

St. Helens Police Department

2022 Annual Report



The mission of the St. Helens Police Department is to work with all citizens to make our city a place where people live safely, and to promote individual responsibility and community commitment.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE



On behalf of the St. Helens Police Department, I am pleased to submit the 2022 St. Helens Police Department Annual Report. This report contains a summary of the Department's accomplishments and highlights the employee's achievements for 2022. The St. Helens Police Department strives to provide excellent police service each day and is constantly evolving to meet these efforts.

Our staff is committed to providing our community with the highest level of support, both professionally and personally. We believe in our staff and providing them with the necessary tools to respond to emergencies, solve problems, and be good community members.

The St. Helens Police Department works hard to provide the highest standard of law enforcement and customer service to its citizens.

We strive to build the best police force possible. We believe we have put together a proactive, community-oriented force. We want sworn and non-sworn staff made up of individuals who are not just members of the Police Department, but also represent our diverse community. We believe that our officers are part of our community and interacting with our community improves the livability for every citizen.

We are fortunate in St. Helens to serve an incredible community, and we are privileged to have a unique bond with the citizens we serve. I would like to thank the citizens and visitors of St. Helens, and especially the men and women of the St. Helens Police Department, for making St. Helens one of the greatest places to live, work, play, and visit.

Respectfully,

Chief Brian Greenway

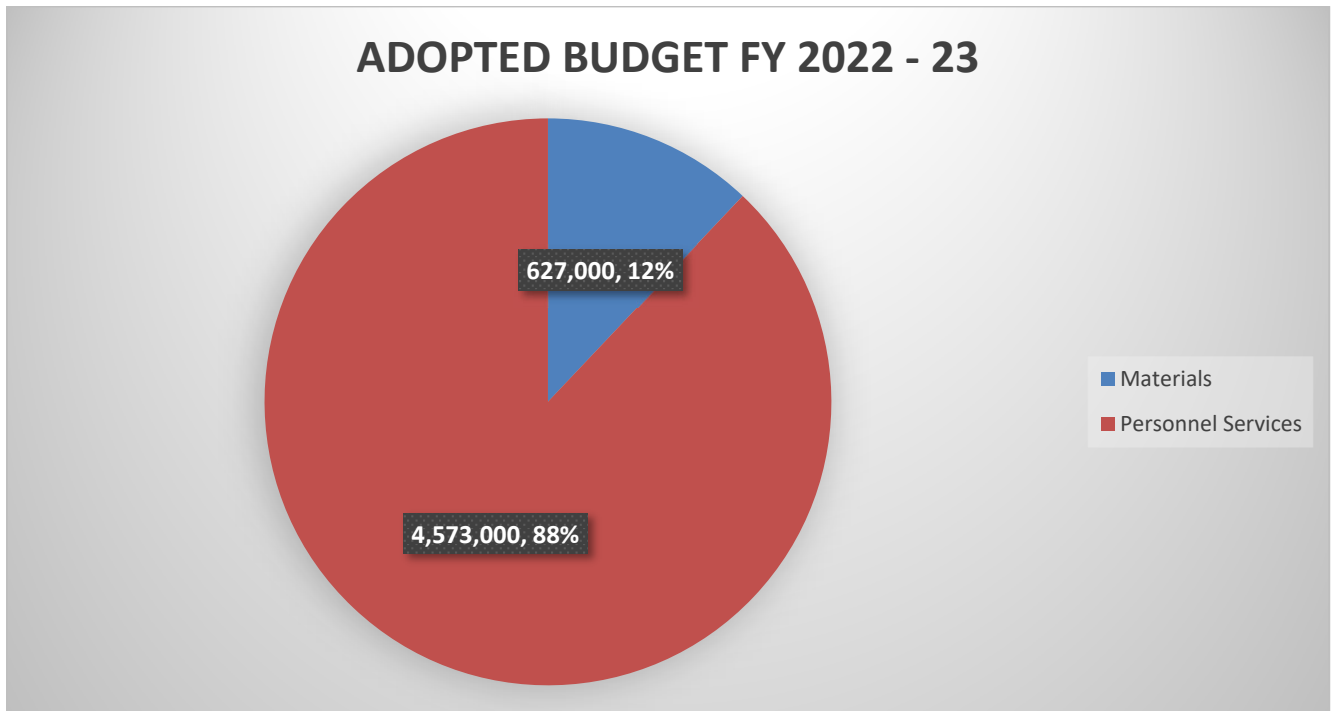
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DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The following table compares the size of the St. Helens Police Department and its budget between fiscal years 2019-20 through 2022-23.

