City of South Lake Tahoe
Police Advisory Commission
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 4:00 pm
City Hall - Council Chambers - 1901 Lisa Maloff Way, South Lake Tahoe

Police Advisory Commission
Erika Gonzalez, Chair
Alberto Manfredi, Vice Chair
Kelly Escobedo
Rebecca Sheff
John Messina

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Providing Public Comment at the time indicated by the Chair:

In Person: Every agenda for regular meetings provides an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the legislative body (Police Advisory Commission), on any item of public interest which is within the jurisdiction of the Police Advisory Commission during Public Communications. For items on the agenda or in connection with any item which the Police Advisory Commission will consider, the public is given the opportunity to comment before or during the Police Advisory Commission's consideration of the item [Government Code Section 54954.3(a)].

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In Writing: Written public comment regarding any item on this agenda may be sent to PublicComment@cityofslt.us. When emailing comments, identify the agenda item number in the subject line to which your comments relate. Any such comment that is a public record and is emailed to PublicComment@cityofslt.us or otherwise provided to a majority of the Police Advisory Commission 72 hours before the meeting will be made available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City Clerk's Office located at City Hall, 1901 Lisa Maloff Way, South Lake Tahoe [Government Code Section 54957.5(b)]. Written comments will not be read out loud during the meeting.

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Oath of Office
The City Clerk will administer the Oath of Office to new Commissioners.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Communications
This is the public's opportunity to speak on any topic NOT LISTED on this agenda. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes. In accordance with the Brown Act, the Police Advisory Commission cannot deliberate or vote on any matter raised under public communications but may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed. (Government Code Sections 54954.2)

Regular New Business

1. Chair and Vice Chair Selection for 2026
Requested Action / Suggested Motions: Pass a Motion selecting a Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.

2. Police Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
Requested Action / Suggested Motions: Pass a Motion approving the Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2025.
Responsible Staff Member(s): Susan Blankenship, City Clerk
10 29 2025 Police Advisory Commission Minutes

3. Police Advisory Commission 2026 Meeting Calendar
Requested Action / Suggested Motions: 1) Pass a Motion approving the 2026 Meeting Calendar; or, 2) Pass a Motion approving the 2026 Meeting Calendar with changes.
Responsible Staff Member(s): Chief Roberson and City Clerk Blankenship
2026 Police Advisory Commission Calendar.pdf

4. Vacation Home Rental Code Enforcement Process and Response.
Requested Action / Suggested Motions: Receive and file.
Responsible Staff Member(s): Sonia Wheeler, Community Service Officer Supervisor Ashley Galdi, Code Compliance Investigator
PAC- VHR Permitting and Enforcement Presentation
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5. School Resource Officer Report for 2025
Requested Action / Suggested Motions: Receive and file.
Responsible Staff Member(s): Tim Peterson, School Resource Officer
2026-02-11 PAC staff report SRO Report.docx
PAC Feb 2026 SRO.pptx

6. Police Department Use of Force Statistics 2025
Requested Action / Suggested Motions: Receive and File
Responsible Staff Member(s): Russell Liles, Police Operations Lieutenant
2026-02-11 PAC staff report UOF Report.docx
PAC Use of Force 2025 pptx

7. Police Department Annual Report 2025
   Requested Action / Suggested Motions: Receive and file.
   Responsible Staff Member(s): Doug Sentell, Police Lieutenant
   2026-02-11 PAC staff report PD annual report.docx
   2025 Annual Report Presentation

8. AB 481 Annual Report
   Requested Action / Suggested Motions: Receive and file
   Responsible Staff Member(s): Nick Carlquist, Detective Sergeant
   2026-02-11 PAC staff report AB481 Annual.docx
   AB481 PAC Presentation 2-11-26.pptx

Staff Reports

Commissioner Reports and Announcements
A Commissioner may request that an item be placed on a future agenda. Upon the support of one (1) additional Commissioner, direction shall be given to staff to calendar the item for a convenient future agenda.

Adjournment

I, Susan Blankenship, City Clerk for the City of South Lake Tahoe, declare that the foregoing agenda for the Wednesday, February 11, 2026, Police Advisory Commission meeting was posted and available for review on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at City Hall, 1901 Lisa Maloff Way, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. The agenda was also available on the city's website at https://www.cityofslt.us.

Signed February 5, 2026

\\sb\\ Susan Blankenship, City Clerk

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Police Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 4:00 pm
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Police Advisory Commission
Erika Gonzalez, Chair
Alberto Manfredi, Vice Chair
Justin Zunino
Valerie Smith
Kelly Escobedo

NOTE: The Meeting Minutes represent actions taken during the meeting of the PAC. Complete Commissioner discussions on Regular Session meeting items can be viewed in archived video recordings on the City's website at http://www.cityofslt.us *Public submittals on items can be reviewed in the staff reports contained in the agenda packet as permanent public record and can be viewed on the City's website at* http://www.cityofslt.us

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Gonzalez then led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call
Present for the record were Chair Gonzalez, Commissioners Smith and Manfredi. Commissioners Escobedo and Zunino were absent.

Also present were Police Chief Roberson, Assistant City Attorney Bardzell and City Clerk Blankenship.

Public Communications
None.

Regular New Business

1. Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2025
Motion/Second: Manfredi/Smith
Yes: Gonzalez, Smith, Manfredi
Absent: Zunino, Escobedo
Action: Passed a Motion approving the Minutes of August 6, 2025.

2. Police Chief Strategic Vision, Goals, and Values Requested
Action: Received and filed

3. Police Advisory Commission Annual Report 2025
Motion/Second: Gonzalez/Manfredi
Yes: Gonzalez, Manfredi, Smith

Absent: Junino, Escobedo
Action: Received report. Passed a Motion directing the Chair of the Police Advisory Commission to report to City Council on November 4, 2025, in support of the STAKS Program and Wellness program.

4. Replace MRAP with Law Enforcement Specific Rescue Vehicle
Action: Received and filed.

Staff Reports & Announcements

City Clerk Blankenship
1. Preparing 2026 Meeting Calendar for distribution prior to February meeting.

Chief Roberson
1. School Resource Officer Program
2. Medal of Valor to Boat Officers for events of June 21
3. VHR Program staff received City Sugarpine Award
4. Officer Field Training Program completions
5. Addition of second CSO Supervisor and one CSO position to fill
6. Addition of Ninth Dispatcher
7. Parking Garage Upgrade Phase 2 completed
8. Lieutenant and Seargent Promotions
9. New Detectives settling in well
10. September 11 joint operation with Federal Officers targeting drugs, guns, and ties to cartel
11. Participated in 9/11 Memorial at the American Legion
12. October 17 recognized 10 year anniversary of the loss Officer Hounsell and his wife
13. Police will be at Heavenly Village on Halloween Trunk or Treat Event
14. Shop with a Cop Event in December

Commissioner Reports & Announcements

Chair Gonzalez
1. Requested a report on VHR Enforcement (Smith Seconded)
2. Requested RIPA Data presentation at the February or June meeting (Manfredi Seconded)

Commissioner Smith
1. Requested a Report on Human Trafficking (Manfredi seconded)

Adjournment
At 5:52 p.m. Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting.

Approved:

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Erika Gonzalez, Chair

Attest:

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Susan Blankenship, City Clerk

The presence of electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the South Lake Tahoe Police Advisory Commission.

2026 Police Advisory Commission Regular Meeting Schedule
City Hall – City Council Chamber
1901 Lisa Maloff Way, South Lake Tahoe

All meetings shall begin at 4 p.m., unless otherwise noted

January 2026						
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2026 Holidays:	
January 1	New Year's Day
January 19	MLK Day
February 16	President's Day
May 25	Memorial Day
June 19	Juneteenth
July 3	July 4th Observed
September 7	Labor Day
October 12	Indigenous People's Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24 & 25	Christmas Holiday

Exhibit A



VHR PERMITTING AND ENFORCEMENT

CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

POLICE OFFICER
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE
POLICE DEPT.
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AGENDA

3-7	VHR PERMITTING AND COMPLIANCE – Presented by Ashley
8-10	VHR ENFORCEMENT – Presented by Sonia and Syed

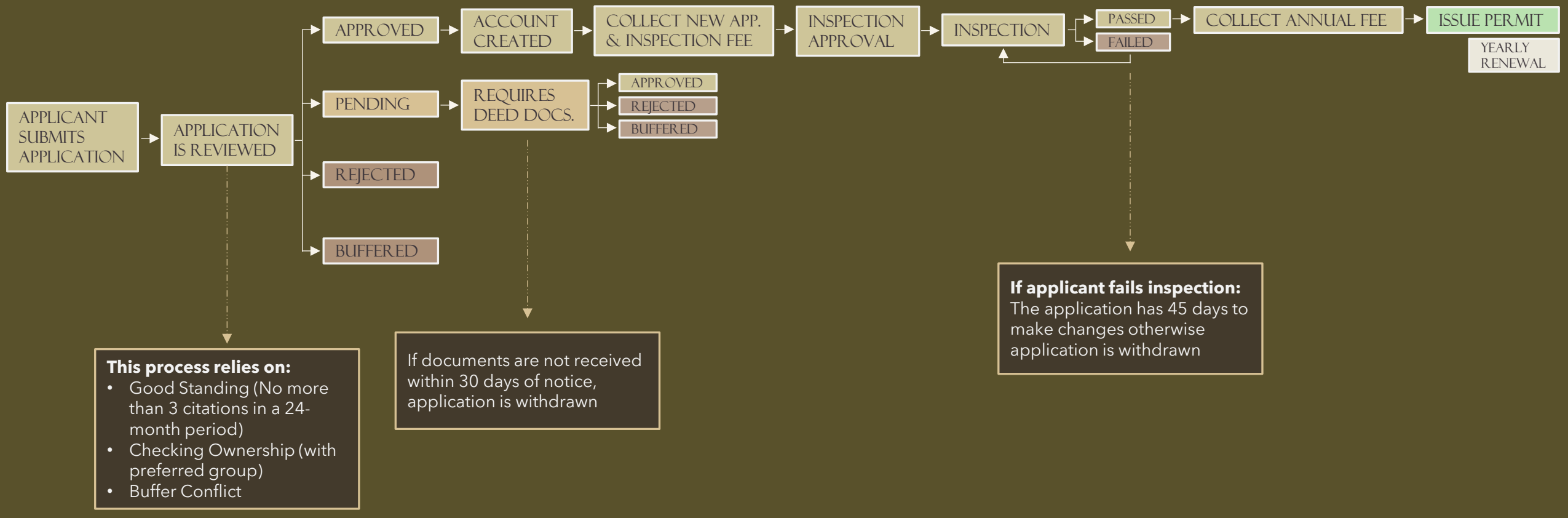
- Handle all VHR applications and payments (new, renewal, hosted)
- Provide regular VHR updates to City staff
- Update VHR webpage on the city website
- Review, track, monitor, and issue VHR permits
  - Use Excel, HDL, and maintain documentation
  - Ensure transparency and accuracy in reporting
- Investigate properties for compliance with city code
- Investigate complaints
- Issue Administrative Citations
- Manage appeal hearing materials for VHR's and participate in proceedings
- Works closely with administrative staff and divisional staff within the City

- OVERVIEW -
CODE COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATOR

PROCESSING TIMELINE

JUNE 23RD, 2025 – JANUARY 29TH, 2026

AT ANY TIME OR STEP, AN APPLICATION CAN BE BUFFERED OUT



This process relies on:

- Good Standing (No more than 3 citations in a 24-month period)
- Checking Ownership (with preferred group)
- Buffer Conflict

If documents are not received within 30 days of notice, application is withdrawn

If applicant fails inspection:
The application has 45 days to make changes otherwise application is withdrawn

TRACKING

- Application
  - Permit Status
    - Active
    - Pending
    - Withdrawn
    - Rejected
    - Revoked
  - Application information
  - Email steps (applicant progress)
  - Good Standing

- All VHR Permits and Hosted Rentals (for all zones)
- Voicemails / Emails
- Refunds
- VHR Complaint Sheet

HDL Tracking (small portion represented)

333237 - 1340 WILDWOOD AVE VACATION RENTAL					
Date	User	Type	Original Value	New Value	Description
9/24/2025	Ashley Galdi	Email Sent	[redacted]		
9/24/2025	Ashley Galdi	Fee Removed	[redacted]		
9/24/2025	Ashley Galdi	Fee Added		[redacted]	
9/24/2025	Ashley Galdi	Cloud Account Edited	[redacted]	[redacted]	
9/24/2025	Ashley Galdi	Cloud Contact Address Edited	[redacted]	[redacted]	
9/24/2025	Ashley Galdi	Cloud Account Created			
9/24/2025	Ashley Galdi	Cloud Account Edited	[redacted]	[redacted]	
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9/24/2025	Ashley Galdi	Cloud Account Edited	[redacted]	[redacted]	
11/3/2025	Ashley Galdi	Email Sent	[redacted]		
11/3/2025	Ashley Galdi	Fee Added		[redacted]	
10/9/2025	VHR Permit Tech	Email Sent	[redacted]		
10/9/2025	System	Transaction Added		[redacted]	
10/9/2025	Ashley Galdi	License Status Changed	[redacted]		

Excel Tracking (small portion represented)

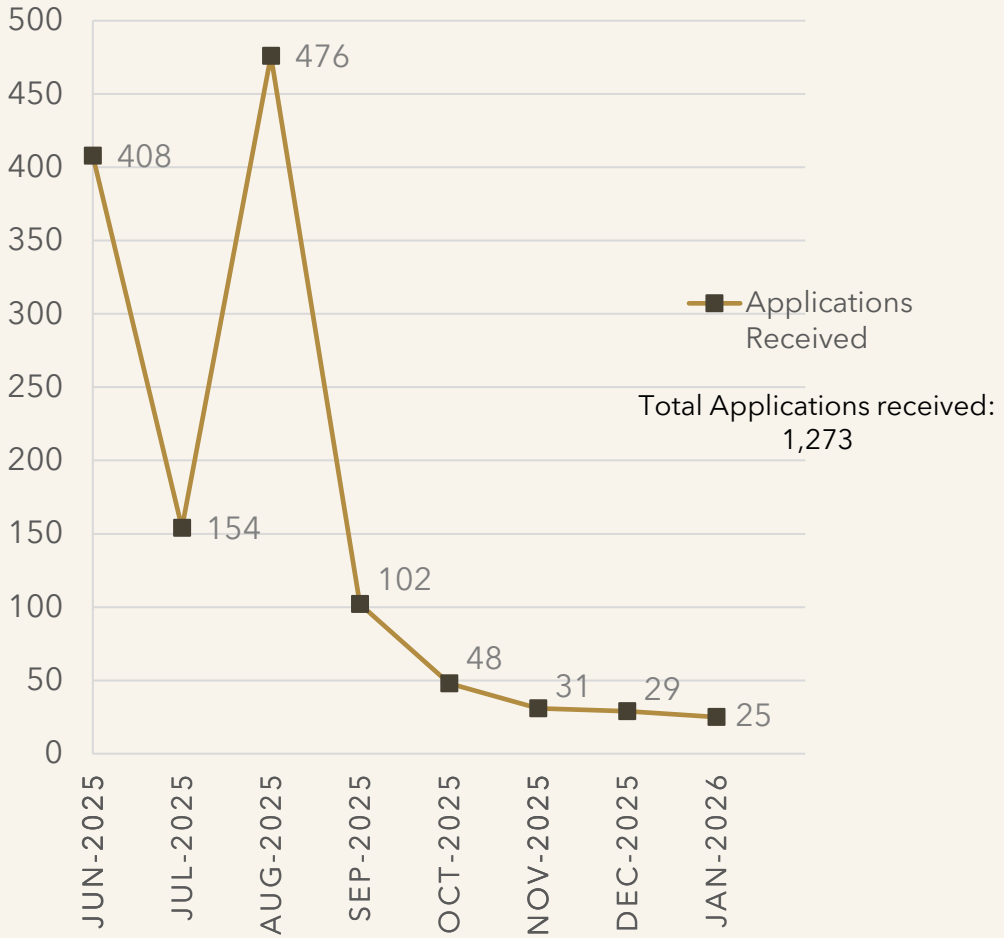
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Application Information								New Permit Info		Email Steps									
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354	1023	9/4/2025	Wander Inn Tahoe	[redacted]	1197 JOBS PEAK DR, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA	Issued	[redacted]	333304	VHR OWNER MANAGED, OUTSIDE REDEVEL 2	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐	☑	☑
355	1024	9/4/2025	Enzo Global LLC		3259 MARLETTE CIR, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA	Accepted		333305	VHR OWNER MANAGED, OUTSIDE REDEVEL 2	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐	☑	☐
356	1025	9/4/2025	Tahoe Townhouse		2335 SKY MEADOWS CT, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA	Buffered Out				☑	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
357	1026	9/5/2025	Mohawk		1026 MOHAWK ST, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA 96150-	Rejected				☑	☐	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
358	1027	9/5/2025	Andrade Family Cabin		3829 SADDLE RD, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA 96150-8685	Buffered Out				☑	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
359	1028	9/5/2025	918 Tahoe Island		918 TAHOE ISLAND DR, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA	Accepted		333306	VHR OWNER MANAGED, OUTSIDE REDEVEL 2	☑	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☑	☑	☐

PERMIT NUMBERS – CURRENT

FROM JUNE 23RD, 2025 – JANUARY 29TH, 2026

APPLICATIONS



Total Applications received: 1,273

PERMITS ISSUED

In Residential and Commercial Zones

371

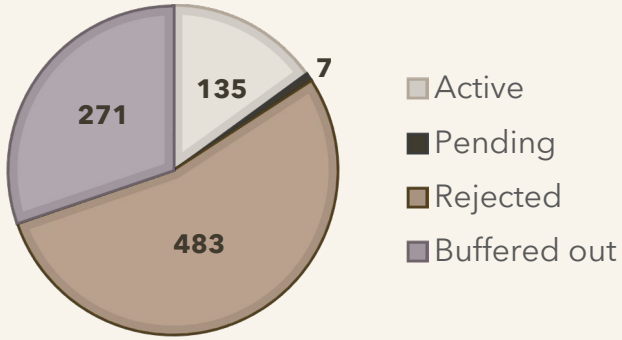
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PERMITS REJECTED

