BRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Branford Police Department is to serve and protect the community through the delivery of progressive police services. It is our commitment to service and adherence to our values of honor, integrity and trust that allows us to earn, build and maintain the essential support of our community.
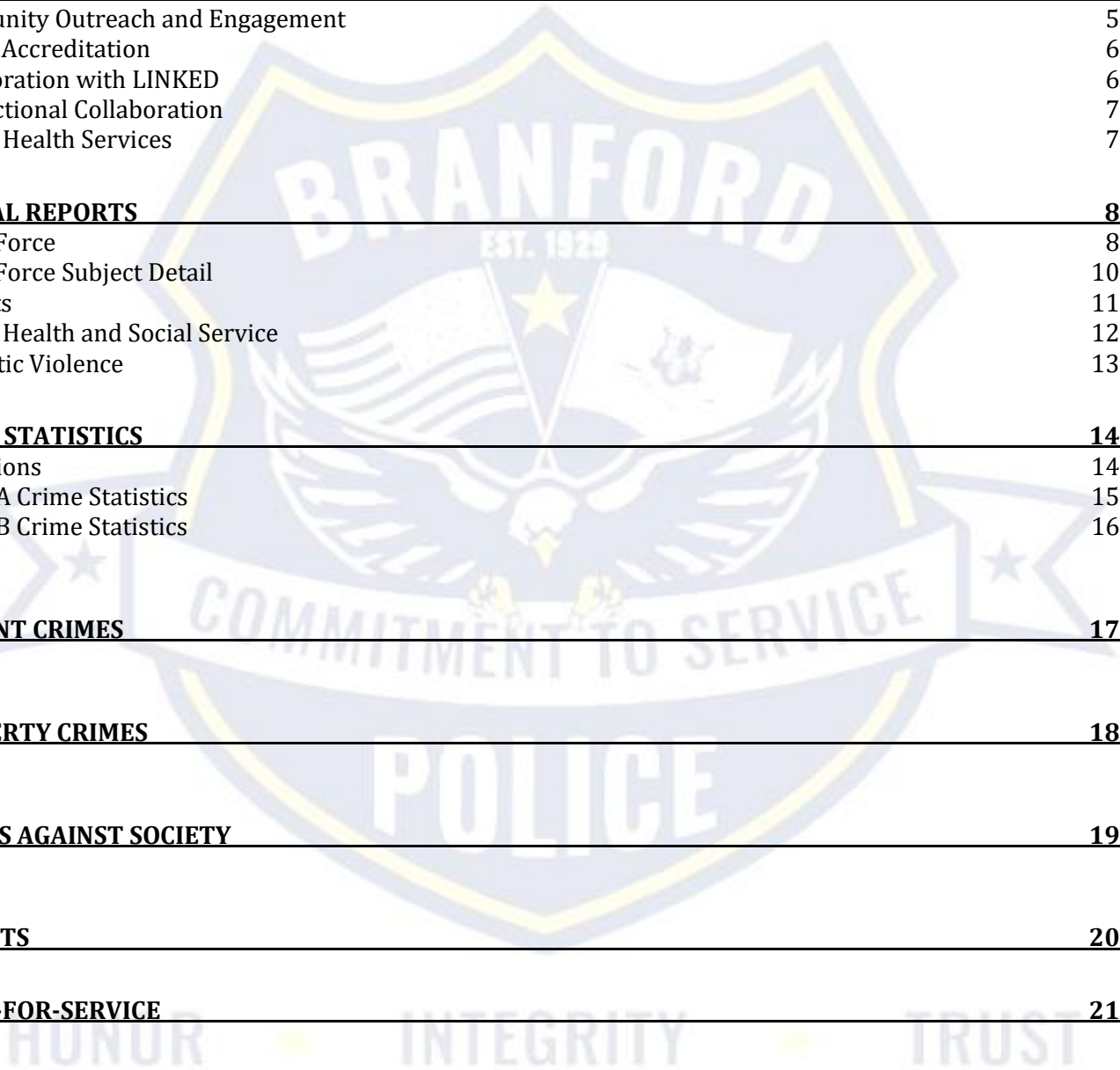
Chief of Police
Jonathan R. Mulhern

Board of Police Commissioners

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Patricia Austin (Vice Chair)   Janice Heggie-Margolis
Christine Ciociola   Valerie Wiel-Wilkins

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TOWN OF BRANFORD
Jurisdictional Overview & Population Served

AREA: 28 square miles total
 22 square miles land
 6 square miles water

POPULATION: 28,273 (2020)
 28,176 (2021 estimate)

POPULATION DENSITY: 1,295 per sq. mile (2020)

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS: 13,935
OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS: 12,707 (91%)
OWNER-OCCUPIED: 65.5%
RENTER-OCCUPIED: 34.5%
VACANT HOUSING UNITS: 1,228
PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD: 2.18
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME: $80,471
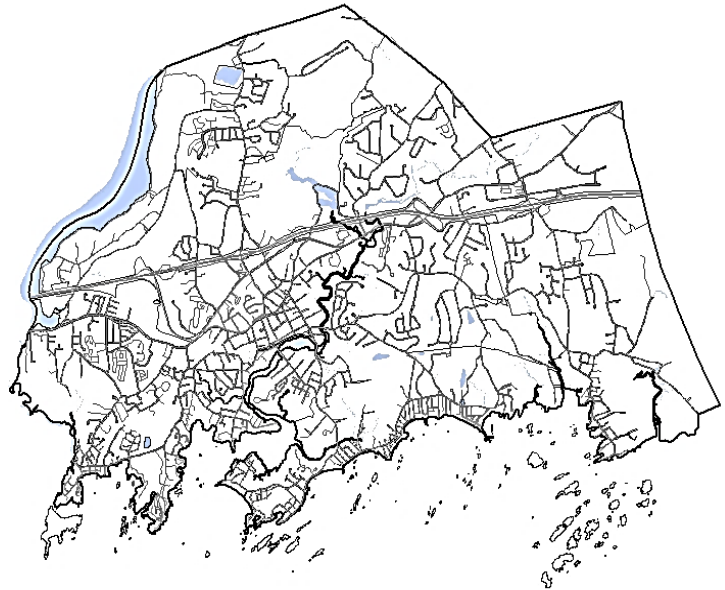
POPULATION BY RACE (2020)		
Race	*Total*	*Percentage*
White Alone	23,844	84%
Asian Alone	1,326	5%
Black Alone	689	2%
Other Alone	678	2%
American Indian	47	0.2%
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	10	0%
Mixed Race (2+)	1,679	6%

GENDER (ACS Estimates 2016-2020)		
Race	*Total*	*Percentage*
Male	13,203	47%
Female	14,721	53%

GENDER (ACS Estimates 2016-2020)		
Age	*Total*	*Percentage*
0-4	1,189	4%
5-9	974	4%
10-14	1,422	5%
15-19	1,136	4%
20-24	1,242	4%
25-29	1,673	6%
30-34	1,806	7%
35-39	1,309	5%
40-44	973	4%
45-49	1,845	7%
50-54	2,302	8%
55-59	2,854	10%
60-64	2,277	8%
65+	6,922	25%

Population and demographic data were retrieved from the U.S. Census Bureau, using figures from the 2020 decennial census, American Community Survey (ACS) 2016-2020 5-year estimates, and Population Estimates Program (PEP).

