

BLANCO POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM CHIEF RUBIN



Mayor, City Council, and the Citizens of Blanco, on behalf of the Officers and Staff of your Police Department I am pleased to present you with the Blanco Police Department 2023 Annual Report.

We take pride in giving the community members of Blanco a sense of safety, a feeling of belonging, and a voice that is heard. We continued our mission of building community trust and transparency. As your police department, we are committed to continually assessing the needs of those we serve by evaluating policies, procedures, to better serve our community.

In 2023, BPD continued to work collaboratively with other law enforcement agencies, business, and community groups to address not only traditional law enforcement issues but also to helping individuals in mental health crisis get the resources they need.

Thank you for taking time to review BPD's 2023 Annual Report. Inside you will find a review of reported crime, calls for service, traffic data and numbers and types of arrests, as well as our various department programs. We can provide these valuable services to our community because of our city leadership's ongoing support and resources.

On behalf of the Blanco Police Department, it is truly our honor every day to help make Blanco the safest place to live, work and visit.

Very Respectfully,

Scott Rubin
Chief of Police

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott D. Rubin".



The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a draped, wavy pattern. The colors are muted, with the red appearing as a dark red and the white as a greyish-white.

MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE BLANCO POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO OUR COMMUNITY, THROUGH THE PROACTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS, THE PROTECTION OF LIFE, PROPERTY AND THE MAINTAINING OF ORDER WHILE AFFORDING DIGNITY AND RESPECT TO THOSE WE SERVE. WE WILL STRIVE TO MEET THE PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH COMMUNITY, PARTNERSHIP AND INNOVATION.

VISION STATEMENT

TO BE THE SAFEST CITY TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT.



A Recognized Law Enforcement Agency

The Blanco Police Department is a Recognized Law Enforcement Agency – a designation awarded by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation as part of its Law Enforcement Recognition Program – which signifies the department’s adherence to the 170 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices.

Becoming a Recognized Law Enforcement Agency

The Law Enforcement Recognition Program is a voluntary process in which police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices.

The Blanco Police Department received its recognition on June 1, 2021.

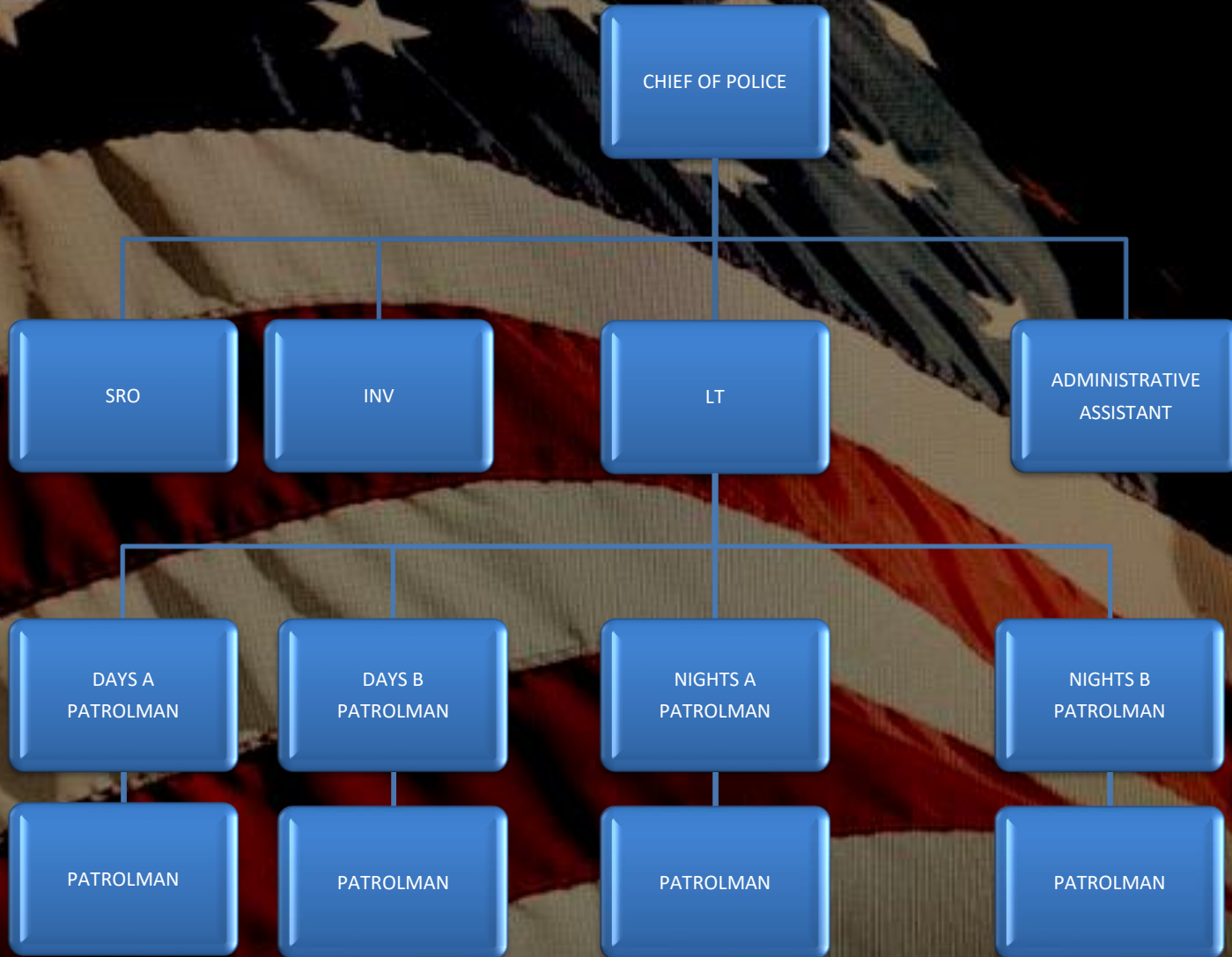
The Law Enforcement Recognition Program evaluates a police department’s compliance with the 170 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices as noted by the TPCAF. These best practices were carefully developed by Texas law enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service and the protection of individual rights.

