

# LAKEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

“Making a  
Difference”





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## LAKWOOD WELCOMES NEW POLICE CHIEF



The Lakewood Police Department has a new face at the top. Patrick D. Smith joined the department in March 2023 as its newest Chief of Police after the retirement of Chief Mike Zaro.

“I am honored and thrilled to be entrusted with this amazing opportunity,” Smith said of his appointment. “I look forward to getting to know the community and the dedicated women and men of the Lakewood Police Department. Working together we will continue to enhance the culture of proactive community policing and exceptional service provided to our residents and visitors.”

Smith joins Lakewood with over 32 years of law enforcement and leadership experience. That includes four years as Police Chief of the Birmingham Police Department and 28 years with the Los Angeles Police Department.

While in his home state of Alabama, Smith demonstrated his strategic management skills while running the largest law enforcement agency in the state. That included increasing engagement with the community, improving staff accountability, modernizing the department by adding a Real Time Crime Center that integrated technology for the department, and establishing personnel development programs.

In Los Angeles, Smith moved up the ranks from police officer to commander and ultimately was the Assistant Commanding Officer for the Police Sciences and Training Bureau. At the bureau he planned, coordinated, managed and evaluated bureau-wide training operations for the entire department, including oversight of three police academy campuses. Smith was responsible for new hire training and in-service training for a workforce of 10,000 employees. His bureau developed police training policy and tactical directives after reviewing critical incidents.

As a captain of LAPD’s Metropolitan Division, Smith had tactical management and oversight of large-scale events in the city of Los Angeles. He managed SWAT operations, K-9 search events, mounted enforcement, dignitary protection, the underwater dive team, crime suppression which included hostage situations, and active shooting events.

Smith holds a Master of Arts in Organizational Management and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from the University of Phoenix. He is a graduate of the FBI National Executive Institute and PERF’s Senior Management Institute for Police. Smith also has certificate training from the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University in Conflict Resolution for Law Enforcement. Additionally, he earned police certifications in California and Alabama.

A proud Marine Corps Veteran, Smith looks forward to working with neighboring Joint Base Lewis-McChord and the military community.

## ABOUT LPD



Lakewood’s 21<sup>st</sup> century department consists of 95 commissioned police officers, two Community Service Officers, three Court Compliance Officers, two Animal Control Officers and seven civilian support staff. The Lakewood Police Department is one of the largest departments in the State of Washington. To successfully counter crime challenges, the Department operates a large array of programs and employs modern technology to expand its reach and efficiency.

### OUR MISSION

- Protect life and property
- Reduce crime
- Build better communities
- Respect and protect individual rights
- Enforce the laws of Lakewood and the State of Washington to achieve the greatest gains from limited resources

### OUR CORE VALUES

- INTEGRITY
- DEDICATION
- TEAMWORK
- COMPETENCE
- RESPECT

#### POLICE CHIEF

#### ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF

##### PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

2 Commissioned Officers  
3 Non-Commissioned Staff

##### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

26 Commissioned Officers  
3 Non-Commissioned Staff

##### SPECIALTY UNIT

Lieutenant  
15 Commissioned Officers  
6 Limited Commissioned Officers  
3 Non-Commissioned Staff

