West Valley City Police Department

2023

Annual Report

Chief's Message

It is my honor to present the 2023 Annual Report for the West Valley City Police Department. This past year was one of significant growth as well as important accomplishments for our department and the community we serve. The brave men and women of the West Valley City Police Department demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public safety.

Through proactive community engagement initiatives, enhanced training programs, and a data-driven approach to policing, we made tangible progress in reducing crime rates, strengthening trust with our citizens, and ensuring West Valley City remains a safe place to live, work, and raise a family. This report highlights both our key statistics and the essential work performed day-in and day-out by our dedicated officers and professional staff.

Sincerely,

Colleen Jacobs
Chief of Police

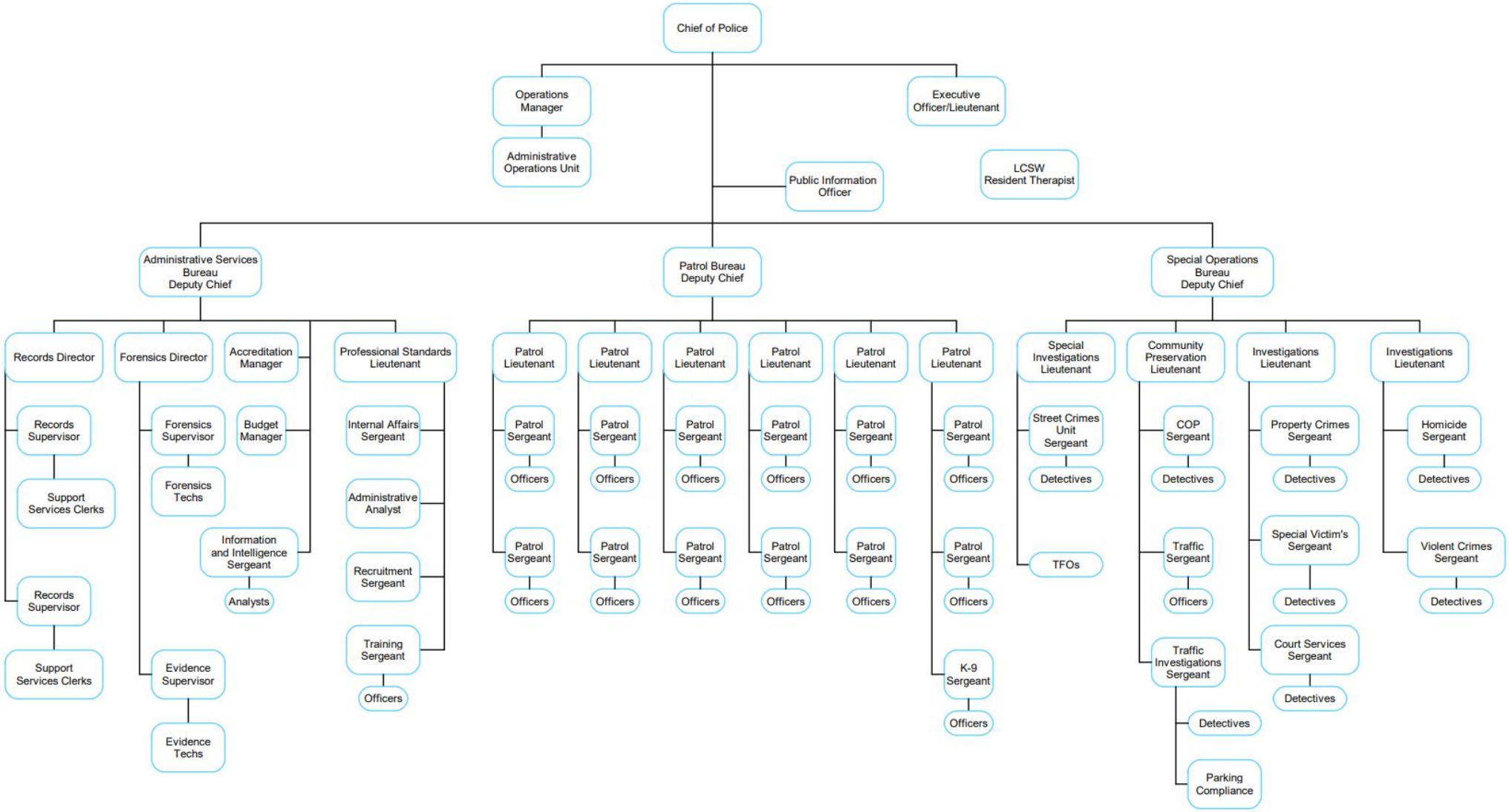
Administration

Brandon Christiansen
Deputy Chief
Patrol Bureau

Michael Fossmo
Deputy Chief
Special Operations Bureau

Kent Stokes
Deputy Chief
Administrative Services Bureau

Organizational Chart



Authorized Strength: 218 Sworn, 49 Civilian
December, 2023

Mission Statement

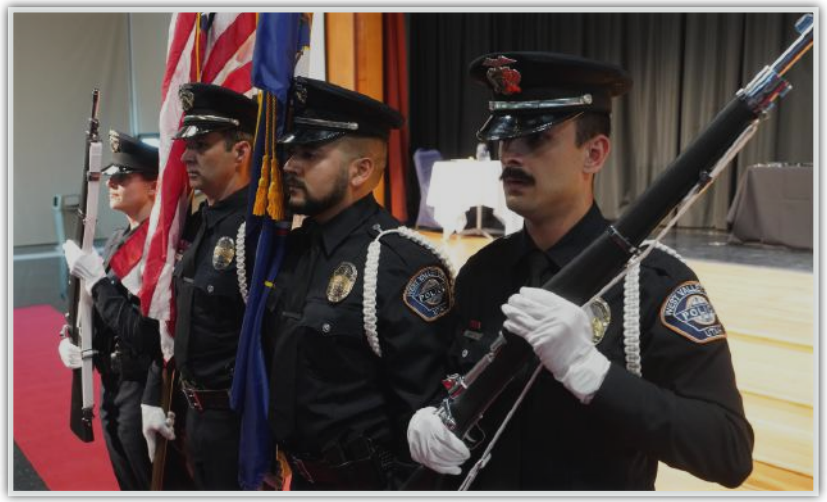
The mission of the West Valley City Police Department is to work in partnership with the community to protect life and property, solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our city. In doing so, members of this police department commit themselves in the following core tenets:

- 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

2023 Authorized Sworn Personnel	
Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chiefs	3
Lieutenants	12
Sergeants	27
Uniform Patrol	85
K-9 Officer	5
Detectives	37
Traffic	13
Community Oriented Police	11
Special Investigations Unit	9
SWAT Administration	1
Task Forces	9
Training Division	5

2023 Authorized Non-Sworn Personnel	
AOU Assistants	3
Operations Manager	1
Accredidation Manager	1
Budget Manager	1
Records Director	1
Support Services Supervisors	2
Support Services Clerks	17
Intelligence Analyst	3
Crime Analyst	1
Forensics/Evidence Director	1
Evidence Supervisor	1
Evidence Technician	4
Forensics Supervisor	1
Firearms Expert	1
Forensics Investigators	4
Administrative Analyst	1
Parking Compliance	4
LCSW	1
In House Therapist	1

	White Non-Hispanic		Black Non-Hispanic		Hispanic-Latino		Other/No Indication	
Sworn Personnel	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**
Non-Supervisor	125	8	4	0	18	3	13	2
Supervisor	36	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
Command	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Executive	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**164**	**11**	**4**	**0**	**19**	**3**	**14**	**2**

