

Lake Jackson Police Department

# ANNUAL REPORT



2023



As a part of the Lake Jackson Police Department's commitment to transparency, we continue to make our policies, procedures, and data available to the public. Annually, we compile a comprehensive report on crime, calls for service, traffic, arrest, training, and all other statistical data for the City of Lake Jackson Police Department. This review of 2023 also includes some data from previous years to provide context and historical information on citywide crime trends and new developments in the department for 2023.

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# Message from the Chief



A highlight of 2023 for the Lake Jackson Police Department was the completion of our training room remodel project. Members of the department helped stretch budget dollars as far as possible by doing a lot of the demolition and assembling and installation of furniture ourselves. We are very proud of the results. Although the room was not available for most of the year, it was encouraging to see the final results. The department continued to stress training for all personnel, and we set a new department record by training a total of 10,446 hours in 2023. Even with additional recruitment efforts, we struggle against the nationwide police officer shortage. The equivalent of 4.5 patrol positions were unrealized during 2023: or 10,117 hours total. A portion of those unmanned hours were attributed to one of our Patrol Sergeants who is still on military deployment at the U.S. southern border.

Proactive patrol and traffic enforcement helped reduce the number of minor accidents and injury accidents, but unfortunately, there were still 3 fatalities associated with traffic accidents in 2023. We were without one of our motorcycle officers for most of 2023 due to a major injury but were still able to increase our presence in school zones by 40% over any of the previous four years.

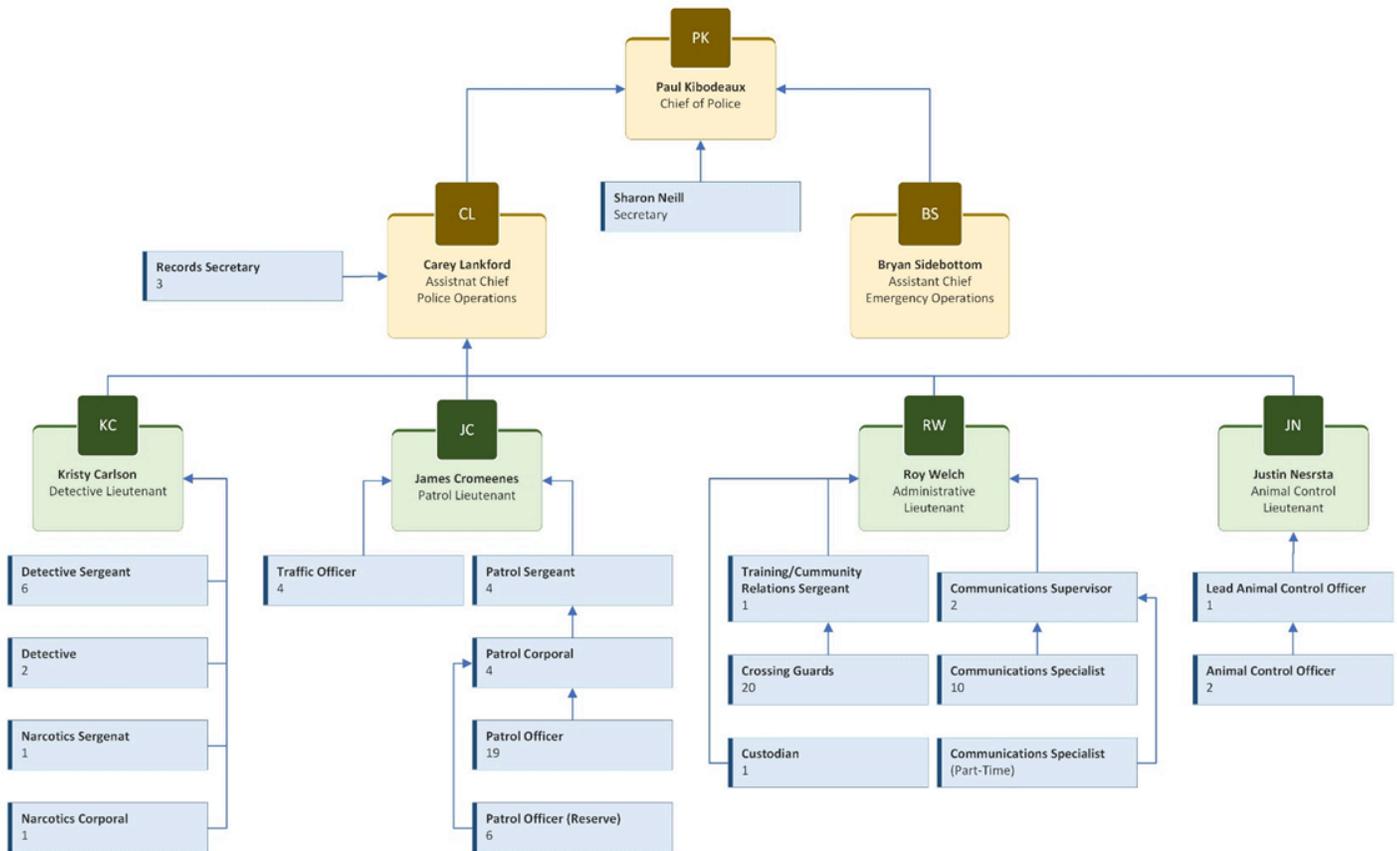
Technology is infused in every aspect of our society. The search for traces of its use in criminal activity has made us very successful in solving crimes. Searches for “ring” camera footage and cell phone forensics are routine. The Flock Safety camera systems proved to be invaluable again this year. We also added an Avata Explorer Interior drone to our fleet, providing a means for interior searches and mapping. In 2023, Lake Jackson Drones flew over 190 missions and logged more than 80 flight hours, assisting in City Operations, Emergency Management Operations, Search and Rescue missions, and assisting in case investigations.

On the support services side, we fielded over 82,000 calls for service between Lake Jackson and Richwood police, fire, and EMS. Dispatch stayed very busy as were our records secretaries. Among their many tasks, they processed 1547 record requests, which was our greatest-ever response to open records. Alarm registrations continue to creep downward as home security systems with notification capabilities become commonplace although the number of registered alarms went down again this year, collections for false alarms were up 20% over the previous year, a product of the hard work and diligence of the police department secretary.

The Deputy Emergency Manager (EMC) was very busy working on the city’s core capabilities in all five mission areas: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery. Training was a big focus and the Deputy EMC, who is a Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) instructor, co-instructed five Intermediate Incident Command System (ICS) G-300 courses, four Advanced ICS G-400 courses, and two G-191 ICS/EOC Interface courses, within Brazoria County. He assisted TDEM in instructing the G-449 ICS Curricula (Train-the-Trainer) class in Beaumont. Internally, he taught several city employees introductory ICS courses.

Things to look forward to in 2024 are a full policy review, completed with the assistance of Lexipol as an outside source. This policy revision is a big first step towards achieving accreditation for the police department. We are also looking forward to breaking ground on the new animal control facility. With continued support from the residents of Lake Jackson and city government, we hope to accomplish great things in 2024.

# Lake Jackson Police Department Organization Chart



## MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Lake Jackson Police Department to positively impact the quality of life throughout the community by delivering professional and courteous services, preserving the peace, enforcing the law and Constitution, protecting property, and providing a safe environment for all citizens.

# Patrol Division

Lead by Lt. James Cromeenes

## Field Operations

The duties and responsibilities of the Patrol Division are to respond to emergency and non-emergency calls, patrol business districts and residential neighborhoods, enforce traffic laws, and community policing. The Patrol Division is divided into 4 shifts, with each shift consisting of 1 Patrol Sergeant, 1 Patrol Corporal, and 4 - 5 Officers. The Traffic Officers work separately from the shifts and are assigned to work primarily during the daylight hours during heavier traffic flow and respond to traffic complaints, traffic accidents, reckless driver calls, and other traffic-related calls which are based on recent trends, construction, traffic flow, traffic violations, etc.

Each Patrol Vehicle is equipped with the latest modern equipment available to assist Officers in the performance of their duties and to allow them to spend more time on patrol. Some of the equipment to mention is radar-stationary/moving, Watchguard Video Cameras, advanced lighting and safety signals which include low-frequency rumpers, Opticom traffic control system which transmits a signal to approaching intersection traffic signals and directs the traffic signals to change allowing the intersection to clear for approaching emergency vehicles. In addition, there are in-car laptop computers used for report writing, obtaining information from the department's mainframe computer, and obtaining driver's license and criminal history information for investigative purposes. Within the year, 2023, three of the patrol units were replaced to help maintain lower maintenance costs to our fleet.

## Patrol Division

Over the year 2023, one Officer was promoted to Corporal, and one Corporal was Promoted to Sergeant. With this movement, vacancies were created to go along with three pre-existing vacancies on Patrol. One Detective Sergeant moved to Patrol as a Patrol Officer and throughout the year, five Officers were hired, and three Officers resigned for various reasons. We currently have one vacant position being held for an Officer who serves in the Army National Guard and is currently on deployment until September 2024. In addition to that, we currently have two openings on Patrol.

## Patrol Division Unmanned Hours

When full, the Patrol Division works a total of 66,560 hours per year. The standard total hours worked per officer each year is 2,080 hours. In 2023, the Patrol Division had a total of 10,117.75 hours that were unmanned due to personnel resigning, retiring, transferring to other divisions/departments, and one Patrol Sergeant on military deployment to the U.S. southern border. Those hours equal 15% of the total man hours or the equivalent of 4.56 patrol positions for the year.

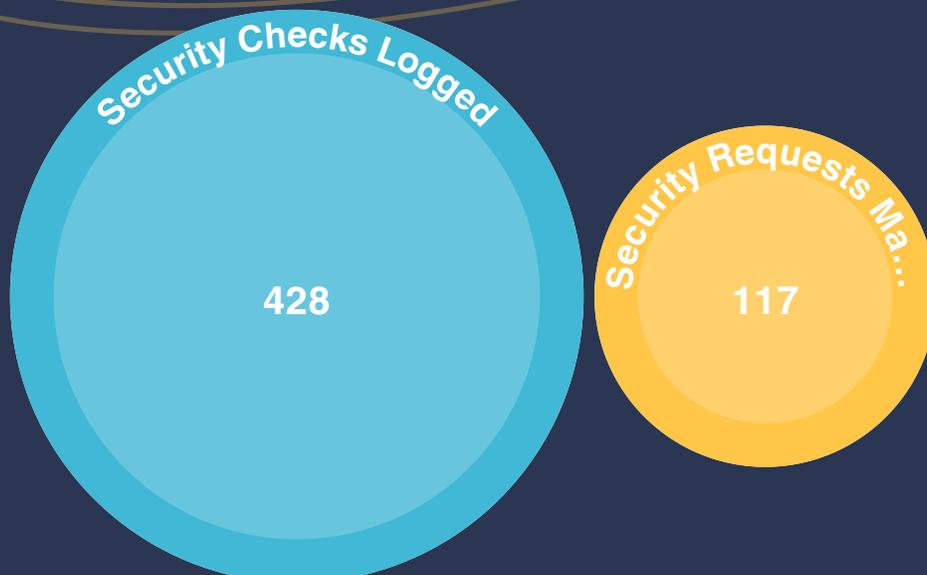
### Patrol Division Priority P Calls

From the time priority “P” calls (highest priority call requiring emergency response) were received, entered into the computer, dispatched, and arrived, patrol officers had an average response time of 4.36 minutes. We had an average reaction time, (response time after the officer received the call) of 3.40 minutes. Reaction time is the actual response time police agencies use for response time statistics. A total of 745 priority “P” calls were answered.

