

Chief Eugene C. Petty

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NEW CASTLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Introduction

On behalf of the men and women of the New Castle City Police Department, it is my pleasure to submit our annual year-end report. This report will serve as a summary of the New Castle City Police Department's initiatives, enforcement activities, and achievements in 2021.

Summary

Policing in 2021 continued to be challenging for agencies across the nation. 2021 began on a positive note with the roll out of vaccines and with the anticipation the end of Covid-19 was near. However, variants slowed the optimism and illness soon began to effect staffing, training and the implementation of community projects.

Nationally, police continue to face relentless scrutiny in the press and with the proposal of demoralizing legislation that continues to effect recruitment and retention.

Despite the national narrative, the men and women of the New Castle City Police Department continued to serve with pride and dignity. This is in part due to the local support from elected and appointed officials as well as community members, who recognize the importance of professional policing and hold us to a standard that continues to promote public trust. As staffing issues continue to plague many agencies, we here in New Castle City are grateful to be at full strength for the first time in a long time.

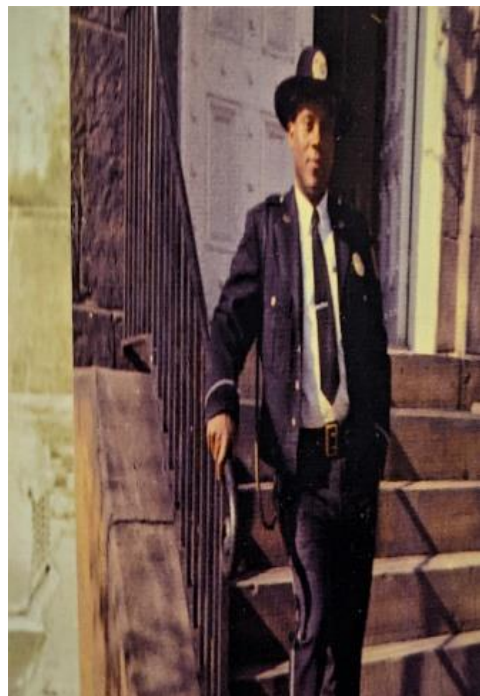
In the pages to follow, we hope to outline many of the highlights of 2021, some of the initiatives that were developed and a summary of enforcement data. We encourage all of our residents along with those who work or visit the city of New Castle, to visit our website at www.newcastlecitypolice.com and our Facebook page [New Castle City Police Department | Facebook](#) to stay informed about the latest news, initiatives, and community outreach programs.

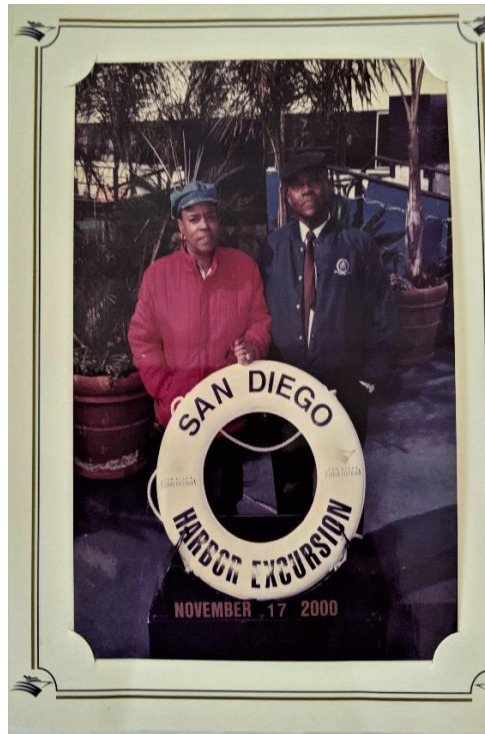
Chief Eugene C. Petty

On January 26th, 2021, the New Castle Community and the New Castle City Police Department mourned the loss of Chief Eugene Petty. Chief Petty was a lifelong resident of New Castle who served his country during WWII in the U.S. Army and New Castle City as a police officer. He served with the department for twenty-five years rising to the rank of Chief of Police. He was one of the nation's first black police chiefs and has been described as a trailblazer. Chief Petty was a beloved figure who set a standard of public service that all police officers should emulate.

This is a photograph of a manikin that has been the lobby of the police department since its opening in 2003. It is the actual uniform once worn by Chief Petty and continues to be the backdrop to many photographs. We like to think that Chief Petty continues to look over us as we serve our community.







On February 25th, officers from multiple agencies assisted the New Castle City Police Department in escorting Chief Petty and his family from the Buttonwood School, to the Congo Funeral Home, through the city of New Castle to his final resting place at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery.



Community Engagement Programs

As was the case in 2020, many of the traditional community engagement programs our department was involved with in 2021 were either altered or canceled as a result of COVID restrictions. However, we were fortunate enough to take part in a few events, worth highlighting.



In March, the New Castle City Police Department was invited to join the Community Collaboration of Delaware <http://www.communitycollabde.org/to> work with a probation and parole academy class and residents of a recovery house located in New Castle, to revitalize several storage facilities associated with non-profit organizations. The all-day community service event allowed members of law enforcement, non-profit workers and individuals who suffer from an addiction disorder, to share experiences and discuss solutions to drug addiction.



In May, we partnered with members of the Goodwill Fire Department to host a bike safety event. We set up shop where the Markell Trail crosses Delaware Street and gave away dozens of free bike helmets, provided literature about bike safety and current bike laws, and answered a lot of biker's questions. Because of our recent association with Protech DNA our officers were able to register bicycles into the national anti-theft data base.



The entire separation day event was canceled in 2020. In June 2021, New Castle City was fortunate to host the fireworks. COVID restrictions prevented the two-day event but residents were treated with a remarkable firework display.



At the Separation Day event, we met a family that wanted to tour our police department and meet our officers. We welcomed the Muttai family who enjoyed touring the building, sitting in our cars and taking over the Chief's office. We are told there are some future police officers in this group!





In July, Captain Shughart met with campers in Battery Park. The campers were very engaging and asked a wide variety of thoughtful questions that led to a very productive interaction. We continue to focus on face-to-face public interaction, especially with the children of our community, so they can get a chance to know us and what we do.



Meet Joey Fana-Ruiz, Honorary Mayor of New Castle City (for a day). On July 23rd, 2021, Joey was sworn in as Honorary Mayor and spent the day with current Mayor Michael Quaranta and members of the New Castle City Police Department.



A few members of the New Castle City Police Department were honored to be visited by a Prayer Group visiting with police departments across the region. The group, Sisters of United Prayer, brought support, encouragement (and a few treats) to remind us that there are many who support police and are praying for us. They not only prayed that we be surrounded by the "hedge of protection" but that our community be protected as well.



In August of 2021 New Castle City PD and Goodwill Fire Company teamed up for our annual back pack give away. This event was canceled in 2020 but returned in full force in 2021 providing new school supplies and backpacks for the children in our community.



On September 11th, 2021 members of the New Castle City Police Department and Goodwill Fire Company, once again, partnered to remember those first responders lost twenty years ago. Shortly after the attacks in 2001, then police Chief Kevin McDerby and Fire Chief Dave Majewski hosted an event that drew thousands of visitors to Battery Park to pay tribute to those heroes. We were honored to have Chief McDerby and Chief Majewski as guest speakers, twenty years later.



Members of NCPD and Goodwill were delighted to return to the in-person Christmas party. Every year, NCPD and Goodwill with the generosity of the Trustees and community members, host a Christmas party where children can get together and meet with first responders, work on crafts, listen and dance to Christmas music, and then get a visit from Santa Claus. They all leave on a full stomach with gifts from Santa.



It is also an opportunity for two or three families in our community that are struggling, to get a special visit from Santa. These are families with children that have been identified by community members who need assistance in making Christmas special.



About Us

2021 saw the retirement of one of the most tenured police officers in New Castle City. In March of 2021 and after twenty-seven years of service, Master Sergeant Bernard Torre retired with honors. The picture below is of a time-honored tradition of passing the American Flag from the most junior officer to the most senior. The flag Master Sergeant Torre received, had recently flown over the police department.



I am the Flag of the United States of America. My name is OLDE GLORY.
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings I stand watch in America's Halls of Justice.
I fly majestically over Great Institutions of Learning.
I stand guard with the Greatest Military power in the World.
LOOK UP! and see ME!!!
I stand for Peace Honor Truth and Justice.
I stand for Freedom!!
I am confident I am arrogant I am proud.
When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is held a little higher - my colors are a little truer
I BOW TO NO ONE!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped - I am saluted - I am respected - I am Revered - I am loved - I am Feared!!
For more than 200 years, I have fought in Every battle of Every war;
Gettysburg, Shiloh, Appomattox, San Juan Hill, The Trenches of France, the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome, The Beaches of Normandy

the jungles of Guam, Okinawa, Tarawa, Korea, Vietnam and in the heat of the Persian Gulf and a score of other places.

Long forgotten by all, but those who were there with me.

I was there.

I led my Sailors and Marines,

I followed them, I watch over them, they Love Me.

I was on a small hill on Iwo Jima.

I was dirty battle torn and tired but my Sailors and Marines Cheered Me!!!!

I WAS PROUD!

I have been soiled burned torn and trampled on the streets of countries that I have helped to set Free.

It does not Hurt for I am invincible.

I have been soiled burned torn and trampled on the streets of my own country

And when it is done by those whom with I have served in battle. It HURTS!!!

But I shall Overcome for I am strong!!

I have slipped the surely bounds of earth and, from my vantage point on the moon,

I stand watch over the New Frontiers of Space.

I have been the silent witness to all of America's finest hours.

But my finest hour comes when I am torn into strips,

To be used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the Field of Battle

When I fly half mast to Honor my Sailors and Marines

and when I lie in the trembling arms of a Grieving Mother - at the graveside of her fallen son or daughter

I am proud!

My Name is "Olde Glory" Long May I Wave Dear God, Long may I wave.

