



# **ANNUAL REPORT**

# **2023**

***Southern Shores  
Police Department***

# Town of Southern Shores

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Chief of Police / David M. Kole

Deputy Chief / Jon Slegel

Sergeants / Matt Cooke  
Eric Brinkley

Officers / Cpl. Darrell Brickhouse  
MPO/SRO Tracy Mann  
SPO Jamie Hines  
SPO/K9 Zachary Eanes  
K9 Echo  
SPO Chris Simpson  
PO Richard Deaner  
PO Thomas Long  
PO Jason M. Thompson  
PO J. Andrew Spottswood

Administrative / Jennifer Couture  
Assistant

# *Chief's Statement*

2023 was another challenging year. We started the new year with 2 vacancies from the previous year; then, in late February, two (2) officers resigned. One officer left to run his pressure washing business full time and the other left for personal reasons. This put us down by four (4) officers. Andrew Spottswood, who came from Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department, was hired in the middle of March. After completing training (FTO), Officer Spottswood was able to work independently by mid-June. At the same time, Officer Thomas Long took time off for the birth of their 3<sup>rd</sup> child. He did not return to work until August which still left us short by four officers. We remained short-handed for approximately 6 1/2 months (which included the busy summer months). I commend our officers for their dedication and efforts in assuring our citizens and visitors continued to receive the same high level of service that we have always tried to deliver. When K9 Officer Eanes resigned, we had to sell our young K9 to the Dare County Sheriff's office, because Officer Long, who requested to fill the position of K9 officer, was going to be out on paternity leave. As such, in early March, we applied for an AKC REUNITE Adopt-A-K9 COP matching grant. A week after applying for said grant, we were informed that our grant application had been approved. Once Officer Long returned to work after FMLA leave, and after a considerable amount of research, we chose to acquire a K9 from Ventosa K9 Kennel Inc, in Scotland Neck, NC. The arrangement included the K9, eight (8) weeks of training, certification, and housing. Both Officer Long and K9-Arty have since graduated at the top of their class and have become a very productive team by locating numerous drugs for multiple police agencies here on the beach. K-9 Arty and Officer Long also visit Kitty Hawk Elementary school quite frequently and have met nearly all of the kids and teachers over the last several months.


Southern Shores, like most of the other departments in Dare County, still struggle with the new FLEX RMS (Records Management System) / CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) which is utilized by all agencies on the beach and maintained by Dare County. The system was put into service mid-January, and it is still a work in progress. While we have worked tirelessly to complete this annual report, some of the data/numbers may have a degree of error due to a variety of reasons including a loss of data while transitioning to the new system, as well as, losing data from the old system due to limited access to the old data. There was a slight decrease in Calls for Service which was expected

due to the shortage in officers resulting in less self-initiated CFS's as well as the integrity of the new Dare County FLEX/CAD RMS system. Officers responded to an average of 1977 calls for service per month compared to 1659 last year. Reported incidents and criminal offenses were slightly lower compared to last year as well as a decrease in traffic enforcement. Again, being short staffed attributed greatly to this reduction. Speeding and Stop Sign violations, again, rank as two of the highest violations for the year. NC12/Duck Rd was the location with the highest number of speeding violations and South Dogwood was the location with the highest number of Stop Sign Violations. Officers responded to 124 Motor Vehicle Accidents. July was the highest month for traffic accidents with August and June following 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, respectively. The highest traffic accident location continues to be (NC12) Duck Rd/Ocean Blvd with a majority of those being rear-end collisions. Our local ordinance violations were consistent with 2021. This was Community Resource Officer (CRO) Dylan Jones second year with us. He continued to conduct himself in a very professional manner. We received numerous compliments on Dylan throughout the summer.

Officers, once again, completed their mandated in-service training. Officers also completed and qualified with their firearms, tasers, SCAT=Subject Control Arrest Techniques, and CPR re-certification. Officers also attended numerous training schools throughout the year. We hosted two joint "Active Shooter" trainings that included all the newest techniques available. All our officers, as well as some officers from Currituck and Dare County police agencies, participated. Officer Tracy Mann, our School Resource Officer (SRO), continues to do an outstanding job and has built a very important relationship with many of the children, parents, and teachers.

I would like to personally thank all the members of the police department for the hard work and dedication they exhibit each day. A special thanks to our Administrative Assistant Jennifer Couture for putting this report together. I would also like to thank the Town Manager for his continued support and assistance as well as the Mayor, Town Council, and our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David M. Kole". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'D'.

David M. Kole  
Chief of Police

# 2023 Monthly Calls for Service

Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Abandoned Vehicle	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
ABC Violation	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Accident	3	6	8	15	7	14	25	18	9	7	8	4	124
Animal Call	2	3	6	8	2	10	5	5	3	6	3	1	54
Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	5
Assist Motorist	4	3	3	6	6	6	4	15	5	4	2	2	60
Assist Other Agency	6	8	12	4	2	9	13	13	13	15	3	14	112
Assist Person	6	1	1	2	2	2	7	3	2	3	3	3	35
Alarm	15	21	16	17	11	12	14	12	10	15	14	15	172
Larceny	13	13	3	0	4	5	1	1	2	1	4	3	50
Beach Patrol	2	0	0	0	22	29	25	16	20	0	0	0	114
Burglary	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	0	10
Business Check	523	724	812	858	1072	994	1023	981	914	753	644	644	9942
C & R Driver	5	5	8	10	8	8	14	11	16	6	5	3	99
Chase	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Communicating Threats	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Community Policing	21	63	48	34	31	14	14	19	9	10	13	7	283
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dispute	1	3	4	2	0	5	5	5	3	1	1	3	33
DOA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Domestic	2	2	1	0	3	3	4	0	1	4	4	2	26

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Disturbance	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	6
DWI	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
911 Hangup	5	11	6	3	1	2	7	5	2	3	5	14	64
EMS	10	6	15	14	15	21	22	21	17	17	24	14	196
Escort	0	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	8
Extra Patrol	207	192	162	193	236	214	220	203	171	146	121	158	2223
Fingerprinting	2	4	4	1	3	1	2	5	2	3	1	0	28
Fire Call	0	0	4	4	8	15	17	10	10	11	9	10	98
Follow Up / Investigation	15	42	10	8	9	21	13	30	12	7	19	7	193
Foot Patrol	78	72	71	62	69	40	31	38	64	53	52	40	670
Fraud	2	0	3	1	1	2	5	4	1	1	4	3	27
General Law Call	21	42	3	6	14	15	15	7	9	10	8	6	156
Parking / Town Code Violation	1	0	0	4	11	15	22	7	9	4	2	1	76
Indecent Exposure	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Info Request from Citizen	1	6	2	4	7	6	4	3	3	2	1	3	42
Injury to Property	1	0	0	0	2	2	4	3	2	0	2	0	16
Juvenile	2	5	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	14
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
K9 Request / Activities	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	26
Littering	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Loitering	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Missing Person	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Motor Vehicle Theft (UU)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

