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**2021**  
**ANNUAL**  
**REPORT**

# Chief's Statement

2021 was a challenging year due to COVID19, as well as the numerous mandates and issues associated with the pandemic. The Town of Southern Shores, as most other towns in the Outer Banks, covered shifts and responded to calls for service in a manner that protected our citizens and our police officers and their families. Even with the pandemic, we continued to see an increase in visitors and the associated issues, including traffic and calls for service throughout the entire year including the off season. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of officers working here. On numerous occasions, we found ourselves trying to fill shifts due to shortages created, not only by the pandemic, but also the retirement in (Sept/Oct) of Sgt G. Farrow, and the departure in October of Officer J. Hemilright. Many officers stepped up to fill these voids/shifts allowing us to continue to provide exceptional police services.

Calls for Service (CFS) saw a slight decrease. The total for 2021 was 20,038 compared to 20,460 for 2020, a reduction of 422. Officers responded to an average of 1670 calls for service per month compared to 1705 last year. There was an *increase* of 574 extra patrols compared to 2020; many were saturation patrols directed in our "cut-through" neighborhoods during the peak of summer traffic. The largest *decrease* was the reduced number of property checks performed. Many of the rental homes were rented for the entire year, and many of the owners stayed at their rental homes throughout the pandemic. Property checks in 2020 were 1451, compared to 516 for 2021. That is a reduction of 935 property checks. There was a reduction in both foot patrols/community policing as it relates to Kitty Hawk Elementary School, due to COVID. Once in-person school was opened back up, officers did not conduct patrols inside the school unless our SRO (School Resource Officer) was off or sick. We still conducted perimeter checks each day.

Reported incidents remained about the same as last year, there was an increase in the number of crimes/offenses related to those incidents. Approximately 15% increase (41) additional offenses. The most significant increase was Controlled Substance (Drug) violations. Approximately a 90% increase from 33 in 2020 to 61 in 2021. DWI's were 2<sup>nd</sup> highest. Criminal arrests also reflected an increase of 18% over last year, with 56 Drug


Arrests and 21 DWI Arrests attributed to this increase. Traffic violations reflect an increase in Warning Citations and a reduction in actual Written Citations. I expected these numbers to be much lower than they are given the fact that our Officers were given great latitude due to the covid restrictions and reduced manpower. To keep our citizen and officers safe we were very lenient in our traffic enforcement expectations for 2021. Speeding still proved to be the largest number of violations with 170 written and another 97 warning citations issued.

Officers responded to a total of 83 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 58 of them were reportable. Once again, July was the highest month for reportable traffic accidents with a total of 15. June and August were 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively with 9 and 8. March was the lowest with "0". The highest traffic accident location continues to be (NC12) Duck Rd with 29 & Ocean Blvd. with 23. The time of day with the highest number of traffic accidents was between 4pm and 7pm with a total of 17 crashes.

A limited amount of in-person training was conducted 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 and defensively; this includes firearms training as well as defensive tactics. Our CPR/First Aid certifications most of which was done utilizing social distancing and/or virtual training options, was completed.

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.

Respectfully,

BY ORDER OF  


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Chief of Police

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SPO Chris Simpson  
PO Joshua Liverman

Administrative / Jennifer Couture  
Assistant

# 2021 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	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Accident	6	5	5	8	5	19	23	16	12	10	5	3	117
Alarm	28	15	16	25	26	21	15	20	0	27	22	24	239
Animal Call	7	4	3	7	7	8	9	9	6	8	9	0	77
Arrest	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Assault	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
Assist Motorist	1	2	3	6	3	12	8	6	2	8	2	0	53
Assist Another Agency	8	6	16	9	19	15	16	14	18	11	10	7	149
Beach Patrol	0	0	0	0	18	32	35	26	12	0	0	0	123
Breaking & Entering	2	2	2	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	13
Business Check	1524	1396	1337	1027	840	694	638	845	1049	892	882	948	12072
Careless & Reckless	4	1	5	11	9	15	20	15	11	8	8	4	111
Child Abuse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Communicating Threats	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	7
Community Policing	12	23	33	19	16	3	5	17	11	27	12	26	204
Disturbance	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	0	1	0	8
Dispute	3	4	0	3	5	4	2	3	2	2	0	3	31
Domestic	1	1	0	1	2	3	2	1	6	0	0	1	18
E911 Hang-up	1	0	5	3	2	4	8	5	4	3	0	1	36
EMS	14	10	22	27	18	24	23	27	14	19	12	11	221
Escort	1	1	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	9

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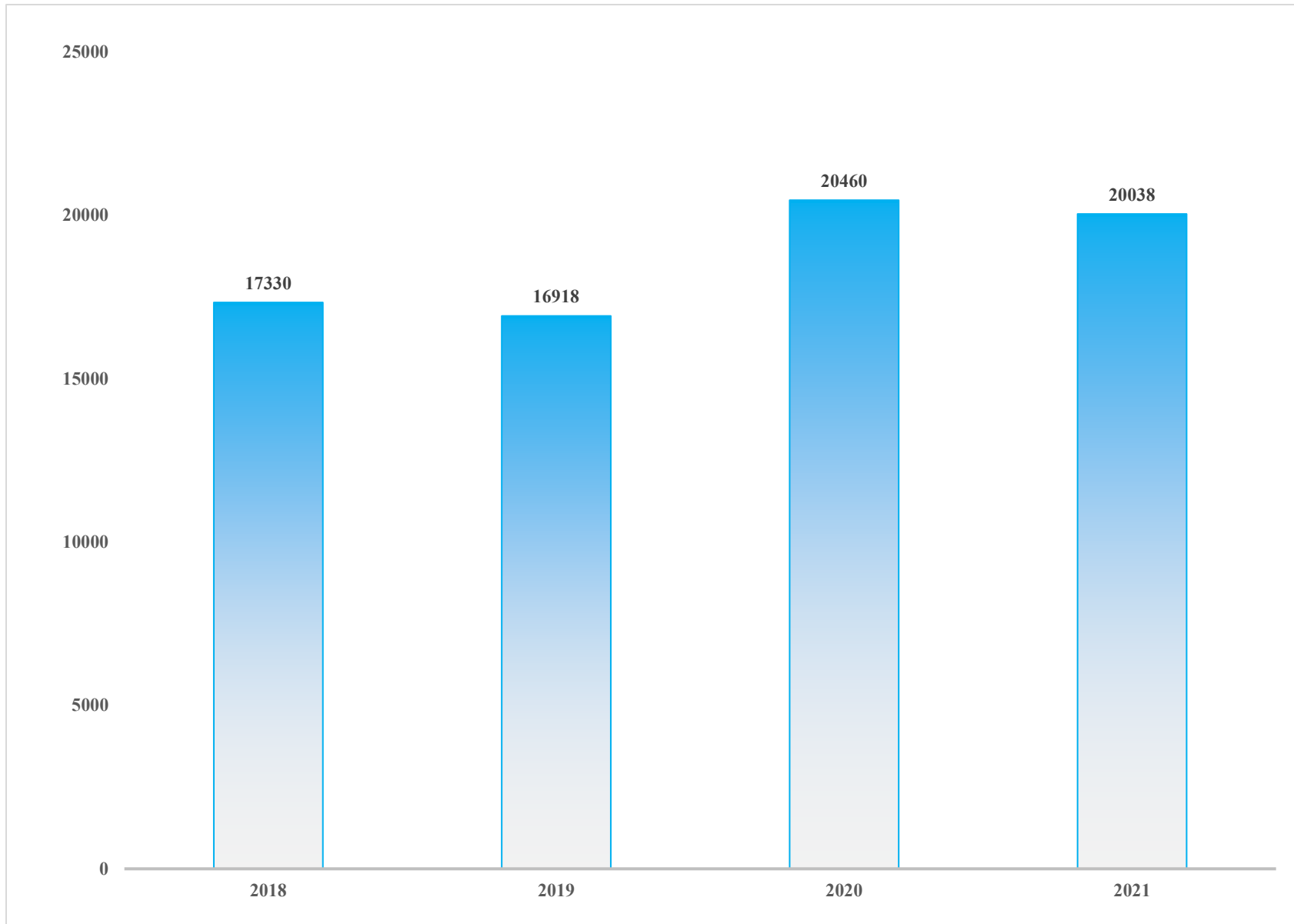
Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Extra Patrol	352	330	297	162	101	75	138	237	189	190	173	279	<b>2523</b>
Fingerprinting	0	0	0	2	0	4	2	0	2	2	0	0	<b>12</b>
Fire Call	4	6	1	7	14	14	18	17	23	16	5	4	<b>129</b>
Follow Up	16	11	4	17	19	32	14	13	12	8	11	11	<b>168</b>
Foot Patrol	27	26	43	14	21	21	47	38	50	49	32	49	<b>417</b>
Found Property	1	1	3	2	3	3	4	5	3	2	3	2	<b>32</b>
Fraud	1	2	2	0	0	3	3	3	0	1	0	1	<b>16</b>
Harassing Phone Calls	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	<b>3</b>
Improperly Parked Vehicle	1	2	8	0	14	22	21	11	6	3	1	3	<b>92</b>
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Injury to Property	0	1	0	1	3	3	2	2	2	2	0	1	<b>17</b>
Investigation	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	9	3	0	0	<b>17</b>
Juvenile	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	<b>5</b>
Larceny	3	3	0	2	4	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	<b>19</b>
Littering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Mental Person	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Missing Person	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>5</b>
Mutual Aid	2	0	3	5	4	5	7	4	2	4	7	7	<b>50</b>
Noise Complaint	3	1	3	5	9	15	5	9	7	3	4	4	<b>68</b>
Open Door	11	12	14	6	9	10	4	5	14	9	10	13	<b>117</b>
Other	14	26	25	13	22	30	27	9	13	20	17	16	<b>232</b>
Property Check	103	86	71	27	17	18	11	20	18	20	49	76	<b>516</b>

