



YEARLY REPORT 2013

**CITY OF BLUE ASH
POLICE DEPARTMENT**
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Colonel Paul W. Hartinger
Chief of Police

Executive Summary

In 2013, 1,215 criminal and non-criminal reports were taken by the Blue Ash Police Department compared to 1,519 in 2012. The three largest categories for these reports were Theft (37.12%), Non-Criminal (15.96%), and Drug Offenses (16.95%). Of all crime reports, the Department successfully cleared 53%. The FBI Uniform Crime Report for 2011 reveals that in metropolitan counties nationwide, 47.9% of violent crimes were cleared and 15.4% of property crimes were cleared. The Blue Ash Police Department cleared 40% of violent crimes and 37% of property crimes in 2012.

The Department made 1,065 arrests compared to 1,078 in 2012. Of the arrests, 96% were adults. The average number of arrests made by police departments in the Midwest Region according to the FBI Uniform Crime Report for 2012 was 3,889.3 per 100,000 residents, or 0.038893 for each resident. With the population of Blue Ash being 12,114 in the 2010 U.S. Census Report, this would place the average number of arrests for the Department at 311. Therefore, the Department made over three times the Midwest Region average number of arrests.

The Department handled 20,606 calls for service and details in 2013 compared to 19,672 in 2012. The Department was called to assist the Fire Department in 7% of these details. The busiest times of the day for the Department as reflected in details were 12AM - 3AM (3,362) and 3PM - 6PM (3,286). These time periods account for 33% of the Department's total details.

The Department handled 766 auto accident reports in 2013 compared to 697 in 2012. Of these, 17% involved injuries, less than 1% were OVI related, and none were fatal. The Ohio Dept. of Public Safety Statistics for 2012 reveal the statewide percentage of accidents involving injuries was 25.1%, with 4.3% involving OVI drivers and 0.39% involving fatalities. The Department had 8% less injury and 3% less OVI accidents than the State, and 0 fatal crashes.

Notable Events

During 2013 Police Department personnel made 84 presentations on a variety of groups on many different topics. These included informative lectures to community and business groups, police station tours and safety talks to Scout troops, presentations to school classes, and teaching segments of basic police academy classes. In addition, the Department continued its cooperative relationship with Sycamore Schools and the Montgomery Police Department with the DARE program, which Officer Beth Roach and a Montgomery officer teach at the E.H. Greene School.

Throughout the year the Police Department saw a number of retirements including Chief Chris Wallace, Captain Jim Schaffer, Captain Bob Lilley, Det. Joe Schlie and Patrol Officer Erskine Page. In order to fill those vacancies Lt. Paul Hartinger was promoted to Chief of Police, Lt. Rich Riley was promoted to Captain, Sgt. Joe Boyatt was promoted to Lieutenant, and Patrol Officer Allison Schlie and Det. Rob Gerhardt were both promoted to Sergeant. We also hired 3 new Patrol Officers including Brendan McKinney, Dustin Moore and Jason Swartwout.

Our Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) had several changes. Sgt. Ed Charron was moved from Patrol Supervisor to CIS. Jeff Lewis and Bob Rockel moved from their assignment as uniformed Patrol Officers to plainclothes Detectives. Detective Jim Kelley is now assigned to the FBI Financial Crimes Task Force.

Some of the more notable educational accomplishments during the year would include: Sgt. Scott Noel and Sgt. Rob Gerhardt both completed first line supervisor training at the Police Executive Leadership College (P.E.L.C). Lt. Steve Schueler completed the next level of leadership training and became a graduate of C.L.E.E (Certified Law Enforcement Executive).

In November, the Police Department was once again recognized with a Platinum Community Traffic Safety Award from the American Automobile Association (AAA). This is the fourth consecutive year that the Department has received this award, and it is due largely to our joint efforts with the Public Works Department to improve pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorist safety in Blue Ash.

Blue Ash P.D now has approximately 12 officers and dispatchers who have been trained as Crisis Intervention Training/Mental Health Response Team (CIT/MHRT) members to help people with mental illness that they may encounter in their daily duties.

2013 Organization

The Blue Ash Police Department employs 46 full-time, part-time, and volunteer personnel, 32 of which are full-time sworn police officers.

During 2013, the Department consisted of 1 Chief, 1 Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 7 Sergeants, 21 Patrol Officers, 1 Auxiliary Police Officer, 5 Dispatchers, 2 Mayor's Court Clerks, and 5 staff personnel.

