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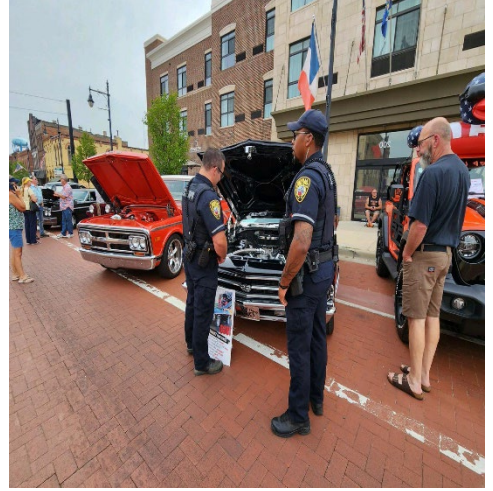
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MISSION STATEMENT



The Mission of the Albion Department of Public Safety is to continually strive to improve the safety and quality of life within our community. This will be accomplished through a broad-based combination of traditional and innovative police and fire services while always protecting constitutional and fundamental human rights. All members of the Department promise to provide professional, quality, and effective public safety and will at all times stand accountable for their conduct.



INTRODUCTION



Scott Kipp
Chief of Public Safety

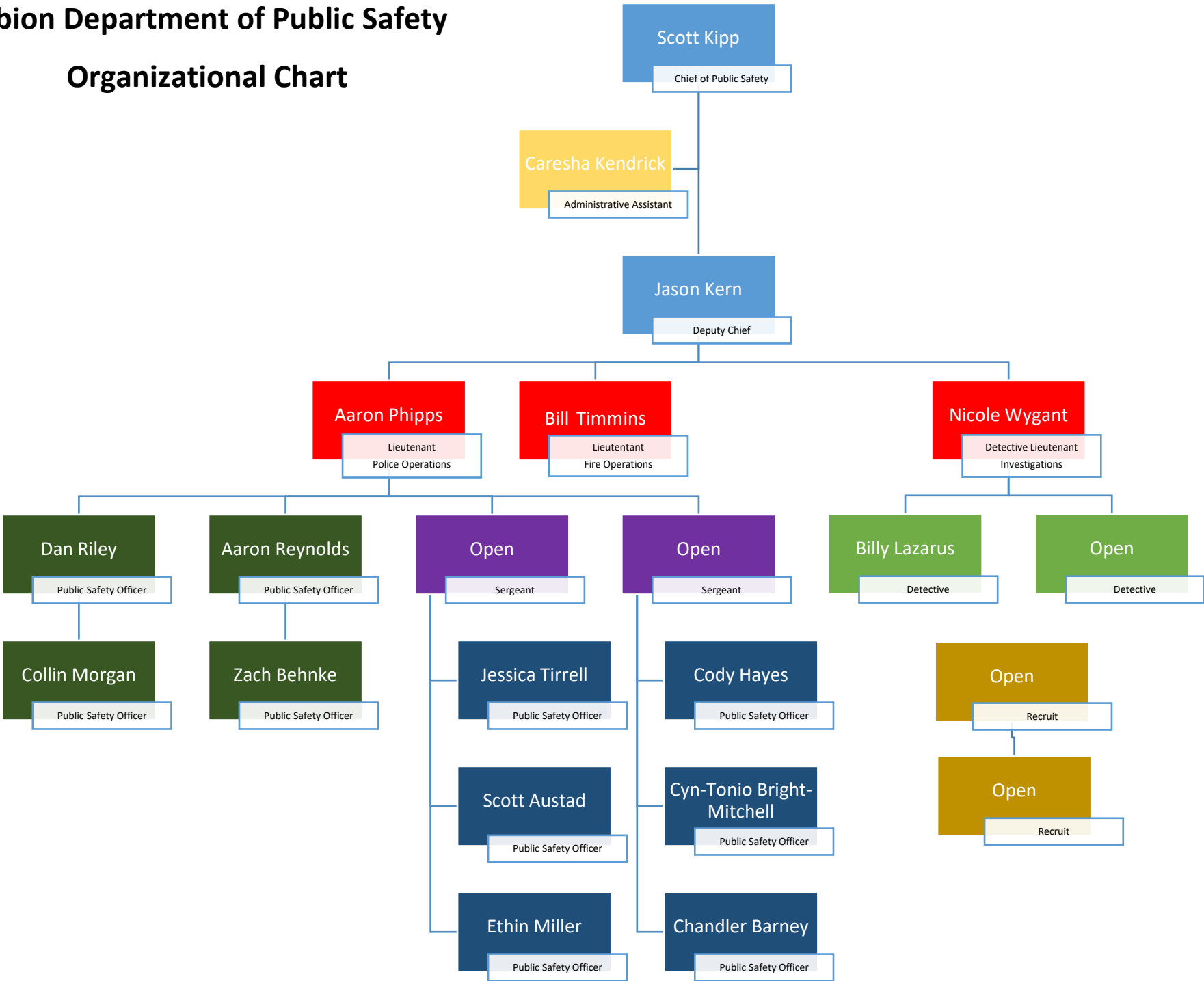
The Albion Department of Public Safety prepares an annual report of crime statistics for the City of Albion, the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Report (UCR). This data is compiled from offenses reported to the Department of Public Safety, monthly police reports, and individual crime incident reports.

