



## PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Alan Hart • James Hairston • Ken Witkoe  
Mark Peila • Ray Dotson • Mark Terry • Tod Wolf  
Karen Ferreira • Teresa Imholt King  
Council Member Michael Brandstetter, Committee Liaison  
Police Chief Mike Zaro, Committee Staff Support

### **Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 5:15 p.m** **Zoom Virtual Meeting**

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Public Comments
5. City Council Liaison Comments
6. Fire Department Comments
7. Police Department Comments
8. Youth Council Comments
9. Unfinished Business
  - Work Plan for 2022
10. New Business
  - Preview of Next Meeting (February 2nd)
11. Reports from Board Members & Staff
  - Community Outreach Reports & Open Discussion on Public Safety
  - Pending Policy / Ordinance Changes
12. Adjournment

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## PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 6, 2021  
Zoom Virtual Meeting

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Present: Alan Hart, Ken Witkoe, Ray Dotson, Mark Peila, James Hairston, Tod Wolf, Mark Terry, Karen Ferreira and Teresa Imholt King

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Excused: None

Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Absent: None

City Councilmember Present: Councilmember Mike Brandstetter

Fire Department Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams

Lakewood Youth Council Present: No Youth Council Present; none assigned yet.

Staff Present: Chief Mike Zaro and Committee Staff Support, Joanna LaVergne, Administrative Assistant

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Karen Ferreira asked about paragraph three under “New Business” which seemed to end abruptly; Joanna LaVergne stated she was correct and she would fix that. Alan Hart motioned to approve the amended August meeting minutes. All ayes; minutes approved.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

## CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Mike Brandstetter stated that the City was still working on allocating the ARPA funds, but some decisions have been made that relate to public safety. This includes providing funding to purchase body cameras for our police officers, as well as the staffing to make that system run smoothly. Councilmember Brandstetter discussed some other projects the City is looking at funding with the ARPA funds. Discussion ensued.

## FIRE CHIEF COMMENTS

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Adams discussed the Red Flag Warning in effect back in August, which was effectively a burn ban. Chief Adams also discussed the 9/11 ceremony, the WPFR newsletter, Fall Safety Day coming up on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, WPFR Fire Prevention classes which are being sent out to the schools via the website, and the 7 lateral fire fighters they have hired this year. Discussion ensued.

## POLICE CHIEF COMMENTS

Chief Michael Zaro gave a hiring update. Mark Peila asked how the vaccine mandates were affecting the department; Chief Zaro stated the current mandates only affect State employees, not City, and thus do not apply to Lakewood PD. Discussion ensued.

James Hairston asked about the problem of people running red lights, which seemed to be on the rise; Chief Zaro stated that red light cameras were the best deterrent, but they aren't very popular. Traffic emphases would be another great avenue, but we are currently understaffed, so doing extra emphases right now is difficult. Discussion ensued.

Alan Hart asked about the homelessness issue and the street racing issue which had been ramping up over the summer. Chief Zaro stated the street racing issues seemed to have peaked for Lakewood, once summer ended, especially, and that homelessness is an issue that seems to ebb and flow. Mr. Hart also asked about the feasibility of creating a citizens committee to lobby legislature regarding the public safety laws which have been passed. Discussion ensued.

Mark Terry asked about the uptick in graffiti/tagging across the city. Discussion ensued regarding taggers and the difficulties of keeping them off the streets, especially right now.

Chief Zaro shared about the Real Men Wear Pink campaign, for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, in which he is participating for the month of October, especially in honor of one of our staff members who is currently battling breast cancer, as well as everyone else we know who have fought, or are still fighting, the disease.

## YOUTH COUNCIL COMMENTS

No Youth Council assigned yet.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## NEW BUSINESS

Chair Ken Witkoe stated that it was time for nominations and election of a new Chair and Vice-Chair. Discussion ensued.

Ken Witkoe nominated Alan Hart for Chair. All ayes; Alan Hart is the new Chair. Ray Dotson nominated Teresa Imholt King as Vice Chair. All ayes; Teresa Imholt King is the new Vice Chair.

Chair Ken Witkoe moved on to the Work Plan which must be completed and turned into City Council for the New Year. Discussion ensued. Topics discussed for adding to the work plan were: Minority focused recruitment for the PD; Clover Creek railroad crossing update; July 4<sup>th</sup> education; red light/photo enforcement cameras; trash pick-up "Oscar's Enemies" program; and an outdoor venue smoking ban. It was agreed that the work plan would be finalized at the next meeting. If anyone has any more ideas, please email them to Joanna LaVergne.

Joanna LaVergne reminded everyone about the Fallen Officer Food Drive which is taking place on December 1<sup>st</sup> this year, which coincidentally is the date of the next PSAC Meeting. This meant she would have to send a replacement to the meeting. Alan Hart motioned that the committee move the meeting to December 8<sup>th</sup> instead. All ayes; the December PSAC meeting will be on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. via Zoom.

## REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Members discussed their Neighborhood Associations, as applicable; most are either not meeting or meeting via Zoom right now. Councilmember Mike Brandstetter asked Joanna LaVergne to make note on the spreadsheet that Tillicum/Woodbrook is not meeting at all right now due to Covid.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mark Peila motioned to adjourn the meeting; all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Public Safety Advisory Committee:

Attest:

