



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

January 31, 2017



OBERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2016



I am pleased to present the Oberlin Police Department's annual report for 2016. The employees of the police department have worked diligently to provide progressive and professional service to the community. We strive to build upon community partnerships to advance the causes of public safety and problem solving. We are committed to enhancing our service and improving relationships through procedurally just policing practices.

This report contains statistical data regarding crime, arrests, and other police activities for 2016. Also included is information of interest regarding Oberlin Police staff and related events. This report can only capture a small part of the many programs in which the department is engaged.

I hope you find this material both helpful and informative. Our hope is to continue to serve the community through collaboration and effective practices. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the information contained in our annual report.

Michael McCloskey
Interim Chief of Police



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OUR MISSION

The Oberlin Police Department's mission is to enhance the quality of life in our community through the protection of life and property, fair and unbiased law enforcement, and community partnerships.

CORE VALUES(T.R.I.P.)

- Teamwork** –Oberlin Police Department recognizes its most important resources are the members of the department and the citizens of the community, and realizes that only through a true partnership can there be success.
- Respect** – Oberlin Police Department will treat all persons in a dignified and courteous manner and demonstrate an understanding of their cultural diversity in dealing with the public in our public and private contacts.
- Integrity** – Oberlin Police Department will uphold the highest moral and ethical standards. We serve with honesty and pride in maintaining the public's trust and will accept responsibility for our decisions and actions.
- Professionalism** – Oberlin Police Department is committed to ensuring those citizens who require the Department's services will receive the quality and expertise of a true law enforcement professional.

VISION STATEMENT

To provide the best possible opportunity to live, work and raise a family in a safe community, by preserving the peace and by reducing both the reality and perception of crime.



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INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE - MICHAEL D. MCCLOSKEY

ADMINISTRATIVE LIEUTENANT

SERGEANTS

PATRICK L. DURICA VICTOR L. ORTIZ MELISSA G. LETT STEVEN J. CHAPMAN

DETECTIVE

JESSICA M. BEYER

FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICERS

MATTHEW F. SUSTARSIC
MARC ELLIS
RAYMOND C. FEUERSTEIN
WILLIAM FLESCH
BILLIE R. NEADHAM
JACOB S. CROSSAN
MICHAEL A. KASTANIS
BASHSHAR WILEY
ADIS KUDUZOVIC
COREY SHOEMAKER

FULL-TIME DISPATCHERS

SUSAN JACKSON
TAMARA STANLEY
ANETA B. MULLINS
AMANDA J. PARRACK
CHRISTINA PATERCHAK
BOBBY HUNTER

PART-TIME DISPATCHERS

CAROLYN BROWN
GWEN S. GOUL

PART-TIME OFFICERS

RYAN SUMNER

RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR

SARA GENTILE

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

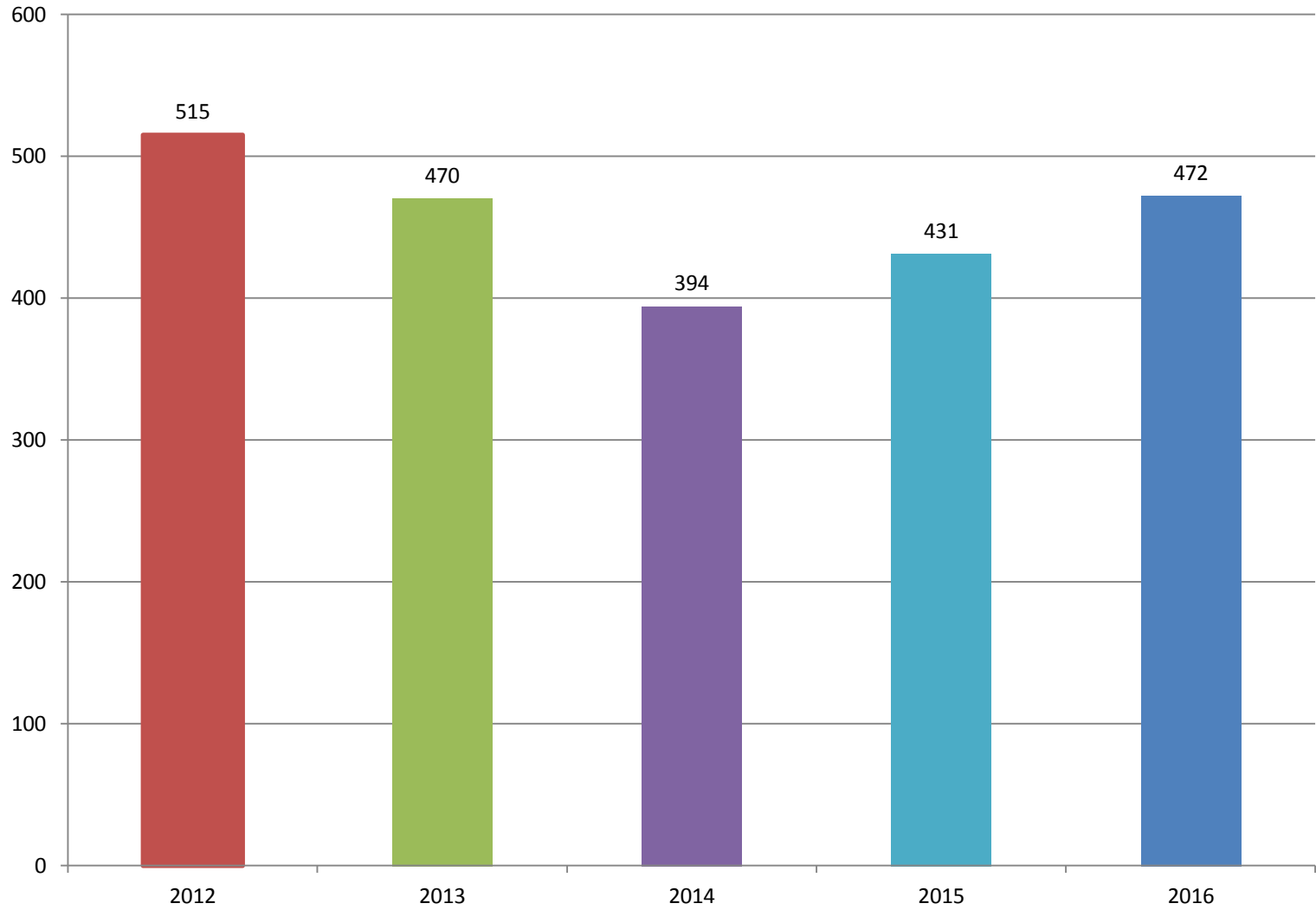
ANNETTE L. WEY

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

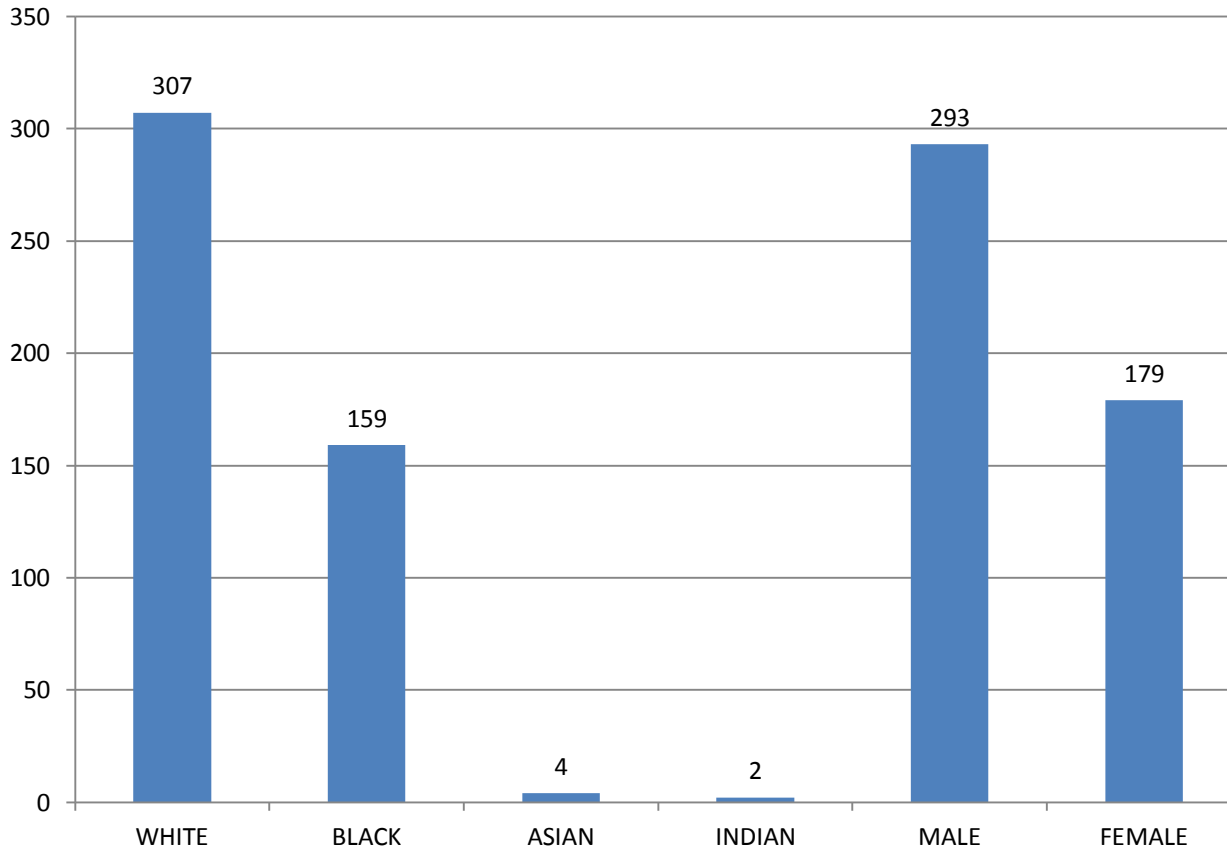
CAPT./CSO R. HENRY WALLACE
SGT. JAMES C. VIDOVICH
MARK REYNOLDS
KAYLA SMITH
DENNIS RIVAS
GREGORY TAYLOR

