

# BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

2020





## BIG LAKE POLICE MISSION STATEMENT

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*The members of the Big Lake Police Department display PRIDE in the community we are entrusted to protect, provide SERVICE with compassion and dignity, and exhibit highest level of INTEGRITY in all aspects of our lives.*

# 2020 Department Organization and Structure



Chief of Police



Deputy Chief of Police

## Field Services

## Support Services

## Patrol Sergeants

## Investigations

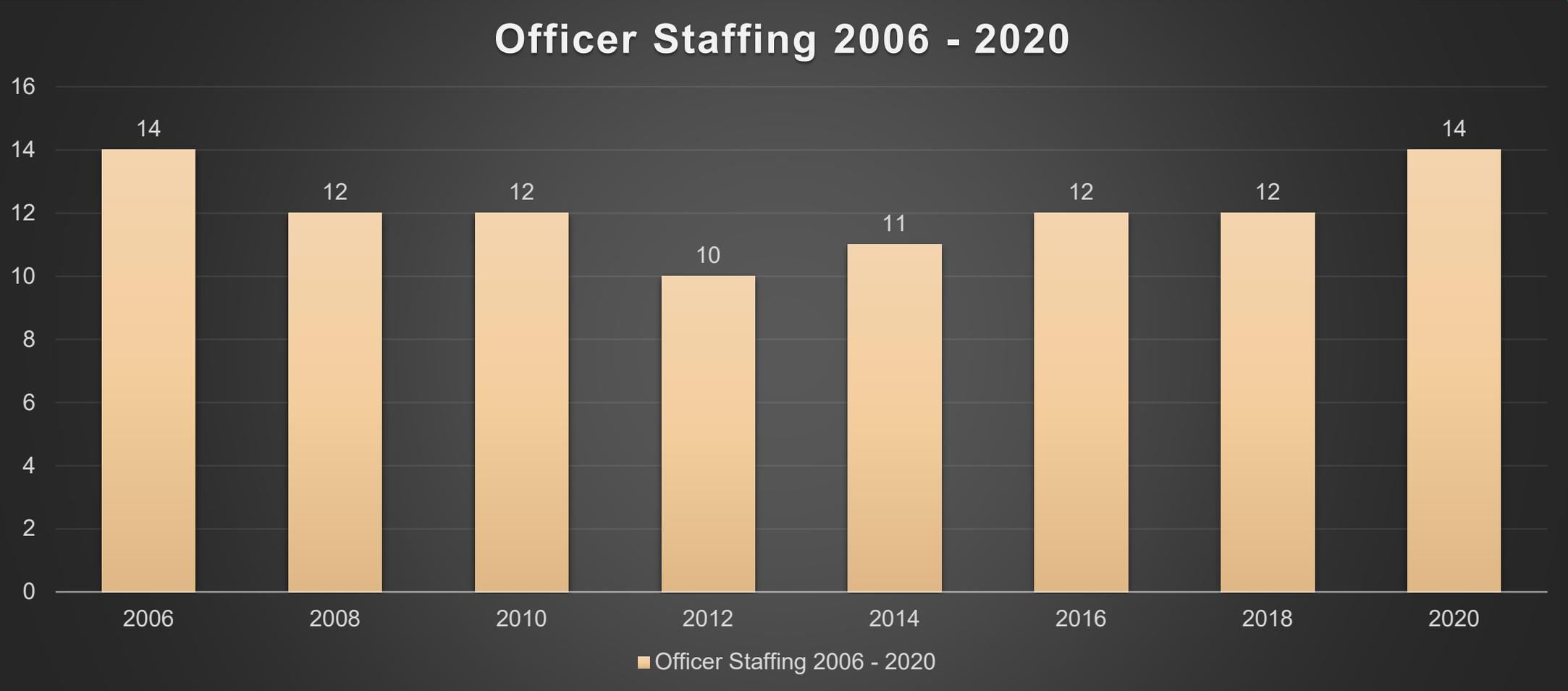
## Administration



## Patrol Officers



# Big Lake Police Officer Staffing 2006 - 2020



## 2020 Staff Changes

In 2020 we had two changes in staffing.