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Ken Witkoe, Chair

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Joanna LaVergne, Secretary

# Lakewood Police Department Quarterly Crime Report



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**3rd Quarter 2021**



## Lakewood Police Department

**3rd Quarter 2021 Calls For Service: 12,786 (2Q 2021- 11,933)**

**Lakewood PD Arrests (Felony): 74 (2Q 2021- 71)**

**Lakewood PD Arrests (Misdemeanor): 173 (2Q 2021 - 223)**

**3rd Quarter 2021**





# City of Lakewood

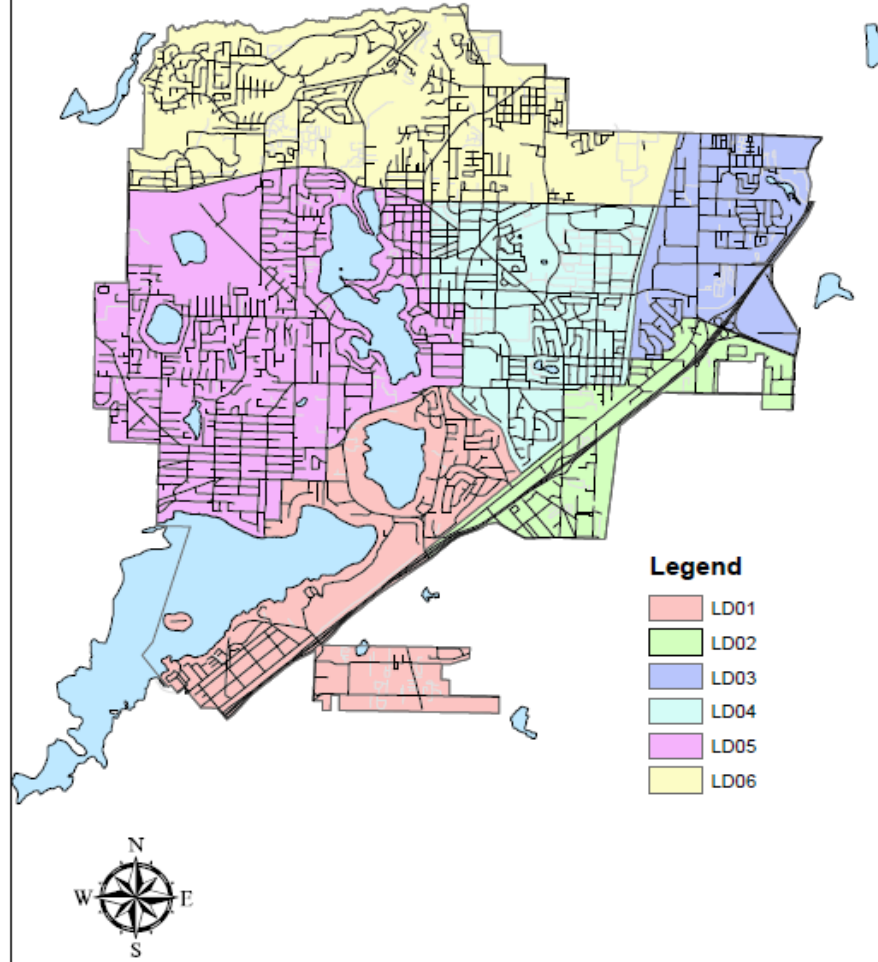


## District Map

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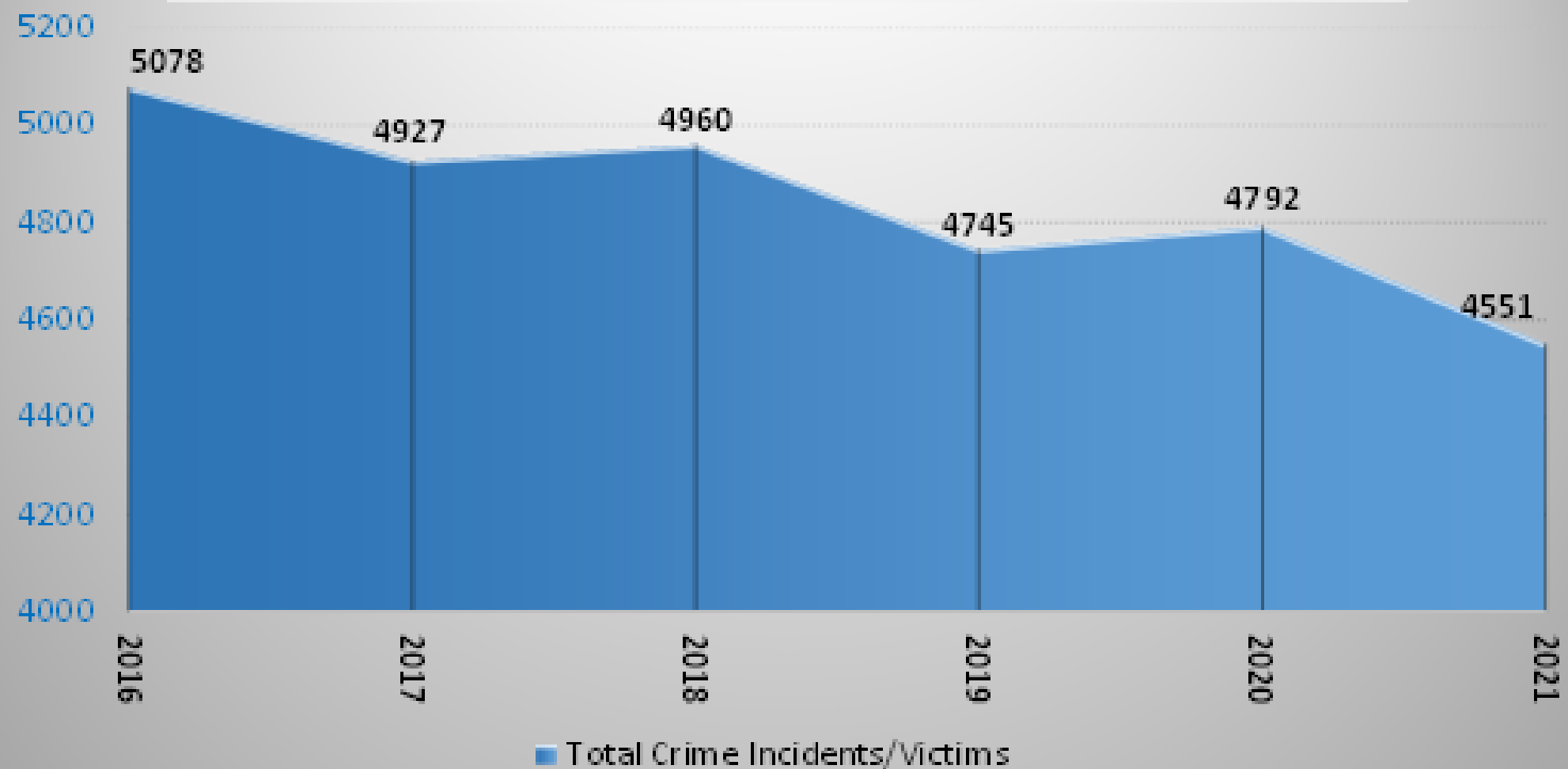




