



Morrison County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Shawn Larsen

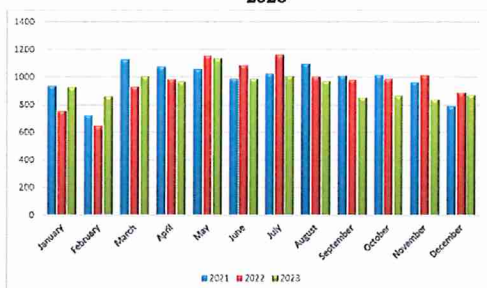
2023 Annual Review

The Sheriff's Office will serve and protect the people and enforce the law in a fair and impartial manner.

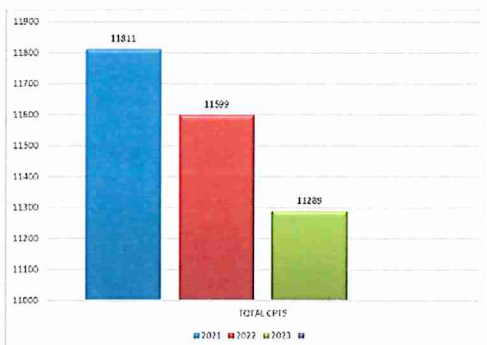
In 2023 the Morrison County Sheriff's Office handled 11,289 complaints, compared to 11,599 in 2022. May was the busiest month with the most reported incidents in 2023, compared to July of 2022. In 2023, 3,182 traffic stops were conducted, which resulted in 577 citations, 2264 verbal warnings and 341 written warnings.

The comparison to 2022 is 3,320 traffic stops, 524 citations, 2,481 verbal warnings and 315 written warnings. Our office continues to be proactive throughout our communities on a daily/nightly basis, by providing coverage to our county, which is 1,125 square miles.

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED
2023

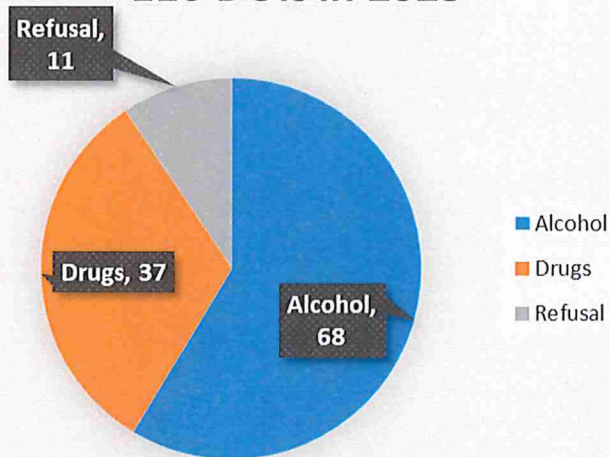


TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUIs) 2023

116 DUIs in 2023



In 2023, there were a total of 116 DUI's. The breakdown was 68 DUI's that involved alcohol, 37 DUI's that involved drugs and 11 DUI's that resulted in a test refusal.

In 2022, there were a total of 113 DUI's, of which 87 involved alcohol, 10 involved drugs and 16 were refusal to test.

Drug related DUI's have grown from 8% in 2022 to 31% in 2023, which is a substantial increase.

BODY SCANNER IN JAIL

In late 2023, the jail purchased a Tek84 Body Scanner. The X-ray imaging reveals both metallic and non-metallic threats, including weapons, drugs, cell phones and other contraband.

The scanner uses X-rays that are 1% the strength of a normal medical X-ray. It is safe and reliable. This new technology has been widely used across the U.S. in prisons, jails and detention centers.

The necessity of the body scanner stemmed from recent drug overdoses, not just in our jail, but in several jails throughout the state. The Tek84 Body Scanner is made in America and will be a useful tool going forward in the jail.



JAIL RECAP

In 2023, Morrison County Jail averaged 46 inmates per day. Inmates were boarded from Beltrami, Koochiching, Itasca, and Mahnomen Counties, along with our own Morrison County. We brought in \$420,295 in revenue from January to December for boarding inmates from other counties. Throughout the year we collected approximately \$10,865 in booking fees and \$1,122 in fingerprinting fees. We also collected \$6,075 in Huber/Work Release fees and just over \$12,751 in Pay-for-Stay fees.