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Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Pyrotechnics	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	1	2	0	2	12
Schedule Violation	4	5	7	5	9	9	11	6	6	4	1	4	71
Suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Suspicious Condition	30	18	22	20	28	20	18	22	20	13	25	23	259
Talk With Officer	19	8	8	12	21	31	39	18	10	20	8	12	206
Town Code Violation	1	0	2	3	2	5	0	3	0	3	0	0	19
Traffic Direct	11	5	49	35	41	36	40	28	51	43	41	39	419
Traffic Stop	65	63	110	87	68	96	144	92	69	61	60	94	1009
Trespassing	1	4	1	0	4	3	2	0	1	2	0	1	19
Unauthorized Use	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Unlock Vehicle	0	1	0	2	1	3	5	3	0	1	1	2	19
Warrant Served	1	2	0	0	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	15
Water Rescue	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	3	0	0	1	12
Welfare Check	4	2	2	1	4	4	5	3	3	0	2	5	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>2288</b>	<b>2089</b>	<b>2125</b>	<b>1580</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>1331</b>	<b>1387</b>	<b>1567</b>	<b>1670</b>	<b>1502</b>	<b>1419</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>20038</b>



# Calls for Service



# Incidents Reported in 2021

Primary Offense	Total Reported	Cleared	Percentage Cleared
Rape	1	1	100%
Simple Assault	4	4	100%
Extortion/Blackmail	1	1	100%
Burglary/B&E	7	7	100%
Larceny	9	7	77.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1	100%
False Pretenses	2	2	100%
Credit/Debit Card Fraud	4	2	50%
Other Fraud	4	4	100%
Stolen Property Offenses	2	2	100%
Damage to Property	12	12	100%
Controlled Substance Violations	61	55	90.2%
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	1	100%
Weapons Violations	3	3	100%
DWI	21	21	100%
Trespassing	5	5	100%
All Other	58	57	98.3%
	<b>196</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>94.4%</b>

# Offenses Reported in 2021

Offense	Total Reported
Rape	1
Simple Assault	7
Extortion/Blackmail	1
Burglary/B&E	9
Larceny	10
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Fraud	11
Stolen Property Offenses	4
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	14
Drug/Narcotic Violations	86
Drug Equipment Violations	42
Pornography/Obscene Material	1
Weapons Law Violations	5
Disorderly Conduct	1
Driving Under the Influence	25
Liquor Law Violations	11
Trespass of Real Property	6
Domestic	3
Warrant Service	17
Resist, Obstruct or Delay	5
Overdose	1
Traffic Violations	52
Hit & Run	8
Death Investigation	5
Animal Bite	3
Indecent Exposure	2
Involuntary Commitment	2
Dispute	4
Suicide	2
Other	18
<b>Total Offenses</b>	<b>358</b>