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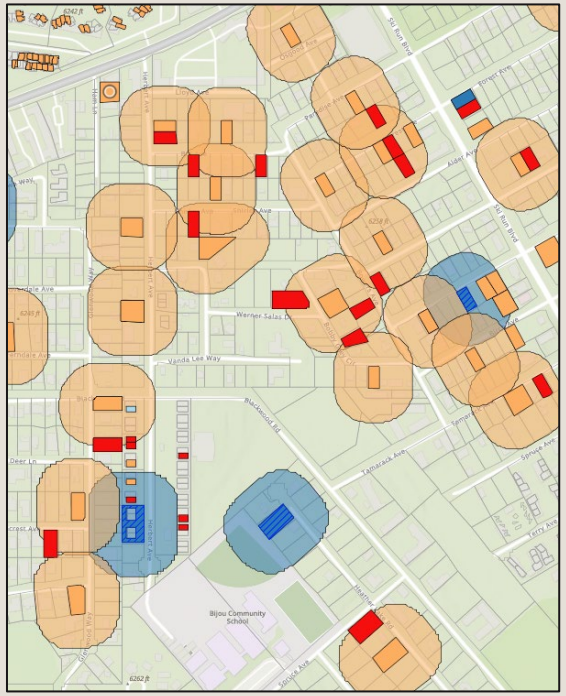


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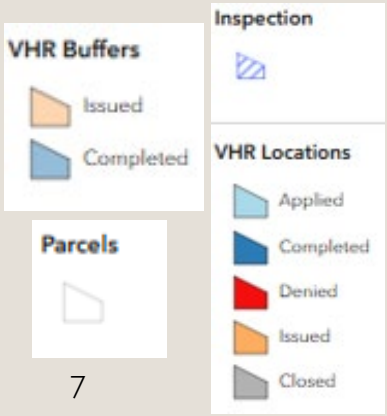
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BUFFER MAP

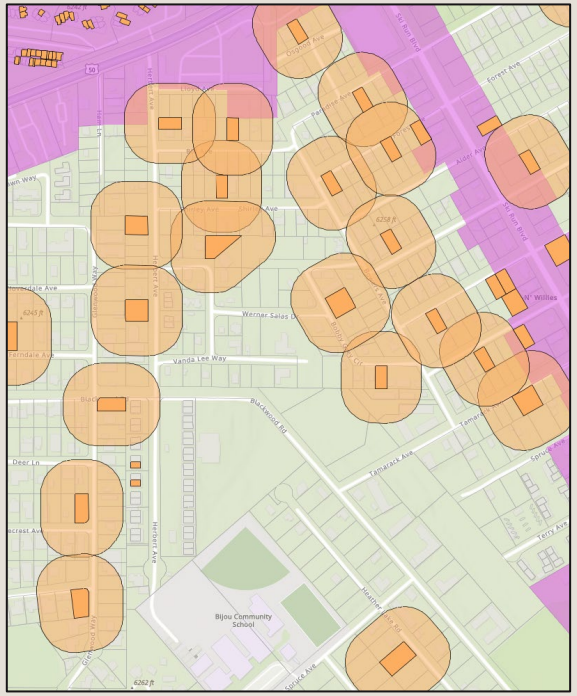
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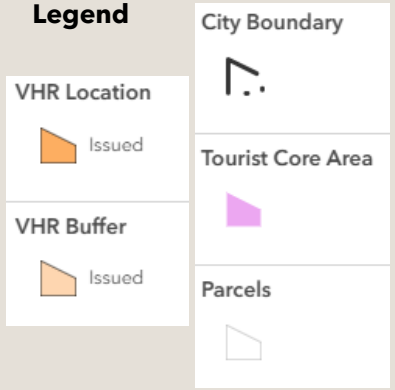
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Public View



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VHR COMPLAINT REPORT

Date	Source of Complaint	Property Address	Reported Complaint	Enforcement	Resolution	Incident # RIMS
4/8/2025	PD Initiated	3583 Betty Rae Ln	Unpermitted Rental	Citation issued.	Fine Paid	2504080022
4/15/2025	PD Initiated	703 Roger Ave	Unpermitted Rental	Citation issued.	Unpaid Fines/Not in Compliance	2504150025
4/15/2025	PD Initiated	3633 Mackedie Way	Hosted Rental Violations	Citation issued.	Fine Paid	2504150041
5/13/2025	PD Initiated	870 Merced Ave	VHR Call/ Report	Follow up	No Violation Found on Scene/No Action Required	2505130024
6/7/2025	Phone Complaint	3259 Marlette Cir	VHR Parking Violation	Follow up	No Violation Found on Scene/No Action Required	2506070064
7/6/2025	CSO Onview	2684 Knox Ave	VHR Hot tub Violation	Follow up	No Violation Found on Scene/No Action Required	2507060098
8/22/2025	CSO Onview	1475 Bonita Rd	VHR Signage Violation	Warning issued.	No Violation Found on Scene/No Action Required	2508220034
8/23/2025	PD Initiated	561 Danube Dr	Unpermitted Rental	Citation issued.	Fine Paid	2508230049

Caller (if applicable)	Caller Phone	Permit #(if applicab	Property Owner	Property Owner contact info

Calls for service, complaints, violations

Report posted on the city website to provide transparency to Tahoe residents

- Oversees the CSO division (8 Community Service Officers and 4 Parking Ambassadors)
- Handles violations within the City Code (A few named below):
  - Nuisances (ex. Sunray, Old Chevy's)
  - Abandoned Vehicles
  - Taxicab vehicles and drivers
  - Assisting police with traffic control and road closures.
  - Massage Parlors
  - Parking Violations
  - VHR enforcement
- Manage and participate in appeal hearings related to materials for CSO's and violations of the California Vehicle Code
- Training CSO's to ensure local ordinances, safety regulations, and compliance standards are applied consistently, fairly, and effectively.
- Encourage strong, confident, and accountable enforcement professionals.
- Refer and schedule out of station trainings for further career growth
- Handle rotational contracts for tow truck companies that operate in the city and respond to the Police Department.

- OVERVIEW -
CSO SUPERVISORS

ENFORCEMENT AND CITATIONS

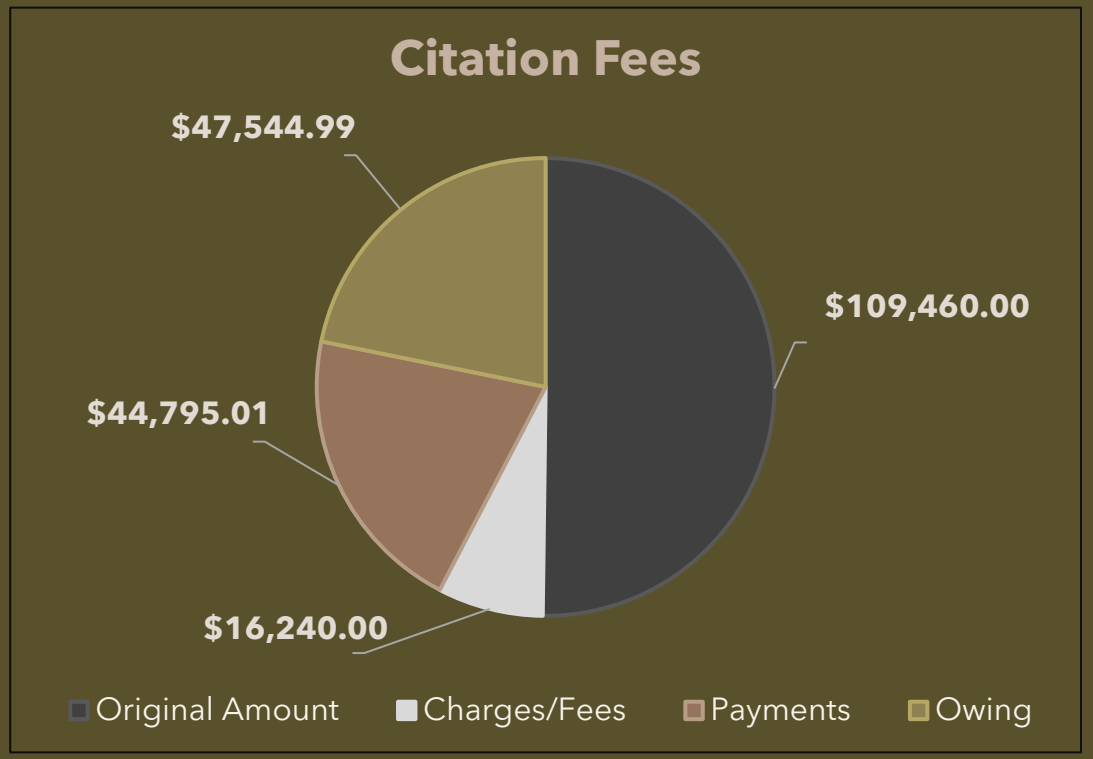
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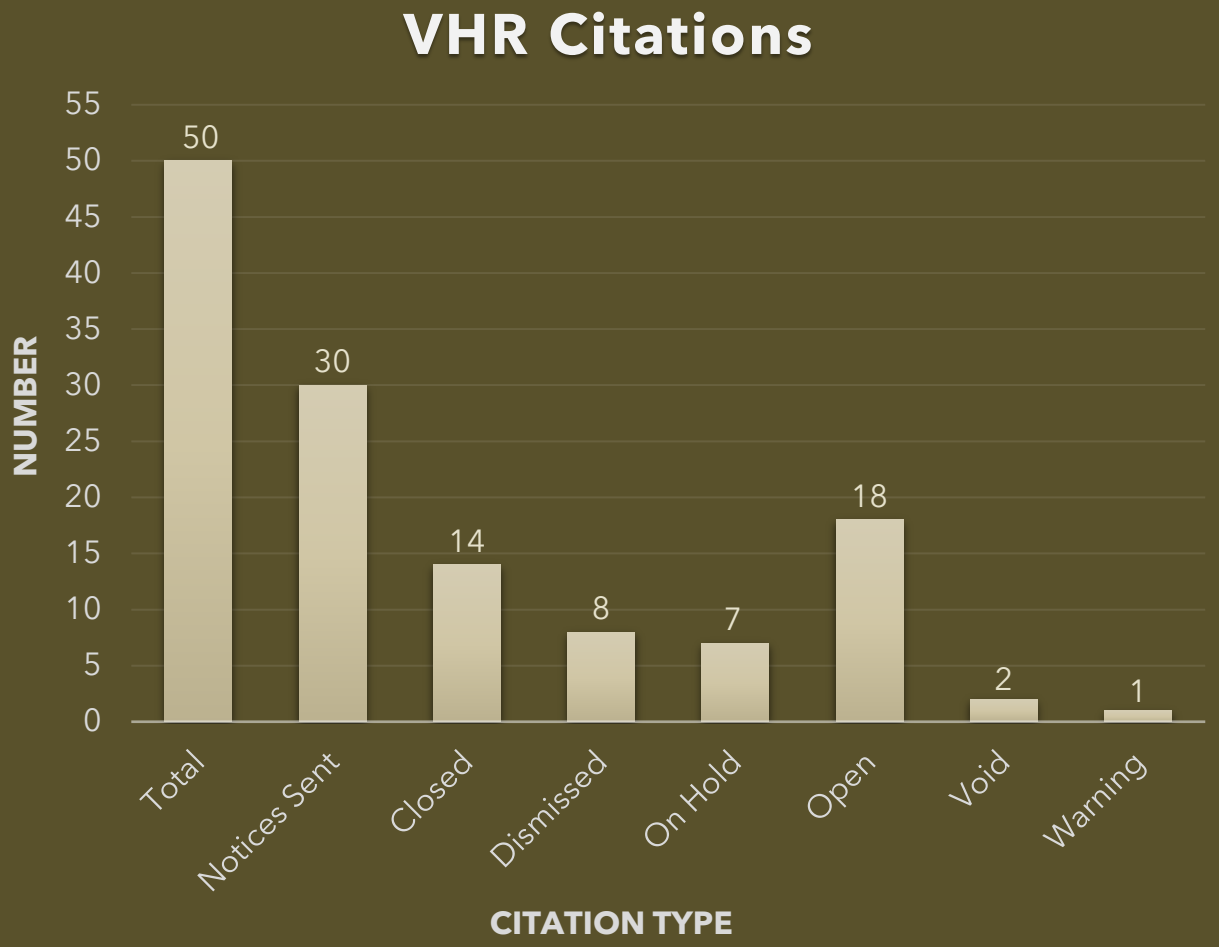
COMPLAINTS & CITATIONS	▪ The department has received and responded to approximately 67 VHR complaints, resulting in 50 administrative citations.
DENIED APPEALS	▪ Three properties that were denied a VHR permit were due to 3 or more outstanding citations in a 24-month period. The property owner(s) appealed this decision to the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission upheld all 3 appeals, ruling in favor of the City.
CATEGORIES OF VIOLATIONS	▪ Renting without a permit ▪ Noise disturbances ▪ Over allowed number of vehicles ▪ Over allowed number of occupants ▪ Hot tub use after hours ▪ Exterior signage ▪ Trash

CITATIONS

VIOLATIONS RELATED TO VHRS:

- Renting without a permit
- Noise disturbances
- Over allowed number of vehicles
- Over allowed number of occupants
- Hot tub use after hours
- Exterior signage
- Trash







THANK YOU

CITY OF
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

POLICE OFFICER
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE
POLICE DEPT.
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City of South Lake Tahoe
Report to Police Advisory Commission

Meeting Date: February 11, 2026

Title: Vacation Home Rental Code Enforcement Process and Response

Location: Police Department

Responsible Staff Members: CSO Supervisor Sonia Wheeler and
Code Compliance Investigator Ashely Galdi

Background: Vacation Home Rentals (VHRs) have a storied history in South Lake Tahoe. Measure T was a citizen lead initiative that resulted in the limitation of VHRs in South Lake Tahoe. Specifically, Measure T, limited VHRs to specific areas of the city, was eventually overturned by the El Dorado Superior Court.

This reversal by the court resulted in the prior VHR city code being modified at the direction of City Council. The code change addressed how prior permitted VHRs could apply for a new permit, limited the number of VHRs within the city, increased the penalties for VHR violation, and added personnel to address the Council's concern with the enforcement of VHR violations.

Issue and Discussion: The Police Advisory Commission requested that the process for and response to VHR violation enforcement be presented to the PAC. This presentation will be made by CSO Supervisor Sonia Wheeler and Code Compliance Investigator Ashley Galdi.

Financial Implications: There is no financial cost to the city resulting from this reporting.

Environmental Considerations: This is not a "project" subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) (creation of government funding mechanisms or government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment).

Policy Implications: The Community Services Division of the police department handles VHR applications, permitting, and enforcement. This work supports City Council Strategic Priority Two: Efficient Government, Priority Three: Ensure Public Safety, and Priority Four: Grow and Diversity the Economy.

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Report to Police Advisory Commission

Meeting Date: February 11, 2026

Title: School Resource Officer (SRO) Update

Location: Police Department

Responsible Staff Members: Tim Peterson, School Resource Officer

Background: At the February 12, 2025 Police Advisory Commission meeting an update report on the School Resource Officer program was requested by the Commission. Chief Stevenson (retired) indicated that report was planned for the August 2025 PAC meeting. The SRO was on vacation during that meeting as well as the subsequent October 2025 PAC meeting.

Issue and Discussion: The Police Department and the Lake Tahoe Unified School District have partnered since the 1980s to have a School Resource Officer program. The program in its current configuration consists of one full time SRO committed to the LTUSD during the school year. The current SRO is Officer Tim Peterson. Officer Peterson will provide an overview of the SRO program, his role, and some statistics related to the program.

Financial Implications: There is no additional burden to the general fund for the School Resource Officer. This position has been budgeted as an existing allocated position for the Police Department. The Lake Tahoe Unified School District does share the cost with the City and reimbursed the Police Department in an amount up to $82,484.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Environmental Considerations: This is not a “project” subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) (creation of government funding mechanisms or government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment).

Policy Implications: This agreement between the Police Department and the LTUSD in providing an SRO supports City Council Strategic Priority Three, Ensuring Public Safety.

CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

Police Advisory Commission

South Lake Tahoe Police Department

School Resource Officer Report
February 11th, 2026

School Resource Officer (SRO) Duties

- Campus Safety and Law Enforcement
- Safety Planning and Threat Assessment
- Incident Investigation
- Collaborative Education
- Mentoring and Counseling
- Community Liaison
- Extracurricular Engagement

2025 Statistics

- South Tahoe High School
  - Reports: 37
  - Incidents: 170
  - Citations:28
- Mount Tallac High School
  - Reports: 3
  - Incidents: 47
- South Tahoe Middle School:
  - Reports: 19
  - Incidents: 148
  - Citations: 5
- Tahoe Valley Elementary
  - Reports: 2
  - Incidents: 23
- Bijou Elementary
  - Reports: 2
  - Incidents: 26

- Arrests
  - Custodial Arrest: 3
  - Cite and Release: 29
- Non-Enforcement Action
  - Documentation Report: 20

Incidents of Note

- March 2025 – Middle school student threatened and pushed SRO
- April 2025 – Student possessed knife at STHS
- May 2025 – Video showed student searching rooms with pretend rifle
- June 2025 – Dog attacked STMS student on way to school
- September 2025 – Parent attempted to fight a student on campus at STHS.

Performance Highlights

- High school senior project mentor
- Panel member for LTUSD E-Bike Community Conversation
- Member of LTUSD Bike Safety Committee
- E-bike safety and education assemblies
- Targeted law education to e-bike riders at middle and high schools.
- Licensed driver enforcement at STHS
- Numbered parking and parking permits at STHS
- Participated in Cub Scout Local Heros event
- Participated in Career Day with home school students



City of South Lake Tahoe
Report to Police Advisory Commission

Meeting Date: February 11, 2026

Title: Police Department Use of Force Statistics, 2025

Location: Police Department

Responsible Staff Members: Russell Liles, Operations Lieutenant

Background: The Use of Force Statistics has been an annual request from the Police Advisory Commission. This report follows on a similar report from 2023.

Issue and Discussion: Force is defined by (Dec 2025 version) SLTPD Manual section 300.1.1 as "The application of physical techniques or tactics, chemical agents, or weapons to another person. It is not a use of force when a person allows him/herself to be searched, escorted, handcuffed, or restrained."

