

Rose Hill Police Department 2024 Annual Report



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

Message from Chief Taylor Parlier



The Rose Hill Police Department is pleased to present our 2024 Annual Report

During this past year, we have continued to work on our goals and projects for the community. We remained in touch with national events involving the profession of law enforcement, updated our policies/procedures, and attended training to improve our interactions with the public. Community events continued in earnest this year with the 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 public interaction.

We value the partnership with the citizens of this community, which allows us to continue working to ensure Rose Hill is a place where people want to live, work, and play. We are staffed with dedicated and compassionate men and women who are committed to maintain 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, and we thank you for your continued involvement and participation.

Respectfully,

Chief Taylor Parlier



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

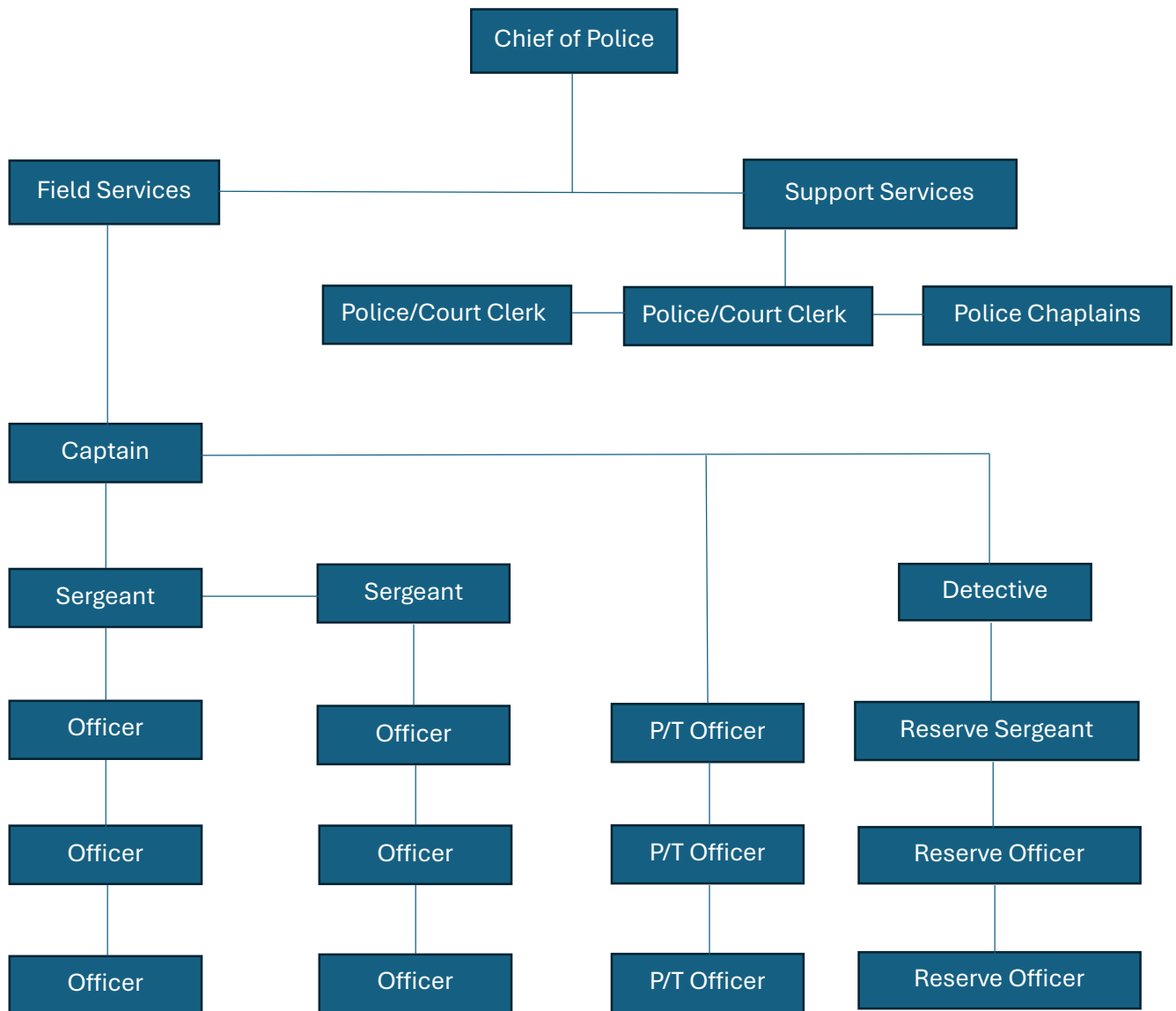
*******Change over the years census data results*******

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

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2024</u>
Population:	3,432	3,931	4,086	4,353
Median Age:	30.7	34.2	37.6	33.7
Median Income:	\$63,750	\$75,167	\$81,046	\$98,827
Median home value:	\$97,500	\$124,200	\$151,300	\$213,400
Housing units:	1,098	1,414	1,484	1,602
Owner occupied:	959	1,143	1,195	*****
Renter occupied:	139	217	200	*****
Household members:	3.25	2.93	2.9	2.8

(2024 numbers are based upon the "censusreporter.org")

******* Indicates no available Data at this time**



Authorized Full-Time Officers	11
Actual Full-Time Officers	8
Authorized Part-Time Officers	3
Actual Part-Time Officers	3
Authorized Reserve Officers	3
Actual Reserve Officers	3
Actual Full-Time Police/Court Clerk	0
Actual Part-Time Court Clerk	1

Rose Hill Police Department Personnel

Chief Taylor Parlier



Police/Court Clerk Erica Blue



P/T Court Clerk Kate Unruh



Captain Jason Conrad



Sergeant Joel Sibley



Sergeant Jordan Watson



Detective Missy Tharp



Officer Nick Cline



Officer Zack Hobson



Officer William Bishop



P/T Officer DeShaun Smith



P/T Officer Tom Maloney



P/T Officer Daniel Harshbarger



P/T Officer Blake Weekley



Reserve Sergeant Edward Musterer



Reserve Officer Dustin Short



Reserve Officers are volunteers, non-paid members of the Police Department and report to the Detective. 2024 saw three Reserve Officers begin the year Reserve Sergeant Edward Musterer, Reserve Officer Dustin Short, and Reserve Officer Brian Culpepper. Two Reserve Officers remained at the end of the year, Musterer and Short. Reserve Officers train with different Officers to gather the widest view of the department and how citizen interactions can differ depending on the shift and day. They work special events (Fall Festival and National Night Out), as well as assisting with Court Bailiff duties. n

Reserve Officers go through the same hiring process that certified Officers complete. Their required initial training is 80 hours, and their field training is 220 hours. All Reserve Officer are required to maintain minimum standards for time worked and time training annually. We continue our active recruitment of additional qualified Reserve Officers.

ANNUAL RESERVE OFFICER COUNT AND HOURS WORKED

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
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Officers	2	3	2						
Hours	195	240.75	198.25						

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 sole purpose of partnering with, cooperating with and assisting, the Rose Hill Police Department, Butler County Fire District #3, and other emergency services departments in our area, as requested, to assist in their services provided to the public. 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 serving Rose Hill and the surrounding area.

REGULAR MEETINGS

The Rose Hill Emergency Services Chaplains meet quarterly or as necessary. Meetings consist of a working lunch, planning for future known events, review of call-outs or responses, sharing of information, and training.

