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Covington Fire Department

Report for February 28,2023

1. Community Events: Chief Griggs attended Tennessee Fire Chiefs winter meeting in Jackson,2/1-2-3 2023.
2. Volunteer Hours: 0 hours worked by Volunteers in February.
3. Run Report for January 19,2023-February 23,2023----2023-Total.
4. County coverage area collections 2023: \$67,500.00 Second notices will be sent before 2/28/2023.
5. 1502 Andrews oil complaint-
6. Training: 2022 Educational Incentive Pay was delivered 2/27/2023.
7. Station Update: Floor bid for Station One was awarded to Cromwell and Scott.
8. Severe weather sirens: Working currently National weather service promoting severe weather awareness week. Sirens were activated @9:30am on 2/22/23.
9. AFG Grant opportunities- High pressure Hydraulic Tool set. Apparatus to replace E-2.
10. Care Report- see attached for review. (Free Smoke Alarms) call (901)-476-2578 to schedule.
11. Fire Inspection Report: See attached for review.
12. Staff Update: One on FML, One Hired as volunteer Cody Peeler.

Covington Fire Department

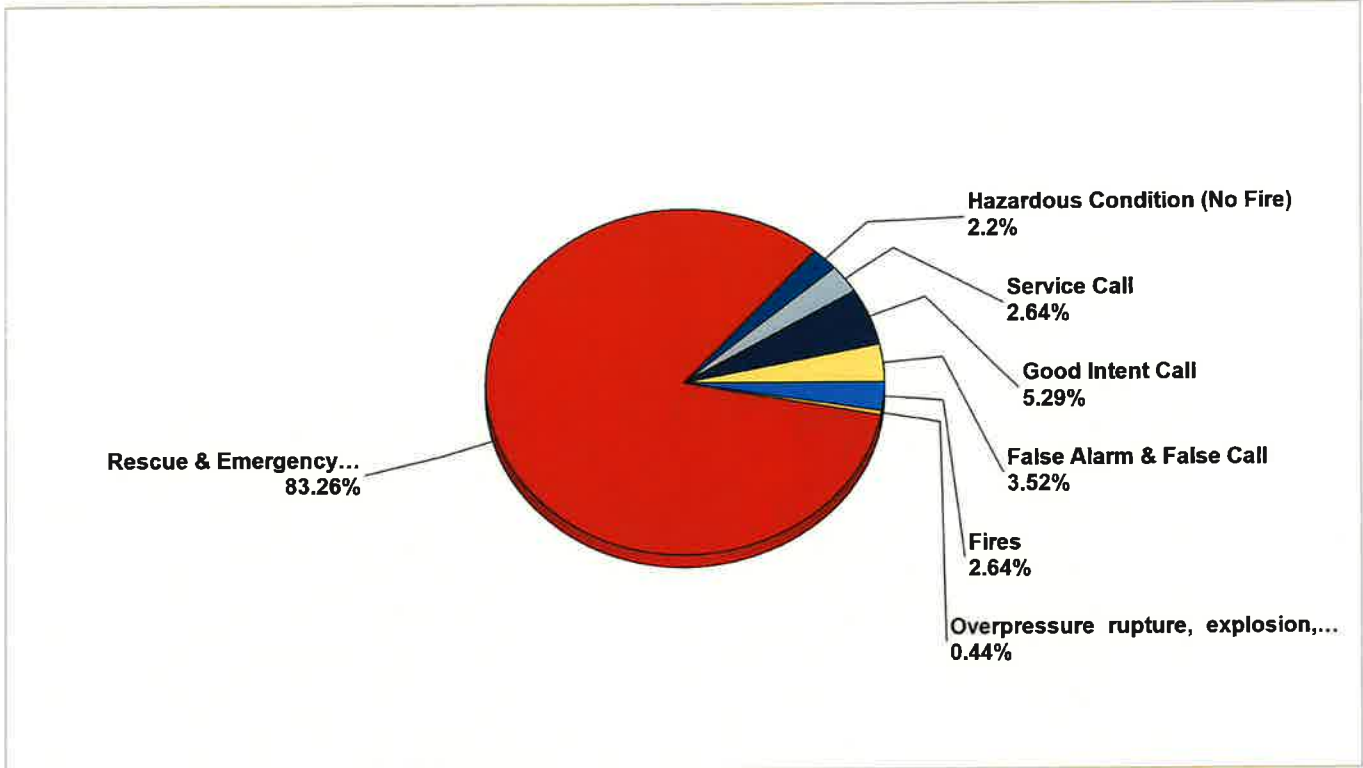
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/19/2023 | End Date: 02/23/2023



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	6	2.64%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	1	0.44%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	189	83.26%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	5	2.2%
Service Call	6	2.64%
Good Intent Call	12	5.29%
False Alarm & False Call	8	3.52%
TOTAL	227	100%

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.



Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	2	0.88%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	3	1.32%
143 - Grass fire	1	0.44%
223 - Air or gas rupture of pressure or process vessel	1	0.44%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	19	8.37%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	158	69.6%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	8	3.52%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	3	1.32%
381 - Rescue or EMS standby	1	0.44%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	4	1.76%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.44%
500 - Service Call, other	1	0.44%
510 - Person in distress, other	2	0.88%
511 - Lock-out	1	0.44%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	0.44%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.44%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	7	3.08%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	3	1.32%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.44%
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1	0.44%
700 - False alarm or false call, other	3	1.32%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.44%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	4	1.76%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	227	100%

