

Juneau Police Department

2022 Annual Report



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City a place where people can live safely and without fear.*

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Courage, Service, Integrity, Respect





Chief's Message

On behalf of the sworn and civilian support staff members who collectively serve our community, it is my pleasure to present the Juneau Police Department 2022 Annual Report to the community.

The number of reported crimes in Juneau continued to decline in 2021. Caller-initiated Calls for Service decreased from 26,115 in 2020 to a five-year low of 25,539 in 2021, for an overall decrease of 2.2%. Part I UCR crimes also fell to a five-year low with 1,246 crimes in 2020 compared to 822 crimes in 2021, for an overall decrease in Part I crimes of 34%. Of the 8 Part I crime categories, 7 saw a decrease, and only the category of Arson saw an increase. For the category of Arson, the number of reported crimes increased from 4 in 2020 to 11 in 2021. All 8 categories are detailed later in this report. The overall reduction in crime has been steadily decreasing from the high water mark of reported crime in 2017. For 2021, the State of Alaska also reported an overall decrease in crime.

Close monitoring of future crime statistics will be important to see if the CBJ continues on its downward trend, or to see if crime has reached a bottom point and will rebound to higher levels. I believe the hard work of the police department, the criminal justice system, and the community has played a role in the crime going down.

The staff at the Juneau Police Department are dedicated and caring professionals, who understand the importance to help make our community a safe place to live. As their Chief, I am honored to work with them to meet our public safety mission in serving the community. I thank each of them for their service. I would also like to thank Mayor Beth Weldon, City Manager Rorie Watt and Deputy City Manager Robert Barr, the entire City and Borough of Juneau Assembly, and all of the residents of Juneau for their continued support and efforts.



2021 Juneau Police Department Organizational Chart

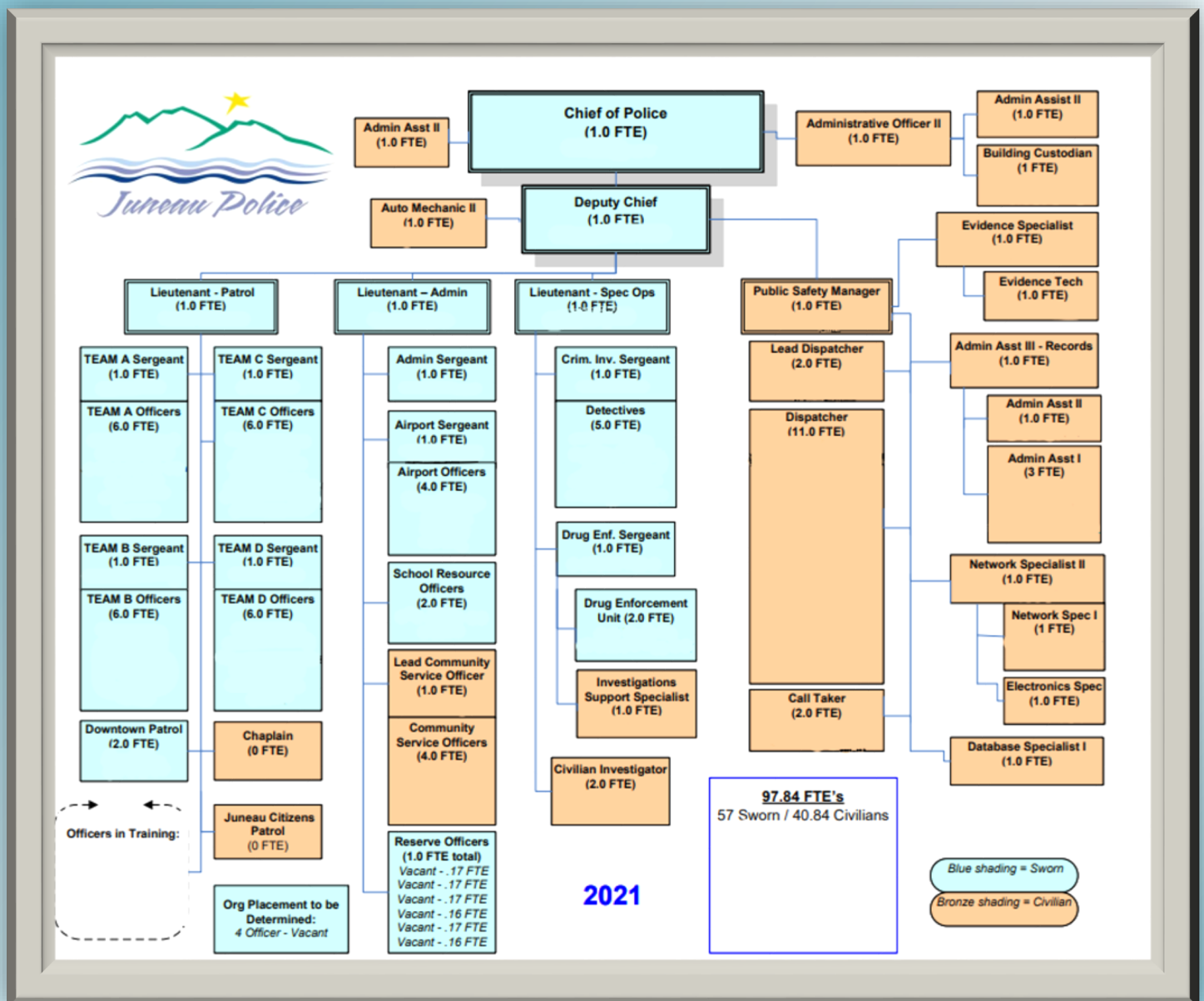
Juneau Police Department Mission Statement

