



Waterford Police Services 2020 Year-End Report

Message from the Chief

"My first year as Chief of Waterford Police Services has been a great experience. With the challenges we have faced with COVID-19, it has slowed down my plan to get out and interact more with the community. As things start to stabilize, and we begin to open back up, re-engaging will be one of my priorities in 2021. We have an amazing community here in Waterford, and the staff at Waterford Police Services have done a fantastic job making sure we are providing the best in law enforcement services."

Mike Parker, Waterford Police Services Chief

About Waterford Police Services

Law enforcement services for the City of Waterford are performed under a mutual contract with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department. Personnel assigned to Waterford Police Services perform patrol, general investigations, traffic enforcement, community services, and records office functions. A wide array of ancillary services such as the SWAT Team, Dive Team, Bomb Team, Mounted Unit, Major Accident Investigation Team, and Air Support are also provided.

The Sheriff's Operations Center additionally provides other administrative functions. Dispatch services are provided by Stanislaus Regional 911.

Patrol

In calendar year 2020, Waterford Police Services generated **6,037** calls for service. These calls include a wide variety of police activity ranging from dispatched calls for service to self-initiated activities.

Most of these arrests were for property crimes, drug related crimes and for warrants. Crimes against persons/crimes of violence made up a minority of overall arrests.



Detectives

Currently Waterford Police Services has an assigned Community Resource Deputy who handles investigations in the city. Major crimes including Homicides, Major Sexual Assaults and Drug Trafficking are handled by specialized investigations units out of the Sheriff's Operations Center. The following are highlights of investigations in 2020:

- CRD Summerton investigated, wrote, and served a search warrant with the assistance of the Special Investigations Unit in the 400 block of F St for an outdoor marijuana grow. Over 400 plants were discovered and eradicated, and two suspects were booked into the county jail.
- CRD Summerton investigated, wrote, and served a search warrant with the assistance of the Special Investigations Unit in the 400 block of B St for an indoor marijuana grow. Over 600 plants were discovered and eradicated.
- CRD Summerton wrote and served a search warrant with the assistance of the Sheriff's Department Community Resource Unit at Yosemite Blvd @ McEwen Rd for an outdoor marijuana grow. Over 900 plants were eradicated, and 100 pounds of processed marijuana were seized. Three suspects were booked into the county jail.
- CRD Summerton worked a mail theft case and served a search warrant in the 400 blk of E St. The primary target was arrested, and a large amount of stolen mail was recovered. A second subject was arrested in this case when he was found in a vehicle armed with a loaded firearm and in possession of methamphetamine.

F St Grow



Yosemite Grow



B St Grow



E St Warrant



Traffic Enforcement

Part of the patrol functions of Waterford Police Services is to provide traffic enforcement and traffic collision investigation in the city. Reducing the number of people killed or injured in traffic collisions is paramount. Traffic continues to be the single largest physical threat to public safety in Waterford and garners the largest amount of complaints. In calendar year 2020, there were **67 Traffic collisions, with 2 resulting in fatalities.** These incidents were investigated by the Sheriff's Department's Major Accident Investigation Team (M.A.I.T.)

Traffic related safety issues are constant and will never go away. Our patrol deputies are regularly engaged in traffic enforcement and education. We issued some **310 citations** for various violations of the California Vehicle Code. They also issued **162 parking citations.**

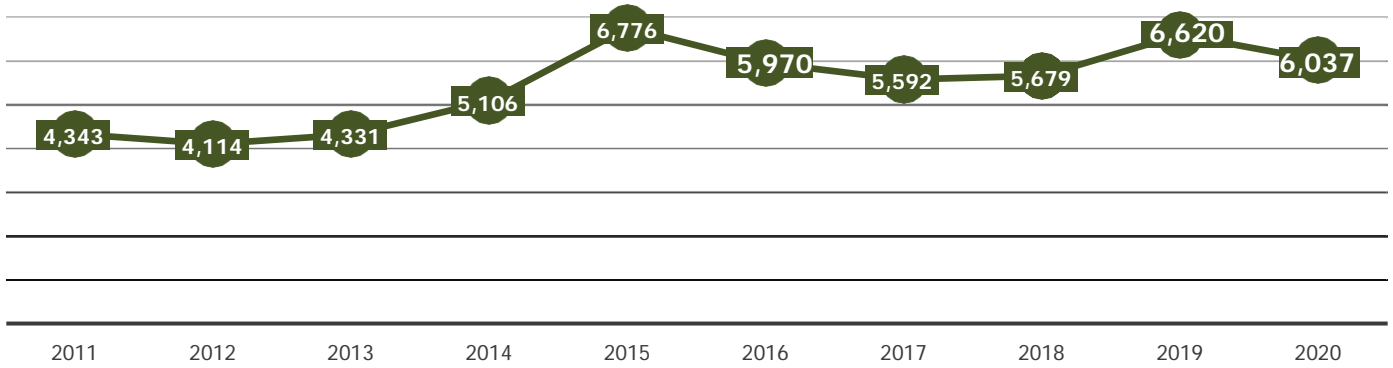
Adding to this threat are those who, despite the risk to themselves and others, choose to drive while under the influence. WPS deputies made **10 DUI arrests in 2020**

