



2020 STATE OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Darin Balaam, Sheriff
"Commitment to Community"





Core Values: PRIDE

- Professionalism
- Respect
- Integrity
- Dedication
- Equality

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Message from The Sheriff

Adaptable. Compassionate. Resilient.

Prior to 2020, three words I know I have used to describe individuals in the law enforcement profession.

After 2020, three words I also know describe the spirit of Washoe County residents in the midst of a pandemic.

If you are like me and my family, you were ready to see 2020 go. I would be remiss though, if I didn't take this opportunity to highlight the adaptability and the resiliency of the men and women of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, along with the incredible compassion with which they have served our community in 2020.

Every member of our greater Washoe County community has had to be adaptable, compassionate and resilient this year. In the most trying of times, Washoe County has shown its true character – a community of people who show up for one another and remember that while we might be socially distant, we are all in it together.

It has been one of the deepest privileges for the women and men of the Sheriff's Office – commissioned and civilian – to bear witness to 2020 and to, where we have been able, help members of our community in their darkest moments. It is my hope you will see in these pages what the Sheriff's Office has accomplished in 2020 as well as the advances we have been able to make for the individuals we serve day in and day out.

On that note, I welcome you to the 2020 State of the Sheriff's Office.

Darin Balaam
Washoe County Sheriff



Washoe County Sheriff's Office Organizational Chart



■ About Our Agency

WCSO MISSION STATEMENT Dedicated to preserving a safe and secure community with professionalism, respect, integrity and the highest commitment to equality.

WCSO VISION STATEMENT The Washoe County Sheriff's Office strives to ensure public safety by building trust and creating partnerships within the diverse communities in which we serve. We will promote the dignity of all people supported by our words and actions through open communication while fostering an environment of professionalism, integrity and mutual respect.

THE WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE is the only full-service law enforcement agency in Northern Nevada. We are responsible for operating the only adult detention facility for pretrial detainees and sentenced misdemeanants within Washoe County. The Agency has an authorized strength of 427 commissioned, 301 civilian, and 60 intermittent hourly employees.

We also have an active Reserve Deputy Sheriff program and a volunteer corps of over 422 persons. The Sheriff's Office has an annual operating budget of \$126M and has over \$7M in restricted funding such as grants and donations.



Financial Fact Sheet

	FY 2019/2020	FY 2020/2021
Total Budget Authority	123,700,239.45	126,489,546.80
DETENTION BUREAU	63,774,933.98	65,194,458.41
Salaries	32,227,081.44	33,334,173.83
Benefits	20,286,267.48	20,839,142.21
Services and Supplies	11,261,585.06	11,021,142.37
Capital	0.00	0.00
OPERATIONS BUREAU	33,386,047.32	34,843,111.12
Salaries	18,471,937.82	19,261,323.17
Benefits	11,553,877.87	11,965,551.64
Services and Supplies	3,337,831.63	3,616,236.31
Capital	22,400.00	
ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU	26,539,258.15	26,451,977.27
Salaries	14,462,405.30	14,518,933.58
Benefits	8,844,146.69	8,908,894.53
Services and Supplies	3,232,706.16	3,024,149.16
Capital	0.00	
WCSO TOTAL SALARIES	65,161,424.56	67,114,430.58
WCSO TOTAL BENEFITS	40,684,292.04	41,713,588.38
WCSO TOTAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES	17,832,122.85	17,661,527.84
WCSO CAPITAL	22,400.00	0.00



	2019	2020
Square Miles	6,542	6,542
Jurisdiction Population	471,519	482,539*
Nevada Population	3,080,156	2,890,845*
Washoe County Unemployment**	7,681	16,684
Nevada Unemployment**	57,740	191,318

*Estimated by Census Bureau

**Nevada Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation DETR

Services

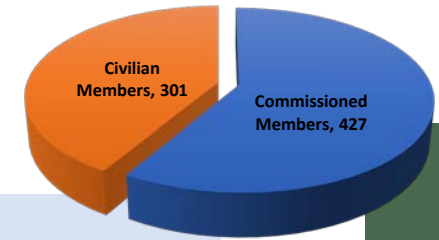
The Sheriff's Office is comprised of three Bureaus:

The **Administrative Bureau** includes Background Investigations, Community Engagement, Training, Fleet Services, Research and Development, Records, Field Services, CIC, and Civil Sections, Dispatch, oversight of the Regional Public Safety Training Center, and the Forensic Science Division (Crime Lab).

The **Detention Bureau** includes the Administration of the Detention Facility, Alternative Sentencing Programs, Inmate Programs, Transportation of Inmates to Court and Medical Appointments, Court Security and Commissary Services for Inmates.

The **Operations Bureau** includes Patrol, Detectives/Investigations Unit, Bomb Squad, Extraditions, Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC), Hostage Negotiations, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)/K9, Search and Rescue, S.W.A.T., and RAVEN.

Authorized Full-Time Positions



DETENTION BUREAU	
Commissioned Members	246
Commissioned Supervisors	28
Deputies	218
Civilian Members	142
Civilian Members	128
Civilian Supervisors	14
OPERATIONS BUREAU	
Commissioned Members	155
Commissioned Supervisors	30
Deputies	125
Civilian Members	13
Civilian Members	10
Civilian Supervisors	3
ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU	
Commissioned Members	26
Commissioned Supervisors	11
Deputies	15
Civilian Members	146
Civilian Members	90
Civilian Supervisors	56



COVID-19

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is the premier law enforcement agency in Northern Nevada and is committed to providing the highest quality police service and protection to our residents and to visitors of Washoe County.

The health and safety of our community, staff members, and inmates are of utmost importance. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic the Washoe County Sheriff's Office has continually monitored and followed the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), state mandates, and the Washoe County Health District.

While all law enforcement and patrol operations continued as normal, the public was encouraged to undertake any business with the Sheriff's Office remotely when possible to reduce the spread of the virus. This included taking advantage of the WCSO App and online reporting system through washoesheriff.com. The public was also encouraged to make crime reports or conduct other business over the phone.

Mandates within the Detention Facility included:

- All staff were required to wear masks throughout the Detention Facility.
- All visiting, transports, and programs were limited with exceptions to emergency transports outside the facility.
- All inmates were required to wear masks any time they were out of their cells.
- Tier time was limited to ensure inmates could maintain social distancing.

Additional efforts the Sheriff's Office made to mitigate the novel coronavirus from spreading within the Detention Facility included isolating newly arrested inmates for a period of five days and testing those inmates for COVID-19 before placing them in general population housing units.

Using federal CARES Funding, the agency contracted with an outside company to disinfect the entire facility. Application of Bioesque Botanical Disinfectant solution was used to clean, disinfect, and sanitize surfaces. Then an application of BIOPROTECT was sprayed to protect surfaces from bacteria, viruses, fungi and molds for a period up to 90 days.

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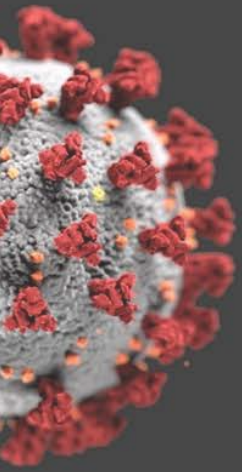
When you were asked to stay home, we stepped up. As we return to our "new normal", we are still here for you – just as we've always been. Not because it's our job, but because we care.

