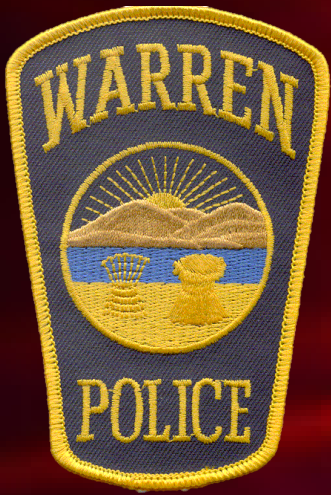


Warren Police Department

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Warren, OH 44483

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Message from the Chief of Police

The Warren Police Department, which was established in 1867, continues to perform its function of serving and protecting the citizens to the best of its abilities. Our dedicated, professional police force of 70 men and women recognize that the people in our community are our most important customers, and they work in partnership with all people to solve problems that affect public safety.

This is also accomplished by collaborating with citizens and neighborhood and community groups to better understand the needs of the community so that we may develop solutions to problems and provide efficient responses.

Through a cooperative working relationship with our local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, we take a proactive approach to law enforcement knowing that partnerships and cooperation are needed to ensure protection of persons and property.

As Chief of Police, it is my responsibility to ensure that our community is provided the best possible law enforcement services. To this end, I am dedicated to making sure all police-related services are provided in an efficient, effective and professional manner.

I am proud to serve with these dedicated, professional co-workers to complete our police mission to protect and serve our community for those who live and work here.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Merkel
Chief of Police



Biography of Chief Eric J. Merkel

Chief Merkel is a 30-year veteran of the Warren Police Department starting his employment with the City of Warren in January of 1995. After being promoted through the ranks, he was sworn in as Chief of Police in June of 2013. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Kent State University and a master's degree in police administration from Youngstown State University. Chief Merkel is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy (FBINA) Session #227, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar Session 78, the Law Enforcement Foundation's Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Class 59, and one of nearly 600 police officers in the State of Ohio who have successfully completed and achieved the designation of Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) Class XX through the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.



2024 Authorized vs. Actual Personnel Strength

	Authorized Strength	Actual Strength
Police Personnel		
Chief of Police	1	1
Captains	2	2
Lieutenants	5	5
Sergeants	9	9
Patrol Officers	53	48
	70	65
Civilian Personnel		
<u>Chief's Office</u>		
Office Supervisor	1	1
Secretary	1	0
<u>Records Division</u>		
Clerk Typist	4	3
<u>Traffic Division</u>		
Data Entry Operator	1	1
<u>Animal Control</u>		
Dog Warden	1	0
	8	5



Professional Standards – Internal Affairs Division

The Office of Professional Standards consists of the Internal Affairs Division (IAD) and the Director of Training. Both work together to ensure that all officers receive continued training and are performing their duties with the highest possible standards for professionalism.

The Internal Affairs Division is responsible for processing all complaints and investigations regarding the conduct of Warren Police Department employees. Any person may file a public complaint against a Warren Police Department employee. Public Complaint Forms are available at the Warren Police Department, City Hall, and the City of Warren, Ohio website. Each officer of the Warren Police Department can also furnish Public Complaint Forms upon request.



Once a complaint is filed, it is forwarded to the Internal Affairs Officer who will then begin an investigation. In some instances, the complaint can be resolved with the Emergency Services Division Turn Commander.

All complaints received by the Warren Police Department are taken seriously, and the Internal Affairs Division will conduct a thorough investigation of the complaint. It is the policy of this department that the investigation can take up to forty (40) days for completion. However, depending on the severity of the incident, the investigating officer can request an extension from the Chief of Police to ensure the investigation is properly completed. If a complaint is found to be true, the discipline can range from a verbal reprimand up to discharge from service. It is the responsibility of the Chief of Police to determine discipline for all Warren Police Department employees.

During the year 2024, the Internal Affairs Division investigated fifteen (15) Citizen Complaints of alleged misconduct by police department employees. Each complaint may list a number of allegations within – denoting a higher number of findings to the number of complaints filed.

Citizen Complaints Comparison

2022	12
2023	8
2024	15





Upon completion of the investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Division, each allegation of officer misconduct listed in the public complaint will receive one out of four possible findings. These possible findings are listed and described as follows:

SUSTAINED. This means that the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the person's allegation is supported by sufficient evidence to determine that the incident occurred and the actions of the officer were improper.

EXONERATED. This means that the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the alleged conduct did occur but did not violate WPD policies, procedure, or training.

INCONCLUSIVE. This means that the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that there are insufficient facts to decide whether the alleged misconduct occurred.

UNFOUNDED. This means that the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that no facts to support that the incident complained of actually occurred.

The Internal Affairs Division is also responsible for managing the Early Intervention System (EIS) for the department. This computer software system monitors the activity of each police officer, allowing the Internal Affairs Division and police department supervisors to track arrests, use of force, vehicle pursuits, discharge of firearms, officer-involved traffic accidents, public complaints, lost/damaged/stolen property, awards and commendations, and counseling sessions for each officer and intervene if necessary. This is a valuable tool for both the supervision, and the officers alike.

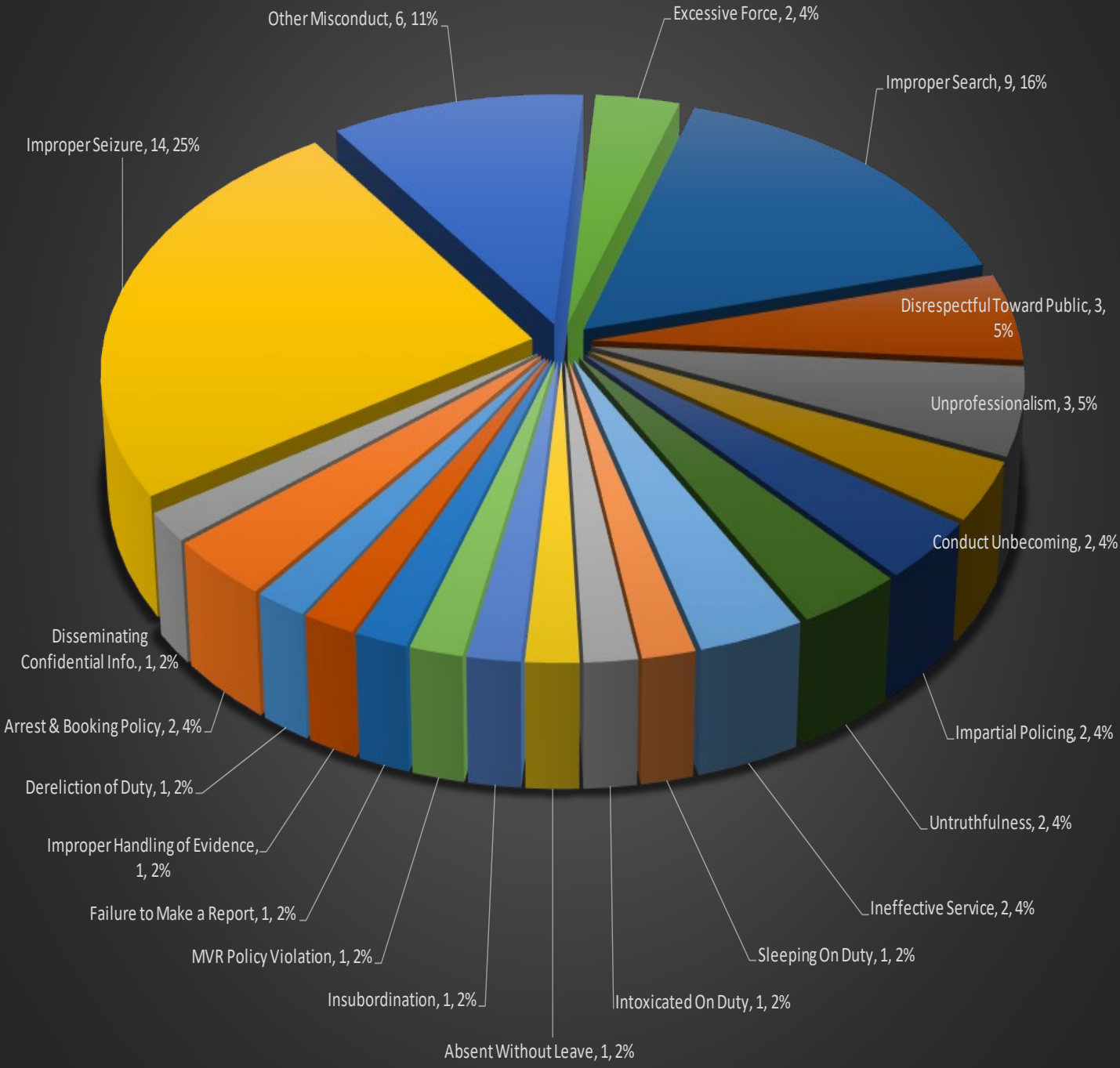
Sergeant Mark Krempasky
Internal Affairs Officer

The following graphs show what classifications of alleged misconduct were investigated by the Internal Affairs Division for the year 2024 and what their official findings were.



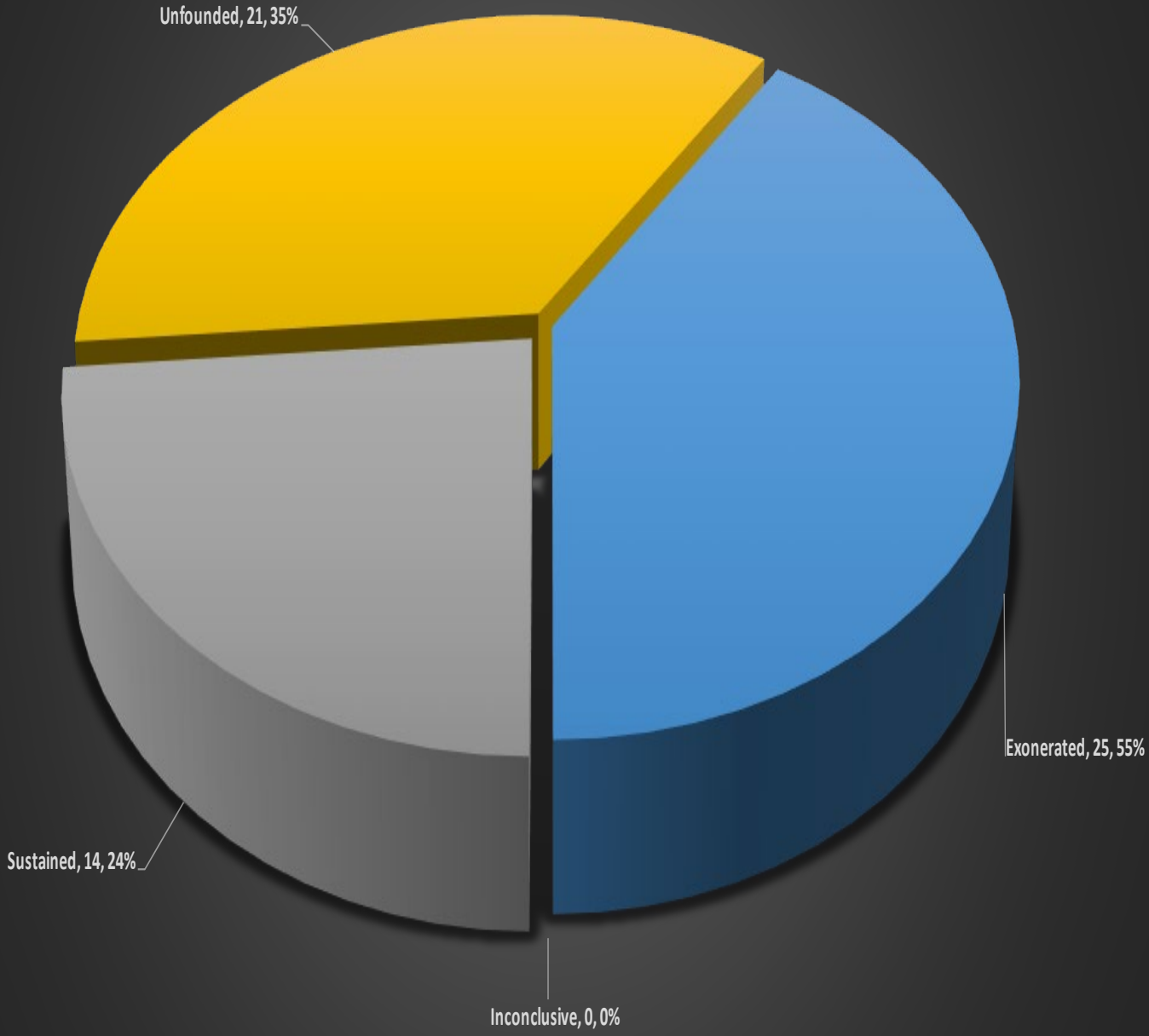


Complaint by Allegation





Allegation Findings



Professional Standards – Training

The Director of Training is responsible for coordinating the Warren Police Department’s annual in-service training. The Director of Training and Internal Affairs also ensures that all officers complete the Continued Professional Training (CPT) as required by the State of Ohio and schedule officers for training in specialized fields. In 2024, the Warren Police Department presented their annual In-Service Training Block consisting of 40 hours for all commissioned personnel. The training topics are listed below.

Annual In-Service Training Report

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR(S)</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Taser, ASP & OC Re-Qualifications	Sgt. Sumption & Det. Marsh.	3 hours
Veterans in Crisis	Sgt. Todd Vogler – Cleveland VA PD	2 hours
Evidence Collection & CSI	Capt. Massucci, Sgt Laprocina, Det Altieri	2 hours
Basic Life Support CPR & AED	American Heart Assn. – Renee Waldo	3 hours
Traffic Stop Scenarios	Sgt. Sumption & Officer Weber	4 hours
Tactical Medicine First Aid	Officer Wilson & Det. Marsh	4 hours
Virtra – Human Factors in UOF (CPT)	Lt. Holmes, Sgt. Krempasky, Det Altieri	8 hours
Building Clearing	Sgt. Sumption & Officer Wilson	3 hours
Use of Force Scenarios	Sgt. Sumption, Officer Wilson, SCU	4 hours
Firearms Training & Qualifications	Lt. Holmes, Sgt. Sumption, Det’s Clementi & Altieri	8 hours
Legal Update (52 videos)	Path of the Guardian Video Series – DLG	4.5 hours

Continued Professional Training (CPT)

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR(S)</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Legal Updates	OPOTA Online	2 hours
Responding to Mental Health Issues	OPOTA Online	2 hours
Crisis Mitigation / De-Escalation	OPOTA Online	2 hours
Marsy’s Law / Victim Rights	OPOTA Online	1 hour
NIBIN	OPOTA Online	1 hour
Interviewing Crime Victims	OPOTA Online	1 hour
Ethics & Professionalism	OPOTA Online	1 hour
Impacting Narcotics in Ohio	OPOTA Online	2 hours
Use of Body Worn Cameras	OPOTA Online	1 hour
Report Writing	OPOTA Online	2 hours
Distracted Driving	OPOTA Online	¼ hour
Requesting Police Canines	OPOTA Online	¼ hour
Testifying in Court	OPOTA Online	¼ hour
Vehicle Inventories	OPOTA Online	¼ hour