ACTIVITY

The Rose Hill Emergency Services Chaplains coverage area includes the City of Rose Hill and Butler County Fire District #3. Occasionally, Rose Hill Chaplains will assist with the Butler County Chaplains division which covers the entirety of Butler County.

March

12th - Chaplain met with a police officer.

April

3rd - Chaplain Director met with area police chief.

5th - Chaplain Director performed wedding for a police officer.

May

2nd – Chaplains took part in National Day Of Prayer observance.

August

6th – Secured a bounce house, set-up and took down, for the National Night Out event

September

5th - Chaplain assisted with an inmate at KMC, Andover.

21st – Hosted the 16th Annual Appreciation Picnic for Emergency Services Personnel. 53 people attended the event and is to show appreciation for the working personnel of all emergency service agencies in the area and their families. Food and drinks are provided, attendees are asked to bring a side or desert to share.

October

11th – Annual Chaplains Chili Feed. This event is held in coordination with the Fall Festival as a fundraiser for the unit. The chaplains serve chili, soup, hot dogs, and cinnamon rolls in the multi-purpose room. Those eating are asked to leave a donation, 2024 yielded the largest amount raised to date.

December

20th – Chaplains attended the funeral for firefighter Gail Futhey

BENEVOLENT

- Sent funeral memorial for a Rose Hill police officer's father.
- Sent funeral memorial for a past Rose Hill police officer.
- Sent funeral memorial for a Rose Hill fire fighter.

The Rose Hill Chaplains Unit is thankful to serve alongside the men and women who put their lives on the line to serve this community day after day. They are honored and willing to do their part to help in a time of need.

Operational Overview

The Rose Hill Police Department is available to the community 24-hours a day, providing:

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

- Animal control

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS:

Our full-time investigator serves the community through a variety of responsibilities, which include, but is not limited to: investigating felonies, child victims crimes, processing crime scenes, fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of evidence custodian, and overseeing community events/programs. Additionally, the investigator also serves as the department's Public Information Officer (PIO).

CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION:

All Officers are responsible for participating in community events and using community policing concepts and strategies. Examples of events we have organized or were involved in are:

- Drug Enforcement Agency sponsored Drug Take Back on April 27th (30 pounds) and October 26th (42 Pounds).
- Pasta Patrol, County wide law enforcement drive for non-perishable items and school supplies. All items were distributed evenly to each County School District
- National Night Out, August 6th
- Senior Center speech on crime trends and departmental updates, November 22nd
- Fall Festival October 11th and 12th
- Stuff the Squad Car, December 12th
- Rose Hill Christmas Parade, December 14th

COLLISION INVESTIGATIONS:

Officers respond to, investigate, and document traffic collisions within the City limits or in the County at the request of the Sheriff's Office. The data is submitted electronically to the State of Kansas as required by statute for reportable events. A reportable event is any collision which causes a death, or collisions on public right of way over \$1,000 in damage or a hit-and-run. 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 are designed to increase traffic safety, not become a revenue source. This is held up by the consistently higher number of warnings issued over citations. In accordance with that philosophy, Officers structure enforcement times and locations toward that goal. Although the number of fine generating citations written by the Rose Hill Police Department is below other comparable agencies, our traffic safety record remains excellent. The number of state reportable collisions is low, considering traffic counts place approximately 10,000 vehicles a day on Rose Hill Road. Remembering this is a two lane roadway with no turn lane, our motorists tend to be courteous and aware.

Eight traffic enforcement campaigns

1. Seatbelts Are For Everyone (SAFE) Campaign

February 20 – March 8, 2024

Focused on School zone traffic around the High School

10 Traffic stops, 1 citation for non-offense category

2. 4/20 High Visibility Enforcement

April 18 – April 22, 2024

29 traffic stops, 3 citations for all offenses

3. Click it or Ticket Campaign

May 19 – June 2, 2024

77 traffic stops, 3 citations for speed, 1 DUI, 5 citations for no seatbelt, & 11 citations for other offenses

4. July Slow Down/Move Over Enforcement

July 22 – August 11, 2024

59 traffic stops, 7 speeding citations, & 10 citations for other offenses

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

August 17 – September 2, 2024

51 traffic stops, 9 speeding citations, 2 DUIs, 1 citation for no seatbelt, & 23 citations for other offenses

6. Safety is the goal (formerly ticket or treat campaign)

October 6 – October 12, 2024

20 traffic stops, 2 speeding citations, & 3 citations for other offenses

7. Thanksgiving Safe Arrival Campaign

November 21 – November 27, 2024

30 traffic stops, 7 speeding citations, 1 DUI, & 13 citations for other offenses

8. New Years DUI Campaign

December 26, 2024 – January 2, 2025

23 traffic stops, 7 speeding citations, & 10 citations for other offenses

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE:

Verbal agreements have been made with four churches within the City 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 once the weather threat passes. The shelter locations and entry points are as follows:

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

As weather approaches, Officers engage in spotting activities and coordinate efforts with Fire District #3 and the Butler County Emergency Management. Additionally, several Officers have attended advanced level courses for Incident Command System (ICS) classes and all Officers have completed the three basic levels. ICS is the federal response to natural disasters and large-scale events (fires, hazmat, derailments, etc...). By gaining this additional training, Rose Hill Officers are better equipped to fully integrate with any Emergency Management organization and/or the federal government should they be needed.

All members of the Rose Hill Police Department (civilian and sworn) receive annual training for Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), First Aid, and deployment of a defibrillator. Defibrillators have now been placed throughout the City building in case a staff member or citizen should need assistance.

FIRST RESPONSE FOR POLICE, FIRE, AND MEDICAL CALLS:

Our 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 an officer dispatched to assist. Butler County Emergency Communications, or dispatch, handle all calls for service for law enforcement, fire, and medical calls for service in Rose Hill from their office in El Dorado. Citizens needing aid may contact 911 by landline phone, cell phone, and/or text message.

Dispatchers can also reach any citizen with a registered phone number in the event of an emergency by way of RAVE alert, formerly Reverse 911. This system allows dispatch to create a message and send it out to thousands of phone numbers every minute and to designated areas.

Once an Officer has been dispatched to a call for service, their 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, our Officers will gather all relevant information, without fear or favor, prior to deciding on an investigation.

SECURITY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS, MUNICIPAL COURT, AND CITY COUNCIL:

Rose Hill Officers often perform more than one task at a time. For instance, we organize and attend special events such as the Fall Festival, Christmas Parade, and Run for the Roses while also providing security for all in attendance. Additionally, Officers supplement the Rose Hill Municipal Court with a 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 or assistance.

ANIMAL CONTROL:

Our Officers are responsible for animal control and enforcement of City code pertaining to animals. Domesticated animal breeds (canine, feline, rabbit, and some swine/fowl) which are picked up by Officers or 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 clinic, these animals can be securely housed in a temperature-controlled environment with appropriate food, water, and medical care.

Prior to the animal's release, through owner identification or adoption, veterinary staff verify appropriate vaccinations have been administered and animal registrations have been completed. Information gathered from the veterinary clinic is shared with the Police Department for education and enforcement purposes.

While Officers can take in certain feral animals, they do not transport wild animals to the clinic. Instead, we 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:

We continuously work on our policies and procedures manual by reviewing and updating existing policies as needed, and we create new policies as required. Many of the policies have been converted to a new format which provides better access to all members of the departments we have departed from the Lexipol Policy program.

