

Copperas Cove Police Department

Annual Report

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Message from the Chief

To the members of the City Council, Interim City Manager Ryan Haverlah, and the citizens of Copperas Cove, the men and women of the Copperas Cove Police Department spent 2018 working to bring a new approach toward policing our community. In an effort to build upon our past successes with community policing, we have introduced a geographic policing model through a shared partnership between citizens and our first line officers. This proactive approach uses problem-solving methods while building on relationships for enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Our objective is to provide accountability and transparency throughout the following report with the use of data and statistics and an overview of internal operations. As the Department looks to evolve the culture of community policing, new programs were introduced to meet these efforts. Three successful Coffee with a Cop events this past year gave citizens the opportunity to interact with officers. The success led to the birth of our first ever Cone with a Cop and Pizza with a Cop events. These events exceeded our expectations as we saw a line of parents and children taking the same opportunity to hang out with police officers.

A successful launch of the R-U-OK Telephone Reassurance Program also took place in 2018 with 21 citizens enrolled. We identified this program as a means of proactively helping Copperas Cove seniors, disabled, and homebound residents. Subscribers receive several telephone calls throughout the week to ensure they were “okay.” An officer is sent to personally check on their welfare if anyone fails to answer the call. The Department also hosted the 21st Annual National Night Out Kickoff Party with several neighborhoods joining in for the first time. With the help of your Sector Officer, we hope to see more National Night Out neighborhood block parties in the future.

While we continue to work aggressively at lowering crime, we understand this goal cannot be achieved alone. Effective communication and engagement are critical components for success, so we invite you to take the time and become involved with your Department. The officers and staff of the Copperas Cove Police Department are fully invested in keeping our citizens safe with so many of us who are also citizens of this community.

I want to thank our elected officials, City management, and the citizens of Copperas Cove for their past and ongoing support. We look forward to working together in serving our community and making Copperas Cove a great place to live, visit, and raise a family.

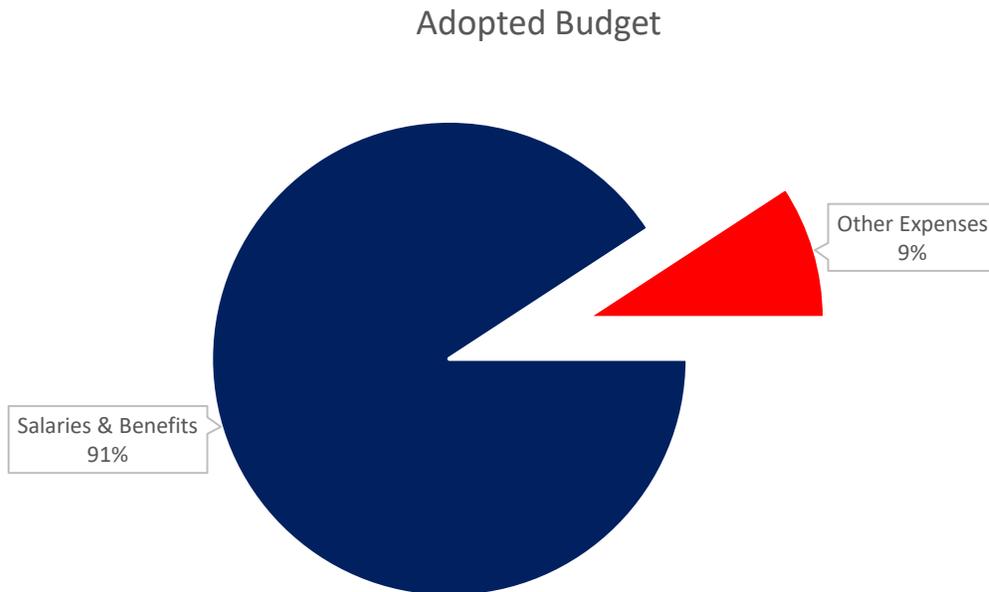

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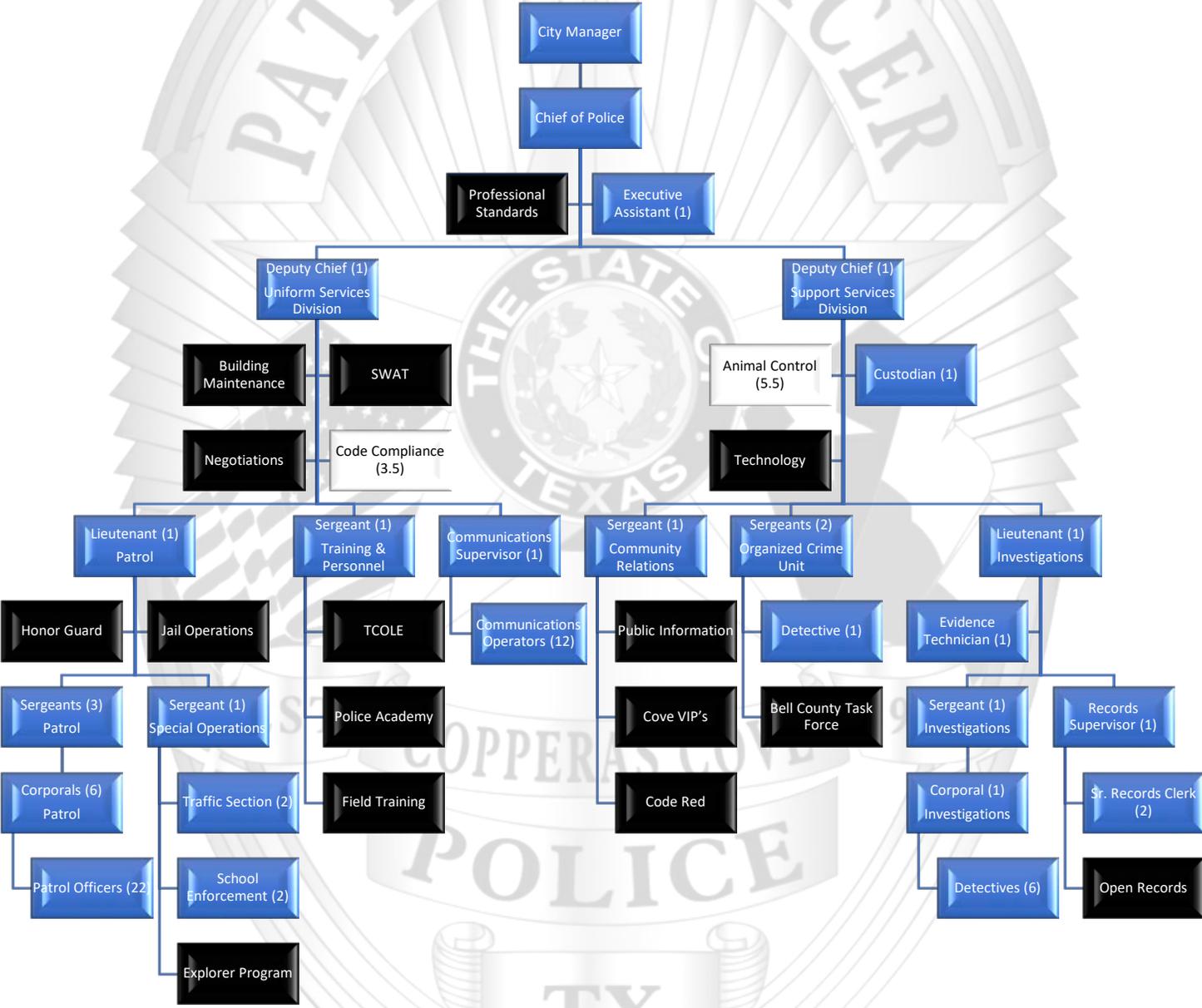
Department Budget

