

# Webster Police Department's

## 2024

### Annual Report



Webster Police Department

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Dedicated to Service





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## A Message from the Chief of Police

I hope this report helps you understand the organization, and the men and women who make it what it is. Every day, we have officers on the road, 24 hours a day, to provide services that are essential to our community. Our goal is to provide as much public value as we can with the resources available to us, from both our internal resources and the additional resources that we have access to, through partnerships with county, state, and federal organizations.

In 2024, we continued our focus on improving the foundation of the organization so that we can meet community expectations and deliver service effectively and efficiently. Through the acquisition of equipment, increase in training, and improvement of personnel management tools, we are developing a culture that focuses on public value and job performance. The implementation of the new policy manual has helped officers, and first line supervisors quickly address policy questions through the mobile application on the department issued cell phones and test their knowledge with daily training bulletins. Our officers work in a mobile environment and now have the necessary tools to access resources and communicate effectively.

Additionally, a new performance evaluation system was developed with input from all stakeholders. The final product provides employees with formal feedback quarterly, and provides supervisors with more structure for daily observations and documentation. The addition of a new clerk has increased the ability to meet the demands of the discovery process and provide key support for the administration, including providing statistics for the performance evaluation process.

Our overall headcount was positive in 2024, however, maintaining operational staffing was a challenge with fluctuations due to temporary administrative assignments (when officers are not fully capable of performing the duties of the road patrol, pending internal investigations or discipline), the resignation of a recruit (March), termination of an officer (July) and the transfer of two officers to another agency (December). We also added two Webster residents as recruits to the police academy (June).

Finally, the Animal Control Unit has had an uphill battle managing care for found or seized dogs due to a lack of available resources in the community to house the dogs and rehome animals who have not been reclaimed. This has required creative thinking and improvised solutions to meet the current needs. Luckily, the Town of Webster was able to obtain a grant in 2024 to assist in building a facility locally. We are looking forward to a more permanent solution.

*Chief Dennis J Kohlmeier*



## Mission Statement

*The primary mission for employees of the Webster Police Department is to serve the community of Webster and its people. We are called upon to enforce laws and ordinances passed by the representatives of these same people. The Department is committed to service and to taking positive steps to maintain our high standards in response to the community we serve.*

*The principal goals of the Webster Police Department include: the protection of life and property; resolution of conflict; the creation and maintenance of a feeling of security in the community; reduction of opportunities for the commission of crime through crime prevention strategies; identification, apprehension, and prosecution of offenders and the preservation of the peace.*



## Goals and Objectives

**The Webster Police Department met the following goals and objectives for the calendar year 2024:**

**Carry over from 2023:**

- Implement a new performance evaluation system.

**New Objectives 2024:**

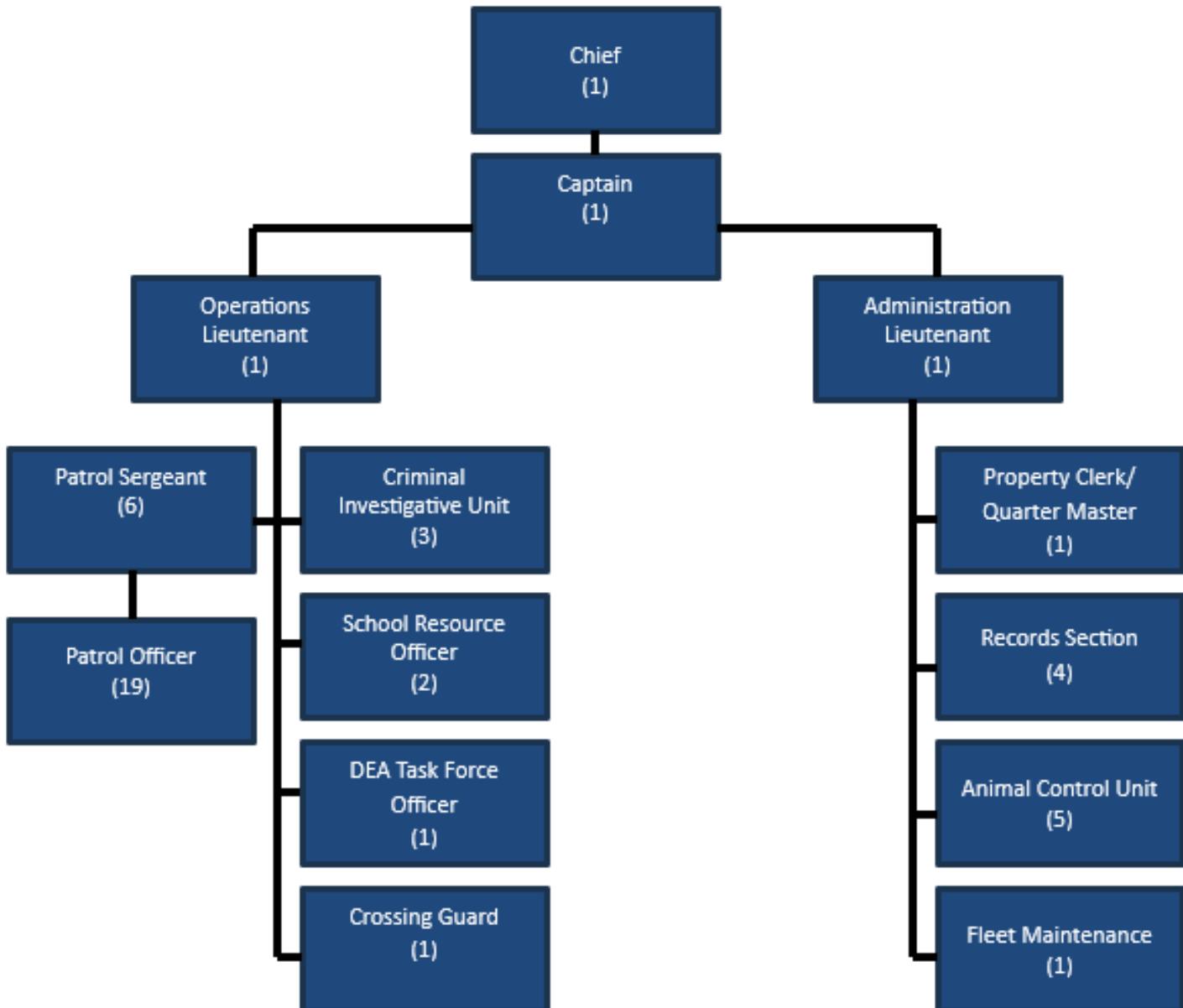
- Create and staff a new clerk position to assist in administrative function.
- Research and evaluate shift structure to increase coverage and reduce overtime costs.
- Increase officer confidence through improvement of equipment and training.
- Explore grant opportunities to build new Animal Control Facility.

**The Webster Police Department has set the following goals and objectives for the calendar year 2025:**

- Implement new duty pistols with red dot optics.
- Establish a new sergeant position for the Criminal Investigative and School Resource positions to improve the efficiency of the Operations Bureau.
- Complete the implementation of the Lexipol procedure manual.
- Construct a new animal control facility.



## Table of Organization



Authorized positions in parentheses under each unit.



# Personnel Roster

## Chief of Police

Dennis Kohlmeier

## Captain

Mark Reed

## Lieutenants

**Operations Bureau:** Webster, Jeffrey

**Administrative Bureau:** States, Samuel

## Sergeants

Wilder, Michael

Frate, Adam

Miller, Skyler

Johnson, Kevin

Gitsis, Daniel

Brewer, Timothy

## Investigators

Mortier, Jeffrey

Guerico, Nicholas

## Officers

Herrle, David (SRO/TEU)

Rynders, Erik

Lass, Ashley

Santell, Katie

Turner, Thomas

Coolidge, Samuel

Arseneau, Kyle

Frate, Tessa

Coppa, Mathew

Storer, John

Parrish, Ethan

Gumina, Matthew

Payne, Michael

DeRosa, Kyle

Crisafulli, Cameron

Coene, Cory

Thomas, Lindsey

Barnard, Jarod

Holtz, Thomas (Recruit)

VanLeeuwen, Lydia (Recruit)

## Property Clerk/Quartermaster

Marquardt, Jill

## Records

Konieczny, Krista

Church, Cari

Hanlon, Katie

Ferguson, Colleen

## School Crossing Guard

## Fleet Maintenance Technician

Slye, Robert



## Department Fleet

Year	Marked Vehicles	Year	Unmarked Vehicles
2018	Ford Taurus	2015	Ford Taurus
2019	Ford Explorer	2015	Ford Taurus
2020	Ford Explorer	2016	Ford Explorer
2021	Dodge Charger	2016	Ford Taurus
2021	Ford Explorer	2016	Ford Taurus
2021	Ford Explorer	2020	Ford F-350
2022	Ford Explorer	2021	Dodge Durango
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## Community Policing

In 2023, we started to return to a more normal engagement process through community service events. Our goal was to connect with our community and educate them on the resources we have available. A large component of that connection was continued through our social media and online presence.

**Connect with us:**

**Web:** [www.websterny.gov](http://www.websterny.gov)

**Facebook:** Webster Police Department, New York

**Twitter:** @WebsterNYPolice and @ChiefDKohlmeier

**Instagram:** websterpoliceny



## Pharmaceutical Drop-Off

In conjunction with the Monroe County Department of Environmental Services and the Drug Enforcement Administration, WPD organizes periodic pharmaceutical waste collections. This helps keep prescription drugs out of our water and out of your medicine cabinet. We did two off-site collections in 2024.

