SOUTHERN SHORES

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2016 Annual Report

Town of Southern Shores

Mayor	***Tom Bennett***
Council Members	***Chris Nason***
	Leo Holland
	Gary McDonald
	Fred Newberry
Town Manager	***Peter Rascoe***

Chief of Police	***David M. Kole***
Police Lieutenant	***Jon Slegel***
Police Sergeants	***Brad Eilert*** ***Matt Cooke***
Police Officers	***Darrell Brickhouse*** ***Jeremy Hemilright*** ***Tracy Mann*** ***Eddie McKeever*** ***George Farrow*** ***Ryan Jones*** ***Mike Theetge*** ***Eric Brinkley***
Administrative Assistant	***Jennifer Couture***

2016 Monthly Calls for Service

Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Accident	5	8	6	6	9	9	21	16	11	7	10	2	**110**
Alarm	16	16	26	19	20	15	16	12	32	30	32	25	**259**
Animal Call	6	3	20	3	19	11	16	17	6	2	5	11	**119**
Assault	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	**4**
Assist Motorist	8	4	4	5	5	9	11	13	9	17	6	6	**97**
Assist Other Agency	6	10	8	9	12	9	13	16	11	9	5	4	**112**
Attempt To Locate	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Beach Patrol	0	1	0	0	12	36	46	31	11	0	0	0	**137**
BOLO	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
Breaking & Entering	7	0	5	0	1	4	5	5	3	0	4	5	**39**
Business Check	207	207	239	218	185	205	226	217	205	197	201	260	**2567**
Careless & Reckless	1	3	4	7	3	16	17	8	5	4	3	6	**77**
Community Policing	10	6	15	14	11	7	9	9	14	22	20	15	**152**
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**0**
Dispute	2	2	2	3	1	6	3	4	2	0	4	5	**34**
Domestic	2	1	0	1	4	2	1	3	2	0	3	0	**19**
E911 Hangup	2	0	1	3	5	2	1	11	6	6	2	4	**43**
EMS	10	11	20	14	23	28	37	31	20	13	19	17	**243**
Escort	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	**12**
Extra Patrol	257	243	113	88	175	131	61	72	91	91	108	157	**1587**
Fingerprinting	4	4	1	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	0	1	**18**
Fire Call	7	3	5	3	4	10	5	9	28	16	5	3	**98**
Follow Up	5	7	21	10	11	9	17	25	10	14	6	15	**150**
Foot Patrol	51	47	49	47	62	77	58	52	68	53	41	45	**650**
Found Property	2	3	0	1	4	3	7	12	12	6	0	3	**53**

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Calls for Service	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Fraud	6	4	5	5	3	2	8	4	2	2	1	3	**45**
Harrassing Phone Calls	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	**4**
Improperly Parked Vehicle	3	5	5	10	19	24	60	40	15	11	13	10	**215**
Injury To Property	3	2	3	2	1	3	2	6	4	2	0	3	**31**
Investigation	2	1	1	3	0	1	1	3	1	4	1	1	**19**
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	**4**
Larceny	4	3	2	3	0	7	6	5	1	3	0	2	**36**
Mental Person	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	**3**
Missing Person	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	**7**
Mutual Aid	3	1	1	2	3	2	5	6	2	2	0	4	**31**
Noise Complaint	2	1	2	4	7	8	4	12	2	3	2	3	**50**
Open Door	15	8	11	7	5	7	10	7	6	11	8	20	**115**
Other	20	26	19	13	35	27	32	33	24	35	13	28	**305**
Property Check	150	119	136	121	71	67	50	29	41	51	64	136	**1035**
Pyrotechnics	0	0	1	0	0	2	21	1	1	0	0	1	**27**
Schedule Violation	1	2	1	2	3	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	**20**
Suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	**2**
Suspicious Condition	30	24	22	13	23	18	37	34	33	34	20	24	**312**
Talk With Officer	29	32	39	29	71	40	48	38	22	27	18	24	**417**
Town Code Violation	0	0	2	1	0	1	7	0	1	0	0	0	**12**
Traffic Direct	40	50	37	43	46	17	25	14	51	52	50	26	**451**
Traffic Stop	89	80	105	91	155	158	217	147	62	56	53	48	**1261**
Trespassing	2	0	3	1	0	1	0	3	1	1	2	1	**15**
Unauthorized Use	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
Unlock Vehicle	1	2	0	2	2	4	2	2	2	0	1	2	**20**