– Sheriff Balaam



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RESPONSE



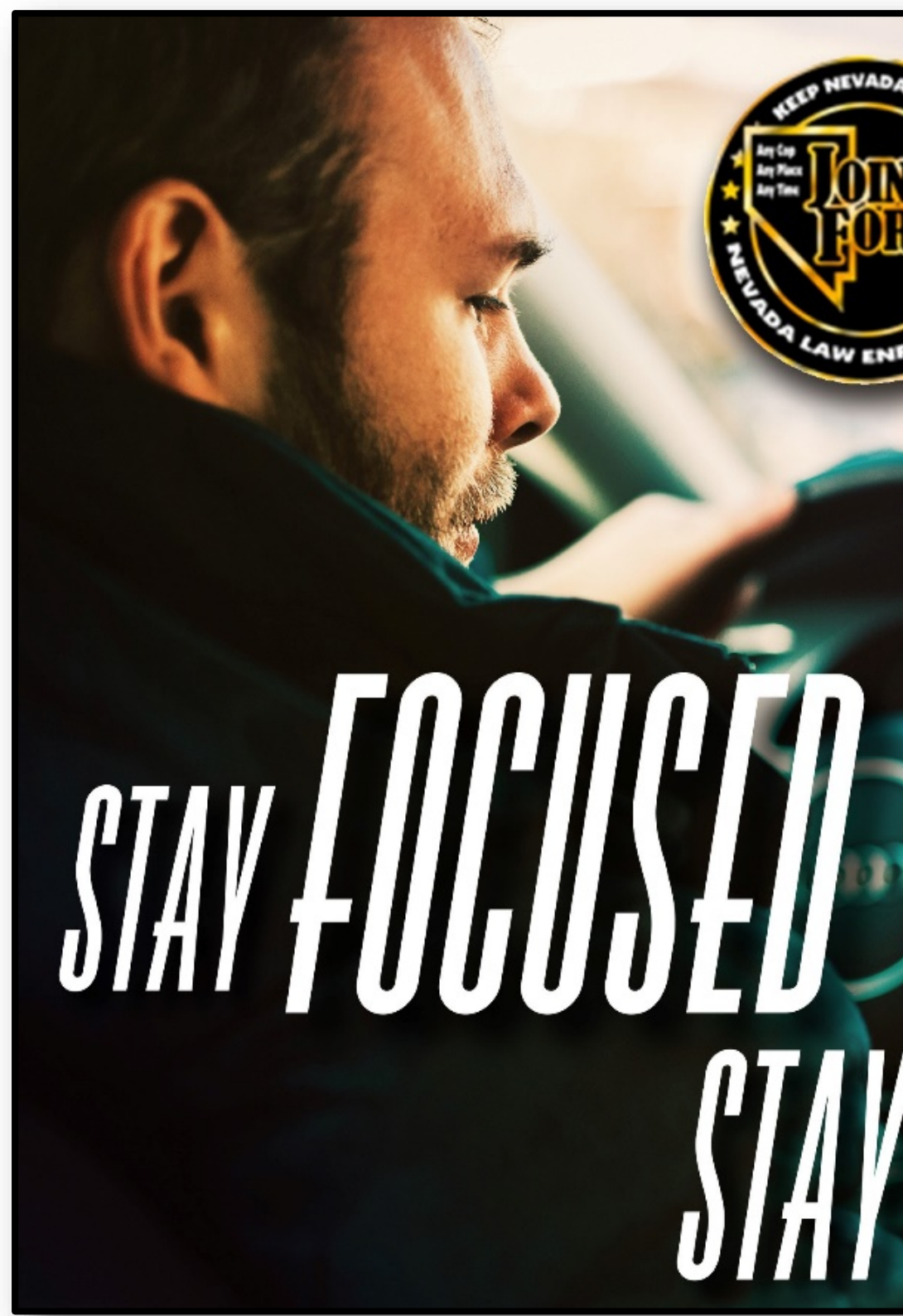
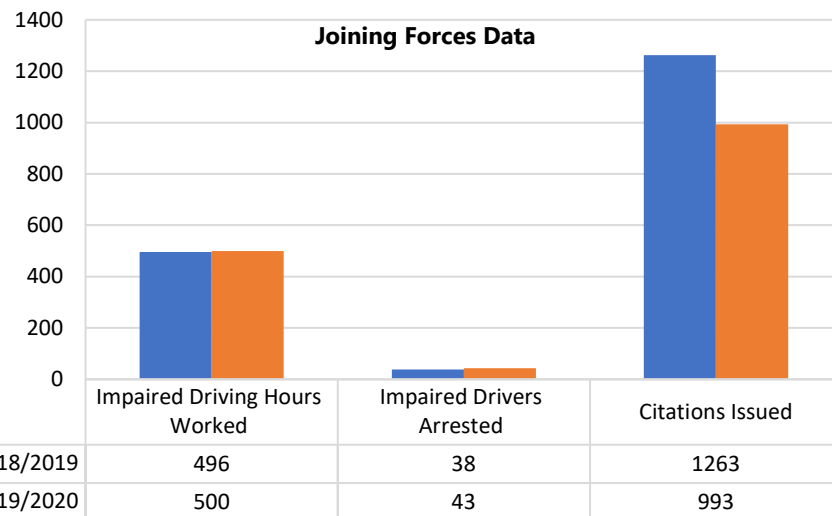
■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Joining Forces

Joining Forces is a high visibility, multi-jurisdictional statewide effort to increase safety on Nevada's roads by increasing enforcement and awareness of traffic laws. The goal is to reduce crashes and save lives by focusing on impaired driving, distracted driving, seat belts, speed, and pedestrian safety.

The Sheriff's Office, along with the Reno and Sparks Police Departments and Nevada Highway Patrol dedicate extra patrol personnel to campaigns like this with the intent of using increased enforcement, and awareness, to save lives.

Funding for these extra patrols is made possible by a Joining Forces grant received from the Nevada Department of Public Safety/Office of Traffic Safety.

Law enforcement personnel continue to enforce traffic safety laws year-round as part of their commitment to reduce crashes and save lives. Whether you're the driver, a passenger, or a pedestrian, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office reminds everyone to make safety a top priority.



Lazy 5 Homicide



Sheriff Darin Balaam credits partnerships with the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), law enforcement officers in Mexico, and a brave individual who provided a tip for the arrest of homicide suspect Giovanni Gonzales-Mariscal in Jalisco, Mexico.

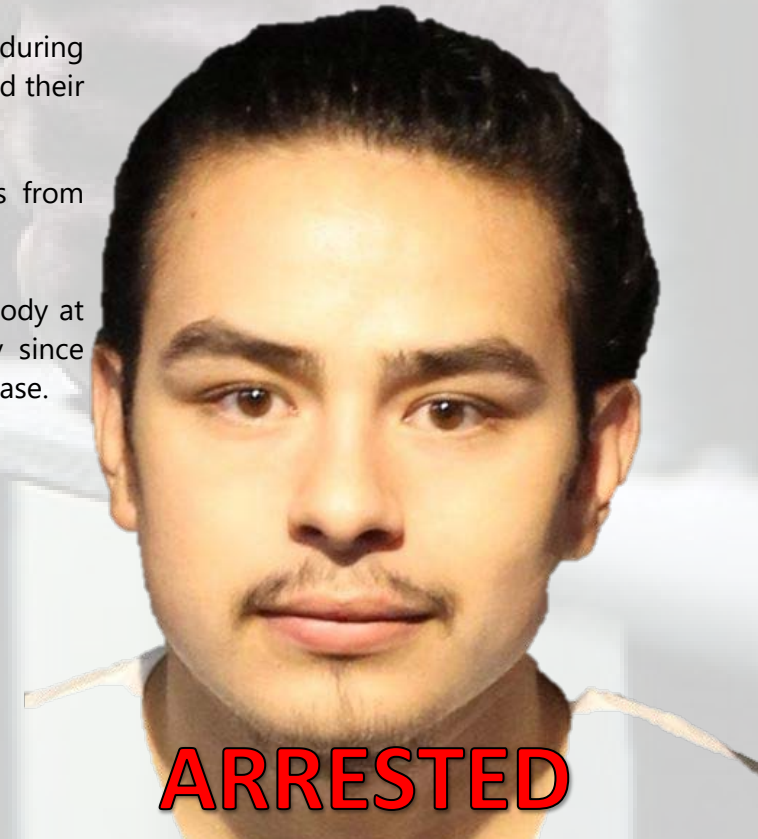
Gonzales-Mariscal was identified as the prime suspect early in the investigation of the shooting death of 20-year-old Robert Decoite, Junior of Sparks. The shooting occurred on December 2, 2019 at the Lazy 5 Regional Park in Spanish Springs, where there were several witnesses.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the USMS with locating and apprehending Gonzales-Mariscal in January of 2020. The USMS elevated the case to Major Case status which helped to prioritize such a violent case.

