



COTATI POLICE DEPARTMENT

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

203 W. SIERRA AVENUE, COTATI, CA
NON-EMERGENCY: (707) 792-4611



Message from the Chief

Welcome to the City of Cotati and the Cotati Police Department. As your Chief of Police, I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve alongside the dedicated men and women of the Cotati Police Department and the community to whom we strive to deliver exceptional public safety service.

Our mission is to create a safe and vibrant environment for our residents, businesses, and visitors. Our promise to continuously earn and improve public trust through equity, empathy, and accountability is paramount to this ambition.

Cotati is a united city due to strong community support for our department. The partnership we share with our community is made possible by the pledge we have made to proactively seek out opportunities to enhance meaningful relationships between our staff and residents, and diligently listen and respond to their needs in ways that value diversity and inclusion.

All of us at the Cotati Police Department are honored every day to provide superior service for our residents with pride and professionalism. We are humbled by the responsibilities entrusted upon us, and in turn, promise to carry out those duties with compassion, diligence, and the highest of ethical standards.

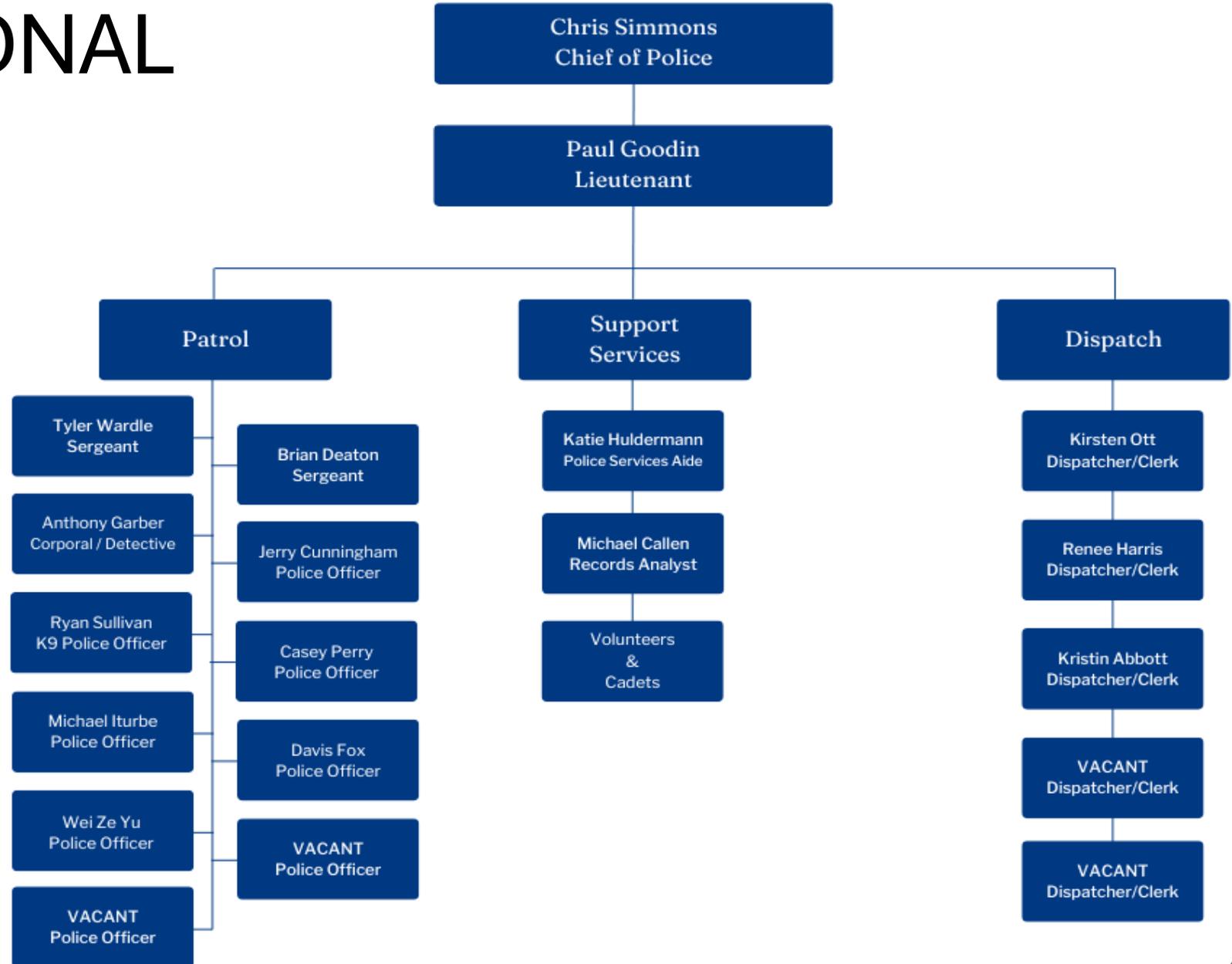
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Simmons', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Simmons, Chief of Police

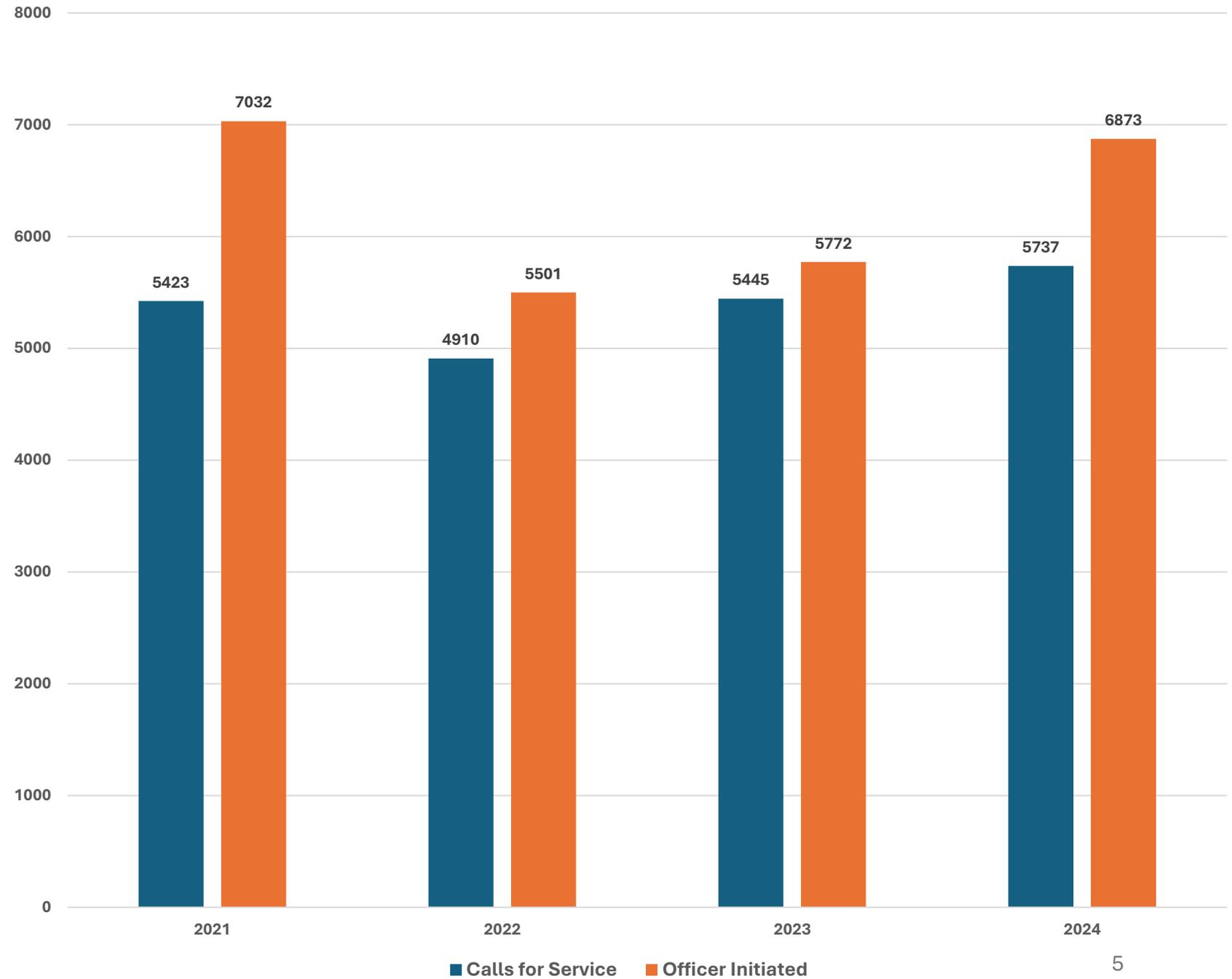
Table of Contents

4)	Organizational Chart	30)	Automated License Plate Reader Technology
5)	Calls for Service		
6)	Arrest Statistics	31-33)	Use of Force
7)	NIBRS Person Crimes	34)	Assembly Bill 481
8)	NIBRS Property Crimes	35)	Neighborhood Officer Meetings
9)	NIBRS Other Crimes	36)	Vehicle Fleet
10)	Citations	37)	Patrol
11-12)	Citizen Complaints	38)	Animal Control
13-15)	SAFE Team	39)	Dispatch
16-24)	RIPA	40)	K9 Team
25)	Emergency Preparedness	41)	Cadets & Volunteers
26)	DEA Prescription Drug Takeback	42)	Community Outreach & Social Media
27)	Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute	43)	Commendations
28)	Training	44)	2025 Snapshot

