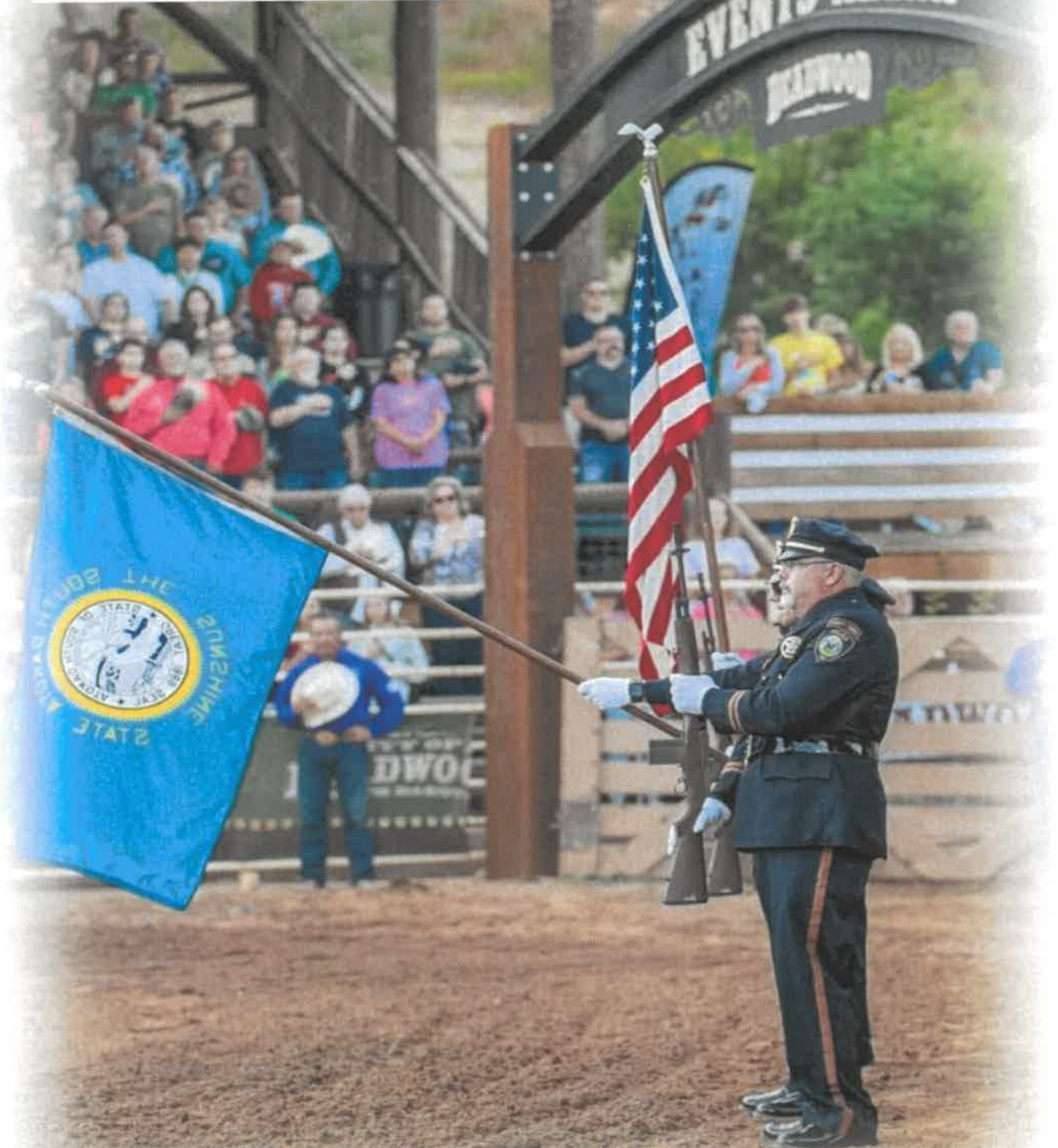


DEADWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT



ANNUAL REPORT | 2024



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It is the goal of the Deadwood Police Department to provide innovative, sustained, high-quality police services to the community through each employee using his/her maximum capabilities.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I am honored to reflect on the journey we have embarked upon together since April 2023 when I was sworn in as the chief of police for the Deadwood Police Department. Having served in different capacities within this organization, I am continually reminded of the positive values that come with wearing the uniform and serving this grateful community.