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Adults Arrested

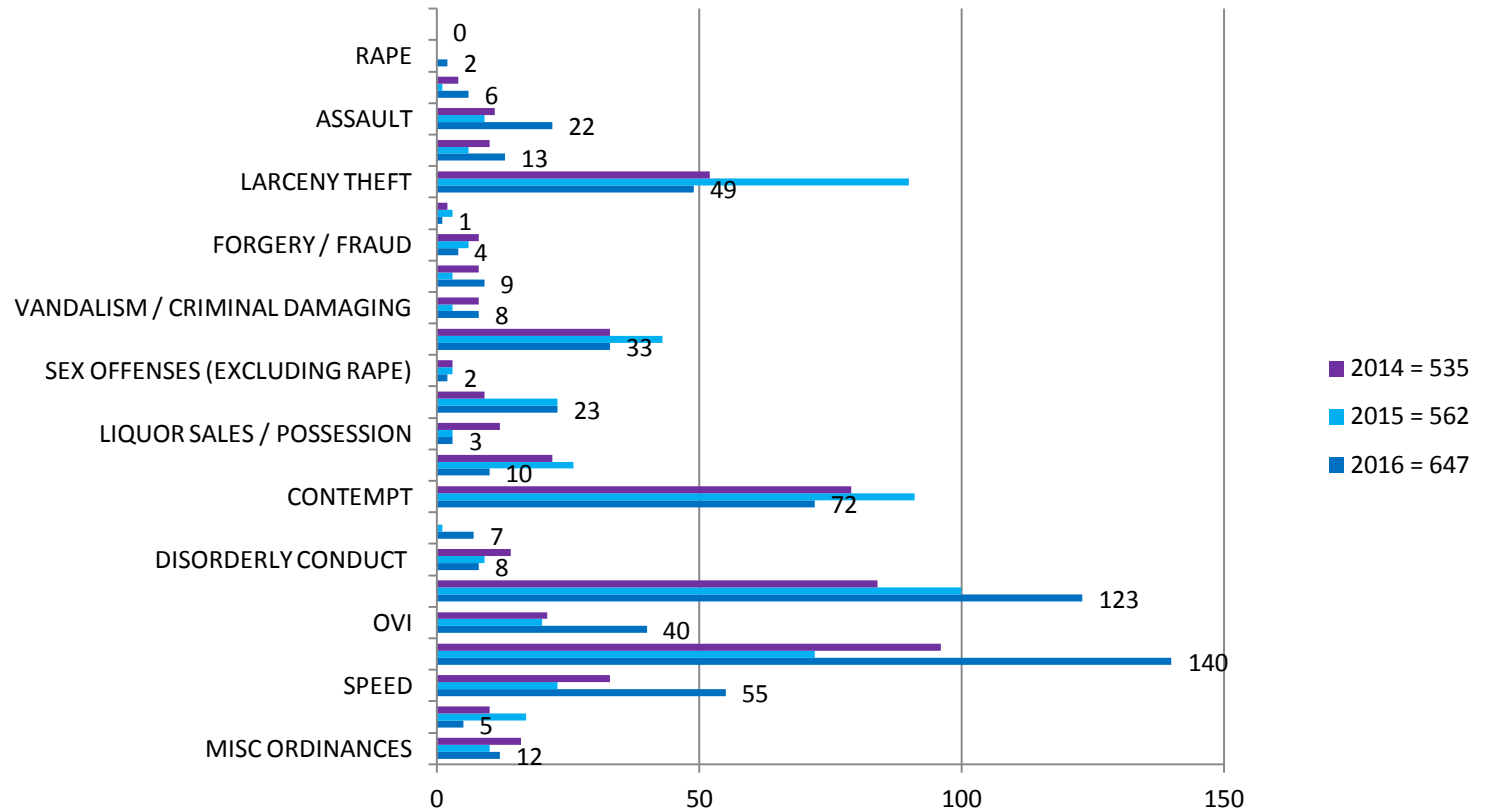


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DEMOGRAPHICS OF ADULT ARRESTS
2016



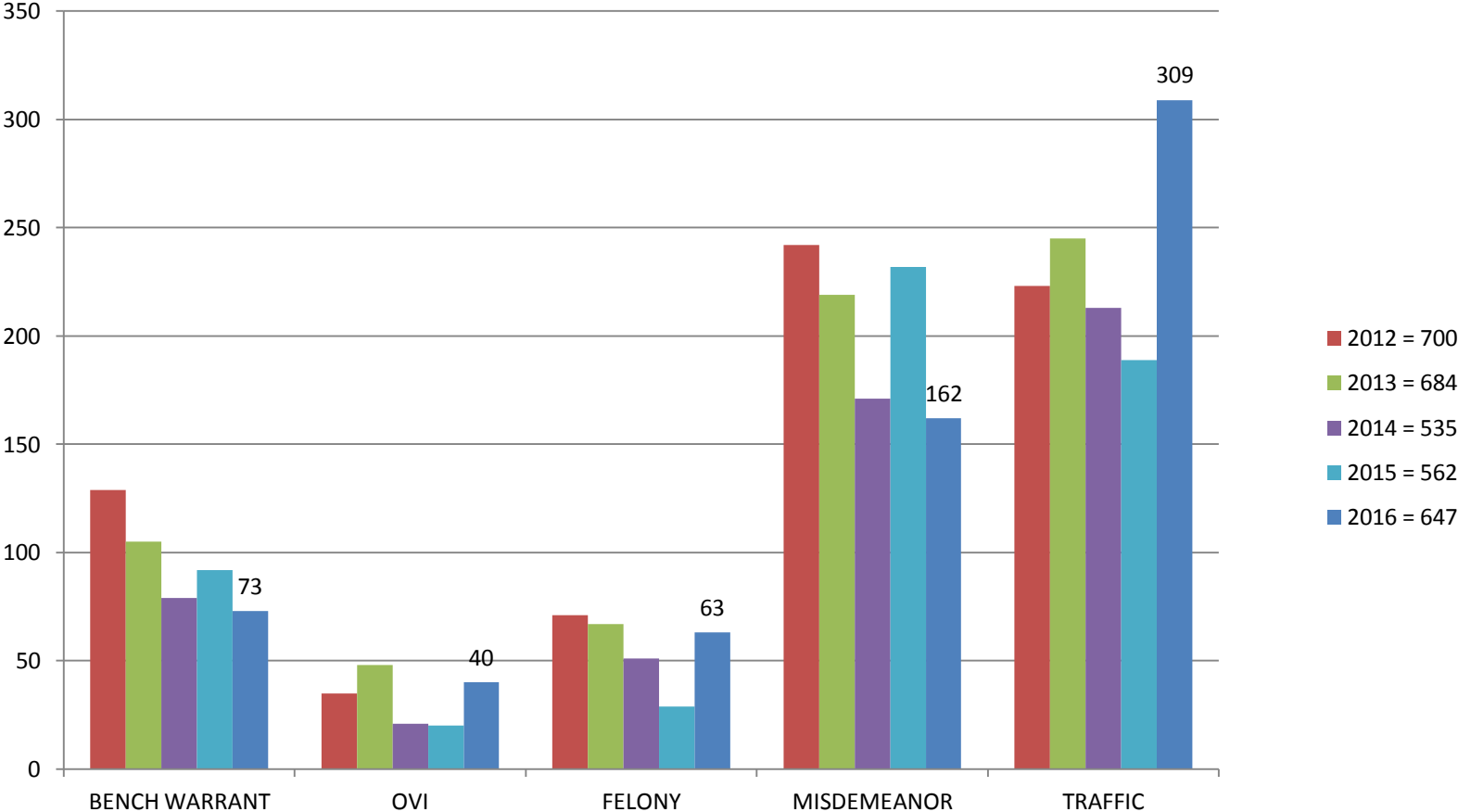
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Summary of Offenses Charged Upon Arrest (Adult)