Gonzales-Mariscal was arrested on September 16, 2020 during an elaborate operation in partnership with the USMS and their Mexican International Branch Office.

He was immediately flown back to the United States from Mexico.

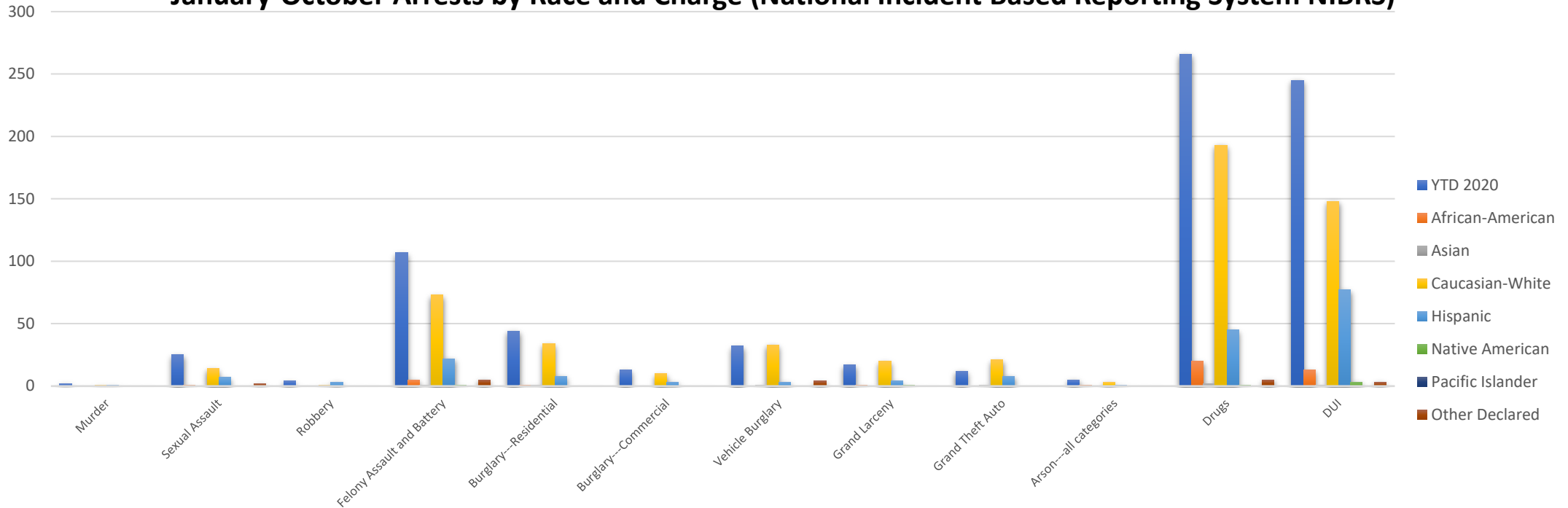
Gonzales-Mariscal was extradited and has been in custody at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility since October 7, 2020 to face an open murder charge in this case.



Arrests by Race

Crime Category	YTD 2020	African American	Asian	Caucasian-White	Hispanic	Native American	Pacific Islander	Other Declared
Murder	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	18	1	0	9	7	0	0	1
Robbery	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Felony Assault and Battery	98	4	1	65	24	1	0	3
Burglary---Residential	30	1	0	22	7	0	0	0
Burglary---Commercial	11	0	0	8	3	0	0	0
Vehicle Burglary	9	0	1	7	1	0	0	4
Grand Larceny	9	1	0	6	1	1	0	0
Grand Theft Auto	21	0	0	15	6	0	0	0
Arson---all categories	5	1	0	3	1	0	0	0
Drugs	287	21	2	212	48	1	0	3
DUI	262	14	2	158	83	3	0	2

January-October Arrests by Race and Charge (National Incident Based Reporting System NIBRS)