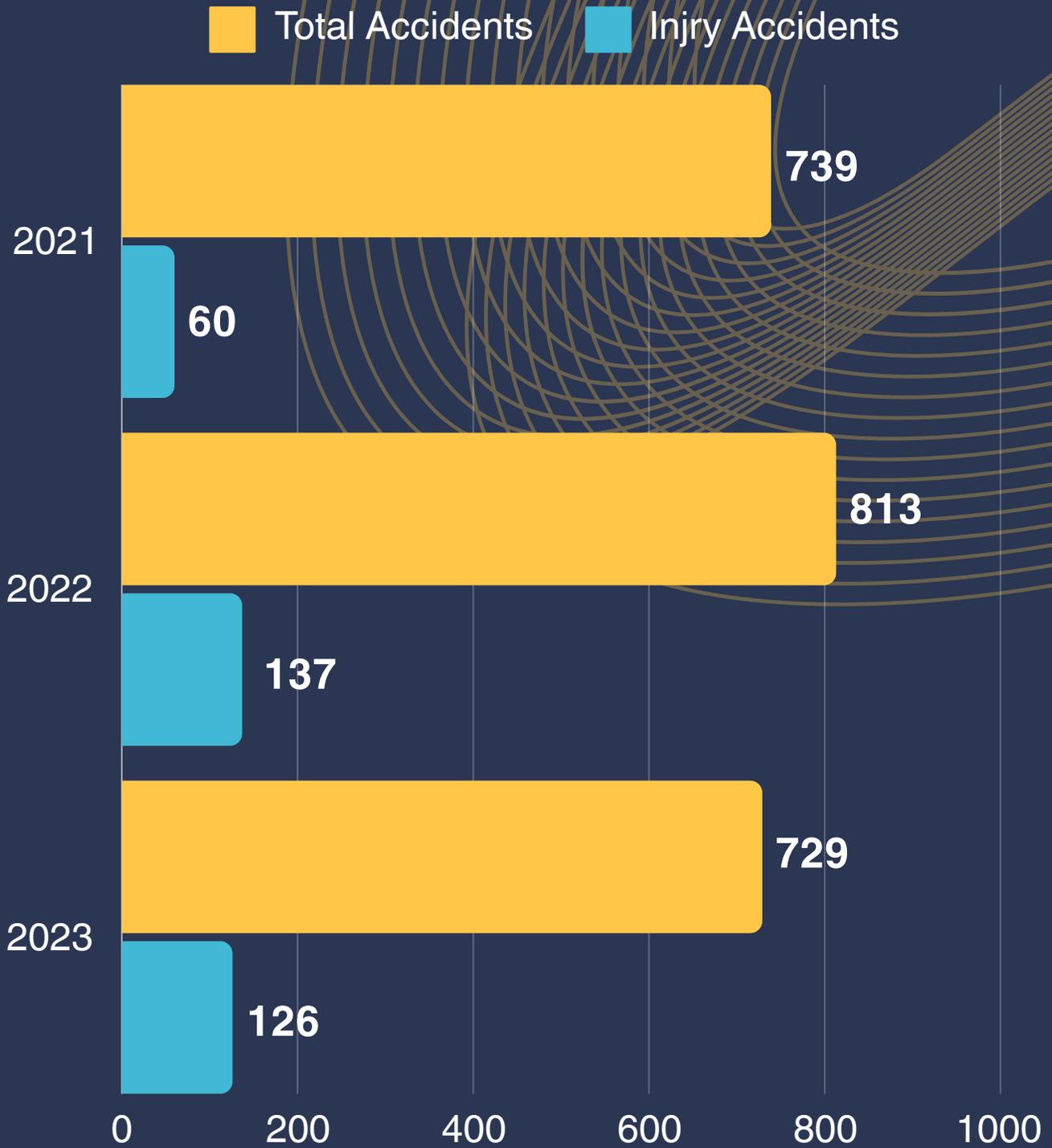


### Patrol Division Security Checks

As a further service to our community, the police department offers residential security checks. Officers will check residences for a maximum of thirty days while the homeowner is away. In 2023, the police department received 117 requests for residential security checks and recorded 428 responses to these requests.



## Patrol Division Worked Accidents



3 Fatality Accidents in 2023

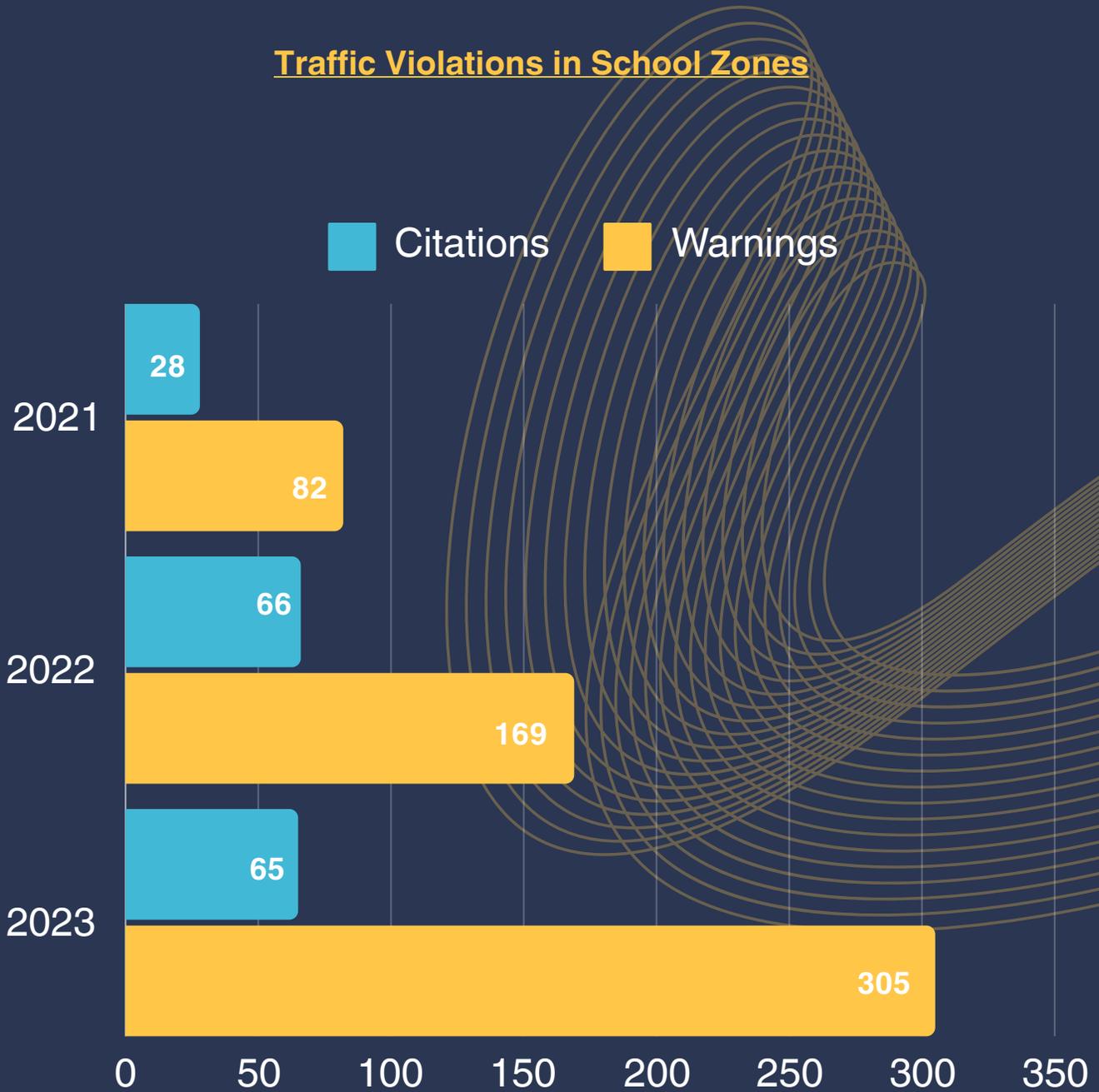
## Traffic Offenses

In 2023 the overall number of traffic stops made by the entire Patrol Division was 12,201. Those stops either resulted in a Citation filed through the Municipal Court and potentially punishable by fine, or a Warning, meant to educate motorists of traffic laws and dissuade them from committing future traffic related violations.



