



*City of East Grand Rapids
Department of Public Safety*

*Annual Report
2022*



*After 28 years of distinguished service Sgt. Brian Davis retired from the
East Grand Rapids Department of Public Safety on January 8, 2023.
His unwavering commitment and dedication to the citizens of East Grand Rapids will be
missed and always remembered.*

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Section 1

OVERVIEW

Riding for Ryan

“Five days before his 7th birthday, Ryan died from injuries sustained in a bicycle-truck accident. He and his dad had the right-of-way to cross an intersection when a driver did not see Ryan in the crosswalk.”

“In an effort to turn this tragedy into something positive, this bicycle safety flag is being given to you to attach to the bike of a child you know. Young, independent bicyclists are prone to harm given their lack of height & visibility.”

“Riding for Ryan is a non-profit organization formed to help promote the safety and awareness of young bikers. [Their] goal is to give kids the height & visibility they need to help keep them safe while riding.”



Stacie Marsman (Riding for Ryan) and Officer Collin Wallace

Introduction:



The Department is committed to collaborating closely with the community, schools, all levels of government, and key stakeholders to move forward on vital law enforcement and fire safety concerns.

While the department must clearly lead in public safety issues, community security is a shared responsibility. The efforts and partnerships of today are the foundations for a securer East Grand Rapids tomorrow. Our goal is to make East Grand Rapids the safest and most livable City in Michigan. We will continue to work with all who are committed to public safety to achieve this desired end.

Citizens and Colleagues:

We are pleased to present the 2022 Annual Report for the East Grand Rapids Department of Public Safety.

The Public Safety Department persevered and continued to deliver professional police, fire, and medical first response services to the East Grand Rapids community in an outstanding manner.

We are thankful for your support and the community's partnership. We will work hard to maintain your trust and confidence. Together, we can make 2023 and the future a better place to be.

Mark A. Herald

Mark A. Herald
Director of Public Safety

Ric Buikema

Ric Buikema
Captain



Public Safety Day – October 2022
PSO Jason Bradley and residents

Department Highlights & Accomplishments: In 2022, the Department was able to:

1st Quarter

- Hire PSO Brian Duran-Chavez on January 17 bringing the Department to full staffing.
- Present diversity (LGBTQ) training to all sworn members through PoliceOne Academy.
- Present chimney fire management concepts to A, B, & C shifts (PSO Dan Olney instructor).
- Conduct MFR/Narcan instruction for all medical first responders.
- Assist Calvin University with their Annual “Polar Plunge.”
- Safely co-manage the “Irish Jig” with the Parks & Recreation Department.

2nd Quarter

- Complete training for all sworn personnel on interacting with people with mental illness, fire classifications, forcible entry, establishing water supply, and incident command.
- Have the DEA collected approximately 823 lbs. of medication for the previous six months.
- Graduate PSOs Antonio Perez and Brian Duran from the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety’s fire academy in September and from their MFR academy in September.
- Have Honor Guard members SSgt. Tim Schweitzer and PSO Collin Wallace attend the “Police Memorial Day” with the family of fallen Officer Bruce VanPopering family.
- Send Sergeants Eric Smith and Mark Lindner to Field Force Training with the Kent County Mobile Field Force Team. Both sergeants are now part of the team.

3rd Quarter

- Successfully and safely manage the parade and fireworks with the Parks & Recreation Department on July 4.
- Assist Parks & Rec. with “Safety Town” with C-Shift officers. A police cruiser and fire apparatus were on hand for the kids to see and sit in.
- Conduct “active shooter” training at the Middle School for A, B, & C shifts. Have Sgt. Mark Lindner & Sgt. Jeff DeJonge conduct Veritone traffic stop data training in August for all officers.
- Have C-Shift personnel attend a “Taste of East” on August 18 with Engine #21.

4th Quarter

- Sponsor the “8th Annual Public Safety Day” in October. “Riding for Ryan” – a local nonprofit that promotes bicycle safety of young riders through visibility and awareness was also on-site to pass out bicycle safety flags.
- Send Officers Dan Olney and Dan Lobbezoo who graduated from the 40-hour Kent County Crisis Intervention Training Program.
- Appoint PSO Troy Brown as the new school liaison/community officer position in November.
- Hire Caroline Ford, a former dispatcher from Barry County, as the new public safety clerk in December.
- Conduct an external audit of the “Property Room” in accordance with our Property & Evidence Management policy. Sergeant Jeremy Walter (Wyoming P.D.) conducted the audit. There were no issues with the audit. Public Safety Officer Beth Moore has been our property control officer for numerous years. I want to acknowledge Beth’s work and thank her for maintaining and organizing the Property Room in an outstanding manner over the years.

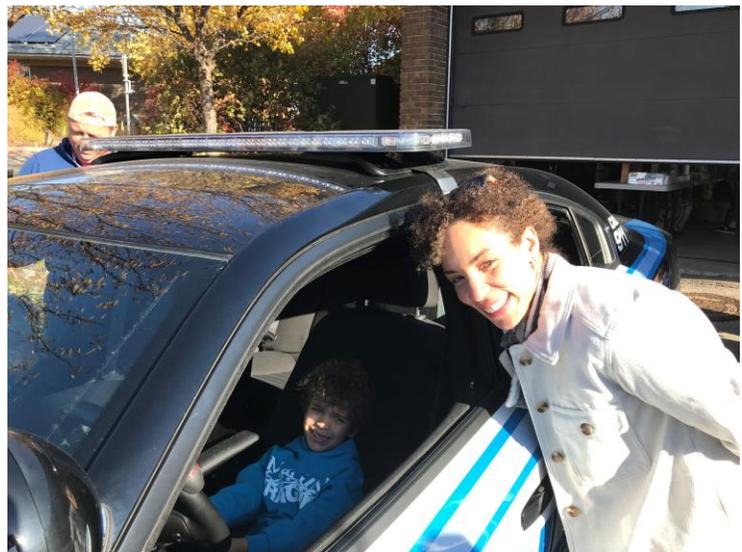
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Section 2

CRIME STATISTICS

On Patrol



Part I - Violent Crime:

Part I Violent Crimes involve the use or threat of force and are defined as follows:

- *Aggravated Assault* – is the unlawful attack by one person upon another with a weapon for the purpose of inflicting severe injury likely to produce death or aggravated bodily harm.
- *Forcible Rape* – is the carnal knowledge of a person forcibly and/or against that person’s will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat are also included.
- *Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter* – is the willful killing of one human being by another.
- *Robbery* – is the taking or attempt to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or placing the victim in fear.

Part I – Violent Crime*	Year					% Change 21 to 22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Aggravated Assault	0	1	1	2	2	0
Forcible Rape/CSC	5	5	5	9	4	-55.5
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0
<i>Total Violent Crime:</i>	7	6	7	11	6	-45.4

Commentary:

There are no significant trends in this area. In general, violent crime is a rare occurrence in East Grand Rapids.