All Officers are compliant with statutory requirements by maintaining required training hours, firearms qualification, biased based policing training, and reporting.

The use of the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) requires certain policies relating to officer training, physical and remote access security, as well as yearly criminal background investigations to 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.

FINGERPRINTING SERVICES:

As a service to the public, we use a Live Scan system to take fingerprints for employment purposes for a small fee. This fee in turn will cover, or nearly cover, the cost of the system over a ten-year period. Ten years is the effective life expectancy of this machine, which currently is priced at over ten thousand dollars. As it pertains to non-criminal justice matters, all civilian fingerprinting services are on a first come first served and as available basis. If staff are present but unavailable, a member will advise the citizen of a possible wait time or recommend they try back another day. Fingerprinting services are charged at fifteen dollars per person.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY:

We are currently waiting to train another member of our staff in this process, however trainings are intermittent and frequently far away. At this time we currently are beginning a partnership with a USD 394 Officer who is currently certified and has agreed to make herself available when possible.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Rose Hill Municipal Court meets monthly, on the first and third Thursday of each month. There are occasional alterations to these dates, due to illness and holidays. Court begins promptly at 5:30 pm, and the Judge calls the docket alphabetically. For instance, on the first court date of the month the Judge might begin with last names beginning with "A" and on the second court date he will begin with "Z". He does this to ensure that defendants with a name farther down the alphabet don't always have longer to wait for their case to be heard.

Municipal Court Staff



Honorable Judge Fred A. Johnson



Court Clerk Kate Unruh



Prosecutor Justen Phelps

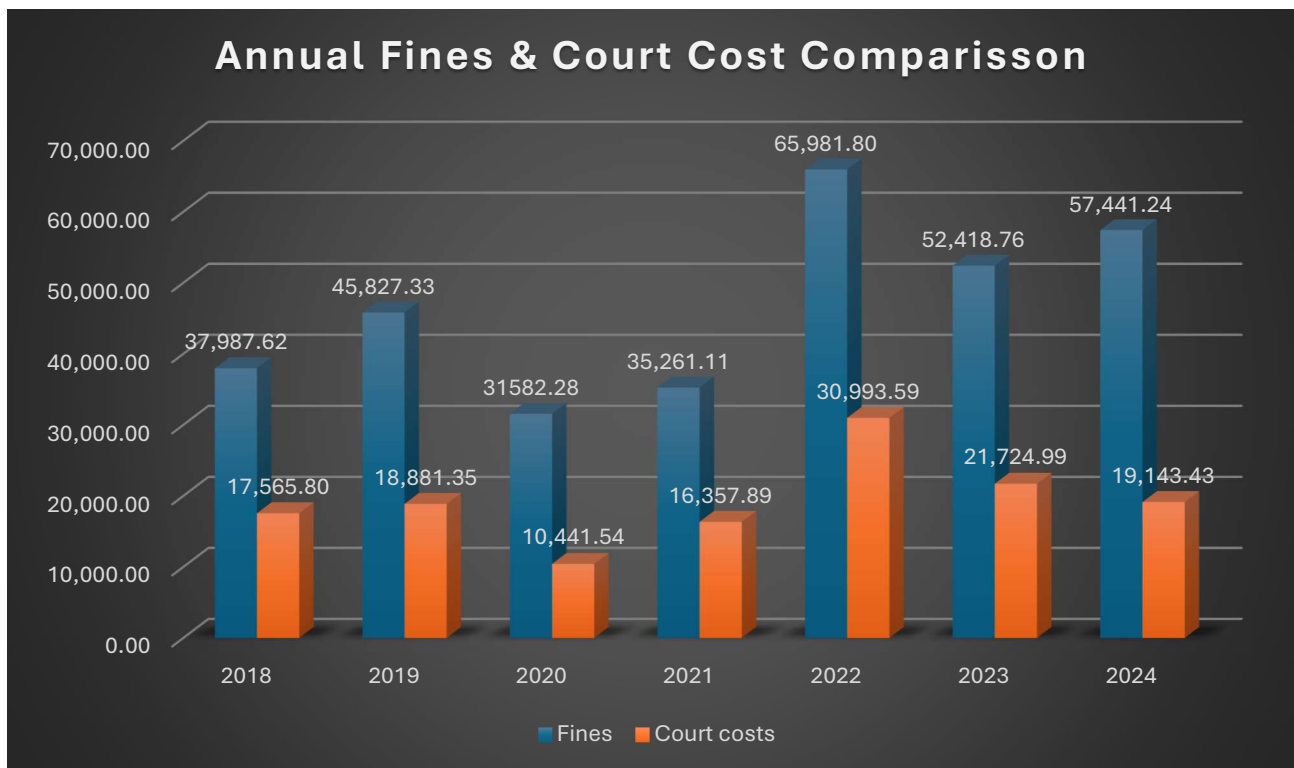
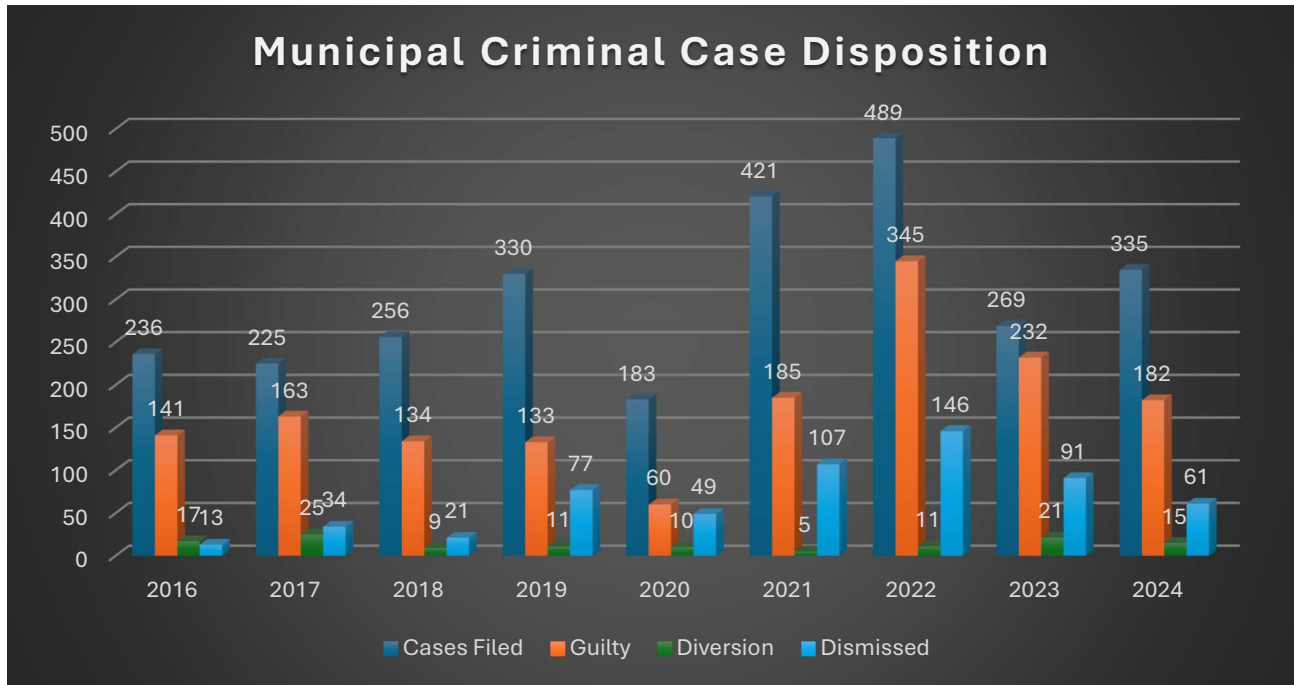


