

# CARROLL POLICE DEPARTMENT



FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF**

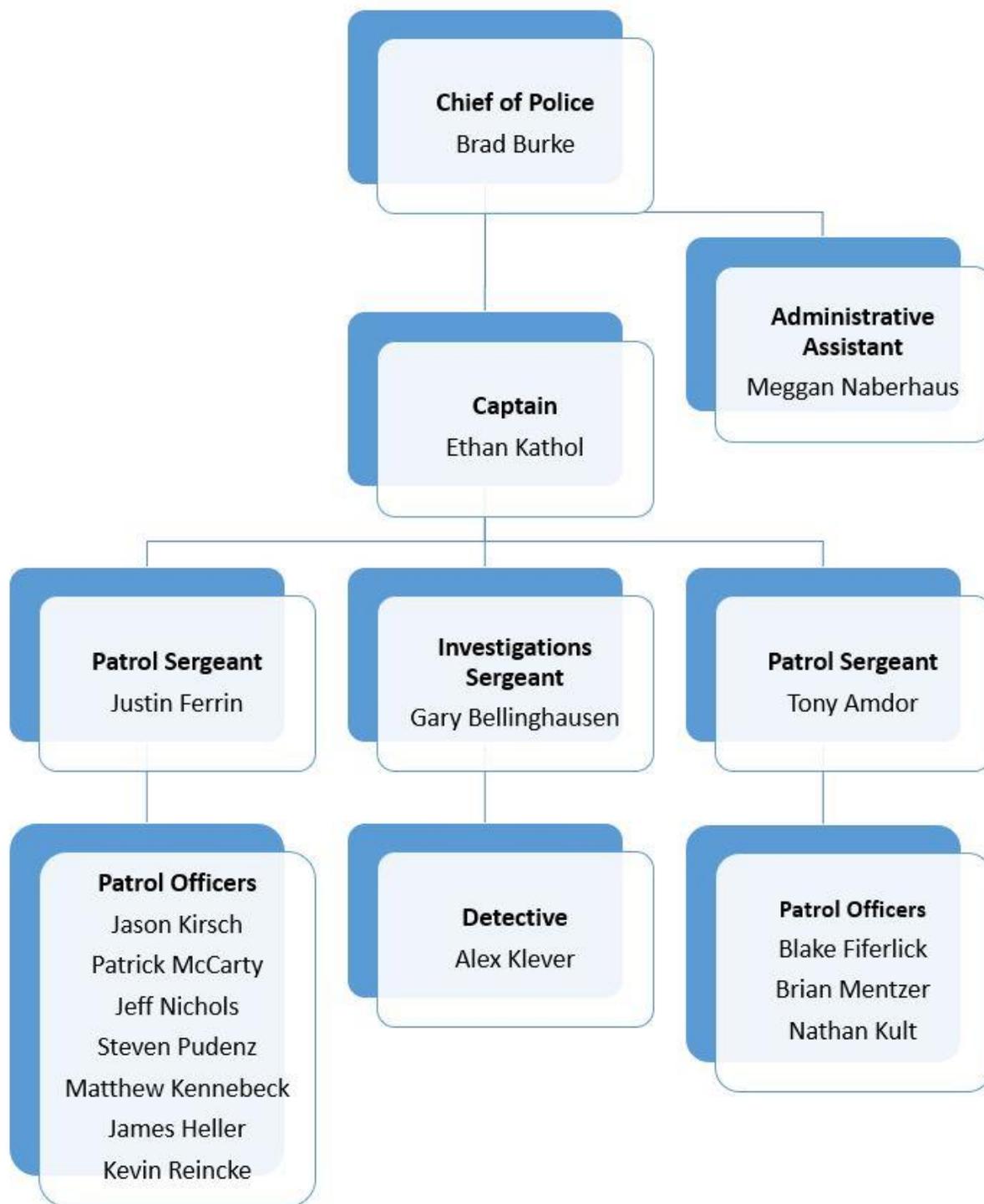
The Carroll Police Department presents our Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Year End Report. Through support and partnership with the community, Carroll continues to be a clean and safe town for residents and visitors. Support from the Mayor and City Council, as well as the citizens has aided our dedicated employees to ensure that we meet our goals of providing a safe community for all.

