



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT POLICE COMMISSION

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Agenda: The Police Commission, Town of Hamden, will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting (Web link below)

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All public comments regarding action items only may be emailed to the Police Commission email at hpc@hamden.com

The following topics will be discussed:

1. Call to order/Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes of February 19th 2020, (please note March, April, May and June meetings were cancelled).
3. Report of the Chairman
4. Public comments on agenda action items
5. Correspondence
6. Department Report
7. Review of department activity
8. Executive Session
9. Adjournment



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Minutes: The Police Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 5:30 PM, in room 107C, Hamden High School. The following results:

Commissioners in Attendance:

Michael Iezzi, Chair
Cherlyn Poindexter
Larry Esposito

Staff in attendance:

Nancy Forvil, Substitute Clerk

Others in attendance:

Chief of Police, John Cappiello
Deputy Chief of Police John Sullivan
Attorney Charles Teirman

1. Call to order/ Roll Call:

Mr. Michael Iezzi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. A roll call was conducted by the Commission Clerk, Nancy Forvil. Michael Iezzi, Chair, Cherlyn Poindexter, and Larry Esposito were present. Chief of Police, John Cappiello and Deputy Chief of Police John Sullivan were also present.

2. Approval of Minutes of meeting of January 8, 2020,

Commissioner Cherlyn Poindexter made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2020. Larry Esposito seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Public comments on agenda action items

There were none

4. Correspondence-

The agenda and all correspondence have been uploaded on the Police Commission website for the public. Chief Cappiello mentioned that the correspondences included thank you letters for donations and escorts made to the Hamden Animal Control. There was also information on the Gun Buyback Program by the Hamden Police Department.

5. Department Report-

There has been an increase in major crimes and motor vehicle infractions compared to 2019. There were three new hires that were sworn in on January 9th and are currently participating in field training program for another week or so until graduation.

Question (Commissioner Cherlyn Poindexter) –

1. Where in the report does it indicate where in Hamden are the motor vehicle infractions? Is there a break down on where the infractions are located? (North, South East West)
2. Can we receive a break down on locations where people are getting motor vehicles tickets? I would like a break down on age, sex and race.

Response (Chief John Cappiello)-

1. The department will work on providing a chart that will outline where the infractions are located.
2. The State requires the department to track biographic information on all infractions. The data collected tracks age, race, sex and other biographic information. The department will look into providing this information.

6. Old Business-

There were none

7. New Business-

a) Review of 2020-2021 budget request for Police Department

Response (Chief John Cappiello) - I would like to maintain what was requested in the budget for this year. We are currently requesting for two part time Training Assistants at (19 hours) a week for to assist with accreditation. The department is in need of second IT professional to assist in the IT department. The department is seeking grants and funding to launch “Youth Court” which is a diversion program from juvenile court. Youth court would accommodate youth with behavioral issues on the high school level. Currently, New Haven has implemented “Youth Court” and has been successful in keeping youth out of juvenile court. I have personally witnessed “Youth Court” and I would like to make arrangements for the commissioners to experience “Youth Court” at the Federal Court in New Haven in the evenings. It is pretty amazing on what takes place and I hoping to get the funding for the program this budget year.

Response (Chief John Cappiello)-

1. Response from both Chief John Cappiello and Deputy Chief John Sullivan) Yes
2. Response (Deputy Chief John Sullivan) - There is an additional \$25.00 hourly for the use of a police cruiser if used.

b) Set date for disciplinary hearing for Officer Stephen Phipps

The date set for the disciplinary hearing for Officer Stephen Phipps is Thursday, February 27th, 4:30pm, Commissioner's Room, Hamden Police Department, 2900 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518

8. Chairman's Report

Attorney Teirnan Devon Eaton sought an injunction to enjoin the commission from moving forward with discipline related to officer Easton's conduct; the Judge granted the request relief enjoining the commission with any disciplinary proceedings. An appeal was filed by the town of Hamden, represented by Littler Mendelson, the case is currently on appeal with the hope to reverse the judge's decision in order to have a disciplinary hearing for Officer Stephen Phipps. The appellate court was scheduled to the 28th of February 2020 for a pre argument conference and that meeting will not result with a resolution. The case may move slowly in the system.

Response (Chief John Cappiello) - Officer Eaton is on unpaid status until his case is resolved.

Executive Session-

There were none

9. Review of Policies and Procedures- Review of the proposed pursuit policy has been uploaded for the public view. The town's policy mirrors the state policy. The Chairman would like to see the town's pursuit policy with further review and legal advice on the policy.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Esposito made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cherlyn Poindexter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Submitted by: _____
Nancy Forvil, Clerk

From: Patricia C Vener <vener@vener-art.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 6:21 PM
To: hpc Police
Cc: Curt Leng; Sue Gruen; cappiello@hamden.com; hta Traffice
Subject: Cancelling of Police Commission and Traffic Authority

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Dear Members of the Police Commission and other relevant Parties,

I understand that the Police Commission and Traffic Authority meetings have been cancelled. According to the Mayor's note, the chief "has been extremely busy?" Who hasn't? But that is not an acceptable reason for not holding much needed commission meetings. It can't be that hard to make up an agenda. You have heard for months (if not longer) what the people of this Town want addressed. Let's start with racism and the over militarism of the police department. Then there's the issue of SROs, and issues of padding the overtime to name a couple more agenda items. I am certain you have a list. Please stop this delaying tactic and schedule those meetings.

Your last meeting was 19th of February. You need to meet! After all, the police are still working. Now they are working without oversight! That is unacceptable! After all, other town commissions have been able to hold their meetings via Zoom, (two examples are Legislative Council, and the Planning and Zoning commission). If you say that the clerk is unavailable, is there no one who can cover? What have you done in the past?

Be aware that Town business and services such as trash pickup, street sweeping and others have been ongoing. And, as I said above, police are still working. I repeat, these two commissions need to get their act together and meet. Unless they feel their work is unimportant or irrelevant.

Thank you for reading and taking heed.

Sincerely

Patricia C Vener-Saavedra

Patricia C. Vener -- Dancer, Artist, Rogue Astronomer 203.787.8953

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Thank you for thinking about adding an original Vener to your art collection.

From: Fiona Drenttel <fiona.drenttel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:01 PM
To: hpc Police
Subject: Why isn't the Hamden Police Commission meeting?

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Dear HPC,

My name is Fiona Drenttel and I'm a Hamden resident. The last Hamden Police Commission meeting was 2/19/20. I see that the June meeting has been cancelled. Why are the police working but not meeting? We need accountability from our police force.

Best,
Fiona Drenttel

From: Roxana Walker-Canton <akosuarox@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:35 PM
To: hpc Police
Subject: Commission Meetings

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Dear Members of the Hamden Police Commission,

I am writing to express my disappointment with your lack of commitment to addressing issues regarding policing in and around Hamden and in our nation. I would like to know when you will hold your next meeting. It seems that you have not met since February and that you are cancelling the June meeting. Please correct me and forgive me if I am wrong. I would like to know why the commission has not presented a public statement regarding police brutality in the midst of all of the national protests after the public lynching of Mr. George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer while other police officers watched. Your silence, like the silence of the onlooking police officers, is part of the problem; silence becomes complicity in systemic policing culture that consistently breeds violence against black and brown people. I hope that each of you re-evaluates the reason that you are on the commission and ways that you can help the current situation.

Sincerely,

Roxana Walker-Canton
Hamden Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jesse Delia <jessedelia@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:55 PM
To: hpc Police
Subject: Next Police Commission Meeting

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Hello,

I'm reaching out as a concerned citizen of CT (Bethany) to find out when the next Hamden police commission meeting is. My understanding is that the last meeting was 2/19/20 and the June meeting has been cancelled. I would like to attend the next meeting remotely. Can you please let me know how I can participate in the next meeting?

Thank you,
Jesse Delia

From: Rebecca Gilbert <gilbert.becca@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:54 PM
To: hpc Police
Subject: Concerned resident

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To: Hamden Police Commission

Regarding: Why the last meeting was so long ago on 2/19/20? and why is the June meeting cancelled? The police are working, so why aren't they meeting?

From: Hamden taxpaying resident.

From: Janina Tauro <jtauro.holisticpsych@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 1:43 PM
To: hpc Police
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why was your last meeting 2/19/20 and why is the june meeting cancelled?
the police are working. why aren't you meeting?
why haven't you released a statement condemning racist deadly force?

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Personnel Matters and Events

On June 15, 2020, Lieutenant Frank McDermott was transferred to the Patrol Division from the Detective Division within the Field Services Bureau

On June 15, 2020, Sergeant Michael Doherty was transferred to the Communications Division of the Support Services Bureau from the Patrol Division of the Field Services Bureau

On June 19, 2020, Lieutenant Lyle Bennett retired from the Police Department after serving for approximately 22 years.

On June 20, 2020, Officer Anthony Popolizio retired from the Police Department after serving for approximately 32 years.

On June 30, 2020, Officer Joshua Cameron retired from the Police Department after serving for approximately 16 years.

On June 30, 2020, Detective Dennis Ryan retired from the Police Department after serving for approximately 22 years.

On June 30, 2020, Detective John "Julio" Inglese retired from the Police Department after serving for approximately 32 years.

On June 30, 2020, Chief John Cappiello retired from the Police Department after serving for approximately 36 years.





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Chief John Capiello and Detective John Inglese retirement





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Chief John Cappiello is presented with his retirement badge by Detective John Marks





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Chief John Cappiello retirement





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

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Detective John Inglese retirement





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Employees from Frontier Communications dropped off snacks for officers in appreciation of their service



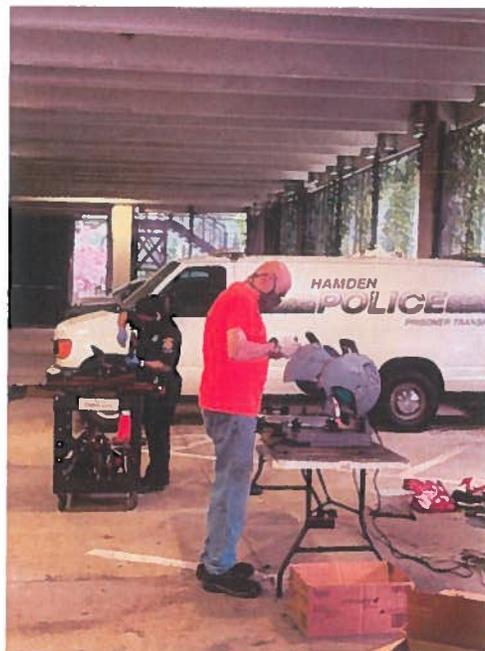
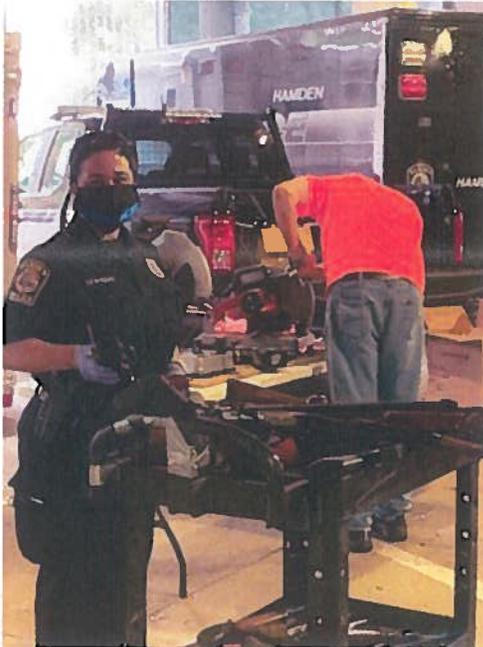


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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Captain Kevin Samperi and Officer Beatriz Montijo assist Bishop James Curry of Swords to Ploughshares destroy long guns that were collected during the Gun Buy Back Program





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

The Community Liaison Unit was involved in the following community outreach events:

- Board of Education and Parent Teachers Association's Car Parades @ various addresses of students from elementary schools, – (2 Sessions - June 8, 9) - Members of the Community Liaison Unit provided an escort and traffic assistance while encouraging social distancing and greeting students from afar.
- Birthday, Graduation and Retirement greetings @ local town residences, - (5 Sessions - June 4, 8, 19, 20, 27) – Members of the Community Liaison Unit provided escorts and traffic assistance while encouraging social distancing. Officers drove past residences and greeted students from afar while wishing Happy Birthday.
- Prayer Walk with Breakthrough Church @ Shelton Avenue, Bassett Street, Dixwell Avenue and Morse Street, June 12, - Officers from the Community Liaison Unit escorted Pastor Carr and his followers in a Prayer Walk
- Food Pantry Community Distribution @ Breakthrough Church – (4 Sessions – June 6, 13, 20, 27) – Officers from the Community Liaison Unit provided security, traffic assistance and assisted families in receiving donated groceries
- Connecticut Food Bank & Town of Hamden Community Development Drive-up mobile food pantry distribution @ Hamden Middle School – (2 Sessions – June 10, 23) - Officers from the Community Liaison Unit provided security, traffic assistance and assisted families in receiving donated groceries and supplies
- Prayer / Unity Walk with the Hasan Islamic Center @ 870 Dixwell Avenue – June 2, - Officers from the police departed provided security and an escort in a Unity Walk from 870 Dixwell Avenue to Hamden Police Head Quarters
- Black Lives Matter Bicycle event @ Sleeping Giant State Park, - June 13, - Officers from the Traffic Division escorted the bicycles throughout the route into New Haven to allow for a safe protest for the participants and the motorists



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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Unity walk with The Hasan Islamic Center





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Unity walk with The Hasan Islamic Center continued





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Unity walk with The Hasan Islamic Center continued





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Black Lives Matter Bicycle protest/ride at Sleeping Giant State Park





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Black Lives Matter Bicycle Protest/ride continued





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Traffic Calming

Members of the Traffic Division deployed the Speed Compliance Units on Ridge Road and Haverford Street, Ridge Road and Pickwick Road, West Todd and Joyce Road, Evergreen Avenue and Dickerman Street, Mather Street and Dixwell Avenue, Woodin Street and Fairview Avenue, Leeder Hill Drive (north/southbound), Gilbert Avenue and Leonard Road, Lakeview Avenue and Haywood Lane



Members of the Traffic Division conducted selective enforcement in the following areas in response to complaints from residents: Todd Street, Agur Street, Waite Street and Battis Road



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Training - Sworn Personnel

During the month of June, department-wide training for all sworn personnel consisted of firearms recertification and was spread out to comply with social distancing protocols





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Training: In-Service

Suspended due to Covid-19 pandemic

Training: Emergency Services Unit

Members of the Emergency Services Unit (ESU) conducted firearms training sessions during the month of June at the Moodus Sportsmen's Club in Moodus, CT





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Training – K-9

K-9 Units participated in monthly training throughout areas in town. The training curriculum included:

- Low light building searches
- Narcotics detection; vehicles & buildings
- Aggression Control
- Obedience
- Evidence / Article recovery
- Urban/Residential Tracking
- Suspect apprehensions across river
- Muzzle training





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Training – Dispatchers

During the month of June, department wide training for all dispatchers was suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic





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Incidents of Special Interest

On June 9, 2020, at approximately 4:15 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to 7-Eleven, 1795 Dixwell Avenue on the report of a stolen motor vehicle. Upon arrival, officers learned that the owner of the stolen vehicle was the victim of an armed street robbery. Investigation revealed that a 38 year-old Hamden resident was "pumping gas", when she was approached by an individual, described as a black male, 15 to 16 years of age, 5' 4", 100 lbs., with "dark curly hair". The male pointed a firearm at her head and then reached into her pocket and removed the keys to her vehicle. The male subsequently stole her vehicle, fleeing southbound on Dixwell Avenue. There were no reported injuries. Detectives from the Major Crimes Unit are continuing with the investigation. Officer Vincenzo Palma conducted the initial investigation.

On June 10, 2020, at approximately 7:15 p.m., Hamden Police responded to the parking lot of 2300 Dixwell Avenue on the report of an attempted armed robbery. Investigation revealed that a female was loading items into her motor vehicle in the parking lot, located near Walmart. She was approached by "2 black male teens" that pointed a firearm at her and demanded the keys to her vehicle. The female victim refused and subsequently contacted police. The males fled in a black Nissan Rogue. Moments later, the same individuals committed an armed street robbery in the parking lot, located at 2987 Whitney Avenue. The suspects again pointed a firearm at a female victim. The victim "screamed", while dropping her purse and the keys to her vehicle. The suspects subsequently stole her vehicle and they engaged officers in a pursuit into New Haven. The pursuit was subsequently terminated on Whalley Avenue for safety reasons. Detective John Marks is continuing with the investigation.

On June 10, 2020, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Hamden Police responded to the report of an armed street robbery that occurred in the parking lot located at 2335 Dixwell Avenue. Investigation revealed that a 38-year-old New Haven resident was putting groceries inside of his motor vehicle. He was approached by a black male that "pointed a gun" at his face and stole his cell phone. The male then fled, southbound on Dixwell Avenue, in a white SUV. This incident was the fourth that occurred on a June 10th crime spree that included 2 armed street robberies and 2 attempted armed street robberies. Detectives from the Major Crimes Unit are conducting the investigation.

On June 11, 2020, Hamden Police responded to the report of an armed street robbery that occurred in the parking lot, located at 1890 Dixwell Avenue. Investigation revealed that a 56 year-old Hamden resident was entering her motor vehicle, when she was approached by a juvenile that was brandishing a firearm. The juvenile pointed the firearm at her, while demanding her pocketbook and cell phone. He subsequently stole these items, before fleeing in a stolen motor vehicle. Detective Mark Sheppard conducted the investigation, which led to the arrests of the 2 juveniles. The juveniles, ages 15 and 13, were charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 1st Degree. They are both scheduled to appear in Juvenile Court in New Haven on July 1, 2020. The New Haven Police Department provided assistance in the investigation.

On June 16, 2020, at approximately 9:45 a.m., Hamden Police responded to a residence on the report of "neighbor trouble." Upon arrival, officers learned that a middle-aged man had locked himself in his bedroom. He had threatened to shoot any police officer that entered. Members of the Crisis Intervention Team and Hostage Negotiation Team engaged in a dialogue with the individual, which lasted approximately 3 hours. During the conversation, officers ascertained that the individual was in dire need of medical care. Officers subsequently developed a plan, which allowed them to safely gain entry into the bedroom. The individual was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment.



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Incidents of Special Interest (continued)

On June 17, 2020, at approximately 10:15 p.m., Hamden Police responded to Edwards Street on the report of a stabbing. Investigation revealed that the 58-year-old victim was engaged in a "fight" with another individual. The victim, who was uncooperative with police, was stabbed in the abdomen. He was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital and was listed in stable condition. Detective Sean Dolan of the Major Crimes Unit is conducting the investigation.

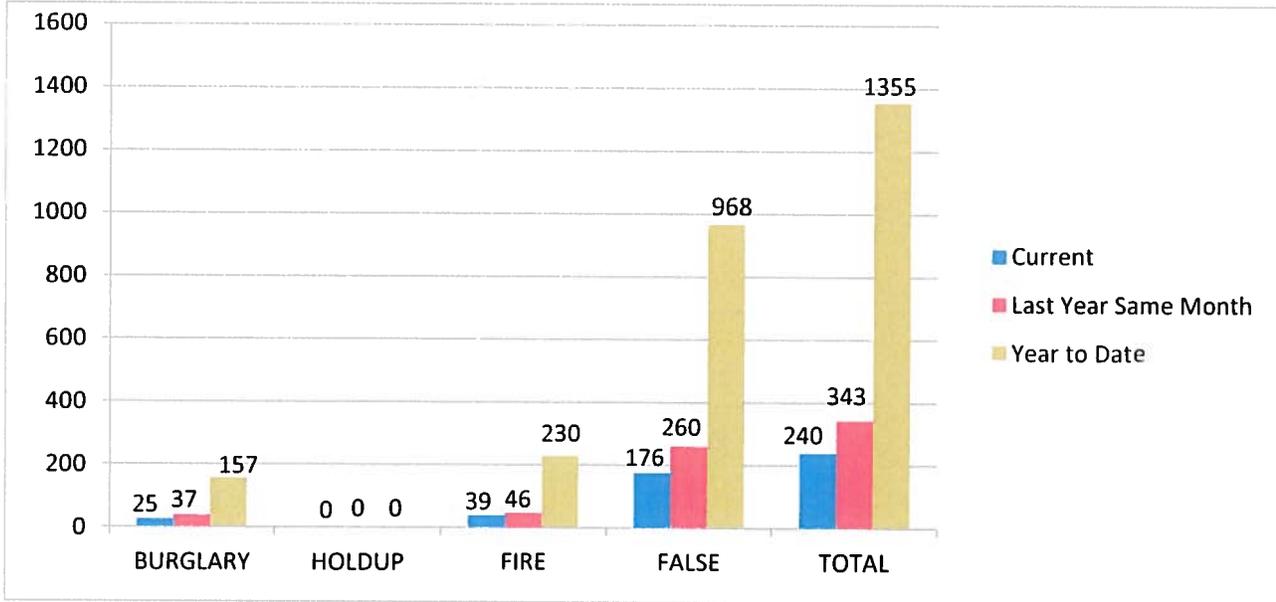
On June 19, 2020, at approximately 4:30 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of Fitch Street and Arch Street on the report of an unwanted person/stalking. Moments later, Officer Justin Martin located the suspect, Tywan Shuford, hiding inside of a motor vehicle. Shuford was taken into custody. Officers located a backpack next to Shuford that contained a loaded .45 caliber handgun that was reported stolen in Farmington in 2016. Hamden Police arrested Tywan Shuford, 30, of 59 Rock Creek Road, New Haven. He was charged with Stalking in the 2nd Degree, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Theft of a Firearm and Weapon in a Motor Vehicle. In addition, Shuford was arrested on the strength of 3 arrest warrants. He was additionally charged with 2 counts of Strangulation in the 2nd Degree, Burglary in the 2nd Degree, Threatening in the 2nd Degree, Assault in the 3rd Degree, Disorderly Conduct and 2 counts of Breach of Peace. Shuford was scheduled to appear in New Haven Superior Court on June 22, 2020.

On June 24, 2020, members of the Detective Division arrested 2 juveniles on the strength of arrest warrants. They were both 13 years of age when the crime was committed and they were both charged with Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in the 1st Degree and Conspiracy to Commit Larceny in the 2nd Degree. They are scheduled to appear in Juvenile Court in New Haven at a later date. The arrest warrants were based on an incident that occurred on June 10, 2020, at approximately 7:15 p.m., Hamden Police responded to the parking lot located at 2300 Dixwell Avenue on the report of an attempted armed street robbery. Investigation revealed that a 32 year-old Madison resident was loading items into her motor vehicle when she was approached by 2 teenagers, who pointed a firearm at her. They demanded the keys to her motor vehicle, but the victim refused, and subsequently contacted the Hamden Police. The juveniles fled in vehicle that they had stolen earlier in the day.

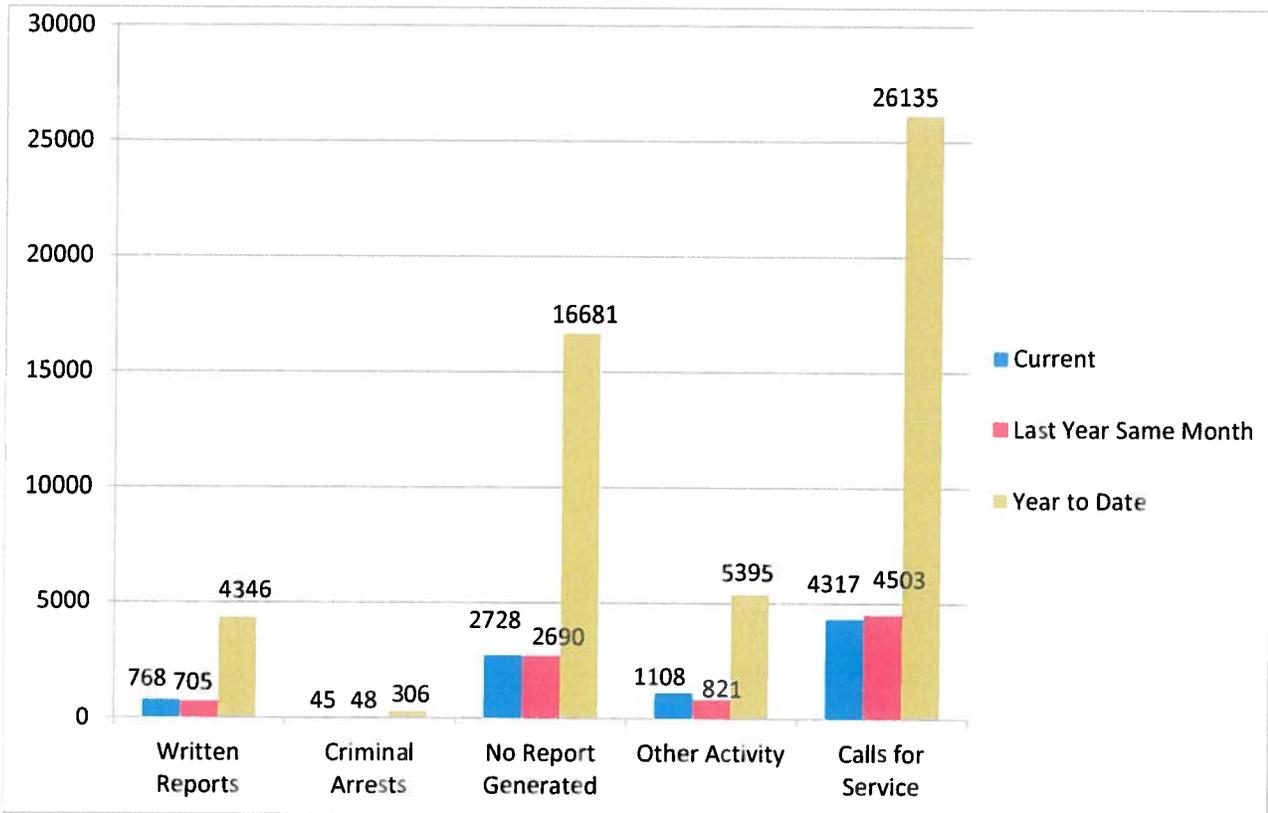


Patrol Division

Alarms

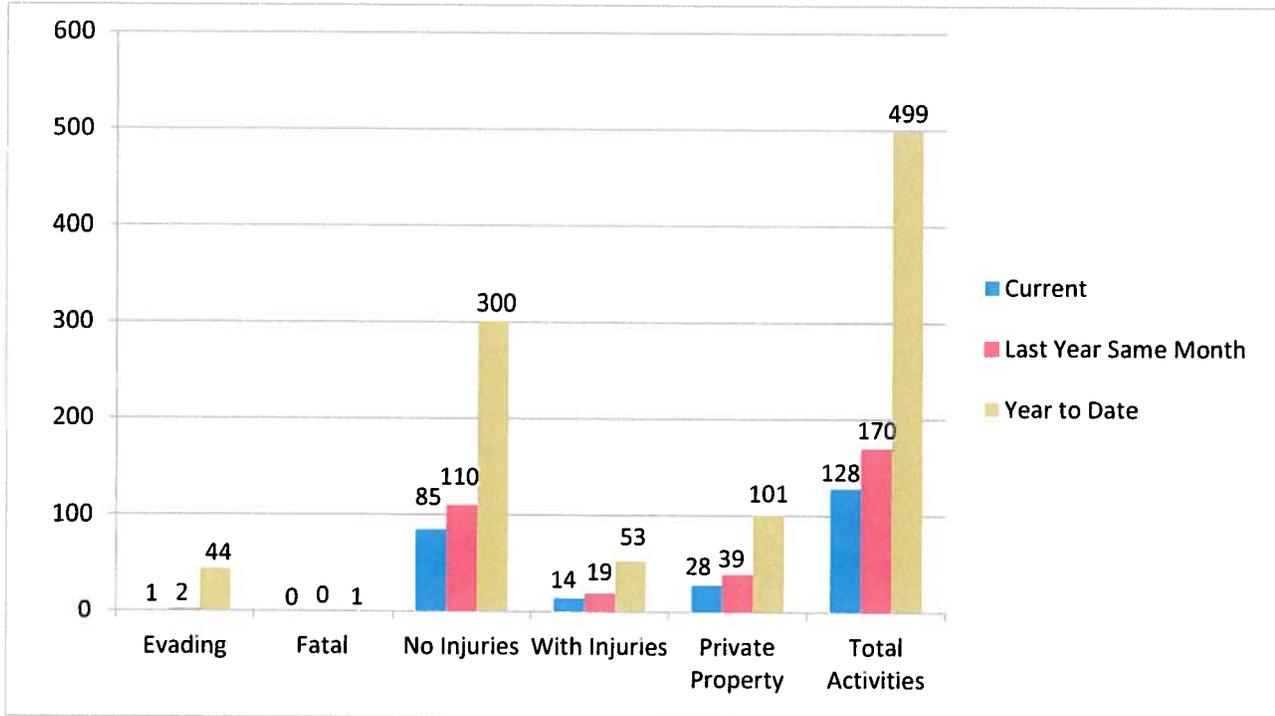


Calls for Service

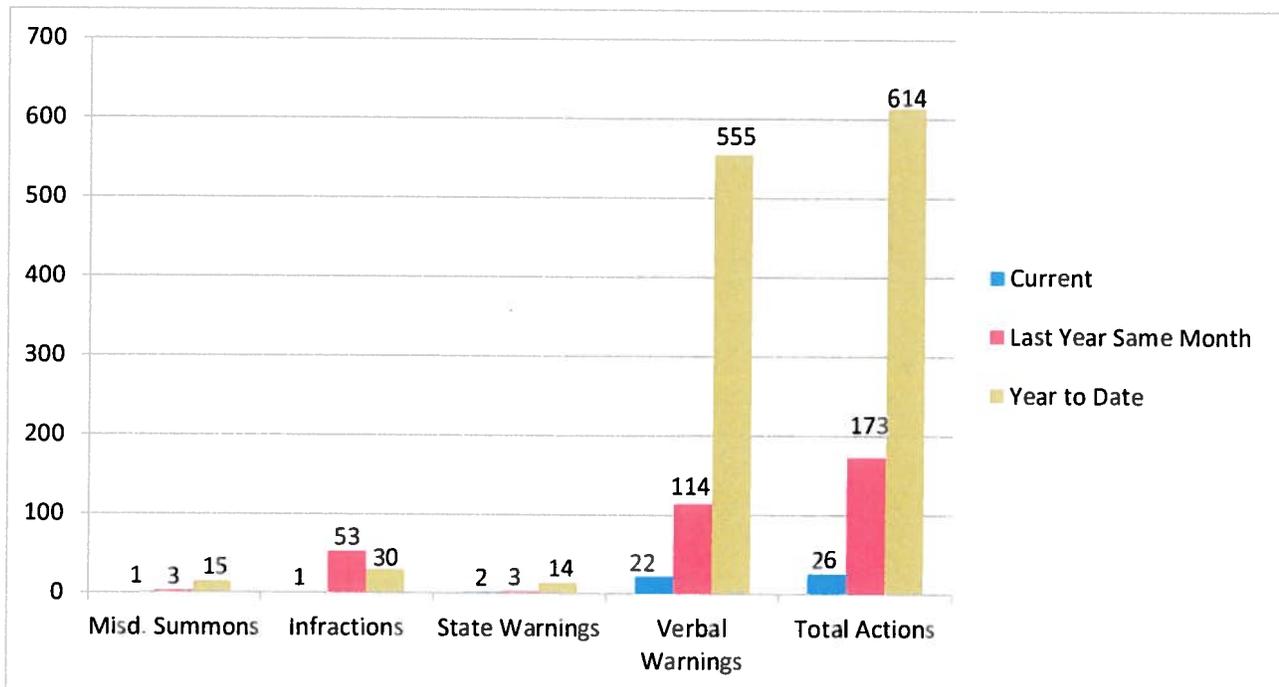


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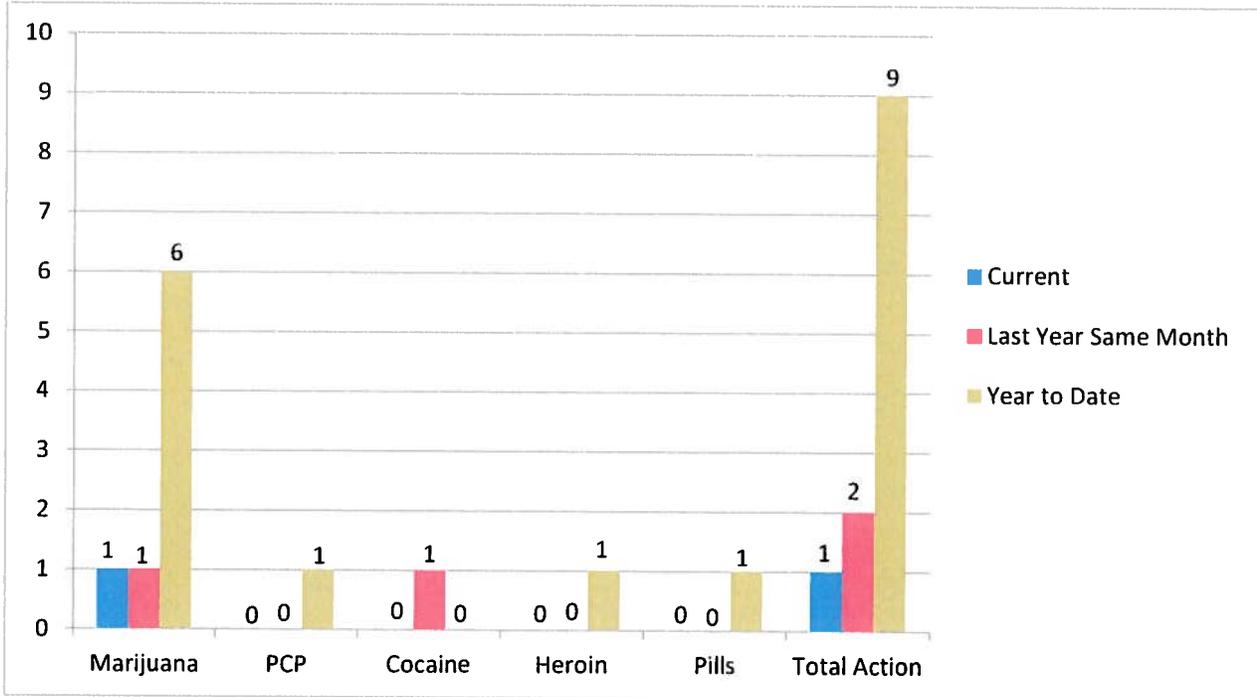


