



2023 State of the Oak Park Police Department

“Committed to community, integrity and excellence
in public safety”



PHILOSOPHY ON POLICING

Public safety is more than enforcing existing laws and making arrests of those who do not comply. Policing today means taking a holistic approach in order to effectively serve the evolving needs of the community. Our philosophy centers around collaboration and a strong belief in community policing. While our police operations are based on procedural justice, we know the approach must be proactive instead of reactive.

As police officers, we have a responsibility to be present in the community, active, and engaged at all times. Our mission is to both educate and empower the community, while also equipping our officers with every resource and tool that is necessary in order to be successful.



PRESIDENT OBAMA'S TASKFORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING

1. Building Trust and Legitimacy
2. Policy and Oversight
3. Technology and Social Media
4. Community Policing and Crime Reduction
5. Training and Education
6. Officer Wellness and Safety

NAACP'S TEN SHARED PRINCIPLES

1. Value the life of every person and consider life to be the highest value.
2. Treat people with dignity and respect.
3. Reject discrimination toward any person that is based on race, ethnicity, religion, color, nationality, immigrant status, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or familial status.
4. The six pillars in the report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The first pillar is to build and rebuild trust through procedural justice, transparency, accountability, and honest recognition of past and present obstacles.
5. The four pillars of procedural justice, which are fairness, voice, transparency, and impartiality.
6. The values inherent in community policing, which includes community partnerships involving law enforcement, engagement of police officers with residents outside of interaction specific to enforcement of laws, and problem-solving that is collaborative, not one-sided.
7. Developing strong ongoing relationships between law enforcement and communities of color at the leadership level and street level will be the keys to diminishing and eliminating racial tension.
8. Law enforcement and community leaders have a mutual responsibility to encourage all citizens to gain a better understanding and knowledge of the law to assist them in their interactions with law enforcement officers.
9. Diversity in police departments and in the law enforcement profession.
10. De-escalation training should be required to ensure the safety of community members and officers.