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BRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Departmental and Staffing Overview

- **TOTAL FULL-TIME STAFFING: 66**
  - **Sworn Officers –** 52
  - **Civilian Personnel –** 14
- **PART-TIME EMPLOYEES: 17**

EMPLOYEES HIRED DURING THE 2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR:

Trever Mitchell-Carter – Officer
Aidan Ricciardelli – Officer
Sean Healy – Officer
Matthew Siwek – Officer
Nate Dornfeld – Crossing Guard
Denise Stine – Dispatcher

EMPLOYEES RETIRED/RESIGNED/DISCHARGED:

Richard Kenney Jr. –Supernumerary
Brianna Sepulveda – Dispatcher
Michael Paleski - Officer

POLICE/POPULATION RATIO: 2 per 1000 residents

FULL-TIME STAFFING	
Sworn Positions	**Personnel**
Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief of Police	1
Captains	2
Lieutenants	4
Sergeants	7
Detectives	5
Patrol	32

Non-Sworn Positions	**Personnel**
Dispatchers	10
Administrative Coordinator	1
Crime Analyst	1
Records Clerk	1
Social Worker	1

PART-TIME STAFFING	
Part-Time Positions	**Personnel**
Records Clerks	3
Crossing Guards	9
Supernumeraries	5

DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS – FULL TIME PERSONNEL								
SWORN POSITIONS	**White Non-Hispanic**		**Black Non-Hispanic**		**Hispanic Any Race**		**Other**	
	Male	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**	**Male**	**Female**
Command Staff	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supervisory	6	3	1	1	-	-	-	-
Non-Supervisory	30	4	-	1	1	1	-	-
Subtotal	*40*	*7*	*1*	*2*	*1*	*1*	*0*	*0*
NON-SWORN POSITIONS								
Dispatchers	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Full-Time Civilians	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	*5*	*9*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
GRAND TOTAL	45	16	1	2	1	1	0	0

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Police Commission

Chief of Police

Deputy Chief of Police

Administrative Assistant

Patrol Division

Patrol Captain

- Supernumerary Officers
- Marine & K9 Unit
- Police Social Worker
- Traffic Officers
- Regional SWAT/Traffic Liaison
- Special Events

Patrol Lieutenant A Squad
- Sergeants
- Patrol Officers

Patrol Lieutenant B Squad
- Sergeants
- Patrol Officers

Patrol Lieutenant C Squad
- Sergeants
- Patrol Officers

Detective Division

Internal Affairs — Detective Lieutenant

- Detectives
- Youth Detective
- DEA Task Force Officer
- Digital Forensics
- Evidence & Property
- Sex Offender/Deadly Weapon Registry

Records Division

Lieutenant

- Crime Analyst
- Record Clerks
- Accreditation
- Training
- Scheduling
- Court Liaison
- Licensing / Permits
- Records Management

Administrative Division

Administrative Captain

- Communications Center Telecommunicators
- Fleet Management
- Recruitment / Hiring
- IT Liaison
- Crossing Guards

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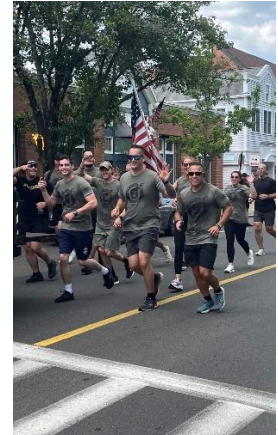
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INITIATIVES

Community Outreach and Engagement

The Branford Police Department is committed to active engagement with the community it serves and works to ensure that every interaction is a positive one. The Department hosts and participates in a number of community events and continually strives to build and maintain the public's trust.

District managers have established and continue to engage in community partnerships throughout the town. Meetings with these community groups and neighborhood associations have been vital in identifying quality of life and crime issues within specific areas of the Town of Branford. District managers, usually Lieutenants, work closely with associations and community leaders to develop strategies and solutions for issues that affect their area of town.

The Branford Police Department has additionally expanded community outreach initiatives through an active social media presence. The emphasis on providing content through the department's Facebook and Instagram pages has prompted consistent engagement with the community. Whether it is a posting of a crime alert in an area, an upcoming event, or a photo of K9 Arrow, the Branford Police Department aims to foster full transparency in informing the public of our initiatives.

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CALEA Accreditation

The Branford Police Department has completed the annual assessment for 2024 through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®). This is an achievement that shows the continued commitment our agency has to delivering professional police services to those who live and frequent the town of Branford. Accreditation embodies the precepts of community-oriented policing. It creates a forum in which law enforcement agencies and citizens work together through integrity, transparency and accountability, and provides clear direction about community expectations.
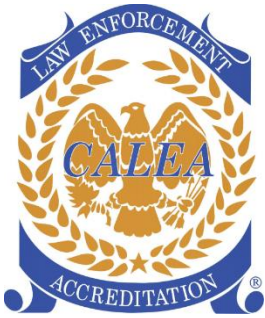
"The CALEA Accreditation Process is a proven modern management model; once implemented, it presents the Chief of Police, on a continuing basis, with a blueprint that promotes the efficient use of resources and improves service delivery—regardless of the size, geographic location, or functional responsibilities of the agency". The process of CALEA accreditation begins with a rigorous self-assessment, requiring a review of policies, practices, and processes, against internationally accepted public safety standards. These standards assist the Chief of Police with a proven management system of written directives, sound training ideas, clearly defined lines of authority and routine reports that support decision making and resource allocation; resulting in greater accountability within the agency.

Collaboration with LINKED

The Branford Police Department is pleased to announce our collaboration with LINKED. LINKED is a program that builds a relationship between emergency responders and the members of the Autism and special needs community. This project was created as a collaborative effort with a network of public safety professionals, autism professionals and autism parents.

Our patrol vehicles are equipped with sensory kits which contain a variety of sensory products recommended by professionals in the field. To accompany the sensory kits, LINKED - Autism Safety Project has provided Emergency Picture Exchange Communication System, which is a picture communication tool for non-verbal residents developed by professionals to assist in the dialogue between the individual and emergency responders.

We are committed to building trust, developing best practices and increasing the quality of service to the Autism and Special Needs community and our Branford residents. We will continue to provide training to our officers and are always seeking new, innovative platforms to enhance our services. This program is free and available to all Branford residents.

Jurisdictional Collaboration

The dissemination of timely and accurate information is a critical function of policing. The Branford Police Department fully recognizes this notion and continues to explore new methods to strengthen it. The element of information sharing goes beyond internal exchanges, as the department maintains close working relationships with outside agencies. As part of this effort, Branford detectives participate in weekly conference calls to discuss intelligence and current issues with surrounding towns. Additionally, the department regularly submits incidents to the **Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC)** bulletin, which is released on a weekly basis. The CTIC bulletin details specific incidents occurring in all regions of the state and has been consistently useful in identifying suspects and patterns across the state.