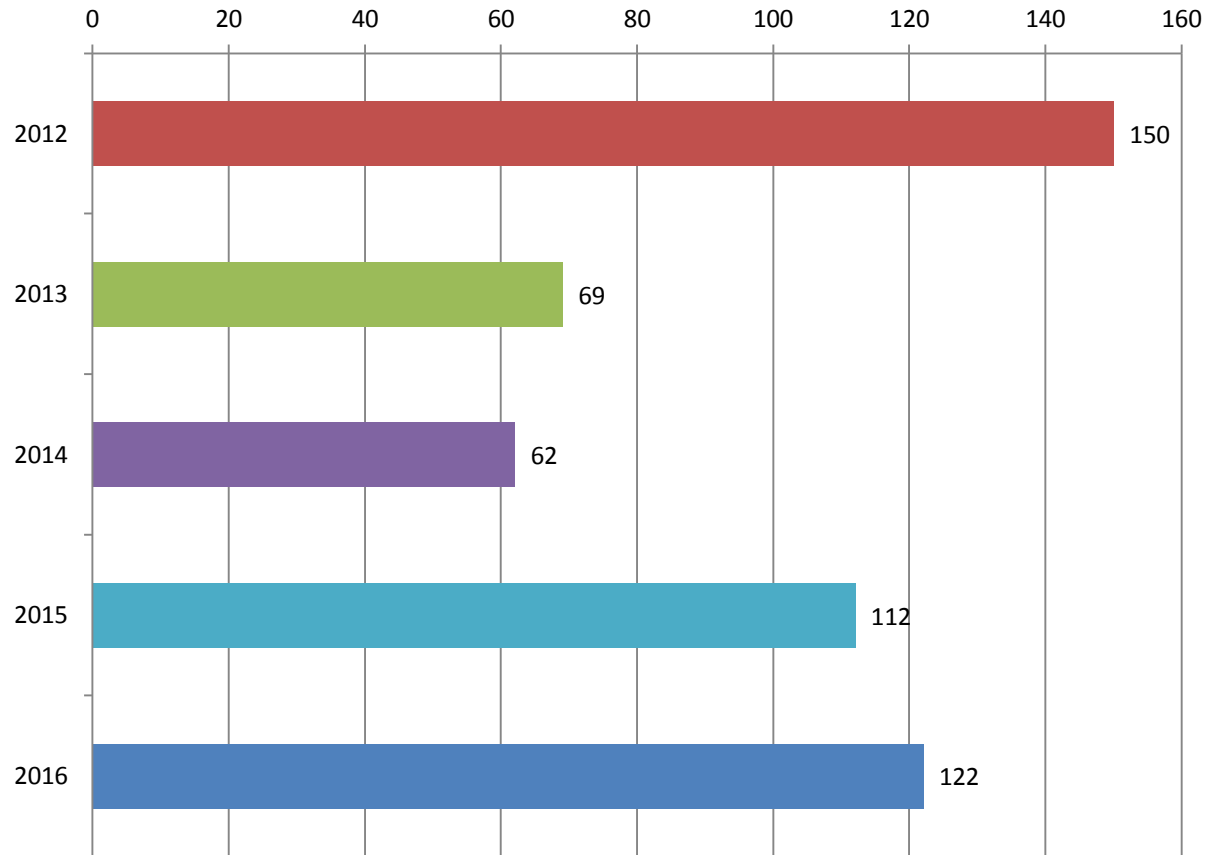
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Charged Offenses by Type (Adult)



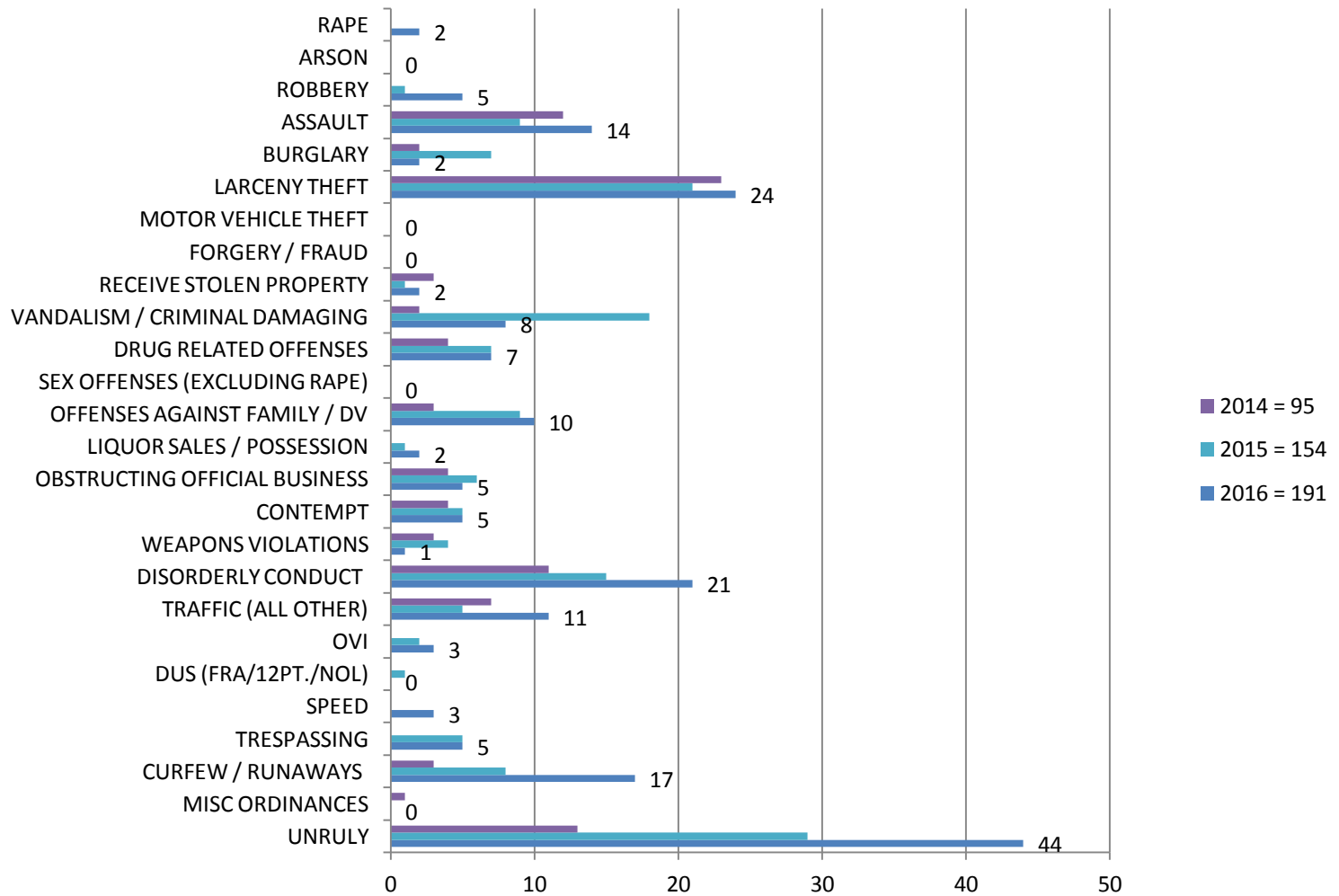
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Juveniles Arrested