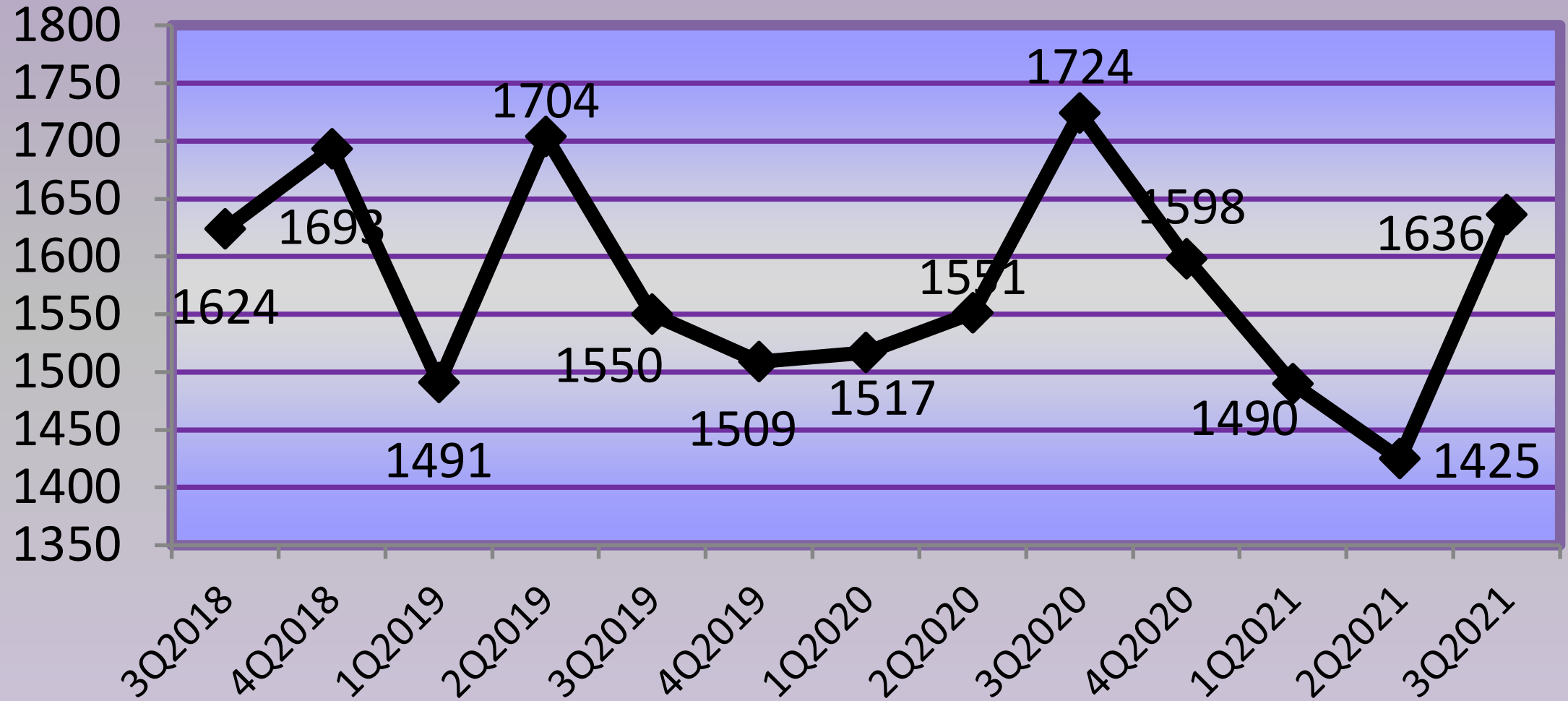
# City of Lakewood Incident Report 3Q 2021

|  |                              |            |            |            |            |            |             |             |                          |             |             |                    |
|---|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
|   | 3rd Quarter 2021 By District |            |            |            |            |            | 3Q City     |             | Quarterly Percent Change | YTD City    |             | YTD Percent Change |
|   | LD01                         | LD02       | LD03       | LD04       | LD05       | LD06       | 2Q2021      | 3Q2021      | 2Q21-3Q21                | YTD2020     | YTD2021     | 3Q2020-2021        |
| <b>Person Crimes</b>  |                              |            |            |            |            |            |             |             |                          |             |             |                    |
| Aggravated Assault  | 11                           | 40         | 14         | 22         | 11         | 25         | 99          | 123         | 24.24%                   | 318         | 277         | -12.89%            |
| Simple Assault  | 38                           | 69         | 41         | 49         | 92         | 84         | 260         | 373         | 43.46%                   | 832         | 884         | 6.25%              |
| Homicide  | 0                            | 0          | 2          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 2           | 2           | 0.00%                    | 7           | 5           | -28.57%            |
| Kidnapping  | 1                            | 2          | 2          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 3           | 7           | 133.33%                  | 28          | 18          | -35.71%            |
| Sex (Forcible)  | 0                            | 5          | 1          | 2          | 1          | 0          | 4           | 9           | 125.00%                  | 26          | 21          | -19.23%            |
| Sex (NonForcible)   | 0                            | 2          | 0          | 3          | 3          | 2          | 12          | 10          | -16.67%                  | 64          | 45          | -29.69%            |
| <b>Totals and Averages</b>  | <b>50</b>                    | <b>118</b> | <b>60</b>  | <b>77</b>  | <b>107</b> | <b>112</b> | <b>380</b>  | <b>524</b>  | <b>37.89%</b>            | <b>1275</b> | <b>1250</b> | <b>-1.96%</b>      |
| <b>Property Crimes</b>  |                              |            |            |            |            |            |             |             |                          |             |             |                    |
| Arson   | 0                            | 3          | 1          | 0          | 2          | 2          | 5           | 8           | 60.00%                   | 6           | 20          | 233.33%            |
| Bribery   | 0                            | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0           | NA                       | 0           | 0           | NA                 |
| Burglary  | 7                            | 12         | 22         | 32         | 14         | 12         | 95          | 99          | 4.21%                    | 374         | 303         | -18.98%            |
| Counterfeiting  | 0                            | 0          | 2          | 4          | 1          | 0          | 11          | 7           | -36.36%                  | 36          | 28          | -22.22%            |
| Vandalism   | 25                           | 41         | 46         | 90         | 45         | 55         | 287         | 302         | 5.23%                    | 860         | 869         | 1.05%              |
| Embezzlement  | 0                            | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0           | NA                       | 0           | 0           | NA                 |
| Extortion   | 0                            | 0          | 0          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 4           | 1           | -75.00%                  | 9           | 7           | -22.22%            |
| Fraud   | 1                            | 4          | 1          | 3          | 1          | 5          | 41          | 15          | -63.41%                  | 175         | 114         | -34.86%            |
| Larceny   | 48                           | 51         | 63         | 183        | 45         | 75         | 434         | 465         | 7.14%                    | 1332        | 1337        | 0.38%              |
| Motor Vehicle Theft   | 12                           | 37         | 36         | 30         | 10         | 17         | 123         | 142         | 15.45%                   | 364         | 395         | 8.52%              |
| Robbery   | 0                            | 10         | 3          | 9          | 2          | 6          | 19          | 30          | 57.89%                   | 50          | 74          | 48.00%             |
| Stolen Property   | 0                            | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0           | 0           | NA                       | 0           | 0           | NA                 |
| <b>Totals and Averages</b>  | <b>93</b>                    | <b>158</b> | <b>174</b> | <b>352</b> | <b>120</b> | <b>172</b> | <b>1019</b> | <b>1069</b> | <b>4.91%</b>             | <b>3206</b> | <b>3147</b> | <b>-1.84%</b>      |
| <b>Society Crimes</b>   |                              |            |            |            |            |            |             |             |                          |             |             |                    |
| Drug  | 0                            | 1          | 5          | 3          | 0          | 0          | 13          | 9           | -30.77%                  | 224         | 75          | -66.52%            |
| Pornography   | 0                            | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 1           | 0           | -100.00%                 | 5           | 1           | -80.00%            |
| Prostitution  | 0                            | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 2           | 0           | -100.00%                 | 13          | 6           | -53.85%            |
| Weapon Law Violations   | 5                            | 5          | 12         | 7          | 2          | 2          | 23          | 33          | 43.48%                   | 69          | 85          | 23.19%             |
| <b>Totals and Averages</b>  | <b>5</b>                     | <b>6</b>   | <b>17</b>  | <b>10</b>  | <b>2</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>39</b>   | <b>42</b>   | <b>7.69%</b>             | <b>311</b>  | <b>167</b>  | <b>-46.30%</b>     |
| <b>Grand Totals and Averages</b>  | <b>148</b>                   | <b>282</b> | <b>251</b> | <b>439</b> | <b>229</b> | <b>286</b> | <b>1438</b> | <b>1635</b> | <b>13.70%</b>            | <b>4792</b> | <b>4564</b> | <b>-4.76%</b>      |