##### PATROL RESPONSE UNIT

Lieutenant  
50 Commissioned Officers

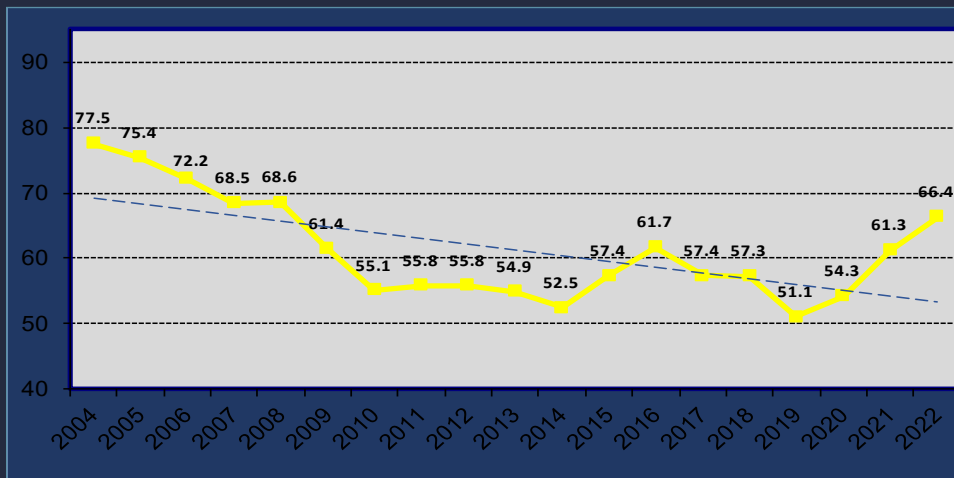
##### SUPPORT SERVICES

Lieutenant

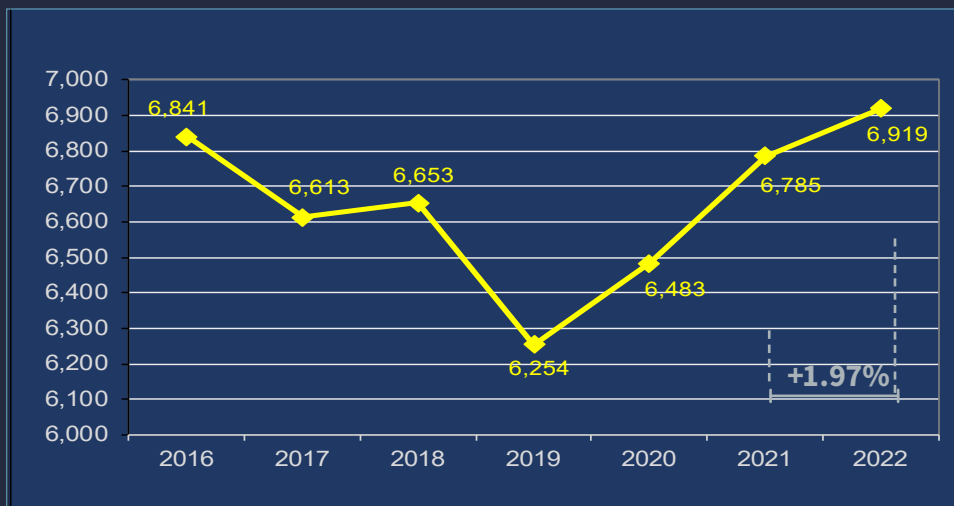
# POLICING BY THE NUMBERS

Lakewood's **CRIME RATE** has dropped since the formation of our Department in 2004. Total crime has flattened out to 2019 numbers. Motor vehicle thefts have seen a sharp increase since the recent restrictions on police pursuits, but violent crime and thefts are down from last year. The jails and courts are starting to recover from Covid restrictions, which should enable us to hold more offenders accountable moving forward.

**LAKESWOOD TOTAL CRIME RATE PER THOUSAND RESIDENTS (2004-2022)**



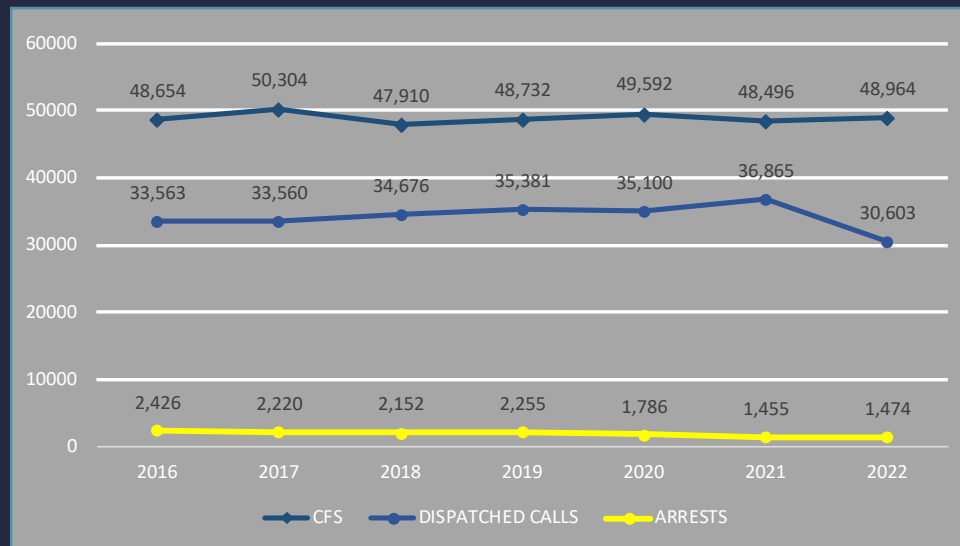
**NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS) TOTAL CRIMES PER YEAR (2016-2022)**



The total **CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS)**, remained flat while Dispatched calls decreased significantly. This would indicate an increase in self-initiated activity by Officers.

