

# Oakes Police Department 2020 Annual Report



# CHIEF'S MESSAGE

## Introduction by the Chief of Police-

The purpose of this report is to provide our community information and statistics impacting our city and the department including crime, traffic, staff, and what is new in our department.

January started out busy for the department as we had multiple search warrants and assistance from the US Marshals office apprehending a sex offender from Minnesota. 2020 continued to see the upward trend of drug and narcotic offenses. We continue to put many resources towards combatting illegal drugs in our city as it continues to be the largest driver of crime. Officers have put in many volunteer hours to do surveillance to help with the department's efforts at combating drug and narcotic activity in our community.

2020 was the first year since I took over as Chief three years ago that we had a full staff for the entire year. Officer Jeremy Sitzler finished the academy in December of 2019 and was on the road, fully licensed by January of 2020.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began, we like every department in the area, acquired PPE to ensure our officers and people we encountered were safe. We supplied our officers with masks, gloves, glasses, sanitizer, and gowns. The department was never short on PPE and only lost one officer to quarantine during the year.

The police department replaced an older patrol vehicle with a 2019 Ford explorer. The new patrol vehicle was equipped and on the road by May of 2020. We installed an idle switch in the new patrol vehicle to help with engine hours. The switch turns on the engine to charge up equipment in the vehicle and shuts off once everything is fully charged. Each vehicle is equipped with a radio, computer docking station, lights, gun lock, and dash camera. With a small

sample size, the department saw a huge benefit of having the idle switch and plan to install them in patrol vehicles in the future.

Our department received a grant to purchase new computers and docking stations. We received two new Panasonic tough books along with two vehicle docking stations to replace our tablets that were reaching their end-of-life cycle. We also received a grant to replace our officers body armor.

The police department took over the Community Service program for the county in 2020 and had a smooth transition taking over the Dickey County program from the Jamestown office.

The officers of the OPD are dedicated and talented employees and realize that for us to continue to accomplish our mission, we must have the confidence, support, and trust of the people who we visit, live, and work in our community. We will continue to emphasize our community engagement to help strengthen trust and respect, so we are able to provide successful police services to the community.

I am very thankful of Mayor Zimmer and the members of the Oakes City Council for their continued strong support of public safety in our community. I am also thankful for the support of the citizens of Oakes who desire to keep our community a safe place to live, work, and raise their families. I am immensely proud of our police department and what we accomplished last year through the pandemic, and I look forward to continued success throughout 2021.

Sincerely,

Chief Matthew O'Brien

# MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to provide excellent service and protection through leadership and partnership with the community.

Protecting the community is at the core of what we do, but we also provide a variety of traditional and non-traditional services. We will accomplish our mission by being leaders in the community and working hand-in-hand with the public to make Oakes a great place to live.

