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PUBLIC NOTICE – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Public Safety Committee will meet Tuesday June 20, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. in the Auditorium of Lakewood City Hall at 12650 Detroit Avenue. The meeting is open to the public.

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The agenda is as follows:

Approval of the minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Communication from Councilmember Baker regarding Lakewood Police Department 2022 Annual Report. (*Referred to Public Safety Committee 6/20/23*)

Kyle Baker, Chair
Jason Shachner, Cindy Marx; Members
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Lakewood Police Department



2022 Annual Report

Message from the Chief of Police

Across the nation, the biggest challenge in policing since 2020 has been the recruitment and retention of high-quality police officers. The Lakewood Police Department recognized this trend early on and has been proactive in making sure that our police staffing levels do not drop to unsafe levels. In 2022, the Lakewood Police Department was able to leverage American Rescue Plan Act funding to increase our authorized strength from 94 officers to 99 officers. This increase in staffing permits more officers to be on patrol, which leads to greater safety for our citizens as well as expanding the opportunities for our officers to interact positively with the community.

2022 saw our violent crime total drop to a multi-year low. The drop in violent crime can be attributed to proactive policing by our patrol officers as well as to the dedication of our detectives identifying suspects and seeing criminal cases through to successful prosecutions.

Organization of Lakewood P.D.

The Lakewood Police Department has a hierarchical structure led by the Chief of Police. The Police Department is comprised of three divisions, each of which is overseen by a Captain (Division Commander). The three divisions consist of the Patrol Division, the Investigative Division, and the Administrative Division.

At the end of 2022, the Lakewood Police Department increased its' authorized strength from 94 sworn officers to 99 sworn officers.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest division in the police department and it is also referred to as the Uniform Division. This division employs the officers who wear a police uniform every day and patrol the city in marked police cars. These are the officers that respond to emergencies, citizen complaints, and crimes in progress. They enforce criminal laws and traffic laws. The Special Operations Unit is part of the Patrol Division.

Patrol Shifts

Officers in the Patrol Division work twelve-hour shifts. There is a Day Shift and Night Shift, each of which is overseen by a Shift Lieutenant. Each shift is split into two platoons, and two sergeants are assigned to each platoon. The Lieutenants and Sergeants supervise and assist the officers on their shifts and/or platoons.

Special Operations Unit

The Special Operations Unit consists of our in-house Training Unit, our Neighborhood Police Officers, and our DARE/School Resource Officers. These officers typically work eight-hour shifts and they are supervised by the Special Operations Unit Lieutenant.

Training Unit

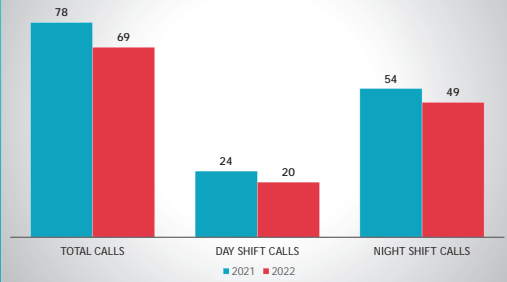
Our in-house Training Unit enables the Lakewood Police Department to deliver training to all our employees in a cost-efficient manner. The Training Unit generally puts together and conducts two to four in-service trainings per year. The in-service training includes range days where officers qualify with their pistols and patrol rifles. At the in-services, the officers also receive their yearly training in the proper use of the Taser and OC spray, as well as a review of our policies including but not limited to the following: Use of Force, Pursuit Driving, and Legal Updates. Our officers also attend specialized training throughout Ohio and other nearby states.

In 2022, 116 employees in the police department received 12,562 hours of training for an average of 108 hours per employee.

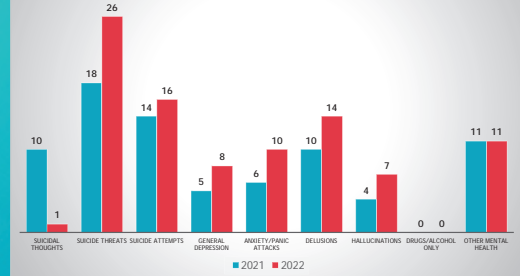
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

The Lakewood Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team responds to calls in which people are experiencing a mental health emergency. The specially trained CIT officers try to bring about the best resolution for these people in crisis by talking with them and getting them the assistance and services that they need. Every one of our CIT officers volunteered to be on the team and they voluntarily attend the required training.

