



Walpole Police Department
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Annual Report [2020]

WALPOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT	[AT-A-GLANCE]
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Sworn Officers:	44	Marked Patrol Units:	10	Unmarked Vehicles:	10
Dispatchers:	10	Motorcycles:	3	ATV:	3
Civilian Assistants:	1 (full-time), 2 (pt)	Sign Boards:	2	Speed Trailer:	1
School Crossing Guards:	8 (part-time)	Bicycles:	6	Drone:	1

Activity	
2019	2020

Budget: \$6.00 million (FY20)	Budget: \$6.14 million (FY21)
Incidents: 22,449	Incidents: 21,997
Arrests/PCs: 276	Arrests/PCs: 153
Citations: 4,650	Citations: 4,151
Accidents: 358	Accidents: 295

Revenue	
2019	2020

Court/Civil Fines	\$22,107	Court/Civil Fines	\$20,396
False Alarm Billing	\$2,200	False Alarm Billing	\$1,805
Police Details Service	\$65,460	Police Details Service	\$81,089
LTC/Solicit/Print (fees)	\$6,075	LTC/Solicit/Print (fees)	\$13,703
Parking Tickets	\$945	Parking Tickets	\$780
Total	\$96,787	Total	\$117,773

Roster	
Administration	

Chief John Carmichael	Deputy Chief Rich Kelleher	
Lieutenant Joe Zanghetti	Lieutenant Rob Kilroy	Lieutenant John White

Sergeants	Detectives
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Sgt. Marty McDonagh	Sgt. James O'Connell	Det. Sgt. Ian Tolland	Det. Timothy Songin
Sgt. Brian Becker	Sgt. Jaelyn Hazeldine	Det. Kyle Griffin	Det. Andrew Kiewlicz
Sgt. Mike Benner	Sgt. Patrick O'Connor	Det. Taylor Bethoney	Det. Steve Foley
Sgt. James Dolan			

Patrol			
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Ofc. John Wilmot	Ofc. Scott Koenig	Ofc. Tim Sullivan	Ofc. Heather Van Ness
Ofc. John Thayer	Ofc. Al Manganello	Ofc. Paul Lagoa	Ofc. Luke Parlon
Ofc. Patrick Moriarty	Ofc. Robert Doherty	Ofc. Matthew Crown	Ofc. Thomas Hart
Ofc. Gaelen Beberman	Ofc. Tom Perciaccante	Ofc. Richard Habr	Ofc. Philip Powers
Ofc. Michelle Slavin	Ofc. John Murphy	Ofc. Paul Henneberry	Ofc. George Byrd
Ofc. Nicole Genard	Ofc. Justin Rouhana	Ofc. Patrick Baker	Ofc. William Mitchell
Ofc. William Madden	Ofc. Richard Ordway		

Dispatchers	Civilian Staff
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Dis. Supv. Bill Fitzpatrick	Disp. Cindy Jackman	Judy Ryan-Decker	Deanna Fruci (pt)
Disp. Jenna Barnett	Disp. Brittany Rinn	Tarsha Smith (pt)	John Spillane (ACO)
Disp. Rob Randall	Disp. Dawn Savery		
Disp. Keith Cogan	Disp. Vicky McVicar		
Disp. Jon King	Disp. Kevin Quinn		

On behalf of the professional men and women of the Walpole Police Department, it is an honor to present our community with the 2020 Annual Town Report. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve all citizens and visitors of the great Town of Walpole and for the strong collaboration with members of the



Officer Warren Goodwin (retired)

Walpole community, Select Board, Town Administration, Town Departments, Boards and Committees.

I thank our noble peacekeepers for sacrificing their safety to protect others day in and day out, especially in light of what they faced in 2020. I thank our dedicated public safety dispatchers and civilian administrative staff who provide a high level of support to the department, and I am appreciative of the incredible collective knowledge, wisdom and leadership of the Walpole Police Department Command Staff.

