

# Guilderland Police Department Annual Report



# 2022



*1972 Celebrating 50 Years of Community Policing 2022*



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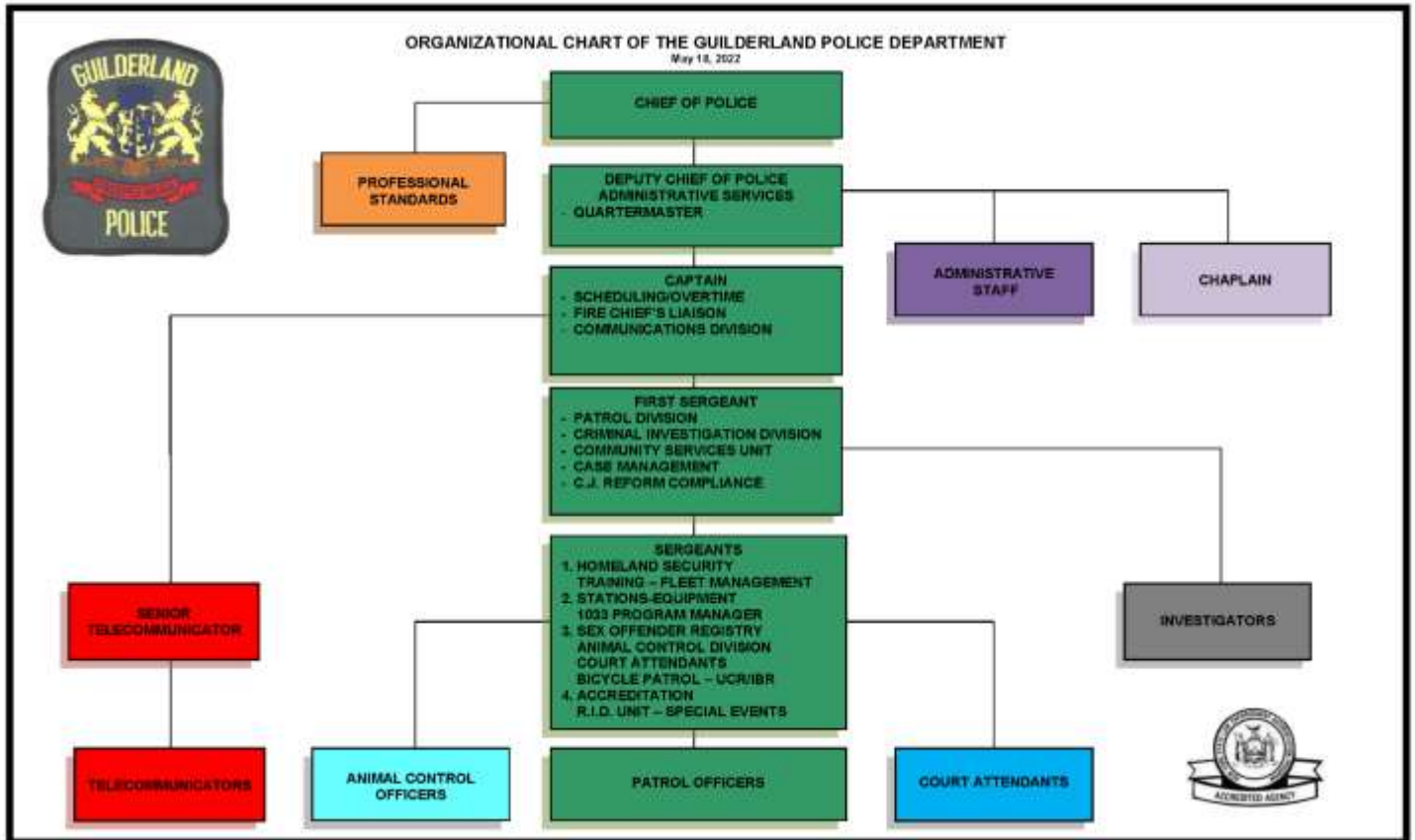
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# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



MISSION STATEMENT: The Guilderland Police Department, in partnership with the community we serve, is committed to enhancing the quality of life in the Town of Guilderland by protecting life and property, maintaining order, and impartially enforcing the law while upholding the human and constitutional rights of those we serve. To fulfill our mission, we will at all times, conduct ourselves with the highest ethical standards, professionalism and integrity.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Residents of the Town of Guilderland:

On behalf of the men and women of the Guilderland Police Department, it is my pleasure to present the 2022 Guilderland Police Department Annual Report. The report utilizes statistics, charts, graphs and documentation to summarize the outstanding work done by our members, sworn and unsworn, as we continue to provide excellent police services to our residents and visitors. Our common goal remains to make the Town of Guilderland the best and safest community to reside, work and visit.



In 2022 the Guilderland Police Department celebrated our 50th Anniversary. What a major accomplishment! We had two major community events, one at DiCaprio Park and one at our National Night Out Celebration at Tawasentha Park. I would like to commend 1<sup>st</sup>/Sgt Tom Funk for organizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary including all events, commemorative badges and patches. It was great to see so many community members come out and celebrate with us. It was also special to see many of the original six officers, retired members and current officers. As always, we shared our “versions” of some time-tested stories and had many laughs.

The Guilderland Police Department began in 1972 with six officers, four telecommunicators, and one administrative assistant. The goal was simple; to provide community policing objectives to our town. The police officers wore green blazers and closed at 3am. With the contributions and hard work of many members sworn and unsworn, retired and current, the Guilderland Police Department evolved into one of the best police departments in the Capital District.

Today we have 42 sworn police officers, 12 telecommunicators and three administrative staff members. Our department has a Patrol Division, Criminal Investigation Division, Community Service Unit, Retail Interdiction Detail, School Resource Officer Program, Special Reaction Team, Fire Investigation Unit, Accident Reconstruction Unit, K-9 Unit, Police Explorer/Cadet Program, Training Division, Communications Division, Animal Control Unit and a Traffic Safety Unit.

It is an honor and privilege to lead the dedicated, professional members of the Guilderland Police Department. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to our community and look forward to meeting and exceeding the challenges of today's complicated world. Further, I would like to thank all of our community partners for your support. You are what makes coming to work every day, to protect and serve, worthwhile.

In closing, I would like to thank our Annual Report Committee, especially Linda Cardinal for putting together this outstanding report. I would also like to send out a special thank you to Supervisor Peter Barber and our Town Board members for their unwavering support.

Respectfully,  
Chief Daniel P. McNally



## FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S DESK

Greetings from the Chaplains desk;

2022 marks my 6<sup>th</sup> year as Police Chaplain for the Guilderland Police Department. While a lot has changed in our world and in the department over these last years, the commitment that the members of the Guilderland Police Department have to faithfully serve our community has not changed. Under the leadership of Chief McNally, we have seen the department anticipate growing needs by adding new officers and enhancing services through training. Perhaps most encouraging is seeing seasoned members of the department advancing in their careers and responsibilities through promotions. We have also been able to celebrate the retirement of a number of officers and thank them for the years they spent protecting and sacrificially serving our town. This includes the retirement of Deputy Chief Curtis Cox, who retired after 38 years of dedicated service to the town. Through it all, it remains my honor and privilege to serve the Guilderland Police Department as Police Chaplain.

I am also encouraged and thankful for the support for the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy program that the Police Department, the Town Supervisor, and the community has shown. As Chaplain, I provide support to department personnel and their families, aid the public in times of need, and assist when a member of the department is sick or injured.

2022 began with an expectation and hope that we would "return to normal" following the pandemic. While much of life returned to pre-pandemic normalcy, the effects of the past 2 years will be felt for years to come. We have seen an increase in mental health struggles, drug abuse, isolation, anxiety, and fear. The department has been working hard to understand these challenges and support the community as we face them together.

While our community did our best to return to normal, the work of keeping us safe, responding to emergencies and ensuring that our community was served with the upmost respect and dignity was performed continuously by the incredible members of the Guilderland Police Department. This includes the emergency telecommunicators who are often the overlooked heroes who answer emergency calls, provide lifesaving instructions and ensure that responding personnel are going to the right place with the right information. As residents and visitors to the Town of Guilderland, we owe a debt of gratitude to these amazing men and women.

I will continue to be an advocate for those who are willing to don the uniform of service and be willing to sacrifice self for a greater cause. The members of the Guilderland Police Department deserve all our respect and admiration. That respect is earned each day as I have witnessed every officer serve with distinction and honor.

I am humbled and thankful for the opportunity to serve my community and my GPD family this year. I pray a blessing of peace, safety, compassion, and grace upon us all.

Geoffrey Ekstein, Chaplain

# ACCREDITATION

Since 2009 the Guilderland Police Department has been an accredited agency through the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. Being an accredited agency is something that the department is proud of as only approximately one third of agencies across the state are accredited. The agency works tirelessly to comply with the State's 110 standards to ensure that the agency is partaking in best contemporary practices and operating on sound policy in order to best serve the public. The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services describes accreditation as a progressive and contemporary way of helping police agencies evaluate and improve their overall performance. It provides formal recognition that an organization meets or exceeds general expectations of quality in the field. Accreditation acknowledges the implementation of policies that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. The New York State program became operational in 1989 and encompasses four principle goals:

1. To increase the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement agencies utilizing existing personnel, equipment and facilities to the extent possible;
2. To promote increased cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies and other agencies of the criminal justice services;

3. To ensure the appropriate training of law enforcement personnel; and
4. To promote public confidence in law enforcement agencies.

The reaccreditation process occurs every five years and the agency was most recently reaccredited in July 2019. The agency utilizes sworn personnel to maintain the accreditation program. Sergeant Egnor

is the Program Manager and Patrolman McCormick is the Assistant Program Manager.