## Police Department Personnel

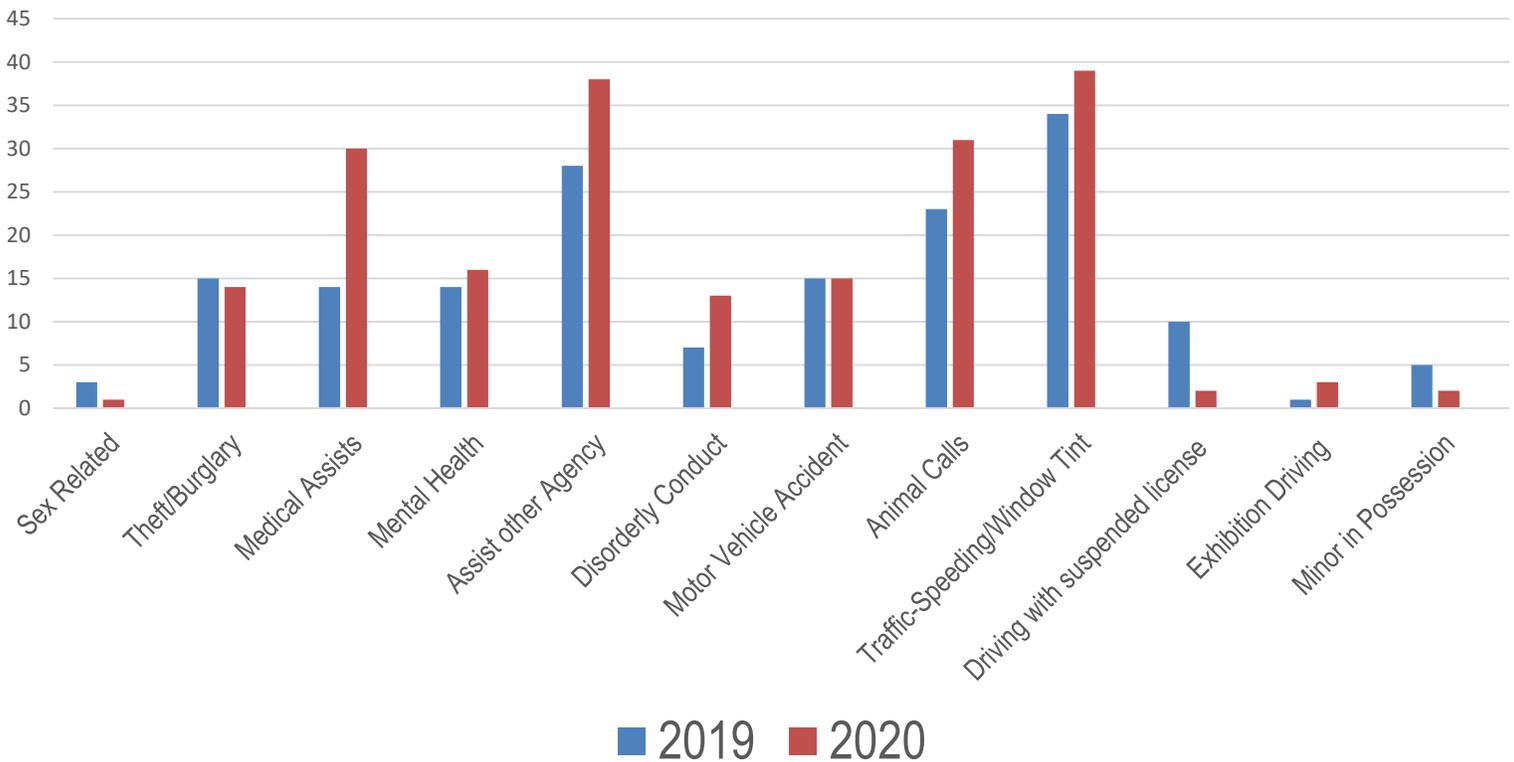
Chief Matthew O'Brien

Officer Dennis Cihak

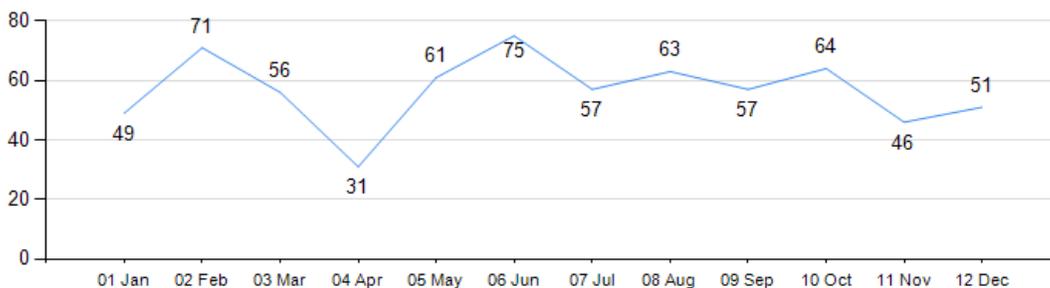
Officer Jeremy Sitzler

# CALLS FOR SERVICE

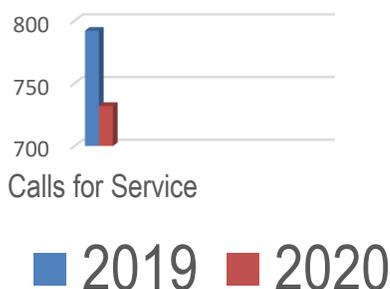
## 2019-2020 Calls for Service



Total CFS including No Verified Offenses



## Totals



The Oakes Police Department had 32 domestic calls in 2020. The calls ranged from a verbal disagreement to a physical assault that resulted in an arrest.

2020 saw in a decrease of calls for service because of the few traffic stops conducted. In 2020 officers did not make as many traffic stops during the Covid-19 pandemic. Officers were still out patrolling all hours of the day and night.

