

Public Safety: OVPD and Town Court

Community Academy
November 3, 2025



Town of Oro Valley

Tonight's Presentation



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Chief Kara Riley

- Overview of OVPD
- Goals and leadership priorities
- OVPD: 2020 – Now
- Accomplishments
- Looking Ahead

Judge Hazel

- Overview of Town's legal department
- Process after arrest
- Typical types of cases prosecuted in OV
- Relationship to Pima County / Reason OV has own court
- Looking Ahead



The Oro Valley Police Department is dedicated to courageous and selfless service in preventing crime, building trust, and enhancing quality of life in our community.

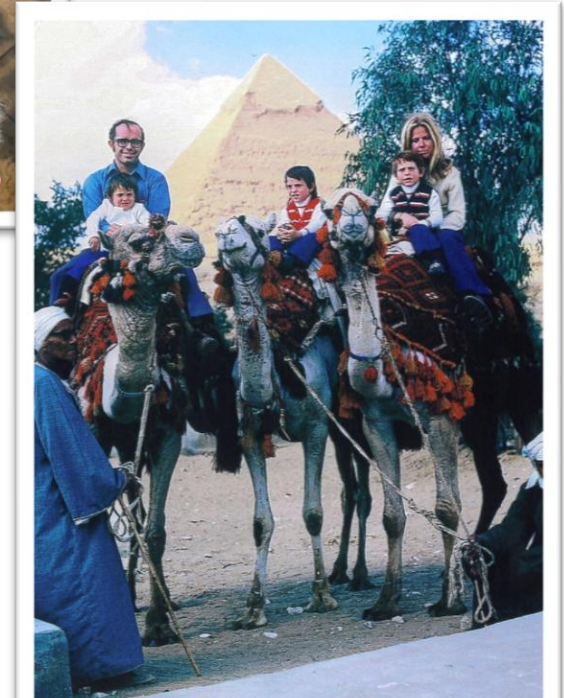


Get to know your Chief



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- Family
- Upbringing
 - Abu Dhabi
 - Taiwan
 - Sudan, Africa
- Career



Goals and Leadership Philosophies



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- Indebted to all of OVPD
- Best agency in Arizona
- You should know who your leader and my philosophies
 - Remember where you came from
 - Surround yourself with good people
 - Courage to confront
 - Respect others as you would want to be respected
 - Always do the right thing for the right reason

OVPD 2020 - Now



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- Pandemic started in March 2020
 - Serve this community as they are used to
 - Keeping the community safe and OVPD safe
 - Calls for services do not stop because of a pandemic
 - Continue to serve in a pandemic is trying on staff
- Murder of George Floyd
 - Race issues
- Bighorn Fire
 - ¼ mile from houses
 - Golder Ranch Fire District
- Aggravated Assault on Police Officer
 - Still pending litigation but very scary
- OVPD Officer-Involved Shootings
 - Tohono Chul
 - SWAT Call

