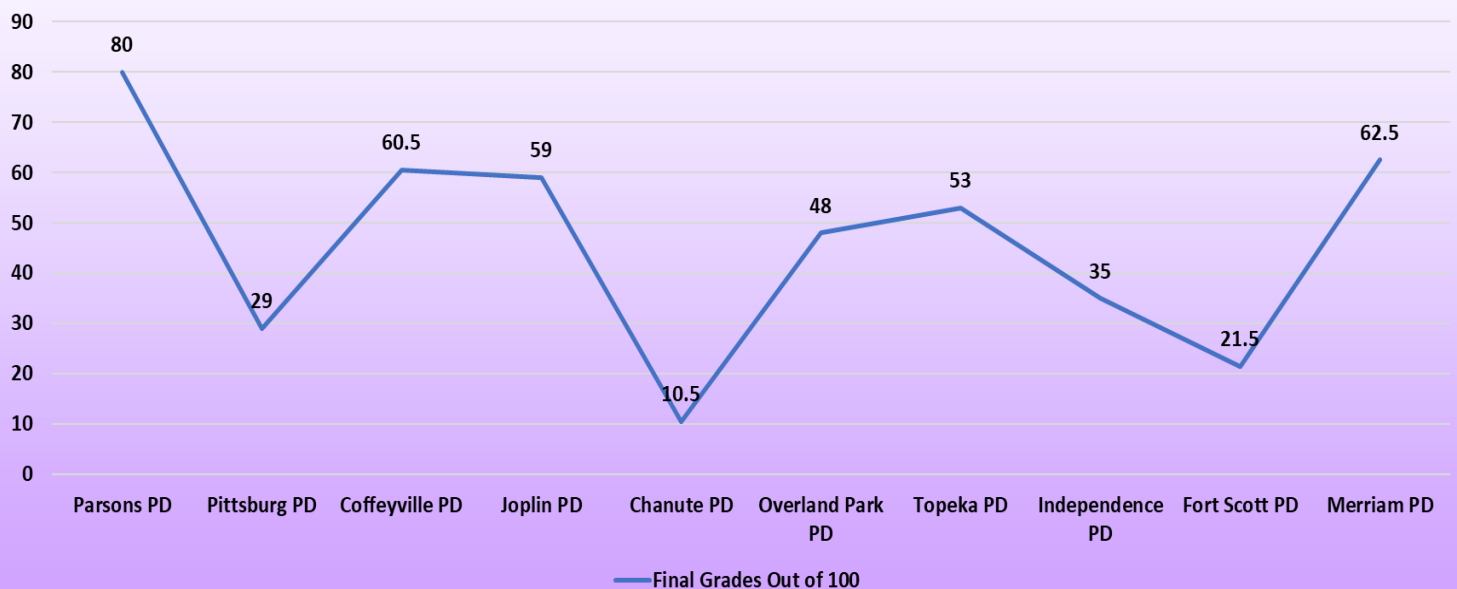


WEB SITE STUDY

2021 Analysis of Law Enforcement Websites



Final Grades Out of 100





DEPUTY CHIEF

Deputy Chief Dennis Dodd, BS



Deputy Chief Dennis Dodd

The Deputy Chief is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Parsons Police Department.

Deputy Chief Dennis Dodd oversees Uniform Services, Investigations, and the School Resource Officer Program (SRO). The department consists of more than 26 sworn and 8 non-sworn employees.

The Parsons Police Department is responsible for providing rapid response to emergencies, comprehensive investigations on all criminal matters, traffic safety, community service, and assistance to the general public.

Our goal as a department is to respond to the community's needs in a professional manner with a customer service mentality guiding us. We are committed to working in a collaborative effort with the community to identify, address, and resolve quality of life issues with our focus directed toward long-term resolutions.



Deputy Chief Dodd has completed multiple course trainings; 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.

In addition to training, Dennis is a very active in the community and is a member of numerous

organizations: 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 member, and Shop with a Cop.

Deputy Chief Dodd's extensive training and involvement in the community has been the driving force in bridging law enforcement and the community. He has been instrumental in improvements to the Parsons Police department policies and personnel while opening channels of transparency in the community.



We at the Parsons Police Department take pride in the fact that we are providing the community with great law enforcement

services. The City of Parsons can take pride in what we have accomplished in the past year.

Deputy Chief
Dennis K. Dodd, BS

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

Administrative Services Division Jason Ludwig



Lt. Jason Ludwig

Looking back over 2021, the Parsons Police Department has made lots of improvements to the department and the operation as a whole. Parsons was again awarded the 'AAA'

Platinum Traffic Safety Award for the 7th consecutive year. The department was also awarded the **Excellence in Collaboration Award** from **LAW Publications**. This award was for the efforts made by the department to collaborate with the community and show our dedication to transparency. It also validates our effort in partnering with our other local law enforcement agencies.

We established a department Facebook page to better share information with our community members and maintain our transparency. The Facebook page will be used in conjunction with our Twitter, NextDoor.com, and the Website. The department published over **81 Press Releases** for 2021. In 2021 the Parsons Police Department website, www.parsonspd.com attracted over **79,352 unique visitors who made 127,098 visits to the website and there were 592,697 page views**. The police department continued the Podcast 'Rap Sheet' on KLKC and added them to the police website as well.

We were able to trade in and replace the Remington 870 patrol shotguns that were purchased in the 1980's with new **Benelli Supernova** shotguns. This update was possible with the help of the **Public Safety Sales Tax** that focuses on capital replacement of antiquated equipment. Benelli has made a large investment into their law enforcement division and is quickly rising as a supplier of shotguns for police agencies across the nation.

The officers at the Parsons Police Department designed and created a commemorative badge for the **150-year Anniversary of Parsons**. This badge was worn for the entire year of 2021 and then retired to the officer who wore it at the end of the year. We also had a Presentation Badge designed for the K-9 donor program for those citizens or community groups who have made donations to the Police K-9 Program. These donors have also been added to the K-9 Donor Plaque in the police departments lobby. This is just one way the department can show its appreciation to the

community and the donors who support the K-9 Program.

Parsons was selected as a **Regional Training Site** for the **Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC)**. We will provide two classrooms for KLETC to administer training to the law enforcement community in the southeast region of the state. This is a great opportunity for the Parsons Community as this will bring over **3,000-man hours of training** to the city requiring food and fuel and travel needs as well. This is a huge step forward to making Parsons a cornerstone in the law enforcement community in the state.

The Parsons Police Department had only four internal and external officer complaints filed in 2021. Two of the complaints were only developed into inquiries about procedures and protocol over how a situation was handled and two developed into Internal Affairs Investigations. The Internal Affairs Investigations sustained both complaints and appropriate actions were taken as a result. There were no citizen complaints of excessive force during 2021.

The police department also filled a vacancy in the Community Service Officer position by hiring **Ricky Thompson**. CSO Thompson came onboard with the department in October of 2021 and is already nationally Certified for Animal Control through the **National Animal Care & Control Association (NACA)**. CSO Thompson has already been very active in the community with animal issues and will be hosting '**Ricky's Round Up**' during show on the '**Rap Sheet**' on KLKC sometime in 2022. CSO Thompson will also be handling some quality of life issues throughout the community such as parking complaints.

The COVID-19 Pandemic still made life difficult with officers being sick despite social distancing and vaccines and other precautions. Your officers were still able to provide 24/7 call response and coverage to the City of Parsons. Despite any hardships that were encountered the men and women of the Parsons Police Department still strive to benchmark themselves against any law enforcement agency in the State of Kansas.

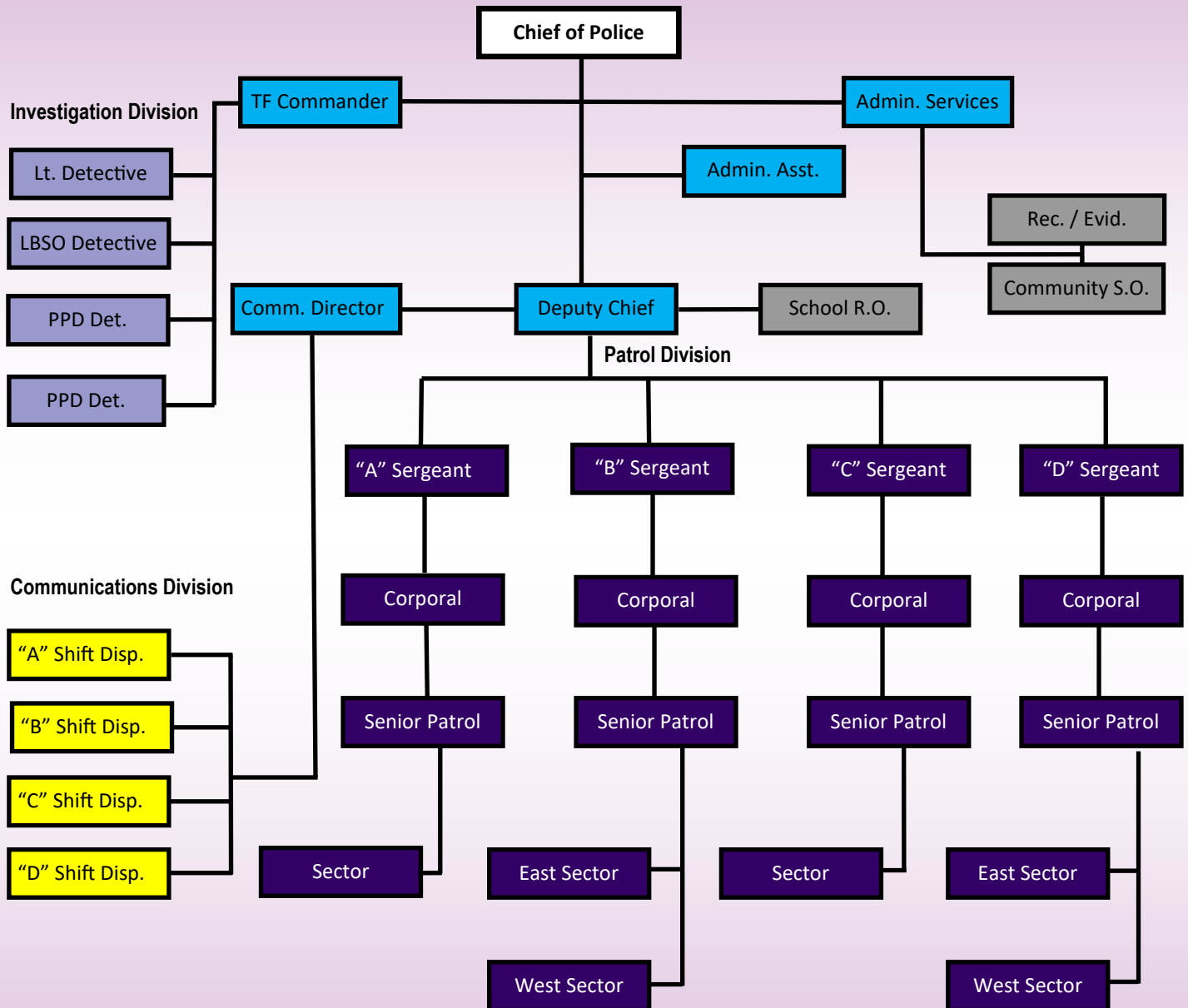


Lieutenant Jason Ludwig



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 25,626 calls for service in 2021. 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.

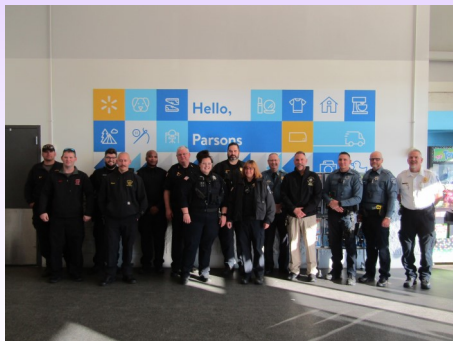


PATROL

Patrol Division Operations



The Patrol Division is comprised of four 12-hour shifts working 6 am to 6 pm and vice versa. Each 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.



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.
- Provide road information to assist motorists.
- Process prisoners and prepare and maintain records of prisoner bookings and prisoner status during booking and pre-trial process.
- Inspect public establishments to ensure compliance with rules and regulations.
- Act as official escorts, such as when leading funeral processions or firefighters.