M/V Enforcement

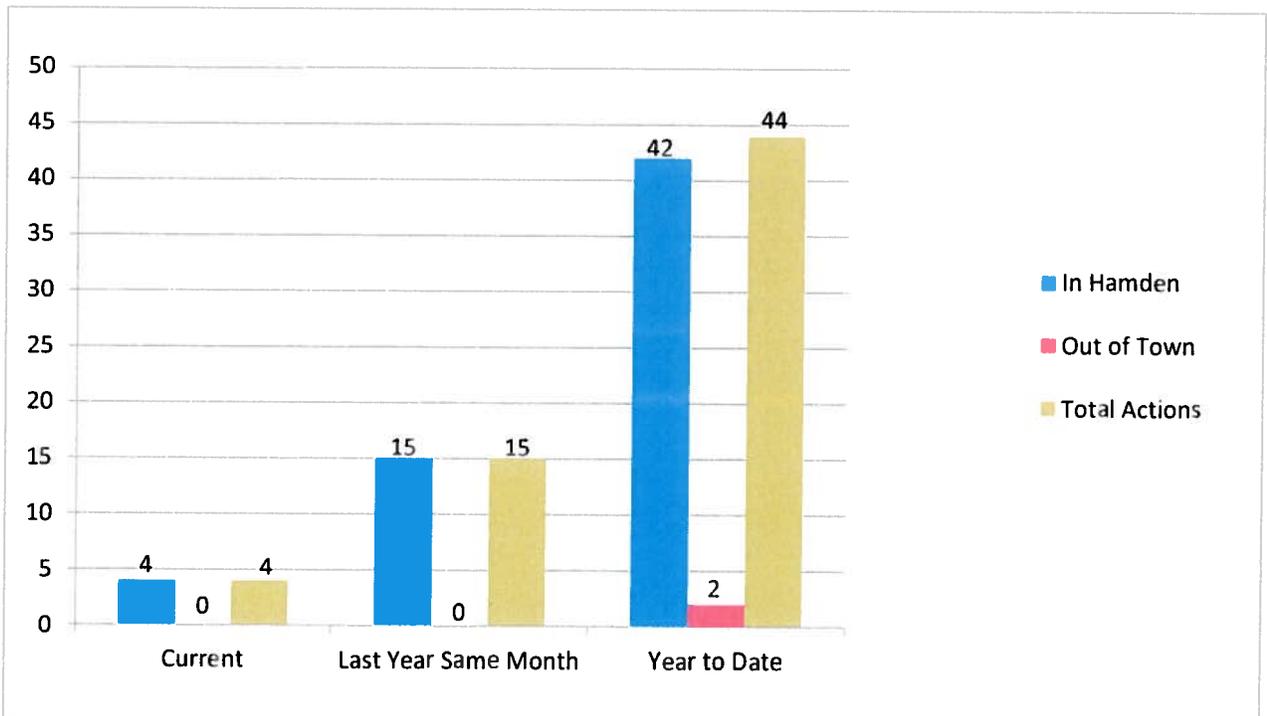


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Drug Arrests

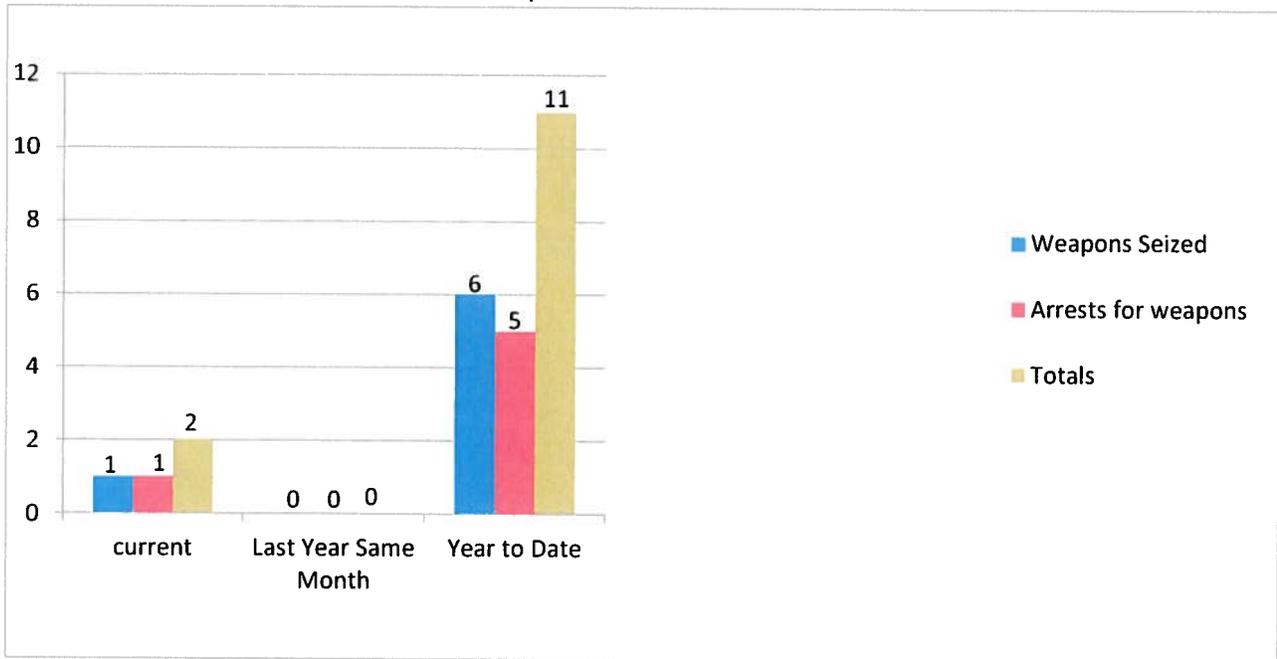


K-9 Response

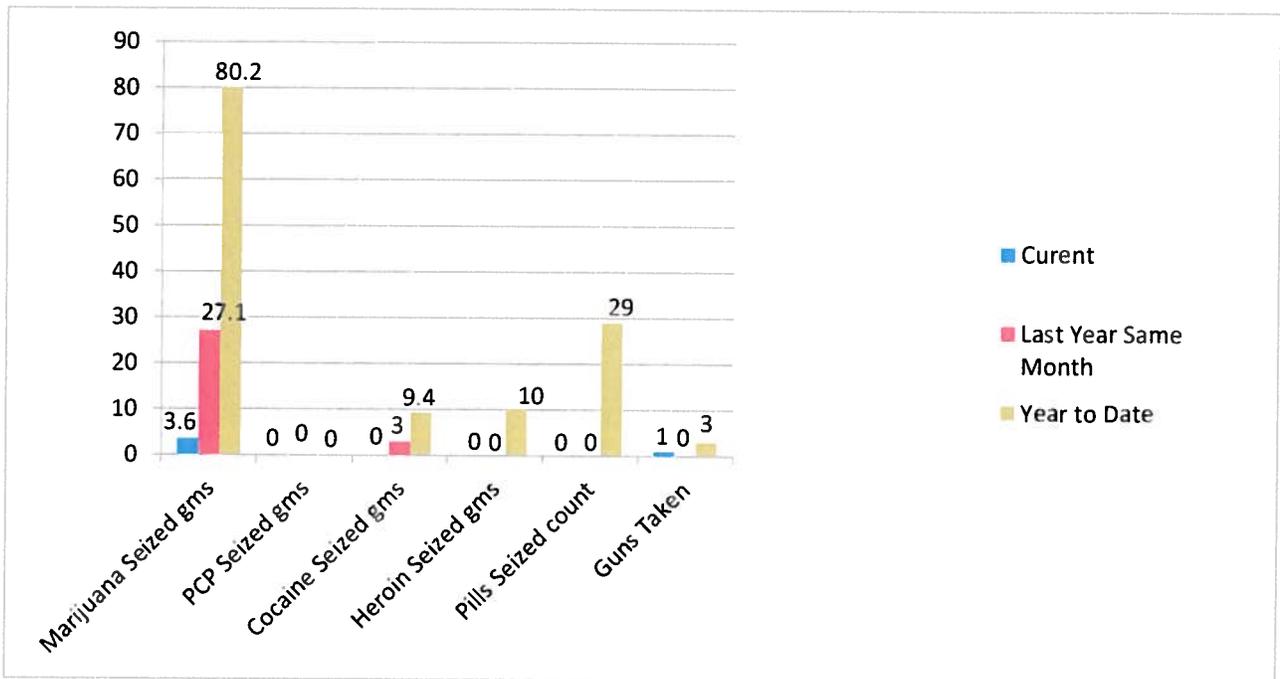


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Weapons Arrests

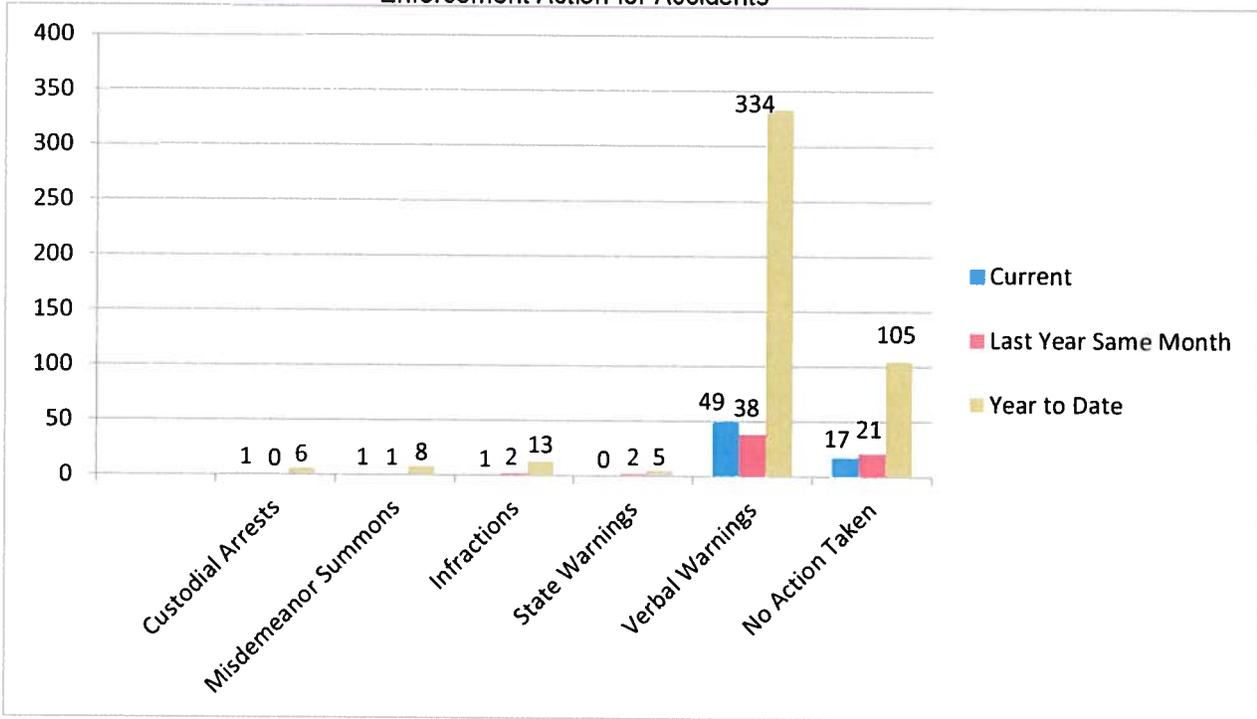


Drugs/Weapons Seized

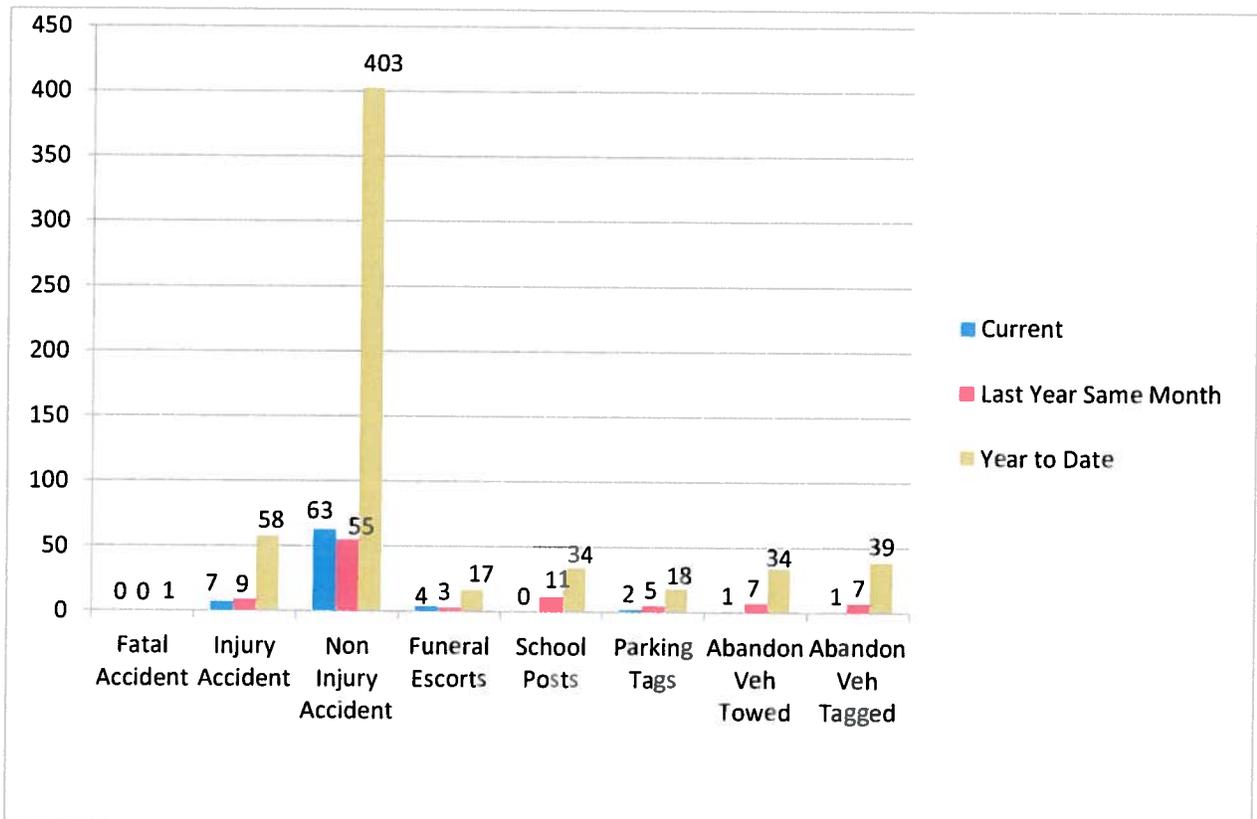


Traffic Division

Enforcement Action for Accidents

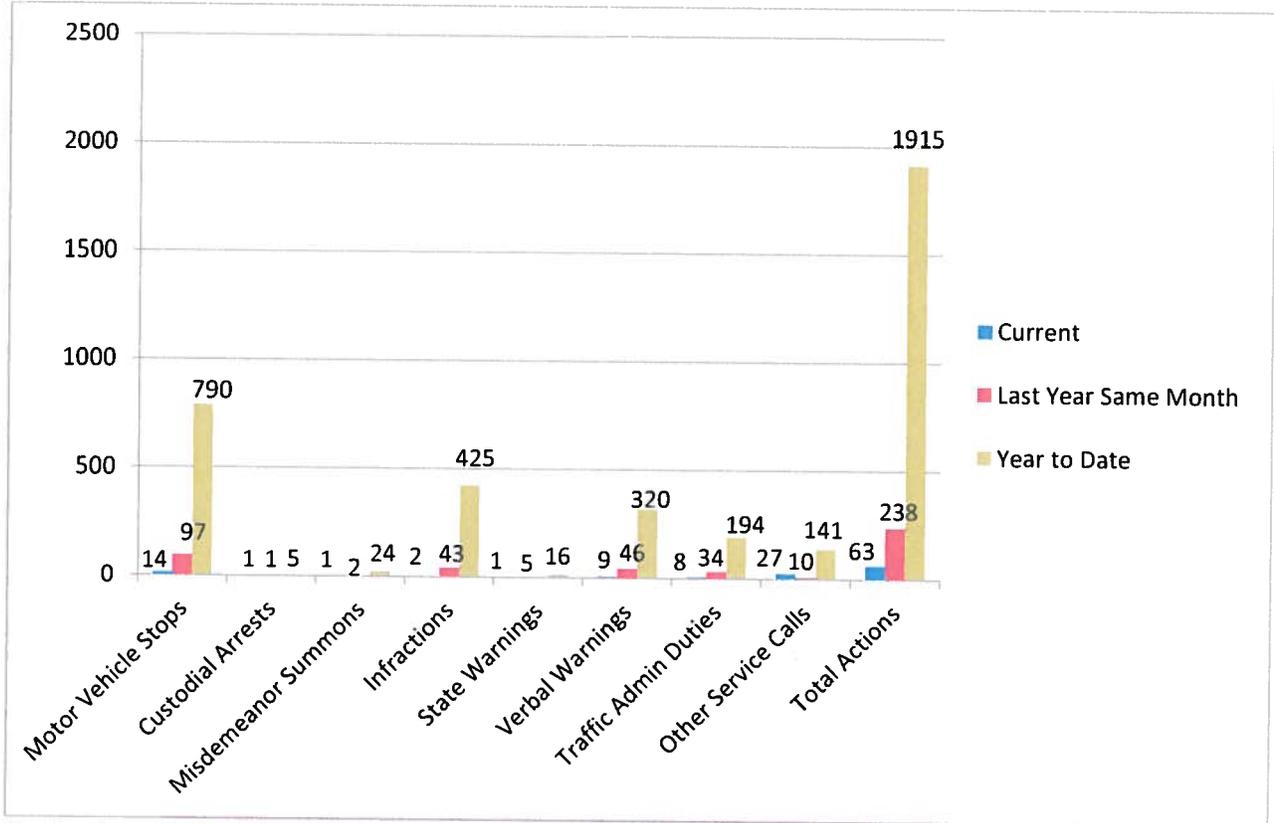


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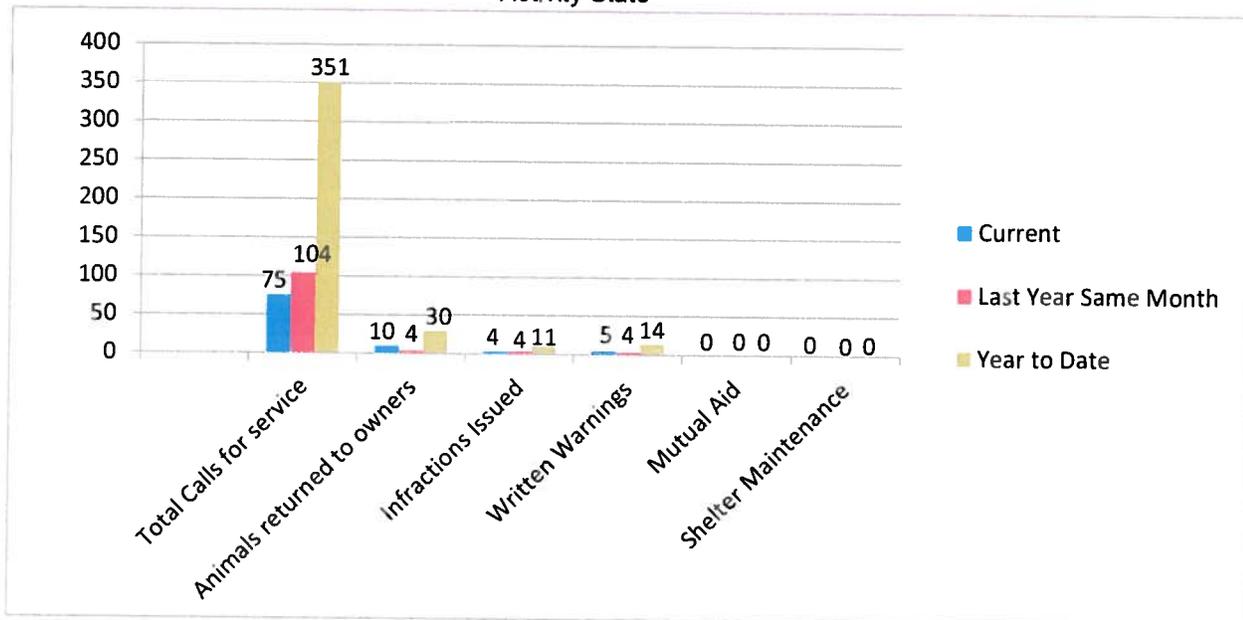
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Selective M/V Enforcement



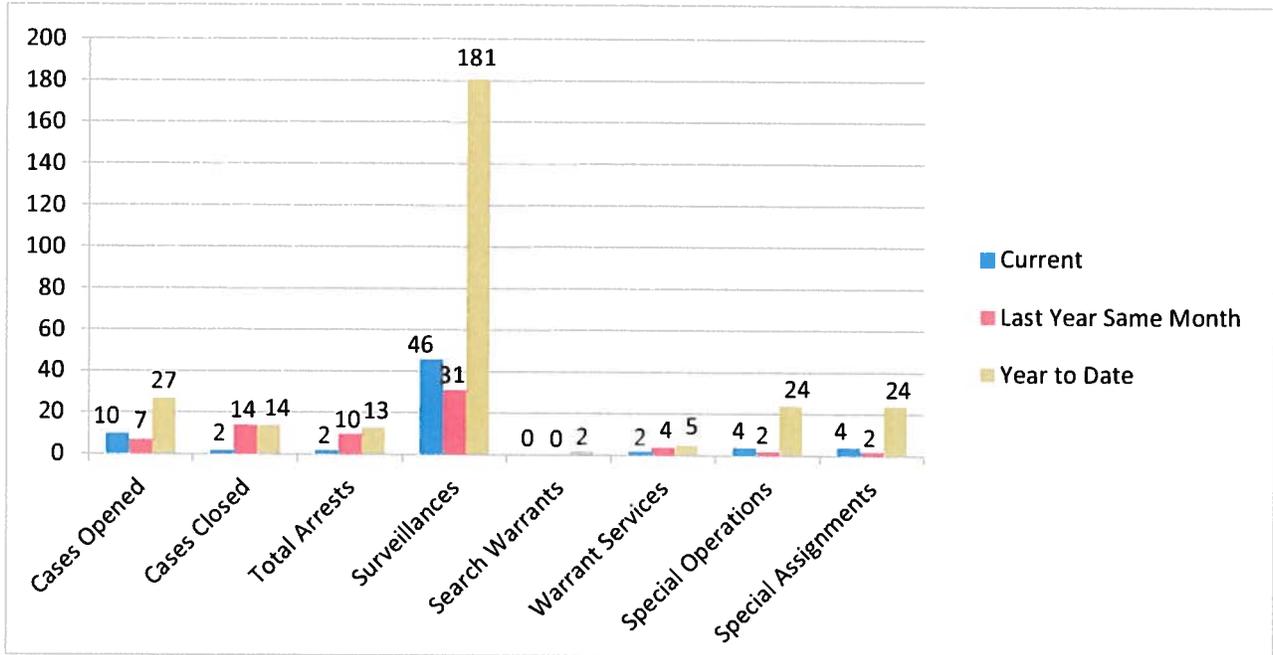
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Activity Stats

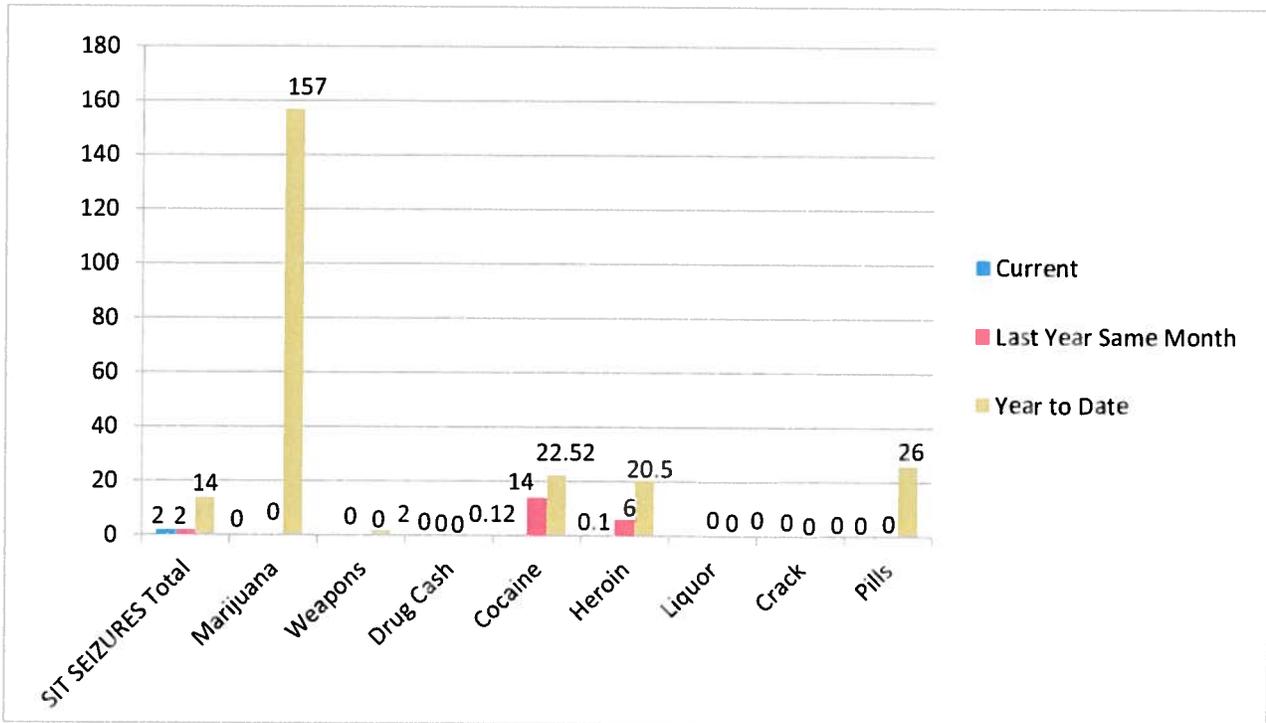


Street Interdiction Team

Activity Stats



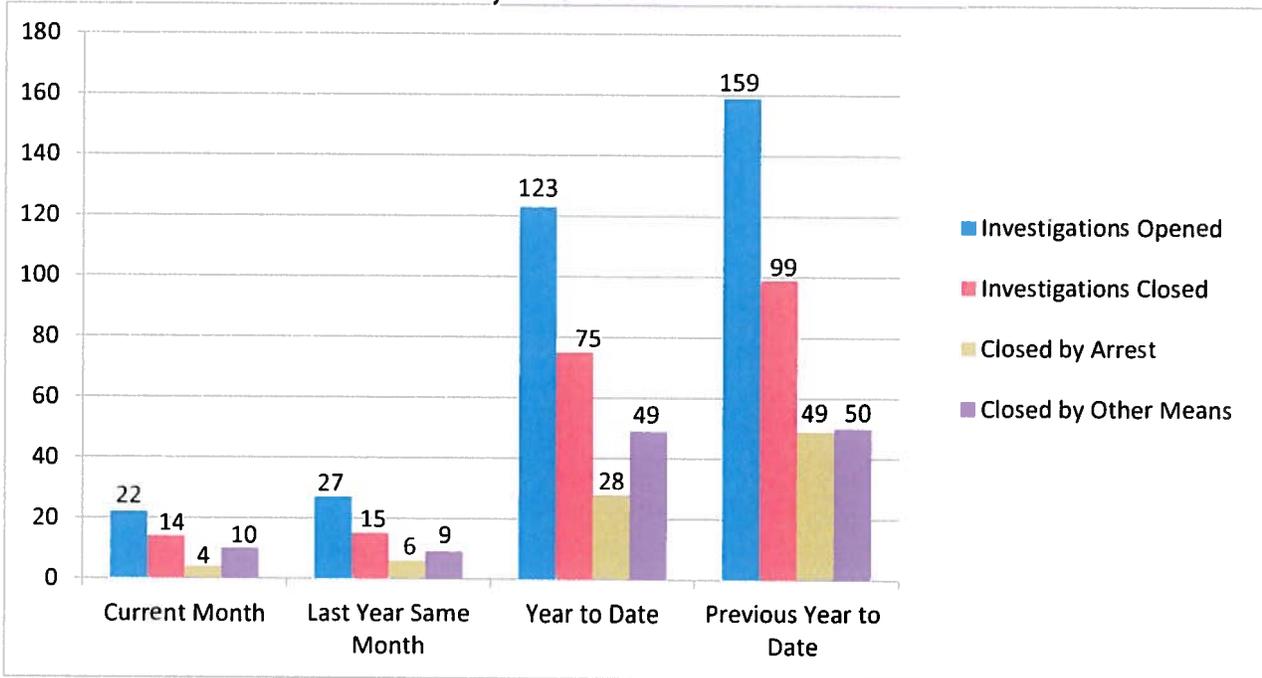
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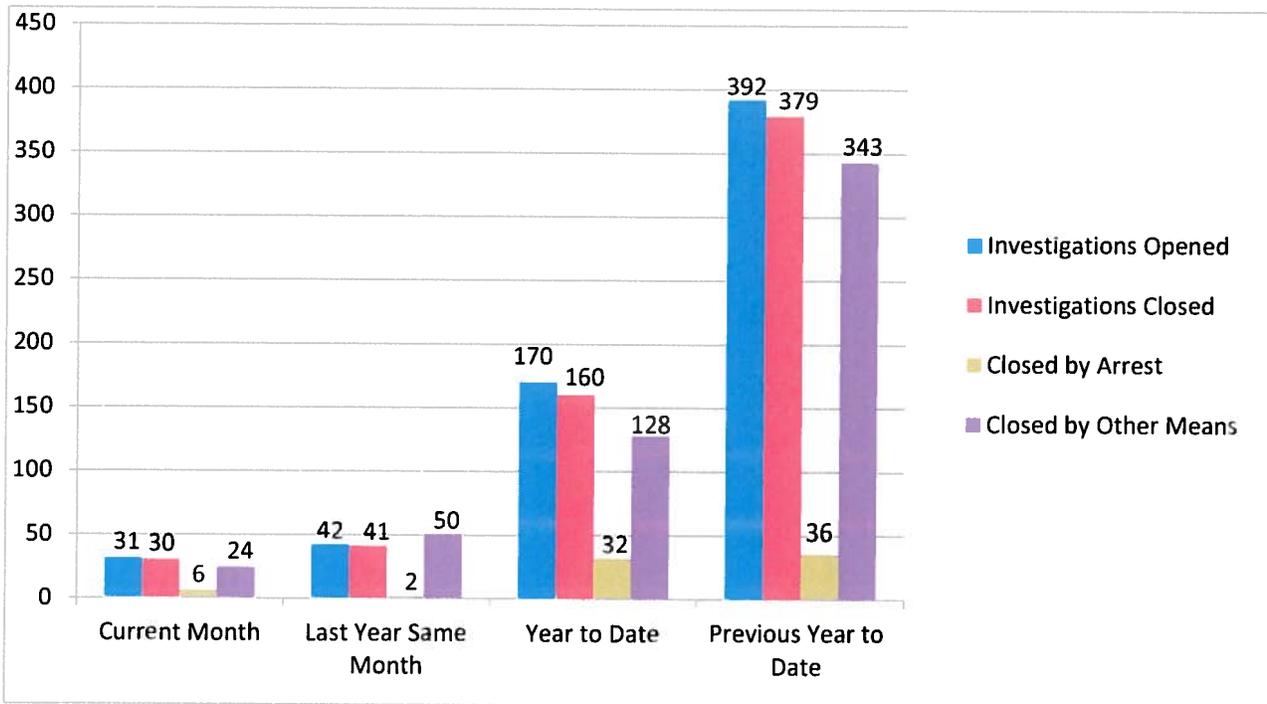
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Detective Division

Major Crimes Unit

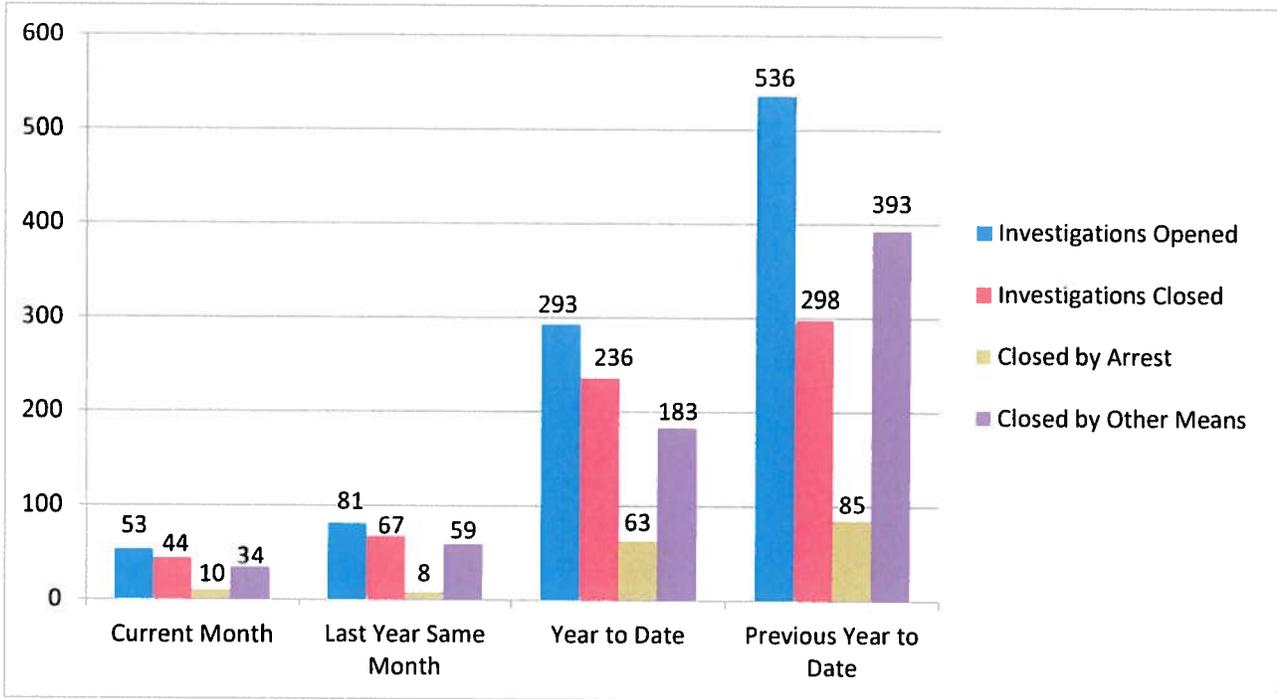


Special Victims Unit

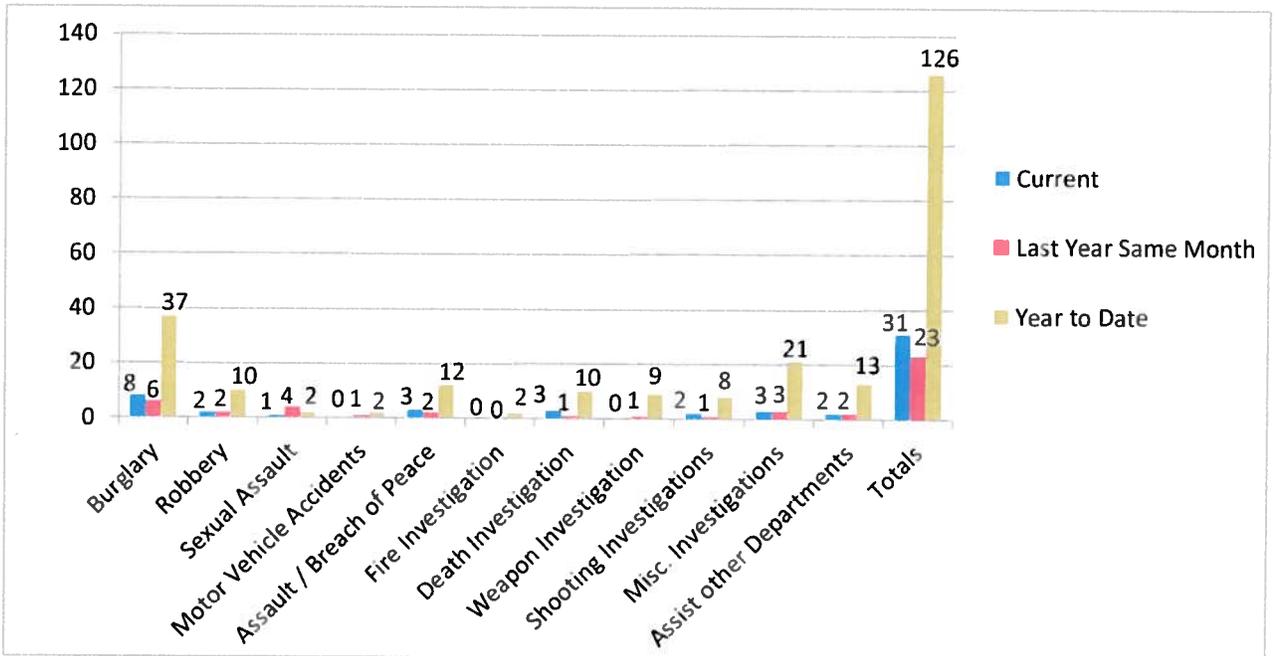


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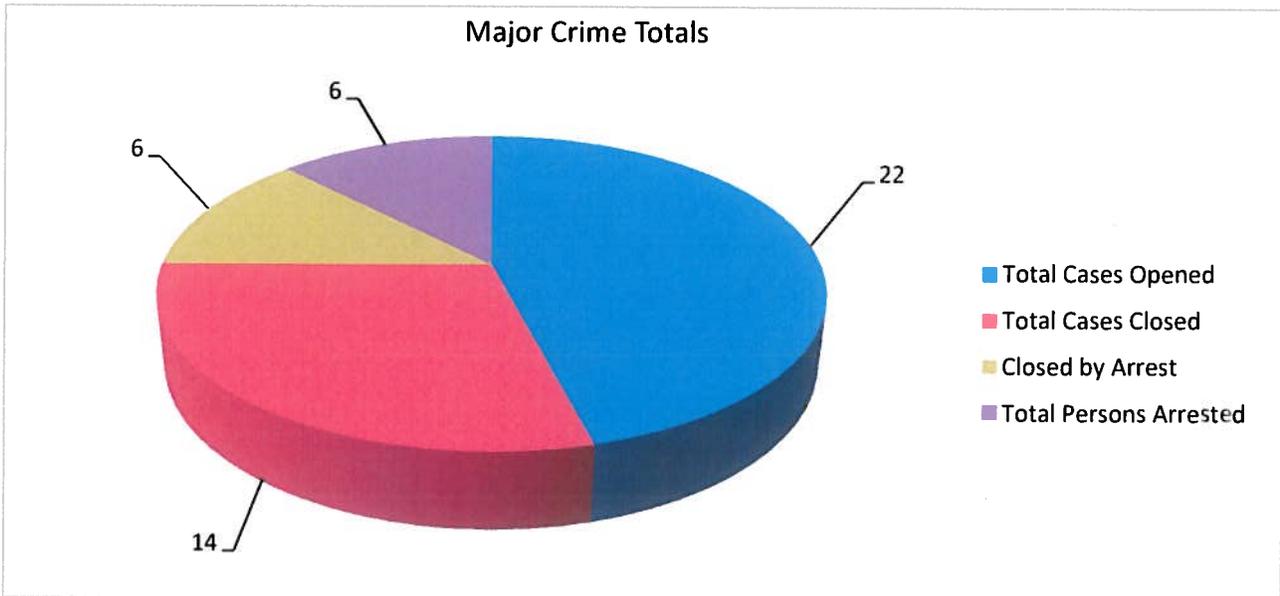
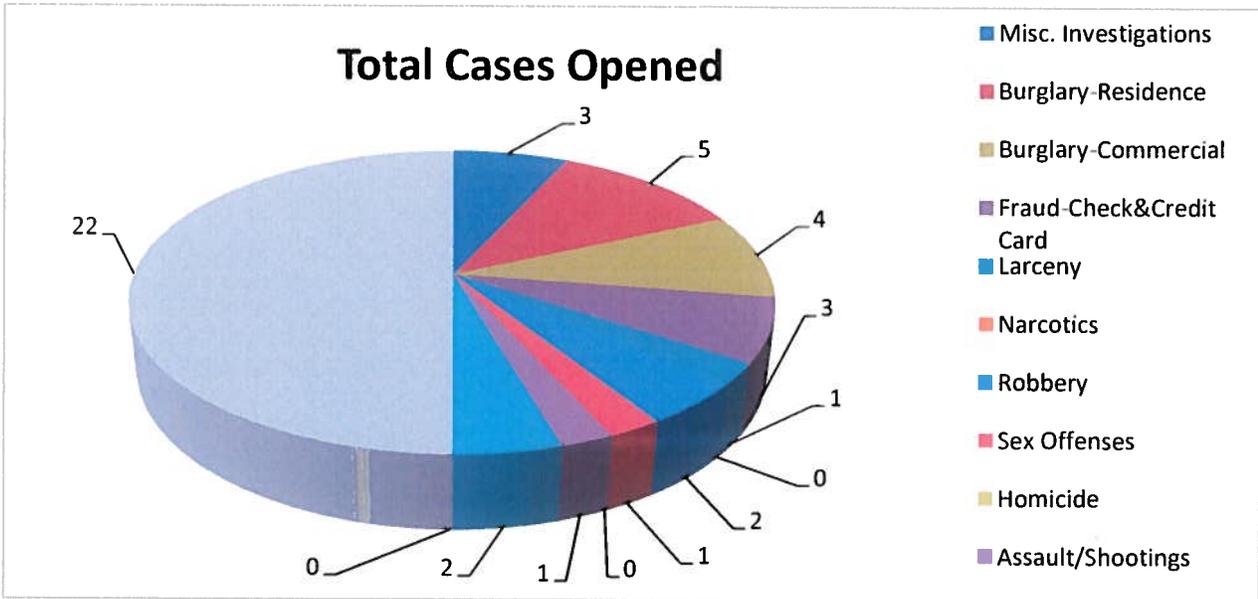
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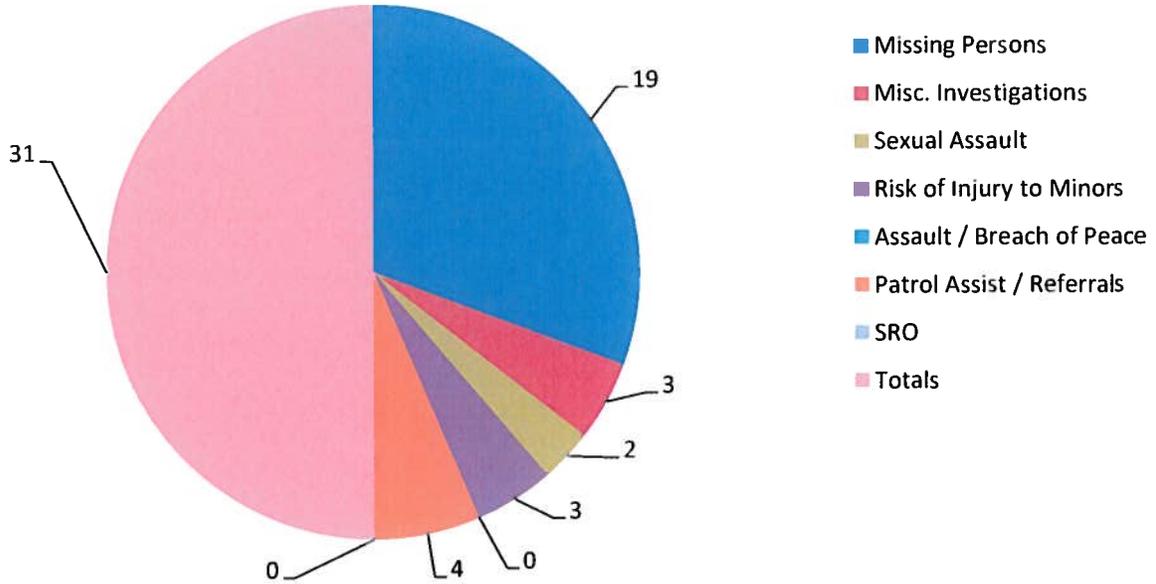
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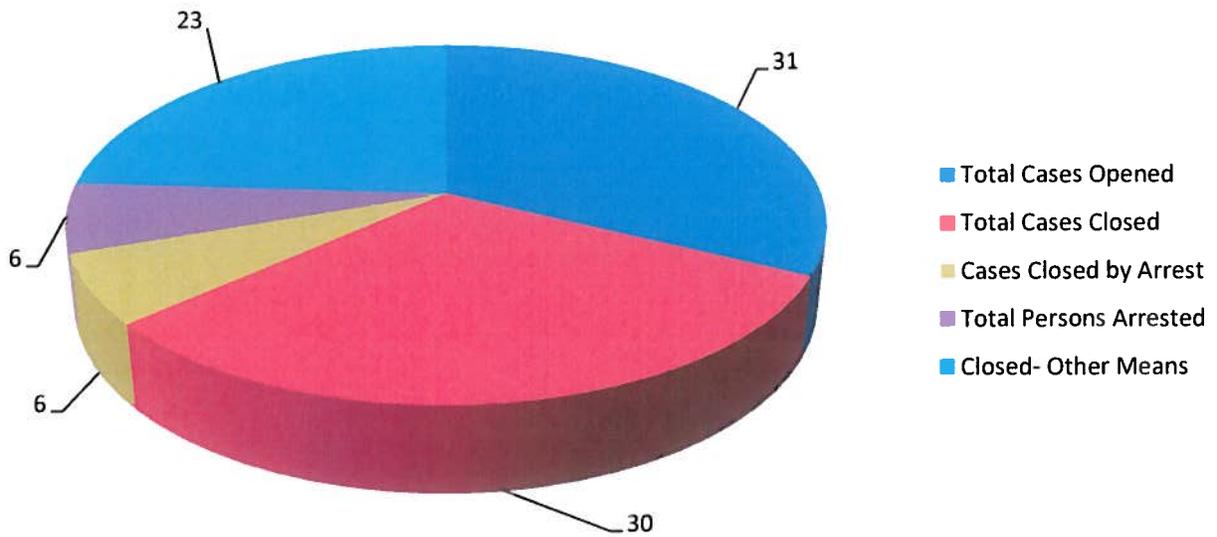
Major Crimes Division



Total Cases Opened



SVU Totals



June 2020



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Personnel Matters and Events

On May 14, 2020, Lieutenant Lyle Bennett was re-assigned to command the Central Communications Division within the Support Services Bureau.

On May 16, 2020, Sergeant Michael Sigmon was re-assigned to the Patrol Division of the Field Services Bureau.

On May 7, 2020, The Town of Hamden sponsored a "Thank You Tour" that began at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the event (vehicle parade), was to wholeheartedly thank our town's frontline, essential work forces. A special emphasis has been placed on grocery store employees. Participants included the Hamden Police Department, Hamden Fire Department, Connecticut National Guard, American Medical Response, Nelson Ambulance, Hamden Volunteer Fire Department, Hamden CERT and K&J Tree Services. The vehicle parade saluted essential workers at Aldi Grocery Store, Walmart, ShopRite, Save A Lot, The Home Depot, Price Rite and Stop and Shop. The procession concluded at approximately 11:00a.m. These essential workers are real heroes in our community. A hero "is a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements or noble qualities." They are continuing to report for duty daily, dealing with a great number of people during this pandemic. They are working extended shifts and taking on increased workloads at the expense of their health and well-being. The Hamden Police Department and the Town of Hamden could not be more thankful and appreciative for their efforts. In addition, the vehicle parade is to also honor those Americans that sacrificed their lives for our country. This is in lieu of the Memorial Day Parade, which has been cancelled this year due to the pandemic.





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Thank You Tour in support of essential workers – with a special thanks to grocery store employees



Pictured from left to right: Sergeant William Onofrio, Captain Kevin Samperi, Sergeant Gregg Curran, Detective John Inglese, Detective Joseph Liguori, Officer David Falcigno, Officer Dennis Putnam, Officer Craig Appleby, Officer Kevin Hall, Officer Angela Vey and Detective Sean Dolan



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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Thank You Tour in support of essential workers





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

BIC USA Inc., manufactured and donated face shields to the Hamden Police Department for use in the fight against Covid-19.





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Domino's Pizza of Hamden, delivers pizza to the Hamden Police Department in appreciation of their service to the community





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

The Community Liaison Unit was involved in the following community outreach events:

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- Salute to Graduating Seniors @ Sacred Heart Academy – May 24, - Officers provided community relations support, security and traffic assistance while encouraging social distancing.



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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Food and supply drive at Saint Anne's Church





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Happy Birthday parade for 9 year old Hamden resident



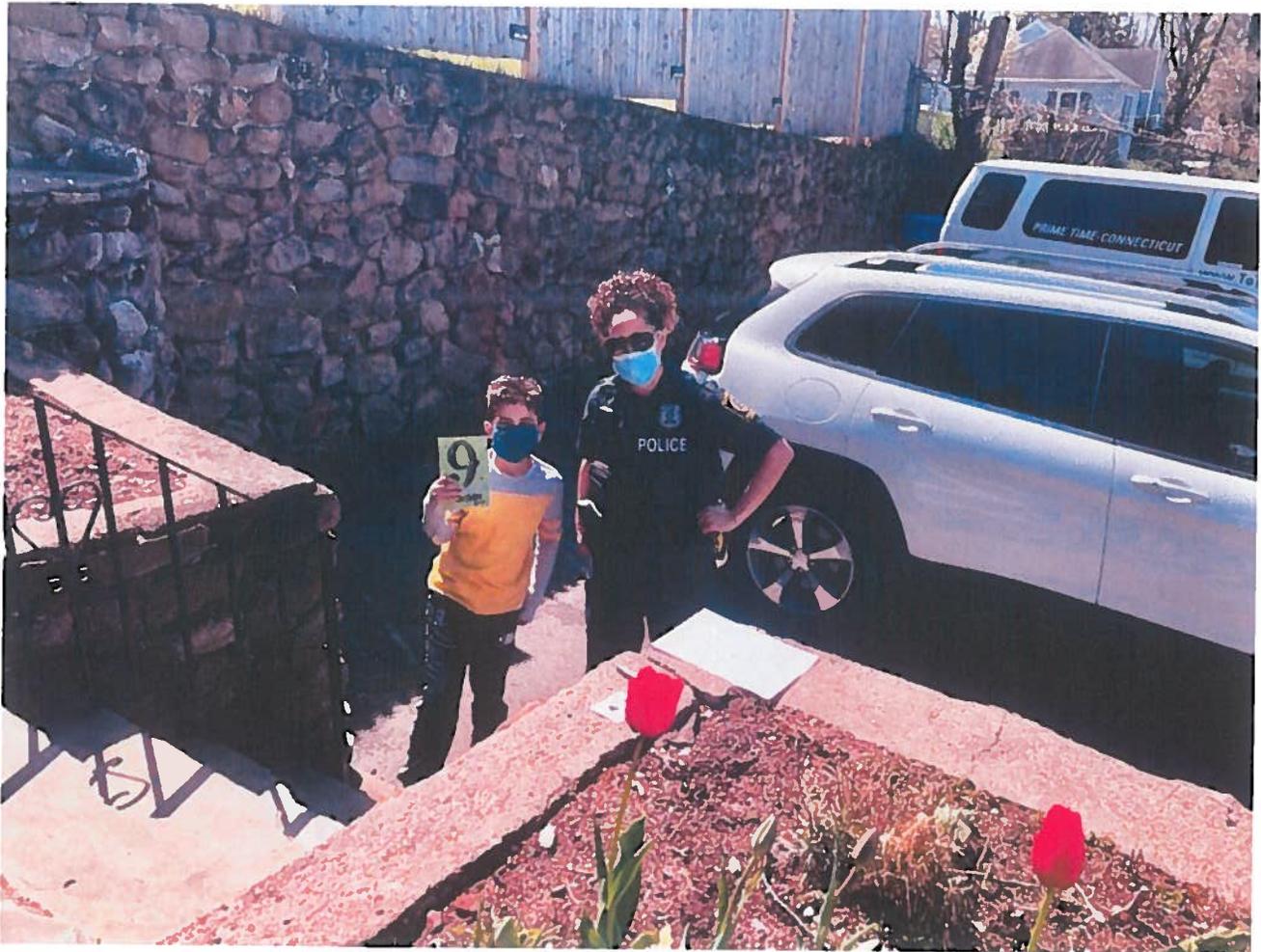


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Birthday Parade greeting with Officer Angela Vey



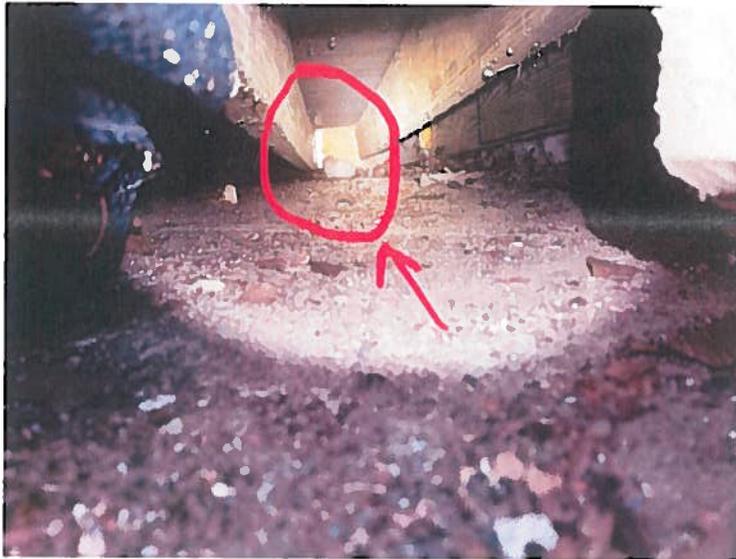


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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Assistant Animal Control Officer Paris Gibbs removes a kitten from underneath a residence on Hill Street. The kitten was transported to the North Haven Animal Hospital for medical treatment.





