

Copperas Cove Police Department

Annual Report

2019



Eddie Wilson
Chief of Police

Copperas Cove Police Department
302 E Ave E, Copperas Cove, Texas 76522
<http://www.Copperascovetx.gov/police/>
254-547-8222



Contents

Message from the Chief	3
Department Budget	4
Organizational Chart	5
Department At-A-Glance	6
Jurisdictional Overview	7
Sector Map.....	8
Sector Assignments.....	9
Uniform Services Division	10
Uniform Patrol Section.....	10
Communications Section	11
Traffic Contacts	12
Traffic Crash Data.....	13
Support Services Division.....	14
Criminal Investigation Section	14
Organized Crime Unit.....	14
Records Section.....	15
Community Services Section.....	15
Evidence Section	16
Law Enforcement Explorers	16
Training and Personnel Section	17
Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)	18
Crime and Incident Statistics	19
Aggravated Assault	20
Robbery.....	21
Burglary.....	22
Other Sex Offenses	23
Drug Violations.....	24
Property Loss & Recovery	25
Department Summary	26

Message from the Chief

To the Honorable Mayor Bradi Diaz, City Council, City Manager Ryan Haverlah, and to the citizens of Copperas Cove. The Mission of the Copperas Cove Police Department is to provide the citizens a safe a 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. The men and women of the Police Department worked to further build the community bonds required to further our mission in 2019.

The year held our first Open House. The community was invited to our "House" to meet and speak with officers in an informal setting. This was a chance to build bonds with community stakeholders while educating citizens on the inner workings of the Department. Community members were able to tour the police facility as well as get a firsthand look at some of the vehicles and equipment used by officers.

The United States saw an increasing number of mass casualty events in 2019. The Copperas Cove Police Department took a proactive approach by hosting multiple Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event (CRASE) courses throughout the City. The training provides strategies, guidance, and the proper mindset to help improve the chances of surviving an active threat event. These tragedies have hit close to home, so we have made it our responsibility to help prepare our citizens as much as possible.

The men and women of the Copperas Cove Police Department take the call of service personally. All officers participated in Civilian Interaction Training and also presented the course to Copperas Cove High School students. The training was used to aid our youth in understanding the role of police officers during enforcement encounters while teaching officers de-escalation techniques during tense, rapidly evolving situations. This training event served as another opportunity to build trust and legitimacy with the public.

"Badges and Books" was rolled out in 2019 and became yet another successful community program. The program was started by our very own Officer Codi Nunez, who has a passion for reading and wanted to find a way to get more books into the hands of school-aged children. A large number of donated books were given to Halstead Elementary students in May to keep kids reading through the summer. Officer Nunez's commitment to making a difference continued when he and Officer Justin Orr decided to donate a barbecue grill to a citizen who wanted to cook meals for his family and neighbors during the holiday season. These are just a sample of how our officers routinely go beyond their job descriptions to demonstrate their commitment to service.

Because the safety and well-being of our citizens is our utmost priority, we encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunities to build on the positive relationships needed to accomplish this priority. By working together as a team on crime prevention efforts, we can better prepare our citizens in keeping their homes, property, and, most importantly, their families safer from the unknown.