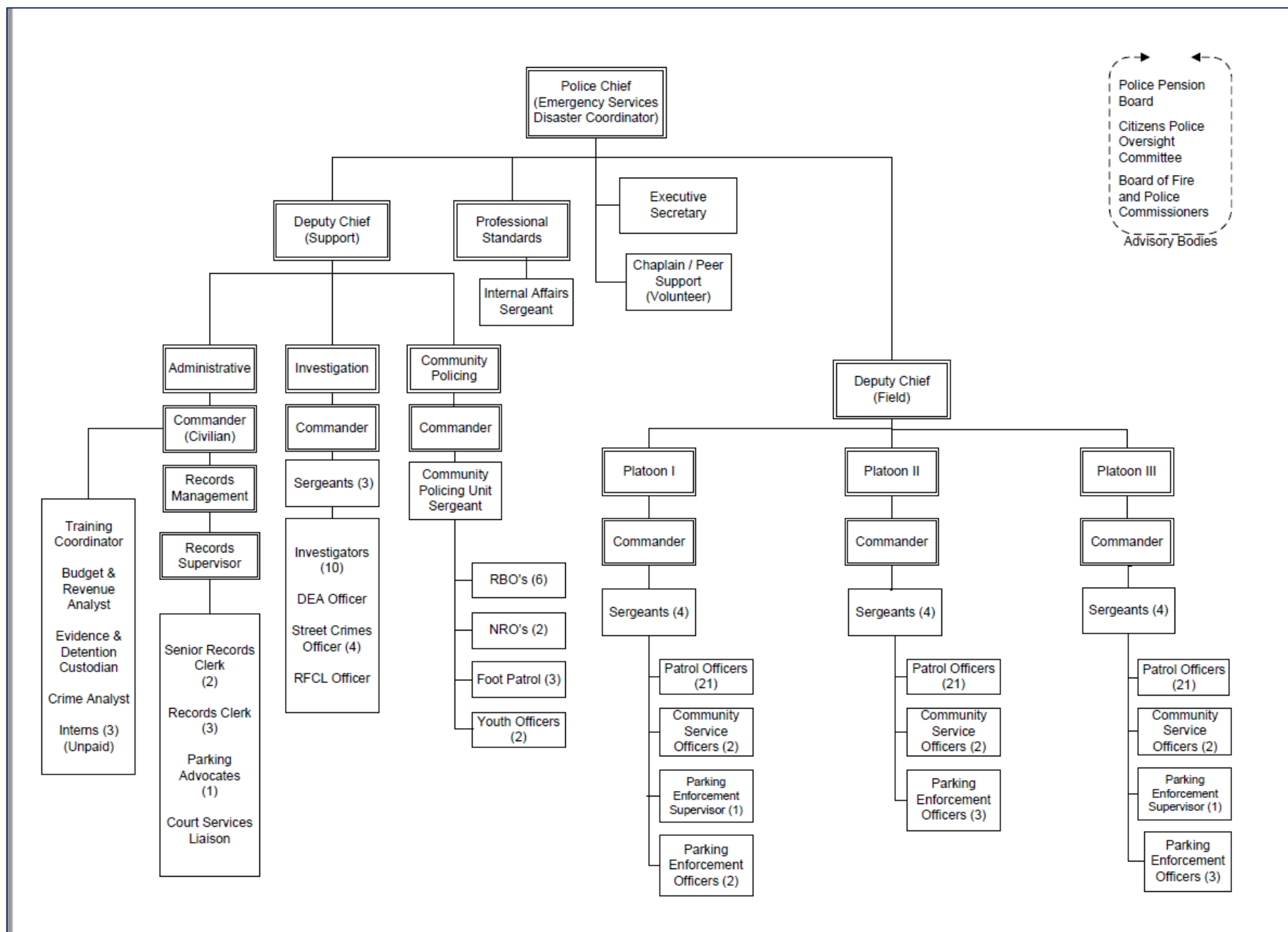
OVERVIEW

1. Staffing

2. Crime Statistics

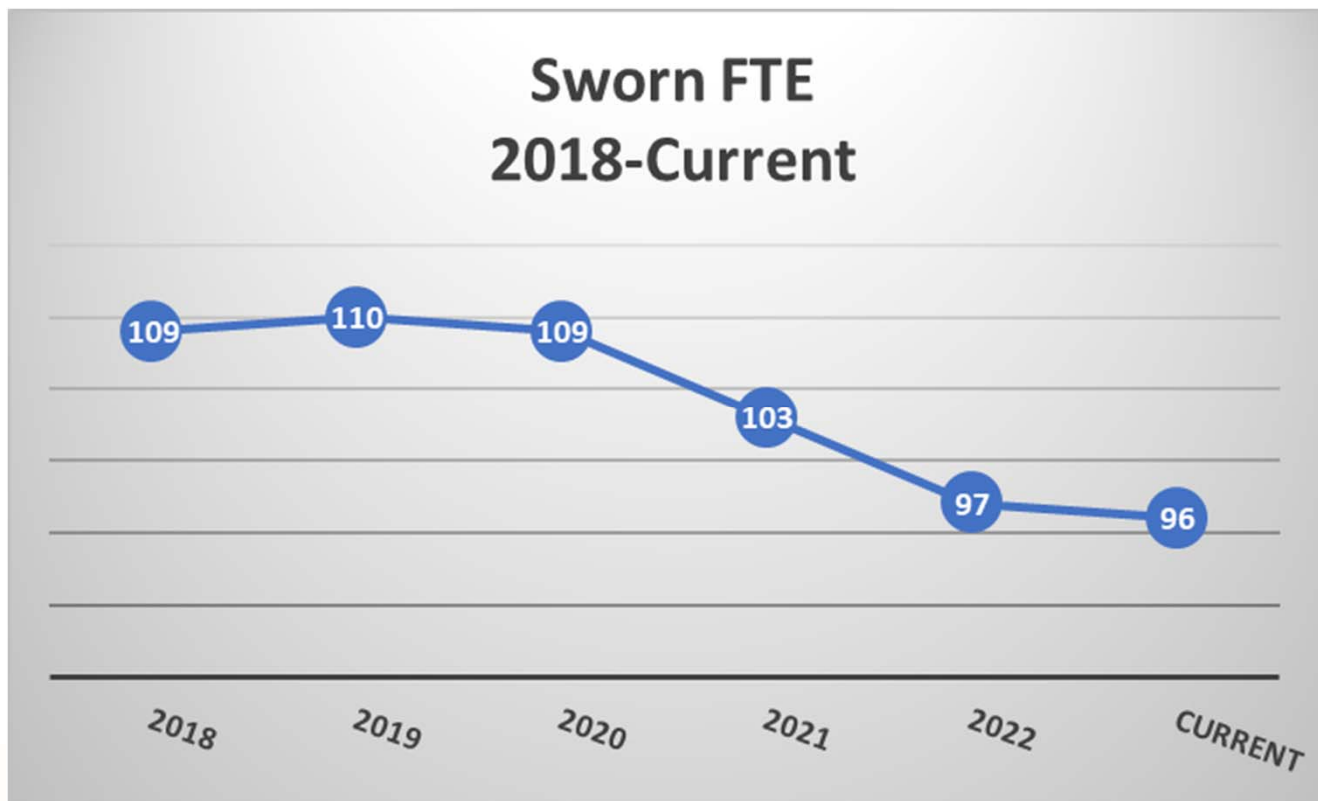
3. Key Initiatives for 2023





STAFFING SHORTAGE

- Currently, the Oak Park Police Department is down **21** sworn officers.