Laurie Morris retired after 20 years of service to the Big Lake Police Department.

- We received over 280 applications to fill her position.
- Nicole Pearson was hired in July and has been an excellent fit to our department!

Officer Tyler Sinclair accepted a position in a larger agency closer to the Metropolitan area.

- Officer Tim Mikelson was hired at the end of 2020 but did not start until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.
- Officer Mikelson has been a seamless transition into our department!



# Big Lake Police Department Staffing vs Comparable Cities

per 1,000 residents



**Big Lake Police – 1.2 Officers**

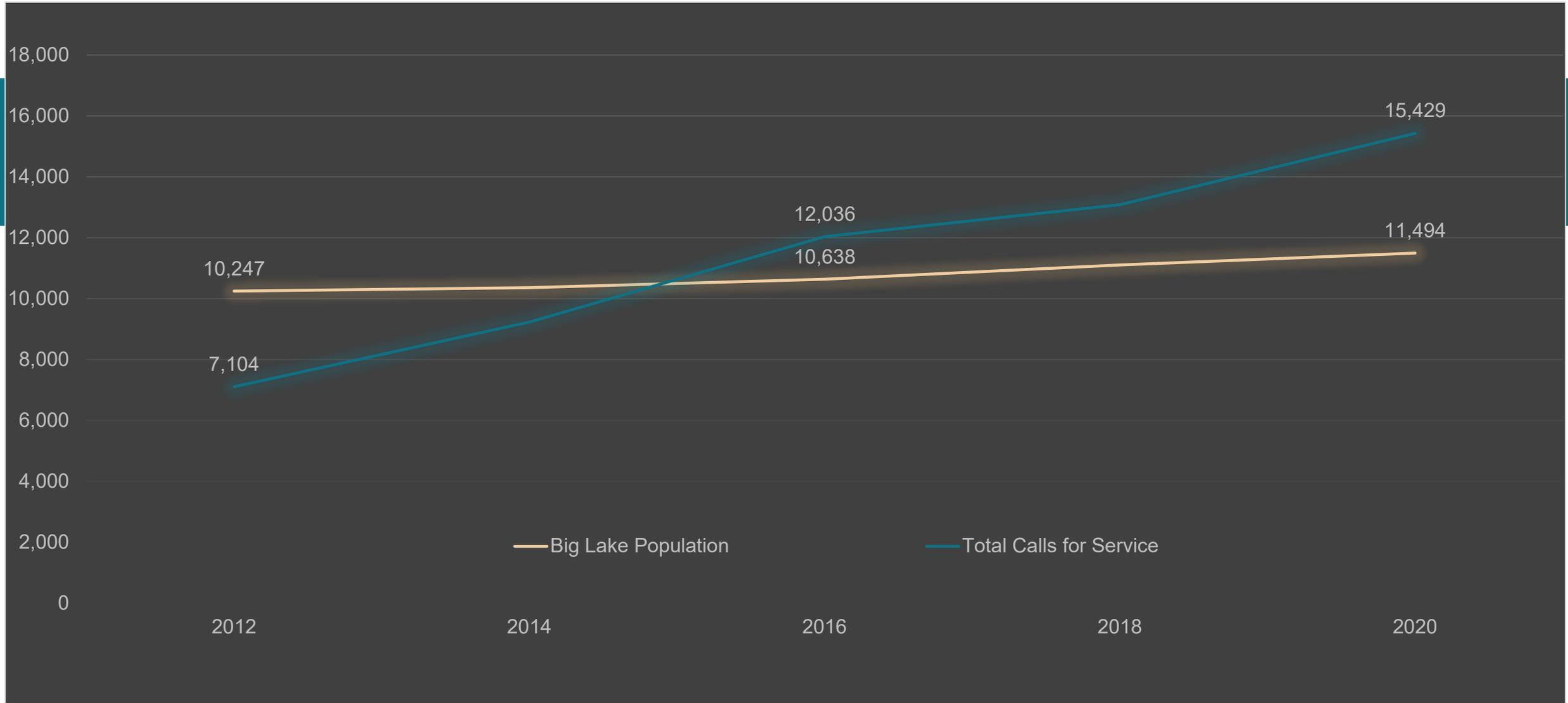


**Cities 10,000 – 25,000 – 1.4 Officers**



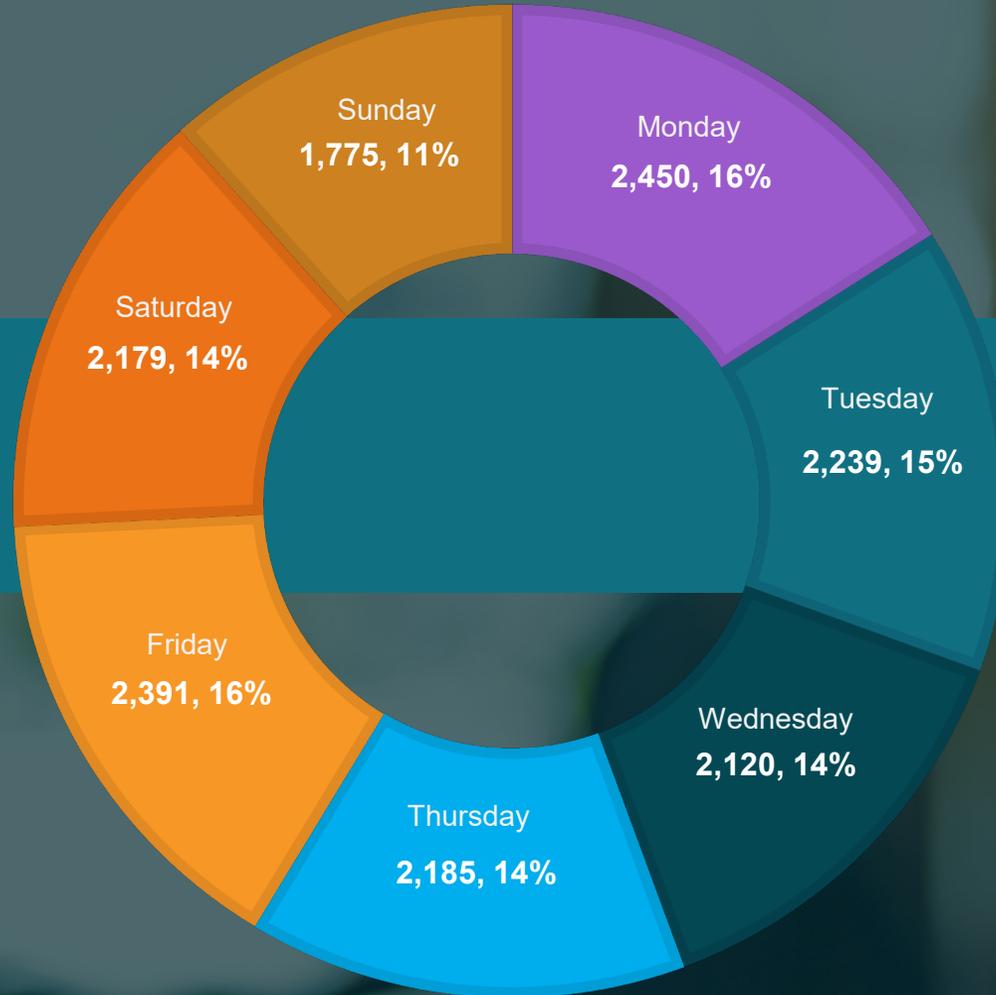
# Total Calls for Service with Corresponding Population