Eddie Wilson
Chief of Police



Department Budget

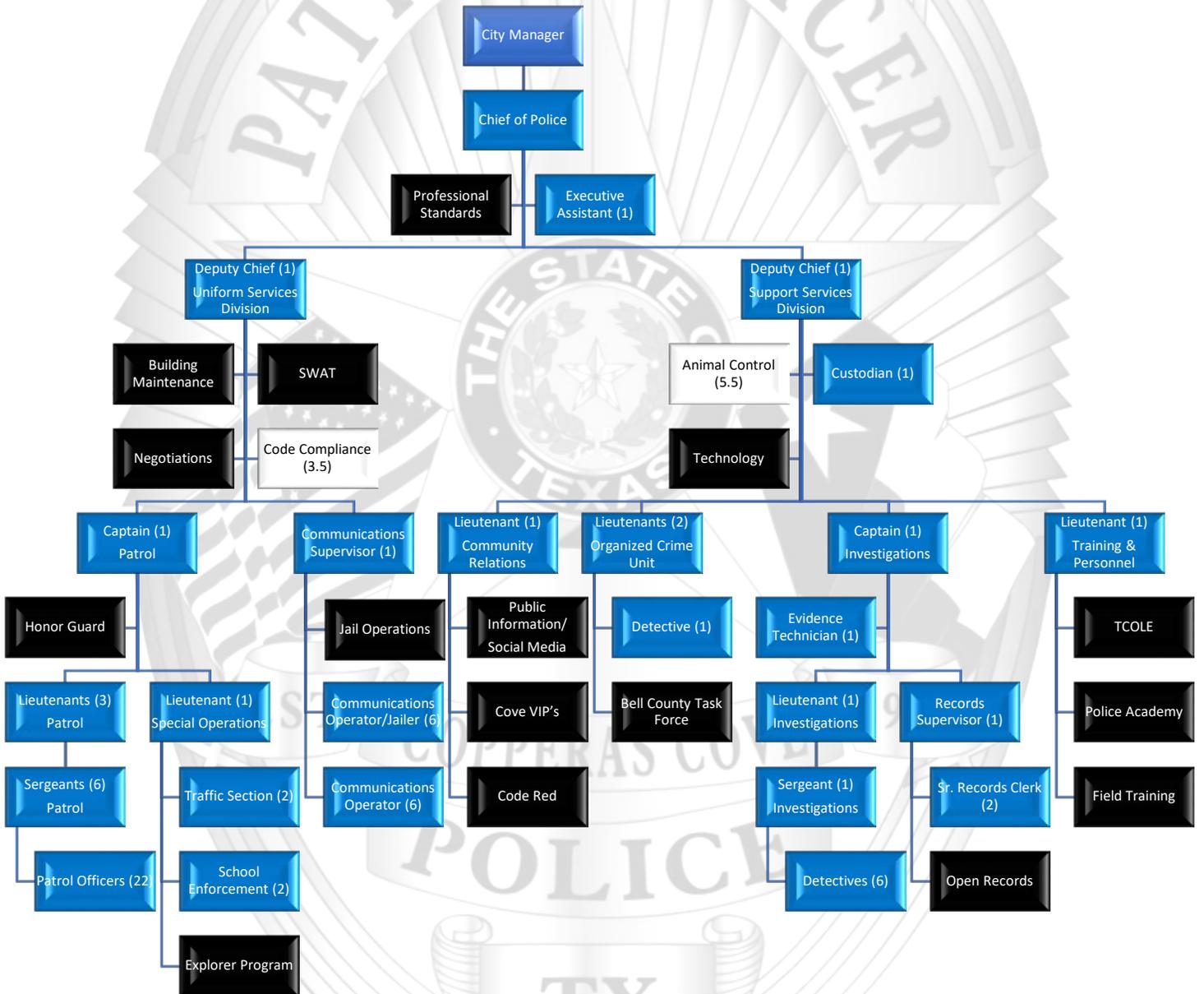
<u>Budget Expenses</u>	<u>Adopted</u>
Salaries & Benefits	\$5,143,979
Supplies & Materials	\$133,083
Maintenance & Repair	\$157,995
Contractual Services	\$217,893
Capital Outlay	\$21,638

As in past years, the department invested 91% of budgeted expenses on personnel. The other 9% of budgeted expenses were for support of personnel and equipment. Many of the new programs implemented in years past, have come at very little to no monetary expense to the tax payer.

Adopted Budget



Organizational Chart



Department At-A-Glance

Sworn Officers: 47* **Civilian Employees:** 19*

Rank Structure:		Fleet:	42
Chief:	1	Marked Cars:	26
Deputy Chiefs:	2	Motorcycles:	2
Captains:	2	Unmarked:	14
Lieutenants:	9		
Sergeants:	7	Population Served:	32,032
Detectives:	7	(According to 2010 Census)	
Patrol Officers:	26		

*All personnel numbers accurate as of December 31, 2019.

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

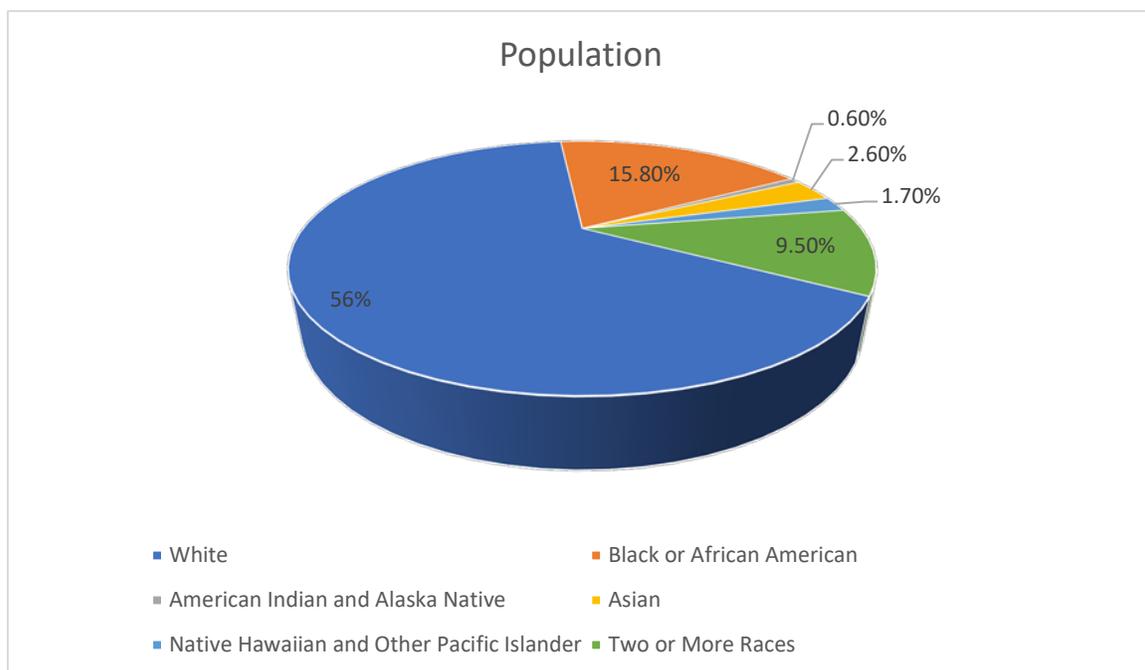
Copperas Cove is located in Central Texas at the southern corner of Coryell County and extending into the eastern portion of Lampasas County and the northwestern portion of Bell County. Copperas Cove was established in 1879 and today is the largest city in Coryell County. Copperas Cove is known to be the city of “Five Hills”.

