



***SOUTH MILWAUKEE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
2021 ANNUAL REPORT***

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SOUTH MILWAUKEE CITY OFFICIALS

**Mayor/
Acting Mayor**

City Administrator

Police and Fire Commission

Police Chief

Common Council

Municipal Judge

City Attorney

City Clerk

City Treasurer

**Erik Brooks/
David Bartoshevich**

Tami Mayzik

Joseph Bukowski

Heather Frederick

Ramon Navarro

Donald O'Kray

Carla Uphill

Tobie Weberg

William Jessup

Brett Briesemeister

Craig Maass

Ramon Navarro

Tim Backes

Joseph Bukowski

Lisa Pieper

Peggy Clark

David Bartoshevich

William Fenger

Christopher Smith

Karen Kastenson

Karen Skowronski

Mission Statement:

We, the members of the South Milwaukee Police Department, are dedicated to providing a proactive, full service department that enhances the quality of life in our community by reducing crime through the protection of life and property.



Goals:

- Develop an effective, efficient and responsive management system
- Increase agency-community partnerships
- Provide a more effective allocation of resources
- Increase job satisfaction for all employees
- Treat all persons with respect, courtesy and fairness
- Identify, control and reduce crime
- Protect Constitutional guarantees
- Facilitate the safe movement of people and vehicles
- Resolve conflict
- Create and maintain a feeling of security in the community

Values:

Central to our mission is a set of values that will guide our work and decisions and allow us to make significant contributions to the quality of life in South Milwaukee.



We Value:

- Human Life
- Integrity
- Ourselves
- Excellence
- Cooperation
- Accountability



A Letter From Chief Jessup

To the citizens of South Milwaukee, Acting Mayor David Bartoshevich, City Administrator Tami Mayzik, the South Milwaukee Common Council, the South Milwaukee Police & Fire Commission, and members of the South Milwaukee Police Department:

My fourth year serving as Chief of the South Milwaukee Police Department began in 2021 and I remain extremely proud to lead a group of men and women with the highest ethical and professional standards. I am grateful for their dedication and I am also grateful for the support of our elected and appointed officials. I am pleased to present to you the 2021 South Milwaukee Police Department Annual Report and I believe you will find that it provides an accurate overview of the challenges and accomplishments, as well as the activities undertaken by our staff to enhance public safety in our community.

2021 will be remembered for the pandemic that continued to affect every aspect of life, but our members diligently provided a high level of service while taking precautions to protect themselves and the community they serve. Thank you to our members for adapting and thank you to the community for your patience as we worked through the many changes that were designed to protect everyone's health. The past year brought some notable changes to our staff, with the addition of four new officers, Brandon Meyer, Allison Sneed, Matthew Edwards and Draven Feustel. We also hired a new dispatcher, Kimberly Ramirez. They are great additions to our staff and are looking forward to serving this community for many years.

Despite the challenges over the past year, one thing remains constant; our members are committed to their profession and remain focused on reducing crime and enhancing public safety. The long-term downward crime trends are a testament to their work and the support they receive from our community. For these reasons, I am confident that, in partnership with the community, we will continue to make South Milwaukee healthier and stronger.

Sincerely,

Chief William Jessup



A Letter From the Operations Commander

The year 2021 seemed to fly by. It was hard to tell where 2020 started and 2021 ended. Again, the most important part of my letter is to give my sincere Thank You to the citizens of South Milwaukee for the outpouring of support that has been shown during these adverse times. Whether it be a positive social media post, a kind word out in the community, or the drop off of a meal or snack for the staff, I can't begin to thank you all enough. It really is this support that keeps our staff motivated to continue to work hard and do everything we can to keep our community safe, healthy and happy. Thank you – very, very much!!

A number of staffing changes took place this year. Officer Kyle Stormoen and Dispatcher Jennifer Guzman left the department to seek other career paths. We wish them all the best of luck with their future endeavors. We did add a number of Officers and one dispatcher to fill existing openings in 2021. Welcome to the family - Brandon Meyer, Allison Sneed, Matthew Edwards, Draven Feustel and Kimberly Ramirez!

We were quite fortunate that as 2021 moved along, it provided a reduction in many types of criminal activity. We were also happy to see very little violent crime and no patterns of lasting criminal activity in South Milwaukee.

The Department was able to move past COVID 19 and get back to the 'normal' way of doing business, talking to people in person and getting back to increased criminal deterrence checks through foot patrols in visits to our businesses. Highlights again included Community Night Out, Shop with a Cop and Safety Days. We also provided Girl and Boy Scout tours of the police department and it was great to interact with the children as they grow and learn.