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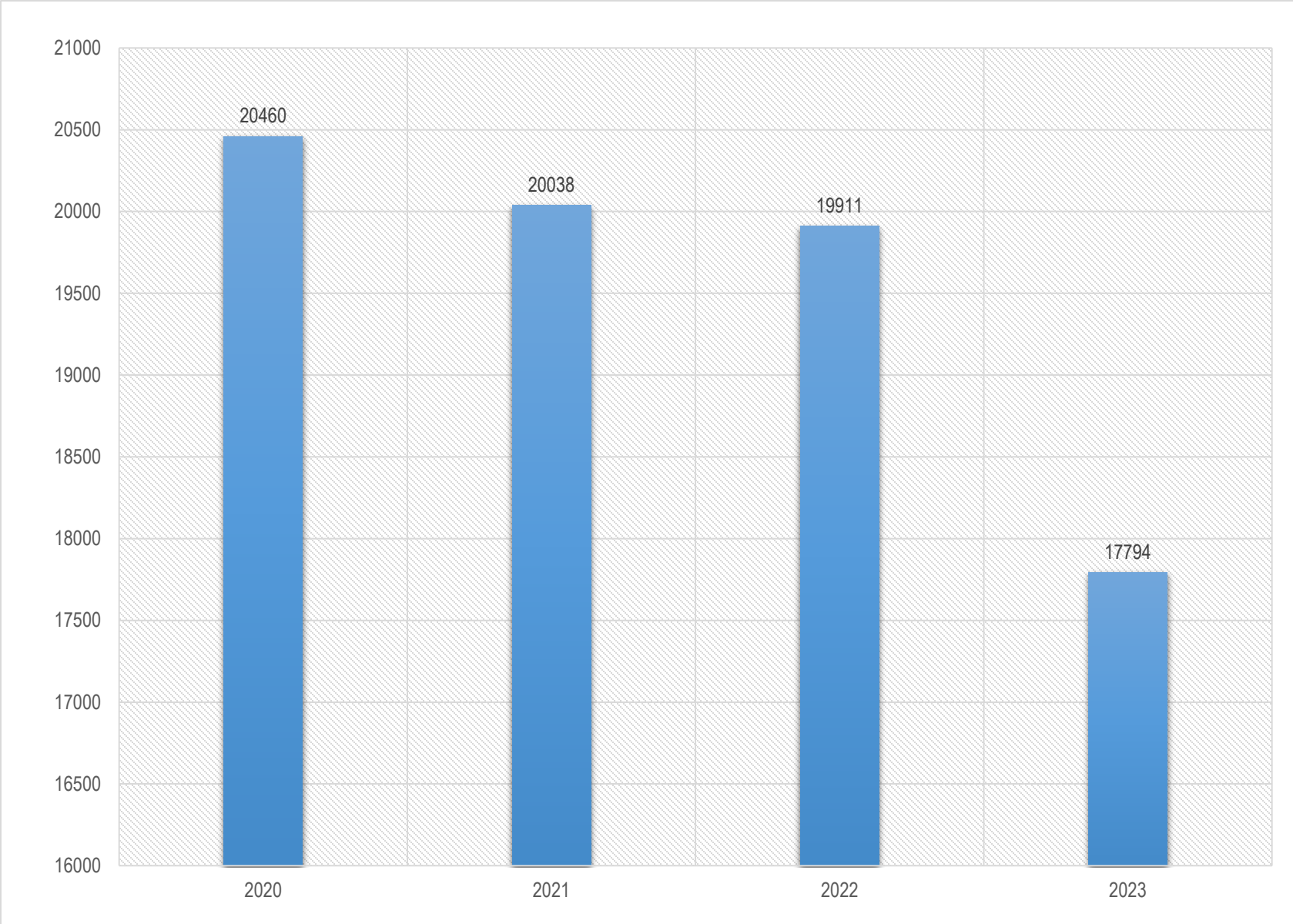
Noise Complaint	0	0	2	3	5	10	5	7	4	2	0	1	39
Obscene/Harassing Calls	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
Open Window/Door	6	4	13	15	15	4	5	10	9	4	3	1	89
Property Check	41	62	85	33	24	33	71	24	42	19	37	36	507
Project Lifesaver	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Property Lost/Found	3	1	5	3	2	4	8	4	4	1	1	2	38
Pyrotechnics	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	1	0	0	1	11
Recovery Stolen Property	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Drug Violations	4	6	3	5	1	3	3	2	1	3	1	3	35
Serve Papers	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
Serve Warrant	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	7
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Suspicious Condition	19	18	21	15	14	15	13	11	16	28	11	15	196
Talk with Officer	7	15	8	9	6	6	20	12	10	15	6	5	119
Traffic Direct	28	42	52	34	49	22	21	35	52	43	37	45	460
Traffic Stop	40	51	50	49	69	56	73	87	37	44	27	18	601
Trespassing	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	3	3	13
Unlock Vehicle	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	9
Welfare Check	2	2	2	2	7	2	2	5	1	3	9	6	43
Water Rescue	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	9
Unaccounted CFS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	619*
<b>Total</b>	<b>1108</b>	<b>1451</b>	<b>1452</b>	<b>1429</b>	<b>1753</b>	<b>1634</b>	<b>1756</b>	<b>1641</b>	<b>1491</b>	<b>1253</b>	<b>1094</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>17794</b>



# 2023 Monthly Calls for Service

\* In the beginning of 2023, the Southern Shores Police Department changed Records Management Systems to a joint system with all other agencies in Dare County. Not all of the calls for service were accurately transferred from the old system into the new one therefore, 619 calls for service were unaccounted for in our numbers. The missing numbers were provided to us by Dare County but only in the total number. That discrepancy is noted in the above chart as "Unaccounted CFS."

# Calls for Service



# Incidents Reported in 2023

Primary Offense	Total Reported
Animal Complaint / Bite	1
Assault on Female	2
Arson	1
Breaking & Entering	16
Burglary	4
Calls For Service	6
Communicating Threats	3
Damage to Property	9
Domestic	3
DVPO Violation	1
Drug Violations	19
Drug Equipment Violations	2
DWI	7
Resist, Obstruct, Delay	1
Fire Call	3
Fraud	16
Larceny	23
Lost or Found Property	7
Missing Person	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Sexual Exploitation of a Minor	1
Indecent Exposure	2
Death Investigation	4
Suicide	1
Traffic	8
Trespassing	3
Warrant Service	6
Weapons Law Violation	2
K-9 Activities	8
	<b>161</b>

# Offenses Reported in 2023

Offense	Total Reported	Total Cleared	% Cleared
Animal Complaint/Bite	1	0	0%
Simple Assault / Assault on Female	3	1	33.3%
Burglary / Breaking & Entering	20	3	15%
Calls for Service	6	0	0%
Communicating Threats	4	2	50%
Damage to Property	12	1	8.3%
Domestic Disturbance	3	0	0%
Drug Violations	22	7	31.8%
DWI	8	4	50%
Delay, Resist, Obstruct	2	1	50%
Drug Equipment Violations	16	5	31.3%
Fire Call	3	0	0
Fraud	18	4	22.2%
Larceny	26	1	0.9%
Lost or Found Property	7	1	14.3%
Missing Person	1	0	0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	0%
Sexual Exploitation of a Minor	1	0	0%
Indecent Exposure	3	0	0%
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	100%
Sudden Death	4	1	25%
Suicide	1	0	0%
Traffic Offenses	25	10	40%
Trespassing	3	3	100%
Warrant Service	8	3	37.5%
Weapons Law Violations	2	1	50%
DVPO Violations	1	1	100%
Arson	1	0	0%
K-9 Activities	8	4	50%
Liquor Law Violation	4	1	25%
All Other	1	1	100%
<b>Total Offenses</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>25.9%</b>

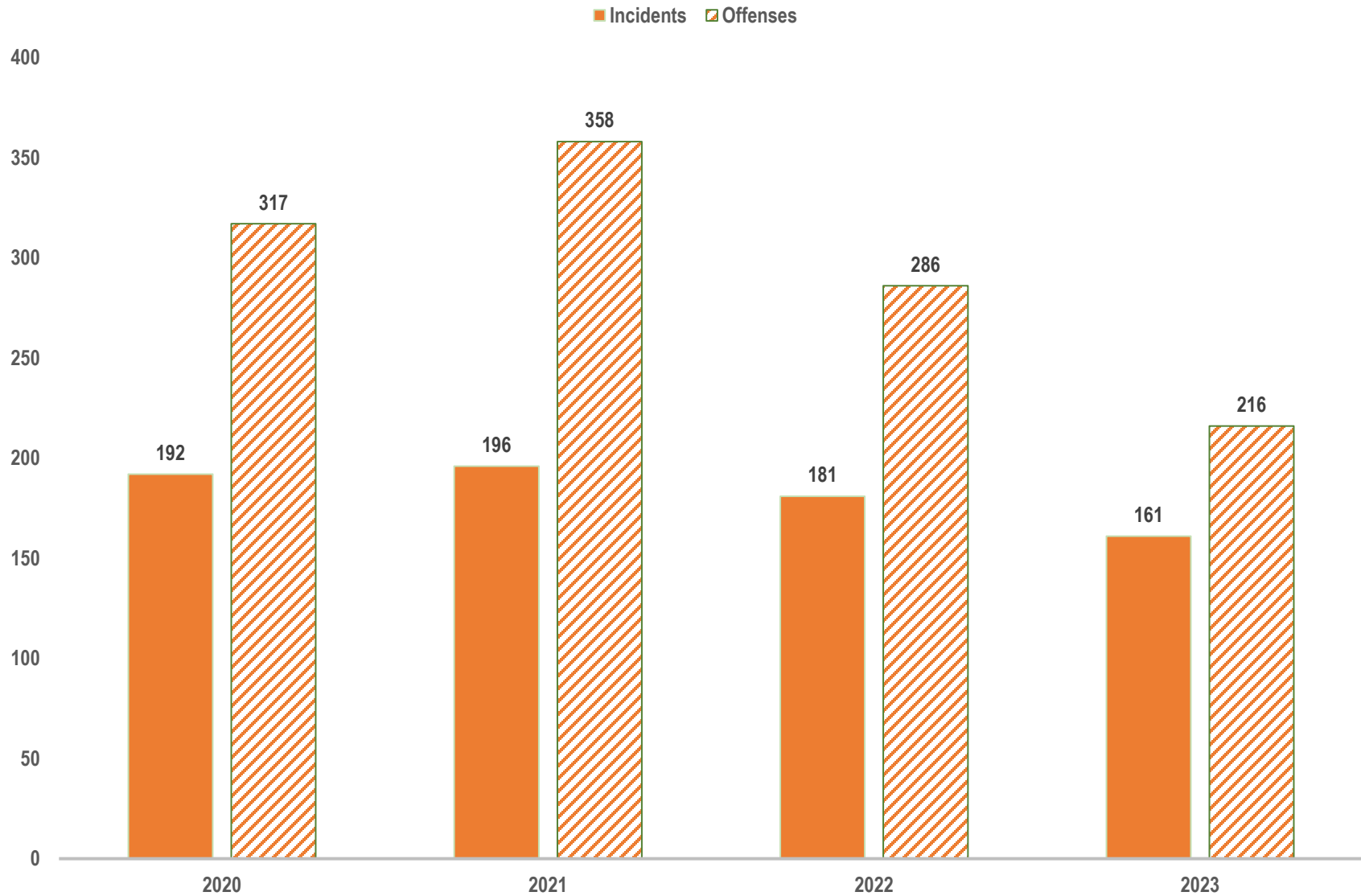
# Incidents/Offenses Reported

**Incident** - one or more offenses committed by the same offender, or group of offenders acting in concert, at the same time and place.