I want to recognize the retirement of Officer Warren Goodwin, who retired as an officer several years back; however, Warren stayed on the job as a department clerk assisting in technology and statistics of the department. We thank Warren for his long-standing commitment to Walpole and WPD!

This year also brought the passing of retired Officer John “Jack” Piasecki.

After proudly serving in the U.S. Navy from 1961-1965, Ofc. Piasecki was appointed a full-time Patrolman on August 16, 1971, and graduated from the Brockton Police Academy on October 29, 1971. Throughout his career, Ofc. Piasecki was the recipient of many citizen & Town/State commendations. He retired on August 31, 1999, after 28 years of dedicated service to the Town of Walpole. Jack was a long-time member of the Walpole VFW, and built many friendships throughout the Community.

Congratulations to Walpole Officers Slavin, Genard, Foley, Byrd and Habr, for being presented with the Walpole Police Department Medal of Valor for 2020, after their response to an armed robbery (Slavin, Genard & Foley), a man with a gun call (Byrd), and an emotionally disturbed person call, man on a roof, (Genard and Habr). Exceptional job by all.

The year of 2020, was incredibly challenging for all, but it



Officer Jack Piasecki

was particularly challenging for our front line guardians who faced dual adversity throughout the year. Walpole and the rest of our great country experienced the worst public health pandemic of a lifetime, while simultaneously witnessing incidences of police transgression in various parts of the country, creating a reverberating effect upon the law enforcement profession, which diminished public confidence in the police.

On March 10, 2020, Governor Charlie Baker declared a State of Emergency in Massachusetts pursuant to c. 639 of the Acts of 1950, to support the Commonwealth's response to the outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19).



During the State of Emergency, the Governor's Orders imposed restrictions upon citizens, designed to stop the spread of this contagious virus. Citizens were advised to stay home, avoid gatherings, maintain social distancing, avoid personal contact, and wear face coverings when social distancing was not viable. The State of Massachusetts identified people deemed as essential workers, who quickly adapted to the largest pandemic seen in 100 years.

Throughout the pandemic, the Town of Walpole and all essential personnel for the town worked collaboratively to stay healthy, create new policies to accommodate drastic changes in how we police the community, while maintaining the high level of services Walpole citizens expect.

As each of the Governors Orders were released, town departments had to maintain constant communication and information sharing through weekly meetings facilitated by Town Administrator James Johnson. Each municipal department prepared to update other departments as we navigated collaboratively through this unprecedented time. At some point during the state of emergency, all municipal buildings shut down and many adjustments needed to be made in order to continue offering services to our community. Every department continued to do their job effectively despite the impact the pandemic was having across the entire country.

It was crucial not to disrupt emergency services for our residents, and the Walpole Police Department adapted to the pandemic in a variety of ways, as the health and safety of our community remained paramount. The department had to generate new practices, consistently train on new procedures, and amend the policies and training multiple times throughout the state of emergency as restrictions transformed between phases.

During the state of emergency, the Walpole Police Department and Public Safety Communications significantly adjusted daily operations of the department. This included pre-shift screening of personnel, acquiring and issuing personal protective equipment (PPE), creating call-screening guidelines for calls for service, and establishing modified procedures for arrest, medical emergencies, and court procedures.

The Walpole Board of Health under the leadership of Melissa Ranieri became a daily partner throughout the pandemic, as information from the DPH MAVEN system regarding infected addresses was shared with public safety departments. This information was critical in identifying the addresses of positive COVID cases, so officers and fire fighters would have some warning and peace of mind when responding to calls and know when to deploy full personal protection equipment (PPE).

The police department had to adjust shift coverage when front line personnel experienced exposures to the virus requiring testing at first-responder testing sites. The Walpole Police Department consists of 44 officers, ten dispatchers, and three civilian staff and nearly all of them had to be tested during the pandemic, with multiple personnel contracting the virus, and requiring isolation.

Throughout the pandemic, the Walpole Building Maintenance Department ensured the Walpole Police Department was routinely disinfected, including the booking area and common areas occupied by officers and dispatchers. This was vital to maintaining operations, and keeping public safety personnel healthy and free of the virus.

