

CUSHING POLICE DEPARTMENT



2021 Annual Report



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FROM THE CHIEF

I am honored to present our 2021 Cushing Police Department Annual Report. This report offers a look at the statistics for community safety. On behalf of the men and women of the Cushing Police Department we hope this report will inform you how we are working to keep our community safe and enhance the quality of life for the residents of the City of Cushing.

In 2021 the total calls for service had a 1.7% increase. The number one crime in Cushing is larceny which had a 39.5% decrease in 2021. This report will have a summary of activities related to the calendar year 2021. This report includes arrests, criminal reports, traffic reports, training, enforcement efforts and calls related to animal control.



We are proud of the accomplishments we have made as an agency to include training, development of community outreach programs, upgrades to technology and improving communication, included in the upgrades to technology were body-worn cameras and new computer aided dispatch with mapping.

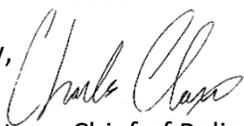
Cushing Police Department staff participates in several community outreach programs for example, Special Olympics Oklahoma, Autism registry, Alzheimer's registry, Beards for Bikes, and Elks Lodge Shop with a Cop.

In 2020 Cushing Police Department staff worked to implement a policy and assigned a coordinator to Community Relations and we look forward to continuing this program. Recently staff has worked to develop a homeless outreach program which is to be implemented in 2022.

In 2021 Cushing Police Officers had a total of 1,531 hours of training for an average of 102 hours per officer. Cushing Police Department has a total of 6 certified officers with Crisis Intervention Training and all Cushing Police Officers have attended a De-escalation course.

It is our mission that we will work to provide the best possible police service to improve the quality of life by making Cushing a place where all people can live safely and without fear.

I would like to express my sincere thank you to all our dedicated women and men of the Cushing Police Department including their families.

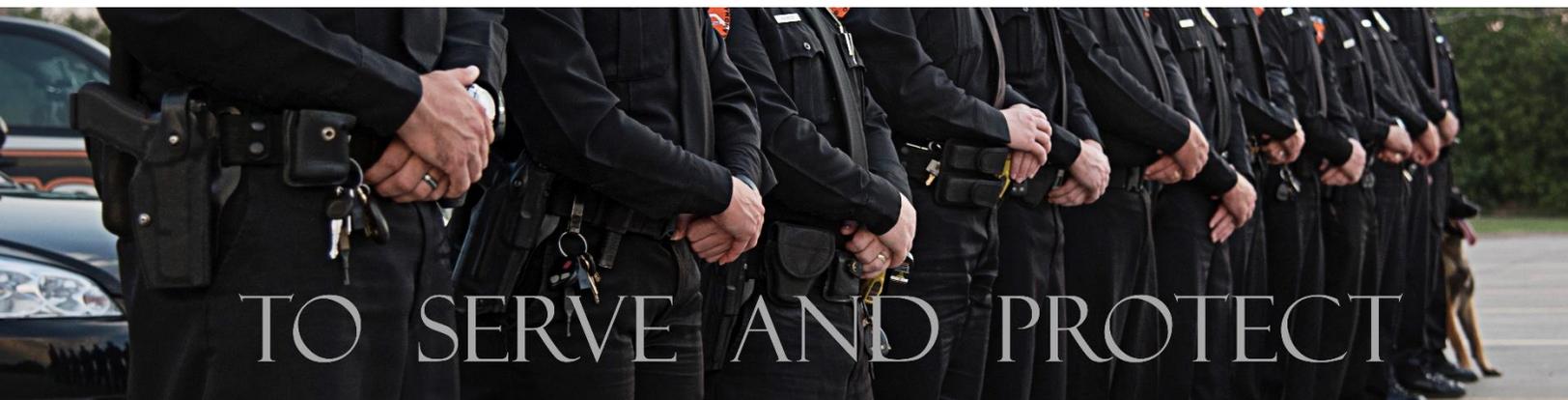
Respectfully,

 Charles Claxton - Chief of Police

Mission

“We will work to provide the best possible police service to improve the quality of life by making Cushing a place where all people can live safety and without fear.”

Purpose

“As a vital component of the city, we will work to foster a safe community that seeks to retain its distinguishing small-town character.”



LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against abuse or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice, or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or abuse and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement.

COUNCIL AND CITY ADMINISTRATION

“Accomplishments that our department have made over this past year would not have been possible without the support from City Manager Terry Brannon and the Board of Commissioners.” Chief Charles Claxton