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

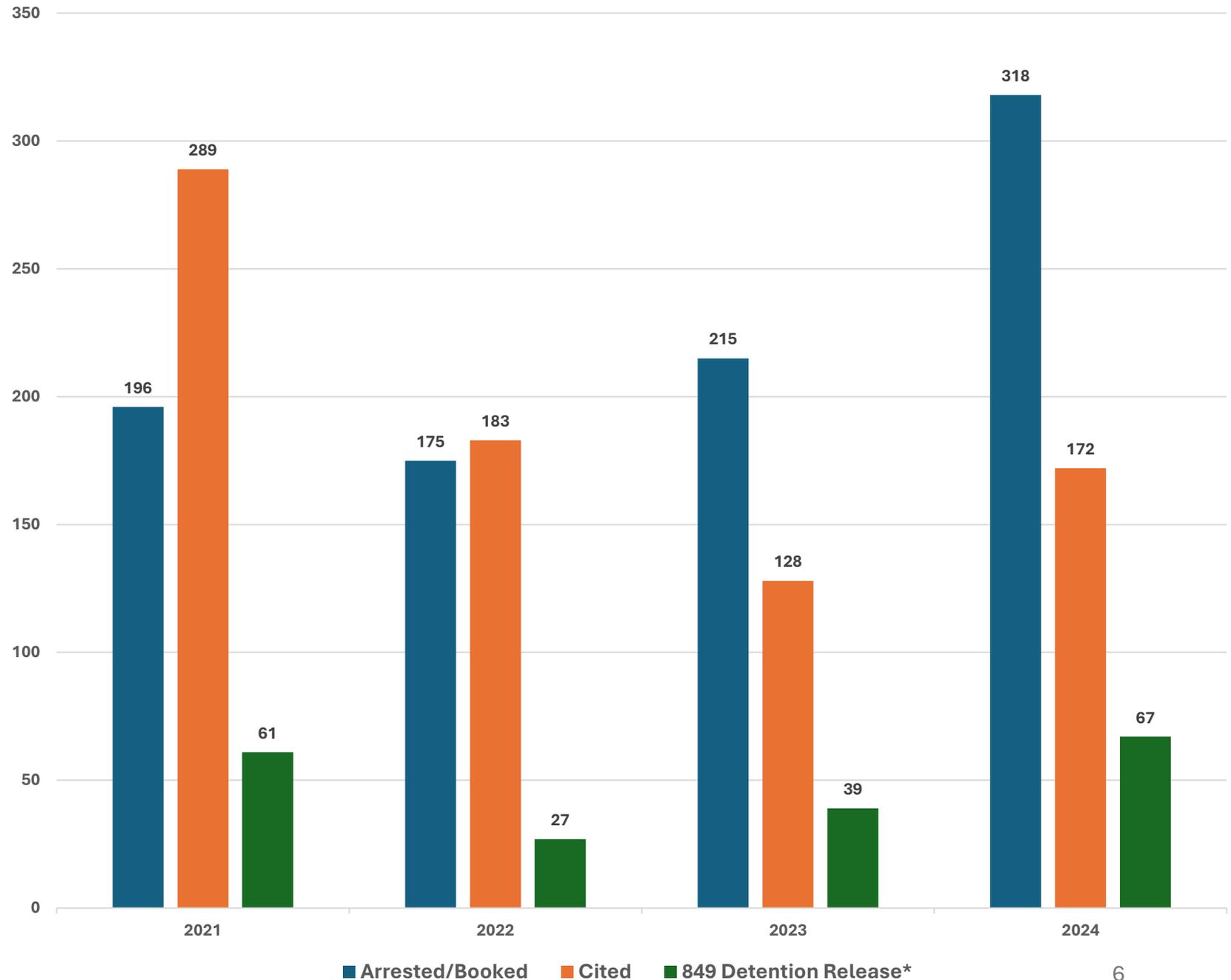


CALLS FOR SERVICE



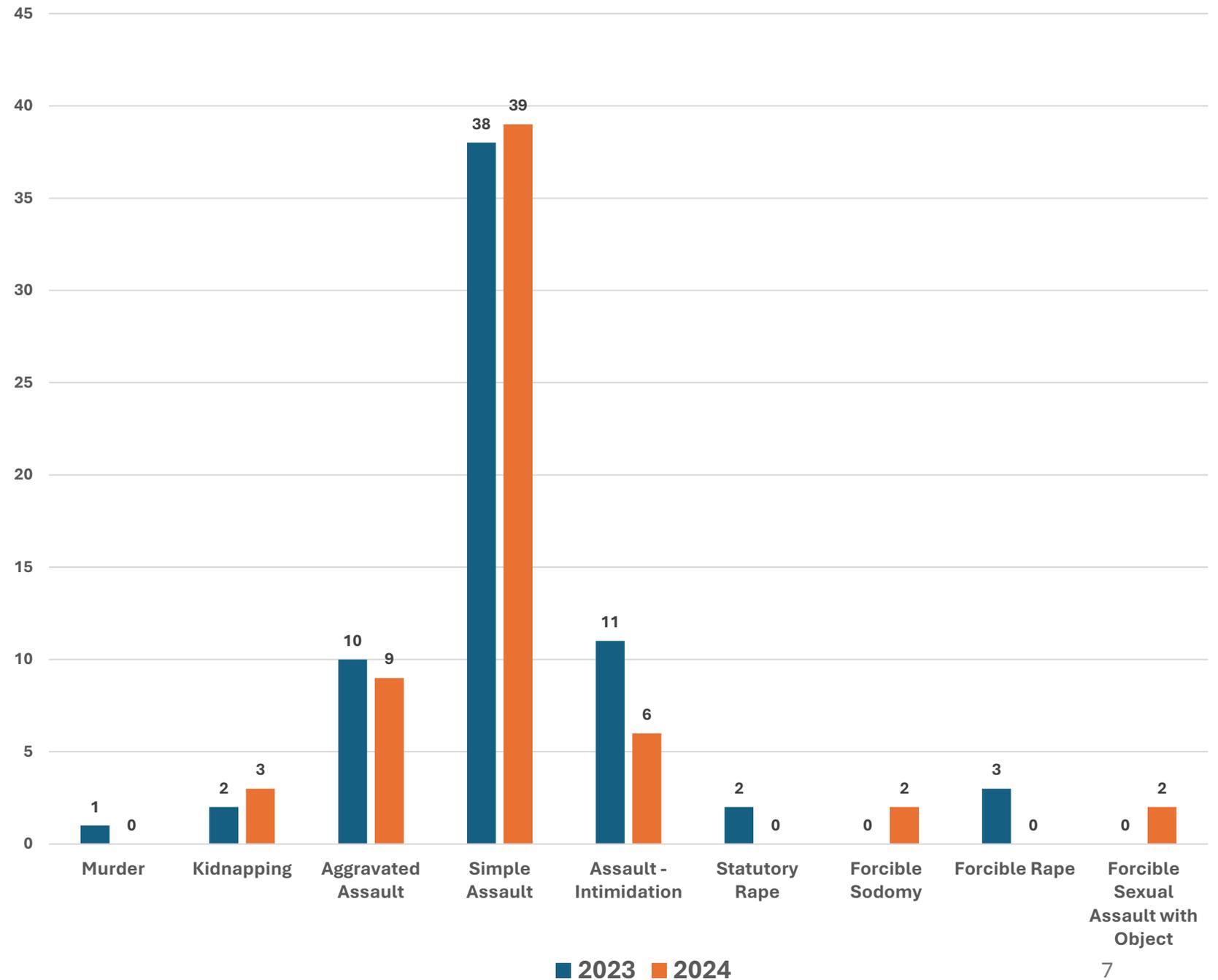
ARREST STATISTICS

* Penal Code section 849: Arrested and released from custody (not booked in county jail) pending further evidence or investigatory leads (or for intoxication only or low-level drug offenses). This also includes subjects arrested but no charges filed. This is ultimately considered a detention only.



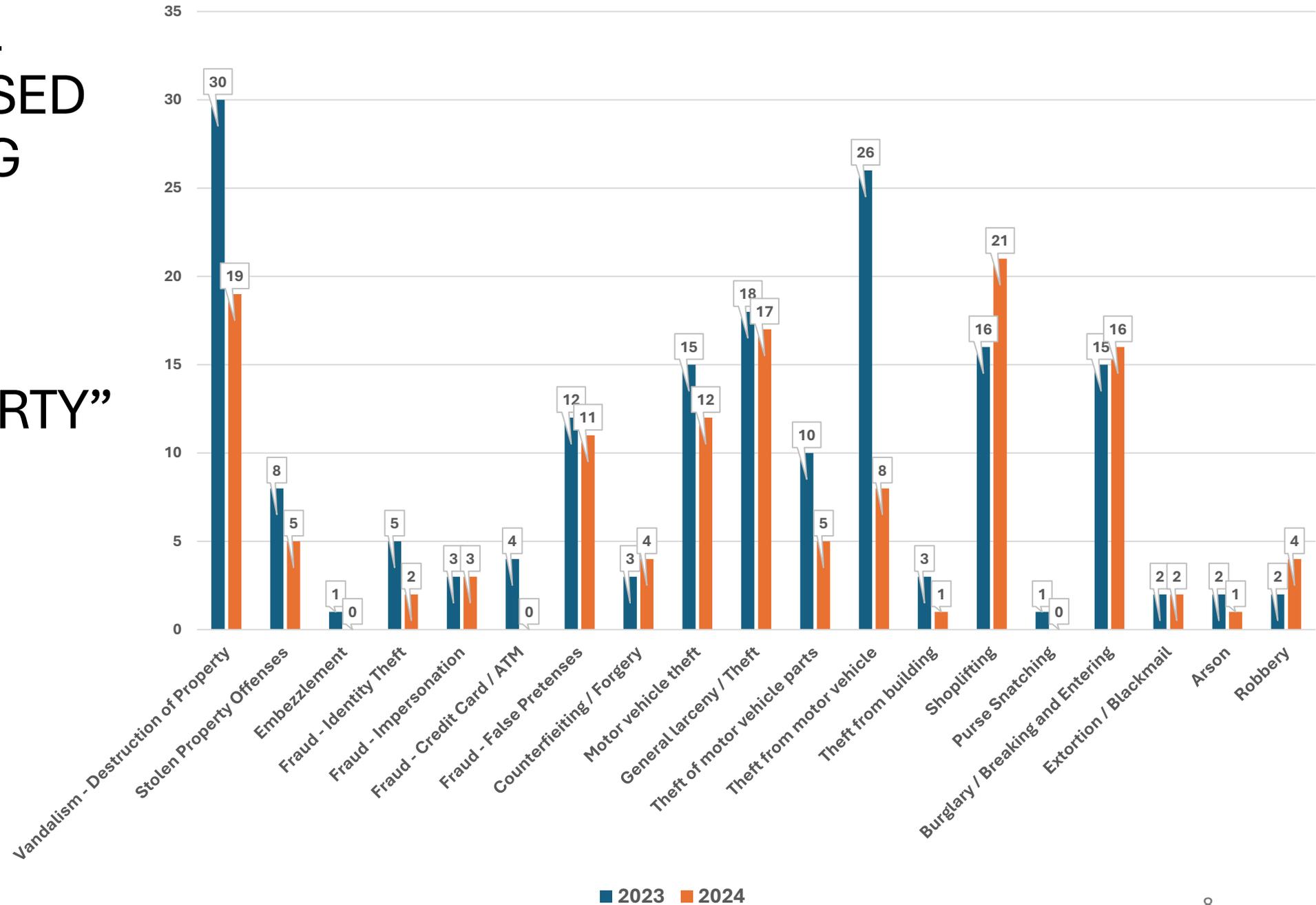
NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS)

TOTAL "PERSON" CRIMES



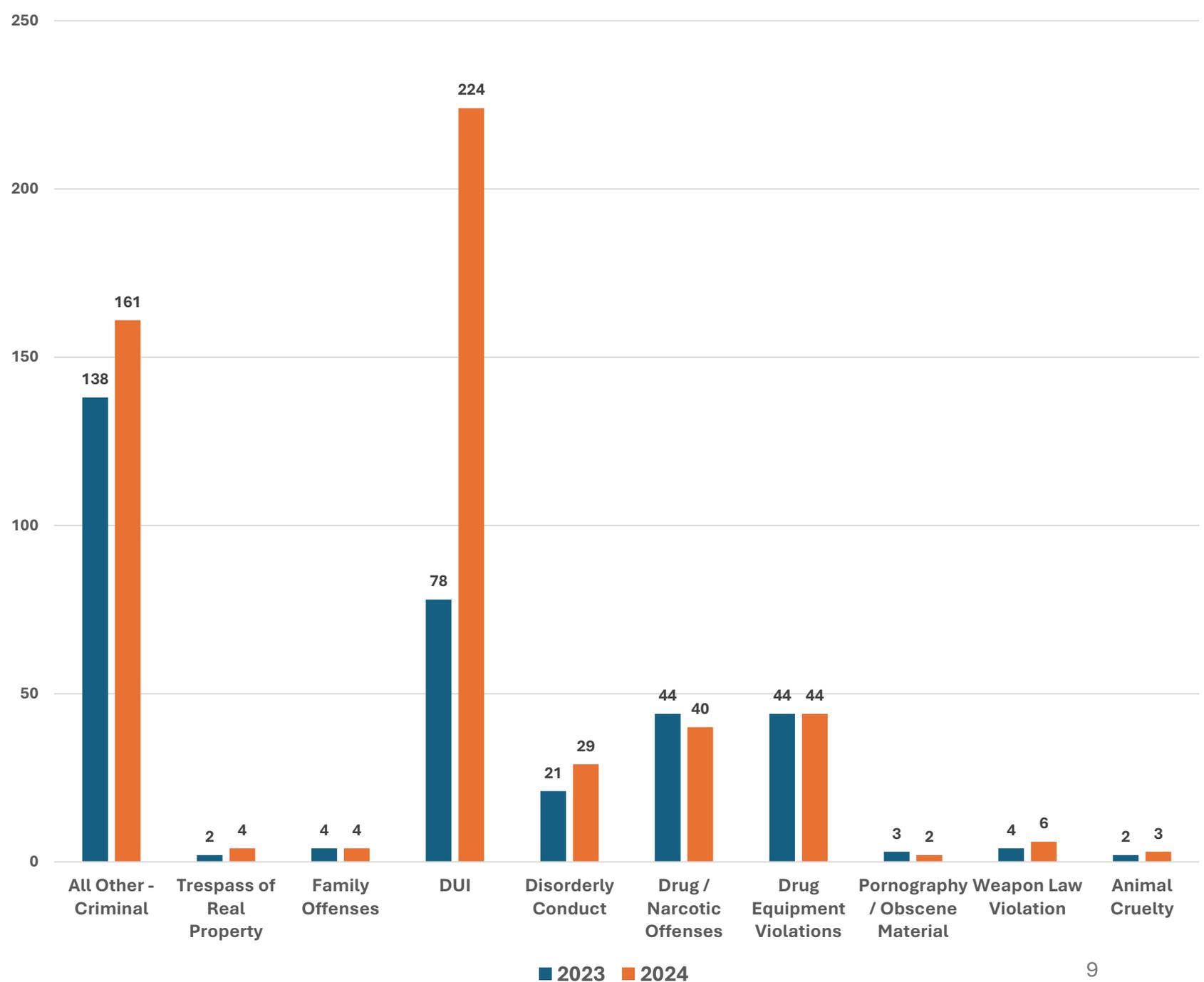
NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS)

TOTAL “PROPERTY” CRIMES

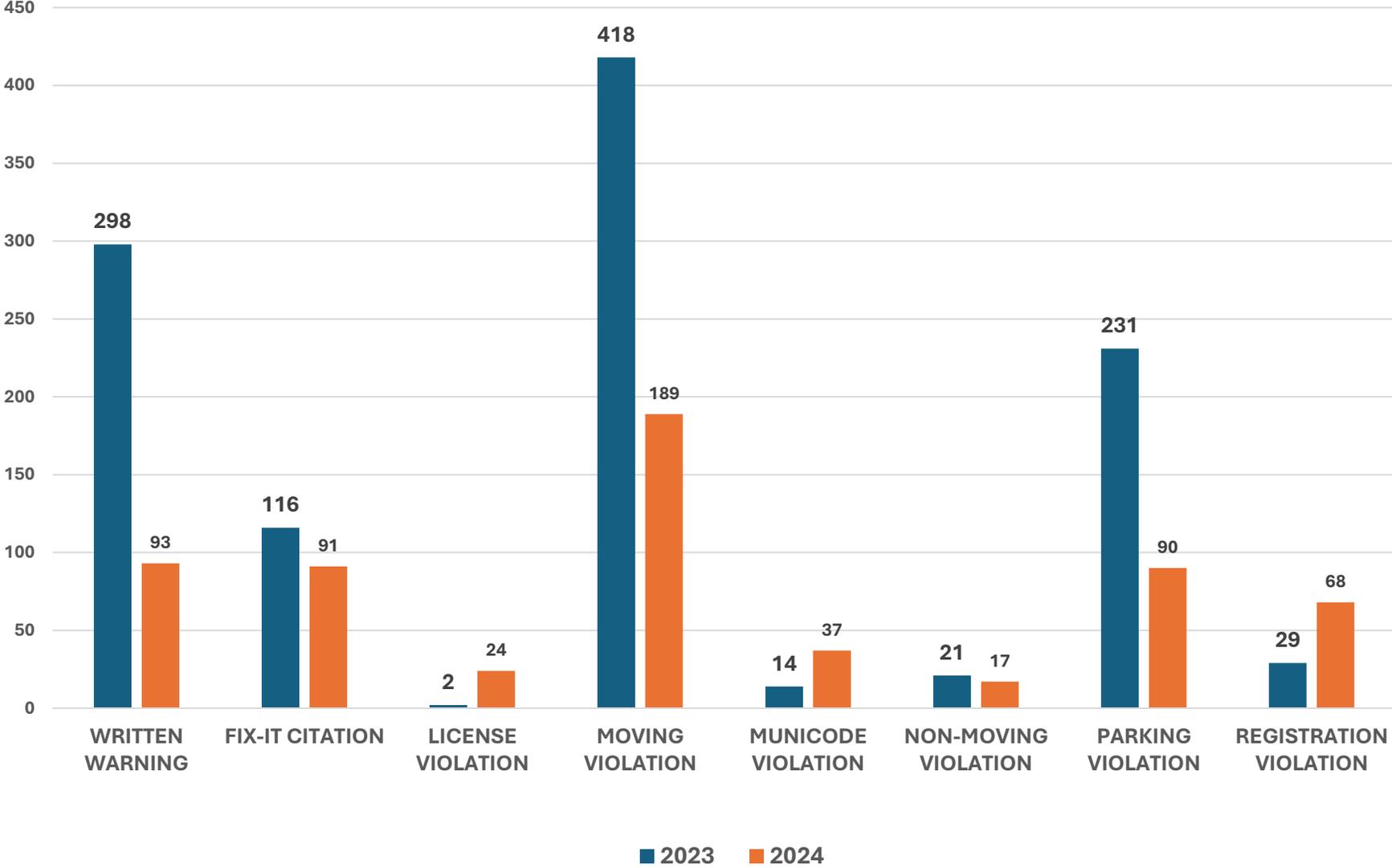


NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS)

TOTAL “OTHER” CRIMES



CITATIONS



CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

In 2024, the Police Department received a total of 5 complaints out of a total of 12,610 events (0.04%). The total logged events do not include numerous other interactions the department had with the community, such as daily information or informal interactions, or citizen business at the Dispatch counter, for example. The police department receives complaints through a variety of sources, including the official complaint form, city website, emails, telephone, and in-person. For every complaint received, the Police Department investigates the allegations completely. The following are the sources of the complaints for calendar years 2023 and 2024:

Source of Complaints	2023	2024
In Person	0	0
Physical / Paper Form	0	0
Web Form	1	2
Email	0	1
Telephone	3	2
	4	5

Initial Allegation	2023	2024
Conduct Unbecoming	2	3
Procedural	0	2
Use of Force	2	0
Not related to Police	0	0
	4	5

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

CATEGORIES OF ALLEGATION

Procedural: This category typically involves complaints of unfair parking enforcement, contesting traffic tickets or failure of the Officer to act.

