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	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Last Month</b>	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>5 Year</b>
	12/31/2021	11/30/2021	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	
<b>Call Volume</b>	691	718	660	8976	9085
<b>CAD Calls</b>	1201	1273	1130	16810	17541
<b>ONIBR Person Crimes</b>	21	15	8	195	163
<b>ONIBR Person Crimes Cleared</b>	17	11	4	140	116
<b>ONIBR Property Crimes</b>	43	32	21	514	533
<b>ONIBR Property Crimes Cleared</b>	16	8	5	134	167

**Trends:**

As all know, 2021 could be viewed as a difficult year for many. The ongoing pandemic issues as well as significant staffing changes have been stressful on our department. However, an area that we fared well in is our case load and call volume. During 2021 our overall call volume remained consistent with the average call volume over the previous five years. We actually experienced a 1% decrease in call volume. One area of calls that we experienced a rather significant increase were our calls associated with person crimes. As listed, person crimes include all assaults, child neglects, sex crimes, violations of restraining orders, and a number of other criminal acts. Over the last year we have experienced a 16% increase in person crimes, rising from a five-year average of 163 to a total of 195 in 2021. Our staff is still reviewing this data as well as the data associated with all of our department's call loads to develop strategies to address them. The strategies that we develop will be shared with Council during the Council Training in February.

During 2021, our staffing had changed dramatically. Our department has been able to focus on recruiting and rebuilding our staffing levels. We currently have a total of 13 police officer positions filled, out of 15 authorized officer positions. Of those, five are currently in some phase of their training. Two of the new officers are currently attending the Police Academy. But the pandemic has even affected this. As of the week of January 17<sup>th</sup>, the Academy has been closed due to the amount of Covid positive cases that were on the campus. The closure is scheduled to last a minimum of two weeks but could be extended. A full review of our staffing model and current employees will also be presented during the Council Training in February.

Our department is actively working on our potential responses to various types of critical incidents that may occur in our community. These critical incidents could include an active shooter, fire related incidents, weather incidents, mass disturbances and other such events. We are in the process of meeting with other community partners to clarify roles and response strategies. These types of meetings, which have included the Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District and the Sweet Home School District, will continue throughout much of the year. Through

a series of meetings, table top exercised and on-site training, we will strengthen our response capabilities, not just with the police department, but with all of our partner organizations.