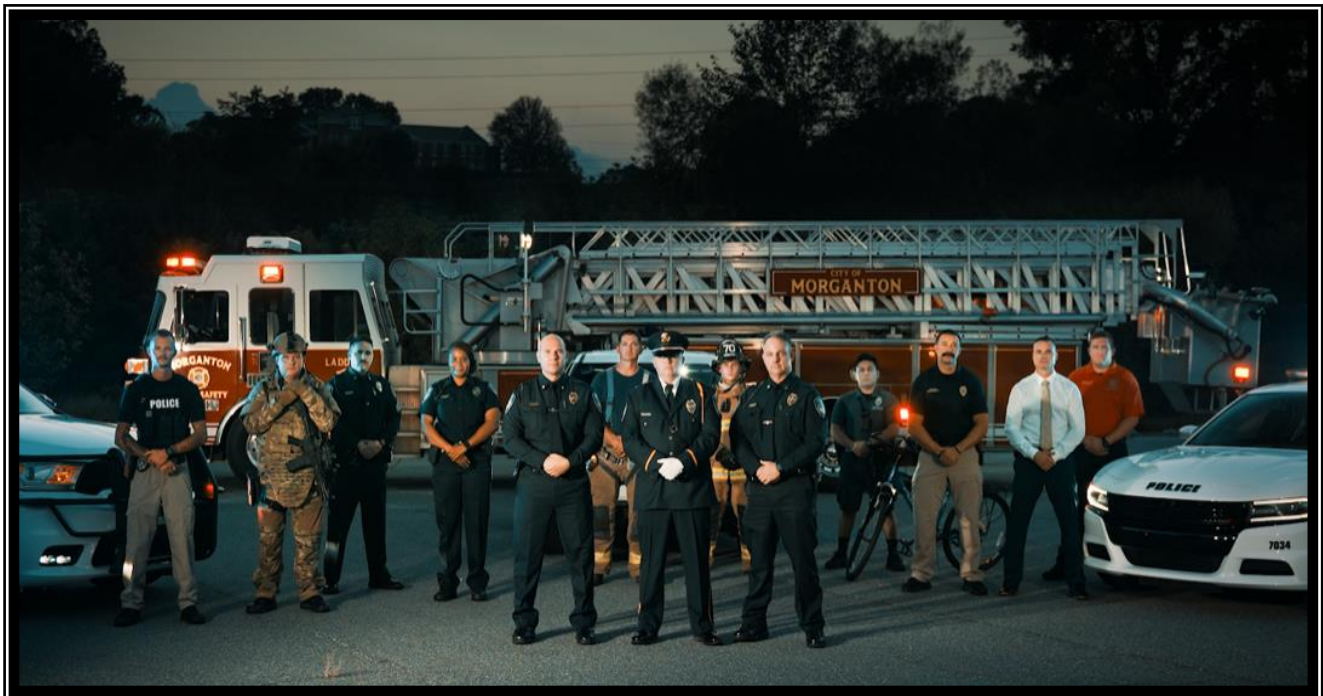


**CITY OF MORGANTON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**



**ANNUAL REPORT
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for the Citizens of Morganton**



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Mission Statement

Our Mission:

We, the members of the Morganton Department of Public Safety, are committed to protect the lives, property, and Constitutional Rights of all residents and visitors of OUR community by providing professional law enforcement and fire protection services.

Our Values:

- ♥ **Integrity:** High ethical standards, honesty and fairness
- ♥ **Professionalism:** Individual excellence, education and training
- ♥ **Honor:** Official dignity, repute, and esteem
- ♥ **Accountability:** To take responsibility for all actions and decisions
- ♥ **Respect:** Treating others as you would like to be treated
- ♥ **Equality:** Fair, impartial, and equitable treatment of all people

Our Vision:

The *Morganton Department of Public Safety* strives to be a leader in the delivery of public safety services which combines law enforcement and fire protection. Our employees strive to be leaders in OUR community in name and deed conducting themselves in a manner to which others will aspire.

