



RHOME POLICE DEPARTMENT



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



The Rhome Police Department made great strides in 2022 while building on the foundation of our core values of Professionalism, Accountability, and Teamwork. The men and women of our department understand the nobility of our profession and take pride in how we provide law enforcement services to our community. Our professionalism is centered around the phrase – Look your best, do your best, be your best. By striving to provide the highest

level of customer service, we set the bar for how law enforcement should be conducted. Holding ourselves, and each other, accountable ensures that when we do make mistakes, we learn from them and grow from our experiences. And we've all learned through our experience that we can go farther, and achieve more, by working as a team.

As you'll see from our statistical data we have shifted our emphasis to more pro-active neighborhood patrols and community outreach. It is through these partnerships that we believe we can build trust between the department and our citizens and more effectively fight crime. Law enforcement, and public service, is far more efficient and powerful when it is done in unification with our citizens. We believe these partnerships allow for a better, more transparent outcome, than if we try to do it alone.

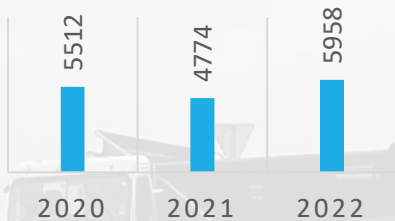
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Eric Debus
Chief of Police

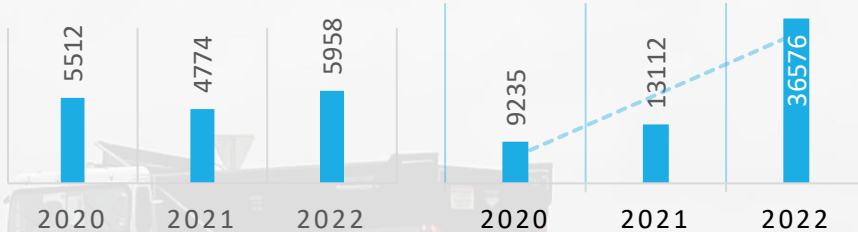
ACTIVITY STATISTICS

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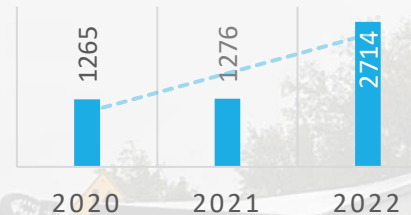
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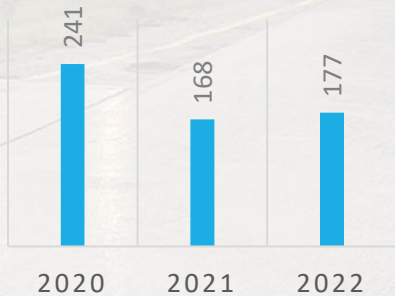
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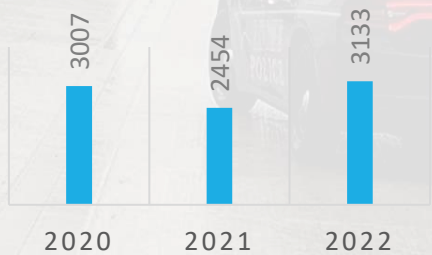
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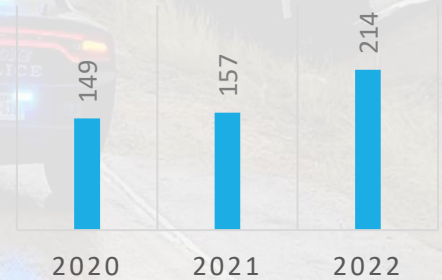
ARRESTS



TRAFFIC STOPS



ACCIDENTS



NIBRS/UCR CRIME REPORTING

ANNUAL CRIME DATA

In 2022 the Rhome Police Department was brought into compliance with the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Our agency will now be eligible to apply for Federal grants after submitting Crime data for three consecutive years. Listed below are several benefits to reporting crime data.

Implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement, NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident—including information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes.

Unlike data reported through the UCR Program's traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS)—an aggregate monthly tally of crimes—NIBRS goes much deeper because of its ability to provide circumstances and context for crimes like location, time of day, and whether the incident was cleared.