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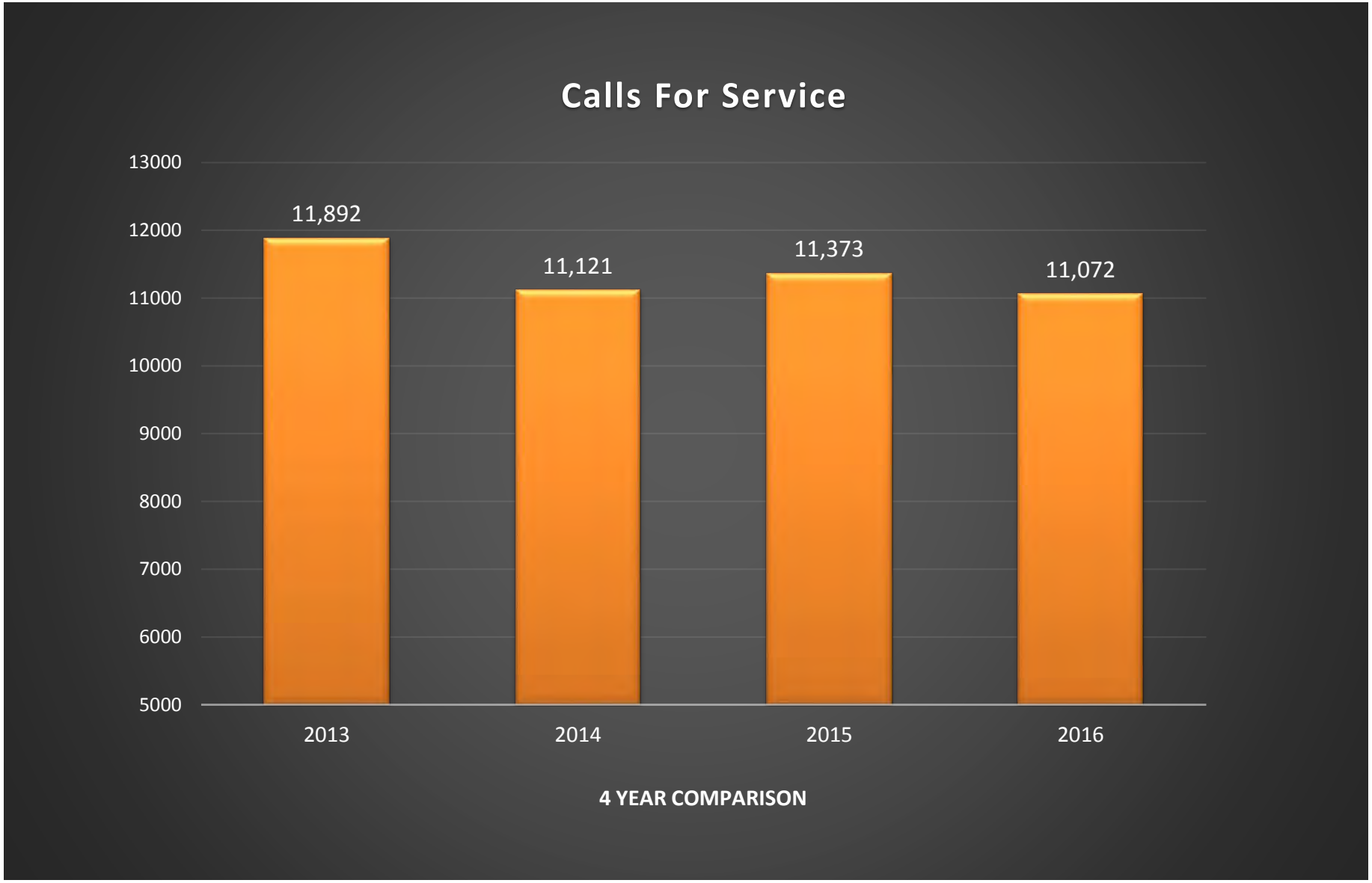
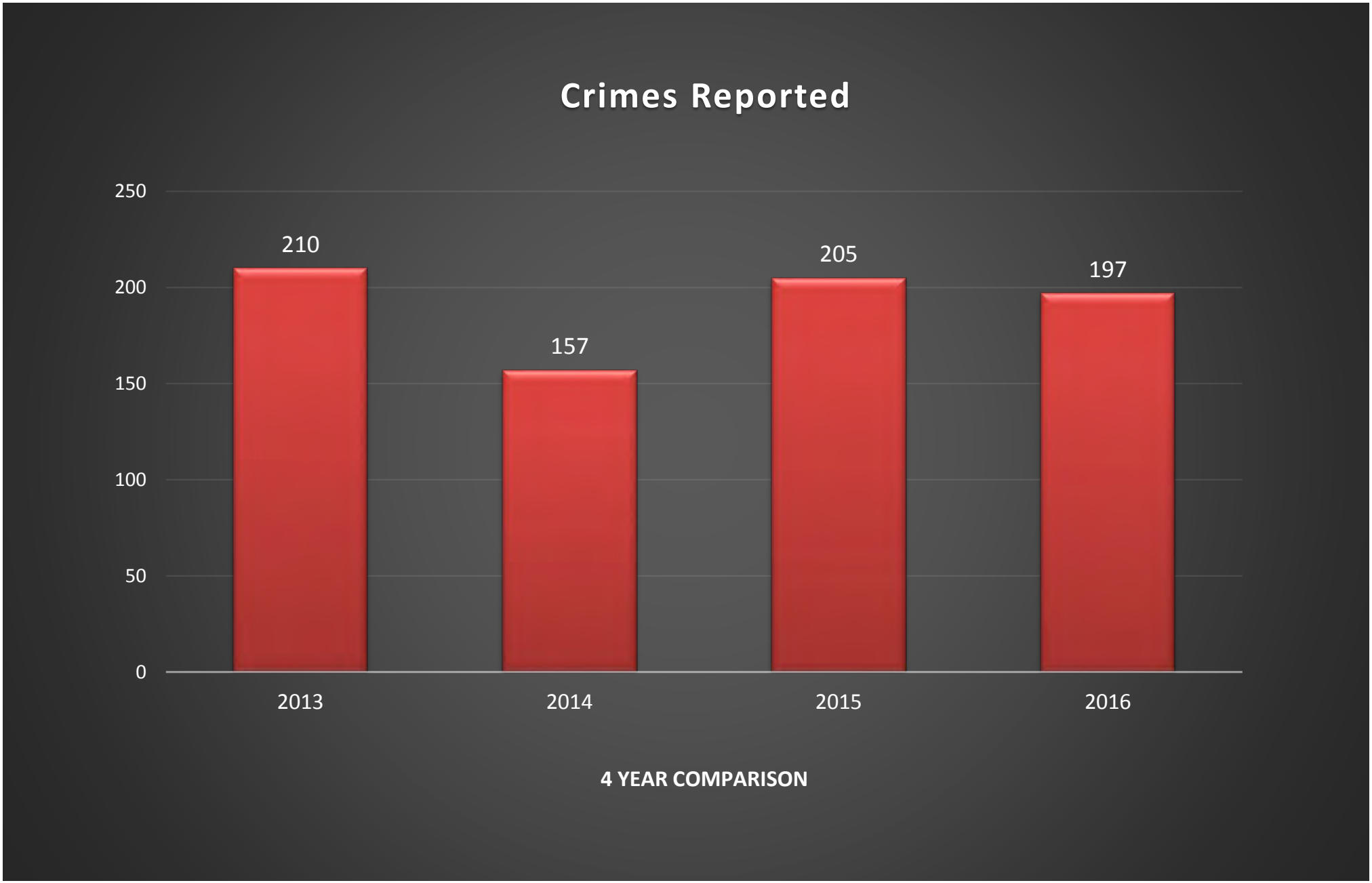
Warrant Served	7	1	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	**15**
Water Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	4	0	1	0	0	**11**
Welfare Check	2	3	1	0	0	1	2	3	3	2	5	4	**26**
Total	**1019**	**944**	**939**	**810**	**1015**	**989**	**1130**	**960**	**824**	**784**	**730**	**928**	**11072**


Calls For Service
13000
12000
11000
10000
9000
8000
7000
6000
5000
11,892
11,121
11,373
11,072
2013
2014
2015
2016
4 YEAR COMPARISON