The Branford Police Department is also partnered with East Haven, Guilford, Madison, North Branford, and North Haven Police Departments to form the **South Central Regional SWAT Team (SCRSWAT).** Composed of sworn officers selected from each department, SCRSWAT provides a highly trained & skilled tactical and crisis negotiation team as a resource to member agencies in the event of a critical incident. The inherit manpower and training demands of this specialized team is substantial in reducing the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, officers and suspects during high risk police operations.

The Branford Police Department is one of five municipal police departments with officers assigned to **The South Central Connecticut Regional Traffic Unit (SCCTU).** Established through a mutual police assistance compact, the SCCTU provides the participating municipalities with strengthened traffic enforcement abilities and comprehensive investigation into serious or fatal motor vehicle crashes. Active members of the SCCTU include Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Madison, North Branford and North Haven.

Mental Health Services

The Branford Police Social Worker, a member of Branford Counseling & Community Services, works in conjunction with Department personnel in order to address the need for crisis intervention or other social services in the community. This co-response provides a more effective emergency response through the addition of clinical-informed support and an enhanced community resource knowledge base. The co-response also ensures those who outreach for an emergency response receive timely and streamlined connection to resources to address their social service needs and diverts individuals with social service needs from the criminal justice system.

This year, there have been 428 referrals made to the Mental Health Services Unit.

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SPECIAL REPORTS

USE OF FORCE

Incidents involving use of force in the 2023/2024 fiscal year

Department policy requires all officers to complete a Use of Force Report form any time force above un-resisted handcuffing is used against a suspect. These reports are thoroughly reviewed and investigated to ensure compliance with legal requirements and department policy.

There were 15 incidents during the 2023-2024 fiscal year which involved 26 uses of force. All use of force incidents were found to be reasonable, justified and in accordance with department policy. The tables below provide a breakdown of each incident based on activity that led to incident, officer perception of subject, subject resistance, control methods, and other details.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS
- There were an average of 2 officers involved per incident – This number includes only personnel who were directly involved in the application of control methods.
- Cases in which a firearm was denoted as a control method (4 incidents) involved the deployment of the firearm only – None were discharged.
- In the 1 incident in which a CEW was utilized, only the laser was activated.
- The most commonly cited activity leading up to the incident was Possible Crime in Progress (7).
- Dead Weight/Non-Compliant was the most commonly cited form of resistance (6).
- 7 incidents resulted in the subject being transported to the hospital – None of which were related to the use of force; 4 were transported for mental health evaluation, 2 for being under the influence and 1 for an unrelated medical issue.
- 3 incidents resulted in Officer injury.
- 67% of subjects were male (10) and 33% were female (5).
- The average age of subjects was 37 years old.

Type of Force	Count
Physical Force	20
Firearm-displayed only	4
CEW-laser only	1
K9 threatened	1
TOTAL	**26**

Activity	Count
Welfare Check/Mental Health Incident	3
Possible Crime in Progress	3
Possible Crime in Progress/Mental Health Incident	2
Possible Crime in Progress/Subject Armed	1
Possible Crime in Progress/Fleeing	1
Public Disturbance	1
Drug Investigation	1
Wanted Person	1
MV Stop/DUI	1
Domestic Disturbance	1
TOTAL	**15**

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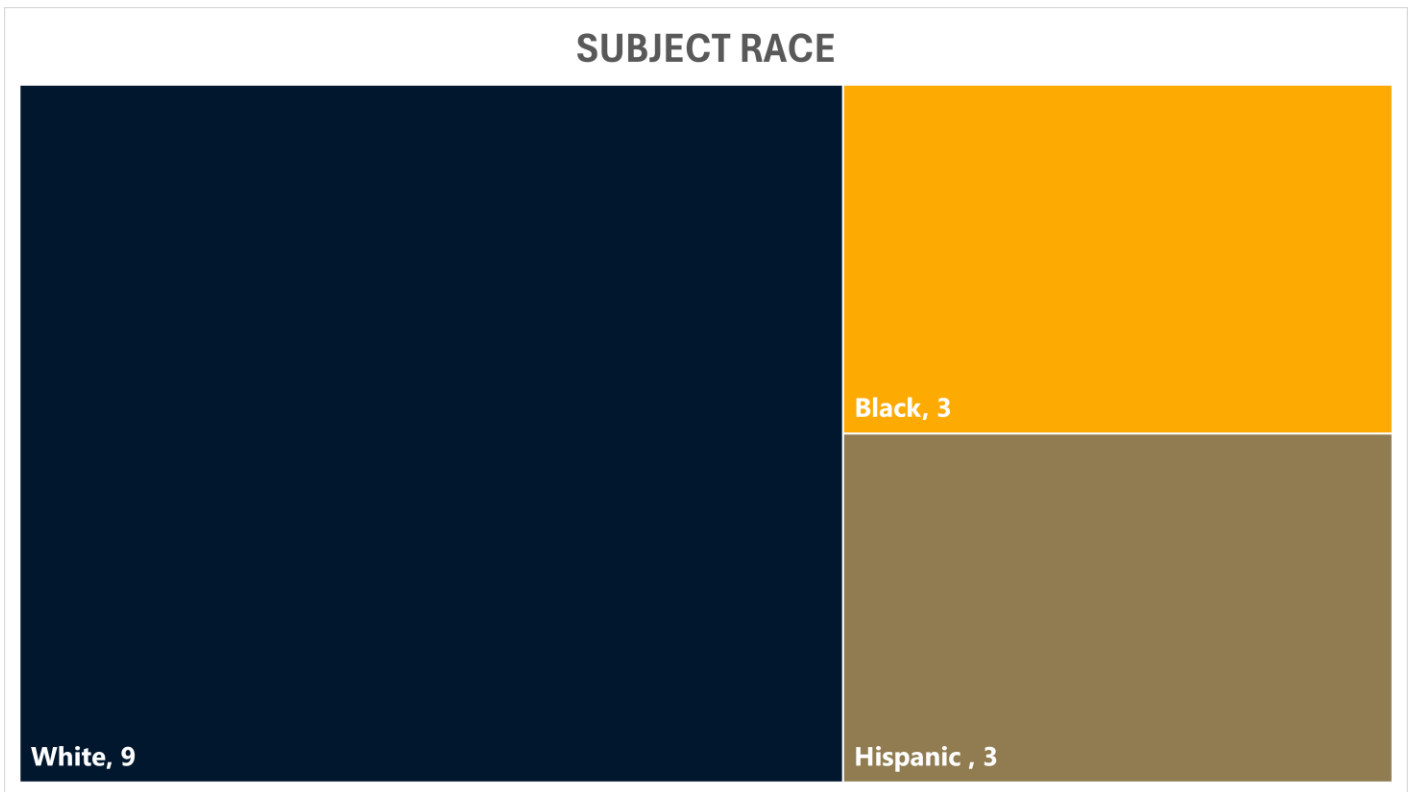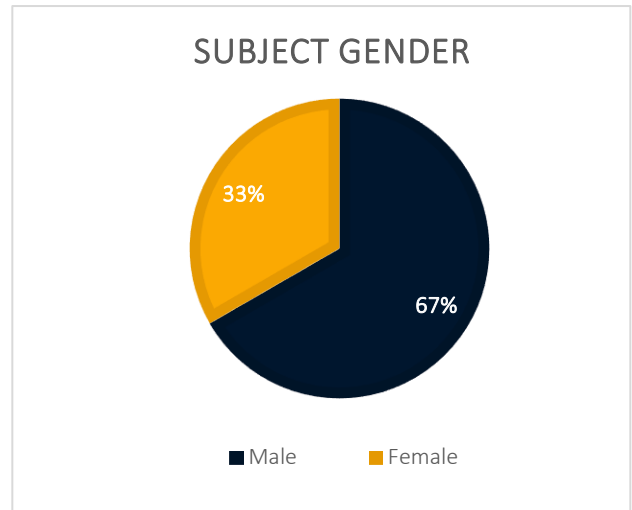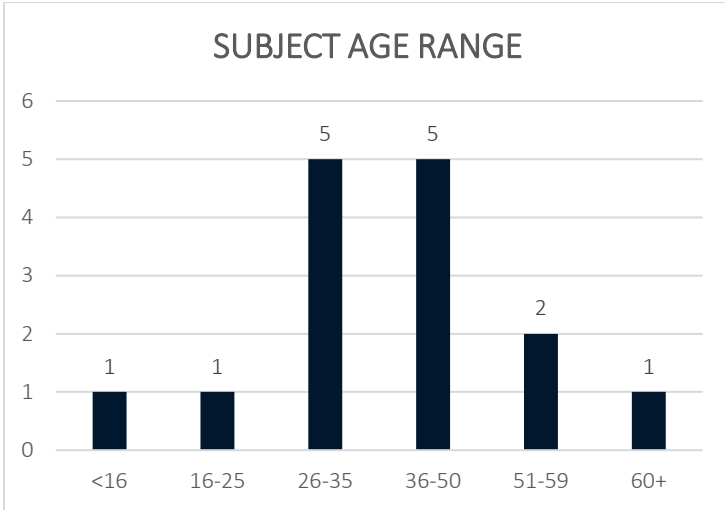
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Resistance	Count
Dead Weight/Non-Compliant, Fleeing	3
Threat/Hostile, Dead Weight/Non-Compliant, Fighting Stance/Combative	2
Fleeing	2
Threat/Hostile, Fighting Stance/Combative	2
Believed to be armed with a firearm	1
Dead Weight/Non-Compliant, fighting stance/combative	1
Drinking unknown substance from bottle	1
Fleeing/Resisting Arrest	1
Possibly Armed	1
Threat/Hostile	1
TOTAL	**15**