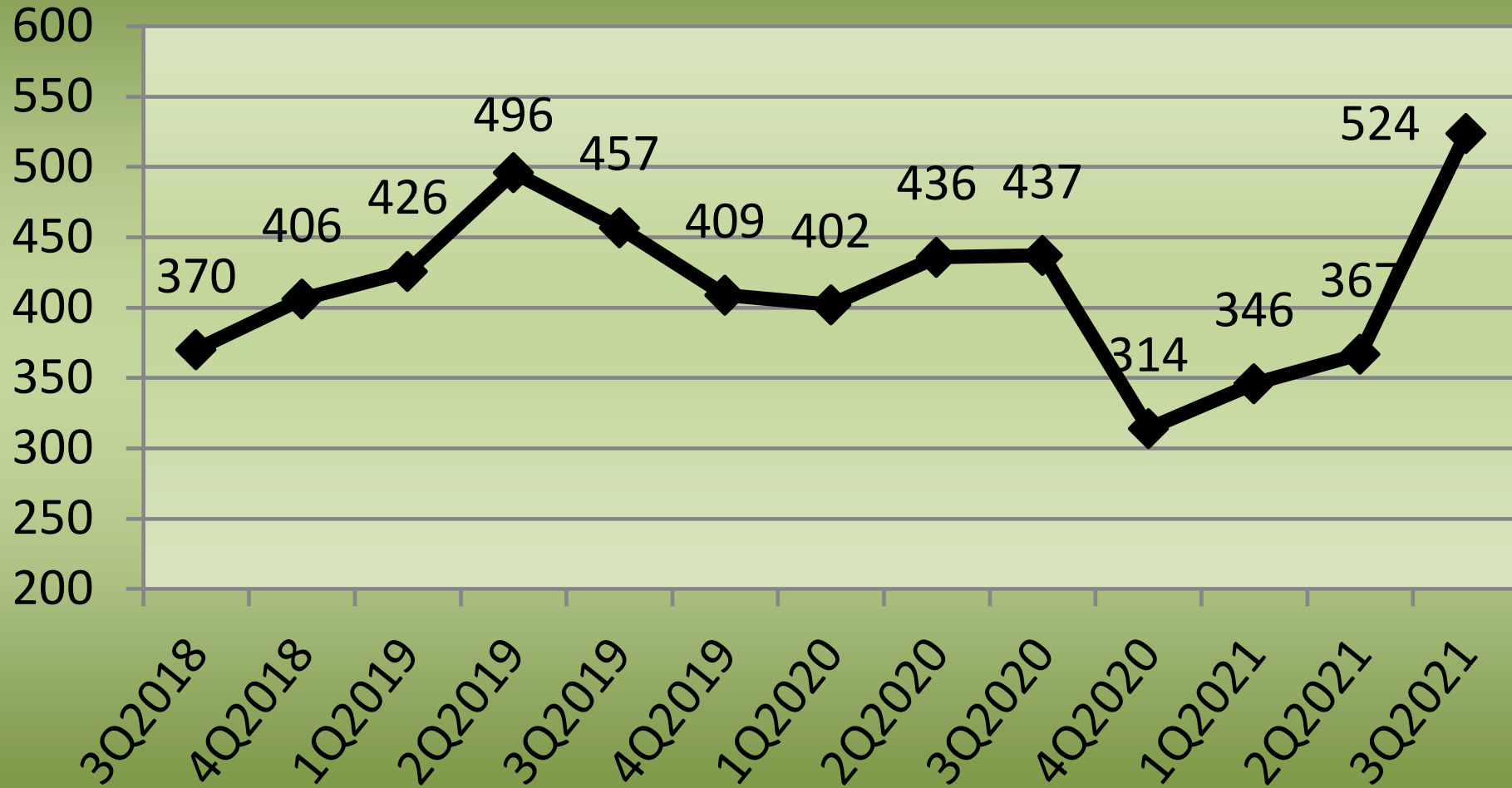
## Total Crime 3rd Quarters (YTD) 2016-2021



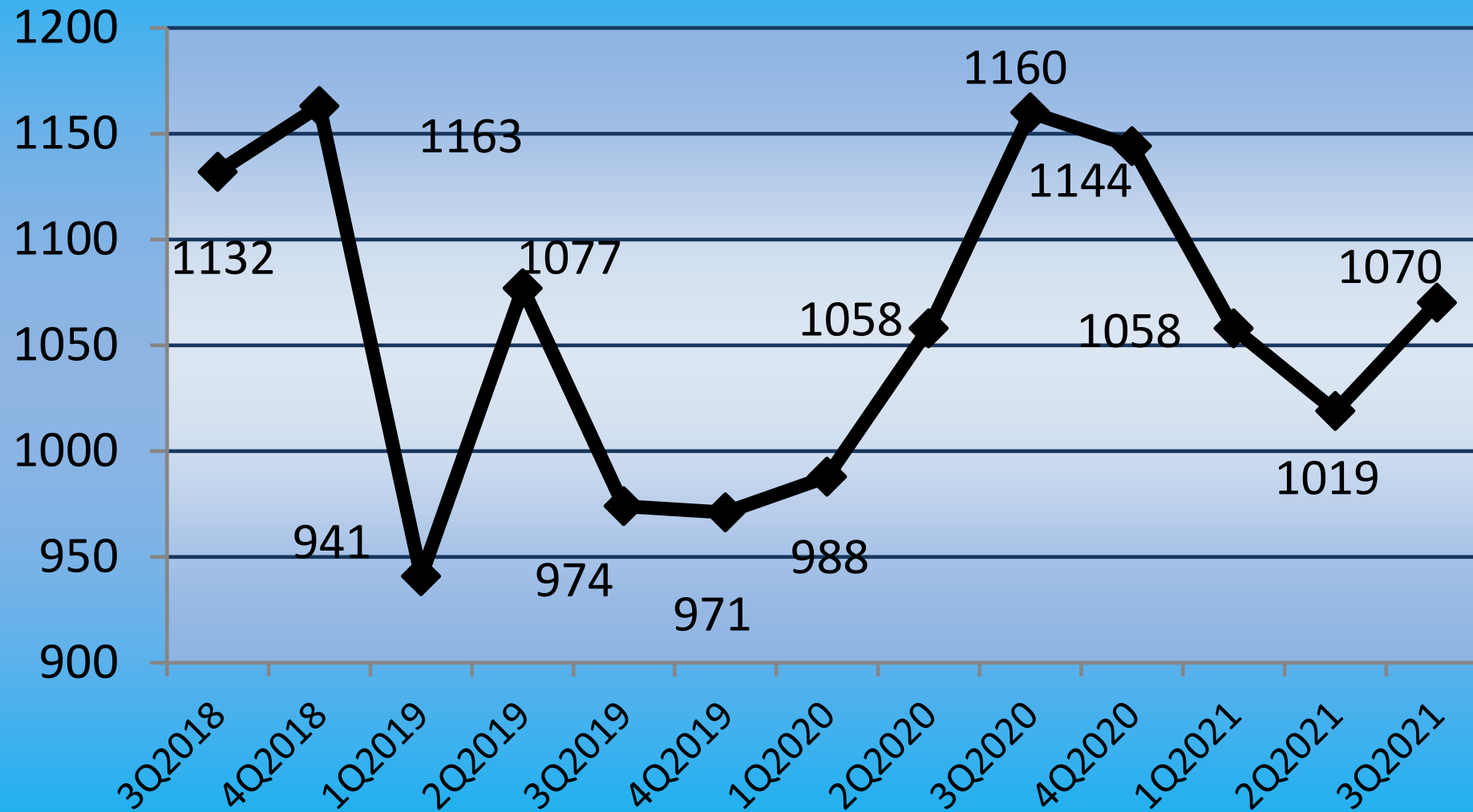
# NIBRS Total Crime By Quarter 2018-2021