Specialized Training & Qualifications

TOPIC	OFFICER(S)	HOURS
Intoximeter DMT Operator	Fenstermaker, Andino, Sumption, Jones, Marsh, M. Sajnovsky, Shipman, Krafcik, P. Sajnovsky, Horner, M. Smith, Johnson, George & Young	8 hours
NIBIN Training	Det. Crites	40 hours
Investigating Child Homicide	Det. Smith	16 hours
Mid-Ohio Driving Course	Wilson, George, Poledica, Martinek, Jones, Black, Andino, Young, Johnson, Horner & Demyan	8 hours
FBI Great Lakes Leadership Seminar	Lt. Holmes	40 hours
Cellular Forensics	Sgt. Laprocina & Det. Altieri	40 hours
Street Survival Seminar	Sgt. Sajnovsky, James, Young, George, Andino, Krafcik, Goranitis & Demyan	16 hours
ARIDE Impaired Driving Enforcement	Young, Krafcik, James, Andino & M. Smith	16 hours
Advanced Search & Seizure	Sgt. Sajnovsky	8 hours
Patrol Response to Active Threats	Gollan, Horner, M. Smith & Ohl	16 hours
Patrol Response to Active Threat Instructor	Wilson	16 hours
Force Science Certification	Sgt. Sumption	32 hours
Crisis Negotiator Conference	Det. Smith & Martinek	24 hours
OPOTA Shotgun Instructor	Det. Marsh	24 hours
Mechanical Breaching Instructor	Det. Jones	24 hours
SRO Legal Updates	Gollan & Ruckman	8 hours
Taser Instructor Certification	Sgt. Sumption & Det. Marsh	8 hours
Homicide & Death Investigations	Det. Smith	40 hours
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)	Young, Morris, McAlister, Romo & Toot	40 hours
Active Shooter Response for Patrol	Black, McGinley, Andino, Poledica, Demyan, Johnson & George	16 hours
Crime Scene Photography	Andino & Young	40 hours
Use of Force Summit	Chief Merkel, Capt. Cole, Lt. Holmes, Sgt. Krempasky	24 hours
Intoximeter DMT Operator Renewal	Sgt. Sajnovsky, Jones, Fenstermaker, Wilson, Marsh, Shipman, P. Sajnovsky, Krafcik, M. Smith, James, Andino, Horner, Johnson, George & Young	8 hours

Lieutenant Bryan Holmes
Director of Training



Vehicle Inventory Status & Repairs

The Vehicle Maintenance Unit of the Warren Police Department consists of two officers responsible for the maintenance of all Warren Police Department vehicles and the maintenance on the mobile video recorders, radio systems and interior police equipment for the cruisers. These officers are also responsible for maintaining communication with any outside vendors who perform work on the fleet of vehicles. Vehicle Maintenance collaborates with purchasing agents in making purchase orders for vendors. They also work with the agent when purchasing new vehicles and the equipment necessary to make them ready for police service, adding them to the City of Warren Insurance and removing units from service.

Additional responsibilities include managing the underground fuel system, ordering the necessary fuel for the fleet, and processing all vehicles impounded by members of the Warren Police Department, which are stored at the city-owned impound lot or May's Towing. Our current fleet consists of the following (next page) vehicles with their respective mileage, annual use and condition:

YEAR	AVERAGE VEHICLE ODOMETER	AVERAGE DRIVE MILES (ANNUAL)	TOTAL FLEET MILES DRIVEN (ANNUAL)	REPAIR COST (ANNUAL)
2022	58,774	7,562	446,138	\$ 118,137.94
2023	61,700	10,325	516,257	\$ 134,621.57
2024	41,079	8,409	462,474	\$ 147,188.71



Unit Number	Description	Odometer History				Miles Driven		
		2021	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
1	2019 CHEVROLET Tahoe	18,967	22,467	30,598	36,486	3,500	8,131	5,888
2	2012 CHEVROLET Malibu	66,036	72,373	78,687	78,784	6,337	6,314	97
3	2022 FORD Explorer		7	9,791	19,777	7	9,784	9,986
4	2019 FORD Transit	2,240	3,128	4,601	5,822	888	1,473	1,221
5	2014 FORD Explorer	54,711	59,644	64,555	68,984	4,933	4,911	4,429
6	2022 FORD Explorer		5	7,754	22,199	5	7,749	14,445
8	2020 JEEP Cherokee	22,285	31,860	43,959	54,026	9,575	12,099	10,067
12	2022 FORD Explorer	0	7,882	8,459	13,688	7,882	577	5,229
13	2022 FORD Explorer	0	2,578	2,958	3,358	2,578	380	400
15	2012 CHEVROLET Malibu	78,429	84,566	124,224	142,353	6,137	39,658	18,129
16	2022 FORD Explorer	0	10,620	17,240	18,452	10,620	6,620	1,212
21	2025 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	105	0	0	105
23	2010 FORD E-350	48,155	48,995	49,405	49,615	840	410	210
24	2022 FORD Explorer		9,241	22,687	33,790	9,241	13,446	11,103
28	2018 FORD Edge	20,300	24,212	33,899	50,380	3,912	9,687	16,481
29	2022 FORD Explorer		9,843	22,795	39,443	9,843	12,952	16,648
30	2014 FORD Explorer	50,397	56,710	63,313	109,500	6,313	6,603	46,187
32	2014 FORD Explorer	51,009	60,499	72,061	89,803	9,490	11,562	17,742
35	2014 FORD Explorer	132,644	145,692	147,487	169,714	13,048	1,795	22,227
37	2020 FORD Explorer	8,046	14,410	19,557	26,887	6,364	5,147	7,330
38	2020 FORD Explorer	6,455	26,297	36,441	51,536	19,842	10,144	15,095
39	2020 FORD Explorer	4,602	6,929	9,318	21,647	2,327	2,389	12,329
40	2020 FORD Explorer	11,429	17,494	22,603	29,395	6,065	5,109	6,792
41	2022 FORD Explorer	0	5,325	11,520	24,964	5,325	6,195	13,444
42	2022 FORD Explorer	0	4,021	5,991	10,457	4,021	1,970	4,466
43	2022 FORD Explorer	0	5,191	10,168	16,832	5,191	4,977	6,664
44	2022 FORD Explorer	0	5,991	11,121	15,741	5,991	5,130	4,620
46	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
47	2025 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
48	2022 FORD Explorer	0	1,990	12,588	22,012	1,990	10,598	9,424
54	2022 FORD Explorer	0	1,698	11,642	23,873	1,698	9,944	12,231
55	2022 FORD Explorer	0	172	10,008	17,024	172	9,836	7,016
56	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	11,260	0	0	11,260
57	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	1,301	0	0	1,301
58	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	73	0	0	73
59	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	4,549	0	0	4,549
60	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	3,315	0	0	3,315
61	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	4,381	0	0	4,381
62	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	3,509	0	0	3,509
63	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	2,295	0	0	2,295
64	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	8,458	0	0	8,458
65	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	2,401	0	0	2,401
66	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	4,243	0	0	4,243
67	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	1,972	0	0	1,972
68	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	1,486	0	0	1,486
69	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	458	0	0	458
70	2018 FORD Explorer	65,249	83,834	107,381	130,224	18,585	23,547	22,843
72	2018 FORD Explorer	105,104	122,748	140,095	153,610	17,644	17,347	13,515
74	2018 FORD Explorer	36,941	44,633	60,681	76,988	7,692	16,048	16,307
75	2024 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	1,480	0	0	1,480
76	2018 FORD Explorer	91,398	104,300	125,562	142,007	12,902	21,262	16,445
77	2018 FORD Explorer	37,745	47,884	59,812	76,988	10,139	11,928	17,176
78	2018 FORD Explorer	68,582	78,721	113,152	113,413	10,139	34,431	261
98	2016 FORD Explorer	90,064	100,728	113,152	123,914	10,664	12,424	10,762
99	2016 FORD Explorer	77,627	77,627	111,603	124,360	0	33,976	12,757
Mileage Totals		1,148,415	1,400,315	1,796,868	2,259,342	251,900	396,553	462,474

Criminal Investigations Division

The mission of the Criminal Investigations Division is to thoroughly investigate major, felony-related crimes within the community. Examples of criminal investigations include, but are not limited to: Homicides, Felonious Assaults, Robberies, Burglaries and Sex Offenses. The Criminal Investigations Division applies solvability factors to review and assign cases for further investigation. Investigative expertise, professional case management, participation with various task forces, as well as the assistance of state and federal agencies will maximize the successful prosecution of criminals. The Criminal Investigations Division also continues to develop our case management capability; the results of which appear in this report.



Our goal is to take a leadership position in the prevention and prosecution of criminal activity while enhancing public safety and improving the quality of life in the City of Warren. Community collaboration and communication will afford enhanced opportunities to meet this goal.

Goals and objectives for this division include an emphasis on crime reduction, information sharing and community partnerships – focusing on problem-solving within our city. We can best serve our community through collaborative efforts and resources, therefore allowing our investigators to serve with the utmost professionalism, integrity, dedication and commitment.

The City suffered 6 homicides during 2024. Detectives continue to follow up on all possible leads regarding these cases in addition to other serious assignments remaining open.

Criminal Investigations Division	Captain Robert Massucci
	Sergeant Eric Laprocina
	Detective Brian Crites
	Detective John Greaver
	Detective Nick Carney
	Detective Frank Tempesta
	Detective Michael Altieri
	Detective Nicole Smith





Homicide Summary Report

2024 – 1
Homicide Report
Summary

1.	Case Number	24-04694	Case Disposition	CLOSED
	Date of Incident	3-2-2024		
	Time of Incident - Reported	1346hrs		
	Location	600 Block: Olive Ave NE		
	Victim	Jonte Davis		
	Type of Weapon	Firearm		

2.	Case Number	24-07826	Case Disposition	CLOSED
	Date of Incident	4-9-2024		
	Time of Incident - Reported	2019hrs		
	Location	1028 Lovers Ln NW		
	Victim	Howard Dorsey		
	Type of Weapon	Firearm		

3.	Case Number	24-08782	Case Disposition	CLOSED
	Date of Incident	4/20/2024		
	Time of Incident - Reported	0234hrs		
	Location	3074 Lancer Ct NW		
	Victim	Jarquis Threats		
	Type of Weapon	Blunt Force Trauma		

4.	Case Number	24-10736	Case Disposition	CLOSED
	Date of Incident	5-13-2024		
	Time of Incident - Reported	0202hrs		
	Location	2185 Parkman Rd NW		
	Victim	Nathaniel Bradley		
	Type of Weapon	Firearm		



5.	Case Number	24-10916	Case Disposition	CLOSED
	Date of Incident	5-14-2024		
	Time of Incident - Reported	2037hrs		
	Location	1375 Westwood Dr NW		
	Victim	Andrew Warner		
	Type of Weapon	Blunt Force Trauma		

6.	Case Number	24-16032	Case Disposition	CLOSED
	Date of Incident	7-10-2024		
	Time of Incident - Reported	0614hrs		
	Location	1306 Fifth St SW Apt. #5		
	Victim	Kardell Lowery		
	Type of Weapon	Firearm		

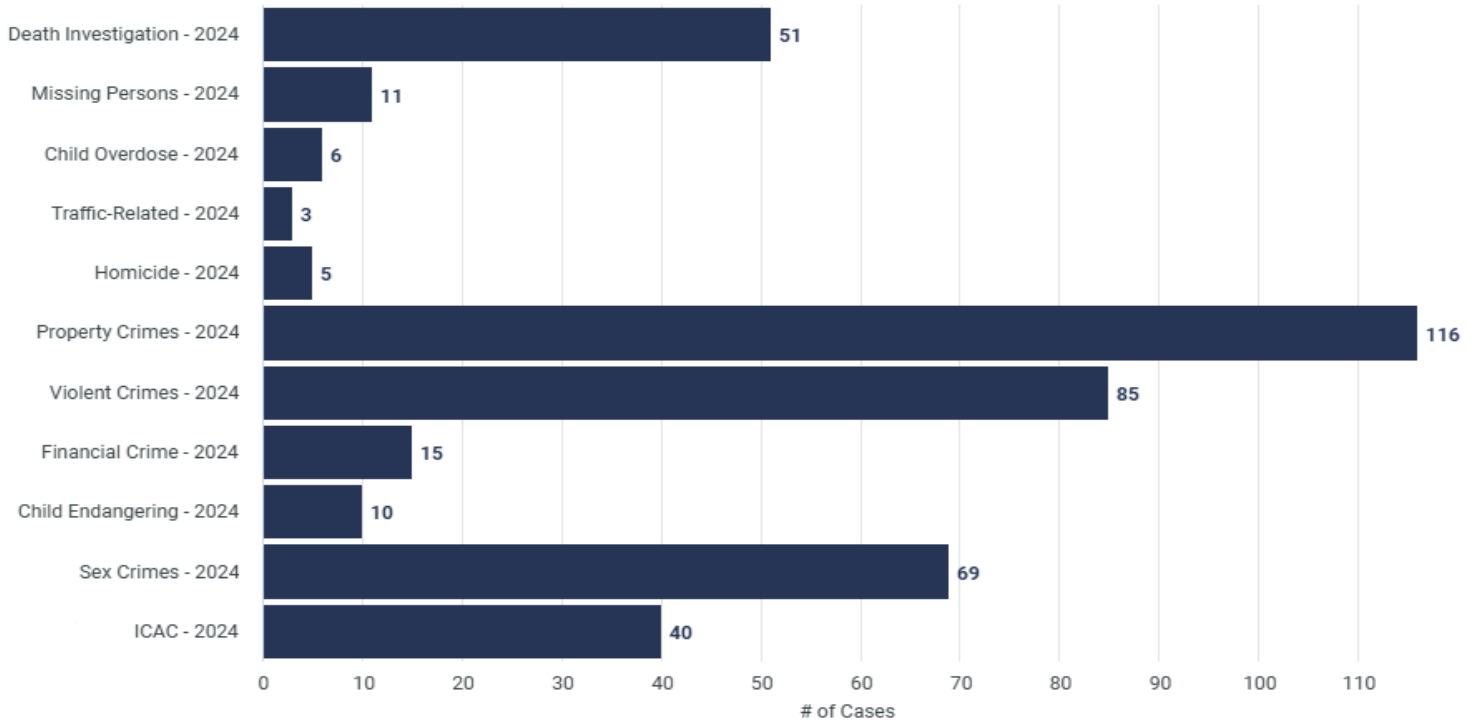
3 – Year Homicide Comparison

	NE	NW	SE	SW	TOTALS
2022	0	8	2	0	10
2023	0	3	4	3	10
2024	1	4	0	1	6
	1	15	6	4	26

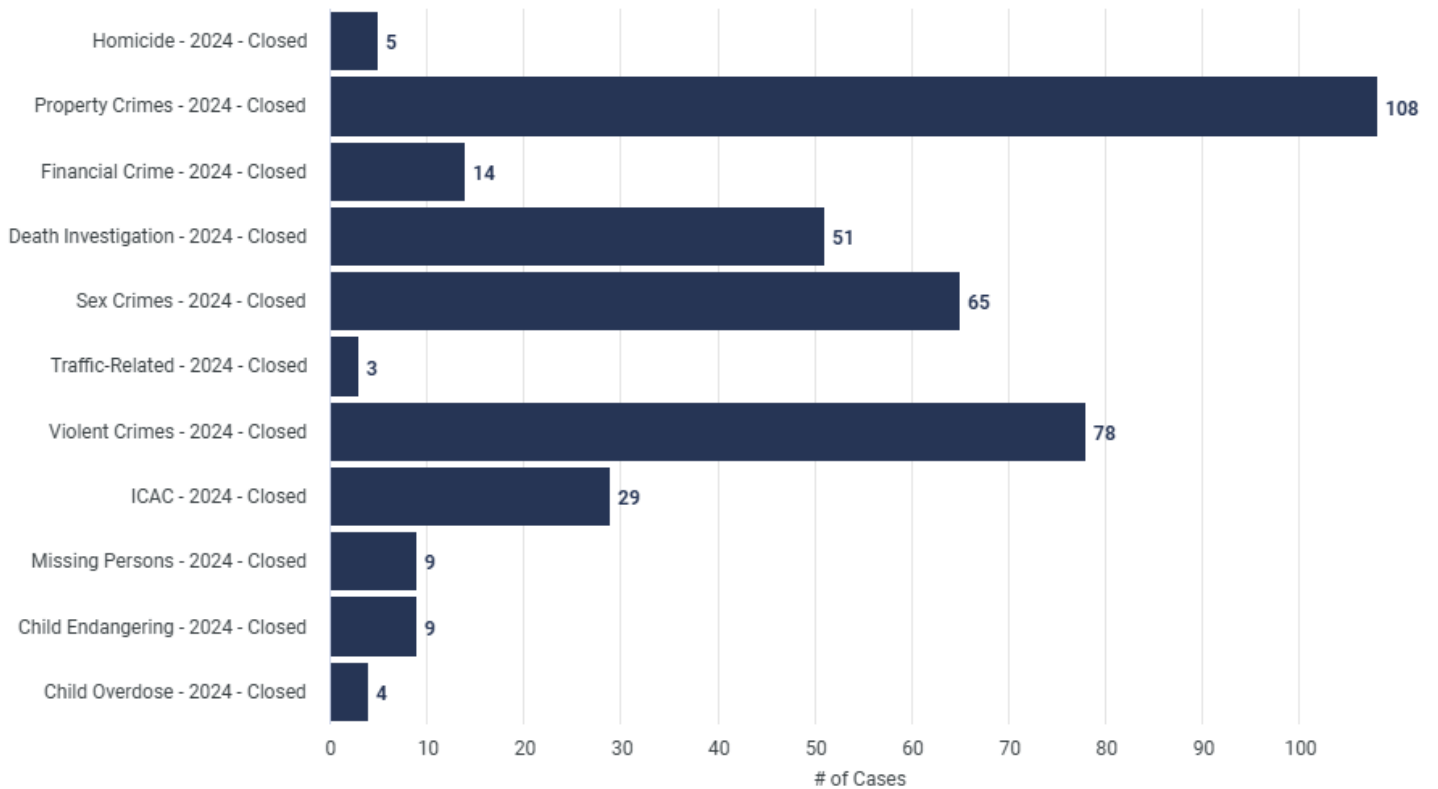
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Total Cases Assigned

