



# Office of the Sheriff County of Burlington



## Burlington County Sheriff's Office Annual Report 2024

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## MISSION STATEMENT

**“With Unwavering honor and integrity, the Burlington County Sheriff’s Office is dedicated to safeguarding the rights and dignity of every citizen. In close partnership with our communities, our mission is to proactively prevent crime, uphold the law, and ensure the security of our courts. Through our commitment to transparency and community engagement, we strive to build bridges of trust and enhance the well-being of all those we serve.”**





## A Message from the Sheriff



Dear Residents of Burlington County,

As your Sheriff, I am grateful for the trust placed in my team and I. Your support is the cornerstone of our commitment to serve our community of Burlington County.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our County Leadership, whose unwavering support has been pivotal in our ongoing growth. The collaboration and guidance we receive from our leaders empower us to perform our duties with excellence.

As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to share that the Sheriff's Office has grown in both capacity and capability. Our efforts extend far beyond the traditional scope of law enforcement. We are not only guardians of peace but also proactive agents of positive change in our community.

We have accomplished much together, however there is still more to be done. Looking forward, we are excited to continue this journey, enhancing the safety and well-being of every resident in our county.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Sincerely,

James H. Kostoplis  
Sheriff  
County of Burlington



# ORGANIZATION

## 2024 COMMAND STAFF



**Chief Warrant Officer**  
**Joseph Wilk**  
Courts Bureau

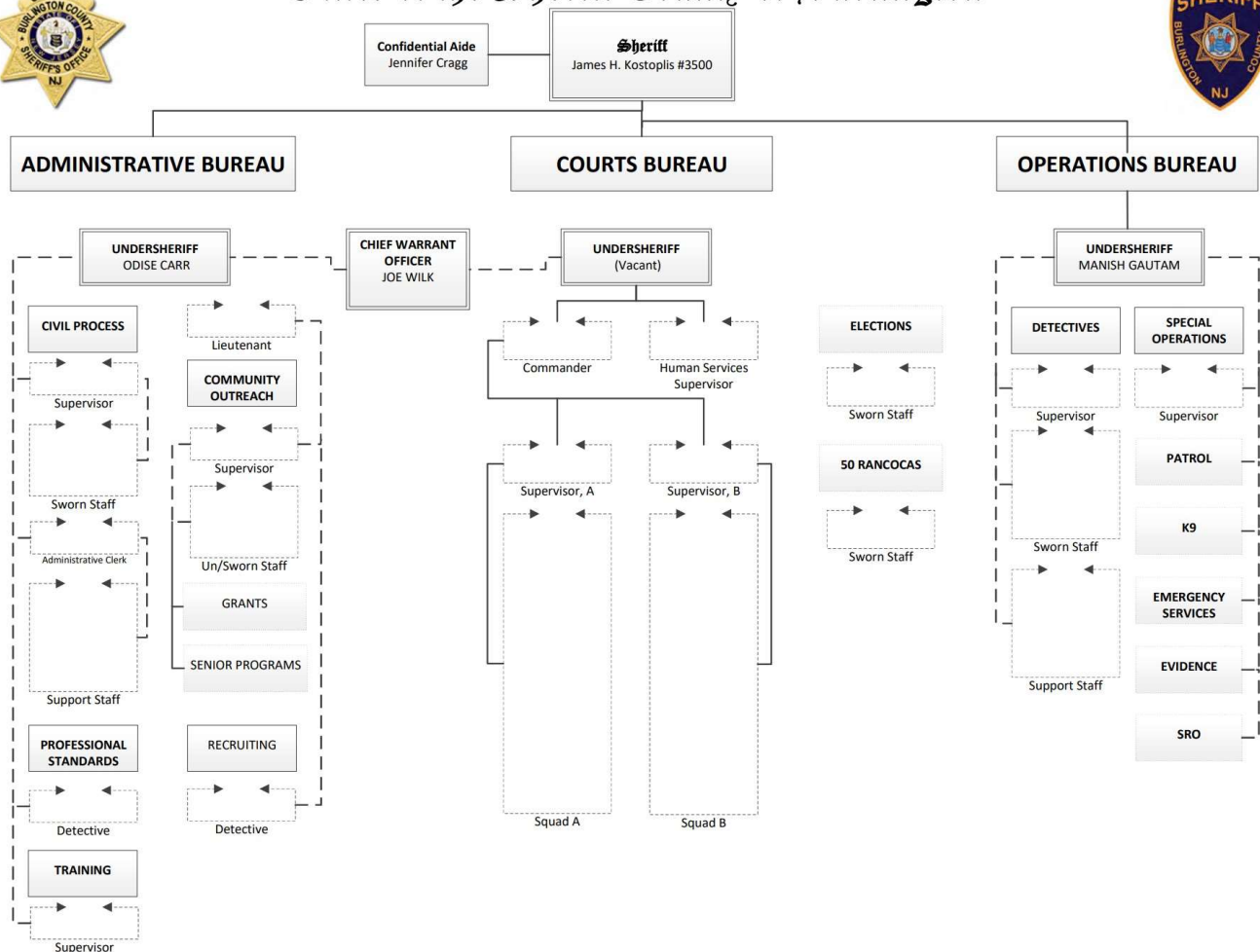
**Undersheriff**  
**Manish Gautam**  
Operations & Detective  
Bureau