The primary objective of this annual report is to provide a reliable set of criminal justice statistics for police administration, operations, and management. The localized study of crime data enables personnel to assess crime's influence in areas, neighborhoods, and with people. Similarly, crime statistics permit analysis among neighboring jurisdictions with similar populations and other characteristics. Finally, a broad examination of the crime data allows individuals to view the nature and movement of crime, underlying changes, and fluctuations throughout the City of Albion, the State of Michigan, and the United States.

The Department of Public Safety is committed to improving the reliability and validity of our crime-reporting data. We are attempting to achieve this goal by studying and analyzing major crime indexes and understanding the impact of classification revisions mandated by the State. As a result, some offense categories have decreased while others have increased. Our efforts are to provide a reporting system that will be more accurate, valid, reliable, and compatible with State and Federal standards.

Albion Department of Public Safety

Organizational Chart



Department Staff

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Scott Kipp, Chief of Public Safety

March 25, 2024

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Dear Mayor and Council

On behalf of the Department of Public Safety members, I am proud to present the Annual Report for 2023, showing the crime statistics of the City of Albion and the other statistics of our operations. The information in this report reflects the combined efforts of all department members who have worked together to make the City of Albion a safe and welcoming community.

The impacts of challenges faced by the department in 2023 were very trying on the staff. As with most agencies nationwide, we continue to face staffing shortages and difficulties finding people to fill all the openings. In the summer of 2023, we were down six officers. In total, we hired three people in 2023. All three officers, along with a fourth officer who was hired in the fall of 2022, have now completed their training and are serving in their full capacity as public safety officers. We remain in competition with agencies near and far for high-quality candidates and are continuing to look for three people to fill our remaining vacancies. At one time, we had an advantage because we would pay for all an officer's training. Now, every department offers that because the State of Michigan covers that cost. It has always been challenging to find people who want to be both police officers and firefighters. Still, we are competing with departments like Kalamazoo Public Safety, who start their officers out at about \$7000 more than we do, and their officers top out at over \$23,000 more than our officers make. In addition, they pay officers a \$15,000 hiring bonus and \$5000/per year to live in the city. The competition for good officers is intense and shows no sign of letting up, with fewer and fewer young people taking an interest in law enforcement. We are still trying to hire three new officers to bring our staffing back up to 19 sworn officers.

Even with staffing shortages, ADPS continued to provide its officers with quality training. For example, we continue to prioritize police training in vehicle operations, firearms, defensive tactics, crisis intervention, de-escalation, cultural diversity, and supervision. In addition to the police training, all officers attend monthly fire training on various standardized topics.

Overall, for 2023, we saw a slight decrease in crime in Albion, with the only increase seen being in the most serious crimes of Auto Theft, Aggravated Assaults, and Homicides. Albion saw a reduction of more than 230 overall calls from last year, with most of the decrease coming from service-type calls. On the fire side, the number of calls and types of calls were down compared to the last four years.

ADPS continued its involvement in public events, with officers attending many community-based functions as well as hosting some. ADPS hosted its annual National Night Out celebration in August at McIntosh Park. The event was well attended, and there was a host of activities for everyone to enjoy. We also continued our tradition of taking Tower 1 out and cooling the kids off on hot days. In December, we joined area Calhoun County departments with our annual Shop with a Cop event, which was also a great success. We look forward to continuing these events in 2024.

I continue to be incredibly proud of the work all of our staff do. We have a great group of young officers who are polite and friendly with all members of our community and strive to provide the best service possible to everyone. They almost always go above and beyond to find ways to solve people's problems and exercise great discretion in the enforcement of the law. They continue to learn and develop in all aspects of their job and are becoming well-rounded public servants. It is a pleasure to continue to serve as the Chief of Public Safety and have the chance to watch these fine young men and women develop. Thank you for your continued support of the Albion Department of Public Safety.