Population Served

According to the United States Census Bureau, the estimated population as of 2018 was 32,658. The below tables are based on the 2018 population estimates.

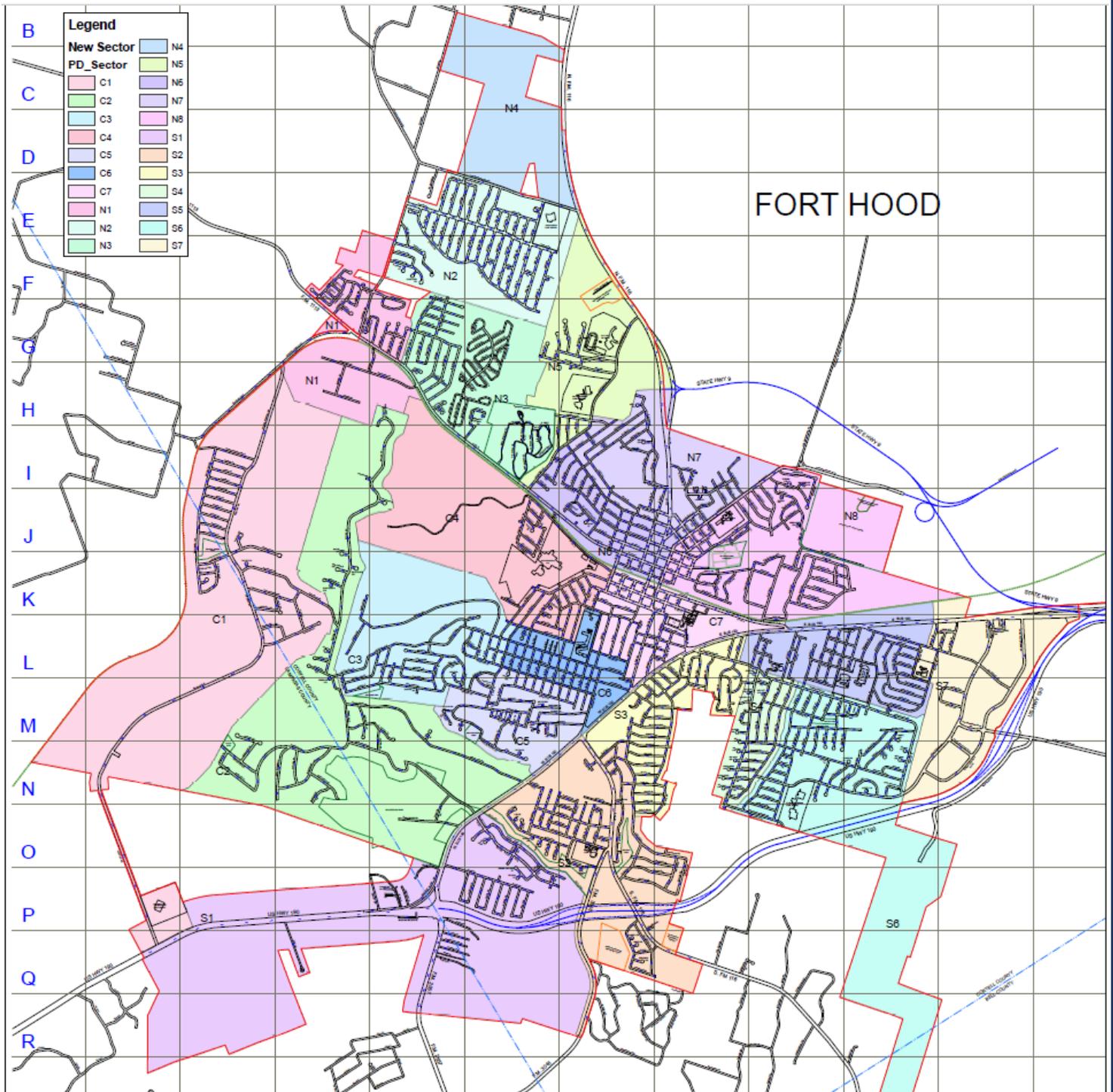


City of Copperas Cove



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.

