

# JOPLIN

POLICE DEPARTMENT

**2023  
Annual  
Report**



# LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Joplin Police Department, I would like to share our annual statistical report for the year 2023. This past year saw many changes for the department, as former Chief Sloan Rowland retired in June. The department dedicated three bridges in the City of Joplin in honor of fallen heroes Officer Tim Nielson, Officer Jake Reed and Corporal Ben Cooper. Also, we welcomed Dr. Richard Pearson as our new Police Chief in December.



The Joplin Police Department, when fully staffed, employs 113 sworn officers and 53 civilian members who serve in all areas of the Police Department, including the Emergency Communications Center and City Jail, as they carry out our mission to provide the highest level of professional service and protection through leadership and partnership with the community.

The following report is a summary of important statistics from the year 2023. The total number of calls for the year increased over 18% from 2022. The year also saw a continued reduction in the number of traffic crashes by 5% within the city and a combined overall reduction of 5% in property crime and violent crime.

Our outlook for 2024 is bright, as we continue to hire and train officers to meet the needs of the community.

Chief Richard A. Pearson

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# CALLS FOR SERVICE

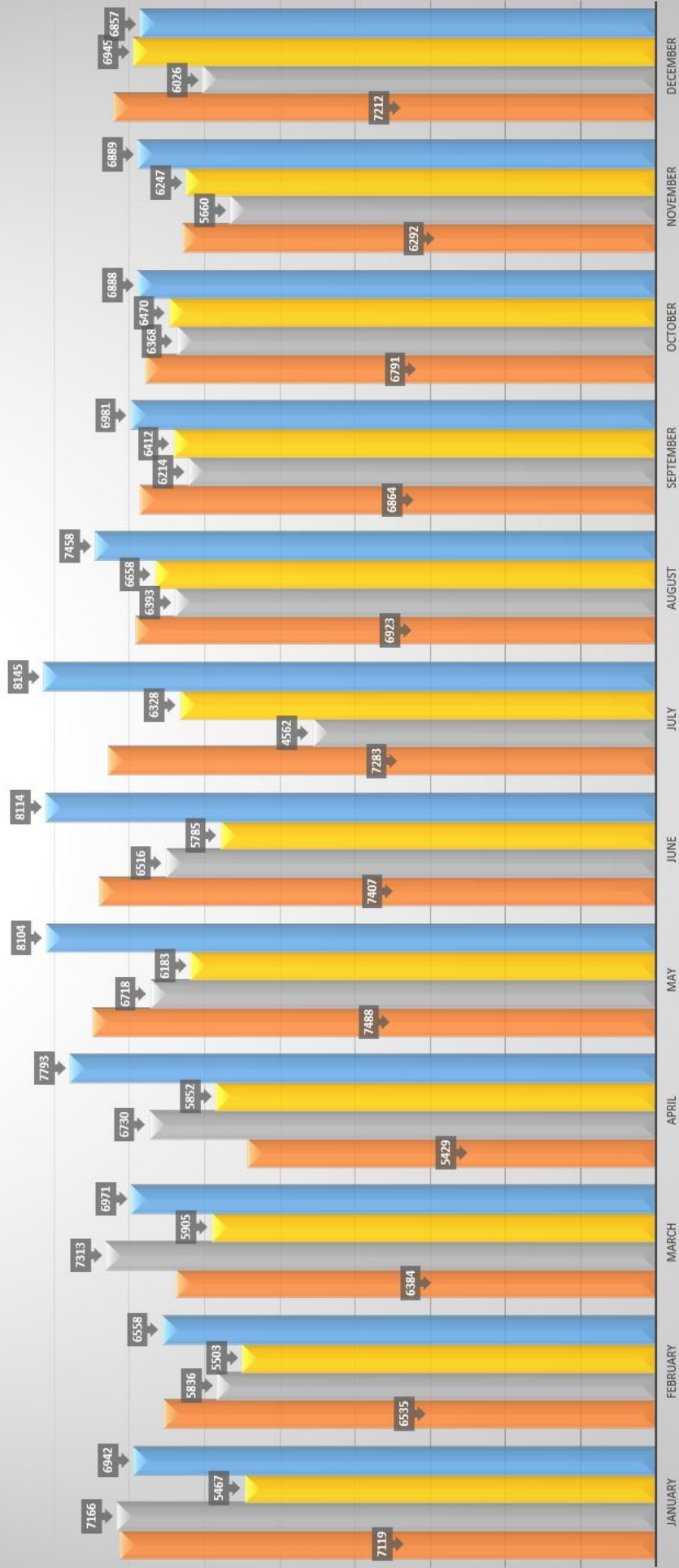
<b>Calls for Service 2020 - 2023</b>				
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>January</b>	7119	7166	5467	6942
<b>February</b>	6535	5836	5503	6558
<b>March</b>	6384	7313	5905	6971
<b>April</b>	5429	6730	5852	7793
<b>May</b>	7488	6718	6183	8104
<b>June</b>	7407	6516	5785	8114
<b>July</b>	7283	4562	6328	8145
<b>August</b>	6923	6393	6658	7458
<b>September</b>	6864	6214	6412	6981
<b>October</b>	6791	6368	6470	6888
<b>November</b>	6292	5660	6247	6889
<b>December</b>	7212	6026	6945	6857
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81727</b>	<b>75502</b>	<b>73755</b>	<b>87700</b>