**Offense** – all crimes that have occurred within a single incident with which an offender may be charged.

Example: Police may be called to a residence in which someone broke into a home to commit a theft and in the process assaulted the homeowner and upon fleeing stole a car. This is reported as one incident in which three separate offenses occurred.

# Incidents/Offenses Reported



# Criminal Arrests in 2023

<b>Primary Offense</b>	<b>Arrest Totals</b>
Warrant Service	5
Driving While Impaired	9
Schedule (drug) Violation	18
Larceny	2
DVPO Violation	1
Traffic Related	1
Assault	2
Carry Concealed Weapon	1
Sex Offense	2
Drug Paraphernalia	2
Trespassing	2
Injury to Property	1
Alcohol Related	1
City Ordinance	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>

# Total Offenses Charged in 2023

Offenses	# Charges
Warrant Service	6
Driving While Impaired	12
Traffic Related	17
Schedule (drug) Violations	22
Drug Paraphernalia	11
Larceny	2
Domestic Violence Protection Order Violation	1
Resist, Delay, Obstruct	1
Assault on LEO	1
Trespassing	3
Communicating Threats	1
Assault on Female	2
Carrying Concealed Weapon	1
Sexual Offense	2
Alcohol Related	5
Probation Violation	1
Injury to Personal Property	2
Town Code Violation	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>



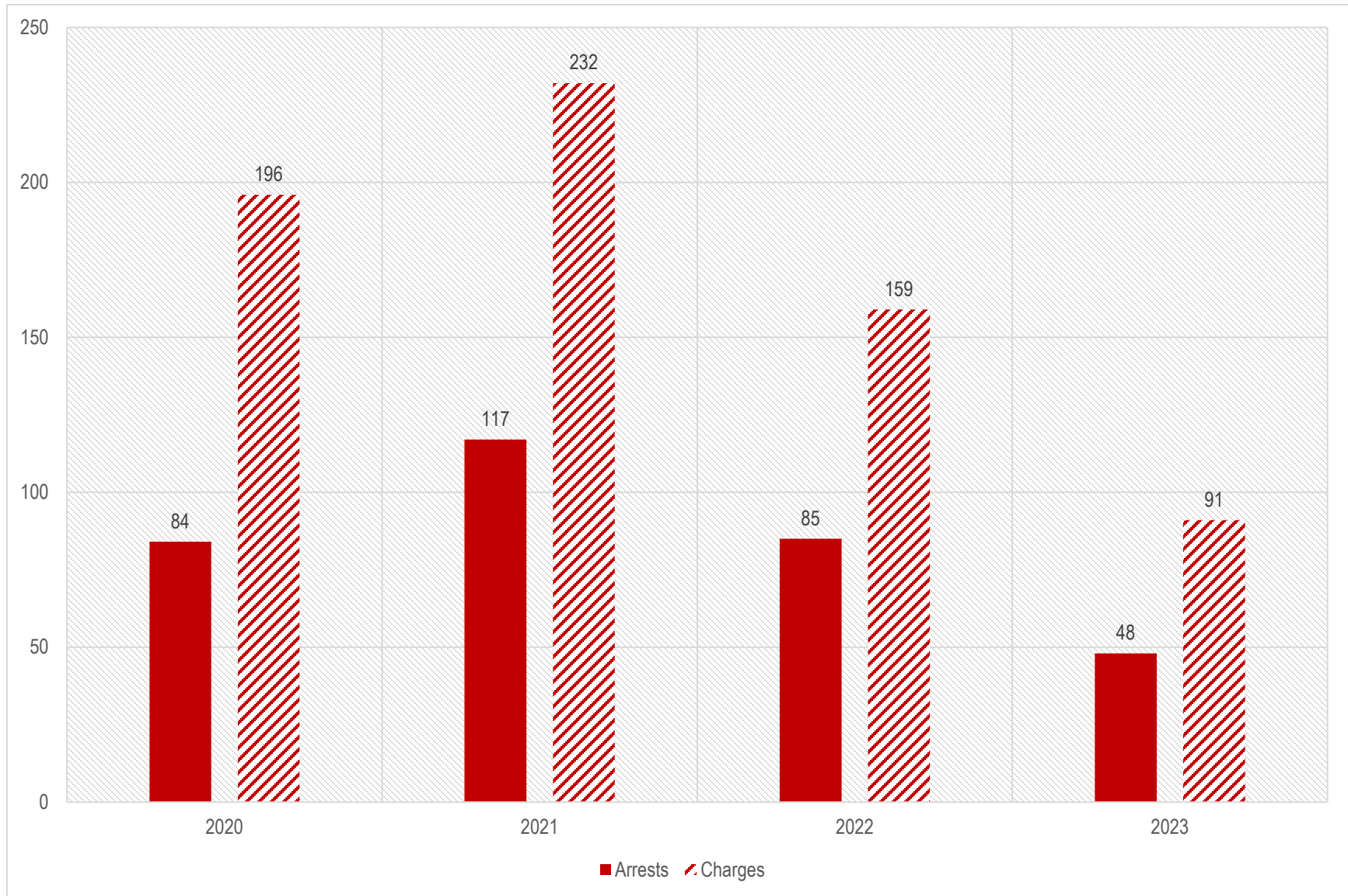
# Criminal Arrests / Charges

**Arrest** – the physical detainment of an individual suspected of violating criminal laws. Multiple offenses from one or more incidents may be charged in the course of one arrest.

**Charges** – the separate offenses in which a suspect is charged with for violation of criminal laws during an arrest.

Example: Police arrest John Doe for Breaking & Entering. There were three charges for Breaking & Entering as well as charges for Larceny from three separate Incidents, but they were all recorded as one arrest.