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Traffic Calming

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Training – Dispatchers

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Incidents of Special Interest

On May 2, 2020, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Hamden Police responded to the area of Dixwell Avenue and Goodrich Street on the report of a "pedestrian struck". Investigation revealed that a 25-year-old New Haven resident was riding his bicycle, southbound, on the Farmington Canal Trail. He was struck by a motor vehicle that was traveling westbound on Goodrich Street. The vehicle fled from the scene. The victim sustained injuries to his back and ribs. Hamden Fire Rescue responded and rendered medical assistance before he was transported to Yale-New Haven Hospital for medical treatment. Shortly thereafter, Officer Kyle Sampognaro located the operator of the vehicle, which was parked at a Hamden residence. Daphney Townsend, the operator of the vehicle, was arrested and charged with Evading Responsibility and Failure to Grant Right of Way. Townsend, 33, of 117 Dewitt Street, New Haven, was scheduled to appear in court at a later date and time.

On May 4, 2020, Assistant Animal Control Officer Mitch Gibbs responded to a Hill Street residence on the report of a "kitten stuck under a house." AACO Gibbs located the kitten, which was trapped "10 to 15 feet" underneath a deck. After approximately an hour and a half, AACO Gibbs successfully removed the kitten, utilizing a "fishing net on an extendable pole." The kitten, which is 2 to 3 weeks old, was transported to the North Haven Animal Hospital for medical treatment.

On May 5, 2020, at approximately 2:00 a.m., members of the Patrol Division were sent to the area of Victoria Court for numerous juveniles attempting to gain entry into vehicles. Officer Bryce, Officer Palma, Officer Pesanelli and Sergeant May responded and three juveniles were detained without incident. The following juveniles were detained but no evidence was located on their persons. The witness to these juveniles could not make a positive identification and the juveniles were returned to their guardians.

On May 6, 2020, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Officer Betty Montijo observed a motor vehicle traveling recklessly, northbound on Whitney Avenue. The vehicle nearly struck her police cruiser. She attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop, but the vehicle continued at a high rate of speed. The vehicle, which was reported stolen out of Cromwell, turned onto Fern Street. Officer Montijo observed the vehicle "slowly rolling" in the roadway. The stolen vehicle struck a parked vehicle and 2 female juvenile occupants abandoned the vehicle and subsequently fled on foot. Shortly thereafter, they were apprehended by Officer Derick Manning and Officer Jeremy Brewer.

On May 11, 2020, at approximately 4:30 p.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to a Newhall Street address for a domestic dispute between two brothers with a possible stabbing. Officers Justin Martin and Gabriel Garcia arrived on scene and quickly learned that 15 year old Jesse Oliver junior was in a physical altercation with his brother, 20 year old Terence Biggs. They further learned that Oliver had stabbed Biggs in the back with a kitchen knife during this altercation. While Officer Martin was securing Oliver, Biggs was very upset and acting out still attempting to fight with Oliver. Biggs was so aggressive towards officers that Officer Garcia had to deploy his Taser in order to gain control of Biggs. Oliver was issued a juvenile summons for Assault 2nd and Disorderly Conduct. Biggs was issued a misdemeanor summons for Disorderly Conduct and Interfering with officers. Both were scheduled to appear in court on Wednesday.



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Incidents of Special Interest (continued)

On May 14, 2020, at approximately 12:50 a.m., members of the Patrol Division were dispatched to Krauzers located at 2008 Whitney Avenue to investigate a dispute involving two males; one with a knife and the other with a firearm. Upon arrival, it was determined that the suspects left in a blue or silver Toyota Venza. Review of the CCTV video showed two males enter the store to purchase a sandwich from the clerk. One suspect, possibly identified as Andrew Cole through this credit card purchase, pays for a sandwich and walks out to said Toyota Venza. The other suspect, wearing a black Adidas tracksuit became enraged for an unknown reason and the male appeared intoxicated. The male, grabbed one of the clerk's knives and threatened him to hand over money. The male also stated that he was getting a firearm out of his vehicle. The male soon threw a bottle of sauce at the clerk, hitting him in the head causing a small bump on his head and causing a mess inside the store. The male soon walked out of the store empty handed. CCTV video was available and was captured on Officer Jackson's department issued phone. Attempts to locate Cole were unsuccessful and the investigation is continuing.

On May 16, 2020, Officer Keron Bryce was working an extra-duty assignment at Stop and Shop, 2335 Dixwell Avenue, when he was approached by a Loss Prevention Officer, who informed him of a potential shoplifter. Officer Bryce detained the shoplifter, Juan Acevedo, who was attempting to steal numerous items. Acevedo then advised Officer Bryce that he was infected with COVID-19 and began coughing. As Officer Bryce attempted to arrest him, Acevedo "attempted to spit" on him several times. Acevedo was subsequently arrested and transported to police headquarters. While at police headquarters, Acevedo advised officers that he is not infected with COVID-19. Hamden Police arrested Juan Acevedo, 48, of 417 Kimberly Avenue, New Haven. Acevedo was charged with Criminal Attempt to Assault a Police Officer, Interfering with a Police Officer, Larceny in the 6th Degree and Criminal Trespass in the 3rd Degree. Acevedo, was detained on a \$25,000.00 bond, and was scheduled to appear in court on July 6, 2020.

On May 17, 2020, at approximately 9:45 p.m., Hamden Police responded to Concord Street on the report of an armed street robbery. Investigation revealed that a Pianca Pizza employee was making a delivery to a Concord Street address. Upon arrival, a black male, teens, wearing a "black face mask" emerged from a driveway, displaying a firearm. The delivery driver handed him an undisclosed amount of money and a pizza. The subject fled on foot, northbound on Dixwell Avenue. The Hamden Police Department Detective Division is conducting the investigation.

On May 19, 2020, at approximately 1:30 a.m., members of the Patrol Division responded to the area of 365 Mather Street to investigate a report of four black males checking door handles on vehicles. The suspects were dropped off in a blue Honda Civic. Upon arrival, Officers Bryce, Elvin Rivera and Palma located the vehicle attempting to flee the parking lot. The vehicle was determined to be a 2015 blue Honda Civic bearing CT-AS23104 which was reported stolen from New Haven. The vehicle fled the complex by driving on the grassy area, around numerous police cruisers. Officers observed the vehicle turn onto Mather Street towards Whitney Avenue and immediately terminated any pursuit. The vehicle was last seen on Whitney Avenue heading southbound towards New Haven at a high rate of speed. Officer Elvin Rivera conducted the initial investigation.



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Incidents of Special Interest (continued)

On May 20, 2020, Lee Copeland, 50, of 1898 State Street in Hamden was cited for littering in the Mountain Road area. The investigation began in late April when the Hamden Police Department and Hamden Public Works Department collaborated on an illegal dumping complaint that had occurred on Mountain Road. On three different occasions, "yard brush and debris" was dumped in the area. A lengthy investigation revealed that Lee Copeland was responsible. Officer Robert Dunham of the Patrol Division conducted the investigation.

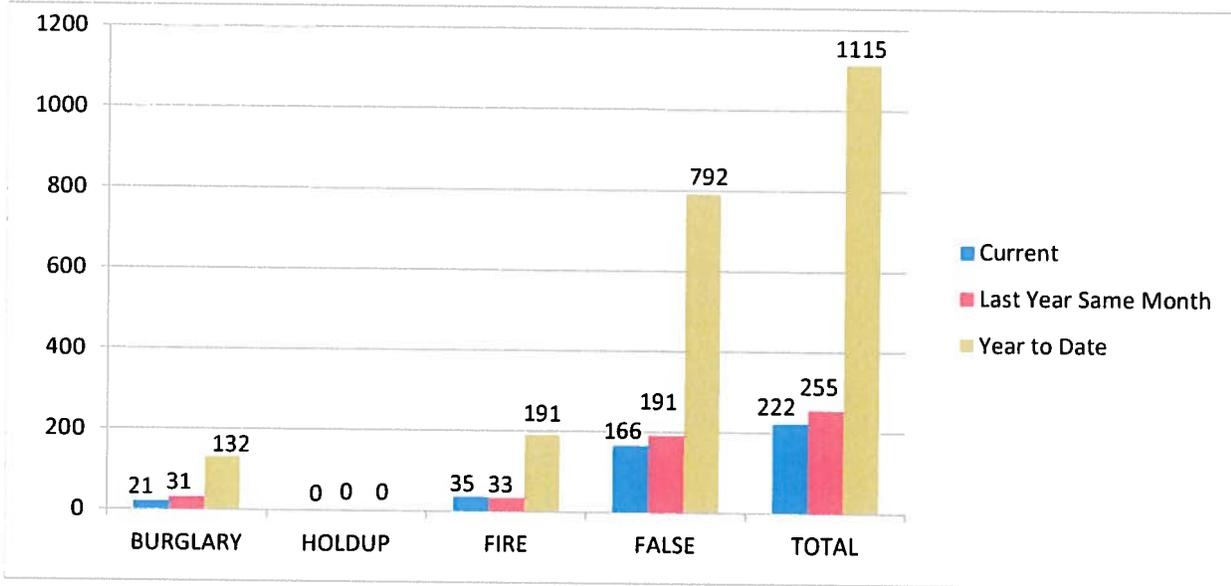
On May 29, 2020, at approximately midnight, "Tobacco Time" at 3714 Whitney Avenue was burglarized for the second time in two weeks. Video surveillance showed two suspects arrived in an older model Red Nissan Altima with unknown Connecticut plates. One suspect with the Boston Red Sox hat was the driver. Both made entry with a pry bar and took cigarettes, high end lighters and smoking paraphernalia, then left the scene heading north towards Cheshire. One suspect appears to be a white male with eye glasses and wearing a Superman baseball hat. Detectives from the Major Crimes Unit are continuing with the investigation.



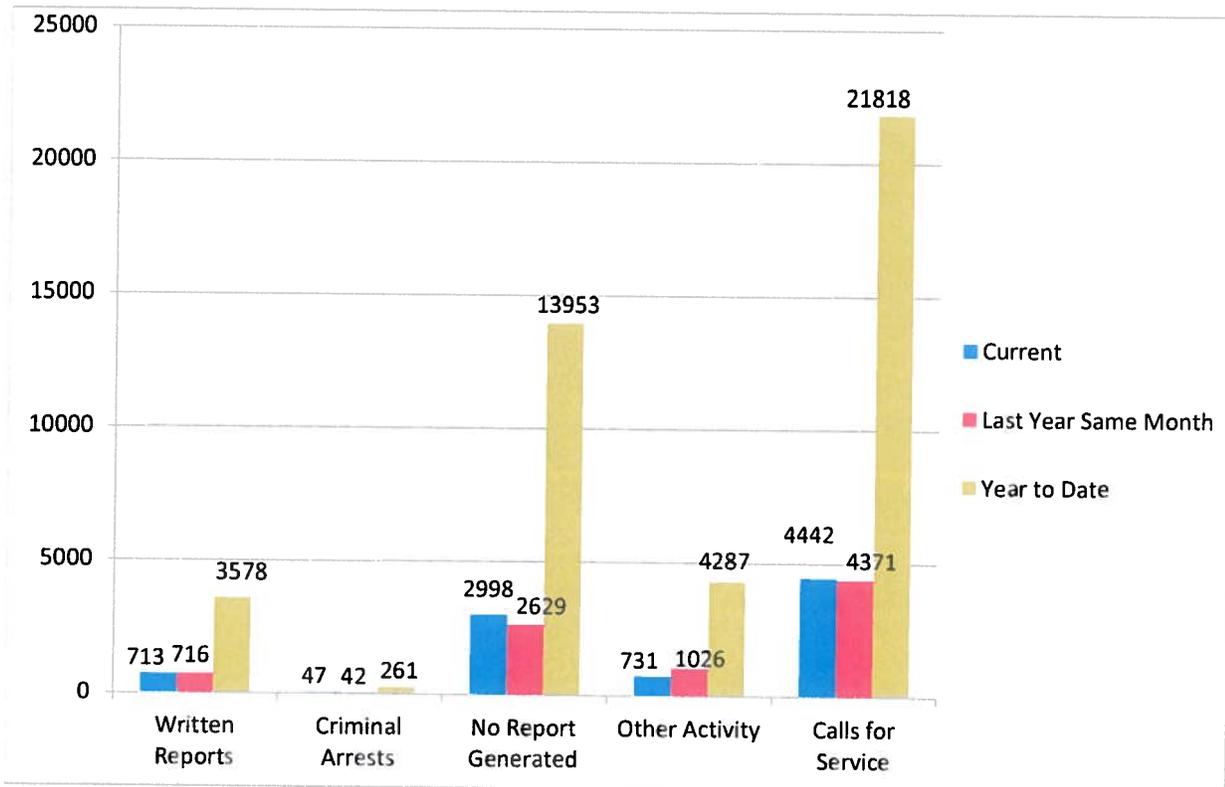
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Patrol Division

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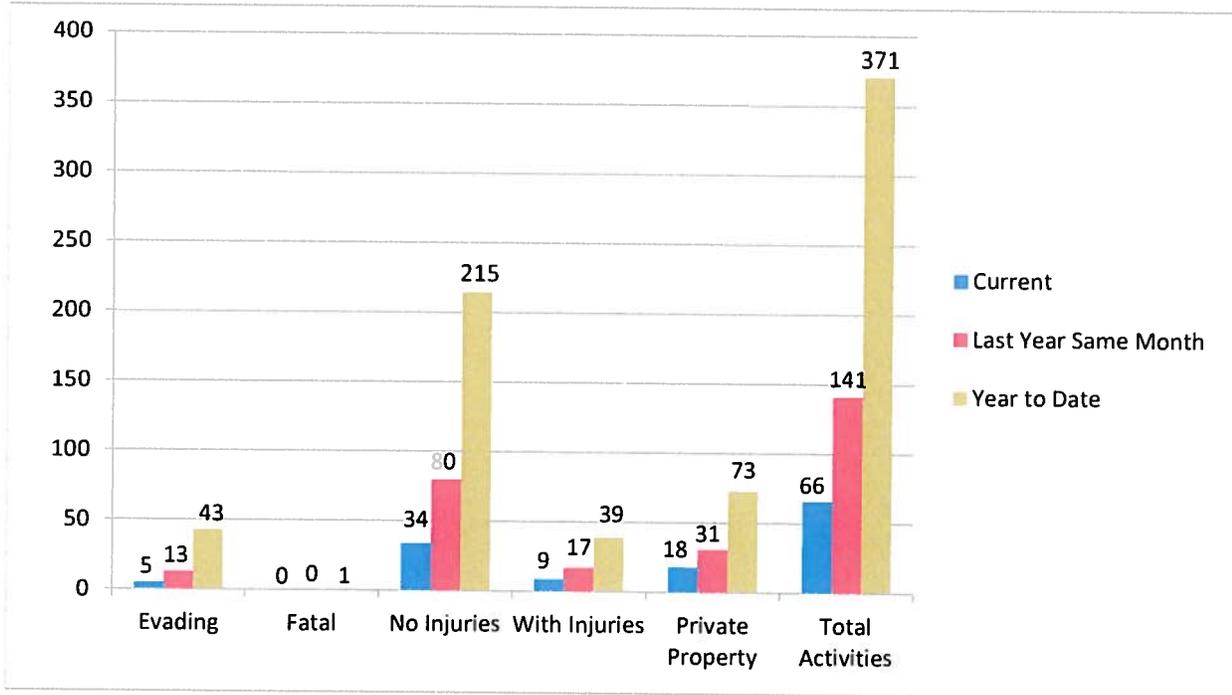


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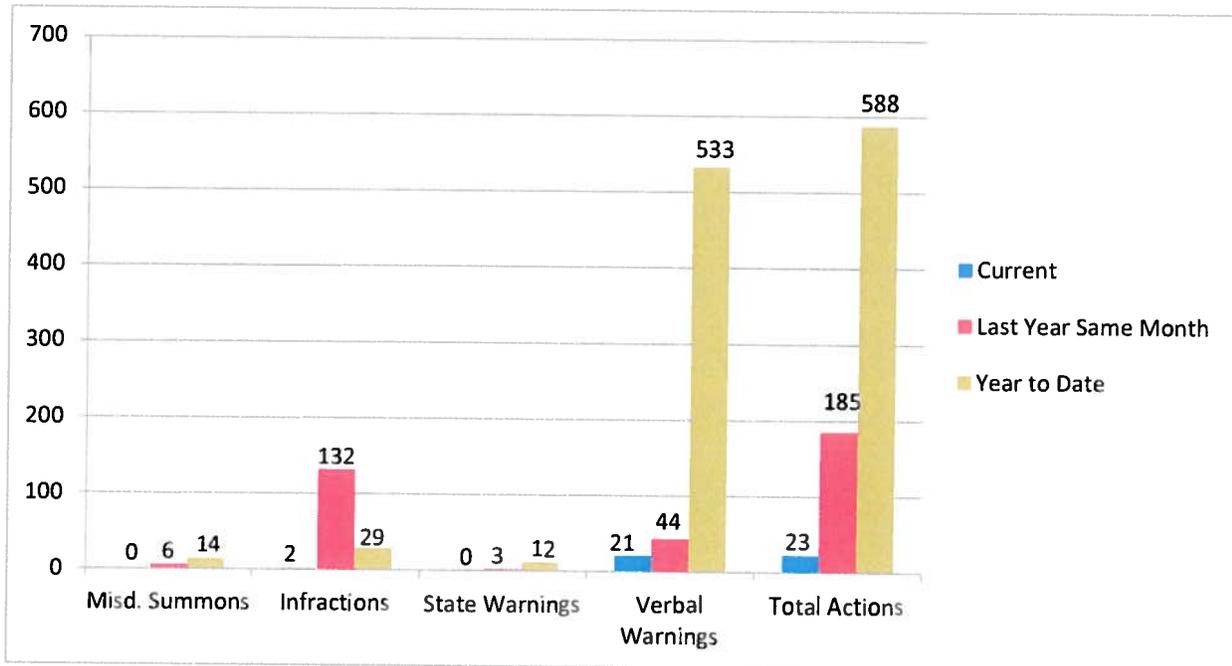


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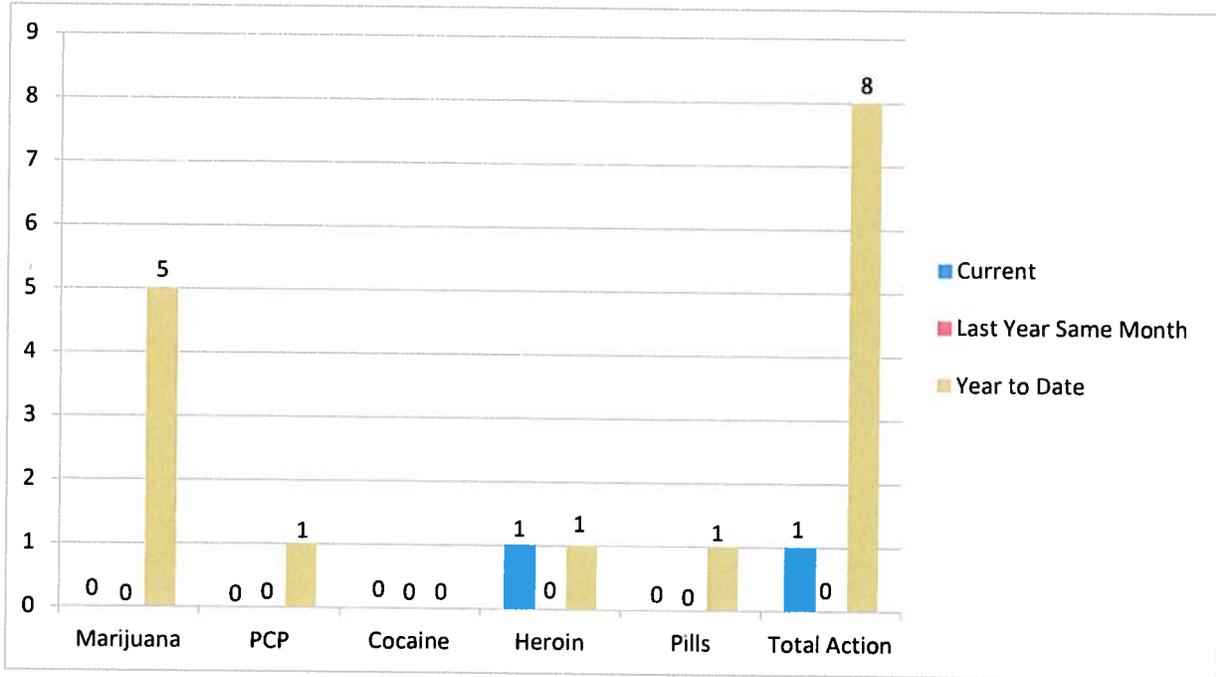


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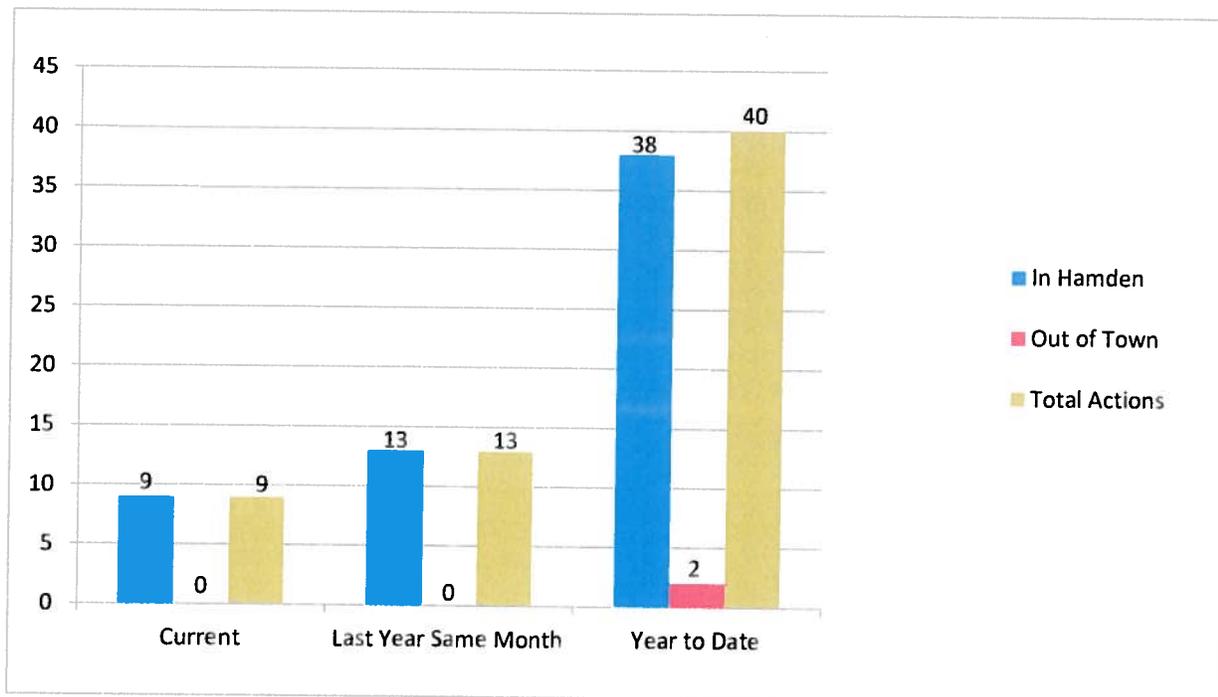


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Drug Arrests

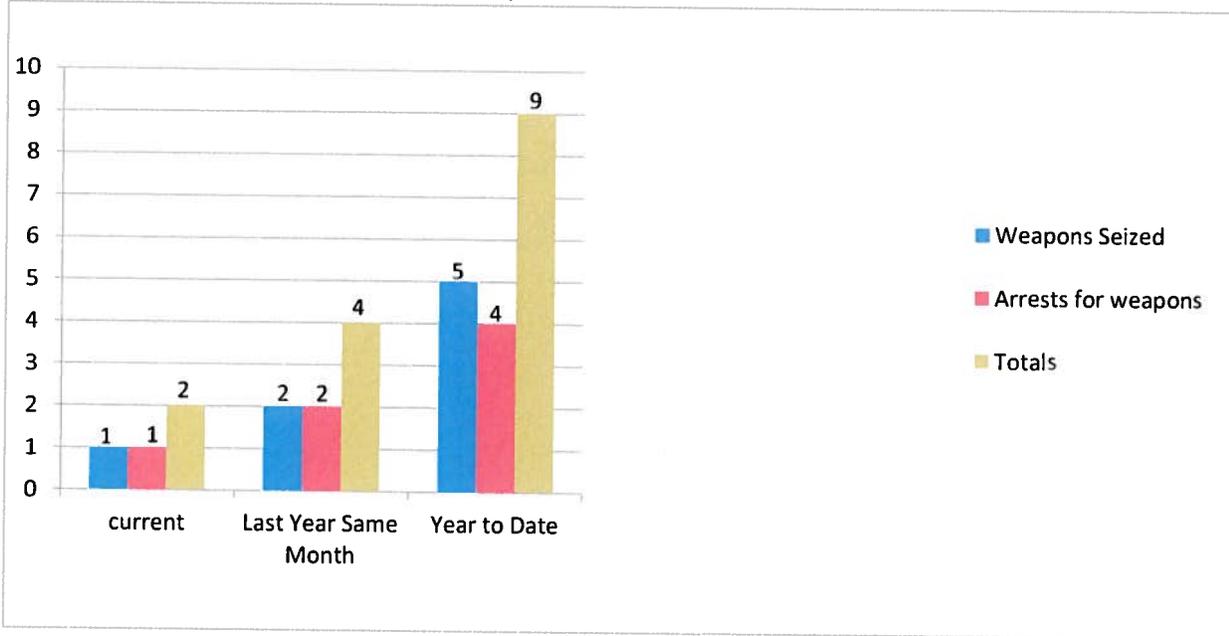


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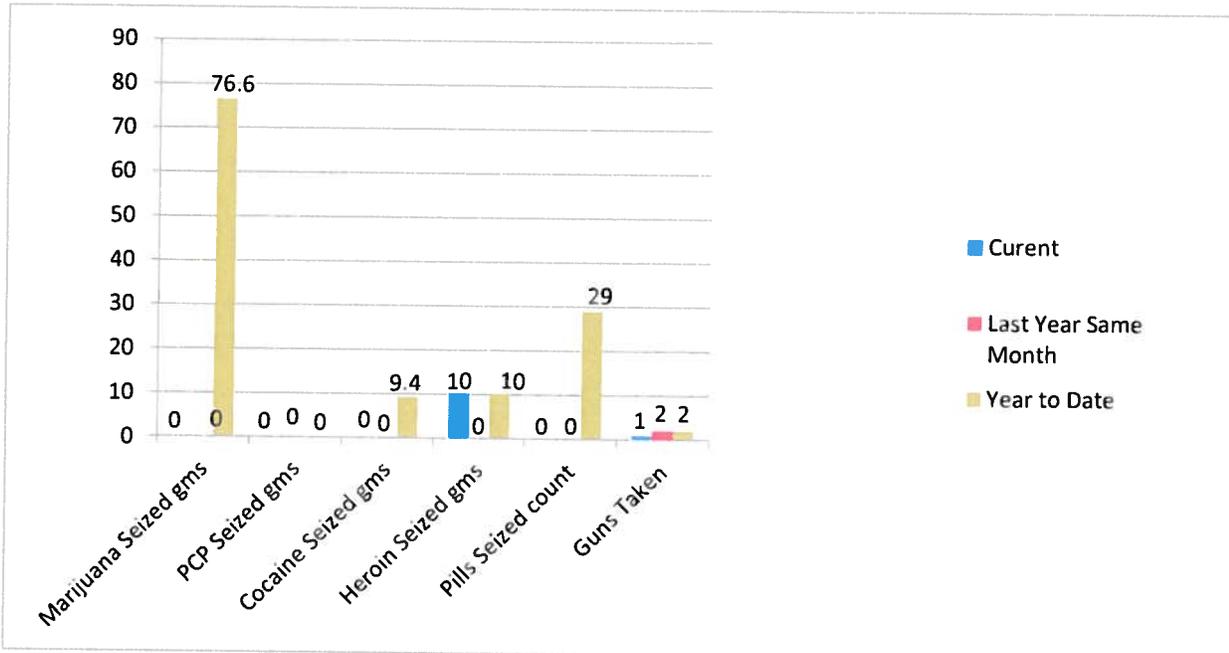


Patrol Division (cont.)

Weapons Arrests

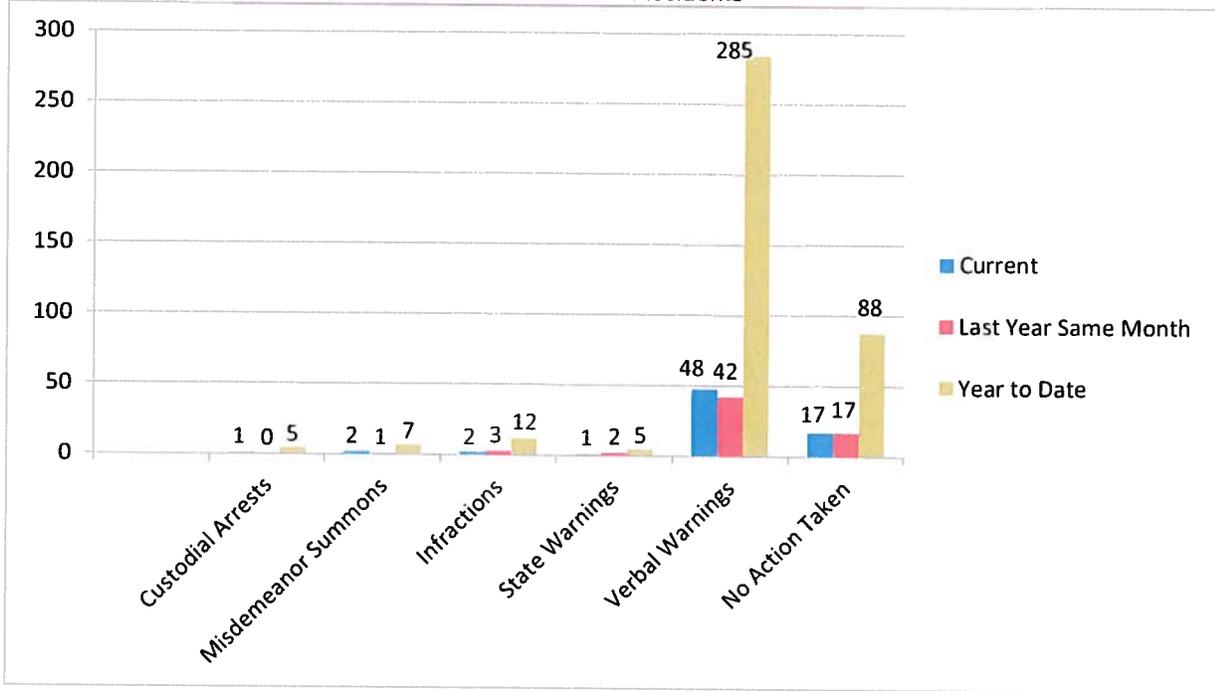


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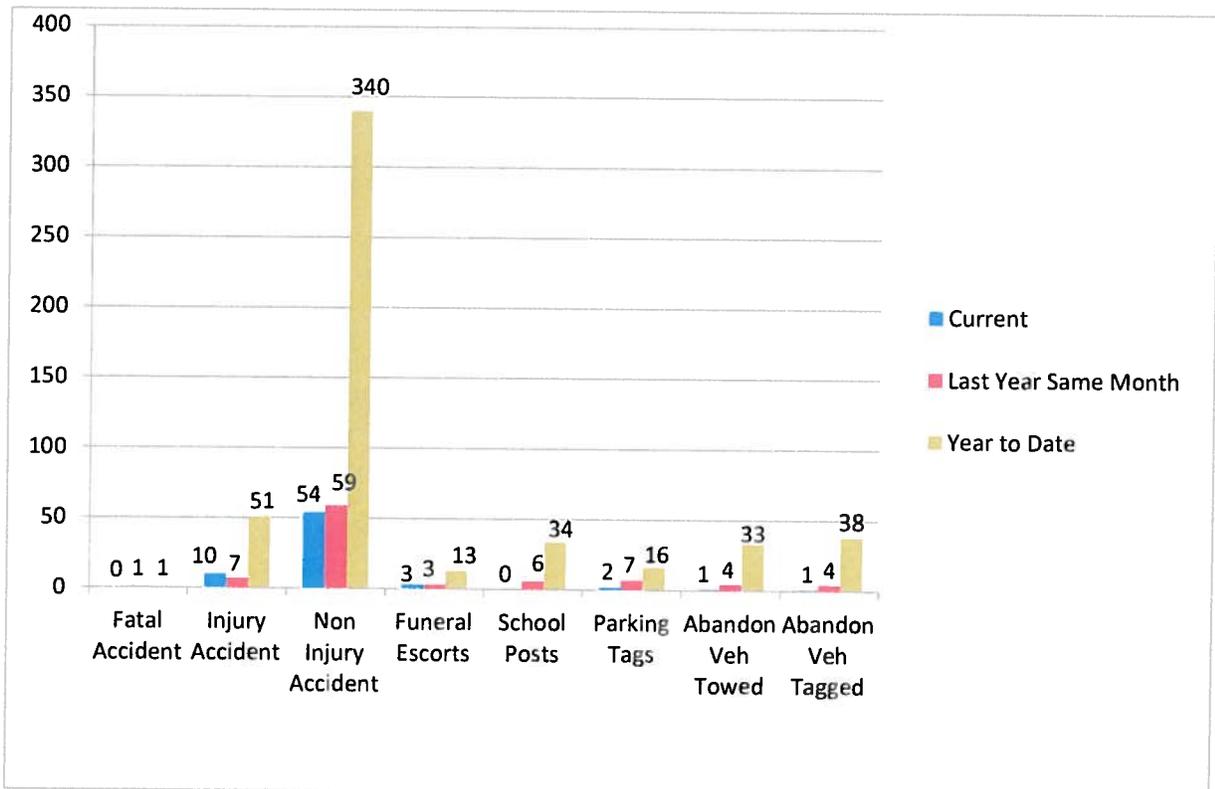


Traffic Division

Enforcement Action for Accidents

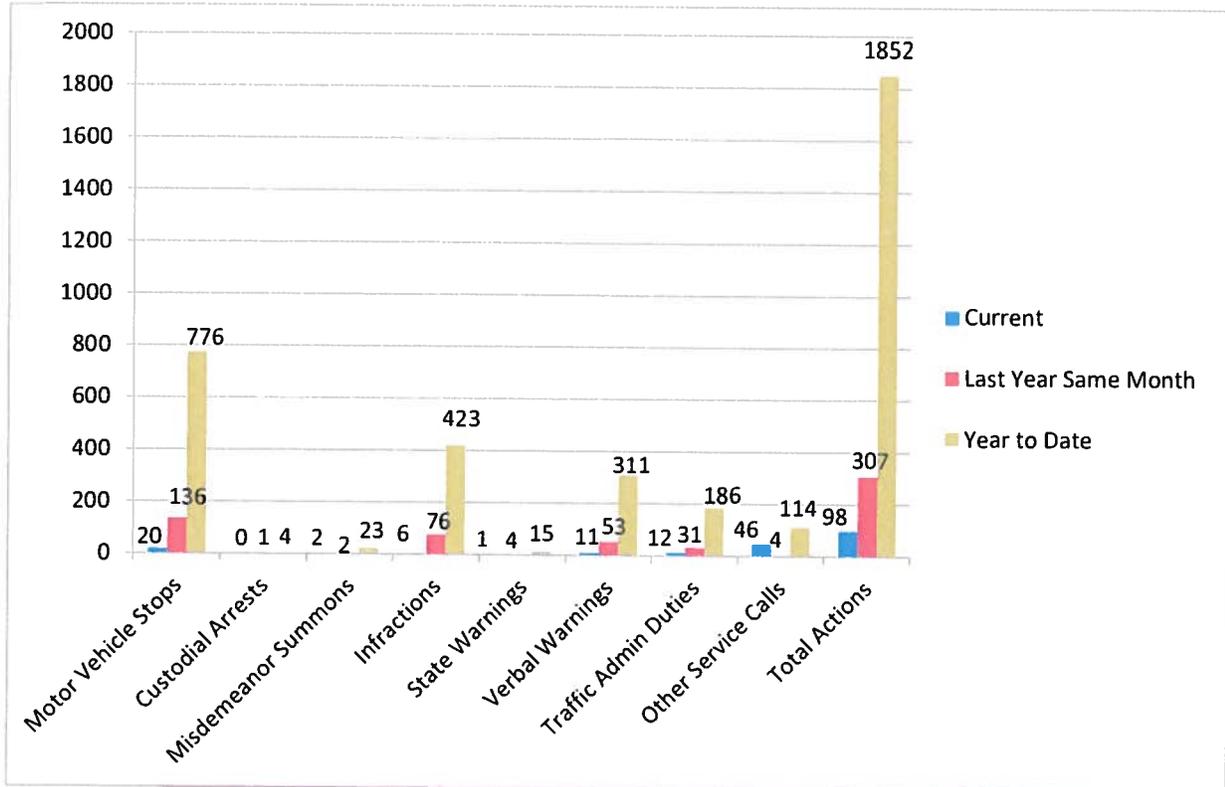


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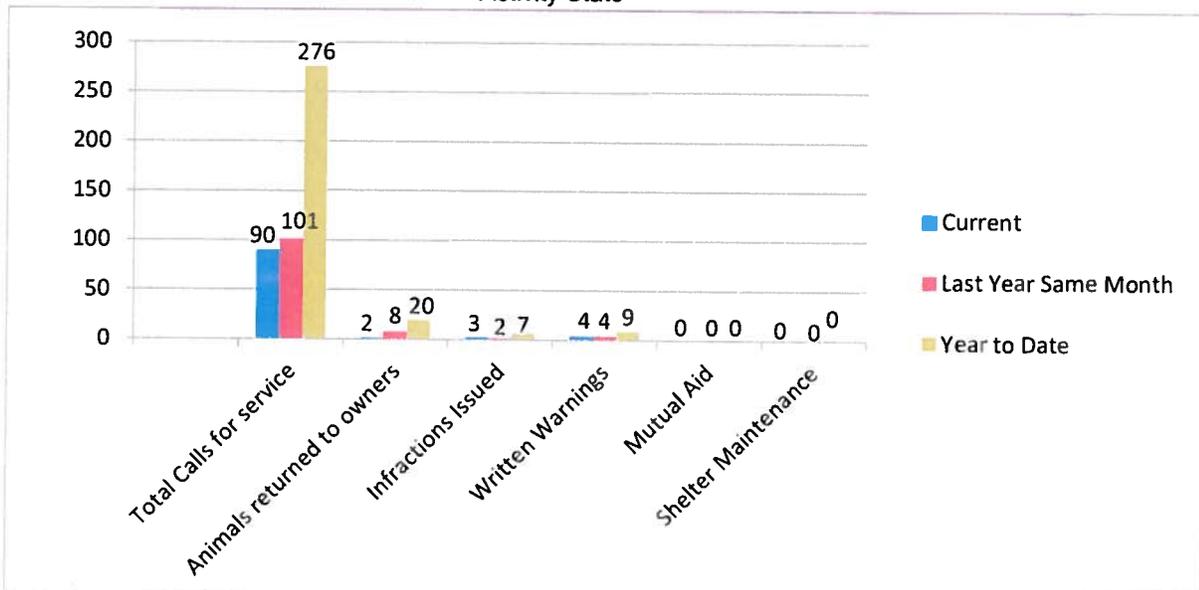
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Selective M/V Enforcement