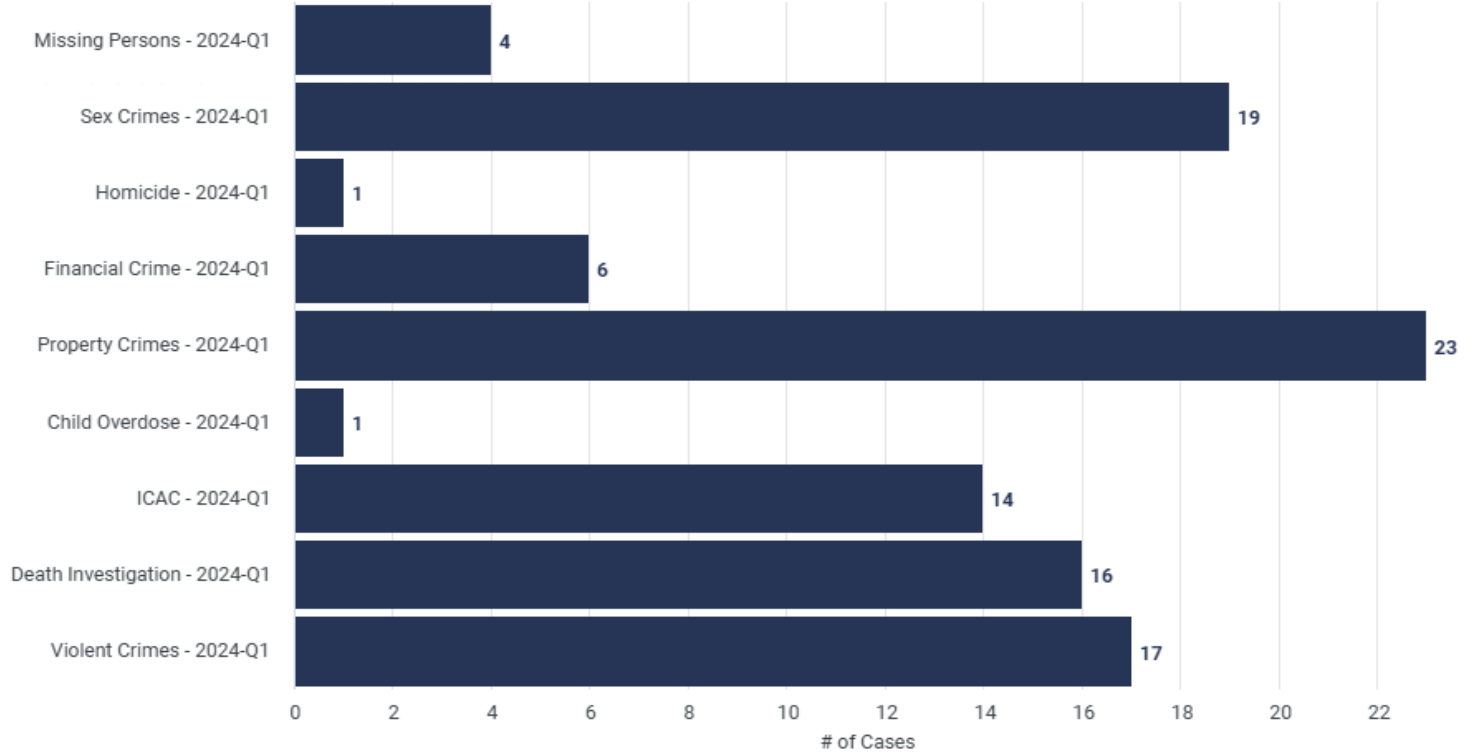


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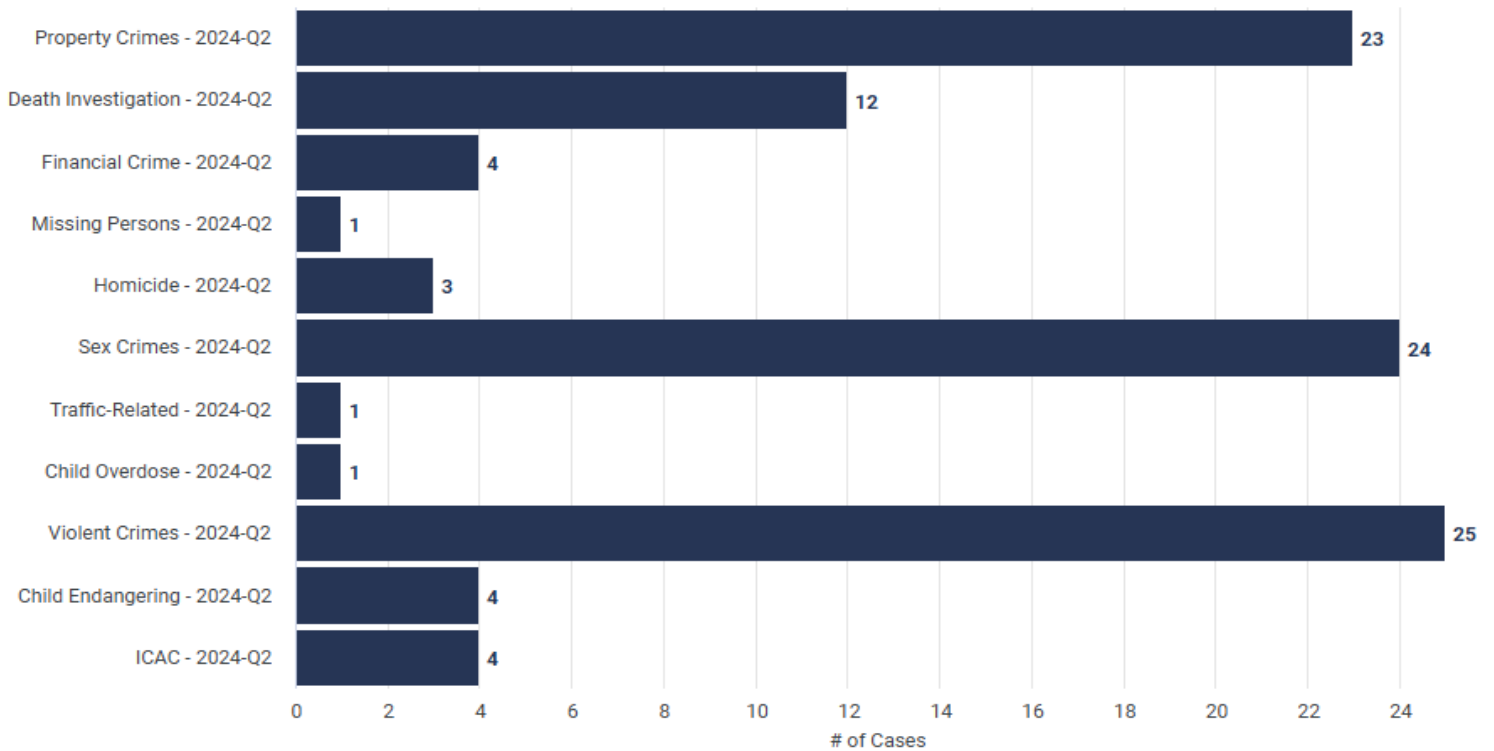


Cases Assigned by Quarter

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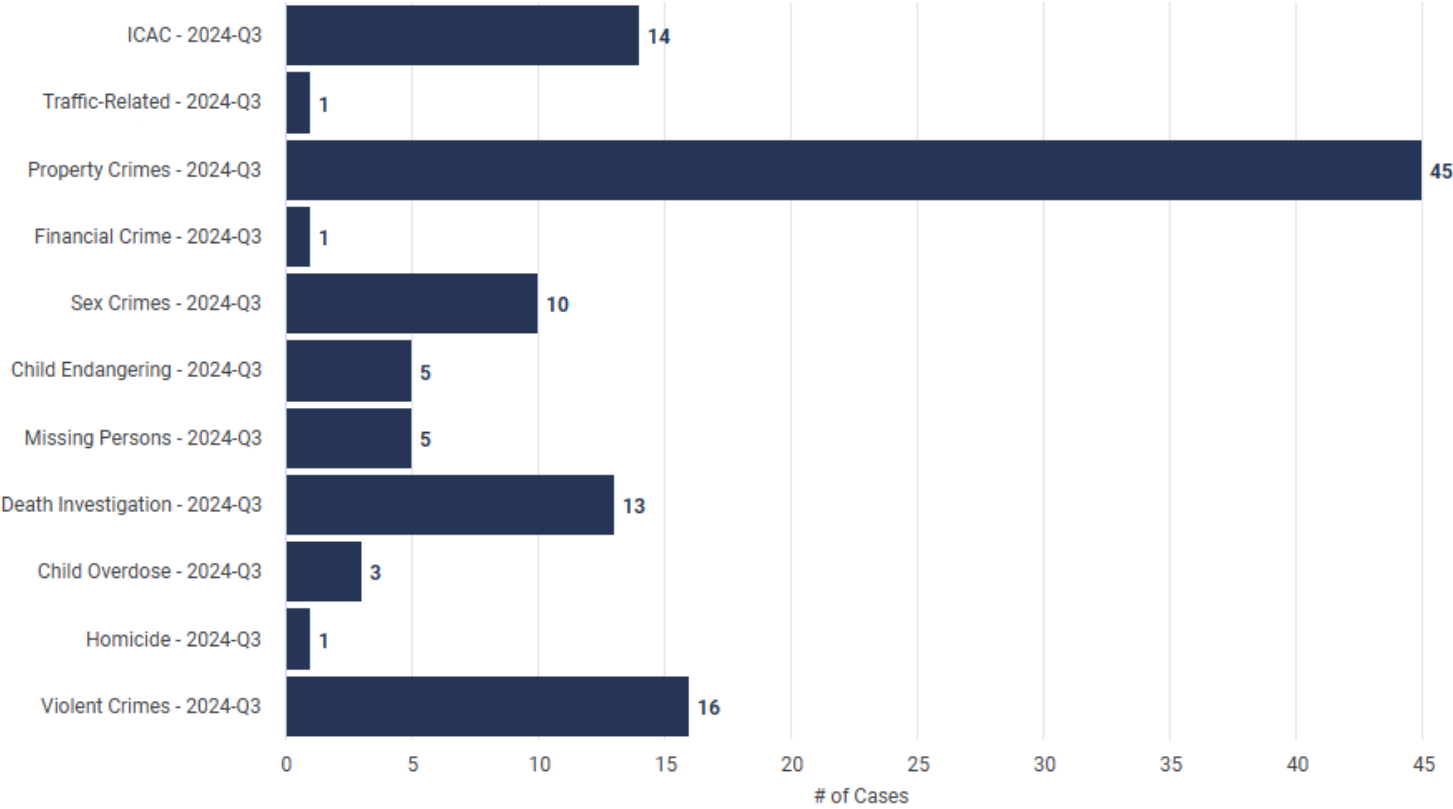


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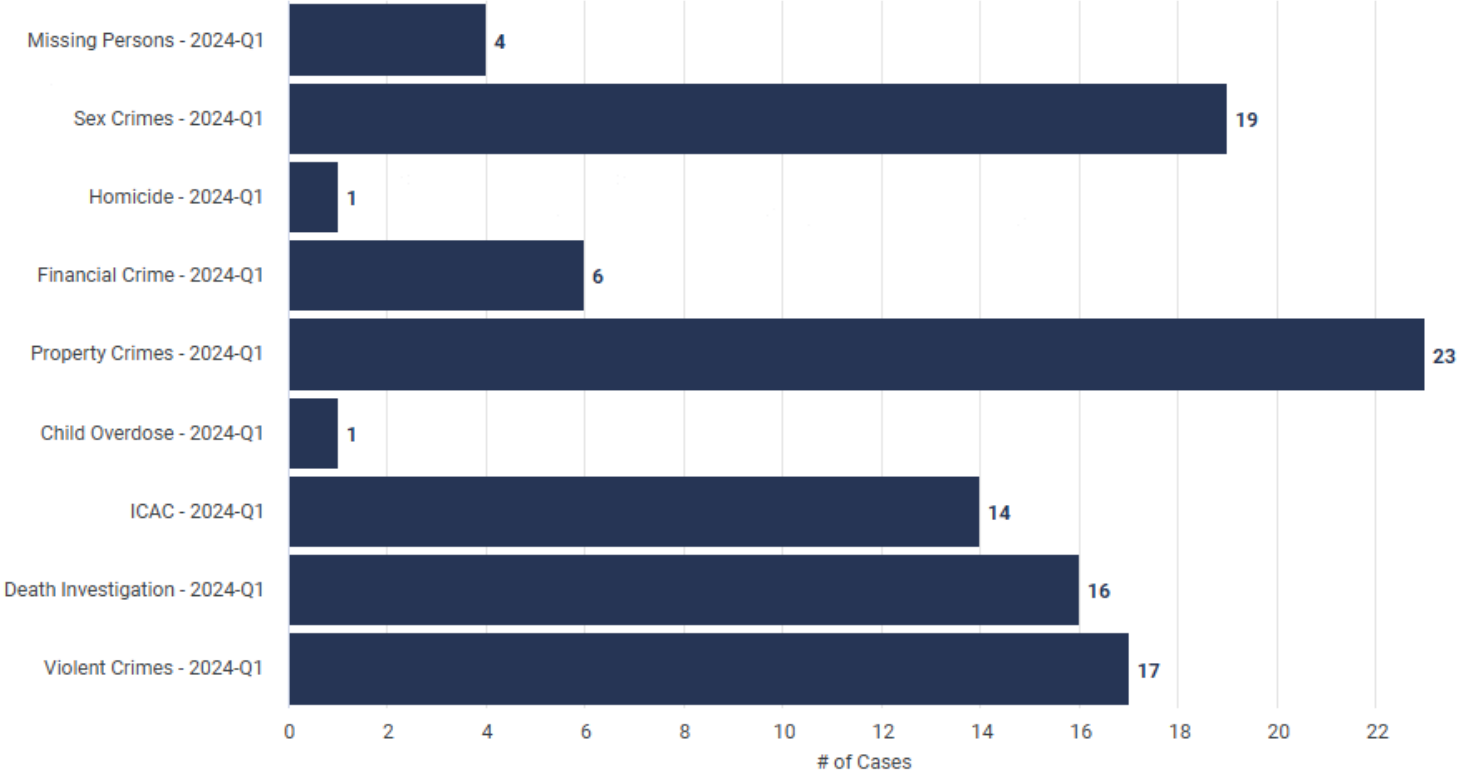




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Quarter 4



Emergency Services Division

The Emergency Services Division (ESD) is comprised of one Captain, three Lieutenants, eight Sergeants and thirty Patrol Officers assigned to various sub-divisions (units). The sub-divisions of ESD include the following:

- Patrol Division
- Court Security
- K-9 Unit
- Student Resource Officers

The officers of Emergency Services Division are the first responders to virtually all calls for service by the Warren Police Department. In 2024, officers responded to approximately **30,093** Calls for Service. These calls range from the most mundane to the very dangerous, serious emergency situations. The officers of the Warren Police Department made **1,457** arrests and issued **3,536** traffic citations. There were also **828** traffic crashes reported in 2024.