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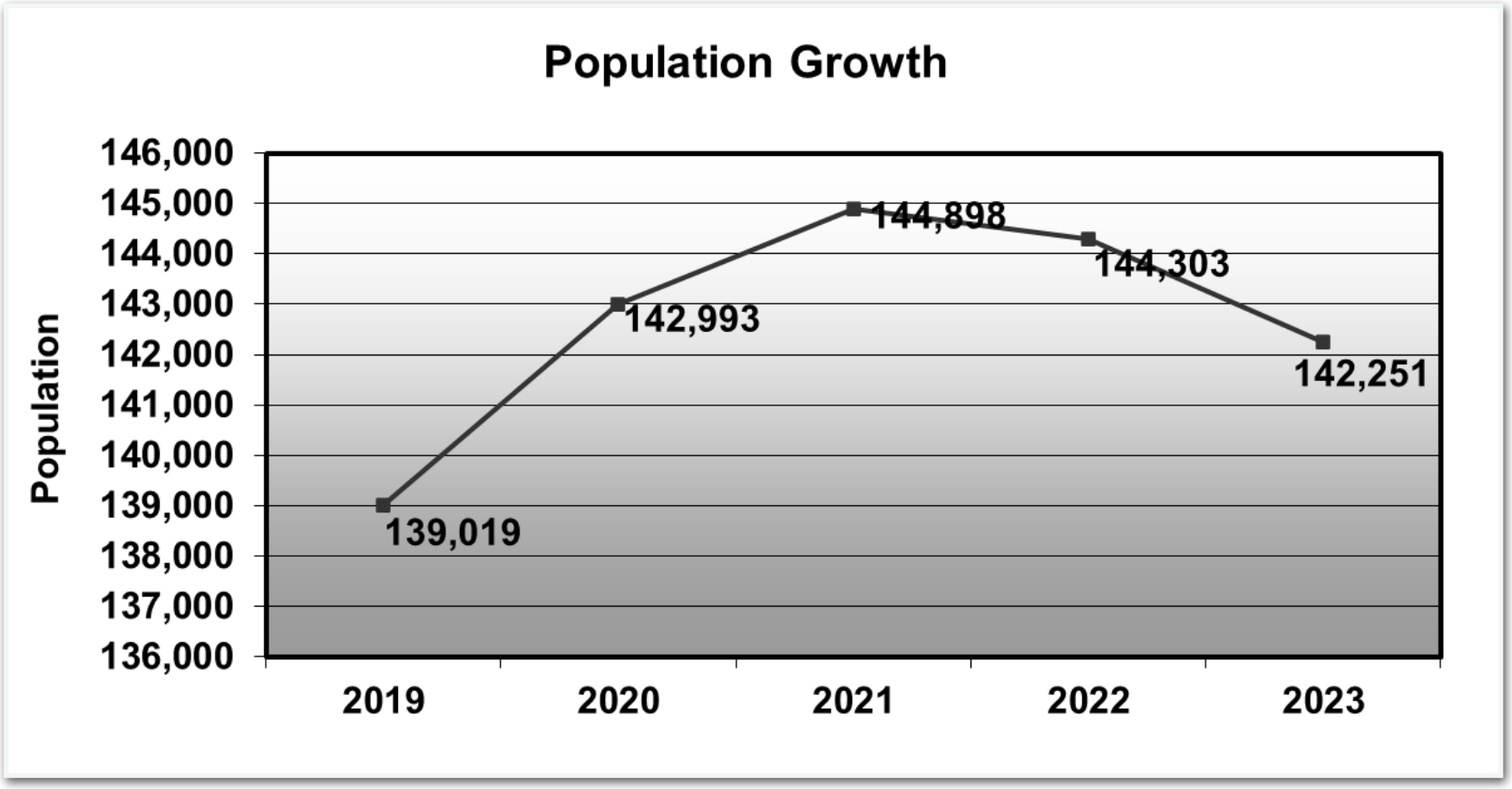
Non-Sworn Personnel	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**
Non-Supervisor	8	24	0	1	0	4	1	5
Supervisor	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
Command	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Executive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**8**	**28**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**4**	**1**	**6**

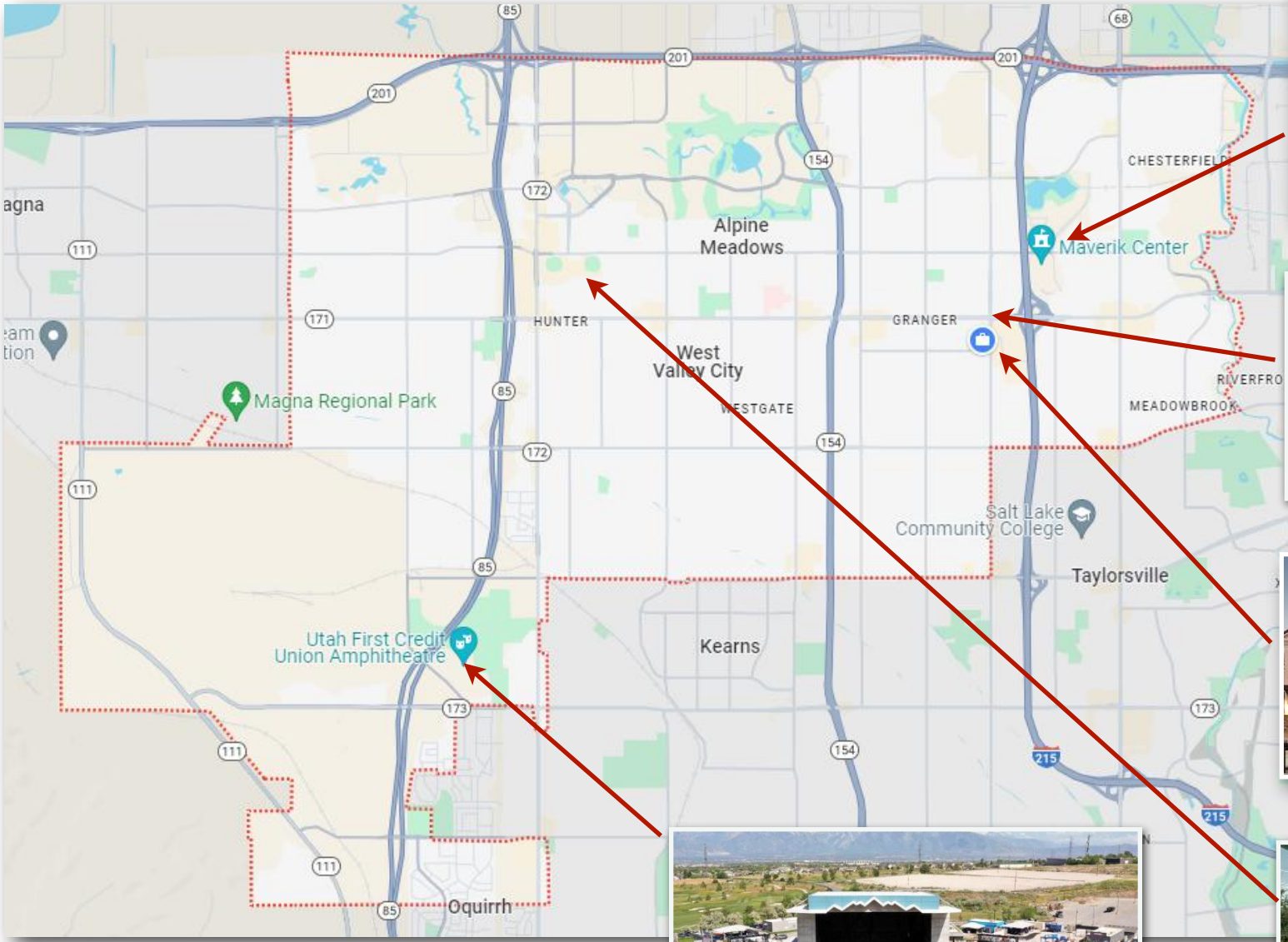
West Valley City Population



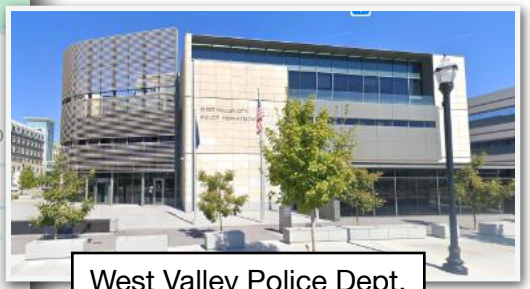
Community Development Department, 01/01/24

The decrease in population from the July 1, 2024 estimate is due to a slight increase in the multi-family vacancy rate using the latest CBRE data and an increase in single family dwelling vacancy rates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Our population estimate uses cumulative building and demolition permit data to calculate housing units by type, considers the amount of time before a permitted unit is occupied ("lag time"), and adjusts for household size and vacancy rates by unit type.

West Valley City Boundaries and Landmarks



Maverik Center



West Valley Police Dept.