Animal Control Division

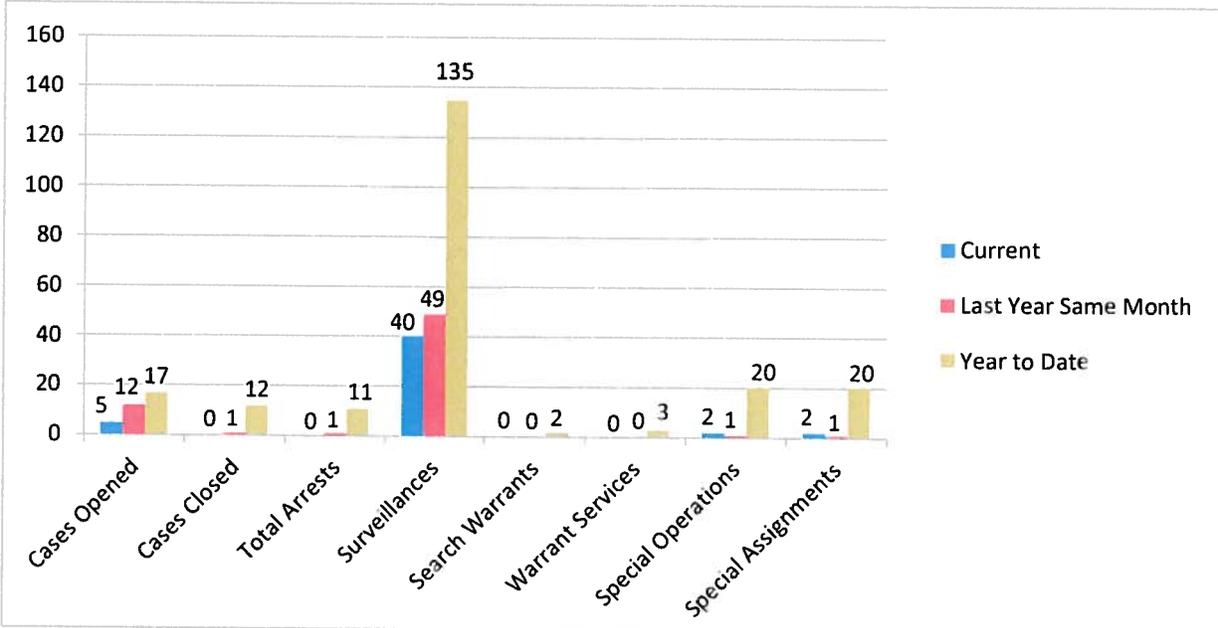
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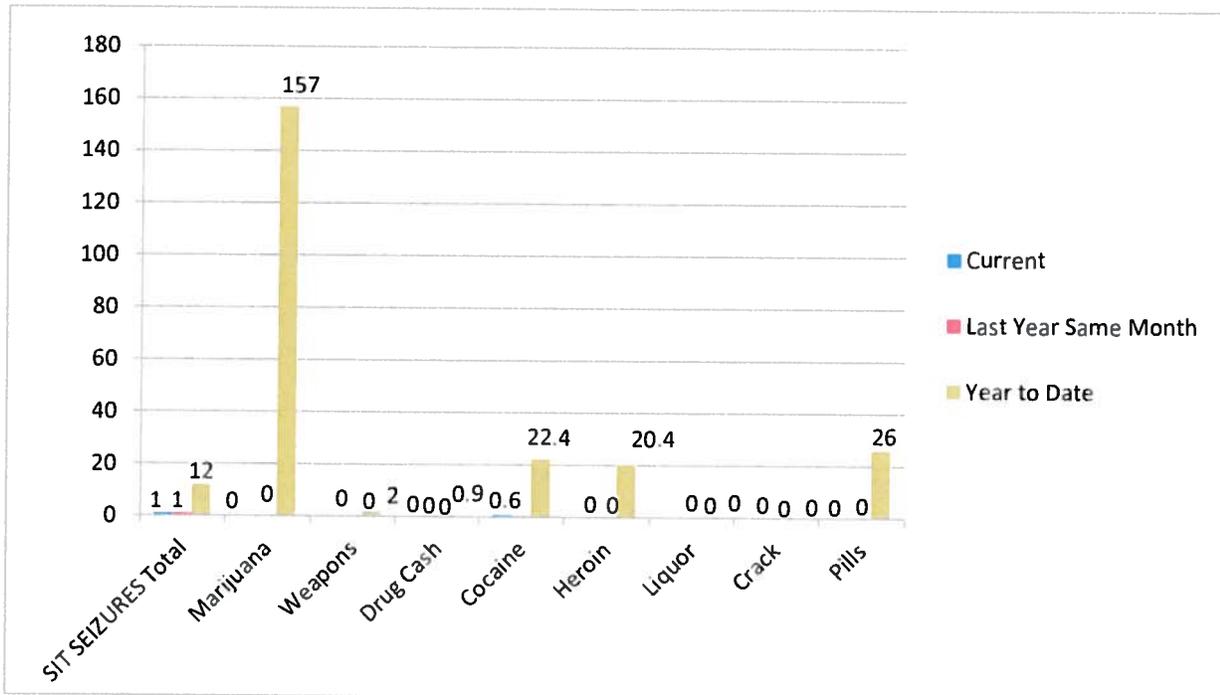
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Street Interdiction Team

Activity Stats



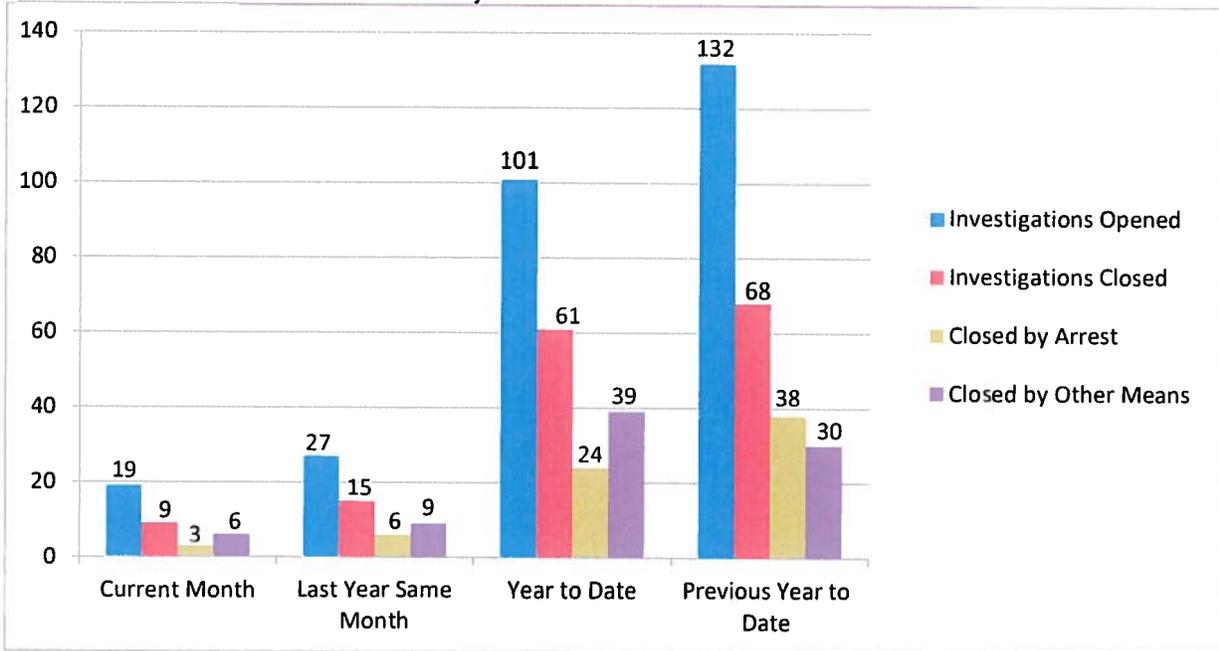
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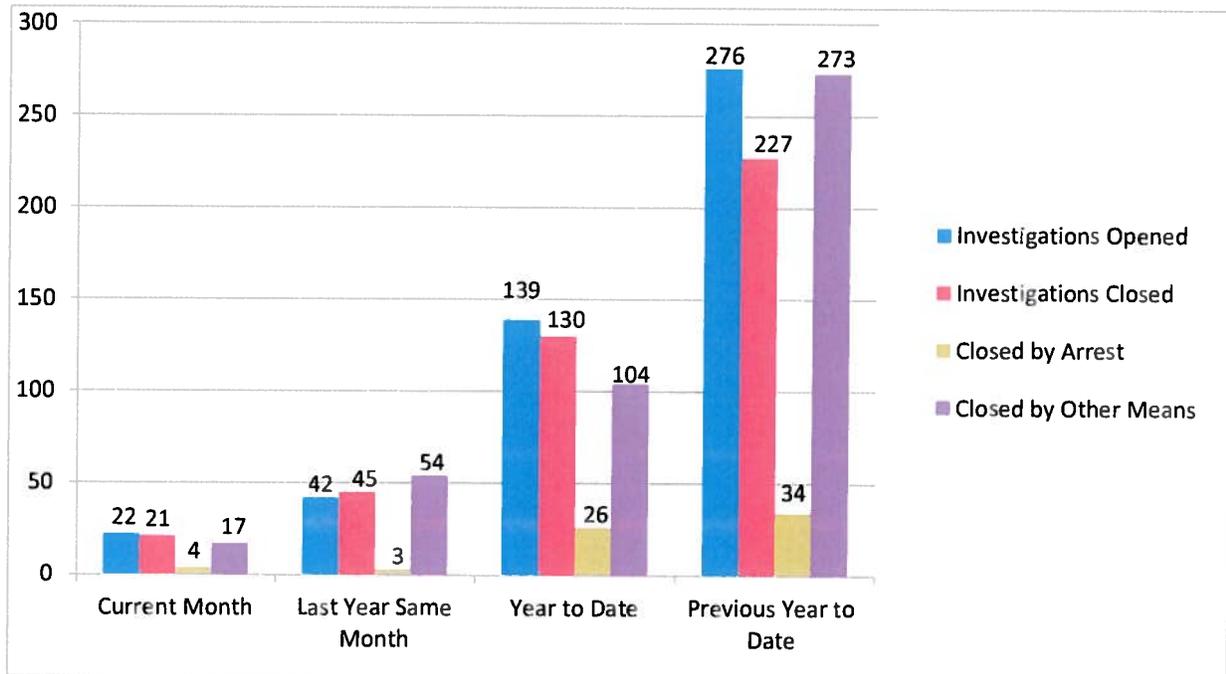
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Detective Division

Major Crimes Unit



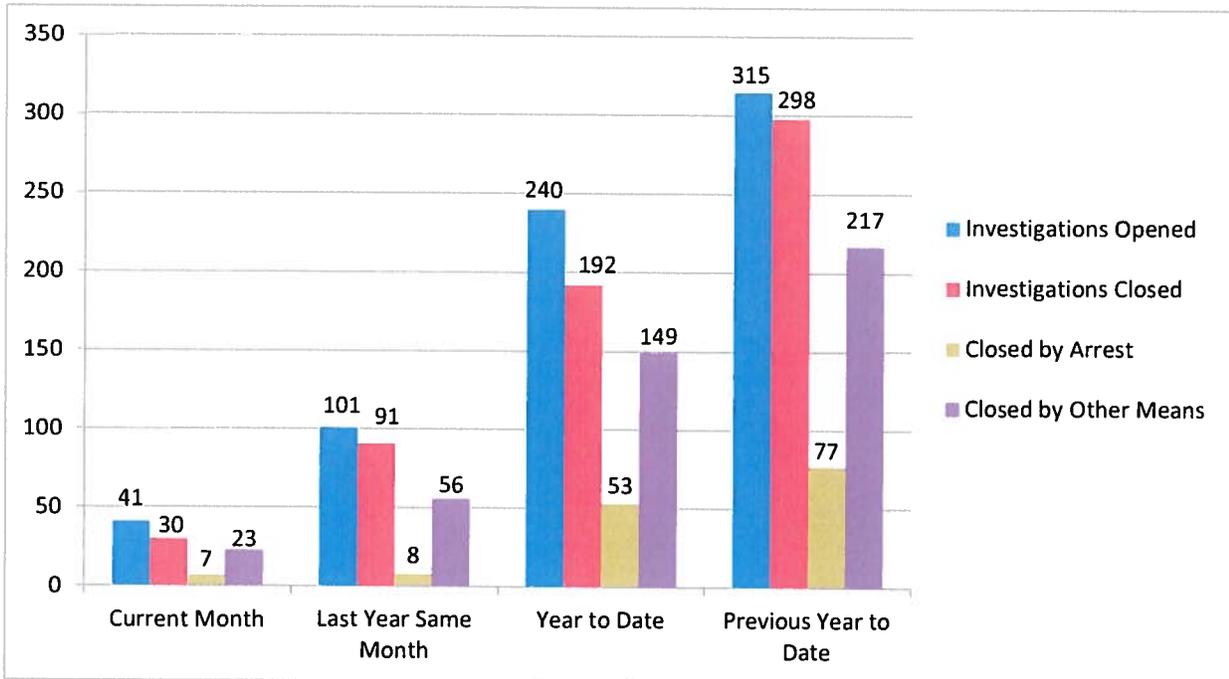
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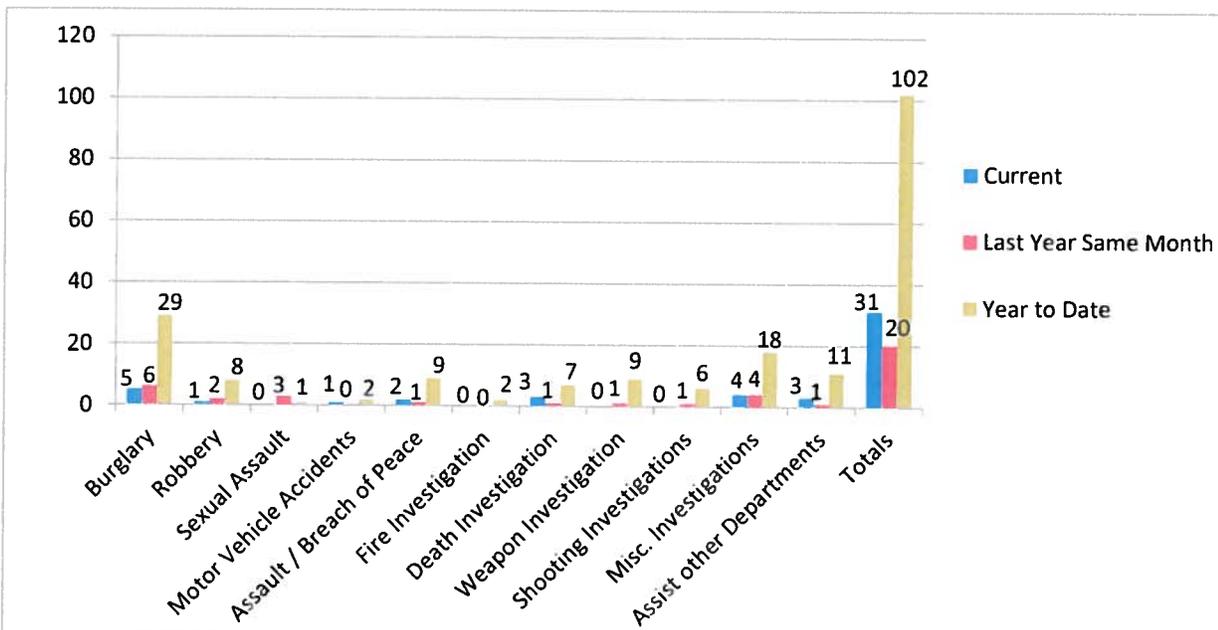
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Detective Division (cont)

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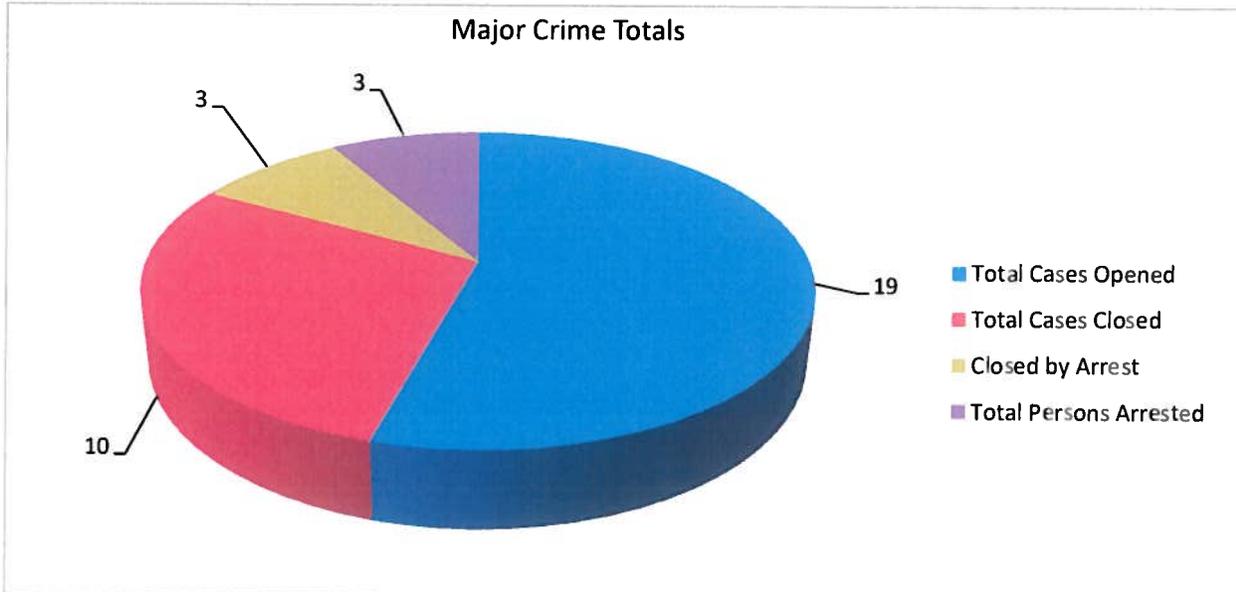
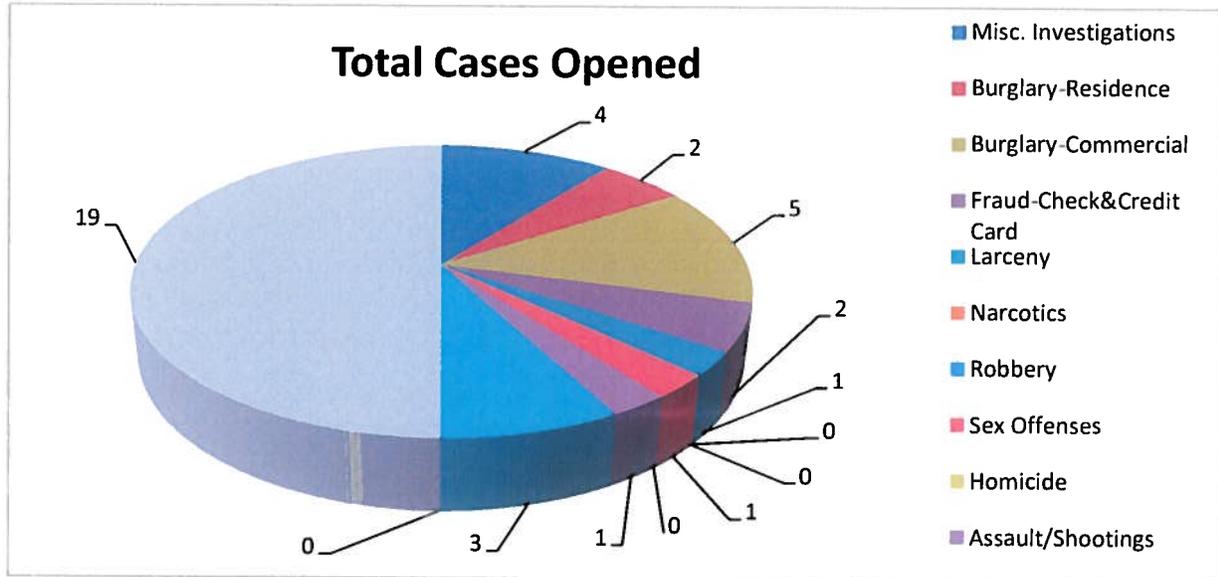


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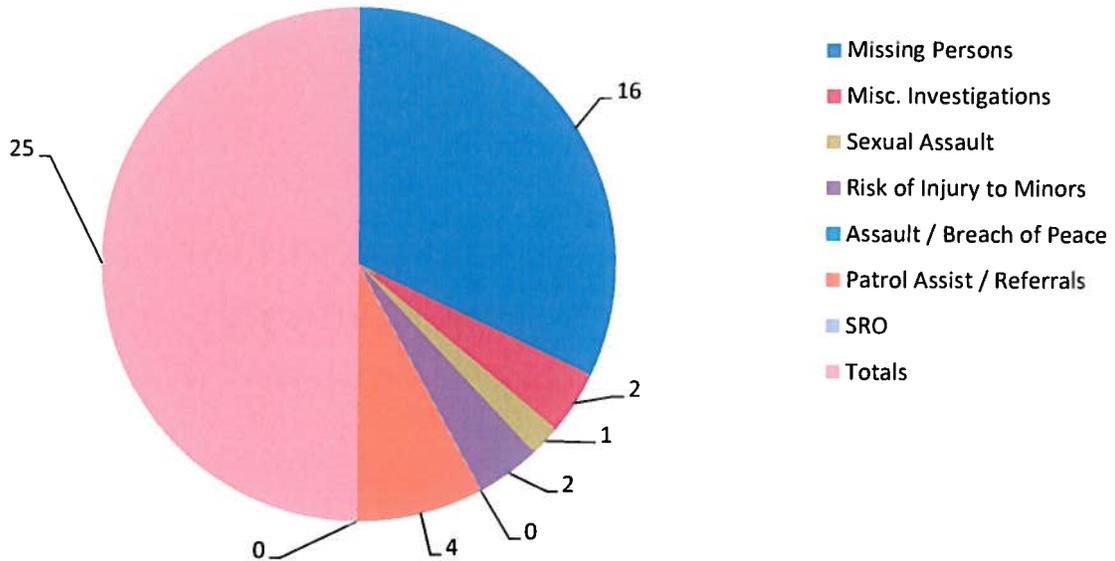
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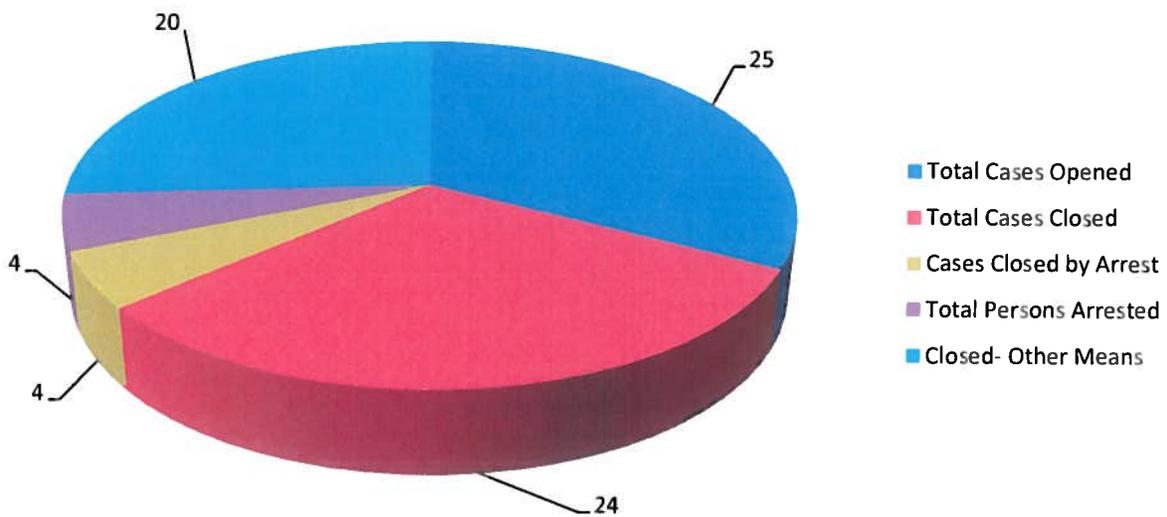
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Special Victim's Unit

Total Cases Opened



SVU Totals



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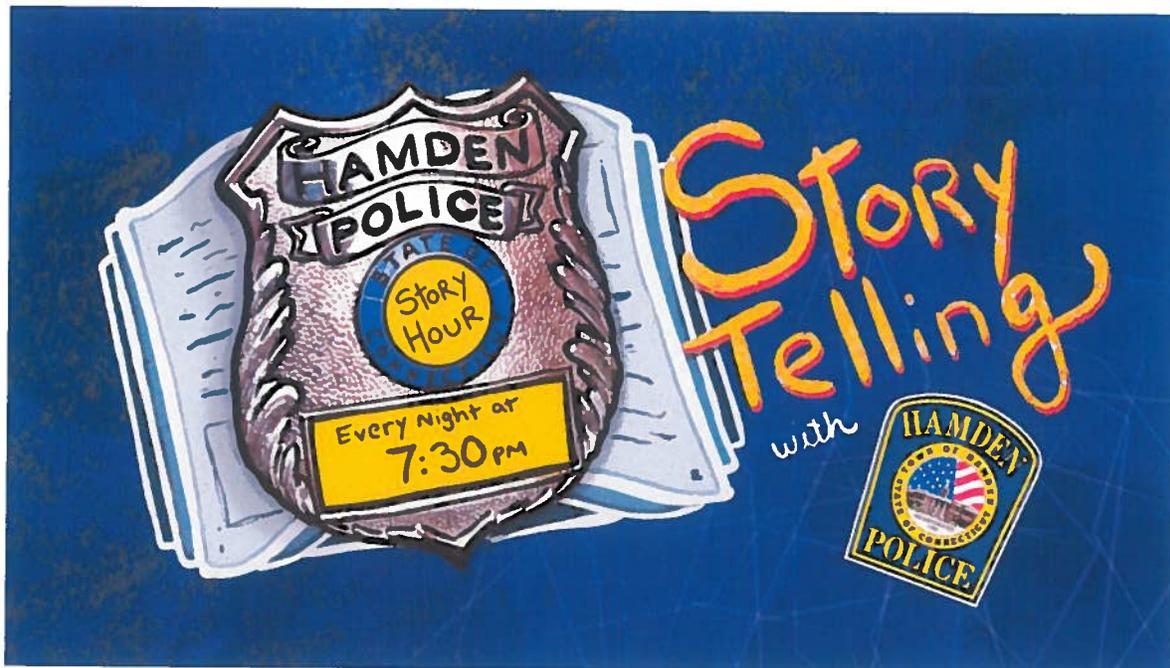


Personnel Matters and Events

On April 13, 2020, Sergeant Mark Katz was transferred to the Patrol Division from the Special Victims Unit within the Field Services Bureau

On April 18, 2020, Captain Kevin Samperi was transferred from the Support Services Bureau to the Patrol Division of the Field Services Bureau

During the month of April the Hamden Police Department continued with "Story Telling with Hamden Police" on their Facebook page/website





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Pizza's delivered to the police department compliments of Frank Ladore in support of our efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic



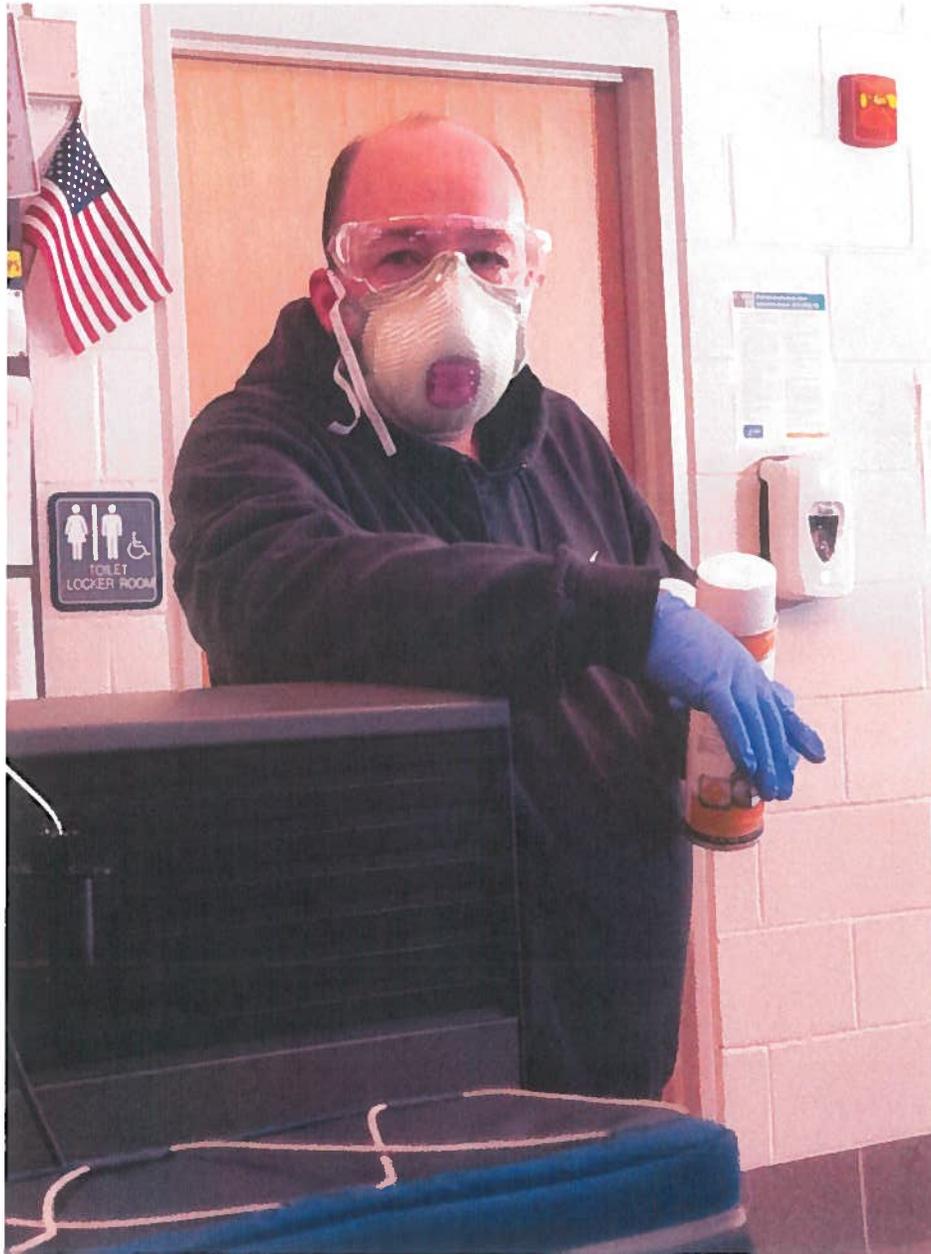


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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Carlo DiMeo cleans and disinfects Central Communications





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Food and supply drive at Hamden Middle School for families in need





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Hamden food drive at Hamden Middle School



Pictured left to right: Don Buechele, Chris Buechele, Officer Angela Vey, Officer Enrique Rivera-Rodriguez and Sergeant William Onofrio



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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Hamden Youth Center personnel and officers from the Community Liaison Unit conduct a birthday parade in honor of one of their employees. "Happy Birthday Phil"





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Happy Birthday Parade continued





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Happy Birthday parade for Parker Smith on Ridge Road – "Happy Birthday Parker"





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Training - Sworn Personnel

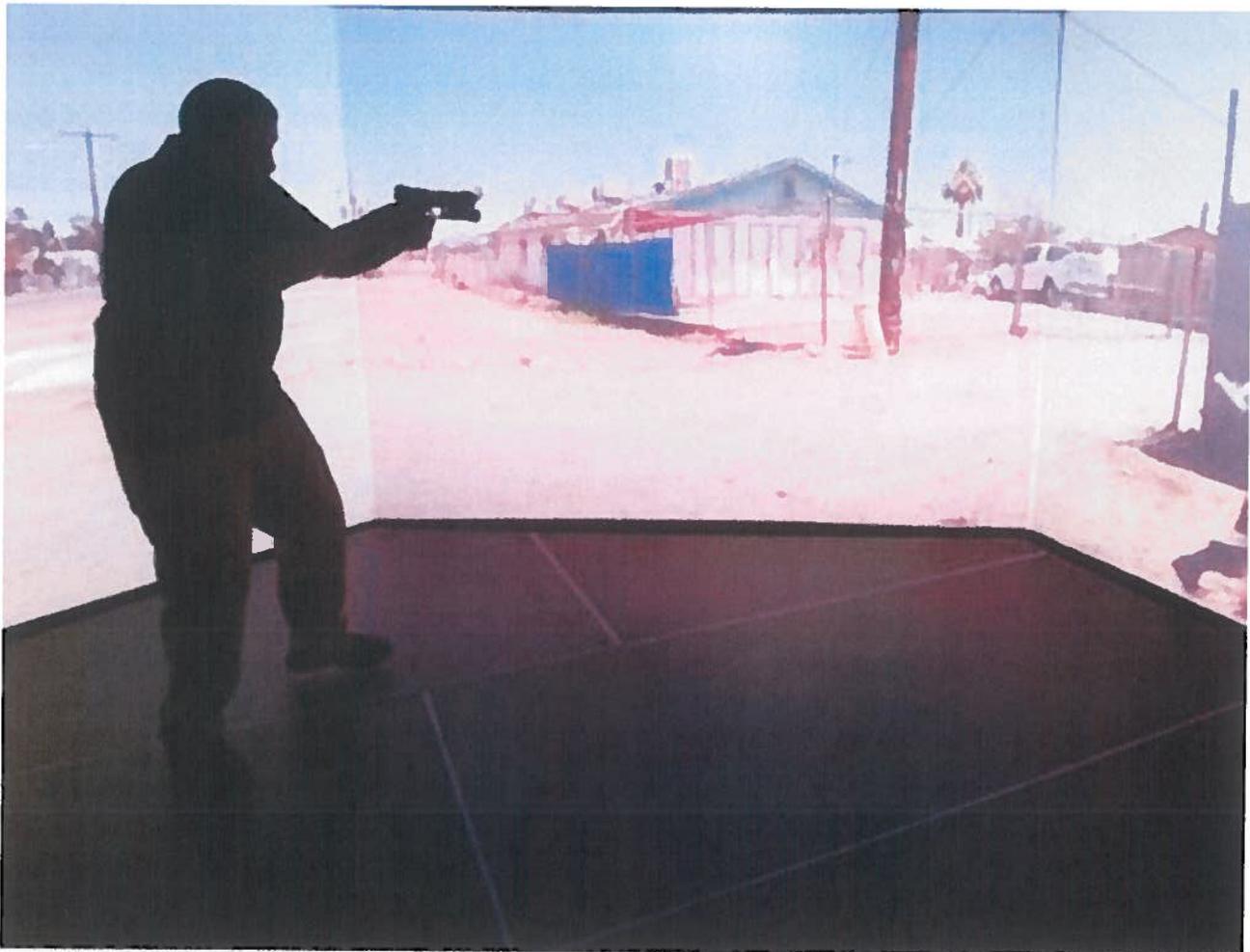
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Training – Dispatchers

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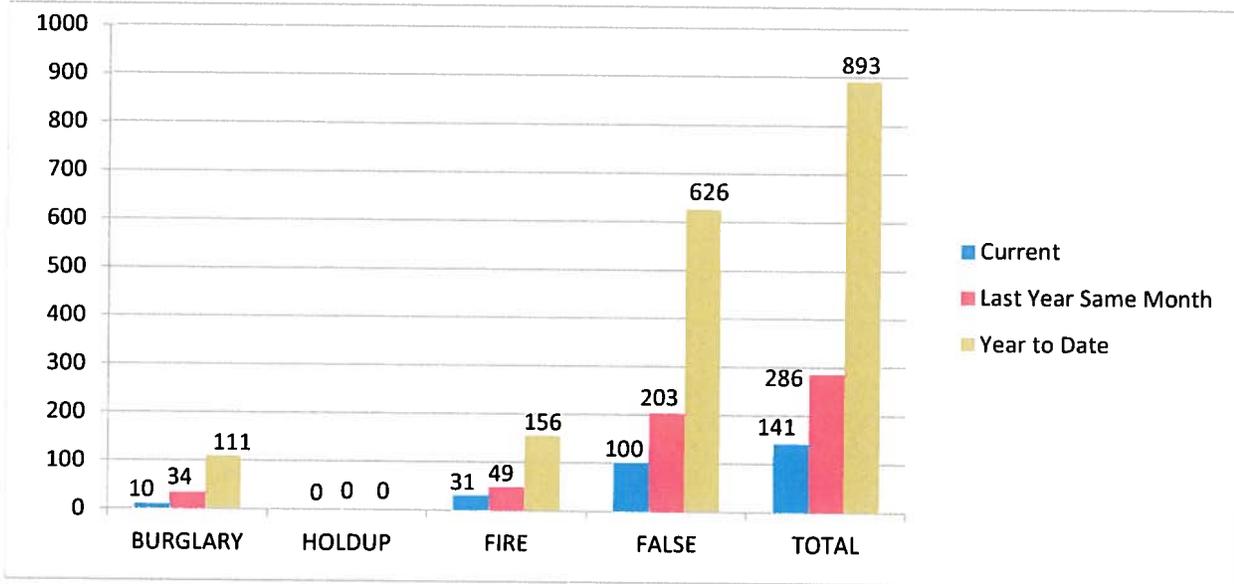
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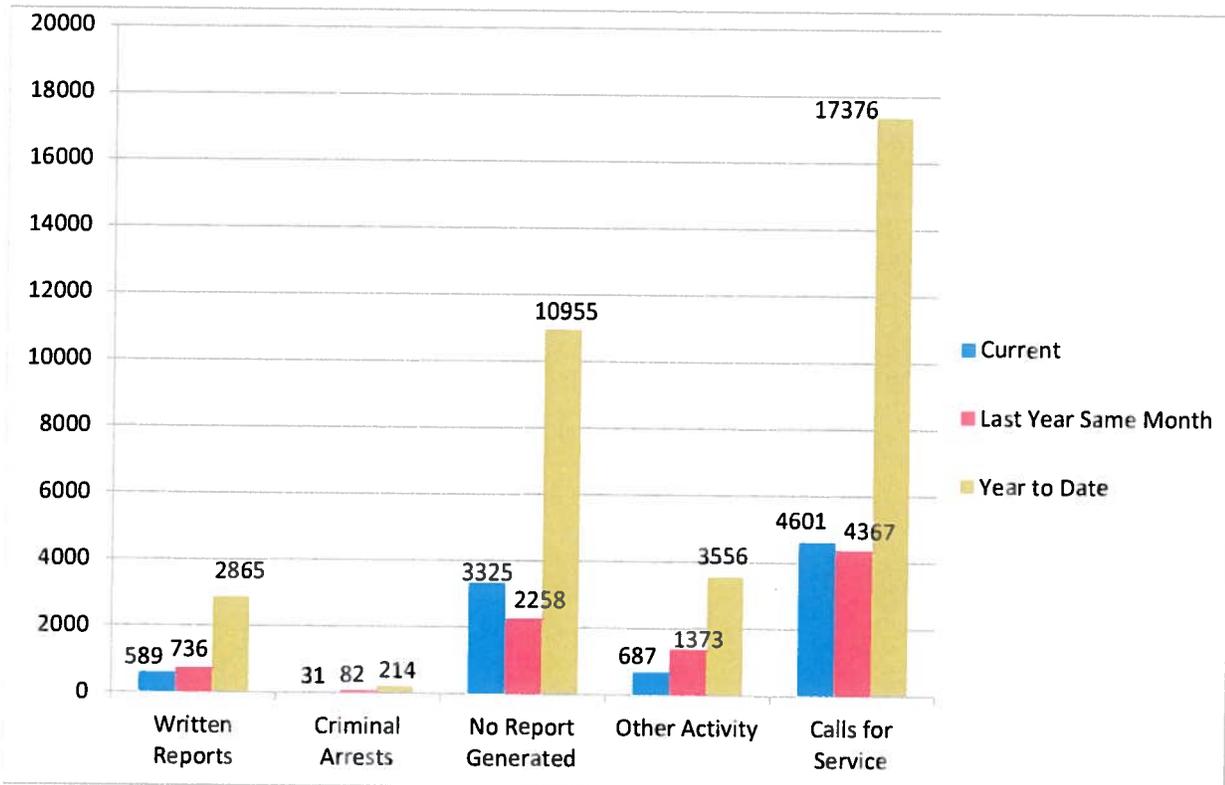
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Patrol Division

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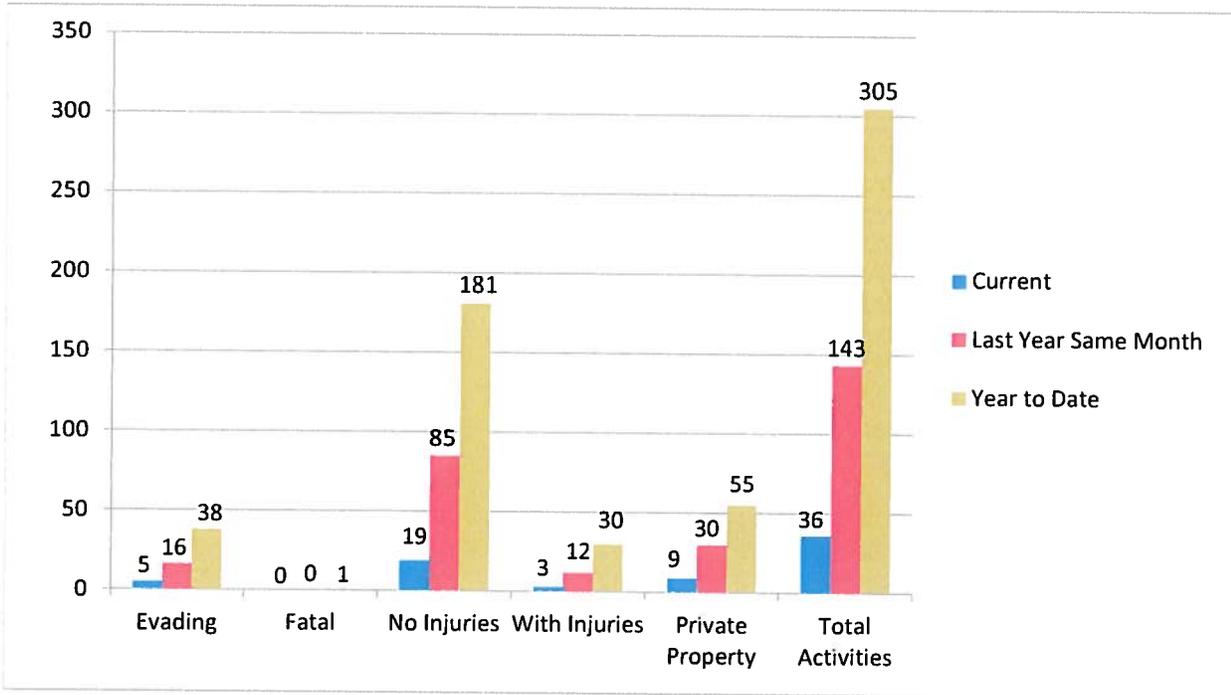


Calls for Service

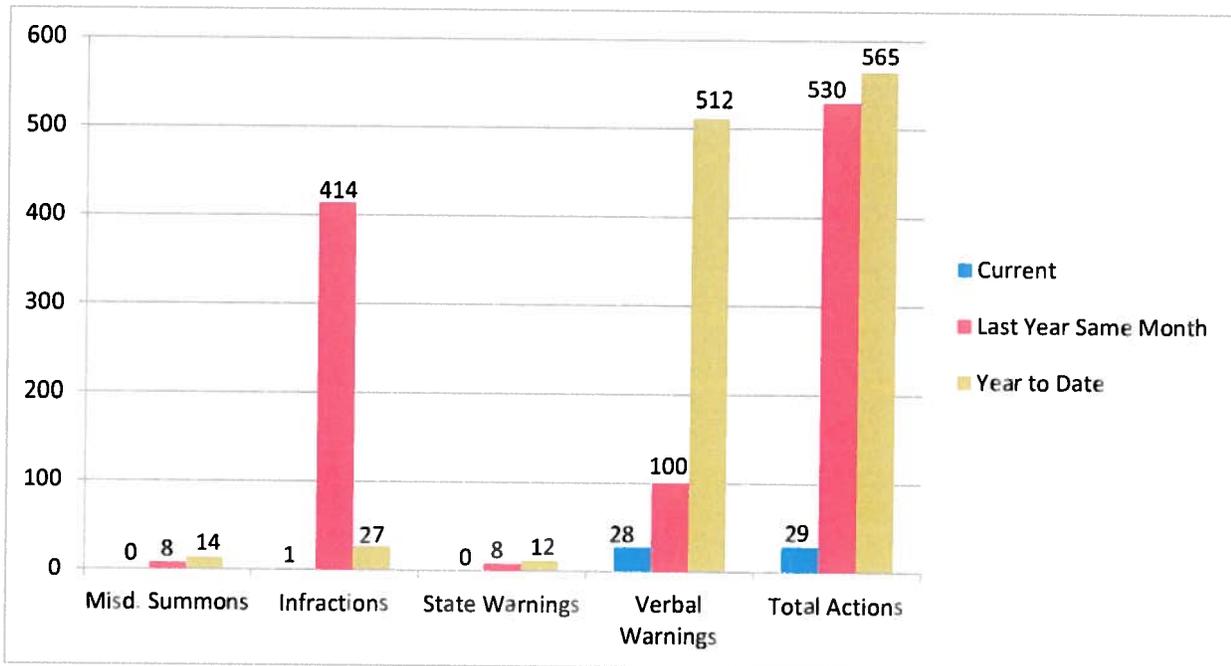


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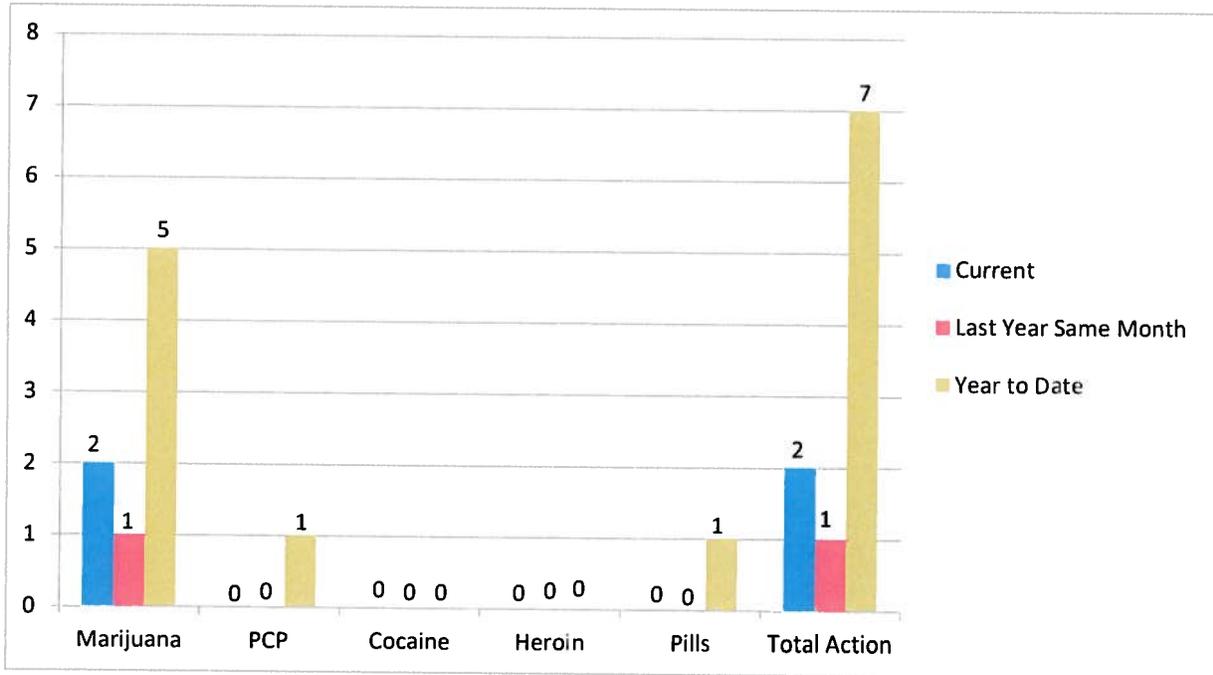