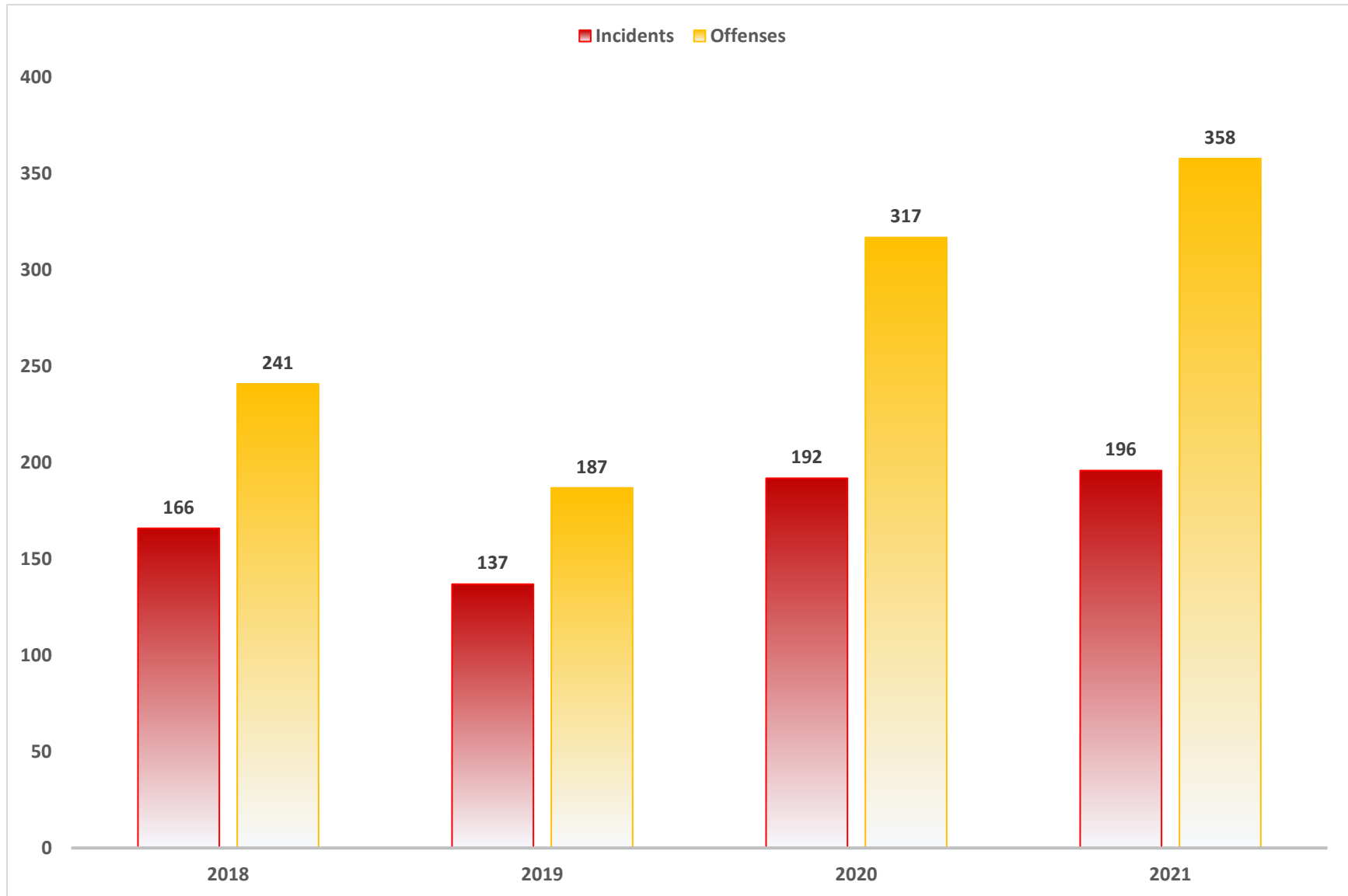
# Incidents/Crimes Reported

**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 2021

Primary Offense	Arrest Totals
Simple Assault	3
Breaking & Entering	2
Larceny	3
Drugs	56
Weapons Violations	3
Disorderly Conduct	1
DWI	21
Trespassing	4
All Other Offenses	24
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117</b>