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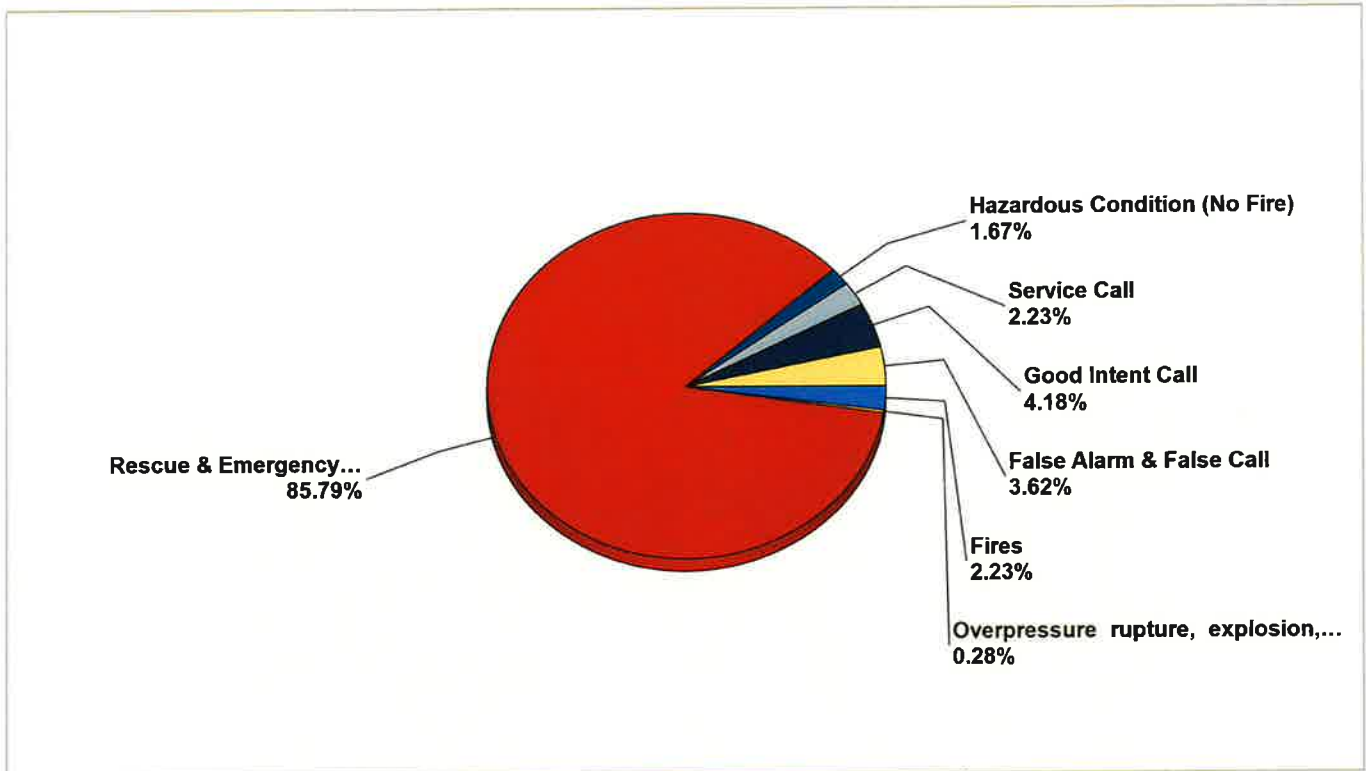
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2023 | End Date: 12/31/2023



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	8	2.23%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	1	0.28%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	308	85.79%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	1.67%
Service Call	8	2.23%
Good Intent Call	15	4.18%
False Alarm & False Call	13	3.62%
TOTAL	359	100%

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Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	3	0.84%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	4	1.11%
143 - Grass fire	1	0.28%
223 - Air or gas rupture of pressure or process vessel	1	0.28%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	34	9.47%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	256	71.31%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	9	2.51%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	6	1.67%
363 - Swift water rescue	2	0.56%
381 - Rescue or EMS standby	1	0.28%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	5	1.39%
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1	0.28%
500 - Service Call, other	1	0.28%
510 - Person in distress, other	4	1.11%
511 - Lock-out	1	0.28%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	1	0.28%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	0.28%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	10	2.79%
622 - No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	3	0.84%
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	0.28%
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1	0.28%
700 - False alarm or false call, other	3	0.84%
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1	0.28%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	9	2.51%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	359	100%

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Yearly Totals

Year	Total
2008	\$55,600.00
2009	\$53,950.00
2010	\$52,550.00
2011	\$53,900.00
2012	\$54,300.00
2013	\$55,400.00
2014	\$55,550.00
2015	\$57,400.00
2016	\$84,100.00
2017	\$80,295.00
2018	\$79,625.00
2019	\$80,320.00
2020	\$79,870.00
2021	\$82,840.00
2022	\$82,255.00
2023	\$67,500.00

Total: \$1,075,455.00

On February 22, 2023, at 1:00 pm, I met with Chief Richard Griggs of the Covington Fire Department to investigate a Used Oil Dumping Complaint. I observed black staining on the soil and grass in the stormwater ditch in front of the residences at 1512 to 1522 Andrews Street, Covington, TN. This impacted area was approximately 100 yards in length and the ditch was approximately 6 feet wide. The Covington Fire Department (CFD) had placed absorbent pads and socks into the ditch to contain the spread of the oil by stormwater. I observed that the black staining began at the southside of the driveway at 1512 Andrews St. and continued north down slope. Thanks to the booms placed by the CFD oil and stormwater was mostly trapped in the ditch in front of the 1512/1514 duplex residences.

We met with Jimbo Klenk of A+ Towing & Service, LLC, the contractor hired by the property manager of 1512/1514 Andrews Street. We discussed the need to remove the oil/stormwater and excavate the stained soil. We also discussed the urgency of getting the cleanup accomplished as soon as possible due to impending rain. Mr. Klenk stated that with the approval of his client he would clean the spill up as soon as possible, but a vacuum truck may not be available until the next day.

I spoke with Mr. Buck Buchanan of Reedy & Company Realtors, LLC, the property manager for 1512/1514 Andrews St. by phone. He stated that he committed to getting the spill cleaned up within 48 hours.

See attached for the photos I took during the site visit.

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PHOTO LOG

Photos taken during the used oil spill complaint site visit at Andrews Street, Covington, Tennessee by Jason Simpson with the Division of Solid Waste Management on February 22, 2023, at 1:00 pm. Chief Richard Griggs with the Covington Fire Department also present.