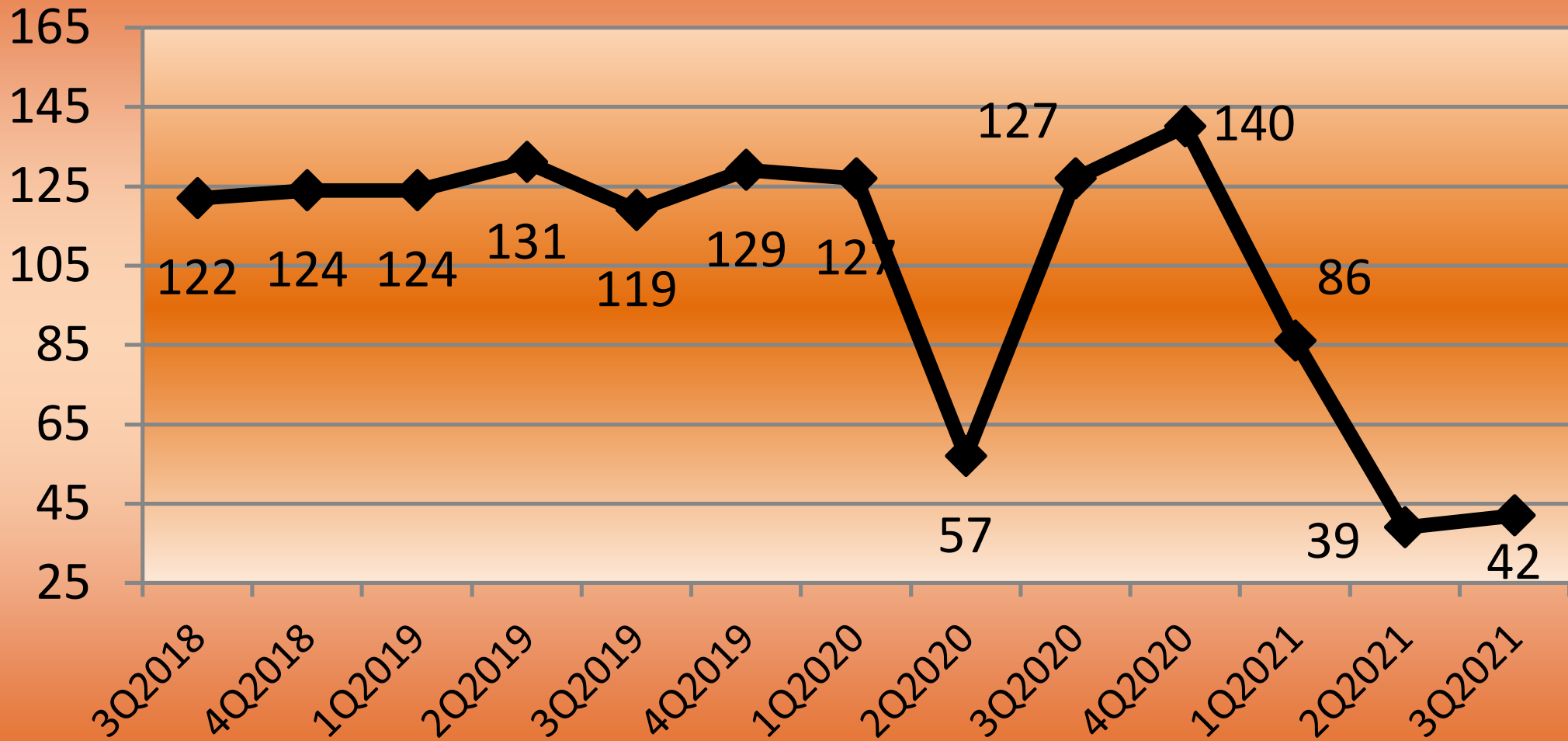
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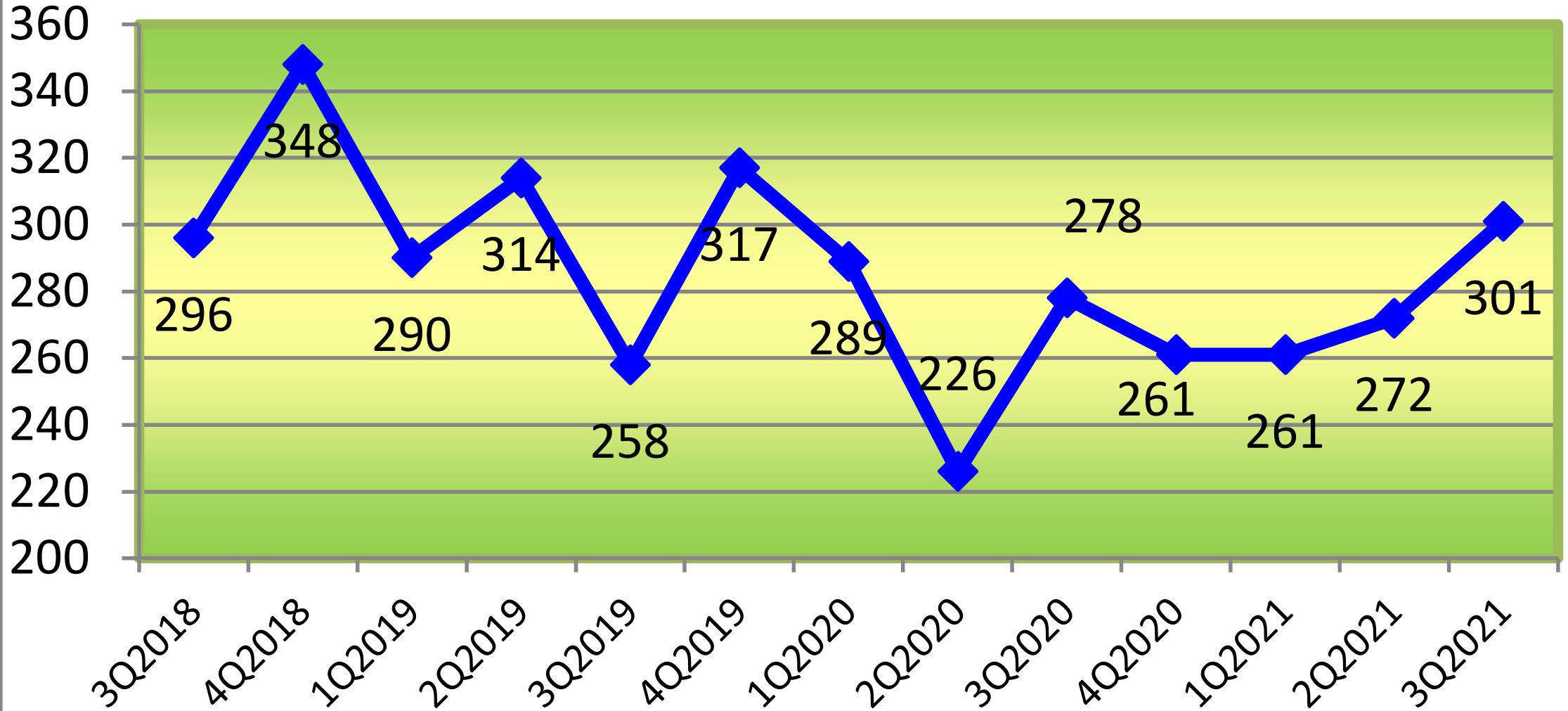