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# CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service 2020 - 2023



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# TRAFFIC CRASHES

2020 - 2023 TRAFFIC CRASHES				
	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>JANUARY</b>	141	125	119	114
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	141	97	115	122
<b>MARCH</b>	127	158	107	109
<b>APRIL</b>	84	150	121	107
<b>MAY</b>	153	150	135	138
<b>JUNE</b>	139	125	138	123
<b>JULY</b>	137	50	115	119
<b>AUGUST</b>	150	117	117	130
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	136	156	158	128
<b>OCTOBER</b>	149	190	137	130
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	159	149	155	112
<b>DECEMBER</b>	145	151	133	138
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1661</b>	<b>1618</b>	<b>1550</b>	<b>1470</b>

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# TRAFFIC CRASHES

2020 to 2023 Traffic Crashes

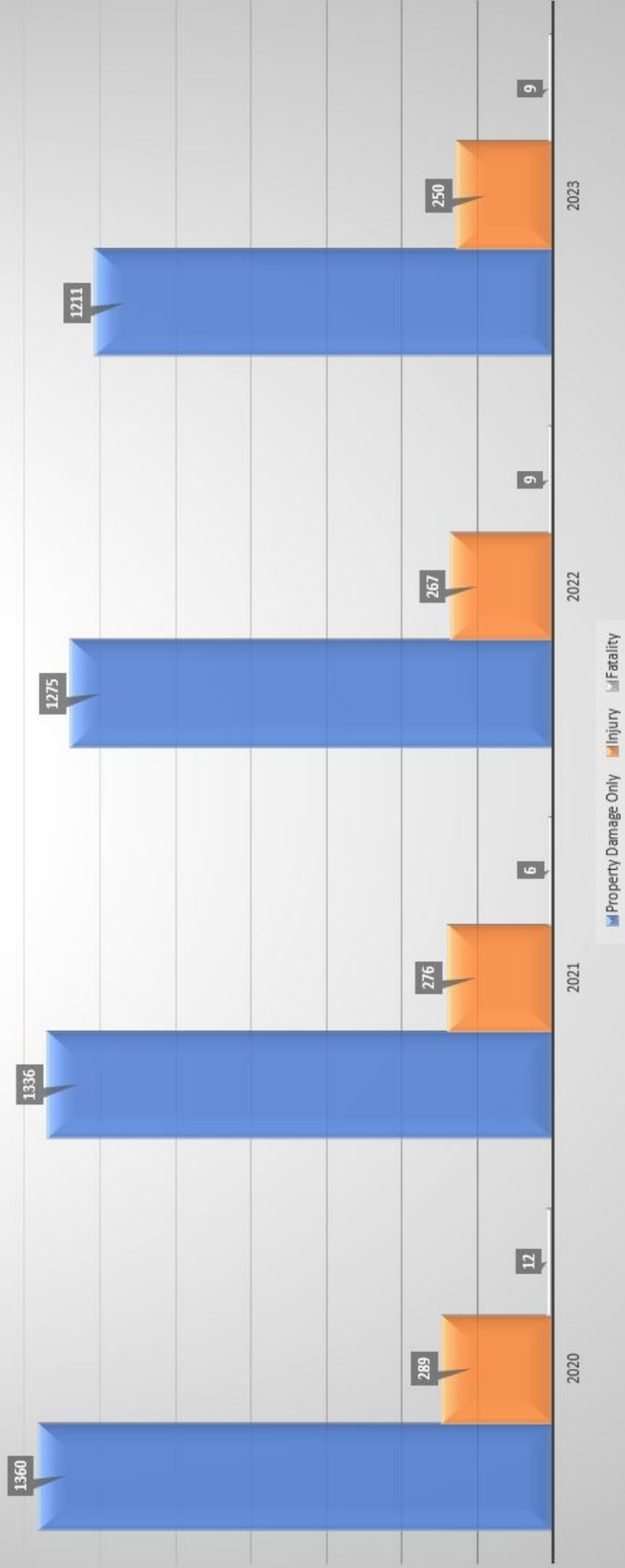


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# TRAFFIC CRASHES

2020 to 2023 Traffic Crashes by Type



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# TRAFFIC STOPS

2020 - 2023 TRAFFIC STOPS				
	2020	2021	2022	2023
JANUARY	1269	1662	879	1733
FEBRUARY	1014	1133	963	1364
MARCH	696	1349	822	1311
APRIL	339	906	766	1494
MAY	1117	729	686	1264
JUNE	797	581	673	1315
JULY	899	150	706	1462
AUGUST	981	517	1006	1279
SEPTEMBER	1006	592	855	1092
OCTOBER	918	695	1011	1211