I have worked for the police department for the past 16 years. During this time, I can only recall being fully staffed with officers on a handful of occasions. During those times, it was short lived. Currently we are at full staff and that has occurred for over one year. This is a good feeling to know that we have dedicated officers who are not just looking to get training and move onto another department. Over the last year, we have seen the age of the department grow along with the tenure. We also have a large number of officers who are from the area or have a connection to the area. Those who have moved here from outside the area have also created multiple connections to Carroll. I have high hopes that this will help in keeping our department at full staff.

I invite you to review our statistics which will give you a numerical look at the activity for the police department, along with the narratives which will provide more information on the intangible services provided by the police department. This report will fulfill the purpose of measuring the performance from year to year, as well as providing information on any changes within the department.



Brad Burke  
Chief of Police



One officer was hired in fiscal year 2021-2022 to replace the retirement of Sergeant JJ Schreck. Sergeant Schreck retired October 20, 2020 with an early medical retirement. Officer Nathan Kult was hired August 23, 2021.

Officer Kult grew up in Glidden graduating from Glidden Ralston High School in 2013. Officer Kult completed basic training at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on December 17, 2021. He then completed field training on February 18, at which time he was assigned to a patrol shift. Officer Kult is currently assigned to night watch.



With the retirement of Sergeant Schreck, an opening was left at the supervisory level of sergeant. Testing was completed in February to fill the position internally. Five candidates were tested and interviewed for the opening. Justin Ferrin was promoted from patrol officer to sergeant on March 5. Sergeant Ferrin has worked for the police department since January 12, 2015. He is assigned as an afternoon watch supervisor.

Currently the police department is at full staff and has been since the hiring of Officer Kult. This is the first time in many years that we have had stability within the officer level and there are no foreseen absences that we are planning for.

Below is the current seniority list showing rank and hire date for each officer on the department. The average tenure of the current officers is just over seven years with the average age just over 36.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>RANK</b>	<b>EMPLOYMENT DATE</b>
BURKE, BRADLEY	CHIEF OF POLICE	12/26/06
KATHOL, ETHAN	CAPTAIN	07/28/14
BELLINGHAUSEN, GARY	SERGEANT	07/26/99
AMDOR, ANTHONY	SERGEANT	10/05/15
FERRIN, JUSTIN	SERGEANT	01/12/15
KLEVER, ALEX	DETECTIVE	01/23/12
KIRSCH, JASON	PATROL OFFICER	03/26/12
MCCARTY, PATRICK	PATROL OFFICER	01/03/17
NICHOLS, JEFFERY	PATROL OFFICER	11/13/17
FIFERLICK, BLAKE	PATROL OFFICER	12/16/18
PUDENZ, STEVEN	PATROL OFFICER	12/17/18
MENTZER, BRIAN	PATROL OFFICER	07/01/19
KENNEBECK, MATTHEW	PATROL OFFICER	08/09/19
HELLER, JAMES	PATROL OFFICER	07/26/21
KULT, NATHAN	PATROL OFFICER	08/23/21
REINCKE, KEVIN	PATROL OFFICER – PT	10/20/17
EUDORIS III	K9	10/23/17
NABERHAUS, MEGGAN	ADMIN. ASSISTANT	10/25/99

## PATROL CARS



Two patrol cars were budgeted for purchase in fiscal year 21/22. Two 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utilities were purchased from Champion Ford in October 2021. Both cars are black with white lettering similar to what is pictured above. Currently we have three black patrol vehicles, three white patrol vehicles, and one unmarked patrol vehicle. Within the next few budget years, all patrol vehicles will be black with white letter with the exception of the unmarked patrol vehicle.

All vehicles are all-wheel-drive Ford SUVs which have allowed for the officers to safely and quickly respond to calls during the winter months. All vehicles are equipped with mobile data terminals, along with other equipment which is used for report writing and traffic enforcement activities.

For budget year 22/23, the police department has budgeted for the replacement of one patrol vehicles. Due to the rising gas prices, we will continue to move forward with hybrid options for patrol vehicle.

**EQUIPMENT**

The Carroll Police Department prides itself on having up-to-date and technologically-advanced equipment for our officers to use on a daily basis. In order to keep up to date with the changes in society, we need to have proper tools to combat issues. The police department completes many hours of research before making purchasing decisions on new equipment and evaluates all of the options before making purchases.

All officers are issued equipment needed to complete their daily activities when they are hired. Officers are supplied uniforms including duty belts, handguns, radios and many other items which are carried on their duty belt. Officers are trained in the use of all equipment and are required to complete maintenance, as necessary, in order for the equipment to continue to function as designed and to prolong the life of the equipment.

