

2022 ANNUAL REPORT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE
Submitted by Chief James McIntyre

The Stoneham Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of professional police services while respecting the constitutional rights of every person living in or visiting the Town of Stoneham. We achieve this mission by working in partnership with the community, serving with compassion and respect to all members of the public. We remain committed to providing these services with professionalism and integrity.

The Office of the Chief manages the overall operation of the Stoneham Police Department and plans for the future in close collaboration with the Town Administrator.

Over the past year, personnel changes within the police department began in January with Officer Christopher Murphy being promoted to sergeant and Stephen Rochon entering the Reading Police Academy as a student officer. In February, Sergeant Kenneth Wilkins retired after 25 years of service. In May, Officer Joseph Ponzio and Dispatcher Joshua Paciga resigned from the Department. In July, Jeremy Cefalo joined the Department as a dispatcher. In August, Officer Stephen Aprile was promoted to sergeant. In October, Officer Luc Bourgeois resigned to pursue a new career in the private sector and Dispatcher Alex Joseph resigned to take a position as a dispatcher with the Quincy Police Department. In November, Stephen Chatelle, Matthew Dabenigno and George Doherty were hired as student officers and began their training at the Reading Police Academy. In December, Kelly McNamara joined the Department as a dispatcher.

The following is a roster of the Department's sworn personnel as of December 31, 2022: Chief James McIntyre; Lieutenants David Stefanelli, Tony Kranefuss and Christopher Apalakis; Sergeants Robert Kennedy, David Thistle, Thomas Heller, Christopher Dalis, Michael DeCroteau, Christopher Murphy and Stephen Aprile; Officers Sheryl Rotondi, Stephen Carroll, Paul Norton, Thomas Day, Christopher Copan, Edward Fucarile, William Reinold, David Ryan, Patrick Carroll, Kenneth Bowdidge, Laura Engel, Luc Bourgeois, David Szydlowski, Jonathan Mahoney, Derek McShane, Michael Colotti, Brian Raffaello, John Burton, Michael Prudente, Richard Pacini, Joseph Cataldo, Zachary Newell, Nicholas Palmieri, Emily Dello Russo, Sean O'Grady, Lucas Ferraz and Stephen Rochon.

The civilian administrative staff for the Department consists of office manager Erin Sinclair, part-time office assistants Patricia Quinn, Vanessa Kraft, and Linda Leis, our domestic violence advocate.

Located within the police station is the communications center for both the police and fire departments. The Public Safety Dispatch Department is comprised of seven civilian dispatchers who process the emergency and business calls for police, fire or emergency medical services. During the course of 2022, over 17,600 calls for service were processed through the dispatch center, with 5,700 calls received through the 9-1-1 system.

The following is a roster of the Public Safety Department's personnel as of December 31, 2021: David Luciano – Head Dispatcher, Brian Johnston, Nathaniel Powers, Michael Sweeney, Amanda Farrington, Jeremy Cefalo and Kelly McNamara.

The Stoneham Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit, consisting of Sergeant David Thistle and civilian advocate Linda Leis, provide substantial support to victims of domestic violence. Over the past year, Ms. Leis conducted follow-up with 110 victims from the 149 reports of domestic violence the Department investigated. Of particular concern were 22 cases deemed high risk with the potential for lethality to the victim. Aspects of the outreach provided to victims includes, but is not limited to assisting victims in obtaining Abuse Prevention Orders, safety planning, finding emergency shelter, locating legal services, and providing emotional support.

The police department's Crisis Intervention Team, led by Sergeant Christopher Dalis, continues to work with our recovery coach and mental health clinician provided by Eliot Community Health Services. Our CIT officers partner with the recovery coach and clinician to provide outreach and follow-up with individuals who had interaction with the police department as a result of some form of substance use disorder or mental health emergency. When working, the recovery coach or clinician can co-respond with officers to calls where someone may be actively in crisis.

In May, the Stoneham Police Department and Lieutenant David Stefanelli were recognized by the Metro Boston Crisis Intervention Team Training and Technical Assistance Center for our commitment to crisis intervention outreach and follow-up.

