



# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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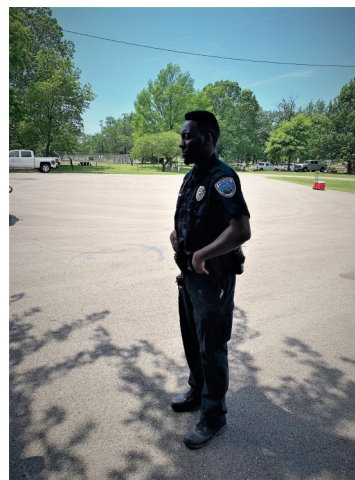


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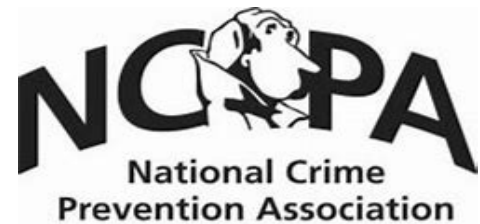


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# FROM THE CHIEF

**Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks, MA, MS**



Parsons Police Chief Robert Spinks

It continues to be a great honor to serve as Chief of the Parsons Police Department (PPD). After three years as Chief, I would describe 2020 as the most progressive year yet!

challenges or we will continue to see a revolving door of crime.

Just like all police agencies throughout Kansas and across the nation, recruiting quality employees and retaining staff is a struggle. Employees were lost this past year not just to other law enforcement agencies but primarily to the private sector where substantive pay and incentives outpaced the policing sector. Maintaining a career staff will require additional investment by our community. Most of the year the policing staff was 20% short and recruiting efforts continues to reduce agency effectiveness.

Recruiting quality employees remains a critical priority as we move into 2021.

Facility needs continue to impact the effectiveness of the department. In the Fall of 2020, the City of Parsons purchased 3.43 acres of land at Corning and 21<sup>st</sup> for the construction of a new Public Safety Center. Funding could come from a vote to extend the current Public Safety Sales Tax from its current sunset date of December 2022.

The Drug Task Force continues to grow its effectiveness and fundraising in the community ensured that a Police K-9 trained in narcotics detection and tracking will be purchased and deployed in 2021.

Throughout this annual report you will see a long list of positive accomplishments as our agency continues to evolve as a service focused community policing agency. This report contains a wealth of statistical and quantitative information, and I encourage you to read through the report in detail. Our intent is to provide you with a better understanding of the breadth and depth of policing in Parsons.

Policing is a community partnership. While the men and women of the PPD focus on prevention, interdiction, investigations, arrests, and outreach, it is the citizens that make the difference. We rely upon the eyes and ears of our community to report suspicious activity, to report the unusual and to share what they hear and see with us. Policing is a team sport, and every citizen is part of the team otherwise we all lose.

We saw great strides in policing during a difficult year that included the COVID-19 pandemic. Our policing remained successful with successful case closure rates that were twice



Chief Spinks Crime Scene Class

the national average. But crime is still a challenge throughout SE Kansas and that has been a historic problem.

Our surrounding communities including Independence, Coffeyville and Pittsburg faced similar and greater crime challenges than our own community. Socio-economic challenges, an uncertain economy, the impact of illegal drugs, an inadequate safety net for people in-crisis and especially crime associated with domestic violence continue to be community problems. While the police are part of the answer, we are not the only answer and our community must come together to address these



Award Presentation

I am extremely proud of each person's contribution in continuing to move this department forward the PPD Staff and I are dedicated to continuing being a progressive department as we move into 2021 and beyond.

**Chief Robert Spinks, MA, MS**



# Parsons Police Department Strategic Plan Report Card 2020

In 2016, the department adopted a 5-year strategic plan, which factored in industry accepted practices, crime trends, response times, staffing levels, recruiting and retention challenges, facilities deficiencies, investigation, training and outreach efforts. Learn more at: [www.parsonspd.com](http://www.parsonspd.com)

## Focus on Effective Use of Data & Technology



### Enhanced the records management system (RMS)

- Expanded basic RMS to include prisoner processing (2019-20).
- Rollout the crime mapping module for the RMS (2021).

Transitioned to using a

### Radar Traffic Analyzer to

review traffic speed zones (2020).

Total Percentage of Enforceable Violations



New portable radios were deployed to police and fire employees for using safety sales tax revenues. (2019) with car radio upgrades made in 2020.

### Tracking of crime rate:

Annual Report created (2018).

Crime rate decreased along with violent crime rate (2019).

Developed Crime Clock graphic.



## Strengthen Community & City Relationships & Partnerships



The Kansas Combined Anti-Drug Taskforce (K-CAT) created in 2019 with the Co Attorney, Labette Sheriff's Ofc & Parson's PD. Labette Co is a HIDTA County. 2020 partnered with KBI/DEA/Marshall's on cases

Received the **Platinum Award** for traffic safety. Parsons was 1 of only 26 PD's in the state to receive this award 5 years running.



### Enhanced recruiting efforts

using billboards, radio, podcasts, regional advertising and job boards.



Increased the agency's **social media** presence in 2020.



## Enhance the Professionalism of the Department



Predictable is Preventable

### Adopted Industry Best Practice Standards

Use Lexipol to review & update policies to track law changes, & operational directives to reduce liability.

Chief & Deputy Chief serve on **KACP and State boards & committees.**



### Supervisor & Mgt Training

Adopted a training cycle in 2020 using the FBI-Executive Development Association (LEEDA) for supervisory, mgt and executive training.



### Instructor Training

Agency is committed to developing subject matter experts: Firearms (3), Defensive Tactics (3), OC (2), Taser (1), EVOCC (1), De-escalation (4), Armors (3).



"The strategic plan is a living, breathing document. It is a blueprint for success in achieving our vision, mission, and core values."

Chief Robert Spinks, MA, MS

# Parsons Police Department Strategic Plan Report Card 2020

## Strengthen Our Leadership System



Utilized **on-line training** to deal with impact of COVID-19.

Assign **Supervisors** to present **leadership training** at in-service training (2021).

**Sgt & Cpl**

Sergeant and Corporal **promotions** used written testing, assessment & oral board testing



**Corporals** were assigned responsibilities for fleet, traffic safety & future K-9 Unit.



Implemented a dept-wide **performance evaluation** system. A supporting training program was created (53 man-hours of training).



Created matrix of industry **benchmarks**. Achieved a 95% compliance rate, (2020).



Created team training cadre to instruct De-escalation skills (2020) and implement agency and region-wide training in 2021.

## Build a High Engagement Culture



Received a grant for public engagement & a DOJ-developed community-police survey instrument (2019-2020). The survey will be launched later in 2021.



Implemented a employee orientation training program & in-service refresher course on **empathy & community engagement** (2018-2020).



Police **web site was rebuilt** in 2020 to allow increased information posting. Features including text & email alerts, press releases, crime prevention info, on-line recruiting and other features increased traffic.

Unique **web site visitors** = 24,420 (8 months)  
**NextDoor.com** = 9,542 impressions on 116 posts. 331 households (7%) of Parsons.



**Twitter impressions** = 10,000 impressions (2 months).



Enhanced **staff awards** and recognition program in 2020.

## Build a Responsive Organization Structure Assuring Efficient & Effective Resource Deployment

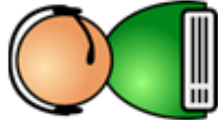


**3.43 acres purchased** for new Public Safety Center (2020).

RFQ for design-build (2021). Generator & bldg. maintenance in 2021.



In 2013 a **.5 cent sales tax** was voted to support police and fire equipment, vehicle training and equipment needs. It will expire in 2023.



The **9-1-1 Dispatch Center** was **remodeled & upgraded** for the first time in 20 years. New electrical, consoles & cabling were required.

A **Master Sergeant**



incentive may kick-off in 2021.

**Planning for K-9** purchase in 2021 - \$14k has been raised



Kennel, Car & training facility planning.



**Evidence & Property** expansion completed off-site **adding 9,200 sq ft of space** with CCTV and alarm. Transfer of evidence is slated for 2021.

CALL LOAD = 18,782, UP 12% OVER 2019

ARRESTS = 558 (139 FELONY & 420 MISD)

ADMIN PHONE CALLS = 26,111 + 911 CALLS = 1,653



# DEPUTY CHIEF

## Deputy Chief Dennis Dodd, BS



Deputy Chief Dennis Dodd

My duties as the Deputy Chief of the Parsons Police Department is over seeing the day-to-day operations of the patrol and communications divisions, and engaging them to provide top quality service

to the citizens of Parsons. Between patrol and communications, they handled approximately **17,927** calls for service this past year and have approximately 40,000 or more citizen contacts.

In 2020 we have made significant improvements to department policies and personnel while opening our channels of transparency to the community. In 2020 I have overseen the addition of new officers to the department and have implemented efficiencies in our equipment purchases and equipping of our staff. Being able to streamline our department and making it more efficient only helps officers to spend more time in the community and less time with redundant tasks.

Chief Spinks and I worked with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to develop community guidance for our strategic planning as a part of the **Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC)** program. This feedback and a future community survey are intended to gain insight into the public's perception of policing services and expectations. This initiative brought subject matter experts to Parsons to meet with and engage with the officers on patrol and the community. This initiative was part of the **U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services**. We were complemented by the CRI-TAC staff on the quality of our Annual Report and its transparency to the community. **Our Annual Report was recognized as one of the best in the U.S.**

As we develop new or more efficient ways to serve the community, we have been able to upgrade our records management system and spring forward into 21<sup>st</sup> century policing. With the addition of new programs through '**Omnigo Software**' we made our arrest processing more streamlined and efficient giving us the ability to keep records simple yet detailed.



BLM Demonstration

Largely my job for the community and police staff is support. I support the officers on the street and the officers in dispatch. I am working to make their jobs easier and get them the tools and the training they need to get the job done ensuring they come home safe to their families every night. I partner with the community and follow up on complaints and comments made by citizens. I turn over serious issues to the Internal Affairs Officer and personally resolve minor complaints and conflicts to ensure better agency production and community involvement. We, as a police agency simply cannot function without the continued support of our community. It is important that we are the guardians of peace for the community and I am honored to be apart of that.

### 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ◆ Completion of FBI ILEEDA Leadership Training
- ◆ Coordination of special events
- ◆ Project Manager for the Parsons Police Department Dispatch Center Remodel
- ◆ Upgraded outdated computers.
- ◆ Liaison for School Resource Officer Program
- ◆ Speaker for Black Lives Matter gathering
- ◆ Coordinated Personal Protection Equipment for the agency and the City of Parsons.
- ◆ Coordinated installation of UV Lights through out the Parsons Police Department.
- ◆ Verbal De-escalation Instructor
- ◆ Crisis Intervention Team Training
- ◆ Critical Incident Stress Management Member
- ◆ KBI Use of Force Research Project Member
- ◆ Labette Community College Criminal Justice Program Liaison

This is only a small portion of the long list of accomplishment that I and the Parsons Police Department were able to complete for the year. 2020 proved to be a challenge in all aspects of everyday life but as an agency we rose to the challenge and continued to be successful in any task that we were given. I look forward to serving the Parsons community in 2021 and believe we will continue to be a leaders in the community.

**Deputy Chief Dennis K. Dodd, BS**

# 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

## Administrative Services Unit Sergeant Jason Ludwig



Sgt. Jason Ludwig

The year of 2020 was about the most unconventional year for the Parson Police Department in recorded history. 2020 was the year of firsts in a lot of aspects. We had a national pandemic, had multiple officers in quarantine, which led to struggles with staffing, and had hardships in all most all aspects of police life. As a department along with every law enforcement agency in Kansas, we struggled to find training opportunities that met the required safety needs due to the pandemic yet provided the quality that is necessary to develop a better police agency. The majority of the training that the officers received for 2020 was done online though zoom or skype. The State of Kansas allowed officers to receive all of the yearly training though web based media rather than in person classes, pushing our knowledge of web based training to new levels.

We also launched a new updated website, [www.parsonspd.com](http://www.parsonspd.com), that has a ton of new features and capabilities. We are able to put out community alerts and post the 'Rap Sheet' podcast from **KLKC** as well. All of the police department press releases are put on the website and can be sent to the public as an alert as well. This works to inform our community of current events. There is a blog for Chief Robert Spinks to talk about current issues effecting Parsons citizens. The success of the website has opened the door for the Parsons Police Department to jump into social media as well. The police department now has a **Twitter** page along with our [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) page to better engage the community through the use of social media. We also post information about traffic safety and current events to the platforms to better inform and stay transparent to the community.

We published 52 Press Releases on [parsonspd.com](http://parsonspd.com) and aired **50 Podcasts**. Chief Spinks and KLKC had 1 award winning segment earning **2nd place from the Kansas Association of Broadcasters**.

In 2020 we had a total of **24,420** unique visitors to the website and had 217,218 pages visited. Some of the new

features on the website have drawn more attention than others. The **Most Wanted** page that shows outstanding municipal warrant offenders has been a huge success in resolving dated warrants in our local system.

We received our fifth consecutive '**AAA**' **Traffic Safety Platinum Award** for recognition of the agency's efforts on traffic safety. The department participates in state funded traffic events and also hosts numerous programs that are locally funded to meet the criteria for this award. Crashes in the city continued a five-year decline.

In 2020 the Parsons Police Department had received 9 complaints about officers conduct or activity either through citizen comment forms, phone calls or other sources. Of the 9 complaints 8 inquiry's were completed and had unfounded or not sustained results. Only 1 Internal Affairs Investigation was completed, and it was Sustained. These results mean that **less than 1% of complaints had any substance** to the accusation. Inquiry's are done when a complaint does not meet the requirements to conduct a full scale Internal Affairs investigation.