Conduct Unbecoming: This category of allegation is a complaint of rude or discourteous behavior of the Officer.

Use of Force: This category of allegation is a complaint regarding Officer use of force.

Not related to Police: This category of allegation involves a complaint that is unrelated to the Cotati Police Department.

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS

Sustained: The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove the allegation.

Not Sustained: The investigation did not disclose sufficient evidence to prove the allegation.

Exonerated: The actions of the Officer which formed the basis for the allegation are not violations of policy and/or law.

Unfounded: The investigation established that the allegation is not true.

***Withdrawn/Closed:** The allegation was rescinded by the complainant, resolved to the complainant's satisfaction, or complainant was unresponsive in attempts to contact and develop the basis of an allegation.

Outcome after investigation	2023	2024
Unfounded	4	4
Sustained	0	1
TOTAL	4	5

SPECIALIZED ASSISTANCE FOR EVERYONE (SAFE) TEAM

The South County SAFE Team provides three main services to the community:

- 1) Response to issues relating to mental health, addiction and homelessness
- 2) Non-emergency response for people in need
- 3) Proactive and continued community outreach

Cotati, Rohnert Park, and Sonoma State University have partnered to provide a mobile mental health crisis response team for our cities. In 2023 the SAFE Team expanded their hours and is now available for response 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our SAFE team consists of a mental health professional/resource advocate and a medic (nurse, paramedic or EMT).

SAFE works proactively to address low level issues and provides preventative outreach to help ensure individuals don't end up needing a higher level of care. SAFE can identify shelter options for the unhoused, mental health services for people in crisis, connect people with resources to address addiction, and provide health care that does not meet the threshold of an ambulance response.

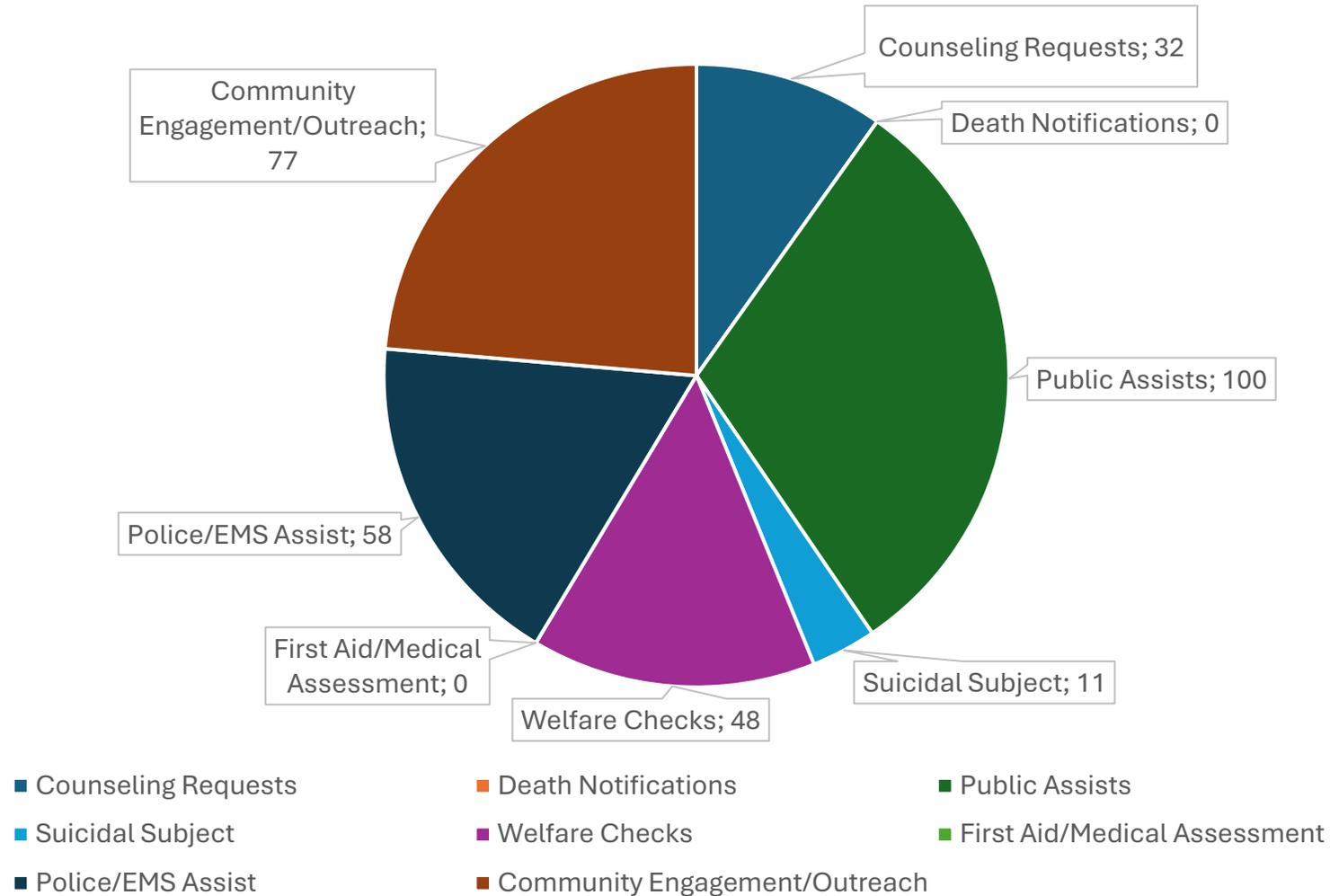
When SAFE is not responding to calls-for-service, they conduct outreach to the unhoused, including evaluating their condition and providing shelter and counseling information.

SAFE is intended to benefit everyone by keeping police officers, firefighters, and paramedics available for other emergencies.

If you observe someone experiencing mental health or housing issues, you can contact SAFE at 707-792-4611 for non-emergencies or 911 for emergencies.

SPECIALIZED ASSISTANCE FOR EVERYONE (SAFE) TEAM

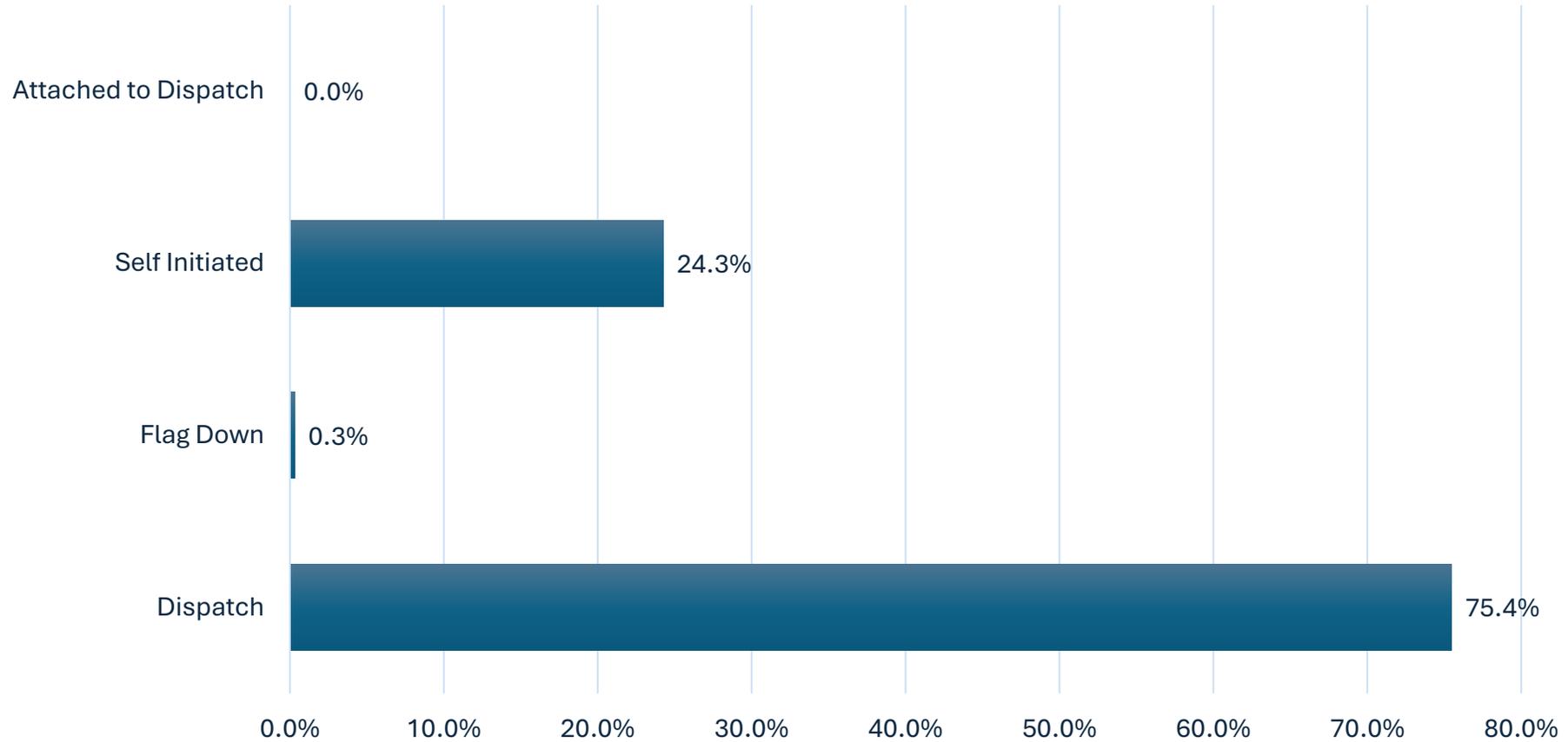
SAFE Team Calls for Service - 2024



During 2024, The SAFE Team responded to 326 calls for service in Cotati.

SPECIALIZED ASSISTANCE FOR EVERYONE (SAFE) TEAM

SAFE Calls Initiated By



RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT (RIPA)

The Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) was created by AB953 (Weber, 2016). In addition to data collection requirements for California law enforcement, RIPA also created a statewide RIPA board to direct and analyze the data collected each year. The RIPA Board is a diverse group of members who represent the public, law enforcement, and educators.

The goal of the RIPA Board is to strengthen law enforcement-community relations in California through collaboration, transparency, and accountability. The California Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of the Attorney General, has the primary oversight of the RIPA Board.

One of the responsibilities of the RIPA Board has been to develop a “stop data” collection process. On July 1, 2018, the eight largest police agencies in California began collecting stop data and reporting the information to the DOJ. A “RIPA stop” is defined as any detention or search, with the goal to “collect perceived demographic and other detailed data regarding pedestrian and traffic stops.”

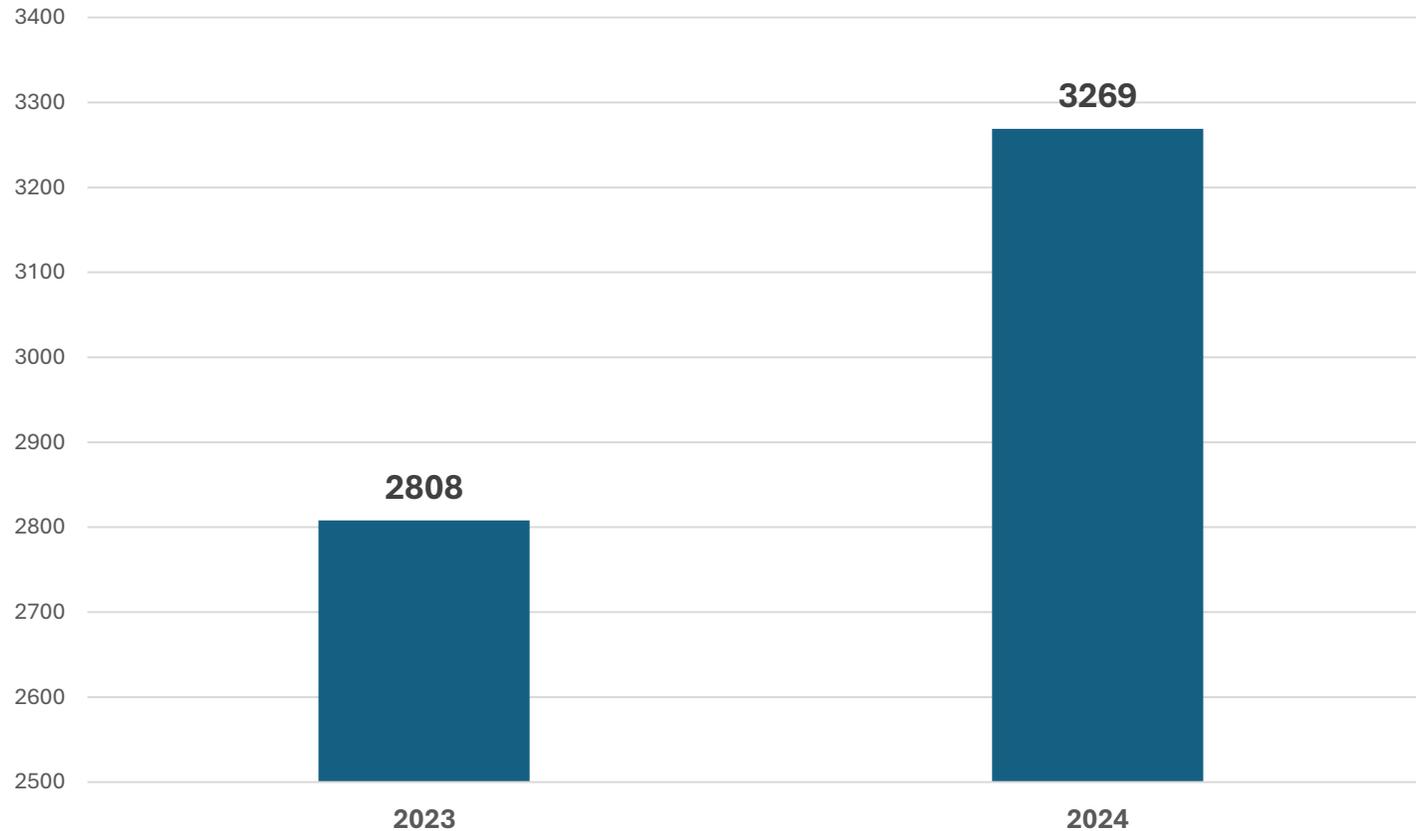
The bill requires an agency that employs between one and 334 peace officers to issue its first annual report to DOJ by April 1, 2023. (All police agencies in Sonoma County, including the Cotati Police Department, are in this category).