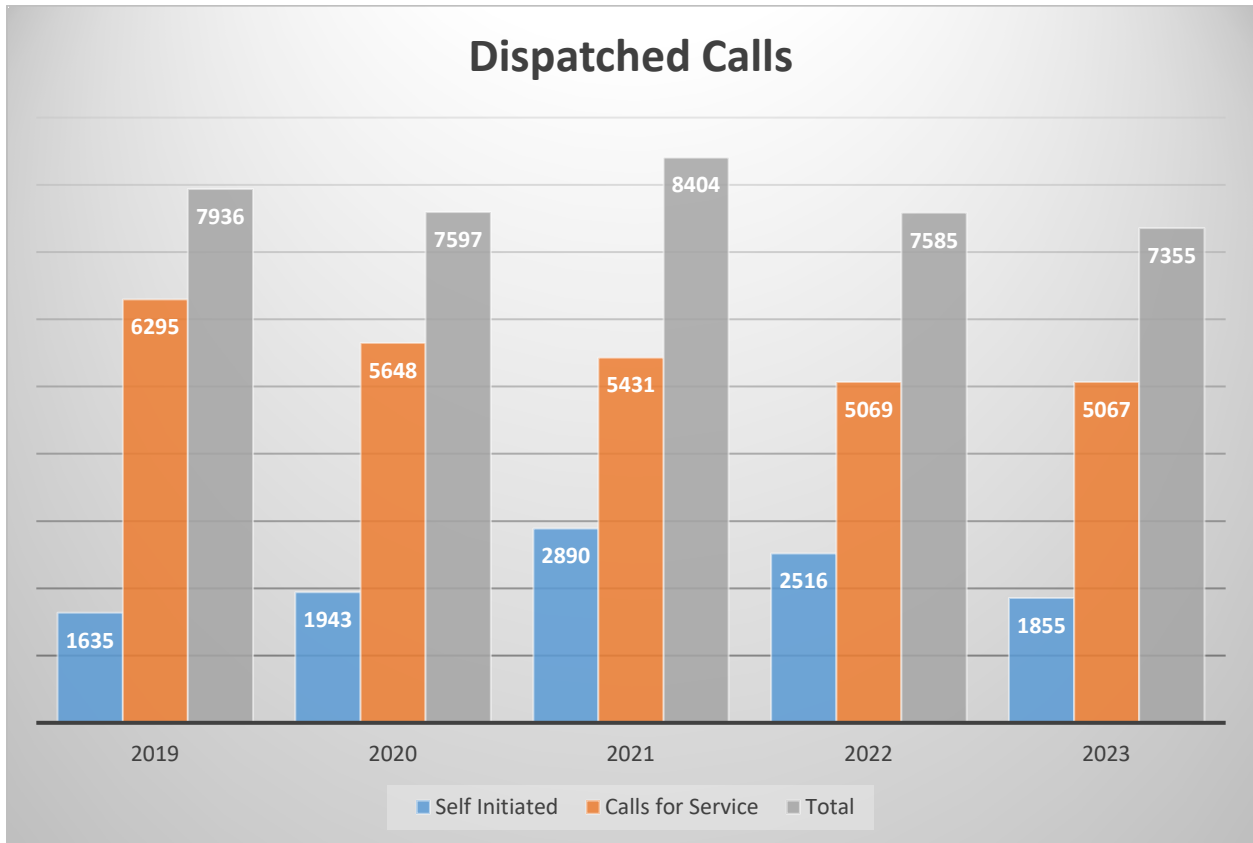
Sincerely

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Chief Scott Kipp
Albion Public Safety

