

Southern Shores Police Department

2020

Annual Report

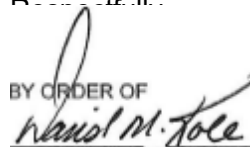


Chief's Statement

2020 proved to be a very challenging year, not only for us but for the entire world, with the onset of COVID 19. The Town of Southern Shores is and continues to be very fortunate to have the high-quality dedicated police officers that it has. We continued to respond to all calls for services throughout the pandemic. We scrambled to find and obtain any PPE equipment we could get our hands on to better protect our officers. This proved to be a significant challenge that we eventually overcame. By the end of the year, we saw an increase of over 3500 calls for service compared to 2019. Officers responded to an average of 1705 calls for service per month compared to 1410 last year. Some of the higher volume of calls for service were for business and house checks, we also saw a significant increase in extra patrols, which were saturation patrols directed in our neighborhoods during the peak of the pandemic lock down trying to reassure our residence that we were still out there providing our services. Officers responded to a total of 108 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 75 of them were reportable. This is a 35% increase over last year. July was the highest month for reportable traffic accidents with a total of 13, June & August were 2nd & 3rd respectively with 12, & 10. and February was the lowest with "0". The highest traffic accident location continues to be (NC12) Duck Rd. with 24. The time of day with the highest number of traffic accidents was between 10am and 4pm with a total of 33 crashes. Reported crimes reflect an increase of approximately 55% compared to last year and a 70% increase in Offenses charged. Two of the most significant increases were Drug and DWI's arrests. Traffic citations issued also reflect a large increase (40%) over 2019. One of the increases was speeding violations which increased from 180 in 2019 to 230 in 2020. There were another 226 warning citations issued for speeding as well. While we had no officially documented COVID19 cases amongst the officers, we did have numerous officers that had to quarantine 14 days at a time at different times throughout the pandemic. The fact that there was no in-person school for most of the school year, allowed our School Resource Officer to work a regular shift helping to alleviate some of the workload and cover shifts.

99.9% of all in-person training was cancelled throughout the state this year. Officers were still able to complete their mandated in-service training and other limited specialty virtual training on-line. We continued to keep up to date on "Active Shooter" training and techniques, we continue to train physically, defensively, this includes firearms training, as well as defensive tactics, most of which was done utilizing social distancing and/or virtual training options.

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

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2020 Monthly Calls for Service

Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
ABC Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Accident	5	2	7	6	5	18	17	15	17	5	8	3	108
Alarm	17	16	10	20	9	17	19	21	18	27	22	14	210
Animal Call	6	5	1	8	9	12	6	10	11	4	5	4	81
Assault	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	7
Assist Motorist	4	5	0	3	1	10	8	6	4	4	3	3	51
Assist Another Agency	5	4	3	4	10	14	12	13	7	9	1	4	86
Attempt to Locate	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	8
Beach Patrol	0	0	0	0	5	41	41	42	13	0	0	0	142
BOLO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breaking & Entering	1	0	1	1	4	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	13
Business Check	956	923	1007	1252	1217	846	1045	991	969	717	945	893	11761
Careless & Reckless	3	7	4	3	5	16	26	9	9	7	8	5	102
Community Policing	72	35	28	41	31	26	26	38	20	21	9	23	370
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dispute	0	1	4	1	6	4	5	4	5	6	3	0	39
Domestic	4	0	2	0	0	2	1	5	2	1	1	5	23
E911 Hang-up	9	6	1	10	8	13	9	1	1	2	5	1	66
EMS	25	24	22	7	19	20	24	37	30	32	13	28	281
Escort	1	0	1	1	4	4	2	1	1	1	0	2	18
Extra Patrol	57	79	107	264	216	165	204	169	182	160	139	207	1949

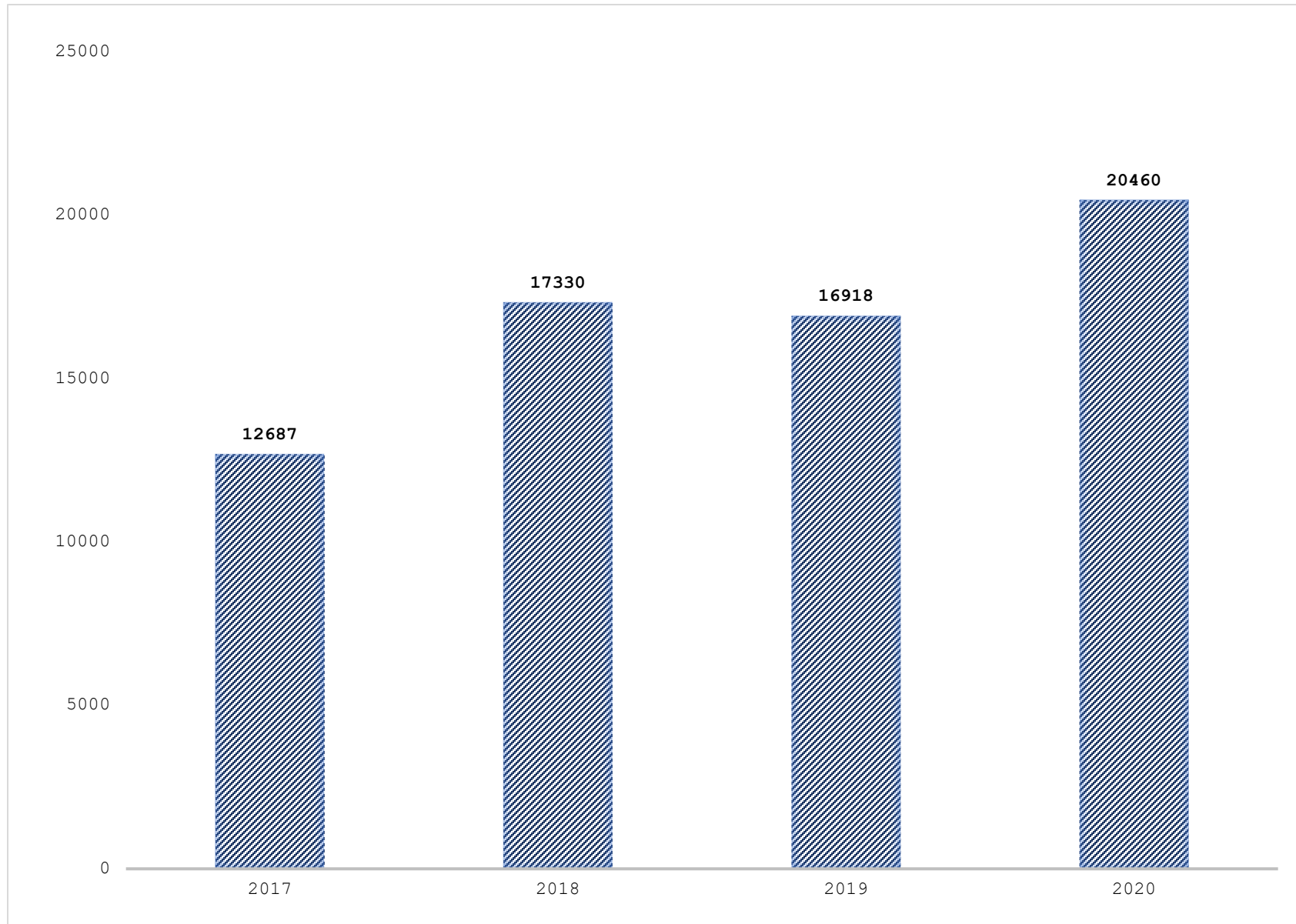
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Fingerprinting	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Fire Call	3	4	5	8	7	10	7	26	15	10	10	2	107
Follow Up	23	7	9	9	30	19	18	26	16	11	11	12	191
Foot Patrol	39	42	45	39	35	24	31	55	35	48	45	35	473
Found Property	0	1	3	3	6	2	7	3	7	2	0	2	36
Fraud	3	1	1	3	2	7	6	0	1	3	5	4	36
Harassing Phone Calls	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4
Improperly Parked Vehicle	8	1	13	9	26	24	25	15	16	5	5	3	150
Injury to Property	5	3	2	2	2	1	1	6	2	5	1	5	35
Investigation	2	2	2	1	2	0	3	2	1	1	1	0	17
Juvenile	1	2	2	0	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	12
Larceny	1	1	1	2	5	6	7	6	8	3	2	1	43
Mental Person	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing Person	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mutual Aid	4	5	8	0	8	8	6	5	1	3	4	2	54
Noise Complaint	1	0	3	3	8	10	10	9	9	5	7	4	69
Open Door	5	5	9	5	6	1	3	2	9	4	3	4	56
Other	12	10	15	23	15	33	22	38	22	26	20	17	253
Property Check	118	125	166	403	238	73	71	50	46	72	38	51	1451
Pyrotechnics	0	0	1	0	4	2	7	4	3	1	3	0	25
Runaway	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Schedule Violation	2	4	1	1	2	4	8	10	2	1	2	2	39
Suicide	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	5

