



# Stephenville

## Police Department



### **2022 Driving While Intoxicated Arrests**

This report is an analysis of the Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) arrests taking place inside the city limits of Stephenville, during the calendar year 2022. There were 97 DWI arrests with an average blood alcohol content (BAC) of .183 indicating that those arrested were operating a motor vehicle at an average of just over twice the legal limit.

Traffic Sergeant Robert Moore reviewed all 97 DWI case files. A key piece of information in each file is the DWI questionnaire. One of the questions is “Where were you coming from?” In some cases, the arrestee refuses to answer the questionnaire, in other cases their answer is vague and even fewer times they will tell you exactly where they were drinking, such as which establishment. If Sgt. Moore was unable to decipher the drinking location from this data, he went into the officer’s narrative to review the roadside interview. The reason for looking at this additional resource is that during the roadside interview officers often ask where the person is coming from and will get an honest response. After the person has been arrested, they often no longer wish to discuss the events of the night. The DWI questionnaire must be completed exactly as the arrestee answers and although they may have told the officer they were at a bar during the roadside interview the given is the answer recorded.

Of the 97 arrests, 35 refused to answer the location they were coming from, however, two of these were wearing wristbands from a bar. 15 were driving from their residence, 32 admitted coming from a bar, seven from other cities, two from a friend’s residence, two from a TSU football game, one from an LJT event, one from an apartment pool party, one from a restaurant and one from a shopping center.

Further breaking down the data it was discovered that 23 of the arrests were minors and seven of them had been coming from a bar. Of these minors, seven had open containers and only one admitted to coming from a bar indicating they had acquired their alcohol by other means.

Regarding the day of the week with the most DWIs: Sunday had 24, Saturday had 21 and Friday had 16. The data revealed that Saturday after midnight Stephenville police officers arrested 10 people indicating that they were drinking on Friday night. Two of these admitted to coming from a bar. On Sunday before 1:00am, Stephenville police officers arrested seven people, five who admitted to coming from a bar. Sunday after 1:00am Stephenville police officers arrested 14, six of which admitted to coming from a bar for a total of 21 arrests during the crucial hours of bar closing time on Saturday night and into Sunday morning.



# Stephenville

## Police Department



### 2022 Related Calls for Service

For calendar year 2022, Stephenville police officers responded to 116 calls for service at or related to local bars. The total calls for service are divided into the following category call types.

### Call Category Types:

Vehicle Accidents	Medical Emergency
Hit and Run Accidents	Suspicious Person/Vehicle
Disturbances – Physical and Verbal	Welfare Concern
Public Intoxication	Criminal Mischief
Theft	Walk Throughs
Traffic Control	Parking Violations
Disorderly Conduct	Assault Reports

This data does not take into account calls for service that may have a nexus to a local establishment. It also does not take into account arrests made inside the city limits by other law enforcement agencies such as the Erath County Sheriff's Department, Texas Highway Patrol, and Texas Game Warden. Lastly, arrests and other incidents may originate from circumstances inside the city and then take place in the county or other cities such as Dublin.