

2021 ANNUAL REPORT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE
Submitted by Chief James McIntyre

The Stoneham Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of professional police services while respecting the constitutional rights of every person living in or visiting the Town of Stoneham. We achieve this mission by working in partnership with the community and by practicing Community Oriented Policing. Serving with compassion and respect to all members of the public, we remain committed to providing these services with professionalism and integrity.

The Office of the Chief manages the overall operation of the Stoneham Police Department and plans for the future in close collaboration with the Town Administrator.

During the year 2021, personnel changes within the police department began in February when Officer John Curtis left the Department to return to his prior career in the private sector. In March, Officers Emily Dello Russo and Nicholas Palmieri graduated from the Reading Police Academy. In June, Dispatcher Kimberly Hunter left the Department and was replaced by Dispatcher Alex Joseph in September. In July, Vanessa Kraft joined our administrative staff as a part-time office assistant to work with Alyssa Wall, who left her position in September. In October, Sergeant Christopher Apalakakis was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and Officers Lucas Ferraz and Sean O'Grady graduated the Reading Police Academy.

The following is a roster of the Department's sworn personnel as of December 31, 2021: Chief James McIntyre; Lieutenants David Stefanelli, Tony Kranefuss and Christopher Apalakakis; Sergeants Robert Kennedy, David Thistle, Kenneth Wilkins, Thomas Heller, Christopher Dalis and Michael DeCroteau; Officers Sheryl Rotondi, Stephen Carroll, Joseph Ponzio, Paul Norton, Thomas Day, Christopher Copan, Edward Fucarile, William Reinold, David Ryan, Patrick Carroll, Kenneth Bowdidge, Laura Engel, Luc Bourgeois, David Szydlowski, Jonathan Mahoney, Derek McShane, Stephen Aprile, Michael Colotti, Brian Raffaello, John Burton, Christopher Murphy, Michael Prudente, Richard Pacini, Joseph Cataldo, Zachary Newell, Sean O'Grady and Lucas Ferraz.

The civilian administrative staff for the Department consists of office manager Erin Sinclair, part-time office assistants Patricia Quinn, Vanessa Kraft, and Linda Leis, our domestic violence advocate.

Located within the police station is the communications center for both the police and fire departments. The Public Safety Dispatch Department is comprised of seven civilian dispatchers who process the emergency and business calls for police, fire or emergency medical services. During the course of 2021, over 16,000 calls for service were processed through the dispatch center, with 7,100 calls received through the 9-1-1 system.

The following is a roster of the Public Safety Department's personnel as of December 31, 2021: David Luciano – Head Dispatcher, Brian Johnston, Nathaniel Powers, Michael Sweeney, Amanda Farrington, Joshua Paciga and Alex Joseph.

The Stoneham Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit, consisting of Sergeant David Thistle and civilian advocate Linda Leis, provide substantial support to victims of domestic violence. From the work of the first responding officers to a call involving domestic violence, through the follow-up with victims conducted by Sergeant Thistle and Ms. Leis, our Department's response has been held as a model for other agencies to follow.

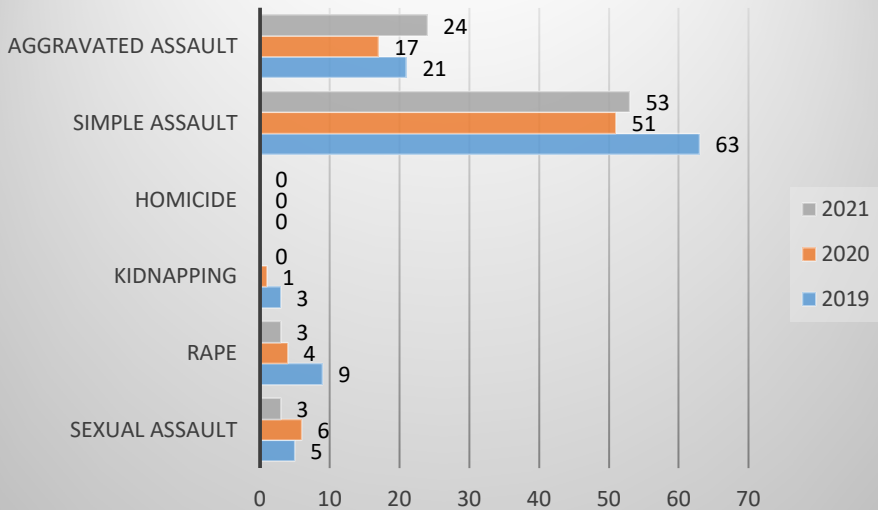
Over the past year, Ms. Leis conducted follow-up with 89 victims from the 178 reports of domestic violence the Department investigated. Of particular concern were 22 deemed high risk with the potential for lethality to the victim. Aspects of the outreach provided to victims includes, but is not limited to assisting victims in obtaining Abuse Prevention Orders, safety planning, finding emergency shelter, locating legal services, and providing emotional support.