TOTAL INCIDENT 2019 - 2023

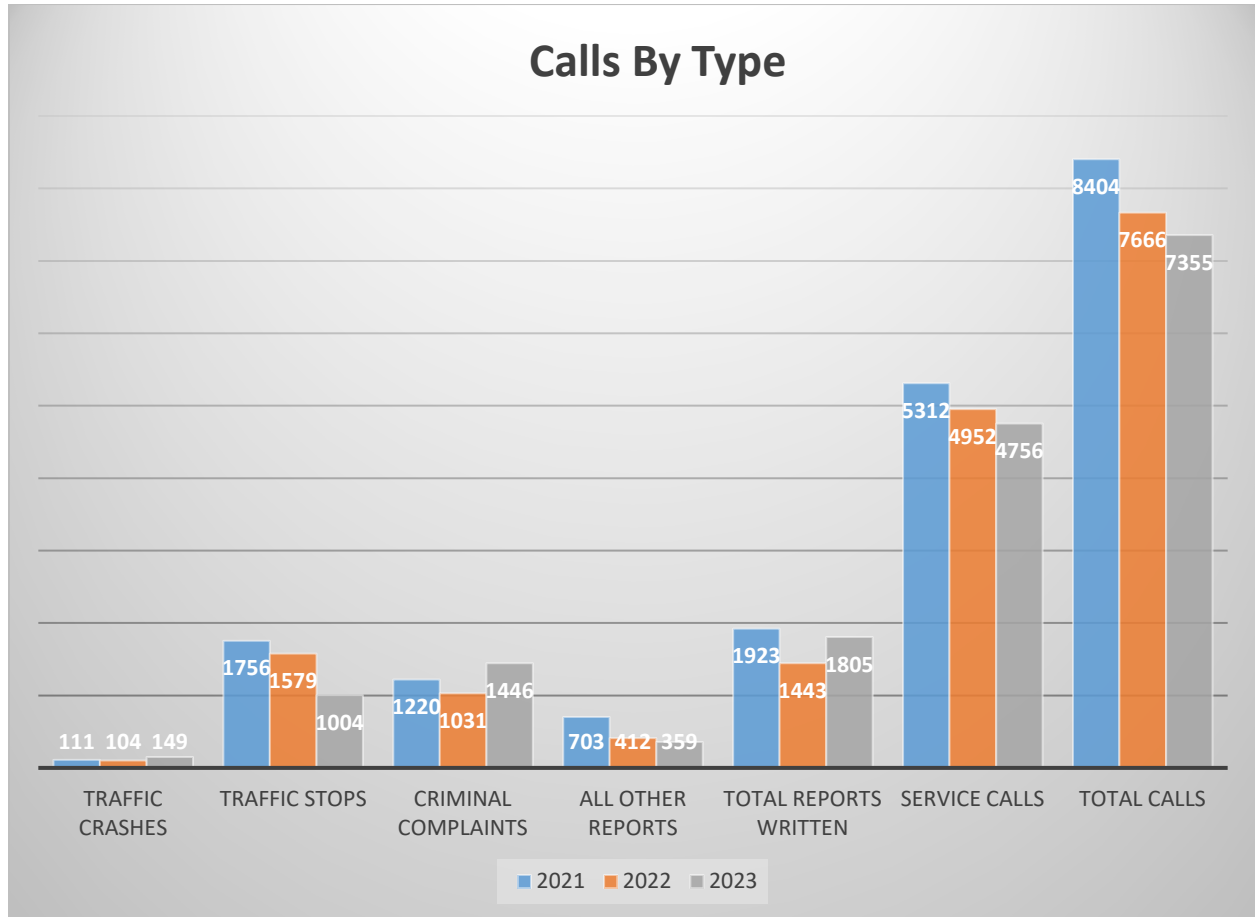
This chart represents the total calls that have gone through the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority. CCCDA has dispatched ADPS since merging our dispatch with the rest of the county in 2010. While these numbers reflect the majority of officers' work, there are times they are approached on foot while on patrol, meet someone in the lobby, or receive direct phone calls that may not go through dispatch.



	Self Initiated	Calls for Service	Total
2019	1635	6295	7936
2020	1943	5648	7597
2021	2890	5431	8404
2022	2516	5069	7585
2023	1855	5067	7355

CALLS BY TYPE

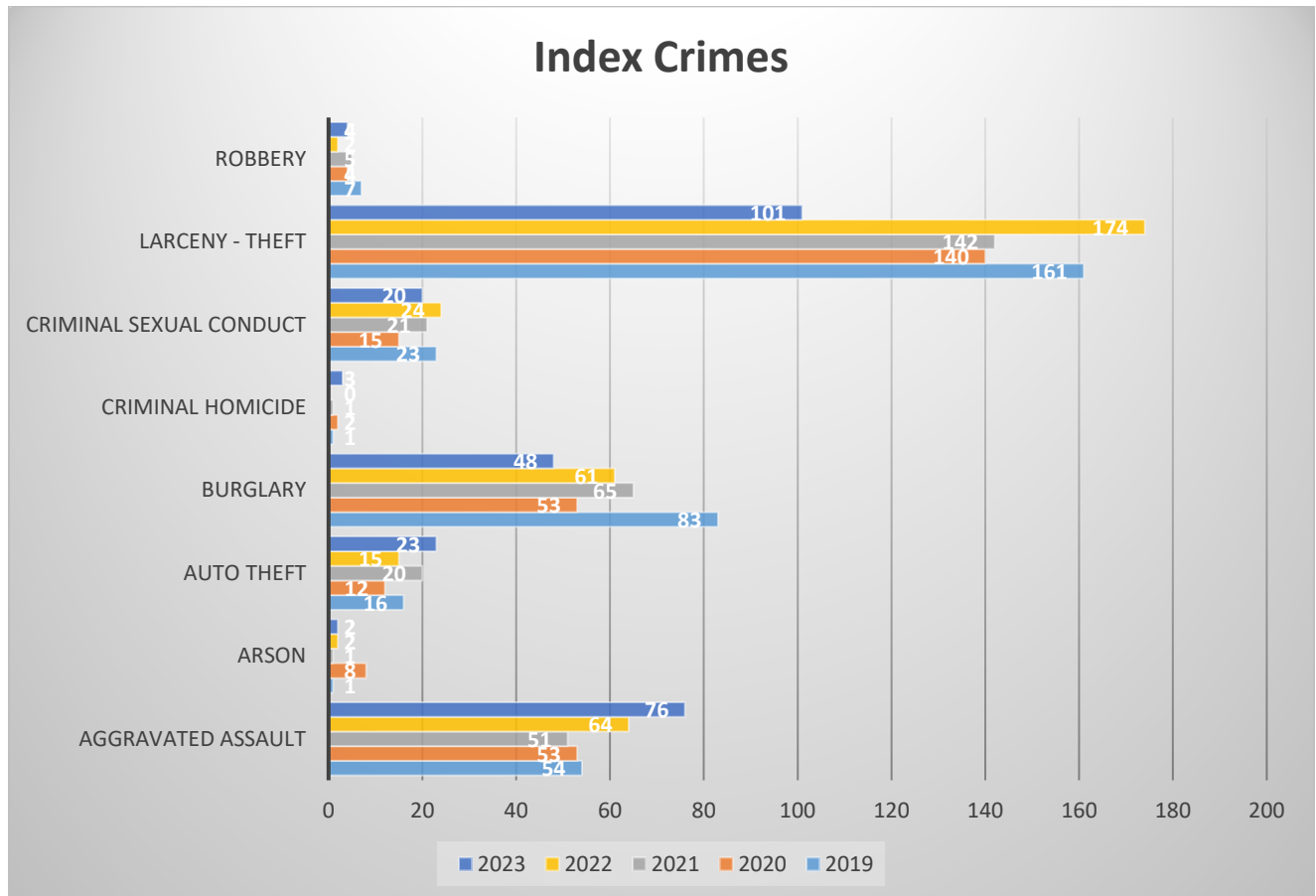
This chart compares the types of calls and total calls we responded to in 2021, 2022 and 2023.