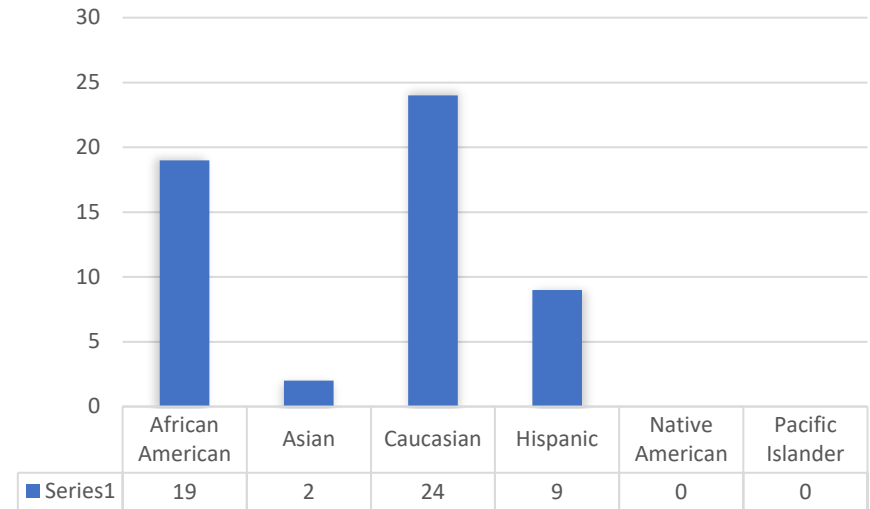


Use of Force

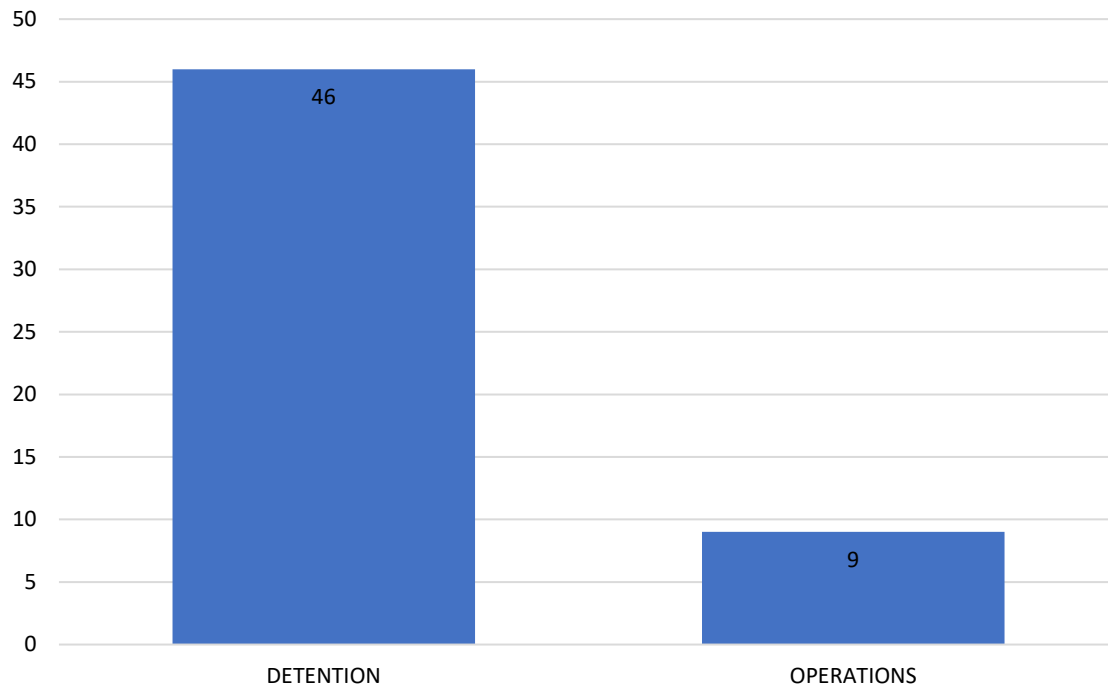
DIVISION AND INCIDENT TOTALS

DETENTION	46	83%
OPERATIONS	9	17%
TOTAL	55	100%

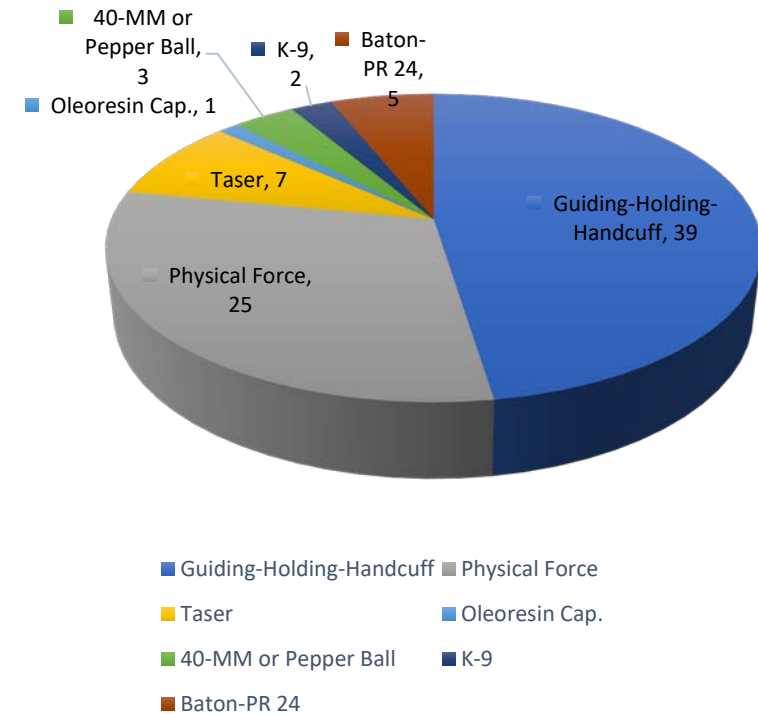
USE OF FORCE BY RACE



INCIDENT TOTALS



TYPES OF FORCE USED



2020 Front Line Heroes

AWARD RECIPIENTS

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

DEPUTY JOSE ACUNA FLORES
 DEPUTY MICHAEL C. CHEUNG
 MS. ERIN DOHLMAN
 DEPUTY MATTHEW DOYLE (2)
 DEPUTY SARAH EVANS
 DEPUTY BILL GRAY
 DEPUTY LINDSAY HARLEY
 EVIDENCE CLERK MARIO LOPEZ
 MR. FREDDY MATIAS
 DEPUTY MARK McNEIL
 SERGEANT PETER MICHEL
 DEPUTY MICHELLE PICKARD
 INMATE PROPERTY SUPERVISOR
 TED QUALLS
 MARINE 9 OPERATOR RON ROSA
 DEPUTY CHRIS SHEARER
 DEPUTY JUSTIN W. SIMMONS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

DEPUTY BRIAN HARRIS
 LIEUTENANT DARRIN RICE

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

SERGEANT FRANCISCO GAMBOA
 DEPUTY RAY KESTER
 INMATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
 SPECIALIST LYN TERRY

BRONZE STAR

DEPUTY YANCY BUTLER
 SERGEANT GREG FRANCAZAK
 DEPUTY MARISSA HAMMOND
 DEPUTY BRADLEY JOHNSON

LIFESAVING MEDAL

DEPUTY ALAN ARRIAGA
 DEPUTY MICHAEL C. CHEUNG
 DEPUTY NICHOLAS EDISS
 DEPUTY BILL GRAY
 DEPUTY LINDSAY HARLEY
 DEPUTY RANDY HILL
 DEPUTY JOHN L. LORMAN III
 COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST
 DENAE MATHIAS
 DEPUTY JON MILLER
 DEPUTY HEIDI PALMER
 DEPUTY KIMBERLY PEEK



Each year the Washoe County Sheriff's Office holds an awards ceremony to recognize and honor the heroes among us.

Special recognition may be in order whenever an employee performs his or her duties in an exemplary manner. A written commendation may be made by any commissioned or non-commissioned member of the Office, as well as, a member of the public.

A meritorious or commendable act by an employee of this Office may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Superior handling of a difficult situation
- Conspicuous bravery or outstanding performance
- Any action or performance that is above and beyond the typical duties of an employee

At 2020's ceremony, Sheriff Balaam recognized the outstanding collaborations, investigative achievements, victim assistance, community engagement and bravery shown by more than 35 individuals who exceeded the call of duty to keep their communities safe.



Congratulations



■ ■ ■ ■ ■ A Virtual Housing Unit

The Detention Services Unit (DSU) was created in 2019 to focus on two primary areas: Compliance and Services. Services as DSU imagines it, refers to a holistic community care approach to reentry. The Virtual Housing Unit Pilot Project (VHUPP) is the framework for a comprehensive reentry strategy that can serve an inmate in our facility regardless of whether they are here for one hour or one year. It involves extensive planning and collaboration across the community. To test the effectiveness of this plan we will be conducting a pilot project that will focus on a subset of our population, namely 18 to 24-year-olds. Because this model doesn't involve moving participating inmates into one housing unit, if successful, it could easily be expanded to the entire facility.



We have established a partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno to assist in the implementation and evaluation of the VHUPP. Dr. Jennifer Lanterman will serve as the lead researcher on this project. She has worked with multiple agencies across the criminal justice system and throughout the country to develop programs for the institutional and community-based management and treatment of high risk and high need offenders. Dr. Lanterman is conducting this evaluation at no cost to us, because of its innovative nature and the fact that it was designed on evidence-based principles and best practices from the field. We plan to publish our findings.

The VHUPP will offer Holistic Community Care through Evidence Based Programming designed around the Risk-Needs-Responsivity Model. The pilot program participants will each receive personalized Targeted Intervention Strategies determined through the use of Validated Assessment Tools, namely the Nevada Risk Assessment System (NRAS.)

While the goal of any reentry program is ultimately to reduce recidivism, the primary goal must be strengthening our community. All-inclusive reentry programming increases public safety and community well-being, increases public health outcomes, presents a cost savings to the County, reduces the burden on our legal system, benefits law enforcement and garners community support.

Communication and Research



The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility launched a six-month pilot program providing tablets to inmates for communication and research.

On September 1, 2020, and lasting through February of 2021, JEMCOR, Inc. is providing 60 Electronic Inmate Tablets (EIT) to the Detention Facility at no charge to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. JEMCOR, Inc. is the third-party commissary equipment provider to the jail.

"Providing these tablets to our inmates is a great way to allow them to stay connected to their loved ones, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Sheriff Balaam. "Tablets also provide more efficiencies within our Detention Facility. Incarcerated individuals are able to access many services without delay. I am excited to see the direction of this pilot program."

Inmates are provided the EITs for 15-minutes every four hours at no charge. Inmates are able to utilize the tablet beyond the 15-minute free period by purchasing time through their commissary funds. They can only check out the tablets during designated Tier Time – the regular intervals during which inmates have access to television, games, and the outdoors, among other earned privileges. Inmates are not allowed to take the tablets inside their individual cells.

The tablets can be used by inmates to file requests, grievances, order commissary, send and receive emails, access approved books/music/games, access the law library, and access educational resources.

The EITs are strategically placed in three of the 16 housing units within the Detention Facility for this trial, and the devices only work within their designated housing units. The success of this pilot program will determine whether the tablets will be made available throughout the entire Detention Facility.

Community Engagement


Over the past year, the Sheriff's Office has increasingly focused on the need to provide meaningful engagement to the community we serve, especially during the pandemic.

Amid all the challenges presented by COVID-19, social distancing is limiting how we engage with communities and requiring innovation and creative thinking to continue to reach affected populations. We had to consider alternative engagement methods to ensure members of our community were not excluded from our daily communication and community outreach events.

Communication methods included, both digital and nondigital contact: online meetings, phone calls, mailing of information, using communication networks and connections, and following CDC guidelines we attended in-person meetings and hosted small events when possible.

On November 9th, the Sheriff's Office launched our new Website, which provides more resources for the public to connect, engage, and stay up to date on current affairs and information at the Sheriff's Office and around our community.