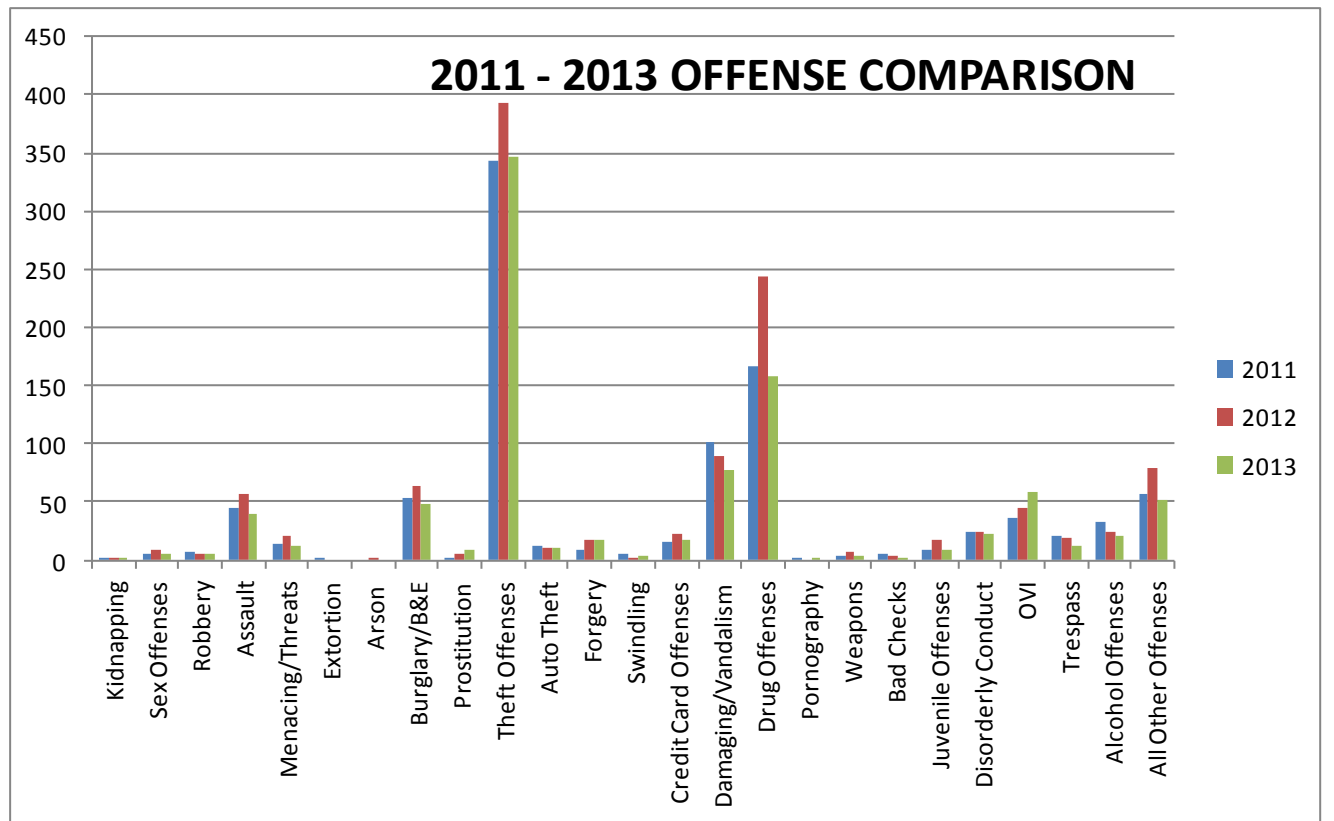
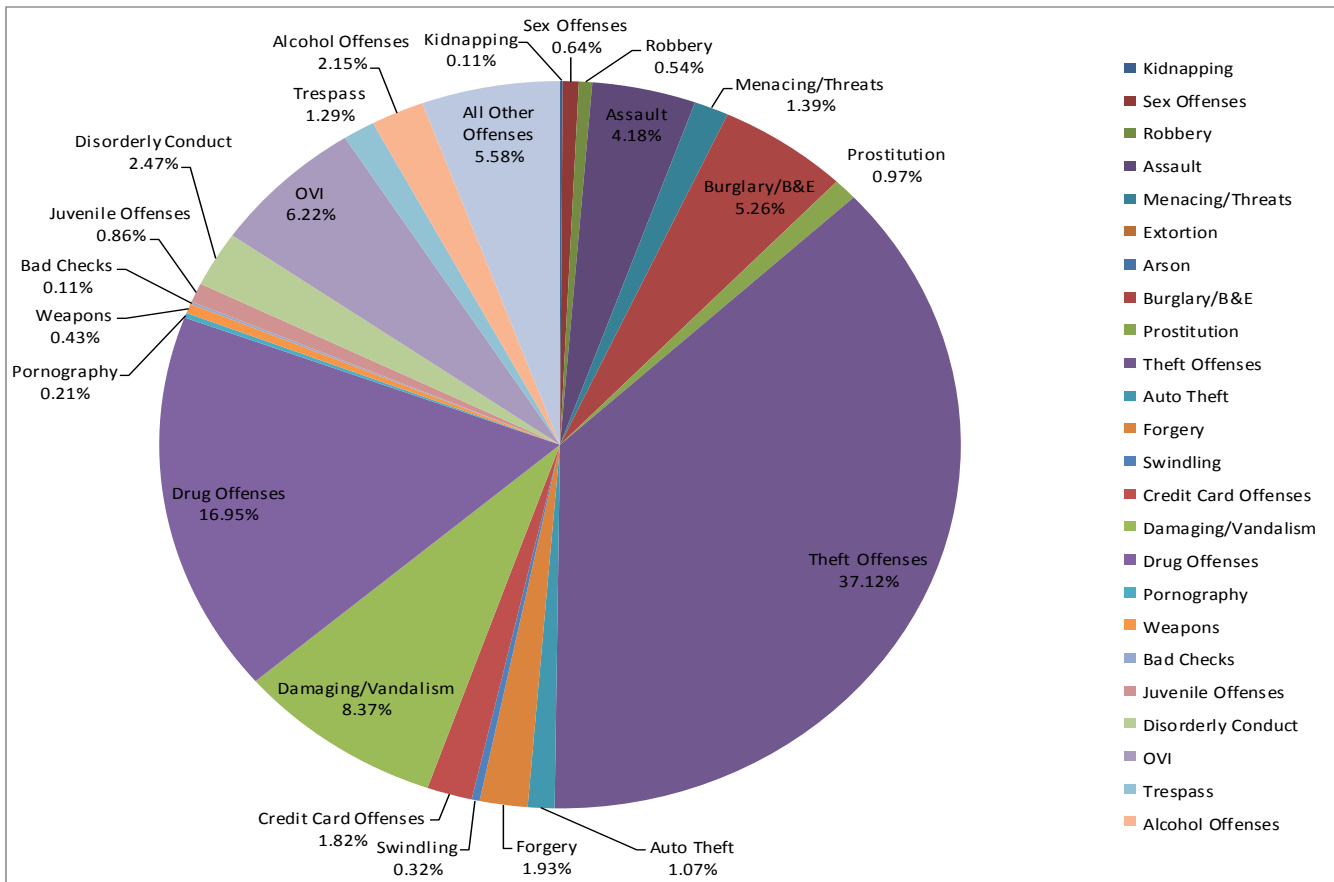
The Department is organized into two bureaus, the Operations Bureau and the Administration Bureau. Sections within these two bureaus include the Detective Section, Patrol Section, and Staff Section. Some of the 33 units within these sections include the Traffic Safety Unit, Canine Unit, Bike Patrol Unit, Directed Patrol Unit, Criminalistics Unit, Crime Prevention/DARE Unit, Intelligence Unit, Mayor's Court Unit, Dispatch Unit, Homeland Security Unit, and Media Relations Unit.