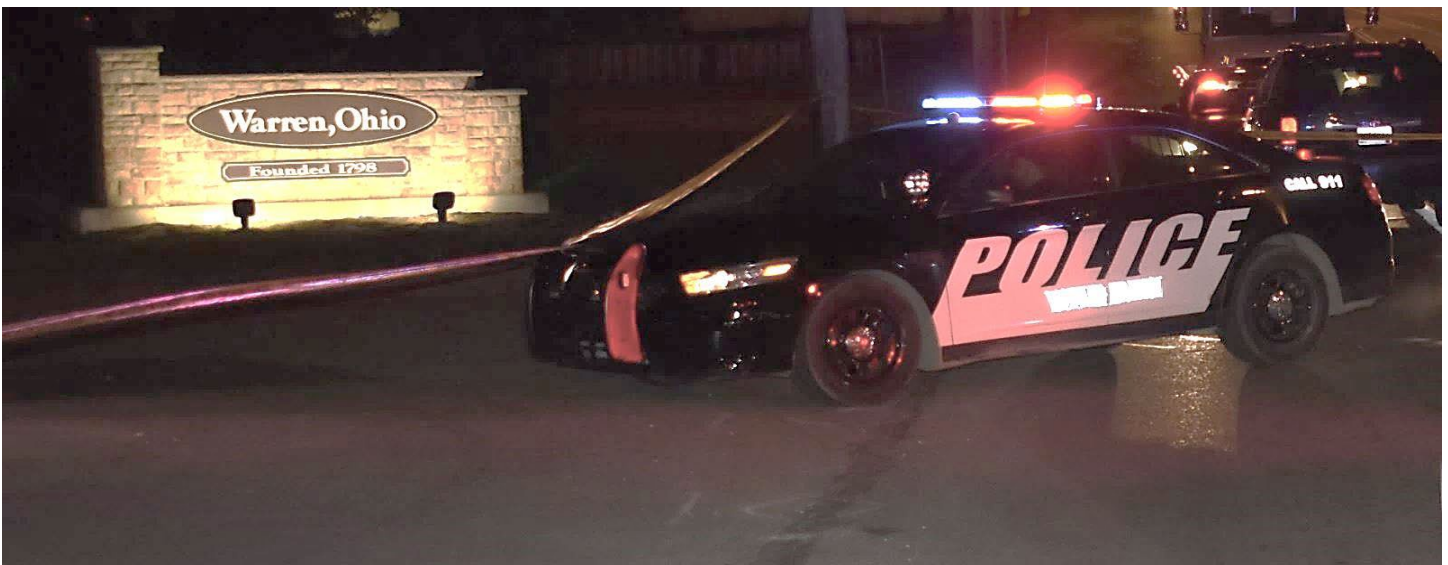
Our Court Security Unit is manned by two primary officers with a rotating alternate officer to ensure the safety of the personnel inside the Warren Municipal Building. When court is in session, these officers ensure that no one may enter armed with intention on harming persons of the court. These officers are also tasked with the regular transport of all prisoners to and from the Trumbull County Jail to appear in Municipal Court.

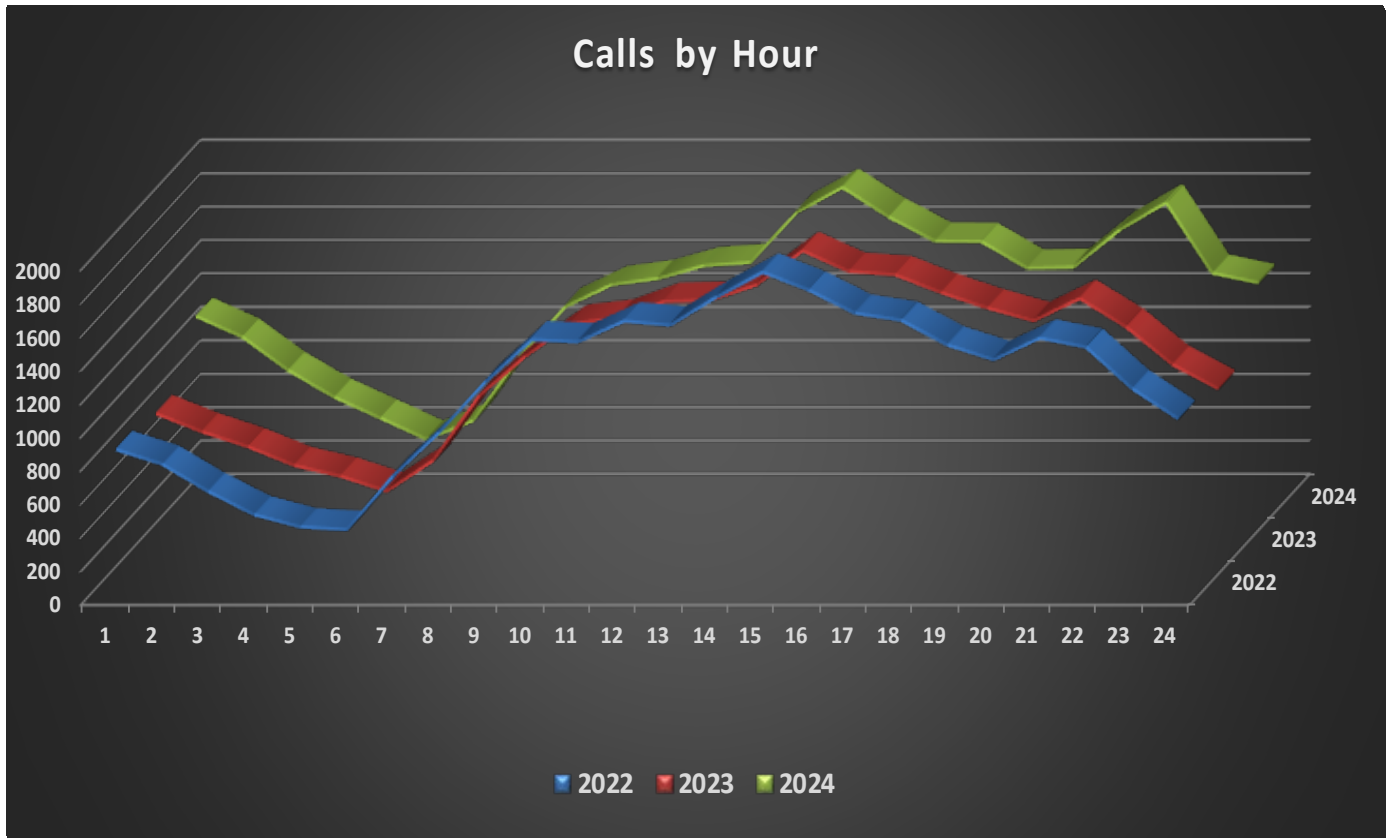
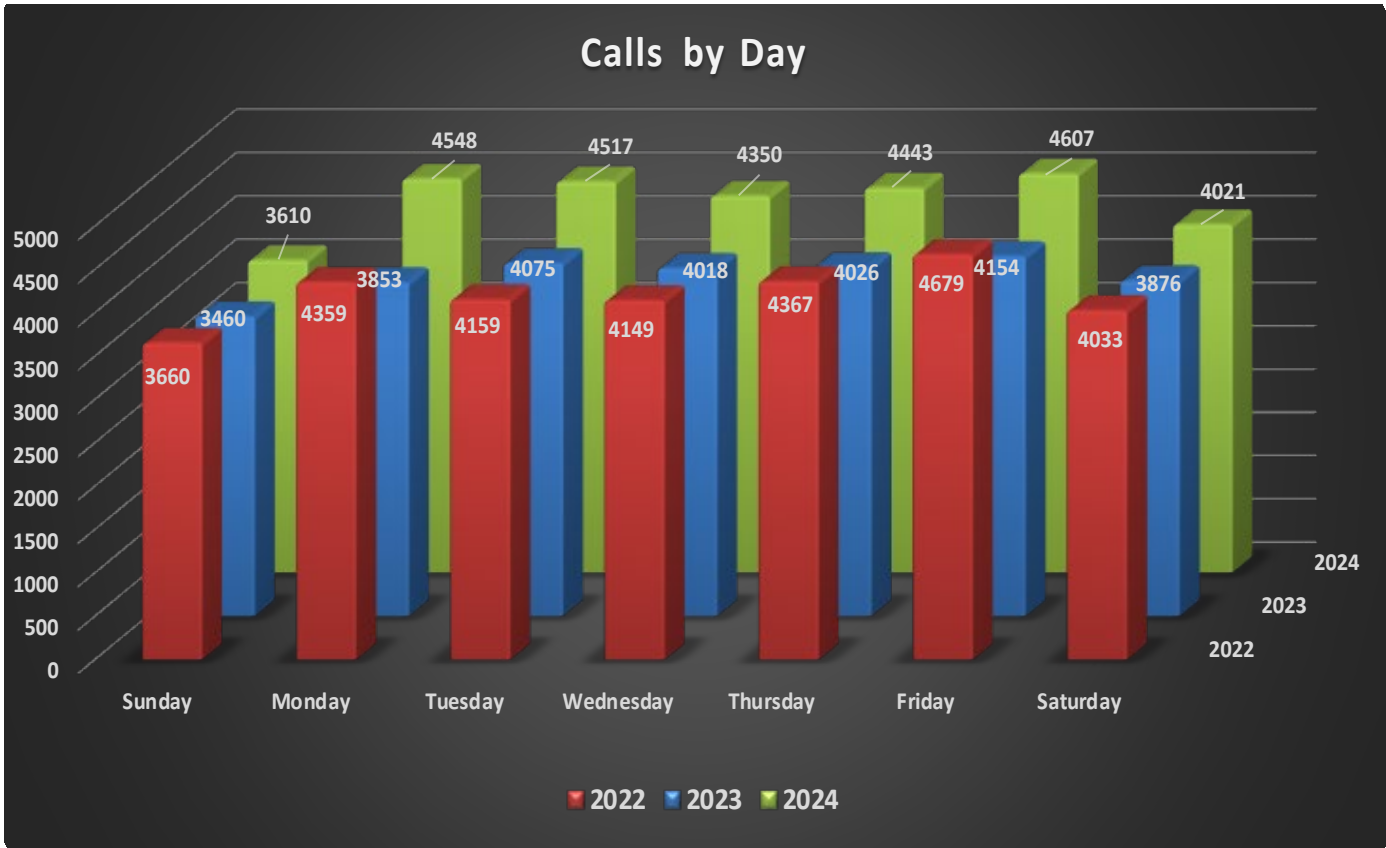
There are two officers currently assigned to the Warren City Schools District Buildings. One school resource officer remains stationed at the high school while the other rotates throughout the schools in the City of Warren. They help to ensure the protection of the City's juvenile citizens to allow them to receive a safe and uninterrupted education. Their presence is not only seen inside the school's normal education hours, but outside as well. Student Resource Officers are tasked with attending many school events, games, dances, etc. that are outside of their regular schedule.

Officers continue to work with citizens and use problem solving skills to form better partnerships in solving the problems within the community.

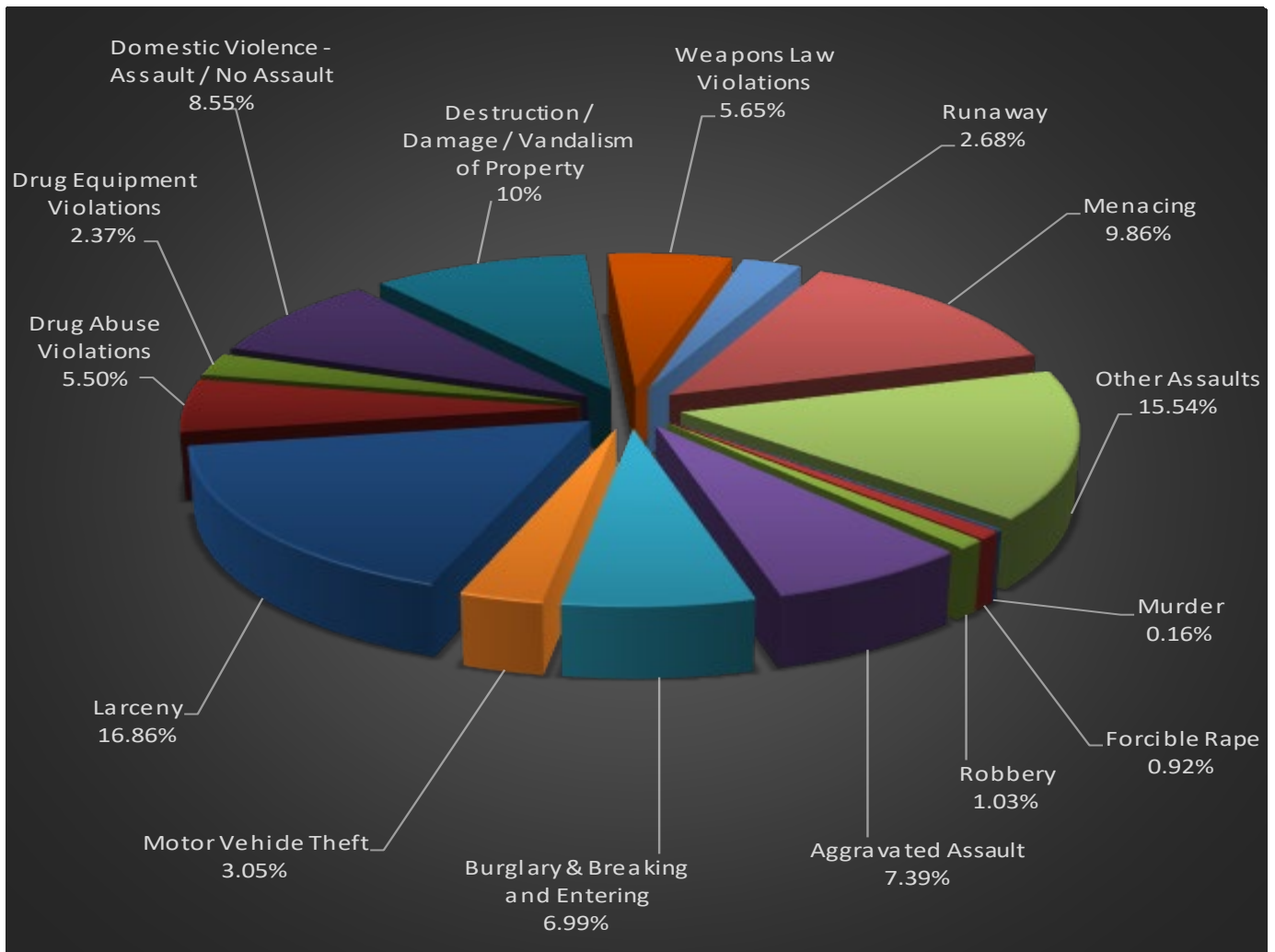


UCR Part – 1 Index Crime	2022	2023	2024
Murder	10	10	6
Forcible Rape	48	43	35
Robbery	57	58	39
Aggravated Assault	1016	918	281
Burglary & Breaking or Entering	392	334	266
Motor Vehicle Theft	115	104	116
Larceny	892	733	641