Also, throughout the year we still found innovative ways to stay connected both internally and externally. Whether through social distancing celebration parades, school outreach events, virtual graduations, promotions and retirements, outdoor WCSO family Halloween Trunk or Treat, weekly COVID messages from the Sheriff, or limited gatherings to say a quick hello, present or receive a donation, or give a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful community members and staff.



“We are humbled by the support we continue to see from our community,” said Sheriff Balaam. “The outpouring of well-wishes, food deliveries, thank you’s, and other donations reminds us, we are not alone, but we are all in this together.”



WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Three Major Outreach Events

The Sheriff's Office **"No Shave" Campaign** - In exchange for a monthly charitable donation, from October through January, Sheriff Balaam authorizes male deputies to grow facial hair outside the standard grooming policy and female deputies are authorized to have relaxed hair standards. Civilians may either take advantage of the relaxed grooming standards, or wear jeans, hats, sports jerseys, and/or attire which supports branches of the United States Armed Forces.

Since the Washoe County Sheriff's Office No Shave Campaign began in 2016, staff have donated over \$100,000 to a variety of community non-profits, including Susan G. Komen, Renown Men's Health Center, Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation, Awaken Reno, Nevada Cancer Coalition, Northern Nevada COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors), Special Olympics Northern Nevada, Moms on the Run, Eddy House, the Brittany Hartzell Baguley Memorial Scholarship Fund, and Northern Nevada HOPES.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association and the AT&T Pioneers, were excited to host our annual **"Christmas in July" Back-To-School Event**, on July 25th and **Shop with the Sheriff Event**, on December 19th.

The safety of our community is of utmost priority, so we modified this year's events to comply with the social distancing standards and reduce the spread of the virus among our employees, volunteers, and the vulnerable people we serve.

Christmas in July was free to all community members in need. We especially wanted to assist those affected the most by the pandemic - the service industry, retail and those out of work due to COVID. Just in time for the 2020/2021 school year, the Sheriff's Office provided roughly 600 students from the Northern Nevada area with backpacks, school supplies, hygiene items, and a sack lunch. Students from pre-kindergarten through high school were welcome to pick up items during our drive-thru event.

Due to the pandemic we could not hold **"Shop with the Sheriff"** at the local Walmart as in previous years. However, we still wanted to continue to help those in need during the holiday season, so the 2020 Shop with the Sheriff Holiday Gift Distribution was held in a limited contact drive-thru fashion.

The Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association donated \$52,500 to adopt 105 disadvantaged families referred by local non-profit agencies and the Washoe County School District.

Instead of everyone coming together and shopping at the Walmart, volunteers did all the shopping and wrapping in advance and members of the Office either delivered gifts directly to families or they picked up their gifts during our outdoor drive thru event.

Special Operations

The Special Operations Division of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office is comprised of multiple task forces and units including Detectives, the Consolidated Bomb Squad, Consolidated Extraditions Unit, K-9 Unit, Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC), RAVEN aviation unit, Regional Gang Unit, Regional Narcotics Unit (RNU), Search and Rescue, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), and the Hostage Negotiation Team.

SWAT - Washoe SWAT continues to train to the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) standard, while adding an FBI Basic SWAT School, Specialty Sniper School and a powered Breaching School. They continue to stay cutting edge with Less Lethal systems.

RNU - This multi-agency regional unit was formed earlier in 2020, with Detectives from seven different agencies. The unit brings together in one office, all resources needed to work this complex area of law enforcement.

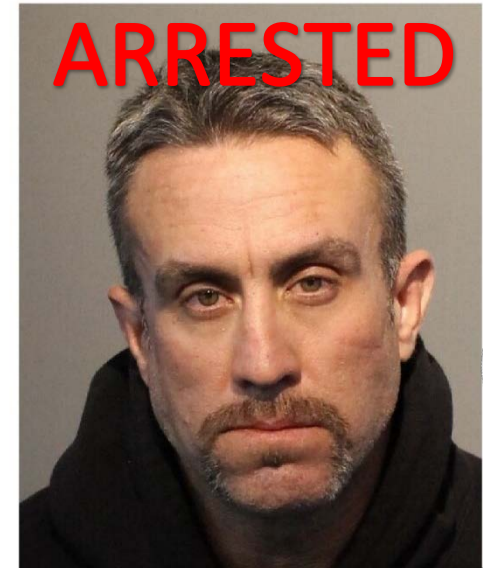
On Friday, December 4, 2020, Detectives from the Regional Narcotics Unit (RNU) and Regional Crime Suppression Unit (RCSU) concluded a lengthy investigation into wanted felon Kenneth Anderson. Detectives located Anderson in an apartment in the 600 block of Morrill Avenue in Reno. Anderson barricaded himself in his apartment, leading to a lengthy SWAT standoff which closed 6th Street near Wells Avenue and Morrill Avenue for three hours. Ultimately, Anderson surrendered peacefully and was taken into custody.

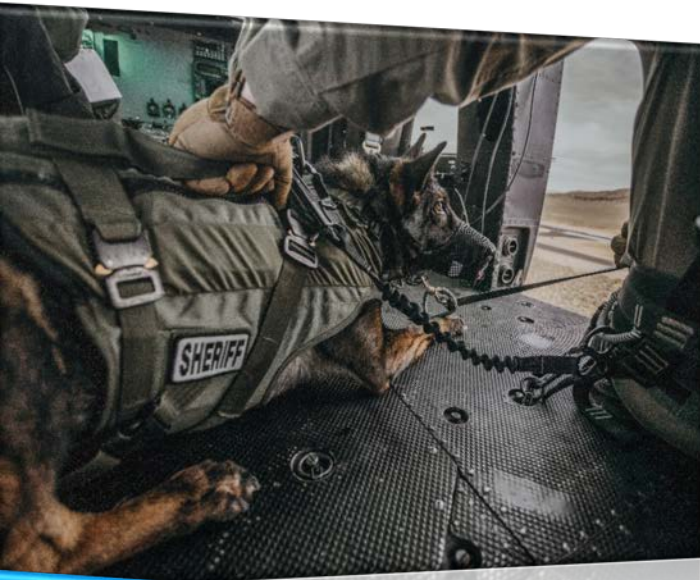
Detectives seized approximately 2.25 pounds of methamphetamine and an undisclosed amount of US currency. Detectives also recovered 12 stolen guns.

Anderson is charged with several felony counts of drug possession and drug trafficking. Additional charges may be added as the investigation continues.

Washoe County Sheriff's K9 Unit - The Washoe County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit's primary mission is to make the deputies' job safer. The canine may be deployed when a suspect actively attempts to evade arrest by hiding or concealing him or herself, poses a threat to the public in general and/or has caused harm to someone. The canine can also be used to track suspects or lost persons in need of our help.

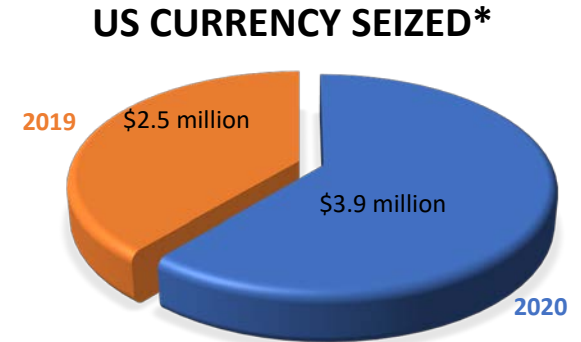
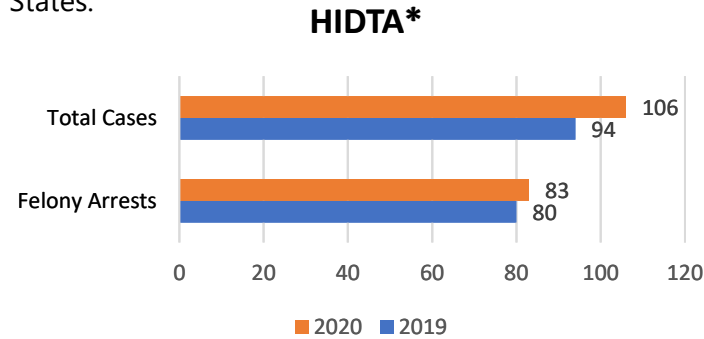
Washoe County Sheriff's Office K9s are cross trained in patrol and narcotics. The patrol training focuses on training and certification of the canine to protect its handler, conduct building and outdoor area searches, and to be proficient in locating evidence and contraband such as firearms or other weapons. The narcotics training fosters the ability of the canine to detect the odors of drugs including, but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine.