	2021	2022	2023
Traffic Crashes	111	104	149
Traffic Stops	1756	1579	1004
Criminal Complaints	1220	1031	1446
All other Reports	703	412	359
Total Reports Written	1923	1443	1805
Service Calls	5312	4952	4756
Total Calls	8404	7666	7355

INDEX CRIMES 2019-2023

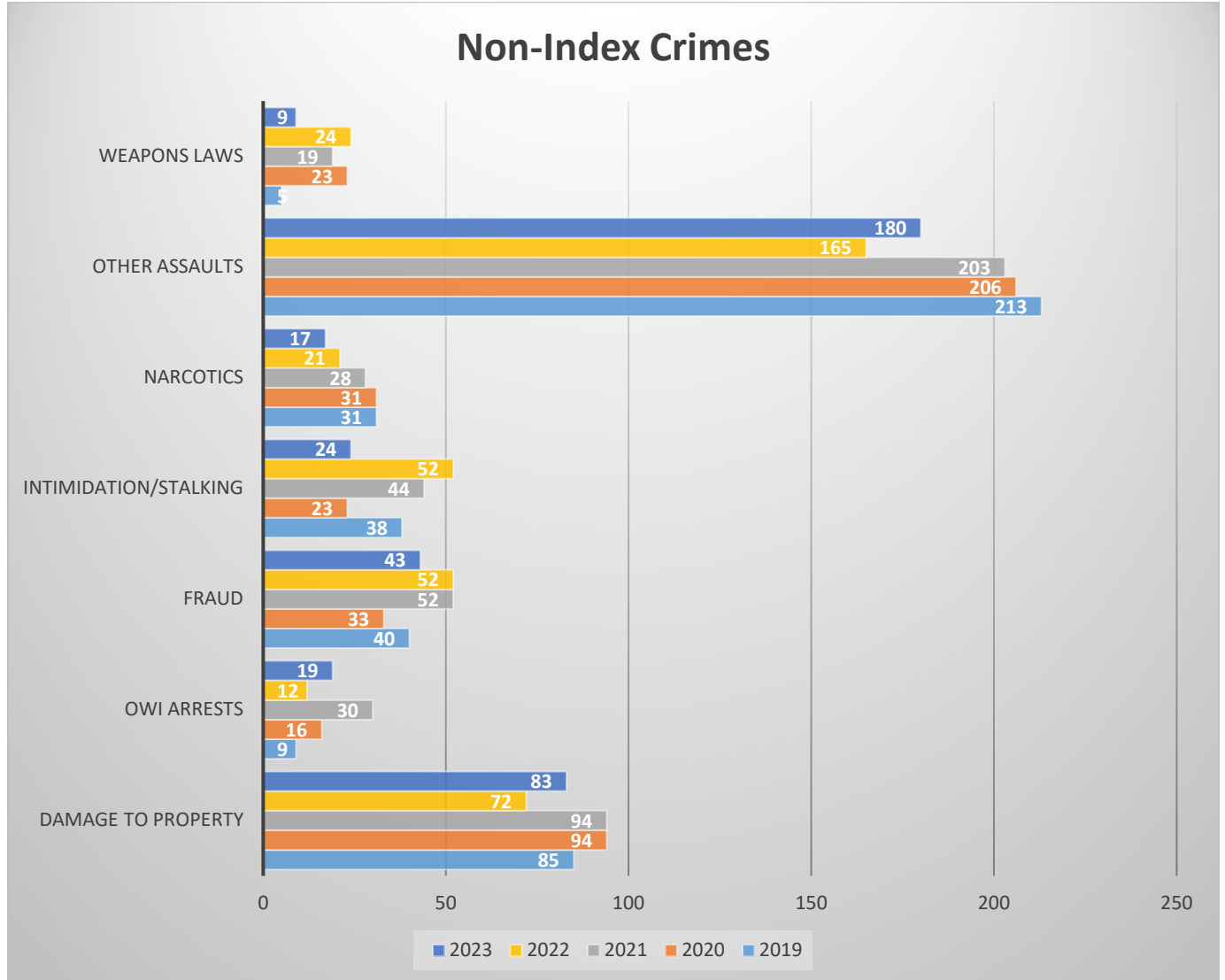
The National Crime Index comprises selected offenses used to gauge fluctuations in the overall volume and crime rate reported to law enforcement. Index Crimes are considered to be the most serious of all crimes reported.