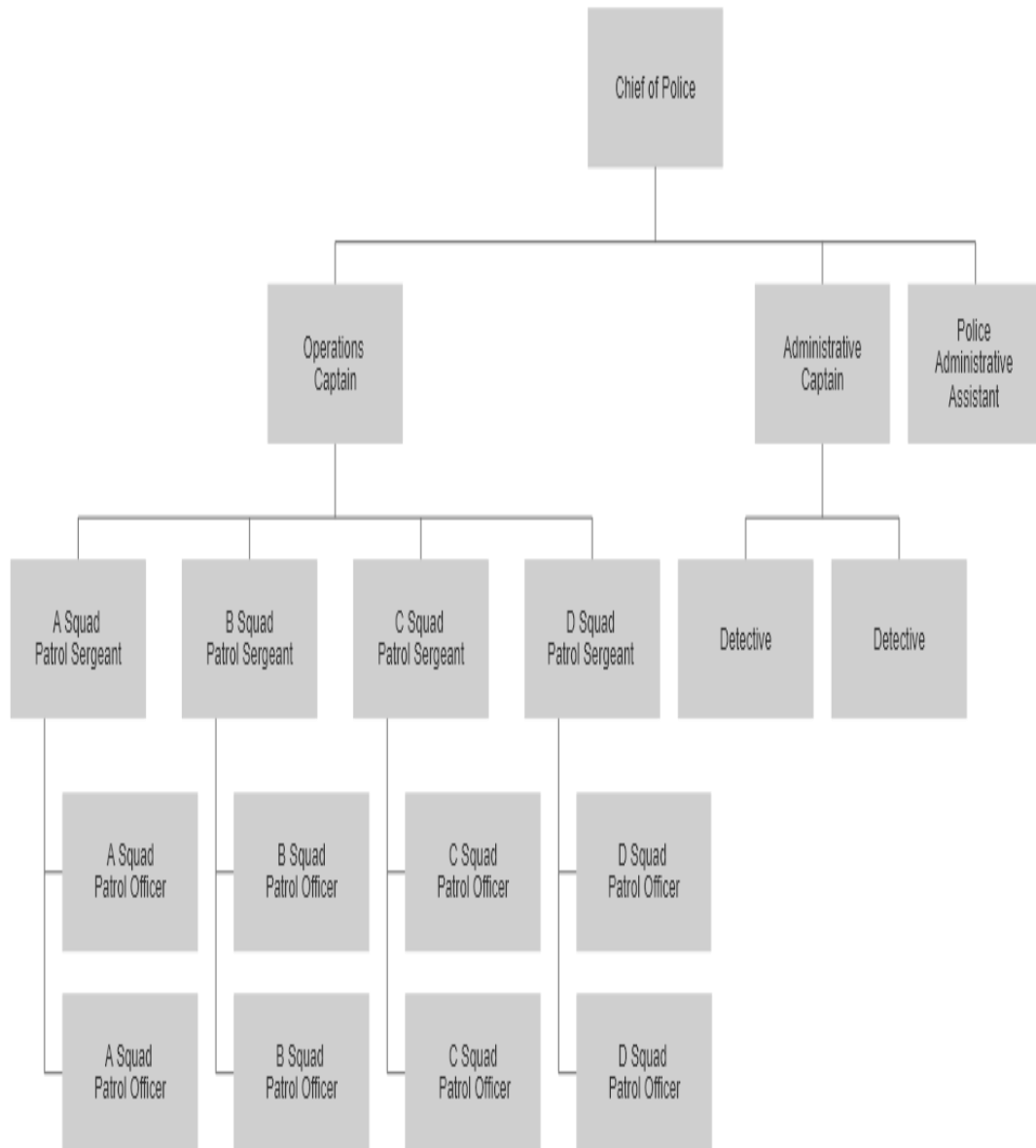


Master Sergeant Torre was “walked out” to retirement in the presence of his friends, family, and brothers and sisters in uniform.





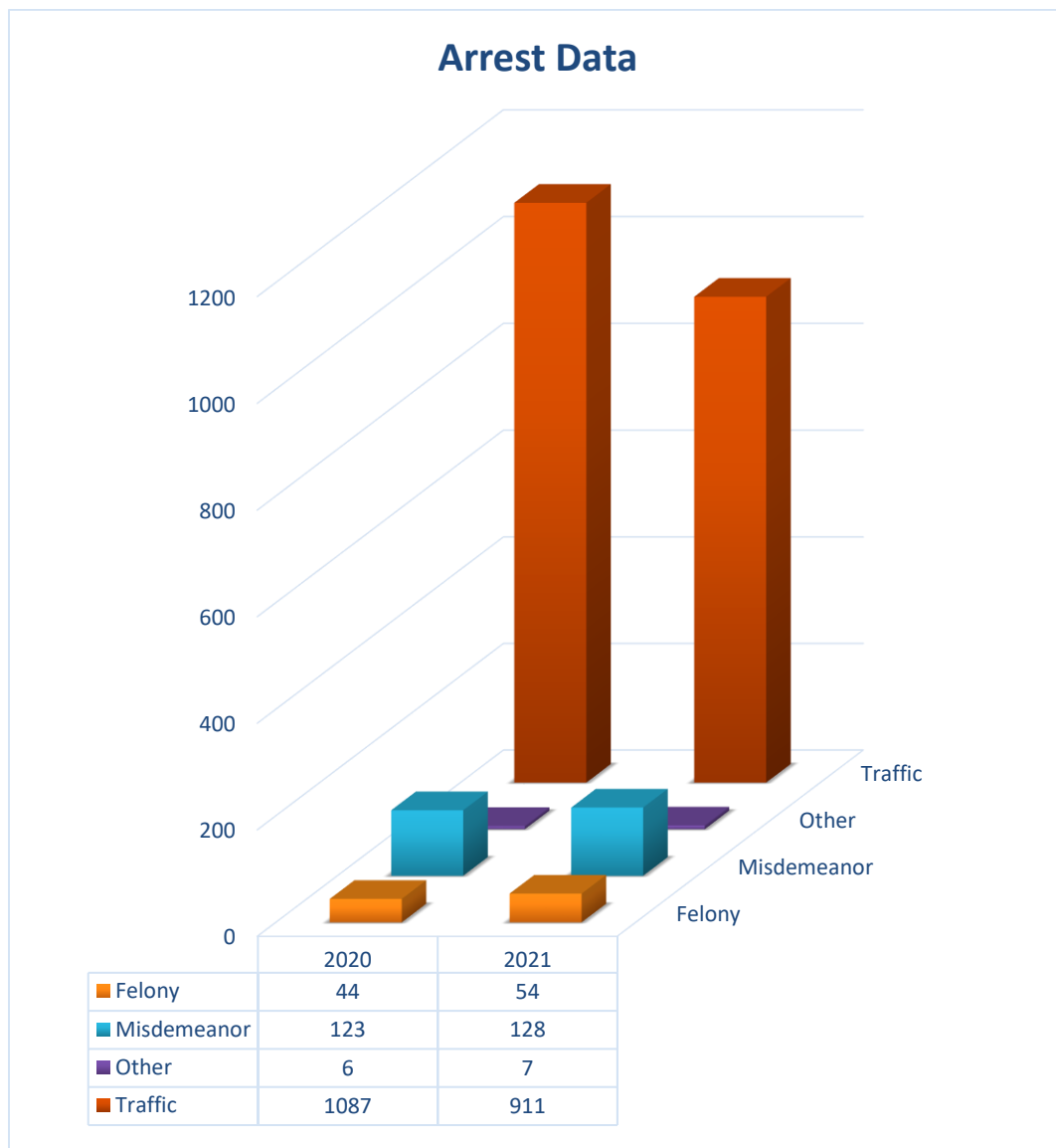
The organization chart below illustrates the current structure of our department. By the end of 2021 we had seventeen officers. One officer is due to graduate from the New Castle County Police Academy in January, one remains deployed with the Delaware Air National Guard and an 18th officer is scheduled to begin the Dover Police Academy.



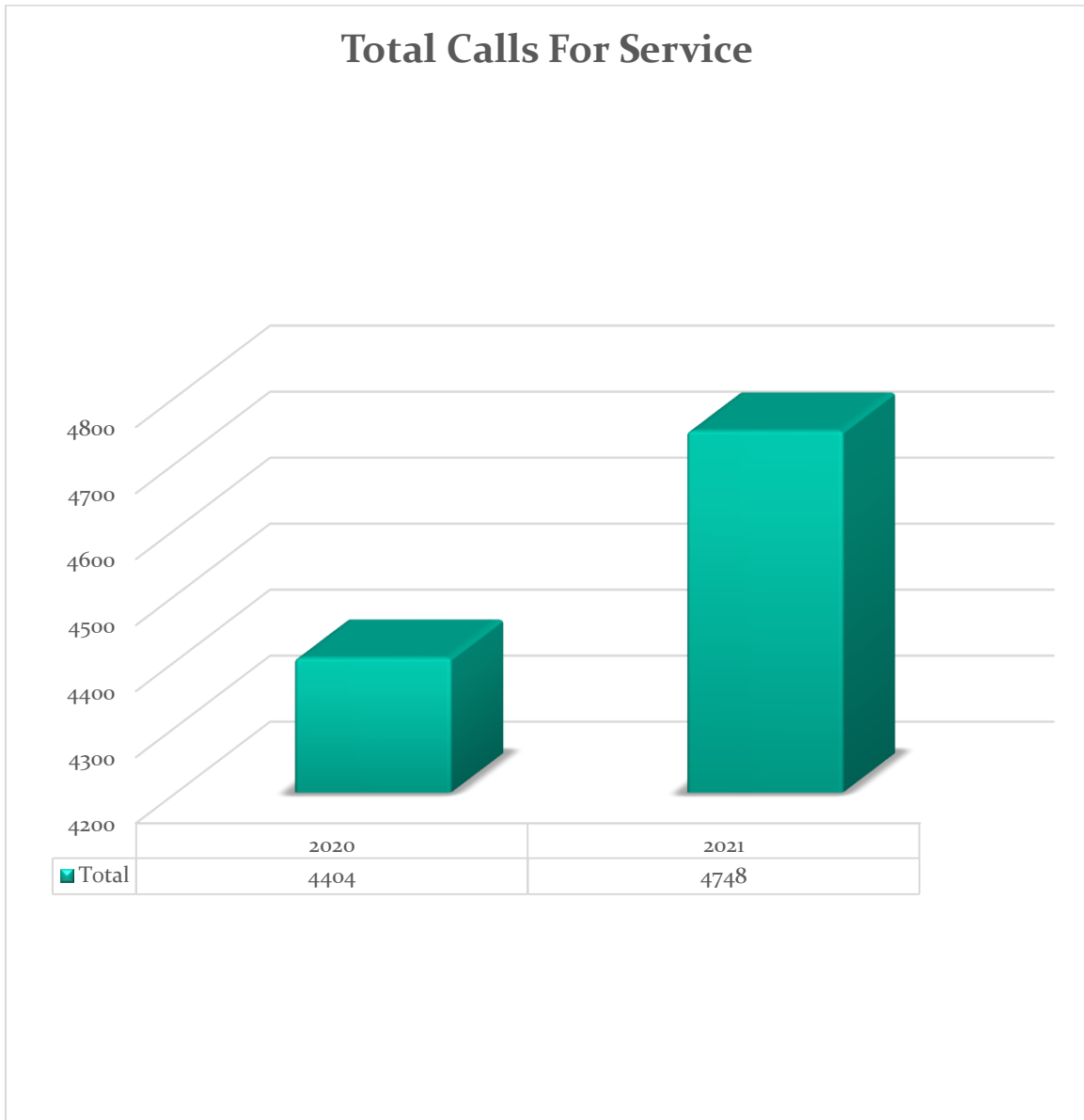
Enforcement

Enforcement continues to be an important part of policing. Once again, our officers were faced with challenges caused by the pandemic and police reform initiatives. Balancing public trust and enforcement is challenging but our officers continued to uphold their oath to protect and serve.