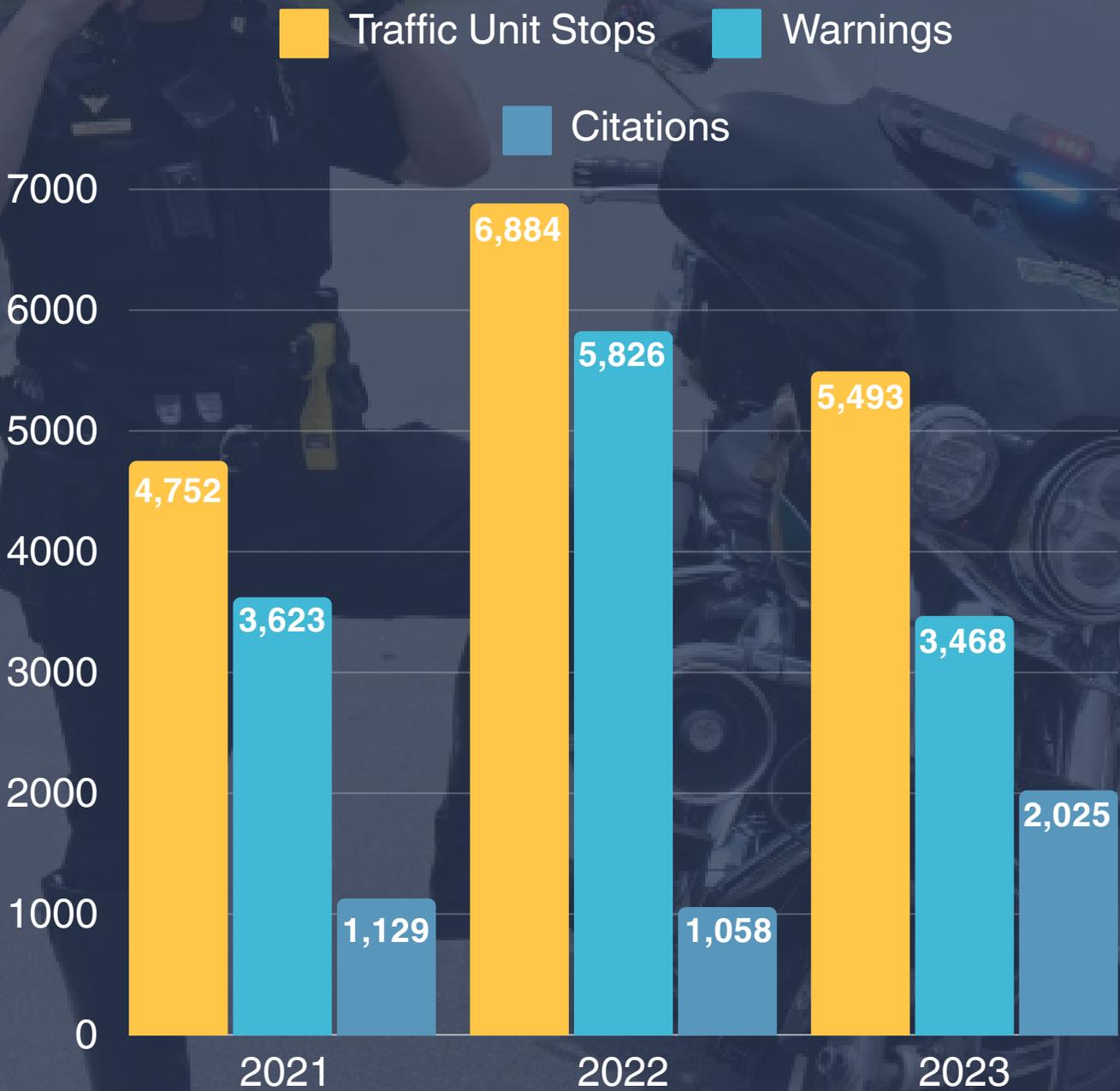
## School Zone Traffic Violations

Schools are in session approximately 180 days per year. This graph depicts only violations that occurred during class hours.



## Traffic Unit

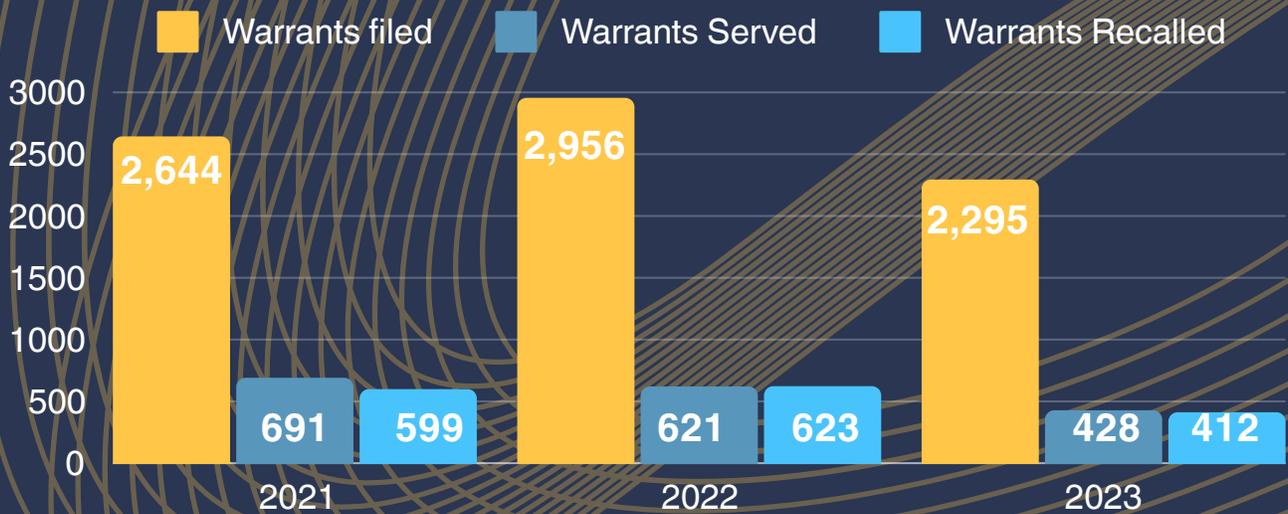
The Traffic Unit consists of four officers, two officers who are trained to use motorcycles, and two officers assigned to vehicles. All officers of the Traffic Unit have additional training for the investigation of vehicle crashes. In 2023 the Traffic Unit alone was responsible for 36% of all traffic stops. This is a small decline from 2022, as one of the motorcycle officers was out for a good portion of 2023 with a major injury and the fourth traffic vehicle not being assigned to the Traffic Unit until early 2024.



## Warrant Activity

The charts below describe our warrant activity for the previous three years. Warrants we manage are issued through our Municipal Court and Justice of the Peace Court. All officers are responsible for warrant execution, which encompasses locating and arresting the wanted person. Our Communications Specialist enters warrants from the courts into our computer database and maintains them in the dispatch office.

