

FIRE CHIEF
RICHARD GRIGGS



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MAYOR
JAN WADE HENSLEY



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Covington Fire Department

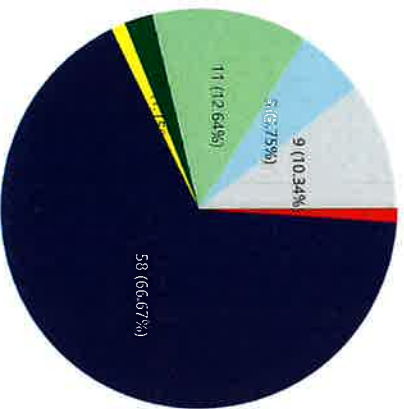
Report for October 22nd, 2024

1. Community Events: Fire Prevention, visited children at schools and daycares, Methodist Prep, Charger Academy, Crestview Elementary etc. Participated in a day at City Hall with children from Drummonds Elementary. This year's fire prevention message: Smoke Alarms, make them work for you.
2. Volunteer Hours: 6.5 hours worked by Volunteers in September.
3. Call volume report for September 19th-October 17th, 2024, and a total call volume report.
4. County coverage area collections 2024: \$78,975.00
5. Station Update: Renovations at station – Floor painting, Parking lot paving. Bid sheets attached.
6. Severe Weather Sirens: All are operational
7. Fire Inspection report—See report.
8. New Apparatus ordered
9. Surplus property liquidation. Item #4 transferred to Civic Center.
10. Official Columbia Southern transcript conferring degree completion for Richard Griggs.
11. Firefighter Terrance Smith attended a CDP- Haz-Mat Course in Anniston Alabama
12. Free Smoke Alarms Please Call (901)-476-2578 to schedule an appointment.

Respectfully submitted.

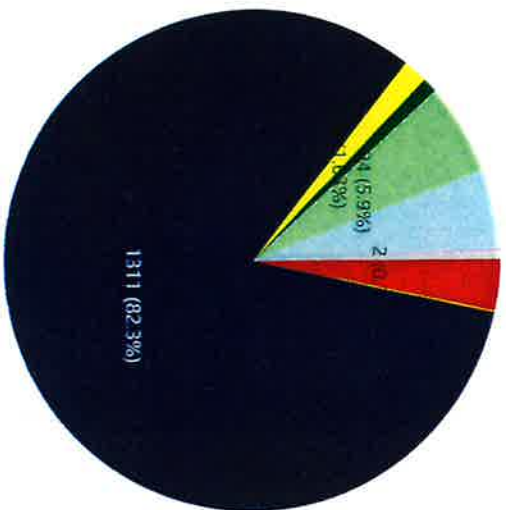
Fire Chief, Richard Griggs

Total (87)



- 1 - Fire
- 3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident
- 4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)
- 5 - Service Call
- 6 - Good Intent Call
- 7 - False Alarm & False Call
- None / In Progress

Total (1593)



- 1 - Fire
- 2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)
- 3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident
- 4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)
- 5 - Service Call
- 6 - Good Intent Call
- 7 - False Alarm & False Call
- 9 - Special Incident Type
- None / In Progress



INVITATION TO BID: 10-30-2024

The City of Covington Fire Department is seeking bids for the cleaning, preparing, painting and striping the bay floors at both City of Covington fire stations.

Category:

Scope of work requested:

- Sand the entire floor with mechanical sander to abrade surface.
- Apply prime coat of General Polymers 3745 High Performance Epoxy.
- Finish coat with General Polymers 4638 HS Polyurethane Floor Enamel on entire floor area to include 12 inches @ wall floor joint.
- Install lane stripes with General Polymers Pace-Cote Polyaspartic SS.

101 Tennessee Ave. Covington Tn. 38019 - Bay floor, Hose Tower, Shop, Electrical room, laundry room

100 Mueller Brass Road Covington Tn. 38019 – Bay floor, Hose tower, laundry room.

Contractor to supply labor, tools, material, and equipment to complete job.

Bid Opening Date: 11-07-2024.

Bid Opening Time: 2:00 P.M.

Bid Opening Location: Covington Fire Department 101 Tennessee Ave. Covington TN, 38019

Bidders must visit both stations Covington Fire Department 101 Tennessee Ave. & 100 Mueller Brass Rd. Covington Tn. 38019, during normal business hours Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. (901) 476-2578.

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 pm on Thursday November 7th, 2024, when at such time they will be publicly opened. The bid opening will take place at The Covington Fire Department, 101 Tennessee Ave. Covington TN, 38019. Bid envelopes shall be sealed and marked on the outside "Sealed Bid: "Floor bid", to avoid premature opening. Bids must be in the same envelope and marked correctly.

The City of Covington reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all or any portion of any bid and to waive any informality in the bid process. The City of Covington is an equal opportunity employer, drug-free workplace with policies of non-discrimination based on race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or military service.

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INVITATION TO BID: 10-30-2024

The City of Covington Fire Department is seeking bids for the parking lot Asphalt Surface and Striping at 101 Tennessee Ave. and 100 Mueller Brass Rd. Covington Tn.38019.

Category:

Parking lot cleaned, loose asphalt removed, low areas filled with hot mixed asphalt to existing grade, all tie ins to concrete will be milled at a depth of 2 inches for a proper tie in, before a 2-inch overlay of entire lot. Parking lot stripes will be applied to match the existing layout, and meet ADA standards. Station one approx. 1420 sq. yards, Station two approx. 1100 sq. yards.

Bid Opening Date: 11-7-2024.

Bid Opening Time: 2:00 P.M.

Bid Opening Location: Covington Fire Department 101 Tennessee Ave. Covington TN, 38019

Contractors shall visit both stations: Covington Fire Department 101 Tennessee Ave & 100 Mueller Brass Rd. Covington Tn.38019 for proper measurements of work requested, during normal business hours Monday-Friday 8am-5pm. (901) 476-2578.

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This report outlines the activities and contributions of the Fire Inspector for the time frame of September 23 – October 18, highlighting key inspections and assistance provided to ensure public safety and regulatory compliance.

Fire Inspections:

- Conducted 5 annual fire inspections across various properties. These inspections are crucial for identifying fire hazards, ensuring fire safety measures are in place, and promoting compliance with fire safety regulations. One property needed immediate attention to fire risk issues.

Business Final Inspections for Certificate of Occupancy:

- Completed 8 inspections of businesses aimed at ensuring Fire and Life Safety measures were in place before opening to the public.

Fire Alarm Inspections:

- Conducted 1 inspection focused on fire alarm systems. These inspections are critical for ensuring that commercial fire alarm systems have effective activation, are appropriately placed and/or properly maintained to reduce fire risks. (Beall's, Big Lot's, TSC) new owner needed verification.

Annual Fire Inspection and Fire Drill for Schools/Daycares: These inspections were conducted with Deputy State Fire Marshal Tommy Smith.

- Conducted a Fire Inspection/Fire Drill on Tipton Christian Elementary
- Conducted a Fire Inspection/Fire Drill on Tipton Christian Middle & High School
- Conducted a Fire Inspection at Starks Daycare.

Business Pre-Plan Visit:

- Conducted 8 pre-plan visits for business facilities. Pre-plan visits involve assessing the layout, risks, and potential hazards of a facility to develop effective emergency response plans.

Plans Review

- Plan Review for Agape Chapel and Banquet Hall (10-01)
- Plan Review for 713 Hwy. 51 S. (10-01)

- Plan Review for Primetime Grill (10-01)
- Plan Review for Distillery- Building Official (10-03)
- Plan Review/Compliance for Distillery- Code Solutions (10-16)
- Plan Review tour for Covington High School (Buildings Not Sprinkled). (10-15)

Emergency Calls/Operations

- Fire Alarm complaint at Glendale Commons (09-30)
- 150 Witherington, seed company fire extinguishment progress update (10-10)
- Assisted Chief Channell with putting up signs and banners for Fire Prevention Week.
- Earthquake Drill- Magnolia Creek Nursing Home (10-17)

Meetings

- Tipton County Fire Inspectors Meeting. Atoka (09-30)
- Planning Commission Meeting. (10-01)
- Special Events Committee Meeting. (10-03)
- Meeting for delayed Fire Alarms in Schools. TCBOE (10-15)
- OSHA Compliance with Chief Griggs- Education Requests for City Employees including classes for checking off AED, use of AED, CPR training and mandatory training of Bloodborne Pathogens for Firefighters, Police and Sanitation Workers.