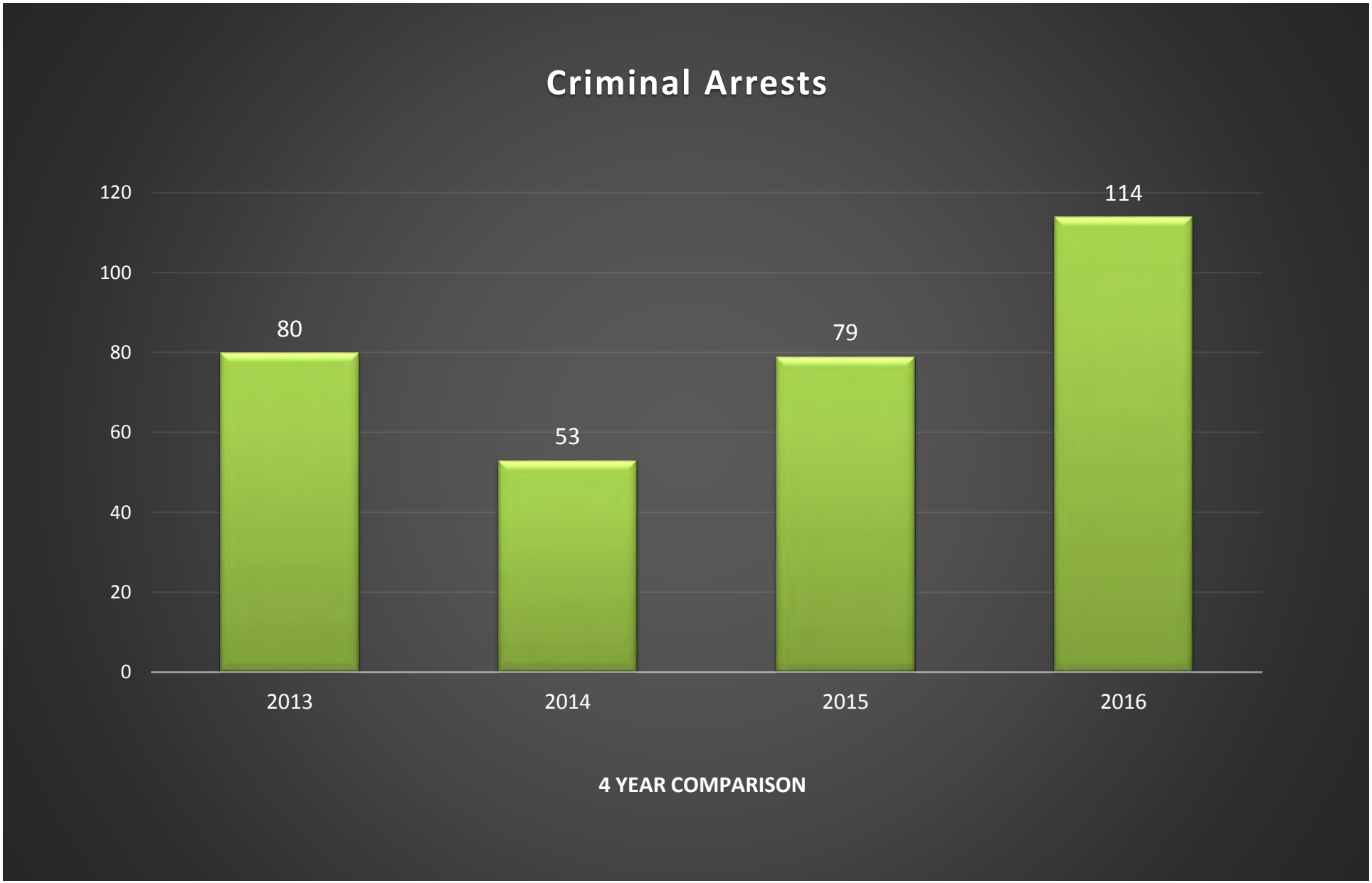
2016 Crimes Reported

Crime / Offense	Total Reported	Cleared	Percentage Cleared
Burglary	19	1	5.3%
Larceny	41	8	19.5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	0.0%
Simple Assault	7	4	57.1%
Arson	2	1	50.0%
Fraud	16	8	50.0%
Criminal Damage to Property	21	4	19.1%
Peeping Tom	1	1	100.0%
All Other Sex Offenses	2	2	100.0%
Drug Violations	29	27	93.1%
Non-Support	1	1	100.0%
All Other Against Family	2	2	100.0%
DWI	23	20	87.0%
Trespassing	1	0	0.0%
All Traffic	10	6	60.0%
Other	21	7	33.3%
TOTAL	**197**	**92**	**46.70%**


Crimes Reported
250
200
150
100
50
0
210
157
205
197
2013
2014
2015
2016
4 YEAR COMPARISON

2016 Criminal Arrests

Crime / Offense	Arrest Totals
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary	2
Larceny	5
Simple Assault	5
Fraud	2
Possessing/Concealing Stolen Property	5
Weapons Violation	1
Peeping Tom	1
Drug Violations	31
Non-Support	1
All Other Offenses Against Family	1
DWI	21
Possessing/Concealing - Tax Paid Liquor	2
Selling/Distributing - Non-Tax Paid Liquor	1
All Other Liquor Law Violations	1
Escape From Custody or Resist Arrest	1
Trespassing	2
All Other Offenses	7
All Traffic	24
TOTAL	**114**


