West Valley City Police Department 2022 Annual Report

Message from the Chief

It is with great pride that we present the West Valley City Police Department's 2022 Annual Report. This year has been one of both challenges and triumphs for our department, and we are honored to share with you the hard work and dedication of our officers and staff. In these pages, you will find an overview of our department's activities and achievements, as well as a snapshot of the crime statistics for the year. We're committed to serving our community with the highest levels of professionalism and integrity. Thank you for your continued support of the West Valley City Police Department.

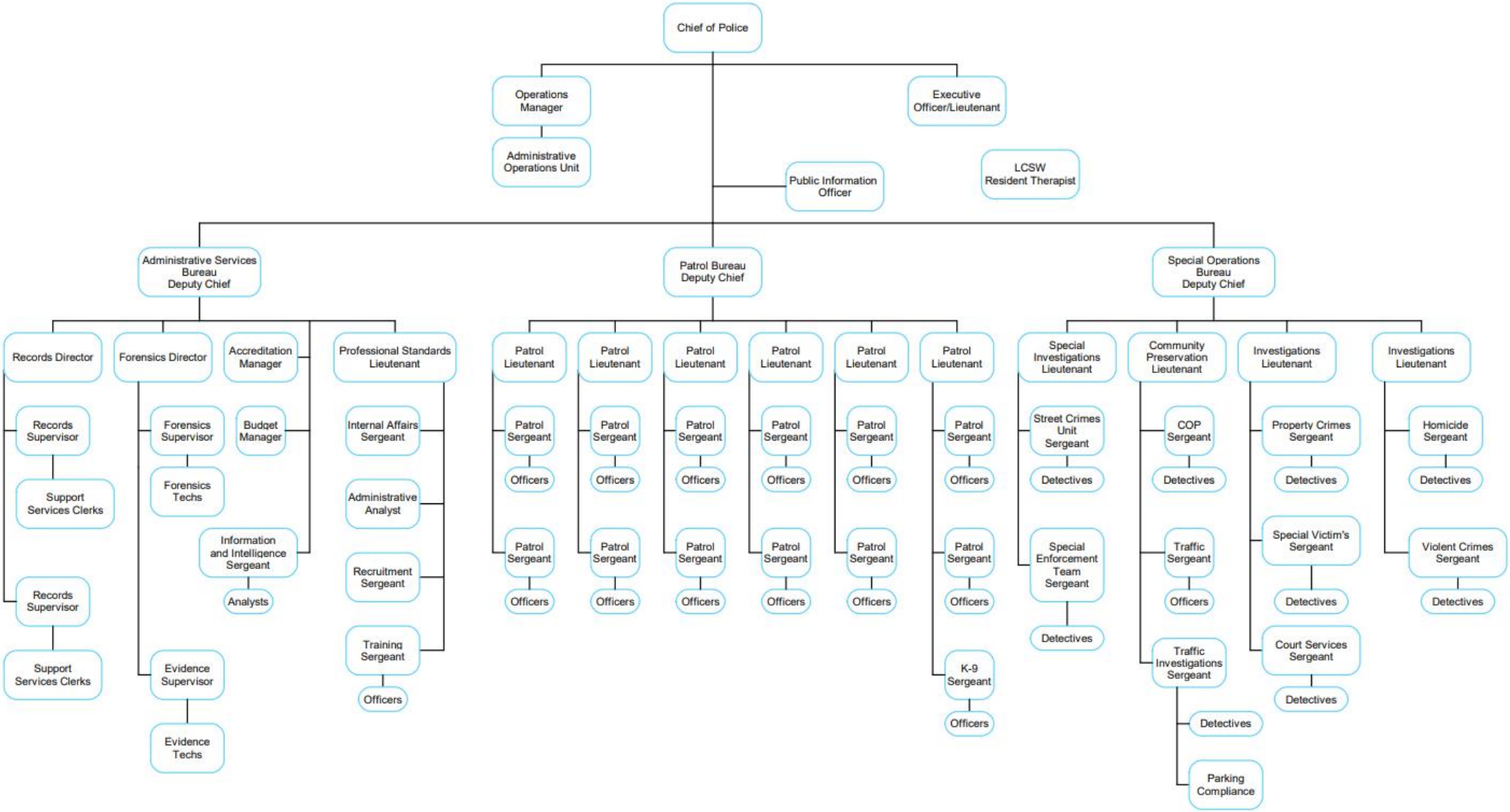
Administration

Deputy Chief
Brandon Christiansen

Deputy Chief
Michael Fossmo

Deputy Chief
Kent Stokes

Organizational Chart



218 Sworn, 49 civilian

Mission Statement

The mission of the West Valley City Police Department is to work in partnership with the community to protect life and property, solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our city. In doing so, members of this police department commit themselves in the following core tenets:

- Bringing Offenders to Justice
- Maintaining Public Accountability
- Preventing Crime
- Protect Life and Safety
- Providing Excellent Service
- Reducing the Fear of Crime

Core Values

The core values of the West Valley City Police Department are **integrity**, **service**, **accountability** and **fairness**. The West Valley City Police Department holds itself to the highest standards of integrity, meaning that we are committed to being honest, transparent, and ethical in all of our actions. Lastly, we believe in treating all members of our community fairly and with respect, regardless of their background or circumstances. This is the foundation of our mission to serve and protect the community.

Personnel Distribution

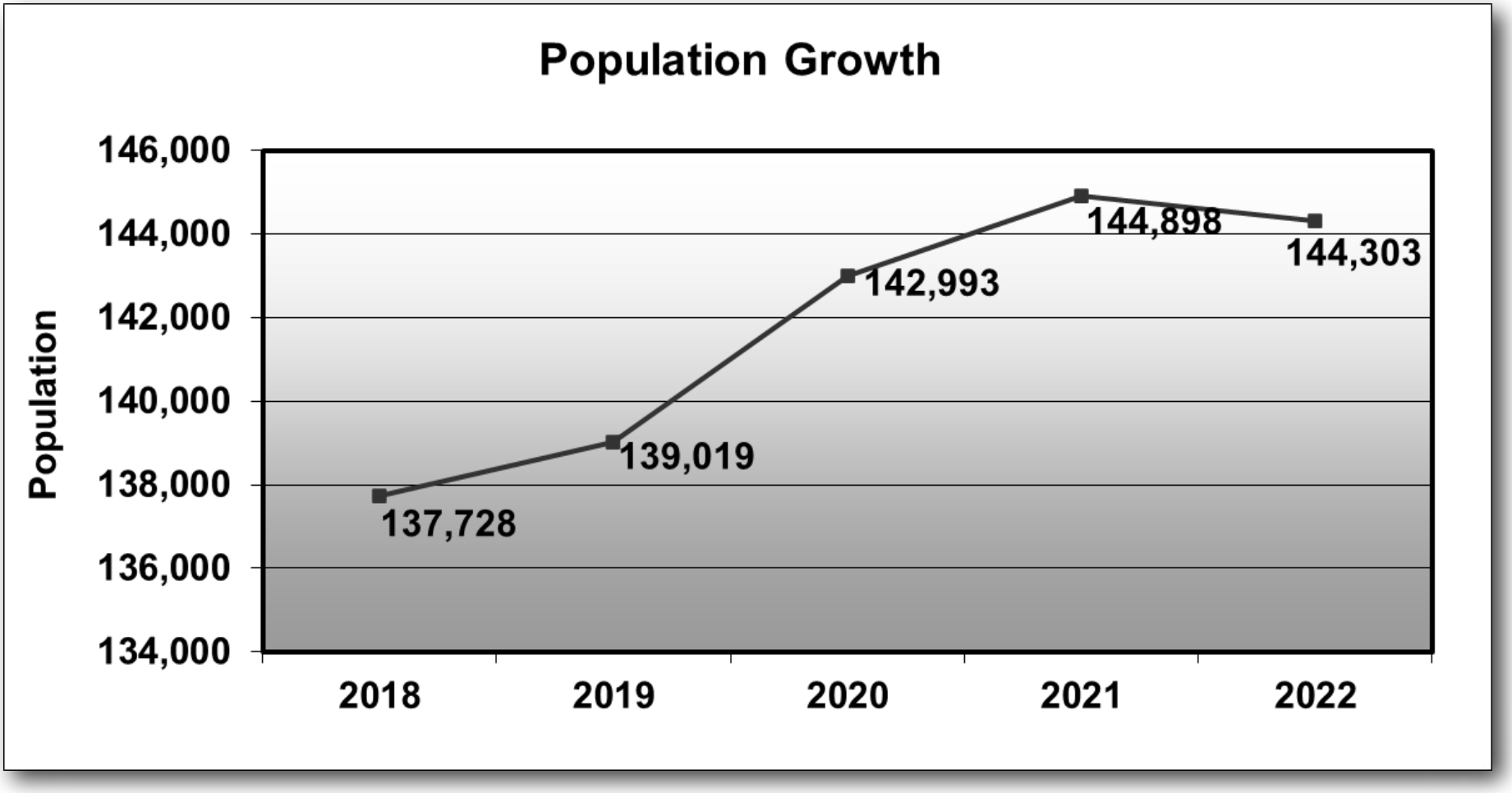
2022 Authorized Non-Sworn Personnel	
Office of the Chief	3
Executive Assistant	1
Accredidation Manager	1
Budget Manager	1
Records Director	1
Records Supervisors	2
Support Services Clerks	17
Intelligence Analyst	3
Forensics/Evidence Director	1
Evidence Supervisor	1
Evidence Technician	4
Forensics Supervisor	1
Firearms Examiner	1
Forensics Investigators	4
Program Analyst	1
Parking Compliance	4
LCSW	2