Education/Administration/Training

- TEMA Disaster Damage Assessment class. SWTBOA (09-26)
- Training for Inspections portion of First Due Program. Conference Call (10-01)

Holiday/Day's Off

- Columbus Day (10-14)
- Sick Day (10-18)

Conclusion: Initiating a new documentation system for Fire Inspections has dampened the number of annual inspections conducted this month. However, I attest that my efforts have significantly contributed to public safety by conducting essential fire inspections, ensuring compliance with fire and life safety regulations during business inspections, and assisting in various critical inspections related to building codes enforcement. These activities are crucial for safeguarding lives, protecting property, and promoting a safe environment within the community.

Russell Thigpen
Fire Inspector/OSHA Compliance

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATION FORM
CITY OF COVINGTON, TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT: FIRE

The following items are hereby nominated for designation as surplus city property pursuant to City of Covington Resolution No. _____.

Item: ①

Description: Gas Powered Exhaust Fan.

Serial Number: 8045

Age: 20 Estimated remaining useful life (years) ?

Purchase price: 3,500

Estimated Current Value: 100.00

Reasons for making the nomination: Replaced w battery operated fan.


Signature

10-16-2024
Date

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATION FORM
CITY OF COVINGTON, TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT: FIRE

The following items are hereby nominated for designation as surplus city property pursuant to City of Covington Resolution No. _____.

Item: (2)

Description: Gas Powered Exhaust Fan

Serial Number: 718G441 - 6065

Age: 20+ Estimated remaining useful life (years) ?

Purchase price: 3,500

Estimated Current Value: 300.00

Reasons for making the nomination: Replaced w/ battery fan.

Richard H. Gigg
Signature

10-16-2024
Date

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATION FORM
CITY OF COVINGTON, TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT: FIRE

The following items are hereby nominated for designation as surplus city property pursuant to City of Covington Resolution No. _____.

Item: ③

Description: Misc. Tire Chains, Lightbar, Air Cart.

Serial Number: NONE

Age: 30+ Estimated remaining useful life (years) ?

Purchase price: 1,000

Estimated Current Value: 100.00

Reasons for making the nomination: _____

NOT IN USE

Richard G. Goff
Signature

10-16-2024
Date

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATION FORM
CITY OF COVINGTON, TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT: FIRE

The following items are hereby nominated for designation as surplus city property pursuant to City of Covington Resolution No. _____.

Item: (4)

Description: Betco Floor Buffer

Serial Number: D437510

Age: 5 Estimated remaining useful life (years) ?

Purchase price: \$1665.00

Estimated Current Value: \$1000.00

Reasons for making the nomination: NO LONGER HAVE FLOORS
THAT NEEDS BUFFER.

Transferred to Civic Center!!

Richard [Signature]

Signature

10-16-2024

Date

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATION FORM
CITY OF COVINGTON, TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT: FIRE

The following items are hereby nominated for designation as surplus city property pursuant to City of Covington Resolution No. _____.

Item: (5)

Description: HURST EXTRICATION TOOLS, CUTTER, SPREADER, RAM.

Serial Number: C-40991F, R-15358, S41298

Age: 30 years Estimated remaining useful life (years) _____

Purchase price: \$25,000.00

Estimated Current Value: 500.00

Reasons for making the nomination: NO PUMP, LOW PRESSURE TOOLS
REPLACED WITH H.P. BATTERY TOOLS,

Rahad G.
Signature

10-16-2024
Date

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATION FORM
CITY OF COVINGTON, TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT: FIRE

The following items are hereby nominated for designation as surplus city property pursuant to City of Covington Resolution No. _____.

Item: ⑥

Description: Misc Expired Turnout GEAR, HELMETS

Serial Number: _____

Age: 11 y/o Estimated remaining useful life (years) 0

Purchase price: 20,000

Estimated Current Value: 100.00

Reasons for making the nomination: Turnout GEAR, EXPIRED NOT
SUITABLE FOR USE.

Richard G. [Signature]
Signature

10-16-2024
Date

SURPLUS PROPERTY NOMINATION FORM
CITY OF COVINGTON, TENNESSEE

DEPARTMENT: FIRE

The following items are hereby nominated for designation as surplus city property pursuant to City of Covington Resolution No. _____.

Item: ⑦

Description: White Refrigerator

Serial Number: N/A

Age: 30 + Estimated remaining useful life (years) ?

Purchase price: 600

Estimated Current Value: 50

Reasons for making the nomination: Replaced Dairg Remodel . .

Rahul Goe
Signature

10-16-2024
Date

Columbia Southern University

21982 University Lane
Orange Beach, AL 36561

OFFICIAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

Student Name: Richard Lynn Griggs

Birth Date: 11/6

Enrollment Date: 07/07/15

Student Number: 253127

Date Printed: 10/01/24

Program Enrolled: Bachelor of Science in Fire
Administration

COURSE	TITLE	SEMESTER HOURS	GRADE
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Transfer Credits

Source

Hrs

Professional Training

CERT	WMD Radiological/Nuclear Course for Hazardous Mate	2
CERT	Tennessee: Firefighter II	3
CERT	Texas: Active Attack Integrated Response Course	1
CERT	Confined Space Rescue Awareness	1
CERT	Tennessee: Fire Chief Orientation	1
CERT	Hazardous Materials Team Operations	3
CERT	Tennessee: Fire Investigator	3
CERT	Tennessee: Firefighter I	3
CERT	FEMA: Exercise Design	1
CERT	Tennessee: Conducting Live Fire Evolutions	1
CERT	Tennessee: Pumper Hydraulics	1
CERT	Rope Rescue Awareness	1
CERT	Tennessee: Fire Officer III	3
CERT	Tank Car Specialist	1
CERT	TEEX: EMS Operations and Planning for Weapons of M	1
CERT	Tennessee: Fire Officer I/II	3
CERT	NFA: Wildland Urban Interface Firefighting for Str	1
CERT	Hazardous Material Technician Training	3
CERT	Tennessee: Live Firefighting	2
CERT	40-Hour HAZWOPER	3
CERT	Crude by Rail Emergency Response	1
CERT	Tennessee: Modular	1

	Emergency Response Radiological	
CERT	Tennessee: Training Operations in Small Department	1
CERT	Tennessee: Fire Officer IV	3
CERT	Tennessee: Fire Department Instructor I	3
CERT	Tennessee Arson Detection for the First Responder	1
Total Hours:		48

Dyersburg State Community College

EMT 102	Emergency Medical Technician II	6
EMT 103	Emergency Medical Technician III	5
EMT 101	Emergency Medical Technician I	4
Total Hours:		15

Total Transfer Credit Hours: 63

Summer 2015

FIR 2302	Principles of Fire and Emergency Services Safety and Survival	3	W
PS 1010	American Government	3	W
TERM:	HOURS: 0	QPTS:	GPA:

Summer 2019

EH 1010	English Composition I	3	B
PHL 1010	Critical Thinking	3	A
HY 1110	American History I	3	B
FIR 2302	Principles of Fire and Emergency Services Safety and Survival	3	DP

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Covington

TN 38019

Rachel Farris

Rachel Farris
Registrar

253127

Richard Lynn Griggs



TERM: HOURS: 9 QPTS: 30.00 GPA: 3.33

09/26/2024

Honors: Magna Cum Laude

Spring 22/23 Term SP 203L

PSY 1301	General Psychology	3	A
SOC 1301	Introduction to Sociology	3	A
ART 1301	Art Appreciation I	3	B
BIO 1301	Non-Majors Biology	3	A

TERM: HOURS: 12 QPTS: 45.00 GPA: 3.75

Fall Term 3B 2024

MAT 1301	Liberal Arts Math	3	A
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TERM: HOURS: 3 QPTS: 12.00 GPA: 4.00

Winter Term 4B 2024

BIO 1302	Ecology and the Environment	3	A
FIR 2303	Fire Behavior and Combustion	3	A

TERM: HOURS: 6 QPTS: 24.00 GPA: 4.00

Spring Term 5B 2024

ENG 1302	English Composition II	3	A
FIR 2304	Building Construction for Fire Protection	3	A
FIR 2305	Introduction to Fire Prevention	3	A

TERM: HOURS: 9 QPTS: 36.00 GPA: 4.00

Spring Term 6B 2024

FIR 3305	Fire Protection Structure and Systems	3	A
FIR 3306	Fire Prevention Organization and Management	3	A
FIR 3307	Community Risk Reduction for the Fire and Emergency Services	3	A

TERM: HOURS: 9 QPTS: 36.00 GPA: 4.00

Summer Term 1B 2025

FIR 4301	Political and Legal Foundations of Fire Protection	3	A
FIR 4303	Fire and Emergency Services Administration	3	A
FIR 4308	Applications in Fire Research	3	A

TERM: HOURS: 9 QPTS: 36.00 GPA: 4.00

Degrees Conferred

Bachelor of Science in Fire Administration

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22 October 2024

Public Safety Committee Meeting Law Enforcement Agenda

September 2024

- **Personnel**
- **Training**
- **Monthly Activity**
- **August Press Releases**
- **August Major Expenses**
- **Total Calls for Service**
- **Traffic Stops Totals**
- **K9 Statistics**
- **August 2023 Statistics**
- **August Seizure Updates**
- **Policy Review and Approval**
- **August Traffic Surveys**

Personnel

The CPD currently has two (2) vacant positions. September - October staffing changes:

The three backgrounds and agility tests have been completed for new hires. The medicals and psychological are scheduled by HR Director Bumpus.