### Municipal Court Warrants

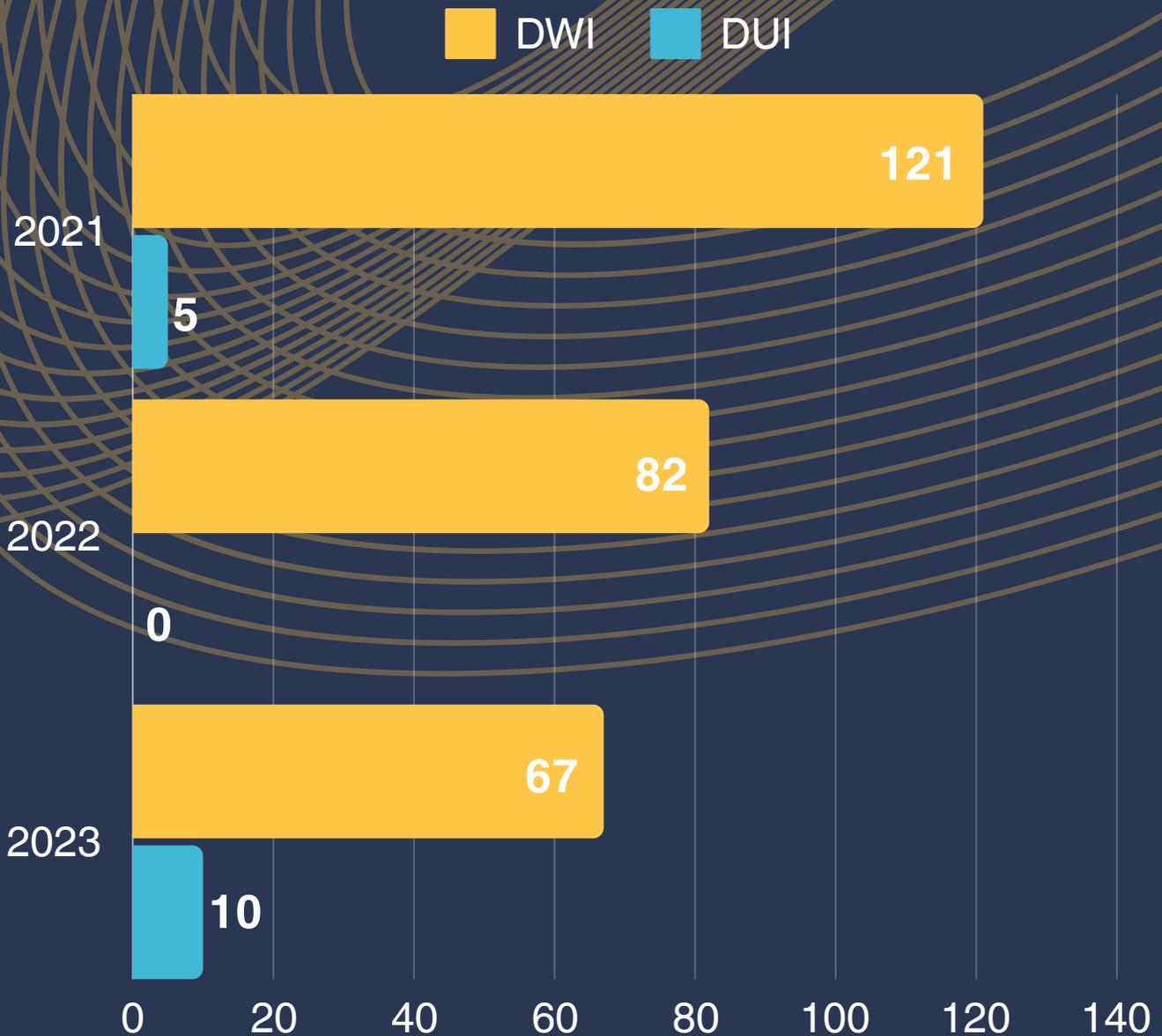


### Justice of the Peace Warrants



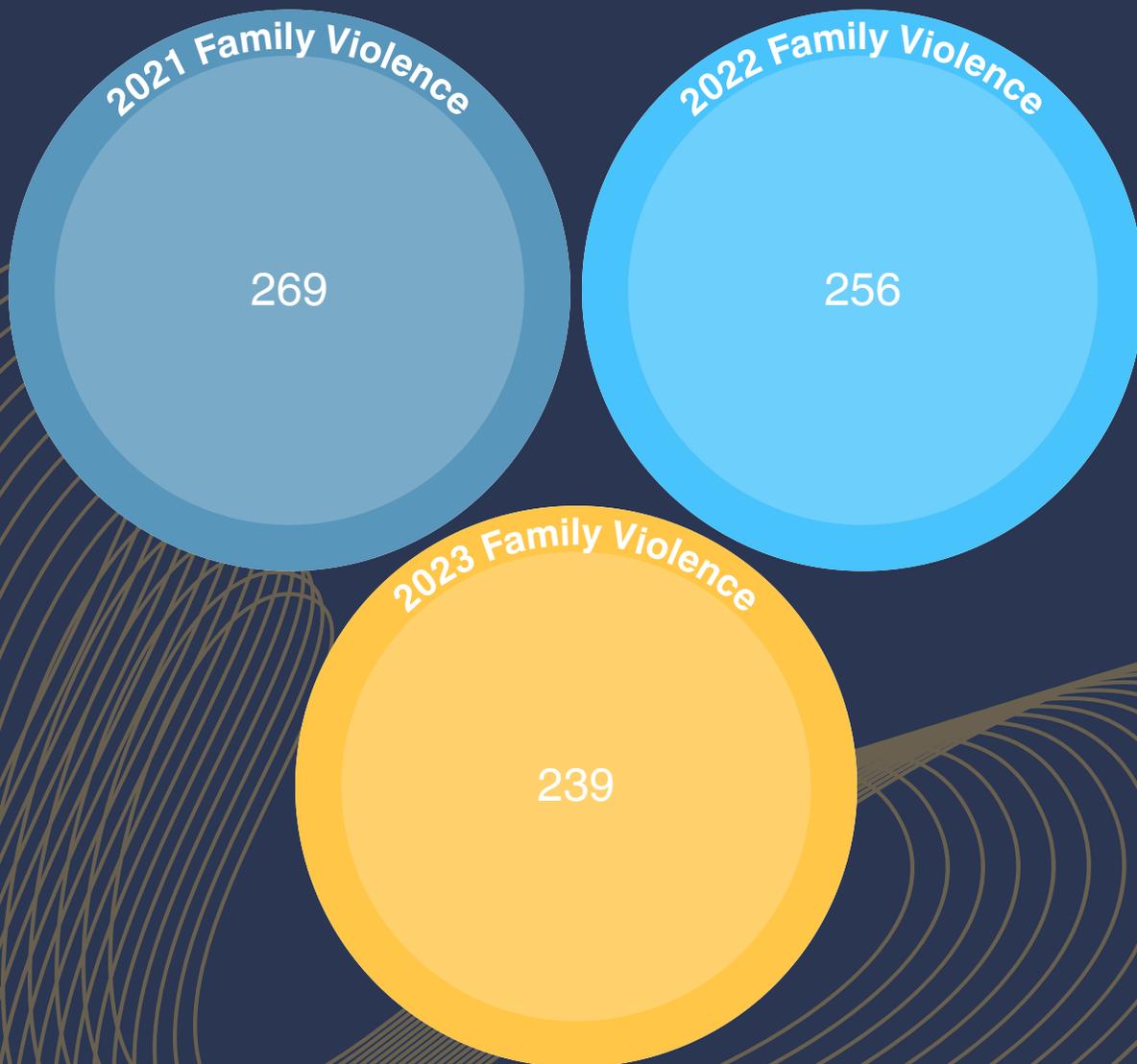
## Intoxication Offenses

Offenses involving Driving While Intoxicated, Intoxication Assault, Intoxication Manslaughter, and Driving Under the Influence are crimes committed by adults and juveniles who have consumed intoxicants and operate a motor vehicle. For juveniles, the violation is with any notable amount of alcoholic beverage on their breath which includes persons under the age of twenty-one. For adults twenty-one years of age and older, the blood alcohol level must be 0.08 or greater. Driving While intoxicated does not only involve alcohol. This offense also includes any other substances which may impair the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle.



## Family Violence Offenses

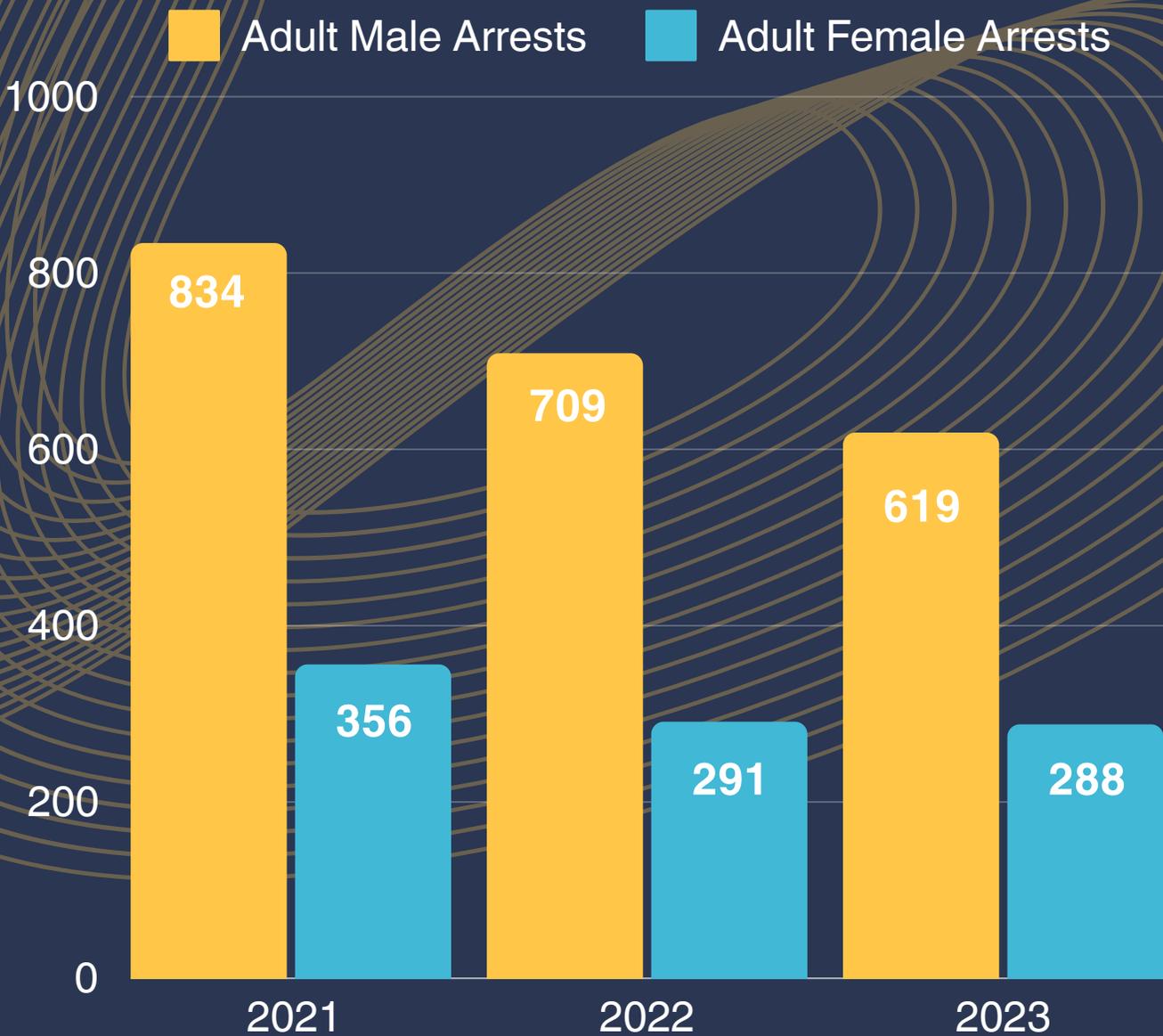
Family Violence is a continuing issue in our city. In 2021, the number of Family Violence offenses was 269. In 2022, the number of Family Violence offenses was 256, and in 2023 the number of Family Violence offenses was 239. Family violence cases may go unreported as the victims are reluctant to report the crimes for fear of retaliation.



## Jail/Holding Facility

The Lake Jackson Police Department jail facility is operated under State guidelines as a temporary holding facility providing housing, care, and custody of individuals arrested. The facility has accommodations for up to 16 occupants and has 2 detoxification cells.

Persons in custody for only Class C offenses are detained for less than four days prior to posting bond, paying fines, or given credit time served. Individuals arrested for Class B or above offenses either post a bond or are transferred to the Brazoria County Detention Center.



# Criminal Investigations

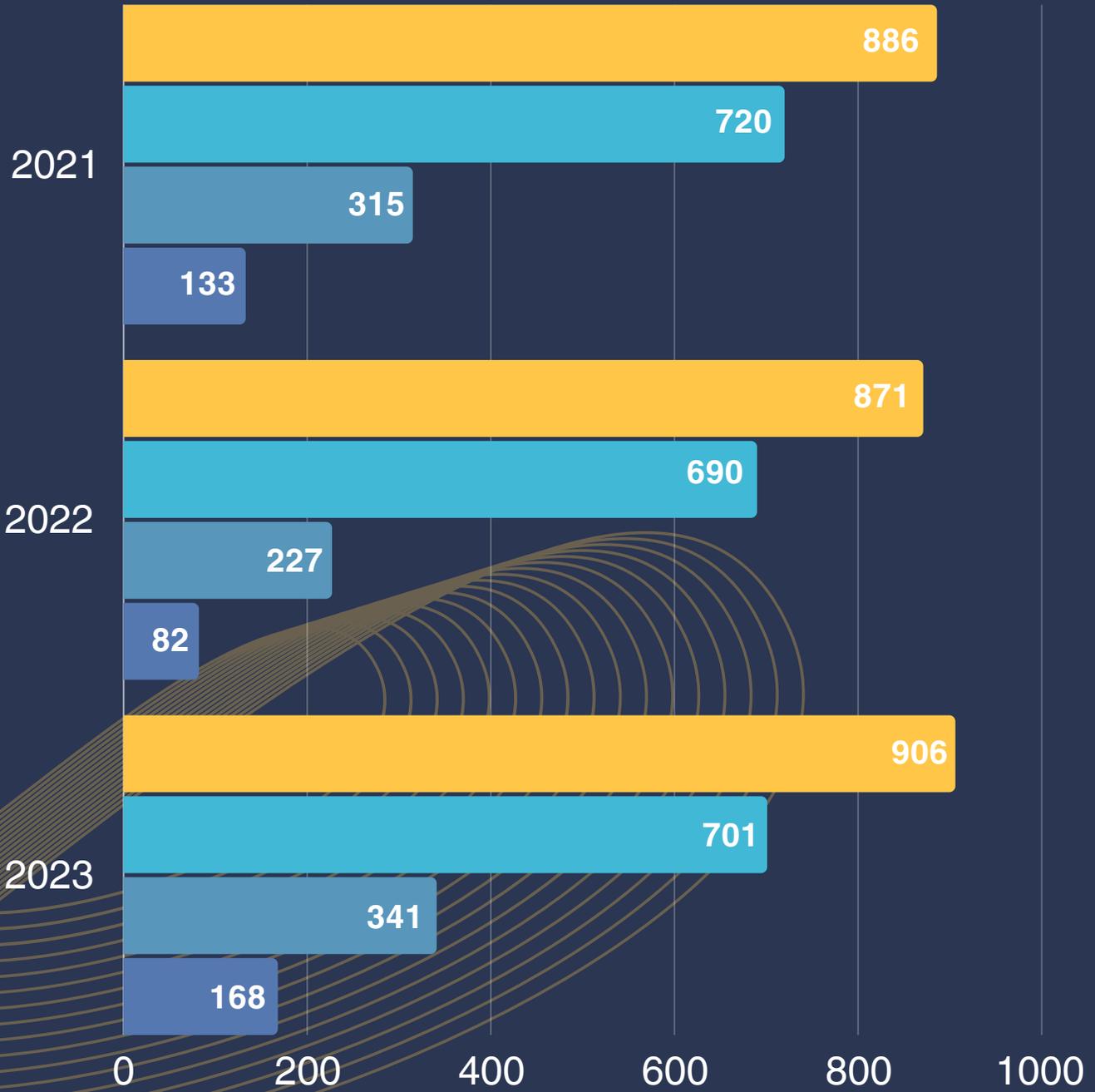
Lead by Lt. Kristy Carlson

The Lake Jackson Police Department Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is comprised of 12 officers. This division is staffed by a Detective Lieutenant, five Detective Sergeants, two Detective Corporals, one Narcotics Sergeant, one Narcotics Corporal, one Detective Sergeant/Asst. Evidence Sergeant, and one Reserve Detective.