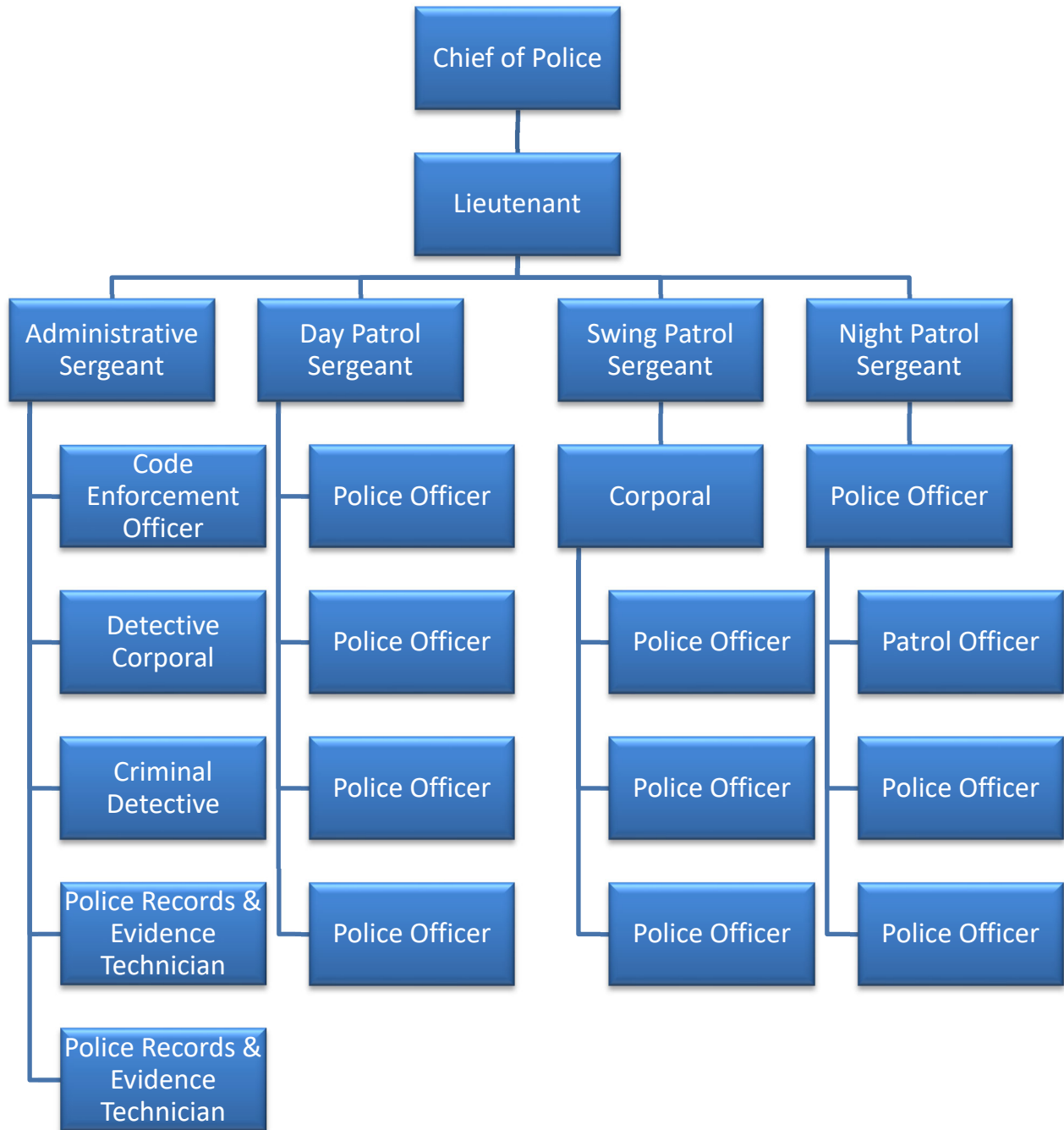
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Population	13,410	13,915	14,560	14,371
Total Budget	\$3,505,000	\$3,819,000	\$4,302,000	\$5,200,000
Sworn Personnel	19	20	20	22
Non-Sworn Personnel	3	3	3	3
Department Personnel Total	22	23	23	25
Officers Per Thousand Residents	1.42	1.37	1.37	1.74

**PSU certified population estimates used*



The total budget for the St. Helens Police Department during FY 2022-23 is \$5,200,000

2022 DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE



2022 ITEMS OF INTEREST

POLICY CHANGES – The St. Helens Police Department continued to review its current policies and make updates where necessary to ensure our policies matched policing best practices and state legislation updates.

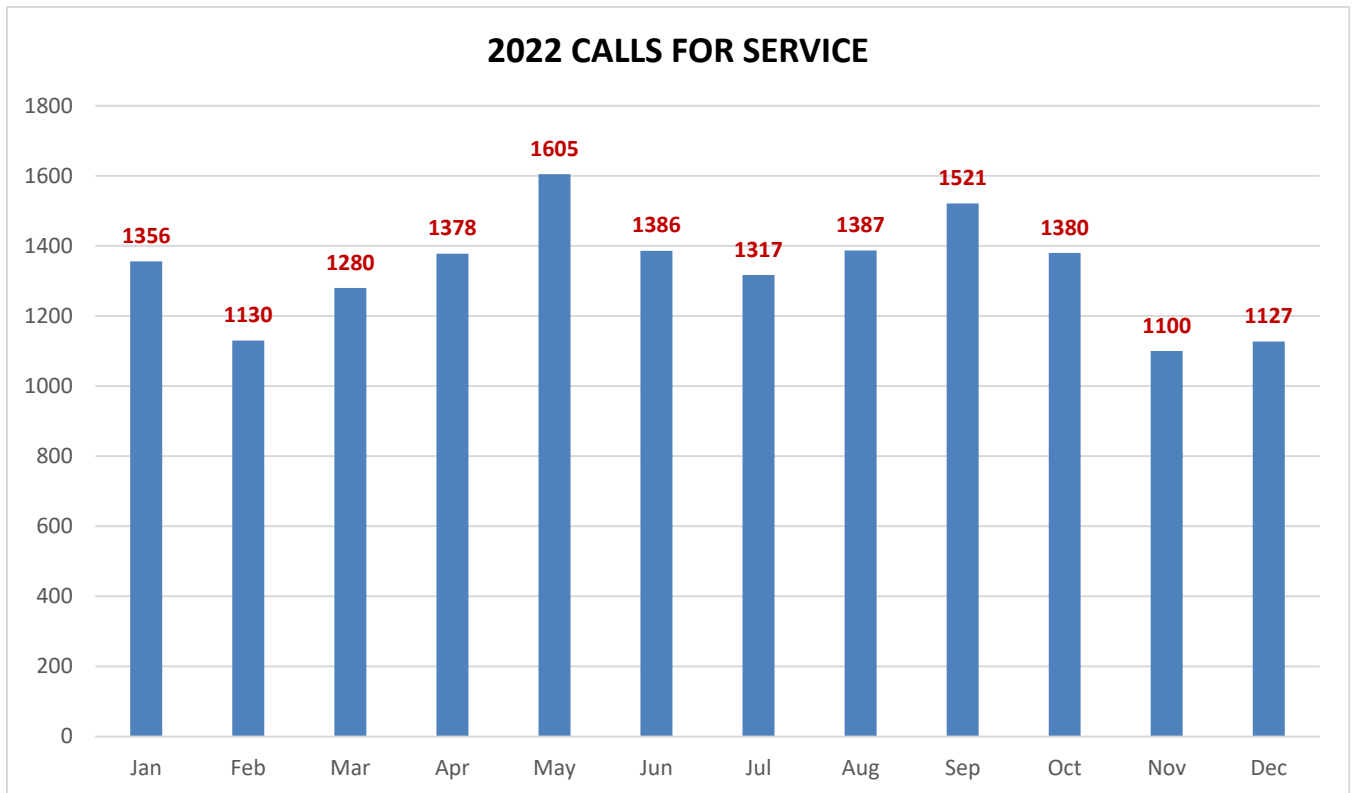
PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY PROJECT – The City embarked on a major project in 2020 to build a modern public safety facility in St. Helens. In 2022, police personnel continued to work with City staff and project consultants toward a finalized floor plan for the new facility.

