

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2021





KCKPD

BUILDING COMMUNITY TIES

**Transparency · Integrity
Engagement · Safety**

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



CHIEF KARL A. OAKMAN

In June, I was sworn-in as the 32nd Chief of Police for the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department. It was a very special day for both me and my family as I dedicated my service to the community where I was raised.

My key goals as I lead this department into the future are to strengthen Community T.I.E.S - transparency, integrity, engagement and safety. That message is reinforced in our newly designed logo and everything we do as an organization.

To accomplish these goals requires a thoughtful, detailed plan, as well as a willingness from our residents to engage with law enforcement. We work better when we work together.

I encourage members of the community who have not felt heard to peacefully stand up and speak up, allowing us to clearly hear their message and engage them in thoughtful discussion.

As a department, we have endeavored to also make this a year of growth by moving forward with new initiatives such as the implementation of body worn cameras and increased transparency.

We hope that you find this report thoughtful and informative. As we review the year that was, we thank the Kansas City, Kansas community for its support as we continue to protect, partner and innovate for 2021 and beyond.

Karl A. Oakman, Chief of Police

Department Overview

The Kansas City, Kansas Police Department strives to ensure the safety of the 153,000 residents of a community which spans approximately 125 square miles. The men and women of the KCKPD continually strive to distinguish the department as a model law enforcement agency through service, honor, integrity, professionalism and transparency.