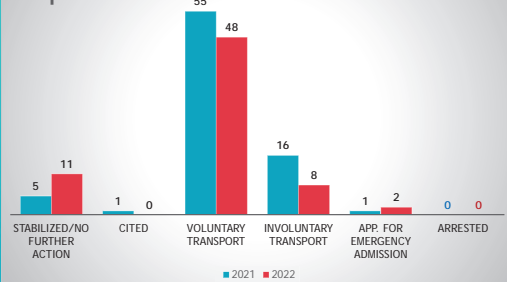
CIT Calls



CIT Calls By Type



Disposition of CIT Calls



Investigative Division

The Investigative Division is also referred to as the Detective Bureau. It consists of three groups of detectives. General Duty Detectives handle cases involving adults who are the victims or perpetrators of crime, Juvenile Bureau Detectives handle cases involving juveniles as victims or perpetrators of crime as well as family crimes such as Domestic Violence and Violation of Protection Orders, and Narcotics and Vice Detectives. Investigative Division personnel work eight-hour shifts, rotating between Day Shift and Afternoon Shift. One sergeant is assigned to rotate with each "squad" between days and afternoons. Each squad consists of a mixture of General Duty and Juvenile Bureau Detectives. There is one Lieutenant who supervises the Narcotics and Vice Unit.

Investigative Division 2021 Statistics

Category	Total	Pct. (%)
Reports Reviewed	2,155	100
Reports assigned for Follow Up	1,214	56
Reports with no Follow Up to Conduct	939	44
<u>Report Clearance Method</u>		
Cleared by Arrest	323	27
Exceptionally Cleared	176	14
Victim Refused Prosecution	42	3
Record Only	69	6
Filed Pending Further Leads	231	19
No Further Action	101	8
Pending Warrant Arrest	8	1
Unfounded	0	0
Open	240	20

Investigative Division 2022 Statistics

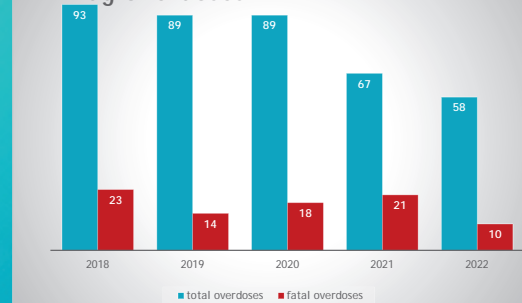
Category	Total	Pct. (%)
Reports Reviewed	2,461	100
Reports assigned for Follow Up	1,580	64
Reports with no Follow Up to Conduct	879	36
<u>Report Clearance Method</u>		
Cleared by Arrest	393	26
Exceptionally Cleared	175	11
Victim Refused Prosecution	36	2
Record Only	66	4
Filed Pending Further Leads	272	18
No Further Action	193	12
Pending Warrant Arrest	5	0
Unfounded	0	0
Open	397	26

Narcotics and Vice Unit

The Lakewood Police Department has one Lieutenant and four Detectives assigned to the Narcotics and Vice Unit. They maintain strong relationships with Federal, State, and Local partners to investigate and prosecute narcotics related violations.

All of Lakewood P.D.'s officers are issued the life saving drug Narcan to administer to those that overdose on opiates.

Drug Overdoses



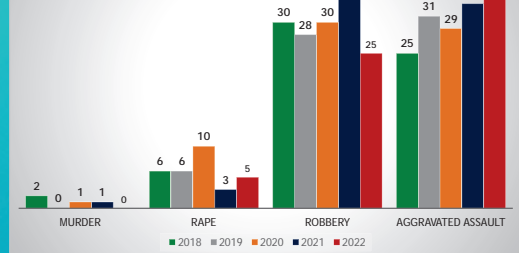
Crime Statistics

Lakewood experienced a reduction in our Violent Crime Totals in 2022. Our Property Crime Totals saw an uptick from 2021. This was due to an increase in Motor Vehicle Thefts in Lakewood as well as across the nation. The increase can be directly attributed to TikTok videos which gave would be auto thieves step by step instructions on how to start Kia and Hyundai vehicles without a key. Kia and Hyundai are just now rolling out patches to their vehicles' computer systems to close the gap in their theft deterrent systems.

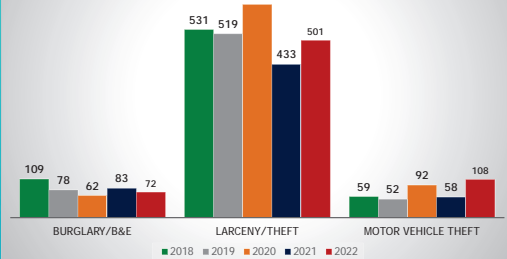
The following crime statistics on violent crime and property crime were obtained from the Office of Criminal Justice Services which tracks our reported criminal activity through an Incident-Based Reporting System (IBRS).