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





INVESTIGATION

Lt. Sherri McGuire, BS, Det. Kyle Wiford, BS



In 2021, the Parsons Police Department's Investigations Division had two full-time Detectives, A/ Commander Kyle Wiford and Lieutenant Sherri McGuire.

The Investigations Division is tasked with providing investigative support to patrol, criminal investigations, and narcotics investigation. This entails being lead investigators on **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.

2021 brought new challenges to the investigation division as both detectives returned to the patrol division to assist patrol during the shortage of officers. While actively working patrol, the detectives were also tasked with their day-to-day challenges of investigations.

During 2021, the investigation division worked two (2) **Murder in the Second Degree** and (1) one **Attempted First-Degree Murder**. One Murder in the Second Degree has made it through the court system which resulted in a jury conviction in 2022. The remaining two (2) are still winding their way through the court system. Also, the investigation division worked five cases of animal cruelty. One case was successfully brought through the court system with a conviction. The case of Ranger, the beloved dog of our fellow officer, still remains under investigation. The investigation division is working hard to solve all of the animal cruelty cases.

With all that has been happening within the

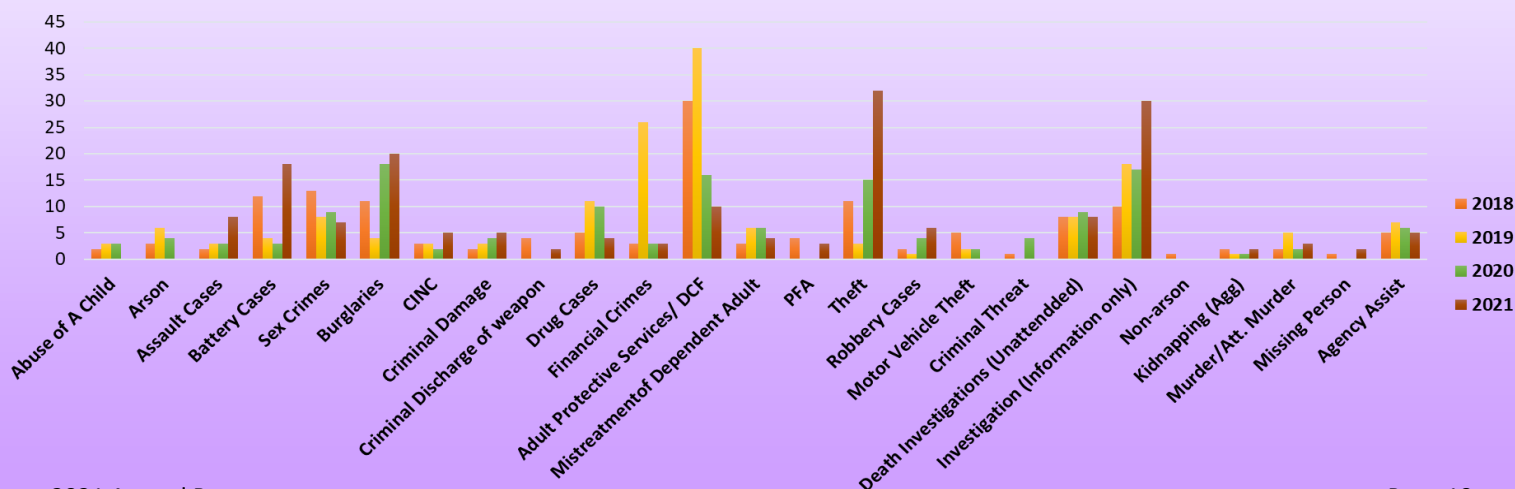
department and surrounding agencies, Kansas Combined Anti-Drug Task Force (KCAT) was placed in **HIATUS** status for the 2021 year. However, with things beginning to return to semi-normal, Lt. McGuire has begun meeting with outside agencies with hopes of bringing KCAT to the forefront of investigations.

In 2021, with the addition of the Watchguard system installed in 2020, the "soft interview" and "hard interview" rooms at the Parsons Police Department Annex were completed. All victims and witnesses will be interviewed in the soft interview. This is a more relaxed interview room that includes comfortable chairs and no table. The "hard interview" room will be used to interview suspects. This room includes a table and two chairs.

Lt. McGuire has continued her involvement with the Chaplains Program and there have been new chaplains added to the program. 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 **286** cases, all new cases for 2021. These **286 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 2022.

2021 Investigations Cases





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, assaults, thefts, burglary, 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. 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.

Year	Criminal Damage	Assault	Theft	Burglary	Disorderly Conduct	Domestic Violence
2021	152	26	335	104	17	136
2020	159	29	478	130	34	176
2019	133	20	518	154	19	182
2018	146	23	336	124	23	168
2017	223	32	591	161	34	139
2016	234	41	655	163	48	154
2015	292	59	485	157	77	177
2014	211	22	371	136	83	153



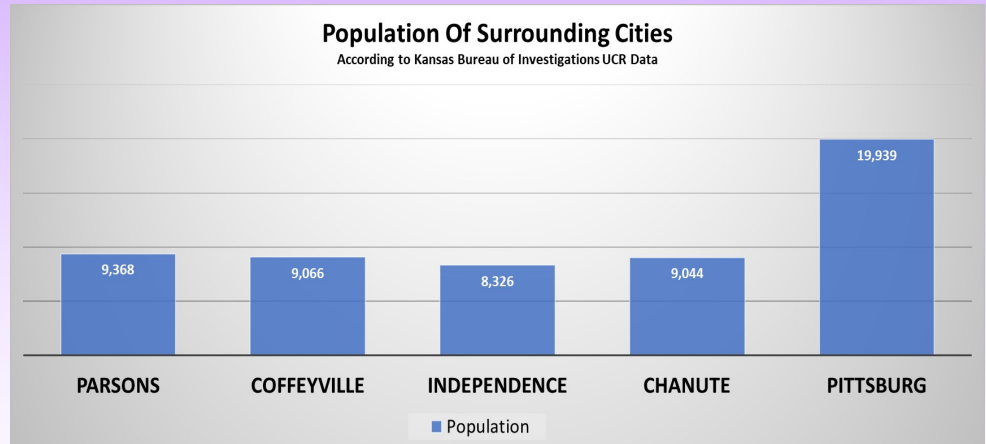


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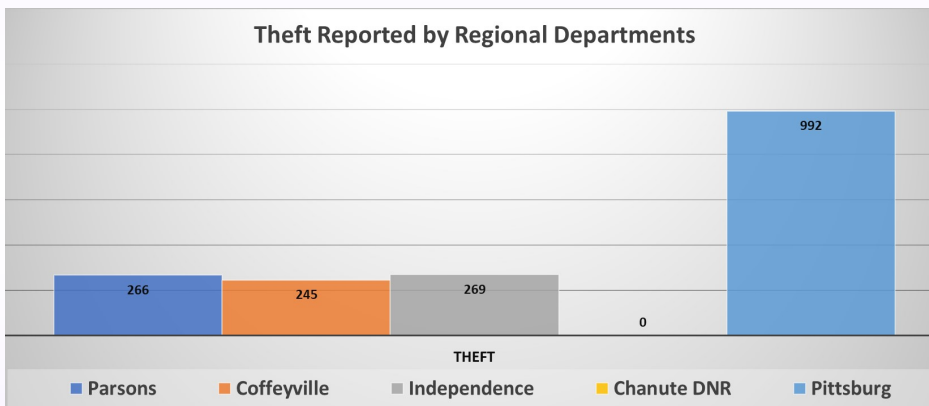
UNDERSTANDING CRIME: WHAT IS UCR?



The Parsons Police Department reports **ALL** crime data to the **Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI)**, which serves as the clearinghouse for collecting 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**



are also tracked, this is not an all inclusive list of crimes. The charts shows the local UCR crime rate. This allows a comparison between PPD and other agencies.

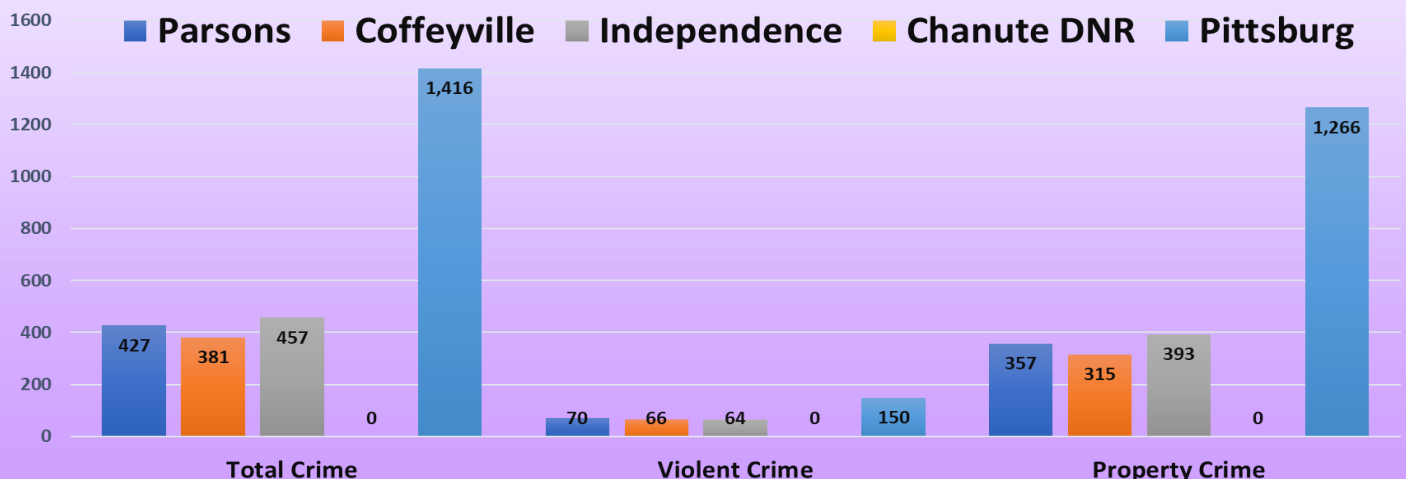


One common misconception is that the work environment for rural police officers is safer than in metropolitan communities. Yet, the data has shown for decades that the two highest risk work locations for police officers are the largest metropolitan cities and in rural communities. All other areas and sizes of communities tend to provide a safer work environment for law

Reporting System (NIBRS).

Serious Crimes include: Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Simple Crimes or less serious crimes

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.