And now, my 'broken record' plea! I encourage you to become involved in South Milwaukee's policing efforts. If you see something that just doesn't seem right, call the police department. Start a block watch program. Lock your house and car doors. Be vigilant in your neighborhood. We can do this, together!

Sincerely,

Captain Chad Milow



A Letter From the Administration & Services Commander

The Administration & Services Division is comprised of the

- Communications Center
- Investigations Section (Investigators and School Liaison Officers)
- Records Department
- Internal Affairs
- Accreditation

The Communications Center handled nearly 31,000 events in 2021. Four full-time, two part-time, and several substitute dispatchers are responsible for all incoming calls to the police department, all radio transmissions for police and fire, and all 911 emergency calls. In 2021, our dispatchers adapted well to the changes in COVID procedures, which were put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of our citizens and first responders.

The Investigations Section is comprised of a lieutenant, two school liaison officers and three investigators, including one member who is assigned to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Group. The liaison officers are assigned to the South Milwaukee High School and the South Milwaukee Middle School but they also spend time in the elementary schools, teaching the DARE program.

The Records Department is comprised of two full-time clerks and one part-time clerk. The records section is open Monday through Friday 7am-6pm and is closed on the weekends and holidays. The records section handles hundreds of records requests, as well as winter parking permits and the collection of fines and payments.

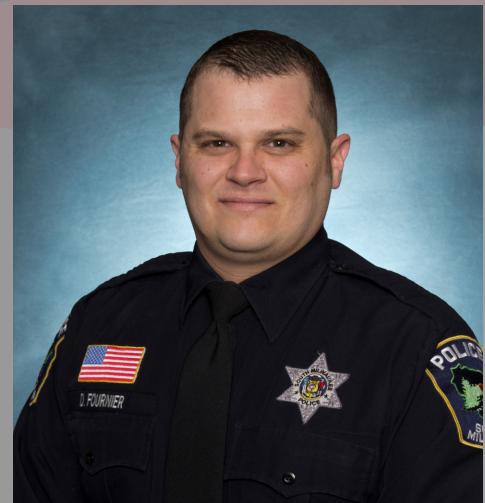
The Internal Affairs section investigates citizen complaints. There was one incident in 2021, which was unfounded and the officer cleared of any wrong doing.

As members of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG), we go through a full accreditation process every three years. The South Milwaukee Police Department was accredited for the eighth time in 2020. In 2021, the South Milwaukee PD accreditation team continued its work towards our 9th accreditation.

The hard work and dedication of the sworn and non-sworn members of the Administration and Services Division is admired and appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Captain Dan Fournier