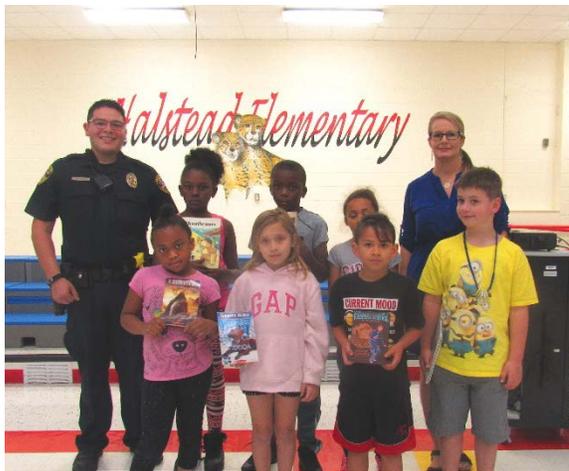


Sector Assignments

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 the 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 broken 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 was 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, 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 the section handled 17,875 calls for service in 2019 compared to 17,697 calls for service in 2018. The total number of traffic citations was 5,948. Traffic contacts which ended with the operator receiving one or more warnings for traffic violations totaled 5,135.



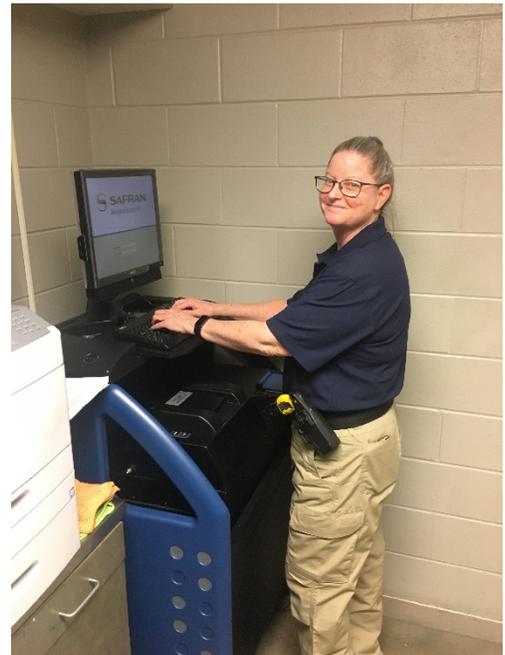
Communications Section

The Communications Section is fully staffed at six Telecommunicators and six Telecommunicator/Jailers. The section is supervised by the 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 calls for service for police, fire, and EMS through the use of the department's radio system.

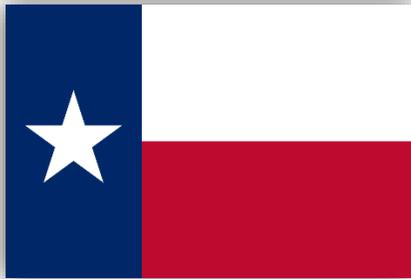
Telecommunicator/Jailers are cross-trained in jailer functions to assist with booking, arraignments, and cell checks. This allows the Department's Officers more time to provide police services to the community.



23,918 calls to
9-1-1 in 2019

Traffic Contacts

Speeding	2,775
Registration Violations	639
Ran Stop Sign	417
Financial Responsibility Violations	505
Driver License Violations	838
Safety Restraint Violation (Adults)	188
Ran Red Light	86
Safety Restraint Violation - Children	49
Fail to Control Speed	31
Parking Violations	51
Right of Way Violations	62
Passing Offenses	43
Equipment Violations	14
All other Violations	250
Total Traffic Citations	5,948

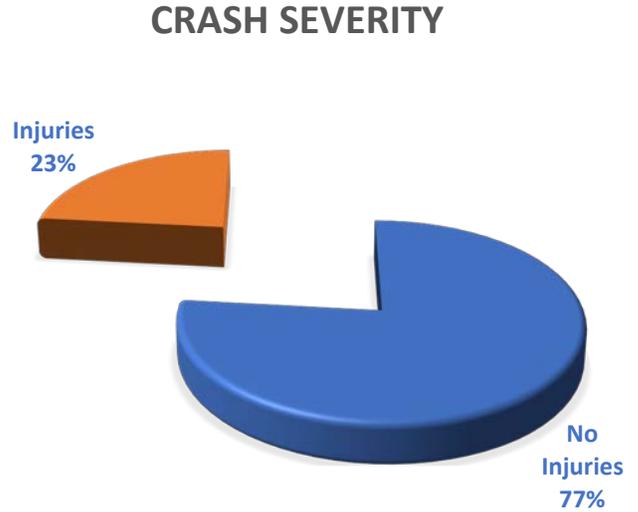


The Traffic Section plays a large role in traffic enforcement. The section is supervised by Lieutenant Corey Schmidt and was staffed in 2019 with two Traffic Enforcement Officers. Traffic Officers utilize motorcycles as their patrol vehicles. The Traffic Section is responsible for crash investigations and escorts, as well as responding to calls for service.

