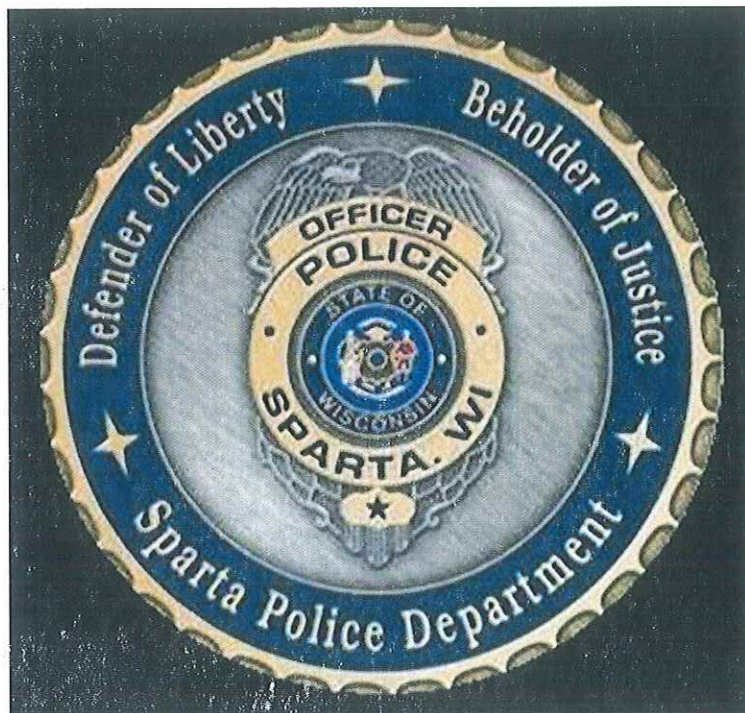


SPARTA POLICE DEPARTMENT



2017

Yearly Report

January 1 – December 31, 2017



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April 18, 2018

The Honorable Ron Button, Mayor
and Members of the City Council
Sparta City Hall
201 W Oak St.
Sparta, WI 54656

Dear Mayor Button and Members of the City Council:

The Annual Report of the City of Sparta Police Department, for the period of January 1st through December 31st, 2017, is herewith submitted for your review.

The staff worked very hard compiling the 2017 data, to make this report very informative and entertaining to read. The report contains a yearend review for the entire department.

As you review this report you'll notice the following:

- Calls for service decreased by 1%
- Meth related drug arrests increased by 9%
- Crimes against Government increased by 9%
- Traffic citations increased by 4%
- Use of Force incidents decreased by 60%
- Crimes against children decreased 3%
- Juvenile citations decreased 5%
- Proactive Police services increased 3%

The future demands and challenges of local Police Departments are constantly changing and growing, as you can see in the news. The Sparta Police Department is always striving to be innovative and forward thinking. Partnering with other agencies and community organizations is very important to the Sparta Police Department's mission, so we can better serve the residents of the City of Sparta. We strongly believe that working in a partnership with government and civic leaders will create a positive influence on the Sparta Community.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kuderer
Chief of Police



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Mission Statement

Our Mission

The mission of the Sparta Police Department is to enhance public safety through crime prevention, education, and enforcement of the law while working in partnership with the community to preserve the quality of life for Sparta residents.

Our Vision

Preserving quality of life through innovation and excellence in policing.

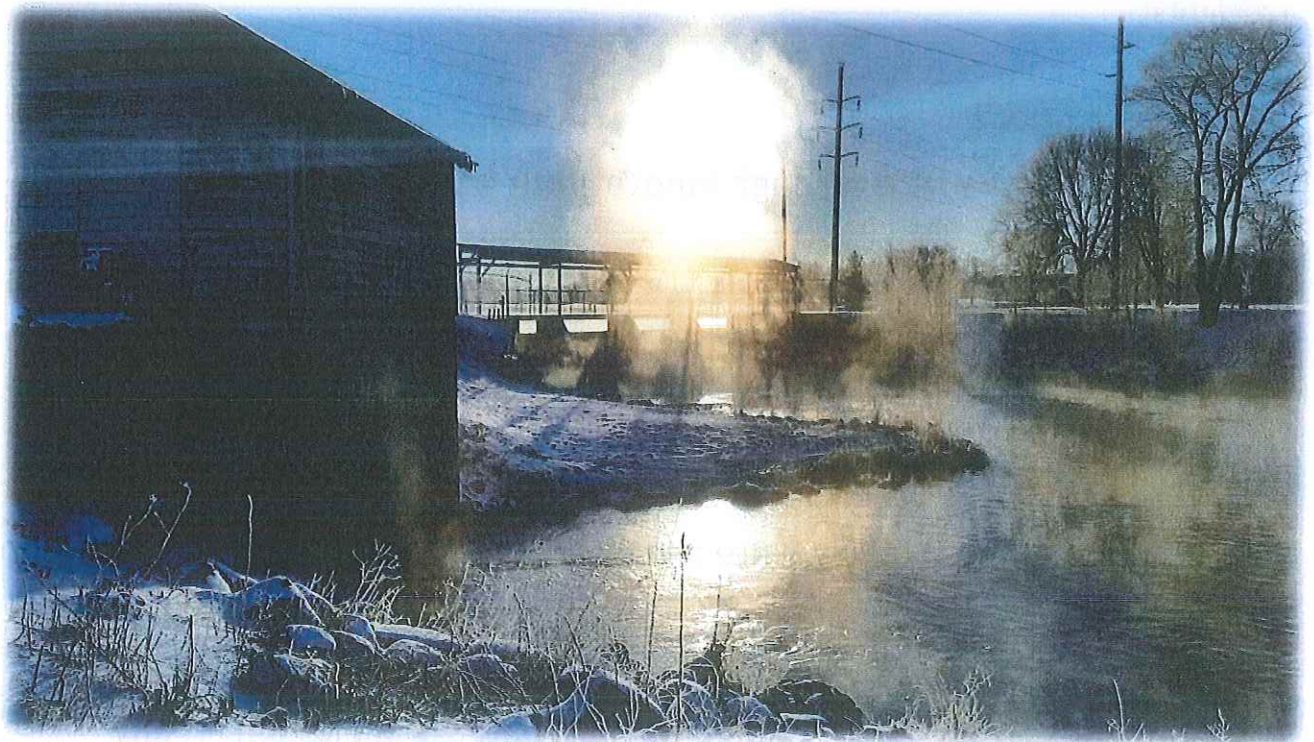
Our Values

Courage – To face one's fears in the face of adversity and do what is required to protect others.

Pride – In work and family we are accountable to each other and the Community.

Excellence – Strive for perfection knowing that "good enough" really isn't.





Code of Ethics

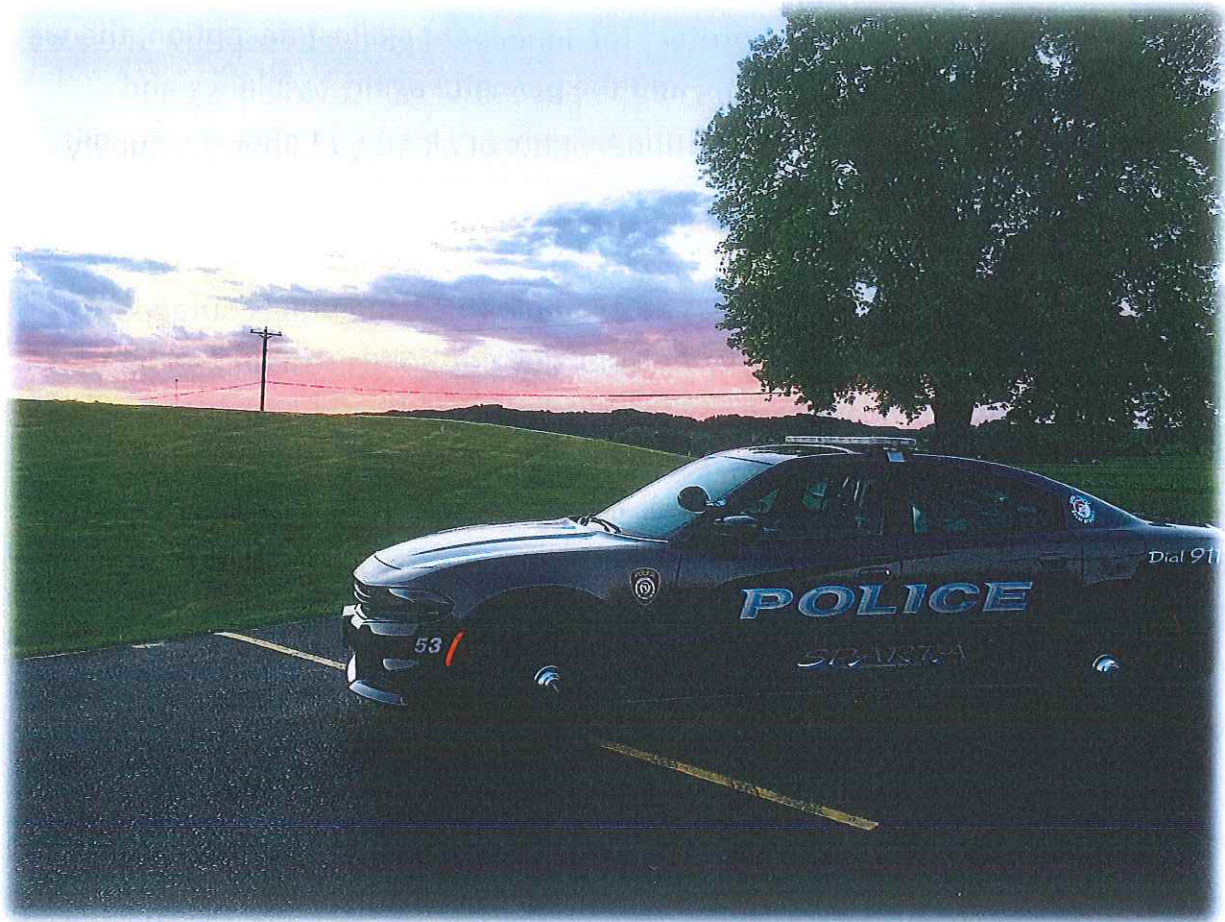
"As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence and disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others; honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life. I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided in me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decision. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courageously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice, or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence, and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve those objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my profession...*Law Enforcement.*







Oath of Honor

On my honor,
I will never betray my profession,
my integrity, my character,
or the public trust.

I will always have the courage
to hold myself and others
accountable for our actions.

I will always uphold the constitution,
my community, and
the agency I serve.



Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Uhls



Chief
David Kuderer



Police Support Specialist
Jessica Erickson



Chaplain
Jef Skinner



Lieutenant
Emilee Nottestad



Chaplain
Randy Larsen



Detective
Andrew Kuen



Detective
Jose Tovar



Sergeant
Jason Pipkin



Sergeant
Booker Ferguson



Sergeant
Joel Ames



Sergeant
Kyle Erickson



SRO
Kyle Seubert



Officer
Marc Nelson



Officer
Kyle Guralski



Officer
Chris Welker



Officer
Jenna Lee



Officer
Corey Johnson



Officer
Jacob Ludovice



Officer
Zach Fischer



Officer
Ethan Schroeder



Officer
Justin Grones



Officer
Brian James



Evidence/Compliance
Officer
Christine Haas



Larz



Kaiser

Personnel Changes

Births



Brinley Mae



Hadley Louise



Dekker



2017 Officer Training

The 2017 training year continued Sparta Police Department's commitment to officer development. Officers focused on areas of specialties including tactical skills, leadership development, investigatory strategies, technology in law enforcement, legal updates, and current trends in crime and policing.

Aside from our State of Wisconsin-required training in Firearms Qualification, Emergency Vehicle Operations, and Defense and Arrest Tactics, officers were able to participate in a variety of other skills trainings on a regular basis. Our members of the Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit (Officer Nelson, Detective Kuen, Officer Johnson, Officer James, Officer Guralski and Officer Fischer) train monthly. Our K-9 officers (Officer Johnson and Officer James) train with a regional group of K-9 officers on a monthly basis, as well. Our sniper (Officer Guralski) trains monthly throughout much of the year. Our Department Honor Guard (Sergeant Erickson, Officer Welker, Officer Ludovice, Officer Fischer, Officer Nelson and Officer Grones) train on a quarterly basis.



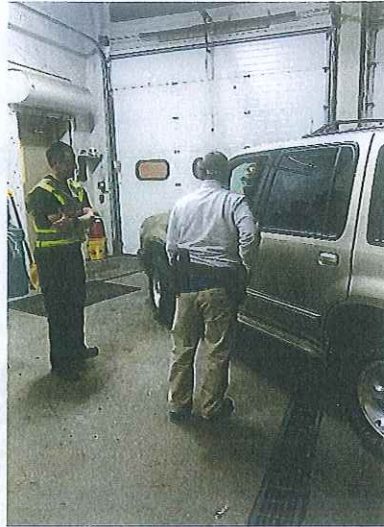
Sparta Police Department had a few notable highlights in the 2017 training schedule:

In June the Department coordinated a large-scale active-shooter drill at the Gundersen Clinic in Sparta. This event was organized by Officer Nelson, who also serves as a Team Leader for the CTU Team as well as an EMT for Sparta Area Ambulance. The event included numerous Monroe County agencies including the Sparta Police Department, Monroe County 911 Communications Center, Sparta Area Ambulance, Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit, area media and Gundersen Lutheran. During the simulated active-shooter event, a hostile individual entered the clinic and shot several individuals including staff and patients. Officers responded and a hostage situation ensued. The Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit and Hostage

Negotiations Team assisted. Patients were triaged and evacuated. Eventually the shooter (played by Sergeant Joel Ames) was taken into custody and the hostage was recovered. It was a tremendous learning opportunity for everyone involved.



