



TUALATIN

2020

ANNUAL REPORT

POLICE

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The Tualatin Police Department is dedicated to a safe community and excellence in customer service.

We recognize and appreciate Officer Eric Hermann for his contribution of most photos shown throughout this annual report.



ERIC HERMANN

Our Values

WE ARE A PROFESSIONAL, PROGRESSIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT FAMILY WHOSE MEMBERS ARE OUR GREATEST ASSETS. WE STRIVE TO IMPROVE LIVABILITY FOR OUR CITIZENS THROUGH PUBLIC INTERACTION, DEDICATION, CUSTOMER SERVICE, AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITY. OUR FAMILY IS PROUD TO TAKE CARE OF YOURS.

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2020

*The Year of
Coronavirus*

Chief's Message

Whether it was the deadly global pandemic, social unrest that rocked our country, or even hazardous smoke filled air from wildfires, our staff showed up every day to serve the community.

In looking back at 2020, it is clear that the Tualatin Police Department faced challenges like never before. No matter what came our way, your police department took the task head on and continued in our mission to provide a safe community and excellence in customer service.

The year was not just about serving our community, it was also about listening to our community. It can be easy to get caught up in the “what” we are doing and sometimes lose sight of the “how” we are doing it.

We were able to do that this past year, by taking a step back and engaging our community in conversations, in regards to police use of force. Police are experts in this area; however, we must make sure that how we are doing our job, matches the expectations the community has of us. The community conversations we held were extremely valuable and will continue to strengthen the bond we have with our community, as we move forward in 2021 and beyond.

The police department staff also realizes that 2020 was a difficult year for many in our community. Loved ones were lost and our economy was hit hard, resulting in record numbers of unemployment. Our thoughts go out to those who are suffering, but please know that we are here to do what we can to make things better.

We are proud to be your police department and the support you have continued to show us is appreciated, more than you know.

Thank you,
Bill Steele
Chief of Police



Masks save lives during a pandemic.



Officers were issued N95 personal protective masks to wear on-duty during the pandemic.



In response to the pandemic, a local distillery used their equipment and supplies to produce hand sanitizer, of which they donated to local police departments.

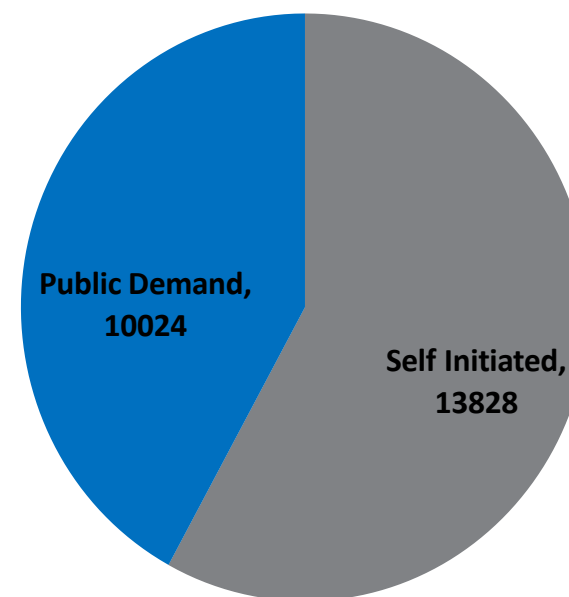
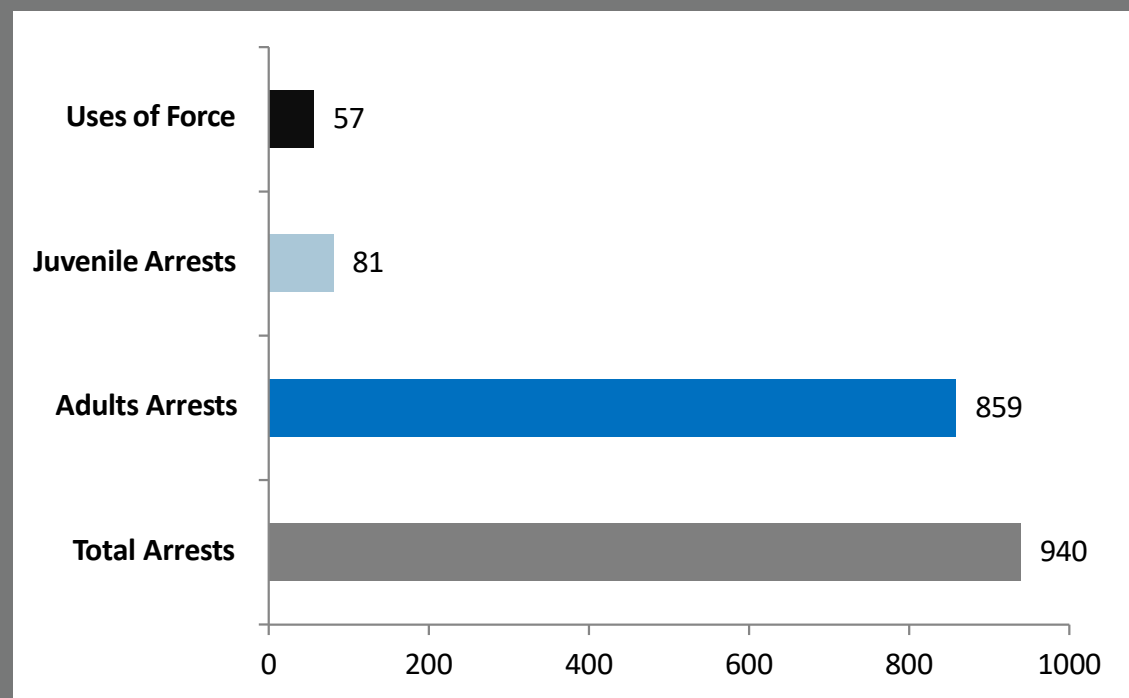


Patrol Division

The patrol officers and sergeants are assigned to specific patrol districts where they become an important part of those areas. The officers and sergeants get to know who and what is a part of their district, and they become the "face of the City" to the residents they serve. Out of the 23,852 calls for service, Tualatin Police only received one citizen complaint.