Prosecutor Nolan Wright



Prosecutor Melanie Harbaugh

COURT STATISTICS



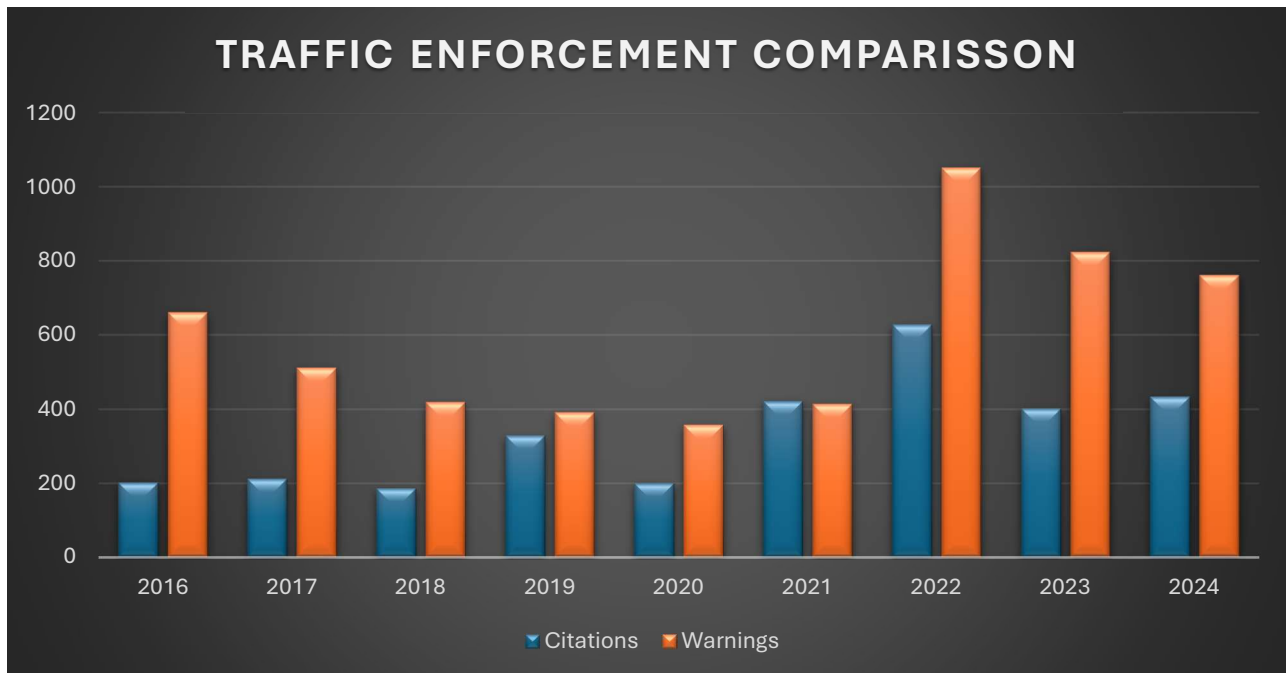
Fines are monetary costs assessed to a person once they have been convicted, taken diversion or pleaded No Contest to a criminal act or traffic offense. Fines are paid to different entities to include victims, defense attorneys, and the municipality. Court costs encapsulate a \$75.50 cost which is dispersed between the State Judicial Branch (docket and education), formerly some of these fines funded the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC). However, KLETC is now funded by the State and does not receive a portion of this money. Additional monies in this category are for driver's reinstatement fees and the seat belt safety fund.

CRIME STATISTICS

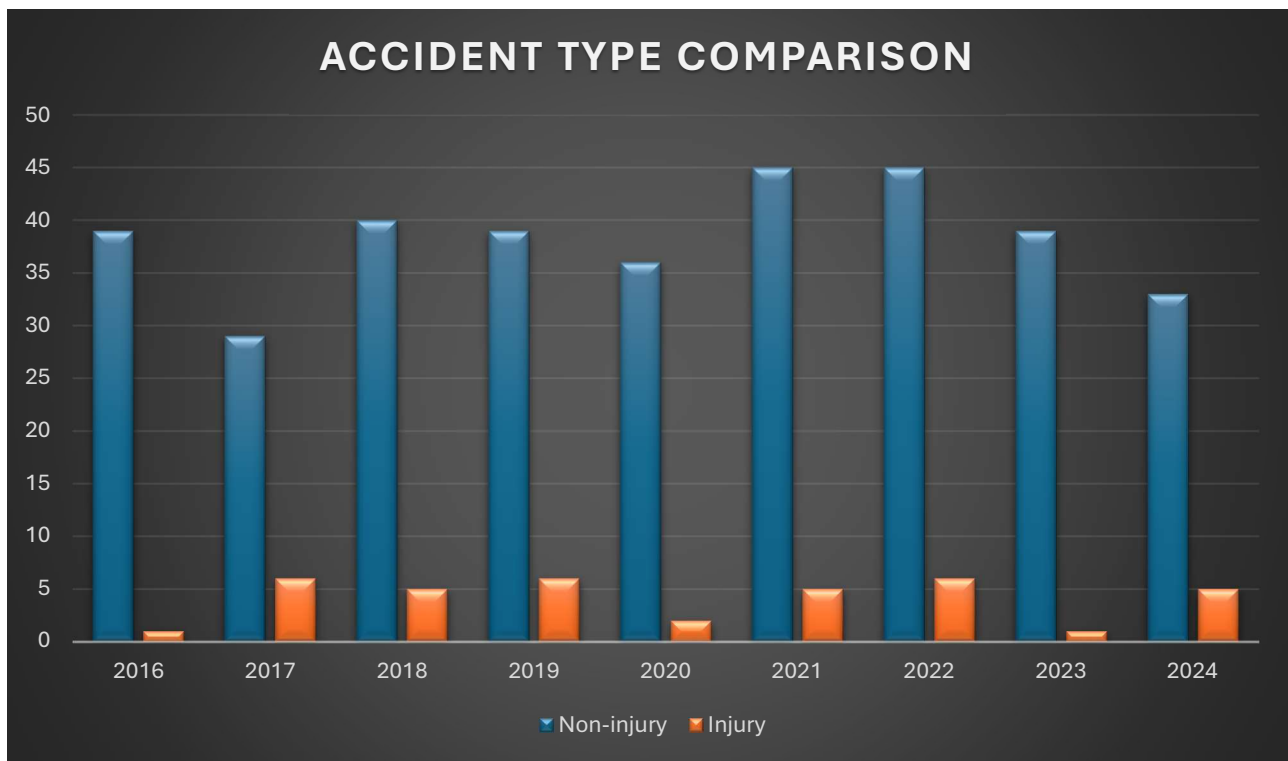
Top five call types for the last six years