Interagency cooperation within town departments was crucial to successfully progress throughout the pandemic. Local boards of health and authorized agents were authorized to enforce the Governors Orders and if necessary could do so with the assistance the municipal police departments. The board of health had the authority to appoint police officers as health agents during an emergency. As a result, the Walpole Police Department and the Walpole Board of Health established a memorandum of agreement to appoint Walpole Police Officers as health agents and be able to work on their behalf when violations of health orders occurred.

The Walpole Police Department adopted a community policing strategy when responding to state of emergency orders and collaborated with the community to ensure health and safety. The department generated informational flyers to hand out to citizens as part of an awareness campaign, officers issued WPD face coverings to people in public who didn't have a mask readily available, and issued positive tickets to kids wearing masks in the community to reward their good behavior.

The Walpole Police Department also worked with other town departments such as economic development to monitor and support restaurant and bar opening protocol, and orders for off premises consumption of alcohol, and non-



essential workplaces using the community policing philosophy.

During the pandemic, many citizens of our tightknit community struggled, due to isolation, job insecurity, their personal livelihood affected, and students not attending school or enjoying their usual pastimes.

The Walpole Police Department adapted our community policing support for the community and began joining citizens in so-called Birthday Party parades. When available, WPD assisted citizens by escorting them in drive-by parades to help lift community spirit by celebrating resident's birthdays. WPD did several hundred parades during the year, and the positive impact and community spirit was magnificent. During this time, the Walpole Police Department also coordinated with the school district to assist with a drive-through graduation ceremony followed by a six-mile parade. The parade generated 100s of people along the parade route; socially distanced, wearing masks and this community will always remember the unique graduation ceremony of the Class of 2020.



While the pandemic is not over as of yet, a strong community such as Walpole will get through it together and our town departments continue to be the pillars of our community.

Concurrent with the pandemic, policing in America came under intense scrutiny following the police excessive force case by the Minneapolis Police Department against George Floyd. Chief Carmichael was among the first police chiefs in Massachusetts to denounce the heinous injustice performed by these officers and the Walpole Police Department enacted immediate changes in the department's use of force policy, to respect all citizens' sanctity of life, excluding chokeholds, and ensuring a duty to intervene if an officer witnesses excessive force.

The aftermath of the George Floyd incident generated some division throughout our great nation, and a renewed focus on police excessive force. While law enforcement came under broad, intense and enduring criticism, and calls for police reform, in late December of 2020, Governor Baker signed "An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth." This new law will enact many changes in policing in Massachusetts and WPD has already begun preparing for compliance.

I want to thank our Walpole Officers who perform their duties fairly, honorably and with distinction every day. The Walpole Police Department strives to maintain high standards of policing, and we not only accept and embrace the philosophy of Community Policing, we relish the six pillars of 21st Century Policing, especially the core values of the first pillar of "building trust and police legitimacy."

The Walpole Police Department strives for fair and impartial policing through Procedural Justice, based on four principles: (1) treating people with dignity and respect, (2) giving individuals "voice" during encounters, (3) being neutral and transparent in decision making, and (4) conveying trustworthy motives. In order to demonstrate and attain procedural justice, we comprehend and we are cognizant of the negative impacts of explicit and implicit bias on police-community relations. The Walpole Police Department has been practicing

these tenets since 2015. The department looks forward to providing the highest standards of policing now, and in the future.

Critical Incidents 2020

Shooting Suspect Sentenced Superior Court

On January 31, 2019, the Boston Police Department notified the Walpole Police Department of a shooting that took place on January 19, 2019 at home on South Street in Walpole. The defendant shot the victim in the leg while inside a residence and sought treatment at Brockton Hospital, making statements that the incident occurred in Boston.

WPD Detectives sought and executed a search warrant at the home in question and recovered items of evidentiary value including physical blood evidence from the victim.