Also in June the Sparta Police Department hosted an ARIDE Training (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement) in Sparta. Officers from around the state participated in the training. ARIDE trains law enforcement officers to observe, identify and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol or a combination of both. By coordinating and hosting the training locally, our agency was able to send 5 of our officers who had not yet attended this training at no cost for the training or any travel expenses.



In July the Sparta Police Department once again worked with the Tomah Police Department to provide Advanced Patrol Tactics training. This training establishes a trained, coordinated response protocol throughout Monroe County. All Sparta and Tomah officers, as well as some of the smaller Monroe County agencies, are now trained.



In August we were excited to host the national Desert Snow Criminal Terrorist and Interdiction Training in Sparta. This training has not been offered in our area before, so we were eager to bring it to Sparta. Sparta hosted law enforcement officers from around the country for this event. The training focuses on drug interdiction, traffic stops, searches, evidence collection, interviews and

courtroom testimony. This is not a training that we would be able to send our officers to when offered in other areas of the country. However, by hosting the training, 3 of our officers were able to attend.

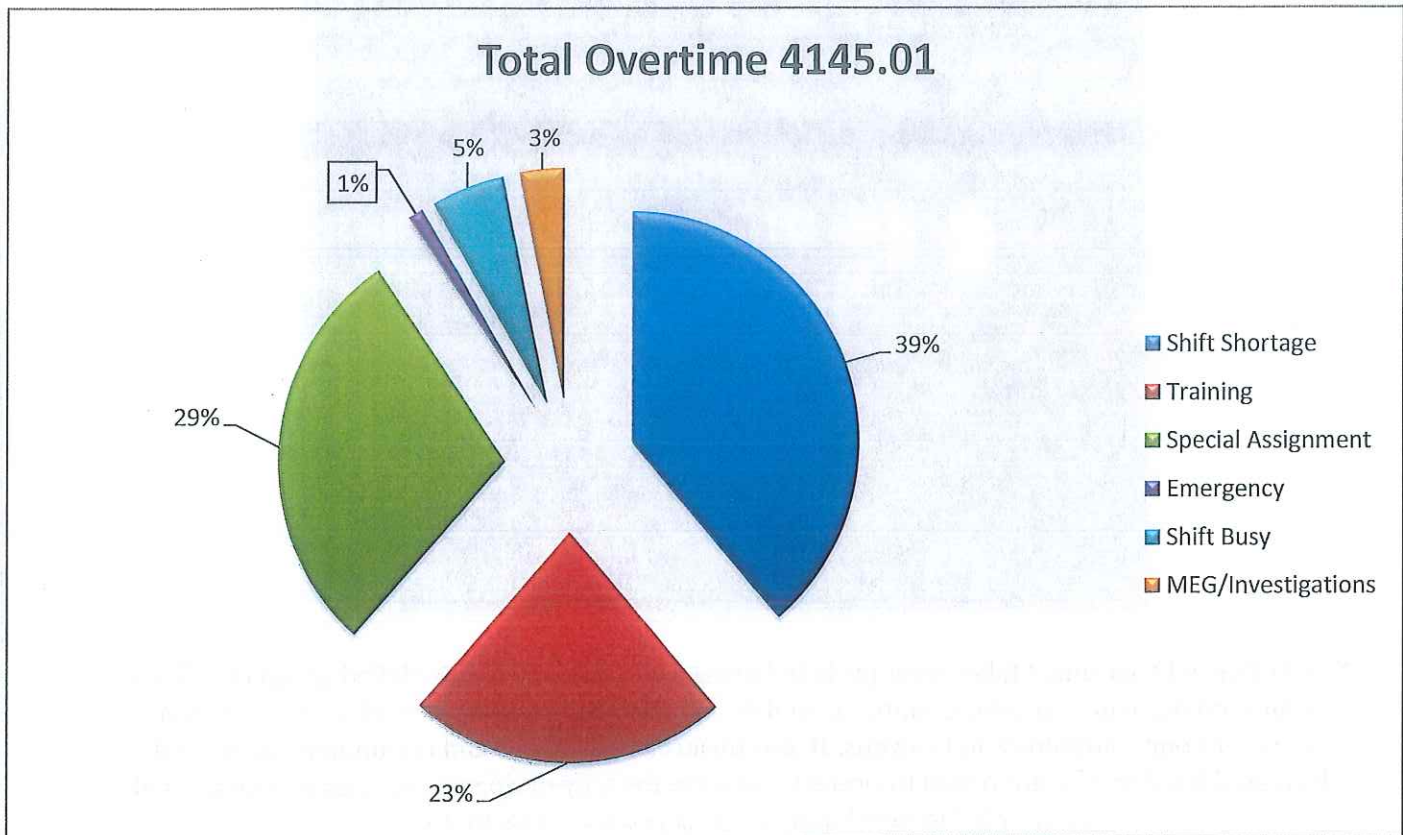


Sparta Police Department takes great pride in having a well-trained, highly-skilled group of officers.

Our commitment to regular training, as well as the diversity of training we offer, means better service to our community and citizens. It also means better officer and community safety, and decreased liability. We are proud to protect and serve the City of Sparta and remain focused and committed to developing the best possible ways to do so.

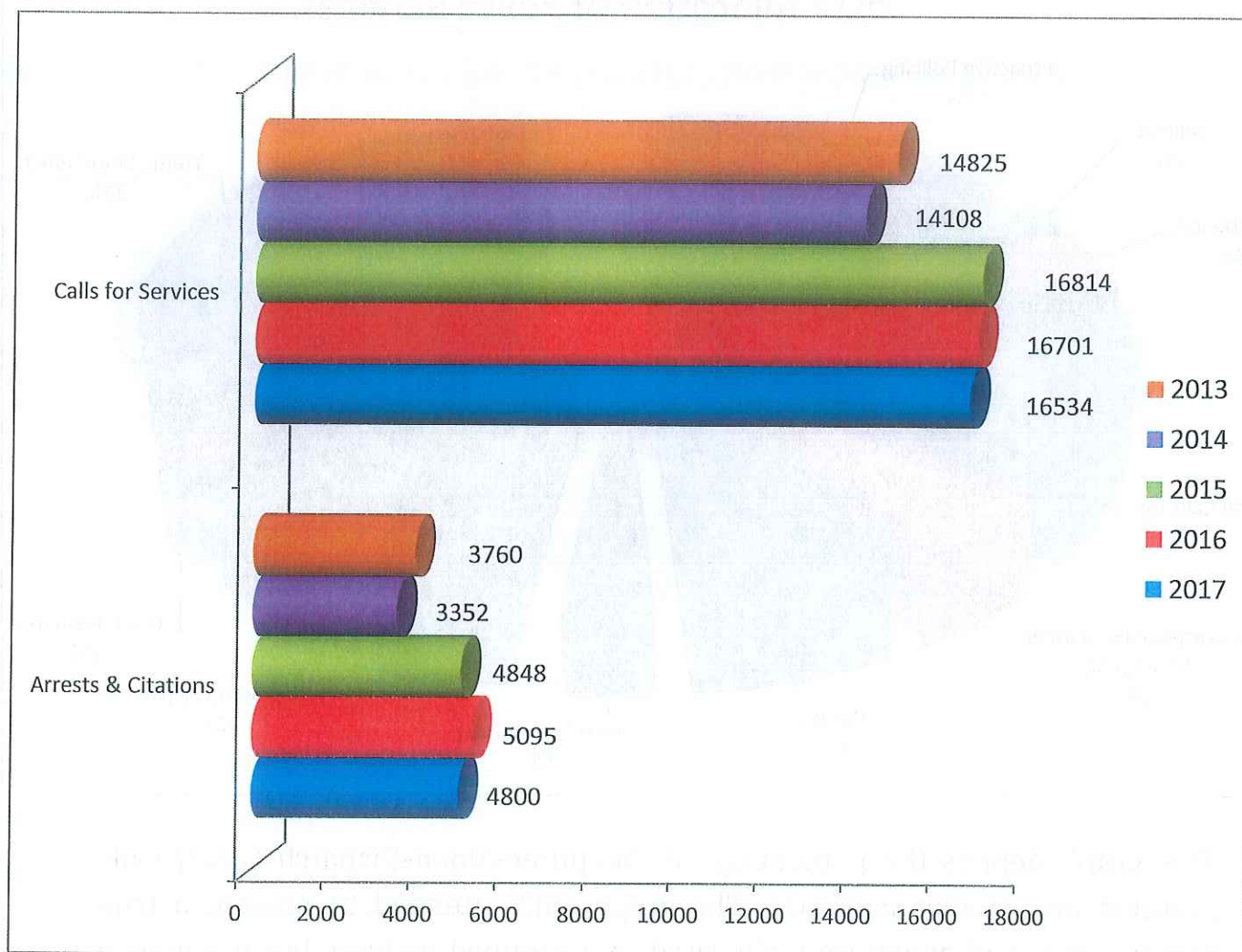


2017 Overtime Statistics



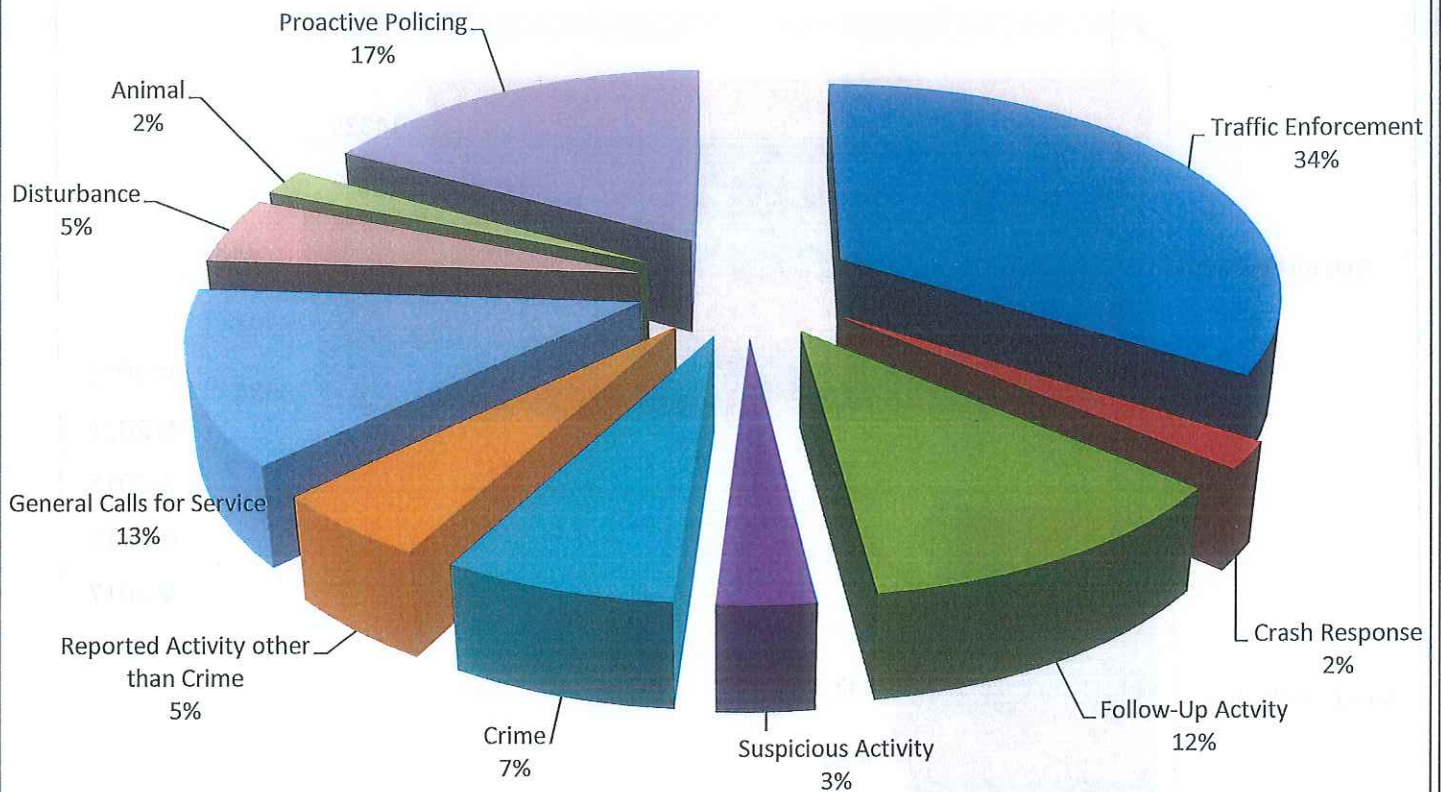
- Shift Shortage – Due to vacations, training, special assignments, emergencies, and investigations conducted by other officers
- Training – Hours in excess of officer's normal work schedule
- Special Assignment – Court, briefings, presentations
- Emergency – Natural disasters, Combined Tactical Unit call-out
- Shift Busy – Incidents occurring at the end of a shift or ones that have to be finished for the next day
- MEG/Investigation – drug investigations, major cases