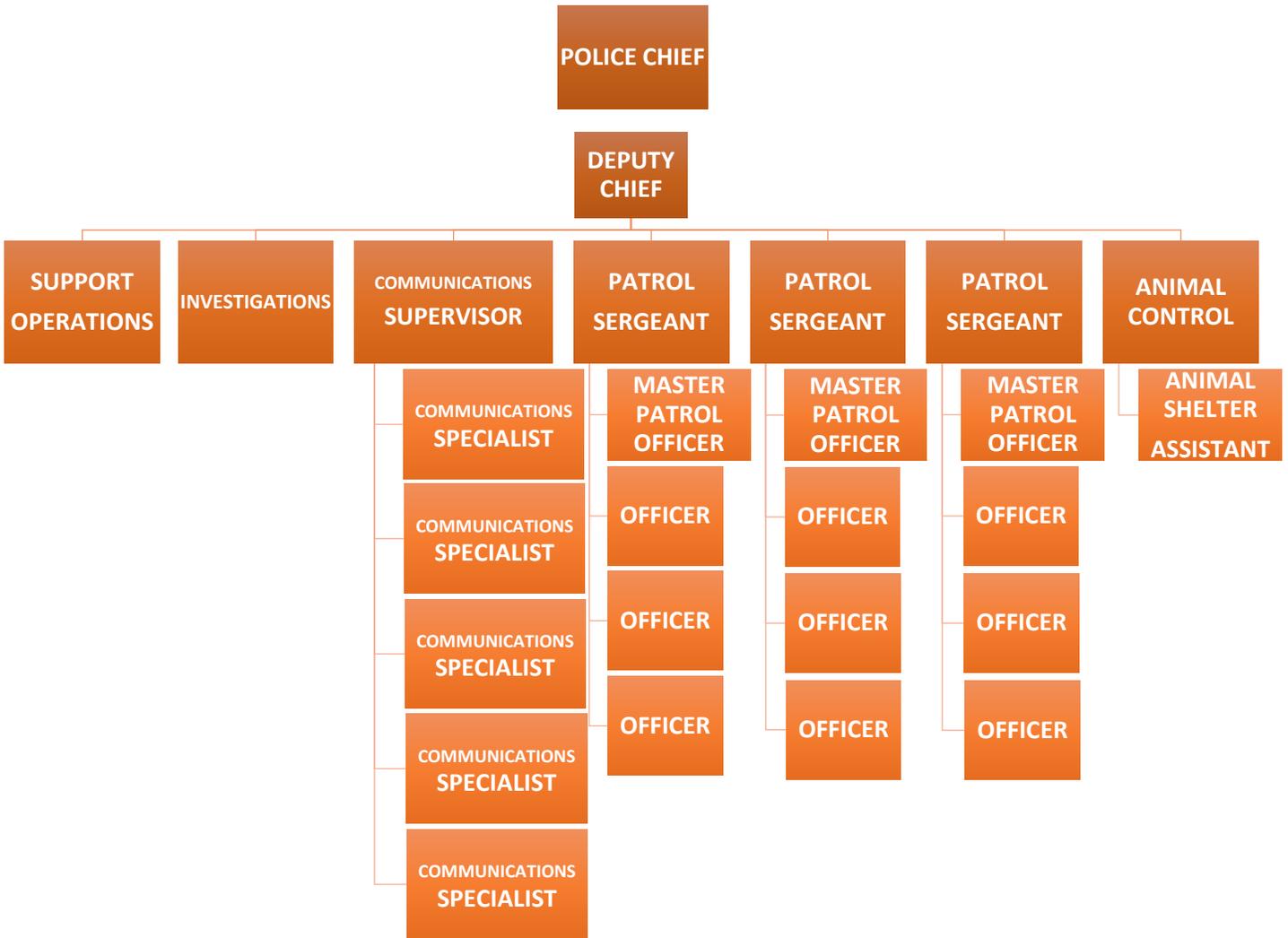
Commissioners

Name	Title	Term Expires
<u>B.J. Roberson</u>	Chairman	5/23
<u>Nancy Dowell</u>	Vice Chairman	5/22
<u>Michael Griffith</u>	Commissioner	5/22
<u>Lee Denney</u>	Commissioner	5/23
<u>Ricky Lofton</u>	Commissioner	5/23

City Administration and Municipal Court Staff

Name	Title	Phone Number
<u>Terry Brannon</u>	City Manager	(918) 225-0277 ext. 4148
<u>Jonathan Huseman</u>	City Attorney	(918) 225-0277 ext. 4152
<u>William Ahrberg</u>	City Judge	(918) 225-0012
<u>Jerrica Worthy</u>	City Clerk	(918) 225-0277 ext. 4045
<u>Darla Huckabay</u>	City Treasurer	(918) 225-0277 ext. 4163
<u>Tracie Rose</u>	City Clerk	(918) 225-0277 ext. 4044

DEPLOYMENT CHART



TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES

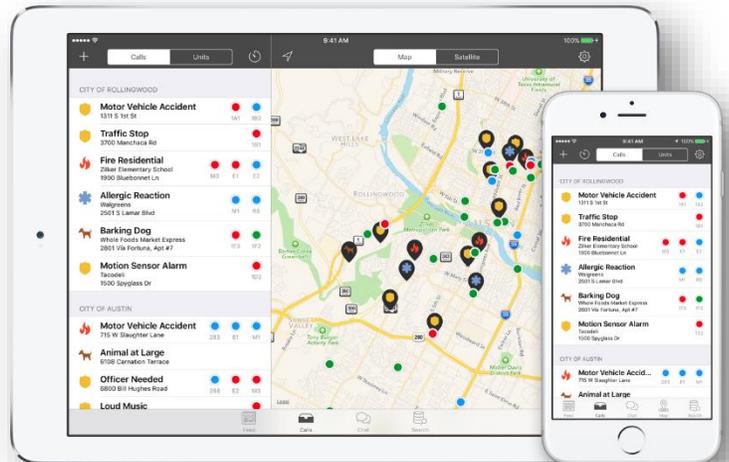
In-Vehicle Law Enforcement Computer System

The Cushing Police Department was donated several used Toughbook laptop computers from CenterPoint Energy. The department was able to refurbish these computers with software upgrades and issue them to officers. In-vehicle computers allow for faster responses to emergency calls with the officer being able to spend more time in patrol areas. With this technology and all the other technology that the department has upgraded, officers have attended Distracted Driving Training and reviewed policies to ensure safe operation.



GeoSafe

GeoSafe is an easy-to-use tool for first responders and is linked to current systems within the police department to allow for seamless data sharing and dispatching capabilities. GeoSafe allows for officers to view live updated 911 call information directly from our current dispatch system. We can also share data between multiple agencies. The mapping in the system allows for dispatchers to see the closest unit to provide better emergency response times. This system also has a great messenger system that quickly allows the sending of bulletins to the entire agency. Also allowing photos, PDFs, documents, and more to be shared securely.



“Ever-growing technology advancements with Public Safety are making things safer for officer and the community.”
Deputy Chief Myers

BODY-WORN CAMERAS

To go along with our already existing in-vehicle camera systems, the police department has started a body-worn camera program. Data storage was a concern for the department and this new program has allowed us to purchase a system that has diminished that concern. Body-worn cameras have become common in departments across the nation. Body-worn cameras allow the view of the officers as an event unfolds and from the officer's perspective. Footage and audio that they provide gives more transparency and accountability for both the public and officers. This system was purchased with the help of \$24,000 in grant money the department was able to obtain.

This system is seamlessly integrated with our in-vehicle systems, to capture evidence of any incident. Currently the department has 18 in-vehicle systems and 16 body-worn cameras.



“These body-worn cameras allow for protection to our officer, citizens, better evidence for court cases, and transparency for our agency. “Chief Claxton

COMMUNITY RELATIONS POLICY

Encourage officers, as time and circumstances permit to:

Make casual consensual contacts with community members to promote positive community relationships.

Become reasonably familiar with the schools, businesses, and community groups in their assigned jurisdictional areas.

Conduct periodic foot patrols of their assigned areas to facilitate interaction with community members. (Walking the beat)

Work with community members and the department community relations coordinator to identify issues and solve problems related to community relations and public safety.

Community Relations Coordinator

Master Patrol Officer Garvis Thomas was appointed as the Community Relations Coordinator in early 2020. MPO Thomas, Administration, and other staff have held several Community Partnership Meetings to help identify community needs.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



*MPO Garvis Thomas
Community Relations
Coordinator*

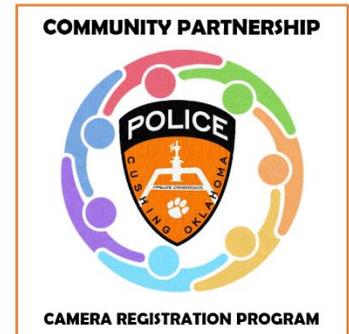


*Sergeant Carson Watts and Deputy Chief Nicholas Myers at 2021
Community Partnership Meeting held at the Senior Citizen Center*



*Sergeant Watts and MPO Thomas promoting Community
Partnership Meeting at KUSH Radio*

COMMUNITY CAMERA REGISTRATION PROGRAM



In June of 2021, the Cushing Police Department implemented the Community Camera Registration Program. This program has had great success with over 75 residential and business registries in 6 months.