**Sheriff**  
**James H. Kostoplis**

**Undersheriff**  
**Odise Carr**  
Administrative & Courts  
Bureau



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## AGENCY OVERVIEW

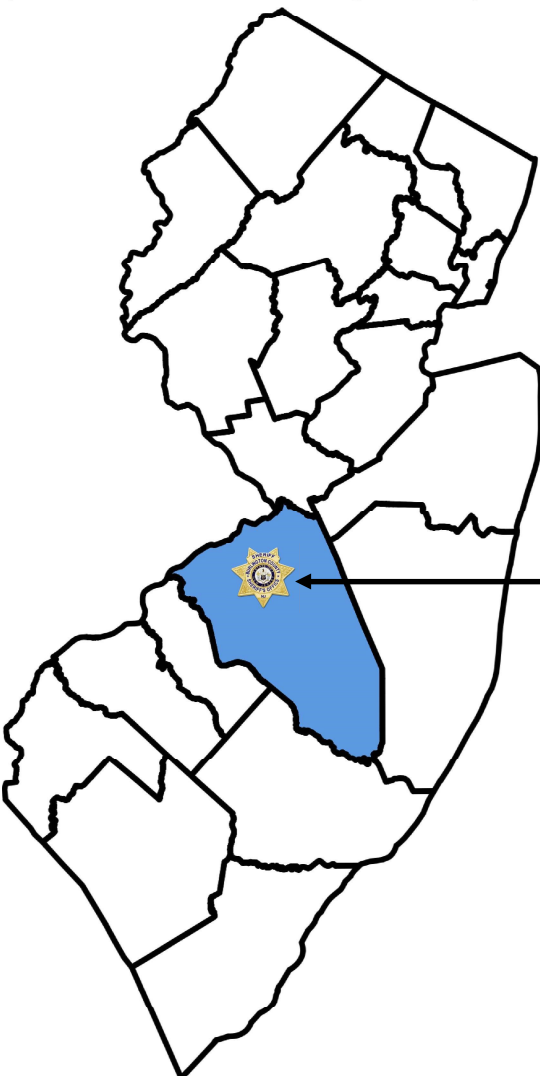
### GENERAL

The Burlington County Sheriff's Office, located at 49 Rancocas Road (The County Seat), provides services to the courthouse and local communities and is an integral part of developing and maintaining safe and secure communities through the cooperative efforts of many departments and community organizations. The Sheriff's Office proudly provides a wide range of police and community programs to residents and visitors, alike.

### STAFFING

The Sheriff's Office is staffed by 78 sworn officers who are professionally trained and licensed by the State of New Jersey, and, by law, are law enforcement officers of the state with the authority to arrest. In addition to sworn staff, there are 18 full-time and one part-time civilian staff members who provide other support to the Sheriff's operations.

AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL	2021	2022	2023	2024
Full-Time Budgeted	97	97	97	97
Actual on-staff	74	74	97	97



**469,167**

Population Served

**1682**

Year Established

**820**

Square Miles

### Headquarters

49 Rancocas Road, Mount Holly, New Jersey

### How to Reach Sheriff's Office

Emergencies | **Dial 911**

Non-Emergencies | **(609)265-5127**

## BY THE NUMBERS



**299**

Community Events



**1,066**

Investigations



**299**

Traffic Stops

## OPERATING BUDGET

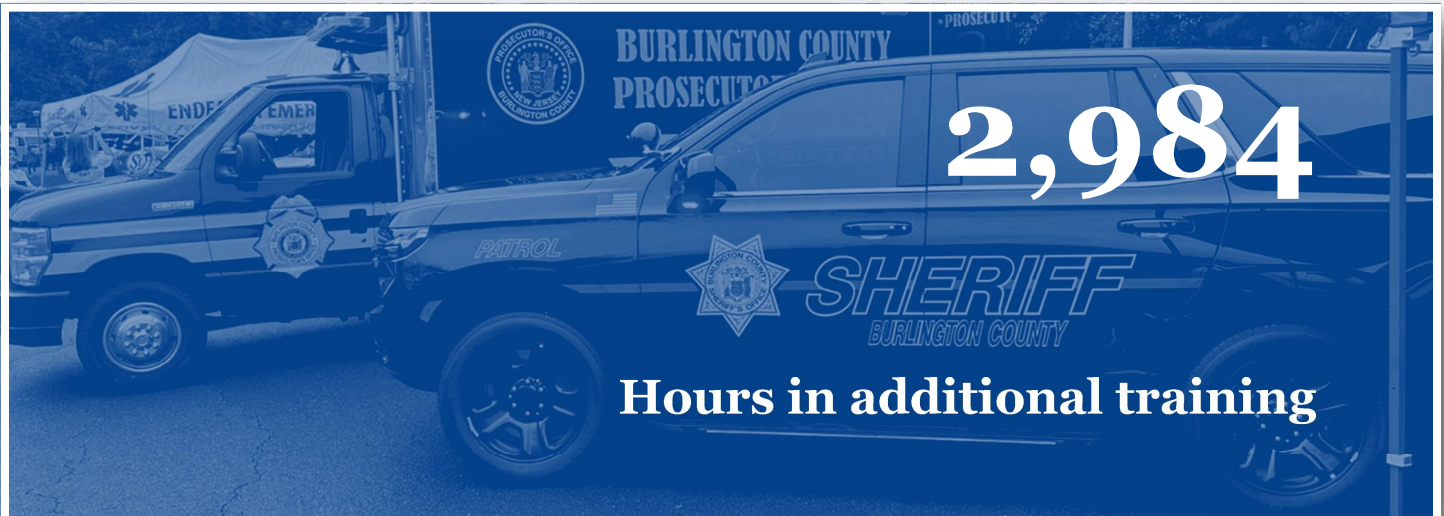
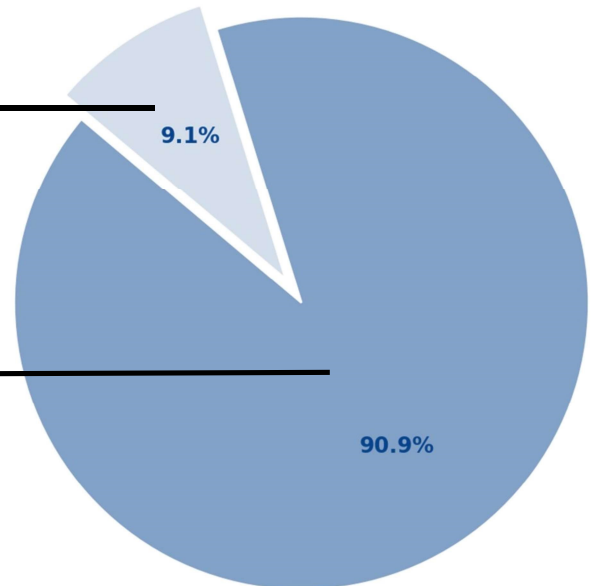
*\$7.65 Million budgeted by the County Commissioners for use by the Sheriff's Office*

**\$697,090**

Supplies & Services

**\$6.95 Million**

Personnel





## CALLS FOR SERVICE

# 9,399

Calls for service  
completed by the  
Burlington County  
Sheriff's Office



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1,592	1,965	1,738	1,968	1,518	368	250



**2,820**  
Legal Process  
Services



**791**  
Directed  
Patrols



**761**  
Wanted  
Persons



## ADMINISTRATION BUREAU



### Undersheriff Odise Carr

Community Outreach | Civil Process | Professional Standards

#### About the Bureau

The Administration Bureau has many responsibilities which include: Grant management, community outreach programs, internal affairs, training, civil process, and finance/payroll. The Administrative Bureau is lean in size, but maintains many of the Sheriff's high-impact programs for the community.