As recommended by professional law enforcement organizations, the FBI has made nationwide implementation of NIBRS a top priority because NIBRS can provide more useful statistics to promote constructive discussion, measured planning, and informed policing. To increase participation, the UCR Program is partnering with the Bureau of Justice Statistics on the National Crime Statistics Exchange, working with advocacy groups to emphasize the importance of NIBRS data, and transitioned the UCR Program to a NIBRS-only data collection, as of Jan. 1, 2021. In addition, the UCR Program has made resources available to help agencies address the cost of transitioning, as well as the potential perception that an agency has higher crime levels when NIBRS actually establishes a new baseline that more precisely captures reported crime in a community.

When used to its full potential, NIBRS identifies, with precision, when and where crime takes place, what form it takes, and the characteristics of its victims and perpetrators. Armed with such information, law enforcement can better define the resources it needs to fight crime, as well as use those resources in the most efficient and effective manner. NIBRS:

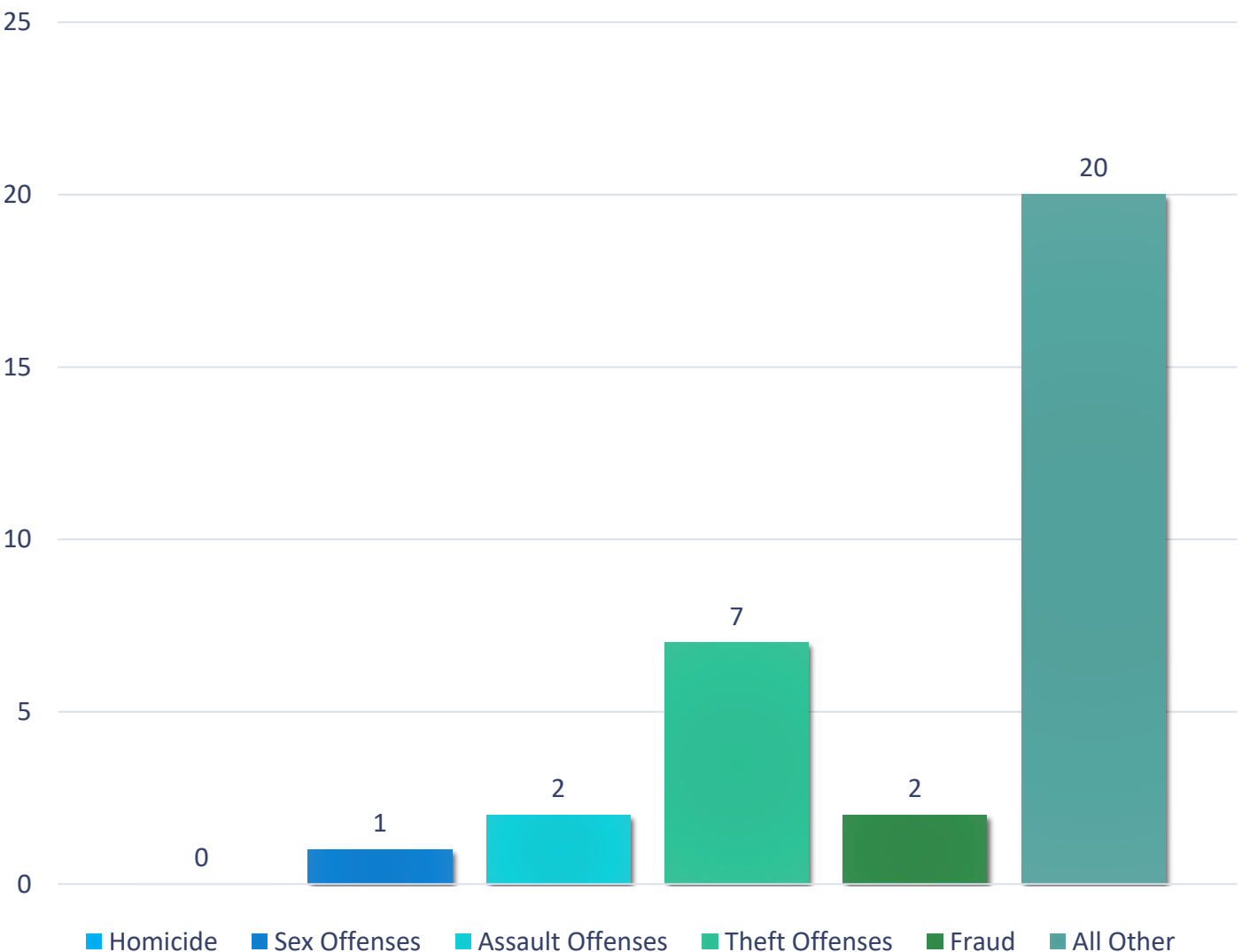
- **Provides greater specificity in reporting offenses.** Not only does NIBRS look at all of the offenses within an incident, but it also looks at many more offenses than the traditional SRS does. NIBRS collects data for 52 offenses, plus 10 additional offenses for which only arrests are reported. SRS counts limited data for 10 offenses and 20 additional crimes for which only arrests are reported.
- **Collects more detailed information**, including incident date and time, whether reported offenses were attempted or completed, expanded victim types, relationships of victims to offenders and offenses, demographic details, location data, property descriptions, drug types and quantities, the offender's suspected use of drugs or alcohol, the involvement of gang activity, and whether a computer was used in the commission of the crime.
- **Helps give context to specific crime problems** such as drug/narcotics and sex offenses, as well as issues like animal cruelty, identity theft, and computer hacking.
- **Provides greater analytic flexibility.** Through NIBRS, data users can see many more facets of crime, as well as relationships and connections among these facets, than SRS provides.



