

BRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2021/2022



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Branford Police Department is to serve and protect the community through the delivery of progressive police services. It is our commitment to service and adherence to our values of honor, integrity and trust that allows us to earn, build and maintain the essential support of our community.

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TOWN OF BRANFORD

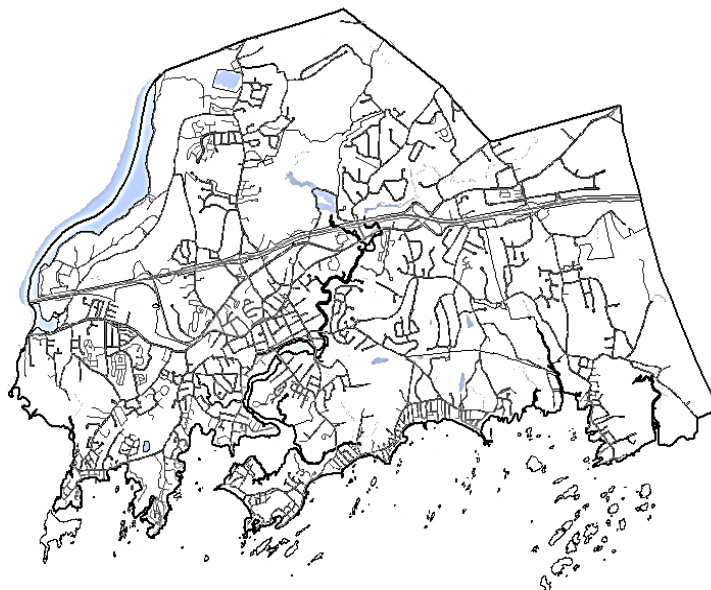
Jurisdictional Overview & Population Served

AREA: 28 square miles total
22 square miles land
6 square miles water

POPULATION: 28,273 (2020)
28,176 (2021 estimate)

POPULATION DENSITY: 1,295 per sq. mile (2020)

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS: 13,935
OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS: 12,707 (91%)
OWNER-OCCUPIED: 65.5%
RENTER-OCCUPIED: 34.5%
VACANT HOUSING UNITS: 1,228
PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD: 2.18
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$80,471



POPULATION BY RACE (2020)		
Race	Total	Percentage
White Alone	23,844	84.3%
Asian Alone	1,326	4.7%
Black Alone	689	2.4%
Other Alone	678	2.4%
American Indian	47	0.2%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	10	0%
Mixed Race (2+)	1,679	5.9%

GENDER (ACS Estimates 2016-2020)		
Race	Total	Percentage
Male	13,203	47%
Female	14,721	53%

GENDER (ACS Estimates 2016-2020)		
Age	Total	Percentage
0-4	1,189	4%
5-9	974	4%
10-14	1,422	5%
15-19	1,136	4%
20-24	1,242	4%
25-29	1,673	6%
30-34	1,806	7%
35-39	1,309	5%
40-44	973	4%
45-49	1,845	7%
50-54	2,302	8%
55-59	2,854	10%
60-64	2,277	8%
65+	6,922	25%

Population and demographic data were retrieved from the U.S. Census Bureau, using figures from the 2020 decennial census, American Community Survey (ACS) 2016-2020 5-year estimates, and Population Estimates Program (PEP).



BRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Departmental and Staffing Overview



➤ **TOTAL FULL-TIME STAFFING: 64**

- Sworn Officers – 50
- Civilian Personnel – 14

➤ **PART-TIME EMPLOYEES: 14**

EMPLOYEES HIRED DURING THE 2021/2022 FISCAL YEAR:

Audra Clyburn – Patrol Officer
 Andre Coutu – Patrol Officer
 Brianna Sepulveda – Dispatcher
 Amy Robinson – Administrative Coordinator
 Danielle Suraci – Police Social Worker

EMPLOYEES RETIRED/RESIGNED/DISCHARGED:

Michael O'Connor – Patrol Sergeant
 Richard Kenney – Patrol Officer
 Paul Perrotti - Detective
 Ryan Tobin – Detective
 Zachary Esposito – Dispatch
 Beverly Cooke – Chief's Secretary
 Rosemary Oliva – Records Clerk

FULL-TIME STAFFING	
Sworn Positions	Personnel
Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief of Police	1
Captains	2
Lieutenants	5
Sergeants	6
Detectives	5
Patrol	52

Non-Sworn Positions	Personnel
Dispatchers	10
Administrative Coordinator	1
Crime Analyst	1
Records Clerk	1
Social Worker	1

PART-TIME STAFFING	
Part-Time Positions	Personnel
Records Clerks	3
Crossing Guards	8
Supernumeraries	3

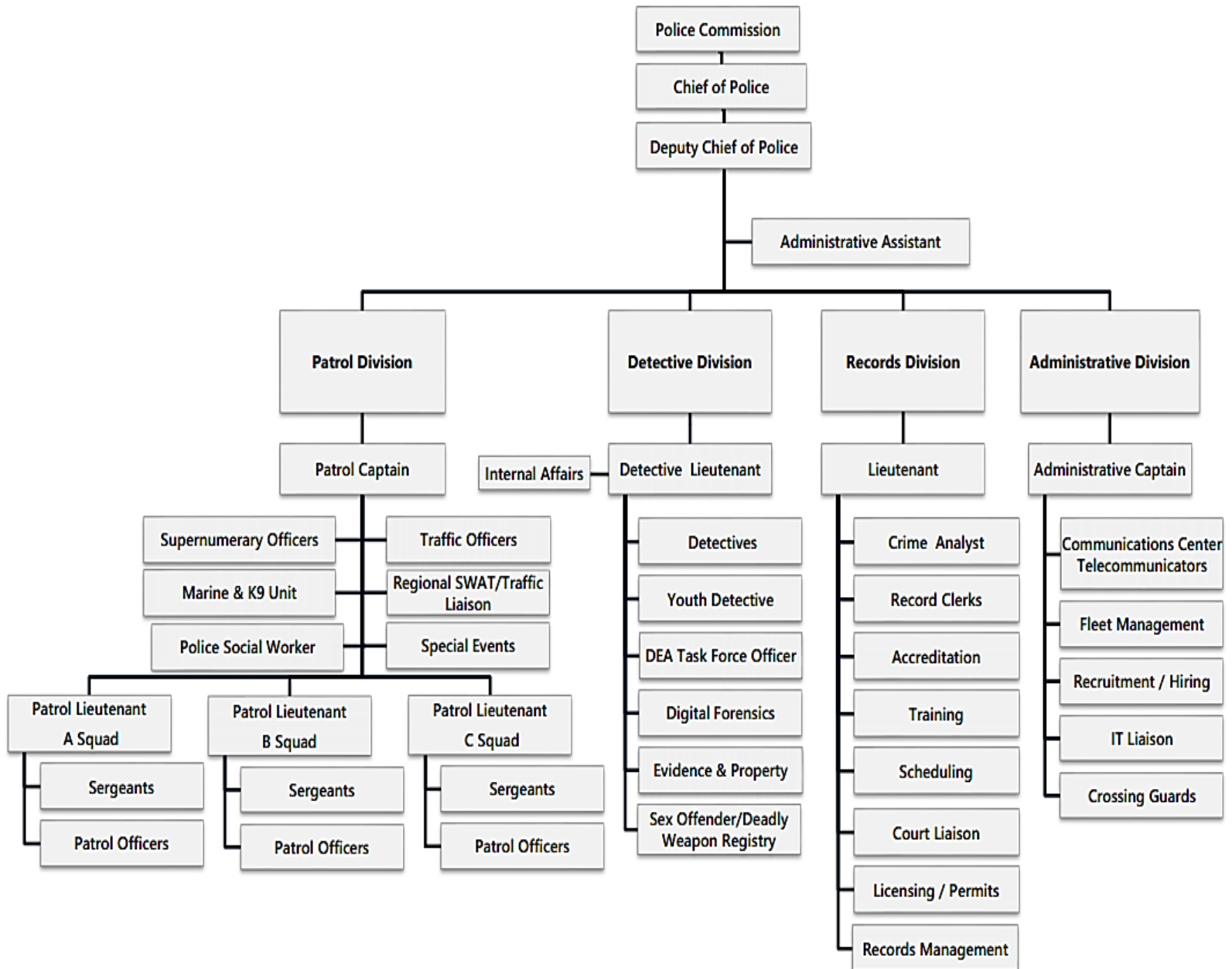
POLICE/POPULATION RATIO: 2 per 1000 residents

DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS – FULL TIME PERSONNEL								
SWORN POSITIONS	White Non-Hispanic		Black Non-Hispanic		Hispanic Any Race		Other	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Command Staff	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supervisory	7	3	1	1	-	-	-	-
Non-Supervisory	26	3	-	2	1	2	-	-
<i>Subtotal</i>	37	6	1	3	1	2	0	0
NON-SWORN POSITIONS								
Dispatchers	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Full-Time Civilians	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Subtotal</i>	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	41	16	1	3	1	2	0	0



BRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Table of Organization





INITIATIVES

Community Outreach and Engagement



The Branford Police Department is committed to active engagement with the community it serves and works to ensure that every interaction is a positive one. The Department hosts and participates in a number of community events and continually strives to build and maintain the public's trust.