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Suspicious Condition	26	14	21	19	42	42	33	24	17	23	18	14	293
Talk With Officer	10	8	29	19	25	29	43	38	22	15	6	6	250
Town Code Violation	1	0	6	0	1	4	2	3	1	0	1	2	21
Traffic Direct	41	37	29	20	11	14	6	20	9	15	23	9	234
Traffic Stop	86	69	42	16	63	191	271	146	104	74	70	64	1196
Trespassing	2	1	3	1	2	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	17
Unauthorized Use	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unlock Vehicle	1	1	2	0	0	4	1	4	3	3	1	0	20
Warrant Served	1	3	1	0	0	4	1	3	0	1	0	0	14
Water Rescue	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	1	1	0	1	0	11
Welfare Check	2	0	7	0	3	2	1	4	1	1	2	0	23
Total	1563	1458	1627	2211	2096	1731	2045	1873	1643	1332	1444	1437	20460

Calls for Service



Incidents Reported in 2020

Primary Offense	Total Reported	Cleared	Percentage Cleared
Rape	2	0	0%
Simple Assault	7	7	100%
Communicating Threats	1	1	100%
Breaking & Entering	11	10	90%
Larceny	32	32	100%
Fraud	9	6	66.7%
Identity Theft	2	1	50%
Stolen Property Offenses	1	0	0%
Destruction of Property	17	17	100%
Drugs	33	26	78.8%
DWI	21	21	100%
Trespassing	2	2	100%
Death Investigation	7	7	100%
Hit & Run	3	3	100%
Overdose	4	4	100%
Suicide	2	2	100%
All Other	38	35	92.1%
TOTAL	192	176	92%

