

River Hills Police Department
2023 Operations Summary



March 13, 2024

River Hills Police Department 2023 Operational Summary

Personnel

Personnel Snapshot:

<u>Officer</u>		<u>Years of Service</u>
Chief Milton Mrozak	Retiring April 19th	35
LT Michael Gaynor	Promoting to Chief	19
Sgt Chris Malek		15
Sgt Jesse Kimber		20
Officer Ian Unsworth	Probable retirement 2025	28
Officer Richard Wilhelm	Retired 03/01/2024	25
Officer Steve Wiesmueller		15
Officer Brandon Keto		9
Officer Sean Doughman		6
Officer Calieb Cory	Resigned 12/06/2023	5
Officer Matthew Spoerl		3
Officer Collin McGovern	New hire, currently in field training	
Officer Brandon Kurshinsky	New hire, currently in police academy	
Vacancy		

As can be seen from the above table the department's personnel has/will be shaken up to a level not seen since 1989 when I was hired. Although the PD's median age/experience will be dropping we still have a solid core of veteran leadership and experience.

Perhaps the biggest obstacle facing law enforcement today is attracting and retaining new officers. We have been fortunate in hiring Officers McGovern and Kurshinsky to fill the vacancies of Officers Wilhelm and Cory. However, we are still in the process of trying to find my replacement, a process ongoing for over four months.

Long Term Injury/Sick Time Report:

Sick days usage for 2023 was 65 days, which averages to 6 days per officer for the year. This was an increase from 2022 which was 40 days for the year. However, 33 days were for family leave of two officers beginning their lives with their first child. This returns an average of about 3 sick days per officer for the year.

The department did not lose any time in 2023 due to long term illness/injury, or workplace injuries.

Department Activity

Attached to this report are two charts and related graphs which show 2023 activity compared to 2022 and 2021.

Traffic enforcement activity has decreased from 2022 but non-traffic arrests have been consistent.

The total calls for service the River Hills Police Department received in 2023 have increased from 2022 after a slight downward trend since 2020.

For the year of 2023, the River Hills Police Department responded to:

- *1663 calls for service*
- *Issued 310 speeding citations*
- *Issued 725 other traffic/ordinance violation citations*
- *Issued 2007 violation notice/warnings*

Officers made 52 arrests on 71 charges based on the following charge count:

- *8 Felony-Criminal*
 - *2 Vehicle eluding (1 involving bodily harm/property damage)*
 - *1 Burglary*
 - *1 Drug Related (Methamphetamine)*
 - *1 Recklessly Endangering Safety*
 - *1 Identity Theft*
 - *1 Operate Stolen Vehicle*
- *34 Misdemeanor-Criminal*
- *24 Ordinance or Non-Criminal*
- *4 Warrant Pick-Ups*
- *2 Mental Health Detention*

Municipal Court Revenue for 2023 was \$113,113.65.

Our records management system recorded 6006 call records for the year (up from 5802), from which officers filed 101 case records including the following cases:

- *11 Operating While Intoxicated*
- *10 Information Reports*
- *9 Assist Other Agencies*
- *7 Trespassing*
- *5 Warrant Arrests*
- *4 Fraud*
- *4 Death Investigation*
- *2 Carrying Concealed Weapon*
- *3 Found Property*
- *1 Burglary*

Domestic Violence incidents reported to the River Hills Police Department increased from none in 2022 to three in 2023.

Use of force incidents were again minimal. Our officers did an outstanding job of de-escalating high-pressure incidents and handling vehicle stops and general calls for service with the goal of preventing incidents from escalation. There were only nine uses of force requiring documentation out of the thousands of contacts our department had with the public during the course of the year. Six of these nine incidents were while assisting other agencies.

Our department initiated three reportable motor vehicle pursuits. In each instance the fleeing operator was apprehended immediately after stopping. Unless warranted by circumstances our department terminates pursuits very quickly.

Neither our use of force incidents or vehicle pursuits resulted in injury to officers or civilians in 2023.

Here are some noteworthy incident summaries from 2023.