<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
(144) Assist other agencies	(83) Disturbances	(127) Assist other agencies
(122) Animal calls	(75) Assist other agencies	(97) Disturbances
(62) Suspicious calls	(71) Animal calls	(81) Animal calls
(60) Disturbances	(45) Suspicious calls	(55) Suspicious calls
(41) Check the welfare	(43) Check the welfare	(39) Check the welfare
<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
(154) Assist other agencies	(195) Assist other agencies	(158) Assist other agencies
(94) Driving offenses	(100) Animal calls	(128) Animal calls
(87) Disturbances	(95) Driving offenses	(75) Disturbances
(84) Animal calls	(78) Check the welfare	(74) Suspicious calls
(80) Suspicious calls	(70) Disturbances	(50) Check the welfare

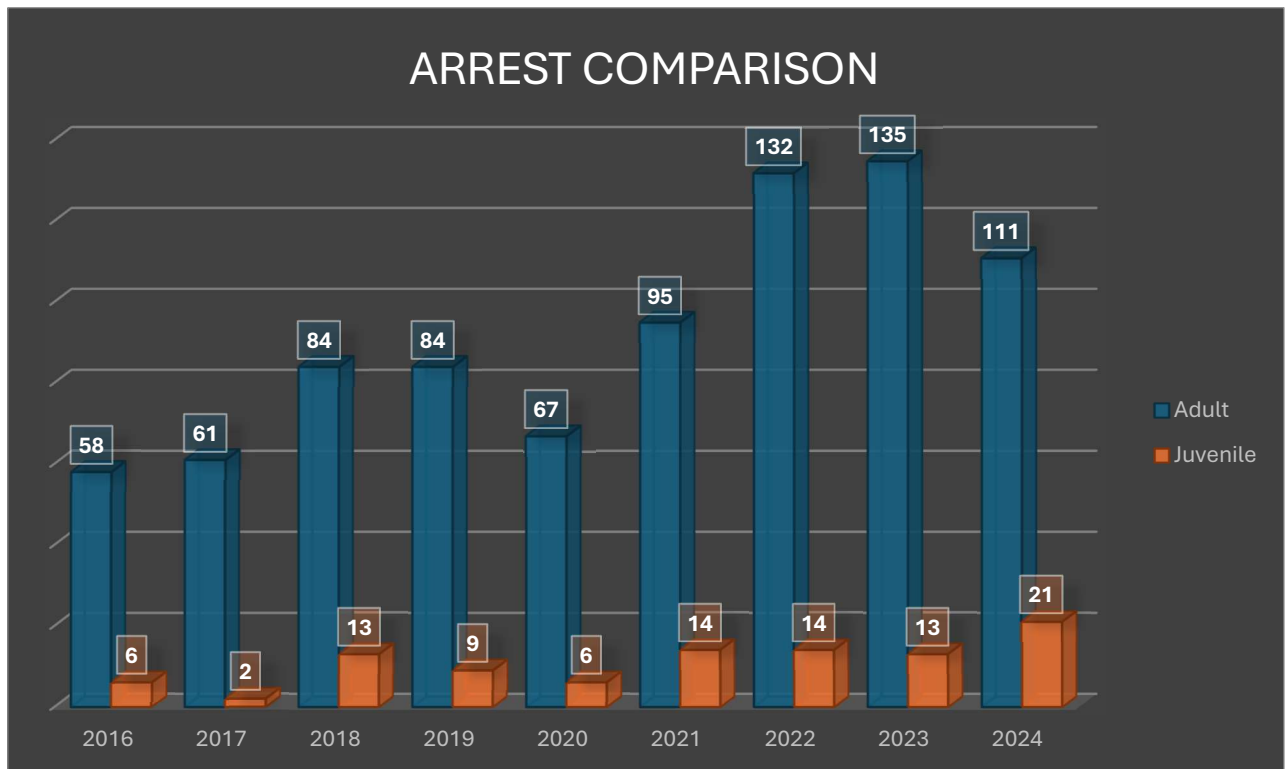
Assist other agencies covers Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire, Sheriff's office, Unified School District (USD) police departments, and all other Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA). Disturbances cover assaults, batteries, domestic violence (dv), disorderly conduct, and threats. Animal calls cover at large animal calls, nuisance animals, neglect, and animal bites. Suspicious calls cover suspicious vehicles, persons, and activities. Check the welfare refers to a calling party being concerned for another's wellbeing. Driving offenses refer to Driving Under the Influence (DUI), suspended or revoked, road rage, traffic complaints, and violation of restrictions (e.g. ignition interlock device, farm permit, etc...)



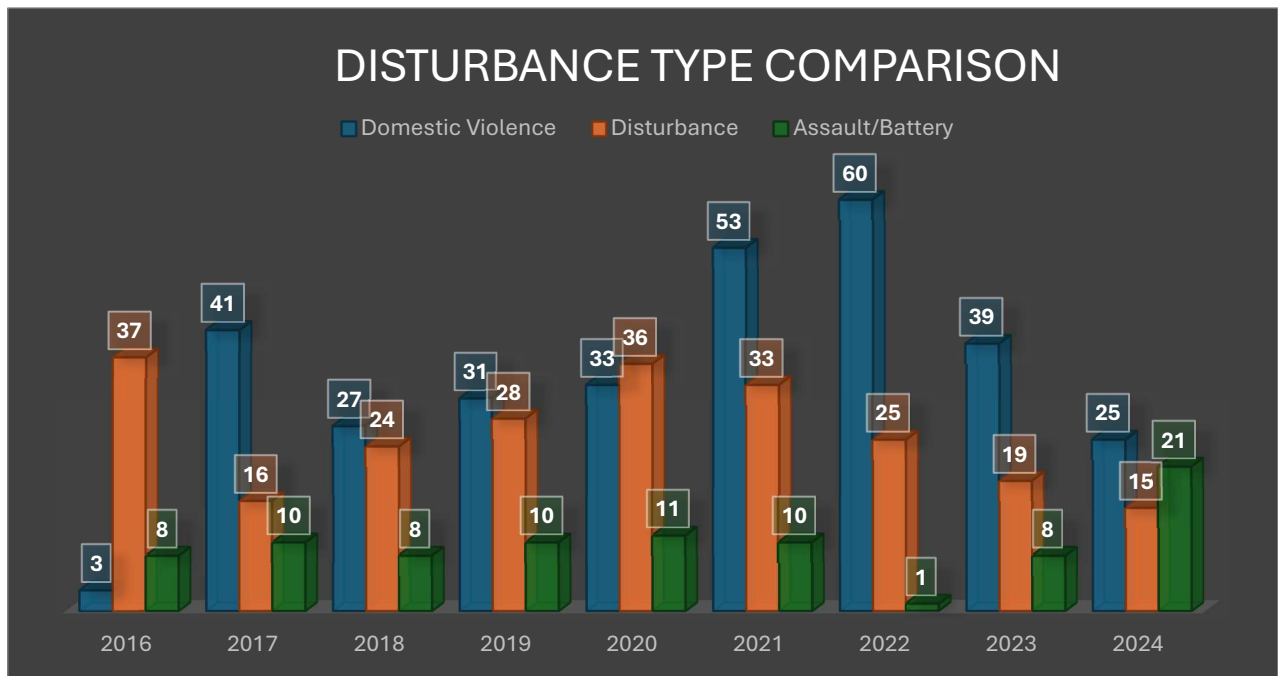
Fix-it or defective equipment tickets are listed as citations, as they will become a court matter if not resolved within the prescribed time.



