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# ANNUAL REPORT

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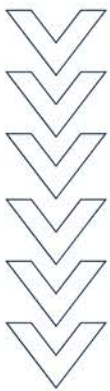
Oro Valley is located in northern Pima County, approximately three miles north of Tucson city limits. Nestled between the Catalina and Tortolita mountain ranges, the Town sits at an elevation of 2,620 feet and covers more than 36 square miles.

Incorporated in April 1974 and home to more than 47,000 residents, the Oro Valley Police Department employs 106 sworn officers and 34 civilians who serve the community.

The Oro Valley Police Department annually reviews its Strategic Plan to ensure it is aligned with community expectations, the Town's Strategic Leadership Plan and the voter-approved General Plan. All three, combined with close resident interaction, act as the road map for how we do business.

### **Mission Statement**

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





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# From the Chief



I am proud to present the Oro Valley Police Department's (OVPD) annual report for 2022. As you review this document, take pride knowing your OVPD staff has continued to perform commendably for this community. As mentioned in our mission statement, it is the dedicated and courageous men and women of OVPD who provide admirable public safety to this community. Some areas to highlight are:

- The completion of the Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ALEAP). This provides reassurance to our community that OVPD is in compliance with best practices in law enforcement,
- The agency completed 14,468 training hours,
- Priority One response times were under five minutes 74% of the time,
- Priority Two response times had an average of 4:40 minutes with a total of 875 calls,
- There was a reduction of 22% for injury crashes, and
- A reduction of 10% of theft/shoplifting crimes.

Our response times are impressive. The reductions in both crashes and crime are a testament to the high visibility deployment of officers.

The health and wellness of our staff continues to be a priority for the agency. Having a healthy department benefits our community. All members of the agency are exposed to trauma on a regular basis. It is important as leaders to ensure we are providing the best care for them and their families. We take a four-pronged approach to this topic: physical, mental, nutritional, and financial wellness.

In closing, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to our community, town management, town council, and all our stakeholders that we so honorably get to serve each day with their unwavering support. We have something very special in Oro Valley when it comes to policing. I am honored and it is a privilege to be your police chief.

*Kara M. Frey*



# Command Staff



**Chief Kara M. Riley**



**Deputy Chief J. Larter**



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**Commander C. Hicks**  
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Manager



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Executive  
Officer



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Communications  
Manager



# Agency Accomplishments

*New Vehicles for Citizen Volunteer Assistants* - Members of the Citizen Volunteer Assistants Program (CVAP) returned to patrol in the new year with new vehicles and a fresh look.

March 12, 2022 - Members of OVPD's Criminal Investigations Unit assisted the Pima County Sheriff's Department as a member agency of the Pima Regional Critical Incident Team (PRCIT).

March 14, 2022 - OVPD in cooperation with the United States Border Patrol and the Department of Public Safety, hosted the Southern Arizona Multi-Agency Honor Guard Academy. Participants received hands on instruction specific to honoring officers who pay the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

March 25, 2022 - OVPD hosted the annual Drug Awareness Day at Riverfront Park. The event's target audience is fifth-grade students from public, private, and charter schools throughout Oro Valley and serves as a fun day in the park bringing awareness to the dangers of drugs and destructive decisions.

Oro Valley was ranked #1 as the "Safest Places to Live in Arizona 2022" by Elite Personal Finance.

The Community Resources Unit (CRU) provided training to local hotels on the topic of sex trafficking so staff can better identify victimization and report accordingly. CRU also provided fraud awareness/avoidance training to the Fairwinds Desert Point assisted living in cooperation with Bank of the West.



# *Agency Accomplishments Cont.*

The Arizona Department of Public Safety Access Integrity Unit completed an audit for compliance with the Uniform Crime Reporting requirements. This audit was critical in demonstrating OVPD's commitment to compliance with accurate and timely reporting of crime statistics in Oro Valley.

OVPD participated in the Arizona Association of Chief's of Police law enforcement accreditation process. OVPD was found to be in compliance in excess of 170 best practice standards in policing. This accreditation process took two years to complete and demonstrates OVPD's relentless commitment to professional policing. Accreditation legitimizes police departments and lends credibility to the organization and the men and women who deliver exceptional police services.

OVPD participated in a community conversation regarding mental health. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information to community members about resources available related to mental health and wellness.

OVPD applied for and received a Bureau of Justice grant of \$17,273 for ballistic vests for police officers. This was the highest award OVPD has ever received from the federal government for ballistic vest reimbursement.

OVPD also applied for and received an Arizona Criminal Justice Commission grant through the Arizona Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding program in the amount of \$42,004.83. The funds from this grant were implemented to offsite costs of personal protective supplies (i.e. gloves, masks, sanitizer, etc.) purchased to protect OVPD staff during the pandemic.

The School Resource Officer Unit was recognized by KGUN 9 for their efforts in teaching high school students about the consequences of distracted driving.



# *Notable Cases*

During federal grant funded interdiction efforts, an officer conducted a traffic stop. An OVPD K9 Unit responded and subsequently displayed a positive alert on the vehicle. Officers searched the vehicle and recovered over 500 Fentanyl pills, over 110 grams of Methamphetamine, over 24 grams of Heroin, and over \$1,300 in currency. The suspect was taken into custody due to an outstanding parole violation warrant and charged with drug sales.

During a targeted patrol deployment, patrol officers were concentrating efforts in retail complexes. An officer witnessed two suspects running out of a retail store, having just committed a shoplifting. The suspects fled the area in a vehicle, occupied by two additional suspects. Officers were able to stop the vehicle and detain all four individuals. Officers recovered the stolen items, additional stolen items from a separate Oro Valley retailer and stolen items from a Marana retailer. Fraudulent ID's, narcotics, and paraphernalia were also recovered. All four suspects were charged with organized retail theft, fraudulent schemes and artifices, and drug related offenses.

OVPD and Golder Ranch Fire District (GRFD) responded to a structure fire involving a mobile home, which was fully engulfed upon arrival. During fire suppression efforts, GRFD located an elderly male subject that was deceased in one of the bathtubs. OVPD's Criminal Investigations Unit, GRFD, and Northwest Fire District conducted a joint investigation.

OVPD responded to a suicidal female subject in northern Oro Valley who was at large having left her residence. A substantial number of resources were deployed to locate this citizen in crisis. OVPD deployed unmanned aerial systems (drone), enlisted the aid of the community via the mass notification system known as "CodeRED", and requested partner agency manned aviation. Ultimately, the female was located by an OVPD officer several streets away from her home in physical distress. She was transported to a medical facility for mental/physical help.

OVPD responded to local hotel for a medical call for an adult female not breathing and without a pulse. Officers arrived on scene and began CPR on her and administered Narcan. GRFD personnel administered additional doses. The female eventually began breathing and regained consciousness. Fentanyl was located in the room in plain view. A search warrant for the room and cell phones for both occupants. Several articles of clothing with security tags from Kohl's, two cell phones, and one Fentanyl pill were located.





# *Notable Cases Cont.*



Officers responded to a call of suspicious activity. A citizen reported two suspicious people associated with a vehicle in a parking lot. When officers arrived, they came in contact with a male who fled on foot. They also came in contact with a domestic violence victim, who reported the male had strangled and assaulted her. Officers contained the area and deployed police canine teams. They were unable to locate the suspect at that time. A week later, Marana Police Department (MPD) located the associated vehicle at a hotel in their jurisdiction. The victim from OVPD's prior contact came out of the hotel room and advised the suspect was still inside. OVPD and MPD worked together to obtain a search warrant for the room. SWAT resources agreed to serve the search warrant and ultimately took the suspect into custody. He was booked for domestic violence/assault and felony warrant charges.

OVPD received notification of a severe residential fire and upon arrival, located the one known occupant, who was still asleep. Officers were able to remove the individual and take them to safety outside of the home. OVPD officers were credited with saving the individual's life because seconds after officers removed the individual from the home, the roof collapsed.

Officers responded to a domestic violence call regarding a female victim who was assaulted by her husband. When officers made contact with the victim, she had obvious signs of injury to her face. The victim reported being punched several times in the face with a closed fist and was held by force with a kitchen knife. The victim was then sexually assaulted. The suspect left the residence and was later located via air support by the Tucson Police Department. The suspect was on probation for domestic violation. He was taken into custody and booked into Pima County Jail for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, and three counts of sexual assault.

During patrol, an officer conducted a traffic stop with a temporary tag, where the registered owner had an active felony warrant out of South Carolina US Marshals Office for "Heroin-sell". He was also noted to have violent tendencies and resisting officers. The suspect was extradited by the US Marshals Office back to South Carolina.

OVPD's Criminal Investigation Unit investigated a child molestation that took place in 2019 involving a biological relative of a five-year-old child. After extensive investigation and judicial proceedings, the jury found the individual guilty of two counts of child molestation with a presumptive minimum prison sentence of 21 years.



# *Notable Cases Cont.*

Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for not displaying a license plate. During the stop, it was discovered that the driver provided false information pertaining to his name. The driver refused to provide his legitimate name. He was placed under arrest accordingly. The driver ultimately disclosed his name, revealing he had a US Marshals warrant with full extradition and no bond for human smuggling. During the course of the investigation, it was learned that the driver was a current Sinaloa Cartel member. The investigation revealed a small bag with five data cards concealed within the rear seat of the vehicle as well as a small quantity of Fentanyl pills. The suspect was transferred to custody of the US Marshals.

During a separate traffic stop, officers discovered the male driver was a recently released felon and on supervised federal probation for human smuggling. The female passenger was found to be in possession of Fentanyl and paraphernalia and the male driver was in possession of 24 grams of meth, numerous documents of stolen personal information, fraudulent gift cards/credit cards, forged New Mexico drivers license, four laptop computers, and five cell phones. Both were booked into Pima County Jail on felony charges.