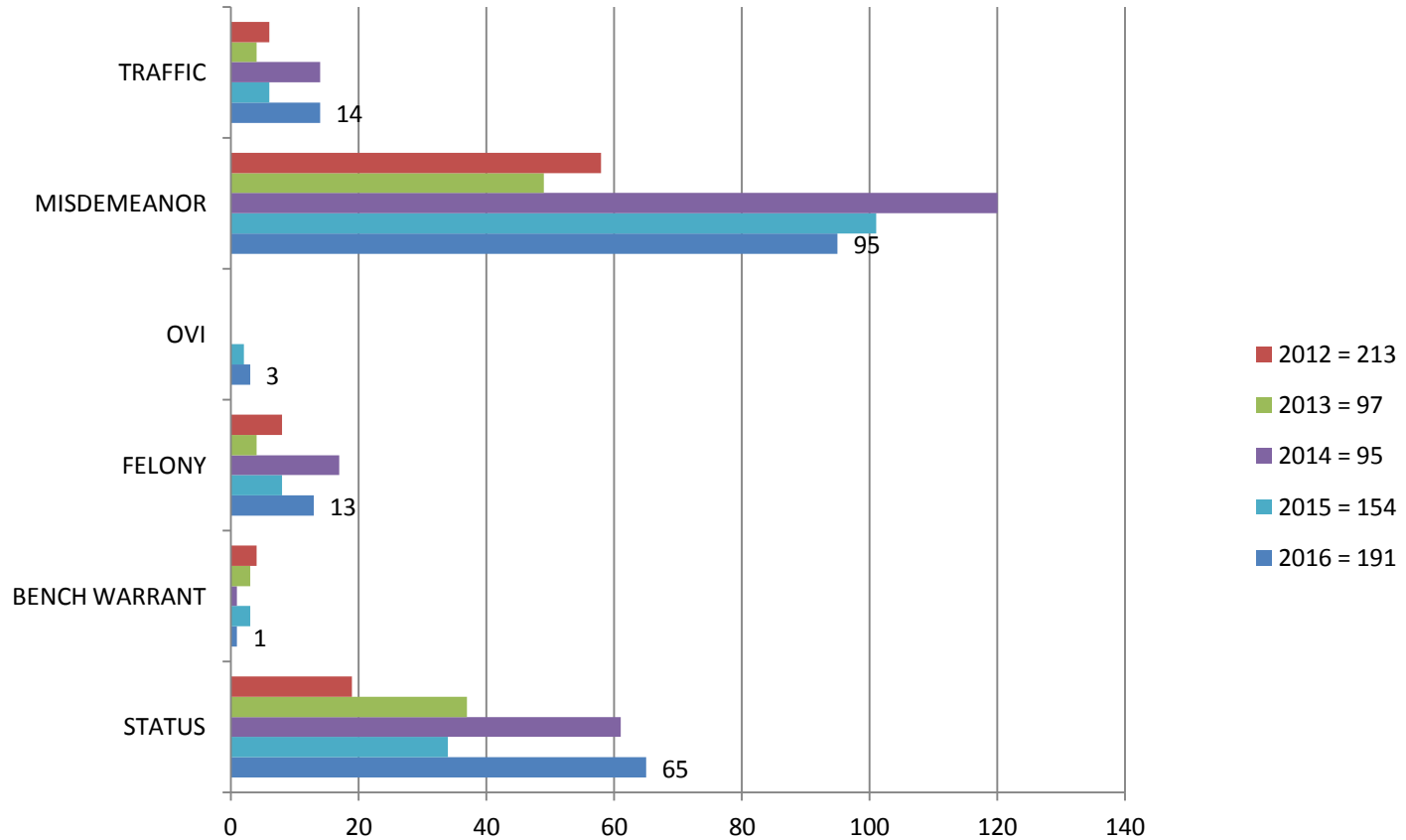
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Summary of Offenses Charged Upon Arrest (Juvenile)



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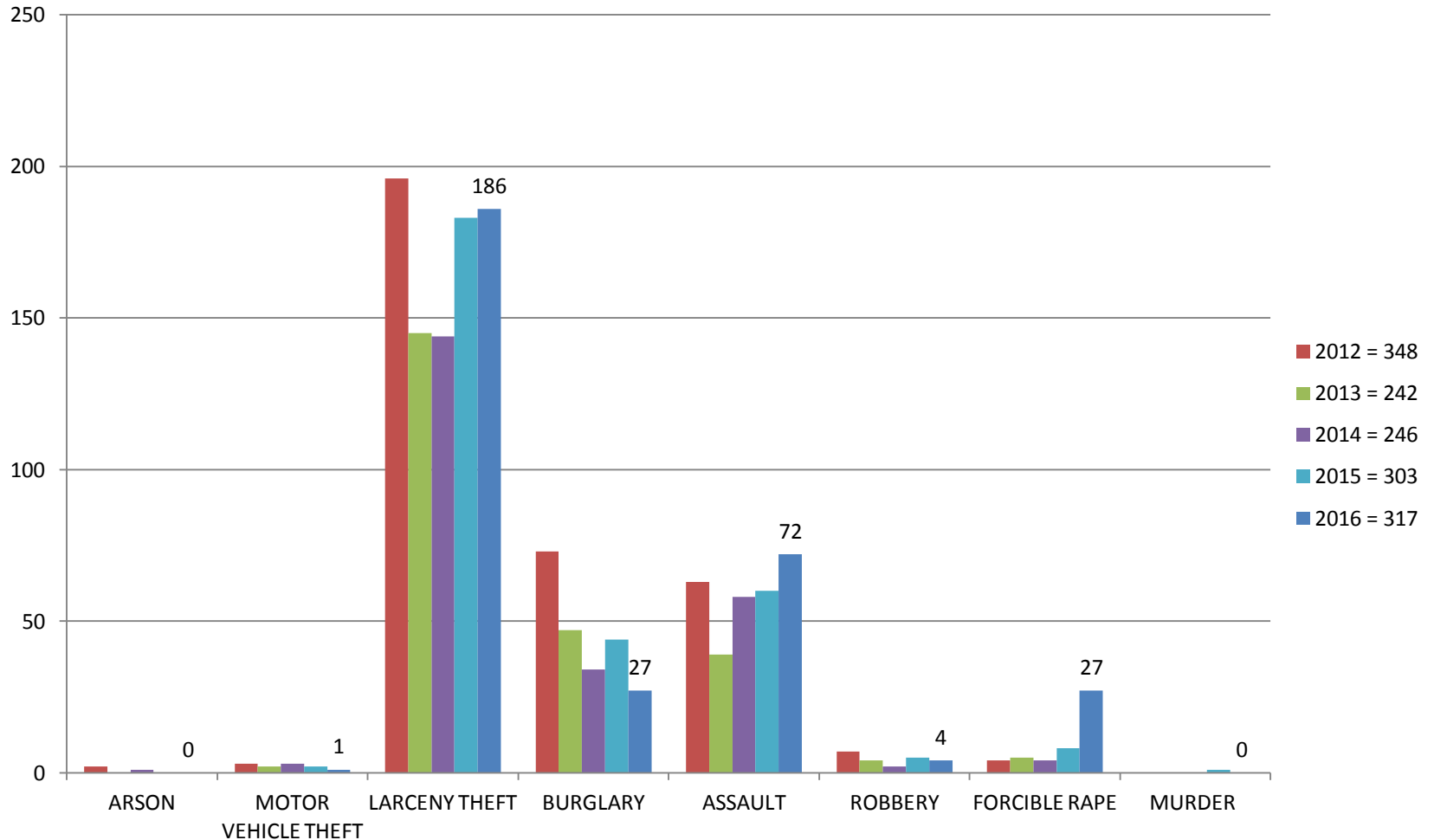
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Status Offenses were added in 2009 - Charges which do not apply to adults (Unruly Juveniles, Truancy, Curfew violations....)

