

# Big Lake Police Department Annual Report

2019 IN REVIEW



# Big Lake Police Department Mission Statement and Core Values



The members of the Big Lake Police Department display *Pride* in the community we are entrusted to protect, provide *Service* with compassion and dignity, and exhibit highest level of *Integrity* in all aspects of our lives.



# 2019 Department Organization



**Chief of Police Joel Scharf**

- 8 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- Emergency Manager

**Deputy Chief Matthew Hayen**

- 4 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- Oversight of Field Services

**Sergeant Sam Olson**

- 18 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- Patrol Supervisor

**Sergeant Tom Kucala**

- 2 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- Patrol Supervisor

**Investigator Rich Berg**

- 22 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- Investigations – Property and Evidence Management

**Officer Chris Hoard**

- 13 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- Use of Force Instructor – Field Training Officer



# 2019 Department Organization



## Officer Todd Siebert

- 12 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- Dangerous Dog Registration – Animal Complaints

## Officer Sam Norlin

- 8 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) – Field Training Officer

## Officer Guy Chaffee

- 6 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- K9 Officer – Firearms Instructor

## Investigator Nic Prigge

- 5 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- Investigations – Field Training Officer – Firearms Instructor

## Officer Joe Kalla

- 4 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- Field Training Officer

## Officer Tyler Sinclair

- 2 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) – UAV Pilot

## Officer Silas Reek

- 1 Year of Service to the City of Big Lake
- Radio Inventory – Rifle Maintenance



# 2019 Department Organization

**Police Specialist Laurie  
Morris**

- 19 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- BCA Compliance – Records Management

**Police Specialist Tina  
Peterson**

- 16 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake
- Report Dictation – Liaison with County Attorney's Office

**Community Service Officer  
Crystal Gassman**

- 11 Years of Service to the City of Big Lake

**147 Years**

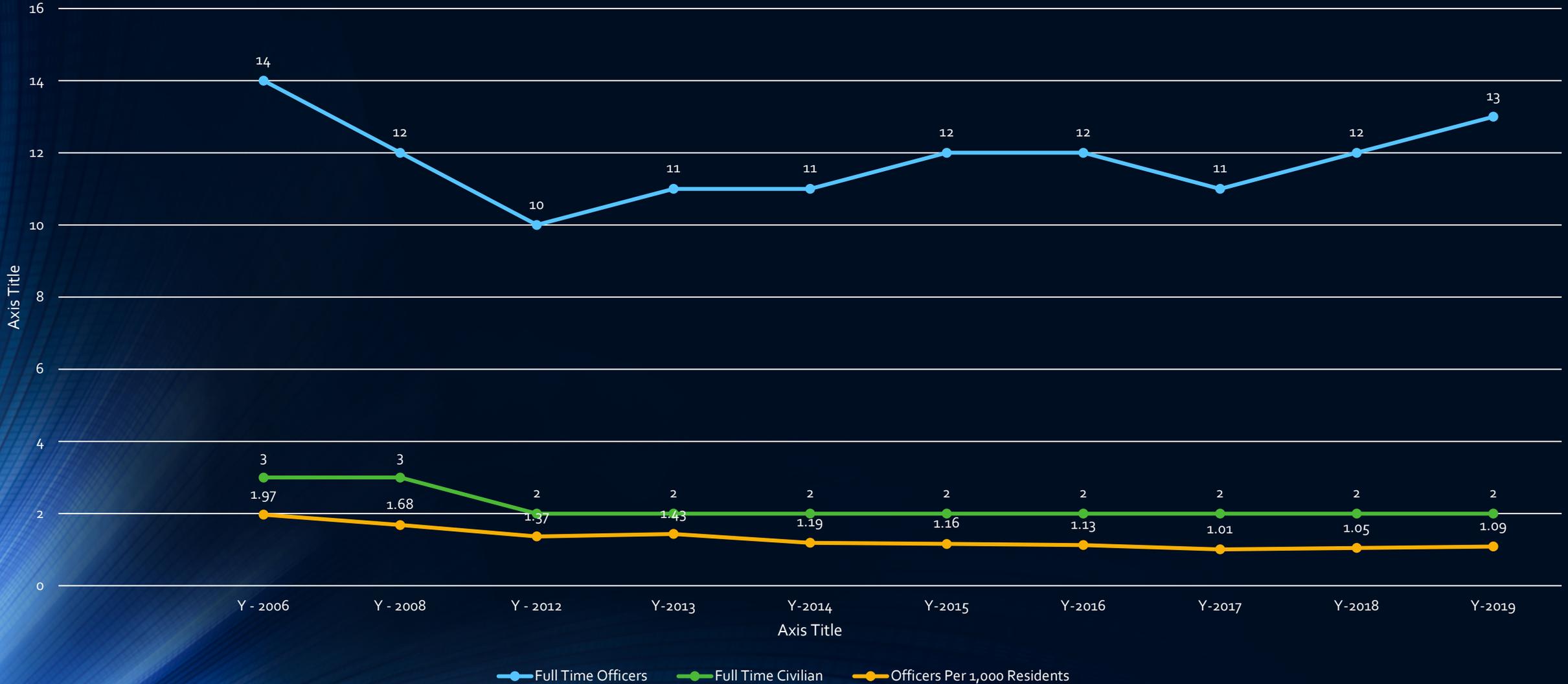
- Combined Years of Service to the Citizens of Big Lake