23,852 calls for service in 2020

ARRESTS, USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS & COMPLAINTS



TOTAL POLICE ACTIVITY

This graph represents all police activity in Tualatin and Durham, including calls from the public and self-initiated activities.



Investigations

Numbers can reflect incidents not only in Tualatin but throughout Washington and Clackamas Counties.

- MAJOR CRIMES TEAM CALLOUTS - 12
- OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING INVESTIGATIONS - 6
- ROBBERY INVESTIGATIONS - 7
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT INVESTIGATIONS - 31
- ARSON INVESTIGATIONS - 0
- SEXUAL OFFENSE INVESTIGATIONS - 19



In 2020, detectives investigated several assaults, burglaries, armed robberies, sex crimes and child abuse allegations. Detectives helped investigate multiple Washington County murder cases and officer involved shootings. They also provided training to our department members and surrounding agencies in areas such as Taser, active threat, legal updates and scenarios.



TUALATIN POLICE DETECTIVES PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL MULTI-AGENCY TEAMS:

- CLACKAMAS COUNTY MAJOR CRIMES TEAM
- WASHINGTON COUNTY MAJOR CRIMES TEAM
- TACTICAL NEGOTIATIONS TEAM
- ELDER SAFE TEAM
- SEX ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM
- CHILD ABUSE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM
- METAL THEFT TASK FORCE

Directional routes were established in the lobby to promote social distance as a safety measure during the pandemic.



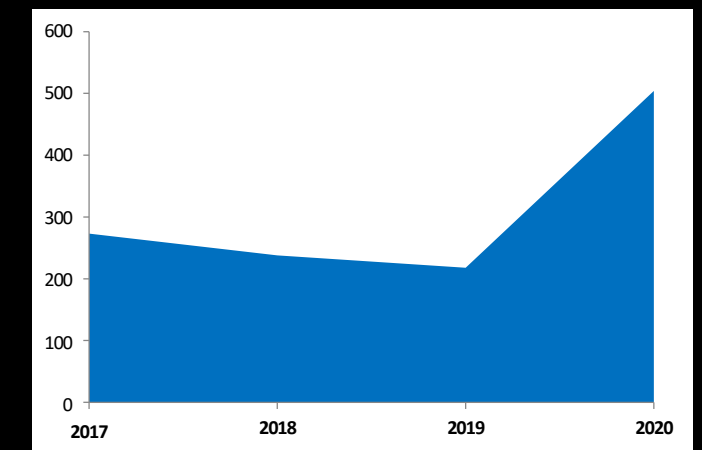
Records Division

The records division is the police department's first point of contact, whether by telephone or in person, and is comprised of three police services technicians and one supervisor.

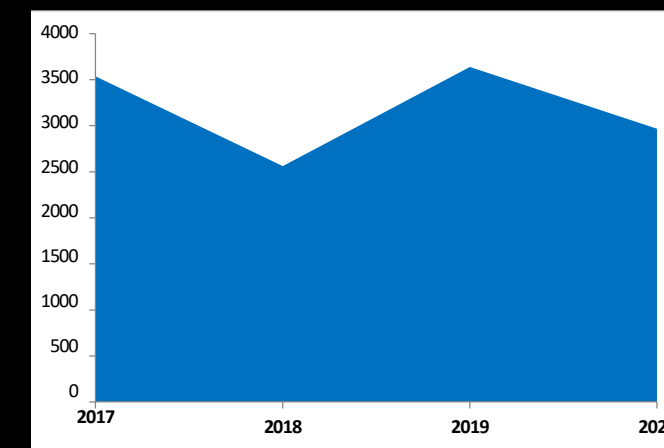
Tualatin Police Department received 1335 public records requests in 2020.



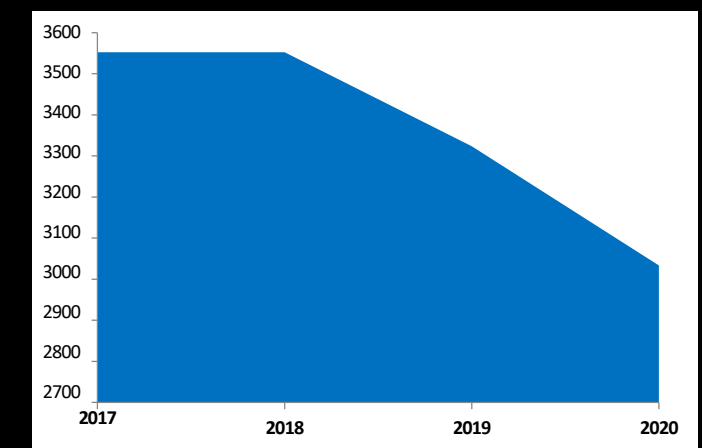
Criminal Citations Entered



Traffic Citations Entered



Case Reports Entered



What we do...