Budget Expenses	Adopted	Expenditure
Salaries & Benefits	\$5,017,340	\$4,701,357
Supplies & Materials	\$115,554	\$127,585
Maintenance & Repair	\$168,049	\$138,919
Contractual Services	\$225,4449	\$187,875
Capital Outlay	\$0.00	\$35,473

The department invested 91% of budgeted expenses on personnel. The other 9% of budgeted expenditures were for the support of personnel and equipment.



Organizational Chart



Department At-A-Glance

Sworn Officers:	48*	Civilian Employees:	16*
Male:	42	Male:	2
Female:	6	Female:	14
Rank Structure:		Fleet:	42
Chief:	1	Marked Cars:	26
Deputy Chiefs:	2	Motorcycles:	2
Lieutenants:	2	Unmarked:	14
Sergeants:	9		
Corporals:	7	Population Served:	32,032
Detectives:	7	(According to 2010 Census)	
Patrol Officers:	26		

*All personnel numbers accurate as of December 31, 2018.

Mission Statement and Core Values

The mission of the Copperas Cove Police Department is to provide the citizens it serves with a safe and secure community; accomplished by working in a partnership to protect life and property, maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, and uphold the constitutional rights of all persons.

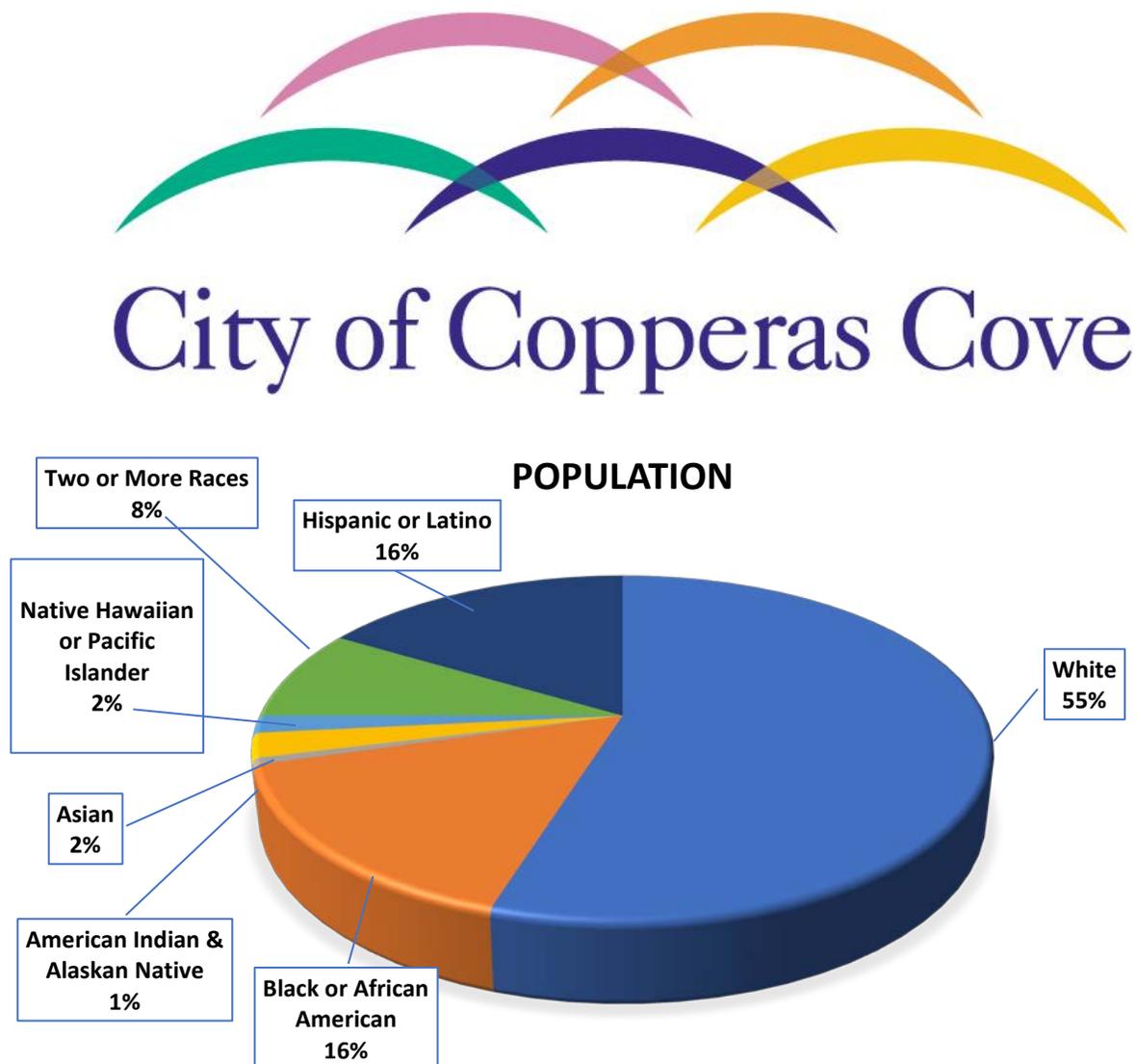
- Integrity – built upon a foundation of ethical and professional conduct. We are committed to the highest level of moral principles and ethics.
- Honesty – Department employees will be truthful and trustworthy at all times.
- Fairness – committed to equal application of the law to offenders and members of the public.
- Courage – dedicated to meeting all challenges with the courage needed to accomplish our mission.
- Compassion – we understand our role as community caretakers and temper our application of the law with compassion and empathy.