The Parsons Police Department now has a certified De-Escalation cadre of instructors. We will be launching training in partnership with Independence Police Department in the future. We also have a certified **Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC)** instructor at the Parsons Police Department. I was able to attend the **Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)** in Glynco, Georgia for a two-week instructor course.

The retirement of Dispatch Supervisor Robert Riley led to the hiring of **Marti Shields as our new Communications Director**. Marti and Deputy Chief Dodd led the charge for the remodel of our antiquated dispatch center. The remodeled dispatch finished its construction in February of 2021.

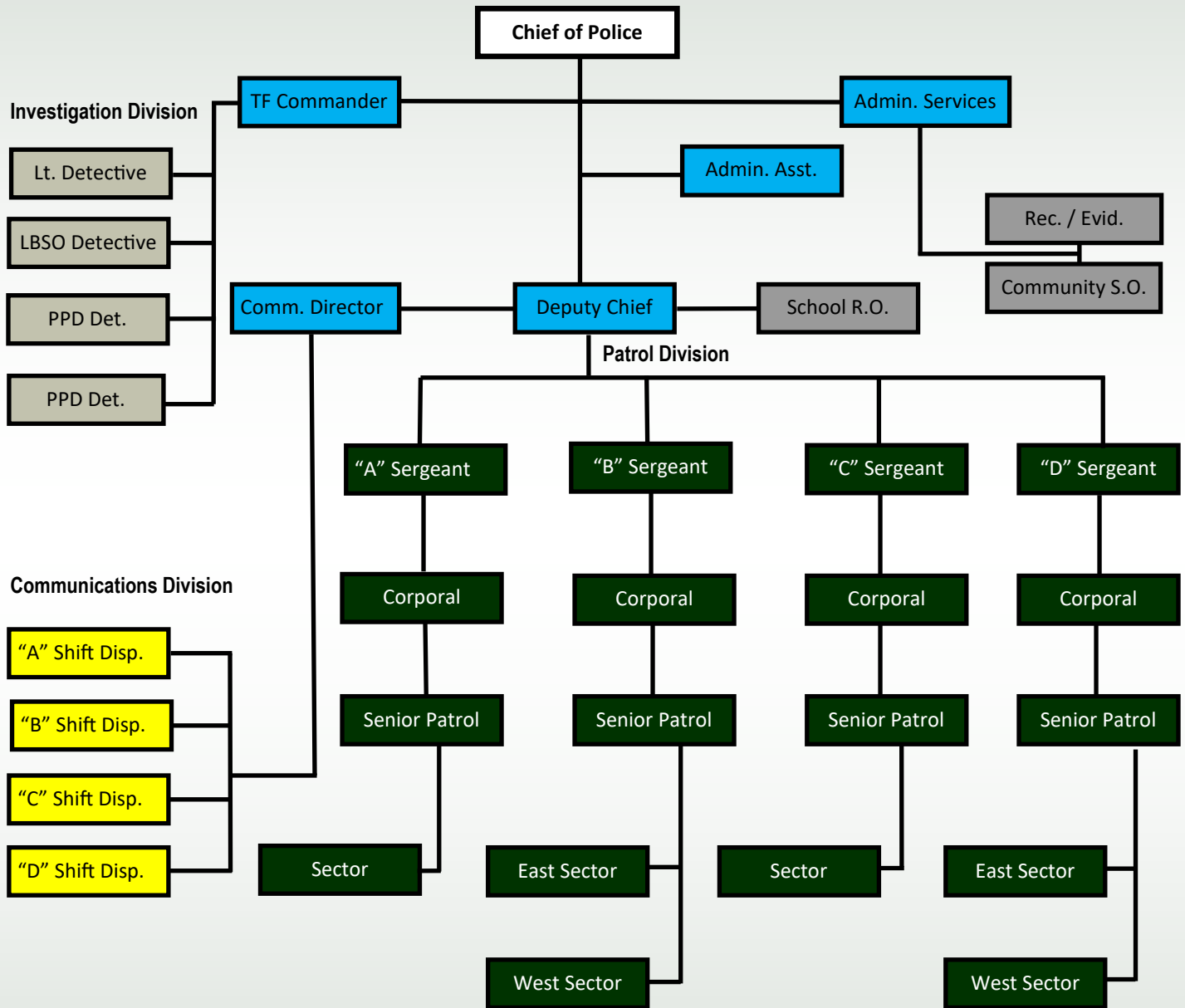
The Covid-19 Pandemic put the entire police department along with city to the test for the majority of 2020. The city has faced the many issues and worked together to overcome many obstacles throughout the year. With the partnerships that have been formed and the teamwork that has been used there is no obstacle that we can't overcome.

**Sergeant Jason Ludwig**



# Parsons Police Department

## Organizational Chart



The Parsons Police Department is staffed 24 hours a day 365 days a year. We have four divisions in the department. Administration, Investigation, Patrol, and Communications. Patrol and Communication Divisions are available to the public at all times with the Investigation Division on a call rotation for felonious and large crimes. The Parsons Police Department had 18,782 calls for service in 2020. The City of Parsons incorporates half of the population for the entire county. We focus on serving our citizens with our core values of Pride, Professionalism, and Dedication.



# PATROL

## Patrol Division Operations



### Patrol Division:

The Patrol Division is comprised of four 12-hour shifts working 6 am to 6 pm and vice versa. Each shift is comprised of a Patrol Sergeant, a Corporal, a Senior Officer, and two Sector (East and West) officers. The Patrol Sergeant answers directly to the Deputy Chief. Duties of the Patrol Division include but are not limited to:

- Provide for public safety by maintaining order, responding to emergencies, protecting people and property, enforcing motor vehicle and criminal laws, and promoting good community relations.
- Identify, pursue, and arrest suspects and perpetrators of criminal acts.
- Record facts to prepare reports that document incidents and activities. Review facts of incidents to determine if criminal act or statute violations were involved.
- Render aid to accident victims and other persons requiring first aid for physical injuries.
- Testify in court to present evidence or act as witness in traffic and criminal cases.
- Evaluate complaint and emergency-request information to determine response requirements.
- Patrol specific areas on foot or motorized conveyance, responding promptly to calls for assistance.



Shop With a Cop 2020

- Photograph or draw diagrams of crime or accident scenes and interview principals and eyewitnesses.
- Monitor traffic to ensure motorists observe traffic regulations and exhibit safe driving procedures.
- Relay complaint and emergency-request information to appropriate agency dispatchers.
  - Issue citations or warnings to violators of traffic ordinances.
  - Direct traffic flow and reroute traffic in case of emergencies.
  - Inform citizens of community services and recommend options to facilitate longer-term problem resolution.
- Provide road information to assist motorists.
- Process prisoners and prepare and maintain records of prisoner bookings and prisoner status during booking and pre-trial process.
- Inspect public establishments to ensure compliance with rules and regulations.
- Act as official escorts, such as when leading funeral processions or firefighters.



Officer Ewan Shopping

- Monitor, note, report, and investigate suspicious persons and situations, safety hazards, and unusual or illegal activity in patrol area.
- Investigate traffic accidents and other accidents to determine causes and to determine if a crime has been committed.

The Patrol Division makes over **40,000 personal contacts** yearly. These contacts range from the call for service, traffic stops and crashes, to general conversations had while on-duty. Patrol Officers are the most noticed persons on the road or in an establishment and work toward earning the public's trust and serving them admirably. Patrol is the face of the department and they work to uphold the Parsons Police Departments Core Values of **Pride, Professionalism, and Dedication.**



# INVESTIGATION



**Det. Kyle Wiford, Det. Lt. Sheri McGuire, BS**

In 2020, the Parsons Police Department's Investigations Division had two full-time Detectives, A/ Commander Kyle Wiford and Lieutenant Sherri McGuire, assigned, with Cpl. Robert Queen holding a Career Development Investigations Training Program (CDI-TP) position in Investigations for a portion of the year. Cpl. Queen left Investigations to fill a vacant position as the USD 503 School Resource Officer, prior to leaving Parsons PD for another career.

The Investigations Division is tasked with providing investigative support to patrol, criminal investigations, and narcotics investigation. This entails being lead investigators on major crimes within the City of Parsons. The Investigations Division also works with outside agencies to coordinate investigations that involve criminal activity which may begin in our community and spread out to other jurisdictions.

In 2020, we were able to complete the process for acquiring a grant through the **Parsons Community Foundation** to update the current interview room camera software in the interview room at the Police Department and add two systems in the Investigations Division Building. That equipment was installed in late 2020. This system is through **Watchguard Video**. Watchguard is also the video system that is used for patrol car and body cameras for Parsons PD. This grant gives us the opportunity to go from a single interview

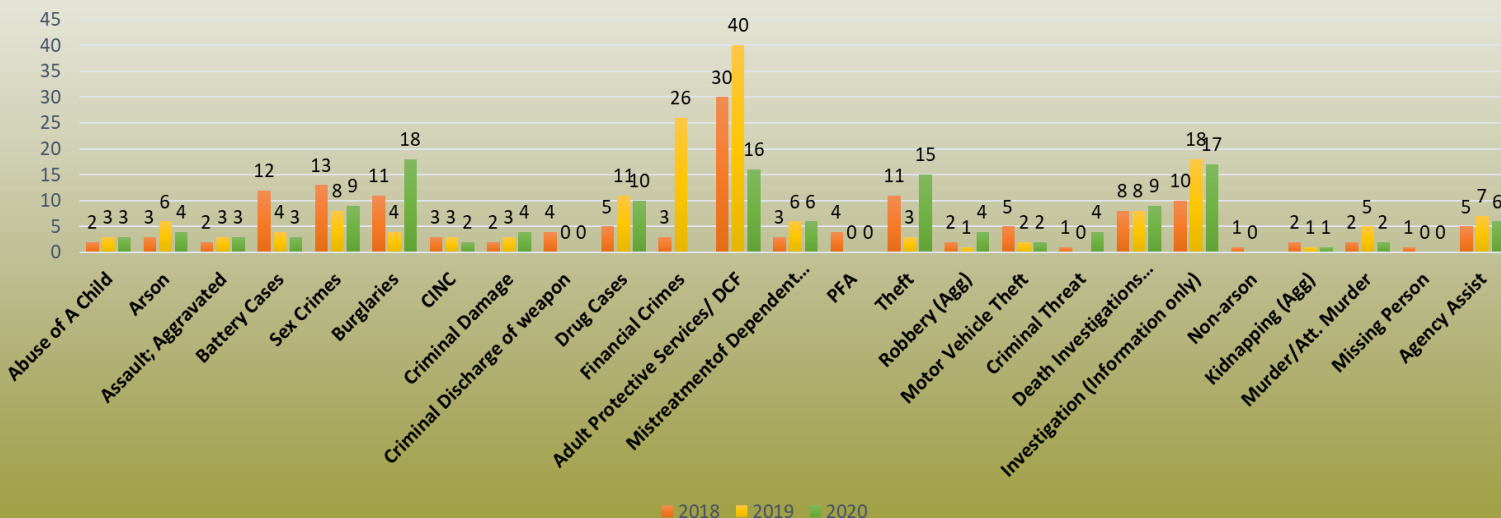
room to three interview rooms, equipped with up to date cameras and audio systems. Only having one interview room has created a few issues for large cases in the past that have multiple witnesses or victims that need to be interviewed. The two new rooms in the Investigations building will serve two purposes. The first will be one room designed and set up specifically for victims, witnesses, or child centered interview rooms, this is called a soft interview room. The second room is setup as a standard interview room for interviewing suspects or persons of interest in a criminal case.

Lt. McGuire has continued her involvement with the Chaplains Program and there have been new chaplains added to the program. The **Chaplain Program** is beneficial to the citizens and to the department. Being able to have chaplains on call for emergency situations is key to provide services to members of the community and our officers in a time of need.

The investigations division took in **184 new cases** over 2020 and 130 past cases that required additional follow-up. These **314 cases** ranged from violent, person felonies of homicide, rape, aggravated battery/assault, felony drug cases, and other criminal investigations. We have continued to partner with other local, state, and federal outside agencies and strive to provide to highest level of criminal investigations to serve the citizenry of Parsons.

We look forward to another outstanding year in 2021.

**2020 Investigations Cases**



# K-CAT



## Acting Commander Kyle Wiford



Comdr Kyle Wiford

### Kansas Combined Anti-drug Task Force 2020

The Kansas Combined Anti-Drug Task Force (KCAT) was developed in 2019, as a combined effort of the Parsons Police Department, Labette County Sheriff's Office, and the Labette County Attorney's Office, with hopes of expanding with other agencies within the county and neighboring counties in the future.

As with other government organizations, law enforcement has been affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. We have dealt with personnel shortages, strict safety guidelines and other measures that have affected the way we operate. We have also worked with members of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation's, Special Operations Division (SOD) on joint operations for intelligence gathering and target locating.

In 2020, KCAT worked jointly with members of a **Kansas DEA Taskforce** as well as the **Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics** to apprehend two Parsons' residents. The two were wanted in connection with Federal arrest warrants for controlled substance distribution and other narcotics related offenses. With these partnerships both individuals were safely taken into custody.

KCAT has worked to increase their narcotics related investigations, including arrestee debriefs, knock and talk investigations, following up on narcotics related tips, attempting to form confidential informants.

KCAT has participated in saturation patrol with the Parsons Police Department and Labette County Sheriff's Office with an emphasis on narcotics interdiction and intelligence gathering. We continue to strive to create more relationships with our surrounding agencies and community members to create a coordinated response to this narcotic related epidemic. Through this we hope to rid our communities of these people dealing these destructive substances to our citizenry.