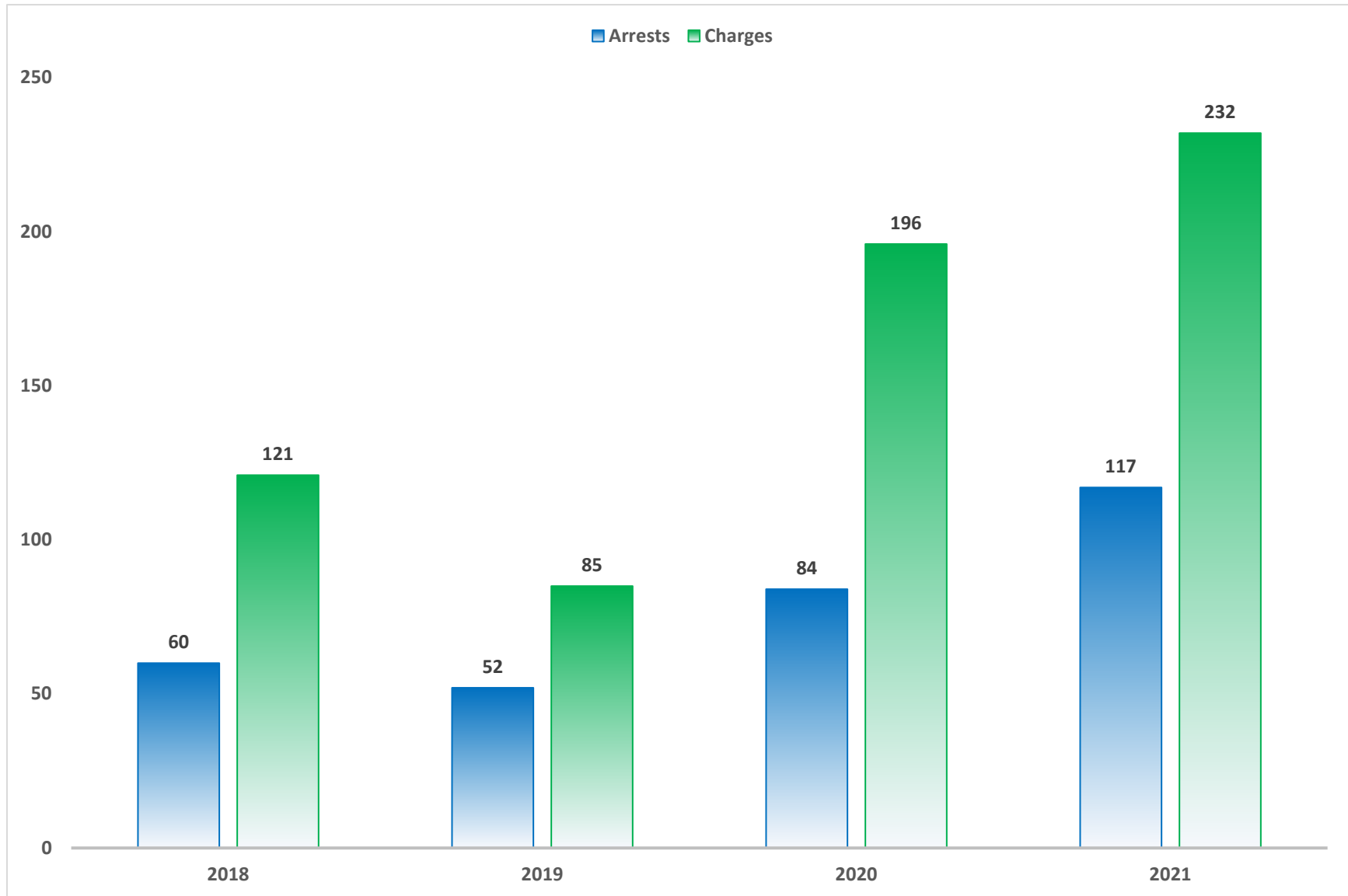
# Criminal Arrests / Charges

**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

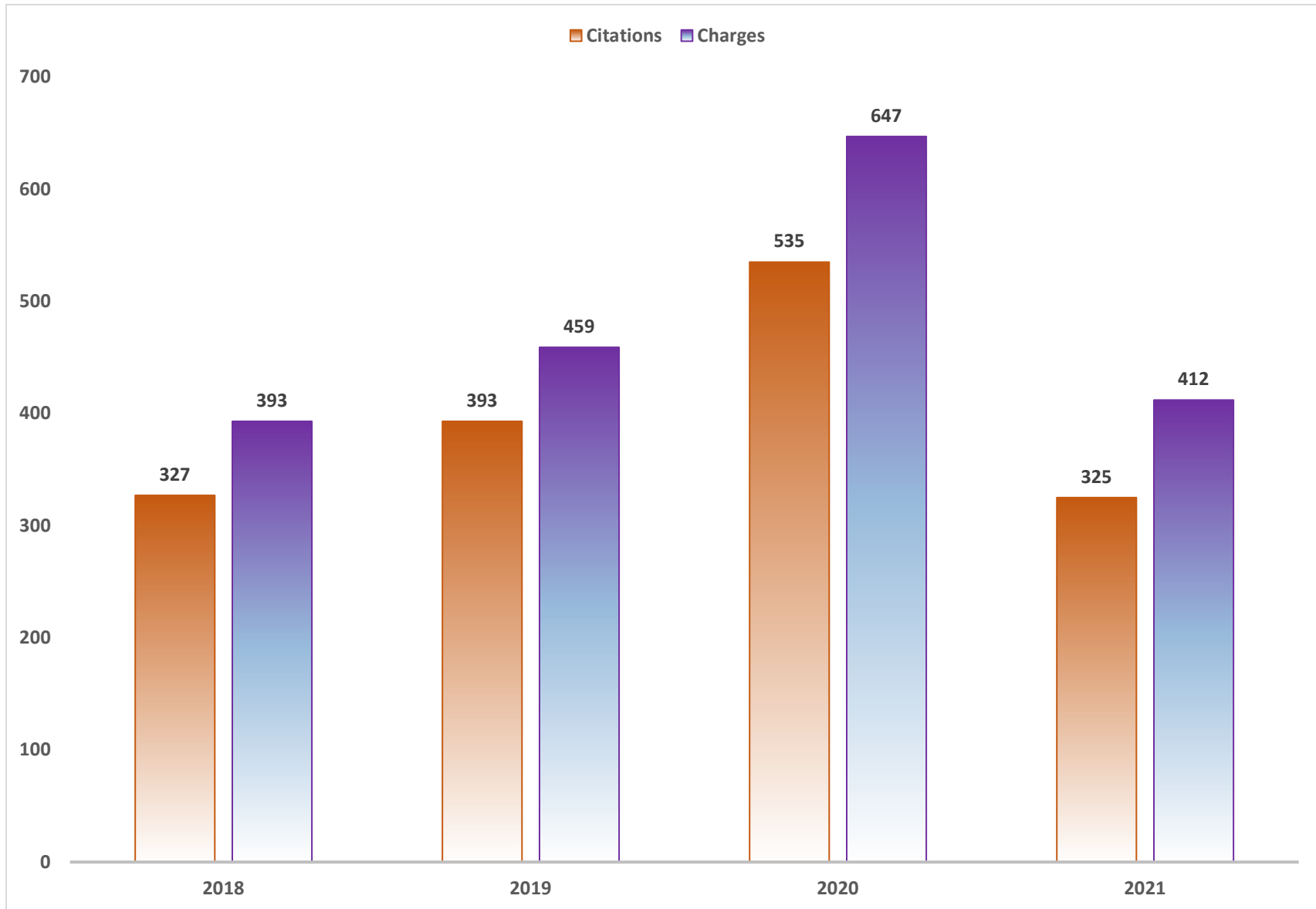




# Violations Issued on NC State Citations

Violations	Total Issued
Driver's License	53
Registration	49
Speeding	97
Stop Light / Sign	29
Seat Belt / Child Restraint	28
Insurance	4
ABC (alcohol related)	6
Unsafe Movement	10
Drugs	68
Following Too Closely	4
Improper Turn	5
Improper Passing	19
Careless & Reckless	5
Fail To Yield	3
Insurance	3
Hit & Run	3
Larceny	2
Inspection	13
Equipment	3
Other	8
<b>TOTAL Violations</b>	<b>412</b>