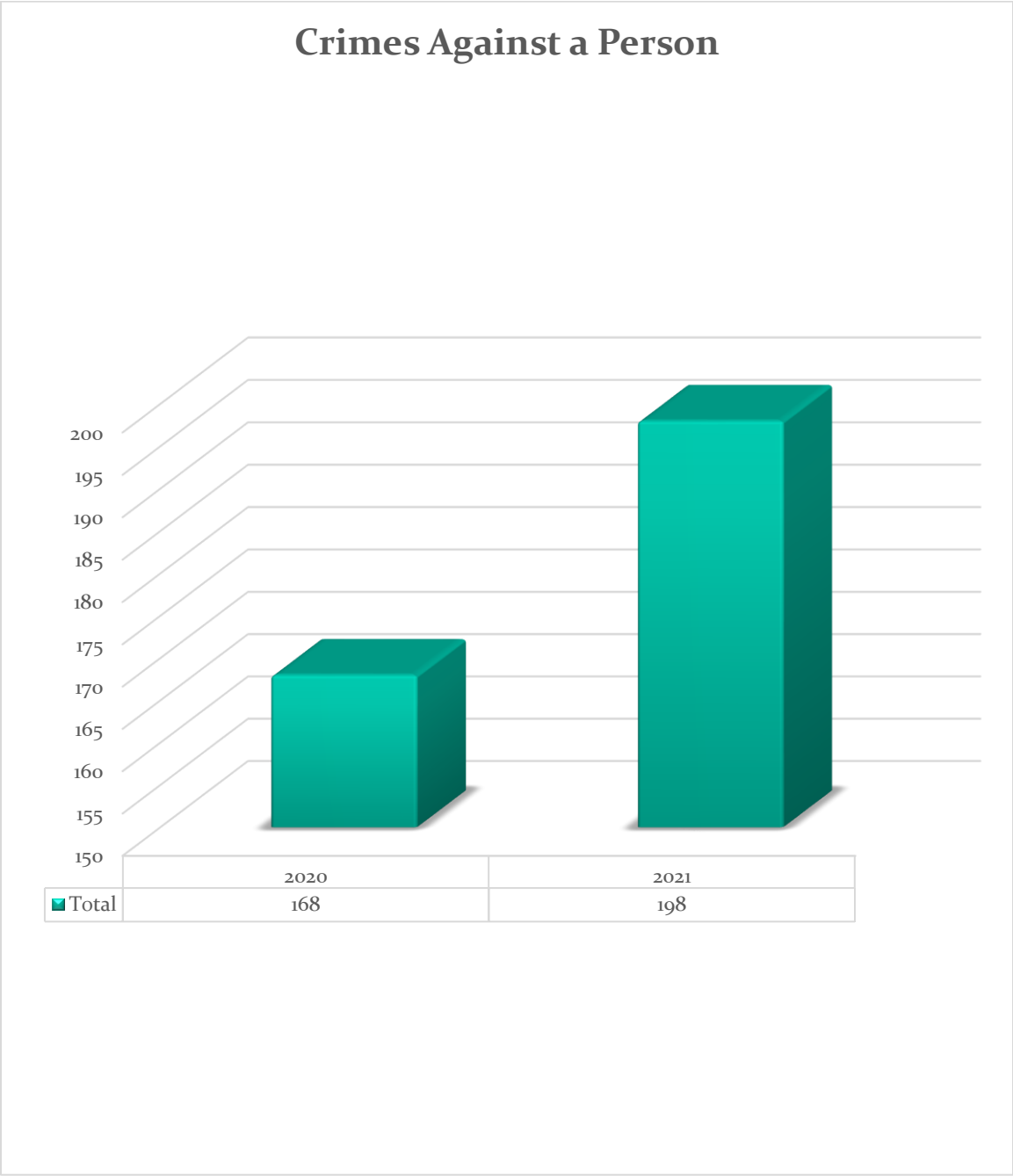
The graph below is a summary of enforcement activity for both 2020 and 2021. The data is broken down to reflect the number of traffic summons issued and criminal arrests made by category.



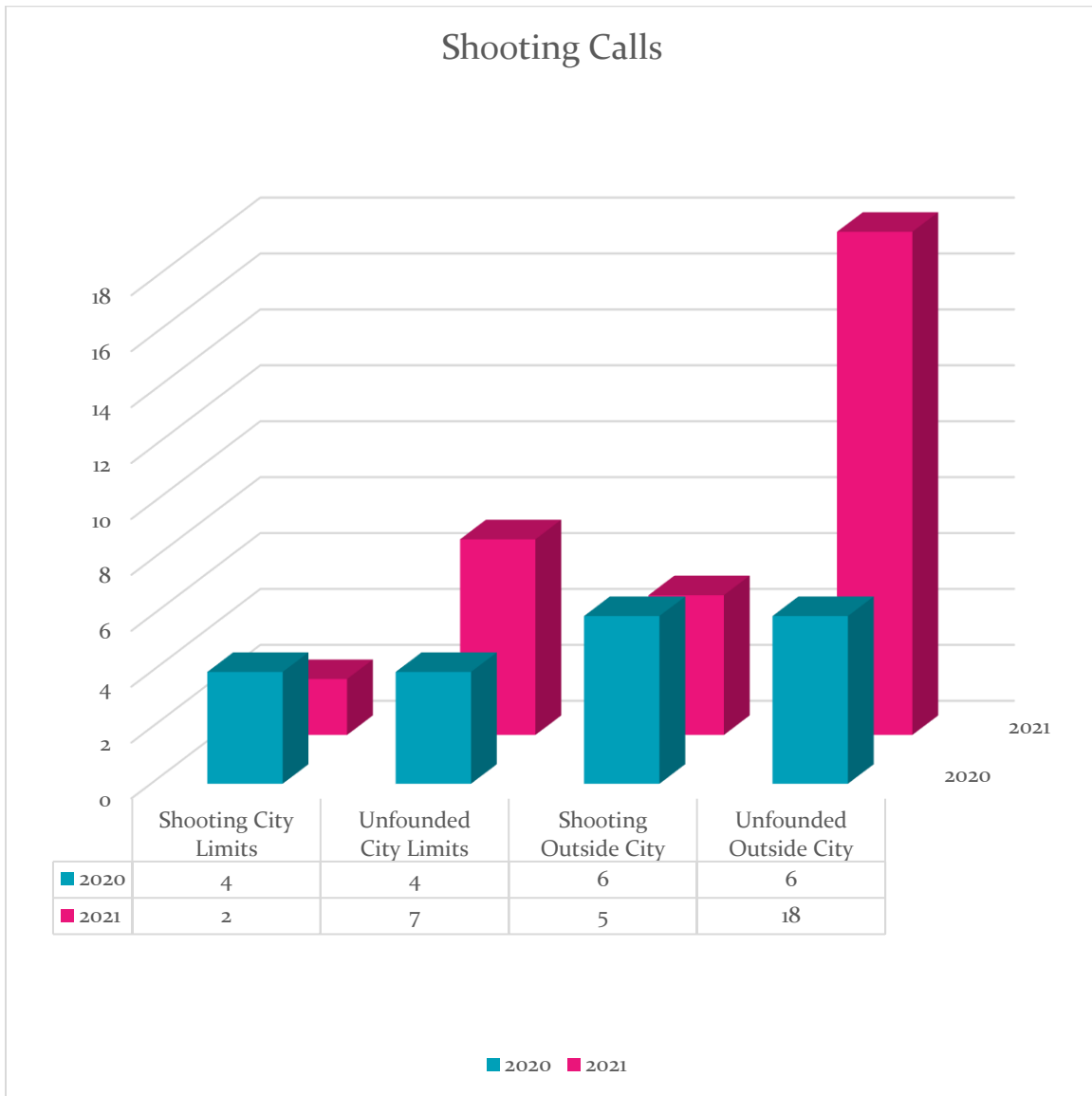
The graph below illustrates all the calls for service that are typically initiated by an individual requesting police service. Most calls are initiated through the Regional Communications Center (RECOM) via 911 or the non-emergency number. These statistics do not include calls that are initiated by the officer, such as traffic stops.