Throughout the ups and downs, I have never felt more proud to be in a position where I can lead and support the great men and women of our department. The past two years have flown by, and I am pleased to see us hold on to the core values of our organization while adapting to new challenges and opportunities. Under the guidance of previous leadership, we have laid a solid foundation for the future of our department. Embracing change has been integral to our growth, whether it's upgrading our patrol cars, adopting electronic systems, or establishing our first honor guard and community events response team.

As we move forward into 2025, I am excited about the continuous growth and development opportunities that lie ahead for each member of our team. The commitment and dedication they all demonstrate every day make me confident in our collective ability to serve the city of Deadwood with excellence.

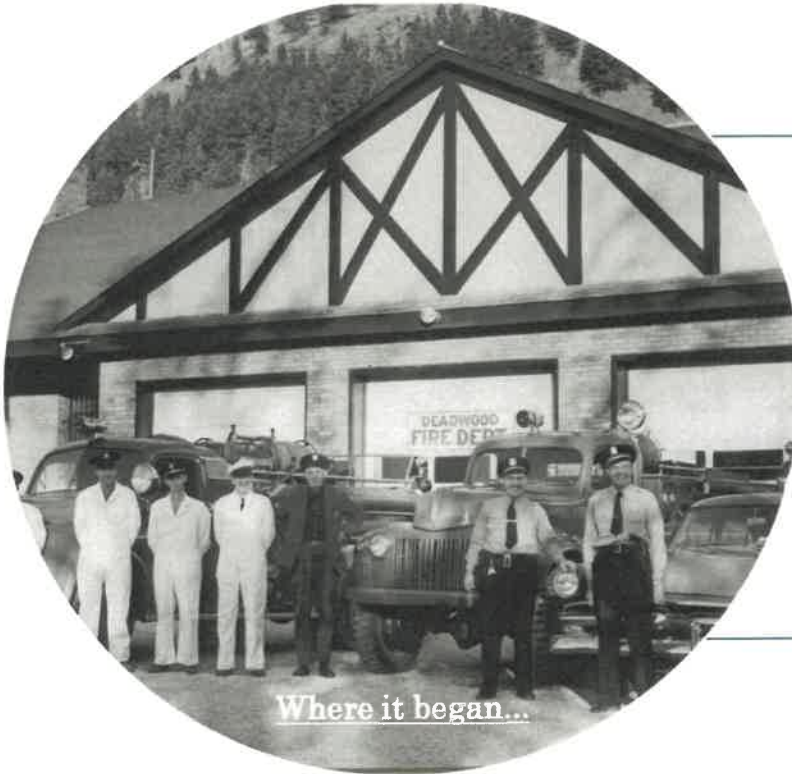
I invite you to explore our annual report for 2024 to learn more about our achievements over the last couple of years and what our plans are for the future. Together, we will continue to strengthen our department, support one another, and serve our community with honor. A special thank you to our dedicated, hardworking police officers. Deadwood, a special thank you for your unwavering support, and commitment to keeping this community safe and inviting.

Let's make 2025 another year of growth, collaboration, and success!





The History



Deadwood, a community steeped in rich history, let us take a moment to reflect on the commendable journey of our police department. From the days of Seth Bullock to the present, the evolution of law enforcement stands as a testament to growth and progress.

Change is inevitable, a constant force shaping our path forward. Recently, over the last 25 years, we have witnessed remarkable transformations within our department, guided by our core values and unwavering mission to protect and serve our diverse community.

From the evolution of patrol cars to embracing email technology, we have seen firsthand the power of adaptation and innovation. The future lies before us, and it is our collective responsibility to navigate it with resilience and respect for our history.



As we continue this journey, let us remain passionate in our commitment to growth, understanding, and collaboration. Through honoring our past and embracing change, we will undoubtedly pave the way for a brighter and more inclusive future.



The History

We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, drawing strength from their courage and resilience. As we continue ahead with determination and unity, the path we tread today will pave the way for the future.



Where we were...



The History



Innovative, sustained, high-quality police services to the community will continue to be our heartbeat. Effectively communicating with our community through community policing, public service, trust, and proactively protecting our history and those who visit! We continue to welcome visitors from all around the world and look forward to continuing to serve and protect this gem right here in the beautiful black hills of South Dakota.





