



## POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNCIL REPORT

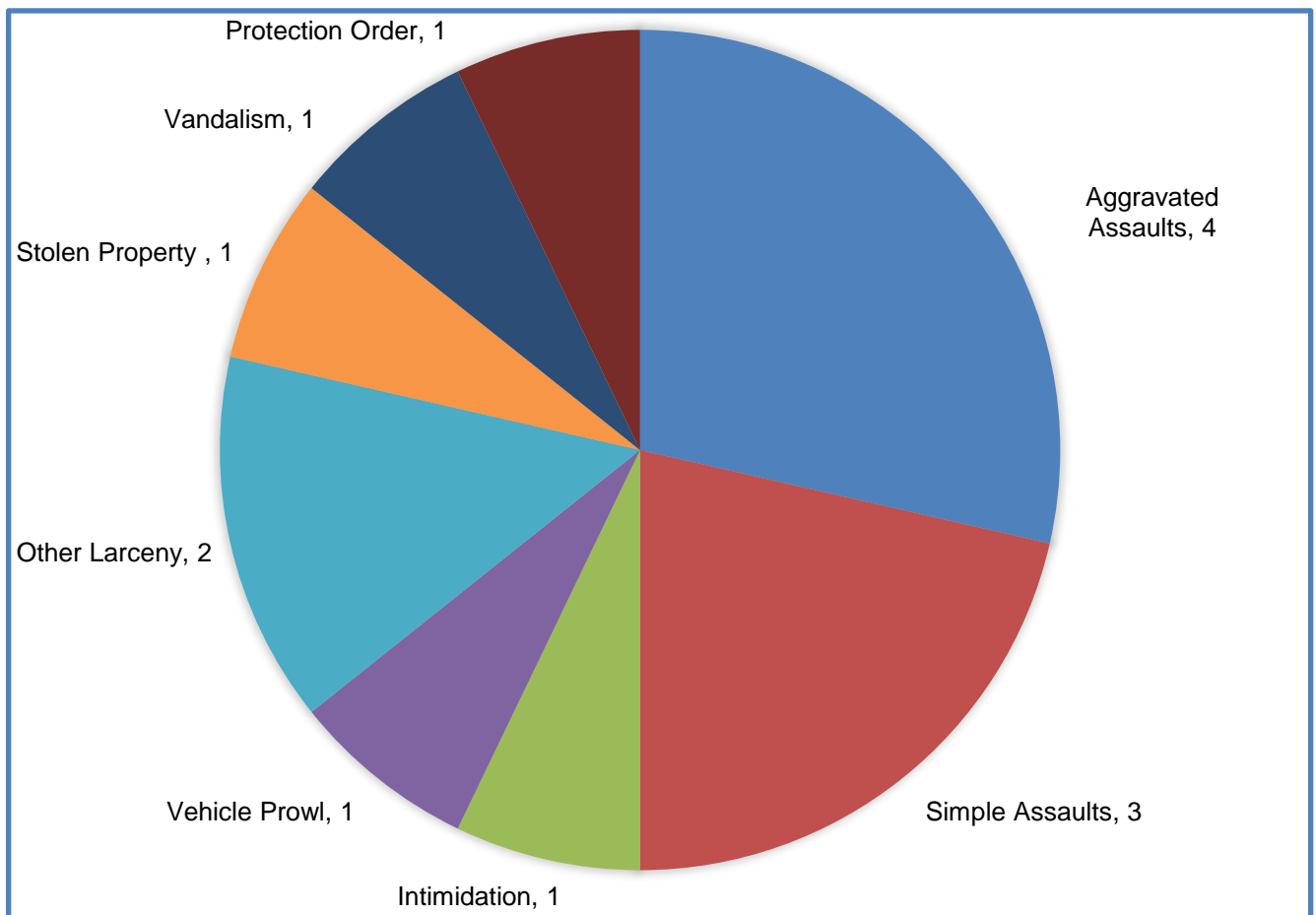
To: Mayor Greg Thornton  
La Center City Council