2013 Financial Status

- The operating budget for the Police Department for 2013 was \$6,455,500. Actual expenses for 2013 were \$6,075,296.
- The operating budget for the Mayor's Court for 2013 was \$141,000 Actual expenses for 2013 were \$105,988.
- The Police Department was awarded \$53,606.81 in forfeitures from arrests and investigations. Mandatory fines from convicted drug offenders amounted to \$200 and mandatory fines for convicted drunk drivers amounted to \$680
- The Mayor's Court collected \$102,207 in fines and costs for the year.



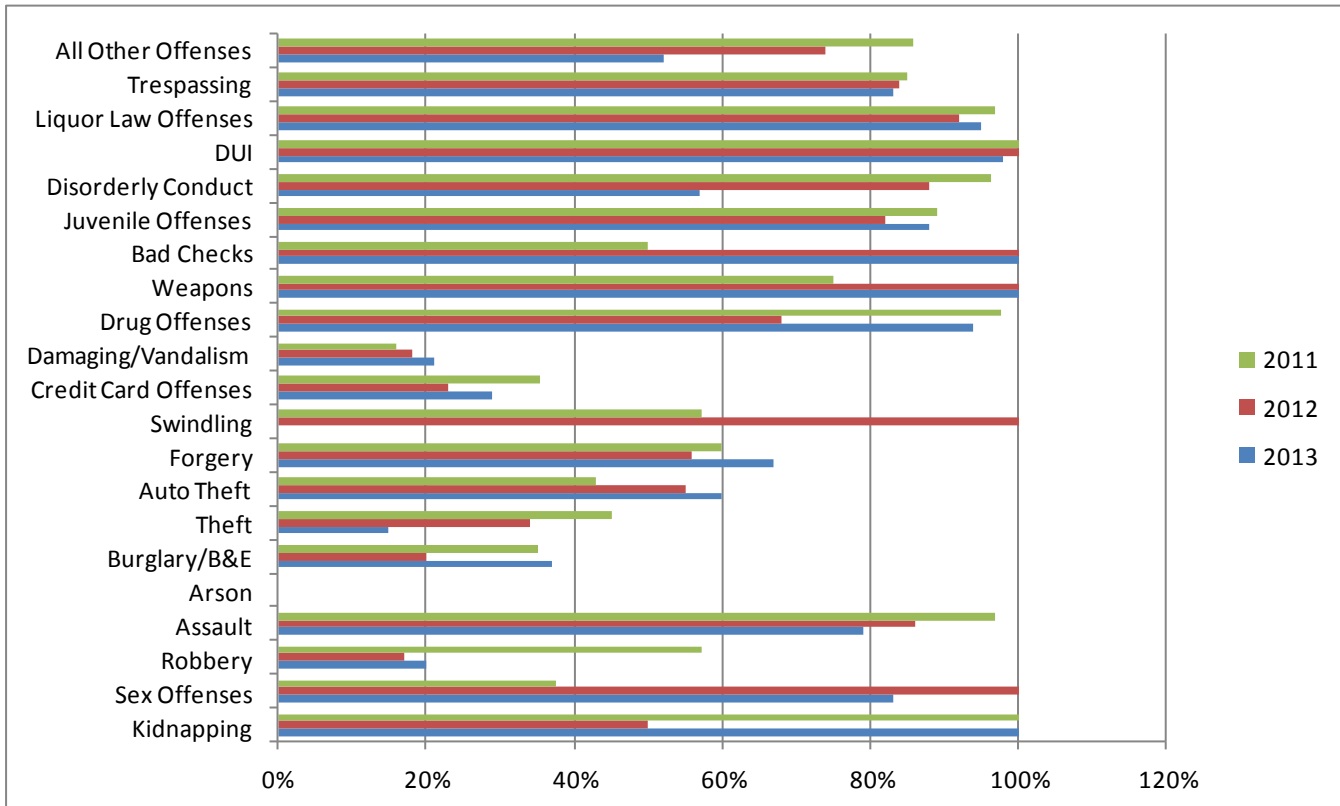
CRIMES





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2011 - 2013 OFFENSE CLEARANCE COMPARISON



2013 OFFENSES REPORTED/CLEARED

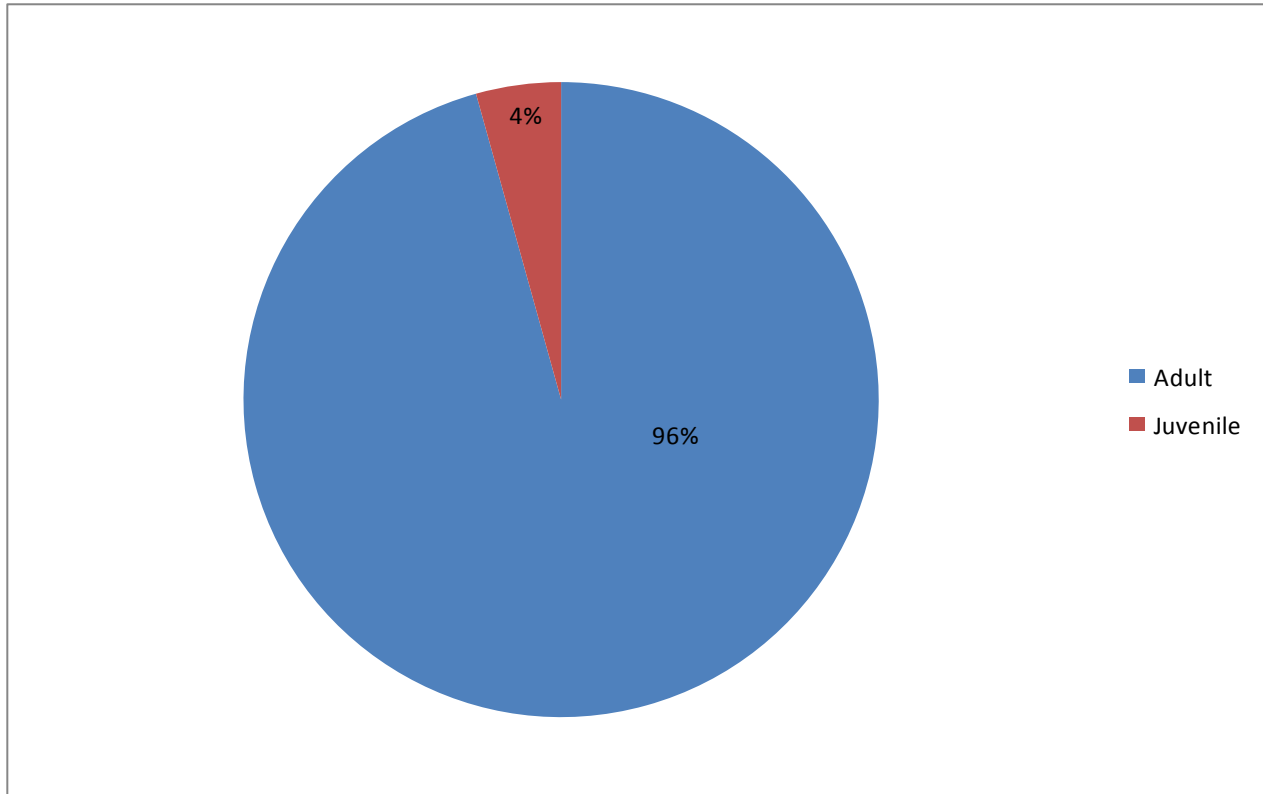
Kidnapping/Abduction 1/1 100%
 Sex Offenses 6/5 83%
 Robbery 5/1 20%
 Assault 52/41 79%
 Arson 0/0 0%
 Burglary/Breaking & Entering 49/18 37%
 Theft Offenses 346/53 15%
 Motor Vehicle Theft 10/6 60%
 Forgery 18/12 67%
 Swindling 3/0 0%
 Credit Card Offenses 17/5 29%