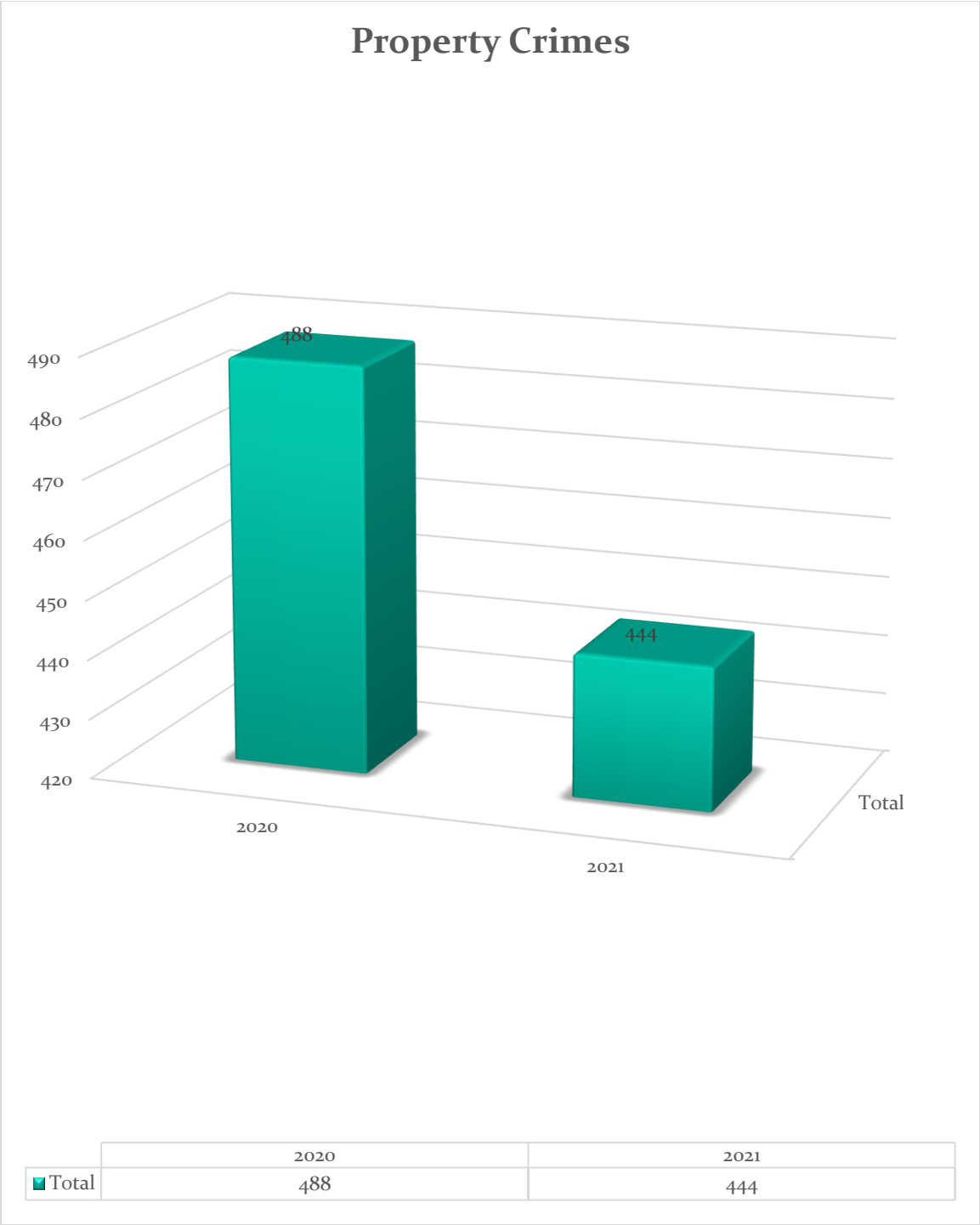
The next graph is a summary comparison of crimes initiated against a person. Some typical crimes that would constitute a crime against a person are homicide, assaults, robbery, terroristic threatening, etc. New Castle City PD had one shooting homicide in 2021.



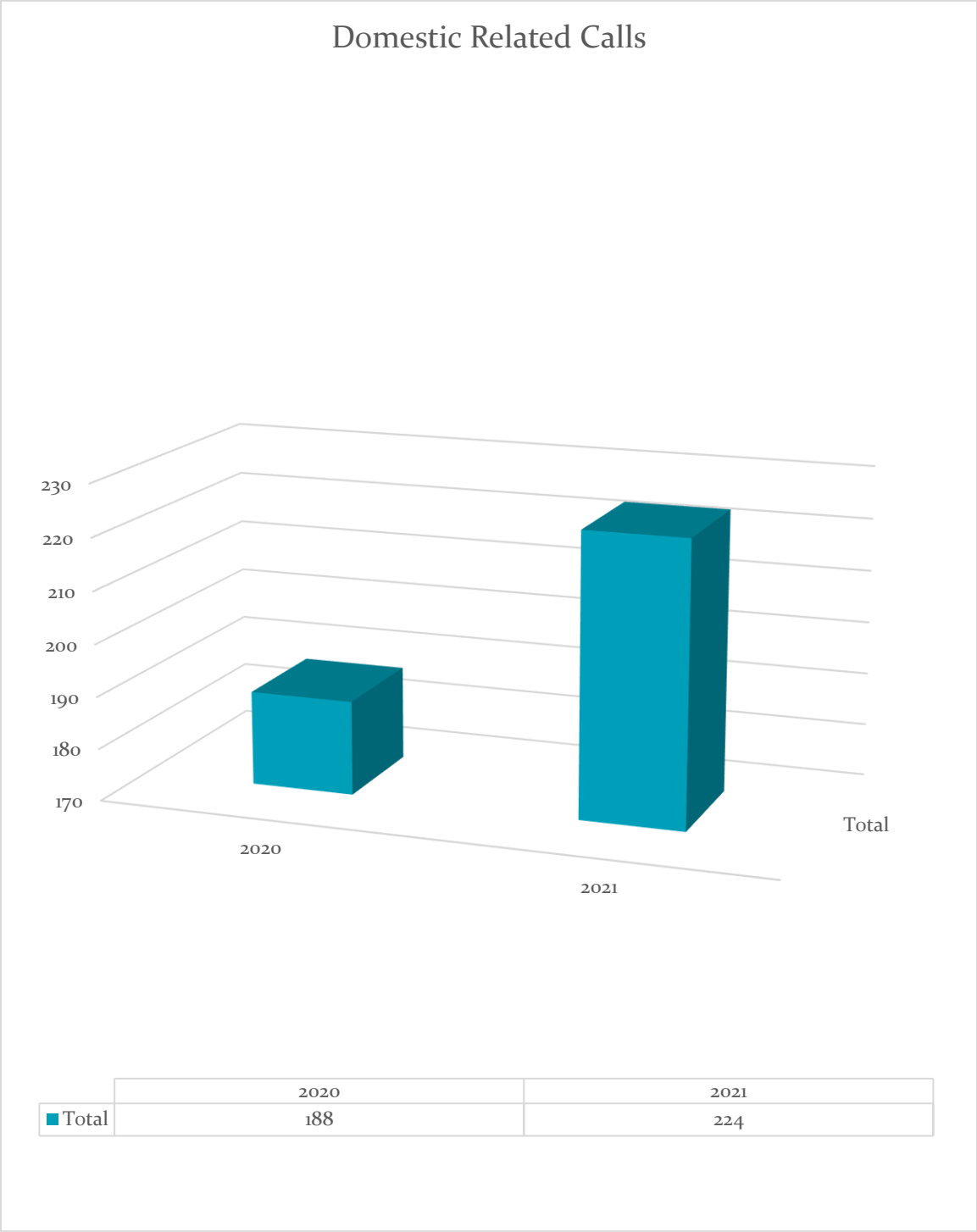
The following graph depicts the number of gun violations and shootings our officers responded to. The cases labeled unfounded are incidents where our officers responded to the call of a shots fired/shooting and no evidence was located to corroborate the call. The cases labeled shooting involve incidents where ballistic evidence was recovered indicating a firearm was discharged, or the identification of a person or property having been struck.



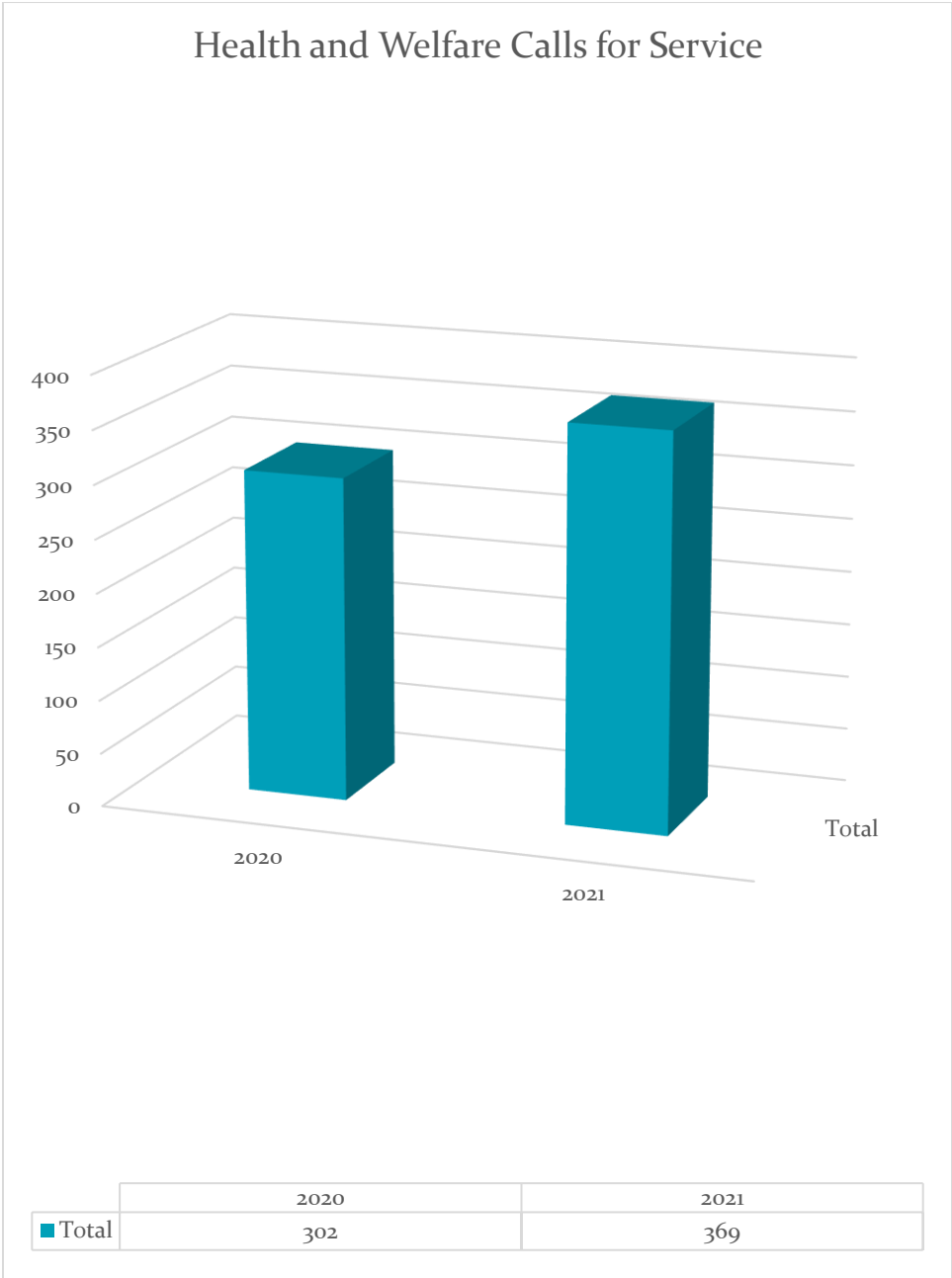
This graph identifies the number of property crimes we responded to. Some examples of property crimes are burglaries, thefts, thefts from and of vehicles, shopliftings, criminal mischief, etc.