Walpole Police Detectives identified the suspect responsible for the shooting as Kevin Benner of Winthrop Ma. The investigation led to another search warrant executed in Winthrop, followed by the arrest of Benner on March 11, 2019.

On September 24, 2020, the Norfolk Superior Court accepted a plea from Benner and a disposition was imposed by Court. Benner will receive 4 years in state prison, followed by 3 years' probation & GPS monitoring for Assault & Battery dangerous Weapon (firearm). The sentence imposed also includes Assault & Battery by Discharging Firearm, Witness Intimidation, Kidnapping, Carrying of Firearm, and Possession of a Loaded Firearm (all served concurrently with count 1).

Shots Fired – Homes Struck

On April 4, 2020, WPD responded to a residence in the area of Common Street and South Street, for a report of ballistics striking a home during night. Officers discovered a bullet hole through the front of the house. The projectile penetrated the exterior siding of the home as well as the interior wall with the projectile lodged inside an interior wall. WPD canvassed the neighborhood and located a second residence struck with ballistics and several independent witnesses who heard 3 to 5 gunshots on Common Street at approximately 130am. Thankfully, no one was struck or injured during this senseless act, and the incident was random. This remains an open case.

Cumberland Farms Robbery

On April 19, 2020, at 1045pm, the Walpole Police responded to Cumberland Farms located at 1324 Main Street, for a report of an armed robbery, involving two suspects brandishing firearms, and wearing surgical masks. Walpole Police checked on a suspicious vehicle, at which time the vehicle fled toward Walpole center at a high rate of speed.

Officers engaged this vehicle in pursuit to Common Street and to RT#1, where the suspect vehicle crashed into a guardrail and three suspects fled from the vehicle on foot. Walpole Officers pursued the three suspects in a foot chase, and subsequently captured and arrested one of the suspects, identified as 20-year-old Denyson Pierre of Brockton.

The WPD Detective Unit led by Detective Sergeant Tolland and case Detective Bethoney executed search warrants on the vehicle, and electronic devices, recovered currency from the robbery, and collected substantial amounts of physical and trace evidence.

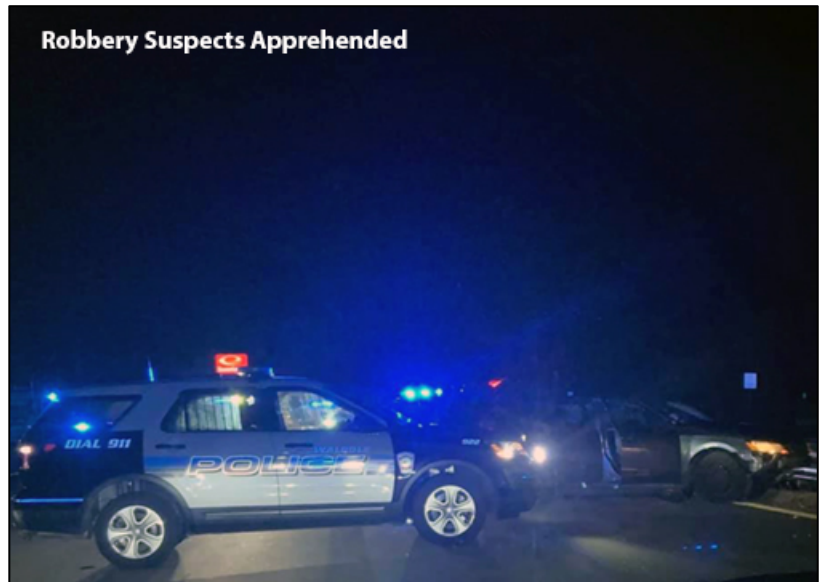
As a result of law enforcement partnerships, and evidence collected, Brockton PD was able to arrest two men on April 25 following multiple robberies in their city during the same timeframe.

On April 30, 2020, following a relentless investigation and follow up, Detective Bethoney secured two additional arrest warrants for 20-year-old Alain Theodat, and 21-year-old Carlhenry Christophe, both of Brockton, and effectively linking them to multiple robberies, including Walpole Cumberland Farms.