2012 - 2020



# 2020 Calls for Service by Day of the Week

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday



# Calls for Service (CFS) Categories

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- **Traffic Related CFS:** Traffic stops, traffic complaints, DWI arrests, revoked drivers, traffic crashes (property damage, injury, hit and run).
- **Proactive Policing:** Warrant Service, open doors, officer initiated, suspicious persons, suspicious vehicles, etc.
- **Priority Calls:** Domestic disturbance, fights, 911 hang-up, alarms, shooting complaints, burglary, assault, crimes against family, criminal sexual conduct, weapons, crimes against justice, fire, etc.
- **Non-Priority Calls:** Theft, property damage, trespass, fraud, liquor violations, animal complaints, public and agency assists, ordinance violations, loud noise, juvenile complaints, civil complaints, etc.
- **Support Activities:** Background investigations, data requests, meetings, training, administrative duties, additional officer duties, etc.
- **Community Policing Activities:** Events, meetings, crime free housing, predatory offender checks, investigative activity, extra patrol requests, etc.
- **Vulnerable Person(s) Investigations:** Missing persons, child maltreatment, social services investigations, mental health and welfare, medicals, etc.
- **Specialty Programs:** Canine and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

# Part 1 and Part 2 Index Crimes

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## Part 1 Index Crimes

*Serious Offenses:*

- *Rape*
- *Murder*
- *Aggravated Assault*
- *Robbery*
- *Arson*
- *Human Trafficking*
- *Criminal Sexual Conduct*
- *And others*