2017 Five Year Trends

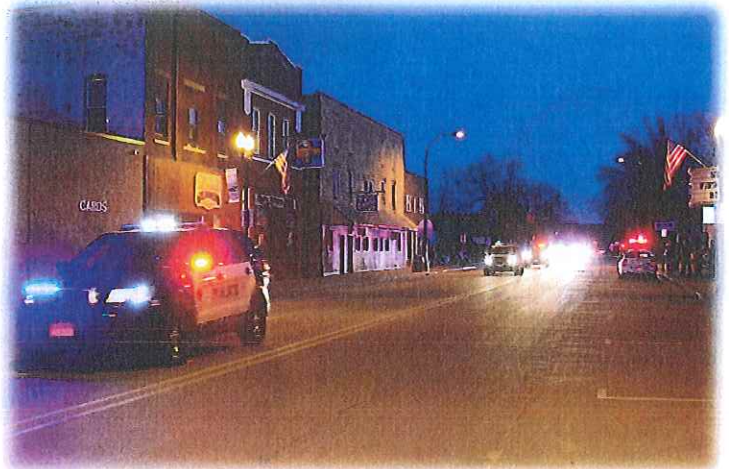
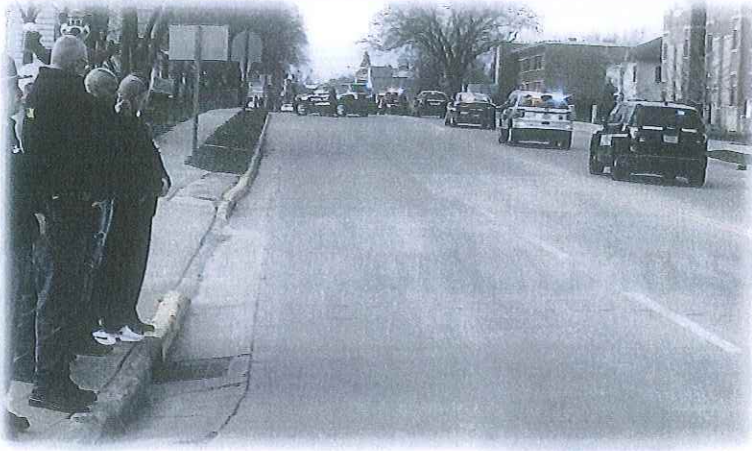


Allocation of Services

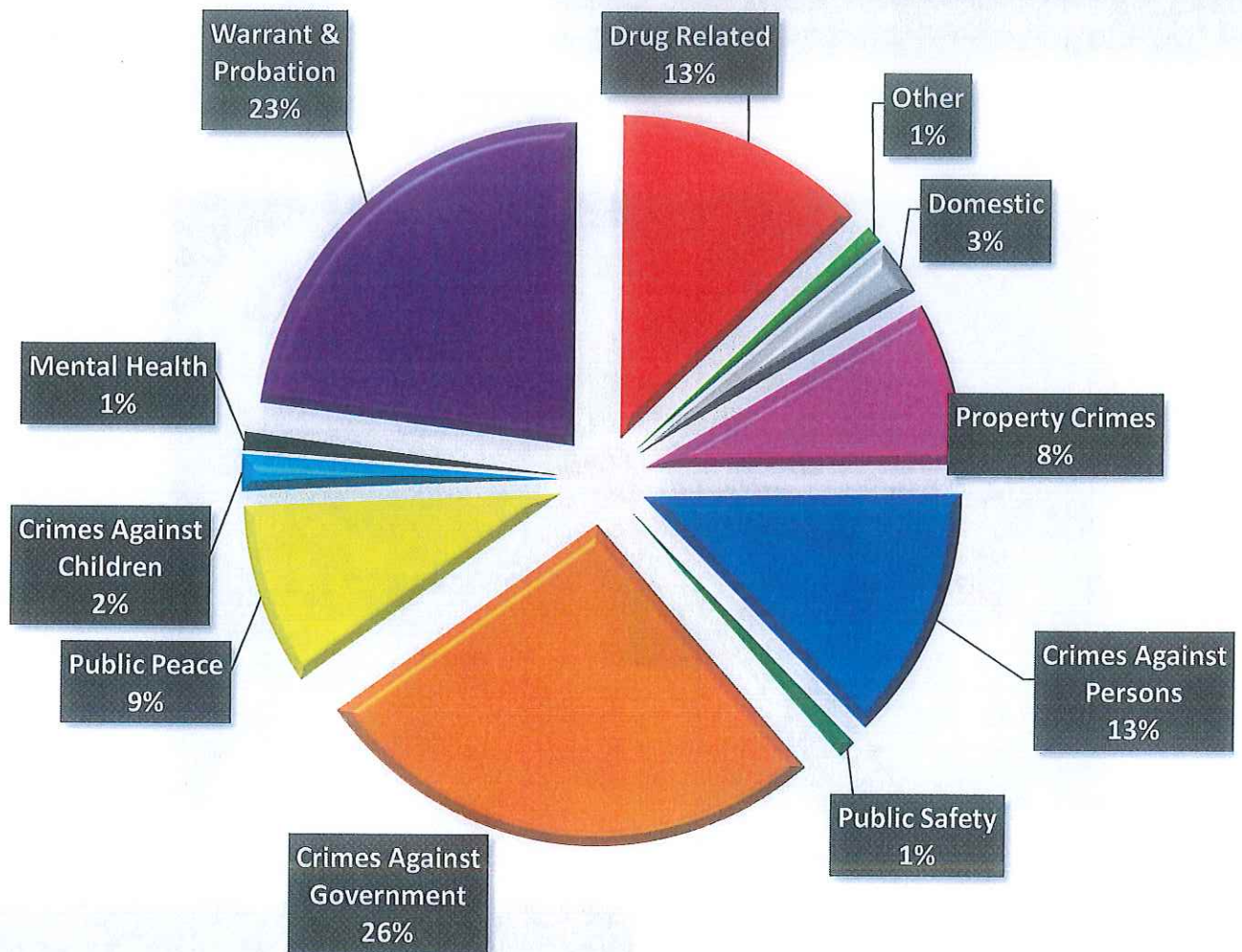
2017 Allocation of Police Services



This graph depicts the percentage of Computer-Aided-Dispatch (CAD) calls grouped into similar activities. The graph isn't intended to present a true representation of actual time allocated to a grouped activity, but provides a visual reference for comparing police services, either requested or self-initiated.



Arrest Percentage By Type of Crime

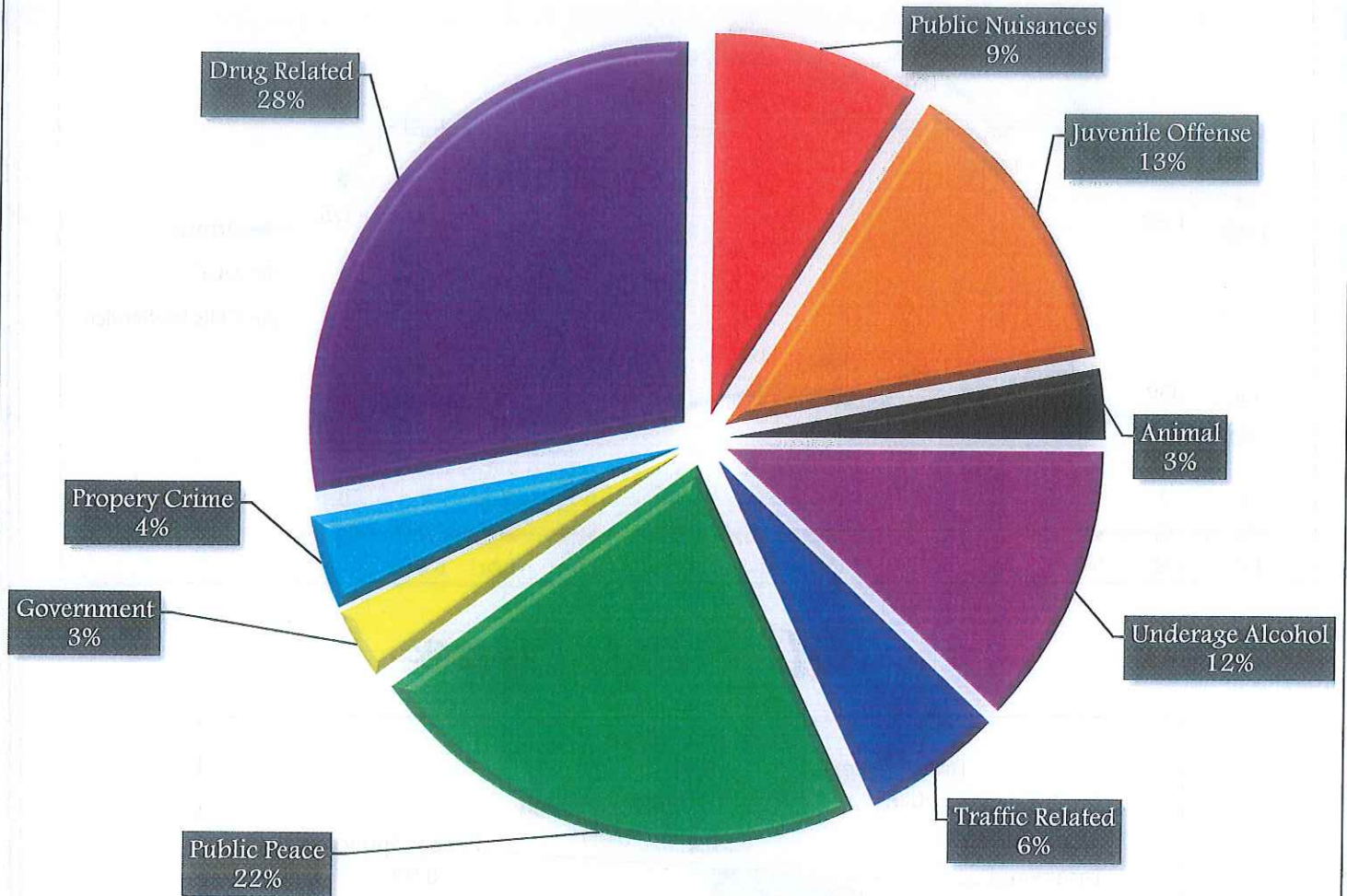


- **Compared to 2016:**

- Crimes Against the Government arrest increased 9%
- Crimes Against Children arrests decreased 3%
- Crimes Against Persons arrests increased 1%
- Property Crimes decreased 4%