Facts At A Glance

Miles Covered: 125 sq. miles

Population Served: 153,000

Total Staff: 423

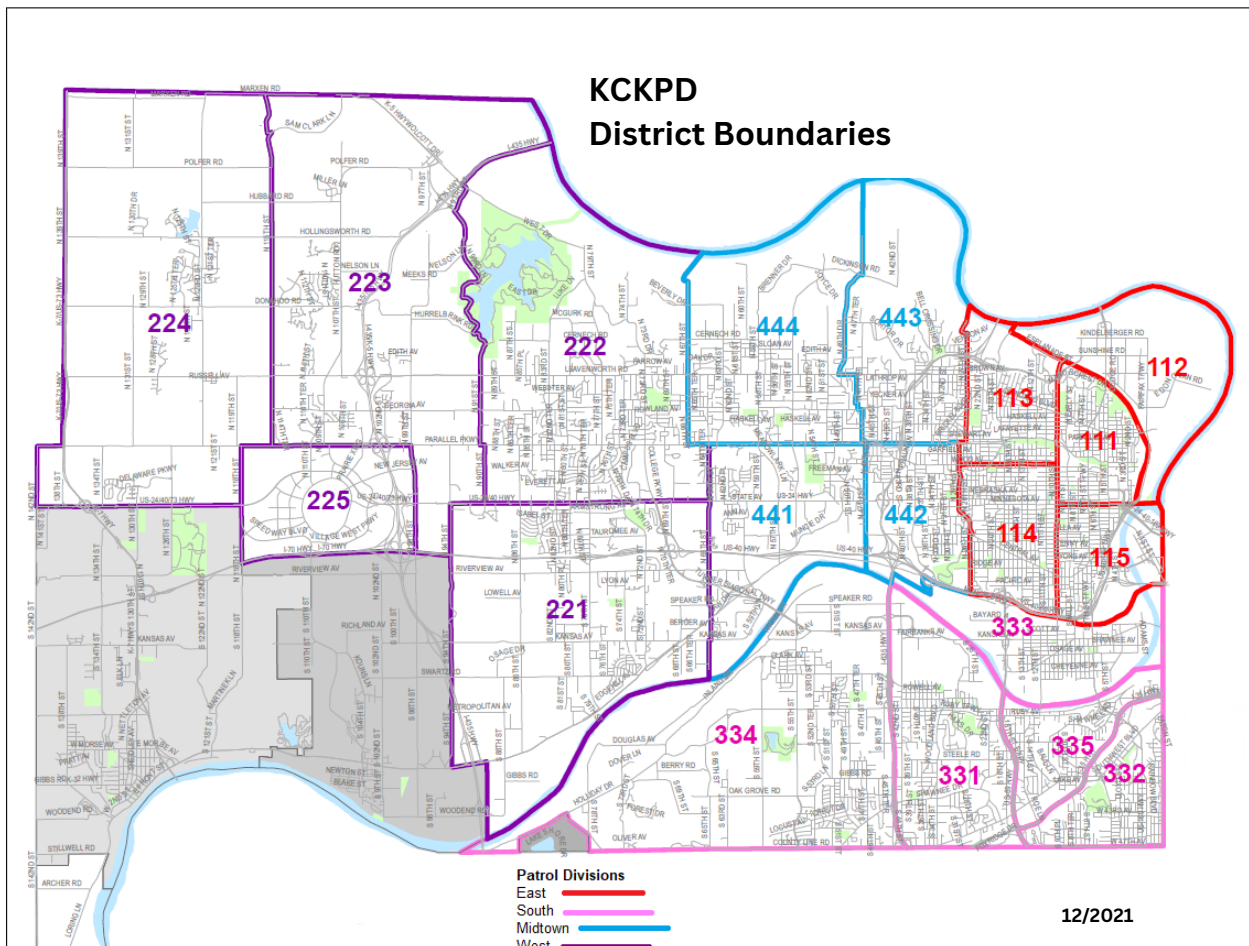
Sworn Officers: 323

Professional Staff: 71

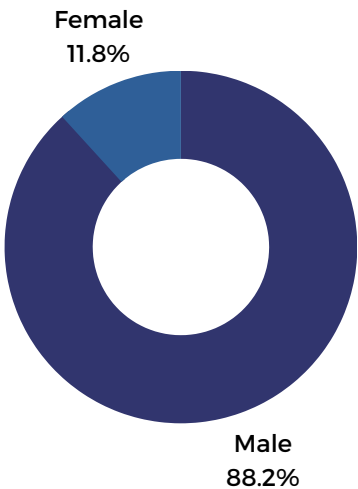
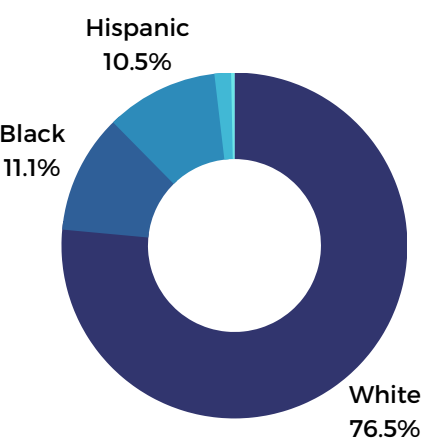
Dispatchers: 29

(9 in training as of 12/31/21)

Patrol Divisions: 4