We hope in 2021 to schedule more narcotics related patrols to raise the level of enforcement against these dealers of death in our community and county. **Parsons Police Department is currently in the process of acquiring a patrol K9** and beginning a K9 program within the City of Parsons. This will greatly increase our officer's ability to detect narcotics being trafficked on our city streets, which is a tremendous asset to our officers, community.

We have partnered with local agents with the Kansas Bureau of Alcohol Beverage Control, who specialize in drug tax stamp violations to effectively using the tax seizures to enforce state law against distributors of narcotics.

Although 2020 and the Covid-19 Pandemic hampered some of our goals for 2020, KCAT was still able to build new partnerships with other agencies, acquire new intelligence on targets in our community and move forward on our enforcement of narcotic offenders in our area.

*"When we all come together, united, striving for this cause, then those who are killing America and terrorizing it with slow but sure chemical destruction will see that they are up against the mightiest force for good that we know. Then they will have no dark alleyways to hide in. Let us not forget who we are. Drug abuse is a repudiation of everything America is."*

*-Ronald Reagan 40<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America (1981-1989 September 14, 1986: Speech to the Nation on the Campaign Against Drug Abuse*





# PARSONS

## COMMUNITY LIVABILITY



Behavioral and property based crimes can be an indicator of a community's overall level of livability. These types of crimes can also be precursor warnings to the development of more serious crime in the future.

Key indicator crimes include criminal damage, assaults, thefts, burglary, domestic violence calls, and disorderly conduct. By paying attention to these crime today, the police and the community can see trends that may later lead to more serious types of criminal activity.

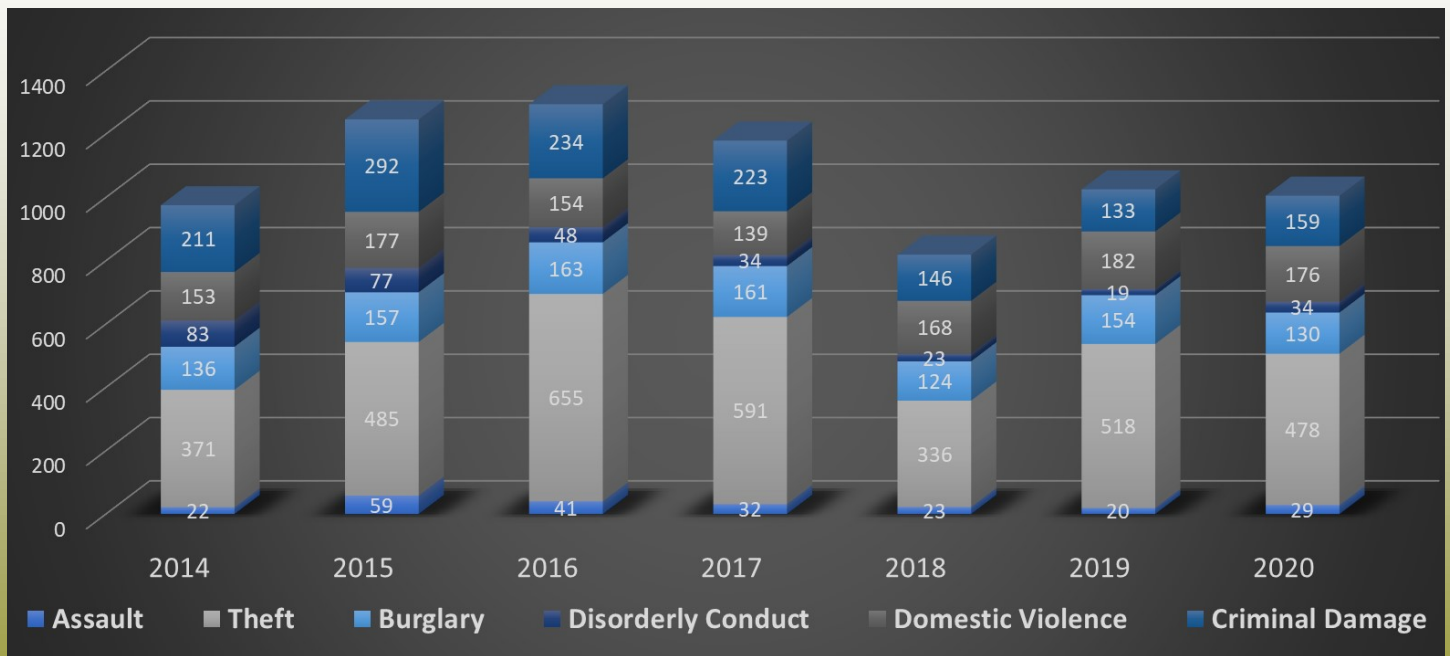
As the columns in the lower graph decline, there is a greater level of livability in the community in essence the community is healthier.

The results of quickly nipping 'quality of life' crimes supports the "Broken Windows" theory of crime. If minor violations and crimes are left unchecked by the community, then a breeding ground for crime develops which, if allowed to remain, gives rise to additional and more serious crimes.

In a small community, it is relatively easy to drive through unkempt neighborhoods and then overlay crime

Year	Criminal Damage	Assault	Theft	Burglary	Disorderly Conduct	Domestic Violence
2020	159	29	478	130	34	176
2019	133	20	518	154	19	182
2018	146	23	336	124	23	168
2017	223	32	591	161	34	139
2016	234	41	655	163	48	154
2015	292	59	485	157	77	177
2014	211	22	371	136	83	153

mapping on those areas to see the accuracy of the Broken Windows Theory of Crime. Proactively addressing nuisance code violations, abandoned vehicles, and minor criminal activity really is the first line of defense to protect the overall quality of life and livability in Parsons.



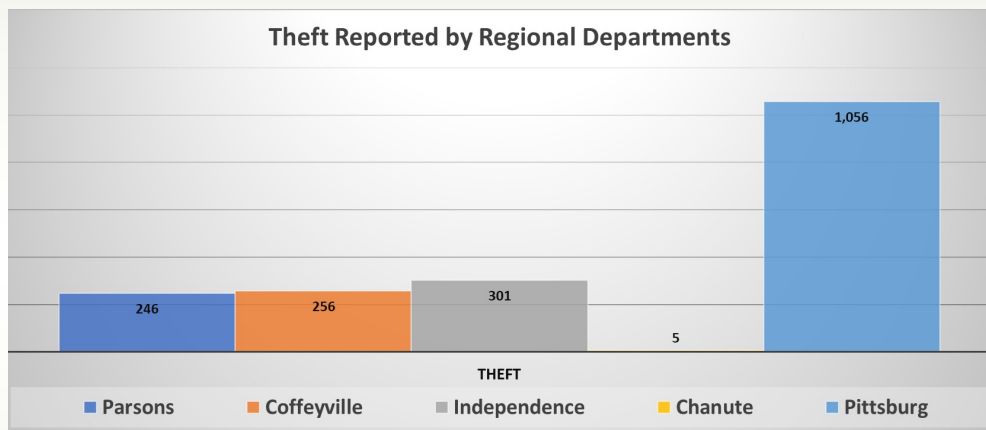
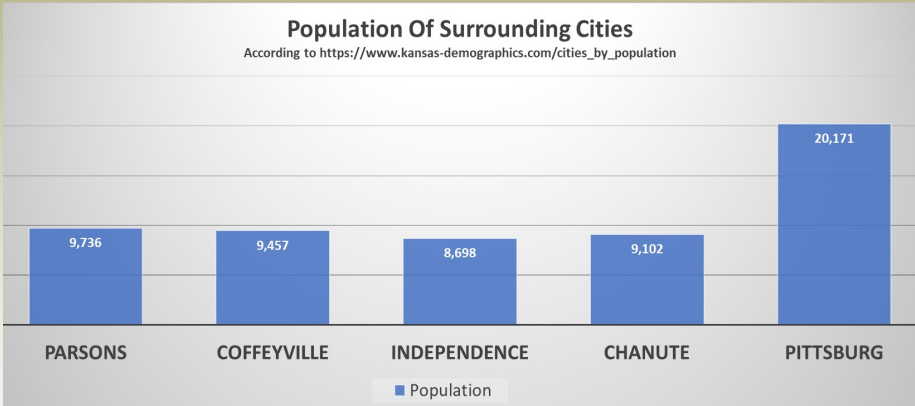
# UCR



## UNDERSTANDING CRIME: WHAT IS UCR?

The Parsons Police Department reports crime data to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), which serves as the clearinghouse for collecting crime data in the State of Kansas.

**Serious Crimes include:** Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Simple Crimes or less serious Crimes are also tracked, this is not an all



communities. Yet, the data has shown for decades that the two highest risk work locations for police officers are the largest metropolitan cities and in rural communities. All other areas and sizes of communities tend to provide a safer work environment for law enforcement officers. Usually because of lower staffing, less back-up, availability of weapons and a host of factors, policing metropolitan cities and rural

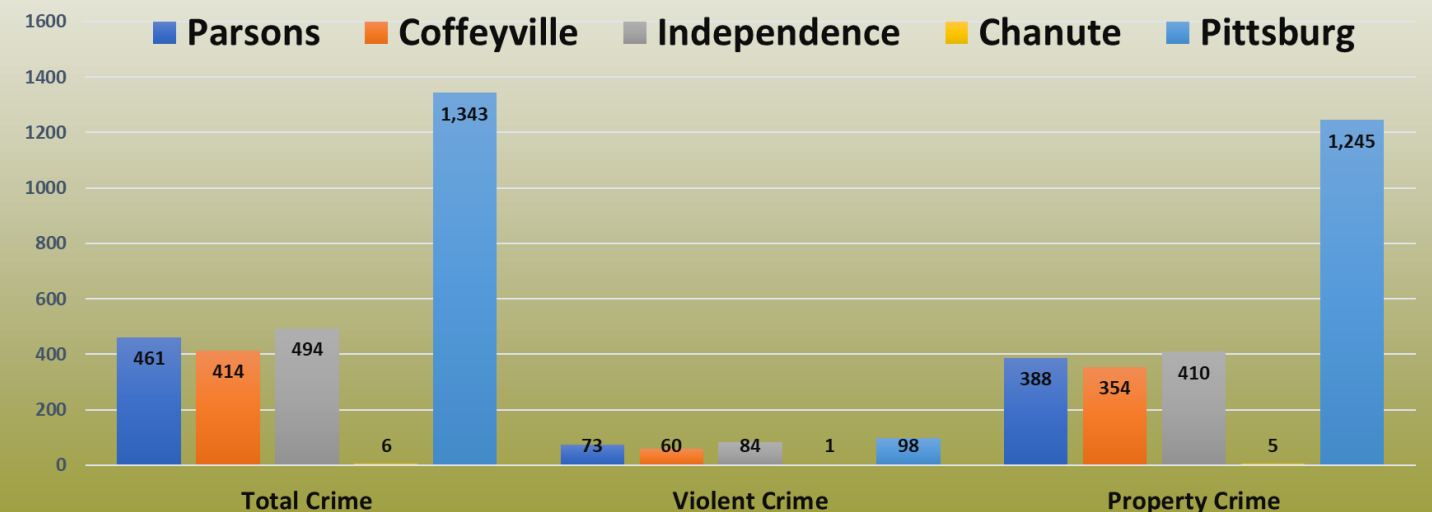
inclusive list of crimes. The charts shows the local UCR crime rate. This allows a comparison between PPD and other agencies.

communities remains a risky occupation.

Here are local agencies and how Parsons compares to them in 2019. **UCR state data** is always 1 year behind.

One common misconception is that the work environment for rural police officers is safer than in metropolitan