2022 Authorized Sworn Personnel	
Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chiefs	3
Lieutenants	12
Sergeants	27
Uniform Patrol	84
K-9 Officer	5
Detectives	38
Traffic	13
Community Oriented Police	11
Special Investigations Unit	9
SWAT Administration	1
Task Forces	9
Training Division	5

	White Non-Hispanic		Black	Hispanic-Latino		Other	
	Male	Female	Male	Male	Female	Male	Female
Sworn Personnel							
Non-Supervisor	132	8	4	16	3	10	1
Supervisor	35	2	0	1	0	0	0
Command	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Executive	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	170	11	4	17	3	10	1
Non-Sworn Personnel							
Non-Supervisor	9	20	0	0	5	1	4
Supervisor	0	4	0	0	0	0	1
Command	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Executive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	9	24	0	0	5	1	5
Grand Total	179	35	4	17	8	11	6

Totals as of December, 2022

West Valley City Population 2018-2022



Population Estimate as of December, 2022

West Valley City Boundary

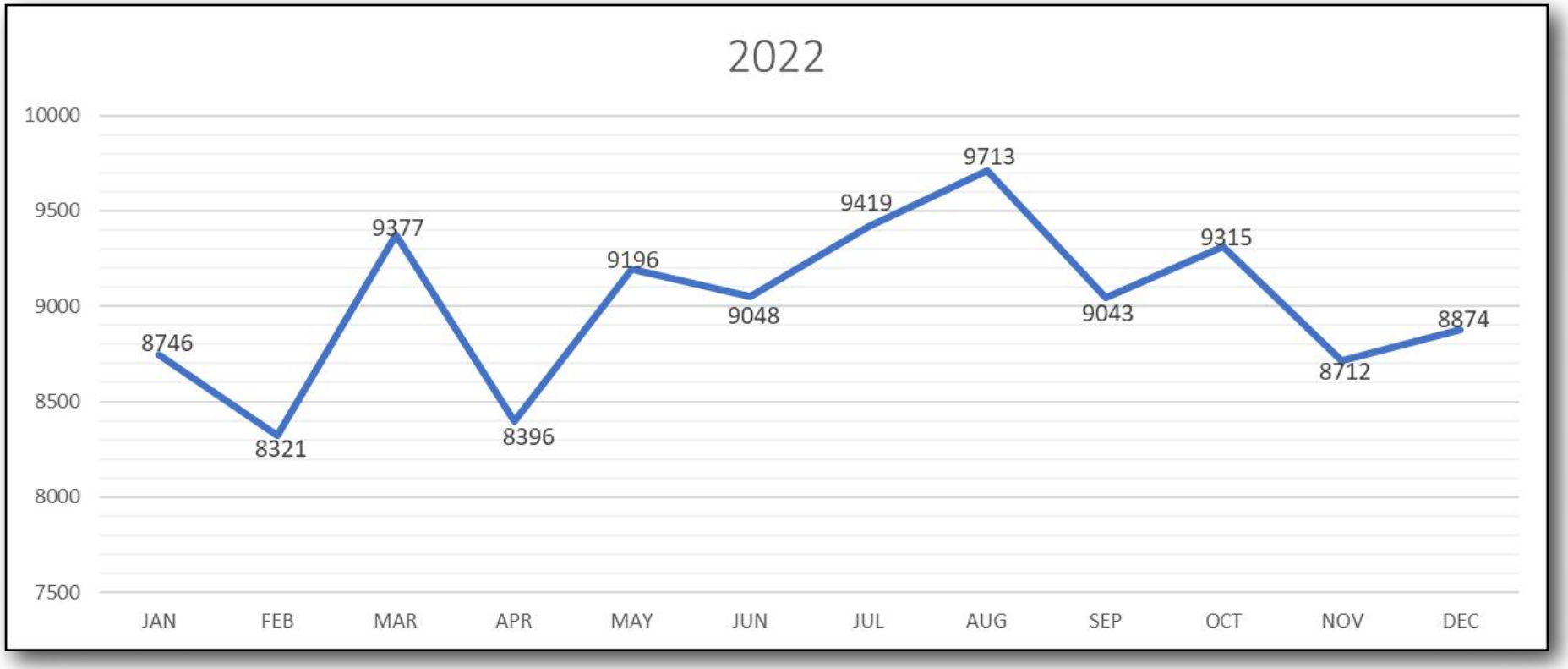
Maverik Center

West Valley City PD

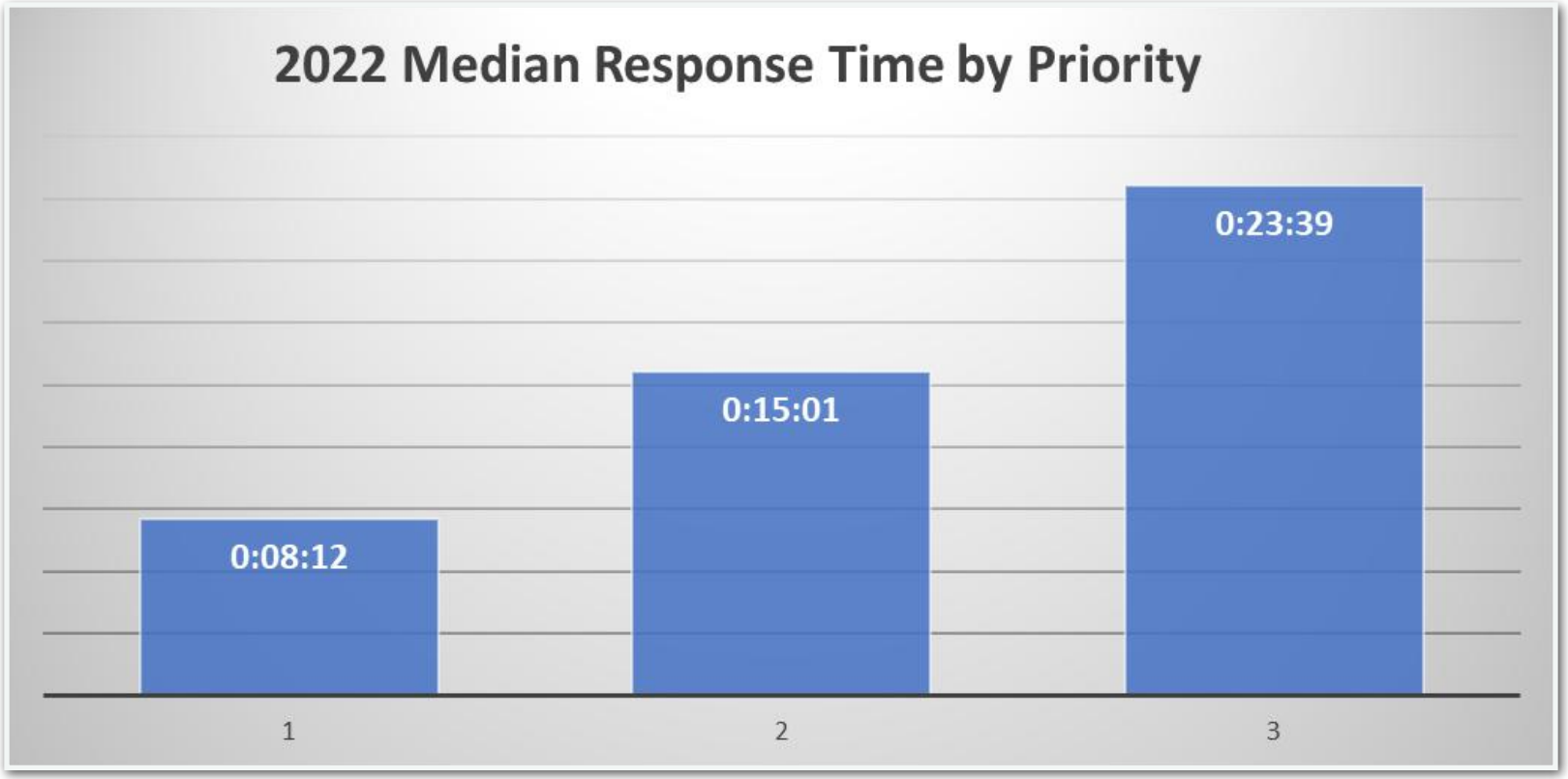
USANA Amphitheater

Family Fitness Center

2022 Calls for Service by Month



Response Times - 2022

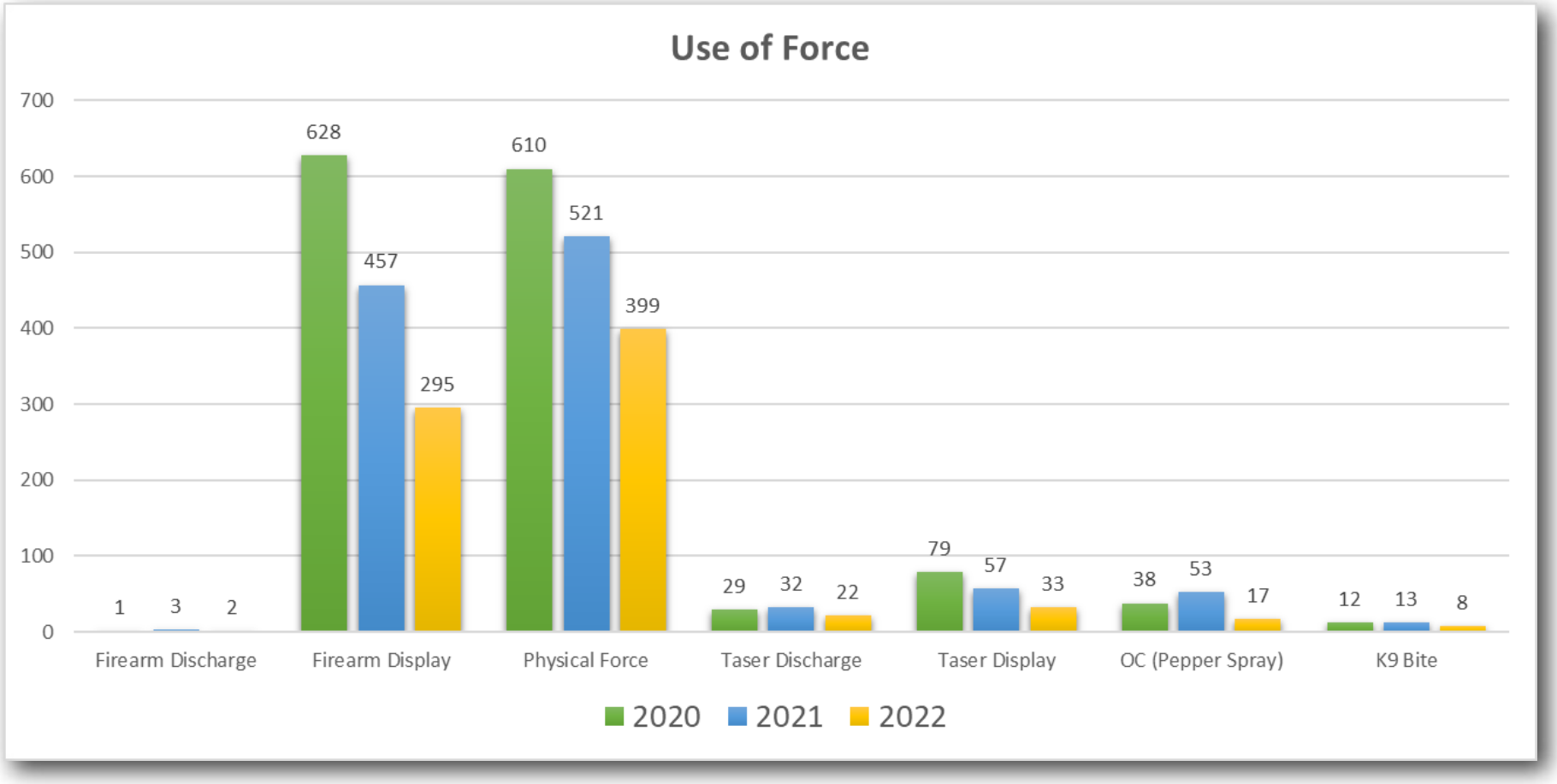


Priority 1 Calls (In Progress)
Calls that are in progress at the time the call is received, such as: robberies in progress, business and residential burglaries in progress, vehicle burglaries in progress, vehicle thefts in progress, kidnappings, aggravated assaults, homicides, dead bodies, assault on an officer, accident with injuries, assist fire department, weapons offenses, etc.

Priority 2 Calls (Just Occurred)
Medical calls, 911 hang-ups, thefts, thefts in progress, simple assaults, robberies, DUI's, accidents without injuries, etc.

Priority 3 Calls (Not in Progress)
Assist other agencies, assist public, business and residential burglaries, vehicle thefts, child abuse, illegal fireworks, found child, joyriding, etc.