*See www.ocjs.ohio.gov for more information.

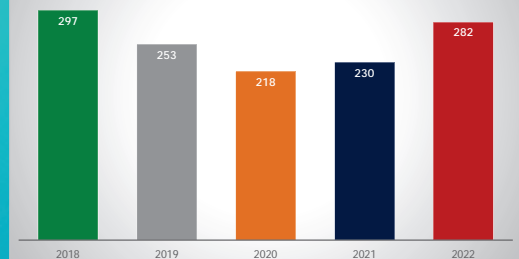
Violent Crime Total



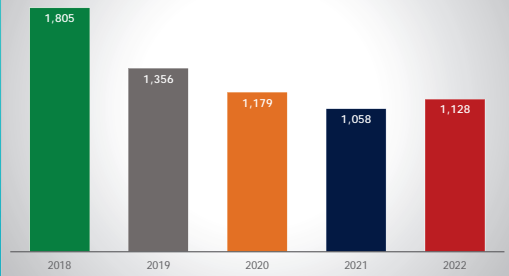
Property Crime Total



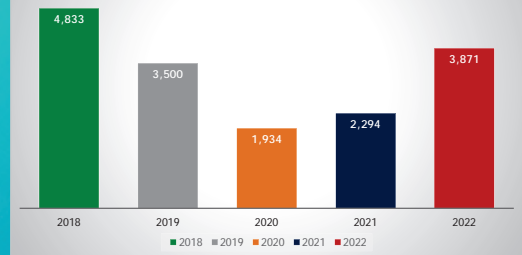
Felony Arrests



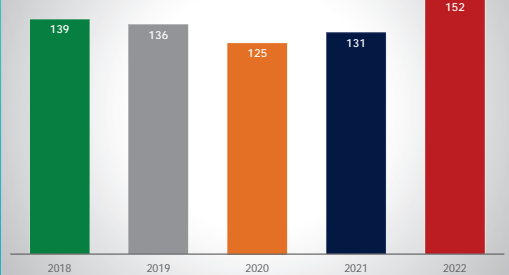
Misdemeanor Arrests



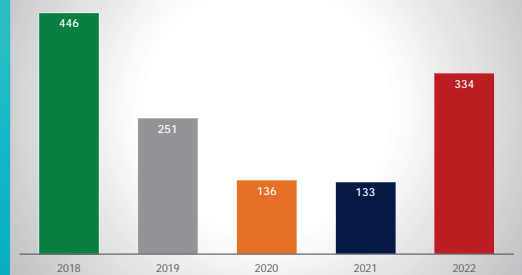
Traffic Arrests



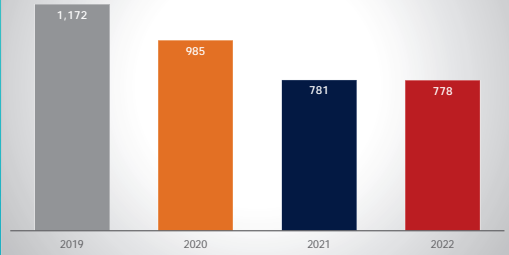
D.U.I. Arrests



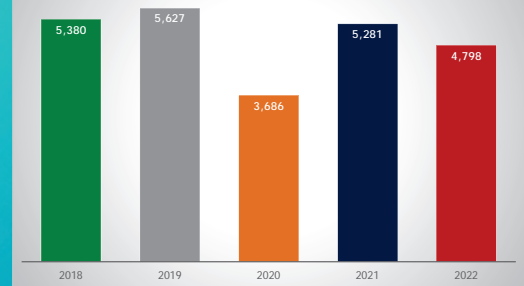
Radar Citations



Traffic Crashes



Parking Tickets (Non-Meter)



Administrative Division

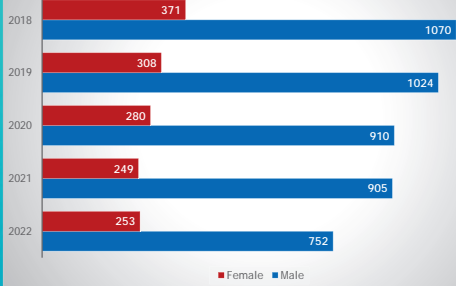
The Administrative Division is where most of our non-sworn personnel are found. These employees include our Dispatchers, Correction Officers, Animal Control Officers, and support personnel. These employees are supervised by the Administrative Division Commander.