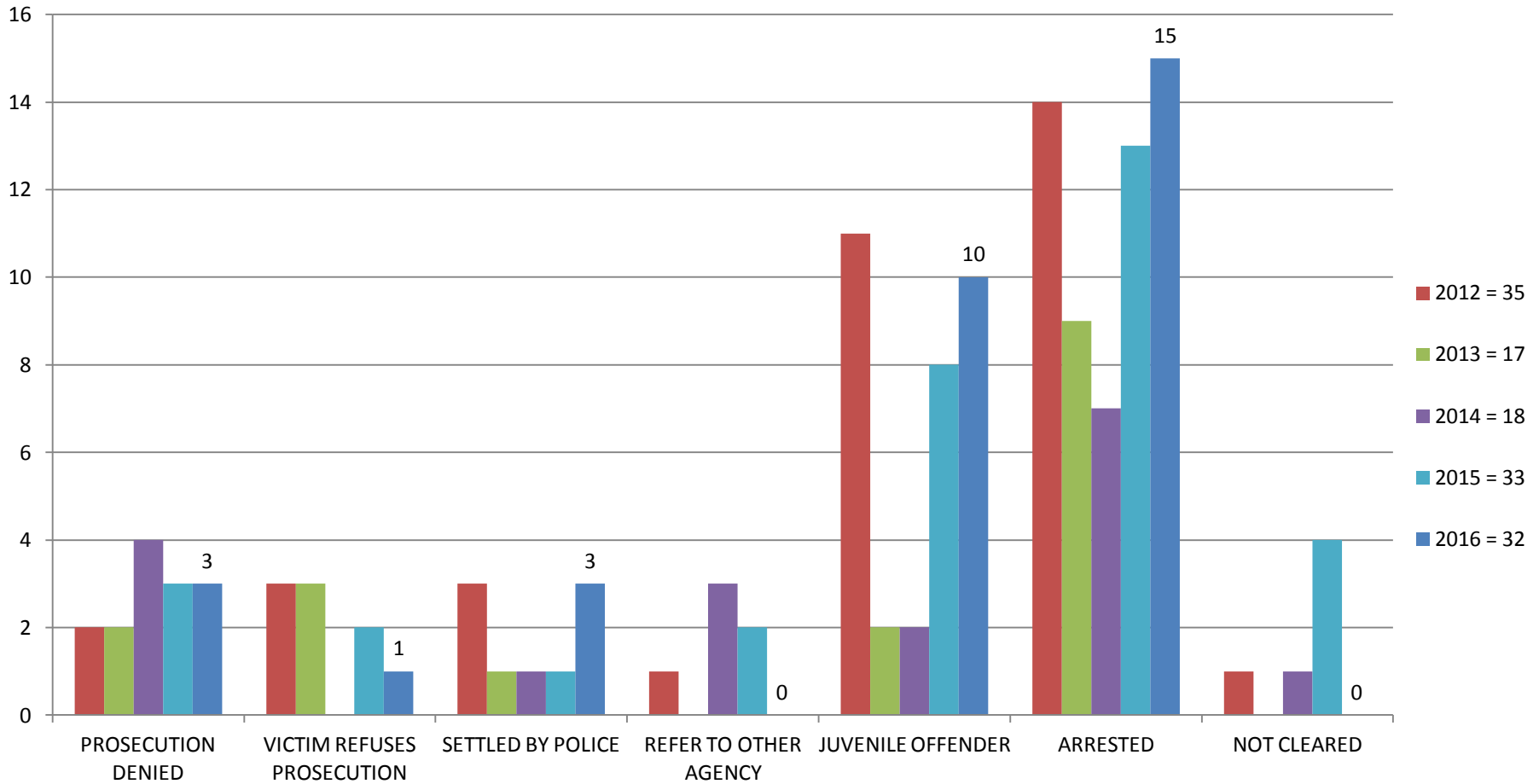
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Federally Mandated Reportable Offenses