The following accreditation standards were added in 2022:

4.1 – Officer Wellness

9.1 – Reporting requirements

The following accreditation standard was amended in 2022:

12.1 – Hiring standards

Refer to this website address for these added/amended standards: [Standards and Compliance Verification Manual Revision 092022 FINAL.pdf \(ny.gov\)](https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/ops/acc092022_FINAL.pdf)

For anyone who is interested in learning more about the NYS Law Enforcement Accreditation Program please visit the following website: <https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/ops/acc/red/>, or contact Sgt. Egnor at 518-356-1501 ext. 1121 or email [egnorm@gpdny.org](mailto:egnorm@gpdny.org)



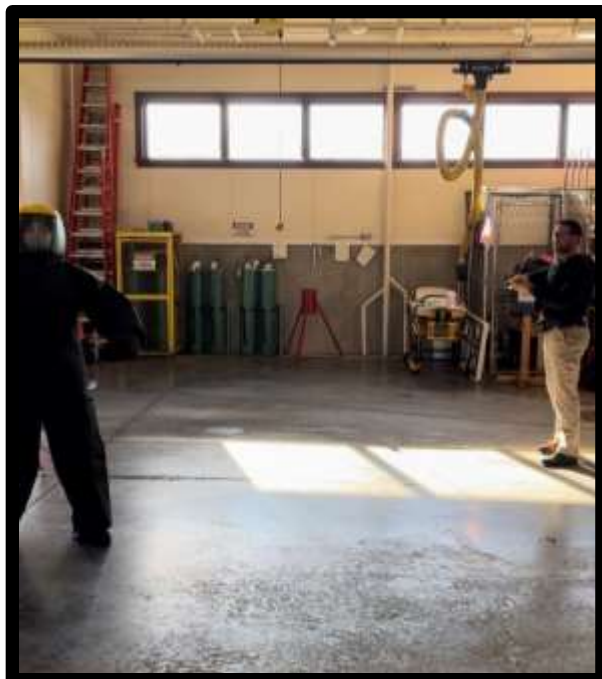
## TRAINING

In 2022, the Guilderland Police Department transitioned to a new duty handgun. The Glock G45 9mm replaced the Smith and Wesson M&P 45 that officers carried for over ten years. With the implementation of a new handgun, extensive training was conducted in the use, care, and maintenance of the handgun. In addition, the department continued the use of scenario-based training in the use of de-escalation tactics as well as the use of less lethal force. Officers utilized several different training locations to train in active shooter response and tactical response.

One officer from the Guilderland Police Department successfully completed training and is now certified as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). The DRE officer will be instrumental in evaluating and identifying individuals who are driving while impaired by the use of drugs which is vital in light of the legalization of cannabis.

In addition to adding a DRE, the department sent four officers to training to become certified general topics instructors, one of which was certified as a Standardized Field Sobriety Test instructor and Breath Analysis Operator instructor in an effort to enhance our department's ability to effectively enforce impaired driving. In addition to these officers receiving this training, several patrol officers attended training in the recognition and apprehension of impaired drivers.

Also in 2022, two officers attended Crisis Intervention Team training hosted by the Albany County Department of Mental Health. This specialized training will aid our patrol officers in the response to individuals in crisis. These two officers join five other officers that have received this training in the past.



# COMMUNICATIONS

The Guilderland Police Department Communications Division is staffed with certified E 911 telecommunicators. Enhanced 911 means that when you call



911, the address you are calling from is automatically displayed on the Telecommunicator’s screen. This is crucial in the event a person becomes unconscious before giving you the location or a crime in progress prevents the caller from giving the address. The Division is a 24-hour operation and is a vital link to the residents and businesses in this town to the emergency personnel in the field.

Currently, the communications division is staffed with 11 telecommunicators and 1 supervisor. Each telecommunicator is trained in Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD), CPR and AED. Every two years, they recertify to keep up with their training in those fields. National Telecommunicators Week is recognized every year in April; Communities and emergency communications centers honor those

telecommunicators that help save lives in times of personal or a national crisis. New York State continues to recognize telecommunicators as First Responders.

The Town of Guilderland Emergency Communications Service that includes Police, Fire and EMS has migrated to the Albany County 800MHz trunked Radio System. This system allows seamless communications with all Albany County Emergency Responder agencies as well as local schools and school buses; including Emergency Responder Communications with Saratoga, Rensselaer and Schenectady Counties.

The system employs the latest Radio technology and has proven to be a great public safety asset allowing Radio Interoperability amongst all agencies that once all operated independently.



*Dispatcher Josh Risko*

This year Telecommunicators received over 35,000 911 calls for service. Those 911 calls include, non-emergency calls and transferred cellular 911 calls. 26,146 calls were taken for police, 7,047 emergency medical services (EMS), and fire calls were received for service. This brings the total to 33,193 calls for service this year.



## PATROL



In 2022, the patrol division responded to 18,898 calls for service. Twenty-three of those calls for service were related to opioid overdoses. In two of those calls, patrol officers successfully administered Narcan to the patient. All of the patrol officers in the Guilderland Police Department are trained in the use of Narcan and they each carry one dose of Narcan.

The Guilderland Police Department welcomed one new officer this year; MaryKate Montemagno was a lateral transfer from the Troy Police Department. Additionally, two new vehicles were added to the patrol fleet of vehicles. The vehicles are 2022 Ford Explorers which replaced two out of the last three Ford Taurus' that were left in the fleet. These vehicles and all future vehicles added to the patrol fleet are black with red and white graphics which is a change over from the current white Explorers with red and black graphics.

Members of the patrol division work hard every day to provide kind, courteous, and professional service to the Town of Guilderland. They also work hard to keep the town residents and those who visit safe from harm. In October of 2022, Officers Brandon Carkner and Tylor Stevens recovered a loaded handgun that was illegally possessed by a juvenile from the City of Albany following an interview with the individual regarding suspicious activity that they observed.



*Officer Ian Kelley and Officer MaryKate Montemagno*



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

The focus of the Community Service Unit in 2022 was the celebration of the Guilderland Police Department’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Guilderland Police began patrolling the streets of Guilderland in 1972 with a small police force consisting of 6 police officers. As the Town has grown so has the Guilderland Police Department, which now has 42 sworn members. To commemorate 50 years of service to our community, the Guilderland Police Department held two special events. The first event took place in June at DiCaprio Park and the second was a combined event with National Night Out, our annual community celebration in August at Tawasentha Park. Members of the Guilderland Police Department and some of the original Officers came together with the community to celebrate 50 years of dedicated service by the men and women of the Guilderland Police.

To mark this milestone, the Guilderland Police Department partnered with Public Safety Insignia producing an anniversary



badge, patch and challenge coin. Members of our department during the anniversary year proudly wore the 50th Anniversary badge and patch.

Challenge coins are available to the public for purchase at a cost of \$5.00 each while supply lasts. Payment is accepted by cash, check or money order in the police Chief’s office Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.



50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at DiCaprio Park. (L-R) Curtis Cox, Fred Cason, Guy Comparetta, Al Andres, Dave Ditton, Chuck Harris, Doug Laramore, Dan McNally

The Guilderland Police Community Service Unit (CSU) is staffed with a juvenile officer, a school resource officer (SRO) and an investigator that works in the CIU as well. All officers are certified juvenile officers that have extensive training in juvenile law, sexual/child abuse and missing person's investigations. Chief McNally, seeing a need for an SRO at Farnsworth Middle School, partnered with The Guilderland School District and funded an additional SRO for the end of the 2022 school year. An interview committee consisting of members of the Guilderland Police Department, Guilderland Central School administrators, a school board member and a student, interviewed interested candidates and Officer

Kristopher Scarano was chosen to fill that position. SRO Sean Ralston works primarily out of the Guilderland High School supporting students and staff by maintaining school safety and security. In addition, the CSU officers provide the Guilderland School District with Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) and various instruction on topics like health, forensics and public policy. The CSU assists the patrol division with juvenile related offenses and felony juvenile cases. The CSU works to identify and resolve community problems

through proven law enforcement programs such as Rape Aggression Defense Program (R.A.D.), Drug Take Back Day and Coffee with a Cop. The CSU participates in community partnership events like local food drives and Dick's Sporting Goods Shop with a Cop. Other services provided to the community by the CSU include fraud prevention, provides CRASE training and the installation of child passenger safety seats. The CSU coordinates the set-up of National Night Out and the Guilderland Police Department's educational display at the Altamont Fair. Officers in the CSU attend trainings related to forensic interviewing of children, missing and abducted children, child abuse and New York State raise the age laws and updates.



*FMS SRO Kristopher Scarano with an FMS student*



*SRO Sean Ralston, Officer Patty Stallmer and Officer Olivia DiBella*



The Explorer program is a career-oriented program that allows the youth of our community between the ages of 14-21 an opportunity to explore law enforcement by working closely with members of the Guilderland Police Department.

The CSU oversees the Guilderland Explorer Post, which entered its 30<sup>th</sup> year. The post meets twice a month for training and provides assistance with community programs sponsored by the CSU. During the year, explorers receive training in police exercises and compete with other area posts. The training provides Explorers with skills they will use in the future as potential police officer candidates and community leaders. The Explorers attend an Explorer Academy, which is a weeklong multi-phased police academy where they can work alongside and compete against regional explorer programs. The Explorer program has been a valuable tool to reach out to and work with the youth of our community.