PROGRAMS OFFERED IN THE JAIL

The Morrison County Jail has 13 different programs offered to all inmates in our jail. These programs exist due to our excellent volunteers who donate their time and talents to help inmates on their road to recovery. Listed below are the programs available for inmates at the Morrison County Jail at this time.

Mondays

- CMA for women – Crystal Meth Addiction Class.

Tuesday

- Teen Challenge - Application process and information for males and females.
- Set Free Males – Bible study class
- Wellness in the Woods Females – Peer Support

Wednesday

- Your Choice Males - Bible study
- Your Choice Females – Bible Study
- Wellness in the Woods Males – Peer Support

Thursday

- Bible study for women
- Christ and Construction – Bible study class for males
- AA for males and females – Alcoholics Anonymous
- CMA for males – Crystal Meth Addiction Class.

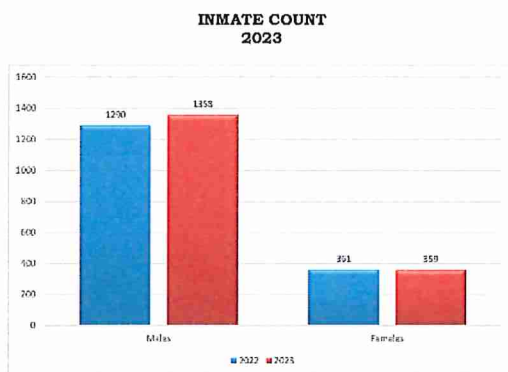
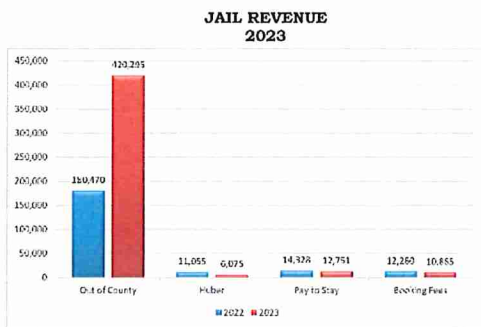
Sunday

- Morning Worship Service - Males and Females

Residents Encountering Christ (REC)

- Two weekends a year.
- Males and Females
- Over 40 volunteers

The REC program is done 2 weekends a year by over 40 volunteers. It takes place in the Jail and involves worship, artwork, singing, testimonials, music, sharing life stories, confession and much more! REC begins on Saturdays from 7am to 9pm and Sundays from 730 am to 830 pm followed by a mini reunion on the following Friday night from 630pm to 9pm.



SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT)

SWAT added new tactical vests in 2023. Vests expire every five years. At the time of replacement, technology and innovative additions have to be considered. There are Morrison County community organizations that have reached out on several occasions to support the team and it is greatly appreciated. Morrison SWAT also has two armored vehicles. Along with routine maintenance, which can be challenging with vehicles weighing several tons, one of the armored vehicles saw some major upgrades.

The MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected) armored vehicle saw some cosmetic changes with new paint and armored sliding windows. Other additions to the MRAP were a four-way hydraulic boom, equipped with video recording capabilities. The most serious and dangerous part of the team's responsibilities is entering residences or businesses. Being capable of doing this with the least amount of danger to the team and the occupants is paramount. Having the capability to record the events

holds all involved accountable by documenting the events that take place. The SWAT team's ultimate goal with any event is a safe outcome. Through training with equipment, tactics and collaboration with other teams and continuing education, the SWAT team is dedicated to achieving that goal.

Morrison County SWAT has a unique and close relationship with Crow Wing County SWAT. 2023 saw that continue with joint training at the Brainerd International Raceway. Teams trained side by side utilizing armored vehicles, drones, robots and other important technology. We will continue to train with other surrounding agencies and 2024 will be no exception. These relationships are especially important in situations where additional officers are needed for support because of extreme weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Recent events highlight the continued threat to law enforcement. Pope County Deputy Josh Owen, killed in the line of duty by gunfire inside a residence, April 2023 and the most recent event in Burnsville that took the lives of Officers Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge along with Firefighter/SWAT Medic Adam Finseth are events that are still difficult to comprehend. The Burnsville tragedy included more than 100 rounds fired upon law enforcement, 40 of which struck an armored vehicle. Closer to home we saw five officers shot and survive near Princeton in October. That incident was resolved with the use of several SWAT teams, negotiations and armored vehicles. As we travel throughout the county and speak at various community and civic organizations, we remind our citizens of the continued and appreciated support our team receives from the public. Like insurance, we pray nothing happens, but we are prepared the best we can if we receive that call.





SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management wants to remind everyone that Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 8 – 12th. Each year, the Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in collaboration with the National Weather Service Sponsors Severe Weather Awareness Week in Minnesota. The week is designed to refresh, remind and educate everyone about the seasonal threats from severe weather and how to avoid them. It's also a great time to make and practice your emergency plan and build or refresh your emergency preparedness kit.

On **Thursday, April 11th**, our agency will be participating in the Statewide Tornado Drills with **sirens being activated at 1:45PM and 6:45PM**. Outdoor warning sirens will sound in a **simulated** tornado warning. The tornado drills allow everyone in the community to practice their emergency plans for tornadoes. The first drill is intended for institutions and businesses. The evening drill is intended for second shift workers and families. There is no such thing as an "all-clear" siren.

For more information about severe weather safety and preparedness, please visit the Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website for daily topics during Severe Weather Awareness Week. Each day of the week highlights an important weather safety topic.

Severe Weather Awareness Week Topics:

Monday, April 8: Alerts and Warnings

Tuesday, April 9: Severe Weather, Lightning and Hail

Wednesday, April 10: Floods

Thursday, April 11: Tornadoes with Statewide Tornado Drills

Friday, April 12: Extreme Heat and Wildfires

We encourage everyone to be informed and prepared!

SHERIFF'S FRONT OFFICE

The Administrative Support Staff includes an Office Support Supervisor, Administrative Support Specialist, Records Technician and Civil Process Specialist. Their duties include undertaking the responsibility of records management, civil process paper services; to include levies and mortgage foreclosure sales, processing of body camera and squad video requests, data requests, gun permit applications, front counter reception services and other related non-sworn functions. Extensive training, knowledge of statutes, government policies, data practice rules and education in law enforcement is necessary in these positions to ensure rules of law are followed appropriately. They also have considerable contact with criminal justice officials including the BCA, FBI, private and government attorneys, probation, social services and other law enforcement agencies. This group is instrumental in ensuring a smooth flow of data between all agencies and adherence to strict data practices.

MENTAL HEALTH CALLS FOR SERVICE

In 2023 the Morrison County Sheriff's Office received 197 calls for service for Mental Health services. The breakdown in numbers include 101 calls for service that were related to suicidal calls and the remaining 96 calls were related to mental health. Out of the 197 calls, 69 individuals were transported for follow up services either by ambulance, MCSO Deputy, or by personal vehicle. The month with the most calls for Mental Health related services was May of 2023, with 23 calls, followed by March, August and December with each month having 22 calls for service. These statistics do not include the cities with municipal police departments, to include the Little Falls Police, Motley Police, Royalton Police and Pierz Police Department.

Mental Health continues to affect our Morrison County Jail as well. In 2023, there were 1200 inmates booked into our jail. Multiple inmates were referred by our jail

staff for further evaluation. Out of the 1200 inmates booked into our jail, 315 were seen by a Mental Health Professional, through Advanced Correctional Health Care.

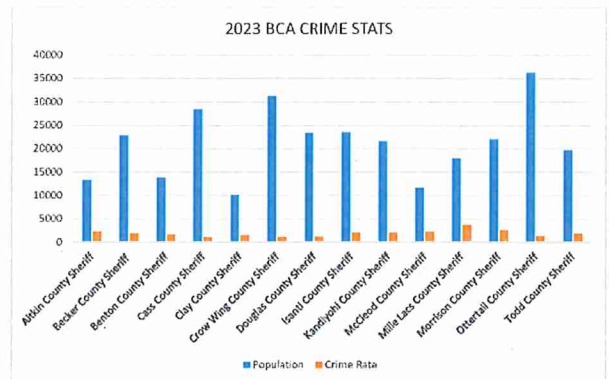
MEDICAL EXAMINER CASES

Morrison County had 227 deaths in 2023. 30 (13 percent) bodies were assumed to the Medical Center at the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office in Anoka Minnesota and 197 (87 percent) bodies were declined.