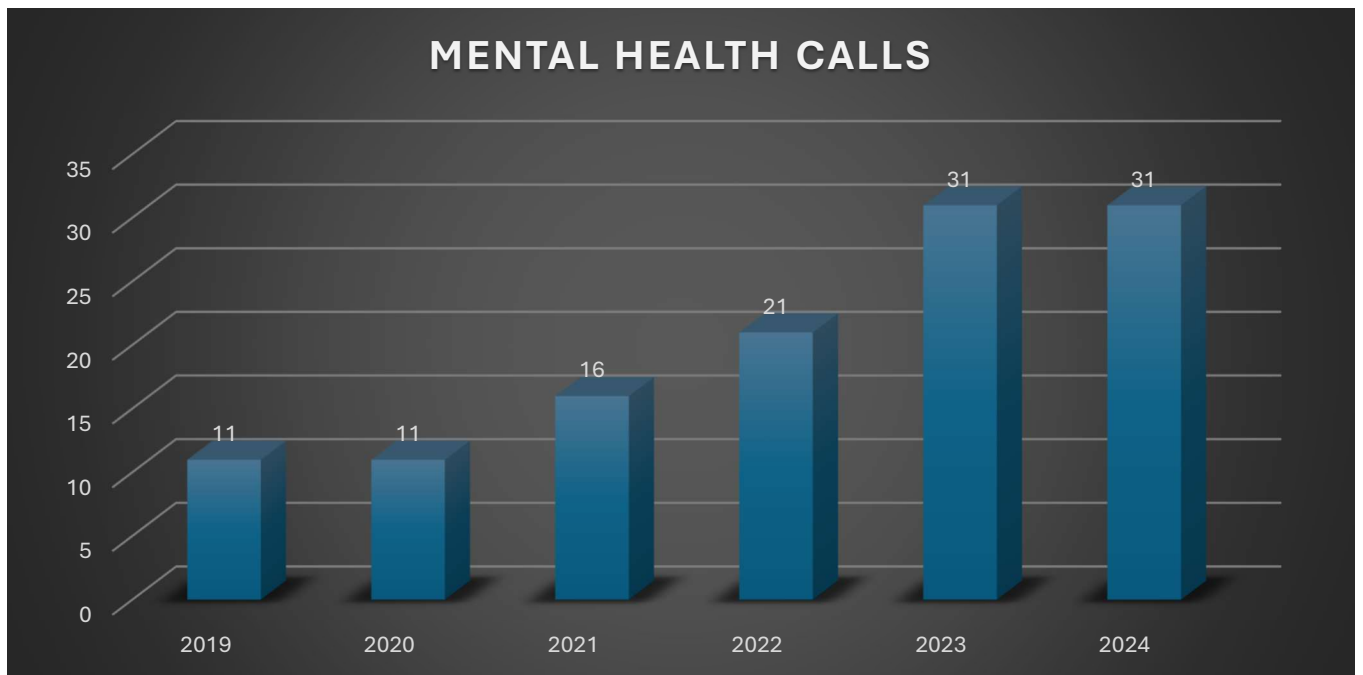
Non-injury accidents encapsulate all accidents where an injury was not observed or reported, including hit and run, private property, damage under \$1,000 and single vehicle.



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.

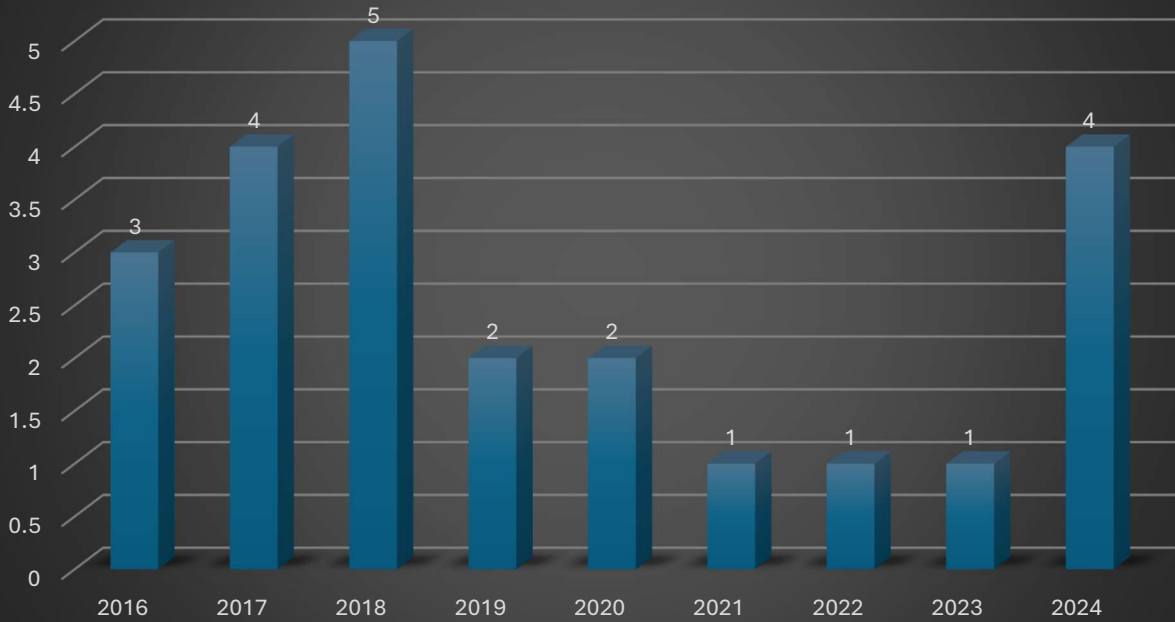


In this comparison of disturbance types the following are included in each category. Domestic violence (DV) refers to a disturbance concerning a domestic situation, covering any crime with a DV designator as well as disturbances where if a crime occurred, they would be a DV. Disturbance refers to any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



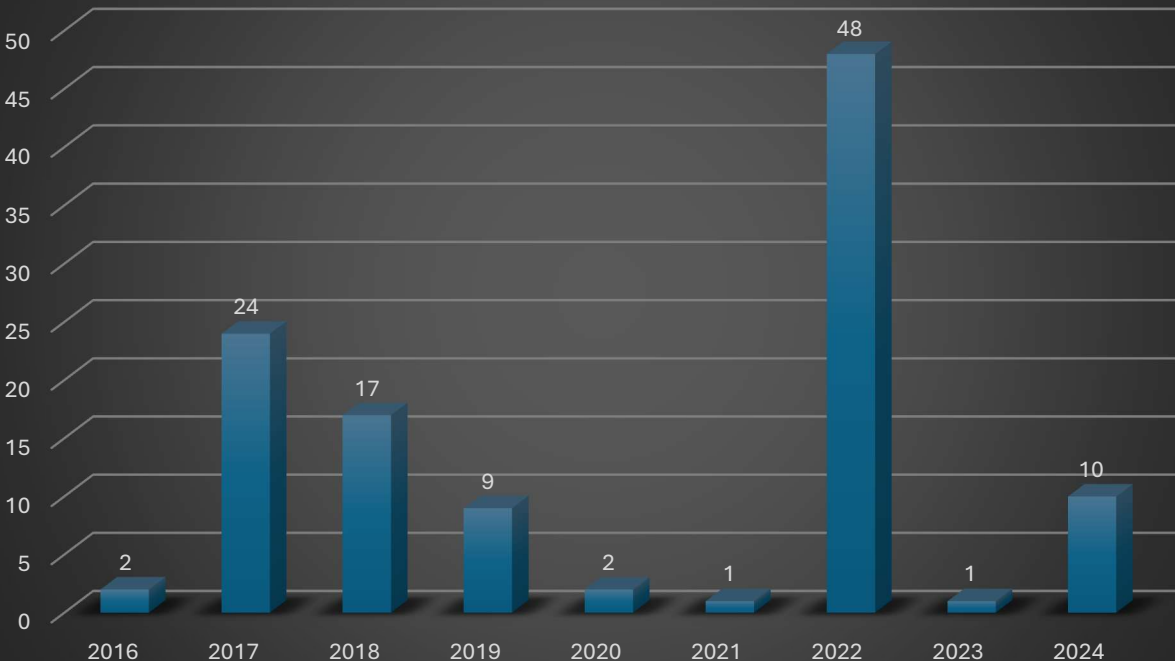
Mental Health is a category which we began to count in 2019, so the data points do not go as far back into history as other categories. These call types begin as any other call type, ranging from a burglary in progress to a check the welfare. However, when the Officer arrives on scene the investigation reveals a person involved is in a mental health crisis.