Officer Dowell and **Officer Hayes** have been accepted and will be attending TLETA in the January 2025 class.

Officer Barnes and **Officer Olive** are attending TLETA 12-week basic training academy from September 29 – December 20, 2024.

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The open position for intelligence analyst will be posted.

Training

9/9 – 9/13: Sgt Jermale Taylor attended the Instructor Development Course to help develop a better understanding of curriculum development and classroom mechanics leading to more effective training deliveries.

9/9 – 9/20: Det Norwood attended the Basic Criminal Investigation School in Jackson, TN hosted by TBI. This course focused on interviews, interrogation, search warrant writing, photography, and crime scene processing.

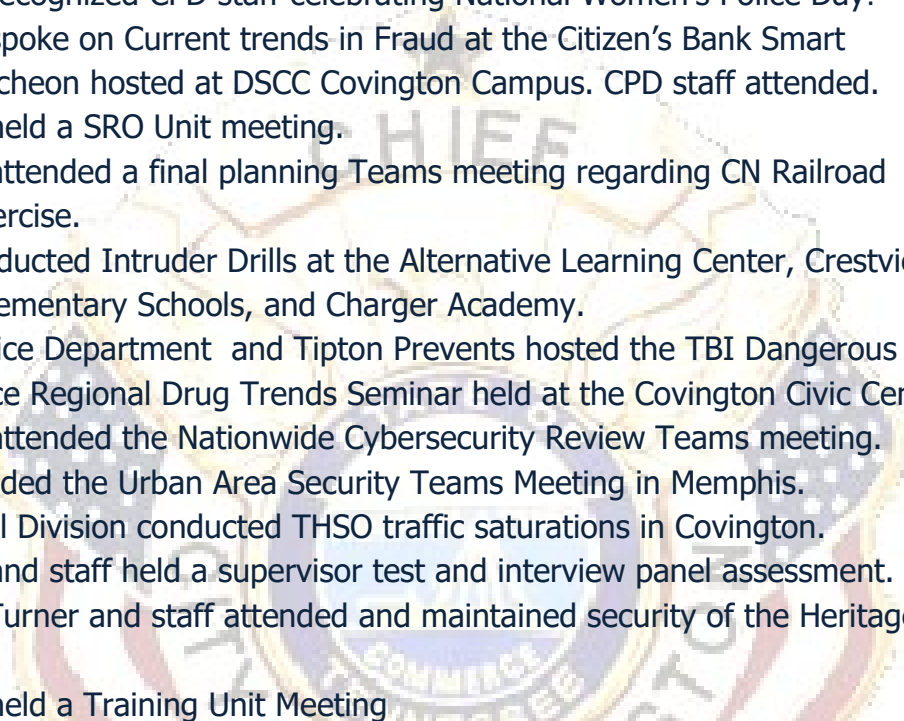
9/9 – 11/22: Sgt Doss is attending the National Forensic Academy, a 10-week program designed to meet the needs of law enforcement agencies in evidence identification, collection, and preservation.

9/16 – 9/18: Analyst Hayes attended the TIBIS Certification training hosted by the TBI at Gatlinburg, TN.

9/25 – 9/27: Chief Turner attended the Quarterly TACP Meeting in Franklin, TN.

Monthly Activity

- 9/1- The Patrol Division conducted a THSO traffic enforcement saturation in Covington.
- 9/3- Chief Turner held panel interviews for patrol officers. 7 candidates were referred for background investigations.
- 9/4- Sgt Templeton and IT Nic Shaw attended the West TN First Net Collaboration Meeting hosted by Verizon in Memphis.
- 9/4- GT Distributors sized staff for ballistic vest purchases at CID.
- 9/5- Chief Turner and CPD staff presented retirement/appreciation plaques to Director David Gray, Director Tina Dunn and Kristin Mathis.
- 9/5- Welcome back to Officer Kenneth Preyer on his first day!
- 9/5- Chief Turner and CPD staff participated in the recording of a video for the Living, Learning and Investing in Tipton Co by Tipton Perfect on the square.
- 9/6- Ofc Olive and Ofc Barnes attended TLETA Orientation in Nashville.
- 9/7 – 9/8- Chief Turner and Staff attended and maintained security at the Highway 51 Music Festival
- 9/10- Chief Turner held a Training Unit Meeting.

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- 9/10- CPD staff attended the Veteran's Recognition at the Tipton County Museum
 - 9/11- Chief Turner and staff attended and participated in the 9/11 Memorial hosted in Atoka
 - 9/11- Lt McCurry, Lt Dillingham, and Analyst Hayes attended the West TN THSO Quarterly Network Meeting in Jackson.
 - 9/12- Chief Turner attended a 51 Music Festival recap meeting with the president of the CEDC.
 - 9/12- Chief Turner recognized CPD staff celebrating National Women's Police Day!
 - 9/12- Chief Turner spoke on Current trends in Fraud at the Citizen's Bank Smart Women's Luncheon hosted at DSCC Covington Campus. CPD staff attended.
 - 9/16- Chief Turner held a SRO Unit meeting.
 - 9/17- Chief Turner attended a final planning Teams meeting regarding CN Railroad Covington Exercise.
 - 9/17- CPD Staff conducted Intruder Drills at the Alternative Learning Center, Crestview Middle and Elementary Schools, and Charger Academy.
 - 9/18- Covington Police Department and Tipton Prevents hosted the TBI Dangerous Drug Taskforce Regional Drug Trends Seminar held at the Covington Civic Center.
 - 9/18- Chief Turner attended the Nationwide Cybersecurity Review Teams meeting.
 - 9/19- Lt Avery attended the Urban Area Security Teams Meeting in Memphis.
 - 9/19 -20- CPD patrol Division conducted THSO traffic saturations in Covington.
 - 9/24- Chief Turner and staff held a supervisor test and interview panel assessment.
 - 9/28 – 9/29- Chief Turner and staff attended and maintained security of the Heritage Festival.
 - 9/30- Chief Turner held a Training Unit Meeting

Monthly Press Releases:

- 09/11 - Covington Police Department Nabs Suspect After Disturbing Threats Against Officer
- 09/24 – Violent Fugitive Captured following failure to appear at Tipton County Circuit Court Trial

September 2024 Major Expenses:

110-42100-148: Employee Education and Training | \$10,975.43

September Statistical Graphs and Totals:

- **September 2024 / Total calls for service – 1582**
- **September 2024 / Traffic stops - 112**
- **September 2024 / Statistics Patrol including and CID.**
- **September 2024 – Social Media Outreach – 29,964**

September Seizure Updates:

9/1 – 2007 Hyundai GST
9/7 – 2016 Volvo XC60
9/15 – 2004 Chevy Tahoe
9/18 – 2012 Nissan Altima
9/21 – 2009 Nissan Maxima
9/26 – 2003 Chevy Trailblazer

Chief Turner and Lt Dillingham submitted awarded vehicles and surplus CPD vehicles for auction to Fleet Manager Brad Kinney:

CPD PL08 (equipment removed)
CPD K-9 (K1 – equipment removed)

1999 Green Toyota 4 Runner: Revoked for D.U.I & Narcotics
2009 Ford F-150 Platinum: Revoked for D.U.I & Narcotics
2008 Infiniti G35: Revoked for D.U.I & Narcotics
2004 White Chevy Silverado: Revoked for D.U.I.
2008 Chevy Impala: Narcotics
1999 Harley Davidson: Revoked for D.U.I
2006 Pontiac Torrent: Revoked for D.U.I. & Narcotics

Proceeds will be utilized in upfitting of CPD fleet vehicles.

New vehicles purchased: 3 Chevrolet Malibu sedans, 2022 Dodge Durango (used), and 2022 Ford Interceptor (used). According to Fleet Manager Kinney, the Ford Company has deemed six of our current fleet vehicles to be under recall with no fix for the engine issues. One truck has been taken off line due to the engine issues.

Traffic survey:

A traffic survey was conducted with the traffic trailer at Pleasant and Main Street on the Square.