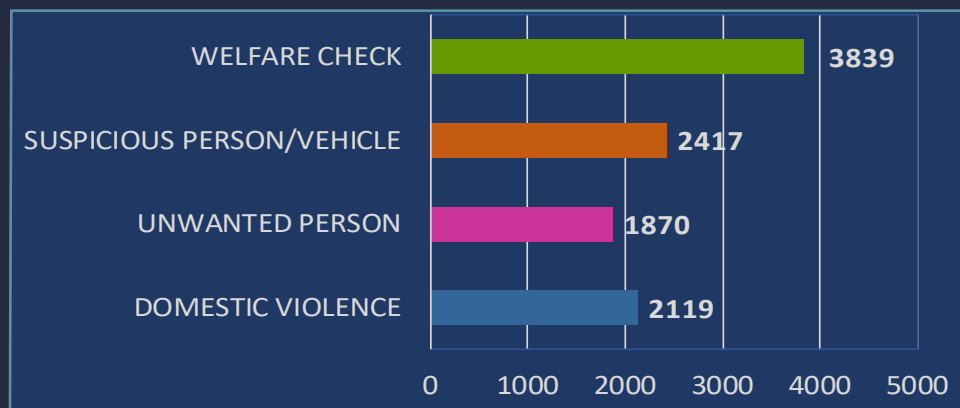
The top category of CFS was for Welfare Checks, which is most often associated with substance use or mental health related incidents. We have also seen a drastic increase in drug overdose calls. Our Patrol Officers are trained in and carry Naloxone (Narcan) to administer to those exhibiting signs of suffering a drug overdose and had several applications last year.

### CFS, DISPATCHED CALLS, AND ARRESTS (2016-2022)



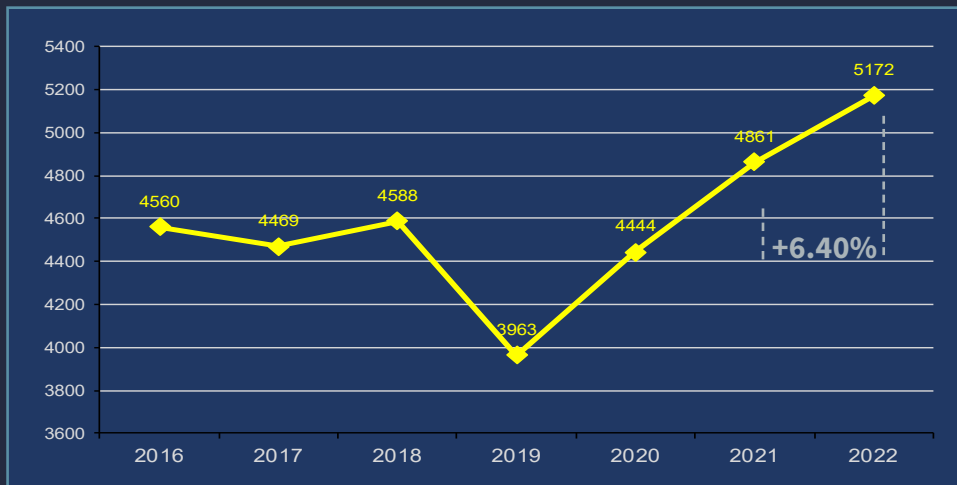
Calls for service include dispatched and officer-initiated activities.