Retirements

The Morganton Department of Public Safety proudly recognizes the retirement of the following employees in 2021. Upon their retirement, the City of Morganton and the Department of Public Safety offer our sincere appreciation for dedicated and exemplary service:



Allen Davis
Fire Engineer
Effective December 2022
28 years of service

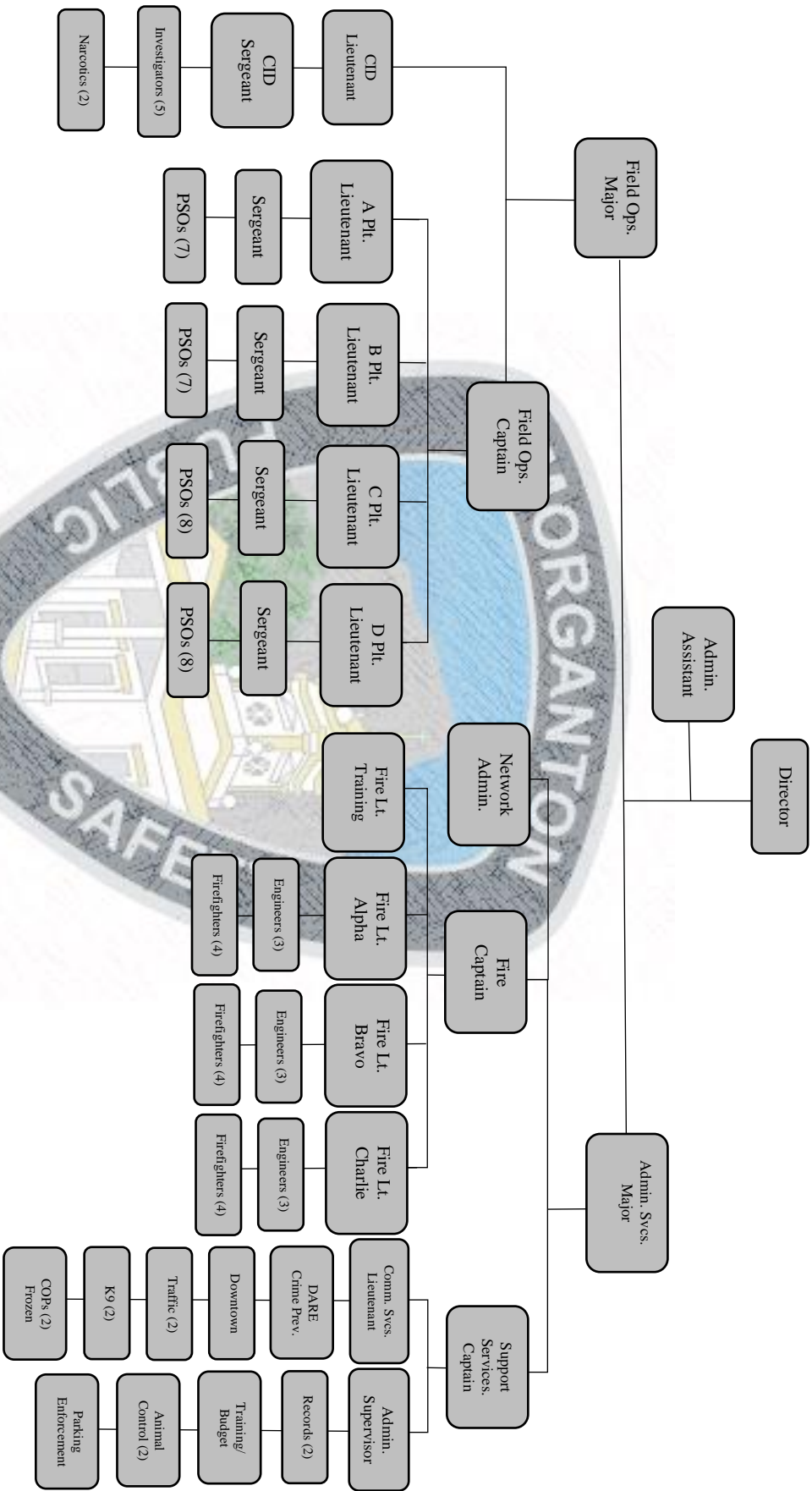
Department Personnel Allocations

January 2021

Department Position	Allocate	Assigned	Frozen	Vacant
Public Safety Chief	*1	*1		
Major	*2	*1		
Captain	*2	*2		
Lieutenant	*6	*6		
Sergeant	*5	*5		
PSO	*45	*42	*2	*1
Fire Capt	1	1		
Fire Lt	4	4		
Engineers	9	9		
Firefighters	12	12		
Admin Supervisor	1	1		
Admin Manager	1	1		
Admin Specialist I	2	1	1	
Network Admin	1	1		
Customer Serv Rep	2	2		
Parking Enforcement	1	1		
Animal Control	2	1		
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Total Sworn*	*61	*57	*2	*2
Total Civilian	36	34	1	1
GRAND TOTAL	97	91	3	3