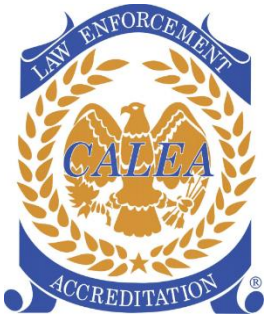
District managers have established and continue to engage in community partnerships throughout the town. Meetings with these community groups and neighborhood associations have been vital in identifying quality of life and crime issues within specific areas of the Town of Branford. District managers, usually lieutenants, work closely with associations and community leaders to develop strategies and solutions for issues that affect their area of town.

The Branford Police Department has additionally expanded community outreach initiatives through an active social media presence. The emphasis on providing content through the department's Facebook and Instagram pages has prompted consistent engagement with the community. Whether it is a posting of a crime alert in an area, an upcoming event, or a photo of K9 Arrow, the Branford Police Department aims to foster full transparency in informing the public of our initiatives.



CALEA Accreditation

The Branford Police Department is pleased to announce it is undergoing the accreditation process that is overseen and governed by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®). This initial process, which will be a 3-year project, shows the continued commitment our agency has to delivering professional police services to those who live and frequent the town of Branford. Accreditation embodies the precepts of community-oriented policing. It creates a forum in which law enforcement agencies and citizens work together through integrity, transparency and accountability, and provides clear direction about community expectations.



“The CALEA Accreditation Process is a proven modern management model; once implemented, it presents the Chief of Police, on a continuing basis, with a blueprint that promotes the efficient use of resources and improves service delivery—regardless of the size, geographic location, or functional responsibilities of the agency”. The process of CALEA accreditation begins with a rigorous self-assessment, requiring a review of policies, practices, and processes, against internationally accepted public safety standards. These standards assist the Chief of Police with a proven management system of written directives, sound training ideas, clearly defined lines of authority and routine reports that support decision making and resource allocation; resulting in greater accountability within the agency.

The BPD will undergo a three-day onsite assessment to ensure compliance with the accreditation standards as set forth by CALEA. A team of CALEA’s independent assessors from out-of-state agencies with significant public safety experience will conduct this assessment at BPD on or before February 26, 2023. As we get closer to this date, public feedback will be requested to promote community trust and engagement, and structured interviews will be conducted with select agency personnel and others with knowledge to assess the agency’s effectiveness and overall service delivery capacities. The decision to accredit will then be rendered by a governing body of twenty-one Commissioners following a public hearing and review of all reporting documentation.

Jurisdictional Collaboration

The dissemination of timely and accurate information is a critical function of policing. The Branford Police Department fully recognizes this notion and continues to explore new methods to strengthen it. The element of information sharing goes beyond internal exchanges, as the department maintains close working relationships with outside agencies. As part of this effort, Branford detectives participate in weekly conference calls to discuss intelligence and current issues with surrounding towns. Additionally, the department regularly submits incidents to the **Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC)** bulletin, which is released on a weekly basis. The CTIC bulletin details specific incidents occurring in all regions of the state and has been consistently useful in identifying suspects and patterns across the state.



The Branford Police Department is also partnered with East Haven, Guilford, Madison, North Branford, and North Haven Police Departments to form the **South Central Regional SWAT Team (SCRSWAT)**. Composed of sworn officers selected from each department, SCRSWAT provides a highly trained & skilled tactical and crisis negotiation team as a resource to member agencies in the event of a critical incident. The inherent manpower and training demands of this specialized team is substantial in reducing the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, officers and suspects during high risk police operations.



The Branford Police Department is one of five municipal police departments with officers assigned to **The South Central Connecticut Regional Traffic Unit (SCCTU)**. Established through a mutual police assistance compact, the SCCTU provides the participating municipalities with strengthened traffic enforcement abilities and comprehensive investigation into serious or fatal motor vehicle crashes. Active members of the SCCTU include Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Madison, North Branford and North Haven.

Mental Health Services

The Branford Police Department was proud to welcome a Police Social Worker to our agency in August 2021. The Police Social Worker, a member of Branford Counseling & Community Services, works in conjunction with Department personnel in order to address the need for crisis intervention or other social services in the community. This co-response will provide a more effective emergency response through the addition of clinical-informed support and an enhanced community resource knowledge base. The co-response will also ensure those who outreach for an emergency response receive timely and streamlined connection to resources to address their social service needs and divert individuals with social service needs from the criminal justice system.



SPECIAL REPORTS

USE OF FORCE

Incidents involving use of force in the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

Department policy requires all officers to complete a Use of Force Report form any time force above un-resisted handcuffing is used against a suspect. These reports are thoroughly reviewed and investigated to ensure compliance with legal requirements and department policy.

There were 10 incidents during the 2021-2022 fiscal year that involved the use of force. All use of force incidents were found to be reasonable, justified and in accordance with department policy. The tables below provide a breakdown of each incident based on activity that led to incident, officer perception of subject, subject resistance, control methods, and other details.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- There were an average of 2 officers involved per incident – This number includes only personnel who were directly involved in the application of control methods.
- Cases in which a firearm was denoted as a control method (4 incidents) involved the deployment of the firearm only – None were discharged.
- There were 3 incidents in which a CEW was utilized, however only the laser was activated in both. Neither case involved the deployment of the cartridge.
- The most commonly cited activity leading up to the incident was Crime in Progress (4).
- Upon initial contact, subjects were perceived to be actively aggressive in 50% of incidents, possibly intoxicated in 40% of incidents, and a combination of both in 20% of incidents.
- Failure to follow officers' directions was the most commonly cited form of resistance (6).
- 2 incidents resulted in the subject being transported to the hospital – Both hospitalizations were for the purpose of psychiatric evaluation and/or possible drug overdoses, and unrelated to the use of force.
- There were no significant injuries reported among subjects or officers.
- 90% of subjects were male and 10% were female
- The average age of subjects was 41 years old, and ranged from 16 to 59 years old.

ACTIVITY THAT LED TO INCIDENT	INCIDENTS
Crime in Progress	1
Crime in Progress, Disturbance (other)	1
Crime in Progress, Disturbance (other), Suspicious Person	1
Crime in Progress, Suspicious Person	1
Domestic Disturbance	2
Emotionally Disturbed Subject, Intoxicated Subject, Traffic Stop	1
Executing Warrant, Other	1
Intoxicated Subject	1
Other	1
GRAND TOTAL	10

OFFICER INITIAL PERCEPTION OF SUBJECT	INCIDENTS
Actively Aggressive (Verbal)	1
Actively Aggressive (Verbal), Emotionally Disturbed	1
Actively Aggressive (Verbal), Possibly Intoxicated	2
Actively Aggressive (Verbal), Previous Hostility Toward Police	1
Emotionally Disturbed, Non-aggressive, Possibly Intoxicated	1
Emotionally Disturbed, Other, Possibly Intoxicated, Previous Hostility Toward Police	1
Non-aggressive	1
Non-aggressive, Other	1
Other	1
GRAND TOTAL	10