In partnership with the people of Juneau, our mission is to make our City a place where people can live safely and without fear.

Core values:

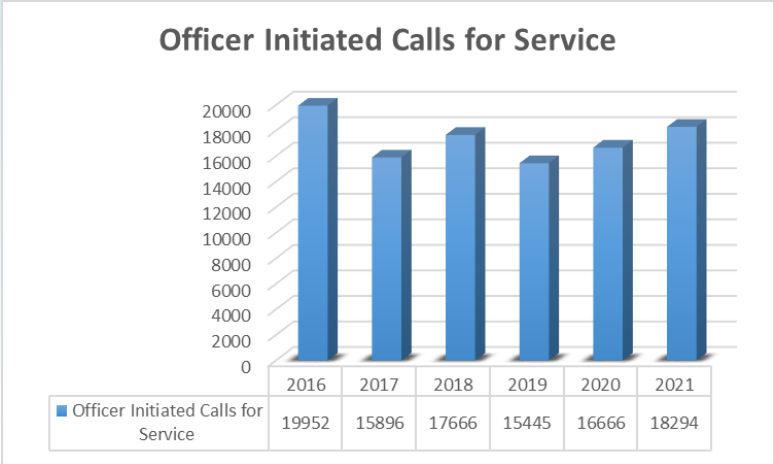
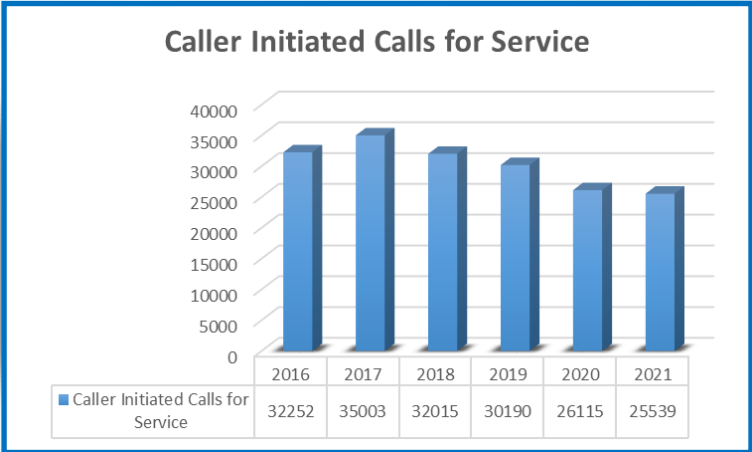
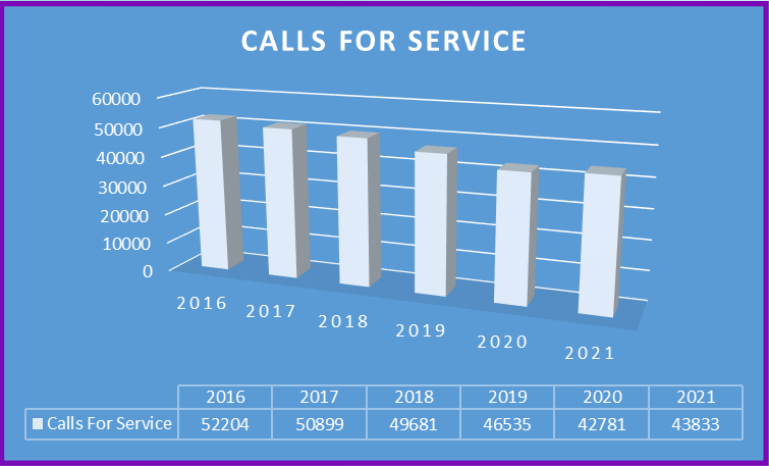
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The Juneau Police Department is structured to have 97 employees, with 57 Sworn Officers and 40 Support Staff. Throughout the year, the Juneau Police Department continued to work on recruitment and continued the effort to hire qualified staff who meet our core values to exceed our Mission Statement. This is continuous and ongoing.