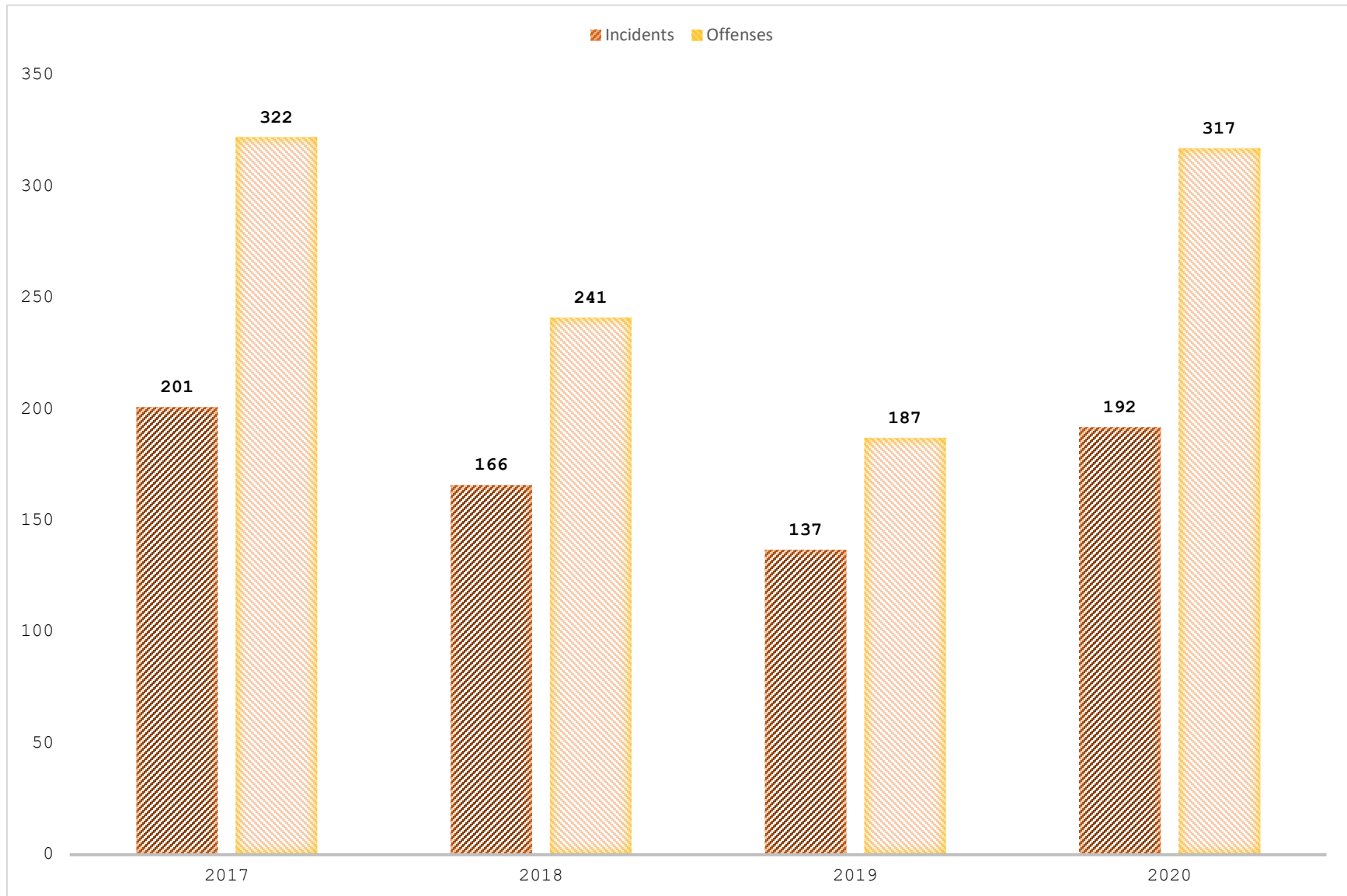
Incidents/Crimes Reported

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/Crimes Reported



Criminal Arrests in 2020

Primary Offense	Arrest Totals
Simple Assault	3
Breaking & Entering	3
Larceny	4
Fraud	1
Drugs	30
DWI	20
Liquor Law Violations	1
Other Offenses	22
TOTAL	84

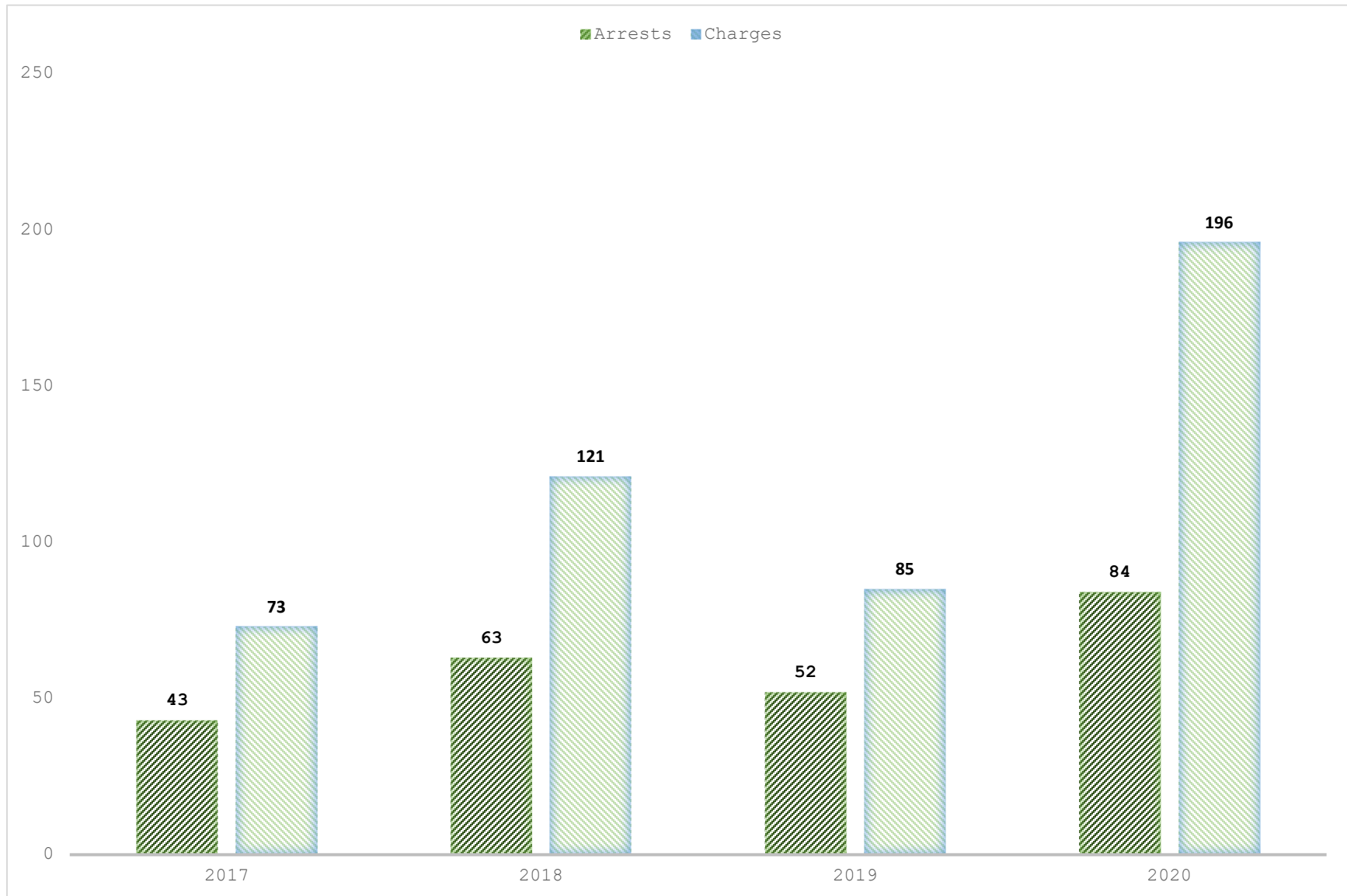
Criminal Arrests / Charges

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.