Jurisdictional Overview

Copperas Cove is located in Central Texas at the southern corner of Coryell County and extending into the eastern portion of Lampasas County and the northwestern portion of Bell County. Copperas Cove was established in 1879 and today is the largest city in Coryell County. The economy is closely linked to the Fort Hood US Army post. Copperas Cove is known to be “the City of Five Hills.”

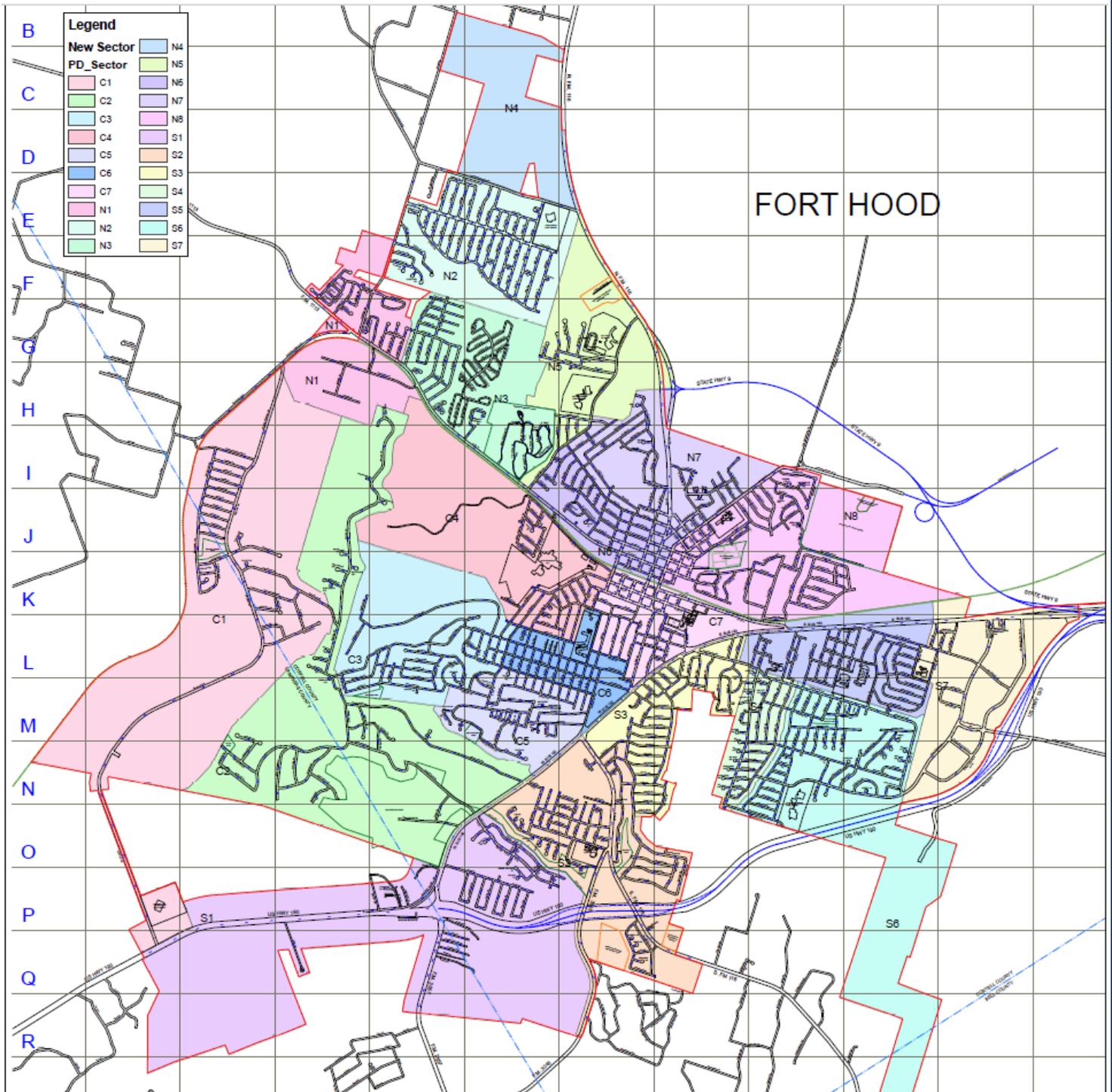
Population Served

According to the United States Census Bureau, the estimated population as of 2017 was 32,706. The below tables are based on the 2017 population estimates.



Sector Map

Officers are assigned to individual sectors or a narrowly defined area of responsibility. Officers are focused on crime suppression, crime prevention, and the elimination of repeat calls for service. There are 22 individual sectors as depicted in the map below.



Sector Assignments

The sector assignments are somewhat permanent, and officers have input with what sector they are assigned. On a daily basis, Officers are assigned to a patrol district for a particular shift. Patrol Districts are not permanent, and Officers may be assigned a different district for every shift. Patrol districts are much larger and contain multiple sectors. The City is divided into three different patrol districts; North Side, Central Side, and South Side districts.

The North Side district encompasses eight sectors and is the geographic area of the City that is north of the railroad tracks. The Central Side district incorporates seven sectors and is the geographic area of the City that lies south of the railroad tracks and north of Business Highway 190. The South Side district is comprised of seven sectors and is the portion of the City that lies south of Business Highway 190.

Sector Officers are encouraged to participate in community events involving their assigned sectors and the residents therein. Sector Officers are tasked with determining strategies in an attempt to increase the overall quality of life for the residents in their assigned sectors.



Uniform Services Division

The Copperas Cove Police Department is organized into two major divisions; Uniform Services and Support Services. Each division falls under the command of a Deputy Chief who oversees the operations of various sections. The most visible division is the Uniform Services Division and is led by Deputy Chief Jeff Stoddard. The Uniform Services Division has three major sections, the Uniform Patrol Section, Communications Section, and Code Compliance.



Uniform Patrol Section



The Uniform Patrol Section is the most visible section of the Uniform Services Division. The section is responsible for crime suppression through aggressive patrols, answering calls for service from the public, enforcing traffic laws, and providing the initial investigation for most criminal offenses.