Officers are assigned and carry Glock 17 9-mm handguns. Each patrol car is equipped with a .223 caliber Rock River rifle and Remington 12-gauge shotgun. Officers spend many hours training to be proficient with their firearms and qualify multiple times a year on the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy mandated qualification courses.

This fiscal year we had no major purchase requests. We used the year to replace any worn out or outdated equipment that is assigned to officers such as external vest carriers. We also replaced light bars and other electronic equipment in the new patrol cars. We will continue to make those changes as we purchase new cars as most of the equipment has been transferred from vehicle to vehicle over the years and some has become outdated, out of warranty, or having mechanical issues.

We continue to upgrade software used for report writing and traffic enforcement. This software enables the officers to be more efficient with these tasks and also allows for information to quickly be shared with other agencies, such as the court system. The software is accessed from the patrol vehicles using the mobile data terminals and also in the office at desktop workstations. Most of the software used by the officers is provided at no cost from the Iowa Department of Transportation and reports are stored on an internal server within the department.

Additional backup software and space were added to our server. This was to protect the data from being lost either to hackers or server failure. This also allows us to keep back up data off site if needed to be better prepared for loss of data due to unintentional cause.

## TRAINING

The state of Iowa requires that officers receive a minimum amount of ongoing training during the course of the year. The police department has taken the initiative to provide the officers more than this required amount. This gives them the tools needed to be effective and provide the best service to our community. Many of our officers are instructors in different areas including firearms, taser, defensive tactics, blood borne pathogens, chemical munitions, radar, field sobriety testing and DARE. Others have received training which allows them to be proficient or classified as an expert in domestic abuse and sexual assault investigation, fingerprints, accident investigation and evidence collection and storage. By completing the training, we can better handle any issue that arises.

We utilize many sources for training including internal training, as well as the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) and Midwest Counterdrug Training Center, both located at Camp



Dodge in Johnston, IA. Officers also complete monthly on-line training through an Iowa based company called Police Legal Science. The training ranges from legal updates to state mandated training of bias prevention and de-escalation.



The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) has partnered with former US Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa Kevin Techau to provide quarterly training to officers. This training is provided online and covers many different topics that officers may deal with on a daily basis.

The emergency response team continues to train this fiscal year. Six officers have been trained on high-risk entry and are prepared and ready to respond to any high-risk emergency situation. Other members of the team are from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office allowing for a full team to be available no matter the time of day or type of call. Some of the training these officers have received include active shooter trainings, building entry and searches, tactical medical classes, and Stop the Bleed training. The team continues to train and stay up to date with the safest and most effective



tactics to resolve a high-risk situation. Training was conducted by Josh Morton from Canine Tactical. He is the same instructor that trains and certifies K9 Eudoris. Mr. Morton is a veteran of the United States Navy, serving eight years as a Navy SEAL, serving for Team Four. He has extended knowledge in entry team training and was a Joint Task Force subject matter expert.

Other ongoing training during the year included field sobriety testing, mental health diversion, salvage vehicle theft examination, street cop training, domestic violence, first line supervision, development of drug informants, and ongoing K9 training. Officers who are also certified instructors through the ILEA were also recertified if their certifications were expiring. Continued monthly training on law updates, as well as quarterly fitness and firearms training, continues to be a priority for all officers.

## **BUDGET**

The budget for the police department during F.Y. 21/22, including pension contributions and medical insurance premiums, was \$1,957,616. This was an increase of \$100,287 from F.Y. 20/21. There were line items overspent during the year; however, the overall budget expenditures for the police department were under the budgeted amount by \$329,803. The majority of this is attributed to salaries and wages being lower due to new officers which have yet to reach top of pay, which in turn affects the amount spent on retirement. The hiring of a certified officer, James Heller, also lowered the amount spent on training as academy training was not needed. Our budget, compared to other departments our size, is below average. This can be contributed to low overtime costs due to an efficient schedule which accommodates time off requests with little requirement to pay overtime to cover hours. F.Y. 22/23 has a budget total in the amount of \$1,933,211.

The city of Carroll no longer splits the cost of the Carroll Communications Center with the county. The city is now on a set payment of \$175,000. This is compared to last year's budget of \$240,000. The new annual payment is valid for five years and will auto renew at that time, if no objection from the city or county.