PSO Troy Brown with future officer

Part I - Property Crime:

Part I Property Crimes are defined as follows:

- *Arson* – is any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc. Only fires determined through investigation to have been willfully or maliciously set are classified as arsons. Fires of suspicious or unknown origins are excluded.
- *Breaking & Entering* – is the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. The use of force to gain entry is not required to classify as an offense of burglary.
- *Larceny* – is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Larceny includes but is not limited to retail fraud, purse snatching, and thefts from motor vehicles.
- *Motor Vehicle Theft* – is the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. This includes the stealing of automobiles, buses, trucks, snowmobiles, motorcycles, mopeds, etc. The definition excludes the taking of a motor vehicle for temporary use by those persons that have unlawful access.

Part I – Property Crime	Year					% Change 21 to 22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breaking & Entering	19	8	17	13	17	30.7
Larceny	93	84	102	157	108	-31.2
Motor Vehicle Theft	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>19</u>	46.1
<i>Total Property Crime:</i>	121	101	135	183	144	-21.3

Commentary:

Our goal is to consistently reduce the total number of property crimes. Burglaries and larcenies can be significantly reduced if residents remember to always lock their doors and windows and secure all valuables inside their houses or garages. Larcenies of property from automobiles can be reduced if residents remove all valuables from their vehicles, secure windows, and doors, even if their automobile is parked in their driveway; **and take their keys out of the vehicle.**

Part II Crime:

Part II or Non-Index Crimes are less serious offenses committed against persons and/or property. Key definitions for Part II Crimes are:

- *Disorderly Conduct* – is any behavior that tends to disturb public peace or decorum, scandalize the community, or shock the public sense of morality.
- *Embezzlement* – is the illegal taking, misapplying, or misappropriating of money, property, or other items of value entrusted to a person’s care, custody, or control.
- *Forgery & Counterfeiting* – is the altering, copying, or imitation of something without authority or right with the intent to deceive a person that it is original or genuine.
- *Fraud* – is the intentional perversion of the truth with the purpose of inducing another person, or entity to part with something of value or surrender a legal right.
- *Narcotics Laws* – are the violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of controlled substances and the equipment/devices utilized in their preparation or use.
- *Non-Aggravated Assault* – is an unlawful physical attack where neither the offender displays a weapon, nor does the victim suffer obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury.
- *Operating While Impaired (OWI)* – is driving or operating a motor vehicle, boat, or snowmobile while mentally or physically impaired because of consuming alcohol or drugs/narcotics.
- *Sex Offenses* – are illegal acts done for sexual gratification, involving display or exposure of sexual organs or gross indecency. Rape and prostitution are not included.
- *Stolen Property* – is buying, receiving, selling, concealing, transporting, or possessing property of another with the knowledge that it has been criminally taken.
- *Weapons Offenses* – are the violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacturing, selling, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms or deadly weapons.

EGR Firefighters Ready to Roll!!



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Part II Crime	Year					% Change 21 to 22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Assault & Battery	22	14	18	23	22	-4.3
Bomb Threats	1	1	3	0	0	0
Disorderly	15	15	27	21	16	-23.8
Narcotic Law Violations	65	29	11	2	8	300
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery/Counterfeiting	4	5	0	0	1	100
Fraud	49	35	55	34	39	14.7
Liquor Law Violations	8	4	3	3	3	0
No Account/NSF Check Violations	0	0	0	0	2	200
Obscene/Threatening Phone Calls	1	6	9	4	6	50
Other Federal, State, Local Violations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating While Impaired	21	30	11	11	13	18.18
Resisting/Obstructing	8	5	10	4	11	175
Sex Offenses/Indecent Exposure	5	4	4	7	5	-28.5
Stalking/Harassment/ Intimidation	5	4	1	0	3	300
Trespassing	9	6	12	18	5	-72.2
Vandalism/MDOP	21	24	19	27	46	70.4
Weapons Violations	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	250
<i>Total Part II Crime:</i>	235	189	187	156	187	19.8

Commentary: The number of Part II Crimes increased by 31 incidents mostly due to a 70.4% increase in vandalism/malicious destruction of property.

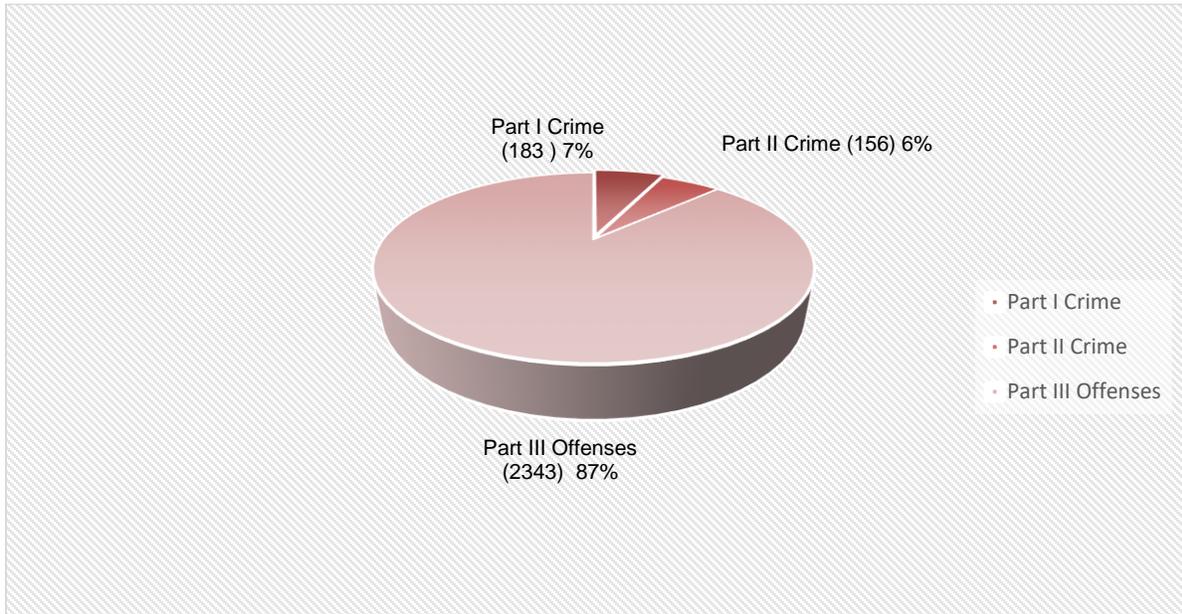
Part III Offenses:

Part III Offenses	Year					% Change 21 to 22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Animal Offenses						
Animal/Dog Bites	3	2	4	1	1	0
Animal Violations/Complaint	68	56	39	26	35	34.6
Juvenile Offenses						
Curfew/Loitering Violations	0	1	0	0	1	100
Juv. Runaways/Missing Persons	3	2	4	4	1	-75
Medical Activity						
Medical Response/Emergency	268	206	248	262	271	3.4
Natural Deaths	3	2	4	3	1	-66.6
Overdose	1	0	2	0	3	300
Suicides & Attempts	11	4	8	7	18	157.1
Miscellaneous Offenses						
Assist Citizens/Other PD's	725	651	500	541	671	24
Court Violations/Warrant Arrests	93	124	37	32	57	78.1
Domestic/Neighbor Disputes	65	60	56	76	68	-10.5
False Alarms	203	246	116	157	145	-7.6
Fire Calls/Hazardous Conditions	50	53	61	128	71	-44.5
Open Building/Door/Window	0	0	4	7	26	271.4
Suspicious Vehicles/Persons/etc.	537	450	371	443	407	-8.1
Voided Complaints	14	24	22	24	17	-29.1
Traffic Activity						
Traffic Accidents, Total	320	201	122	156	146	-6.4
Traffic Hazard/Directed	44	155	36	123	169	37.4
Parking Complaints	<u>253</u>	<u>358</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>-1.2</u>
						5.2
<i>Total Part III Offenses:</i>	2791	2677	1858	2228	2343	

Commentary:

Part III Offenses include non-criminal activity, court violations, & juvenile status violations. Directed patrol activity also includes school assignments. Overall activity increased slightly over 2021 but was less than the first three reported years.

**Comparison of Part I Crime,
Part II Crime, & Part III Offenses for 2022:**



Commentary:

In relation to overall activity for the year, The City of East Grand Rapids reports few actual crimes. As indicated by the above pie chart, most incidents are Part III Offenses (i.e., non-criminal or routine calls for service).

Riding for Ryan – Public Safety Day October 2022



The Crime/Crash Clock:



Part I Violent Crime	2022 Total	Per Week	Per Month	Crime Clock Comments
Aggravated Assault	2	.03	.16	1 assault every 182 days
Forcible Rape	4	.16	.33	1 CSC every 91 days
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	
Robbery	0	0	0	
<i>Total Violent Crime:</i>	6	.11	.5	1 violent crime every 61 days
Part I Property Crime				
Arson	0	0	0	
Burglary	17	.32	1.41	
Larceny	108	2.07	9	
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	.36	1.6	1 MVT every 19 days
<i>Total Property Crime:</i>	144	2.77	12	
<i>Total All Part I Crime:</i>	150	2.88	12.5	1 Part I Crime every 2.4 days
Accidents/Crashes				
Fatal Crashes	0	0	0	
Non-Fatal Injury	24	.46	2	
Property Damage	88	1.69	7.33	
Private Property	8	.15	.66	
Hit & Run	26	.5	2.16	
<i>Total Crashes:</i>	146	2.8	12.16	1 crash every 2.5 days

Commentary:

The crime/crash clock shows the annual ratio of crime to a fixed time interval. In East Grand Rapids, “it conveys the annual reported crime/crash experience showing a relative frequency of occurrences of Part I Crimes and crash offenses.”

City Comparison - Part I Crime 2021:

City	<i>Part I Violent Crime 2021</i>				<i>Total Violent Crime</i>	<i>Violent Crime Rate per 1000</i>
	Aggrav. Assault	Rape	Murder Mansl.	Robbery		
Grand Rapids	1291	117	17	290	1715	8.6
Grandville	267	29	0	15	311	19.61
Kentwood	144	38	2	23	207	3.8
Walker	137	37	1	8	183	7.3
Wyoming	257	42	2	59	360	4.7
E. Grand Rapids	1	5	0	1	7	.61

City	<i>Part I Property Crime 2021</i>				<i>Total Property Crime</i>	<i>Property Crime Rate per 1000</i>
	Arson	B & E	Larceny	MV Theft		
Grand Rapids	53	546	3557	907	5063	25.65
Grandville	0	33	240	47	320	20.09
Kentwood	10	151	953	207	1321	24.40
Walker	0	63	246	60	369	14.67
Wyoming	13	204	1315	348	1880	24.50
E. Grand Rapids	0	17	102	16	135	11.85

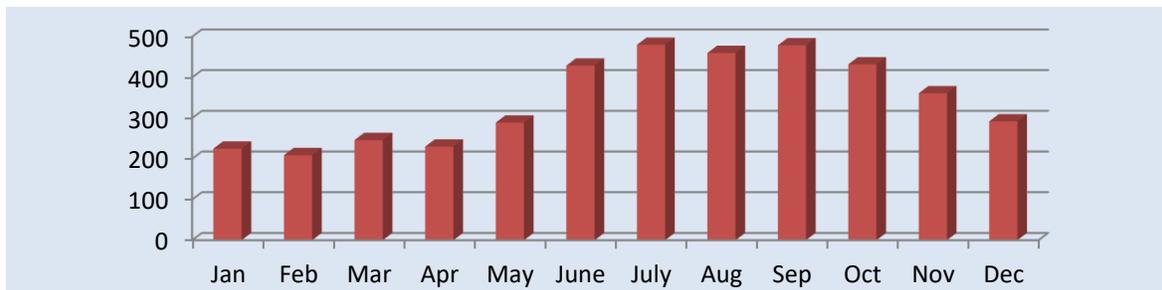
Commentary:

East Grand Rapids has the lowest crime rate of the six core cities in the Grand Rapids Metropolitan area. For municipalities with a population base of over 10,000, we are also one of the safest cities in the nation. *Note:* The Department was unable to obtain 2022 statistics from individual cities. The annual uniform crime report numbers for 2021 from the Michigan State Police will not be available until later this year.

Calls for Service by Month:

Month:	Year					% Change 21 to 22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
January	414	386	399	279	225	-19
February	398	426	341	220	209	-5
March	471	414	294	244	246	1
April	450	497	236	235	230	-2
May	539	668	243	293	289	-1
June	540	565	295	356	429	21
July	514	560	300	316	480	52
August	477	584	289	328	460	40
September	426	597	325	299	479	60
October	454	587	325	284	432	52
November	417	413	265	252	361	43
December	<u>354</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>292</u>	29
<i>Total Calls for Service:</i>	5454	5683	3573	3332	4132	24

Calls for Service by Month for 2022:



Commentary: The East Grand Rapids Department of Public Safety reflects state and national trends – more calls in the summer; less in the winter – when responding to calls for service.

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Section 3

ARRESTS

SCBA Training Day



Part I Crime – Arrests:

	Arrests					% Change 21/22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Part I – Violent Crime Arrests						
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	1	100
Forcible Rape/CSC	0	1	1	1	0	-100
Murder & Non-Neg. Mans.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0
<i>Total Violent Crime Arrests:</i>	0	1	1	1	1	0
Part I – Property Crime Arrests						
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breaking & Entering	2	1	2	0	1	100
Larceny	2	2	6	2	2	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	-25
<i>Total Property Crime Arrests:</i>	4	3	8	6	6	0
<i>Total Part I Crime Arrests:</i>	4	4	9	7	7	0

Commentary:

The cumulative arrest totals for each year include both juvenile and adult arrests. When reviewing the figures above, please keep the following in mind: Arrests represent the actual number of individuals arrested. An individual may have been charged with multiple offenses. The reader is cautioned against comparing arrests and offenses, as many times they do not occur in the same years.