COMMUNITY EVENTS – St. Helens Police Department participated in the City’s summer Citizens Day in the Park event where department staff hosted a booth to engage with citizens. Foot patrols were conducted at the City’s Independence Day celebration and fireworks show. Officers have taught numerous classes at St. Helens High School and assisted with the High School’s 2022 graduation ceremony. Officers were present during the Halloweentown parade and festivities during the month of October.



ST. HELENS POLICE STATISTICS

The St. Helens Police Department receives dispatch services from the Columbia 911 Communications District (C-COM). A “call for service” is a request for police service in which an officer is dispatched, or an incident is found by an officer and the officer initiates a call. The following graph details the total calls for service as documented by C-COM each month during the calendar year.



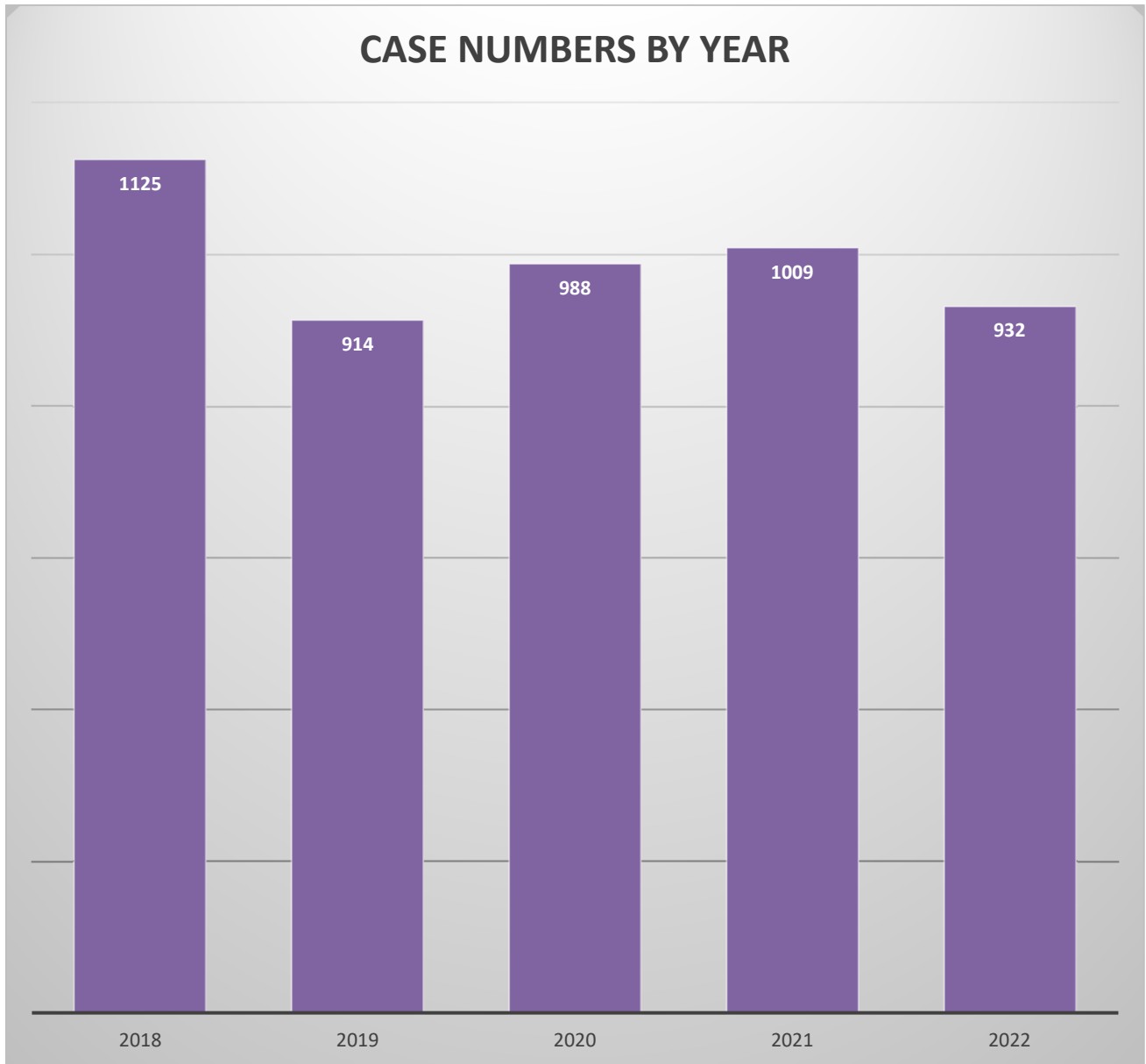
The St. Helens Police Department recorded a total of **15,967** calls for service during the 2022 calendar year. St. Helens Police noted a 6% decrease in calls for service over the previous year. January and October showed the greatest decrease, while May and September recorded higher calls for service than in 2021.