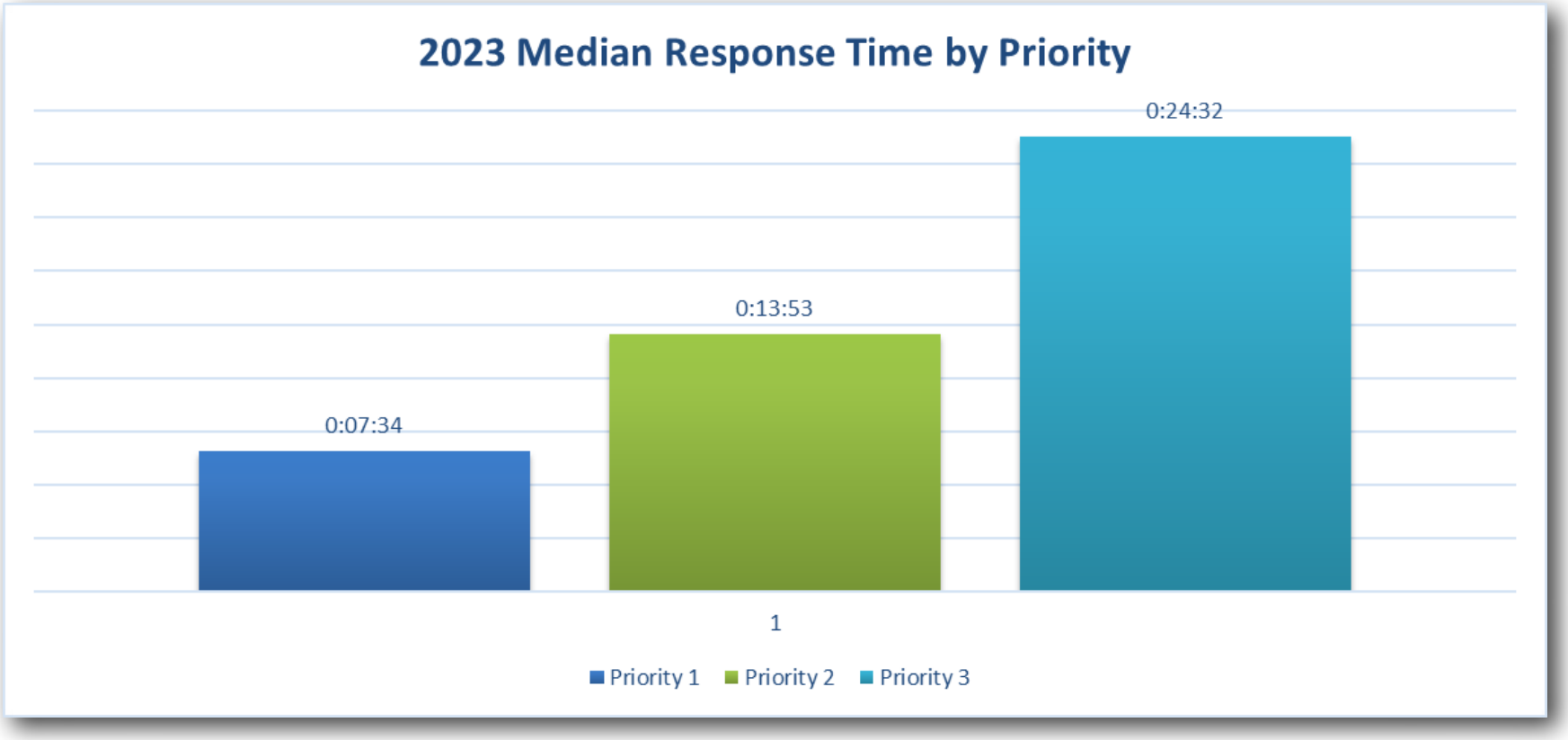
Valley Fair Mall

USANA Amphitheater

Family Fitness Center

2023 Calls for Service by Month

2023 Response Times

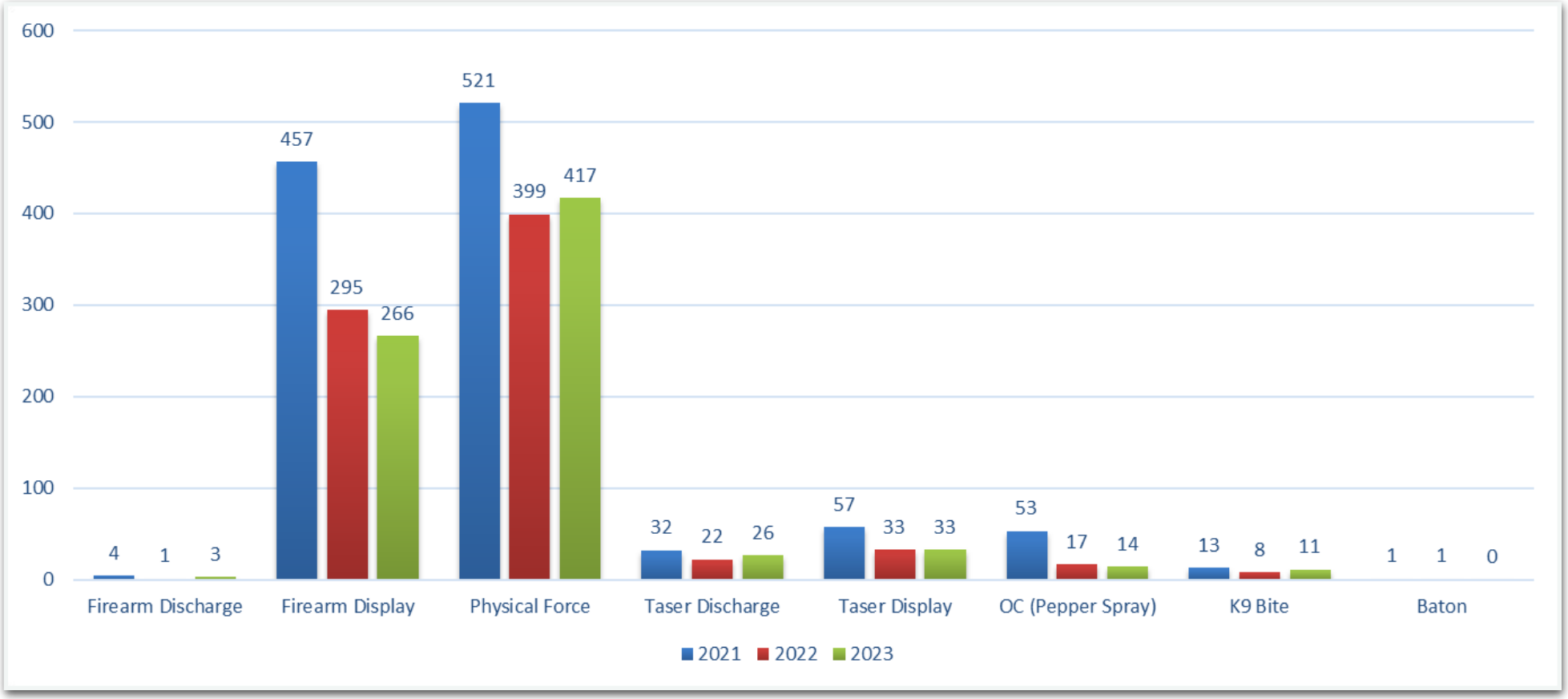


Priority 1 Calls (In Progress)
Calls that are in progress at the time the call is received, such as: robberies in progress, business and residential burglaries in progress, vehicle burglaries in progress, vehicle thefts in progress, kidnappings, aggravated assaults, homicides, dead bodies, assault on 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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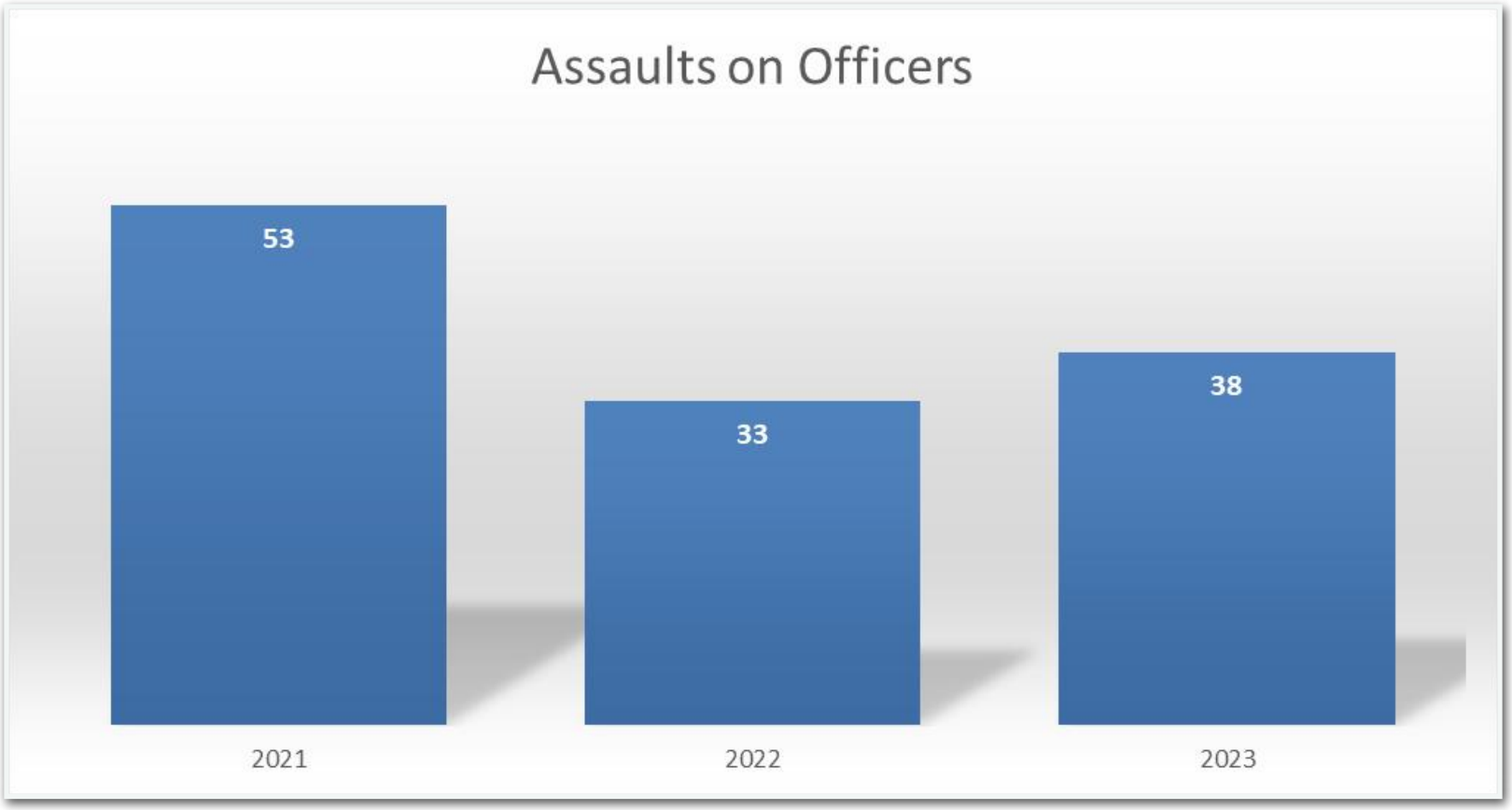
Firearm Discharge
Firearm Display
Physical Force
Taser Discharge
Taser Display
OC (Pepper Spray)
K9 Bite
Baton
2021
2022
2023