* Indicates sworn personnel

Morganton Department of Public Safety



Accomplishments

🛡️ The following promotions took place:

🛡️ **Fire Eng. Kevin Woody** promoted to Fire Lieutenant

🛡️ **Firefighter Dustin Buzze** promoted to Fire Engineer

🛡️ The following personnel were recognized for their career progression achievements:

🛡️ **Investigator Kyle Goforth**, Advance Law Enforcement Certificate

🛡️ **PSO Trey Robbins**, General Law Enforcement Certificate



Sergeants Joseph Beaver and **T.J. Hall** both completed the *FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Leadership Institute* program which is an intensive three-tiered program specifically and uniquely designed to prepare law enforcement leaders for command and executive level positions.



Lieutenant Tim Corriveau successfully completed the *Administrative Officers Management Program (AOMP)* at N.C. State University. AOMP is a twelve-week on-site Management and Leadership Education program designed specifically for Law Enforcement Professionals. This unique educational experience, operated as part of a nationally accredited Public Administration Program, offers participants the opportunity to earn fifteen college credits. AOMP is a continuing education activity of the Public Safety Leadership Initiative (PSLI) in the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS) at North Carolina State University.

Boards & Committees

- ♣ **Chief Tony Lowdermilk** – Burke County Homeland Security Taskforce, Burke County Domestic Violence Task Force, Burke Substance Abuse Network, Burke County Communication Technical Advisory Board, Downtown Parking Committee, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion-Burke, HMF Inc. Board of Directors ex-officio member, Morganton-Burke Crimestoppers – ex officio member

- ♣ **Major Ryan Lander** - Burke County United Way, NC Law Enforcement Accreditation Committee, Burke County Chamber of Commerce, Homeland Security Task Force, Domestic Violence Task Force, Burke County Communication Technical Advisory Board

- ♣ **Captain Keith Bowman** – Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

- ♣ **Captain Jason Whisnant** – Burke Substance Abuse Network, Kate B. Reynolds-Grant Committee, Burke County Safe Communities Task Force, Morganton Human Relations Commission, Homeless Task Force, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion-Burke Case Review

- ♣ **Lieutenant Brad Buchanan** – Morganton Housing Authority

- ♣ **Lieutenant Tayler Alexander** – The Outreach Center, NC Law Enforcement Women’s Association

- ♣ **Supervisor Jason Smith** – City of Morganton Safety Committee

- ♣ **Investigator Kyle Goforth** – N.C. Gang Investigators member

- ♣ **PSO Stacey Huffman** – NC Governors Highway Safety County Coordinator

- ♣ **Renee Carswell** – Morganton-Burke Crimestoppers, N.C. Crimestoppers Association, City of Morganton Communication Team, CTAB Secretary

Part 1 Crimes

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) guidelines track eight “Index Crimes,” known also as Part 1 crimes. The UCR system includes crimes that are most likely to be reported to the police and to occur with sufficient frequency to provide an adequate basis for comparison. Part 1 crimes are further split into two categories, **Violent** and **Property**. Below is analysis of Part 1 crimes reported to Public Safety (*The below percentage change is a comparison of 2020 to 2021*):