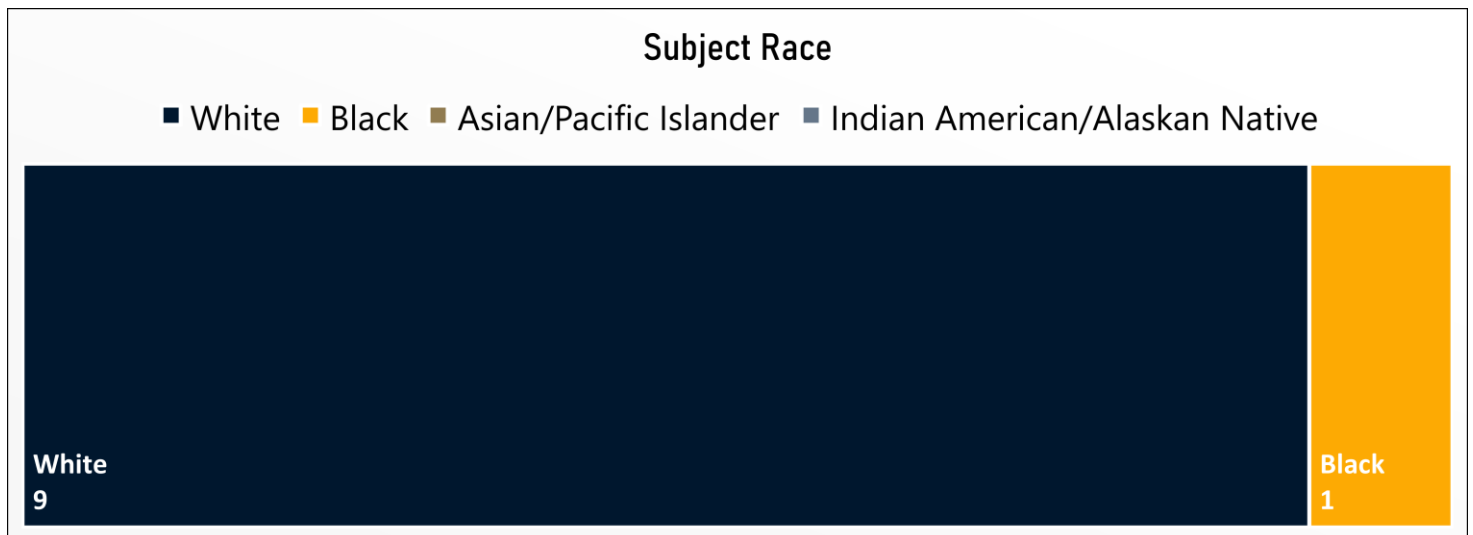
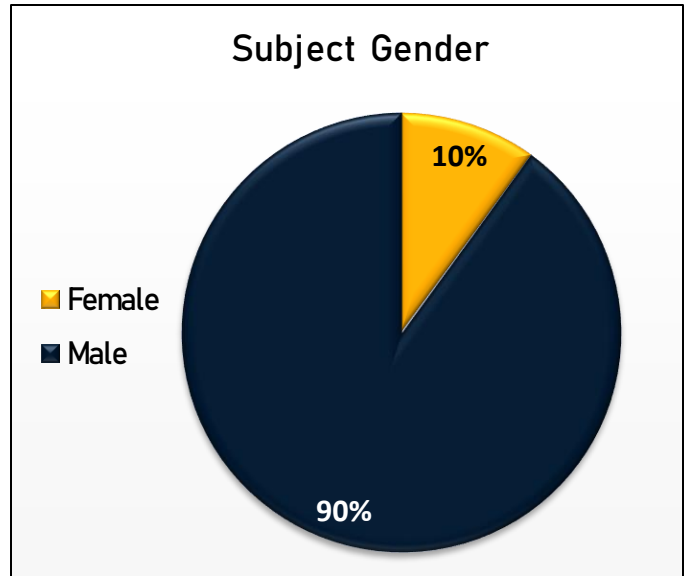
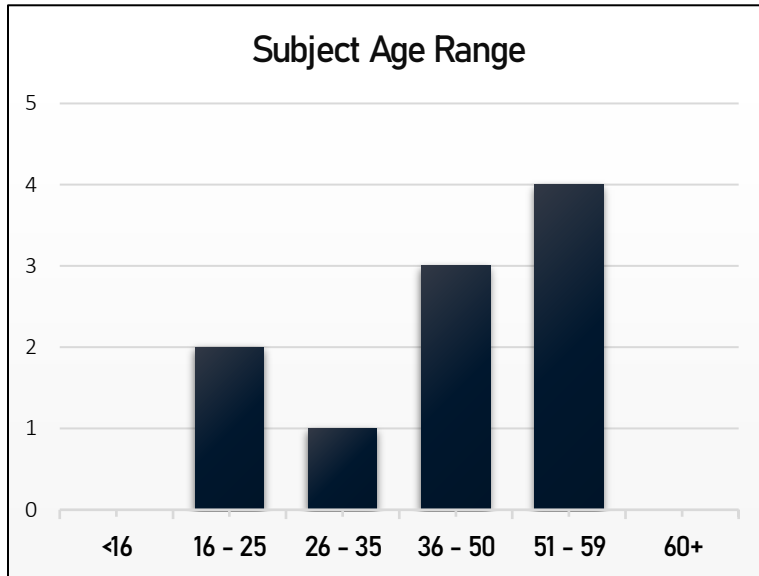
SUBJECT RESISTANCE RESULTING IN APPLICATION OF FORCE	INCIDENTS
Dead Weight/Non-Compliant, Failed to Follow Officer's Directions	1
Dead Weight/Non-Compliant, Failed to Follow Officer's Directions, Threat/Hostile	1
Dead Weight/Non-Compliant, Fighting Stance/Combative, Threat/Hostile	1
Failed to Follow Officer's Directions	1
Failed to Follow Officer's Directions, Fighting Stance/Combative	1
Failed to Follow Officer's Directions, Fleeing	2
Fleeing	1
Other	2
GRAND TOTAL	10

CONTROL METHODS USED	INCIDENTS	OFC COUNT
Pressure Points/Control Holds	1	2
Verbal Commands	2	2
Verbal Commands, CEW - Laser Only	2	4
Verbal Commands, Deadly Force/Firearm	3	6
Verbal Commands, Deadly Force/Firearm, Pressure Points/Control Holds	1	3
Verbal Commands, Deadly Force/Firearm, Pressure Points/Control Holds, CEW - Laser Only	1	4
Verbal Commands, Other, Pressure Points/Control Holds	3	6
Verbal Commands, Pressure Points/Control Holds	1	3
Verbal Commands, Pressure Points/Control Holds, Takedowns	2	9
Verbal Commands, Takedowns	1	2
GRAND TOTAL	-	41



USE OF FORCE SUBJECT DETAIL

Subject details for use of force incidents in 2021/2022.



Subject Race & Ethnicity	Hispanic	Not-Applicable	Grand Total
White	1	8	9
Black	0	1	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Indian American/Alaskan Native	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0
Grand Total	1	9	10



PURSUITS

Summary of pursuits in 2021/2022.

Total Pursuits	Avg Distance Covered (mi.)	Avg # of Officers Involved	Avg Age of Offender (if known)	Collisions	Injuries
24	0.36 mi	1	34	0	0

A “pursuit” is defined as an attempt by a police officer in an authorized emergency vehicle to apprehend any occupant of another moving motor vehicle, when the driver of the fleeing vehicle is attempting to avoid apprehension by maintaining or increasing the speed of such vehicle or by ignoring the police officer’s attempt to stop such vehicle.

All pursuit operations are conducted in strict conformity to the Uniform Statewide Pursuit Policy, which states that an officer may only engage another vehicle in pursuit in the presence of a violent crime or exigent circumstances where there is potential for harm to the public. Department policy requires the completion of a Pursuit Compliance Form even when an officer chooses not to engage in pursuit of a vehicle. That being said, the resulting data on this page is more so a reflection of instances where the driver disobeyed officers’ signals to stop the vehicle.

All reports and associated video are reviewed for violations to determine whether policy compliance was met. There were two reports for the 2021/2022 that were not in compliance with department policy. Disciplinary action was taken accordingly.

Reason for Stop	Count
Attempted MV Theft	1
Burglary	1
Domestic Violence	1
Larceny	2
Misuse of Plates	2
MV Violations	12
Possible DUI	1
Reckless operation	1
Stolen MV	2
Suspicious Vehicle	1
Grand Total	24

Location Started	Count
269 E Main St	1
384 E Main St	1
960 W Main St	1
Alps Rd	1
Cedar St	2
Cedar St / N Main St	1
Cedar St / Rose St	1
Commercial Pkwy	3
E Main St / Rt 139	1
E Main St / Windmill Hill Rd	1
I95 Exit 53 On Ramp	5
I95 Exit 56 on Ramp	3
I95 SB Rest Area	1
N Ivy St	1
W Main St / Big Y	1
269 E Main St	1
384 E Main St	1
960 W Main St	1
Alps Rd	1
Cedar St	2
Cedar St / N Main St	1
Grand Total	



MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Behavioral disturbance incidents in 2021/2022

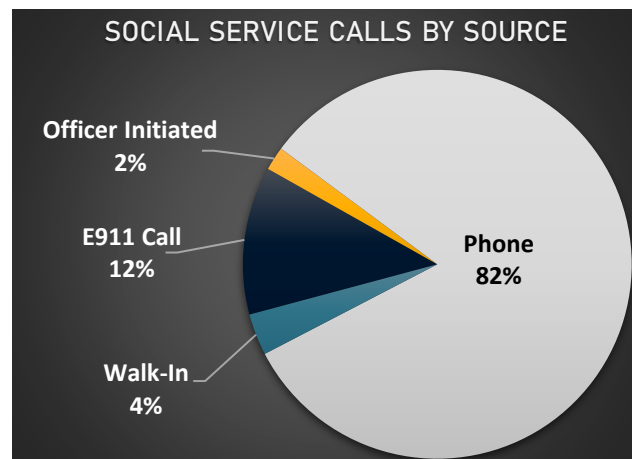
A total of 50,389 minutes (867 hrs) were consumed by police response to social service incidents this fiscal year. For the purpose of this report, the terms behavioral or social service related incidents are defined by calls-for-service coded out as the following; Mental Health, Elderly Matters, Drug Overdose, and Found Intoxicated. An average of 3 officers were dispatched per incident and each spent approximately 33 minutes on scene. These numbers fluctuated based on call type.

Category	10 Yr Avg	Normal Range	2020/2021	2021/2022	% Chg from Avg	% Chg from 2020/2021	Activity Level
Mental Health	337	298 - 377	329	437	30%	33%	High
Elderly Matters	-	-	35	43	-	23%	-
Drug Overdose	16	3 - 29	27	46	188%	70%	High
Found Intoxicated	70	57 - 84	89	82	17%	-8%	Normal
Totals	434	367 - 500	480	608	40%	27%	High

Note: Calculations in table are based off of fiscal year totals. Elderly matters did not have its own call code until June of 2019, therefor associated calculations were excluded from table as there was not sufficient data from prior years.

Social service related incidents in the 2021/2022 fiscal year were statistically high when compared to prior year totals for the same period. Mental Health and Drug Overdose calls were considered high, and Found Intoxicated calls fell within the normal/expected threshold.

The Branford Police Department recognizes the challenge associated with behavioral calls-for-service, and works closely with mental health facilities in our town to ensure that these individuals are being provided with the necessary resources. We welcomed a Police Social Worker to the department in August 2021 who has since responded to a total of 121 calls-for-service. This year, 83% of the social service calls specified in this section were referred to mental health services for follow-up, versus 59% in 2020/2021.



Category	2021/2022 Incidents	Avg. PD Units Dispatched	Avg. Min On Scene
Mental Health	437	3	43
Elderly Matters	43	2	34
Drug Overdose	46	4	44
Found Intoxicated	82	3	35
Totals	608	3	39



DOMESTIC DISPUTES AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

Domestic violence incidents in 2021/2022

The Branford Police Department investigates all complaints of family violence in conformity with the statewide model established by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council. As such, it is the policy of this agency that family violence be treated as serious, violent or potentially violent criminal behavior. The Family Violence Prevention and Response Act requires officer compliance with the following standards:

- Make arrest decisions in such cases in accordance with traditional probable cause standards and existing state statutes;
- Protect victims of domestic violence and provide them with relevant information regarding the availability of community services and support ("Duty to Protect"); and
- Promote officer safety when dealing with family violence situations.