OVPD 2020 - Now



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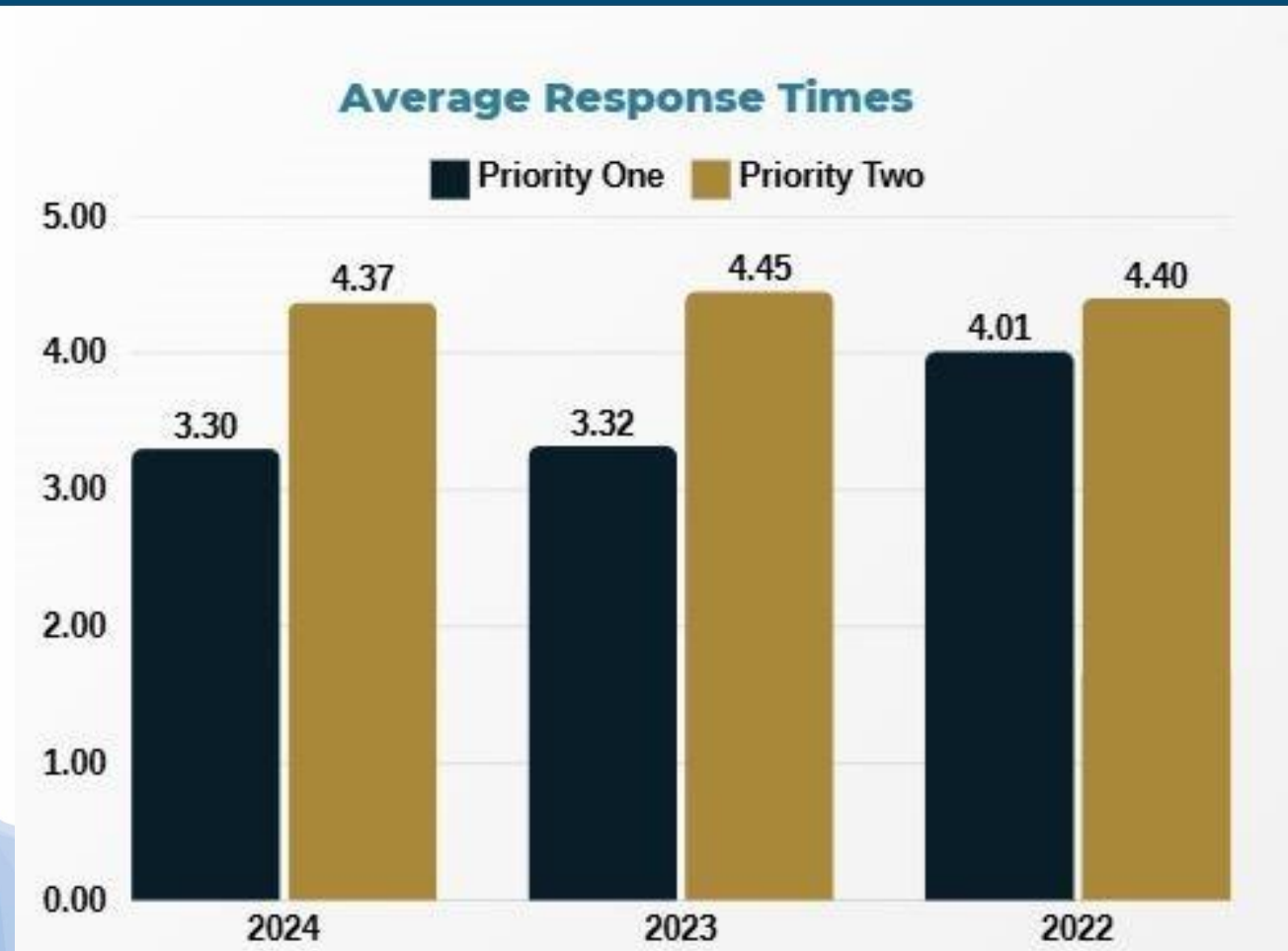
- OVPD saw a dramatic change in accountability of criminal charges
- Judge Hazel
- We are deploying similar to HiVE
- Crime stats determine deployment
- Wellness of staff and families



Accomplishments

- ▶ AACOP Accreditation
 - ▶ Police
 - ▶ Communications
 - ▶ Property & Evidence
- ▶ Wellness
- ▶ Training needed
- ▶ Pay & Compensation
- ▶ Pima Regional Critical Incident Response Team
- ▶ Hiring strategy changes
- ▶ Facility K9
- ▶ Building