Professional police coverage is provided by the men and women assigned to the Uniform Patrol Section. The Department is staffed 24 hours per day, 365 days per year by the dedicated personnel of the Uniform Patrol Section and the Communications Section. The men and women of this section handled 17,697 calls for service in 2018 compared to 18,049 calls for service in 2017. The total number of traffic citations was 6,382. Traffic contacts which ended with the operator receiving one or more warnings for traffic violations totaled 4,523.





Training and Personnel Section

The Training and Personnel Section, under the supervision of Sergeant Martin Ruiz, is a vital component of the Copperas Cove Police Department. The section is responsible for the management of all Department training records along with recruiting and hiring potential police officers and communications operators. In addition to the responsibilities mentioned above, Sergeant Ruiz is responsible for facilitating the field training programs for both police officers and communications operators. Department training affords us the opportunity to increase our capabilities to serve the community with the most effective means.

Hiring Process	TOTAL	Department Training Hours	Total
Total Applications Received	940	Total In-Service Training	3,146
Police Officer Applications	305	Officer Training Hours	2,696
Civilian Applications	635	Civilian Training Hours	450
Vacancies Filled	TOTAL	Field Training Hours	
Police Officers	7	Officers	2,340
Civilian Personnel	4	Civilian	574
Background Investigations Completed	44	Police Academy Hours	2,930
Oral Interviews Conducted	102	Certificates	
Job Inquiries Received	1,641	Awaiting Certification	9
Police Officer Positions	945	Basic Certificate	9
Civilian Inquiries	696	Intermediate Certificate	5
Personal Contacts Made	149	Advanced Certificate	10
L.E.V.E.L. Tests Administered	157	Master Certificate	13
		Crime Prevention Inspector	1
		Instructors	18
		Non-Topic Specific	5
		A.S.P. / TASER	2
		Firearms	5
		Driving	1
		Response to Resistance	3
		Radar	2
		S.F.S.T.	1
		SWAT Team	
		SWAT Officers	11
		Negotiators	6
		Field Training Personnel	16
		Honor Guard	11



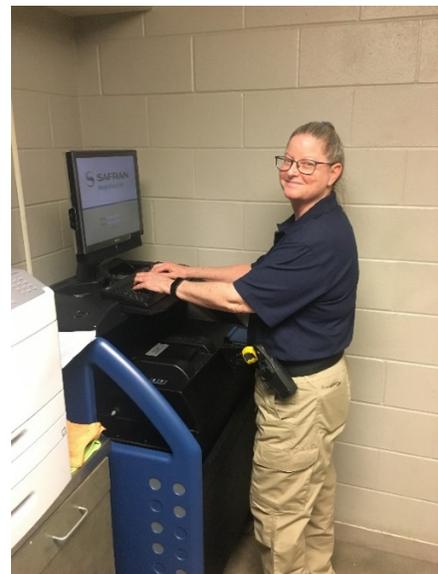
Communications Section

The Communications Section is fully staffed at six Telecommunicators and six Telecommunicator/Jailers. The section is supervised by Communications/Jail Supervisor Becky Burns.



The Communications Section is responsible for receiving all emergency and non-emergency calls for police, fire, and EMS service, including the telephone device for the deaf. This section handles the dispatching of all requests for assistance for police, fire, and EMS through the use of the department's radio system.

Telecommunicator/Jailers are cross-trained in jailer functions to assist with booking, arraignments, and cell checks. Telecommunicator/Jailers allow the Department's officers more time to provide police services to the community.



20,607 calls to
9-1-1 in 2018

Traffic Contacts

Speeding	2,371
Registration Violations	857
Ran Stop Sign	540
Financial Responsibility Violations	556
Driving While License Invalid	345
No Driver's License	233
Fail to Report Change of Address	309
Fail to Display Driver's License	272
Safety Restraint Violation Adults	141
Ran Red Light	99
Expired Operator License	89
Fail to Obtain A Texas Driver License	75
Safety Restraint Violation - Children	57
Fail to Control Speed	50
Parking Violations	90
Right of Way Violations	75
Other Operator License Violations	25
Passing Offenses	26
Equipment Violations	58
All other Violations	114
Total Traffic Citations	6,382



The Traffic Section plays a significant role in traffic enforcement. This section is supervised by Sergeant Corey Schmidt and was staffed in 2018 with two Traffic Enforcement Officers. Traffic Officers utilize motorcycles as their patrol vehicles. The Traffic Section is responsible for crash investigations and escorts, as well as responding to calls for service.



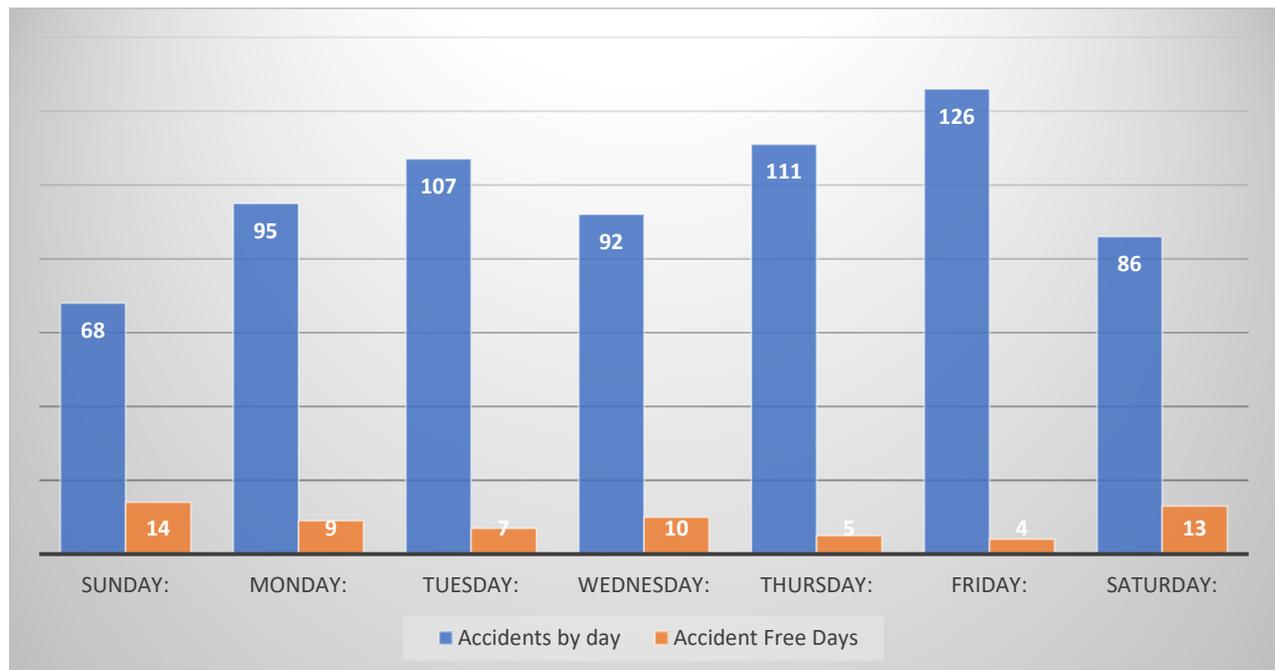
The Copperas Cove Police Department endeavors to keep the highways and byways safe for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Often, the mere presence of a patrol unit encourages voluntary compliance with the law. Another tactic is to deploy the speed trailer as an encouragement for voluntary compliance.

