

Rose Hill Police Department 2021 Annual Report

June 6, 2022



**Proudly serving the Rose Hill community through
Dedication, Integrity, and Compassion**

Message from Chief Taylor Parlier



Taylor Parlier
Chief of Police

The Rose Hill Police Department is pleased to present our 2021 Annual Report.

During the past year, we have continued the work on our goals and projects for the community. We have remained in touch with national events involving the profession of law enforcement, update our policies/procedures, and attend trainings to improve our interactions with the public. Community events returned in earnest this year with Light the Night bike ride, National Night Out, Fall Festival, Stuff the Squad Car, Christmas Parade, and many more. While no official counts were conducted these all appeared to have record attendance and interaction. A few highlights and major events from 2021:

- Chief (former) Nelson L. Mosley resigned from the Rose Hill Police Department to take a position as the Director of Public Safety at the University of Kansas. We wish him luck in his new adventure and thank him for his service to the community.
- Lieutenant Taylor Parlier was appointed as the Interim Chief of Police.
- The Police Department was awarded funding for two new Police Officer positions for three years through a federal COPS hiring grant.
- The City of Rose Hill was designated by Safewise as the 11th safest city in Kansas.
- Officer Peyton Heidebrecht resigned from the Police Department to take a position with an agency closer to his family, we wish him well in his new adventure and thank him for his service to the community.
- Officer Daniel Harshbarger transitioned from a Reserve Officer to a full-time Officer after formally applying for the position. Welcome to the team Officer Harshbarger.

The Rose Hill Police Department remains appreciative of the values and partnership with the citizens this community. This partnership allows us to continue our goal of keeping Rose Hill as a place where people want to live, work and play. Your Rose Hill Police Department is filled with dedicated and compassionate men and women who are committed to maintaining the quality of life you have come to expect. We remind ourselves our success is built upon the trust and support we receive from you, thank you for your continued involvement and participation.

Respectfully,

Chief Taylor Parlier
Rose Hill Police Department



Rose Hill Police Department's Mission Statement

The Rose Hill Police Department is committed to the protection of life, property and public peace through training, professionalism, integrity, and hard work. We continually work to build partnerships to further our mission to make Rose Hill the safest community possible.

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Rose Hill Demographics

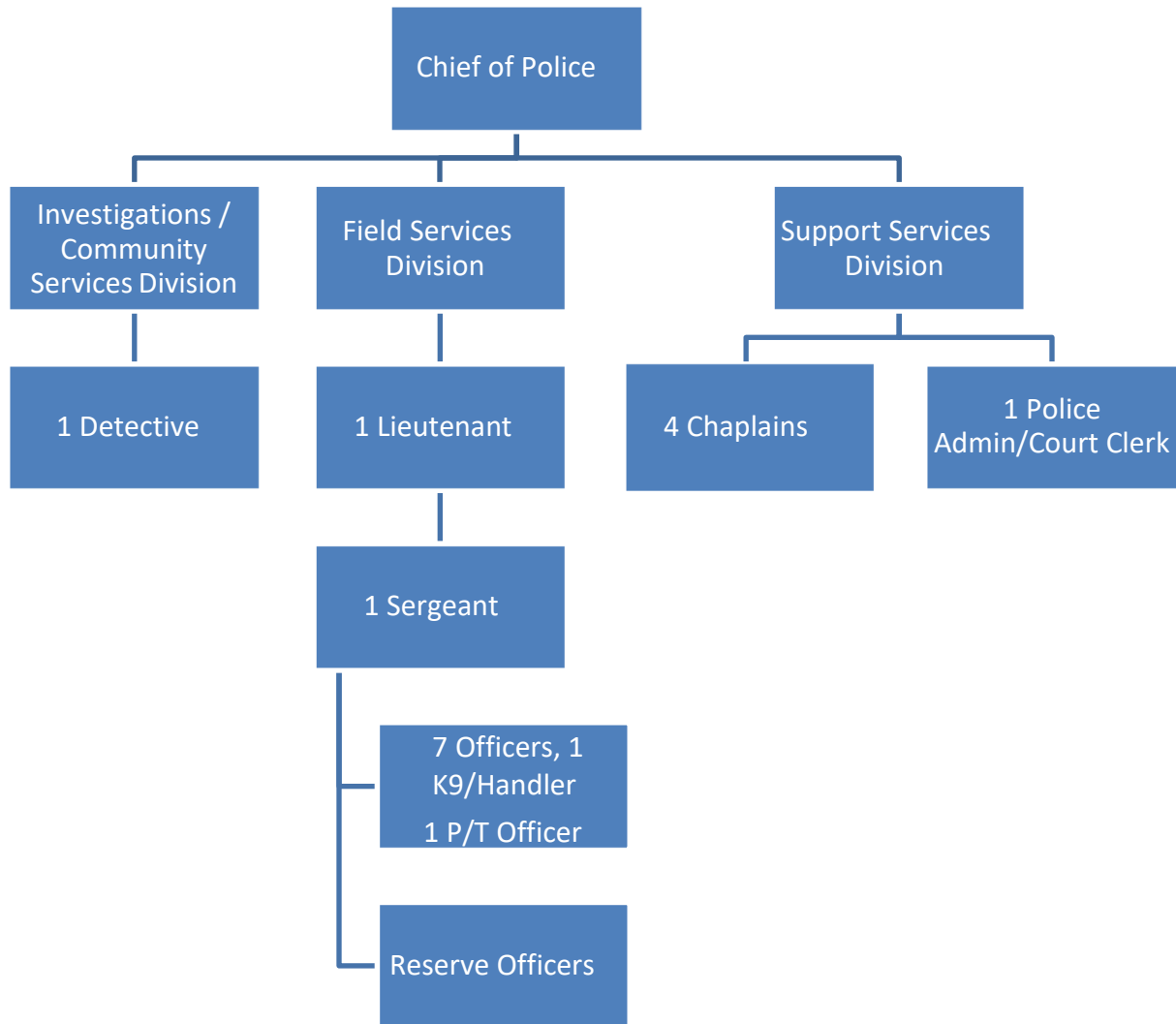
*****Change over three census data results*****

Following are data gathered from previous annual reports and the most recent Federal Census demographics.

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Population:	3,432	3,931	4,086
Median age:	30.7	34.2	37.6
Median Income:	\$63,750	\$75,167	\$81,046
Median home value:	\$97,500	\$124,200	\$151,300
Housing units:	1,098	1,414	1,484
Owner occupied:	959	1,143	1,195
Renter occupied:	139	217	200
Household members:	3.25	2.93	2.9

Organizational Chart

(2021)



Authorized Full Time Employees	9
Actual Full Time Employees	8
Authorized Part Time Employees	1
Actual Part Time Employees	1
Actual Reserve Officers	2
Actual Chaplains	4

Rose Hill Police Department Personnel

Chiefs Office/Support service



Chief Taylor Parlier



Clerk Kristie Metcalf



Detective Missy Tharp

Field Services



Sergeant Jason Conrad



K-9 Urlo



K-9 Handler Blake Weekley



Officer Joel Sibley



Officer Kevin Lee



Officer Peyton Heidebrecht



Officer Jordan Watson



P/T Officer DeShaun Smith

Reserves



Res. Sergeant Ed Musterer



Res. Officer Daniel Harshbarger

Reserve Officers are volunteer, non-paid members of the Police Department. They report to the Lieutenant as their liaison in the Field Services Division. At the conclusion of 2021 Reserve Officer Daniel Harshbarger began the process of transitioning to a full-time, paid employee with the Rose Hill Police Department.

Reserve Officers go through the same hiring process which paid Officers complete. Their required initial training is comprised of 80 hours of structured lessons in conjunction with 220 hours of Field Training. All reserve Officers are required to maintain minimum standards of hours worked as well as completing annual training requirements.

The Police Department has begun the process of actively recruiting additional Reserve Officers.

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Officers	9	6	9	6	3	3	2	2	2
Hours	768.75	777.25	665.50	457.75	461.28	372.95	262	131	388.25

Rose Hill Emergency Services Chaplains



Pastor Ron Long
First Baptist Church



Pastor Tim Armstrong
R.H. Bible Church



Pastor Robert Varner
R.H. Bible Church



Pastor Gayle Tenbrook
Fellowship church

Rose Hill Emergency Services Chaplains Unit was created and exists for the purposes of partnering, cooperating, and assisting the Rose Hill Police Department, Rose Hill Fire Department, and other Emergency Services in the area as requested. Providing counseling, emotional and/or spiritual support to citizens of the community as well as members of the various departments. Rose Hill Emergency Services Chaplains Unit is an independent volunteer organization of pastors servicing Rose Hill and surrounding area. There are currently 4 Rose Hill pastors serving the unit.

Regular Meetings

The Rose Hill Emergency Services Chaplains meet bi-monthly on the first Thursday of the month. Meetings consist of lunch, planning, review of calls, sharing of information and training as necessary. For 2021, the Chaplains only met in May, July, August, and October due to Corona virus concerns and illness in the unit.

Call Activity

The Rose Hill Emergency Services Chaplains coverage area includes the City of Rose Hill and Butler County Fire District #3. From time-to-time Chaplains help with the Butler County Chaplain Division which covers the entire County.

July 22nd – Chaplain assisted at the scene of a death in Rose Hill

August 2nd – Chaplain assisted Butler County at the scene of a death in Towanda

Activities

August 3rd – Rose Hill Emergency Chaplains Unit secured a bounce house and was in charge of set-up and take-down for the Rose Hill National Night Out. Chaplain unit personnel monitored the bounce house during the event.

September 18th – Rose Hill Emergency Chaplains Unit hosted the 13th annual Appreciation Picnic for Emergency Services personnel. 62 people attended. This event is an act of appreciation for the working personnel of all emergency services agencies in the area and their families. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks are furnished with attendees bringing a side dish and deserts.