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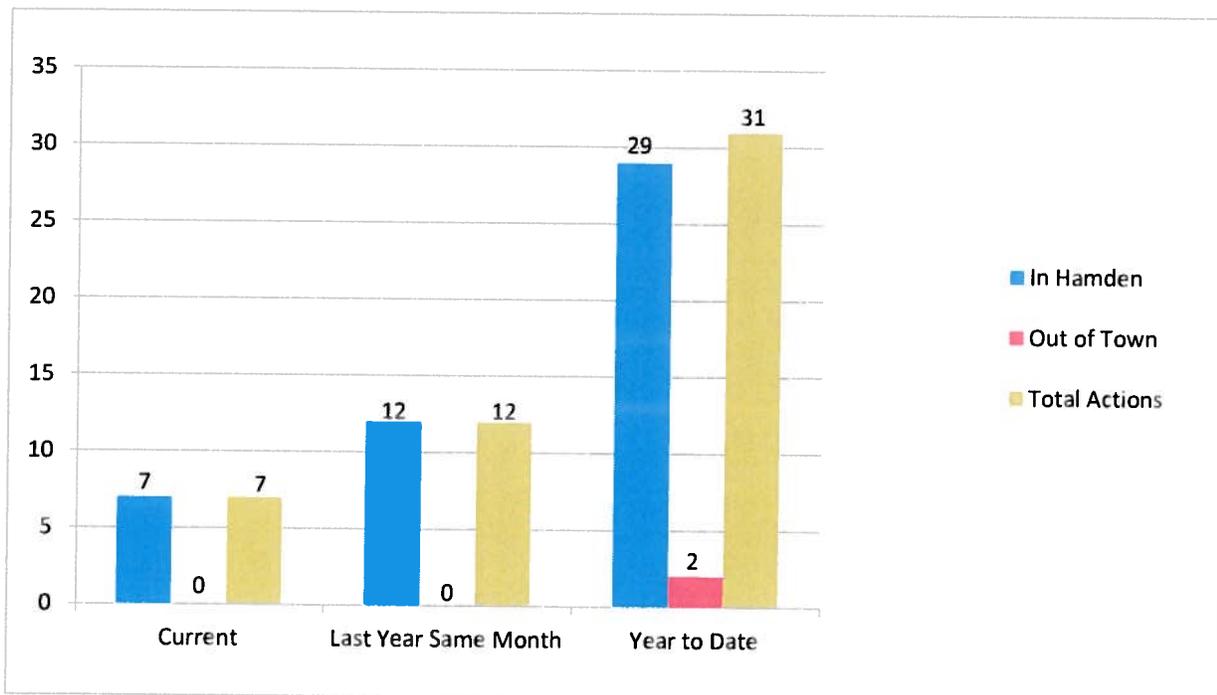


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Drug Arrests

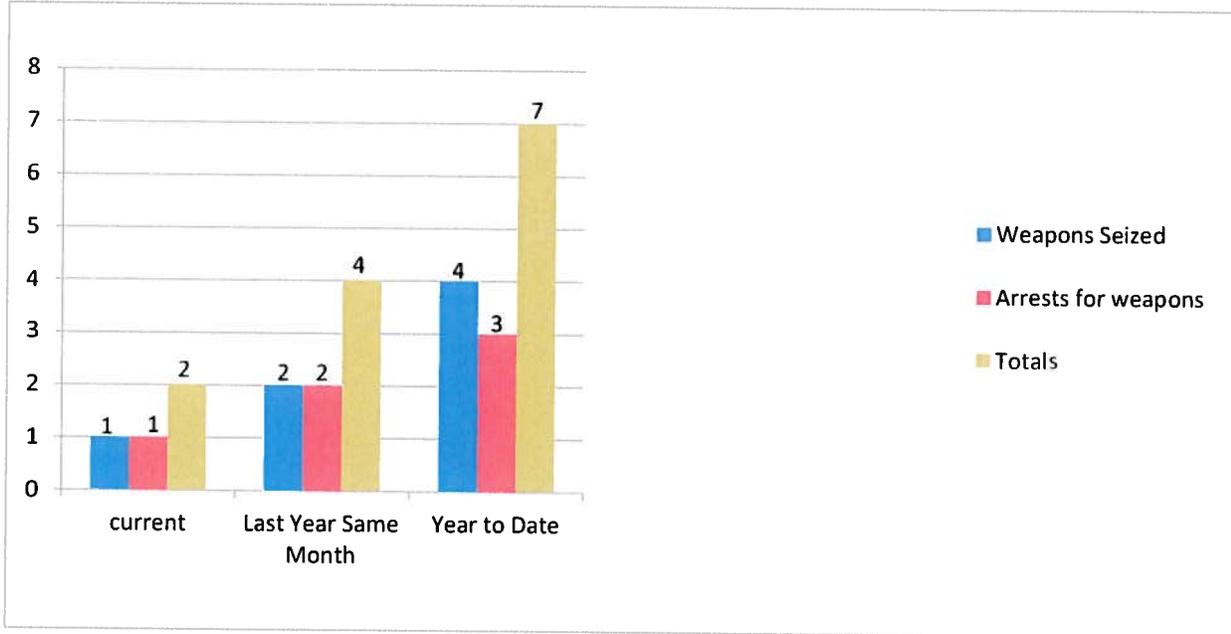


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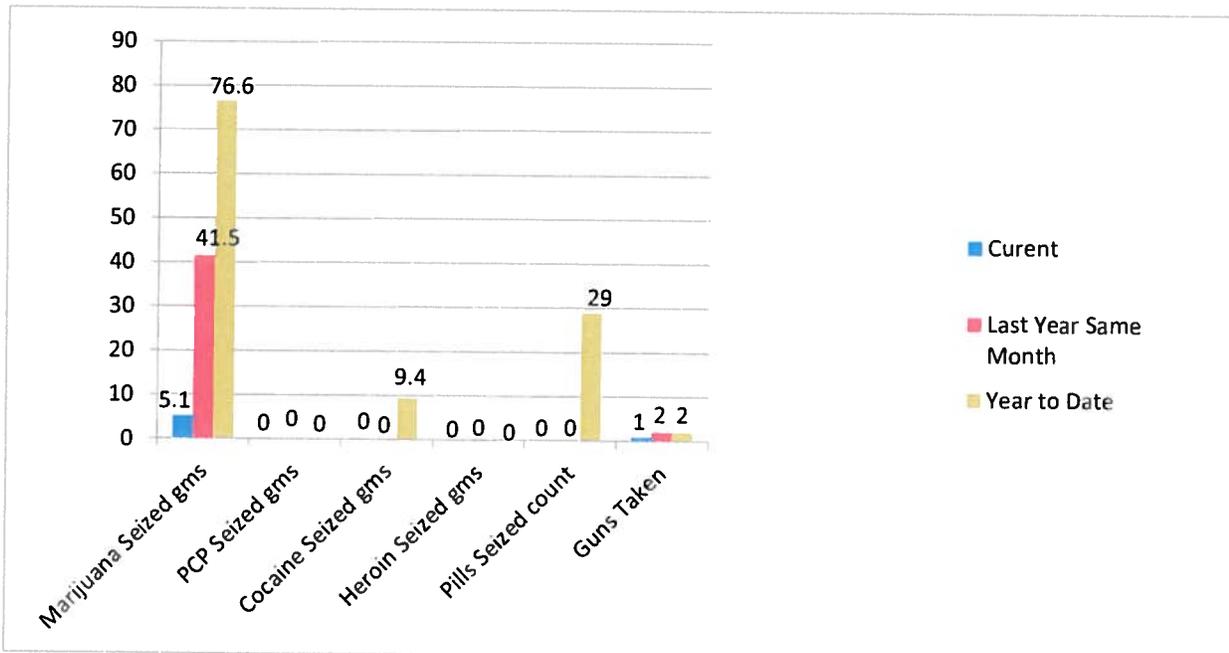


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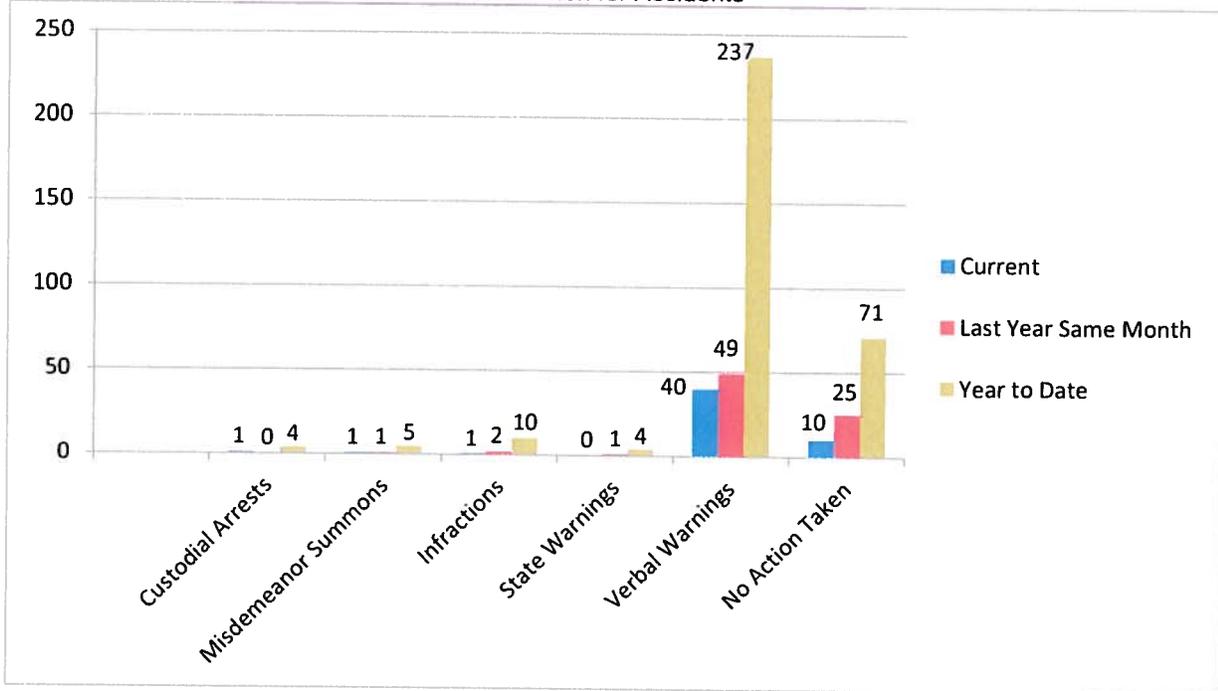


Drugs/Weapons Seized

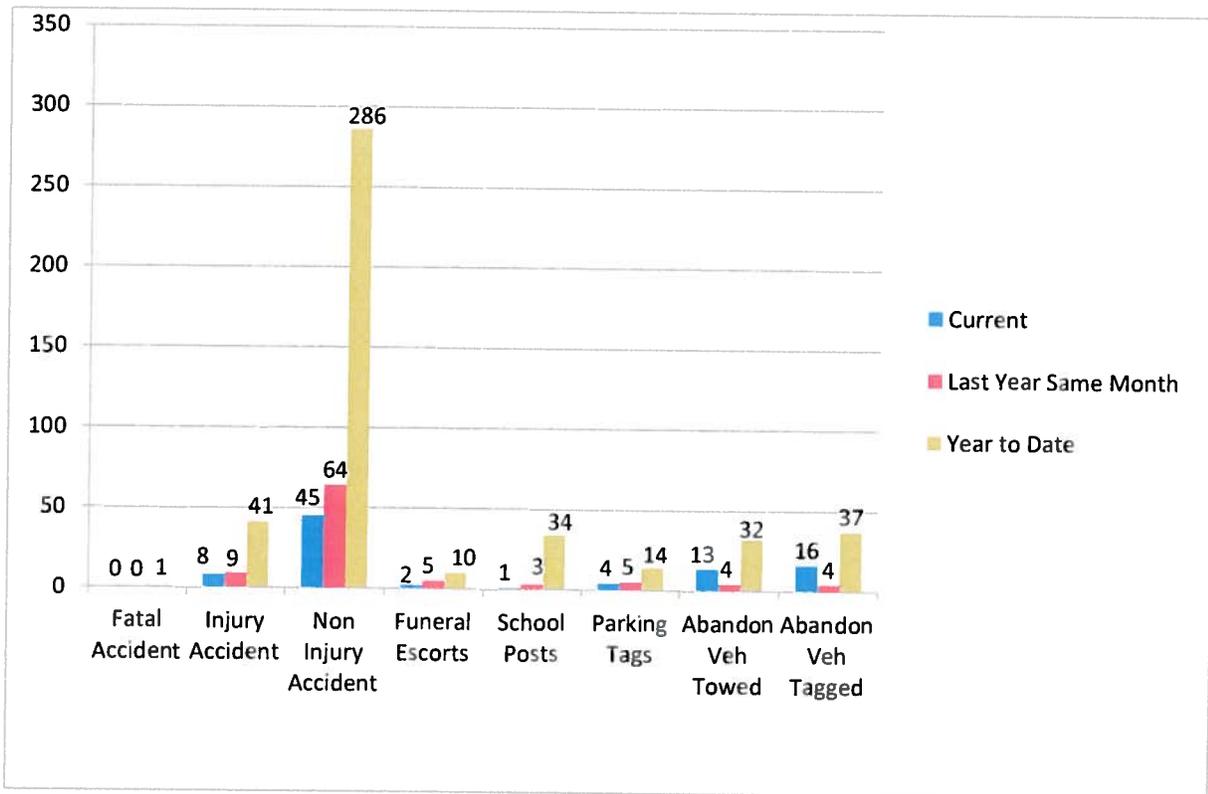


Traffic Division

Enforcement Action for Accidents

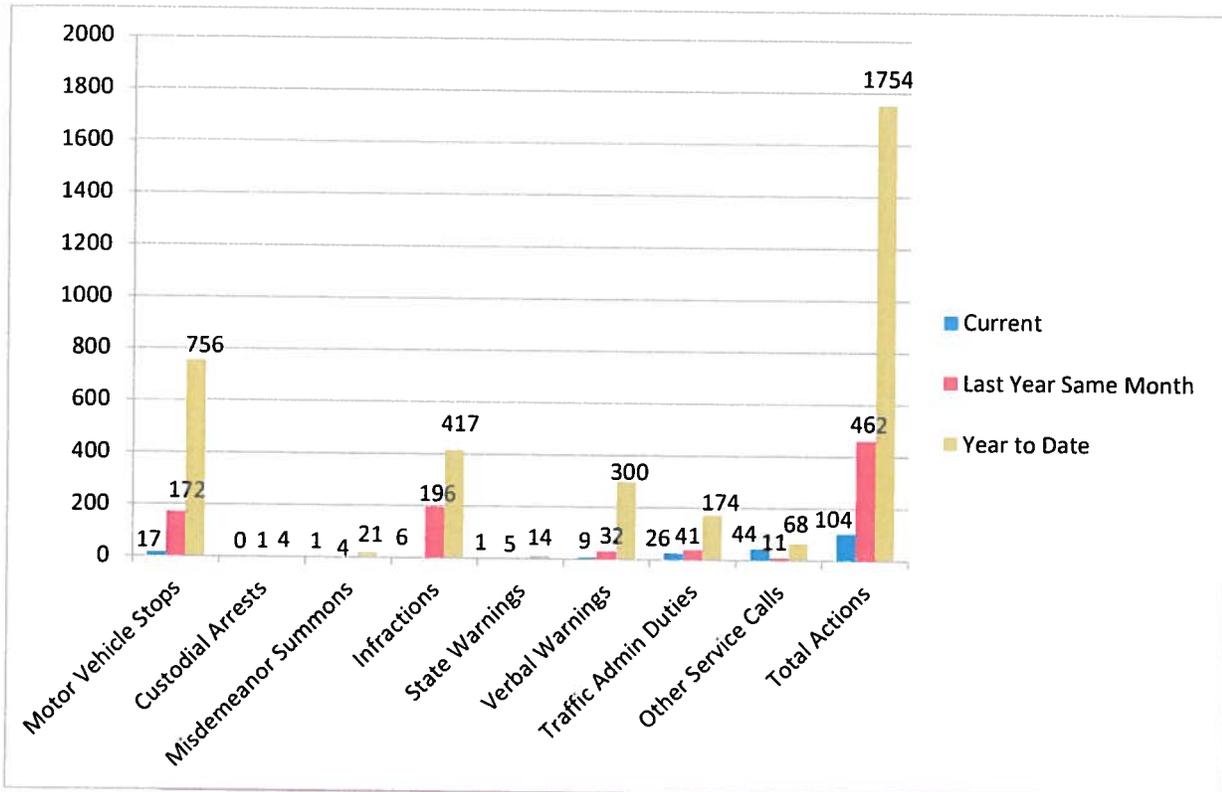


Activity Stats



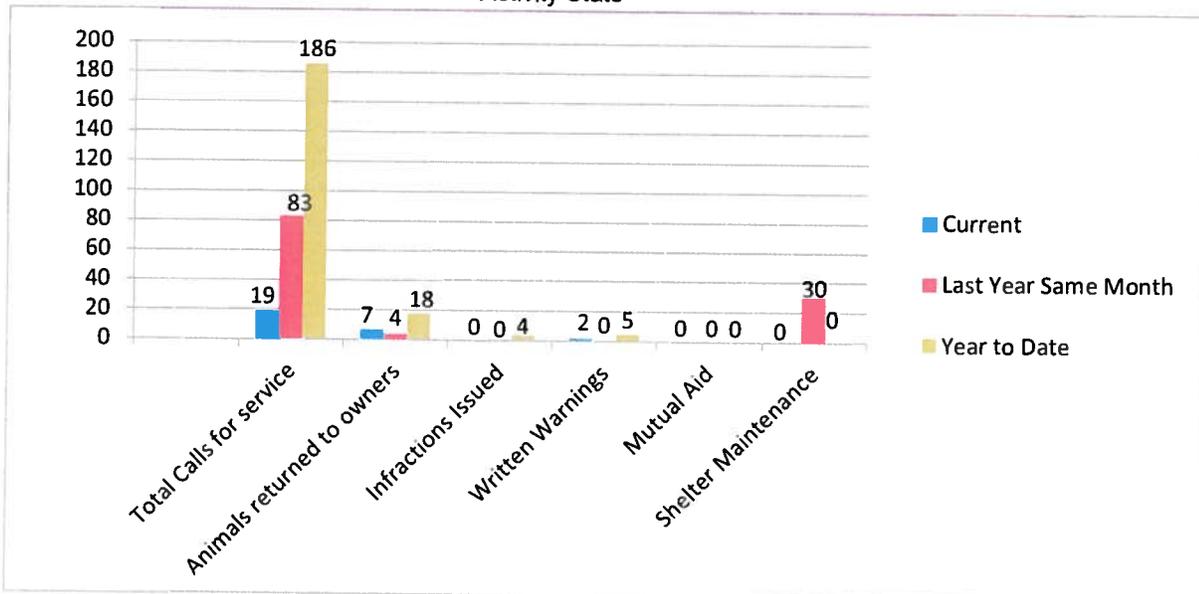
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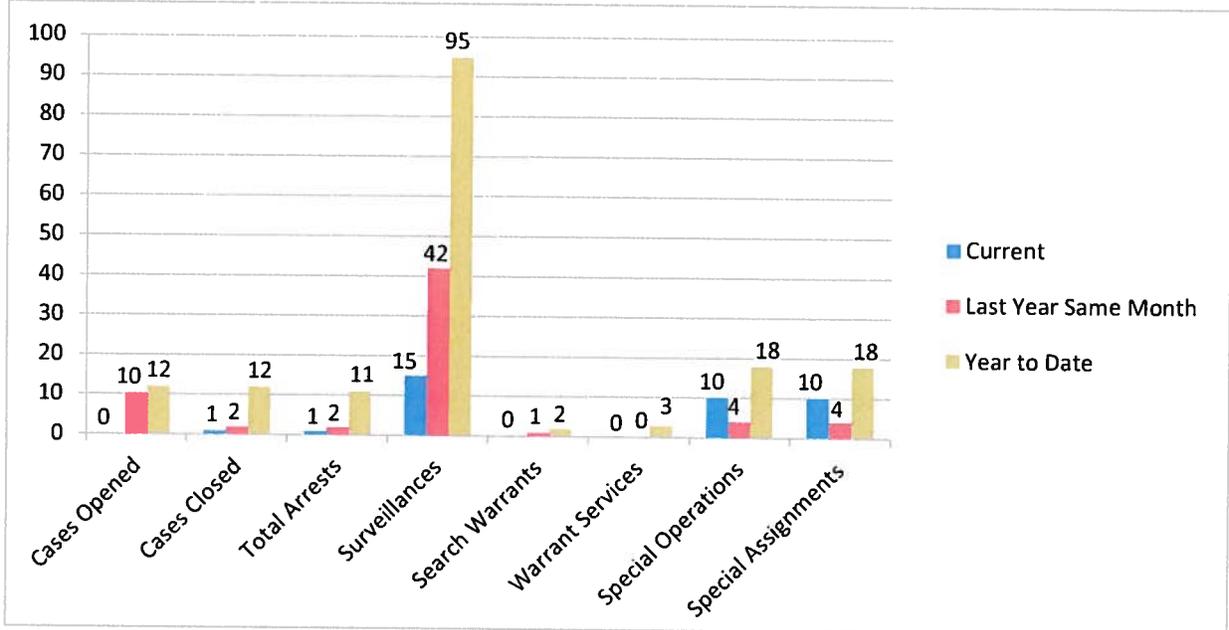
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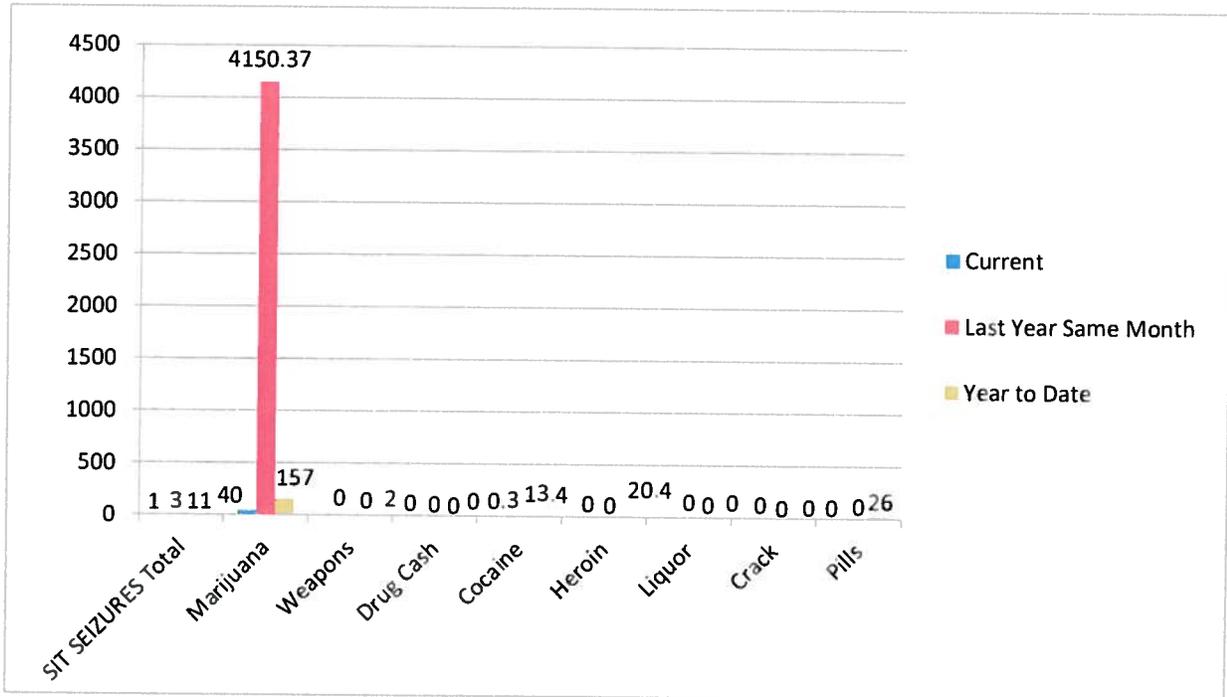


Street Interdiction Team

Activity Stats



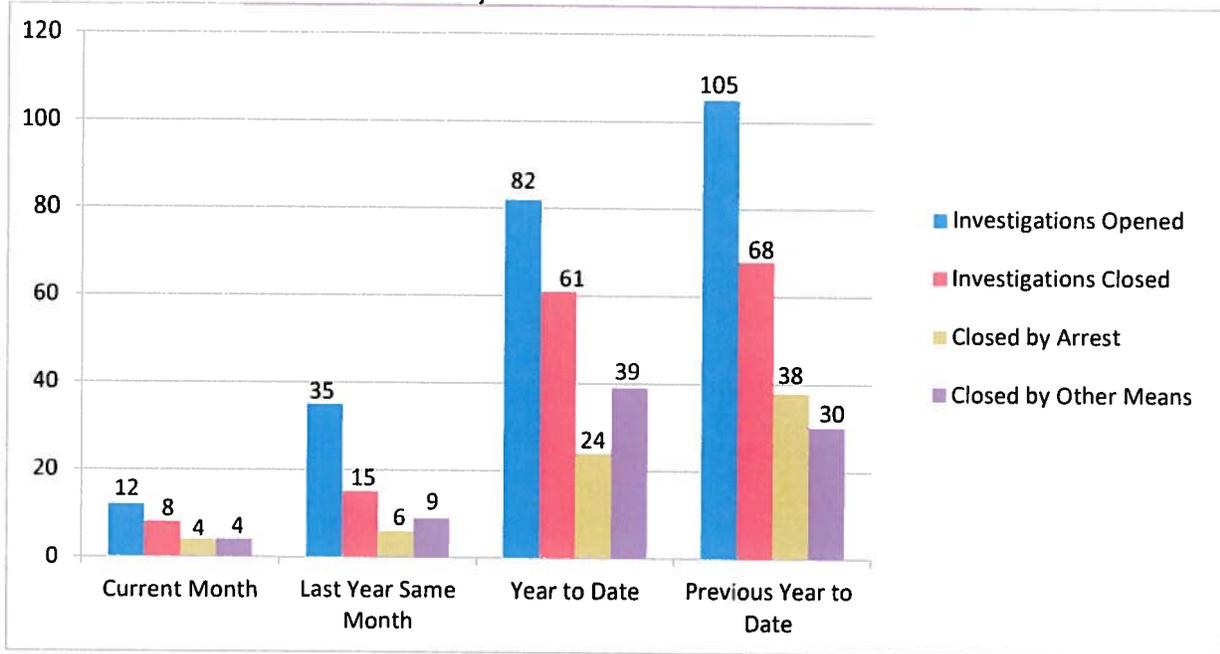
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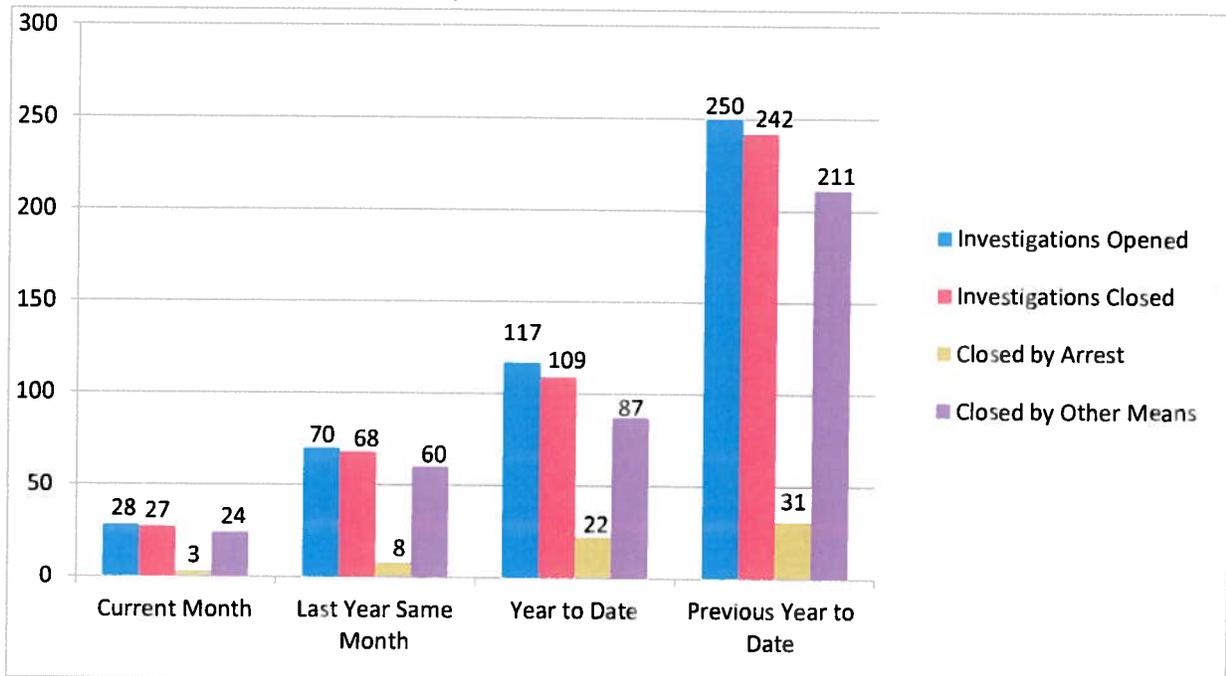
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Detective Division

Major Crimes Unit

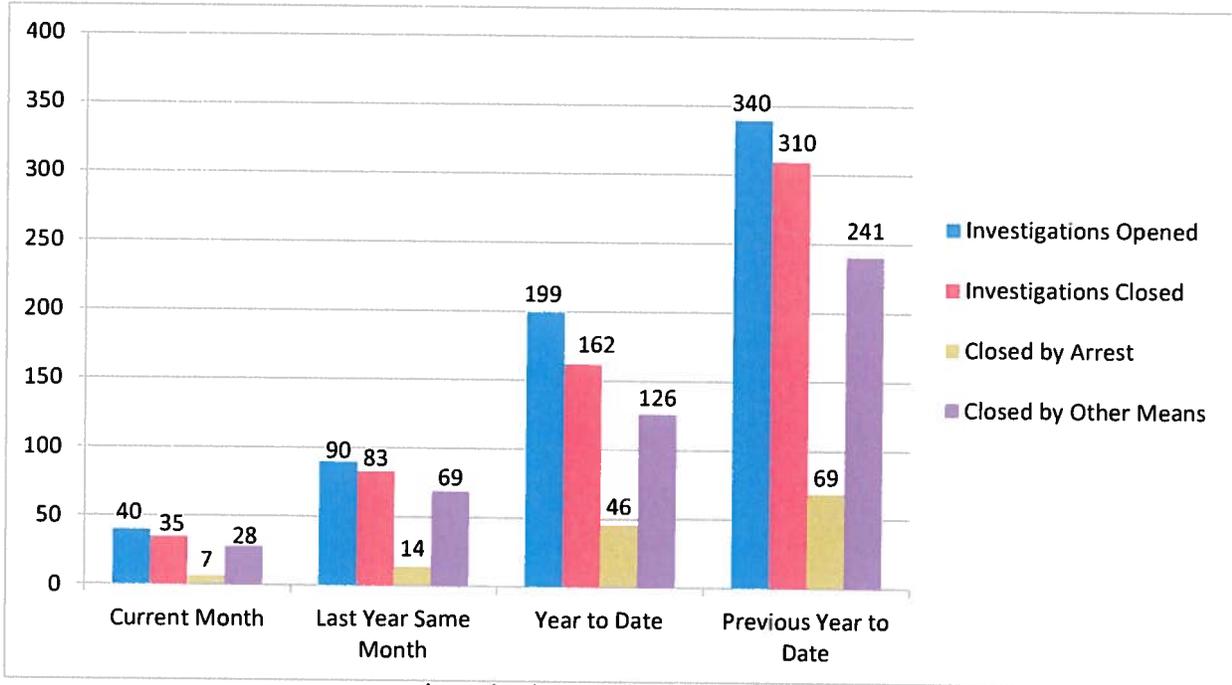


Special Victims Unit

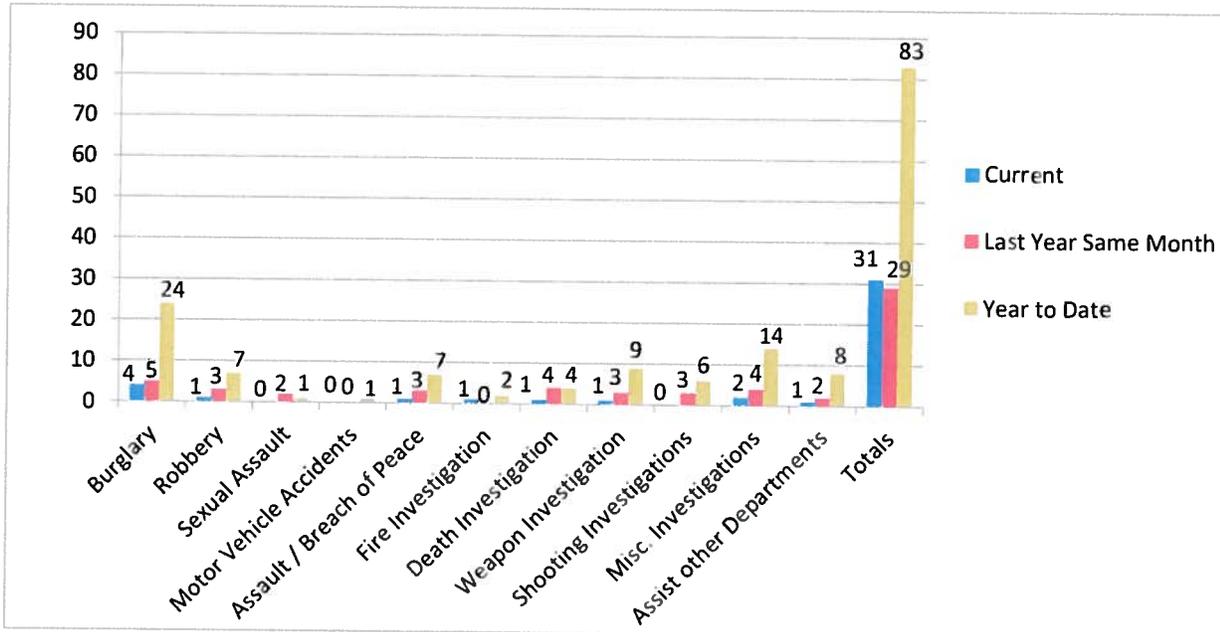


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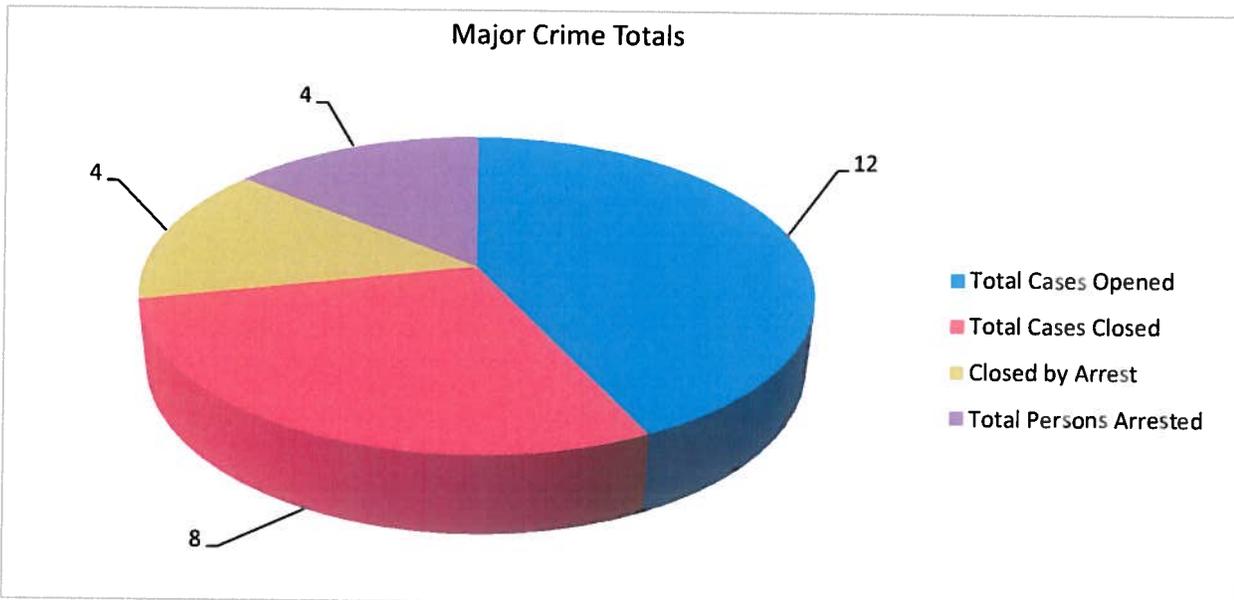
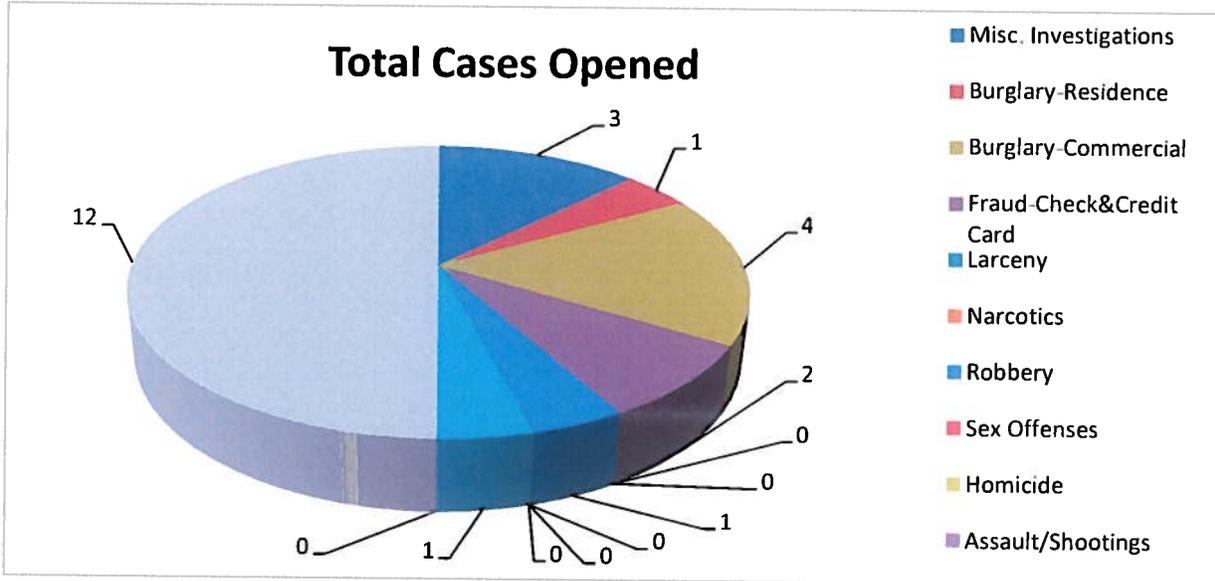