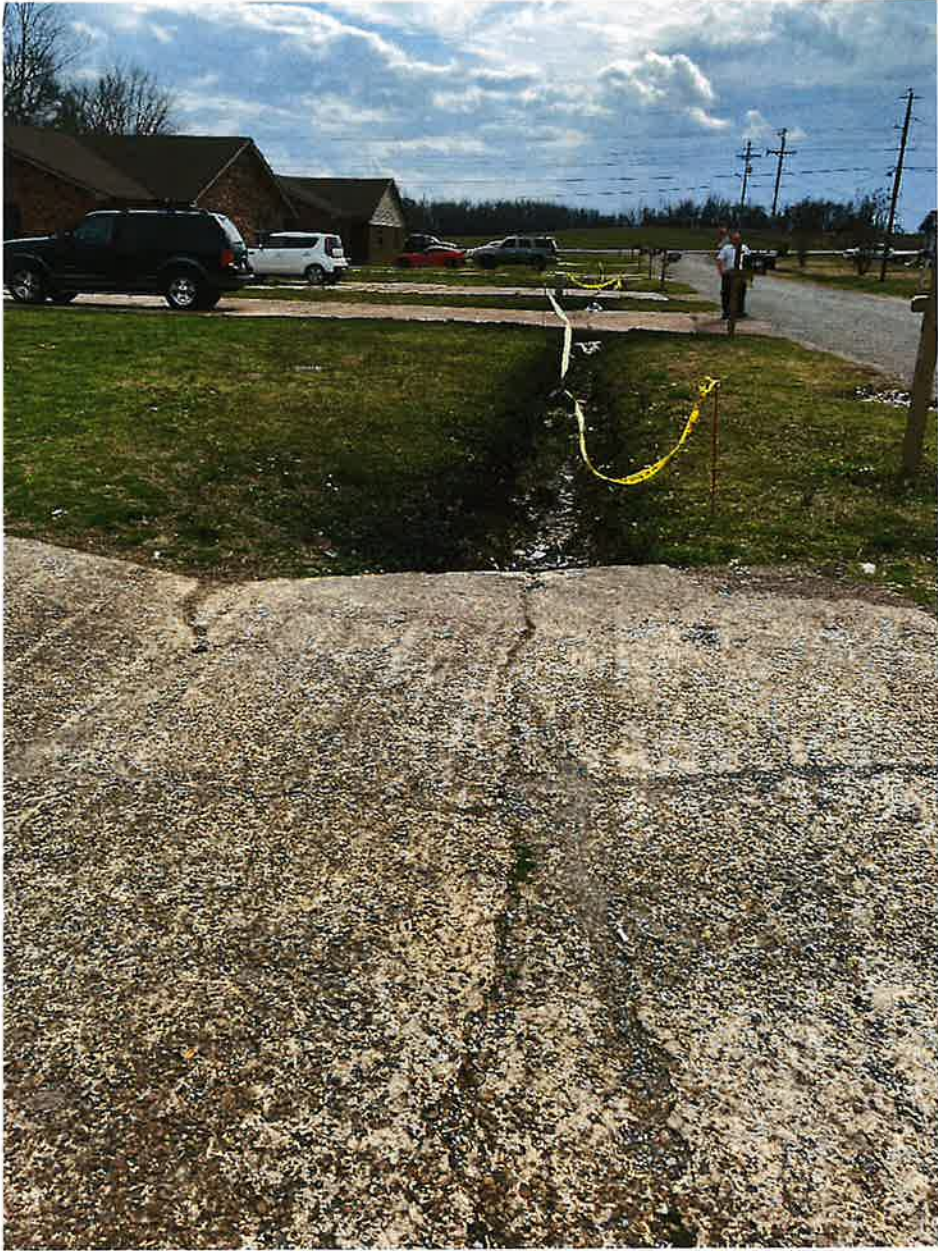
















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Covington Fire Dept. CARE/911 Alternative Program

Monthly Report – February 2023

- General Office Duties
- Thirty Welfare checks
- Installed and issued Twenty-four Smoke alarms
- Monitored Civil Defense Sirens for the City of Covington TN.
- Nine AHA Heart saver AED 1st Aid CPR recertification class
- Three AHA BLS Healthcare Provider recertification classes
- Attended a special event for an unknown Marine who had no known Family.
- Attended Two Civic Rotary Event at the Covington Country Club
- Assisted on Two EMS calls
- Attended Five events at Children Family Services Wellness Program
- Attended West Star Event in Covington

Covington Fire Department Inspector

Monthly Report January 15th to February 21st 2023

- General office duties, taking mail and picking up mail at City Hall and picking up supplies needed for both stations and vehicles.
- 16 Inspections / re-Inspections/ Beer inspection
- fire alarm tests 3
- 1 fire alarm response
- 6 meeting/special events etc.
- Fire Inspector training Feb 22nd 4 hours @ Memphis fire Academy
- Fire Inspector training Feb 8th 4 hours @ Memphis fire Academy
- Fire Inspector training Feb 15th 4 hours @ Memphis fire Academy
- Fire Inspector training Feb 1st 4 hours @ Memphis Fire Academy
- 3 plans review at Codes Department
- 4 fire extinguisher checks at city hall and the CMC building



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24 February 2022

Public Safety Committee Meeting Law Enforcement Agenda

January 2023

- **Personnel**
- **Training**
- **Monthly Activity**
- **January Major Expenses**
- **Total Calls for Service**
- **Traffic Stops**
- **January 2022 Stats**

Personnel

The CPD is currently down four (4) positions:

1. Criminal Investigations (Det. Dewayne Dowell – Atoka PD)
2. Uniform Patrol (Sgt. Greg Templeton- TCSO – resignation - disciplinary)
3. School Resource Officer – Charger Academy position
4. School Resource Officer – Crestview Elementary position