### TOP 4 CATEGORIES OF CALLS FOR SERVICE (2022)

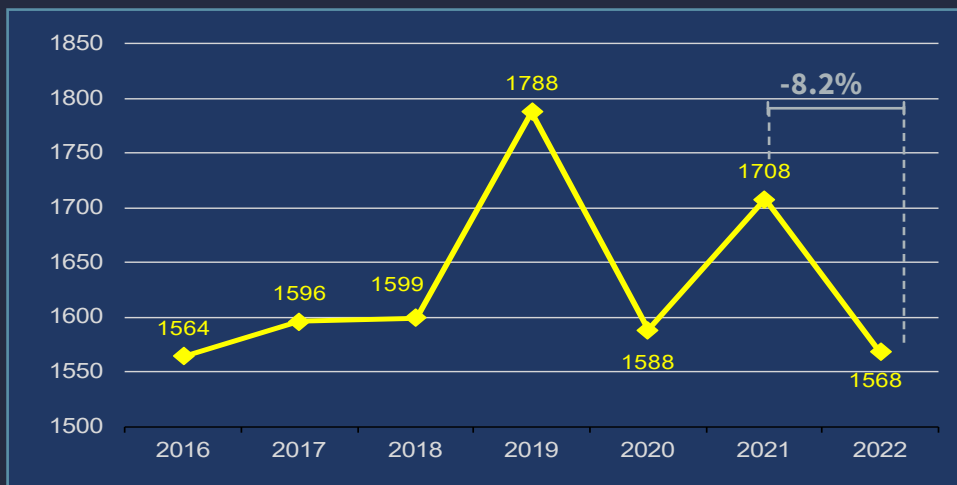


Crime rates are divided into three general categories: **PROPERTY CRIMES, PERSON CRIMES, and SOCIETY CRIMES**. Person crimes include physical or sexual assault and murder. Property crimes include theft, burglary, and vandalism. Society crimes involve narcotics, prostitution, and other vice-related incidents.

### NIBRS PROPERTY CRIMES BY YEAR (2016–2022)



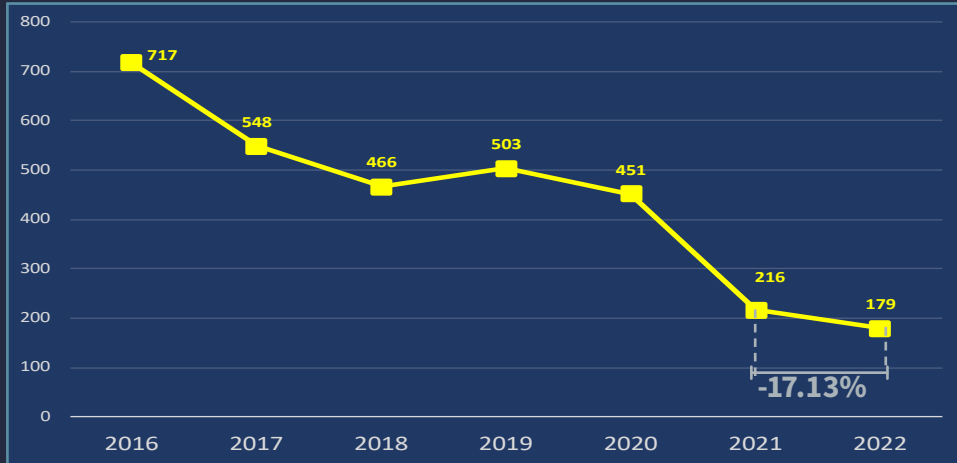
### NIBRS PERSON CRIMES BY YEAR (2016–2022)



**National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)** is an incident-based reporting system used by law enforcement agencies in the United States for collecting and reporting data on crimes. Local, state, and federal agencies generate NIBRS data from their records management systems.