Department Overview



As we think about our mission at the Deadwood Police Department, it is clear that our dedication to providing innovative and sustained high-quality police services to the community remains important. Our commitment to fostering a positive work environment, where positive reinforcement is valued and encouraged, has been yielding positive results. The culture we have

cultivated empowers our officers to engage with the community in a positive manner, ensuring effective and respectful communication in their interactions. The feedback we have received from both our staff and the community we serve reaffirms our belief in this approach.

Officers' training continues to be at the forefront, as we focus on building higher expectations for the training our department receives. By emphasizing positive reinforcement, de-escalation techniques, positive communication, crisis control training, and professional leadership development, we can uphold the high standard of police services that we consistently provide. From promptly responding to emergency calls to our proactive patrolling efforts aimed at crime prevention, we have maintained high visibility in our community. Our collective efforts have contributed to ensuring the safety of our roads and highways.



In 2023, we handled a total of 8,119 calls for service. This number increased slightly in 2024, with hosting approximately 46 events, 8,709 calls for service were answered. While these figures show a slight uptick compared to 2022, we're pleased to report that we are only marginally above the call volume recorded in 2021 (8,370). It's important to recognize that the rise in calls for service from 2020 to 2021 was anticipated after the covid 19 pandemic, and since then, we have maintained a steady increase in our response to community and visitor's needs. These numbers encompass various service requests, including officers' extra patrol requests, foot patrol, and community policing initiatives that our officers actively participate in.



In-light of nationwide occupational shortages, although being fully staffed is near, the Deadwood Police Department remains 94% staffed, which has shown itself to be suitable for meeting the demands of our community. With hosting events and the 2,500,000 to 4,000,000 visitors who visit us here in Deadwood yearly, our department has successfully managed the volume of calls for service and the overall demand for public safety to support the various events. Although events and those

visiting are always subject to change, we continue to support the demand our community needs.

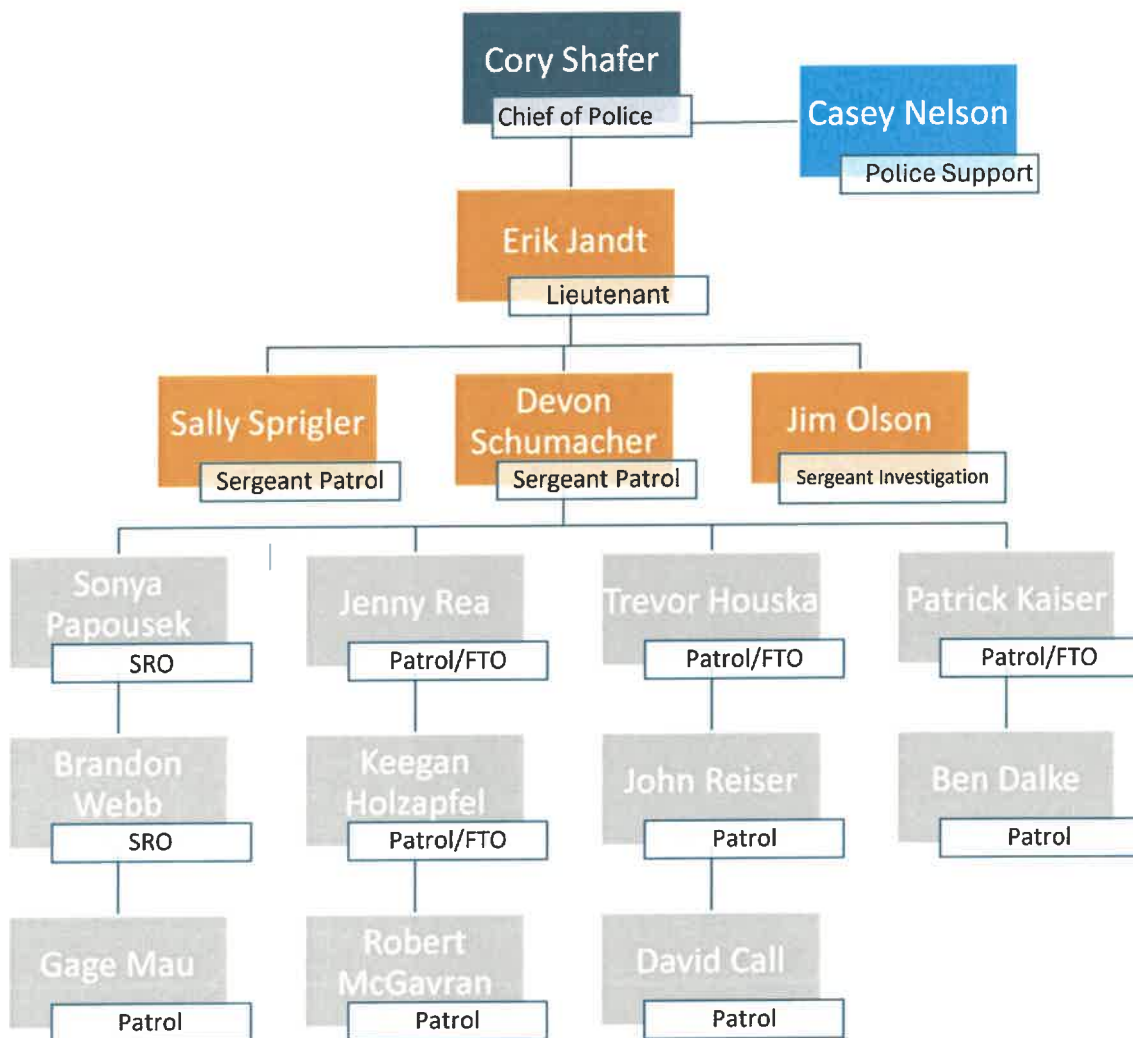
Currently, our department is staffed for 17 full-time certified police officers. We currently employ 1 part-time certified police officer, 2 reserve police officers, 2 community service officers, and 1 police support technician. Each member of our team plays a crucial role in ensuring the day-to-day operations of the Deadwood Police Department are carried out efficiently and effectively.