Use of Force


Use of Force
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Firearm Discharge
Firearm Display
Physical Force
Taser Discharge
Taser Display
OC (Pepper Spray)
K9 Bite
2020
2021
2022

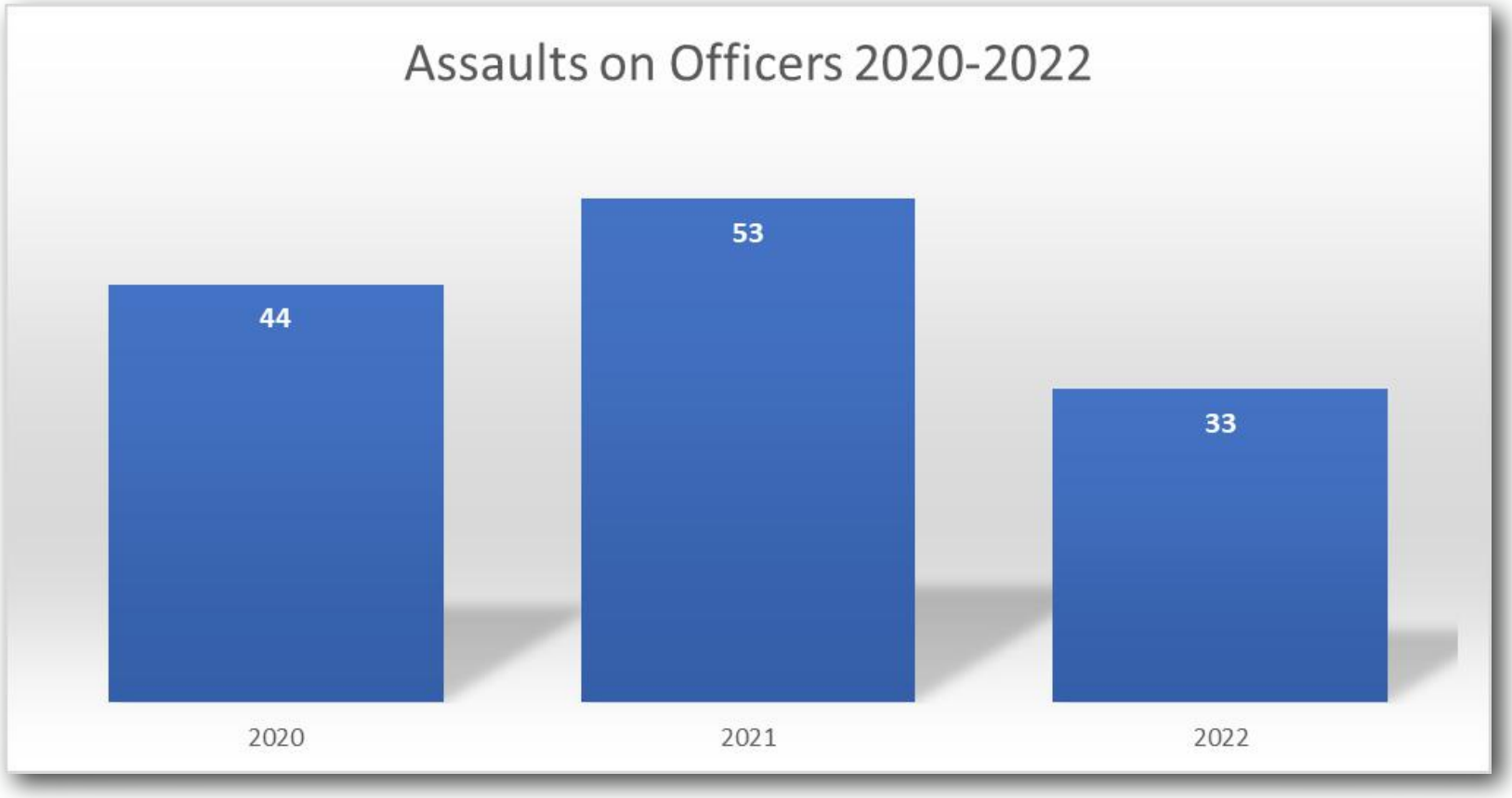
Internal Affairs Complaints

Complaints	2021	2022
Internal Complaints	30	49
External Complaints	58	45
Total Complaints	88	94

Findings	2021	2022
Sustained	36	43
Other (Unfounded, Not Sustained, Exonerated or Admin Closure)	52	51

A complaint is an incident which could have multiple allegations. For example, if a citizen complained that Officer A was speeding and was rude, that would be one complaint and 2 allegations.

Assaults on Officers



Assaults on Officers include the following offenses: Aggravated assault on officer with gun, aggravated assault on officer other weapon, and simple assault on officer.

NIBRS

NIBRS vs. UCR Crime Reporting: How Crime Statistics are Collected

The West Valley City Police Department submits crime statistics to the Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) and eventually the FBI using the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

What is NIBRS?

NIBRS is a method of collecting data based on each single incident and arrest. For example: During the commission of a residential burglary, the offender rapes and murders the homeowner. NIBRS counts three offenses: burglary, rape, and murder.

NIBRS categorizes crime into Group A and Group B offenses. Group A offenses include Crimes against Persons, Crimes against Property, and Crimes against Society. Crimes against Persons are those in which the victim is always an individual (i.e. murder, rape, assault). Crimes against Property are those which money or property is obtained from the crime (i.e. robbery, burglary, bribery). Crimes against Society represent society's prohibition against engaging in certain types of activity (i.e gambling, prostitution).