## 2024 Highlights

- The Community Outreach unit has contacted over 50,000 Burlington County Residents, Donated over 6,300 toys to children, and performed physical security improvements to over 220 homes within the County.
- Sheriff's Officers have completed over 2,984 Hours of training in both mandatory continuing education and additional specialized instruction
- The Sheriff's Office has sought and successfully received over \$400,000 in grant funds for community policing and service improvement, for the community.



## ADMINISTRATION



Sheriff Kostoplis with the Fall 2024 Junior & Youth Police Academy



New academy graduates

Send-Off for two Officers



Swearing-In New Hires





## OPERATIONS AND DETECTIVE BUREAU



### Undersheriff Manish Gautam

Detectives | Special Investigations | Emergency Services

#### About the Bureau

The Detectives assigned to the bureau, full-time or as an additional responsibility, assist in many of the Sheriff's special operations. These detectives track fugitives from Burlington County, and perform special investigations for crimes against the judiciary and county. The bureau is also home to the Emergency Services Unit and the newly formed Drone Unit. Officers are assigned to the U.S. Marshall's Fugitive Unit. They also author & execute search warrants for criminal investigations on county property.

## 2024 Highlights

- Eight (8) Officers successfully passed rigorous physical training and marksman proficiency requirements to begin their training for the Emergency Services unit.
- Detectives completed 83 background investigations, served 130 Child support warrants, and served over 557 warrants
- Several officers successfully completed training and received the coveted FAA license to operate the Sheriff's Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in the newly formed Drone Unit. These officers are on-call for emergency.





## COURTS BUREAU



### Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Wilk

Judicial Security | Transports | ID/Process Unit

#### About the Bureau

The Courts Bureau provides safety and security to the Judiciary and numerous County buildings. The bureau also handles transports of detained individuals to and from the Court for appearances. The Courts Bureau is comprised of One (1) Lieutenant and (1) Sergeant and over 40 sworn officers.

## 2024 Highlights

- The Courts Bureau transported and escorted over 2,200 individuals
- The Burlington County Sheriff's Office Courts Bureau—ID Unit processed (photographs, fingerprints, etc) over 1,680 individuals for municipalities.
- Courts Bureau officers volunteer for additional duties and special assignments to support the community.
- The Courts Bureau has processed numerous suspicious packages and threats to the building, while maintaining security and minimal impact on services



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Burlington County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Unit (COU) goes beyond traditional law enforcement by actively engaging with the community to foster strong partnerships and address local needs. Working closely with county agencies, commissioners, businesses, and nonprofits, the COU delivers impactful programs on safety education, youth and senior academies, and public awareness initiatives. With a strong emphasis on driver, passenger, and pedestrian safety, the unit also leverages locative technology to enhance community well-being.

### LOCATIVE TECHNOLOGY

The Burlington County Sheriff's Office previously partnered with agencies across the county to provide **Project Lifesaver**, a rapid response program that assisted at-risk individuals and their families. Our office supplied both the necessary equipment and specialized training to partner agencies for effective deployment.

In 2024, we transitioned to the **Angel Sense** platform, a major upgrade that enhances our ability to locate individuals more quickly and over a wider area. This new system eliminates the need for specialized training, making response efforts more efficient and accessible.

### PHOTO IDENTIFICATIONS

The Burlington County Sheriff's Office collaborates with the Office on Aging, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and our Hope One program to provide free identification cards, which serve as a secondary form of identification. Additionally, we issue identification on behalf of the Burlington County Bar Association for attorneys.

### SENIOR SERVICES & SECURITY

In partnership with the Burlington County Office on Aging, the Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Specialists provide workshops and nearly 300 home security inspections annually, offering seniors safety upgrades like locks, lighting, and smoke/carbon monoxide detectors.

Each spring, the Senior Expo connects residents with vital resources, including health screenings, document shredding, adoptable pets, and county services.

### DEFENSIVE DRIVING

The Burlington County Sheriff's Office offers a one-day, six-hour course multiple times a year for all NJ-licensed drivers. Taught by certified instructors using National Safety Council materials, this course may qualify participants for up to a 5% insurance discount and/or a 2-point NJ DMV reduction.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTIONS

The Sheriff's Office offers free child safety seat inspections and installations at least once a week, performed by a team of state-certified technicians. These technicians check for recalls, ensure correct installation, and provide instruction to residents on proper use. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office provides free safety seats to residents in need.