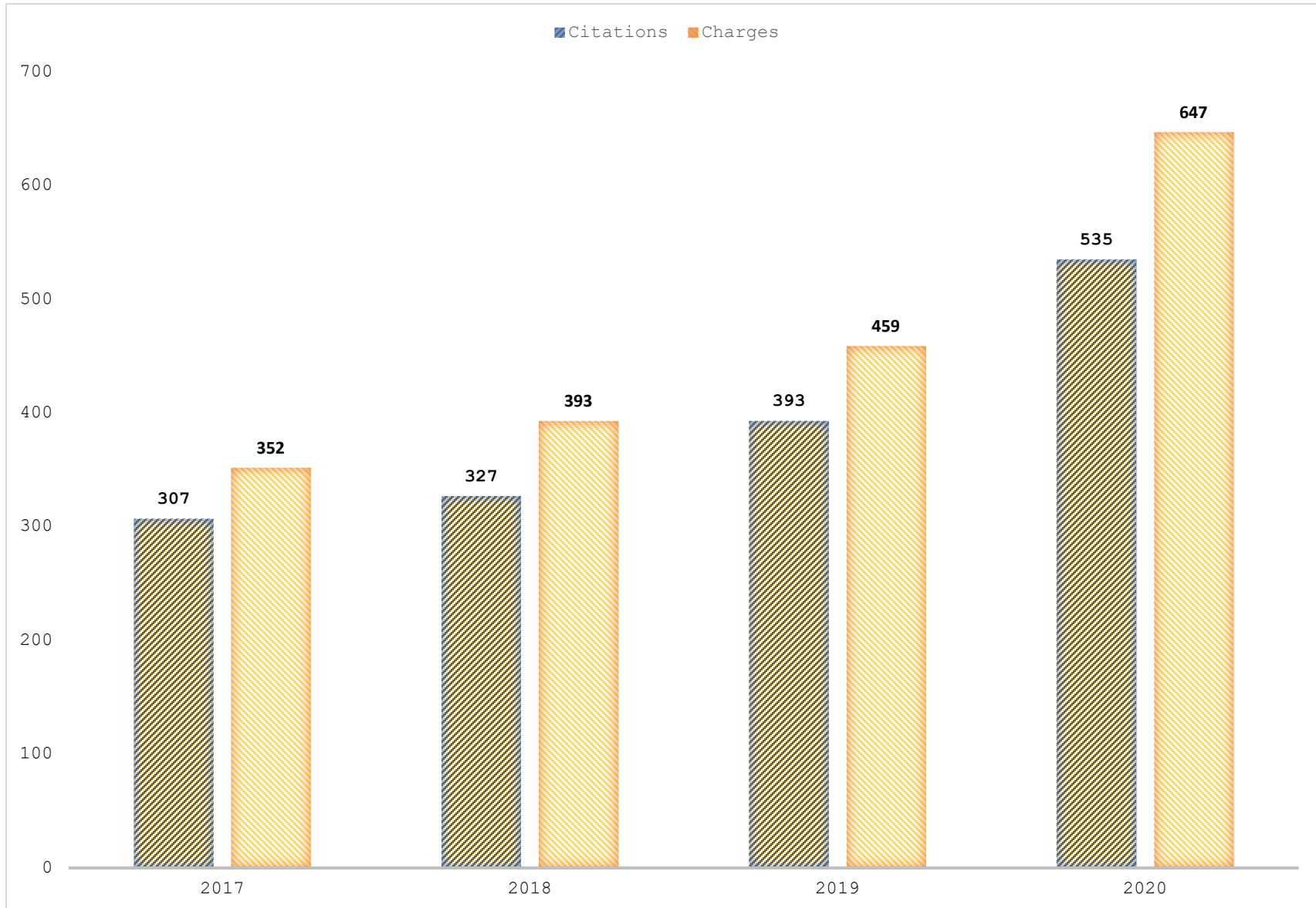
Criminal Arrests / Charges



Violations Issued on NC State Citations

Violations	Total Issued
Speeding	230
Seat Belt	73
Driver's License	69
Registration	54
Inspection	14
Unsafe Movement	7
Stop Sign / Light	28
Insurance	9
Alcohol	11
Careless & Reckless	11
Improper Turn	49
Fail to Maintain Lane	9
Equipment	7
Drugs	45
Improper Passing	7
Failure to Yield	4
Other	20
TOTAL Violations	647