Municipal Offense

By Type

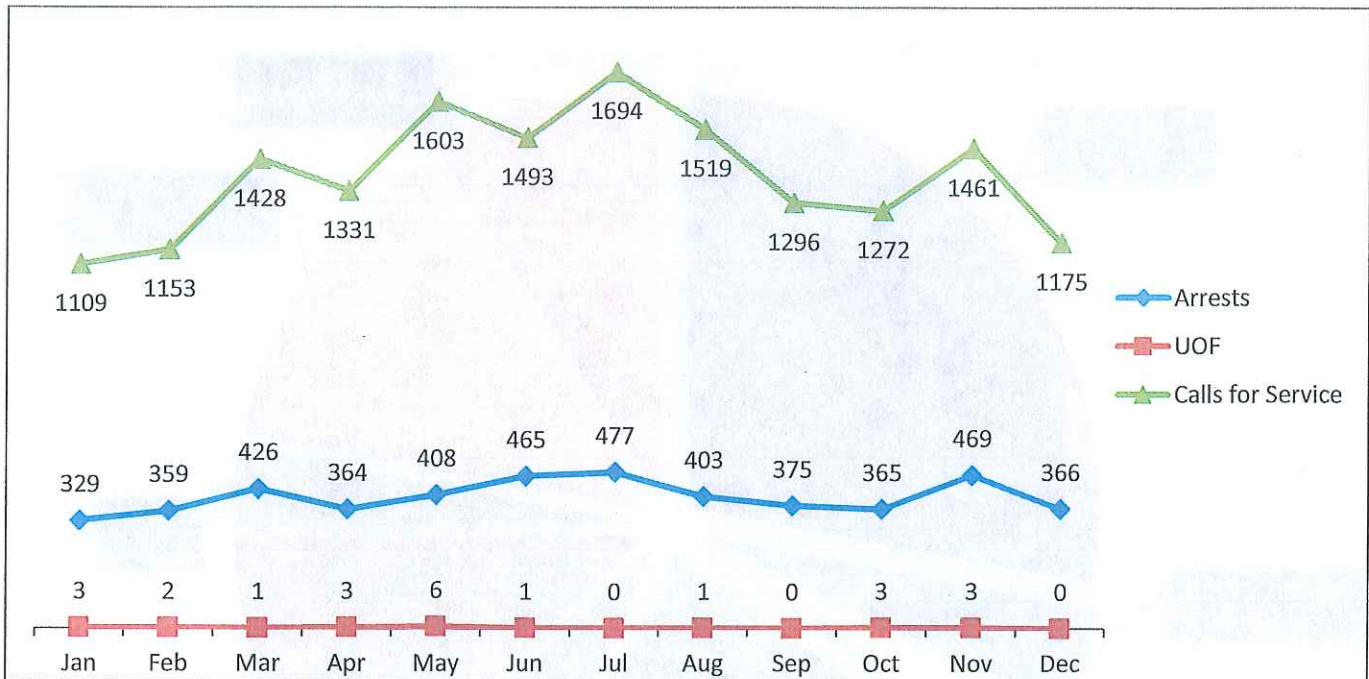


- **Compared to 2016**

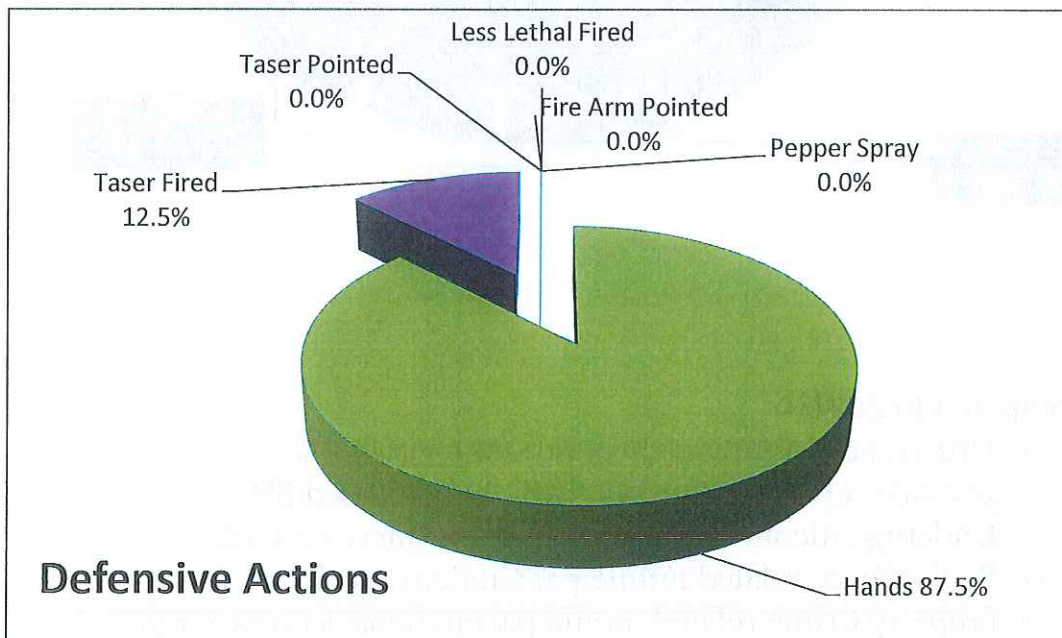
- Drug related municipal citations increased 2%
- Juvenile related municipal citations decreased 5%
- Underage Alcohol municipal citations increased 4%
- Public Peace related municipal citations increased 7%
- Property Crime related municipal citations decreased 8%

Use of Force (UOF)

Comparison Report

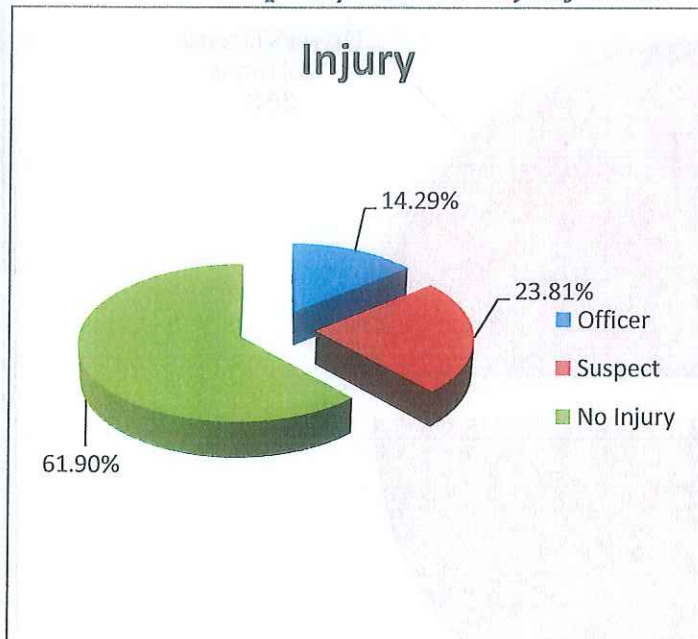


UOF by Type

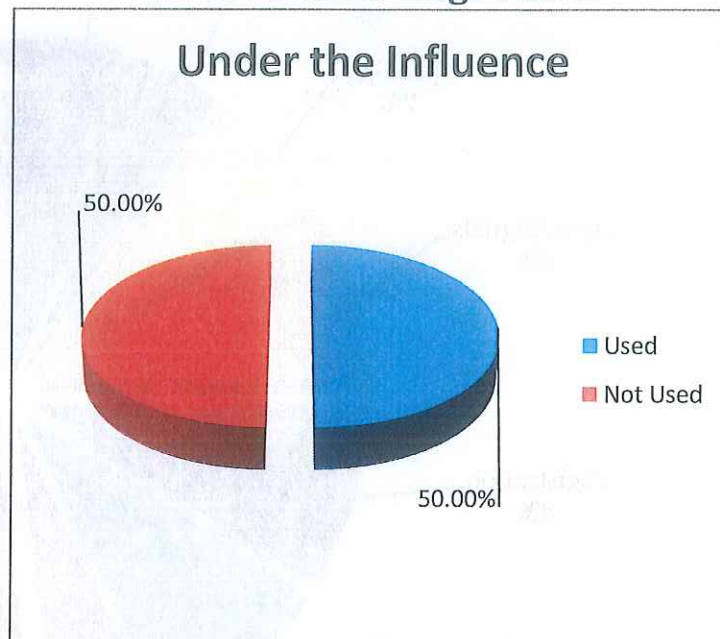


UOF Statistics

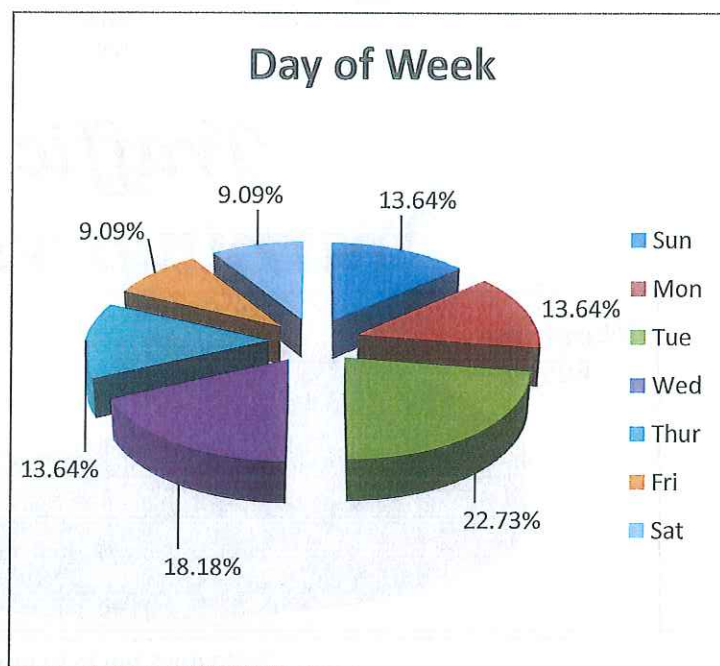
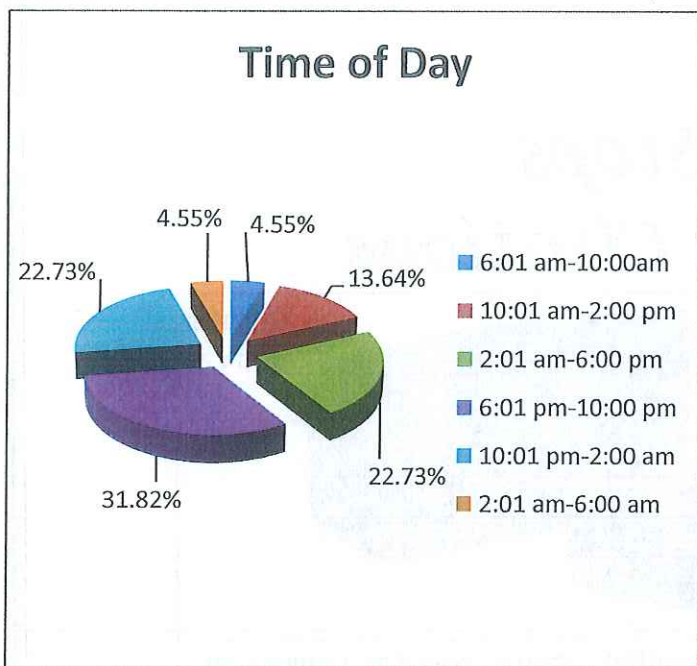
2017 Suspect/Officer Injury Ratio



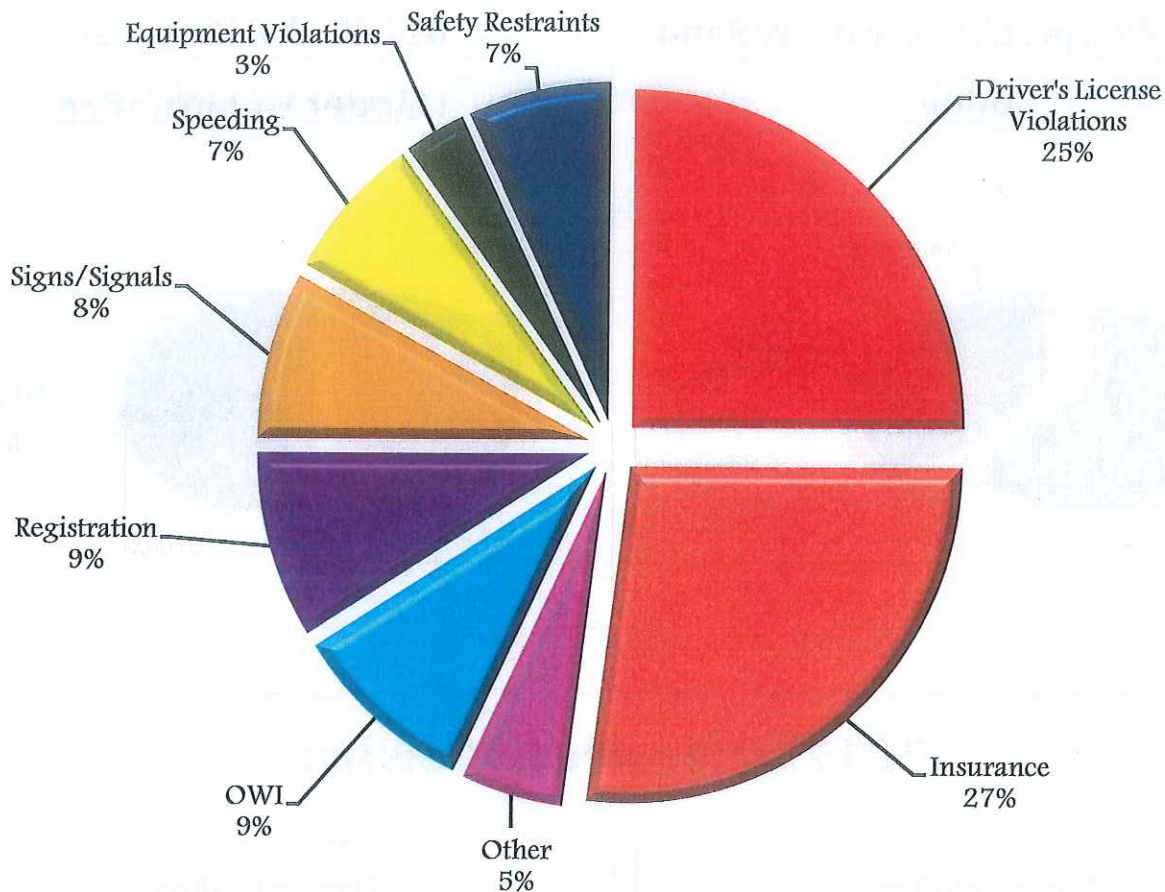
2017 Alcohol Usage Factor



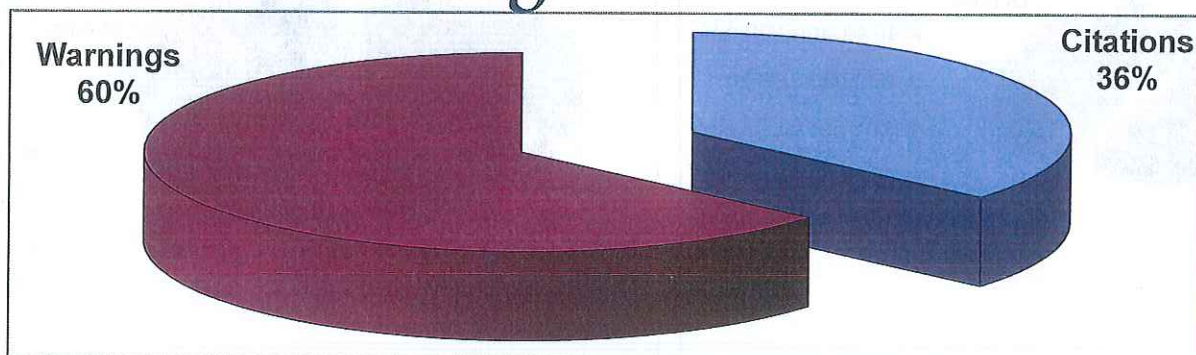
2017 Defensive Action by:



Traffic Citation Percentage By Type of Offense

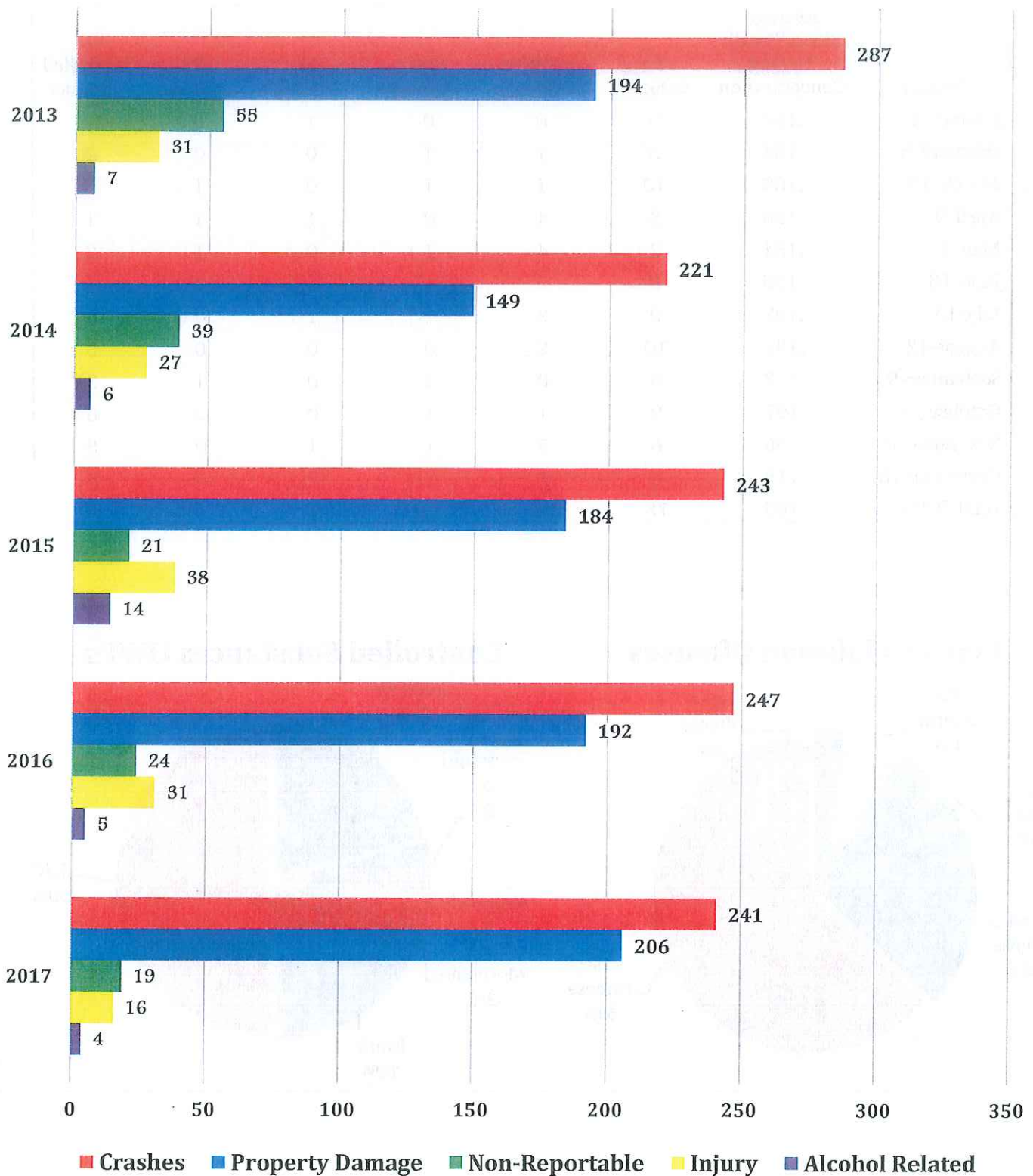


Traffic Stops Warnings vs Citations



***Data does not take into multiple citations issued on a single stop.**

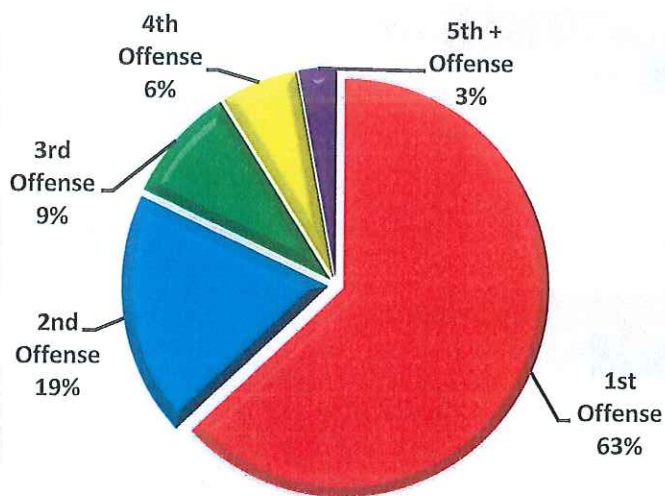
Five Year Traffic Crash Trend



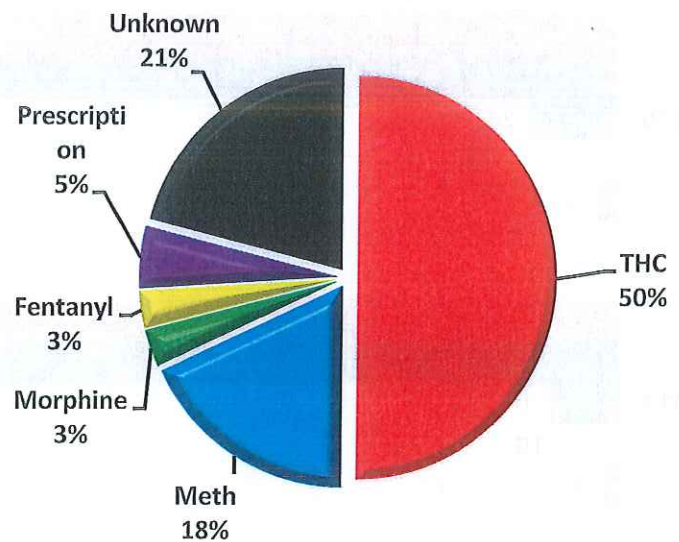
BAC/PAC Results

Month	Average Blood/Breath Alcohol Concentration	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense	5th+ Offense	W/ Controlled Substance
January-4	.188	3	0	0	1	0	1
February-5	.163	3	1	1	0	0	2
March-13	.169	10	1	1	0	1	5
April-9	.186	3	4	0	1	1	1
May-8	.194	2	4	1	0	1	2
June-13	.155	9	2	1	1	0	5
July-13	.197	9	2	1	1	0	3
August-12	.131	10	2	0	0	0	3
September-9	.127	6	0	2	0	1	3
October-11	.197	9	1	1	0	0	6
November-13	.156	6	5	1	1	0	5
December-13	.118	8	1	2	2	0	3
Total (123):	.165	78	23	11	7	4	39