The use of force statistics used in this report are from Jan 1, 2025 through Dec 31, 2025. During that time the police department handled 26,405 calls for service. Of those calls for service there were 39 documented uses of force, that represents use in 1/15th of one percent of all calls. Force was applied to 21 white subjects, 11 Hispanic subjects, 4 Asian/Pacific Islander subjects, and 3 black subjects. 32 of these subjects were male and 7 were female.

Financial Implications: There is no financial implication from generating this report.

Environmental Considerations: This is not a "project" subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) (creation of government funding mechanisms or government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment).

Policy Implications: This report supports City Council Strategic Priority Three, Ensuring Public Safety.



Police Advisory Commission Report on Uses of Force

February 11, 2026

Lt. Russell Liles

What is Force ?

Force - The application of physical techniques or tactics, chemical agents, or weapons to another person.

Note: It is not a use of force when a person allows him/herself to be searched, escorted, handcuffed, or restrained.

Source: SLTPD Policy section: 300.1.1

So… when can Force be used ?

- To effect a lawful arrest, detention or search
- To overcome resistance or to prevent escape
- To prevent the commission of a public offense
- In defense of others or in self-defense
- To gain compliance with a lawful order

Source: CA POST Use of Force Standards and Guidelines , 2021, Page 12

Standards

Case Laws
- *Graham v Connor*
- *Tennessee v Garner*
- *Hayes v San Diego*

California Statutes
- *Penal Code 835a*
- *Government Code 7286*

Policy
- *SLTPD section 300*





LEXIPOL

Graham v Connor

November 12, 1984

The "reasonableness" of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight

“The calculus of reasonableness must embody allowance for the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments—in circumstances that are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving—about the amount of force that is necessary in a particular situation.”

Tennessee v Garner

October 3, 1974

"The use of deadly force to prevent the escape of all felony suspects, whatever the circumstances, is constitutionally unreasonable…

- Prevent the escape and suspect poses a significant threat of death or serious physical injury to the officer or others

- Deadly force considered seizure under Fourth Amendment.

- "totality of the circumstances" on Fourth Amendment cases.

Hayes v San Diego

August 13, 2013

"Law enforcement personnel's tactical conduct and decisions preceding the use of deadly force are relevant considerations under California Law in determining whether the use of deadly force gives rise to negligence liability. "

PC 835

835a. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(1) That the authority to use physical force, conferred on peace officers by this section, is a serious responsibility that shall be exercised judiciously and with respect for human rights and dignity and for the sanctity of every human life. The Legislature further finds and declares that every person has a right to be free from excessive use of force by officers acting under color of law.

PC 835

a(a)(4) - That the decision by a peace officer to use force shall be evaluated from the perspective of a reasonable officer in the same situation, based on the totality of the circumstances known to or perceived by the officer at the time, rather than with the benefit of hindsight, and that the totality of the circumstances shall account for occasions when officers may be forced to make quick judgments about using force.

PC 835

(1) “Deadly force” means any use of force that creates a substantial risk of causing death or serious bodily injury, including, but not limited to, the discharge of a firearm.

(2) A threat of death or serious bodily injury is “imminent” when, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable officer in the same situation would believe that a person has the present ability, opportunity, and apparent intent to immediately cause death or serious bodily injury to the peace officer or another person. An imminent harm is not merely a fear of future harm, no matter how great the fear and no matter how great the likelihood of the harm, but is one that, from appearances, must be instantly confronted and addressed.

(3) “Totality of the circumstances” means all facts known to the peace officer at the time, including the conduct of the officer and the subject leading up to the use of deadly force.

PC 835

A(a)(5) That individuals with physical, mental health, developmental, or intellectual disabilities are significantly more likely to experience greater levels of physical force during police interactions, as their disability may affect their ability to understand or comply with commands from peace officers. It is estimated that individuals with disabilities are involved in between one-third and one-half of all fatal encounters with law enforcement.

B(2) A peace officer shall not use deadly force against a person based on the danger that person poses to themselves, if an objectively reasonable officer would believe the person does not pose an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the peace officer or to another person.

Government Code 7286

- b(1) - A requirement that officers utilize de-escalation techniques, crisis intervention tactics, and other alternatives to force when feasible.

- b(3) A requirement that officers immediately report potential excessive force to a superior officer when present and observing another officer using force that the officer believes to be beyond that which is necessary, as determined by an objectively reasonable officer under the circumstances based upon the totality of information actually known to the officer.

- b(15) A requirement that officers promptly provide, if properly trained, or otherwise promptly procure medical assistance for persons injured in a use of force incident, when reasonable and safe to do so.

SLTPD Use of Force Reporting

SLTPD Policy 300.5

-300.5 REPORTING THE USE OF FORCE Any use of force by a member of this department shall be documented promptly, completely, and accurately in an appropriate report, depending on the nature of the incident. The officer should articulate the factors perceived and why he/she believed the use of force was reasonable under the circumstances. To collect data for purposes of training, resource allocation, analysis, and related purposes, the Department may require the completion of additional report forms, as specified in department policy, procedure, or law. See the Report Preparation Policy for additional circumstances that may require documentation. 300.5.1

When to Report ???

Any use of force by an officer shall be reported immediately to a supervisor, including but not limited to the following circumstances (Penal Code § 832.13):

- (a) The application caused a visible injury.
- (b) The application would lead a reasonable officer to conclude that the individual may have experienced more than momentary discomfort.
- (c) The individual subjected to the force complained of injury or continuing pain.
- (d) The individual indicates intent to pursue litigation.
- (e) Any application of a TASER device or control device.
- (f) Any application of a restraint device other than handcuffs, shackles, or belly chains.
- (g) The individual subjected to the force was rendered unconscious.
- (h) An individual was struck or kicked.
- (i) An individual alleges unreasonable force was used or that any of the above has occurred.

Uses of Force SLTPD
2025

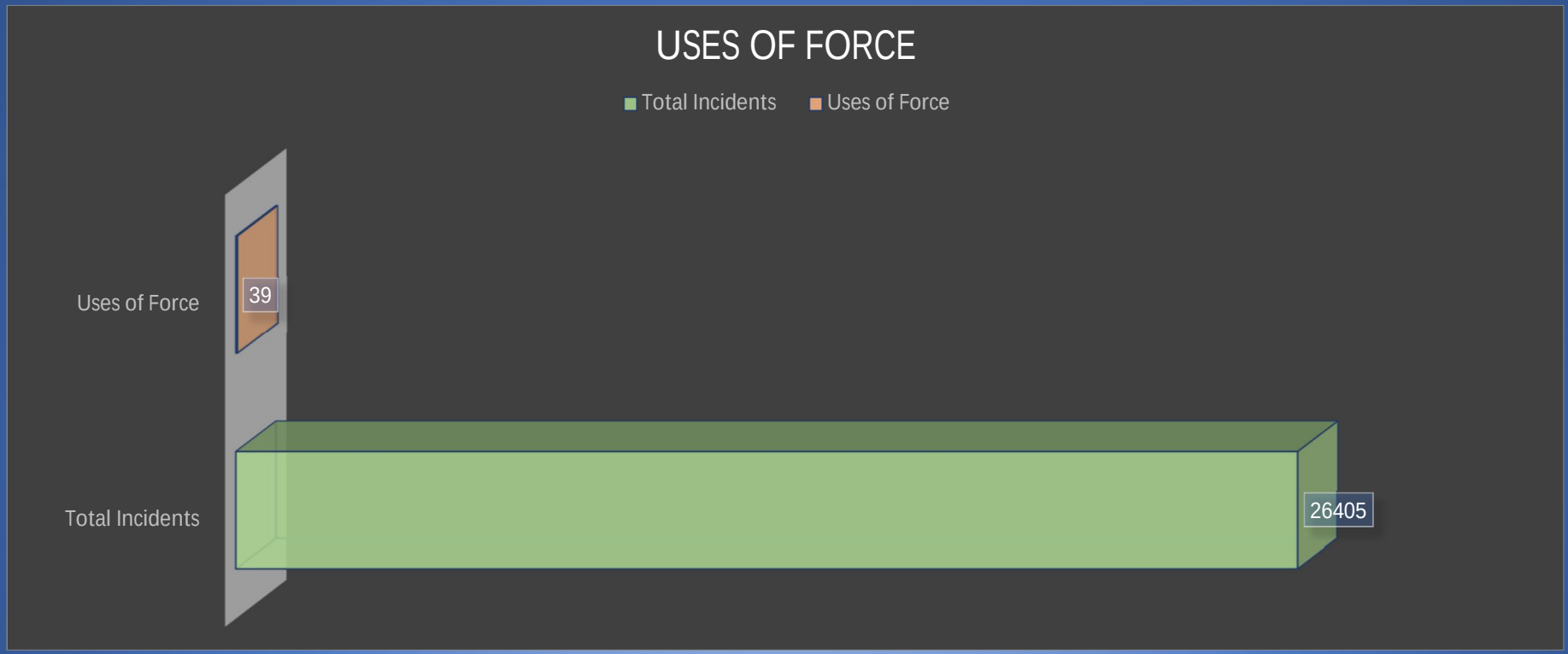
Total Incidents
- 26,405
- 39 Uses of Force (.15%)

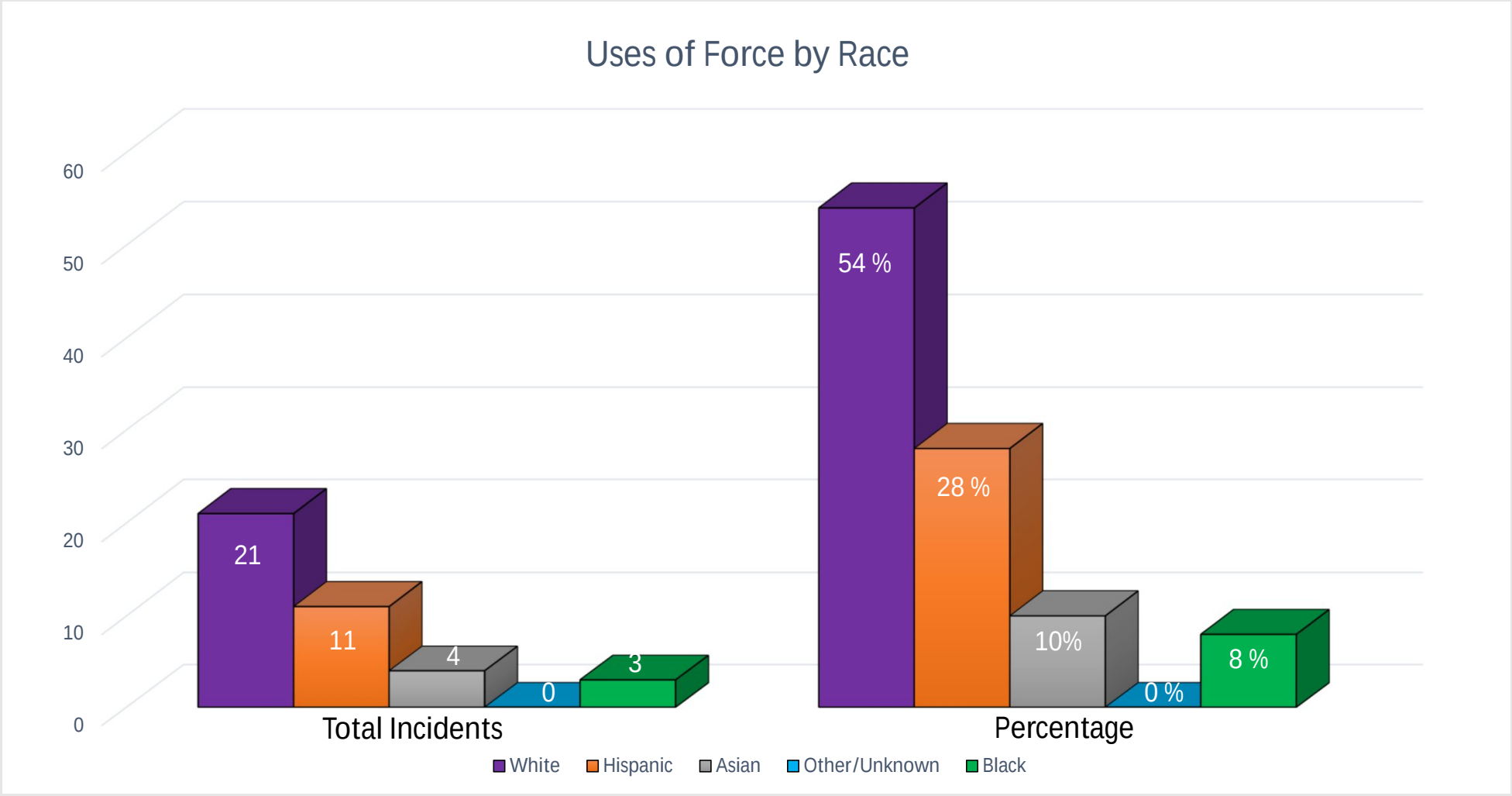
Injuries
- 22 Suspects
- 12 Officers

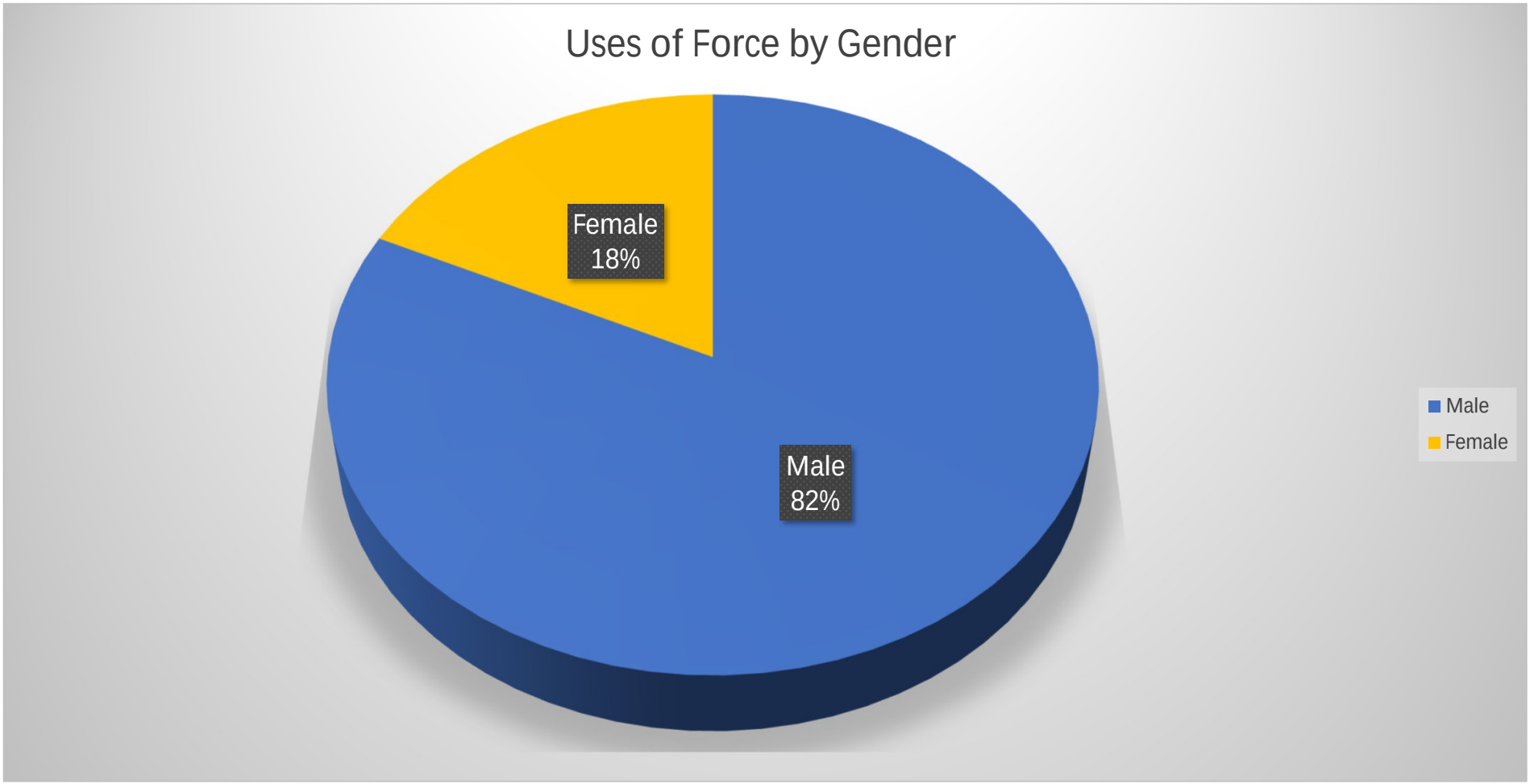
Suspects
- 32 Males
- 07 Females

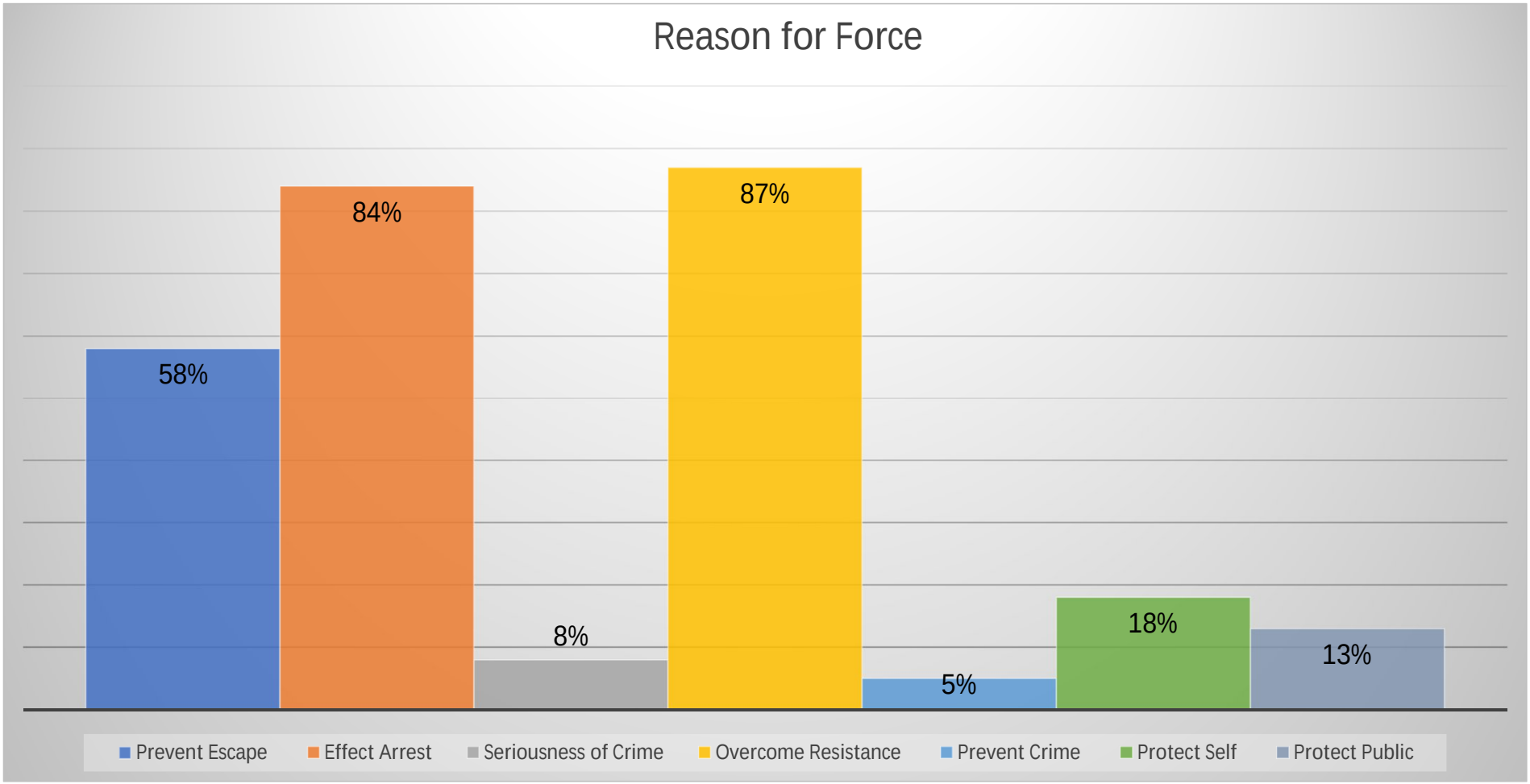
- 21 White
- 11 Hispanic
- 04 Asian/Pacific Islander
- 03 Black