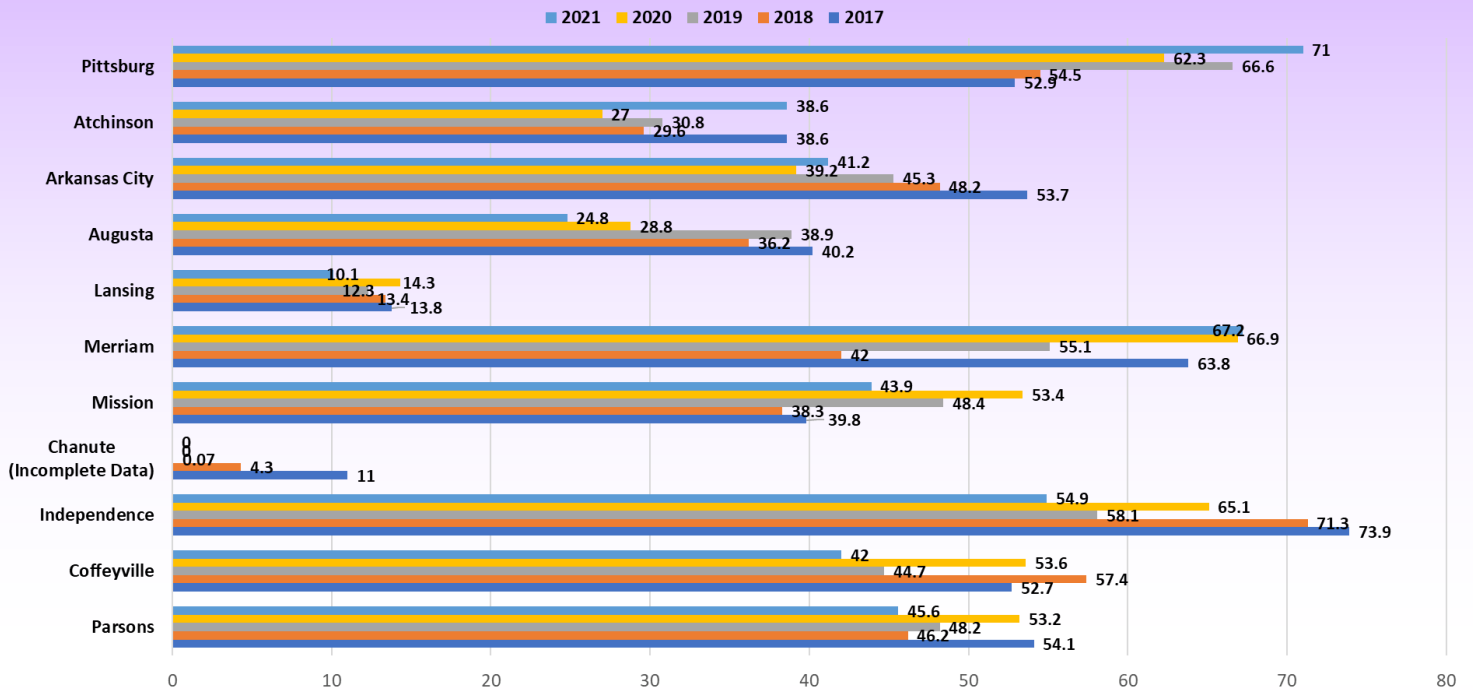


UCR

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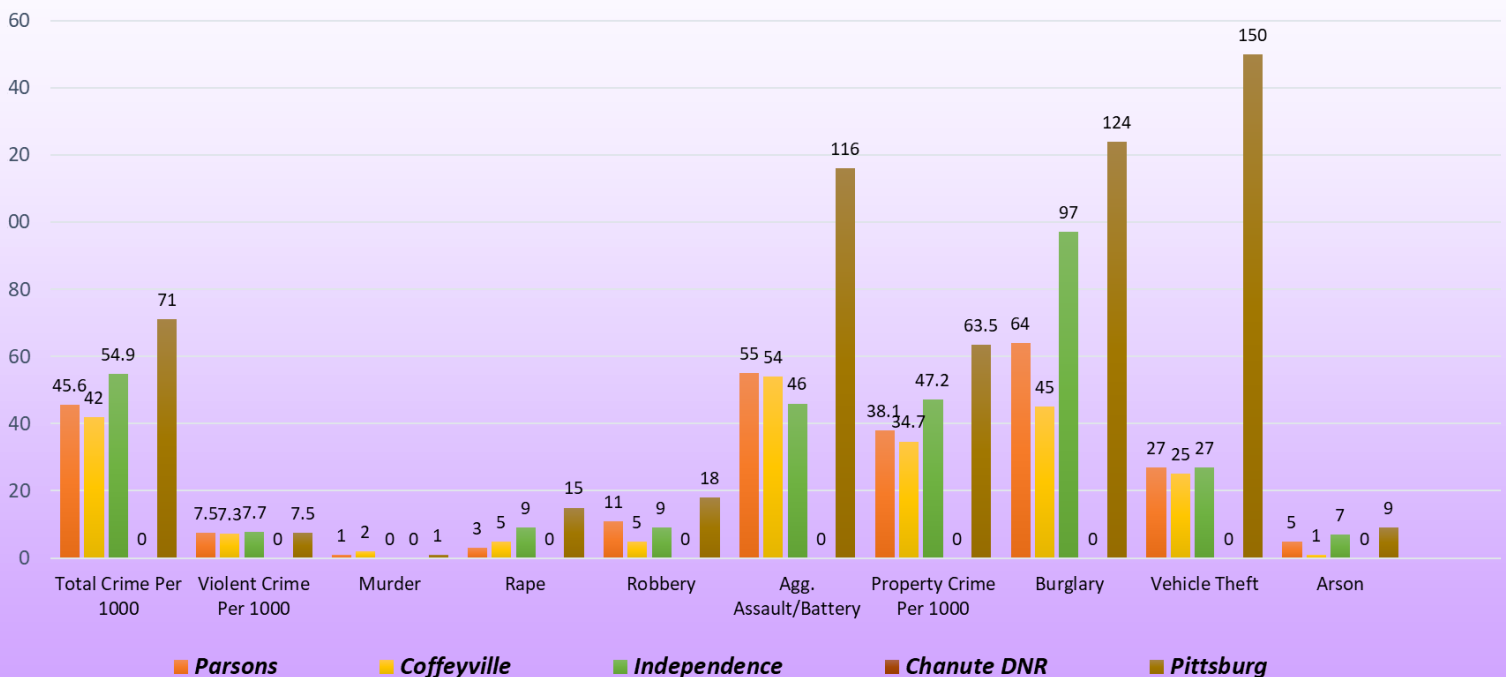


Comparable City 5 Year Trend



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Regional Comparison 2021





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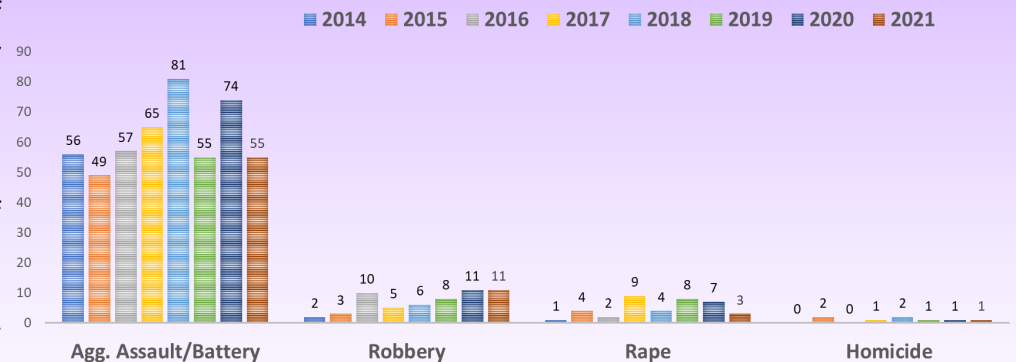
UCR Department Stats



The Uniform Crime Report

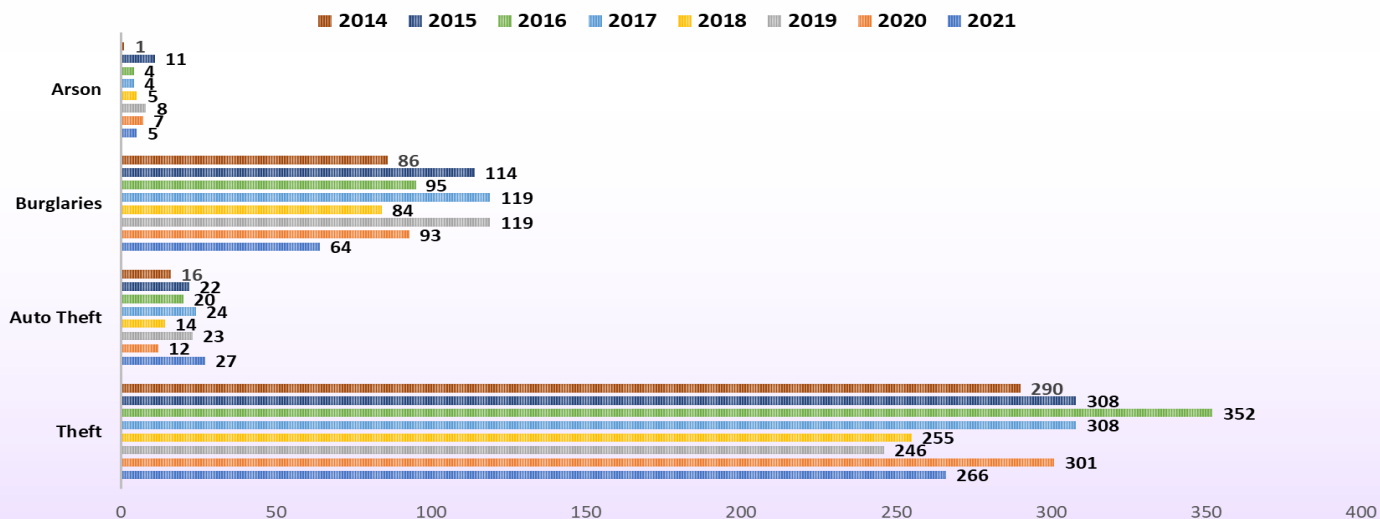
(UCR) samples only a handful of specific crimes, which allows for uniform comparison of data across city, state and regional lines. This system was created in 1928 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). It was then transferred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a means 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**