For transparency, the Cotati Police Department decided to collect RIPA data before the scheduled mandate. Our Police Department is a member of a Public Safety consortium. Members of the consortium include the Sonoma County Sheriff’s Department and the cities of Cotati, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sonoma, and Windsor (Sonoma and Windsor contract police services with the Sheriff’s Department).

Collectively, the consortium agencies started collecting RIPA data using patrol cars’ mobile computers and smart phones on July 1, 2021. The data is collected by the consortium and transmitted to the DOJ daily for review and quality control.

RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT (RIPA)

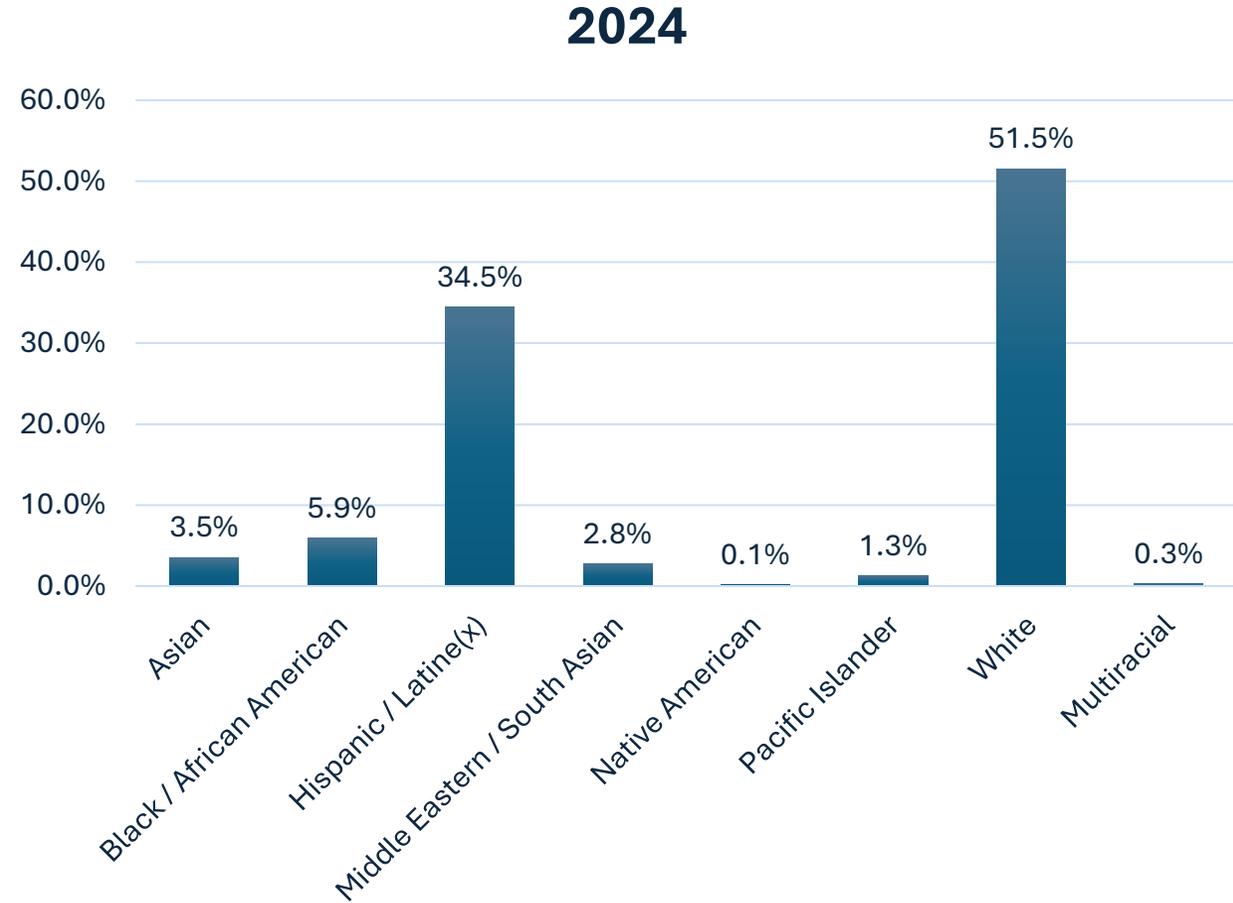
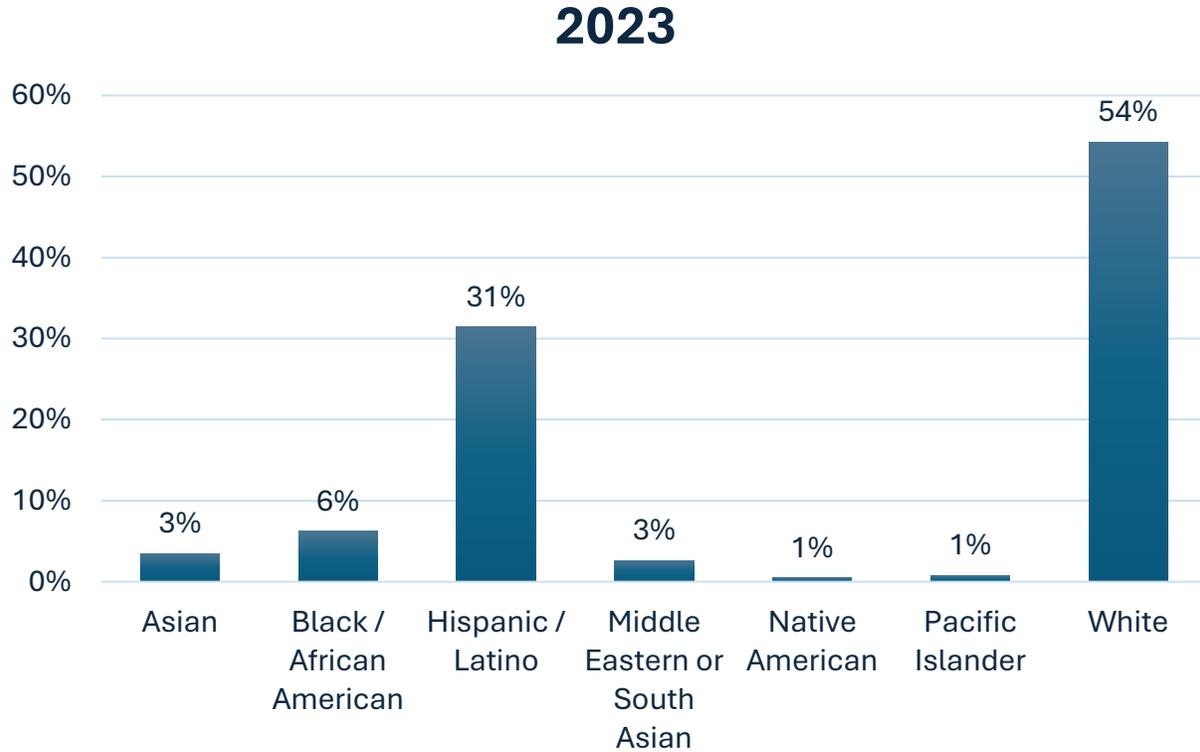
The chart below reflects the total number of RIPA stops conducted during that year.



The following data was collecting during those RIPA stops:

RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT (RIPA)

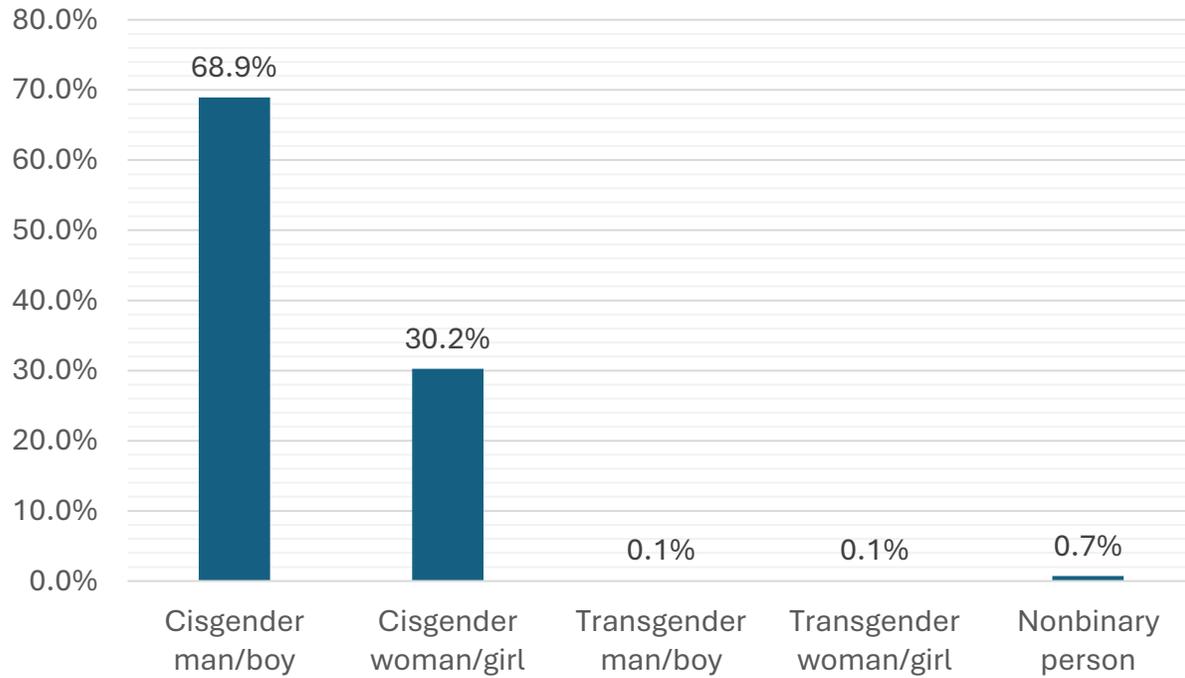
PERCEIVED RACE/ETHNICITY



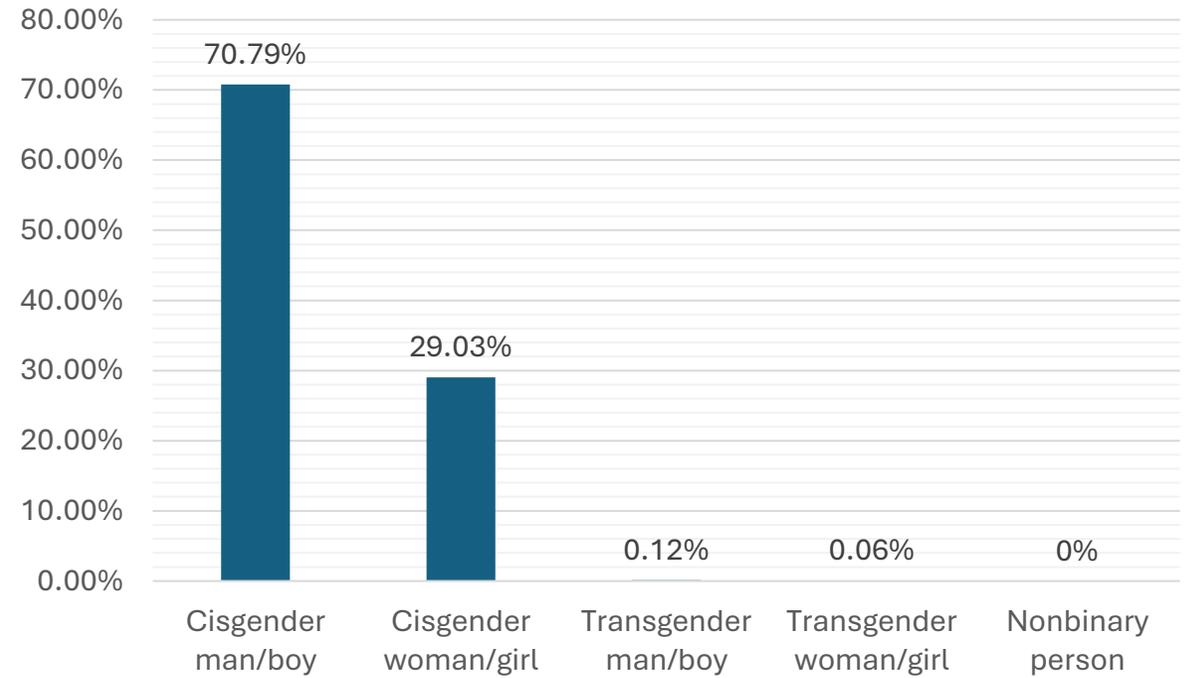
RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT (RIPA)