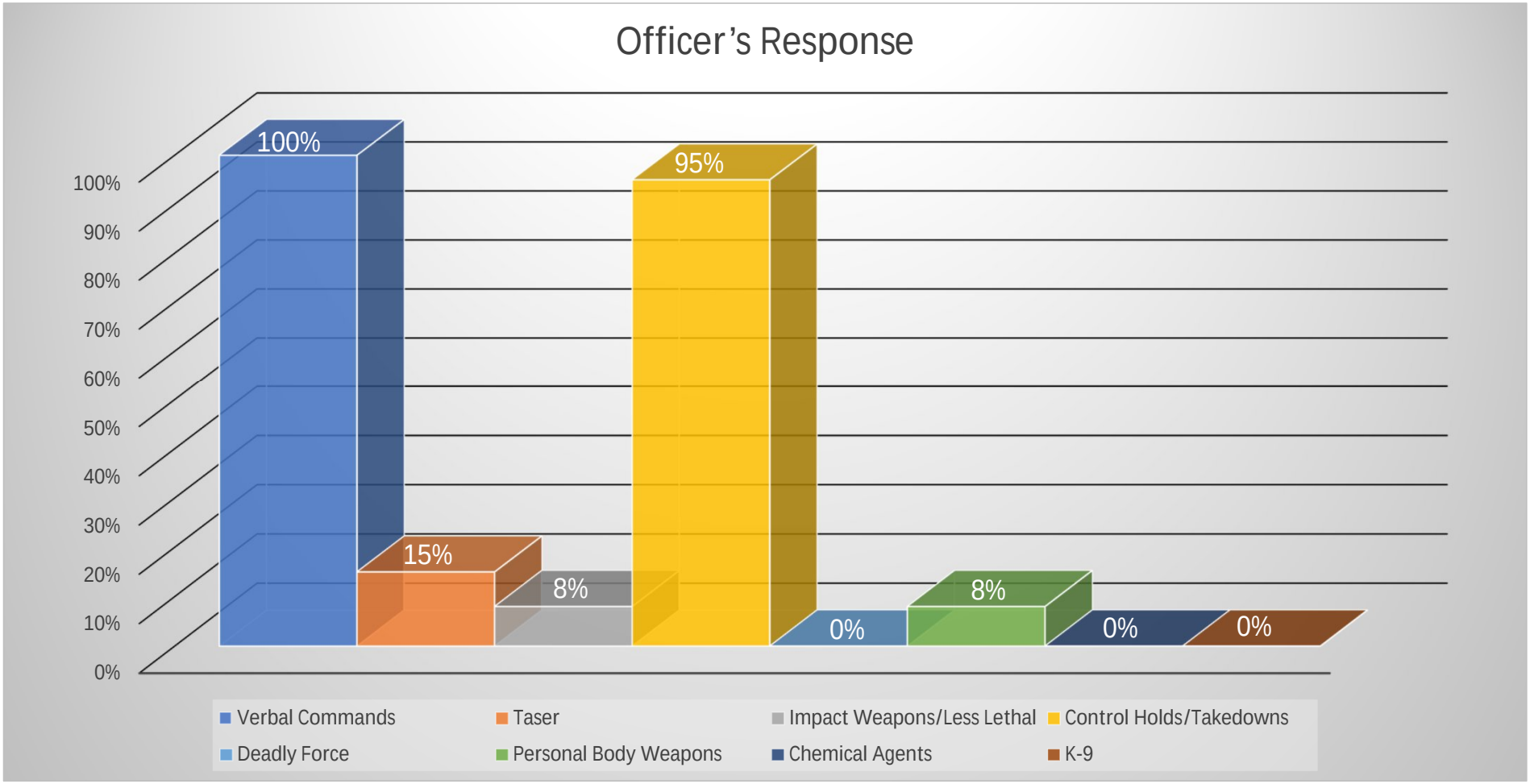
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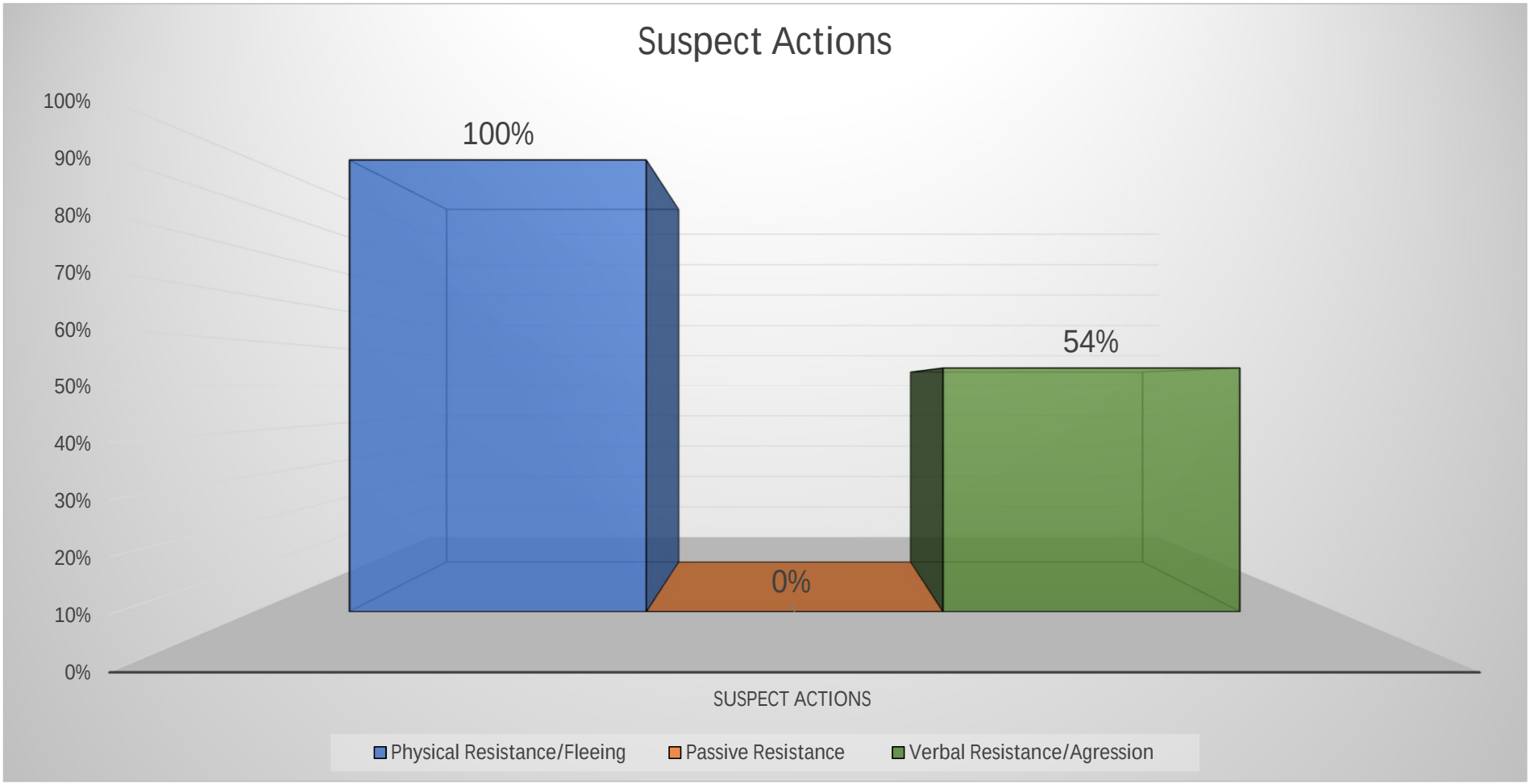

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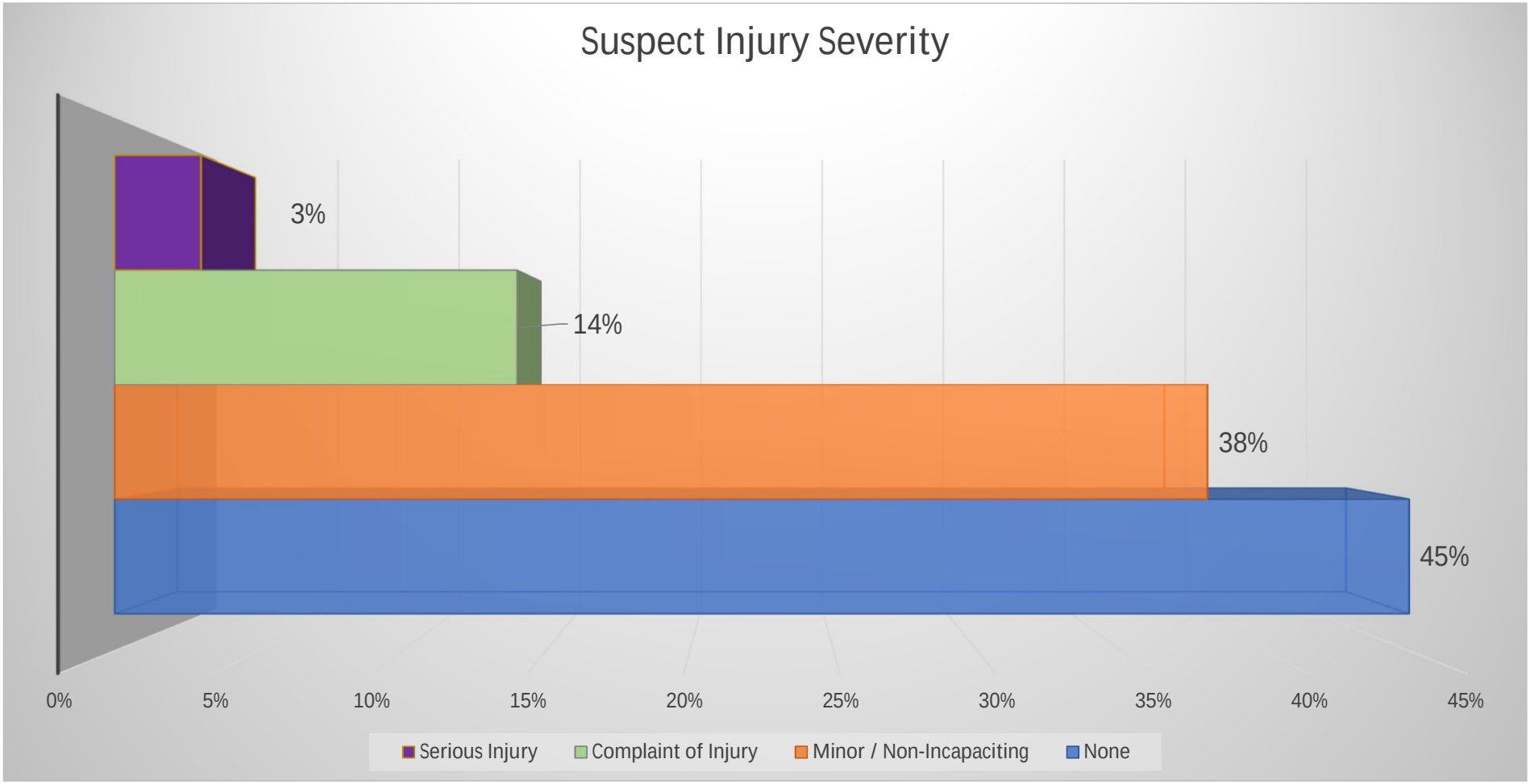

Uses of Force by Race
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
21
11
4
0
3
54 %
28 %
10%
0 %
8 %
Total Incidents
Percentage
White
Hispanic
Asian
Other/Unknown
Black


Uses of Force by Gender
Female
18%
Male
82%
Male
Female


Reason for Force
58%
84%
8%
87%
5%
18%
13%
Prevent Escape
Effect Arrest
Seriousness of Crime
Overcome Resistance
Prevent Crime
Protect Self
Protect Public


Officer's Response
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
0%
100%
15%
8%
95%
0%
8%
0%
0%
Verbal Commands
Taser
Impact Weapons/Less Lethal
Control Holds/Takedowns
Deadly Force
Personal Body Weapons
Chemical Agents
K-9


Suspect Actions
100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
40%
30%
20%
10%
0%
100%
0%
54%
SUSPECT ACTIONS
Physical Resistance/Fleeing
Passive Resistance
Verbal Resistance/Agression


Suspect Injury Severity
3%
14%
38%
45%
0%
5%
10%
15%
20%
25%
30%
35%
40%
45%
Serious Injury
Complaint of Injury
Minor / Non-Incapaciting
None



Thank You

Questions?

City of South Lake Tahoe
Report to Police Advisory Commission

Meeting Date: February 11, 2026

Title: Police Department 2025 Annual Report

Location: Citywide

Responsible Staff Members: Doug Sentell, Police Lieutenant

Background: The Police Department began producing an annual report in 2020. This will be the sixth annual report and is for calendar year 2025.

Issue and Discussion: The 2025 Annual Report highlights accomplishments, police response statistics, joint dispatch center statistics, and other Police Department events for the year. This report is scheduled to be presented to City Council on March 10, 2026. It is being presented today for review by the Police Advisory Commission.

Financial Implications: None.

Environmental Considerations: This is not a "project" subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) (creation of government funding mechanisms or government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment).

Policy Implications: Documenting the accomplishments and highlights of the last year supports City Council Strategic Priority Three, Ensuring Public Safety.



SOUTH LAKE TAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2025

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA



CHIEF JEFF ROBERSON

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

MISSION STATEMENT

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY, TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY, PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN SOLVING NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS, AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR CITY.

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO REVIEW THE SOUTH LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2025 ANNUAL REPORT. THIS REPORT WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH A SNAPSHOT OF THE WORK WE DID AND HOW WE DID IT IN 2025.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO THANK NOW-RETIRED CHIEF DAVE STEVENSON FOR HIS 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SOUTH LAKE TAHOE COMMUNITY. CHIEF STEVENSON RETIRED ON JUNE 6TH, LEAVING BEHIND A STRONG LEGACY OF COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH HIM FOR 22 YEARS IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES. AS WE MOVE FORWARD, THE SOUTH LAKE TAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL HONOR HIS LEGACY BY BUILDING ON THE STRONG FOUNDATION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH A FOCUS ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

THE CITY MANAGER FACILITATED A NATIONAL RECRUITMENT FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF TO HAVE A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT AT THE TIME OF CHIEF STEVENSON'S RETIREMENT.

IN THE AFTERMATH, I'M HUMBLED TO HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO TAKE THE REINS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. I HAVE A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT INCLUDES CONTINUITY IN DEPARTMENTAL LEADERSHIP AND CONSISTENCY IN ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES AND POLICY DIRECTION.

2025 SAW VACATION HOME RENTALS COME TO THE FOREFRONT OF COMMUNITY PRIORITIES WITH THE OVERTURNING OF MEASURE T. THE REVAMP OF THE VHR PROGRAM NEEDED A SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENT OF TIME AND PERSONNEL TO LAND THE NEW PROCESS WITHIN THE TIMELINE GIVEN BY COUNCIL AND MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE VHR COMMUNITY. TO ADDRESS THE ENFORCEMENT COMPONENT OF THE VHR PROGRAM, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADDED FOUR DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS AND A NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER SUPERVISOR. THE CITYWIDE COLLABORATIVE TEAM THAT BIRTHED THE VHR APPLICATION AND PERMITTING PROGRAM WAS INCREDIBLE AND WON THE SUGAR PINE TEAM AWARD, THE HIGHEST TEAM AWARD BY THE CITY MANAGER.