Traffic Crash Data

Month	2017	2018
January	57	56
February	50	46
March	70	74
April	61	57
May	57	62
June	45	53
July	46	55
August	57	53
September	49	58
October	48	52
November	43	60
December	58	58
Total	641	684



During 2018, there was an increase in traffic crashes reported to the Copperas Cove Police Department. In 2017, there were 641 reported crashes, and in 2018, there were 684 for a 6.7% increase. November saw the most substantial increase of 17 additional crashes. Six of the November crashes occurred on November 15, 2018.



Support Services Division

Deputy Chief Brian Wyers leads the Support Services Division. Support Services is comprised of several sections; the Criminal Investigation Section, Organized Crime Section, Records and Evidence Management, Public Information, and Animal Control.



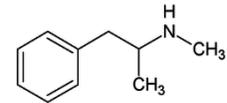
Criminal Investigation Section



The Criminal Investigation Section is the most recognizable section in the division. The section is responsible for the investigation of crimes, apprehension of offenders, and the recovery of stolen property. Detectives have opportunities to investigate crimes from the onset of the report through prosecution.



Organized Crime Unit



The Organized Crime Unit is an essential investigative section. The personnel are primarily tasked with investigating narcotics. Solving narcotic related crimes often leads to the arrest and prosecution of other victim-centered crimes. The unit often enlists the assistance of the Bell County Organized Crime Unit; a multi-jurisdictional unit comprised of several agencies in the Bell County area who have partnered with Copperas Cove.





Records Section

The Records Section is responsible for managing all of the records for the Police Department as well as monthly reporting for the Uniform Crime Report. The City of Copperas Cove received 3079 open records requests for 2018. The personnel assigned to the Records Section processed 1098 of these open records requests totaling 37 percent of all the requests.

Community Services Section



Sergeant Kevin Miller heads our Community Services Section. The section is responsible for crime prevention programs, the Citizen’s Police Academy, the Kiddo Card program, Cove Watch and our newest program, “R-U OK.” Sergeant Miller is also our Public Information Officer, and he manages the social media platforms for the Police Department.

	2017	2018
<i>Cove Watch Participants</i>	1167	1725
<i>Video Surveillance Partners</i>	196	289
<i>Programs and Classes Taught</i>	55	27
<i>Kiddo Cards</i>	144	112
<i>Program and Class Attendance</i>	453	643
<i>Business Contacts</i>	80	24
<i>School Contacts</i>	43	15
<i>Community Contacts</i>	1460	987
<i>CCPD Tours</i>	52	6
<i>Internet Contacts</i>	553	652
<i>Television Interviews</i>	3	8
<i>Press Releases</i>	81	43



Evidence Section



Debbie Anderson manages the Evidence Section. Debbie holds an evidence technician certification and receives training in evidence collection, preservation, and submission. Property and evidence can include items as large as vehicles to minute items such as hair fibers. There are many statutes governing the storage of evidence.



Law Enforcement Explorers



The Law Enforcement Explorer Program is a proven tool in our community policing model. The group is comprised of young adults and students from 14 years old to 20 years old. Many Explorers compete in competitions that test their skill in law enforcement related activities. The competitive program looks to provide character and leadership development.

Explorers are utilized as a service group within the community. They assist with security, crowd control, traffic direction, and provide a presence in the city. In 2018, the Law Enforcement Explorers participated in the annual Rabbit Fest, Rabbit Fest Parade, National Night Out Kick-Off Party, Christ Kindle Markt, and Operation Uplift. The young people involved in the organization are dedicated to volunteerism and provide countless hours of community assistance. They are a true part of our organization, and we are thankful for their dedication.



Crime and Incident Statistics

The tables below and on the following pages provide crime and other incident data for 2018 as related to the previous ten years (2008-2017). The “Usual Range” was established by adding and subtracting the standard deviation to/from the average.

Incident Type	2017	2018	Usual Range	10 Year Average	Change from Average
Part One Crimes					
Homicide	1	0	0-1	0.7	-100%
Rape	4	6	3-11	6.7	-10%
Robbery	22	11	11-21	16.1	-31%
Aggravated Assault	92	91	65-109	87	4%
Burglary	183	121	182-292	236.8	-48%
Larceny	635	497	637-798	717.7	-30%
Motor Vehicle Theft	35	18	15-33	23.6	-23%
Arson	0	3	3-17	10	-70%
Part Two Crimes					
Other Assaults	777	858	713-917	815	5%
Forgery/Counterfeit	88	80	44-76	59.8	33%
Embezzlement	0	0	0-1	0.3	-100%
Fraud	220	223	170-221	195.5	14%
Stolen Property (32.24 TPC)	3	6	1-5	3	100%*
Criminal Mischief	317	274	331-465	398.1	-31%
Weapon Poss/Carry	44	27	16-34	24.6	9%
Other Sex Offenses	39	50	0-24	8	+525%**
Prostitution/Vice	0	4	14-47	30.4	-86%
Drug Violations	351	439	213-326	269.5	62%
Gambling	0	6	0	0	100%
Offenses Against Family/Children	22	33	12-49	30.4	8%
Driving Intoxicated	97	135	99-170	151.6	-10%
Liquor Laws	17	22	22-49	35.6	-38%
Drunkenness	12	23	33-144	90.5	-74%
Disorderly Conduct	83	120	72-97	84.1	42%
Runaway	46	46	32-69	50.6	-9%
All Other Offenses	1201	1128	1136-1556	1346.4	-16%

*Stolen Property is specifically stolen checks listed in Chapter 32.24 Texas Penal Code, **See Page 24