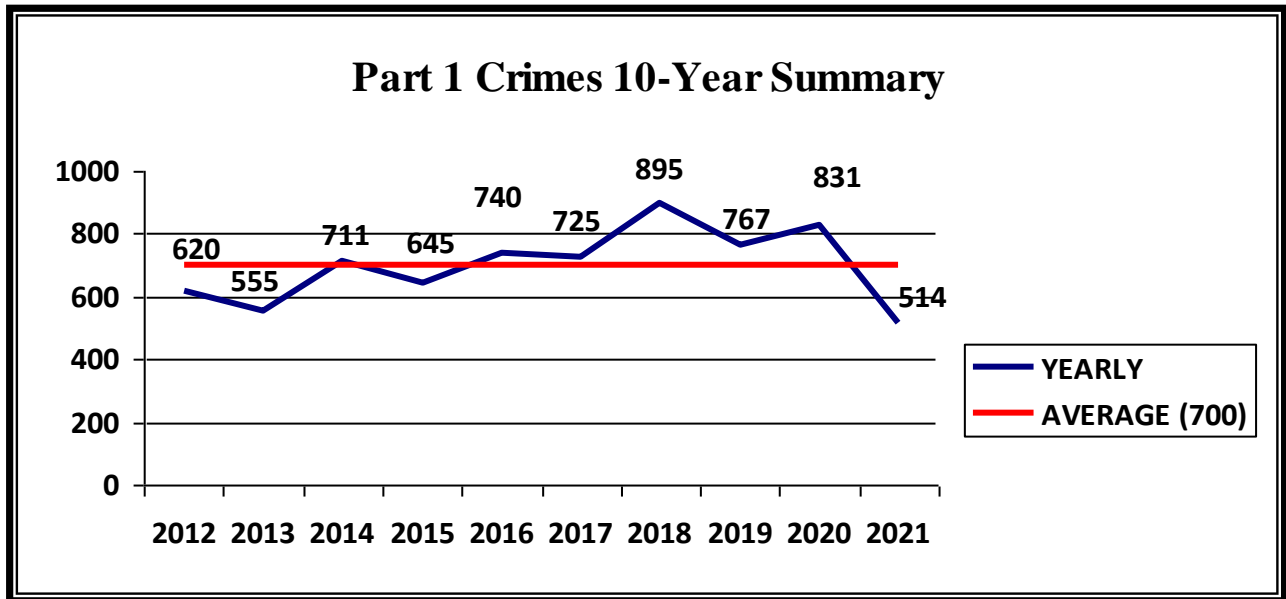
Violent Crimes	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change
Murder	2	1	0	1	100%
Forcible Rape	18	17	19	7	-63%
Robbery	22	7	7	7	0%
Aggravated Assault	43	37	36	23	-36%
TOTAL	85	62	62	38	-39%

Property Crimes	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change
Burglary	326	203	177	85	-52%
Larceny	460	453	542	354	-35%
MV Theft	18	47	49	34	-31%
Arson	2	2	1	3	+200%
TOTAL	808	705	769	476	-32%

2021 Part 1 Summary													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
<i>Murder</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Rape</i>	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	7
<i>Robbery</i>	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	7
<i>Assaults</i>	4	1	2	2	2	1	1	0	2	1	5	2	23
<i>Burglary</i>	4	4	5	5	5	13	11	4	9	9	8	8	85
<i>Larceny</i>	20	30	34	33	37	32	30	29	34	21	27	27	354
<i>MV Theft</i>	1	1	2	1	1	2	10	4	3	4	2	3	34
<i>Arson</i>	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	29	38	45	42	48	51	53	39	49	36	43	41	514

Part 1 Crimes Continued

10-YEAR SUMMARY										
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>Murder</i>	1	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	1
<i>Rape</i>	3	8	6	4	11	15	19	17	19	7
<i>Robbery</i>	17	21	11	16	12	11	23	7	7	7
<i>Assaults</i>	32	23	47	56	59	52	43	37	36	23
<i>Burglary</i>	172	133	149	132	154	223	327	203	177	85
<i>Larceny</i>	374	351	466	413	474	415	461	453	542	354
<i>MV Theft</i>	19	18	18	20	28	7	18	47	49	34
<i>Arson</i>	2	1	11	3	2	2	2	2	1	3
TOTAL	620	555	711	645	740	725	895	767	831	514



Part 1 Crimes Continued

2021 PART 1 CRIME ARRESTS													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
<i>Murder</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Rape</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3
<i>Robbery</i>	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
<i>Assaults</i>	4	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	0	15
<i>Burglary</i>	2	2	1	1	1	4	4	2	3	3	3	1	27
<i>Larceny</i>	3	11	11	11	12	7	13	13	15	6	8	6	116
<i>MV Theft</i>	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	6	2	1	0	22
<i>Arson</i>	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	10	16	14	17	17	18	20	16	27	13	16	7	191

Note: Arrests are higher than incidents due to incidents involving multiple Subjects, warrant service outside jurisdiction, service of warrants for unreported incidents, etc.