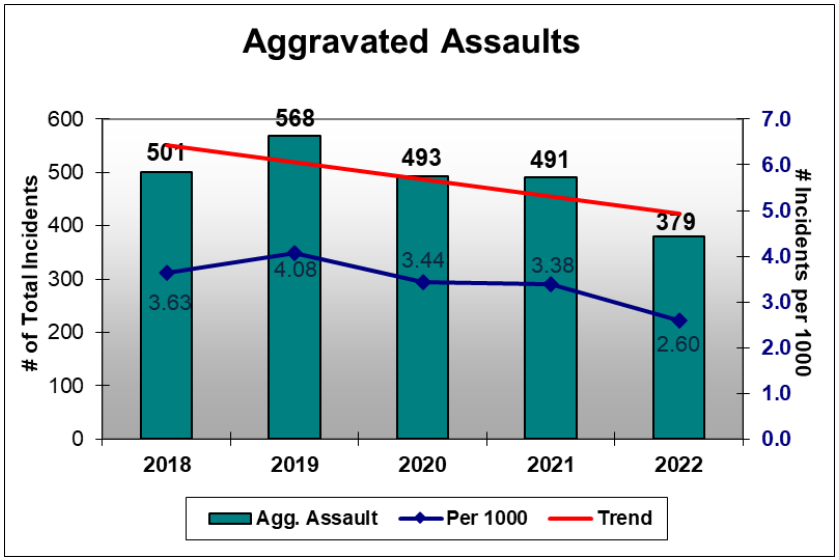
NIBRS Group A Offenses include:

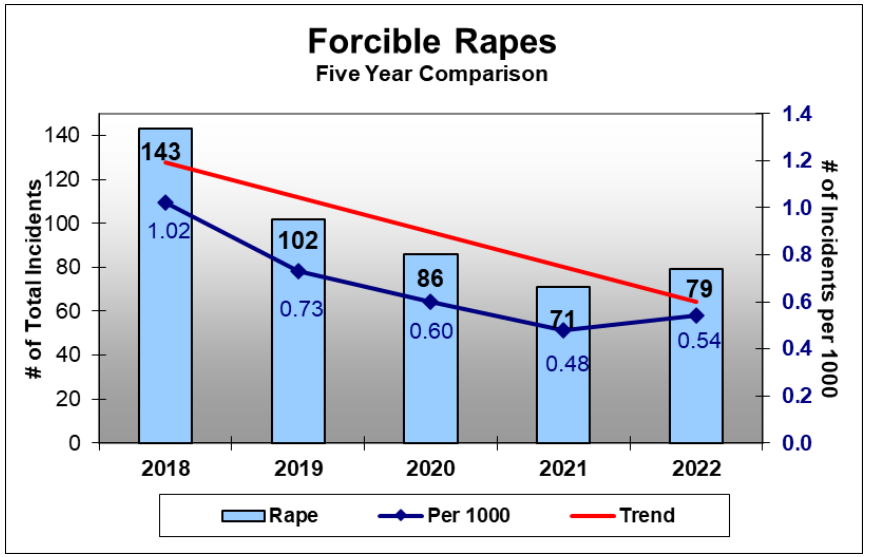
- Murder/Non-Negligent & Negligent Manslaughter
- Justifiable Homicide
- Kidnapping/Abduction
- Forcible Rape, Forcible Sodomy, Forcible Fondling
- Sexual Assault with an object
- Aggravated Assault, Simple Assault, Intimidation
- Incest
- Statutory Rape
- Robbery
- Arson
- Burglary/Breaking & Entering
- Extortion/Blackmail
- Larceny

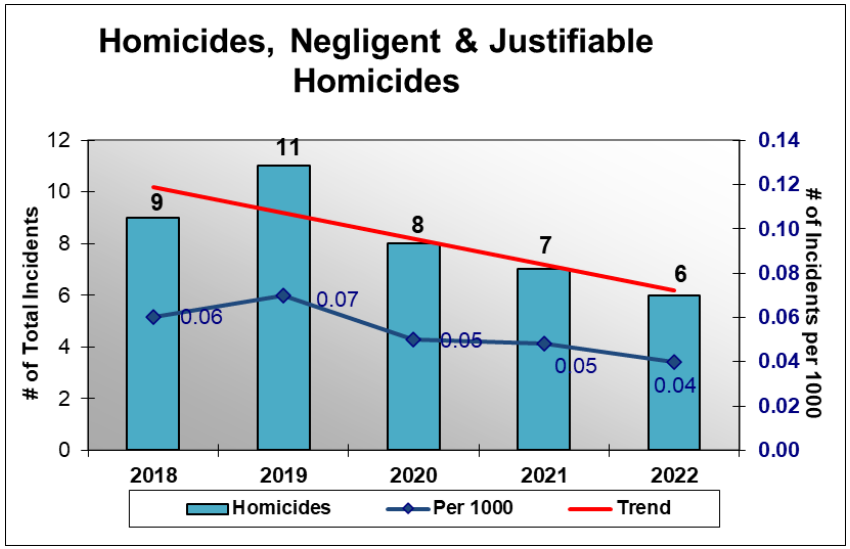
NIBRS Group B Offenses are only reported in the event of an arrest, and include:

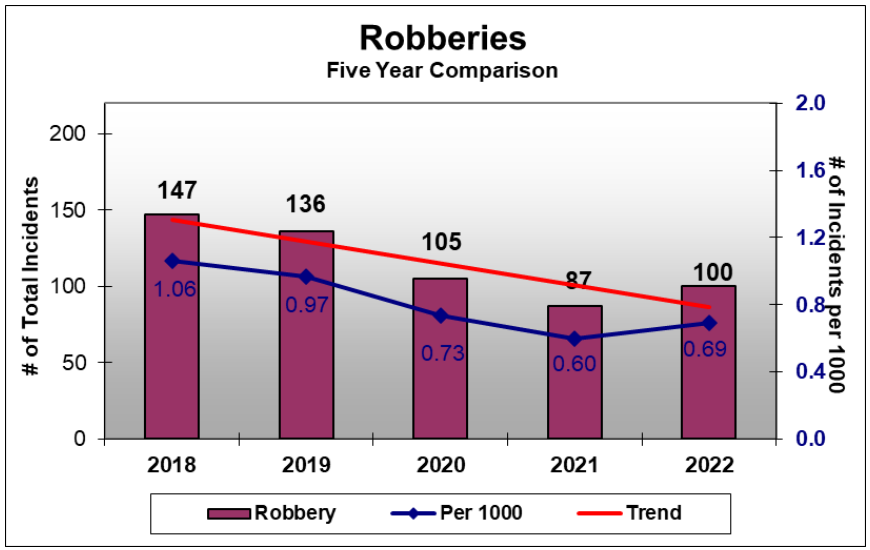
- Bad Checks
- Curfew Violations/Loitering/ Vagrancy
- Disorderly Conduct
- Driving Under the Influence
- Family Non-Violent Offenses
- Liquor Law Violations, Drunkenness
- Peeping Tom
- Runaways (Persons under 18)
- Trespassing
- All Other Offenses