\*Chanute KS Reported incomplete data for 2019

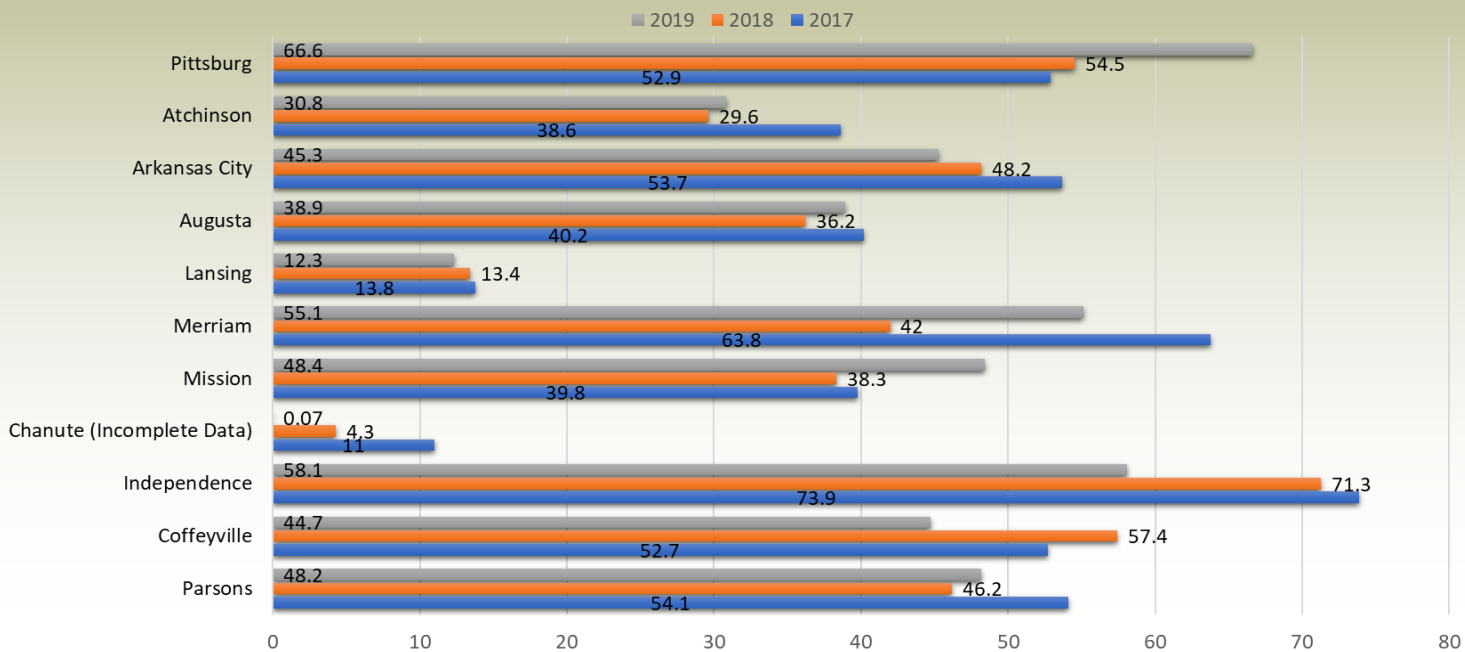


# UCR

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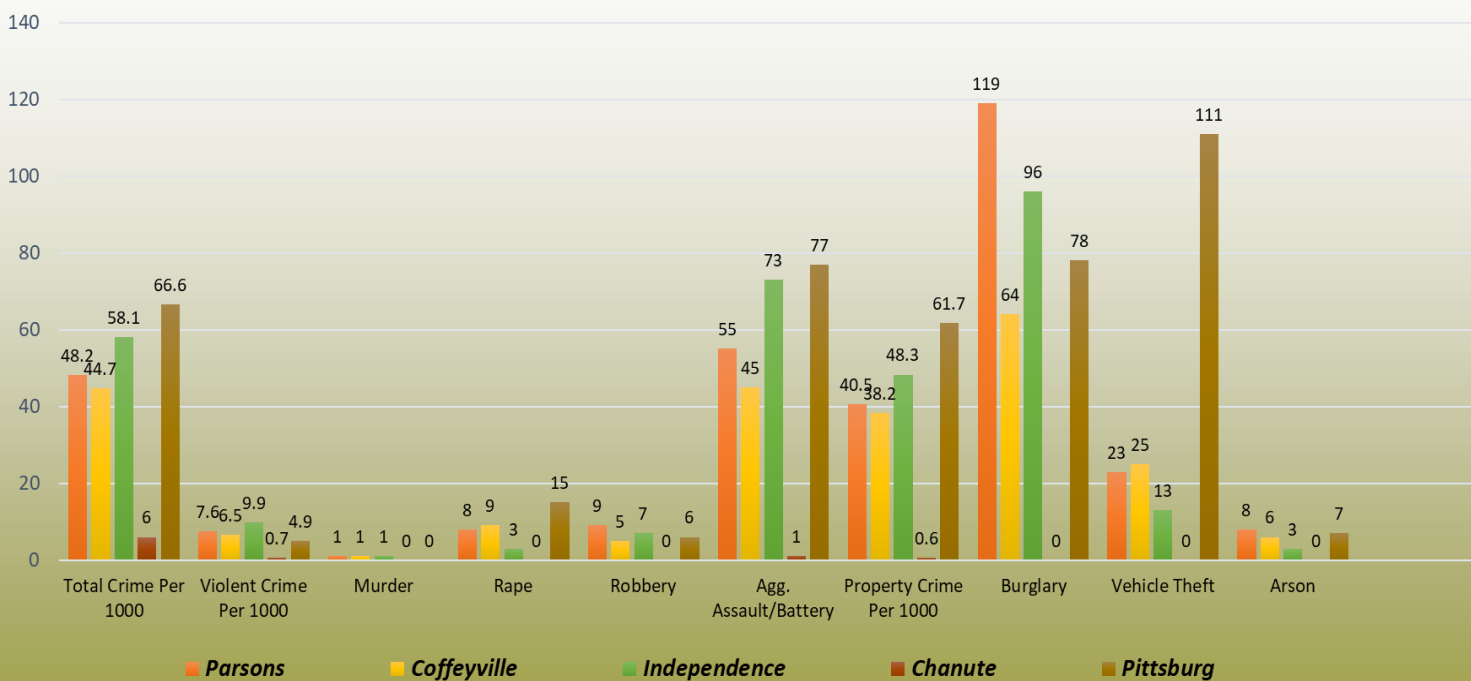


2019-2017 Crime Data/ Total Criminal Index Per. 1000



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## Regional Comparison 2019





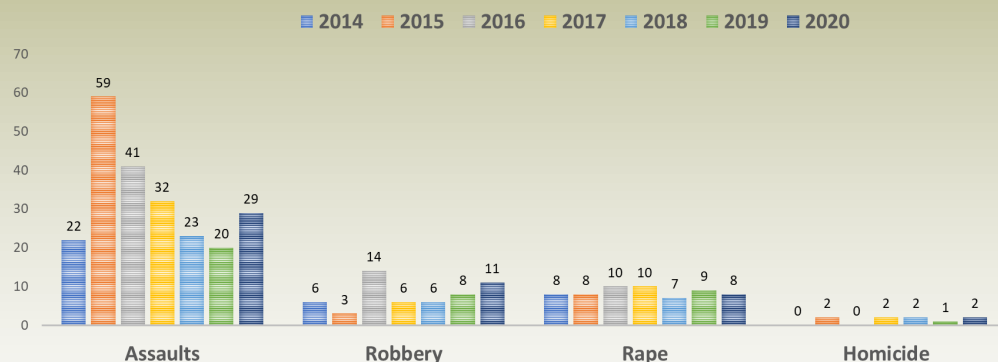
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## UCR Department Stats

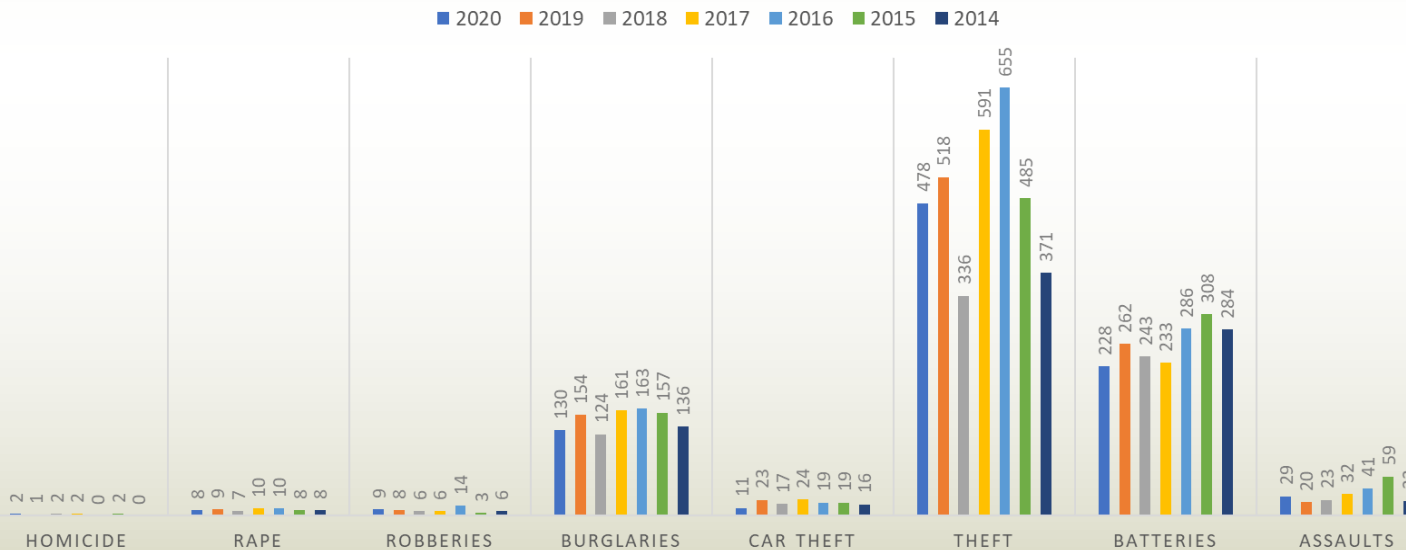


The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) samples only a handful of specific crimes, which allows for uniform comparison of data across city, state and regional lines. This system was created in 1928 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). It was then transferred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a means to establish a way to systematically measure crimes across the United States. The US Department of Justice (DOJ) publishes this data annually in the *FBI Crime in the United*

UCR PERSONS CRIME TRENDS



**States Report** available on-line at: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>.



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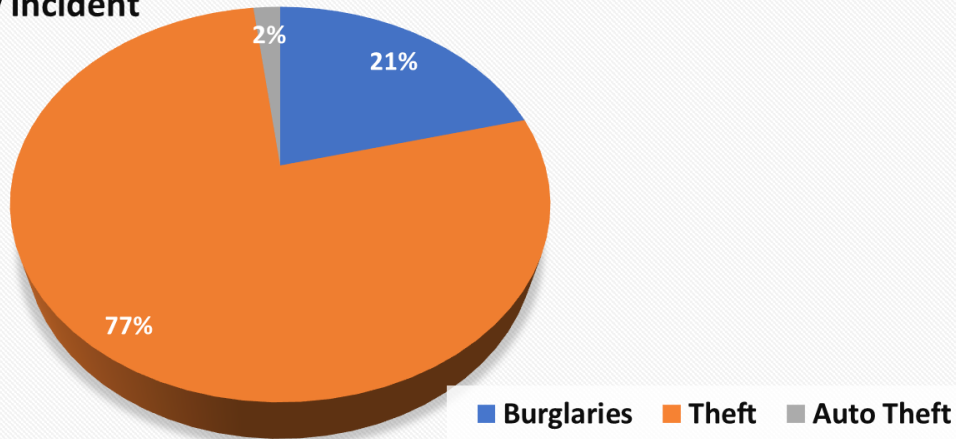


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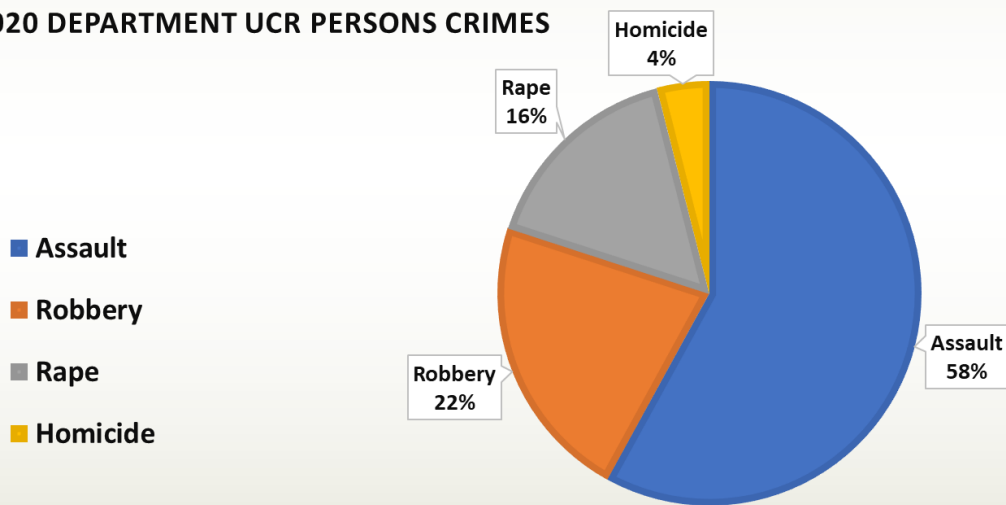
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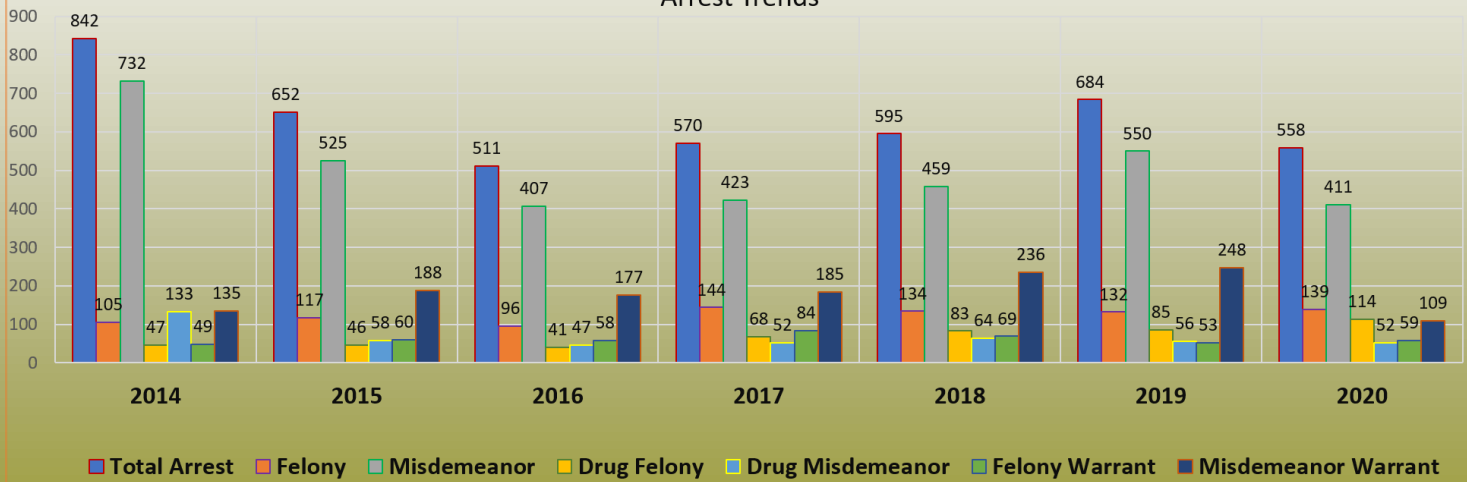
2020 Property Crimes by Incident