Lakewood City Jail

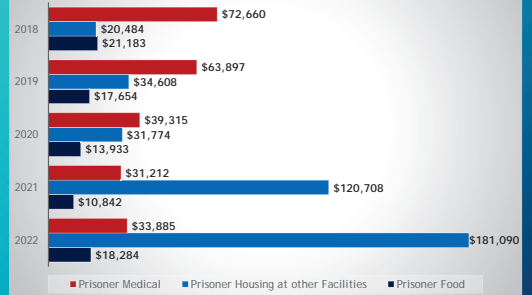
The Lakewood Police Department's Jail is a Twelve-Day Facility meant to house prisoners on a temporary basis. It is staffed 24 hours a day by two full-time Correction Officers and when they are not on duty, the Patrol Division staffs the Jail with specially trained police officers.

Beginning at the onset of the pandemic and continuing throughout 2022, Cuyahoga County Jail has refused to take the bulk of our prisoners who were sentenced for misdemeanors under state code, which is counter to their statutory obligation. As a result, Lakewood's cost to house prisoners at alternate facilities has risen dramatically over that period. The City of Lakewood is currently seeking reimbursement from the county for these costs.

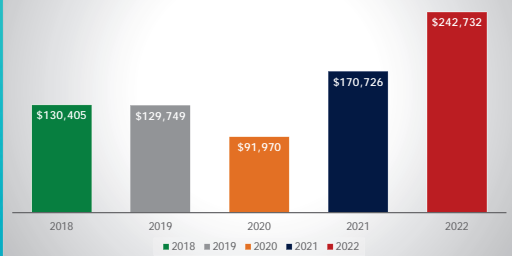
Lakewood Jail Population



Prisoner Costs



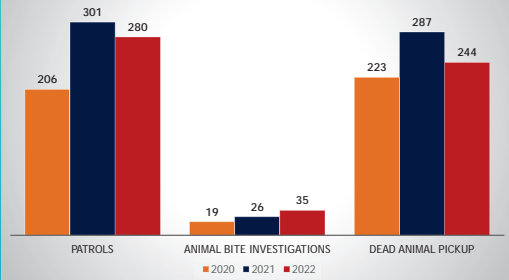
Net Cost Prisoner Care



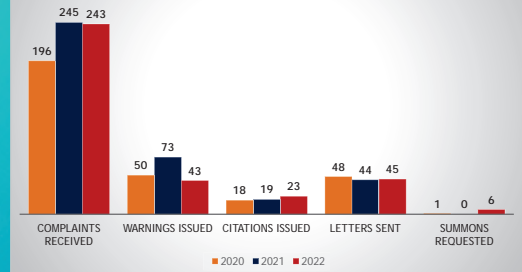
Animal Control Officers

The Lakewood Police Department's Animal Control Officers respond to calls for service regarding animal cruelty, animal noise disturbances, animal bites, and any other situation involving animals. The Animal Control Officers work with county agencies and citizen groups to reduce nuisance complaints and to find new homes for stray or abandoned pets.

Animal Control



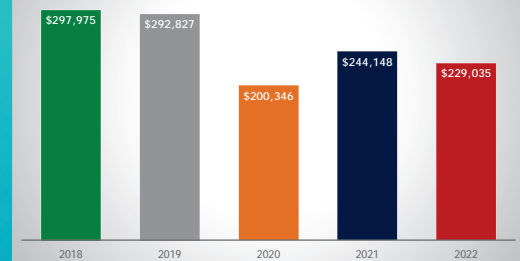
Animal Control Enforcement



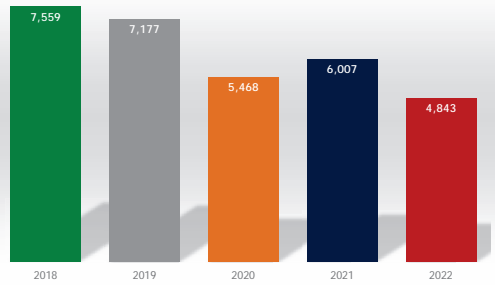
Parking enforcement Unit

The Parking Enforcement Unit is responsible for enforcing parking violations in City owned lots as well as metered spaces on the street. They conduct maintenance on the meters to ensure that they are functioning properly. The proceeds collected from the metered lots and spaces pay for the personnel in the unit, their equipment, as well as improvements. The unit is supervised by the Special Operations Lieutenant.