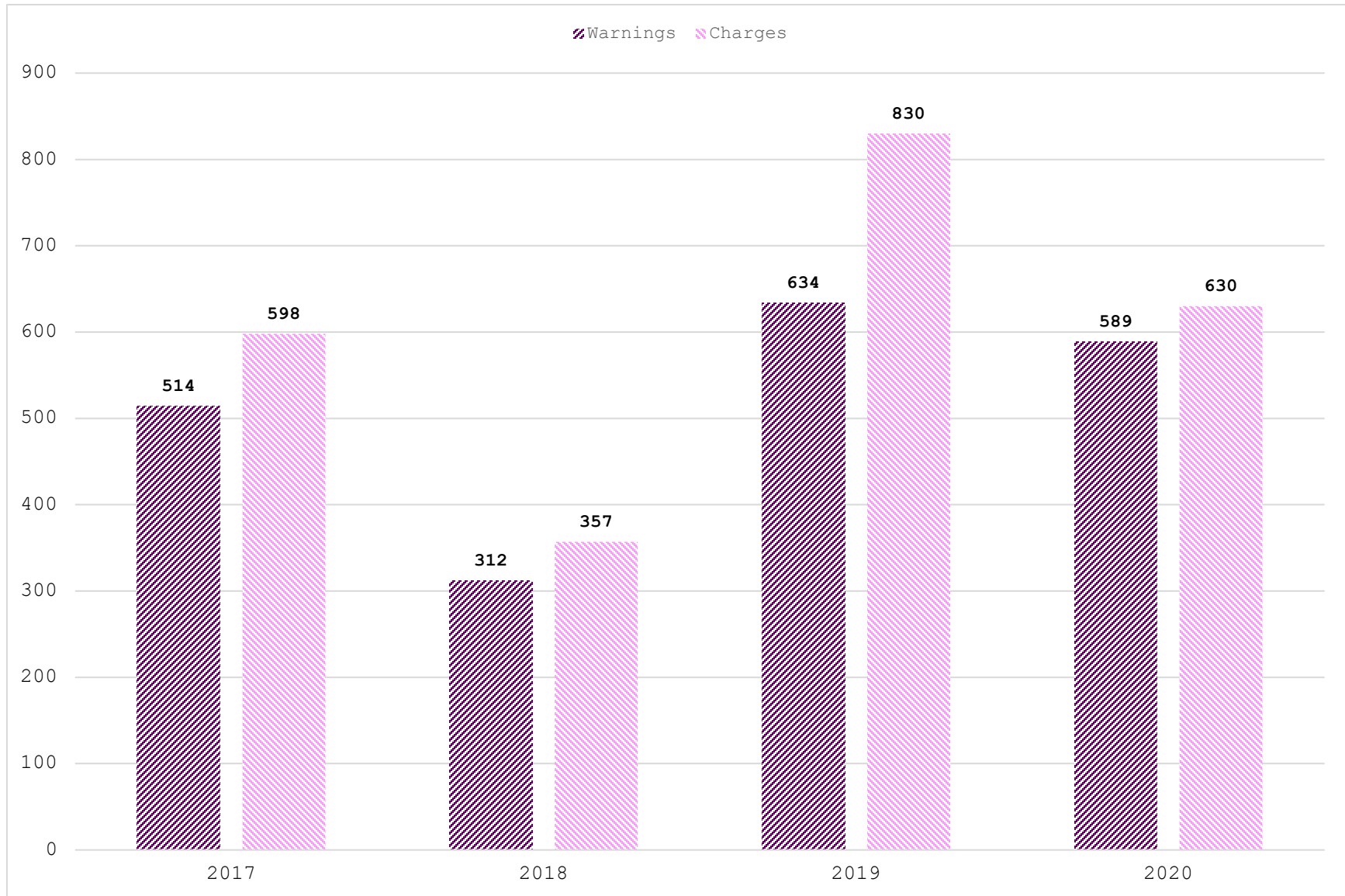
Citations / Charges



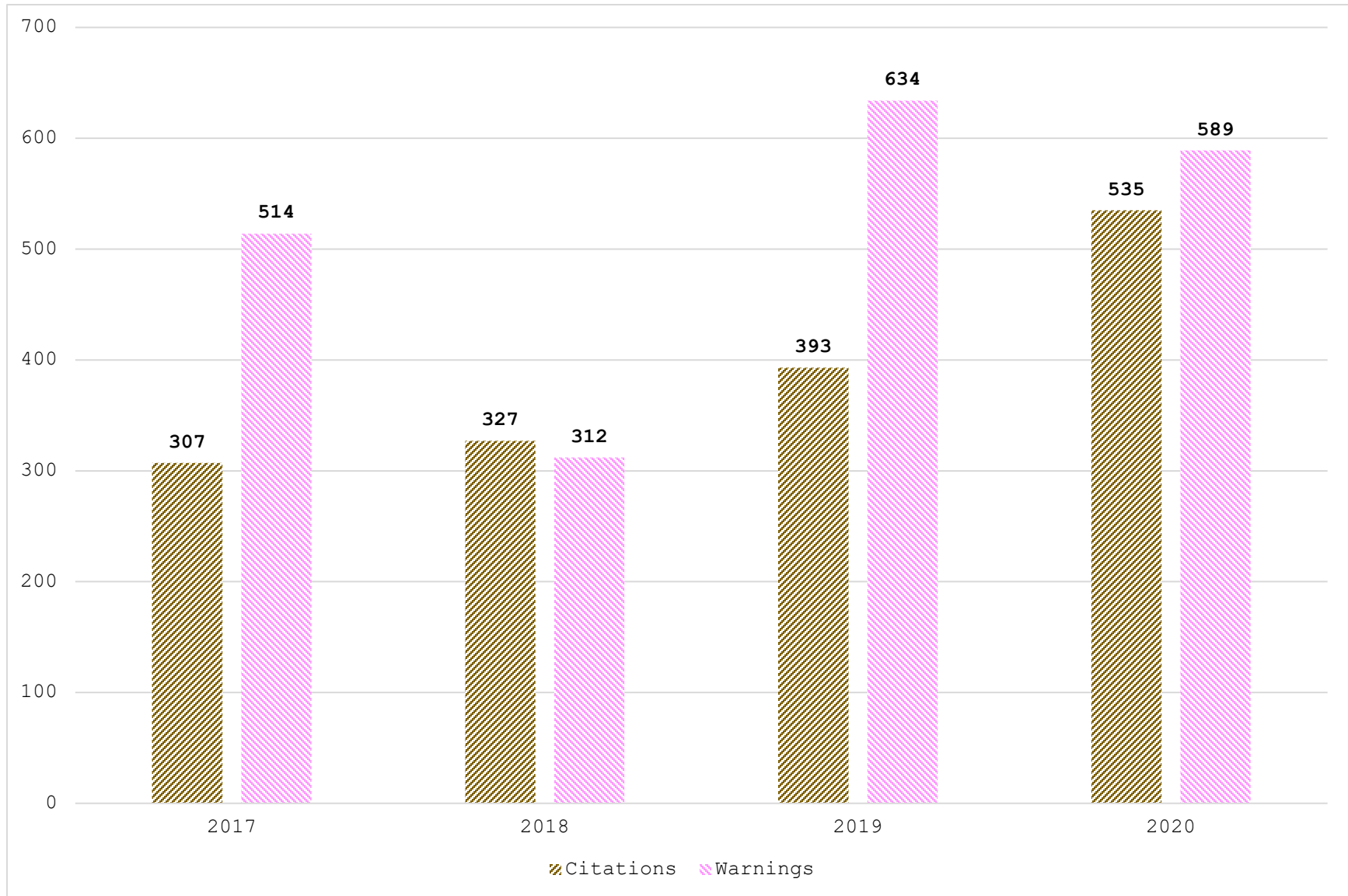
Violations Issued via Written Warning

Violations	Total Issued
Driver's License Violation	22
Equipment	108
Failure to Wear Seat Belts	10
Failure to Yield	4
Following Too Closely	6
Improper Passing	3
Improper Turn	23
Inspection Violation	10
Left of Center	22
Parking	2
Registration Violation	36
Stop Sign/Signal	93
Unsafe Movement	37
Speeding	226
Other	28
TOTAL	630