Department Demographics



Ethnicity of Sworn Officers

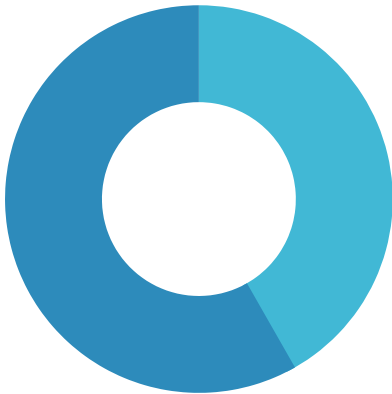
Sworn Officers by Gender

Communications/Dispatch



442,191
**Total Calls
for Service
to 911 Dispatch**

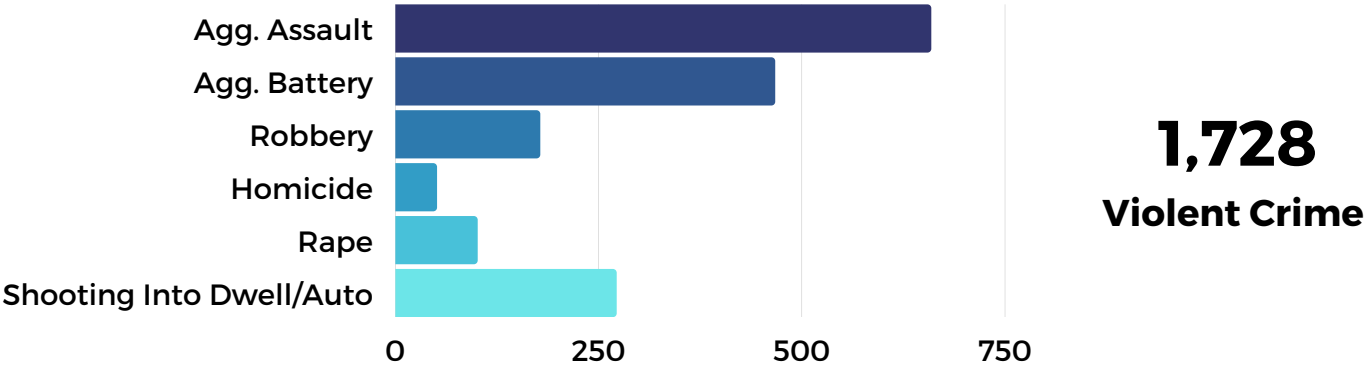
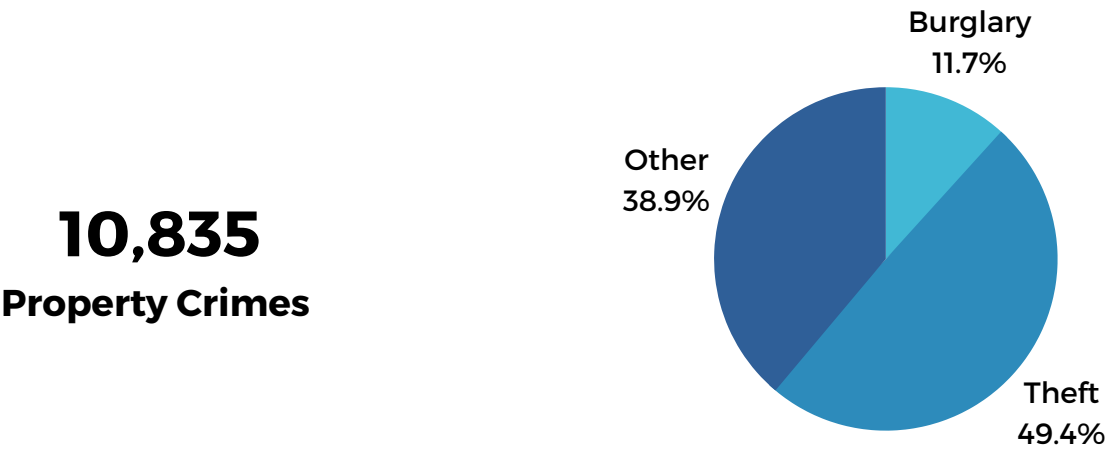
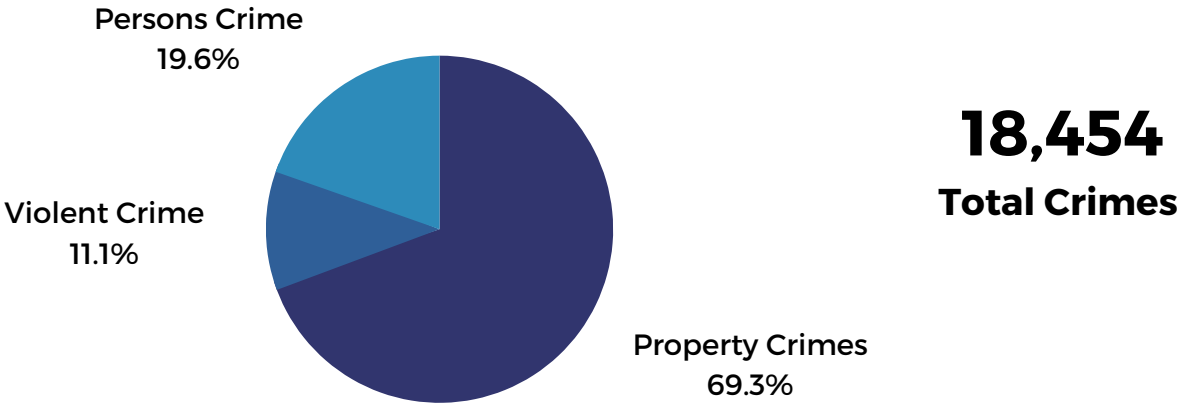
Non-Emergency
257,588