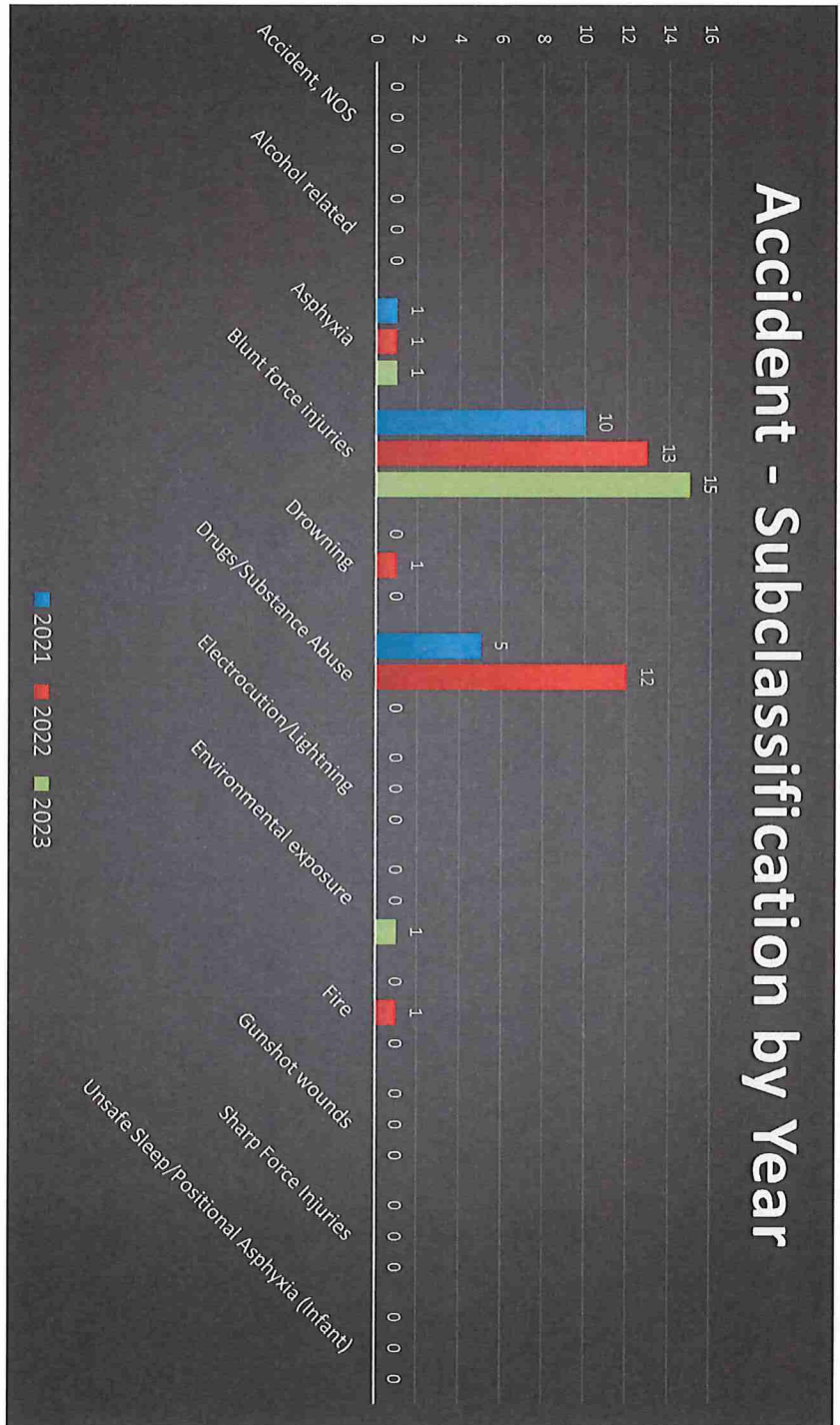
A breakdown of the manner of death for the 30 bodies assumed include: 1 homicide, 17 accidental, 10 natural deaths and 2 suicides.

Of the 17 accidental deaths, 1 person died from asphyxia, 15 people died from blunt force injuries, and 1 person died from environmental exposure.