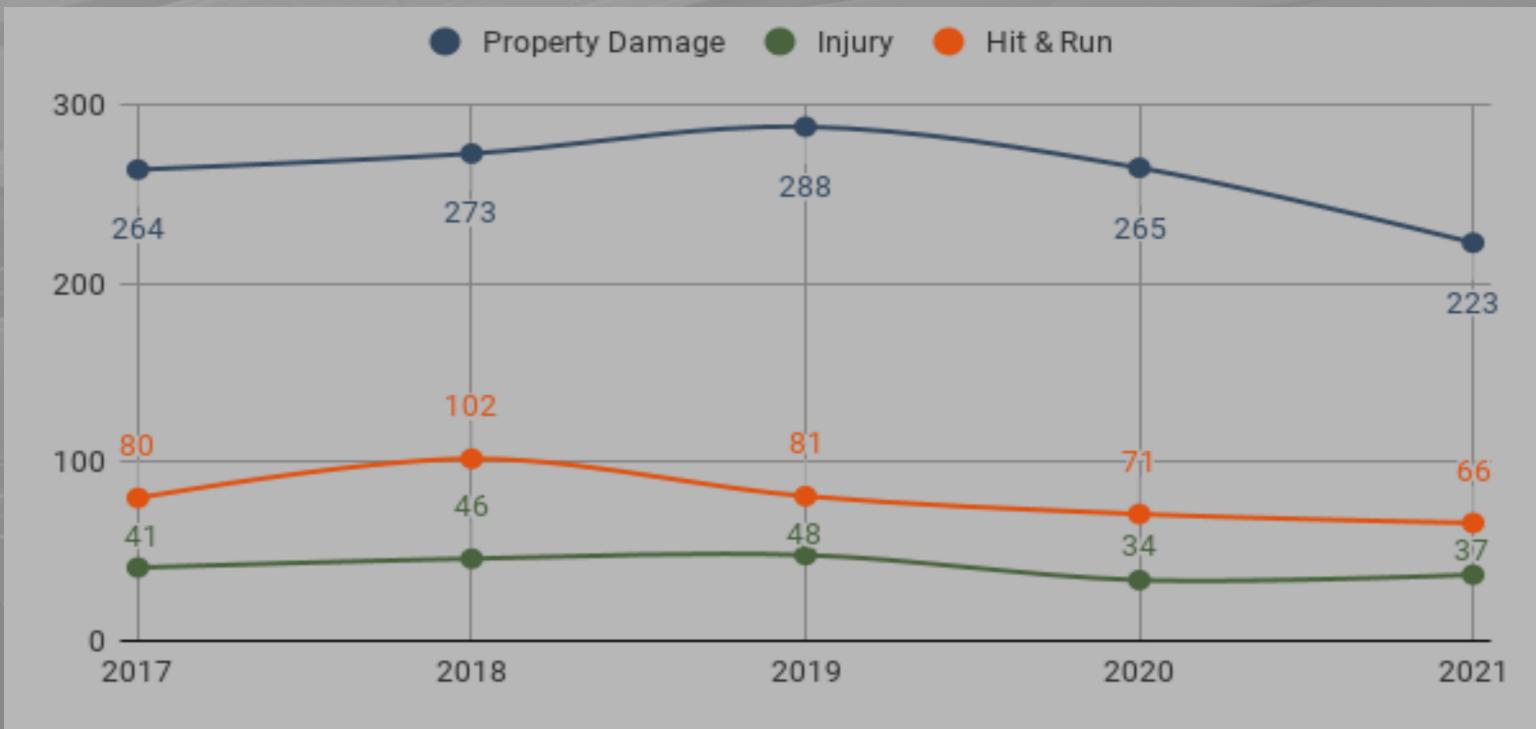








Traffic Crash Statistics



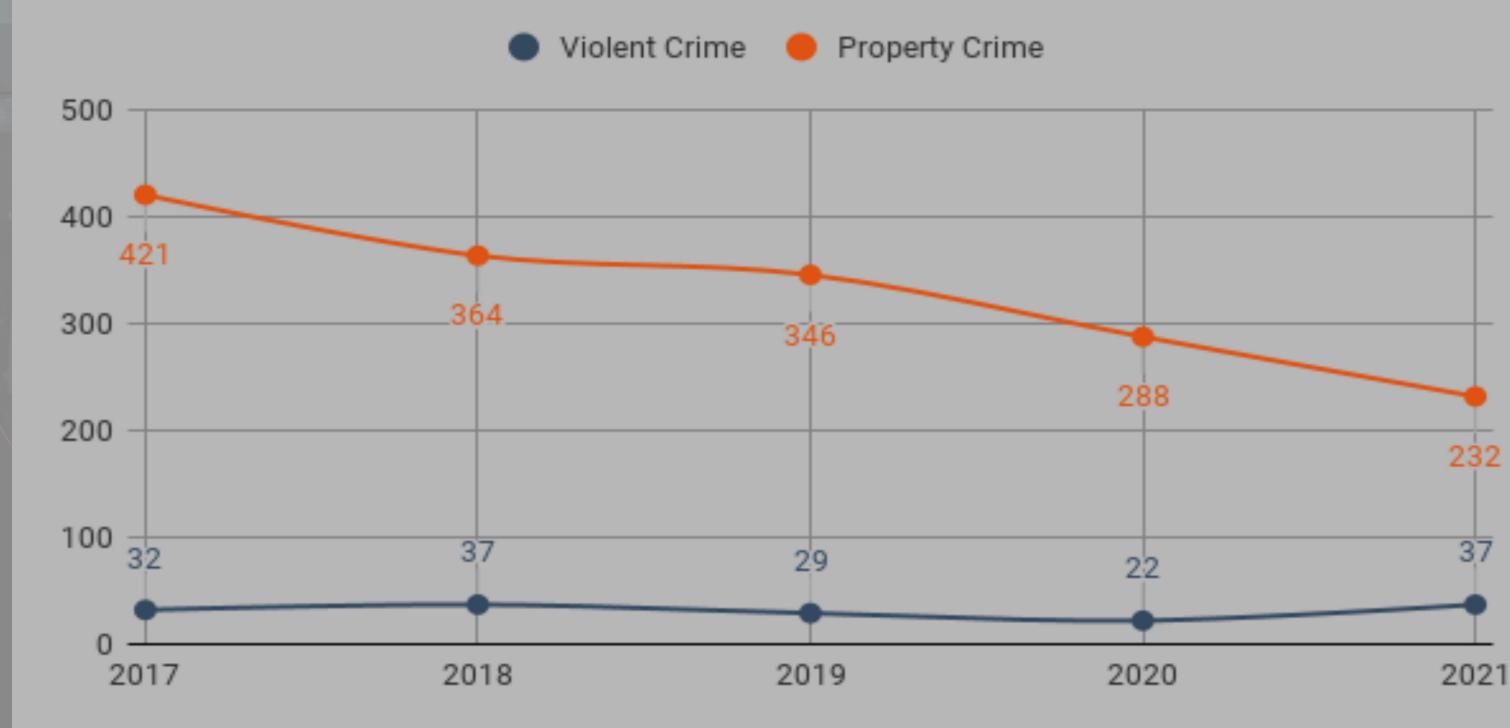
Traffic Crashes resulting in property damage were down approximately 16% in 2021.