Community Cameras Hold the Keys to Solving Many Crimes

Video surveillance cameras are great tools for apprehending criminals and catching suspects who are in the act of committing a crime. The problem is, police don't know where most of the cameras in our community are located. Going door to door during an investigation is a time-consuming process, especially when time is of the essence to solve a crime. The solutions are knowing where cameras are located so if a crime occurs near a registered camera, officers can easily and quickly contact camera owners whose cameras may have captured valuable footage and work with them to view the video if needed.

How Does the Program Work?

The Community Camera Registration Program allows residents and business owners to register locations and capabilities of their security camera system with the Cushing Police Department. Using this information when a crime occurs, the Cushing Police Department will know the location of nearby cameras and we can then collect the video evidence to help us follow up on leads.

What are the Benefits of Registering your Camera?

When suspects are caught in the act of committing a crime, video surveillance is one of the best methods to help catch criminals and gather vital evidence. As crime occurs nearby, many residents and business owners are unaware that their camera systems may have captured information that could help solve a crime. Likewise, police are not always aware of who may have potentially vital video evidence.

COMMUNITY CAMERA REGISTRATION PROGRAM cont.

Through the Cushing Police Department Community Camera Registration Program, officers can quickly identify cameras that may have captured criminal activity when they are investigating cases. After registering your camera, you will only be contacted by the Cushing Police Department if there is a criminal incident in the vicinity of your security camera that police believe will assist in the investigation. The investigating officer will contact the camera owner and arrange to view the video. The Cushing Police Department will never have direct access to any video. Viewing of any video footage will be arranged through communication with the camera owner.

How Would My Footage Be Obtained?

If a criminal incident occurs in the vicinity of your camera the Cushing Police Department may contact you at the phone number or address included on your registration to ask to view the camera footage. The Cushing Police Department will not be able to access video footage directly.

Information provided to the Cushing Police Department regarding your camera system will be for official use only.

Make Our Community Safer

Our goal is to empower residents and business owners to taking a community-wide approach to policing. We hope that you will join us in this initiative and help protect the community we all care about.

To register your cameras simply visit our website at cityofcushing.com/police-department and locate the Community Camera Registration Program. It is a simple online registration program.

TRAINING

The Council on Law Enforcement Training and Education requires all certified officers to obtain 25 hours of continuing education each year with 2 of those hours being mental health training. In 2021 Cushing Officers logged over 1530 hours of continuing education, averaging out to over 100 hours per officer.

Continuing education hours for our local law enforcement provide a better, more educated, professional officer for this community. We will continue to strive to provide opportunities for each Cushing Officer to be more educated each year. The Council on Law Enforcement Training and Education provides a Law Enforcement Professionals' Certification Program that was developed to give recognition for achievement in the field of law enforcement. Under the Law Enforcement Professionals' Certification Program, two additional certifications, beyond the level of basic law enforcement certification, may be awarded, Intermediate or Advanced Certifications. 50% of Cushing Officers currently hold the highest level of "Advanced Certifications".

Cushing hosted a Crisis Team training in 2021. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training is specific to commissioned law enforcement in the state. CIT partners both police and community for common goals of safety, understanding, and service to individuals with mental illness and their families. Officers participate in a 5-day 40-hour CIT training program. The professional provider community has recognized the need and efficacy of the CIT program and has partnered with law enforcement in providing the most effective training material possible. The training program consists of several classes taught by a variety of instructors



Crisis Intervention Training Hosted at Cushing Police Department

TRAINING cont.

including a Psychiatrist, a Substance Abuse Specialist, Social workers, Police Officers, and representatives from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). This training prepares the officer to safely de-escalate a crisis, determine the need for emergency treatment, and get the individual to professional treatment as quickly as possible.

Officers attended way too many different types of classes to list all of them, but we have listed a few of the classes different Cushing Officers attended in 2021:

- Cultural Awareness and Diversity
- Distracted Driving for Law Enforcement
- De-Escalation Training (Integrating Community)
- ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training)
- ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement)
- Evidence Based Sexual Assault
- Developing Leadership
- Basic Instructor Development
- Taser Instructor
- Shooting Decisions
- Recognition, Response, and Administration of Naloxone/Opioid Overdose 101
- Shooting Decisions/Tourniquet Application
- Handgun Handling Skills Builder
- Pistol Mounted Optics Instructor School
- Reid Interview and Interrogation
- Police Chief, Administrative, and Command Staff Training
- In-Vehicle Law Enforcement Computer System
- Leadership 1-8
- Narcotics Enforcement
- Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement
- Career Professionalism
- Anti-Bias Training for Law Enforcement
- Fentanyl Overdose Investigation
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Stalking Investigation
- Crisis Leadership
- Ambush Awareness



Police Chief, Administrative, and Command Staff Training



Firearms Instructor Myers and officers on the range for annual firearms qualifications.

NEW OFFICERS AND PROMOTIONS

The Cushing Police Department is excited to announce our two newest officers, Heather Snow and Jason Beal. These officers were sworn in September of 2021 by the Honorable Judge William Ahrberg. Both officers had just completed an extensive field training program, gaining the knowledge and skills needed to serve the citizens of this great city.



Officer Alex Gegen was promoted to the rank of Master Patrol Officer. MPO Gegen has been with the department since June of 2017 and is looking forward to his new leadership role.



Chief Claxton congratulation MPO Alex Gegen on his Promotion

RETIREMENT

In September of 2021 Chief Charles Claxton was honored to present Retired Reserve Officer, Bob Noltensmeyer, with this eagle statue for his dedication and loyalty to the Citizens of Cushing. The Cushing Police Department wishes Bob a happy retirement with sincere appreciation for his 17 years of valuable service.



PATROL

The Cushing Police Department has 15 officers who work in patrol. These officers provide 24/7 coverage, with three shifts.

Each shift has 1 Sergeant, 1 Master Patrol Officer, and 3 Patrol Officers. Patrol shifts are Days (6am-2pm), Evenings (2pm-10pm), Nights (10pm-6am).



Patrol had over 12,000 calls for service, resulting in 1619 incident reports, 85 warrant services, 131 accident/collision reports, 1,676 traffic stops, and 342 arrests.

Sergeant Jack Ford	32 Years of Service
Sergeant Carson Watts	16 Years of Service
Sergeant Matthew Piatt	14 Years of Service
Master Patrol Officer Christopher Haywood	8 Years of Service
Master Patrol Officer Garvis Thomas	3.5 Years of Service
Master Patrol Officer Alex Gegen	4.5 Years of Service
Officer Cody Carpenter	3 Years of Service
Officer Sara Reynolds	2.5 Years of Service
Officer David Smith	2.5 Years of Service
Officer Kyle Wright	2 Years of Service
Officer Jason Beal	1 Year of Service
Officer Heather Snow	1 Year of Service

Patrol currently has three vacant officer positions.

