2021 POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT





City of York Police Department

315 North Grant Ave. York, Nebraska 68467

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2021 was another year of change and challenge at the York Police Department, and as usual, I am extremely proud of the efforts made by the men and women of the PD to rise to, and above these challenges. Nationwide law enforcement staffing challenges were felt here at York, Covid-19 was still a factor in our day-to-day operations, and it was our first full year of utilization with both new reporting software and county contracted dispatch. We also had three prominent retirements: in December of 2020 Sandy Reed retired, and in 2021 Roger Wolfe and Kim Christensen followed her lead. They all gave the city decades of service and we salute their accomplishments.

Regarding statistics; our new systems, dispatch procedures, and official change from the UCR crime reporting system to NIBRS reporting have been successful overall, but have illustrated some changes for us in the manner in which we are able to track and access our data. These changes, combined with lower staffing levels manifested this year in an overall decrease in reported calls for service, but we still averaged between 600 and 700 calls per month. Another number of note that I feel offers an important perspective is that our overall number of traffic stops increased in 2021 – which means that even when challenged by staff shortages, our officers are still committed to proactive policing.

No one is prouder than I am of the staff here at the York Police Department. They continuously rise to the challenges of our field and improve the services we provide to our community. Their dedication and professionalism in the face of ever-changing expectations and an ever-rising bar motivates me to empower and grow with them.

Edward Tjaden
Chief of Police
York Police Department

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Edward (Ed) D Tjaden has worked in law enforcement full-time since 1999 and has spent all of that time working rural, Nebraska cities the size of York. He has worked as an Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Narcotics Investigator, Instructor, etc. He has a bachelor's in Criminal Justice Administration and is currently working on a final project to attain his masters in Organizational Leadership. He was hired by York in October of 2017.



Debora (Deb) K Hansen has worked for the Police Department for 39 years being hired in November 1982 as a Police Dispatcher where she served in that position for 36 years. In 2018 transitioned from dispatching to Records Administrator which is another title for all things office, monthly and yearly statistics and reports which also includes reporting all statistics to the Nebraska Crime Justice Commission. Deb is System Admin for the Zuercher CAD database system for the department.



Michael (Mike) A Hanke has worked for the Police Department since 1988 starting as a Patrol Officer and in 2009 was promoted to Sergeant, for a total of 33 years of service. He is in charge of Active Shooting Training, Less Lethal Training and De-Escalation Training. Sgt. Hanke is the Evidence Room Supervisor who is responsible for all things related to evidence. He is also System Admin for the Zuercher CAD database system for the department and assists in the reporting of statistics to the Nebraska Crime Commission.



Todd D Kelly has worked for the City of York Police Department for 31 years. He was hired in October of 1990 and has chosen to serve the citizens of York as a patrol officer for all of that time. He excels at handling calls with patience and utilizes those skills to serve our community.



Russell (Russ) G Coffey has worked for the police department for 31 years. He was hired in October 1990 as a Cadet Officer, before being promoted to Patrol Officer in 1993. In 2012 was promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Coffey is responsible for the physical/written testing, interviews and background investigations of potential new employees. He also manages the field training program and continuing education, ensuring officers complete mandated education and training as required by law.



Christi L Payne was hired in August 2002 and has worked for the Police Department for 19 yrs. She has served in different roles over that time. She started as a police dispatcher and then as Support Service Officer. In 2021 transitioned into the office as an Administrative Assistant handling all daily paperwork and reports. She also is System Admin for the Zuercher CAD database system for the department.



Brit A Koch was hired in November of 2006 as a Patrol Officer for the Police Department and was promoted to Sergeant in 2020 for a total of 15 years of service. He also serves as EVOC and Firearms Instructor, along with being a Field Training Officer.



Jeffrey (Jeff) W Brown has worked 4.5 years for the Police Department since being hired in July 2017 as a Patrol Officer. He is responsible for Certifications of the PBT and Data-Master Equipment. He is a Field Training Officer and a member of Problem Solving Court.



Zacariah (Zac) C Milliken has worked for the City of York Police Department for 2.5 years as a Patrol Officer starting June of 2019. He is working towards becoming a field training officer and instructor, currently manages our Narcan program.



Benjamin (Ben) H Rodenborg has worked for the Police Department for almost 2 years as a Patrol Officer since being hired in March of 2020. Ben is an instructor for the Taser, BolaWrap and OC Spray along with being a Field Training Officer. Ben is our representative on the Trafficking Task Force, York Schools Threat Assessment Team and York County Child Abuse & Neglect Treatment/Investigation Team. He is Assistant Evidence Room Officer.