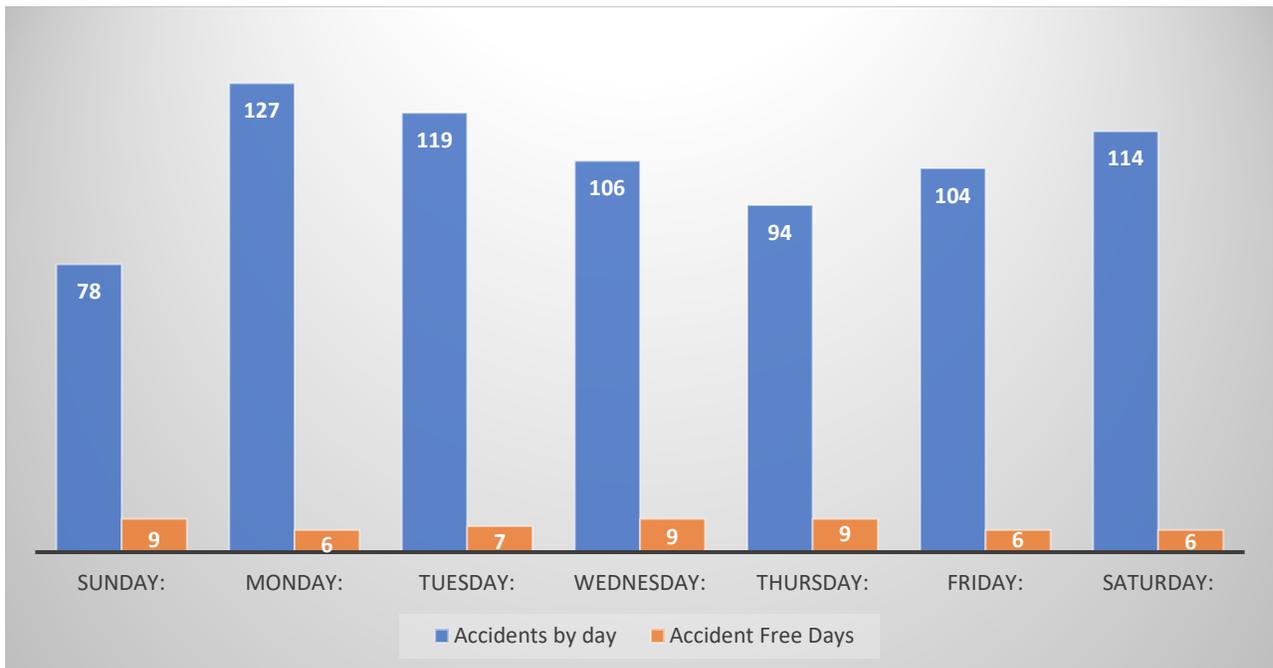
The Copperas Cove Police Department endeavors to keep the highways and byways safe for vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Often, the mere presence of a patrol unit encourages voluntary compliance with the law. Another tactic is to deploy the speed trailer as an encouragement to voluntary compliance.

Traffic Crash Data

Month	2017	2018	2019
January	57	56	51
February	50	46	44
March	70	74	59
April	61	57	79
May	57	62	70
June	45	53	63
July	46	55	66
August	57	53	69
September	49	58	67
October	48	52	54
November	43	60	66
December	58	58	54
Total	641	684	742



During 2019, there was an increase in traffic crashes reported to the Copperas Cove Police Department. In 2018 there were 684 reported crashes and in 2019 there were 742 for an 8.5% increase. April saw the largest increase of 22 additional crashes. We also saw a 5% increase in the number of accidents involving injuries during the year.



Support Services Division

The less visible Support Services Division is led by Deputy Chief Brian Wyers. Support Services is comprised of three major sections, the Criminal Investigation Section, Organized Crime Section, Records and Evidence Management, Public Information, Training and Personnel, 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 a key investigative section. The personnel are largely 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 4192 open records requests for 2019. The personnel assigned to the Records Section processed 1407 of these open records requests totaling 34 percent of all the requests.

Community Services Section

Lieutenant. 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". Lt. Miller is also our Public Information Officer and he manages the social medial platforms for the Police Department.

	2017	2018	2019
<i>Cove Watch Participants</i>	1167	1725	1872
<i>Video Surveillance Partners</i>	196	289	318
<i>Programs and Classes Taught</i>	55	27	54
<i>Kiddo Cards</i>	144	112	266
<i>Program and Class Attendance</i>	453	643	4391
<i>Business Contacts</i>	80	24	346
<i>School Contacts</i>	43	15	460
<i>Community Contacts</i>	1460	987	3079
<i>CCPD Tours</i>	52	6	151
<i>Internet Contacts</i>	553	652	603
<i>Television Interviews</i>	3	8	12
<i>Press Releases</i>	81	43	33



Evidence Section



The evidence section is managed by Debbie Anderson. Debbie holds an evidence technician certification and receives training in evidence collection, preservation, and submission. Items of evidence include things 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 people 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 community. In 2019, 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.