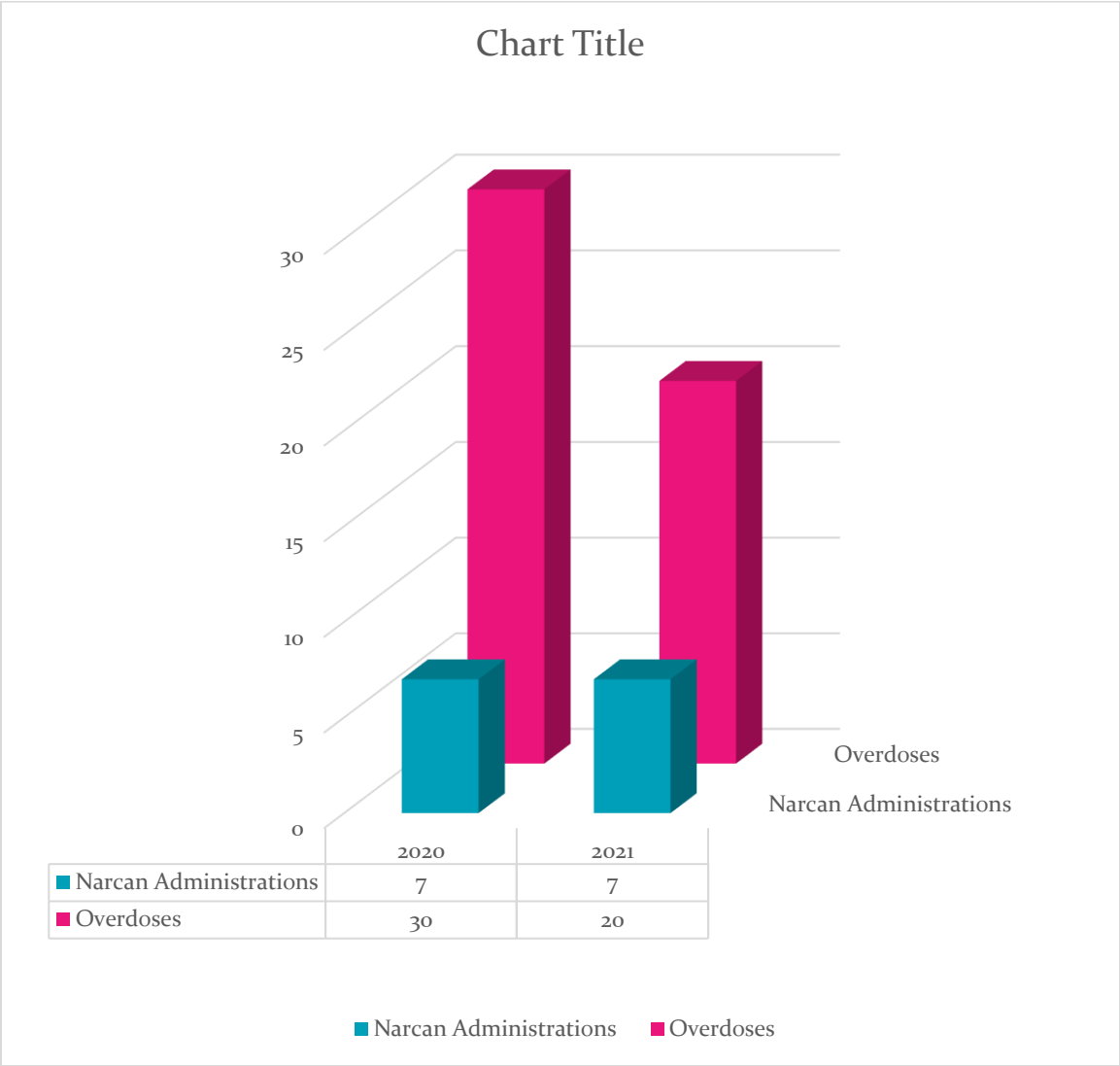
Domestic calls are incidents that involve intrafamilial matters or incidents involving people in intimate relationships. Not all domestic calls lead to arrests or involve criminal conduct. However, all domestic calls are required to be documented.



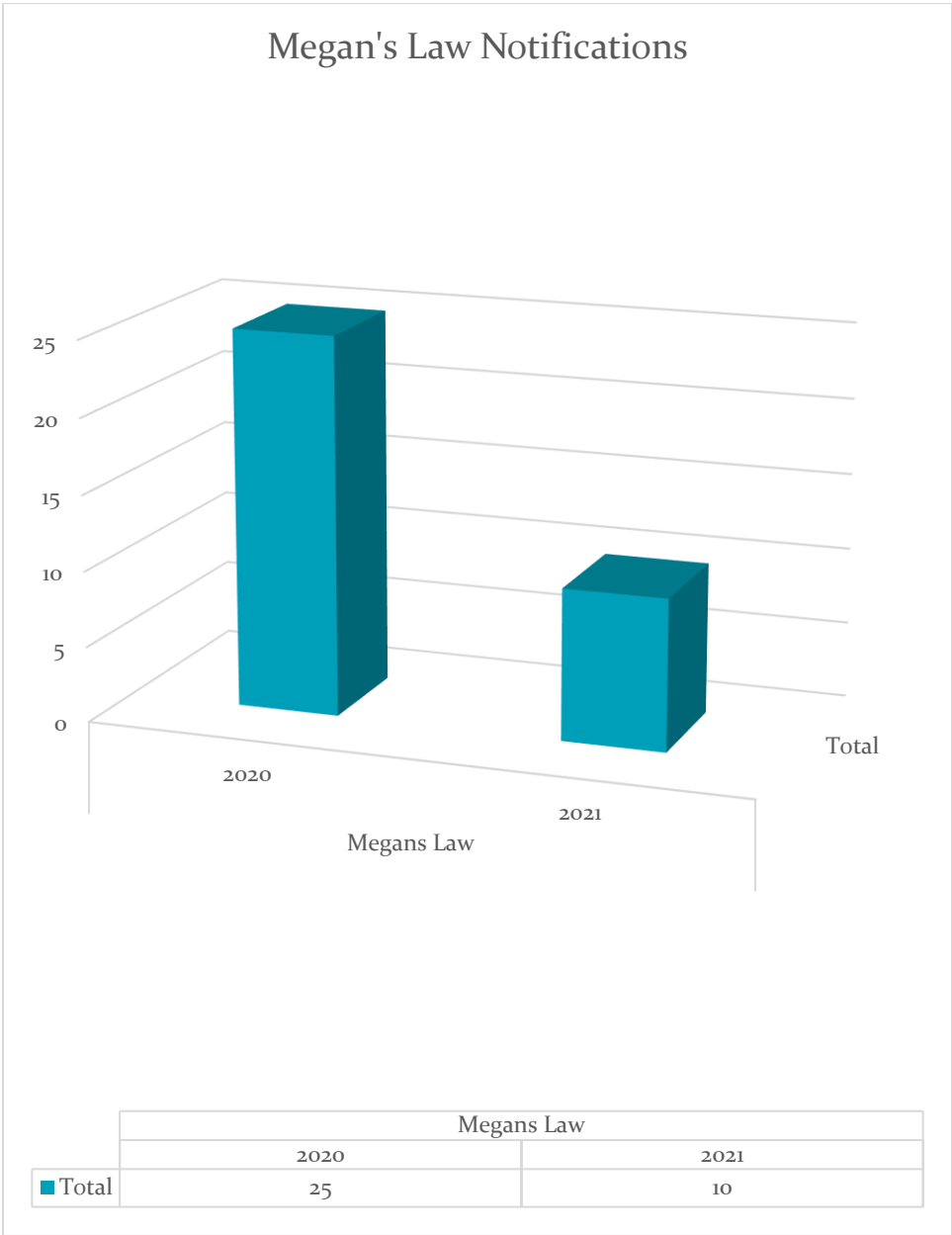
The graph below illustrates all the calls the police department respond to involving incidents related to a mental health crisis, first aid/CPR, check on the welfare, etc.



