



# MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2023 YEAR-END REPORT



### FIVE-YEAR ANALYTICAL DATA

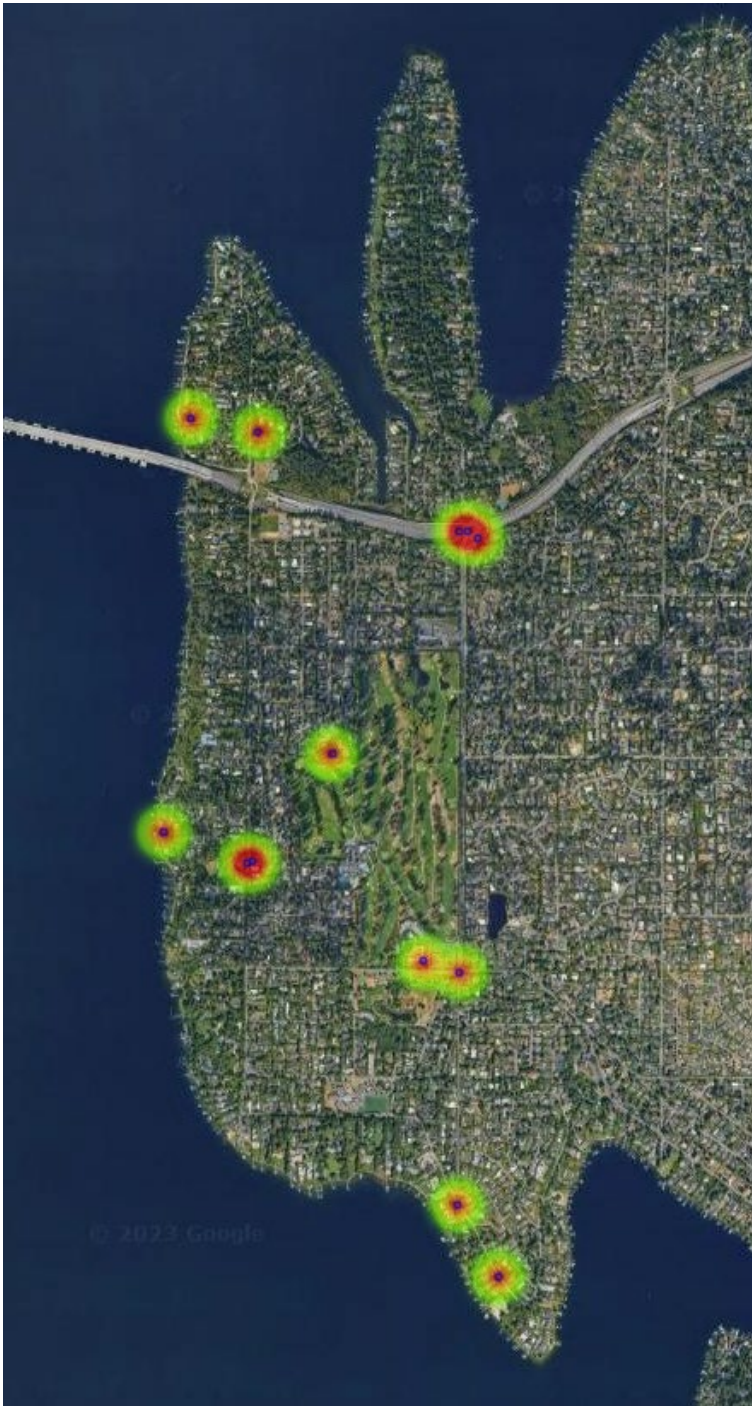
| YEAR-END STATISTICS                             |              |              |              |            |            |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|   | 2023         | 2022         | 2021         | 2020       | 2019       |
| <b>CRIMES</b>                                   |              |              |              |            |            |
| Burglary  | 6            | 10           | 13           | 13         | 12         |
| Vehicle Prowl                                   | 11           | 4            | 13           | 11         | 17         |
| Vehicle Theft                                   | 4            | 7            | 2            | 0          | 4          |
| Theft (mail & all other)                        | 22           | 10           | 15           | 15         | 12         |
| ID Theft/Fraud                                  | 22           | 16           | 11           | 35         | 7          |
| Malicious Mischief (Vandalism)                  | 13           | 5            | 6            | 13         | 10         |
| Domestic Violence                               | 10           | 5            | 8            | 1          | 2          |
| Disturbance, Harassment & Non-DV Assault        | 28           | 19           | 1            | 0          | 0          |
| <b>TOTAL CRIMES</b>                             | <b>116</b>   | <b>76</b>    | <b>69</b>    | <b>88</b>  | <b>64</b>  |
| <b>COMMUNITY POLICING</b>                       |              |              |              |            |            |
| Drug Violations                                 | 0            | 1            | 3            | 0          | 0          |
| Community Assists                               | 197          | 139          | 153          | 136        | 120        |
| House Watch Checks                              | 1,016        | 595          | 250          | 209        | 414        |
| School Zone                                     | 206          | 216          | 298          | 55         | 99         |
| Mental Health                                   | 46           | 39           |              |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL ENFORCEMENT</b>                        | <b>1,465</b> | <b>990</b>   | <b>704</b>   | <b>400</b> | <b>633</b> |
| <b>TRAFFIC</b>                                  |              |              |              |            |            |
| <b>Collisions</b>                               |              |              |              |            |            |
| Injury  | 2            | 2            | 0            | 1          | 1          |
| Non-Injury                                      | 14           | 6            | 18           | 9          | 17         |
| Non-reportable                                  | 0            | 1            | 0            | 0          | 0          |
| <b>Traffic Stops</b>                            |              |              |              |            |            |
| Citations/Infractions/Parking                   | 224          | 250          | 163          | 26         | 92         |
| Warnings  | 1,928        | 1,426        | 1,808        | 434        | 822        |
| <b>TOTAL TRAFFIC</b>                            | <b>2,152</b> | <b>1,676</b> | <b>1,971</b> | <b>460</b> | <b>914</b> |
| <b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>                        |              |              |              |            |            |
| Animal Complaints                               | 43           | 46           | 33           | 27         | 34         |
| Residential Alarms                              | 235          | 255          | 242          | 167        | 248        |
| Missing Person                                  | 3            | 5            | 7            | 4          | 1          |
| Suspicious Activity/Area Check                  | 286          | 219          | 141          | 161        | 189        |
| Medical Call/Assist Fire Dept.                  | 12           | 29           | 23           | 17         | 14         |
| Juvenile (underage party, substance use, etc..) | 8            | 7            | 11           | 12         | 3          |
| <b>TOTAL SERVICE</b>                            | <b>587</b>   | <b>561</b>   | <b>457</b>   | <b>388</b> | <b>489</b> |