NOVEMBER	961	542	1178	1449
DECEMBER	1687	673	1589	1304
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11684</b>	<b>9529</b>	<b>11134</b>	<b>16278</b>

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# TRAFFIC STOPS

2020 to 2023 Traffic Stops



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# CRIME STATISTICS

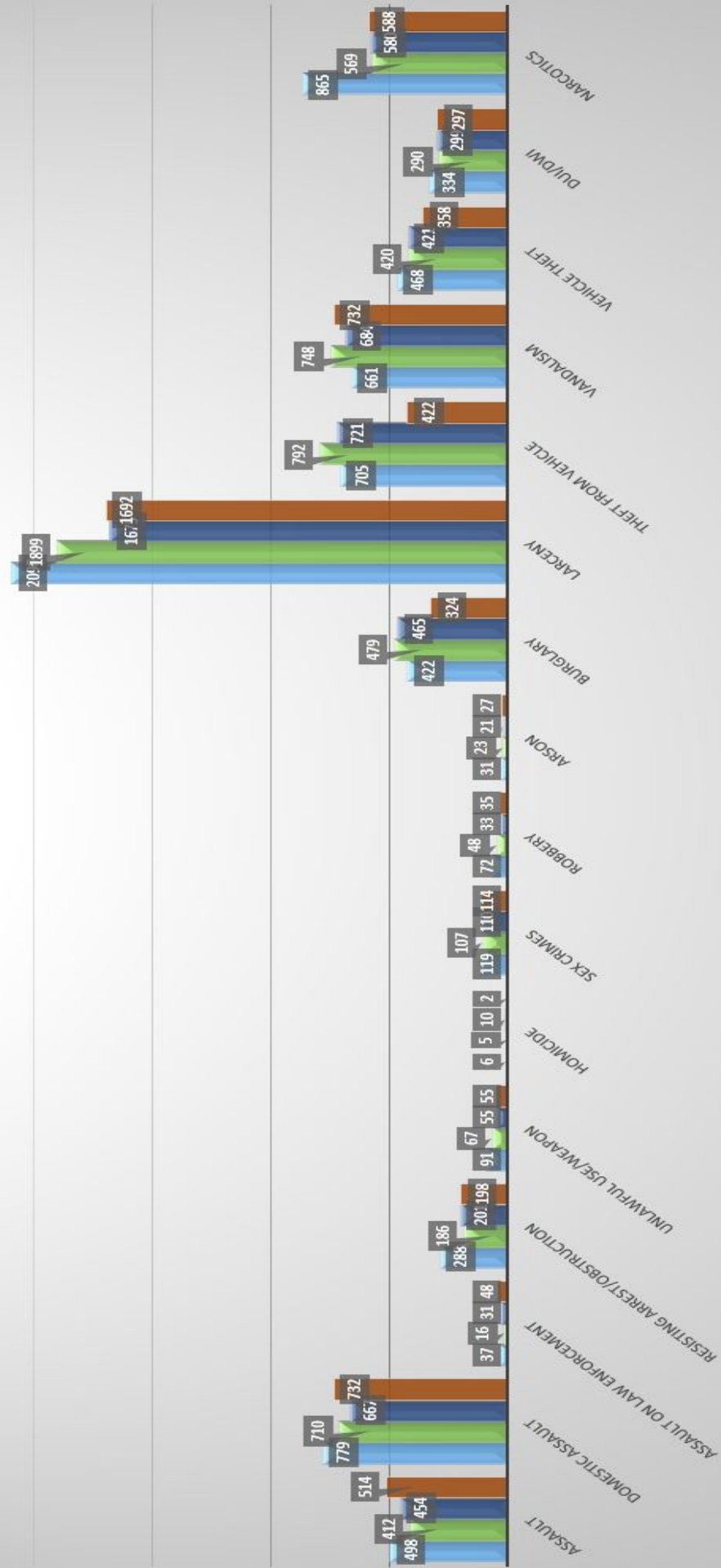
2020 - 2023 CRIME STATISTICS				
	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>ASSAULT</b>	498	412	454	514
<b>DOMESTIC ASSAULT</b>	779	710	667	732
<b>ASSAULT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>	37	16	31	48
<b>RESISTING ARREST/OBSTRUCTION</b>	288	186	201	198
<b>UNLAWFUL USE/WEAPON</b>	91	67	55	55
<b>HOMICIDE</b>	6	5	10	1
<b>SEX CRIMES</b>	119	107	110	114
<b>ROBBERY</b>	72	48	33	35
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT CRIME</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>1551</b>	<b>1561</b>	<b>1697</b>
<b>ARSON</b>	31	23	21	27
<b>BURGLARY</b>	422	479	465	324
<b>LARCENY</b>	2090	1899	1675	1692
<b>THEFT FROM VEHICLE</b>	705	792	721	422
<b>VANDALISM</b>	661	748	684	732
<b>VEHICLE THEFT</b>	468	420	421	358
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>4377</b>	<b>4361</b>	<b>3987</b>	<b>3555</b>
<b>DUI/DWI</b>	334	290	299	297
<b>NARCOTICS</b>	865	569	580	588
<b>TOTAL DRUG/ALCOHOL CRIME</b>	<b>1199</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>885</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIME</b>	<b>7466</b>	<b>6771</b>	<b>6427</b>	<b>6138</b>