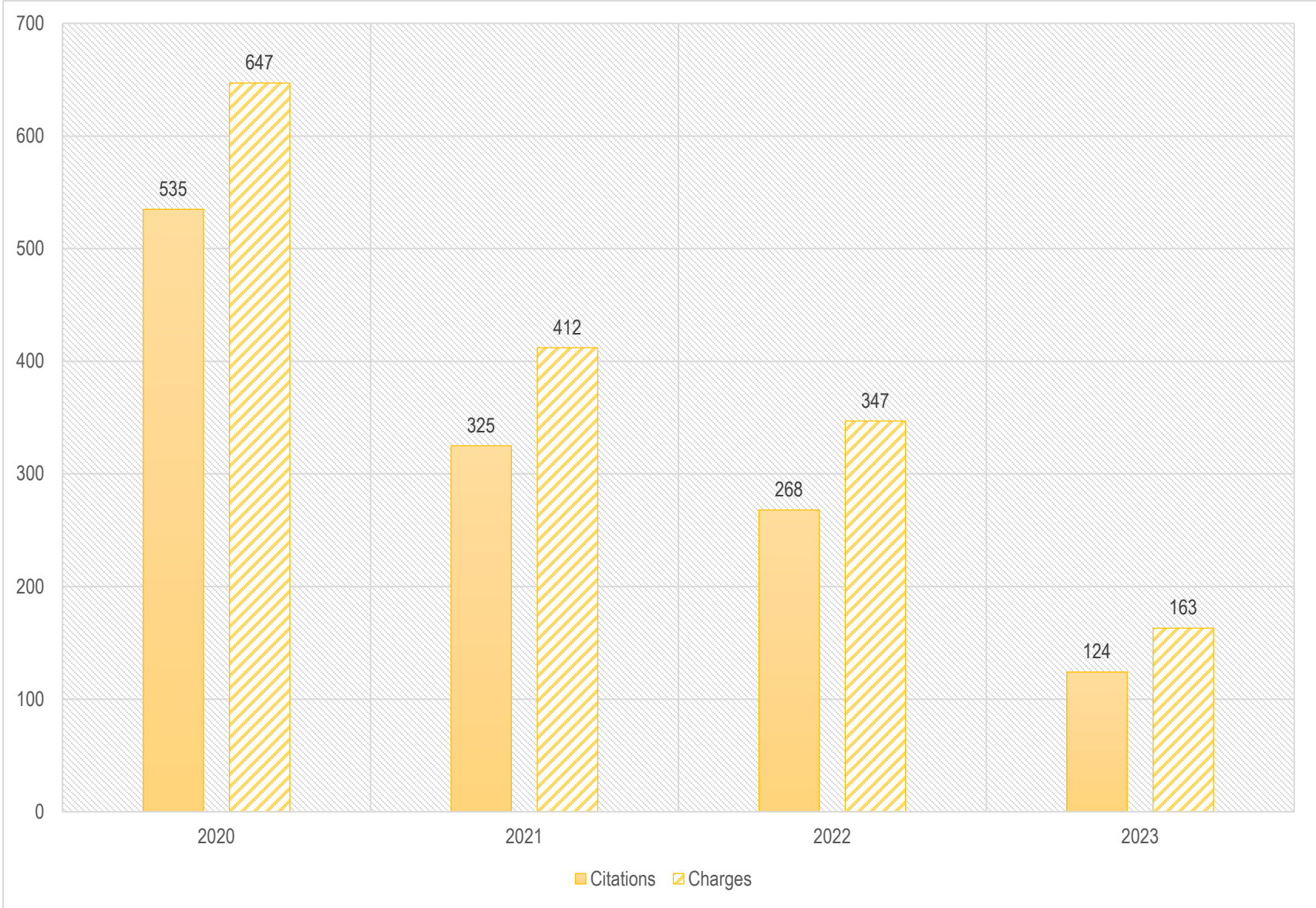
# Criminal Arrests / Charges



# Violations Issued via Citation

Violations	Total Issued
Carrying Concealed Weapon	1
Alcohol Related	3
Left of Center	2
Registration	23
Driver's License	27
Inspection	6
Traffic Control Violation	8
Seat Belt	2
Fail to Yield	2
Fail to Reduce Speed	16
Following too Closely	2
Hit & Run	2
Improper Backing	2
Improper Passing	3
No Insurance	2
Drugs	13
Drug Paraphernalia	9
Careless & Reckless	2
Trespassing	1
Speeding	31
Texting While Driving	1
Unsafe Movement	5
<b>TOTAL Violations</b>	<b>163</b>

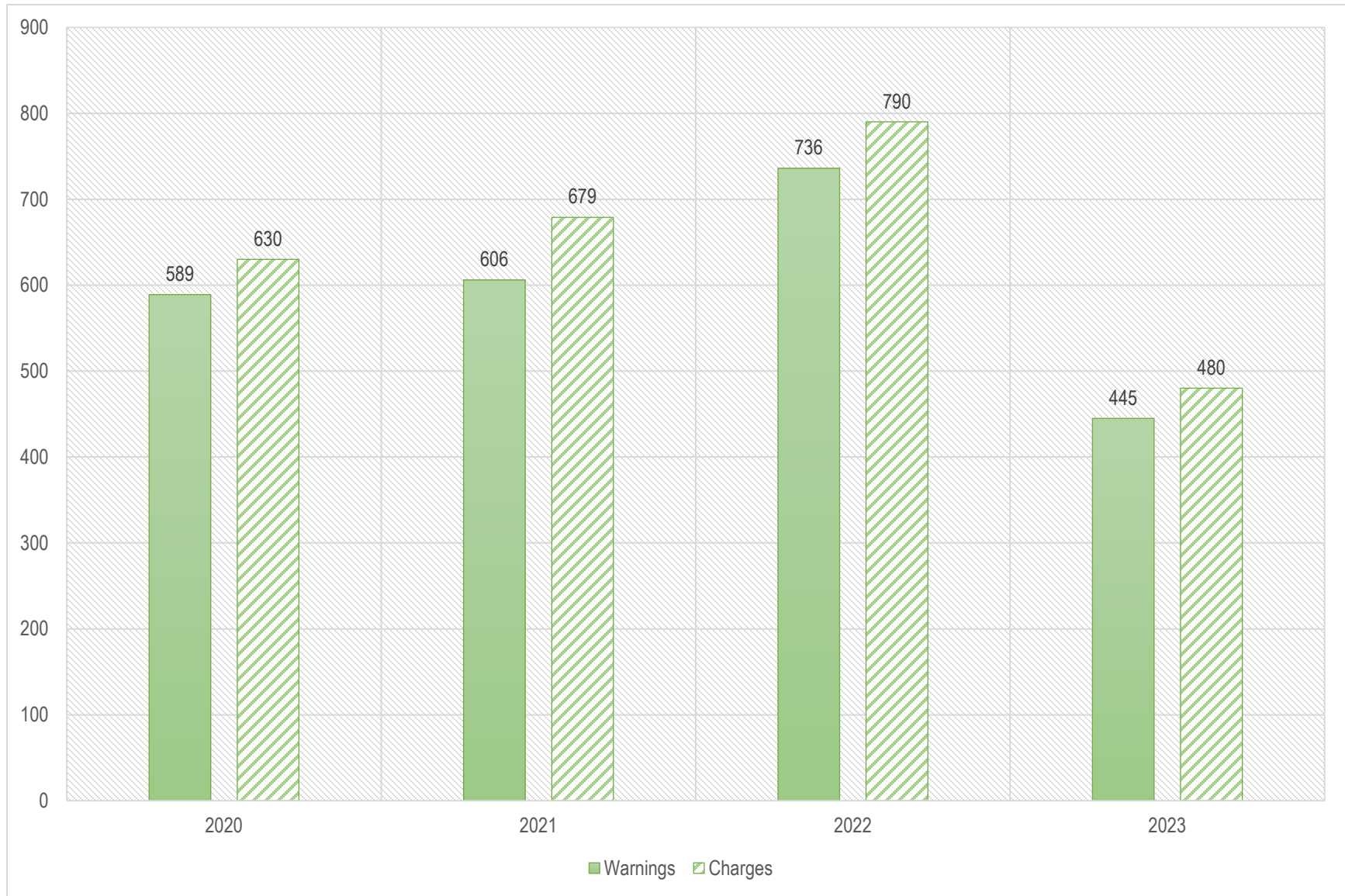
# Citations / Charges



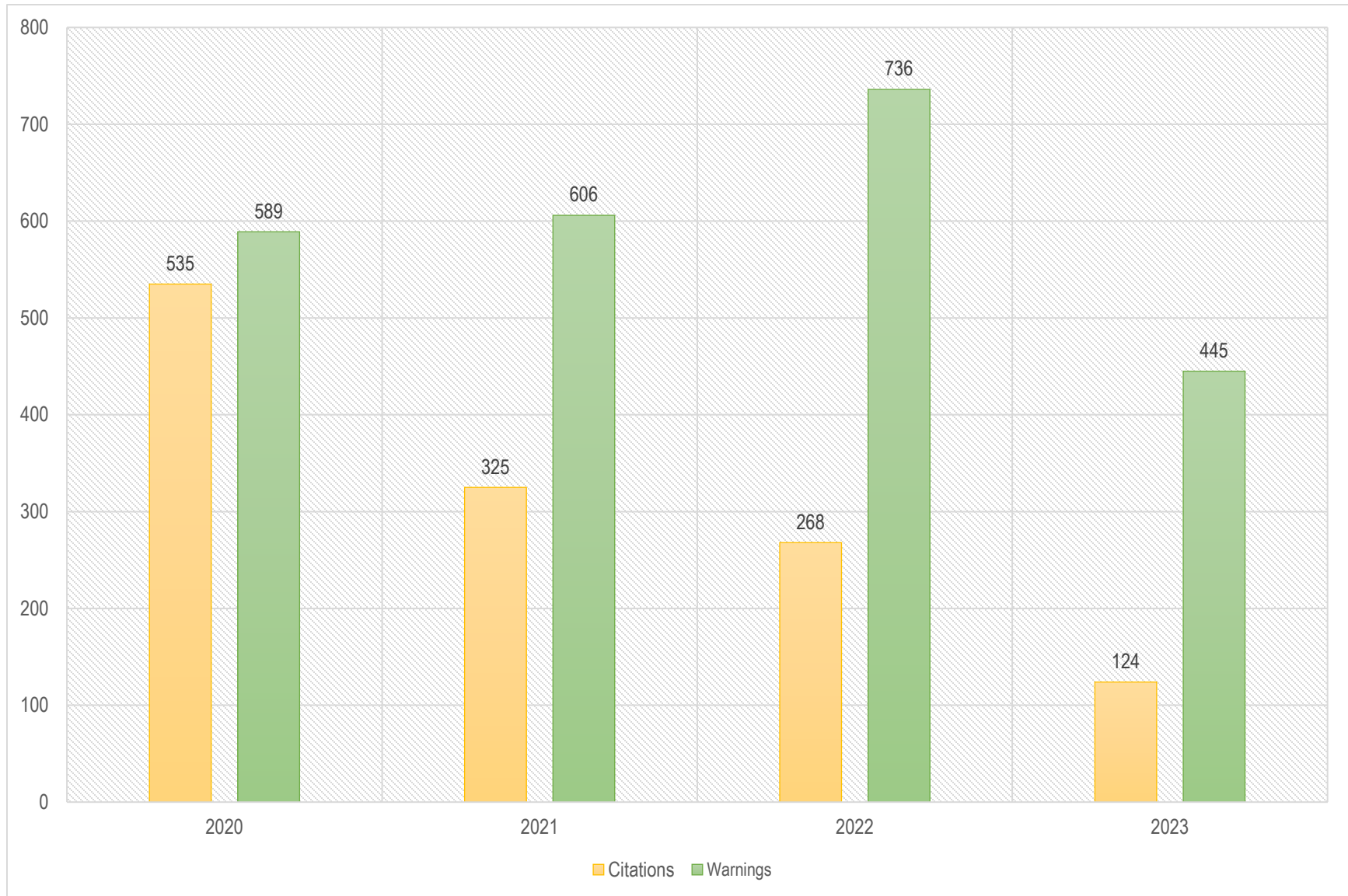
# Violations Issued via Written Warning

Violations	Total Issued
Driver's License Violation	7
Following Too Closely	1
Improper Passing	1
Improper Turn on Red	3
Left of Center	6
Other	28
Other Hazardous Violations	4
Other Non-Hazardous Violations	12
Safety Inspection	14
Speeding	185
Stop Sign or Signal	98
Equipment	62
Unsafe Movement	15
No Insurance	2
Registration Violation	42
<b>TOTAL Violations</b>	<b>480</b>