October 9th – Chaplain’s chili feed. The chili feed is held in coordination with the Fall Festival as a fund raiser for the unit. The chaplains serve chili, soup, hot dogs, and cinnamon rolls along with drinks in the multi-purpose room at Unified School District (USD) 394. Those eating are asked to leave a donation. 2021 was the best attended and yielded the largest amount raised to date.

Benevolent Actions

- The unit helped a transient man with a room for the night.
- The unit sent a memorial in honor of a deceased family member of an emergency services member.
- The unit helped a family for Christmas.

The Rose Hill Emergency Services Chaplains Unity is Thankful to serve alongside the men and women who put their lives on the line to serve this community day after day. We willingly do our part to help in times of need.

Police K-9 Unit



Narcotics detection

- 21-17 Officer and canine responded to Benton at the request of their Police Department for an open-air sniff. Service was provided and no indication was observed. Officer returned to service.
- 21-87 While backing another officer on a possible weapons incident at the South entrance to Sienna Ranch, Officer found cause to deploy the police K-9. A sniff of the vehicle was completed with the K-9 indicating to the odor of narcotics. Vehicle was searched and narcotics found. Driver arrested was arrested for possession of a firearm, distribution of narcotics, and the vehicle was towed from the scene.
- 21-119 Officer was called for a police K-9 deployment on a Butler County Sheriff’s Office traffic stop on SW 210th St West of Douglass. Officer arrived on scene

and the K-9 was deployed to sniff the vehicle. During the sniff K9 did not indicate to the odor of illegal narcotics. Officer and K-9 returned to service in the city.

- 21-127 Officer and police K-9 responded to this location at the request of the Butler County Sheriff's Office. A free air sniff was conducted during their traffic stop on a vehicle with no indications.
- 21-159 Officer was called to assist the Unified School District (USD) 394 Police Department with a K-9 deployment. Police K-9 performed sniff of vehicles in the parking lot and alerted to the odor of narcotics on a parked vehicle. Through a search of the vehicle tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) vaping devices were found, case investigated by the USD 394 Police Department.
- 21-162 Officer was called by the Augusta Department of Public Safety for assistance with a K-9 deployment. Officer arrived and after speaking with on scene officers, conducted a sniff of the vehicle with the police K-9. Police K-9 indicated on the driver's side of the vehicle and narcotics were located. Driver was charged with possession of suspected marijuana, distribution, and firearms violations.
- 21-197 Officer and K-9 were requested to track a fleeing suspect from Butler County Sheriff's Office who were investigating a felony. Police K-9 began tracking and was able to track the suspect to a river's edge, which was unable to be crossed at this location. Search was terminated by a Sheriff's supervisor and officer returned to service.
- 21-264 Officer was asked to deploy police K-9 on traffic stop for the Augusta Department of Public Safety. Officer arrived on scene and the police K-9 sniff resulted in an indication driver's door. Vehicle searched, suspected methamphetamine with paraphernalia located. Augusta Officers made arrests and Rose Hill Officer with police K-9 returned to service.
- 21-304 Officer and police K-9 asked to assist Andover police K-9 Unit with a parking lot sniff on School property. Parking lot sniffed with no indication by either K-9.
- 21-551 Butler County Sheriff's Deputy requested an officer with police K-9 while on scene of what had turned into a warrant arrest. Officer arrived and deployed police K-9 who indicated to the odor of narcotics. Vehicle was searched, suspected methamphetamine with paraphernalia located and the Deputy made an arrest.
- 21-611 Officer and police K-9 assisted the Unified School District (USD) 394 Police Department with a sniff of the Middle and High School. K-9 indicated on a parked vehicle. Subsequent search found paraphernalia, and USD 394 Police investigated the case.
- 21-634 Officer and police K-9 ran the dog around a vehicle after driver was arrested. K-9 indicated, and a search of the vehicle was completed. Drug Paraphernalia and a bottle of alcohol were located. Driver was cited for minor in possession of alcohol and admitted a metallic smoking apparatus located within had been used in the past to smoke marijuana.

- 21-663 Officer was asked to assist the Butler County Sheriff's Department with a K-9 sniff at the Douglass High School. K-9 performed sniff of a parking lot, lockers, and unoccupied classrooms. Police K-9 indicated on a vehicle, and the search found no narcotics. Investigation found the vehicle had recently been purchased from an unidentified person.
- 21-802 Unified School District (USD) 394 Police Department requested assistance from an officer and police K-9. Police K-9 was deployed, and areas of concern were sniffed with school administration. Police K-9 indicated to areas within female restrooms with no narcotics found. Officer later learned USD intelligence had known female students were believed to be hiding tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) vape devices within feminine hygiene disposal bins.

Patrol Deployments

- 21-39 Officer was requested for a canine deployment by the Kansas Highway Patrol on the Turnpike near Cassoday. Officer and canine arrived on scene and attempted to track the suspect of a vehicle chase. Suspect was wanted in connection to a stolen vehicle and was not located.
- 21-203 Officer and police K-9 assisted the Andover Police Department with tracking the suspect in a vehicle theft case who fled apprehension. Officer arrived and began a track with the police K-9. Suspect was not found as track was lost once entering to a golf course currently in use.
- 21-509 Officer and police K-9 were asked to assist the El Dorado Police Department with a commercial burglary where the suspect was thought to still be within the building. Police K-9 assisted in searching for the suspect, video later showed the suspect fled from the rear of building prior to arrival of the police K-9.

Operational Overview

Rose Hill Police Officers are available to the public 24 hours a day. Examples of services provided by the Police Department:

- Criminal investigations
- Crime prevention and community education
- Traffic collision investigations
- Traffic enforcement
- Emergency preparedness, planning and response
- First response on emergency calls for serves (police, fire, and medical)
- Security for special events, Municipal court, and City Council
- Animal control

Criminal investigations:

A full-time investigator serves the community through a variety of responsibilities. These include, but are not limited to investigating felonies, child victim crimes, processing crime scenes, fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of evidence custodian and overseeing community events/programs. Additionally, the Rose Hill Investigator also serves as the departments Public Information Officer (PIO) and quartermaster for department gear issuance.

Crime Prevention and Community Education:

All Officers are responsible for participating in community events and using community policing concepts and strategies. Examples of events the Department has organized or been involved in are:

- National Night Out
- Hunters Education Course (canceled in 2021 due to pandemic)
- USD 394 classroom talks on various topics (occur when invited)
- Drug Take Back Program (spring and fall take backs)
- Citizen tours of the Police Department
- Senior Center speech on crime trends
- Movie in the park (canceled in 2021 due to pandemic)

Collision Investigations:

Officers respond to, investigate and document traffic collisions within the city limits. The data is submitted electronically to the State of Kansas as required by statute for reportable events. For non-reportable collisions, such as those on private property or below a damage total of \$1,000 a courtesy report is created for records purposes. Public reports concerning the accidents are disseminated to insurance companies or other interested parties upon request for a fee.

Traffic Enforcement:

Traffic monitoring and enforcement of traffic laws is primarily designed to increase traffic safety. In accordance with that philosophy, officers structure enforcement times and locations toward that goal. Although the number of fine generating citations written by Rose Hill Officers is below other comparable agencies by design, our traffic safety record is excellent. The number of state reportable accidents is low considering traffic counts place approximately 10,000 vehicles a day on Rose Hill Road.

Seven traffic enforcement campaigns

1. Seatbelts Are for Everyone (SAFE) Campaign

February 22 - March 5, 2021

Focused on school zone traffic

22 Traffic stops, 1 citation for speed, 4 citations for non-category offense.

2. 4/20 High Visibility Enforcement

April 16 - April 20, 2021

6 traffic stops, 2 citations for speed

3. Click it or Ticket Campaign

May 21 – May 31, 2021

55 traffic stops, 10 citations for speed, 1 citation for DUI, 3 citations for seatbelts, 11 citations for other offenses

4. (Labor Day) Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign

August 20 - September 6, 2021

33 traffic stops, 11 citations for speed, 1 DUI, 11 citations for other offenses

5. Ticket or Treat Campaign

October 25 - October 29, 2021

12 Traffic stops, 5 citations for speeding, 3 citations for child restraint

6. Thanksgiving Safe Arrival Campaign

November 20 – November 28, 2021

18 traffic stops, 7 citations for speed, 8 citations for other offenses

7. New Year's DUI Campaign

December 26, 2019 – January 1, 2021

14 Traffic stops, 1 citation for speed, 3 citations for other offenses

Emergency Preparedness and Response:

Verbal agreements have been made with four churches within Rose Hill to provide storm shelters for community members in the event of hazardous weather. Officers are tasked with unlocking the facilities upon receipt of a severe weather watch and locking the facilities when the weather threat has passed. The locations and entry points are as follows:

- Rose Hill Christian Church, 314 North Rose Hill Rd (main door)
- Rose Hill First Baptist Church, 1206 North Rose Hill Rd (main door)
- Rose Hill Bible Church, 1410 North Main St (main door)
- United Methodist Day Care (Wee-Rockets), 109 South Main St (South door)

As weather approaches, Officers engage in spotting activities and coordinate our efforts with Fire District #3 and Butler County Emergency Management.

First Response for Police, Fire, and medical calls:

Rose Hill Police Officers' primary method of assisting citizens is through emergency calls for service, or 911 calls. Any person within the city limits of Rose Hill who contacts 911, either by phone or text message, will have a Rose Hill Officer dispatched to assist. Butler County Emergency Communications, or dispatch, handle calls for service of all Police, Fire, and medical calls for service in Rose Hill from their office in El Dorado. Citizens who need aid may contact 911 by landline phone, cell phone, and/or text messages. Dispatchers can also reach any citizen with a registered phone number in the event of an emergency by way of the Reverse 911 system. This system allows dispatch to create a message and send it out to thousands of phone numbers every minute and to designated areas.