## **STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

Attached to this narrative are statistical reports documenting our calls for service, arrest information, citations issued and cases documented. We analyze the times, dates and locations of various crime and traffic information to better perform our duties. The statistics are used to focus efforts on trouble areas and work with community members in those areas to reduce crime and provide safe neighborhoods throughout the community. By utilizing the crime trends, we are able to use selective enforcement and determine manpower and equipment requirements for the basis of department budgeting.

The previous four fiscal years are listed with the statistics to give a better understanding of the trends or changes in crimes throughout the city. The Carroll Police Department recorded 6,915 total calls for service in fiscal year 21/22. These include any call requiring officer assistance, such as medical calls, and calls initiated by officers. Over this fiscal year, there was a decrease in total calls for service by 547 calls. I contribute that to not having as many 24-hour stores and manufacturing occurring in the city as years past. There was a significant decrease in burglary calls and criminal mischief calls compared to fiscal year 21/22. There was a sharp increase in warrant arrests with many coming from fail to appear for court. All other statistics remained fairly stagnant compared to the previous fiscal year.

Motor vehicle accidents continued to remain low compared to years past although a small increase from 158 to 169 this fiscal year. There were no fatal motor vehicle accidents this fiscal year.

Almost all officers have undergone additional impaired driving recognition. Removing intoxicated drivers from streets is of high importance to the police department. The average breath alcohol content (BAC) in Carroll County for fiscal year 21/22 was 0.138%. The legal operating level is less than 0.08%. The highest BAC recorded during an OWI arrest by our department was 0.207%.

Alcohol is not the only intoxicant that officers are making arrests for OWI. Other drugs include marijuana, methamphetamine, and opioids. OWI arrests are again low this fiscal year, and some of that can be contributed to many of the bars and restaurants closing earlier in the evening due to low attendance.

We continue to work with high volume call locations to combat crime in those areas. Trespassing those who have committed crimes in those areas is one way that we have found to lower call volume and issues in those locations. We have also continued to work with management of these properties to help provide a public records background on potential tenants. We continue to find that vandalism, trespassing, and narcotics violations have continued to decrease in those areas. Management of a high-volume location has also stepped up and assisted with issues on their property. Management has installed a camera system which covers a large area of the property. Officers have access to the camera system and have used it on multiple incidents to aid in locating suspects and making an arrest. Many tenants in these locations have utilized their own surveillance systems which has deterred some crime within the buildings. We continue to attempt to create relationships with tenants in this area but find that many tenants do not remain for long periods of time in Carroll. Apartment management in these high-volume call location areas continue to utilize the court system for eviction of problem tenants.

This year clearance rates increased and we are still above the national average. A clearance consists of either a clearance by arrest or clearance by exceptional means. Clearance by exceptional means is defined as the offender was identified and enough evidence was gathered to support an arrest or make a charge, but by means outside the control of law enforcement, the arrest is prohibited. In Carroll, this means that the County Attorney declines prosecution, death of the offender, victim refusal to cooperate, or the denial of extradition of a suspect from another jurisdiction. The overall clearance rates for all cases within the department is 67%, which is an increase of 3 percentage points. Our detective and officers work together to clear cases as quickly and efficiently as possible while collecting as much evidence as possible before closing a case. CPD clearance rates for theft was 29.5% (29.6 in 20/21) well above the 2020 (most recent data available) national average of 14%. We continue to look for ways to improve this and find that theft cases are some of the most challenging to close. The national average clearance rate for aggravated assault is 32.8%. There

have only been three reported aggravated assault cases. Of those three cases we have arrested offenders in all three of the cases. Our overall assault clearance rate is 68% which is an increase from last fiscal year. Our goal is to continue to increase assault clearance rates but officers sometimes find that evidence will not support the claim among other issues. Officers quickly respond to assault reports but find that parties have separated and that most witnesses are not willing to cooperate with an investigation. Victims are also unwilling to work with law enforcement in the recent years creating a challenge to investigating and prosecuting these cases. Luckily, we are finding that more and more residences and businesses are utilizing surveillance systems which aids in making arrests in assault cases. Aggravated assault is in the category of violent crime, along with murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, and robbery. We have had three reported incidents of violent crimes other than aggravated assaults. All of those cases are categorized as forcible rape. There were four reports of violent crime in FY 20/21. The national clearance rate for violent crime is 30.4% which we are at 50%. All property crimes include theft, burglary and arson, according to the FBI, who records crime statistics and comprises National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Our clearance rate in property crime is 22% (29.6 in 20/21) and the national average is 11.9%. While we are above the national average, we are making strides to increase this percentage even more. These offenses can be large annoyances to victims and leave them feeling violated as offenders have entered their property to take or damage items. The full-time detective has worked tirelessly with officers, victims, and witnesses to work on increasing our clearance of property crimes. Patrol officers who are the first to respond to a report of crime, have stepped up in assisting the detective, learning some skills to work cases quicker and without as much assistance from the detective. We have established relationships with property owners and local businesses to gain access to surveillance cameras to allow for quick and efficient search of that evidence and continue to look for new ways to work with victims and witnesses.