Perception	Count
Under the Influence	4
Actively Aggressive	2
Possibly Armed	1
Non-Aggressive	1
Actively Aggressive, Possibly under the influence, emotionally disturbed	1
Non-Compliant	1
Actively Aggressive, Resisting Arrest	1
Actively Aggressive/Under the influence/Previous hostility toward LEO	1
Previous Hostility Toward LEO	1
Drinking unknown substance from bottle	1
Emotionally Distrubed/Actively Aggressive, Armed with Weapon	1
TOTAL	**15**

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USE OF FORCE SUBJECT DETAIL

Subject details for use of force incidents in 2023/2024

SUBJECT AGE RANGE

Age Range	Count
<16	1
16-25	1
26-35	5
36-50	5
51-59	2
60+	1

SUBJECT GENDER

- Male 67%
- Female 33%

SUBJECT RACE

White, 9
Black, 3
Hispanic , 3

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PURSUITS

Summary of pursuits in 2023/2024

Total Pursuits	Avg Distance Covered (mi.)	Avg # of Officers Involved	Avg Age of Offender (if known)	Collisions	Injuries
22	0.65 mi	1	47	0	0

A "pursuit" is defined as an attempt by a police officer in an authorized emergency vehicle to apprehend any occupant of another moving motor vehicle, when the driver of the fleeing vehicle is attempting to avoid apprehension by maintaining or increasing the speed of such vehicle or by ignoring the police officer's attempt to stop such vehicle.

All pursuit operations are conducted in strict conformity to the Uniform Statewide Pursuit Policy, which states that an officer may only engage another vehicle in pursuit in the presence of a violent crime or exigent circumstances where there is potential for harm to the public. Department policy requires the completion of a Pursuit Compliance Form even when an officer chooses not to engage in pursuit of a vehicle. That being said, the resulting data on this page is more so a reflection of instances where the driver disobeyed officers' signals to stop the vehicle.

All reports and associated videos are reviewed for violations to determine whether policy compliance was met.

Reason for Pursuit	Count
MV Violation	8
Reckless Driving	3
Robbery	2
Warrant	2
Stolen Vehicle	1
Stolen Vehicle, Reckless Driving, Possibly Armed	1
Shoplifting	1
Larceny	1
Burglary-Residential	1
Misuse Plate	1
Risk to Public/DUI	1
TOTAL	**22**

Location Started	Count
I95 Exit 56 ramp	3
N. Main St	2
N. Main/Cedar St	1
N. Main/Chestnut St	1
E. Main St	1
W. Main St	1
Alps/Briarwood	1
Averill Pl	1
Brushy Plain Rd/Vets Park	1
Chucky's Mobil	1
Commercial Pkwy	1
Harbor St	1
I95 Exit 53 ramp	1
I95 Exit 52	1
Pent Rd.	1
Rogers St.	1
Saphire Fuel	1
School Ground Rd/Research Dr	1
Stop & Shop	1
TOTAL	**22**

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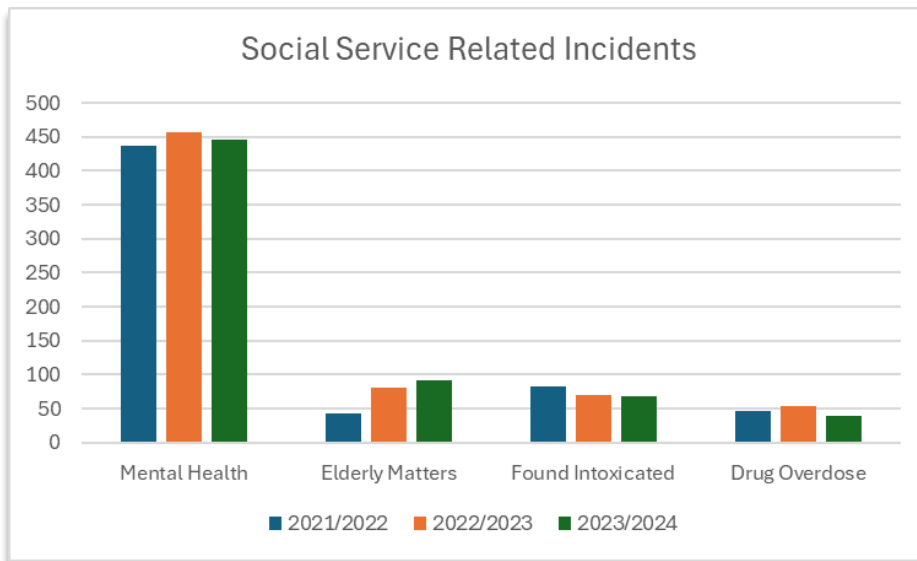
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MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Behavioral disturbance incidents in 2023/2024

There were 645 police responses to social service incidents this fiscal year. For the purpose of this report, the terms behavioral or social service related incidents are defined by calls-for-service coded out as the following: Mental Health, Elderly Matters, Found Intoxicated and Drug Overdose.