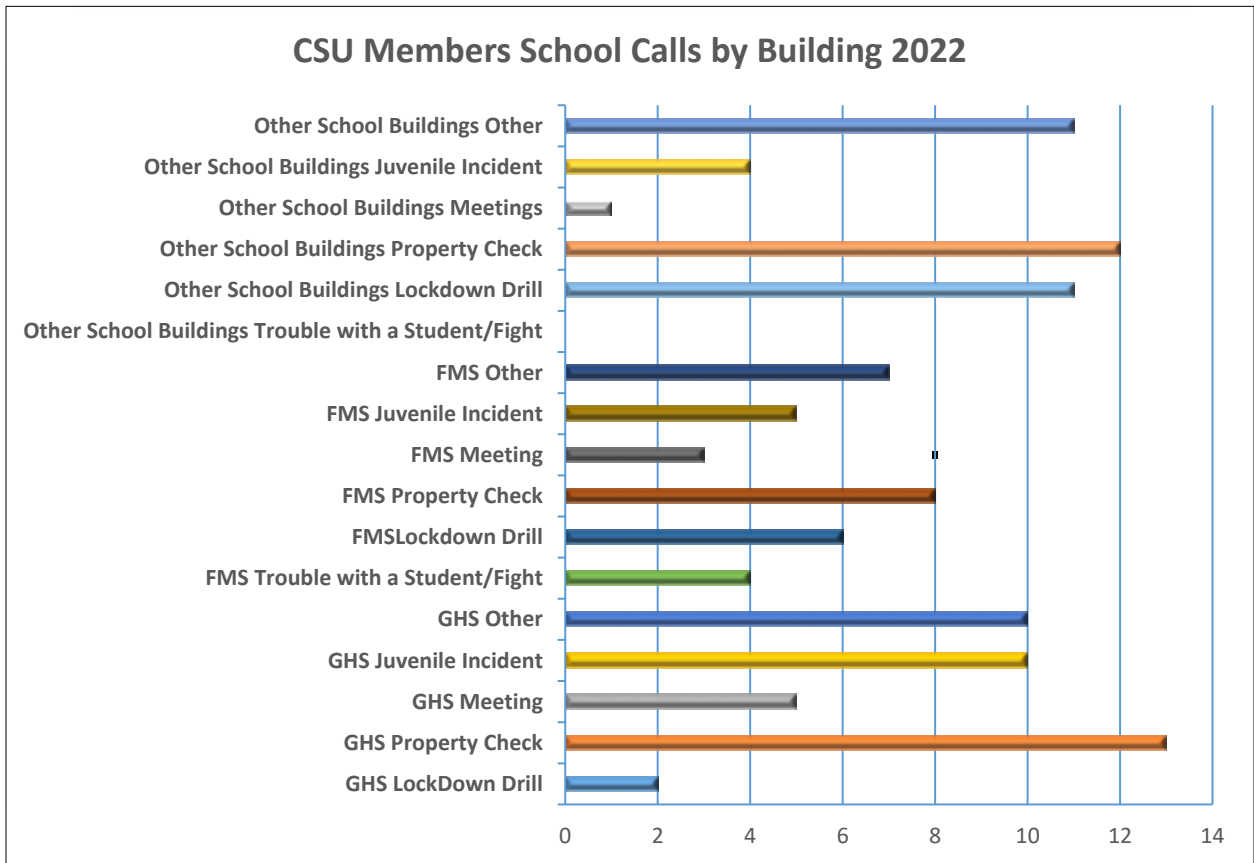
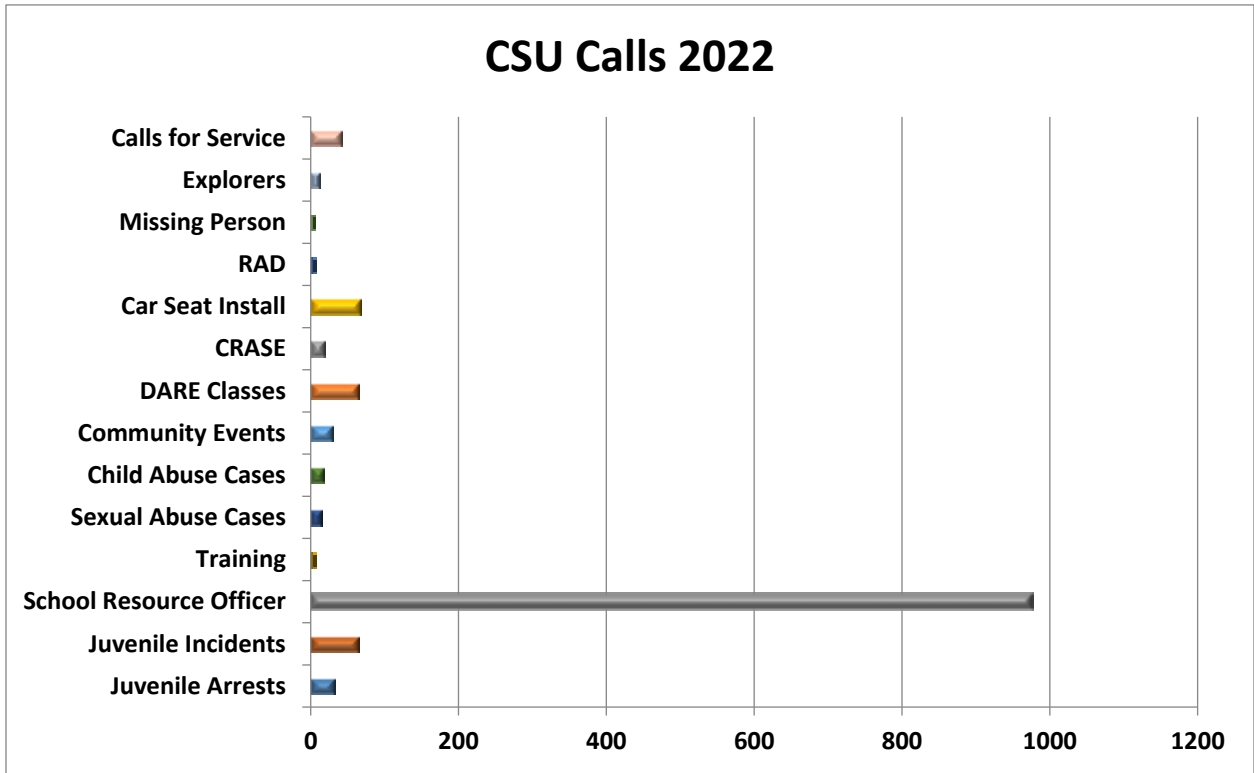
*Officer Chris Oades*



*(L – R) Officer Patty Stallmer, Investigator Matt Hanzalik, Investigator Chuck Tanner, First Sergeant Funk, Officer Oades, Investigator Leach, SRO Ralston*



*Explorers working at National Night Out*



## K9

Officer Stevens has been a member of the department since 2006, and became the department’s newest canine handler in 2021 with the addition of K9 Boreas, who is

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*Officer Stevens and K9 Boreas became fully certified by DCJS in December 2021 for Explosive Detection, Tracking, Article searches, and Handler Protection/Criminal Apprehension.*

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now approximately 2.5 years old. The Guilderland Police Canine Team train regularly with the Capital District Canine Training Group to stay proficient in the designated disciplines. Officer Stevens and K9 Boreas also attended and completed several outside training seminars and numerous training events put on by NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and the FBI. In the year of 2022, Officer Stevens and K9 Boreas were utilized numerous times for call-outs to assist surrounding agencies for a variety of calls for service. These calls for service



included numerous search warrants, suspicious packages, bomb threats and several community events. Officer Stevens and K9 Boreas also assisted members of the Guilderland Police department on numerous calls for service including search warrants, tracking, missing persons, crimes in progress, and other investigations. Officer Stevens and K9 Boreas have been to several schools in the GCSD to speak with students on various topics and have attended several D.A.R.E graduations. The Canine team enjoy working and meeting with the community and can be seen at our local events such as the Altamont Fair, National Night Out, the Department’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and others. Officer Stevens and K9 Boreas love to speak to members of the community and answer all questions regarding their training and background and greatly appreciate the support from the community.



## RETAIL INTERDICTION DETAIL

The Town of Guilderland is home to the 5th largest shopping mall in New York State, Crossgates Mall. The Guilderland Police Department maintains a substation in the mall for handling complaints and arrests at the mall and on the eastern end of town. In 2018, the department initiated the Retail Interdiction Detail (R.I.D.) at the mall in anticipation of the holiday shopping season and due to several instances of public disorder. The detail is composed of two uniformed "RID" Investigators that are assigned there. The officers work "flex shifts" that coincide with the mall's hours of operation. RID Investigators address issues related to theft from stores as well as disruptive or other criminal behavior that takes place within the mall.

The RID Investigators team up with Crossgates Mall Security and Management, as well as loss prevention personnel from various stores to form a unified effort in reducing thefts. In 2021, the mall welcomed Albany 518 Snug to its anti-crime efforts and those efforts continued through 2022. Albany 518 Snug deploys outreach workers in the mall to assist with identifying and interrupting potentially violent situations. In 2022, RID Investigators handled 1,489 documented calls for service. In 2022, there were a total of 179 adult arrests made at Crossgates Mall, 145 of those arrests were made by the RID Investigators. Additionally, RID Investigators were responsible for making 12 arrests that involved juveniles.

### **Some arrests outside of "routine shoplifting incidents" made by RID Investigators to note:**

**February 19, 2022:** (3) juveniles were arrested for Menacing 2nd following reports that the juveniles displayed knives to a business employee within Crossgates Mall placing that employee in fear. The juveniles were located shortly thereafter inside of Crossgates Mall, they were detained, knives were recovered, they were arrested and released to legal guardians.

**May 6, 2022:** Subsequent to a shoplifting investigation at a business within Crossgates Mall, a 27-year-old male was arrested by RID Investigators as a fugitive from justice after discovering that there was an active arrest warrant for him out of San Francisco County, California. The subject was arraigned and remanded to jail awaiting extradition.

**May 16, 2022:** Subsequent to a shoplifting investigation at a business within Crossgates Mall, a 52-year-old male was arrested by RID Investigators as a fugitive from justice after discovering that there was an active arrest warrant for him out of Fulton County, Georgia. The subject was arraigned and remanded to jail awaiting extradition.

**October 18, 2022:** RID Investigators received a report from a business within Crossgates Mall that a bag was located on the floor of the business and the bag contained a loaded handgun. A 19-year-old male was arrested shortly thereafter by RID Investigators for Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd for illegally possessing a loaded firearm and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in a Restricted Area. The subject was arraigned and released to the supervision of probation.

**December 28, 2022:** Subsequent to a shoplifting investigation at a business within Crossgates Mall, a 60-year-old male was arrested by RID Investigators for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd (class "B" felony) and criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 4th (class "C" felony) after the subject was found to be in possession of crack cocaine and other narcotic drugs. The subject was arraigned and remanded to jail.

*Members of the RID often network and develop good working relationships with employees of businesses within Crossgates Mall. This promotes a team atmosphere to combat and deter retail crimes. RID Investigators and business employees also team together to partake in community outreach initiatives. In 2022, one of the RID Investigators was recognized for his efforts in a ceremony held at Town Hall.*



In December 2022, Officer Strock, of the Retail Interdiction Detail at Crossgates Mall, partnered with Gap Inc. who created hope bags for children entering foster care. Over 100 bags were assembled by members of the Gap Inc. team and donated to Berkshire Farms Center and Services for Youth, as well as SNUG of Albany, a program designed to assist with at risk youth. During the partnership event, Officer Strock was honored by Gap Inc. Asset Protection with the Quarter 3 2022 Award for outstanding service to the retail community.

For more information on Albany 518 SNUG visit their Facebook page @albany518snug

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Criminal Investigation Unit handles a wide variety of cases within the Police Department. Members of the CIU carry a caseload, work on assigned tasks and assist the Patrol Unit when needed. The CIU primarily handles felony cases. The CIU is supervised by a First Sergeant and has 3 investigators assigned to the unit. In 2022 additional help was needed in the CIU to handle outstanding warrants due to justice reform and Officer Chris Oades was chosen for this task. In addition, Officer Oades handles a caseload and assists with on-call time. The functions of the CIU are distributed among the members in the unit. Some of the CIU's other functions are crime scene technicians, evidence and property room, accident investigation, photo arrays, pistol permits, employee background checks, peddlers permit backgrounds, administratively processing warrants/warrant investigations, professional standard investigations, drug investigations, death investigations and criminal investigations.

The CIU works closely with other agencies to have a successful conclusion to cases assigned to the unit. The agencies the CIU typically works with are the ATF, United States Postal Service, DEA, United States Secret Service, FBI, Homeland Security, New York State Police, New York State Narcotics Enforcement, Probation/Parole, Capital Region Crime Analysis Center, and other area police agencies. In addition, the CIU works emergency scenes within the Town

of Guilderland with town fire departments, ambulance service and paramedics.