Warnings / Charges



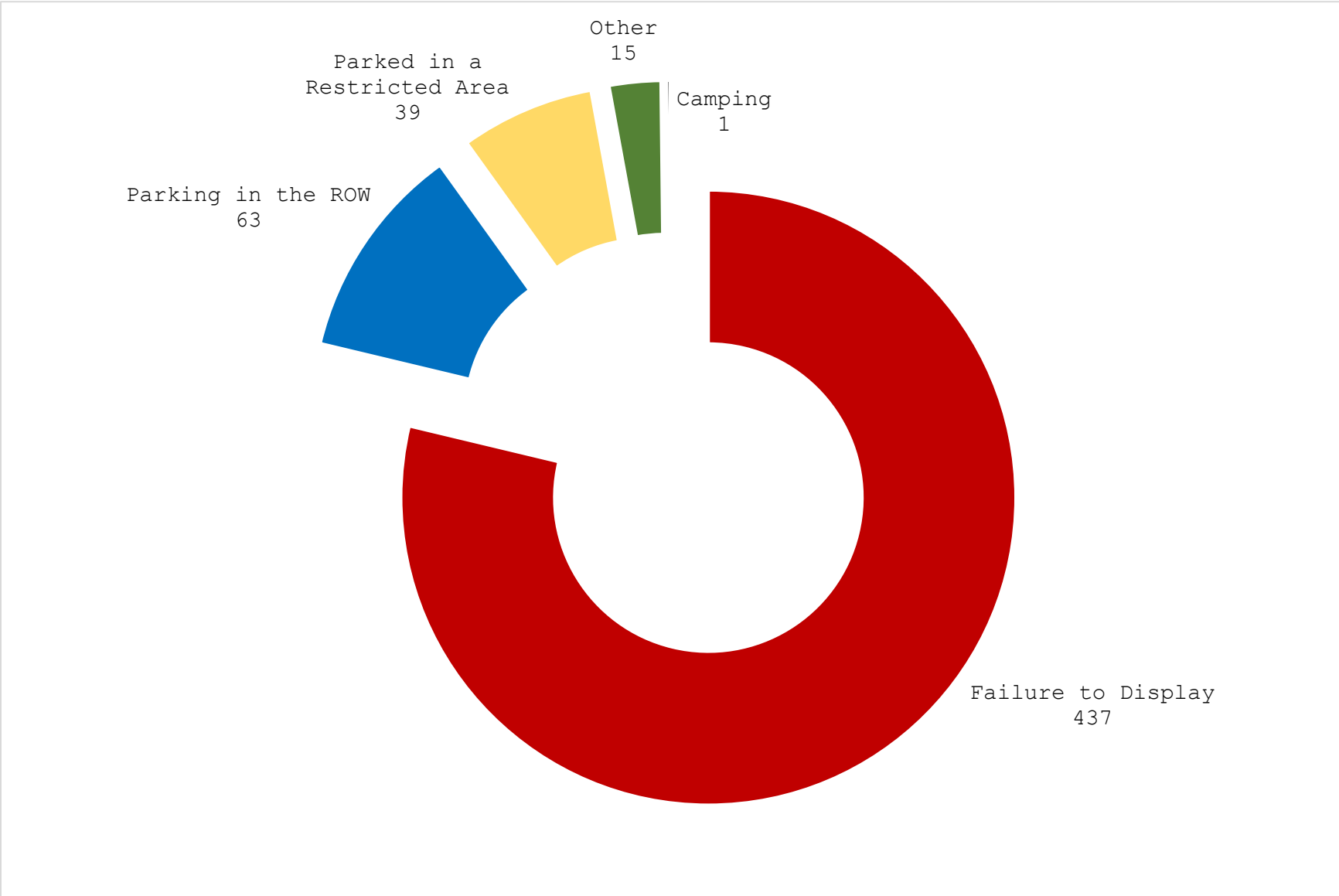
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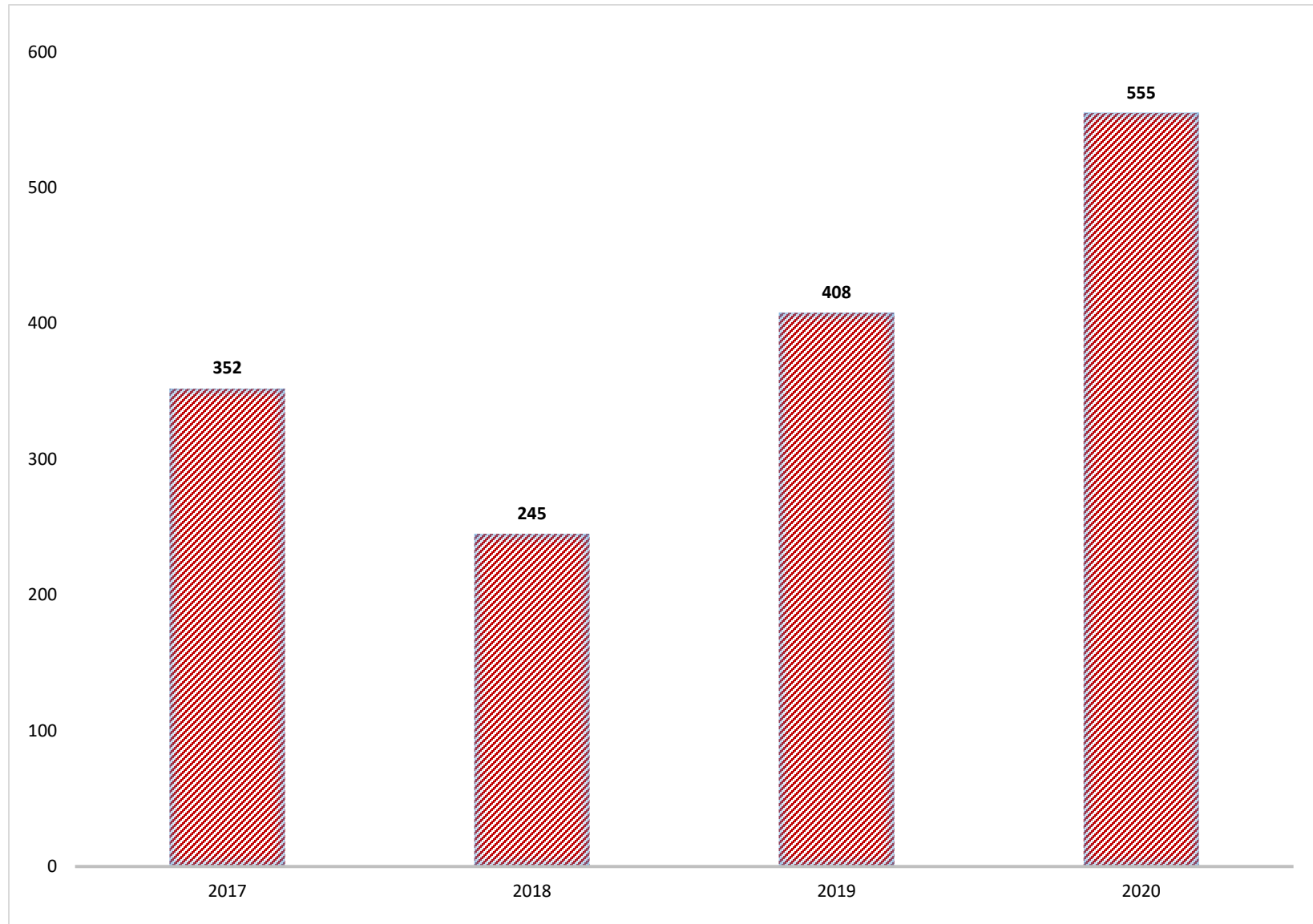
Ordinance Violations

Violations	Total Issued
Camping	1
Failure to Display Permit	437
Parked in Restricted Area	39
Parking in ROW	63
Other	15
TOTAL	555