Criminal Arrests
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
80
53
79
114
2013
2014
2015
2016
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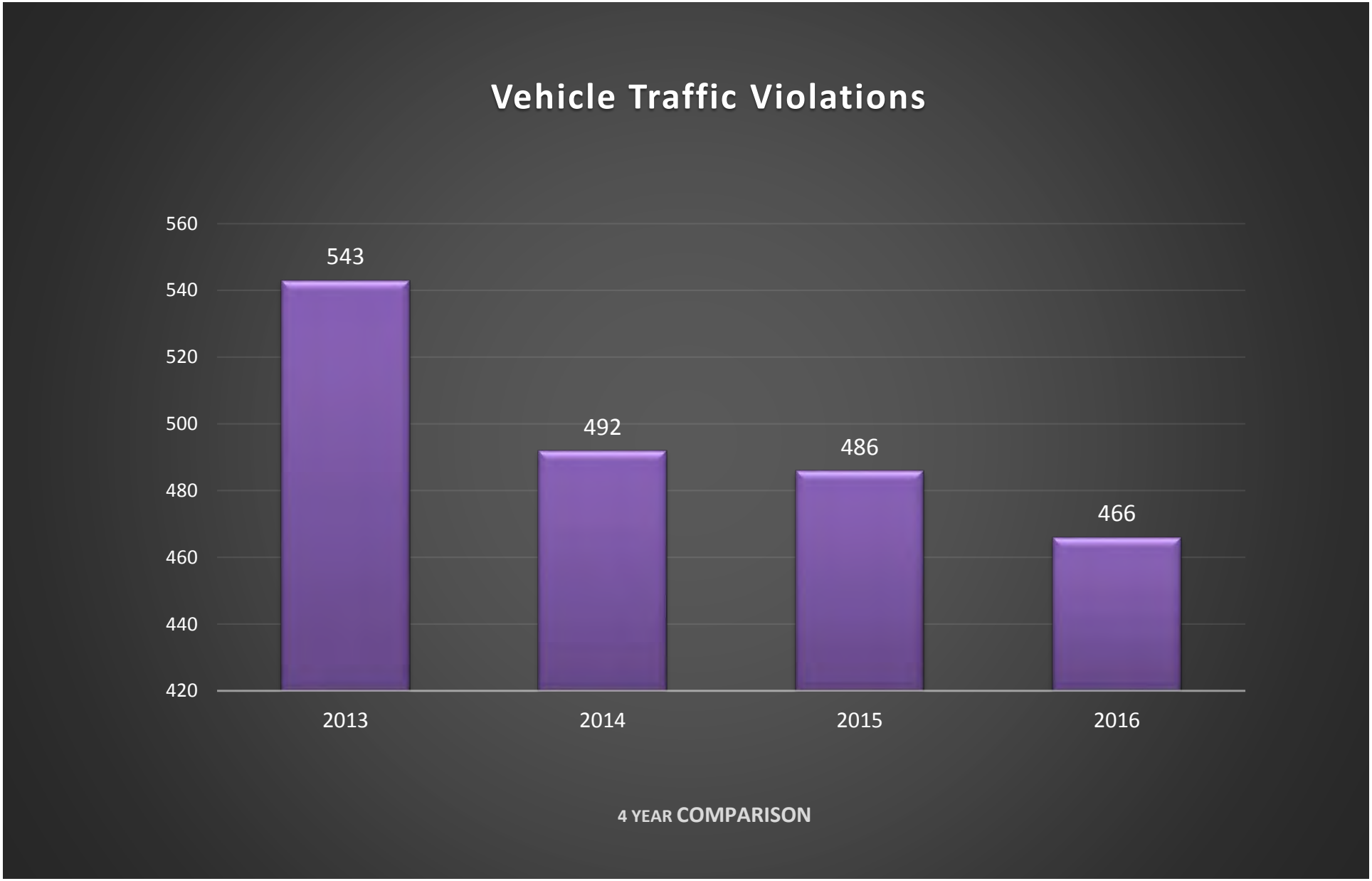
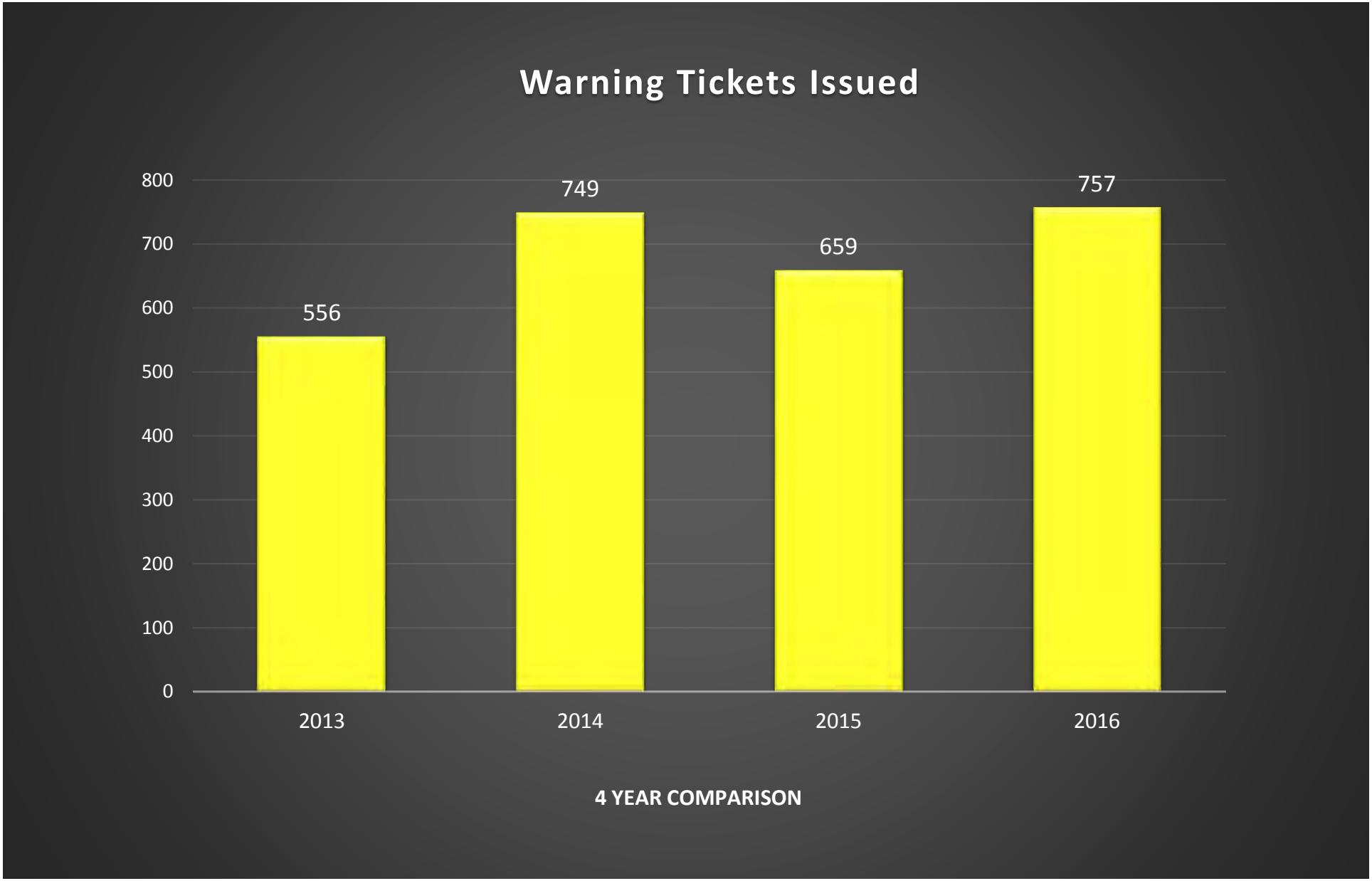
2016 Citations Issued

Violations	Total Issued
Speeding	96
Seat Belt	35
Passenger Seat Belt - Juvenile	1
No Operators License	29
Driving While License Revoked	7
Expired Registration	41
Inspection Violation	2
Unsafe Movement	7
Failure to Stop (Stop Sign/Flashing Red Light)	33
Running Red Light	7
No Insurance	5
Possess/Consume Alcohol - Passenger	8
Failure to Reduce Speed	18
Other (Infraction)	96
Other (2nd Charge - Infraction)	81
TOTAL	**466**


Vehicle Traffic Violations
560
540
520
500
480
460
440
420
543
492
486
466
2013
2014
2015
2016
4 YEAR COMPARISON

2016 Warning Tickets Issued

Violations	Total Issued
Driver's License Violation	13
Failure to Wear Seatbelts	63
Failure To Yield	2
Following Too Closely	5
Impeding Traffic	4
Improper or No Signal	2
Improper Passing	13
Improper Turn on Red	4
Inspection Violation	34
Left Of Center	22
Littering	1
No Insurance	8
Pedestrian Violation	4
Registration Violation	81
Speeding	209
Stop Sign/Signal	153
Unsafe Movement	16
Other	21
Equipment Violation	102
TOTAL	**757**