- March 17. While assisting the Brown Deer PD on a shots fired call, Officer Spoerl located a suspect and took him into custody at rifle point.
- March 23. A vehicle fleeing from the WI State Patrol crashed into two cars at the Park and Ride lot. There was a nine-month pregnant woman passenger in the fleeing car.
- April 24. A fire started in home's attached garage. Investigation determined the fire started by a burning incense stick.
- June 8. A month-long soap opera of a troubled young woman pursuing a relationship with an order male resident concluded with the woman attempting to avoid arrest for Violation of Restraining Order by fleeing into the Milwaukee River. Officer Keto entered the river and carried out the kicking and screaming woman who was then taken to jail. PO Keto was decorated by the department for actions above and beyond the call of duty.
- June 12. Death Investigation. An adult male was determined to have died from a drug overdose. Later that day Officer Doughman prevented another death investigation at that residence by providing Narcan to an adult female. PO Doughman was decorated for his actions in this case. Children in the home were turned over to social services.
- June 16. A death investigation determined that a 17-year-old boy died of a drug overdose.
- July 22. A burglary occurred in which an auto was stolen. The auto was later located and recovered in Milwaukee along with the suspect in the car. We arrested the suspect who was also in possession of methamphetamine and referred charges to the District Attorney, who declined to charge almost all of the charges.
- August 21. A Brown Deer PD Flock camera located a stolen auto which was found by Officer Cory. A pursuit through the Village in which the fleeing auto drove on the wrong side of W. Brown Deer Rd. headed back into Brown Deer where the driver and passenger bailed from the car and fled on foot. Both 16 year old subjects were apprehended.
- September 1. A subject appeared to be having psychiatric troubles. He was taken in custody for Emergency Detention and transported to a hospital for a medical evaluation where it was determined he was having a heart attack.

- December 28. Officers responded to assist Brown Deer PD with a shots fired call. Shortly after arrival a gunshot victim was located at a crash scene at 43rd and Good Hope.

It has been an honor to have served as Chief of Police for the last six years, which have been the most satisfying of my 35-year career with the River Hills Police Department. The quality of the officers, the support of the Board of Trustees and Village Manager Tammy Laborde, and the goodwill of the residents of the Village is unmatched in Milwaukee County and probably in the State of Wisconsin. I retire with the knowledge that the River Hills Police Department is in a good position to face the upcoming challenges that are sure to come.

Myself, Lt. Mike Gaynor, and the staff of the River Hills Police Department look forward to serving the Village of River Hills in 2024.