PARTNERSHIPS

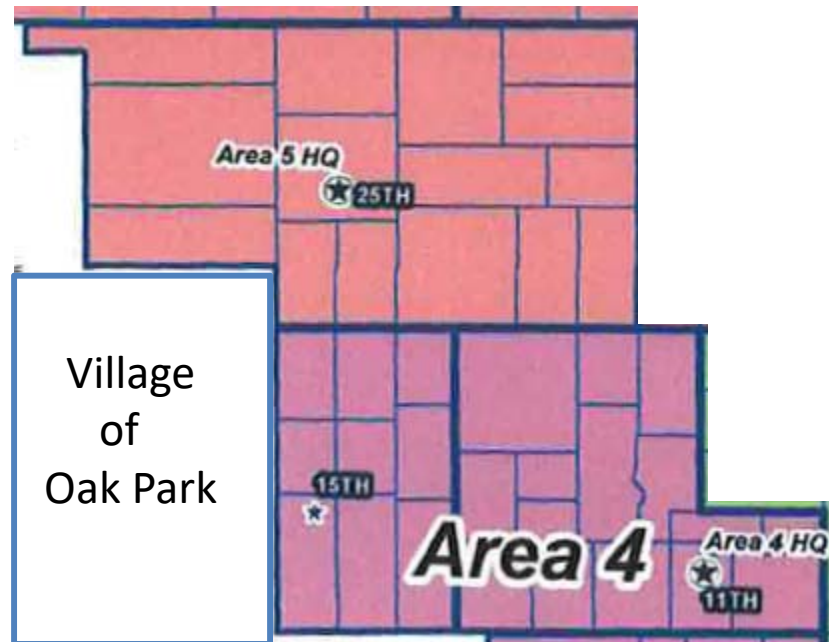
- Chicago Police Department - Districts 15, 25 & 11
- West Suburban Major Crime Taskforce
- West Suburban Enhanced Drugs and Gangs Enforcement
- FBI – Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Cook County Sheriff's Police
- U.S. Marshals Service
- Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce

CHICAGO POLICE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRICTS

CPD Districts 11, 15, 25



Belmont & Harlem



Roosevelt & California



PAWFFICER HOWIE

Visited events:

- Day in Our Village
- Highland Park Officer Support
- July 4th Parade
- Attended numerous block parties
- Thursday Night Out
- Park District's Fall Fest
- Farmers Market
- Area Senior assisted living homes
- Brookfield Zoo's Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- Veteran's Day memorial
- Cook County Sheriff's 9/11 memorial
- Met staff and clients at the local NAMI center
- Met with several scout troops
- Barrie Fest
- Vaccination clinics

Made frequent trips/ "walk and talks" to:

- Downtown Oak Park
- ALPS
- Oak Park Public Works
- Oak Park Fire Departments (all stations)
- Village Hall



FBI CRIME STATISTIC REPORTING

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING (UCR)

vs.

NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS)