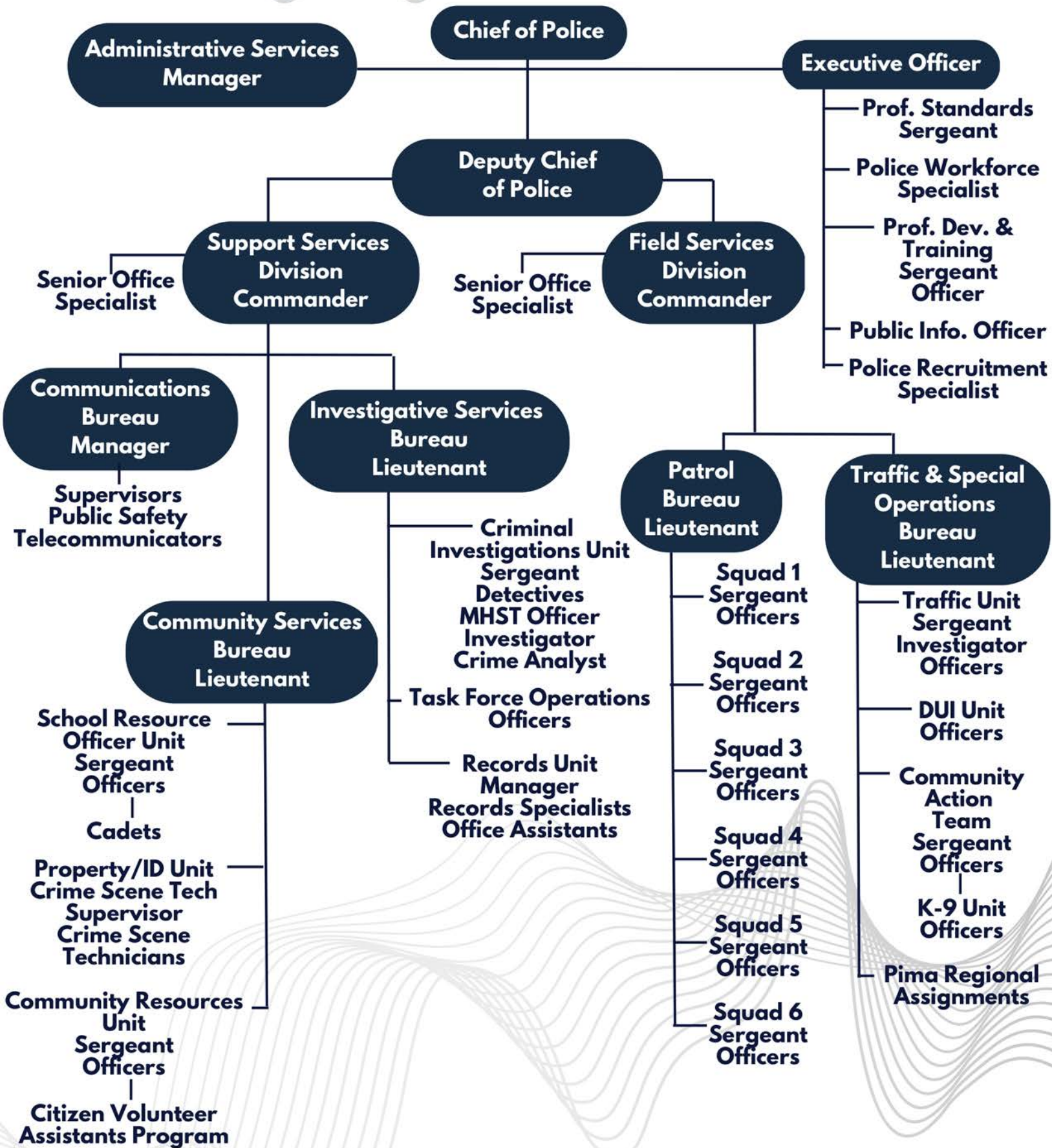
Officers responded to a caller advising of a male nodding off while driving. Officers located the vehicle and upon contact, paraphernalia was located in plain view. A search of the occupants and the vehicle uncovered 156 Fentanyl pills and more paraphernalia. The driver was arrested for possession and sale of narcotics. The passenger was arrested for possession of narcotics. Both were booked into Pima County Jail.

OVPD dispatch aired an attempt to locate after receiving information that there was a reckless driver in a black Chevy Silverado driving south on Oracle Road from Rancho Vistoso at over 90 MPH. An OVPD officer was on an unrelated traffic stop on Oracle Road just north of La Reserve when he observed the suspect vehicle pass by his stop at an extremely high rate of speed, weaving through traffic and then passing vehicles on the shoulder of Oracle Road. The speeding truck then crossed into the northbound lanes of traffic while still heading south, where a head on collision with a maroon Chevy Silverado occurred. The drivers of both vehicles were declared deceased on scene and no other passengers were in either vehicle.





# Organizational Chart



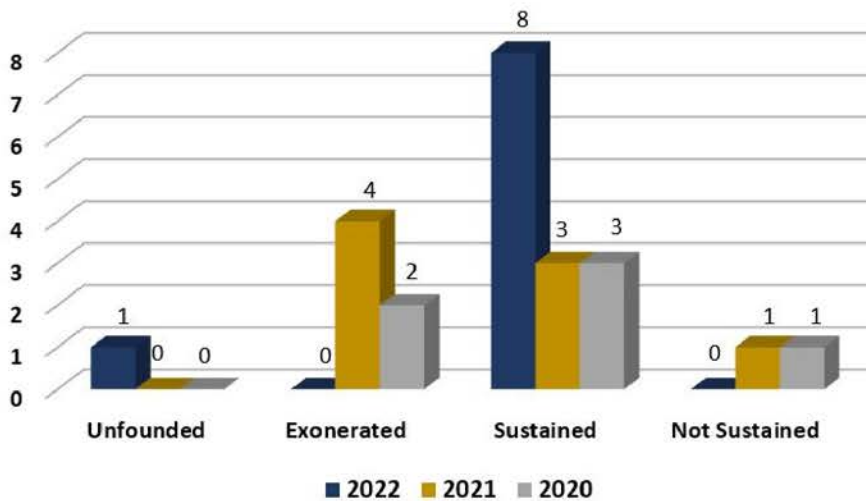


# Office of Professional Standards

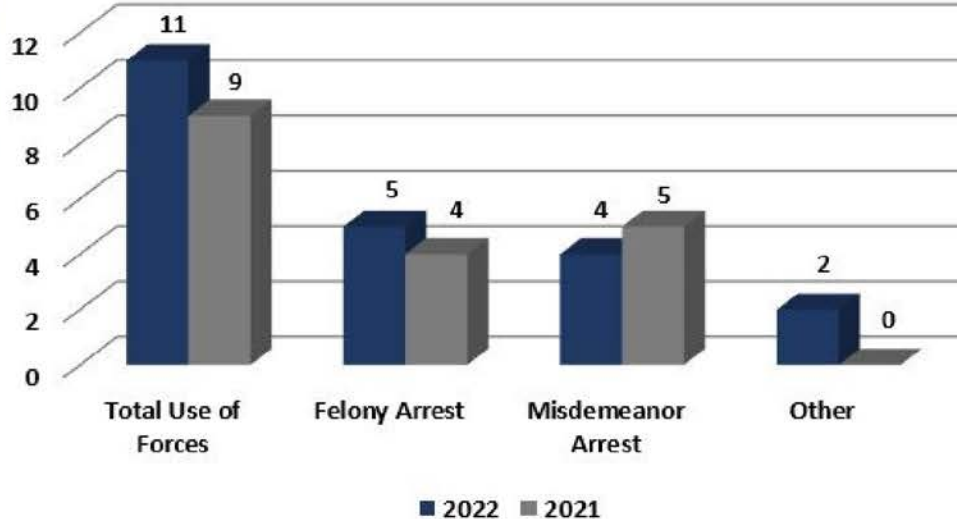
## MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Oro Valley Police Department's Office of Professional Standards (OOPS) to utilize thorough and impartial internal investigations to ensure the integrity of the Department and to ensure its members are serving the community at the highest standards of professional conduct while also protecting members from frivolous or false accusations.

### Internal Investigations



### OVPD Use of Force Stats



The OOPS is supervised by a sergeant who oversees and investigates citizen complaints and internally ordered inspections. OOPS also maintains records of use of force incidents, vehicle pursuits, and policy revisions. OOPS conducts the hiring process and background investigations for interested police department applicants for both commissioned and civilian positions.



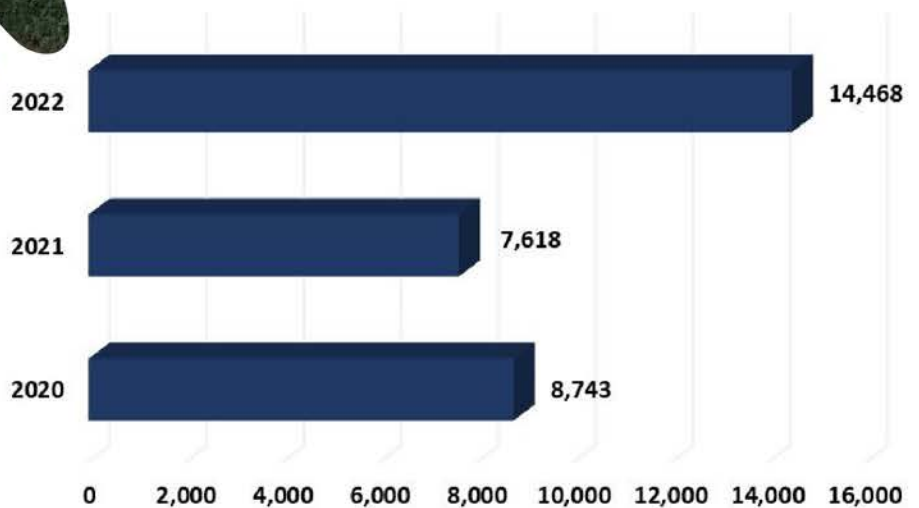
# Professional Development & Training

## MISSION STATEMENT

Providing officers relevant and timely training to ensure readiness for duty and enabling career excellence while striving to maintain officer health and wellness.



## TRAINING HOURS



In support of the community policing philosophy, training ensures OVPD staff provides the most efficient and effective public safety service. Staff is trained to deliver a high level of service that exceeds the community's expectations and allows our staff to maintain professional certifications. Training focuses on developing the skills, abilities, knowledge, and talents to maintain professional and expert service.