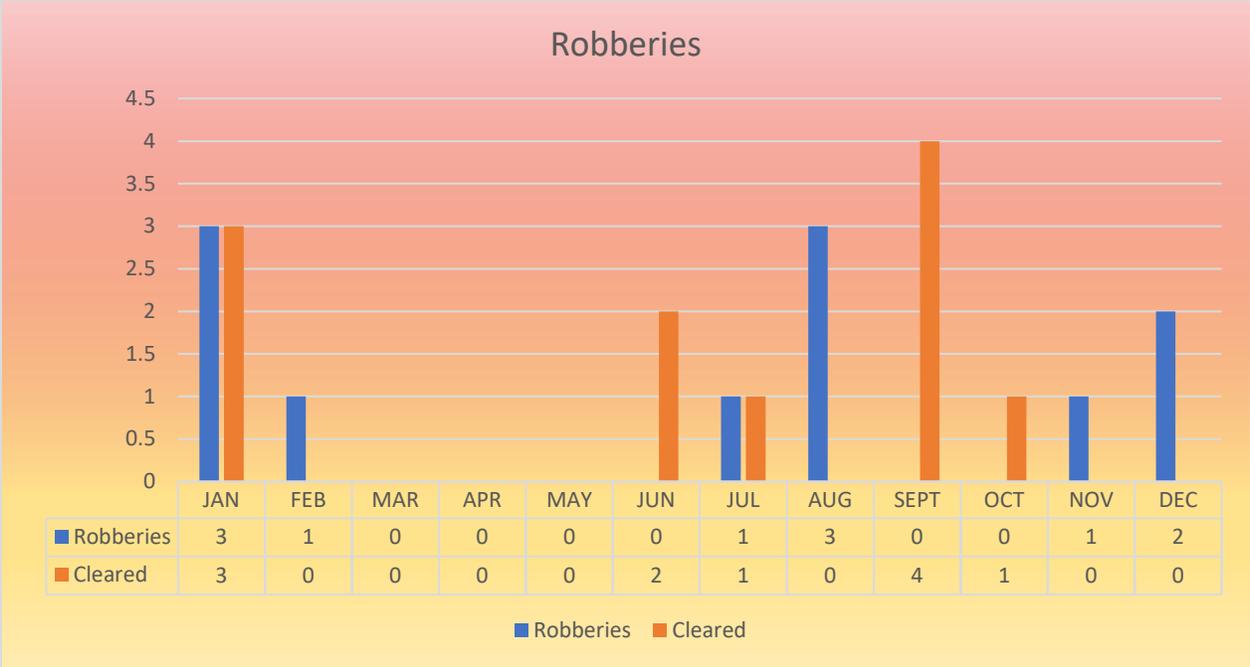
Aggravated Assault

The Uniform Crime Report defines an Aggravated Assault as an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. During 2018, there were 91 aggravated assaults reported compared to 92 in 2017 for a marginal decrease. Of the 91 aggravated assaults, 24 were committed with a firearm, 32 with a knife or other cutting instrument, 28 with a dangerous weapon other than a knife or firearm, and 7 with aggravated injury caused by physical force. Aggravated assaults had an 86% clearance rate for 2018.

Aggravated Assault 2018		
	Reported	Cleared
January	6	8
February	4	4
March	7	3
April	8	6
May	4	5
June	7	6
July	12	10
August	11	14
September	8	6
October	7	4
November	13	10
December	4	3
TOTAL	91	79

Robbery

The Uniform Crime Report defines robbery as taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear. During 2018, there were 11 reported robberies with a total property loss of \$3,199. In 2017, there were 22 reported robberies with a total property loss of \$47,415. There was a 50% reduction in reported robberies and a 93% decrease in total property loss.

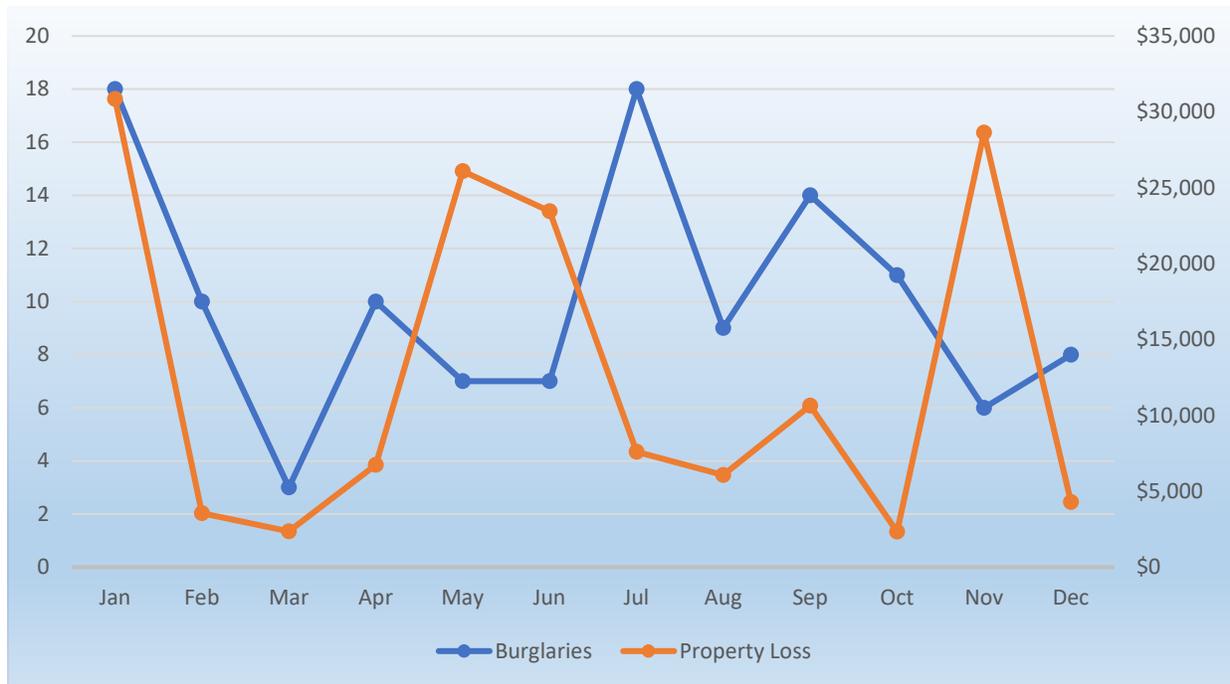


Burglary

The Uniform Crime Report defines burglary as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. There were a total of 121 structure burglaries reported in 2018. In 64 of the cases, force was used to gain entry; compared to 183 reported burglaries in 2017 where 100 cases reported force being used to gain access. Overall there was a 33% decrease in reported burglaries in 2018 compared to 2017. During 2018, the total amount of property loss from burglaries totaled \$152,621 compared to \$290,684 in 2017, which was a 47% decrease.