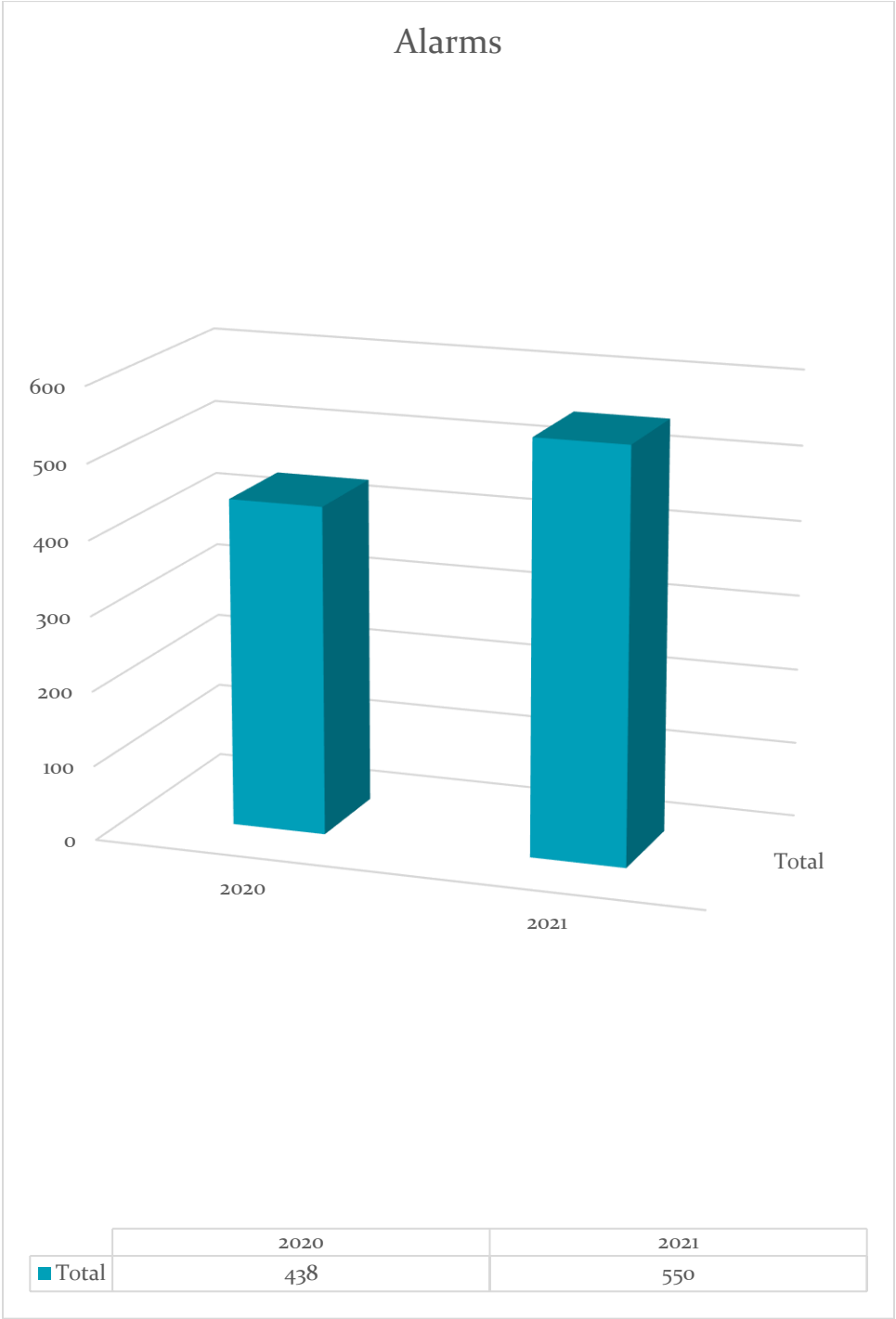
New Castle City continues to see a decline in overdoses. 2021 not only saw a decrease in overdoses but no overdose deaths were recorded in 2021. In years past, we tracked our administrations by officer only. We are now documenting incidents to include when NARCAN is administered by a civilian or EMS.



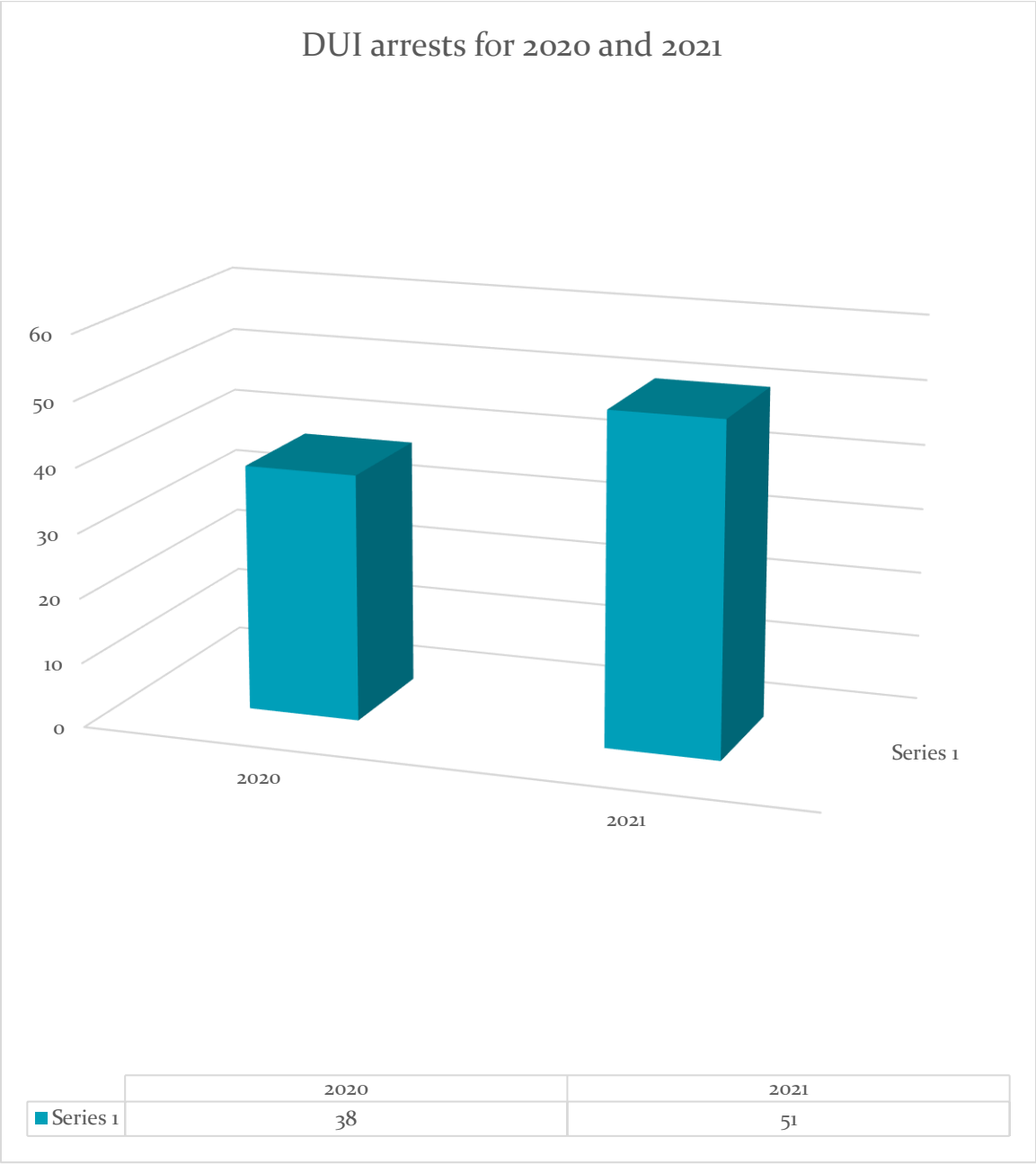
Title 11, Section 4120 and 4121 of the Delaware Code, known as Megan’s Law, requires the Delaware State Police to maintain a registry of sex offenders. A link to that registry can be found on our website. (newcastlecitypolice.com). Offenders convicted of specified sex offenses are required to register and in specific cases, local jurisdictions are required to make notifications. The graph below illustrates how many notifications NCPD has done.



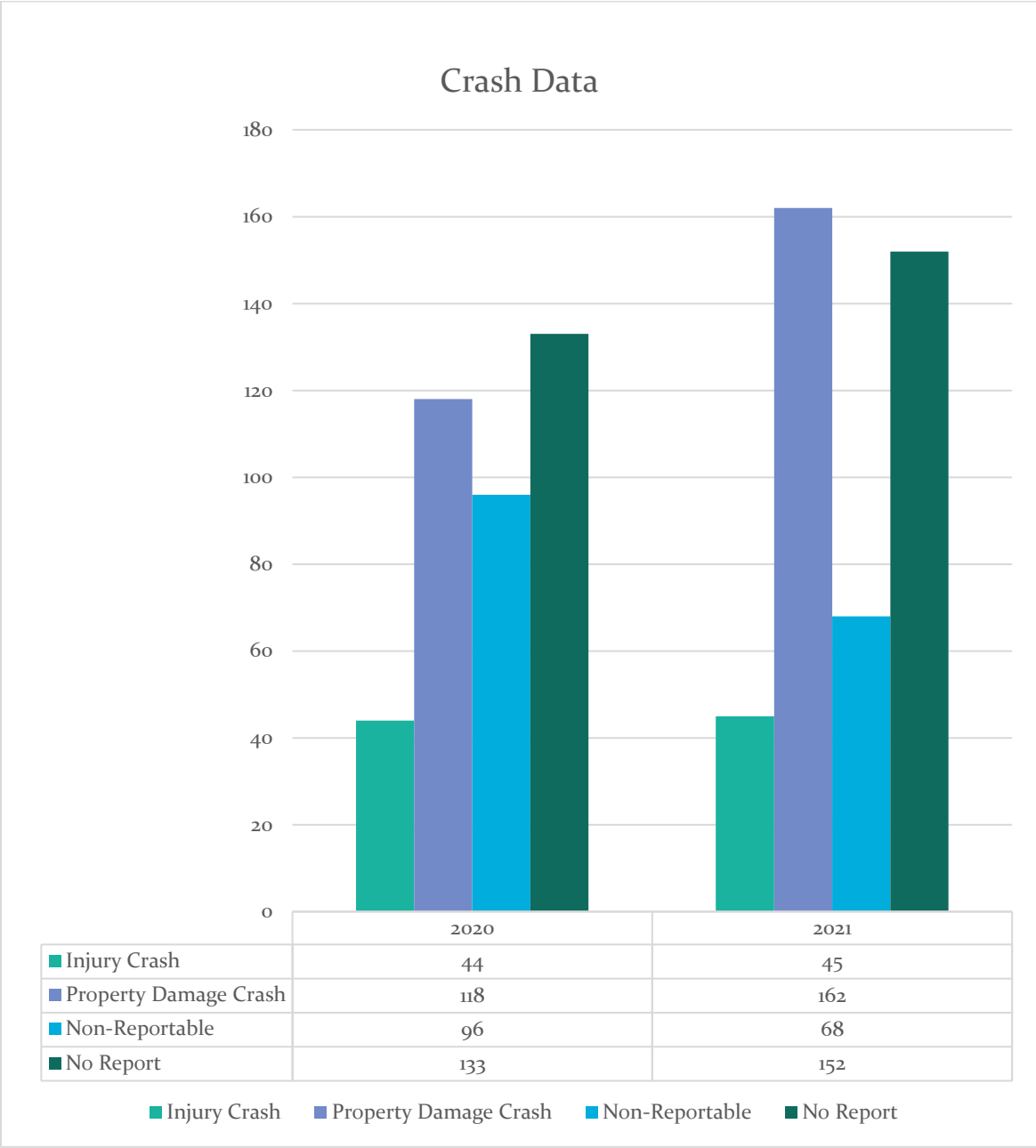
The following graph is a summary of all the calls involving alarms. They include hold up (robbery) alarms, burglar alarms, vehicle alarms, etc.