This program is also responsible for new officer orientation and field training. This program is provided to prepare new officers for the stresses of attending a police academy along with orienting them to Oro Valley. During 2022, OVPD hired 18 full-time officers to fill attrition vacancies and two new positions.

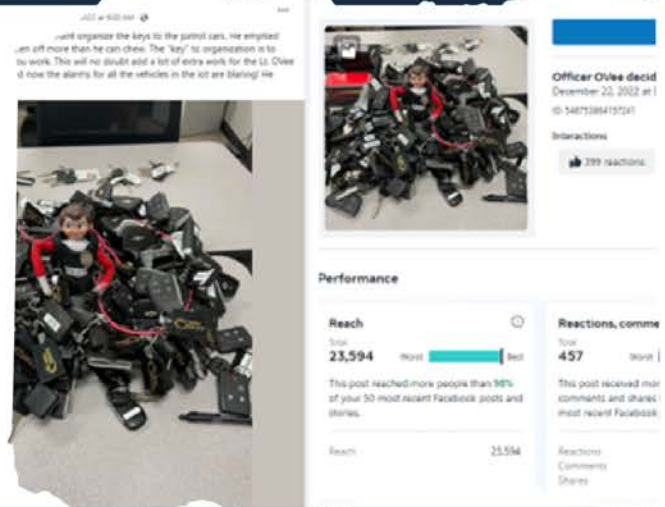


# Public Information Officer

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Public Information Officer (PIO) is dedicated to transparency and increasing public awareness related to the Oro Valley community using internal and external communications, press releases, marketing, advertisements, and social media while building and ensuring a strong and consistent brand that will strengthen community relationships and partnerships.

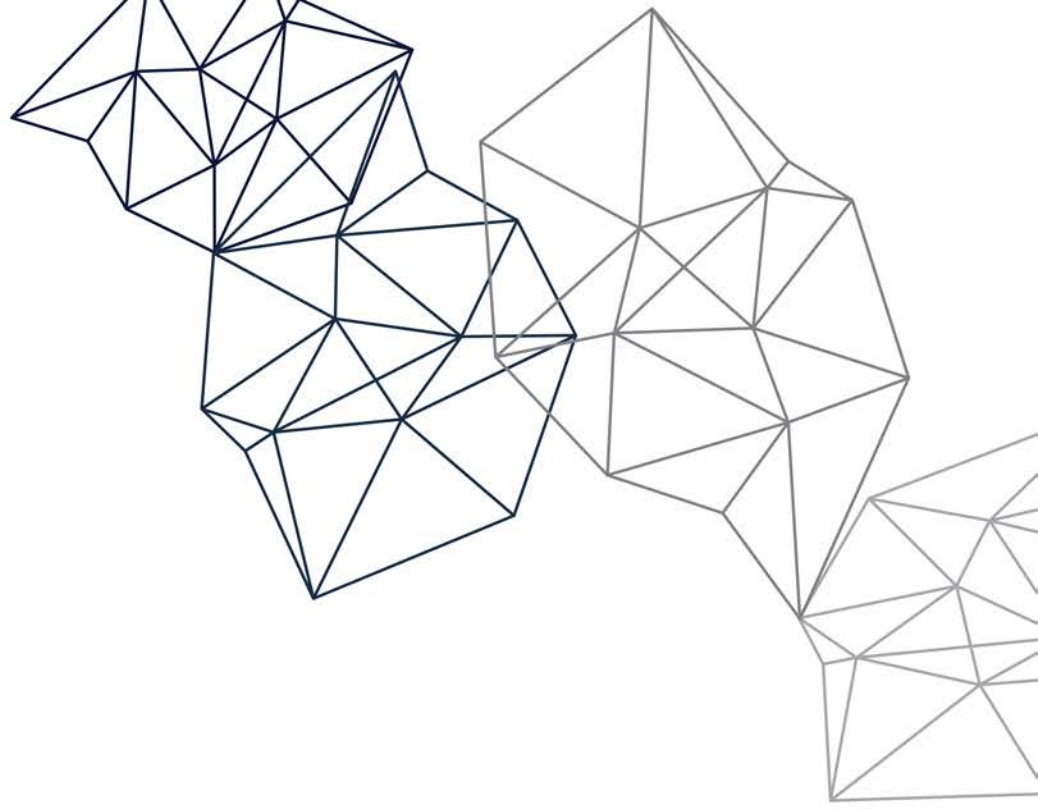
	2022 Followers	2021 Followers
Facebook	18,111	16,710
Twitter	7,585	6,716
Instagram	2,280	2,015



The PIO works closely with the media and constituents to ensure police specific information is managed and disseminated in a timely and accurate manner. Areas of responsibility of the PIO include:

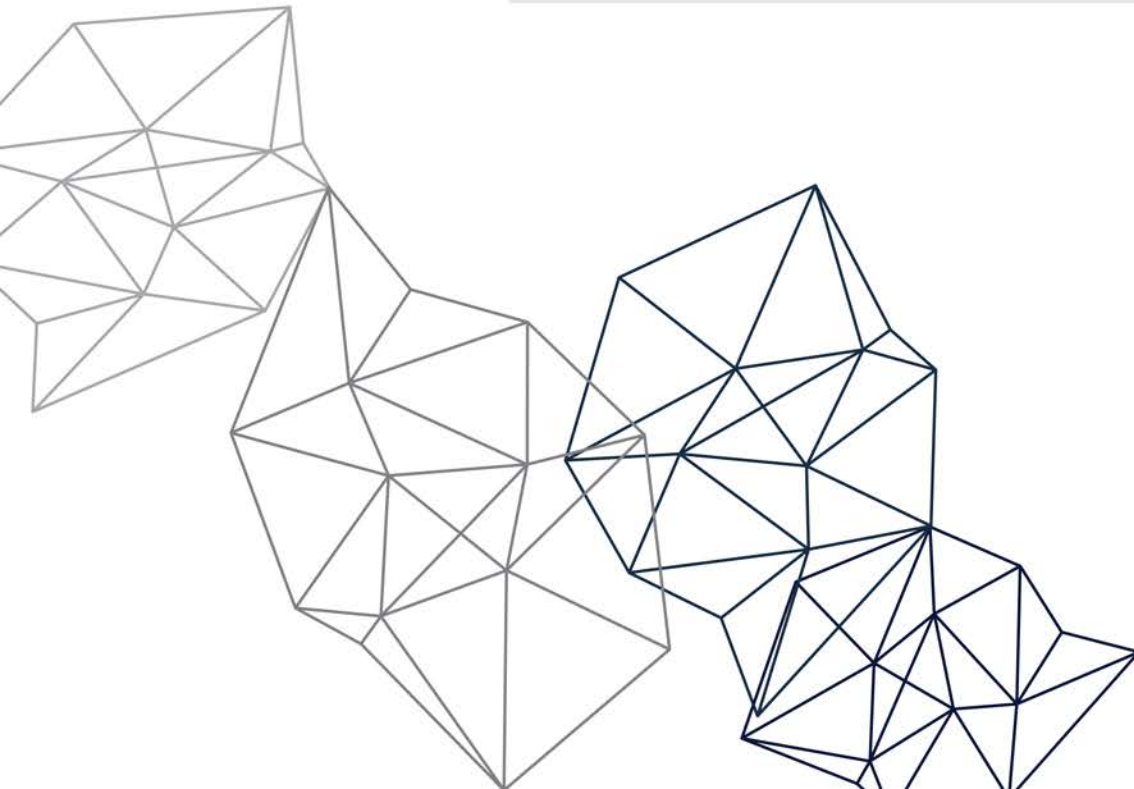
- **Managing social media presence.** Informing and engaging the community to ensure an open and transparent level of communication.
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - Instagram
  - NextDoor
  - Ring Neighbors
- **Respond to daily inquiries from the media and community members.**
- **Coordinate external messaging through appropriate channels during major incidents.**
  - Press releases
  - Social media posts
  - Interviews
- **Work cooperatively with local and regional partners during major or cross jurisdictional incidents.**
  - PIO partners with the Pima Regional Critical Incident Team (PRCIT) to respond to officer involved critical incidents.





# *Support Services*

## *Division*





# Records Unit

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Oro Valley Records Unit's mission is dedicated to maintaining and ensuring the integrity of criminal record data generated by the Oro Valley Police Department. The Unit strives to provide prompt and efficient services to the public, law enforcement, and government agencies.



	2022	2021	2020
<b>Impounds</b>	126	184	115
<b>Cases/Miscellaneous Incident/Warnings</b>	12,771	13,179	12,848

The Records Unit is responsible for processing, distributing, and maintaining all public law enforcement records generated by the Oro Valley Police Department. The Records Unit scans all documents into our records management system and follows our state approved records retention schedule for destroying records. The Records Unit adheres to the release policy mandated by state law. The Unit is also responsible for the handling of vehicle impound releases, verifying the required documentation through the Motor Vehicle Division, preparing the proper paperwork, and collecting the necessary fees. The Unit also reviews and redacts AXON video for release to the public and media when requested.