Investigations Assisted



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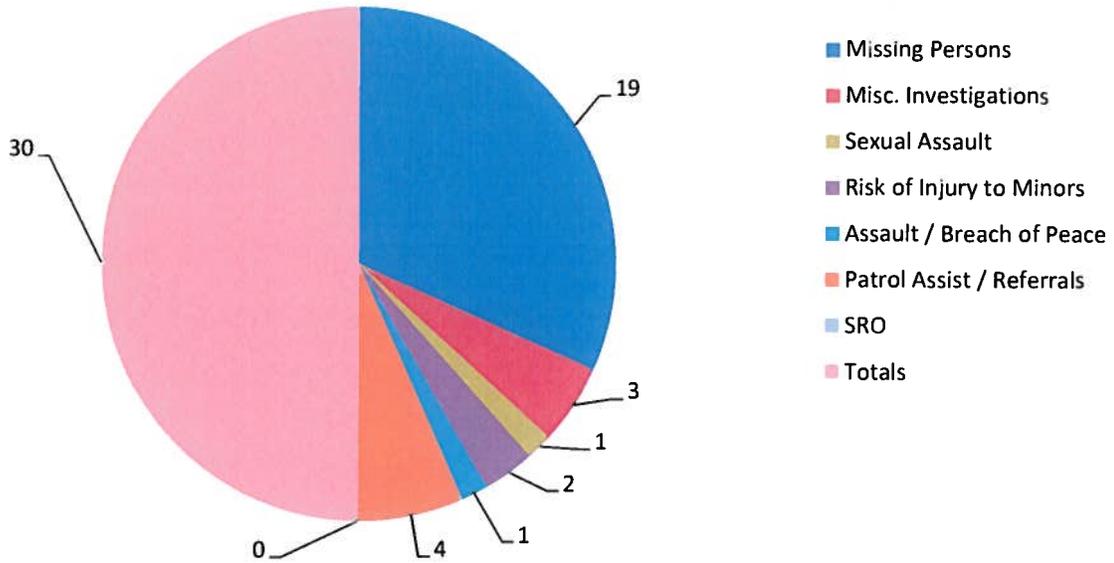
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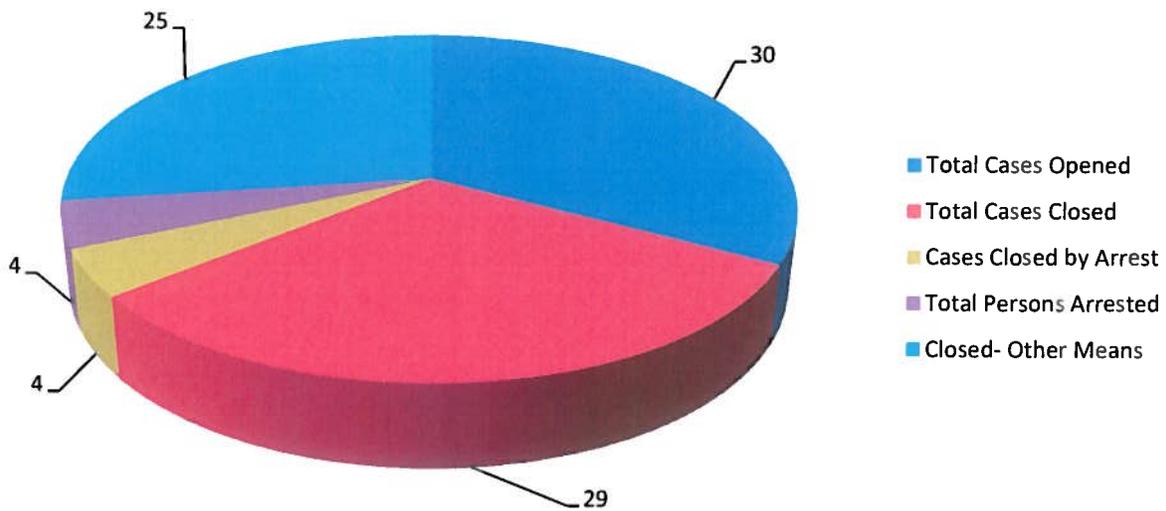
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Special Victim's Unit

Total Cases Opened



SVU Totals



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Personnel Matters and Events

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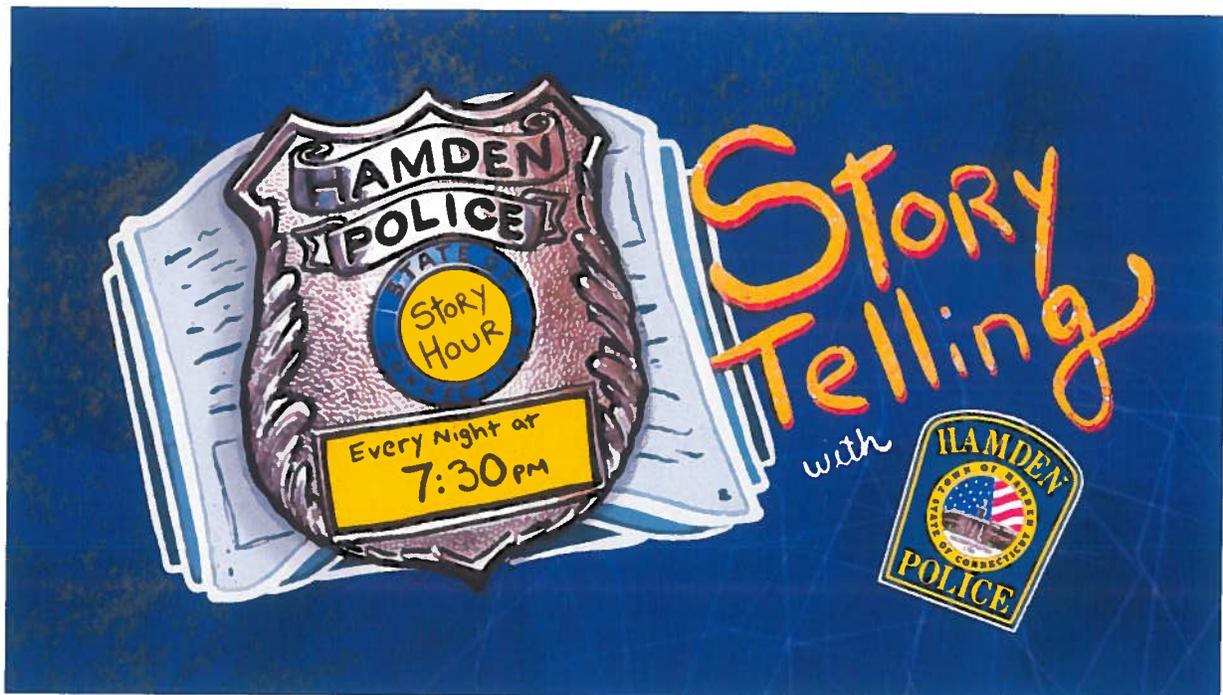
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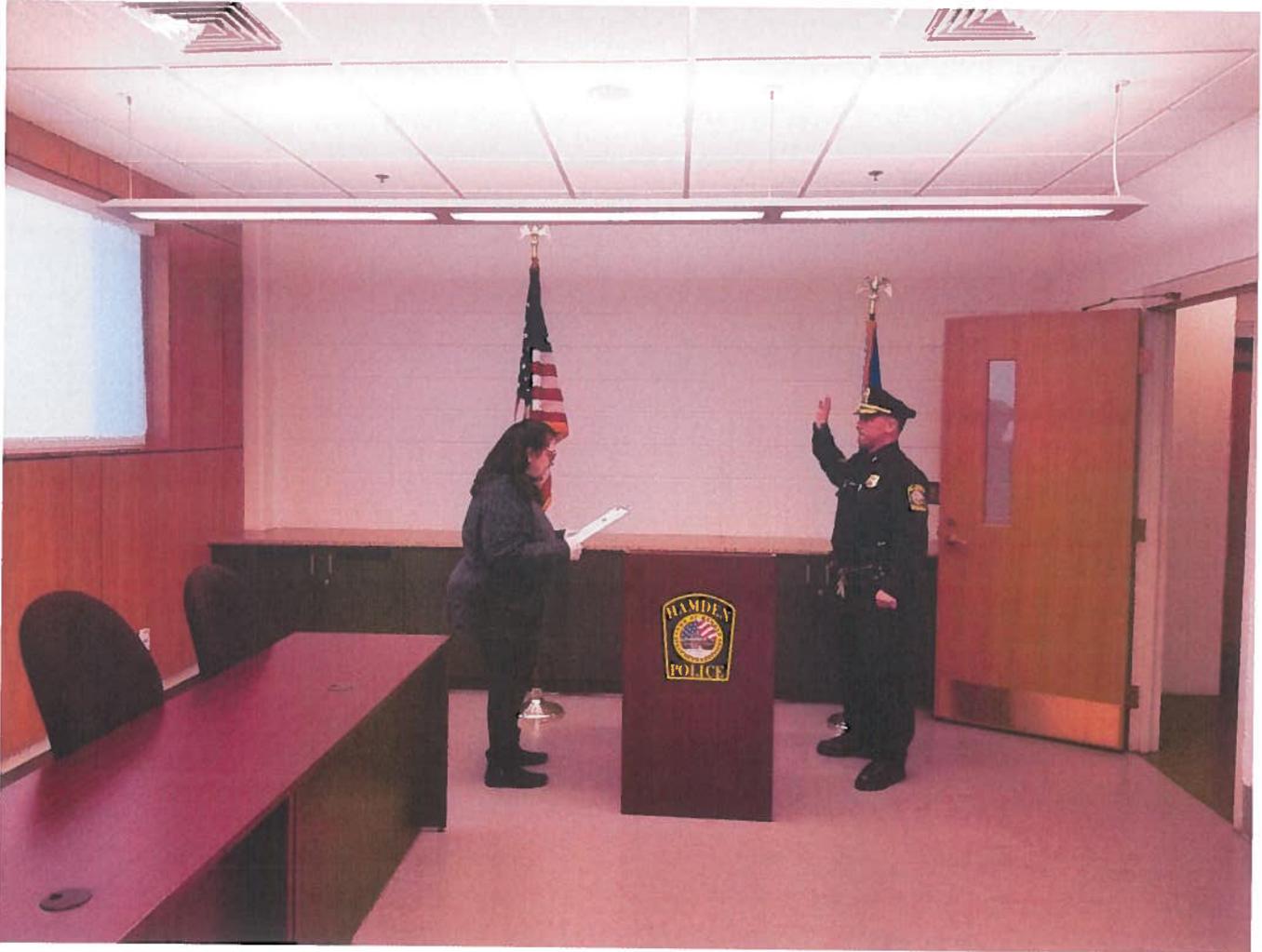


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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Deputy Chief John Sullivan is sworn in by Town Clerk Vera Morrison





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Swearing-in ceremony for Deputy Chief John Sullivan



Pictured left to right: Town Clerk Vera Morrison, Captain Kevin Samperi, Deputy Chief John Sullivan and Deputy Chief Bo Kicak



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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Carol Teodosio and the CERT Team donated masks that they made



Pictured left to right: Captain Kevin Samperi and Carol Teodosio

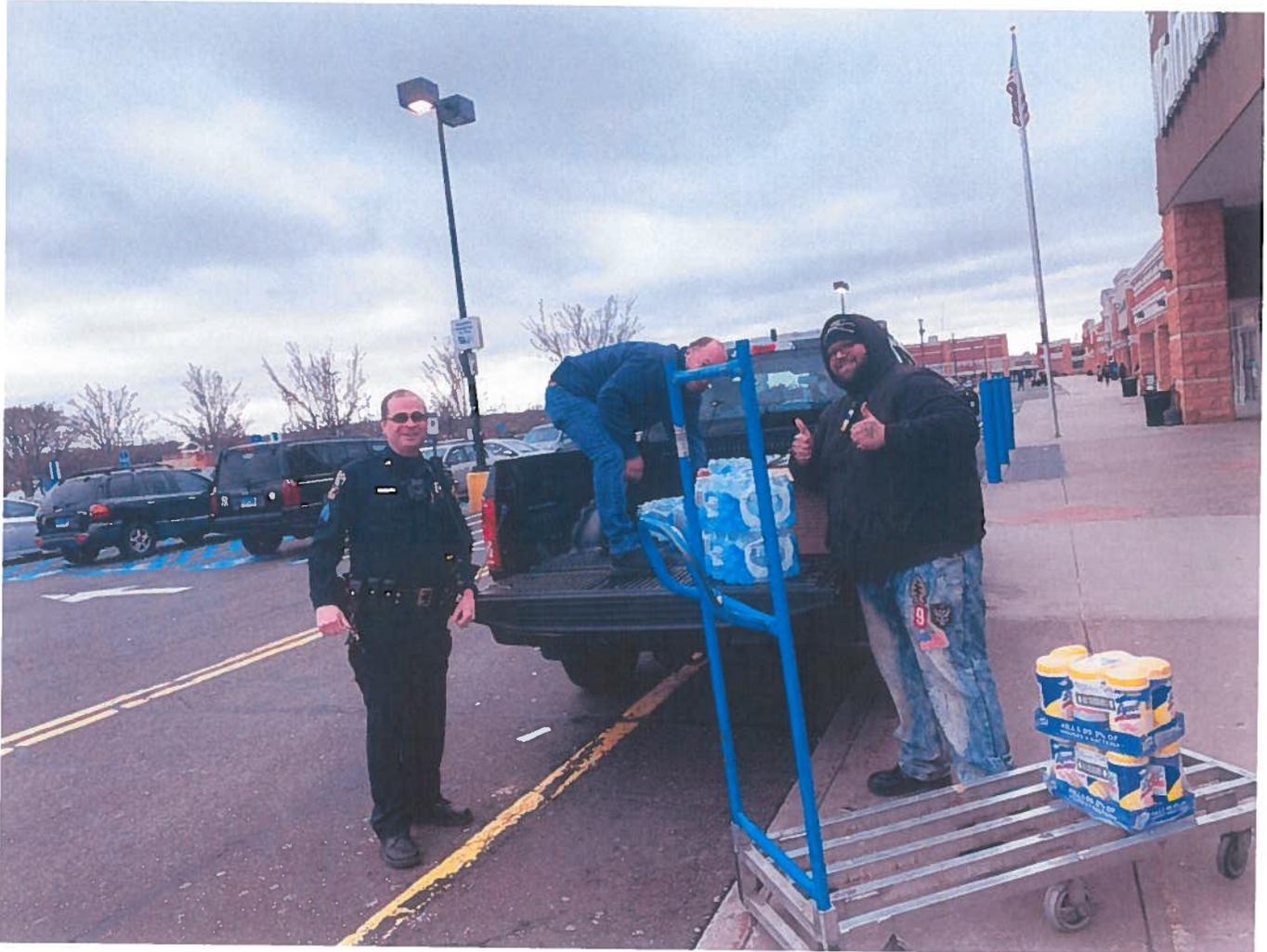


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Hamden's Walmart Department store donates supplies to the Police Department in response to Covid-19



Pictured left to right: Sergeant Anthony Diaz, Carlo DiMeo and Walmart employee Jose Terez

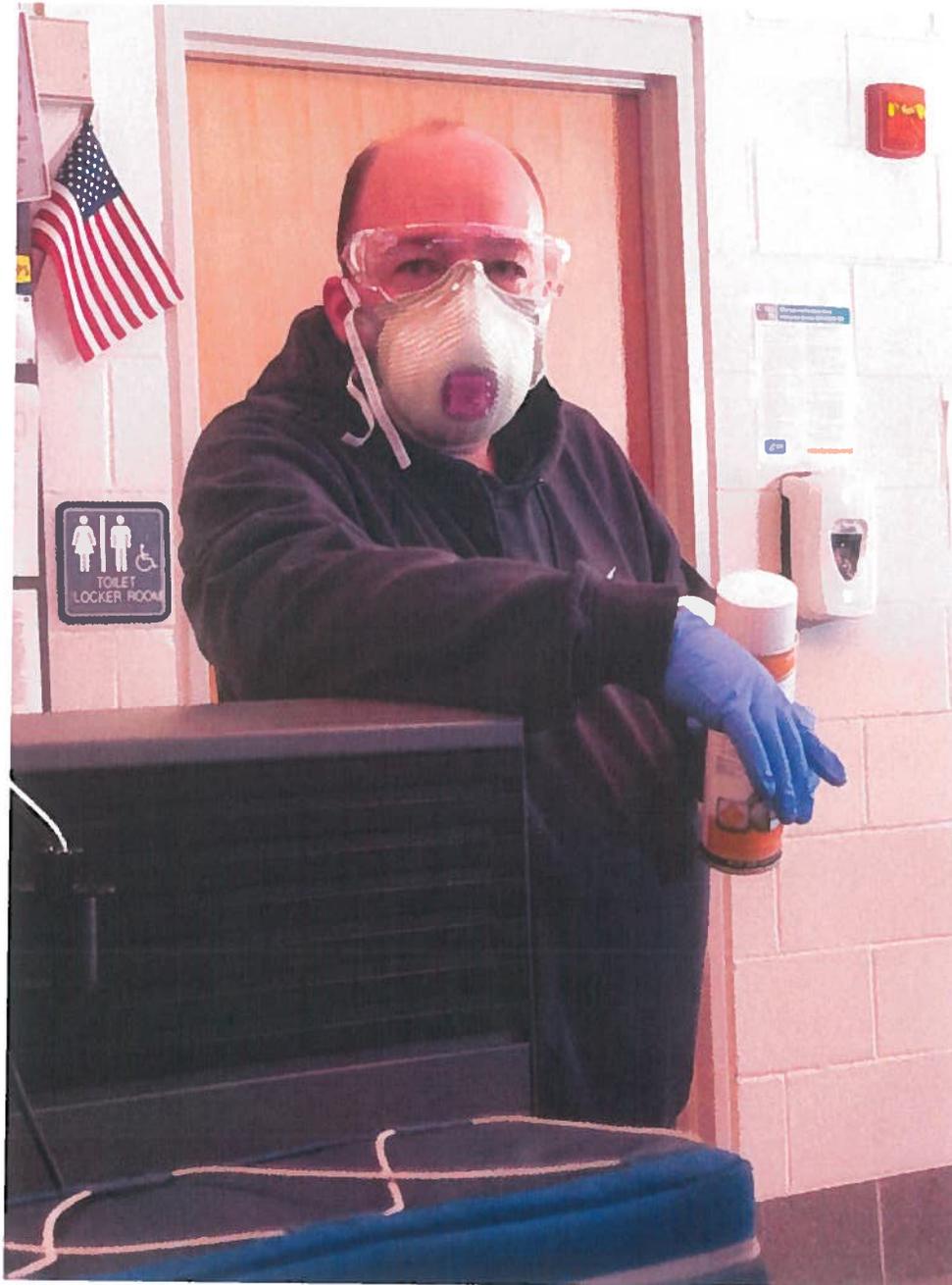


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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

Carlo DiMeo cleans and disinfects Central Communications





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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

The Community Liaison Unit was involved in the following community outreach events:

- MADD Tri-Town Meeting @ Hamden Police Department, - March 10, - Officers from the Community Liaison Unit attended the meeting to discuss and plan for fund raising events/walks
- Hamden Hall Country Day School Tour @ Hamden Police Department, – March 8, - Special needs students were given a tour of the Hamden Police Department
- Hamden Police Explorer meetings @ Hamden Police Department – (2 Sessions - March 3, 9) - Officers and Police Explorers interacted and participated in training on Medical calls and CPR that was conducted by members of the Hamden Fire Department
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- Car seat installations @ Hamden Police Department – (2 Sessions, - March 3, 7) – 2 Car seat installations for citizens and promoting safety for children
- YMCA after school program @ Sheppard Glen School, Keefe Community Center and Helen Street School – (2 Sessions – March 5, 12) – Officers interacted with youths by playing games and mentoring them in a positive ways
- Youth Center Program @ Hamden Youth Center, - (3 Sessions – March 2, 5, 9) - Officers met at the youth center and engaged in activities including games and team building exercises.
- Connecticut Food Bank Drive-up Distribution @ Dunbar Hill School, - March 23, - Officers from the Community Liaison Unit provided security, traffic control and assisted in distributing household supplies and groceries to families in need



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Personnel Matters and Events (continued)

mActivity Fitness Center New Haven donates cleaning supplies and Nitrile Gloves to the Police Department





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Officer Angela Vey conducts tour of Police Department for youths celebrating a birthday party



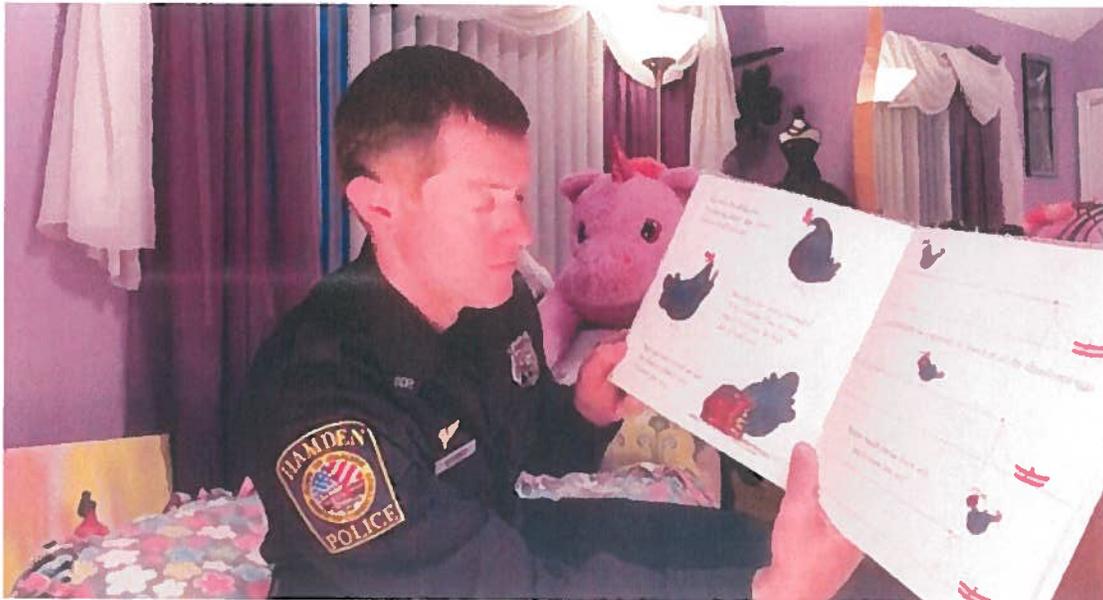


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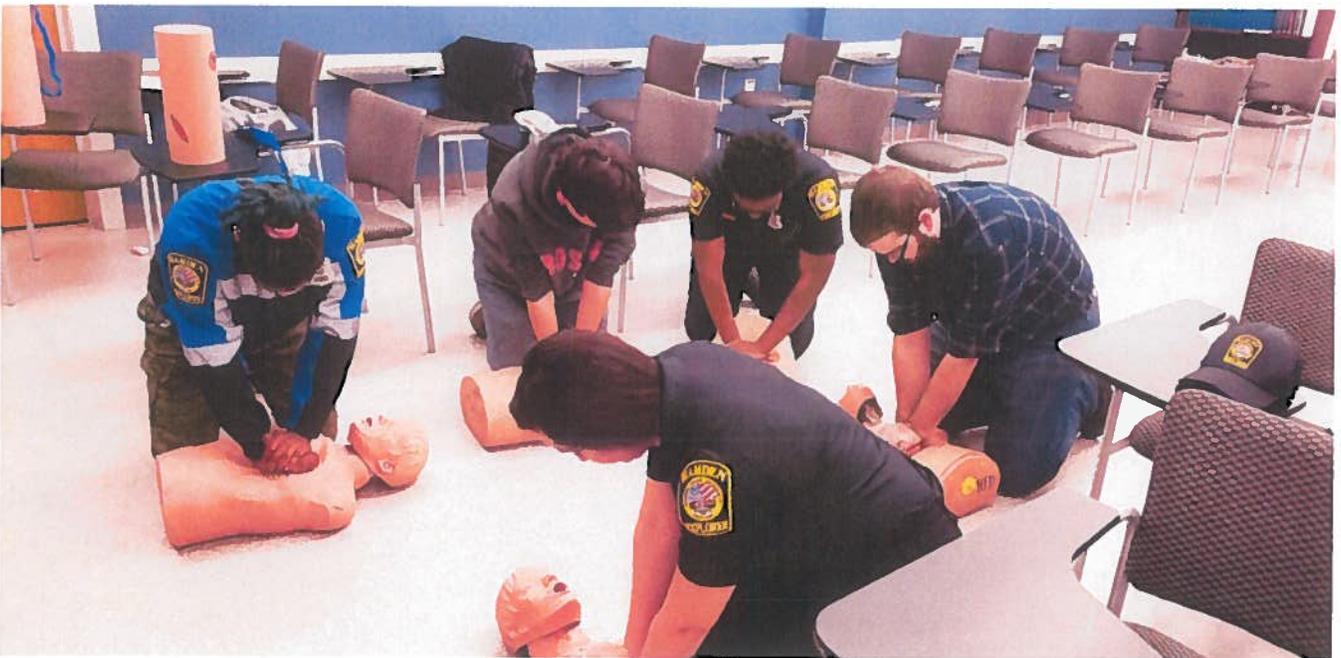


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Hamden Police Explorers training on CPR





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Traffic Calming

Members of the Traffic Division deployed the Speed Compliance Units on Ridge Road and Haverford Street, Ridge Road and Pickwick Road, West Todd and Joyce Road, Evergreen Avenue and Dickerman Street, Treadwell Road and Lake Street, Mather Street and Lake Street, Davis Street and Hartford Turnpike, Woodin Street and Belden Road and Leeder Hill Drive



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Training - Sworn Personnel

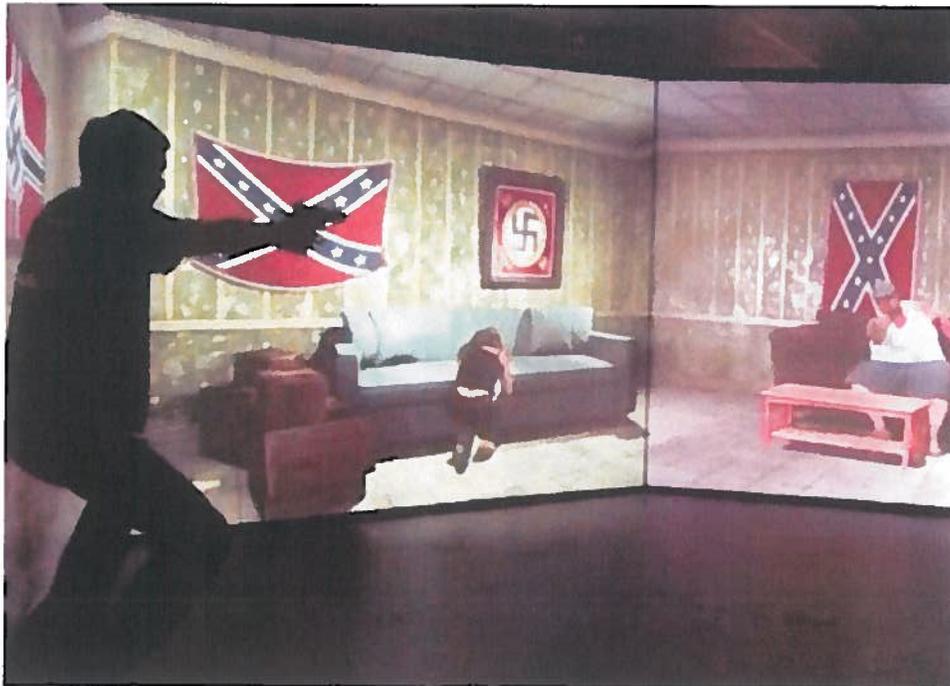
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Training: In-Service

Firearms Practical Instructor Course @ POST – Officer Justin Martin

Training: Emergency Services Unit

Members of the Emergency Services Unit (ESU) conducted training sessions on medical issues and fit tested for gas masks as well as training on the Virtra simulator at Milford Police Academy





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Training – K-9

K-9 Units participated in monthly training throughout areas in town. The training curriculum included:

- Low light building searches
- Narcotics detection; vehicles & buildings
- Aggression Control
- Obedience
- Evidence / Article recovery
- Urban/Residential Tracking
- Suspect apprehensions across river
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Training – Dispatchers

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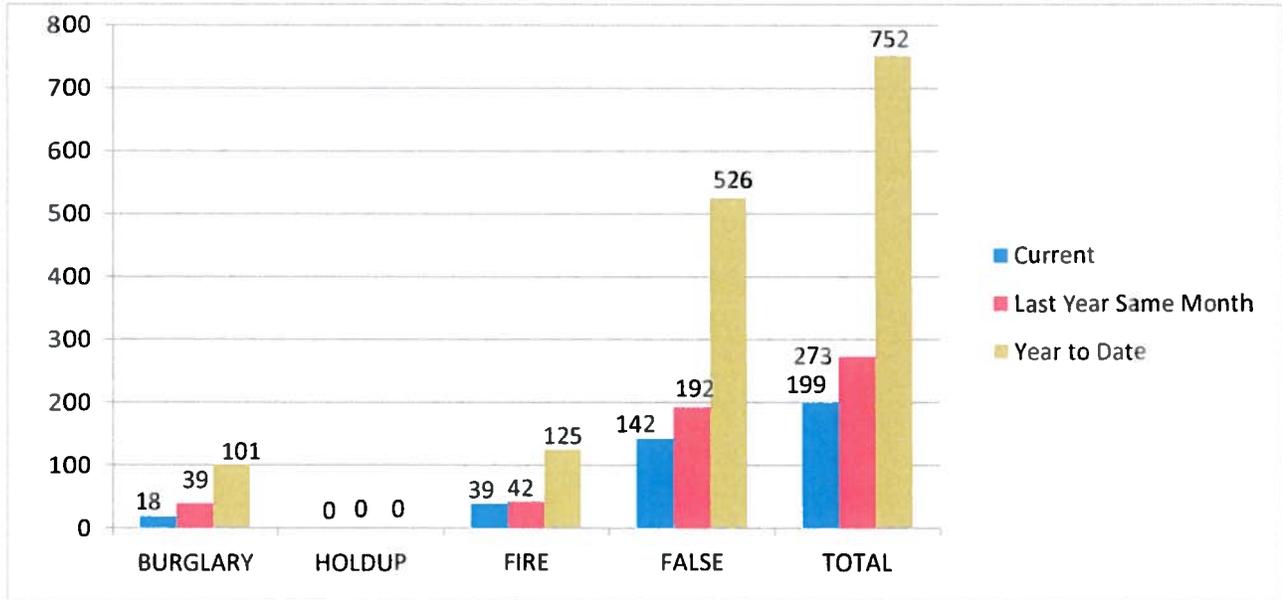
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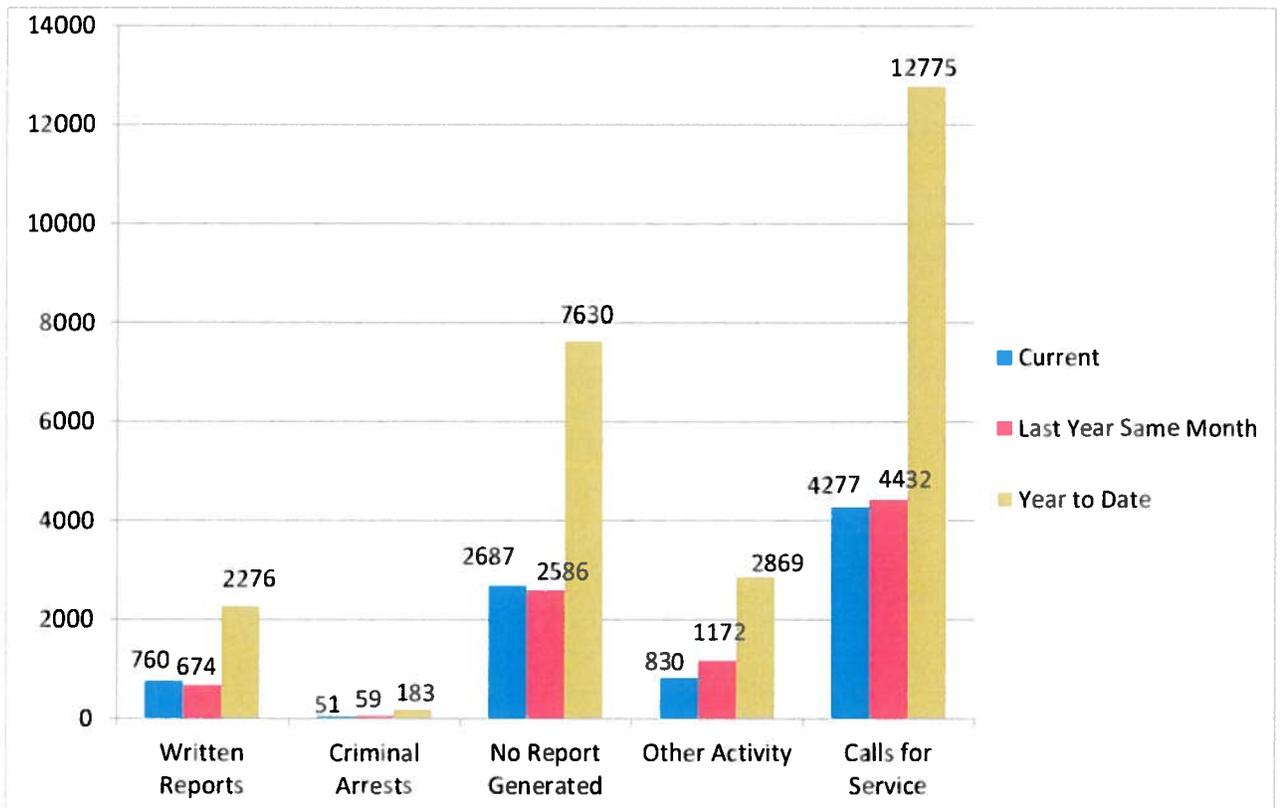
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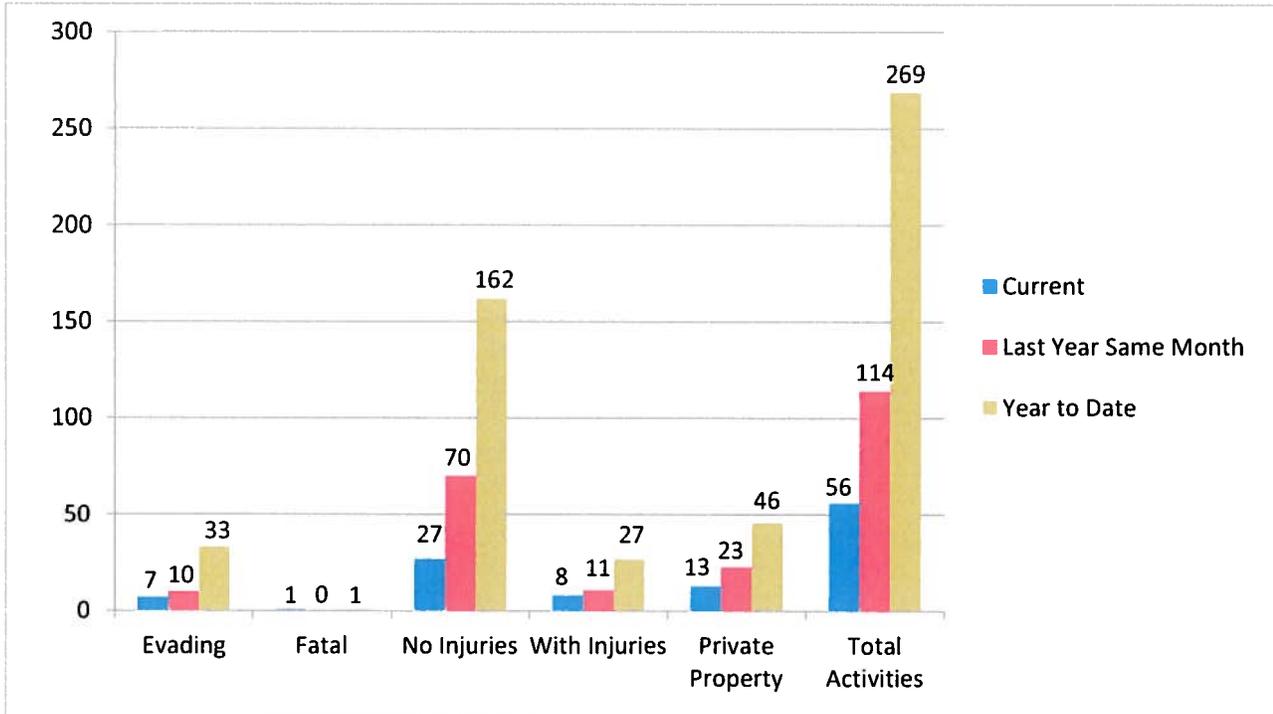


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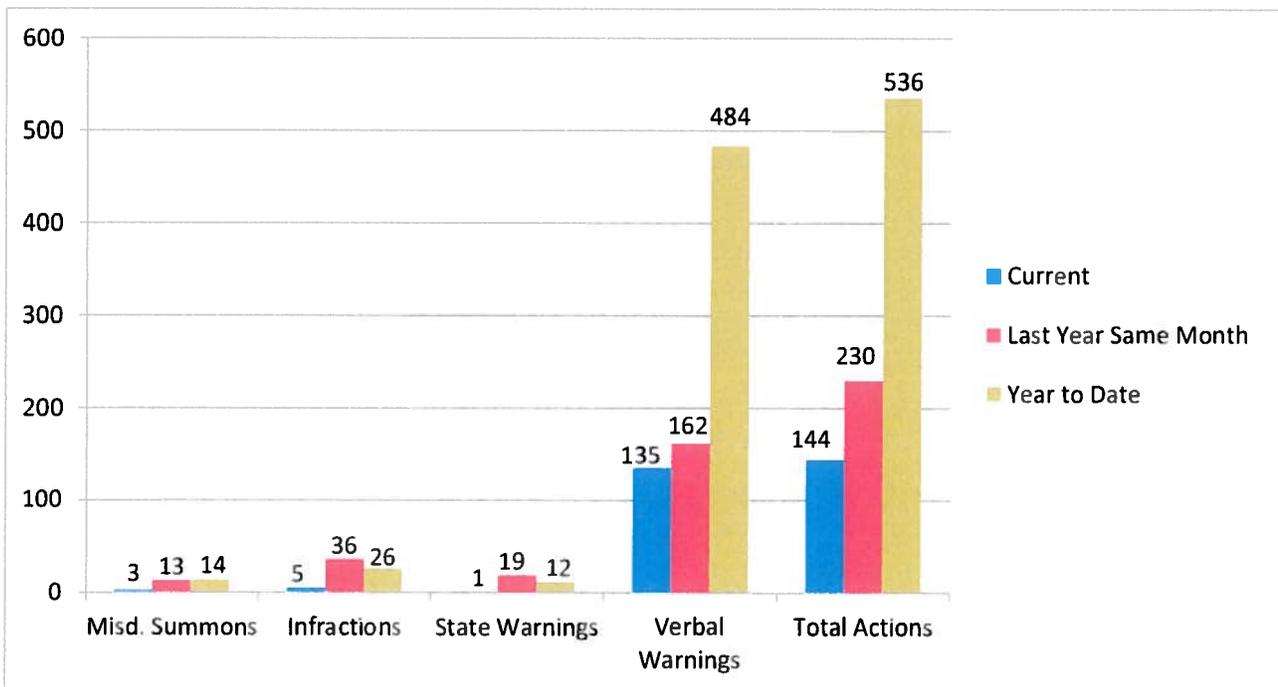


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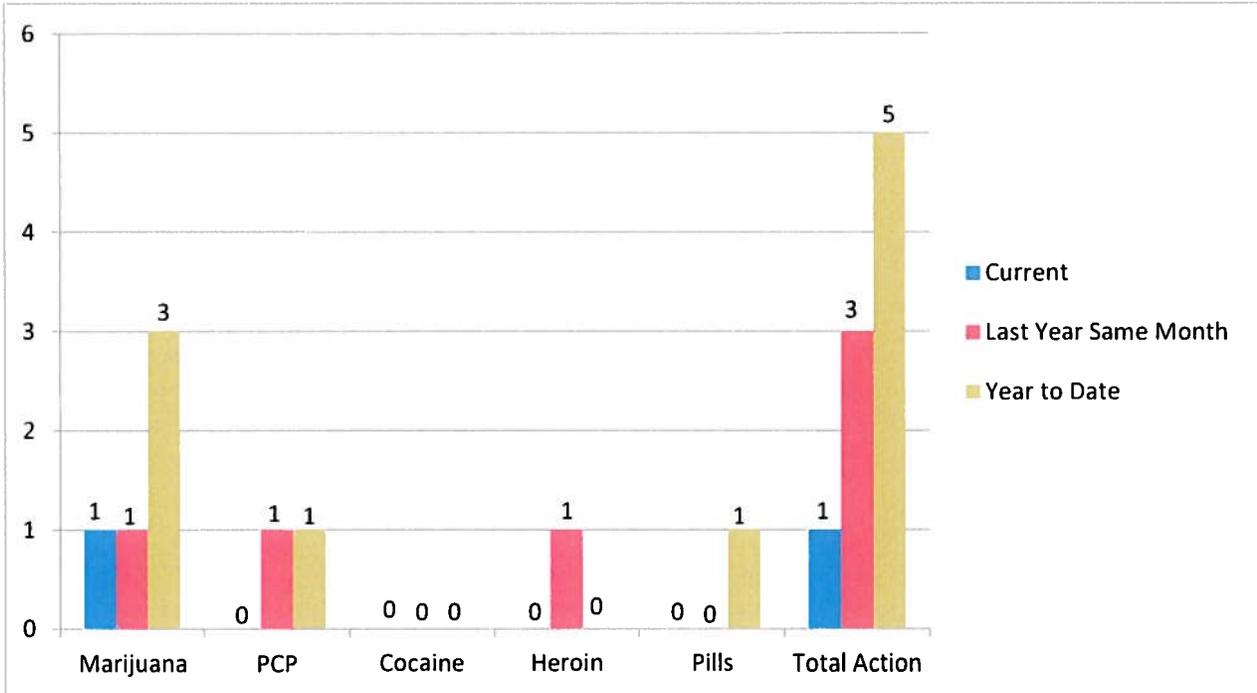


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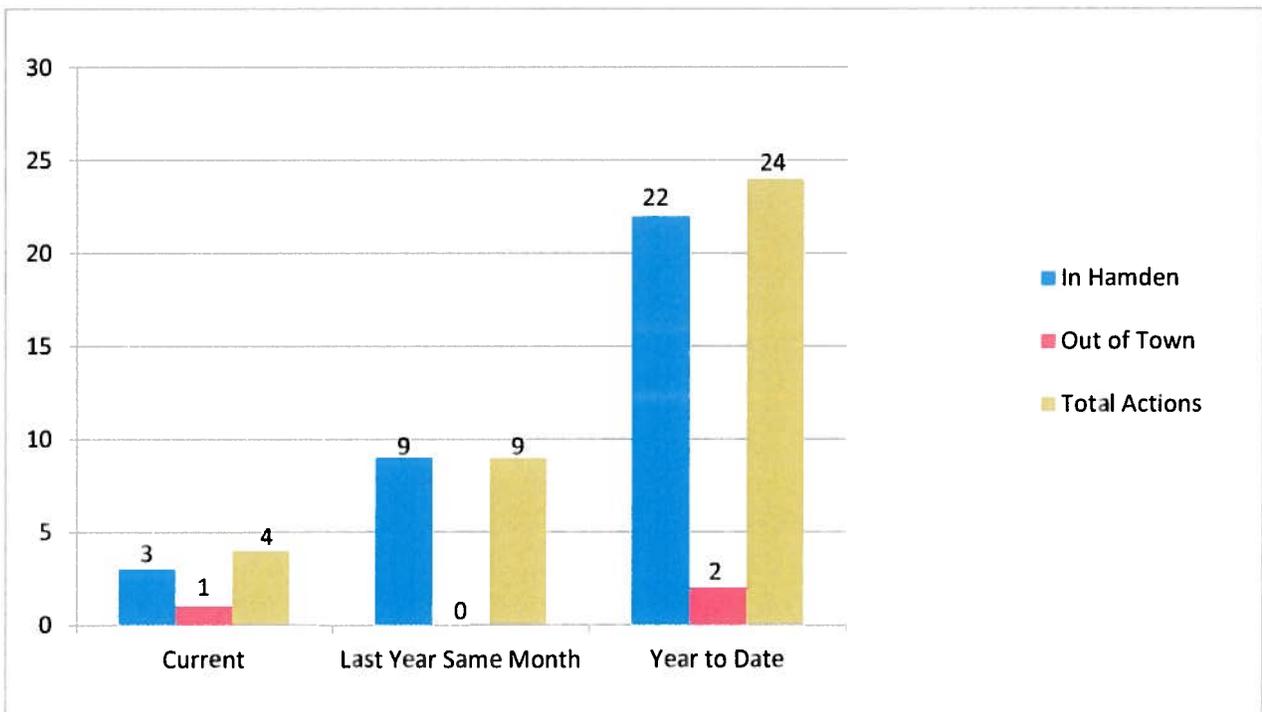


