



St. Helens Police Department Semi- Annual Report

March 2022



Public Safety

Our Mission

The mission of the St. Helens Police Department is to work with all citizens to make our city a place where people live safely and to promote individual responsibility and community commitment.

Our Values

Professionalism: Through strong leadership and continuous training we will strive to serve as role models for the community.

Integrity: Our actions will demonstrate the highest ethical standards, and we will accept full responsibility for our actions.



GOAL #1: FOSTER AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE THAT RESPONDS TO COMMUNITY NEEDS.



GOAL #3: CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE A PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES LIVABILITY AND SAFETY FOR THE COMMUNITY.



GOAL #5: REVIEW, SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENT LONG-TERM PLANS THAT IDENTIFY THE COMMUNITY'S PREFERRED VISION AND SUSTAINABLE REVENUES.





Police Personnel

Your Police Department by the numbers:

- 20 Sworn Officers
 - 1 Police Chief
 - 1 Lieutenant
 - 4 Sergeants
 - 2 Corporals
 - 1 Detective
 - 11 Patrol Officers
- 3 Non-Sworn Personnel
 - 1 Code Enforcement Officer
 - 2 Police Support Specialists





911 Calls / Calls for Service

Current Staffing/Call Volume

- The St. Helens Police Department Patrol Officers recorded a total of **17,131** calls for service during the 2021 calendar year.
- Once again in 2021, next to officer-initiated traffic stops, “Suspicious Circumstances, Person, or Vehicle” continues to be the most common type of call for service. This statistic accentuates the proactive work of our officers who self-initiate this call type when they see something out of the ordinary. It also lends to the positive relationship the community has with our department and the citizenry’s readiness to engage with our services.



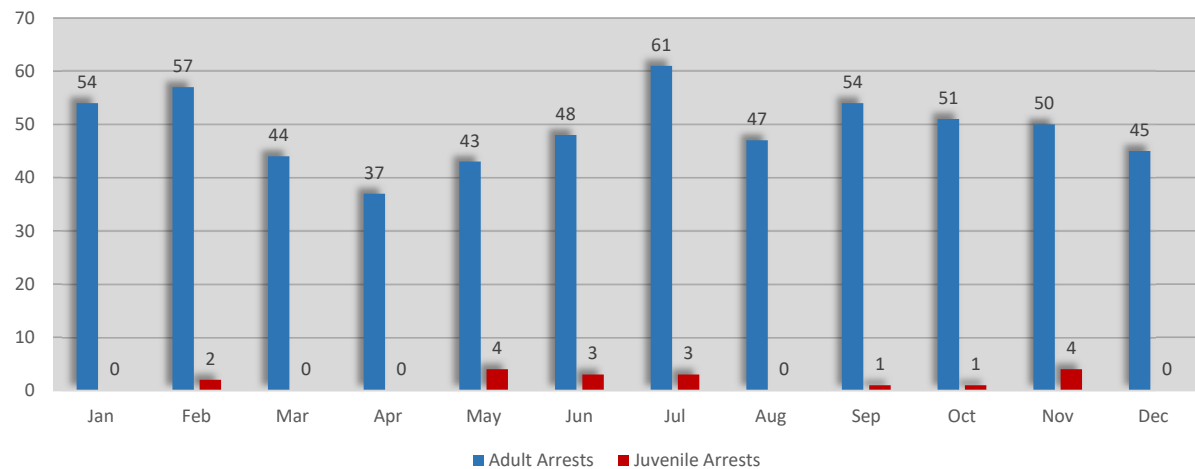


Arrests

2021 Arrest Data

St. Helens police officers are also responsible for arresting criminal suspects. Many of these suspects are arrested as part of a criminal investigation, while others are the subject of outstanding arrest warrants. During the 2021 calendar year, the St. Helens Police Department was responsible for the arrest of 591 adult offenders.