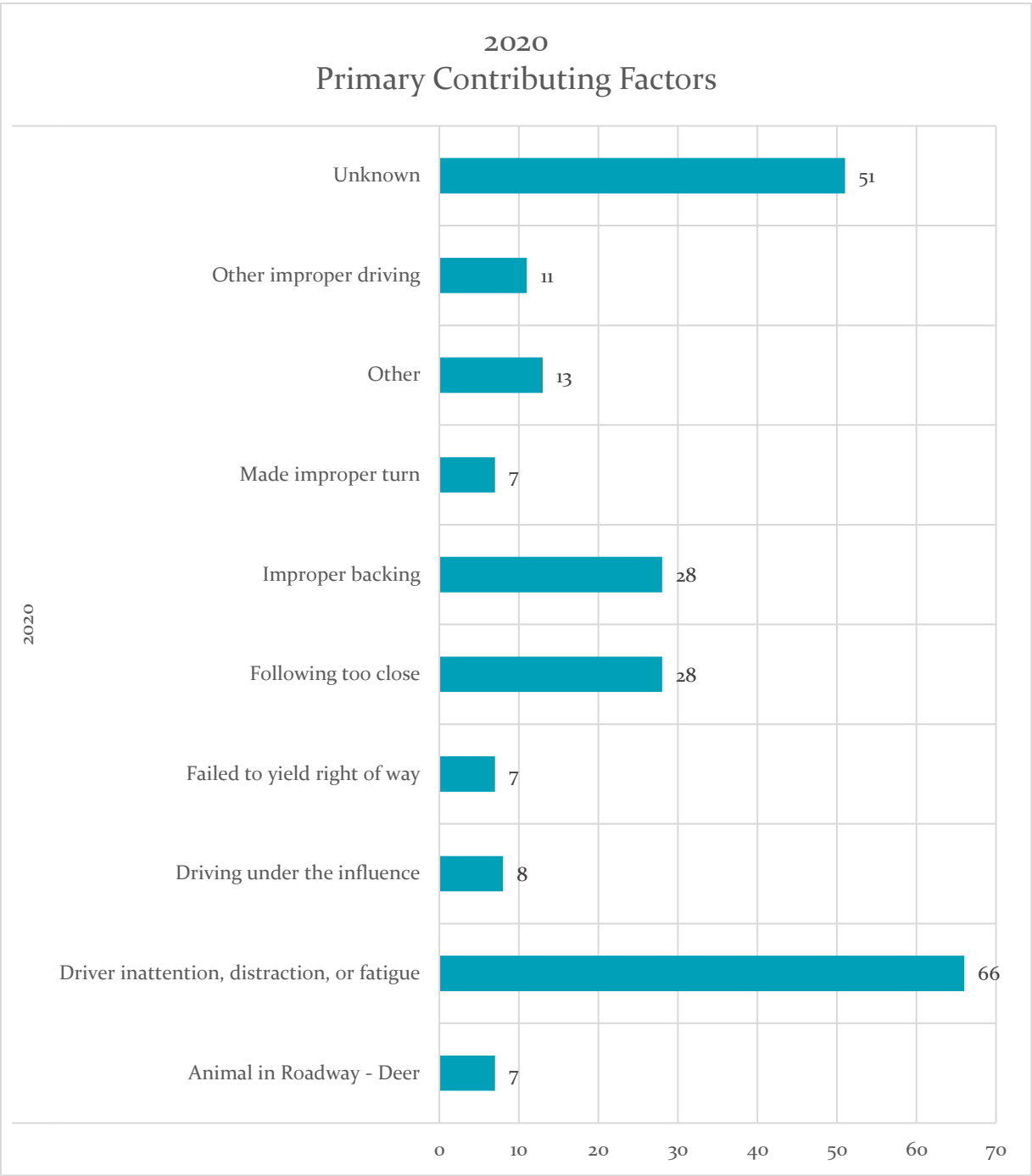
The following graph depicts the number of DUI arrests made between in 2020 and 2021. Most of these arrests are the result of proactive policing and effective patrol techniques.



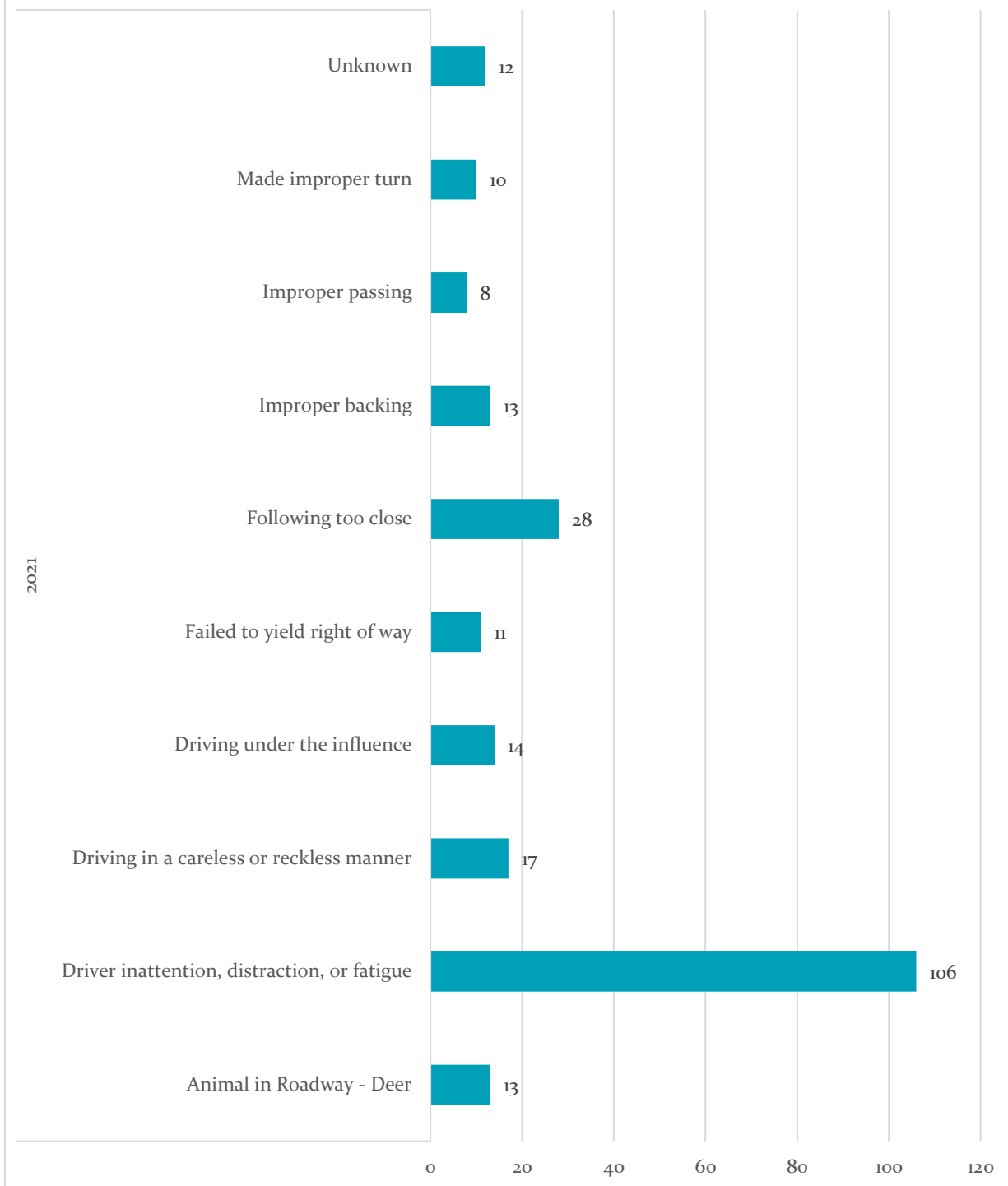
The crash data illustrated in the next few pages, is a breakdown of all crashes the police department responded to in 2020 and 2021. Not all crashes require reports. For example, most crashes that occur on private property do not require a report unless certain conditions exist, i.e., serious injury, DUI, structural damage, reckless driving. We are still dispatched to determine if any of those conditions exist. In some cases, we are needed to help facilitate an information exchange.



When conducting a crash investigation that requires a report, officers are will attempt to identify a primary contributing factor that led to the crash. In other words, the cause of the crash. The next two graphs identify the top ten leading primary contributing factors in 2020 and in 2021.