NNITF-Northern Nevada Interdiction Task Force-Nevada HIDTA

The mission of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program is to disrupt the market for illegal drugs in the United States by assisting federal, state, and local law enforcement entities participating in the HIDTA program to dismantle and disrupt drug trafficking organizations, with particular emphasis on drug trafficking regions that have harmful effects on other parts of the United States.



RAVEN - Regional Aviation Enforcement

Since January 1, 2020 the Washoe County Sheriff's Office RAVEN program has assisted the following agencies: Nevada Highway Patrol, Reno Police, Sparks Police, FBI, USSS, Carson City Sheriff, Douglas County Sheriff, Eureka County Sheriff, Nevada County Sheriff, Placer County Sheriff, Modoc Sheriff, CHP, Eldorado County Sheriff, Sierra County Sheriff, White Pine County Sheriff, Storey County Sheriff, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Truckee Meadows Fire and Reno Fire Department.

Some of the more notable Search and Rescue missions were:

- On 2/07/2020, RAVEN 7 performed a hoist at the top of Incline Peak at 9,500' elevation for a snowboarder that had fallen and broken his shoulder. Ground Search and Rescue crews could not reach the snowboarder due to the steep terrain and deep snow.
- On 5/15/2020, RAVEN 2 was requested by Lyon County Sheriff's Search and Rescue. RAVEN 2 is equipped with a TRAKKA camera system, which uses Forward Looking Infrared (thermographic camera that senses infrared radiation). RAVEN 2 located the missing 74-year-old female, who needed medical attention.
- On 9/29/2020, RAVEN 7 rescued a diabetic patient with a history of heart attacks at the top of Hunter Creek waterfall. A 162' hoist was performed, and the patient was brought down to the bottom of the mountain and transferred to REMSA.

*Statistical data for 2020 is based on reported numbers available from January 1st, 2020 to November 1st, 2020

Forensic Science

The Breath Alcohol, Toxicology, and Controlled Substance Sections continue to operate with no backlog and a steady rate of completion of cases.

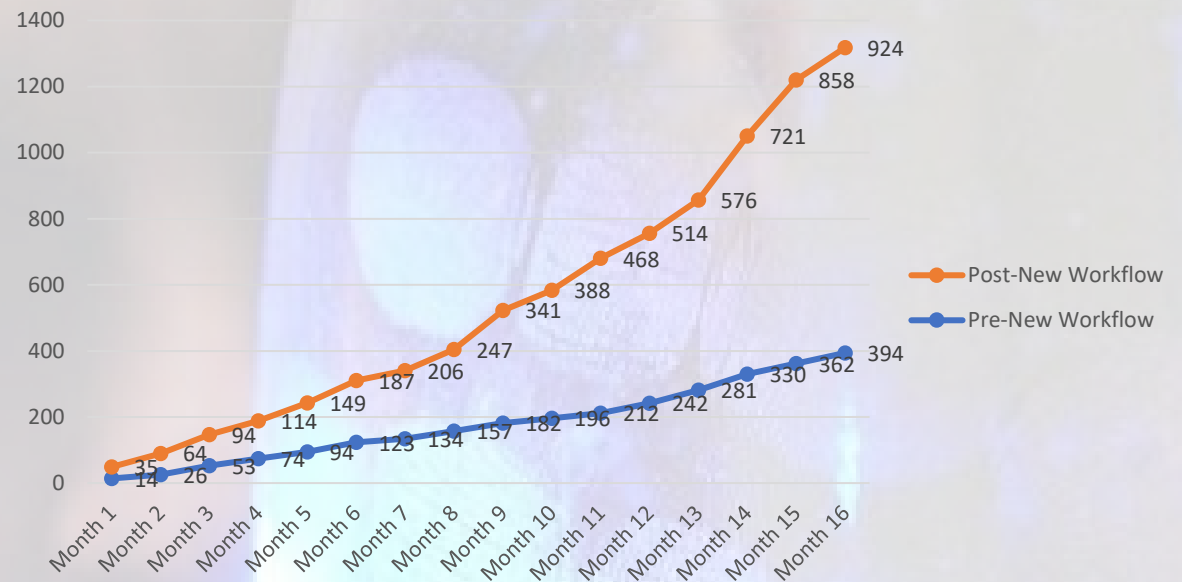
Latent Print Comparisons

- The Latent Print Comparison Section established goals in 2018 and 2019 to eliminate the section’s backlog.
 - The section received a competitive grant in 2018 to hire contract Latent Print Examiners to assist with the backlog and received an additional grant to cross train a second Latent Print Examiner (no new positions were created to accomplish these goals).

The backlog reduction project has allowed our Latent Print Examiners to cross train in other sections to assist with casework.

The Forensic Science Division has made great strides in 2020 in the reduction of backlogs and increased efficiencies in the DNA and Firearms Sections.

DNA Cases - 16 Month Comparison



DNA

- The DNA Section’s goal for the past few years has been to eliminate the backlog of cases and meet the mandate to test all sexual assault kits within the mandated 120 days.
 - To achieve this goal, the laboratory has implemented new, higher capacity instrumentation, a lean workflow, use of Y-screening for sexual assault kits, and has utilized strategic outsourcing of sexual assault kits of lower crimes to a private lab all utilizing grant funding.

The DNA Section will achieve and surpass the goal before the end of 2020. The following are specific achievements.

- Three times more cases have been completed than last year
- Cases completed per analyst is up 50% since the beginning of 2018
- No in-house cases older than 120 days
- Unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kit Project results
 - 100% of unsubmitted kits have been sent out
 - 98% of the unsubmitted kits have been tested
 - 92% of total cases have been reviewed
 - 36% of cases reviewed resulted in profiles going into CODIS
 - 43% of the profiles entered into CODIS resulted in hits





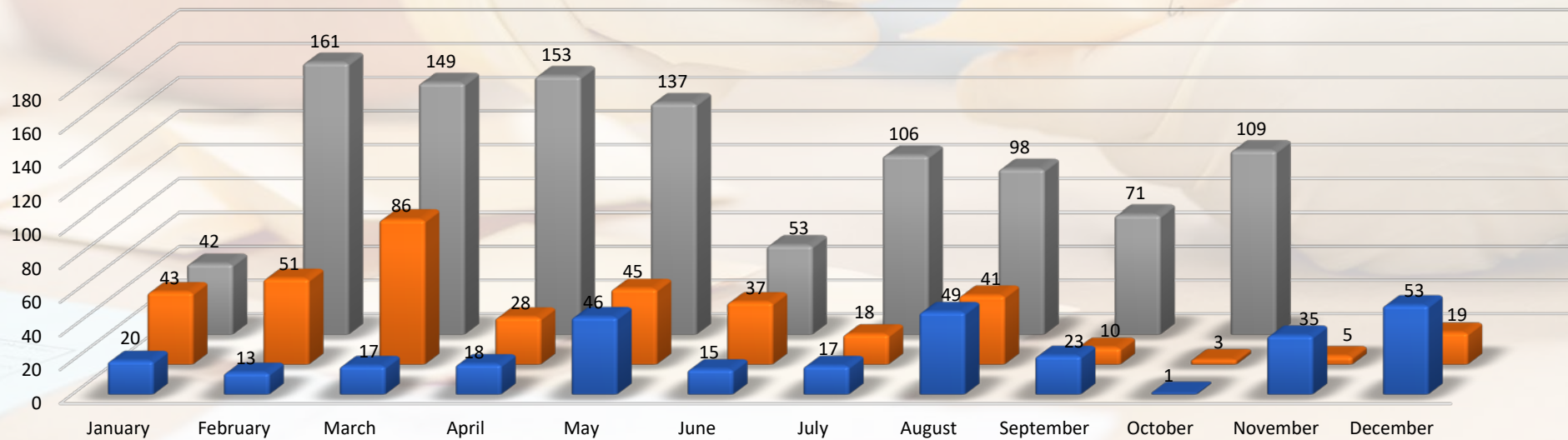
Firearms

- The Firearms Section established goals in 2019 to eliminate the Firearms/National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) backlog as a commitment to the 2018 Regional Gun Initiative.
 - A second Firearms Examiner was trained for Firearms / Tool Mark Analysis, an additional analyst was crossed trained for NIBIN Database Entries and Correlations, and the section received a competitive grant to hire contract Firearms Examiners for the Firearms / Tool Mark Analysis backlog (no new positions were created to accomplish these goals).