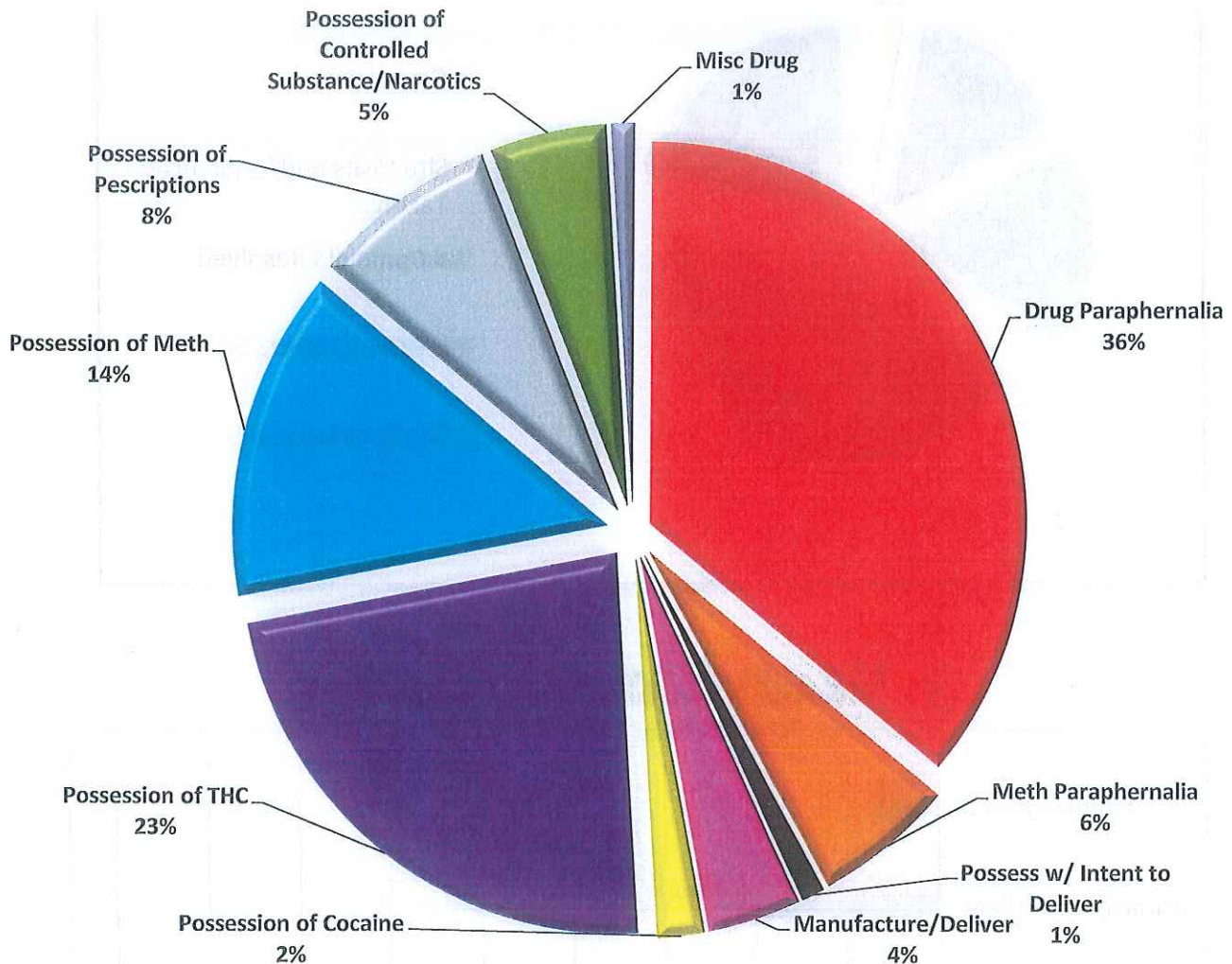
Repeat Violation Offenses



Controlled Substances OWI's

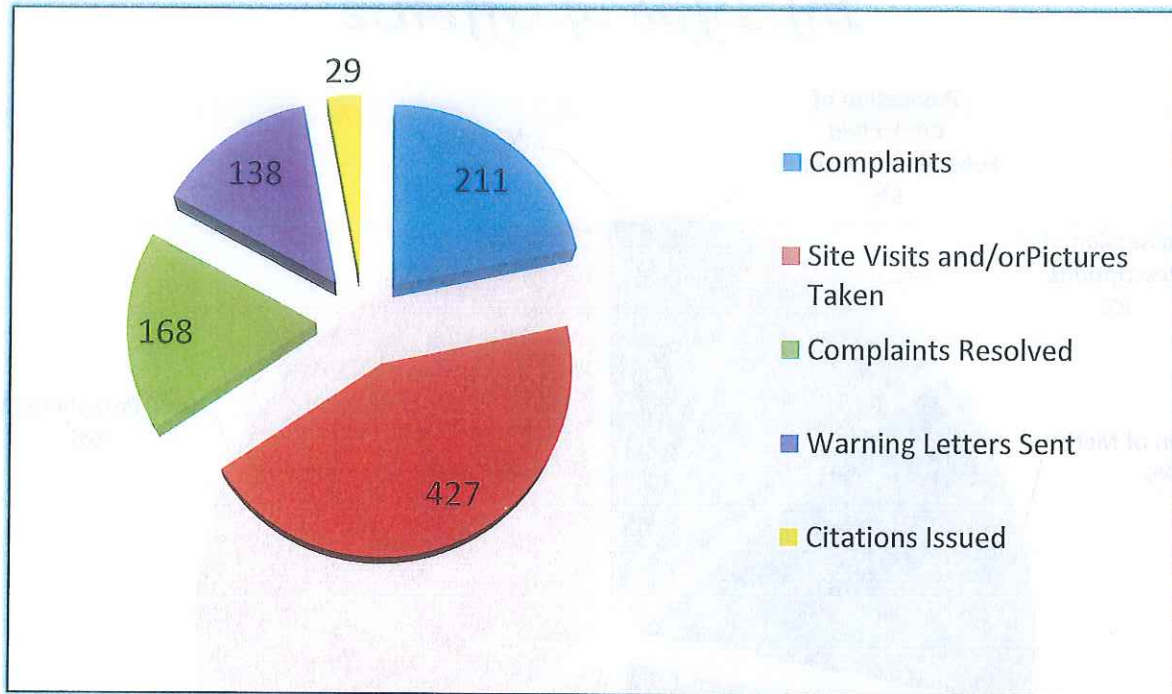


Drug Arrest and Citation Percentages By Type of Offense

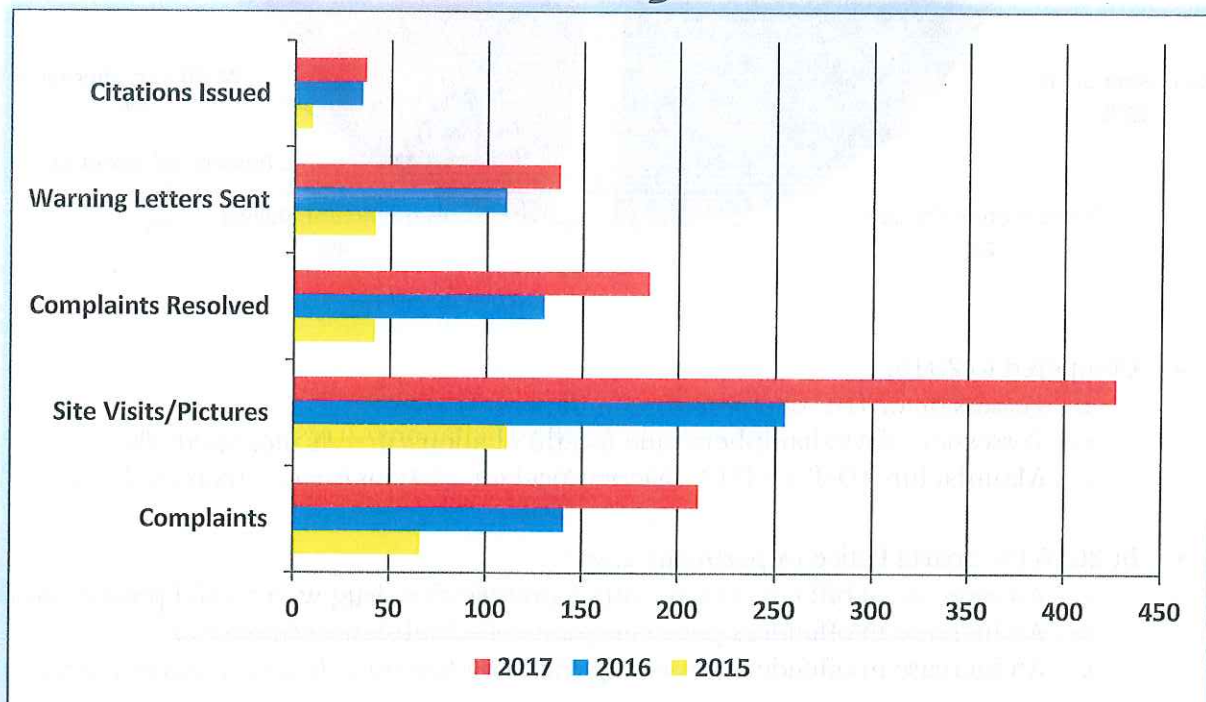


- Compared to 2015:
 - Possession of THC citations/arrests decreased 16%
 - Possession of Methamphetamine (Meth) citations/arrests increased 9%
 - Manufacture/Deliver (THC, Meth, Cocaine) citations/arrests increased 2%
- In 2016 the Sparta Police Department saw:
 - An increase in offenders possessing a prescription drug w/o a valid prescription
 - An increase in offenders possessing controlled substances/narcotics
 - An increase in offenders possessing Methamphetamine (Meth) paraphernalia.

2017 Code Compliance Investigation Totals



3 Year Comparison



Parking Summary by Ordinance

From 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017

Ordinance Description	Current Month	Fine Total	Year to Date	Same Month Prior Year	Last Year
Alternate	319	\$4785	319	52	83
Excess of 48 Hours	51	\$765	51	14	46
Handicapped	0	\$0	0	0	2
No 2am to 6am	62	\$930	62	16	76
No Parking Anytime	9	\$135	9	1	13
No Truck or Van	0	\$0	0	1	9
Overnight Parking	15	\$225	15	0	11
Residential Parking	2	\$30	2	0	2
Restricted	39	\$585	39	6	69
School Zone	1	\$15	1	0	1
State Traffic Parking	7	\$105	7	2	11
Two Hour	4	\$60	4	0	11
Totals:	509	\$7635	509	92	334



2017 Activity Report

Citations & Arrests

Traffic: 2273

Non-Traffic: 2527

Speed Related	167	Bail Jumping	533
Traffic Signs & Signals	92	Battery	67
Driver License Violations	564	Burglary	7
Vehicle Registration	197	Disorderly Conduct	274
OMVWI/PAC	209	Obstructing/Resisting	88
Insurance	604	Drug Related	404
Seat Belts	169	Theft	122
All Others	271	Underage Drinking	50
		Curfew	16
		Truancy	18
		All Others	948

Chief's Report

Training:

- All Officers are in compliance with the training hours required by training and standards.
- All Officers completed the firearms qualification course required by training & standards.
- All Officers are in compliance with training & standards required Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC).

Officers participated in the following activities:

- Shop with a Hero
- Christmas for Kids – purchasing and delivering presents to local children.
- Christmas Parade and Christmas Train events
- Holiday Lights in the park
- Halloween Safety presentations at the schools
- Trick or Treat booth at the Barney Center
- National Night Out
- Family Literacy Night at the AEC center reading books to youth
- Pie in the face fundraiser at Lakeview School
- K-9 demonstrations for schools and organizations
- Community tours of the Police Station for youth groups
- Bike Safety programs
- Butterfest
- K-9 Golf Tournament
- Boys and Girls Club
- Plus other community, church, and school events.

Sparta Police Department K9 Unit



2018 Stats for K9 Kaiser

Deployments – 68

Arrests

Felony – 21 Misdemeanor – 19

Ordinance – 2

Drugs Located (Amounts in Grams)

Marijuana – 12.4 grams

Meth – 1 gram

Drug Paraphernalia – 23 grams

Building Searches – 8

Passive Apprehensions – 2

Warrant/ATL - 7

2018 Stats for Larz

Deployments – 62

Arrests

Felony – 11 Misdemeanor – 19

Ordinance – 5

Drugs Located (Amount in grams)

Marijuana – 33.8 grams

Meth – 2 grams

Drug Paraphernalia – 23

Items

Building Searches – 2

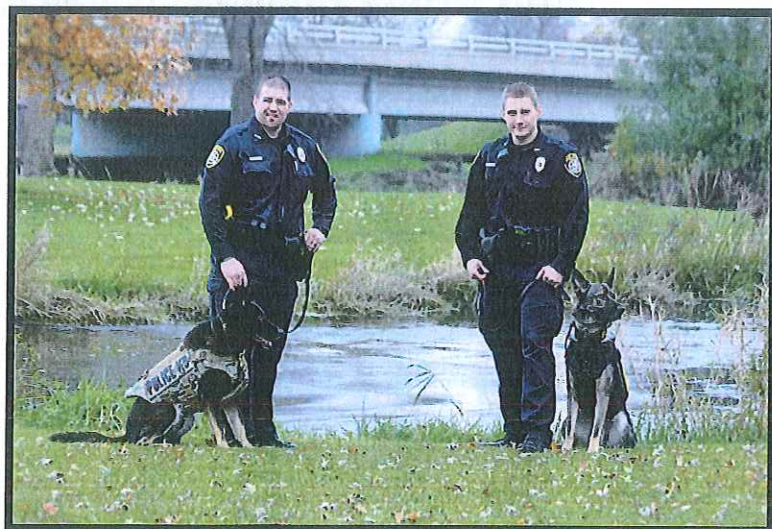
Passive Apprehensions –
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Warrant/ATL – 1

School Sniffs – 4

Vehicle Sniffs – 47

(*Larz was injured 09/17)



Sparta Police Department

2017 Drug Report

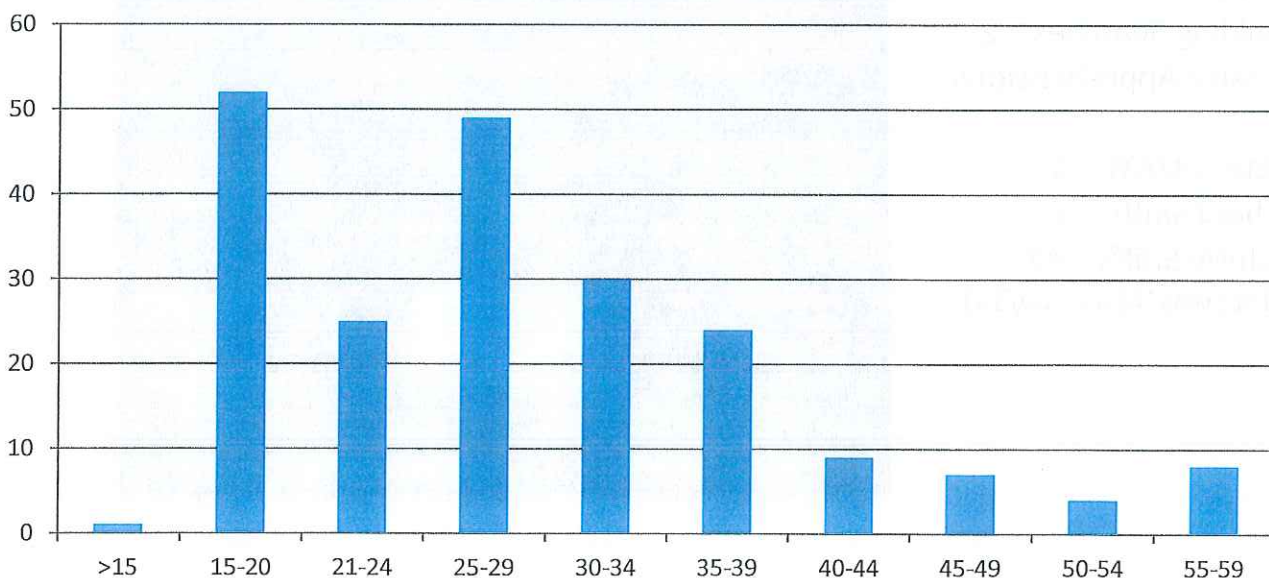
For the purpose of this report, a “drug seizure” is an incident in which an illegal substance or drug paraphernalia as defined under WI Statutes CH. 961 and Ch. 450 was seized, located, or recovered and taken into police custody. Data in this report has been compiled from SPD’s records management system and evidence tracking program with information provided by the reporting officers. These statistics do not include data collected from Joint Special Investigations Unit.

Who We’ve Dealt With

In 2017, over 200 offenders were cited or arrested for drug-related offenses. Of that group, the youngest offender was 13, and the oldest was 59-years-old. The average age of an offender was 27. The majority of all drug offenders, 64%, were males.