These best practices cover all aspects of law enforcement operations including use of force, protection of citizen rights, vehicle pursuits, property and evidence management, and patrol and investigative operations.

This voluntary process required the Blanco Police Department to conduct a critical self-review of the agency’s policies, procedures, facilities, and operations. In addition, the executive order on police reform from the President of the United States has been included in the department’s policies.

Currently, approximately 180 out of 2,200 policies agencies are recognized in Texas. The Blanco Police Department’s hope is this process of an independent review of operations will assure citizens that their Police Department is conforming to the current best practices in law enforcement.

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION



STAFF

The Blanco Police Department is currently authorized 13 Full Time Commissioned Police Officers, 1 Non-Paid Commissioned Police Officers and 1 Civilian Staff. The Department is comprised of 4 sections: Administration, Patrol, Investigations and School Resource Officer.

ADMINISTRATION

Administration is comprised of the Chief of Police, The Lieutenant, and the Department's Administrative Assistant. Administrative Staff is responsible for every function of the Department including; scheduling, payroll, training, records, complaints, budgeting, and implementing policies to create an efficient and professional Police Department.



Chief Scott Rubin
27.7 Years of Service
Master Peace Officer
Masters of Public
Administration



**Lieutenant Jerry
Thornhill**
23.10 Years of Service
Master Peace Officer
Bachelors of Science



**Robin Nies - Administrative
Assistant – 6 Years of Service**
BBA in Marketing Texas Tech

PATROL

The Patrol Division is the largest division in the Department with 7 officers. It is made up of 4 sections with day and night patrol. In every police department across the United States this division is considered the “backbone” of the agency. The patrol officers are the most visible police entity within our community, answering the initial call for service when the citizen needs assistance. The types of calls an officer will answer vary in nature and may consist of crimes in progress, traffic violations including vehicle accidents, public assistance, suspicious persons, and anything else out of the ordinary. Patrol is intended to prevent crime and reduce the fear of the community through their presence.



Ysidro Rodriguez
Intermediate Peace
Officer
8.7 Years of Service



Jazmine Salazar
Full Time Peace
Officer
3 Years of Service
Bachelors Degree



Brynn Warrick
Full Time Peace
Officer
3 Years of Service

PATROL



Daniel DeLaRosa
Advanced Peace
Officer
5.11 Years of Service
Bachelors Degree



Johnny Kendricks
Advanced Peace
Officer
14.5 Years of
Service



Brandon Rivas
Full Time Peace
Officer
0 Years 3 Months of
Service

PATROL



Mike Weber

Advanced Peace
Officer

6.6 Years of Service
Bachelors Degree

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Criminal Investigations is comprised of 1 Detective that handles numerous functions including investigating criminal offenses, collecting and securing of evidence, court preparation, and much more.



Victoria McMMain
CID
Advanced Peace Officer
8.7 Years of Service

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The SRO program consists of 3 Officers. The School Resource Officer program that we have in the City of Blanco has time and again proven its effectiveness and success. The SRO provides an extra safety net in schools by conducting security assessments of school buildings and surrounding areas, teach school lock down procedures and provide critical incident training in school communities. The SRO provides a positive role model for students; especially those without positive role models in their lives.



