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To: Alderperson VanZeeland, Chairperson Safety and Licensing Committee  
From: Chief Todd Thomas  
Date: January 10, 2022  
Subject: 2021 Preliminary Crime and Police Activity Report

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Chairperson VanZeeland and Council Members,

I have attached a tentative summary on our 2021 Crime and Police Activity Data. The items that stand out the most include:

- Our calls for service increased significantly as activity returned to pre-covid levels.
- As discussed earlier, the shadow pandemic of mental health calls for service and calls that had a nexus to mental health increased dramatically in 2021. The number of calls with a mental health circumstance involved increased from 456 in 2020, to 786 in 2021, a 72% increase.
- Thankfully, the number of people we had to place on emergency holds did not increase at that level, in fact, the percentage of people placed on a hold has gone down the last three years from 32% of those we come in contact in 2019, to 21% in 2020, to 15% in 2021. This is because of the intentional hard work our Behavioral Health Officer, CIT and Patrol Officers, SROs working with our kids in crisis, and our community partners did, all working to divert individuals and connect clients with other resources.
- Traffic Stops and traffic enforcement activity increased dramatically as we continued to see a spike in dangerous and nuisance driving behaviors.
- We did **not** see an increase in weapons offences like some other cities and counties experienced in 2021.
- Our Violent Crime rate will see a slight increase, based almost exclusively on an increase in Aggravated Assaults. Aggravated Assaults account for around 73% of our violent crimes, and the vast majority of those are domestic violence related. Our new Victims Services Officer is working closely with community providers and that relationship may lead to a temporary increase in reporting and a subsequent uptick in reporting.

We continue to focus on these areas with several ongoing initiatives. We are also working internally, and externally with community partners, to develop new creative solutions to help address public safety concerns.

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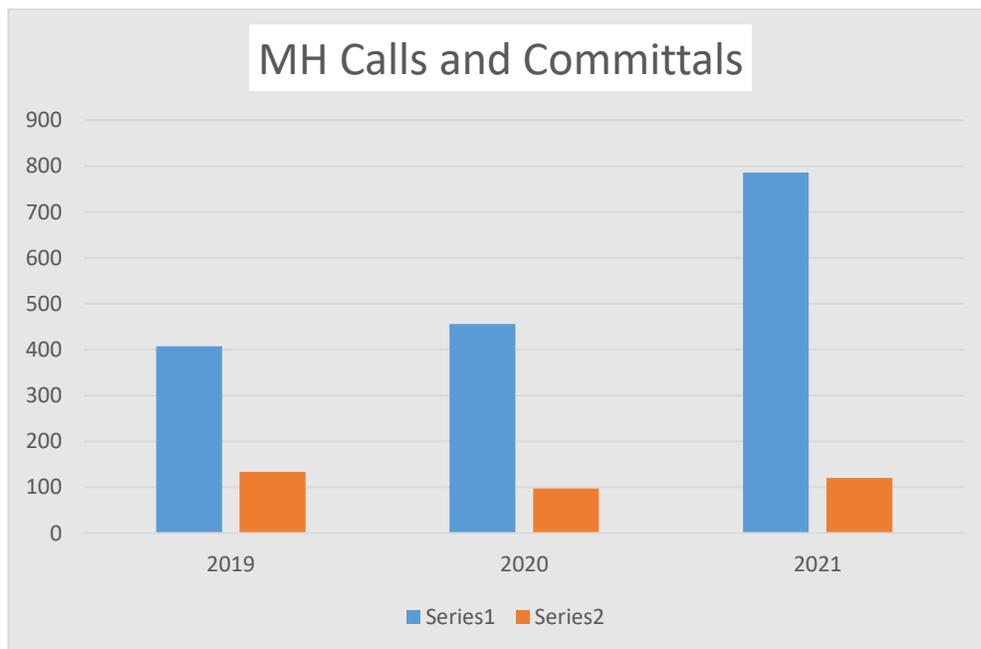
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Police Calls for Service	
2019	46,956
2020	46,175
2021	54,942

MH Calls for Services / Emergency Committals			% Calls with a committal
2019	407	133	32
2020	456	97	21
2021	786	120	15