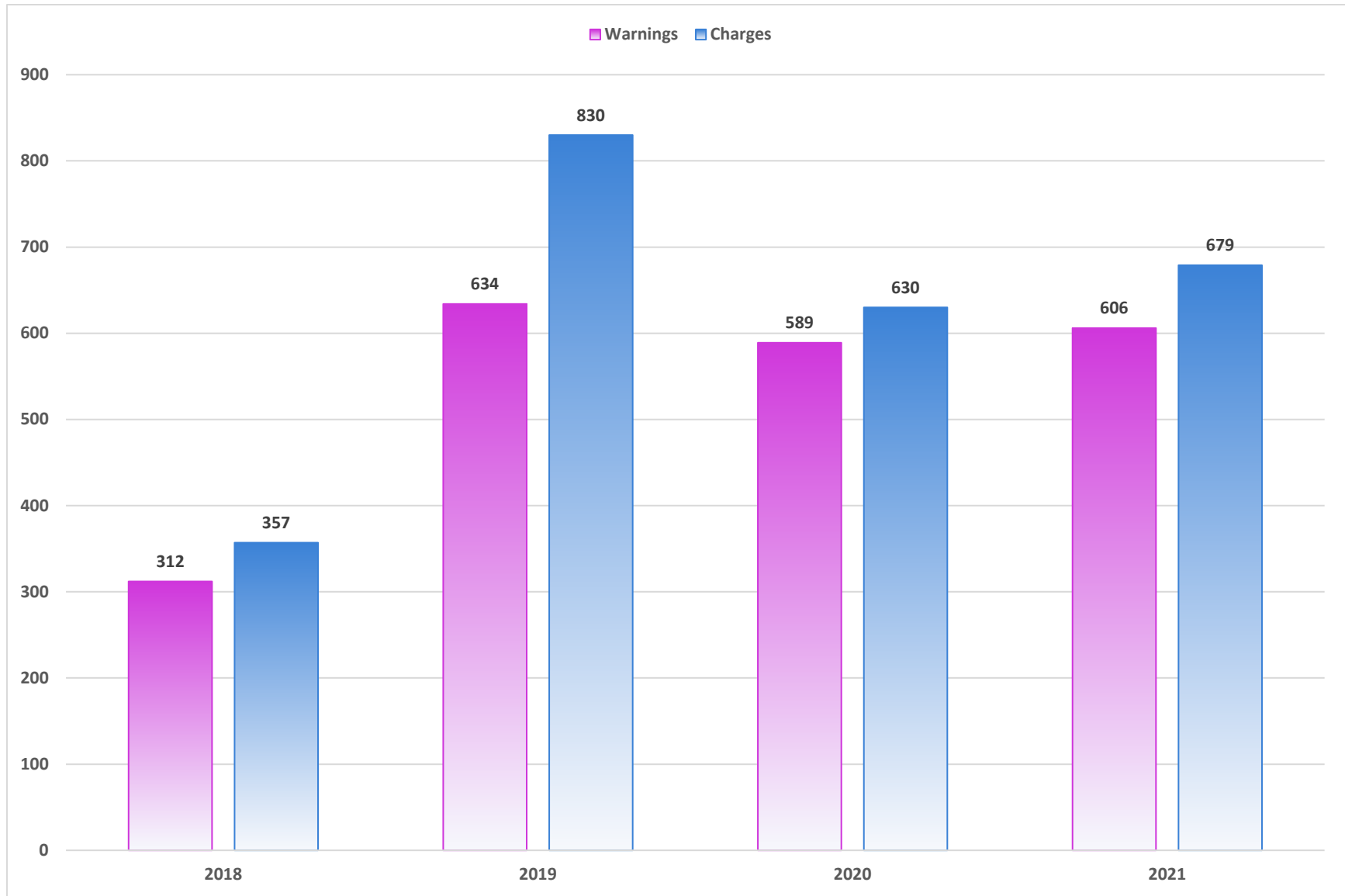
# Citations / Charges



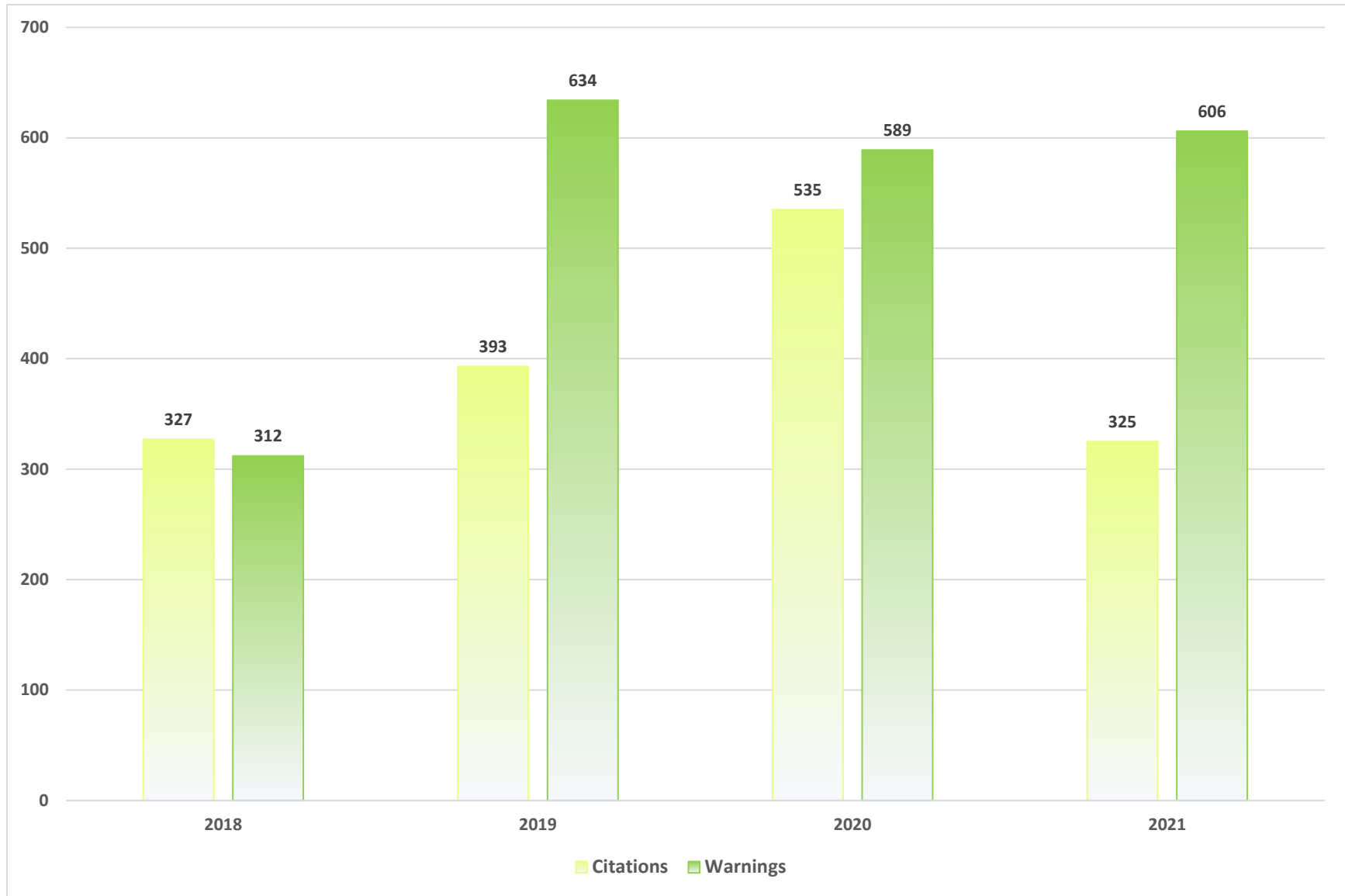
# Violations Issued via Written Warning

Violations	Total Issued
Driver's License Violation	27
Equipment	177
Failure to Wear Seat Belts	17
Failure to Yield	6
Following Too Closely	2
Improper Passing	8
Improper Turn	3
Inspection Violation	15
Left of Center	17
Littering	1
Insurance	1
Obstructed Window	1
Registration	94
Speeding	170
Stop Sign/Signal	101
Unsafe Movement	13
Drugs	3
ABC (alcohol related)	5
Tobacco	1
Fail to Move Over	2
No Helmet	1
Other	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>679</b>