CVS has a pharmaceutical drug collection bin at their store located at 935 Ridge Road.



## Special Attentions

Special Attentions are conducted at locations throughout town, needing extra patrol attention. Officers sometimes identify these areas through their patrol activities. Citizens also help us identify areas in need of extra patrol attention by sharing their observations with patrol officers and by requesting special attentions. In 2024, the Webster Police Department conducted **6,761** special attentions in these efforts. Special Attentions encompass a wide range of suspicious or dangerous situations such as traffic / speed complaints, building checks and other situations that seem out of the ordinary. Call 911 or stop by the PD to speak to an officer to request a Special Attention.

## Sex Offender Notifications

The Criminal Investigative Unit coordinates the Sex Offender Registry Program. They are responsible for distributing notifications relating to sex offenders within town. Investigators regularly meet with individuals on the Sex Offender Registry for address updates, updated photos and other updates as required by New York State. If you have any questions about the Sex Offender Registry, please call 585-872-1216 and ask to speak to one of our SORA Coordinators.

## Child Seat Safety Checks

Specially trained Webster Police Officers will install or check your child safety seat. Our Child Safety Seat Officers are available by appointment to talk to parents and caregivers about car seat selection, proper installation, maintenance and general safety guidelines. Please visit our website and complete the online submission form to schedule an appointment to have your car seat checked or installed.



## Safety and Crime Prevention Presentations

WPD Officers give presentations to local businesses, community groups, local churches, and other civic organizations throughout the year. Topics may include crime prevention tips, personal safety, active shooter threats, and security precautions. If your organization has a specific presentation request, please call 585-872-1216 to discuss your ideas.



## House Checks

The Webster Police Department continues to offer house checks when you are away from town. House check forms can be obtained in person at the Webster Police Department, or be found online through the town website at [www.websterny.org](http://www.websterny.org). An officer will check the exterior of your residence and contact you right away if anything suspicious is found.

# Department Awards

Day in and day out, our members go above and beyond to deliver service to the community. However, each year there are a few stand out actions that are worthy of special recognition. We have an awards committee that reviews the nominations and selects the appropriate award. The following section contains the awards presented for actions in 2024. Department awards are listed below.

## **Medal of Valor**

This Medal is the highest award presented and shall be awarded only under the most extraordinary circumstances.

*Criteria:* The employee distinguished him/herself conspicuously by displaying great courage, above and beyond the call of duty, in the face of immediate life-threatening peril and with full knowledge of the risk involved. The act showed courage, judgment, and selflessness; and must have been performed for the purpose of saving or protecting human life.

## **Distinguished Service Award**

The Distinguished Service Award may be presented to a member of the Webster Police Department, who intelligently and in the line of Police duty, distinguishes him/herself in the performance of an act of courage involving risk of imminent serious personal injury, with knowledge of the risk, for the purpose of saving or protecting human life; or who, in the course of an extended investigation of a nature, where he/she is continuously and singly exposed to grave personal hazard, willingly accepts such risk in the service of the department; or who performs an extraordinarily credible and unusual police accomplishment.

## **Life Saving Award**

The Life Saving Award may be presented to a member of the Webster Police Department who, in the performance of his/her duty, renders medical First Aid of a distinguished or unusually credible nature to a person whose life is in immediate jeopardy, and does so in a manner that most certainly sustained the person and enabled such person to be delivered alive to a Medical Facility. The recommendation for this award must include a statement from the attending Physician, attesting to the fact that such person was in immediate jeopardy, that the medical First Aid rendered did sustain such person, and that the person would likely have expired without the said medical intervention.

## **Purple Heart Medal**

The Police Purple Heart Medal may be awarded to a member who, in the line of Police duty, sustains a serious injury as a result of the behavior of another person; or, posthumously, to a member of the department who is killed in the performance of his/her duty. The Police Purple Heart may be awarded in addition to any other departmental award.

## **Commendation Award**

The Commendation Award may be presented to a member of the Webster Police Department who distinguishes himself/herself by a meritorious achievement, act or service to the department, performed in an exemplary manner and in keeping with the highest expectations of conduct and performance.

## **Excellent Police Service Award**

This Award may be presented to employees who have distinguished themselves by actions which are beyond those required for his/her position, which result in a significant contribution toward the betterment of the Webster Police Department/or its members.

## **Letter of Commendation**

A Letter of Commendation may be issued by the Chief of Police or a Bureau Commander for instances wherein a member of the department shall be recognized for an individual act or performance of duty. These letters may be written to recognize actions that are commendable, but may not reach the criteria for another award and may be presented at any time.

## **Officer Ethan Parrish,**

It is with great honor and appreciation that I present the 2024 Officer of the Year Award to Officer Ethan Parrish. Officer Parrish is recognized based on his competence, consistent commitment to public safety, and outstanding service throughout the year. Officer Ethan Parrish embodies the highest standards of law enforcement, demonstrating an unparalleled commitment to protecting and serving the community.

Throughout the year, Officer Parrish has consistently shown his competency and dedication to the department and our community. Officer Parrish has made several professional contributions to our department in 2024 to include Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor and Taser Instructor. Officer Parrish was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the Monroe County STOP DWI program for his efforts in combating drunk driving. Beyond Officer Parrish's professional duties, he has demonstrated a profound dedication to protecting the community from illegal drug activity and sexual predators that victimize underage children. In 2024 Officer Parrish made 29 arrests, 10 of which were proactive traffic stops that led to drug related charges, and 8 arrests that were for intoxicated drivers.

In the face of adversity, Officer Parrish has shown courage and determination. A few examples include: In July 2024, while training a new recruit, he responded to route 104 to search for a vehicle involved in a kidnapping where the suspect had two young children. Officer Parrish was determined to find the vehicle and ultimately located the vehicle in Wayne County. After a pursuit took place, Officer Parrish and his recruit, Officer Barnard, were able to safely take the suspect into custody and recover the two children.

In August of 2024 Officer Parrish responded to a severe motor vehicle accident at Holt Road and Ridge Road. A vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed and collided with a utility pole causing it to catch fire. Officer Parrish and other officers arrived on scene, quickly assessed the situation and discovered the driver of the vehicle was still inside. Officers were able to suppress the flames with a fire extinguisher long enough for Officer Parrish and Officer Arseneau to pull the driver from the vehicle and move him to a safe location before the vehicle was completely engulfed in flames.

Officer Parrish exemplifies the values of integrity, bravery, and service. His outstanding contributions have left an indelible mark on the department and the community he serves. It is with great pride that we recommend Officer Parrish for The American Legion Law Enforcement Officer Award.

I am pleased to present **Officer Ethan Parrish** with the *Officer of the Year Award* in recognition of his performance of duty and outstanding service throughout the course of the year.



**Officer Ethan Parrish,**

On behalf of the Webster Police Department, I am honored to commend you on your outstanding service and dedication to duty in the successful apprehension of kidnapping suspect, [REDACTED]. Your quick decision making and unwavering commitment to public safety played a pivotal role in ensuring the two children involved were returned safely to their family.

On July 6, 2024, Officer Parrish and Officer Barnard were on patrol when they were made aware that the Rochester Police Department (RPD) was investigating a kidnapping case involving two children that were 8 and 4 years old. Further information was relayed that the two children were taken in a blue Chevrolet SUV with Pennsylvania license plates. One of the children in the vehicle was Facetiming with RPD and updating them on their location with the last update being State Route 104 and Salt Road. Officer Parrish and Officer Barnard immediately responded toward the area of the vehicle. Another update was given that the vehicle was passing the McDonalds in the Town of Ontario, in Wayne County.

Officer Parrish and Officer Barnard continued to search for the vehicle and eventually located it in the area of State Route 104 and Lake Avenue/State Route 21. Officer Parrish and Officer Barnard, along with a Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy and a New York State Trooper attempted to stop the vehicle with emergency lights and sirens but it failed to stop and a pursuit was initiated. During the pursuit, spike strips were successfully deployed and deflated the passenger's side tires. Additional units assisted and were able to box the vehicle in and bring it to a stop. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and both children were safely recovered and returned to their family. The suspect was charged with Kidnapping in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a Class B Felony.

I am pleased to present **Officer Ethan Parrish** with the *Chief's Letter of Commendation* in recognition of his performance of duty and service to the Webster Police Department.



**Officer Jarod Barnard,**

On behalf of the Webster Police Department, I am honored to commend you on your outstanding service and dedication to duty in the successful apprehension of kidnapping suspect, [REDACTED]. Your quick decision making and unwavering commitment to public safety played a pivotal role in ensuring the two children involved were returned safely to their family.

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I am pleased to present **Officer Jarod Barnard** with the *Chief's Letter of Commendation* in recognition of his performance of duty and service to the Webster Police Department.



**Officer Ethan Parrish,**

It is with pride and gratitude that I commend you for your extraordinary bravery and swift action on August 22, 2024 during your response to a motor vehicle accident where a vehicle crashed into a utility pole and was engulfed in flames. Despite the immediate danger posed by the fire and the unstable condition of the vehicle, you acted without hesitation, placing yourself at great risk, to ensure the driver was removed from the vehicle. Thank you for your commitment to the safety and protection of our citizens and community.

On August 22, 2024 at approximately 0510 hours, Officer Parrish and Officer Arseneau responded to the intersection of Ridge Road and Holt Road for the report of a vehicle that struck a pole and was on fire. Upon arrival, officers located the driver unconscious in the driver's seat of the vehicle. While evaluating the situation, wires from the utility pole were knocked down, sparking and laying across the roadway. Both Officer Parrish and Officer Arseneau did not hesitate and suppressed the flames enough with a fire extinguisher to remove the driver from the engulfed vehicle. During this process, the vehicle and air were filled with thick heavy smoke. Parts of the vehicle were sparking and several explosions were occurring.