Damaging/Vandalism 78/16 21%
 Drug Offenses 158/149 94%
 Weapons 4/4 100%
 Bad Checks 1/1 100%
 Juvenile Offenses 8/7 88%
 Disorderly Conduct 23/13 57%
 OVI 58/57 98%
 Trespass 12/10 83%
 Alcohol Offenses 20/19 95%
 All Other Offenses 52/27 52%
Total Offenses Reported 932/454 49%

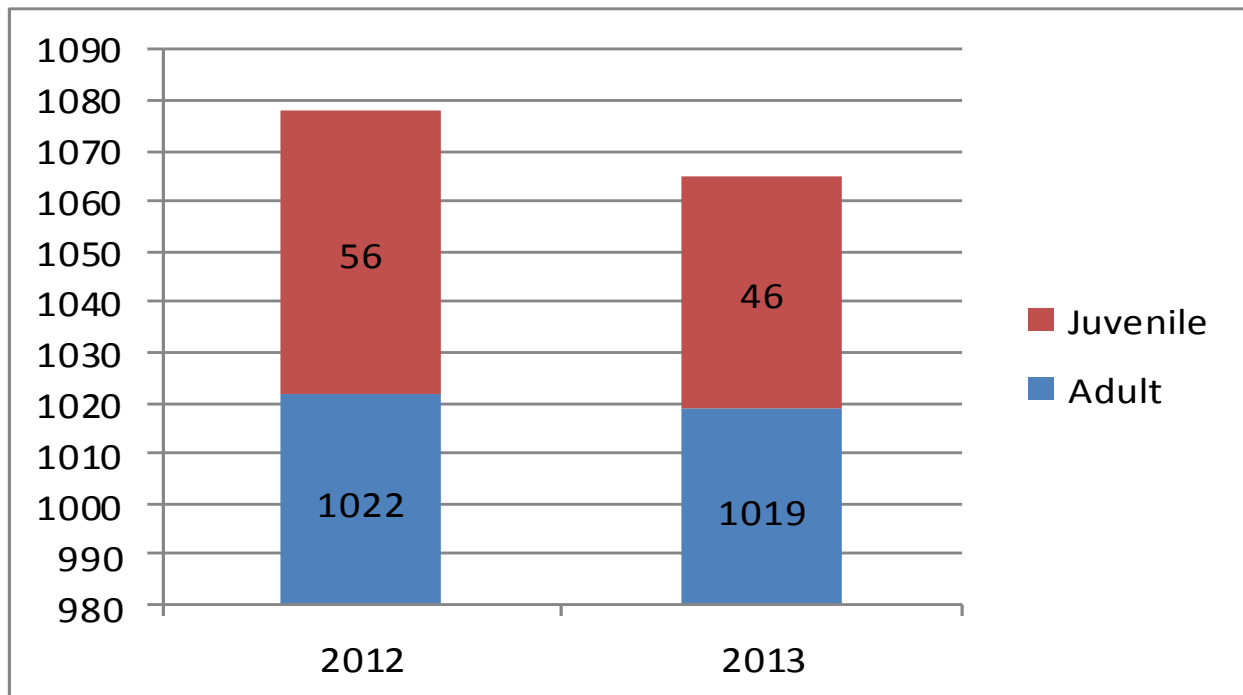


ARRESTS

2013 ARRESTS



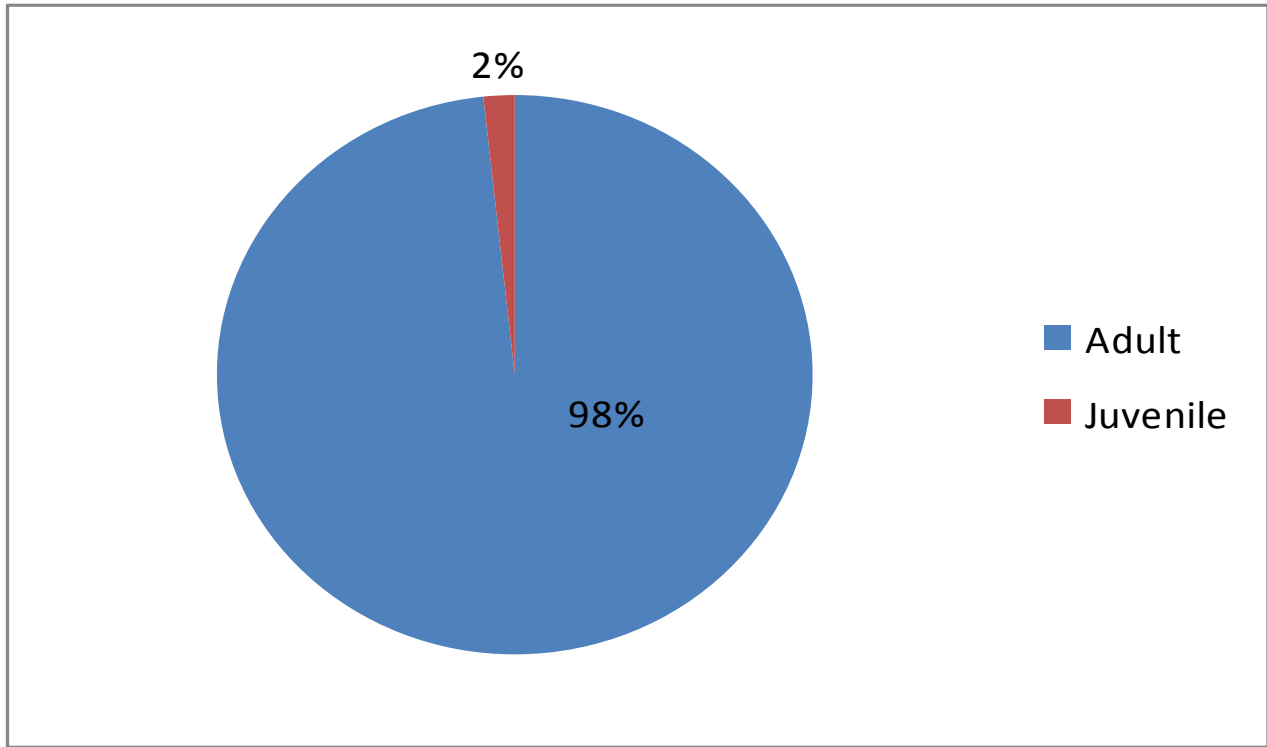
2012 - 2013 ARREST COMPARISON



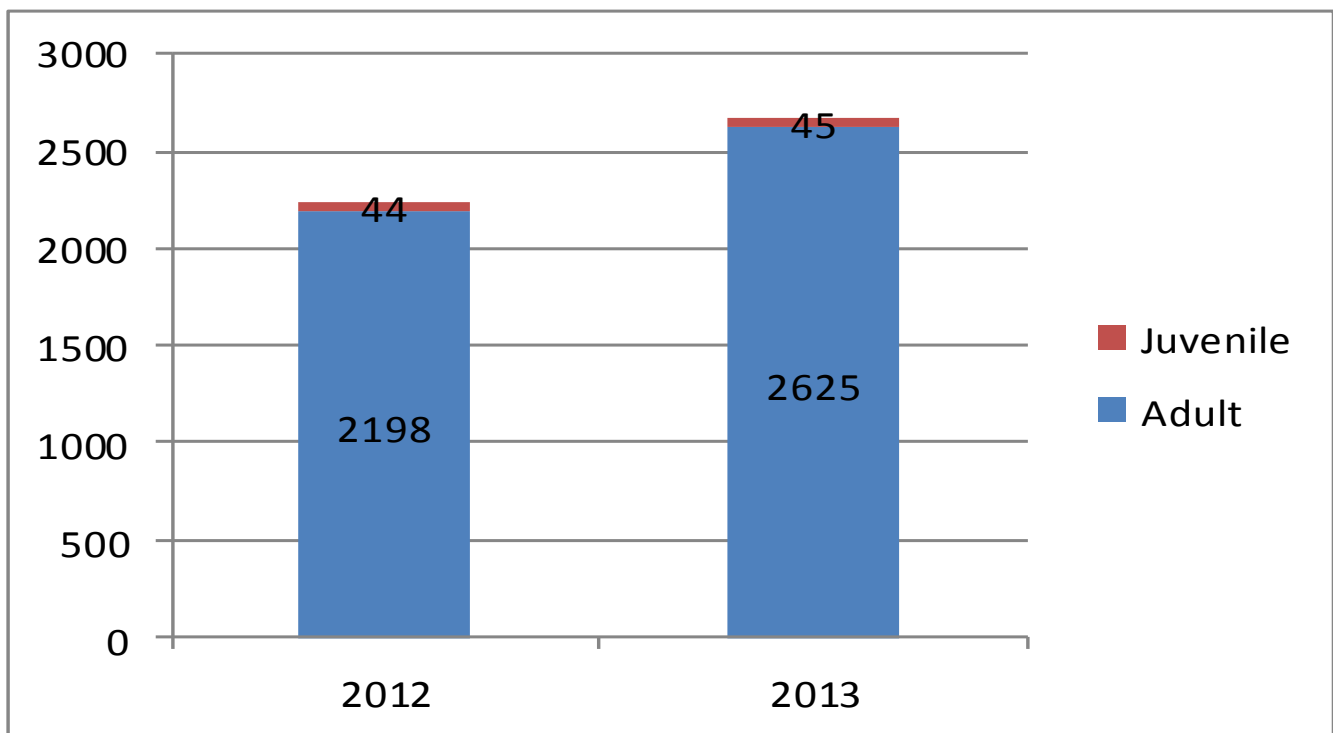