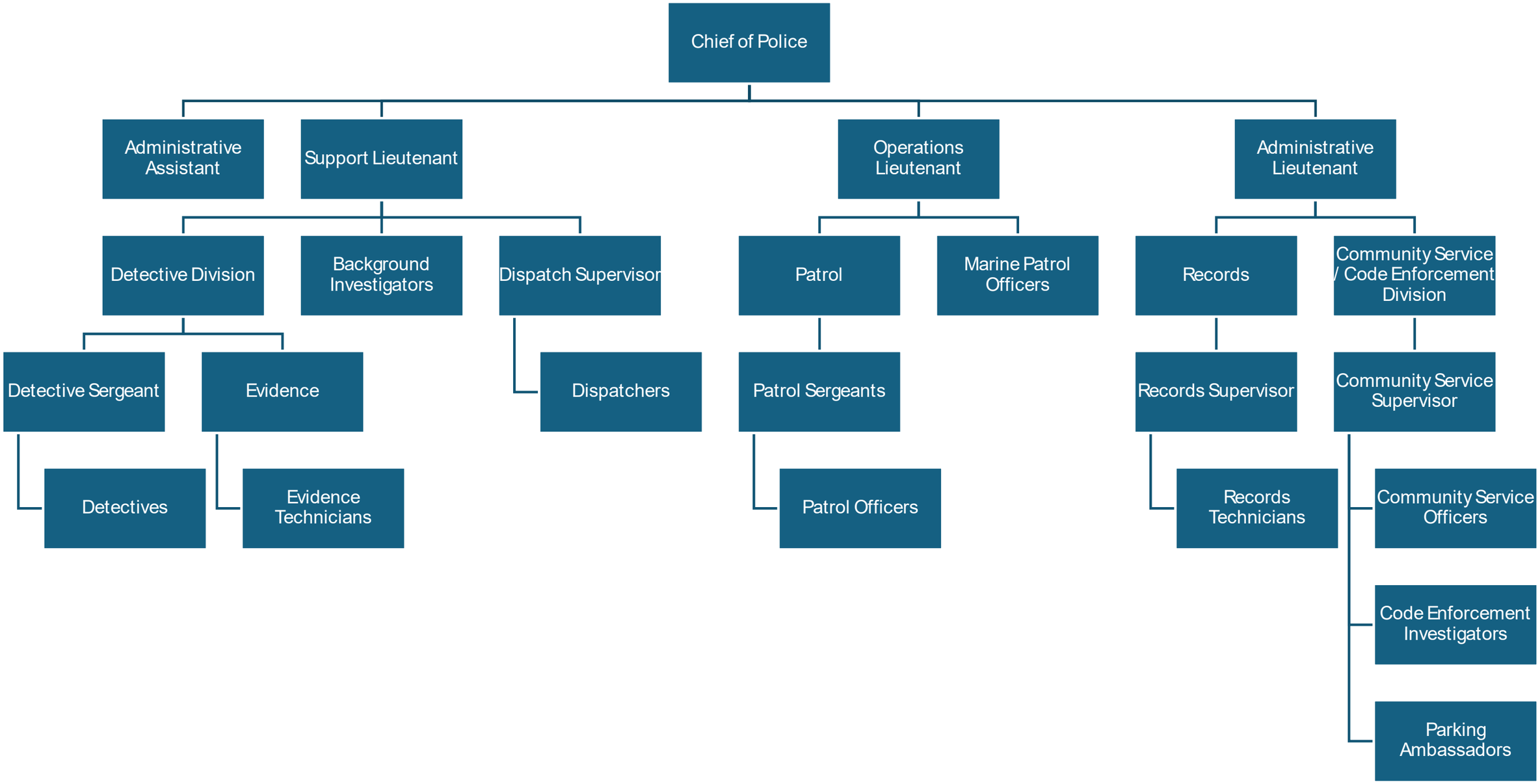
THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF STEVENSON PAVED THE WAY FOR SEVERAL PROMOTIONS. WE PROMOTED ONE LIEUTENANT, ONE SERGEANT, AND TWO DETECTIVES. THE GOAL OF A FULLY STAFFED COMMUNICATION CENTER STILL ELUDES US WITH NOW ONE POSITION TO FILL. THE PD SENT THREE CANDIDATES TO THE POLICE ACADEMY THIS YEAR, TWO OF THOSE CANDIDATES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED FIELD TRAINING WHILE THE THIRD IS COMPLETING A TRAINING PERIOD.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PURCHASED A LENCO BEARCAT ARMORED VEHICLE TO REPLACE OUR 14-YEAR-OLD RETIRED MILITARY MRAP RESCUE VEHICLE. THAT VEHICLE SERVED US WELL, BUT IT IS SHOWING ITS AGE IN SUDDEN UNEXPECTED MAINTENANCE NEEDS.

TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, I LOVE WORKING WITH YOU AS EACH PERSON AND THEIR STORY BRINGS SOMETHING UNIQUE AND DISTINCTIVE TO THE AGENCY. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY WITH GRATITUDE, RESPECT, EXCELLENCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND SERVICE WITH HUMILITY. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT 2026 BRINGS.

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OPERATIONS DIVSION



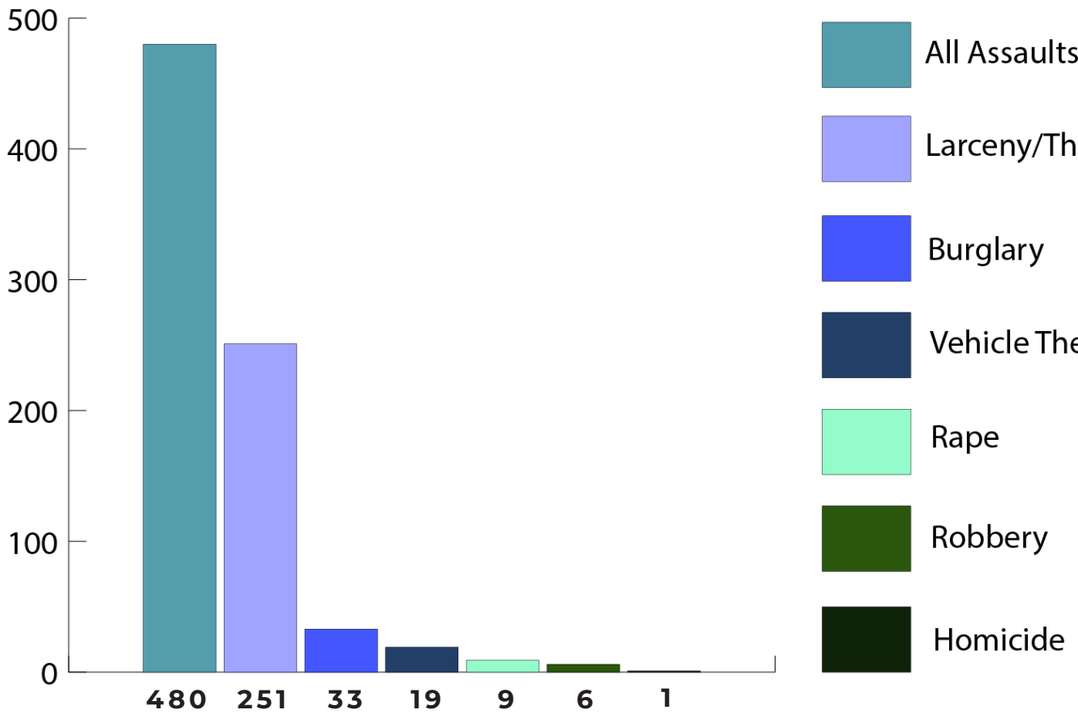
OPERATIONS DIVISION MESSAGE

THE OPERATIONS DIVISION OF THE SOUTH LAKE TAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES THE CORE POLICE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY. PATROL SERVICES ARE THE FOUNDATION OF THE OPERATIONS DIVISION, WITH PATROL OFFICERS SERVING AS THE FIRST POINT OF CONTACT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC; RESPONDING TO CALLS FOR SERVICE RANGING FROM ROUTINE MATTERS TO CRITICAL EMERGENCIES. PATROL OFFICERS ROUTINELY FACE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS AND UNPREDICTABLE SITUATIONS, AS NO TWO CALLS FOR SERVICE ARE EVER THE SAME AND NO WORKDAY IS IDENTICAL.

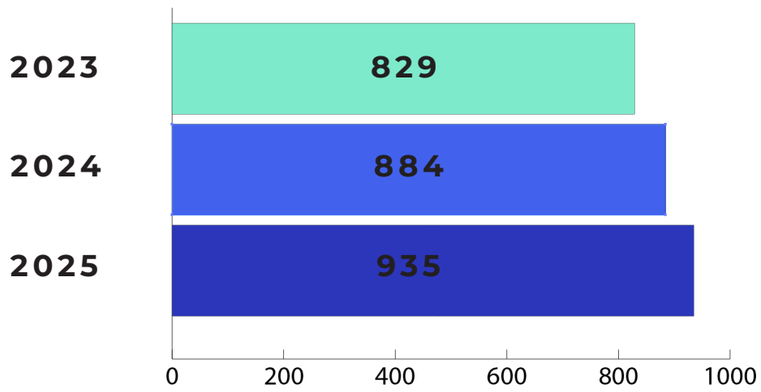
IN ADDITION TO RESPONDING TO CALLS FOR SERVICE, PATROL OFFICERS ACTIVELY PATROL THE STREETS OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, ENFORCING TRAFFIC LAWS, ADDRESSING DUI VIOLATIONS, AND ENGAGING IN PROACTIVE CRIME PREVENTION EFFORTS. IN 2025, THE OPERATIONS DIVISION PLACED A STRONG EMPHASIS ON PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT AND VISIBLE PATROL PRESENCE. AS A RESULT OF THESE EFFORTS, THE DEPARTMENT EXPERIENCED SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY, INCLUDING A 33% INCREASE IN ARRESTS, A 38% INCREASE IN TRAFFIC STOPS, AND A 95% INCREASE IN CITATIONS, WHILE ALSO ACHIEVING AN 11% REDUCTION IN TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

STAFFING LEVELS WERE STRENGTHENED IN 2025 WITH THE SUCCESSFUL GRADUATION OF THREE OFFICERS FROM THE POLICE ACADEMY. THESE OFFICERS ARE NOW ASSIGNED TO THE PATROL DIVISION, ENHANCING THE DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE AND PROACTIVE POLICE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

2025 REPORT ON MAJOR OFFENSES

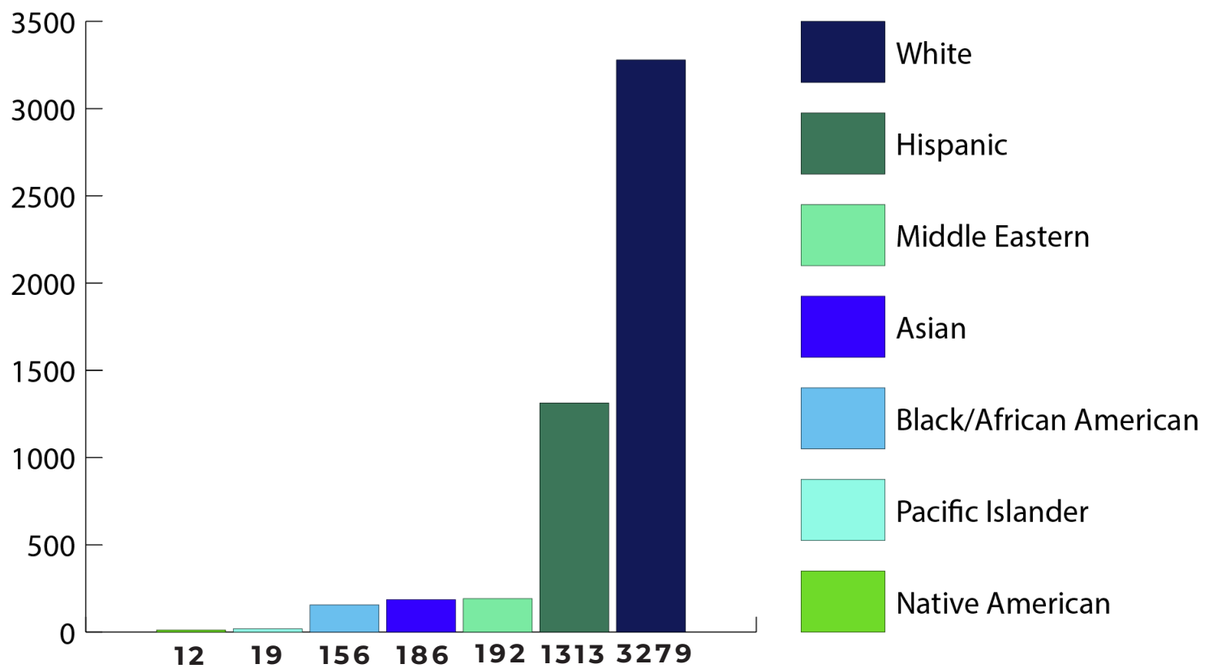


TOTAL ARRESTS



2025 STOP DATA

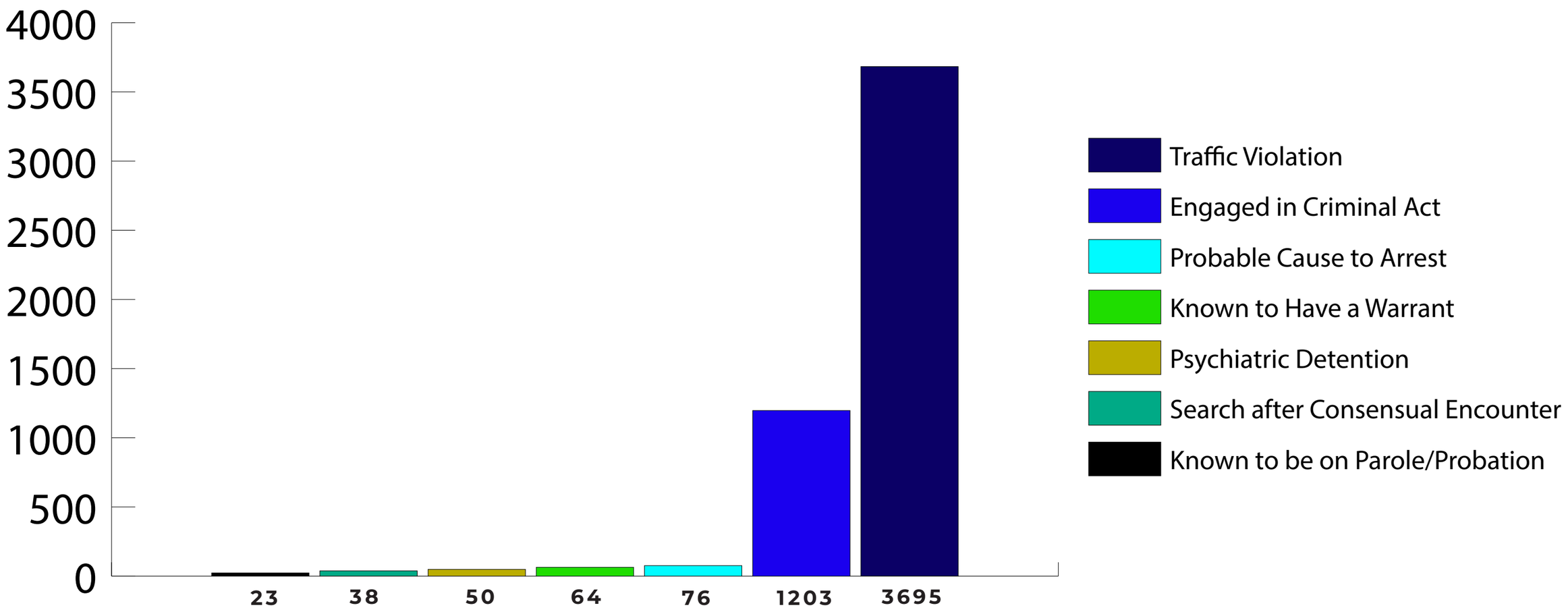
STOPS BY RACE



TOTAL STOPS: 5,157

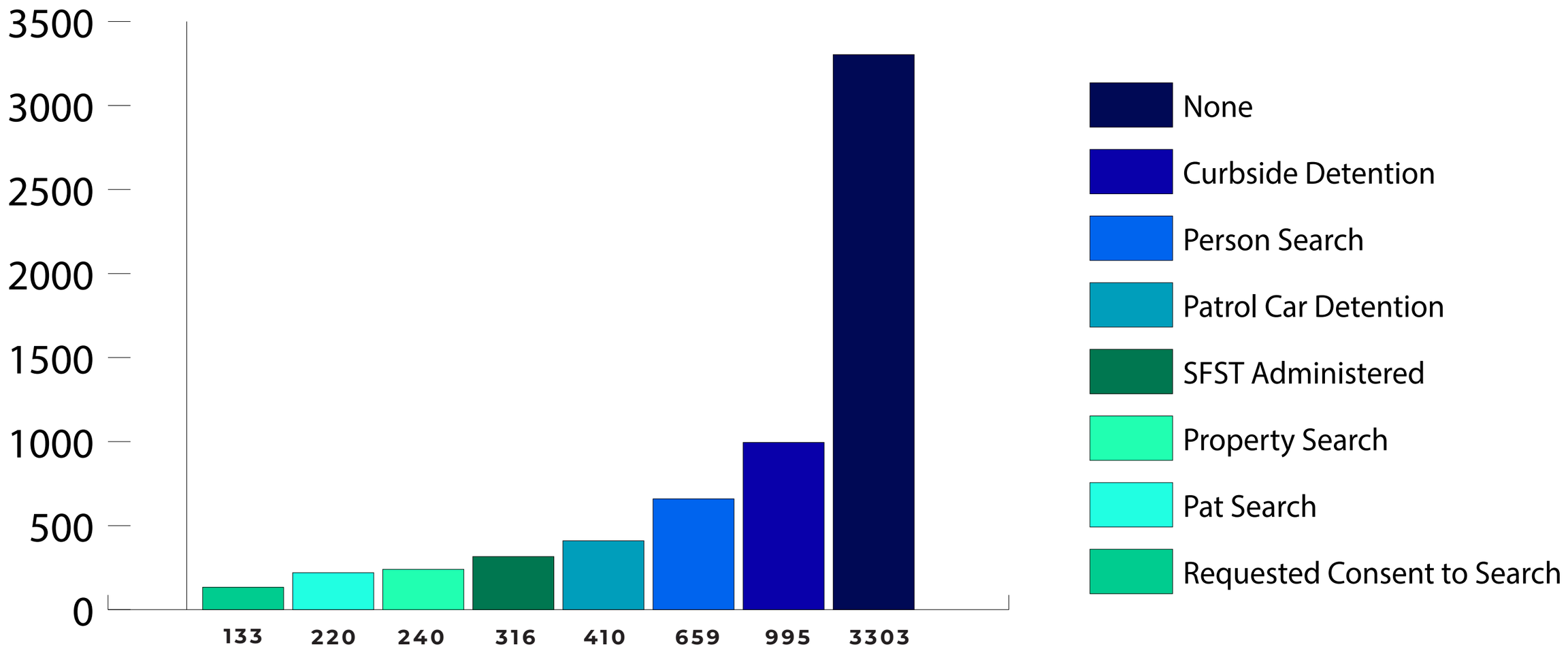
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REASON FOR STOP