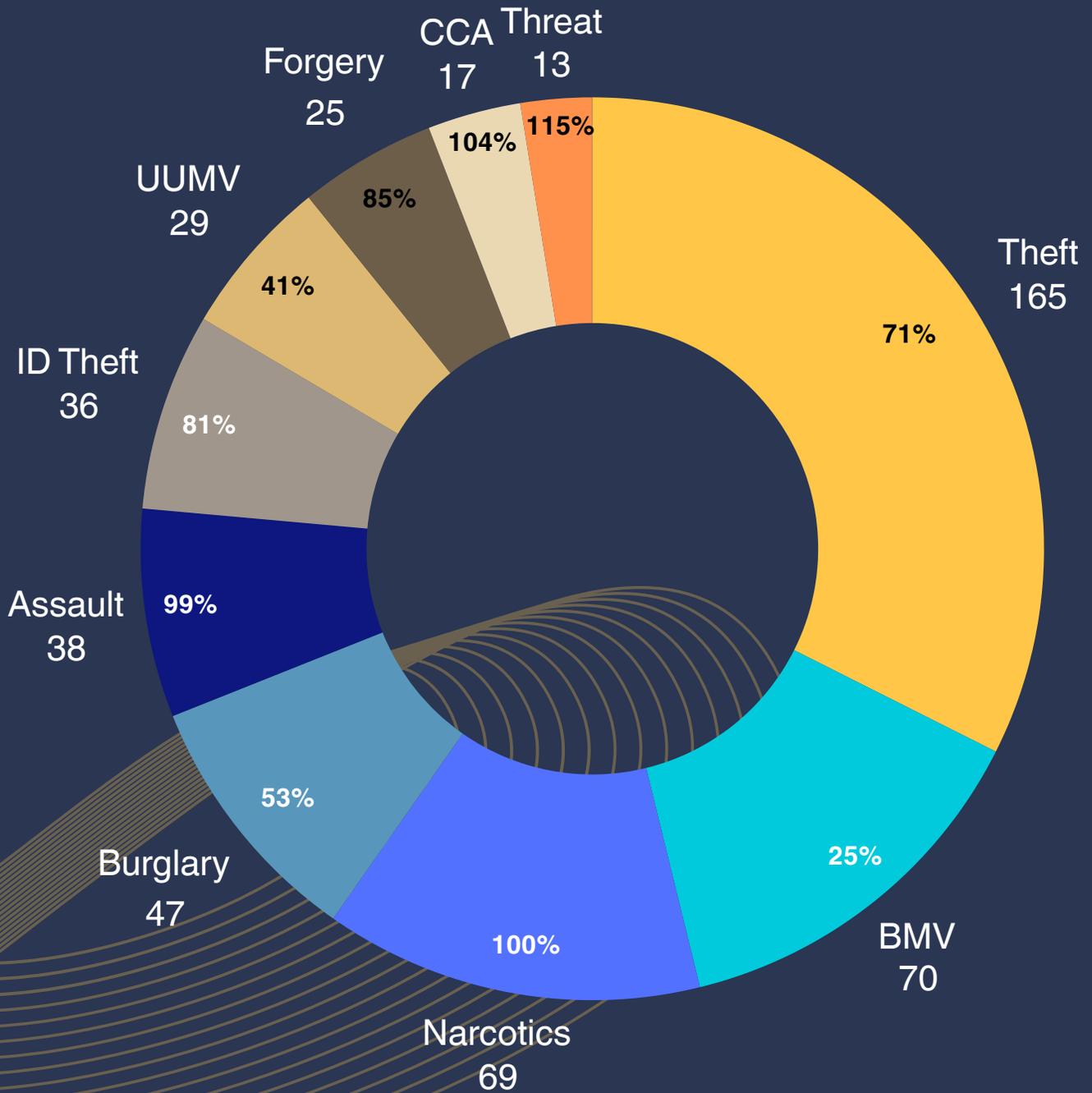
Over the past year, 2023, Drone Operations has significantly grown within the Criminal Investigations Division as the demand of integrating drone technology into our operations and investigations continues to increase. Lake Jackson Police Department Investigations Division has become the hub of southern Brazoria County for all aerial and digital forensic needs. Due to this necessity, an area within the Criminal Investigations Division was created for Drone maintenance and Digital Forensics. The Avata Explorer Interior drone was added which is a much more durable drone, that provides interior searches and mapping. The digital forensics workstation enables space for examining all digital devices. This includes a lock box that enables devices to remain connected to the digital forensics computer while maintaining evidence integrity. In 2023, the Lake Jackson Drone flew over 120 missions and logged over 80 flight hours, assisting in City Operations, Emergency Management Operations, Search and Rescue missions, and case investigations.

CID continues to work diligently and aggressively to investigate all forms of criminal activity and identify those responsible. This is done using traditional investigative methods and new technologically advanced processes. Society's ever-increasing reliance on technology and the ease and availability that technology has afforded the criminal element of anonymity in committing offenses and evasion tactics, which has forced a new breed of investigators that understands and utilizes those new technologies to uncover types of evidence for offenses that did not exist in years past.