This section defines domestic incidents by cases coded out as Family Dispute, Family Violence, and Family Violence – Violation of a Court Order. It should be noted that these call codes as well as their intended use were updated this fiscal year, therefore skewing the comparative statistics from previous years. For that reason, some calculations were omitted from the table below.

- Family Dispute/Intimidation → Family Dispute
- Family Dispute Minor Injuries → Family Violence
- Family Dispute Major Injuries → Family Violence – Violation of a Court Order

On average, the Branford Police Department responds to approximately 425 domestic disputes each year. There were 401 domestic incidents in 2021/2022 which represents a normal or expected total for the year.

Category	10 Yr Avg	Normal Range	2020/2021	2021/2022	% Chg from Avg	% Chg from 2020/2021	Activity Level
Family Dispute	353	318 - 388	389	299	-15%	-23%	Low
Family Violence	68	55 – 78	47	78	17%	66%	Normal
Family Violence – Vio. Court Order	--	--	--	24	--	--	--
Totals	425	396 - 453	437	401	-6%	-8%	Normal

Of the 401 incidents this year, there were 141 arrests. 85% of Family Violence calls and 83% of court order violation calls resulted in an arrest. 11% of disputes resulted in an arrest. 16 individuals were arrested in 2 or more incidents and accounted for 28% of arrests. There were 44 incidents resulting in felony arrests this year.



CRIME STATISTICS

DEFINITIONS

Understanding NIBRS: Incidents, offense classifications, & types of crime.

One of the primary methods the Branford Police Department utilizes to report crime is the National Incident Based Reporting System, or NIBRS. Through NIBRS, offense information is reported in order to represent all crime occurrences per incident. The following definitions can be found in the 2019.2 NIBRS User Manual.

INCIDENT: One or more offenses committed by the same offender, or group of offenders acting in concert, at the same time and place.

OFFENSE: Separate, distinct crime occurring within an incident.

OFFENSE GROUP: Offenses are broken up into one of two groups, classified as either Group A or B.

Group A Offenses: 28 offense categories made up of 71 specific crimes.

Data collected for each Group A offense include; administrative, offense, property, victim, offender, and arrestee information.

Group B Offenses: 13 offense categories.

Arrest data reported only.

OFFENSE CATEGORIES: Each offense is categorized as either a Crime Against Persons, Crime Against Property, or Crime Against Society.

Crimes Against Persons: Offenses whose victims are always a person.

One offense count for each victim

Crimes Against Property: Offenses motivated by the act of obtaining money, property, or other benefit.

One offense count for each distinct operation, with the exception of Motor Vehicle Theft where offense count is determined by each stolen vehicle.

Crimes Against Society: Offenses represented by society's prohibition against engaging in certain activities.

One offense count for each crime.



GROUP A CRIME STATISTICS

Group A incident and offense statistics for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

	2020/2021 Incidents Rpt	2021/2022 Incidents Rpt	% Chg From 2020	2021/2022 Cleared by Arrest	% Cleared
Crime Against Person	210	121	-42%	40	33%
Aggravated Assault	4	4	0%	4	100%
Forcible Fondling	0	2	N/C	0	0%
Forcible Rape	3	3	0%	0	0%
Forcible Sodomy	1	1	0%	0	0%
Intimidation	164	87	-47%	22	25%
Kidnap/Abduction	0	2	N/C	1	50%
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	1	N/C	0	0%
Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	N/C	0	0%
Simple Assault	38	18	-53%	13	72%
Statutory Rape	0	1	N/C	0	0%
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	1	N/C	0	0%
Crime Against Property	723	685	-5%	73	11%
All other Larceny	69	30	-57%	3	10%
Arson	0	1	N/C	0	0%
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	26	21	-19%	7	33%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	9	29%	0	0%
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	18	15	-17%	2	13%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	153	119	-22%	15	13%
Embezzlement	1	1	0%	0	0%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	1	N/C	0	0%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	31	24	-23%	1	4%
Hacking/Computer	1	4	300%	0	0%
Identity Theft	48	40	-17%	1	3%
Impersonation	3	2	-33%	1	50%
Motor Vehicle Theft	60	41	-32%	3	7%
Purse-Snatching	7	8	14%	0	0%
Robbery	13	7	-46%	4	57%
Shoplifting	90	146	62%	29	20%
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	0%	1	100%
Theft From Building	27	29	7%	1	3%
Theft From Vehicle	152	121	-20%	4	3%
Theft of MV Parts or Accessories	15	56	273%	1	2%
Wire Fraud	1	9	800%	0	0%
Crime Against Society	20	25	25%	20	80%
Animal Cruelty	2	1	-50%	0	0%
Drug Equipment Violations	5	4	-20%	3	75%
Drug Narcotic Violations	10	9	-10%	8	89%
Weapon Law Violations	3	11	267%	9	82%



GROUP B CRIME STATISTICS

Group B incident and offense statistics for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

	2020/2021 Incidents Rpt	2021/2022 Incidents Rpt	% Chg From 2020	2021/2022 Cleared by Arrest	% Cleared
Group B Offenses	806	716	-11%	267	37%
All Other Offenses	136	168	24%	50	30%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	1	1	0%	0	0%
Disorderly Conduct	167	187	12%	112	60%
Driving under the Influence	30	39	30%	32	82%
Drunkenness	57	29	-49%	1	3%
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	354	242	-32%	67	28%
Fraud-Insufficient Funds Check	7	11	57%	0	0%
Liquor Law Violations	4	1	-75%	0	0%
Peeping Tom	1	0	-100%	0	N/C
Runaway	0	1	N/C	0	0%
Trespass of Real Property	49	37	-24%	5	14%



THRESHOLD ANALYSIS

Comparing current year totals to prior year averages. High z-scores indicate potential patterns or anomalies among offenses.

Offense	Sector	Weighted Avg	Normal Range	2022	Z-Score
High <i>These offenses are unusually high when compared to previous years.</i>					
Wire Fraud	All	1.19	0-2	9	9.06
Theft of MV Parts or Accessories	All	9.48	1-18	56	5.63
Weapon Law Violations	All	3.9	3-5	11	5.38
Fraud-Insufficient Funds Check	All	5.33	4-7	11	3.37
Hacking/Computer	All	1	0-2	4	3.15
Purse-Snatching	All	2.24	0-5	8	2.12
Shoplifting	All	104.9	82-128	146	1.77
Disorderly Conduct	All	125.19	86-165	187	1.56

Low <i>These offenses are unusually low when compared to previous years.</i>					
Drug Equipment Violations	All	15	8-22	4	-1.54
Drunkenness	All	45.86	36-56	29	-1.68
Simple Assault	All	48.76	30-67	18	-1.68
All other Larceny	All	86.24	60-112	31	-2.14

Normal <i>These offenses are within the normal range for this time period.</i>					
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confide	All	15.43	2-29	24	0.65
Identity Theft	All	27.14	7-47	40	0.64
Counterfeiting/Forgery	All	8.14	7-10	9	0.57
Theft From Vehicle	All	110.24	80-140	121	0.36
Trespass of Real Property	All	36.62	29-45	37	0.05
Robbery	All	7.05	3-11	7	-0.01
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	All	128.19	106-150	120	-0.37
Aggravated Assault	All	4.62	3-6	4	-0.47
Motor Vehicle Theft	All	46.71	34-59	40	-0.55
Driving under the Influence	All	48.67	33-64	39	-0.63

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Intimidation	All	120	81-159	87	-0.85
Forcible Fondling	All	5.43	2-9	2	-0.9
All Other Offenses	All	542.95	127-959	168	-0.9
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Mac	All	60.1	15-105	15	-1
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	All	293.67	249-338	242	-1.16
Stolen Property Offenses	All	7.24	2-13	1	-1.17
Theft From Building	All	47.86	32-64	29	-1.19
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	All	28.14	22-34	21	-1.26
Drug Narcotic Violations	All	35.43	18-53	9	-1.48



VIOLENT CRIMES

OVERVIEW

Violent crime trends in 2021/2022

	2020/2021 Incidents Rpt	2021/2022 Incidents Rpt	% Chg From 2020
Violent Crimes	21	18	-14%
Aggravated Assault	4	4	0%
Forcible Rape	3	3	0%
Forcible Sodomy	1	1	0%
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	1	N/C
Negligent Manslaughter	0	1	N/C
Robbery	13	7	-46%
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	1	N/C

Homicide, aggravated & simple assault, sex offenses, and robbery are all classified as violent offenses in this report. Other crimes against persons, such as intimidation, harassment, and kidnapping, were omitted from this section.

There were **18 incidents** in 2021/2022 where a person was the targeted victim. This number represents a 14% decrease from the 2020/2021 fiscal year, and a 19% increase from the 10-year average. This year's total falls within the normal threshold for the year (10-20 expected incidents per year).

44% of violent crimes were cleared by arrest this year. Aggravated assault had the highest clearance rate, with 100% of cases being cleared by arrest. It should be noted that clearance rates are not always be an accurate representation of incident disposition. It is not uncommon for complaints to be withdrawn by the victim, unfounded, or denied prosecution. Clearance rates do not account for these situations, which leads to possible skewed calculations.