UCR PERSONS CRIME TRENDS

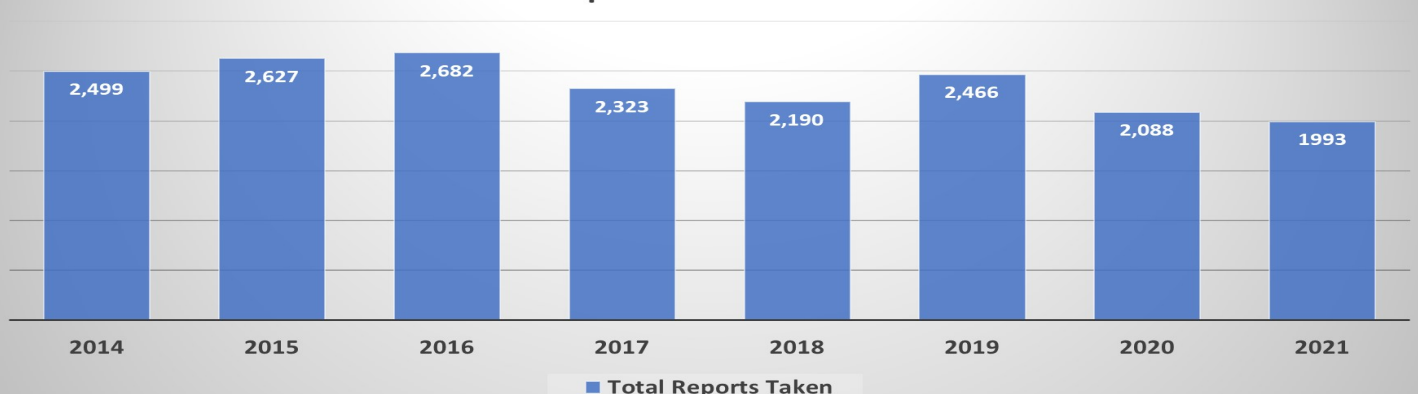


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UCR PROPERTY CRIME TRENDS



Total Reports Taken 2014 - 2021



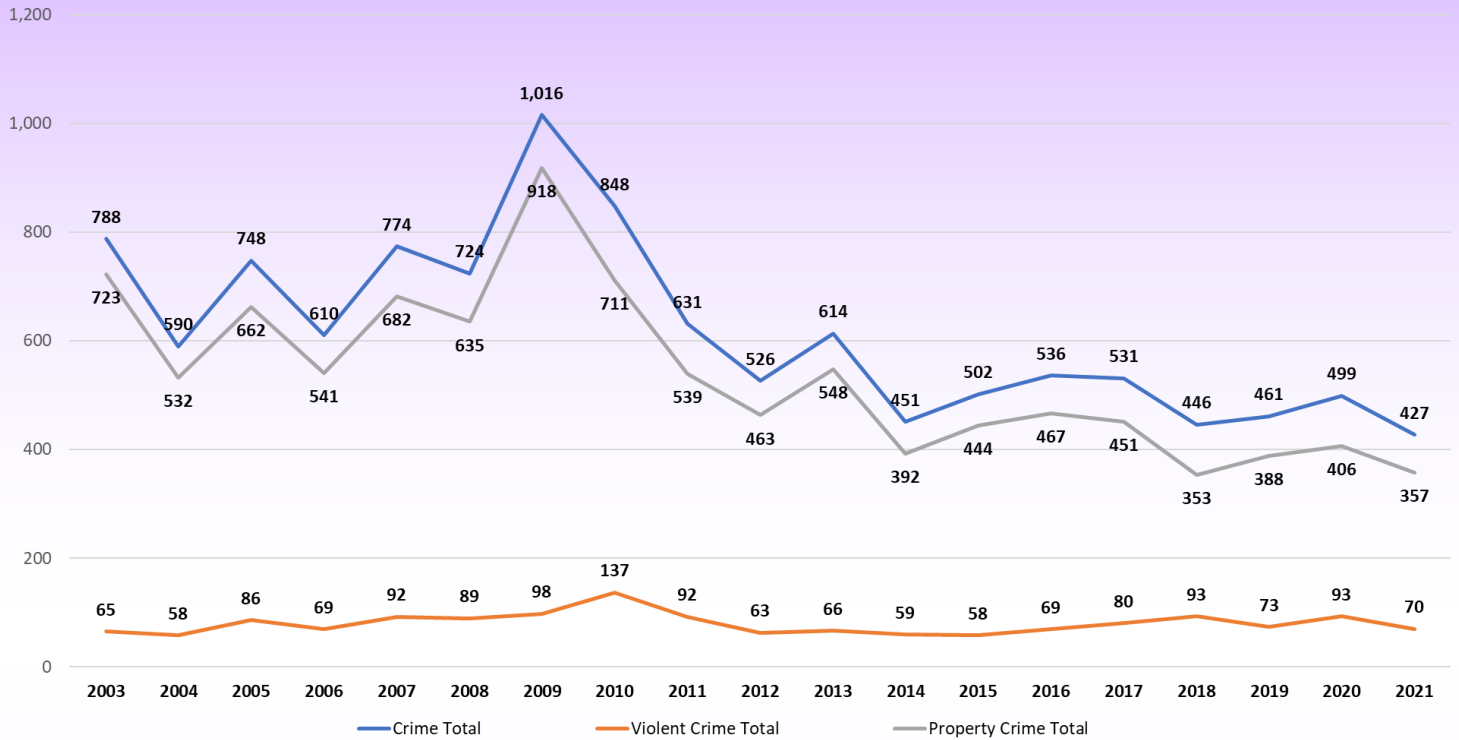


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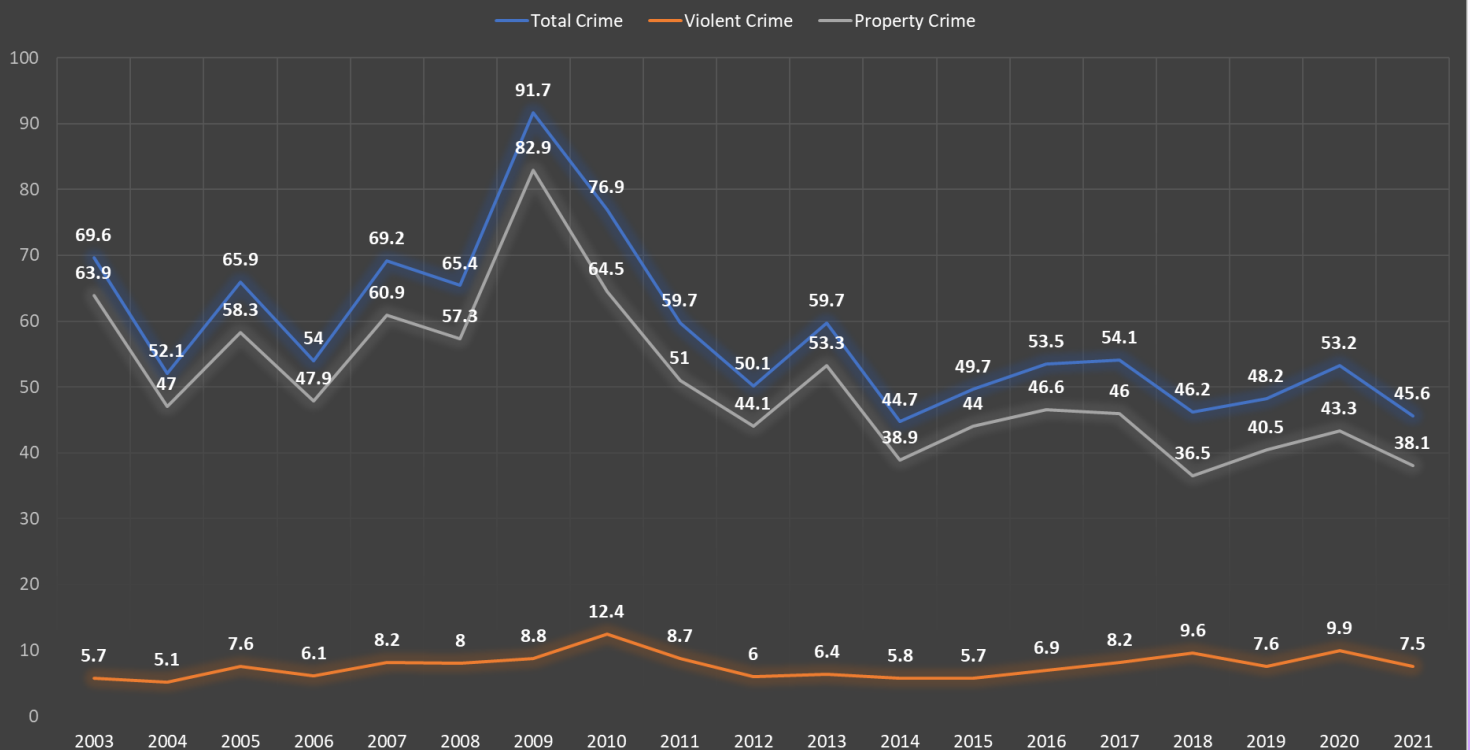
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PARSONS CRIME RATE BY ACTUAL CRIME 2003-2021



Parsons Crime Per 1000 Population 2003-2021



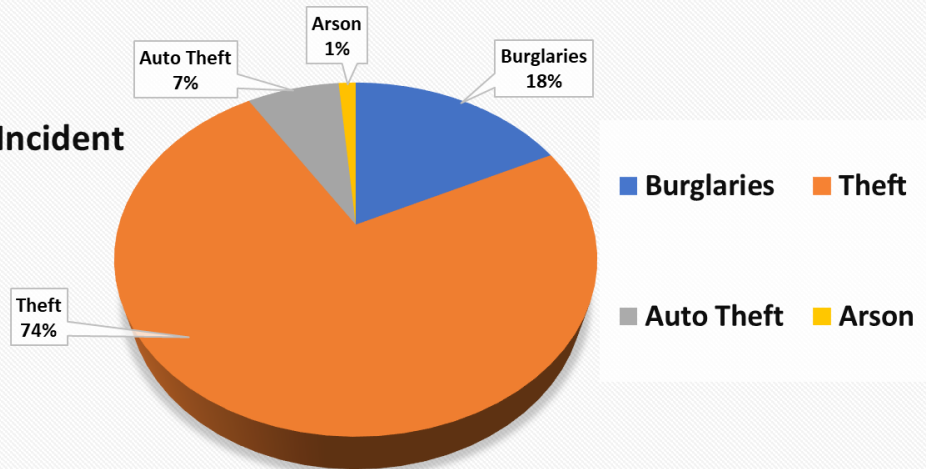


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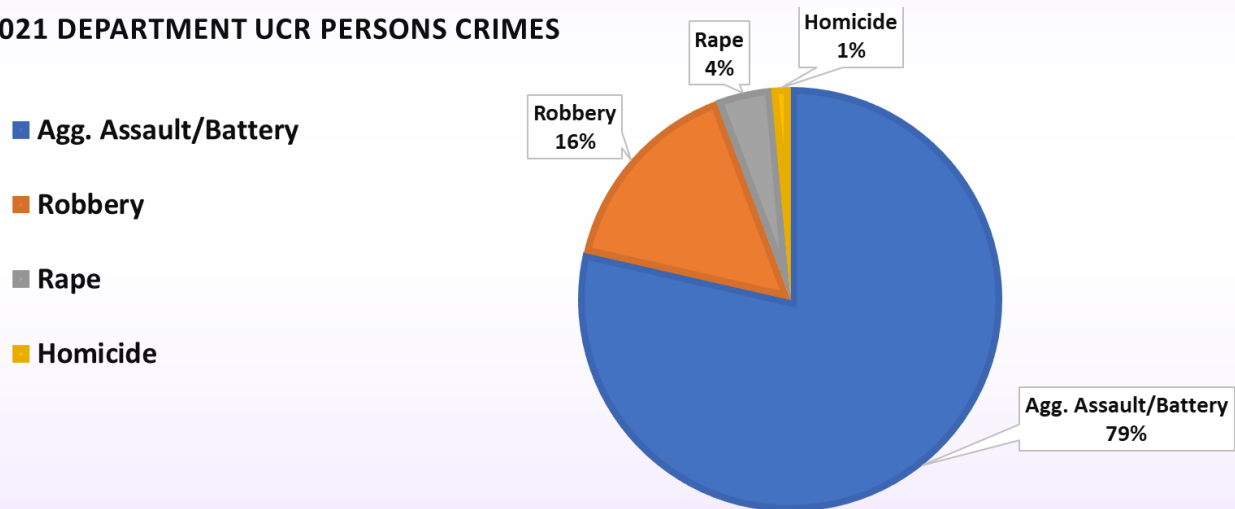
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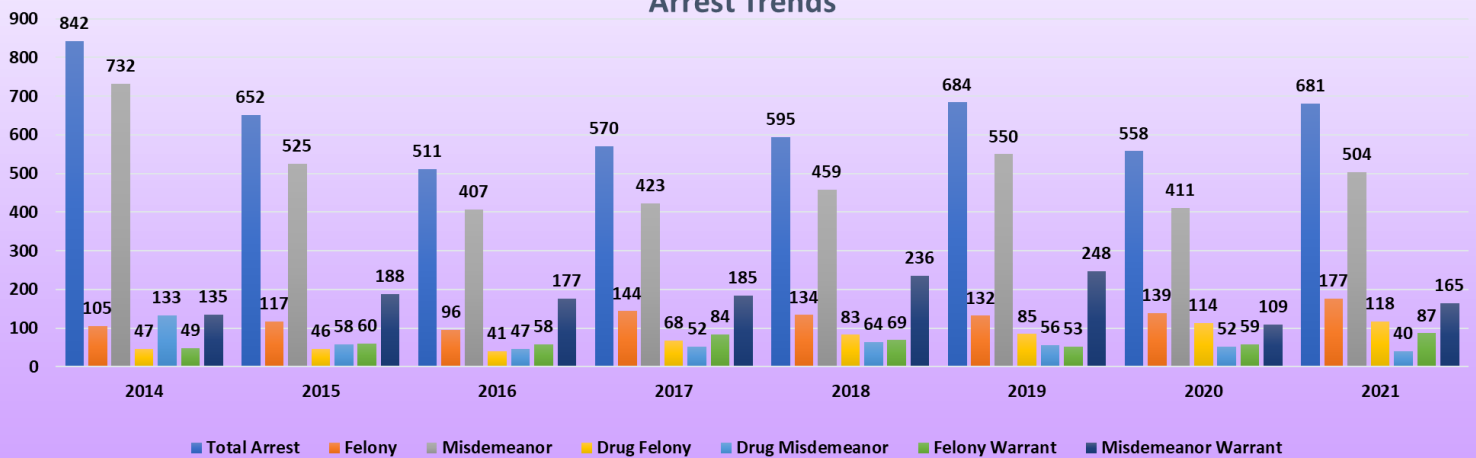
2021 Property Crimes by Incident