Theodat and Christophe are both charged with armed robbery (gun) while masked, Assault & Battery w/dangerous weapon (2 counts), A&B (2 counts), Intimidation to steal from depository and conspiracy to commit robbery.

Stabbing/Attempted Murder

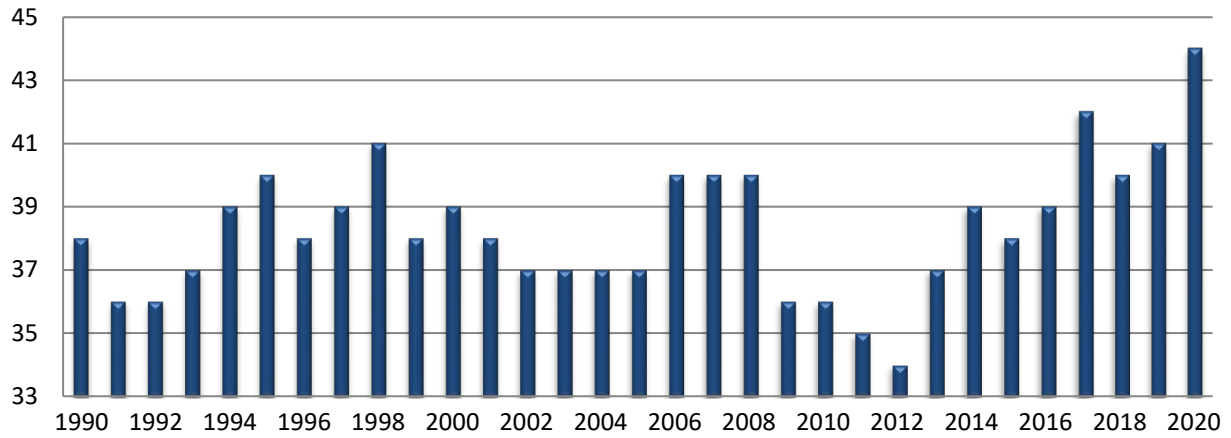
At midnight, Saturday October 31, 2020, WPD was notified by the Needham Police Department of a stabbing victim that occurred in Walpole inside a motor vehicle. Victim was being treated for critical injuries at the hospital after suffering from multiple life threatening stab wounds. Walpole Police Detectives immediately deployed and initiated an investigation into the incident. On November 3, 2020, Walpole Police Detectives and Officers arrested 23-year-old Roslindale man for armed assault w/intent to murder and assault & battery – dangerous weapon (to wit knife). Walpole Police Detectives were relentless in their investigation following this violent crime, which led to a search warrant of the suspect’s Roslindale home, as well as the motor vehicle associated with the crime.