NIBRS/UCR CRIME REPORTING

ANNUAL CRIME DATA

Major Crimes



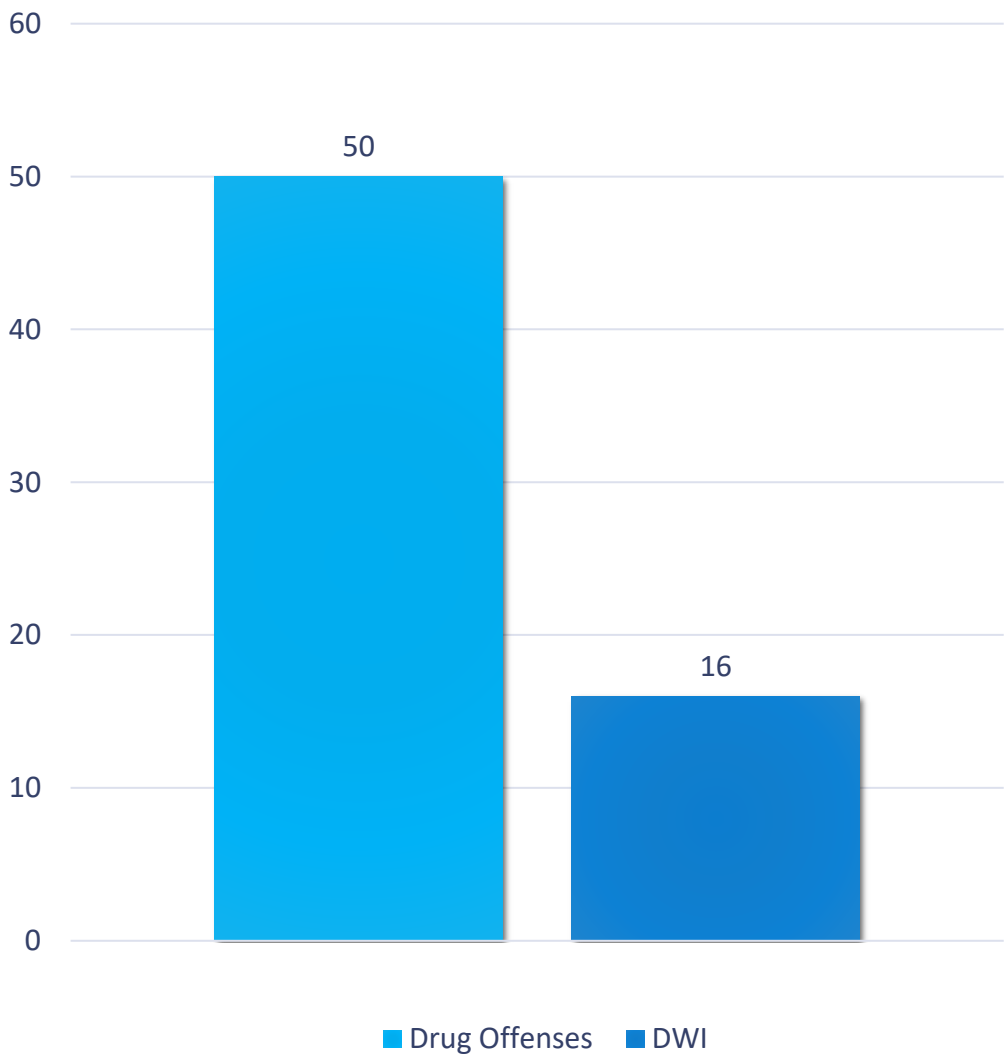
*Sex Offenses include forcible rape, statutory rape, and other sex offenses
*Theft Offenses include motor vehicle theft, robbery, burglary, etc.
*Fraud includes ID theft and forgery
*All Other Offenses includes offenses such as trespassing, harassment, evading arrest, etc.