Emergency
184,603

91.81% of calls answered within 15 seconds
95.15% of calls answered within 20 seconds
99.84% of calls answered within 60 seconds

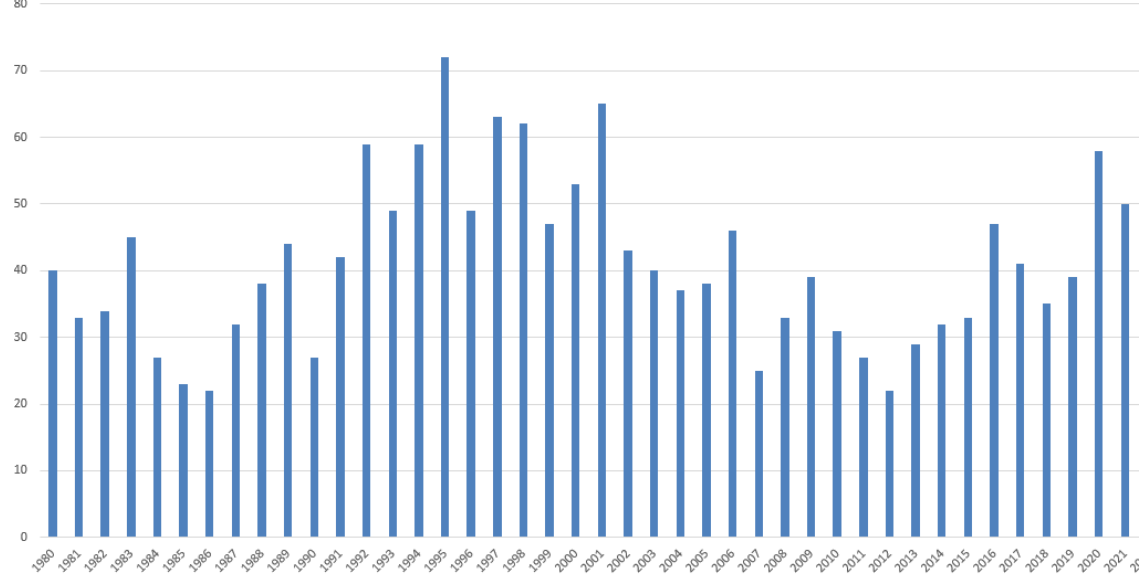
Crime Statistics - Overview



Crime Statistics - Homicide



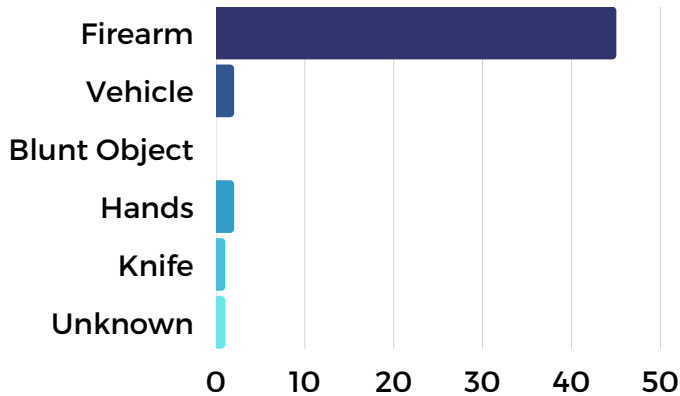
Annual Homicide Totals
1980-2021



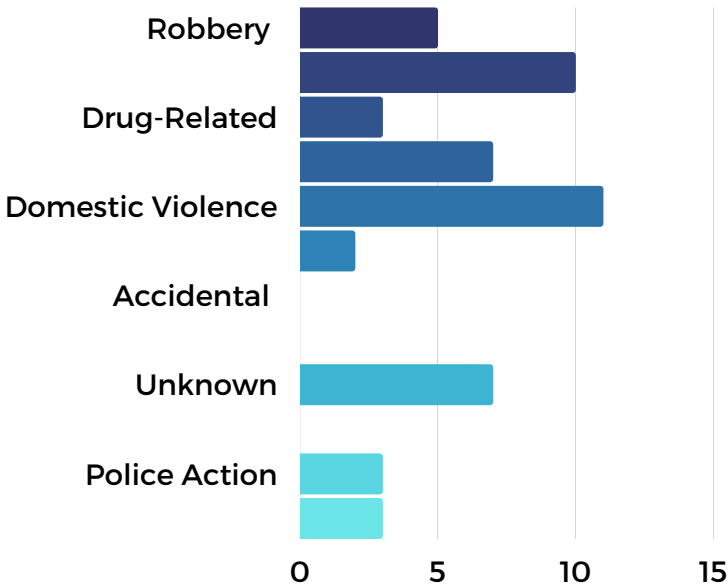
51
Total Homicides



86%
Of Homicides Solved

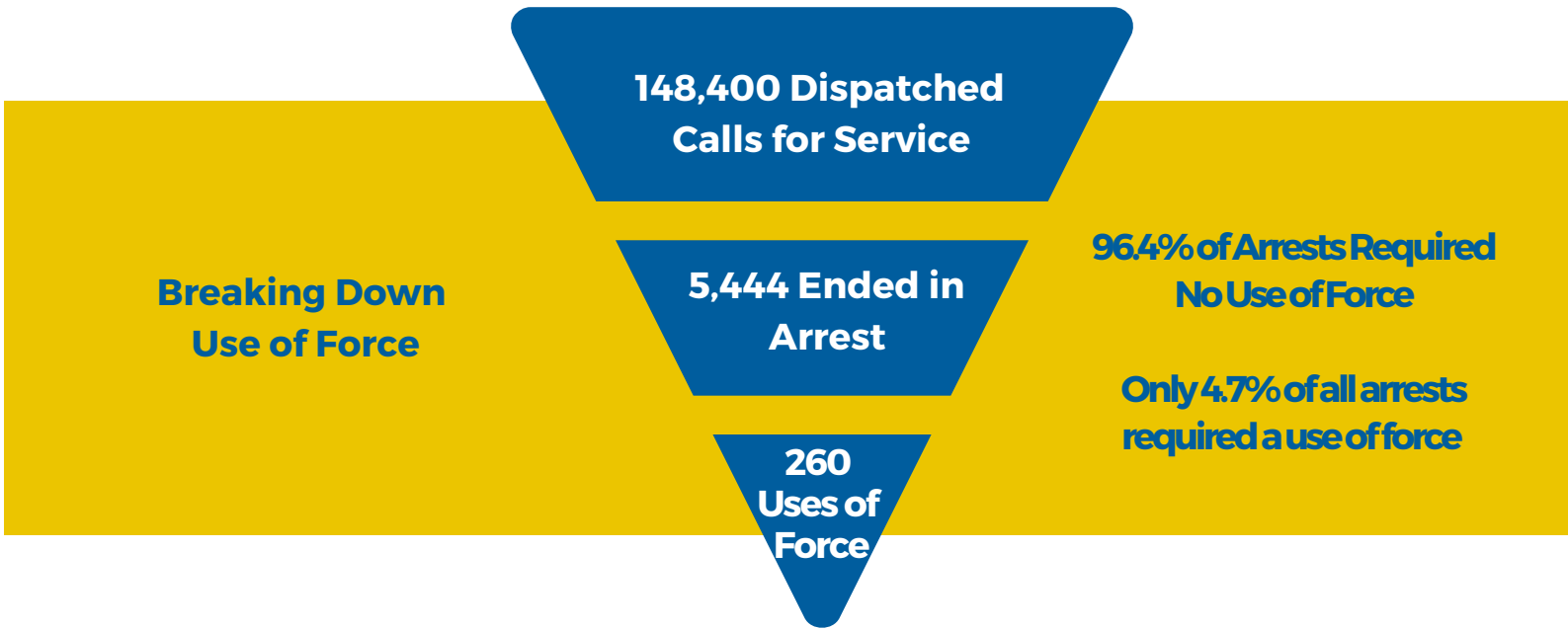


Method of Homicide



Circumstance of Homicide

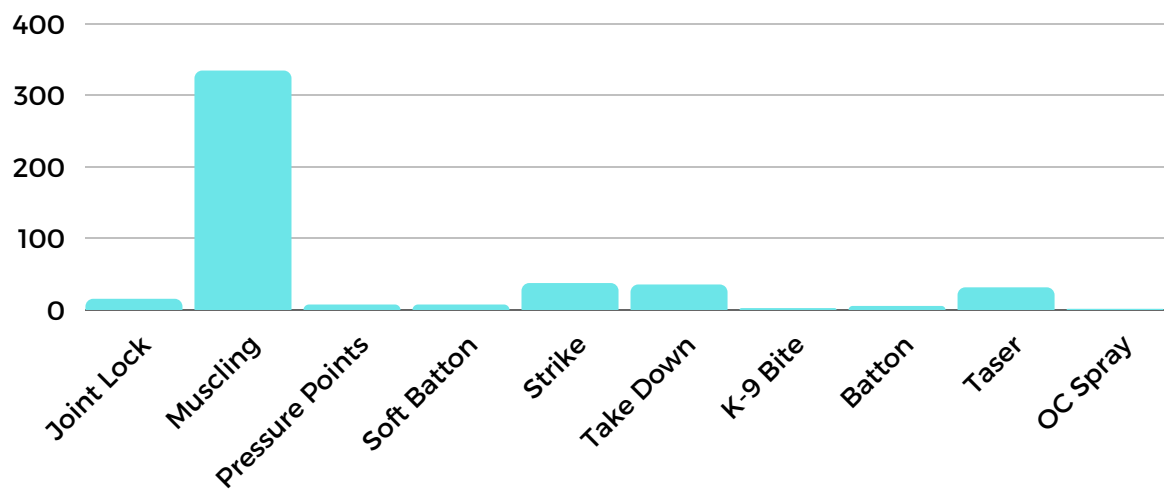
Use of Force



Statistics show that officers with the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department rarely utilize force when responding to calls for service. In 2021, officers were dispatched 148,400 times which resulted in 5,444 arrests and 260 uses of force. Statistically, no use of force is required in 99.82% of all calls.