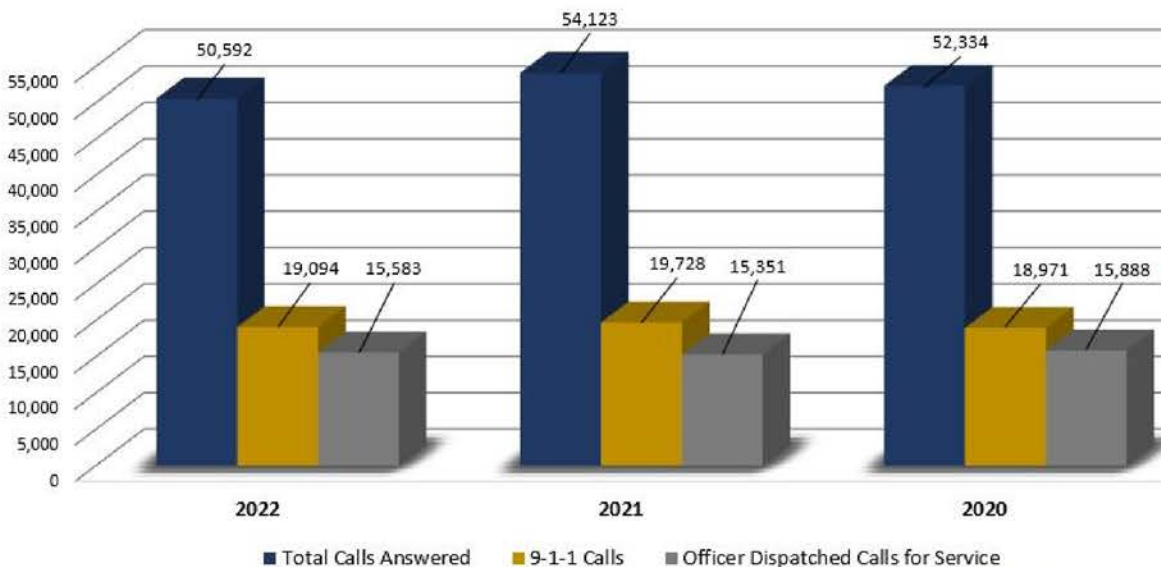


# Communications Bureau

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Communications Bureau provides a vital link between the public and emergency services. We accomplish our mission by assisting all customers by dispatching appropriate responses to their concerns, demonstrating compassion and empathy in our delivery of service, being proactive in providing a safe and secure community for all those who live in and visit Oro Valley, protecting those in harm's way by providing resources to assist them, and working as a team within our department, within our town and with other agencies.

Police Communications



**The Communications Bureau is the answering point for all 9-1-1 calls in Oro Valley. The Bureau operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The emergency communications center is staffed with highly skilled full-time public safety telecommunicators who answer 9-1-1 emergency and non-emergency telephone calls, while managing radio communications for the department. Public safety telecommunicators determine the nature and urgency of calls, initiate police or other public safety personnel action, and maintain close contact with field units to monitor response and needed support requirements.**



# Community Resources Unit

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Oro Valley Community Resources Unit's (CRU) mission seeks to engage and educate our community on public safety, personal safety, and crime prevention.

CRU offers a wide range of presentations and programs that provide relevant and current information to the public. CRU also partners with the Town of Oro Valley and outside vendors to coordinate, assist, and plan special events. This includes identifying public safety needs and filling the staffing requirements to allow these events to safely occur.

### Community Education and Presentations:

CRU staff creates public safety related educational presentations and presents them to various groups within the community of the greater Oro Valley area. These presentations run a gamut of topics to include: fraud, personal safety, home safety, child safety, human trafficking, and general public safety education.



### Citizen Volunteer Assistants Program (CVAP)

CVAP is an essential part of the daily operations of OVPD. They provide assistance to the officers and community in several ways to include: fingerprinting, traffic control during special events and major crashes, Darkhouse checks, Dispose-A-Med events, National Nigh Out, Community Assistance Program (CAP), and so much more! The time donated by our CVAP participants allows the police officers to focus on more complex community concerns and law enforcement emergencies. Our CVAP's bring an assortment of skills and training from their own backgrounds. Currently there are 67 active CVAP members.



# Community Resources Unit Cont.

## OV Safe Return

The OV Safe Return program is a community resource service for members of the vulnerable population community who work, live, go to school, or receive treatment within the Town of Oro Valley. This would include, but is not limited to children or adults who may have a diagnosis of:

- Autism
- Down's Syndrom
- Dementia
- Alzheimer's

This program will provide parents and caretakers with a mechanism to share crucial information with police officers who are responding to calls for service involving these individuals. Information on the vulnerable person, their parent(s), or responsible caretaker, and an additional safe contact person will be collected through registration. A current photograph of the registered individual is requested to assist in locating the registered person if he or she is ever missing.



## Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch consists of a cohesive body of concerned residents addressing issues that affect their neighborhood. OVPD has one officer who organizes, trains, and provides consistent information to these local neighborhood watch programs.

As part of the department's ongoing goals of outreach to the community to prevent crime through education, numerous Neighborhood Watch events took place including attendance at block parties, HOA meetings, and special presentations. CRU provides the fraud school upon request.

**WARNING**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**



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# Community Resources Unit Cont.

## Citizen's Academy

Citizen's Academy gives the public information on the Oro Valley Police Department. It consists of 12 free classes, held once a week from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A different topic is covered each week, requiring a weekly commitment. Instruction is provided by sworn police personnel and civilian staff who work in those particular areas of the department.

The slogan of the Citizen's Academy is "Understanding Through Education". The goal is to provide the citizens information to dispel suspicions and misconceptions. The citizens, in turn, provide the officers and civilian staff feedback on their feelings and concerns. This dynamic helps to build rapport between citizens and department personnel. The students are also able to meet and talk with officers and civilian staff in the Department.

We hope the graduates will take their new knowledge back into the community and educate others when the opportunity arises. They will have heightened awareness and better information when making decisions that affect the Town and Police Department.



## Darkhouse Program - Relaunch in 2022

If you are going to be gone and your home left unoccupied for at least seven days, the Oro Valley Police Department can provide a home check. Checks will be done as frequently as staffing allows. The Oro Valley Police Department and the members of our Citizen Volunteer Assistants Program (CVAP) will check the exterior of your home for security. If a problem is found, you or your contact person will be notified.

Fill out a Darkhouse application on the OVPD website under "*Request a Free Darkhouse/Home Check*" tab.



# Criminal Investigations Unit

## MISSION STATEMENT

In a fair and impartial manner, the Oro Valley Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) works with victims of crime to investigate, find truth, and provide resolution to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Cases Assigned to Detectives				
Year	Currently Active	Closed	Total	Clearance Rate
2022	66	478	544	87.87%
2021	6	640	646	99.07%
2020	1	592	593	99.83%
2019	2	613	615	99.67%
2018	0	703	703	100%



CIU is the primary investigative arm of the Oro Valley Police Department and investigates any crime requiring further investigation. The Crimes Against Persons squad is staffed with a detective sergeant, four detectives, and a Mental Health Support Team Investigator. The Property Crimes squad is staffed with a detective sergeant, four detectives, an investigator and a crime analyst. Detectives work with victims of crime to investigate, find truth, and provide resolution. The CIU also works closely with our Community Action Team and networks with other task force groups outside Oro Valley to enhance the service to our community.



# *Community Action Team*

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Oro Valley Community Action Team (CAT) is the department's proactive and intelligence-based community impact unit focused on habitual offenders, current crime trends, and problem areas. CAT strives to ensure issues impacting our residents are addressed efficiently, enhancing safety, and the quality of life of the community we serve.



CAT focuses on habitual offenders, current crime trends and problem areas utilizing intelligence derived from proactive investigative techniques, crime analysis, and regional networking. CAT routinely works with our local, state, and federal partners to gather and share intelligence, as well as work complex investigations and criminal syndicates. CAT is commonly tasked with locating and apprehending criminals that have victimized our community. In addition, CAT works closely with local businesses and community partners to identify and arrest individuals who have negatively impacted our citizens. The members of CAT work closely with the OVPD's Patrol Bureau, School Resource Officers, and Criminal Investigations Unit to ensure issues impacting our residents are addressed efficiently enhancing the safety and the quality of life of the community we serve. Education of the community is a key component to enhancing the safety of our residents. CAT members actively participate in educating the public in the police department's crime prevention model.



# Property & Identification Unit

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Oro Valley Property and Identification (ID) Unit's mission is to provide the highest quality forensic support to the members of the Oro Valley Police Department and to ensure the integrity and security of all items of property and evidence that we are entrusted with.



Year	Items Put into Evidence	Property Items Disposed	Call Outs	Axon Video Uploaded	DNA Swabs Collected	Latent Print Cards Collected	Scenes Photographed
2022	3,705	900	251	28,372	220	480	165
2021	4,634	1,883	213	31,401	170	270	158
2020	4,308	1,567	166	26,199	74	138	125

The Unit is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for forensic crime scene response and consists of three Crime Scene Technicians and one Crime Scene Technician Supervisor. Property & ID performs crime scene photography, processing, and collection of latent fingerprints and processing and collection of forensic evidence (blood, semen, hairs, fibers, DNA, etc.). The Unit is trained and equipped to respond to a broad range of cases from recovered stolen vehicles to complex death investigations.

The Unit also maintains the department's property and evidence warehouse. All submitted evidence is carefully logged and tracked with barcoding. Property & ID personnel are the liaisons between officers, courts, and prosecutors to track property and evidence for release, disposal, and destruction.



# School Resource Officers Unit

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Oro Valley School Resource Officers Unit's mission is to provide a safe environment, have positive interactions, and build partnerships with the school community as law enforcement officers, teachers, and informal counselors.



The unit consists of seven officers and one sergeant. Officers are located at Canyon Del Oro High School, Ironwood Ridge High School, Copper Creek Elementary, Wilson K-8, Innovation Academy, and Painted Sky Elementary. They also serve as liaisons to Basis Schools, Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, Immaculate Heart Schools, Casas Christian School, and Leman Academy.

School Resource Officers (SROs) serve as mentors, counselors, and teachers. This “triad” concept works in concert with the students, staff, and faculty to bridge gaps between law enforcement and the community. Various programs and classes have been developed or adopted to meet individual school needs. Some of the topics taught during 2022 include:

- Bullying prevention: Acceptance, Inclusion, and Kindness
- Teen Driver Safety
- Teen Maze
- Active shooter training for school staff (4 weeks)
- Peer Pressure
- Brain Development
- Addiction
- Tobacco and E-Cigarette
- Marijuana and Over the Counter Medications
- TikTok posting covering resources for mental health
- Fentanyl
- Drug Awareness Day
- Proper use of 911
- Run. Hide. Fight.
- Stranger Danger
- Sportsmanship
- Leadership
- Hanging with Officer Greg informational videos (topics include: holiday safety, 5th Amendment, appropriate use of social media, etc.)