72% of the incidents involved a weapon:

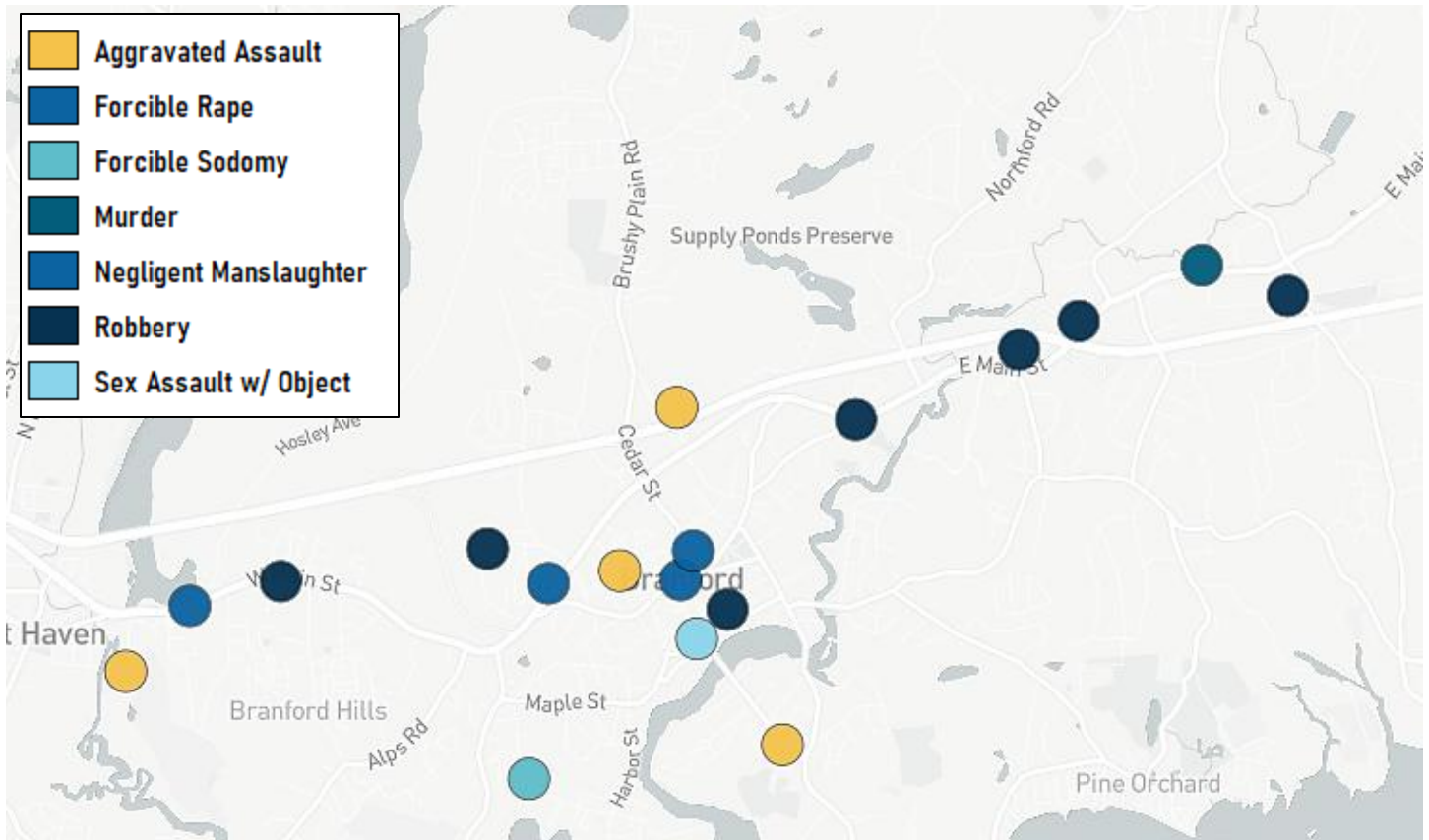
- Personal Weapons – **23%**
- Handgun – **15%**
- Firearm – **15%**
- Motor Vehicle – **8%**
- Asphyxiation – **8%**
- Blunt Object – **8%**
- Knife/Cutting Instrument – **8%**
- Other – **15%**

17% of crimes against persons were related to domestic disturbances or family violence incidents. In 61% of incidents, the offender was known to the victim. Commercial robberies accounted for 86% of incidents where the offender was not known to the victim.

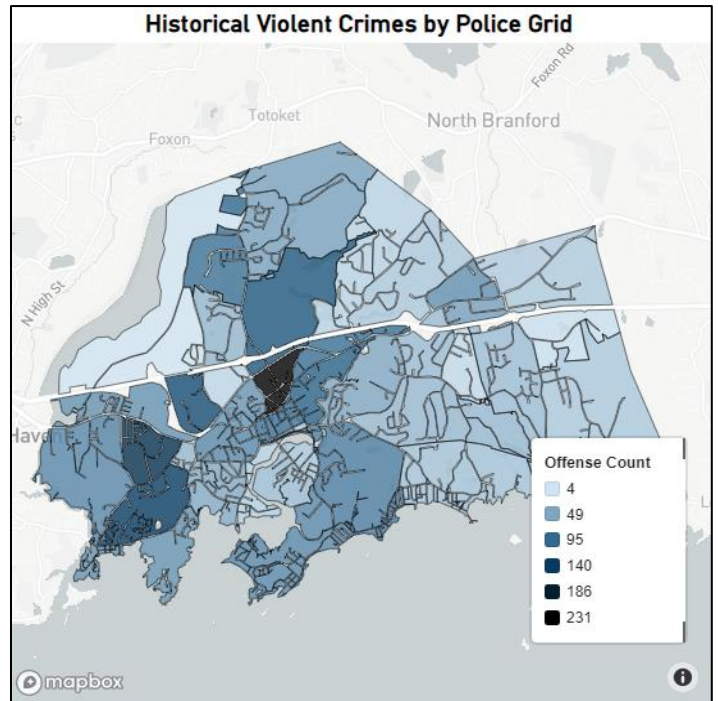


VIOLENT CRIME GEOGRAPHY

Location based detail of violent crime in 2021/2022.



Location Type	% of Incidents
Residence/Home	48%
Other/Unknown	12%
Hotel/Motel/Etc.	11%
Highway/Road/Alley	7%
Park/Playground	5%
Parking Lot/Garage	4%
Department/Discount Store	3%
Cyberspace	2%
Restaurant	2%
Convenience Store	1%
Government/Public Building	1%
School/College	1%
Commercial/Office Building	1%
Drug Store/Doctors Office/Hospital	1%
Rental Storage facility	1%
School–Elementary/Secondary	1%
Service/Gas Station	1%
Grand Total	100%



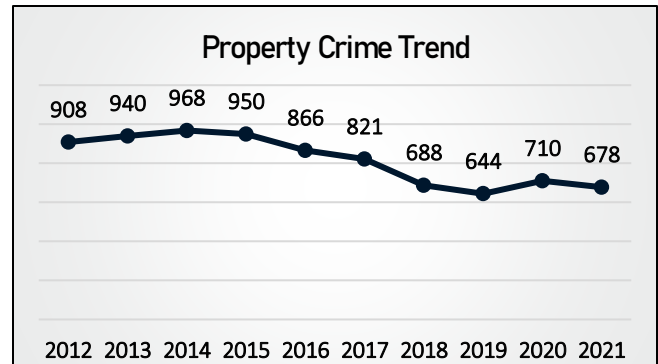


PROPERTY CRIMES

OVERVIEW

Property crime trends in 2021/2022.

With **678 incidents**, property crimes were the most common types of offenses reported in Branford this year. This number represents a **5% decrease** from the 2020/2021 fiscal year, and a **17% decrease** from the 10-year average. Property crime totals fell within the moderately-low range when compared with prior years.