From: Bob Richardson, Interim Police Chief

Date: January 25, 2023

Re: Crime Report for The Month of December 2022

### December 2022 – Reported Crimes



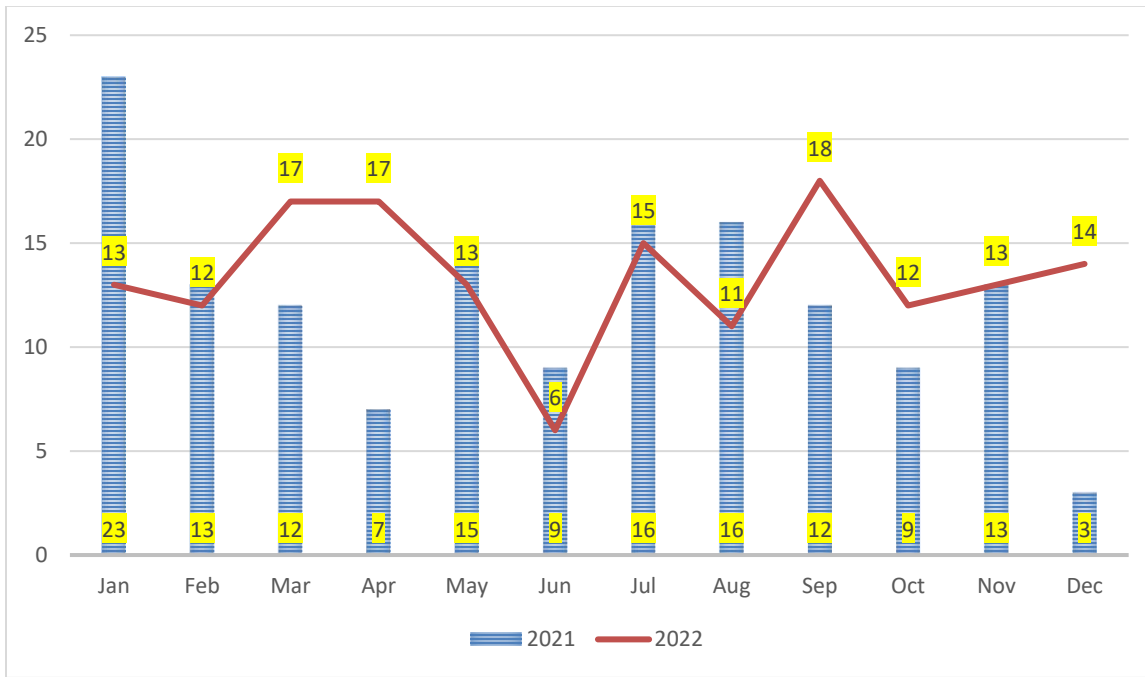
December 2022 – Total Crimes Reported = 14

December 2021 - Total Crimes Reported = 3 - (1) Arson, (1) Shoplifting, (1) Impersonation