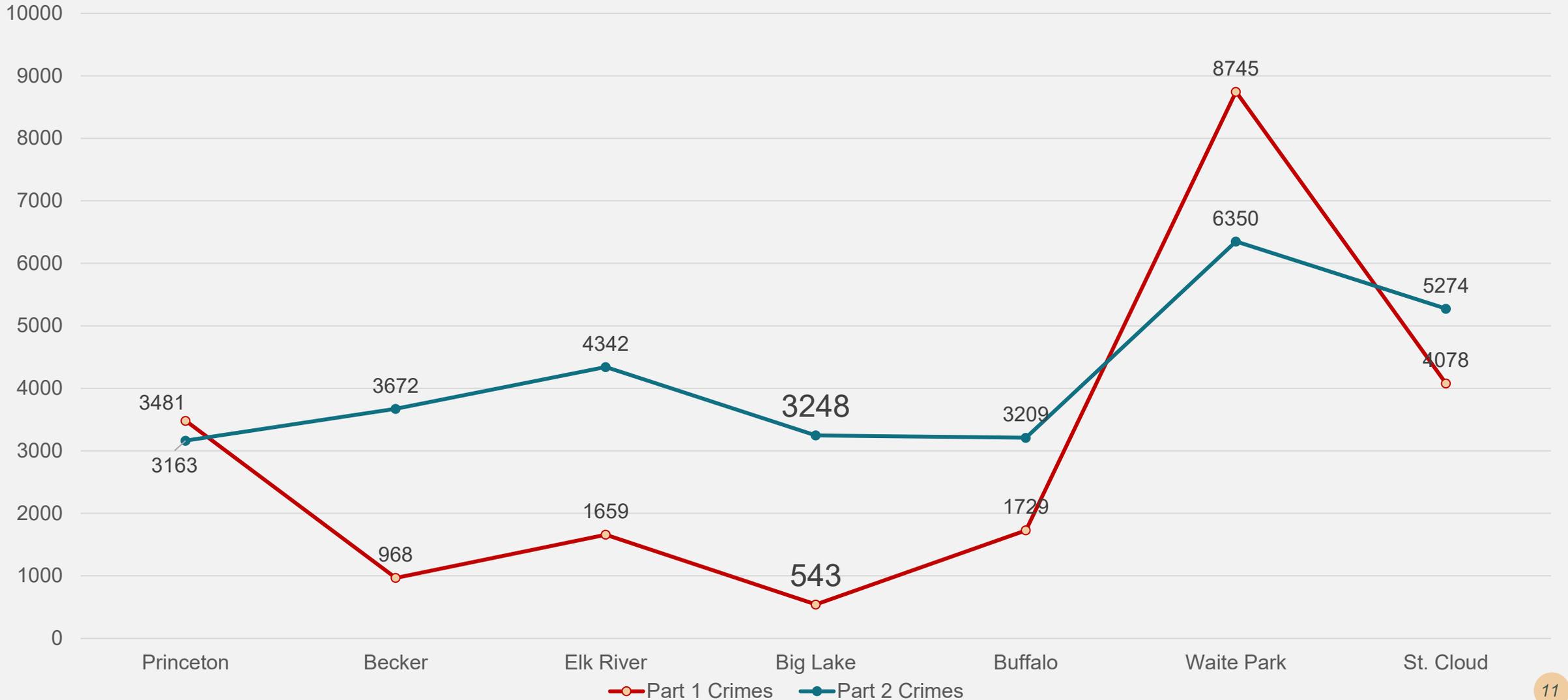
## Part 2 Index Crimes

*Property Crimes:*

- *Theft*
- *Vandalism*
- *Public Order*
- *Liquor Violations*
- *And others*



# Part 1 and Part 2 Index Crimes



# 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Safest City

The Big Lake Police Department was ranked as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Safest City in 2020!

The top 5 safest cities in Minnesota are:

- Orono
- Big Lake
- South Lake Minnetonka
- Minnetrista
- Stillwater





# Clearance Rates

## Cases Cleared by Prosecution

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Big Lake Police



85%

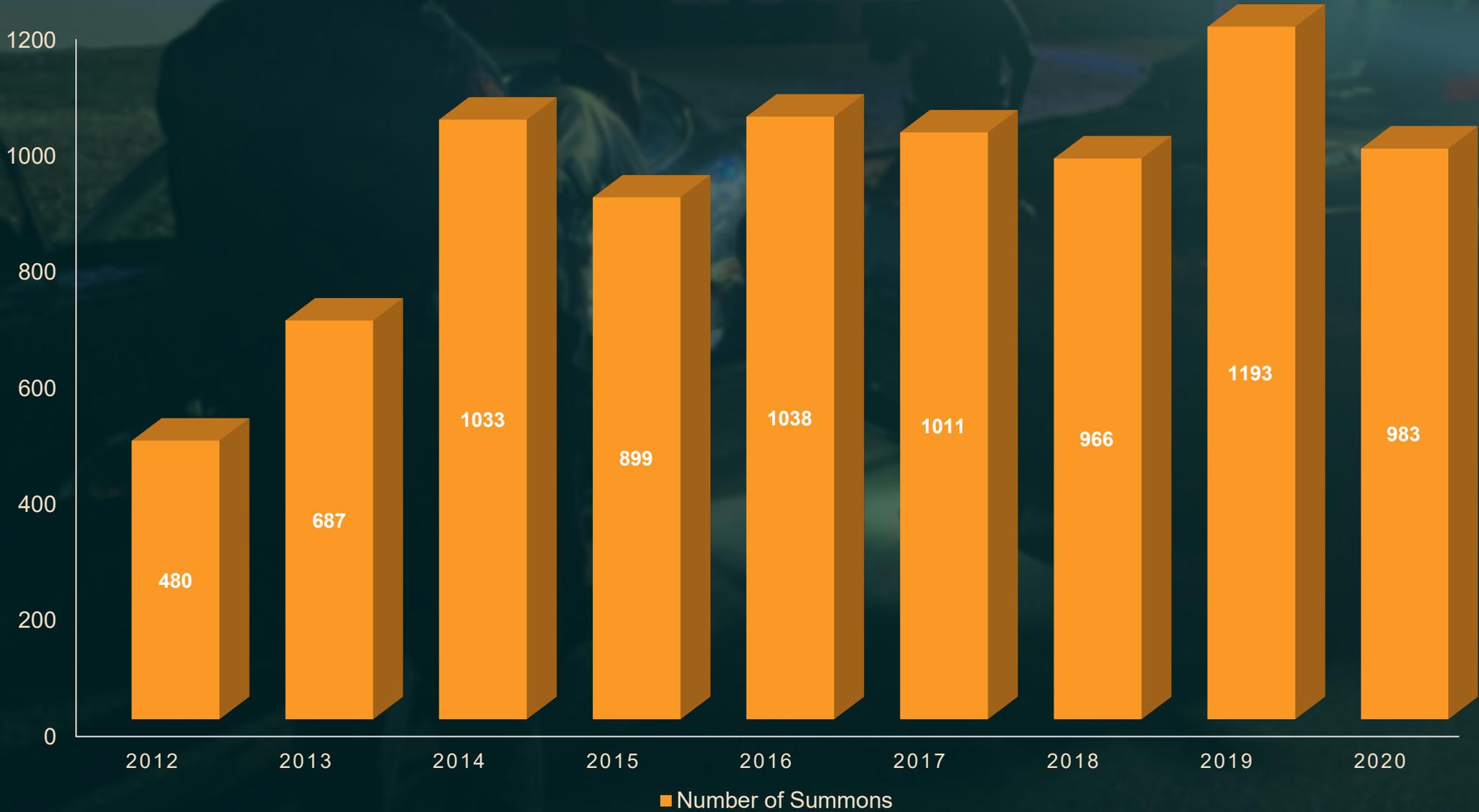