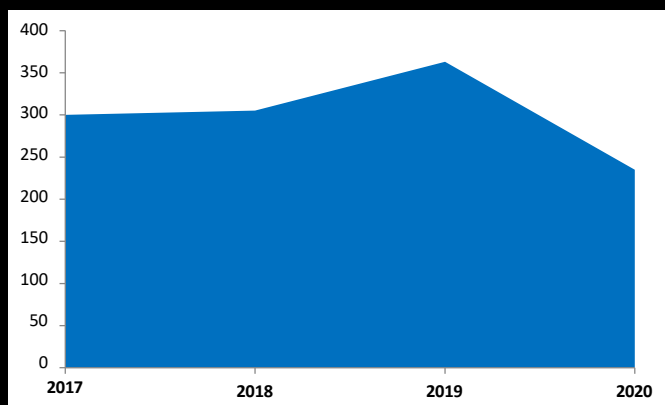
The records division provides essential assistance to Tualatin officers, administration, other criminal justice agencies and the people of Tualatin. The members of the records division take great pride in providing excellent customer service while offering assistance with accurate and up-to-date crime data information.

Tualatin Police Services Technicians are responsible for all aspects of document control, to include copying, distribution, data entry and filing of police reports, records and citations.



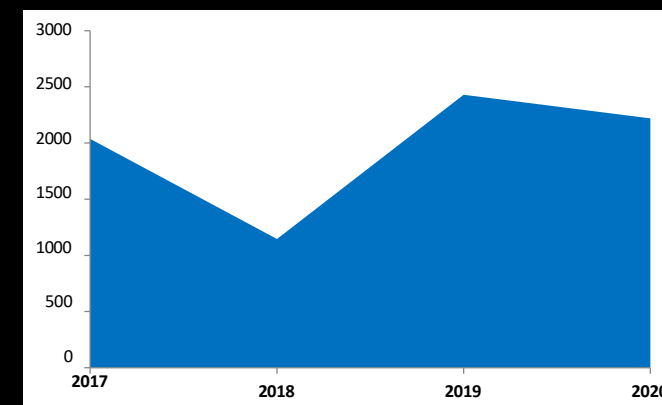
Traffic Division

Traffic Crashes

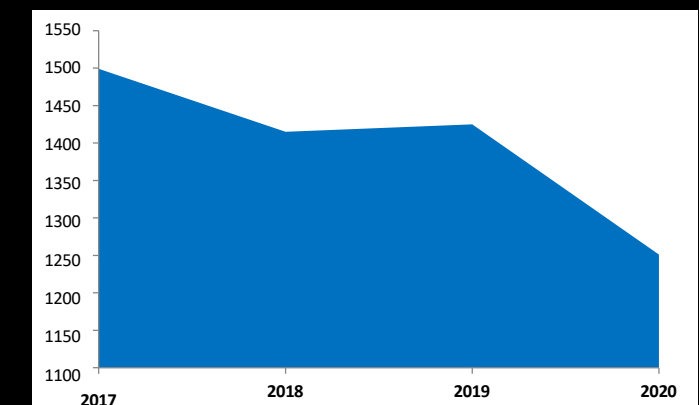


The traffic team is responsible for enforcing traffic laws, educating the public, investigating crashes and evaluating the intersection safety camera citations for final approval. In 2020, the traffic team was comprised of two motorcycle officers.

Citations Issued by the Traffic Division



Citations Issued by the Patrol Division



Intersection Safety Cameras

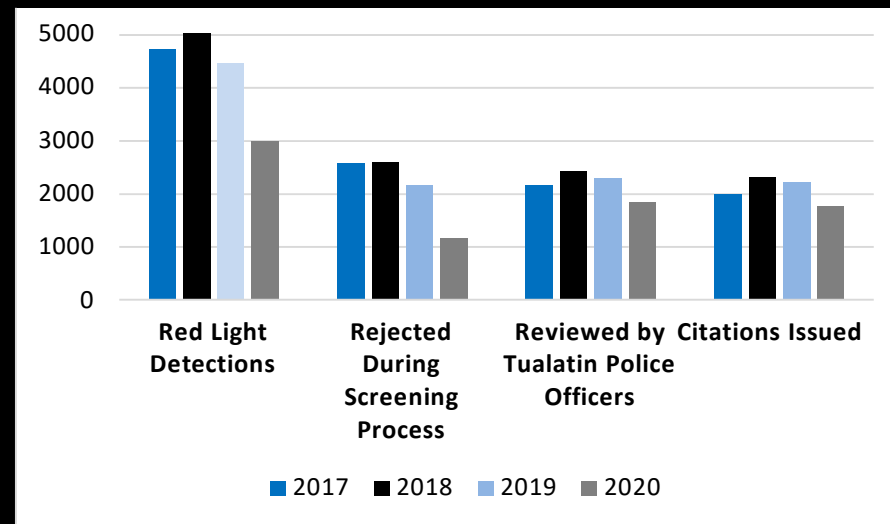
Intersection safety camera enforcement has shown to be a more effective and safe method of decreasing red light violations. Statistics have shown a decrease in red light violations and a significant decrease in injury crashes resulting from drivers running red lights when these cameras are installed.

The City of Tualatin began utilizing intersection safety cameras, also known as photo red light camera enforcement, in December 2010. The objective of the intersection safety cameras was to reduce traffic crashes at intersections, reduce the number of red light violations, change the behavior of drivers who travel through the City of Tualatin, reduce traffic congestion and improve officer safety.