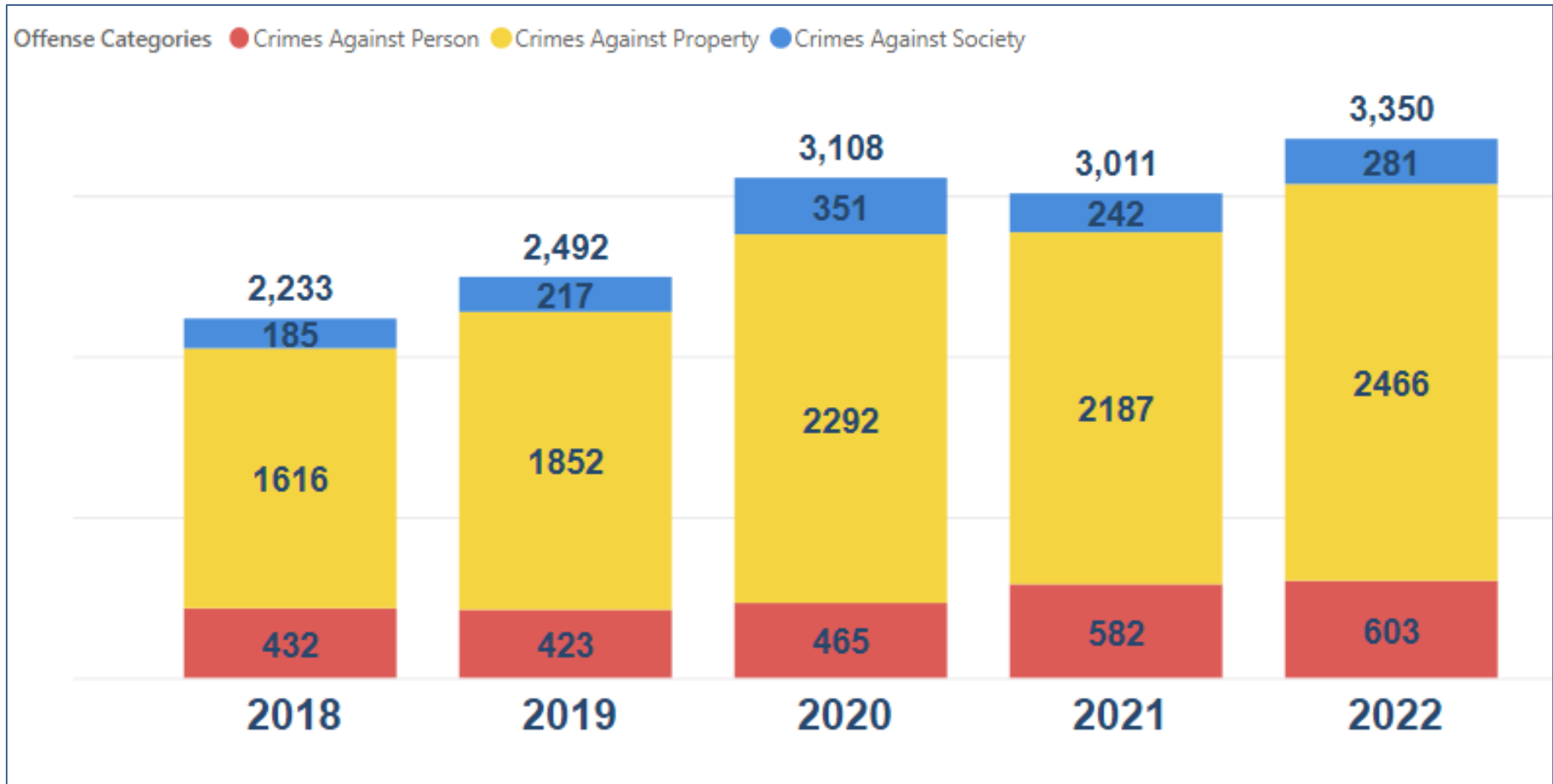
Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

- Part 1 crime
- Eight (8) offenses
- Primarily felony offenses
- Hierarchy reporting

National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

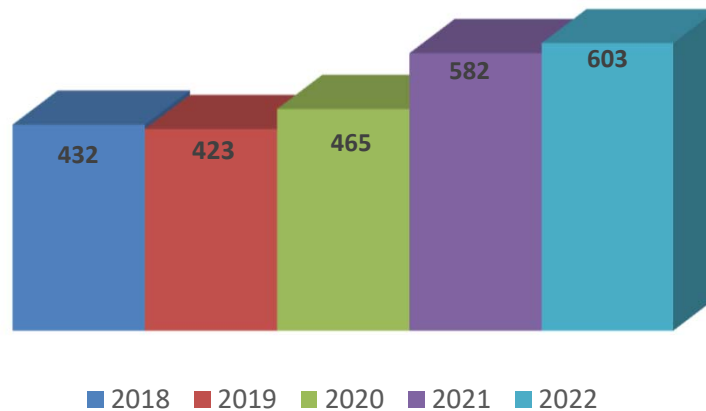
- 22 criminal offenses
- Three (3) Categories: Crime vs. Person; Crime vs. Property; and Crime vs. Society
- Designed to count each offense within an incident/occurrence