CALLS FOR SERVICE	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
TOTAL	4,343	4,114	4,331	5,106	6,776	5,970	5,592	5,679	6,620	6,037
UCR Part 1	271	289	300	301	188	163	186	159	179	112
Violent Crime	21	25	23	22	20	21	18	22	21	20
Homicide	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	2	3	1	0	0	4	1	1	3	0
Robbery	3	4	5	2	2	1	4	8	7	6
Aggravated Assault	15	18	16	18	18	16	13	13	11	14
Property Crime	250	264	277	279	168	142	168	137	158	92
Burglary	84	104	125	108	57	44	37	44	29	13
Larceny Theft	136	109	101	108	74	75	84	58	82	54
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	49	49	63	36	23	45	35	44	22
Arson	0	2	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	3
UCR Part 2	1,557	1,584	1,537	1,673	1,777	1,844	1,665	1,493	1,379	1,294
DUI	13	17	10	4	7	16	19	14	9	10
Shooting	4	4	11	4	4	3	4	6	3	3
Firearm / Weapon	3	3	0	2	1	2	1	3	1	1
Drug Violation	23	58	45	38	87	61	42	45	57	57
Other Assault	223	200	159	206	206	259	172	231	184	153
Sex Offense	4	5	3	10	5	6	6	9	8	4
Family / Children	198	258	235	255	235	250	276	241	157	202
Forgery / Counterfeit	11	20	8	14	11	5	9	11	19	1
Embzl / Fraud / Extort	11	4	5	9	7	9	7	3	4	4
Identity Theft	8	9	9	9	8	9	11	3	3	4
Vandalism	74	102	81	56	54	71	87	52	37	33
Disturbing the Peace	267	314	348	323	327	290	227	184	180	227
Obstructing the Justice	27	18	20	17	19	34	35	9	11	9
All Other Offenses	227	44	36	29	47	70	40	46	38	52
Suspicious Activity	251	297	365	391	466	492	473	424	436	361
Alarm	213	231	202	306	293	267	256	212	232	173
Mentally Disturbed	43	37	35	44	46	60	46	36	42	34
Warrant Served	49	47	44	52	79	100	92	115	112	106
Traffic	192	197	216	306	232	201	214	376	329	562
Investigative Activity	591	503	387	433	775	794	726	635	853	754
Extra Patrol Request	35	79	82	60	208	157	126	172	399	243
Assisting Other Agency	40	49	49	59	74	62	50	43	71	95
Miscellaneous	834	802	774	927	903	875	909	837	919	944
Pursuit	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	3

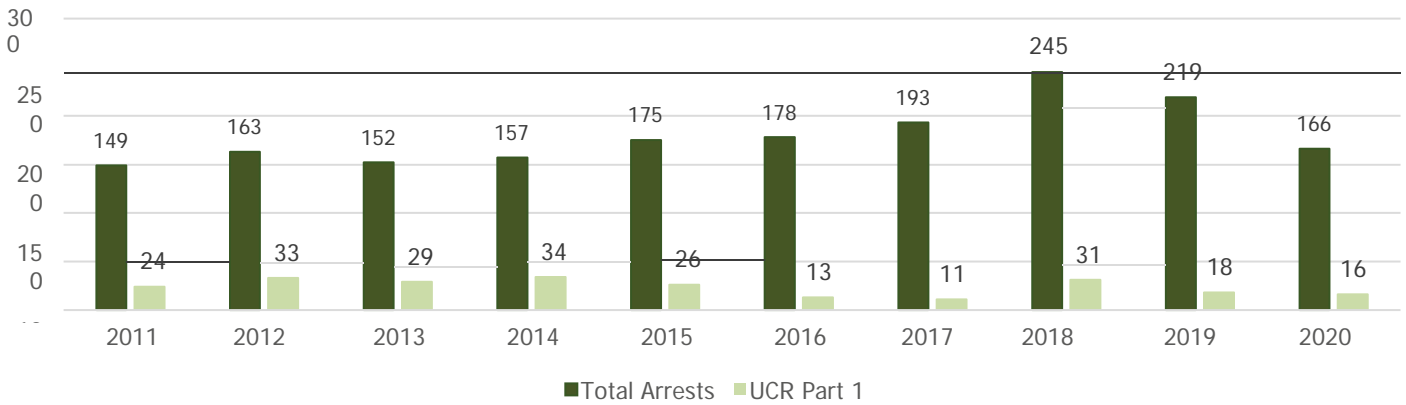
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CALLS FOR SERVICE TOTALS: 2011 - 2020