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# CRIME STATISTICS

2020 to 2023 Crime Statistics

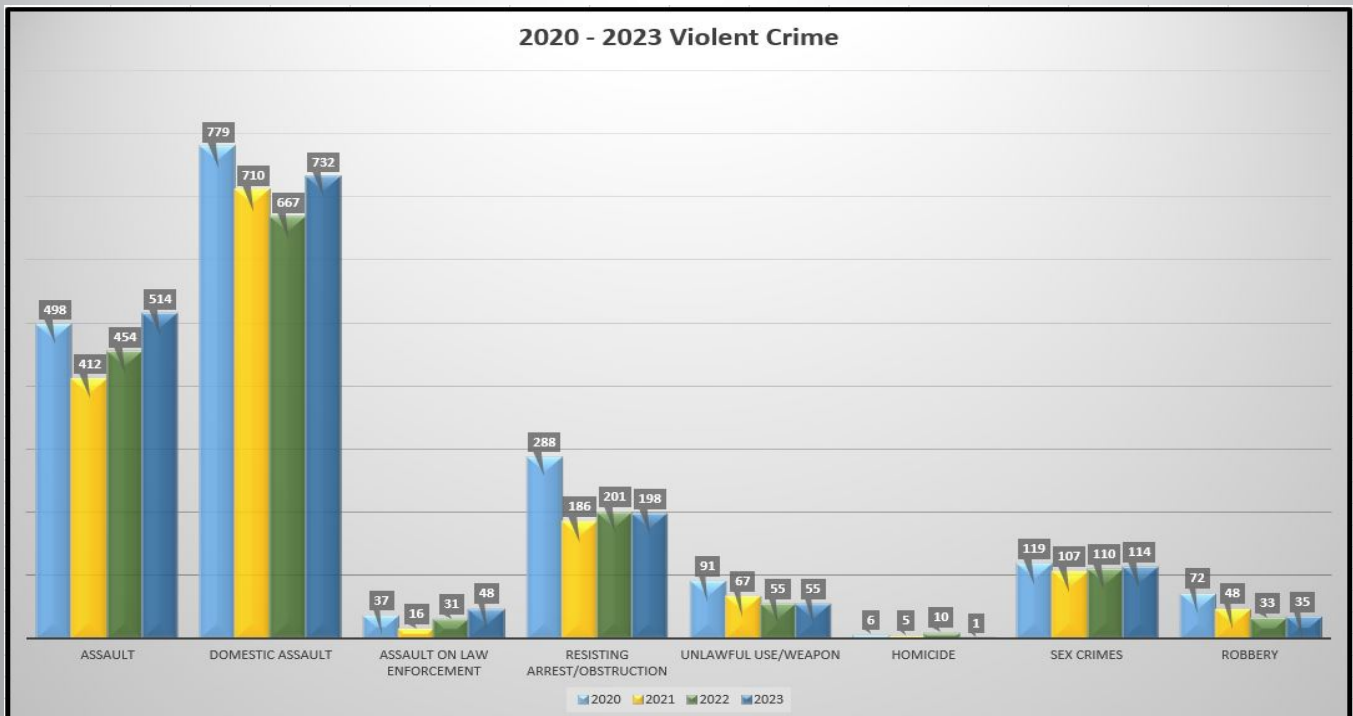


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# VIOLENT CRIME

Violent Crime 2020 - 2023				