Violent Crime









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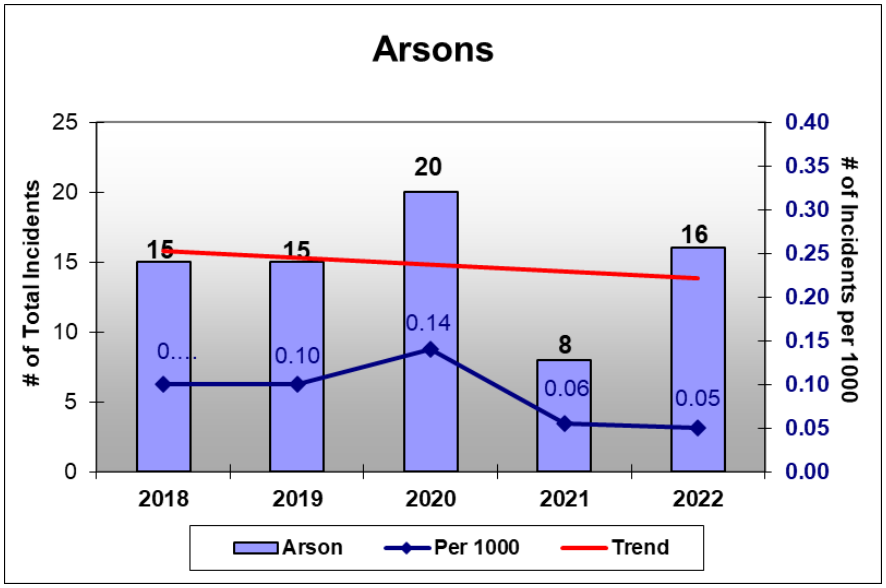
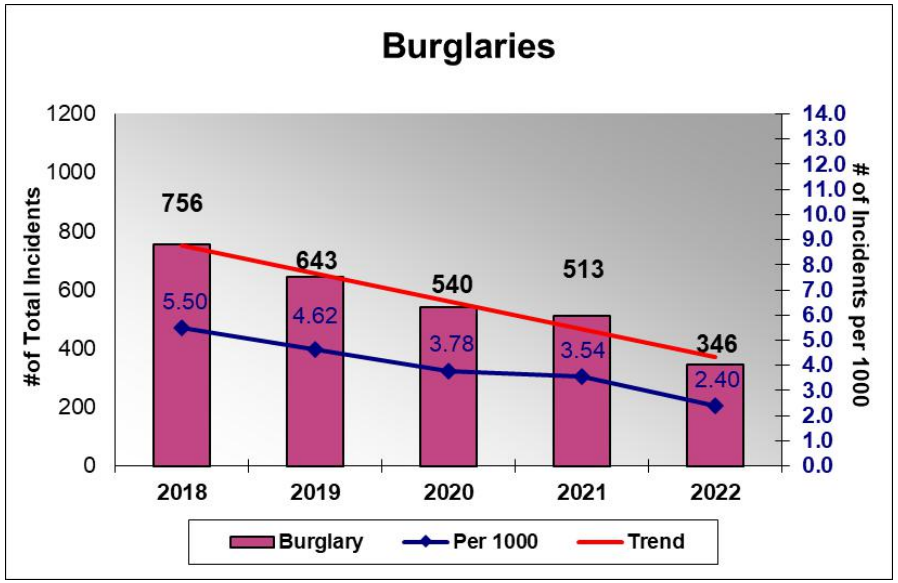
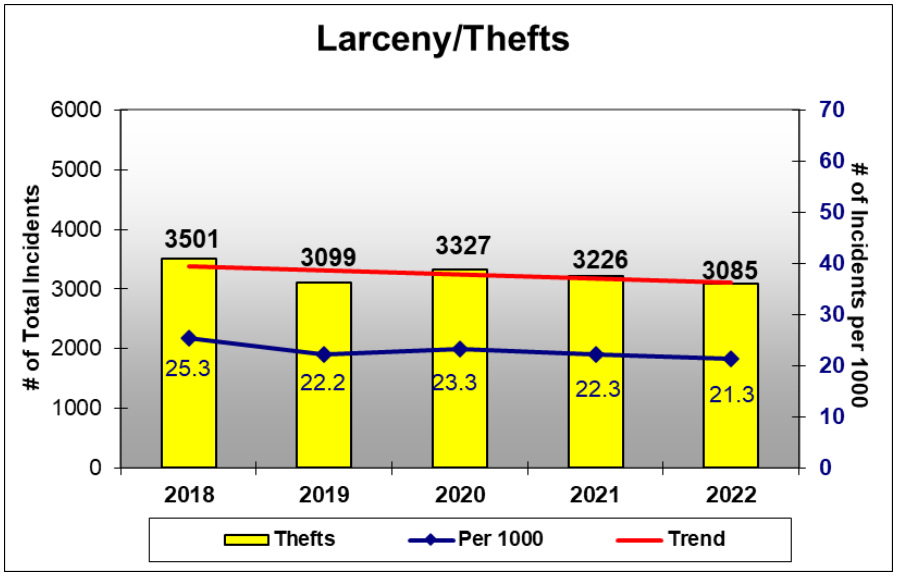
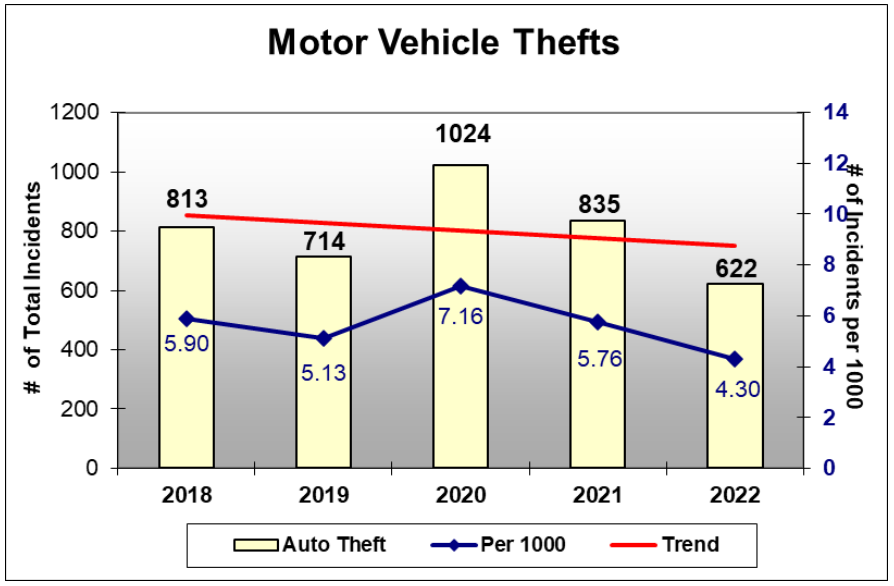
Property Crime









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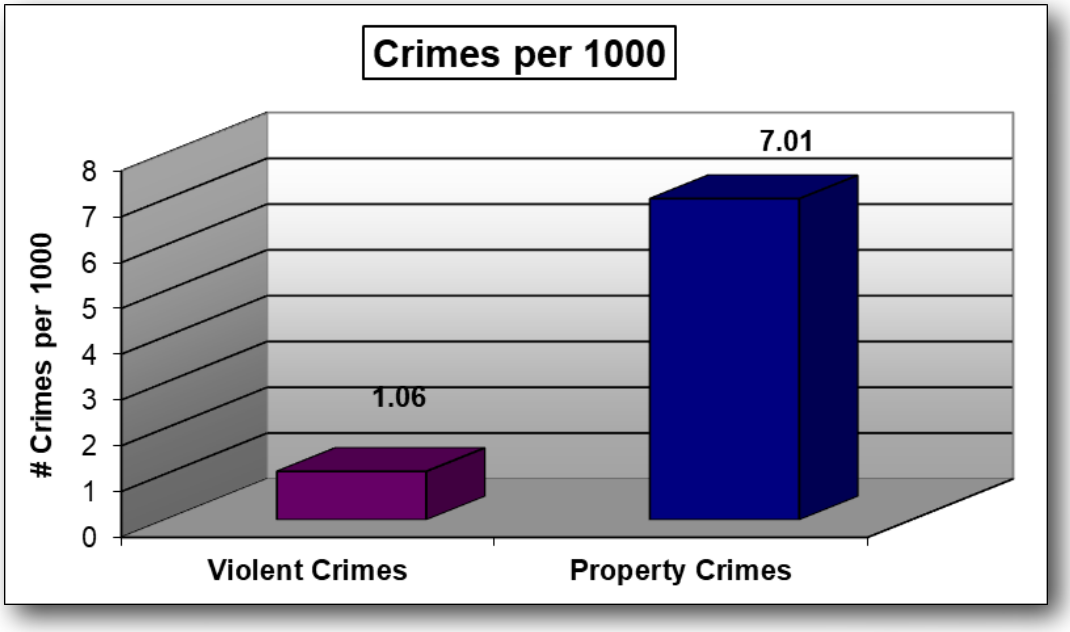
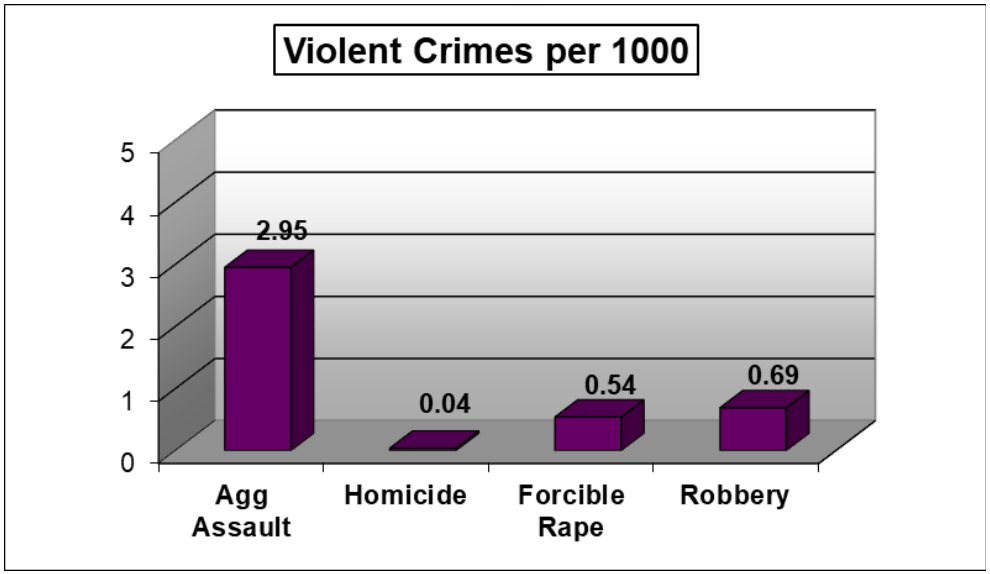
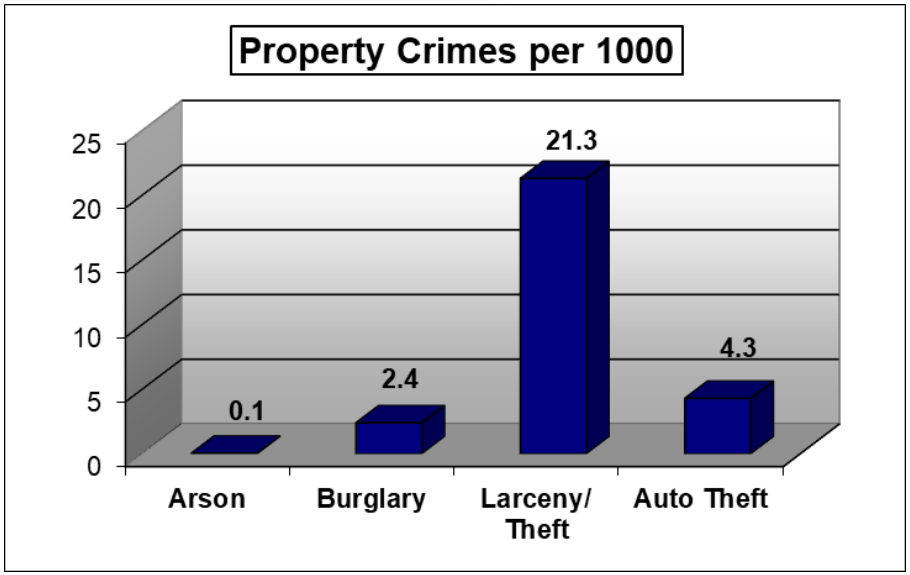
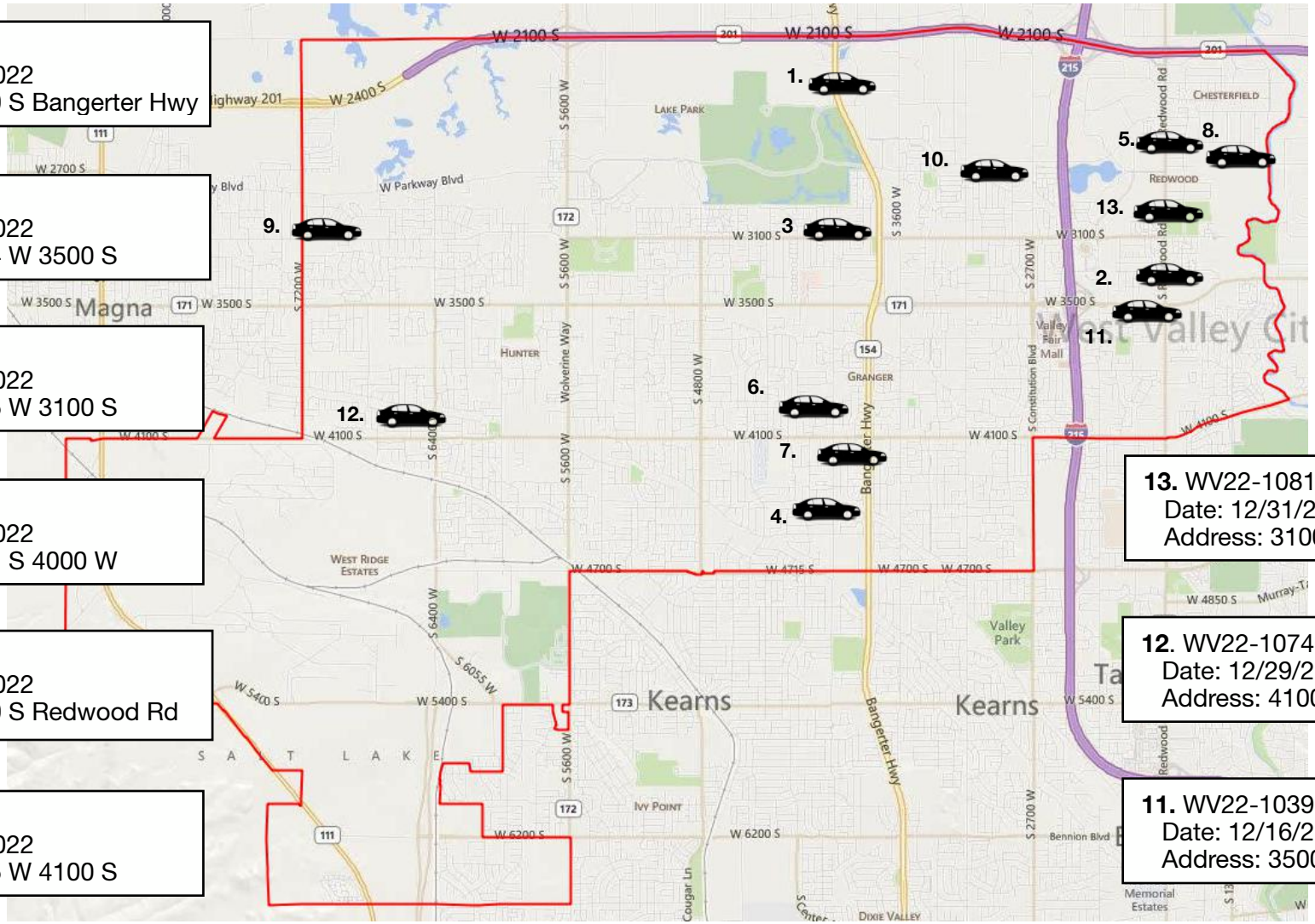
2022 Violent and Property Crimes per 1,000