2021 ARREST DETAIL



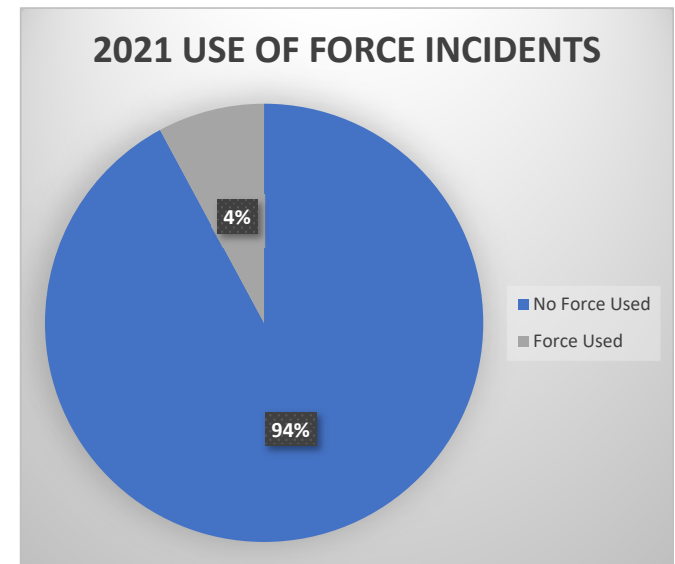


Use of Force

2021 Use of Force Information

- During 2021, force was used in 22 of the 591 arrests, or 3.7% of the time.
- The most common type of force was takedowns.

The St. Helens Police Department prides itself on its expert de-escalation training and field implementation. These techniques allow officers to avoid the use of force in complicated and tense situations.



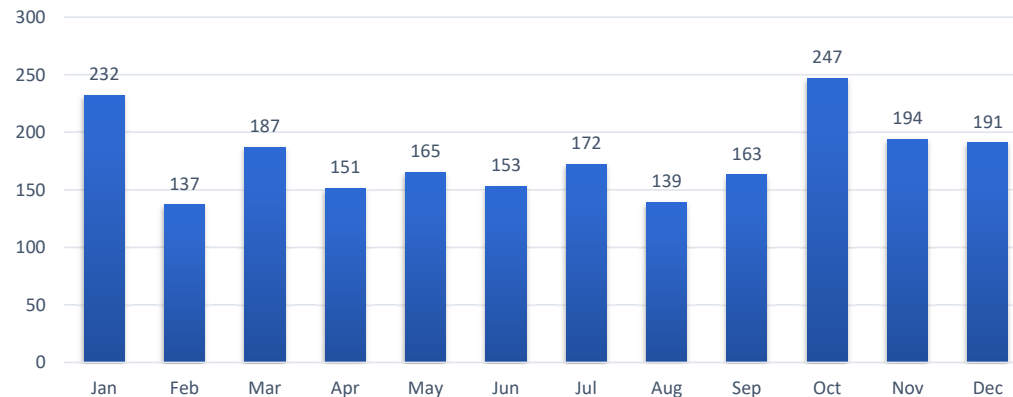


Traffic Stops

2021 Traffic Stop Data

The focus of our traffic enforcement efforts is not based on issuing citations; rather it is aimed at changing or modifying unsafe driving behavior. The St. Helens Police Department conducted 2,131 traffic stops and issued 442 citations during the 2021 calendar year. This translates to approximately 79% of all traffic stops resulted in warnings. The following graph details the number of traffic stops each month over the past year.

2021 TRAFFIC STOPS





Detectives

2021 Detective Investigations Data

- The St. Helens Police Department Investigations Unit has completed a total of **522 total reports** in 2021.
- The industry standard for case load per detective is 8. SHPD detectives are assigned **22 cases per month**.