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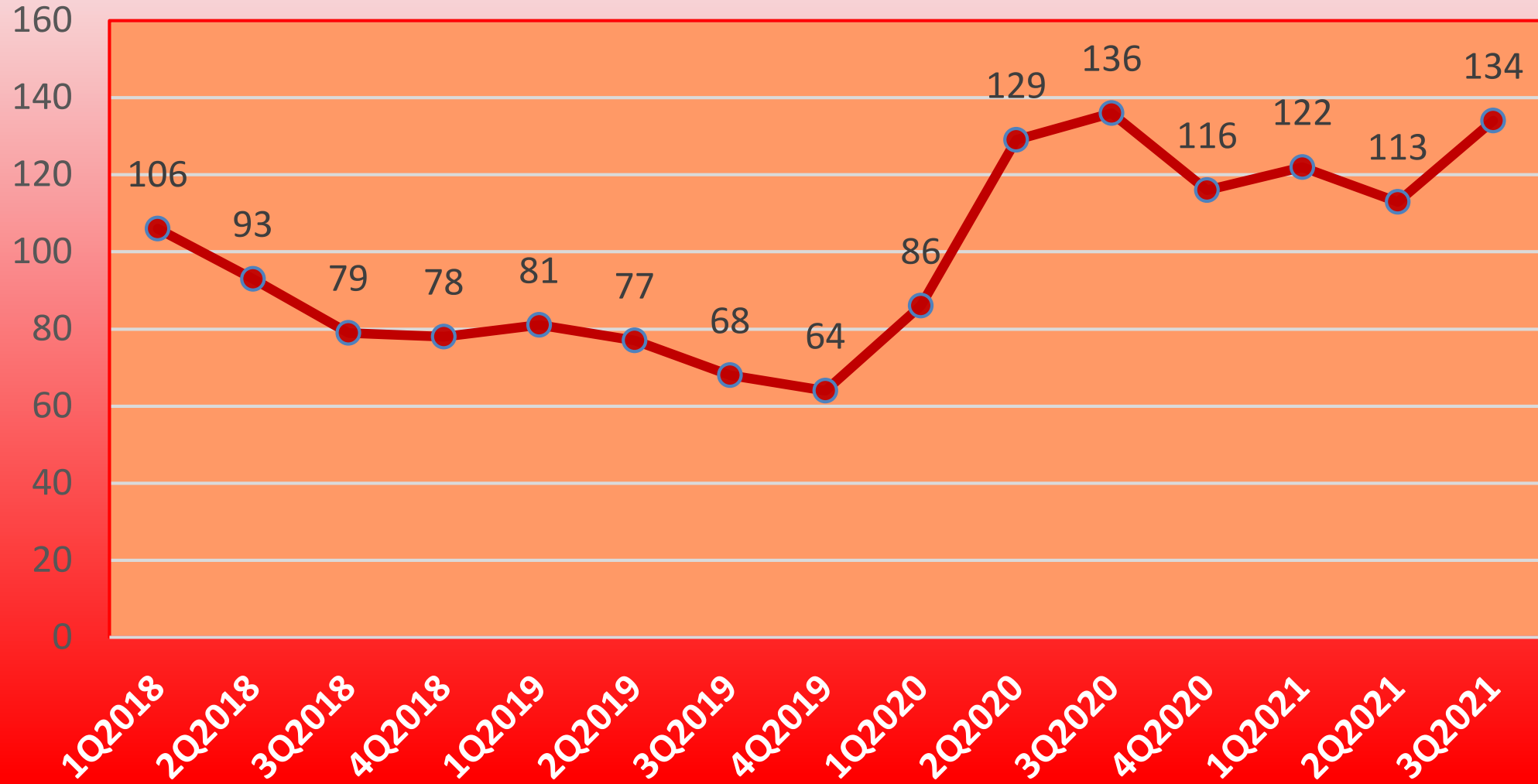
# NIBRS Society Crimes By Quarter 2018-2021