When a call for service is received by C-COM it is assigned a call type. Once again in 2022, next to officer-initiated traffic stops, “Suspicious Circumstances, Person, or Vehicle” continues to be the most common type of call for service. This statistic accentuates the proactive work of our officers who self-initiate this call type when they see something out of the ordinary. It also lends to the positive relationship the community has with our department and the citizenry’s readiness to engage with our services.

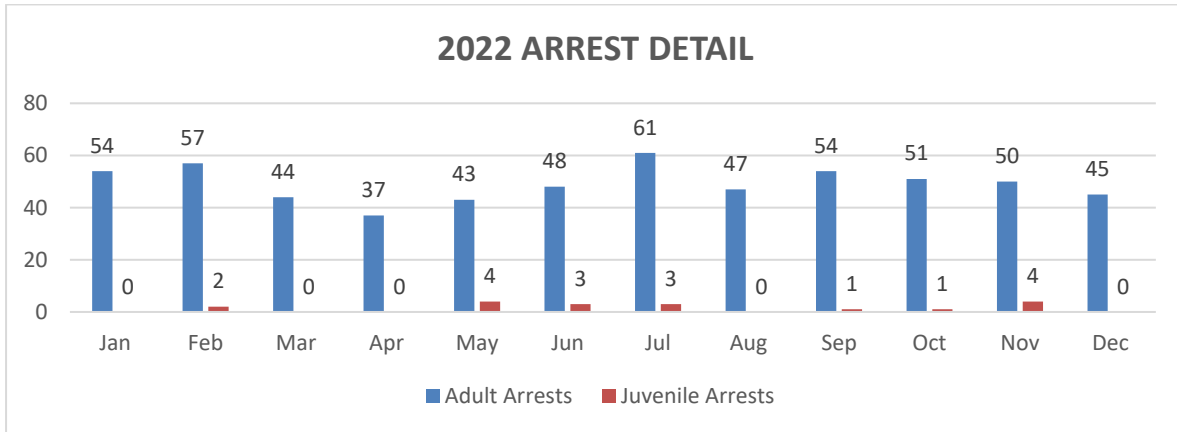
The table below details some of the most used call types over the past five years.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total Dispatched Incidents	17,953	18,207	16,941	17,131	15,967
Suspicious (Circumstances, Person, or Vehicle)	1,500	1,657	1,792	1,595	1,609
Assist Public	831	806	1,132	1,243	1,101
Theft	412	369	367	376	366
Disturbance/Fight	372	290	319	279	214
Welfare Check	321	388	426	392	412
Domestic Violence	292	265	270	268	270
Juvenile Calls for Service	284	247	258	225	255
Traffic Complaint	260	274	258	284	304
Alarm Silent/Audible	256	250	277	308	452
Harassment	252	291	324	344	344
Criminal Mischief	168	132	158	118	135
Traffic Accident	168	168	133	152	133
Suicide (Threat or Attempt)	130	127	127	102	102
Abandoned 911/Hang up	123	93	76	74	151
Drug Activity	96	101	87	53	57
Hit and Run	89	81	73	86	76
Prowler	54	36	40	41	47
Assault	44	55	47	50	62
Burglary	43	39	42	50	39
Sex Crime	41	50	70	47	54
Death Investigation	11	18	25	14	22

Not every call for service generates a police report. In fact, most of our calls for service are handled informally without any administrative action taken. When it is necessary to write a police report, the report is assigned a case number. The St. Helens Police Department used **932** case numbers in 2022. The following graph details the number of case numbers used during the past five (5) calendar years. One reason for the decrease in case numbers is that new technology and updated policy have been used to improve processes regarding motor vehicle collisions. Officers can digitally record the necessary DMV reporting information in the field and clear a scene without having to return to a desk to write a formal report. This change has empowered officers to be more proactive and available to the public during their shifts.