Warning Tickets Issued
800
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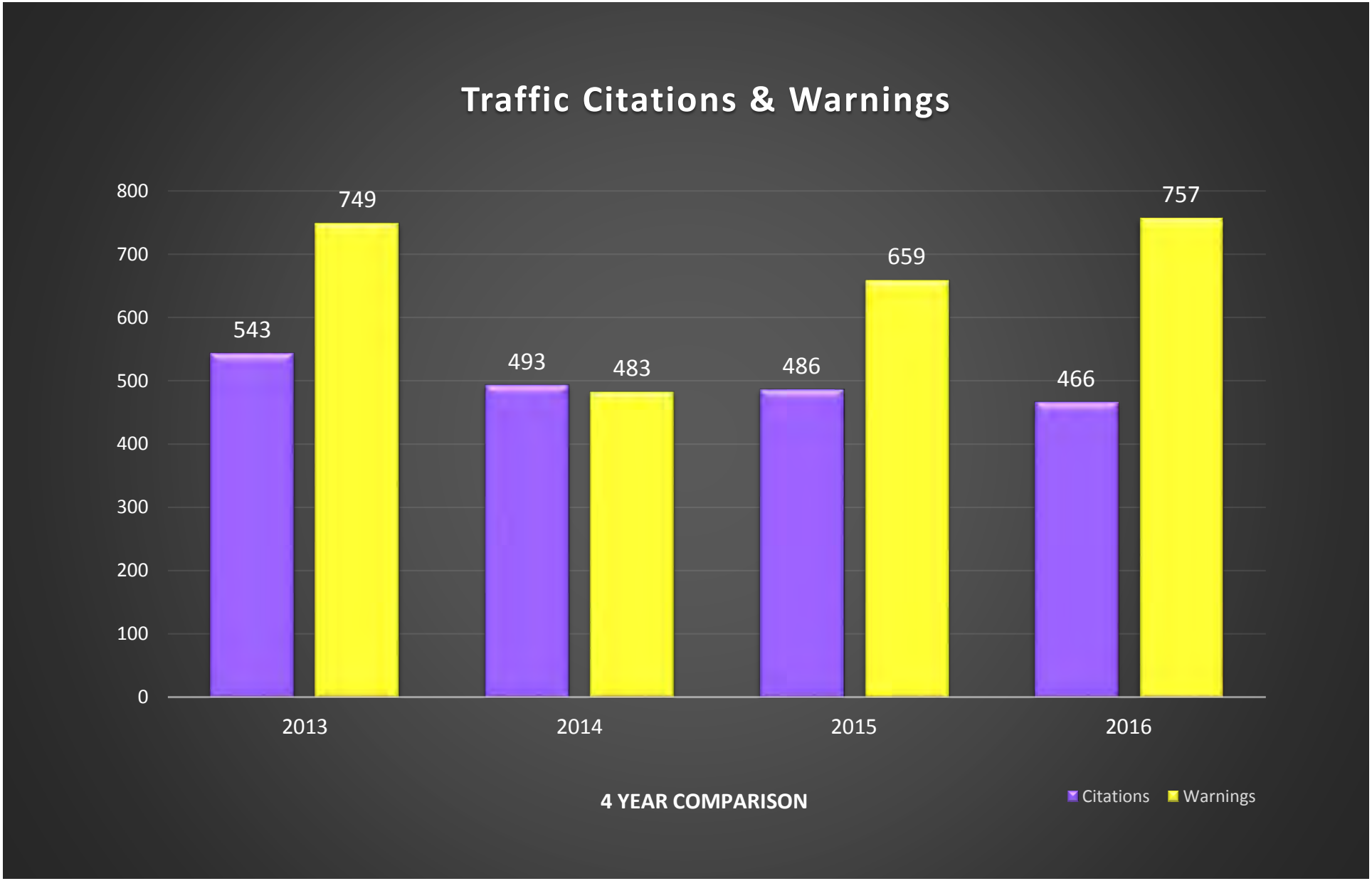
500
400
300
200
100
0
556
749
659
757
2013
2014
2015
2016
4 YEAR COMPARISON


Traffic Citations & Warnings
800
700
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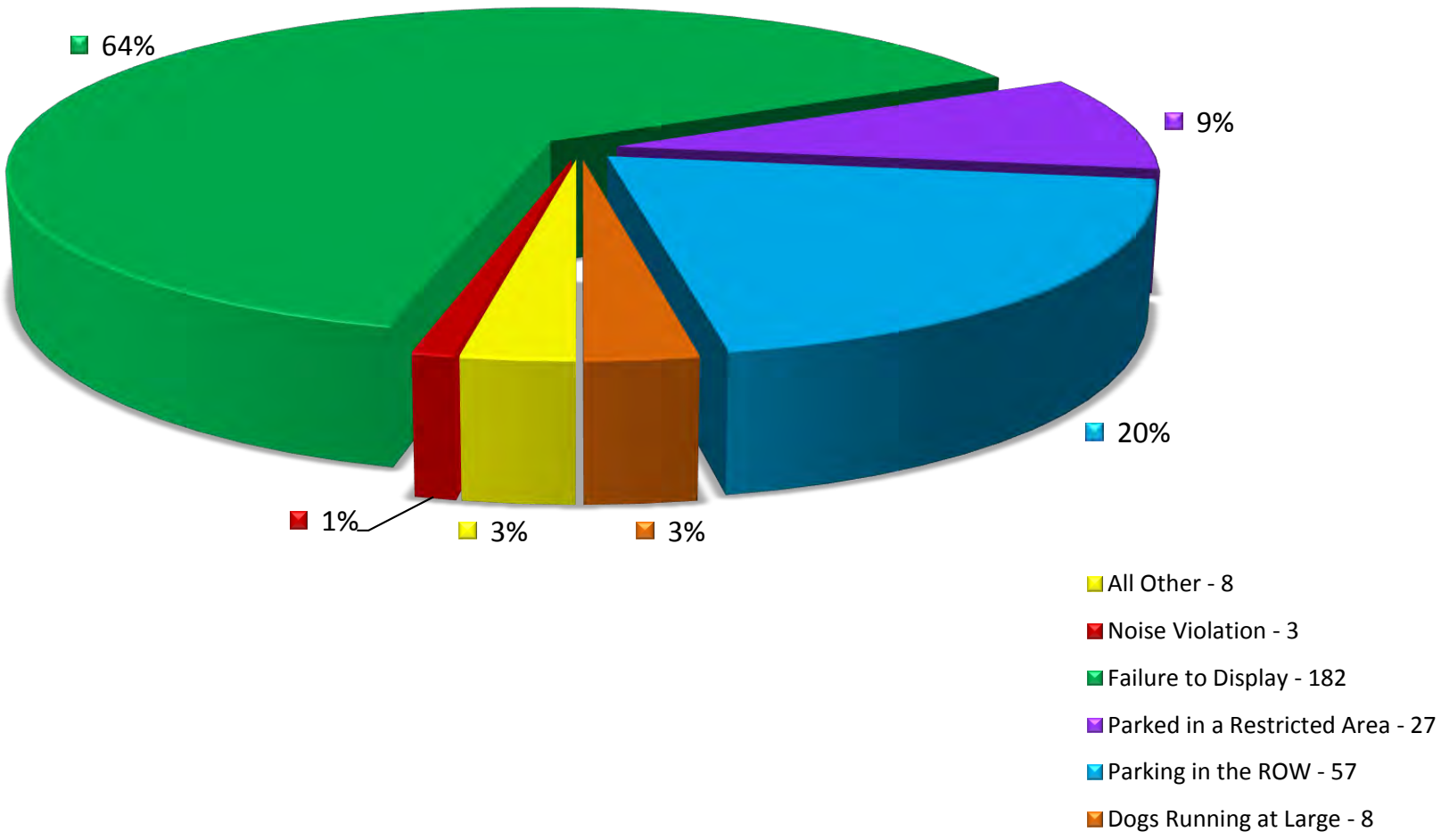
500
400
300
200
100
0
543
749
493
483
486
659
466
757
2013
2014
2015
2016
4 YEAR COMPARISON
Citations
Warnings