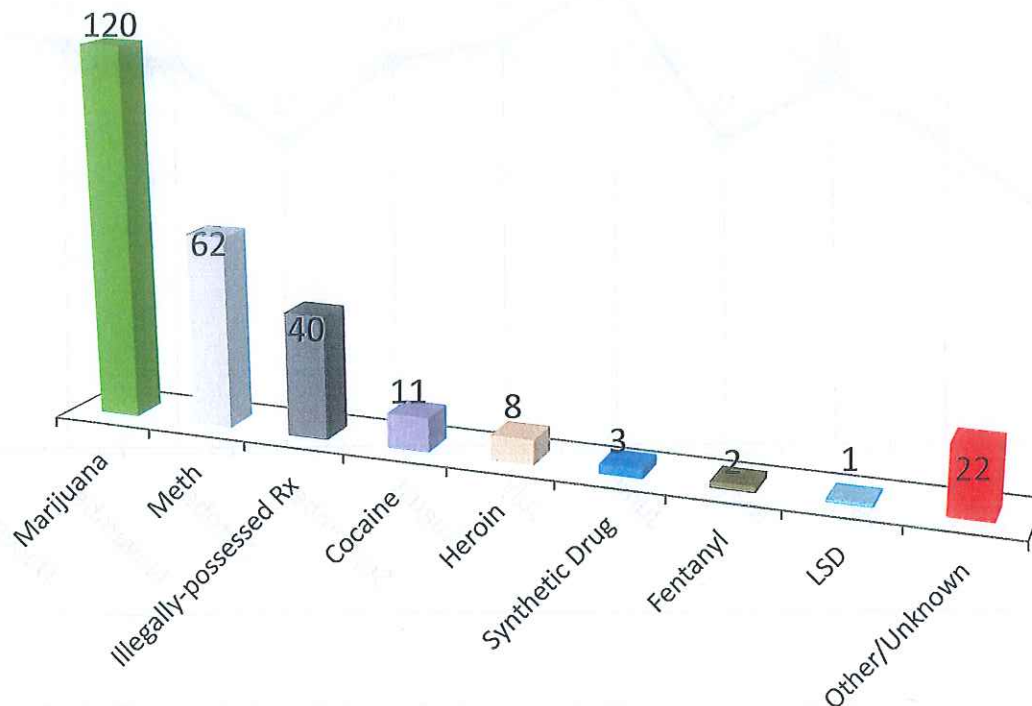
The age of offender did vary to some extent on the drug of choice. The average age of an offender who was found in possession of meth/meth paraphernalia was 33, whereas the average age of an offender with only marijuana and related paraphernalia was 25.

2017 Drug Offenders by Age Group



What We've Taken off the Streets

2017 Cases of Specific Drug/Paraphernalia Seized



This graph shows the frequency in which officers seized a common specific drug and its related paraphernalia. Some cases included seizures of several different types of drugs.

Approximate Total Weights of Commonly Seized Illegal Drugs

Marijuana (THC): 500 grams

Methamphetamine: 41 grams

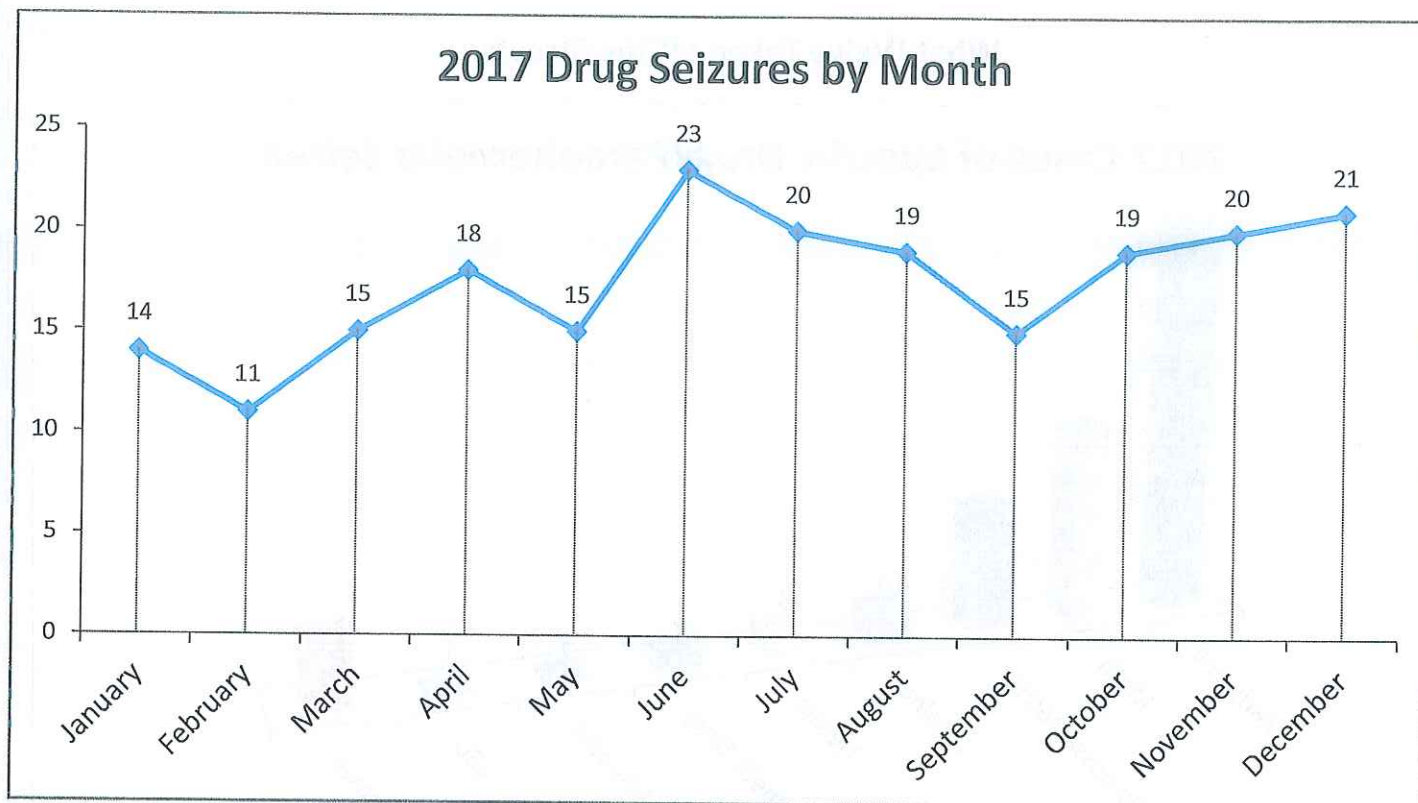
Heroin: 8 grams

Cocaine: 8 grams

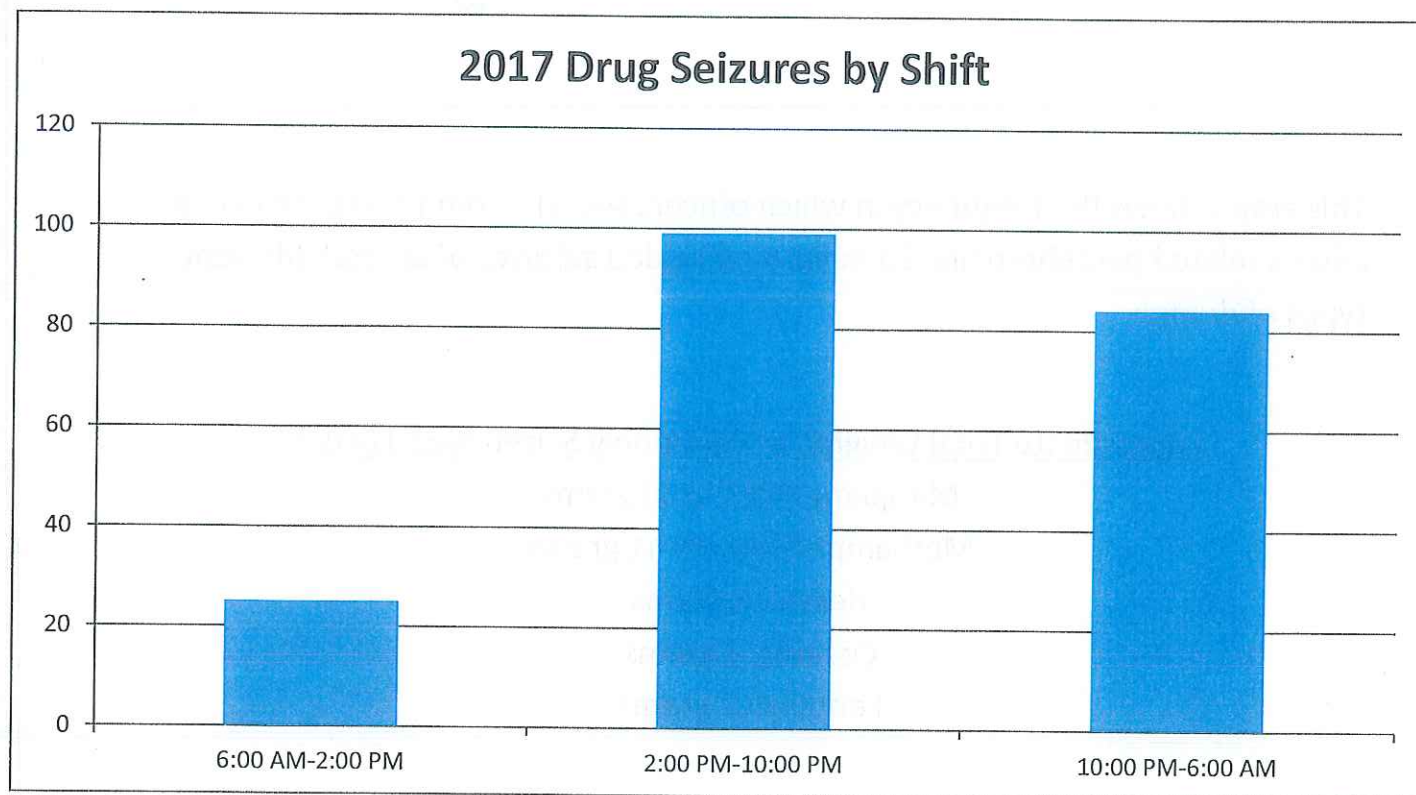
Fentanyl: 2 grams

When Drugs Were Seized

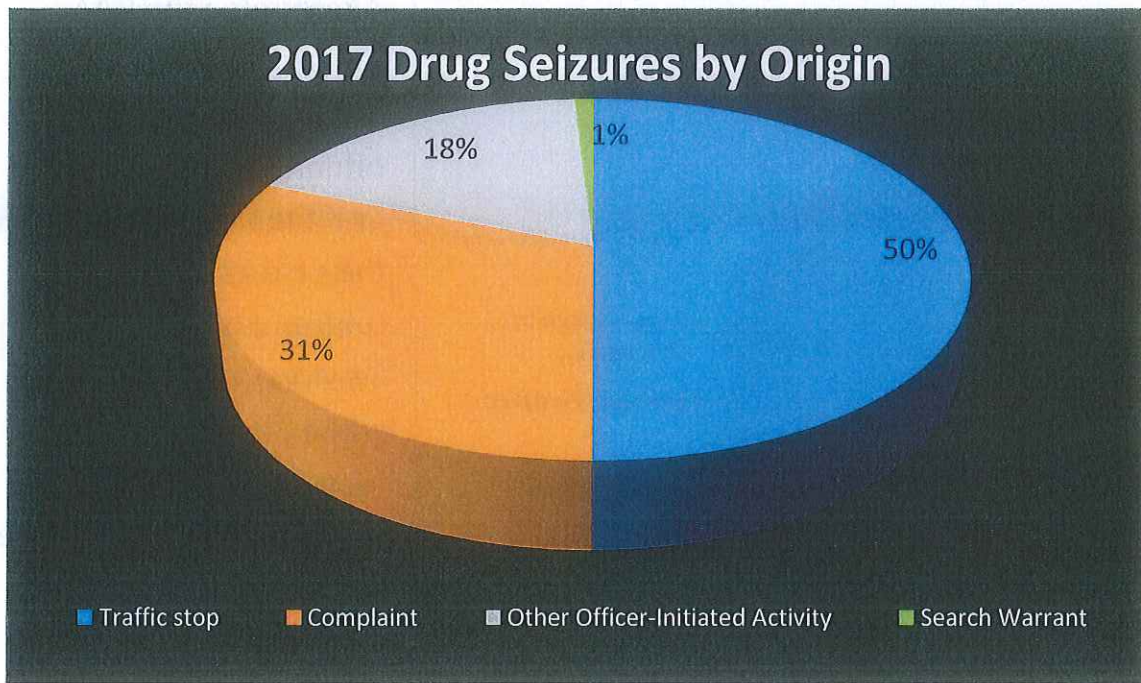
2017 Drug Seizures by Month



2017 Drug Seizures by Shift



How Officers Encountered Drugs

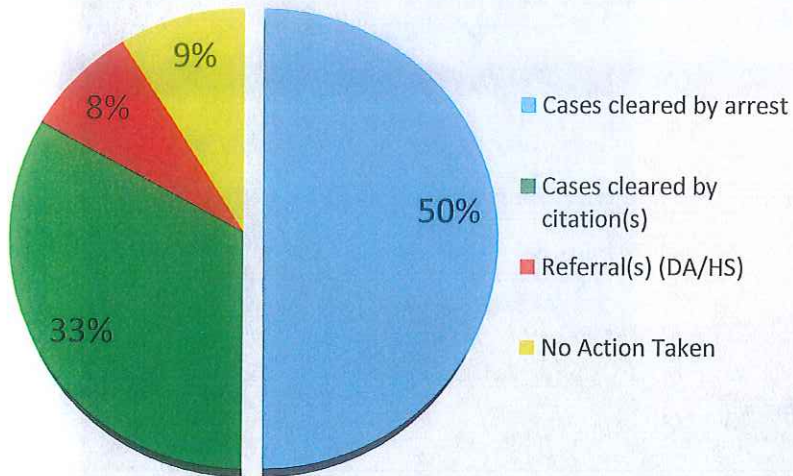


This graph depicts how officers located illegal drugs. "Complaints" include calls originating from citizens, Probation/Parole agents, or another law enforcement agency. "Other officer-initiated activity" includes pedestrian checks, suspicious persons/vehicle checks, or other actions initiated by the officers excluding traffic enforcement.