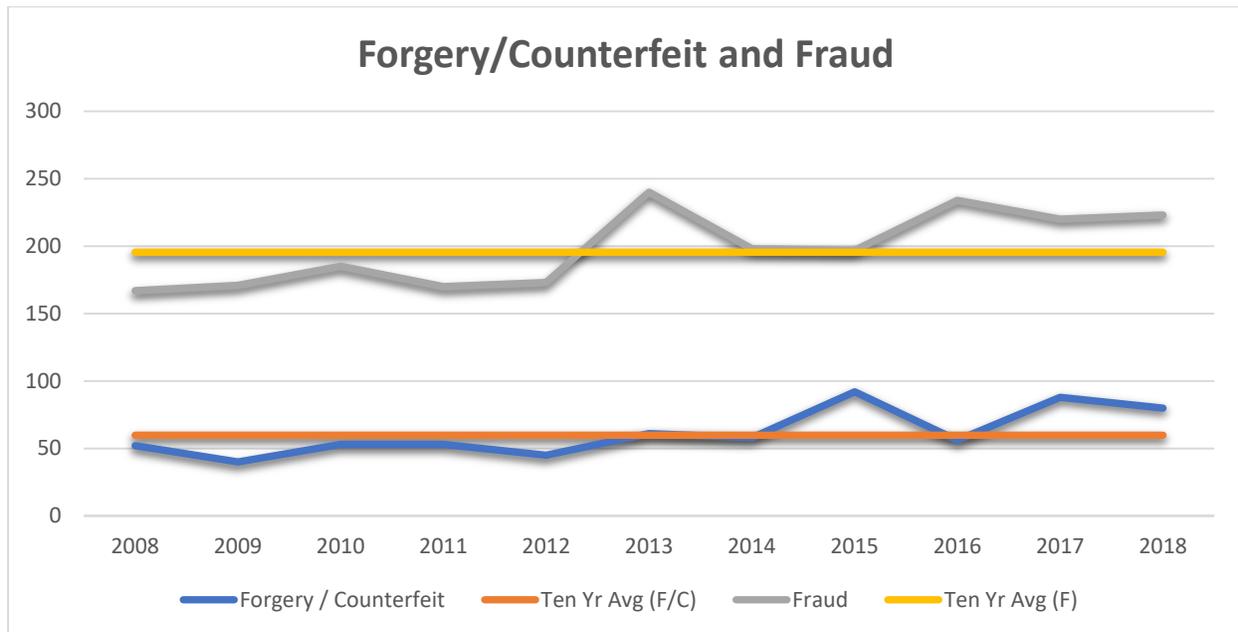
Of the 121 total burglary cases, 73 were reported as residential burglaries and 48 were non-residential. Vehicle burglaries are not included in UCR reporting for burglaries.

January and July saw the most burglaries at 18 with March having the fewest with three reports. Of the 121 burglaries reported, approximately one half (61) were reported to have taken place during the daytime (6:00 am to 6:00 pm), 44 where entry took place at night, and there were 26 reports where the time of entry could not be determined.



Forgery/Counterfeit and Fraud

Forgery and counterfeit reports saw a 33% increase above the ten-year average for 2018, while fraud reports saw a 14% increase over the norm. The categories mentioned above are showing a slow rise in activity. Many victims reported their information was compromised or obtained via the internet.



Identity theft continues to be a problem for consumers as well as local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The Federal Trade Commission maintains the Consumer Sentinel Network. Consumer Sentinel Network is the unique investigative cyber tool that provides members of the network, access to millions of consumer complaints. Of the 2.7 million identity theft and fraud reports from 2017, 1.1 million were fraud-related, costing consumers almost \$905 million (Insurance Information Institute, 2019).

Recommendations

Turn on two-factor authentication whenever possible. Enabling two-factor authentication on sites that have that capability, where a separate action must be taken beyond providing a username and password to access an account, can make it significantly more difficult for fraudsters to take over your accounts.

Secure your devices. Secure online and mobile devices by instituting a screen lock, encrypting data stored on the devices, avoiding public Wi-Fi and/or using a VPN, and installing anti-malware.

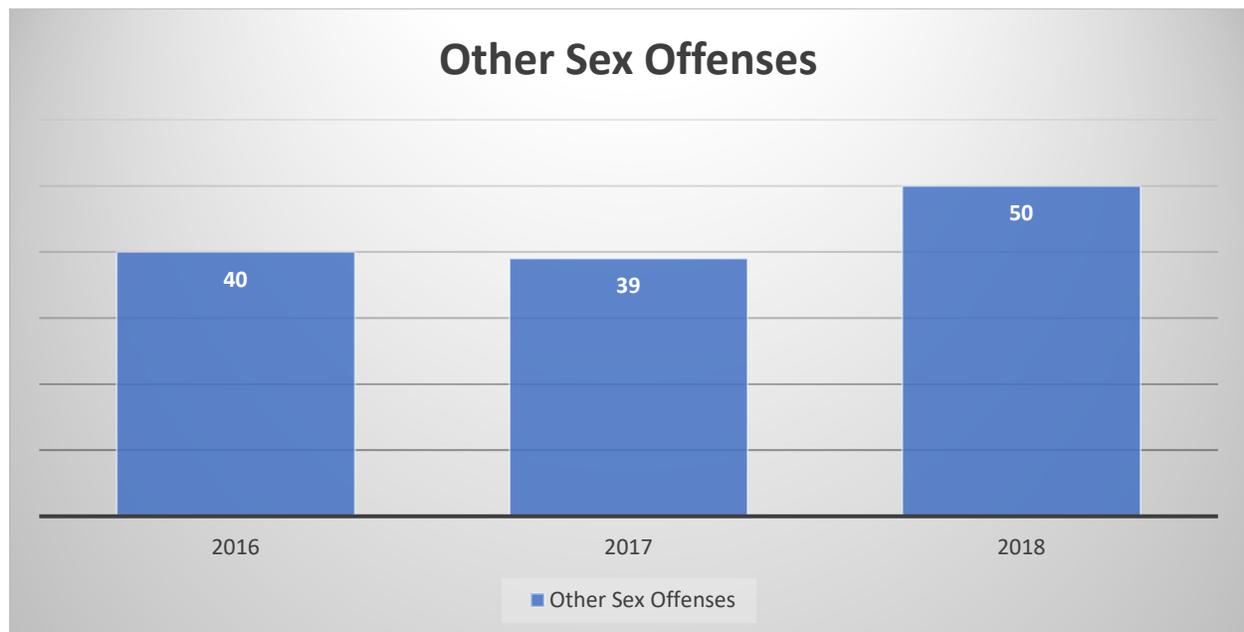
Other Sex Offenses*

This category is reserved for offenses that do not meet the criteria set forth by the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) for rape. UCR defines rape as a sexual assault where force or threat of force was used.