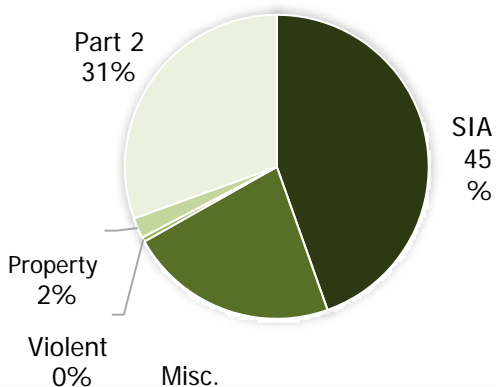
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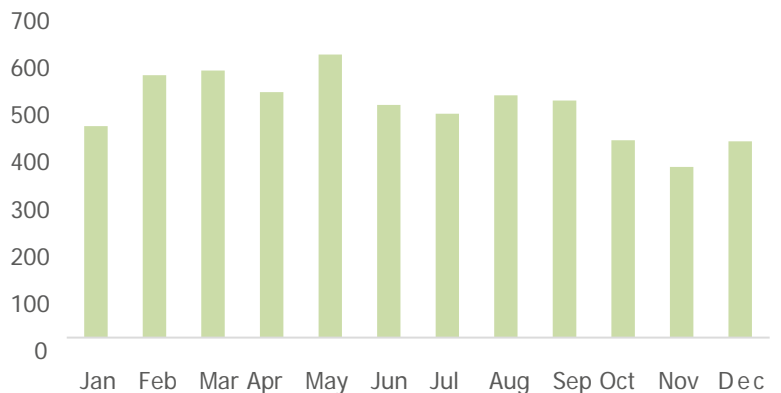
SELF-INITIATED ACTIVITIES (SIA)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Community Oriented Policing	7	2	35	54	135	16	9	10	328	49
Area Check	53	50	79	76	138	92	51	65	151	66
Bar Check	0	3	1	1	3	0	2	0	21	0
Bike Stop	40	27	98	121	311	233	186	142	147	65
Pedestrian Stop	65	53	146	167	396	212	197	208	385	294
Traffic Stops	566	392	547	832	1,511	1,161	1,133	1,387	1,303	1,416
TOTAL	731	527	906	1,251	2,494	1,714	1,578	1,812	2,335	1,890

PERCENTAGE PER CALL CATEGORY: 2020



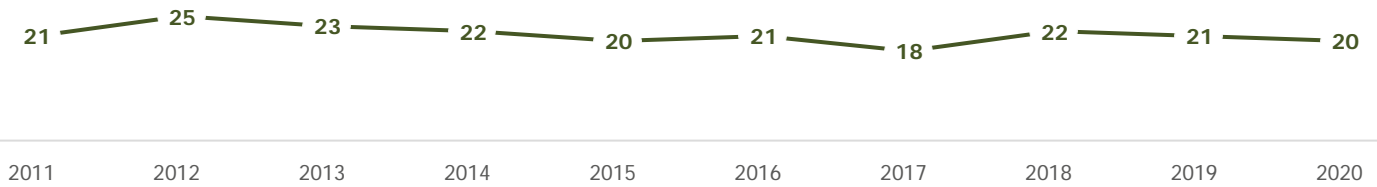
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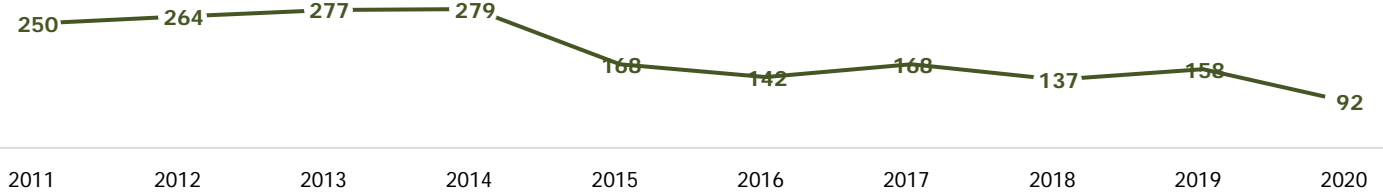
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VIOLENT CRIME TRENDS: 2011 - 2020