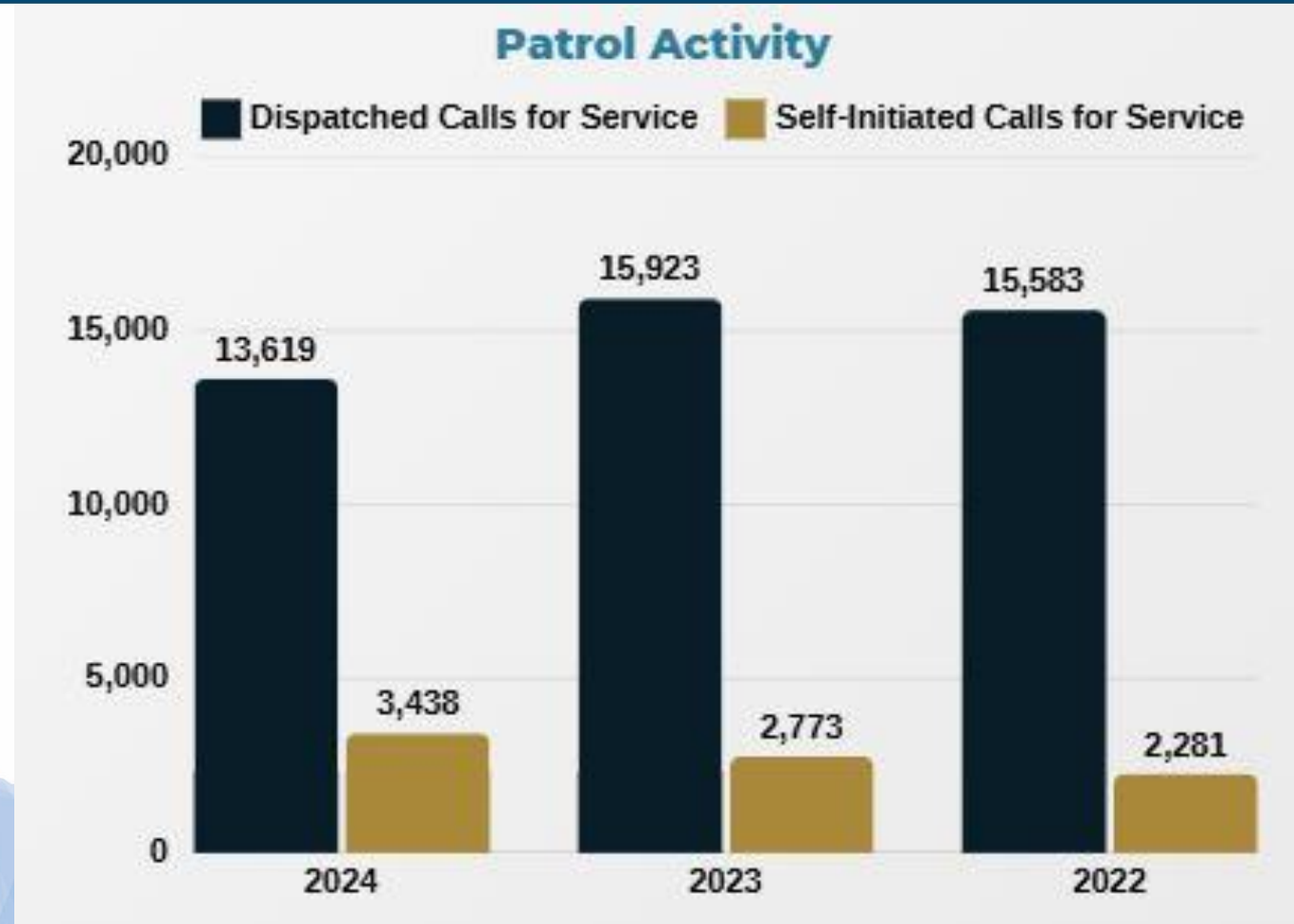
2024 Response Times



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2024 Patrol Activity

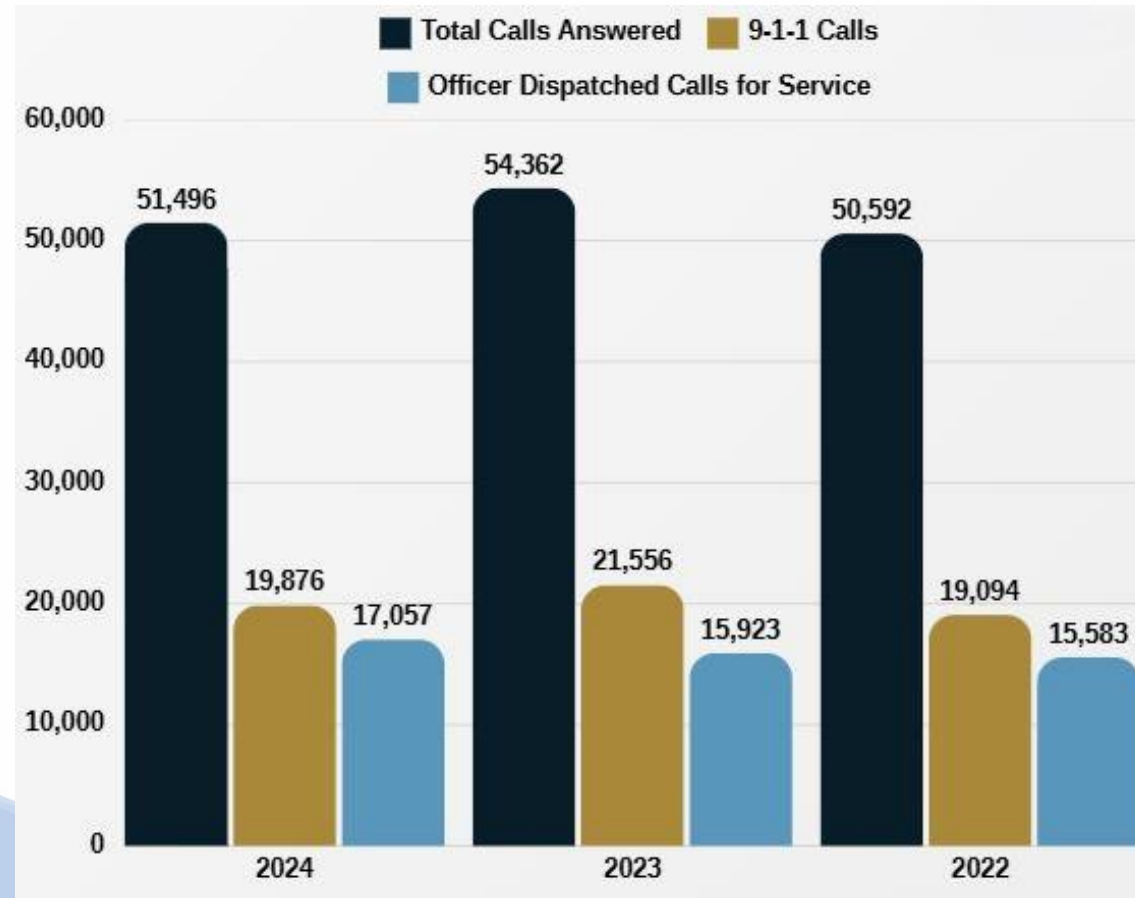


Property & ID

	2024	2023	2022
# of Items put into evidence	4,784	3,815	3,705
Property Items Disposed	1,988	518	900
# of Callouts	193	240	251
# of PRCIT Responses	10	9	N/A
# Axon Videos Uploaded	39,998	30,506	28,372
DNA Swabs Collected	140	181	220
Latent Print Cards Collected	297	255	480
# of Scenes Photographed	138	168	165

Emergency Communications

98% Quality Assurance



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Records Unit

	2024	2023	2022
Impounds	110	130	126
Records Requests Processed	2,032	2,049	1,952
Cases/Misc. Incidents/Warnings	13,689	13,114	13,179

Looking Ahead



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- ALEAP does not stop
- Telling our story
- Wellness for our staff
- Training improvements to lower liability
- Recruiting and retention
- Competitive pay
- Building

Courage is Contagious



- ▶ Love being a police officer, it is a noble profession!
- ▶ I love representing the men and women of this agency!
- ▶ Takes courage for you to be here.

Oro Valley Town Court

11000 N. La Cañada, Oro Valley, AZ 85737
(520) 229-4780
orovalley.az.gov/courts

Presiding Magistrate: Hon. James
Hazel

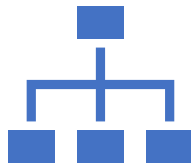
Court Administrator: Anizza Alvarez



Oro Valley Town Court Staff



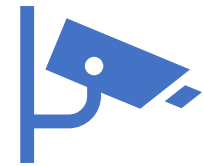
Judge



Administration



Clerks



Security

Limited Jurisdiction Court

- WHAT WE DO:

- Civil Traffic
- Criminal Misdemeanors
- Orders of Protection
- Marriage Licenses
- Records Requests