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



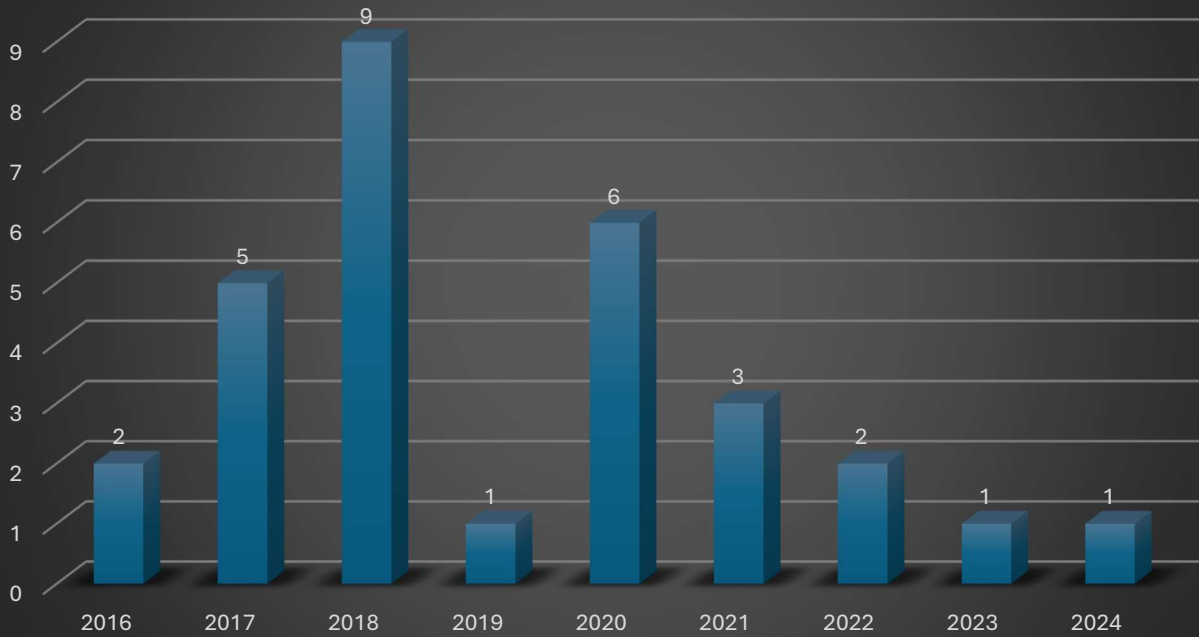
This type of burglary is reserved for when a person, without permission of the resident or owner, enters another's residence with the intent to commit a theft, felony, or sexually oriented crime.

VEHICLE BURGLARIES



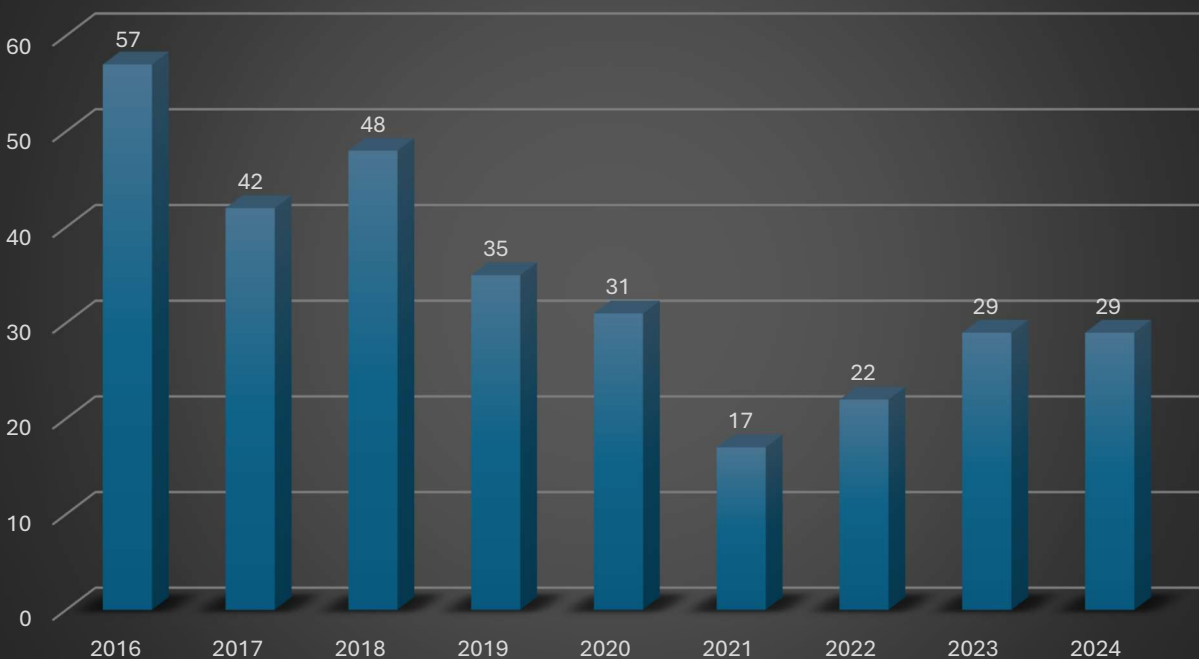
This type of burglary is reserved for when a person, without permission of the owner or primary user, enters another person's vehicle with the intent to commit a theft, felony, or sexually oriented crime.