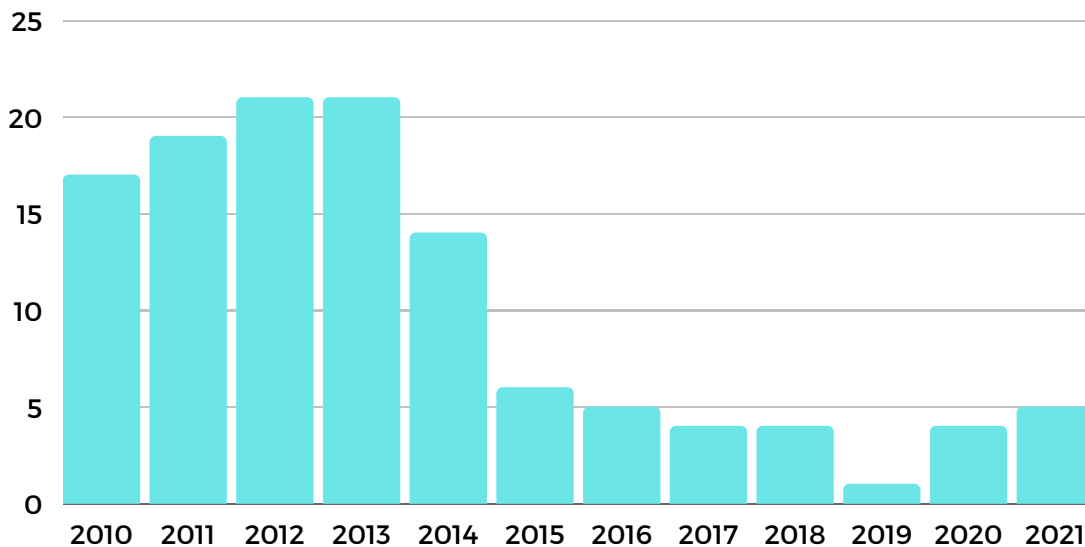
All officers in the State of Kansas are required to received 40 hours of training every year per Kansas State Statutes. Some of the specific trainings are mandated by the state while other hours are determined by the department. Trainings specifically required by the KCKPD include the following: Implicit Bias, Color of Law and De-Escalation. The result of this rigorous training program is that use of force incidents are a rare occurrence.

Levels of Control Used by Officers



Use of Force - Cont.

History of Use of Force Complaints



5
**Total Use of
Force Complaints
for 2021**

Overview

Active Pointing - 101

Discharged Firearm - 5

Officer Involved Shootings - 3

Officer Involved Shootings (OIS)

In 2021, the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department was involved in three separate incidents that involved the use of lethal force. Upon receipt of the investigative reports, the Wyandotte County District Attorney has decline charges against the officers involved.

These incidents were investigated by various agencies and units including:

- KCKPD Major Case Detectives
- KCKPD Internal Affairs Unit
- KCKPD Crime Scene Investigation Unit (CSI)
- KCKPD Officer Involved Critical Incident Team
- Investigators from the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office
- Detectives Shadowing from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department Homicide Unit

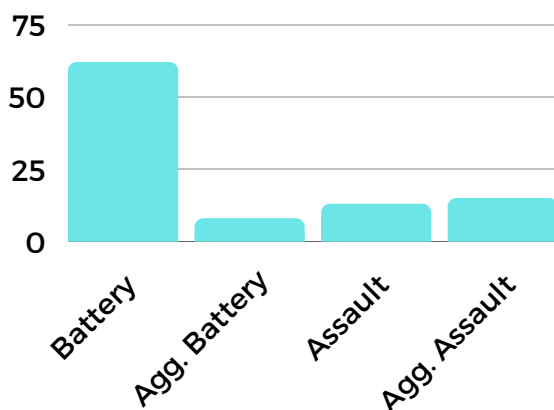
Use of Force - Cont.



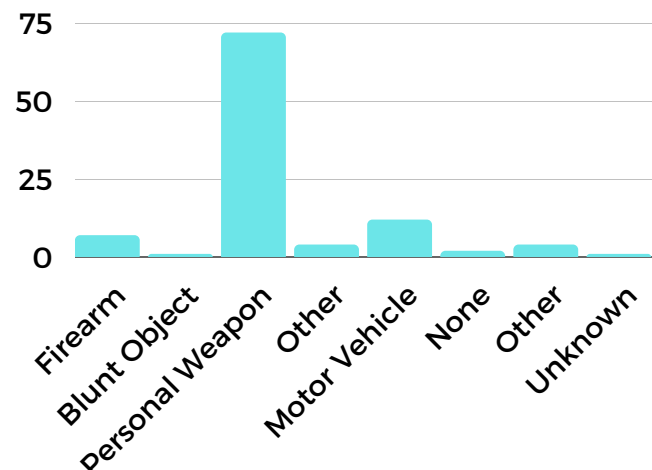
Attacks on Law Enforcement Officers (LEO)

In 2021 a total of 98 officers were victims of misdemeanor or felony assault or battery. This represents an increase of 42% from 2020 when the total was 69. The majority of those were misdemeanor battery, followed by felony assault. The weapon (anything used to cause harm to another) most often used in these incidents by the suspect was a personal weapon such as hands, arms, feet, etc.