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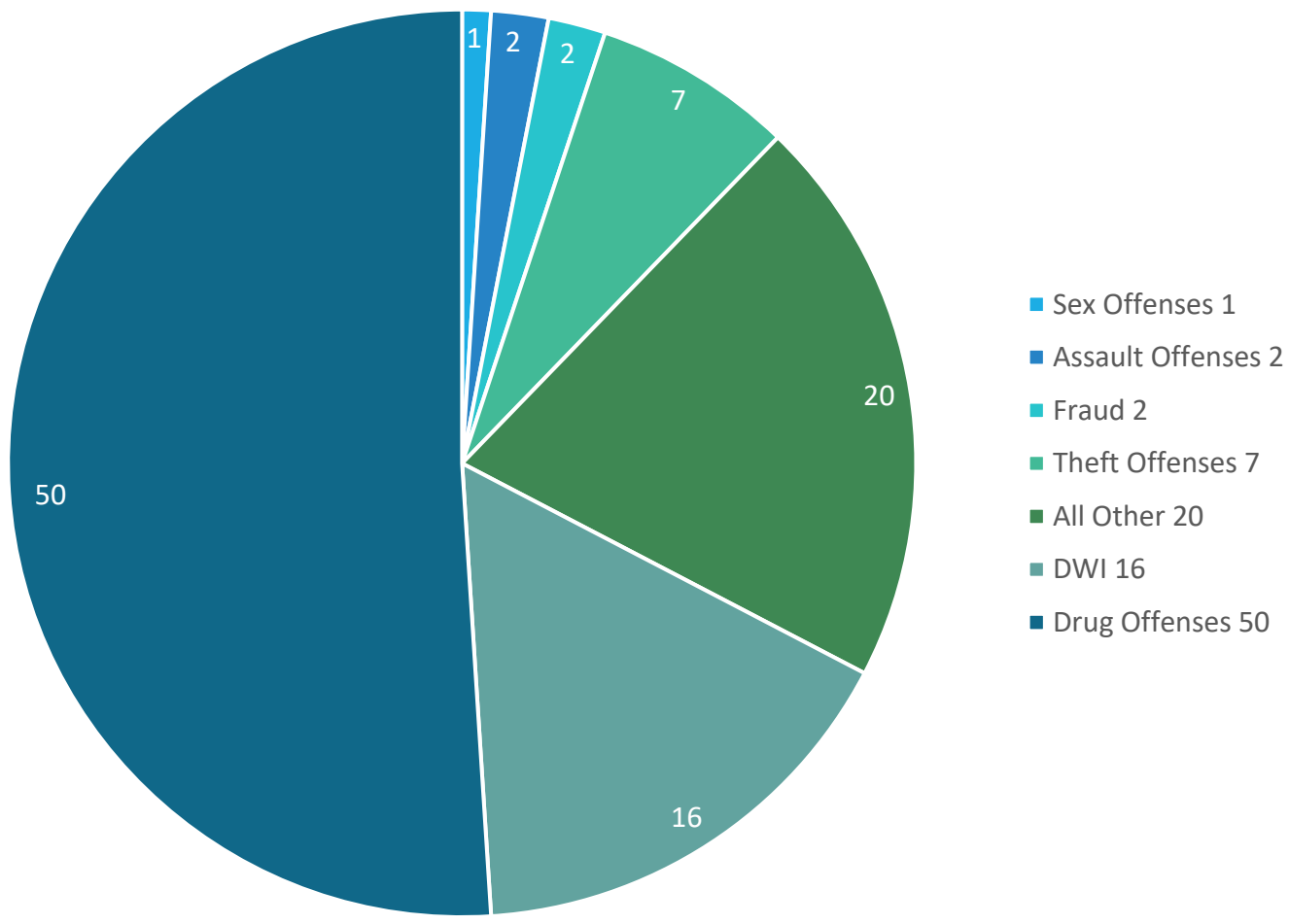
Officer Initiated