Zach Rice
School Resource
Officer
6.2 Years of
Service



Kenneth Hopkins
School Resource
Officer
Master Peace
Officer
27.3 Years of
Service



Amanda Cardenas
School Resource
Officer
Intermediate
Peace Officer
5.9 Years of
Service

RESERVE POLICE OFFICER

Officers for the Reserve Officer Program must meet the same standards as other members of the organization. Reserve Police Officers should fulfill two primary functions. First, Reserve Officers serve as auxiliary manpower in situations as needed and second, they provide an additional interactive link between the community and the police department. Reserve Officers are subject to all the applicable Rules & Regulations and training that govern regular sworn personnel.



Donnie Nance
Reserve Peace Officer
Master Peace Officer
31 Years of Service

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

In 2023, Blanco Officers completed over 900 hours of in-service training through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Training is both mandated and essential for Officers to remain up to date with the most recent knowledge and tactics. Officers must also complete specific courses to advance their Peace Officers Licenses. Currently, the Department's licensing is as follows:

- * 4 Master Peace Officers
- * 4 Advanced Peace Officer
- * 2 Intermediate Peace Officers
- * 4 Licensed Peace Officers

Continual training helps to provide Officers with the knowledge and experience needed to efficiently and professionally serve the residents of Blanco.

FORMAL EDUCATION

The Police Department continually encourages Officers to enroll and continue their education through institutions of higher learning. The Department supports Officer's efforts to attend Universities, whether in person or online, and provides incentives for Officers to do so.

The Blanco Police Department Officers currently has 1 Master's Degree, 4 Bachelor's Degrees, 2 Associate's Degrees and Officers currently enrolled and seeking Bachelor's Degrees while continuing to work full time for the residents of Blanco.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Annual Toy Drive

In 2023 the Blanco Police Department conducted a Toy Drive during the Christmas Holiday. The Police Department collected and dropped off hundreds of gifts donated by the Blanco community. The toys were donated to the Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center. The Blanco Police Department would like to thank the Lowes Grocery Store and Ace Hardware, Old 300 BBQ, Tractor Supply, Security State Bank and Trust, The Dollar General and many neighbors for your generous donations.



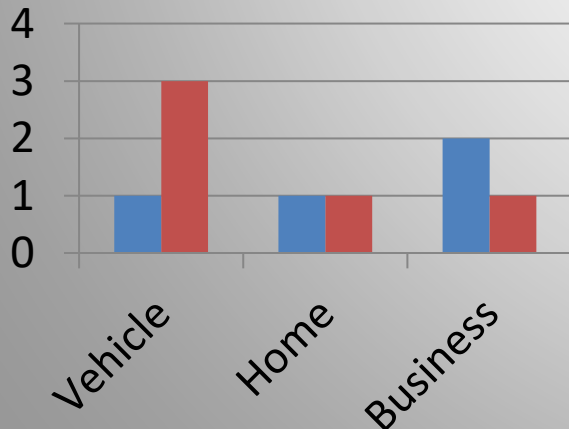
CRIME STATISTICS

INCIDENTS/OFFENSES

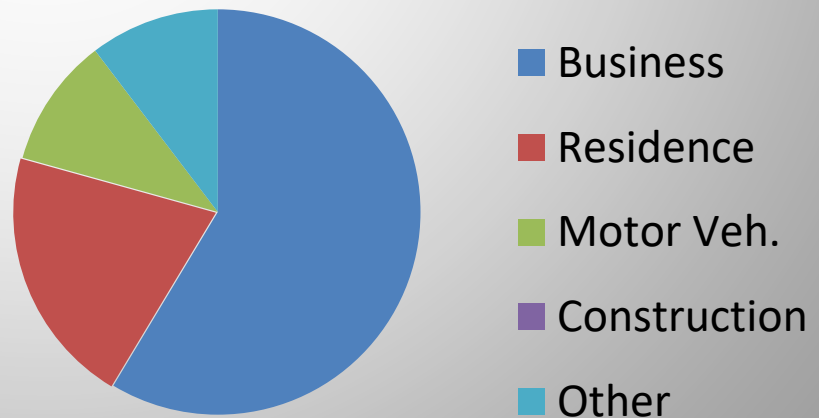
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>+/-</u>
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6	2	66% ▼
SEXUAL OFFENSES	4	8	100% ▲
ASSAULTS	11	12	9% ▲
DECEASED PERSONS	4	0	100% ▼
MISSING PERSONS	9	4	56% ▼
RUN-A-WAYS	4	1	75% ▼
BURGLARY	4	9	125% ▲
LARCENY/THEFT	30	29	3% ▼
ARRESTS	78	92	18% ▲