As we look ahead to 2025, I am filled with optimism and excitement for the future of our department. This year we have implemented a senior officer status for officers who meet the criteria. This status provides one with appreciation for their dedication to the department, serving the community, teaching new officers, and taking the responsibility of being part of mentoring and teaching within the department. It is through the tireless dedication of each one of our department's members that we are able to fulfill our mission of protecting and serving this community. We remain dedicated to upholding the highest standards of public safety and security. The commitment and hard work of our staff have been instrumental in achieving this goal.





Operations

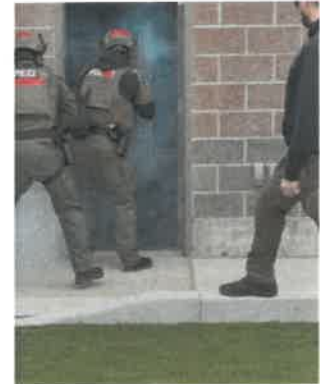


Our daily operations are structured in a way that involves an ordered setup that comprises various key roles. Starting with the Chief of Police, who oversees and leads the entire department. At the core of our operations are the patrol officers, who are the backbone of our department, responsible for responding to calls for service and handling emergency situations effectively. Our patrol division plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and security of our community. This division includes a team of dedicated officers who are responsible for answering calls for service, working closely with our emergency communications center, and handling day-to-day policing duties.