# Oro Valley Cadet Unit 6873

## MISSION STATEMENT

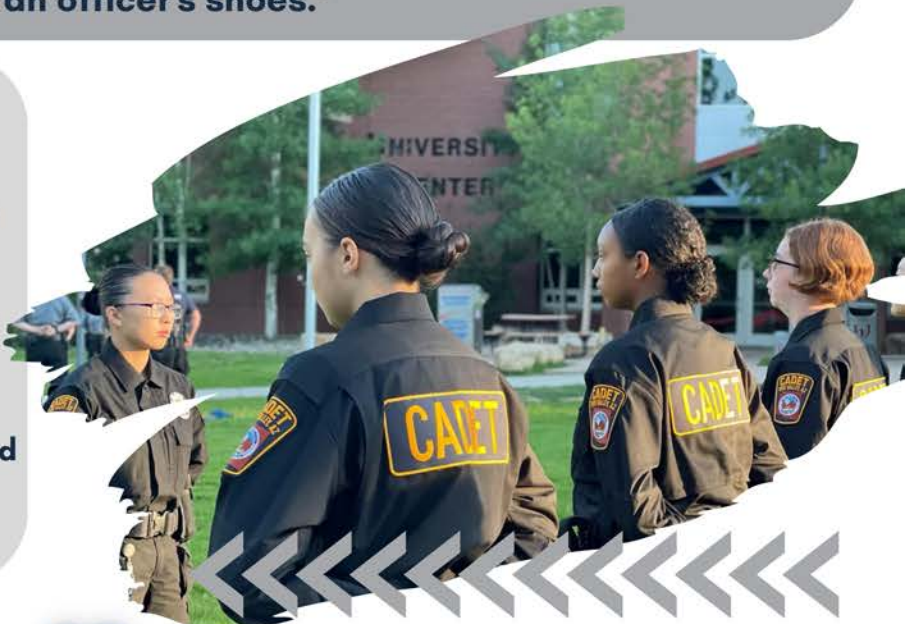
The Oro Valley Cadet Unit's mission is to mentor young adults to serve their communities by providing knowledge, skills, and practical experiences through education and training that build character, physical fitness, and respect for the rule of law.

Public Safety Cadets is open to young men and women ages 14 through 20 years old with an interest in learning about the public safety field and leadership. The Cadet Unit provides educational training programs for young adults for the purpose, mission, and objectives of public safety. The Unit provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to guide young adults for a career in public safety (law enforcement, EMS, and fire rescue). This Unit challenges them to become responsible residents and leaders of their community.

Police officers are the Cadet Mentors and assist in weekly instruction and training. Cadets dedicate themselves to community service and assist with special events through the Town of Oro Valley and nonprofit organizations such as the Oro Valley Theater Company. Additionally, they provide campus patrols during football games and assist with traffic control during graduations. They are presented with many methods of crime detection from fingerprinting to utilizing canine units and they experience the legal process first-hand. They also put their skills to the test while attending competitions such as the Chandler Tactical Event and Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisors Association of Colorado. It gives Cadets an opportunity to "walk a mile in an officer's shoes."

In 2022, Cadets worked 392.1 community service hours while learning some of the following topics:

- Police Procedures
- First-Aid
- Self-Defense
- Crime Lab Operations
- Aspects of Law Enforcement
- Major Crimes
- Narcotics Law
- Juvenile Law
- CPR
- Traffic & Crowd Control
- Dispatch





# Task Force Operations & Regional Partnerships

The Oro Valley Police Department is actively involved in multi-jurisdictional joint task force across southern Arizona.



**Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)** - has numerous multi-jurisdictional task force groups that include federal agents, prosecuting agencies, state and local law enforcement agencies. Each task force takes a different segment of the trafficking, production, and use of drug related crime to combat this national epidemic

## **Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission**

**(GIITEM)** - is a multi-jurisdictional task force that focuses on street gang, US border, and immigration crimes. GIITEM strives to accomplish its mission through a task force concept involving personnel from tribal, federal, state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies.



**Pima Regional Critical Incident Team (PRCIT)** - is a multi-agency regional team tasked with investigating officer involved shootings and critical incidents that occur in Pima County. Legislation has been approved that mandates agencies cannot investigate their own critical incidents. PRCIT was developed to conduct impartial investigations, increase transparency, and enhance public trust when a critical incident occurs.



OVPD is proud to have professional associations with a variety of multi-agency regional teams.

These assignments are voluntary and are in addition to their other duties and responsibilities. The value of the law enforcement regionalization assets is the ability to enhance local response, increase professional networking and capitalize on the training and experiences from a variety of local agencies. In a time of need, the regional approach as a "force multiplier" provides trained personnel and more resources to our community.

OVPD is a founding-member of the following:

- Pima Regional Critical Incident Team
- Pima Regional SWAT
- Pima Regional Crisis Negotiations
- Pima Regional Bomb Squad
- Pima Regional Motor Academy
- Animal Cruelty Taskforce of Southern Arizona
- Internet Crimes Against Children
- Mobile Field Force



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***Field Services***

***Division***

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# Patrol Bureau

The Patrol Bureau is the primary provider of police services to the community and is considered to be the backbone of OVPD. Every incident, from the simplest of issues to the most complex of criminal investigations, begins with a patrol officer's response.

As a result of Oro Valley's "call a cop, get a cop" community policing philosophy, patrol officers respond to a myriad of calls for service. They must be versatile as their roles can vary from protector, investigator, social worker, mediator, or anything in between. They must be physically and mentally prepared to make split-second decisions that may be ethically and legally complex or may call for advanced tactics and coordination.

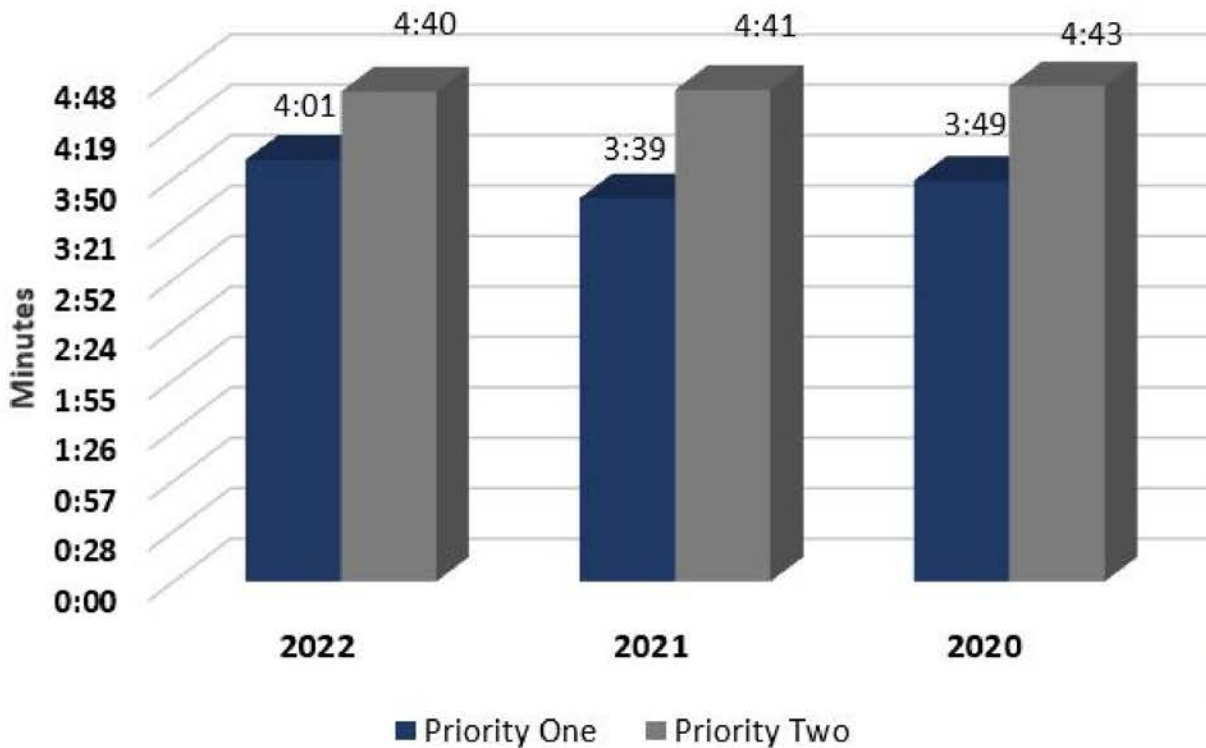
Additionally, patrol officers maintain a highly visible presence within the community. They work to prevent crime through proactive activities such as traffic enforcement, business checks, field interviews, and patrolling residential areas and apartment complexes.