# Total Accidents By Quarter (Reports) 2018-2021



# Motor Vehicle Theft 1Q2018-3Q2021

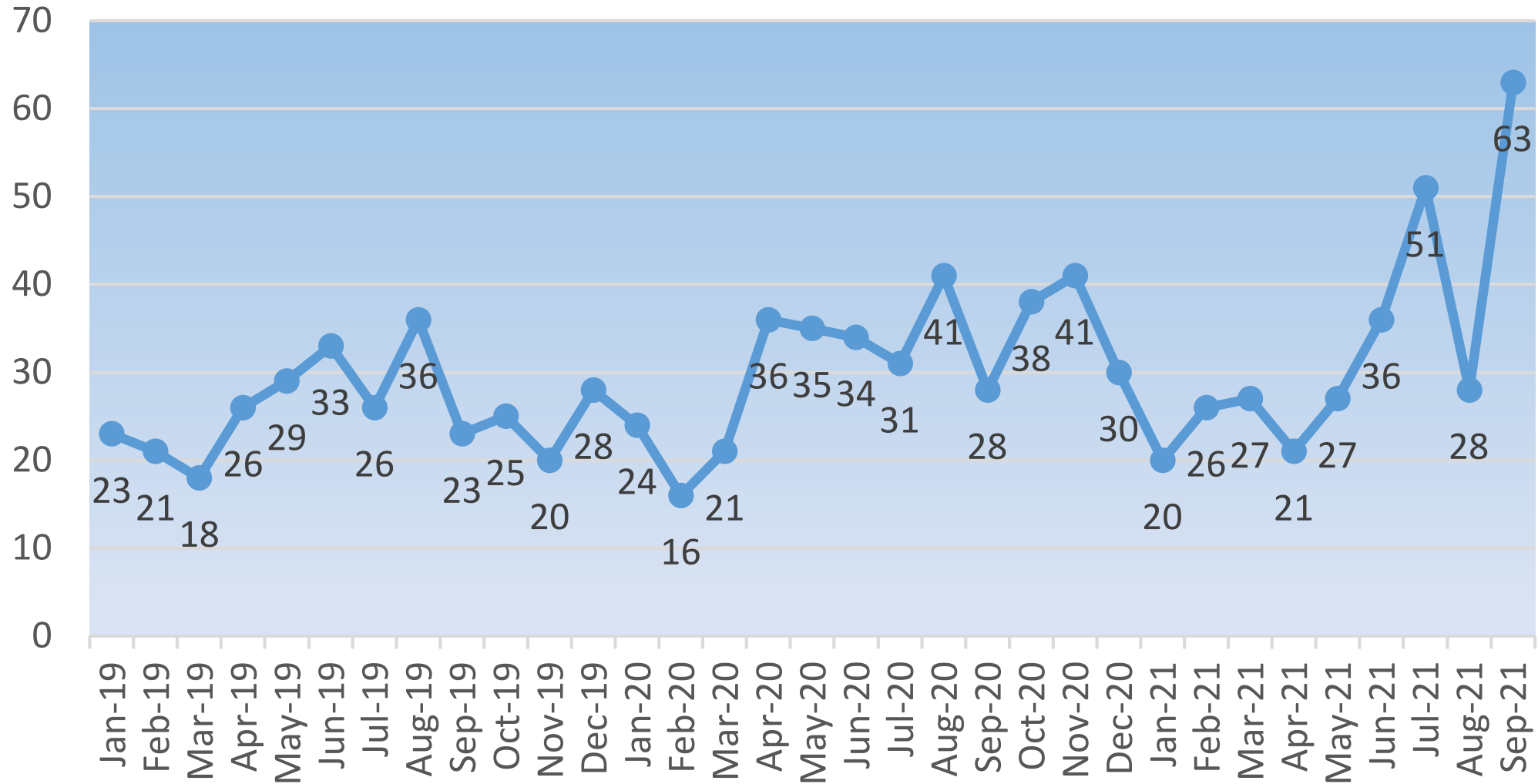




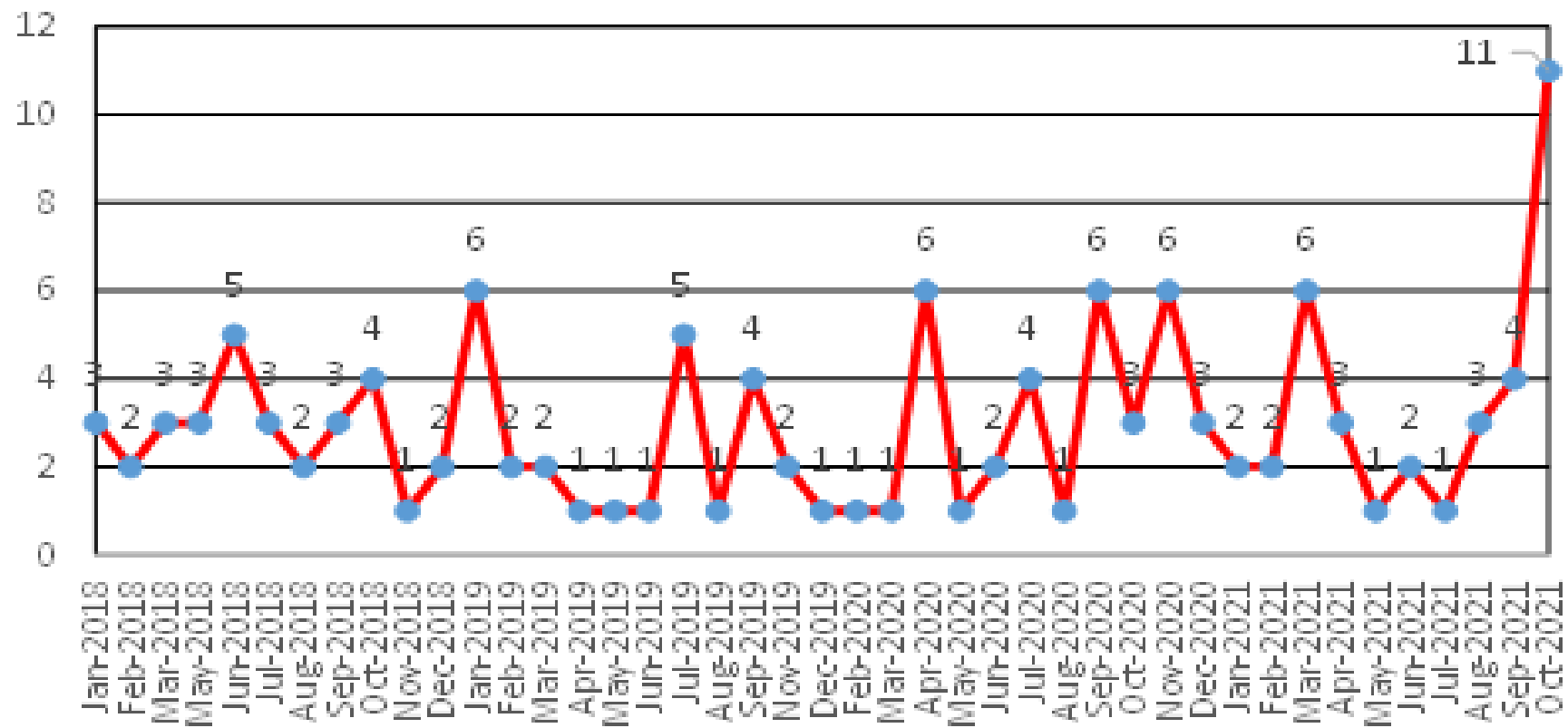
# 3rd Quarter 2021 Significant Incident Recap