Once a Rose Hill Police Officer has been dispatched to a call for service their first priority is the protection of life and property. Once this protection of life/property has occurred the Officer will secure the scene, preserve evidence and begin the investigative process. Being impartial finders of fact, Rose Hill Officers will gather all relevant information prior to making a decision on a case.

Security for special events, Municipal court, and City Council:

Rose Hill Officers are often performing more than one task at a time. For instance, Officers organize and attend special events such as the Fall Festival, Christmas parade, and Run for the Roses we are also providing security for all in attendance. Additionally, Officers are supplementing the Rose Hill Municipal Court with a Court Bailiff and related law enforcement services. Similarly, an Officer is always available, if not in the council chamber, to assist the governing body should they require aid.

Animal Control:

Department personnel are responsible for some animal control and enforcement of city code pertaining to animals. Domesticated animal breeds (canine, feline, rabbit, and some swine) which are picked up by Officers/Citizens (during business hours) are taken to the Rose Hill Veterinary Clinic rather than housed at a city owned and maintained kennel. In partnership with the Veterinary Clinic these animals can be securely housed in a temperature-controlled environment with appropriate food and water.

Prior to the animal's release, through owner identification or adoption, Veterinary staff verify appropriate vaccinations have been administered and animal registration has been

completed. This information is shared with the Police Department for education or enforcement purposes.

While Officers can take in certain feral animals, they do not transport wild animals to the Veterinary Clinic. Instead, the Police Department has put together a list of area trappers, furbearers, wildlife removal experts, and certain sanctuaries for use by residents or area persons in need of their services.

Additional services:

The department continues work on our Policies and Procedures manual by reviewing and updating existing policies. Many of the policies have been converted to a new format that provides better access to all members of the department as we have departed from the Lexipol Policy program.

All officers are compliant with statutory requirements such as maintaining required training hours, firearms qualification, biased based policing training and reporting.

The use of the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) by the department requires certain policies relating to officer training, physical and remote access security as well as yearly criminal background investigations be conducted. The department is audited by the Kansas Highway Patrol for compliance and to date, we have successfully passed every audit.

In addition to transmitting criminal reporting data, we also collect and transmit fingerprints electronically. This capability not only provides almost real time confirmation of a suspect's identity (if their prints are already in the FBI system), but it allows us to meet the fingerprint requirements for background checks on officers per CJIS requirements. As a service to the public, we use this system to take fingerprints for employment purposes for a small fee. Fingerprinting services. As it pertains to non-criminal justice matters, all civilian fingerprinting services are by appointment only. These appointments can be scheduled online or over the phone with the Police Clerk for a charge of fifteen dollars.

Municipal Court

Rose Hill Municipal Court was conducted throughout 2021 with no structural changes related to the pandemic. Any alterations to scheduled court dates were due to other causes. Masking, social distancing, and temperature checks were suspended during 2021 as local infection numbers receded and guidance from County Emergency Management advice evolved.

Municipal Court Staff:



Judge: Honorable Fred A. Johnson



Clerk: Kristie Metcalf

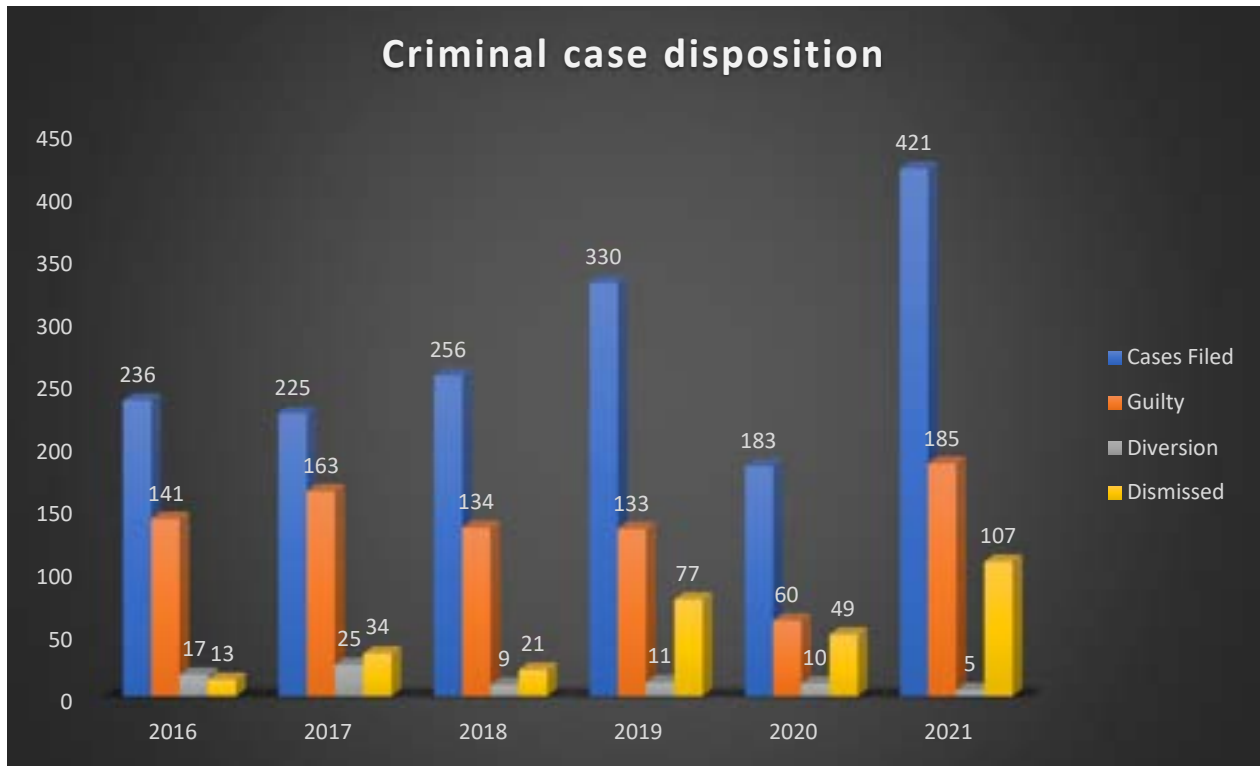


Prosecutor: Justen Phelps

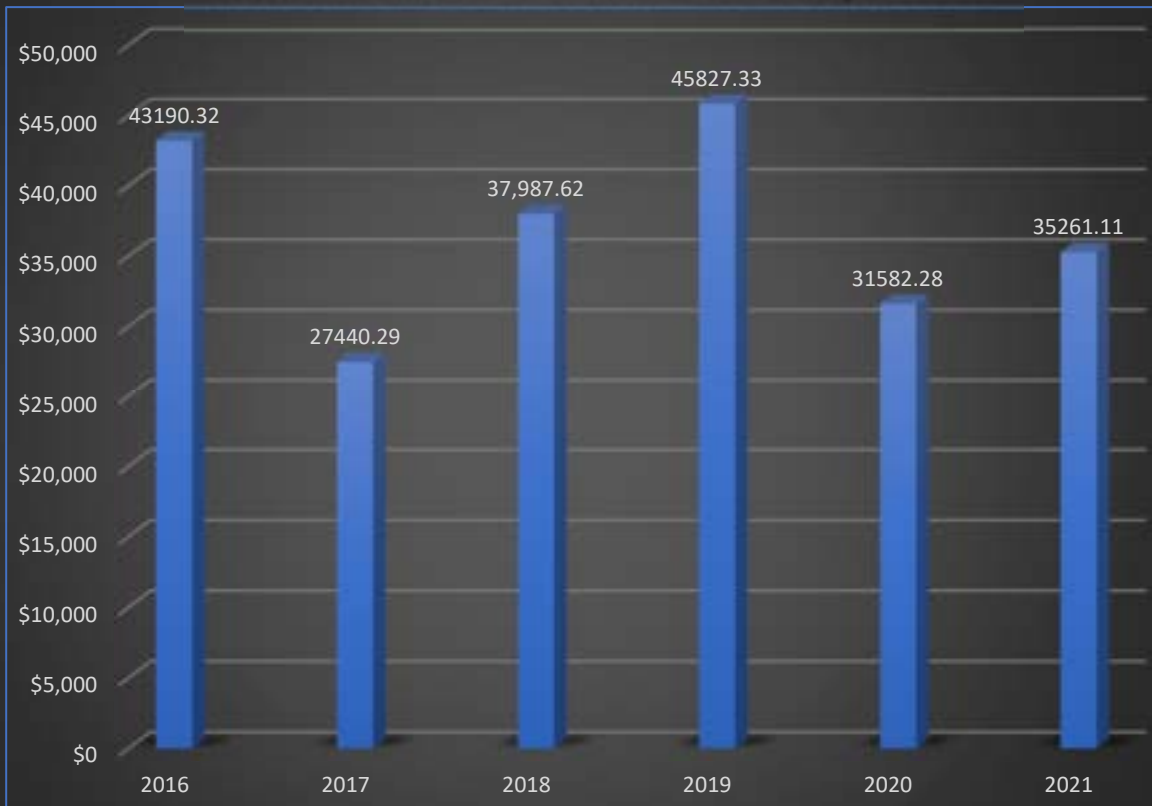


Prosecutor: Nolan Wright

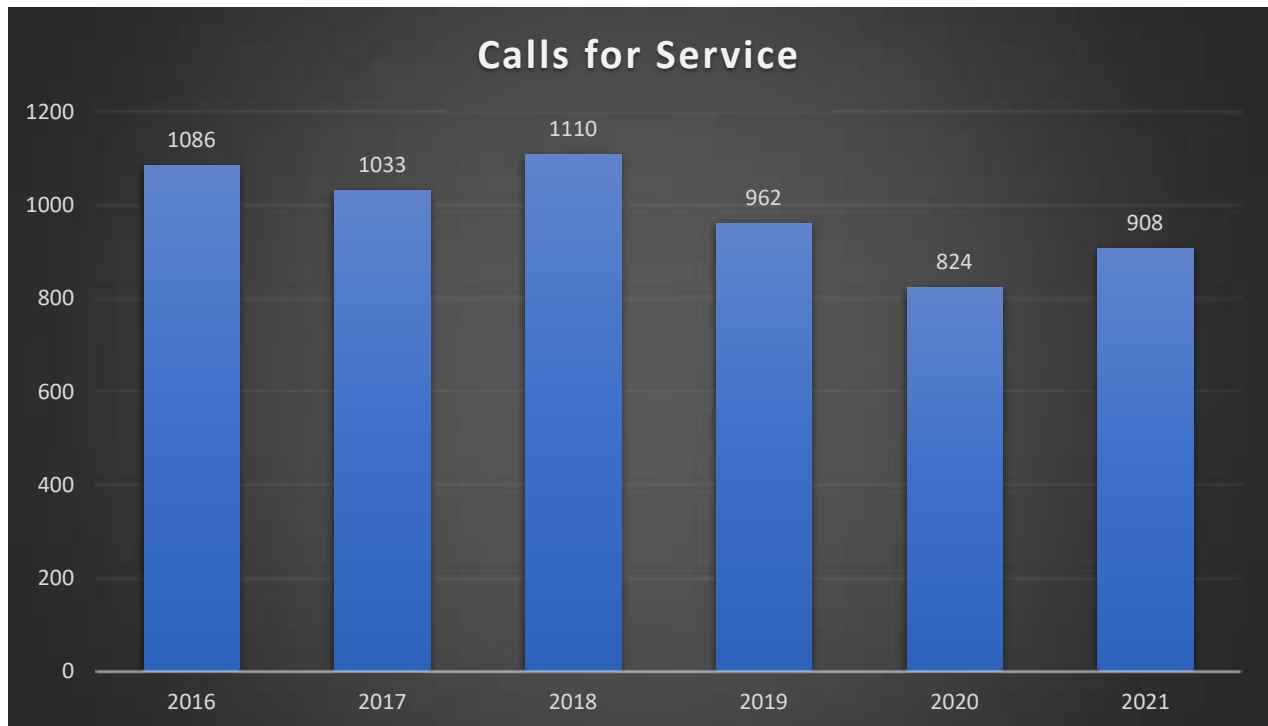
Court Statistics



Annual Fines & Court Cost Comparison



Crime Statistics



Calls for service can be for any event a citizen is concerned, needs assistance, or this agency is requested to assist another agency. Following are the top 5 call types, beginning in 2019 and going through 2021:

2019

(144) Assist other agency
 (122) Animal calls
 (62) Suspicious calls
 (60) Disturbances
 (41) Check the welfare

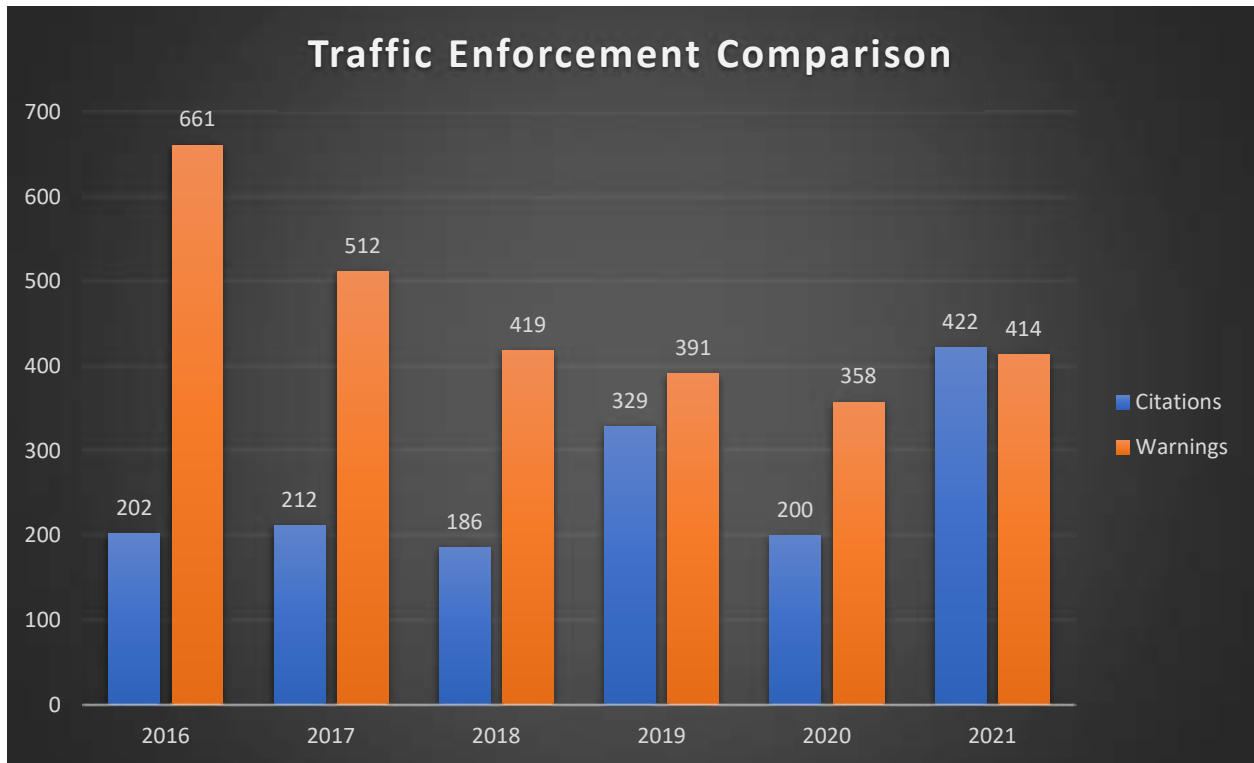
2020

(83) Disturbances
 (75) Assist other agency
 (71) Animal calls
 (45) Suspicious calls
 (43) Check the welfare

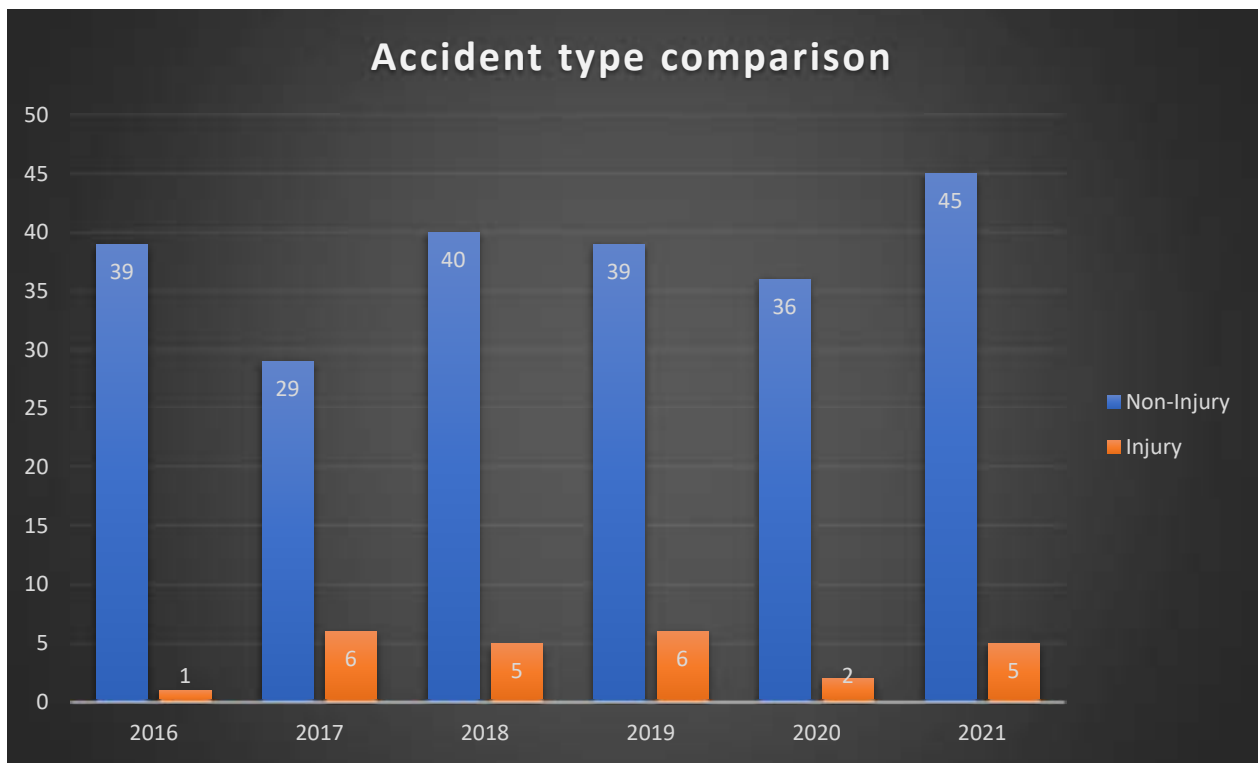
2021

(128) Assist other agency
 (93) Disturbances
 (81) Animal calls
 (51) Suspicious calls
 (43) Check the welfare