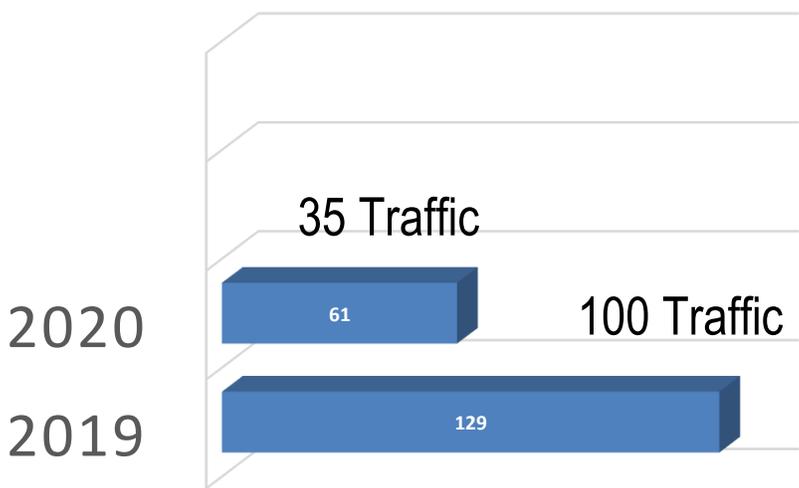
# CITATIONS

**CITATIONS BY MONTH**



The difference between the citation amounts for 2019 and 2020 is the traffic citations that were issued. Fewer traffic stops were made in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