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PRESS RELEASE

24 September 2024

For Immediate Release

Violent Fugitive Captured Following Failure to Appear at Tipton County Circuit Court Trial

[Covington, TN] – The Covington Police Department detectives, analysts, and officers joined forces to locate and capture Terrian Tipton, 29, of 2001 Charleston-Gift Road in Covington, TN. Terrian Tipton was previously arrested on October 8, 2023, by CPD detectives, for the alleged armed robberies of three (3) individuals in the Covington communities of Loon Lane, Crane Cove, and Hall Alley. Tipton has been on the run from authorities after failing to appear at his Circuit Court trial on August 20, 2024. Tipton was initially released on a \$60,000 bond from Tipton County Circuit Court on November 11, 2023, and advised of his court date upon his release.

After skipping court and evading law enforcement for nearly a month, Tipton was apprehended at his relatives' residence located at 1862 Cottonwood Place in Covington on September 23, 2024. His capture resulted from extensive investigations, surveillance, and coordinated efforts between the Covington Police Department detectives, intel analysts, CPD Drone Team, and the US Marshals Joint Rivers Task Force. Tipton was transported to the Tipton County Sheriff's Office Jail and is currently being held without bond. He is facing charges of three (3) counts of Aggravated Robbery.

"I commend our team for using innovative investigative techniques and hunting this fugitive down even though he fled to other jurisdictions prior to his capture. We anticipate additional charges for the relatives who harbored or assisted him during his flight from authorities" said Chief Donna Turner "We made efforts to contact and allow Tipton to turn himself in, but he did not think we would track and hunt him down. I want to thank the US Marshals Joint Rivers Task Force agents who assisted in Tipton's capture without incident. If you are wanted and choose to run, we will not stop until we locate and arrest you."

If you have any information about this case, please contact the Criminal Investigation Division at 901-475-1261 or message us on the Covington Police Department's Facebook page.

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PRESS RELEASE

11 September 2024

For Immediate Release

Covington Police Department Nabs Suspect After Disturbing Threats Against Officer

On the evening of 10 September 2024 at approximately 6:40 PM, the Covington Police Department received a report of intimidation directed at one of its officers. The complaint revealed a threatening Facebook post aimed at a CPD officer, containing explicit threats of violence. In the post, the suspect threatened to seek out the officer and shoot him. The post, which included a chilling declaration to shoot a CPD officer, prompted immediate action from the department. Our investigation quickly identified the suspect as 18-year-old Nehemiah Banks, a resident of Covington, TN.

In response, CPD officers, alongside our Intelligence Analyst and the Violent Crime Unit (VCU), mobilized resources to locate Banks. Our Analyst meticulously gathered intelligence on Banks' whereabouts and vehicles. This crucial information led us to a vehicle associated with Banks, which was located on Crane Cove, Covington, TN.

By 10:30 PM, CPD officers executed a search warrant and arrest warrant at the identified residence. Banks was located and taken into custody without incident. He was subsequently transported to the Criminal Investigation Division for questioning. Following the interview, Banks was booked into the Tipton County Jail, where he was formally charged with Harassment and Retaliation. He is scheduled to appear before Judge M.O. Eckel III at the Tipton County General Sessions Court on 29 October 2024. Banks remains in custody with a \$150,000.00 bond.

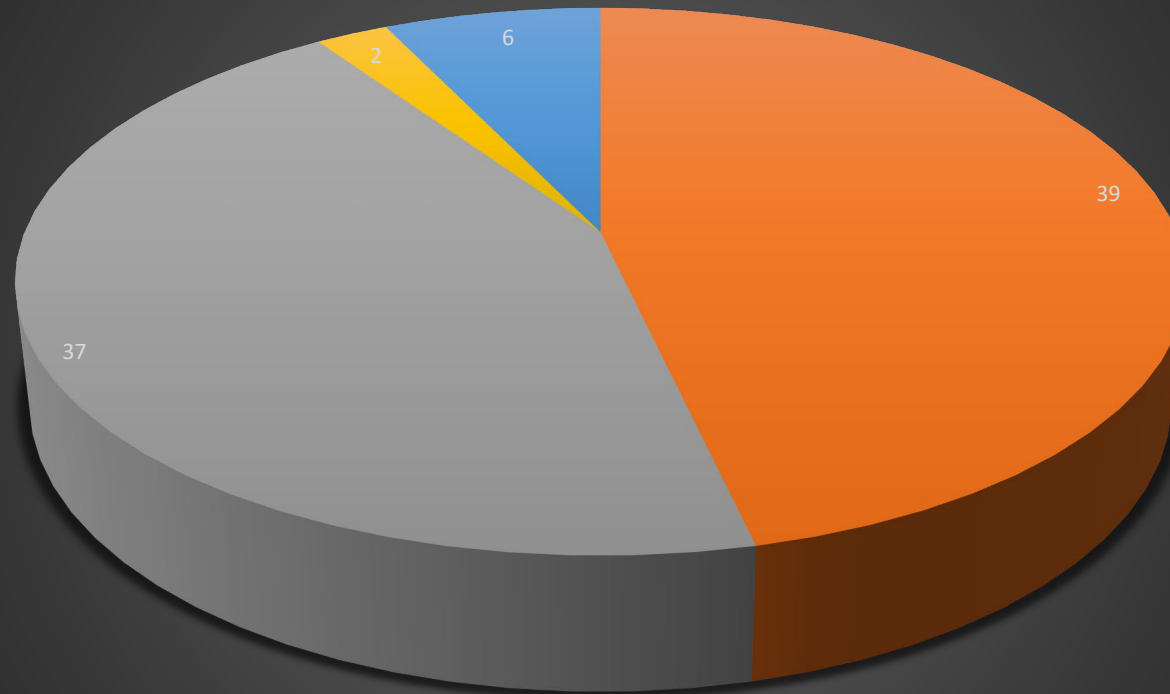
"The Covington Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety of our community and protecting our officers from threats and violence," said Chief Donna Turner. "I commend our officers for the swift action of all involved in identifying the suspect's location and bringing this matter to a resolution."

If anyone has any further information, please contact the Covington Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division at 901-475-1261 or message us on Facebook Messenger.