PERCEIVED GENDER

2023

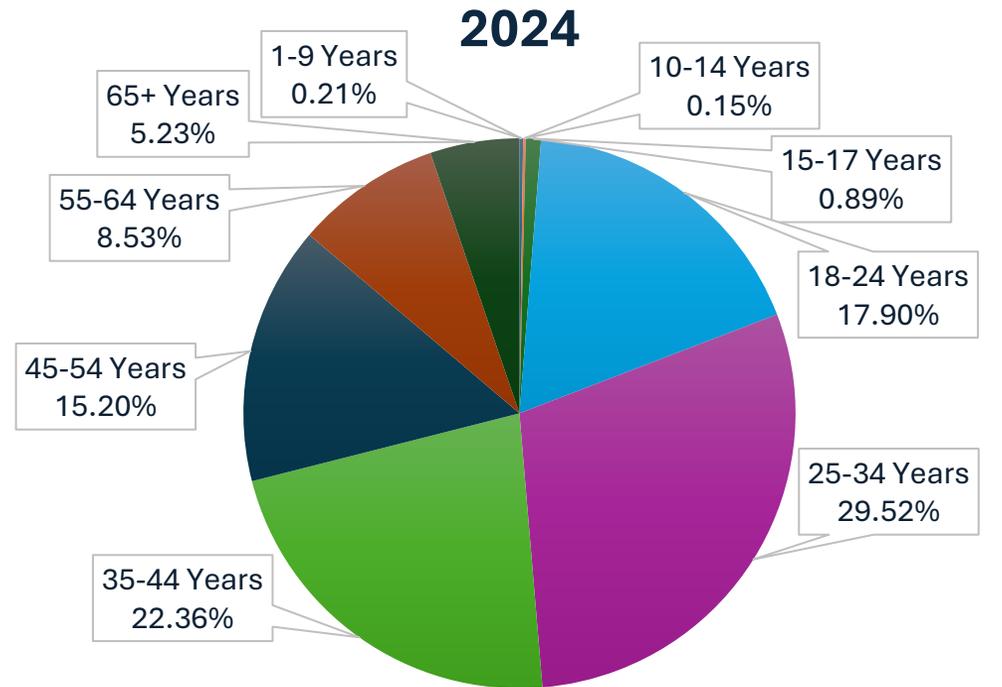
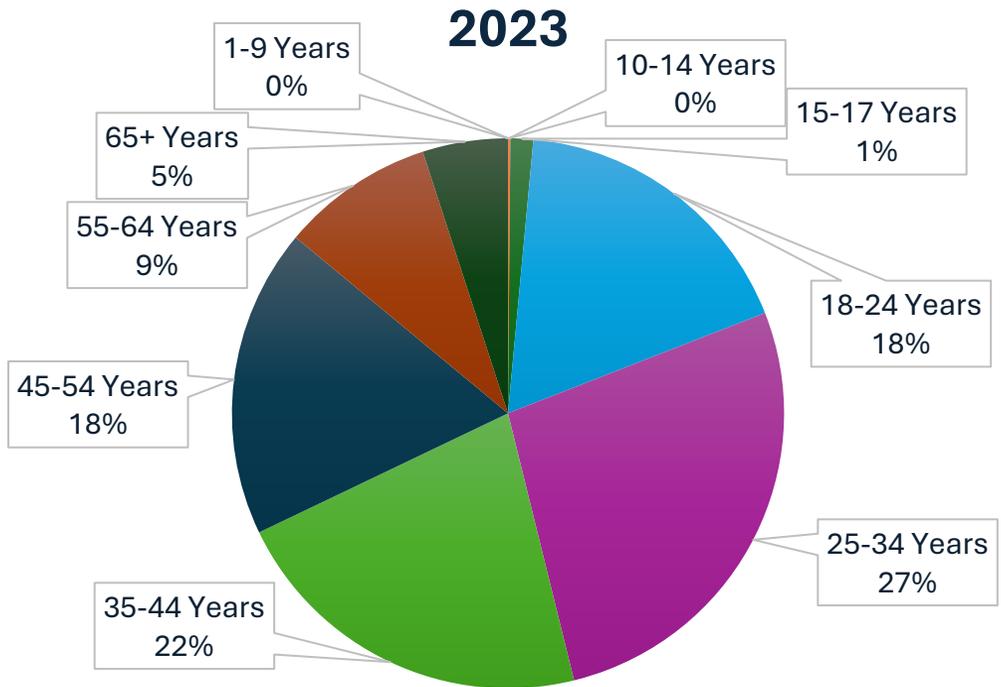


2024



RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT (RIPA)

PERCEIVED AGE GROUP



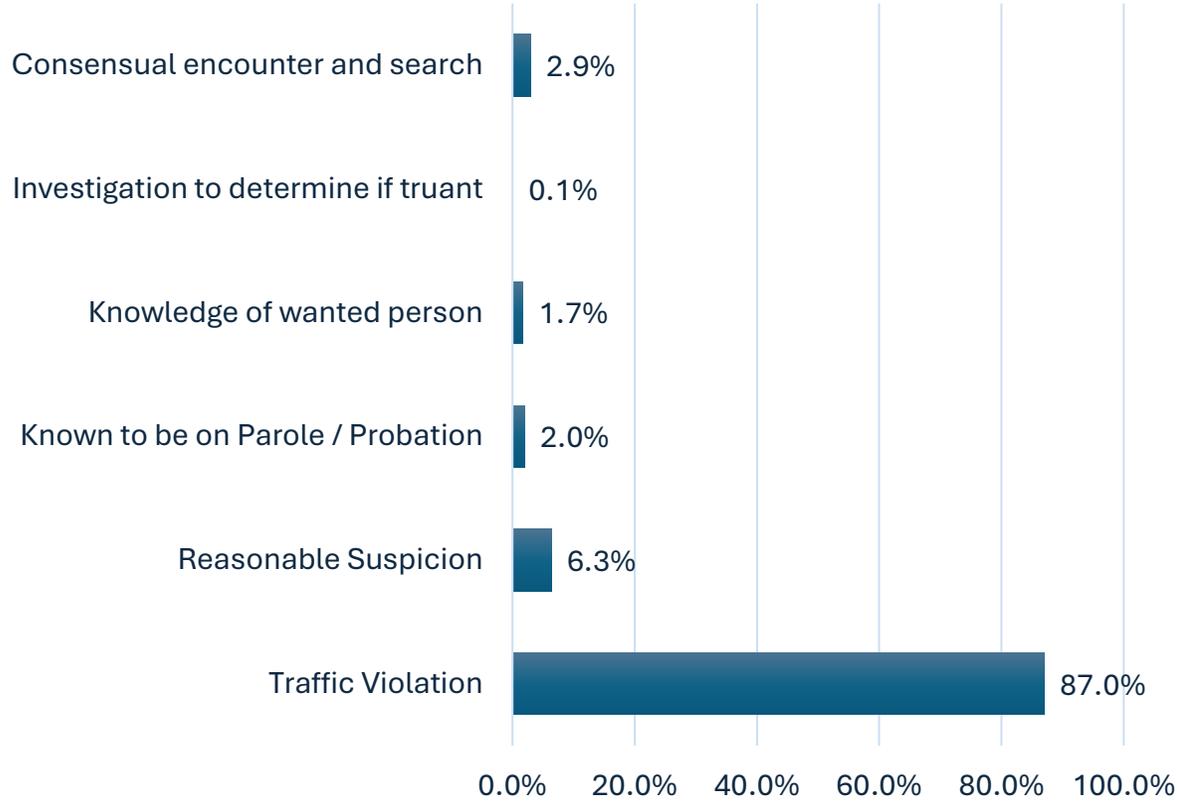
■ 1-9 Years
 ■ 10-14 Years
 ■ 15-17 Years
 ■ 18-24 Years
 ■ 25-34 Years
■ 35-44 Years
 ■ 45-54 Years
 ■ 55-64 Years
 ■ 65+ Years

■ 1-9 Years
 ■ 10-14 Years
 ■ 15-17 Years
 ■ 18-24 Years
 ■ 25-34 Years
■ 35-44 Years
 ■ 45-54 Years
 ■ 55-64 Years
 ■ 65+ Years

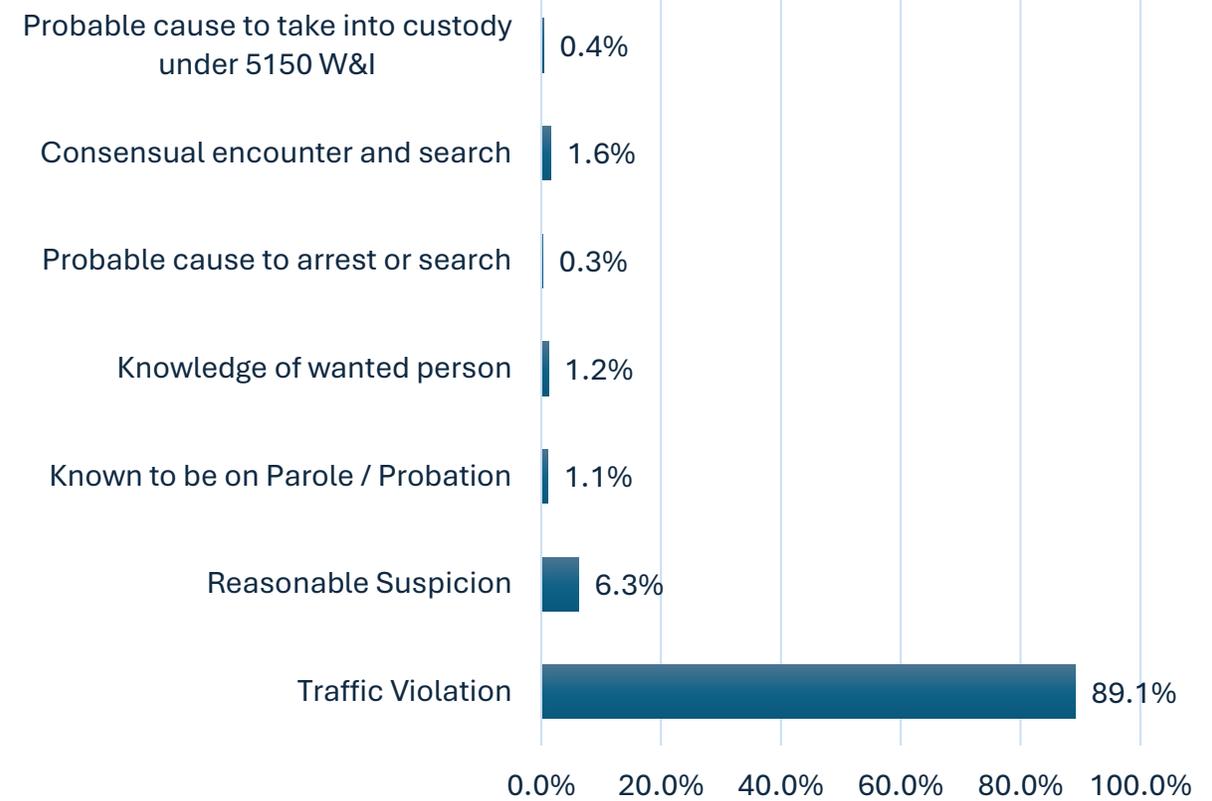
RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT (RIPA)

REASON FOR STOP

2023



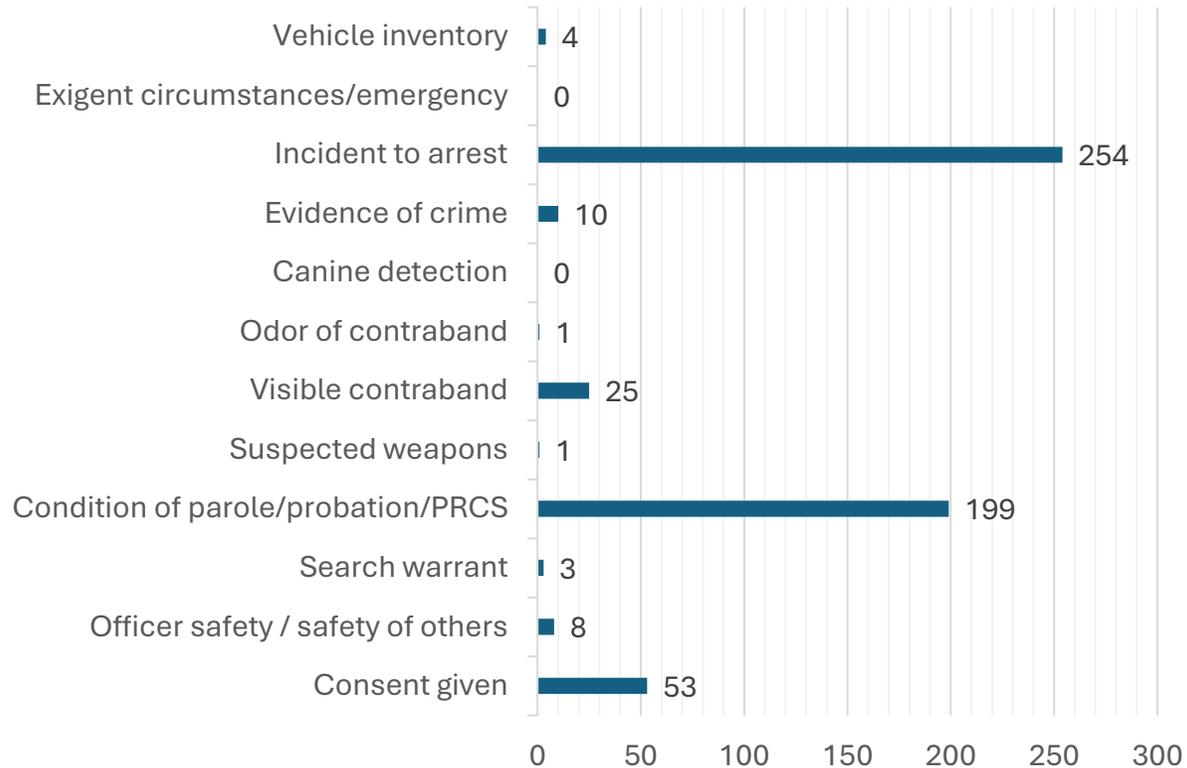
2024



RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT (RIPA)