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Aggravated Assault	54	53	51	64	76
Arson	1	8	1	2	2
Auto Theft	16	12	20	15	23
Burglary	83	53	65	61	48
Criminal Homicide	1	2	1	0	3
Criminal Sexual Conduct	23	15	21	24	20
Larceny - Theft	161	140	142	174	101
Robbery	7	4	5	2	4

NON-INDEX CRIMES 2019-2023

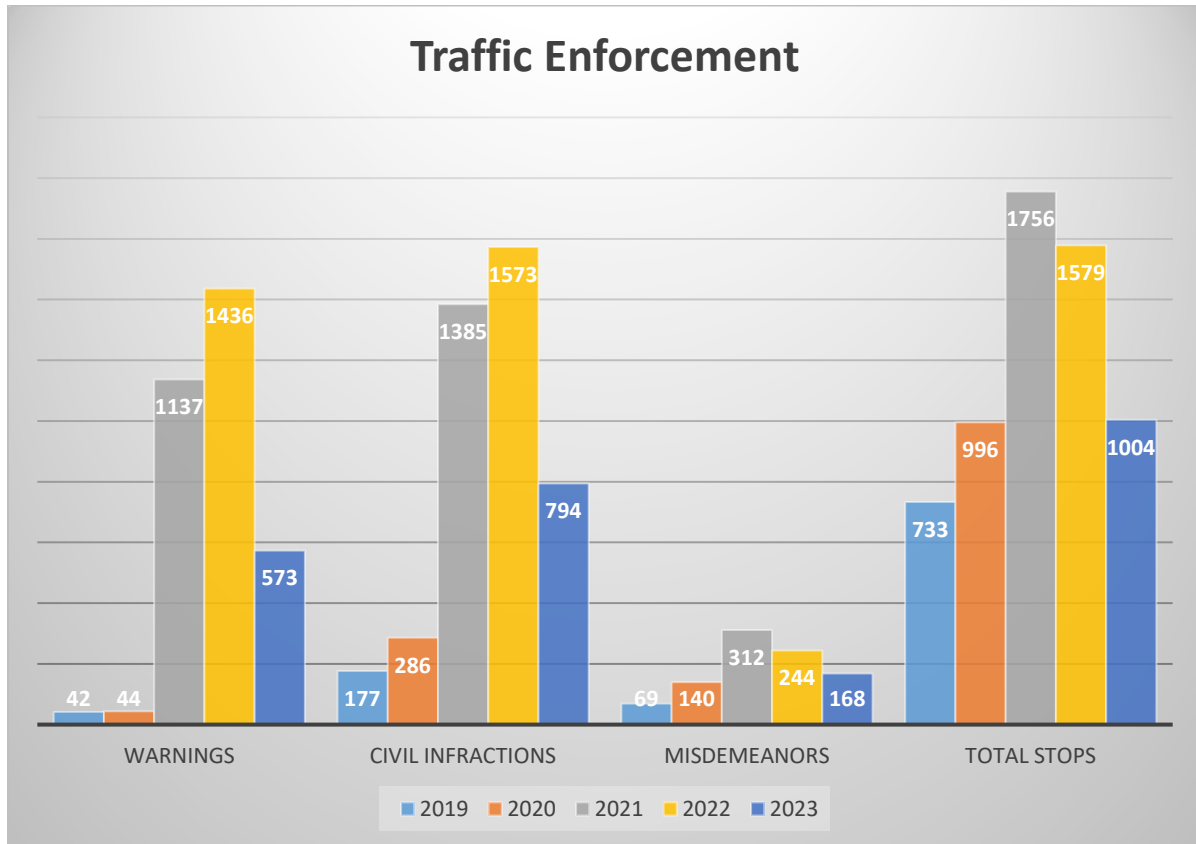
Non-index offenses encompass all other reportable classifications outside those defined as Index Offenses.