2023 BCA CRIME RATES			
Agency Name	County	Population	Crime Rate
Aitkin County Sheriff	Aitkin	13193	2190
Becker County Sheriff	Becker	22795	1890
Benton County Sheriff	Benton	13810	1723
Cass County Sheriff	Cass	28351	1047
Clay County Sheriff	Clay	10057	1461
Crow Wing County Sheriff	Crow Wing	31187	1074
Douglas County Sheriff	Douglas	23361	1168
Isanti County Sheriff	Isanti	23485	1962
Kandiyohi County Sheriff	Kandiyohi	21527	2071
McCleod County Sheriff	McCleod	11619	2186
Mille Lacs County Sheriff	Mille Lacs	17900	3754
Morrison County Sheriff	Morrison	21967	2535
Ottertail County Sheriff	Ottertail	36226	1327
Todd County Sheriff	Todd	19728	1880



MORRISON OVERVIEW: 3-YEAR COMPARISON



TOXICOLOGY OVERVIEW: 2023

- 0 deaths in Morrison County due to drug abuse

Fentanyl present: 0(240)

Methamphetamine present: 0(252)

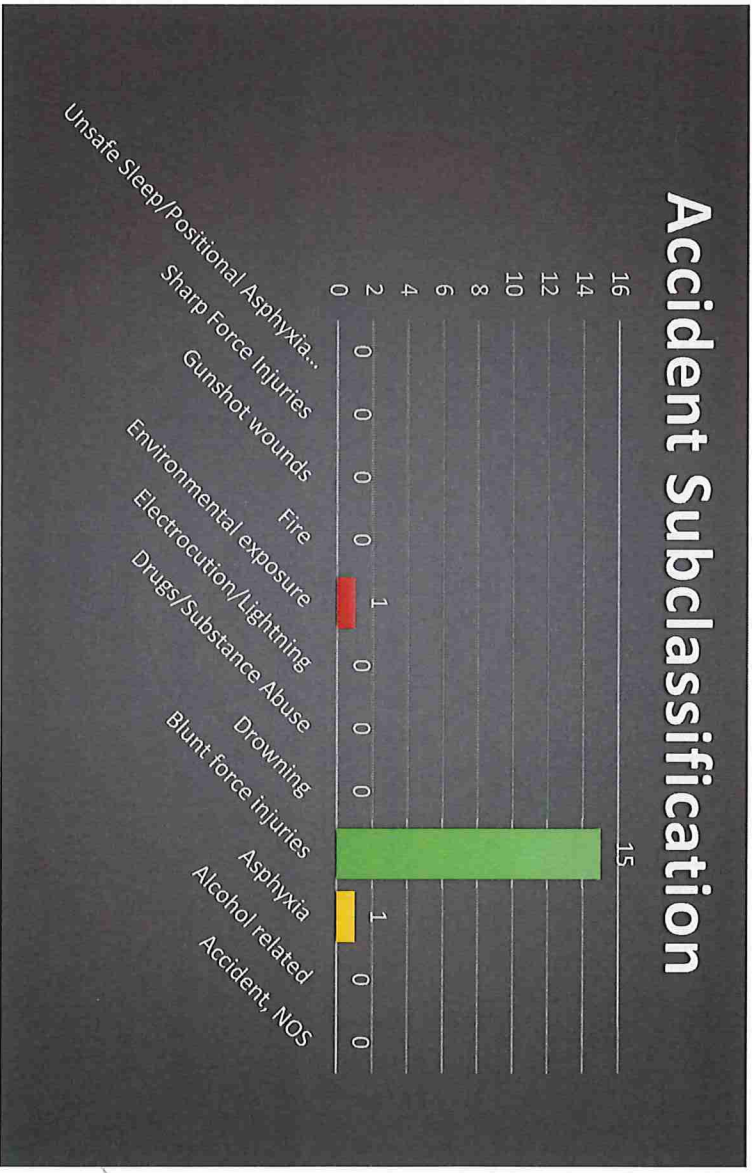
Cocaine was present: 0(31)

Heroin was present: 0(5)

Xylazine was present: 0(7)