Part II & Part III Crime – Arrests:

Part II Crime – Arrests	Year					% Change 21 to 22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Assault & Battery	1	1	0	6	3	-50
Bomb Threats	0	1	0	0	0	0
Disorderly	0	0	0	2	0	-100
Narcotic Law Violations	53	5	1	3	0	-100
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery/Counterfeiting	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud	1	1	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	7	5	2	2	0	-100
No Account/NSF Check Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Obscene Phone Calls	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fed., State, Local Viol.	0	1	0	0	0	0
Operating While Impaired	17	30	11	10	12	20
Resisting/Obstructing	7	5	2	1	3	200
Sex Offenses/Indecent Exposure	0	1	0	1	0	-100
Solicitation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking/Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Threatening/Harassing Compl.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trespassing	1	1	2	2	0	-100
Vandalism/MDOP	2	1	0	0	0	0
Weapons Violations	0	0	0	1	3	200
<i>Total Part II Crime Arrests:</i>	89	52	18	53	21	-60.4

Part III Crime – Arrests	Year					% Change 21 to 22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Court Violations – Misc.	84	63	28	36	53	47.2
Parole/Probation Violations	6	2	2	0	1	100
Traffic Offenses	67	125	44	30	24	-20
Curfew & Juvenile Runaways	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Part III Crime Arrests:</i>	157	190	74	66	78	18.2

Commentary: The number of arrests for Part II crimes returned to the low end of pre-COVID 19 levels. Part III crime arrests were at a five-year low.



Section 4

TRAFFIC STATISTICS & CALLS FOR SERVICE



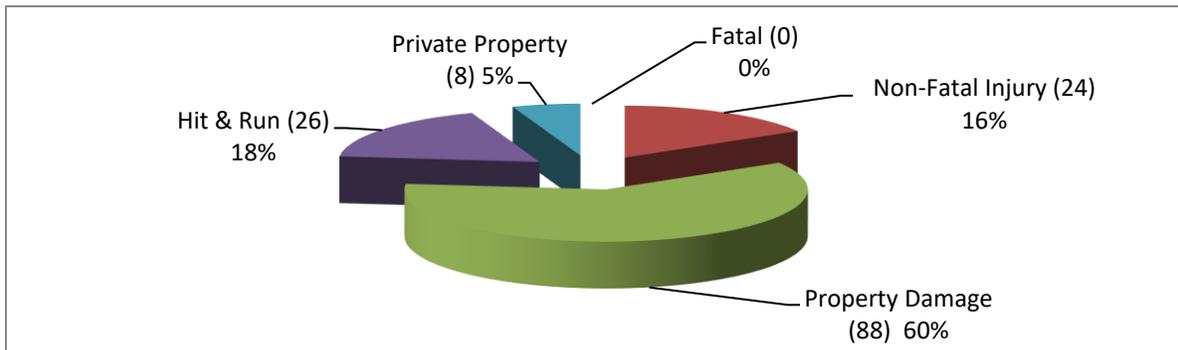
Future Battalion Chief

Traffic Crash Offenses: Traffic crashes are classified as follows:

- *Fatal* – A crash in which a death occurs to any of the occupants of any vehicle or pedestrian involved in the crash.
- *Non-Fatal Injury* – Any injury other than death of any vehicle occupant or pedestrian involved in the crash.
- *Property Damage* – A crash involving no injuries to any occupant of any vehicle but does involve property damage.
- *Private Property* – A crash which occurs on private property such as a parking lot or driveway.
- *Hit and Run* – A crash in which at least one of the vehicles and/or driver involved leaves the scene.

Traffic Crash Offenses	Year					% Change 21 to 22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Fatal Injury	12	10	6	6	24	300
Property Damage	245	171	77	118	88	-25
Hit & Run	38	40	26	22	26	18
Private Property	<u>25</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>-20</u>
<i>Total Traffic Crashes:</i>	320	230	135	156	146	-6

Traffic Crash Offenses by Accident Type for 2022:



Commentary: Traffic crashes decreased slightly in 2022. The national average for accidents per thousand is **18.12**. The accident rate for East Grand Rapids per thousand is **12.76**.

Traffic Enforcement:

Uniform law citations include:

- *Hazardous* – Violations such as careless and reckless driving, failing to stop for a stop sign and failing to stop in assure clear distance are examples of hazardous violations.
- *Speeding* – Speeding is technically a hazardous violation but is separated for purposes of this report.
- *Non-Hazardous* – Examples of non-hazardous violations are equipment violations, no license on person, vision obstructions, etc.
- *Parking* – Parking violations are issued to vehicles in violation of any city ordinance or state law such as parking to close to a driveway, overtime parking, etc. Fire lane and handicap violations are the only violations that can be enforced on private property.

Traffic Enforcement Activity:	Year					% Change 21 to 22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Uniform Law Citations	447	519	159	154	225	46
Verbal Warnings	<u>991</u>	<u>1015</u>	<u>499</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>379</u>	45
<i>Total:</i>	1549	1534	658	416	604	45
 Parking Enforcement:						
<i>Parking Citations Issued:</i>	482	358	122	412	235	-43

Commentary:

The basic speed in East Grand Rapids is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Speed limits and other local and state laws are strictly enforced. Officers use radar to aid in enforcement efforts. The department also uses a portable speed trailer equipped with a visual speed display to alert motorists of their speed.

Uniform law citations are actual numbers of tickets written. Each ticket can have up to three charges.

The number of parking complaints increased, and the number of parking citations also went up due to the reestablishment of the bike patrol.