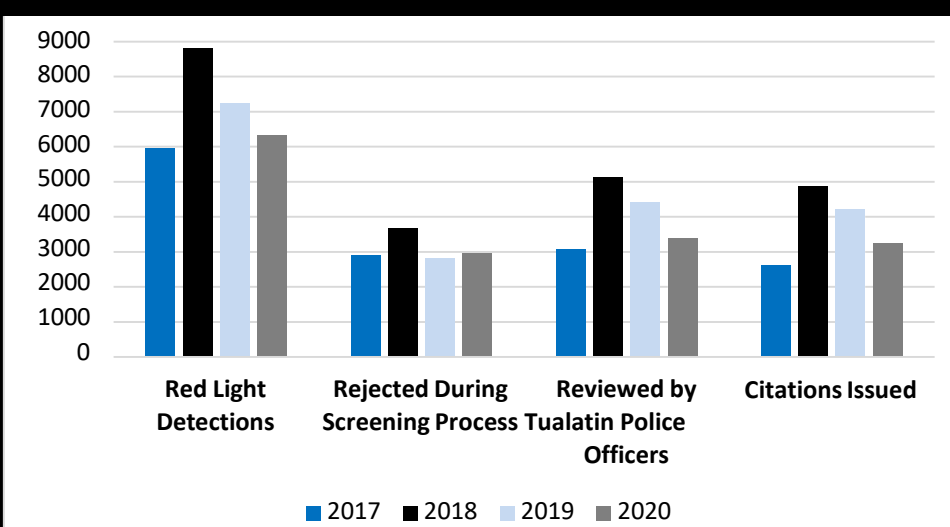
Tualatin currently has two operational safety camera intersections. They are located at SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road at Avery Street and at SW Lower Boones Ferry Road at Bridgeport Road/72nd Street.

When a violation occurs and a camera image is captured, a citation is not automatically generated. An initial screening of the camera image is done by the intersection safety camera system company, Redflex Traffic Systems. If they feel a violation has potentially occurred, the image is sent to Tualatin Police Department for an officer to review and determine if an actual violation has occurred. An officer makes the final decision on whether a citation is issued and mailed to the registered owner.

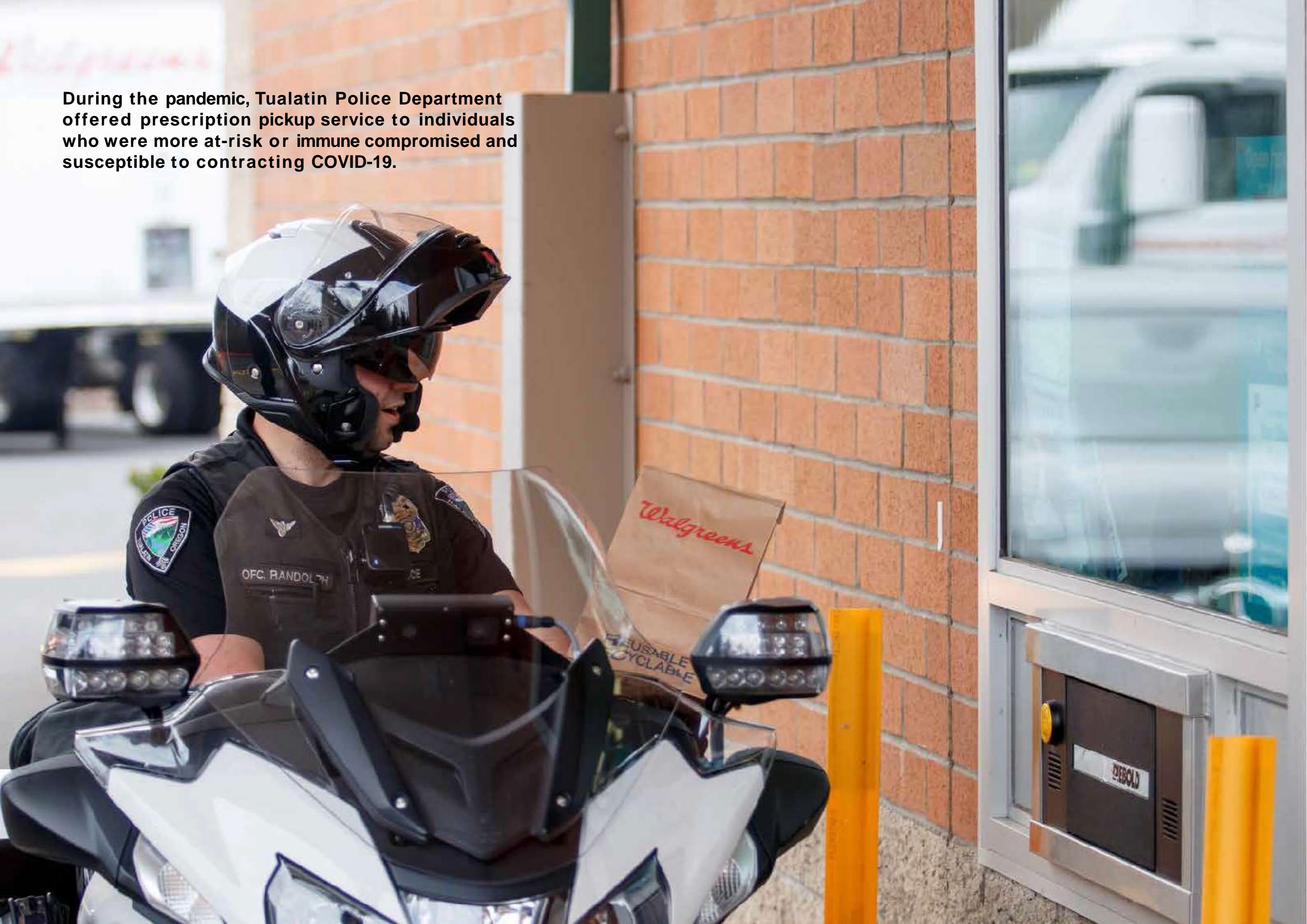
**SW TUALATIN-SHERWOOD RD
AT SW AVERY ST**