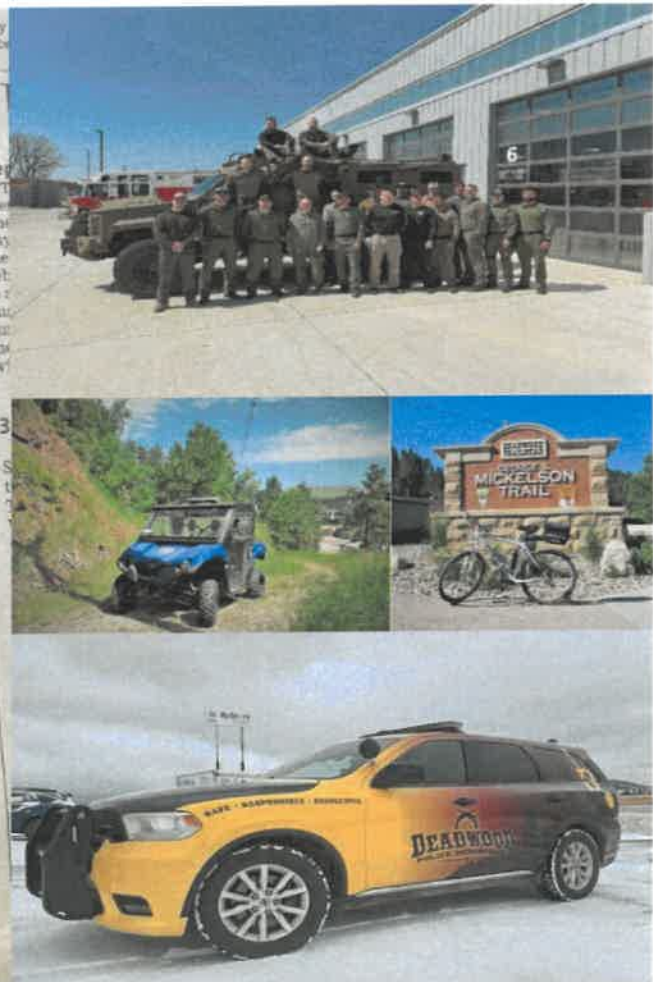




As part of our efforts to enhance our operational capabilities, we have recently expanded our team by implementing an investigations sergeant in 2024. Our operations now include one Lieutenant, who serves as the training coordinator, community events response team commander, honor guard commander, and other police related duties. Two patrol sergeants who oversee the patrol division, and one sergeant investigator supervising our investigations department. Moreover, we have two dedicated school resource officers, who do a tremendous job building connections with youth in efforts to prevent them from being involved in crime to supporting their education. Other positions considered to be auxiliary positions we continue to have or have built on are our motor unit and bicycle patrol, which collectively contribute to the successful operations of the Deadwood Police Department.



I hope this overview provides you with a better understanding of the structure and roles within our department.





Crime Index

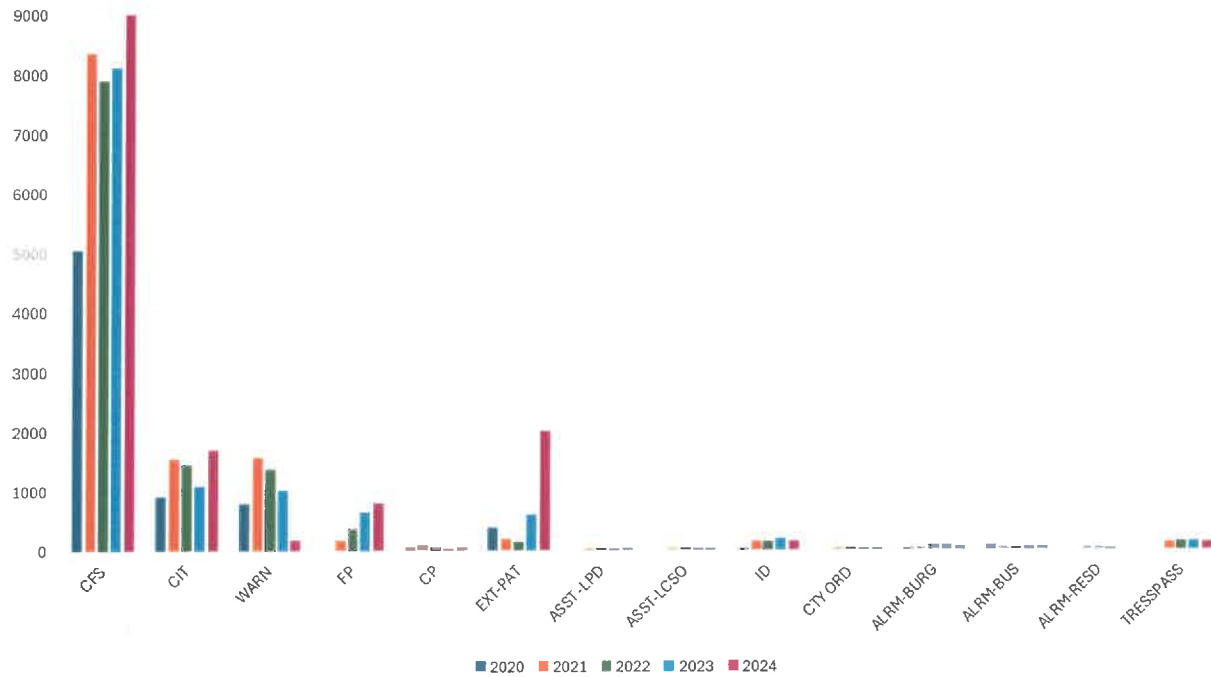
- Agency Trends
- Drug Crimes
- Crimes Against People
- Traffic Enforcement
- Theft/Damage Crimes
- Statewide Traffic Fatality Crashes