Riley S Friesen was hired as a Patrol Officer for the Police Department in June 2020. Riley serves as Crime Stoppers Coordinator and also Social Media Page Coordinator for our department.



Brandon C Mount has worked for the Police Department for just over a year, starting in November of 2020 as a Patrol Officer. He is in charge of all things First Aid, CPR, AED. He is also in charge of tracking and scheduling vehicle maintenance for our fleet.



Bricen T Bates started with the Police Department in March of 2021 as a Patrol Officer, he is the liaison officer for the Drug Task Force and excels at narcotics investigations and follow up.



Jacqueline (Jackie) M Weber starting with the Police Department in June 2021 as our Support Service Officer. This position consists of calls involving animals, parking, health complaints, and paper service.



Stephanie E Schroeder is our newest hire for the Police Department as of October 2021. She became our newest recruit and will be attending the Police Academy in January 2022. She will graduate in April of 2022.

This year brought changes in staffing in some longtime employees calling it a career

Sandra E Reed retired December 2020 after 42 years of service to the City of York Police Department. She was hired back in 1978 as a Police Dispatcher and served in that roll until 2018 when gave up the dispatching for an Administrative Records position.

Roger A Wolfe Jr, was hired back in 1999 as a Patrol Officer for the City of York Police Department and after 22 years retired in June 2021.

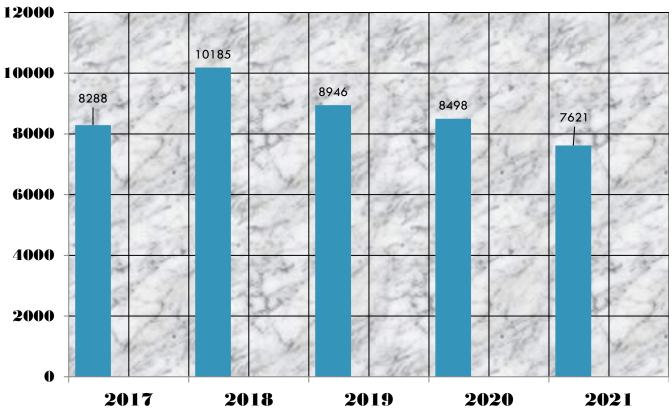
Shawn K McKillip was hired as a Patrol Officer in April 2001. In July 2021 after 20 years of service to the City of York Police Department he took a job in Lincoln to be closer to family.

Kim E Christensen was hired in August 1975 as a Cadet, was promoted to Patrol Officer and then to Sergeant, the position he held until his retirement in December 2021 after 46 years of service to the City.

We thank them all for their service and congratulate them on their next steps.

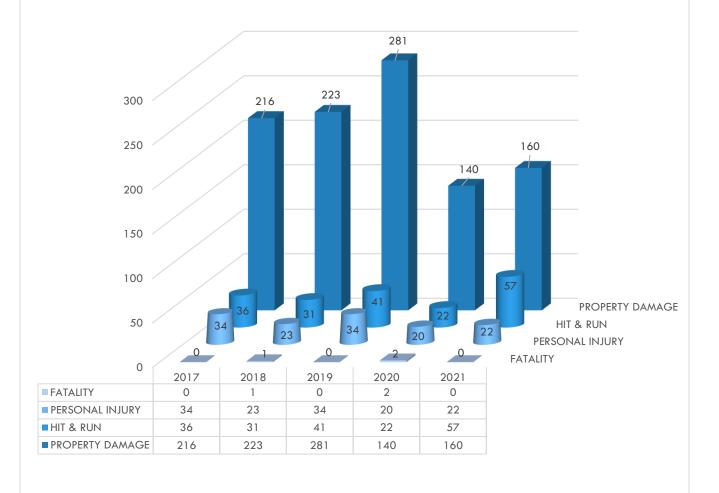
2021 CALLS FOR SERVICE

Criminal Cases		509
Juvenile related type calls		342
Traffic/Parking	2204/344	2548
Vehicle Accidents		239
Extra/Special Services-(patrol,aid,chks, escorts,programs)		363
Civil		140
School Checks		126
Welfare Checks		278
Health-Properties		1 <i>7</i> 8
Animal Calls/bites	455/8	463