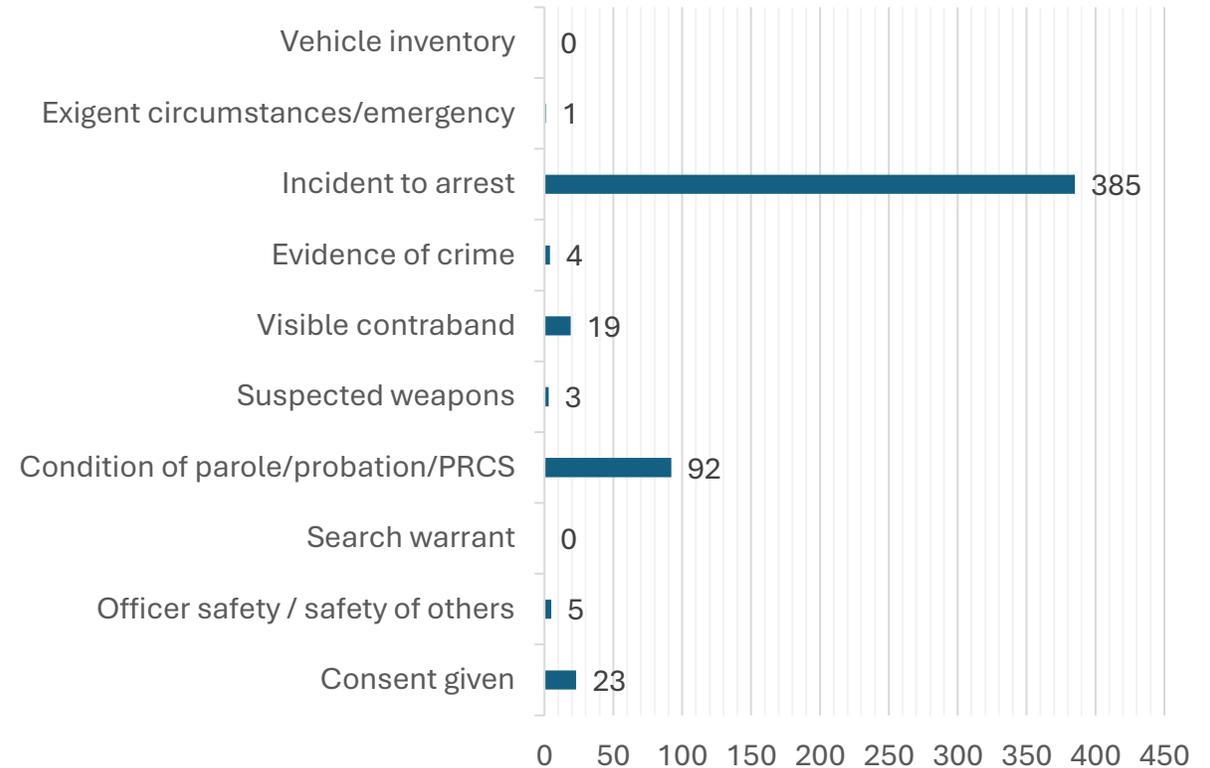
BASIS FOR SEARCH

2023



In 2023, of all 2808 RIPA stops, 558 people were searched (19.8%).

2024

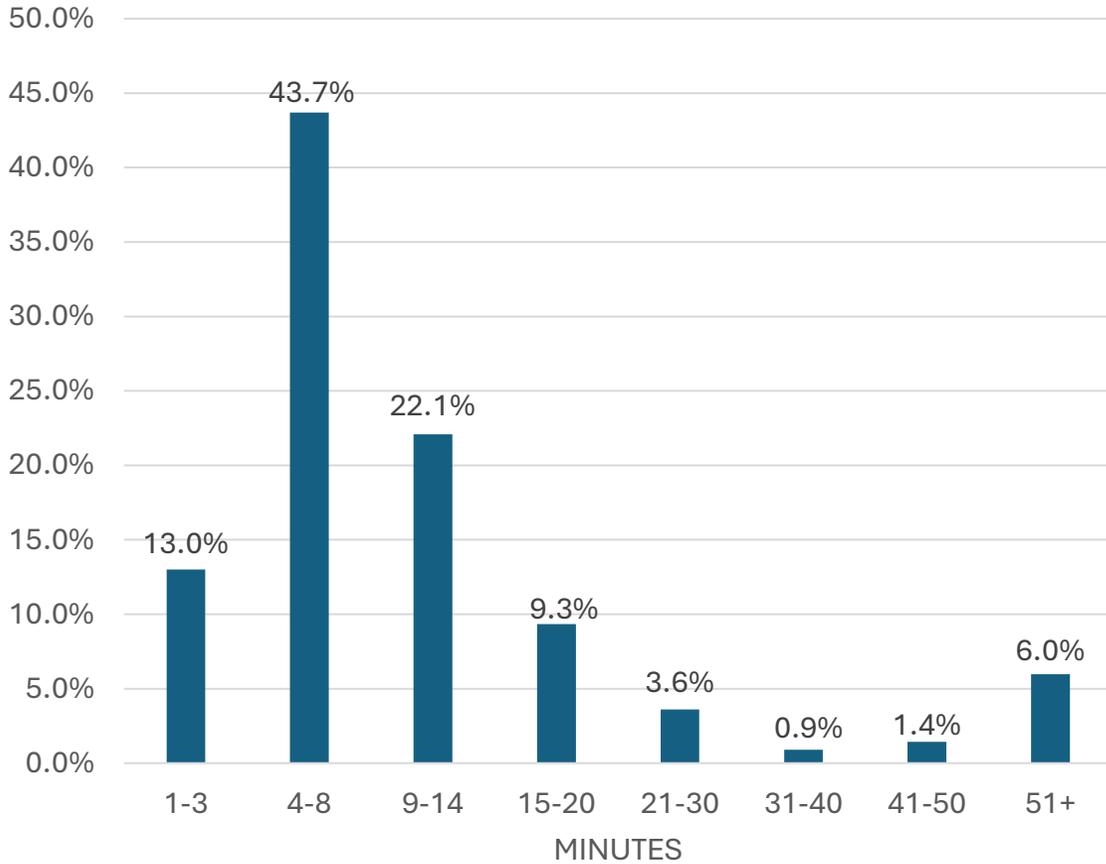


In 2024, of all 3269 RIPA stops, 532 people were searched (16.2%).

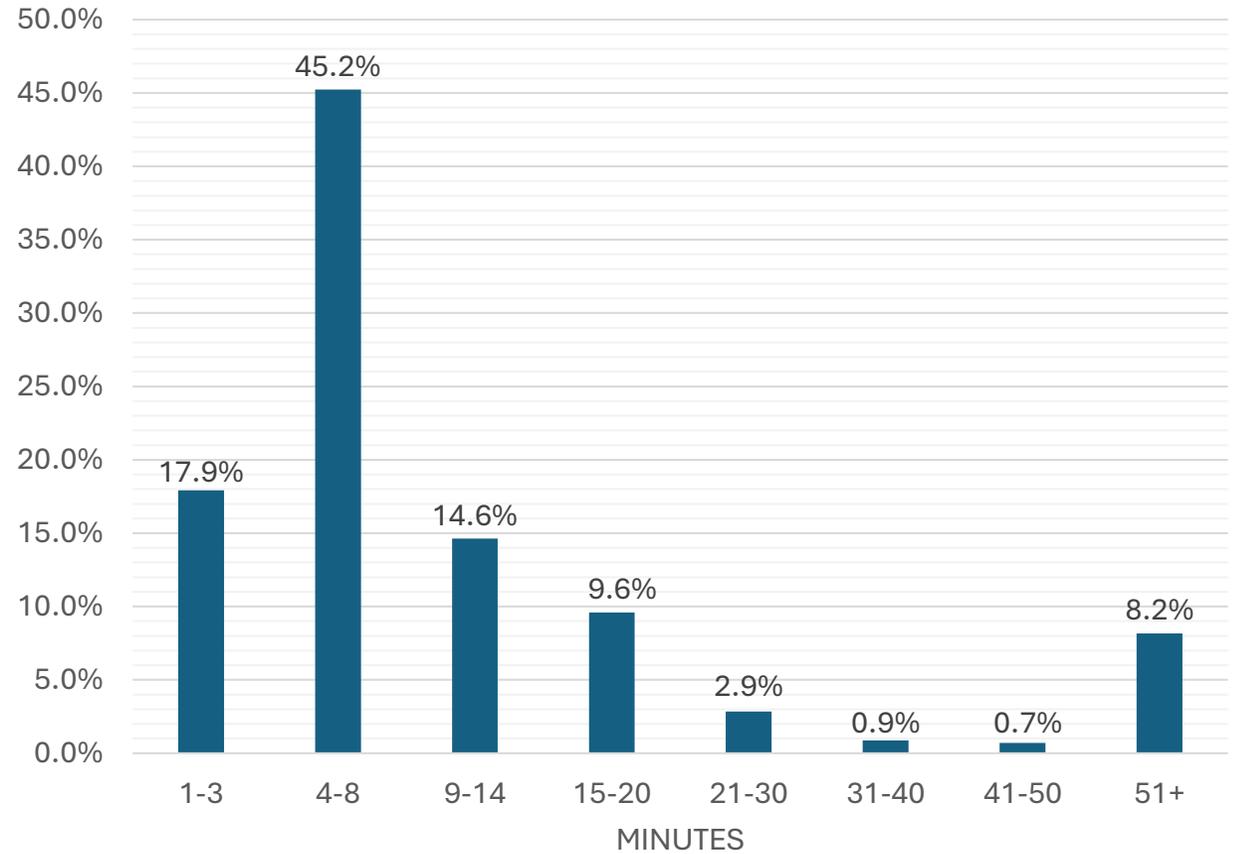
RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT (RIPA)

DURATION OF STOPS

2023



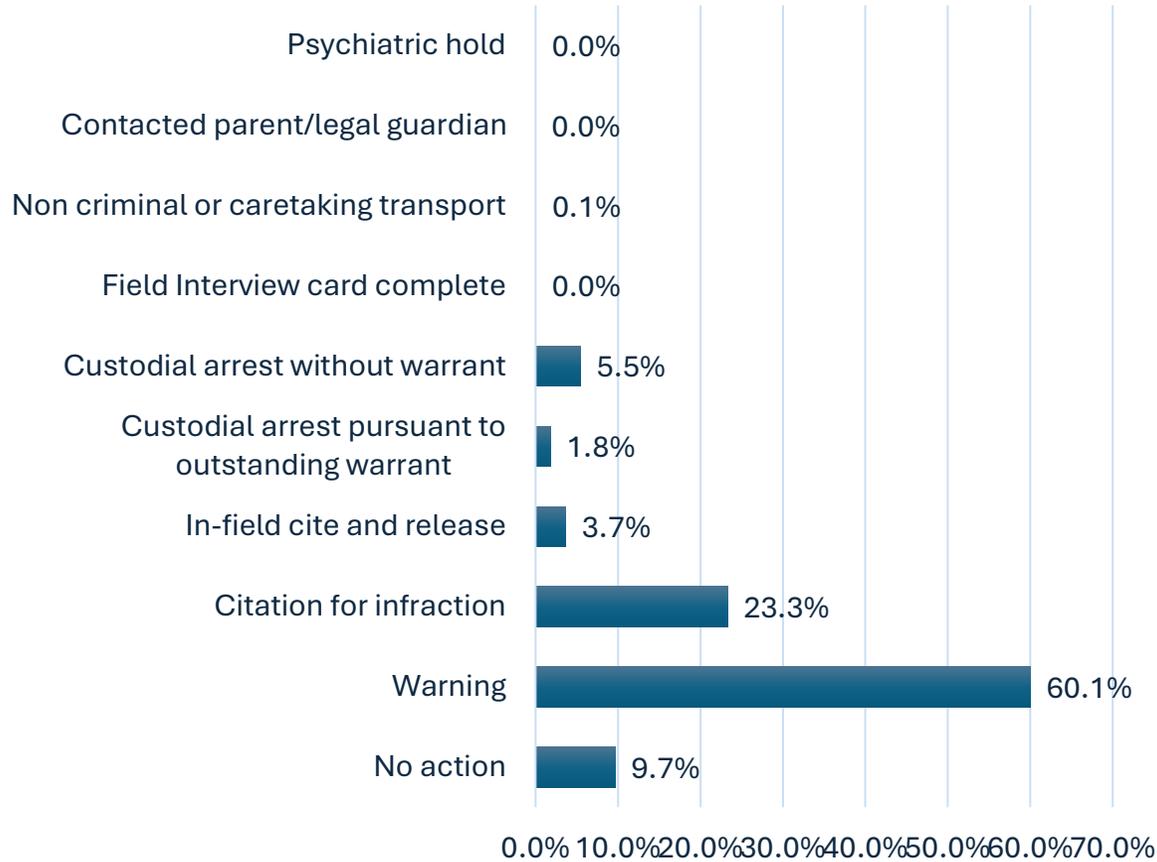
2024



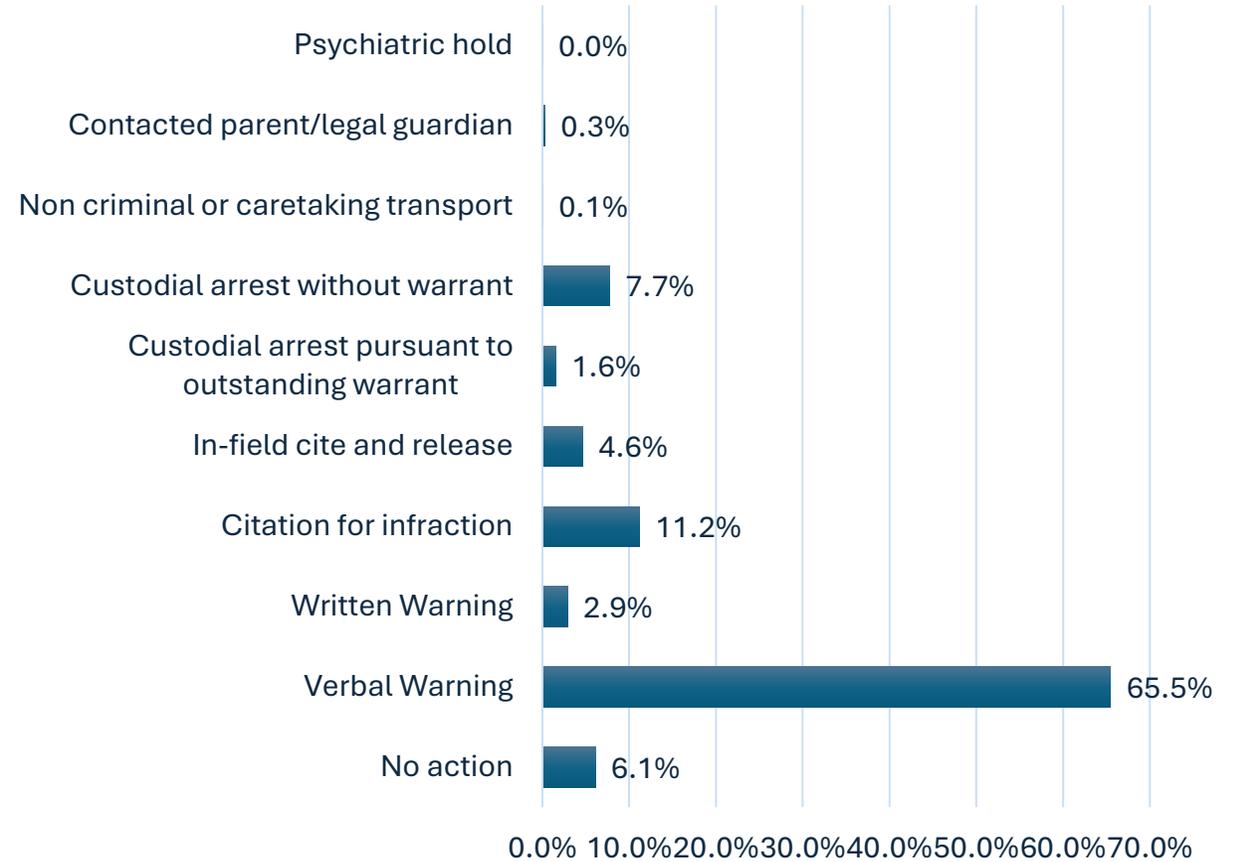
RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT (RIPA)

RESULT OF STOPS

2023



2024



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

All Sonoma County Law Enforcement Agencies use “Hi-lo” sirens for emergency evacuations. Hi-Lo sirens have a distinct European emergency vehicle sound. When you Hear the Hi-Lo, it’s Time to Go. We will only use Hi-Lo sirens for emergency evacuations.