2020 DEPARTMENT UCR PERSONS CRIMES

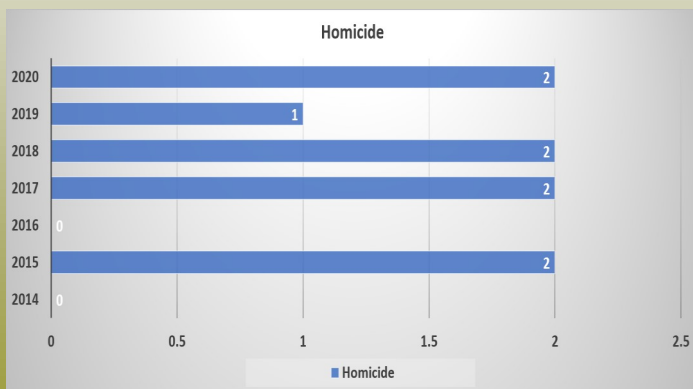
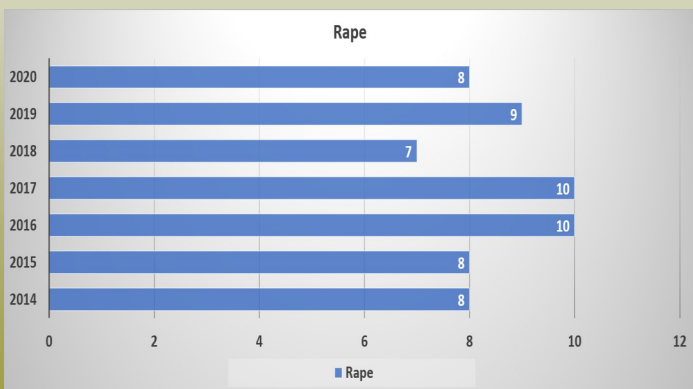
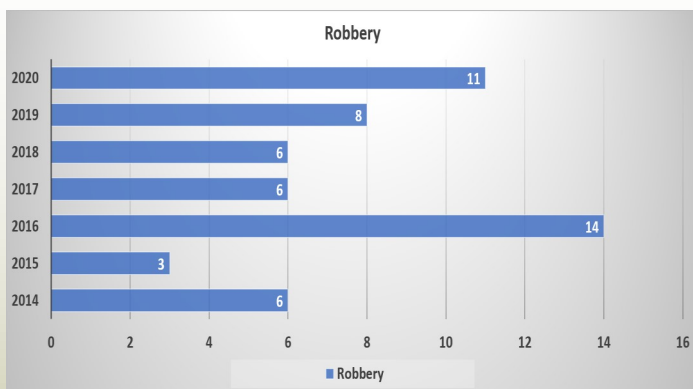
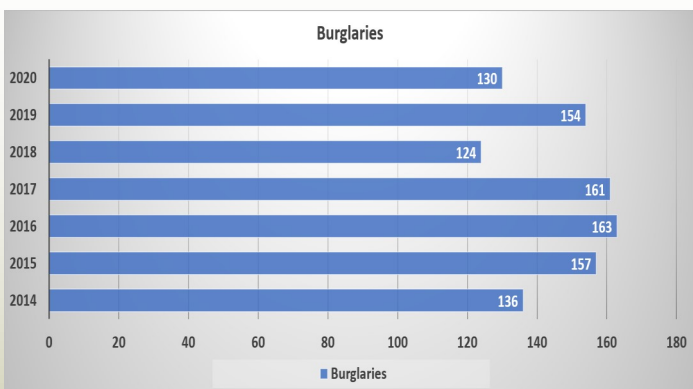
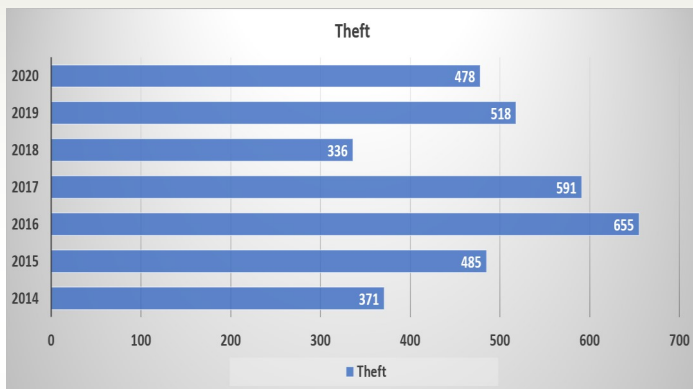
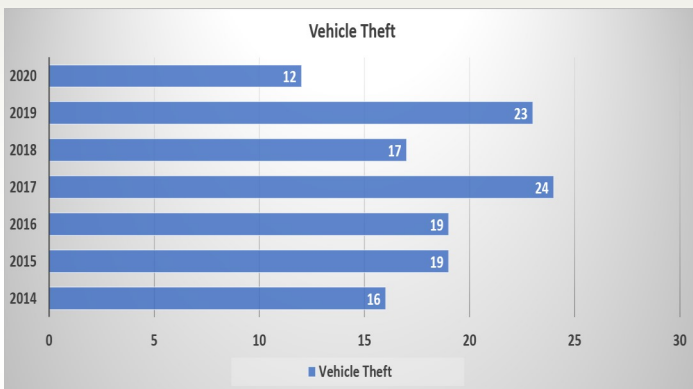
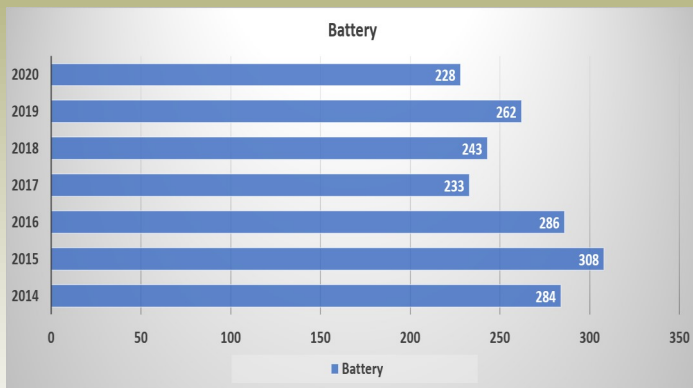
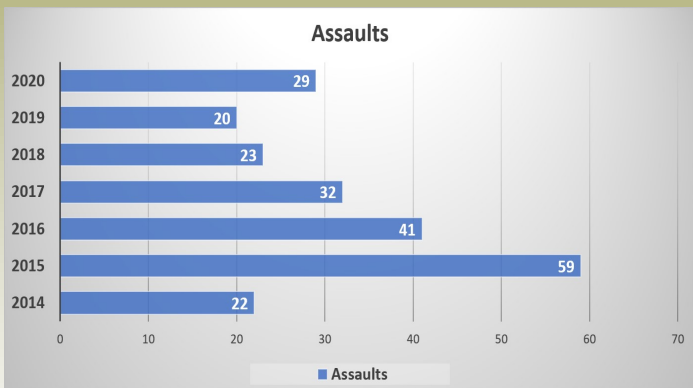


Arrest Trends



# CORE CRIME STATS

2020-2014





# USE OF FORCE

## Police Use of Force Review



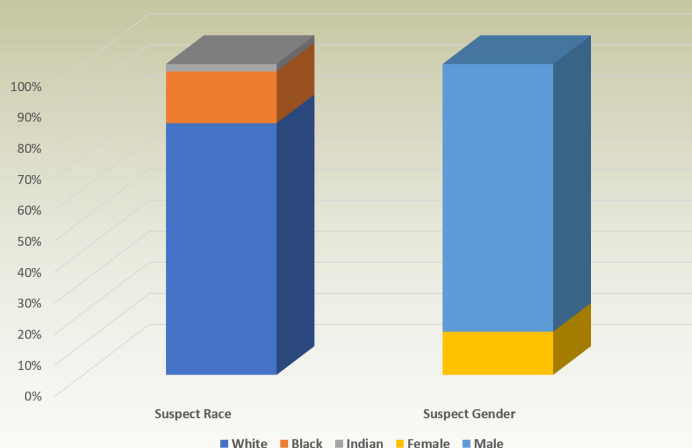
In 2020, out of the 18,782 Calls for Service and the 558 arrest, the Police Department only had **36 Use of Force** incidents. None of them resulted in the use of any weapons. That means a contact with a Parsons Police Officer has less than a .0019% chance of force being used. Even in the event of being arrested there is only a .06% chance of force being use to effect the arrest.

In 2020 out of the 9 personnel complaints there were 0 Racial or Biased-based complaints filed.

The Parsons Police Department sends all Use of Force reports to the **Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI)** as a part of our normal state reporting procedures. We also report any Racial or Biased-Based complaints to them as well.

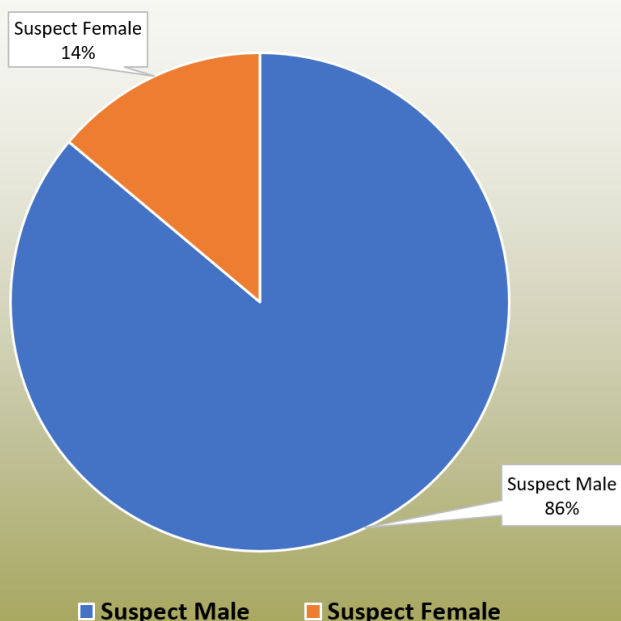
In 2020 the President of the United States issued an executive order on police reform. The Parsons Police Department was already in compliance with all directives set forth by the executive order. Being compliant with that executive order means that the Parsons Police Department is leading the charge to creating better relationships and partners with the citizens of this community.

Use of Force Breakdown by Gender and Race

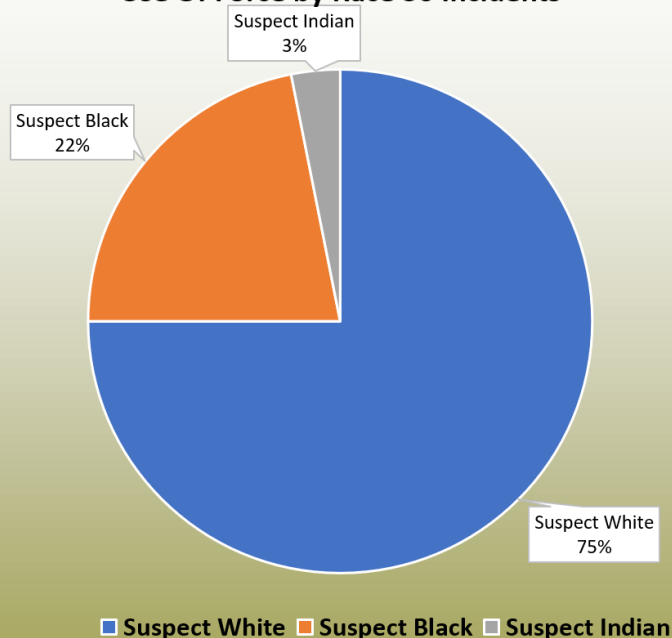


The department uses equipment such as body cameras to help both citizens and officers to feel safe during interactions with law enforcement. Our department training consists of yearly Racial and Biased-Based Policing training, and will include further De-Escalation training in 2021.