The driver was removed from the vehicle and pulled away from the fire to a safe location. Additional officers arrived and assisted with extinguishing the flames that were on the driver's clothing. Officers Parrish and Arseneau immediately began life saving measures and continued until the Webster Fire Department and Penfield Ambulance arrived on scene and took over. The driver was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital but unfortunately died from his injuries.

Our community is fortunate to have officers that embody the bravery, professionalism and courage that was seen during this incident. Your actions serve as an inspiration to your colleagues and a reminder of the profound impact our actions as law enforcement officers have in our community.

I am pleased to present **Officer Ethan Parrish** with the *Chief's Letter of Commendation* in recognition of his performance of duty and service to the Webster Police Department.



## **Officer Kyle Arseneau,**

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I am pleased to present **Officer Kyle Arseneau** with the *Chief's Letter of Commendation* in recognition of his performance of duty and service to the Webster Police Department.



**Lieutenant Jeffrey Webster,**

It is with respect and appreciation that I commend you for your efforts and teamwork that led to the arrest of [Suspect], on October 11, 2024. Your interview skills were extremely beneficial to the investigation. Thank you for your commitment to protecting the citizens of our community, especially our children.

On the morning of October 4, 2024, Officer John Storer began an undercover pedophile sex investigation using an online source. During this investigation, Officer Storer posed as a 14 year old female and began having a conversation with 30 year old male [Suspect]. The conversation went on for about a week. Officer Storer utilized Officer Lindsay Thomas to provide photographs, phone conversations and video chats with the male. Over the course of the conversation, [Suspect] eventually expressed that he was interested in meeting the 14 year old female to have intercourse and use drugs.

On October 11, 2024 Officer John Storer, Officer Ethan Parrish, Officer Lindsay Thomas, Officer Matthew Gmina and Sergeant Timothy Brewer worked together to have [Suspect] drive to the area of the Linden Tree Apartments in Webster to meet up. Officers waited in the area and when [Suspect] arrived, officers quickly approached [Suspect]'s vehicle and took him into custody. Upon searching his vehicle, officers located marijuana, a male enhancement pill, condoms and a small amount of cocaine.

[Suspect] was brought back to the Webster Police Department and placed into an interview room. Lieutenant Webster along with Officer Storer were able speak with [Suspect], build rapport and were able to obtain verbal admissions that benefited the case.

[Suspect] was charged with Attempted Rape 2<sup>nd</sup>, Attempted Luring a Child to a Vehicle or Building to Commit a Crime, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 7<sup>th</sup>, Endangering the Welfare of a Child and Aggravated Unlicensed Operator 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I am pleased to present **Lieutenant Jeffrey Webster** with the *Chief's Letter of Commendation* in recognition of his performance of duty and service to the Webster Police Department.



**Sergeant Timothy Brewer,**

It is with respect and appreciation that I commend you for your supervisory efforts and teamwork that led to the arrest of [Suspect], on October 11, 2024. This investigation was extremely time consuming and complex, requiring your officers continuous communication with [Suspect], even during off hours. Thank you for your commitment to protecting the citizens of our community, especially our children.

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I am pleased to present **Sergeant Timothy Brewer** with the ***Chief's Letter of Commendation*** in recognition of his performance of duty and service to the Webster Police Department



**Officer John Storer,**

It is with respect and appreciation that I commend you for your exceptional investigative work and efforts that led to the arrest of [Suspect], on October 11, 2024. This investigation was extremely time consuming, complex and required your continuous communication with [Suspect], even during off hours. Thank you for your commitment to protecting the citizens of our community, especially our children.

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I am pleased to present **Officer John Storer** with the ***Chief's Letter of Commendation*** in recognition of his performance of duty and service to the Webster Police Department.



**Officer Ethan Parrish,**

It is with respect and appreciation that I commend you for your efforts and teamwork during the investigation and arrest of [Suspect], on October 11, 2024. Thank you for your commitment to protecting the citizens of our community, especially our children.

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I am pleased to present **Officer Ethan Parrish** with the *Chief's Letter of Commendation* in recognition of his performance of duty and service to the Webster Police Department.



**Officer Lindsay Thomas,**

It is with respect and appreciation that I commend you for your efforts and teamwork that led to the arrest of [Suspect] on October 11, 2024. This investigation was extremely time consuming and complex, requiring you to provide photographs, have phone calls and video chats with [Suspect], even during off hours. Thank you for your commitment to protecting the citizens of our community, especially our children.

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I am pleased to present **Officer Lindsay Thomas** with the *Chief's Letter of Commendation* in recognition of her performance of duty and service to the Webster Police Department.



**Officer Matthew Gmina,**

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I am pleased to present **Officer Matthew Gmina** with the *Chief's Letter of Commendation* in recognition of his performance of duty and service to the Webster Police Department.



**Councilwoman Patti Cataldi,**

On December 31, 2025, Councilwoman Patti Cataldi will retire from the Town of Webster after 15 years of dedicated service. During her time with the Town of Webster she has performed numerous functions and has positively impacted many facets of our town's government. Most recently, Councilwoman Cataldi has served as the Deputy Town Supervisor and the liaison for the police department for the last four years.

Always a strong advocate for the police department, we are lucky to have her steady voice of reason and wealth of experience to draw from. During her time as our liaison, she has assisted with promotional interviews, budget planning, personnel matters, high profile incident management and bi-weekly status updates on the organization. She has advocated for, defended and supported many of the initiatives that helped our department improve and grow.

I am personally thankful for her friendship and dedication to making our department and town a better place. I am pleased to present Councilwoman Patti Cataldi with this ***Letter of Recognition*** on behalf of the members of the Webster Police Department.





## Department Statistics

For those who are not aware, our records management system (RMS), computer aided dispatch system (CAD), mobile data terminals and radio system are county-wide systems, funded by Monroe County. This helps improve communication among regional law enforcement partners and reduces costs for each agency. In 2021, we transitioned both our computer aided dispatch system and records management system to a new vendor. Statistical information displayed is a combination of data obtained from both systems. That is why you will see some disparities in data across the time period. I am continuing to add the new year to this data set with the understanding that systems and processes change over time. Operational staffing is an additional factor that is not represented in the data. With the nature of the work, we occasionally have officers out for extended periods of time for either training or work related injuries. Also, our hiring process is extensive and we have maintained a high bar when it comes to accepting lateral transfers from other agencies. Having a reduced operational staff has a direct impact on the self-initiated calls for service data.

This report is compiled data from 2010-2024 to give more historical context to the report. You will also see a breakdown of the calls for service into five categories. Those categories are Priority, Non-Priority, Self Initiated and Administrative. A general description of each category is provided:

**Priority:** 911 dispatched jobs that typically involve an element of in-progress activity.

**Non-Priority:** 911 dispatched jobs that typically are reports or after-the-fact calls.

**EMS:** 911 dispatched jobs for medical emergencies.

**Self-Initiated:** Calls for service generated by officer initiated activity. These typically include traffic stops, special attentions, and directed patrols.

**Administrative:** Calls for service that are generated to facilitate documentation of process or operational activities. Typically, these do not involve direct community contact.

Our road patrol consists of three platoons that work eight (8) hour shifts. Officers are assigned on a four day on, two day off rotation to provide coverage seven (7) days a week, 365 days a year. The platoon hours are broken down as follows:

**1st Platoon:** 10 pm to 6 am

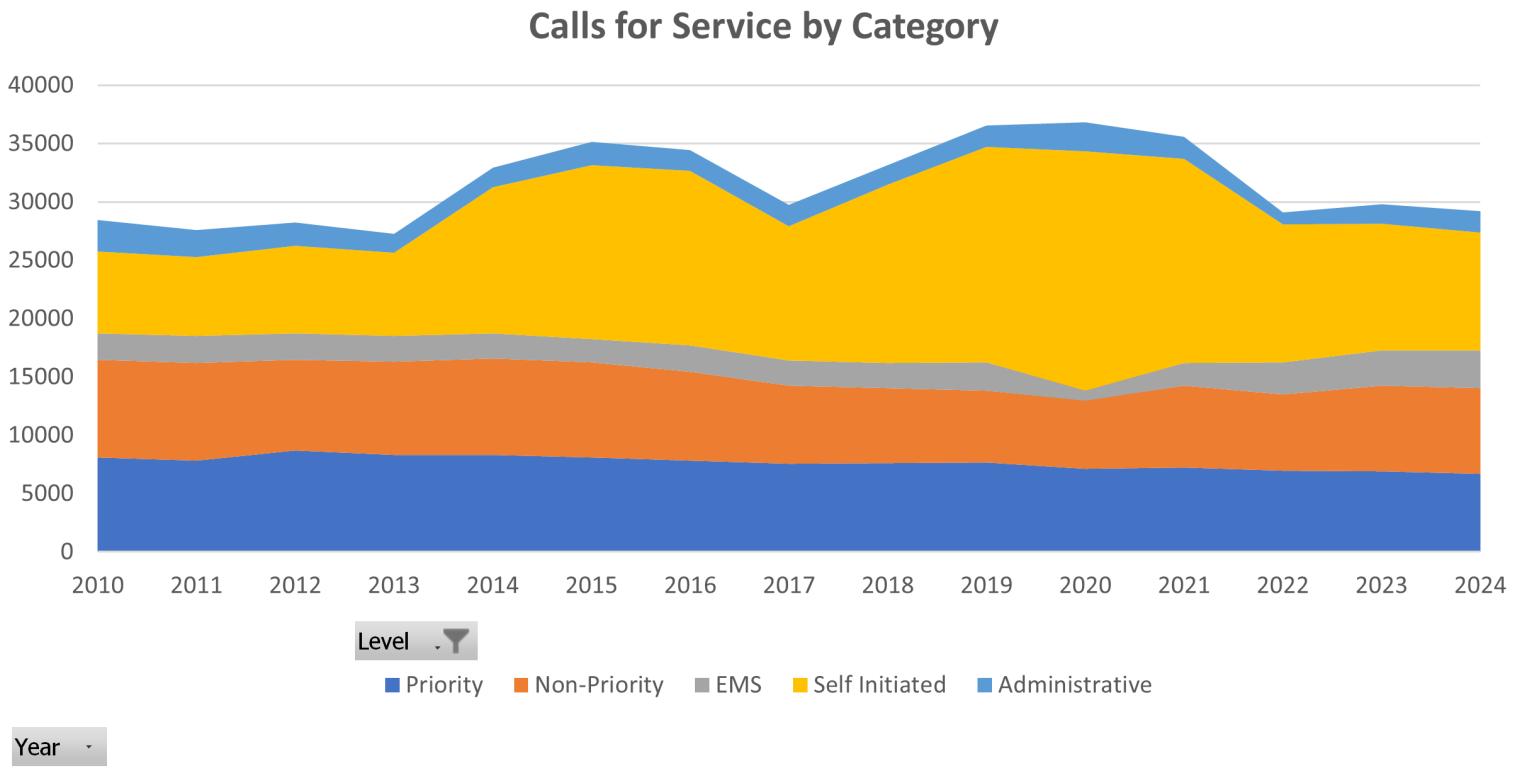
**2nd Platoon:** 6 am to 2 pm

**3rd Platoon:** 2 pm to 10 pm



## Department Statistics

Count of Incident Type



This graph shows the total number of calls for service generated each year. It is color coded to highlight what category the call for service is generated under. The 911 dispatched call volume is fairly consistent across the timeseries. The largest fluctuations are in the category of self initiated activity. This category is dependent on operational staffing levels. Over the years, the authorized headcount has fluctuated and long term disabilities have contributed to reduced operational strength. In 2022 specifically, dramatic changes to the organization, increased administrative process imposed by NYS with changes to discovery laws, and complexity of investigations (ie: impact of cell phones and video technology, body worn camera footage) have all reduced officers available time for self-initiated activity.



## Department Statistics

Select Categories	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>36,824</b>	<b>35,554</b>	<b>29,101</b>	<b>29,789</b>	<b>29,208</b>
Assault	33	24	37	47	22
Harassment	217	218	207	241	209
Burglary	58	71	49	54	25
Criminal Mischief	130	134	116	121	191
Family Trouble	996	1010	983	953	887
Larceny	443	481	605	558	453
Rape	8	8	17	8	12
Suspicious Call	1514	1281	1026	1265	1321
Stolen Vehicle	53	69	58	87	94
Check the Welfare	584	709	582	591	605
Fight	43	49	42	44	33
Robbery	5	4	4	4	3
Medical	864	1930	2741	3066	3240
Alarms	891	898	832	725	700
Assists	2125	2123	1934	2121	1983
Missing Persons	89	81	73	89	104

Previous reports have highlighted specific calls for service. This graph compares the total calls for service by year with the select calls identified. This graph only indicates how the call for service was classified as from the 911 center upon dispatch and does not reflect the outcome of the investigation to determine actual crimes committed.

Note: In 2020, medical calls were reduced to serious medical incidents only to reduce exposure to COVID-19.



## Department Statistics

Crime Description	Charge Count (Arrests) by Crime Description							
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Aggravated Assault	27	11	20	13	10	28	12	
All Other Larceny	182	176	118	206	210	197	145	
All Other Offenses	143	102	92	87	86	106	108	
Arson	1		1	1	1			
Burglary/ Breaking & Entering	18	27	13	26	18	13	14	
Counterfeiting/ Forgery	2	7	1	2	5	3	3	
Destruction/ Damage/ Vandalism of Property	69	54	47	46	26	41	39	
Disorderly Conduct	3		4		3	2	2	
Driving Under the Influence	91	121	79	57	38	40	65	
Drug Equipment Violations	1	2				1	2	
Drug/ Narcotic Violations	69	62	53	50	61	55	52	
Family Offenses		1				1	1	
Forcible Fondling		3	1		2	4	4	
Forcible Rape			2		2			
Forcible Sodomy	2	3						
Identity Theft	5	14	4	5	2	4	4	
Impersonation	1	5	7	6	5	3	3	
Kidnapping/ Abduction	3	6	5	3	3	2	4	
Liquor Law Violations	6					1	5	
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	1		6	2	1	1	
Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter			1					
Negligent Manslaughter	1		1	1				
Non Criminal Offense	526	716	569	434	374	324	388	
Pornography/ Obscene Material			2	1		1	1	
Robbery	5	10	6	8	6	5	5	
Sexual Assault With An Object					1			
Simple Assault	32	21	28	38	51	65	64	
Statutory Rape							2	
Stolen Property Offenses	9	4	5	11	11	20	12	
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	7		1	1				
Trespass of Real Property	11	7	3	5	7	9	5	
Unauthorized Use Of A Computer/Computer Trespass						2		
Weapons Law Violations	10	6	13	3	12	15	8	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>1385</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>1041</b>	<b>953</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>967</b>	

Note: Criminal statutes change over time and certain crimes may be moved to other sections which would make comparison over time more difficult. Chart does not show every Crime Description but Grand Total reflects correct totals.



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Totals	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total MVA's	817	812	573	648	713	695	742
Property Damage	66	68	48	61	67	67	73
Injured	130	149	108	107	114	106	151
Killed	1	1	2	1	1	2	2
First Harmful Event							
01 - OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE	649	661	445	508	559	502	581
23 - EARTH EMBANKMENT/ROCK CUT/DITCH	4	5	3	2	7	4	3
10 - OTHER OBJECT/(NOT FIXED)	3	2	7	3	5	4	6
04 - ANIMAL	33	14	14	21	14	14	10
07 - DEER	46	44	37	29	54	68	60
11 - LIGHT SUPPORT/UTILITY POLE	17	18	10	16	9	19	15
15 - TREE	7	5	6	6	7	13	10
16 - BUILDING/WALL	9	8	8	9	9	14	12
02 - PEDESTRIAN	3	8	5	6	5	6	9
17 - CURBING	3	4	2	6	4	3	3
30 - OTHER FIXED OBJECT	16	14	10	13	12	8	10
22 - SNOW EMBANKMENT	1	3	3	0	2	2	0
03 - BICYCLIST	8	3	9	8	5	9	5
34 - RAN OFF ROADWAY ONLY	3	1	0	1	2	2	1
18 - FENCE	0	4	0	4	2	1	1
31 - OVERTURNED	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
12 - GUIDE RAIL-NOT AT END	2	2	3	2	4	4	1
14 - SIGN POST	4	8	6	8	8	9	9
40 - OTHER*	3	3	2	2	1	1	1
27 - BARRIER	1	2	0	1	0	4	1
24 - FIRE HYDRANT	3	3	1	0	0	4	1
25 - GUIDE RAIL-END	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
20 - CULVERT/HEAD WALL	0	0	1	0	3	1	0
32 - FIRE/EXPLOSION	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
26 - MEDIAN-END	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
21 - MEDIAN-NOT AT END	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contributing Factors * Not all inclusive list							
02 - ALCOHOL INVOLVEMENT	12	13	9	12	9	10	16
03 - BACKING UNSAFELY	88	77	63	75	85	77	95
04 - DRIVER INATTENTION/DISTRACTION*	150	127	71	78	69	67	46
07 - FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY	102	87	75	77	90	96	116
09 - FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	99	117	89	118	109	90	114
61 - ANIMAL'S ACTION	79	59	54	53	70	83	72
18 - TURNING IMPROPERLY	33	32	28	35	35	33	42

Motor vehicle accident investigations are a significant function of the organization. Through education and enforcement we continue to strive towards reducing accidents in town.