Hit & Run incidents have decreased 7%.

Personal Injury Crashes were up 8%.

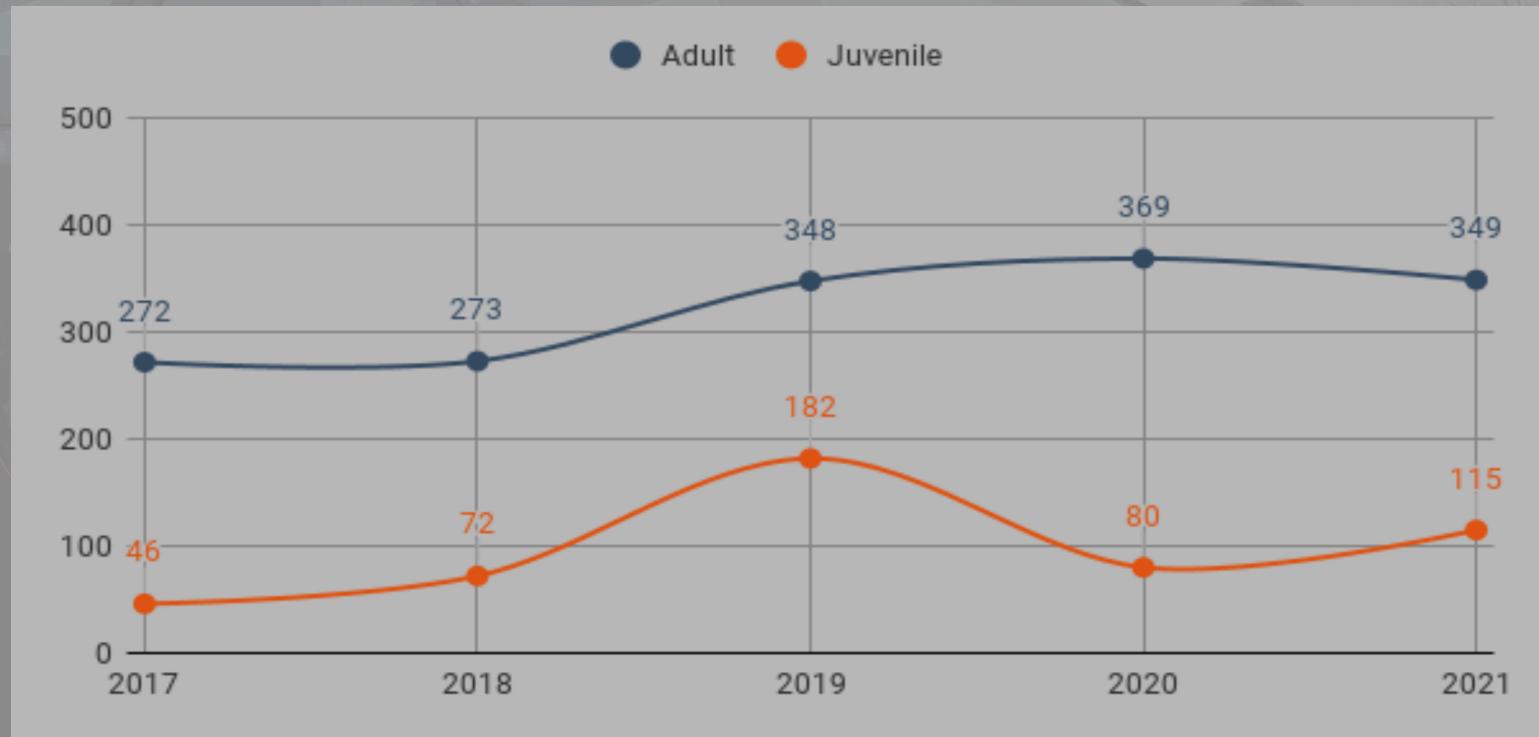
South Milwaukee

5-Year Crime Trends



In 2021, South Milwaukee experienced an increase in violent crimes (+68% from 2020) and a decrease in property crimes (-19%). The violent crime