| TRENDS | CFS | CIT | WARN | FP | CP | EXT-PAT | ASST-LPD | ASST-LCSO | ID | CTY ORD | ALRM-BURG | ALRM-BUS | ALRM-RESO | TRESSPASS |
|--------|------|------|------|-----|----|---------|----------|-----------|-----|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2020 | 5070 | 904 | 797 | NA | 39 | 389 | NA | NA | 17 | NA | 2 | 68 | NA | NA |
| 2021 | 8370 | 1541 | 1572 | 164 | 82 | 188 | 4 | 5 | 139 | 18 | 30 | 24 | 3 | 128 |
| 2022 | 7894 | 1446 | 1363 | 350 | 47 | 142 | 11 | 5 | 139 | 13 | 83 | 32 | 2 | 134 |
| 2023 | 8119 | 1084 | 1003 | 647 | 16 | 591 | 10 | 5 | 199 | 17 | 66 | 45 | 3 | 140 |
| 2024 | 9620 | 1676 | 164 | 795 | 59 | 2008 | 12 | 18 | 152 | 10 | 44 | 52 | 0 | 124 |

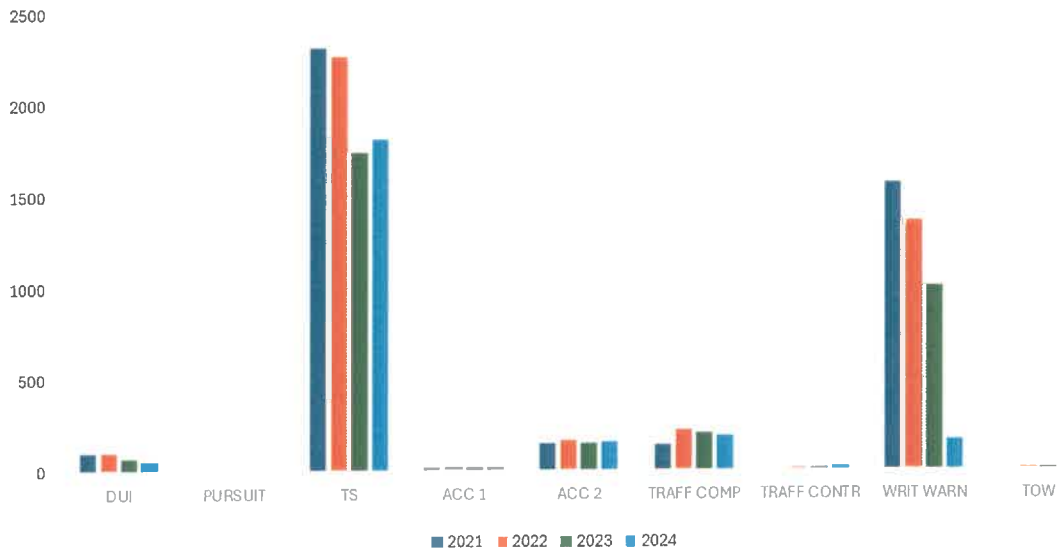
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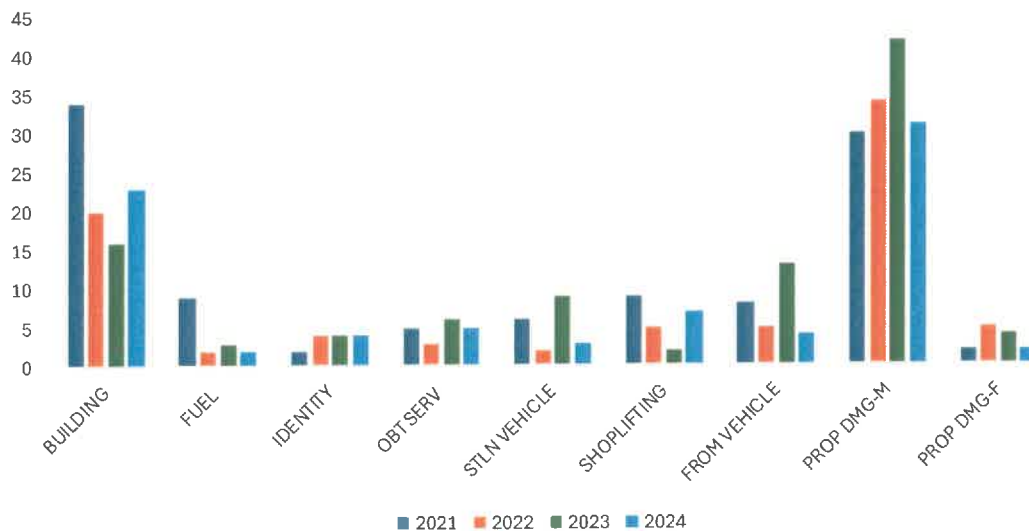
| TRAFFIC | DUI | PURSUIT | TS | ACC 1 | ACC 2 | TRAFF COMP | TRAFF CONTR | WRIT WARN | TOW |
|---------|-----|---------|------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----|
| 2021 | 105 | 2 | 2310 | 23 | 154 | 145 | 7 | 1572 | 9 |
| 2022 | 104 | 4 | 2267 | 20 | 170 | 223 | 16 | 1363 | 12 |
| 2023 | 68 | 1 | 1739 | 23 | 147 | 211 | 17 | 1003 | 12 |
| 2024 | 57 | 8 | 1814 | 19 | 155 | 195 | 25 | 164 | 5 |