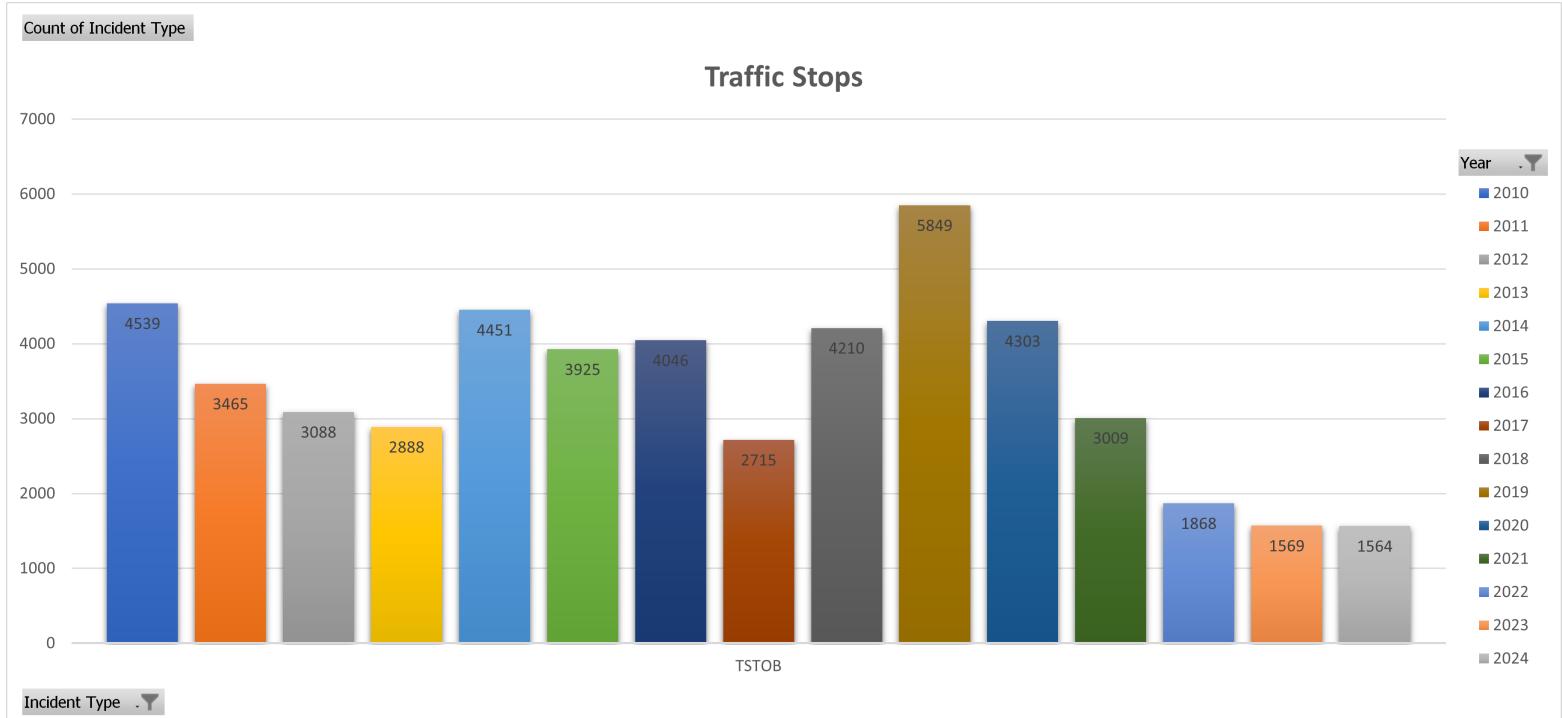
## Department Statistics

Traffic Tickets Issued						
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
DWI	140	96	67	34	42	83
RECKLESS DRIVING	4	7	2	3	3	6
SCHOOL BUS	3	7	-	1	-	1
DRIVER LICENSE VIOLATIONS	502	386	256	160	147	109
REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS	209	225	417	128	93	80
SPEEDING	200	273	191	51	80	65
RED LIGHT VIOLATIONS	71	67	46	22	26	24
SIGN VIOLATIONS	1,046	808	453	192	231	102
HIT & RUN PROPERTY DAMAGE	17	21	1	15	14	15
HIT & RUN INJURY	-	4	-	-	2	-
SEAT BELT VIOLATIONS	100	19	48	25	20	20
INSPECTION VIOLATIONS	293	282	210	179	109	73
OTHER EQUIPMENT	545	464	403	184	176	131
INSURANCE VIOLATIONS	34	65	47	38	41	32
CELL PHONE USE	50	15	16	9	10	7
ALL OTHER	182	360	259	343	1,550	310
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,406</b>	<b>3,099</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>1,058</b>

\*Does not depict all ticket categories.



## Department Statistics





## Department Statistics

	Priority, Non-Priority and EMS Dispatch Jobs 2010-2024 by Hour of Day															
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average
0	518	524	565	530	551	528	533	465	518	488	390	402	304	380	357	478
1	428	430	409	409	446	417	494	446	377	345	293	305	269	318	278	385
2	376	374	367	376	373	410	441	419	369	362	271	297	218	287	192	353
3	316	309	331	327	320	361	404	382	363	325	255	238	203	244	223	313
4	224	245	252	270	300	317	283	308	293	257	174	204	210	220	204	254
5	215	219	212	212	216	288	247	276	235	184	161	185	193	179	192	216
6	257	231	267	246	283	268	267	266	273	282	216	285	290	278	300	265
7	538	563	466	464	444	467	436	417	437	475	355	568	716	762	764	508
8	785	730	752	781	755	686	727	547	588	614	492	718	687	786	836	689
9	1009	985	951	908	948	845	828	754	723	848	623	786	828	882	912	851
10	1087	1020	1150	1120	1077	1031	953	766	878	837	745	940	975	993	1052	969
11	1188	1238	1159	1097	1188	1181	964	879	911	936	786	1017	1037	1079	998	1,047
12	1153	1263	1266	1210	1123	1140	1018	976	938	1042	852	979	993	1071	1139	1,073
13	1354	1266	1213	1239	1210	1085	1083	939	885	946	815	954	993	1047	1008	1,074
14	1249	1168	1219	1232	1136	1095	1057	875	933	1058	863	1121	1032	1084	996	1,080
15	1160	1171	1222	1169	1186	1151	1040	1078	1096	1093	920	1072	1280	1277	1361	1,137
16	1126	1055	1096	1135	1214	1129	1113	1160	1052	1065	982	1010	1075	1110	1106	1,094
17	1059	1054	1019	1104	1067	1041	1107	1042	962	968	826	976	979	987	1018	1,014
18	949	962	985	995	1080	1054	1009	953	911	938	752	907	862	994	981	954
19	870	923	938	888	917	942	923	839	855	810	714	804	810	888	852	866
20	840	846	886	809	837	892	868	816	784	754	699	734	777	794	796	810
21	793	720	826	809	841	774	784	716	629	602	636	639	670	646	685	720
22	672	652	649	640	665	618	622	600	634	494	530	554	455	503	520	592
23	559	580	553	555	560	498	494	494	552	542	493	506	389	486	497	519
	18,725	18,528	18,753	18,525	18,737	18,218	17,695	16,413	16,196	16,265	13,843	16,201	16,245	17,295	17,267	17,260

This graph highlights all dispatched calls for service (priority, non-priority, EMS) by time of day. This removes self initiated and administrative calls for service to show when calls to 911 are dispatched. It is also a heatmap to visually show the higher call volumes. To the right of the graph is the average across the years by hour of the day.

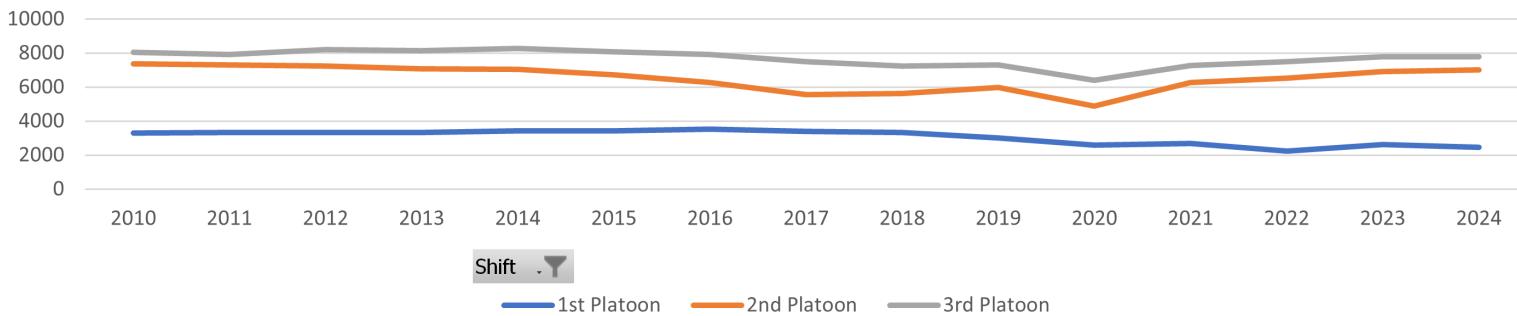


## Department Statistics

Level

Count of Incident Type

2010-2024 Dispatched CFS by Shift



Year

This graph shows the trends in all dispatched calls for service by shift over the 15 year period. This includes priority, non-priority and EMS calls. It excludes self initiated and administrative calls generated by officers.