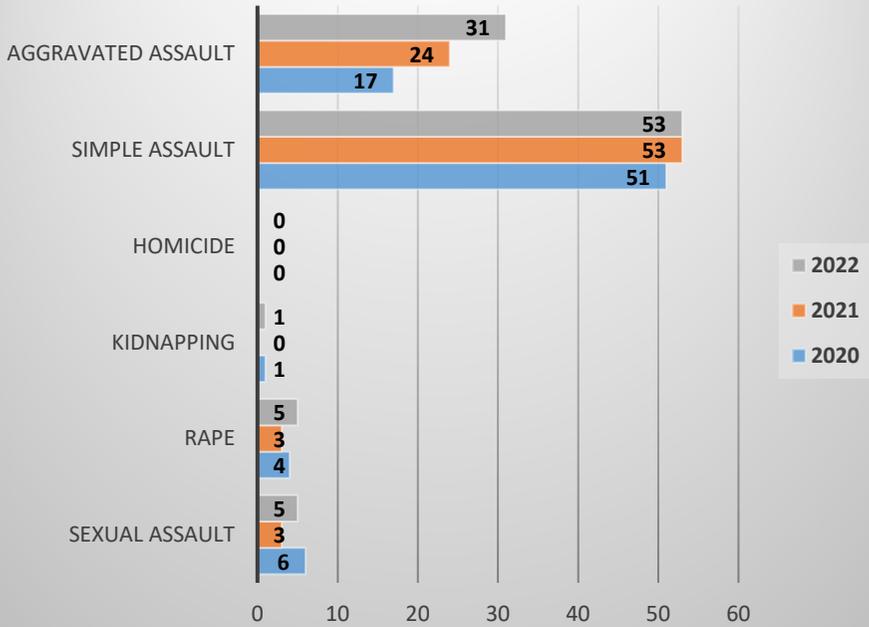
In 2022, the Stoneham Police Department responded to 25 suspected drug overdose calls, of which three involved a fatality as compared to 41 overdose calls with seven fatalities in 2021. We hope that this declining trend continues in 2023.

Last year, the police department's grant administrator, Lieutenant Christopher Apalakis, was able to secure \$364,000 in grant funding. These funds were used to meet state mandated 9-1-1 training requirements and overtime costs associated with police officers and dispatchers working as telecommunicators; fund the salary of the mental health clinician as well as mental health related training for officers and overtime; fund child passenger safety seat installation and bicycle safety events; and fund traffic enforcement, bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement during statewide mobilization events.

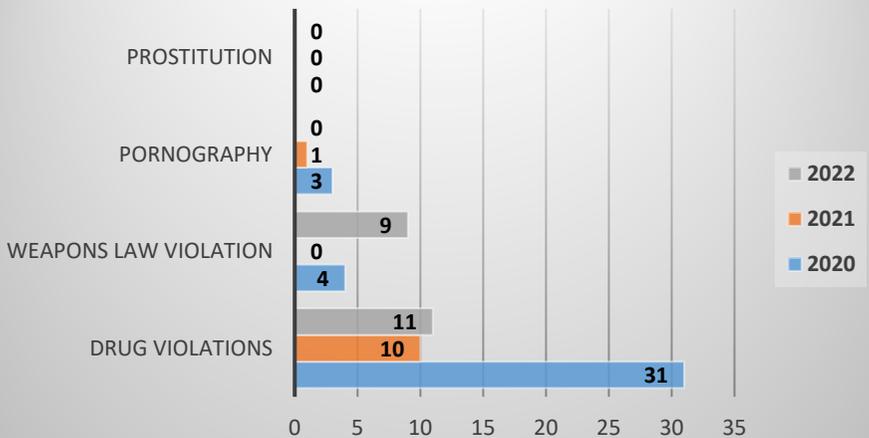
In closing, this will be the last annual report that I write as will retire from the Stoneham Police Department on May 31, 2023. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Chief of Police for the past 11 years. On behalf of all the members of the Stoneham Police Department, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our residents, local businesses, community organizations and elected officials for the support shown to us over the past year.