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Damage to Property	85	94	94	72	83
OWI Arrests	9	16	30	12	19
Fraud	40	33	52	52	43
Intimidation/Stalking	38	23	44	52	24
Narcotics	31	31	28	21	17
Other Assaults	213	206	203	165	180
Weapons Laws	5	23	19	24	9

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT 2019-2023

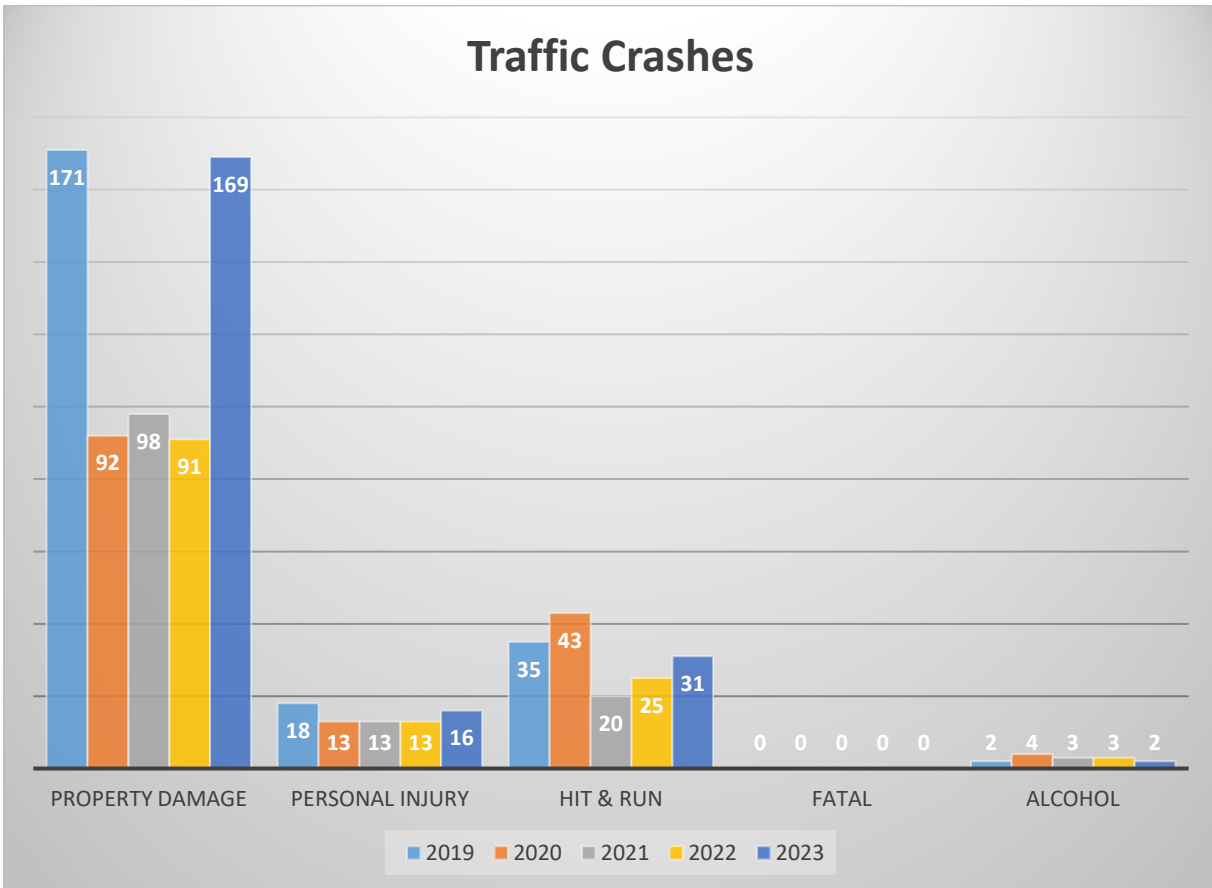
Traffic enforcement occurs when an officer observes a violation of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and initiates a traffic stop on a vehicle. Officers have the discretion to decide the type of enforcement they take, including a verbal warning, a written warning, a citation, or an arrest. This can include any combination of the above depending on the number of violations and the severity of the violations.