### Criminal Investigations Case Stats

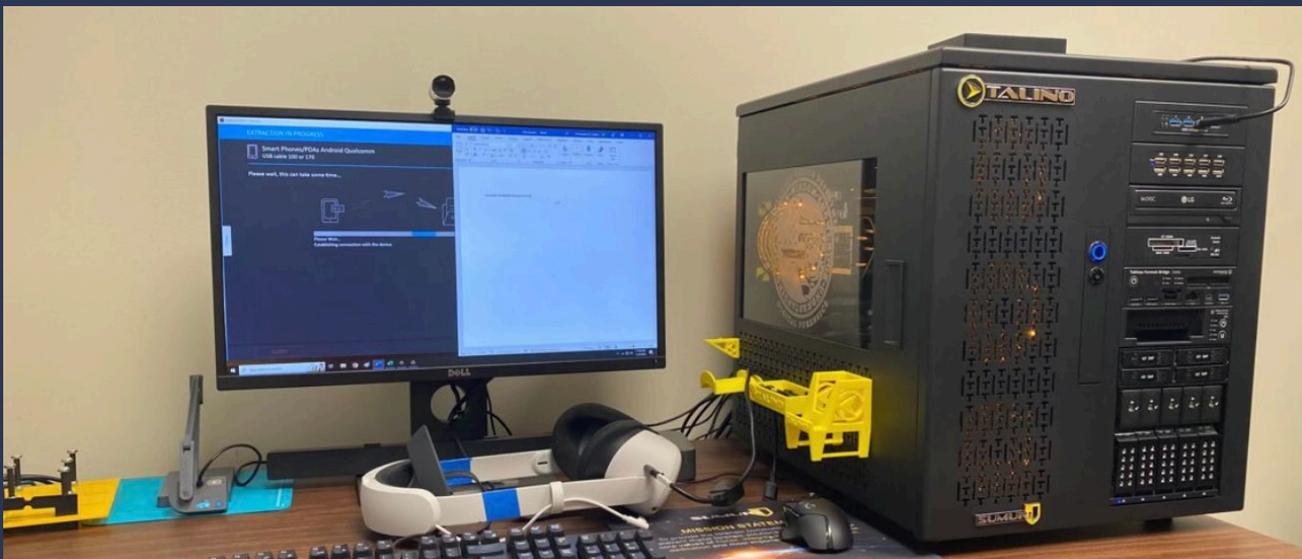


## Criminal Investigations 2023 Top Ten Offenses



# Specialized Units

Narcotics / Drone / Digital Forensics / SWAT



# Narcotics

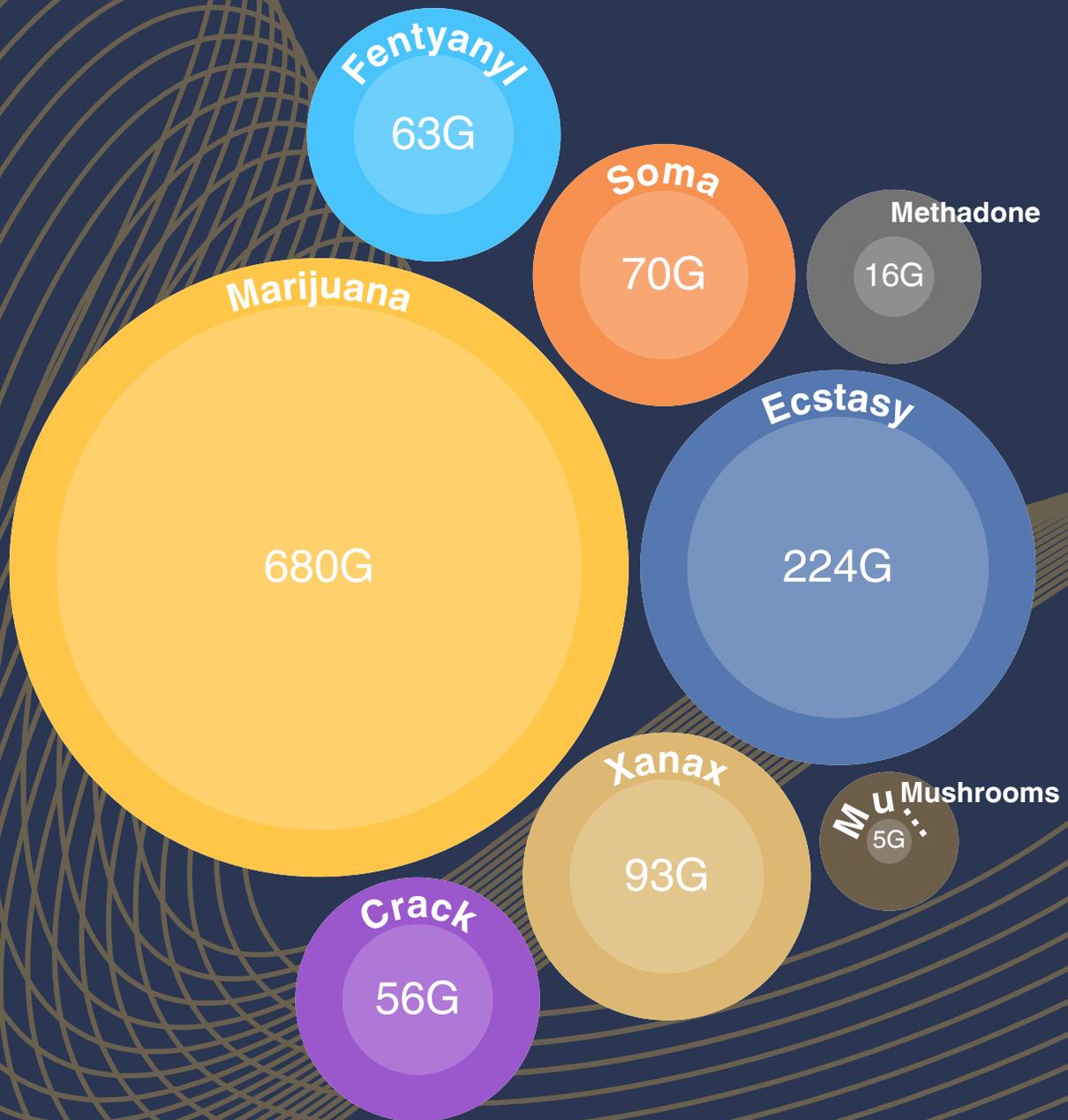
The Narcotics Division not only works cases in Lake Jackson and surrounding cities, but they were also assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Narcotics “Safe Streets” Task Force in the first 6 months of 2023. The Task Force worked on a total of 5 Federal cases and 96 Brazoria County Cases. The overall number for their activity certainly reflects the excellent work they do to keep drugs out of our city and county. Our Narcotics Division and FBI Task Force seized property/narcotics with a street value of over \$300,000.00. The task force also seized over \$500,000.00 in cash from these drug seizures. The Lake Jackson Patrol Division also works closely with our Narcotics officers on a variety of drug cases and intel sharing. The Lake Jackson Patrol Division routinely makes arrests on drug charges through traffic stops and calls for service. We want to thank the Citizens of Lake Jackson for their continued support of the Lake Jackson Police Department and our partnering Law Enforcement Agencies.

## Narcotics Summary

	Search Warrant Arrest	Total Cases	Other City Cases	LJ Cases		Money Seized	Property Seized	Forfieted to LJ
<b>2021</b>	43	104	94	2	92	\$120,499.33	\$675,000.00	\$42,865.00
<b>2022</b>	9	62	99	21	78	\$886,267.80	\$5,166,200.00	\$70,949.80
<b>2023</b>	18	50	198	47	151	\$590,539.14	\$375,000.00	\$69,188.17

## 2023 Narcotics Seized

- Cocaine - 11,000 Grams
- Methamphetamine - 77,000 Grams
- Firearms - 26 Confiscated





# Drone

The drone team supports patrol operations as well as assisting the Special Response Team, Crime and crash scene reconstructions not only for Lake Jackson but surrounding agencies as well.

## 2023 Drone Operations

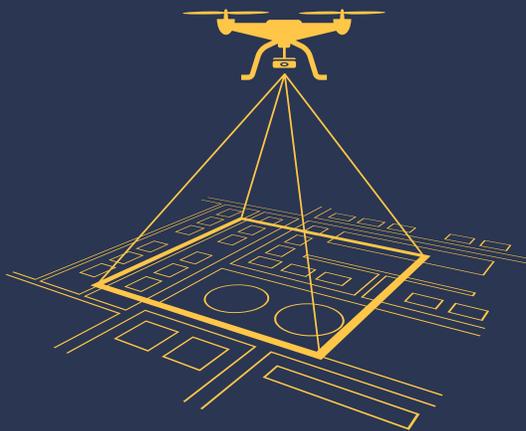
126 Flights



15 Missing Person Searches



50 Tactical Operations



6 Crash / Crime Scenes



4 Special Events

# Digital Forensics

The digital forensics unit specializes in locating, extracting, processing, and analyzing digital evidence from cell phones, tablets, laptop, and camera systems. The digital forensics unit regularly assists surrounding agencies with their digital forensic needs as well.

## 2023 Digital Forensics

**120 Pieces of Digital Evidence Processed and Examined**



# SWAT

The Lake Jackson SWAT Team is a group of selected police officers specifically trained to handle certain crisis and high risk situations such as narcotics search warrants, high risk arrest warrants, barricaded persons, and hostage situations which are beyond the capacity of regular police personnel.



## 2023 SWAT Operations



**17 Call Outs**



**15  
Search  
Warrants**



**2  
High Risk  
Arrest  
Warrants**

# Support Services

Lead by Lt. Roy Welch

The Support Services team consists of the Administrative Lieutenant, the Training Sergeant/Community Relations, two (2) full-time Communications Leaders, ten (10) full-time Communications Specialists, two (2) part-time Communications Specialists, three (3) Record Secretaries, one Administrative Secretary, twenty-two (22) crossing guards, and one Custodian. Two (2) Systems Analysts, who are a part of the city's Information Technologies Department; a division of Finance, are permanently assigned and stationed within the police department for continuous direct support.

2023 saw the completion of the new upgrade of 4 new outdated dispatch consoles from the Motorola 5500 to the new Avtex system. This new system has enhanced the communications service for all emergency responses in Lake Jackson. The continuation of upgrading the over 20-year-old Central Square OneSolution RMS, CAD system to the new Central Square Enterprise System for RMS, Jail, and CAD. The current expected go-live date on the new Enterprise System is in September of 2024.

The Lake Jackson Police Department's Communications Specialist ("telecommunicator" or "dispatcher") personnel play a significant role in public safety. They are the citizen's first line of communication when they need any form of assistance. Each new telecommunicator must attend a mandatory 108-hour, 3-week telecommunicator course, pass a state exam, complete a 24-hour State NCIC/TCIC Full Access course along with passing that state exam, and pass a physical/drug screen and psychological evaluation to obtain the license. In addition to obtaining the license, the state requires each telecommunicator to take at least 20 continuing education hours within each training cycle to maintain the license. Telecommunicators are further mandated to take six (6) classes; Cultural Diversity, Ethics, Crisis Communication, Spanish for Law Enforcement, Legislative Update, and Cardiac Communications for Telecommunicators in addition to the 20 continuing education hours.

The duties of a Communications Specialist are extensive and vary from answering general administrative telephone calls to emergency 911 telephone calls. The Lake Jackson Police Department Communications Specialists dispatch for the Lake Jackson Police Department, Lake Jackson Fire Department, Lake Jackson Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the Lake Jackson Animal Control Department, Lake Jackson Fire Marshall's Office, Richwood Police Department, and Richwood Fire Department.

## **Support Services**

In 2023 Lake Jackson telecommunicators manually entered 2,571 warrants issued by the Lake Jackson Municipal Court and Brazoria County judges into the state and local database. Lake Jackson telecommunicators also manually entered 2,296 handwritten citations and warnings into our city database.

The majority of requests for police services come through the telephone system. The telecommunicator enters the information into the CAD system and then dispatches it to the appropriate first responders. Each documentation record in the CAD system is recorded as an “event,” and in 2023 there were a total of 84,265 events entered. Those events encompass all calls for the Lake Jackson Police Department, Lake Jackson Fire Department, Lake Jackson EMS, Lake Jackson Animal Control, Richwood Police Department, and Richwood Fire Department. When looking at the total number of calls for service in the chart on the following page, you will notice a difference of 1,683 calls in total, those calls that were dispatched out and then canceled where a response was not needed by any of the agencies but were entered into the system by dispatch as a call.

The Lake Jackson Police Department saw a decrease of 2,647 events, the Lake Jackson Fire Department saw an increase of 6 CAD events, and the Lake Jackson EMS Department saw an increase of 163 events from the previous year. The Richwood Police Department saw a decrease of 28,902 events and the Richwood Fire Department saw a decrease of 9 events from the previous year.

The 30,903 total events in 2023 for the City of Richwood reflect about 36.76% of the overall workload for Lake Jackson Dispatch, a service that has been provided to Richwood since 2012.

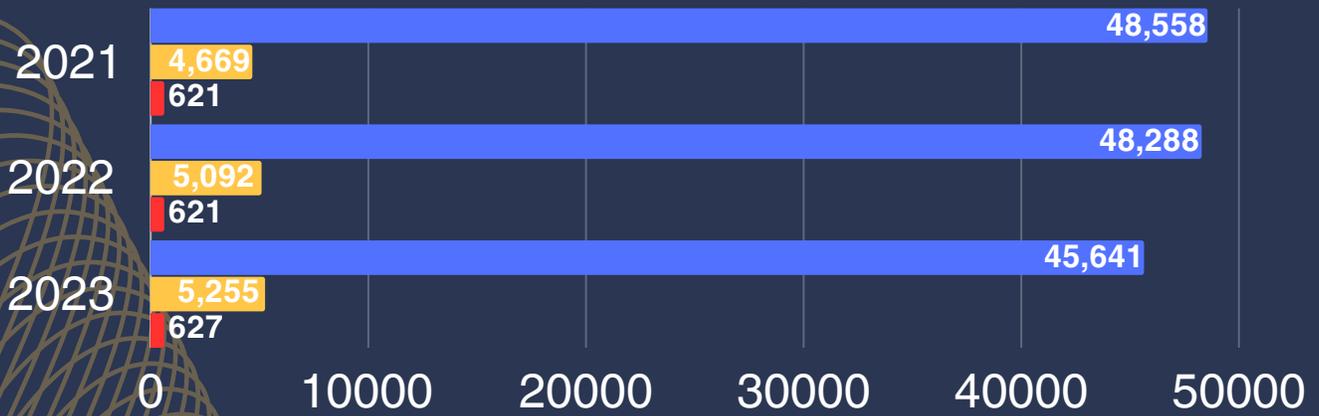


## Support Services

The below chart indicates the total calls for service for each City and Department since 2021