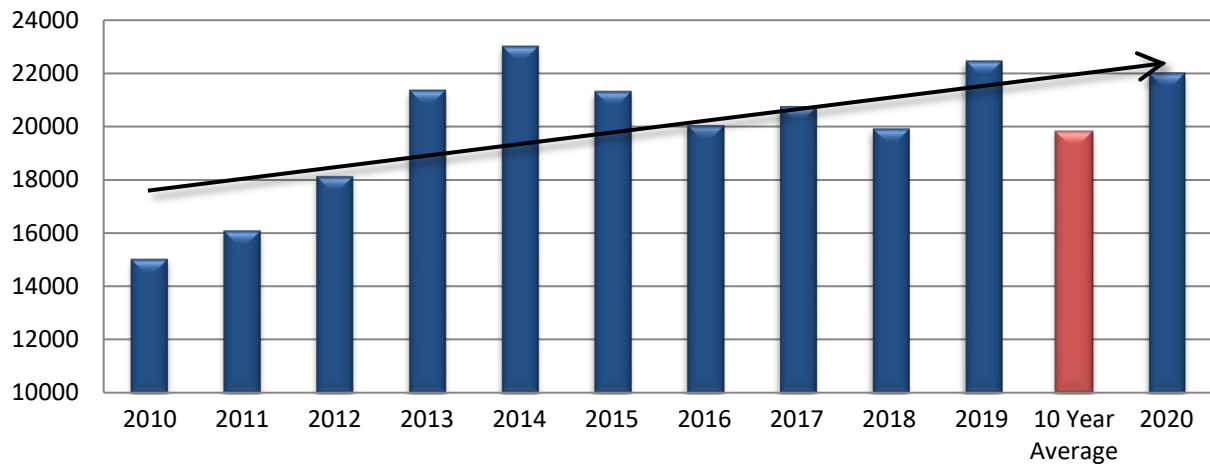
STATISTICS			[2020]
Part I Offenses	2019	2020	+/-
Murder	0	0	0
Rape	12	8	-4
Robbery	1	4	+3
Aggravated Assault	44	30	-14
Burglary	43	34	-9
Larceny	266	208	-58
Stolen MV	11	3	-8
Totals	377	287	-90
Activity [general]	2019	2020	+/-
Alarms	960	740	-220
Alcohol Related:	42	28	-14
<i>Overdose</i>	0	0	0
<i>OUI Alc.</i>	41	28	-13
Arrests/PCs	276	153	-123
Drug Related:	47	29	-18
<i>Overdose</i>	22	16	-6
<i>OUI Drug</i>	5	5	0
Calls	22,449	21,997	-452
Citations Issued	4,650	4,151	-499
Disturbance Calls	1,195	1,371	+176
Domestic Violence/Dist.	184	160	-24
Mental Health Calls	279	258	-21
Protective Custody	19	7	-12
Vandalism	44	61	+17
Activity [detectives]	2019	2020	+/-
Cases Assigned	100	155	+55
Property Intake [pieces]	682	679	-3
Property Total	4,833	4,976	+143
Accidents [by type]	2019	2020	+/-
Fatal	0	0	0
Injury	54	38	-16
No Injury	281	235	-46
OUI	10	16	+6
Pedestrian	13	6	-7
All Accidents	358	295	-63
Accidents [by intersec]	# of Accidents	Accidents [by time]	# of Accidents
Route 1 @ Route 27	15	1 PM	28
Wash @ Polley/Short	8	3 PM	27
Route 1 @ Coney	6	4 PM	24
East @ School	6	2 PM	20
East @ High Plain	5	6 PM	20
Main @ Bullard/Willet	5	5 PM	17

Sworn Officers

[as of January 1 on given year]