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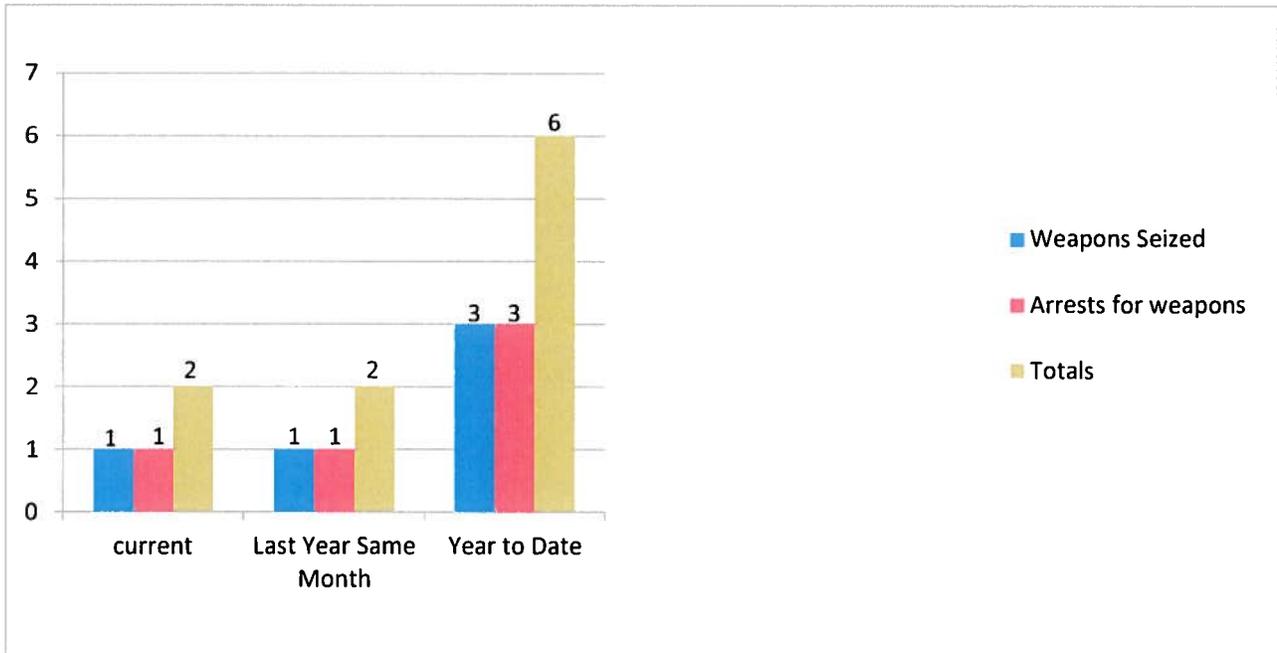


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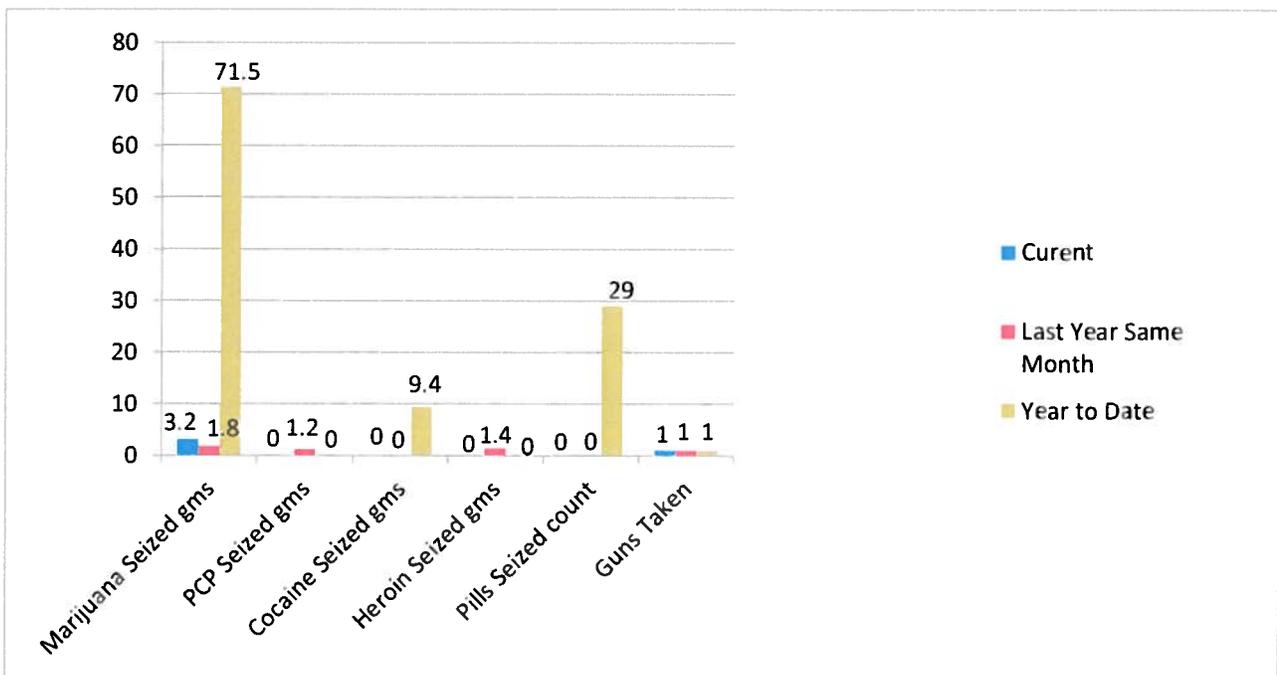


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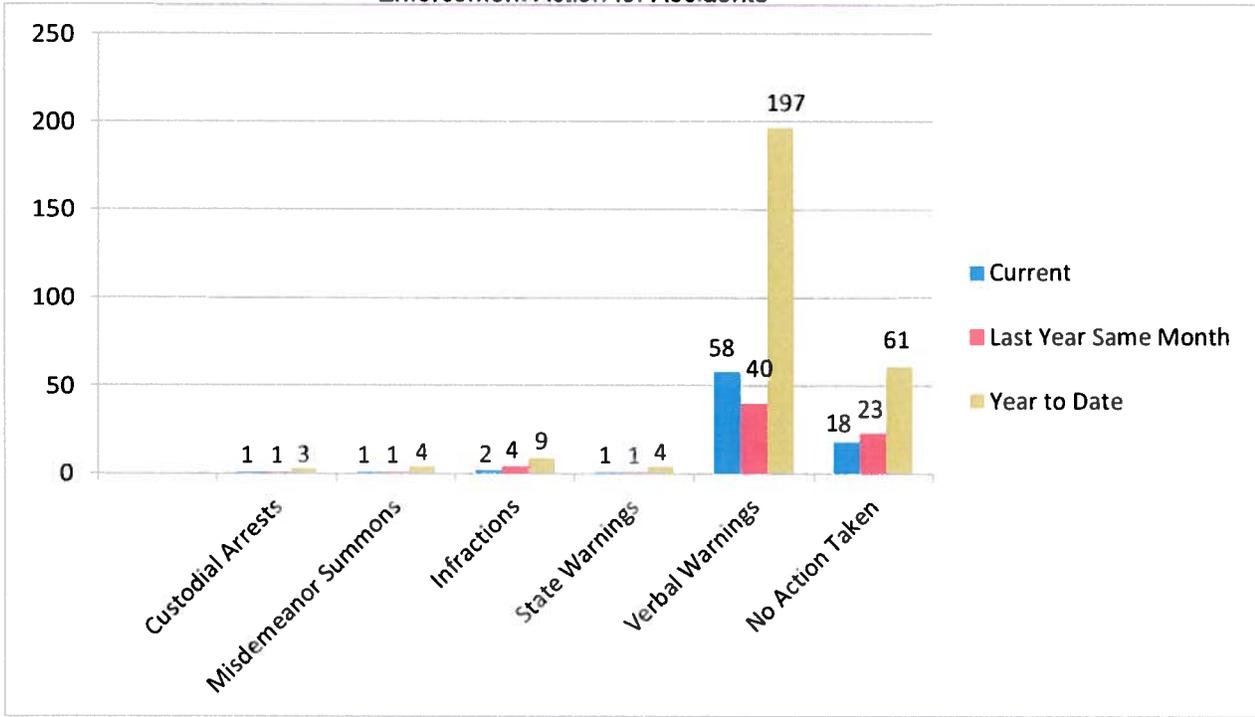


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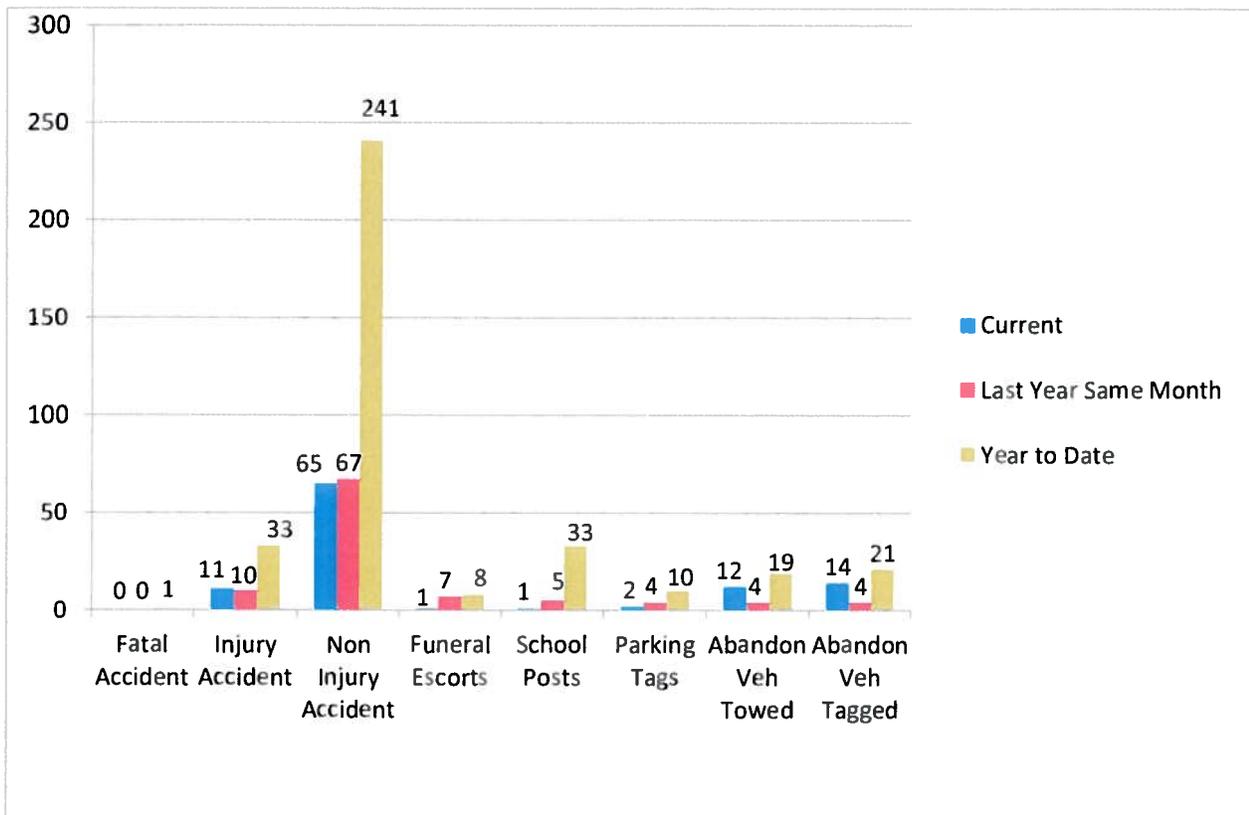


Traffic Division

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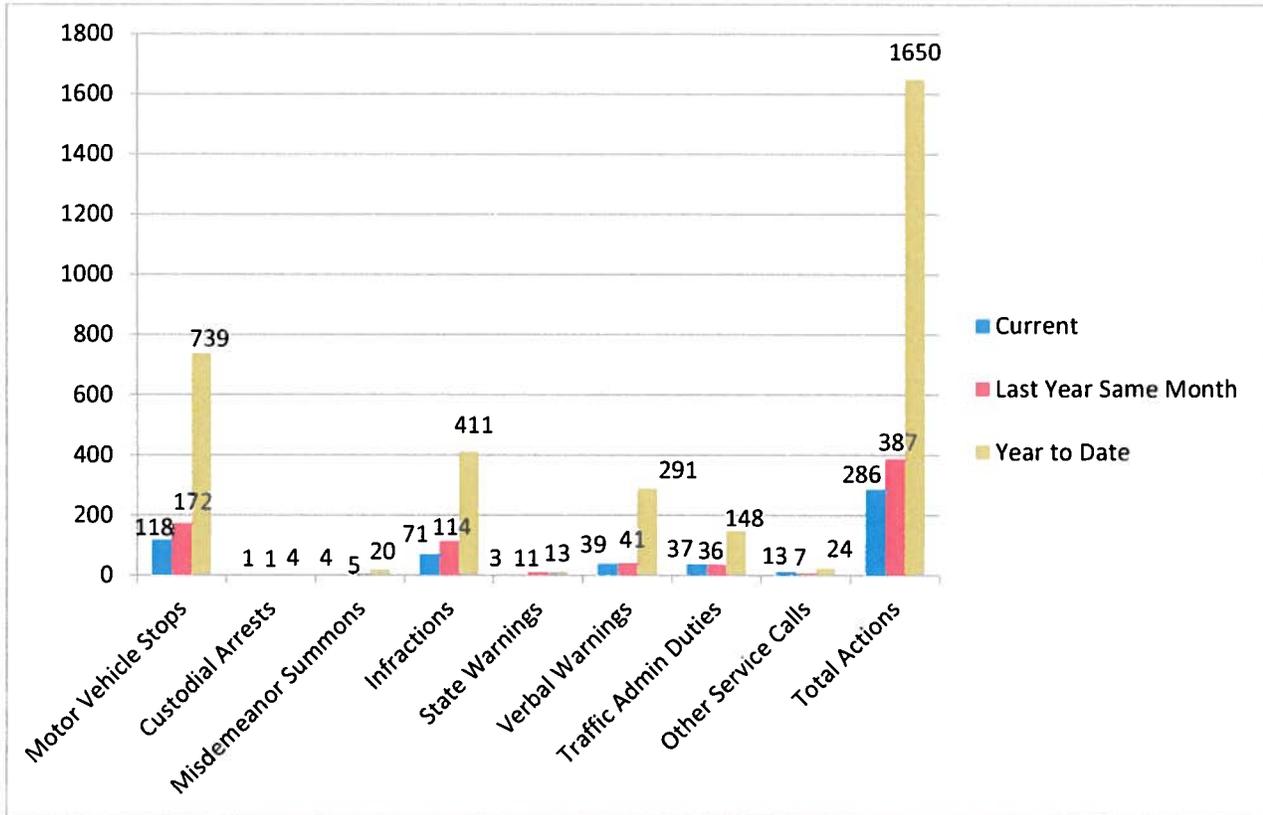


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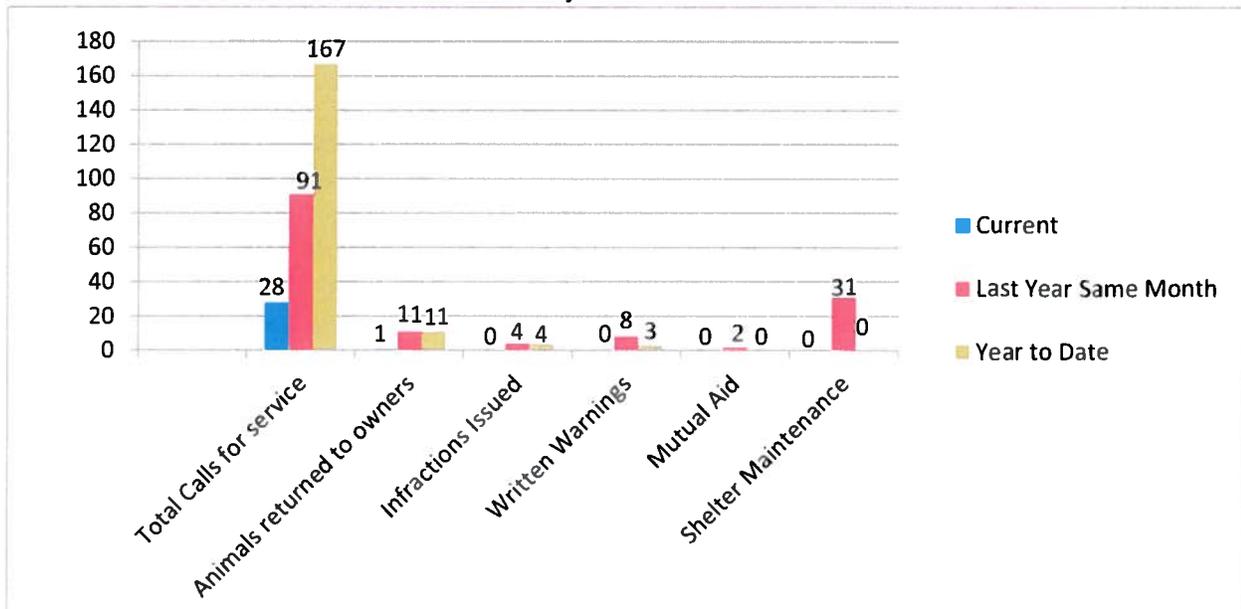
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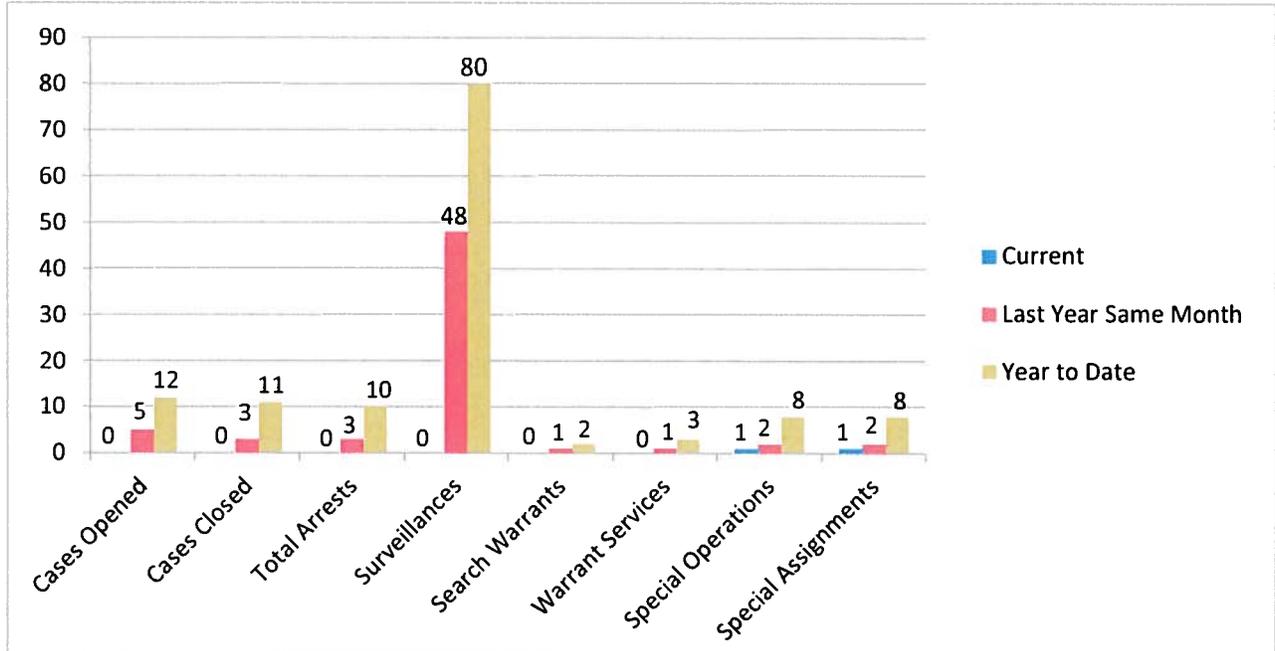
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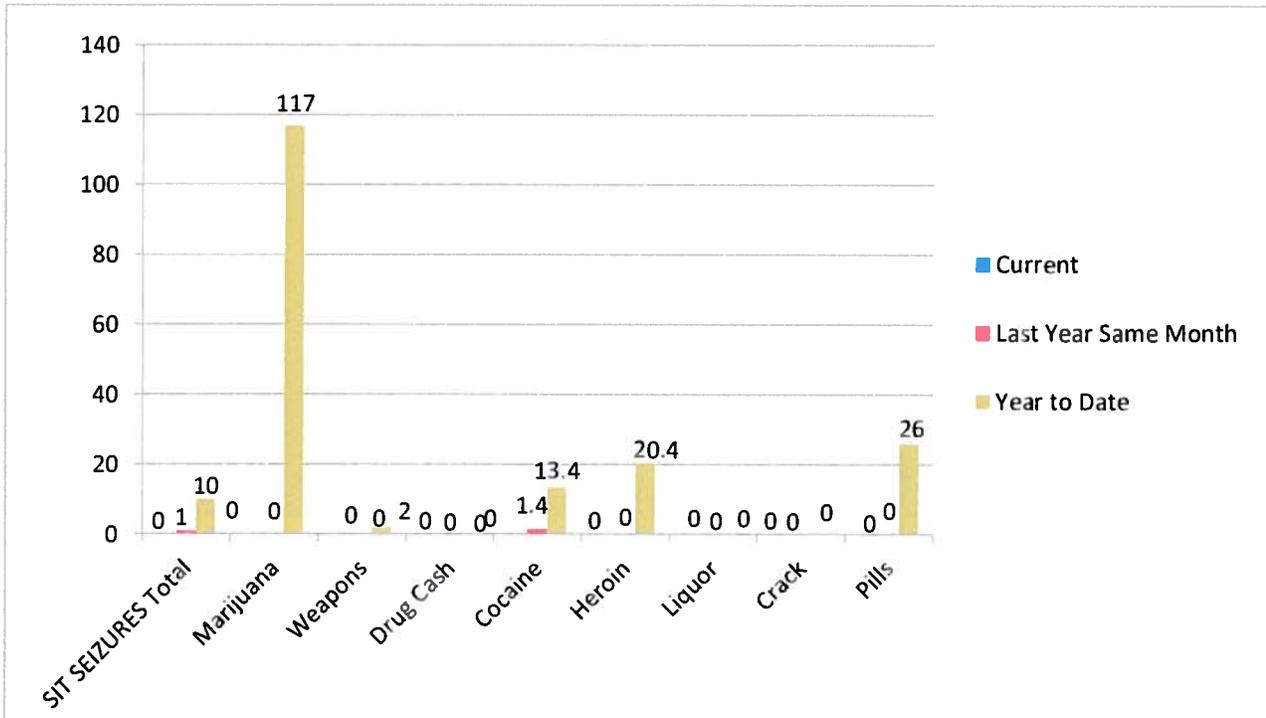


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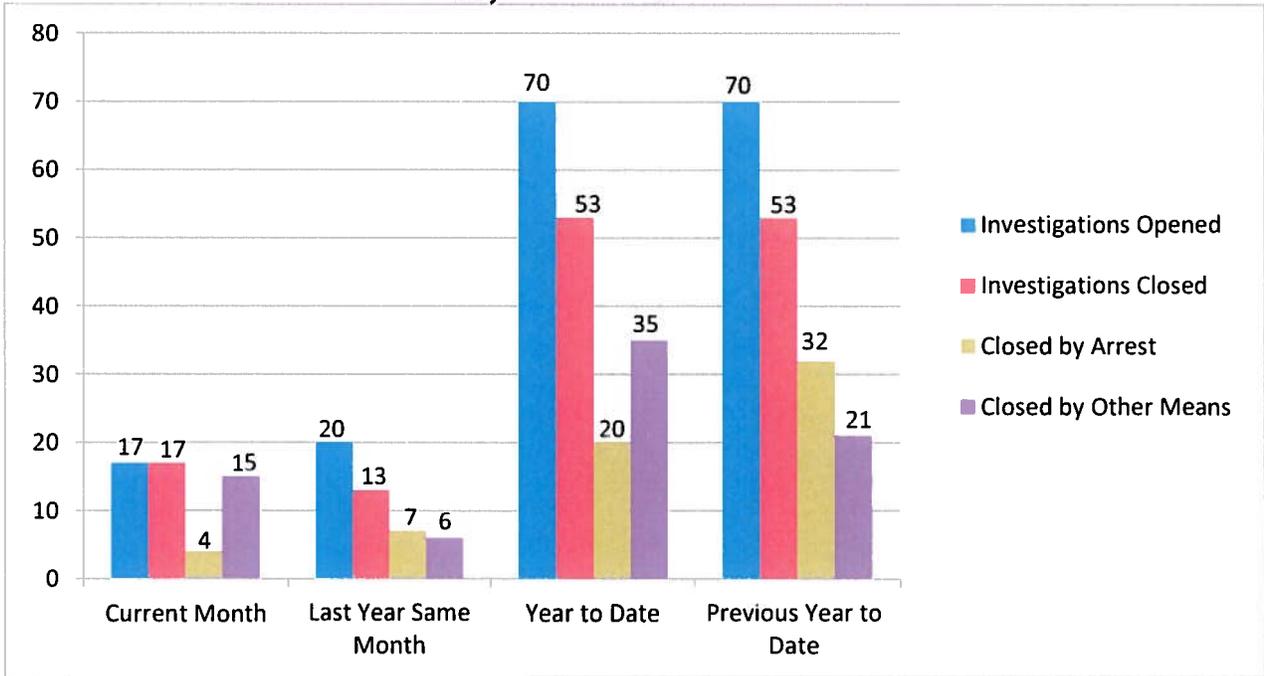
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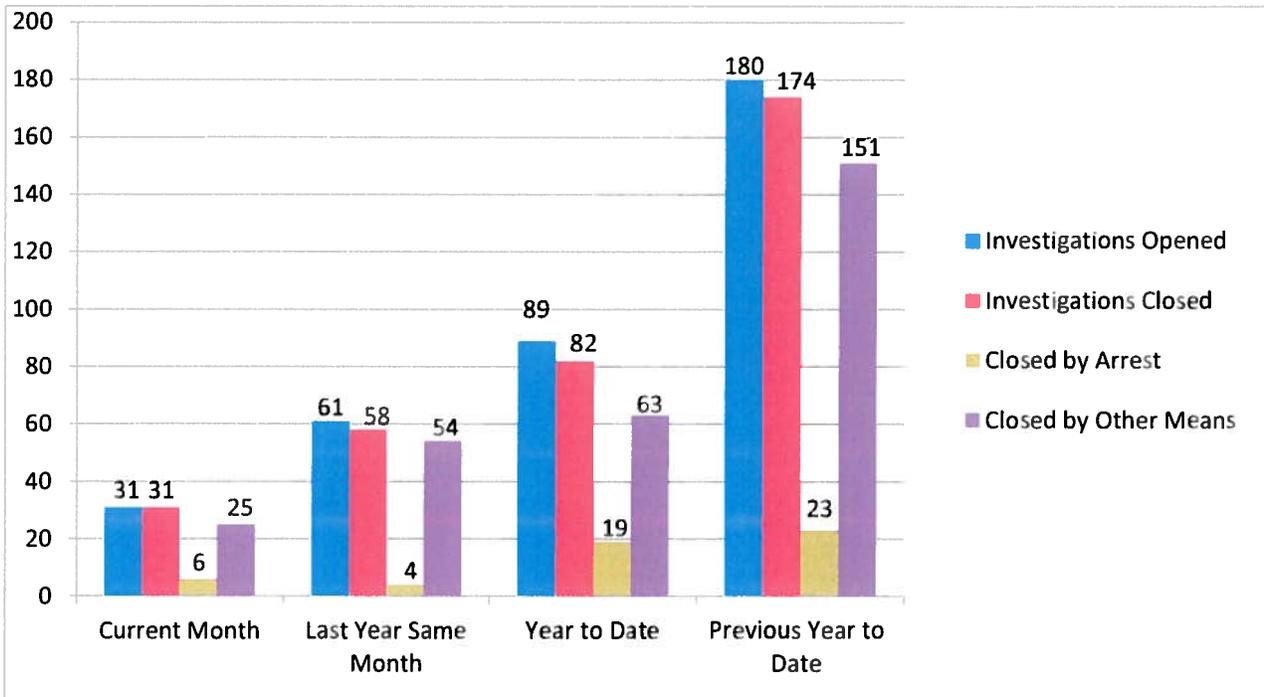
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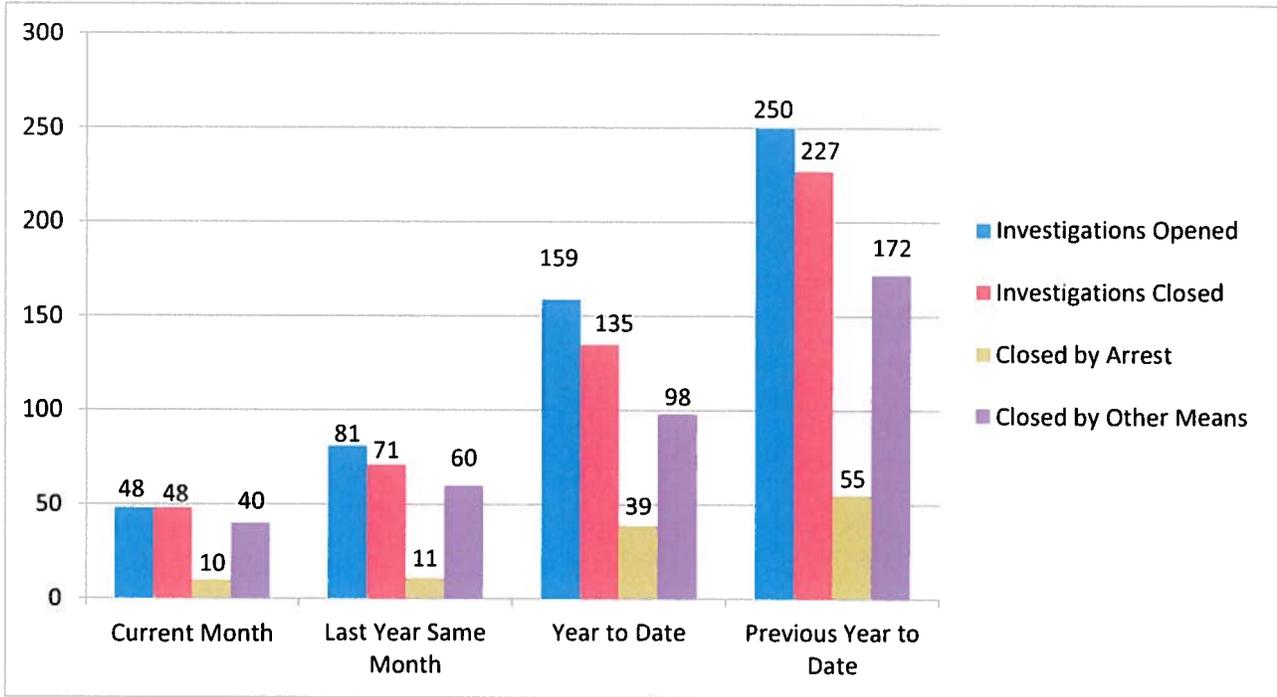


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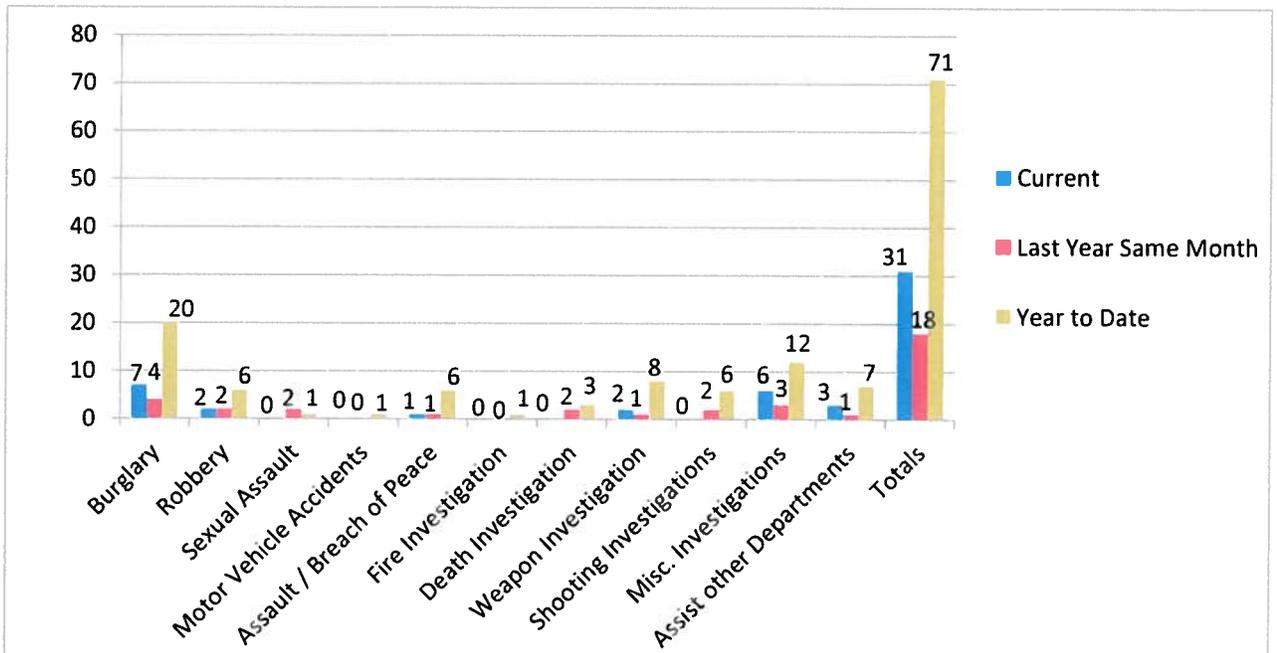


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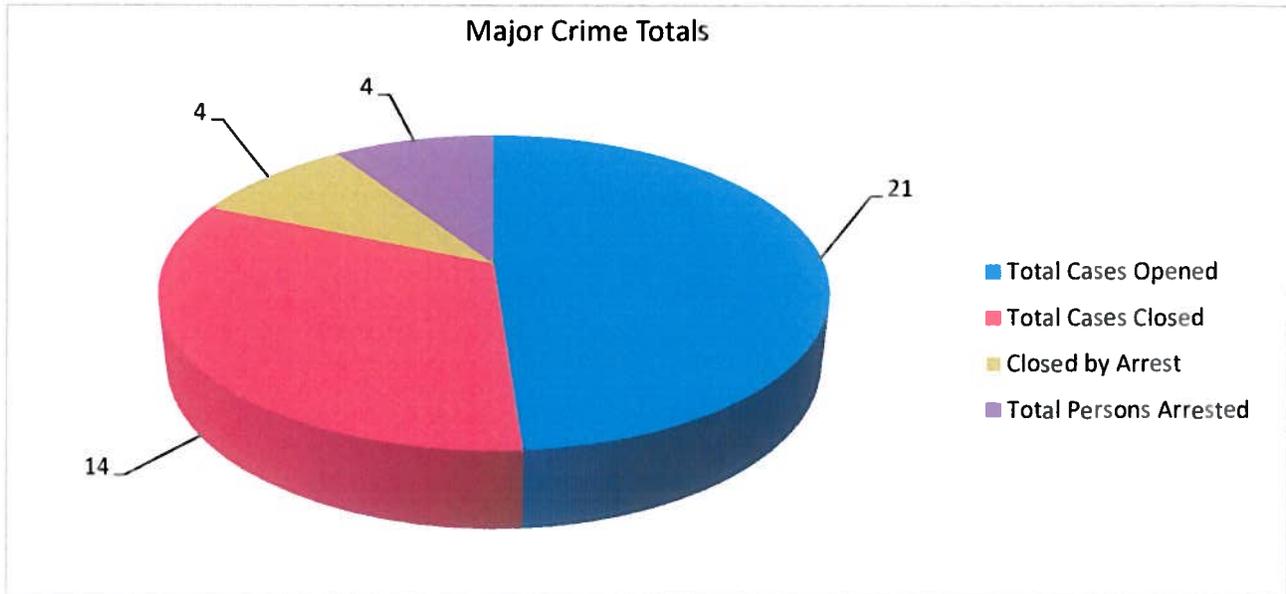
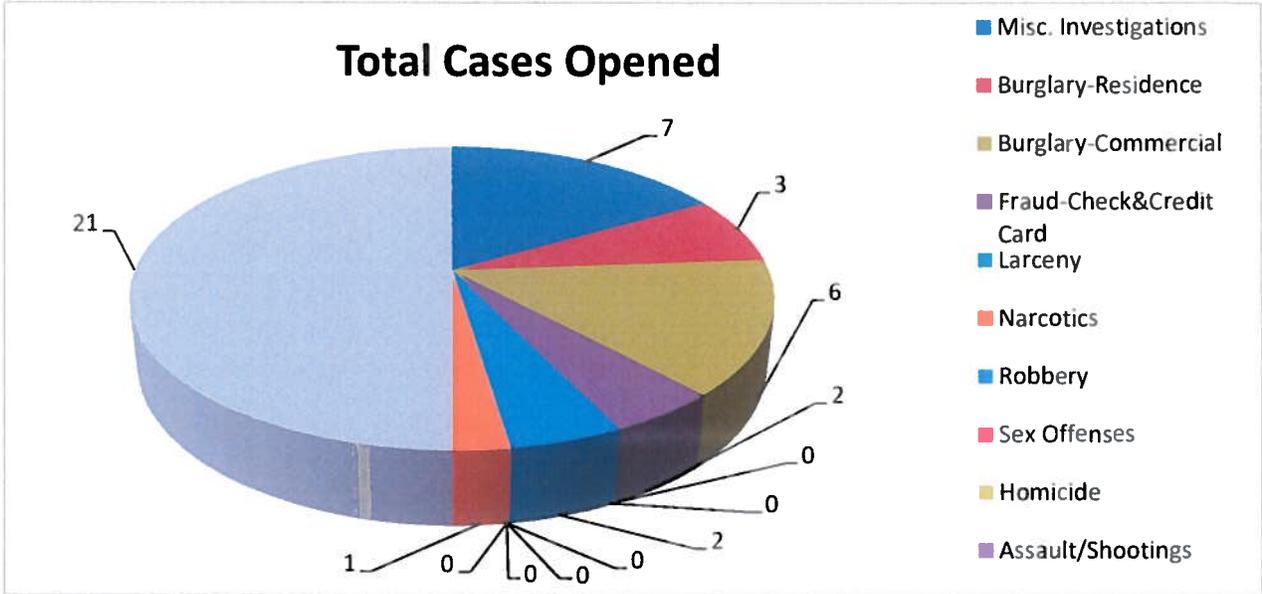
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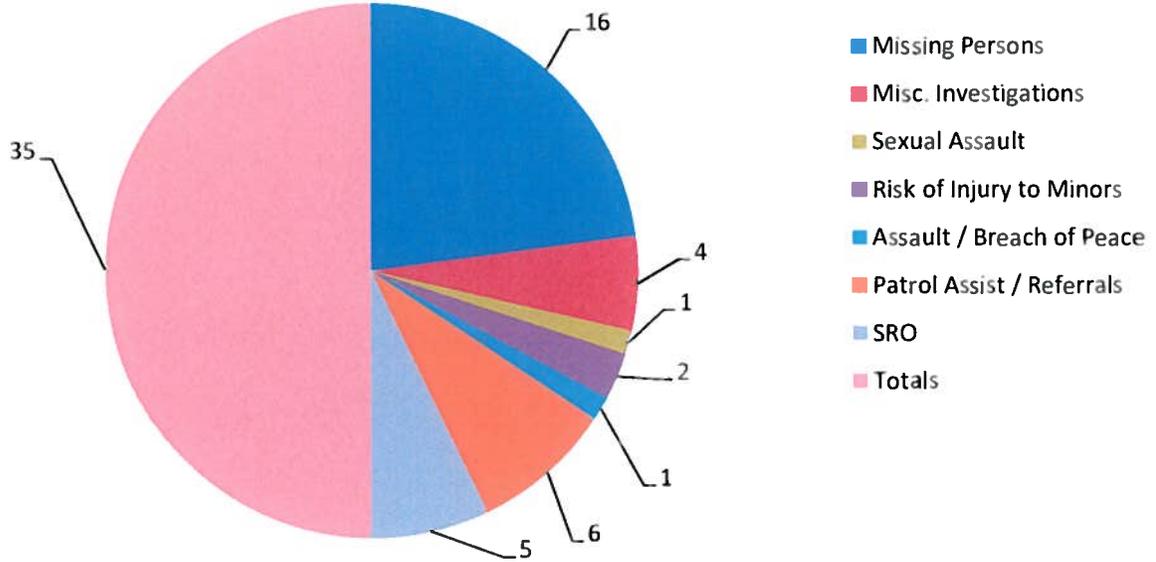
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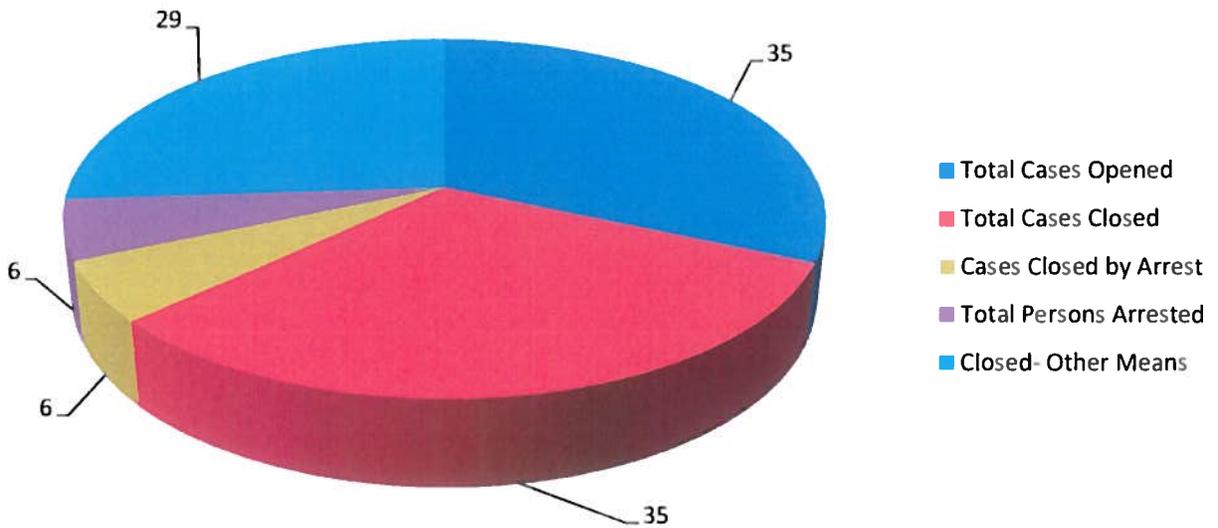
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Total Cases Opened



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March 2020

Policy Number:

Effective Date:

Section:

Rescinds:

Title: Medication Collection/Disposal
Program Policy and Procedures

Approved By: Hamden Police Commission

Approval Date:

PURPOSE

This order establishes guidelines and procedures on how to properly collect, store, and disposed of prescription medication collected inside the drug drop box currently located at the Hamden Police Department lobby.

POLICY

1. The medication collection and disposal program provides a safe disposal Location for citizens to properly dispose of used and unused household medications.