Call Type	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	3-yr Average	% Chg from Average	% Chg from 2022/2023
Mental Health	437	457	446	447	0%	-2%
Elderly Matters	43	81	91	72	27%	12%
Found Intoxicated	82	70	69	74	-6%	-1%
Drug Overdose	46	54	39	46	-16%	-28%
TOTALS	**608**	**662**	**645**	**638**	**1%**	**-3%**

The social service-related incidents just slightly decreased in the 2023/2024 fiscal year when compared to prior year totals (-3%) and slightly increased when compared to the three-year average (+1%). Elderly Matters calls have increased with each year, and are up 27% compared to the three-year average and up 12% compared to prior year totals.

The Branford Police Department recognizes the challenge associated with behavioral calls-for-service, and works closely with mental health facilities in our town to ensure that these individuals are being provided with the necessary resources. During the 2023/2024 fiscal year, there have been 428 referrals made to the Mental Health Services Unit.

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DOMESTIC DISPUTES AND FAMILY VIOLENCE
Domestic violence incidents in 2023/2024

The Branford Police Department investigates all complaints of family violence in conformity with the statewide model established by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council. As such, it is the policy of this agency that family violence be treated as serious, violent or potentially violent criminal behavior. The Family Violence Prevention and Response Act requires officer compliance with the following standards:
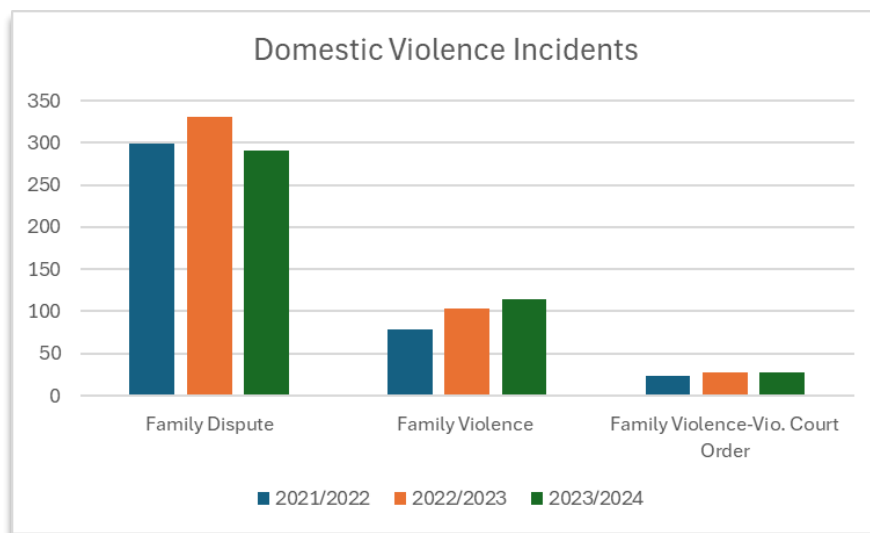
- Make arrest decisions in such cases in accordance with traditional probable cause standards and existing state statutes;
- Protect victims of domestic violence and provide them with relevant information regarding the availability of community services and support ("Duty to Protect"); and
- Promote officer safety when dealing with family violence situations.

This section defines domestic incidents by cases coded out as Family Dispute, Family Violence, and Family Violence – Violation of a Court Order.

- Family Dispute with no violence and no arrest → Family Dispute
- Family Dispute with violence/arrest→ Family Violence
- Family Dispute with violation of a court order/arrest → Family Violence – Violation of a Court Order

Over the last three fiscal years, the Branford Police Department responded to an average of 433 domestic disputes each year. There were 434 domestic incidents in 2023/2024 which represents no change compared to this average, as well as a 6% decrease compared to the previous fiscal year.

Call Type	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	3-yr Average	% Chg from Average	% Chg from 2022/2023
Family Dispute	299	331	291	307	-5%	-12%
Family Violence	78	104	115	99	16%	11%
Family Violence-Vio. Court Order	24	28	28	27	5%	0%
TOTALS	401	463	434	433	0%	-6%

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CRIME STATISTICS

DEFINITIONS

Understanding NIBRS: Incidents, offense classifications, & types of crime

One of the primary methods the Branford Police Department utilizes to report crime is the National Incident Based Reporting System, or NIBRS. Through NIBRS, offense information is reported in order to represent all crime occurrences per incident. The following definitions can be found in the 2019.2 NIBRS User Manual.

INCIDENT: One or more offenses committed by the same offender, or group of offenders acting in concert, at the same time and place.

OFFENSE: Separate, distinct crime occurring within an incident.

OFFENSE GROUP: Offenses are broken up into one of two groups, classified as either Group A or B.

> **Group A Offenses:** 28 offense categories made up of 71 specific crimes.
> Data collected for each Group A offense include; administrative, offense, property, victim, offender, and arrestee information.
>
> **Group B Offenses:** 13 offense categories.
> Arrest data reported only.

OFFENSE CATEGORIES: Each offense is categorized as a either a Crime Against Persons, Crime Against Property, or Crime Against Society.

> **Crimes Against Persons:** Offenses whose victims are always a person.
> > One offense count for each victim
>
> **Crimes Against Property:** Offenses motivated by the act of obtaining money, property, or other benefit.
> > One offense count for each distinct operation, with the exception of Motor Vehicle Theft where offense count is determined by each stolen vehicle.
>
> **Crimes Against Society:** Offenses represented by society's prohibition against engaging in certain activities.
> > One offense count for each crime.

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GROUP A CRIME STATISTICS

Group A incident and offense statistics for the 2023/2024 fiscal year

	2022/2023 Reported Incidents	2023/2024 Reported Incidents	% Chg from Prior Year
Crime Against Person	**88**	**168**	**91%**
Aggravated Assault	8	5	-38%
Forcible Fondling	4	2	-50%
Forcible Rape	10	7	-30%
Forcible Sodomy	2	0	-100%
Intimidation	47	85	81%
Kidnap/Abduction	1	2	100%
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0	N/C
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	N/C
Simple Assault	16	67	319%
Statutory Rape	0	0	N/C
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0	N/C
Crime Against Property	**845**	**785**	**-7%**
All other Larceny	112	29	-74%
Arson	4	0	-100%
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	20	27	35%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	8	167%
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	15	18	20%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	148	126	-15%
Embezzlement	0	4	N/C
Extortion/Blackmail	4	2	-50%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	14	58	314%
Hacking/Computer	4	0	-100%
Identity Theft	74	110	49%
Impersonation	2	4	100%
Motor Vehicle Theft	66	83	26%
Purse-Snatching	7	1	-86%
Robbery	8	5	-38%
Shoplifting	127	125	-2%
Stolen Property Offenses	1	0	-100%
Theft From Building	53	61	15%
Theft From Vehicle	121	91	-25%
Theft of MV Parts or Accessories	42	27	-36%
Wire Fraud	20	6	-70%
Crime Against Society	**17**	**17**	**0%**
Animal Cruelty	4	4	0%
Drug Equipment Violations	2	2	0%
Drug Narcotic Violations	7	5	-29%
Weapon Law Violations	4	6	50%
Totals	**950**	**970**	**2%**