Traffic Enforcement



| THFT/DMG | BUILDING | FUEL | IDENTITY | OBT SERV | STLN VEHICLE | SHOPLIFTING | FROM VEHICLE | PROP DMG-M | PROP DMG-F |
|----------|----------|------|----------|----------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 2021 | 34 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 8 | 30 | 2 |
| 2022 | 20 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 34 | 5 |
| 2023 | 16 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 13 | 42 | 4 |
| 2024 | 23 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 31 | 2 |

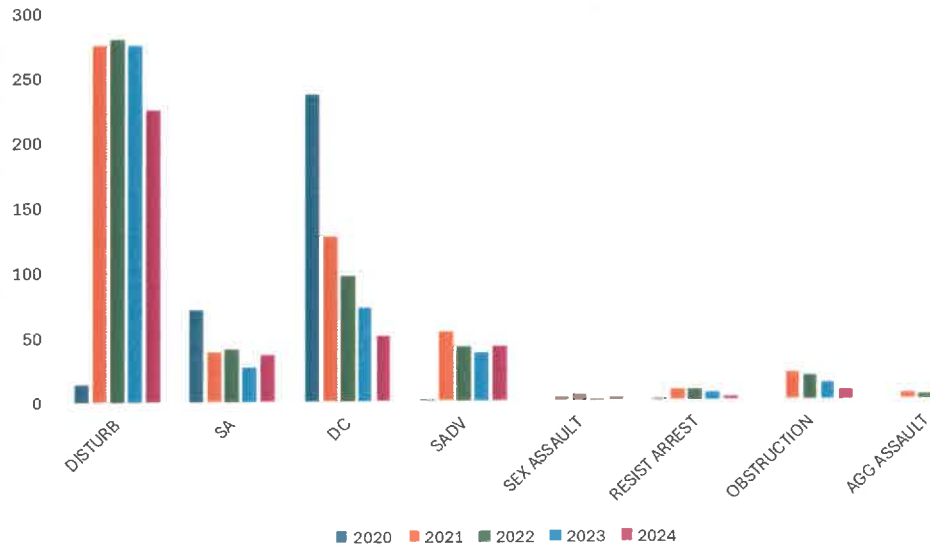
Theft/Property Damage





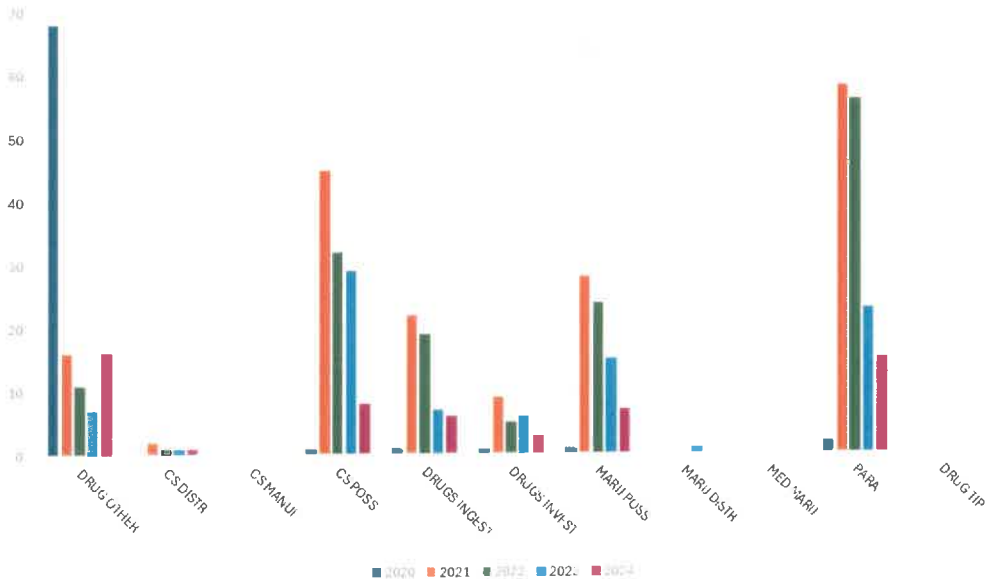
| PEOPLE CRIME | DISTURB | SA | DC | SADV | SEX ASSAULT | RESIST ARREST | OBSTRUCTION | AGG ASSAULT |
|--------------|---------|----|-----|------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2020 | 14 | 72 | 237 | 2 | NA | 1 | NA | NA |
| 2021 | 275 | 39 | 128 | 54 | 3 | 9 | 22 | 5 |
| 2022 | 280 | 41 | 97 | 42 | 5 | 9 | 19 | 4 |
| 2023 | 275 | 27 | 73 | 38 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 7 |
| 2024 | 225 | 37 | 50 | 42 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 5 |

Crimes Against People



| DRUGS | DRUG OTHER | CS DISTR | CS MANUF | CS POSS | DRUGS INGEST | DRUGS INVEST | MARIJ POSS | MARIJ DISTR | MED MARIJ | PARA | DRUG TIP |
|-------|------------|----------|----------|---------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------|----------|
| 2020 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 2021 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 45 | 22 | 9 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 0 |
| 2022 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 32 | 19 | 5 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 0 |
| 2023 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 29 | 7 | 6 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 0 |
| 2024 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 |

DRUG STATISTICS





Accomplishments & Projections

Just in case you missed it, I am pleased to share with you the recent accomplishments and future projections of the Deadwood Police Department.

Over the past few years, our department has achieved significant milestones. We introduced the Honor Guard in 2023 and initiated the Community Events Response Team in the same year. Furthermore, we actively participated in South Dakota's Highway Safety Grant in 2021, 2022, and 2023, with plans to continue our participation in 2025. This grant allows our officers to work overtime wages while enforcing traffic laws, in collaboration with the South Dakota Highway Patrol, to enhance road safety and reduce crashes related to speeding.