NON-RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES



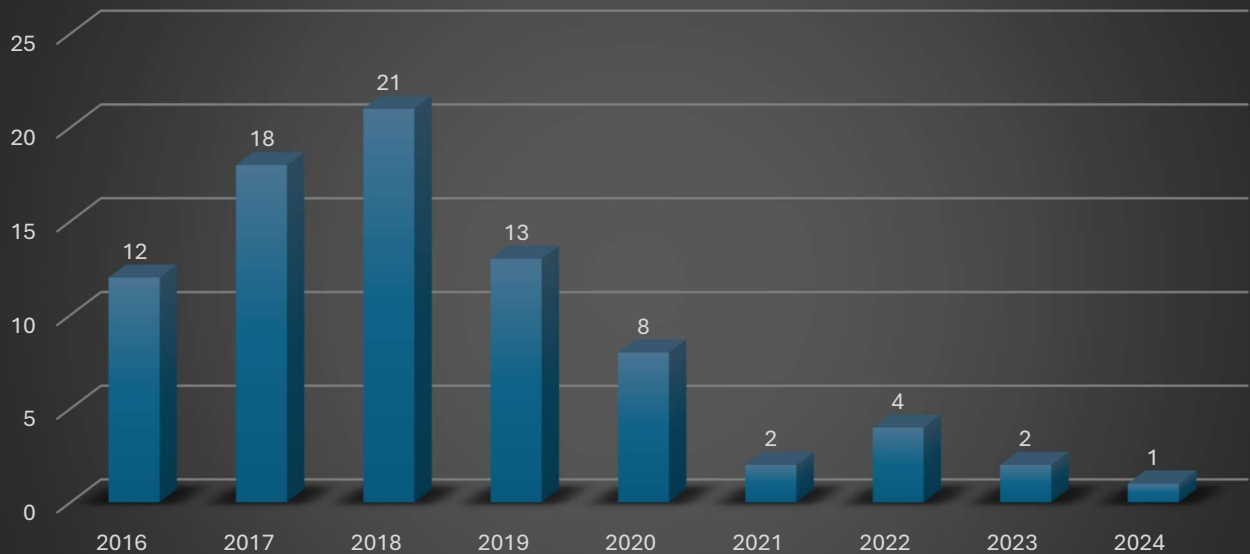
This type of burglary is reserved for a person, without permission of the owner or primary user, enter another person's non-residential structure or car with the intent to commit a theft, felony, or sexually oriented crime.

THEFT



Theft refers to a person or person's taking items which they did not have permission to take, either from a business, person, or at a location where they were allowed to be. Primarily thefts are reported from businesses and reference people who had been patrons.

VANDALISM



Vandalism is the unwanted altering of an item or location, typically involving a substance which is troublesome but impossible to remove.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2024

- We took part in all State and Federal traffic enforcement safety projects, earning Gold status with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). To reach this level members needed to be active in the education and enforcement of motorists, digital safety campaigns were enacted to help educate the public on social media, and members attended multi-jurisdictional meetings to discuss trends and new mechanisms to better keep the motoring public safe.
- Rose Hill Police Department (RHPD) took part in a County wide food/school supply drive, titled Pasta Patrol and organized through Kansas Secure Title of El Dorado. In this process RHPD teamed up with the Andover Police Department (APD), in a friendly competition between area law enforcement. All items gathered were distributed evenly amongst all County Unified School Districts.
- Officer William Bishop began his position with the Rose Hill Police Department. He began his career with the Harper County Sheriff's Office, after several years of service he applied for and moved to the Rose Hill Police Department.
- In May, Officer Cline passed an entrance physical and became an inaugural member of the newly formed multi-jurisdictional tactical team. This team operates under the Sheriff's authority but is now open to law enforcement within the County who meet certain requirements.
- In June, Officer Cline completed an instructor development course through the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center. Shortly after he also completed a Range Master course and has since become the Range Master for the Rose Hill Police Department and is recognized through the State.

- In August, Officer Hobson attended an instructor's course sponsored by the Augusta Department of Public Safety where he became an Instructor of police radar systems. Officer Hobson is now responsible for all radar training and recertifications (if warranted).
- In August, Erica Blue began her employment with the City of Rose Hill as the Police and Court Clerk. She has had significant experience with information security due to a history of medical billing and record management.
- City Council approved an ordinance to assess civil fees to persons who have been convicted, pleaded guilty/nolo contendere (no contest), or taken diversion for a crime. These fees will be to recoup the jail housing fee, at a rate equal to the that which the County charges the City. Additionally, warrant fees will be assessed for people who willfully miss their court dates and other administrative fees associated with their guilt.
- New technology was purchased for use by the police department. Federal Grant money was used to update all portable and mobile radios (Motorola). Local tax money, in conjunction with Federal Grant money, was used to purchase new body worn cameras (Axon) for Officers.
- Butler County Times Gazette completed a story for their publication about the Officers who risked themselves in their attempts to enter a burning building and save occupants. All three Officers, Sergeant Joel Sibley, Officer Zack Hobson, and Officer Will Bishop were awarded the Valor award through the City of Rose Hill for their actions during the fire.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- May 10th, Officers were invited to Fountainview Assisted Living for a social event. Officers spoke with staff and residents for approximately an hour as they shared donuts and coffee.
- June 10th, Officers competed in a County wide food and school supplies drive for all area School districts. This drive ended on August 1st and saw items split evenly between all 9 School Districts in Butler County.
- August 6th, National Night Out was held at the Shorty Cox Sports Complex with several hundred citizens in attendance. This will be our last year holding this event in August, as the temperatures have been getting increasingly dangerous. Going forward we will have the Rose Hill Party in the Park, co-sponsored by Butler County Fire District #3 personnel, on the second Saturday of June beginning in 2026. This will be just after school ends for the year and hopefully, early enough in the summer that temperatures will not yet have become oppressive.
- September, Kansas Bureau of Investigations (KBI) released the State's Crime Index numbers for 2023. Within this index, Rose Hill has a violent crime rate of 0.9 offenses per 1,000 people. This rate is the second lowest in the County and one of the lowest in the State, with the County average at 1.7 offenses per 1,000 people. Additionally, our property crime rate is 6 offenses per 1,000 and the County average at 12.2 offenses per 1,000 people.
- October 11-13, Fall Festival events went off smoothly. From the Chili competition, car show, craft show, run, carnival, and many others we continue to be thankful for our citizens and vendors.

- Halloween, Officers took part in annual Trunk-or-Treat festivities for the children.
- December 7th, Stuff The Squad Car was held at the North Dollar General Store. Three truck beds filled with non-perishable food items and toys were collected to be donated to the food pantry and Children's Home. Additionally, several hundred dollars in donations were taken in and almost all were spent buying additional food and toys for those in need.

NOTABLE CASES

- April 20th, Officers responded to a house fire in rural Rose Hill. Upon arrival, Officers risked their health and lives in multiple attempts to enter the residence in a search for occupants. Unable to enter the residence due to the fire having fully involved the residence, they assisted firefighters in their attempts. Unfortunately, the fire claimed the lives of three citizens and while one person was removed from the house with signs of life, they eventually succumbed to their wounds at a local hospital.
- September 10th, Officers responded to a suicidal person who had barricaded themselves in an interior room of their house. Once contact was made, an investigation discovered the report of a possible buried child in the backyard of the residence. The property was secured, a search warrant obtained, and a forensic dig began the next morning. In the late afternoon hours of September 11th, human remains were found buried in the yard in an advanced state of decomposition. Over the next approximately 6 months, the investigation continued with the eventual arrest of Crystina and Joseph Schroer for crimes including Murder in the 1st degree, torture, and welfare fraud. Both defendants were charged with different crimes and are presumed innocent pending their court proceedings. The decedent was identified as Natalie Garcia (birth name)/Kennedy Schroer (adopted name) and the arrested were her adopted parents.
- September 10th, as Officers attended to the matter of the stand-off and later discovery of a Homicide, an out-of-town burglary crew victimized several area residents. With the use of Flock, and developed relationships with area law enforcement officers, Rose Hill PD was able to identify and obtain a confession on this case. Multiple felonies were forwarded to the County Attorney on two adult males from Wichita.