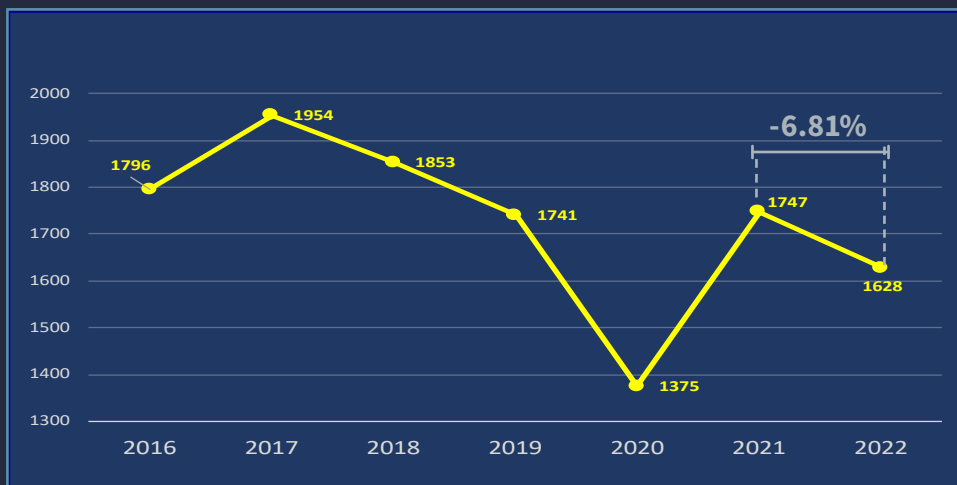


### NIBRS SOCIETY CRIMES BY YEAR (2016-2022)



While we have seen indications of speeding and reckless driving, our overall number of vehicle **ACCIDENTS** dropped slightly.

### TOTAL ACCIDENT REPORTS BY YEAR (2016-2022)



A photograph of a large, well-lit property and evidence room. The room features high ceilings with exposed metal beams and industrial lighting. In the foreground, there are several tall metal shelving units. Some shelves are filled with blue storage bins, while others have white evidence lockers. A large, white, multi-drawer cabinet is visible in the center. The floor is a light-colored concrete.

# PROPERTY/EVIDENCE ROOM

**4,887** PIECES OF EVIDENCE  
COLLECTED IN 2022

The three staff in the Property/Evidence Room hold, preserve, and document all of the evidence collected from crime scenes and provide it to courts when needed for trial. They also ensure that property recovered from solved crimes such as burglaries and car prowls are returned to the rightful owners.

## LAKWOOD FRONT DESK

In 2022 Police Station front desk staff took:

**11,991** PHONE CALLS

**5,146** WALK-INS

**517** REPORTS

## K-9 UNIT

15 CAPTURES



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONTACT TEAM

In 2015, the Lakewood City Council authorized formation of a Behavioral Health Contact Team, making Lakewood the first city in the state to partner one of its officers with a dedicated mental health professional.

This team is a collaborative effort between Lakewood Police and Greater Lakes Mental Health Care. They respond to calls involving individuals experiencing mental health complications. Often these individuals regularly rely on police interventions.

The team works to get people proper help and assistance instead of taking them to jail or sending them to overcrowded emergency rooms. Their work helps people with mental health issues get streamlined mental health and medical care, along with finding housing and solutions to personal needs.



176 CARE RESPONSE EPISODES

120 NEW ADMISSIONS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES

56 RE-ADMISSIONS TO PROGRAMS FOR FURTHER TREATMENT

# MARINE SERVICES UNIT

The Marine Services Unit provides services to lakes in the area. The Department maintains a large boat on American Lake, a rigid inflatable boat on a trailer, and two jet skis. The diversity in marine fleet allows officers to respond quickly to lakes of all sizes in the city.

Officers patrol and provide rescue and recovery services to numerous waterfront homes, businesses, beaches, marinas, and parks that are used by thousands of visitors and residents alike all year long. They are also part of the Metro Dive Team.



- 360** TOTAL OFFICER ON-WATER PATROL HOURS
- 432** TOTAL CITATIONS/WARNINGS
- 283** TOTAL WRITTEN VESSEL INSPECTIONS
- 3** SEARCH AND RESCUE/RECOVERY CASES

# BICYCLE PATROL

- 24** COMMUNITY EVENTS
- 8** CALLS FOR SERVICE ORIGINALLY DISPATCHED TO PATROL
- 19** SELF-INITIATED CALLS FOR SERVICE
- 2** ARRESTS
- 2,100** CITIZEN CONTACTS
- 722** MILES PEDALED
- 398** HOURS OF SADDLE TIME



# ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control is staffed by two full time officers who work with the communities of Lakewood, Steilacoom, and DuPont. They work with citizens to promote responsible pet ownership and control pet disease and public safety through education, service, and enforcement.