# Warnings / Charges



# Citations and Warnings



# Traffic Violations via Location

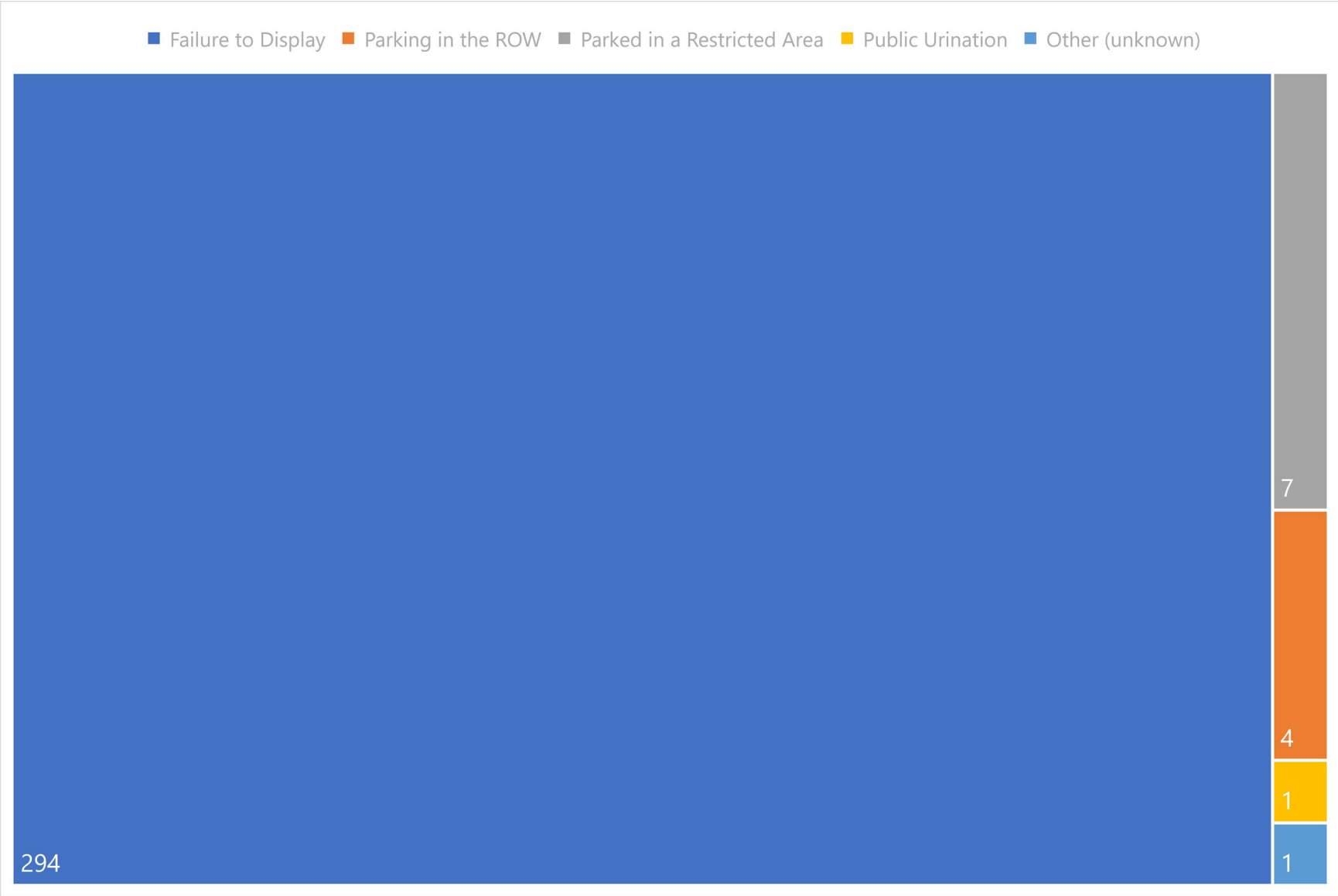
Stop Sign / Light Violations	# Issued
US Hwy 158 / N Croatan Hwy	5
NC Hwy 12 / Duck Road	4
S Dogwood Trail	72
Hillcrest Drive	1
Sea Oats Trail	2
5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	1
Chicahauk Trail	1
Ginguite Trail	2
Hickory Trail	7
Pintail Trail	2
Unknown	1
	<b>98</b>
Speeding	# Issued
US Hwy 158 / N Croatan Hwy	25
NC Hwy 12 / Duck Road	109
Ocean Boulevard	37
1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue	1
S Dogwood Trail	20
E Dogwood Trail	2
Hillcrest Drive	1
Wax Myrtle Trail	4
Sea Oats Trail	8
Duck Woods Drive	3
Unknown	6
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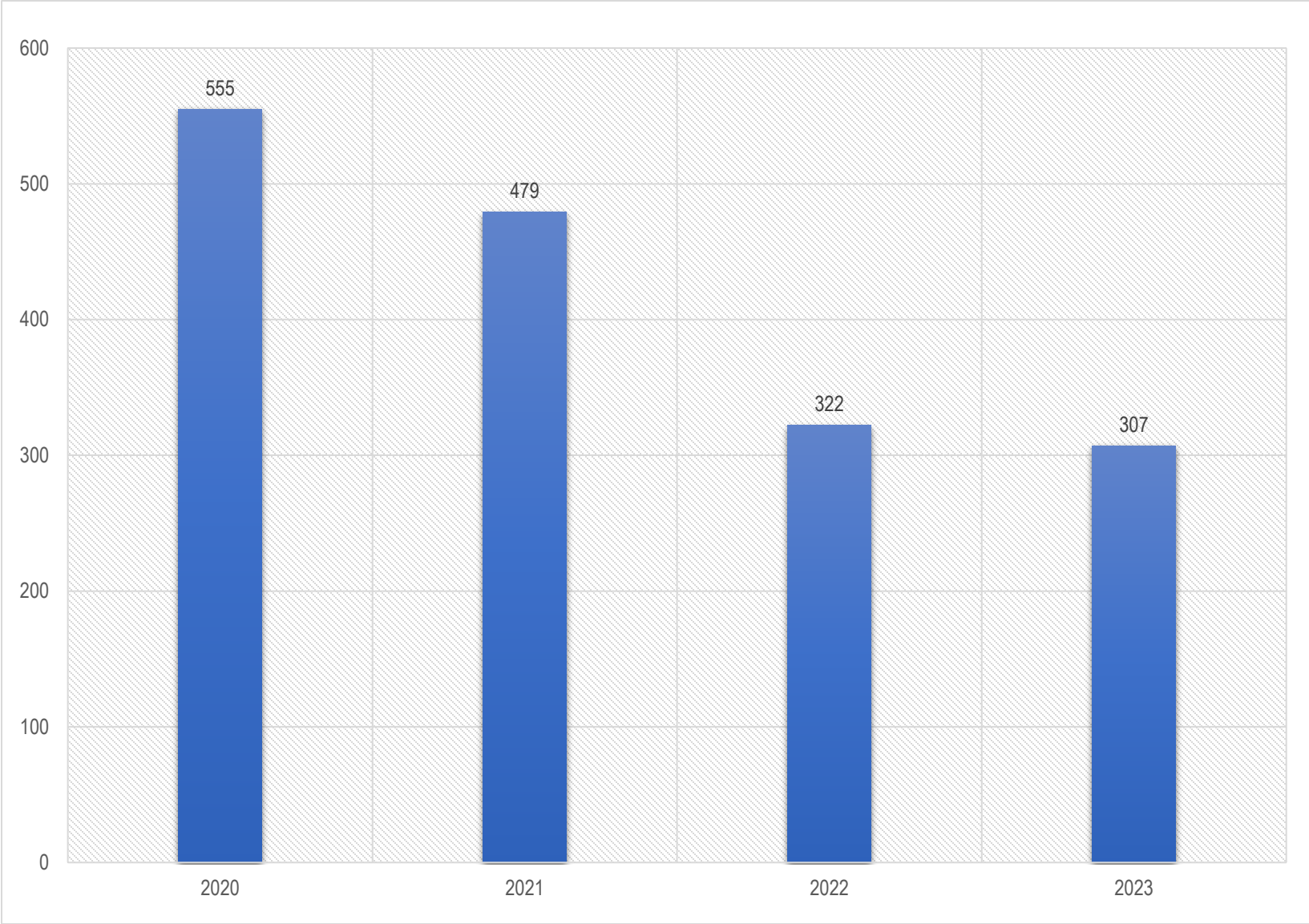
# Local Ordinance Violations