Part 1 Crimes Arrests	2018	2019	2020	2021	% Change
Murder	2	1	0	1	+100%
Forcible Rape	3	7	11	3	-73%
Robbery	1	0	0	5	+500%
Aggravated Assault	116	147	169	15	-92%
Burglary	1	0	4	27	+85%
Larceny	650	364	474	116	-76%
MV Theft	15	18	12	22	+83%
Arson	0	0	0	2	+200%
TOTAL	788	538	670	191	-71%

The above percentage change is a comparison of 2020 to 2021



Calls For Service

2021 Top-10 Calls For Service

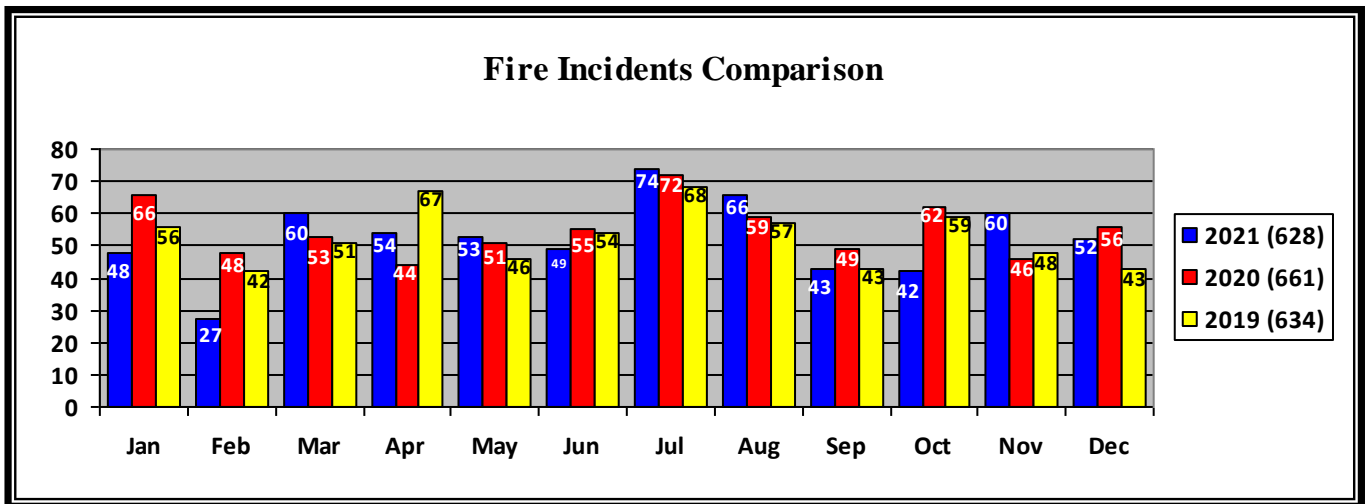
Calls For Service (125 categories)	2018	2019	2020	2021
Vehicle Stop	6,797	8,979	4,964	4,782
Security Check	5,174	3,600	2,961	4,116
Extra Patrol	1,795	3,221	4,980	4,055
911 Hang-up	2,893	2,475	2,622	3,049
Speak to Officer	1,819	1,937	1,848	1,647
Investigation	963	1,197	1,218	1,341
Alarm Activation	1,552	1,469	1,431	1,315
Follow-Up	1,411	1,347	1,258	1,183
Suspicious Person	1,262	1,358	1,230	1,174
Property Damage MVA	1,206	1,127	987	1,167
All other calls for service	13,865	12,950	11,835	11,403
TOTAL	38,660	39,660	35,334	35,232

- ♣ The total *Calls For Service* decreased less than **1%** from previous year
- ♣ Public Safety responded to an average of **97** *Calls For Service* each day utilizing 6-8 personnel per 12-hour shift