# Warnings / Charges



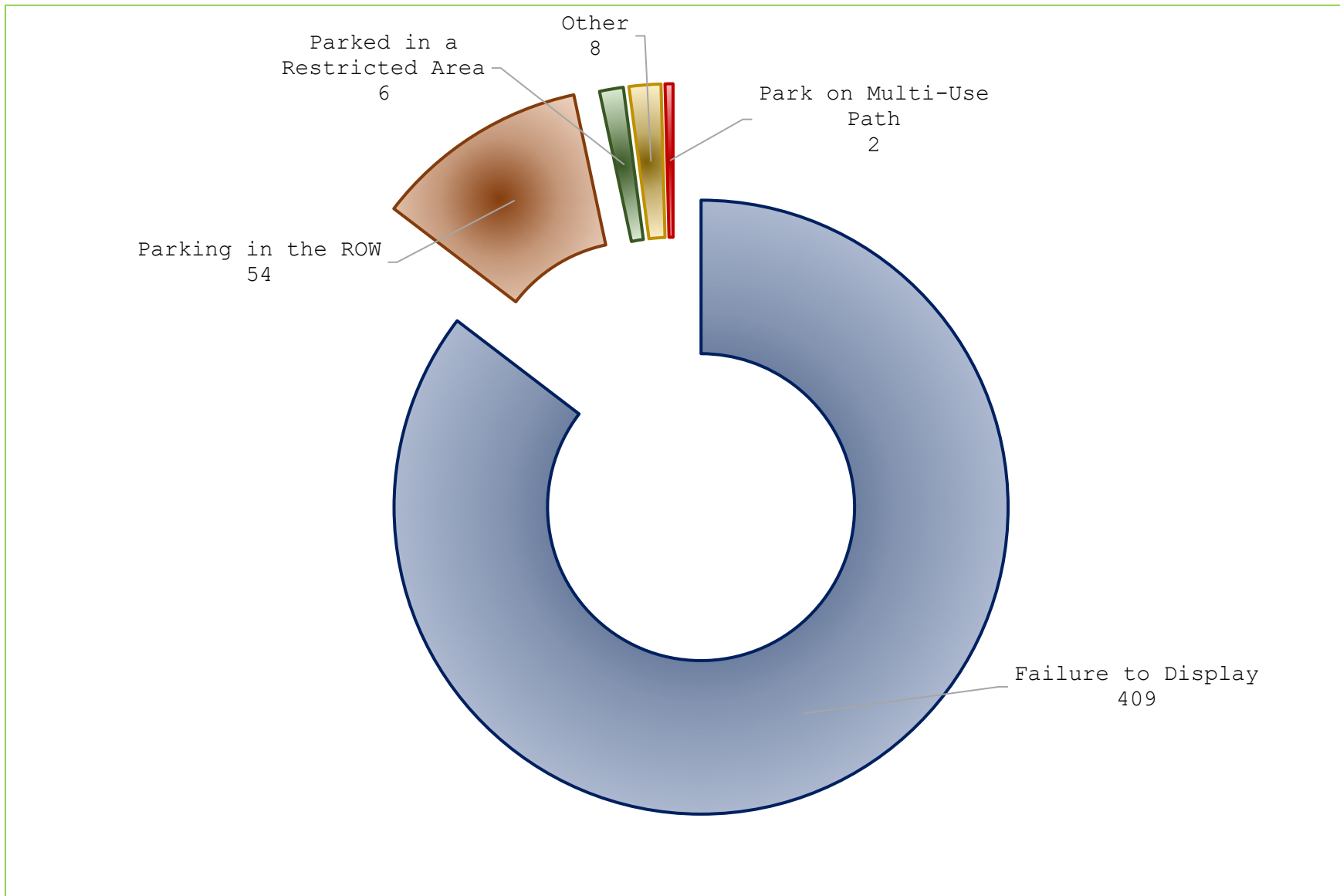
# Citations and Warnings



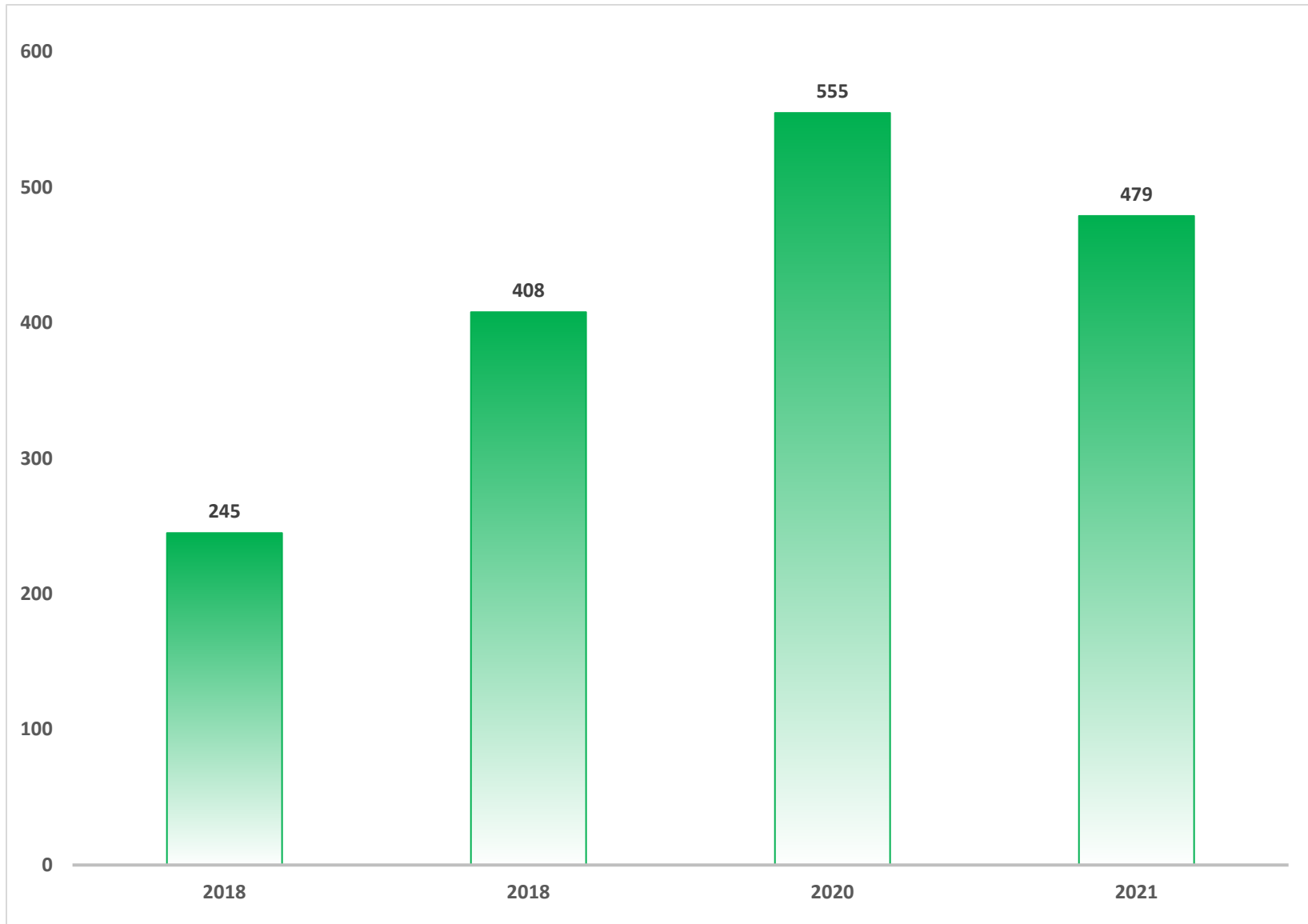
# Ordinance Violations

<b>Violations</b>	<b>Total Issued</b>
Park on Multi-Use Path	2
Failure to Display Permit	409
Parked in Restricted Area	6
Parking in ROW	54
Other	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>479</b>

# Town Ordinance Violations

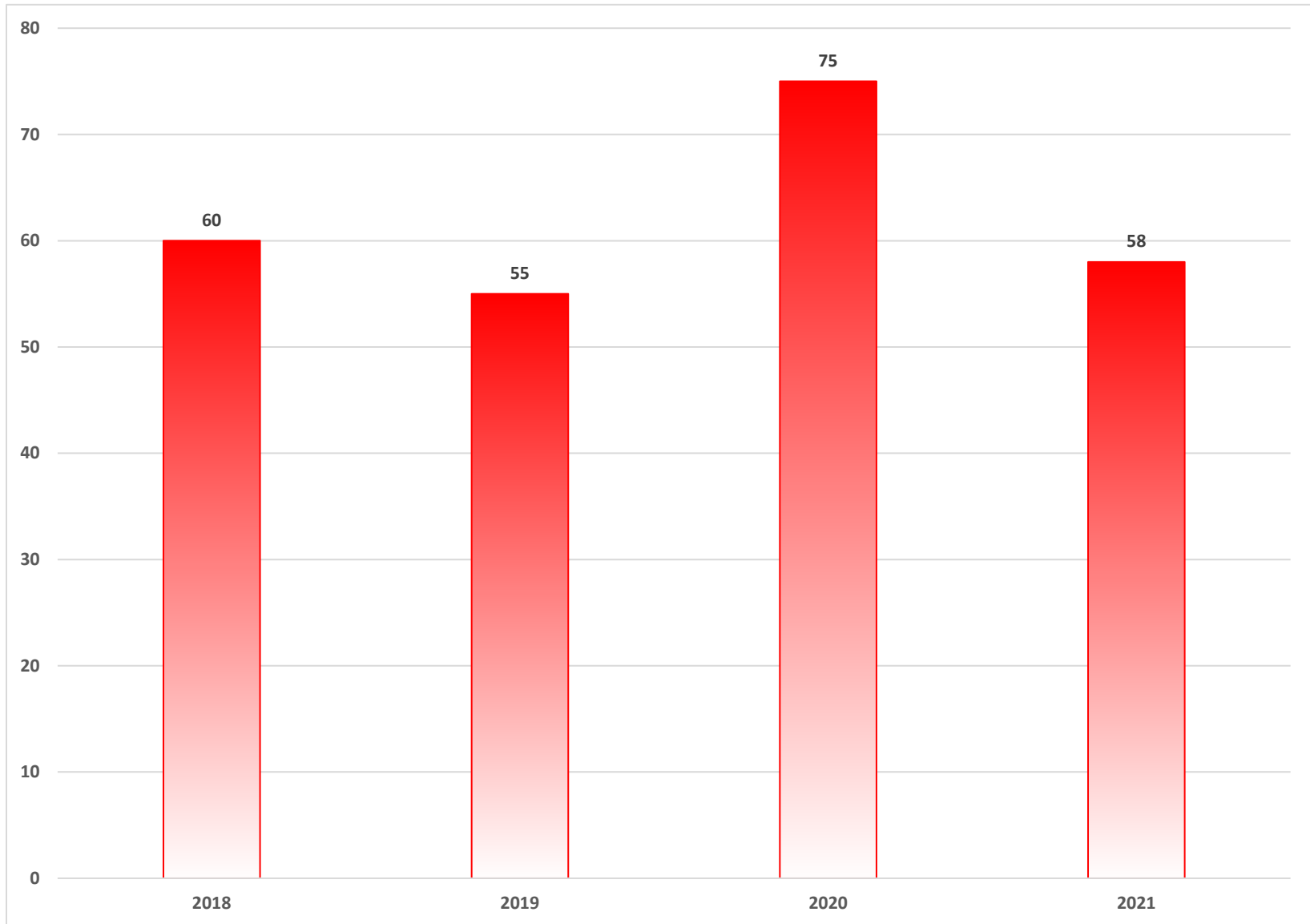


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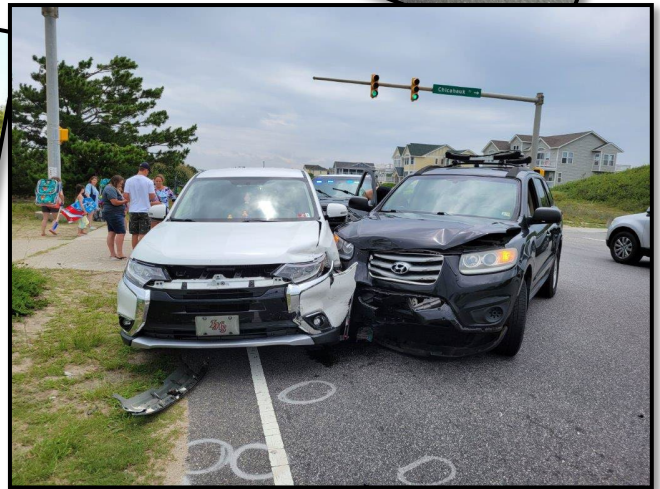