FIVE-YEAR COMPARISON



CRIMES AGAINST PERSON

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Homicide					
Sex Offense Forceable	30	33	36	39	49
Assault / Battery	395	387	423	538	546
Human Trafficking	1	-	-	-	-
Sex Offense Non Forceable	1	1	1	-	2
Kidnapping	3	2	3	3	3
Total	432	423	465	582	603



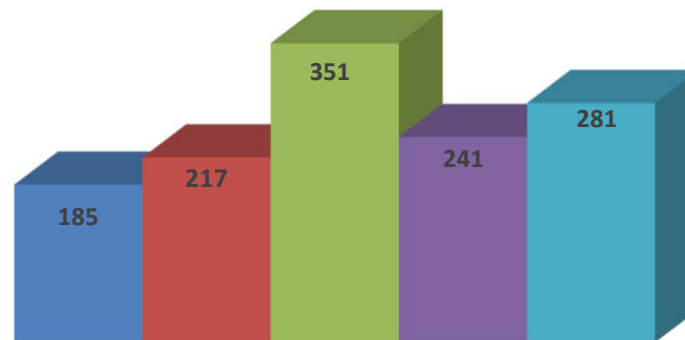
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Robbery	101	95	114	81	84
Burglary	569	460	461	311	173
Theft	355	742	667	884	1197
Motor Vehicle Theft	71	80	92	71	266
Arson	2	3	4		1
Criminal Damage to Property	292	252	346	345	434
Deceptive Practice	225	220	603	495	308
Extortion	1	-	1	-	2
Motor Vehicle Offenses	-	-	4	-	-
Total	1616	1852	2292	2187	2465



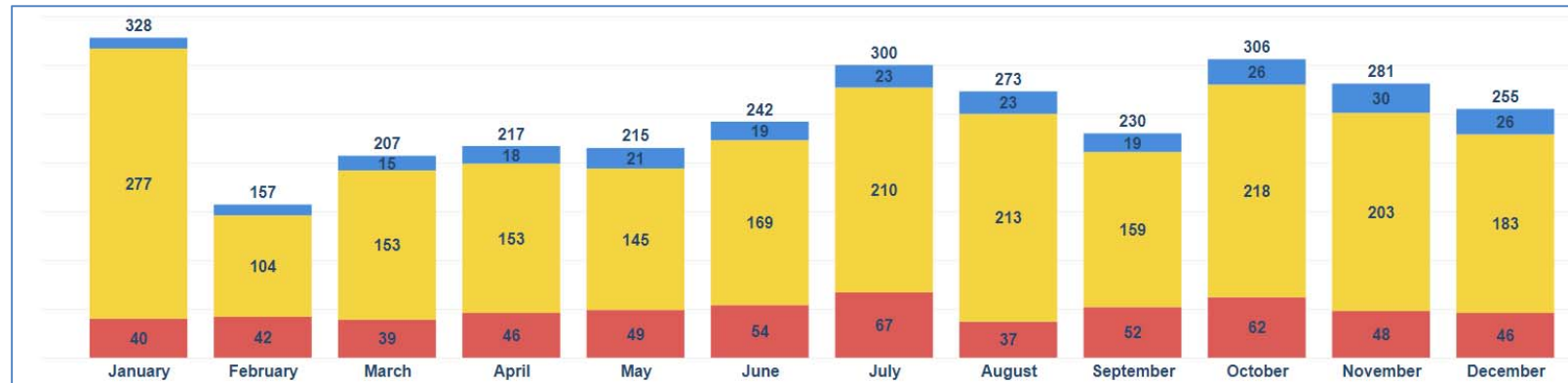
CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Weapons Violations	8	22	28	34	37
Drug Offenses	14	28	27	17	13
Liquor Law Violations	2	1	4	1	1
DUI	10	30	26	26	17
Criminal Trespass to Property	59	56	31	46	65
Disorderly Conduct	92	80	233	117	145
Peeping Tom			1		
Pornography			1		3
Total	185	217	351	241	281