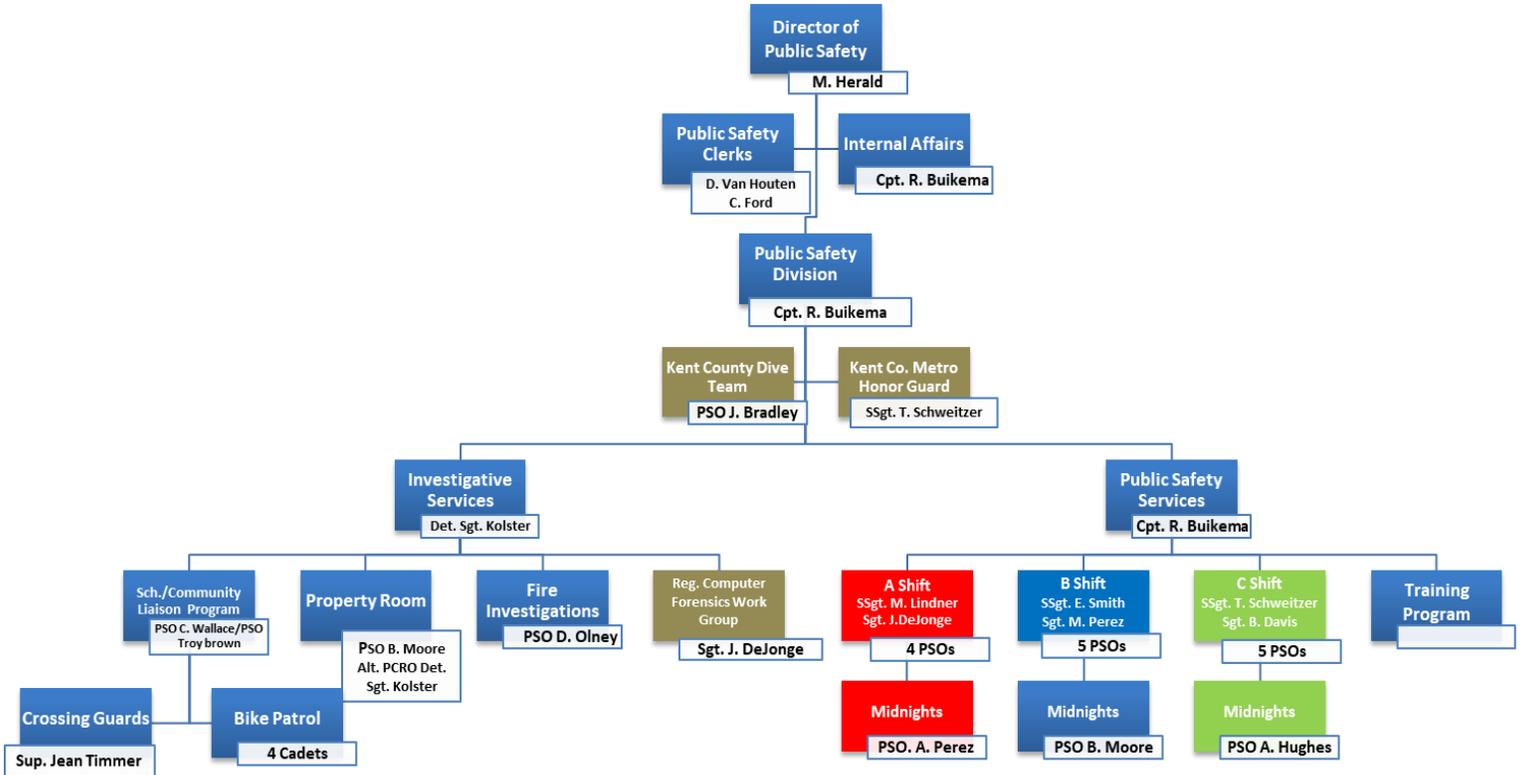
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Section 5

**ORGANIZATION
& STRUCTURE**

Department of Public Safety Organizational Chart:



Public Safety Division:



Capt. Ric Buikema

An East Grand Rapids public safety officer performs many different duties during their assigned shift. At any time, an officer may be called upon to perform police actions, suppress fire, or perform as a medical first responder. All these skills are unique and subject to numerous variables. Continuous training is required in each discipline for officers to maintain quality of service.

Public safety services are provided utilizing a 24-hour work schedule. A 24-hour shift is traditionally used to staff departments in the fire service. East Grand Rapids is unique in that it has adopted a modified 24-hour operations schedule to staff its consolidated police and fire services. This schedule maximizes the Department’s available personnel.

The Department uses three separate rotating shifts (A, B & C), each working a 24-hour tour of duty. Every shift is staffed with one staff sergeant, one sergeant, and five public safety officers. The sergeants administer and supervise the officer’s daily activities. A separate 8-hour midnight shift is employed to ensure 24-hour road patrol coverage.

The Department, through its patrol operations, is continually emphasizing a “*Community First*” approach to public safety. The Department’s tradition of answering calls for service that many departments will not normally manage is an example of our efforts to better serve the community. Assigned foot patrols and business property checks add to the safety and security of our city. The use of in-car videos, body cameras, citizen questionnaires, and performance evaluations ensure all citizens are receiving the highest quality service we can offer.

*Public Safety Day –
October 2022*



Criminal Investigations:

Clearance Status of Assigned Cases:	Year					% Change 21 to 22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Open	0	0	8	6	25	317
Unfounded	0	6	1	2	3	50
Closed	92	132	152	153	175	14
Otherwise (i.e., victim failed to cooperate)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inactive	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrest	35	25	12	18	35	94
TOT Other Agency	5	5	2	1	5	400
Warrant Issued	2	10	1	0	1	100
Cleared by Citation	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	0
<i>Total Assigned Cases:</i>	135	179	177	180	245	36

Commentary:

The detective sergeant receives initial reports taken by uniformed patrol officers that require follow-up or further investigation, or they are assigned cases directly. Their responsibilities include but are not relegated to:

- Identifying and locating criminal offenders
- Arresting criminal offenders
- Collecting and preserving physical evidence
- Recovering and returning stolen property
- Testifying in court
- Coordinating cases
- Investigations with other agencies

Investigative Services Division:



*Fire Inspector
Dan Olney*

The Investigative Services Division is responsible for overseeing the school /community liaison officer, fire investigations and Property Room.

The fire service is a significant link in the public safety concept. By having all officers cross-trained in both police and fire disciplines, the Department effectively doubles the number of personnel available at all fire scenes.

Although infrequent, it can be argued that firefighting is the most dangerous task our officers face. The fire service has seen an ever-increasing growth of regulations and mandated policies.

Requirements for safety equipment and training, and subsequent fines for non-compliance make present day firefighting a true public safety challenge.

The Department continues to work closely with area fire departments, particularly in matters concerning mutual aid and fire suppression/response. This collaborative effort is a positive development for both departments and the citizens we serve. Our officers respond in a mutual aid capacity primarily with the Grand Rapids, Ada, and Grand Rapids Charter Township Fire Departments when requested.

Computer Mobile Device Examiner



*Mobile Computer Device Examiner
Sgt. Jeff DeJonge*

In 2016, Sgt. Jeff DeJonge became a member of the West Michigan Computer Crimes Work Group. This group's mission is to investigate and solve computer and electronic device crimes. Comprised of federal (e.g., Secret Service, FBI, etc.), state and local police (GRPD, EGRDPS, KCSO, etc.), local banks, Spectrum Health and Amway, the group has had tremendous success in identifying individuals who use electronic devices to commit crime. Sgt. DeJonge has made significant contributions to the team, particularly in mobile computer device examination.