Internal Affairs Complaints

Complaints*	**2022**	**2023**
Internal Complaints	49	38
External Complaints	45	58
Total Complaints	94	96
Findings	**2022**	**2023**
Sustained	43	48
Other (Unfounded, Not Sustained, Exonerated or Admin. Closure)	55	53

*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 incident would be one complaint with two allegations.

Assaults on officers 2021-2023



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).

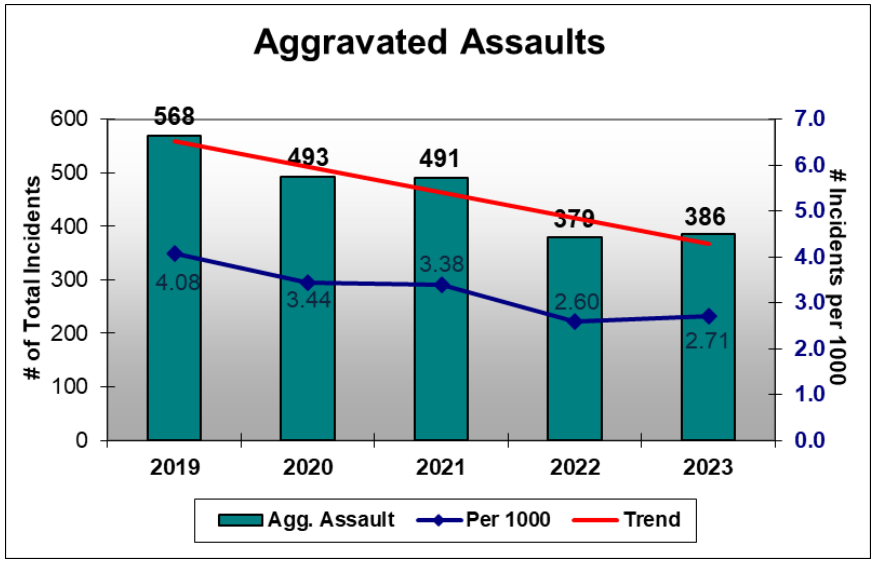
NIBRS Group A Offenses Include:

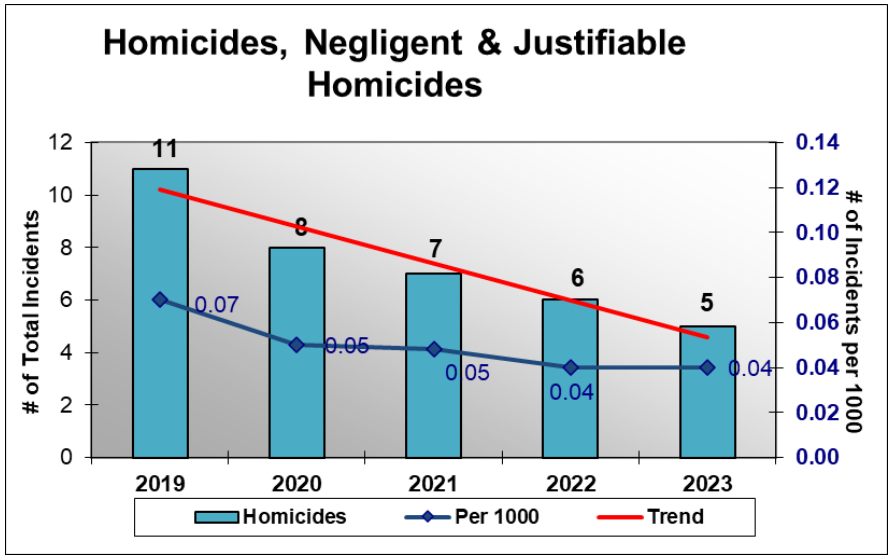
- Murder/Non-Negligent & Negligent Manslaughter
- Justifiable Homicide
- Kidnapping/Abduction
- Forcible Rape, Forcible Sodomy, Forcible Fondling
- Sexual Assault with an object
- Aggravated Assault, Simple Assault, Intimidation
- Incest
- Statutory Rape
- Robbery
- Arson
- Burglary/Breaking & Entering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

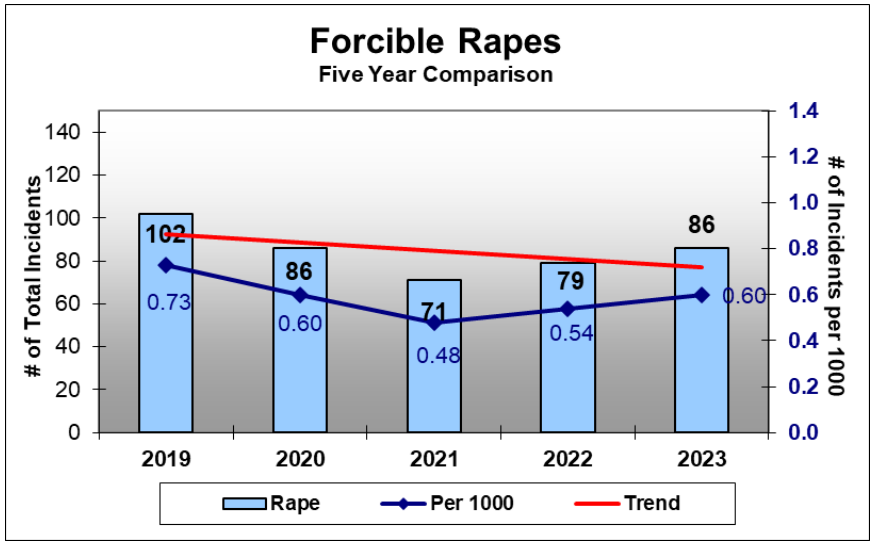
NIBRS Group B Offenses are only reported in the event of an arrest, and include:

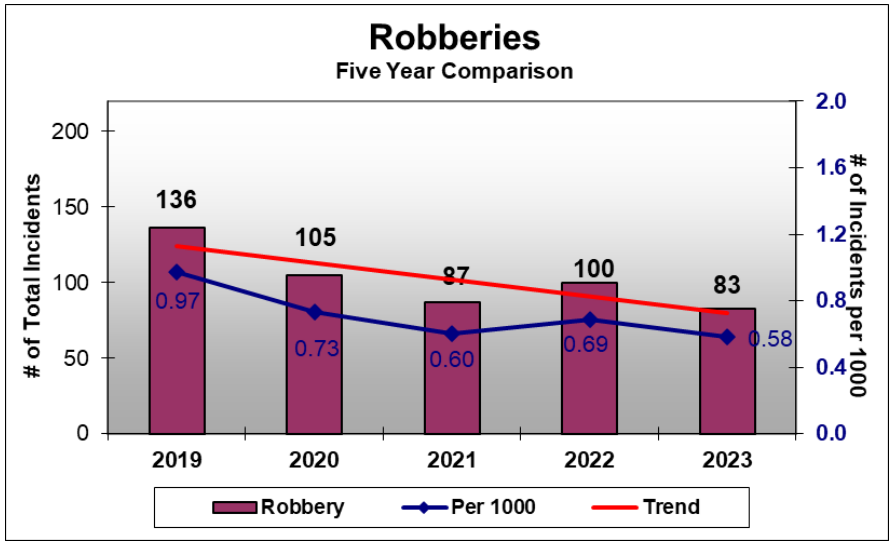
- Bad Checks
- Curfew Violations/Loitering/ Vagrancy
- Disorderly Conduct
- Driving Under the Influence
- Family Non-Violent Offenses
- Liquor Law Violations, Drunkenness
- Peeping Tom
- Runaways (Persons under 18)
- Trespassing
- All Other Offenses