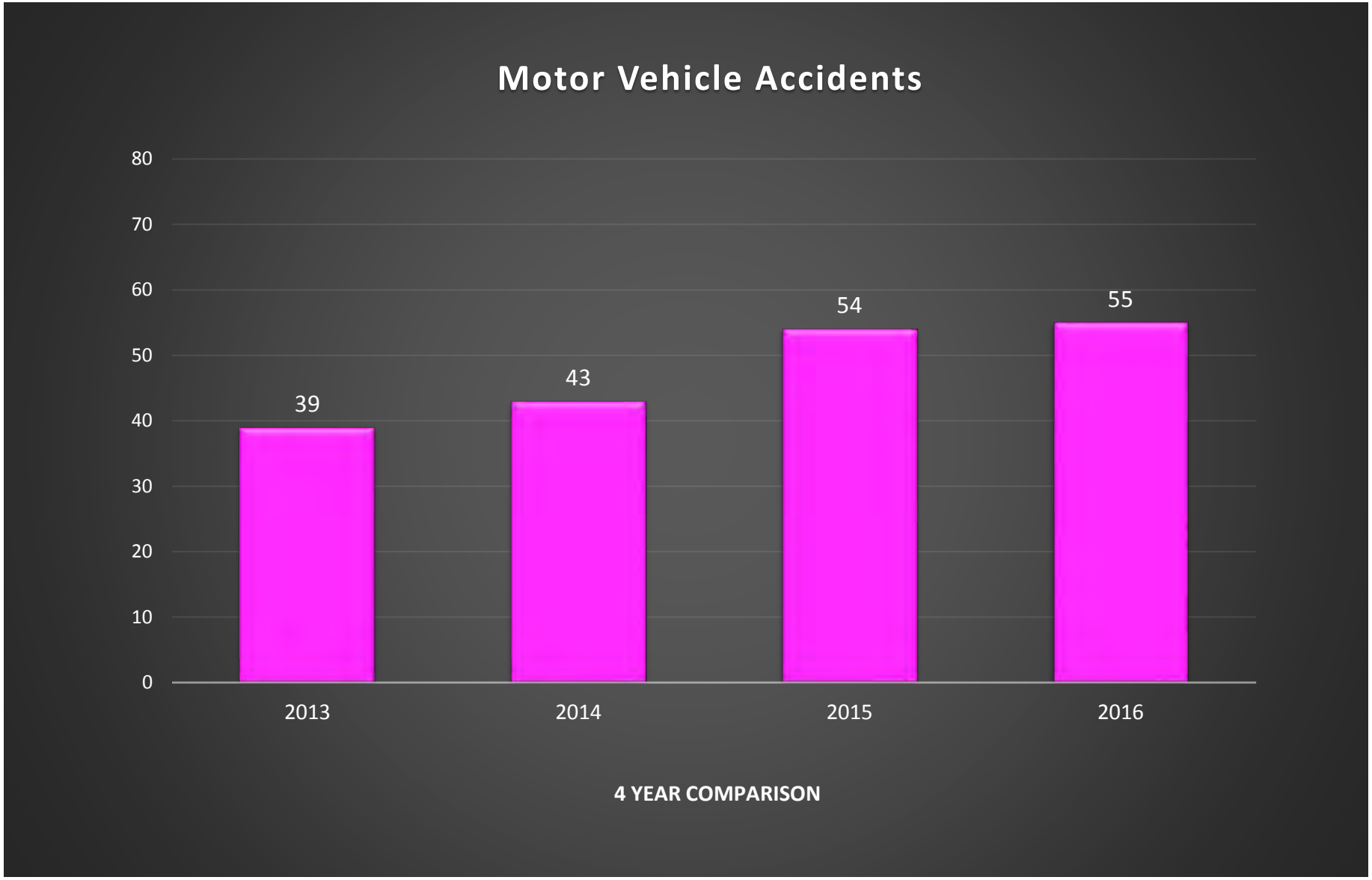
Parking Violations
500
400
300
200
100
0
374
368
167
285
2013
2014
2015
2016
4 YEAR COMPARISON

2016 Local Ordinance Violations Issued

Violations	Total Issued
Dogs Running at Large	8
Noise Violation	3
Operate Motor Vehicle on Multi-use Path	1
Other	7
Failure to Display Permit	182
Parked in Restricted Area	27
Parking in ROW	57
TOTAL	285

Local Ordinance Violations




Motor Vehicle Accidents
80
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43
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55
2013
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2016
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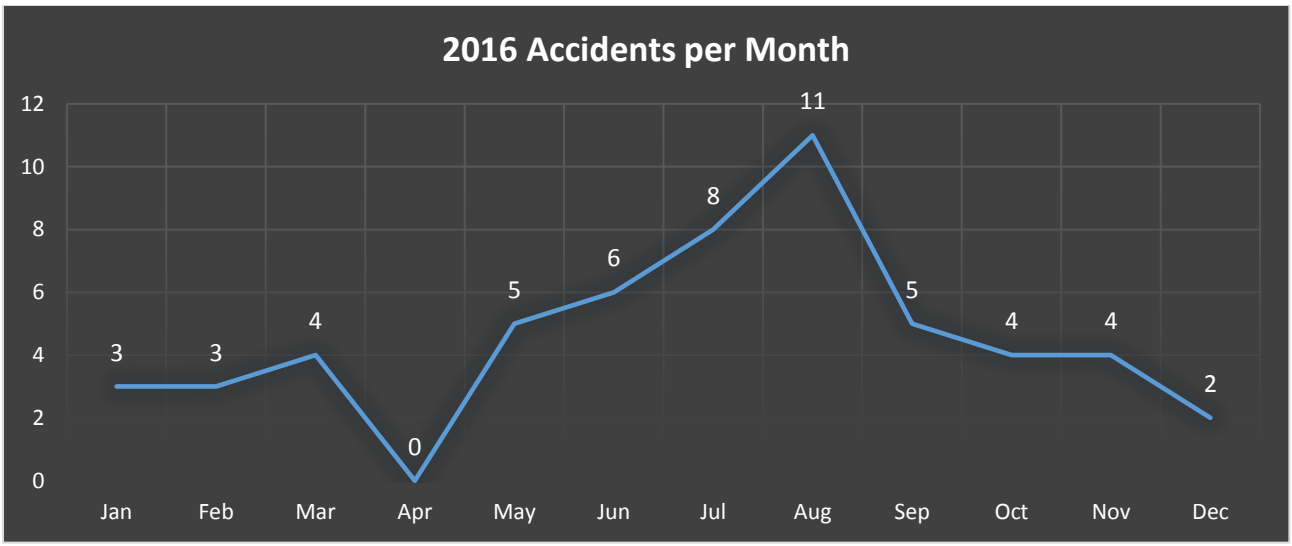
2016 Accidents per Month
12
10
8
6
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3
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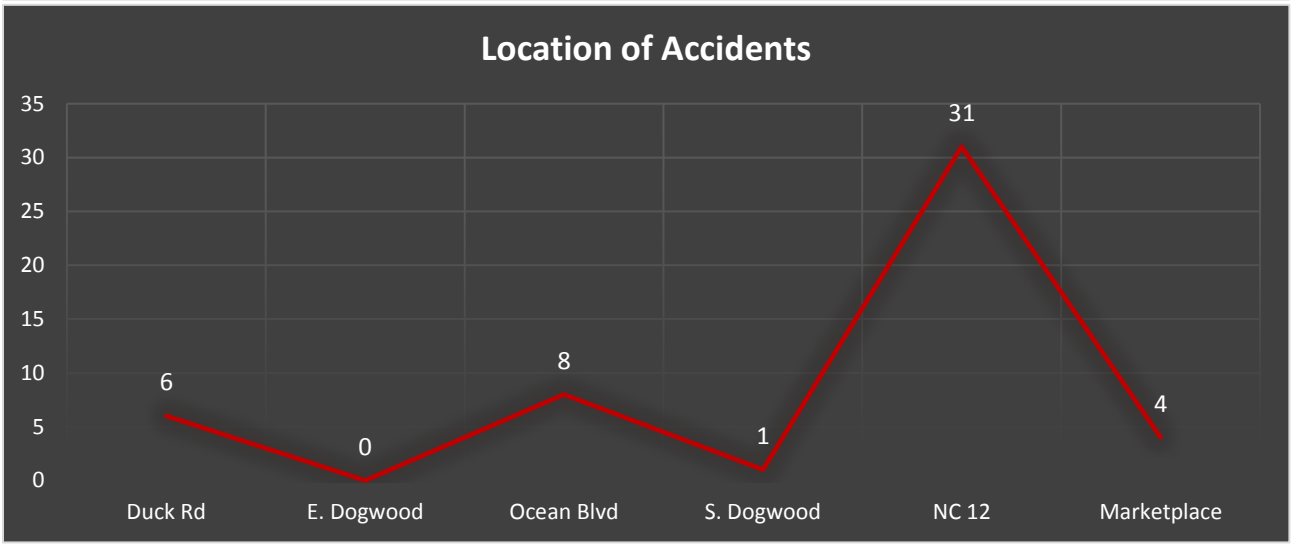
Location of Accidents
35
30
25
20
15
10
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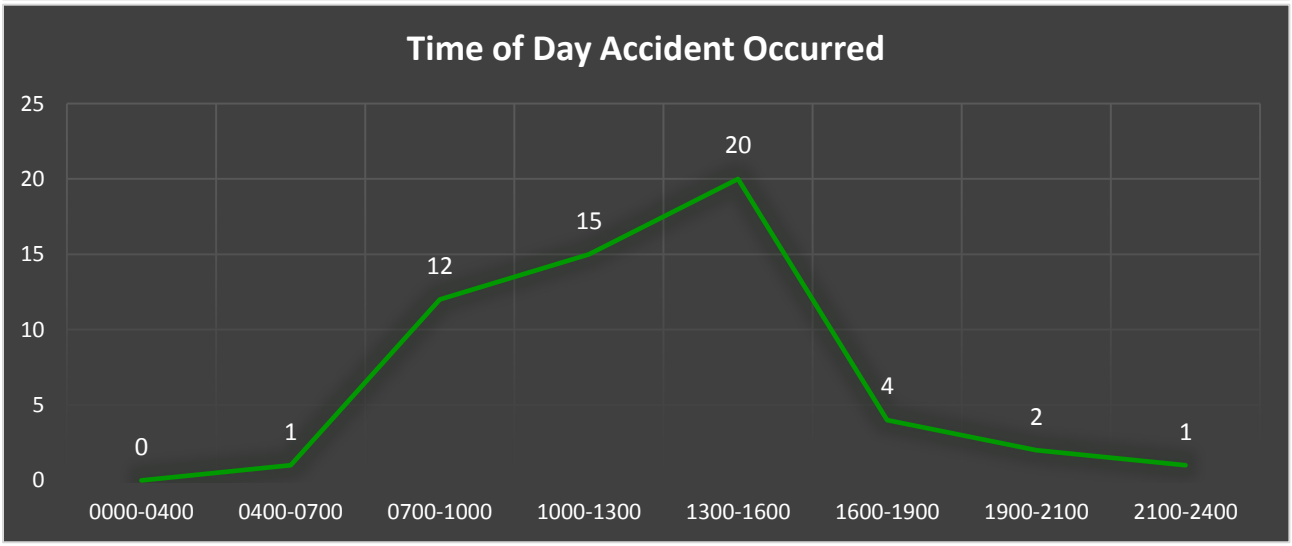
6
0
8
1
31
4
Duck Rd
E. Dogwood
Ocean Blvd
S. Dogwood
NC 12
Marketplace