December 2022 – Crime Incidents

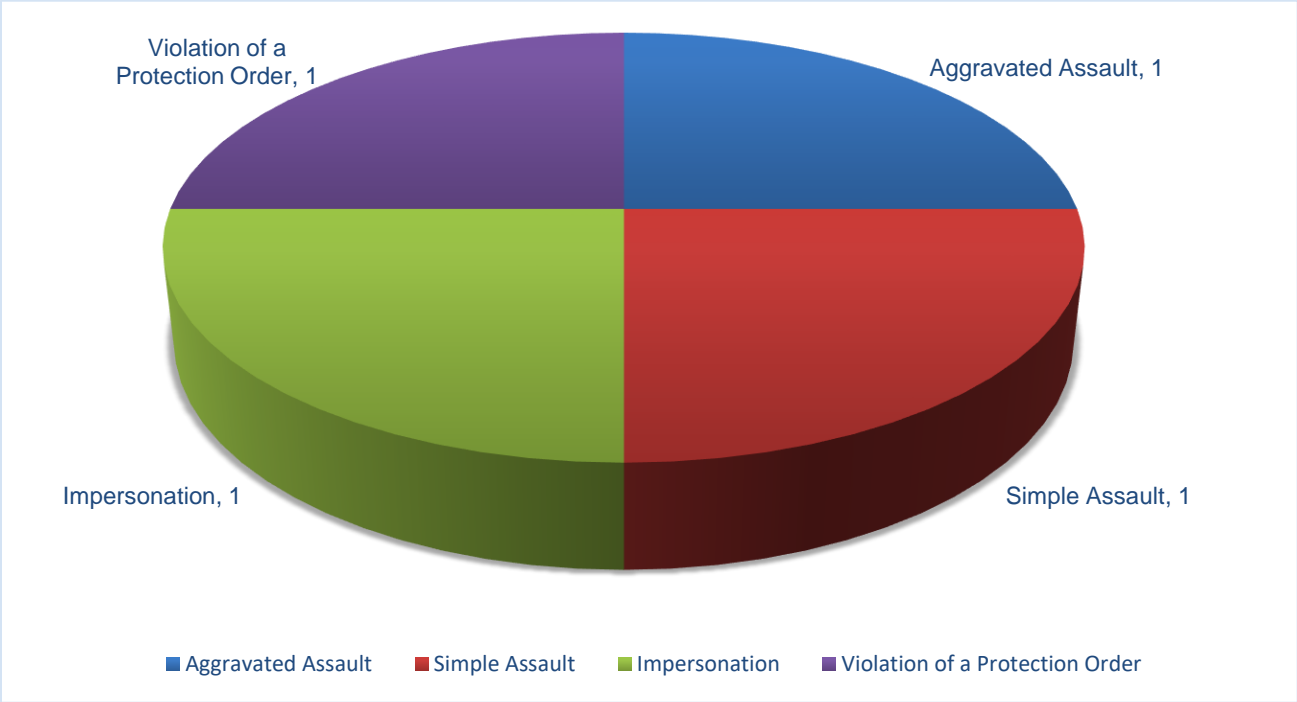
Date	Case Number	Type of Crime	Location	Notes
12/01/2022	22-001228	Theft - Other	XXX W. 16 <sup>th</sup> Street	Lottery Scam
12/03/2022	22-001229	Violation of Protection Order	XXX W. D Avenue	Referred to Prosecutor for review.
12/10/2022	22-001232	Vandalism	XXX W. Golden Eagle Avenue	Juveniles damaged home under construction - Identified
12/12/2022	22-001237	Simple Assault	XXXX NE Lockwood Creek	Juvenile Suspect - Referred to Prosecutor for review.
12/12/2022	22-011265	Aggravated Assault	XXX W. 4 <sup>th</sup> Street	CCSO Major Crimes – 4 Victims – Suspect Arrested
12/16/2022	22-001238	Theft	XXX E. 15 <sup>th</sup> Circle	Reported Theft of Firearm
12/18/2022	22-001239	Harassment/DV Assault	XXX E. 18 <sup>th</sup> Street	Suspect Arrested
12/20/2022	22-001240	Recovered Stolen Vehicle	XXX N/W Pacific Highway	Recovered Stolen Vehicle from VPD
12/23/2022	22-001242	Vehicle Prowl	XXX NE 310 Circle	Suspect Identified -Referred to Prosecutor for review.
12/26/2022	22-001245	Simple Assault	XXXX W. 15 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	DV related Assault referred to Prosecutor for review.

## Monthly Reported Crime Comparison 2021 Versus 2022<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> End of Year 2021 reported 148 offenses vs. end of year 2022 reported 163 offenses.