The following are specific achievements.

- The NIBIN backlog was eliminated in August of 2020
- NIBIN cases are being completed within a week of submission

Completed NIBIN Assignments

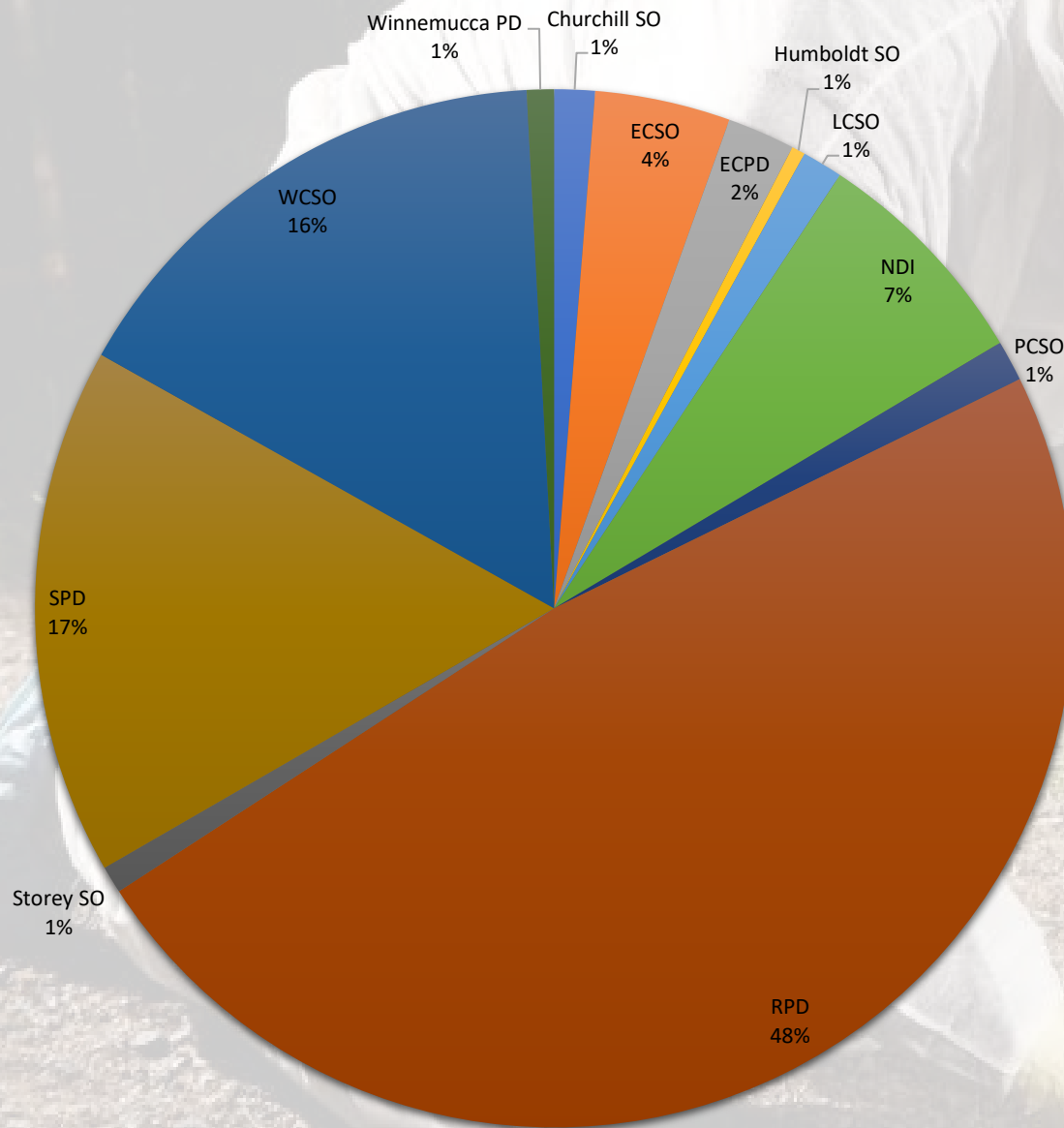


■ 2018 (307 Total)

■ 2019 (386 Total)

■ 2020 (1079 through October)

***2020 Scenes through October**



Crime Scene Investigations

Our Forensic Investigation Section (FIS) responds to crime scenes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week across 2/3 of the State of Nevada. In 2019 FIS responded to 241 crime scenes. By early November 2020 FIS had already responded to 238 crime scenes. The graph (left) depicts the percentage of call outs and agencies involved. As you can see the vast majority of our responses are for Reno PD, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, and Sparks PD.

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS



Suspect Found in Incline Village Confesses to Murder

On January 1, 2020, deputies from the Amador County Sheriff's Office received a call from a woman who was concerned for her husband's welfare. The caller said her husband, Lance Purdy of Pine Grove, had flown home to check on their 20-year old son, Sean Purdy, as the couple had been out of state. When she didn't hear back from her husband, she called the Sheriff's Office. A neighbor said they saw the son leaving the family home quickly in a 2017 blue Subaru Outback. A large amount of blood in and around the residence was discovered by the same neighbor. Amador County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the home and discovered what appeared to be a homicide scene, but there was no sign of Lance. An arrest warrant was issued for Sean Purdy for murder with an order to stop and detain the Subaru.

On January 2, 2020, Washoe County Sheriff's Office received information from Amador County that the suspect may be in Incline Village based on a number of investigative leads. At approximately 0100 hours, Deputies working in Incline Village spotted the unoccupied Subaru near Tahoe and Village Boulevard. They looked inside a nearby business and saw a male subject that matched the description of the wanted subject. Deputies attempted to contact the male, but he fled on foot.

After a 12-hour manhunt, Sean Purdy was taken into custody. Assisting in the search were K9 units, RAVEN helicopter, Nevada Highway Patrol, Placer County Sheriff's Office, FBI, and a multitude of undercover teams from our region.

After an interview with the Amador County Sheriff's Office, Sean Purdy confessed to the killing of his father and provided the location of his body.

Sheriff Balaam expressed his deep appreciation to all the deputies and investigators from multiple agencies who worked tenaciously for the safety of the community. In addition, Undersheriff Gary Redman of Amador County expressed his sincere gratitude to the overwhelming support and assistance of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.



Make it Clean, Keep it Safe



Sheriff Balaam and Lt. Hippert accepted the 2020 Sun Valley Community Service Award from SVGID Chairperson Sandra Ainsworth.

In 2019, the WCSO accepted the challenge to lead the Illegal Abandoned Vehicle Task Force. This task force consists of facilitating, organizing and executing the removal of abandoned vehicles. The mission is to help Sun Valley residents maintain a safe and clean community.

In 2020, deputies and crews from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office continued their extensive work cleaning up abandoned vehicles in Sun Valley. In July, WCSO Deputies, inmate work crews, and community members came together to clean up a massive illegal dumping ground in Sun Valley.

Deputies arrested Willard "Ross" Brymer, 53, for trespassing and prolific illegal dumping in the roadway of Klondike Drive at Aloha Way.