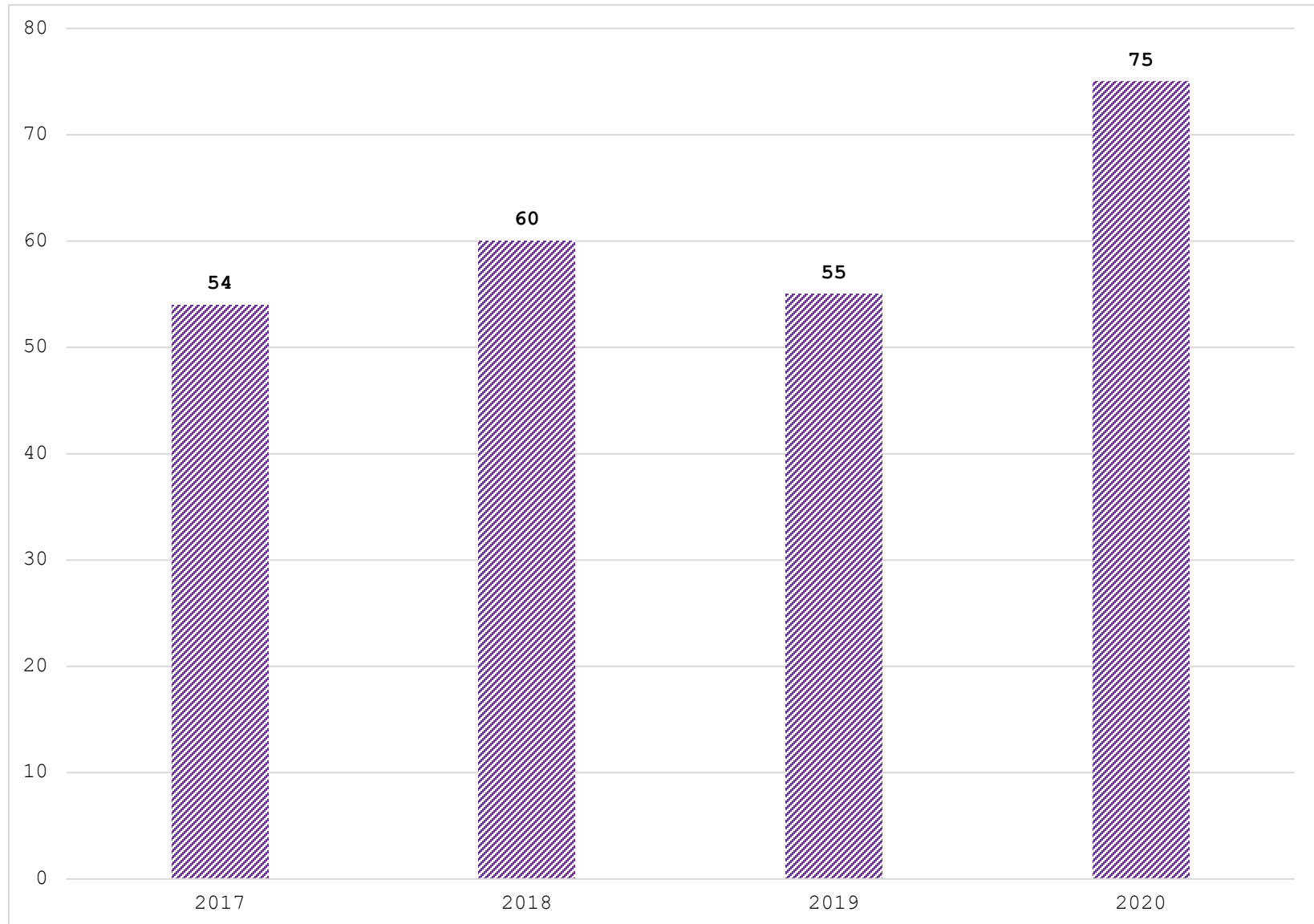
Town Ordinance Violations



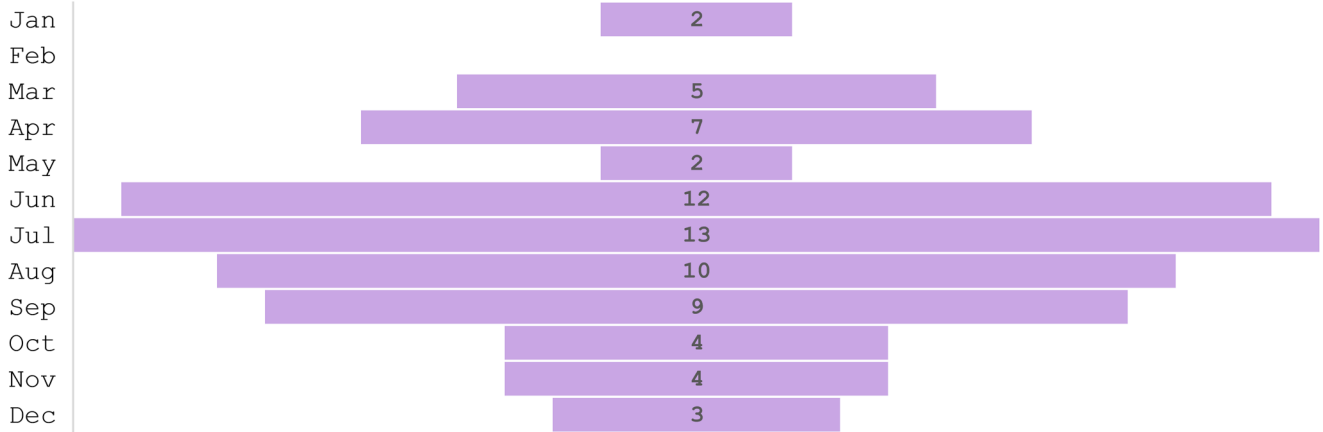
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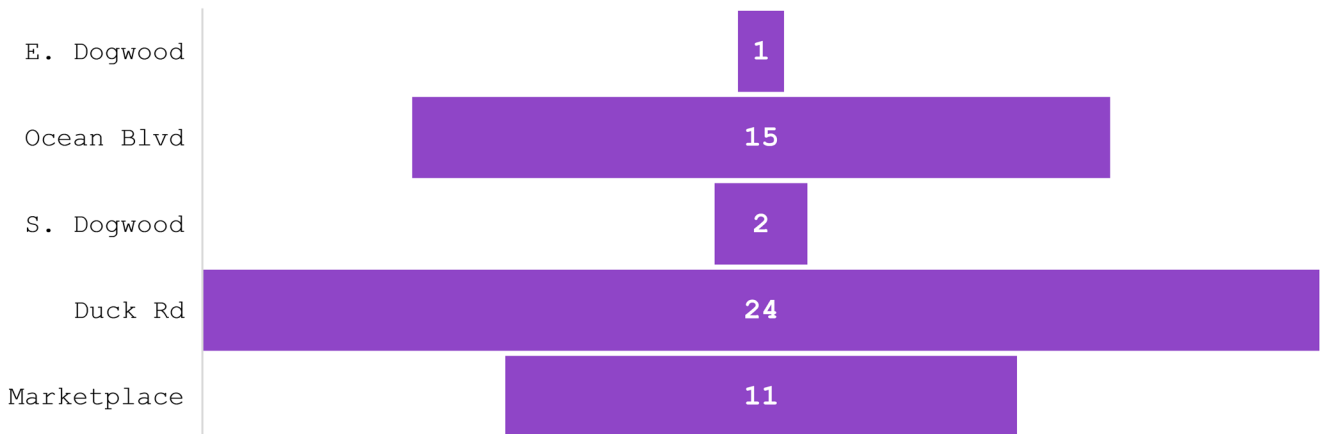
Motor Vehicle Accidents