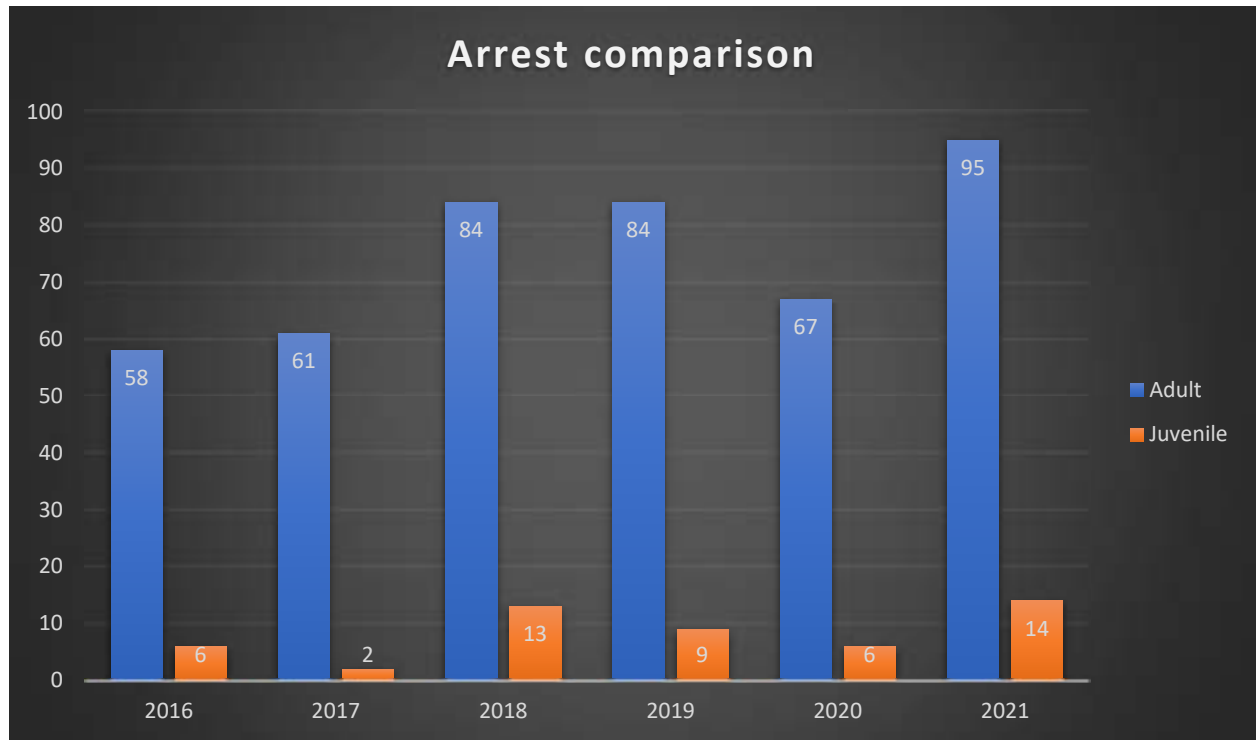
Assist other agency covers Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire, Sheriff, Unified School District (USD), and other Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA). Disturbances cover assaults, batteries, domestic violence (dv), disorderly conduct (brawl), and threats. Animal calls cover at large animals, nuisance animals, neglect, and animal bites. Suspicious calls cover suspicious vehicles, persons, and activity. Check the welfare refers to a calling party being concerned for another’s wellbeing.



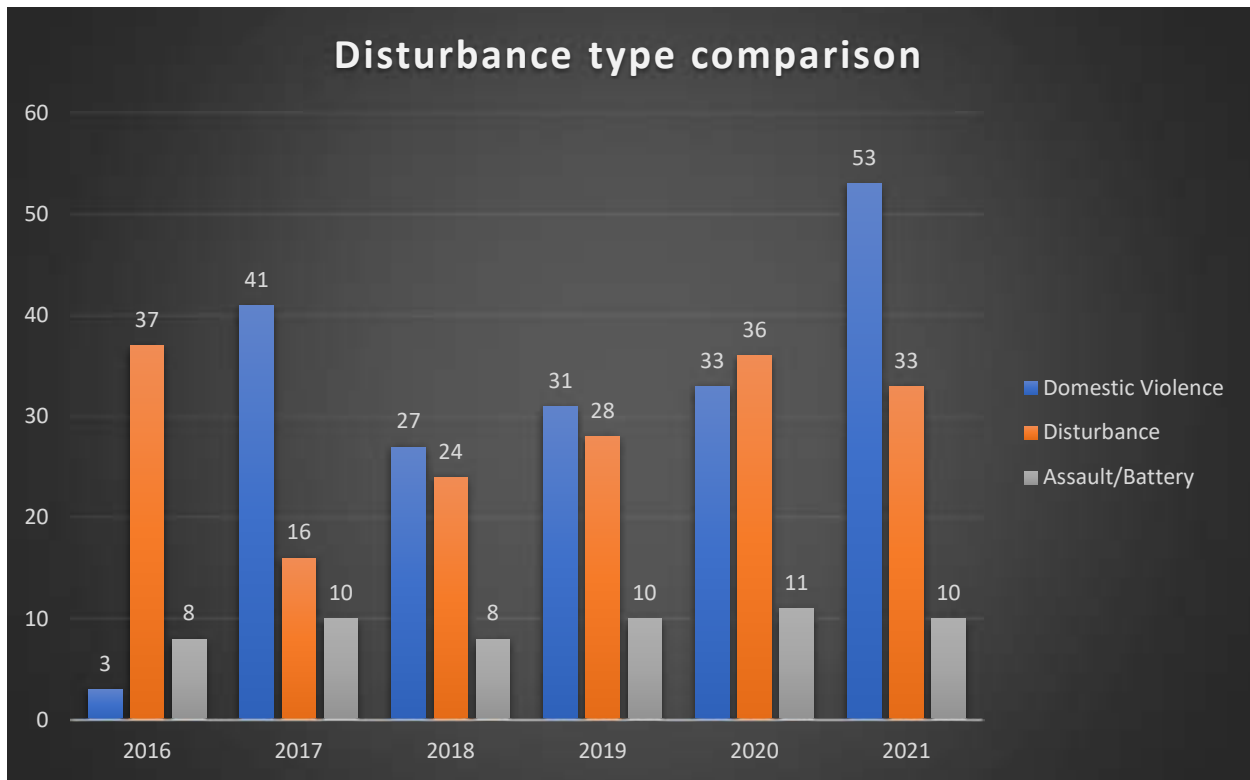
During SARS CoV2 pandemic Rose Hill Police Officers began writing fix-it citations which are listed in our records management as Citations. Fix-it citations are listed in the Department Records Management as citations to ensure the equipment violations are corrected. Once corrected, the fines and court dates on the fix-it citation is waived. The penalty aspect of these citations only remains if the motorist does not address the malfunction. This practice will continue.



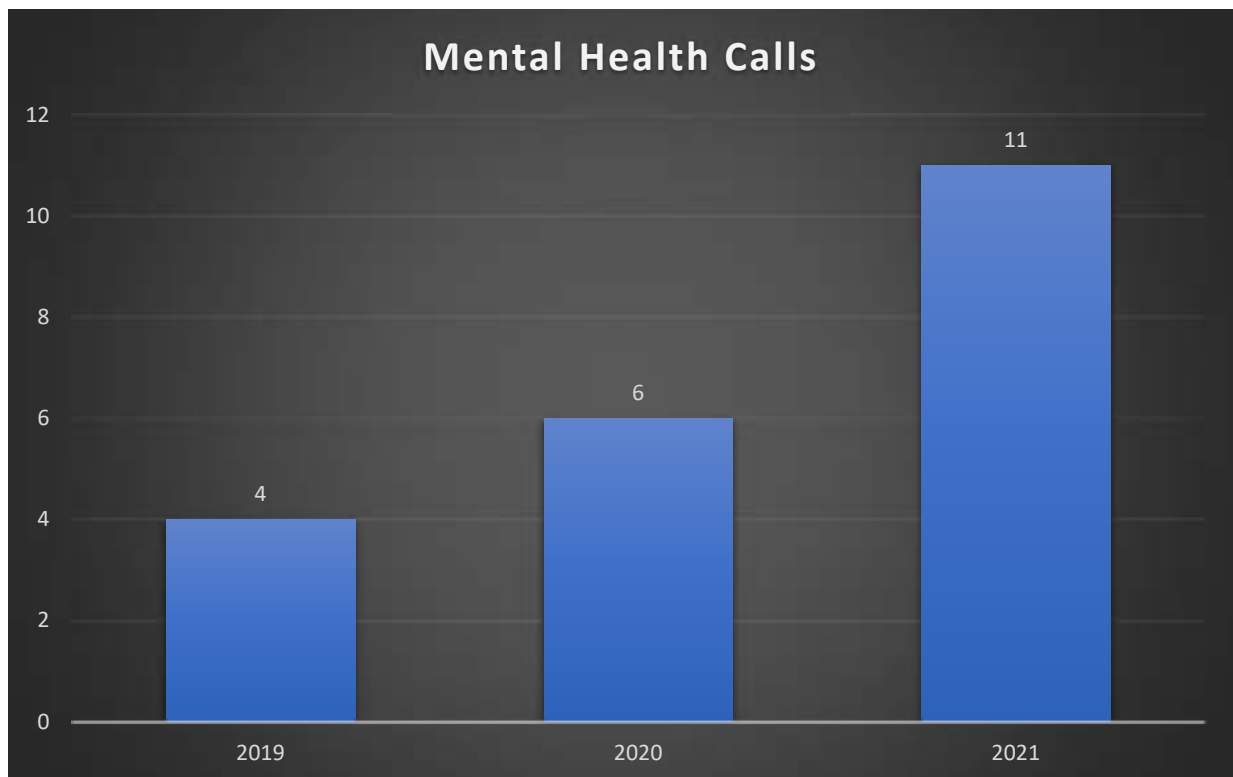
Non-injury accident encapsulates all accidents where an injury was not observed or reported, including hit and run, private property, damages under \$1,000, and single vehicle.