increase was due to a rise in Battery cases. Property crime decreases are due to a reduction in Thefts and slight reductions in Burglary and Motor Vehicle Theft. Overall crime decreased 13% from 2020.

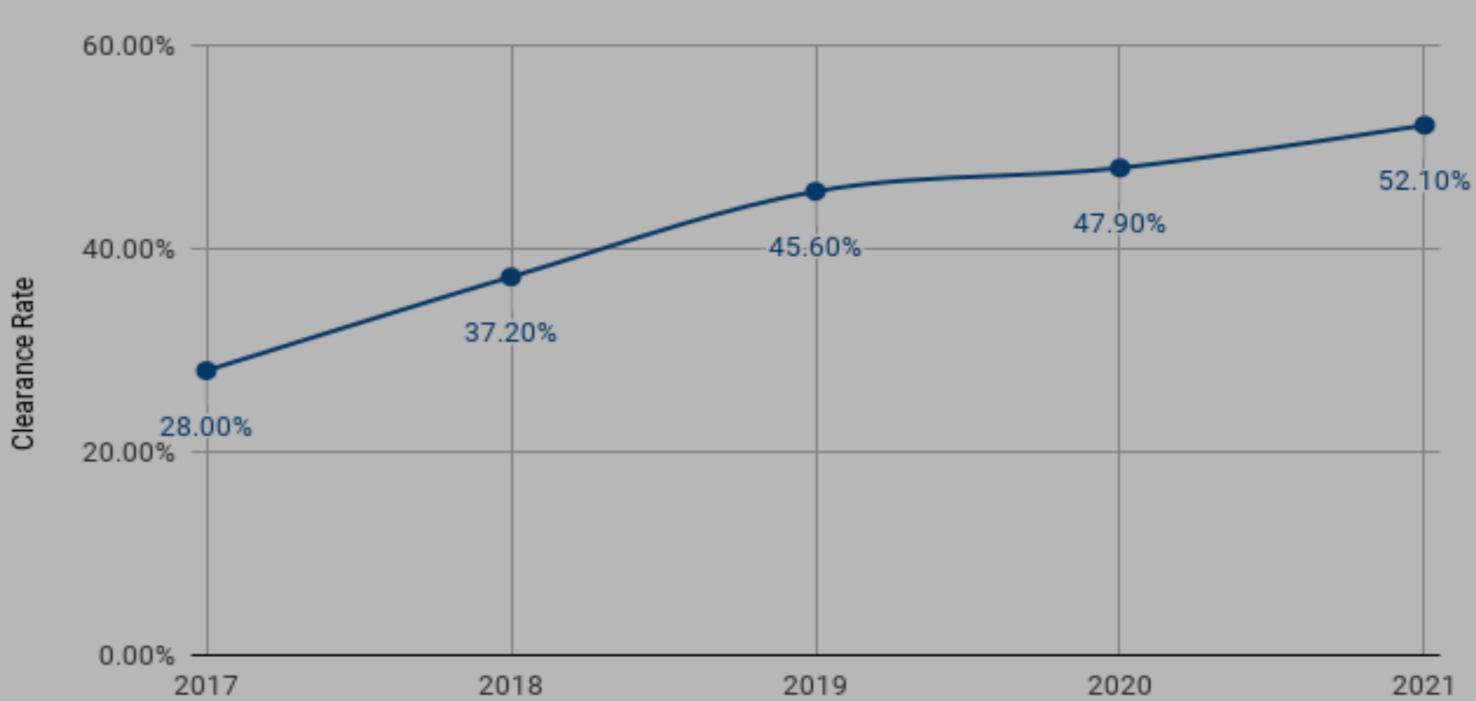
Arrest Statistics



Adult arrests have decreased by 5% from 2020.