Training and Personnel Section

The Training and Personnel Section, under the supervision of Lieutenant 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 aforementioned responsibilities, Lieutenant 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	2,861	Total In-Service Training	1,938
Police Officer Applications	1,105	Officer Training Hours	1,328
Civilian Applications	1,756	Civilian Training Hours	610
Vacancies Filled	TOTAL	Field Training Hours	3,670
Police Officers	7	Police Academy Hours	5,590
Civilian Personnel	4	Certificates	
Background Investigations Completed	63	Awaiting Certification	9
Oral Interviews Conducted	128	Basic Certificate	10
Job Inquiries Received	283	Intermediate Certificate	3
Police Officer Positions	162	Advanced Certificate	13
Civilian Inquiries	121	Master Certificate	12
Personal Contacts Made	123	Telecommunication Operator	14
L.E.V.E.L Tests Administered	199	Instructors	18
		Non-Topic Specific	5
		A.S.P / TASER	2
		Firearms	4
		Driving	1
		Response to Resistance	4
		Radar	1
		S.F.S.T	1
		SWAT Team	
		SWAT Officers	12
		Negotiators	5
		Field Training Personnel	19
		Honor Guard	11
		Mental Health Officers	2



Crime and Incident Statistics

The tables below and on the following pages provide crime and other incident data for 2019 as related to the previous 10 years (2009-2018). The “Usual Range” was established by adding and subtracting the standard deviation to/from the average.

Incident Type	2018	2019	Usual Range	10 Year Average	Change from Average
Part One Crimes					
Homicide	0	0	0 – 1	0.7	-100%
Rape	6	13	3 – 11	6.8	91%
Robbery	11	6	10 – 21	15.3	-61%
Aggravated Assault	91	80	65 – 108	86.2	-7%
Burglary	121	112	159 – 280	219.2	-49%
Larceny	497	554	601 – 806	703.3	-21%
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	23	14 – 29	21.4	7%
Arson	3	0	1 – 16	8.8	N/A
Part Two Crimes					
Other Assaults	858	742	741 – 925	833.2	-11%
Forgery/Counterfeit	80	37	46 – 80	62.6	-41%
Embezzlement	0	0	0 – 1	0.3	-100%
Fraud	223	215	176 – 226	201.1	7%
Stolen Property	6	2	1 – 6	3.3	-39%
Criminal Mischief	274	290	308 – 443	375.5	-23%
Weapon Poss/Carry	27	20	18 – 34	25.9	-23%
Other Sex Offenses	50	55	0 – 33	13	353% **
Prostitution/Vice	4	0	9 – 45	27	-100%
Drug Violations	439	417	233 – 362	297.2	40%
Gambling	6	0	0 – 2	0.6	-100%
Offenses Against Family/Children	33	29	14 – 50	31.5	-8%
Driving Intoxicated	135	101	95 – 200	147.5	-32%
Liquor Laws	22	8	20 – 49	34.4	-77%
Drunkenness	23	32	25 -138	81.7	-61%
Disorderly Conduct	120	117	70 – 100	85.4	37%
Runaway	46	54	62 – 69	50.5	7%
All Other Offenses	1128	852	1098-1504	1301	-35%