# Big Lake Police Department Staffing 2006 - 2019



Full Time Officers – Support Staff – Officers per 1,000 Residents

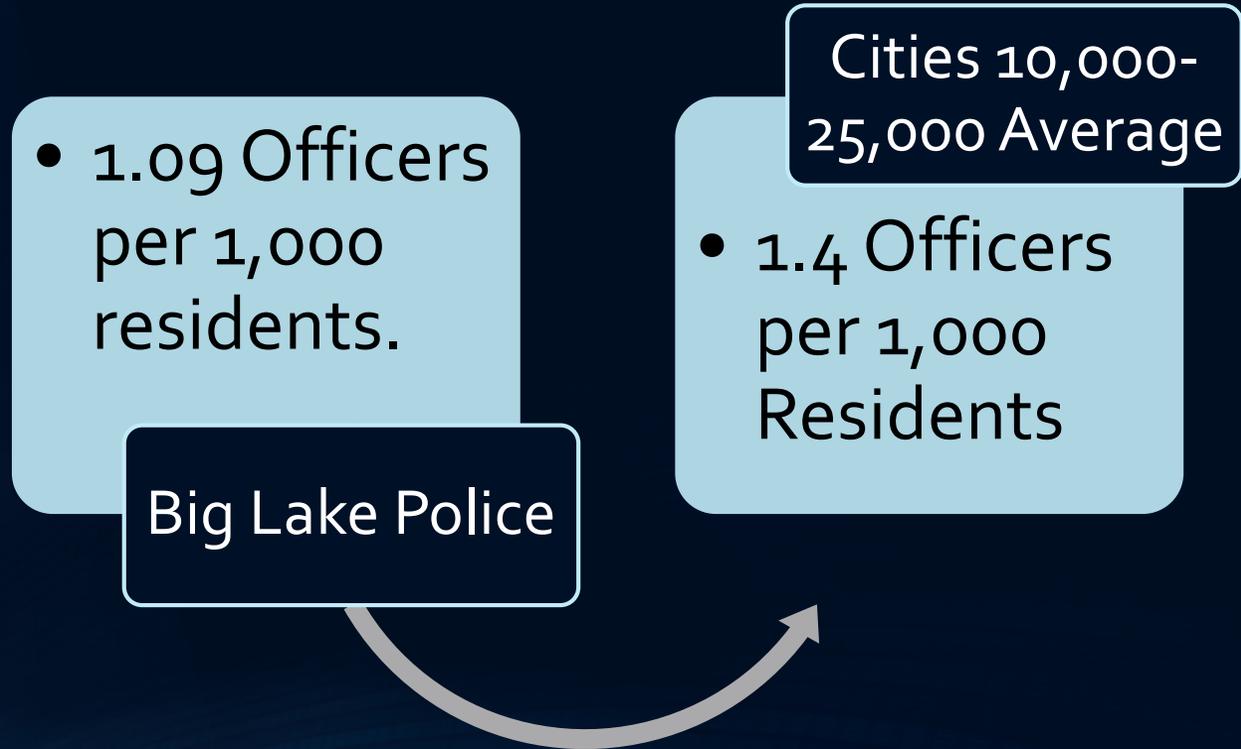




# Big Lake Police Department Staffing

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## Comparable Cities (Population 10,000-25,000)