Calls for Service

Throughout the year, JPD receives a variety of calls requesting police services. JPD can separate calls for service between calls made to JPD by citizens requesting service and Officer initiated calls.





Uniform Crime Reporting-(UCR)



Juneau reported UCR Percent Change 2017 to 2027

Part I and II % Change

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Total Crimes	-10%	-4%	-10%	-19%

The UCR Program's primary objective is to generate reliable information for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management; over the years, however, the data have become one of the country's leading social indicators. The program has been the starting place for law enforcement executives, students of criminal justice, researchers, members of the media, and the public at large seeking information on crime in the nation. The program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet the need for reliable uniform crime statistics for the nation. In 1930, the FBI was tasked with collecting, publishing, and archiving those statistics.

Today, four annual publications are produced from data received from more than 18,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies voluntarily participating in the program. The crime data are submitted either through a state UCR program or directly to the FBI's UCR Program."

<https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr>

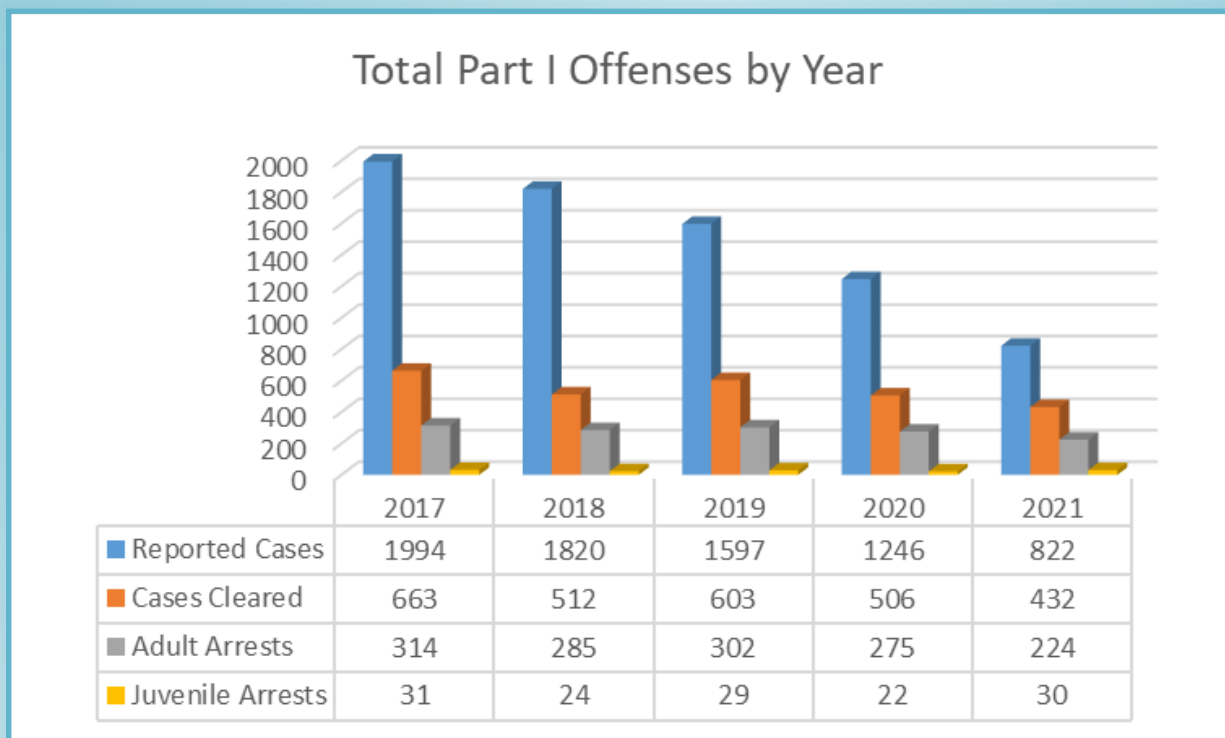
Juneau Part I Offenses

The Juneau Police Department reports crime statistics, as federally required, to the State of Alaska and ultimately to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. JPD currently uses the Uniform Crime Reporting system. JPD reports in two types of prescribed offense categories, Part I and Part II. There are 8 Part I Offenses that are cataloged and reported. Those offenses are listed as the following:

Part I Offenses

Criminal Homicide
Robbery
Burglary
Motor Vehicle Theft

Rape
Aggravated Assault
Theft/Larceny
Arson

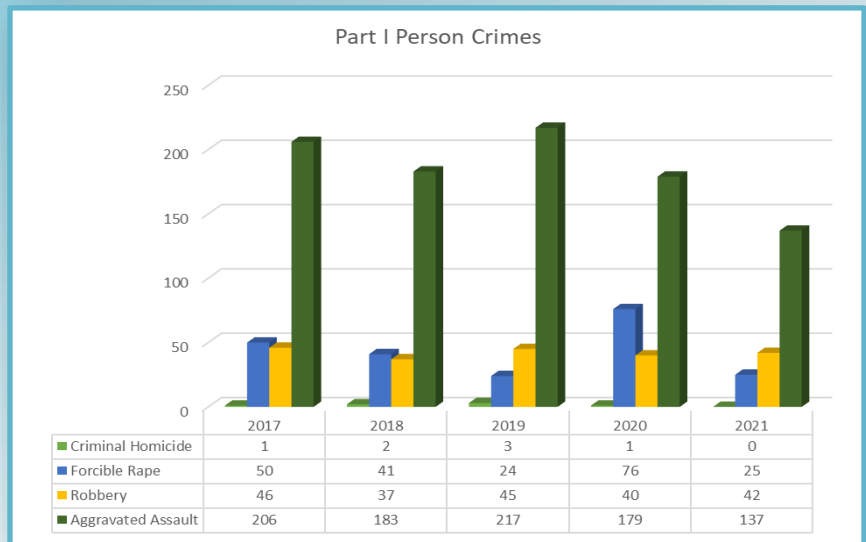


Part I % Change

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Total Crimes	-9%	-12%	-22%	-34%

Juneau Part I Offenses

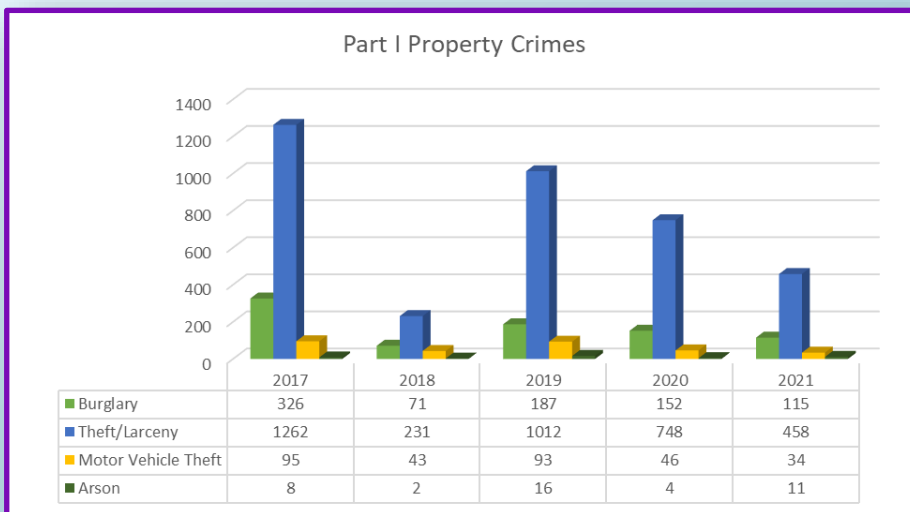
All crime involves persons, but these Part I Offenses are specifically those events that are committed on a person. They are Criminal Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault.



Part I People Crimes

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Rape	-18%	-41%	217%***	-67%
Aggravated Assault	-11%	19%	-18%	-23%
Robbery	-20%	22%	-11%	-5%
Criminal Homicide	100%	50%	-67%	-100%

***Note the increase in rape reports was the result of 53 charges against a single person on one investigation.



These Part I crimes were committed against property.

Part I Property Crimes

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Theft/Larceny	-11%	-10%	-26%	-24%
Burglary	-10%	-36%	-19%	-39%
Motor Vehicle Theft	38%	-29%	-51%	-26%
Arson	-13%	129%	-75%	175%

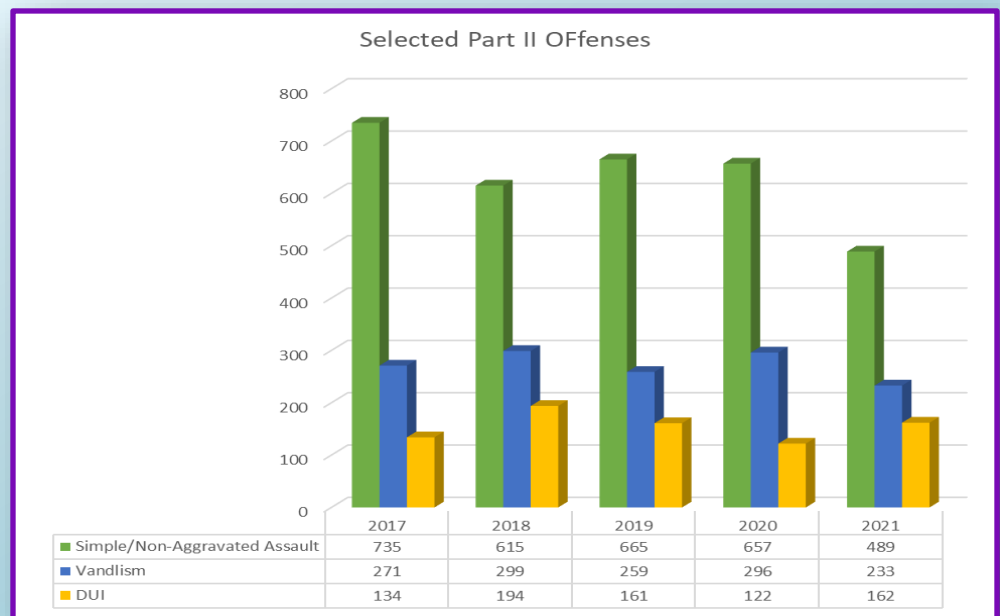
The increase in Arson cases was a change from 4 cases in 2020 to 11 in 2021.