The CIU would like to remind everyone that Identity theft is still a major issue for police departments all over the nation. Take care to help keep your information private, don't open emails from people or companies you are not familiar with and only use reputable web sites. When shopping on-line, be sure to check that purchases are being made through secure web sites. When in doubt call companies directly.

If you find yourself to be a victim of identity theft, run a credit report and flag your credit to protect against future identity theft. File reports directly to institutions where your identity was used without your authorization. Most financial institutions will require you to file a report with your local police department. The Police will review your case, ask for supporting documentation and try to identify a suspect. Suspect identification can be difficult when purchases are made over the internet and in different states/countries. Victims of identity theft should also report it to the Federal Trade Commission. This can be done on-line at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) and then follow the prompts. The best way to prevent identity theft is to protect all your personal information and be proactive by actively monitoring your credit report for any unauthorized activity.



Additional financial fraud/scams are occurring using a variety of methods. Calls for winning the lottery, a family member being arrested, cashing checks sent to you where you keep a portion of the money, your computer being compromised are just a few of the fraudulent incidents. Frequently the victims are asked to purchase gift cards and send the numbers to the caller for payment. This is fraud and reputable companies won't ask for payment this way. Further, reputable companies

won't ask you to send cash through the mail or wire cash to them to pay charges. Contact your local police department and ask questions if you receive a call you believe to be a scam. Research the company to see if there are other complaints prior to sending out any money. Contact the police department to report this type of fraud whether or not you have been a victim. Internet based crimes should also be reported to the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center by visiting [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)

The homicide of the Chen family on Western Ave remains open and anyone that has any information that may help solve this case should call the CIU or the New York State Police at 518-783-3212 or [www.troopers.ny.gov](http://www.troopers.ny.gov)

The 1995 unsolved homicide of Wayne Price who lived on Church Rd. in the Town of Guilderland will be reopened in 2023 with the assistance of the Albany County District Attorney's Office. Anyone that may have information on this case is encouraged to contact First Sergeant Tom Funk (518-356-1501 ext. 1043 or email at [funkt@gpdny.org](mailto:funkt@gpdny.org)) or Albany County District Attorney Investigator William Ward ([william.ward@albanycountyny.gov](mailto:william.ward@albanycountyny.gov)).

## 2022 Notable CIU Cases

**In January**, patrol responded to a reported home invasion where the two suspects were armed with a stolen semi-automatic pistol and a ghost assault rifle. The residents fought with the two suspects during which the suspects were disarmed and were held until the arrival of police. Both suspects were taken into custody charged with Robbery 1<sup>st</sup>, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2<sup>nd</sup>, Burglary 1<sup>st</sup>, Menacing 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Petit Larceny. Arrested was Jorge Rosario age 51 and Alexander Madera age 18. The CIU initiated a lengthy investigation and determined the residence was specifically targeted. Due to nature of the firearms involved, ATF joined the investigation and both of the suspects' cases were transferred to Federal Court. The case is still pending in court.

**In March**, Raquan Dyson was arrested for Rape 2<sup>nd</sup> and Criminal Sexual Act 2<sup>nd</sup> after he had sexual intercourse with a juvenile female that he met over social media that was less than 15 years of age. Three additional juvenile female victims were identified which led to the arrest of

Dyson for sending and receiving pornographic images for those victims. Dyson, who is 29 years of age, portrayed himself as a juvenile male over social media, contacted potential victims and struck up conversations with them. Dyson's case is pending prosecution in Albany County Court.

**Also in March**, the CIU started an investigation into the theft of \$10,000 from Trustco Bank. The investigation revealed an employee was responsible for this theft. The employee was questioned by investigators and admitted taking the money. The employee was arrested and the money was recovered. This case was sent to Albany County Court for prosecution and a plea agreement was reached which included full restitution to Trustco Bank.

**In April**, the CIU investigated the exchange of gunfire between two groups of juveniles outside Crossgates Mall in the Best Buy parking lot, which resulted in a bullet wound to the hand of a juvenile female patron. The CIU identified several juveniles involved in this incident and the patron struck by the bullet was an unintended victim. The investigation led to the identification and arrest of a juvenile male and juvenile female for this shooting. Their cases were transferred to Albany County Youth Part Court for prosecution and are still pending a resolution.

**In June**, the CIU investigated a case of unlawful surveillance at Macy's Crossgates Mall. A female employee reported to loss prevention that an adult male co-worker placed his phone in a position to view/video/photograph under her skirt. Macy's Loss Prevention viewed surveillance footage and could see the co-worker appeared to be recording under the female's skirt on numerous occasions. The CIU applied for a search warrant to seize and search the suspect's cell phone, which was granted. The suspect was arrested after reviewing information returned from the search of his phone. The case was transferred to Guilderland Town Court and is pending a resolution.

**In July**, the CIU investigated five reports involving the theft of vehicles and recovery of stolen vehicles in the Town of Guilderland. At the same time, the CIU assisted the patrol division in the investigation of several larcenies from vehicles in the Town of Guilderland. The investigation revealed five suspects, who recently moved into the town, were responsible for the above crimes. The three juvenile males and two adult females lived in the immediate area of the crimes. All the vehicles were located and returned to their owners. A search warrant for the suspects' residence was obtained and during the execution of the search warrant, additional stolen property was located and the suspects were arrested. Further investigation revealed some of the credit cards taken in the larceny from vehicles had been used to purchase merchandise from various stores. The suspects' cases are still pending in court.

**In October**, the CIU assisted the United States Postal Service and other federal agencies with a search warrant for a residence on Willey St. The USPS discovered illegal drugs were being sent

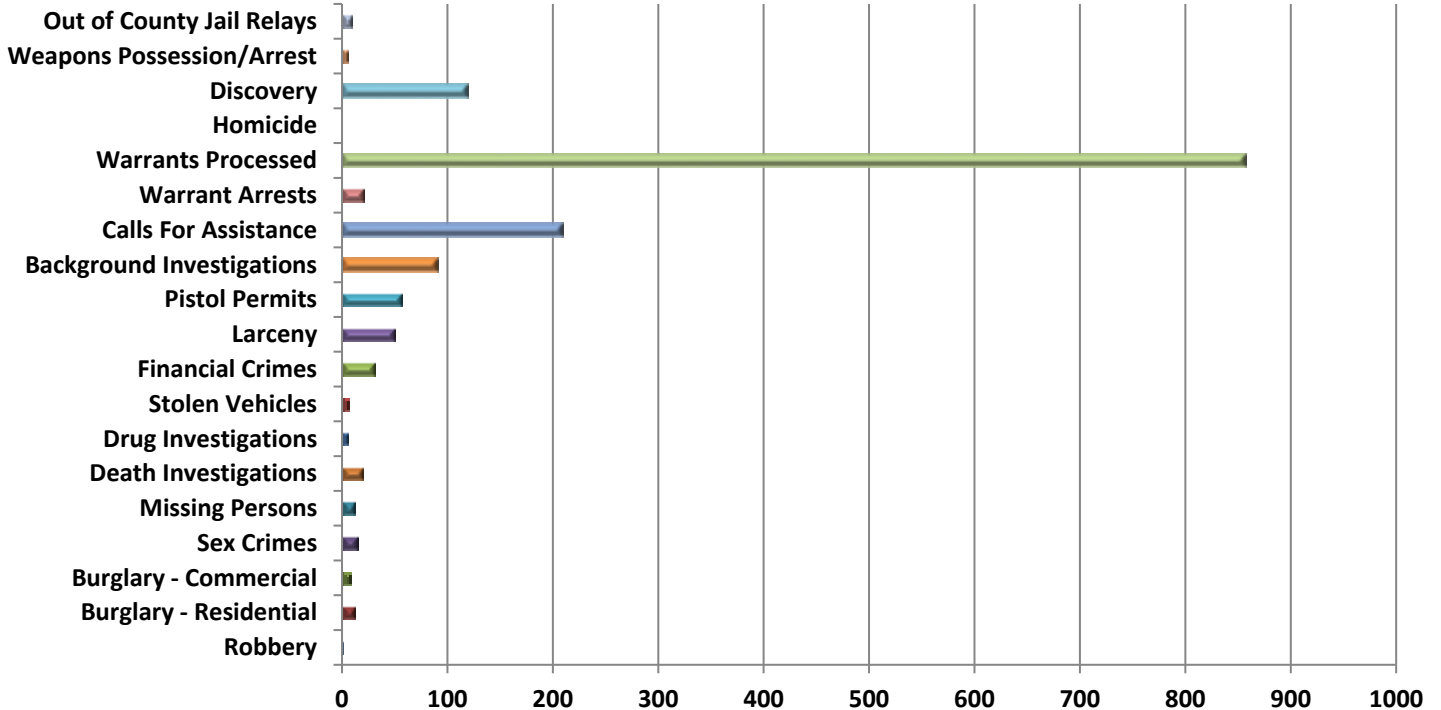
It is recommended that homeowners take steps to secure their valuables. Items of value should be secured in a reinforcement-mounted safe (not portable) and if a safe is unavailable hide items in a non-obvious location. In addition, homeowners are encouraged to keep photos of jewelry or other valuables on hand in the event items are lost or stolen. This could help with potentially locating items.

to that location through the mail and suspects were developed. During the execution of the search warrant, illegal drugs were recovered. The USPS arrested a resident at the home for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Prosecution of this case is in the Federal Court System.

**In November**, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the Guiderland Police arrested Jason Seminary for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, which was recovered from two separate locations during the death investigation of Kentish Bennett. Seminary appeared in Federal Court for arraignment and ordered held in Federal custody pending the outcome of his case.

**In December**, the CIU investigated reports of residential burglaries. These burglaries appear to be specifically targeted toward people of Asian, Indian, or Eastern European descent and often the victims are small business owners. The CIU has coordinated with numerous other law enforcement agencies and determined these cases are linked to organized groups that specifically target such residences. These investigations are still ongoing.