Attacks on LEO
Total: 98



Weapons Used Against LEO

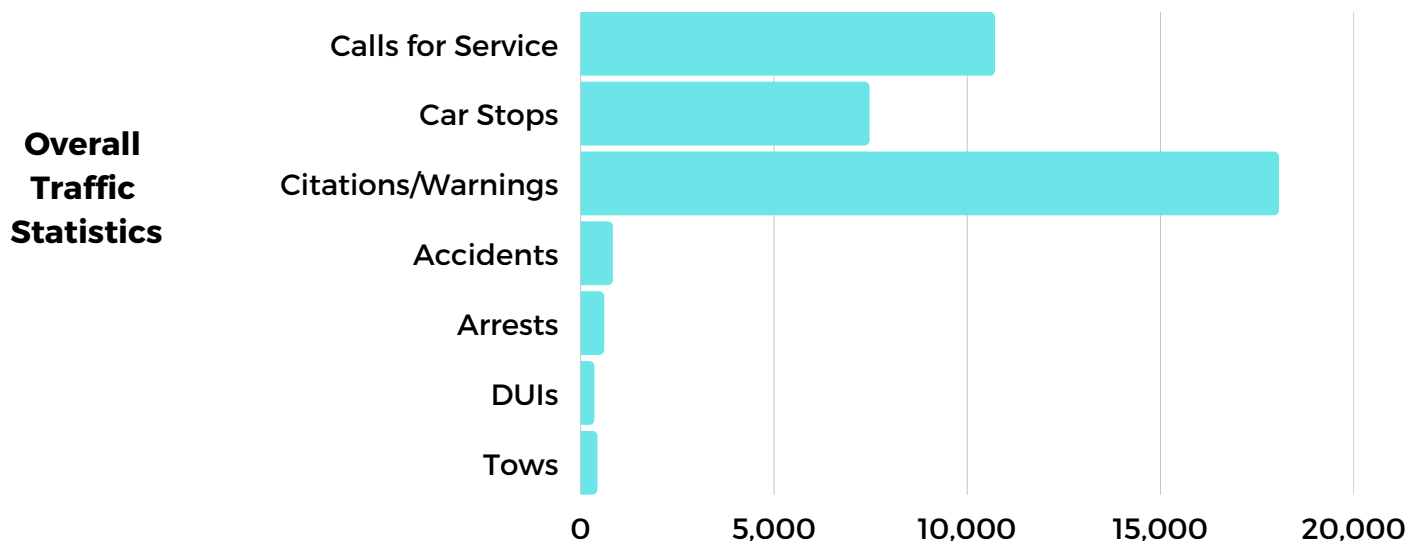




KCKPD's Traffic Support Unit (TSU) provides support for calls for service and community events; manages crash scenes; enforces seat belt compliance; speeding; towing of vehicles; DUI compliance; and participates in selective enforcement campaigns. The police motorcycle unit also works in traffic safety.

STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) Grant Arrests

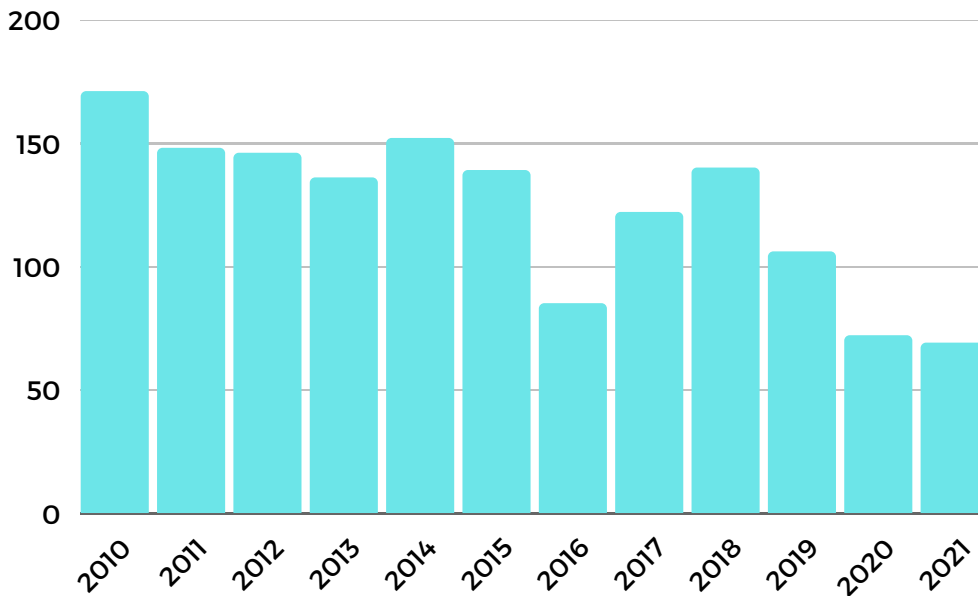
- Click It or Ticket - 20
- Operation Impact Enforcement - 10
- You Drink. You Drive. You Lose. - 29
- AFC Championship/Super Bowl - 0
- Thanksgiving Safe Arrival - 3
- Taking Down DUI - 5
- Aggressive/Inattentive Driving - 26



Internal Affairs

The mission of the Internal Affairs Unit is to protect the public, the employee, and the Department through fair, thorough, and impartial investigations of alleged misconduct. The KCKPD Internal Affairs Unit reviews and investigates complaints regarding its employees as well as employees of the Unified Government. The statistics shared in this report relate only to the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department.

Annual Complaint History



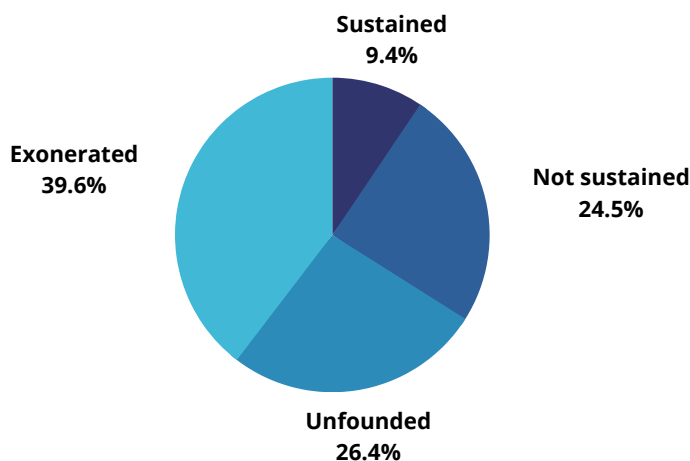
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Total Complaints