2021 DEPARTMENT UCR PERSONS CRIMES



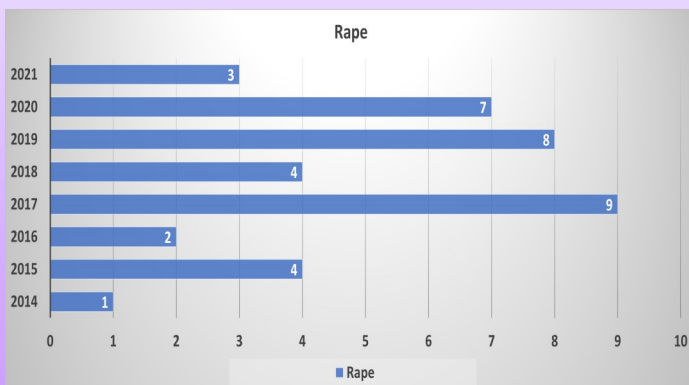
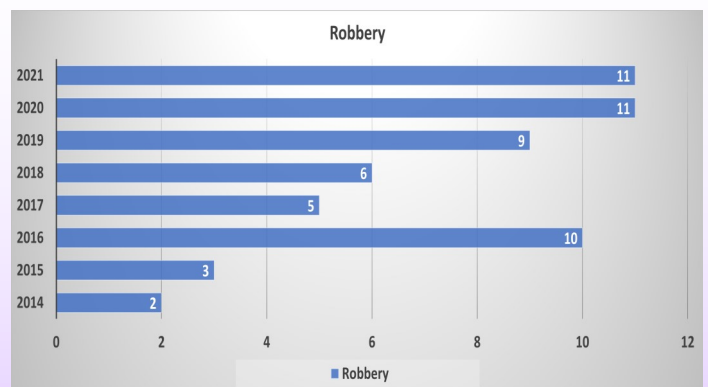
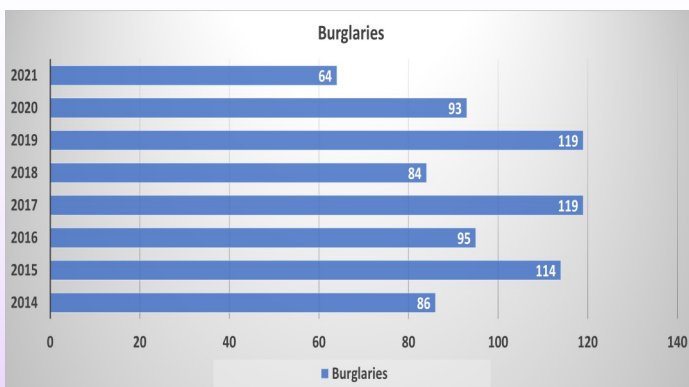
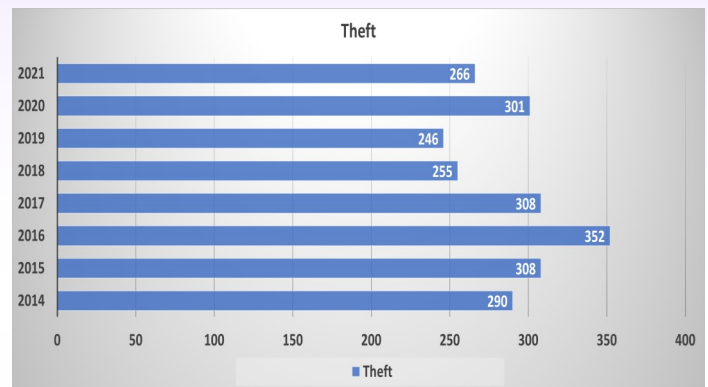
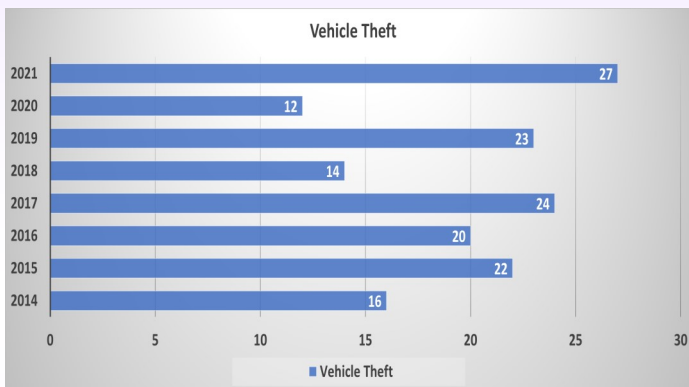
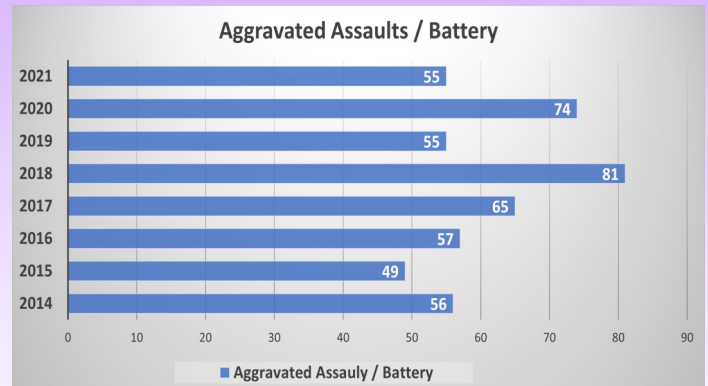
Arrest Trends





CORE CRIME STATS

2021-2014





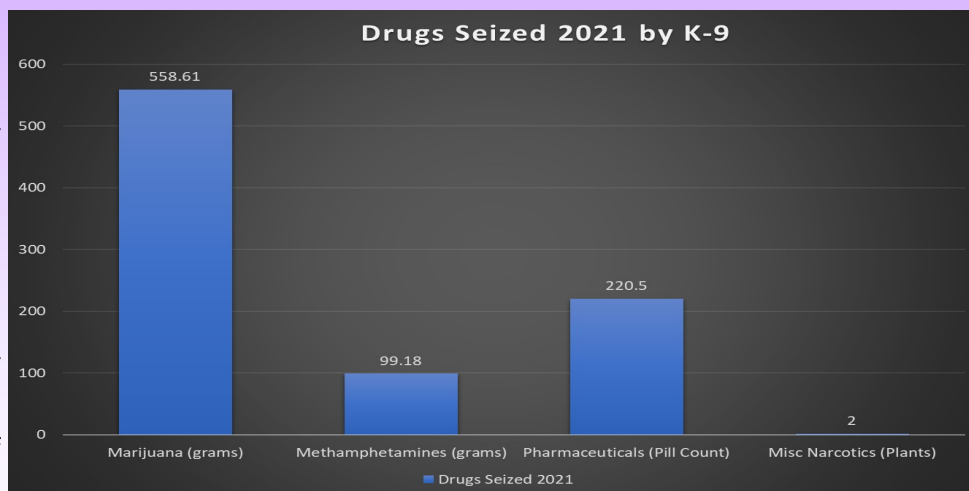
K-9 REPORT

Corporal Kyle Shields / K9 Karim

2021 was a full year of K9 Karim and Corporal Shields working the street. They have been assigned to a night shift for the entire year due to staffing issues. The team was still able to pull some pretty impressive numbers for the 2021 year.

They were able to pull over 558.611 grams of marijuana off of the street along with 99.174 grams of methamphetamine. They also found over 220 prescription pills and two full plants of marijuana. The street value of their seized drug was over 15,000.00. The team did an outstanding job for their inaugural year.

Karim's purchase was funded by a donation from the Parsons Area Community Foundation and several large



donations for community supporters in the community. The K9 program is funded through donations from the community. The department recognizes these donations on a plaque in the lobby of the police department. This plaque commemorates the generosity of community members and each donor is given a special gift from the department in thanks for their donation.

Drug Type	Quantity	Street Value Ea.	Total
Marijuana	558.611 gr	\$15.00	\$8,379.17
Meth	99.174 gr	\$50.00	\$4,958.70
Prescription Pills	220.5 ea.	\$10.00	\$2,205.00
Misc. Narcotics	2 plants	\$10.00	\$20.00
Total Street Value Seized			\$15,562.87



USE OF FORCE

Police Use of Force Review

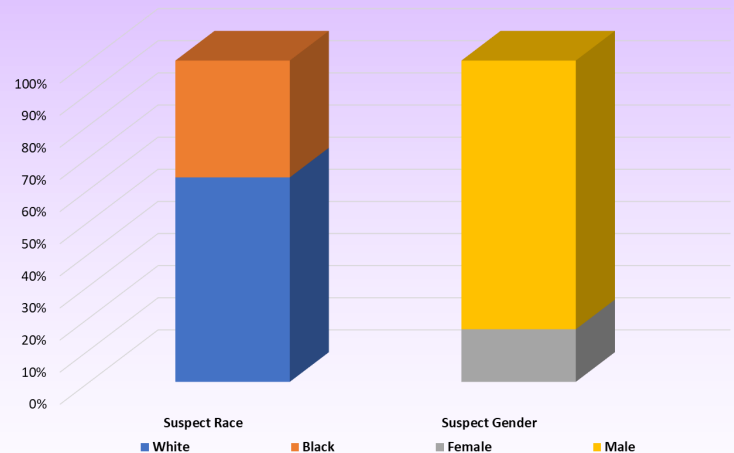


In 2021, out of the **25,626** Calls for Service and the **681** arrests, the Police Department only had **55 Use of Force** incidents. None of them resulted in the use of any firearm. That means a contact with a Parsons Police Officer has less than a **.0021%** chance of force being used. Even in the event of being arrested there is only a **.08%** chance of force being use to effect the arrest.

In 2021 out of the 4 personnel complaints there were **0 Racial or Biased-based complaints** filed.

The Parsons Police Department sends all Use of Force reports to the **Kansas Bureau of Investigation**

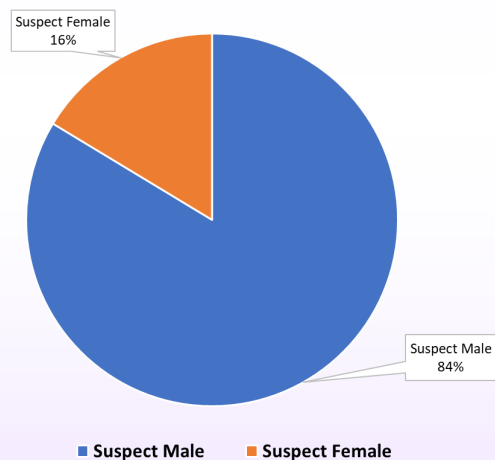
Use of Force Breakdown by Gender and Race



The department uses equipment such as body cameras to help both citizens and officers to feel safe during interactions with law enforcement. Our department training consists of yearly Racial and Biased-Based Policing training, and now has certified De-Escalation Instructors on staff teaching the department techniques to better assist them and the community during critical incidents and encounters.

**Use of force is Defined as any force beyond voluntary handcuffing.*

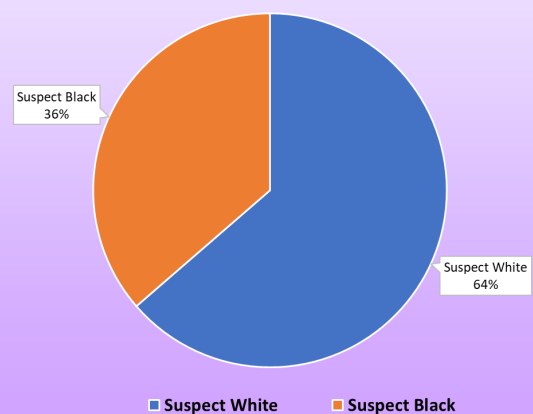
2021 Use of Force by Gender 55 Incidents



(KBI) as a part of our normal state reporting procedures. We also report any Racial or Biased-Based complaints to them as well.

In 2020 the President of the United States issued an executive order on police reform. The Parsons Police Department was already in compliance with all directives set forth by the executive order. Being compliant with that executive order means that the Parsons Police Department is leading the charge to creating better relationships and partners with the citizens of this community.