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Primary Contributing Factors



Response time is measured from when a call is made to the dispatch center to when an officer arrives on scene. There are many factors that affect response time such as staffing, complaint load, traffic, and delay in dispatching to name a few. Outliers, such as a priority one complaint being downgraded can also affect the overall average. Calls are identified by priority based on the type of incident

2020 Priority One Calls for Service

| Type of Call | Call Count | Response Time |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| Injury Accident | 51 | 0:03:20 |
| Assault - In Progress | 6 | 0:05:03 |
| Assault w/Weapon - In Progress | 4 | 0:02:55 |
| Assist Fire/EMS | 1 | 0:02:32 |
| Burglary - In Progress | 20 | 0:04:50 |
| CPR in Progress | 21 | 0:03:38 |
| Domestic | 2 | 0:01:32 |
| Domestic - In Progress | 185 | 0:05:42 |
| Domestic w/Weapons - In Progress | 9 | 0:04:39 |
| Domestic w/Weapons - Just Occurred | 3 | 0:07:20 |
| Fight - In Progress | 19 | 0:04:02 |
| Fight - Just Occurred | 1 | 0:06:27 |
| Fight w/Weapons - In Progress | 4 | 0:03:47 |
| Homicide | 2 | 0:05:39 |
| Mental Patient Violent | 9 | 0:05:58 |
| Pedestrian Stop | 1 | 0:00:06 |
| Person Screaming | 1 | 0:03:19 |
| Person with Gun | 4 | 0:06:25 |
| Robbery - In Progress | 1 | 0:03:40 |
| Robbery - Just Occurred | 2 | 0:03:14 |
| Robbery w/Weapons - In Progress | 4 | 0:02:28 |
| Robbery w/Weapons - Just Occurred | 2 | 0:01:23 |
| Shooting | 6 | 0:06:29 |
| Shooting - In Progress | 3 | 0:04:11 |
| Shooting - Just Occurred | 3 | 0:01:54 |
| Shots fired | 10 | 0:04:59 |
| Suicidal Person - In Progress | 22 | 0:07:56 |
| Suicidal Person w/Weapon-In Prog | 2 | 0:02:16 |
| Terror. Threatening-In Progress | 7 | 0:06:02 |
| Terroristic Threatening Weapons | 3 | 0:01:18 |
| Theft | 1 | 0:03:51 |
| Total | 407 | 0:05:02 |

2021 Priority One Calls for Service

| Type of Call | Call Count | Response Time |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Fatal Accident | 2 | 0:02:08 |
| Property Damage Accident | 1 | 0:00:41 |
| Injury Accident | 52 | 0:02:36 |
| Hit and Run Injury Accident | 5 | 0:04:40 |
| Unknown Accident | 1 | 0:00:05 |
| Assault - In Progress | 8 | 0:04:04 |
| Burglary - In Progress | 19 | 0:03:26 |
| Carjacking - In Progress | 1 | 0:06:23 |
| Carjacking - Just Occurred | 1 | 0:10:22 |
| CPR in Progress | 19 | 0:04:02 |
| Disorderly person | 1 | 0:04:48 |
| Domestic | 1 | 0:06:16 |
| Domestic - In Progress | 203 | 0:05:23 |
| Domestic w/Weapons | 1 | 0:05:06 |
| Domestic w/Weapons - In Progress | 8 | 0:04:19 |
| Domestic w/Weapons - Just Occurred | 1 | 0:06:07 |
| Fight - In Progress | 18 | 0:04:54 |
| Fight w/Weapons - In Progress | 5 | 0:05:15 |
| Fugitive | 1 | 0:02:16 |
| Homicide | 4 | 0:04:48 |
| Kidnapping - In Progress | 1 | 0:08:30 |
| Mental patient | 1 | 0:01:29 |
| Mental Patient Violent | 9 | 0:06:33 |
| Officer in Trouble | 1 | 0:06:23 |
| Person Screaming | 3 | 0:03:11 |
| Person with Gun | 5 | 0:03:59 |
| Robbery - In Progress | 2 | 0:01:10 |
| Robbery - Just Occurred | 3 | 0:04:17 |
| Robbery w/Weapons | 1 | 0:02:45 |
| Robbery w/Weapons - In Progress | 1 | 0:01:58 |
| Robbery w/Weapons - Just Occurred | 5 | 0:06:40 |
| Shooting | 3 | 0:04:25 |
| Shooting - In Progress | 6 | 0:04:42 |
| Shooting - Just Occurred | 2 | 0:04:04 |
| Shots fired | 7 | 0:04:58 |
| Suicidal Person | 1 | 0:06:59 |
| Suicidal Person - In Progress | 15 | 0:07:25 |
| Suicidal Person w/Weapon-In Prog | 4 | 0:13:39 |

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| Terror. Threatening-In Progress | 9 | 0:06:15 |
| Terroristic Threatening Weapons | 3 | 0:03:45 |
| Traffic Violation | 1 | 0:02:48 |
| Unknown | 2 | 0:04:06 |
| Weapon Relinquishment | 1 | 0:10:29 |
| Total | 430 | 0:04:54 |

2020 Priority Two Calls for Service

| Type of Call | Call Count | Response Time |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|
| 911D Cellular | 1 | 0:03:55 |
| 911D Hang up Call | 5 | 0:03:51 |
| 911D Land Line | 23 | 0:05:02 |
| 911D Open Line | 7 | 0:05:18 |
| Abuse/Neglect - In Progress | 1 | 0:01:39 |
| Property Damage Hit and Run Accident | 49 | 0:06:31 |
| Unknown Accident | 7 | 0:04:07 |
| Alarm Holdup/Panic | 26 | 0:05:20 |
| Assault - Just Occurred | 3 | 0:10:48 |
| Assist Fire/EMS | 50 | 0:04:10 |
| Assist Other Agency | 24 | 0:05:57 |
| Burglary - Just Occurred | 3 | 0:05:24 |
| Criminal mischief | 1 | 0:04:22 |
| Criminal Mischief - In Progress | 9 | 0:05:59 |
| Criminal Mischief - Just Occurred | 8 | 0:05:48 |
| Disorderly group | 7 | 0:04:32 |
| Disorderly person | 113 | 0:05:10 |
| Domestic - Just Occurred | 17 | 0:05:28 |
| Domestic Verbal | 2 | 0:03:15 |
| Drunk/Intoxication | 10 | 0:03:25 |
| DUI | 1 | 0:01:50 |
| Fight | 1 | 0:00:14 |
| Fight - In Progress | 1 | 0:06:16 |
| Fight - Just Occurred | 2 | 0:14:07 |
| Fraud - In Progress | 1 | 0:00:29 |
| Harassment - In Progress | 3 | 0:09:17 |
| Indecent Exposure | 6 | 0:03:02 |
| Known Location of Missing Person | 2 | 0:08:26 |
| Missing Person | 9 | 0:08:23 |
| Missing Person Special | 10 | 0:10:35 |

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| Open door or window | 6 | 0:03:34 |
| Overdose | 3 | 0:02:25 |
| Overdose - In Progress | 25 | 0:03:40 |
| Person with Weapon | 1 | 0:07:04 |
| Resisting Arrest | 1 | 0:21:55 |
| Shoplifting | 10 | 0:04:05 |
| Shots fired | 1 | 0:12:05 |
| Suicidal Person | 1 | 0:01:04 |
| Suspicious person | 67 | 0:05:27 |
| Suspicious vehicle | 44 | 0:06:01 |
| Terror. Threatening-Just Occurred | 3 | 0:10:39 |
| Theft - In Progress | 29 | 0:06:20 |
| Theft - Just Occurred | 11 | 0:07:37 |
| Theft from Vehicle | 3 | 0:13:00 |
| Trespass - In Progress | 44 | 0:04:45 |
| Trespass - Just Occurred | 1 | 0:13:26 |
| Unknown | 10 | 0:05:17 |
| Vehicle Stolen | 8 | 0:05:50 |
| Total | 669 | 0:05:38 |

2021 Priority Two Calls for Service

| Type of Call | Call Count | Response Time |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 911D Hang-up Call | 6 | 0:05:58 |
| 911D Land Line | 18 | 0:04:36 |
| 911D Open Line | 3 | 0:04:50 |
| Abuse/Neglect - In Progress | 1 | 0:13:59 |
| Property Damage Hit and Run Accident | 38 | 0:05:43 |
| Unknown Accident | 10 | 0:03:51 |
| Unknown Hit and Run Accident | 2 | 0:01:28 |
| Alarm Holdup/Panic | 36 | 0:04:33 |
| Animal w/Danger | 2 | 0:09:48 |
| Assault - Just Occurred | 5 | 0:03:06 |
| Assault w/Weapon | 1 | 0:20:12 |
| Assist Fire/EMS | 51 | 0:03:23 |
| Assist Other Agency | 18 | 0:05:12 |
| Burglary | 1 | 0:03:58 |
| Burglary - Just Occurred | 7 | 0:04:34 |
| Criminal mischief | 2 | 0:03:43 |
| Criminal Mischief - In Progress | 6 | 0:03:38 |

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| Criminal Mischief - Just Occurred | 4 | 0:05:10 |
| Disorderly group | 8 | 0:04:44 |
| Disorderly person | 104 | 0:05:00 |
| Domestic - In Progress | 1 | 0:11:19 |
| Domestic - Just Occurred | 22 | 0:07:10 |
| Domestic Verbal | 1 | 0:03:08 |
| Drunk/Intoxication | 7 | 0:05:04 |
| Fight - Just Occurred | 2 | 0:05:53 |
| Fraud - In Progress | 6 | 0:06:16 |
| Fugitive | 1 | 0:06:20 |
| Harassment - In Progress | 4 | 0:02:43 |
| Harassment - Just Occurred | 3 | 0:09:56 |
| Known Location of Missing Person | 1 | 0:08:15 |
| Missing Person | 1 | 0:03:43 |
| Missing Person Special | 9 | 0:05:55 |
| Open door or window | 1 | 0:03:06 |
| Overdose | 3 | 0:02:34 |
| Overdose - In Progress | 12 | 0:03:46 |
| Shoplifting | 15 | 0:05:01 |
| Suspicious person | 47 | 0:04:52 |
| Suspicious vehicle | 42 | 0:05:18 |
| Terror. Threatening-Just Occurred | 2 | 0:06:07 |
| Terroristic Threatening Weapons | 2 | 0:07:32 |
| Theft - In Progress | 15 | 0:04:05 |
| Theft - Just Occurred | 17 | 0:07:49 |
| Trespass - In Progress | 38 | 0:04:25 |
| Trespass - Just Occurred | 2 | 0:01:49 |
| Unknown | 19 | 0:05:14 |
| Vehicle Stolen | 10 | 0:09:21 |
| Total | 605 | 0:05:04 |

CONCLUSION

The New Castle City Police Department continues to develop new and innovative ways to build trust, reduce crime and preserve the level of safety our residents and visitors are used to enjoying.

Some new (or renewed) projects we hope to see in 2022 include; the development of a Community Engagement Specialist, hosting our first Citizens Police Academy, participating in National Night out, and returning to our visits to the local elementary schools.

We recognize that a successful police department relies heavily on community involvement and we encourage residents, workers and visitors to reach out to us with questions or concerns.

Richard P. McCabe
Chief of Police