Detectives

2021 Detective Investigations Data

- 217 Child Abuse Cases that are mandated to be investigated





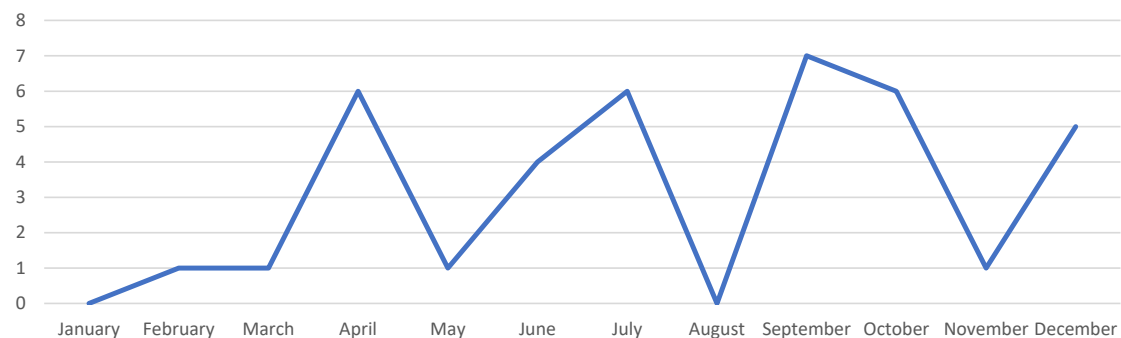
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Case Law Impacts to Investigations

On September 24, 2021, the Oregon Department of Justice notified the St. Helens Police Department of a recent decision from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, *United States of America v. Luke Noel Wilson*. In summary, this court case involved an ICAC referral, and it was determined that a search warrant was needed to view suspected child pornography.

- In 2021, detectives authored 38 Search warrants
- In January 2022 alone, detectives authored 17 search warrants. In one month we have completed 40% of the entire 2021 year total.

Search Warrants, 2021





Service Before Self

2021 Highlights of “Service Before Self”

- 89% community approval rating achieved during a period of national anti-police sentiment
- Exemplary Service Awards

The Exemplary Service Award is presented to an individual or unit for a singular accomplishment of substance without risk to personal safety but under adverse and difficult conditions.

- Detective Dylan Gaston for a child abuse investigation in May 2021 that resulted in the safe removal of multiple victims from a situation involving repeated physical and sexual abuse and the successful arrest of the suspect without incident.
- Officers Anthony Boswell, Bryan Cutright, Kolten Edwards, Matthew Molden, Sergeant Jon Eggers, and Corporal Matthew Smith for a shooting investigation in May 2021 that hospitalized one victim and led to the arrest of a suspect after a domestic disturbance.
- Officers Anthony Boswell and Luke Marshall for their response to a citizen in distress in September 2021. Officers provided emergency first aid until medical personnel arrived on scene.



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2021 Highlights of “Service Before Self”

- Life Saving Awards

The Life Saving Award is given to an officer for an extraordinary act or effort that resulted in the saving of a human life or lives that would have died without the officer’s direct involvement. This may include a situation involving more than routine first aid, steadfast medical intervention, life threatening immediate emergency situations that an officer was not trained or equipped to handle, or heroic physical intervention.

- Officers Kolten Edwards and Bryan Cutright in response to a victim with self-inflicted stab wounds in September 2021.
- Corporal Dustin King and Officer Terry Massey, Jr. in response to a choking victim which led to cardiac arrest in June 2021.
- Corporal Dustin King and Officer Anthony Boswell in response to an accidental opioid overdose which led to cardiac arrest in October 2021.
- Corporal Dustin King and Officers Jamin Coy and McKenzie McClure in response to an accidental opioid overdose which led to cardiac arrest in October 2021.
- Officer McKenzie McClure in response to an opioid overdose in September 2021.
- Officer Adam Raethke in response to an unconscious individual struggling to breath in July 2021.



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2021 Highlights of “Service Before Self”

- First Female Officer Certified in DWI Detection and SFST Instruction

On December 5, 2021, St. Helens Officer McKenzie McClure successfully completed a DWI (Driving While Impaired) Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) Instructor Development Course to become a certified instructor for the St. Helens Police Department.

Officer McClure is the first St. Helens female officer to complete the training and become a certified instructor. She will now teach other St. Helens officers in required DWI detection and proper SFST training and recertification. Officer McClure is also required to keep informed of current case law and investigative trends so that she can act as a knowledgeable resource for other officers.



2022 Goals

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- Reduce crime and traffic accidents
 - Asking for an increase in staffing this budget season to ensure that we can maintain our current level of service to the and help us to provide more proactive policing
- Maintain 90% community approval rating as seen in the recent St. Helens Community Survey
- Continue the progress on our public safety facility project
 - Will improve the safety of our officers and the community