2022 Fatal Traffic Accidents



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Date: 01/21/2022
Address: 2380 S Bangerter Hwy

2. WV22-12184
Date: 02/11/2022
Address: 1624 W 3500 S

3. WV22-15593
Date: 03/16/2022
Address: 3825 W 3100 S

4. WV22-17080
Date: 03/01/2022
Address: 4481 S 4000 W

5. WV22-18367
Date: 03/05/2022
Address: 2770 S Redwood Rd

6. WV22-64067
Date: 08/05/2022
Address: 4075 W 4100 S

7. WV22-65719
Date: 08/10/2022
Address: 4257 S 4000

8. WV22-91929
Date: 11/05/2022
Address: 1553 W Crystal Ave

9. WV22-94613
Date: 11/14/2022
Address: 3245 S 7200 W

10. WV22-100004
Date: 12/03/2022
Address: 3200 W Parkway Blvd

11. WV22-103972
Date: 12/16/2022
Address: 3500 S Decker Lake Dr

12. WV22-107464
Date: 12/29/2022
Address: 4100 S. Mtn View

13. WV22-108111
Date: 12/31/2022
Address: 3100 S Redwood Rd

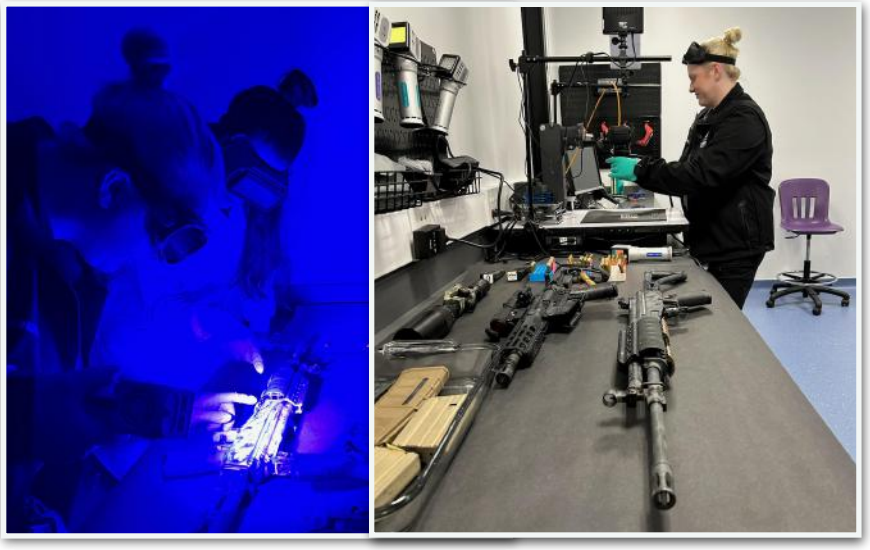
2022 Officer Involved Critical Incidents

Case Number: WV22-64575
Date/Time: 08/07/2022
Location: 3429 S Redwood Rd
Synopsis: On August 7, 2022 WVCPD responded to a robbery/shooting near Carls Jr. A West Valley sergeant responded and located the subject, Mitchell Halsey (DOB: 09/28/82) near the Indoor Swap Meet. The sergeant challenged Mitchell and then shot him. Taylorsville PD officers were assisting and provided lifesaving efforts until more WVCPD arrived. The OICI protocol was activated and SLCPD's team responded and eventually took both the initial robbery/shooting and the OICI. Mitchell was transported to IMC in critical condition; after he was stabilized he was booked into jail for Felony 1 Aggravated Robbery and Felony 2 Aggravated Assault.
Disposition: The DA cleared it as a justifiable use of force.

Bureau Accomplishments

Evidence Unit Stats 2022

New Evidence:	11,326
Items Checked Out:	1,904
Released to Owner:	1,826
State Crime Lab/Tox Lab:	891
Purged Property/Conv:	10,412
Photos/Audio Processed:	472
Sexual Assault Kits Submitted:	53
Sexual Assault Kits Processed:	53



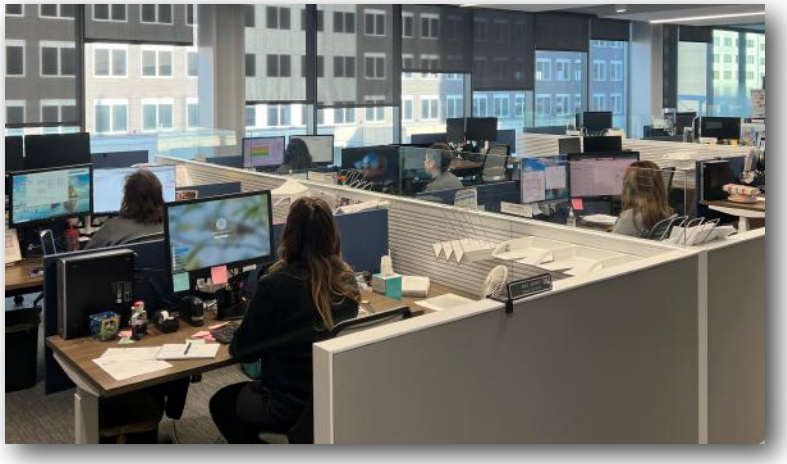
Forensics Unit Stats 2022

Lab Processing Cases Completed:	764
Latent Prints Searched Through ABIS:	454
Latent Prints on Evidence Identified:	520
Evidence Guns Test Fired for NIBIN:	124
Crime Scene Responses:	56
OICI Protocol Team Responses:	4
Presentations (Schools, Fairs, Community):	8
Lab Processing Cases for Other Agencies:	5
Associations Developed from NIBIN Searches:	51