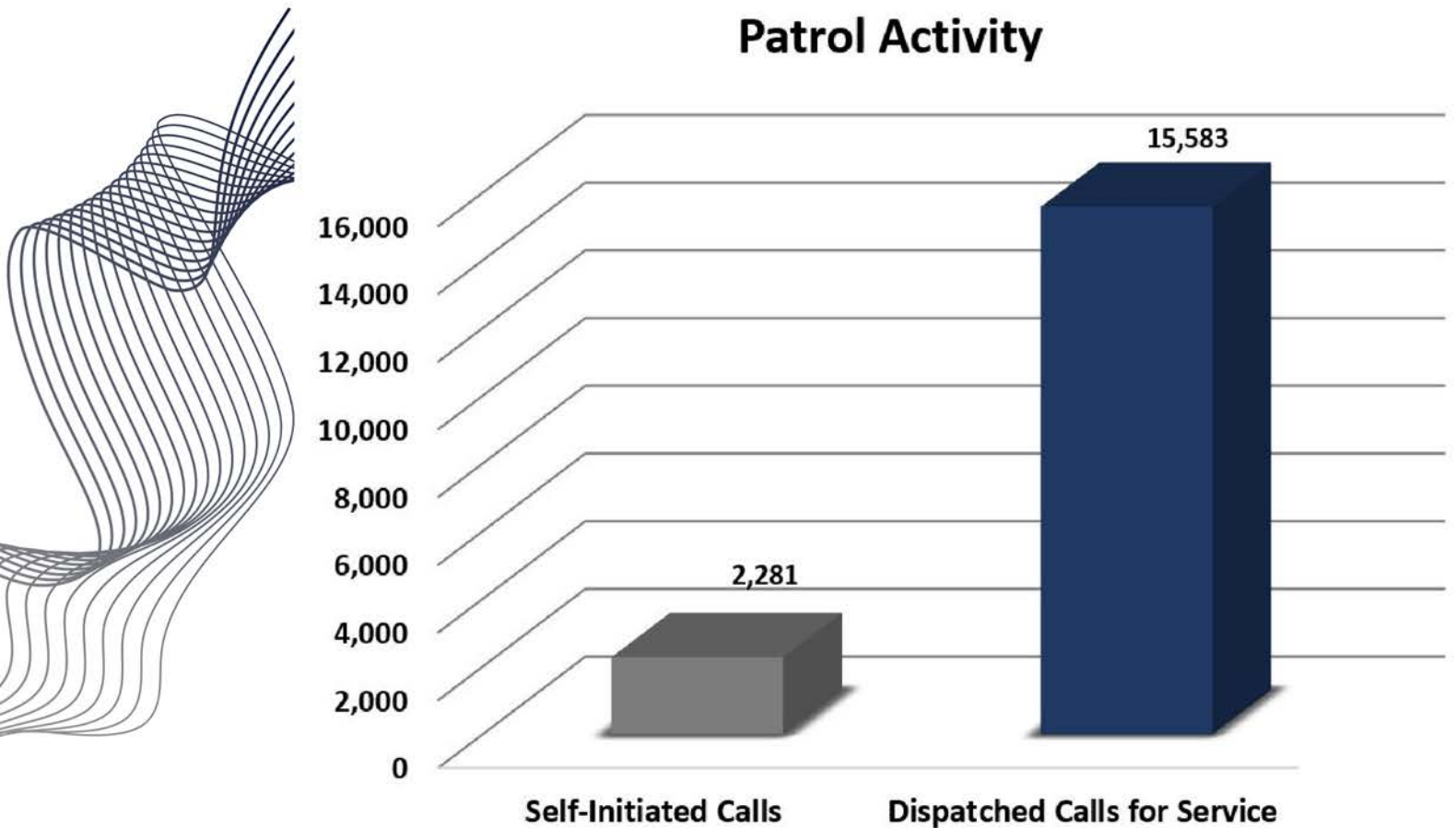


# Patrol Response Times

## Average Response Times



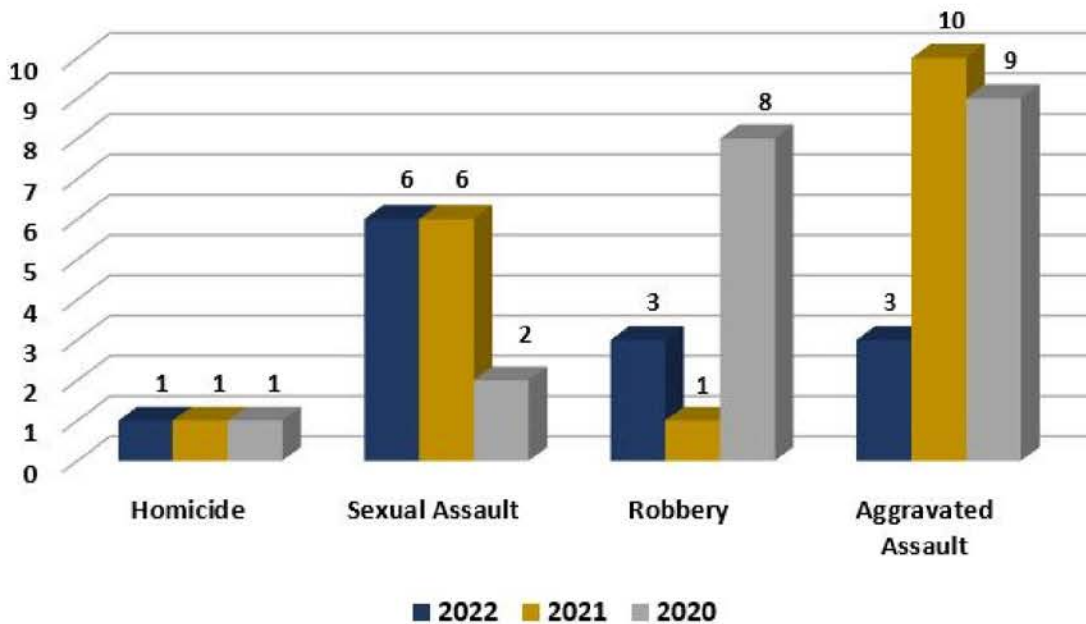
## Patrol Activity



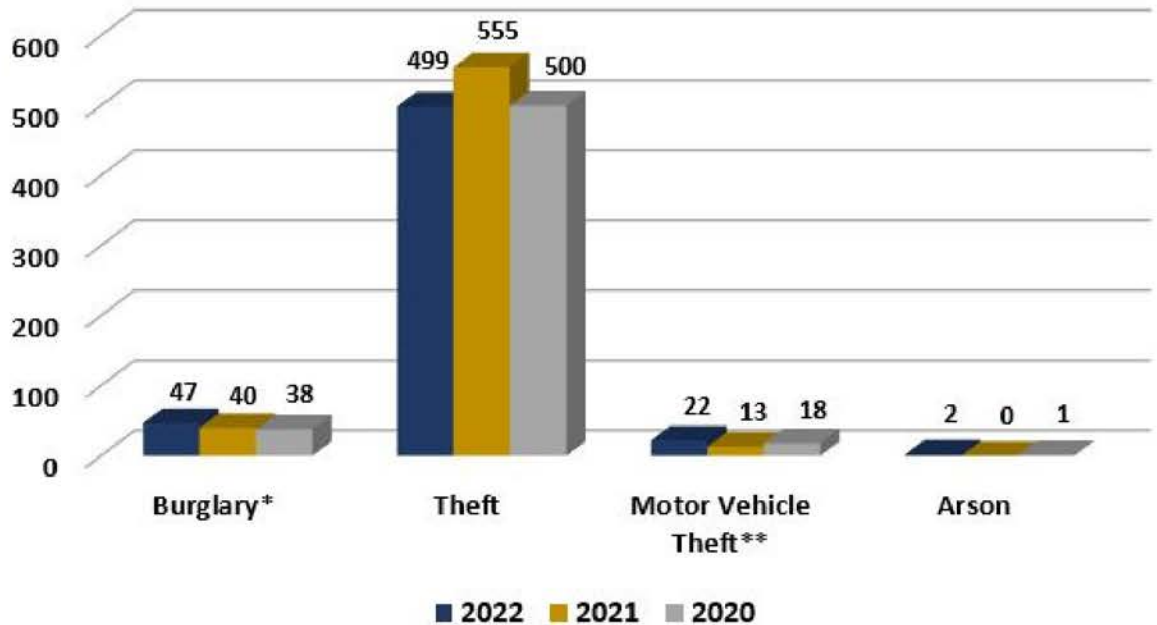


# Crime Statistics

## Part One Crime: Violent Crime



## Part One Crime: Property Crime



Unified Crime Reports (UCR) Part One Crime is reported to the FBI and consists of eight crime divided into two categories; Violent Crime and Property Crime. "The program's founders chose these offenses because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to police."

([www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2009/about/offense\\_definitions.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2009/about/offense_definitions.html)) Examples of priority one calls are armed robbery, physical domestic violence, car jacking, etc.



# Crime Statistics Continued

Part 2 Crimes			
Offense	2022	2021	2020
Arrest for Other Jurisdiction	36	61	50
Disorderly Conduct	200	229	144
Drug Abuse Violations	154	141	252
DUI	328	404	189
Embezzlement	2	1	2
Forgery/Counterfeiting	8	4	3
Juvenile Offenses: Curfew, Loitering, etc.	13	16	29
Liquor Laws	6	10	6
Offense Against the Family	18	14	10
Public Intoxication	0	2	0
Runaways	12	28	35
Sex Offenses Except Rape	37	38	32
Simple Assault	98	95	91
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Posses, Sell	5	3	2
Vandalism* (Includes Domestic Violence: Criminal Damage)	161	197	150
Weapons Violation	4	13	8

UCR Part Two Crime includes all other reportable crime categories, but only arrest data is reported to the FBI rather than crime counts. Priority two calls include burglary in progress, collisions with injury, missing children, etc.



# Canine Unit

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Canine Unit is to enhance the level of service we provide by utilizing canine assets to help identify crimes, locate lost or fleeing individuals, and to promote trusting partnerships within our community.

OVPD has two K-9 teams that service the Town. The canine teams participate and assist the Drug Enforcement Administration, Counter Narcotics Alliance, and the United States Customs/Border Patrol. The teams are "dual purpose" and are trained in two specific areas: patrol/handler protection and narcotics detection. Our canines are Belgian Malinois and train on a regular basis to keep their high level of expertise.

The patrol teams are nationally certified each year. The patrol teams work in a supportive role for uniformed patrol bureau. These K-9 teams are trained specifically to search for drugs, suspects, lost or missing people, crime scene evidence, and to protect their handlers. Additionally, the teams interact with both children and adults of this community at public events where they demonstrate the K-9's unique skills and abilities.



### Officer Reynolds/Risu

Officer Reynolds has been a police officer since 2002 and a K-9 handler for over 16 years. Canine Risu joined OVPD in November 2019. Risu is trained and nationally certified in patrol tactics and narcotics detection.



### Officer Gaare/Vader

Officer Gaare has been a police officer since 2011 and became a K-9 handler in August 2020. Canine Vader joined OVPD in March 2020. Vader is trained and nationally certified in patrol tactics and narcotic detection.