To see which evacuation zone you live in, go to the City website (www.cotaticity.org) and click on the Police page.



Receive notifications by

- Call
- Email
- Text
- And more

For one-step notifications
SIGN UP TODAY.
Get local news and alerts instantly.

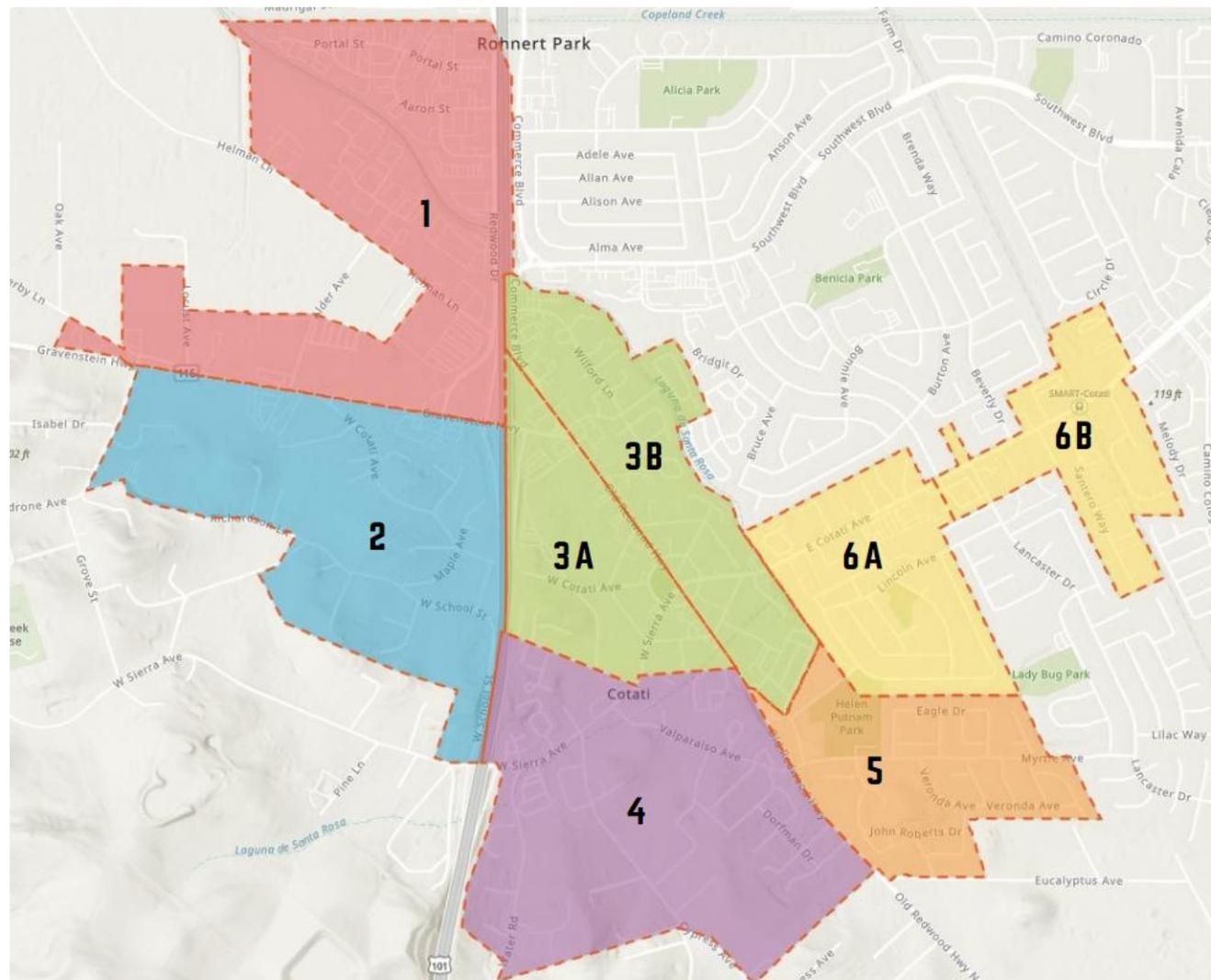
SIGN UP NOW

CIVICREADY



The City of Cotati uses Civic Ready for routine and emergency public safety alerts. If you have not already done so, you may sign up at: <https://www.cotaticity.org/1526/Get-Alerts-Notifications>

EVACUATION ZONES



DEA PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKEBACK

The Cotati Police Department hosts Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) prescription drug takeback events. In 2024 we hosted two drug takebacks; the first was on April 27, 2024, and the second was on October 26, 2024. The combined weight of items collected from both was over 100 pounds. Proper disposal of prescription drugs makes your home a safer place and it also benefits our environment. Keeping old medication in the house or throwing medications away in the garbage may be dangerous and lead to tragic accidents as they can end up in the mouths of children or household pets. Many people also flush expired or unused medications down the toilet or drain, resulting in these drugs ending up in our lakes, streams, and water supplies.

The Cotati Police Department also has a bin in our public access lobby where you can dispose of prescription pills throughout the year. Please remove pills from their containers and bag them up so there is plenty of room for all to dispose of their unwanted and expired medications.



SHERMAN BLOCK SUPERVISORY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (SBSLI)

Cotati Police Sergeant Tyler Wardle is currently attending SBSLI.

(SBSLI) is a program designed to stimulate personal growth, leadership, and ethical decision-making in California law enforcement front-line supervisors. Designed and implemented in 1988 through the efforts of California law enforcement professionals and top educators and trainers, the SBSLI is an intense program based on experiential learning techniques. Students are challenged to learn new ways to resolve issues through group and individual work.

The curriculum takes students through an analysis of management (planning, organizing, directing) and leadership (inspiring, challenging, developing) and how each discipline compliments the other. The course progresses from self-evaluation to interpersonal evaluation, to organizational relationships.

During the program, a typical successful student develops the ability to:

- Correlate the relationship between personal and organizational principles and values.
- Exercise greater leadership in personal and professional activities.
- Increase personal influence with individuals and groups to accomplish organizational goals.
- Analyze issues from multiple perspectives.
- Develop increased self-confidence and confidence in the ability of others.
- Provide support and development for peers and subordinates.
- Recognize and address areas for personal improvement.
- Effectively integrate management skills and leadership qualities.

TRAINING – POST TRAINING

The Cotati Police Department is certified by the California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST). Much of POST training is mandated, to include perishable skills.

POST also conducts audits on all certified law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance with training and hiring standards. Our police department continues to remain in POST compliance.

Officers and Dispatchers are required to complete 24 hours of Continuing Professional Training (CPT) during the determined training cycle as prescribed by POST. Additionally, full time Officers are required to complete 16 hours (as a part of or in addition to the 24 hours of CPT) of perishable skills training which include:

Arrest and Control

Firearms

Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC)

Use of Force

Strategic Communication.

Many of the required perishable skills training courses encompass de-escalation training.

TRAINING - ADDITIONAL

In addition to required POST Continuing Professional Trainings, the Cotati Police Department routinely trains well *beyond* POST mandates with our police officers, police dispatchers, and civilian staff.

During 2024, the following additional trainings were attended and completed by Police Officers:

De-escalation, Field Training Officer, Crisis Intervention for FTO, Court and Temporary Holding Facility, Drug and Alcohol Recognition, Firearms/Tactical Rifle, Standard Field Sobriety Tests and Detection, Advanced Roadside Driver Enforcement, Domestic Violence Response Update, Gun Violence Restraining Order, Drug Influence (impairment), Vehicle Modification/Racing Enforcement, Search Warrant Fundamentals, Interviewing Child Victims, Arrest and Control Instructor, Surveillance Techniques, Radar/Lidar Operator, Stress Management Strategies, Assertive Supervision, Field Training Officer, K-9 Training, Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute SBSLI, Management Training.

During 2024, the following additional trainings were attended and completed by Police Dispatchers:

Dispatch Communications Training Officer, Dispatch Priming, Dispatch Crisis Intervention, De-escalation Training for Dispatchers, Handling the Rising Tide of Suicide, Beyond Bias: Racial and ID Profiling, Callers In Crisis, Reporting Stop Data for RIPA, RAP Sheet Training Gun Violence Restraining Order - Micro Course.

AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READER (ALPR) TECHNOLOGY

Since 2021 the Cotati Police Department has deployed ALPR investigative technology. The police department received funding for the ALPRs through the State Homeland Security Grant totaling approximately \$60,000. The purpose of the ALPRs is to identify lost or stolen vehicles/license plates or to help locate a vehicle involved in various crimes.

When Cotati has utilized ALPR/Flock, it has directly led to the identification and recovery of numerous stolen vehicles within our city. Our officers also use the ALPR system for investigations and for public safety by adding wanted and dangerous vehicles into the system.

In 2022, ALPRs were used 12 times in the successful recovery of stolen vehicles (Flock enabled).

In 2023, ALPRs were used 4 times in the successful recovery of stolen vehicles (Flock enabled).*

In 2024, ALPRs were used 1 time in the successful recovery of stolen vehicles (Flock *disabled*).*

**Though the department had patrol vehicles outfitted with ALPR technology in 2023, ALPRs were not used due to compatibility issues with the Vigilant system and the in-car computer software from June 2023 – June 2024.*

As of July 2024, Axon ALPRs were installed and are being utilized.

USE OF FORCE

In 2024, the Cotati Police Department experienced zero (0) URSUS (California Department of Justice Use of Force Incident Reporting database) reportable uses of force.

URSUS CRITERIA

1. An incident that involves the shooting of a civilian by a peace officer.
 2. An incident that involves the shooting of a peace officer by a civilian.
 3. An incident in which the use of force by a peace officer against a civilian result in serious bodily injury or death.
 4. An incident in which the use of force by a civilian against a peace officer results in serious bodily injury or death.
-

In Cotati, we have adopted a far more expansive and detailed definition of use of force (UOF).

CITY OF COTATI CRITERIA

1. Any display of force (unholstering specific police tools, including electronic devices [Taser], pepper spray, or firearm).
2. Any use of force by a peace officer beyond simple handcuffing

In 2024 all UOF incidents were tracked using police record management software system. When a UOF occurs, officers record their incident using a checklist, which lists which officers were present (including mutual aid officers), what tool was used, whether officers or suspects received injuries, and why force was used. When supervisors review the arrest/incident report, it is flagged for UOF. Sergeants read the report narrative, review the UOF module, and view the officer's Body Worn Camera. Management also reviews each UOF for any policy violations or an opportunity to consider alternate equipment, techniques, de-escalation, or training in the future to reduce or avoid the use of force.

USE OF FORCE

2024 CITY OF COTATI CRITERIA

Total Events for 2024: 12,610

Events that resulted in arrests: 557

Total events that resulted in arrest: 4.4%

Use of Force instances/events: 35

Total events that resulted in Use of Force: 0.27%

Use of Force Breakdown:

Although there were 35 UOF instances/events in 2024, several UOF events include the use of multiple tools/techniques, resulting in more tools/techniques used (total 45) than UOF events (35).

ALL 35 USE OF FORCE INSTANCES/EVENTS RESULTED IN ARREST/CUSTODY.

Tool/Technique Used	Times Used
Baton/Impact Weapon	2
Bean Bag Shotgun Displayed	0
BOLA Wrap	0
Control Hold/Defensive Technique	20
Firearm Displayed	12
Firearm Discharged	0
K-9	0
Pepper Spray	0
Taser Displayed	5
Taser Discharged	3
WRAP	3
TOTAL	45

USE OF FORCE DEFINED

Baton/Impact Weapon: An impact tool to overcome resistance on an aggressive, combative, and/or uncooperative subject.

Bean Bag Shotgun: A less-than-lethal tool that projects bean bags from a shotgun platform.

BOLA Wrap: A tool that projects a weighted rope that wraps around and attempts to restrain an uncooperative subject.

Control Hold: Controlling someone who is uncooperative, resisting, aggressive, and/or combative.

Defensive Techniques: Defending oneself against someone who is actively resisting and/or attacking an officer.

Firearm Discharged: Firearm discharged by an officer during an event.

Firearm Displayed: Firearm removed from an officer's holster during an event.

K-9: Police dog used to physically apprehend an uncooperative subject (Cotati PD does not utilize an apprehension K9).

Pepper Spray: Use of an aerosol pepper spray (capsicum) on an uncooperative, resisting, aggressive, and/or combative subject.

Taser Discharged: Darts launched or taser contact (drive-stun) on an uncooperative, resisting, aggressive, and/or combative subject.

Taser Displayed: Taser Removed from holster and displayed at a subject to gain compliance.

WRAP: A safe restraint system designed to protect officers and uncooperative, resisting, and/or combative subjects.

ASSEMBLY BILL 481

This bill requires a law enforcement agency to obtain approval of the applicable governing body, by adoption of a military equipment use policy by ordinance at a regular meeting prior to the funding, acquisition, or use of military equipment, as defined.