NIBRS/UCR CRIME REPORTING

ANNUAL CRIME DATA

Crime Data



DRUG SEIZURES

The Rhome Police Department is dedicated to all aspects of public safety, the removal of dangerous drugs off the streets is especially vital. Rhome Police Officers routinely arrest suspects in possession of hard drugs, such as methamphetamines, heroin, cocaine, and other opioids. Below are the totals seized by the Rhome Police Department in 2022.

Marijuana (Packaged)	10 Solid Ounces
Hashish (Liquid Oil)	2 Liquid Ounces
Hashish (Solid)	246.8 Grams
Opiates (Heroin)	3 Grams
Cocaine	12 Grams
Hallucinogens (LSD)	13 Dose Units
Hallucinogens (Designer Drugs)	49.35 Grams
Other Drugs (Methamphetamines)	258.1 Grams



CODE ENFORCEMENT

In early 2022, Officer Grant assumed the challenging position of Code Enforcement for the city, excelling in both this role and his regular patrol duties.

Violations 148

Labor Hours 301



TRAINING

Rhome Police Officers have undergone a significant amount of training this year as law enforcement agencies prioritize the professional development of their personnel. This training focuses on a wide range of areas, including de-escalation techniques, cultural competency, crisis intervention, and use of force. The aim is to equip officers with the necessary skills and knowledge to handle diverse and challenging situations, while also promoting public safety and improving community relations. As a result, Rhome Police Officers are better equipped to serve and protect the public, and to maintain the high standards of professionalism that are expected of them. In addition to the comprehensive training mentioned earlier, Rhome Police Officers also underwent specialized training in the use of Stop Sticks, Tasers, and ASP Batons. This training helps officers to effectively utilize these tools in high-pressure situations, while also ensuring the safety of both officers and the public. Furthermore, administrative personnel conducted a leadership book study, aimed at enhancing their leadership skills and promoting a culture of continuous learning and improvement within the department. These efforts demonstrate the commitment of the Rhome Police Department to providing the best possible training and resources for their officers, and to promoting the highest standards of professionalism and public service.

Rhome Officers Averaged 58 Training hours each in 2022 by completing a combined total of 642 hours.



TRAINING

HIGHLIGHTS



- New Chief's Course
- New Supervisor's Course
- Taser Instructor
- ASP Baton Instructor**
- Stop Stick Instructor
- Stop Stick End User
- Large Truck/Bus Traffic Enforcement
- Search Warrant Writing
- De-escalation Training
- Basic Code Enforcement
- S.F.S.T. Practitioner Update
- Use of Force
- Missing and Exploited Children



RHOME POLICE OFFICER STATS 2022

11 Sworn Police Officers

- 8 Full Time
- 3 Reserves

Peace Officer Certificates

- Master - 6
- Advanced - 2
- Intermediate - 1
- Basic - 2

Average Length of Service: 16 Years

Average Career
Continuing Education Hours :2928



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community outreach by the Rhome Police Department is crucial as it helps to build and strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the community they serve. Through outreach efforts, the police can learn about and address the needs and concerns of the community, foster trust and cooperation, and improve public safety.



National Night Out is an annual event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. It provides an opportunity for communities to meet and interact with their local law enforcement officers, strengthening the bond between the police and the community they serve.

Coffee with a Cop is a community outreach program that provides a relaxed and informal setting for citizens to interact with local law enforcement officers. It offers an opportunity for open and honest conversations, allowing the police to better understand the concerns of the community and foster positive relationships.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Rhome Police Department greatly values the relationship we have with the public. This relationship is crucial in creating a safe community, where everyone can prosper. The partnership between law enforcement and the public is key to promoting public safety, preventing crime, and solving community problems.