- 1,765** SERVICE REQUESTS
- 236** IMPOUNDS
- 335** TICKETS
- 8** POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOGS

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

## 2022 CASELOAD

### FORENSIC SERVICES

Evidence gathering and crime scene processing

271 ASSIGNMENTS

204 ASSIGNMENTS CLEARED

### MAJOR CRIMES

Murder and assaults

234 CASES ASSIGNED

288 CASES CLEARED

### PROPERTY CRIMES/ROBBERY UNIT

Theft, burglary, or vandalism

104 CASES ASSIGNED

46 CASES CLEARED

### SPECIAL ASSAULT

Domestic violence, crimes against children, and sexual assault

207 CASES ASSIGNED

205 CASES CLEARED

370 CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES REFERRALS

433 ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES REFERRALS

396 FACE-TO-FACE SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE VERIFICATIONS

2 REFERRALS FROM INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE

### SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Narcotics, prostitution

2 SEARCH WARRANTS

3 GUNS SEIZED

\$2.6K CASH SEIZED

\$97K REAL PROPERTY SEIZED

4 POUNDS OF DRUGS SEIZED

# PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Professional Standards Section is staffed by a lieutenant, a sergeant, a training officer, and an administrative assistant. This division handles citizen complaints; conducts internal, hiring, and background investigations; and oversees training and Department administrative functions. It also periodically evaluates the operation of the Department for changes in policy, training, and equipment, and maintains the Department Manual of Standards.

## 2022 INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

6 INVESTIGATIONS WITH

7 ALLEGATIONS

FINDINGS:

1 EXONERATED

5 SUSTAINED

1 UNFOUNDED

## DEFINITIONS

**EXONERATED** The incident did occur but the conduct or performance of the employee was found to be lawful and proper.

**SUSTAINED** The allegation is supported by sufficient evidence to justify a reasonable conclusion that the alleged misconduct occurred.

**NOT SUSTAINED** There is insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the allegation(s).

**UNFOUNDED** The investigation revealed that the incident or allegation(s) did not occur.

**STANDARDS FAILURE** The standards were followed, but resulted in undesired results. A finding of Standards Failure should result in a reassessment of the Standard by the Chain of Command Staff, with consideration given to changing the Standard or modifying or expanding training.

# TRAINING HOURS 2022

**24,976.25** HOURS OF OFFICER IN-SERVICE AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

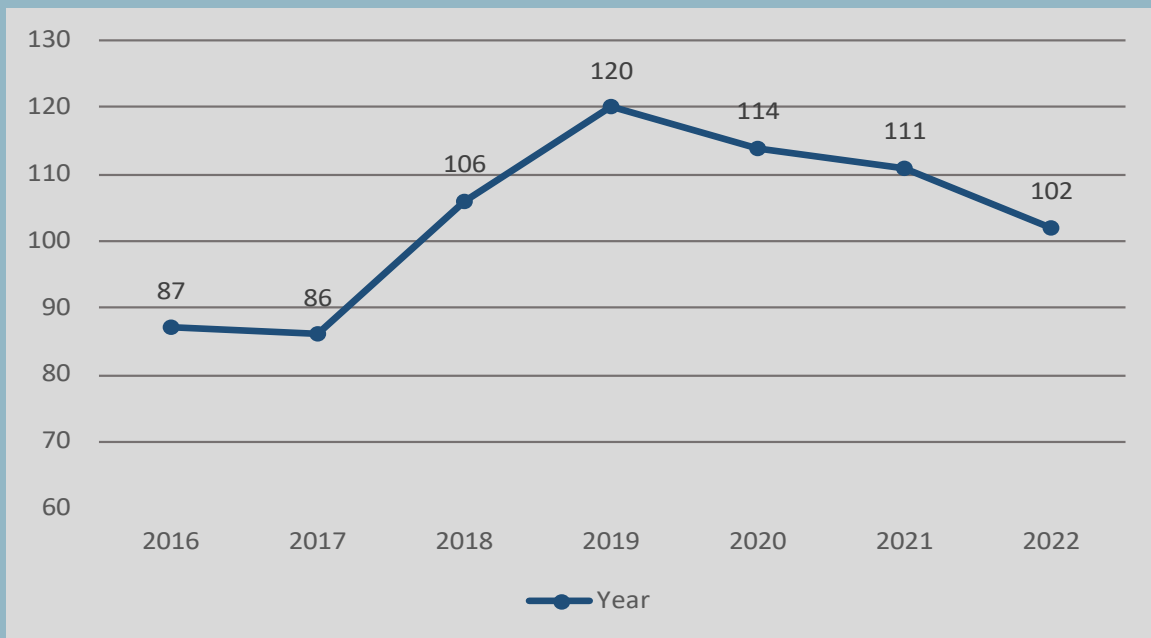
**217** AVERAGE HOURS OF TRAINING PER EMPLOYEE

# USE OF FORCE

The Department requires officers to report every call where they used force, including: use of a tool like a Taser or baton, incidents when physical force is needed to subdue a suspect, or when an officer causes visible injury or complaint of pain.