Time of Day Accident Occurred
25
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15
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5
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12
15
20
4
2
1
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0400-0700
0700-1000
1000-1300
1300-1600
1600-1900
1900-2100
2100-2400

2016

Community Oriented Policing

Yearly In-Service Training is an important requirement of law enforcement to make sure that officers continually have the latest laws, information and techniques. Officers continue to train throughout their careers.

Master Patrol Officer Tracy Mann is one of the many certified instructors within the Southern Shores Police Department. Here she is conducting Hazardous Materials training which is part of yearly in-service requirements.

Taser training is also conducted yearly just like firearms training. Classroom instruction as well as practical application is all part of an officer's training on-going education to not only learn new things but to relearn and refresh things they already know.

Master Patrol Officer Jeremy Hemilright was recognized at the April council meeting for obtaining his Advanced Law Enforcement Certification. Professional law enforcement certification is obtained through a required combination of education, training and experience. Obtaining Advanced Certification is to achieve a level of professional excellence that all law enforcement should aspire to by continually bettering themselves through training and education above the state requirements. Congratulations Officer Hemilright!

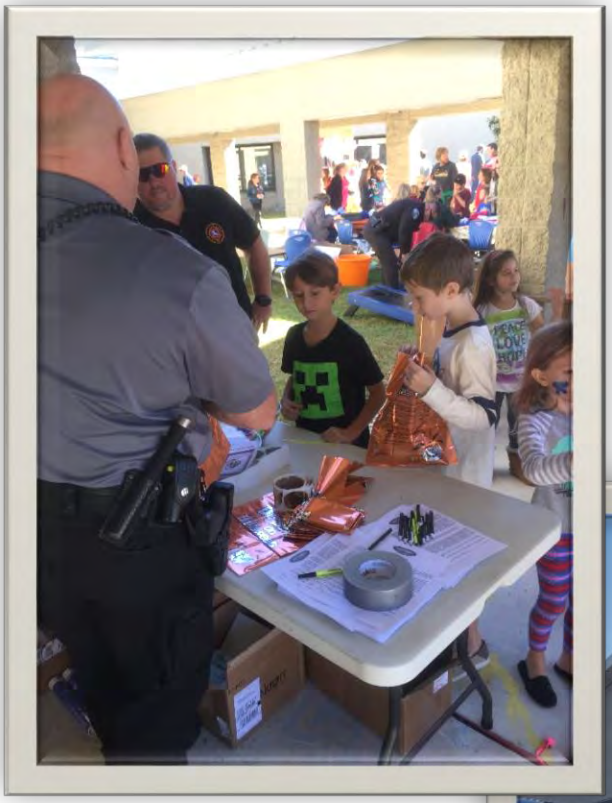
Master Patrol Officer Eddie McKeever was recognized at the April council meeting for 5 years of service with the Town of Southern Shores. Lt. Jon Slegel (not pictured) was also recognized this year for 15 years of employment with the Town. Lt. Slegel is the second longest term employee with the Town's current staff. A big thank you to both officers for their loyal and dedicated service to the Town and its' citizens.

Lt. Jon Slegel, Sgt. Matt Cooke and MPO Jeremy Hemilright participated in the NC Law Enforcement Torch Run which was held in Winston Salem, NC in January. The Torch Run is held annually and unites officers from law enforcement agencies and corrections departments across the state, in an effort, to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics North Carolina.

Local Cub Scout Pack 117 held their 3rd Annual Soap Box Derby Race on E. Dogwood Trail in Southern Shores. Gravity and the natural incline help these scouts race soap box cars they design and build with the help of their parents.

The racers had a beautiful day to show off their hard work and have fun doing it.