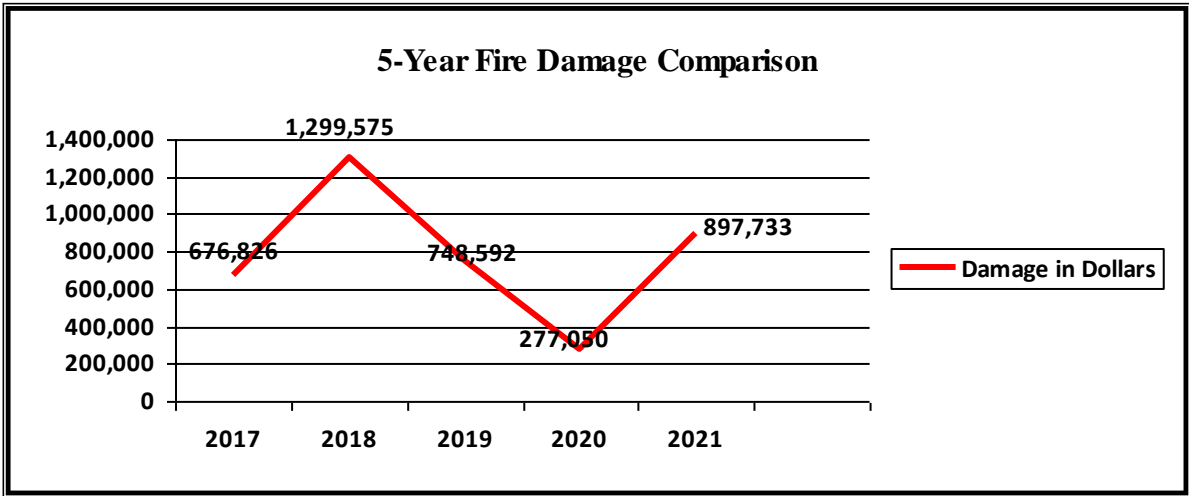




FIRE RESPONSE 2021													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<i>Number of Calls</i>	48	27	60	54	53	49	74	66	43	42	60	52	628
<i>Property Damage</i>	\$193,661	\$1,800	\$15,300	\$279,136	\$40,550	\$19,575	\$202,811	\$10,900	\$14,000	\$1,500	\$118,500	\$0	\$897,733
<i>Man Hours Spent</i>	174	61:46	172:49	163:18	175:42	135:33	214:01	202:14	135:23	106:03	174:10	119:50	1,834:47



Fire Statistics Continued



Traffic Analysis

5-YEAR SUMMARY – TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>Accidents Reported</i>	1,104	1,209	1,215	1,029	1,253
<i>Number Injured</i>	230	236	251	163	244
<i>Fatalities</i>	1	0	2	2	2
<i>Acc. Arrests/Citations</i>	891	959	990	785	1,043
<i>Property Damage</i>	\$4,082,463	\$4,119,086	\$3,750,000	\$2,998,713	\$4,196,424

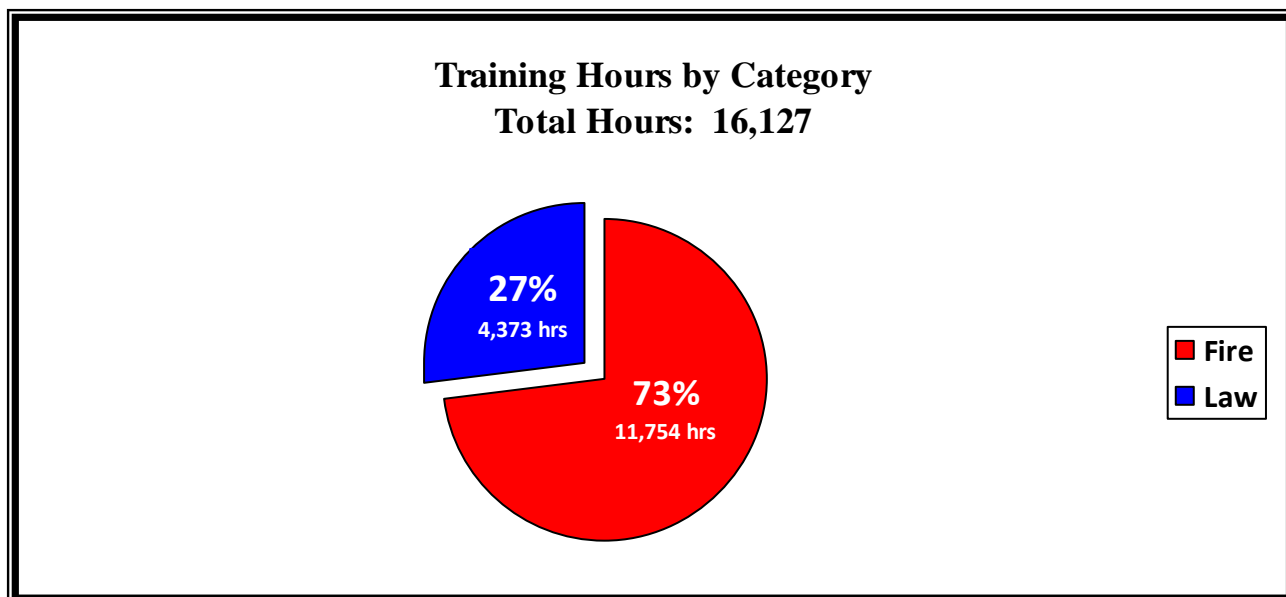
5-YEAR SUMMARY – DWI ARRESTS, CITATIONS					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<i>DWI Arrests</i>	356	343	288	285	405
<i>Traffic Citations</i>	4,341	5,187	6,759	3,724	3,122