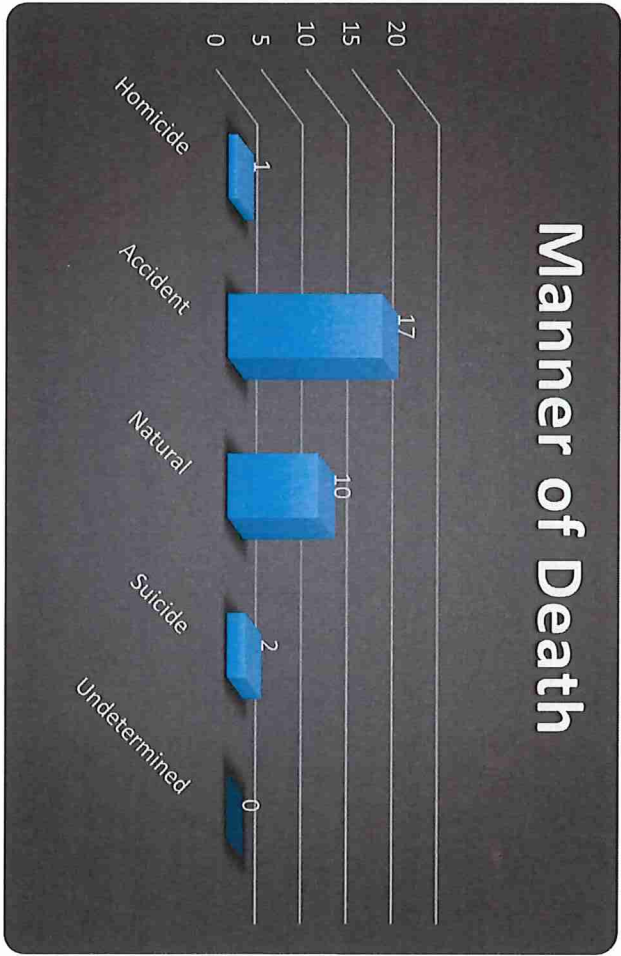
MORRISON OVERVIEW

Accident Subclassification	
Asphyxia	1
Blunt Force Injuries	15
Drugs/Substance Abuse	0
Environmental	1



MORRISON OVERVIEW

Manner of Death	
Homicide	1
Accident	17
Natural	10
Suicide	2
Undetermined	0



CRIME DATA COLLECTION

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT CRIME DATA

The state of Minnesota has participated in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program since 1936. Minnesota statutes require and authorize the BCA to collect UCR data. The state statutes authorizing data collection are as follows.

[Minn. Stat. 299C.05 – Crime Data Collection](#)

[Minn. Stat. 299C.06 – Division Powers and Duties; Cooperation](#)

[Minn. Stat. 299C.12 – Records Kept by Peace Officers; Reports](#)

CRIME TYPES

National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data is separated into Group A and Group B.

GROUP A OFFENSES

The following crimes are categorized as Group A offenses. Group A offenses are further categorized as crimes against persons, crimes against property and crimes against society.

Crimes Against Persons

- Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter
- Negligent Manslaughter
- Sex Offenses
 - Rape
 - Sodomy
 - Sexual Assault with an Object
 - Forcible Fondling
 - Incest
 - Statutory Rape
- Kidnapping/Abduction
- Assault Offenses
 - Aggravated Assault
 - Simple Assault
 - Intimidation
- Human Trafficking
 - Commercial Sex Acts
 - Involuntary Servitude

Crimes Against Society

- Animal Cruelty
- Drug Narcotic Violations
- Drug Equipment Violations
- Gambling Offenses
 - Betting/Wagering
 - Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling
 - Gambling Equipment Violations
 - Sports Tampering
- Pornography/Obscene Material
- Prostitution Offenses
 - Prostitution
 - Assisting or Promoting Prostitution
 - Purchasing Prostitution
- Weapon Law Violation

CRIME DATA COLLECTION

Crimes Against Property

- Arson
- Bribery
- Burglary/Breaking & Entering
- Counterfeiting/Forgery
- Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
- Embezzlement
- Extortion/Blackmail
- Fraud Offense
 - False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game
 - Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud
 - Impersonation
 - Welfare Fraud
 - Wire Fraud
 - Identity Theft
 - Hacking/Computer Invasion
- Larceny/Theft Offenses
 - Pocket-Picking
 - Purse-Snatching
 - Shoplifting
 - Theft from Building
 - Theft from Coin Operated Machine or Device
 - Theft from Motor Vehicle
 - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories
 - All Other Larceny
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Robbery
- Stolen Property Offenses

GROUP B ARRESTS

The following are categorized as Group B arrests.

- Bad Checks
- Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations
- Disorderly Conduct
- Driving Under the Influence
- Drunkenness
- Nonviolent Family Offenses
- Liquor Law Violations
- Peeping Tom
- Trespass of Real Property
- All Other Offenses