# Total Calls for Service with Corresponding Population 2012 - 2019

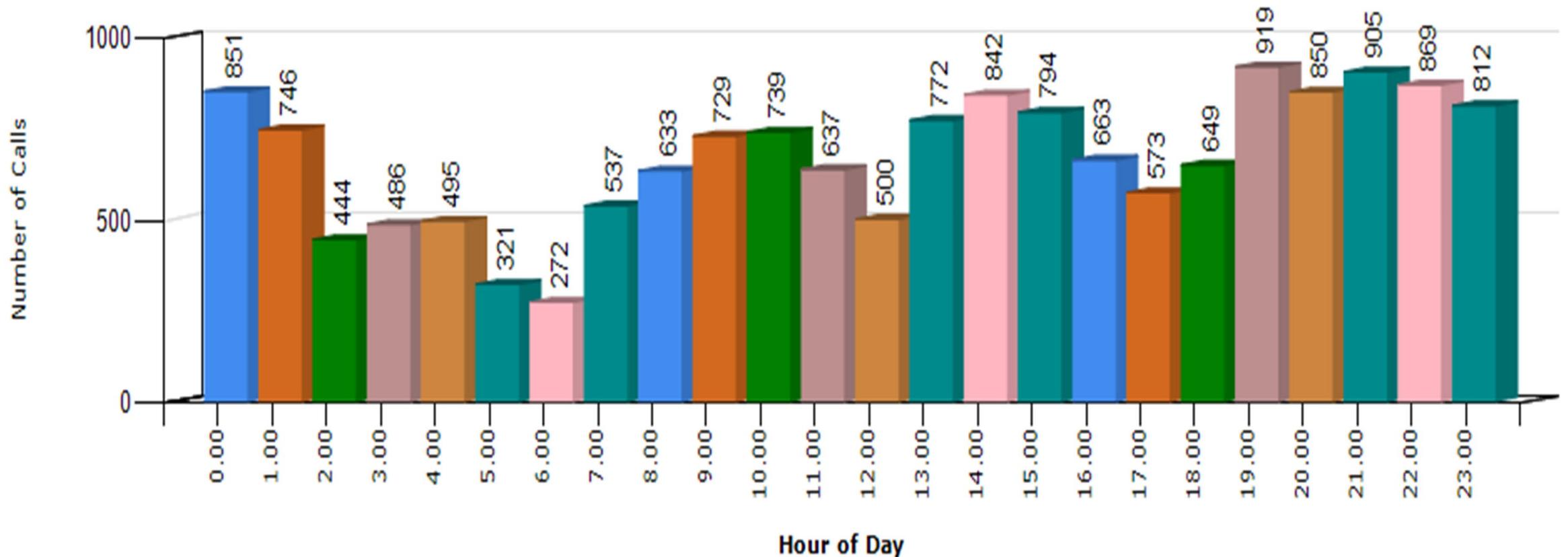




# 2019 Calls for Service by Hour of the Day

Number of Calls by Hour of Day

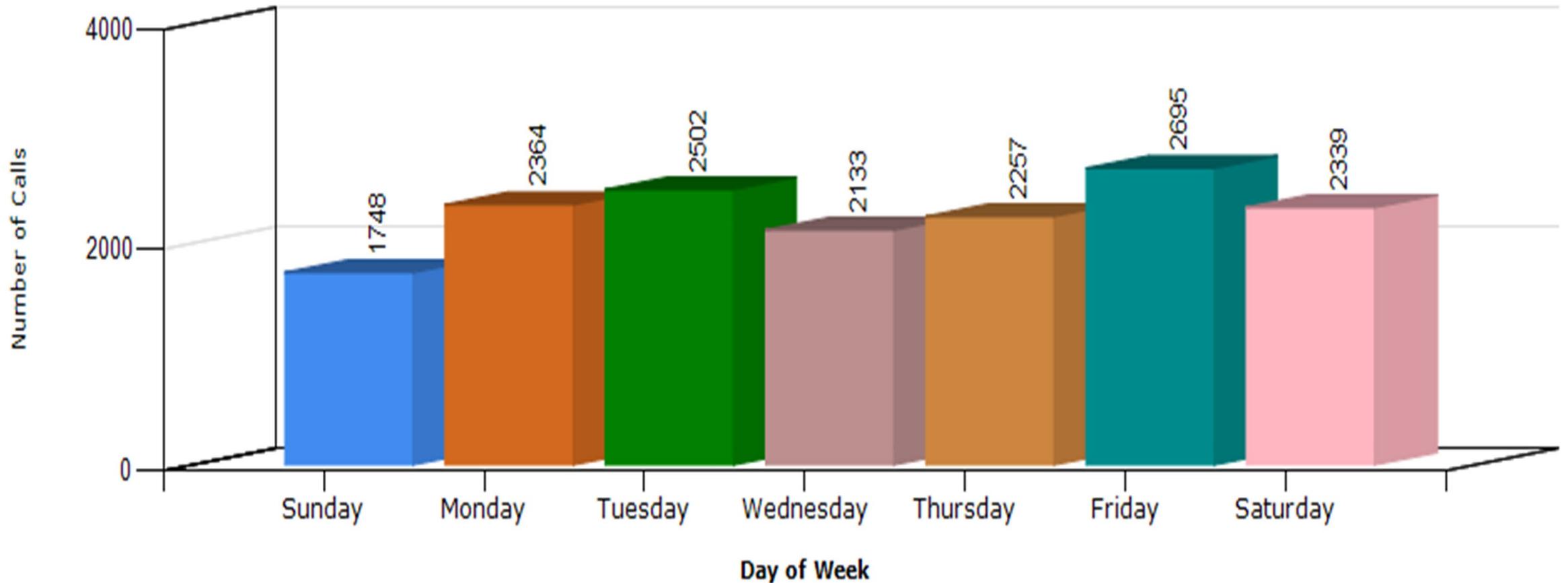
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# 2019 Calls for Service by Day of the Week