### CIU Cases 2022





## FIRE INVESTIGATION

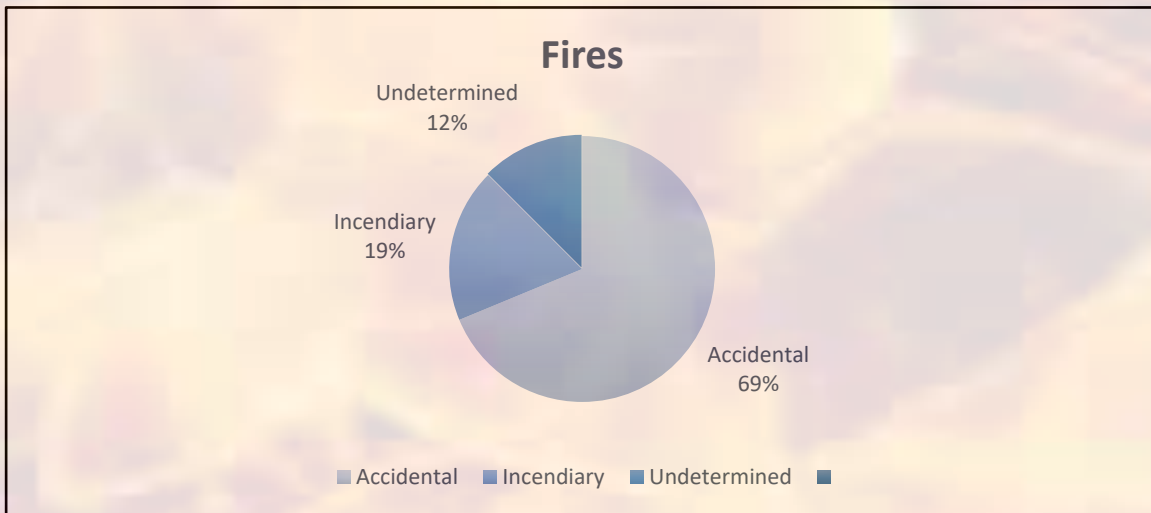
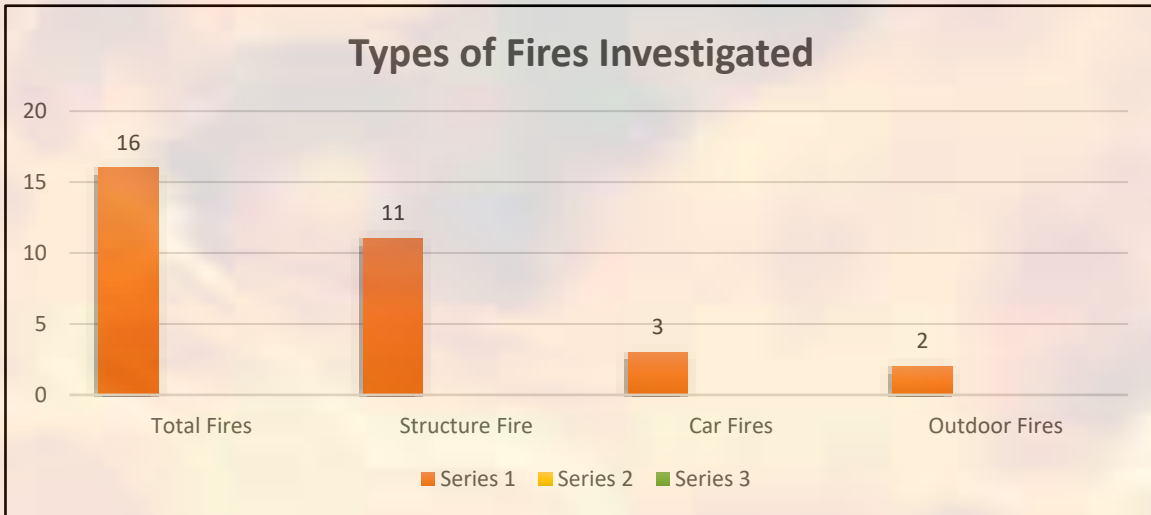
The Town of Guilderland Fire Investigation team was formed in 1977 and as of 2022 is comprised of Guilderland Town Police Officers (current and retired), Chief Building and Zoning Inspector, Chief Fire Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer and an electrician. The team is led by Chief Daniel McNally.

Technology has created some challenges and safety risks for first responders and fire investigators. Car fires for example are ever more challenging than ever, especially hybrid vehicle fires. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigated three electric vehicle crashes resulting in post-crash fires and one non-crash fire involving an electric vehicle, all of which illustrate the risks to emergency responders posed by the vehicles' high-voltage lithium-ion batteries. The NTSB also examined national and international standards established to maximize the safety of electric vehicles. Particular attention was given to the emergency guidance documents supplied by vehicle manufacturers to mitigate the safety risks to first responders and fire investigators who deal with electric vehicle crashes and high-voltage lithium-ion battery fires.

Fires in electric vehicles powered by high-voltage lithium-ion batteries pose the risk of electric shock to emergency responders from exposure to the high-voltage components of a damaged lithium-ion battery. A further risk is that damaged cells in the battery can experience uncontrolled increases in temperature and pressure (thermal runaway), which can lead to hazards such as battery reignition/fire. The risks of electric shock and battery reignition/fire arise from the "stranded" energy that remains in a damaged battery. Extra caution must be taken for fire investigators while investigating vehicle fires.



In 2022, the Town of Guilderland Fire Investigation Team responded to 16 fires, eleven were structure fires, three were car fires and two were outdoor fires. Eleven structure fires were determined as accidental, three incendiary and two undetermined. One juvenile male was arrested and charged with Arson for intentionally setting an outdoor fire. One adult male was arrested for intentionally setting a fire inside of a structure.



# ANIMAL CONTROL

The Guiderland Animal Shelter temporarily houses dogs and cats that are left unattended, stray or found within the Town of Guiderland. After a period of time, if an owner cannot be located, the shelter will commence an adoption process.

There are two animal control officers who are responsible for;

- Enforcing laws and ordinances in the town concerning animals,
- Supervising the care and protection of animals impounded,
- Seizing and impounding stray and dangerous animals,
- Issuing tickets in accordance with provisions of law,
- Investigating and take corrective action on complaints concerning animals running at large and unlicensed dogs,
- Maintaining records relating to the investigation of animal complaints,
- Impounding unlicensed animals running at large,
- Securing uncontrollable animals,
- Investigating reports of cruelty to animals,
- Testifying in court, as required,
- Enforcing quarantine laws and ordinances applicable to dogs,
- Picking up and disposing of deceased animals,
- Transporting sick or injured animals to a veterinarian for treatment,
- Maintaining records and information regarding the licensing of dogs and other animals in accordance with the provisions of applicable laws,
- Investigating complaints regarding stray, dangerous and/or injured animals,
- Assisting with the maintenance and operation of the animal shelter and the care of any animal there at,
- Assisting with animal adoptions and related paperwork,
- Assisting with animal adoption clinics,
- Conducting animal redemptions.



**RICHARD R. MURRAY TOWN OF GUILDERLAND ANIMAL SHELTER**

6363 French's Mill Road

Guiderland Center, New York 12085

**Appointments:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am – 4pm    **Open House:** Saturdays 12pm to 5pm



# QUALITY ASSURANCE SURVEY

**“Professional and courteous interaction”**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The officers responded promptly	23	5	0	0
The officers were knowledgeable	21	5	1	0
The officers acted in a professional/courteous manner	24	4	0	0

**“We were treated with respect and in a professional manner and appreciate the officers' concern and thoroughness”**

**“The officer was very sympathetic to my issue and very patient with me”**

Month	Surveys Sent Out	Surveys Received Back
January	10	4
February	8	2
March	7	2
April	12	2
May	7	1
June	9	2
July	6	3
August	7	3
September	8	1
October	7	3
November	6	3
December	9	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>28</b>

**"Although there is little he could do to resolve the situation, his kindness went a long way and is highly appreciated”**

**“My family thinks that everyone who works at the police department are heroes”**

**“I was very pleased and put at ease by the officer who helped me deal with an unfamiliar problem”**

## RETIREMENTS / NEW HIRE



### Deputy Chief Cox

*After a long career with the Town of Guilderland and Guilderland Police Department, Deputy Chief Curtis Cox retires. Deputy Chief Cox chose a law enforcement career following his father's footsteps. Just out of high school, he started working as a dispatcher. After a short time in the radio room, he went to the police academy, graduated and became a Guilderland Police Officer. The Deputy Chief focused on traffic enforcement and soon was appointed to the traffic safety unit. After some time, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant supervising the midnight shift. Later in his career, he was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant and then Lieutenant where he supervised the Criminal Investigation Unit. He took on administrative duties as Captain and finished his career as Deputy Chief after 38 years of service to the Town of Guilderland. A ceremony in his honor included a radio call out, a final walk out at the police station to a bag piped song played by Colonie Police Officer Pat Germain, parting words by Chief Dan McNally and Supervisor Peter Barber and refreshments provided by the Guilderland PBA with family and friends. After members of the community, EMS, Fire Departments and fellow police officers wished Deputy Chief Cox well in his retirement, a marked police car took him to his residence.*



**Nick Ingle**

*After 27 years of service to the Guiderland community, Officer Nicholas Ingle retired in December of 2022. Officer Ingle started with the department in August of 1995. Officer Ingle became a School Resource Officer in January of 2009 and was assigned to Farnsworth Middle School before transitioning to the Guiderland High School where he held that position up until his retirement. During his time with the Community Services Unit, Officer Ingle was instrumental in working with school officials to update the safety and security plans for the school district. Officer Ingle was a member and past president of the State of New York Police Juvenile Officers Association where he assisted with training hundreds of officers from around the state. We would like to congratulate Officer Ingle on his much-deserved retirement and thank him for his dedicated service to the Guiderland Police Department and the Town of Guiderland.*



*Chief Dan McNally, Officer MaryKate Montemagno and Supervisor Peter Barber*

*Welcome to GPD  
Officer  
MaryKate Montemagno*  
**Officer Montemagno is a lateral transfer from the Troy Police department.**



# MILESTONES

*In recognition of those who have 20 or more years of dedicated service to the Guilderland Police Department*



<b>Employee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Hired</b>	<b>Years</b>
<i>Curtis Cox</i>	<i>Deputy Chief of Police</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>Daniel McNally</i>	<i>Chief of Police</i>	<i>1988</i>	<i>34</i>
<i>Adam Myers</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Thomas Funk</i>	<i>First Sergeant</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Gina Spadaro</i>	<i>Senior Telecommunicator</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Charles Tanner</i>	<i>Investigator</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Carl Duda</i>	<i>Sergeant</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Nicholas Ingle</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Robert Meyers</i>	<i>Animal Control Officer</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Robert Bailey</i>	<i>Officer</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>John Ginder</i>	<i>Telecommunicator</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Eric Batchelder</i>	<i>Captain</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Brian Leach</i>	<i>Investigator</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Steven Witham</i>	<i>Telecommunicator</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Susan Infante</i>	<i>Telecommunicator</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>21</i>