INVESTIGATIONS

Investigator Jerrod Livergood was assigned to investigations in May of 2020. Livergood has 13 years of Law Enforcement experience with the police department. Livergood assisted and worked over 120 cases throughout the year 2021. Of those cases the following is a breakdown of the types of cases that investigation handled.

Forensic Interviews (Child Interviews): 21

Polygraphs on suspects: 2

Death Investigations: 6

Emergency Phone Ping: 1

Search Warrants: 14 (Including: drug cases, Facebook, residences, UBER, Bank of America x2, cell phones, Google, Samsung, DNA, and Amazon)

Suspect Interviews: Numerous (Unknown exact number)

Missing Persons: 2

Child Porn: 1

Rape: 3



*Investigator Jerrod Livergood
and Police Chief Charles Claxton*



Livergood has also been keeping up with Crime Data Mapping for larceny the current highest crime in Cushing. This allows for data collected to allow for targeted patrol areas and shows the patterns of criminal behavior. Livergood completes this task comparing six months at a time and changing focus as needed. Comparing July-December of 2020 to July-December of 2021 there has been a 17% overall decrease in larceny cases during that time frame.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Cushing Police Department Communication Division dispatches calls for service for both Cushing Police and Cushing Fire Departments. Our Communication Specialists have a crucial, demanding, and noble position within the department. These men and women are the first person someone needing assistance, on what could be the worst day of their life, communicate with. This division provides a professional, well-trained, and confident voice for citizens in need of assistance.

Cushing Communication Specialist fielded over 12,000 calls for service in 2021, with 4,275 of those being 911 calls.



SUPPORT OPERATIONS

Support Operations Officer Susan Dooley has been with the Cushing Police Department for 27 years. Dooley is tasked with records, sex offender registry, violent offender registry, evidence custodian, and the OLETS tac officer.

Support Operations play an important role within the Cushing Police Department. Dooley works closely with many other agencies including Cushing Municipal Court, the City Attorney, the Payne County District Attorney's Office, National Crime Information Center (NCIC), Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS), the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI), and many more.



Dooley provides services to the public and other official agencies including criminal history checks, self-defense Act records checks, CLEET background checks, Open Records Request, Subpoena request, Expungements of records, and NCIC management/audits. Dooley always strives to provide every customer excellent customer service and upholds the Cushing Police Departments values.

Records completed 102 records requests, 41 background checks, 7 subpoenas, 2 expungements, and managed over 500 pieces of property/evidence.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Since 2020 the Cushing Police Department partnered with Cushing Public Schools to provide a safer environment for students and faculty. Former Chief Tully Folden stepped into the role as a School Resource Officer. In 2021 SRO Folden handled all school related calls.

SRO Folden has proven invaluable in his role as a liaison between the schools and the department. SRO Folden handles all truancy cases and increases safety for the students and staff.



SRO Tully Folden

RESERVE OFFICERS

The Cushing Police Department has a total of 3 reserve officers and 3 reserve officers that conduct fire investigations. These reserve officers help with parades, community events, and officer support.

Cushing Police Reserve Officers

Tully Folden
Steve Orton
Trent Fittje

Cushing Fire Investigation Reserve Officers

Dereck Griffith
Daniel Myers
Tyler Morris

ANIMAL WELFARE

Animal Welfare Officer Amanda Murie had over 850 Calls for Service for 2021. 86 animals from the shelter were reunited to their owners and 115 animals were turned over to the Cimarron Valley Humane Society for placement. Animal Welfare picked up just over 200 animals in the year 2021.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Each year the police department is invited to take place in several events in the community, including parades, festivals, sporting events, rodeos, and much more.



Chief Claxton with Cushing Tiger Mascot



Sgt. Ford with The Right Path promoting PTSD awareness



MPO Thomas and Officer Carpenter with Cushing Tiger Mascot



CPD and CFD helping with Lions Club Junior Olympics

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP





Officer Wright at Cushing Rodeo Event



CPD leading the Annual Christmas Parade



Chief Claxton, Deputy Chief Myers, and Lt. Gunkel at employee appreciation cook.



Officer Carpenter, Chief Claxton, MPO Thomas, and DC Myers at Stillwater SOT, Special Olympics Golf Scramble



Officer Carpenter at Cushing Elks Lodge Children's Holiday Bazaar



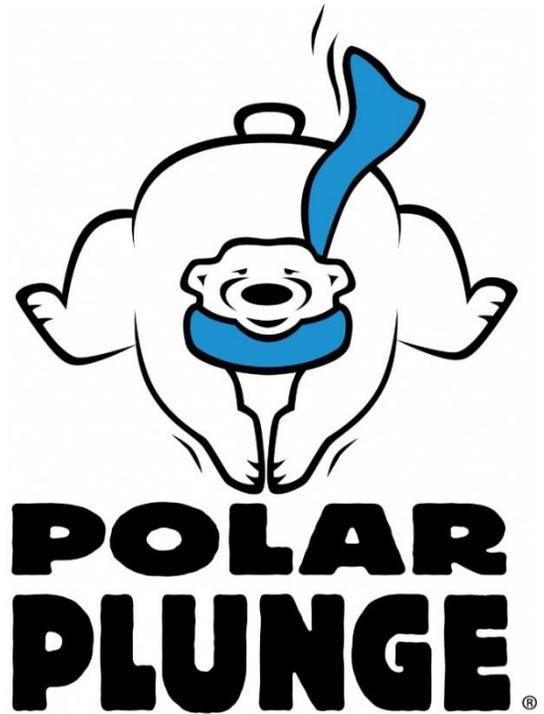
Officer Smith at Cushing Elks Lodge Children's Holiday Bazaar

**Special
Olympics**



Officers Cody Carpenter, Sara Reynolds, and David Smith participated in this years Polar Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics.

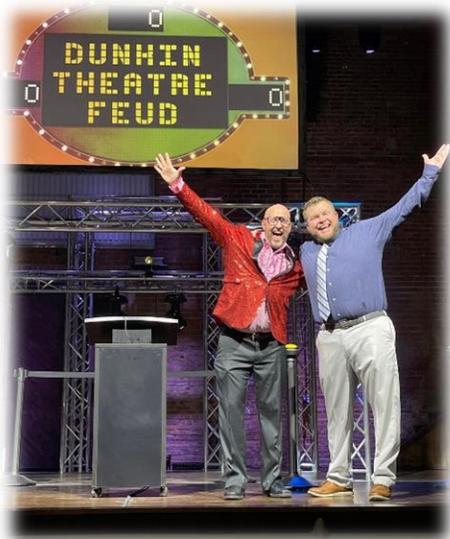
This team took home recognition for the “Top Fundraising Law Enforcement Agency” for this event!!