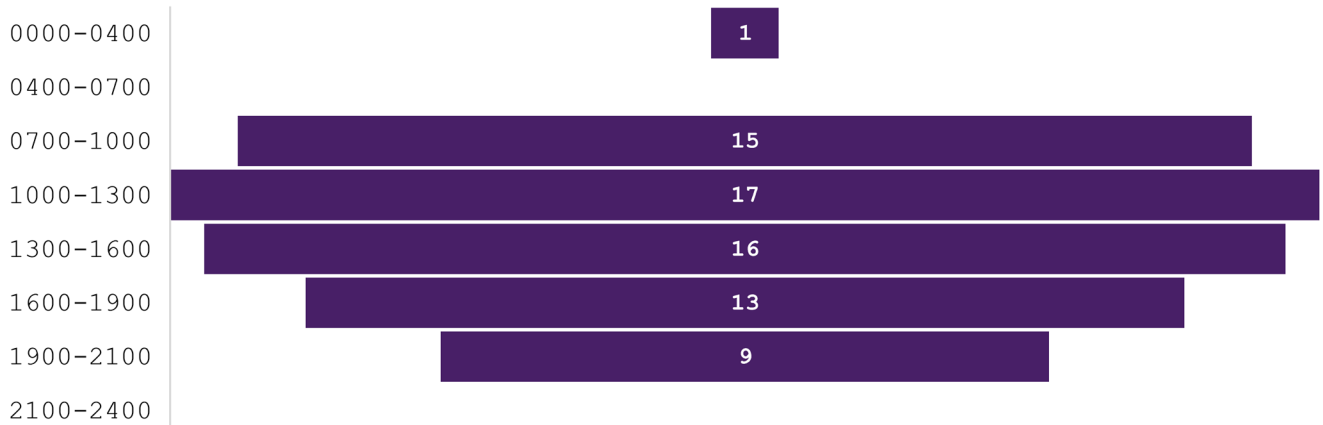
Accidents per Month



Location of Accidents



Time of Day Accident Occurred



Community Oriented Policing



2020

The Pandemic



2020 was a crazy year for us all. Safety protocols meant that there were many of those great Community Policing events that we love that we just were not able to do this year. As such, pictures are few this year but hopefully things will soon return to normal. Thanks to everyone in helping us to help keep you safe!



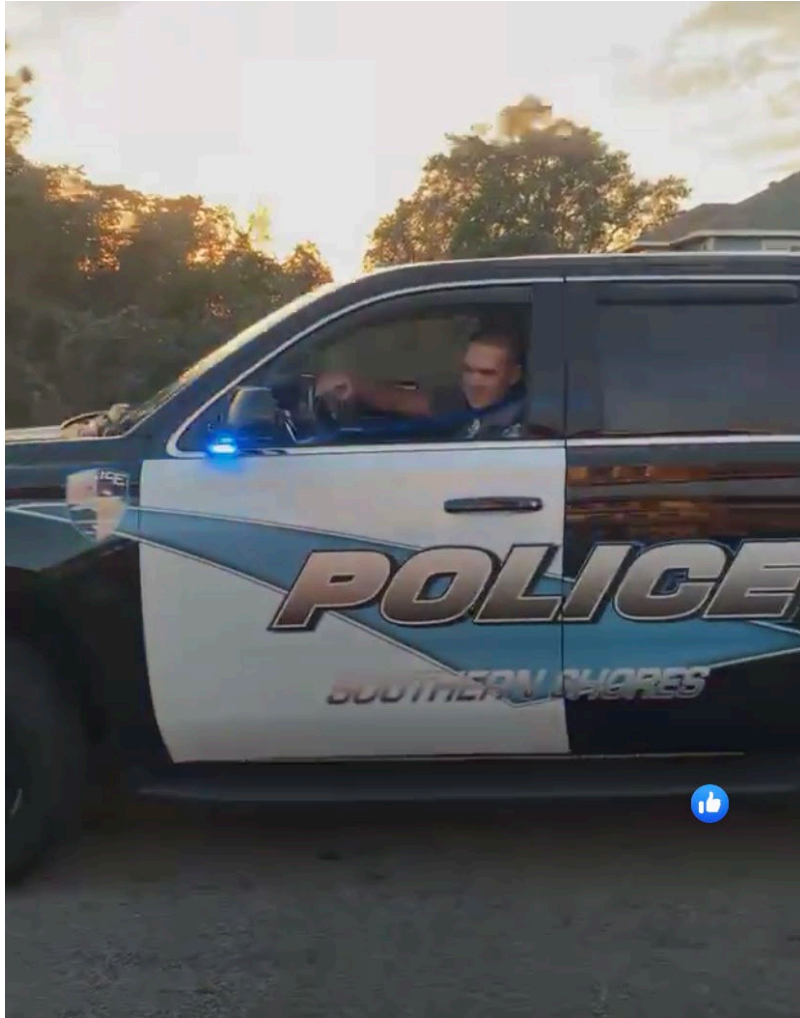
The pandemic kept us indoors a good part of the year which meant birthday parties were a no-go. Instead, drive-by parties became a thing!



Our officers LOVE
a party!

And a parade!





This is our
idea of a
drive-by!





School Resource Officer and Master Patrol Officer Tracy Mann was recognized at the October council meeting for ten years of service. Thanks Tracy!

Hopefully, one day soon we will be back to days like these. Thanks for all your support!





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