**1st Platoon: 10 pm to 6 am**

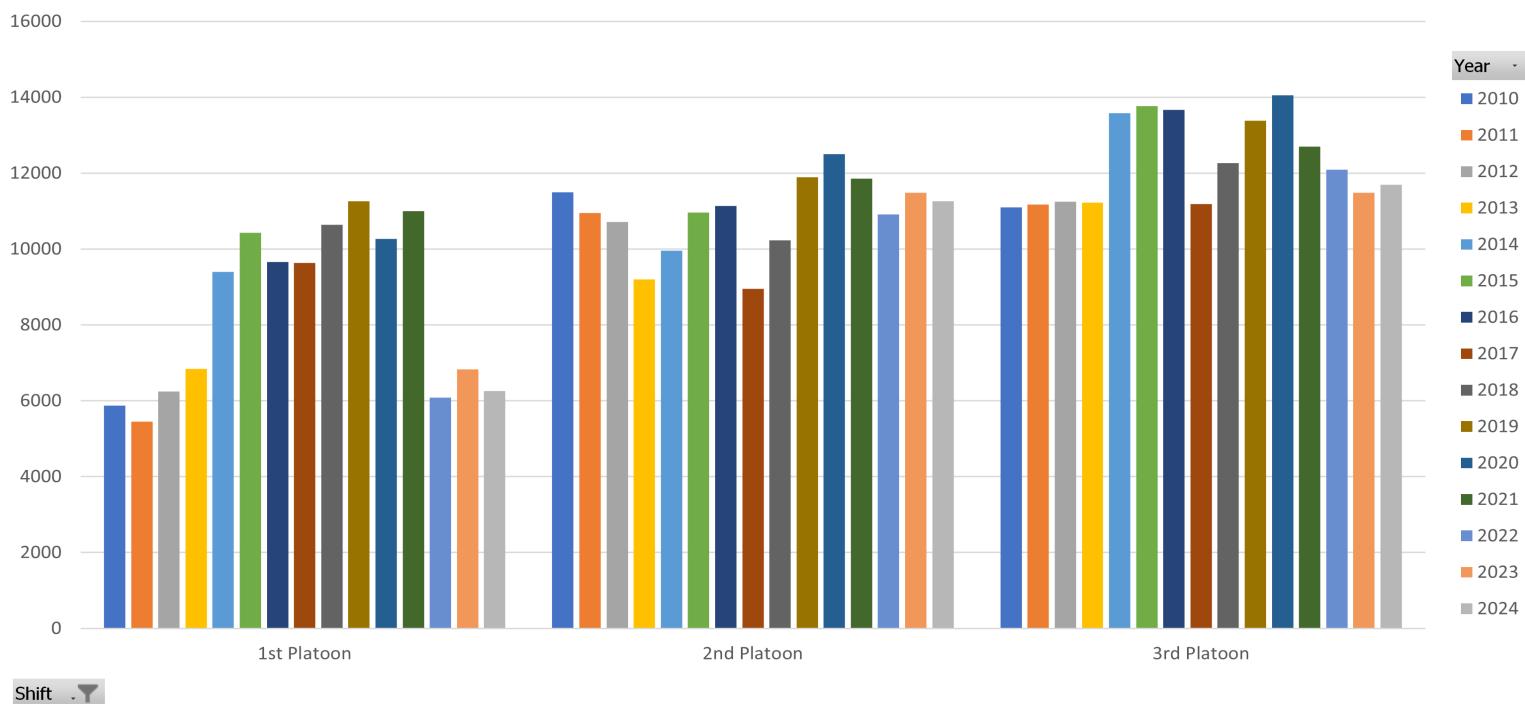
**2nd Platoon: 6 am to 2 pm**

**3rd Platoon: 2 pm to 10 pm**

Level

Count of Incident Type

## All Calls for Service



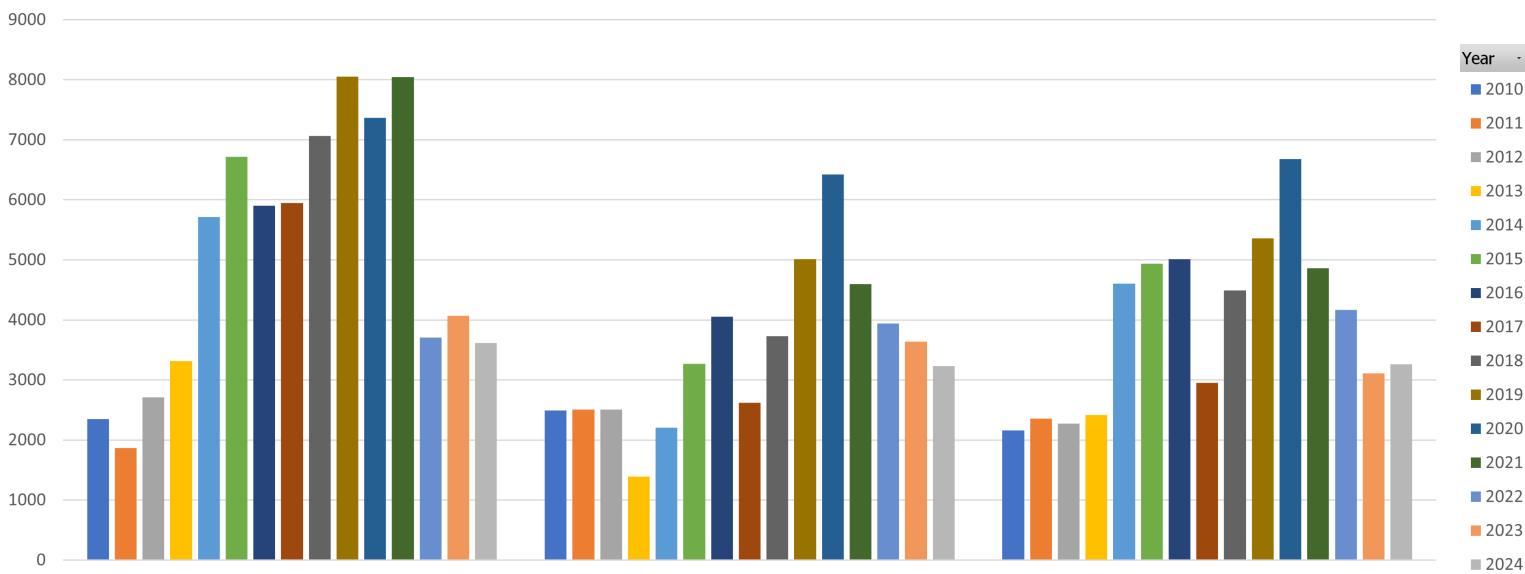
Shift

This graph shows the total calls for service by platoon for the 15 year period. The next three graphs will show the this data broken down into categories of calls for service by platoon.