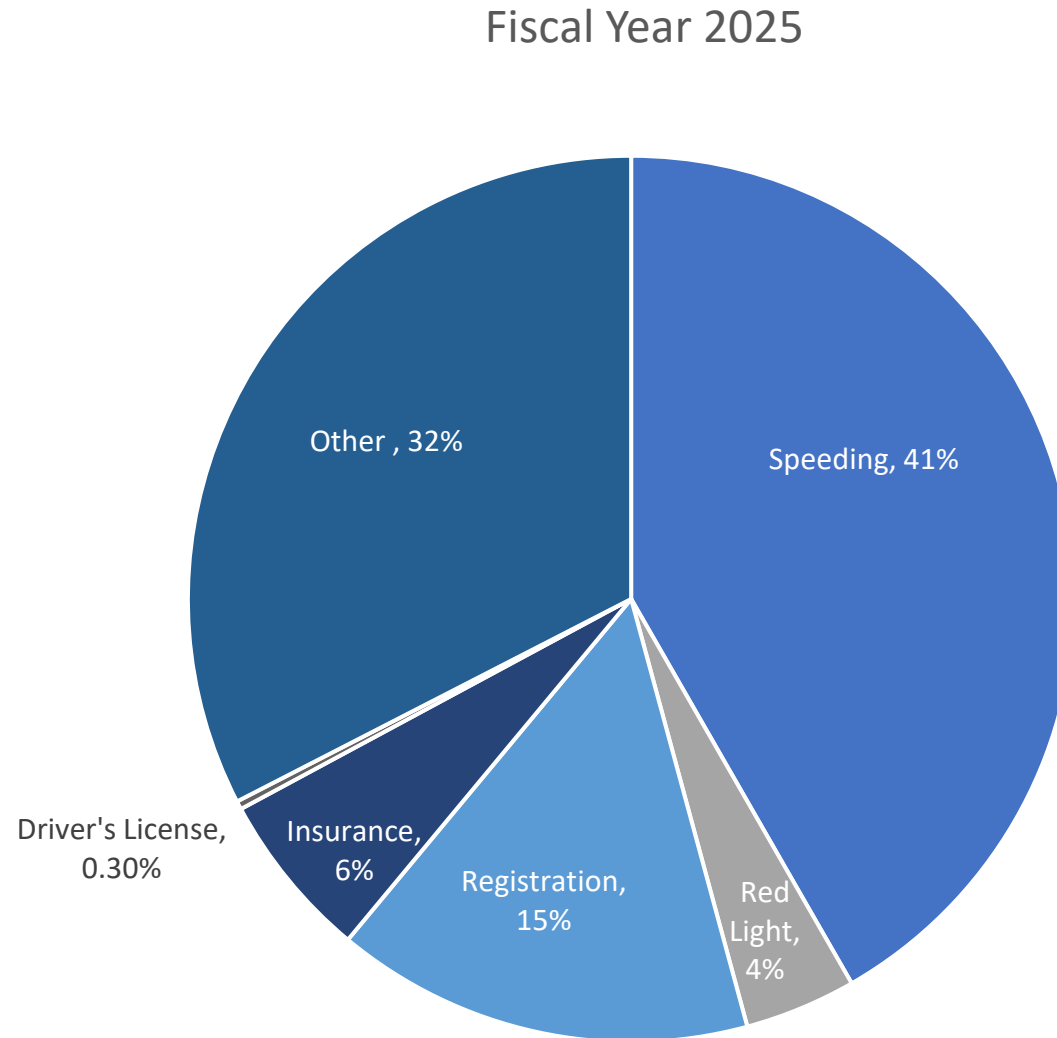
- WHAT WE DON'T DO:

- Landlord/Tenant Cases
- Small Claims
- Felonies
- Divorces/Child Custody
- Any cases that did not occur in Oro Valley

Who Does the Court report to?

- Part of the Judicial Branch of Government
- Report to the Arizona Supreme Court
 - Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
 - Expectations on timelines from case filing to completion of case
 - Audit – case files and financials

Civil Traffic Citations



I got a ticket, what next?

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ARIZONA TRAFFIC TICKET AND COMPLAINT					
Complaint		Driver's License Number		State	Class

- You will be given a court date, known as a Civil Traffic Arraignment
- Prior to, and up until your court date you have three options:
 - Attend Defensive Driving School (DDS) – if moving violation
 - Case is dismissed once the court has received proof
 - Admit responsibility and pay a fine
 - This gets reported to MVD and **may** be reported to your insurance company
 - Request a Civil Traffic Hearing
 - Officer appears and presents information/proof regarding the citation

YOU MUST APPEAR AT:	Court ORO VALLEY MAGISTRATE COURT	Court No. 1045	AT THE DATE AND TIME INDICATED:	Date 09/18/2024	Time 14:00
	Court Phone No. (520) 229-4780	Business Address 11000 N LA CANADA DRIVE		City, State, Zip Code ORO VALLEY AZ 85737	

Where do all the fines go?

- The Court is responsible for:
 - Collecting any fines assessed (including Defensive Driving School) on each case
 - Distributing the money to different state funds
- Most of the fine is returned to the State of Arizona for:
 - Officer-issued equipment
 - Prison construction
 - Probation
 - Clean Elections
- A portion of the money is kept with the Court
 - Court Security
 - Court Enhancement

Example of Speeding Ticket Fine:

\$13 Addl Assessment - Civil BF	\$13.00
\$20 Probation Surcharge - Civil BF	\$20.00
10% Surcharge - Civil Traffic Fine	\$4.49
10% Surcharge - Court Enhancement Fee	\$2.50
10% Surcharge - CSF (eff3122)	\$2.50
68% Surcharge - Court Enhancement Fee	\$17.00
68% Surcharge - Court Security Fee	\$17.00
68% Surcharge - Civil Traffic Fine	\$30.56
Court Enhancement Fee	\$25.00
Civil Traffic Base Fine	\$44.95
Court Security Fee (eff 3122)	\$25.00
\$4 Ofc Equipment Fund - Civil TR BF	\$4.00
\$9 Vic Rights Assmnt - Civil TR BF	\$9.00
Victim Rights Enf Fund - Civil TR BF	\$2.00