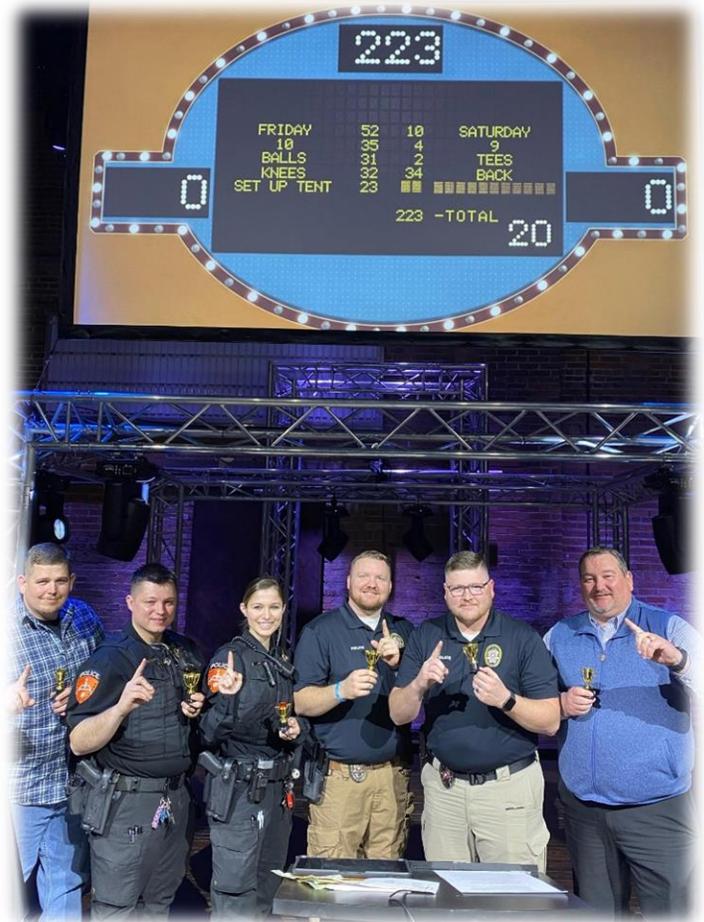
Special Olympics



The first annual "Non-Profit night" at the Dunkin Theatre of Cushing "Family Feud gameshow". All proceeds and donations benefit the Special Olympics of Oklahoma



The Cushing Police Department with the bragging rights for the win, but more importantly funds for donation to the Special Olympics were obtained.