Perspective is everything when evaluating use of force. Only 6.91% of all arrests required any use of force, meaning 93% of physical arrests were compliant. In nearly three quarters of the uses of force, the citizen had no injury or only a minor complaint of pain, requiring no medical treatment.

## USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS (2016-2022)



The following incidents must be reported as a use of force:

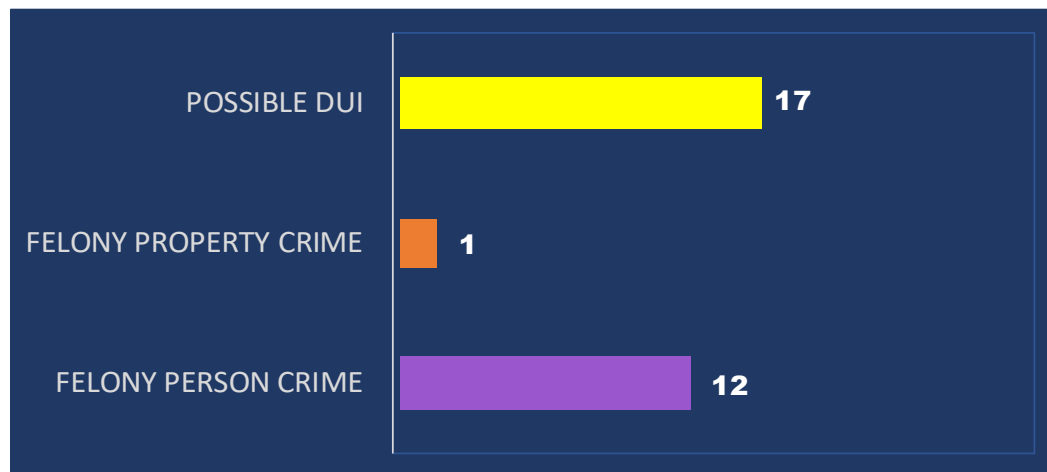
- Any use of physical strength, skill, or pain compliance techniques that result in a visible injury or complaint of injury.
- Any use of physical strikes.
- Any use of a less lethal weapon as described in Standard 1.3.4, such as a Taser, baton, or pepper spray.
- Any discharge of a firearm.
- Any time multiple officers are required to overcome resistance.



## PURSUITS

There were 30 pursuits in 2022. Of these, four were terminated by LPD.

### REASON FOR PURSUIT (2022)





# RECOGNITION

**5 MEDAL OF VALOR**

**2 MEDAL OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

**7 LIFE SAVING**

**3 POLICE CHIEF'S COMMENDATION**



In 2022 we said goodbye to 8 retiring detectives, officers, sergeants and civilian staff and welcomed 13 newly hired officers.

## RETIREMENTS

**OFC. SCOTT NOVASKY**  
**CAROLYN CYR**  
**DET. BRENT EGGLESTON**  
**SGT. RICH HALL**  
**OFC. JOHN HENTERLY**  
**OFC. DENNIS FOLK**  
**OFC. TRAVIS SMITH**  
**OFC. CODY HENRIQUEZ**

## NEW HIRES

**OFC. JARROD BEAUCHAMP**  
**OFC. KYLE ZIMMERMAN**  
**OFC. KAYBREE EAMES**  
**OFC. CONNOR COCKLE**  
**OFC. RAQUEL BRUNSON**  
**OFC. SEAN URCKFITZ**  
**OFC. DAVID LUCCHETTI**  
**OFC. NATALIE ZIEBER**  
**OFC. JACK JOHNSON**  
**OFC. PATRICK LAVERS**  
**OFC. JOSEPH WALKER**  
**OFC. KAYLA DRAGT**  
**OFC. JACOB BREWER**



LAKWOOD FARMERS MARKET

TRAINING DAY ON JBLM



FALLEN OFFICER FOOD DRIVE

**CHAPLAINS AND EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK AT FALLEN OFFICER FOOD DRIVE**



**LAKESWOOD FARMER'S MARKET VOLUNTEERS**

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION- OUR VERY OWN CODE ENFORCEMENT**



**FLAG CEREMONY AT BLUE STEELE COFFEE SHOP**



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