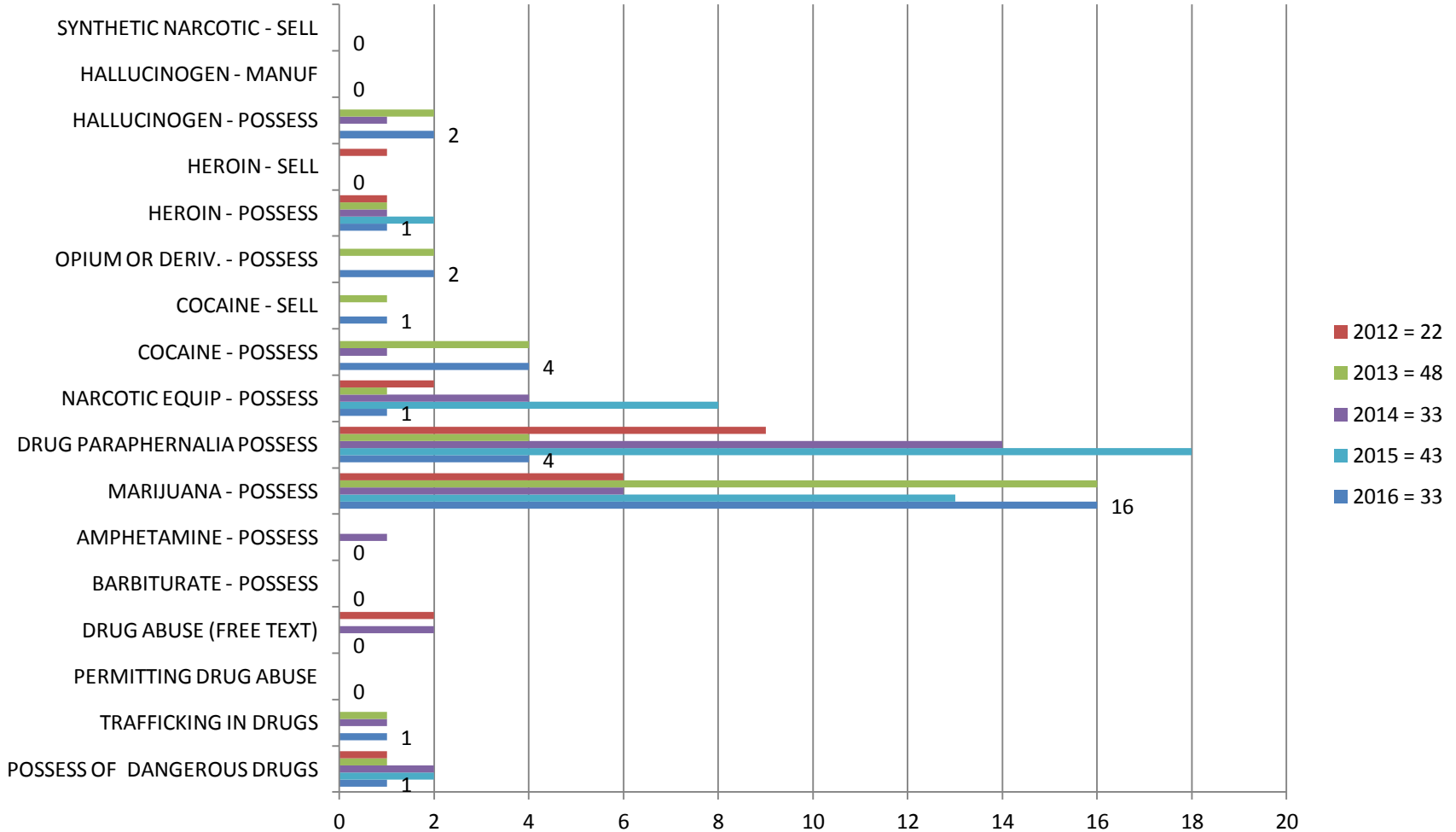


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Domestic Violence

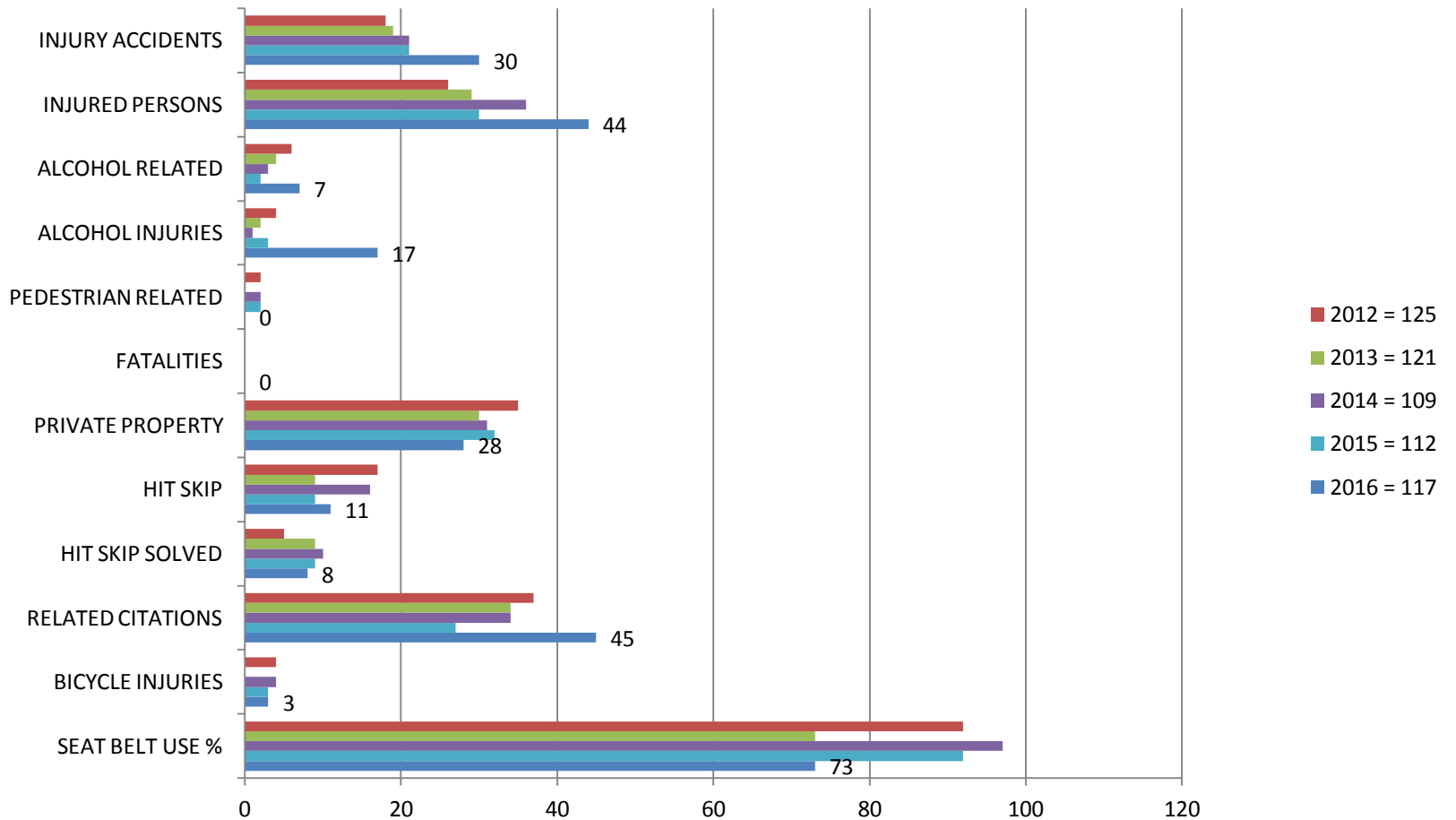


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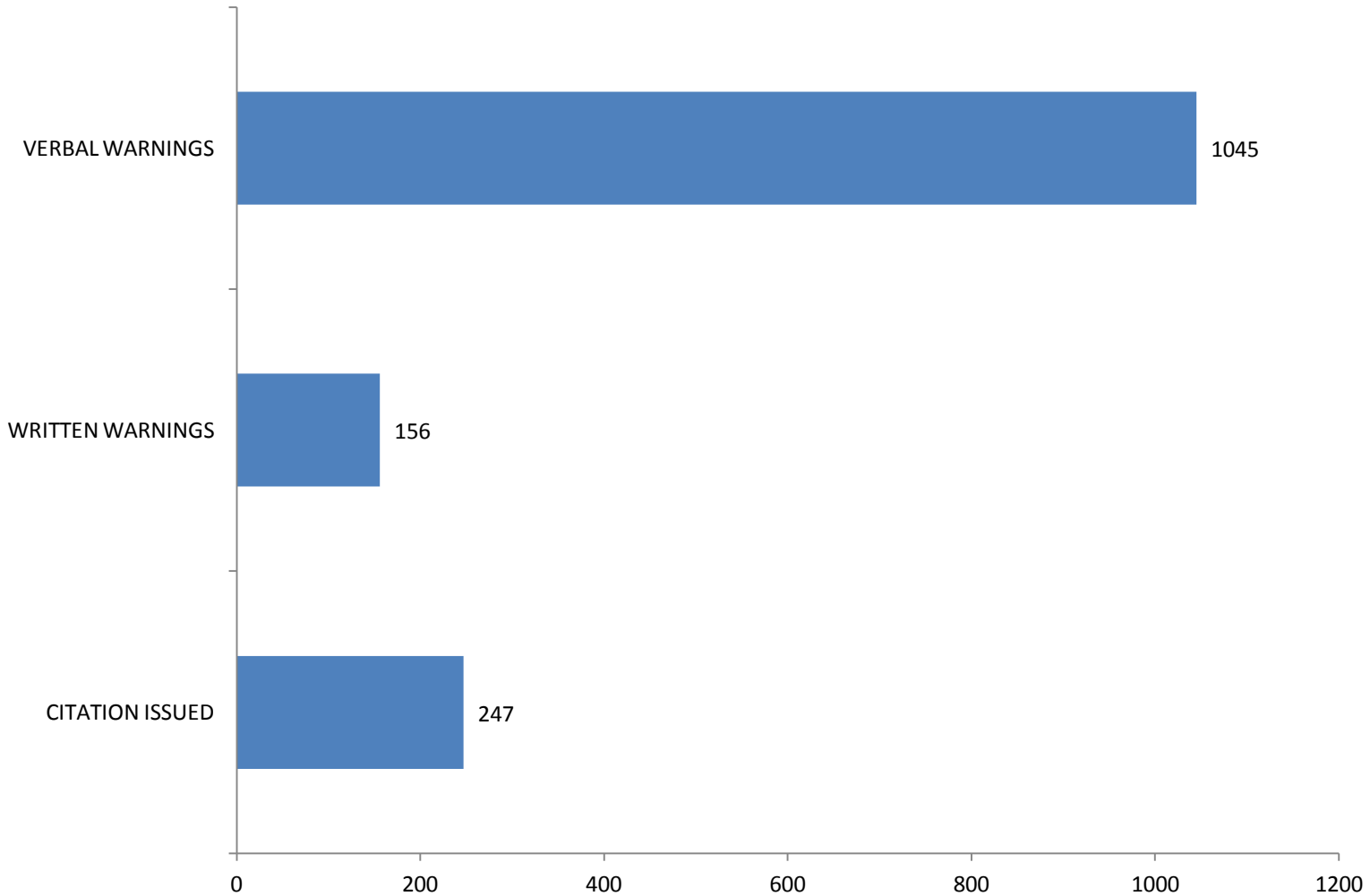
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Accidents



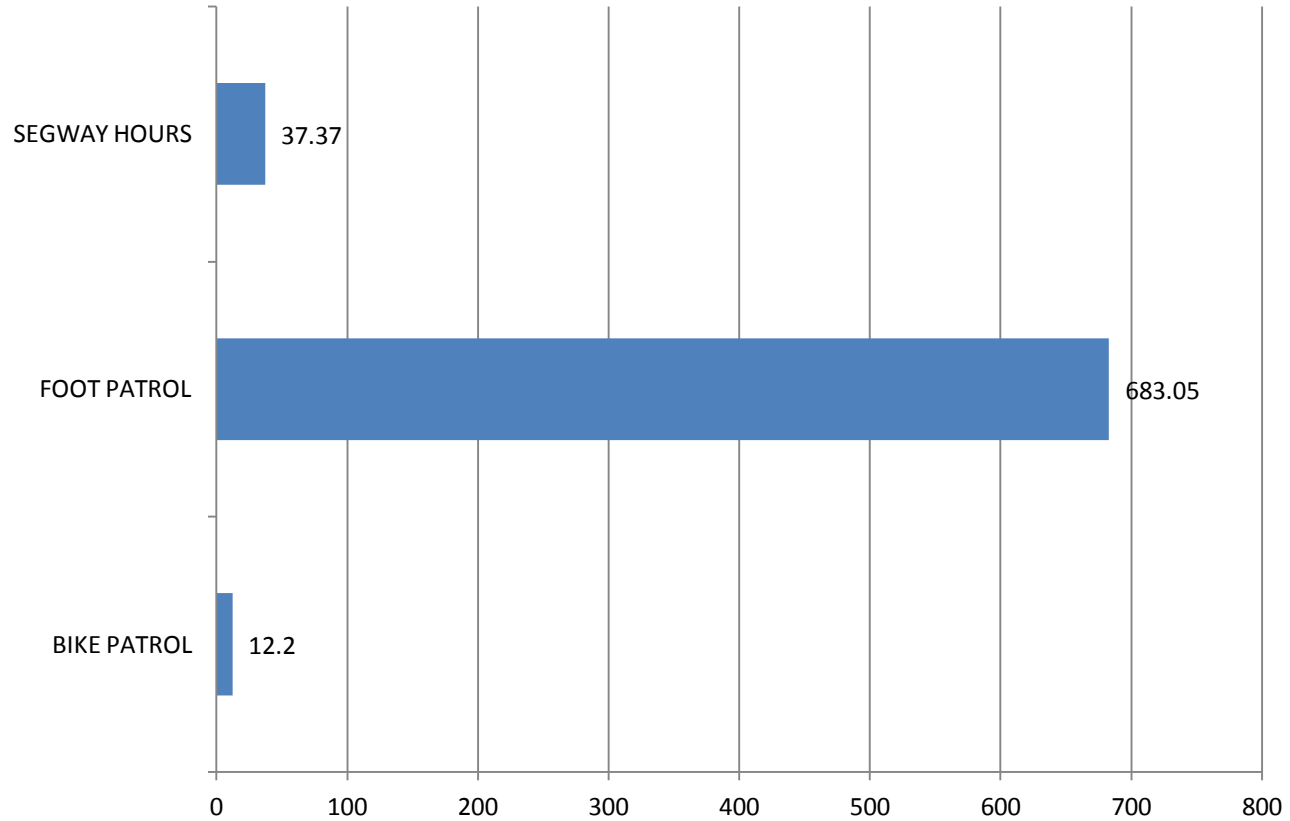
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Traffic Stops 2016