Accomplishments

Records Unit Stats 2022

Total Cases Processed:	67,364
Criminal Cites Processed:	2,212
Traffic Cites Processed:	12,920
Impounds:	1,869
Accidents:	3,811
DUI's:	548
GRAMA Requests (Reports Only):	12,930
NCIC Entries:	2,459
Expungements:	185



Information and Intelligence Unit (IIU) Stats 2022

Bulletins Created:	51
Workup Requests:	63
Attempt to Locate:	10
Cell Phone Extractions:	144
Photo/Video Enhancements:	34
Photo Lineups:	82
SWAT Warrants Support:	41

Accomplishments

Investigation

Squad	Active Follow Ups (as of 12/31/2022)	New Follow Ups Assigned in 2022	Follow Ups Closed Out in 2022
Community Oriented Policing	23	214	191
Court Services Unit	6	306	300
Homicide Unit	66	420	363
Property Unit	105	1330	1225
Special Investigations	65	842	777
Special Victims Unit	196	529	6333
Traffic Unit	62	314	252
Violent Crimes Unit	54	1116	1053

Accomplishments

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Stokes! He attended the very prestigious executive-level law enforcement training offered by the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. His session consisted of 237 law enforcement officials from 48 states and the District of Columbia, 25 countries, 5 military organizations, and 5 federal civilian organizations.

Deputy Chief Stokes joins our own Chief Jacobs, who herself received this same honorable distinction in 2012. We are proud of their leadership and example of professionalism within our organization and among our peers across the state and nation.

2022 Awards

Ammon Myers

Officer of the Year

Officer Myers has consistently been praised by his supervisors and peers as an exemplary officer with an unbelievable work ethic. He consistently takes more calls than any other officer in all of patrol. It is not uncommon for him to take calls prior to formally beginning his shift and while traveling to other dispatched calls for service. Through his hard work and knowledge, Officer Myers has been appointed to be a Field Training Officer and has received many compliments from his trainees for the knowledge and patience he displays. While Officer Myers' work ethic is nothing short of extraordinary, he has shown time and time again that he is kind and humble to other officers and any citizen he contacts. He is a fantastic example of what a police officer should be and continuously represents the West Valley City Police Department in an exemplary manner. Officer Myers is hereby recognized as the 2022 Officer of the Year.

Supervisor of the Year

In 2022, Sergeant Averett supervised the Street Crimes Operations Unit and Special Enforcement Team. The department received 25 LPR cameras for trial in March. Sergeant Averett organized their maintenance and deployment, using local intelligence to reposition them effectively. He also trained multiple department members on using the LPR system. The system proved valuable, leading to the recovery of stolen vehicles, arrest of fugitives, and evidence in criminal cases. Sergeant Averett's leadership extended to leading investigations, authoring warrants, and conducting follow-ups. The Special Operations Section completed 300 investigations, made numerous arrests, seized firearms, and recovered stolen vehicles. Sergeant Averett also contributed as a member of the Bomb Squad, providing training and responding to bomb-related calls. He played a crucial role in locating a homicide suspect in Mexico and consistently supported his units and individual members. In recognition of his dedication, Sergeant Averett is awarded the 2022 Supervisor of the Year.

Sgt. Jaron Averett

2022 Awards

Investigator of the Year

Michael Lynes

Detective Lynes excels in resolving neighborhood issues in West Valley City. He holds a unique position within the department, often dealing with offenders or businesses causing significant problems in the community. While these individuals may not be involved in large-scale drug distribution or extensive criminal networks, their actions severely impact the city's quality of life. In 2022, Detective Lynes launched an investigation into a drug house following a complaint. The house had a history of drug seizures, overdoses, and constant short-stay traffic involving known drug users. Upon executing a search warrant, he discovered that the house was an illegal boarding house with eight subdivided rooms occupied by drug users, sellers, and property offenders. Recovered items included a stolen motorcycle, a handgun, and evidence of drug sales. Recognizing a potential pattern, Detective Lynes found three more residences owned and rented in the same manner. Two of these houses had similar drug offenses, leading to search warrants. Three out of the four residences were deemed uninhabitable by the Department of Health due to methamphetamine contamination. Through his extensive investigation, Detective Lynes proved that the property owner was complicit in the deterioration of neighborhood safety and quality of life. The city took action against the landlord to prevent further illegal subdivision of single-family homes into boarding houses and halt his predatory behavior. The communities affected by Detective Lynes' efforts are deeply grateful. In recognition of his commitment to preserving the community and tirelessly improving the lives of West Valley City residents, Detective Lynes was awarded the title of 2022 Investigator of the Year.

Rookie of the Year

During his rookie year, Officer Tenney has responded to a multitude of calls and has demonstrated sound judgment, maturity, and empathy to the citizens of West Valley City. His impressive work ethic, and calmness under pressure along with his positive attitude make him a respected officer amongst his peers. He has been recognized for assisting in an important Homeland Security Investigation. The suspect fled on foot and Officer Tenney engaged in a foot pursuit. His quick response and situational awareness were instrumental in the capture of the suspect which subsequently led to the removal of dangerous drugs and guns from the hands of criminals. For his exemplary dedication to the department and community as a rookie officer, Officer Tenney is hereby recognized as the 2022 Rookie of the Year.

Neil Tenney

2022 Awards

Civilian of the Year

Danielle Nelson

Danielle Nelson effectively manages a plethora of responsibilities as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police. She willingly takes on a daunting workload without complaint and happily accepts new tasks without hesitation. She performs everything from complex communication and scheduling, to fielding calls, emails, complaints, and concerns both internally and externally. She also manages her Administrative Operations Unit in the multitude of responsibilities that they have. She is a very helpful team player. Her thoughtfulness and concern for her fellow employees is on a level that exceeds what one would expect to see from the average, or even very good, employee. Her attitude is exceptionally positive, and she often goes out of her way to brighten the days of those around her. For her unrelenting dedication to the citizens of West Valley, the Department, and all who work here, Danielle Nelson is recognized as the 2022 Civilian Employee of the Year.

Chief's Award

Officer Madsen has dedicated his entire 16-year law enforcement career to serving West Valley City as a police officer. Currently serving as the Field Training Coordinator, he oversees 24 Field Training officers and their trainees. In 2022, he supervised the training of 39 newly hired officers, amounting to 18% of the sworn force in a single year. He facilitated seven in-house academies, trained 11 new Field Training Officers, and conducted two Field Training Officer courses, totaling an additional 580 hours of required training. Officer Madsen also serves as the POST liaison for cadets, ensuring effective communication and tracking their progress. He is often the first officer OITs interact with regularly, attending POST graduations and providing guidance on the expectations of being a West Valley Police Officer. In addition, he selflessly makes himself available on his days off to assist with OITs and support his coworkers. As a certified Firearms instructor and Armorer, he frequently contributes to mandatory trainings and aided the Traffic Unit with a 2-week in-house Motor certification course, certifying 4 new motor officers. During his time off in the winter months, Officer Madsen works as a West Valley City snowplow driver, improving driving conditions and reducing vehicle crashes. He exemplifies service before self and embodies the true meaning of organizational citizenship, earning him the 2022 Chief's Award.

Matthew Madsen

2022 Highlights

Operation Recess

Operation Recess was first conceived by the Hopkins Minnesota Police Department with additional funding being provided by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (USDOJ).

With permission from school administrators, the West Valley City Police Department has attended recess hours with each elementary-level schools within the city limits. The goal is to visit several times during the school year, develop a relationship of trust and understanding.