Use of Force by Gender 36 Incidents



Use Of Force by Race 36 Incidents

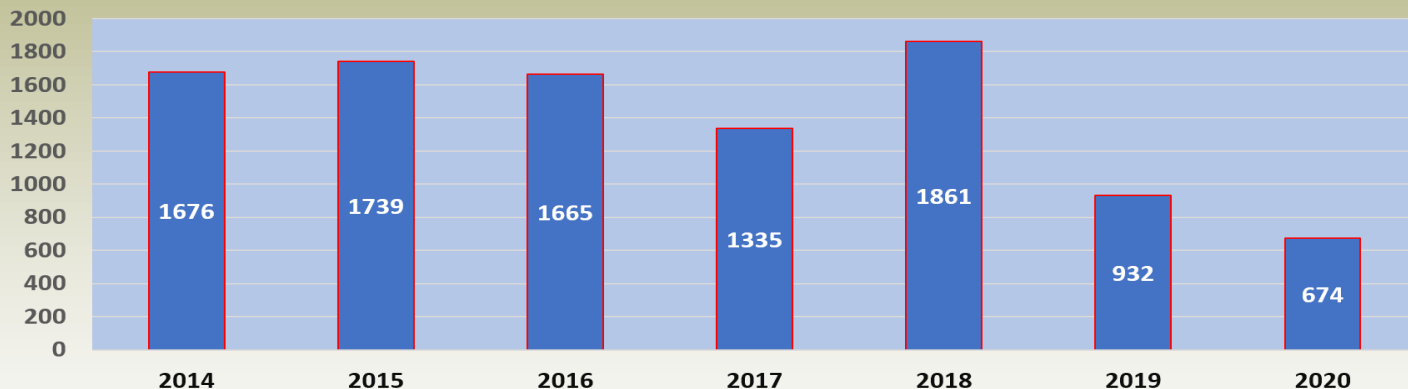


# TRAFFIC REPORT



## 2020 Traffic Citation Data

Traffic Citations



Traffic Citations

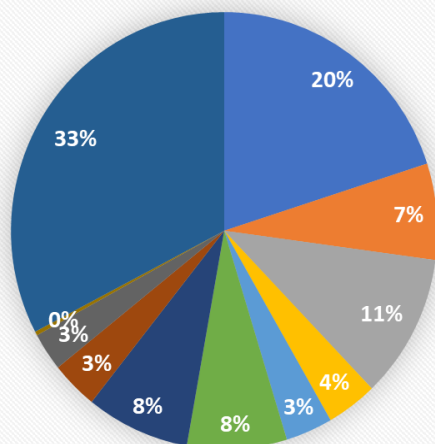
Citations for the Parsons Police Department have been fairly consistent in the past, but dramatically dropped in 2020 due to COVID-19 issues. This traffic report will also be used to apply for the “AAA” Traffic Safety Award Program that the department participates in each year. The Parsons Police Department earned another ‘**Platinum Award**’ this year and hopes to continue the recognition each year. This brings our total to 5 Awards.

drivers, but it can also be misinterpreted since officers write the citations for not having proof of the insurance in the vehicle. If the driver has proof of the insurance and takes it to the municipal court they can possibly have the charges dropped. The second greatest citations are **Seatbelts**. We will continue to participate in Click It or Ticket and other seatbelt enforcement campaigns to ensure the safety of our citizens.

The break down for citations is interesting. The Pie Chart shows that 20% of all citations are for **No Liability Insurance**. This seems like a high percentage of uninsured

The largest portions of our citation totals (**33%**) this year came from miscellaneous traffic violations, misdemeanor violations, and also includes city ordinance violations. 2020 officers used Citations to handle low level offenses to keep the spread of COVID-19 to minimum in the community.

Percentages for the 674 Traffic Citations in 2020



- No Insurance
- Speeding
- Seatbelts
- Expired Tags
- Stop Signs
- Driving While Suspended
- No Valid Drivers License
- Defective Tail Light
- Illegal Tag
- FTY Right of Way
- Other Violations\*

# TRAFFIC REPORT



## 2020 Traffic Citation Data

When making comparisons and graphing data, the citations issued include several other types. In 2020 to keep COVID spread to a minimum we used citations for low level misdemeanors and City Ordinance violations in place of arrests. This changes the stop to citation data slightly as well as arrest data.

This chart is important to show due to many police complaints deriving from traffic stops. The most complaints are that officers only write citations and do not give warnings. This chart shows that the Parsons Police Department is fair and equitable in the amount of citations that are written compared to the amount of warnings given.

Agency policy is to utilize the lowest level of enforcement to gain the highest level of voluntary compliance. The goal is to reduce crashes and provide safe streets for not just vehicles but for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Parsons Police averaged a citation to stop percentage

of 59.8% for 2020 which is down from the 64.72% in 2019. This change can be tied to short staffing and a lower number of traffic stops being made in 2020 due to the national pandemic. Officers are making stops that are more serious in nature and issuing more citations as a result rather than giving a warning.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) conducted a survey in 2015 and the national average was estimated at \*49% of traffic stops resulting in citations or enforcement action. This puts Parsons Police slightly above the national average for citations issued on traffic stops, but well below the average amount of citations issued for the year.

\*This information was obtained from an outside source: <https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/cpp15.pdf>

Citation to Stop Ratio	
Total Stops	1,128
Total Stops with Issued Citation	674
Percentage of Stops Resulting in Citation	59.8%
1 Citation per 1.67 Stops	

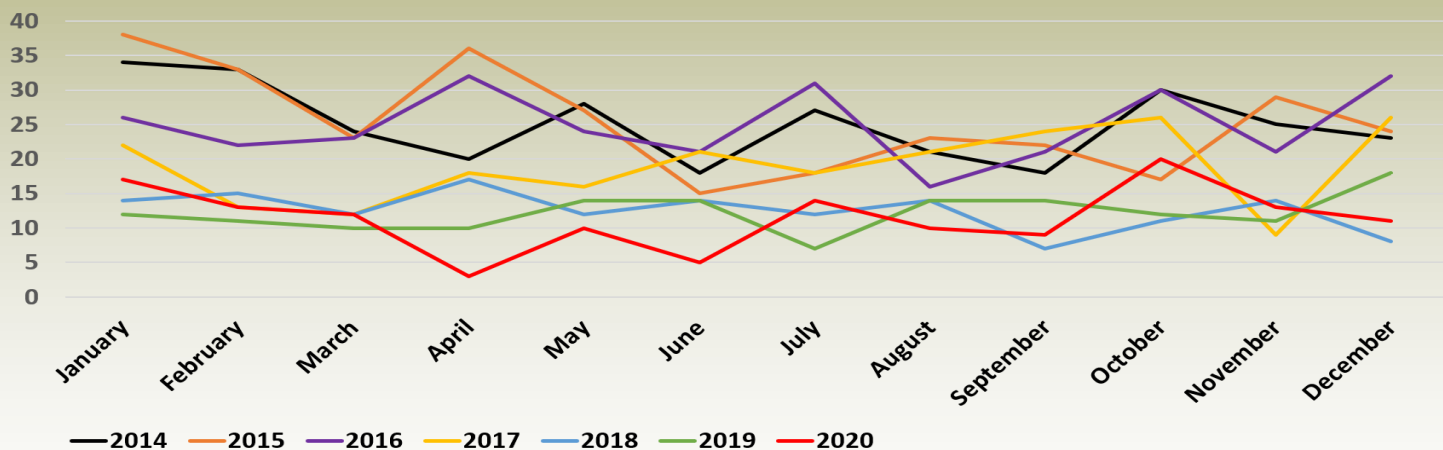


# PARSONS CRASH DATA

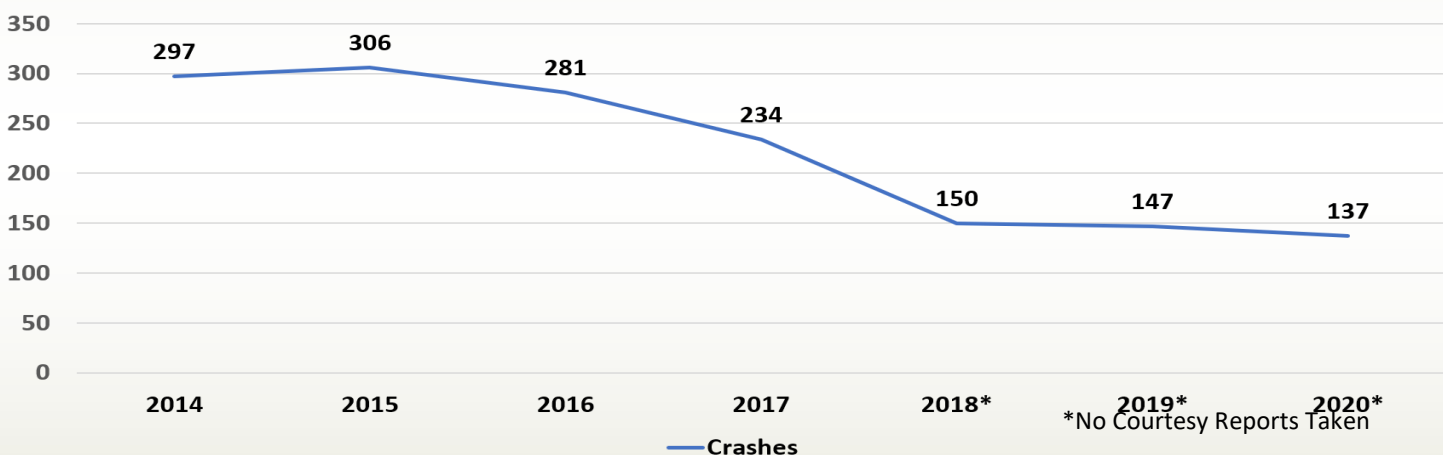
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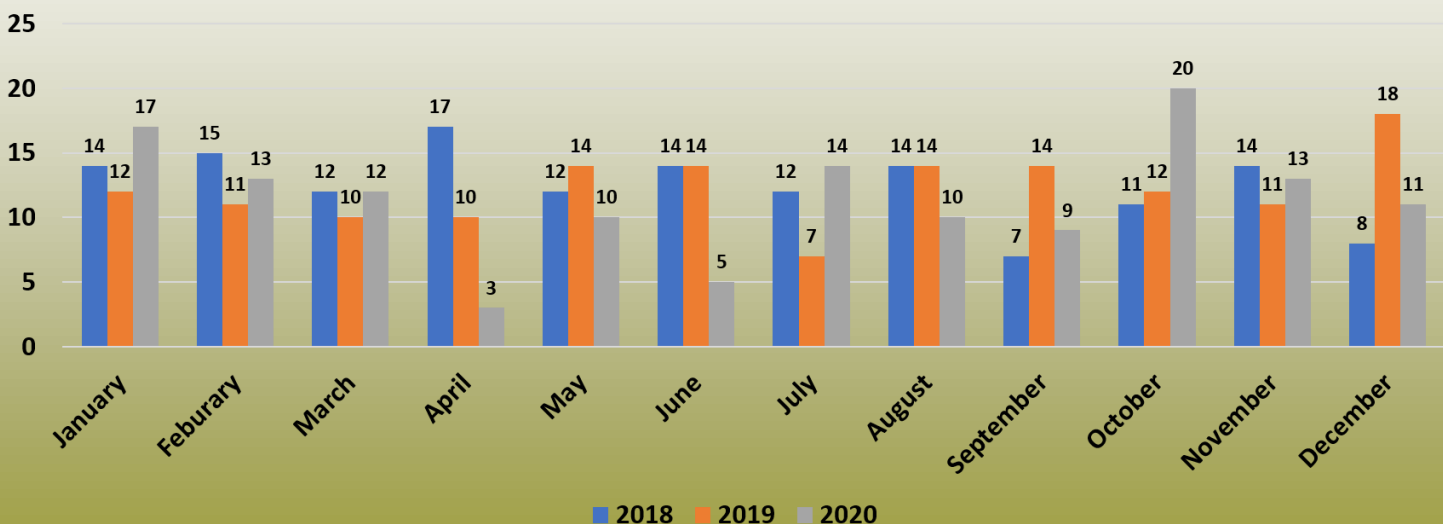
Crash Data By Month



7 Year Crash Trend Data



2018-2020 Traffic Crash By Month Comparison



# DISPATCH



## Parsons 9-1-1 Center Statistics

The Parsons Police Department dispatch center is a **24 / 7 / 365 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point)**, that is staffed by four full-time dispatchers and one Communications Director. Dispatchers are often the first “first” responders and are almost always the first point of contact for any major emergency.

Our Dispatch Center got a complete remodel over the last few months. Upgrades included: new wiring, lighting, flooring, new paint, and Dispatch consoles. This brings our dispatch center in to the 21st century of policing and provides dispatchers and officers alike with the technology they need to do their jobs.

conducting weekly testing on storm siren equipment for the city. Dispatch staff is responsible for conducting hourly checks of inmates in our **holding facility**, which consists of three cells with four total beds, a detox cell and a holding cell.

Parsons Dispatch is usually the first contact for the department when a citizen walks into the Police Department for assistance. They guide citizens to the help they need and officers to the needy and provide calming words to those who are in distress.

The Parsons Police Department Dispatch staff have specialized training for dispatching and the use of sensitive material and they are always continuing to improve their training and skill set to better serve the people of Parsons, Kansas. They strive to hold themselves and others to the Parsons Police Departments core values:

**PRIDE**

**PROFESSIONALISM**

**DEDICATION.**

Our dispatch team has many duties such as; monitoring



Before Remodel

twenty-five cameras and six phone lines (three administrative and three **NG911 'Next Generation 911'** lines) as well as text to 911 and up to ten police, fire and EMS 800MHz radio channels at the same time. A single dispatcher will take caller information, prioritize calls, and dispatch officers in a 12-hour shift. All dispatchers are full access NCIC (**National Crime Information Center**) certified and dispatchers are responsible for running vehicle plates and person information, checking criminal history for police investigations, entering and confirming warrants and running serial numbers to check for stolen items.