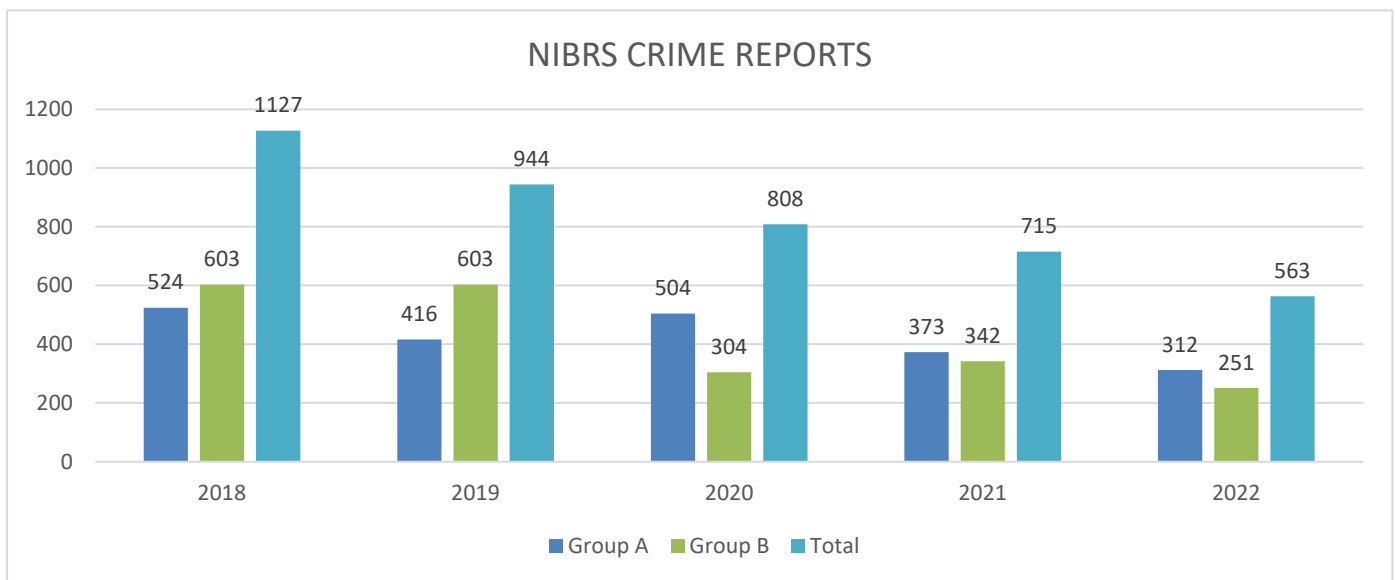


St. Helens police officers are also responsible for arresting criminal suspects. Many of these suspects are arrested as part of a criminal investigation, while others are the subject of outstanding arrest warrants. In some cases, involving juvenile arrests, the suspect is taken into physical custody; however, most of these cases involve a simple referral to the Columbia County Juvenile Department. During the 2022 calendar year, the St. Helens Police Department was responsible for the arrest of 503 adult offenders. The following chart details 2022 arrests by month.



The St. Helens Police Department submits all crime data to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) of the FBI. NIBRS is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 18,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies voluntarily reporting data on offenses reported or known. Through NIBRS, the Police Department reports data on each offense within 52 specific crimes identified as Group A offenses, and 10 other categories identified as Group B offenses.

The following chart details the total number of Group A and Group B offenses that have occurred in St. Helens over the past five (5) calendar years.



Our department receives this data from the Regional Justice Information Network (RegJIN). RegJIN is a multi-agency shared Records Management System designed to provide a common platform for police reports to increase collaboration between regional law enforcement agencies. As part of our agency's contract with RegJIN they collect and report our NIBRS relevant data to the FBI, and we in turn look at those numbers as part of our annual, statistical self-analysis.

To evaluate the data in more detail, it may be helpful to see just a few of the offense categories and compare the numbers with data collected over the past four (4) years.

		2019	2020	2021	2022
Group A	Rape	7	9	6	2
	Robbery	3	0	3	1
	Assault Felony*	24	23	18	33
	Assault Misdemeanor	49	42	53	57
	Burglary	15	22	32	35
	Theft**	126	123	119	90
	Theft of Vehicle	13	29	37	37
	Vandalism	33	37	33	32
	Drug Offense***	60	65	22	16
Group B	Warrants	221	203	221	188
	Disorderly Conduct	42	41	34	30
	DUII	48	55	63	106
	Trespassing	33	46	56	46

* Simple Assault Felony includes aggravated assault.

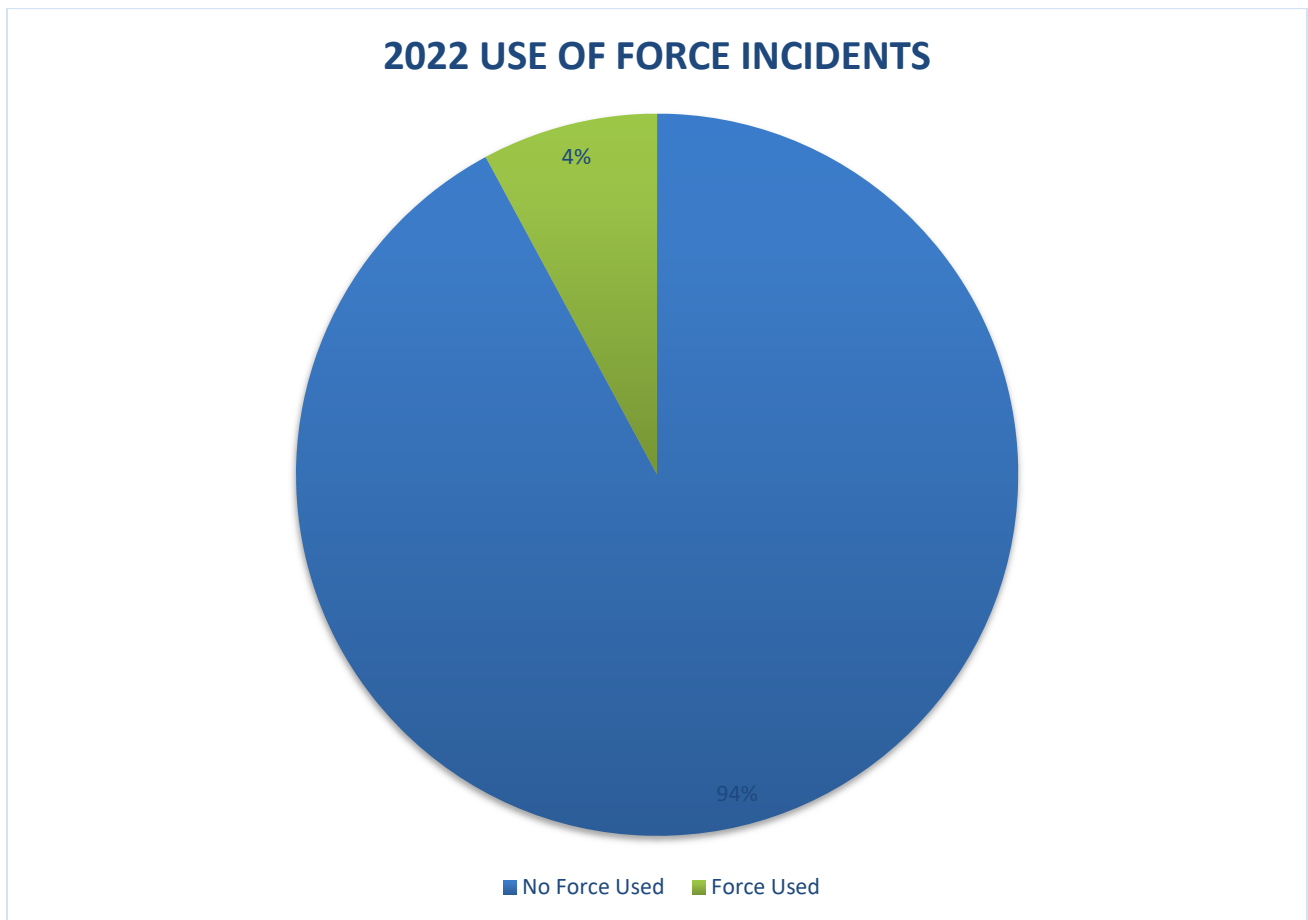
** Theft includes several types of larcenies, theft of services, and shoplifting.