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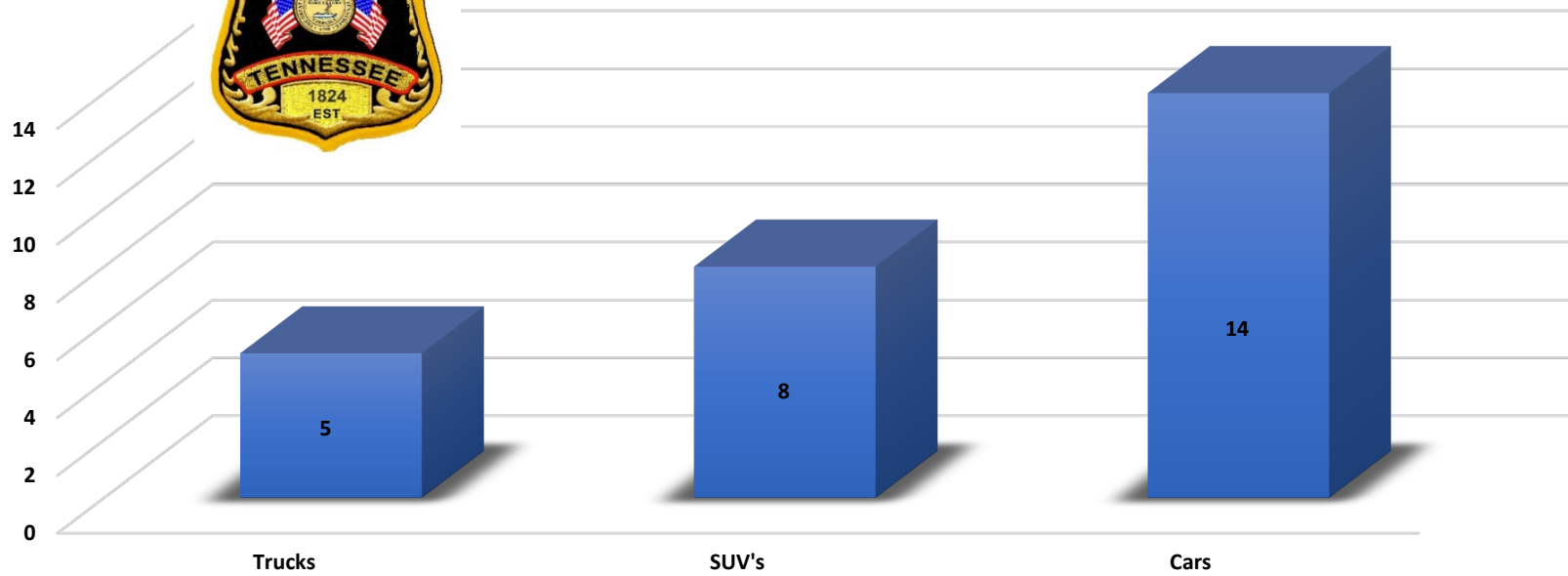
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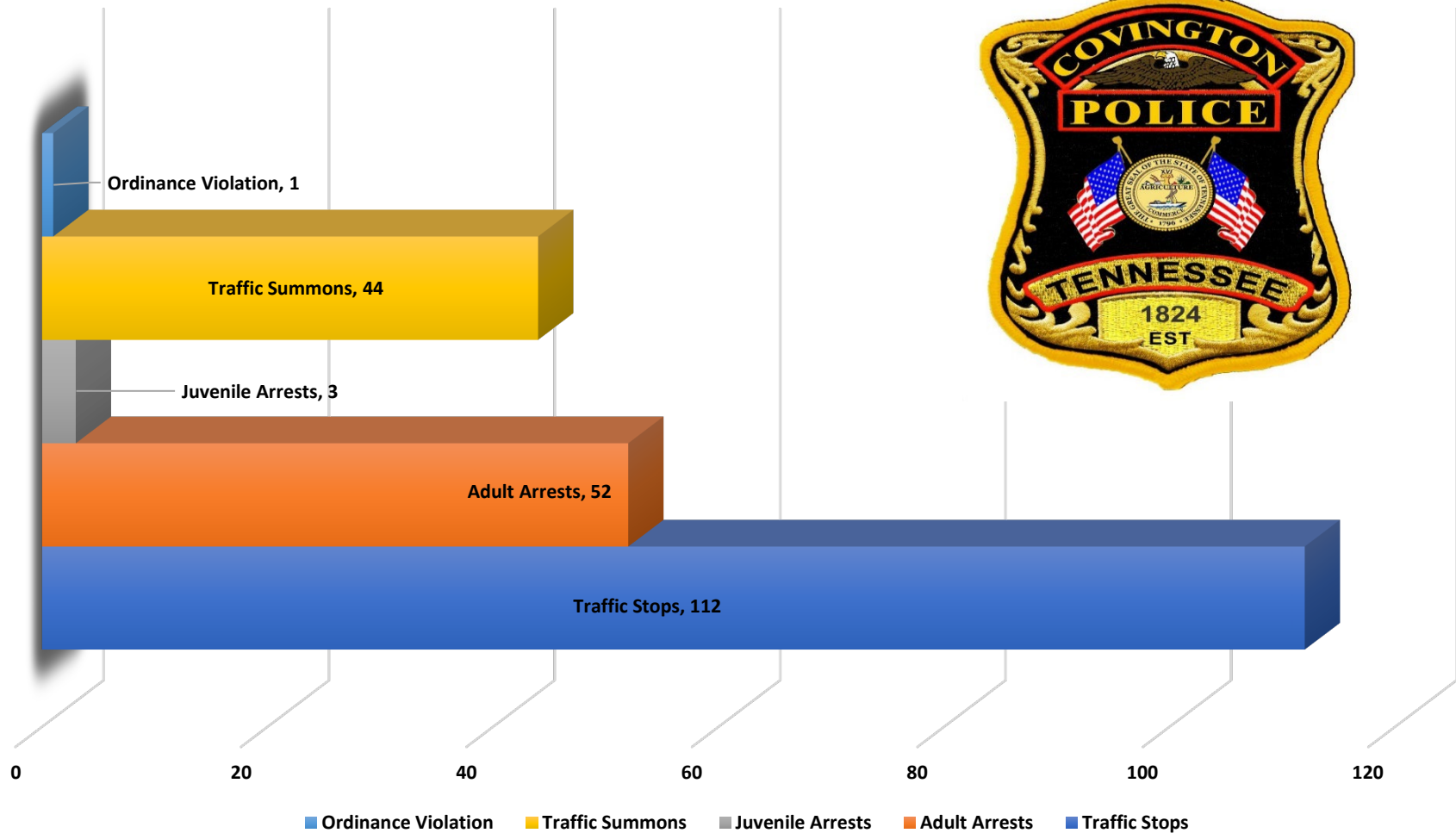