**SW LOWER BOONES FERRY RD
AT SW BRIDGEPORT/72ND ST**



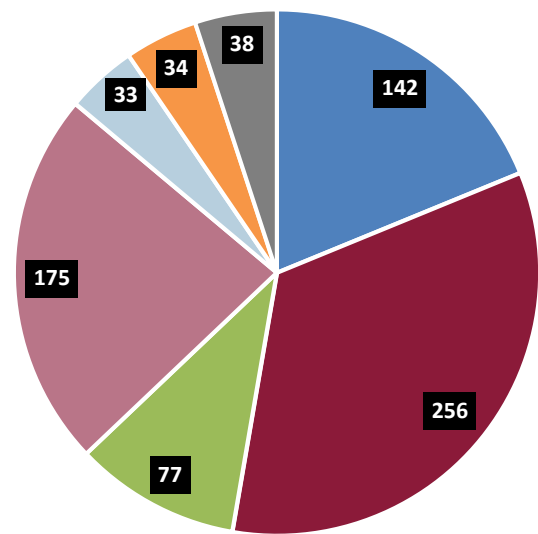
During the pandemic, Tualatin Police Department offered prescription pickup service to individuals who were more at-risk or immune compromised and susceptible to contracting COVID-19.



Community Services Officer

The Community Services Officer (CSO) is responsible for investigating civil complaints and code violations. The CSO's goal is to gain voluntary compliance with city code violations. The CSO also assists with crime scenes, traffic control, information collection and organization, and reporting of minor crimes, such as graffiti.

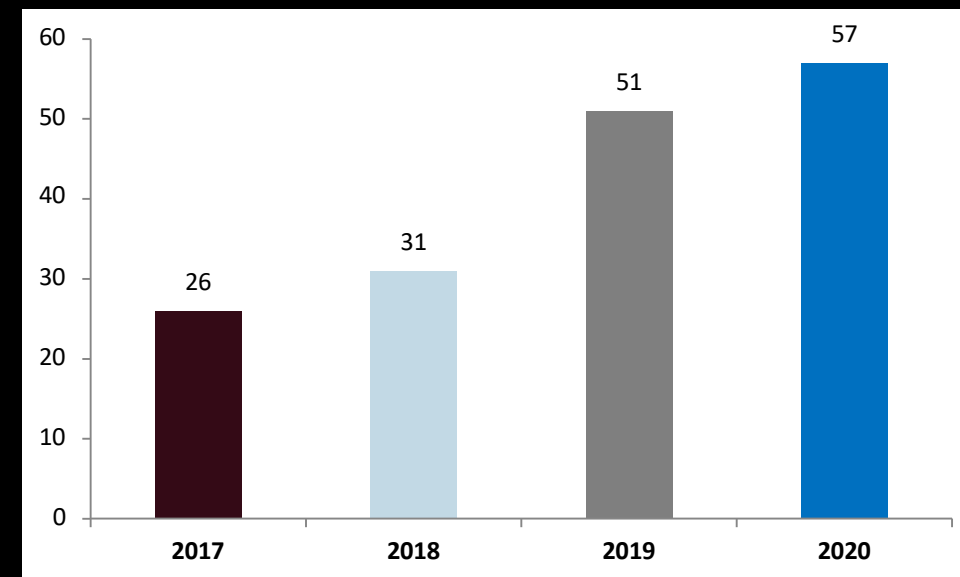
COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER - CALLS FOR SERVICE



■ Ordinance Violations
 ■ Parking Complaints
 ■ Criminal Mischief
 ■ Abandoned Vehicles
■ Animal Complaints
 ■ Traffic Crashes
 ■ Traffic Hazards