*Members of the Guilderland Police Department*



*Deputy Chief Curtis Cox and Chief Dan McNally*



*Officer Ian Kelley and Officer Kasey Straus*



*Sgt. Matt Egnor and Officer Todd Roberts*





*School Resource Officer Sean Ralston*



*Officer Mario Hluch and Officer Chris Oades*



*Officer Patty Stallmer, Officer Kasey Straus and Officer Olivia DiBella*



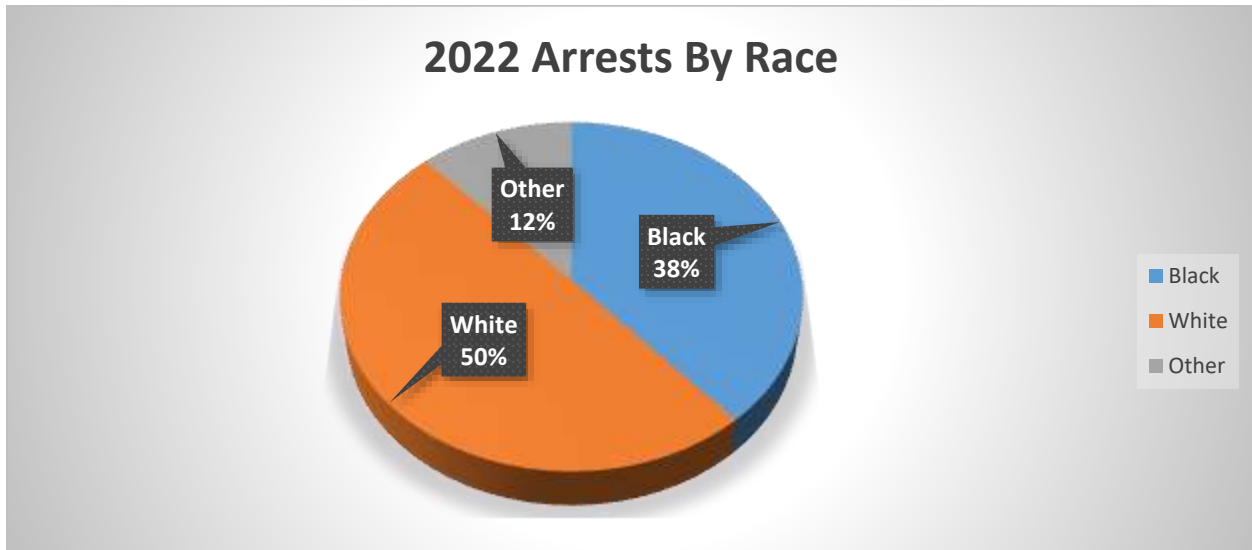
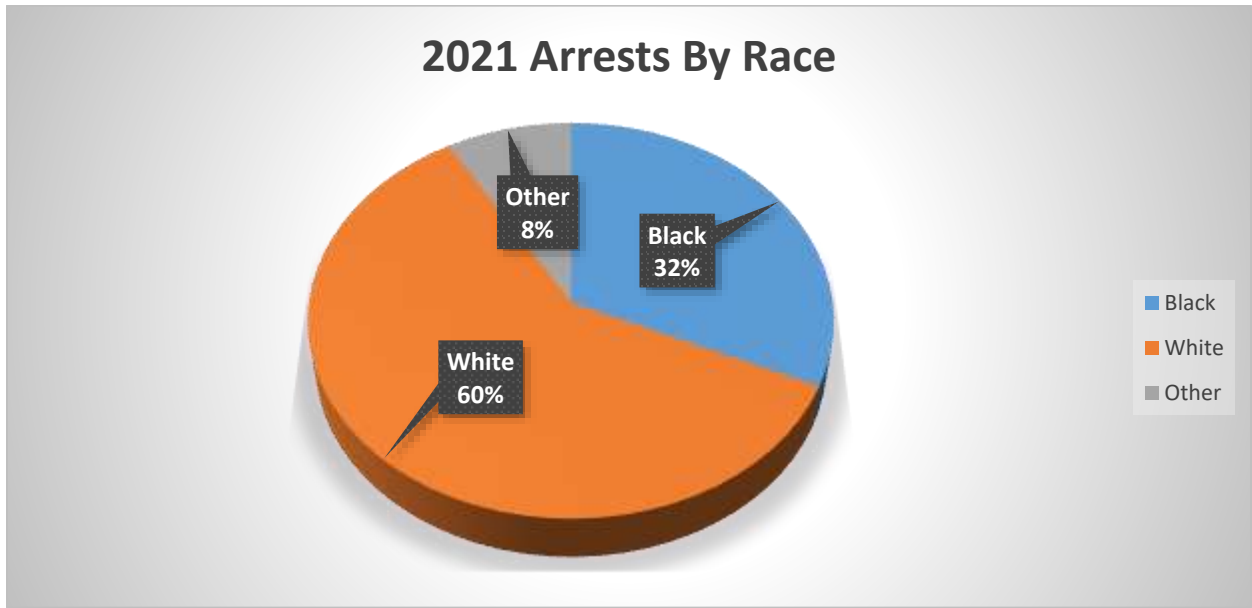
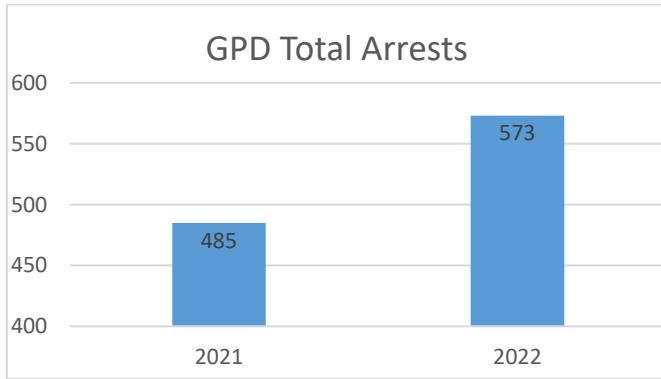
*Officer Chris Oades and Officer Giuliana Iannuzzi*



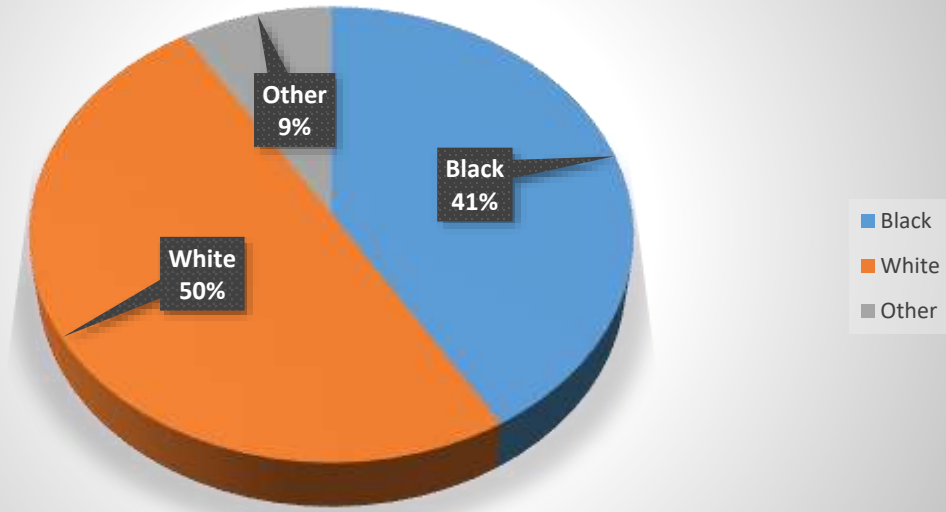
*National Night Out*



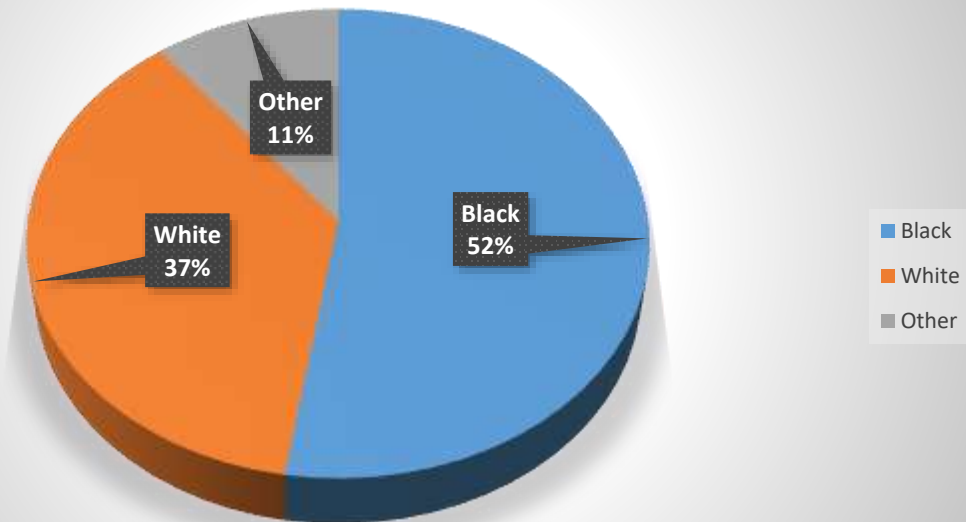
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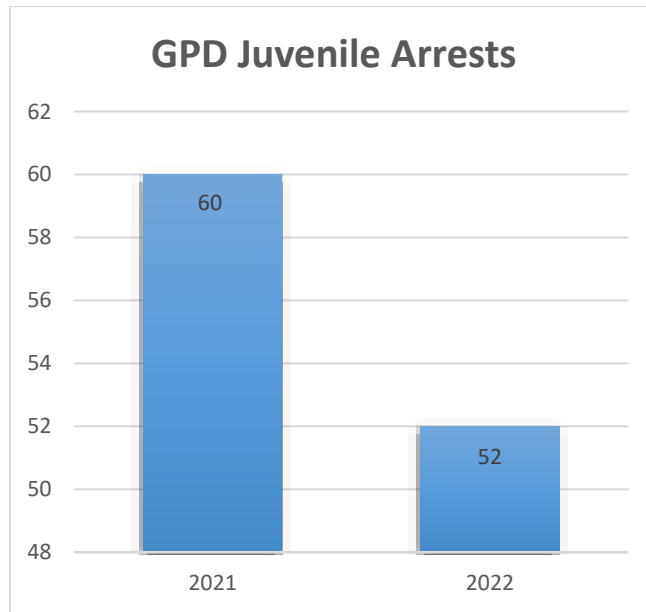
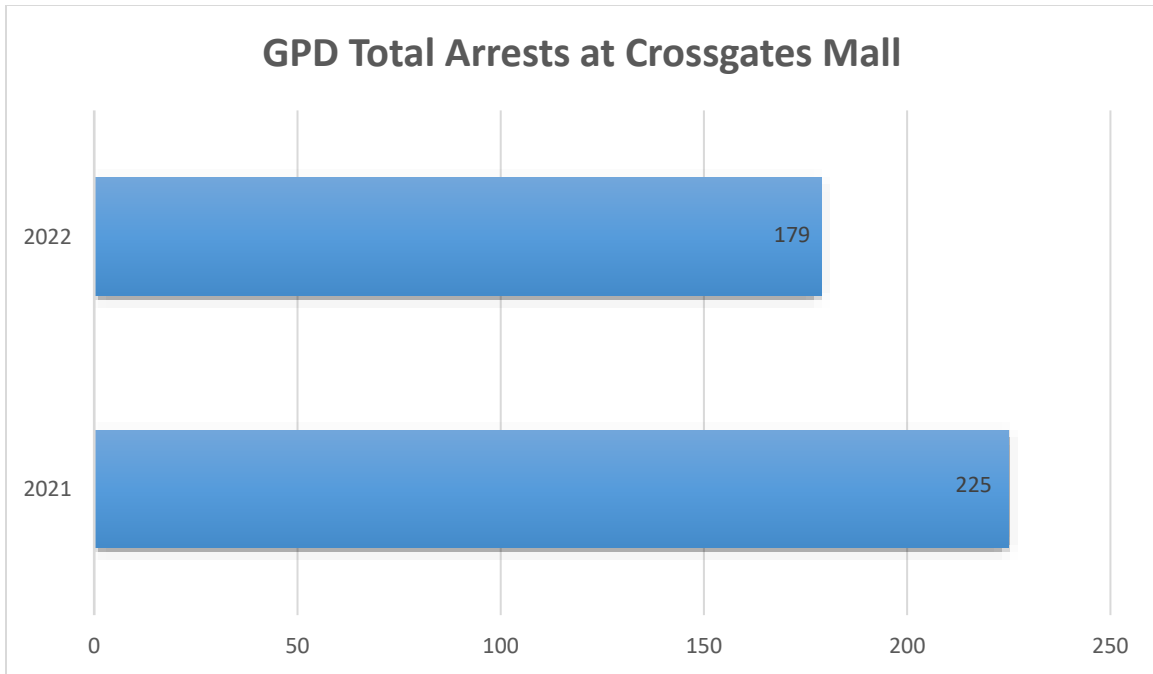