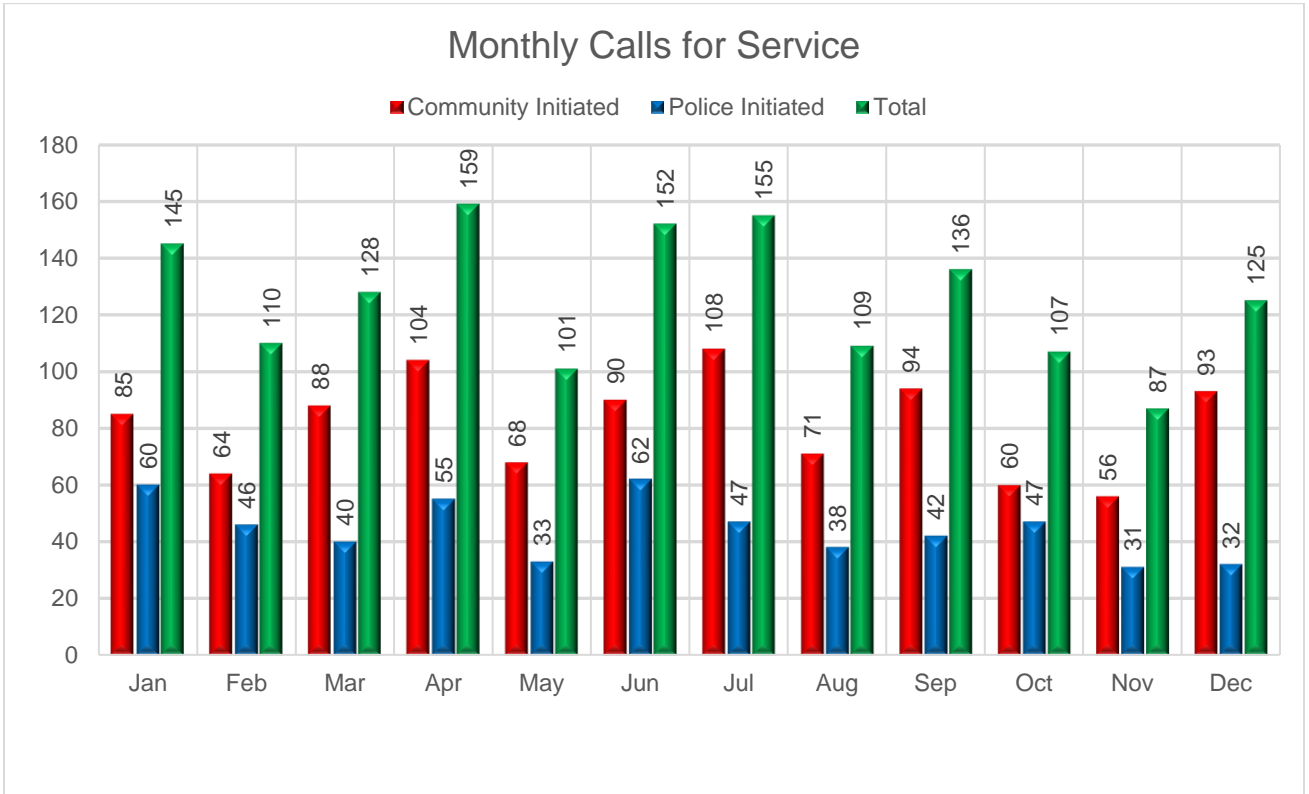
December 2022 – Reported Arrests