*** Oregon Measure 110 was passed in November 2020 which decriminalized the personal possession of illegal drugs, thus greatly decreasing the number of drug offense charges in 2021.

In a very small percentage of arrest incidents force is used to effect the arrest. For reporting purposes, physical force is defined as any use of a firearm, taser, oleoresin capsicum spray (OC) and other weapons, active counter strikes, or other physical force applied on a combative or resistive person. Use of force does not include mere presence, verbal commands, passive contact, or routine handcuffing techniques.

- During 2022, force was used in 20 of the 503 arrests, or 3.9% of the time.
- The most common type of force was Takedowns.

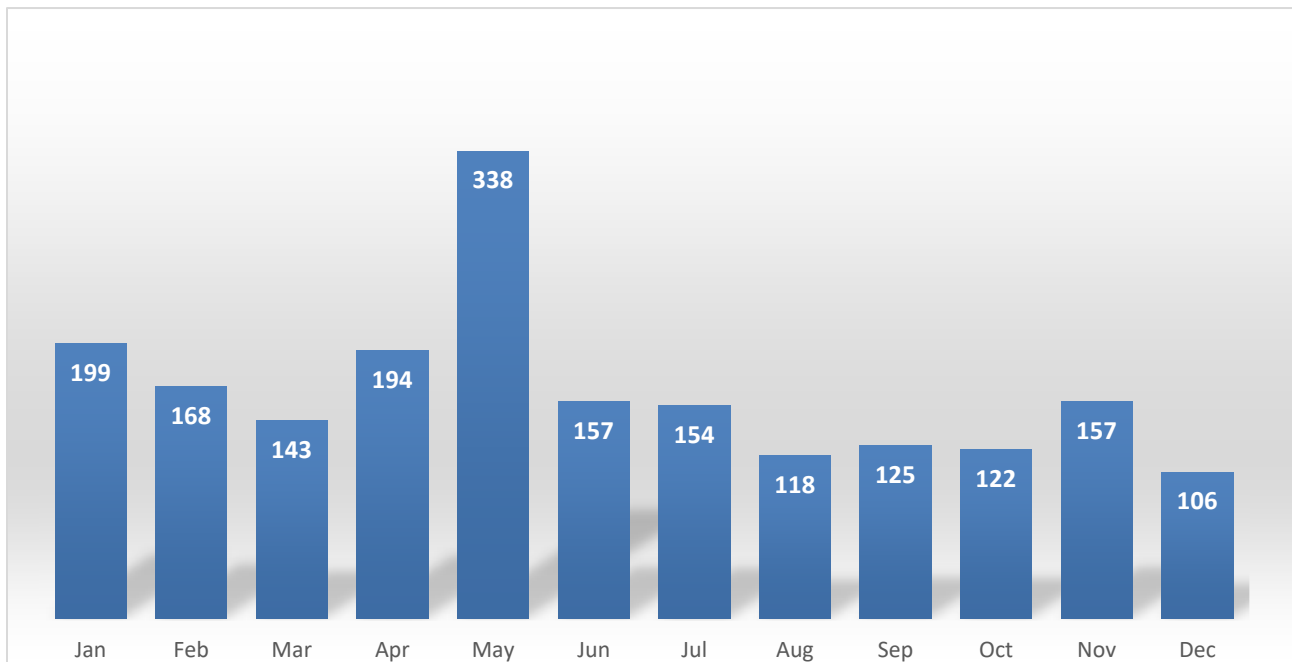
The St. Helens Police Department prides itself on its expert de-escalation training and field implementation. These techniques allow officers to avoid the use of force in complicated and tense situations.



In addition to calls for service, officers from the St. Helens Police Department are actively engaged in traffic enforcement. The focus of our traffic enforcement efforts is not based on issuing citations; rather it is aimed at changing or modifying unsafe driving behavior. The St. Helens Police Department conducted **1,981** traffic stops and issued **355** citations during the 2022 calendar year. This translates to approximately 82% of all traffic stops resulted in warnings. The following graph details the number of traffic stops each month over the past year.



2022 Traffic Stops Data



The most issued citations entered into the St. Helens Municipal Court in 2022 include:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Violation of Speed Limit	57	32
Driving While Suspended	192	175
Driving Uninsured	45	56
Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	63	106
No Operator's License	41	16
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device	17	14