During Remodel

Parsons Dispatch also monitors severe weather and NWS (**National Weather Service**) alerts and sound storm sirens when tornado warnings are issued. Dispatch is also the coordinating point to open storm shelters and is responsible for



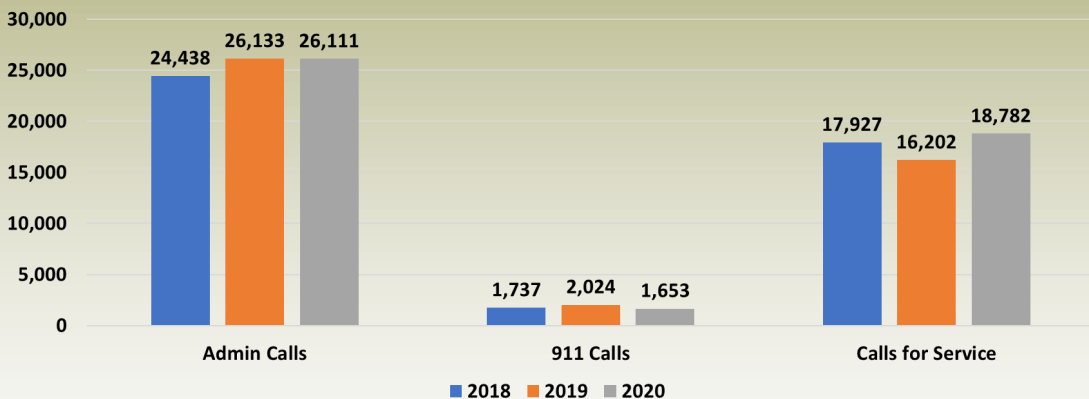
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# DISPATCH

## Parsons 911 Statistics



Dispatch Activity

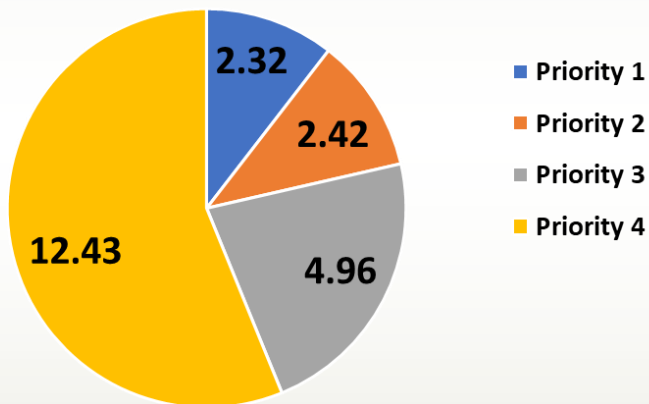


10 MAJOR CITIES RANKED BY AVERAGE POLICE RESPONSE TIME

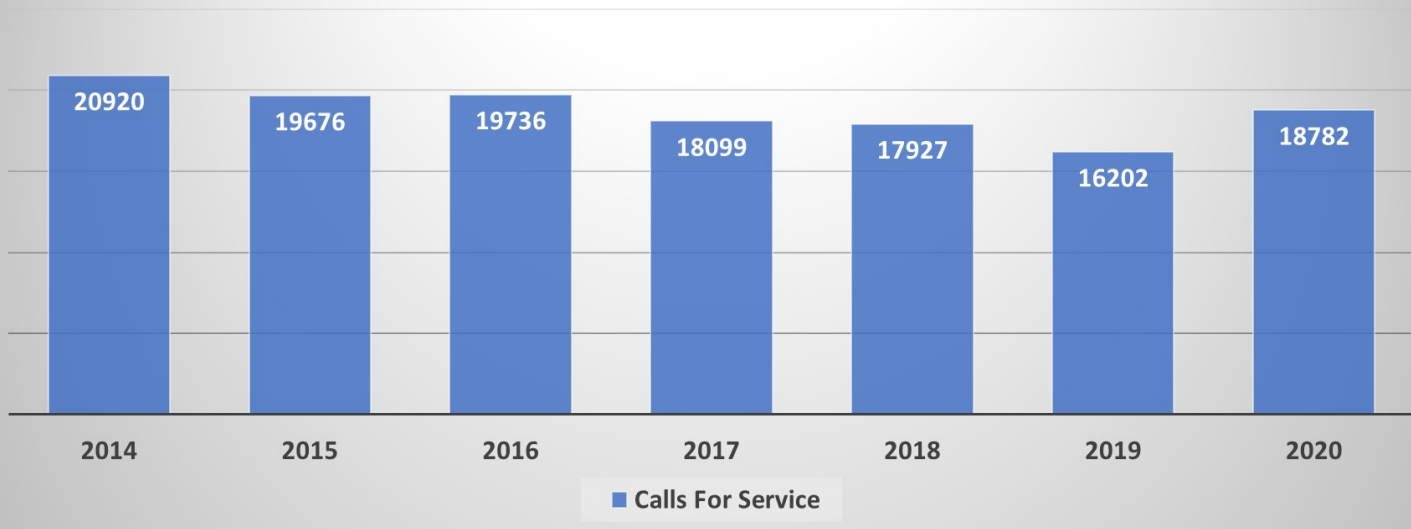
1.	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	5.46 MINUTES
2.	HOUSTON, TX	5.51 MINUTES
3.	LOS ANGELES, CA	6.1 MINUTES
4.	NEW YORK CITY, NY	6.69 MINUTES
5.	SAN ANTONIO, TX	6.88 MINUTES
6.	AUSTIN, TX	7.15 MINUTES
7.	DALLAS, TX	8.39 MINUTES
8.	SEATTLE, WA	9 MINUTES
9.	SAN JOSE, CA	9.2 MINUTES
10.	FORT WORTH, TX	9.5 MINUTES

SECURELIFE

2020 Response Times in Minutes



Calls For Service



<b>Dispatched Incident</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Break/ Meal Break	597	578	574	365	405	192	19
Visitor	0	46	34	42	8	24	32
Police Escort	431	275	293	288	277	222	193
Arrest/ Transport Male/ Female	80	118	121	150	119	178	98
Phone Call	2	49	34	40	21	71	402
Paper Service	347	558	392	355	381	282	263
Warrant Service	244	302	272	508	497	399	222
Vehicle Pursuit	4	10	21	19	10	14	10
Traffic Stop	3290	2457	2252	2661	2943	1452	1141
DUI/ Drunk Investigation	103	103	89	71	82	62	68
Non-Injury Accident	303	297	304	266	247	232	213
Injury Accident	33	35	30	28	23	29	26
VIN Inspection	370	399	354	410	424	428	184
Civil Standby	197	210	214	169	223	223	216
Follow Up Investigation	1337	1322	1195	1161	1052	1036	1044
Welfare Check	265	304	313	276	326	358	362
Suspicious Persons	574	686	723	841	784	931	887
Suspicious Vehicle	505	574	487	505	522	473	472
Medial Response	326	350	276	237	252	302	230
Fire Report	135	117	121	97	104	102	110
Range Time	6	3	9	11	3	2	4
Miscellaneous Call ***	5887	4660	4428	3301	3315	443	522
Crime in Progress	3	14	10	17	19	19	14
Burglary in Progress	20	33	7	2	9	17	22
Armed Robbery in Progress	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
Alarm Call	381	444	397	340	322	278	255
Fight in Progress	191	225	230	236	230	209	227
Domestic Fight	394	393	355	358	387	403	472
Prowler	5	9	4	26	8	4	0
Jail Break***	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
911 Hang Up	200	348	360	166	118	254	129
School Zones***	0	0	216	300	397	269	260
Armed Person	15	8	22	11	6	3	15
Unattended Death	5	3	9	8	10	7	13
Report Call	2588	2686	2795	2514	2062	1989	1978
Back Up Requested	1	0	0	1	1	0	2
Unlock Vehicle	2	2	1	0	2	6	1
Unsecure Residence/ Building	104	76	87	98	115	147	163
Shoplifter	43	19	40	34	19	29	20
Animal Call	869	898	758	385	527	869	912
House Watch Check/ Labette Health***	80	5	418	379	369	737	747
Utilities Callout	115	114	133	92	122	99	62
Citizen Assist	7	6	6	3	4	7	2
Disabled Vehicle	136	103	113	95	67	79	19
Green Tag Vehicle	201	92	85	75	41	59	66
Fire Works	43	29	18	37	14	23	27
Mental/Suicidal Person	161	223	295	183	220	140	161
Lock/ Unlock Oakwood	165	221	633	628	578	558	540
Shots Fired	30	64	49	62	53	67	74
Finger Prints***	0	99	214	215	182	355	135
Dead Animal	124	107	90	31	20	15	108
Storm Siren Testing***	0	0	0	0	5	0	0



# EVIDENCE/RECORDS

## 2021 Evidence / Records Statistics with Jason Bennett



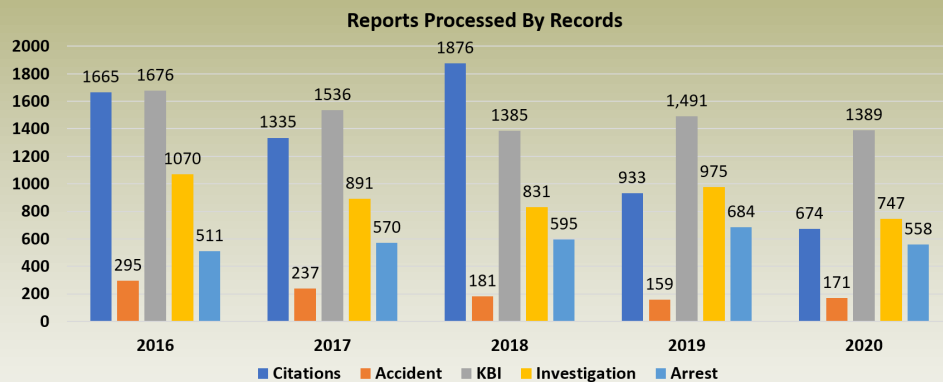
My primary function is the Records Clerk. My job includes completing activities and operations in the Police Records Unit which are recording, copying, disseminating and storing of confidential police records in accordance with federal and state laws, as well as city policy and procedures. I act as a Custodian of Police Records by performing research and data retrieval in response to **Police Records Dissemination Requests**. I also deal with the general public often as the first point of contact for the Police Department. I respond to questions and requests for information and resolve problems related to police records and the records management computer system. I receive and process delivery of mail, receive and coordinate delivery of packages and documents.

I also act as the Evidence Custodian which includes being responsible for maintaining the chain of custody of submitted items with regards to storage and transportation of property and evidence to the Kansas Bureau of Investigations

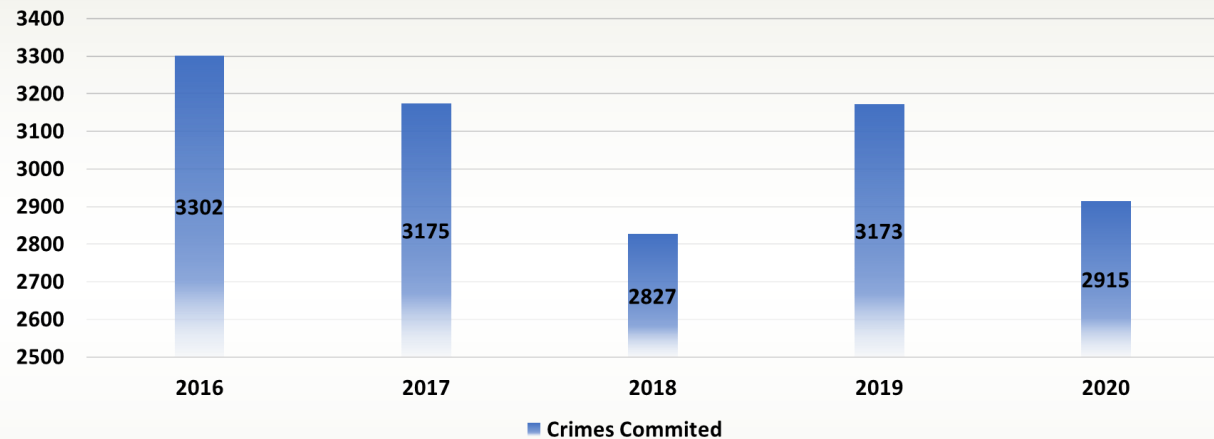
(KBI) crime lab, evidence room, court, return items to owners and victims and destruction of illegal drugs.

Evidence intake was at an all time low for 2020 and returned property was up from 2019. We finished major construction on the new evidence holding facility including the required surveillance and alarms.

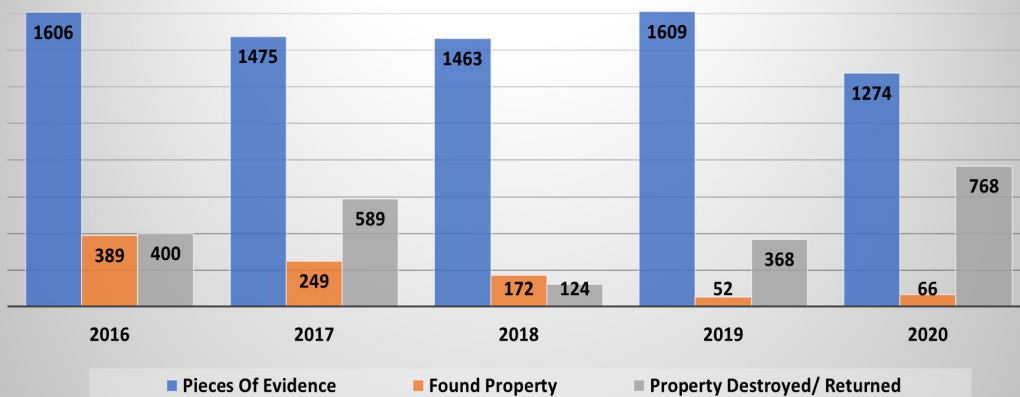
Evidence storage is a problem area for most police departments, but we have made a huge step in minimalizing that stress with our new offsite facility. We are continuing to make strides each year to better the departments core functions. We are hoping 2021 brings more success.