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# PROPERTY CRIMES

Property Crime 2020 - 2023				
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BURGLARY	422	479	465	324
LARCENY	2090	1899	1675	1692
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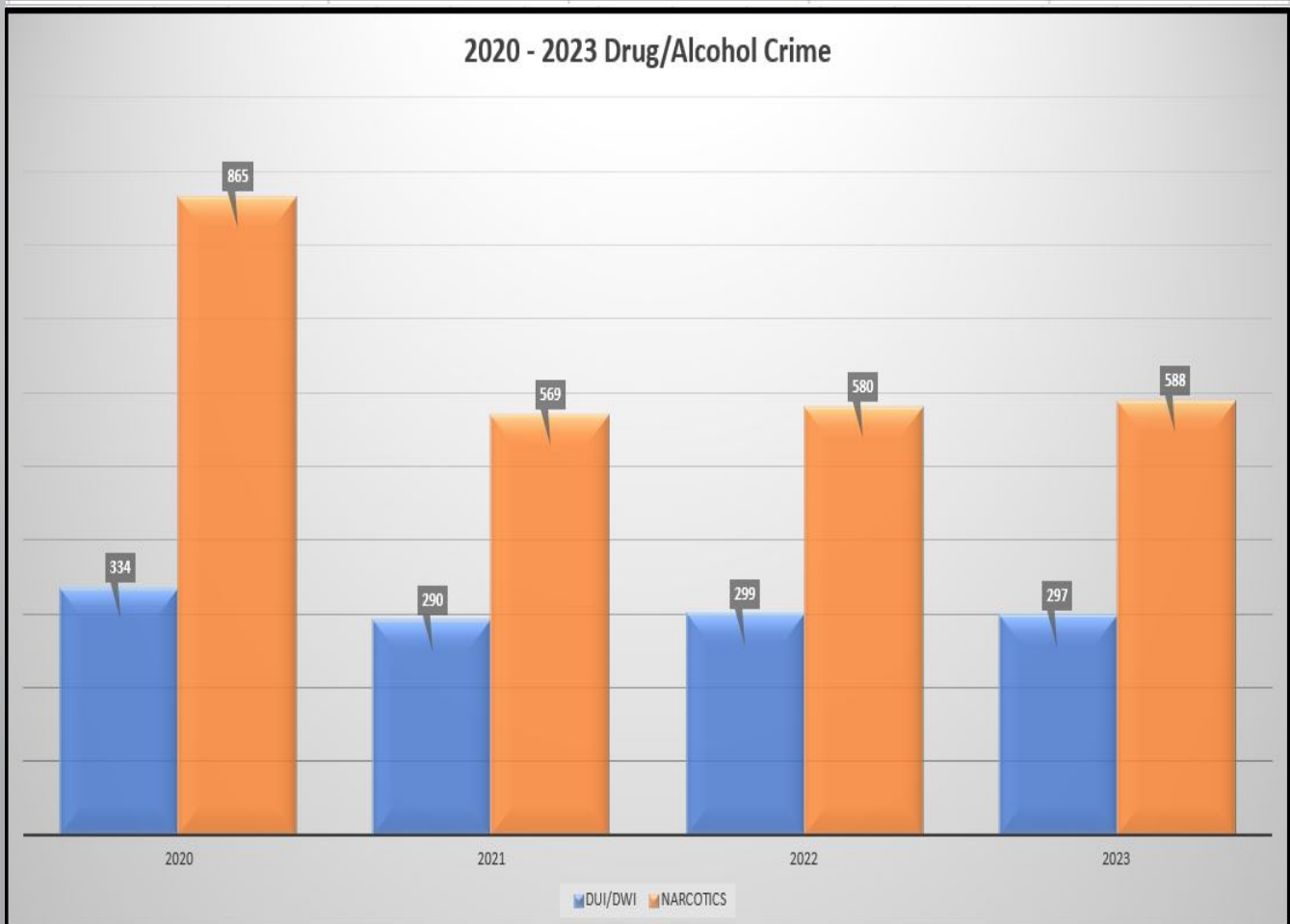