Juneau Part II Offenses

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program divides offenses into two groups, Part I and Part II crimes. Each month, the Juneau Police Department submits information on the number of Part I offenses that become known; however, JPD also contributes arrest data for Part II offenses. There are 21 Part II offenses that are collected and reported.

The 21 Part II UCR Offenses are listed as the following:

- ◆ Simple/Non-Aggravated Assault
- ◆ Forgery/Counterfeit
- ◆ Fraud
- ◆ Embezzlement
- ◆ Stolen Property
- ◆ Vandalism
- ◆ Weapons
- ◆ Prostitution/Vice
- ◆ Sex Offenses
- ◆ Drug
- ◆ Gambling
- ◆ Family & Children
- ◆ DUI
- ◆ Liquor Laws
- ◆ Drunkenness
- ◆ Disorderly Conduct
- ◆ Vagrancy
- ◆ All Other
- ◆ Suspicion
- ◆ Curfew
- ◆ Runaways

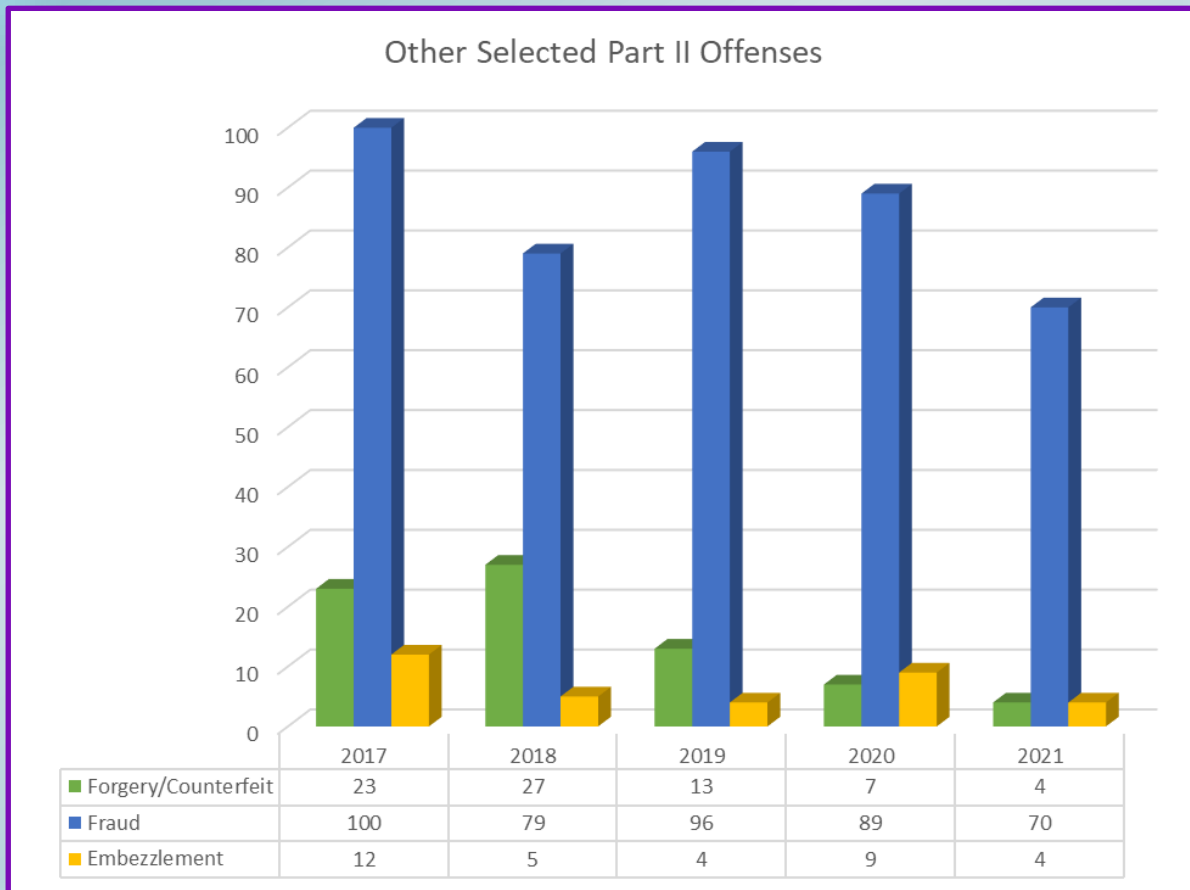


% Change Selected Part II Offenses

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Simple/Non-Aggravated Assault	-16%	8%	-1%	-26%
Vandalism	10%	-13%	14%	-21%
DWI	45%	-17%	-24%	33%

UCR PART II Offenses

The Juneau Police Department collects data on other offenses listed in the UCR Part II. Some of those offenses impact the quality of life of many members of the community. Those additional selected offenses are listed here.



% Change Other Part II Offenses

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Forgery/Counterfeit	17%	-52%	-46%	-43%
Fraud	-21%	22%	-7%	-21%
Embezzlement	-58%	-20%	125%	-56%

Juneau Police Department 2021 Use of Force

The Juneau Police Department defines Reportable Use of Force as any force greater than a firm grip. In 2021, there were 60 incidents where force was used in comparison to 46 incidents in 2020.

Types of force used in 2021

- Hands = 41
 - Pepper Spray = 5
 - Taser = 11
 - Baton = 2
 - Firearm = 0
- Force was used by 25 officers against 60 people.
 - Of 1,825 arrests, 60 people constitutes 3.29% of the time force was used
 - 96.71% of arrests required no reportable use of force to effect arrest
 - JPD had 28,223 police contacts, 60 people had force used on them, which means force was used 0.21% of the time
 - 99.78% of police contacts resulted in no reportable force used

JPD strives to hire and train Officers who work with our community and gain voluntary compliance without the use of force when/where they can. Officers generally prefer not to use force on the community they serve. Officers receive extensive training and practice to develop conflict management skills to achieve this result. To the general public, the use of force is a difficult to comprehend and is not something most people are used to seeing. When a person, who is in a violent crisis or is impaired emotionally by anger, substance abuse, or other situations resulting in violence, they are not generally rational nor do they understand and comply with rational requests to stop the behavior that resulted in Officer contact. To use force on someone is not pleasant, nor preferred, but sometimes required to stop violence and gain control of an offender. In the end, JPD works to return Juneau, to “a place where people can live safely and without fear.”