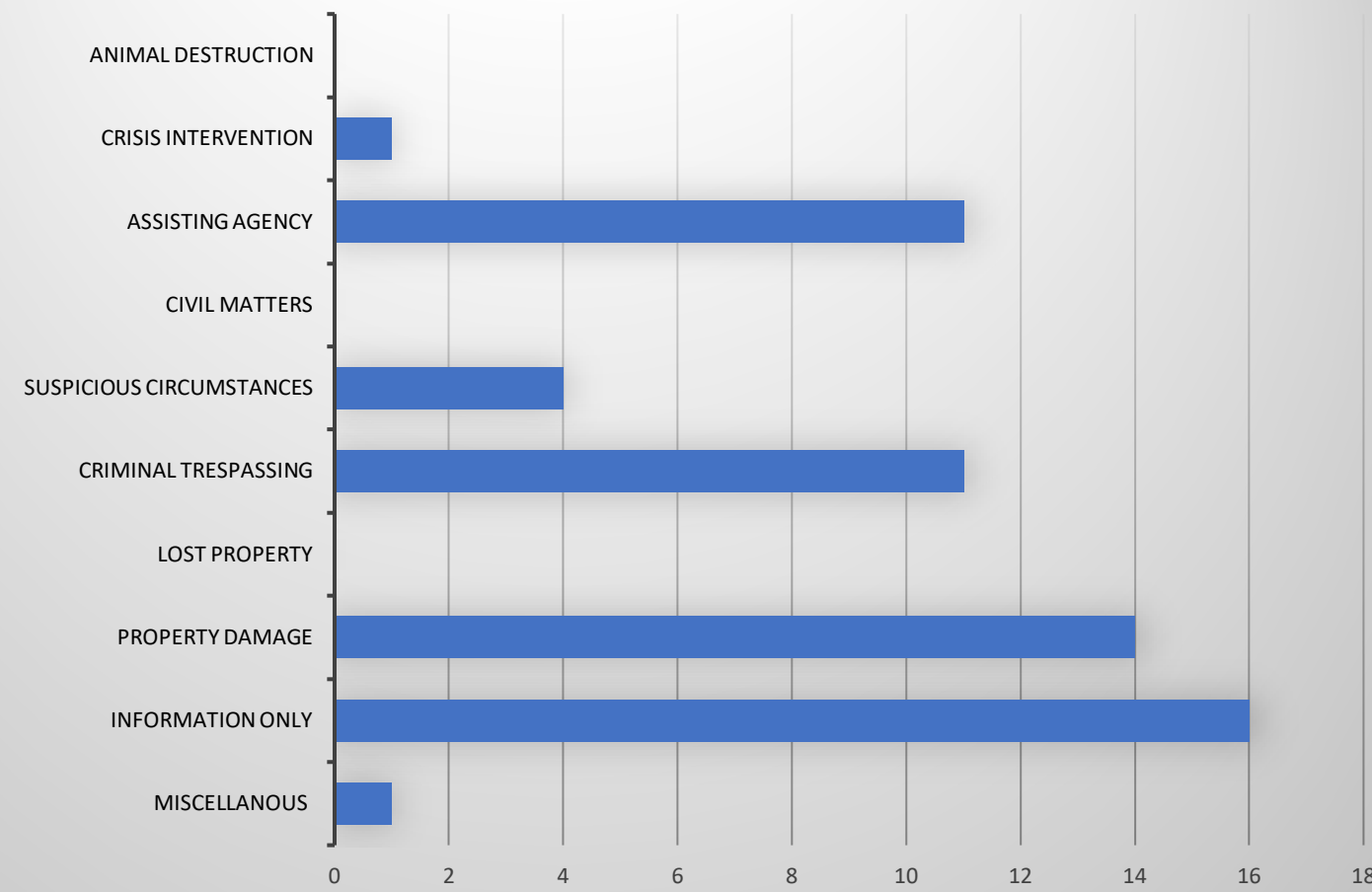
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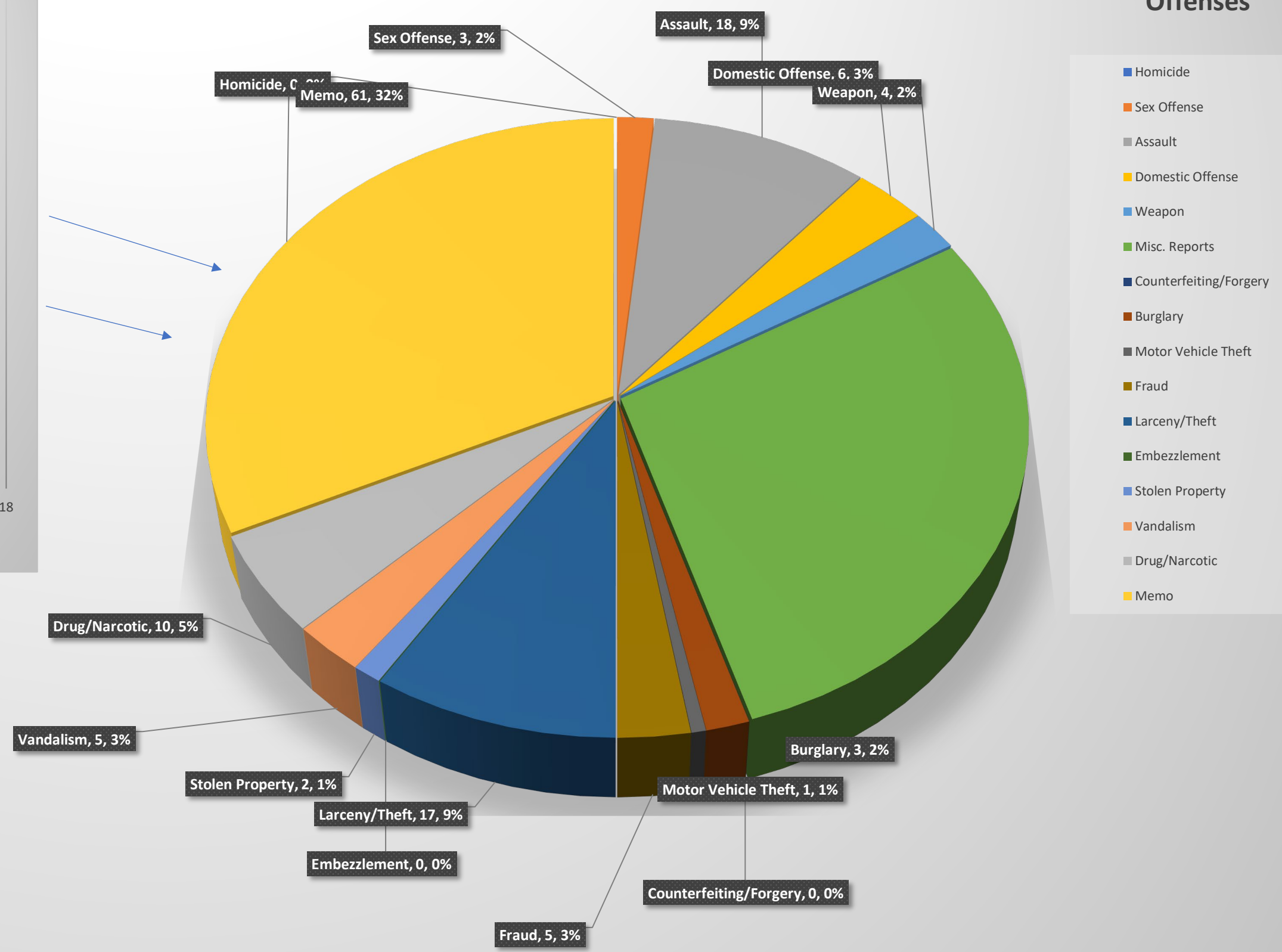
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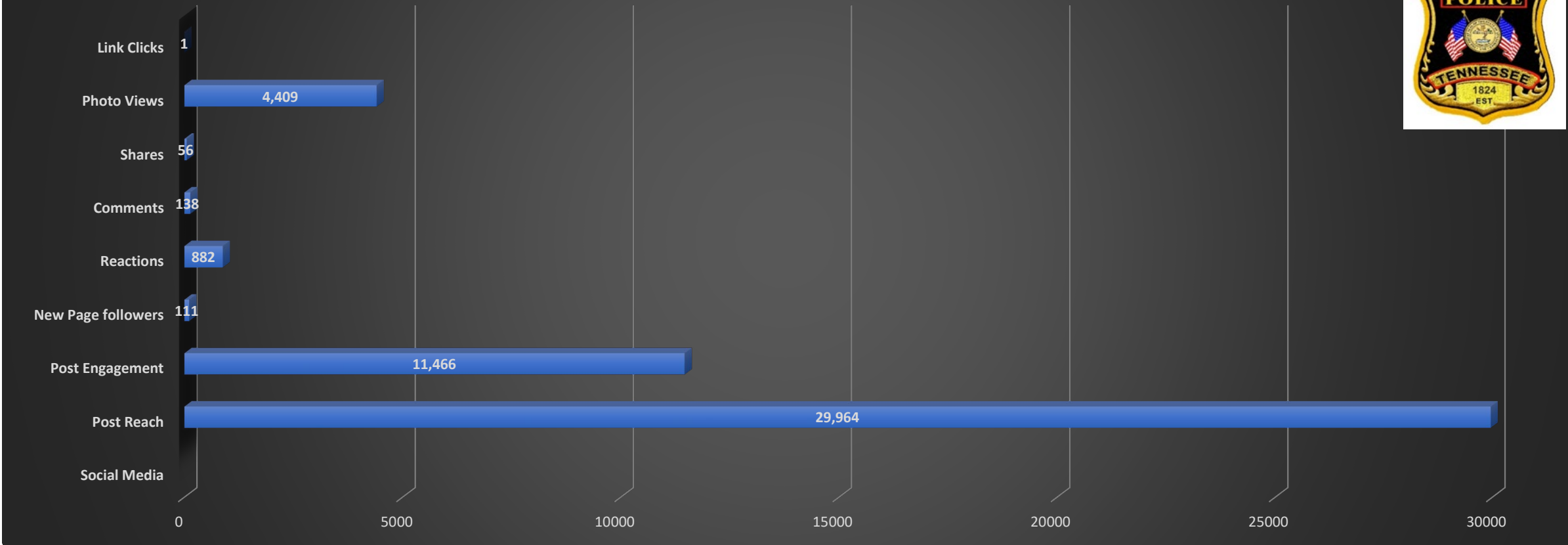
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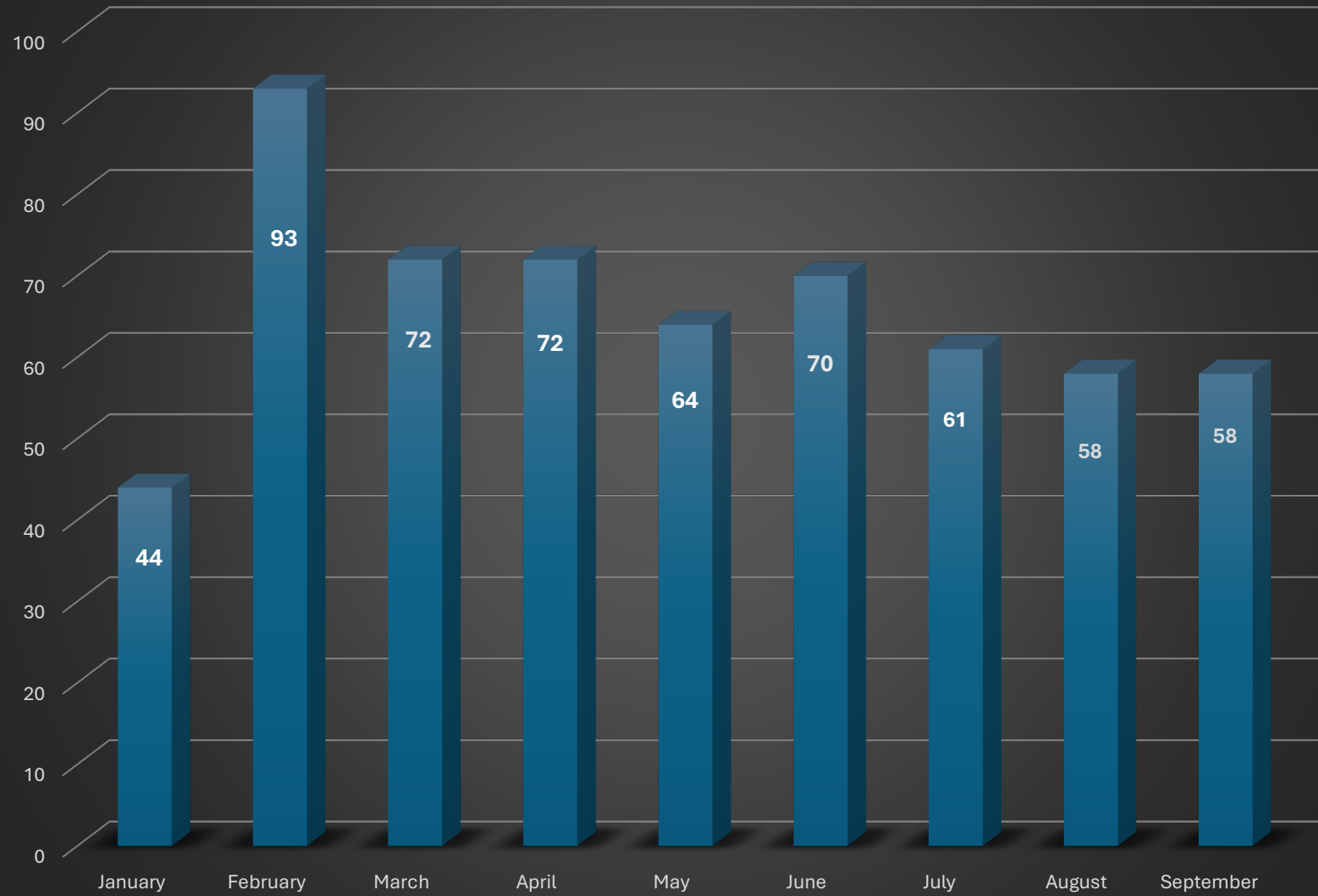