Canine Unit Seizures	2022
Methamphetamine (grams)	129.29
Heroin (grams)	24.3
Cocaine (grams)	0
LSD (tabs)	0
Fentanyl (powder)	3 grams
Fentanyl (pills)	601
Total Est. Drug Street Value	\$6,317
Paraphernalia Finds (items)	222
Patrol K-9 people Apprehensions	22
Cash Locates/Seizures (Federal/State Agency)	\$2,373
Canine Narcotic/Patrol Searches	71
Assist Other Agencies	2



# Traffic Unit

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Traffic Unit to enhance the safety of the motoring public with the goal of gaining voluntary compliance of traffic laws utilizing the principle of the three E's: Education, Enforcement, and Engineering



**Traffic officers prioritize their enforcement time to locations where crashes can be prevented and where the community has reported traffic safety concerns. It is our belief that high visibility traffic enforcement is a key factor in deterring criminal behavior and improving the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists.**

**In addition to day-to-day responsibilities, the Traffic Unit was involved in numerous special programs and details this past year, such as:**

- **Conducting multiple High Visibility Enforcement and selective targeted enforcement deployments throughout the Town to reduce the number of collisions and dangerous speed violations within the Town.**
- **Providing escorts and traffic control at special events such as the Run for the Fallen, Missing in America Project, and numerous unfortunate public safety memorials and funerals to honor fallen heroes.**
- **Coordinating quarterly training and a basic motorcycle academy for motor officers from numerous local agencies.**
- **Trained 11 new officers in the use of LIDAR and RADAR.**

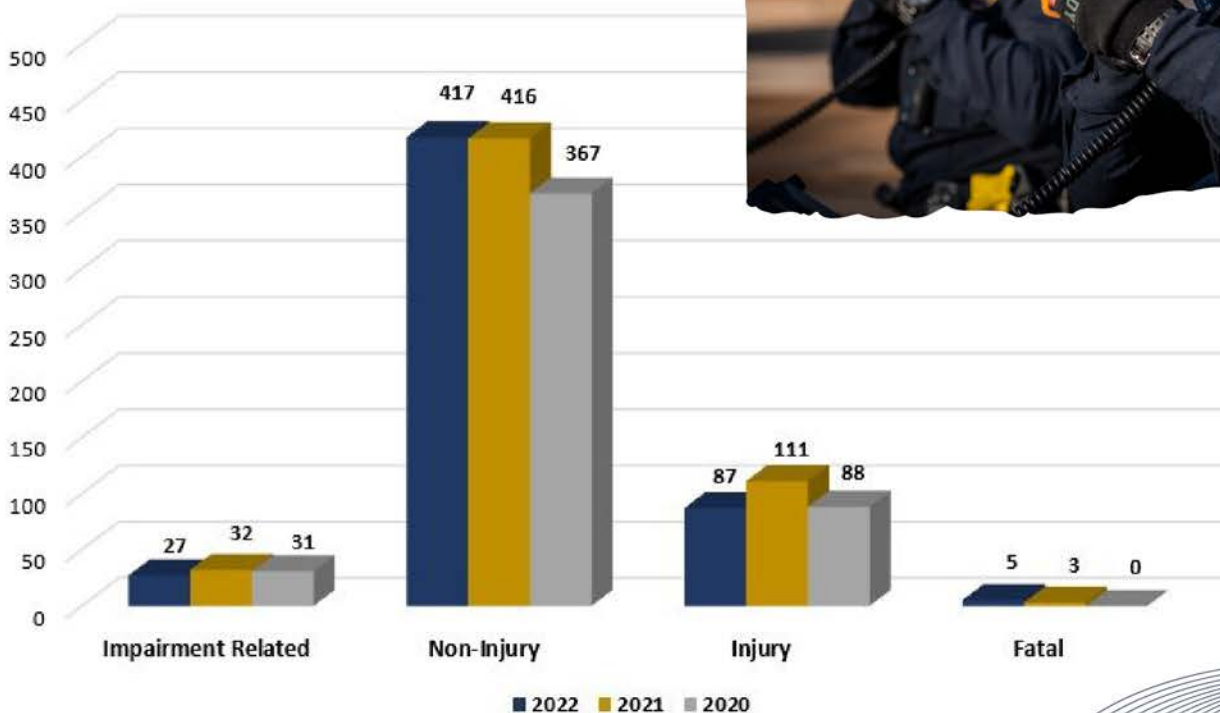
**The members of the Traffic Unit investigate and follow up on all traffic related crimes that occur within Oro Valley or are initiated by OVPD personnel. A specialized traffic investigator position is staffed to meet the criminal traffic case management needs of the Department and the Town. The traffic investigator and other members of the Traffic Unit have special training in collision investigation, crash reconstruction, scene mapping, and impaired driver investigations. Members of the Traffic Unit also frequently supplement the patrol functions of our agency.**



# High Visibility Enforcement - "HiVE"

The OVPD High Visibility Enforcement (HiVE) program is a data driven approach to prevent injury collisions in intersections with high collision rates. The program places traffic officers in and around high collision intersections during peak travel times. The deployments are three hours in length. All deployments are advertised through print, radio, and TV in advance so motorists are aware of the elevated police activity. This is a critical component of HiVE, since the goal is to increase awareness and safety. The program is not designed to be a "ticket writing" campaign and most of the traffic stops result in warnings. This educational approach is designed to instill trust between the public and the police department. The officers are instructed to be visible during all aspects of the deployment; ideally flooding the area to gain the attention of traveling motorists. The goal of the HiVE is to foster a lasting reduction in crashes involving injuries and property loss.

Collisions





# ***D.U.I. & Commercial Vehicle Enforcement***



OVPD's DUI Enforcement is committed to removing impaired drivers from our roadways. DUI Enforcement also conducts special saturation deployments and task force operations in partnership with the Southern Arizona DUI Task Force during special events and holidays.

The officers assigned to DUI Enforcement have been specially trained in identifying not just those impaired by alcohol, but those impaired by illegal and prescription drugs. OVPD currently has three officers who have been certified as Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). Fourteen OVPD officers are currently qualified to conduct blood draws on those arrested for DUI. In addition to those assigned to DUI Enforcement, dozens of Oro Valley patrol officers have completed advanced DUI investigation training and are certified in Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN).

The Oro Valley Police Department has a long-standing relationship with the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). Because of this strong partnership, OVPD has received hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funding. In 2022, this grant funding paid for new fully outfitted Traffic Enforcement Vehicle, a Ford Explorer Police Interceptor, along with funding for DUI investigative supplies, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), and funding to pay overtime costs for DUI enforcement.

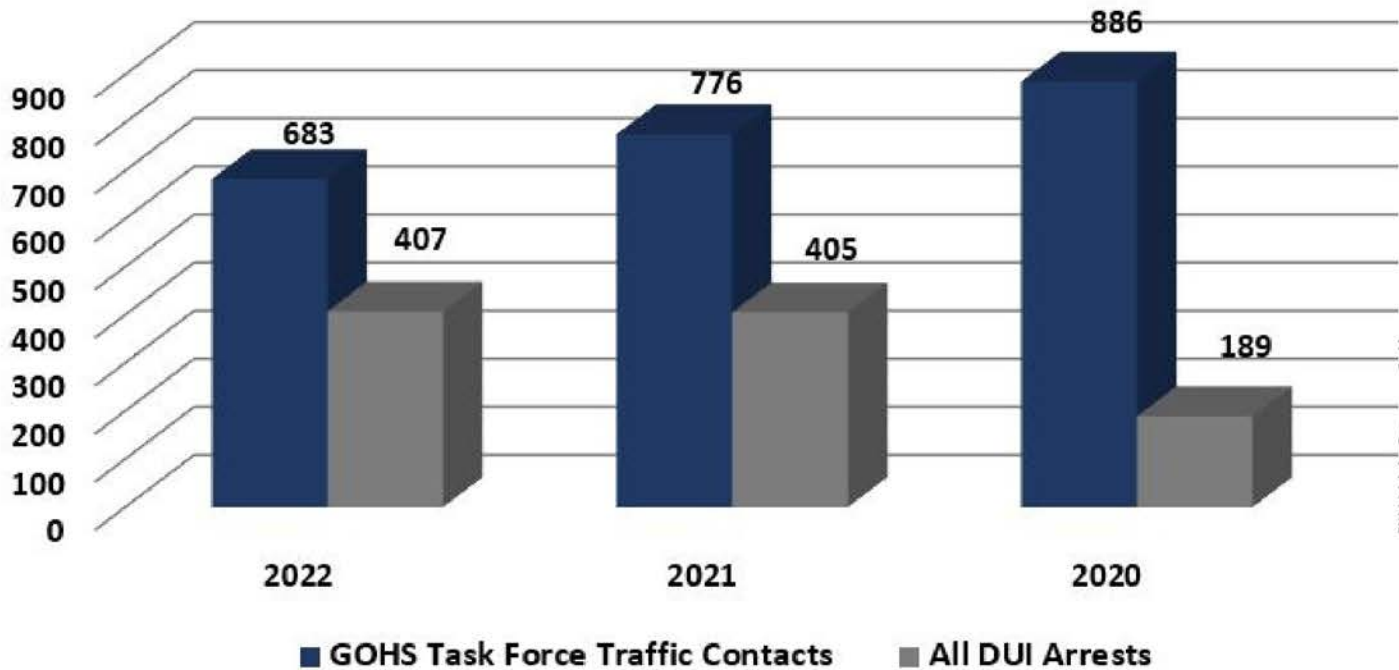
## **Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE)**

**Oro Valley continues to have a considerable volume of commercial motor vehicle traffic on our streets and highways. If not properly maintained, these heavy vehicles can represent a serious danger to the motoring public. To help minimize this danger, OVPD has officers trained and certified to inspect commercial motor vehicles. These officers enforce the Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations, including the laws governing the transportation of hazardous materials on our highways. Our officers regularly participate in regional commercial vehicle safety deployments led by the Arizona Department of Public Safety. CVE trained officers conducted 124 Commercial Vehicle Inspections that resulted in 84 commercial vehicles being placed out of service until safety issues were resolved.**