BURGLARY BY TYPE & FORCE USED

■ FORCE ■ NO FORCE



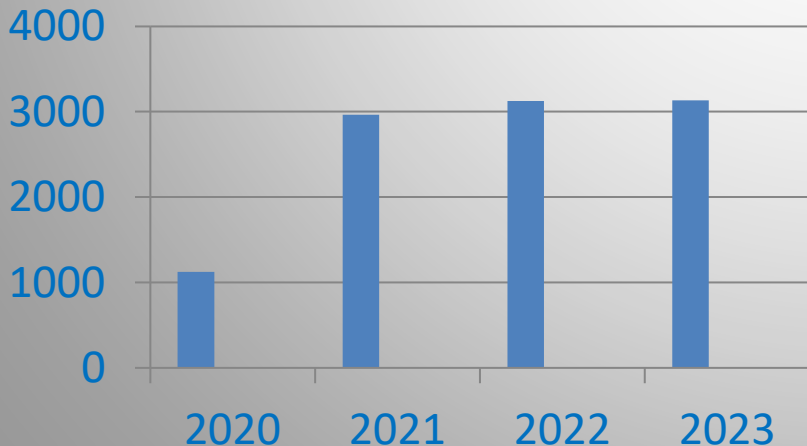
LARCENY/THEFT BY TYPE



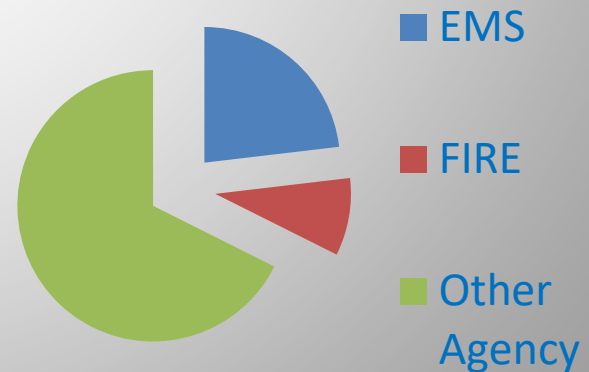
CALLS FOR SERVICE

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>+/-</u>
CALLS FOR SERVICE	3124	3132	▲ 3%
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	262	166	▼ 37%
ASSIST EMS	132	65	▼ 51%
ASSIST BLANCO FIRE	68	26	▼ 62%
ACCIDENTS	99	62	▼ 37%
DISTURBANCES	61	63	▲ 3%
ALARMS	83	81	▼ 2%
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	230	307	▲ 33%
ASSIST PUBLIC	96	139	▲ 45%

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

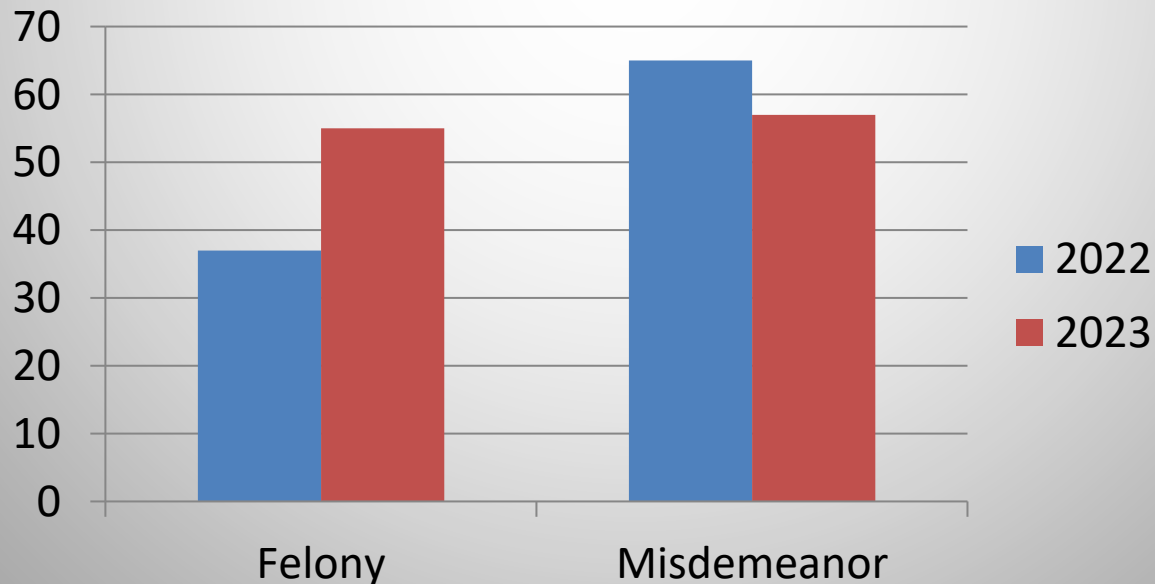


ASSISTANCE CALLS 2023



ARRESTS AND OFFENSES

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>+/-</u>
INDIVIDUALS	78	92	▲ 18%
OFFENSES	102	112	▲ 10%
Resident	11	20	▲ 82%
Non Resident	67	72	▲ 7%
Felony	37	55	▲ 49%
Misdemeanor	65	57	▼ 12%