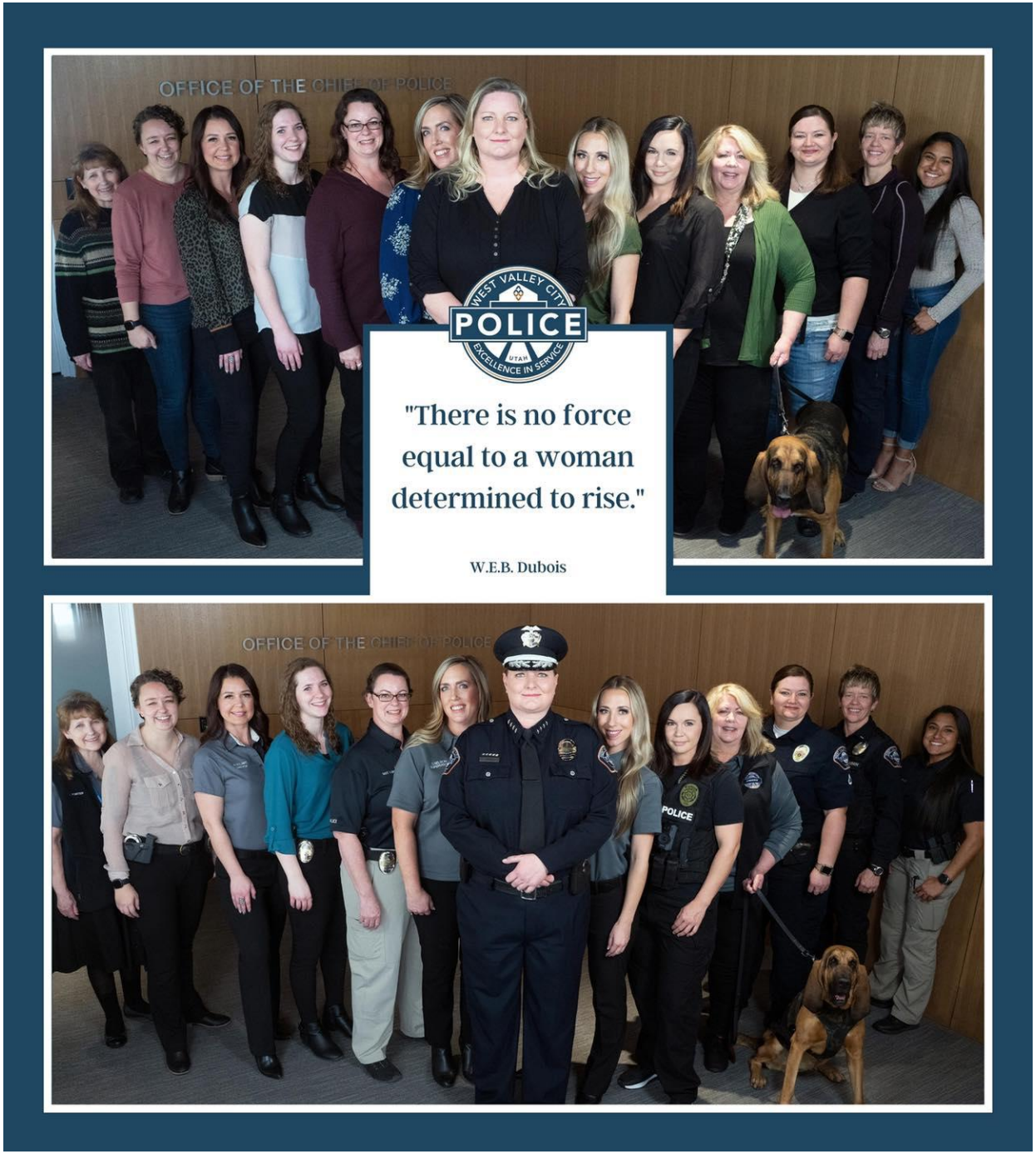
Officers distributed police-themed items like replica badge stickers, pencils, crayons and/or erasers. The items provide the children with a tangible memory to help them overcome the fear of speaking with officers. A lasting measure of this success is seen when children randomly approach officers asking “Do you have any stickers?”

DARE

Drug Abuse Resistance Education is an educational program that seeks to provide our youth with the necessary knowledge and skills for responsible decision making. While the original keystone of the program was drug abuse resistance, the program also seeks to address bullying and other forms of violence. The instructional program includes the difference between tattling and telling, challenging each student to scenarios where telling an adult is necessary.

2022 marked the return of the DARE program to West Valley Schools. One full-time Detective has been assigned to this role. Approximately 803 fourth and fifth grade students became DARE graduates in the 2022/2023 school year. To graduate, each student had to write an essay explaining their experience with DARE and how they will apply what they have learned. A graduation ceremony was held at each participating school. The DARE essay winners were awarded a DARE medal, and they read their essays aloud to their classmates.

In late 2022, Grant Funding was allocated for the purchase of a DARE themed police vehicle. The Jeep Gladiator will highlight the DARE Officer's presence at local schools and highlight our commitment to our local youth.



Women's History Month - March

March marks the annual celebration of Women's History Month, a time to recognize the countless contributions and achievements of women throughout history. We are proud to have strong, smart, and talented women leading our organization at all levels!

The West Valley City Police Department is proud to acknowledge the important role of women in law enforcement, both past and present, and remains committed to creating a diverse and inclusive workplace for all employees.

Chill with the Chief

We continued the tradition of the monthly Chill with the Chief events during the summer months of 2022. The community gets time to meet and greet Chief Jacobs and various units of the police department while enjoying cool treats.

June 14, 2022

Cops and Cleats

The West Valley City Police Department couldn't be more excited to have hosted our very first Cops and Cleats youth training camp! We had a blast working with all the talented young athletes out there, and our team of former college and professional athletes were thrilled to provide free athletic training at Hunter High School. It was an absolute blast and we can't wait for the next one!

July 21, 2022

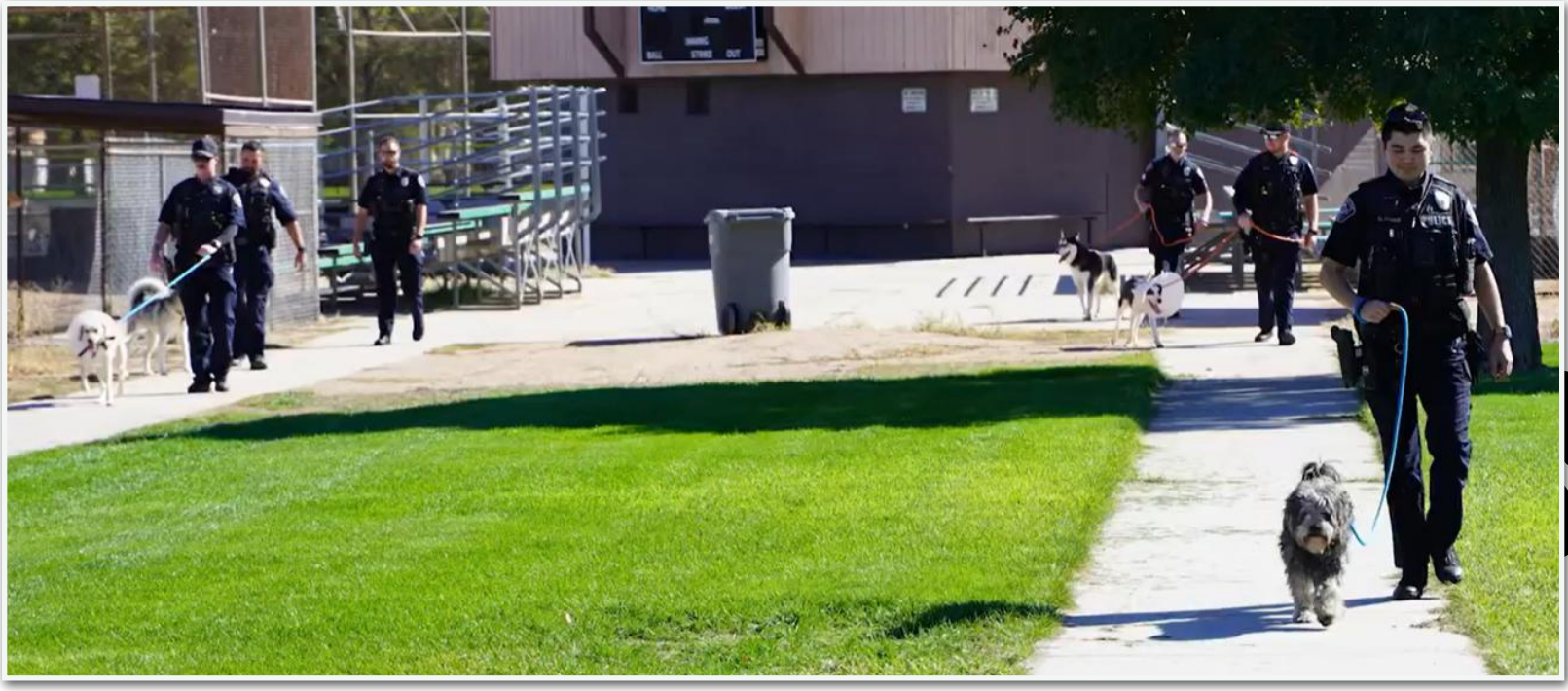
National Night Out

Thanks to everyone who joined us at National Night Out! We had a great turnout and were thrilled seeing so many people engaging with our officers. Each year we look forward to connecting with our community and enjoying the festivities.

August 31, 2022

Paw Patrol

This year, we are proud to announce the introduction of Paw Patrol! Our officers have teamed up with dogs from our local shelter to take walks with citizens and discuss their neighborhoods. Not only does this initiative help improve our communities, but it also brings joy to our four-legged friends. We are thrilled to have found a way to make a positive impact on both our neighborhoods and the lives of these animals.



October 20, 2022

Giving Tree

We are delighted to share with you the success of our Giving Tree Christmas celebration in West Valley City. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our community and local businesses, we were able to provide Christmas gifts to 345 children in need. The festive event brought joy and cheer to the hearts of these children and their families, creating unforgettable memories during the holiday season. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to this noble cause, and we look forward to continuing to make a positive difference in the lives of those around us.

December 1, 2022

Employee Milestones

5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years
David Alvarez	Julie Williams	Steve Beardshall	Bryan Peterson	John Dietrich
Gabe Bier		Brandon Christiansen	Wade Sanders	
Jose Flores		Ben Tippetts	Jason Vincent	
Adrian Garlick				
Gary Lipscomb				
Bryant LoRe				
Ryan Pepper				
David Stallings				
Ramond Wilhelm				
John Wells				
James Williams				
Christian Zullo				

Promotions

Promoted to Deputy Chief

Brandon Christiansen

Promoted to Lieutenant

Steven Beardshall

Promoted to Sergeant

Andrew Geyerman

Kevin Johnston

Promoted to Operation Manager

Danielle Nelson

Retirements

Scott Buchanan

Brad Hardinger

Janice Uhi