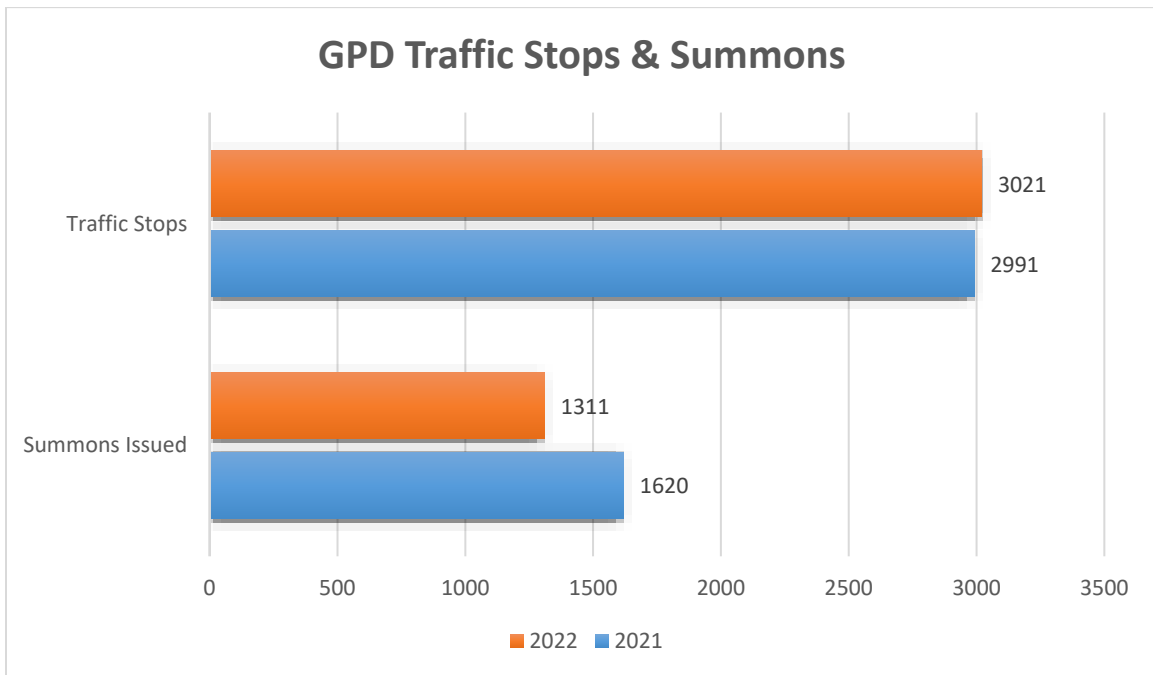
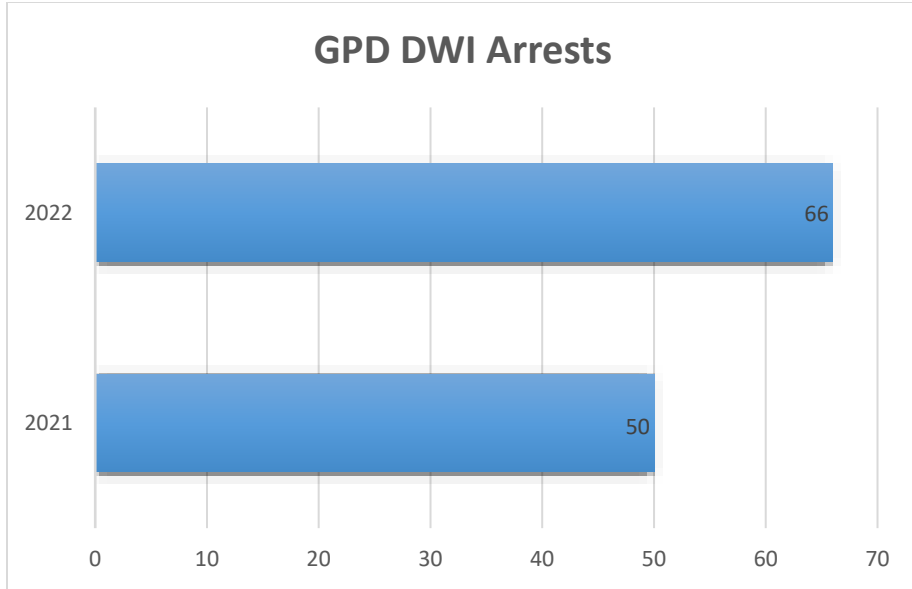
### 2021 Crossgates Mall Arrests By Race



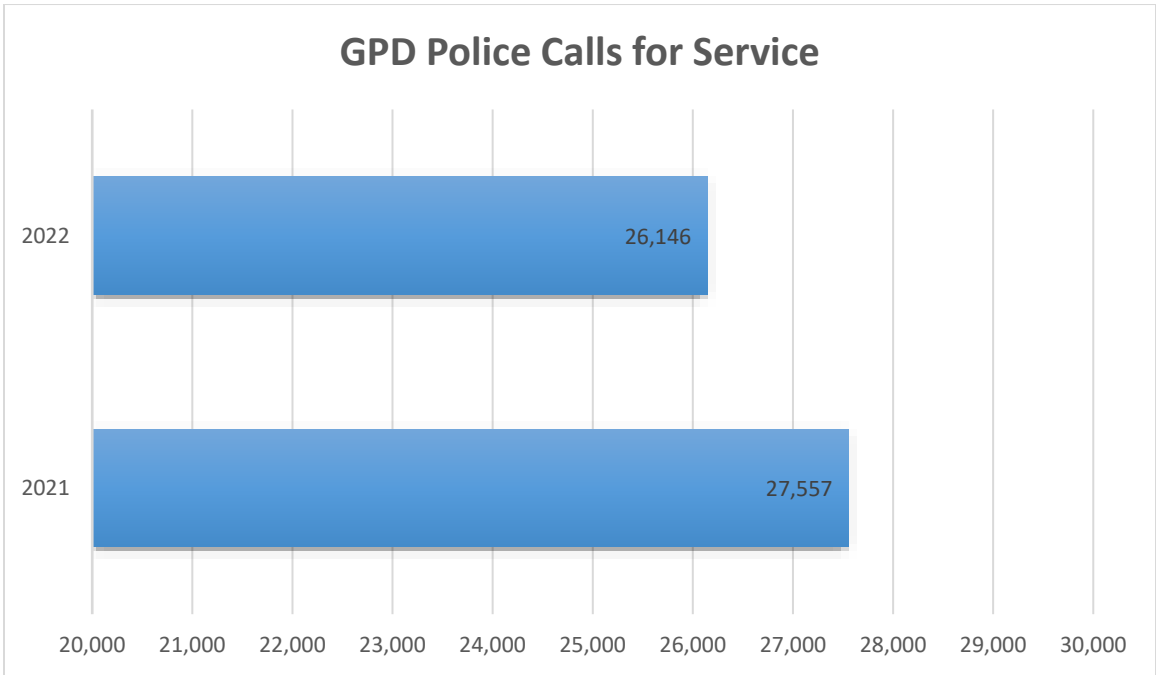
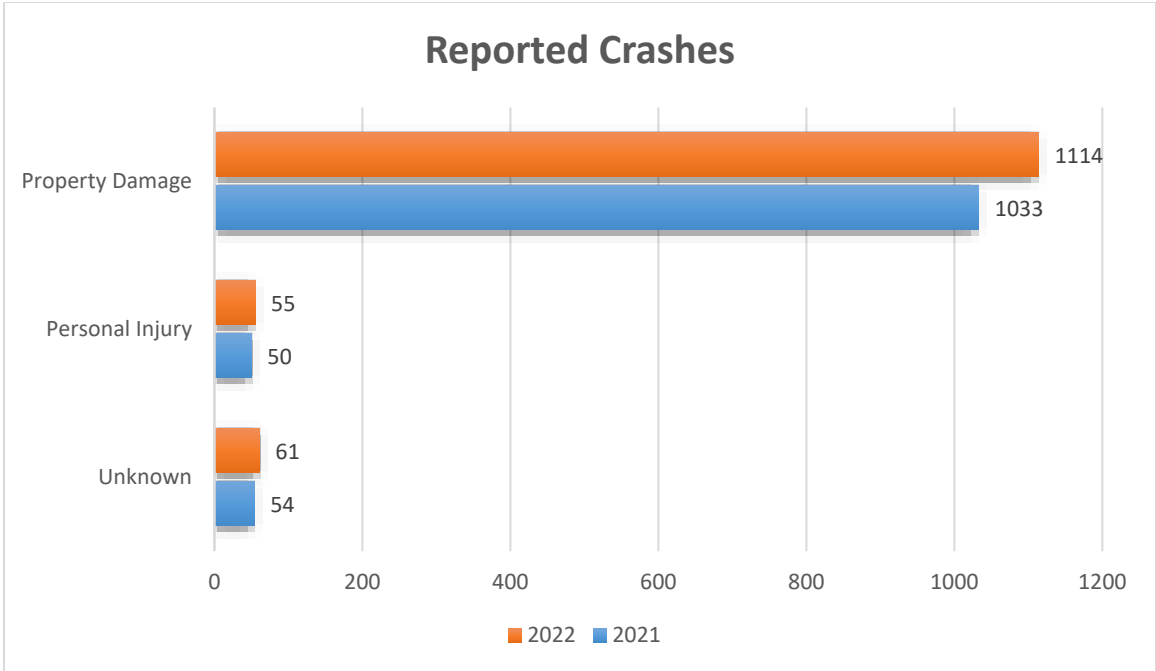
### 2022 Crossgates Mall Arrests By Race