Juneau Drug Unit

All manner of drugs, at varied times, come into the community illegally. These drugs range from marijuana to pharmaceutical opioid drugs. In 2014, Alaska voted to legalize marijuana for personal use, and the law took effect in February of 2015. However, even though marijuana is legal, there are still persons who conduct illegal marijuana operations. The most common drugs of abuse seen in Juneau are heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, and marijuana. The cost of these and the other drugs of abuse can be devastating to the community both monetarily and to the loss of quality of life that occurs at varying levels up to and including death. All of these drugs have an impact on the well-being of our community, and often drug usage is concurrent with or causes other crimes.



Juneau, like most cities, will at times experience illicit drugs coming into the community. The Juneau Police Department assigns officers to the Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU). The Juneau Police Department is part of one of three designated High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) in the state of Alaska. The other two are in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

The Juneau Drug unit works in cooperation with other cities through Southeast Alaska Communities Against Drugs (SEACAD) and HIDTA. The collaboration of the Southeast region's cities was formed to combat the drug problem that affects all of Southeast Alaska. A good percentage of the seizures are reported via the statewide task force.

On the following pages is a 5-year comparison (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021) of the drug seizures and actions taken by JPD, not our DEU. The lists on the following pages show the drug seizures and associated "street" costs of those drugs. "Street" cost of drugs relates to the amount of money the drug cost at the time of purchase.

2021

Substance	Weight	Measure	Total Amount
Alprazolam	Dosage Units	7.5	\$375.00
Buprenorphine (Suboxone)	Dosage Units	338.6	\$4,860.00
Clonazepam	Dosage Units	4	\$100.00
Cocaine	Grams	1.4	\$140.00
Dextroamphetamine/ Amphetamine	Dosage Units	2	\$100.00
Hashish	Grams	.4	\$12.00
Heroin	Grams	275.6	\$45,968.00
Marijuana	Grams	36.6	\$978.50
Marijuana Cigarettes	N/A	1	\$5.00
Meth	Grams	108.66	\$12,040.50
MJ Vape Cartridge	N/A	1	\$100.00
Oxycodone	Dosage Units	47	\$2,350.00
Psilocybin	Grams	22	\$150.00
Firearms	N/A	N/A	4
Total street value of drugs seized:			\$67,179.00
Total Cash seized:			\$8,333.00