Use Of Force by Race 55 Incidents



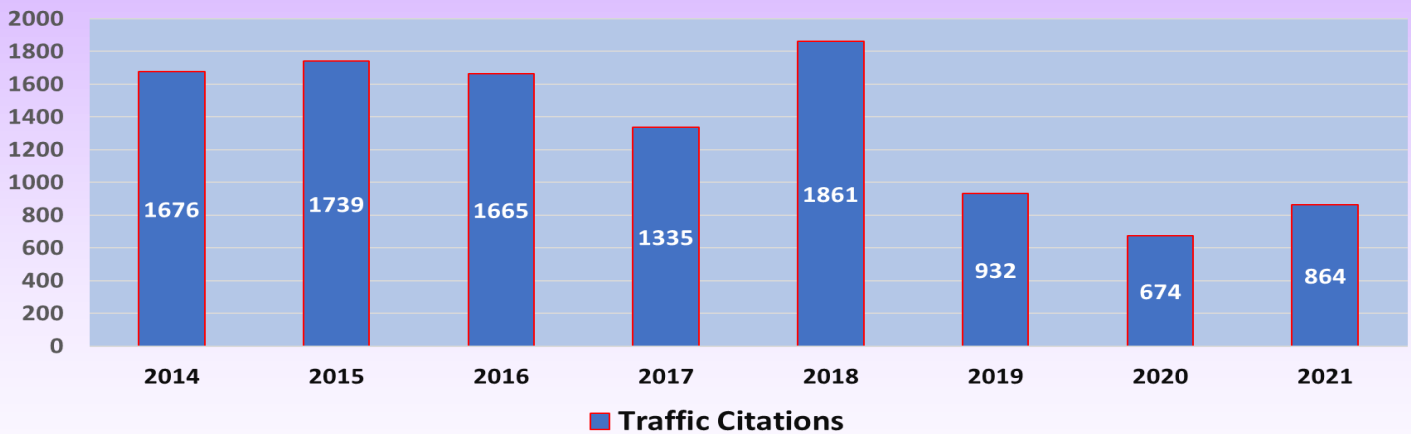


TRAFFIC REPORT

2021 Traffic Citation Data



Traffic Citations



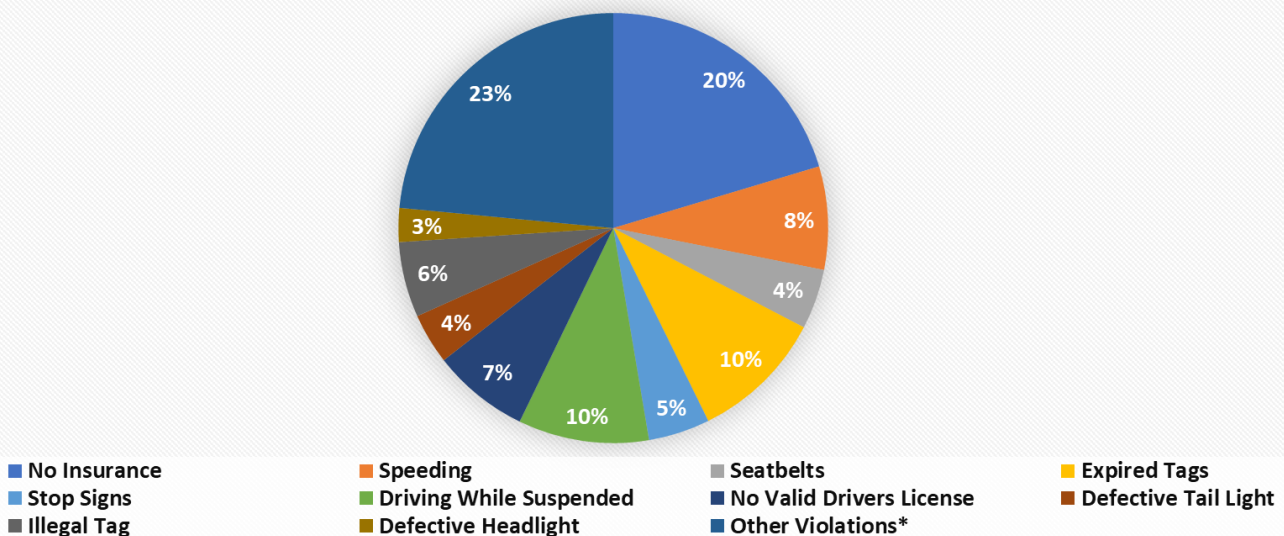
Citations for the Parsons Police Department have been fairly consistent in the past, but dramatically dropped in 2020 due to COVID-19 issues. However, this year we saw a larger increase in citations. This is due largely in part to having more people driving again after the pandemic. The Parsons Police Department earned another '**Platinum Award**' this year and hopes to continue the recognition each year. This brings our total to 6 Awards.

The break down for citations is interesting. The Pie Chart shows that 20% of all citations are for **No Liability Insurance**. This 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 second greatest citations are tied between Driving While Suspended and Expired Tags. Speeding and seatbelts have dropped dramatically in the last year.

The largest portions of our citation totals (**23%**) this year came from miscellaneous traffic violations, misdemeanor violations, and also includes city ordinance violations. In 2021 officers used Citations to handle low level offenses just like they did in 2020. We will continue to use the lowest level of enforcement to gain the highest level of Voluntary compliance with the law.

Percentages for the 864 Traffic Citations in 2021





TRAFFIC REPORT

2021 Traffic Citation Data



2021 showed an increase in traffic stops and citations. This was a large increase over the 2020 report which was lower due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This chart is important to show the public due to many social media complaints deriving from traffic stops. One of the biggest complaint is that the police only focus on writing seatbelt citations to citizens to “meet a quota”. This chart and the entire traffic report indicates that officers are not only focusing on one type of moving violation but work to keep the roads safe for all drivers though education and enforcement. This chart also shows that the Parsons Police Department is fair and equitable in the amount of citations that are written compared to the amount of warnings given.

Agency policy is to utilize the lowest level of enforcement to gain the highest level of voluntary compliance. The goal is to reduce crashes and provide safe streets for not just vehicles but for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Parsons Police averaged a citation to stop percentage of 67.28% for 2021 which is up from the 59.8% in 2020. This change can be tied to short staffing and a lower number of traffic stops being made in 2020 due to the national pandemic. Last year there were more citizens driving again to regain normalcy in their lives. Officers are making stops that are more serious in nature and issuing more citations as a result rather than giving a warning.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) conducted a survey in 2015 and the national average was estimated at *49% of traffic stops resulting in citations or enforcement action. This puts Parsons Police slightly above the national average for citations issued on traffic stops, but well below the average amount of citations issued for the year.

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

Citation to Stop Ratio

Total Stops	1284
Total Stops with Issued Citation	864
Percentage of Stops Resulting in Citation	67.28%

1 Citation per 1.48 Stops



PARSONS CRASH DATA

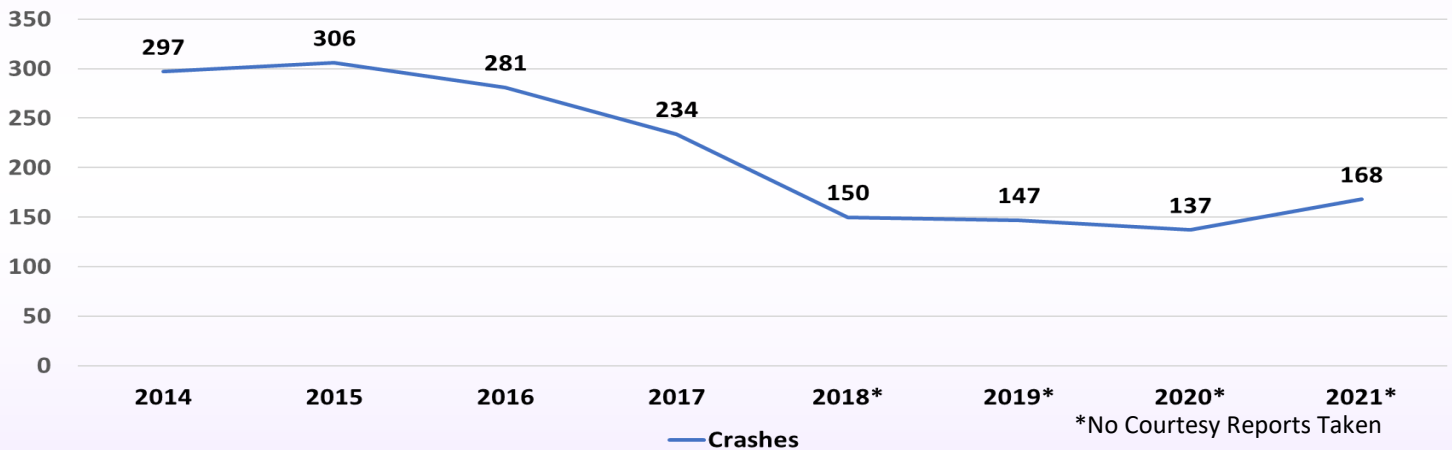
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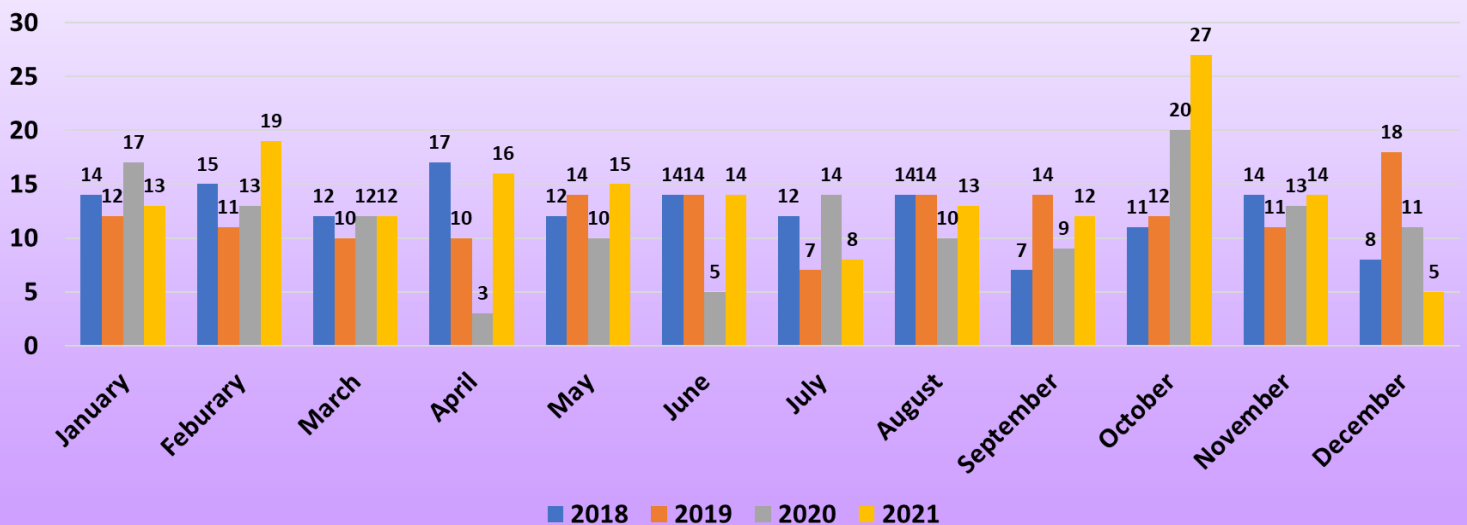
2021 CRASHES



8 Year Crash Trend Data



2018-2021 Traffic Crash By Month Comparison





DISPATCH

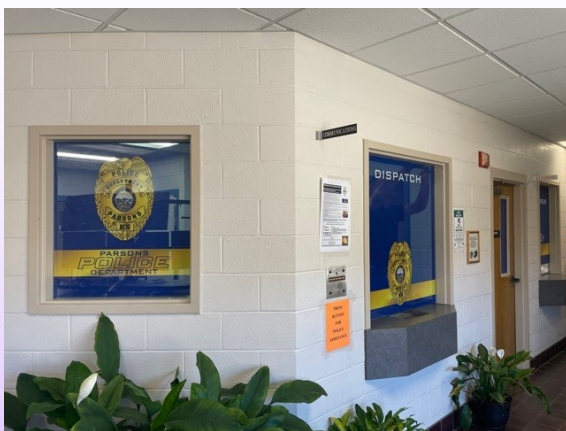
Parsons 9-1-1 Center Statistics



The Parsons Police Department dispatch center is a **24 / 7 / 365 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point)**, that is staffed by four full-time dispatchers and one Communications Director. Dispatchers are often the first “first” responders and are almost always the first point of contact for any major emergency.

Our dispatch team has many duties such as monitoring twenty-five cameras and six phone lines (three administrative and three **NG911 ‘Next Generation 911’** lines) as well as text to 911 and up to ten police, fire and EMS 800MHz radio channels at the same time. A single dispatcher will take caller information, prioritize calls, and dispatch officers in a 12-hour shift. All dispatchers are full access NCIC (**National Crime Information Center**) certified and dispatchers are responsible for running vehicle plates and person information, checking criminal history for police investigations, entering and confirming warrants and running serial numbers to check for stolen items.

Parsons Dispatch also monitors severe weather and **NWS (National Weather Service)** alerts and sound storm sirens when tornado warnings are issued. Dispatch is also the



coordinating point to open storm shelters and is responsible for conducting weekly testing on storm siren equipment for the city. Dispatch staff is responsible for conducting hourly checks of inmates in our **holding facility**, which consists of three cells with four total beds, a detox cell and a holding cell.

Parsons Dispatch is usually the first contact for the department when a citizen walks into the Police Department

for assistance. They guide citizens to the help they need and officers to the needy and provide calming words to those who are in distress.

The last year has come with challenges, fear, and frustration for all, and 911 Public Safety Telecommunicators are no exception. While the job itself is stressful, COVID has forced many Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to work



shorthanded, change call-taking protocol, and saw an influx of calls which challenged capacity of our Dispatch Center.