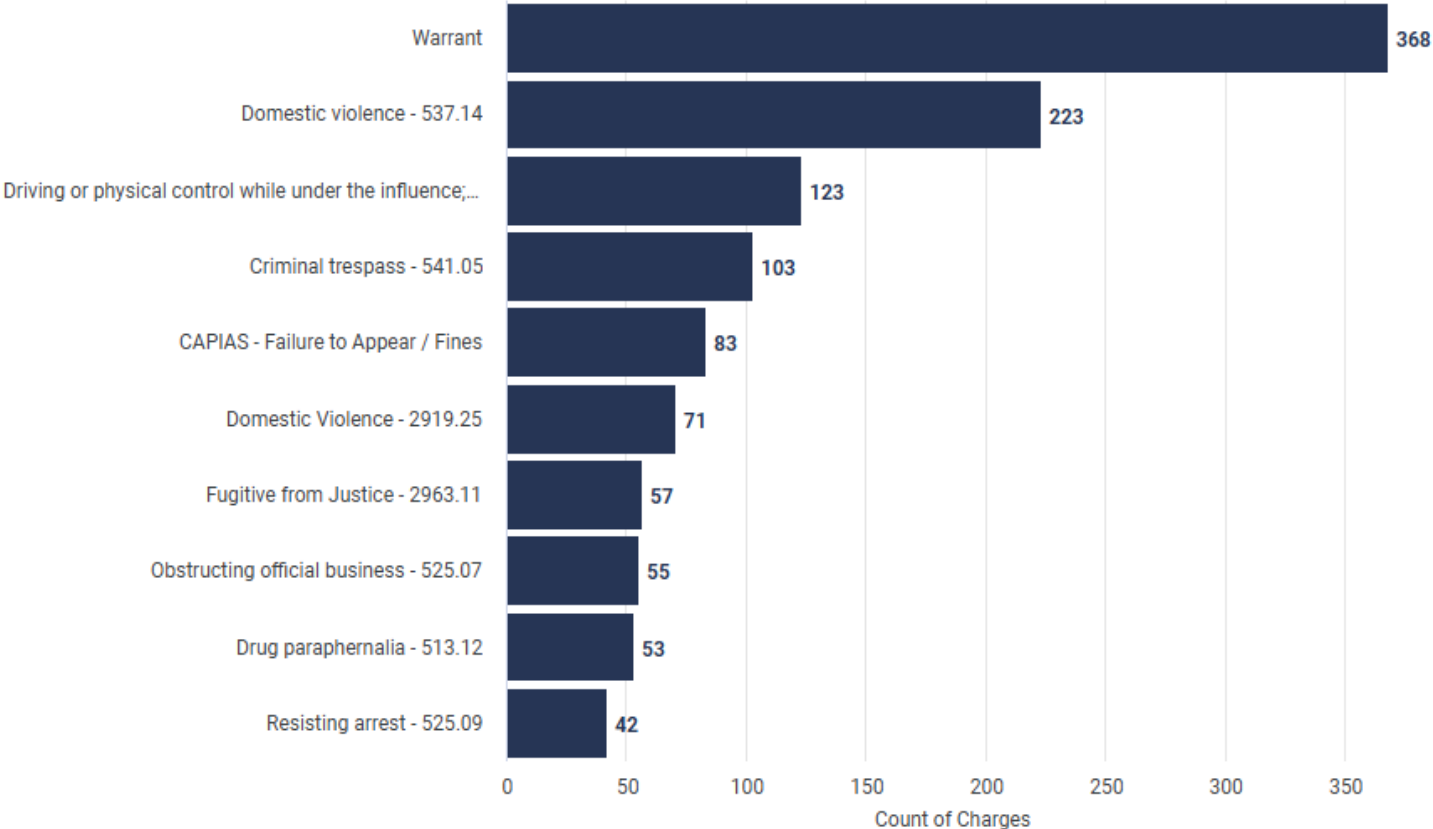


	Criminal Offense	Number of Reported Offenses	Rate Per 100,000
1	Murder	6	15.59
2	Forcible Rape	35	90.93
3	Robbery	39	101.32
4	Aggravated Assault	281	730.00
5	Burglary & Breaking and Entering	266	691.03
6	Motor Vehicle Theft	116	301.35
7	Larceny	641	1665.24
8	Drug Abuse Violations	209	542.96
9	Drug Equipment Violations	90	233.81
10	Domestic Violence - Assault / No Assault	325	844.31
11	Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property	375	974.20
12	Weapons Law Violations	215	558.54
13	Runaway	102	264.98
14	Menacing Incidents	512	1330.11
15	Other Assaults	591	1535.34