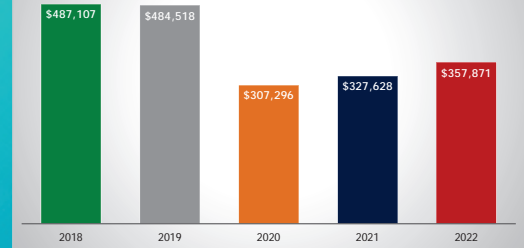
Parking Citation Revenue



Parking Meter Tickets Issued



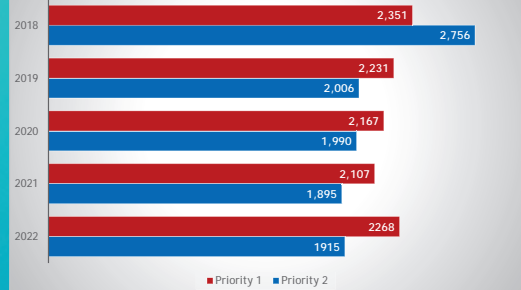
Parking Meter Revenue

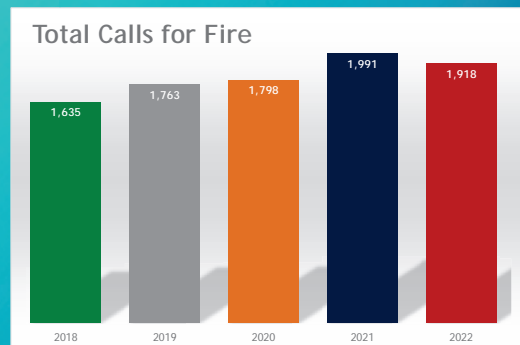
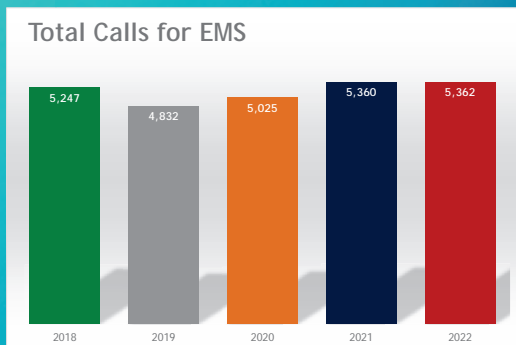
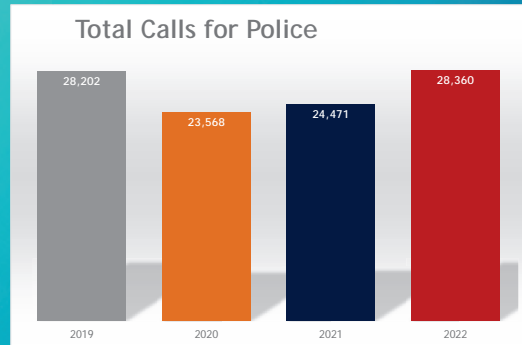
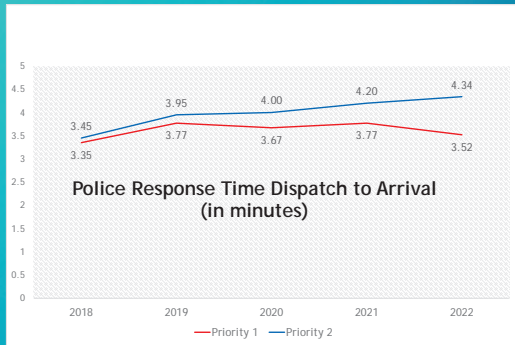


Emergency Dispatch Center

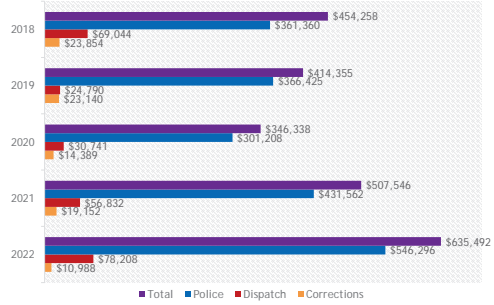
The Lakewood Police Department's Emergency Dispatch Center is staffed 24 hours a day by civilian Dispatchers who have received specialized training in answering calls for assistance from the public for Police, Fire, and EMS services. The Dispatchers determine which public safety forces get sent to a particular call and they gather critical information which is relayed to the responding personnel. Our Dispatch Center provides dedicated service to the citizens of Lakewood (we are not part of a regionalized Dispatch Center).

Total Calls Priority 1 & Priority 2





Overtime Costs



School Guards

The Lakewood Police Department employs part-time School Guards to cover 29 school crossings throughout the city. These employees work outside, in all types of weather to make certain that the children who walk or ride their bikes to school arrive there safely each day.

Auxiliary Police Unit

The Lakewood Auxiliary Police Unit's members volunteer their time and energy to assist the Lakewood Police Department at public events and in emergency conditions. Auxiliary Police Officers are also able to "ride along" with our sworn officers on patrol.