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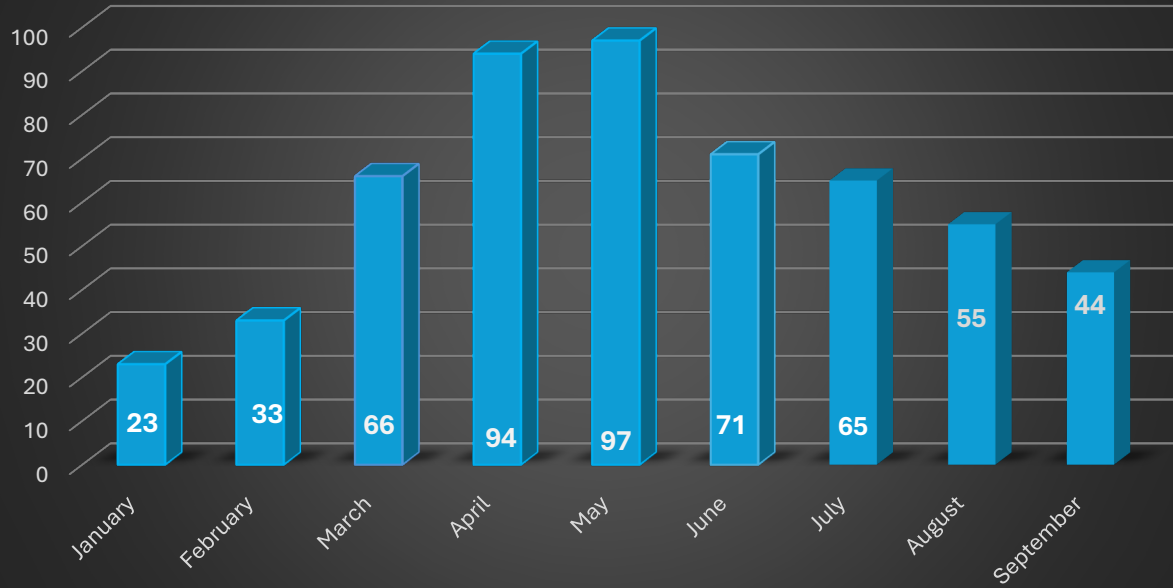
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Covington Police Department Patrol Division - Monthly Statistics																																																
	Agg. Assault	Animal Cruelty	Arson	Assault	Burglary	Child Abuse/Neglect	Contributing to Del.	Criminal Impers.	Custodial Interference	Disorderly Conduct	Domestic Assaults	Drug Arrests	DUI	False Report	Fraud/False pretenses	Hand-Held Device	Harassment	Intimidation	Leaving the Scene	Littering	Minor in Poss.	Poss. Firearm	Public Indecency	Public Intox.	Rape	Reckless Driving	Reckless Endangerment	Resist Arrest	Rev/Sus/Can	Robbery	Sexual Battery	Shoplifting	Theft	Trespassing	Unruly Juvenile	Vandalism	Warrant Arrest	Reports Filed	Total Arrests	Traffic Citation	Parking Tickets	Traffic Warning						