State of MN Average



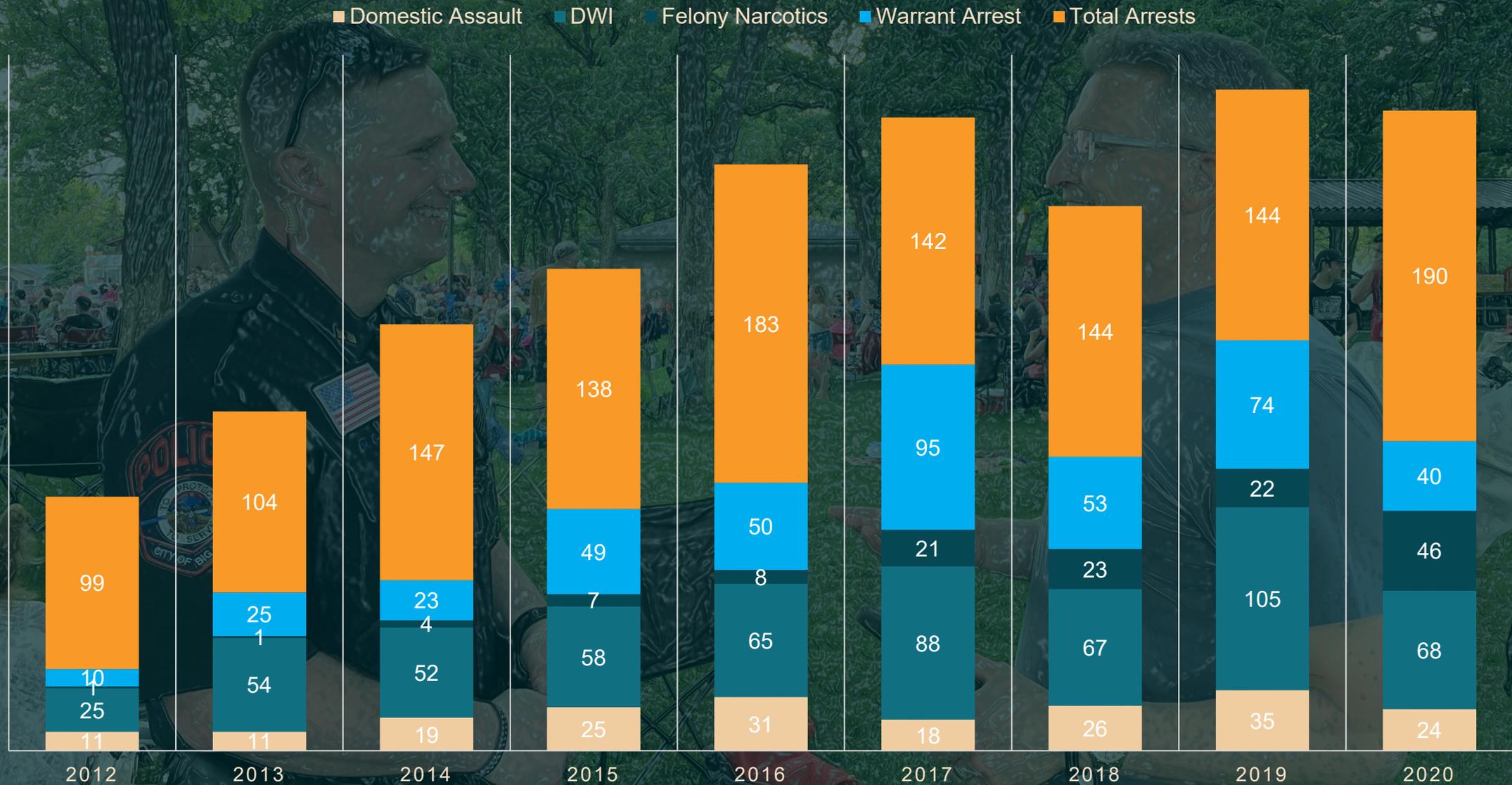
55%

# Summons Issued

Includes – Traffic Offenses, Minor Criminal Offenses, and City Ordinance Violations

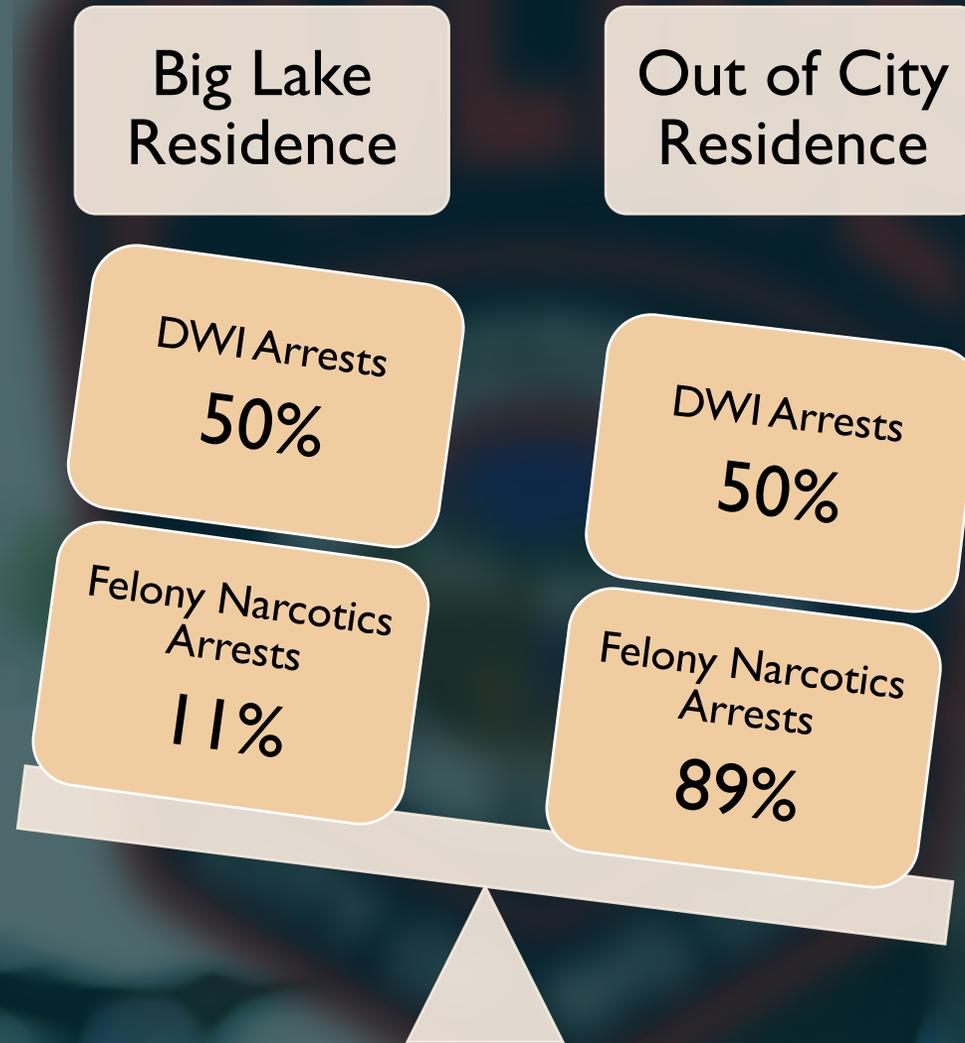


# Arrests by Service Category



# Where do the people we have contact with come from?

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# Return to Duty RTD Program



## ATV's

The Big Lake Police Department has acquired 2 - ATV's from the military Return to Duty program.