- a. This program provides an environmentally safe alternative to disposing of medications in the landfill or sewer systems that may later negatively affect the environment.
- b. This program encourages citizens to remove their unneeded medications from their homes. This reduces access to addictive medications for accidental or intentional misuse by children or others in the home.
- c. Commercial disposal from medical facilities, doctor/dental offices, veterinarians, etc. is prohibited and is not part of this program.
- d. The material to be disposed must be destroyed in accordance with Hamden Police Department policies and must include incineration as the method of destruction. The incineration must be performed in an

authorized facility designated to perform the destruction of controlled substances.

PROCEDURES

Seeking Authorization to install a pharmaceutical collection drop box:

The Chief of Police, or his Department Delegate, will perform the following:

a. Contact the Department of Consumer Protection for an application to receive a registration. The registration is fee exempt and renewed on a yearly basis. This registration will be used for verification, compliance, and verification for the Drug Enforcement Administration. Failure to obtain said registration will result in non-compliance. See application at the end of this document. The Department issued credential number should be conspicuously displayed on the Drop Box.

(1) Principal Drug Control Agent.

Purchase and installation of the pharmaceutical collection drop box

The Police Department will obtain an approved steel one-way hopper door type collection box to be secured in its lobby into which citizens may deposit these medications. Under no circumstances will the drop box be located outside of the Police Department lobby.

- a. The collection box shall be clearly marked for this purpose with instructions for proper use.
- b. The collection box shall be double locked and securely fastened in place to prohibit removal of the box or retrieval of medications from within the box by unauthorized persons.
- c. Citizens may place their unused medications/drugs into the collection box anonymously. Markers will be provided to encourage depositors to obliterate personally identifying information.

d. Opened containers of liquid will not be accepted unless they are completely sealed.

e. Syringes shall not be placed into the drop box. Signage will instruct depositors of alternative methods of disposal.

f. No medications or other waste shall be permitted to be left outside of the drop box.

Collection of the medication disposals

The evidence clerk or designated officer will hold the keys to the collection box.

a. The evidence clerk or designated officer will have to provide a total weight collected annually. This allows tracking of data to monitor the programs benefits.

b. The deposited drugs will be collected on a frequency deemed necessary based on usage. The viewports on the collection box should be checked monthly, unless an especially large deposit is observed.

c. The individual retrieving the box or bucket shall wear protective gloves.

Storage and disposal of the collected medications

a. The evidence clerk or designated officer will package the deposited drugs and place them inside the Property Room for Safe-Keeping pending destruction through witnessed incineration program. The material located in the drop box should not be handled nor is individual product identification required.

b. The evidence clerk or designated officer shall ensure the destruction of the collected medications by witnessed incineration at intervals not to exceed six months.

c. The evidence clerk or designated officer shall ensure transportation of the items collected to a nearby U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration designated site during the National Drug Take Back Day every six months.

Annual Registration renewal with Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection

A registration will be obtained from the Department of Consumer Protection, Drug Control Division web site. This registration is non-fee and will be renewed yearly. A new registration number will be issued with each renewal. On a yearly basis during the registration renewal process, the accumulated yearly weight will be submitted to the Drug Control Division, Department of Consumer Protection.

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Policy Number: 001-006

Effective Date: January 1,2015

Section: Role and Authority

Rescinds: 001-005

Title: Use of Force

Approved By: Police Commission

Approval Date: December 10,2014

PURPOSE

To establish Hamden Police Department's ("Department") guidelines and limitations concerning the appropriate and acceptable use of deadly and non-deadly force.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Hamden Police Department to provide clear procedures to sworn officers regarding the use of force in the performance of their duties. The safety of innocent persons and officers is of paramount importance.

The main responsibility of Department officers is to protect the life and property of the citizens. In compliance with applicable law, officers shall use only the amount of force necessary and reasonable to control a situation, effect an arrest, overcome resistance to arrest, or defend themselves or others from harm. When force is necessary, the degree of force employed should be in direct relationship to the amount of resistance exerted, or the immediate threat to the officers or others. There is a compelling public interest that officers authorized to exercise the use of force do so in an objectively reasonable manner, and in a way that does not violate the civil rights guaranteed by our Constitution and applicable law. Officers who use excessive or unjustified force degrade the confidence of the community that they serve, undermine the legitimacy of a police officer's authority, and hinder the Department's ability to provide effective law enforcement services to the community.

Officers who use excessive or unauthorized force shall be subject to discipline, possible criminal prosecution, and/or civil liability. Use of force is only authorized when it is objectively reasonable and for a lawful purpose. Accordingly the Department will thoroughly review and/or investigate all uses of force by officers to assure compliance with all legal requirements and this policy.

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DEFINITIONS

Actively Resisting: When a subject makes physically evasive movements to interfere with an officer's attempt to control that subject; including bracing, tensing, pulling away, or pushing.

Authorized Weapons: Weapons that meet Department specifications and officers are permitted to carry; and for which officers successfully complete proficiency and safety training.

Electronic Control Weapon: An incapacitating, intermediate weapon used for subduing a person by administering an electric shock for the purpose of disrupting superficial muscle functions. This is an intermediate weapon and is classified as non-deadly. The weapon should only be used when an officer is met with a certain degree of resistance or aggression through either actions or words.

Chokehold: A chokehold, choke or stranglehold is a tight grip around a person's neck used to restrain them. In general, a term for a grappling hold that critically reduces or prevents either air or blood from passing through the neck of an opponent.

Critical Firearm Discharge: A discharge of a firearm by a Hamden Police Department officer to the extent such discharges are authorized under this policy (cross reference to Firearms Policy.) Range and training discharges, and discharges at animals are not included under this section.

Deadly Force: Any physical force that can reasonably be expected to cause death or serious physical injury. Officers must understand that deadly physical force is an extreme measure and should only be used in accordance with the law and as stated in this Policy.

De-escalation: A decrease in the severity of force used in an incident in direct response to a decrease in the level of resistance.

Soft Hand Control: The use of physical strength and skill in defensive tactics to control arrestees who are reluctant to be taken into custody and offer some degree of physical resistance. Such techniques are not impact oriented and include pain compliance pressure points, takedowns, joint locks, and simply grabbing a subject. Touching or escort holds may be appropriate for use against levels of passive physical resistance.

Hard Hand Control: Impact oriented techniques that include knee strikes, elbow strikes, punches, and kicks. Control strikes are used to subdue a subject and

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include strikes to pressure points such as: the common **peronneal peroneal** (side of the leg), radial nerve (top of the forearm), or brachial plexus origin (side of neck).

- Defensive strikes are used by officers to protect themselves from attack and may include strikes to other areas of the body, including the abdomen or head. Techniques in this category include pressure point controls, stunning or striking actions delivered to a subject's body with the hand, fist, forearm, legs, or feet. These techniques target the major muscle groups and are delivered to create muscle cramping, thereby inhibiting muscle action and allowing the officer to subdue the subject. In extreme cases of self-defense, the officer may need to strike more fragile areas of the body where the potential for injury is greater. The use of neck restraints, chokeholds, or other similar weaponless control techniques, however, are prohibited unless the use of deadly force is authorized.

Force: Any physical strike or instrumental contact with a person; any intentional attempted physical strike or instrumental contact that does not take effect; or any significant physical contact that restricts the movement of a person. The term includes the discharge of a firearm, use of chemical spray, chokeholds or hard hands, taking of a subject to the ground, or the deployment of a canine. The term does not include escorting or handcuffing a person with minimal or no resistance. Use of force is lawful if it is **objectively reasonable** under the circumstances, and the minimum amount of force that is necessary to effect an arrest, or protect the officer or other person, is used.

Great Bodily Harm/Serious Physical Injury: Serious bodily injury that creates a substantial risk of death, causes serious or permanent disfigurement, or results in long-term loss or impairment of the functioning of any bodily member or organ.

Imminent Threat: An officer's reasonable perception of impending danger, death, or serious injury from any action or outcome that may occur during an encounter. A subject may pose an imminent or impending danger even if he or she is not pointing a weapon at the officer but has, for example, a weapon within reach, is running for cover carrying a weapon, or running to a place where the officer has reason to believe a weapon is available.

Impact Weapons: Department approved tools that provide a method for gaining control of a subject when lethal force is not justified, but when empty-hand control techniques are not sufficient to effect control.

Non-Deadly: Any force used by an officer that would not reasonably be expected to cause death.

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Level of Control: The amount of force that an officer uses to gain control over a subject.

Level of Resistance: The amount of force used by a subject to resist compliance with the lawful order or action of an officer.

Non-Verbal and Verbal Non-Compliance: When a subject expresses his/her intentions not to comply with an officer's directive through verbal and non-verbal means. An officer may encounter statements ranging from pleading to physical threats. Such statements may also include physical gestures, stances, and subconscious mannerisms.

Objectively Reasonable Force: The degree of force used in effecting an arrest, investigatory stop, or other seizure is evaluated by using an objective, reasonable police officer standard. The reasonableness of each particular use of force will be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, based on the facts and circumstances known to and confronting the officer at the time. (See, *Graham v. Connor*, 490 US 388 (1989.)) In determining the appropriate level of force to be used, officers shall evaluate each situation in light of the unique facts and circumstances of each case. Those factors include, but are not limited to, the seriousness of the crime or suspected offense; the level of threat or resistance presented by the subject; the risk or apparent attempt by the subject to escape; and whether the subject was posing an imminent threat to officers or others.

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray: An inflammatory agent that irritates the mucus membrane and eyes to cause tears and pain. It is an intermediate weapon that is classified as being non-lethal. It should only be used, however, when an officer is met with a certain degree of resistance or aggression through either actions or words.

Passive Resistance: When a subject does not cooperate with an officer's commands, but does not take action to prevent being taken into custody. For example, a protestor who lies down in front of a doorway and must be carried away upon arrest.

Verbal Commands: The use of advice, persuasion, and/or warnings prior to resorting to actual physical force. In an arrest situation officers shall, when feasible, give the arrestee simple directions with which the arrestee is encouraged to comply. Verbal commands are the most desirable method of dealing with an arrest situation.

PROCEDURES

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A. General

1. Officers shall use advisements, warnings, and verbal persuasion, when possible before resorting to force.
2. Force shall be de-escalated immediately as resistance decreases.
3. When feasible based on the circumstances, officers will use disengagements; area containment; surveillance; waiting on a subject; summoning reinforcements; and/or calling in specialized units, in order to reduce the need for force and increase officer and civilian safety.
4. Officers shall allow individuals time to submit to arrest before force is used wherever possible.
5. Officers have a duty to intervene and stop any unreasonable, excessive, or illegal use of force by another police officer.

B. Use of Force Authorization and Limitations

Officers of the Department are authorized to use only the amount of force necessary to accomplish lawful objectives. Force may be used:

1. To effect an arrest or prevent the escape from custody of a person whom the officer reasonably believes has committed an offense.
2. To defend the officer or others from the use, or imminent use, of physical force.
3. To take persons into protective custody when authorized by law, such as persons who are a danger to themselves or others, persons incapacitated by alcohol, and/or runaway children.
4. To prevent someone from committing suicide or inflicting serious physical injury upon themselves.
5. To assist a licensed physician or psychologist in providing necessary medical treatment.
6. To control a situation, and to overcome passive or active resistance to a lawful order.
7. To neutralize an unlawful assault and defend themselves or others from harm.

The authorized use of physical force ends when resistance ceases and/or the officer has accomplished the purpose necessitating the use of force.

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Justification for the use of force is limited to the facts known or perceived by the officer at the time such force is used, including levels of resistance, suspect's behavioral cues, the number of officers and/or offenders present, and the availability of other options.

Force shall never be used to subject a person to torture and/or other cruel or inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment.

C. Verbal Warning

When tactically feasible, an officer will identify him/herself as a police officer and issue verbal commands and warnings prior to the use of force. When feasible, an officer will allow the subject an opportunity to comply with the officer's verbal commands. A verbal warning is not required in circumstances where the officer has to make a split second decision, or if the officer reasonably believes that issuing the warning would place the safety of the officer or others in jeopardy.

D. Use of Deadly Force in Defense of Human Life

An officer is justified in using deadly physical force only when he or she reasonably believes such force is necessary to:

1. Defend the officer, or a third person, from the imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury.
2. Effect an arrest or prevent the escape from custody of a person whom they reasonably believe has committed, or attempted to commit a felony involving the infliction or threatened infliction of serious physical injury; AND the officer reasonably believes this person still poses a significant threat of death or serious physical injury to the officer or other persons. Where feasible, the officer should give warning of the intent to use deadly physical force.

See, Tennessee v. Garner, 471 U.S.1, 85 (1985.): The United States Supreme Court ruled that the use of deadly force to prevent the escape of a suspected felon violates the Fourth Amendment prohibition against unreasonable seizure if used against an apparently unarmed, non-violent suspect (the case involved a burglary suspect). The Supreme Court further stated that deadly force may be used against an offender who has attempted or committed an offense involving the infliction or threatened infliction of great bodily harm. **Deadly force may not be used against an unarmed, non-violent, property crime offender.** The

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United States Supreme Court decision went on to state that when an officer is justified in the use of deadly force he will, **if feasible**, first give a verbal warning. (Example: "Police Officer, Halt").

E. Deadly Force Restrictions

1. Warning Shots Prohibited

Officers are prohibited from discharging their firearms as a means of warning or frightening a person.

2. Shooting at or from Moving Vehicles

Officers are prohibited from discharging their firearms at or from a moving vehicle, motorcycle, or bicycle (collectively, "moving vehicle") unless officers reasonably believe deadly force is necessary to defend the officer or a third person from the use, or imminent use, of deadly force. For purposes of this policy, officers will not discharge their firearms at moving vehicles except under extreme circumstances. Such discharges will be rigorously scrutinized. Officers shall, as a rule, avoid tactics that could place them in a position where a vehicle could be used against them. When confronted with an oncoming, moving vehicle, officers must attempt to move out of its path and should generally avoid placing themselves in situations where the use of deadly force is more likely.

3. Risk to Innocent Bystanders

When officers are about to discharge their firearms they should be aware of their field of fire, including the backstop, so as to not unnecessarily create a substantial risk of harm to innocent persons. Officers are prohibited from discharging their firearms when, based on the totality of the circumstances, discharging a firearm would constitute a greater risk to innocent human life than the subject's actions. (*i.e. discharging a firearm into a crowd, or shooting into a building or through a wall, where the subject is not clearly identified and it is unknown if there are other occupants present.*)

4. Drawing and Pointing Weapons

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Officers are prohibited from drawing and pointing their firearms at or in the direction of a person absent an objectively reasonable determination that the situation may escalate to the point where deadly force would be authorized under this policy. When it is determined that the use of deadly force is not necessary, officers shall, as soon as practicable, secure or holster their firearms. It is the rule of this department that drawing a firearm and pointing it at a target is considered a use of force.

5. Use of Firearm to Destroy Animals

Officers may use deadly force against an animal that represents a threat to public safety, or as a humanitarian measure where the animal poses a danger to public safety or to the officers' safety, or where the animal is seriously injured after the officers have received authorization from the animal's owner (to the extent practicable) and the officers supervisor.

6. Use of Department Weapons for Training and Other Purposes

Officers may discharge their firearms for the purpose of practice, firearms training, when on the police range or other established shooting ranges, or when authorized by the Chief of Police to participate in law enforcement competition events.

7. Use of Firearms While Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs

Officers shall not carry or use any firearms or weapons while impaired by alcohol, drugs, or any other medical condition that might interfere with their judgment or proficiency.

8. Security, Storage, and Safe Handling of Firearms

Officers shall be trained in accordance with Department guidelines, and shall obey all safety rules when handling any firearm or any other weapon. No person other than Hamden Police Department Officers shall be permitted access to any department-owned firearm, with the exception of: police officers from other jurisdictions in the official performance of their duty; for repair or maintenance as approved by the department; or other circumstances with the express permission of the Chief of Police.

Officers will secure and store firearms, both on and off duty, in such a way as to ensure that no unauthorized person will have access to or gain control over the firearm. All Department firearms kept at home must be secured in a safe place inaccessible to family members, especially children.

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Whenever an officer is in the Department and removes his/her handgun or other weapon, the item must not be left in the open and must be secured so that it is not readily accessible to civilians, suspects, victims, or witnesses.

F. Use of Non-Deadly Force

Officers shall only use weapons and control techniques that are issued and/or approved for use by the Department. The use of non-deadly force shall be limited to defensive and control purposes. Officers shall use only the reasonable amount of force necessary to overcome resistance or accomplish the police task. The use of non-deadly force shall conform to applicable Department Standards of Conduct, policies, procedures, and training. Officers shall not carry any less lethal weapons, or employ any non-deadly techniques, prior to successfully completing the relevant Department approved training for each weapon or technique.

1. Authorization to Use Non-deadly Force

Officers are authorized to use Department approved, non-deadly force techniques and authorized weapons to:

- a. Prevent the escape from custody, or to effect a lawful arrest, of a person whom the officer reasonably believes has committed an offense; or
- b. Protect or defend the officer or others from what he/she reasonably believes to be active resistance while effecting or attempting to effect an arrest, or while preventing or attempting to prevent an escape.

NOTE: Nothing in this policy is intended to discourage officers from using a higher level of force whenever such force is necessary and objectively reasonable under the circumstances.

2. Non-Deadly Force Restrictions

The following tactics of non-deadly force may be permitted in circumstances only when deadly force is authorized by this policy:

- a. Any chokeholds or neck restraints, with or without a device, that restricts a person's airway;
- a. Officers are prohibited against the intentional use of a chokehold or other method of restraint applied to the neck of another person, including but not limited to, (1) Arm bar hold, (2) Carotid artery hold, (3) Lateral vascular neck

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restraint, (4) Neck restraint or hold with a knee or other object is prohibited. The use of a choke hold or neck restraint may only be used when the use of deadly physical force is authorized.

- b. Any strike with an impact weapon or object to a person's head or neck; and/or
- c. Any use of flashlights, radios, or any other items not issued or trained specifically as defensive weapons.

In limited circumstances when a confrontation escalates suddenly, however, an officer may use any means or device at hand such as a flashlight, radio, and other issued equipment, to defend him/herself, as long as the level of defensive action is objectively reasonable given the existing circumstances.

- d. Force shall not be used against persons in handcuffs, except as objectively reasonable to prevent imminent bodily harm to the officer of another person or persons, or, as objectively reasonable, where physical removal is necessary to overcome passive resistance.

3. Impact Weapons

Authorized impact weapons may be used only when an officer is confronted with occurring or imminent active aggression against him/herself or another person. (Refer to Policy 3.4 for specifics regarding the authorized use of an Impact Weapon.)

- a. **The use of a baton or similar instrument to strike a blow to a subject's arms or legs will be considered use of non-deadly force. The use of any such items to intentionally strike a subject's head or neck is prohibited except where deadly**

4. Oleoresin Capsicum (OC Spray)

Authorized OC spray is an alternative to physical control techniques and the use of other intermediate weapons. As with any other use of force, however, OC spray must not be used indiscriminately or without just cause. Officers must be able to articulate the reason(s) the subject was sprayed with OC spray.

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OC spray shall be utilized as issued and authorized to prevent injury to the subject(s), officers and others. (Refer to Policy 025-004 for specifics regarding the authorized use of an OC spray.)

5. Electronic Control Weapon

An Electronic Control Weapon (i.e., TASER®) is authorized for use when other less lethal options have been ineffective, or when it reasonably appears that such options will be ineffective in subduing the subject. Electronic Control Weapons shall only be used in situations where the subject is actively resisting or attempting to avoid arrest by escape and poses an imminent threat to the safety of him/herself, another person, or the officer. (Refer to Policy 025-005 for specifics regarding the authorized use of an electronic control device.)

G. Training and Qualifications

In addition to training required for firearms qualification (cross reference to Weapons Standards and Qualifications Policy 025-002), officers shall receive Department authorized training designed to simulate actual situations and conditions and, as otherwise necessary, to enhance officers' discretion and judgment in using deadly and less lethal force in accordance with this policy. In addition, officers shall be trained on the use of force continuum.

1. All officers shall, at least annually, receive in-service training in the Department's Use of Force Policy and related case law updates.
2. All officers qualified in the use of impact weapons, OC spray, electronic control weapons, and control techniques shall, at least every two years, re-qualify on such weapons or techniques under the instruction of a certified instructor.
3. Training and proficiency results for any authorized weapon will be documented in the training files.

All officers who fail to demonstrate the required proficiency with Department issued weapons shall receive remedial training. Remedial instruction for Department issued firearms shall follow the Department's Firearms Policy. (cross reference to Weapons Standards and Qualifications Policy 025-002)

4. An officer failing to demonstrate proficiency with a weapon shall not return to duty with that weapon until such time as proficiency is demonstrated and documented.
5. Only officers demonstrating proficiency in the use of Department

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authorized weapons shall be approved to carry such weapons. (cross reference to Firearms Policy and any other relevant training policies)

H. Provide Medical Aid

1. Any time a person has visible injuries or complains of being injured as a result of force used against him/her by an officer, the officer must take appropriate actions to provide medical care for the injured person. This includes providing first aid, requesting emergency medical services, and/or arranging for other transportation to a hospital or emergency medical facility.
2. Officers shall be trained in proper treatment procedures for persons exposed to chemical sprays and the effects of other less-than-lethal force. If the person is offered and/or refuses treatment, this refusal shall be recorded in the police report, along with all relevant information. In addition, the officer will also notify the Shift Commander as soon as practical. If warranted, the Shift Commander will arrange to have photographs taken of the person's injuries, which will be attached to the police report.

I. Use of Force Reporting

The Department shall establish a use of force reporting system that allows for the effective review and analysis of all department use of force incidents. The reporting system shall be designed to help identify trends, improve training and officer safety, and provide timely and accurate information to the department. Employees shall complete a departmental ***Use of Force Report Form*** whenever they use force against a suspect above un-resisted handcuffing. This includes the discharge of a firearm or any action that results in or is alleged to have resulted in, injury to or the death of another person. This requirement shall not apply when an officer simply draws or transports any weapon while on scene.

1. Employee's Responsibilities

- a. When an employee finds it necessary to use force to affect an arrest, or for any other law enforcement purpose, whether on duty or off-duty, that officer shall:

(1) Notify a Supervisor of the particulars as soon as circumstances allow in those cases which require a *Use of Force Report Form*

(2) Complete a *Use of Force Report Form*, which shall include

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all other employees involved in or witnessing the incident

- b. All Use of Force Report Reports must be completed and forwarded to the Shift Supervisor, or designee, by the end of the shift. However, when special circumstances exist, such as those incidents resulting in the death or serious injury of a person, the Chief of Police may grant an extension, on a case-by-case basis, and assign an alternate date and time for use of force reports to be completed and submitted.
- c. Officers who directly observe a use of force that is unreasonable, excessive or otherwise in violation with the agency's use of force policy and/or a violation of state or federal statute (illegal), shall contact a supervisor as soon as practicable and inform them.
- d. Officers who have knowledge of excessive, unreasonable, or illegal use of force against a person shall notify a supervisor and submit a written incident report to the supervisor in a timely fashion.
- e. Officers will ensure that there is no retaliation of any kind for any Officer that intervenes against the excessive use of force, reports misconduct, or cooperates in an internal investigation.

2. Shift Supervisor's Responsibilities

- a. When a reportable use of force incident occurs, the Shift Commander, or designee, has the primary responsibility to make certain that all necessary Use of Force Report Forms are properly completed, reviewed for accuracy, and submitted as required by officers under their command. The Supervisor will sign the report and forward it to the Records Division.
- b. If the use of force involves an employee who did not report to a Patrol Supervisor at that time, the employee's Unit Supervisor shall review and sign the Supervisory portion of the report. Supervisors involved in a use of force incident will forward the *Use of Force Report Form* to the next level of command not involved in the incident.

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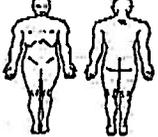
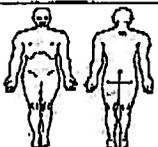
- c. When an on-duty or off-duty employee has been involved in a use of force incident, which has resulted in death or serious injury to any person, the Shift Commander will immediately report the incident to the Chief of Police, via the chain of command. This also includes those cases where any firearm is accidentally or purposefully discharged which results in injury or death to any person.
- 3. Office of the Chief
 - a. The Deputy Chief will review the *Use of Force Report Form* to determine:
 - (1) Whether the action was consistent with policy and procedure
 - (2) Whether the action warrants further administrative review/investigation
 - (3) Recommendations on equipment upgrades, training, and/or policy issues, if applicable.
 - b. The Deputy Chief may confer with Department instructors/trainers who specialize in the field of force used, as needed. The Chief of Police will be informed about any incident that may not be consistent with policy and procedure or indicates the action warrants further administrative review/investigation.

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HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT USE OF FORCE REPORT FORM				
1) DATE / /	2) TIME	3) LOCATION	4) CASE #	
5) SUBJECT'S NAME		6) DATE OF BIRTH / /	7) HEIGHT ' "	8) WEIGHT LBS
9) PHONE NUMBER - -				
10) REASON THE USE OF FORCE WAS NECESSARY (Check all that apply):				
<input type="checkbox"/> TO EFFECT AN ARREST <input type="checkbox"/> TO DEFEND SELF <input type="checkbox"/> PREVENT ESCAPE <input type="checkbox"/> TO DEFEND ANOTHER OFFICER / PERSON <input type="checkbox"/> PROTECTIVE CUSTODY / SUBJECT SAFETY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <input type="checkbox"/> TO DISPATCH ANIMAL				
11) LIST MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE(S) AT TIME FORCE USED:				
12) WAS SUBJECT INJURED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO DESCRIBE INJURIES:		13) WAS REPORTING OFFICER INJURED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO DESCRIBE INJURIES:		14) MEDICAL TREATMENT PROVIDED TO/BY:
15) PHOTOS TAKEN BY:				
16) # SUBJECTS THAT RESISTED:	17) # OFFICERS PRESENT:	18) SUPERVISOR NOTIFIED / TIME / BY WHOM:		
19) AT THE TIME OF ARREST, THE SUBJECT WAS:				
<input type="checkbox"/> SUSPECTED TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS <input type="checkbox"/> MENTALLY IMPAIRED/ EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED <input type="checkbox"/> UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____				
20) OFFICER'S PERCEPTION OF INDIVIDUAL'S ACTIONS (USE NARRATIVE TO DESCRIBE PERCEIVED THREAT(S) POSTED BY INDIVIDUAL):				
<input type="checkbox"/> PASSIVE RESISTANCE - (Dead weight or non-compliance to Officer's lawful verbal direction, but offering no actively resistive movement) <input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE OR ESCAPE RESISTANCE - (Actions such as pushing, pulling, evasive arm movement, flailing, flight, muscle tension, etc. to avoid control. Does not include attempts to harm the Officer) <input type="checkbox"/> ASSAULTIVE / HIGH-RISK - (Agitated, combative state, physically assaultive actions and /or behavior that poses threat of injury to another (e.g., punching, kicking, clenching of fists, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE THREATENING / SERIOUS BODILY INJURY - (Actions that may result in death or serious bodily injury)				
21) OFFICER'S RESPONSE OPTION(S) (PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS IN ATTACHED NARRATIVE REPORT(S)):				
<input type="checkbox"/> PRESENCE: <input type="checkbox"/> FULL UNIFORM <input type="checkbox"/> PARTIAL UNIFORM <input type="checkbox"/> PLAINCLOTHES _____ NOTE: Officers not in full uniform, describe means of visual police identification (e.g., raid vest or jacket, displayed badge/ID, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> VERBAL COMMANDS (Describe details in Narrative Report): <input type="checkbox"/> COMPLIANCE TECHNIQUES (Describe details in Narrative Report): (Force used to gain control - restraint, come-alongs, takedowns - use of hands, arms, feet, legs) <input type="checkbox"/> CHEMICAL SPRAY / CHEMICAL AGENT (Describe details in Narrative Report): Number of Bursts: Duration of Bursts: Distance from Subject: Impact Location: Time between application / decontamination: <input type="checkbox"/> IMPACT WEAPON / TEMP. INCAPACITATION (Describe details in Narrative Report): <input type="checkbox"/> ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE (Describe details in Narrative Report): <input type="checkbox"/> Laser Only <input type="checkbox"/> Spark Check <input type="checkbox"/> Drive Stun <input type="checkbox"/> Probe Deployment Impact Location: _____ Number of Cycles: _____ Taser Unit #: _____ Serial #: _____ Cartridge Serial #: _____ Distance from Subject: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> POINT A FIREARM (Describe details in Narrative Report): <input type="checkbox"/> READILY FORCE - Firearm or other (Describe details in Narrative Report): <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:				
22) RESTRAINT METHOD USED: <input type="checkbox"/> HAND or FLEX CUFFS <input type="checkbox"/> LEG RESTRAINTS <input type="checkbox"/> BODY GUARD <input type="checkbox"/> SPIT SHIELD <input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:				
23) OFFICERS PRESENT AT SCENE DURING FORCE APPLICATION:		24) SHIFT SUPERVISOR(S):		
25) OTHER WITNESS(ES) / PERSON(S) PRESENT AT SCENE:		26) SHIFT OFFICER(S):		
27) AUDIO-VISUAL EVIDENCE: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO If NO, explain):		28) SUPERVISOR(S) WHO RESPONDED TO SCENE:		

**COMPLETING OFFICER(S): IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED IN ANY BOX USE THE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT;
ATTACH ALL RELATED NARRATIVE REPORTS, SUPPLEMENTS AND STATEMENTS AND
FORWARD TO SHIFT SUPERVISOR PRIOR TO END OF TOUR OF DUTY**

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29) WAS SUBJECT(S) INJURED? * <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	30) OFFICER(S) TAKING PHOTOS	31) TOTAL # OF PHOTOS	
* (Complete Diagram Below)			
	32) DESCRIBE THE EXTENT OF SUBJECT'S INJURIES AND PLACE ON THE DIAGRAM: SUBJECT # 1 Name:		
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WAS OFFICER(S) INJURED? * <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO * (Complete Diagram Below)			
	33) DESCRIBE THE EXTENT OF OFFICER'S INJURIES AND PLACE ON THE DIAGRAM: OFFICER #1 NAME:		
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34) WITNESS(ES) OR PERSON(S) WITH KNOWLEDGE:		ADDRESS:	PHONE #:
1)			
2)			
3)			
4)			
35) Officers Narrative: Did officer prepare a detailed incident report describing the facts and circumstances leading to the use of force? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
If no, explain:			
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SUPERVISORY / COMMAND REVIEW			
36) REPORTING SUPERVISOR (Name and Badge#)		37) DATE AND TIME OF SUPERVISOR RESPONSE	38) LOCATION
39) OFFICER WHO USED FORCE (Name and Badge#)		40) WAS SUBJECT(S) INJURED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	41) WAS OFFICER(S) INJURED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
42) Supervisor's Narrative: (Document steps taken to review and evaluate Officer's use of force.)			
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43) A/V EVIDENCE AVAILABLE / REVIEWED BY SUPERVISOR: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Date:		44) A/V EVIDENCE AVAILABLE / REVIEWED BY OFFICER: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Date:	
		45) A/V EVIDENCE AVAILABLE / REVIEWED BY LIEUTENANT: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Date:	
46) Lieutenant Review Narrative: (Confirm proper and complete investigation was conducted)			
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OFFICER REVIEW (Print / Sign / Date):		SUPERVISORY REVIEW (Print / Sign / Date):	
		LIEUTENANTS REVIEW (Print / Sign / Date):	

**SUPERVISORY/ COMMAND: REVIEW & CRITIQUE USE OF FORCE WITH INVOLVED OFFICER(S).
NOTE FINDINGS ABOVE AND FORWARD COMPLETED PACKET TO CHIEF OF POLICE.**

Use of force requires an ON-SCENE review, including a narrative report from the responding supervisor. This is REQUIRED for incidents involving - Chemical Spray, ECD Probe deployment or Drive Stun; any incident resulting in injury or complaint of injury; or any other time deemed appropriate by a supervisor.



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John Cappiello
Chief of Police

June 11, 2020

Alexis Cordone
36 Taft Street
Hamden, CT 06514

Dear Ms. Cordone,

Thank you for the citizen's commendation form received in my office on June 08, 2020 wherein you commend Officer Steven Teague for his kind and polite assistance delivered to you and your foster teen on March 2020. It is always gratifying to receive this type of communication.

I am forwarding a copy of the citizen's commendation form to the Hamden Board of Police Commissioners, Town of Hamden Mayor Curt Balzano Leng and to Officer Teague.

Thank you again, and please feel free to contact the Hamden Police Department for any assistance that we can provide in the future.

Sincerely,

John Cappiello
Chief of Police

/sa

Cc: Mayor Curt Balzano Leng
Hamden Board of Police Commissioners
Officer Steven Teague



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HAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN'S COMMENDATION FORM



DIRECTIONS: Anyone can submit a commendation of appreciation for outstanding service to the community provided by a police employee. Complete this form and mail or bring it in to the police department at the address listed below. We also accept any commendations submitted in written format.

Mail to: Hamden Police Department
Attention: Office of the Chief of Police
2900 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518



Your Name Alexis Cordone

Street Address 36 Taft St.

City Hamden State CT Zip Code 06514

Home Phone () N/A Daytime Phone (203) 909-7860

Involved Employee(s) Name Officer Teague Badge # ?

Name _____ Badge # _____

Name _____ Badge # _____

Description, if name(s) unknown _____

Location of Occurrence Hamden Plains

Date of Occurrence March 2020 Time _____

Description of Event/Occurrence officer Teague responded to a 911 call because DCF requested we call to have ~~assessed~~ assessed a foster teen in our home after he had a tough day. officer Teague treated us (me, the teen) with respect and dignity, and went out of his way to be friendly and polite. we appreciated his kindness, especially how he let me wait in the car with him (because it was freezing and the dispatcher asked I wait in the park until an officer was available) while his partner responded to an unrelated, emergent medical call that unfolded while they were on-scene. Thank you, Officer Teague!

(Attach additional pages, if necessary)

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY		
HPD Employee Receiving Commendation Form		
Name	Badge #	Date



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John Cappiello
Chief of Police

May 26, 2020

Robert B. Schaefer
3711 Whitney Ave, Apt. # 10
Hamden, CT 06518

Dear Mr. Schaefer,

Thank you for the kind and generous donation for the Hamden Animal Control Facility Gift Fund Account that was received in my office on May 26, 2020.

Your donation in the amount of \$50.00 will be deposited into the Hamden Animal Control Facility Gift Fund Account.

Thank you again, and please feel free to contact the Hamden Police Department for any assistance that we can provide in the future.

Sincerely,

John Cappiello
Chief of Police

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Cc: Hamden Police Commissioners
Mayor Curt Balzano Leng



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John Cappiello
Chief of Police

May 26, 2020

Gordon H. Kellogg
61 Fennbrook Drive
Hamden, CT 06517

Dear Mr. Kellogg,

Thank you for the kind and generous donation for the Hamden Animal Control Facility Gift Fund Account that was received in my office on May 26, 2020.

Your donation in the amount of \$100.00 will be deposited into the Hamden Animal Control Facility Gift Fund Account.

Thank you again, and please feel free to contact the Hamden Police Department for any assistance that we can provide in the future.

Sincerely,

John Cappiello
Chief of Police

/sa

Cc: Hamden Police Commissioners
Mayor Curt Balzano Leng



John Cappiello
Chief of Police

Memorandum

To: Officer Edward Stoor

From: Chief John Cappiello

Ch/C

Date: May 14, 2020

Re: Administrative Leave with Pay

CC:

Effective immediately, you are hereby placed on Administrative Leave with Pay and relieved of all police duties as a member of the Hamden Police Department. I have reviewed this matter with Mayor Leng who is aware of this action and the circumstances that prompted it.

The Ethics and Integrity Unit is currently investigating a department complaint regarding your actions on May 10, 2020.

This Administrative Leave with Pay should not be considered in any way or construed as a separation from employment in this Police Department or as any form of disciplinary action.

Cc: Mayor Curt Balzano Leng
Hamden Police Commission
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Ronald Gliford- Union President



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John Cappiello
Chief of Police

May 5, 2020

Raymond P. Borrelli
609 Mix Avenue, Unit F2
Hamden, CT 06514

Dear Mr. Borrelli,

Thank you for your letter of appreciation to the Hamden Police Detective and Officers who investigated the theft of your wallet on April 23, 2020. It is always gratifying to receive this type of communication and I am pleased to learn that your wallet was recovered.

Accordingly, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Detective Joseph Liguori, Officer William Iannone, Captain Kevin Samperi, Deputy Chief John Sullivan and as well as Mayor Curt Leng and Hamden Board of Police Commissioners.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write and if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

John Cappiello
Chief of Police

/sa

Cc: Detective Liguori, Officer Iannone, Captain Samperi and Deputy Chief Sullivan
Mayor Curt Leng
Hamden Board of Police Commission

Raymond P. Borrelli
609 Mix Ave, Unit F2
Hamden, CT 06514

Phone 1-203-281-4788

email rpb.elec@comcast.net

April 26, 2020

Hamden Chief of Police

Hamden Police Department
Hamden, Ct. 06514



Re: You should be proud of your
Officers and Detectives .

Events of April 23, 2020 at the Stop & Shop bus stop

I am my 70's and just had my second back surgery. I don't drive and must use a walker. The bus driver's use this stop for their breaks. When I leave the store there are always people asking for money, I just walk by them.

The bus driver was on his break and because of my weak legs I started to board the bus so I could sit down. This person peaked the perfect moment to take my wallet.

Take the wallet of a HC person on the steps of the bus and driver on break.

When I turned to try to stop this, I feel to the ground

I was impressed to see two men chase after this women

I got on the bus to go home and my cards, I saw 2 police cars with lights on go into LA Fitness on Skift Street, I called 911 when I was on the bus. I assumed that my wallet, money, ID's and credit cards were gone.

When I got home a detective call me and said they had a suspect and could I.D. her? They picked me and took me to LA Fitness parking lot. I couldn't ID her because she was at my back I told the detective's I was worried about my wallet, they told me they had, thins was a relief for me. When I got home there was no money and only one card missing, I can only assume it feel out when the person pulled the money out of my wallet,

Later the detective called me and asked how much money I had in my wallet. I wasn't certain, because I just went shopping and don't count the money in my wallet, but I do keep \$100 in one section of my wallet. The detective said he had it and bought it to me.

I wanted to make a donation to the police department, but the detective said just write a letter to the police department.

I have several family member's inn law enforcement and fire departments. My oldest brother was regional director of ATF, supported state police, another retired chief of police, nephew that's a detective in the Bronx, just to name a few.

Please call or email me if you have any questions

Thank You

Raymond P. Borrelli
Raymond P. Borrelli



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John Cappiello
Chief of Police

April 29, 2020

Officer Robert Villano
Hamden Police Department
2900 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518

Rob

Dear Officer ~~Villano~~,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your 25 years of dedicated service to the Hamden Police Department. You have been an invaluable member of this department and it has been a pleasure working with you.

Please accept my most sincere gratitude for all your cooperative efforts and commitment to the Department, along with my best wishes for a very healthy and happy retirement.

Very truly yours,

John Cappiello
Chief of Police

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Cc: Hamden Police Commission
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John Cappiello
Chief of Police

April 3, 2020

Bob Donahue
209 Thornton Street
Hamden, Ct 06517

Dear Mr. Donahue,

Thank you for your email of appreciation to the Hamden Department of Police Service and the officers for the apprehension of the juveniles. It is always gratifying to receive this type of communication.

Accordingly, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Officer Keron Bryce, Jinett Marte, Robert Villano, Luis Rivera, Brian Jackson, Kelley Cushman, Sergeant Michael Sigmon and Lieutenant Lyle Bennett as well as Mayor Curt Leng and Hamden Board of Police Commissioners.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write and if we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

John Cappiello
Chief of Police

/sa

Cc: Officers
Mayor Curt Leng
Police Commission

John Cappiello

From: rdonahue@snet.net
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:11
To: John Cappiello
Subject: Arrests on Thornton Street

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

I would like to thank the Police Officers that caught the five juveniles on Thornton Street early this morning. I live 209 Thornton Street and saw all of the activity happening. Our neighborhood was flooded with Police cars and the juveniles were finally caught. We have all been frustrated with car thefts and car break-ins. I would like to congratulate the outstanding Police Officers we have in Hamden for doing a great job each and every day.

Bob Donahue
209 Thornton Street
Hamden

Sent from my iPhone



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John Cappiello
Chief of Police

March 30, 2020

Elizabeth Gleason
1175 W Woods Road
Hamden, CT 06518

Dear Mrs. Gleason,

Thank you for your letter of appreciation to the Hamden Department of Police Service and for your kind comments regarding Officer David Falcigno. It is always gratifying to receive this type of communication.

Accordingly, I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Officer Falcigno as well as Mayor Curt Leng and Hamden Board of Police Commissioners.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write and if we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

John Cappiello
Chief of Police

/sa

Cc: Officer Falcigno
Mayor Leng
Hamden Board of Police Commission

Elizabeth Gleason
1175 W Woods Rd
Hamden, CT 06518

Sergeant Curran
Hamden Police Department
2900 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518

March 10, 2020

Dear Sergeant Curran,

I am writing to praise and thank the Hamden Police Department and, in particular, Officer Falcigno (badge #26). On Monday, March 9, at 8:37 am, I was involved in a motor vehicle accident on Whitney Avenue, just south of West Woods Rd. Officer Falcigno handled the entire process with calm, competence, and professionalism. This was the first accident I had ever been in during my 25 years of driving and I was both shaken and horrified. Officer Falcigno guided me through the procedures with grace. However, I am most appreciative of the kindness and unfailing patience with which he executed his professional duties--his approach and demeanor made all the difference. Officer Falcigno represented the Hamden PD in an exemplary manner.

That would have been more than enough to warrant this letter, but, in my relief at completing the official proceedings at the scene of the accident, I did not think to retrieve my license and registration (my car was towed and my husband drove me home). Again, going well above and beyond, Officer Falcigno actually stopped by our house to drop them off, not with a reprimand or any visible irritation, but rather with concern and compassion.

I hope that this letter is a welcome commendation of one of your officers, and I hope that you will pass along my thanks once again to Officer Falcigno. As a teacher, I always tell my students that nothing means more to me than a genuine thank you for doing my job well, and I am glad to provide that for someone else.

With all best wishes,



Elizabeth Gleason

Thank you.



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John Cappiello
Chief of Police

March 12, 2020

Jean M. Maatta
207 Armory Street
Hamden, CT 06517

Dear Mrs. Maatta,

Thank you for the kind and generous donation for the Hamden Animal Control Facility Gift Fund Account that was received in my office on March 12, 2020.

Your donation in the amount of \$50.00 will be deposited into the Hamden Animal Control Facility Gift Fund Account.

Thank you again, and please feel free to contact the Hamden Police Department for any assistance that we can provide in the future.

Sincerely,

John Cappiello
Chief of Police

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Cc: Hamden Police Commissioners
Mayor Curt Balzano Leng



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John Cappiello
Chief of Police

March 9, 2020

Christine Lamb
President
CT Animal House, Inc.
P.O. Box 343
Waterford, CT 06385

Dear Ms. Lamb,

On behalf of the Hamden Police Department and the Animal Control Division, I want to extend to you and to CT Animal House, Inc. my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the generous donation in the amount of \$500.00 to assist with the cost of an operation for Hamden Impound #59 known as "Maisie", a female pit bull mix that required hip surgery which was successful. Maisie is doing well and she is currently at the Wallingford Animal Shelter.

Thank you again, and please feel free to contact the Hamden Police Department for any assistance that we can provide in the future.

Sincerely,

John Cappiello
Chief of Police

Cc: Mayor Curt Balzano Leng
Hamden Police Commissioners
ACO Christopher Smith