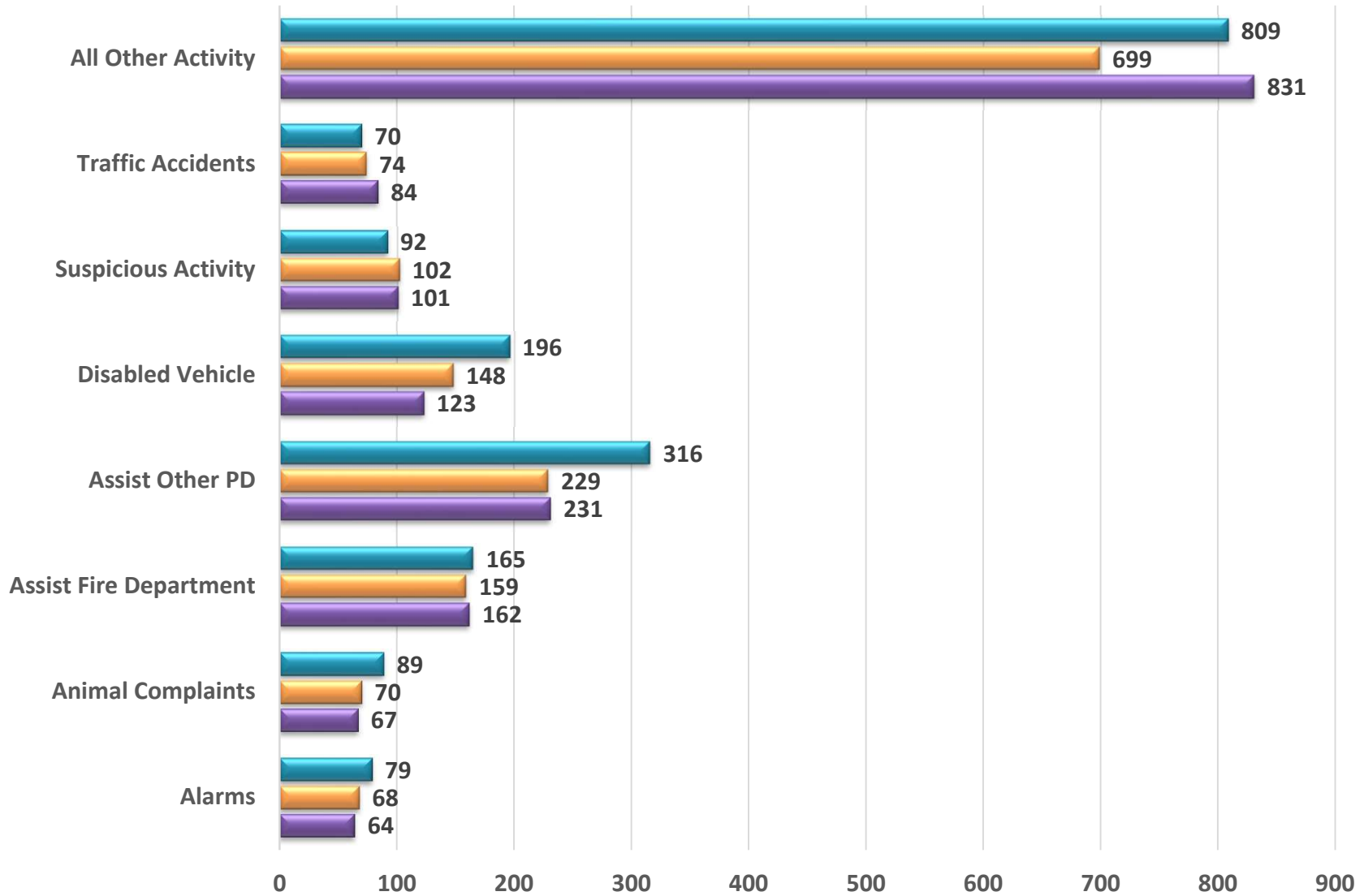
As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about your police department and its operations feel free to contact me anytime at the station, on my mobile phone, or by email at mmrozak@vil.river-hills.wi.us.

2023		2022		2021	
	TOTALS		TOTALS		TOTALS
CITATIONS/ARRESTS		CITATIONS/ARRESTS		CITATIONS/ARRESTS	
Adult Municipal	19	Adult Municipal	33	Adult Municipal	31
OWI	11	OWI	22	OWI	10
Speeding	310	Speeding	607	Speeding	793
Other Traffic	674	Other Traffic	782	Other Traffic	791
State Traffic	18	State Traffic	26	State Traffic	13
Parking	3	Parking	0	Parking	3
Juvenile Municipal	0	Juvenile Municipal	8	Juvenile Municipal	0
Mental Observation	2	Mental Observation	1	Mental Observation	6
State Adult Non-Traffic	20	State Adult Non-Traffic	12	State Adult Non-Traffic	7
State Juvenile Non-Traffic	0	State Juvenile Non-Traffic	0	State Juvenile Non-Traffic	1
Warrant Arrests	5	Warrant Arrests	6	Warrant Arrests	14
Field Interrogations	0	Field Interrogations	1	Field Interrogations	1
Violation Notices	2007	Violation Notices	2129	Violation Notices	2151
TOTAL	3069	TOTAL	3627	TOTAL	3821
TOTAL CITATIONS	1035	TOTAL CITATIONS	1478	TOTAL CITATIONS	1641
OTHER MISC ACTIVITY		OTHER MISC ACTIVITY		OTHER MISC ACTIVITY	
Alarms	64	Alarms	68	Alarms	79
Animal Complaints	67	Animal Complaints	70	Animal Complaints	89
Assist Fire Department	162	Assist Fire Department	159	Assist Fire Department	165
Assist Other PD	231	Assist Other PD	229	Assist Other PD	316
Disabled Vehicle	123	Disabled Vehicle	148	Disabled Vehicle	196
Suspicious Activity	101	Suspicious Activity	102	Suspicious Activity	92
Traffic Accidents	84	Traffic Accidents	74	Traffic Accidents	70
All Other Activity	831	All Other Activity	699	All Other Activity	809
TOTAL	1663	TOTAL	1549	TOTAL	1816
House Checks	2377	House Checks	2377	House Checks	2121