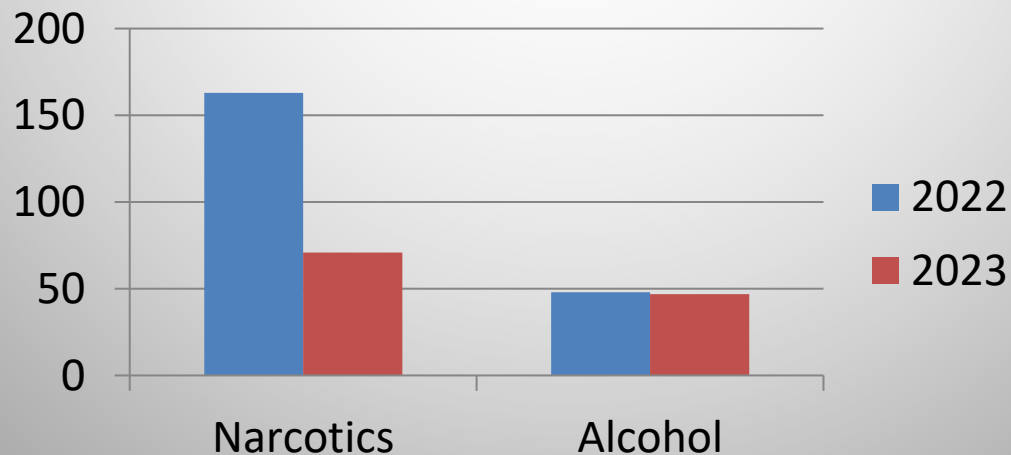


ALCOHOL & NARCOTICS

<u>ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>+/-</u>	
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	15	16	▲	7%
PUBLIC INTOXICATION	7	6	▼	14%
OPEN CONTAINER	14	20	▲	43%
MINOR IN POSS.	12	5	▼	58%

NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS

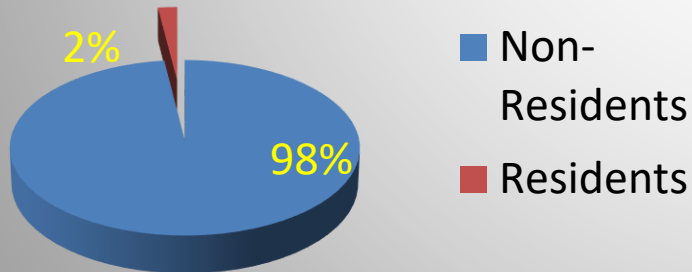
HEROIN/OPIATES	2	0	▼	100%
COCAINE	3	1	▼	67%
METHAMPHETAMINE	19	4	▼	79%
RX/DANGEROUS DRUGS	10	0	▼	100%
MARIJUANA/THC/HASH	60	12	▼	80%
OTHER	0	1	▲	
PARAPHERNALIA	69	53	▼	23%



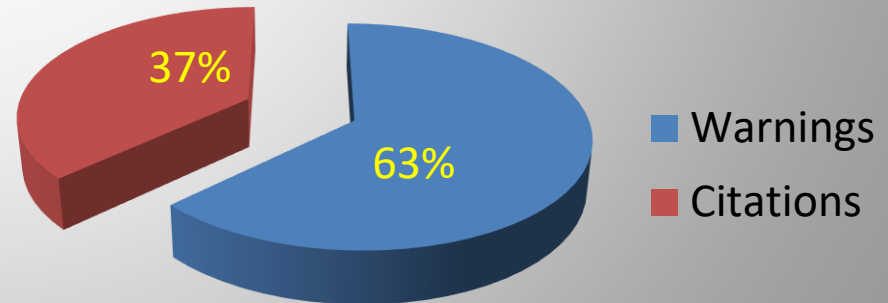
TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	+/-
INDIVIDUALS STOPPED	1834	2366	▲ 30%
CITATIONS	557	877	▲ 57%
WARNINGS	1269	1489	▲ 17%
CITATIONS – RESIDENTS	38	15	▼ 61%
CITATIONS – NON-RESIDENTS	546	869	▲ 59%