All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number. See Page 24**

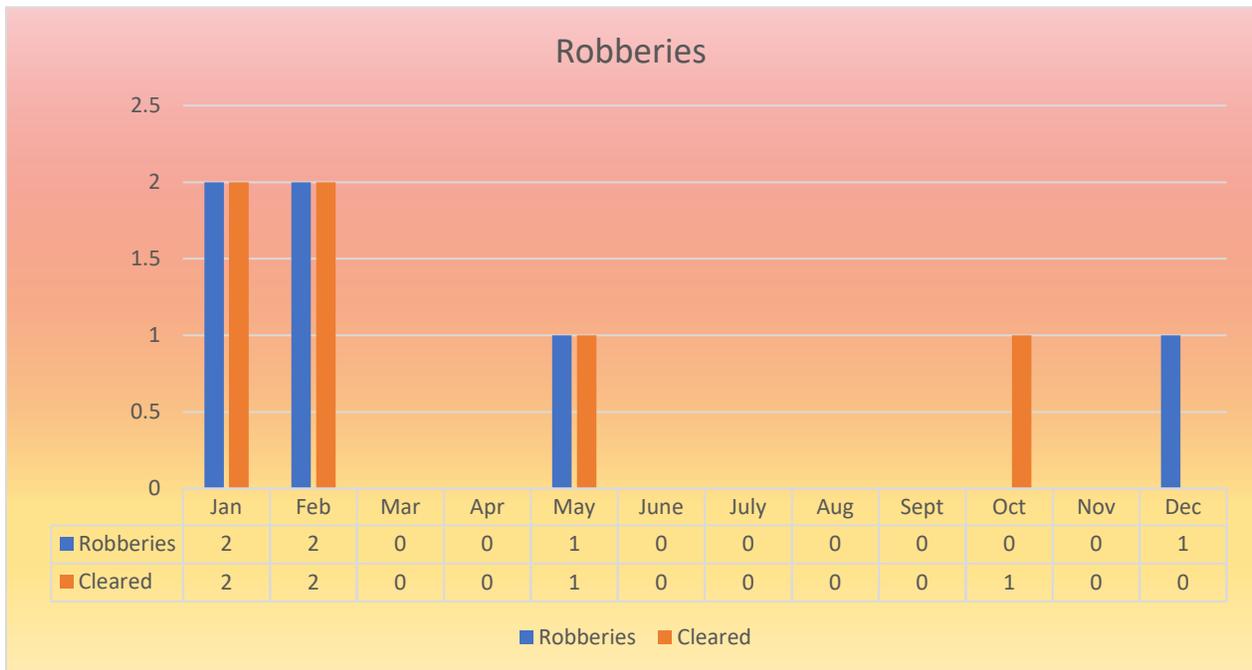
Aggravated Assault

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 2019, there were 80 aggravated assaults reported compared to 91 in 2018 for a 12% decrease. Of the 80 aggravated assaults, 33 were committed with a firearm, 24 with a knife or other cutting instrument, 22 with a dangerous weapon other than a knife or firearm, and 1 with aggravated injury caused by physical force. Aggravated assaults have an 81% clearance rate for 2019.

Aggravated Assault 2018		
	Reported	Cleared
January	5	5
February	10	8
March	6	9
April	2	0
May	7	9
June	5	2
July	3	2
August	14	8
September	4	4
October	9	6
November	7	7
December	8	5
TOTAL	80	65

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 2019, there were 6 reported robberies with a total property loss of \$706. In 2018, there were 11 reported robberies with a total property loss of \$3,199. There was a 45% reduction in reported robberies and a 77% 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 112 structure burglaries reported in 2019. In 51 of the cases force was used to gain entry; compared to 121 reported burglaries in 2018 where 64 cases reported force being used to gain access. Overall there was a 7% decrease in reported burglaries in 2019 compared to 2018. During 2019, the total amount of property loss from burglaries totaled \$312,741 compared to \$152,621 in 2018, which was a 104% increase.

Of the 112 total burglary cases, 79 were reported as residential burglaries and 33 were non-residential. Vehicle burglaries are not included in UCR reporting for burglaries.

October saw the most burglaries at 14 with February having the fewest with three reports. Of the 112 burglaries reported, 56 were reported to have taken place during the daytime (6:00am to 6:00pm), 26 where entry took place at night, and there were 30 reports where the time of entry could not be determined.



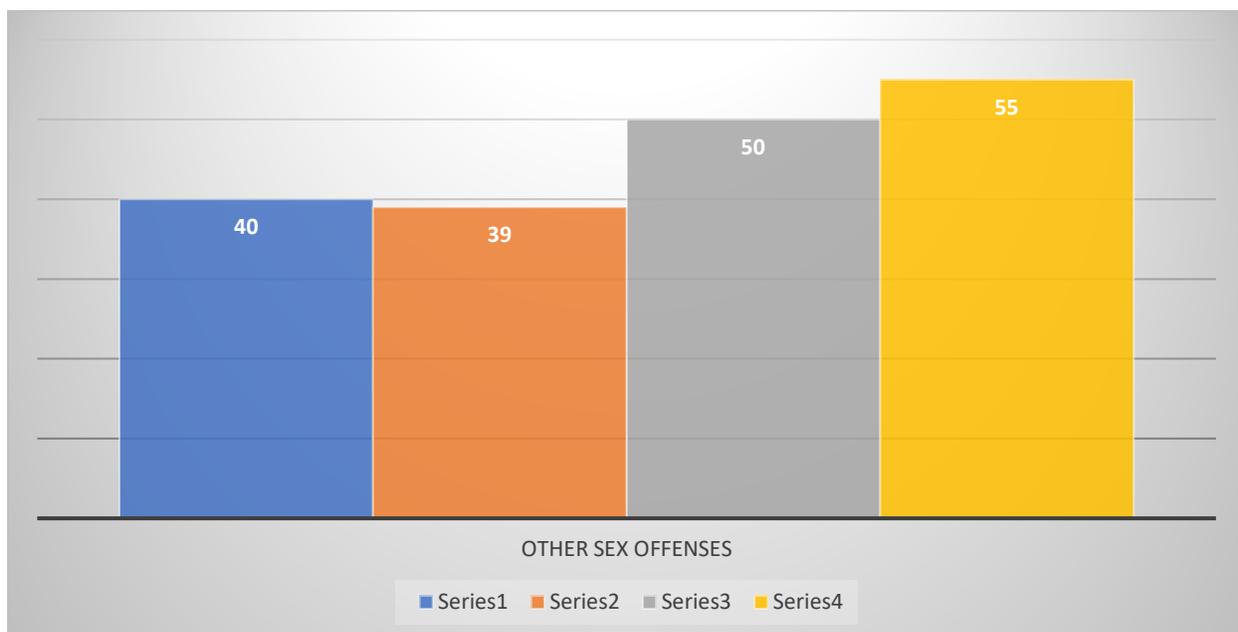
Other Sex Offenses**

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 - 2019 annual reports are 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 of time. Additionally, we are able to establish a usual range for offenses to further identify an unusually high or low reporting value.