	Warnings	Civil Infractions	Misdemeanors	Total Stops
2019	42	177	69	733
2020	44	286	140	996
2021	1137	1385	312	1756
2022	1436	1573	244	1579
2023	573	794	168	1004

TRAFFIC CRASHES 2019-2023

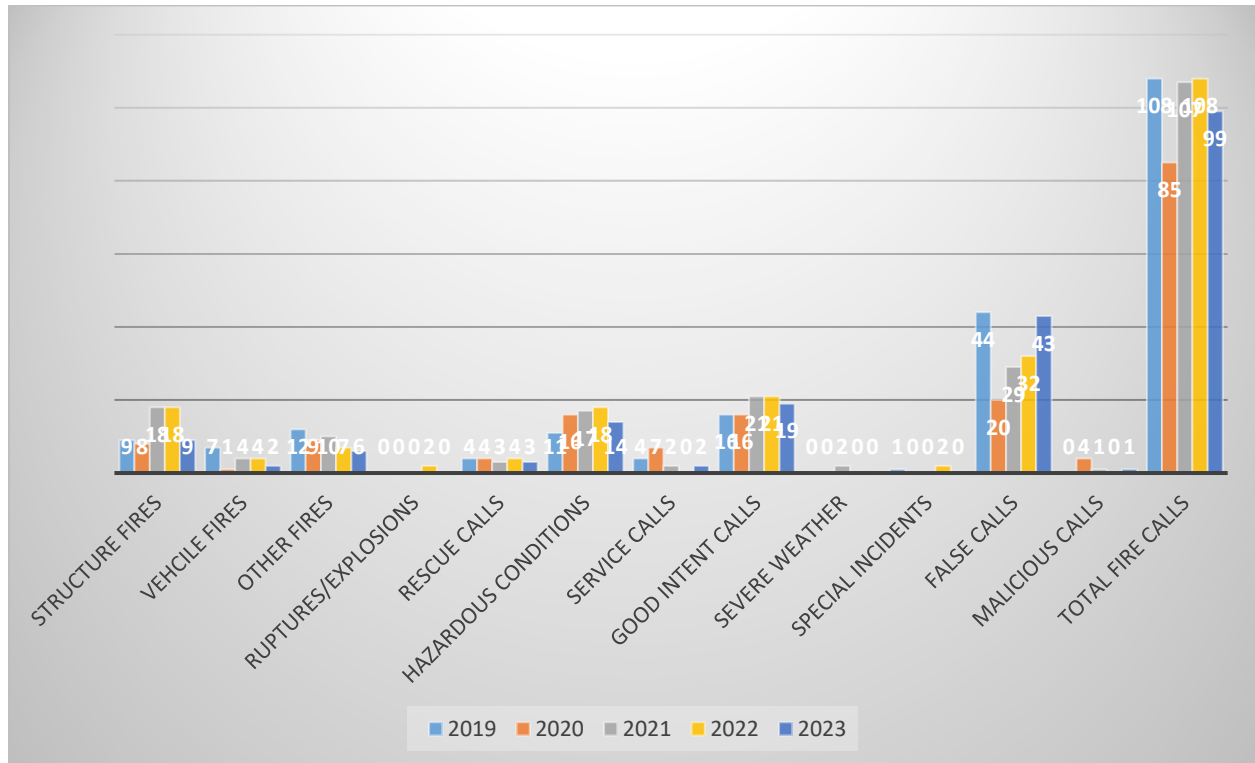
This chart shows the number of traffic crashes in the city of Albion. Traffic Crash reports are submitted to the State of Michigan on standardized reports called UD10s. All agencies in Michigan use the UD10 form to report traffic crashes.



	Property Damage	Personal Injury	Hit & Run	Fatal	Alcohol
2019	171	18	35	0	2
2020	92	13	43	0	4
2021	98	13	20	0	3
2022	91	13	25	0	3
2023	169	16	31	0	2

FIRE RESPONSE 2019-2023

This chart shows the fire response for the Albion Department of Public Safety broken down by call types. These statistics are published nationally through the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Structure Fires	9	8	18	18	9
Vehicle Fires	7	1	4	4	2
Other Fires	12	9	10	7	6
Ruptures/Explosions	0	0	0	2	0
Rescue Calls	4	4	3	4	3
Hazardous Conditions	11	16	17	18	14
Service Calls	4	7	2	0	2
Good Intent Calls	16	16	21	21	19
Severe Weather	0	0	2	0	0
Special Incidents	1	0	0	2	0
False Calls	44	20	29	32	43
Malicious Calls	0	4	1	0	1
Total Fire Calls	108	85	107	108	99

Mutual Aid To Other Agencies

ADPS regularly assists other agencies through mutual aid agreements for police, fire, and medical response.