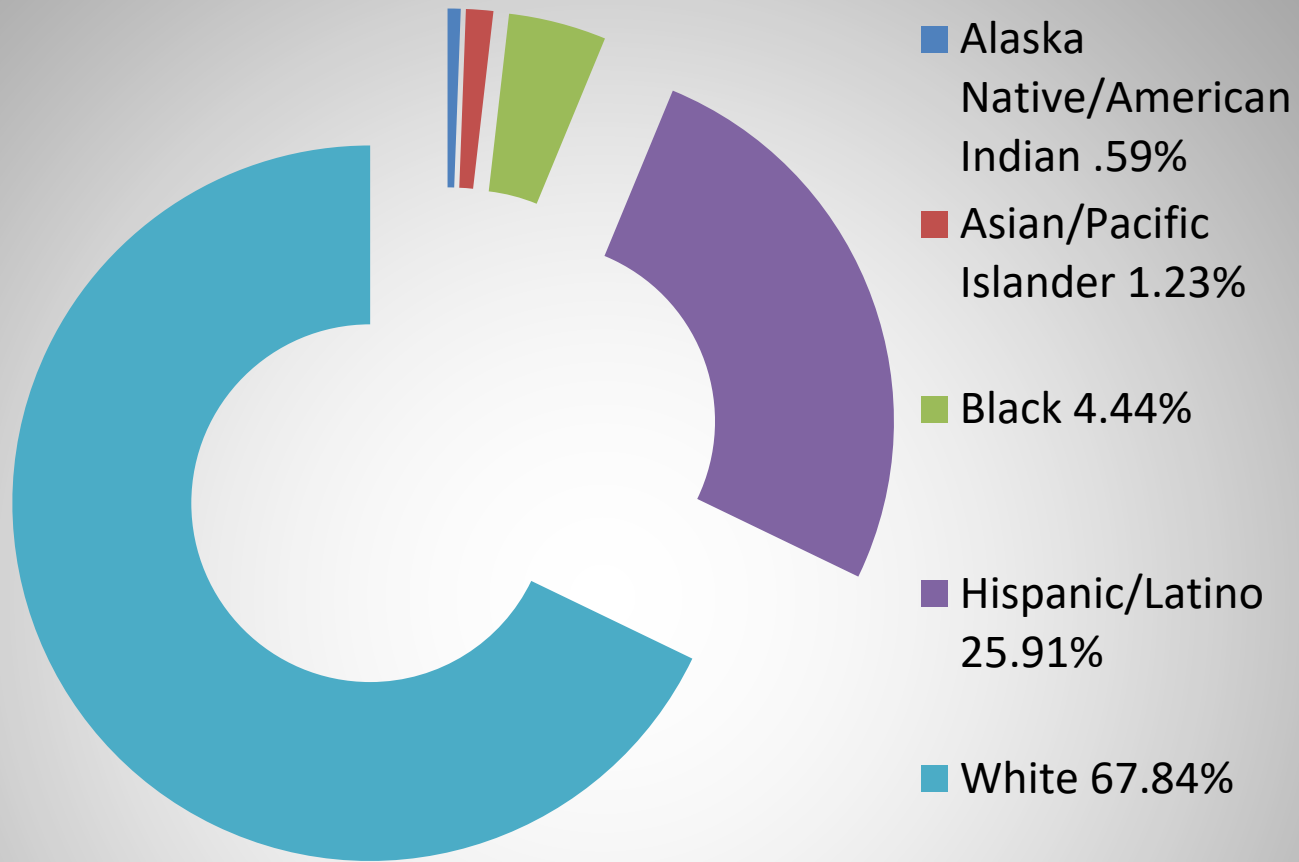
% RECEIVING CITATIONS



RATIO OF WARNINGS TO CITATIONS



RACIAL PROFILING DATA



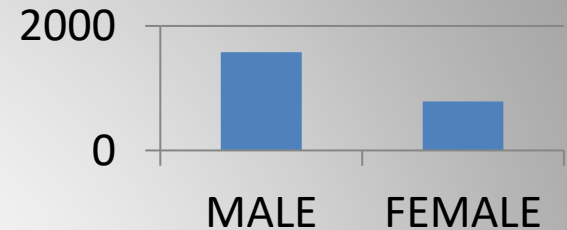
TOTAL BREAKDOWN FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS STOPPED

White	1605	67.84%
Hispanic	613	25.91%
African American	105	4.44%
Asian/Pacific Islander	29	1.23%
Alaska Native/American Indian	14	.59%

TOTAL BY GENDER

	<u>CONTACTS</u>
FEMALE	787
MALE	1579

CONTACTS 2023



RACE/ETHNICITY KNOWN PRIOR TO STOP

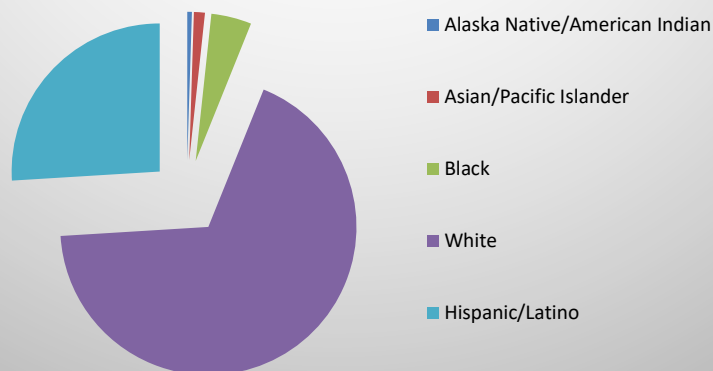
<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
33	2333