In addition to our involvement in the Highway Safety Grant, we are ramping up our efforts to enforce DUI laws, safety regulations, and speed limits. A new speed sign indicator and updated crosswalk signage has been installed along Pioneer Way (Highway 14A), thanks to the Department of Transportation. Looking ahead, we are actively seeking funding through the Homeland Security Grant to acquire advanced safety and ballistic gear for officers involved in special unit assignments during specific events. The outcome of our grant application for 2025 is pending, and we eagerly await the results.

We are pleased to inform you that thanks to the generous contributions from our community donors, our department has been able to access essential tools, resources, and materials provided by the National Child Safety Council. These resources play a crucial role in aiding us in providing youth of all ages with materials to help educate them in various topics such as bicycle safety, crosswalk safety, bully prevention, and how to identify harmful substances. In 2024, we secured approval and budget allocation for Axon body cameras and in-car camera systems, enhancing our ability to capture interactions with the public accurately and reliably. These state-of-the-art camera systems are essential for maintaining the integrity of video evidence and streamlining court proceedings.



In 2024, students from the Lead-Deadwood Highschool's art class joined forces with our School Resource Officers to create a stunning design for a vehicle wrap to be installed on one of our patrol cars. The collaboration was a huge success, with talented students showcasing their artistic skills to bring the vision to life. A huge thank you to the support of local businesses and the Lead Deadwood School District, the selected students received fantastic prizes from the

community as a token of appreciation for their hard work. It was a true testament to the power of collaboration.

While we have achieved significant progress, our dedication to officer safety, improving operational efficiency and enhancing community service remains firm. We are committed to exploring new ways to empower our officers and leverage available resources to better serve the citizens of this wonderful community.



Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our department's mission. Together, we strive to create a safer and stronger community for all.