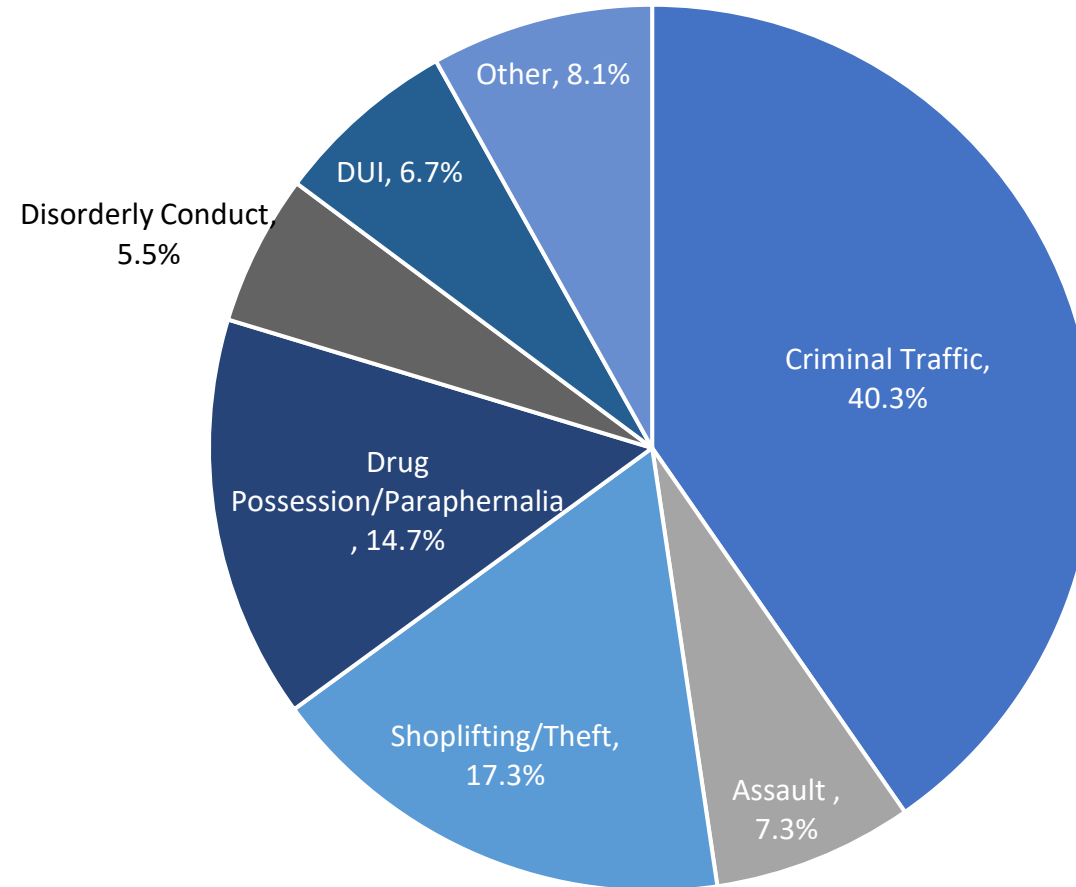
Sub Total : \$ 217.00

Total : \$217.00

Grand Total : \$217.00

Criminal Misdemeanors

Fiscal Year 2025