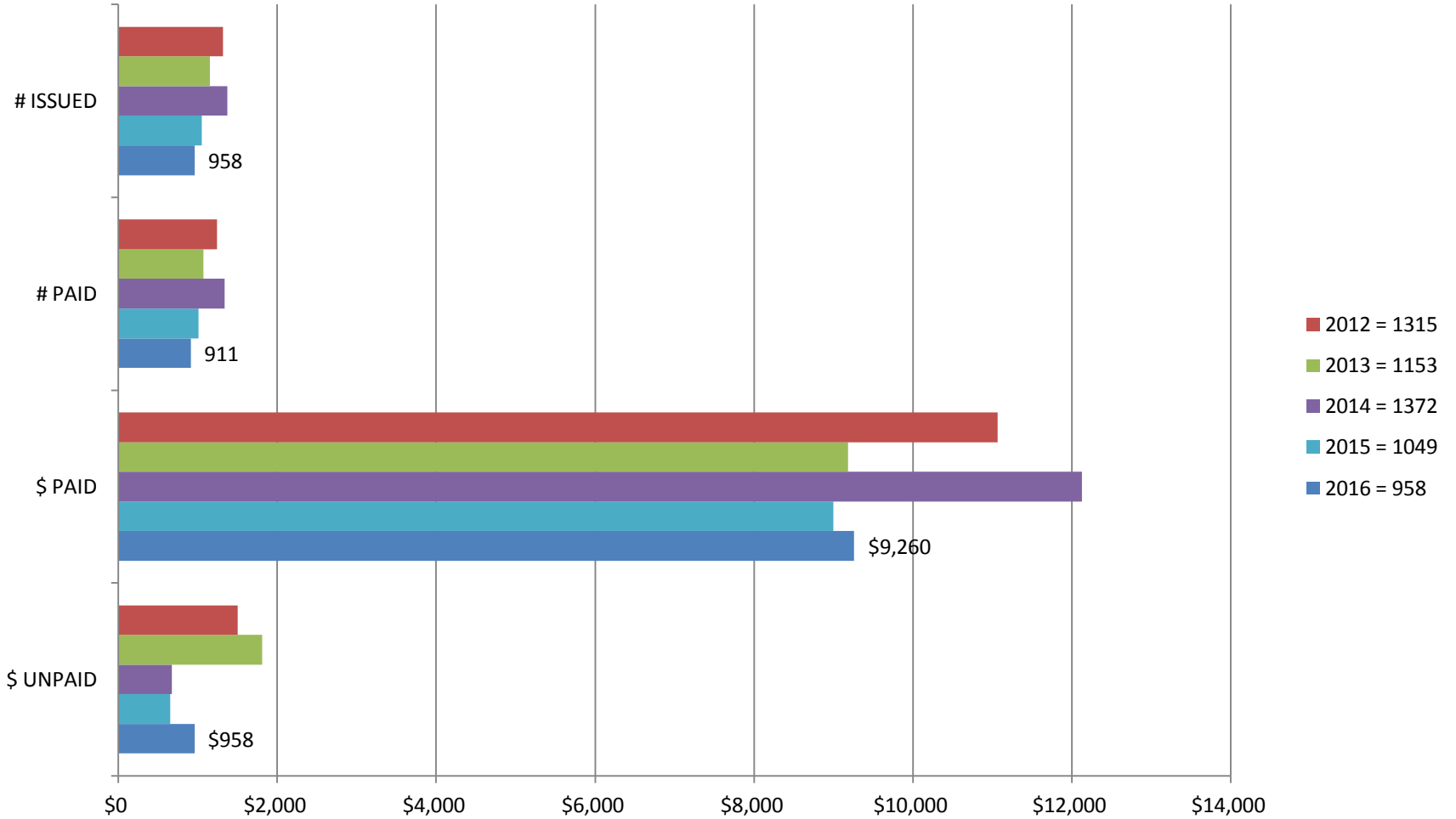


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Community Hours



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USE OF FORCE

Category	2015 Data	2016 Data
Service Calls	17,593	18,478
Incident Reports	667	699
Total Force Reports	14	14
Physical Force	13	13
ECD (Taser)	1	0
Chemical	1	0
K-9	0	0
Vehicle Pursuit	0	0
Impact Weapons	0	0
Firearms Display	4	1

The total number of force reports may not equal the sum of individual force categories noted, as a single force report may have involved application of multiple force options.

The use of force is dependent on a variety of factors and data can vary significantly from year to year as an officers force response is dictated by subject actions. However, the department data is in line with the expected trends nationally regarding police use of force, in that police use force in a small percentage of public contacts, and that when force is used it is typically at the lower end of the force spectrum.



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VEHICLE REPORT

Unit #	Vehicle Description	Current Assignment	Odometer at Year End	Mileage for 2016
908	2014 Ford Explorer	Patrol	48803	11714
910	2008 Ford Crown Vic	K-9	77910	9803
911	2011 Ford Crown Vic	SRO	66470	4450
913	2003 Chevrolet Impala (seized)	CSO	71575	5130
915	2009 Chevrolet Malibu Hybrid	Chief	53227	11868
916	2010 Ford Crown Vic	Auxiliary	118544	10330
917	2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid	Detective	66028	9973
918	2012 Chevrolet Tahoe	Patrol Supervisor	89357	14170
919	2012 Chevrolet Tahoe	Patrol	70749	14607
920	2014 Ford Explorer	Patrol	45757	22433
921	2015 Ford Explorer	Patrol	32803	25994
922	2017 Ford Explorer	Patrol Supervisor	1949	1949



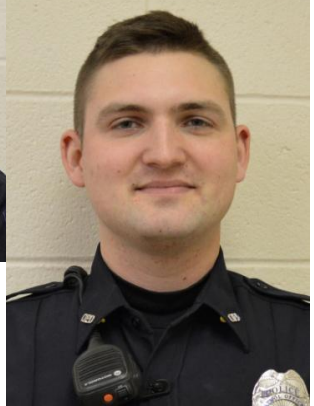
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- Full-time Officer Adis Kuduzovic was hired on March 21, 2016.
- Gregory Taylor III was hired on May 17, 2016 as a part-time Auxiliary Officer.
- Corey Shoemaker was hired on May 31, 2016 as a full-time Patrol Officer.
- Records Administrator Sara Gentile was hired on July 6, 2016.
- Dispatcher Bobby Hunter was hired full-time on August 22, 2016.
- Part-time Officer Ryan Sumner was hired on August 23, 2016.

- Officer Melissa Lett was promoted to Sergeant on April 25, 2016.
- Steven Chapman was promoted from Patrol Officer to Sergeant on November 9, 2016.

- Sergeant David Jasinski retired on December 9, 2016.





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TRAINING

This department strives to ensure all employees are offered both in-service and outside training to maintain current skills and further professional development. Employees continue to meet annual Ohio training requirements including: firearms qualification, Taser training, CPR/first aid, LEADS certification and Intoxilyzer certification. Ohio mandated 11 hours of Continuing Professional Training (CPT) for 2016 to include critical subject training related community-police relations, crisis de-escalation involving mental illness, constitutional use of force and human trafficking. In addition to these requirements, police personnel completed over 400 hours of training through outside training providers.

Training highlights for 2016 include:

- Sgt. Lett and Sgt. Chapman completed the First Line Supervision class for new Sergeants.
- Officer Crossan, Officer Flesch and Officer Wiley attended the Self-Aid/Buddy-Aid First Aid class for patrol officers in the field needing to perform lifesaving techniques.
- Dispatchers Mullins, Goul and Hunter attended the CIT training for dispatchers which teaches how to deal effectively with people with mental illnesses.



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TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

- Detective Beyer and Officer Wiley attended the Fire and Arson Investigation class.
- Sgt. Ortiz attended an Active School Shooter training at Cleveland Convention Center.
- Ptl. Crossan and K-9 Roky achieved State certification and continue to train to maintain proficiency.
- Sgt. Ortiz attended Patrol Supervisors Response to Critical Incidents through Ohio Tactical Officers Association.
- Officers Kuduzovic and Shoemaker successfully completed field training in 2016. Auxiliary Officer Taylor also completed his Field Training program in 2016.



OBERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS



Jessica Beyer is assigned as Detective for the Department. Det. Beyer has been successful in closing several cases with arrests or indictments. Cases of Note are:

- **Fraud/Theft of Checks Complaint:** The business reported several checks were stolen and cashed. The investigation revealed an employee was the suspect and he was eventually charged.
- **Rape Complaint:** A juvenile female's mother reported her daughter was raped by an adult family friend. The suspect was indicted by the Lorain County Grand Jury on Rape, Sexual Battery and Gross Sexual Imposition. The case is still pending in the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas.
- **Burglary Complaint:** The victim reported someone broke into his residence and stole over \$5,000. The investigation identified a suspect who was later indicted by the Lorain County Grand Jury. The case is still pending in the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas.
- **Aggravated Robbery/Aggravated Burglary/Aggravated Menacing:** The victim reported a male broke into her apartment and assaulted her for no apparent reason. The suspect was located and arrested. The case is pending in the Lorain County Court of Common Pleas.



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INVESTIGATIONS



- **Theft By Deception Complaint:** A roofing company replaced a roof for a resident who stated it was an insurance claim. The resident refused to pay the bill and it was later learned the insurance check had been issued 18 months prior. The case is currently at the Lorain County Prosecutor's office for consideration of charges.
- **Endangering Children/Obstructing Official Business:** A two year old child was lifeflighted due to being unresponsive. An investigation showed differences in the series of events stated by the foster parents. This matter has been referred to the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office for consideration of charges.
- **Theft By Deception:** Three subjects were identified as part of a large theft ring out of Michigan which the FBI was investigating. The three subjects defrauded Walmart of over \$8,000.00. This case was referred to the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office for consideration of charges.
- **Domestic Violence:** A complaint by the father of a 8 year child that the mother was abusing the child. This matter was referred to the Oberlin City Prosecutor and the mother was later arrested for Domestic Violence. This case is still pending in Oberlin Municipal Court.



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CANINE UNIT

K-9 Roky is assigned to Ptl. Jacob Crossan. K-9 Roky joined the Police Department in 2015. They continue to train weekly with area K9 units. They attended two classes of Safety Town in June. By the end of the year, the team had attended over 300 hours of training. In addition, to regular patrol duties, the team performed the following duties:

- Assist Outside Agencies 2 (1 arrest)
- K-9 Demonstrations (Public) 2
- Drug Searches 5 vehicles (3 arrests)
- Residential Alarms 1
- Building Searches 1
- Tracked Suspects 3 (1 arrest)





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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Ptl. Billie Neadham continues to be assigned as our School Resource Officer, dividing his time between all the Oberlin Public Schools and also responding to the Lorain County Academy for disciplinary issues.

In addition to his regular duties, Officer Neadham remained visible throughout the school district participating in many of the school activities. He has assisted school officials with field trips, participated in the Street Law class, continues to be involved in a mentoring program, participated in several safety presentations, completed training for school staff on active shooter, attended a SRO conference and assisted with regular calls for service.

Officer Neadham supervised Safety Town in 2016 and will continue to do so.



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COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

The Communications Unit consists of eight Dispatchers and a Supervisor. Sergeant Melissa Lett is the unit's Supervisor. The unit is the primary public safety answering point for all emergency and non-emergency calls for service and the primary processing center for dispatching officers to calls for service. The Communications Center is staffed 24/7.

- The Communication Center received almost 9,000 calls in 2016.
- New hire, Bobby Hunter, completed his training with Dispatcher Mullins.
- Dispatcher Stanley completed training the new Records Coordinator and has returned to dispatch full time.
- Two Dispatchers were CIT trained and one Dispatcher attended a hostage negotiations training.



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EXPLORER POST #2478



The Oberlin Police Department Explorer Post 478 has been in existence for 27 years. Explorers are open to males and females, ages 14-20, with interest in law enforcement and community service. In 2016, the department has 9 active Police Explorers. The Police Explorers Program is supervised and coordinated by Officer Billie Neadham, Dispatcher Amanda Parrack and Auxiliary Officer Kayla Smith.

In 2016, the Explorers participated and assisted in numerous community events such as National Night Out, Bike Rodeo, Family Fun Fair, Homecoming football game, Oberlin College graduation, Safety Town, The Big Parade, East Oberlin Church Festival, Oberlin College Spring and Fall Break Meal, OLEEAA Conference, Lorain County Fair and Shop With A Cop.





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JAIL OPERATIONS

The Oberlin City Jail was reclassified by the State in 2016 from a Twelve Day holding facility to a Twelve Hour facility. The primary use of our jail is for short term incarceration of Oberlin arrests, until released on bond or transported to the Lorain County Correctional Facility. Other agencies utilize our jail as a holding facility when escorting prisoners to Oberlin Municipal Court or while awaiting paperwork to be processed.

In 2016, approximately 435 prisoners were temporarily held in the jail. Twelve (12) juveniles were also temporarily held in the Oberlin City Jail or in a secure room of the police department.

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction conducted an inspection of the jail and found it to be in full compliance on all state standards for Twelve Hour facilities. The jail also passed an annual fire inspection conducted by the Oberlin Fire Department and a health inspection completed by the Lorain County Health Department.



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CRIME PREVENTION EFFORTS



The department was active addressing quality of life issues and addressing crime trends:

- Officer Feuerstein continues as an Advance Crime Prevention Specialist. He maintains his certification by attending the Ohio Crime Prevention Association conference.
- During 2016, Officer Feuerstein met with North Park Street Neighborhood Watch Group to answer questions and provide advice on crime prevention.
- In August of 2016, many residents participated in the National Night Out for Crime Prevention picnic.
- The new speed sign was deployed to address speeding complaints.
- Officer Feuerstein met with residents on preventing break-ins during vacations or when the residence is vacant.
- Businesses in Oberlin were educated on minimizing thefts in the store and online.



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ANCILLARY ASSIGNMENTS



- Bike Unit: All police bikes were reconditioned this year. Portable bike racks were mounted on two of the Ford Explorers for use by the bike officers.
- Segway Unit: The Segway was utilized at several City events and used to patrol the central business district, Tappan Square and Oberlin College.
- SWAT: Patrol Officer Kastanis replaced Patrol Officer Neadham on the SWAT team in August. Officer Kastanis is training to be a tactical robot operator. In 2016, they responded to three (3) call-outs.
- Firearms: Officers received new handguns to replace their aging handguns. Officers received their training on these new handguns along with ballistic shield training and real life scenario based training.



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ANCILLARY ASSIGNMENTS

- Drug Unit: The Drug Unit was not active in 2016 and is in the process of being revamped due to promotions of its members.
- Abandoned Bike Unit: Officer Wiley and Sgt. Durica inventoried the abandoned bikes prior to the bikes being moved to another building. Bicycles older than 90 days were either donated or scrapped.
- Lost and Found: Dispatcher Parrack is in charge of the Lost and Found Unit. A total of 35 items were turned into the Department and entered into the lost and found database. Of the 35 items, 28 have been disposed of. Disposal methods include destruction, donation, or returned to the rightful owner. The remaining 7 items are either pending review or contain currency which cannot be disposed of.



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The department continues to recognize the value of interacting with the community in non-enforcement situations. In an effort to enhance community policing, the department implemented the following strategies:

- Foot and Bicycle Patrol Areas
- Segway Unit was utilized during City events and regularly by CSO Wallace.
- Sgt. Ortiz is the Community Liaison Officer for Oberlin Community Services and Sgt. Durica is the Community Liaison Officer for Kendal at Oberlin.
- Sgt. Jasinski and Officers Crossan and Wiley attended College Orientation and are planning meetings with College personnel to improve their working relationship.





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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In addition, the department hosted or participated in the following community events:

- Oberlin College Campus Safety Day
- National Night Out Event
- Kendal Ice Cream Social
- Oberlin College's Spring and Fall Break Meal Program
- Halloween Trick or Treat
- Shop With A Cop





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MISCELLANEOUS



CSO Wallace continues to handle code enforcement duties and oversees the Auxiliary unit. He and his officers are a huge asset to the department. Their regular duties include parking enforcement, vacation home checks, animal calls, lockouts, City Council security and the Check-Mate program.

The WebCheck fingerprinting system continues to be utilized by the community. In 2016, we received \$9,611.00 in revenues. We have paid \$7,560.00 to the State of Ohio for processing electronic fingerprints, leaving a reimbursement of \$2,051.00 to the City.



National WebCheck