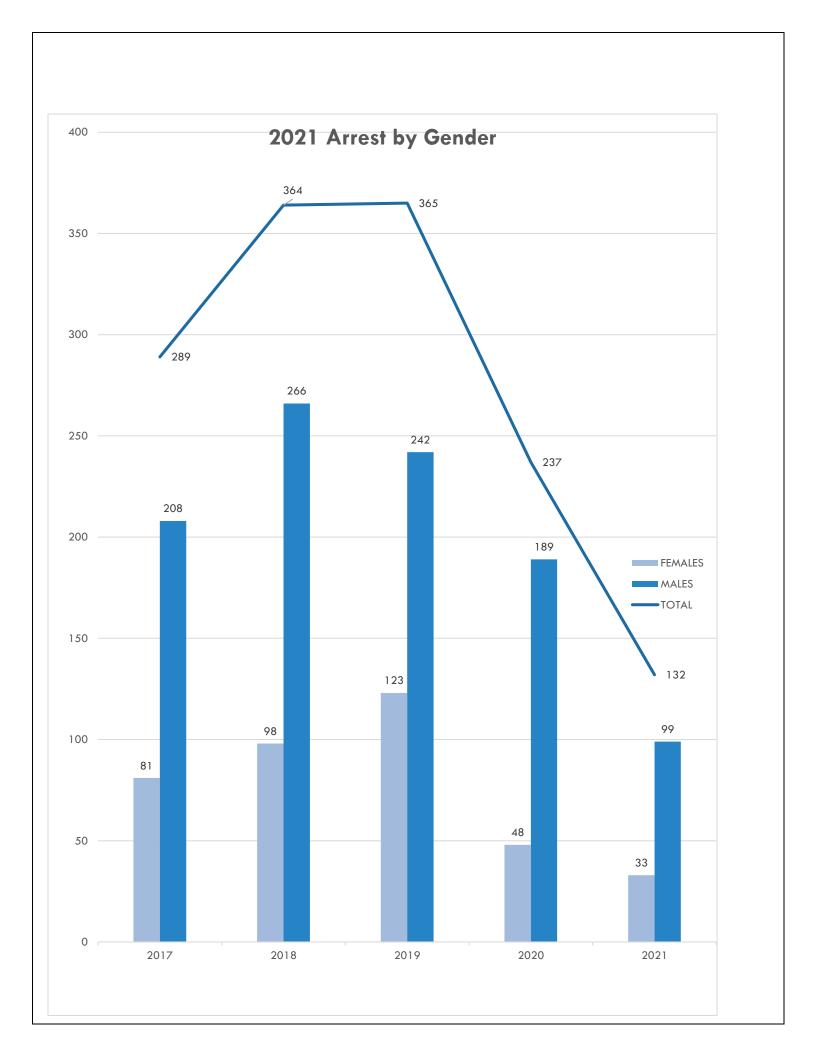


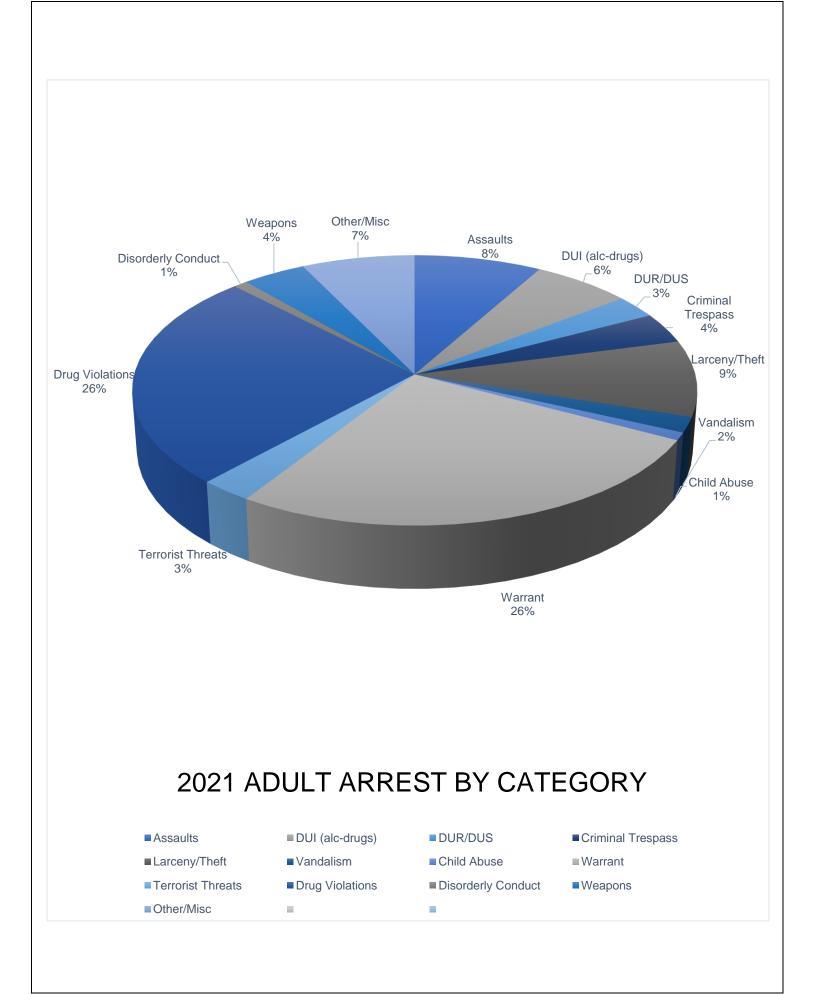
2021 ACCIDENTS

We saw a decrease in accidents over all this year, which is a positive mark, but need to note that we also saw lower numbers of traffic in general during peak time frames of Covid-19 influence. Also, we changed the way we handle motor vehicle accidents and no longer require an officer's presence at every parking lot or private property accident.



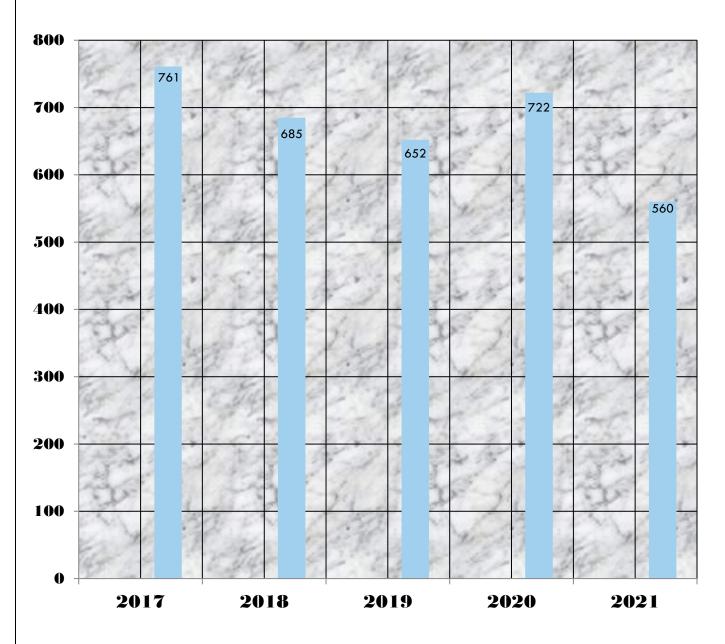
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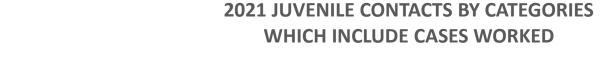


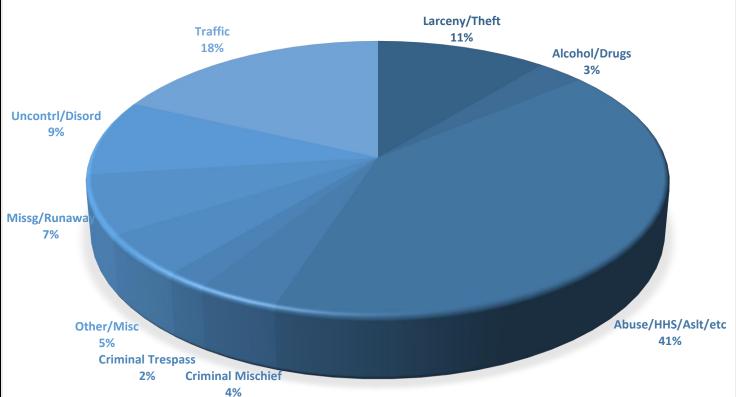


2021 Calls For Service Involving Juveniles

Calls could involve more than one juvenile but only call was counted not individuals as in the past years which is why totals are drastically different







Uncontrl/Disorder= uncontrollable, disoderly/disturbance, curfew

Other/Misc= all miscellances CFS called in ref possible juvenile aged individuals(warrants/terr.threats

Thefts= would include all juvenile aged associated with a theft

Abuse/HHS/Aslt/etc= Assault, welfare ck's,reps of abuse/neglect/sex asslt-HHS intakes

MISSION STATEMENT
The York Police Department exists to serve and protect the citizens of York professionally and without prejudice and strives to be reflective of and responsive to the values of the community.

