



City of Nome Police Department

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Statistical Report for the Public Safety Commission
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2021 Statistics

Dates of comparison are from start of year 1-1-2021 to 6-7-21, compared with the same timeline to 2020.

REQUEST: (A) Review periodic reports prepared by the public safety department to detect trends evident in Nome as portrayed through police statistics, separated by race and sex, including general information regarding the number of sexual assault and domestic violence calls, status of sexual assault and domestic violence cases including status of victim follow-up, the number of public inebriation calls, the number of alcohol and drug abuse calls and the number of felony investigations.

Data was obtained from Crimestar RMS.

Calls for Service (These are calls generated by the Nome Police Dispatch Center)

March, 2020 is when we started noticing a trend in the increases for calls for service, specifically related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020	2021
Total: 6848	Total: 4435
Alcohol Involved: 2164 (31%)	Alcohol Involved: 1452 (32%)

We are showing a current decrease of 2413 in calls for services. We have 32% current alcohol involvement. Last year to date we were at 31% total alcohol involvement. We believe the decrease in calls for service has been due to the COVID-19 pandemic starting to change over time and 'normalcy' coming back especially with vaccinations.

Sexual Assault

Sexual Assault statistics are determined by two different call types in our record management system "Sexual Assault" and "Sexual Abuse."

2020	2021
50	23

Out of the 23 CURRENT
14 Complete (Meaning investigation is done and sent to the district attorney's office)

12 OPEN

- 4 Pending DNA/Crimelab results
- 8 pending other interviews or investigation on going

OLDER CASES (Older than 2021 current year)

- 1 from 2015
- 2 from 2018
- 1 from 2019
- 2 from 2020

Out of these 6, 2 are pending Crime lab results. Remainder is working with the FBI/AST.

OVERALL

Sexual assault current cases have a decrease.

At the current rate of cases if it stays consistent we will reach approximately 50-60 for the year.

Investigator S. Weaver resigned 6/1/21. Former Sgt Harrison took a new job with the City as the IT Liaison and ‘smart hands’ and working back in Investigations Part Time.

Community Liaison (DV/SA Coordinator) – former Sharon Sparks has been doing an excellent job with follow up and resource materials as well as keeping the community updated.

Arrest and Bookings (This is the total charges submitted for prosecution)

2020	2021
741	1006
71 Felonies	35 Felonies
543 Misdemeanors	894 Misdemeanors
127 Other (Probation Violations)	77 Other (Probation Violations)

Currently we have a (35% increase) in charges. However a decrease in felonious charges. As far as general increase in charges we are seeing an extreme level of lenience by the Alaska Trial Courts due to the Covid Bail Schedule set in the state to release prisoners at this time, increasing the chance of re-offending. Jury trials have just begun again as well.

Incidents (Reports) – this is after a Call for Service is generated that would require more written narrative such as arrests, investigations, charges, death investigations, etc.

2020	2021
528 Reports	500 Reports
390 Alcohol Involved (73%)	335 Alcohol Involved (67%)
171 Domestic Violence Related	122 Domestic Violence Related

Overall, 67% of all reports created by patrol staff are alcohol involved this is a realistic picture of how often alcohol is involved in an officers shift.

Intoxicated Person’s Down

“Intoxicated Person” Is the criteria used to obtain our intoxicated person down statistics.

2020	2021
306	280

We currently continue to see a slow decrease in these types of calls.

DUI (Driving Under the Influence)

2020	2021
16	12

Current driving under the influence cases is lower.

Drug related calls to date: 5 last year we had 18.

- Possible Heroin, Kratom, Pill selling, marijuana
- Cases get referred to Alaska State Troopers, to WANT (Western Alaska Narcotics Team)

Traffic Stops

Note, the amounts do not add up to the exact amounts because some end up in impounds, assistances completed (drivers in need of help, broke down, etc.)

2020	2021
Total Stops: 213	Total Stops: 92
Warnings: 146	Warnings: 56
Citations: 55	Citations: 16

We currently have a large decrease in traffic enforcement. We currently have a 60% warning rate in efforts with our community policing. These traffic stops are both proactive enforcement and education or REDDI reports (Report every dangerous driver immediately.) We have not been able to conduct traffic enforcement as frequently due to staffing limitations.

We have been struggling with personnel and staff, along with increased calls per individual officer we are unable to effectively provide traffic enforcement, and we hope this increases with additional staff.

Personnel

There has been quite a number of changes in personnel status or changes with NPD.

New hires:


- Michael Jordan as Communications Officer I Started 4/27/21
- Madeline Koweluk as Communications Officer I Starting 6/7/21
- Brandon Murray Police Officer Starting 6/15/21
- Devin UNL as a Police Officer Starting 6/15/21

Other new hires:

- Wanja Kinuthia Police Officer II – Scheduled to complete training soon.
- Brandon Murphy Police Officer I – Scheduled to complete training soon.

Staff changes:

Cordell Murray promoted to Acting Sergeant to fill the vacant slot from Gray Harrison May, 2021
 Gray Harrison transferred to Investigations PT and City IT PT 4/29/21
 Elizabeth Jachim resigning 6/18/21



Scott Weaver resigned 6/1/21
Silva Weaver resigned 5/10/21
Kimberly Carter started 4/29/21 resigned May 5/13/21