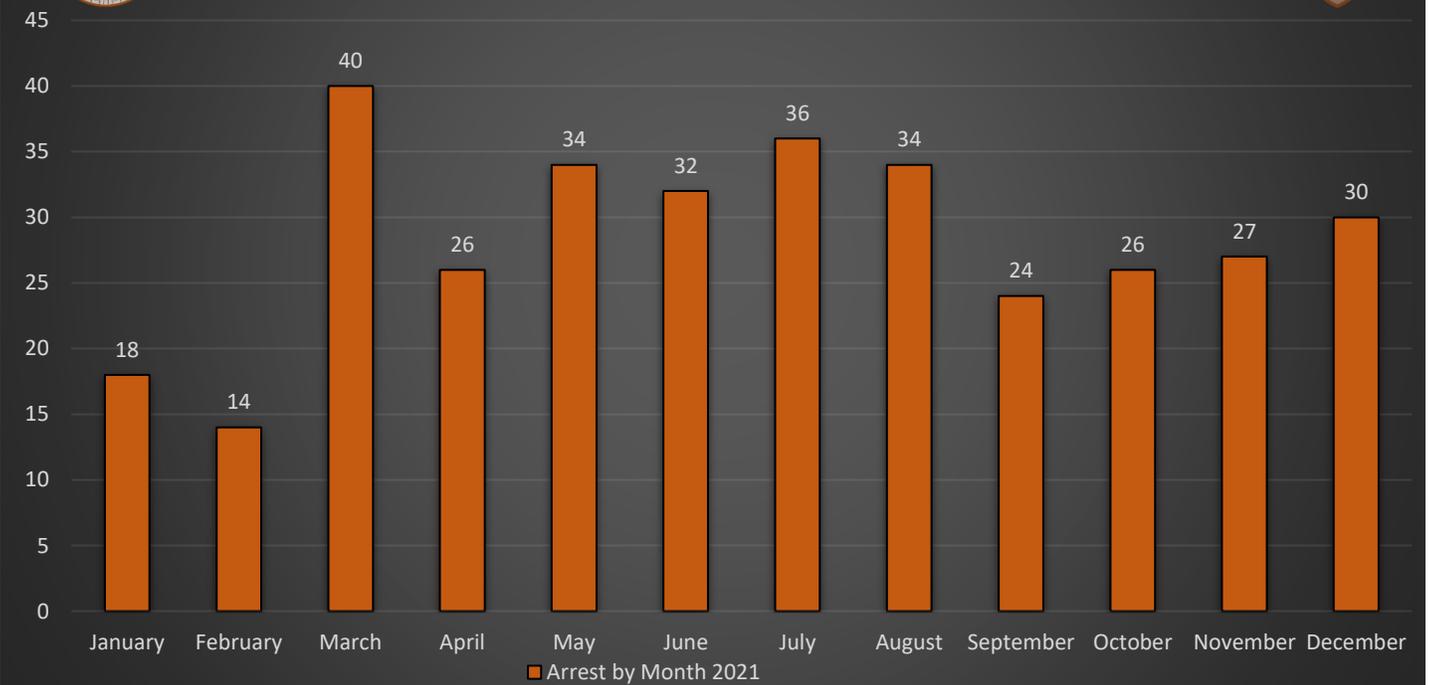




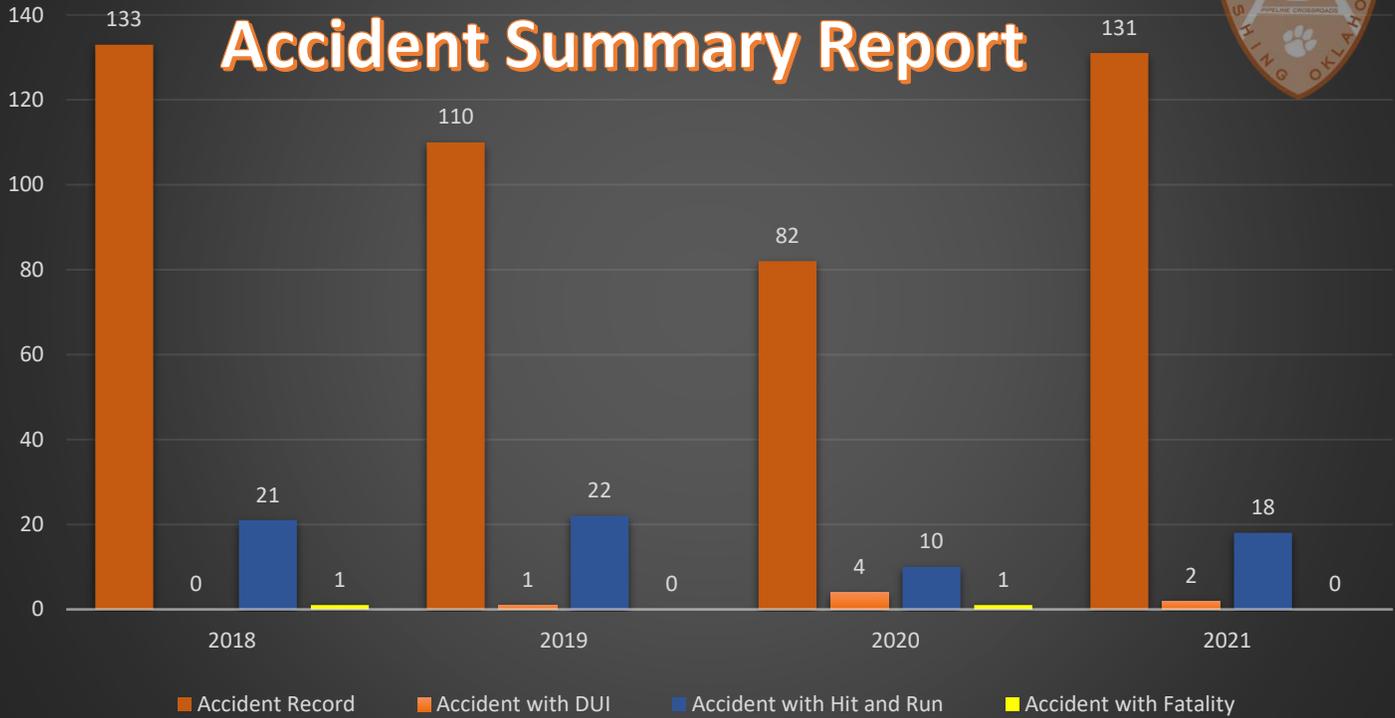
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Arrest by Month