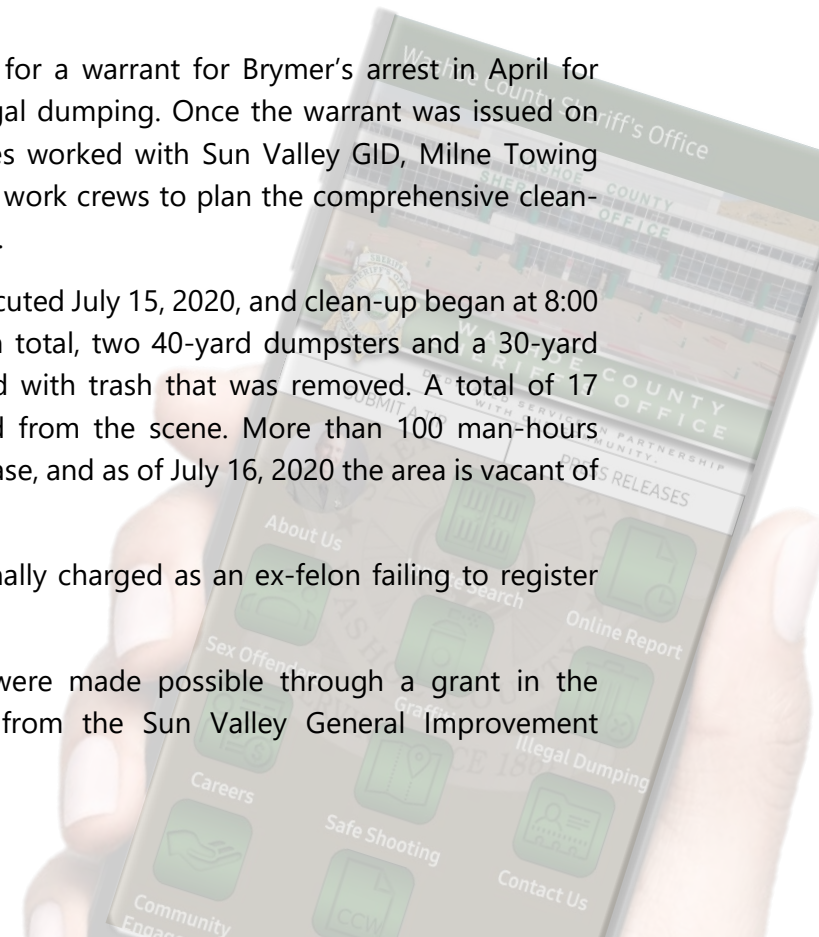
For at least one year, Brymer lived in an illegally dumped recreational vehicle/camper on a half-mile stretch of Klondike Drive, a county road, which extends from Sixth Avenue to Aloha Way. Without any claim to the county property, Brymer was witnessed to have set an encampment with fencing and a mailbox. Linked specifically to Brymer in the area: a motor home, several vehicles, piles of trash and human waste, metal, propane tanks, a boat, debris and appliances.

Deputies submitted for a warrant for Brymer's arrest in April for trespassing and illegal dumping. Once the warrant was issued on July 1, 2020 deputies worked with Sun Valley GID, Milne Towing Services and inmate work crews to plan the comprehensive clean-up of Klondike Drive.

The warrant was executed July 15, 2020, and clean-up began at 8:00 a.m. on July 15th. In total, two 40-yard dumpsters and a 30-yard dumpster were filled with trash that was removed. A total of 17 vehicles were towed from the scene. More than 100 man-hours were spent on this case, and as of July 16, 2020 the area is vacant of debris.

Brymer was additionally charged as an ex-felon failing to register his address.

Cleanups like this were made possible through a grant in the amount of \$9,000 from the Sun Valley General Improvement District.







Crime Index

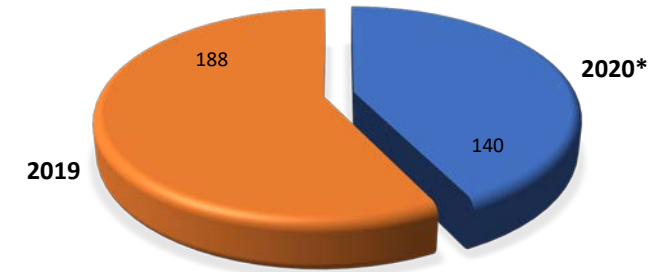
Crime Categories	2019 Cases	2020 Cases	2019/2020 Case Percent Change	2019 Arrests	2020 Arrests	2019/2020 Arrest Percent Change
Assault/Battery	94	122	29.79%	64	98	53.13%
Murder	3	2	-33.33%	1	2	200.00%
Robbery	15	3	-80.00%	7	3	-57.14%
Sexual Assault	87	72	-17.24%	15	21	40.00%
Violent Crime	199	199	0.00%	87	122	40.23%
Arson	7	19	171.43%	4	5	25.00%
Commercial Burglary	36	34	-5.56%	7	11	57.14%
Grand Larceny	122	86	-29.51%	21	12	-42.86%
Grand Theft Auto	91	78	-14.29%	23	22	-4.35%
Residential Burglary	129	94	-27.13%	25	32	28.00%
Vehicle Burglary	118	160	35.59%	18	9	-50.00%
Property Crime	503	471	-6.36%	98	91	-7.14%
Drugs	276	269	-2.54%	283	291	2.83%
DUI	309	265	-14.24%	330	265	-19.70%
Other Crime	585	534	-8.72%	613	556	-9.30%
Total Crime	1287	1204	-6.45%	798	769	-3.63%

Note: This data is representative of case reports taken from January to October within the specified year as of November 9th, 2020.

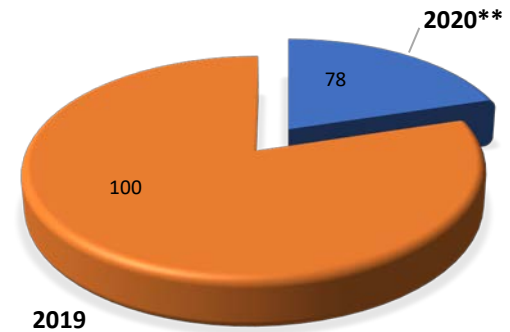
Performance Measures

	2019	2020*	2019/2020 Case Percent Change
Patrol Division			
Citations / Warnings Citations	8,793	4,535	-48.42%
Traffic Accidents	324	364	12.34%
Traffic Fatalities	3	6	100.00%
Administrative Services			
CCW Applications Received	4125	3322	-19.47%
Convicted Person Reg / Sex Reg	258	164	-36.43%
Desk Reports	522	388	-25.67%
Evictions Received (Not Served)	2948	2667	-9.53%
Field Services Reports	439	197	-55.13%
Field Services Requests for Abandoned Vehicles	526	469	-10.84%
Field Services Requests for Illegal Dumping	35	49	40.00%
Field Services Towed Abandoned Vehicles	201	160	-20.40%
Online Reports	965	1595	65.28%
Work Permits Issued	1816	1185	-34.75%
Regional Teams Statistics			
Cyber/Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC)			
Digital Exams	233	361	54.94%
Indictments	5	5	0.00%
Sex Offender Notification Unit (SONU)			
Active Registrants (Average)	1,350	1,395	3.33%
Arrests	35	36	2.86%
Non-Compliant (Average)	80	174	117.50%
Patrol/ROP Assists	118	120	1.69%
Verifications	295	215	-27.12%

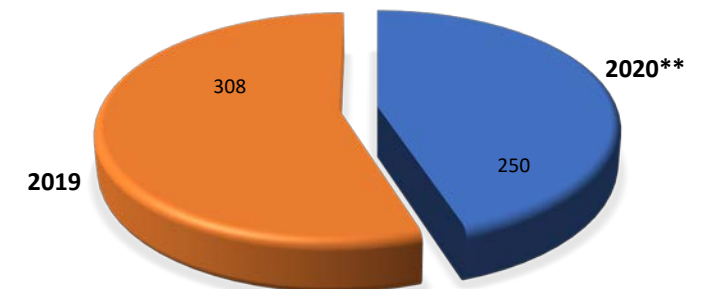
SERVICE REQUESTS



DUI ARRESTS (DRUGS)



DUI ARRESTS (ALCOHOL)



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