Training

January 10-11

All Covington Police Department staff attended "The Fostered Gift" roll call training with Shannon Leach - Community Relations Director, and Jennifer Hall. The purpose of this training was to give the officers information on the process of placement for children who are in crisis and cannot return to their natural home. Also, the services that they offer and

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discuss the current needs of first responders that are working with children who are experiencing a crisis. [Home - The Fostered Gift](#)

January 25

All Covington Police Department staff attended roll call training with "The Lighthouse" from Kenny Lane, Suzanne Green, and Billy Rickard. The purpose of the training is to inform officers about Safe Harbor Drug treatment program and how they can help citizens that need help on how to get them treatment. [The Lighthouse - Christian Ministry, Christian Counseling | Memphis, TN \(lhmm.org\)](#)

January 26 – 27

Lt McCurry and Detective Dillingham attended [Child Sexual Abuse Training at the Tennessee Department of Children Services office in Jackson, TN](#). The training was to enhance knowledge, further skill development, reinforce the goals and values of the Child Protective Teams (CPIT) teams, & provide a team building opportunity.

Grant Applications:

The Covington Police Department has applied for the State of **Tennessee Formula Based Grant for Violent Crime Intervention** for Covington. The grant is for **\$156,646.00**. The grant is non-competitive and the amount received is based on our violent crime numbers recorded at the State of Tennessee. This grant is offered to each law enforcement agency in the State and is a three-year grant. The grant is 100% funded with State of Tennessee monies.

The Covington Police Department and Tipton County Sheriff's Office have partnered and applied for the **Tennessee Competitive Collaborative Enhancement Grant for Violent Crime Intervention** in Tipton County. The grant can be up to 2 million dollars and applications are competitive for the monies. Our grant request is for **\$1,518,969.58**.

Monthly Activity

- **01/03** – CPD, TCSO, and TN Homeland Security provided Tipton Christian Academy Active Shooter Training.
- **01/04** – CPD attended an Atlas One meeting on Public Relations platforms for a grant.

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- **01/05** – Covington Police Department met with Tipton County Sheriff's Office on the collaborative grant.
- **01/06** – Chief Turner and staff attended the Annual Sea of Blue for Trooper Jenks on Highway 14.
- **01/08** – Trainees had their first day at TLETA.
- **01/08** – A press release was issued on a Dog Running At large complaint on Maple Street.
- **01/09** – Chief Turner held a meeting with the current Field Training Officers.
- **01/09** – Officer Currie was released from his FTO program for successful completion.
- **01/10** – School Resource Officers met with Chief Turner.
- **01/10** – Chief Turner and ATF attended the Multiagency Gang Unit meeting in Memphis.
- **01/12** – CPD hosted the monthly CRISP Meeting with ATF.
- **01/12** – Chief Turner attended the E911 Personnel Staff Meeting.
- **01/12** – Chief Turner attended the Coffee and Commerce at the Crafted Coffee on the Square.
- **01/17** – CPD proctored Sergeant Assessments testing for officers with Command Staff and HR.
- **01/18** – Chief Turner attended a Meet and Greet at Baptist Tipton Hospital System for the Director of Security Mike Rawlings.
- **01/19** – Covington Police Department held a panel interview for Sgt. And Cpl.
- **01/19** – Sheila Wynn attended the Drug Free Tipton meeting.
- **01/19** – Chief Turner attended the Third Thursday meeting at the Boys and Girls Club.
- **01/20** – Lt. Ginn, Det. Dillingham and Off. Bean went and spoke at TCA Career Day.
- **01/20, 21** – CID conducted a 2-day Compliance Check Detail for sale of beer and tobacco.
- **01/23** – Chief Turner issued a press release on the Compliance Check Detail.
- **01/23** – Mayor Hensley and Chief Turner took a tour of Martin PD Public Safety Building.
- **01/25** – Chief Turner, Command Staff, SROs, and CID attended a Mass Attack in Public Spaces training sponsored by the Homeland Security.
- **01/26** – Chief Turner met with Chief Griggs on the Civil Unrest Policy.
- **01/26** – CID detectives attended a Countywide theft investigation meeting at TCSO.
- **01/26-28** – CPD officers assisted at the Drug Free Tipton Movie Nights at the Ruffin nightly.

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January 2023 Major Expenses:

110-42100-261 | Repair and Maintenance Motor Vehicle - **\$3,130.77**

- **January 2023 / Total calls for service – 1889**
- **January 2023 / Traffic stops – 340**
- **January 2023 / Statistics and Graphs**



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08 January 2023

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Covington Police Department responds to aggressive dog complaint on N. Maple Street in Covington over the weekend.

On 07 January 2023 at about 3:25 PM Covington Police Department officers responded to a complaint of aggressive dogs running through the neighborhood in the 400 block of N. Maple St. Officers arrived in the area and spoke with the complainant who stated four (4) large German Shepard dogs were running through his yard in a "pack" chasing after his neighbor's cats. He stated that he opened his front door and yelled to the dogs, "go away". The complainant stated the dogs then turned on him and ran him back onto his porch. He stated he had to kick the first dog so he could get enough space to shut his door and called dispatch for assistance.

Officer Bean arrived and observed the 4 German Shepard dogs running loose at the opposite end of the street. He tried getting the dogs in the back of the patrol car but as they approached Officer Bean, they started growling in an aggressive manner. Officer Bean requested additional officers to assist due to their aggressive behavior toward him and fled for his safety. Animal control staff were contacted and responded to the scene to assist in catching the pack of dogs. For 45 minutes the dogs were running loose through the neighborhood barking and being aggressive towards the Officers and Animal Control staff as they were attempting to capture the animals.

Officers during the incident had been going door to door in an attempt to warn neighbors of the situation and possibly identify who owned the animals. The dogs were in the front yard of 320 N. Maple. Officer Bean attempted to contact the neighbor at 310 N. Maple St, via the doorbell. As Officer Bean was attempting to make contact, three of the dogs had run up aggressively to Officer Bean and were growling as if they were going to attack Officer Bean. The incident was captured on Officer Bean's body camera.