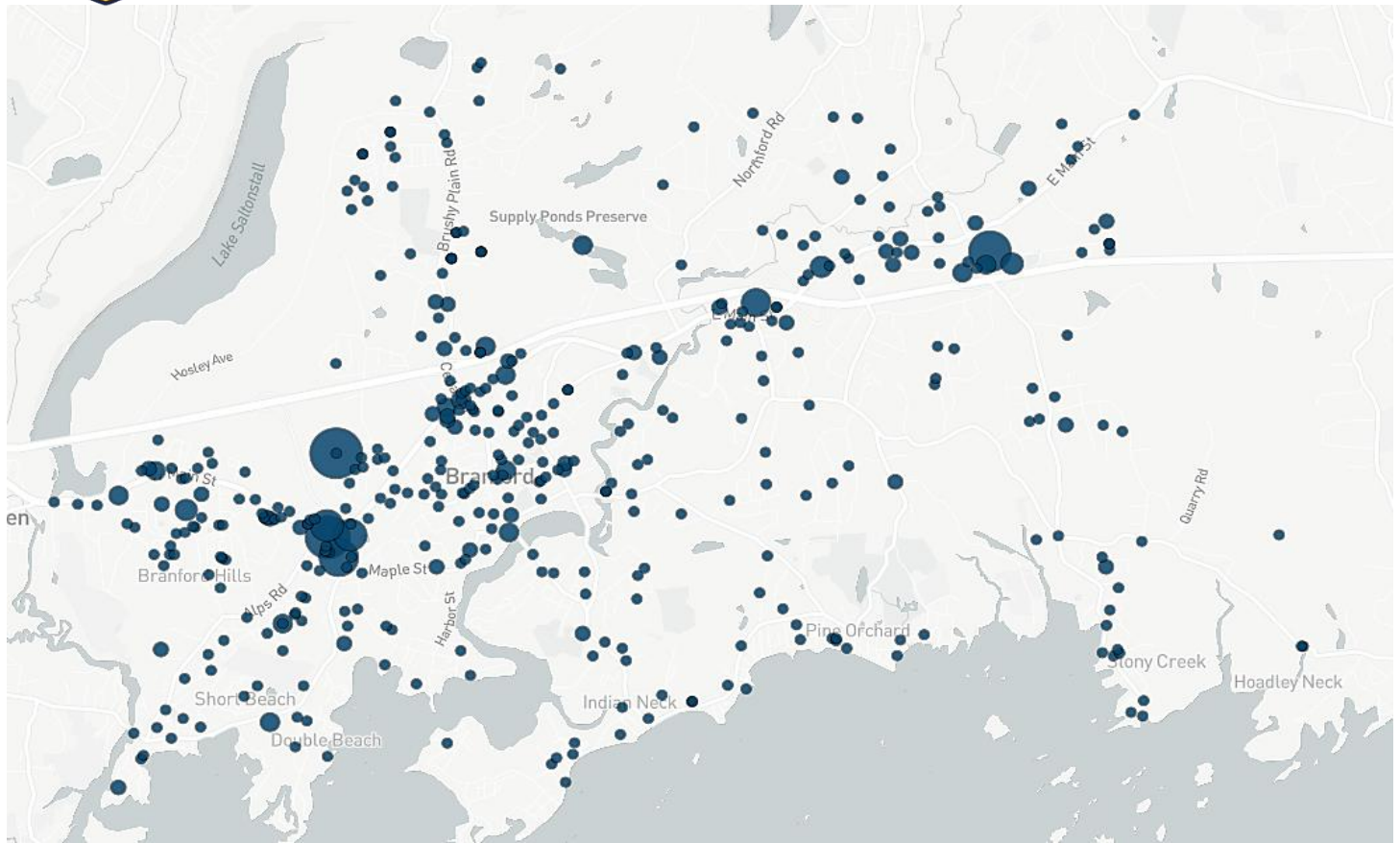
In 2021/2022, the monetary loss resulting from property crimes came to an approximate total of **\$2,564,776.29**. This comes from the value of items that were stolen, counterfeited/forged, or damaged/destroyed throughout the course of a crime. Stolen property accounted for the greatest loss, totaling \$2,481,976.40. Offenses with the largest monetary loss in 2021/2022 included Motor Vehicle Theft (\$1,007,924) and Theft from Building (\$963,263.70).

	2020/2021 Incidents Rpt	2021/2022 Incidents Rpt	% Chg From 2020
Property Crimes	710	678	-5%
All other Larceny	69	30	-57%
Arson	0	1	N/C
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	26	21	-19%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	9	29%
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	18	15	-17%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	153	119	-22%
Embezzlement	1	1	0%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	1	N/C
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	31	24	-23%
Hacking/Computer	1	4	300%
Identity Theft	48	40	-17%
Impersonation	3	2	-33%
Motor Vehicle Theft	60	41	-32%
Purse-Snatching	7	8	14%
Shoplifting	90	146	62%
Stolen Property Offenses	1	1	0%
Theft From Building	27	29	7%
Theft From Coin Operated Device	0	0	N/C
Theft From Vehicle	152	121	-20%
Theft of MV Parts or Accessories	15	56	273%
Wire Fraud	1	9	800%



PROPERTY CRIME GEOGRAPHY

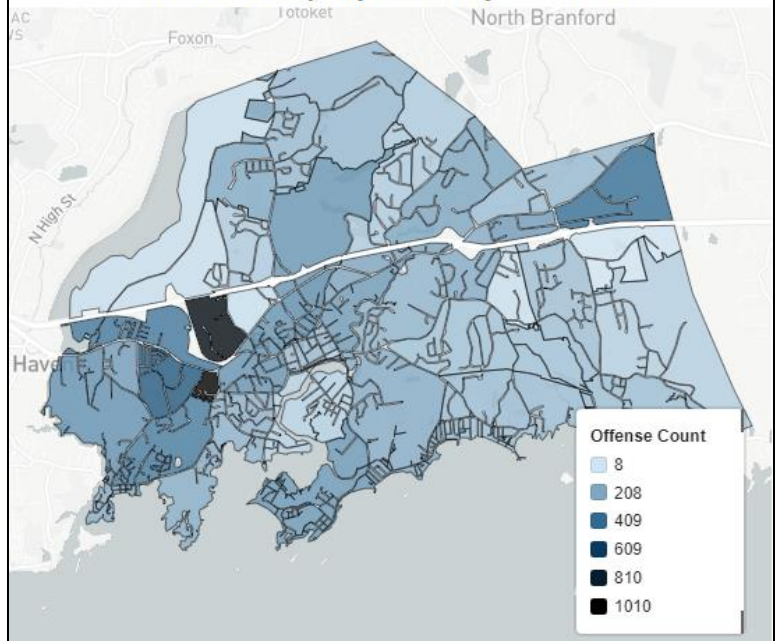
Location based detail of property crime in 2021/2022



Monetary Loss >\$10,000 by Location Type

Location Type	Loss
Commercial/Office Building	\$969,190.58
Auto Dealership New/Used	\$610,708.00
Residence/Home	\$412,219.62
Parking Lot/Garage	\$257,397.34
Other/Unknown	\$68,139.16
Service/Gas Station	\$47,867.39
Department/Discount Store	\$30,014.24
Rental Storage facility	\$22,767.00
Bank/Savings and Loan	\$21,678.00
Restaurant	\$16,484.41
Cyberspace	\$15,903.33
Specialty Store	\$14,507.14
Convenience Store	\$14,132.45
Highway/Road/Alley	\$13,487.00
School–Elementary/Secondary	\$12,800.00
School/College	\$12,095.97
Total	\$2,539,391.63

Historical Property Crimes by Police Grid



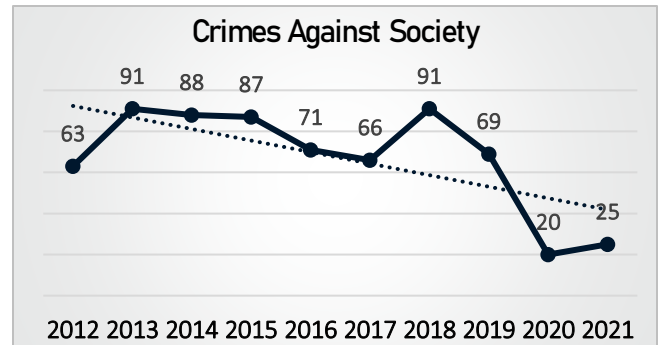


CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY

OVERVIEW

Crime against society trends in 2021/2022.

Animal cruelty, prostitution offenses, drug violations, and weapon law violations are all considered crimes against society. There were a total of **25 incidents** that fell into this category in the 2021/2022 fiscal year. This represents a **25% increase** from last year, and a **63% decrease** from the 10-year average. The total number of offenses fell into the low range of what is typically expected per year. Crimes against society were cleared by arrest in 80% of cases, the highest clearance rate among all three offense categories in 2021/2022.



Weapon law violations accounted for the greatest number of crimes against society this year. Involved weapons and activity are as follows:

Handgun (4)

- Firearm accidentally left in bathroom of an establishment (2 incidents)
- Firearm displayed during road rage incident
- Firearm shot at a residence

Firearm (3)

- Criminal possession of firearm
- Possession of large capacity magazines
- Illegal discharge of firearm during dispute

Knife/Cutting Instrument (1)

- Possession of machete

Other (3)