Violations	Total Issued
Failure to Display Permit	294
Parked in Restricted Area	7
Parking in the ROW	4
Public Urination	1
Other (unknown)	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>307</b>

# Town Ordinance Violations



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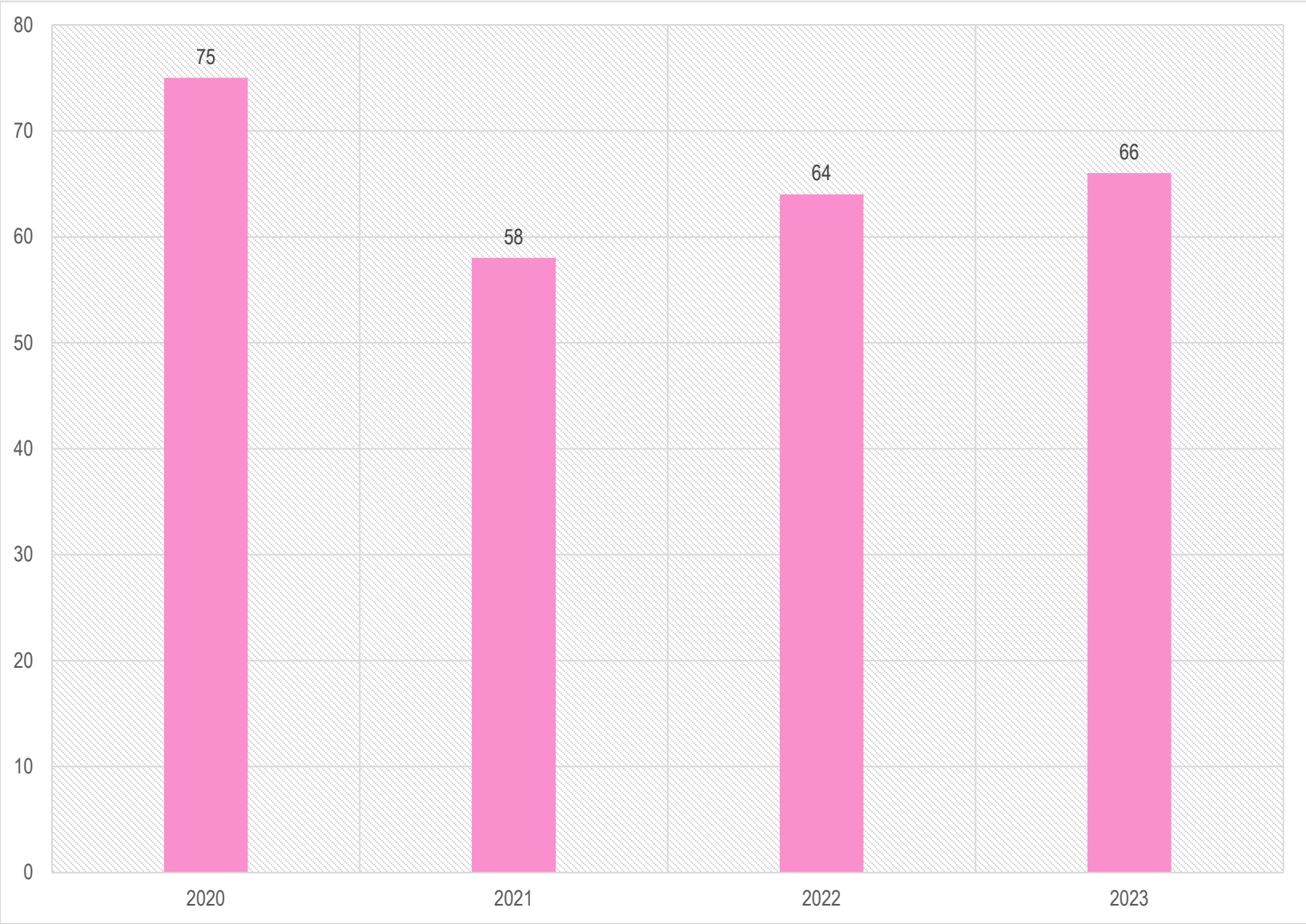


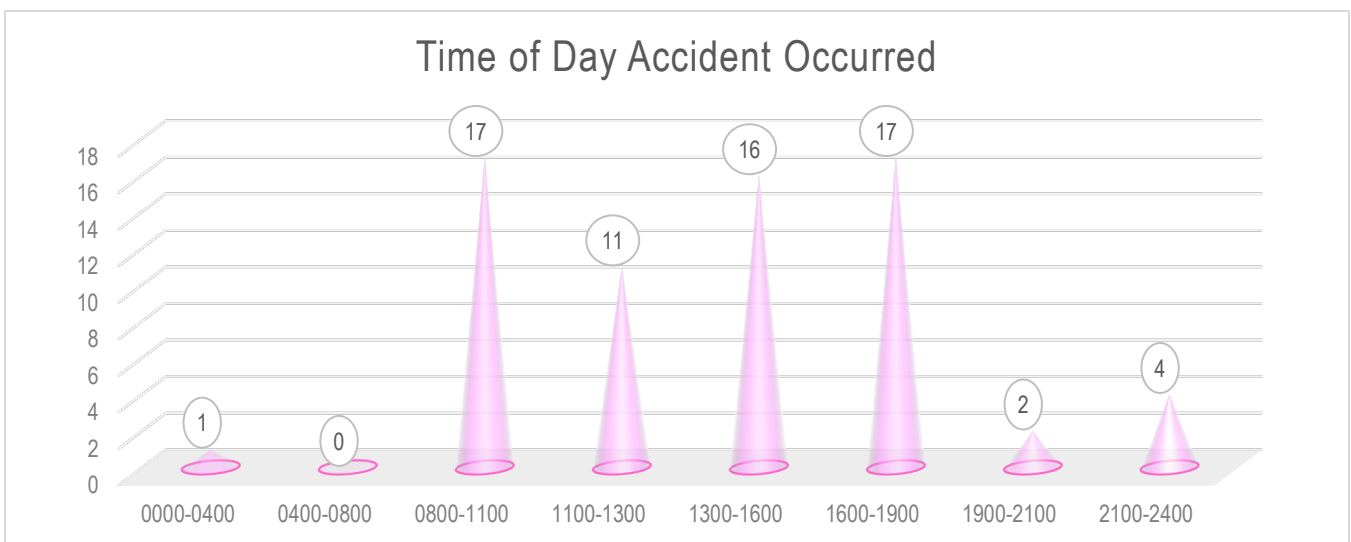
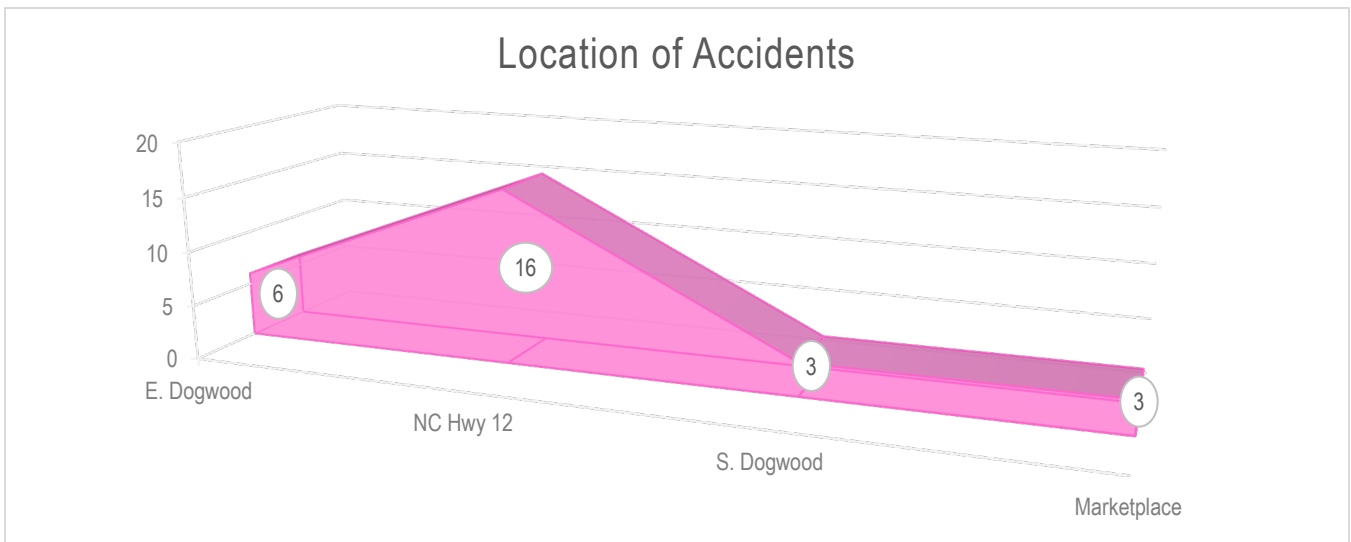
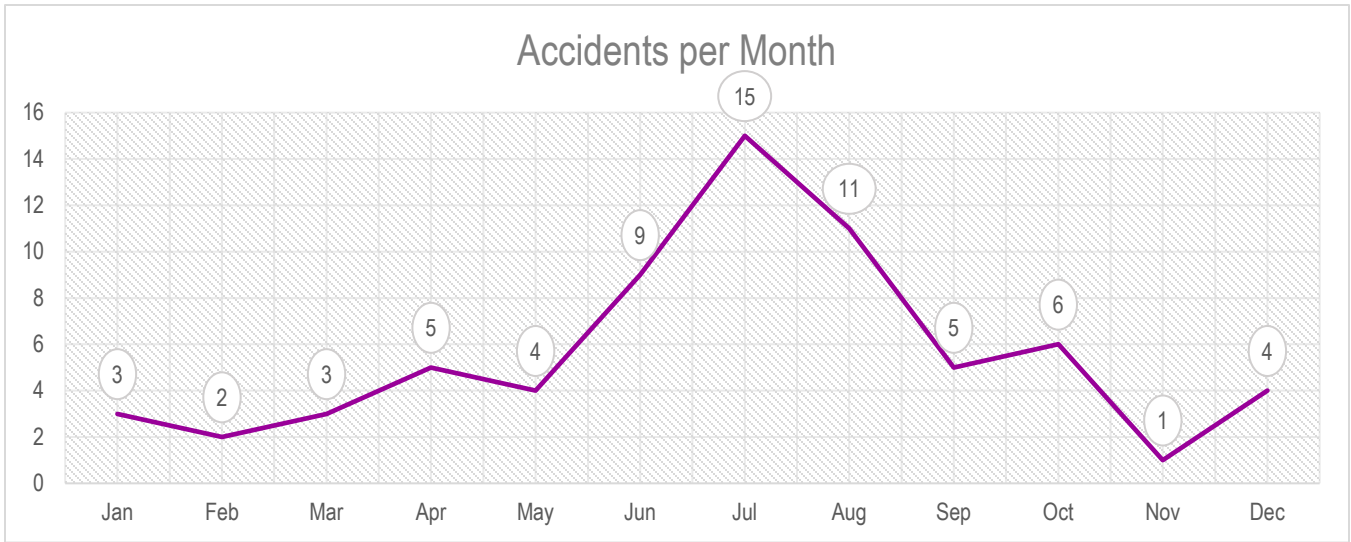
*Motor Vehicle*