In 2022 the Cotati City Council approved an ordinance to direct our police department on the use, deployment, and policy for Military Equipment. The Council approved the use and possession of our Command Van and Bean Bag Shotguns.

In 2024 the Command Van was not deployed for any Mutual Aid Investigations.

In 2024 Cotati Police had zero deployments of the Bean Bag Shotgun.



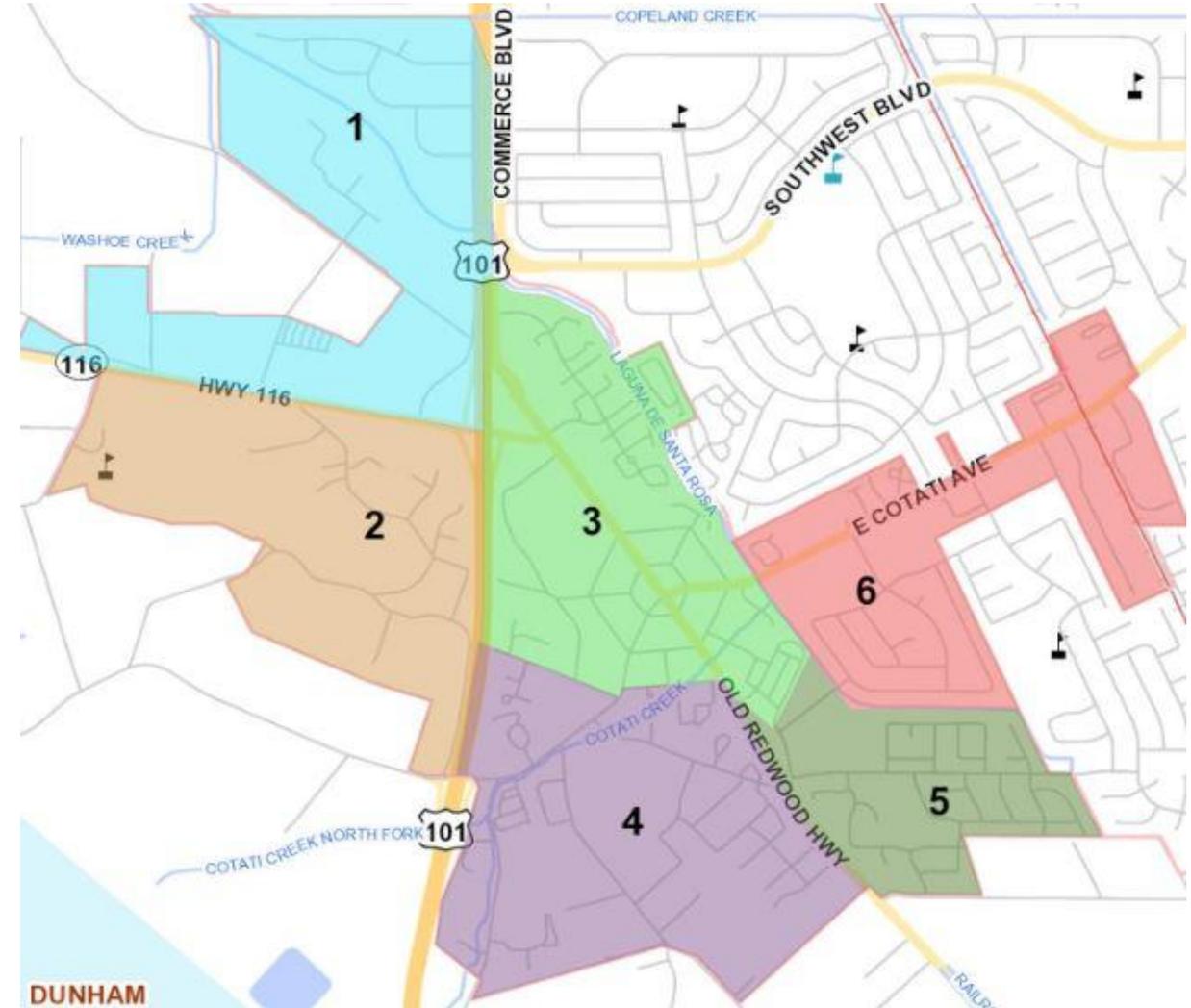
NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICER MEETINGS

Cotati Police Officers hosted two Neighborhood Officer meetings for each of the neighborhood areas in 2024.

Cotati is comprised of six areas (beats), which are coincident with evacuation zones. Maps of both beats and evacuation zones are available for view on the Police page of our City Website.

An individual officer is assigned to each of the six areas and their phone numbers and emails are available to citizens and business owners to ask questions and make requests. Officers rotate annually to allow them to better learn the areas and for residents and businesses to better know our Officers.

We invite you to attend one of our in-person meetings, typically scheduled in the Spring and Fall.



PATROL VEHICLE FLEET

Our Patrol vehicle fleet currently consists of:

- 2 Tesla Model Y
- 1 Ford F-150 Lightning
- 1 Ford Mustang Mach-E
- 4 Dodge Chargers



PATROL

Our sworn police staff are here 24/7 hours a day to keep our community safe. The list of things that officers do on a daily basis is long, including the following summary of the main efforts our officers do to enhance the quality of life in Cotati.

- Protect life and property through the enforcement of laws & regulations; Proactively patrol assigned areas
- Conduct traffic and parking enforcement
- Respond to calls for police service
- Conduct preliminary & follow-up criminal and traffic investigations
- Conduct interviews
- Prepare written reports and field notes of investigations and patrol activities
- Arrest and process those involved in criminal activity
- Testify in court
- Emergency duties required during adverse weather conditions
- Operate a law enforcement vehicle under emergency conditions day or night
- Analyze legal documents including citations, affidavits, and warrants
- Command emergency personnel at accident emergencies and disasters
- Community Oriented Policing and community engagement
- Self-initiate traffic and/or criminal investigations
- Supplement animal control
- Perform bar and business checks



ANIMAL CONTROL

All of our sworn personnel are designated as animal control officers. Our police officers respond to calls for service regarding both domestic and wild animals. The Administrative Services Department is responsible for dog licensing for our City, using DocuPet in a collaboration with Rohnert Park. Please license your dogs so that we can better serve you and your pet if they get loose or have other issues. Cotati contracts with Rohnert Park Animal Services for sheltering our animals.

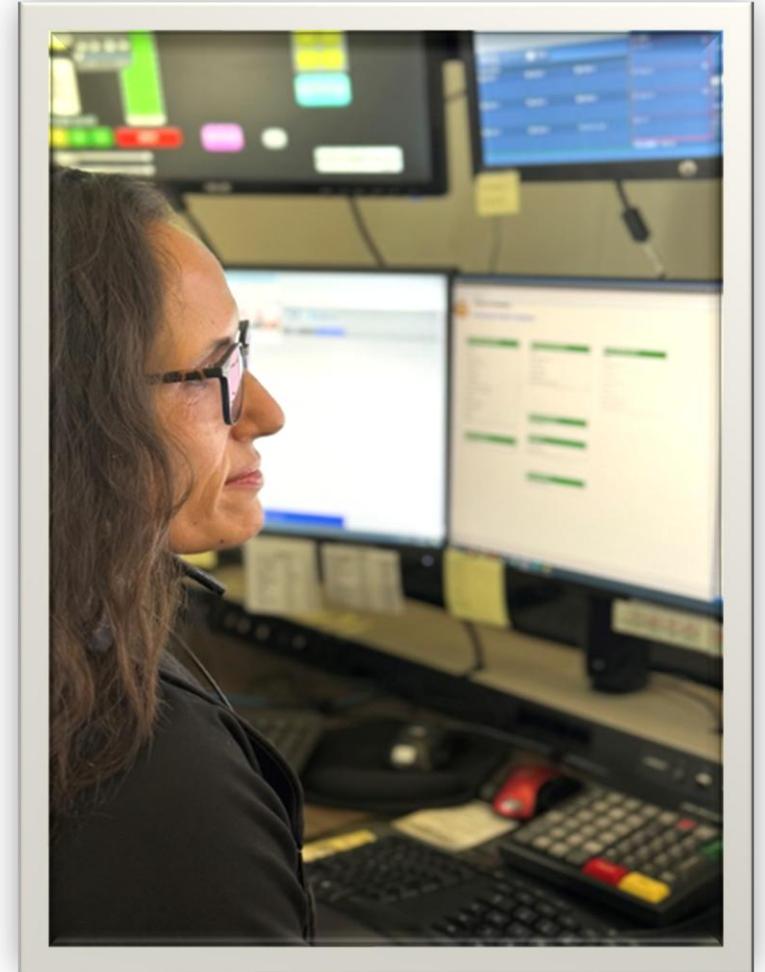


As part of the No More Lost Pets campaign, Rohnert Park Animal Services offers FREE ID tags and microchips for all Rohnert Park and Cotati city residents!

DISPATCH

The Cotati Police Department employs six (6) Police Dispatcher/Clerks.

Our police dispatch is a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) receiving all 911 calls for law enforcement, fire, mental health, and medical emergencies for both the City of Cotati and the Sonoma State University (SSU) campus (we have a dispatch contract with SSU Police Department). In addition to 911 calls-for-service, our dispatchers answer regular police business calls for our City, SSU, and also dispatch the SAFE team for the City and SSU. Our dispatchers are also clerks who process police records and other administrative duties. Our lobby is open to the public 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.



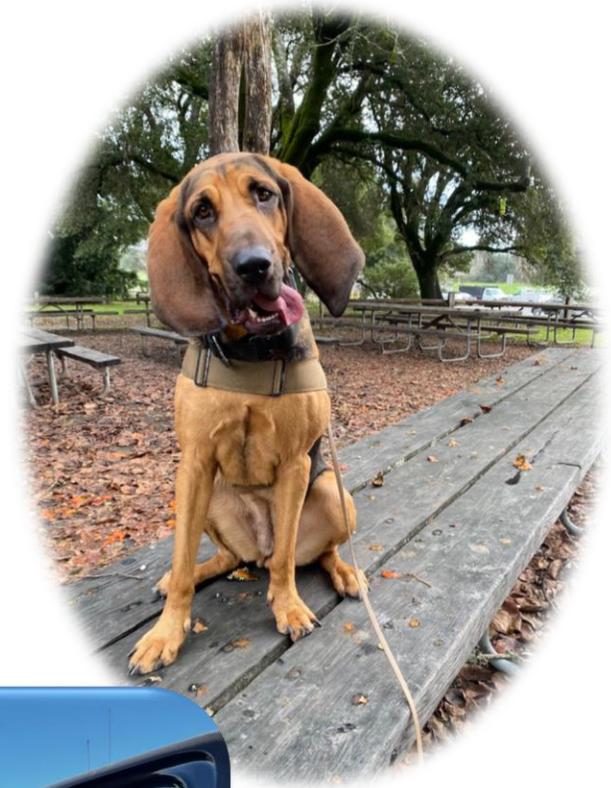
K9 TEAM

In October of 2023, we acquired K9 Dolly from *Scent Evidence K9* in Tallahassee, Florida. She is a purebred bloodhound whose sole purpose is to find missing/lost persons and fleeing suspects. Dolly is the only dog of her breed and purpose in Sonoma County.

In 2024, Dolly was requested 42 times by agencies throughout Sonoma and Marin Counties. She was fully deployed 9 times and had 3 successful finds.

Dolly also tracked other routes used by subjects/suspects, which further assisted agencies in knowing the whereabouts of individuals. When Dolly alerts to finding someone, she howls in excitement for her squeaky toy.

During her time off, Dolly lives at home with her K9 handler Officer Sullivan and his family.



CADETS AND VOLUNTEERS

The police department has both Cadets and Volunteers, providing them with an opportunity to assist our department and learn about career opportunities in law enforcement. Our cadets are typically high school students who help with mutual aid for parades and other events in Sonoma County, including the Butter and Eggs Festival, the Apple Blossom Festival, and our own Kids Day Parade and Festival. Cadets also go on ride-alongs with officers, attend in-house trainings, and take criminal justice field trips. Our volunteers help with daily duties at the police department, such as maintaining the inventory of police equipment and supplies. Often our cadets and volunteers become police officers, deputy sheriffs, and public safety dispatchers.

In addition, we assist Sonoma State University Police Department by taking their Student Interns on ride-alongs to allow them the opportunity to see how our agency operates.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SOCIAL MEDIA

In 2024, we hosted and participated in over 30 community events, including but not limited to:

- National Night Out at La Plaza Park
- Coffee with a Cop (and K9 Dolly) at Peet's Coffee
- Cotati Kids Day Parade
- Cotati Candy Land at La Plaza Park
- Rohnert Park/Cotati Rotary Toy Drive
- Thomas Page Academy 's STEAM and Literacy Night
- Woman in Public Safety Day in Santa Rosa
- Apple Blossom Parade & Festival in Sebastopol
- Future Farmers Twilight Parade in Healdsburg
- Police Station Tours for local schools
- Petaluma Veterans Day Parade
- Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run



We invite you to follow us on our social media platforms.

Our police department maintains a public information presence to better engage with our residents and to be accessible to our community where they are. In addition to the police page of the city website, and regular pieces in the Cotati Connection newsletter, we use Facebook (now with over 5,800 followers), Instagram (now with over 3,100 followers) and Civic Ready for time sensitive and emergency information.

Our Records Analyst personally created and displayed 270 posts on our social media platforms.

COMMENDATIONS

2024 Cotati Police Officer of the Year

Officer Jerry Cunningham

2024 Cotati Police Employee of the Year

Records Analyst Michael Callen

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Awards

Officer Jerry Cunningham

Officer Ryan Sullivan

Officer Davis Fox

60 total commendations and citizen commendations were awarded to Cotati Police employees in 2024



2025 SNAPSHOT

- Community-Police Advisory Committee
- Staffing, Recruiting, and Retention: Officer and Dispatcher
- Supervision and managerial organization
- Emergency preparedness (EOC training)
- Enhanced data analytics and records training
- Targeting specific public safety needs: Traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle safety; theft; illicit drugs
- Seek alternate funding streams for public safety (ie: Grants)
- Continued emphasis on de-escalation and implicit bias training
- Expanding South County SAFE team footprint, as well as crisis intervention and mental health training
- Continued community outreach and participation in community events; social media, website, and public-facing accessibility



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