2020			
Substance	Amount	Measure	Total Cost
Alprazolam	215	Dosage Units	\$6,550.00
Buprenorphine / Naloxone	297	Dosage Units	\$13,560.00
Carisoprodol	9	Dosage Units	\$360.00
Clonazepam	21.5	Dosage Units	\$537.50
Cocaine	1034.93	Grams	\$133,913.00
Diazepam	3	Dosage Units	\$75.00
Dextroamphetamine	11.8	Dosage Units	\$1,180.00
Hashish	69	Grams	\$8,280.00
Heroin	65.26	Grams	\$20,412.00
Hydromorphone	16	Dosage Units	\$1,280.00
Hydrocodone	2	Dosage Units	\$80.00
Lorazepam	1	Dosage Units	\$20.00
Marijuana	1,006.17	Grams	\$25,164.25
Marijuana Cigarette	1	N/A	\$75.00
Marijuana Wax	4	Grams	\$400.00
Methadone	2	Dosage Units	\$80.00
Methamphetamine	1283.2	Grams	\$131,117.00
Methylphenidate HCl	1	Dosage Units	\$50.00
Morphine	1.74	Grams	\$174.00
Oxycodone	163	Dosage Units	\$8,900.00
Psilocybin	8.8	Grams	\$704.00
Quetiapine	90.5	Dosage Units	\$2,161.25
Firearms Seized	20	N/A	N/A
Total street value of drugs seized			\$355,073.00
Total cash seized			\$28,558.00

2019

Substance	Amount	Measure	Total Cost
Alprazolam	137	Dosage Units	\$3,775.00
Buprenorphine / Naloxone	88	Dosage Units	\$5,740.00
Clonazepam	17	Dosage Units	\$625.00
Cocaine	63	Grams	\$7,100.00
Dexmethylphenidate Hydrochloride	1	Dosage Units	\$25.00
Dextroamphetamine	21	Dosage Units	\$650.00
Diazepam	51	Dosage Units	\$1,687.00
Gabapentin	3	Dosage Units	\$150.00
Hashish	1,343	Grams	\$201,450.00
Heroin	908	Grams	\$471,494.00
Hydromorphone	2	Dosage Units	\$100.00
LSD	3	Dosage Units	\$60.00
Marijuana	6,311	Grams	\$176,836.00
Marijuana (THC) Oil / resin	2,647	Grams	\$366,100.00
Marijuana (THC) Vape	1,091	Cartridges	\$87,280.00
Marijuana Plants	511		\$55,970.00
MDMA	48	Dosage Units	\$730.00
Methamphetamine	1,281	Grams	\$189,132.00
Oxycodone	48	Dosage Units	\$2,980.00
Psilocybin	17	Grams	\$336.00
THC candy / edibles	362	Dosage Units	\$720.00
Tramadol	13	Dosage Units	\$260.00
Total street value of drugs seized			\$1,573,200.00
Total cash seized			\$23,875.00

2018

Substance	Weight	Measure	Total Amount
Alprazolam	97	Pills	\$2,425.00
Buprenorphine/Suboxone	88	Pills	\$7,893.00
Clonazepam	12	Pills	\$300.00
Cocaine	69	Grams	\$6,876.00
Dextroamphetamine	2	Dosage Units	\$60.00
Diazepam	10	Pills	\$300.00
Fentanyl	79	Dosage Units	\$3,525.00
Heroin	2,036	Grams	\$1,028,770.00
LSD	130	Doses	\$2,625.00
Marijuana/Oil	10,935	Grams	\$331,041.00
Methamphetamine	3,532	Grams	\$404,663.00
Oxycontin/Oxycodone	129	Pills	\$3,885.00
Psilocybin	26	Grams	\$435.00
Zolpidem	12	Pills	\$120.00
Total street value of drugs seized:			\$1,792,918.00
Total Cash seized:			\$22,389.00

2017

Substance	Weight	Measure	Total Amount
Alprazolam	62	Dosage Units	\$1,240.00
Buprenorphine (Suboxone/ Subutex)	15	Dosage Units	\$413.00
Clonazepam	93	Dosage Units	\$1,828.00
Cocaine	1121	Grams	\$140,125.00
Dextroamphetamine	1	Dosage Units	\$20.00
Diazepam	75	Dosage Units	\$1,126.00
Fentanyl	1	Dosage Units	\$100.00
Hashish	79	Grams	\$6,442.00
Heroin	1065	Grams	\$527,273.00
Hydrocodone	273	Dosage Units	\$20,520.00
Lidocaine	7	Dosage Units	\$35.00
LSD	3	Dosage Units	\$75.00
Marijuana	551	Grams	\$14,838.00
MDMA	5	Dosage Units	\$240.00
Methamphetamine	3903	Grams	\$1,065,590.00
Naloxone	2	Dosage Units	\$50.00
Oxycodone	501	Dosage Units	\$24,050.00
Psilocybin	5	Grams	\$500.00
Zolpidem	10	Dosage Units	\$100.00
Total street value of drugs seized:			\$1,804,565.00
Total cash seized:			\$81,591.00



The Juneau Police Department works hard to hire qualified applicants to serve the community of Juneau. We use a rigorous standard to make sure the staff we hire are qualified and will fit in well with JPD and serve the community with a focus on the JPD Mission. We welcome our new staff members.