PROPERTY CRIME TRENDS: 2011 - 2020



AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES		
CRIME TYPE	2020	2019
Identity Theft	9.43	10.45
Embez/Fraud/Extort	8.52	3.13
Larceny Theft	8.32	11.39
Motor Vehicle Theft	8.25	9.39
Vandalism	6.53	9.42
Robbery	5.5	3.07
Shooting	5.49	3.51
Other Assaults	5.41	4.2
Burglary	5.27	5.38
Warrant Served	5.04	4.06
Miscellaneous	5.02	5.26
Family Offenses	4.51	9.49
Disturbing the Peace	4.4	6.59
Area Check	4.37	2.58
Forgery/Counterfeit	3.44	0.5
Alarm	3.42	4.44
Mentally Disturbed	3.36	4.46
Assist Other Agency	3.34	4.26
Drug Violation	3.02	1.07
Obstructing the Justice	2.59	13.2
Arson	2.48	2.3
Aggravated Assault	2.47	3.4
Investigative Activity	2.39	3.39
All Other Offenses	2.16	3.04
Suspicious Activity	2.14	2.21
Traffic	1.27	1.33
Sex Offenses	1.22	30.21
DUI	1.18	2.03
Extra Patrol Request	1.11	1.58
Forcible Rape	0	3.27

Overall average response time to Calls for Service in 2020 was approximately 2.3 minutes. Overall average response time to Calls for Service in 2019 was approximately 3 minutes.

Community Outreach

Waterford Police Services were inhibited in 2020 by COVID-19 pandemic restrictions; therefore, were unable to participate in as many community events as in other years prior. We did find ways to interact and reach out to the community by participating in the Love Waterford event. We also sponsored a family in need during the holidays and provided them with gifts and food.

With the schools practicing distance learning, and school staff not seeing students on a daily basis, Waterford Police Services entered into a contract with the Waterford Unified School District to go out with their staff and conduct home checks of students who were not attending classes & falling behind. This has been a successful program resulting in a valuable partnership with the school district.

Deputies enjoy working these events as they're full of positivity. We want the community to know we have a vested interest in their safety as we live and work in this community.



2020 Community Outreach



Goals for 2021

We have several areas we would like to focus upon this year. These areas include the following: 1) increased traffic education and enforcement, 2) increased community engagement and education, 3) illegal marijuana grow eradication, and 4) creative ways to provide a higher level of service to our community.

Traffic Safety and Education

With Traffic being our number one complaint within the city, we plan to continue to enforce and educate the public about their traffic concerns and emphasize safe driving.

Traffic motor units will be brought in to provide specific enforcement in the areas of speeding and commercial vehicle violations.

Community Engagement and Education

As a police department, we understand we cannot be effective without the community's help and partnership. We plan to increase our community education on the legal challenges we face. The intent is to help the community understand how they can help us provide for a higher quality of life for the community. An example of this would be noise complaints. Most people do not know a peace officer's peace cannot be disturbed; therefore, we need a complaining party to make an official complaint. Oftentimes, our noise complaint calls are anonymous, thus legally preventing deputies from taking enforcement action.

Our community resource deputy will work and partner with our neighbors to best deal with specific quality of life issues in Waterford. We aim to come to a solution which is mutually beneficial for all concerned.

Illegal Marijuana Grows

As marijuana retail sales soar, and use of recreational marijuana becomes the legal norm, we have seen an increase in the number of illegal outdoor and indoor grows within city limits. This year we removed over 1,700 illegal plants and over 100lbs of processed marijuana.

These unlawful grows ranged from large-scale sophisticated indoor operations to substantially smaller outdoor individual grows.

While it may be easy to quickly dismiss this activity as non-violent, we have found these unlawful grows are often operated by criminal enterprises engaging in far worse violent felonies. Illegal firearms and other illegal drugs are often recovered from these various grow operations.

Additionally, they have a considerable impact on the quality of life for city residents. These illegal grows often bring about unwanted foot and vehicle traffic, they are wired with dangerous electrical configurations and contain other inherent safety hazards. Unfortunately, the combination of this type of illegal activity has a negative impact on neighborhood blight and decreases property values.

In conclusion, we look forward to the upcoming 2021 year and serving our community. Your police department is constantly reevaluating ways to improve upon public safety and expanding our relationships with our residents.