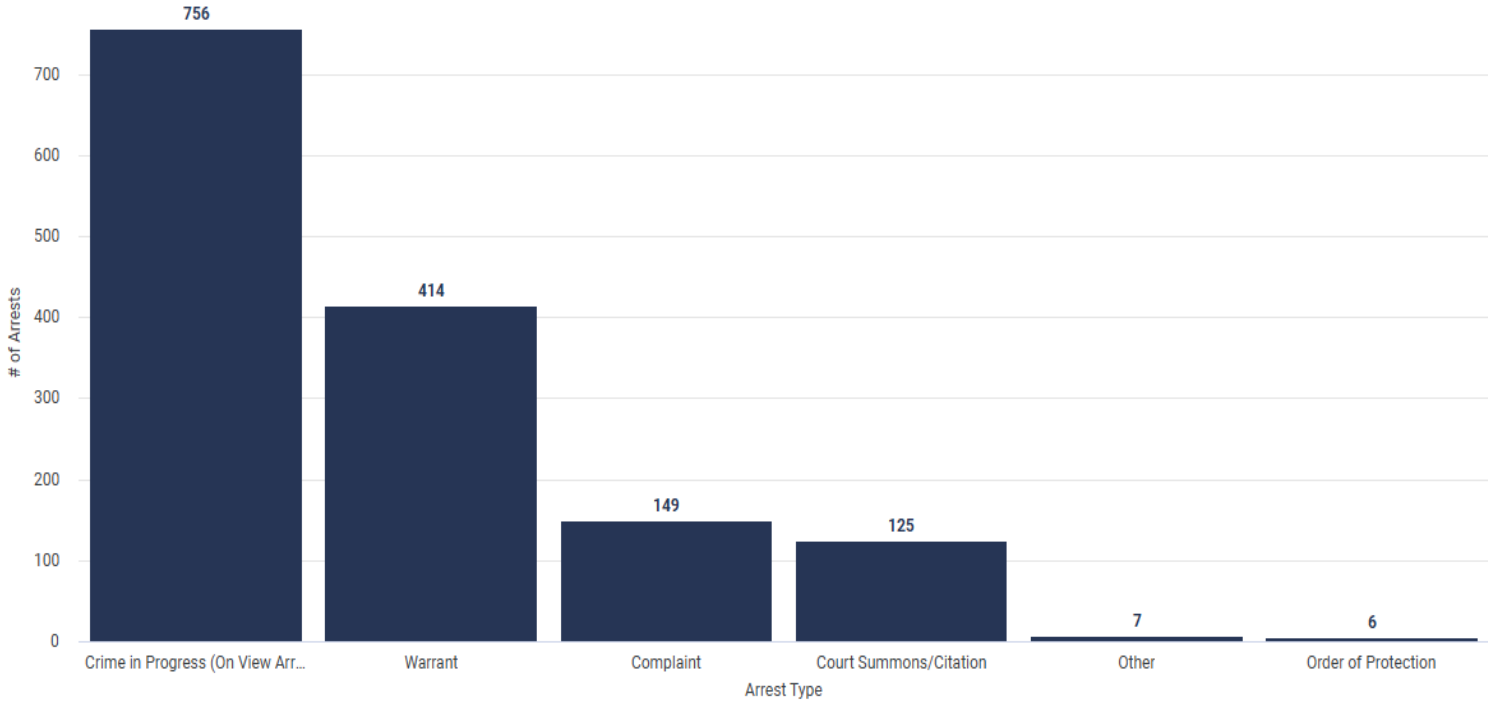




Top 10 Arrests

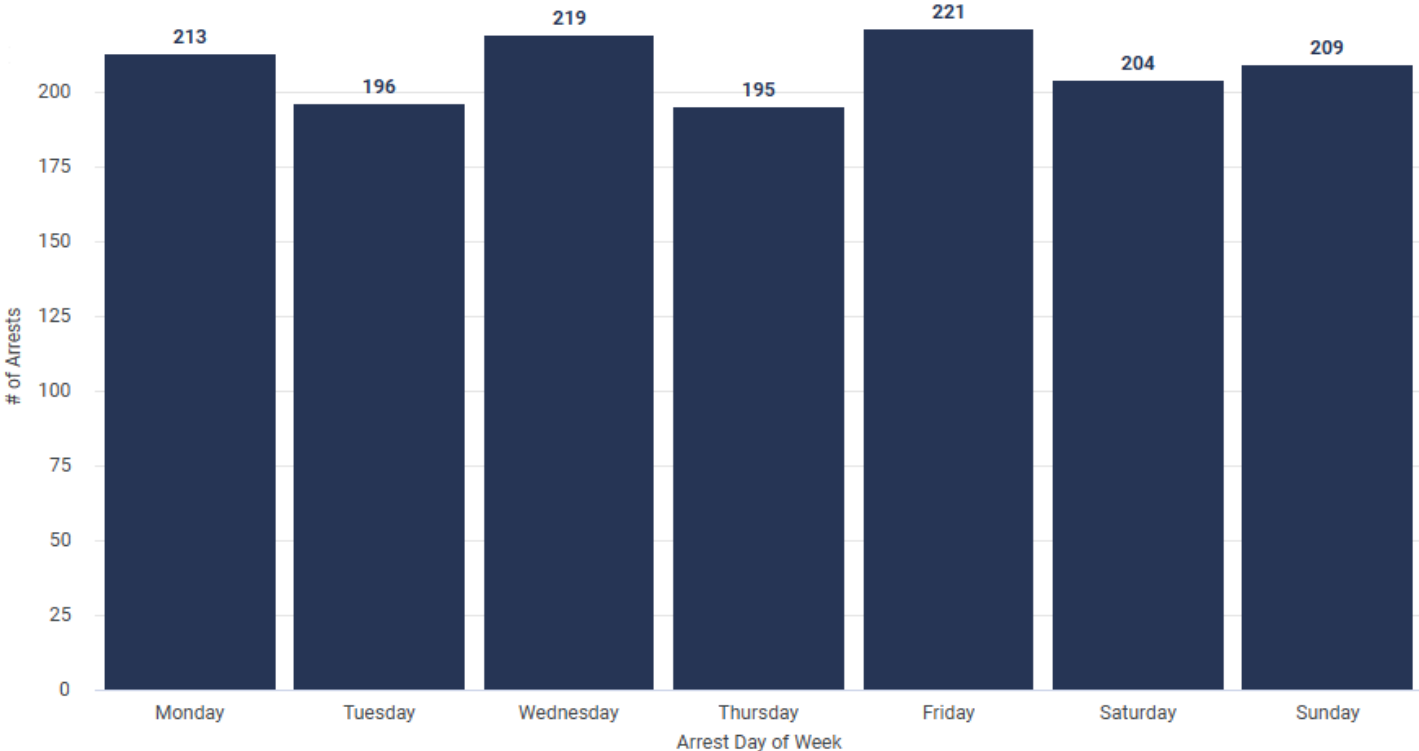


Arrests by Category

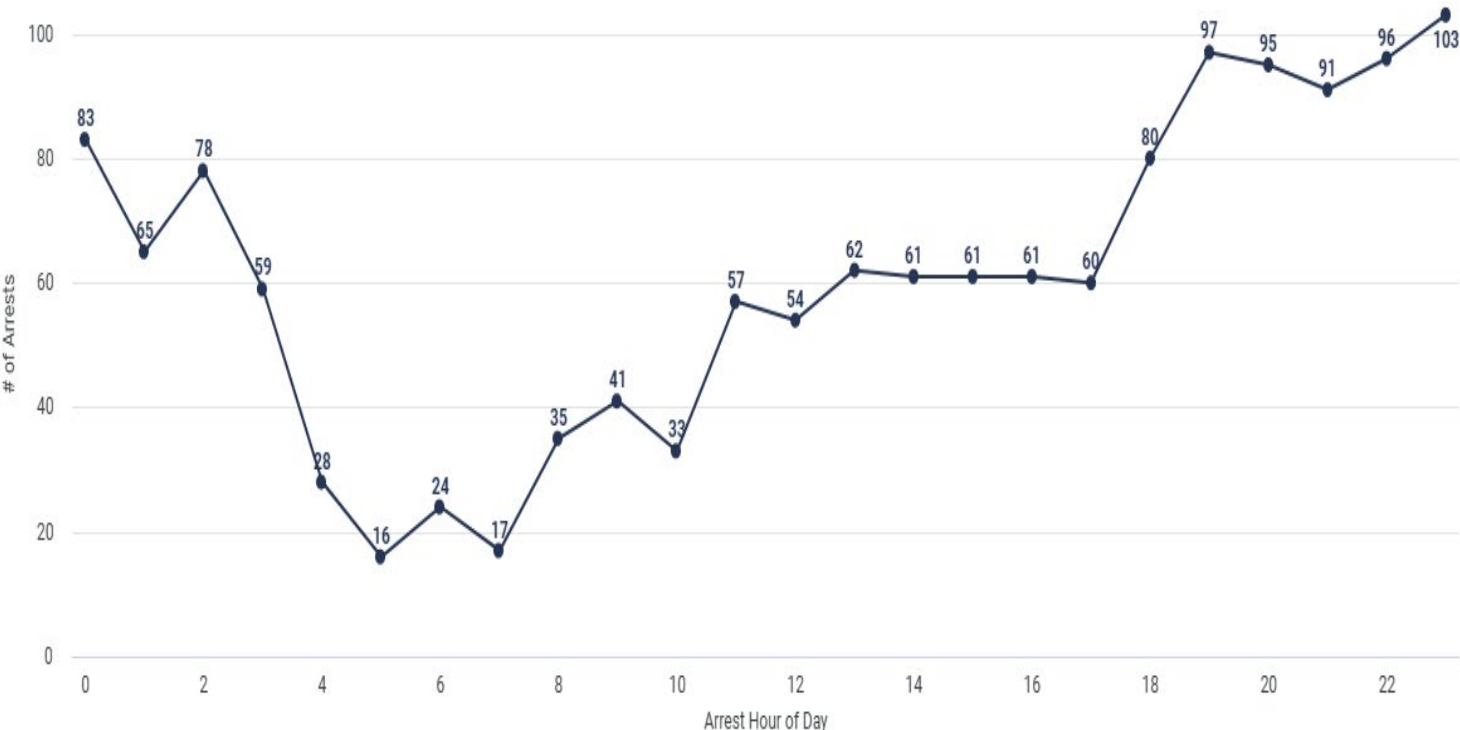




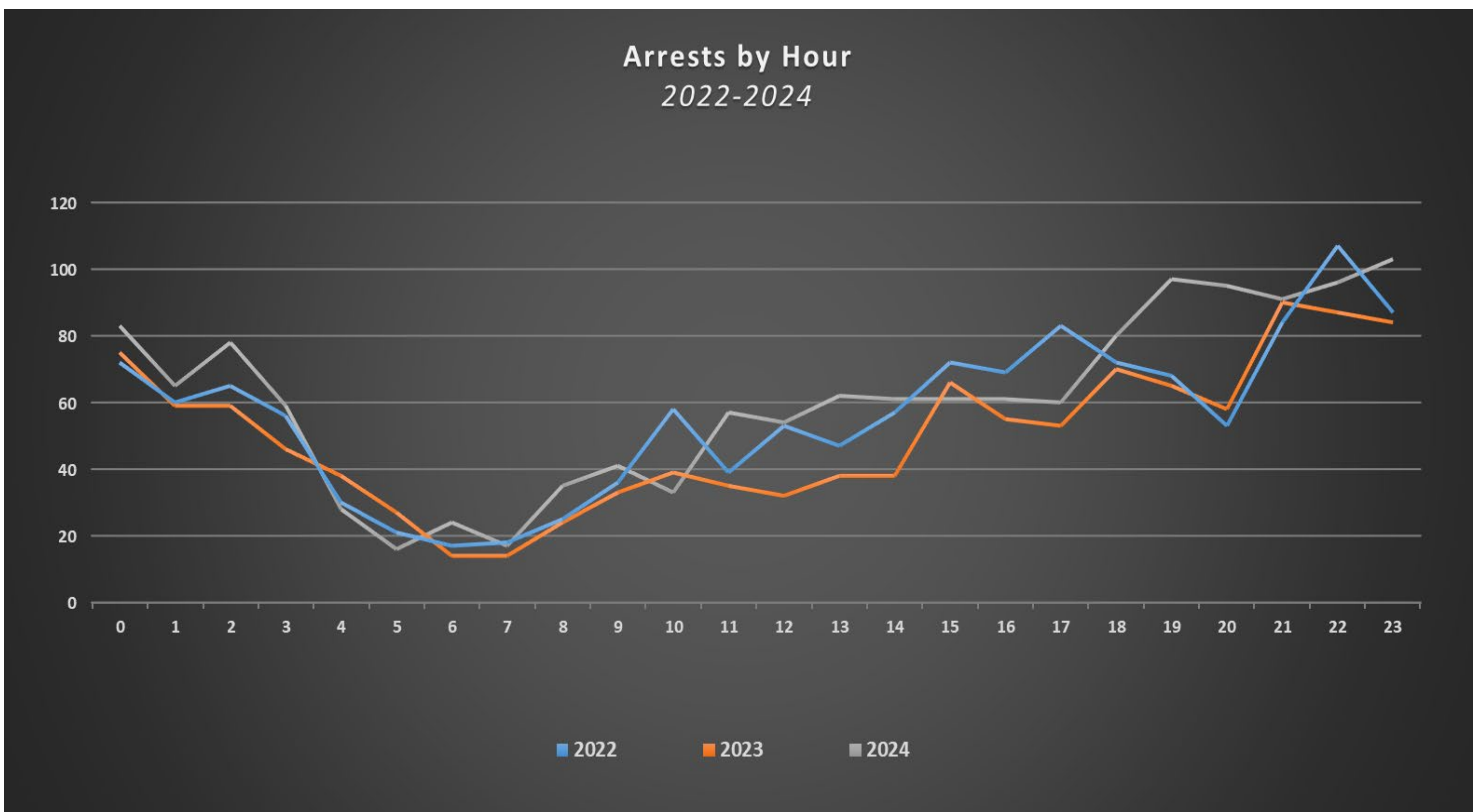
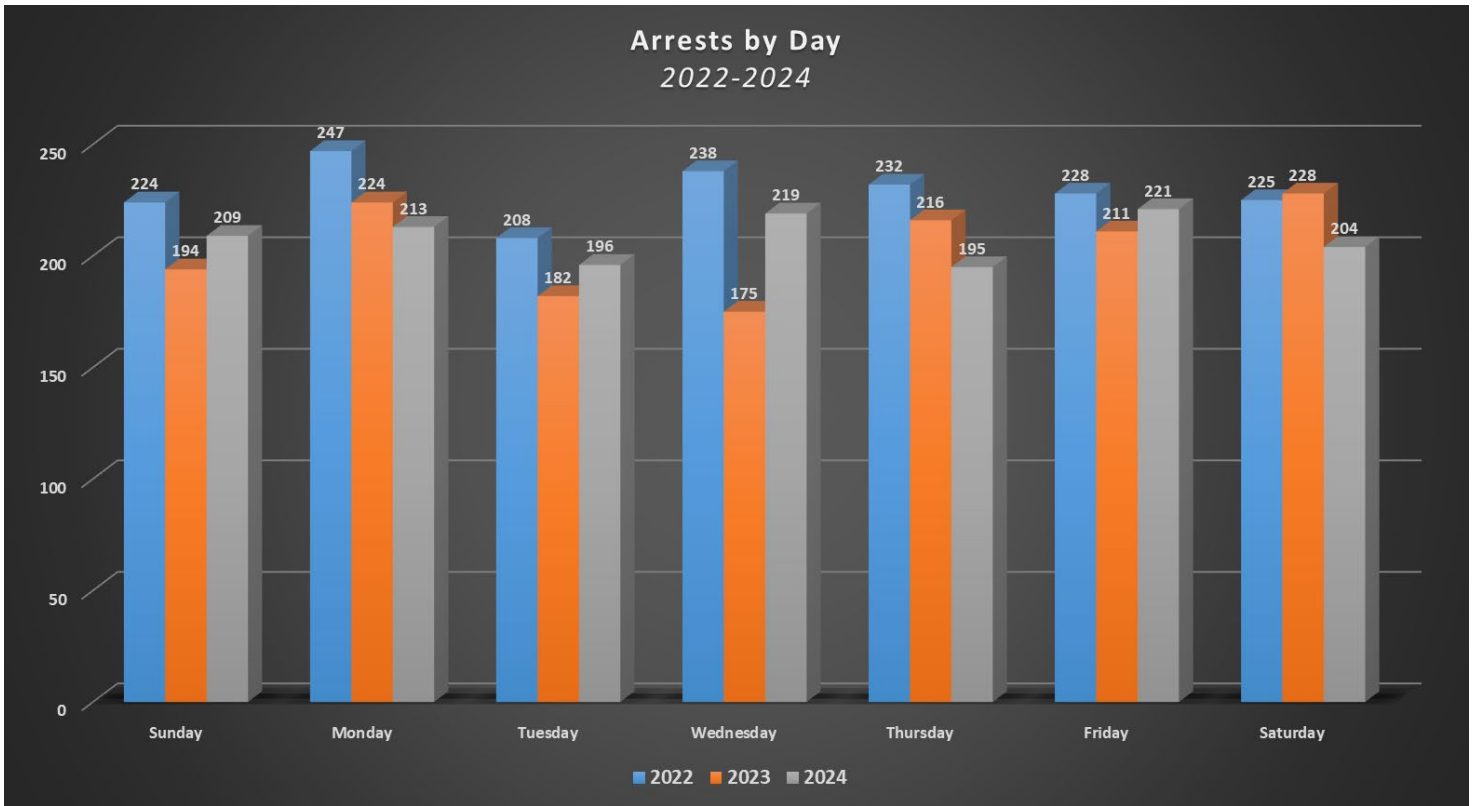
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Arrests by Hour

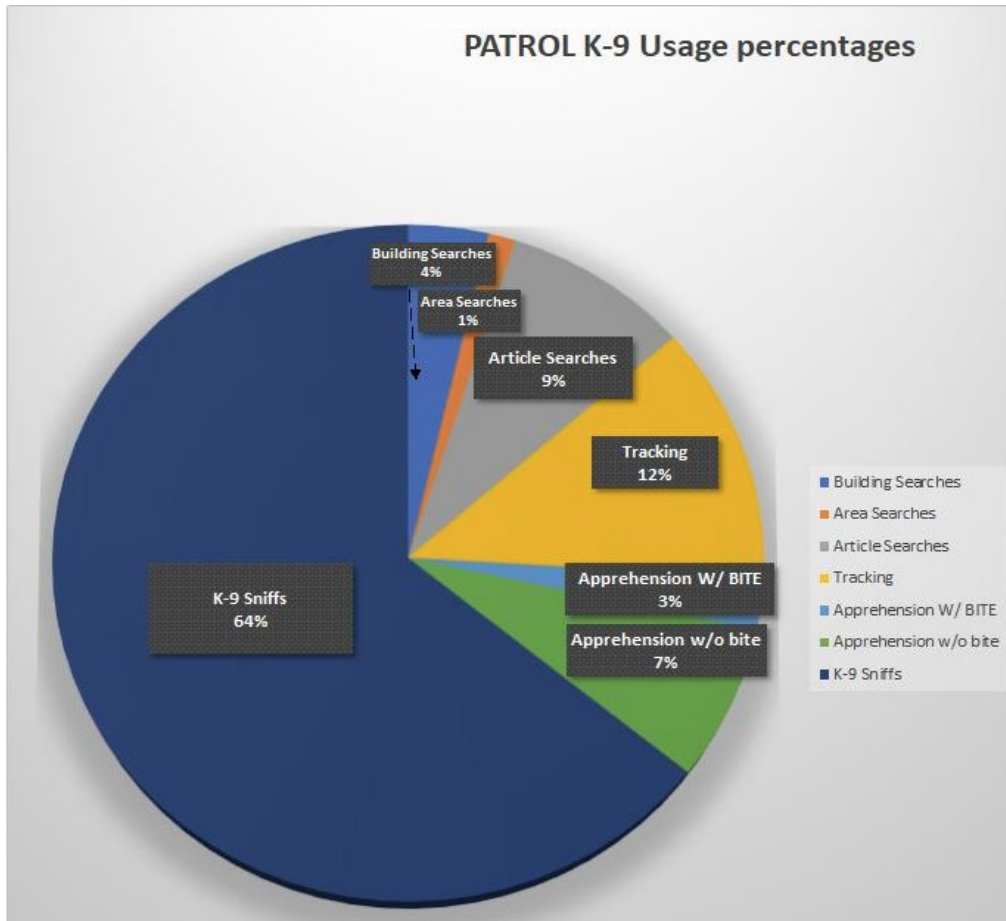


Three Year Comparison



K-9 Unit

The Warren Police Department's K-9 Unit consists of Officer Fenstermaker with his K-9 partner Heros, and Officer Henline with his K-9 partner Saint. Both Heros and Saint are Belgian Malinois dogs who are specially trained and are certified by the State of Ohio for use in law enforcement. This breed of dog is known for its strength, agility and intelligence as well as its confidence and unbreakable bond with its human partner. Our K-9 Unit is assigned to a specific schedule to maximize shift coverage while providing for the potential need for a dog. These needs include providing support to patrol officers who are requesting assistance in narcotics detection, tracking, and article searches, as well as subject apprehension, building clearing, and responding to calls for service. While the role of the K-9 may seem as if it remains in a support capacity, the officer utilizes his partner proactively as well. Both the canine officer and his partner are continuously training as required by the State of Ohio in order to maintain certification. The K-9 Unit attends annual training held out-of-state where the officer and his partner are tasked with new challenges that they could face in a real-world environment.



Officer Justin Fenstermaker & K-9 Heros



Patrol	
Building Searches	4
Area Searches	1
Article Searches	2
Tracking	8
Apprehension - w/ Bite	0
Apprehension - No Bite	3

Recovery	
Vehicle Exterior Scans	5
Marijuana	K-9 Heros was not utilized for narcotics detection as he had been in previous years due to him being trained to detect the presence of marijuana, and its recent legalization.
Cocaine	
Meth	
Heroin	
Firearms	
Money Seized	

Additional	
Assists - Outside Agencies	4
Training Hours	104

Officer Mason Henline & K-9 Saint



Patrol	
Building Searches	3
Area Searches	1
Article Searches	7
Tracking	10
Apprehension - w/ Bite	2
Apprehension - No Bite	6

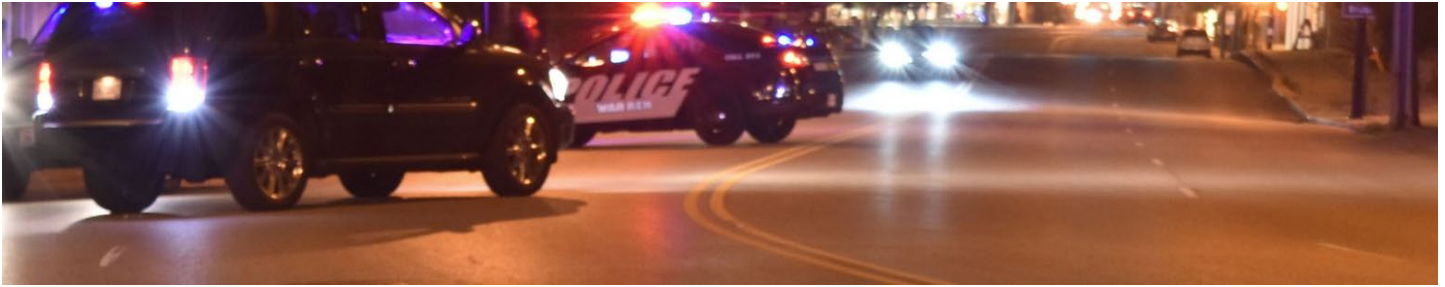
Recovery	
Vehicle Exterior Scans	44
Marijuana	2.5 pounds
Cocaine	45 grams
Meth	82 grams
Heroin	59 grams
Firearms	19
Money Seized	\$8,776

Additional	
Assists - Outside Agencies	7
Training Hours	157



Traffic Division

The Traffic Division covers a variety of responsibilities. The Traffic Commissioner enforces all ordinances concerning traffic and vehicle matters, including the inoperable/junk vehicle ordinance. He must also approve all event requests, such as parades, runs/walks and festivals, to ensure that all ordinances are followed and there will be adequate security.



Additionally, members of the Traffic Division are responsible for a number of duties (below) but are not limited to:

- RADAR / LiDAR Maintenance
- Traffic Trends / Crash Data
- Serious / Fatal Investigations
- Trumbull County OVI Task Force

With data obtained through prior years' crash statistics and outside sources, the Traffic Division can designate target areas for officers to focus on with regards to traffic laws in an effort to help alter the trend for the following years. This same information is inherently useful when arranging locations for specific target enforcement such as OVI check points.

One of the major duties tasked of the Traffic Division is the investigation of serious and/or fatal traffic crashes. While the City of Warren's maximum posted speed limit is 35mph, we still suffer from serious traffic tragedies that sometimes result in death. Members of the Traffic Division are charged with the job of investigating these incidents, determining the events leading up to the crash and charging the offenders when applicable.

The Warren Traffic Commission holds meetings on the third Wednesday of the month if one is called for concerns. Not only are City traffic problems discussed, citizens are allowed time to express their concerns regarding Warren's streets and its traffic.

The data entry operator enters into the computer and files all reports processed through this division. They also ensure that all crash reports are mailed to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles for processing each Friday in addition to the maintenance of the City of Warren's Truck Permits. With each truck permit, we establish the route for the haulers to travel when hauling in the City limits. These routes are designed to avoid heavy loads traveling over the bridges with reduced load limits. Copies of each permit are kept on file with the Director of Public Service & Safety, the City Auditor's Office and the Warren Engineering Department.