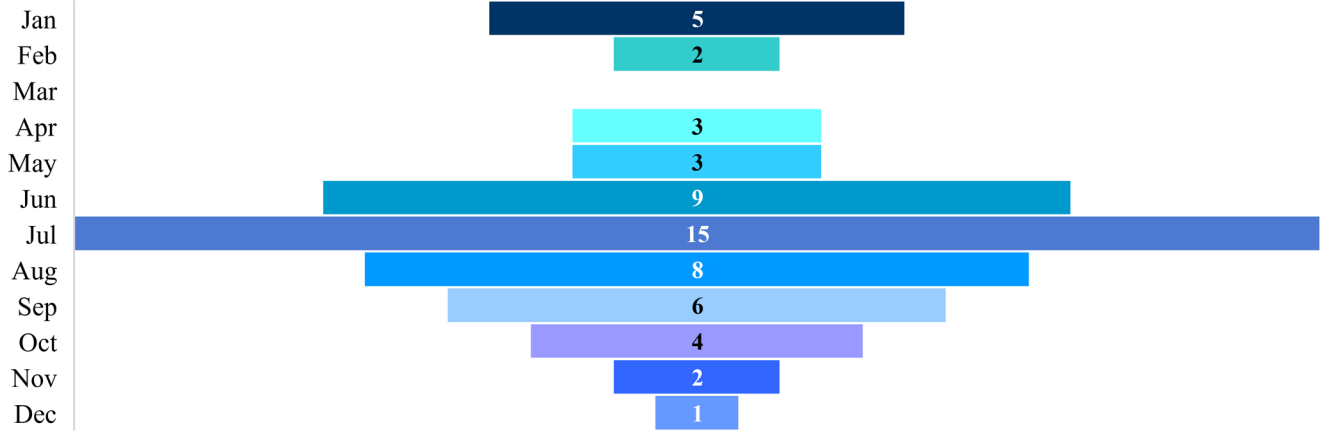
# Motor Vehicle Accidents



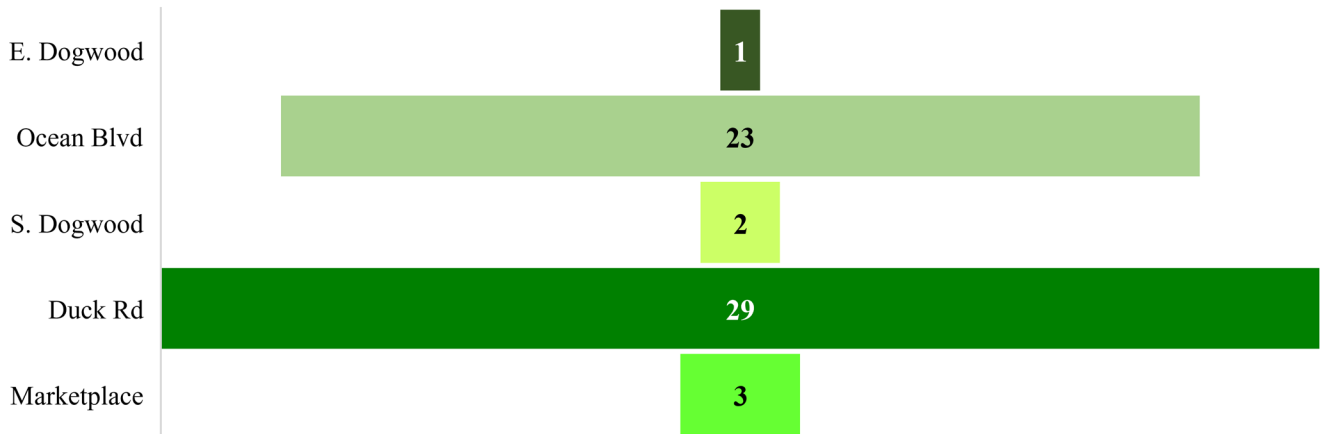
# *Traffic Accidents*



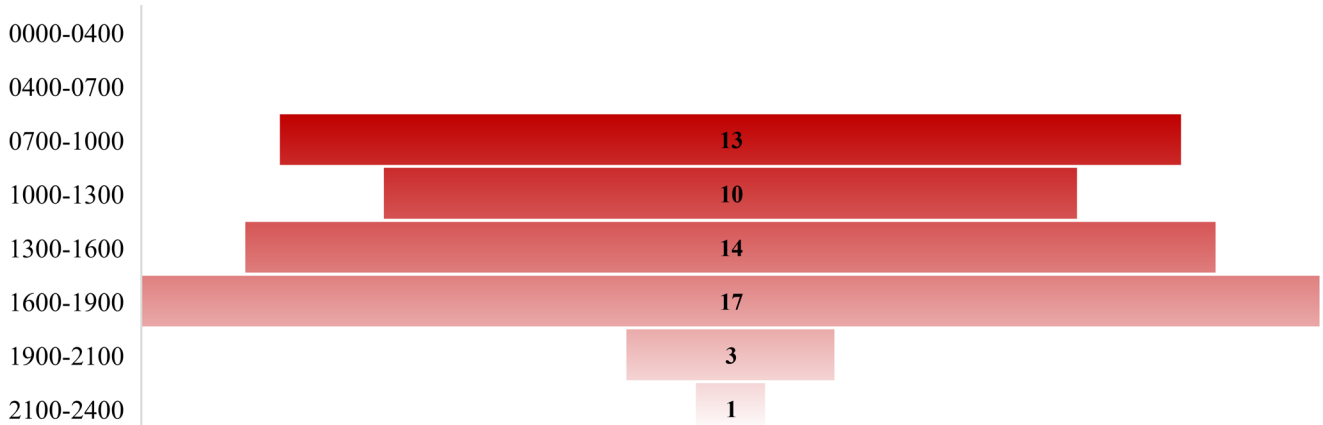
## Accidents per Month



## Location of Accidents



## Time of Day Accident Occurred





**2021**

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Policing*



Sgt. Eric Brinkley, SRO Tracy Mann, SPO Jamie Hines and Cpl. Darrell Brickhouse were recognized at the April 2021 Town Council meeting for Lifesaving Awards that were presented to them by the Southern Shores Police Department at their annual awards luncheon for heroic lifesaving measures that these officers provided to multiple persons and a serious vehicle crash that occurred on US Hwy 158 near Duckwoods Drive on July 14, 2020. The accident was so severe that the bypass was closed down temporarily, at least one passenger has to be extricated from the vehicle by the Fire Department and multiple persons were flown out by helicopter to hospitals in Virginia.



Chief David Kole is giving a tour of the police department to some of our young summer guests. We are more than happy to share what we do with those, particularly young people, who are interested in what we do.



At the 2021 Annual Awards Luncheon, Deputy Chief Jon Slegel was awarded the coveted title of Top Gun for 2020. This title goes to the officer that has the highest average firearms score for the calendar year.