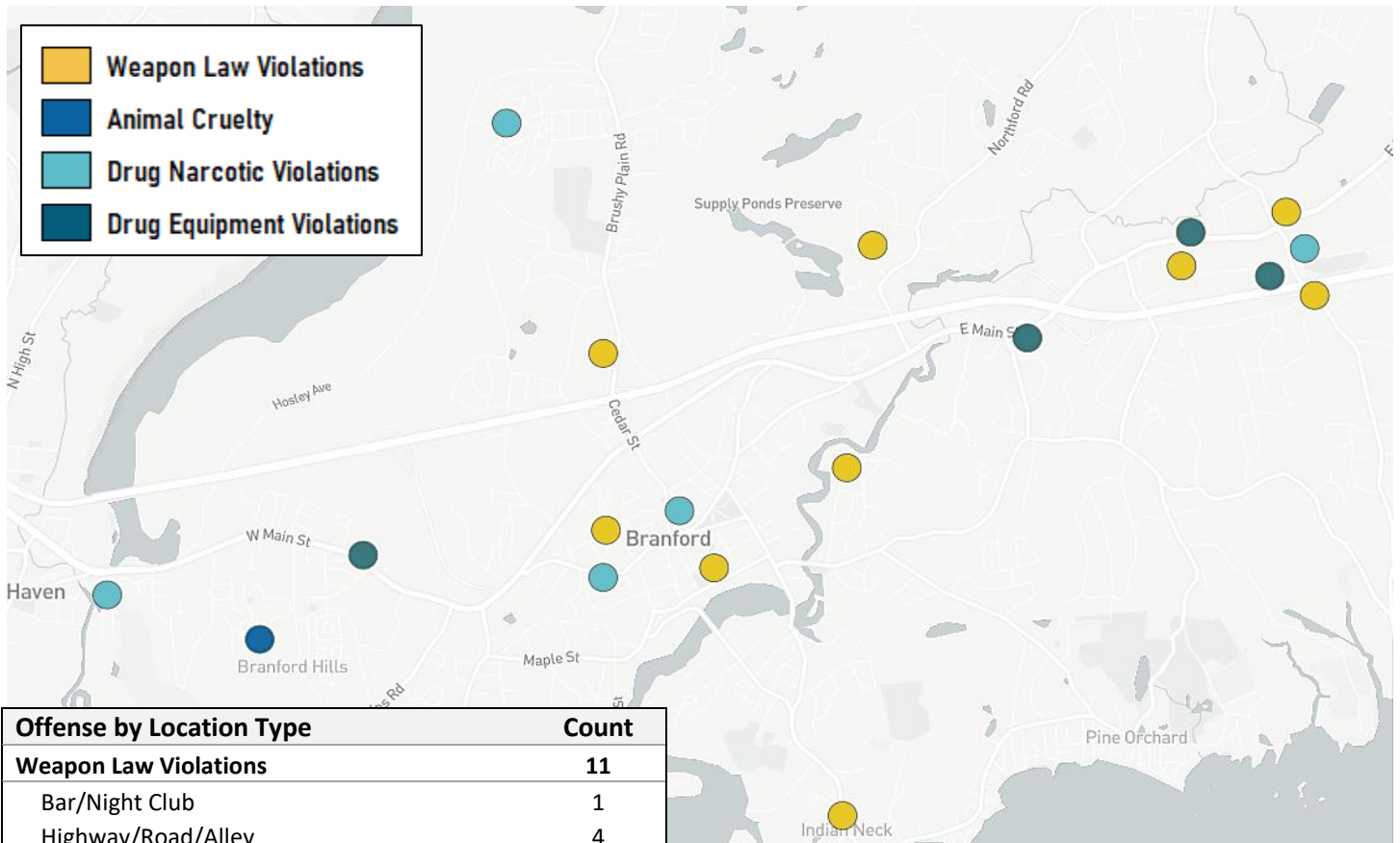
- Possession of Electronic Defense Weapon (2)
- Threatening with a BB gun

	2020/2021 Incidents Rpt	2021/2022 Incidents Rpt	% Chg From 2020
Crimes Against Society	20	25	25%
Animal Cruelty	2	1	-50%
Drug Equipment Violations	5	4	-20%
Drug Narcotic Violations	10	9	-10%
Weapon Law Violations	3	11	267%

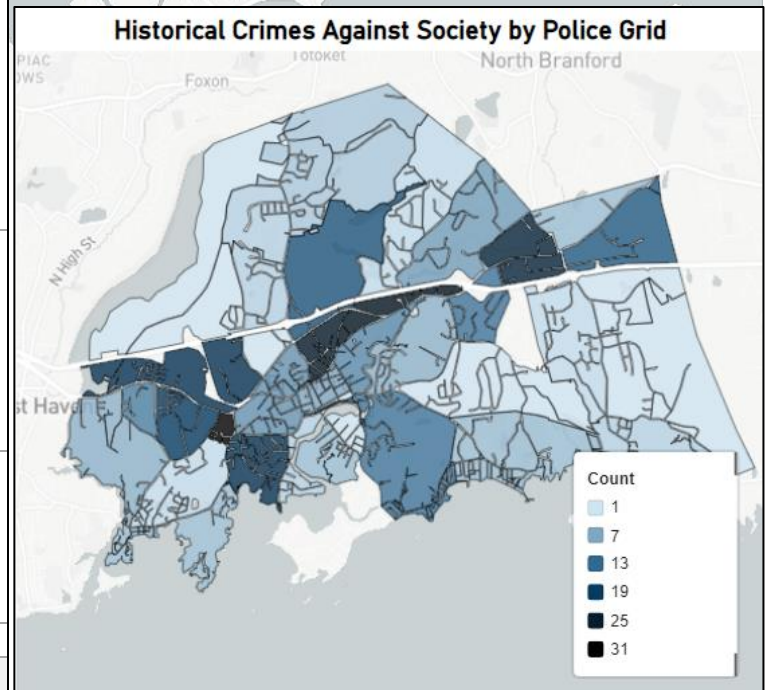


CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY GEOGRAPHY

Location based detail of crimes against society in 2021/2022.



Offense by Location Type	Count
Weapon Law Violations	11
Bar/Night Club	1
Highway/Road/Alley	4
Park/Playground	1
Rental Storage facility	1
Residence/Home	2
Restaurant	1
Specialty Store	1
Drug Narcotic Violations	9
Highway/Road/Alley	3
Hotel/Motel/Etc.	1
Parking Lot/Garage	2
Residence/Home	2
Service/Gas Station	1
Drug Equipment Violations	4
Highway/Road/Alley	1
Hotel/Motel/Etc.	1
Parking Lot/Garage	1
Service/Gas Station	1
Animal Cruelty	1
Residence/Home	1
Grand Total	25





ARRESTS

OVERVIEW

Arrest details from the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

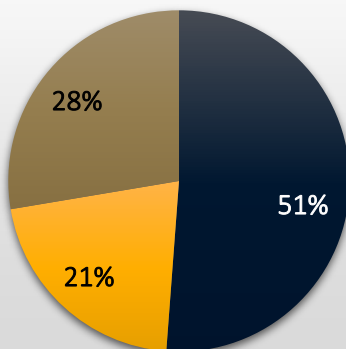
There were a total of **463 arrests** in the 2021/2022 fiscal year, a **6% decrease** from last year's total of 466. Of the total arrests, there were 352 arrestees, 55 of which had been arrested more than once this fiscal year. Repeat offenders were arrested an average of 3 times each, with the most frequent individual being arrested 11 times this year.

The table on the right demonstrates the number of arrests by Offense Group and Description. Violent crimes accounted for 3% of arrests, property crimes accounted for 17%, and drug offenses accounted for 2%. Offense descriptions with the highest arrest frequencies were Disorderly Conduct (23%) and Family Offenses, Non-Violent (13%).

51% of arrests were on-view, 28% were warrant arrests, and 21 % were summons/citations.

Arrest Type

■ On-view arrest ■ Summioned/Cited
■ Taken into custody



Offense Group & Description	Arrest Count
GROUP A	141
Aggravated Assault	4
All other Larceny	5
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	14
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	4
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	7
Drug Narcotic Violations	8
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	2
Forcible Sodomy	1
Identity Theft	1
Intimidation	15
Motor Vehicle Theft	6
Robbery	9
Sexual Assault with an Object	1
Shoplifting	35
Simple Assault	10
Stolen Property Offenses	1
Theft From Building	3
Theft From Vehicle	5
Theft of MV Parts or Accessories	1
Weapon Law Violations	8
GROUP B	294
All Other Offenses	87
Disorderly Conduct	105
Driving under the Influence	35
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	62
Trespass of Real Property	5
GROUP INF	17
Informational	17
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Grand Total	463

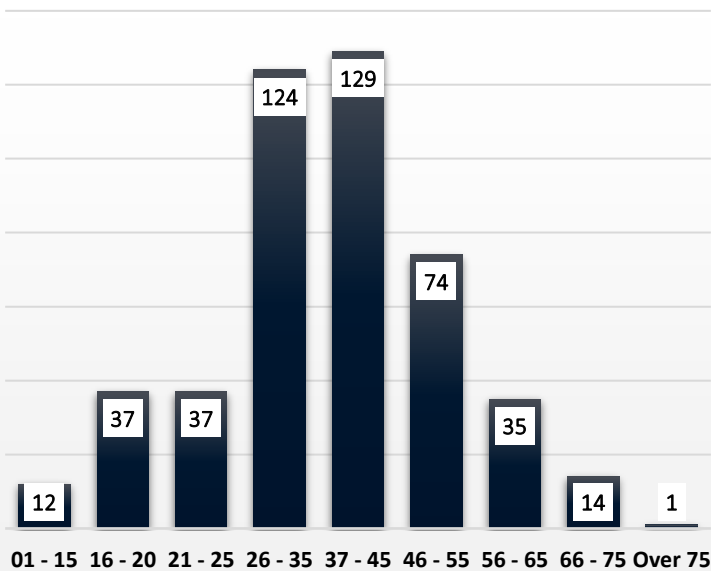


ARREST DETAIL

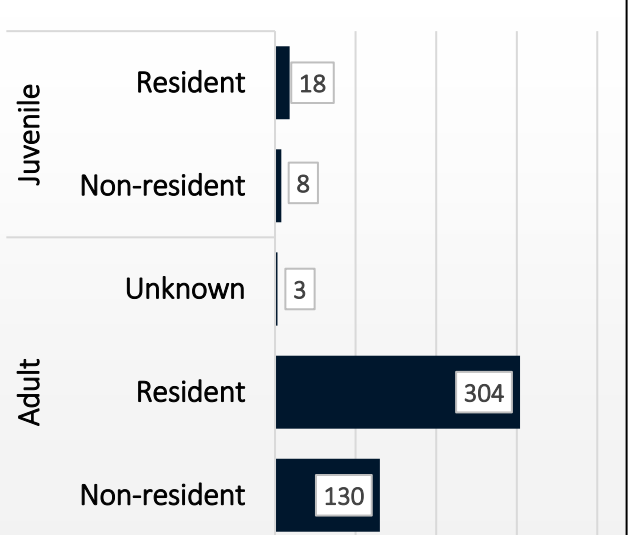
Offender overview for 2021/2022 arrests.