Training Unit:

One of the most demanding tasks of any Public Safety Department is the continuous training required to maintain the knowledge and skills essential for public safety work. The Training Division is responsible for training all staff, both sworn and civilian, in a wide variety of mandatory and non-mandatory police, fire, and emergency services programs. Personnel receive instruction in-house and attend specialized external programs when necessary. Because of the unpredictable nature and potential danger our officers face day in and day out, training will continue to be a regular part of the officer’s duty day. Examples of training provided in 2022 include:

<i>Police</i>	<i>Fire</i>	<i>Medical</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weapons Qualification • De-escalation • Rapid Deployment Training • Precision Driving • Field Force • Defensive Tactics • Simmunitions • Legal Updates • Cultural Diversity • Implicit Bias • Felony Car Stops • Crisis Intervention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fires: Strategies and Tactics • Airboat Ops • Haz-Mat • Aerial Operations • Confined Spaces • Extrication • Apparatus Driving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPR/AED Certification • Medical First Aid • Blood Borne Pathogens • Patient Assessment • Pediatric Treatment • Airway/Ventilation

Public Safety Clerks:

The responsibilities of assisting Public Safety Services were overseen by two civilian personnel, which comprise the Office Support Staff. In East Grand Rapids, office staff answers all calls made to the Public Safety non-emergency number of 949-7010 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. At all other times, the Kent County Sheriff’s Department answers the non-emergency phone line. 911 calls are answered by the Kent County Sheriff Department’s Emergency Dispatch Center allowing for immediate transmission of calls for service within the City of East Grand Rapids. Additional duties conducted by office support staff include but are not limited to the following:

- Front desk operations: Assist walk-in and telephone customers, process report copies, and issue gun permits, sex offender registrations, impound releases, notary services, background checks, block party registrations, etc.
- Police, fire, and EMS records processing, storage, retrieval, and management
- Administrative tasks involving statistics, hiring, personnel, presentations, and publications
- Parking ticket processing

Property Room:



The Department takes in approximately four hundred items of property each year. In 2004, the Department replaced civilian staff with sworn personnel for property room management responsibilities. Currently, *Public Safety Officer Beth Moore* is primarily responsible for managing the property room. The property room management team is responsible for the labeling, tagging, packaging and disposition of all property. As a result, all property is tracked from initial storage to eventual disposition in such a manner as to maintain the integrity of the “chain of evidence.” Property is divided into four categories. They are found property, evidence, property entered for safekeeping, and forfeiture. Each can require numerous report filings with local, state, and federal authorities. The Department conducts an annual audit of the property room and makes found property available for return to finders. Unclaimed property is donated to charitable organizations.



School Community Liaison Program:

Detective Sergeant Scott Kolster coordinates the activities of the school liaison officer - PSO Troy Brown, whose duties include all juvenile investigations, bike patrol, child safety seat technician, national night out and liaison between the schools and the public safety department. In addition, the officers coordinate the following programs:

- **T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Educating, and Mentoring)**



In 2022, Officer Troy Brown was named the new School Liaison Officer. Officer Brown collaborated closely with the school district to implement a new Behavior Threat Analysis and Modification program (BTAM). This program allows educators and law enforcement to work together and come up with the most comprehensive plan of action to keep our students and schools safe. Officer Brown also collaborates with the schools in areas such as Fire Safety, Internet Safety, Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety, Gun Safety, Homeland Security issues and Defensive Driving. T.E.A.M is an initiative-taking effort to make schools and communities safer, promote responsible citizenship, and encourage positive character traits

*School Liaison Officer
Troy Brown*

- **Crossing Guards**

The Department also employs school crossing guards. They provide a safe environment for students travelling to and from school.

Fire / Emergency Medical Service Report:

	Year					% Change 21 to 22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Fire Service Activity:						
Single Family Dwelling	10	10	5	6	3	-50
Multiple Family Dwelling	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial/Other Building	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles	1	3	1	2	1	-50
Miscellaneous Outdoor	11	10	2	1	1	0
Fire inspections	50	30	75	35	70	100
Fire Investigations	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	-100
<i>Fire Service Activity:</i>	74	55	85	46	75	63.0
Other Fire Service Runs:						
Smoke/Odor Investigations	7	9	4	4	19	0
Wires Down	44	76	17	15	68	353.3
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	8	5	1	2	6	200
False or Unfounded Alarms	21	65	44	65	66	1.5
Mutual Aid Given	2	5	2	18	4	-77.8
Mutual Aid Received	1	0	0	2	0	-100
All Other Runs	<u>12</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>7</u>	-91.5
<i>Other Fire Service Runs:</i>	95	264	168	188	170	-9.6
<i>Total All Fire Activity/Runs:</i>	<u>169</u>	<u>319</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>245</u>	4.7
<i>Total All Fire Activity:</i>	151	195	174	174	289	66

Commentary:

None.

Internal Affairs:

The Internal Affairs function ensures department personnel perform their duties in a lawful and professional manner while respecting the rights and dignity of all persons.

Internal Affairs Complaints:	Year					Total By Type 18 to 22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Abuse of Authority						
Excessive/Use of Force	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Touching/Behavior	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misuse of Position/Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
Racial Profiling/Discrimination	0	0	0	1	0	1
Illegal Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Procedure						
Mishandled Personal Property	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enforcement Decision	1	0	0	0	0	1
Falsification of Documents	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rules & Regulation Violation	0	1	0	2	0	3
Policy & Procedure Violation	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7	7
Inappropriate Detainment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Questioning	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inappropriate Child Interview	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mishandling Evidence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unsafe Vehicle Operation	0	5	1	7	1	14
Unprofessional Conduct						
Rudeness/Threatening	0	1	1	0	0	2
Inappropriate Statement	0	2	0	1	0	3
Unprofessional Conduct	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>
<i>Total Complaints:</i>	1	11	3	16	8	39

Commentary: Complaints concerning the performance of the Department, or its members are reviewed by Captain Buikema, who ensures all complaints are thoroughly investigated in a timely manner. Cases are returned to the Director for final disposition. Complaints against an East Grand Rapids Department of Public Safety officer are a rare occurrence.

Internal affairs complaints may be closed in one of five ways:

- *Sustained* – Investigation proved that the act or acts happened, and the complaint is valid.
- *Not Sustained* – Investigation could not prove or disprove the complaint.
- *Exonerated* – Investigation showed that the act or acts did occur, but they were legal, justified, or appropriate.
- *Unfounded* – Investigation showed that the act or acts complained of did not occur.
- *Policy Failure* – The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the act or acts occurred, however the policy: (1) did not address the situation appropriately; (2) contained conflicting information; (3) and/or was deficient and failed to achieve the desired outcome.

Internal Affairs Complaint Dispositions:	Year					Total 18 to 22
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Sustained/ Sustained in Part	1	9	2	14	8	34
Not Sustained	0	1	1	2	0	5
Exonerated/ Exonerated in Part/ Not Sustained in Part	0	1	0	0	0	1
Unfounded/ Unfounded in Part/ Sustained in Part	0	0	0	0	0	0
Policy Failure	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Total Dispositions per Year:</i>	1	11	3	16	8	40

Commentary: For the last five years the Department averaged 8 internal affairs complaints per year. After reviewing our policies for MLEAC accreditation in 2019, the Department added the disposition of “Policy Failure” to address incidents where the organization needed to improve the policy before any individual could be held accountable.

**Local Area Sworn Law Enforcement
Staffing Comparison - 2022:**

<i>City</i>	<i>Sworn Personnel</i>	<i>City's Estimated Population</i>	<i>Officers per 1000 Population</i>
Grand Rapids	297	200,370	1.48
Grandville	26	15,696	1.66
Kentwood	70	52,036	1.35
Walker	38	23,537	1.61
Wyoming	83	76,501	1.08
East Grand Rapids	28	12,220	2.29

Commentary:

The national average for police officers per 1000 population for all cities is 2.29. The East Grand Rapids Department can staff our city at near the national average because of the public safety concept. Prior to 1986, the separate police and fire departments in East Grand Rapids had a total of 40 personnel. Even though the Department is comprised of fewer actual bodies, we can provide twice the police and fire coverage because of consolidation. Municipalities struggling with financial difficulties would do well to study our public safety model.