*Crashes*

# Motor Vehicle Accidents





# Community Oriented Policing

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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT





Officer's Long and Thompson of the Southern Shores Police Department attended National Night Out hosted by Kill Devil Hills Police Department. Great night and lots of fun!!



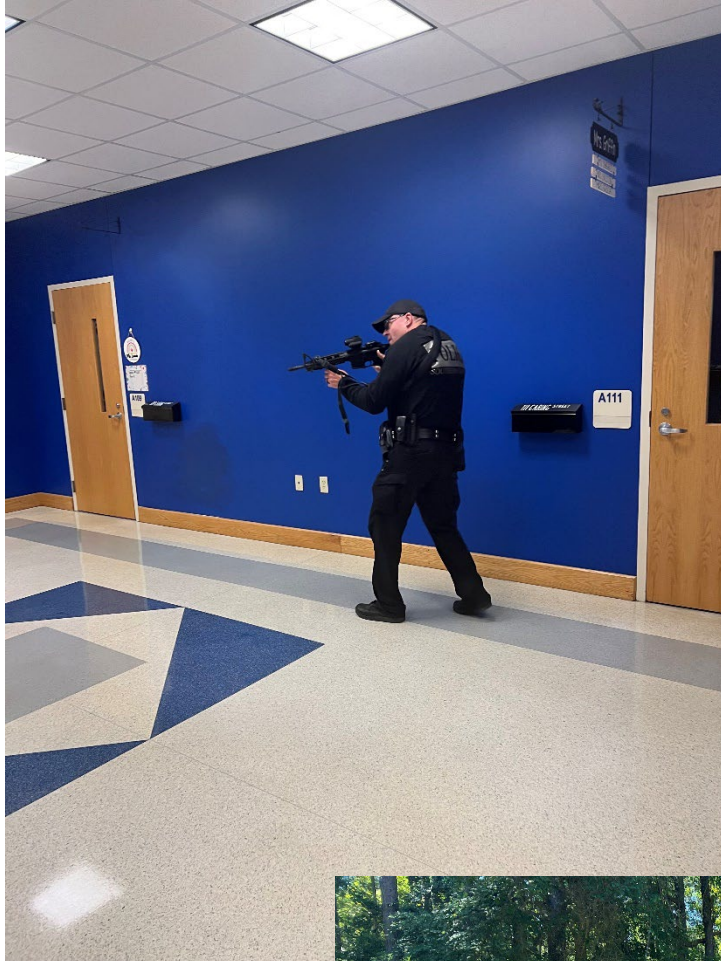


The Southern Shores Police Department hosted, in conjunction with the Kitty Hawk Police Department, an extensive class in Active Shooter Training. We were also joined by representatives from Dare County Sheriff's Office and Currituck Country Sheriff's Office.

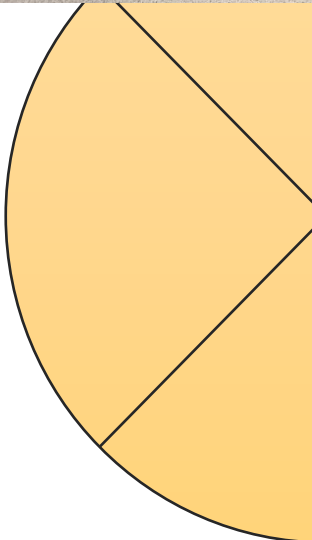


This training was a vigorous three-day course that focused on solo active response to an active shooter conducted by trainers from the North Carolina Justice Academy.





Officers conducted live firearms training on the range, classroom instruction, first aid training and live scenario training at Kitty Hawk Elementary School. We are very excited that we were able to bring such high-quality training to our area and work with our partner agencies to help better protect our community. We would also like to extend a thank you to Kitty Hawk Elementary School and Southern Shores Fire Department for the use of their facilities for this training.





## K-9 ARTY



Officer Thomas Long becomes the newest K9 Officer for the Southern Shores Police Department. He and K9 Arty will provide a valuable resource to, not only Southern Shores, but to other agencies as well offering the services of a drug detection and tracking of suspects or missing persons.

# Trunk or Treat



The Southern Shores  
Police Department  
attended Fall Fest at the  
College of the Albemarle -  
Dare Campus in Manteo.  
Great time had by all!!





# Kitty Hawk Elementary Friday night lights Carnival









**Party With Arty!**

Try your luck and win a lunch **Party with Arty** for you and two of your friends!

Officer Thomas Long and K-9 Arty will come to school and have a special lunch with the winner and two people of the winner's choice. This prize is available to children between ages 4-12. What a great opportunity to meet the newest member of the Southern Shores Police Department!

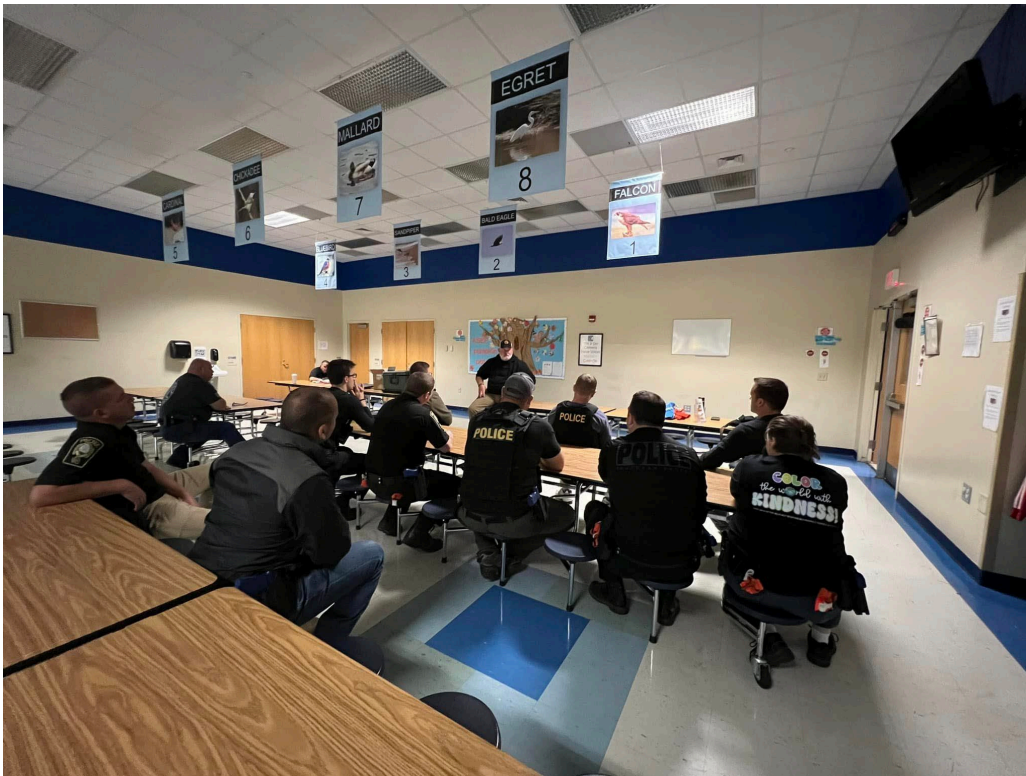
(The date and time of the lunch will be set in conjunction with the Southern Shores Police Department and K-9 Arty's schedule.)