CITATIONS ISSUED BY RACE

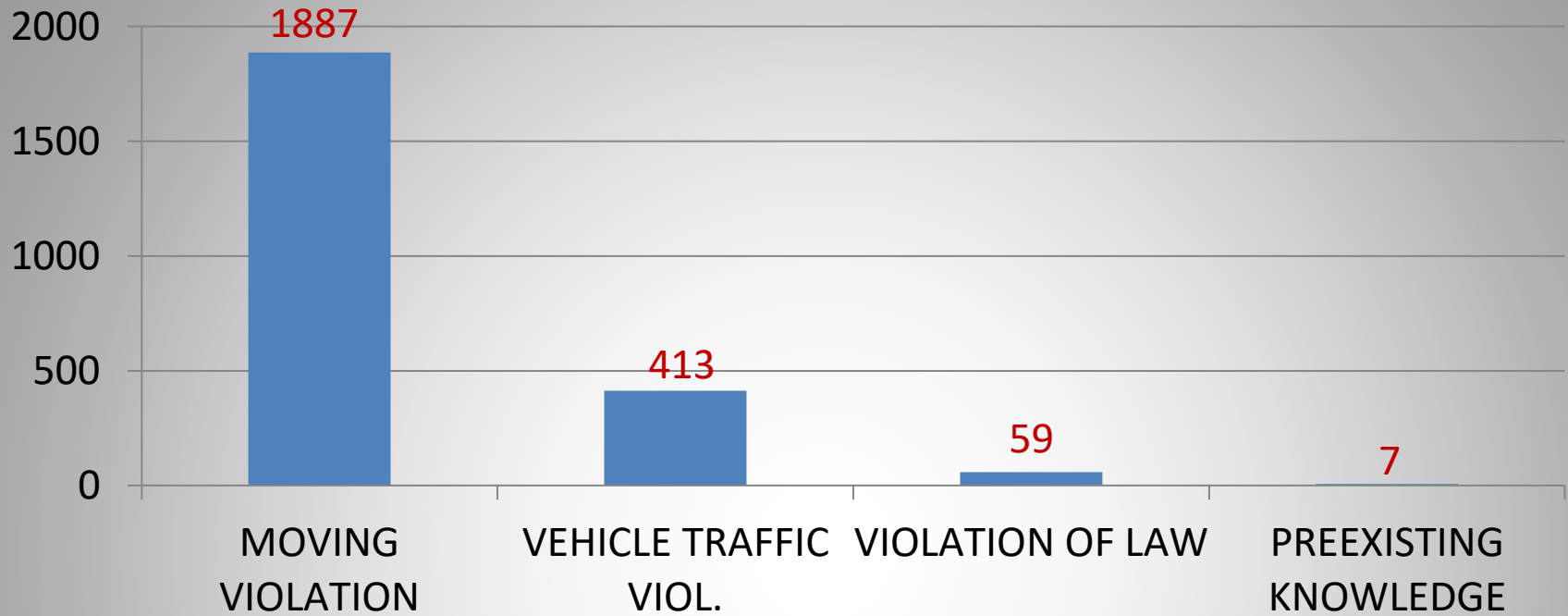
	<u>CITATION</u>	<u>WARNING</u>
WHITE	533	1072
HISPANIC	288	325
AFRICAN AMERICAN	33	72
AK NATIVE/AMER. INDIAN	8	6
ASIAN/PACIFIC IS.	15	14

RACIAL PROFILE DATA PROVIDED BY BRAZOS	% OF STOPS
MALE	67%
FEMALE	33%
ALASKA NATIVE/AMERICAN INDIAN	.5%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	1.2%
BLACK	4.4%
WHITE	68%
HISPANIC/LATINO	26%