Attached at the end of this report are the statistics for traffic offenses, criminal cases, and a list for traditional problem areas within the city.

## **CONCLUSION**

We started the past fiscal year looking to hire two new officers and promote a current officer to a supervisory role. While we didn't get many candidates to apply for the entry level position of police officer, we were able to hire two great candidates. Both of the candidates have ties to the

community, which I believe is a benefit to keep qualified officers on the department. We began offering a hiring bonus for certified officers a few years back, but this year we utilized that benefit during our hiring. Officer James Heller was certified as an officer in Colorado and once hired with CPD, required much less training than someone with no certifications. We are also able to bypass a full academy training session by utilizing “certification through examination” through the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. The officer can work for the department up to one year before becoming certified in Iowa. We used this to our advantage with Officer Heller. He was provided training in house while also attending a few single day trainings at the academy before taking his final examination. Upon completion of the examination, he was fully certified in Iowa.

Being able to operate a full staff, we were able to get our supervisor position fully staffed. We had been operating with two sergeants until we could fully staff our patrol. Once that was completed, we began the promotional process for sergeant. Sergeant Ferrin was selected from a great group of officers who applied and has taken the job in stride. He has attended many supervisory training sessions and is picking up his new tasks quickly. He has been a great asset to our afternoon patrol.

We ended the year by preparing officers and purchasing equipment that can be used in an active shooter situation. The school shooting in Uvalde, TX forced us to review our tactics and policies. We believe that we are prepared in the case of an active shooter, but lacked some tools needed in these instances. Once that was observed, we began our research and made purchase of items that will benefit us in entry and lifesaving activities. While we may not have every tool available, we believe that we are better equipped to handle an active shooter situation than we were last year. We will continue to train and evaluate ourselves to better prepare for those types of situations. Our ultimate goal is to limit loss of life and safely and quickly eliminate any threats.

This upcoming fiscal year we will look to continue to repair or replace equipment that is becoming outdated or has become nonfunctional. We also are replacing some equipment to make the officers more efficient. New handguns have been ordered, which will now be outfitted with a red dot optic. This new technology allows the officers to quickly get sight picture while being more accurate with their shots. Officers should be able to quickly get on their target and shoot precision shots when needed. We are also increasing our training for our emergency response officers. We will

work on dynamic entry along with breaching to gain entry. We believe that having the best trained officers for any response is important to the community while we continue to strive to keep crime low and efficiently investigate criminal actions. Our goal is to be one of the safest communities in the state.

I hope you have found this report insightful and helpful. If there are any questions, feel free to contact me at 712-792-3536 or email [bburke@cityofcarroll.com](mailto:bburke@cityofcarroll.com).

**CITATIONS**

<b>CITATION TYPE</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>
Animal	0	2	7	10	6
Tobacco	7	12	5	11	11
Dark Windows	10	4	9	42	28
License Violation	217	241	167	268	197
Other	49	26	40	50	32
Registration	197	145	115	159	162
Seatbelt	425	209	83	47	71
Traffic	890	587	678	612	415
Violation (Parking)	251	166	154	82	85
Warning Notices	2850	2319	2575	2678	2186
Loud Stereo	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL CITATIONS</b>	<b>4896</b>	<b>3711</b>	<b>3833</b>	<b>3959</b>	<b>3196</b>