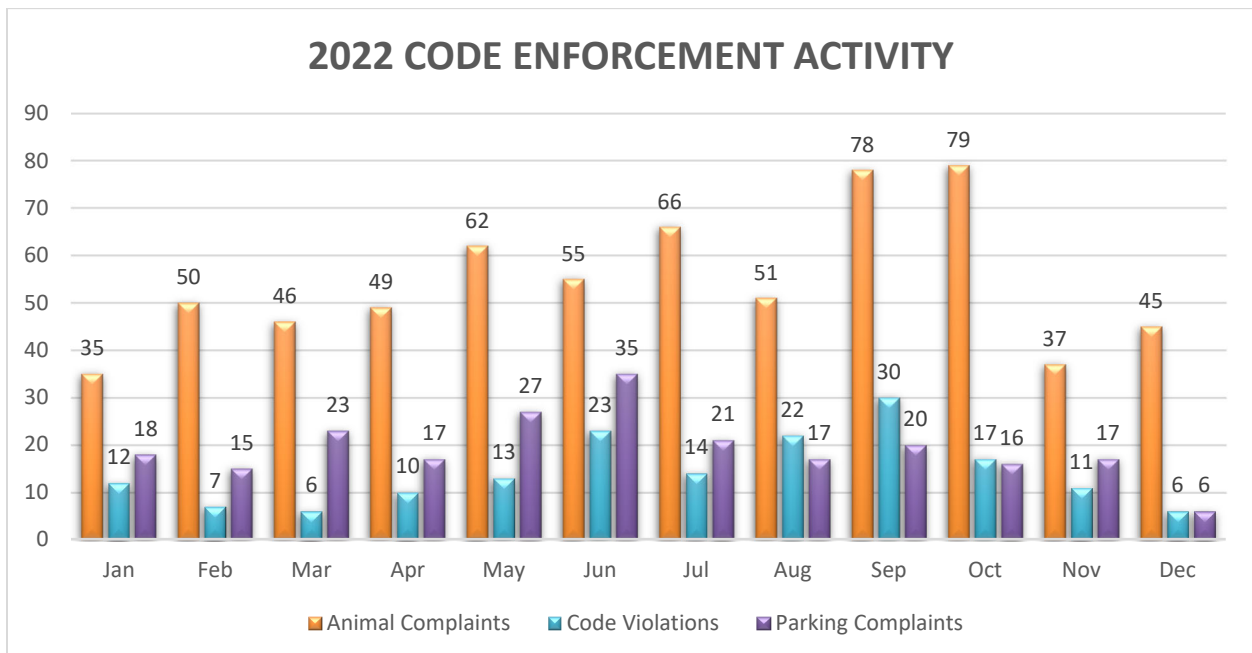


CODE ENFORCEMENT

Our Code Enforcement Officer responds to complaints that are related to the enforcement of City codes including animal control issues and nuisance violations like garbage, noxious weeds, and parking complaints.



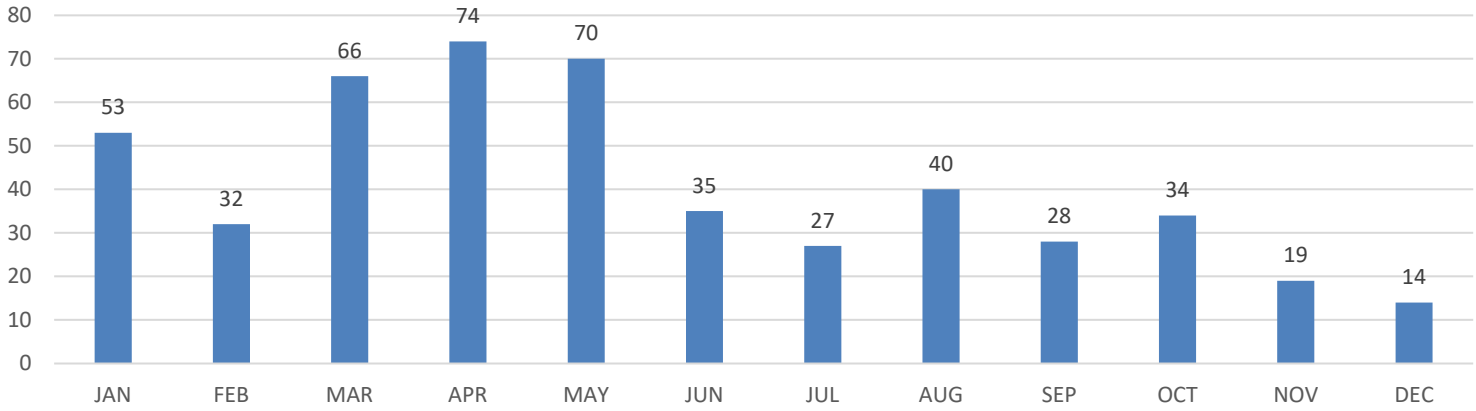
In 2022, the Police Department responded to a total of 653 animal complaints. Code Enforcement also responded to, or initiated, 171 city code violations and 232 parking complaints this past year. Code Enforcement and sworn police officers continue to respond to citizen’s concerns ensuring the safety of our community and livability within of St. Helens. Our department continues to engage the community on a daily basis and not just in emergency or enforcement situations.



INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

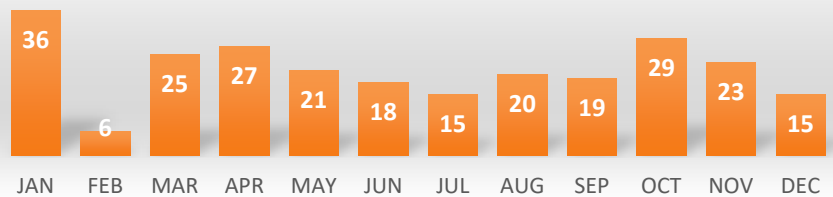
The St. Helens Police Department Investigations Unit has completed a total of 492 total reports in 2022. These reports did not include the review of 254 Department of Human Service Child Abuse reports, which were sent to the St. Helens Police Department in 2022.

2022 Total Reports Completed



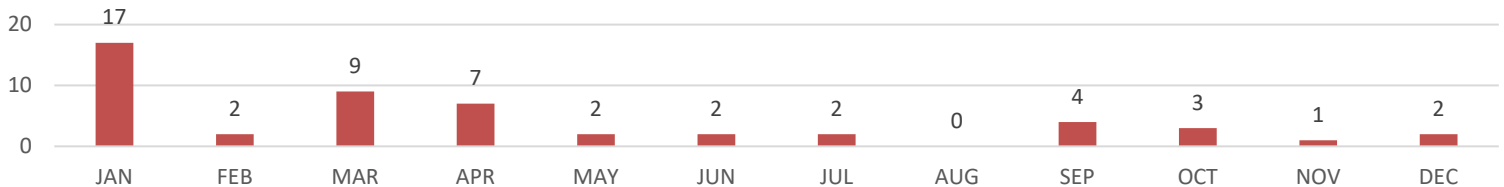
St. Helens Police Detectives review all child abuse reports that are forwarded to the St. Helens Police Department.