The following graphs that appear below show three-year statistical trends for criminal activity, calls for service, and police related activity.

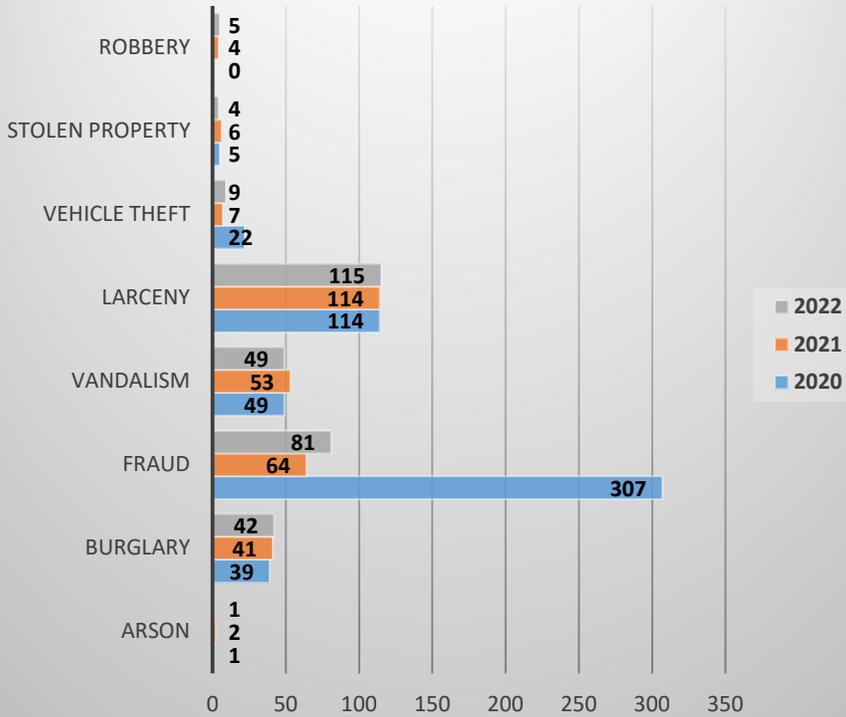
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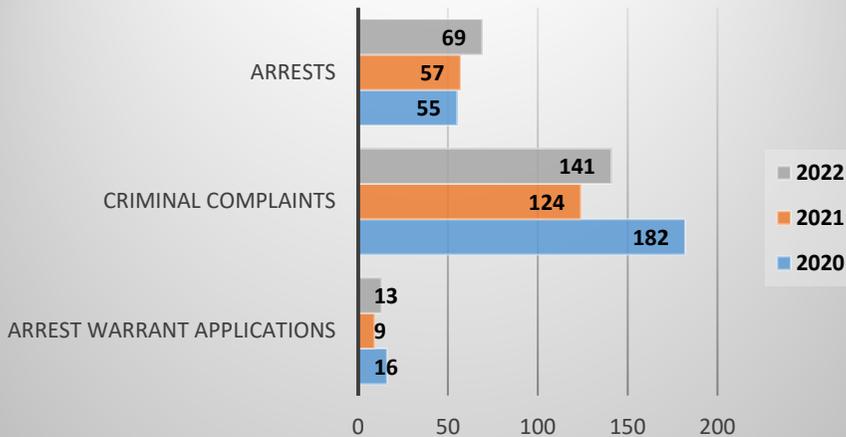
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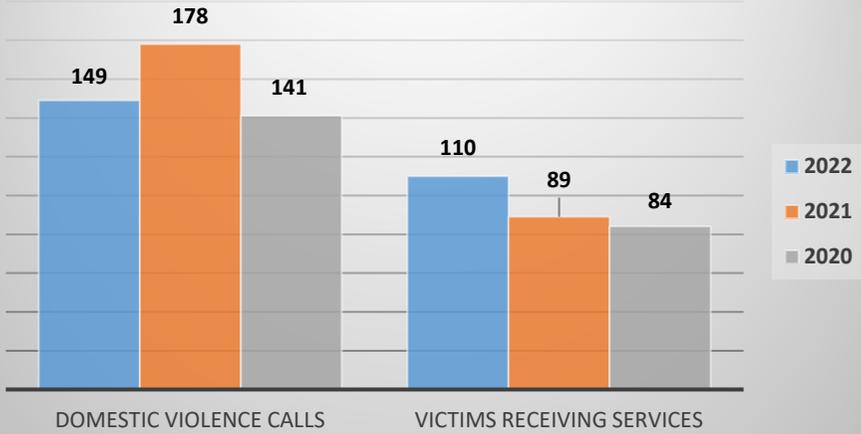