Level

Count of Incident Type

## Self Initiated Jobs

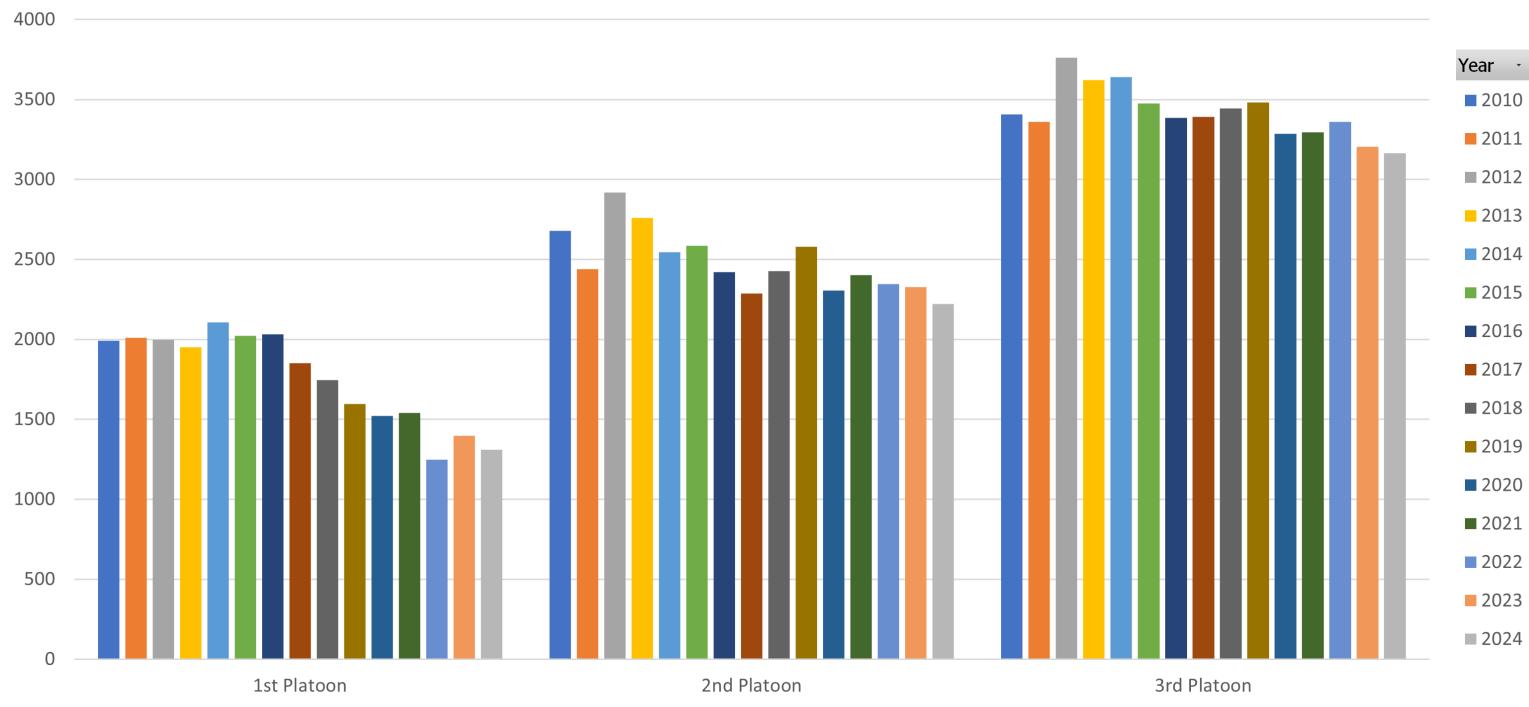


Shift

Level 

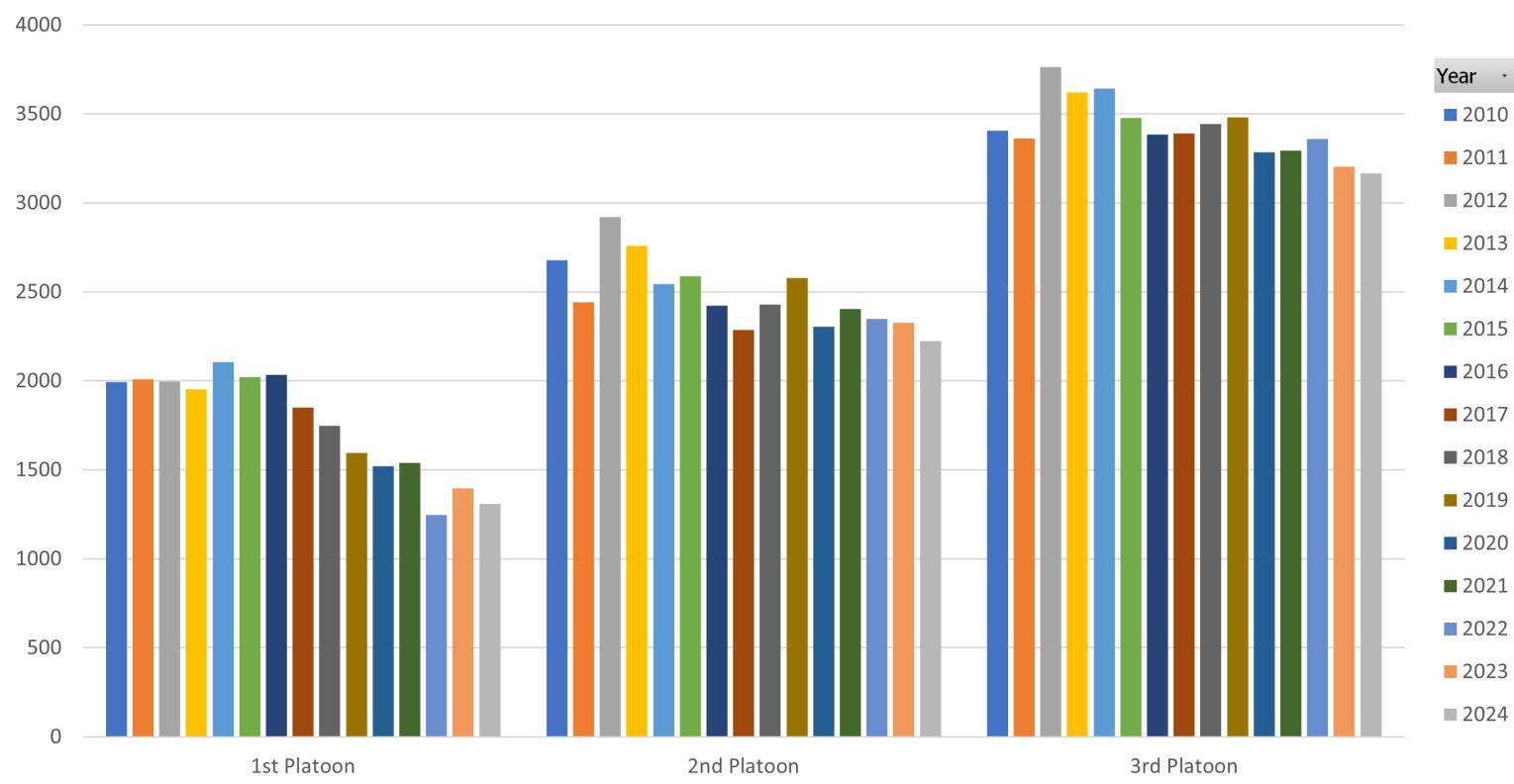
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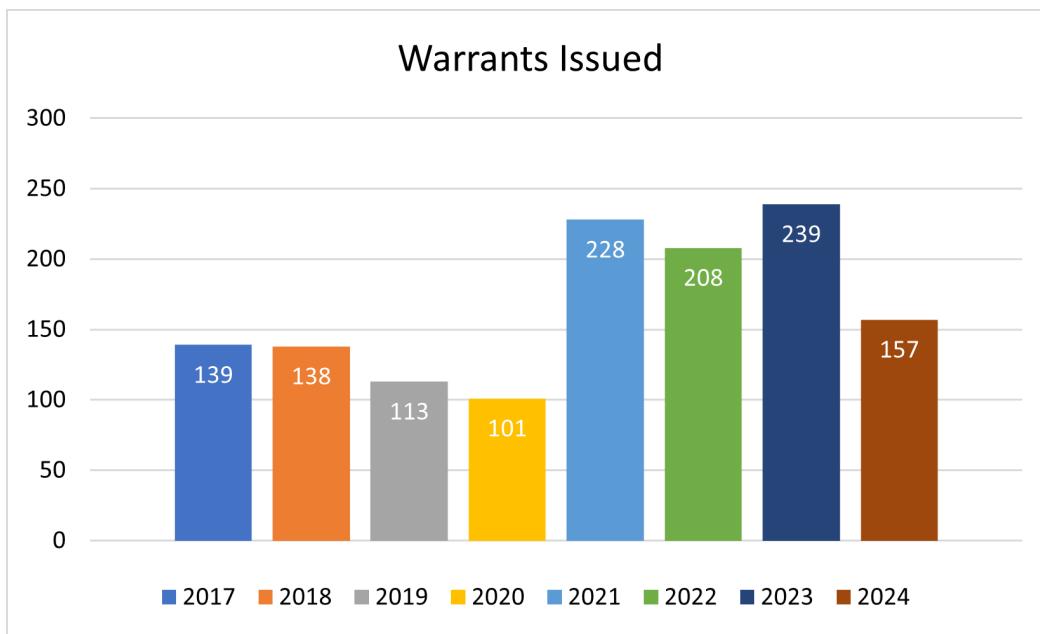
## Priority Dispatched Jobs