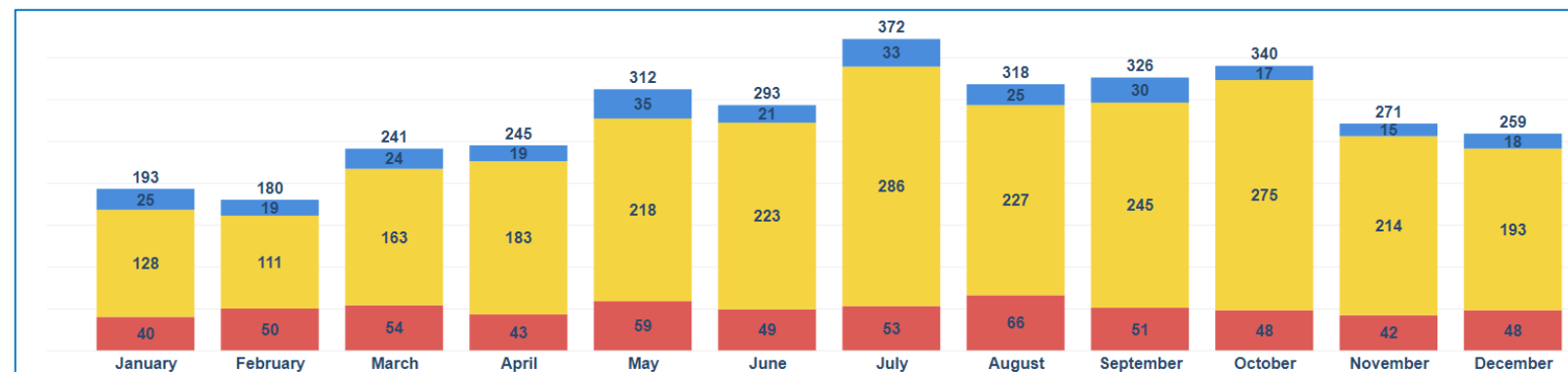


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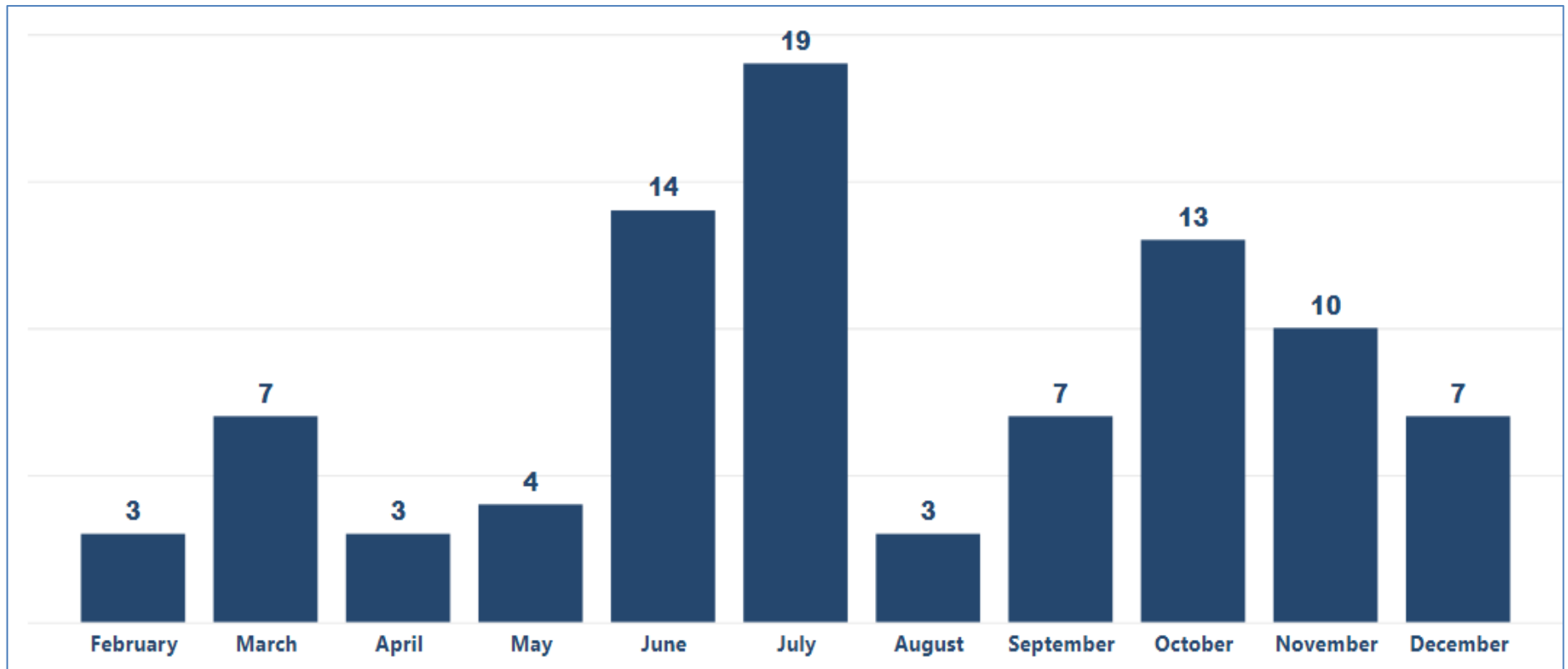
2022 CRIME TRENDS