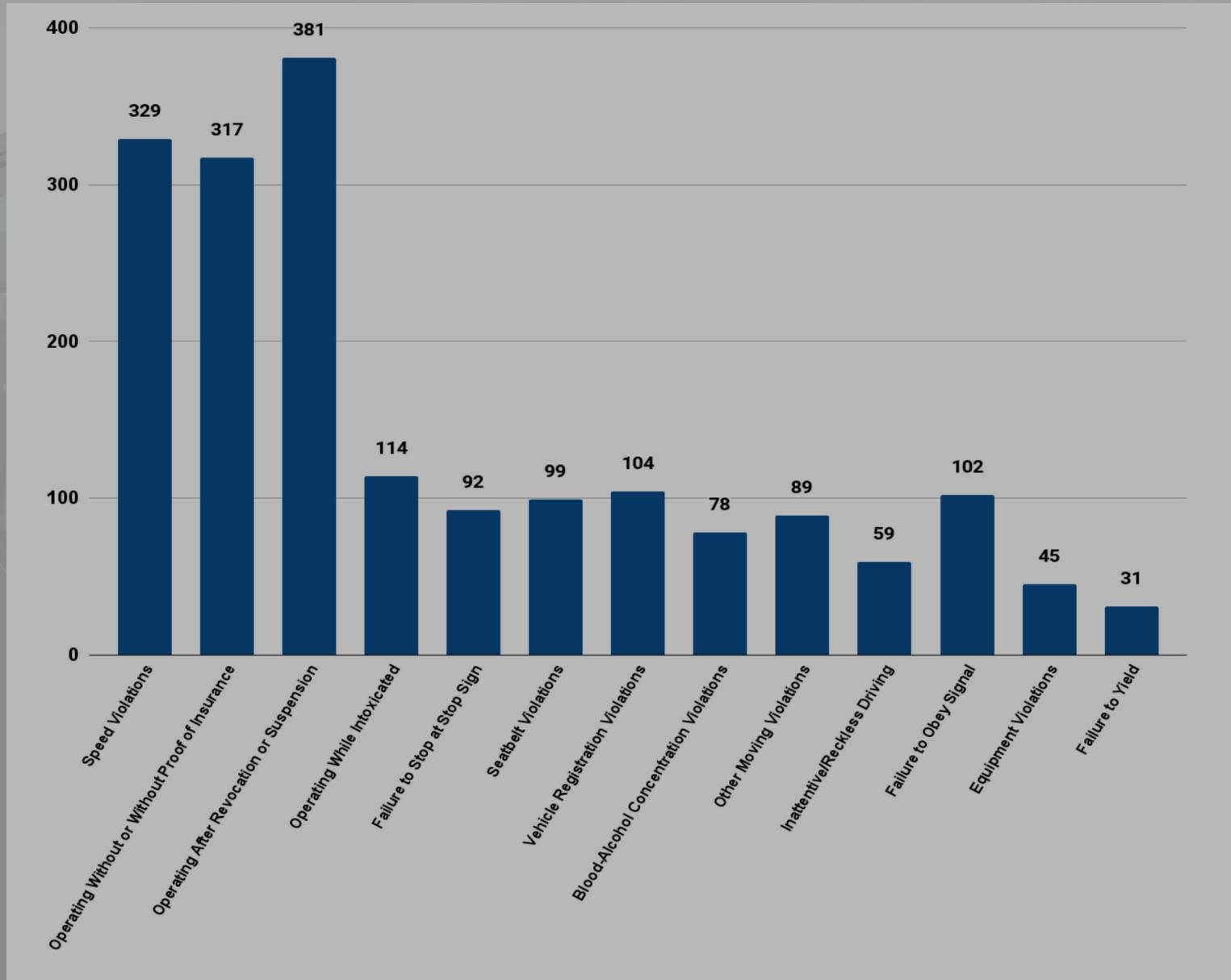
Juvenile arrests have increased by 44% from 2020.

Clearance Rates



Clearance rates continue to rise over a 5 year period. At 52.10% in 2021, rates have nearly doubled since 2017.

Traffic Citations



Traffic citations can be issued for a number of reasons. The above graph represents the distribution of the more prevalent violations. Some of the most common infractions are operating after license suspension/revocation, operating without insurance, and speed violations.

Calls for Service



As the weather gets warmer in the summer months call volume typically increases. In 2021 there was a significant increase in calls for service between August and December.