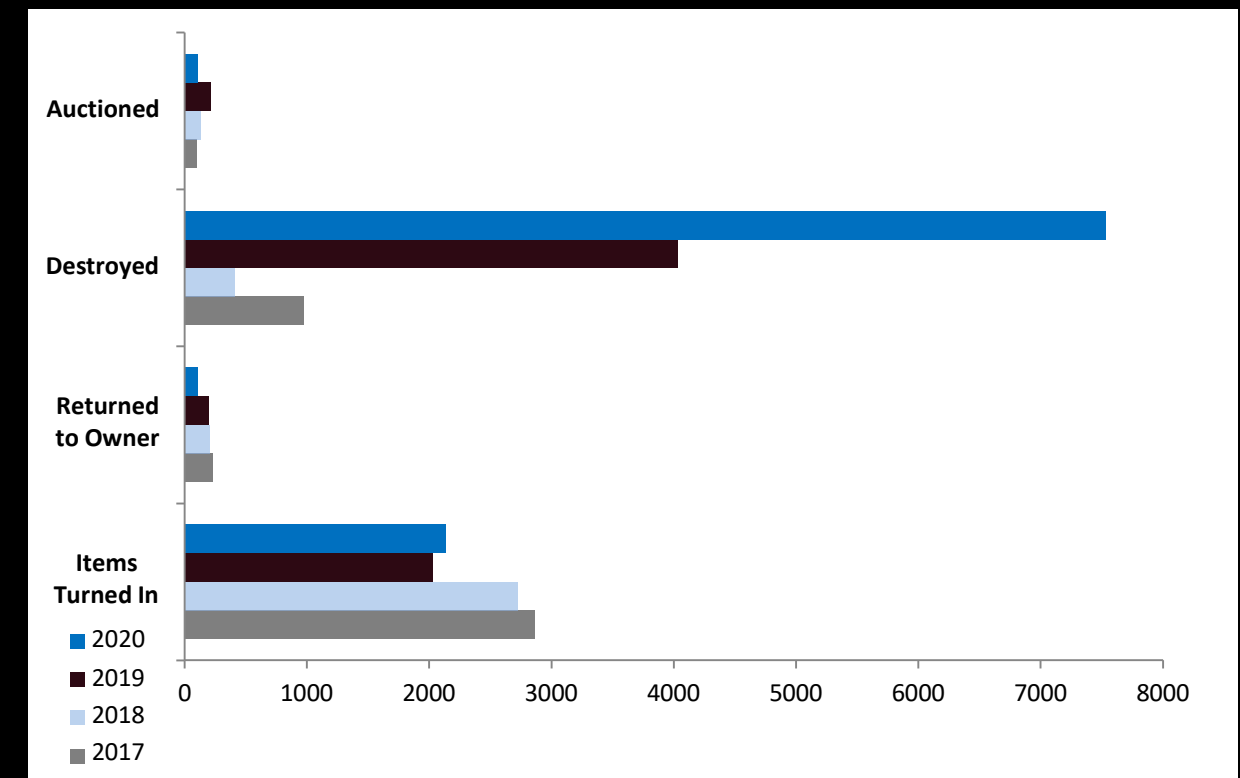
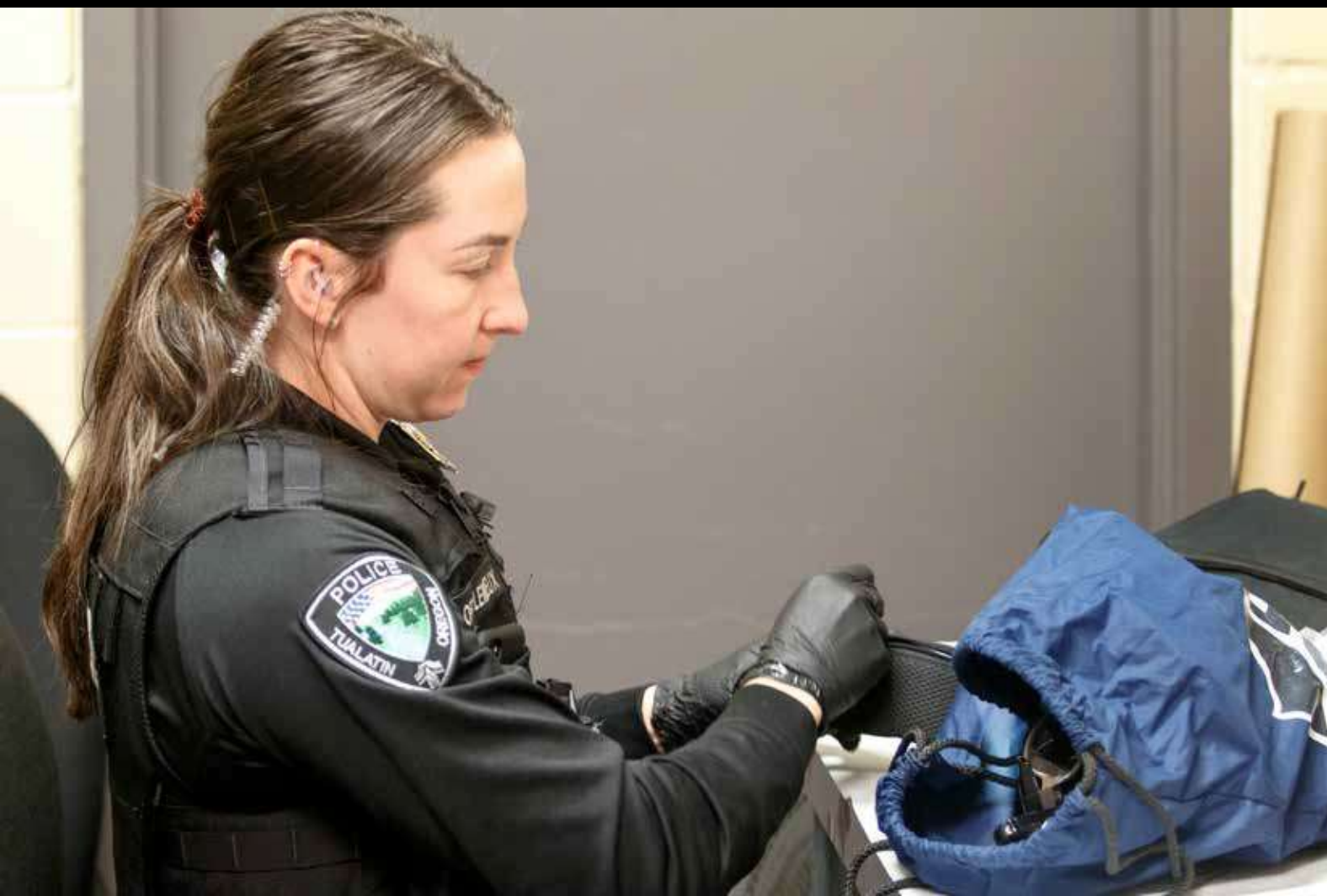
The pie chart to the left represents the calls for service that the Community Services Officer responded to in 2020. The bar graph represents total graffiti reports over the last four years.