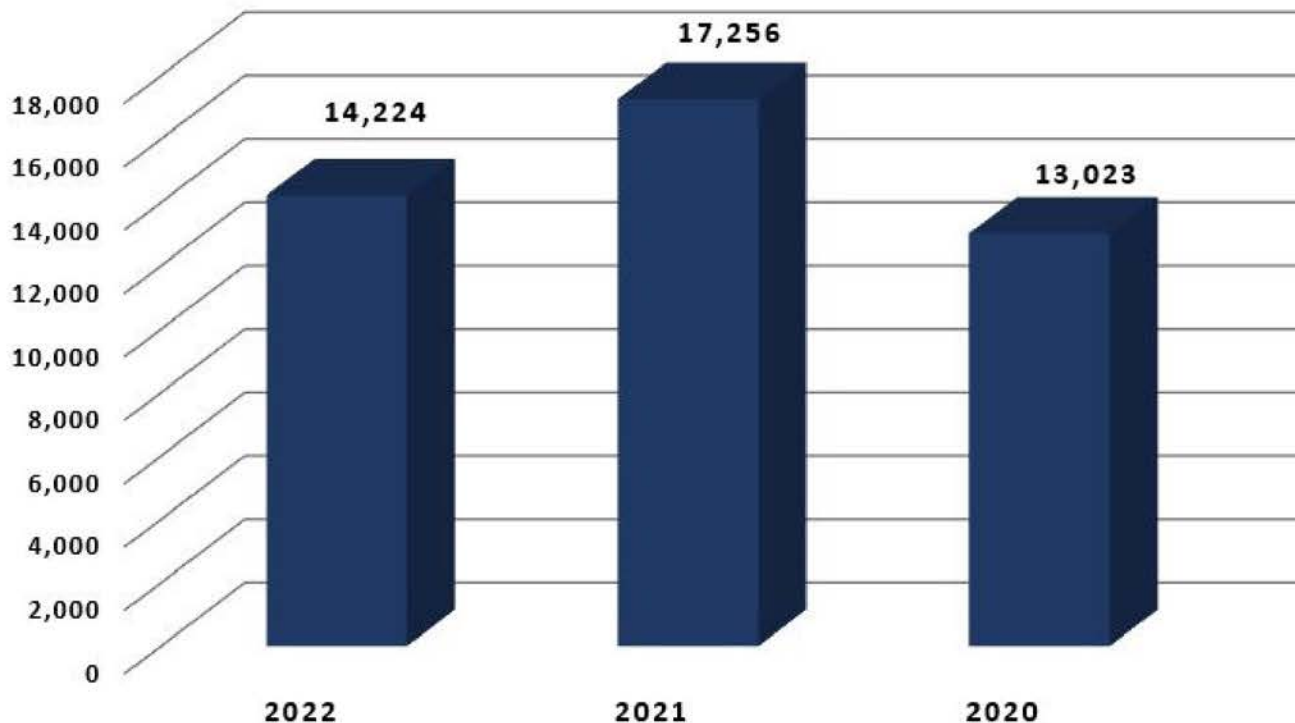


# Agency Traffic Stops, Task Force, and D.U.I. Enforcement Statistics

## Task Force and DUI Enforcement



## Agency Total Traffic Stops





# 2022 Recognitions

## 2022 Commendations

**OVPD Criminal Investigations Unit** worked with Homeland Security Investigations, the Tucson Police Department, and the Pima County Sheriff's Department to develop leads to locate two 14-year-old females who were reported missing. The investigation revealed both girls planned to run away. The multi-agency collaboration worked to develop leads to locate the juveniles as quickly as possible. It was discovered that the juveniles were believed to be with an adult male in the Oro Valley area. The adult male was located and detained at his place of employment, while the juveniles were located at his residence. The male was ultimately arrested and booked on multiple charges to include two counts of Luring a Minor for Sexual Exploitation, 11 counts of Sexual Conduct with a Minor, and two counts of Custodial Interference. Those in the Criminal Investigations Unit at the time of this incident were Sergeant Zach Young, Lead Detective Megan Carr, Detective Wes Helvig, Detective Deren Jackson, Detective Forrest Cook, Detective Jeff Douglas, Detective Steve La Veau, Detective Kelsea Durbin, Investigator Kris Knapp, and Officer Sonja Hudson.

**Detective Kris Knapp** coordinated all aspects of bringing the Southern Arizona Multi-Agency Honor Guard Academy to Oro Valley. He worked directly with contacts from United States Border Patrol (USBP) and Arizona Department of Public Safety (AZDPS) to identify and secure a date, venue, and instructors. Once all details were confirmed, Detective Knapp disseminated information nationwide. He was the point of contact for participants, coordinating registration, and providing vital information pertaining to their participation. Detective Knapp coordinated all of the honors traditionally afforded to an officer who pay the ultimate sacrifice. His dedication, preparation for and execution of the academy training was above and beyond expectations.

**Lieutenant John Teachout** was asked to take over the accreditation process through the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police (AACOP). He faced the challenge head-on by tenaciously reviewing and submitting policies and examples to accreditation reviewers, accelerating the Department's progress. Lt. Teachout's hard work ensured a summer accreditation site visit, preventing the Department from having to request an extension. In preparation for the site visit, Lt. Teachout organized and scheduled the static displays, interviews, transportation, hotel, and food for the two assessors. His efforts allowed OVPD to be presented with full accreditation status by the AACOP Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.



# 2022 Recognitions Continued

## 2022 Commendations Continued

**Lead Police Officer Mike Duran** was selected to serve as the OVPD's Public Information Officer (PIO). LPO Duran exemplified integrity, reliability, and always put the interest of the public and the reputation of the organization first. LPO Duran was responsible for community outreach and engagement with offerings such as "Traffic Tuesdays" and back to school tips for the community. He demonstrated expert-level mastery of social media and was keenly aware of how to effectively target our vast array of constituents. LPO Duran helped shape the message and brand of the organization during times of celebration and victory and times of struggle and adversity. In every situation, LPO Duran represented OVPD and our community with intellect, professionalism, and character beyond reproach.

**Officer Mike Kleinberg** planned, prepared, and organized the 2022 National Night Out event. Officer Kleinberg did an extraordinary amount of work to ensure the event was successful. He communicated with and scheduled over 50 different organizations to attend and worked closely with local and corporate Walmart management. Officer Kleinberg created a detailed sitemap that he designed to draw people in and give them a fun, positive experience without sacrificing safety. His hard work further enhanced and deepened the department's relationships with not only the Oro Valley community, but with other agencies, businesses, and community partners.



## 2022 Promotions:

**Weston Barkley** - Sergeant  
**Tyler Nicholson** - Detective  
**Kristofer Knapp** - Detective  
**Zach Young** - Lieutenant  
**Ken Durbin** - Sergeant  
**Lindsay Rendon** - Records Manager  
**Curtiss Hicks** - Deputy Chief  
**John Teachout** - Commander  
**Jeff Thomas** - Lieutenant  
**Eric Larter** - Sergeant  
**Nathan Vera** - Sergeant



# 2022 Recognitions Continued

## Officer of the Year Lead Police Officer Mike Duran



LPO Duran is one of the hardest working officers at the agency. He is usually here well before his shift to take care of administrative duties. If calls come in, he often activates before the start of his shift. He does not neglect calls at the end of his shift, often responding right up to the time he should be heading home. LPO Duran is one of the department's best field training officers. He instills his work ethic in those he trains. Officers in training do not pick up any bad habits when they are with him. His trainees generally take every call that is dispatched. Even though he is a tough FTO, if you survey anyone he has trained, they will tell you their time with him was most valued.

As a supervisor, the town is in good hands when he is in charge. The standards never lower when the sergeant is off. If there are any personnel issues that occur when the sergeant is off, LPO Duran takes pride in addressing the issue before the sergeant returns. As a supervisor, LPO Duran has responded to multiple high stress situations (hostile barricaded subjects, a potential kidnapping hostage situation, etc.). LPO Duran ensures a tactical response. He remains calm on the radio and this calmness spreads to the rest of the responding units. In one situation, LPO Duran deliberately hit a fleeing felon's vehicle with his patrol car. Had it not been for his quick action, another officer could have been hit by the suspect vehicle. The lead police officer position can be challenging. LPO Duran succeeds with his superb informal leadership qualities.

LPO Duran has served the department as a DUI officer and PIO. While LPO Duran did not seek out these positions, he was encouraged to do them or chosen for them because he would be a good fit. LPO Duran was no doubt successful in both positions. As the DUI officer, he not only handled the duties of that position, he also responded to patrol calls when needed. On one occasion, while heading home after his shift was completed, he heard what was likely a DUI investigation on the radio. Rather than continuing home, he returned to duty and took over the investigation. This is just one example of his work ethic and willingness to put the department needs in front of his own wants.

The PIO position was not something he would have chosen to do on his own accord, but he did everything he could to represent the department in a positive way. LPO Duran was not familiar with social media going into the assignment, but he made it a point to learn. He attended trainings to gain the knowledge to ensure his success at his new position. When asked by patrol or detectives to post something reference to a case, it was always done efficiently and effectively.



# 2022 Recognitions Continued

He was instrumental in the creation and implantation of the department's "Slow Down Oro Valley" campaign and "Tuesday Traffic Tip". As the PIO, he still responded to patrol calls and even processed a DUI.

LPO Duran is a defensive tactics instructor, Taser instructor and is becoming an active shooter instructor. When the department had a need for background investigators, LPO Duran stepped up to plate to assist. LPO Duran assisted in updating the department's bloodborne pathogen exposure program, which was found to be very outdated. He created an informative presentation for the pitfalls of social media that has become mandatory for all new officers. He has also taken on a leadership position with Peer Support. LPO Duran is a natural mentor. Newer officers gravitate to him and he spends a significant amount of time outside of work in this role. If you ask people who they would go to in a time of need around the department, most people would say him. Anyone watching those would see that he genuinely sees them as an equal and valued members of our team. LPO Duran is a model officer who represents the department positively on and off duty.



## MADD 2022 DUI Enforcement Officer of the Year

*Officer Fred Brown*

During 2022, Officer Brown conducted over 1400 traffic contacts resulting in 182 individuals being arrested for impaired driver related crimes. 182 dangerous individuals were removed from the streets and an untold number of lives were saved due to his efforts.

## 2022 Retirements:

***Sergeant Amy Graham***

*06/06/1999 - 01/08/2022*

***Officer Raul Verdugo***

*07/12/1991 - 2/25/2022*

***Detective Wes Helvig***

*07/14/1996 - 04/03/2022*

***Sergeant Donnie Hedrick***

*08/09/1993 - 06/30/2022*

***Officer Kristine Filippelli***

*08/26/2001 - 07/31/2022*

***Lieutenant Matt Horetski***

*08/27/2000 - 10/20/2022*

***Records Manager Karen Simms***

*08/29/1994 - 10/30/2022*