Number of Calls by Day of Week





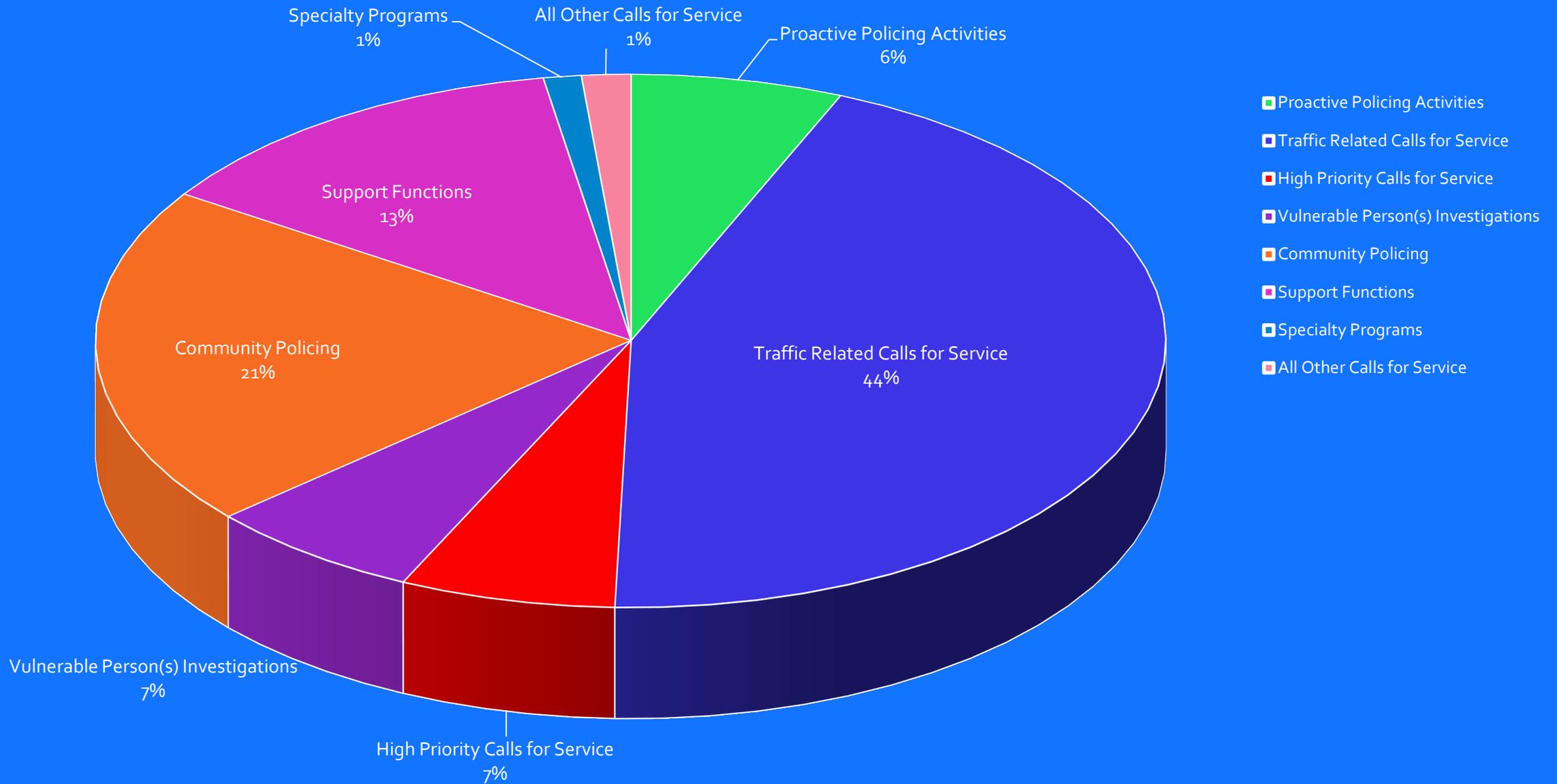
# What Are Calls for Service Categories?



- **Traffic Related CFS:** Traffic Stops, Traffic Complaints, DWI Arrests, Revoked Drivers, Traffic Crash (Fatal – Injury – Property – Hit and Run)
- **Proactive Policing:** Warrant Service, Open Doors, Officer Initiated, Suspicious Persons, Suspicious Vehicles,
- **High Priority Calls for Service:** Domestic Disturbance, Fight, 911 Hang-up, Alarms, Shooting Complaints, Burglary, Assault, Narcotics, Crimes Against Family, Criminal Sexual Contact, Weapons, Crimes Against Justice...
- **Support Activities:** Background Investigations, Data Requests, Meetings, Training, Administrative Duties, Additional Officer Duties and more...
- **Community Policing Activities:** Events, Meetings, Residential and Business Security Checks, Crime Free Housing, Directed Patrol, Predatory Offender Checks, Investigative Activity, Extra Patrol Requests, and more...
- **Vulnerable Person(s) Investigations:** Missing Persons, Child Maltreatment, Social Service Investigations, Mental Health and Welfare, Medicals, and more...
- **All Other Calls for Service:** Theft (all types), Property Damage, Fraud, Trespass, Liquor Violations, Animal Complaints, Fire, Public and Agency Assists, Ordinance Violations, Loud Noise, Juvenile Complaints, Civil Complaints, and much more...
- **Specialty Programs:** Canine and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle



# Calls by Service Category 2019





# 2019 – Big Lake Crime Rates

- **Part I Index Crimes:**

- **Serious Offenses;** Rape, Murder, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Robbery, Arson, Human Trafficking, Criminal Sexual Contact.....

- **Part II Index Crimes:**

- **Property Crimes;** Theft, Vandalism, Public Order, Fraud, Forgery, Narcotics, Liquor Violations, Assault.....