Traffic Investigators

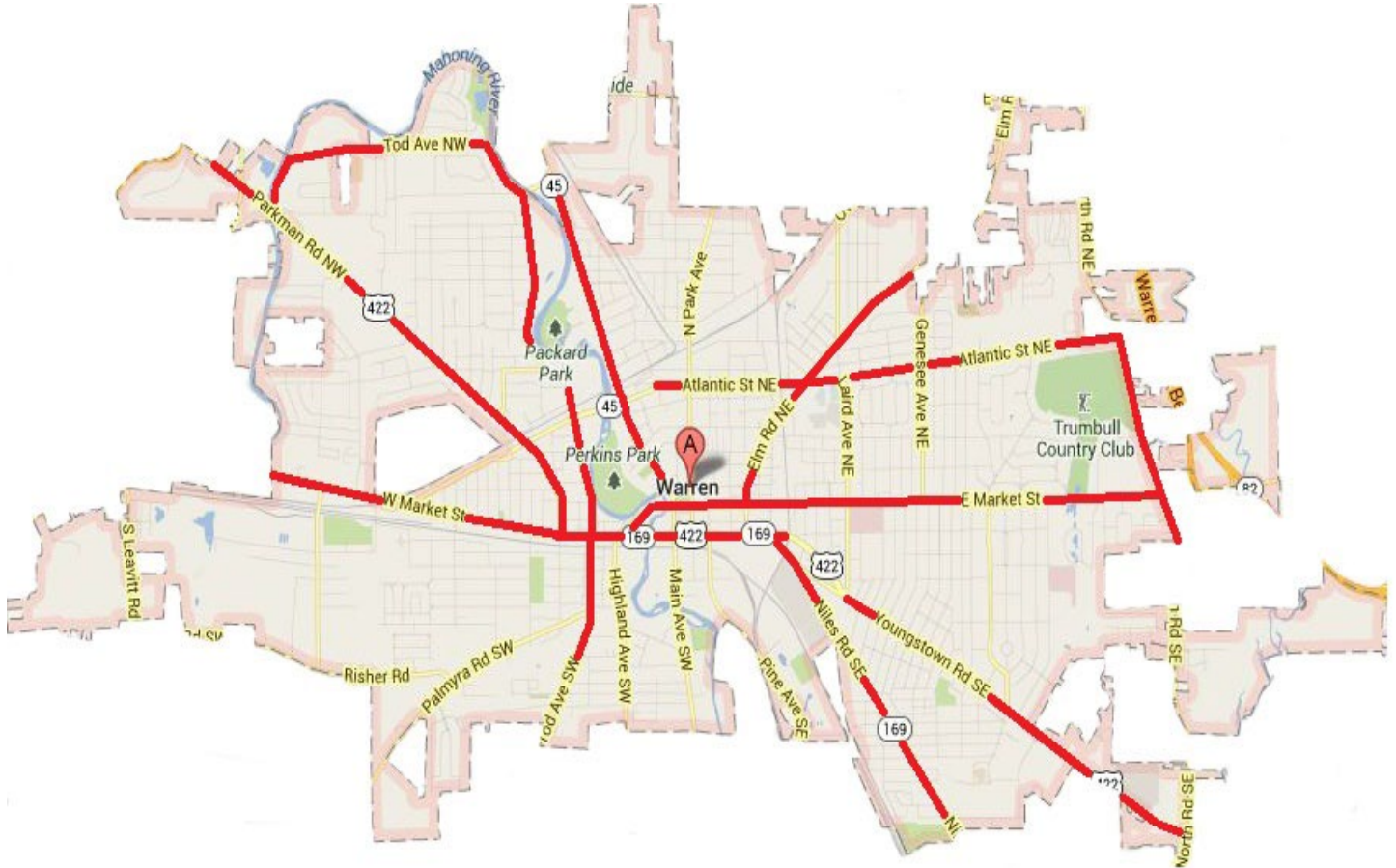
Detective Sgt. Eric Laprocina
Detective Brian Crites

Traffic Support Services

Detective Zach Jones
Detective Chris Clementi



Top 10 Streets for Crashes

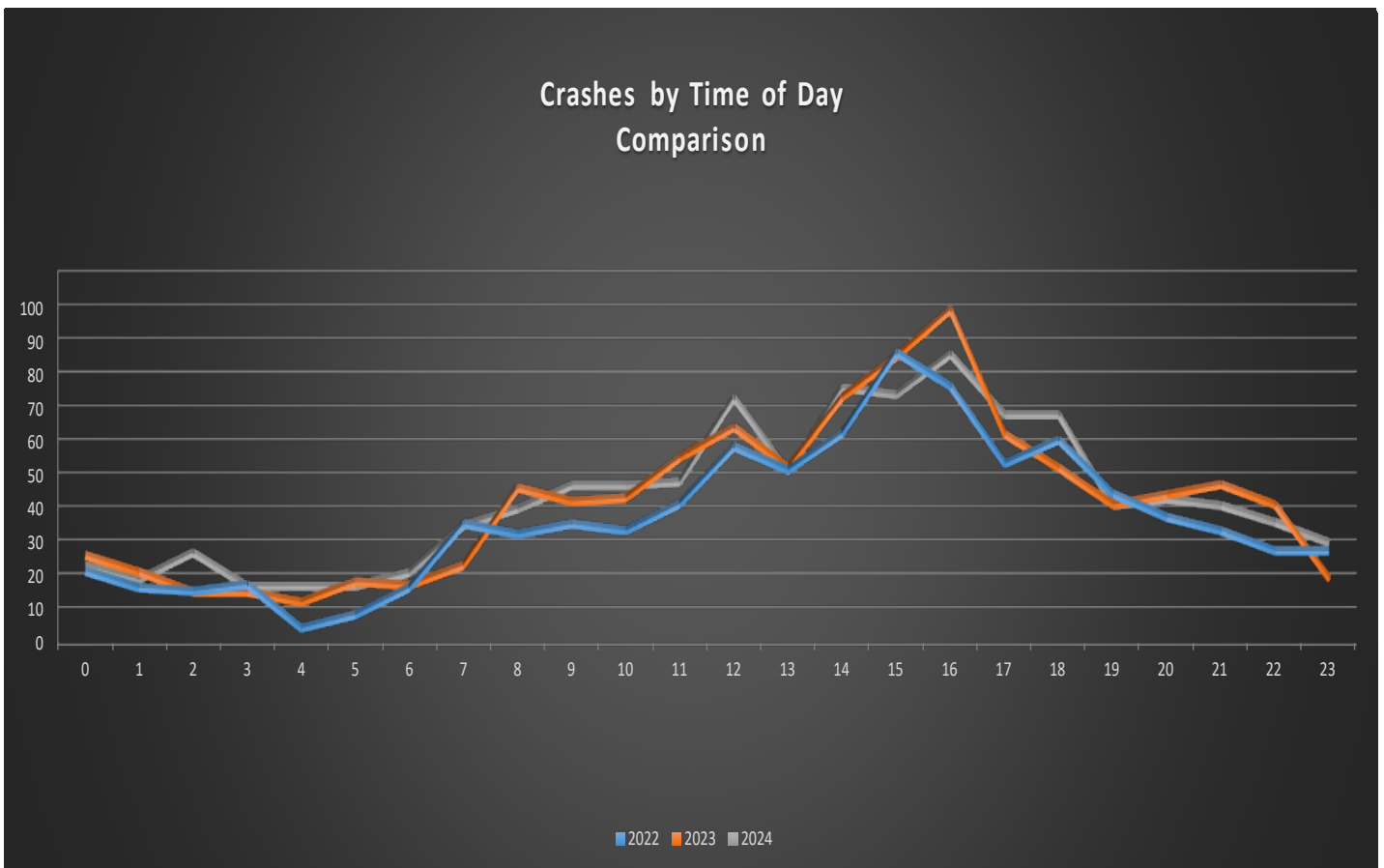
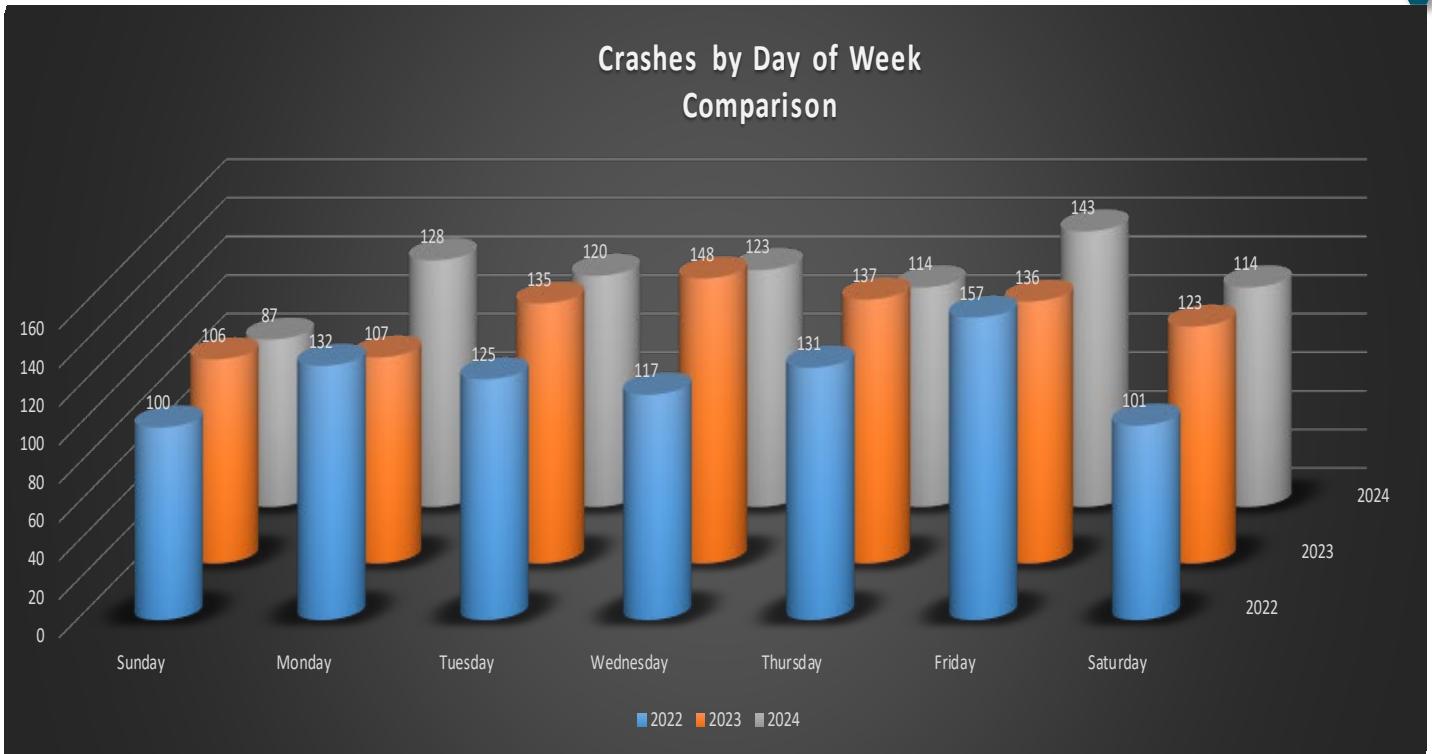


Market St.	98
Parkman Rd.	57
Youngstown Rd.	55
Elm Rd.	50
South St.	41

Tod Ave.	38
North Rd.	27
Mahoning Ave.	24
Summit St.	16
Atlantic St.	14

Fatal Crash Investigations							
Incident	Date	Units	Location	Deceased	Drugs	Alcohol	Speed
24-19804	8/20/2024	2	Genesee Ave. @ Beechwood St. NE	William Alexander	No	No	No





Student Resource Officer / Juvenile Statistics

The School Resource Officers (SROs) for the 2024-2025 school year are Officer Jessica Gollan and Officer Ryann Ruckman. They are dedicated to a continuing commitment for providing law enforcement and police services to all Warren City Schools. SROs investigate allegations of criminal incidents as they relate to the Warren Police Department's Policies and Procedures. Officers will routinely make referrals to appropriate juvenile authorities and/or government agencies.



A system for tracking crime statistics has been implemented for all Warren City Schools. This data will track all school-based arrests and specific crimes charged. SROs at Warren G. Harding High School have also implemented a student database which details information in reference to students charged with criminal conduct or issues involving fellow students.

SROs establish and maintain a close partnership with school administrators in order to provide for a safe school environment. SROs assist administrators with conducting inspections to deter criminal or delinquent activities. Through the utilization of police K-9 dogs, sweeps of school grounds have recently been introduced as a crime prevention strategy. The continuing presence of SROs on school grounds assists in making the school safer and more secure for students, teachers and staff. SROs assigned to a permanent school become part of the school community and can be used in safe school planning.

SROs are visible within the school community attending school functions and establishing relationships with staff, students and parents. SROs are positive role models for students who may not be exposed to such role models in today's society. Officers also provide guidance on law-related issues to students and staff which maintain a link to support services – both inside and outside the school environment.



*Active Numbers indicate how many missing juveniles / juvenile detainers are listed at the end of each year and doesn't reflect total numbers for the three year period.



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Juvenile

Report Data

	2022		2023		2024	
	Returned	Active	Returned	Active	Returned	Active
Missing Juveniles	41	(33)	69	(33)	44	(33)
	74		102		77	

	2022		2023		2024	
	Cleared	Active	Cleared	Active	Cleared	Active
Juvenile Detainers	53	(27)	35	(47)	39	(46)
	80		82		85	

	2022	2023	2024
Traffic Citations	30	26	17
Child Abuse / Child Endangering	22	29	18
Juveniles Arrested at School	4	3	2
Ex-Parte Custody Exercised	5	7	6





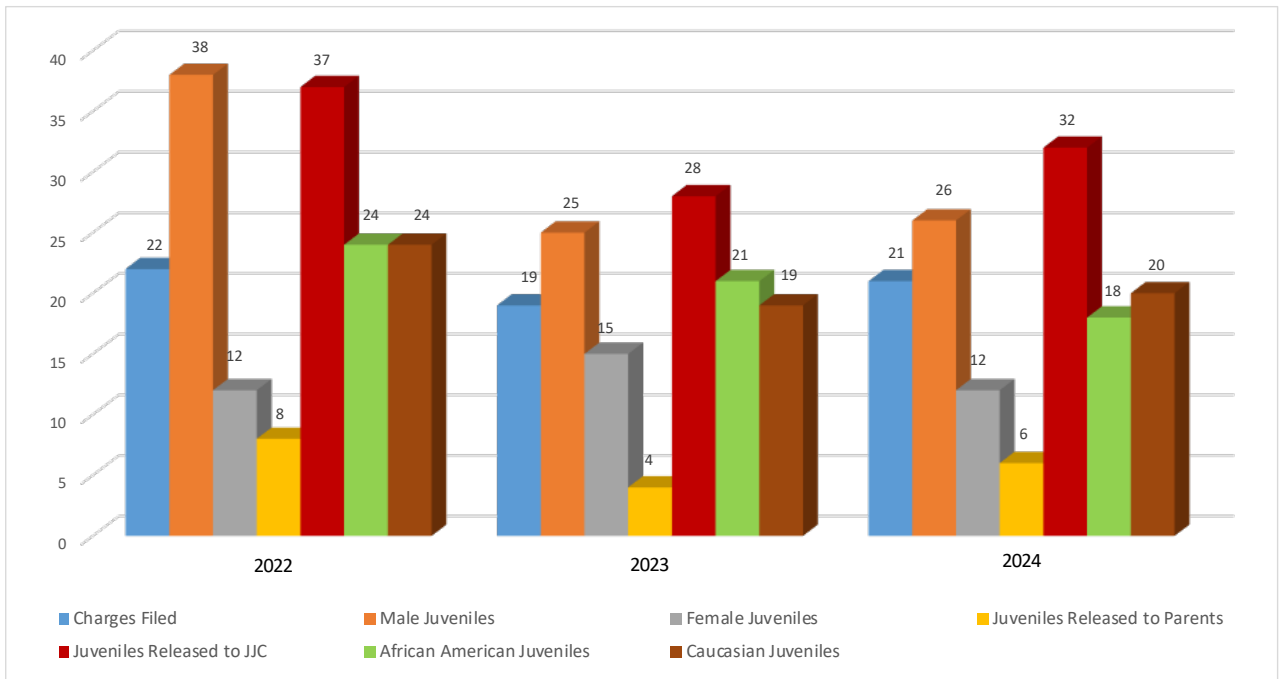
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Juvenile

Arrest by Category

Arrest Category	2022	2023	2024
Juveniles Processed	50	40	38
Charges Filed	22	19	21
Male Juveniles	38	25	26
Female Juveniles	12	15	12
Juveniles Released to Parents	8	4	6
Juveniles Released to JJC	37	28	32
Juveniles Released to Other	4	1	1
African American Juveniles	24	21	18
Caucasian Juveniles	24	19	20
Charges Refused by Juvenile Prosecutor	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	50	40	38



Note: Juvenile Crime Data Category Breakdown reflects the total number of charges filed against juveniles by Warren Police Officers. This breakdown does NOT reflect the total number of juvenile arrests as each juvenile arrest may have two or more offenses. Refer to total number of juveniles processed to gain information as to number of juveniles arrested.