TRAFFIC CITATIONS

2013 TRAFFIC CITATIONS



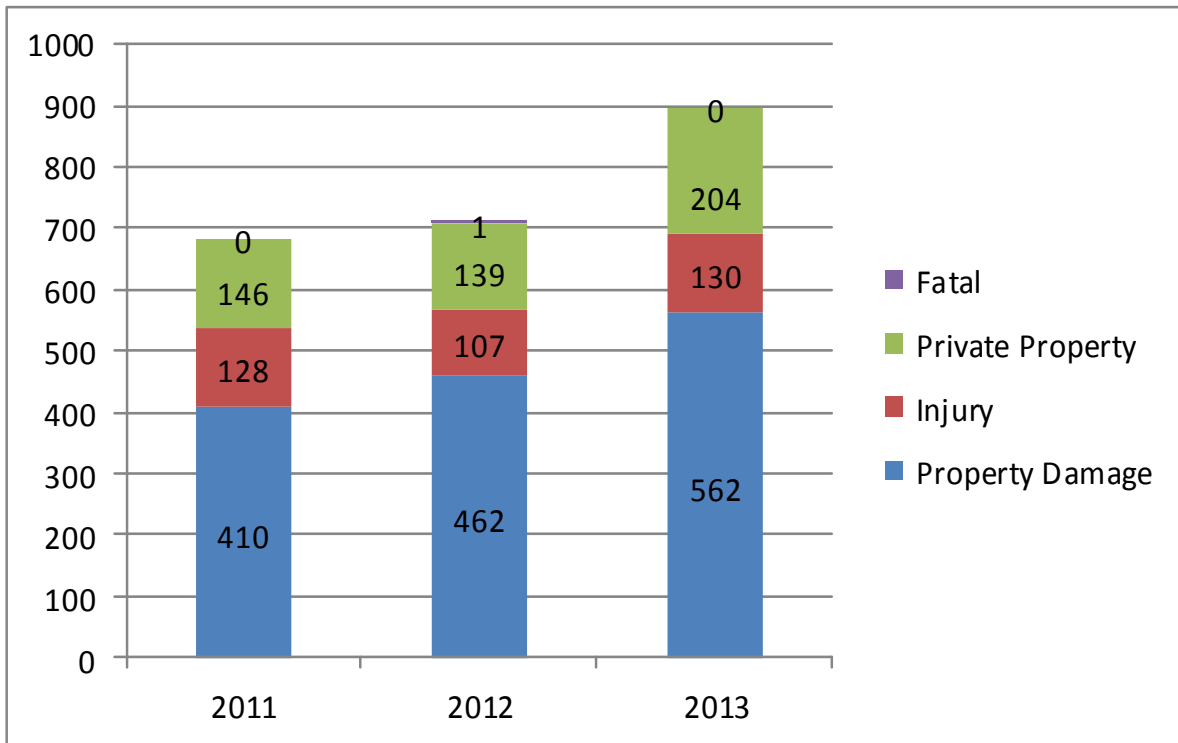
2012 - 2013 TRAFFIC CITATION COMPARISON





TRAFFIC CRASHES

2011 - 2013 CRASH REPORT COMPARISON



DETAILS/DISPATCHES

2013 DETAILS/DISPATCHES

Aided Case	30
Abduction	1
Alarm Drop	1372
Animal Complaint	196
Assault	34
Assist Other Agency	252
Attempt to Locate	43
Background Check	18
Bad Check	7
Bank Security Check	450
Be On the Look Out	44
Bike Patrol	4
Burglary/B&E	68
Business Check	3964
Check on Well Being	81
Confidential Investigation	37
Criminal Mischief/Damaging	82
Disabled Vehicle	512
Disorderly Conduct	30

Document Service	149
Domestic Dispute/Violence	182
Escort Detail	71
Fight	19
Fingerprint Detail	24
Fire Alarm Drop	306
Fire Run	182
Follow-up	169
Impound Lot Detail	9
Information	68
Junk Vehicle	6
Juvenile Complaint	164
EMS Run	1227
Lockout	709
Menacing	38
Drug Complaint	59
Theft Offense	540
Missing Person/Runaway	50
Noise Complaint	92