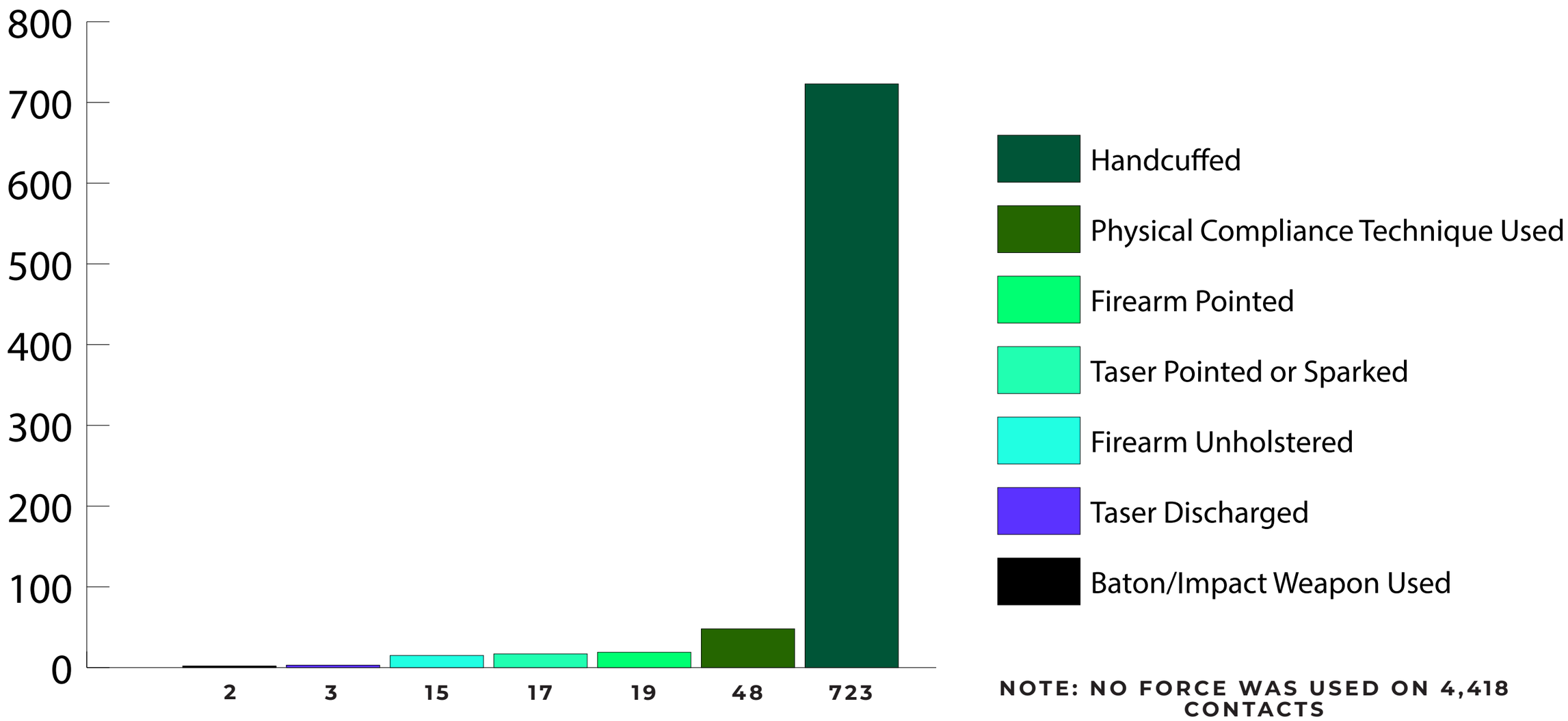
2025 STOP DATA

NON-FORCE ACTION TAKEN



2025 STOP DATA

FORCE ACTION TAKEN



NOTE: NO FORCE WAS USED ON 4,418 CONTACTS

FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

THE FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM (FTP) PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS OF NEW OFFICERS WITHIN OUR DEPARTMENT. ITS MISSION IS TO EQUIP NEW OFFICERS WITH THE TRAINING, SKILLS, AND EXPERIENCE NEEDED TO BECOME COMPETENT, CONFIDENT, AND INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE TEAM. THE FTP IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING EACH NEW OFFICER WITH PERSONALIZED INSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK, AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN REAL-WORLD SITUATIONS, PREPARING THEM TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY WITH EXCELLENCE AND INTEGRITY.

IN 2025, THE FTP DIVISION SAW SOME STAFFING CHANGES, WITH LONGTIME FIELD TRAINING SUPERVISOR RUSSELL LILES BEING PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT. SGT. JUSTIN BROCK WAS PLACED AS THE SERGEANT IN CHARGE OF THE FTO UNIT. DURING THE SAME YEAR, THE SOUTH LAKE TAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY TRAINED THREE CALIFORNIA POST CERTIFIED TRAINING ACADEMY GRADUATES, WHO ARE NOW ASSIGNED TO THE PATROL DIVISION.



STACS



THE SOUTH TAHOE ALTERNATIVE COLLABORATIVE SERIVCES (STACS) IS OUR HOMELESS/MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH UNIT, WITH OFFICER MATT HAZELET ASSIGNED TO IT FULL TIME. THE GOAL OF STACS IS TO FIND LONG TERM SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS AND/OR MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE. THESE SOLUTIONS INCLUDE, THE EL DORADO COUNTY NAVIGATION SHELTER, DRUG/ALCOHOL REHABILITATION, FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND THE TAHOE COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS. OFFICER HAZELET HAS ALSO CREATED A JOINT RESPONSE AND FOLLOW UP CHECK INS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN CONJUNCTION WITH EL DORADO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

IN 2025, OFFICER HAZELET'S WORKLOAD INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

-471 INCIDENTS RESPONDED TO
-68 CASES
-5 BARTON ADDICTION MED REFERRALS
-21 SUBJECTS HOUSED
-1 EL DORADO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REFERRAL
-26 ARRESTS



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER







THE SOUTH LAKE TAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) WORKS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE LAKE TAHOE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LTUSD) TO CREATE A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE STUDENTS AND STAFF OF SOUTH TAHOE HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH TAHOE MIDDLE SCHOOL, BIJOU ELEMENTARY AND TAHOE VALLEY ELEMENTARY. THE ROLE OF THE SRO IS ROOTED IN THE THREE KEY PRINCIPLES: SAFETY, EDUCATION, AND MENTORSHIP.

OFFICER TIM PETERSON BEGAN AS A SRO IN THE 23-24 SCHOOL YEAR. OFFICER PETERSON HAS WORKED IN TANDEM WITH ADMINISTRATION AT THE SCHOOLS TO INCREASE SCHOOL SAFETY AND REDUCE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

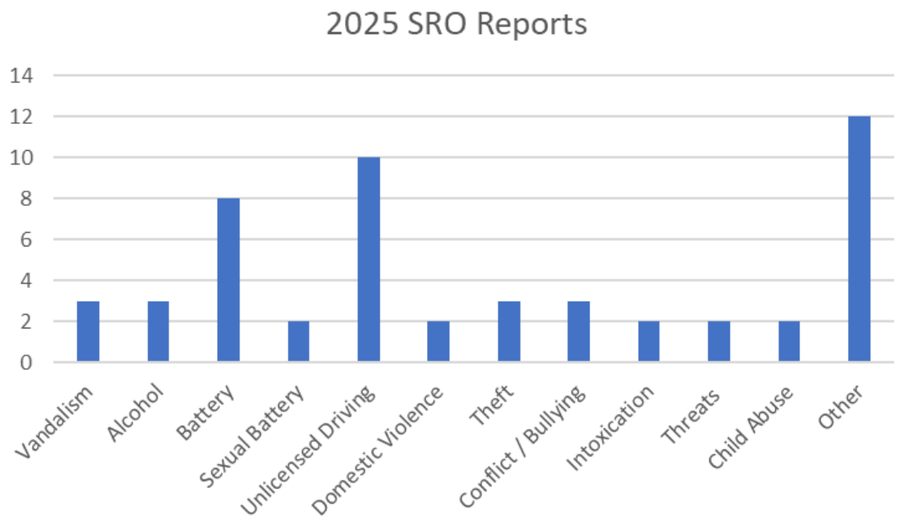
OFFICER PETERSON'S 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:

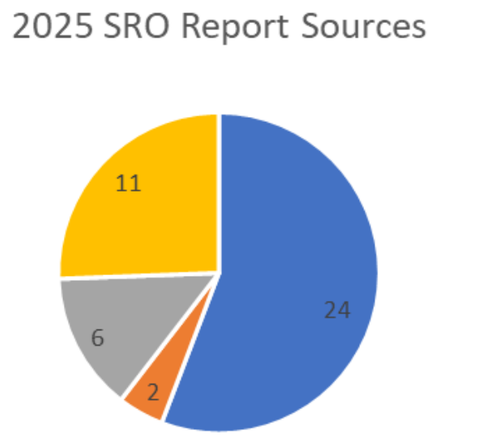
- HOSTING A COMMUNITY EVENT ON E-BIKE SAFETY
- CRACKDOWN ON UNLICENSED DRIVERS ON CAMPUS
- CAREER DAY EVENT WITH HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS
- CUB SCOUT EVENTS
- SENIOR PROJECT MENTORSHIP

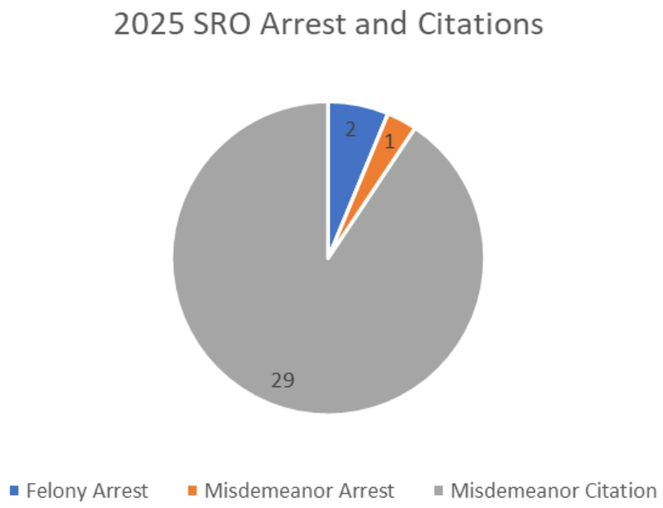
THE SRO IS A VITAL RESOURCE FOR BOTH LTUSD AND SLTPD. SCHOOL SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY AND HAVING AN SRO ON LTUSD CAMPUSES IS CRUCIAL FOR DETERRING, PREVENTING, AND RESPONDING TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. ADDITIONALLY, THE SRO ADVISES SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON LAW-RELATED MATTERS, HELPS ASSESS SCHOOL SAFETY NEEDS, AND SERVES AS A VITAL LINK TO OTHER EMERGENCY PERSONNEL.

THE SRO POSITION IS INTEGRAL IN BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONS AND TRUST IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH OUR NEXT GENERATION. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SRO BEING A CONSISTENT LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE AROUND STUDENTS WHICH ALLOWS FOR MORE PERSONABLE INTERACTIONS AND CREATING AN APPROACHABLE ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND YOUTH.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER







TRAFFIC UNIT



THE SLTPD TRAFFIC DIVISION CURRENTLY IS STAFFED BY ONE PATROL OFFICER (OFFICER NEUMANN) WITH ANCILLARY DUTIES OF TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, OVERSEEN BY ONE PATROL SERGEANT. THE TRAFFIC UNIT FIELDS VARIOUS TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMPLAINTS AND ASSISTS REGULAR PATROL IN ADDRESSING THESE CONCERNS. OFFICER NEUMANN IS ASSIGNED TO A TRAFFIC MOTORCYCLE DURING MONTHS OF GOOD WEATHER, ALLOWING HER TO BETTER TRAVERSE THE ROADS TO FIND AND ADDRESS TRAFFIC CONCERNS.

THE UNIT HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND TO AND INVESTIGATE MAJOR/FATAL INJURY COLLISIONS. MEMBERS OF THE UNIT ARE TRAINED IN TRAFFIC COLLISION INVESTIGATION AND THE USE OF TOTAL STATION DIAGRAMMING.

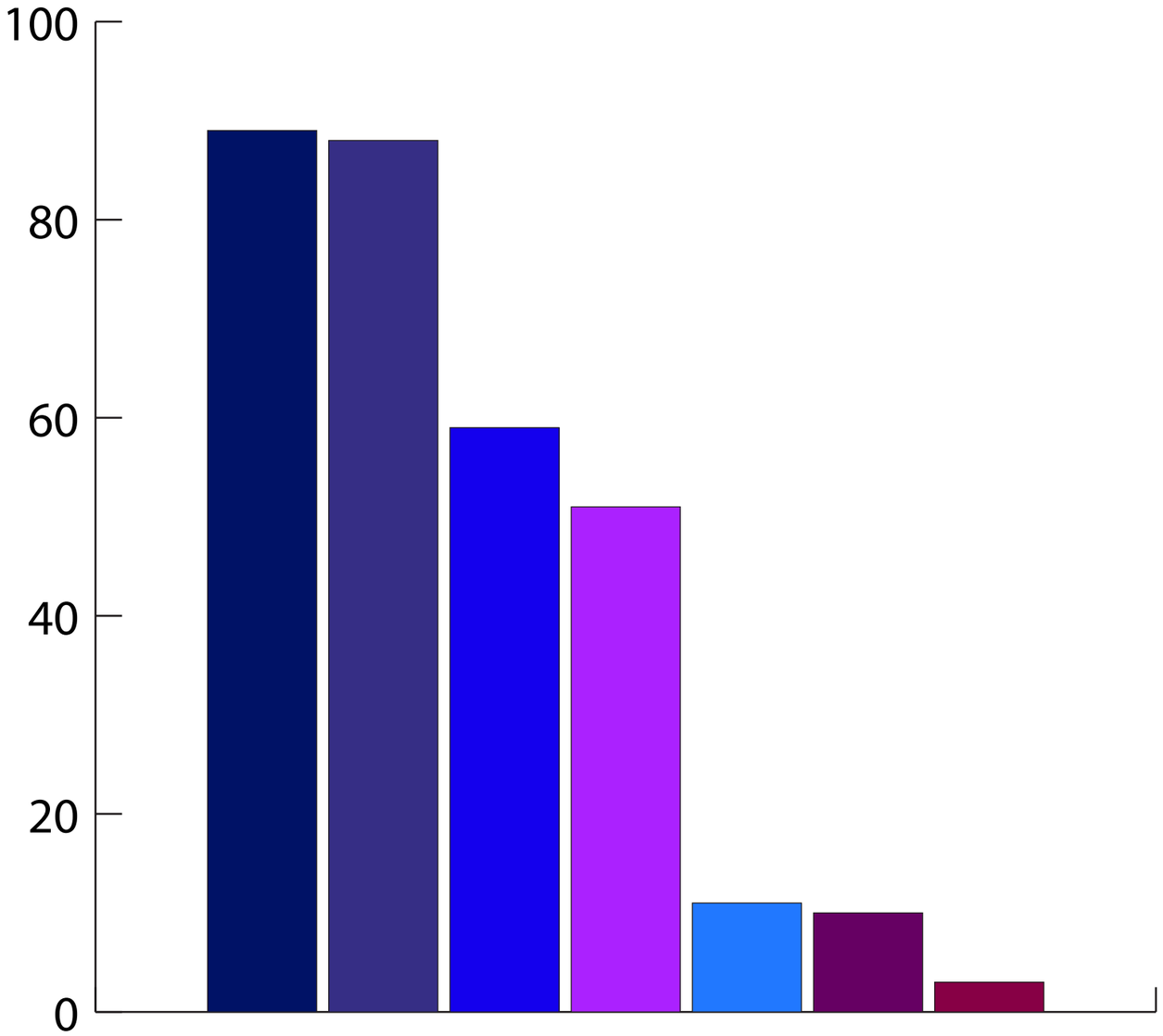
OFFICER NEUMANN IS ALSO RELIED UPON FOR SPECIAL EVENTS LIKE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AND THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE.

THE TRAFFIC UNIT WROTE AND WAS AWARDED AN ADDITIONAL CA OTS GRANT FOR $45,000 TO CONTINUE TARGETED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC ISSUES INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES, AND DUI DRIVERS.

IN 2025, OFFICER TERRINI AND OFFICER SUTTON WERE RECOGNIZED BY MADD (MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING) FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO GETTING IMPAIRED DRIVERS OFF THE STREET.