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Juvenile

Crime Categories_1



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Crime Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Petty Theft	4	2	2	0	1
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	1
Receiving Stolen Property	0	0	0	1	1
Riot / Inducing Panic	0	0	3	2	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	0	0	0
Telephone Harassment	0	0	0	0	0
False Alarm	0	0	0	0	1
Falsification	0	0	0	1	0
Obstructing Justice	2	1	3	1	2
Resisting Arrest	4	1	0	1	2
Having Weapons in School	0	0	0	0	0
Carrying Concealed Weapons	2	0	3	3	4
Unlawful Possession of Dangerous Ord.	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew / Unruly / Runaway	3	0	2	0	2
Possession of Drugs / Drug Abuse	1	0	1	0	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	0	0	0	0	1
Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Prohibition	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	20	13	21	19	20
Fugitive	1	1	9	1	0
Attempt to Commit an Offense	0	0	0	0	0
Possession of Criminal Tools	0	0	0	0	0
Breaking & Entering	0	0	0	1	2
Burglary	3	4	2	0	0
Aggravated Burglary	3	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Robbery	1	0	0	0	0
Grand Theft (Auto)	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	2	1
Criminal Damage	4	0	0	1	1
Criminal Trespass	2	0	0	0	0



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Juvenile

Crime Categories_2



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Crime Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Assault	5	1	1	2	3
Felonious Assault	2	1	3	1	1
Aggravated Assault	0	1	0	0	0
Menacing / Aggravated Menacing	2	1	0	0	1
Rape	1	0	2	0	0
Sexual Imposition	0	0	0	0	0
Public Indecency	0	0	0	0	0
Obscenity	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Failure to Comply	0	0	2	2	1
Failure to Disburse	0	0	0	0	0
Inciting Violence	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	0	1
Inducing Panic	0	0	3	1	1
Cruelty to Animals	0	0	0	0	0
Misconduct in an Emergency	0	0	0	0	0
Involuntary Manslaughter	0	0	1	0	0
Tampering with Evidence	0	0	0	0	0
Discharging Firearm	0	0	0	0	0
Pandering Obscenity	0	0	0	0	0
Endangering	0	0	0	0	0
Bestiality	0	0	0	0	0



Street Crimes Unit

The Street Crimes Unit (SCU) is a specialized unit first created in 2013 after Chief Eric J. Merkel was appointed Chief of Police. This unit trains regularly and has the specific purpose to disrupt narcotic and violent crime through a multi-faceted approach utilizing targeted clandestine operations. This effort, combined with long thorough investigations, leads to the acquisition and execution of search warrants that have proven successful in the apprehension of countless serious violent criminal offenders and narcotic traffickers.



The SCU is a multifaceted unit that is frequently called upon to investigate all criminal matters, and will continue to serve the citizens of Warren, while striving towards excellence. In 2024, the Warren Street Crimes Unit (SCU)—comprised of four Detectives, three Officers, and one Supervisor—continued its work to reduce violent crime and support public safety in the City of Warren. The Unit made 79 arrests, including felony, misdemeanor, and warrant apprehensions. SCU also recovered 25 firearms and worked with federal and state partners such as the FBI, DEA, TAG, OIU, and the U.S. Marshals Service during several search-warrant operations targeting violent offenders and drug traffickers. SCU assisted in major investigations involving homicides, shootings, and other violent crimes, working closely with the Identification Bureau to locate and arrest suspects. The Unit also investigated nine overdose-related deaths, reviewing digital evidence to identify drug suppliers and criminal networks.

Narcotics investigations generated \$40,582.04 in drug-forfeiture funds and led to the seizure of two vehicles connected to criminal activity. These funds support future enforcement and training needs. Training remained important throughout 2024. SCU personnel trained monthly with the Tactical Entry Team (TET), which served 14 search warrants during the year. These joint operations improved tactical readiness, coordination, and the safe handling of high-risk situations. The Warren Street Crimes Unit continued to serve the community as a reliable and effective team. In 2024, the Unit demonstrated professionalism, efficiency, and a strong commitment to improving public safety.

Officers (department-wide) continue with the regular administering of Naloxone or “Narcan” to persons suffering from a narcotic overdose since its inception in May of 2015. This group initiative of first responders (police officers / medical personnel) has saved and continues to save countless lives. Sadly still, citizens are succumbing to the effects of narcotic abuse city-wide. The Criminal Investigations Division has been working with the Street Crimes Unit in conducting Investigations into these Overdose Deaths.

YEAR	Total NARCAN INCIDENTS
2022	70
2023	62
2024	29



ATF Gun Traces / NIBIN Submissions / Gun Receipt Statistics

The Warren Police Department conducts regular checks on all weapons recovered to include gun traces and NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network) queries through state & federal agencies to establish investigative leads from any open cases within the City of Warren.

This two-part process first starts with cooperation from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) where the Warren Police Department submits any recovered firearms through an electronic trace which provides investigators from federal and local law enforcement agencies investigative leads in the fight against violent crime while increasing public safety.



Once a firearm is submitted through the trace program, the Warren Police Department conducts and reports a weapons function test where the cartridge casings from the discharged weapon are collected and subsequently submitted to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation (BCI&I). This submission is sent to the Firearms Division of BCI&I where the casings are forensically analyzed and entered into the NIBIN Database. There, it is compared against any previous entries made nationwide. Additional NIBIN submissions are also entered from the collection of cartridge casings located from crime scenes where no firearm is present.

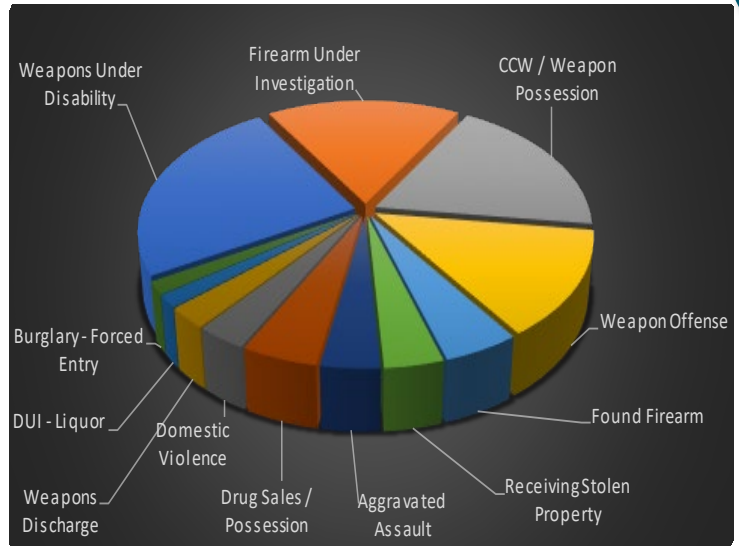
During the course of the last three years (2022-2024), the Warren Police Department has recovered approximately 572 firearms that have been submitted for ATF Trace. These recovered weapons include ones collected through the course of investigations, arrests and seizures.

Year Reported	Amount (Total)	Change	% Increase or Decrease
2022	177	-27	-15%
2023	199	+22	+12%
2024	196	-3	-1%
Total	572		



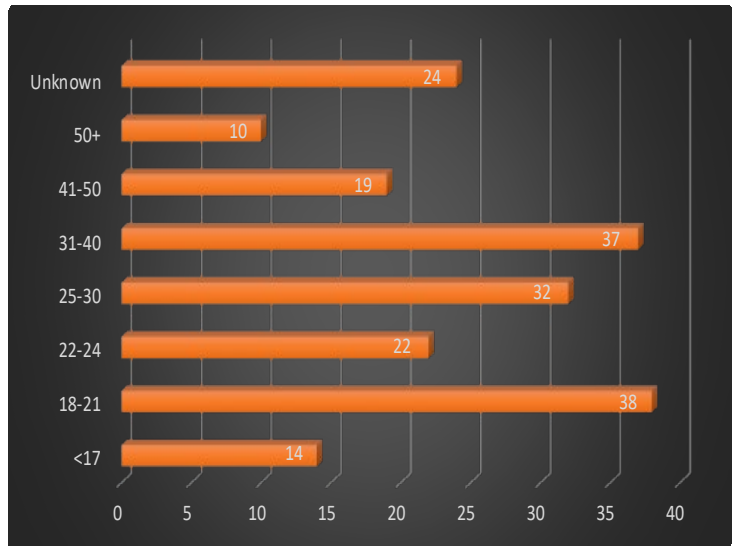
Top Incidents

Weapon Under Disability	46
Firearm Under Inv.	32
CCW / Weapon Poss.	35
Weapon Offense	25
Found Firearm	9
Drug Sales / Possession.	9
Receiving Stolen Prop.	7
Aggravated Assault	7
Domestic Violence	6
Weapons Discharge	5
DUI / OVI	3
Burglary – Forced Entry	3



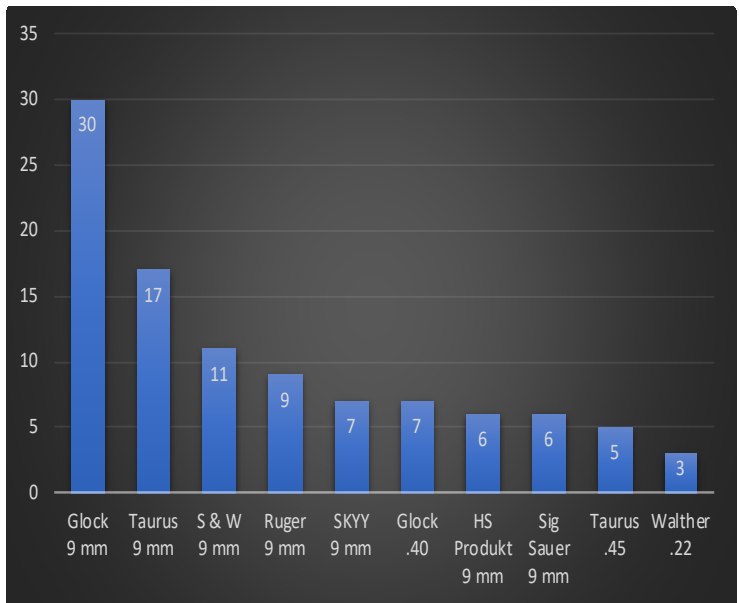
Age of Offender

Unable to Determine	24
Over 50	10
41 – 50	19
31 – 40	37
25 – 30	32
22 – 24	22
18 – 21	38
< 17 yoa	14



Top – 10 Weapons Recovered

Glock 9 mm	30
Taurus 9 mm	17
Smith & Wesson 9 mm	11
Ruger 9 mm	9
SKYY Industries 9 mm	7
Glock .40	7
HS Produkt 9 mm	6
Sig Sauer 9 mm	6
Taurus .45	5
Walther .22	3



Recruitment & Hiring

To keep up with the latest hiring trends for police departments in the State of Ohio, and throughout the country, the Warren Police Department began utilizing the National Testing Network (NTN) to assist with the recruitment and Civil Service testing of potential WPD applicants. This was done in an effort to increase the number of police applicants, to create a more streamlined and simplified hiring process, and to make it easier for applicants who live far away to apply to become a Warren Police Officer. The decision to utilize NTN for their recruitment and testing services was made after speaking with several of the over 200 other police departments in the State of Ohio who were also using their services.

All candidates (Police Officer / Lateral Police Officer / Police Cadet) must successfully pass the NTN entrance exam with a minimum score of 70%. The Public Safety Self-Assessment (PSSA) and Personal History Questionnaire (PHQ) must also be submitted prior to the application closing date. Applicants will be ranked in order of their passing scores with qualifying additional credits (military veteran, education, prior experience) factored in and the candidate list will be certified by the Warren Civil Service Commission. Once the list has been certified, the applicant will be notified of their official ranking in writing. An extensive screening process will then commence. The Warren Police Department's screening process for qualifying Police Officer, Lateral, and Police Cadet applicants will include the following:

- Background Screening
- Polygraph Test
- Drug Screening
- Psychological Evaluation
- Physical Exam
- Panel Interview



New Appointments - 2024

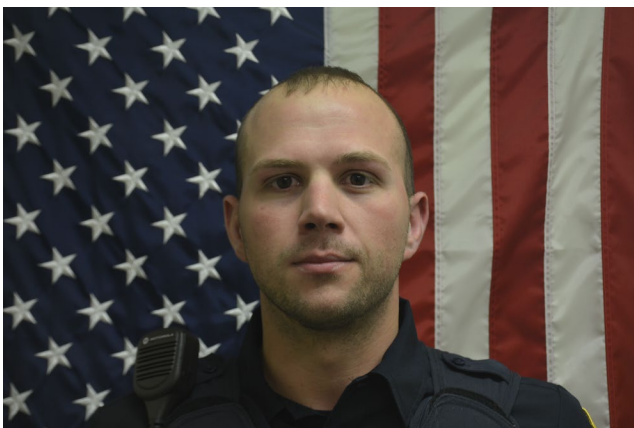
In 2024, the City of Warren appointed eight (8) new officers to join the ranks of the Warren Police Department. These officers were sworn-in after completing a thorough examination process to include background checks and panel interviews with city officials and police command staff. We would like to welcome to the department the following personnel:



Name: R. Tommy Schneeman
Badge: 4753
Appointment: 02/05/2024



Name: Tyler Morris
Badge: 4754
Appointment: 05/13/2024



Name: David Beavers
Badge: 4755
Appointment: 05/13/2024





Name: Ethan Toot
Badge: 4756
Appointment: 05/13/2024



Name: Jacob McAlister
Badge: 4757
Appointment: 05/13/2024



Name: Nicholas Ritchie
Badge: 4758
Appointment: 05/27/2024



Name: Mason Henline
Badge: 4718
Appointment: 06/10/2024



Name: Kenneth Romo
Badge: 4759
Appointment: 07/22/2024





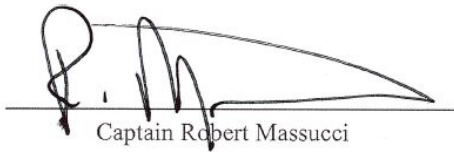
Authorization (Sign-Off) Sheet
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The listed Division Commanders and the Chief of Police have read and acknowledge the accuracy of this **2024 Warren Police Department Annual Report**. We acknowledge that this report accurately reflects the activities of the Warren Police Department for 2024.



Captain Jeffrey Cole

Commander – Emergency Services Division



Captain Robert Massucci

Commander – Criminal Investigations Division



Chief Eric J. Merkel

Chief of Police