*\*Mental Health calls for service prior to 2022 were coded differently than they were in 2022 and beyond, so statistics for this category are unavailable.*

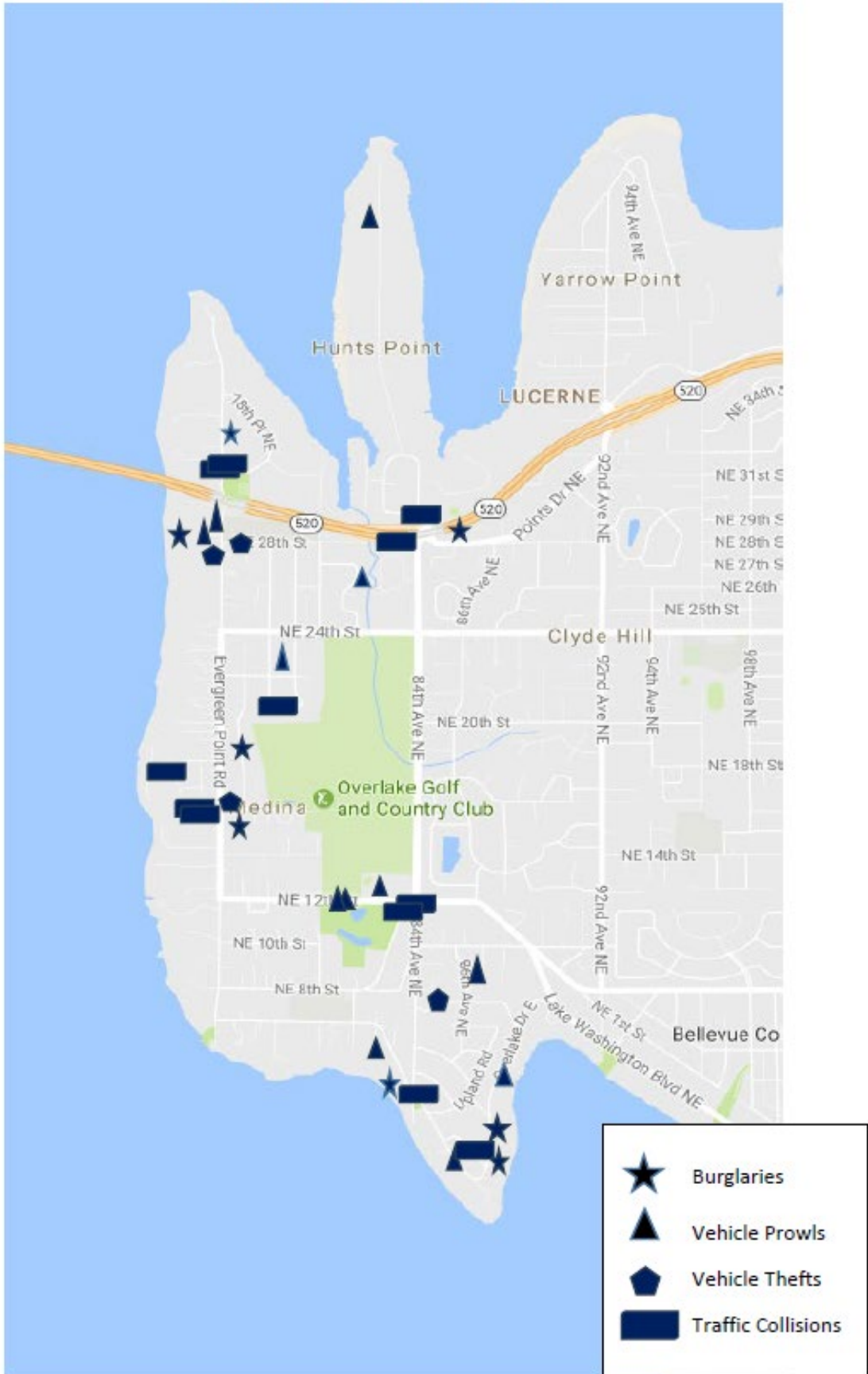
## Statistical Analysis:

- Vehicle Thefts:
  - A decrease in vehicle thefts in Medina during an unprecedented increase in statewide vehicle thefts can be attributed to effective messaging by the Medina Police Department to lock vehicles and not leave keys inside of them.
- Vehicle Prowls:
  - The majority of the vehicle prowls that occurred throughout 2023 involved forced entry into the vehicle, indicating the vehicles were locked but enticing items were left visible inside the vehicle. No forced entry into vehicles was made without a theft occurring from inside the vehicle.
- Theft:
  - Mail theft constituted the vast majority of the theft cases that were investigated in 2023. Nearly all of the thefts from mailboxes involved forced entry into locking mailboxes. Several of the incidents had no mail stolen, so the messaging to regularly collect mail is effective. In all of the investigations, the mailboxes that were pried open were *not* the ultra-secure locking mailboxes. It can be inferred that the mailbox theft increases in 2023 over 2022 can potentially be attributed to a replacement of non-locking mailboxes to the locking mailboxes. Rarely are non-locking mailboxes that are targeted for mail theft reported to police in general. The other theft investigations involved thefts from construction sites, a shoplift, and a couple of thefts from properties outside of residences.
- Malicious Mischief (Vandalism):
  - The malicious mischief investigations in 2023 mostly involved damage to locking mailboxes without a theft involved as well. This happens when locking mailboxes without the ultra-secure locking mechanisms are pried open by the criminals looking for mail inside to steal. Due to the significant amount of work necessary to pry open an ultra-secure mailbox, these mailboxes are rarely pried open simply to see if mail is inside.
- Domestic Violence:
  - Most of the domestic violence investigations in 2023 involved verbal altercations between family members and did not amount to a physical altercation. Only 15% of the domestic violence investigations resulted in the arrest of one of the involved parties. The Medina Police Department interprets the Washington State laws on domestic violence reporting requirements very broadly and defaults to taking a case report on a disturbance call for service involving family members when other agencies might not classify the incident as domestic violence.
- Disturbance/Harassment/Non-DV Assault:
  - This classification of investigation is very broad and can include multiple ends of the spectrum on seriousness of incident. A verbal altercation between neighbors or repeated unwanted phone calls by a colleague could be classified in this category.
- Community Policing:
  - The Medina Police Department has always been community-oriented, but our attention has been focused toward providing the highest level of customer service possible. We have also been more diligent about documenting our interactions with the community in 2023 over any previous year.
  - There was a significant increase in the number of Housewatch checks conducted in 2023. This increase is likely due to heavy promotion by the Medina Police Department to encourage residents to participate in the program. This program offers an unprecedented service that is atypical of most other law enforcement agencies. The Medina Police Housewatch program is an opportunity to make residents feel safer in their homes and their community.
- Collisions:
  - Non-injury reportable collisions increased in 2023 over 2022 from 6 to 14 collisions. The collisions were all minor and involved low speeds. There are no identifiable patterns or causes for the increase in collisions in 2023. The following is a list of the causes of the collisions:

- Backed into a sign.
  - Inattentive driver struck a parked vehicle.
  - Inexperienced driver backed into a light pole.
  - Construction vehicle damaged commercially-owned landscaping and sign.
  - Mechanical failure on vehicle caused vehicle to strike curb.
  - Inattentive driver failed to navigate curve in roadway.
  - Failure to yield to oncoming vehicle with right of way.
  - Delivery driver damaged privately-owned landscaping.
- The following is a map showing the locations of the collisions in 2023:



# 2023 Incident Locations Medina & Hunts Point





## 2023 TRAFFIC STOP HEAT MAP



*\*The locations depicted above are the location of the traffic stop, not necessarily where the violation occurred.*