Violent Crime

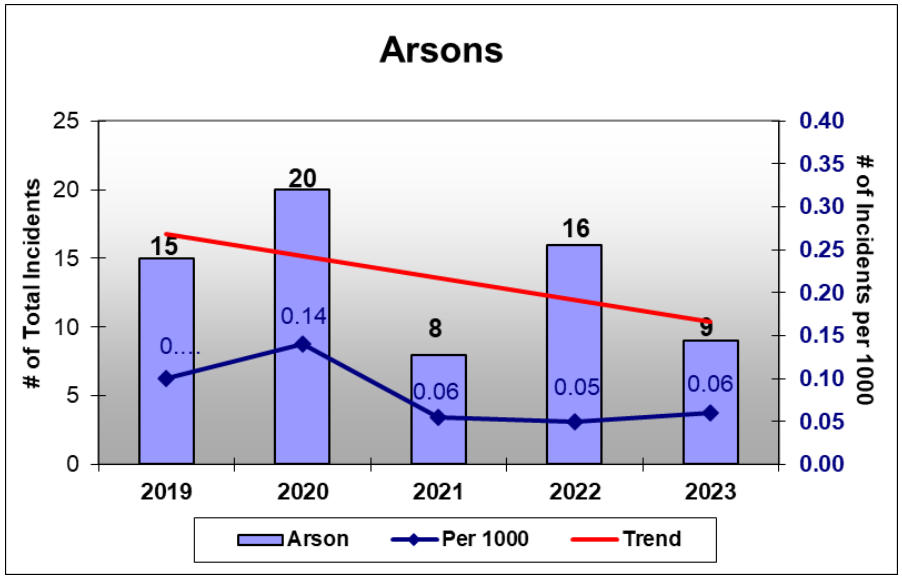


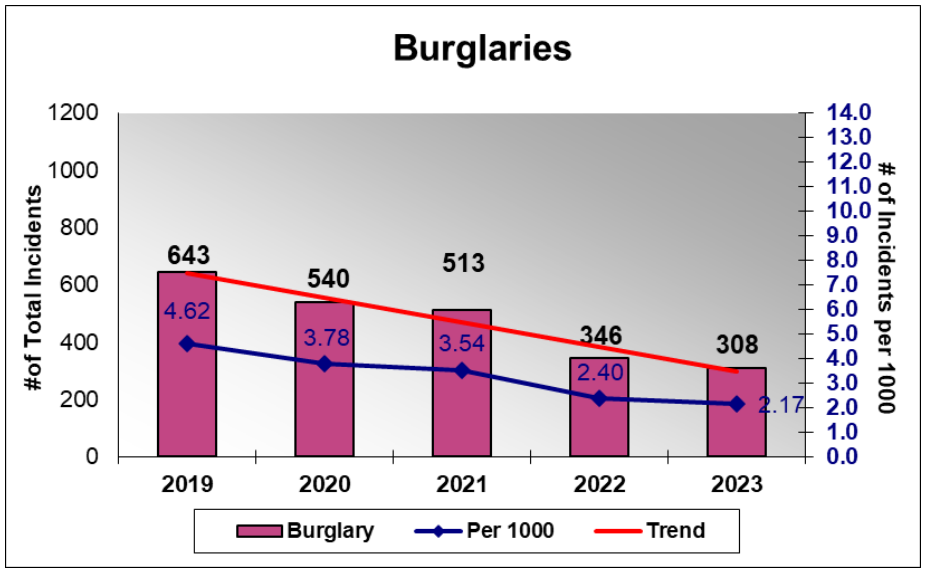


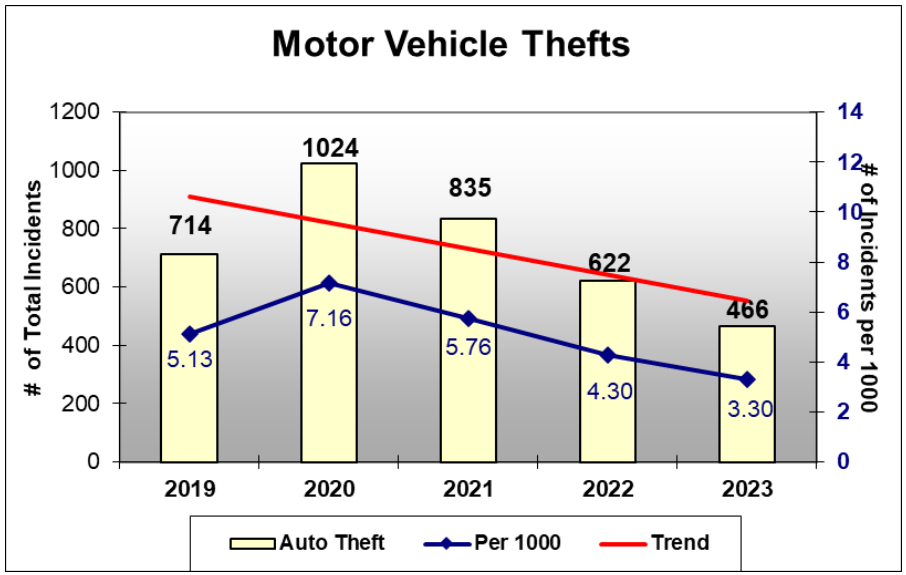


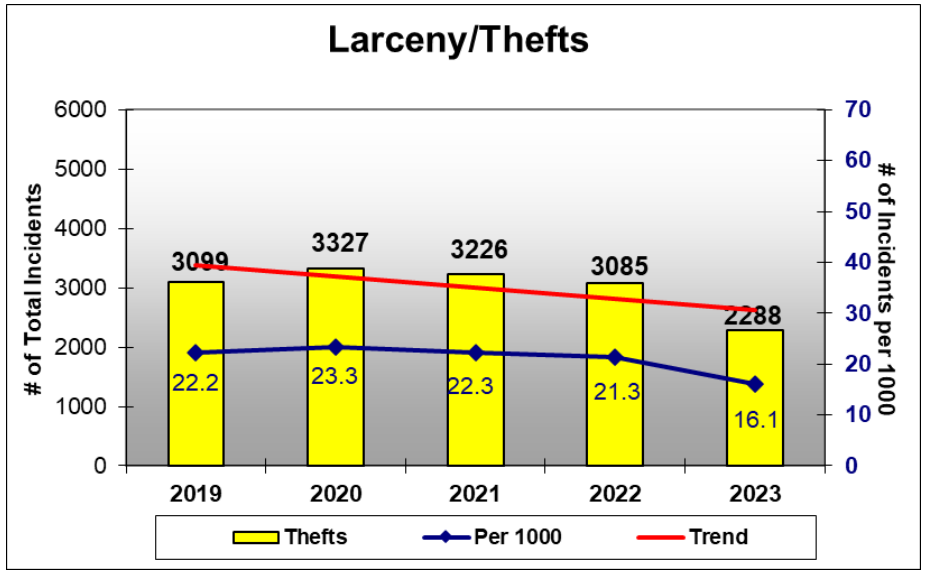


Property Crime

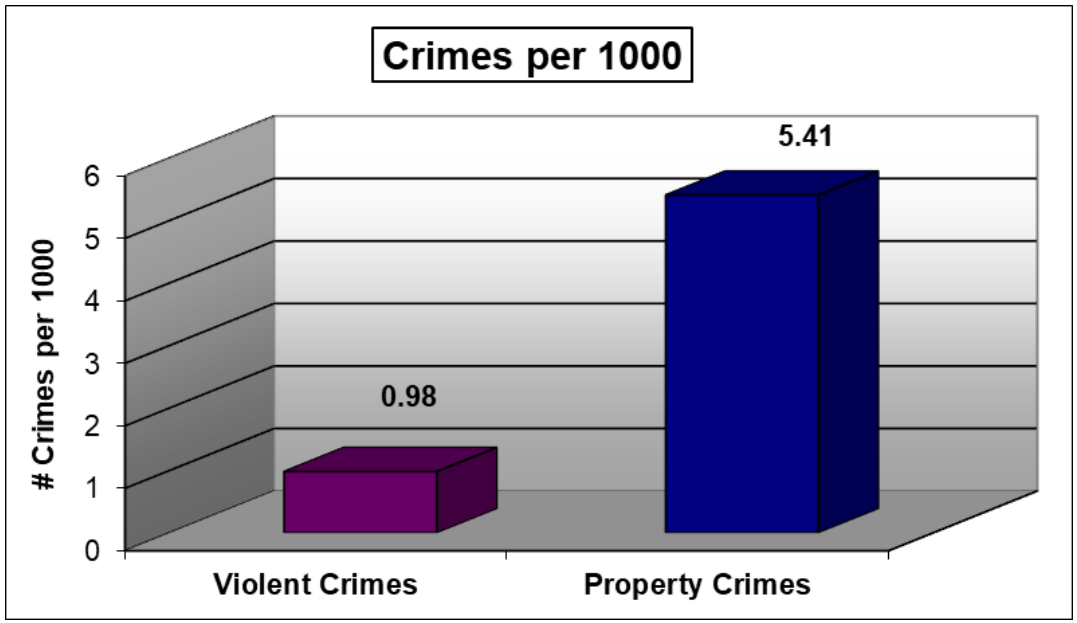


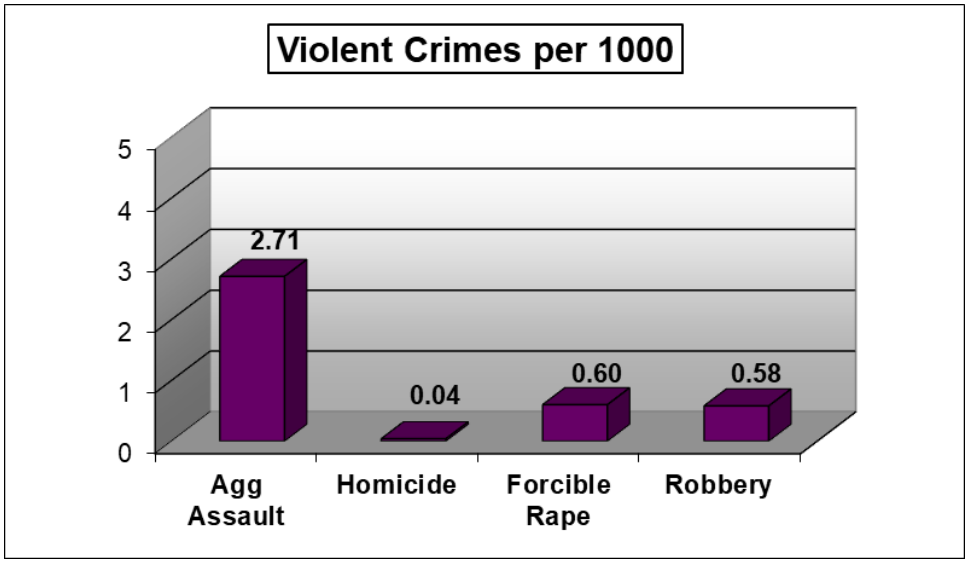


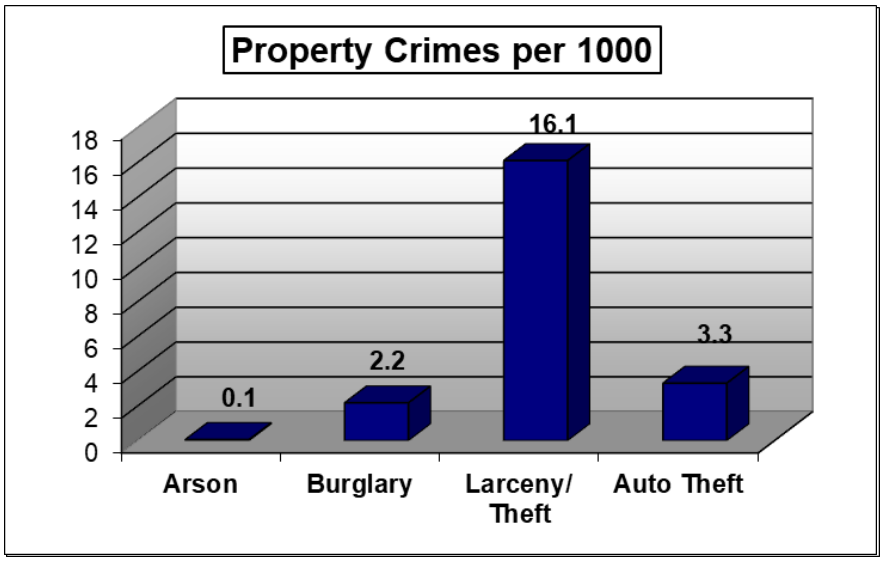




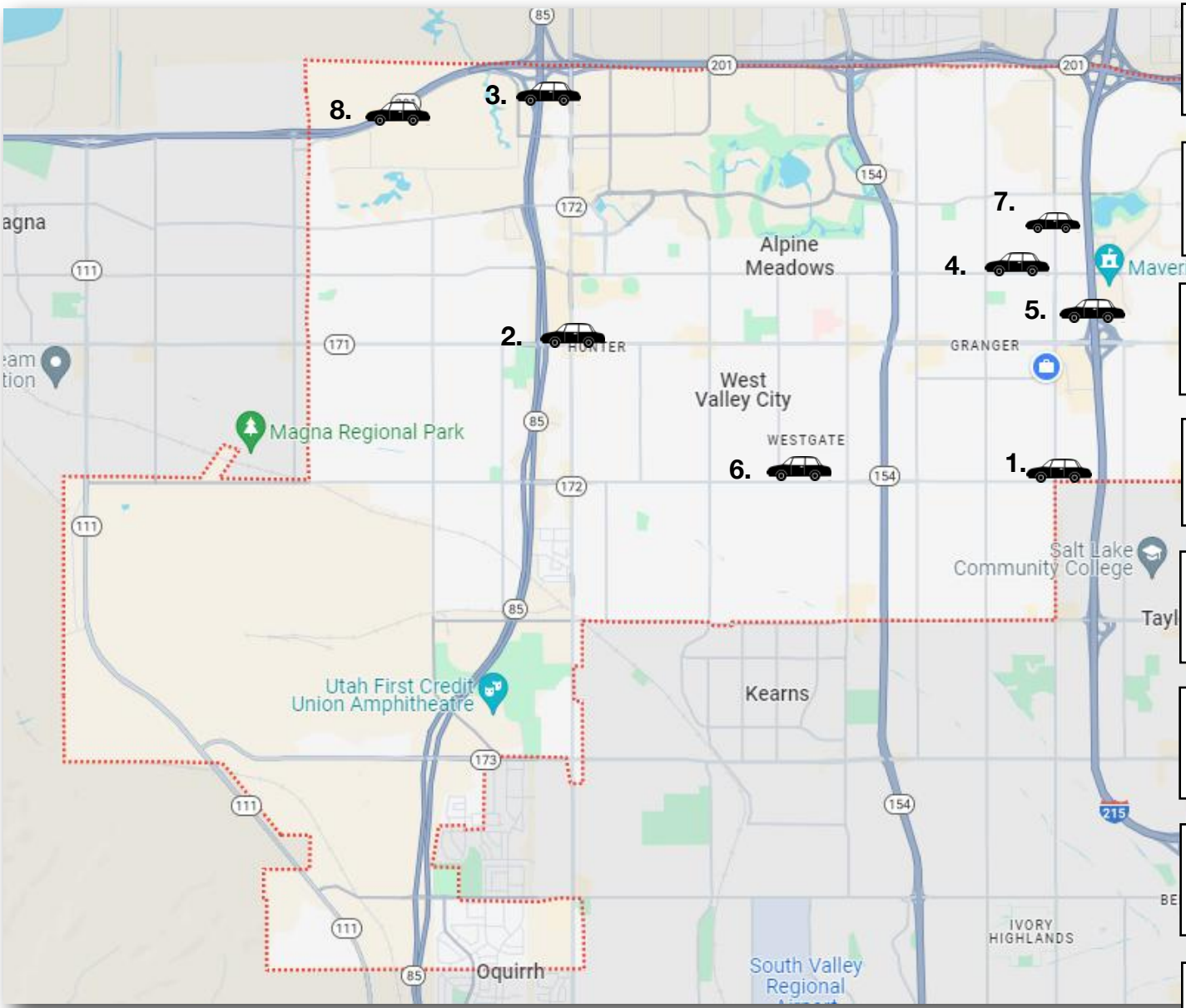
2023 Violent and Property Crimes per 1,000







2023 Fatal Traffic Accidents



1. WV22-108111
   Date: 12/31/22 Date of Death: 01/16/23
   Address: 4100 S. Constitution Blvd

2. WV23-4438
   Date: 01/16/23
   Address: 3500 S. Mtn View Hwy SB

3. WV23-7278
   Date: 01/24/23
   Address: 2200 S Mtn View Hwy NB

4. WV23-17992
   Date: 03/01/2023
   Address: 3600 W 3100 S

5. WV23-44071
   Date: 05/25/23
   Address: 3243 S. Lehi Dr.

6. WV23-51953
   Date: 06/18/23
   Address: 5100 W Coway Way

7. WV23-67233
   Date: 08/04/23
   Address: 3100 S. 3200 W.

8. WV23-104833
   Date: 12/09/23
   Address: 7150 W Gates Ave

2023 Officer Involved Critical Incidents

Case Number: WV23-32725
Date/Time: 04/20/2023 1100hrs
Location: 2100 S. Redwood Rd.
Synopsis: A West Valley City Police officer attempted a traffic stop that evolved into an officer involved shooting. Protocol was invoked. The suspect was taken to IMC Hospital with ongoing surgeries. A warrant was issued for his arrest, however due to his condition, he was not able to be booked into the Salt Lake County Jail. T
Disposition: The case has been screened with the District Attorney's office.

Case Number: WV23-85820
Date/Time: 10/05/2023 0004hrs
Location: 3852 W. Ridgecrest Dr.
Synopsis: A report of a domestic disturbance in progress was occurring in Taylorsville in which the suspect shot a rifle inside and outside his residence. The West Valley City SWAT Team was called out to assist with the incident. The suspect continued to fire rounds out of the house as officers were on scene. The suspect exited the house, and a SWAT officer who perceived a threat during this incident shot the suspect. The suspect did not survive his injuries. Protocol was invoked.
Disposition: The case has been screened with the District Attorney's office.