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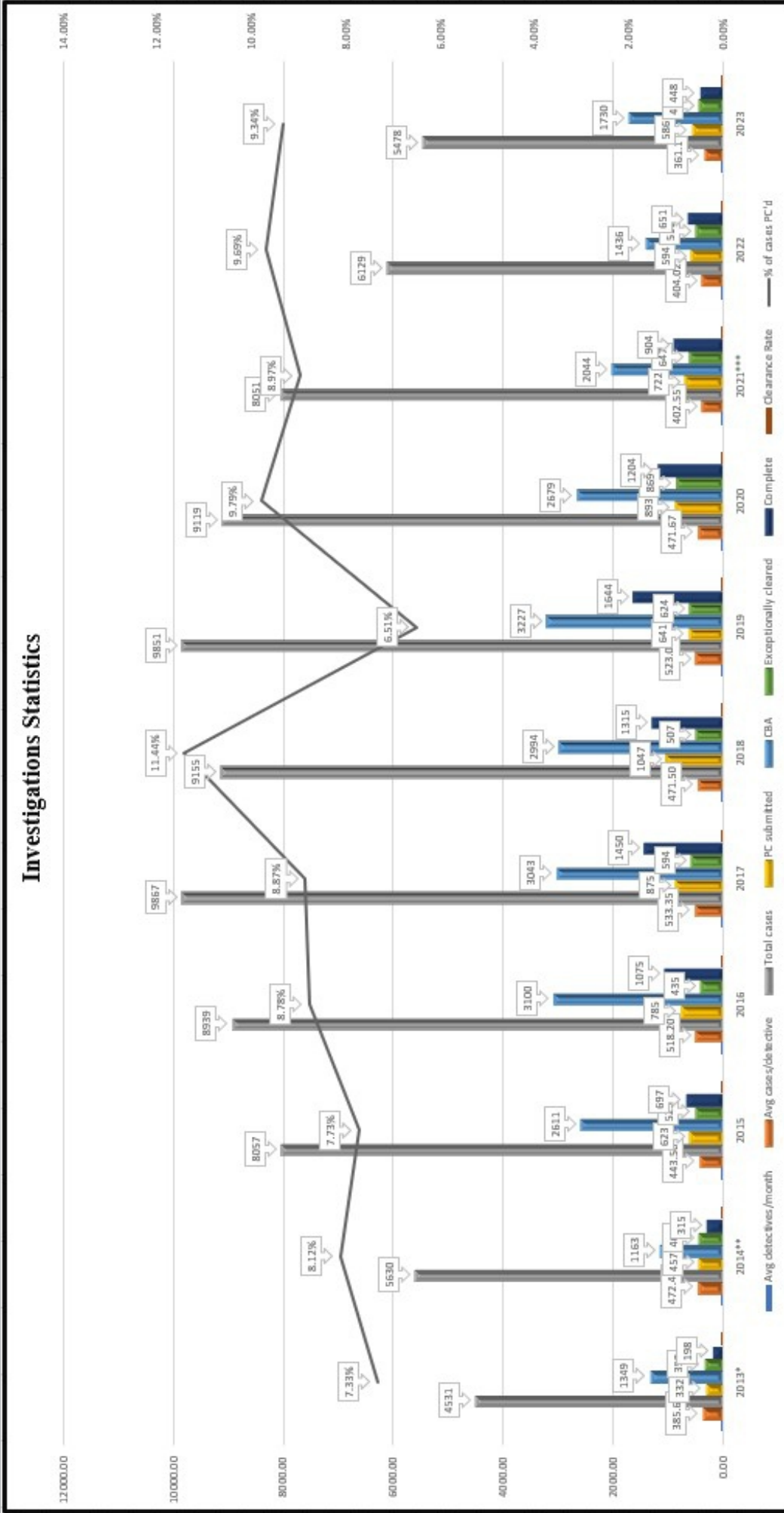
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# DRUG & ALCOHOL CRIMES

Drug/Alcohol Crime 2020 - 2023				
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# INVESTIGATIONS



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