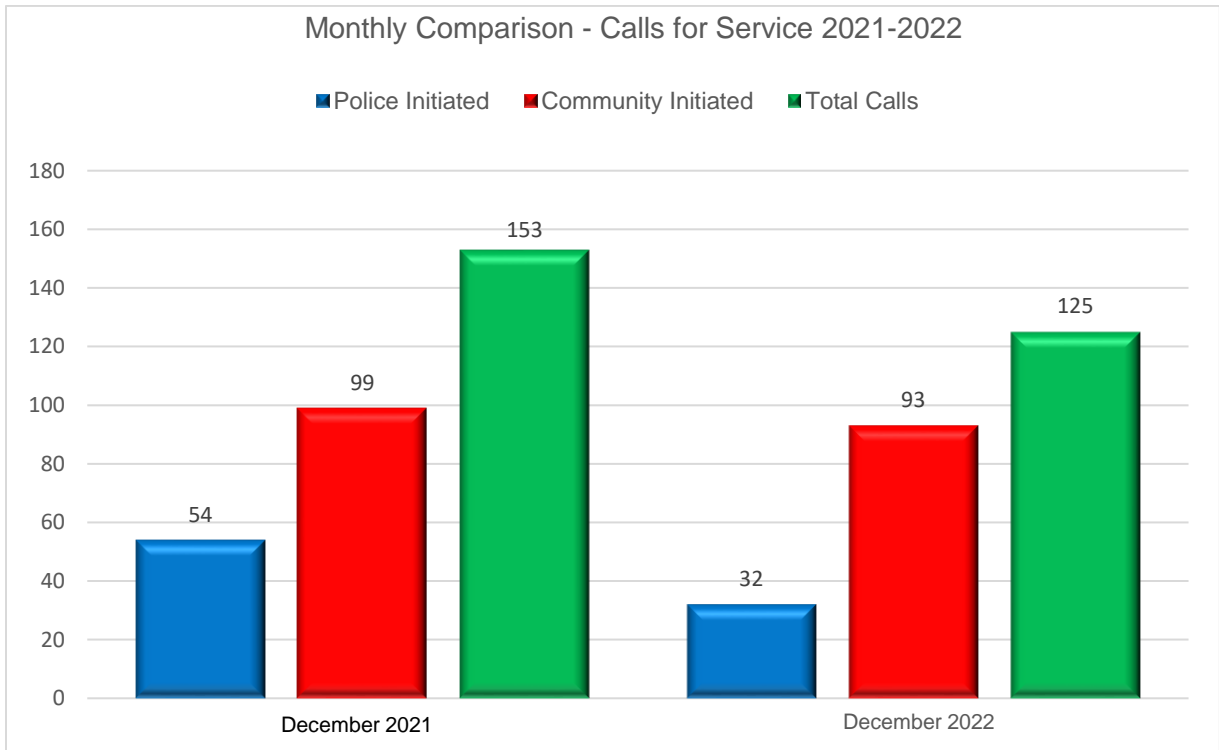
Total Arrests Reported – December 2022 = 4