Total Calls for Service

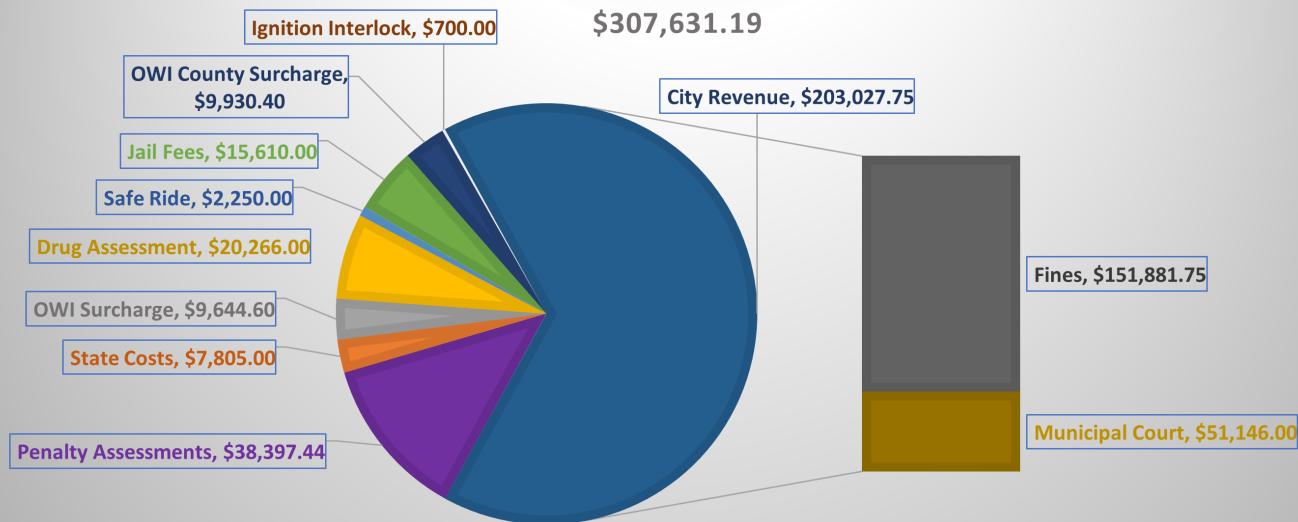
2020
26,860

2021
26,698

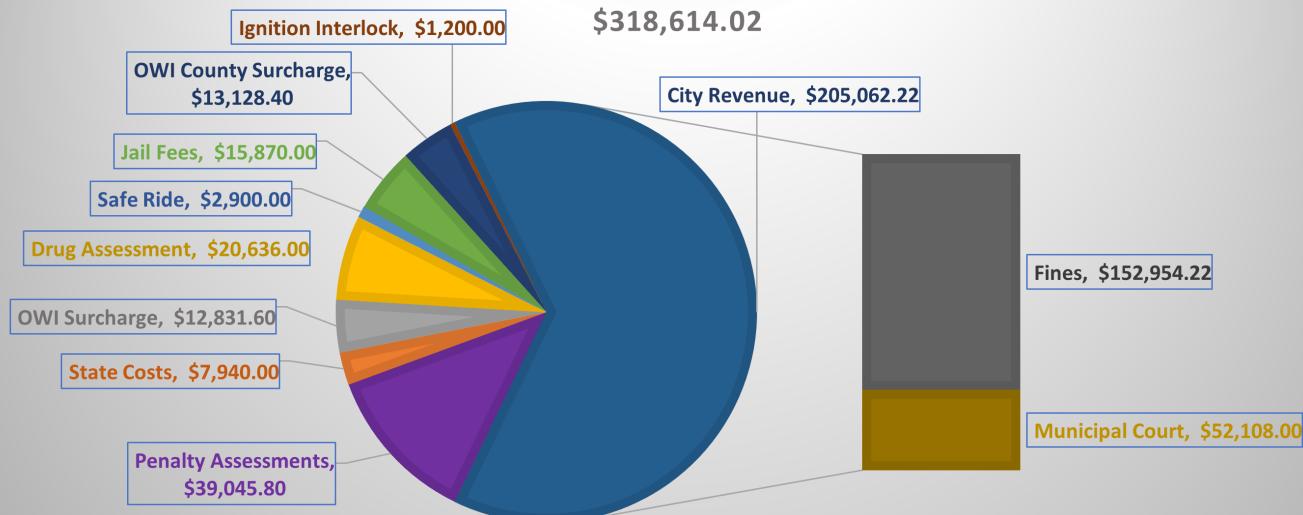
Assessments paid and Revenue Collected

The below charts show the distribution of money collected from citations. Several assessments are paid to the state and county and part of the city revenue is allocated for municipal court costs.