Municipal Court Receipts	\$ 113,133.65	\$151,449.13	\$ 142,841.01
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2021-2023 Call Service Activity

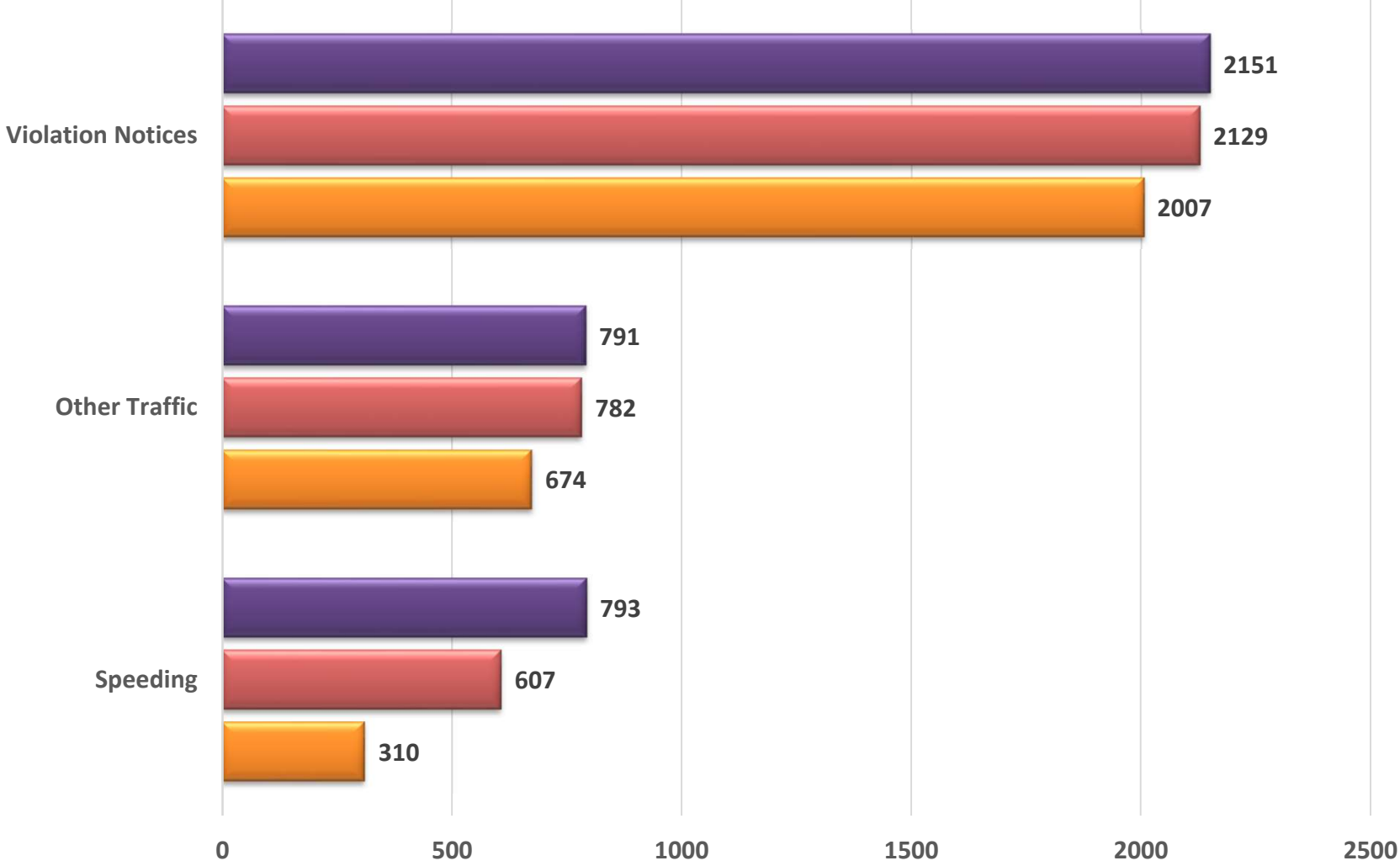
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