\*72% increase in mental health calls from 2020 to 2021 **(Dramatic Decreases)**





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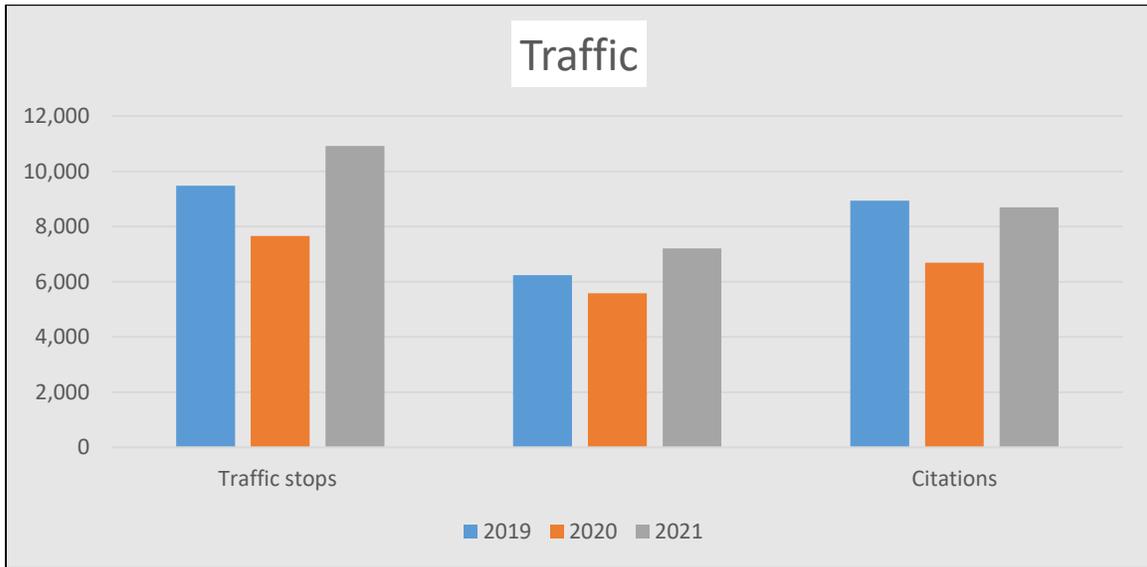
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Traffic stops		Citations	Warnings
2019	9,471	6,243	8,931
2020	7,658	5,585	6,689
2021	10,920	7,211	8,687

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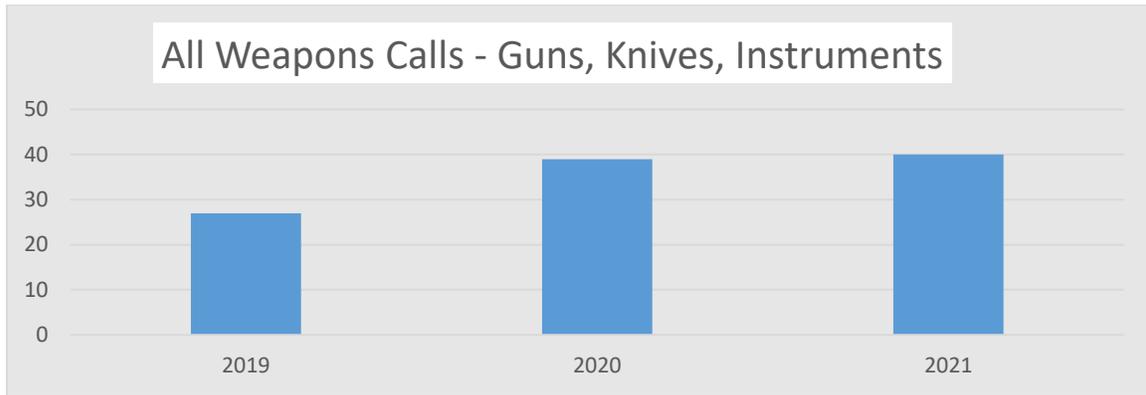




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<b>Violent Crimes</b>	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
09A Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter	1	0	2	1	0
09B Negligent Manslaughter	2	0	0	0	1
09C Justifiable Homicide	0	0	2	1	1
100 Kidnapping/Abduction	20	17	20	12	17
11A Rape	21	18	16	21	26
11B Sodomy	19	11	14	13	11
11C Sexual Assault with an Object	3	9	5	6	7
11D Fondling	33	33	32	30	34
120 Robbery	19	19	25	19	18
13A Aggravated Assault	123	121	143	124	154
13B Simple Assault	467	466	537	512	539
13C Intimidation	53	91	106	118	93
*Those in RED determine our Violent Crime Rate - FBI Guidelines					

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