Child Abuse Reports 2022



St. Helens Police Detectives have completed 51 Search Warrants in 2022. These Search Warrants have resulted in the seizure of child pornography, the recovery of stolen property, bank statements related to financial elder abuse, cellular telephone GPS data, and digital devices that were suspected of being used in the distribution and possession of child pornography.

2022 Search Warrants



NEW HIRES



Code Enforcement Officer Everardo Medina was hired on September 1, 2022. Everardo worked as a Reserve Officer for the St. Helens Police Department prior to being hired as the Code Enforcement Officer.

Officer Brandon Haflich was hired as an entry level Police officer on November 28, 2022.



DEPARTMENT MEMBERS



Chief of Police Brian Greenway

Serving St. Helens since August 13, 2018



Police Lieutenant Joe Hogue

Serving St. Helens since September 1, 1998



Police Sergeant Jose Castilleja

Serving St. Helens since August 6, 2007



Police Sergeant Evin Eustice

Serving St. Helens since August 2, 2016



Police Sergeant Jon Eggers

Serving St. Helens since September 13, 1999



Police Sergeant Doug Treat

Serving St. Helens since July 20, 2020



Police Corporal and Detective Matt Smith

Serving St. Helens since July 20, 2020



Police Detective Dylan Gaston

Serving St. Helens since June 3, 2015

Patrol Officer Jamin Coy
Serving St. Helens since July 15, 2015



Patrol Officer Bryan Cutright
Serving St. Helens since February 7, 2018



Patrol Officer Kolten Edwards
Serving St. Helens since November 5, 2018





Patrol Officer Brandon Haflich

Serving St. Helens since November 28, 2022



Patrol Officer Adam Hartless

Serving St. Helens since April 3, 2017



Patrol Officer Jeremy Howell

Serving St. Helens since October 3, 2004

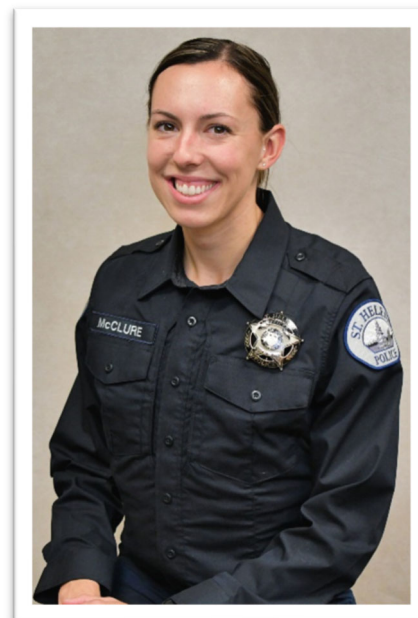
Patrol Officer Luke Marshall
Serving St. Helens since June 30, 2021



Patrol Officer Terry Massey, Jr.
Serving St. Helens since March 4, 2019



Patrol Officer McKenzie McClure
Serving St. Helens since June 30, 2021





Patrol Officer Matthew Molden

Serving St. Helens since October 21, 1999



Patrol Officer Adam Raethke

Serving St. Helens since June 10, 2019

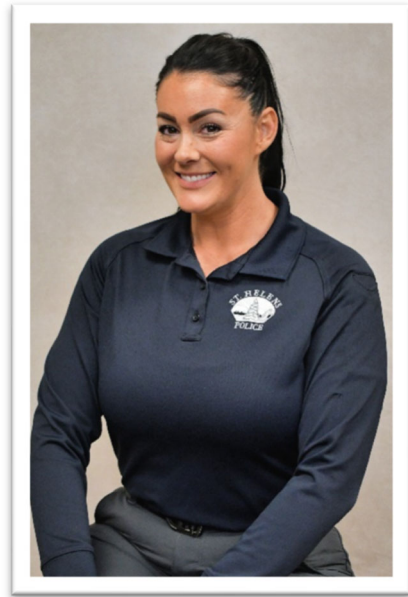


Code Enforcement Officer Everardo Medina

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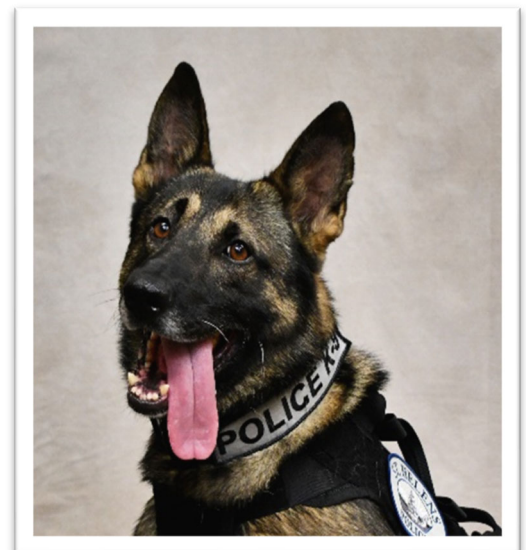
Police Records & Evidence Specialist Hailey Holm

Serving St. Helens since October 26, 2020



Police Records & Evidence Specialist Pati Ruiz

Serving St. Helens since November 9, 2020



Police K-9 Ryder

Serving St. Helens since August 23, 2016

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The members of the St. Helens Police Department would like to take this opportunity to thank our city leaders and the citizens of this community for their continued support. The relationships shared by this Department are vital to our efforts of preventing crime and to our mission of creating a safe community.

2022 ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR

Rick Scholl

CITY COUNCILORS

Jessica Chilton (Council President)

Patrick Birkle

Mark Gundersen

Brandon Sundeen

CITY OF ST. HELENS STAFF

John Walsh (City Administrator)

Crystal King (Communications Officer)