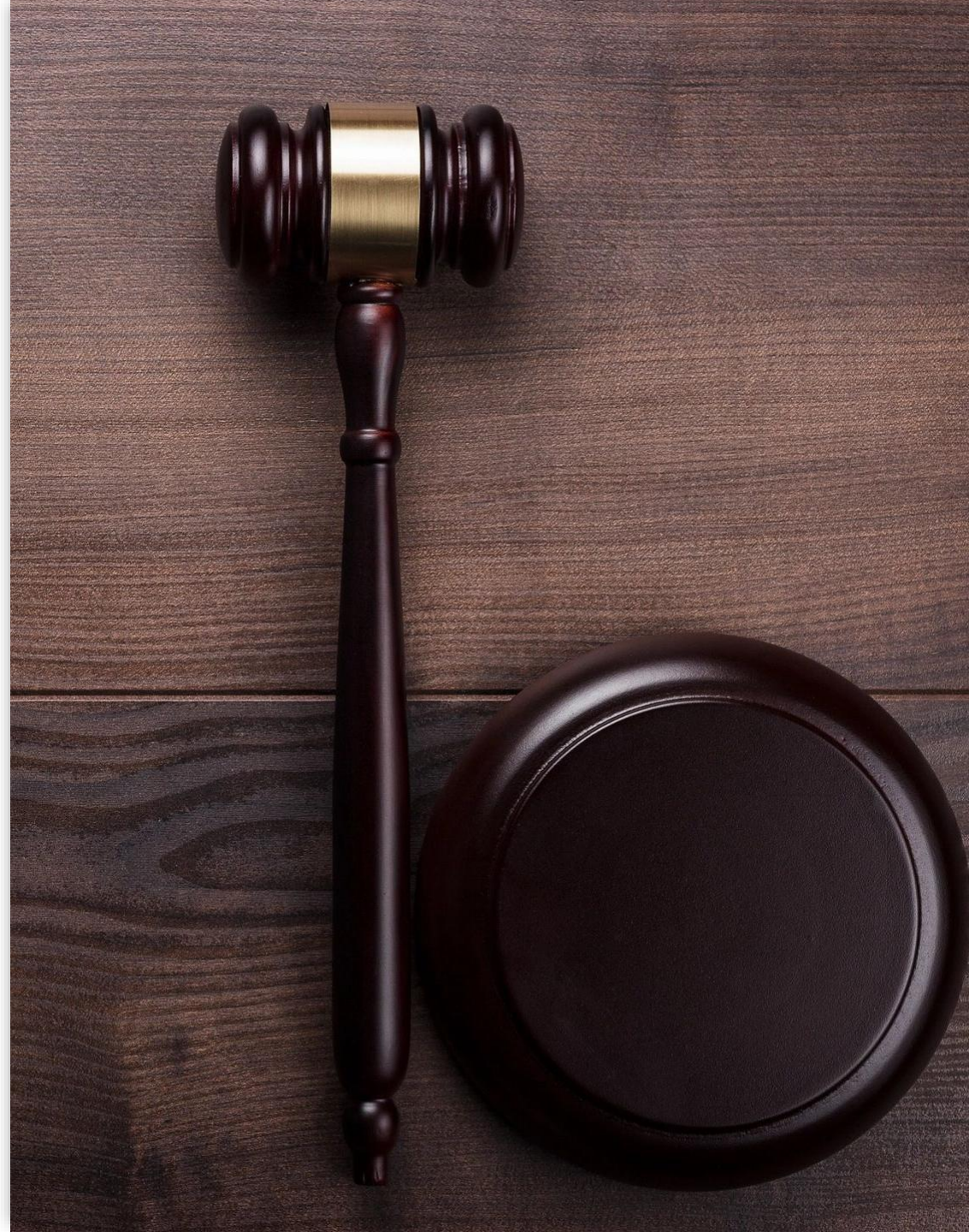


*7% of all
criminal cases
have DV charges

Two paths when cited (arrested)
Cite and Release
Cite and book in Pima County Jail