(2) 2013 850 Sportsman

Use for patrolling parks, trails, community events, and emergency situations.



## Up Armored Vehicle (HMMWV – High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle)



The Big Lake Police Department also acquired a up-armored vehicle from the Return to Duty Program.

This vehicle is used for negotiations, search and rescue, active shooter response, recovery, emergency management, and is a regional resource for neighboring agencies.



# Canine Program

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2020 was Officer Chaffee and K-9 Bruno's first full year as the new K-9 team.

Together they had 52 deployments with 40 items seized. Items consisted of drug paraphernalia, marijuana, and methamphetamine.

- They have conducted over 100 hours of training.
- In early 2020 at their first trials certification, they received a trophy for “Top Rookie Dog” as a new K-9 team!



# Technology

*The Big Lake Police Department prides itself on the current technology we provide and continue to attain.*

- *Axon Body Cameras*
- *Night/Thermal Vision*
- *Suppressed Patrol Rifles*
- *Guardian Angel Shoulder Lights*
- *Unmanned Arial Vehicle (UAV)*
- *Robot*
- *Up-Armored Vehicle*
- *Squad Lighting Designed for Officer Safety*



# UAV Program

In 2020 The Big Lake Police Department sold the Mavic 2 Enterprise and Inspire UAV's and used those funds to purchase more updated and compact UAV's:

- DJI Mini 2
- Autel EVO 2 Dual

These are smaller UAV's that are more maneuverable. The Autel EVO 2 can be flown indoors.

In 2020 we had 7 requests to utilize the UAV in missing persons or subject who fled from a scene, and 8 requests for community services.



# 2020 Community Engagement

In 2020 many of the community events the officers and staff would normally attend were cancelled due to Covid-19. Some of the activities and events officers and staff attended were:

- ✓ Birthday Parades
- ✓ ATV Run
- ✓ Chamber Block Party
- ✓ Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

Find us on Facebook, Nextdoor, and Twitter!



# Big Lake Police Fleet Overview

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Annually officers patrol nearly 180,000 miles on city roadways.

- Big Lake has 70 miles of city roadways, not including state and county roads.

The Big Lake Police Department maintains a fleet of vehicles which suite unique needs for our community.

- In 2020 our fleet comprised of Ford Explorer Interceptors and Dodge Chargers.
- Our department has (2) Polaris 850 Sportsman 4-wheelers, a snowmobile, and boat. All these vehicles were acquired through the US Military Return to Duty Program at no cost. They are used for search and rescue, patrolling bike trails and parks, community policing, and winter events.
- We maintain a replacement program which places new vehicles into patrol for 3 years, followed by 2 years of service with an investigator, Chief, or other staff.
- Vehicles are then either auctioned off or assigned to City Hall for use by various departments.
- This allows for minimizing major repair expenses and provides a strong resale value.



# **Big Lake Police Department Goals for 2021**

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- **Officer Wellness:** Ensure officer's health and mental health remain a top priority in the department. Continue to encourage the use of our mental health resources and gym memberships to stay healthy and active.
- **Staffing:** Continue to keep and grow staffing levels to better serve our community, such as maintaining a minimum of 2 officers for 24/7 coverage.
- **Proactive Policing:** Continue with proactive policing to help reduce and prevent crimes from occurring in our community, such as narcotics offenses, DWI offenses, and burglaries/vehicle tampering.
- **Community Engagement:** Continue to grow positive interactions with our community by utilizing social media, attending events, and effective communication.
- **Partnerships:** Continue to grow and maintain relationships with other public safety entities to effectively provide resources and services to our community.
- **Equipment:** Continue to ensure a robust capitol improvement strategy and research the latest technology to help keep our officers safe in a cost-effective manner.
- **Succession Planning:** Continue with the process of building individuals to fill key positions with the department.

# In Memory of Council Member Rose Johnson

This report is dedicated to Council Member Rose Johnson who lost her life tragically in 2020.



# Big Lake Police Department



**THANK YOU!**