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GROUP B CRIME STATISTICS

Group B incident and offense statistics for the 2023/2024 fiscal year

	2022/2023 Incidents Rpt	2023/2024 Incidents Rpt	% Chg From Prior Year
Group B Offenses	**763**	**388**	**-49%**
All Other Offenses	272	96	-65%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	0	0	N/C
Disorderly Conduct	201	133	-34%
Driving under the Influence	43	44	2%
Drunkenness	20	14	-30%
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	143	28	-80%
Fraud-Insufficient Funds Check	38	24	-37%
Liquor Law Violations	0	1	N/C
Peeping Tom	0	1	N/C
Runaway	0	3	N/C
Trespass of Real Property	46	44	-4%

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VIOLENT CRIMES

OVERVIEW

Violent crime trends in 2023/2024

	2022/2023 Incidents Rpt	2023/2024 Incidents Rpt	% Chg From Prior Year
Violent Crimes	**28**	**17**	**-39%**
Aggravated Assault	8	5	-38%
Forcible Rape	10	7	-30%
Forcible Sodomy	2	0	-100%
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0	N/C
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	N/C
Robbery	8	5	-38%
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0	N/C

Homicide, aggravated & simple assault, sex offenses, and robbery are all classified as violent offenses in this report. Other crimes against persons, such as intimidation, harassment, and kidnapping, were omitted from this section.

There were **17 incidents** in 2023/2024 where a person was the targeted victim. This number represents a 39% decrease from the 2022/2023 fiscal year, however the overall trendline remains on a slight incline.

VIOLENT CRIME TREND

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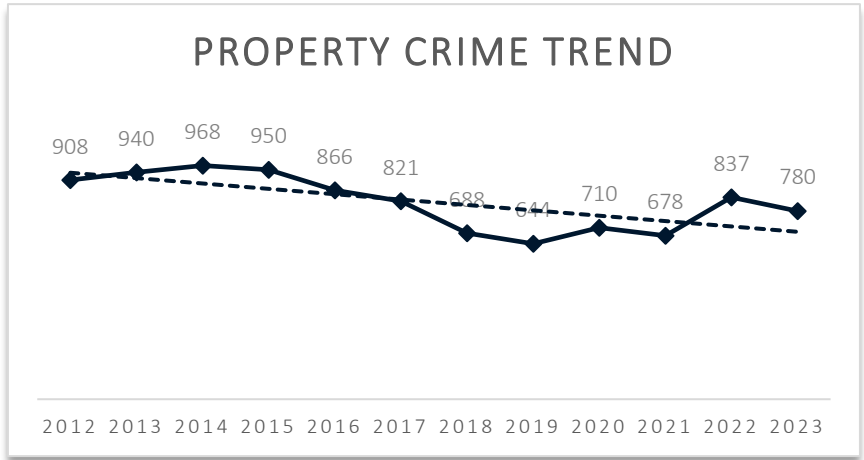
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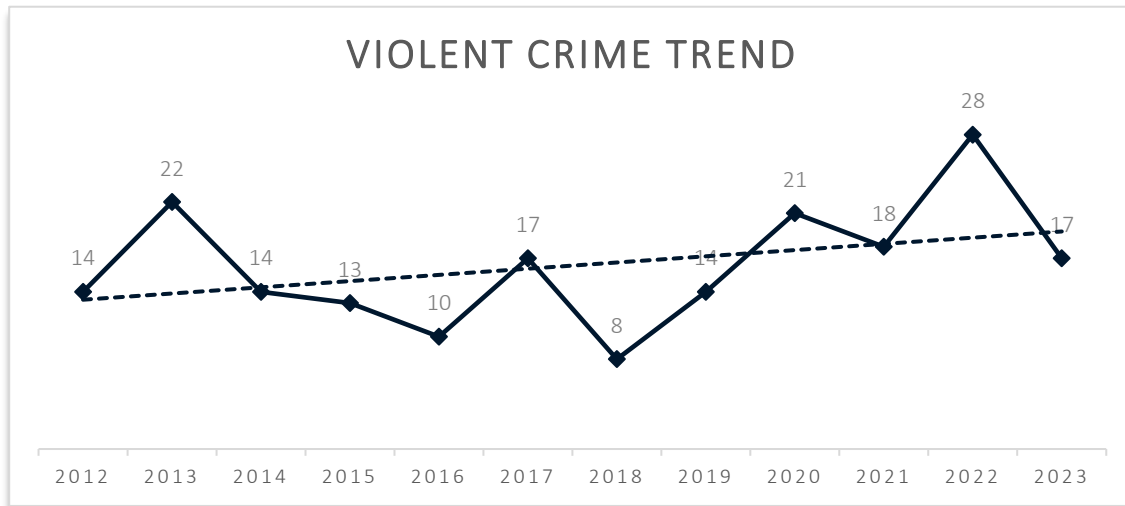
PROPERTY CRIMES

OVERVIEW

Property crime trends in 2023/2024.

With **780 incidents,** property crimes were the most common types of offenses reported in Branford this year. This number represents a **7% decrease** from the 2022/2023 fiscal year. The overall trendline remains on a slight decline.

It should be noted that out of the 110 Identity Theft incidents reported during this time frame, **49 were Unemployment Identity Fraud incidents**. This crime occurs when a criminal steals personal information from the victim and illegally uses that information to receive unemployment benefits. In most cases, the victim receives a notice or form in the mail that was not requested, alerting them to the fraud.

PROPERTY CRIME TREND

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Property Crimes	2022/2023 Incidents Rpt	2023/2024 Incidents Rpt	% Chg From Prior Year
Property Crimes	**837**	**780**	**-7%**
All other Larceny	112	29	-74%
Arson	4	0	-100%
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	20	27	35%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	8	167%
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	15	18	20%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	148	126	-15%
Embezzlement	0	4	N/C
Extortion/Blackmail	4	2	-50%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	14	58	314%
Hacking/Computer	4	0	-100%
Identity Theft	74	110	49%
Impersonation	2	4	100%
Motor Vehicle Theft	66	83	26%
Purse-Snatching	7	1	-86%
Shoplifting	127	125	-2%
Stolen Property Offenses	1	0	-100%
Theft From Building	53	61	15%
Theft From Coin Operated Device	0	0	N/C
Theft From Vehicle	121	91	-25%
Theft of MV Parts or Accessories	42	27	-36%
Wire Fraud	20	6	-70%