- Shooting Investigation – July 25<sup>th</sup>: Lakewood officers responded to a shooting at the Lakewood Village Apartments and discovered 19 casings and two rounds that passed through a wall; one lodging in a 3 year old's headboard and one bullet coming to a stop against the 3 year old's shoulder causing a burn.
- Shooting – July 30<sup>th</sup>: Officers responded to the area of Steilacoom Blvd and John Dower a shooting where an older Lakewood Hustler Crip was having a party that was engaged by some Eastside Pirus. Eight 9mm, seven .223 and one .40 caliber casings were located.
- Homicide – August 14<sup>th</sup>: Detectives from Lakewood Major Crimes responded to Karwan Village, 2621 84th St S to a badly decomposed, deceased male with a suspicious wound (ME confirmed as a gunshot) to the chest. The mobile unit was condemned and boarded up but apparently used by transients. Identification of the deceased was difficult. Detectives had located an EBT card and specific tattoos led to an identification of a transient male. The investigation is ongoing.
- Homicide (self defense) – September 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lakewood units responded to Stay Fresh Tattoo studio at 10241 Bridgeport Way for a shooting. Upon arrival, officers found one victim with multiple gunshot wounds (later pronounced dead) and a second victim shot in the hip. The investigation indicates two people (brother and sister) arriving at the studio, confronting a tattoo artist which resulted in guns being produced and fired. The male who had confronted the tattoo artist was subsequently shot and killed. That person's sister then picked up her brother's gun and shot a person otherwise uninvolved. The female was arrested.
- Officer Involved Shooting- On Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> Officers from multiple jurisdictions responded to the 7300 block of 150<sup>th</sup> ST SW for reports of a male shooting off numerous rounds in an apartment complex parking lot. An arriving Lakewood officer advised SS911 dispatch that officers were being shot at and an officer involved shooting was called out moments later. PCFIT is conducting the ongoing investigation.
- Shooting- September 12<sup>th</sup>: Officers responded to the Woodspring Estates Hotel at 11329 Pacific Hwy and located a male victim with a gunshot wound to his leg. Subsequent investigation shows what started as a cell phone sale and attempted robbery. Apparently, the robbery went badly so the suspect pulled a gun and shot the victim. That suspect is known and remains at large.
- Drive by Shooting– September 24<sup>th</sup>: Lakewood officers responded to 12825 Pacific Hwy for a drive by shooting. The victim had already been taken to St Clare Hospital. Investigations shows the suspect fired 42 rounds at a group of people standing outside a local business. One person was struck in the chest by gunfire and subsequently paralyzed. Detectives identified the shooter and he was arrested in Tucson, Arizona, on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The motive appears to be drug related.

## CAD Shots/Shootings 2019 - YTD



## Eluding/Pursuit 2018-YTD (22 October 2021)



# Increase In Assaults On Officers

- Assaults on officers trending upwards
  - 2019: 14
  - 2020: 15
  - 2021 through 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter: 18
    - On pace to have 24 for the year (60% increase from 2020)
    - Assaults include everything from being punched and spit on to being shot at

# Staffing

- 9 departures since June 30<sup>th</sup> with two more pending
  - 7 retirements
  - 2 officers moving out of state
- 8 people on extended leave status
  - 1 military
  - 1 maternity
  - 1 FMLA
  - 5 medical
- 5 people hired
  - 3 lateral
  - 2 entry level
- Most of Special Ops has been reassigned to patrol
  - The Sergeant and one Detective were reassigned to work strictly on backgrounds
  - This is the unit responsible for vice and human trafficking investigations
- All of Property Proac has been reassigned to patrol
  - Light duty personnel are assigned to conduct follow up as their medical directions allow
  - This is the unit responsible for investigation of property crimes (including robbery)

## Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) 2022 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

**Members:**

Chair Ken Witkoe  
James Hairston  
Mark Peila  
Alan Hart  
Terese King

Vice Chair Mark Terry  
Ray Dotson  
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Karen Ferreira

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**Meeting Schedule:**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every other month, 5:15 p.m., Lakewood Police Station  
or Virtual (Covid mandates dependent)

**2022 Work Plan:**

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 1. | Recruitment- Minority focused                  |
| 2. | Railroad Station/Clover Creek Crossing Updates |
| 3. |  |
| 4. |  |
| 5. |  |
| 6. |  |

| Date | Topic(s) |
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| 2/2  |          |
| 4/6  |          |
| 6/1  |          |
| 8/3  |          |
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**Special Events:**

| Date                        | Event                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| July?                       | City Council/PSAC Joint Study Session |
| July ?                      | SummerFest                            |
| November 29 <sup>th</sup> ? | Fallen Officer Food and Blood Drive   |

# **Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)**

## **2021 ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE**

### **Members:**

Chair Ken Witkoe  
James Hairston  
Mark Peila  
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**Overview:** The role of the Public Safety Advisory Committee is to provide citizen input and advice to the City Council in developing and monitoring public safety policies. The Committee will report to the Council and will also assist the Council in assessing that department resources allow for compliance with City and department policies.

### **2021 Work Plan:**

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 1. | Recruitment  |
| 2. | Road Structure and Roundabouts Education Efforts and Updates   |
| 3. | Fireworks Ordinance Education Efforts                          |
| 4. | Railroad Station/Clover Creek Crossing Updates                 |
| 5. | City Lighting Plan Update with Public Works                    |
| 6. | Review the Lakewood Dashboard metrics related to Public Safety |

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Topic(s)</b>  |
|-------------|--|
| February 3  | Fireworks Ordinance Education Efforts                        |
| April 7     | Public Works Presentation - City Lighting Update             |
| June 2      | Road Structure and Roundabouts Education Efforts and Updates |
| August 4    | Railroad Station/Clover Park Crossing Updates                |
| October 6   | Election and Work Plan for 2021                              |
| December 1  | Work Plan and Joint Meeting Prep                             |

### **Special Events:**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Event</b>  |
|-------------|---|
| August 9    | Joint City Council and Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting |
| July 10-12  | SummerFest  |
| November    | Fallen Officer Food Drive                                       |

|  |                       | <u>Primary</u>       | <u>Backup</u> |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Tillicum/Woodbrook</b><br>Tillicum American Lake Gardens Community Center<br>14916 Washington Ave SW<br>6:30 p.m. 1st Thursday of the Month | <b>Active</b>         | James                | Mark P        |
| <b>Lake City</b><br>West Pierce Fire Station 22<br>8517 Washington Blvd.<br>7 p.m. 2nd Thursday of the Month                                   | <b>Active</b>         |                      |               |
| <b>Lakeview</b><br>West Pierce Fire Station 20<br>10928 Pacific Hwy SW<br>7 p.m. 4th Thursday of the Month                                     | <b>In hibernation</b> | <b>No rep needed</b> |               |
| <b>Springbrook/Pacific</b><br>Centerforce<br>5204 Solberg Dr SW<br>6 p.m. 3rd Thursday of the month  | <b>In hibernation</b> | <b>No rep needed</b> |               |
| <b>North Lakewood</b><br>Elks Lodge<br>6313 75th St W, Lakewood<br>7 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday, every other month (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov) | <b>Active</b>         | Mark P               | Ken           |
| <b>Northeast</b><br>West Pierce Fire Station 20<br>10928 Pacific Hwy SW<br>7 p.m. 3rd Tuesday of the Month                                     | <b>In hibernation</b> | <b>No rep needed</b> |               |
| <b>Springbrook Connections</b><br>5202 Solberg Dr SW<br>2 p.m. 2nd Thursday of the month   | <b>Active</b>         | Alan                 |               |

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