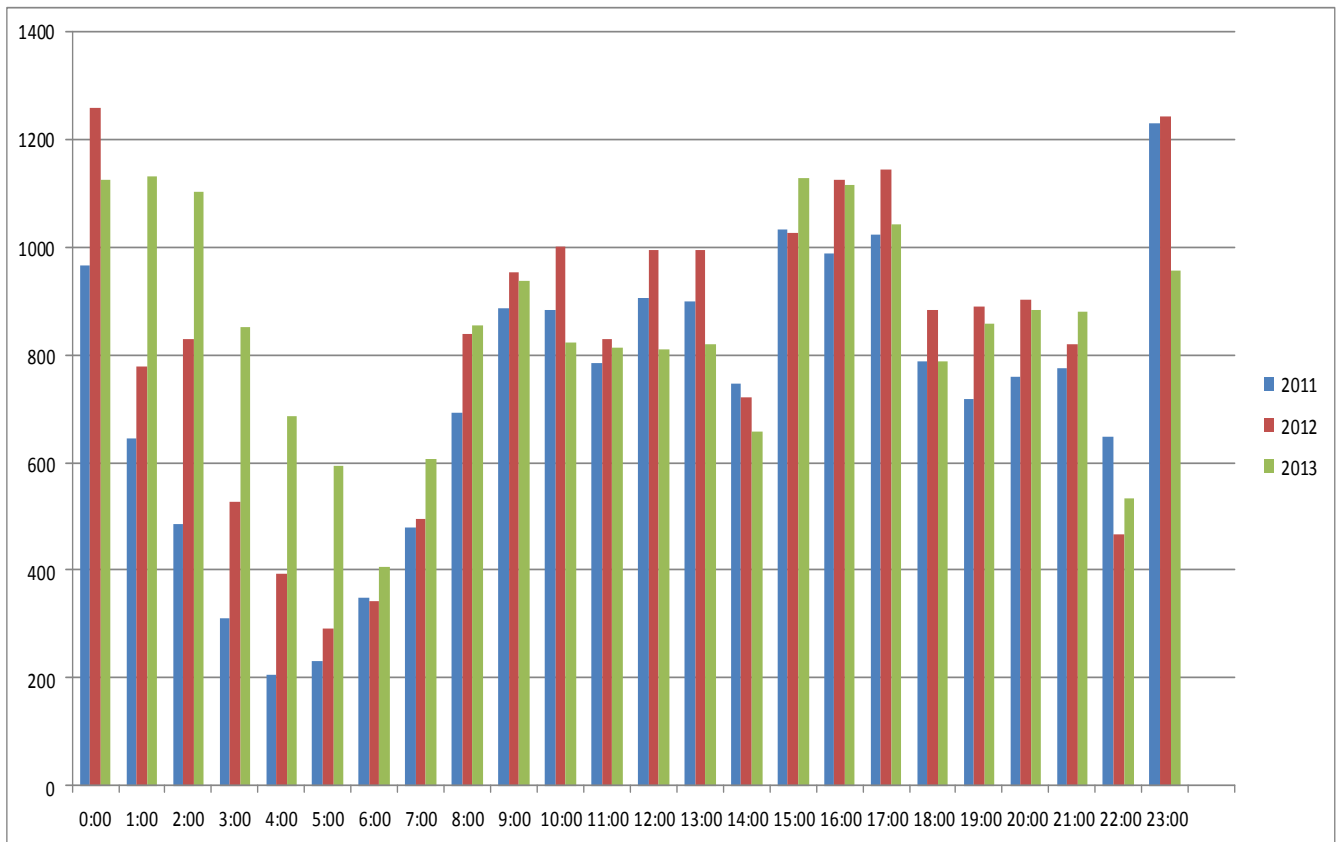
Non-criminal	195
Notification	45
Out of Car - Investigation	122
OVI Arrest	25
Premise Found Open	91
Prisoner Detail	37
Property Detail	68
Psychiatric Emergency	49
Public Appearance Detail	5
Repossession	32
Robbery	6
Railroad Crossing Problem	14
School Detail	7
Search Warrant	13
See Complainant	215
Sex Offense	18
Silent/Hang up 911 Call	68
Special Detail	155
Stolen Vehicle Recovery	9

Supplemental Report	13
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	682
SWAT Callout	15
Telecommunications Offense	68
Traffic Complaint	262
Traffic Crash - Private Property	279
Traffic Crash - Roadway	682
Traffic Detail	54
Traffic Hazard	104
Traffic Pursuit	2
Traffic Stop	3213
Transportation Detail	83
Trespass	15
Unknown Trouble	154
Vacation House Check	1718
Vehicle Tampering	4
Vehicle Theft	23
Wanted Person	318
Weapons Violation	7



DETAILS/DISPATCHES

DETAILS/DISPATCHES BY HOUR 2011 - 2013 COMPARISON



DETAILS/DISPATCHES BY MONTH 2011 - 2013 COMPARISON