The partnership between the police department and Eliot Community Human Services grew over the past year with the addition of a 20-hour per week jail diversion/mental health clinician. The Stoneham and Melrose Police Departments received funding through a grant from the Department of Mental Health to share the services of a mental health clinician employed by Eliot Community Human Services. The clinician works alongside Sergeant Christopher Dalis, the supervisor for our Crisis Intervention Team, to provide outreach and follow-up with individuals who had interaction with the police department as a result of some form of mental health emergency. Additionally, the clinician can co-respond with officers to calls where someone may be actively in crisis. The mental health clinician in addition to our recovery coach have greatly increased the services our Department is able to offer our residents.

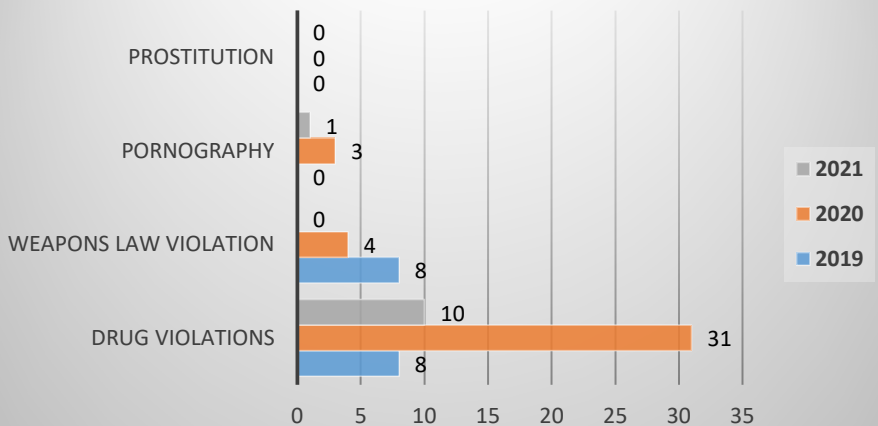
Lastly, on behalf of all the members of the Stoneham Police Department, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to our residents, local businesses and community organizations and elected officials for the support shown to us over the past year.

The following graphs that appear below show three-year statistical trends for criminal activity, calls for service, and police related activity.