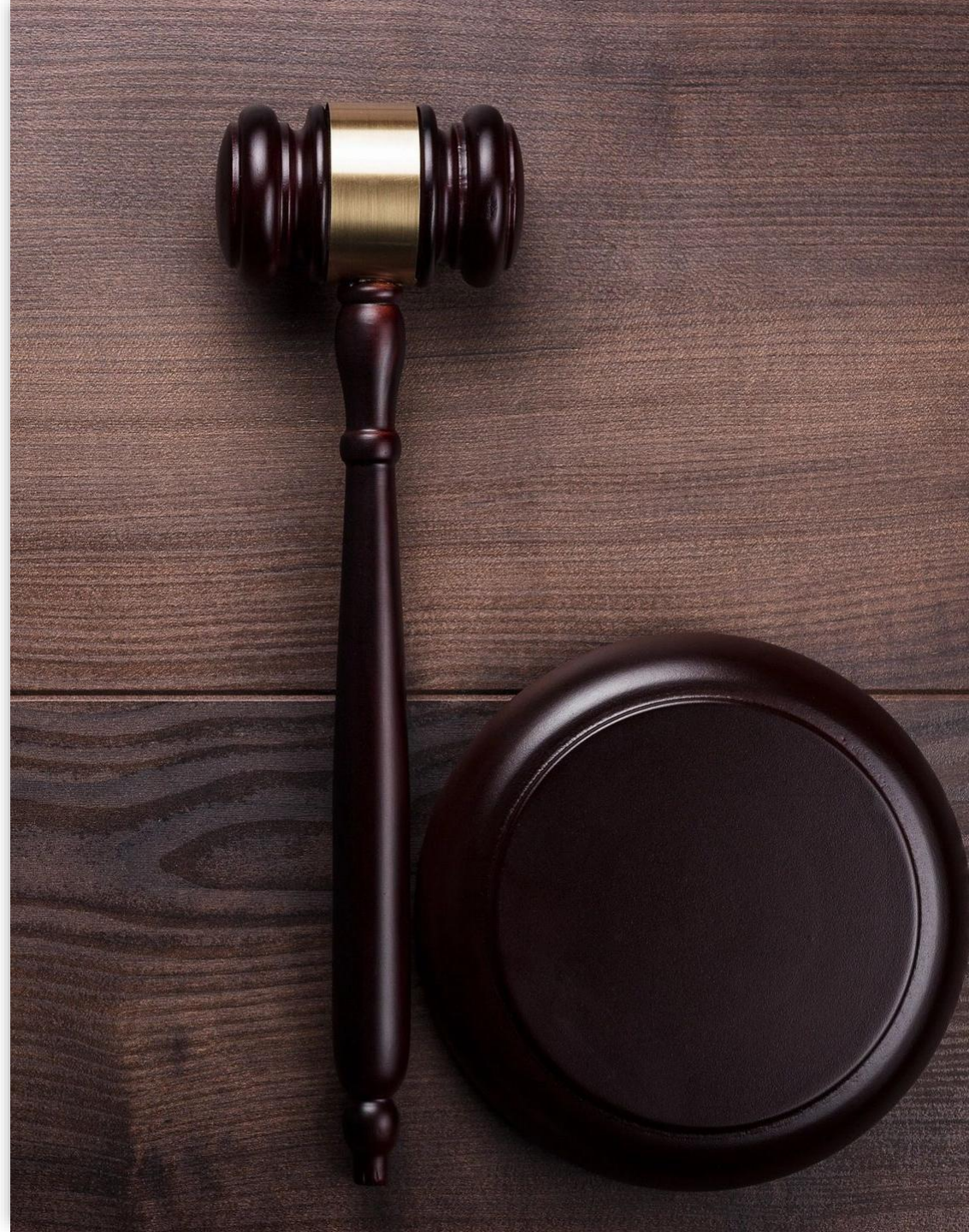
Criminal Misdemeanors –Jail

- If booked in jail:
 - The law states an Initial Appearance Hearing must be held in 24 hours
 - A judge determine whether the defendant should be released from jail
 - If released:
 - **Conditions of Release** are issued
 - Given an arraignment date in Oro Valley Town Court
- If not released (held in jail)
 - A public defender is appointed
 - Given a bond amount
 - Given an arraignment date in Oro Valley Town Court



Criminal Misdemeanors

- If cited and released:
 - Arraignment date given in Oro Valley Town Court
- At the Arraignment hearing:
 - Defendants have an opportunity to meet with a Public Defender
 - Meet with Prosecutor and discuss possible plea agreement
 - Can request a trial and a Public Defender will be appointed to represent them
- If no-show at Arraignment hearing:
 - A warrant will be issued
 - A bond amount will be set
- Trials
 - Depending on charges



After Sentencing: Court Mandates and Probation

- If a plea agreement is reached OR if the Court sentences a defendant, a number of consequences can be ordered
- Court Mandates
 - Attend a MADD class
 - Substance/Alcohol treatment
 - DV Counseling
 - Restitution
 - Serve days in jail
- Probation
 - Unsupervised = remain law-abiding
 - Supervised – Probation Officer Brandon Musgrave

Working with OVPD and the Prosecutor's Office

- OVPD files any citations that were issued in Oro Valley
- The Prosecutor's Office can file charges on any cases that warrant further OVPD investigation
 - Represents the State of Arizona and have the burden of proof
 - Responsible for communicating with the victims in cases
- VIA – (Virtual Initial Appearances)
 - 24/7 availability

Protective Orders

- Can accept petitions from anywhere in the state
- AZPoint – azpoint.azcourts.gov
- Hearings on Tuesdays – Thursdays at 3:00 pm

Order of Protection

- Good for two years
- At least one act of DV
- Must be/have been in a relationship OR related
- Law enforcement will serve order

Injunction Against Harassment

- Good for one year
- A “series” of acts
- Plaintiff must have order served

- Other types:

- Emergency order of protection – good for 7 days
- Injunction against **Workplace** Harassment – good for one year

Thank you!