### TOTAL UCR CRIMES REPORTED



### Evidence



# ANIMAL CONTROL

**Community Service Officer Trish Pizzi**

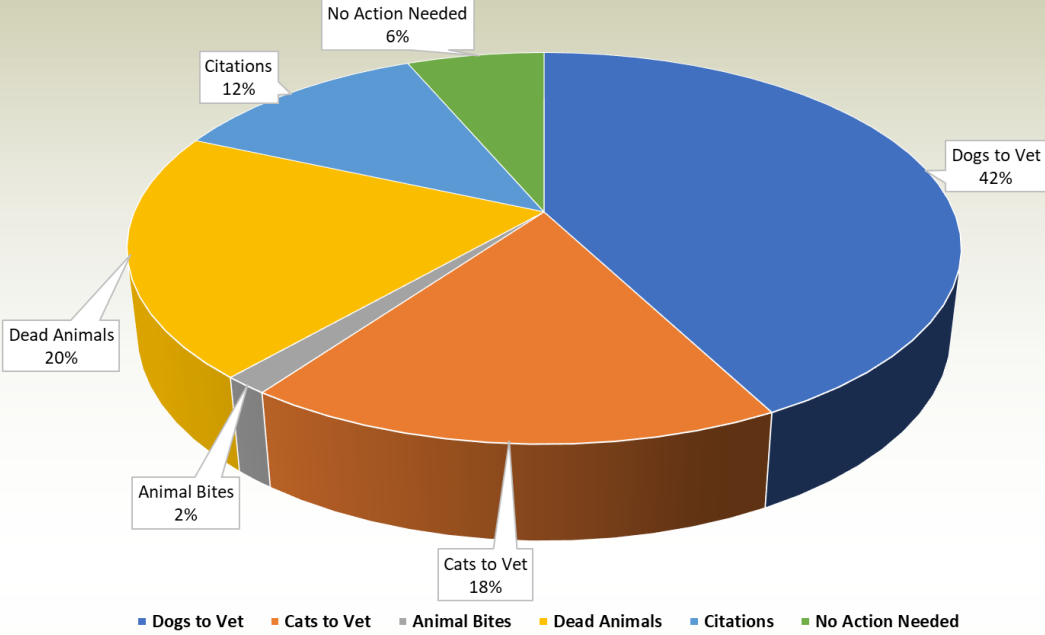


2020 brought evolution to the Parsons Police Departments animal control efforts. **CSO Trish Pizzi** hit the ground running by attending three Nationally known Animal Control training courses allowing her to be known as a National Animal Control and Humane Officer. She finished her three **National Animal Care & Control Association** training modules and has a new breadth and depth in her job function.

As the **Community Service Officer (CSO)**. She has been handling more quality of life issues as well as animal control problem day to day. CSO Pizzi will be going o t more specialized training in the future to provide more valuable information to the citizens of Parsons, such as home safety tips and crime prevention strategies.

CSO Pizzi has made a great impact on the community members that she has been in contact with and has even

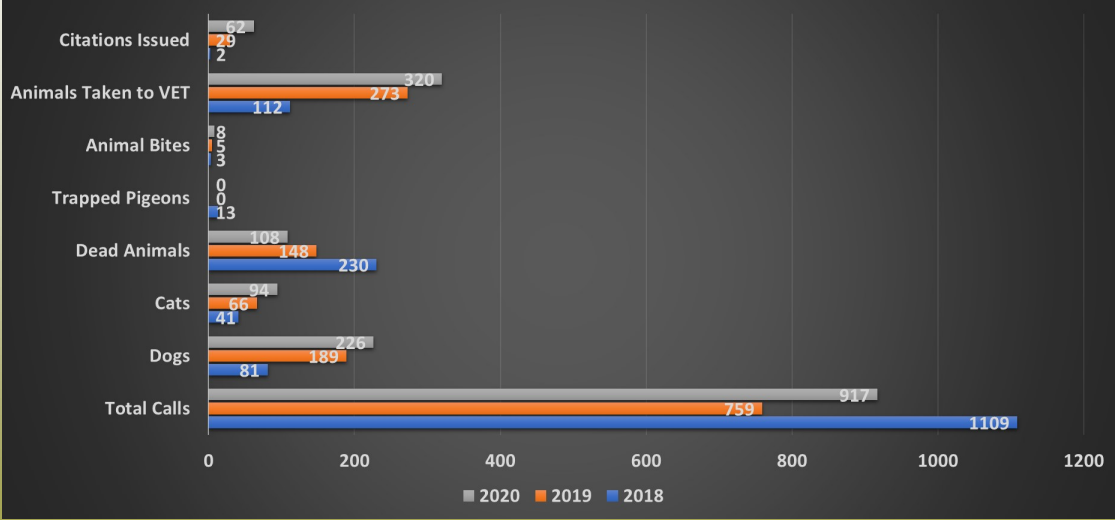
Summary of Calls



recorded a Podcast on KLKC. **Pets with Pizzi** will be making a return in 2021 to give the community more updates on safe animal practices.

As we look at the impact of COVID ridden 2020 on animal control in the city, we see that there have been more calls for service resulting in more dogs and cats being taken to

the impound. The pie chart above give us a better breakdown of the results from CSO Pizzi's day to day job functions. We are hoping that more pet owners become pet guardians, because being a guardian of pet requires more effort but the rewards are much more meaningful.



# FLEET

## Police Department Vehicles



### Fleet Update

The Parsons Police Department currently has a total of 22 vehicles in the fleet. 8 of them are assigned to patrol and are driven by patrol officers and supervisors. The School Resource Officer (SRO), Administrative Services Sergeant, Investigation Division and Administration have assigned vehicles.

Pool or shared vehicles are currently used by patrol which includes: Shift Sergeant, Corporal, Senior Patrolman, East Sector, West Sector. The remaining vehicles also serve as extras for specialty patrols such as **Click It or Ticket** or any of the added DUI campaigns and saturation patrols. They are also used as transport vehicles for officers that are called in for duty to conduct specialty transports to other agencies or facilities. As the following charts show the patrol vehicles are used beyond that of a normal vehicle, with them being driven in one month more than some cars are driven in an entire year.

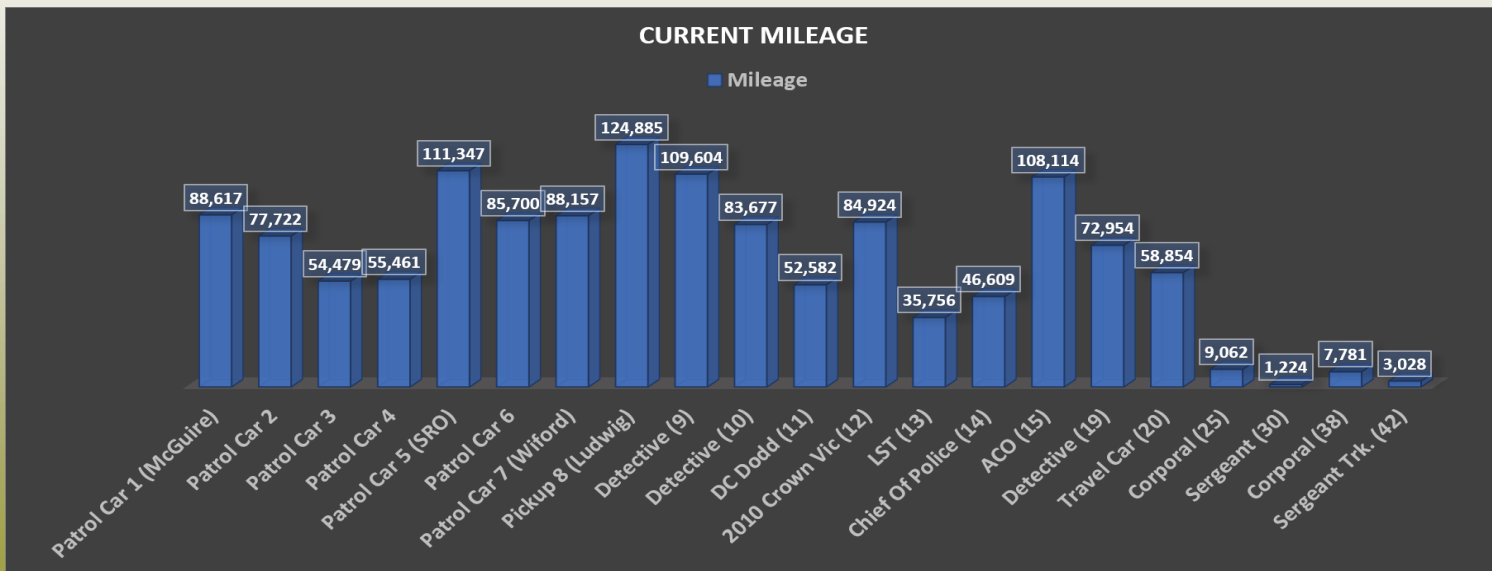
The average patrol car is driven in excess of **2,000** miles per month by patrol officers. Sergeants and Corporals are the shift supervisors and have a considerable amount of administrative duties that keep their individual miles lower than that of a Sector or a Senior Patrolman's vehicle.

The unmarked part of the fleet includes assigned units for the detectives, which has sustained increasing maintenance costs due to their age. The detectives have been given the retired patrol Chevy Tahoe's to better suit the needs of their

equipment they take to major crime scenes. These vehicles took the place of the program cars that were purchased in 2011 to supplement the Detectives needs. The program cars are still maintained by the department as travel vehicles for academy officers and officers yearly continued education training.

The LST or (Logistics Support Truck) is a relatively low mileage vehicle, but is in need of updating its equipment. The department uses the LST for a staging point for events such as **Katy Days**. It is also taken to venues such as **Touch-A-Truck** and the **Parsons Christmas Parade**. Its primary function is used as an evidence collection point for serious crimes and incident command center for large scale investigations. The LST currently has an antiquated analog radio system that needs to be replaced, to be compatible with the agency's digital radio system on the 800 MHz frequency. With a computer and new communication equipment the Parsons Police Department can have a mobile dispatch center in the event of a natural disaster.

The Police Department also maintains the CSO's (Community Service Officer's) vehicle as a part of the fleet. This vehicle was updated with animal friendly transport cages that have a fan system for ventilation and interior lighting. The remaining vehicles that the department maintains includes the Chief of Police and Deputy Chiefs vehicles. The travel cars are used for officers without an assigned vehicle to attend training or be present at other events without taking an assigned Patrol Car out of service.



# FLEET

*Fleet Continued...*



## Patrol Car Average Miles Driven Per Month

VEHICLE	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Avg. Per Month
1	NEW	3,467	2,573	1,484	581	1,364	1,894
2		NEW	2,169	2,795	2,046	1,507	2,129
3			NEW	1,965	1,751	1,316	1,677
4			NEW	2,431	1,740	1,301	1,824
5	NEW	3,848	2,486	3,376	1,668	972	2,470
6		NEW	2,357	2,765	2,059	1,372	2,138
7	1,298	1,403	2,636	1,260	360	814	1,295
25					NEW 2020	1,266	1,266
30					NEW 2020	72	72
38					NEW 2020	766	766
42					NEW 2020	351	351

## Patrol Car Miles Driven Per Year

VEHICLE	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	AVG PER YEAR
1	NEW	17,336	30,880	17,813	6,966	13,641	19,918
2		NEW	8,677	33,545	16,368	18,081	20,101
3			NEW	15,717	21,008	15,787	11,451
4			NEW	19,450	17,404	15,617	12,662
5	NEW	19,242	29,858	40,511	20,012	11,658	23,448
6		NEW	9,427	33,182	24,711	11,464	15,608
7	7,790	16,841	31,626	15,119	4,322	13,974	14,945
25					NEW 2020	7,595	7,595
30					NEW 2020	72	72
38					NEW 2020	4,596	4,596
42					NEW 2020	351	351



# CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

## Parsons Police Department Chaplain Partners



The Parsons Police Department partners with several churches in the community to provide a Police Chaplain Program. These trained volunteer professionals provide support to crime victims and community members when they are in crisis. They also provide support to our policing staff.

The role of police chaplain can be a very demanding position as their services can be requested at all hours of the night, under all kinds of conditions. They are bound by the same ethics as law enforcement officers, especially when it comes to confidentiality, as well as by departmental policies.

As noted by the International Conference of Police Chaplains, the position and function of a police chaplain differs from that of a pastor. Their role is to serve, not preach — it is a ministry of presence. Police chaplains, just like military chaplains, must be able to deal with a variety of people with different faith backgrounds, as well as people without faith backgrounds. There is a difference between being a pastor and being a chaplain. A pastor takes an active role in people’s faith life development, while a chaplain supports people where they are at that moment.

A police chaplain is considered a staff member of the Department. The Chaplain functions as a non-sworn staff assistant to the Chief of Police or his/her designee and comes under the authority of the Chief of Police.

**Police chaplains serve in a wide variety of ways.** They may be called upon to assist in death notifications, assist and support victims in times of crisis, respond to suicide incidents, and serve as part of a crisis response team. They visit sick or injured personnel, are a resource for counseling for members of the agency and their families, and serve as a liaison with other clergy in the community. They are called upon to deliver the invocation or benediction at public ceremonies as representatives of the

police department. They also are on hand to serve inside the police department.

The **Police Chaplain Program** allows the Chaplains an opportunity to ride-along with officers on patrol and to interact with the community and department members.

Our partners are **Parsons Foursquare Church** and the **Westside Christian Church**. Other area churches are available to be contacted in times of need as well. Parsons Foursquare Church often provides other services to citizens in need at their own discretion through the police department such as food from their food pantry or temporary shelter for the night in desperate times.

We want to thank our partners for their help and support in 2020. The help they gave throughout the pandemic was instrumental to our success.

We want to thank all of our Chaplin Partners and bid a farewell to Pastor Steve Schultze as he retired. He served as a department Chaplin for well over a decade and has the appreciation of every officer and PD staff member he has come to know. We look for a great 2021 for future endeavors.

*Youth Pastor David Keaton*



*Pastor Doug Baty*





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