2020 CITATION REVENUE (TRAFFIC AND NON-TRAFFIC):



2021 CITATION REVENUE (TRAFFIC AND NON-TRAFFIC):



The South Milwaukee Police Department Budget

SMPD Budget

Expenses

	2020	2021
<i>Totals</i>	<i>\$4,810,396</i>	<i>\$4,887,840</i>
Salaries	\$2,646,302	\$2,669,950
Dispatchers	\$245,869	\$254,873
Custodial Wages	\$20,005	\$20,480
Fringe Benefits	\$1,364,931	\$1,420,518
Overtime	\$157,000	\$149,000
Comp Time	\$10,750	\$10,750
Holiday Pay	\$149,189	\$152,918
Physical Exams	\$2,850	\$2,850
Training Fees	\$14,550	\$14,550
Uniform Allowances	\$5,000	\$5,000
Conferences, etc	\$1,500	\$1,500
Operating Supplies & Expense	\$74,000	\$74,000
Narcotic Control	\$250	\$250
Private Ambulance Service	\$1,000	\$1,000
Dues	\$1,600	\$1,600
Telephone	\$22,000	\$22,000
Heating Fuel	\$5,600	\$4,600
Maintenance of Office Equipment	\$16,000	\$14,000
Maintenance of Police Radios	\$12,000	\$13,000
Maintenance of Vehicles	\$60,000	\$55,000

2020 Budget
\$4,810,396

2021 Budget
\$4,887,840

SMPD Training



Left: Lieutenant Hallett, Officer Schmidt, Officer Goratowski, and Officer Verhagen train on the implementation of de-escalation techniques. Right: Captain Fournier trains on the use of the patrol rifle.

SMPD employees have completed over 2,270 hours of training in 2021. Training topics vary from Elder Abuse Investigations, Fair & Impartial Policing, Professional Communications, to Crisis Negotiation. In addition to SMPD in-service training, Officers are encouraged to apply for different training opportunities to make them more rounded and therefore more effective in serving our community.

Community First



**McGruff the Crime
Dog cheers on
riders in our Bike
with a Cop event.**

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**Officer Rodman
reads to a
Kindergarten class
at Rawson
Elementary.**



Community First



Officer Goratowski, Investigator Walusay, and Captain Fournier support future entrepreneurs and enjoy delicious lemonade at the same time.

Officer Meyer and Chief Jessup work to heighten awareness and raise money for Special Olympics during the Cop on a Rooftop event.



Crime Prevention



The Crime Prevention Unit responds to the diverse needs of our community in many ways, including organizing community policing events, conducting business and residential security surveys, assisting with neighborhood watch groups, and teaching civilian response to active shooter events (CRASE). In 2021, the Crime Prevention Unit organized SMPD's Community Night Out and Bike with a Cop events in August as well as Shop with a Cop in December. Crime Prevention Unit Officers also attended several other events, including LionsFest/Heritage Days, to engage with the citizens of the South Milwaukee Community.

South Shore Joint Tactical Unit

The South Shore Joint Tactical Unit is comprised of 33 officers from South Milwaukee, St. Francis and Cudahy Police Departments. This unit includes seven Crisis Negotiators and three Snipers. By combining with the other two communities, we are able to pool our resources and training to develop an effective team.

The purpose of the unit is to serve search warrants and respond to critical incidents, such as barricaded subjects and hostage situations. During 2021, the SSJTU served nine search warrants and responded to one critical incident which involved an armed barricaded subject which ended peacefully with the subject surrendering. During 2021, the SSJTU responded to one civil unrest incident in Kenosha, WI.



Awards

Three officers and a business manager were recognized this year for their honorable and exceptional actions at the 2021 Annual Award Ceremony.

Officer Brenna Sibley - Lifesaving Award

Officer Kadija Walusay - Merit Award

Officer Steven Streicher - Merit Award

Heather Burns - Citizen Recognition Award

New Officers



SMPD welcomes Brandon Meyer. Officer Meyer served in the US Army before earning his B.S. in Business at UW-Milwaukee. Brandon enjoys motorcycles, softball, and traveling.

SMPD welcomes Allie Sneed. Officer Sneed served in the US Army before earning her B.S. in Criminal Justice. Allie enjoys softball, cooking, and spending time with her family.



New Officers



SMPD Welcomes Matthew Edwards. Officer Edwards earned his Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. He enjoys hunting, fishing, motorcycles, and sports.

SMPD welcomes Draven Feustel. Officer Feustel earned his B.S. At UW-Milwaukee where he was also on the Swim and Dive team. He enjoys Jiu-Jitsu.





Compiled by
Officer James Rodman