- Three homicides (100 Chicago, 14 Chicago and 100 Lake)
- Catalytic converter thefts
- Motor vehicle thefts (targeting Kia & Hyundai models)
- Package thefts
- Traffic
- Increased violence from businesses bordering Roosevelt Road
- Reckless discharge of firearms

HOMICIDES

- **100 Chicago Ave. - June 22 at 1:43 a.m.**
 - Two offenders were apprehended and are awaiting trial.
- **100 Lake St. - July 23 at 10:43 p.m.**
 - This is an active investigation.
- **14 Chicago Ave. - December 27 at 8:38 p.m.**
 - This is an active investigation.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS



90 Thefts in 2022

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS (Kia & Hyundai)



158 Thefts in 2022
86 Thefts in Oct./Nov.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Year	Written Warnings	Verbal Warnings	Citations	Total Stops
2018	2298	4149	1663	8110
2019	818	6237	1387	8442
2020	418	2369	680	3467
2021	423	3105	706	4234
2022	308	2322	435	3065

MIKE'S PLACE SPORTS BAR AND GRILL

Berwyn bar located at 6319 Roosevelt Rd. has been the source of numerous complaints going back several years. Frequent complaints include:

- Public intoxication
- Fighting
- Littering
- Several shootings

Earlier this year, the Oak Park Police Department initiated a community safety initiative by assigning officers on weekend evenings to the area impacted by Mike's Place to monitor for the above concerns. This initiative is on-going and will continue as the Village considers all options, including a tow zone designation on affected streets.

A community meeting was held earlier this year at Irving School. The owner of Mike's Place attended the meeting. Neighbors voiced their concerns, and the Department pledged to continue working with residents.

RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS

- In 2022, officers respond to numerous “shots fired” calls for service and identified **14** bona fide Reckless Discharge of Firearm calls.
- In 2022, officers recovered **78** firearms.
 - 33 as part of arrests
 - 28 as part of police investigations
 - 17 voluntarily turned into the Police Department

CHALLENGES/CONSTRAINTS

- **Staffing**
 - The Police Department is short staffed by 21 officers
- **Records Management System (RMS)**
 - The Records Management System is outdated and is no longer meeting the Department's needs.
- **Traffic**
 - The Police Department is conducting more strategic traffic initiatives.
 - Recommends that Vision Zero includes both enforcement and design.
- **Property Crime (Thefts)**
 - Educating the public on preventive measures.

SUCCESS STORIES

- **Service Station/Convenience Store hours**
 - After a series of violent crimes at gas stations during overnight hours, and culminating with the horrific murder of an Oak Park teen at a gas station in June 2022, the Department led the push to prohibit these businesses from remaining open 24/7. The Village was ultimately successful in prohibiting all gas stations and convenience stores from operating between the hours of 12 a.m. and 5 a.m.
- **Intergovernmental Agreement with School Districts 97 and 200**
 - In November 2022, through collaboration with both school districts and the Village, we successfully entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement.
- **FLOCK ALPR program**
 - In August 2022, the Department deployed 8 FLOCK ALPR (Automated License Plate Readers) cameras. This program is designed to assist officers in criminal investigations and aid in crime prevention.
- **Junior Citizens Police Academy**
 - In July 2022, members of our Community Policing Unit partnered with the River Forest Police Department to hold a week long Junior Citizens Police Academy. This free academy was open to Oak Park and River Forest children ages 10-15 and offered an excellent opportunity to learn about the many different aspects of police work.

AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER

- The FLOCK ALPR program successfully began in August of 2022. Eight (8) cameras have been deployed as part of this public safety initiative. The cameras provide valuable information for felony criminal investigations and are part of a nationwide database that enhances the Department's crime prevention efforts. The Department reports to the Citizens Police Oversight Committee (CPOC) on the use of the cameras on a monthly basis and CPOC provides its input to ensure that community concerns regarding diversity, equity and inclusion issues are addressed.
- The Department collaborated with CPOC and CISC to develop an internal policy that would govern the operating procedures to ensure it does not cause disparate impact.