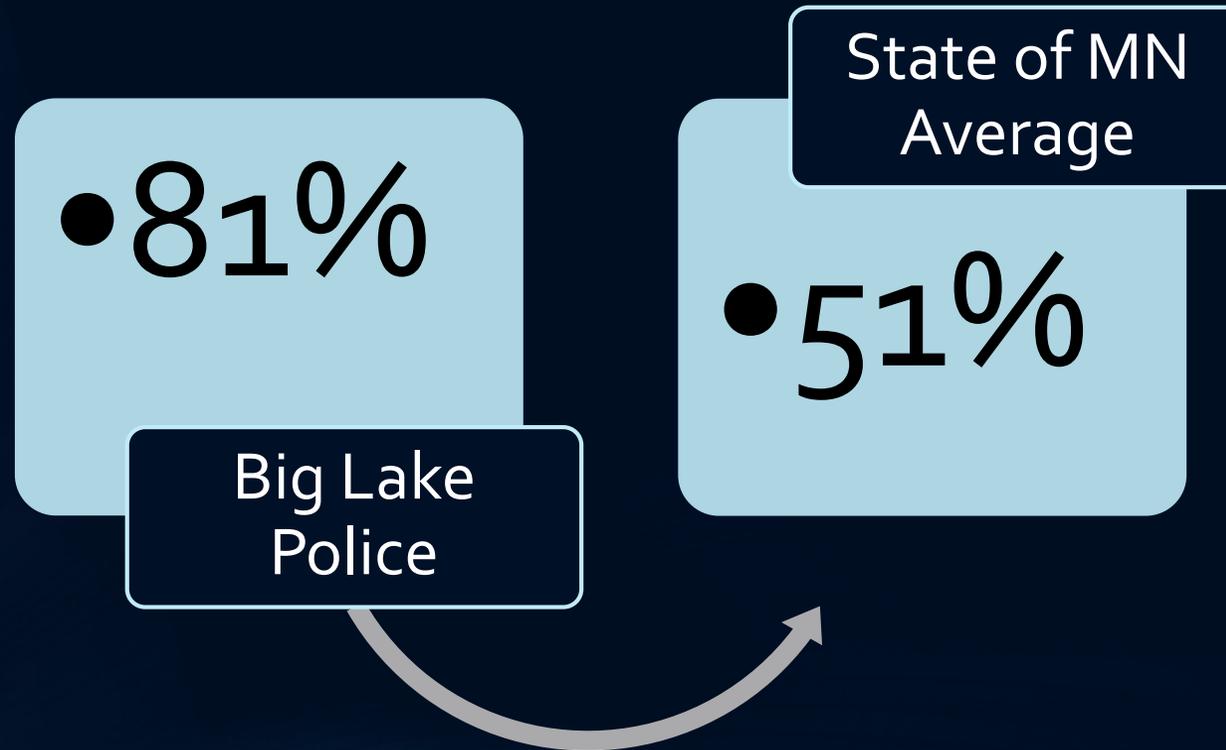
- **Combined Total:**

- Average of Part I and Part II Index Crimes.

Jurisdiction	Part I	Part II	Combined
<b>Big Lake</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>2,746</b>	<b>3,516</b>
Becker	676	3,258	4,037
Elk River	1,856	4,456	6,573
Princeton	3,643	3,836	7,480
Waite Park	10,437	7,162	18,371
St. Cloud	4,187	5,546	10,032
Minneapolis	4,722	4,169	7,968
MN Average	2,215	3,536	5,809



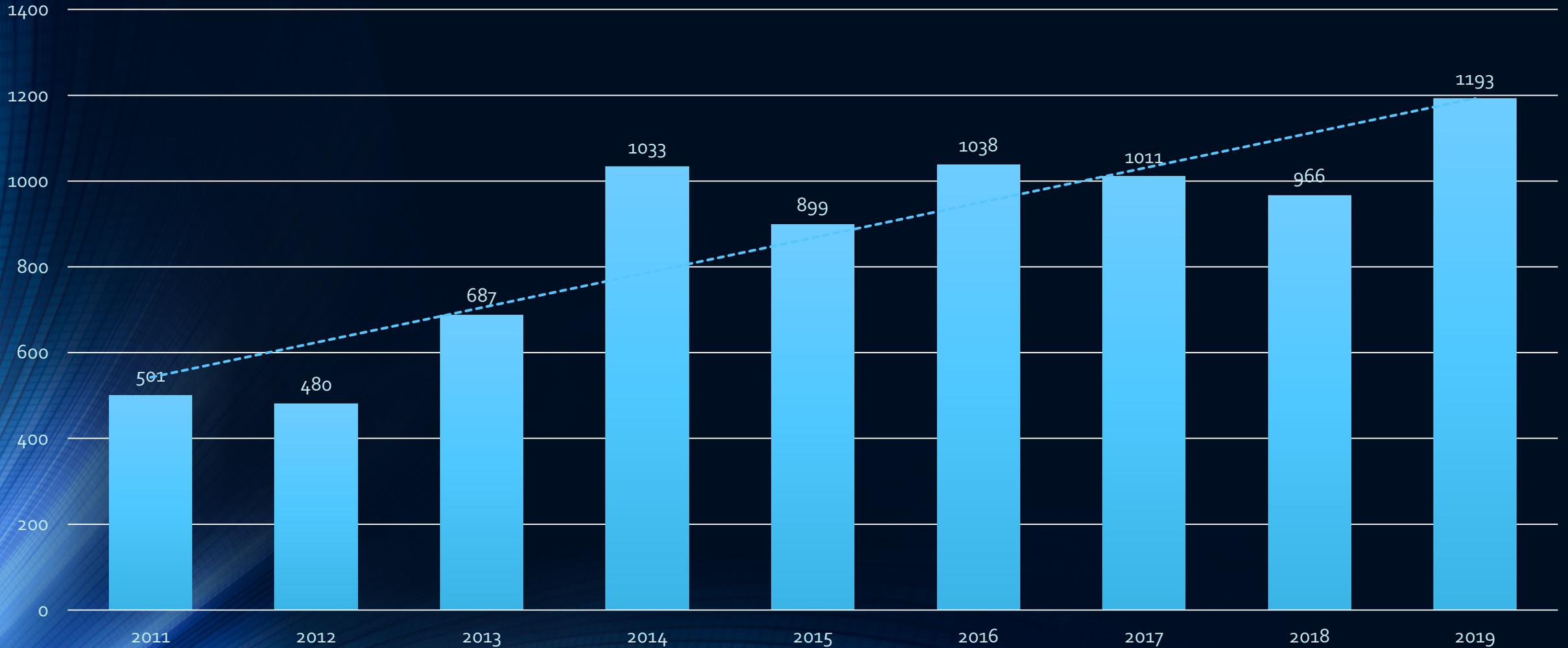
# Clearance Rates – Cases Cleared by Prosecution