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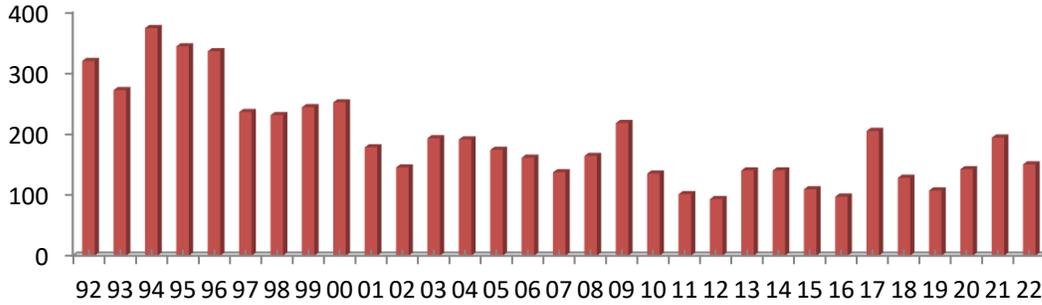
HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

**Historical Perspective:
Selected Activity from 1990 – 2022**

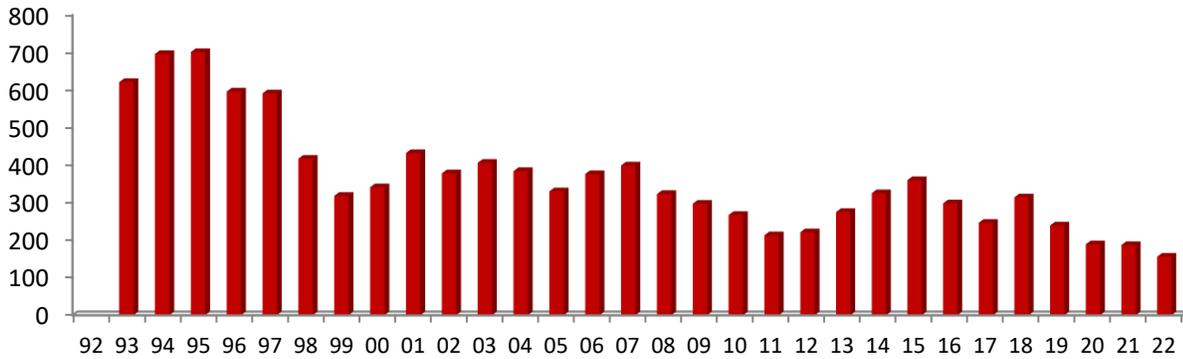
Year:	<i>Activity</i>					
	Part I Crime	Part II Crime	Part III Offense	Home Invasion	Larceny Compl.	False Alarms
1990	257	565	3032	12	208	320
1991	270	550	3279	18	204	337
1992	320	621	3296	13	256	293
1993	272	696	3256	9	226	311
1994	374	701	3397	23	316	363
1995	344	596	3331	8	308	340
1996	336	591	3175	15	270	228
1997	236	417	3181	14	165	250
1998	231	318	3307	40	138	244
1999	244	341	3068	52	125	264
2000	252	432	3523	38	154	284
2001	178	378	3471	29	98	281
2002	145	406	3602	11	91	287
2003	193	384	3564	21	122	272
2004	191	330	3178	26	123	247
2005	174	376	3265	18	115	217
2006	129	399	3018	31	88	140
2007	138	323	3313	26	100	178
2008	164	298	3420	42	116	192
2009	219	267	3133	42	168	177
2010	135	234	2902	39	86	169
2011	101	221	3145	25	90	167
2012	93	275	3812	31	58	N/A
2013	140	325	2186	28	107	162
2014	140	360	2335	23	110	198
2015	109	298	1832	11	84	198
2016	97	246	2731	14	71	123
2017	205	314	2662	27	164	20
2018	128	239	2791	19	93	203
2019	107	189	2677	8	84	183
2020	142	187	1858	17	102	116
2021	194	156	2228	13	157	157
2022	150	149	2343	17	108	145

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Selected Activity from 1992 – 2022**

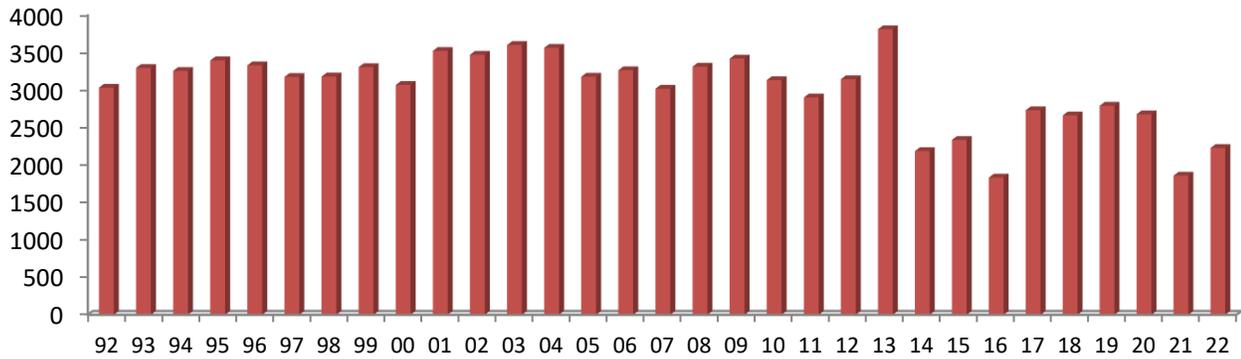
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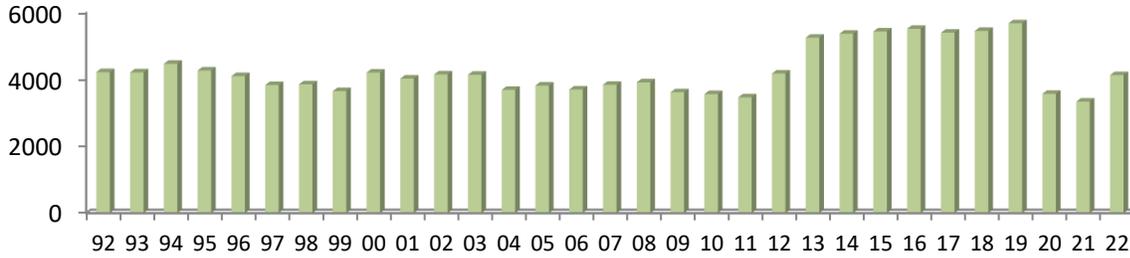
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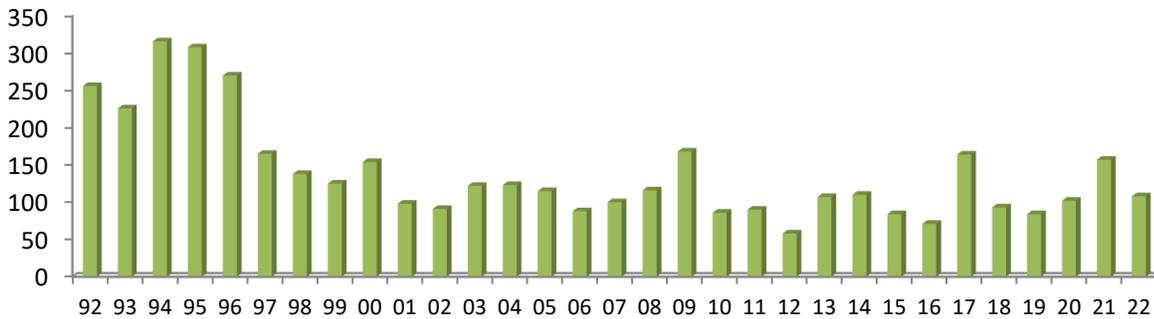
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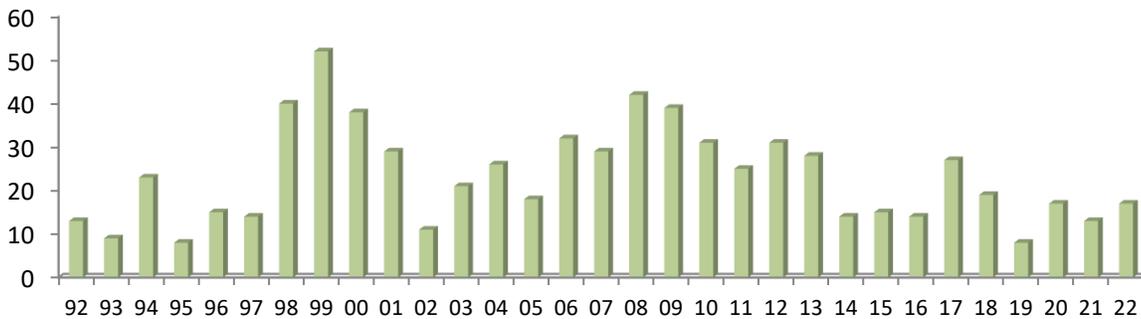
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**Selected Criminal Activity:
Larceny Complaints: 1992 – 2022**