Once the dogs ran to the side of the house, Officer Bean was able to run to another officer's vehicle for safety. Animal control attempted to contact the residence at 320 N. Maple St, by

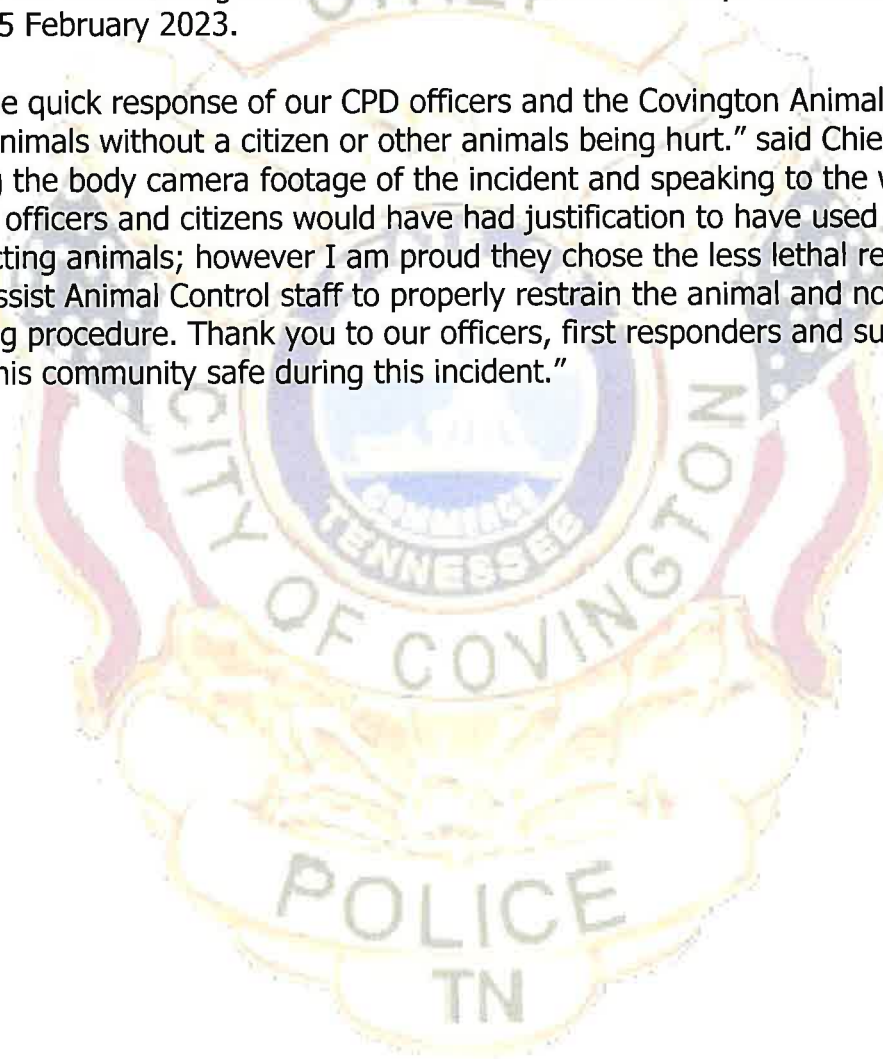
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ringing the doorbell, but no one answered the door. Animal control was able to place two of the dogs in the backyard of 320 N. Maple St.

Officers continued to chase the remaining loose two dogs. One of the dogs ran up to the door of 320 N. Maple where Animal Control and Officers were able to approach the dog who was tased by an officer which allowed animal control staff to gain custody of the dog. The other dog ran away and ended up in the fence with the other two animals. The dog that was tased was not injured and secured at the city of Covington Animal Shelter ending the incident.

Officer Bean was able to speak with the dog owner, Matthew Alford of 320 N. Maple Street by telephone about the incident. Mr. Alford responded and was cited into Covington City Court for Violation of the Leash Law. Due to the Alford's dogs not having a history of running loose, Mr. Alford was only cited for the one dog which had to be taken into custody. He is slated to appear in court on 15 February 2023.

"I am thankful for the quick response of our CPD officers and the Covington Animal Control Staff to secure the animals without a citizen or other animals being hurt." said Chief Donna Turner "In reviewing the body camera footage of the incident and speaking to the witnesses on N. Maple Street, the officers and citizens would have had justification to have used deadly force on the aggressive acting animals; however I am proud they chose the less lethal response to tase the animal to assist Animal Control staff to properly restrain the animal and not be injured during the restraining procedure. Thank you to our officers, first responders and support staff who certainly kept this community safe during this incident."



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23 January 2023

CHIEF PRESS RELEASE

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Covington Police Department Criminal Investigation Division conducted quarterly Underage Sell of Alcohol Compliance Check Operation:

On 20 January 2023 the Covington Police Department Criminal Investigation Division (CID) conducted an undercover alcohol compliance check on Covington businesses which currently have a license to sell beer. Detectives utilized an informant, under the age of 21, to enter these establishments to purchase alcohol. The compliance operations are in conjunction with Drug Free Tipton and the Covington Beer Board.