### PERSONS AT-RISK REGISTRY

In partnership with the Office on Aging and the Burlington County Police Chiefs Association, the Sheriff's Office maintains a Persons At-Risk Registry to assist first responders in identifying individuals with conditions that may cause them to wander and be unable to return home safely.

### HOPE ONE

The Hope One program, led by the Burlington County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with various agencies, provides critical support for individuals and families struggling with addiction. Focused on preventing overdoses and connecting people to treatment and recovery resources, the program hosted 59 events in 2024, reaching over 1,639 people. Services included chaplain support, rehabilitation referrals, NARCAN training, photo identification, toiletry kits, and clothing distribution—helping individuals take meaningful steps toward recovery and wellness.



### SELECTED PERFORMANCE METRICS

#### Holiday Toy Drive

Families donated to – 182 Families  
Children donated to – 463 Children  
Toys donated to Children – ~2,300 Toys  
Agencies donated to – 13 Agencies  
Toys donated to Agencies – ~4,000 Toys  
50 Drop Box Locations



#### HOPE ONE

Events—59  
Total Contacts—1639  
IDs—563

#### CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECKPOINTS & RELATED

Total Events—73  
CSS Seat Inspections Events—36  
Individual Seats Inspected—234  
Literature Tables—37  
Citizen Contacts—46,802  
Seats Supplied (Free of Charge) - 30

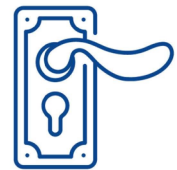


#### DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Classes Held—13  
Total Students—197

#### HOME SECURITY

Smoke Detectors—117  
Carbon Detectors—132  
Locks—26  
Charlie Bars—40



## PROMOTIONS



*Det. Lynch was promoted to Sergeant in September*



### Detective Sergeant Hall

Detective Sergeant Hall was promoted to Acting Lieutenant and Courts Commander



### Sheriff's Officer Rivera

Sheriff's Officer Rivera was promoted to Acting Sergeant and assigned to the Human Services Building

## NEW HIRES

Inv. Carmosine



Inv. Christie



Ofc. Zirpoli



Ofc. Blanchard



Ofc. Ellzy



Ofc. Hundley



Ofc. Stavrou



Ofc. Bruzzese



Inv. Fischer



Ofc. Barreiro



Inv. Conklin



Ofc. Iacovitti



Ofc. Smith



Inv. Haas



Inv. Phillips



Inv. Sabatino



## RETIREMENTS



### **Lieutenant Rodriguez**

Lt. Rodriguez retired after 24 years of honorable service.

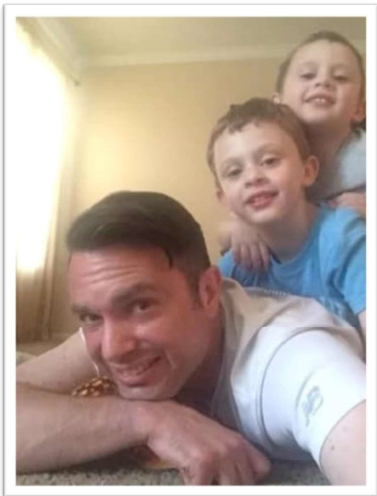


### **Sheriff's Sergeant Felder**

Sgt. Felder retired after 20 years of service

## IN MEMORIAM

***"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."***  
**Matthew 5:9**



### **Sheriff's Sergeant Brian Miller #3587**

*July 8 1981 - February 23, 2023*

Sheriff's Sergeant Brian Miller was a 17 year member of the Burlington County Sheriff's Office. He graduated from Burlington County Police Academy Class #91 in 2006. During his career, he served as a K-9 handler to Explosives Detection K-9 Donatello and was active in many programs to benefit the citizens of Burlington County. After his service as a K9 Handler, Sheriff's Sergeant Miller served in the traffic unit. He also served as a Field Training Officer. Sheriff's Sergeant Miller passed after a hard-fought battle with cancer. He leaves behind two sons, Noah and Brandon.

Sheriff Kostoplis posthumously promoted Brian Miller to Sergeant on February 24, 2023.