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**WIN A BASKETBALL GOAL!**

Get a chance (or two) to win a freestanding Spalding basketball goal generously donated by Walmart. You also get an AND1 Basketball so you can start practicing those 3 pointers right away!





# A.L.E.R.R.T.

Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training

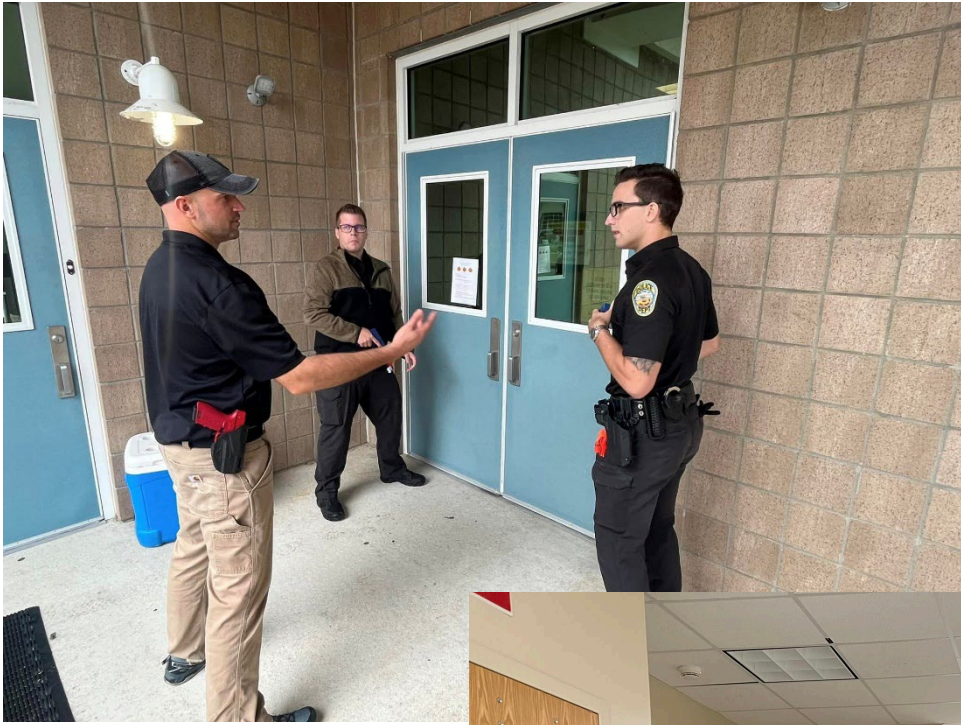




The Southern Shores Police Department hosted Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training. ALERRT is a researched based training that provides officers the best way to respond in an active shooter situation. Kitty Hawk Police Department and Kill Devil Hills Police Department also joined us during this training.

Thank you to Kitty Hawk Elementary administration and staff along with the Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department for allowing us to use their facilities. Their continuing support is very appreciated.







The Southern Shores Police Department held its annual department awards luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn in the first part of 2023. As the department was unable to hold the luncheon in 2022, we recognized awards from the previous two years. Sgt. Eric Brinkley was awarded the Top Gun for 2021 for having the highest average firearms scores for the year. He was also recognized as Officer of the Year for 2021 which is a peer nominated award.

For 2022, Sgt. Eric Brinkley was again awarded Top Gun. Sgt. Brinkley is an avid hunter and shooting enthusiast and it shows! The title of 2022 Officer the Year was awarded to Officer Thomas Long. As always, officers are nominated for this award by their peers and each year the award is given to a truly deserving officer.



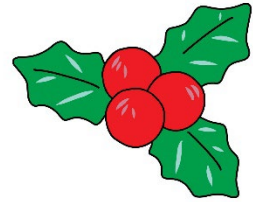
**2022 Top Gun  
Sgt. Eric Brinkley**



**2022 Officer of  
the Year  
PO Thomas Long**

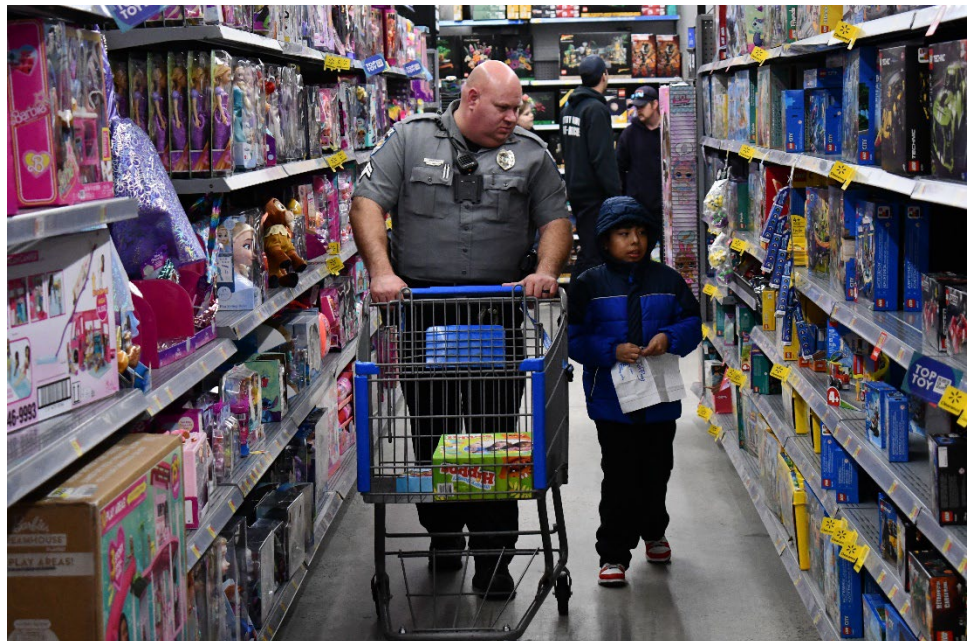


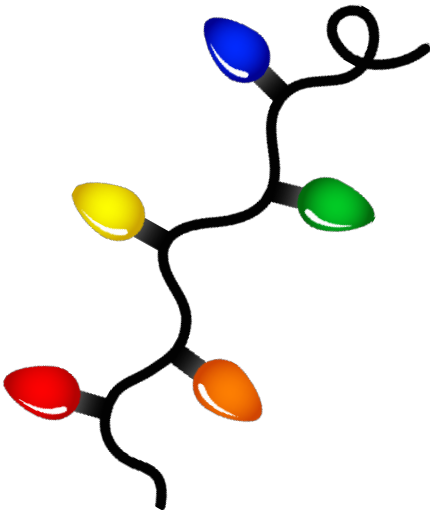
Officers from the Southern Shores Police Department attended training on Project Lifesaver and are now trained and certified in this program. Project Lifesaver is a program that can assist local emergency services in locating and returning individuals safely that have cognitive disorders and may have a tendency to wander. If you know someone in Southern Shores that suffers from Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome or any other disability that has the tendency to wander and you would like information to see if this program might assist them, please contact us and we can set up a consultation about our program.



## SHOP WITH PUBLIC SAFETY

The Southern Shores Police Department partnered with the Kitty Hawk Police Department and other public safety agencies in a new holiday event that was sponsored by the Town of Kitty Hawk. This event was made possible through local area donations that allowed our first responders to help make Christmas brighter for over twenty children in the community.









Corporal Brickhouse and Officer Long complete Crisis Intervention Team Training along with other officers from local agencies. CIT is a 40-hour course that trains officers to better help people in crisis and gives officers more tools to do their job safely and effectively.



Community Resource Officer Dylan Jones is out on beach patrol, greeting guests and beach goers. Dylan put a smile on the face of his new friend by offering him a frisbee and a toy car. Being a member of the Southern Shores Police Department is about more than enforcement of town rules and regulations. Being part of the Southern Shores family is about providing a safe and happy environment for residents and visitors alike.