Property & Evidence

IN APRIL, 2020, THE RAMOS VS LOUISIANA DECISION CAME OUT OF THE SUPREME COURT, PROMPTING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO CONTACT ALL PROPERTY & EVIDENCE DEPARTMENTS WITH ANY CASES THAT WERE NOT A UNANIMOUS VERDICT. IN THESE CASES, WE HAD TO DETERMINE IF WE HAD ALL THE EVIDENCE FOR RETRIAL. SOME OF THESE WERE QUITE OLD AND IT TOOK SOME TIME TO GO THROUGH THEM ALL. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 25 CASES WE ARE HOLDING FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

TOTAL PROPERTY & EVIDENCE ITEMS IN 2020 - 2138



The property and evidence technician is responsible for the constant monitoring of each piece of property and evidence for security, location and disposition. She is bound by strict state and federal laws and regulations in the proper handling and tracking of property and evidence. Throughout the year, a considerable amount of time and effort were spent destroying and/or disposing of old items in order to conserve space.

Community Activism

2020 brought new focus to issues surrounding racial and social equity. Police-related use-of-force events in other states ignited emotions and sparked public outrage throughout the world. As a result, many cities experienced community marches, public protests and riots.





Tualatin Police escorted the crowd safely through the City, while community members marched for social justice.

A red haze hung over the City for several days as a result of forest fires burning throughout Oregon, Washington and California.



In September 2020, Oregon forest fires throughout the state and surrounding the local area created a thick, smokey haze, creating dangerous air quality conditions for several days.





Officers blocked a road, preventing people from entering the area, while they responded to a report of a person firing bottle rockets from their back porch during the height of the surrounding local forest fires.

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Hours

MONDAY-FRIDAY	10-7
SATURDAY	10-5
SUNDAY	11-5

Some local businesses posted encouraging messages in their windows during the pandemic's state-wide shut-down.

School Resource Officers

During the school year the three School Resource Officers (SROs) make it a priority to provide a secure environment for the staff and students in the various Tualatin schools to help promote a safe educational atmosphere. They conduct classroom presentations that focus on laws, gang resistance education and familiarization with the juvenile justice system. When necessary, they enforce local and state laws within schools to create a safe and secure place for students to learn and thrive. SROs provide anti-gang education and devote their summers to the G.R.E.A.T. Summer Program, giving students the opportunity to attend a positive, educationally focused summer camp at minimal cost.

Due to the pandemic, School Resource Officers only patrolled the schools during the first quarter of the year, prior to the school shut-downs. They served as part of the patrol team for the remainder of the year.

With the nation-wide growing interest in police reform, talks continue as school administration and local residents decide whether they would like to continue the presence of police officers in schools, restructure their duties, or withdraw them altogether.





Tualatin School Resource Officers participated in home visits and parades in recognition of 2020 high school graduates who missed their graduation ceremony due to the pandemic.

Bicycle Patrol



During the summer months and for organized bicycle rides, races and other special events, officers, who have been trained and certified, conduct patrols on bicycles.



K9 Tony

In 2020, K9 Tony sniffed 40 vehicles, 66 rooms, two parcels and five outdoor areas. He located and recovered 2381 grams of heroin, 2134 grams of methamphetamine and \$154,639 in cash.



K9 Tony is tested and recertified annually in narcotic detection standards through the Oregon Police Canine Association.



Training



Tualatin officers take part in valuable training throughout the year. Some of this training includes emergency vehicle operations, motorcycle skills, firearms, defensive tactics, use of force, legal updates, crisis intervention techniques, de-escalation techniques, and diversity training. This training is what enables the officers to be the safest they can be while doing their jobs and protecting others.



City readerboards were set up throughout the City with encouraging messages during the difficult days of the pandemic.





Parades



The pandemic brought about new and creative ways to safely celebrate holidays and recognition events. Tualatin Police, along with other local emergency service agencies, participated in Christmas and birthday parades, as well as appreciation caravans in celebration of local hospital workers.



Local community members showed their appreciation by chalking this message on the front walkway of the police department.

Thank you!
for keeping us
Safe!

National Drug Take-Back Day



Tualatin Police Department partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in the fall and spring. This gave community members an opportunity to bring in unwanted or expired prescription medications and over-the-counter medicines to be disposed of in a way that is safer for the environment. Additionally, the Tualatin Police Department offers a prescription drop-box in the lobby during business hours, year round.

Just under 800 lbs. of drugs were collected in 2020.