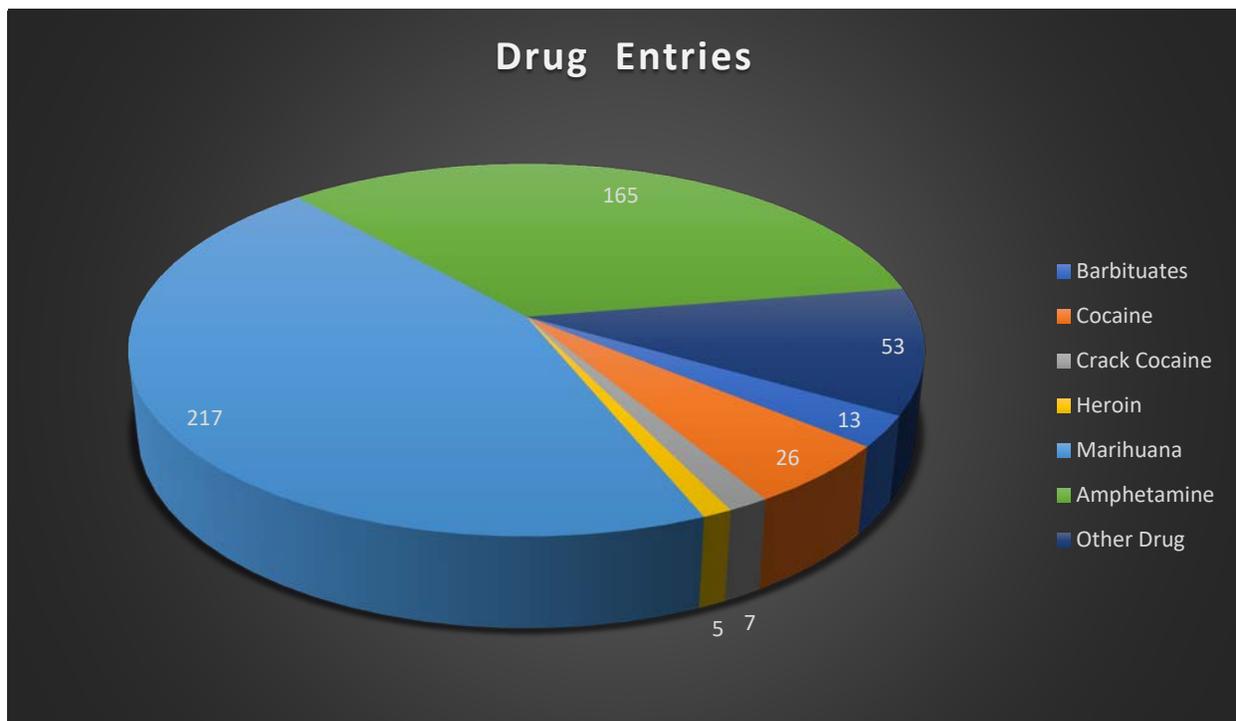
There was an error in the offense coding for the records management system which combined other sex offenses into the all other offenses category during this eight-year period. This coding error was corrected in 2016 to ensure accurate reporting.

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 2009 through 2015. In 2017 there were 39 reported offenses and in 2018 there were 50. In 2019 the number of reported offenses rose to 55 for a 10% increase from the year prior. The 323% increase over the ten-year average for offenses categorized as other sex offenses is being reported to establish the correct ten-year average after the coding error was corrected.



Drug Violations

Drugs continue to be a problem nationwide. There were a total of 417 drug violations ranging from possession of drug paraphernalia to delivery of controlled substances in 2019. The ten-year average for drug violations was 297.2 for an increase of 40%. Of the 417 drug violations 217 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 2019.



We understand that combating drug and alcohol addiction is a tough endeavor for family members. The following are some things one can do to for someone with 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 them money that might be used to buy alcohol or drugs.

Property Loss & Recovery

Type of Property	Stolen	Recovered	% Recovered
Currency, Notes, etc.	\$307,573	\$4,589	1%
Jewelry and Precious Metals	\$48,253	\$678	1%
Clothing and Furs	\$42,486	\$5,507	13%
Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles	\$303,900	\$243,200	80%
Office Equipment	\$5,949	\$3,135	53%
Televisions, Radios, Stereos etc.	\$47,237	\$11,207	24%
Firearms	\$12,717	\$7,107	56%
Household Goods	\$15,088	\$292	2%
Consumable Goods	\$3,163	\$1,840	58%
Livestock	\$111	\$0	0%
Miscellaneous	\$306,329	\$59,501	19%
Total	\$1,092,806	\$337,056	31%



Department Summary

Total Incidents	42,750
Calls for Service	17,875
Officer Initiated Incidents	24,875
Traffic Stops	12,990
Field Interviews	5
Total Arrests	1,803
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,317
Felony Arrests	486

Total Officer Case Reports	4,803
Accident Case Reports	542
Felony Case Reports	931
General Information Case Reports	182
Incident Case Reports	963
Misdemeanor Case Reports	2,184
Unclassified Case Reports	1