2023 Officer Involved Critical Incidents (Continued)

Case Number: WV23-98006
Date/Time: 11/15/2023 0100hrs
Location: 3351 S 7615 W
Synopsis: The Unified Police Department requested assistance in their jurisdiction with a male who was shooting a rifle outside of his residence. During the incident, the male had gone inside and outside the residence with a gun while making threats. Officers from several other agencies arrived on the scene to assist. Officers had set up containment when the male came out and pointed a firearm at them. Several officers discharged their firearm, including one West Valley City Police officer. The suspect did not survive his injuries. Protocol was invoked. The case has been screened with the District Attorney's office.
Disposition: Pending disposition from District Attorney.

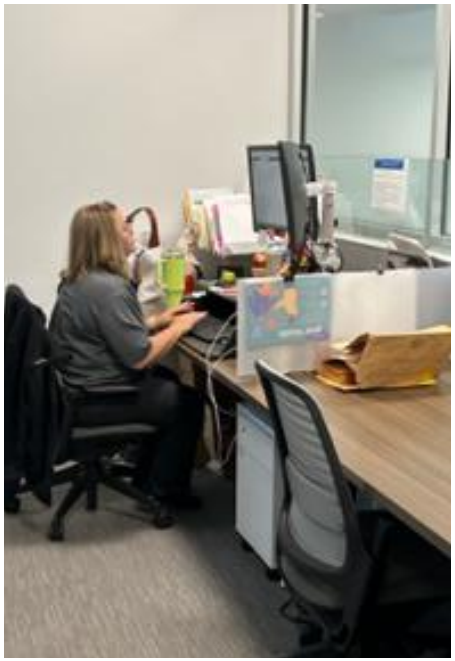
Bureau Accomplishments

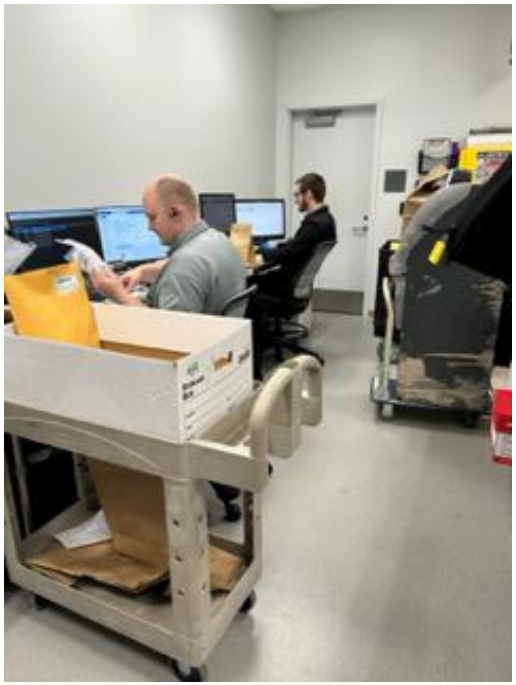
Forensics

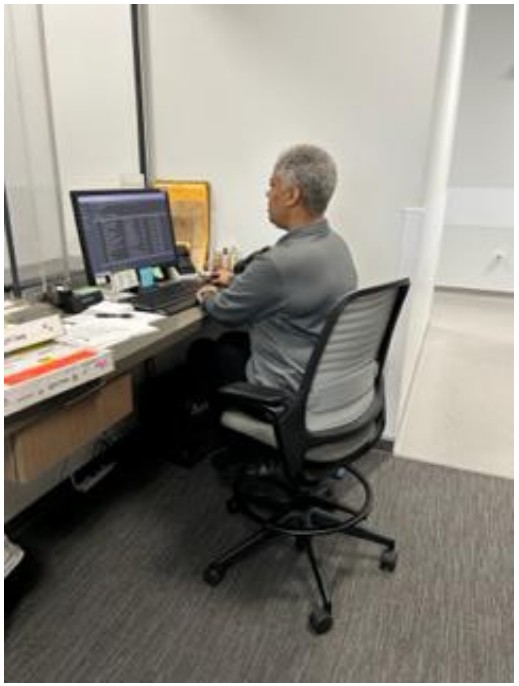
Lab Processing Cases Completed:	842
Latent Prints Searched through ABIS:	444
Latent Prints on Evidence Identified:	333
Evidence Guns Test Fired for NIBIN:	153
Crime Scene Responses:	63
OICI Protocol Team Responses:	3
Presentations (Schools, Fairs, Community):	12
Lab Processing Cases for Other Agencies:	8
Associations Developed from NIBIN Searches:	38

Evidence

New Evidence Items:	10,322
Items Checked out:	1,691
Released to Owner/Other:	1,274
State Crime Lab/Tox Lab:	998
Purged Property/Converted:	5,859
Photographs/Audio Processed:	685
Sexual Assault Kits Submitted:	58
Sexual Assault Kits Processed:	56







Bureau Accomplishments

Records

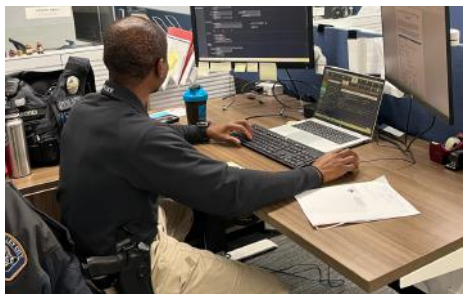
Case Reports Processed:	63,447
Accidents Processed:	4,318
Impounds Processed:	1,354
Citations Processed:	27,297
DUI's:	350
NCIC Entries:	1,652
NCIC Removals:	1,278
Expungements:	1,658
GRAMA Requests:	13,953

Information and Intelligence Unit (IIU)

Bulletins Created:	43
Workup Requests:	64
Attempt to Locate:	17
Cell Phone Extractions:	107
Photo/Video Enhancements:	14
Photo Lineups:	77
SWAT Warrants Support:	24
Deconflictions:	40

Investigations

2023									
Detectives	Yearly Total Rolling Active	Yearly New Cases	Yearly Closed	Yearly Assigned Closed	Yearly Screened	Yearly Filed	Yearly Declined	Yearly SW	Yearly Supps
HOMICIDE	770	332	284	104	42	32	8	169	1218
VCU	908	1376	588	251	1113	661	164	92	3790
SVU	2648	659	468	6	286	142	105	156	3246
PROPERTY	1199	1251	758	75	444	369	52	123	2575
CIT	123	141	108	42	83	61	14	29	701
TOTALS	**5648**	**3759**	**2206**	**478**	**1968**	**1265**	**343**	**569**	**11530**
Average	**941**	**627**	**368**	**80**	**328**	**211**	**57**	**95**	**1922**
Max	**2648**	**1376**	**758**	**251**	**1113**	**661**	**164**	**169**	**3790**
Minimum	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
SUPERVISORS	**Yearly Total Rolling Active**	**Yearly New Cases**	**Yearly Closed**	**Yearly Assigned Closed**	**Yearly Screened**	**Yearly Filed**	**Yearly Declined**	**Yearly SW**	**Yearly Supps**
Homicide	0	0	43	479	0	0	0	0	37
VCDV	0	8	6	4156	1	0	0	1	10
SVU	0	1	2	319	0	0	0	0	20
Property	0	0	0	4246	0	0	0	0	5
CIT	0	0	0	1655	0	0	0	0	13
TOTALS	**0**	**9**	**51**	**10855**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**85**
Average	**0**	**2**	**9**	**1809**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**14**
Max	**0**	**8**	**43**	**4246**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**37**
Minimum	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**



Employee Milestones

5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years	30 Years
Braden Anson	Alan Belcher	Ashley LeClaire	Michelle Beebe	Kent Stokes	Paul Gill
Dale Choi	Andrew Geyerman	Jacob Maxfield	Michael Fossmo		
Danny Christiansen	Martina Roberts		Barbara Lund		
Matthew Cowley	Jeremy Weirick				
Mackenzie Fowler					
Ryan Hortin					
Hirineo Ibarra					
Anthony Jeppson					
Sky Keyte					
Braeden Kilpack					
Tyler Kimberley					
Matthew Lane					
Brandon Leonard					
Steven Mogensen					
Matt Nebeker					
Carolyne Ortiz					
Ty Pack					
Calvyn Perry					
Kenneth Powell					
Adam Rose					
Taylor Saunders					
Diane Shafter					
Tyler Thompson					
Tomislav Tojcic					

2023 Awards

Officer of the Year

Hirineo Ibarra

Officer Ibarra has been assigned to the traffic enforcement unit for four years where he also serves as a Field Training Officer, EVO instructor, and is working to become a motor instructor. During this time, Officer Ibarra has consistently been a top performer in the unit in addition to frequently responding to major crash call outs, and being available for funeral processions, parade assignments, and community events. During the last four years, Officer Ibarra has averaged 3000 public contacts annually, with many of these interactions resulting in citations. Despite receiving a ticket, citizens often compliment Officer Ibarra for his professionalism.