### **Chief Warrant Officer Thomas A. Heath #35202**

*July 28, 1954 - July 28, 2023*

Chief Warrant Officer Thomas A. Heath had a long and successful career of service. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1973 thru 1977 on the aircraft carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CV 42. He also worked for the US Postal Service before becoming a Hamilton Township Police Officer and retired after 31 years of exemplary service. He was appointed as the Chief Warrant Officer for the Burlington County Sheriff's Office in January of 2023. CWO Heath was known by many as a fantastic chef. He is survived by his wife, mother, sister, and brother.





## STATISTICS

### USE OF FORCE

	2022	2023	2024
<b>Total Use of Force Incidents</b>	3	7	9
<b>Total Custodial Arrests</b>	1	3	8
<b>Weaponless Force</b>	5	7	22
<b>Strikes</b>	0	0	0
<b>Takedowns</b>	1	0	10
<b>Use Hands/Feet/Arms</b>	6	7	14
<b>Taser</b>	0	0	0
<b>Mechanical Force (Spray/Baton)</b>	0	0	0
<b>Deadly Force</b>	0	0	0
<b>Officers Involved</b>	6	7	22
<b>Use of Force by Suspect Gender</b>			
	2022	2023	2024
<b>Male</b>	2	3	7
<b>% Male</b>	67%	100%	77%
<b>Female</b>	1	0	2
<b>% Female</b>	33%	0%	22%
<b>Use of Force by Suspect Race</b>			
	2022	2023	2024
<b>White</b>	1	1	5
<b>Black</b>	2	2	17
<b>Hispanic</b>	0	0	0
<b>Asian</b>	0	0	0
<b>Indian</b>	0	0	0
<b>Pacific Islander</b>	0	0	0
<b>Other</b>	0	0	0
<b>Use of Force by Suspect Age</b>			
	2022	2023	2024
<b>Under 18</b>	1	0	4
<b>18-25</b>	0	1	1
<b>26-30</b>	0	1	1
<b>31-35</b>	1	0	3
<b>36-40</b>	0	0	0
<b>41-45</b>	0	1	0
<b>46-50</b>	1	0	0
<b>50+</b>	0	0	0

<b>Injury to Suspect</b>			
	2022	2023	2024
<b>Minor Injury</b>	0	0	4
<b>Serious Injury</b>	0	0	0
<b>Claimed Injury</b>	0	0	8
<b>No Injury</b>	3	3	
<b>Injury to Officers</b>			
	2022	2023	2024
<b>Minor Injury</b>	0	0	5
<b>Serious Injury</b>	0	0	0
<b>Claimed Injury</b>	0	0	1
<b>No Injury</b>	6	7	16

NOTE: All instances of use of force undergo a thorough internal investigation—including a review of evidence, audio/video recordings and interviews with participants and witnesses—to ensure that measures taken by officers were objectively reasonable based on each situation. Over a period of three years, instances of use of force represent less than .009% percent of the Officers's calls for service. For additional details, click [here](#) to view the division's three-year Use of Force analysis.

## STATISTICS (CONT.)

### REPORTED OFFENSES

PART I CRIMES	2022	2023	2024
Arson	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Auto Theft	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Homocide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Theft	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	0	0	0
PART II CRIMES	2022	2023	2024
Assault	0	0	0
Criminal Mischeif	0	0	0
Domesitc Dispute	0	0	0
Domestic Violence	0	0	0
Drug Abuse	0	0	0
Fraud/Forgery	0	0	0
Missing Person	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	0	0	0
Harassment (Telecommunications)	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	0	0	0

### ARRESTS

	2022	2023	2024
Adult	710	1,062	1,479
Juvenile	0	0	0

NOTE: Offenses are reported on the municipalities report in which the offense occurred.

### EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS

	2022	2023	2024
Citizen Complaint			
Sustained			
Not Sustained			
Unfounded			
Exonterated			

### EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS

	2022	2023	2024
Directed Complaint			
Sustained			
Not Sustained			
Unfounded			
Exonterated			



## SPECIAL THANKS

2024

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Felicia Hopson  
Commissioner Director



Tom Pullion  
Deputy Director



Allison Eckel  
County Commissioner



Daniel J. O'Connell  
County Commissioner



Balvir Singh  
County Commissioner



Eve Cullinan  
County Administrator



Ashley Buono  
County Solicitor

**Quick County Facts**  
**Population: 466,103**  
**Veteran Population: 25,692**  
**Households: 174,454**  
**Median Value of Homes: \$304,600**