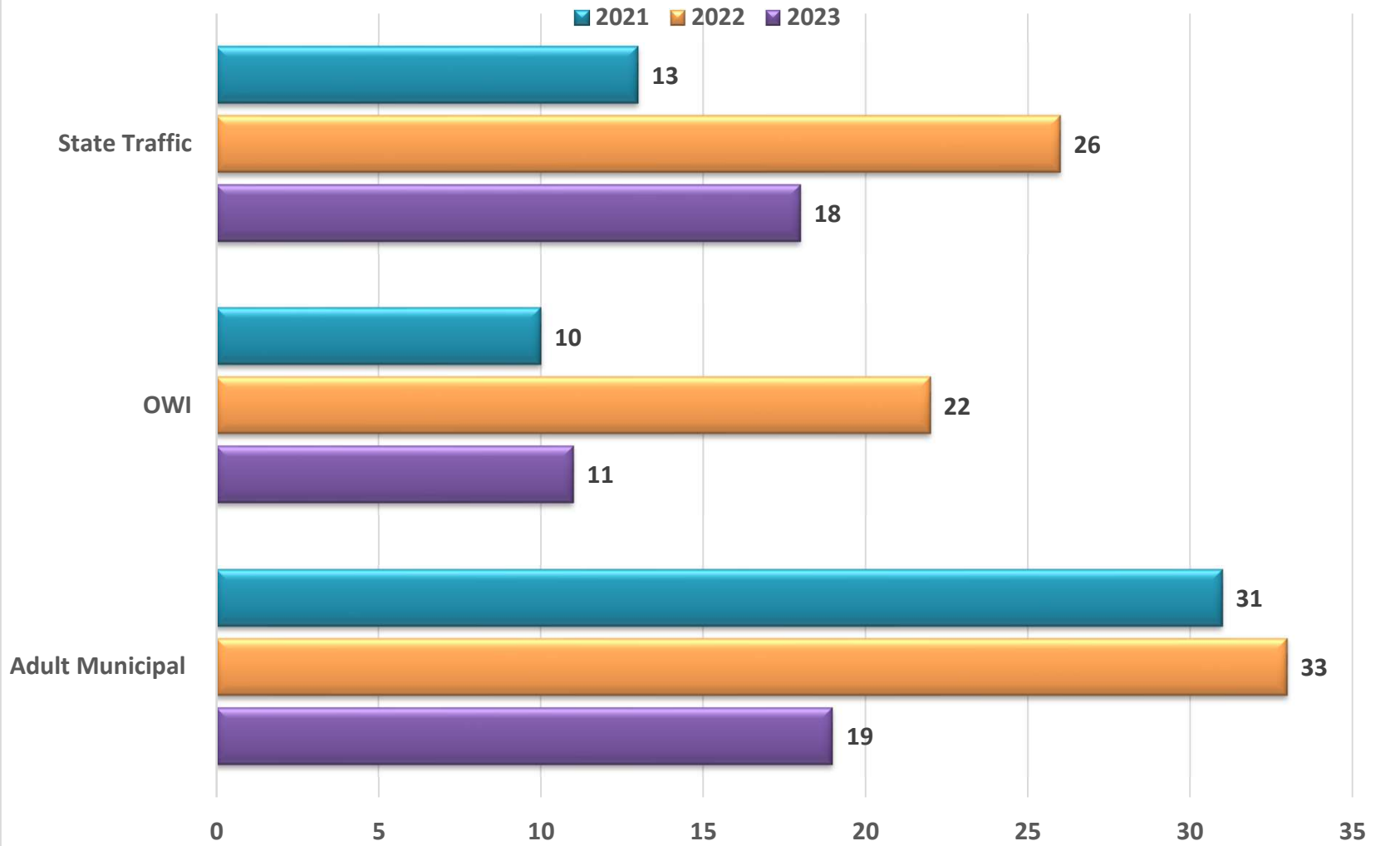
Major Traffic Enforcement Categories

2021-2023

2021 2022 2023



Other Enforcement Categories 2021-2023



2021-2023 Arrest Activity (Non-Traffic)

■ 2021 ■ 2022 ■ 2023