A total of fifteen (15) businesses were checked throughout the compliance check operation. Twelve (12) of those businesses refused to sell to the underage informant and were in compliance:

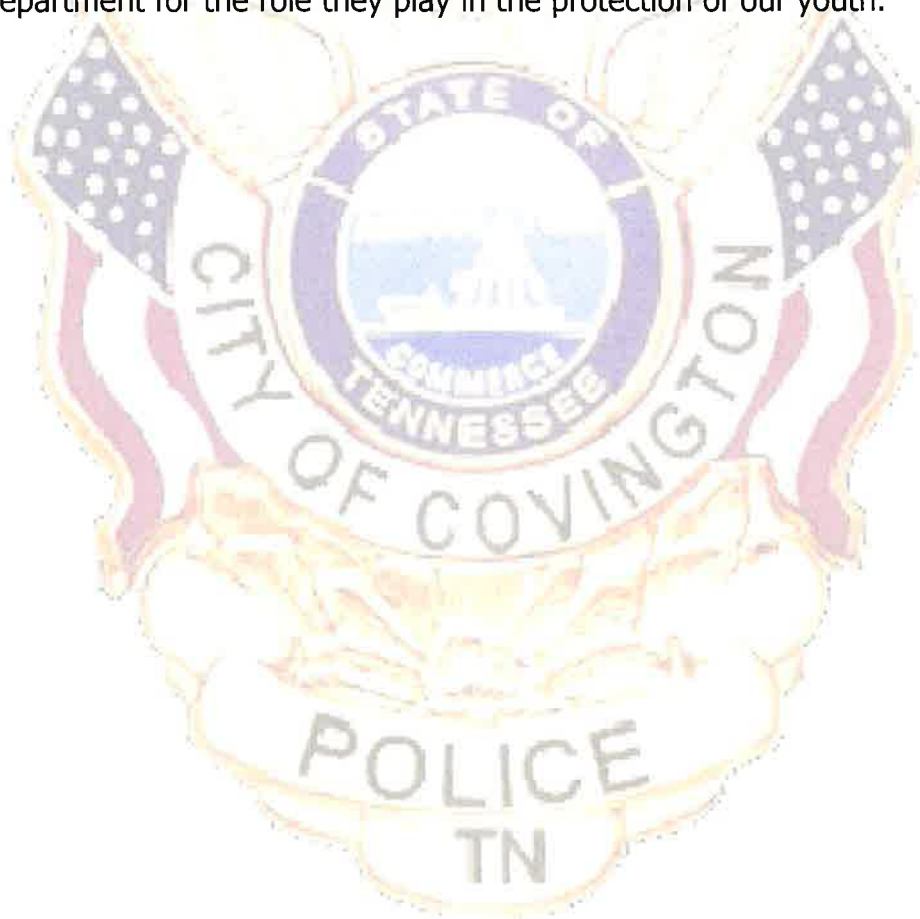
Exxon 955 Highway 51 N
C-Town 526 Highway 51N
Walgreens 950 Highway 51N
Thrift Mart 825 Peeler Road
Mapco 833 Highway 51N
Fastimes (Valero) 101 Highway 51N
Midway IV 415 Highway 51 S
Wal-Mart 201 Lanny Bridges
Murphy USA 1631 Highway 51 S
Exxon 1725 Highway 51 S
Tobacco Junction 105 Muller Brass Road
Midway Market II 5000 Muller Brass Road

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Three (3) businesses were found to be out of compliance during the operation. Detectives cited the clerks for the alleged unlawful sell of alcohol to a minor: **Dollar General** (960 Highway 51 N.) **employee Brianna Tyus**, **Naifeh's CashSaver** (951 Highway 51 N.) **employee Bri'Anna Wakefield**, and **Fastway** (880 Hwy 51 N.) **employee Kajanda Brown**. All clerks are due in Tipton County General Sessions Court on 21 February 2023 at 9AM.

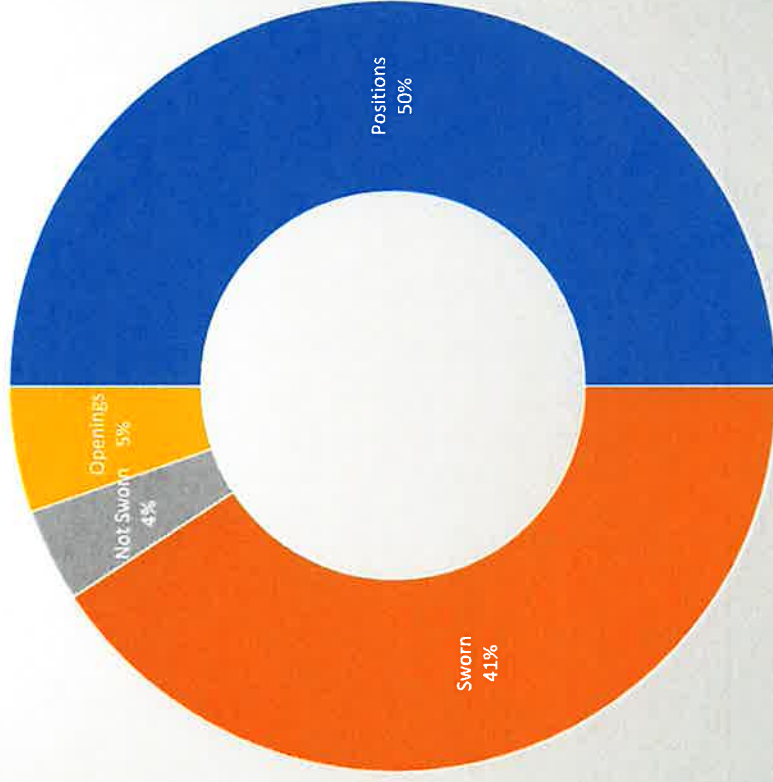
"We partner with Drug Free Tipton to assist businesses in Covington to educate clerks and staff to be responsible in the proper sell of alcohol and to support compliance of the rules for beer licenses set by the Covington Beer Board and the State of Tennessee." said Chief Donna Turner "I want to congratulate the 12 businesses who were in compliance. We will continue to work with all of our businesses and focus on a 100% compliance city wide."

"Ongoing alcohol sales compliance checks are an effective prevention tool to protect our youth from access to alcohol and future battles with misuse," said Robin Racine, Director of Drug Free Tipton. "There is a decrease in the likelihood of establishments selling alcohol to youth after they have been checked by law enforcement. Drug Free Tipton would like to thank the Covington Police Department for the role they play in the protection of our youth."