Police Calls for 2022			Police Calls for 2021	
CALL TYPE		Percent Change	CALL TYPE	
911 ACCIDENTAL CALL	1053	-31	911 ACCIDENTAL CALL	1518
911 HANG-UP CALL	946	-24	911 HANG-UP CALL	1238
911 NON-EMERGENCY / NUISANCE	114	-12	911 NON-EMERGENCY / NUISANCE	129
911 OPEN LINE	345	-12	911 OPEN LINE	392
911 TRANSFER	1089	31	911 TRANSFER	829
ABANDONED VEHICLE	14	-18	ABANDONED VEHICLE	17
ALARM DROP	52	30	ALARM DROP	40
ANIMAL CONTROL COMPLAINT	1063	-9	ANIMAL CONTROL COMPLAINT	1166
ASSAULT	28	56	ASSAULT	18
ASSIST A PERSON	1254	15	ASSIST A PERSON	1088
ASSIST BY COM DIV	51	9	ASSIST BY COM DIV	47
AUTO ACC PROP DAMAGE	1114	8	AUTO ACC PROP DAMAGE	1033
AUTO ACCIDENT PERSONAL INJURY	55	10	AUTO ACCIDENT PERSONAL INJURY	50
AUTO ACCIDENT UNKNOWN	61	13	AUTO ACCIDENT UNKNOWN	54
BOLO	47	-10	BOLO	52
BOMB THREAT (PD)	0	-100	BOMB THREAT (PD)	1
BOY/GIRLFRIEND TROUBLE	12	71	BOY/GIRLFRIEND TROUBLE	7
BURGLAR ALARM	959	-5	BURGLAR ALARM	1007
BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	5	25	BURGLARY IN PROGRESS	4
CANCEL/DUPLICATE	76	13	CANCEL/DUPLICATE	67
CAR BLOCKING	12	200	CAR BLOCKING	4
CAR SEAT INSTALLATION	80	25	CAR SEAT INSTALLATION	64
CHECK A SUBJECT	797	13	CHECK A SUBJECT	705
CHECK A TRAFFIC LIGHT	57	-40	CHECK A TRAFFIC LIGHT	95
CHECK FOR HUNTER	22	-31	CHECK FOR HUNTER	32
COMMUNITY SERVICES MEETING	0	-100	COMMUNITY SERVICES MEETING	2
COMMUNITY SERVICES EVENT	180	42	COMMUNITY SERVICES EVENT	127
COURT ORDER	51	34	COURT ORDER	38
COVID COMPLAINT	0	-100	COVID COMPLAINT	14
CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE	24	-31	CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE	35
DETAIL	88	-20	DETAIL	110
DIG SAFE NOTIFICATION	0	-100	DIG SAFE NOTIFICATION	1
DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	267	-8	DISABLED MOTOR VEHICLE	291
DMV REQUEST	2	100	DMV REQUEST	0
DOMESTIC CALL	247	-11	DOMESTIC CALL	279
DPW ALARM	0	-100	DPW ALARM	2

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DRUG COMPLAINT	2	100	DRUG COMPLAINT	0
DRUNK ANNOYING	21	133	DRUNK ANNOYING	9
DUPLICATE CALL	0	-100	DUPLICATE CALL	5
EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	226	-2	EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PERSON	231
EMS (JUVENILE) CALL	18	100	EMS (JUVENILE) CALL	9
EMS CALL	526	7	EMS CALL	490
EMS CALL - ECHO/DELTA RESPONSE	1	0	EMS CALL - ECHO/DELTA RESPONSE	1
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	76	-6	EQUIPMENT REPAIR	81
EXECUTING A WARRANT	26	550	EXECUTING A WARRANT	4
FIGHT	100	-19	FIGHT	123
FINGERPRINTS	143	-11	FINGERPRINTS	161
FIRE CALL	207	-15	FIRE CALL	244
FIRE INVESTIGATION	18	80	FIRE INVESTIGATION	10
FIREWORKS	31	-24	FIREWORKS	41
FOLLOW UP ON PREV. CALL	96	8	FOLLOW UP ON PREV. CALL	89
FOLLOW UP	1	0	FOLLOW UP	1
FOOT PATROL	0	-100	FOOT PATROL	7
FOUND PROPERTY	81	-5	FOUND PROPERTY	85
GAS DRIVE OFF	37	32	GAS DRIVE OFF	28
GET A COMPLAINT	823	-7	GET A COMPLAINT	889
GET A REPORT	1946	6	GET A REPORT	1832
GROUP ANNOYING	66	-32	GROUP ANNOYING	97
HAZ PACKAGE	3	200	HAZ PACKAGE	1
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CALL	1	-100	HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CALL	2
HOLD-UP ALARM	65	33	HOLD-UP ALARM	49
HOUSE-VACATION CHECK	19	73	HOUSE-VACATION CHECK	11
INVEST BREAK	1	100	INVEST BREAK	0
INVESTIGATION	21	-50	INVESTIGATION	42
JAIL RUN	3	200	JAIL RUN	1
JUVENILE INCIDENT	249	96	JUVENILE INCIDENT	127
JUVENILE SHOPLIFTER	3	-75	JUVENILE SHOPLIFTER	12
K-9 ACTIVITY	40	264	K-9 ACTIVITY	11
KEEP THE PEACE	0	-100	KEEP THE PEACE	1
LANDLORD/TENANT TROUBLE	18	100	LANDLORD/TENANT TROUBLE	9
LARCENY FROM VEH/VEH GONE THROUGH	76	-31	LARCENY FROM VEH/VEH GONE THROUGH	110
LARCENY JUST OCCURRED	188	29	LARCENY JUST OCCURRED	146
LARCENY REPORT - NIP	215	100	LARCENY REPORT - NIP	1



Police Calls for 2022			Police Calls for 2021	
LOCK OUT	90	-11	LOCK OUT	101
LOUD MUSIC	25	-42	LOUD MUSIC	43
LOUD PARTY	40	33	LOUD PARTY	30
MEETING	5	150	MEETING	2
MISSING PERSON	53	29	MISSING PERSON	41
NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	44	-10	NEIGHBOR TROUBLE	49
NOISE COMPLAINT	25	-7	NOISE COMPLAINT	27
NOTIFICATION	325	-13	NOTIFICATION	373
OPEN WINDOW/DOOR	38	-12	OPEN WINDOW/DOOR	43
OTHER	136	8	OTHER	126
OVERDOSE	3	50	OVERDOSE	2
PANIC ALARM	10	-29	PANIC ALARM	14
PERSON ACTING SUSPICIOUS	29	32	PERSON ACTING SUSPICIOUS	22
PERSON ANNOYING	87	10	PERSON ANNOYING	79
PERSON ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	17	70	PERSON ATTEMPTING SUICIDE	10
PERSON DOWN	3	50	PERSON DOWN	2
PERSON EXPOSING SELF	6	20	PERSON EXPOSING SELF	5
PERSON WITH A WEAPON	21	40	PERSON WITH A WEAPON	15
PISTOL PERMIT	70	-5	PISTOL PERMIT	74
POLICE COURT	100	64	POLICE COURT	61
POLICE INFORMATION	23	-34	POLICE INFORMATION	35
POLICE WANTED UNKNOWN	63	75	POLICE WANTED UNKNOWN	36
PROPERTY CHECK	4114	-26	PROPERTY CHECK	5595
PROWLER	17	-47	PROWLER	32
ROAD HAZARD	135	-6	ROAD HAZARD	144
ROBBERY	1	-67	ROBBERY	3
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRANT	23	53	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRANT	15
SHOOTING	3	200	SHOOTING	1
SHOPLIFTER	38	-59	SHOPLIFTER	92
SHOTS FIRED	1	100	SHOTS FIRED	2
SNOW EMERGENCY (BIRD)	22	120	SNOW EMERGENCY (BIRD)	10
SOMEONE IN BUILDING	21	31	SOMEONE IN BUILDING	16
STOLEN VEH CHECK	8	700	STOLEN VEH CHECK	1
SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE	1	100	SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE	0
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	149	16	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	129
TEST CALL	34	-15	TEST CALL	40

Police Calls for 2022			Police Calls for 2021	
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	532	-8	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	578
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT COUNTY LINE	9	100	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT COUNTY LINE	4
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CURRY RD	22	-27	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CURRY RD	30
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT E OLD STAT	68	21	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT E OLD STAT	56
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT FULLER STA	7	17	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT FULLER STA	6
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GUILD CTR	6	-57	TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GUILD CTR	14
TRAFFIC STOP	3021	1	TRAFFIC STOP	2991
TREE DOWN	72	-11	TREE DOWN	81
TROUBLE WITH A CUSTOMER	162	17	TROUBLE WITH A CUSTOMER	139
VEHICLE ANNOYING	374	-9	VEHICLE ANNOYING	413
VEHICLE IN VIOLATION	79	32	VEHICLE IN VIOLATION	60
VEHICLE LARCENY/VEHICLE GONE THROUGH	32	129	VEHICLE LARCENY/VEHICLE GONE THROUGH	14
VIOLENT DOMESTIC	4	-20	VIOLENT DOMESTIC	5
WARRANT	124	41	WARRANT	88
WATER BREAK	27	-25	WATER BREAK	36
WELFARE CHECK	253	25	WELFARE CHECK	202
WIRES CALL DOWN/ARCING	62	15	WIRES CALL DOWN/ARCING	54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26146</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27557</b>