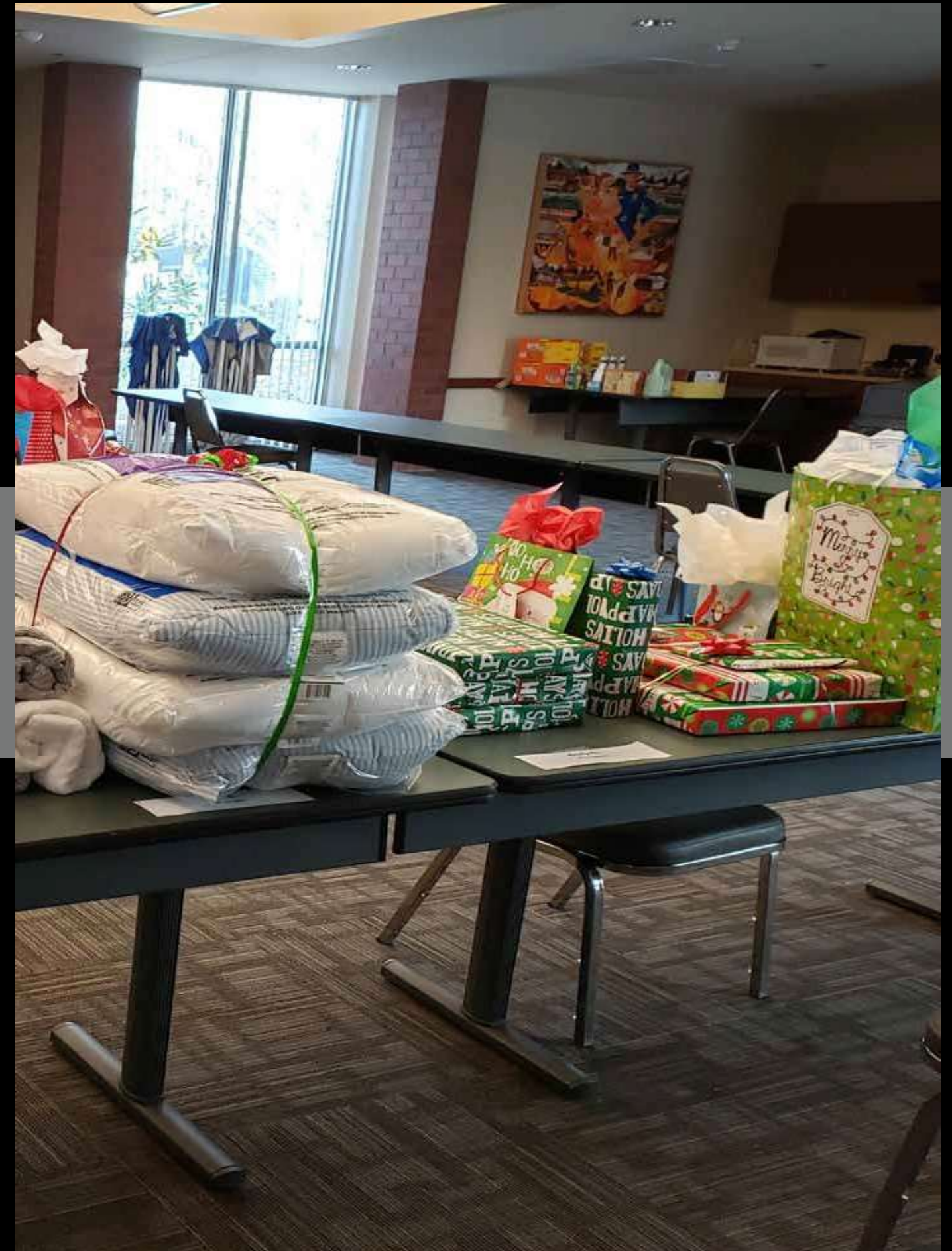
Tualatin Police Department took part in October 2020 Domestic Violence Awareness Month.





Holiday Giving

MEMBERS OF THE TUALATIN POLICE DEPARTMENT TOOK PART IN GIVING GIFTS AND FOOD TO SEVERAL LESS FORTUNATE FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. THIS WAS ALL MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH DONATIONS FROM THE TUALATIN COMMUNITY POLICE FOUNDATION, GENEROUS DEPARTMENT MEMBERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND VOLUNTEERS THROUGH THE TUALATIN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM.



We Are...

Donations

We would like to recognize and thank the Tualatin Community Police Foundation for the generous donation of four new AEDs. Officers are often first to arrive on-scene to perform life saving measures.



Mayor Frank Bubenik, with the support of the Tualatin City Council, the Tualatin Police Department, and the entire City organization, signed the *Reimagining Policing Pledge* to address police use of force policies in Tualatin on June 10, 2020, following the killing of George Floyd and others. As described in the pledge, we committed to:

1. REVIEW the use of force policies.
2. ENGAGE the community by including a diverse range of input, experience and stories in our review.
3. REPORT the findings of our review to our community and seek feedback.
4. REFORM our community's police use of force policies.

Over the fall and winter, we tackled step two of this process by reaching out to the community. Engagement was conducted virtually, due to the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions, and included the three facilitated meetings listed below, a fourth with the Diversity Task Force, online and social media engagement, and a virtual comment box.

On January 25, 2021, the City Council met and reviewed the final report. The report included six recommendations identified by the community. The City Council voted unanimously to accept the report and directed staff to prepare a work plan and report back to the City Council on progress implementing the six recommendations.

Community Conversations

SESSION 1: PRESENTATION

33 Attendees

Presentation on current operations and use of force policies. Topics included:

- Department operations
- Law enforcement authority
- Legal aspects of use of force
- Training
- Use of force data

SESSION 2: Q & A

28 Attendees

Answers provided for all questions received in advance, followed by a Q & A session. In total, 53 questions were submitted via email or asked during one of the three Community Conversations.

SESSION 3: LISTENING SESSION

24 Attendees

Open ended feedback and responses to three prompts. In total, 38 comments were received from 27 different people via email and posts on the City's various social media platforms.

Recommendations

1

Collaborate with regional partners to improve response to individuals experiencing mental health crisis.

2

Ensure use of force policies include a focus on using the least amount of force reasonable.

3

Ensure use of force policies include a focus on using de-escalation techniques when reasonable.

4

Increase training on recognizing when someone is in distress.

5

Increase training on cultural awareness and racial bias.

6

Provide regular updates to the City Council and the community - particularly on stop data, use of force data, and officer misconduct.

Department Members & City Council



CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- FRANK BUBENIK - MAYOR
- NANCY GRIMES - COUNCIL PRESIDENT
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- BRIDGET BROOKS - CITY COUNCILOR
- ROBERT KELLOGG - CITY COUNCILOR
- MARIA REYES - CITY COUNCILOR
- PAUL MORRISON - CITY COUNCILOR
- SHERILYN LOMBOS - CITY MANAGER

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- MARK WADDELL - PATROL SERGEANT

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