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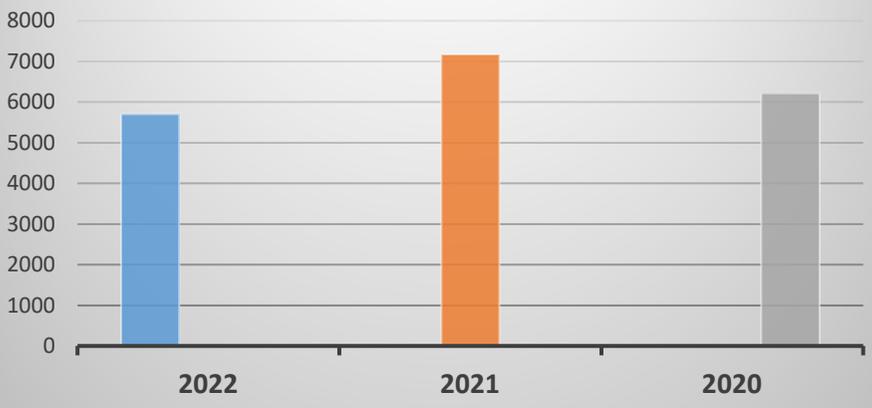
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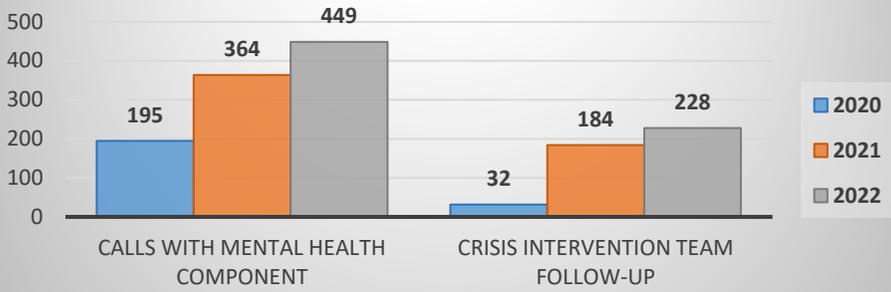
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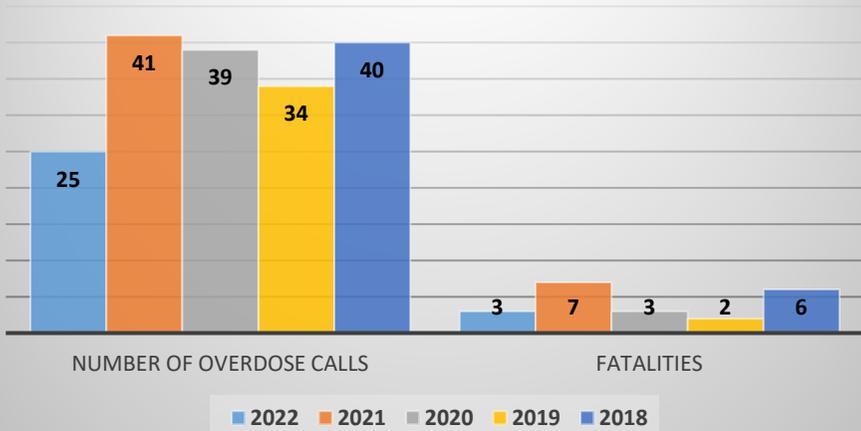
CALLS PROCESSED THROUGH 9-1-1 SYSTEM



MENTAL HEALTH RELATED CALLS



DRUG OVERDOSE CALLS



SELECTED CALLS FOR SERVICE