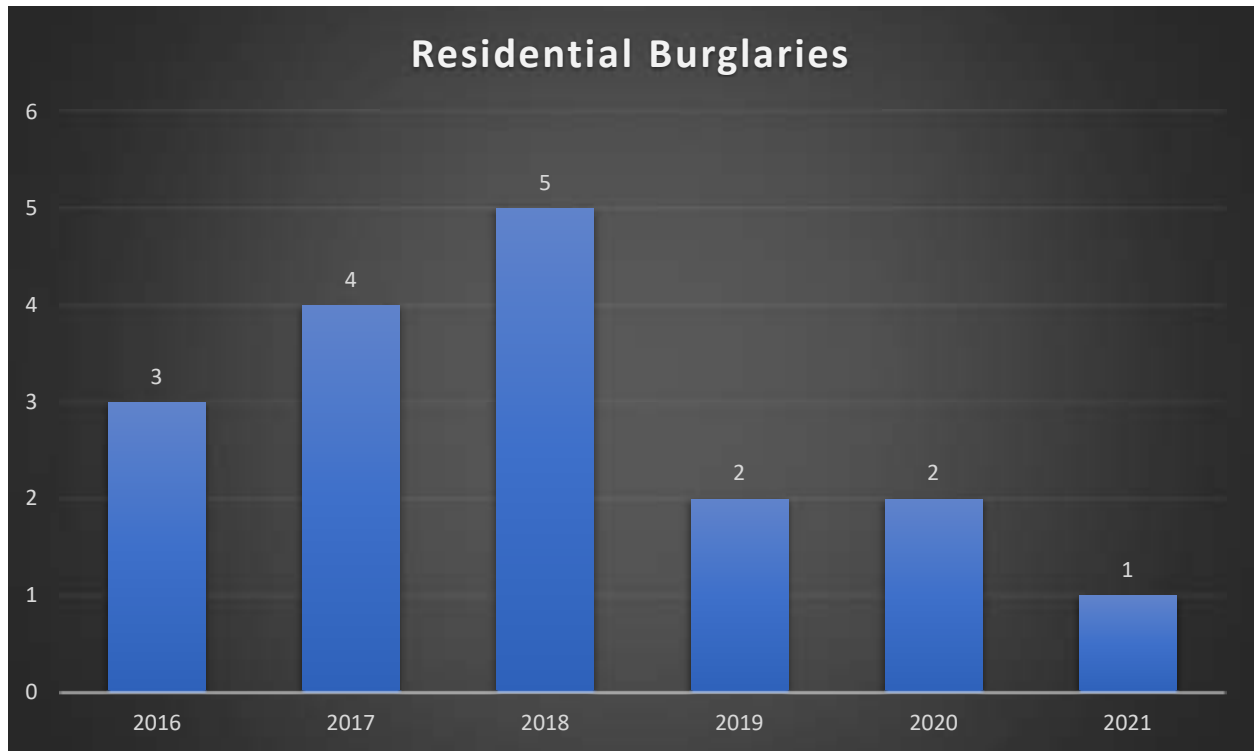
These arrest numbers reflect all arrests where a person's freedom was restricted and charges were filed, regardless of any stay in a jail system. These numbers include juveniles charged and released to a parent/guardian. Similarly, adults who were processed and released with or without a bond restriction.



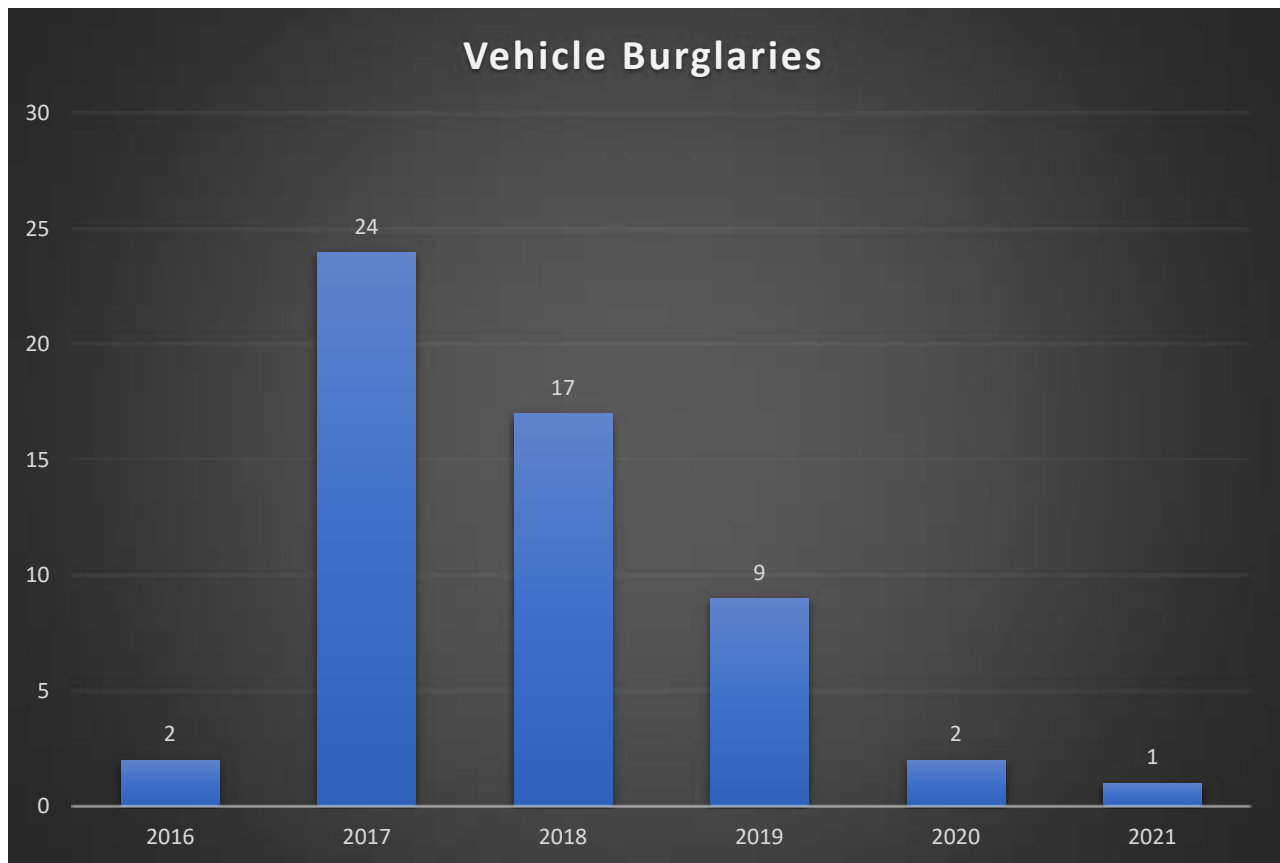
In this comparison of disturbance types the following are included in each category. **Domestic violence** refers to a disturbance concerning a domestic situation, covering any crime with a DV designator as well as disturbances where if a crime occurred, they would be DV. **Disturbance** refers to any non-criminal disturbance, not dv where the involved parties chose not to pursue charges against each other. **Assault/Battery** is a non-dv related criminal action where charges were filed against one or both participants.



Mental Health is a category which we began to count in 2019 so the data is less than other categories. These call types begin as any other type, ranging from a burglary in progress to a welfare check. However, when the Officer arrives the investigation reveals a person involved is in mental health crisis.

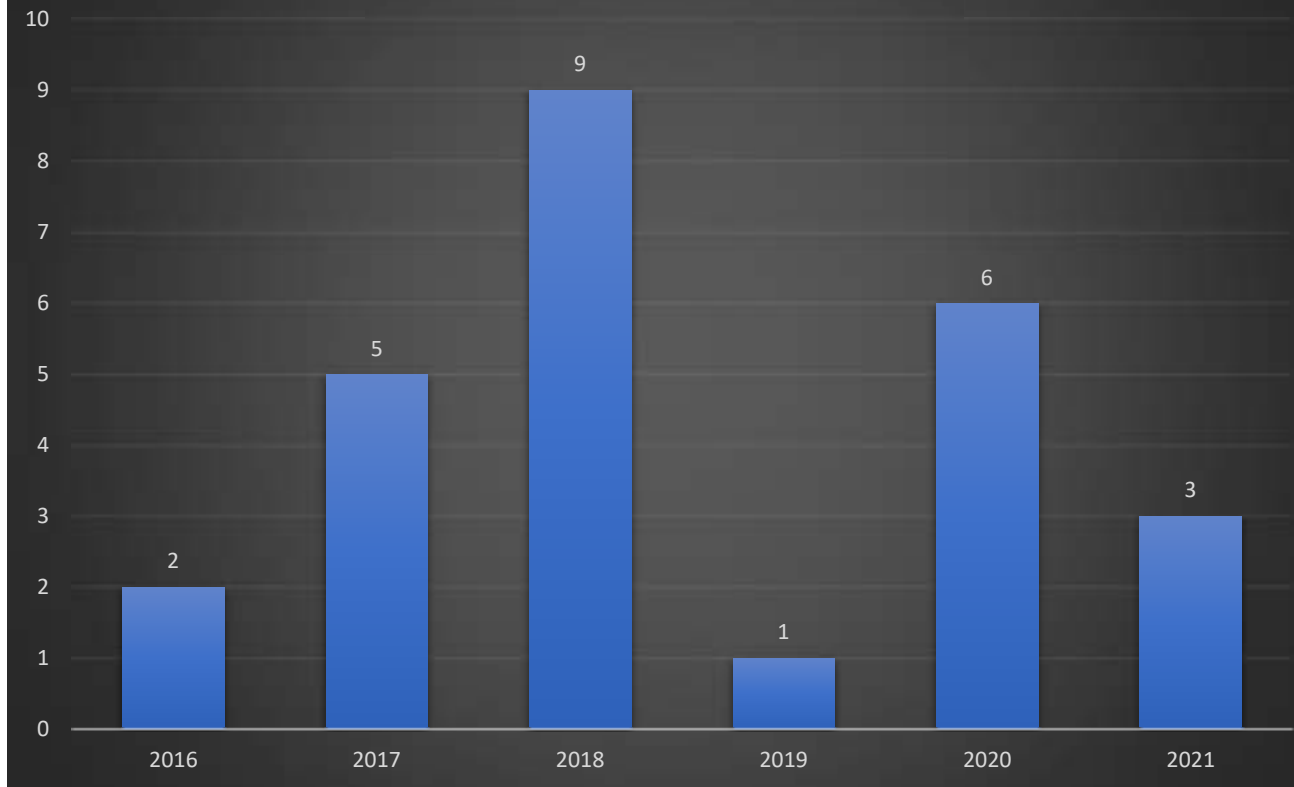


This call type of burglary is reserved for when a person without permission enters another's residence with the intent to commit a theft, felony or sexually oriented crime.