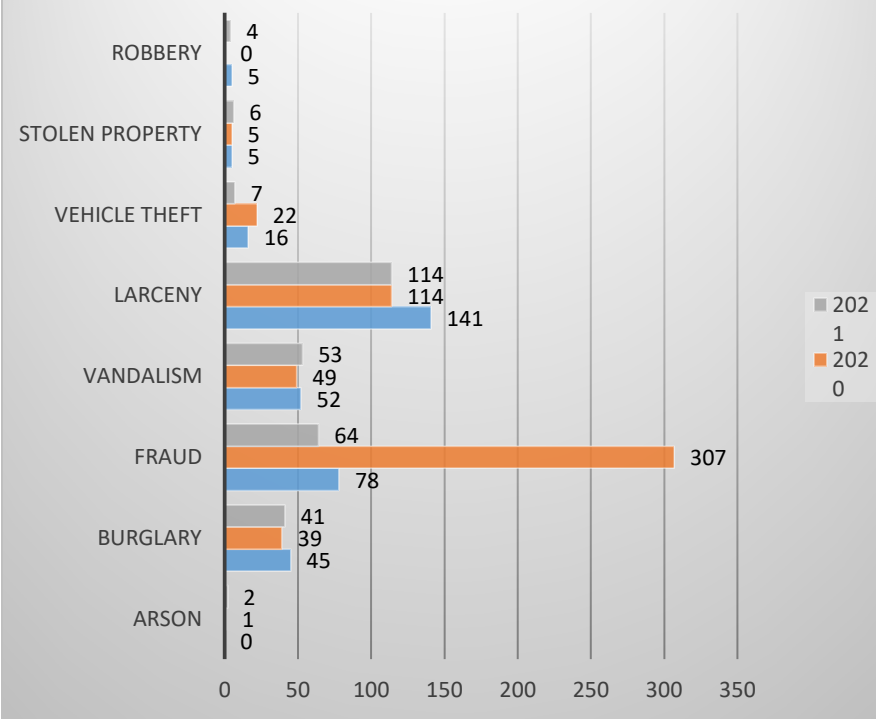
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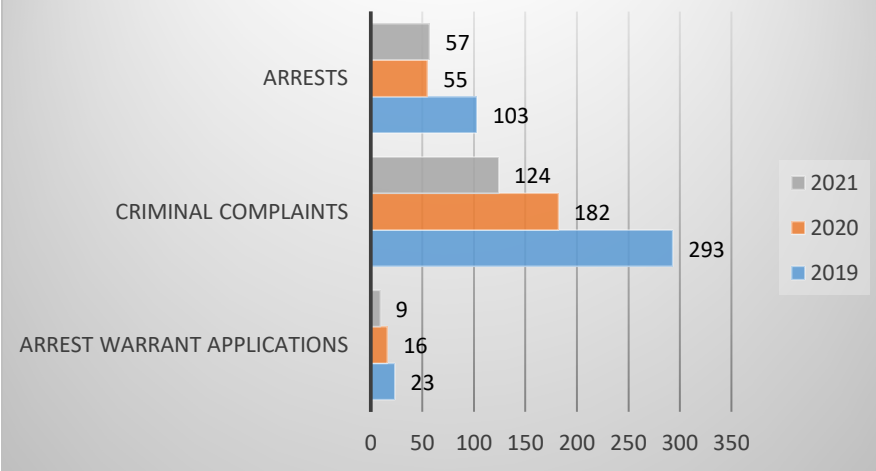
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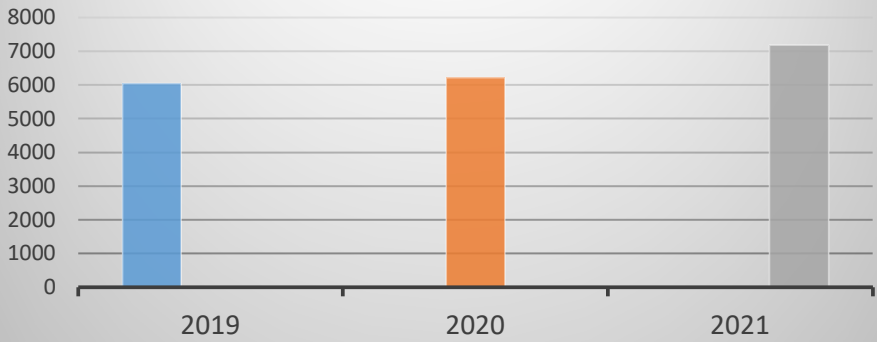
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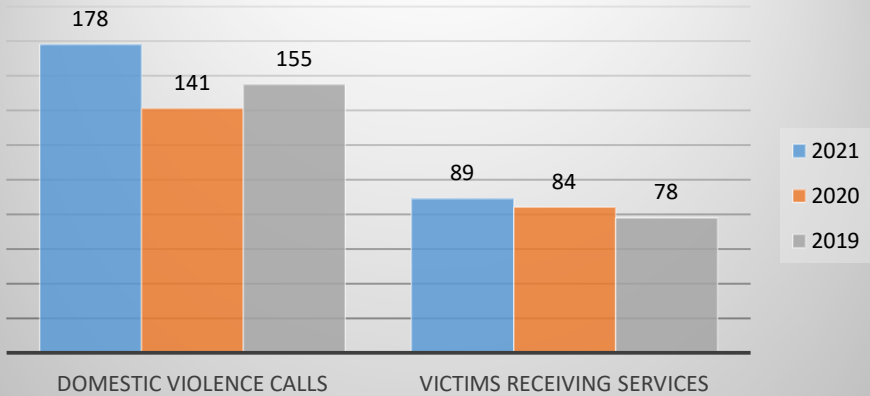
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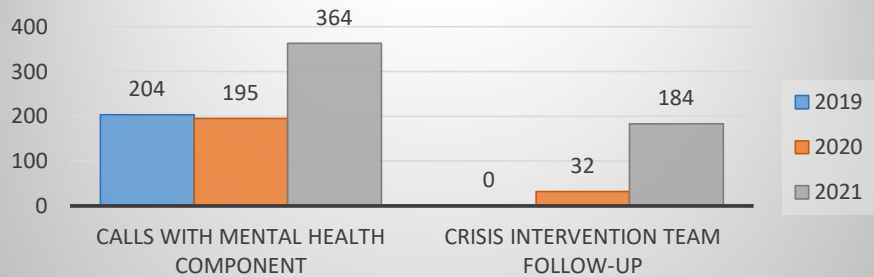
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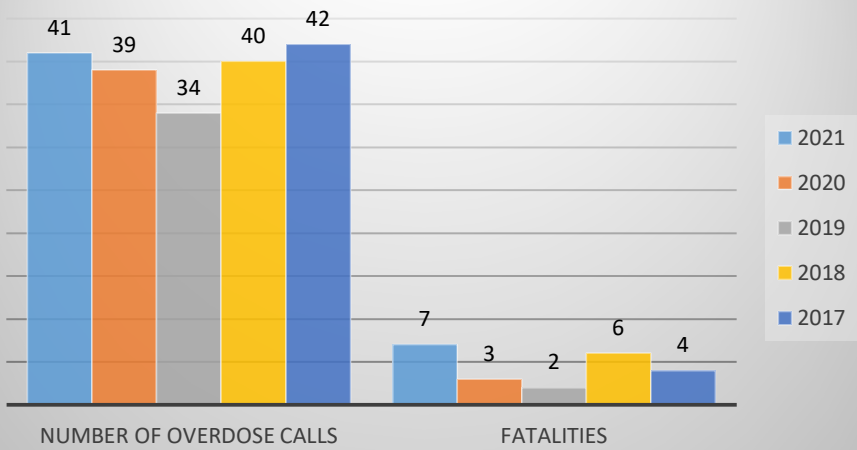
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALLS



MENTAL HEALTH RELATED CALLS



DRUG OVERDOSE CALLS



SELECTED CALLS FOR SERVICE