**Selected Criminal Activity:
Burglary: 1992 – 2022**



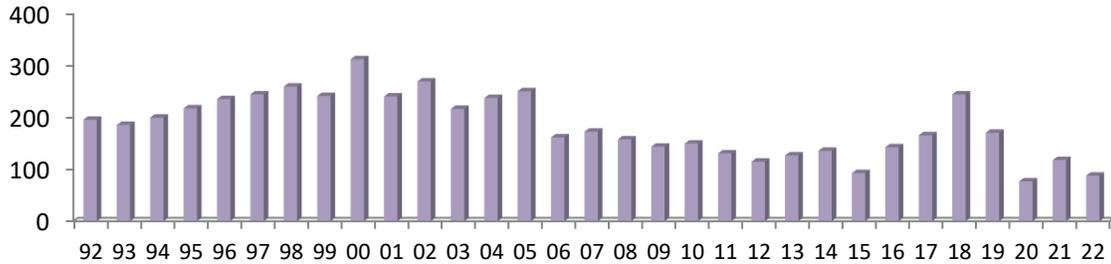
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Historical Perspective - Vehicle Crashes 1990 to 2022:

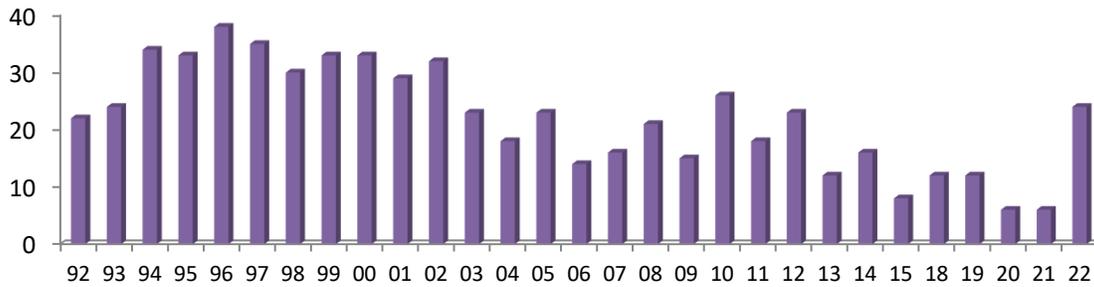
Decade & Year	Property Damage	Personal Injury	Fatal Injury	Total Accidents
90's				
1990	218	29	0	247
1991	236	37	0	273
1992	196	22	0	218
1993	186	24	0	216
1994	200	34	1	235
1995	218	33	1	235
1996	236	38	0	251
1997	245	35	0	274
1998	260	30	0	290
1999	242	33	0	275
00's				
2000	314	32	0	346
2001	232	30	0	262
2002	270	32	1	303
2003	219	21	0	240
2004	238	18	0	256
2005	251	23	0	274
2006	162	14	0	221
2007	173	16	0	253
2008	158	21	0	237
2009	144	15	0	209
10's				
2010	150	26	0	242
2011	131	18	0	191
2012	115	23	0	185
2013	127	12	0	183
2014	136	16	0	194
2015	93	8	0	127
2016	143	10	0	153
2017	166	12	0	178
2018	245	12	0	257
2019	171	12	0	230
20's				
2020	77	6	0	122
2021	118	6	0	156
2022	88	24	0	146

**Historical Perspective:
Vehicle Crashes 1992 – 2022:**

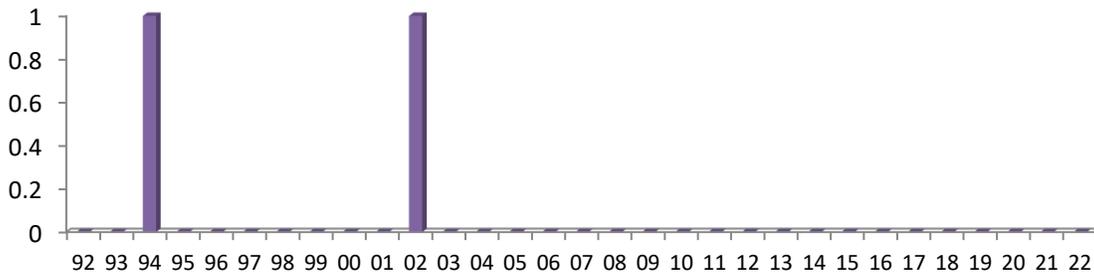
Property Damage Crashes: 1992 – 2022



Personal Injury Crashes: 1992 – 2022



Fatal Traffic Crashes: 1992 – 2022



Total Traffic Crashes: 1992 – 2022