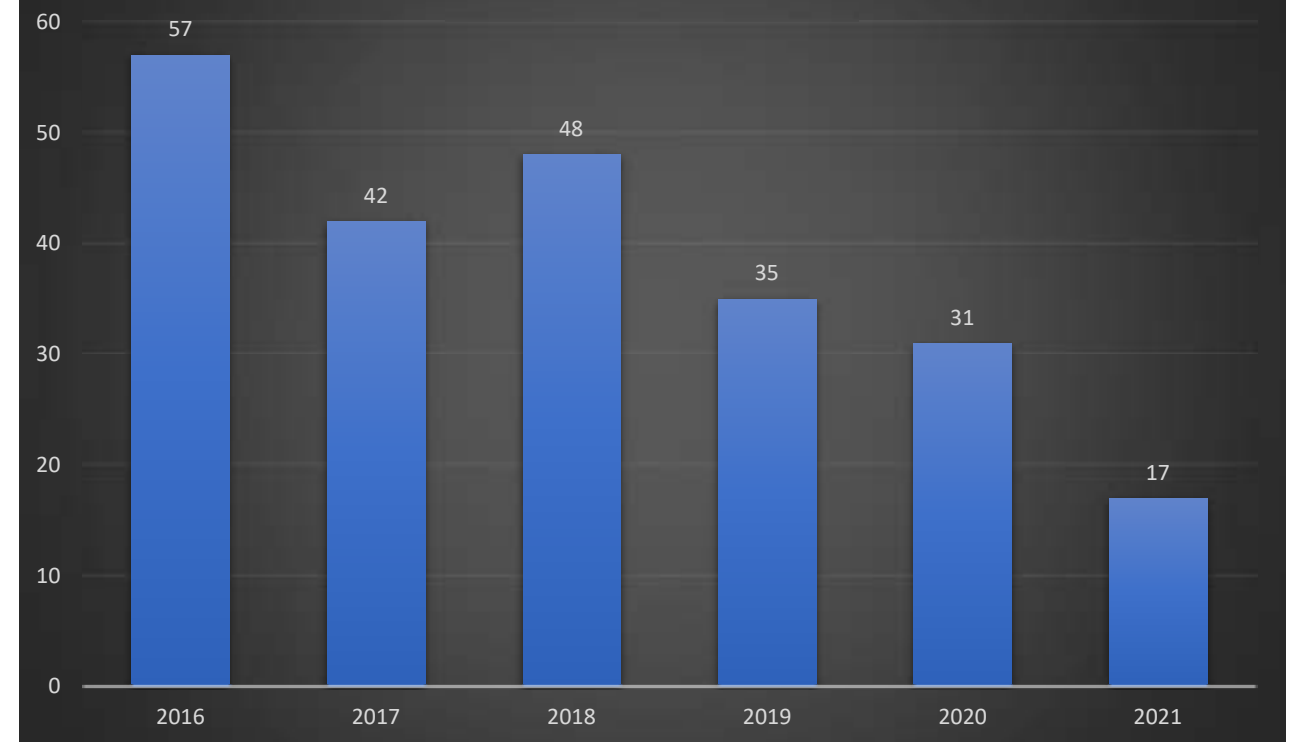
Vehicle burglary type refers to the entrance of a vehicle (either locked or unlocked) with the intent to commit a theft, felony or sexually motivated crime.

Non-Residential Burglaries

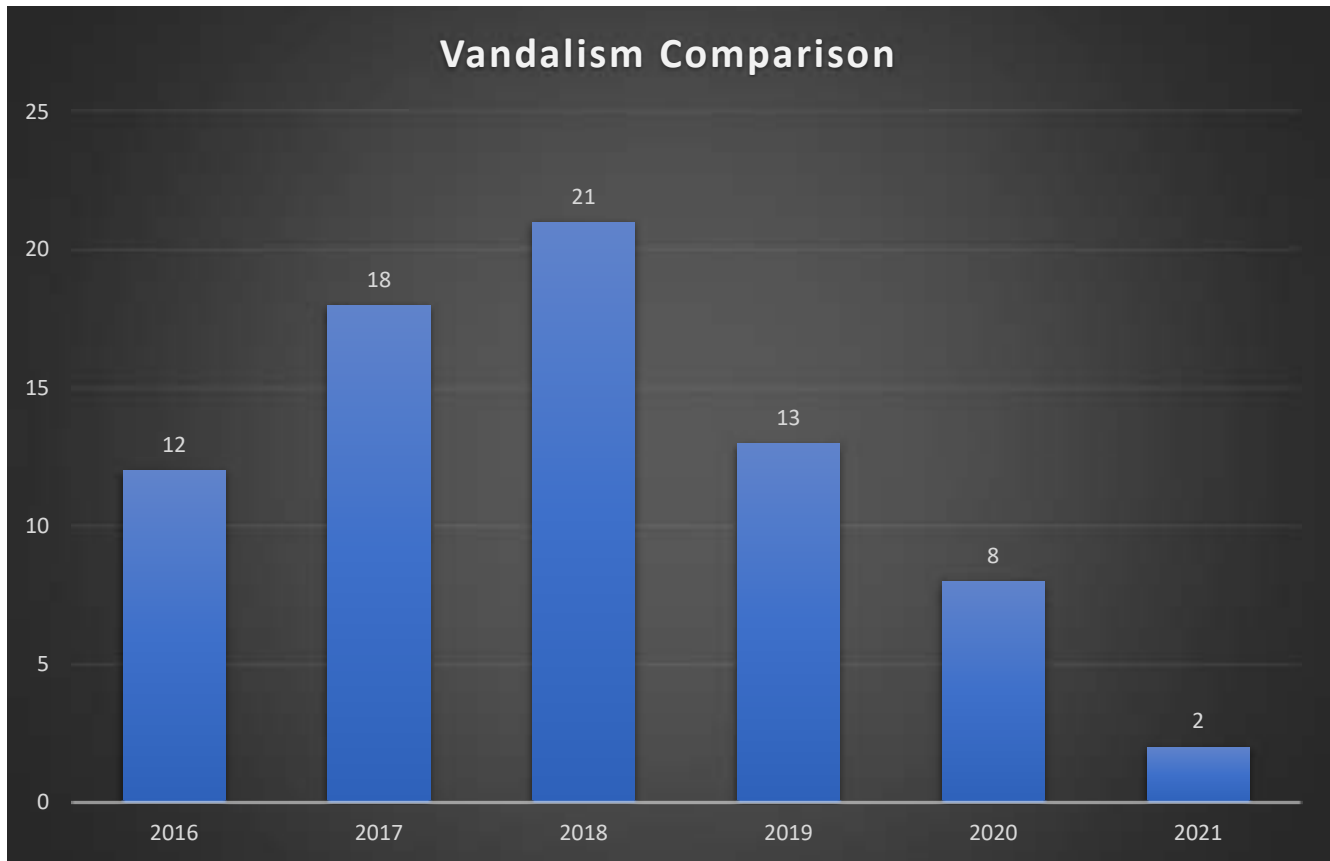


Non-Residential Burglaries refer to a person or persons entering a building or structure which is not used as a residence with the intent to commit a theft, felony, or sexually motivated crime.

Theft comparison



Theft refers to a person or persons taking items which they did not have permission to take, either from a business, person, or location they were allowed to be. Primarily thefts are reported from business and referencing persons who had been patrons.



Vandalism is the unwanted altering of an item or location, typically involving a substance which is troublesome to remove and not impossible.

Accomplishments for 2021

- City of Rose Hill was designated by Safe-Wise as the 11th safest City in Kansas, marking the third straight year being ranked within the top 20.
- Police Department took part in all State and Federal traffic enforcement safety projects, earning a Platinum Status with AAA. As a direct result of this involvement the department was awarded a new Doppler radar for a patrol vehicle, two new Preliminary Breath Test (PBT) machines, and LED traffic pucks. All items combined saved the city and taxpayers over \$3,000.
- Police Department became an area portal for any citizen needing to prove their identity to the Kansas Department of Revenue. This became an issue after Federal covid relief money entered the public square and an exponential rise in identity thefts across the country occurred. This program allowed a citizen to prove they were who they said they were and unlock their state file, allowing for much needed unemployment relief for many.
- Chief (former) Nelson L. Mosley resigned from the Rose Hill Police Department and accepted a position as Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety with the University of Kansas. Congratulations Chief Mosley and good luck on the new role.
- Lieutenant (former) Taylor Parlier was named the interim Chief of Police following the resignation of Chief Mosley. Following a selection process, he was named the 8th Chief of Police for the City of Rose Hill.
- The City of Rose Hill was awarded Federal funding through the COPS hiring grant in the amount of \$250,000. Once the governing body accepted the funding and associated requirements the process began for locating and hiring two new

additional officer positions. These positions are meant to increase safety to the public and Officers by increasing community policing and allowing for increased staffing at any given time.