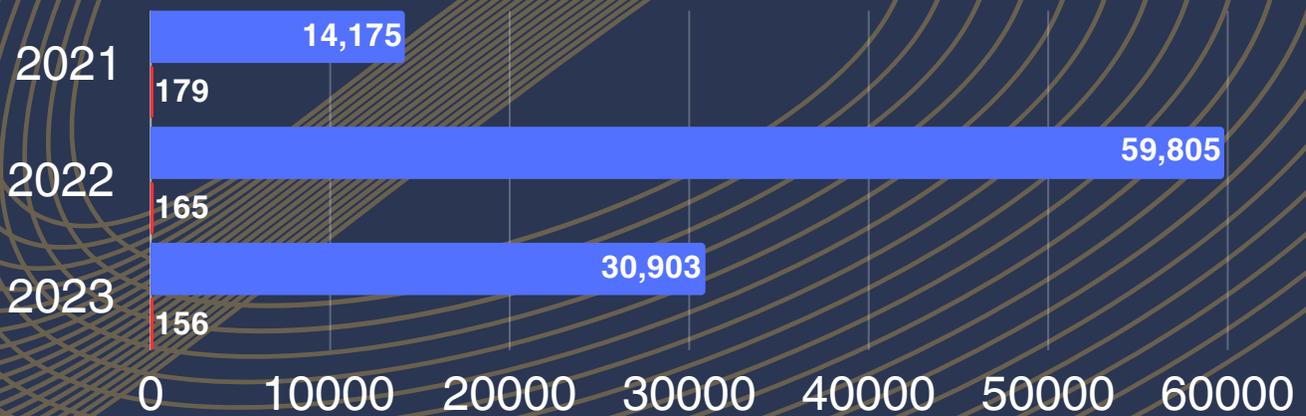
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### Richwood Emergency Services

Police Fire



## Support Services

Police calls are assigned based upon a “priority,” with “Priority P” being the highest level, which indicates an immediate danger to life or a major crime in progress. The next level of significance is “Priority 1,” followed by “Priority 2,” “Priority 3,” and on to the lowest “Priority 9.” As the priority number lowers, so does the threat level, thereby lowering the response urgency. Below is a chart indicating the events assigned, by priority, for the Lake Jackson Police Department for 2023.

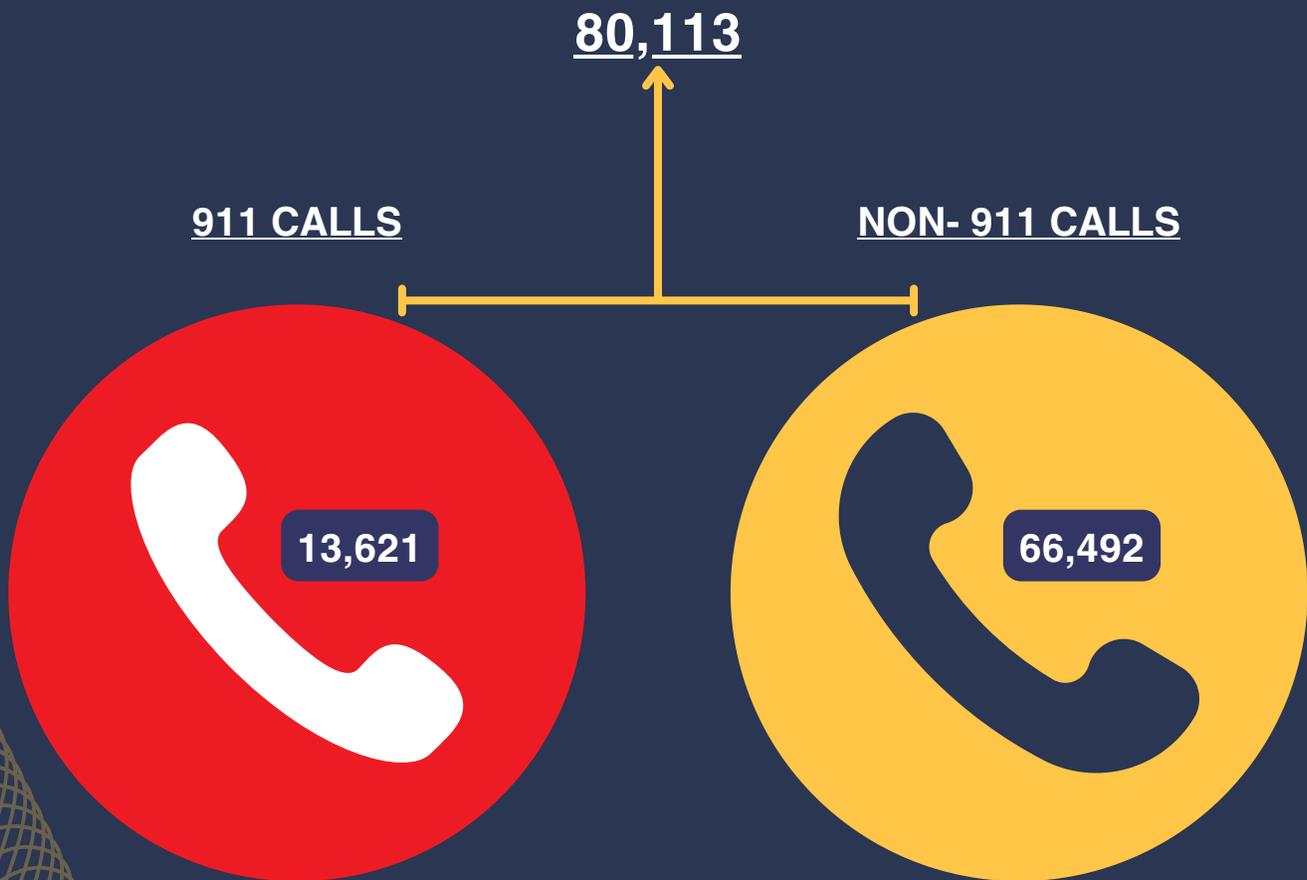
A notable difference in the Priority 1 call totals, in relation to previous years, is shown in the chart below. Following an assessment regarding police response to certain calls where there was a threat to a property only, it was determined that the priority response code should be reduced for officer and citizen safety.

### Priority Calls Since 2021

Lake Jackson	2021	2022	2023
Priority P	635	677	749
Priority 1	552	550	556
Priority 2	11,464	11,123	10,869
Priority 3	35,014	35,701	33,272
Priority 4-9	232	236	195

## Support Services

Most life-threatening and critical calls reported to the Lake Jackson Police Department are through the 911 system. Our Telecommunication Specialists received 13,621 such calls in 2023. With the growth of our residential and commercial population, the police department has continued to receive a consistently large volume of 911 calls. The Lake Jackson Police Department Communications Division received 66,492 non-911 calls in 2023, which brings the total number of answered calls by our telecommunicators to:



## 2023 Records Requests

Type of Record	Number of Requests
Accident Reports	420
Backgrounds for Military or Firearms	11
Court Records	49
Criminal Justice Background Checks	79
Other Police Records	50
Police Reports	943
Total Requests	1547

## 2023 Permits / Alarm Registrations

In 2023 we registered 407 alarm sites including 310 residential sites, 97 non-residential sites, and 8 city buildings. All alarm permit renewals are \$50.00, and are due January 1st each year. New alarm permits that are received throughout the year were pro-rated. A total of \$60,016.10 was collected for alarm permits/registration and false alarm fees.

407

Alarm Registrations



22

Wrecker Registrations



58

Solicitor Registrations



The Police Department responded to 644 false burglary and panic/holdup alarms in 2023. We also responded to 95 false fire alarms for a total of 739 false alarms. This year we received 6 true alarms where entry or attempted entry was revealed and zero true fire alarms.

2023 Police Responded to

739  
False Alarms

6  
True Alarms



# Community Policing

In 2021, the Community Policing position was filled by Officer Nick Ross, who has since been promoted to Training Sergeant in October of 2022 due to the extra responsibilities and duties that come with acquiring a training contract with TCOLE. Sergeant Ross still acts as the community relations liaison who facilitates and attends as many community events as possible. Everyone within the Lake Jackson Police Department contributes to our community policing efforts. Whether it's one of our Patrol Officers working a shift and interacting with the citizens of Lake Jackson or the Community Relations Officer hosting a specific community relations event. Our Community Relations Officer has done many youth education events at daycares, and primary schools, intermediate, and secondary schools throughout the City of Lake Jackson this year. With the added responsibilities of the Training Division, the Traffic Division has stepped up to take on many of the community relations events.

The Community Policing Division offers a variety of programs for the citizens of Lake Jackson. Area businesses often request and schedule presentations for their employees, and tours of the police department. The Community Policing Division also taught Civilian Response to Active Shooter several times throughout 2023, due to highly populated businesses here in Lake Jackson. We also graduated our 40th Lake Jackson Police Department Citizen Police Academy in April of 2023.

In 2023 we sent Police, Fire, and EMS personnel into the neighborhoods to meet and mingle with the citizens at their neighborhood National Night Out events. We also planned a large event at McClean Park for those who did not plan a neighborhood event but still wanted to come out and meet their local first responders. Unfortunately, the event was canceled due to inclement weather.

The Blue Santa program continued to help families in need during the 2023 Christmas Season. The Lake Jackson Police Department Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and other Lake Jackson city employees helped shop for each child selected by the program. Over 25 families and 70 children from Lake Jackson were selected by the Blue Santa Program. Each child selected by the program was provided gifts to help spread Christmas joy and happiness. This program would not exist without the overwhelming support of the Lake Jackson citizens, businesses, governing officials, and volunteers.

The Police Department's Facebook page remains popular. In addition to posting information about events being held, outreach to the Police Department needs, Press Releases, daycare, and school visits, the page also has been utilized in seeking the public's help in identifying suspects and solving cases, which has turned out to be a very valuable tool for the department overall.

## Community Policing



# Emergency Management

Lead by Asst. Chief / Deputy EMC, Bryan Sidebottom

The year 2023 was, fortunately, an uneventful year for natural or manmade disasters. Nonetheless, the Deputy Emergency Manager (EMC) was very busy working on the city's core capabilities in all five mission areas: Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery.

The Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator was active throughout the year with the Houston Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). This organization represents the five counties in the great Houston area: Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, and Montgomery. He represented the City of Lake Jackson and Brazoria County as a whole. He was asked by the Brazoria County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to be the county's voting member on the Risk Management and Critical Infrastructure Protection (RMCIP) Committee. In addition, he was an active member of the Mobile Command Unit Workgroup and the Supply Chain Workgroup. The Deputy EMC applied for two terrorism-based equipment grants to help the city and region.

The Deputy EMC performed a lot of training, both internally and externally. The Deputy EMC is a Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) instructor. He co-instructed five Intermediate Incident Command System (ICS) G-300 courses, four Advanced ICS G-400 courses, and two G-191 ICS/EOC Interface courses, within Brazoria County. He assisted TDEM in instructing the G-449 ICS Curricula (Train-the-Trainer) class in Beaumont. Internally, he taught several city employees introductory ICS courses. Finally, he coordinated free water pump training with a local vendor. He worked with the vendor to provide training for the City of Lake Jackson and other local jurisdictions, strengthening our regional partnerships.

## **Emergency Management**



The Deputy EMC has been very active within the community, county, and state regarding hurricane preparedness and disasters. He was the guest speaker for the Brazoria County Cities Association. He spoke to a local church congregation, a Boy Scout troop, and a senior citizen's group. He is a Brazoria County Hurricane and Disaster Expo Committee member and helped host the county expo in June at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds. Finally, he is a member of the State of Texas Assistance Registry (STEAR) Sub-Committee to the Texas Emergency Management Advisory Committee. He joined the committee two years ago because of his dedication to the STEAR program. The Deputy EMC regularly attends Brazoria County Emergency Management and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meetings, representing the City of Lake Jackson. The Deputy EMC worked diligently with the County's OEM on its Hazard Mitigation Plan. It is now with TDEM and FEMA for final approval.

The Deputy EMC was the incident commander in charge of security for the City's Festival of Lights Parade, which draws thousands of spectators. He created an Event Action Plan (EAP), which involved law enforcement officers from ten law enforcement agencies, fire department personnel, EMS personnel, and public works personnel. The event was a success.

Lastly, the Deputy EMC attended specialized in-service training to enhance his job skills. In addition, he graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Master's in Public Administration, with a concentration in Disaster and Emergency Management. He is currently working to become a certified emergency manager.

In conclusion, even though the year was not plagued with disasters, it was another busy year for the Office of Emergency Management.

# Animal Control Division

Lead by Lt. Justin Nesrta



## **Animal Control Division**

- In April 2023 a new Standard Operating Procedure was developed and implemented for the handling and disposition of Dangerous and Destructive Animals that subsequently become the property of the City of Lake Jackson by means of seizure or owner surrender.
- In April 2023 a new Standard Operating Procedure was developed and implemented for the humane Euthanasia of Animals setting specific guidelines for all Lake Jackson Animal Control Officers to follow.
- In May 2023 two of the Animal Control vehicles received newly designed decals, clearly marking them as Animal Control.
- In May 2023 the Animal Control Divisions uniform shirt color was changed from grey to green, with gold embroidery for the badge and employee name on the front, and metallic gold lettering on the back marked Animal Control.
- In preparation for the planned Animal Shelter Facility, a Standard Operating Procedure specifically pertaining to the day-to-day operations of the shelter was developed and submitted for review.
- In preparation for the planned Animal Shelter Facility Shelter a new protocol for the Shelter Advisory Board was developed and submitted for review.
- In addition to the statistics listed below the members of the Animal Control Division also completed a total of 1,642 follow-up investigations in to cases and calls for service.
- A total of 96 bats were collected and sent for rabies testing, of which only 6 tested positive for the rabies virus.

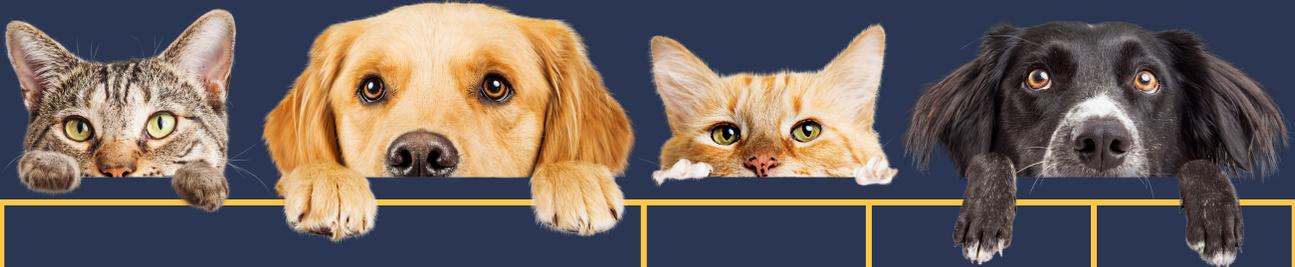
## Animal Control Division

<b>Calls Received</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Stray Dogs Picked Up</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>288</b>
<b>Stray Cats Picked Up</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>Animals Taken To Shelter By Humane</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>384</b>
<b>Animals Taken To Shelter By Patrol</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Other Animals Picked Up</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>331</b>
<b>Dead Animals Picked Up</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>215</b>
<b>Animal Bites - Shelter</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Animal Bites - Other</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Reports</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>136</b>

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<b>Calls Received</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Animals Quarantined</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Quarantine Checks</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>359</b>
<b>Citations</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Warnings</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Traps Set</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Traps Picked Up</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Public Service</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Advice Given</b>	<b>1456</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>1532</b>
<b>Transports To Lab</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>75</b>

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<b>Calls Received</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Assist Other Agencies</b>	1	4	8
<b>Programs</b>	0	1	2
<b>School Crossings Covered</b>	13	15	13
<b>Total Calls For Service</b>	2949	2596	3609

# Training Division

Lead by Sgt. Nick Ross

Since January 1, 2023, the Lake Jackson Police Department Training Division provided 32 classes for law enforcement which equates to 501 hours instructed by Lake Jackson personnel and reported through the Lake Jackson Police Department Training Contract as of December 31st, 2023. Lake Jackson Police Department personnel received 8421 total hours of reportable TCOLE training. All officers hired by the Lake Jackson Police Department go through either a 6-week (306-hour) or 11-week (565-hour) field training program. Experienced officers usually complete the 6-week program. TCOLE allows a maximum of 160 reportable hours for Field Training, which sworn personnel are eligible to receive. Any hours above 160 field training hours are applied to non-reportable training hours.

In 2023 the Lake Jackson Police Department continued to provide access to online training for both officers and telecommunicators through OSS Academy. Officers and telecommunicators have completed a total of 595 TCOLE training hours through the OSS Online Training Academy in 2023.

- 1) Police Department Command Staff received 758 hours of reportable training.
- 2) The Investigations division received 1244 hours of reportable training.
- 3) Patrol division received 5778 hours of reportable training and 1620 non-reportable training hours.
- 4) Communications personnel received 641 hours of reportable training and 405 non-reportable training hours.

The total number of training hours in 2023 was 10,446 hours.

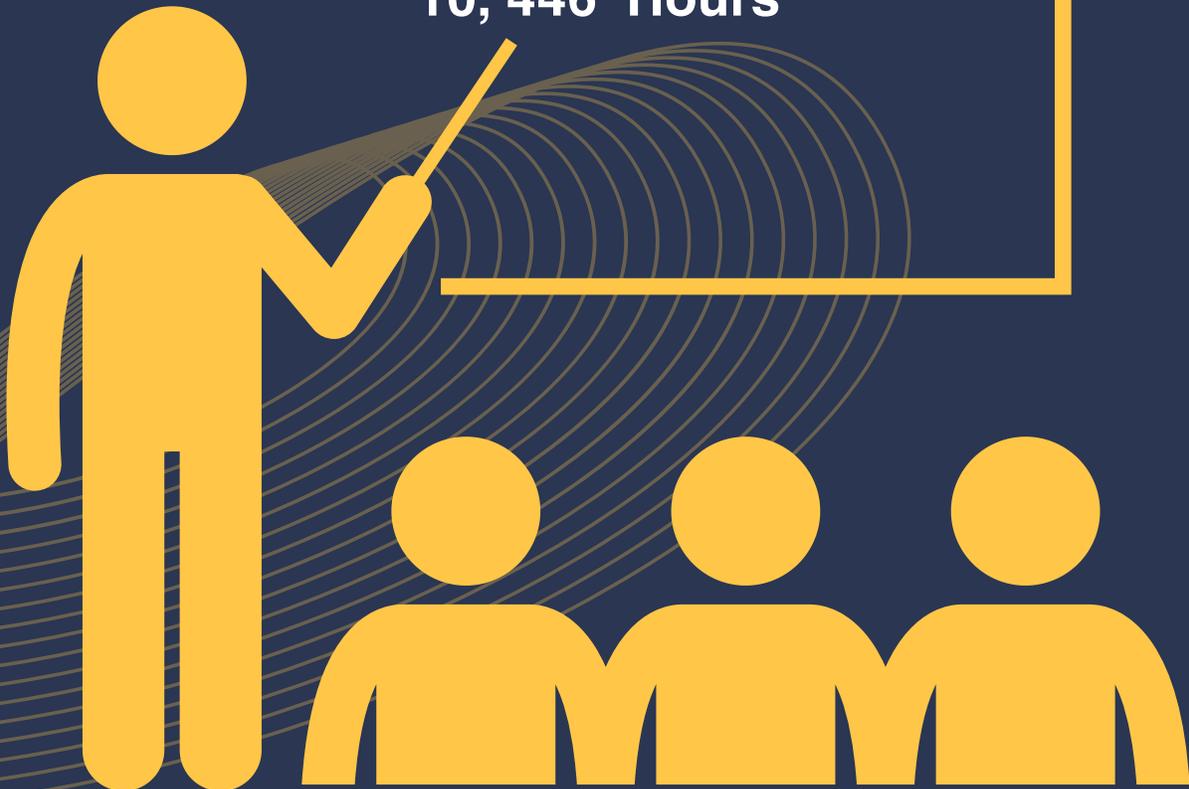
The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) requires all law enforcement officers and telecommunicators to attend continuing education training. Officers and telecommunicators must complete all mandated training each two-year cycle. The last cycle ended on August 31, 2023, and the next will end on August 31, 2025.

## Training Division Total



### 2023 Total LJPD Training

**10,446 Hours**



## 2023 Training Totals By Division

### Patrol

7,398 Hours



### Investigations

1,244 Hours



### Command Staff

758 Hours



### Animal Control

132 Hours



### Communications

641 Hours

Training Division / 2023 Certifications Earned

3

Basic Peace Officer



1

Intermediate Dispatcher



1

Advanced Peace Officer



3

Master Peace Officer



1

Master Dispatcher



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