Shift Level 

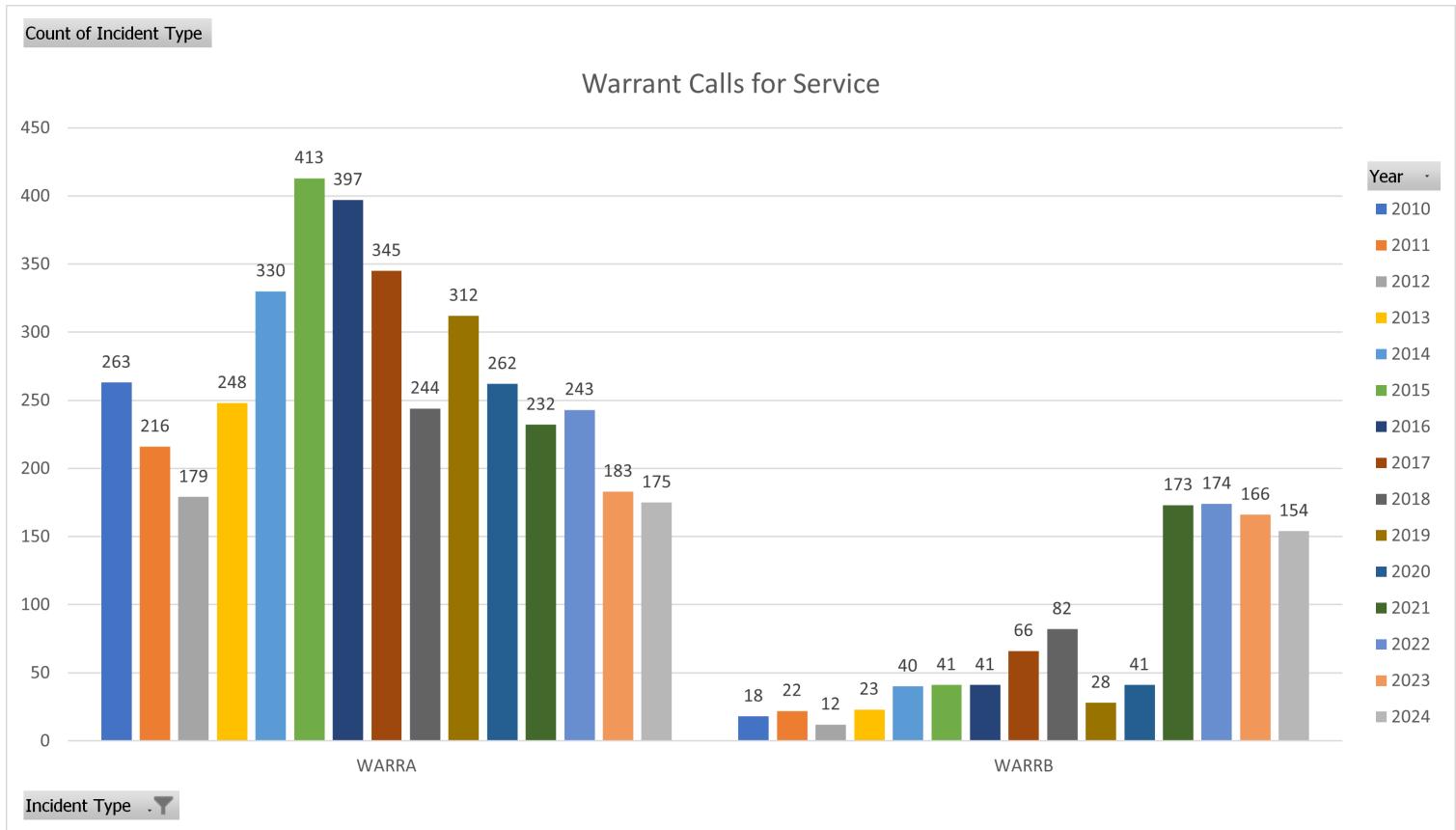
Count of Incident Type

## Non-Priority Dispatched Jobs

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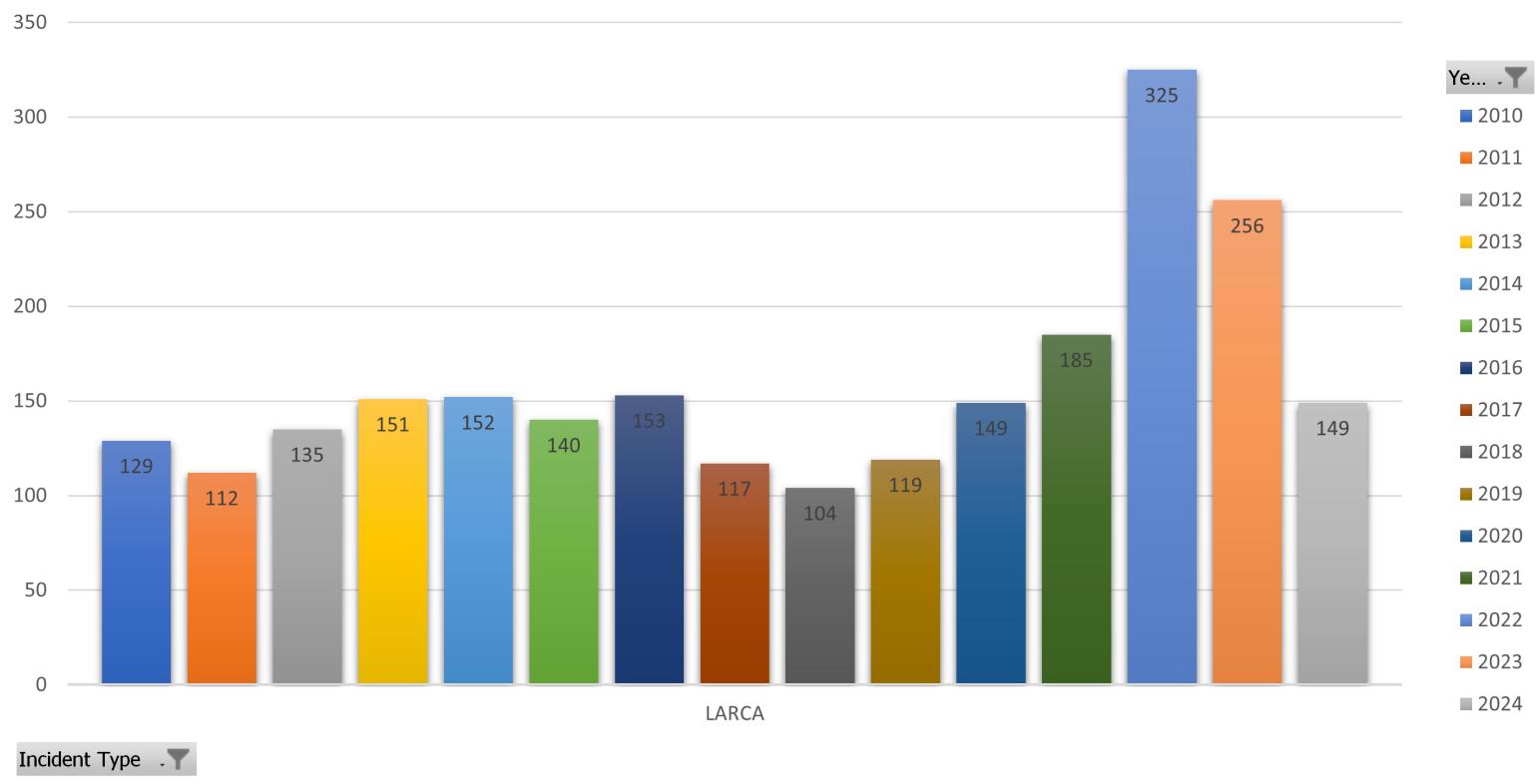


Warrants are issued by the Town of Webster Court and consist of both Arrest Warrants and Bench Warrants. Arrest Warrants are for individuals who are directed to appear before the court on a charge that they have not been arraigned on. The Bench Warrant is for individuals who failed to appear after being arraigned on the charge. The graph above shows a five year period of warrants received by the police department. The graphs below show the two types of calls for service associated with warrants. Generally, WARRA jobs are associated with warrant calls where the suspect is present or thought to be present. The WARRB jobs are for attempts to locate individuals with warrants. We have seen a large increase in the number of a warrants issued and the time/attempts it takes to locate them.

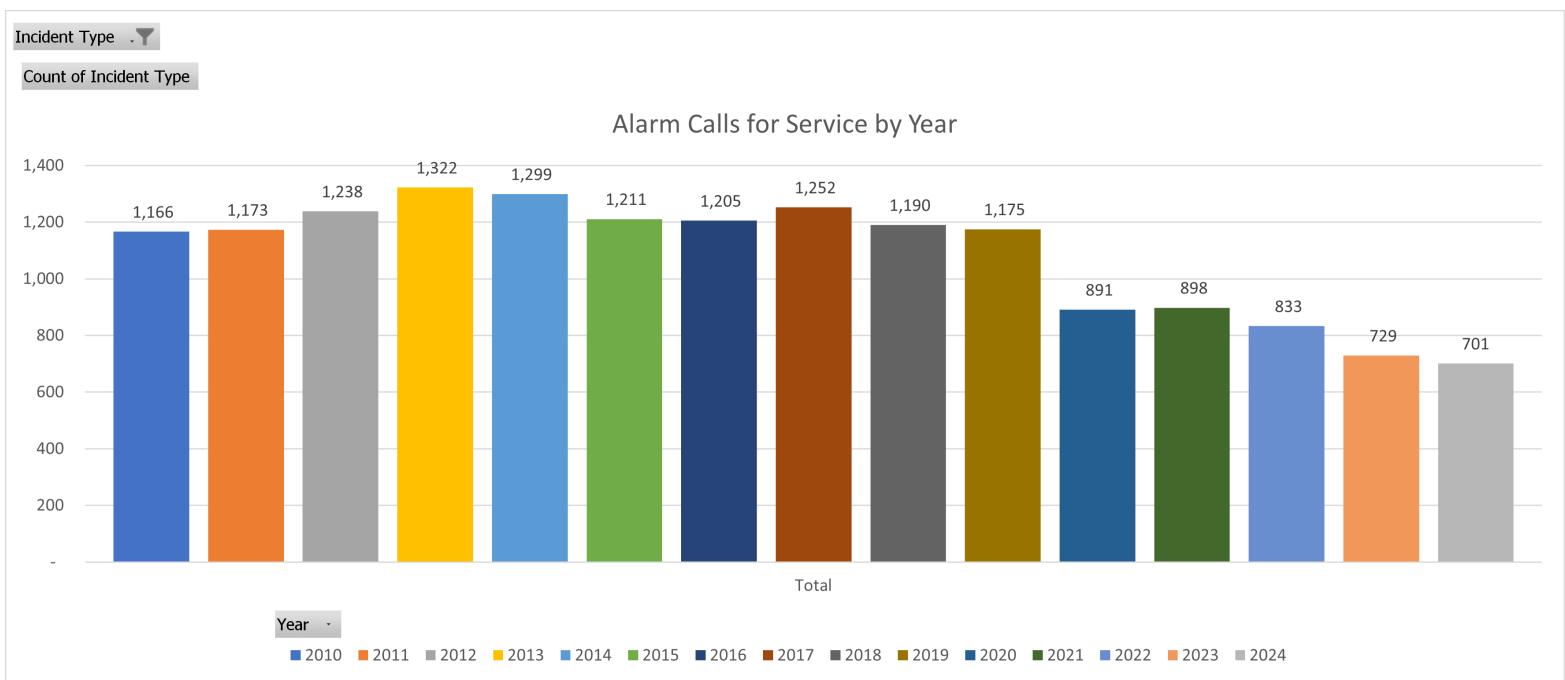


Count of Incident Type

## LARCA Calls for Service



One of the major impacts to officer workload is the increase of in-progress property theft. This is primarily retail theft from a commercial business where an employee calls 911 to report that the crime is occurring at the time of the call. This type of response involves multiple officers, especially if the offender is located and arrested. Processing time for these type of incidents has increased dramatically with the incorporation of video technology from body-worn cameras, surveillance video both from the scene and other areas the suspect (s) may have been, along with changes to the discovery laws. Discovery is the process of turning over all case related material to the District Attorney's Office for disclosure to the defense counsel. You can see from the above graph that calls for larceny in progress has increased 140% above the average of the other years. These time-consuming investigations that occur almost daily, take officers from other duties such as self initiated patrols.



In 2001, the Town of Webster passed an alarm ordinance, Chapter 107- Alarm Systems, of the Webster Town Code. Its purpose being to protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the town by reducing the number of avoidable alarms to emergency agencies. Avoidable alarms contribute to ineffective utilization of manpower and equipment, which may contribute to delayed responses to genuine emergencies. In 2022, we conducted a review of the process we were using to enforce the local law. We identified that we were not fully in compliance with the local law process and that we could improve our communication with the alarm user in an effort to reduce alarm responses before it became a civil penalty for the property owner. The new process has generated more direct communication with the owners and tenants (in the case of commercial property) but has also created some confusion. If anyone has concerns about communication they receive related to the alarm process, I encourage them to contact us at 585-872-1216. We are continually working to refine this process and achieve the goal of reducing unnecessary responses.



## On a Final Note...

Thank you for taking the time to read our annual report. We hope you found the contents interesting and informative. If you have any questions or suggestions on future content about the police department, please feel free to contact me for comments or clarification.

Sincerely,

*Chief Dennis J. Kohlmeier*