Aug-24																																												Days Worked	Details	Extra Patrol	Training Hrs.	Volunteer Hrs.
ALPHA 6am- 6pm																																																
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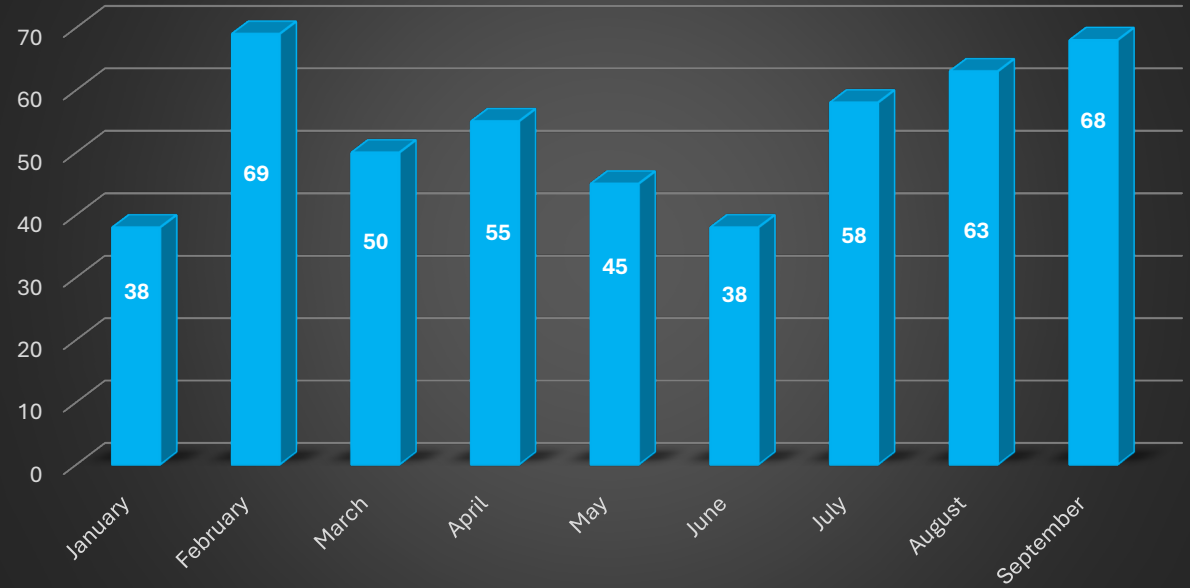
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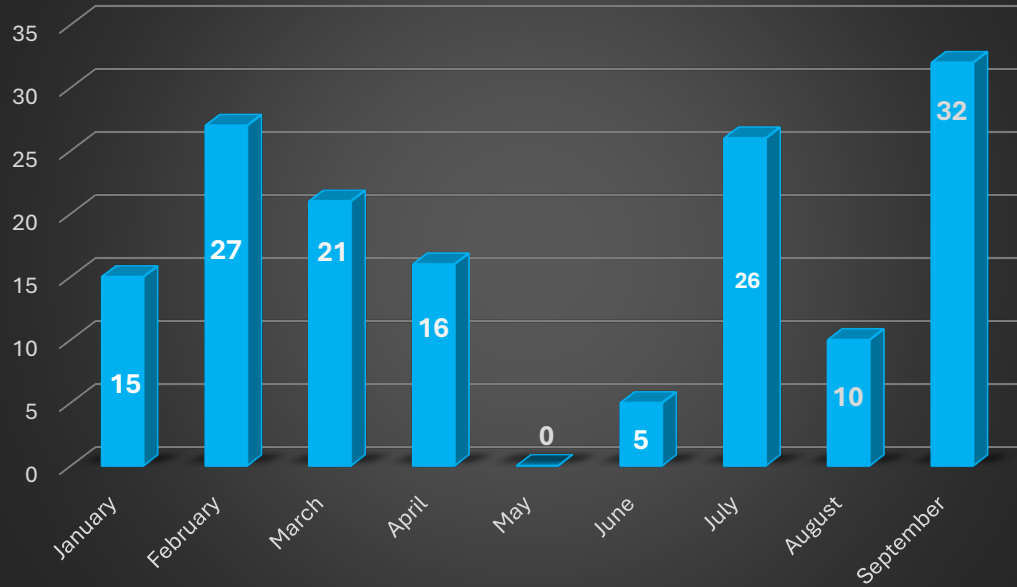
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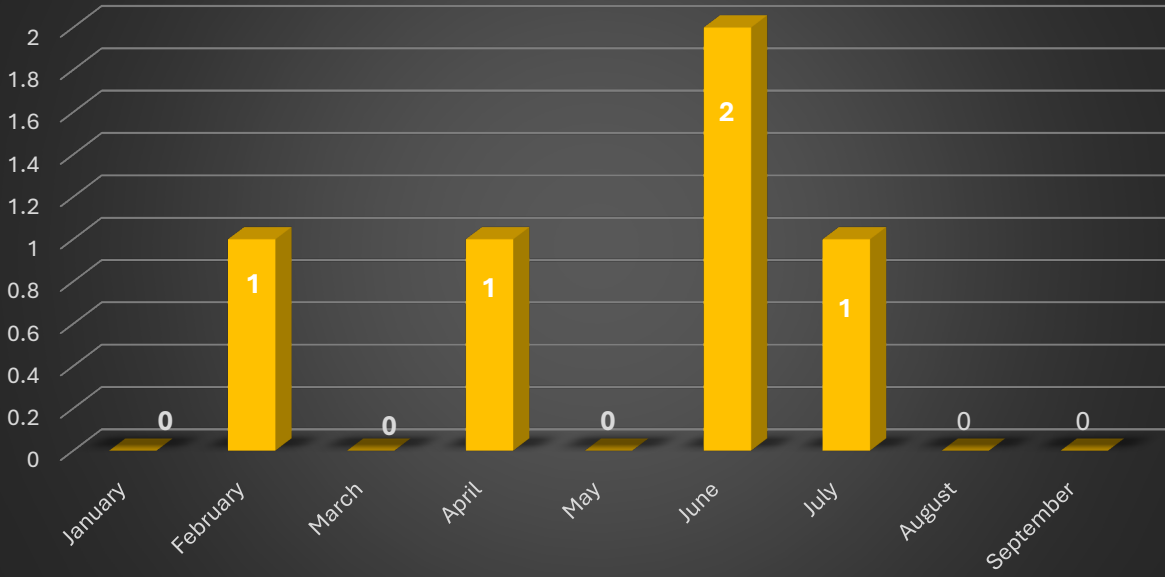
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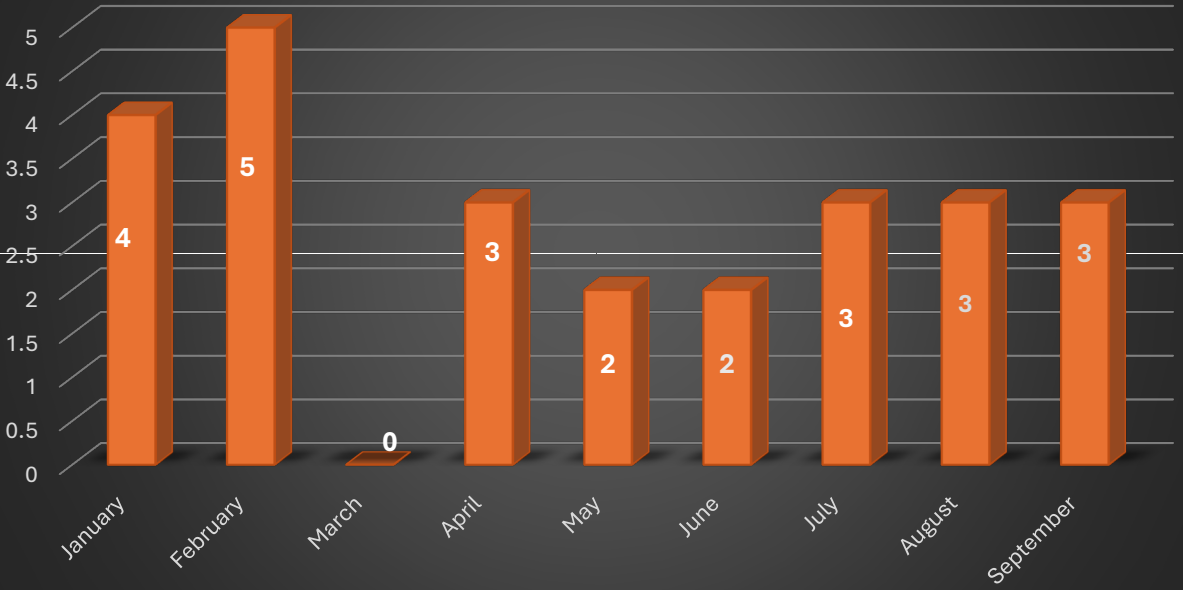
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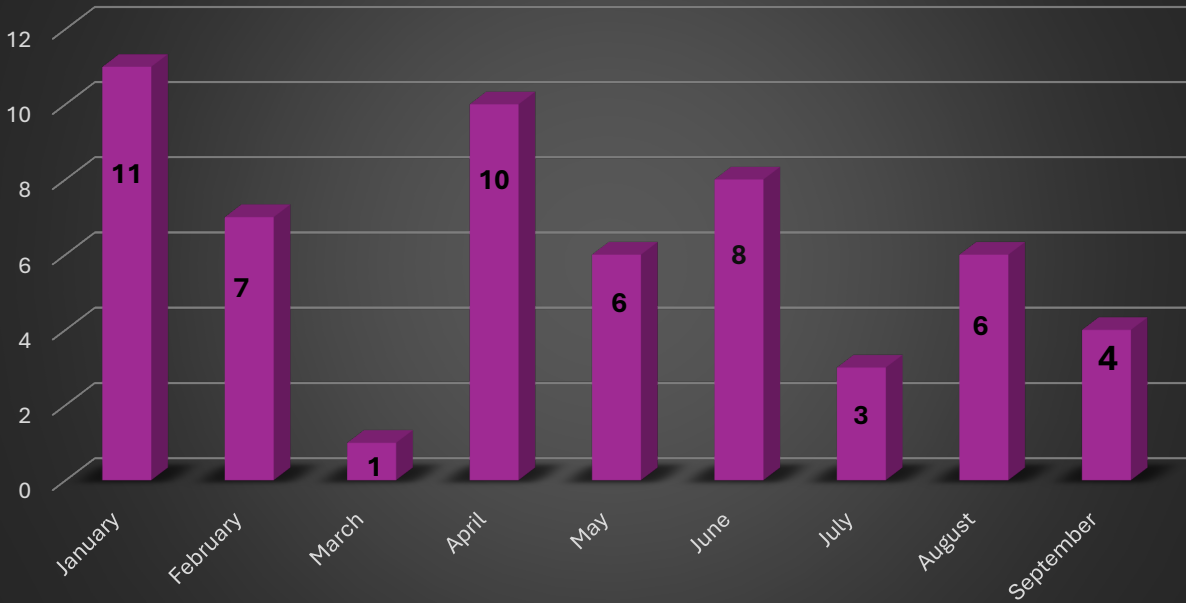
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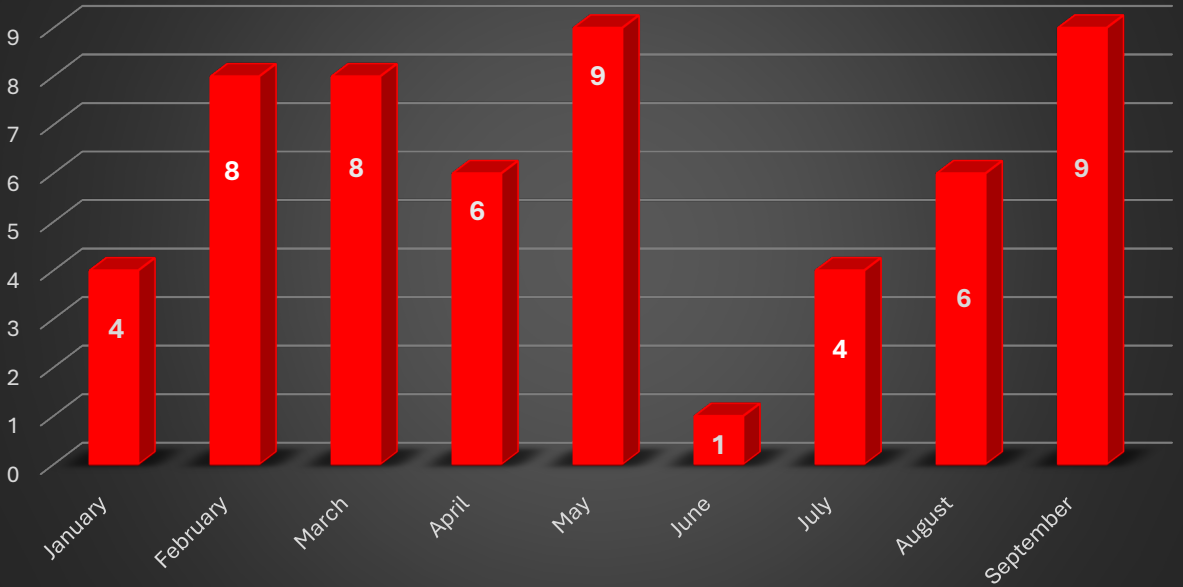
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Assaults



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