LOCATIONS

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| 1. Garfield/Harlem (EB) | 5. Chicago/Taylor (EB) |
| 2. Garfield/Austin (WB) | 6. North/Humphrey (EB) |
| 3. Madison/Cuyler (EB) | 7. Humphrey/Austin (WB) |
| 4. Washington/Humphrey (WB) | 8. Austin/Harrison (SB) |

AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER

- In 2022, there were a total of **34** incidents where Oak Park officers initiated contact with vehicles due to a FLOCK alert.
 - Three (3) incidents resulted in arrests by Oak Park officers
 - Nine (9) incidents resulted in Oak Park officers assisting other agencies
 - Three (3) firearms were recovered as part of FLOCK initiated vehicle stops
 - Five (5) incidents where the occupants were released without being charged criminally, but the vehicles were recovered
 - Five (5) incidents involving vehicles that were not removed from LEADS. No Arrests were made
 - 17 vehicles fled from officers and were ultimately not stopped
 - The cameras along Austin Blvd. have the most alerts

AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER

The ALPR cameras are listed in order of the most license plates captured in the last 30 days.

Austin/Harrison (SB)

Chicago Ave/Taylor (EB)

Madison/Cuyler

North/Humphry (EB)

Garfield/Harlem (EB)

Jackson/Austin (WB)

Washington/Humphrey (WB)

Garfield/Austin (WB)

BERRYDUNN RECOMMENDATIONS

- In 2021, BerryDunn was hired to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the Department. The assessment began in the last quarter of 2021, which took a deep dive into the Department's staffing, processes, procedures, policies, community engagement/customer service, calls for service, stop data, and other community safety matters.
- Additionally, BerryDunn engaged with community stakeholders in various forums.
- Early in the assessment, BerryDunn identified five (5) emergent issues that should be addressed. The assessment was completed and presented in the fourth quarter of 2022.

FIVE EMERGENT ISSUES

- 1. Operational Policies**
- 2. Data Collection**
- 3. Police Department Facility**
- 4. Data Use and Analysis**
- 5. Complaint Intake and Documentation**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Operational Policies

- **ISSUE:** The Police Department is using a mix of policies from its current manual and a new source (Lexipol), staff lacks clarity on prevailing policy, and in some cases, lack policy understanding.
- **RESPONSE:** During the policy transition, the Department has reverted to utilizing our old manual, but updates were made to reflect state changes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Data Collection

- **ISSUE:** The Department is not consistently collecting impartial-policing data on traffic stops and other non-consensual police contacts. In addition, the Department does not collect or record subject data in its records management system (RMS) on all police-related contacts (including calls for service).
- **RESPONSE:** The Department has issued a training bulletin to clarify data collection for police-related contacts. The current RMS has limitations regarding data collection.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Police Department Facility

- **ISSUE:** There are numerous challenges with the current Department facility and it does not contribute to efficient and effective operations. More importantly, several security risks in the facility are likely uncorrectable, which create various liability and safety concerns for the Village and staff.
- **RESPONSE:** The Village is currently working with an architect on an assessment to review Department facility needs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Data Use and Analysis

- **ISSUE:** The current Records Management System (RMS) is not supporting operational needs. The RMS has multiple limitations, including data entry and data mining, both of which are critical to leveraging data in support of operations and impartial policing.
- **RESPONSE:** The Department is part of the West Suburban Consolidation Dispatch Center (WSCDC) and is collaboratively evaluating RMS options.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. Complaint Intake and Documentation

- **ISSUE:** The Department has policies that outline the internal affairs/professional standards complaint process and associated investigations. These policies do not provide guidance on the resolution of complaints occurring at the supervisor level that are not routed for informal or formal investigation, nor do they specify appropriate documentation practices for these instances.
- **RESPONSE:** The Department now has a citizen inquiry process. When a citizen inquires or seeks information regarding police activities, policies, or procedures, a supervisor will document the contact on an electronic form.

BODY WORN CAMERAS

- The Department is mandated by the SAFE-T Act to implement body worn cameras by 2024.
- In October 2022, the Village Board approved the purchase of the body worn cameras.
- Every officer will be equipped with a body worn camera by April 2023.
- In-car cameras will be fully implemented by the end of 2023, due to supply chain shortages.

2023 KEY INITIATIVES

- Institute the Citizen Police Academy
- Integrate the A.B.L.E. Training
- Promote the 30 X 30 Initiative
- Implementation of the Body worn cameras
- Strategic Plan to implement the BerryDunn's recommendations
- Expand on Internal trainings

QUESTIONS?