TRAFFIC UNIT

2025 TOP COLLISIONS BY: TYPE



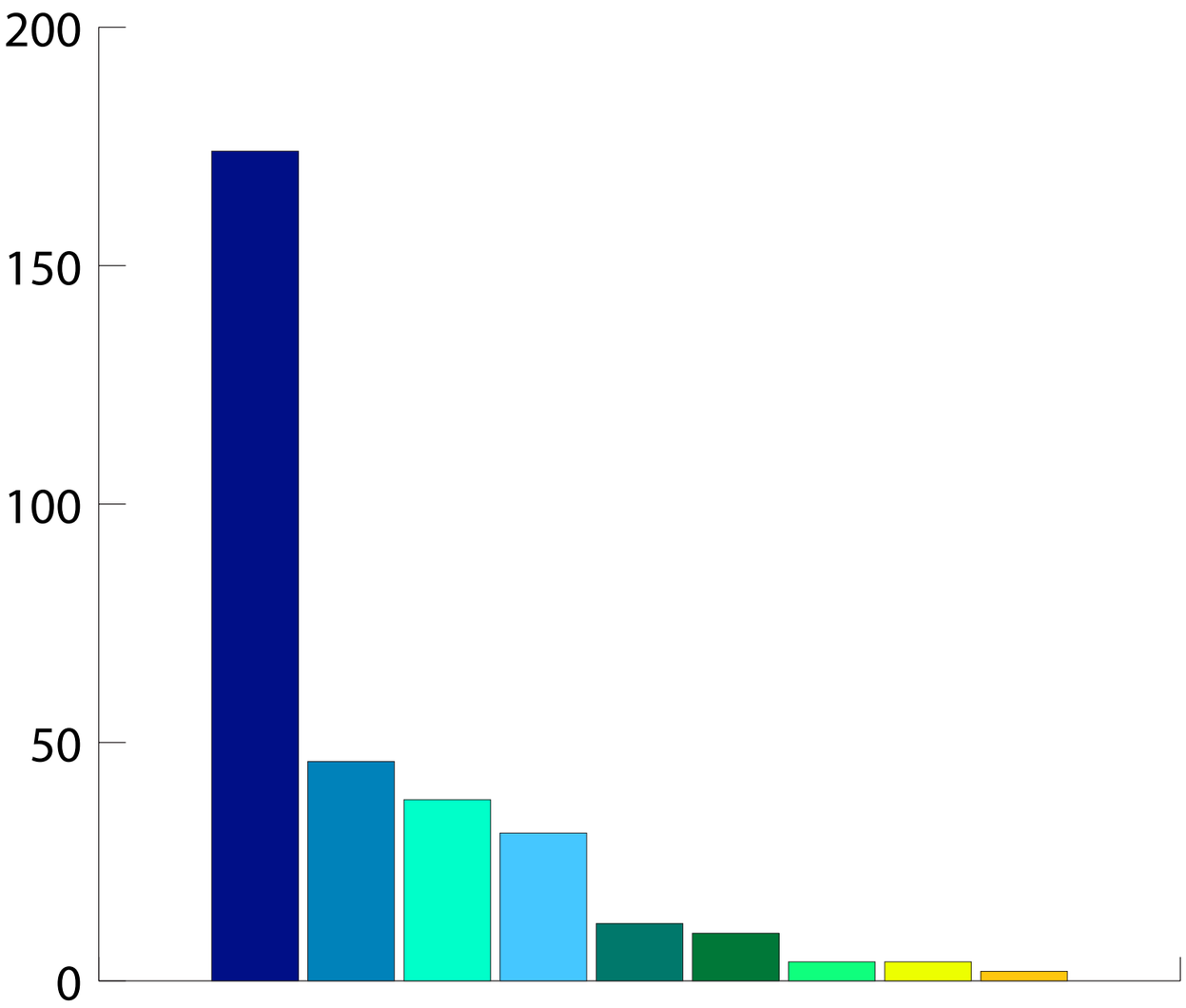
TOTAL COLLISIONS: 321

2025 TOP COLLISIONS BY: TYPE

Broadside	89
Rear-End	88
Sideswipe	59
Hit Object	51
Head-On	11
Veh-Ped	10
Overturned	3

TRAFFIC UNIT

2025 COLLISIONS BY: INVOLVED WITH



2025 COLLISIONS BY: INVOVLED WITH

Other Motor Veh	174
Parked Motor Veh	46
Fixed Object	38
Bicycle	31
Other Object	12
Pedestrian	10
Animal	4
Non-Collision	4
Veh on Other Roadway	2

SWAT/CRU

SLTPD'S CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT IS TASKED WITH HANDLING EVENTS WHICH EXCEED THE ABILITY OF NORMAL PATROL OFFICERS. THESE CAN INCLUDE A VARIETY OF HIGH-RISK EVENTS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY IS THE UNWAVERING PRIORITY OF THE CRU. THE CRISIS RESPONSE UNIT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SYNERGISTIC BRANCHES: THE SPECIAL WEAPONS & TACTICS TEAM (SWAT) AND THE CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS TEAM (CNT). THE CNT FOCUSES ON COMMUNICATION WITH THE SUBJECT(S) WHILE THE SWAT TEAM HANDLES TACTICS AND STRATEGY. THE TWO BRANCHES FOCUS SIMULTANEOUSLY ON NONVIOLENT SURRENDER BUT MUST BE PREPARED FOR CRIMINALS WHO DECIDE NOT TO GIVE UP AND ARE WILLING TO ENDANGER HOSTAGES, BYSTANDERS, OFFICERS, OR THE PUBLIC. IN 2022, THE CRU HAS UNDERGONE RESTRUCTURING TO STAY STREAMLINED AND FACILITATE DECENTRALIZED COMMAND. IN 2024, THIS REORGANIZATION HAS PROVEN TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNICATION AND DEVELOP OPERATORS IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.



WITH THE BLESSING OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY MEDICAL DIRECTOR, OUR SWAT OPERATORS HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED AND TRAINED TO PERFORM CERTAIN ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT (ALS) SKILLS. THESE SKILLS, SUCH AS A NEEDLE CHEST DECOMPRESSION, ARE CRITICAL IN PROVIDING POINT-OF-CARE TREATMENT AT A HIGH STANDARD. OUR TACTICAL PARAMEDICS NOT ONLY PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE BUT HAVE ALSO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED BASIC SWAT SCHOOL, TACTICAL BREACHING AND SHOTGUN BREACHING SCHOOLS. THEY ARE UTILIZED FOR TEAM WELLNESS, HOSPITAL LIAISING, AND AEROMEDICAL ASSET INTERFACING. OUR ROBUST TEMS PROGRAM HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MULTIPLE ARTICLES AND DISCUSSIONS IN NATIONAL-LEVEL COMBAT MEDICINE PANELS.



SWAT/CRU







MARINE UNIT





SLTPD'S MARINE UNIT OPERATES DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, PROVIDING KEY PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE ON THE LAKE. THE MARINE UNIT ENSURES THE SAFETY OF THE BOATING PUBLIC THROUGH CONTACTS WITH BOATERS, PADDLE BOARDERS, AND SWIMMERS. THEY PERFORM NUMEROUS RESPONSES TO BOATING ACCIDENTS, DROWNINGS, AND ASSIST WITH RESCUES. THEIR PRESENCE PROVIDES A MUCH NEEDED MEASURE OF SAFETY ON LAKE TAHOE.

ON JUNE 21, 2025, OUR MARINE OFFICERS RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF A CAPSIZED BOAT NEAR EMERALD BAY. THE WEATHER ON THE LAKE HAD TURNED EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS AND CAUSED SWELLS THAT NEARED 10 FEET. DESPITE THESE CONDITIONS, MARINE OFFICERS LANEY AND GIGANTE RESPONDED ANYWAY. WHILE SEVERAL PEOPLE FROM THE CAPSIZED BOAT LOST THEIR LIVES, OUR MARINE OFFICERS HELPED SAVE TWO PEOPLE. FOR THEIR EFFORTS, THEY WERE AWARDED THE MEDAL OF VALOR.



SUPPORT DIVISION





SUPPORT DIVISION MESSAGE

OUR SUPPORT DIVISION CONSISITS OF TWO BRANCHES: DETECTIVES AND DISPATCH. THESE BRANCHES ARE VITIAL TO THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

DETECTIVES PROVIDE IN DEPTH INVESTIGATIONS ON OUR MOST COMPLICATED AND SERIOUS CASES.

DISPATCH IS OUR KEY PARTNER IN ASSISTING THOSE IN NEED. THEY ARE OFTEN OUR FIRST POINT OF CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC. THEY HANDLE EVERTHING FROM A LOST WALLET TO LIFE AND DEATH CALLS FOR SERVICE.



DISPATCH







OUR JOINT DISPATCH CENTER IS THE HEART OF OUR OPERATIONS. OUR DISPATCHERS WORK TIRELESSLY TO PROVIDE THE QUALITY SERVICE WE VALUE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THEY ARE THE FRONT LINE OF OUR POLICE AND FIRE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) AND ARE THE FIRST TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PEOPLE IN NEED. ALL CALLS FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMS SERVICES ARE ROUTED THROUGH OUR DISPATCH CENTER, FOR SOUTH LAKE TAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE FIRE RESCUE, LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, CAL TAHOE JPA AMBULANCE, AND FALLEN LEAF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

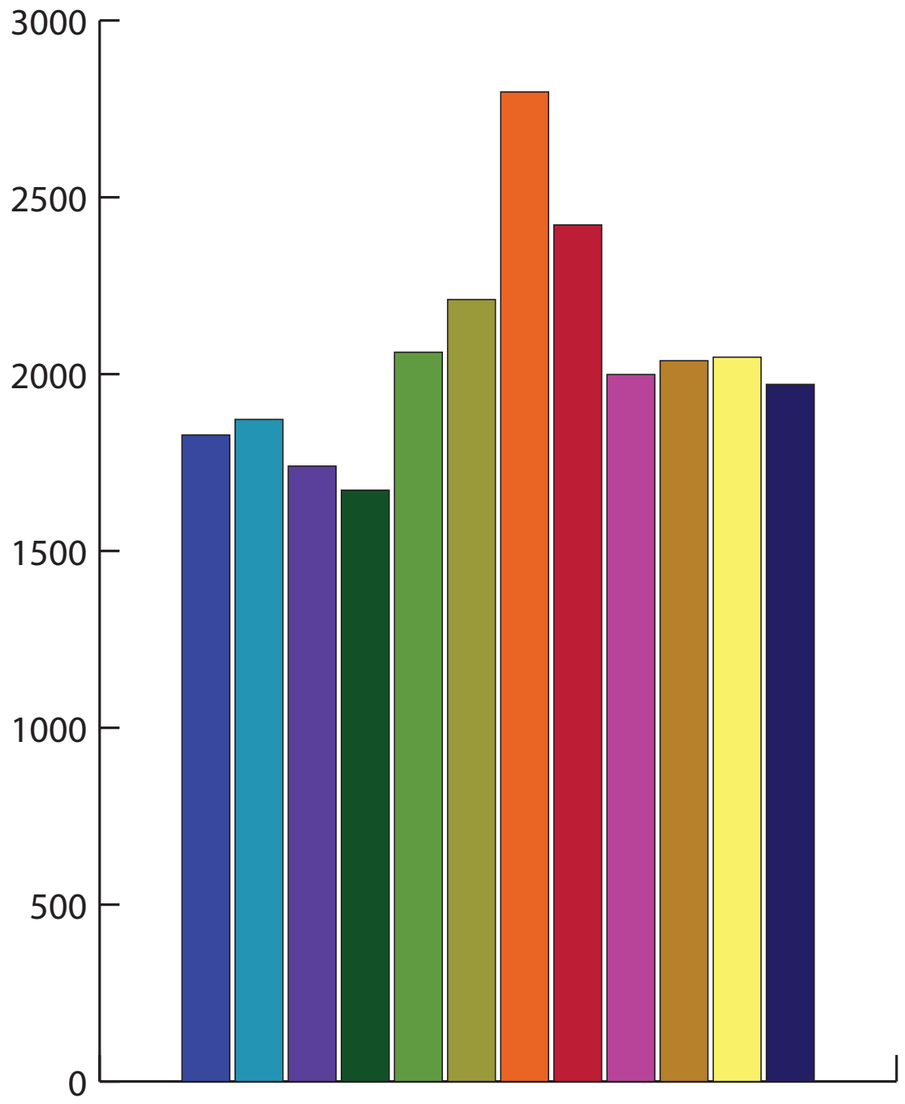
DISPATCH SAW SOME UPDATES TO THE 911 CENTER IN 2025. WE GOT SOME NEW FLOORING THROUGHOUT AND MOVED SOME ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT TO ACCOMMODATE CHANGES TO THE RADIO SYSTEM.

THIS WAS A BUSY YEAR FOR OUR CENTER, HANDLING CLOSE TO 53,000 PHONE CALLS. OUR DISPATCHERS WERE INVOLVED IN SEVERAL CRITICAL INCIDENTS IN 2025, INCLUDING THE TRAGIC FATAL BOAT INCIDENT IN JUNE. THOSE WHO WORKED THAT DAY WERE AWARDED MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE WORK DURING THE EVENT.

WE ARE ALMOST FULLY STAFFED AND LOOK FORWARD TO OUR LAST TRAINEES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE TRAINING PROGRAM. WHILE OUR STAFFING HAS BEEN LESS, SEVERAL OFFICERS HAVE STEPPED INTO OUR 911 CENTER AND LEARNED HOW TO DISPATCH. WE ARE ALWAYS GRATEFUL FOR THE HELP OF OUR OFFICERS AND ENJOY DISPATCHING ALONGSIDE THEM. WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND VISITORS OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE.



2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE



January	1828
February	1872
March	1740
April	1672
May	2062
June	2211
July	2798
August	2422
September	1999
October	2038
November	2048
December	1971

TOTAL POLICE CALLS FOR SERIVCE: 24,661

DETECTIVE UNIT

DETECTIVE DIVISION ORGANIZATION & MISSION:
THE SLTPD'S DETECTIVE DIVISION IS TASKED WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF A WIDE ARRAY OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES. THE DIVISION HAS SIX DETECTIVES, EACH WITH A SPECIFIC SET OF CRIMES TO INVESTIGATE.

THERE ARE NO DETECTIVES WHO HANDLE A SINGLE TYPE OF CRIME; EACH DETECTIVE PARTICIPATES IN A LIST OF TASKS SPECIFIC TO THAT DETECTIVE'S ASSIGNED DESK. EACH DETECTIVE RECEIVES POST-APPROVED TRAINING RELEVANT TO HIS/HER DESK. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PROPERTY CRIMES DETECTIVE INVESTIGATES BURGLARIES, THEFT, SHOPLIFTING, IDENTITY THEFT, FRAUD, ONLINE SCAMS, VACATION HOME FRAUD, MARIJUANA CRIMES, GRAFFITI, ARSON TO PROPERTY, VANDALISM, AUTO THEFT, AND OTHER RELATED CRIMES. HE ALSO PARTICIPATES IN A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY BOARDS AND SERVES AS A RESOURCE FOR TRAINING AND LICENSING OF MARIJUANA COLLECTIVES. THIS WORKLOAD IS TYPICAL OF EACH DETECTIVE.

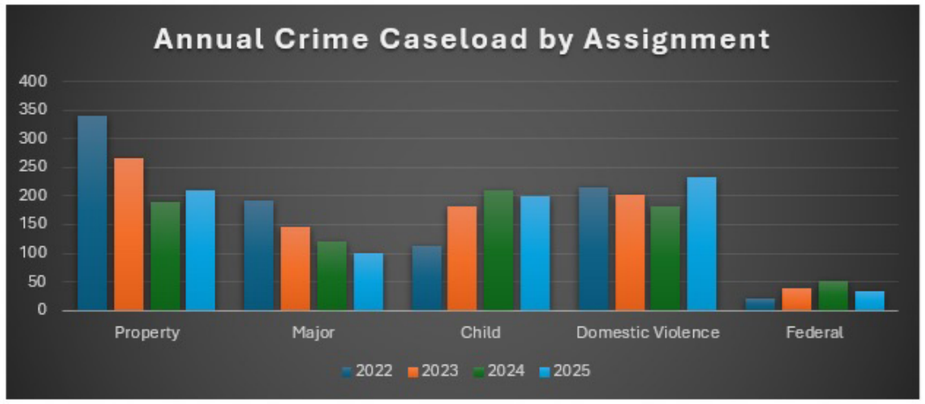


SIGNIFICANT CRIMES (SUCH AS OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, HOMICIDES, ETC) REQUIRE THE WORK OF THE ENTIRE DETECTIVE DIVISION; THEREFORE, EVERY DETECTIVE RECEIVES SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN HANDLING THOSE TYPES OF EVENTS.

ASIDE FROM INVESTIGATING CASES, DETECTIVES ALSO SERVE AS SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS AND MENTORS FOR PATROL OFFICERS. IT IS A DAILY OCCURRENCE FOR PATROL OFFICERS TO COME INTO THE DETECTIVE DIVISION FOR ADVICE ON AN INVESTIGATION. CURRENTLY, THE DETECTIVE DIVISION'S STAFF ALSO HOLD COLLATERAL DUTIES ON SWAT, CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS TEAM, RADIO TEAM, SNIPER UNIT, AND MANY OTHER PART-TIME ASSIGNMENTS.

ON AVERAGE, 64 CASES ARE ACCEPTED BY THE DETECTIVE DIVISION EACH MONTH. THIS IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RATE AT WHICH CRIMES ARE REPORTED TO THE SLTPD, NOR IS IT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMOUNT OF 911 CALLS RECEIVED BY THE JOINT DISPATCH CENTER. NOT ALL CASES REFERRED TO THE DETECTIVE DIVISION ARE ASSIGNED TO A DETECTIVE; A SUPERVISOR SCREENS AND TRIAGES EVERY REPORT TO DETERMINE THE MOST EFFICIENT AND APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATIVE STEPS WHILE STILL MAINTAINING THE DIVISION'S MISSION.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT CASES DO NOT ARRIVE IN THE DETECTIVE DIVISION SOLELY FROM PATROL OFFICERS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE TASK FORCE OFFICER HAS FEDERAL CASES ASSIGNED BY THE FBI, THE CHILD CRIMES DETECTIVES HAVE CASES REFERRED BY CPS OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF, INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN (ICAC) SENDS REPORTS OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY/EXPLOITATION, AND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DETECTIVE RECEIVES CASES FROM LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS (SUCH AS LIVE VIOLENCE FREE).