# Big Lake Police Department Summons Issued 2011 - 2019

Summons: Include Traffic Offenses, Minor Criminal Offenses, and City Ordinance Violations.

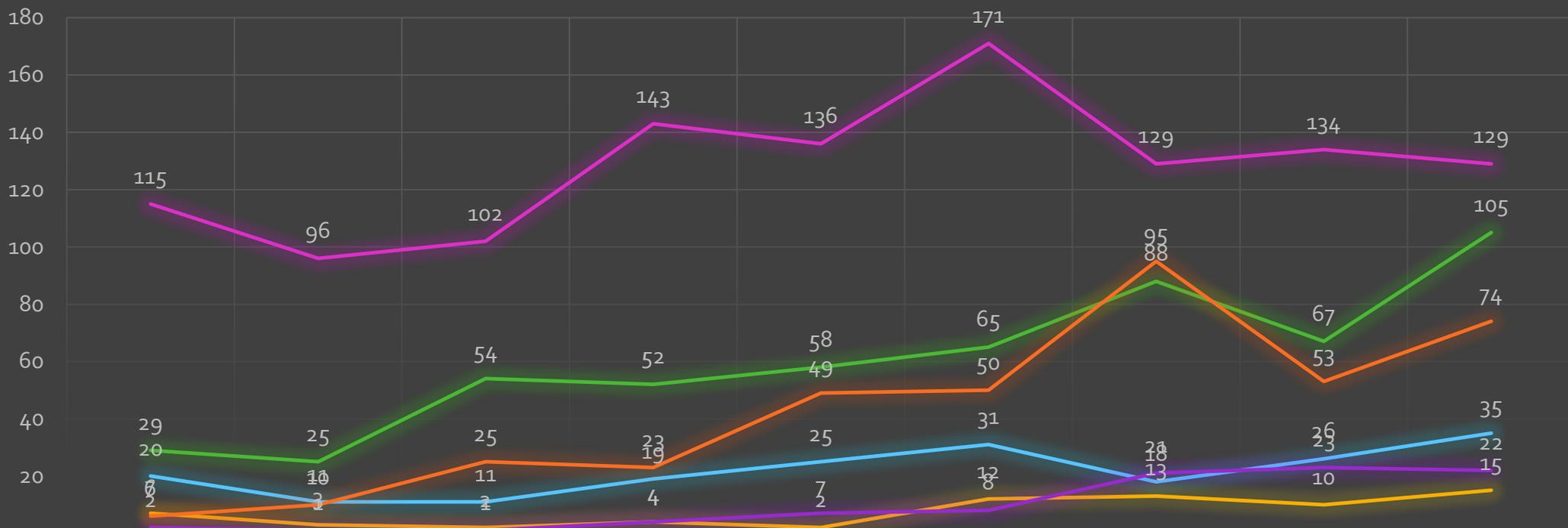




# Big Lake Police Department Total Arrests

## 2011 - 2019

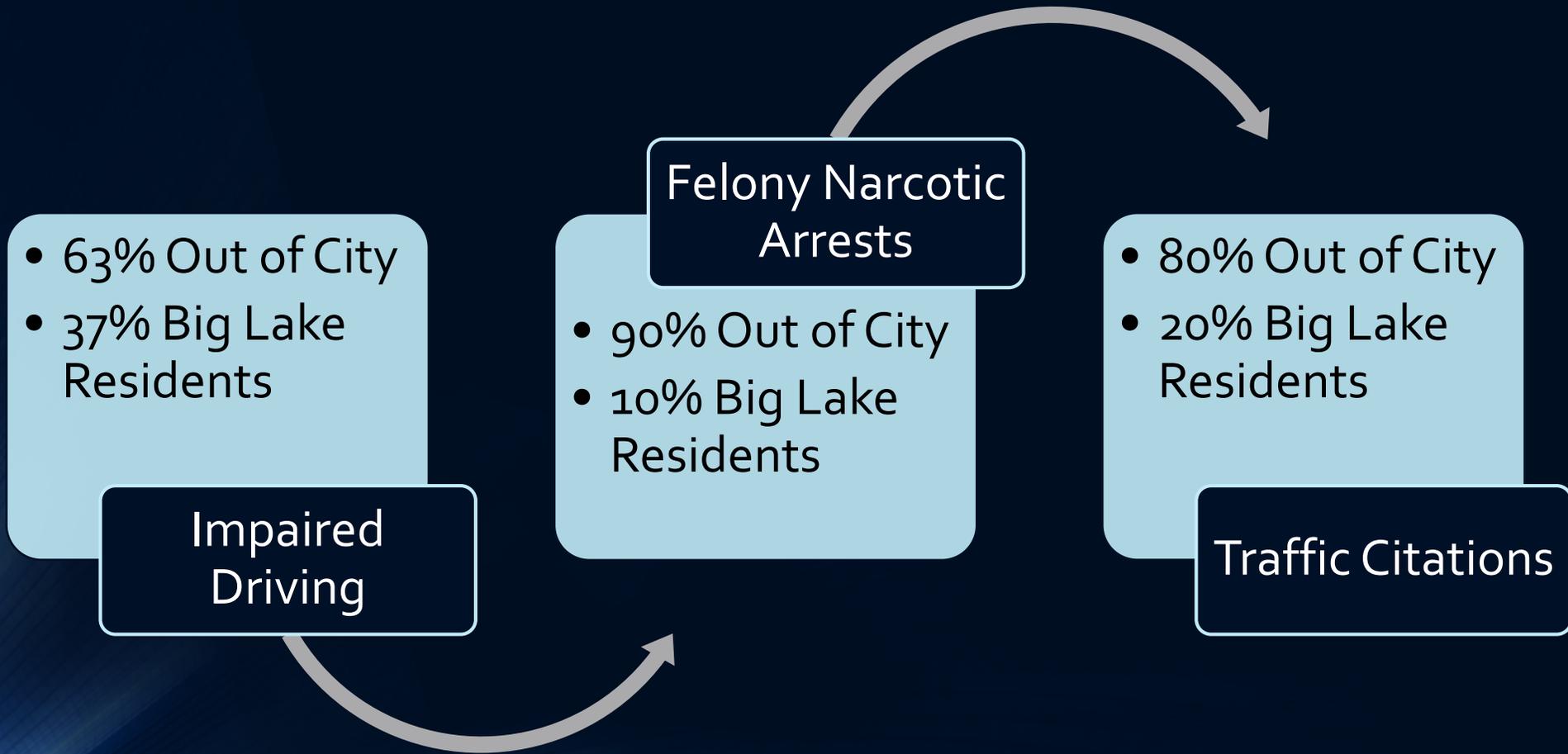
Domestic Assault    DWI    Crimes Against Justice    Felony Narcotics    Warrant Arrest    All Other Arrests



	Y-2011	Y-2012	Y-2013	Y-2014	Y-2015	Y-2016	Y-2017	Y-2018	Y-2019
Domestic Assault	20	11	11	19	25	31	18	26	35
DWI	29	25	54	52	58	65	88	67	105
Crimes Against Justice	7	3	2	4	2	12	13	10	15
Felony Narcotics	2	1	1	4	7	8	21	23	22
Warrant Arrest	6	10	25	23	49	50	95	53	74
All Other Arrests	115	96	102	143	136	171	129	134	129



# BLPD Trivia – “Where do the people we have contact with come from?”





# ATV Program

- The Big Lake Police Department has acquired ATV's from the Military Surplus Acquisition Program:
  - 2013 Polaris Razor
  - (2) 2013 850 Sportsman
- Used for patrolling parks, trails, community events, and emergency situations.
- All ATV's are equipped with emergency lights.





# Canine Program

In 2019 we made a change in K9 handlers for Bruno:

- With Deputy Chief Hayen's added responsibilities it became more difficult to give the required amount of training and patrol work for Bruno.
- Officer Guy Chaffee was selected to become Bruno's new handler.
- Officer Chaffee began training as a handler and was certified in Narcotics Detection.
- The K9 team conducted over 100 hours of training and had 29 deployments!