ARRESTEE DEMOGRAPHICS: RACE, ETHNICITY, SEX	Female	Male	Grand Total
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	0	3
Not-Applicable	3	0	3
Black	29	55	84
Hispanic	3	2	5
Not-Applicable	25	53	78
Unknown	1	0	1
Indian American/Alaskan Native	0	1	1
Not-Applicable	0	1	1
White	87	271	358
Hispanic	15	38	53
Not-Applicable	70	228	298
Unknown	1	3	4
(blank)	1	2	3
Unknown	3	14	17
Hispanic	0	1	1
Unknown	2	4	6
(blank)	1	9	10
Grand Total	122	341	463

Arrests by Age Range



Arrestee Town Residence



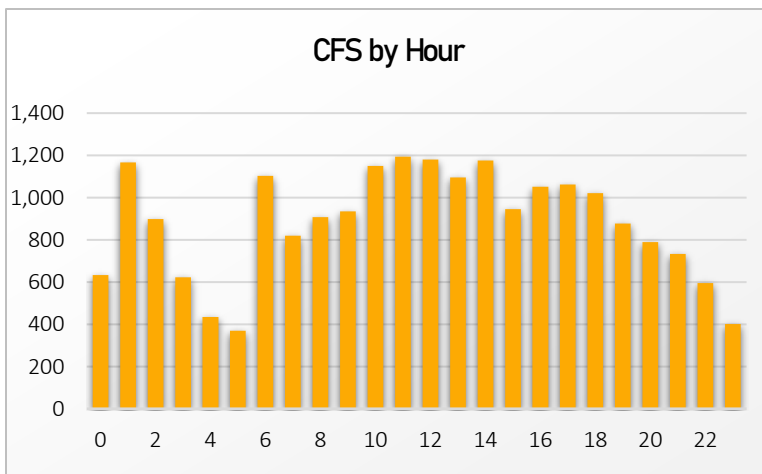
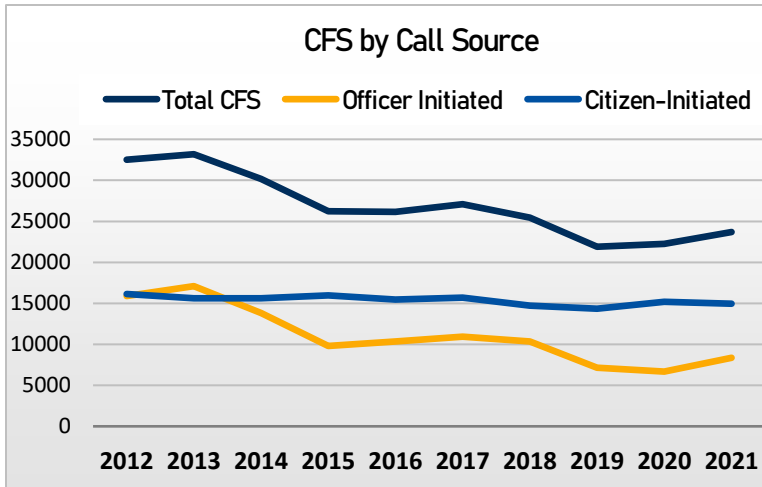


CALLS-FOR-SERVICE

Average Response Time	Average Minutes on Scene	Average of Arrived to Cleared (m)	Average of Total Min Consumed	Average of PD Units Dispatched
4 min 30 sec	28 min	286 min	28 min	2

The Branford Police Department received **23,683 calls-for-service** in the 2021/2022 fiscal year, a 6% increase from last year and a 12% decrease from the 10-year average. Statistically, this total is considered to be normal compared to the prior year average of 26,865 calls per year.

Citizen-initiated calls in 2021/2022 accounted for 63% of calls-for-service, officer-initiated calls accounted for 35%, and alarms accounted for 2%. B Squad had the highest number of calls (7,583), followed by C Squad with 6,288 and A Squad with 5,847. 3,965 calls were categorized under “No Shift.” 73% of A Squad’s calls-for-service were officer-initiated, versus 29-30% on B Squad and C Squad.



CFS by Top 10% Time Consumed	Total Min Consumed
TARGET AREA	91,889
MENTAL HEALTH	79,608
ASSIST OTHER TOWN	43,840
Traffic Duty	39,901
MV Accident - Non-Fatal	39,148
FAMILY DISPUTE	35,965
Other Internal Functions	33,719
Medical Assistance Rendered	32,601
Sudden Death/Bodies Found	31,515
RADAR	29,855
FAMILY VIOLENCE	27,862
MV Accident - Property Damage	27,738
Court Duty	23,784
FALSE ALARM	23,079
PATROL INITIATIVE	20,665
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	19,902
BURGLARY COMMERCIAL - FORCIBLE	19,593
Other Nuisances	18,687
Driving While Intox - Alcohol	18,524



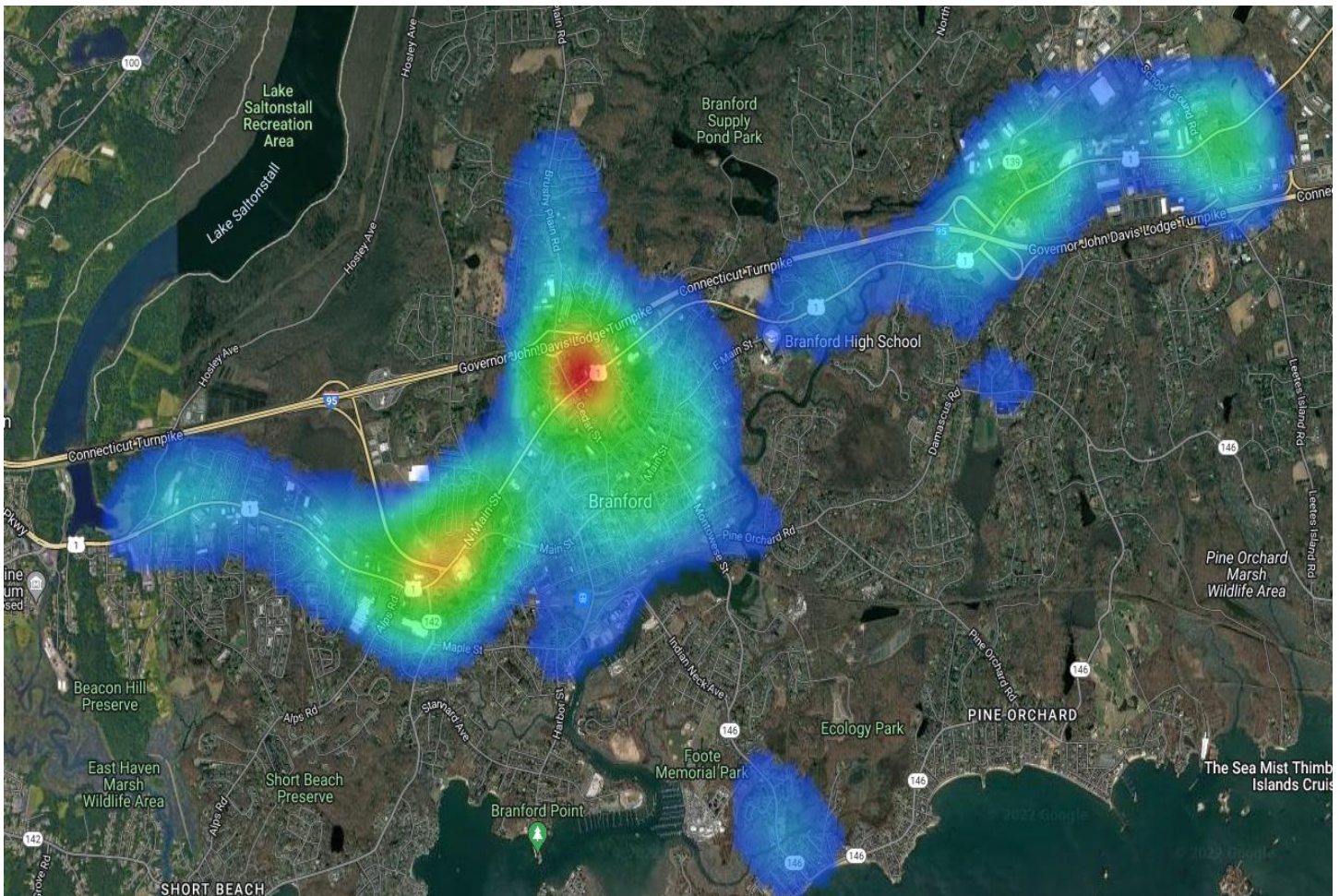
TRAFFIC INCIDENTS

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Summarizing traffic crashes for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

There were a total of **528 motor vehicle accidents** this fiscal year, representing a 16% increase from last year. 74% of all days this fiscal year had at least one motor vehicle accident. On average, there were approximately 2 accidents per day, 10 accidents per week, and 44 accidents per month. 28% of accidents resulted in an injury, 43% of which involved EMS transport. There was one fatal accident in 2021/2022.

Our hotspots regarding traffic crashes have been identified as the North Main St. /Cedar St. area and the West Rotary. Front-to-rear collisions resulting from drivers **following too closely** were the most common type of traffic crash. Driving under the influence was a factor in 20 accidents.





TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement details from the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

The Branford Police Department conducted **1,115 traffic stops** in 2021/2022. Invalid registration (25%), speeding violations (24%) and disobeying stop signs/traffic signals (23%) accounted for the most traffic stops this year.

- 63% of stops resulted in a verbal warning.
- 26% resulted in an infraction.
- 6% resulted in a misdemeanor summons.
- 6% had no disposition