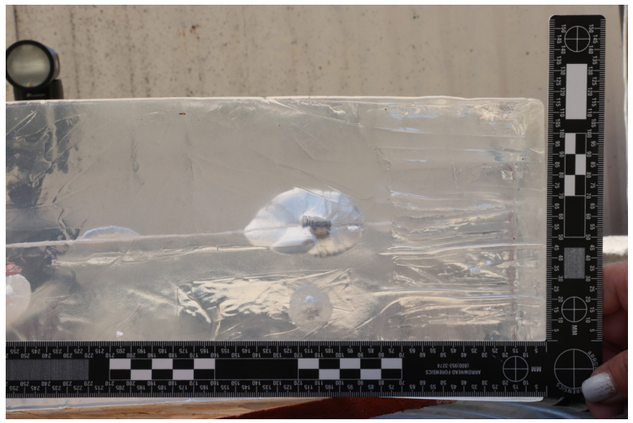


EVIDENCE DIVISION



THE DETECTIVE DIVISION ALSO EMPLOYS TWO EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS. IN 2024, ONE OF OUR TECHNICIANS LEFT THE DEPARTMENT, BUT WE HIRED A NEW TECHNICIAN IN EARLY 2025. UNLIKE MANY AGENCIES, THE SLTPD EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS DEPLOY INTO THE FIELD TO HANDLE CRIME SCENE PROCESSING, EVIDENCE COLLECTION, FORENSIC PHOTOGRAPHY AND OTHER DUTIES.

WHEN IN THE OFFICE, THE EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS PERFORM ANALYSIS AND ADVANCED TESTING ON A WIDE VARIETY OF EVIDENCE ITEMS. SOME OF THESE ADVANCED CAPABILITIES INCLUDE A VARIETY OF FINGERPRINT PROCESSING TECHNIQUES, DIGITAL PHOTO ENHANCEMENT, DETAILED PHOTOGRAPHY, HUMAN AND ANIMAL REMAINS COLLECTION, ALTERNATE LIGHT SOURCE (ALS) IMAGING, GUNSHOT RESIDE TESTING, WOUND PHOTOGRAPHY, ARSON EVIDENCE PROCESSING, DNA COLLECTION, AND MORE. BOTH EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS RECEIVE ONGOING TRAINING (BOTH POST AND NON-POST CERTIFIED) TO HONE THEIR SKILLS. THEY RESPOND AROUND THE CLOCK TO WORK ALONGSIDE THE CASE AGENT AND OTHER DETECTIVES.





ADMINISTRATIVE DIVSION

THE ADMININSITRAVTIVE DIVISION CONSISTS OF RECORDS, COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS, AND PARKING AMBASSADORS. THE DIVISION HANDLES A VARIETY OF SUPPORTING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

THE ADMIN LIEUTENANT HANDLES THE MYRIAD OF STATE-MANDATED REPORTING TASKS. HE IS ALSO TASKED WITH DUTIES RELATED TO RECORDS MAINTENANCE AND DESTRUCTION, TRAINING MANAGEMENT, POLICY UPDATES, AS WELL AS INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS.

THE RECORDS DIVISION IS INCORPORATED IN THE DIVISION. OUR PROFESSIONAL RECORDS PERSONNEL PROCESS ALL REPORTS AND PAPERWORK GENERATED BY OUR DEPARTMENT. THEY ASSIST CITIZENS AT OUR FRONT COUNTER, COLLECT AND COMPILE DATA, AND COMB THROUGH RECORDS WHEN ASSISTING PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS. THEY ALSO UPLOAD STATE-REQUIRED DATA ON A VARITEY OF STATISTICS MONTHLY AND ANNUALLY.

OUR CSO DIVISION HANDLES A LARGE SWATH OF QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES FOR THE CITY. THESE RANGE FROM ABANDONED CARS TO VACATION HOME RENTAL ISSUES.



COMMUNITY SERVICE UNIT







THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS ACT AS SUPPORT DIVISIONS TO THE SOUTH LAKE TAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY SUCH AS BUILDING, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS & RECREATION, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, ETC. ADDITIONALLY, THEY SUPPORT OTHER AGENCIES SUCH AS CLEAN TAHOE AND SOUTH TAHOE REFUSE BY FOLLOWING UP ON NUISANCES TO GAIN COMPLIANCE; WHETHER IT'S WITH IN PERSON CONTACT, NOTICES, OR ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS. IN ADDITION TO NUISANCE COMPLAINTS, THEY ALSO RESPOND TO ANY VACATION HOME RENTAL COMPLAINTS OR CONCERNS, PERMITTED OR NOT PERMITTED; THIS INCLUDES PROVIDING EDUCATION AND ISSUING ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS WHEN NECESSARY. OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS ARE TRAINED TO ENFORCE ANYTHING IN VIOLATION OF THE SOUTH LAKE TAHOE CITY CODE.

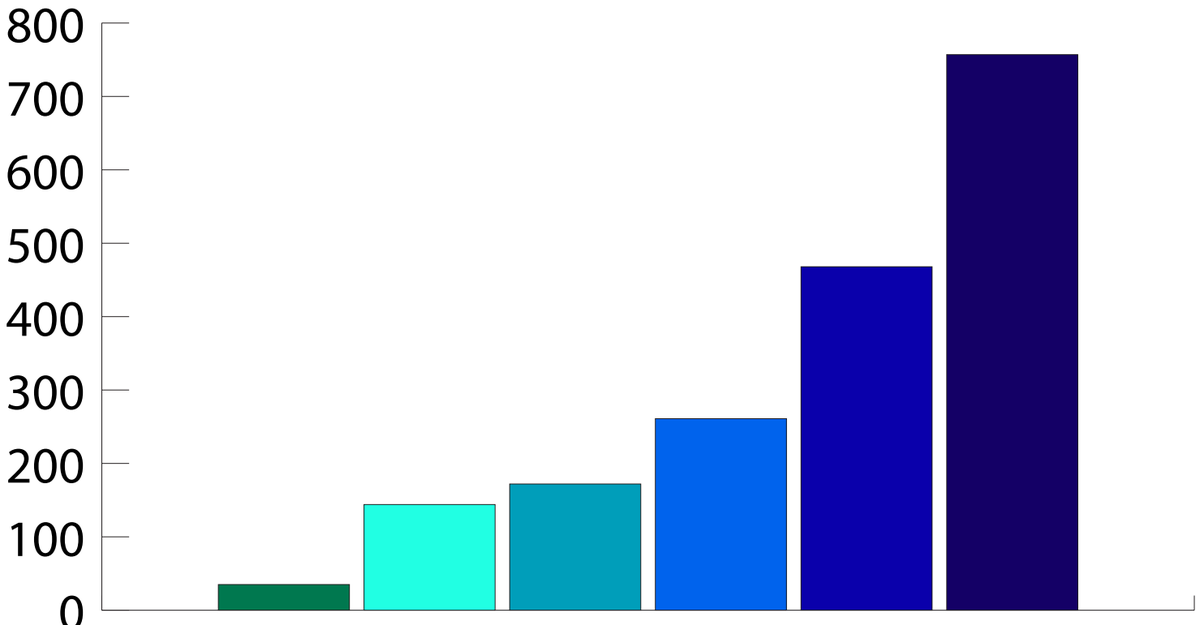
ASIDE FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT RELATED DUTIES, THE COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS ACT AS SUPPORT TO POLICE AND FIRE BY MANAGING SCENES OF TRAFFIC COLLISIONS, AND ROAD OR LANE CLOSURES; ADDITIONALLY, THEY ASSIST WITH PARKING ENFORCEMENT, GRAFFITI REPORTS, FOUND PROPERTY, AND VEHICLE ABATEMENTS.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION IS SUPPORTED BY TWO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS AND FOUR PARKING AMBASSADORS; OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS PROVIDE FINGERPRINT SERVICES, MANAGE THE CITY'S PARKING GARAGE, OFFER ALARM, BUSINESS, MOBILE VENDING, MASSAGE, TAXI, AND SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMITS. ONE OF OUR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS IS OUR CODE COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATOR, WHO ISSUES AND RENEWS ALL SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMITS. ADDITIONALLY, WHEN PROPERTIES ARE FOUND RENTING WITHOUT A PERMIT, OUR CODE COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATOR IS TRAINED TO ISSUE ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS. OUR PARKING AMBASSADORS PROVIDE EDUCATION TO THE PUBLIC ON ALLOWED PARKING AREAS AND RESTRICTED AREAS; THEY ALSO ISSUE PARKING CITATIONS WHEN NECESSARY AND OVERSEE THE CITY'S PARKING GARAGE WHICH IMPLEMENTED A NEW PAY AND TRACKING SYSTEM IN JUNE OF 2025.

ASIDE FROM THE CITATIONS ISSUED FOR VACATION HOME RENTAL VIOLATIONS, THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION ISSUED APPROXIMATELY 195 ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS IN 2025 FOR VIOLATIONS SUCH AS TRASH, NUISANCES, ABANDONED VEHICLES, ABANDONED BUILDINGS, ETC. ADDITIONALLY, THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION ISSUED APPROXIMATELY 6,555 CITATIONS FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS.

COMMUNITY SERVICE UNIT

2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE



- Parking/Snow Citation
- City Ordinace
- 72 Hour Violation
- Abandoned Vehicle
- VHR Violation
- Nuisance

COMMUNITY SERVICE UNIT

VACTION HOME RENTAL ENFORCEMENT

IN 2025, MEASURE T, THE VOTER INITIATIVE THAT BARRED MOST VACATION HOME RENTALS (VHR) WAS OVERTURNED. THIS OPENED TO DOOR TO A LARGE NEW GROUP OF VHRS RETURNING TO THE CITY, AND WITH IT, MANAGEMENT OF THEM.

OUR CSO TEAM LEAD THE CHARGE. THEY ESTABLISHED THE APPLICATION PROCESS, APPROVALS, AND TOOK ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE RULES ESTABLISHED BY CITY COUNCIL.

THE TEAM REVIEWED 1,246 APPLICATIONS, ULTIMATELY APPROVING 529 NEW PERMITS.

OUR CSOS, WHO TEAMED UP WITH OTHER EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY, WERE NOMINATED FOR THE CITY'S SUGAR PINE AWARD FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND IN THEIR ROLES. ULTIMATELY, THEY WON THE AWARD, AS IT WAS WELL EARNED.



RECORDS UNIT

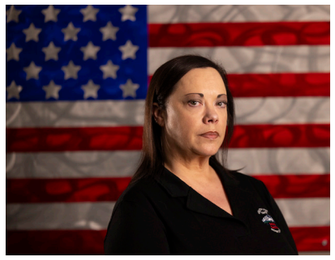
THE RECORDS DIVISION PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE WITHIN THE SOUTH LAKE TAHOE POLICE DEPARTMENT. ITS MISSION IS TO DELIVER EFFICIENT, COURTEOUS, AND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES TO BOTH THE PUBLIC AND THE DEPARTMENT.

THE RECORDS DIVISION FUNCTIONS AS A CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN VARIOUS EL DORADO COUNTY AGENCIES SUCH AS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, PROBATION DEPARTMENT, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, CHILD PROTECTVE SERVICES AND THE EL DORADO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. AS WELL AS VARIOUS STATE DEPARTMENTS LIKE THE PAROLE DEPARTMENT, HIGHWAY PATROL, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AMONST MANY OTHER AGENCIES BOTH IN STATE AND NATIONALLY.

THE RECORDS STAFF OFFERS A VARIETY OF SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING REPORT REQUESTS, PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (PRA) REQUESTS, TOWED VEHICLE RELEASES, NON-EMERGENCY CALLS FOR SERVICE, U-VISA APPLICATIONS, IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE LETTERS, BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYMENT AND MUCH MORE.

IN 2025, THE RECORDS DIVISION TRANSMITTED 4,205 STOP DATA RECORDS TO THE RIPA (RACIAL AND IDENTITY PROFILING ACT) BOARD AND REPORTED 1,284 OFFENSES TO THE CIBRS (CALIFORNIA INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM) DIVISION OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ACHIEVING A 0.0% ERROR RATE. WE PROCESSED 15 U-VISA APPLICATIONS, 1,241 CITATIONS, 49 WARRANT ENTRIES, 98 ONLINE REPORTS, AND 1,142 CASES WERE SENT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW.









THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT IN 2025! WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT 2026!

City of South Lake Tahoe
Report to Police Advisory Commission

Meeting Date: February 11, 2026

Title: AB 481 2025 Annual Report

Location: Police Department

Responsible Staff Members: Nick Carlquist, Sergeant (Detective-SWAT-Firearms)

Background: The California Military Use Act, Assembly Bill 481 (AB481), requires the Police Department to produce an annual report to the City Council for the previous year.

AB 481 became effective January 1, 2022. This law required all law enforcement agencies in the state to obtain approval from their local governing body before funding, acquiring, or using specific types of "military equipment". Military equipment is defined by this law included armored personnel carriers, such as the MRAP; command and control vehicles, such as our mobile command vehicle; drones; specialized weapons and ammunition; crowd control and 'less than lethal tools, such as tear gas, pepper ball launchers, flashbangs, 40mm launchers, and bean bag rounds; and tactical equipment such as explosive breaching tools and LRAD equipment.

Annual authorization for use must be sought from the agency's governing body, in this case City Council.

Issue and Discussion: The attached AB 481 report is for calendar year 2025 as required by law. It is being presented to the Police Advisory Commission for information only. This report will be presented to the City Council as required by law on March 10, 2026.

Financial Implications: None.

Environmental Considerations: This is not a "project" subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15378(b)(2) (continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases of supplies).

Policy Implications: Annual report required by AB 481 and SLTPD Policy. Supports City strategic goal Three: Ensure Public Safety

AB 481 Update

February 11, 2026

SLT PAC

Federal Mandates

- Reporting and tracking conducted by CalOES, including in-person inspections which result in program recommendations to the government that guide future releases of equipment

State Mandates

- The SLTPD is required to adhere to provisions in Assembly Bill 481, which outlines community notification requirements.

Federal Definition

- Equipment and property belonging to the United States Military which has been issued to a local or state law enforcement agency through the LESO/10-33 Program

California Definition

- The California definition of Military Equipment can be found in Government Code 7070 (c), sections (1) – (16).

DLA Inspections

- 100% compliance

Government Code 7070-7075

- GC 7072(a)(1): A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
- GC 7072(a)(2): A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment.
- GC 7072(a)(3): The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.
- GC 7072(a)(4): The total annual cost for each type of military equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the military equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual military equipment report.
- GC 7072(a)(5): The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.
- GC 7072(a)(6): If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.

AB 481 Equipment Categories – *GC 7070*

- (1) Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- (2) Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
- (3) High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), commonly referred to as Humvees, two and one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached.
- (4) Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion.
- (5) Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- (6) Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- (7) Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature.
- (8) Firearms of .50 caliber or greater.
- (9) Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater.
- (10) Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber that are issued to officers, agents, or employees of a law enforcement agency or a state agency.
- (11) Any firearm or firearm accessory that is designed to launch explosive projectiles.
- (12) "Flashbang" grenades and explosive breaching tools, "tear gas," and "pepper balls," excluding standard, service-issued handheld pepper spray.
- (13) Area denial electroshock devices, microwave weapons, water cannons, long-range acoustic devices, acoustic hailing devices, and sound cannons.
- (14) 40mm projectile launching platforms and their associated munitions

AB 481 Equipment Categories – *GC 7070*

- (1) Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial or ground vehicles.
- (2) Mine-resistant ambush-protected (MRAP) vehicles or armored personnel carriers.
- (3) High mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles (HMMWV), commonly referred to as Humvees, two and one-half-ton trucks, five-ton trucks, or wheeled vehicles that have a breaching or entry apparatus attached.
- (4) Tracked armored vehicles that provide ballistic protection to their occupants and utilize a tracked system instead of wheels for forward motion.
- (5) Command and control vehicles that are either built or modified to facilitate the operational control and direction of public safety units.
- (6) Weaponized aircraft, vessels, or vehicles of any kind.
- (7) Battering rams, slugs, and breaching apparatuses that are explosive in nature.
- (8) Firearms of .50 caliber or greater.
- (9) Ammunition of .50 caliber or greater.
- (10) Specialized firearms and ammunition of less than .50 caliber, including assault weapons, with the exception of standard issue service weapons and ammunition of less than .50 caliber that are issued to officers, agents, or employees of a law enforcement agency or a state agency.
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AB 481 Annual Report 2025
South Lake Tahoe Police Department

This is the South Lake Tahoe Police Department's AB 481 annual report as required by Government Code 7072(a). The report is required to contain specific elements including:

- GC 7072(a)(1): A summary of how the military equipment was used and the purpose of its use.
- GC 7072(a)(2): A summary of any complaints or concerns received concerning the military equipment.
- GC 7072(a)(3): The results of any internal audits, any information about violations of the military equipment use policy, and any actions taken in response.
- GC 7072(a)(4): The total annual cost for each type of military equipment, including acquisition, personnel, training, transportation, maintenance, storage, upgrade, and other ongoing costs, and from what source funds will be provided for the military equipment in the calendar year following submission of the annual military equipment report.
- GC 7072(a)(5): The quantity possessed for each type of military equipment.
- GC 7072(a)(6): If the law enforcement agency intends to acquire additional military equipment in the next year, the quantity sought for each type of military equipment.

The following report is for items listed in the South Lake Tahoe Police Department's AB 481 policy.

Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered aerial vehicles:

A.	GC 7072(a)(1)	The SLTPD has three UAVs which were utilized as follows in 2025: *Aerial search for wanted suspect. (Avata)* *Aerial intelligence for armed, barricaded subject. (Avata)* *Aerial intelligence for armed, barricaded subject. (Matrice)* *Aerial intelligence to locate explosive device. (Matrice)* *Aerial search for arson suspect. (Avata)* The SLTPD may occasionally request UAVs with additional capabilities from allied agencies for use in the South Lake Tahoe city limits.
B.	GC 7072(a)(2)	The SLTPD did not receive any complaints or concerns regarding the use of these items.
C.	GC 7072(a)(3)	There were no internal audits, policy violations or disciplinary actions taken regarding their use.
D.	GC 7072(a)(4)	*Maintenance:* There have been no ongoing maintenance costs with use of UAVs. *Training:* The SLTPD spent $350 in 2025 on training for UAV operators. *Purchase:* The SLTPD purchased two new UAVs in 2025: DJI Matrice $15,114 DJI Mini 4 $1,249
E.	GC 7072(a)(5)	The SLTPD has three UAVs.
F.	GC 7072(a)(6)	The SLTPD has no plans to purchase additional UAVs in the next calendar year.

Unmanned, remotely piloted, powered ground vehicles:

Public Posting

- *https://www.cityofslt.gov/2429/Data-Transparency*

Thank you

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