- Stuff the Squad Car held in November at the Rose Hill Dollar General Store saw the largest to date quantity of food, toy, and monetary donations. The Police Department donated food items to the SW Butler Food Pantry, clothing and toys to the Sunshine Children's home, and snacks to the Child Advocacy Center. Money was used to purchase Christmas presents to area families through the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Additionally, Mastercard gift cards (\$20 each) were purchased from an area bank and given to citizens during traffic stops conducted during the holiday season.
- Officer Kevin Lee and Sergeant Jason Conrad were awarded life saving medals for actions taken on April 30th which saved the life of a Rose Hill resident. Thank you both for your calm response and the saving of a life.
- Officer Peyton Heidebrecht resigned his position with the Rose Hill Police Department to take a position with the Hillsboro Police Department. This position brought him closer to his childhood home and family, congratulations Officer Heidebrecht and good luck in your new role.
- Officer Kevin Lee resigned his position with the Rose Hill Police Department to take a position with his Alma Mater Barclay College as a recruiter. Congratulations Kevin, we hope you enjoy your new role and increased time with your family.
- Officer Jordan Watson, a Rose Hill native, was hired as a Police Officer on September 7th. He had previously worked as a Police Officer for the Wichita State University Police. Welcome aboard Rose Hill Officer Watson.

Community events

- Community events were restarted with Officer involved in Fall Festival, Christmas parade, and judging in the Chaplain's chili tasting event.
- National Night Out (NNO), held on August 3rd had the largest number of donated gifts to date and appeared to have the largest crowd.
- Two successful Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) sponsored "Drug Take Back" events were held, one in the spring and the other in the fall. Over the course of both events a total of 246 pounds of medication was collected, representing our largest collection to date. Due to these events 246 pounds of prescriptions and controlled substances were kept from our soil, waterways and out of the hands of potential abusers.
- Rose Hill PD won the Storefront Contest with Rose Hill Hometown Christmas. Detective Tharp, Clerk Metcalf, Officers Kevin Lee, Peyton Heidebrecht, Jordan Watson and their families assisted in putting the window together. Great job everyone!
- Officer Kevin Lee represented the Rose Hill Police Department at the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Awareness Camp on June 8th in Wichita where some Rose Hill youths attended. Awareness Camp is a free three-day camp adventure that provides youth, who may have limited exposure to these kinds of things of experiences, an opportunity to live the adventure of the outdoors.
- Officers were present for the Big Truck Night on June 1st which is located in the parking lot of the Rose Hill High School.
- Officers assisted with safety and community policing at the Light the Night Bike Ride, sponsored by the Rose Hill Rec Commission at the City Pond.
- Officers took part in the Great Egg Dash on April 3rd which was put together by the Rec Center. Officers sounded their patrol vehicle sirens to begin the Easter egg hunt.

- Police K-9 Urlo was gifted a bullet and stab protective vest by Vested Interest in K9s, inc. This gift keeps our canine partner Urlo safe and saved the city and taxpayers approximately \$1,000. Thank you, Vested Interest!

Notable cases

Case 202100086: On February 17, 2021, a motorist reported a road rage incident in the area of the Sienna Ranch neighborhood in which one motorist pointed a suspected firearm at another motorist. It should be noted inclement weather had come through the area the night prior, and after several minutes of lag time from the initial call to the Officer response to the area no vehicles were observed moving in the area. Upon the Officer's arrival a passenger car and pickup truck were observed stopped in the snow and obstructing the West entrance to Sienna Ranch, people were seen to be standing around the passenger car. Due to no vehicles being in motion in the area and this appearing to be a traffic hazard the Officer re-directed attention to this potential hazard.

As the Officer spoke with the self-proclaimed driver of the passenger car it was learned the vehicle became stuck while trying to turn around. The driver got out and inadvertently locked himself out with the keys inside and engine running. The driver refused to allow the Fire Department to come out and unlock the vehicle for free and elected to pay for a tow service to remove the vehicle.

Aspects of the driver's story were beginning to be in conflict with other parts of the story. The Officer began to believe this vehicle was involved in the road rage and while awaiting the tow service a Rose Hill canine officer and police canine were passing by after completing training in the area. The Officer and Police Canine partner conducted a free air sniff around the vehicle and an indication was observed as to the presence of narcotic odor in the vehicle.

Rose Hill Fire personnel arrived and after opening the vehicle a search was conducted. As a result of the driver was found to be in possession of a firearm illegally, opiates, narcotics, and paraphernalia. The driver was arrested and charged with various felonies.

Case 202100179: On April 1, 2021, an adult female entered The Dollar General Store and through a series of distractions convinced the teller to add \$995 of store monies to a pre-paid card. Through diligent investigation and successful collaboration with area agencies, the Rose Hill Police Officers were able to tie a group of persons to similar crimes from Louisiana to Missouri.

Through the investigation it was learned that multiple persons, most likely originating from Louisiana travelled North through Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri. During this travel they stopped at area Dollar General Stores, Dollar Tree Stores, and occasional Walgreens to conduct a confidence scam. One or two persons would distract the non-cashier employees while a separate person through distractions convinced a cashier to give them store money.

It is estimated this group stole in excess of \$200,000 dollars of the course of a couple weeks. Information was referred to law enforcement fusion centers, federal authorities, and respective City/County/State Attorneys.

Case 202100647: On September 20, 2021, Officers responded to the 400 block of North Rose Hill Rd where contact was made with several citizens of Kansas City, Missouri. Officers responded to the area after a representative from the Rose Hill Pharmacy reported a person attempted to obtain a controlled substance through a fraudulent prescription.

While all involved lived near each other, each denied knowing the others and did not have a reasonable explanation for their presence. The person who attempted to pass a fraudulent prescription was arrested and the others were allowed to leave at that time and the investigation continued.

As a direct result of a thorough investigation, the Officer found this group was connected to each other and had done this same thing in several smaller metro area towns. Officer requested charges on the person who had earlier been released and pertinent information was relayed to other agencies to assist in their criminal investigations.

Case 202100684: On October 1, 2021, Officers responded to an area in rural Rose Hill to assist the Butler County Sheriff's Office with an injury accident involving an entrapment. Upon arrival the Officers began scene management and patient triage. During the process of controlling the scene an uninvolved youth arrived followed by an adult family member, both ignored law enforcement commands and actively resisted their efforts to keep the scene secured.

Due to the youth's actions, Officers attempted to detain the youth and a struggle ensued. As the youth actively physically resisted a responding Officer's finger was dislocated and broken, resulting in several months of light duty and rehabilitation. The Officer has since returned to full duty and the youth was charged with a variety of offences.

Case 202100700: On October 6, 2021, the third shift Officer responded to a business alarm at the Rose Hill Pharmacy located at 323 N Rose Hill Rd. Upon arrival a broken drive thru window was observed. The Officer (only person on duty at this time) heard motion from within the building, attempted to secure a perimeter and called for assisting Officers and a supervisor response.

Upon the arrival of assisting agencies the pharmacy was entered and cleared with no person found inside at that time. Investigation found several containers of controlled substances had been stolen from within and there were no known suspects at that time.

Due to DNA left on scene by the suspect and a pair of unique socks observed on the security video, Officers were soon able to identify a primary suspect. A DNA comparison was taken, and an interview was conducted. While the controlled substances were not located the suspect confessed to the crime and was charged with various felonies.

2021 Department Highlights



Goody bags from American Legion



Pizza delivery from Air Capital



Kevin Lee receiving Life Saving



Jason Conrad receiving Life Saving



Joel Sibley receiving



Department of Aging Gift



Nelson going away BBQ



Child Abuse Prevention Month Cookies



Dispatch Appreciation



Fall Drug Take Back





Cop on a Roof – Andover, KS



CPR training



Girl Scout Cookie delivery



Fall Fest Parade



Fall Fest Parade



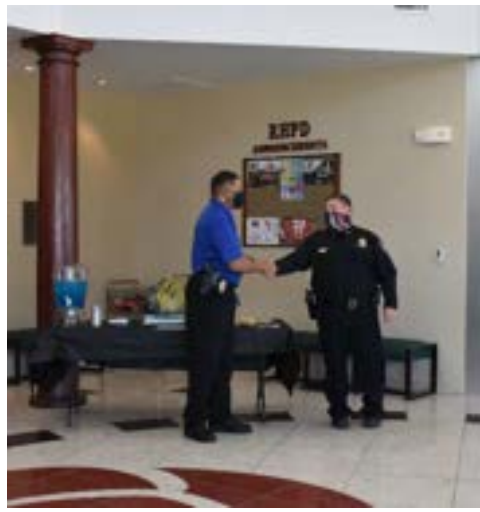
Fall Fest Parade



New Radars



Harshbarger Swear-In



Heidebrecht Graduation



Awareness Camp in Wichita



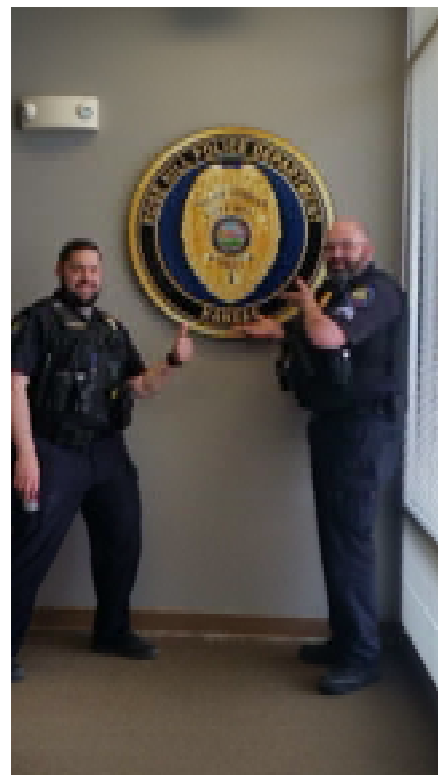
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LEO Week



Light the Night Bike Ride



New Sign



Noah's going away party



Childer's Swear-In



Range Day

National Night Out



Stuff the Squad Car



Great Egg Dash





Torch Run



Donation from United Way



Urlo's new vest



Watson Swear-In