Owen Walsh



Austin Thomas



Taylor Davis



Christopher Herrick



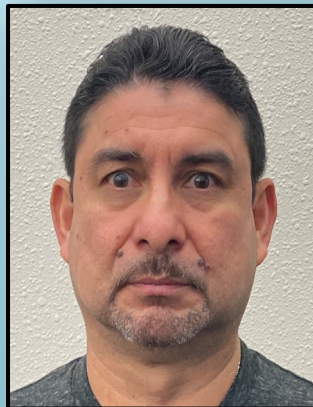
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Jessica Sanchez



William Hicks III



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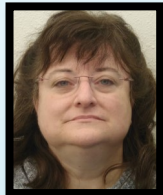
Departures

It is always with sadness that we see people leave JPD. During the 2021 year, which was tough for everyone, JPD saw the departure of several employees. When people leave JPD, we always wish them well in their future endeavors and thank them for the service they provided. Thank you for your service!

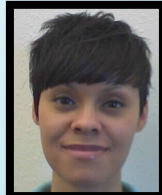
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Laurel White



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Caitlin Portinga



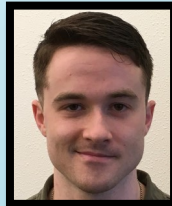
Andrea Reynolds



Margie Ramos



Price Bevill



Stephen Williams



Casey Camp



Jessica Sanchez



Ruby Fox



Sworn New Hire Officers

In 2021, JPD was able to hire 4 new Police Officers. The officers were Austin Thomas, Owen Walsh, Taylor Davis, and Chris Herrick. JPD was thrilled to hire these folks to serve our Community.



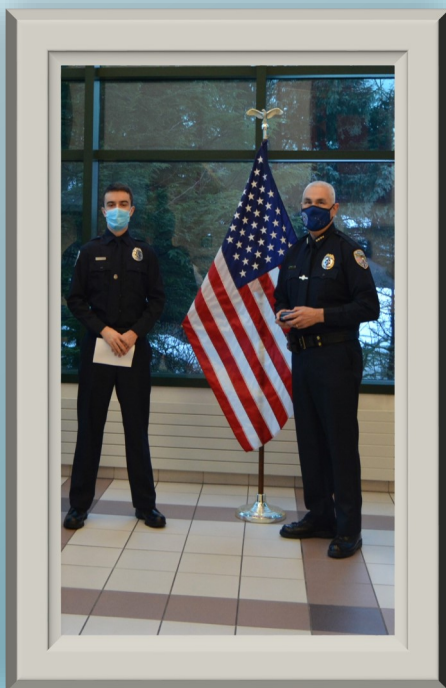
Above: Austin Thomas and parents with Chief Mercer and Deputy Chief Campbell



Left: Owen Walsh with Chief Mercer and Deputy Chief Campbell



Right: Taylor Davis with Chief Mercer and Deputy Chief Campbell



Left:: Chris Herrick and Chief Mercer

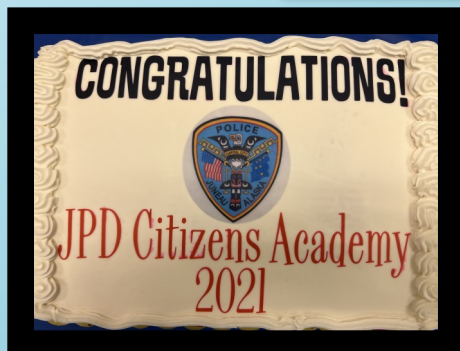
Juneau Citizens Academy



In October of 2021, the Juneau Police Department was able to reprise the Citizens Academy. Sadly, the 2020 Class was cancelled due to COVID, but we were finally able to have and complete the training from October 14 to December 16, 2021. Twelve (12) community members were selected and attended the 8 week program which covered topics ranging from SWAT activities to organizational structure.



Even though JPD selected 12 persons to attend the Academy, only 7 were at the culmination ceremony. Unfortunately the folks not in attendance had other commitments



Cake and Classroom!



In Memoriam



RICK ALAN SMITH
MAY 13, 1952—OCTOBER 28, 2021

Thank you