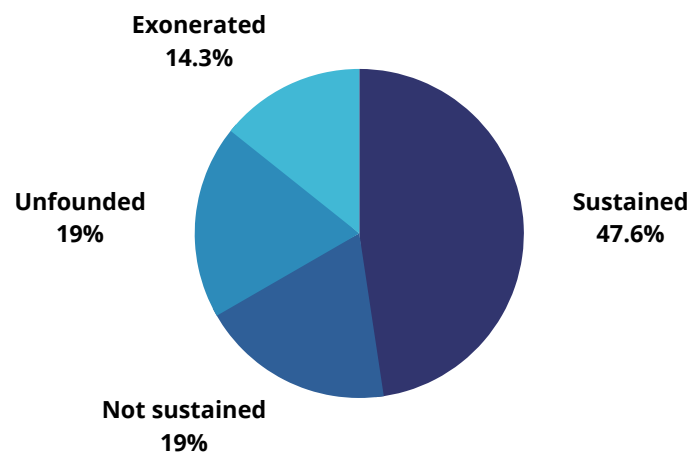
External/Citizen - 48

Internal - 21

External/Citizen - 48

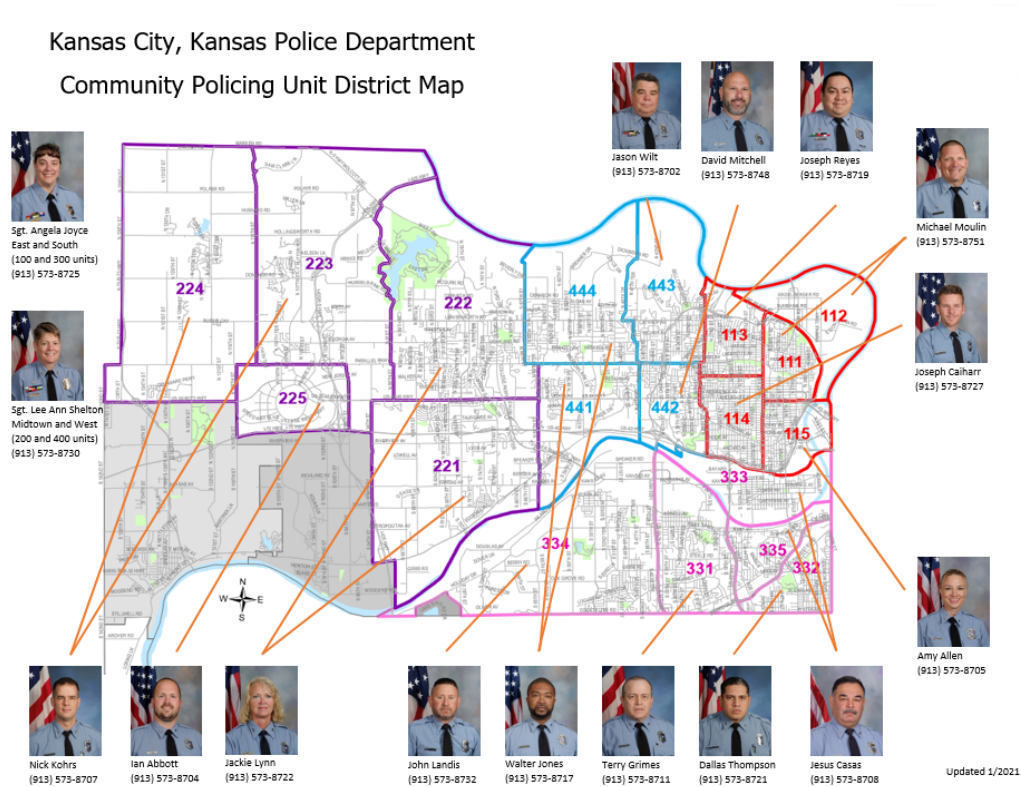


Internal/Staff - 21



Community Policing

Since 1995 the KCKPD has had an officer assigned to every district in the city. They dedicate their time to working with the community to help solve issues facing our residents.



Community Policing continues to be an integral part of the Department's community outreach. The unit facilitates many projects through the year including:

- Harvesters Food Program
- Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader
- Police Over Pizza
- Prep KC Video Engagement with Juveniles
- C.H.A.M.P.I.O.N. Program
- B.O.S.S. Program
- Giving the Basics
- Summer Cadet Program
- MCSP/PCS Saturday Clean-ups
- Giving the Basics
- COPPS Christmas Program

Community Policing Stats

Dispatched Calls	1,881
Sel-Initiated	7,849
Car Stops	246
Tickets	246
Business Checks	1,086
Code Complaints	2,248
Follow-ups	1,871
Events	480
Community Meetings	155

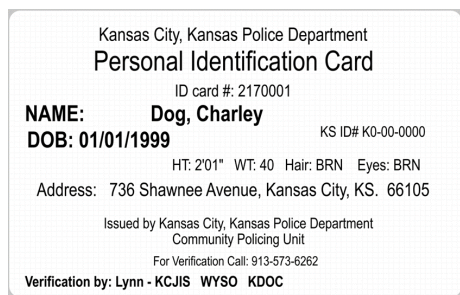
Community Policing - Highlights

HOMELESS OUTREACH & KCKPD CITY ID



Community Policing operates an homeless outreach team which has identified 669 unhoused individuals residing in Wyandotte County. Officers work closely with community partners to assist these individuals with securing housing and vital services.

In 2021 Community Policing, launched a new, free municipal identification card in order to pave the way for more residents to obtain housing, employment and vital services and benefits that previously were only accessible with a state-issued identification card. In addition to homelessness, theft, fire or loss of possessions can leave residents lacking the documents necessary to prove their identity, making the process of getting a state issued ID nearly impossible.