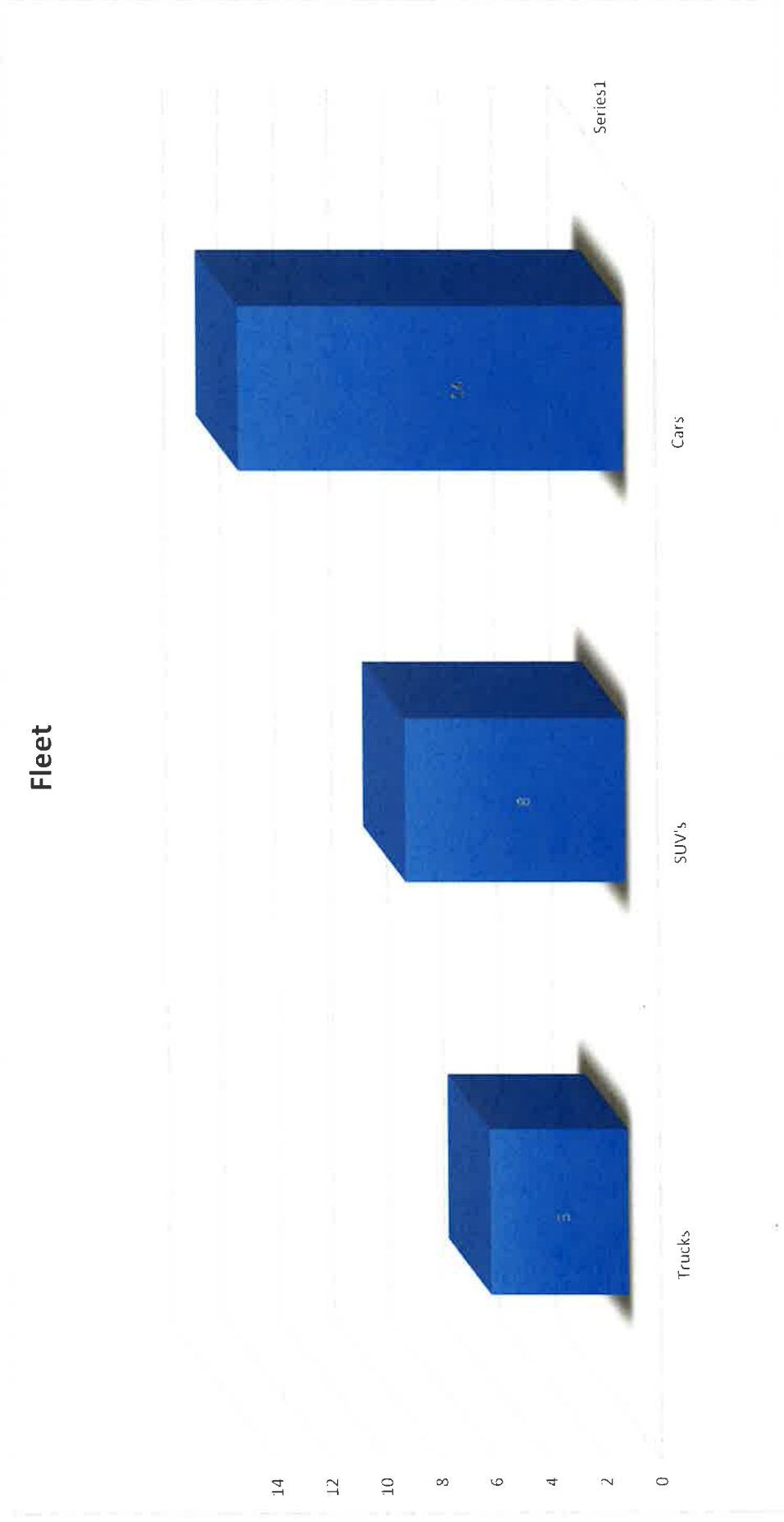


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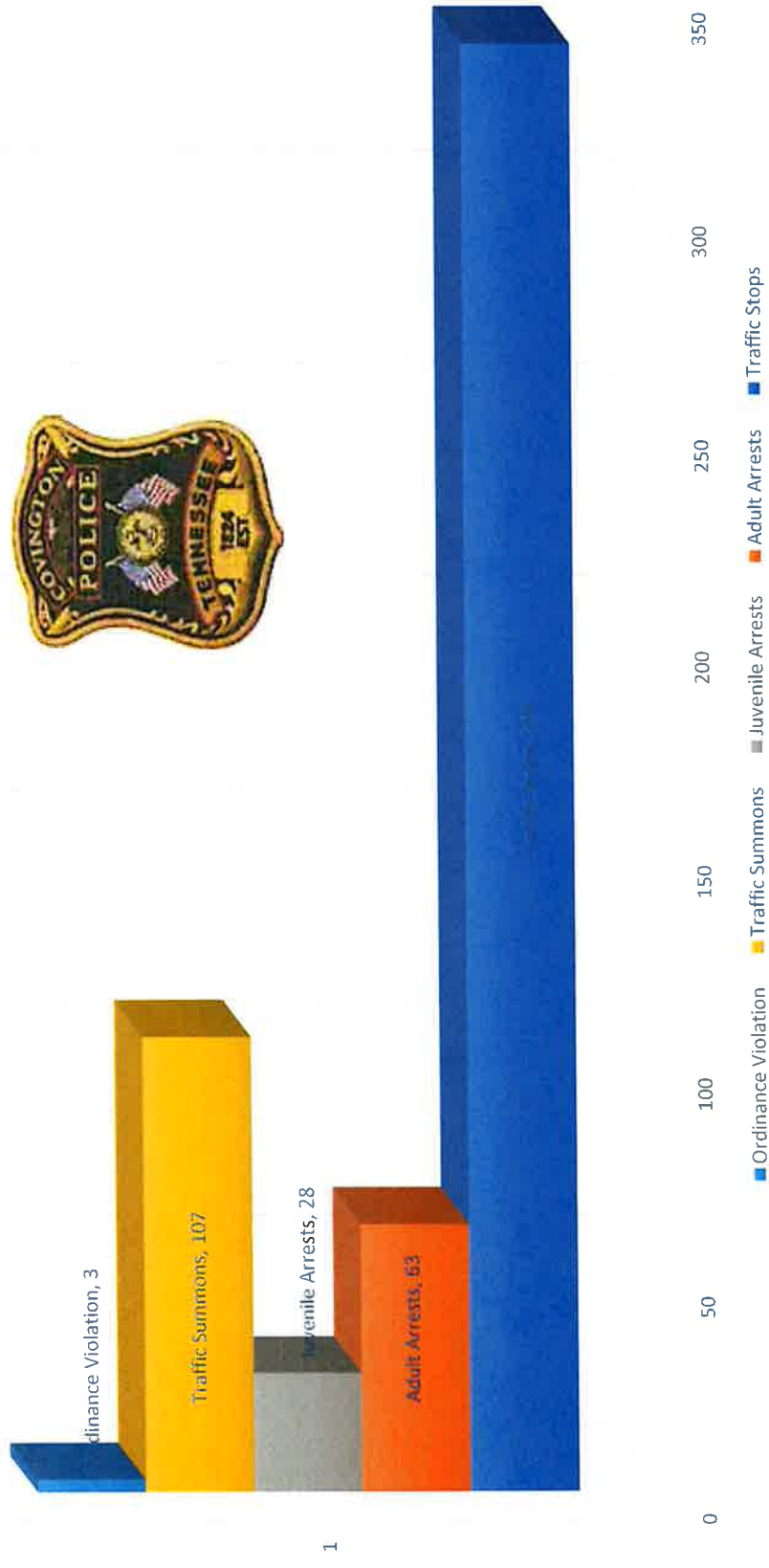
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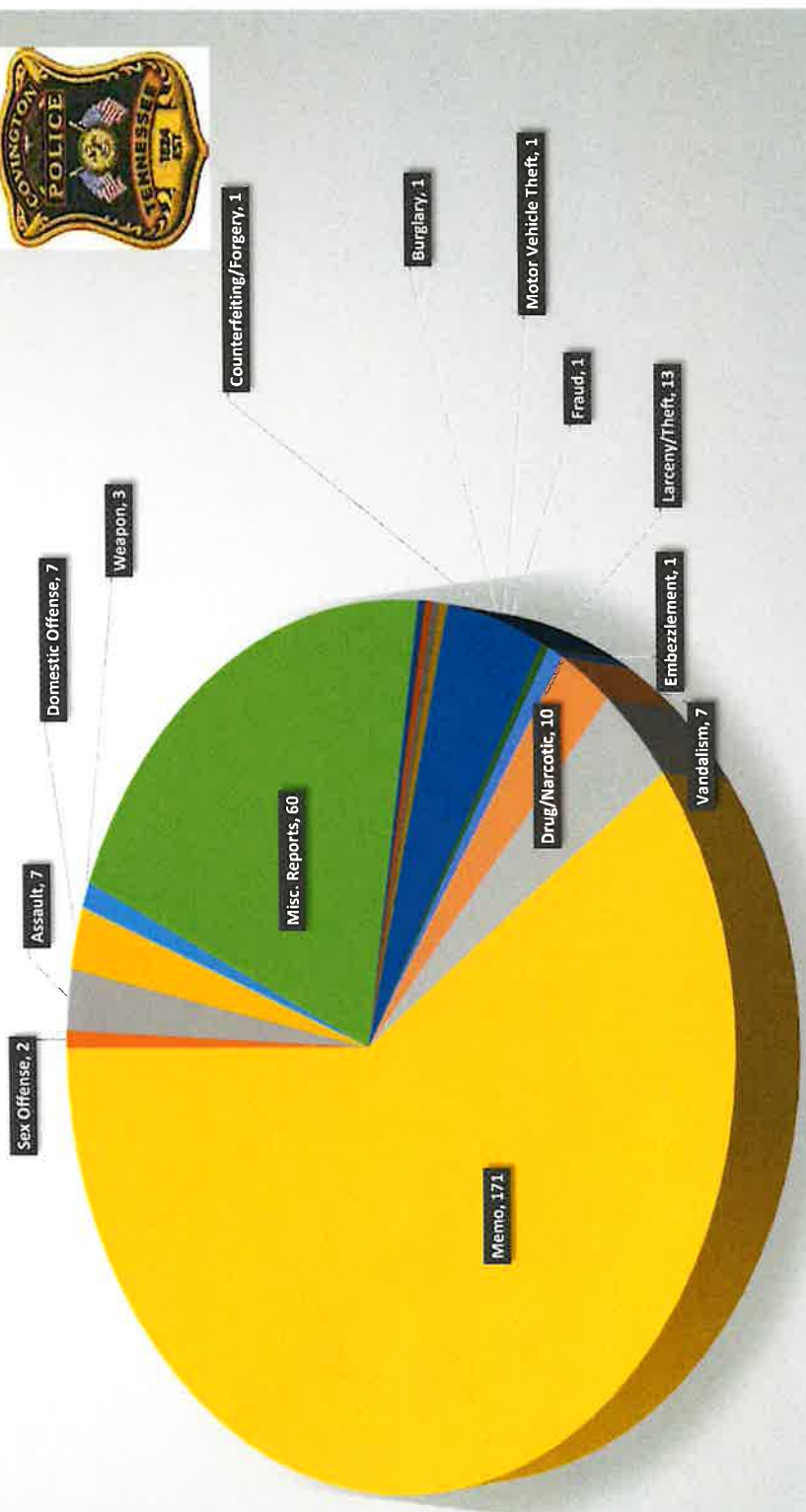


Statistics





Offenses



- Homicide
- Sex Offense
- Assault
- Domestic Offense
- Weapon
- Misc. Reports
- Counterfeiting/Forgery
- Burglary
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Fraud
- Larceny/Theft
- Embezzlement
- Stolen Property
- Vandalism
- Drug/Narcotic
- Memo