In 2021, our Dispatch Center handled a total of 36,659 phone calls including 911 calls and administrative phone calls. We also had a total of 25,625 calls for service.

In March of 2021, the State of Kansas designated Dispatchers as Emergency First Responders, a classification that also includes Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters and EMS providers in the state. The bill was originally introduced as the 911 First Responders Act and later added as an amendment to Senate Bill 40.

The Parsons Police Department Dispatch staff have specialized training for dispatching and the use of sensitive material, and they are always continuing to improve their training and skill set to better serve the people of Parsons, Kansas. They strive to hold themselves and others to the Parsons Police Departments core values:

Pride

Professionalism

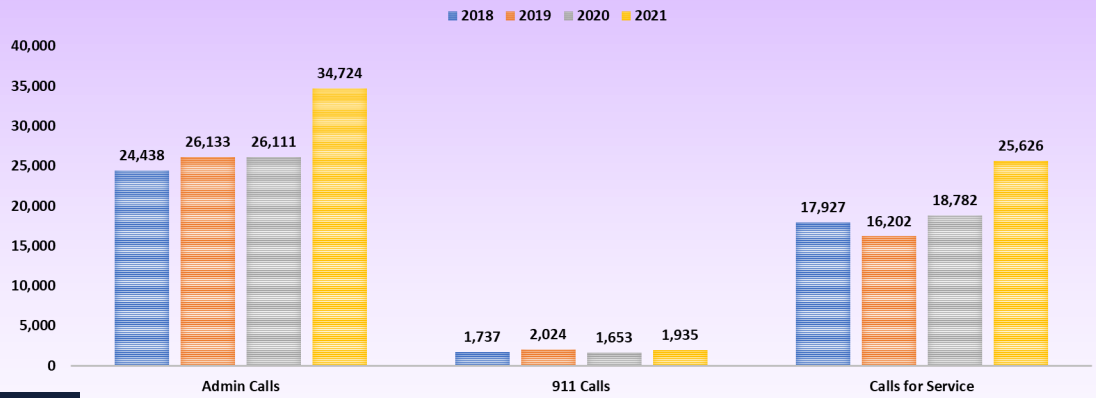
Dedication

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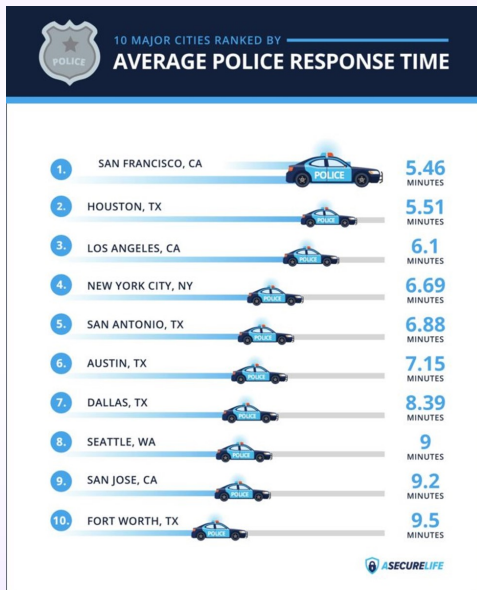
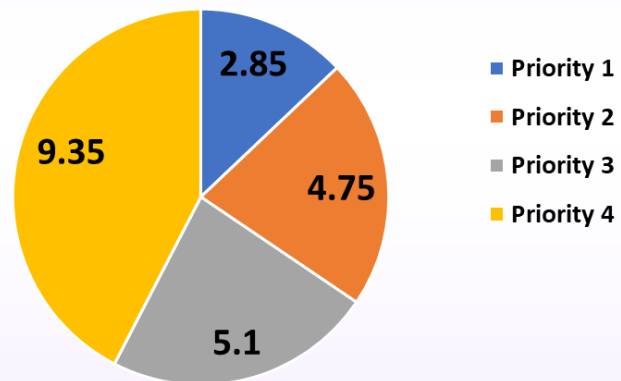
Parsons 911 Statistics



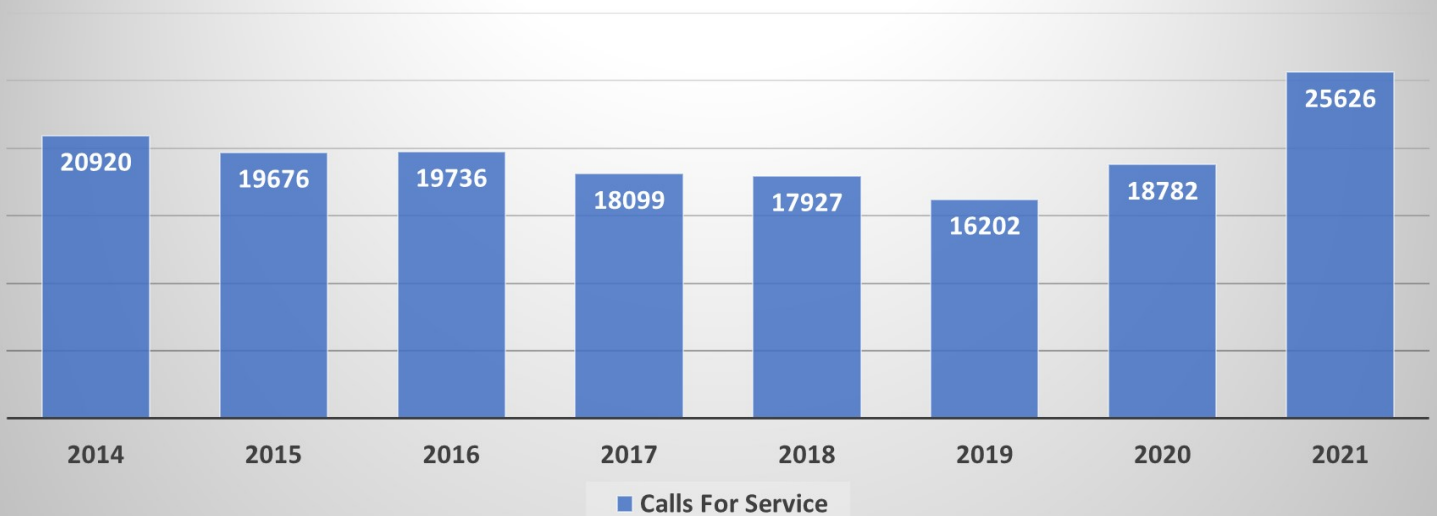
DISPATCH ACTIVITY



2021 Response Times in Minutes



Calls For Service





EVIDENCE/RECORDS

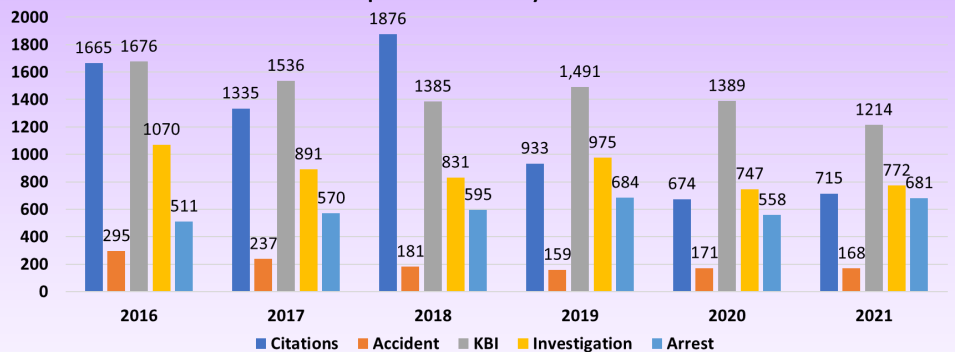
2021 Evidence / Records Statistics with Jason Bennett



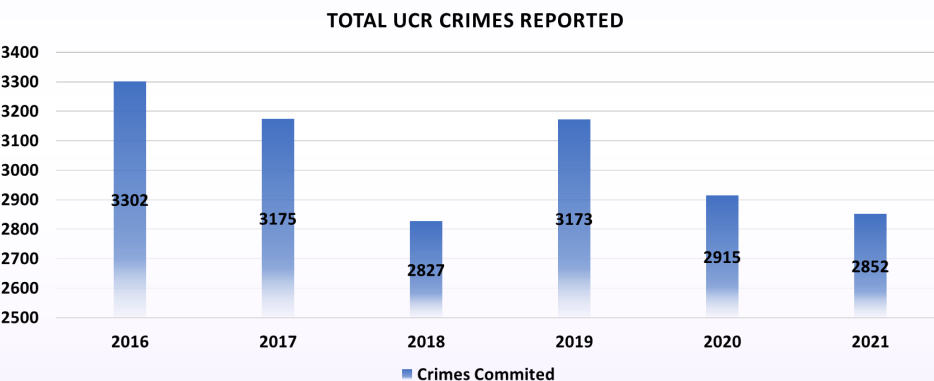
A Records Clerk job includes completing activities and operations in the Police Records Unit which are recording, copying, disseminating and storing of confidential police records in accordance with federal and state laws, as well as city policy and procedures. Acting as a Custodian of Police Records by performing research and data retrieval in response to **Police Records Dissemination Requests.**

I also deal with the general public often as the first point of contact for the Police Department. I respond to questions and requests for information and resolve problems related to police records and the records management computer system. I receive and

Reports Processed By Records



Evidence storage is a problem area for most police departments, but we have made a huge step in minimizing that stress with the hiring of Shawn Johnston who works in both evidence and serves as a back-up dispatcher. Together we have the offsite evidence storage facility up and running. The transition of evidence storage to offsite has taxed the evidence team but is also opened up previously used overflow spaces for their intended uses within the Police Department. This step is a huge gain for the department and the evidence team.

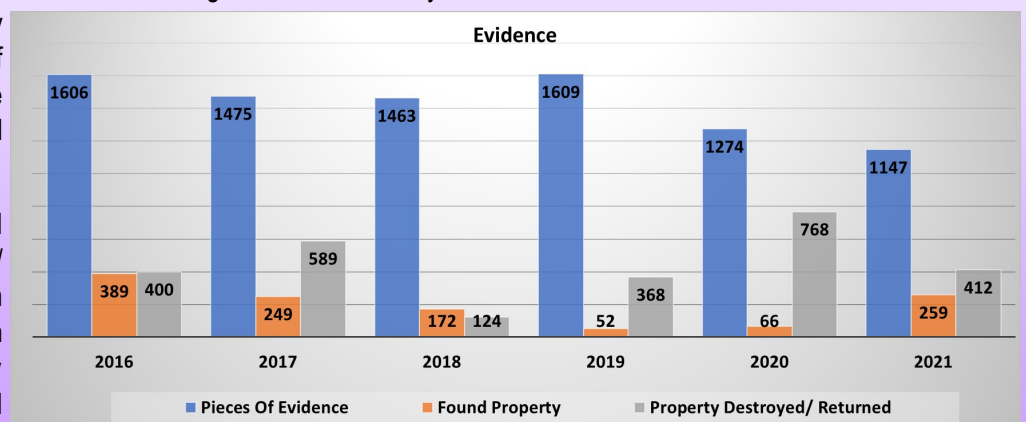


process delivery of mail, receive and coordinate delivery of packages and documents.

I also act as the Evidence Custodian, with the added help of Shawn Johnston, which includes being responsible for maintaining the chain of custody of submitted items with regards to storage and transportation of property and evidence to the Kansas Bureau of Investigations (KBI) crime lab, evidence room, court, return items to owners and victims and destruction of illegal drugs.

Evidence intake was at an all time low for 2021 and returned / destroyed property was also down from 2020. We finished major construction on the new evidence holding facility including the required surveillance and alarms.

One of my other duties is to design challenge coins for the police department. 2021 was a great year for that. I was able to design a 150 year commemorative challenge coin for the police department as well as design the K-9 Donor program coins. As an avid collector of challenge coins these were two amazing projects that I was able to accomplish for the department and the community.