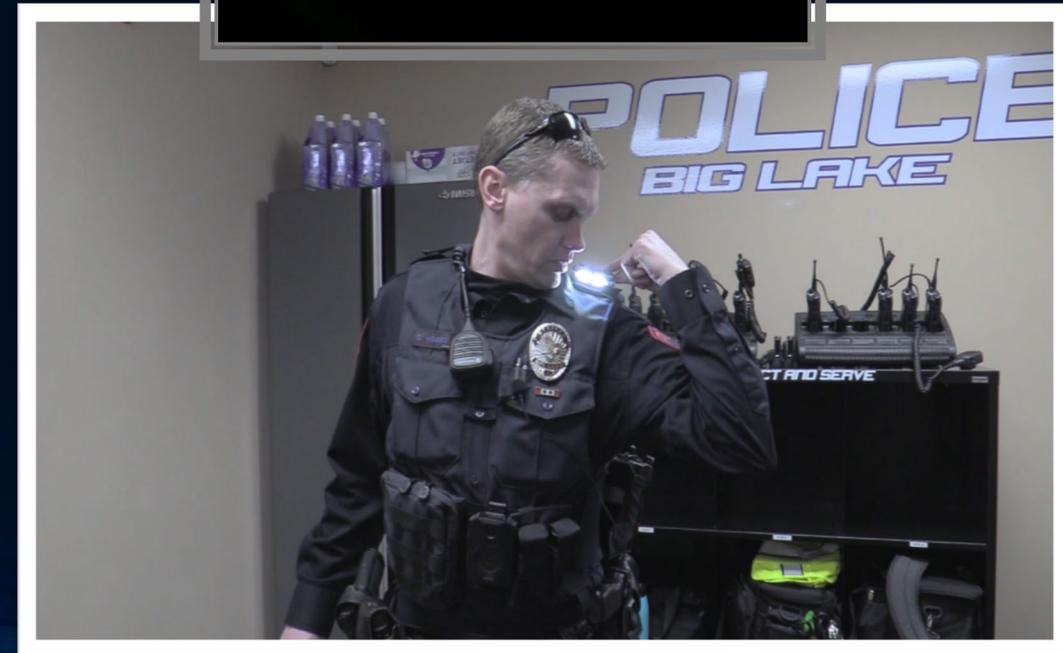


# Technology



The Big Lake Police Department prides itself with up-to-date technology:

- Axon Body Cameras and Reporting Software
- Night / Thermal Vision
- Suppressed Patrol Rifles
- Guardian Angel Shoulder Lights
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV)
- Squad Lighting Designed for Officer Safety
- Big Lake Police is 100% Cloud-Based for Data Retention





# UAV Program



- The Big Lake Police Department purchased our 2<sup>nd</sup> UAV in 2019, Mavic 2 Enterprise. Some of the features of this UAV are;
  - Small, compact size
  - Long lasting batteries
  - Spot Light
  - Speaker to be able to communicate from long distances

Officers are able to fly the Mavic 2 Enterprise inside buildings, while still using the Inspire UAV for larger outdoor deployments.

- We currently have 4 assigned pilots; Officers Nic Prigge, Tyler Sinclair, Silas Reek, and Chris Hoard.
- 7 other officers are trained in piloting the UAV, if needed.
- Our UAV is utilized for vulnerable and missing person searches, critical incident management, suspect location, crime scene mapping, and a large array of other duties.

33 Deployments in 2019

- Deployments ranged from domestics, missing persons, welfare checks, training, community events, fleeing, and medical situations.





# 2019 Community Engagement

In 2019 Officers and Staff Attended 264 Community Events!

- Bike Rodeo – Big Lake Community Education
- Night to Unite – Big Lake Police Department
- Spudfest – Event/Parade and Guns and Hoses Softball game.
- Music in the Park – Weekly from June-August
- Chamber of Commerce Business Expo
- Many others!
- Find us on Facebook, Nextdoor, and Twitter!
  - <https://www.facebook.com/biglakemn.org>
  - <https://nextdoor.com/pages/big-lake-police-department>
  - <https://twitter.com/BigLakePolice>





# BLPD Fleet Overview – Miles Driven



- In 2019 our Officers patrolled nearly **180,000 miles** within the City.
  - Big Lake has **70 miles** of City Roadways, not including State and County Roadways.
- The Big Lake Police Department maintains a fleet of vehicles which suite the unique needs of our community.
  - In 2019 our fleet was comprised of Ford Interceptors (Explorers) and one Ford Pursuit F150.
  - The department has 2 Polaris 850 Sportsman 4 Wheelers, and 1 Polaris Razr. All of our ATV's were acquired through the **US Military Return to Duty Program** at no cost. They are used for search and rescue, patrolling bike trails and parks, and for community policing.
  - We maintain a replacement program which places new vehicles into patrol for 3 years, follow by 2 years of service with an Investigator, Chief, or Deputy Chief.
  - Vehicles are then either auctioned off, or assigned to City Hall for use by various departments.
    - This allows for minimizing major repair expenses, and provides a strong resale value.



# Big Lake Police Department

## Goals - 2020



- **Officer Wellness:** To ensure that the needs of our officers are a priority for the department, that their mental and physical wellness are cared for.
- **Staffing:** Continue with staffing models and planning which accommodate rising demands on services, while placing an emphasis on 24/7 staffing with 2 officers.
- **Critical Calls for Service:** Continue to monitor and adapt to rising levels of sex trafficking, narcotics offenses, and mental health issues in our region.
- **Officer Safety:** Implement strategies for the safest possible work environment, continue our path of reduction in instances of injuries, workers compensation rates, and vehicle liability insurance rates.
- **Community Engagement:** Continue to grow interaction with our community via; social media, internet, and in person.
- **Criminal Activity:** Continue to monitor emerging trends in crime and service needs, and proactively address them.
- **Partnerships:** Continue to grow and foster relationships with other public safety partners to ensure the most effective delivery of services to our residents and visitors.
- **Equipment:** Continue to ensure a robust capitol improvement strategy and schedule to provide the best possible equipment to our staff in the most cost effective manner.
- **Succession Planning:** Continue with the process of building individuals to fill key positions within the department.

# BIG LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



This report is dedicated to the 146 Police Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty in 2019.



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