The 2018 annual report is comprised of data reflecting ten-year averages. The averaging system was used to identify if an offense category had an unusually high or low reporting value for a given period. Additionally, we can establish a usual range for offenses to further identify an exceptionally high or low reporting value.

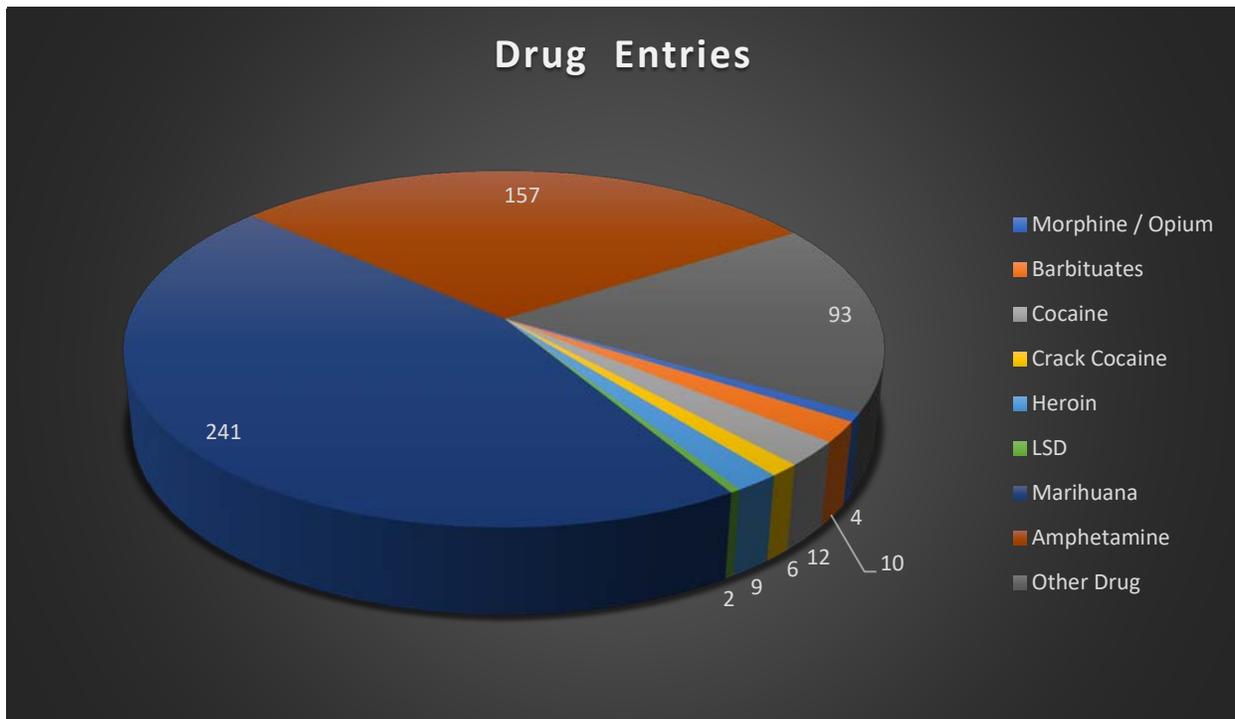
There was an error in the offense coding for the records management system which combined other sex offenses into the all other offenses category during this eight-year period. This coding error was corrected in 2016 to ensure accurate reporting.

The ten-year average of eight (8) reported offenses for this offense category is skewed because there was one offense reported in the annual report from 2008 through 2015. In 2016 there were 40 reported offenses, and in 2017 there were 39. In 2018 the number of reported crimes rose to 50 for a 28% increase. The 525% increase over the ten-year average for offenses categorized as other sex offenses is being reported to establish the correct ten-year norm after the coding error was corrected.



Drug Violations

Illegal Drugs continue to be a problem nationwide. There were a total of 439 drug violations ranging from possession of drug paraphernalia to delivery of controlled substances in 2018. The ten-year average for drug violations was 269.5 for an increase of 62%. Of the 439 drug violations 241 involved marihuana. Most of these reports were the result of proactive police activity in addition to concerned citizens reporting potential violations of the law. The chart below indicates the types of drugs seized as evidence in 2018.



We understand that combating drug and alcohol addiction is a challenging endeavor for family members. The following are some ideas if someone you care about is fighting an addiction to drugs or alcohol:

- Provide a sober environment that reduces triggers for using.
- Do not enable, provide excuses, or cover up for the individual
- Do not shield the individual from the consequences of their addiction. People are more likely to change if they have suffered enough negative consequences.
- Do not argue or try to discuss things with someone when they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- If you wish to provide financial support, buy the goods and services needed instead of giving money that might be used to purchase alcohol or drugs.

Property Loss & Recovery

Type of Property	Stolen	Recovered	% Recovered
Currency, Notes, etc.	\$269,594	\$4,304	1%
Jewelry and Precious Metals	\$53,803	\$7,066	13%
Clothing and Furs	\$37,809	\$2,848	7%
Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles	\$381,325	\$371,523	97%
Office Equipment	\$19,693	\$1,874	9%
Televisions, Radios, Stereos etc.	\$44,555	\$11,178	25%
Firearms	\$5,425	\$1,830	33%
Household Goods	\$13,792	\$493	3%
Consumable Goods	\$4,921	\$1,150	23%
Livestock	\$1,500	\$1,500	100%
Miscellaneous	\$146,841	\$31,456	21%
Total	\$979,258	\$435,222	44%



Department Summary

Total Incidents	42,890
Calls for Service	17,697
Officer Initiated Incidents	25,193
Traffic Stops	12,778
Vehicle Pedestrian Checks	454
Field Interviews	83
Total Arrests	1,872
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,285
Felony Arrests	587

Total Officer Case Reports	4,788
Accident Case Reports	684
Felony Case Reports	997
General Information Case Reports	197
Incident Case Reports	1,046
Misdemeanor Case Reports	2,068
Unclassified Case Reports	1