Racial Profile Data Provided by Brazos



REASON FOR STOP/CONTACT



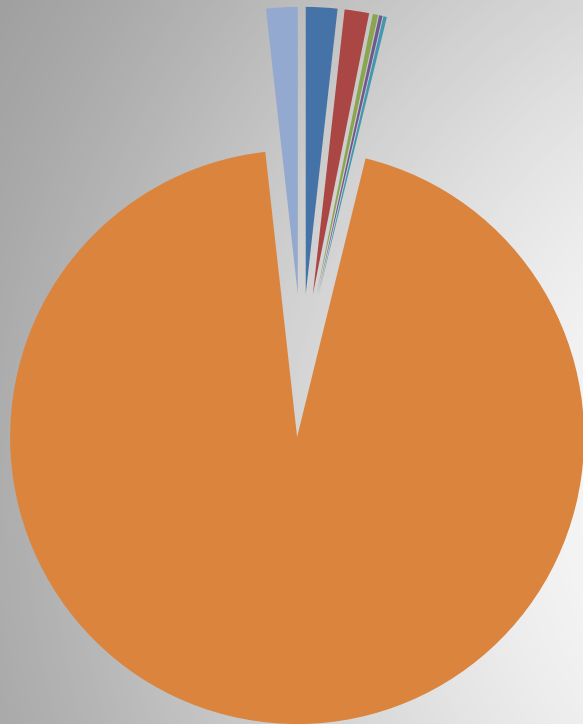
TYPES OF VIOLATIONS WRITTEN

SPEEDING	645
DRIVER'S LICENSE VIOL.	162
VEHICLE REGISTRATION	159
NO INSURANCE	80
DISREGARD STOP LIGHT/SIGN	32
EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	12

TOTAL SEARCHES FROM TRAFFIC STOPS

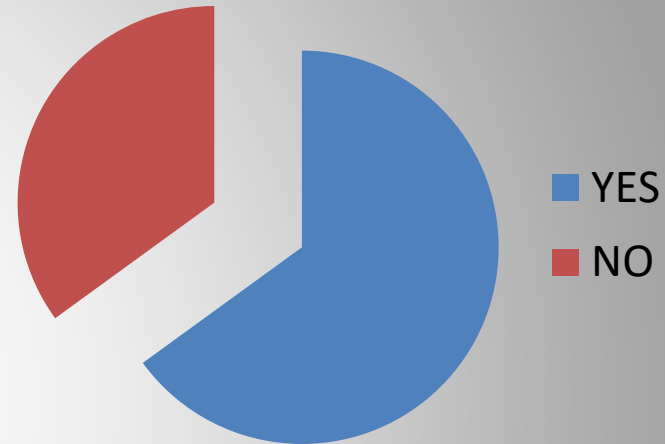
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CONSENT	34
INCIDENT TO ARREST	7
INVENTORY	5
PROBABLE CAUSE	43
NO SEARCH	2273
CONTRABAND	4

SEARCHES CONDUCTED



- PROBABLE CAUSE - 1.8%
- CONSENT - 1.4%
- INCIDENT TO ARREST - .3%
- CONTRABAND IN PLAIN VIEW - .2%
- INVENTORY - .2%
- NO SEARCH - 96%

WAS CONTRABAND FOUND



TYPE OF CONTRABAND FOUND DURING SEARCHES



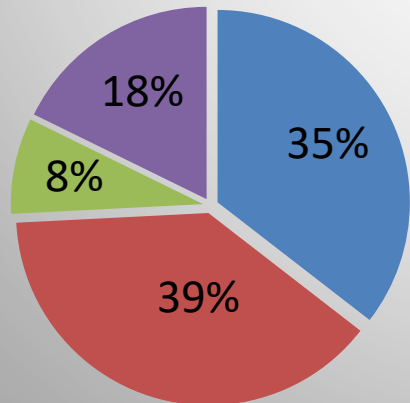
- DRUGS - 57%
- OTHER 14.3%
- WEAPONS - 1.6%
- ALCOHOL - 27%

MISC. CALLS FOR SERVICE

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>+/-</u>
ACCIDENTS	90	62	▼ 31%
ALARMS	83	81	▼ 2.4%
CITY ORD. VIOLATION	23	20	▼ 13%
ANIMAL CALLS	76	51	▼ 33%
HOME WATCHES	1107	1188	▲ 7.3%

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
One Vehicle	18	13	▼ 28%
Two Vehicles	61	38	▼ 38%
Three Vehicles	2	3	▲ 50%
Truck Tractor	3	4	▲ 33%
Vehicle Vs. Animal	6	4	▼ 33%



ACCIDENTS BY AREA 2023

- NORTH OF BLANCO RIVER
- SOUTH OF BLANCO RIVER
- EAST OF 281
- WEST OF 281

ALARM CALLS

2022

2023

911 HANG UP

85

60

ALARM

83

81

FIRE ALARM

4

4

MEDICAL ALARM

1

0

CITY ORDINANCE VIOL.

2022

2023

SIGNS

4

1

FIREWORKS

1

3

SOLICITORS

1

2

JUNK VEHICLE

1

0

ANIMAL AT LARGE

2

4

OTHER

19

10

ANIMAL CALLS

2022

2023

DEER CALLS

27

8

ALL OTHER

49

43