**SUMMARY OF OFFENSE – CASES  
 JULY 1-JUNE 30**

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>
Murder/Non-neg. Man	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	6	0	6	3	1
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Assault w/Object	0	0	0	0	2
Forcible Fondling	6	5	13	6	11
Statutory Rape	0	4	1	2	0
Porno/Obscene Material	0	1	0	1	2
Incest	0	2	0	0	0
Peeping Tom	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	2	1	0
Aggravated Assault	5	6	4	6	3
Domestic Violence	0	0	0	1	2
Simple Assault	44	44	29	28	22
Intimidation	0	0	2	1	3
Domestic Abuse	21	38	32	21	27
Burglary/B&E	23	19	20	21	11
Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	53	58	66	33	35
Theft from Vehicle	33	39	14	14	15
Theft Vehicle Part	2	7	1	6	0
Theft of Bike	6	1	3	3	5
Theft from Building	53	53	60	34	43
Theft from Vending	0	0	1	0	0
Other Larceny	8	10	5	4	5
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	17	4	4	9
Arson	3	1	0	1	1
Counterfeit/Forgery	25	19	10	15	16
Swindle/Confidence	0	0	0	3	5
Credit/ATM Fraud	10	12	11	15	9
Identify Theft	4	4	1	9	3
Impersonation Fraud	0	0	0	0	2
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Wire Fraud	0	2	1	3	1
Bad Checks	9	7	7	1	6
Embezzlement	0	1	0	1	2
Stolen Property	0	2	1	1	0
Vandalism	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism/Business	9	9	1	5	6
Vandalism/Residence	35	13	14	19	7
Vandalism/Vehicle	39	21	25	28	25
Vandalism/School	1	5	1	2	0
Vandalism/Other	5	6	9	4	3
Weapon Law Violation	1	2	3	4	2

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>
Human Trafficking/Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Drug/Narc Violations	47	45	31	38	26
Drug Equipment Viol	3	0	3	19	20
Nonviol Family Off	0	0	0	1	0
Drive Under Influence	37	31	32	37	18
OWI 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	8	8	10	4
OWI 3 <sup>rd</sup>	0	0	1	0	2
Liquor Law Violation	5	9	12	9	8
Under 21 BAC .02	0	2	1	0	2
Drunkenness	40	41	26	24	25
Disorderly Conduct	18	23	13	3	4
Harassment	6	9	7	5	11
Curf/Loiter/Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses	35	38	45	41	24
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	1	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0
False Information	2	4	4	4	3
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0	0	0
Trespassing	48	25	18	21	14
Runaway	2	8	3	2	0
Missing Person	2	0	3	3	1
Cruelty to Animal	1	0	0	0	0
Lost Property	0	0	0	2	0
Found Person	0	0	0	0	0
Found Animal	1	0	0	3	0
Found Property	39	29	15	14	19
Unattended Death	6	4	8	3	5
Suicide	1	0	1	4	0
Attempted Suicide	0	0	1	1	0
Sick Cared For	0	0	0	0	0
Mental Case	2	0	1	1	1
Firearms Accident	1	0	0	2	0
Fire Investigation	0	0	0	0	0
Home Accident	0	0	0	0	0
Work Accident	0	0	0	0	0
Public Accident	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Bite	5	12	16	1	7
Dispose of Animal	2	1	0	0	0

<b>OFFENSE</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>
Warrant Outside	69	59	52	41	55
Restraining Order	6	12	10	7	5
10-50 Fatal	1	0	0	1	0
10-50 Car-Train Fatal	0	0	0	0	0
10-50 PI Personal Injury	7	4	8	4	6
10-50 PI MV Pedestrian	0	1	2	1	0
10-50 PI Car & Bike	2	1	0	1	1
10-50 PI Hit/Run w/Injury	0	0	0	0	0
10-50 PD Prop.	158	164	127	122	137
MV Pedestrian	0	0	0	1	0
10-50 Car & Deer	1	1	0	2	0
10-50 PD: Hit & Run	25	21	18	21	16
10-50 PD: City Vehicle	1	0	0	0	0
10-50 PD Police Vehicle	0	1	1	1	1
10-50 PD Under 1500	46	28	29	34	31
Assist Other Agency	16	6	6	4	3
Parking Violations	0	0	0	0	0
Moving Violations	2	2	1	1	2
Op After Revoked/Barred	27	24	31	28	25
Operate After Suspension	104	129	65	93	81
Misc. Public	34	54	39	46	43
Misc. Officer	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>1204</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>885</b>

**SUMMARY – TRADITIONAL PROBLEM AREAS**

	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>	<b>20/21</b>	<b>21/22</b>
<b>Assault</b>	49	50	33	34	25
<b>Burglary</b>	23	19	20	21	11
<b>Criminal Mischief</b>	89	54	50	58	41
<b>OWI</b>	41	39	41	47	24
<b>Personal Injury Accidents</b>	8	5	10	7	7
<b>Property Damage Accidents</b>	208	195	157	158	169
<b>Hit &amp; Run Accidents</b>	25	21	18	21	16
<b>Thefts</b>	169	185	154	98	112