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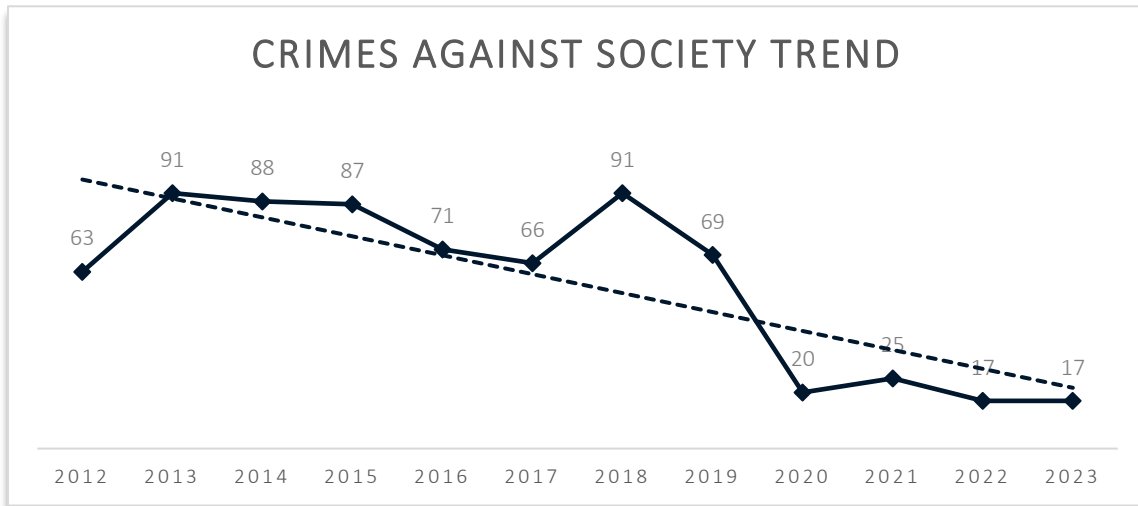
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CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY

OVERVIEW

Crime against society trends in 2023/2024.

Animal cruelty, prostitution offenses, drug violations, and weapon law violations are all considered crimes against society. There were a total of **17 incidents** that fell into this category in the 2023/2024 fiscal year. This represents **no change** from last year. The overall trendline remains on a decline.

Drug Narcotic Violations accounted for the greatest number of crimes against society this year.

	2022/2023	2023/2024	% Chg from Prior Year
Crimes Against Society	**17**	**17**	**0%**
Animal Cruelty	4	4	0%
Drug Equipment Violations	2	2	0%
Drug Narcotic Violations	7	5	-29%
Weapon Law Violations	4	6	50%

CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY TREND

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ARRESTS

OVERVIEW

Arrest details from the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

There were a total of **578 arrests** in the 2023/2024 fiscal year, a **9.5% increase** from last year's total of 528. Of the total arrests, there were 440 arrestees, 72 of which had been arrested more than once this fiscal year. Repeat offenders were arrested an average of 3 times each, with the most frequent individual being arrested 8 times this year.

The table on the right demonstrates the number of arrests by Offense Group and Description. Offense descriptions with the highest arrest frequencies in Group A were Simple Assault followed by Intimidation and Shoplifting. Offense descriptions with the highest arrest frequencies in Group B were All Other Offenses (this includes Warrant arrests) followed by Disorderly Conduct.

47% of arrests were on-view, 28% were taken into custody, and 25% were summons/citations.

Arrest Type

- On-view arrest 47%
- Summoned/Cited 25%
- Taken into custody 28%
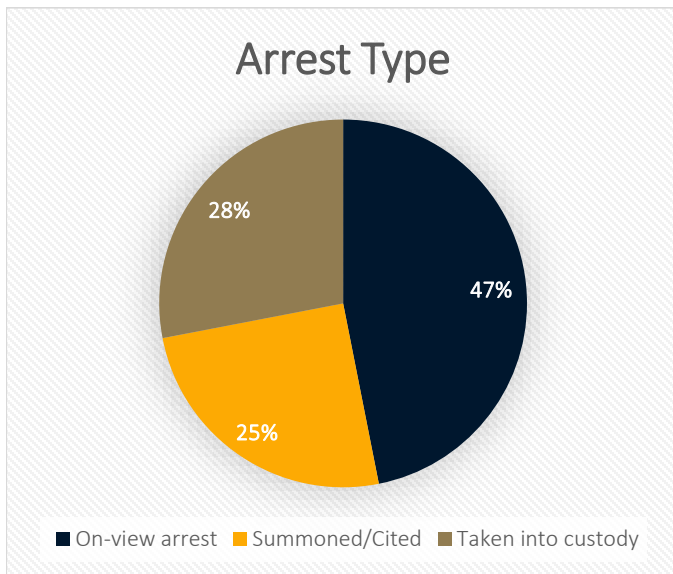
GROUP A	279
Aggravated Assault	3
All other Larceny	13
Animal Cruelty	1
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	7
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fra	3
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Prope	9
Drug Equipment Violations	2
Drug Narcotic Violations	6
Embezzlement	1
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Gam	4
Forcible Fondling	1
Forcible Rape	6
Identity Theft	4
Impersonation	1
Intimidation	54
Kidnap/Abduction	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	15
Purse-Snatching	3
Robbery	6
Shoplifting	54
Simple Assault	68
Theft From Building	6
Theft From Vehicle	3
Theft of MV Parts or Accessories	2
Weapon Law Violations	3
GROUP B	**276**
All Other Offenses	128
Disorderly Conduct	73
Driving under the Influence	43
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	16
Liquor Law Violations	1
Peeping Tom	1
Trespass of Real Property	14
GROUP INF	**5**
Charge Not A NIBRS Offense	1
Informational	4
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Grand Total	**578**

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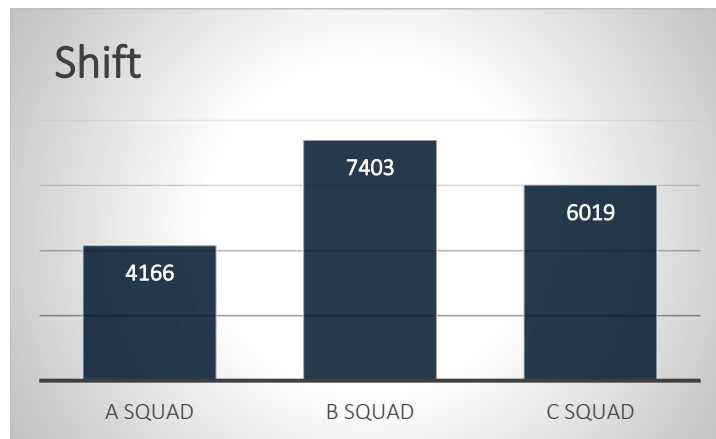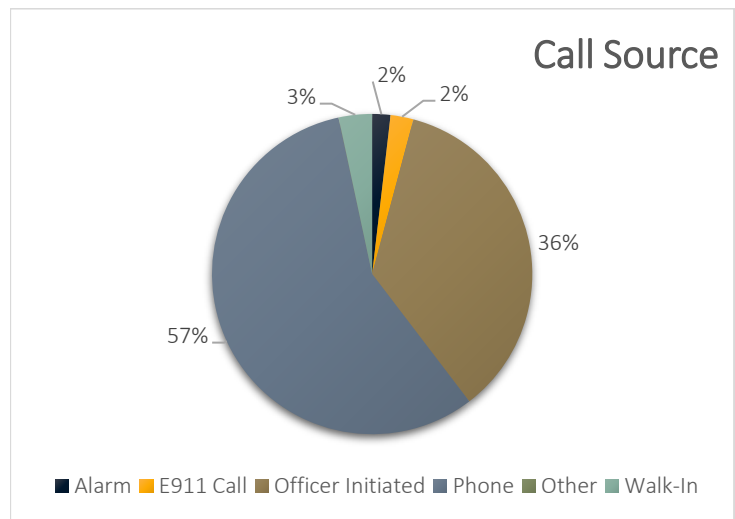
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CALLS-FOR-SERVICE

Average Response Time	Average Minutes on Scene	Total Calls for Service	Average of Total Min Consumed	Average of PD Units Dispatched
2 min 35 sec	41 min	17,588	34 min	2

The Branford Police Department received **17,588 calls-for-service** in the 2023/2024 fiscal year, a 15% decrease from last year.