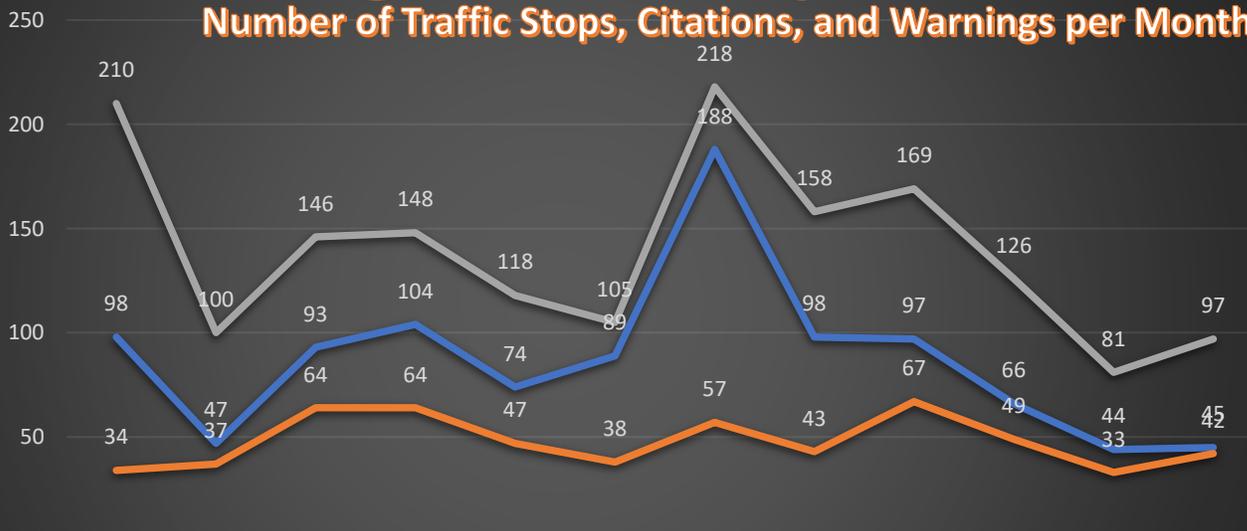


Cushing Police Department Accident Summary Report

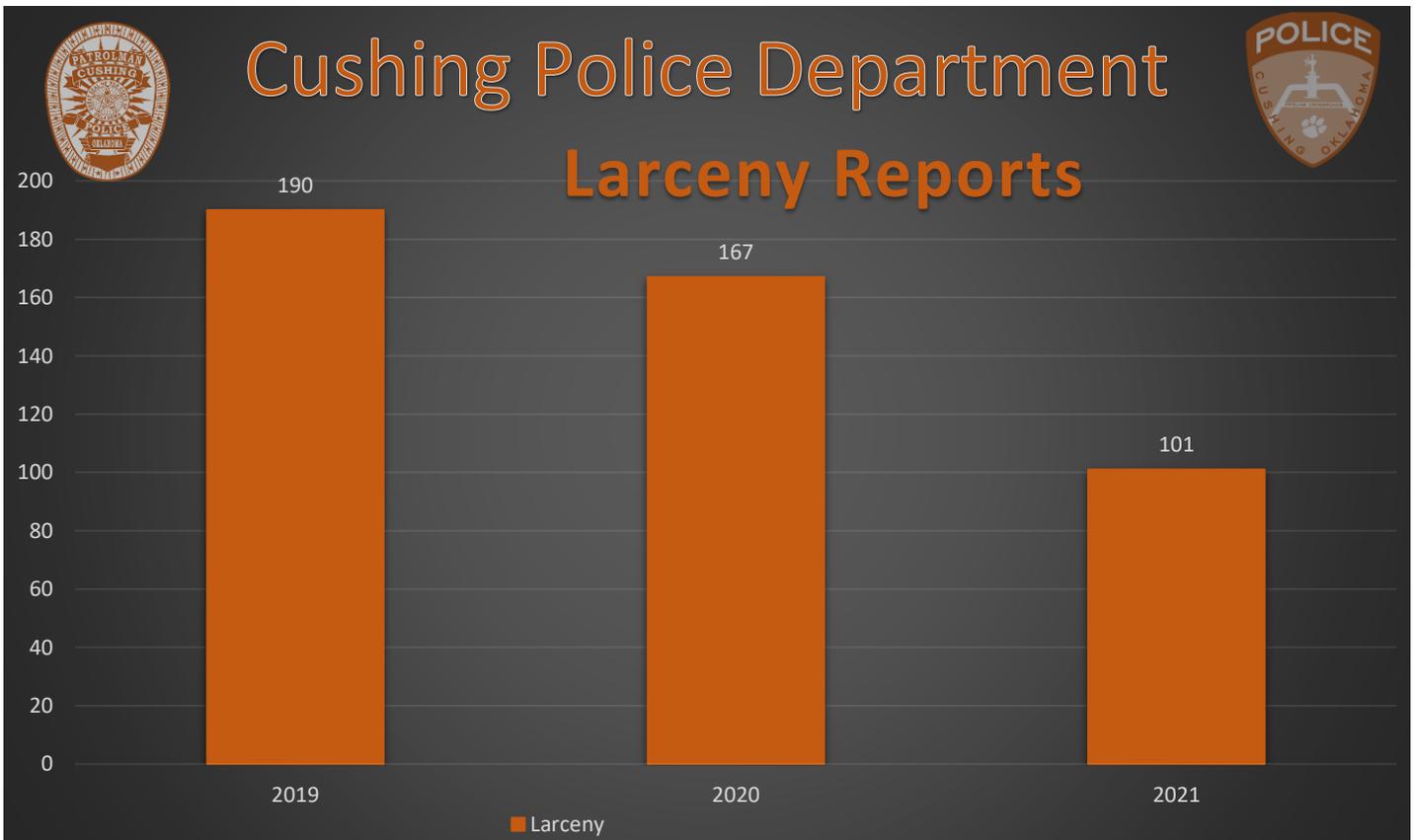


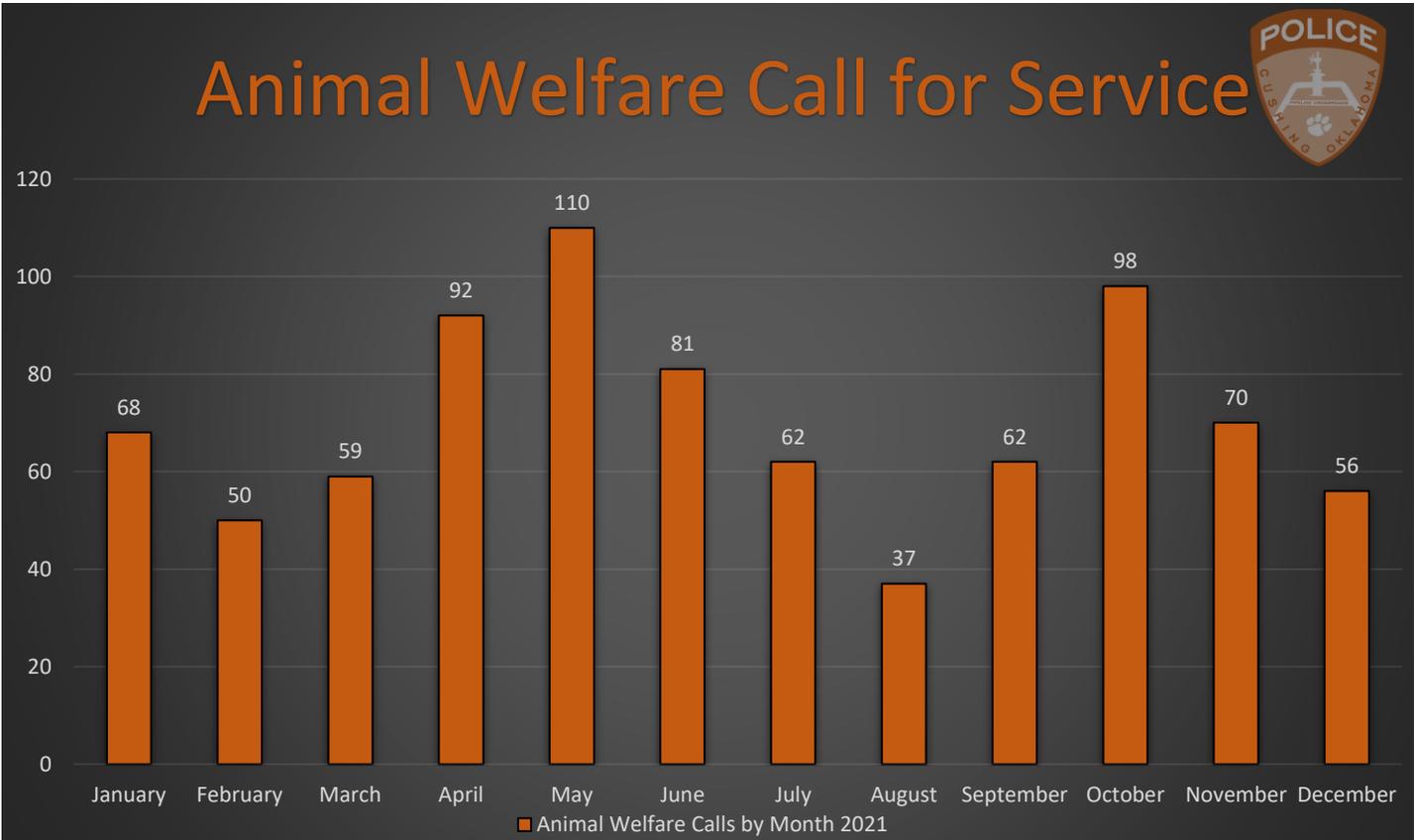
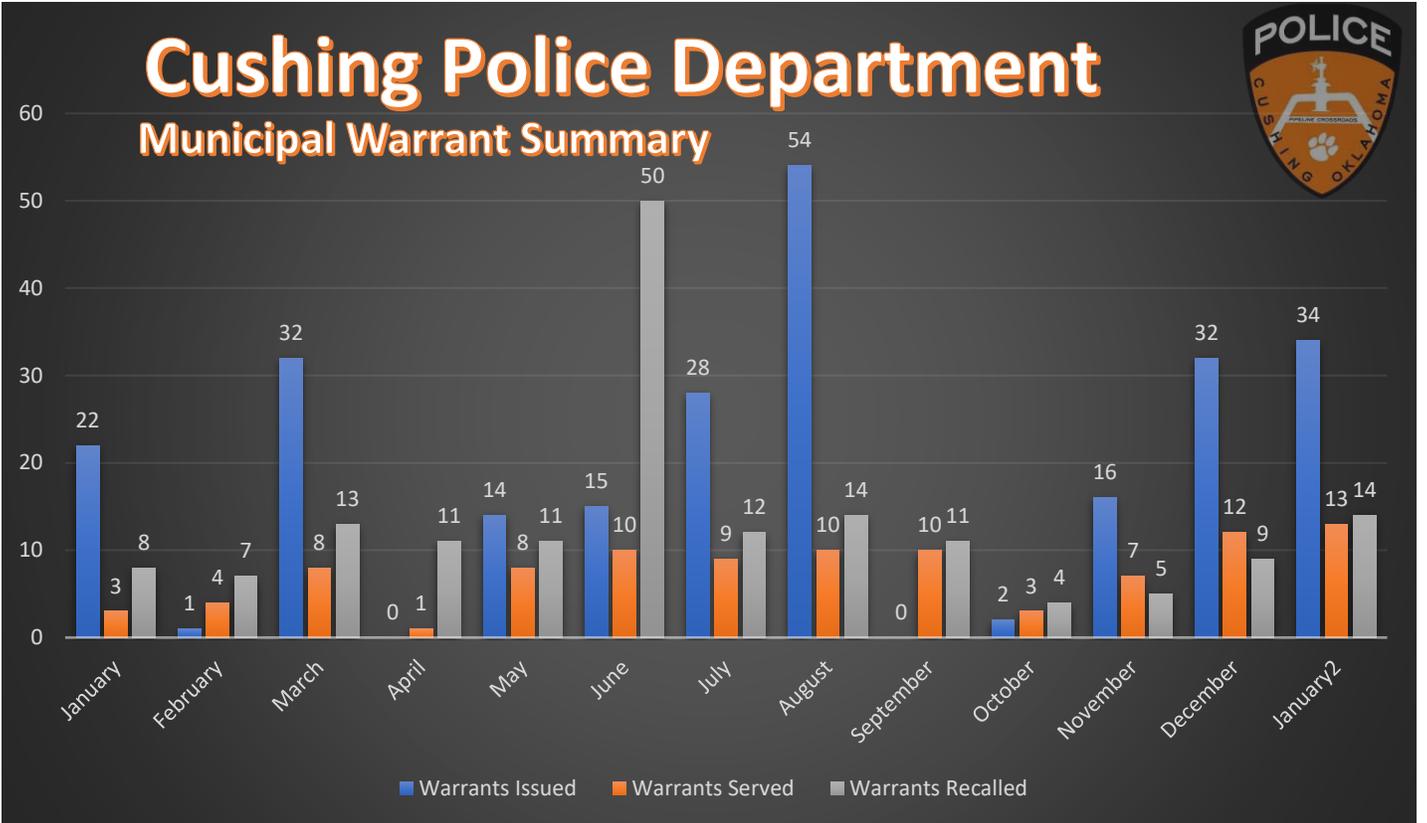
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Number of Traffic Stops, Citations, and Warnings per Month