Southern Shores Police were happy to help our local scouts make their annual derby a success. Congratulations to the winners!

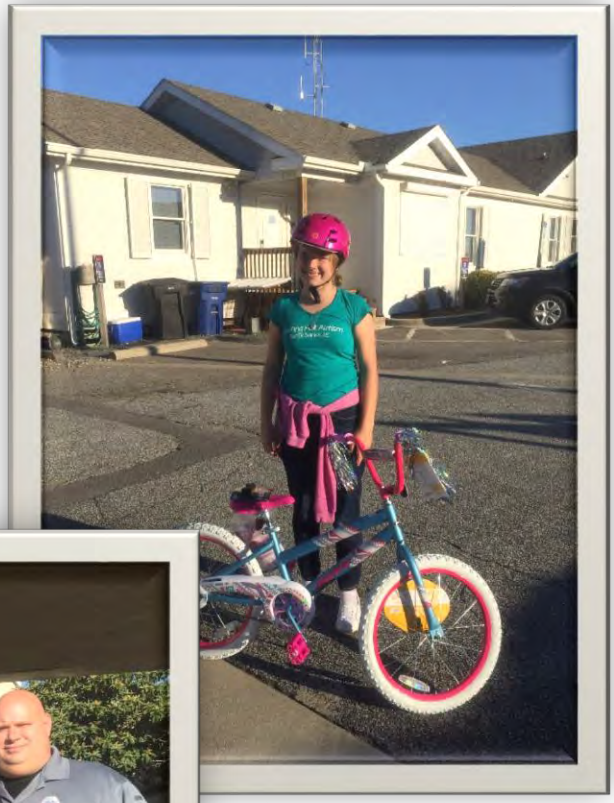


Southern Shores Police once again participated in the annual Fall Carnival at Kitty Hawk Elementary School. As always, they provided child fingerprinting, fun and games with a lot of great giveaways.

The Seat Belt Convincer (pictured above) is a fun and safe way to teach people why it's a good idea to wear your seat belt.

Meanwhile, Sparky the Fire Dog shows them how it's done by taking a turn at the bean bag toss.

Pictured here are the winners of the bicycles that are raffled off annually by the Southern Shores Police Department. All proceeds of the raffle go to the Kitty Hawk Elementary School P. T. O.



A great time was had by students and officers alike.

Master Patrol Officer Tracy Mann is the School Resource Officer for Kitty Hawk Elementary School. Officer Mann not only teaches classes on internet safety, anti-bullying and drug awareness, she also fosters a relationship with the children and the community that enables the police department, as a whole, to better serve the Southern Shores community.

The Southern Shores Police Department recently held its annual Awards Luncheon, Senior Officer George Farrow (left) received a Letter of Appreciation, in recognition of his dedication and professionalism. On November 1, 2016, Senior Officer George Farrow who is a North Carolina Certified Crisis Negotiator, was requested to assist the Dare County Sheriff's Office with barricaded subject that was threating to harm themselves with a firearm. Officer Farrow responded and was briefed on the situation. Officer Farrow was able to make contact with the subject and after a short time was able deescalate the situation and convince the subject to surrender peacefully. Officer Farrow's sincere dedication and professionalism most certainly resulted in a safe and peaceful end to an incident for all involved.

Officer Mike Theetge (not pictured) was awarded the title of Top Gun for 2016 for having the highest averaged firearms score for the year. Patrol Officer Eric Brinkley (seen right with Chief Kole) received recognition for being the second highest scoring officer for firearms for 2016.

Lt. Jon Slegel (seen left with Chief Kole) received recognition for having the third highest averaged firearms score for 2016. He shared the spot with Senior Patrol Officer George Farrow (pictured above) who achieved the same averaged score as Lt. Slegel.

Master Patrolman Jeremy R. Hemilright recently completed the Tactical Training Certificate Program at the North Carolina Justice Academy. Each participant must complete 500 hours of training, to include a variety of tactical oriented courses. Floyd Yoder, Training Coordinator with the Justice Academy says, Officer Hemilright's efforts to stay in the forefront of tactical training is a direct reflection of the commitment of the Southern Shores Police Department to ensure that their officers are prepared to meet the day to day dangers faced by law enforcement officers today.

2016 Officer of the Year

The Officer of the Year is chosen by their peers, and is based upon numerous criteria, some of which includes professionalism, dedication, going above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis. Chief Kole jokingly says, Senior Officer Jones looks too young to be a Senior Patrol Officer, but he earned that title. Ryan even worked harder to be chosen as our "Officer of the Year".

Ryan Jones is a Senior Patrol Officer with the Town of Southern Shores. He has been an officer with the town since 2013.

In 2012, Ryan moved to the Outer Banks from Pittsburgh, PA where he obtained his Master's degree from Slippery Rock University in Resource Management and Law Enforcement.

In addition to being a Police Officer, Ryan is also a certified Emergency Medical Technician.

When not working, Ryan and his wife Caitlin can usually be found enjoying the outdoors kayaking or paddle boarding.

Chief's Statement

2016 was another busy year for our officers. We saw a slight decrease in calls for service compared to last year. Once again, July proved to be the busiest month with a total of 1,130 calls for service and November being the least busy with a total of 730. Officers responded to an average of just under 925 calls for service per month. We had a slight increase in Motor Vehicle Accidents compared to last year with July (8) and August (11) being the highest months. The location with the highest number of motor vehicle accidents continues to be on NC12 (Duck Rd) with a total of 31. The highest number of accidents occurred between 1:00pm and 4:00pm with a total of 20. We saw a slight decrease in Reported Crimes with 197 compared to 205 last year. We had a 69% increase in Criminal Arrests compared to last year; 31 of those arrests were for DWI. Traffic Citations were slightly lower while Warning Citations saw a significant increase. Much of this increase can be directly attributed to the fact that we continue to conduct numerous saturation patrols in areas where traffic tends to increase significantly. Some of those locations included South and East Dogwood, Hickory, Sea Oats, NC12, Wax Myrtle, Hillcrest, Juniper and Chicahauk. This year we were down an officer for approximately 10 weeks, who was out on medical leave and even though we were shorthanded, we were still able to provide the same high level of service for our community and those visiting. Officer Tracy Mann, who is our School Resource Officer, continues to interact with the students and staff daily, which includes teaching classes regarding anti-bullying and internet safety as well as being another resource for the teachers to utilize. Officer Mann spends countless hours of her own time assisting and participating in numerous after school programs throughout the school year. It was our goal to have Officer Mann certified as a DARE Instructor for the 2016 school year. Officer Mann attended DARE Instructor School and received her instructor certification and has already implemented the DARE program into the Kitty Hawk Elementary School. Patrol Officers continue to visit and walk through the school daily. Officers also continue to be proactive by patrolling the neighborhoods and increasing their foot patrols which result in the officers getting out of the patrol cars more frequently and walking the business districts.

We continue to train and educate our officers; this year was no exception. We conducted several "Active Shooter" training segments at Kitty Hawk Elementary School that included joint training with Kitty Hawk Police Department, Duck Police Department and Southern Shores Volunteer Fire Department. We spent hundreds of hours in training that included, firearms, Taser, juvenile issues, domestic violence issues, officer safety and supervisory training, just to name a few.

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

David M. Kole

David M. Kole, Chief of Police