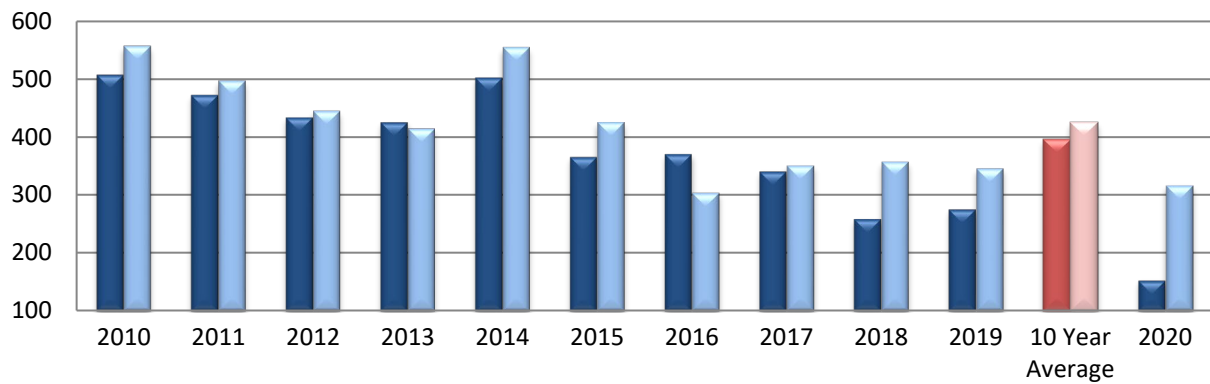


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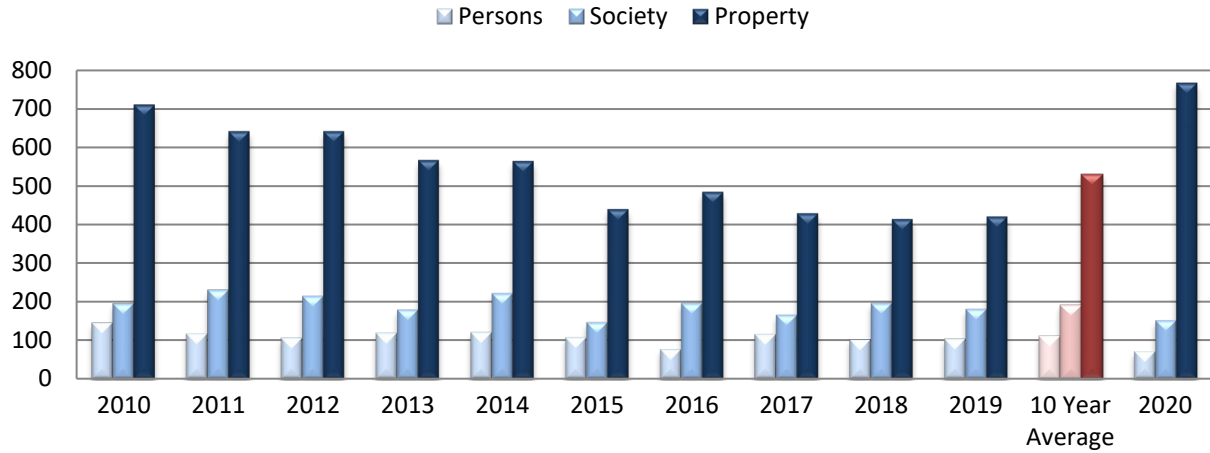


Criminal Complaints

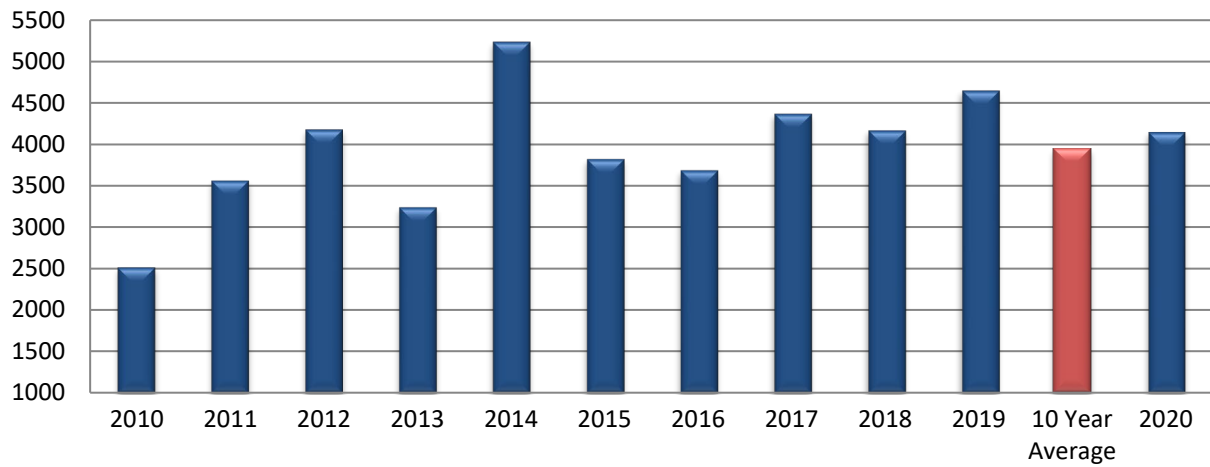
Arrests & PC Summons & Warrants



Crimes Against...



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Overdoses