Total Arrests Reported – December 2021 = 3 (1) – DUI (2) - Other Offenses

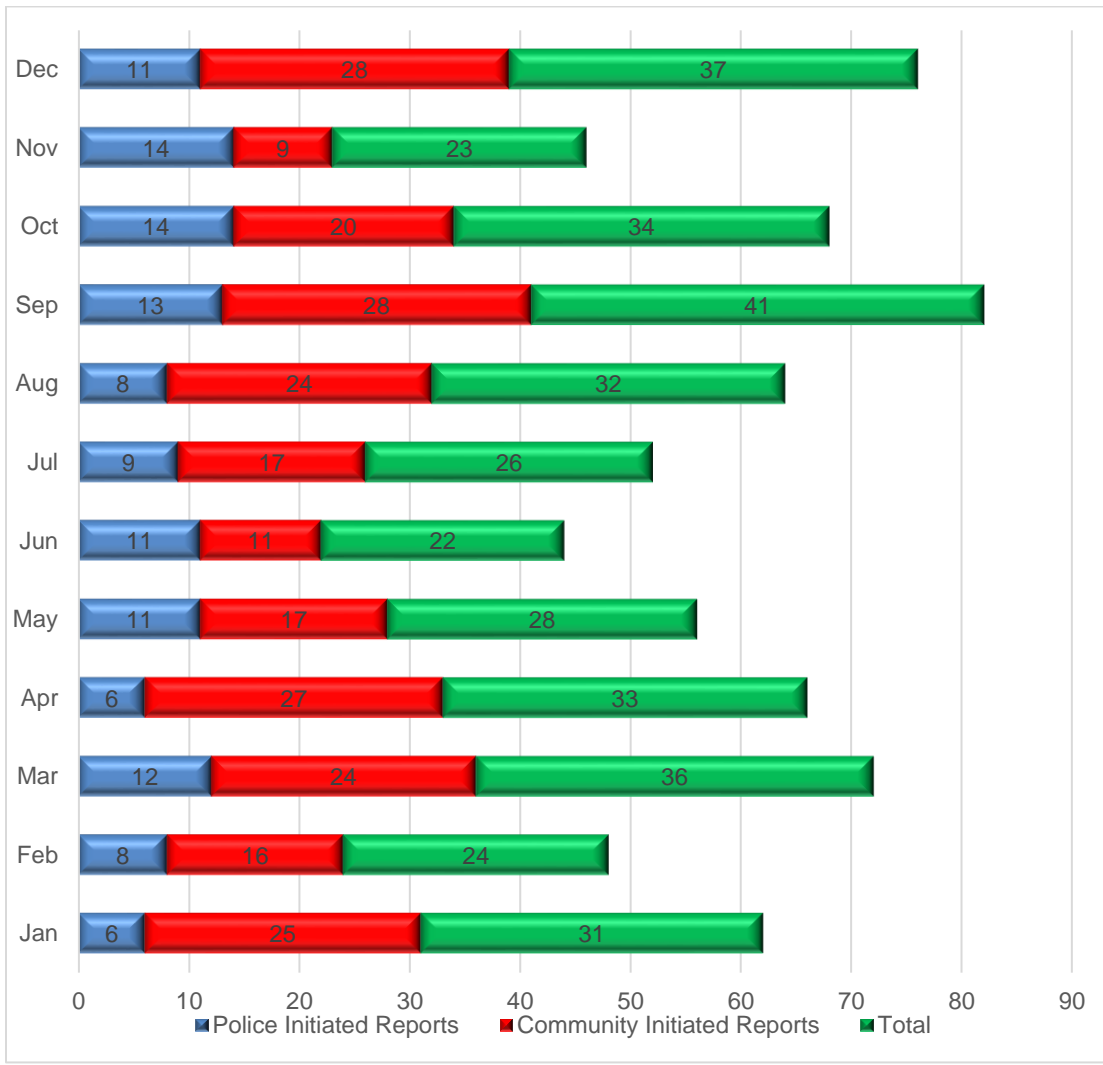
December 2022 - Calls for Service



December 2021 Versus December 2022 – Calls for Service



## 2022- Monthly Written Reports by Source



## 2021/2022 End of Year Comparison

Crime	2021	2022	
Sex Offenses	1	0	-100%
Robbery	1	0	-100%
Aggravated Assaults	1	7	+600%
Simple Assault	7	20	+186%
Intimidation	2	8	+300%
Burglary	9	12	+33%
Arson	1	0	-100%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	72	54	-25%
Motor Vehicle Theft	21	2	-90%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	2	-
Impersonation	2	0	-100%
Identity Theft	3	8	+167%
Stolen Property Offenses	3	5	+67%
Vandalism	12	36	+200%
Drug/Narcotics Offenses	5	0	-100%
Pornography/Obscene	1	0	-100%
Violations of Court Orders	6	8	+33%
Weapons Law Violations	1	1	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>+10%</b>