In regards to traffic enforcement, SPD initiated 5598 traffic stops in 2017. Drugs and/or paraphernalia were located in 1 out of about every 53 of those contacts.

How Drug Seizures Were Processed

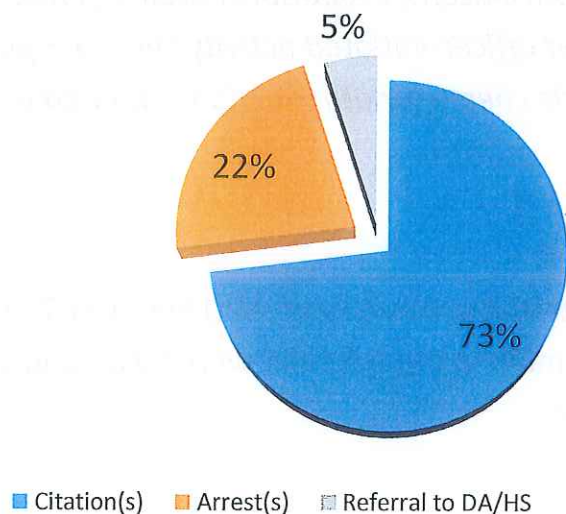
2017 Case Dispositions



A referral to the DA (District Attorney) is usually done if the offender(s) is not located or if the DA is to evaluate the case later. An HS referral (to Human Services) is typically used when the offender is a juvenile. Cases with "no action taken" include cases where drug items were found without someone actually in possession.

Officers can use discretion in issuing municipal citations for minor drug offenses, such as *possession of marijuana*, *possession of synthetic marijuana*, and *possession of drug paraphernalia*, instead of making an arrest.

Marijuana-only Offense Disposition

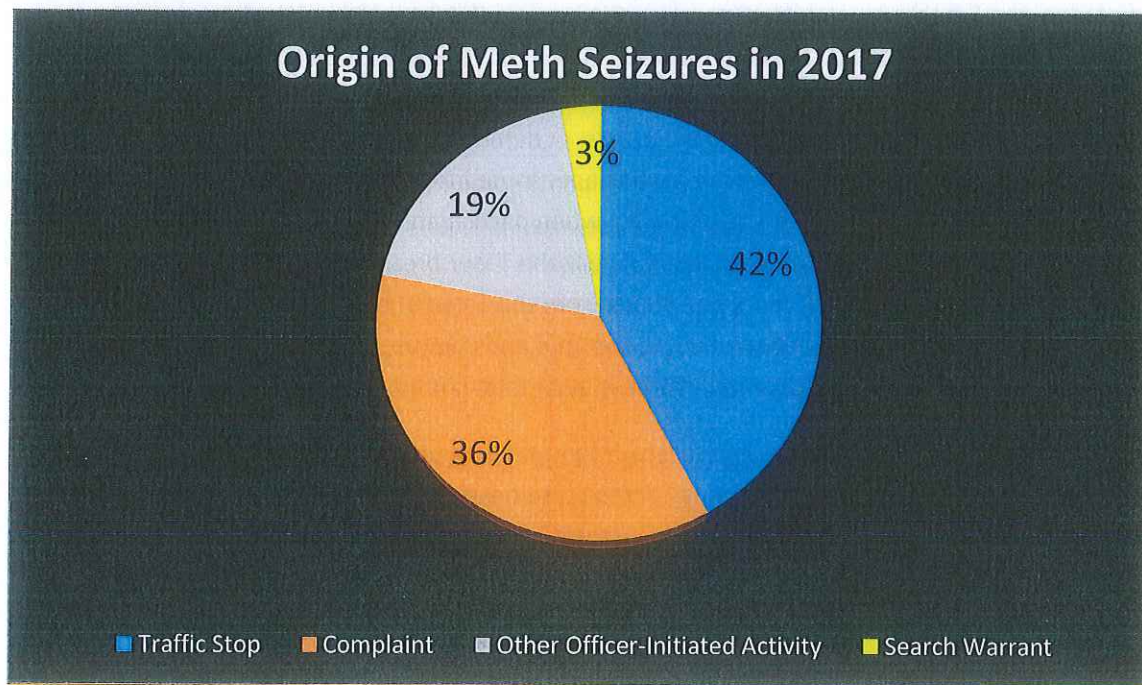


A large majority (73%) of offenders with marijuana only were issued citations rather than being arrested for simple possession.

Methamphetamine

Like many area communities, Sparta has seen an increase in meth use in recent years. The most common items officers have seen associated with this drug are plastic “gem” bags, syringes/needles, and glass smoking devices. Aside from marijuana, meth was the most commonly found drug by the Sparta Police.

A total of 65 total different offenders were arrested or referred to the District Attorney for charges relating to meth; 40 males, 25 females. The youngest offender was 18-years-old and the oldest was 58. The average of female offender was 32 and the average male offender was 34.



Other Drug Notes

Officers seized 14 vials of Naloxone (Narcan), the drug used to counter an opiate overdose. The Department also received their own Naloxone kits and officers were trained in the emergency administration of the drug for responding to opiate overdoses.

The drug fentanyl was recovered on at least two different occasions. Some unidentified substances have been sent to the Wisconsin Crime Laboratory for testing and several results are still pending as of this report.

2017 Citizen's Academy

2017 brought us the opportunity to host another Citizen's Academy, something we have not been able to do since 2014. This year's academy was attended by 11 individuals. The academy is a platform we use to give those who attend the opportunity to learn more about the duties and responsibilities of the Employees of the Sparta Police Department, and the day-to-day operations of the Sparta Police Department.

The academy included ten sessions beginning in September and ending in November. With the exception of one Saturday morning session and one Saturday afternoon session, the participants met on Tuesday nights starting at 7 pm and ending at 9 pm.

2017 Sessions included a visit to the Monroe County Dispatch Center, the Monroe County Jail, the Monroe County Court House (for a presentation by Judge Ziegler and District Attorney Kevin Croninger) the shooting range, the Emergency Vehicle Operation Course and the Sparta Municipal Airport for a presentation by Gundersen Air and a chance for participants to use rescue equipment belonging to the Sparta Area Fire District. Participants were also given a presentation on physical evidence and provided the opportunity to try their hand at gathering fingerprints. A demonstration provided by the canine handlers and their four legged partners gave the participants some insight into the capabilities of the canine unit and as always is at or near the top of the list when participants are asked what their favorite session was. Other favorites listed by the participants were the Taser presentation where participants are given the opportunity to receive a five second shock from the Taser and the shoot-don't shoot scenarios where participants are provided with an air soft gun and conduct mock traffic stops where they are presented with a scenario where deadly force may or may not be appropriate.

The academy ended with a dinner where Certificates of Completion and Sparta Police Department Challenge coins were provided to the participants. The picture below was taken during the range day. Kevin Croninger joined us at the range this year, because when he previously attended the academy he was unable to make it to the range day.



Pictured from left to right: Officer Jarred Furlano (Tomah Police Department), Officer Marc Nelson, Jeremiah Cochrane, Robert Burke, Tracy Meyers, Jennifer Uhls, Regina Axelsen, Jennifer Erickson, Anna Sueppel, Kevin Croninger, Lisa Knudtson and Officer Kyle Guralski.

2017 Community Involvement



Girl Scout Troop

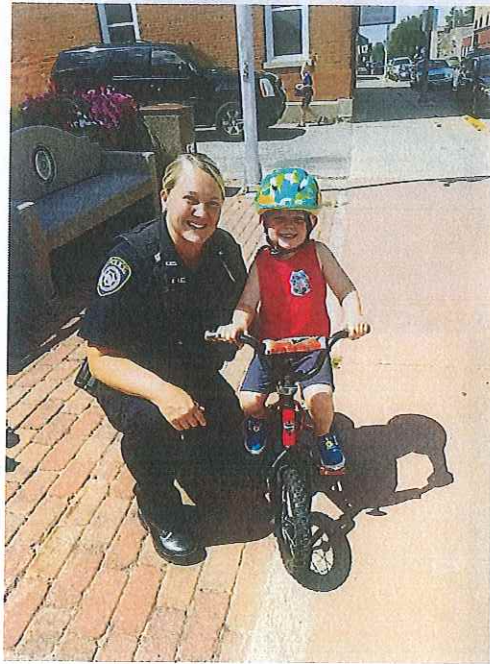


Coffee with a Cop



Trick or Treat Street

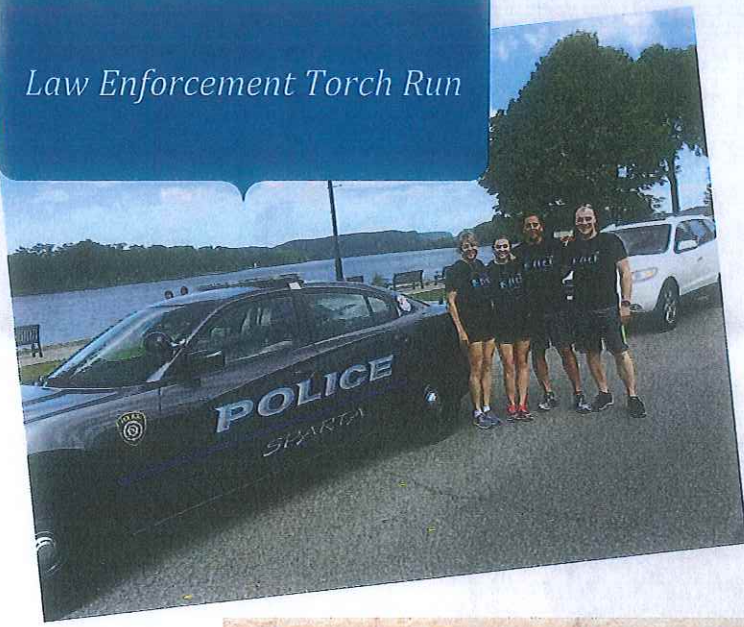




Sparta's Youth



Law Enforcement Torch Run



*National Law
Enforcement Week*



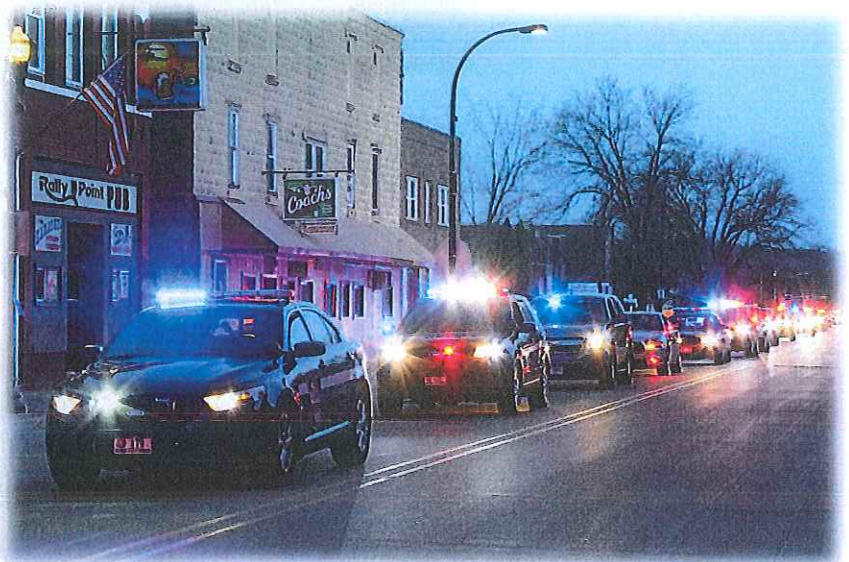
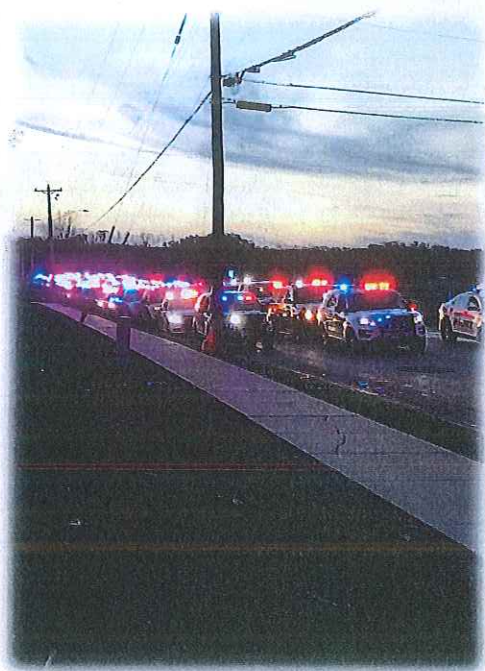
*Special Olympics
"Cops Gone Wild"*





*Funeral Services and Procession for
Trooper Anthony (Tony) Borostowski of
the Wisconsin State Patrol.*

In Honor There is Valor.





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