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Warning	98	47	93	104	74	89	188	98	97	66	44	45
Citation	34	37	64	64	47	38	57	43	67	49	33	42
Traffic Stops	210	100	146	148	118	105	218	158	169	126	81	97

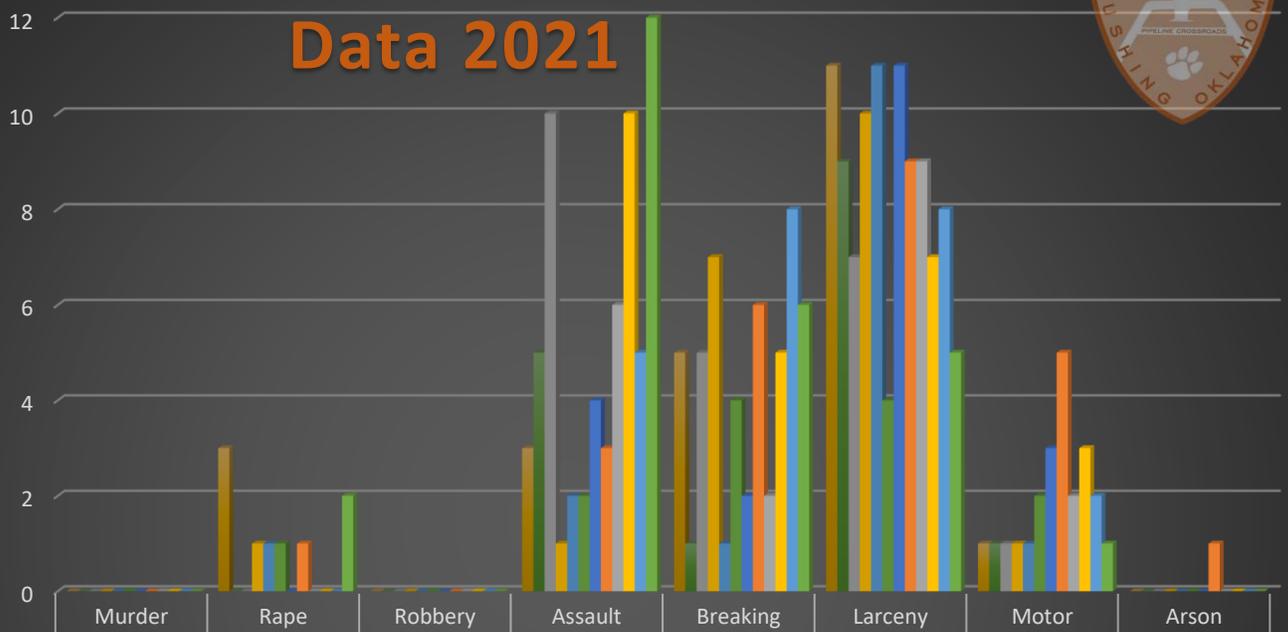




The following crime data below is derived from reports completed by CPD officers and submitted to the OSBI database. CPD provides crime and arrest data on a monthly basis to the OSBI along with 415 sheriffs' offices and police departments in Oklahoma. These reports form the database from which the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) is created. Eight offenses comprise the Crime Index and serve as indicators of Cushing's crime trends. These offenses are known as Part I offenses and include murder, rape, robbery, felonious assault, breaking and entering, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson.



Cushing Police Department Crime Data 2021



	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Breaking and Entering	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
January	0	3	0	3	5	11	1	0
February	0	0	0	5	1	9	1	0
March	0	0	0	10	5	7	1	0
April	0	1	0	1	7	10	1	0
May	0	1	0	2	1	11	1	0
June	0	1	0	2	4	4	2	0
July	0	0	0	4	2	11	3	0
August	0	1	0	3	6	9	5	1
September	0	0	0	6	2	9	2	0
October	0	0	0	10	5	7	3	0
November	0	0	0	5	8	8	2	0
December	0	2	0	12	6	5	1	0

OFFICER MEMORIAL PAGE



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Town Marshall Hiram "Hamp" Fox

Cushing Police Department, Oklahoma
End of Watch: 1894

BIO

Age: Not available
Tour: Not available
Badge: Not available

INCIDENT DETAILS

Cause: Gunfire
Weapon:



Patrolman William A. "Billy" West

Cushing Police Department, Oklahoma
End of Watch: Saturday, July 18, 1931

BIO

Age: 37
Tour: 3 years
Badge: Not available
Military Veteran

INCIDENT DETAILS

Cause: Gunfire
Weapon: Handgun
Offender: Sentenced to life



Chief of Police Oswell Ovid "Joe" Rowden

Cushing Police Department, Oklahoma
End of Watch: Tuesday, July 30, 1968

BIO

Age: 60
Tour: 19 years
Badge: Not available

INCIDENT DETAILS

Cause: Vehicular assault
Weapon: Person
Offender: Paroled in 1970s