Traffic Checkpoints:

Public Safety conducted a total of **71** traffic related events during 2021 at various locations throughout the city and as a result **536** citations were issued and **31** were charged. Checkpoints include seat belt enforcement, saturated patrols, speed enforcement and educational events.



Training

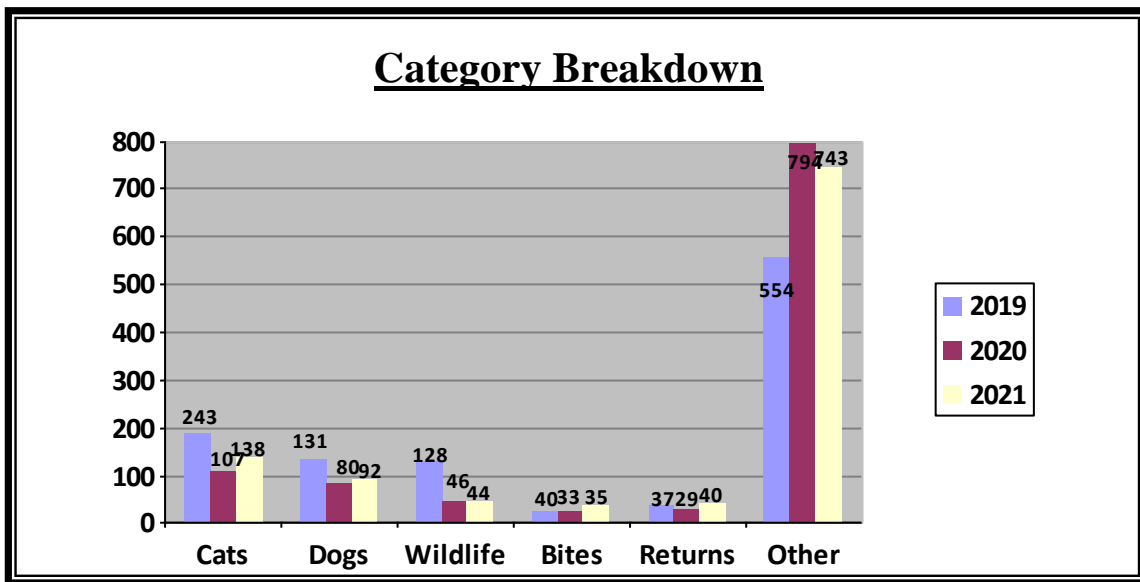


- 🛡️ Total police-related training for 2021 was 4,373 hours, resulting in each sworn officer (60) averaging 73 hours of training
- 🛡️ Total fire-related training was 11,754 hours, resulting in each firefighter (90) averaging 130 hours of training for the year
- 🛡️ In 2021 five PSO's attended WPCC Fire Academy at over 400 hours each



Animal Control

	2019	2020	2021
<i>Calls for Service</i>	1,061	1,080	1,092
<i>Citations Issued</i>	121	125	78



Special Events and Highlights

Drug Enforcement:

The mission of the Public Safety *Narcotics Division* is drug interdiction and enforcement, below is a summary of their activity for 2021:

<u>Drug</u>	<u>Amount Seized</u>	<u>Value</u>
Suboxone	45 strips	\$225
Meth	352 grams	\$17,615
Herion	119 grams	\$23,800
Cocaine	1,175 grams	\$58,775
Marijuana	140 grams	\$490
Crack	94 units	\$1,880
Oxycodone	1,270 units	\$63,500
Ecstasy	71 grams	\$3,556
Fentanyl	206 grams	\$41,334
Alprazolam	199 pills	\$995

Total estimated value: **\$212,170**

The hard work of our Narcotics Division resulted in 129 felony drug cases (3 Federal cases) with 81 indictments (8 Federal) and 96 individuals charged. Furthermore, over \$41,000 in cash was seized, of which our department receives 75% (\$30,967), as well as 8 weapons were also seized during investigations.

Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT)



Public Safety's SWAT team is comprised of 10 members and is responsible for hostage situations, barricaded persons, sniper incidents, aggravated suicide attempts, high-risk building searches & arrest warrant service, crowd control and other potential life threatening incidents which exceed the routine response of on-duty Public Safety personnel. The team conducted 5 operations in 2021 as well as monthly training events.

K9 Program:

As a result of staffing issues, our canine program was limited in 2021. PSO Gabryszewski completed his 10-week Handler training and then trained and oriented his newly-assigned canine TIGO and PSO Huffman, who is assigned canine JAROS, was on light duty for five months of 2021. Canine units are responsible for apprehension of fleeing suspects, article searches, tracking suspects or missing persons, building searches, and narcotics detection. Below is their activity for 2021:

Training and Usage

Tracks.....	5
Vehicles searched.....	51
Controlled Substance Arrest.....	16
Other Related Arrest.....	13
Building searches.....	4
Apprehensions without force.....	7
Citations.....	25
Total training hours.....	190



Drug and Money Seizures

Marijuana.....	26.99 grams (Street value \$619)
Methamphetamines.....	114 grams (Street Value \$8,510)
Cocaine/Crack.....	20 grams (Street Value \$1,800)
Heroin/Fentanyl.....	20 grams (Street Value \$2,000)
MDMA Seized.....	96 dosage units (Street Value \$10,150)
Money.....	\$13,530
Weapons.....	2



Explorers Program:

In 2021 Public Safety continued its *Law Enforcement Explorers* program which is a hands-on career-oriented program that gives youth from ages 14 to 21 years old the opportunity to explore careers in law enforcement and firefighting. We ended the year with **10** youth participating in our bi-weekly program supervised by our personnel. The Explorers assisted our Community Services Division with community projects which included our annual Blue Elves toy giveaway.



Community Services Division:

- ☛ “Coffee With A Cop” is a national event that focuses on connecting community members with Law Enforcement. In 2021 Public Safety hosted 7 events at businesses. The program continues to be well received by members in the community.



- ☛ “Operation Safe Haven” provided a week-long summer camp in 2021 for 17 students who successfully completed the D.A.R.E. program



- ☛ In 2021 our D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program was presented to 5th graders at New Dimensions School, Morganton Day School and home school groups with 48 students completing the program. The D.A.R.E. curriculum uses national research based educational techniques to teach youth better decision making skills to help them avoid negative influences in life.

- ☛ Public Safety’s annual “Blue Elves” outreach event reached nearly 175 children in the city of Morganton with assistance from The Marine Corps League Toys for Tots, Morganton Housing Authority, Morganton-Burke Fraternal Order of Police, Morganton Recreation Department and other donors. These partnerships have allowed Public Safety to facilitate this event which includes toys, snacks and activities for youth and parents.



Fire Services:

Fire Prevention efforts included presentations to more than **1,800** citizens at **13** different events throughout the year totaling **37** man-hours. Events were held at local elementary schools, recreation centers and community events and included information on fire prevention and life safety. Conducted **4** tours of our facilities for our citizens allowing them to observe the specialized equipment used in firefighting. Assisted hearing-impaired citizens with proper installation of smoke detectors and bed-shaker alarms. Performed **37** events assisting citizens with correct child car seat installations.



Breast Cancer Awareness

Public Safety showed its support in the fight against breast cancer by designing and selling t-shirts and patches during October's *Breast Cancer Awareness Month* and raising/donating over **\$3,200** to Blue Ridge Healthcare Foundation to help fund mammograms for those in need.



Autism Awareness

To show our support during *Autism Awareness Month* in April, Public Safety designed and sold patches and raised over \$1,200 in 2021 which was given to North Liberty School to further their autism programs.