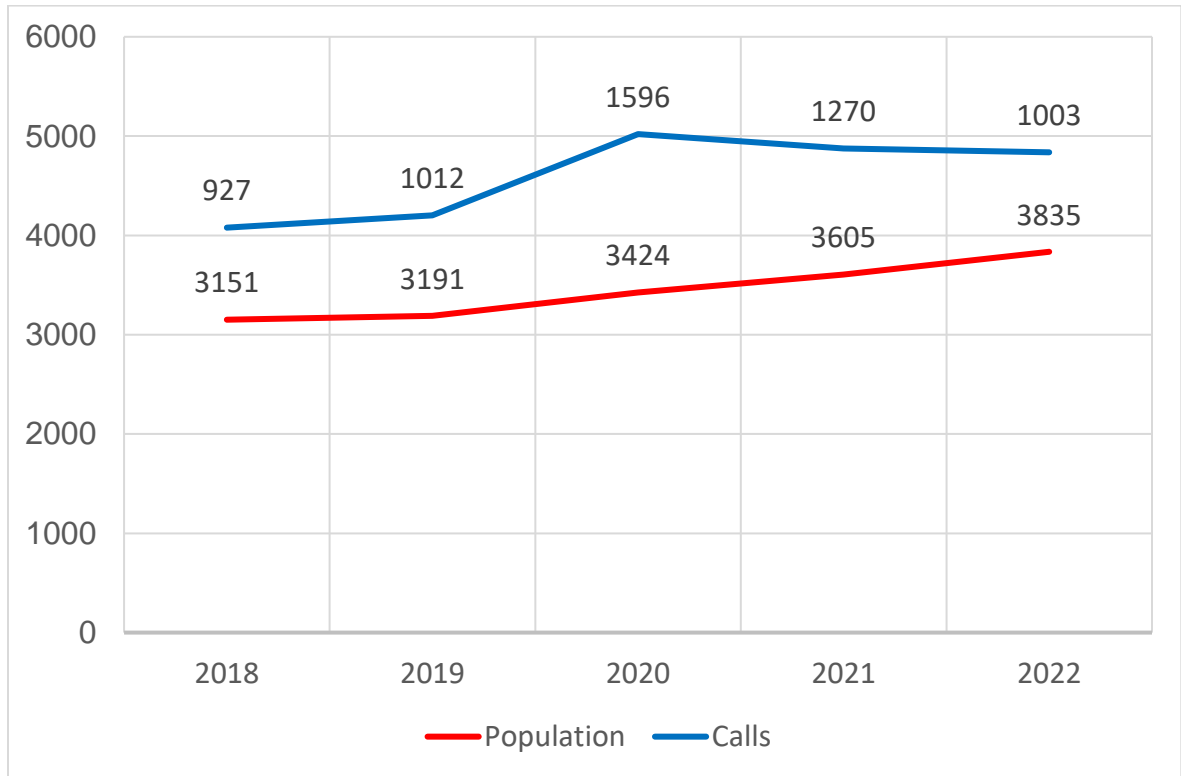
### Domestic Violence Related Offenses

	2021	2022	
La Center	13	27	+108%
Ridgefield	88	76	-14%
Washougal	155	168	+8.3%

- 2 out of 7 Aggravated Assaults = DV Related
  - 4 out of 7 Aggravated Assaults = Last Frontier Casino
  - 12 out of 20 Simple Assaults = DV Related
  - 3 out of 36 Vandalisms = DV Related
  - 6 out of 8 Violation of Court Orders = DV Related
- Domestic Violence Related Crimes Account for much of the Increase in Criminal Offenses from 2021 to 2022.
  - Increase In Vandalisms Attributed To Increase In Window Smashes On Vehicles To Gain Entry To Commit Theft.



## Community Initiated Calls for Service 2018 - 2022





## Community Messaging

- The La Center City Hall still has wheel locks provided through an auto theft prevention grant from the State of Washington. We will continue to provide them free of charge to residents until the supply is exhausted.
- Popular Scams To Be Aware of:
  - Law Enforcement Scam – Scammer will call impersonating a Law Enforcement Officer. They will tell the victim they have a warrant/or fine that needs to be paid and ask that you sent them money or be subject to arrest.
  - Sweepstakes and Lottery Scams – Scammer will call an older adult and tell them they’ve won a lottery or prize of some kind. The victim is told to claim their winnings they must send money, cash, or gift cards up front to cover taxes and processing fees.
  - Grandparent Scam - Scammers call a would-be grandparent and say something along the lines of: “Hi, Grandma, do you know who this is?” When the unaware grandparent guesses the name of the grandchild the scammer most sounds like, the scammer can instantly secure their trust. The fake grandchild then asks for money to solve some urgent financial problem (such as overdue rent, car repairs, or jail bond). They may beg the grandparent not to tell anyone. Since fraudsters often ask to be paid via gift cards or money transfer, which don’t always require identification to collect, the older adult may have no way of ever recovering their money.