He consistently demonstrates the core values of the West Valley City Police Department in all aspects of his performance. For his excellent work and dedication to the mission of the department, Officer Hirineo Ibarra is recognized as the 2023 Officer of the Year.

Supervisor of the Year

Sergeant Dennis Martinez

Throughout 2023, Sergeant Martinez has displayed outstanding leadership and dedication in his role as the supervisor of the Homicide Unit. He consistently demonstrates the qualities of a true leader, inspiring those around him to strive for excellence. This is crucial to the success of a unit with such a demanding assignment.

His ability to inspire and motivate his team members has resulted in increased morale and productivity, leading to great success within the unit as demonstrated by the fact that they were able to close, with an arrest, each homicide investigation occurring in 2023. In addition, he oversaw the successful resolution of several cold cases. For his exemplary leadership and commitment to excellence, Sergeant Dennis Martinez is recognized as the 2023 Supervisor of the Year.

2023 Awards

Investigator of the Year

George Martinez

Over 2023, Detective Martinez has made outstanding contributions to the department and the Property Unit. He has worked cooperatively with allied agencies locally and federally and received praise for his excellent work. His proactive approach and investigative skills have yielded a total of 46 arrests, 63 recovered stolen vehicles, and the seizure of 9 firearms, including a firearm that was used in a shooting just days earlier. While investigating cases involving stolen vehicles, Detective Martinez was able to identify additional suspects involved in an identity theft and fraud ring as well as associated victims of those crimes. He discovered many of the vehicle thefts were related to crimes of fraud occurring throughout the Salt Lake area resulting in millions of dollars stolen from individuals and corporations. His careful planning and collaboration with other agencies led to the arrests of several suspects and the recovery of many high-end vehicles. As a result, the United States Attorney's Office took interest in the case and has issued several related federal indictments. In recognition of his excellent work and dedication to the department and its mission, Detective George Martinez is recognized as the 2023 Investigator of the Year.

Rookie of the Year

Luis Hernandez

Over the course of his rookie year, Officer Hernandez has demonstrated his excellent work ethic as well as his dedication to the residents of West Valley City. He regularly clears for high priority calls when Dispatch checks the air for an officer, eagerly handling any calls that come his way. He often volunteers to use his language abilities to assist other officers with translation. An example of his dedication and concern for residents of the city is illustrated by the manner in which he handled a complaint regarding speeding motorists in a neighborhood area. Officer Hernandez took it upon himself to perform several traffic stops and cited multiple speeding drivers. The complainant took notice of this and informed Supervisors of his appreciation of Officer Hernandez' efforts. In another example, Officer Hernandez responded to an overdose investigation where he located a patient, blue in color. He administered multiple doses of Narcan which led to the patient's survival. After this, he furthered the investigation by obtaining information regarding the drug dealer from whom the overdose subject had obtained the controlled substances. For his remarkable work ethic and dedication to the citizens of West Valley City and the Department, Officer Luis Hernandez is hereby recognized as the 2023 Rookie of the Year.

2023 Awards

Civilian of the Year

Kathy Porter

Administrative Assistant Kathy Porter consistently exceeds her job expectations and eagerly takes on new tasks without hesitation. She effectively manages several complex responsibilities within the Administrative Operations Unit (AOU), continues to identify areas of opportunity where we can improve administrative processes, and has taken on back-up supervisor responsibilities to help lead the AOU and provide direct support to command staff. Her organizational skills, knowledge, and professionalism have proven to be invaluable in the creation and continued success of the AOU which supports each bureau within the department. She is an integral part of several department working groups, continually finding ways to be most efficient in each. She is also a member of the Peer Support Team. She regularly, and behind the scenes, seeks opportunities to boost morale by providing snacks, fun sayings, and cards of support. Her uplifting and positive efforts toward recognizing every role within the department and city personnel that regularly support the Police Department have had an extremely beneficial effect on all who work here. Her creative acts of kindness promote positive relationships and improve the work environment within the Department. For her outstanding efforts to improve the capabilities of the Administrative Operations Unit and to improve the working environment within the West Valley City Police Department, Administrative Assistant Kathy Porter is hereby recognized as the 2023 Civilian Employee of the Year.

Chief's Award

Eric Madsen

Fleet Manager Eric Madsen exhibits exceptional service, support, and assistance to the West Valley City Police Department in maintaining its fleet vehicles and equipment. Eric often goes above and beyond the call of duty in supporting Department personnel by ensuring we have necessary equipment and supplies in the field when investigations require a longer-term presence. In April 2023, he displayed his dedication to the Department by ensuring that detectives and forensic investigators were prepared with the necessary equipment to provide scene security and process a complex crime scene in a remote area. He created scene access in the rugged terrain so that personnel would be able to safely and effectively document and process the remote crime scene. He also maintained the necessary equipment in working order for the extended time required to complete the work. In addition, he has been instrumental in ensuring that Department personnel have the necessary accommodations to provide appropriate police presence at the newly established overflow shelter operating within the city. He also serves as a member of the Accident Review Committee. For his service in support of the members of the West Valley City Police Department ensuring that the proper equipment and vehicles are available and maintained in working order, Fleet Manager Eric Madsen is hereby honored with the 2023 Chief's Award.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education

West Valley City Police Department's DARE program has been a huge success again this year. In May of 2023, 4 separate graduations were conducted with students from Frost,Truman, Valley Crest and Farnsworth Elementary Schools. The program also addresses bullying and other forms of violence in addition to drug abuse resistance. We look forward to many more years of success with this program.

Operation Recess

Throughout the year, COP detectives join students during recess, creating supportive spaces and preventing bullying. They engage in meaningful conversations, offering guidance and friendship. By being present and attentive, they instill values of kindness and respect, empowering children to stand up against bullying.

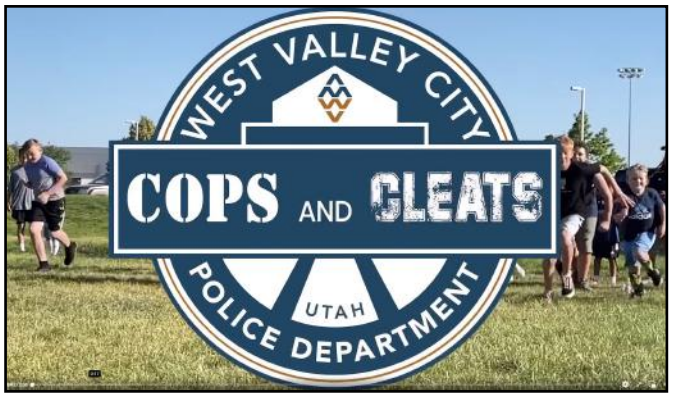
Operation Recess reflects our commitment to community well-being. Through compassion and dedication, we build bridges of understanding and support. Together, we ensure that every child feels safe and valued, laying the foundation for a brighter future in West Valley City.

Chill with the Chief

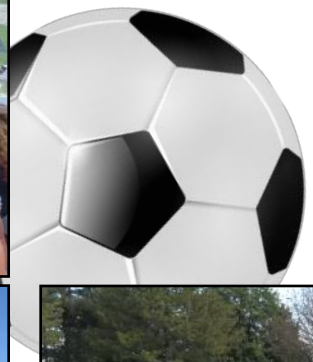
In 2023, we upheld the cherished tradition of Chill with the Chief community gatherings. Led by Chief Jacobs and fellow department members, these monthly events brought neighbors together in local city parks, fostering bonds and dialogue under the warm summer sun.

These monthly get togethers offer citizens a great way to get to know our department leaders and are a great venue to share values, exchange ideas and collective dedication to safe and vibrant neighborhoods while enjoying cool, refreshing treats in our beautiful city parks.

Cops and Cleats



This year, our Cops and Cleats event kicked it up a notch by adding soccer and basketball camps alongside the usual football fun! Nearly 500 local kids got in on the action, learning sweet moves from our local coaches and college athletes. It was a blast! Beyond the field, these camps brought cops and kids together, building trust and high-fiving all around. Cops and Cleats isn't just about sports; it's about community, friendship, and having a ton of fun while staying active.



National Night Out

In 2023 we proudly celebrate 40 years of National Night Out. NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. A variety of events are planned each year, including block parties, cookouts, parades, exhibits, and more. If you'd like your neighborhood to participate in the future, contact the West Valley City Neighborhood Services Division for more info.

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Giving Tree

This past holiday season, the warmth of generosity shone bright as 256 children from 78 families felt the love from our amazing community. Thanks to the remarkable generosity of local businesses, city employees, and our dedicated officers from the West Valley City Police Department, we hosted two wonderful events. At each event, children enjoyed a delicious meal, had the opportunity to play games, and spent time with Santa, police officers, and city employees. But the real magic happened when each child went home with carefully chosen and wrapped Christmas presents just for them. It's moments like these that truly capture the spirit of giving and the power of community coming together.

Promotions

Promoted to Sergeant

Andrew Steinbrecher

Chad Lance

Chandler Sehlmeier

Retirements

Anthony Chapman

Garrett Freir

Kent Jensen

Bryan Peterson