ANIMAL CONTROL

Community Service Officer Ricky Thompson

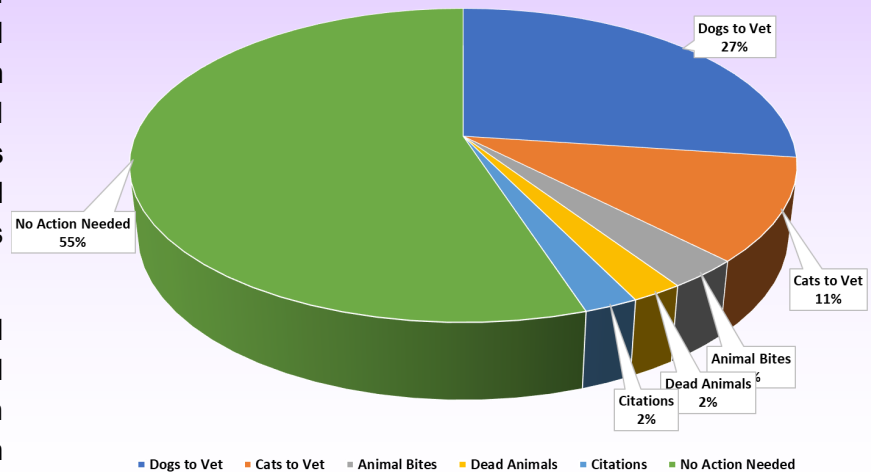


2021 gave the Parsons Police Department a new face to the Community Service Officer position. Ricky Thompson began his employment in the latter part of the year and has already completed his **Level 1 and Level 2 national certification from NACA the National Animal Care & Control Association**. He is also certified through **Kansas Animal Control Association** as well. He is certified in chemical immobilization and capture as well as thermometry.

CSO Thompson hit the ground running and has been very active in the Parsons animal community since he started. CSO Thompson is an advocate for the Parsons community to adopt an **Animal Guardian** mentality when it come to pet owners.

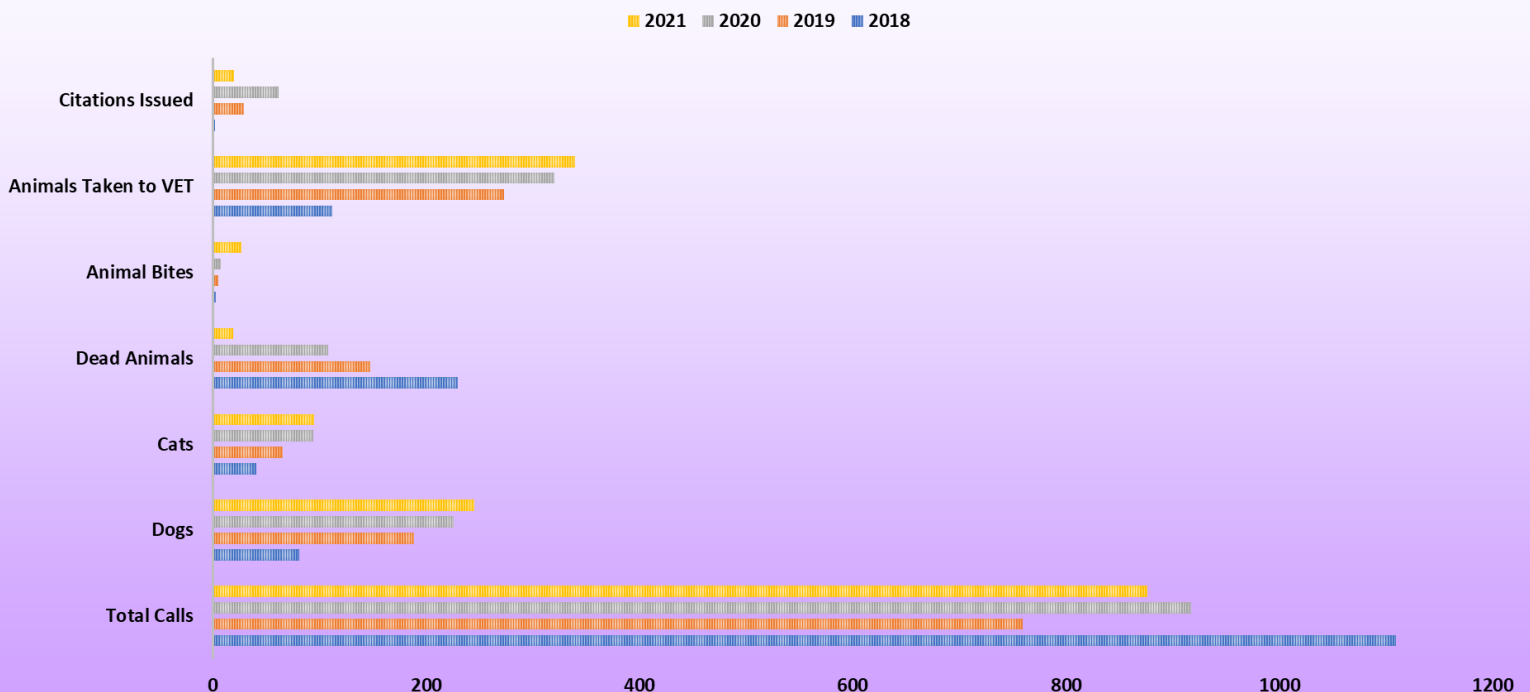
Parsons Animal Control handled **876 calls** for service in 2021 resulting in **340 animals** being taken to the veterinarian. Of those 340 animals there were **245 dogs and 95 cats**. With CSO Thompson only working the last two and a half months for 2021 he was able to trap 35 animals and still catch 13% of the

Summary of 876 Calls for Animals



dogs at large for the year as well as 45% of the cats for the year. CSO Thompson has been working to build strong relationship with the animal care centers as well as the pet owners in Parsons.

CSO Thompson will be starting Parsons' first T-N-R (Trap Spay/Neuter Release) program in 2022.





FLEET

Police Department Vehicles



2021 Fleet Update

The Parsons Police Department currently has a total of 22 vehicles in the fleet. 9 of them are assigned to patrol and are driven by patrol officers and supervisors. The School Resource Officer (SRO), K-9 Officers, Administrative Services, Investigation Division and Administration have assigned vehicles.

Pool or shared vehicles are currently used by patrol which includes: Shift Sergeant, Corporal, Senior Patrolman, East Sector, West Sector. The remaining vehicles also serve as extras for specialty patrols such as **Click It or Ticket** or any of the added **DUI** campaigns and **saturation patrols**. They are also used as transport vehicles for officers that are called in for duty to conduct specialty transports to other agencies or facilities. As the following charts show the patrol vehicles are used beyond that of a normal vehicle, with them being driven in one month more than some cars are driven in an entire year.

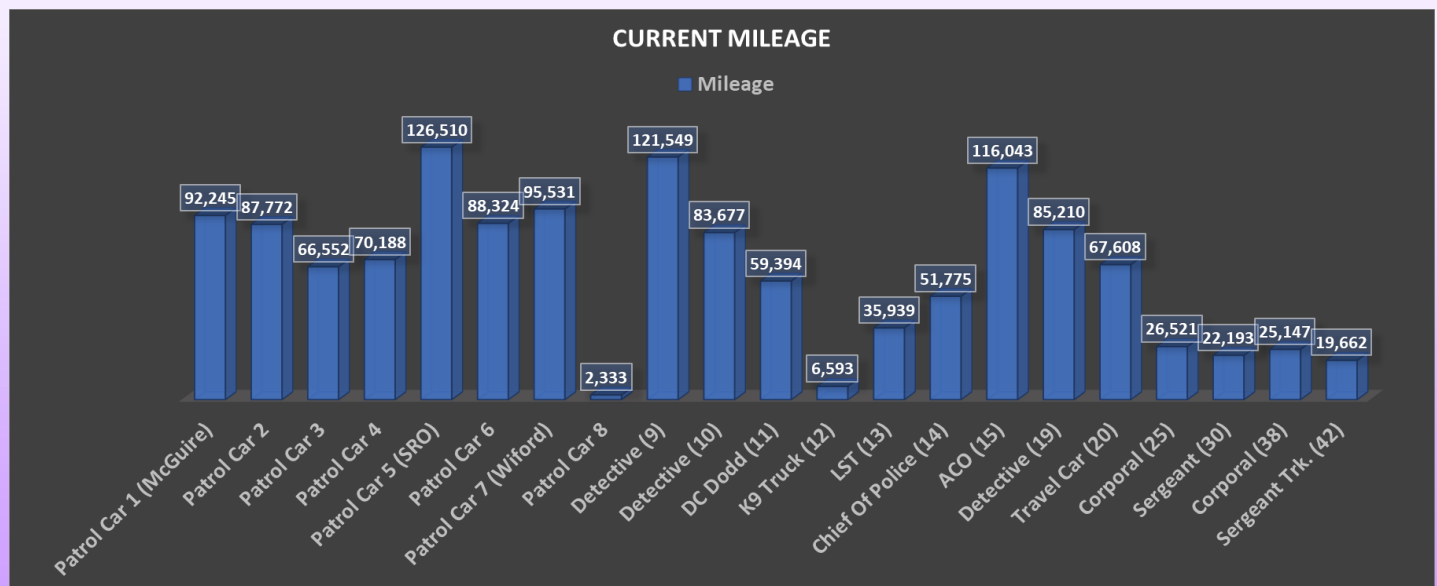
The average patrol car is driven in excess of **2,000** miles per month by patrol officers. Sergeants and Corporals are the shift supervisors and have a considerable amount of administrative duties that keep their individual miles lower than that of a Sector or a Senior Patrolman's vehicle.

The unmarked part of the fleet includes assigned units for the detectives, which has sustained increasing maintenance

costs due to their age. The detectives have been given the retired patrol Chevy Tahoe's to better suit the needs of their equipment they take to major crime scenes. These vehicles took the place of the program cars that were purchased in 2011 to supplement the Detectives needs. The program cars are still maintained by the department as travel vehicles for academy officers and officers yearly continued education training.

The **LST or (Logistics Support Truck)** is a relatively low mileage vehicle, but is in need of updating its equipment. The department uses the LST for a staging point for events such as **Katy Days**. It is also taken to venues such as **Touch-A-Truck** and the **Parsons Christmas Parade**. Its primary function is used as an evidence collection point for serious crimes and **Incident Command** center for large scale investigations and crime scenes. The LST currently has an antiquated analog radio system that needs to be replaced, to be compatible with the agency's digital radio system on the 800 MHz frequency. With a computer and new communication equipment the Parsons Police Department can have a mobile dispatch center in the event of a natural disaster.

The Police Department also maintains the Community Service Officer's vehicle as a part of the fleet. This vehicle was updated with animal friendly transport cages that have a fan system for ventilation and interior lighting. The remaining vehicles that the department maintains includes the Chief of Police and Deputy Chiefs vehicles along with all travel cars.





FLEET

Fleet Continued...

Patrol Car Average Miles Driven Per Month

VEHICLE	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Avg. Per Month
1	NEW	3,467	2,573	1,484	581	1,364	302	1,629
2		NEW	2,169	2,795	2,046	1,507	796	1,863
3			NEW	1,965	1,751	1,316	987	1,505
4			NEW	2,431	1,740	1,301	1,156	1,657
5	NEW	3,848	2,486	3,376	1,668	972	322	2,112
6		NEW	2,357	2,765	2,059	1,372	208	1,752
7	1,298	1,403	2,636	1,260	360	814	281	1,200
8							NEW	0
12							NEW	0
25					NEW 2020	1,266	1,109	1,188
30					NEW 2020	72	1,293	683
38					NEW 2020	766	1,286	1,026
42					NEW 2020	351	1,290	821

Patrol Car Miles Driven Per Year

VEHICLE	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	AVG PER YEAR
1	NEW	17,336	30,880	17,813	6,966	13,641	3,628	15,044
2		NEW	8,677	33,545	16,368	18,081	9,552	17,245
3			NEW	15,717	21,008	15,787	11,846	16,090
4			NEW	19,450	17,404	15,617	13,868	16,585
5	NEW	19,242	29,858	40,511	20,012	11,658	3,858	20,857
6		NEW	9,427	33,182	24,711	11,464	2,501	16,257
7	7,790	16,841	31,626	15,119	4,322	13,974	3,373	13,292
8							NEW	0
12							NEW	0
25					NEW 2020	7,595	13,304	10,450
30					NEW 2020	72	15,513	7,793
38					NEW 2020	4,596	15,428	10,012
42					NEW 2020	351	15,479	7,915



CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

Parsons Police Department Chaplain Partners



The Parsons Police Department partners with several 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 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.

We want to thank the **Parsons Foursquare Church** for their help and support in 2021. The help they gave throughout the pandemic and the following year was instrumental to our success.

We look for a great 2022 for future endeavors.





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