## *2020 Officer of the Year*

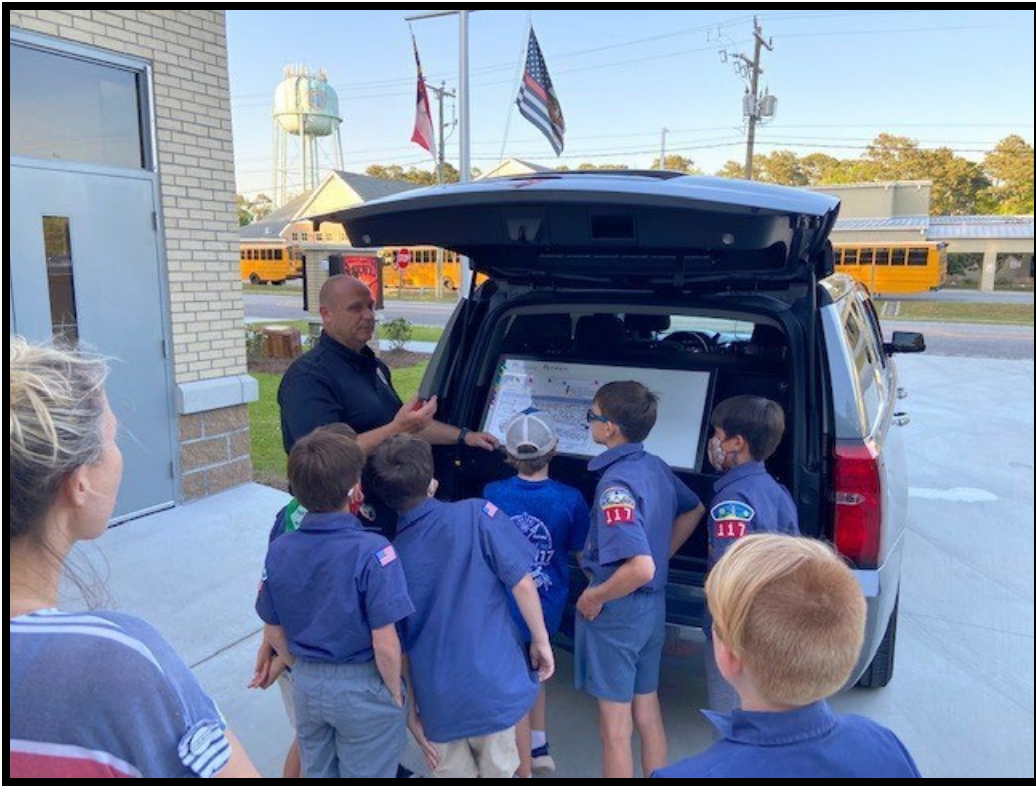
SPO Zach Eanes was awarded Officer of the Year for 2020. Officers are nominated by and voted for this honor by their fellow officers and confirmed by the Chief of Police. The title is awarded in recognition of those officers that perform over and above the expected level of work. Congratulations SPO Eanes! The award is well deserved.



Deputy Chief Jon Slegel host a meeting of Cub Scout Pack 116 at the Southern Shores Fire Department. He talked with them about the collection of forensic evidence in crime investigation.





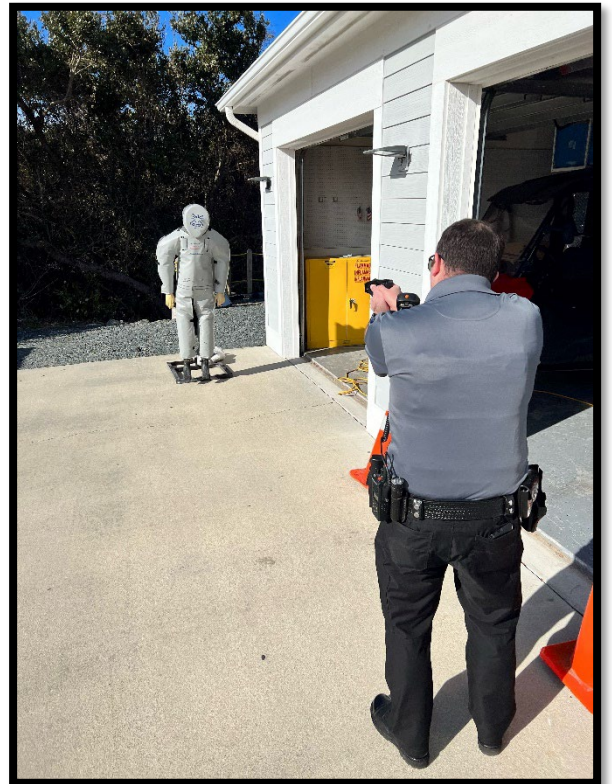


The Scouts learned how to dust for and collect fingerprints as well as how to collect and package physical evidence. There could be a future police officer in this crowd!





In-Service Taser Training. Every year officers are required to complete a number of hours in-service training which consists of repeat training for things such as firearms and taser and update training for things such as laws that have changed and new techniques and philosophies for various aspects of law enforcement.



# 2021 Annual Fall Carnival

Another town favorite is the Annual Fall Festival hosted by Kitty Hawk Elementary School. We have missed being out there with the kids because of Covid but we were back this year fingerprinting, games, toys and fun!





Deputy Chief Jon Slegel's son, Ethan, is a student at Kitty Hawk Elementary School so he had two good reasons to lend a hand!





At least two Southern Shores police vehicles were on display including the storm truck. The kids really enjoy getting a close up look at all the police equipment and sitting in the driver's seat.

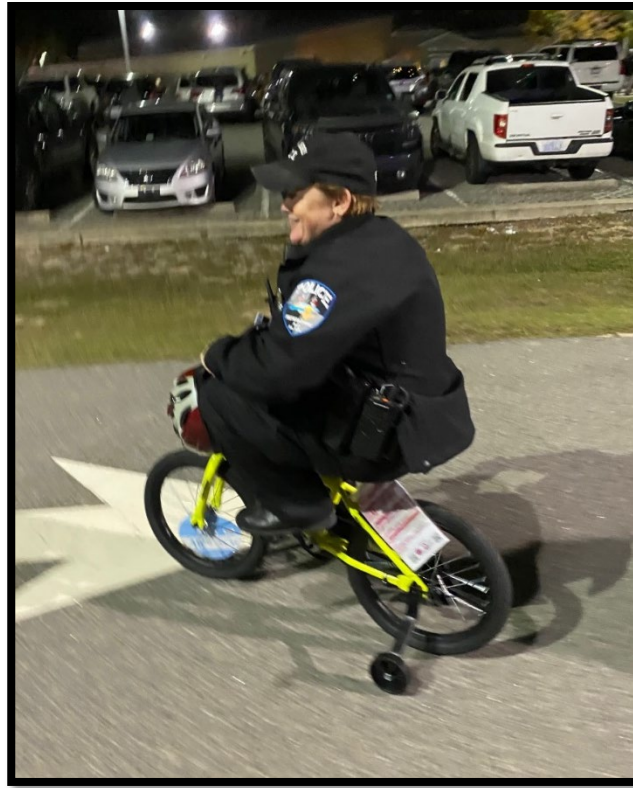






Many officers were on hand to give out goodies to the kids as well as offering fingerprinting services with a child ID kit that offers lots of helpful information.





Two bicycles which were generously donated by Walmart were raffled off by the police department to raise money for the school. School Resource Officer Tracy Mann was on hand to show off her awesome bike skills!





# Toys For Tots

With the pandemic hopefully winding down, our officers were able to participate in some things that we have missed out on the last couple of years including the annual Toys for Tots drive. Cpl. Darrell Brickhouse acted as the department's liaison for the drive as he has in previous years and the Southern Shores Police Department was one of several drop off locations around the county for toy donations.