Citizen-initiated calls in 2023/2024 accounted for 63% of calls-for-service, officer-initiated calls accounted for 35%, and alarms accounted for 2%. B Squad (0800-1600 hours) had the highest number of calls (7,403), followed by C Squad (1600-2400 hours) with 6,019 calls, then A Squad (0000-0800 hours) with 4,166 calls.

CALL TYPE - 20 HIGHEST COUNT	COUNT
TARGET AREA	2570
FALSE ALARM	1111
MV Violations - Moving Vehicle	1058
Traffic Duty	823
RADAR	659
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	512
Notification	457
MENTAL HEALTH	414
Suspicious Person	375
Other Nuisances	336
Incident Unfounded	332
SCHOOL CHECK	308
FAMILY DISPUTE	285
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS	279
ASSIST OTHER TOWN	273
MV Accident - Property Damage	273
License & Reg Check	249
FALSE E911 CALL	243
DISPUTE - NO DISTURBANCE	229
CIVIL INVESTIGATION	228

Call Source

- 3% — Other
- 2% — Alarm
- 2% — E911 Call
- 36% — Officer Initiated
- 57% — Phone

Legend: ■ Alarm ■ E911 Call ■ Officer Initiated ■ Phone ■ Other ■ Walk-In

Shift

- A SQUAD: 4166
- B SQUAD: 7403
- C SQUAD: 6019

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TRAFFIC INCIDENTS

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Summarizing traffic crashes for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

There were a total of **699 motor vehicle accidents** this fiscal year, representing a 16% decrease from last year. On average, there were approximately 58 accidents per month. Of the accidents, 204 resulted in injuries and 495 accidents resulted in property damage.
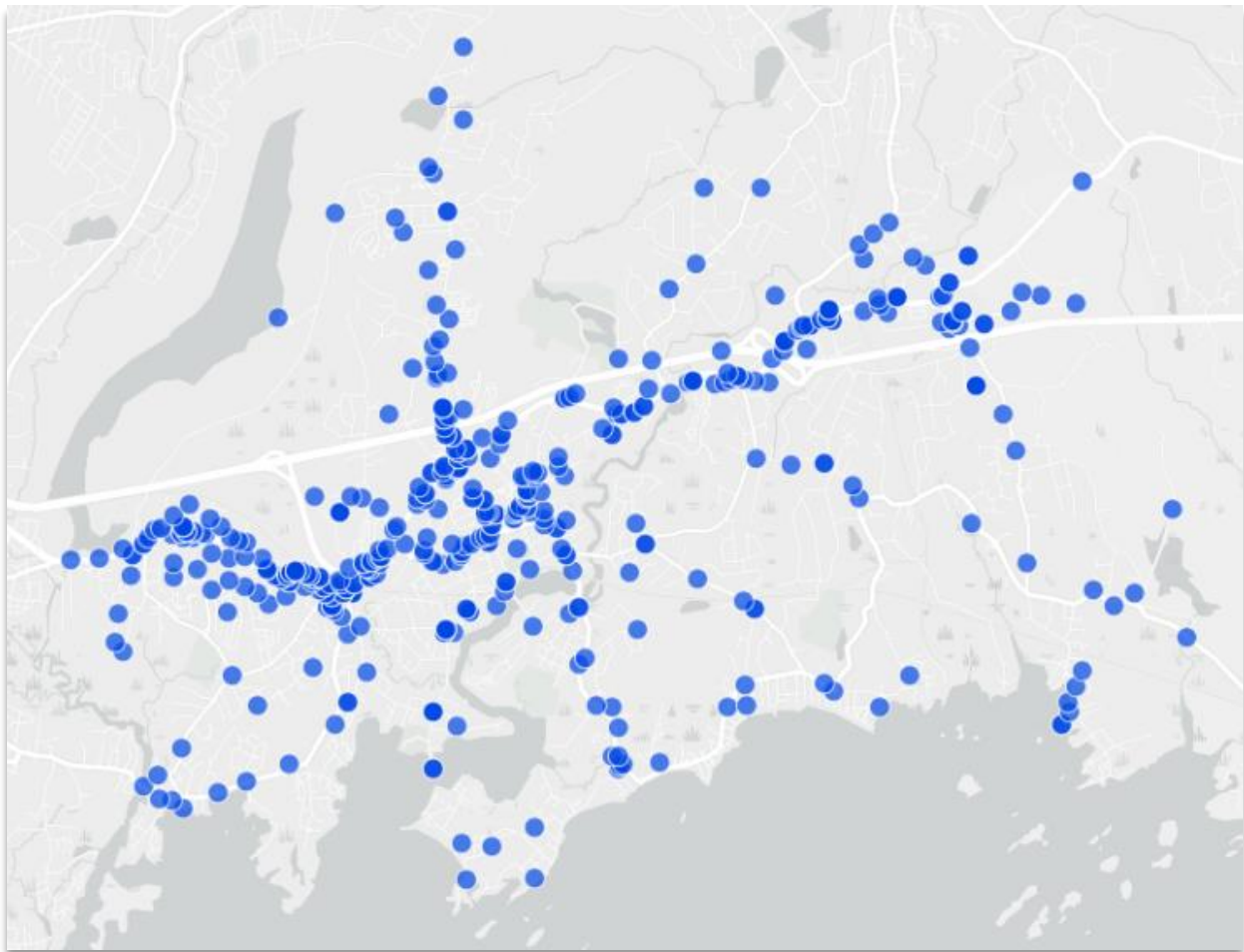
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement details from the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

The Branford Police Department conducted **1,423 traffic stops** in 2023/2024. Invalid registration (35%), disobeying stop signs/traffic signals (10%) and speeding violations (9%) accounted for the most traffic stops this year.

- 54% of stops resulted in a verbal warning.
- 35% resulted in an infraction.
- 5% resulted in a misdemeanor summons.
- 4% had no disposition
- 1% resulted in a written warning
- 1% resulted in a uniform arrest report

South-Central Regional Traffic Enforcement Unit

Branford, along with East Haven, North Haven, North Branford, Madison and Guilford Police Departments, have formed the South-Central Regional Traffic Enforcement Unit. The goal of this traffic enforcement initiative is to make roadways safer through enforcement and education. The focus of this initiative is speeding, distracted driving, aggressive driving, DUI and unregistered/uninsured vehicles. The Unit appears in one town on each day of deployment and has been very successful.

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