Applicants start by booking an appointment with Community Policing where they provide personal information for the application and their photo is taken. Officers then utilize a minimum of two state-level databases to verify identity. Once issued, the City ID allows residents to obtain a State Kansas ID, open a bank account, receive medical services and other resources.

Launched in mid-August, 185 City ID were issued by year's end with 26 of those individuals going on to obtain their Kansas State IDs.

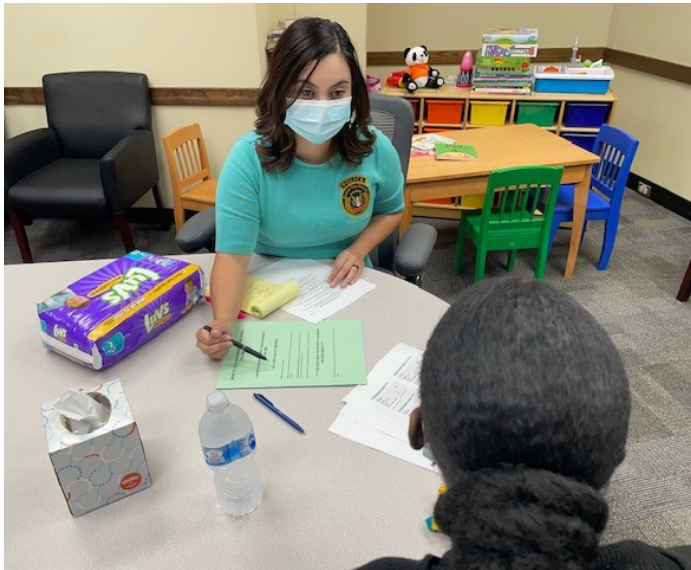
ILLEGAL DUMPING

Litter and dumping negatively affect resident quality of life. That is why the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, through Community Policing, worked as an active partner in the 2021 SOAR Initiative designed to combat illegal dumping.

Thanks to the efforts of Community Policing officers dedicated to this program, there were 50 arrests; 34 convictions in municipal court and 22 issued bench warrants. At the close of the year there were 60 active investigations.



Victim Services



**Victims Served
1,970**



**Orders of
Protection
975**

Victim Services assists and empowers crime victims by providing them the support and tools they need to overcome the trauma of victimization. Along with officers, our knowledgeable and compassionate professionals have more contact with crime victims in the immediate aftermath of a crime than any other criminal justice professional. In addition, they provide support to emergency first responders of Wyandotte County in order to enhance service to victims.

Some of the key ways in which Victim Services provides support include:

- Response (24/7) for victims' families in immediate aftermath of homicide
- Assistance in applying for protection from abuse orders (PFA)
- Accompanying victims to court hearings
- Assistance with completing crime victims' compensation applications
- Facilitating shelter placement
- Crisis intervention for victims
- Education and outreach to community

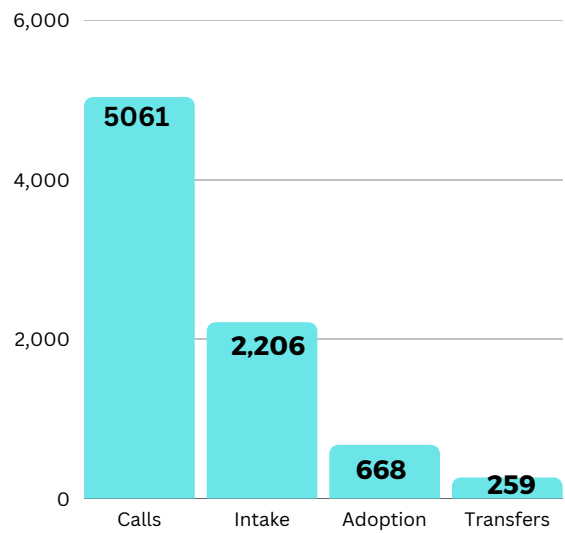
Other Highlights

- Responded to 39 homicide scenes to provide victim services to 102 survivors
- Accompanied 86 victims to file reports/detective interviews
- Provided crisis intervention to 111 victims
- Assisted 83 immigrant victims with U-Visa certifications
- Advocated on behalf of 21 victims to have cases upgraded from misdemeanors to felonies
- Outreach to 1,418 victims to advise them of their rights and available services
- Provided emergency hotel stays for 12 victims

Animal Services



2021 Statistics



Most Common Violations

- Running at Large (including livestock)
- No Registration
- Bites/Dangerous
- Neglect & Cruelty to Animals



Rescued Animals



Community Engagement



Community Liaison Established

In October, Chief Oakman named Captain Osvaldo Navarro as the first liaison dedicated to community outreach. Capt. Navarro works out of the Chief's Office at headquarters and is working on programming to launch in the new year including a citizens academy for Spanish speakers and a basic Spanish class for officers. He has already created and launched monthly Facebook Live in Spanish to engage our Spanish-speaking residents in conversation and offer special guests on a variety of topics. The live event broadcasts every first Wednesday of the month at 10 AM on the KCKPD Facebook page.



Police Athletic League (PAL)

Thanks to the generosity of volunteers and those who made financial contributions the PAL was able to provide a wide array of free programs for area youth. In 2021 they made 5,500 visits to the PAL for over 13,000 hours. Seventy-five percent of PAL kids come from households with a yearly income of \$50,000 or less and 52% from households with yearly income under \$30,000.



In 2021 one of the most impactful programs that launched was drivers education. The class, which is a combination of classroom and in-car training, is free to any PAL member between the ages of 15-18 who is a Kansas resident and is in good academic standing in school.

Just like other driver's education courses offered in the metro, students can take their certificate of completion to their local driver's license office to satisfy their driver's education requirement. The program was developed in partnership with Kansas City, Kansas Community College.

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