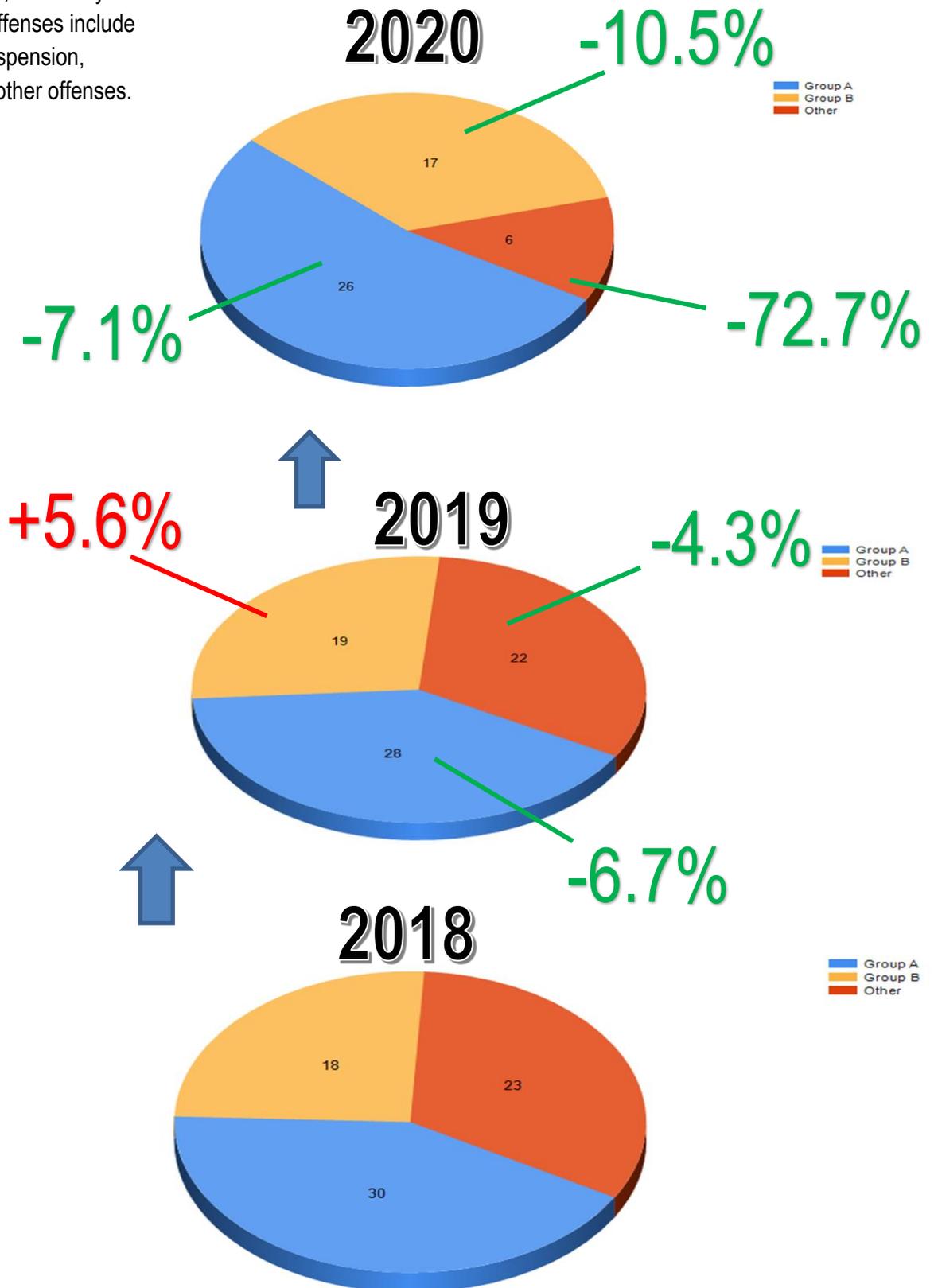
**CITATION TOTALS**



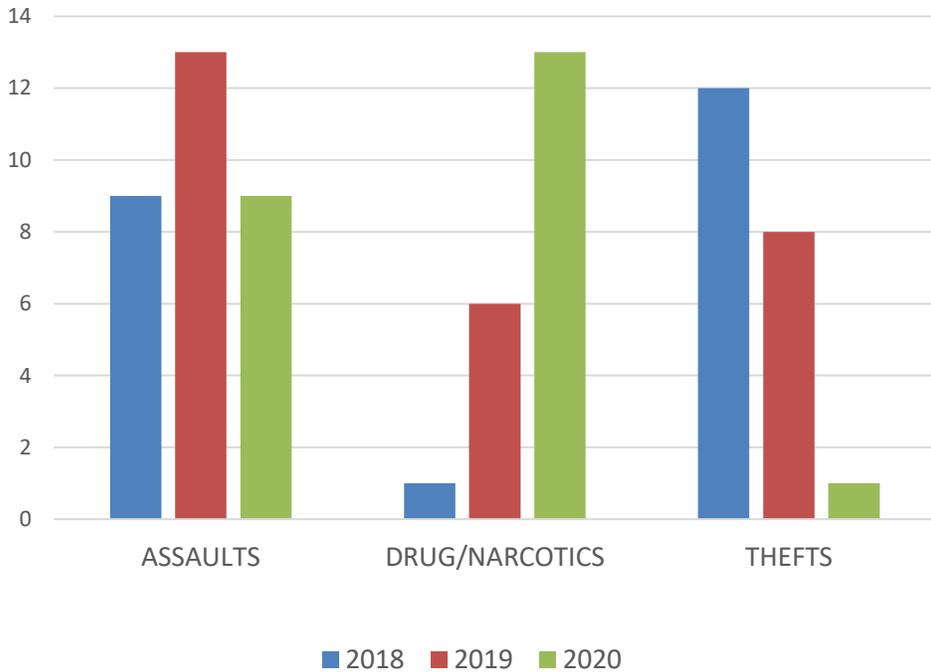
Many cases were long formed to the States Attorney's office to be reviewed for potential charges. In those cases, there would not be a citation issued. If the States Attorney decided there should be charges, the defendant would be served documentation explaining the charges.

# 2018-2020 OFFENSES

Group A offenses include assaults, burglary, vandalism, drug, and thefts. Group B offenses include bad checks, disorderly conduct, and dui's. Other offenses include domestics, driving under suspension, reckless driving, and many other offenses.



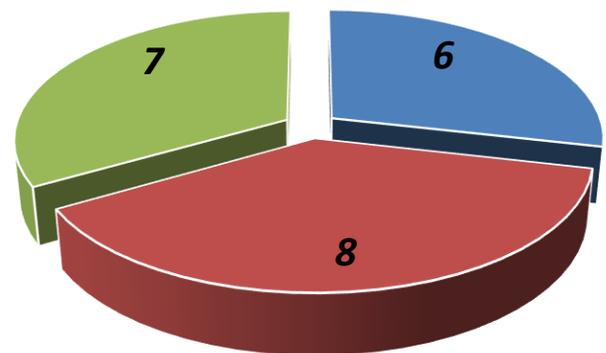
# TRENDS



We continue to see an upward trend in drug and narcotic offenses every year. We have put a lot of time and resources in combating the drug activity in Oakes but are limited without having a task force or more personnel. Officers are already using their free time to do surveillance on houses and individuals.

The Oakes Police Department will be back on the DUI and Seatbelt overtime program beginning 2021. We are also on the speed enforcement overtime program. Our goal is to have more enforcement and patrols to keep our roads safe. DUI arrests have stayed consistent the past three years.

## ***DUI/APC***



■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020

# COMMUNITY



# THANK YOU



Thank you for taking the time to review the Oakes Police Department annual report from 2020. We appreciate our partnership with the public, and value the relationships we have built and continue to build in the community.

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