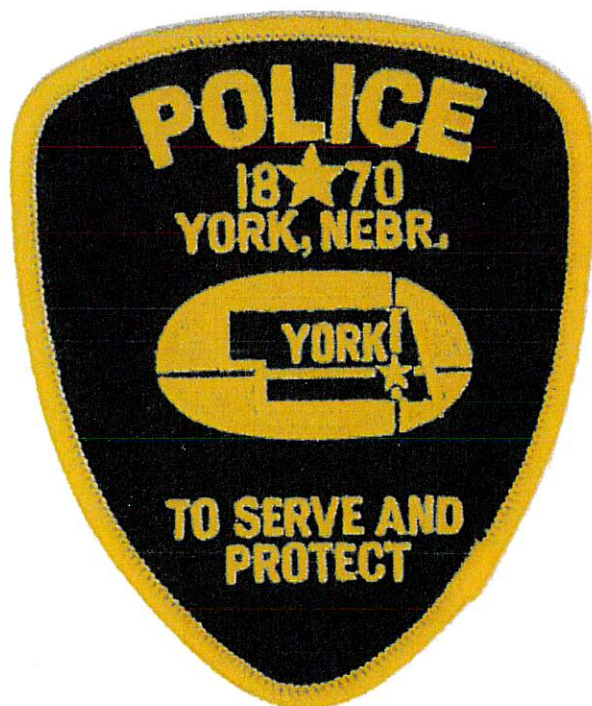


YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT



2020 ANNUAL REPORT



NEBRASKA

Police Department
315 Grant Ave.
York, NE 68467

Date: March 15, 2021

To: Mayor Redfern, City Council Members, Citizens of York

Re: 2020 York Police Department Annual Report

This year brought many new challenges for everyone, and was especially hard felt by law enforcement. Covid-19 presented many new issues including new forms of enforcement, equipment shortages, and ever-changing guidance on safety precautions. We also spent virtually all of 2020 preparing for our transition to new software in December. This is our new computer aided dispatch and reporting system that links us to county dispatch. While not perfect, this system promises improved functionality with more direct communication and advanced call and report tracking. 2020 also brought us newly mandated accident reporting software, expanded citations, and the switch from the Uniform Crime Reporting to the National Incident Based Reporting System in tracking crime statistics.

New challenges bring new actions and solutions, so this year's report will look different. I have chosen to streamline some of the information and the statistical categories and definitions have changed with our switch to NIBRS. I want to give a special thanks to Deb Hansen for her work in this area. While it has certainly been a team effort; Deb has tracked, correlated, and reported upon an entire year's worth of data in two separate reporting systems to two different standards to provide this data.

This year we saw decreases in overall calls for service, arrests, and traffic enforcement. I feel it is extremely important to note that for significant portions of 2020 I issued safety directives to staff to reduce the volume of proactive activity and general services rendered to reduce Covid-19 exposure. This means we had limited traffic and proactive contacts in the community, and did not offer fingerprinting and other services at the police department. I believe that future data will indicate that our general trends are intact; with increasing traffic and proactive enforcement and increased community-based contacts (such as the nearly 100 school checks performed in 2020).

Each time I prepare this letter, I am compelled to point out how proud I am of the men and women of the York Police Department. Upon looking back at 2020, I find difficulty in finding the words to accurately describe this sentiment. This was the year of the pandemic, protests, and huge changes to our day-to-day operations, and the staff at this department have worked tirelessly to focus on and protect the citizens of York. More than ever, I am proud to be a member of this department and community.

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York Police Department

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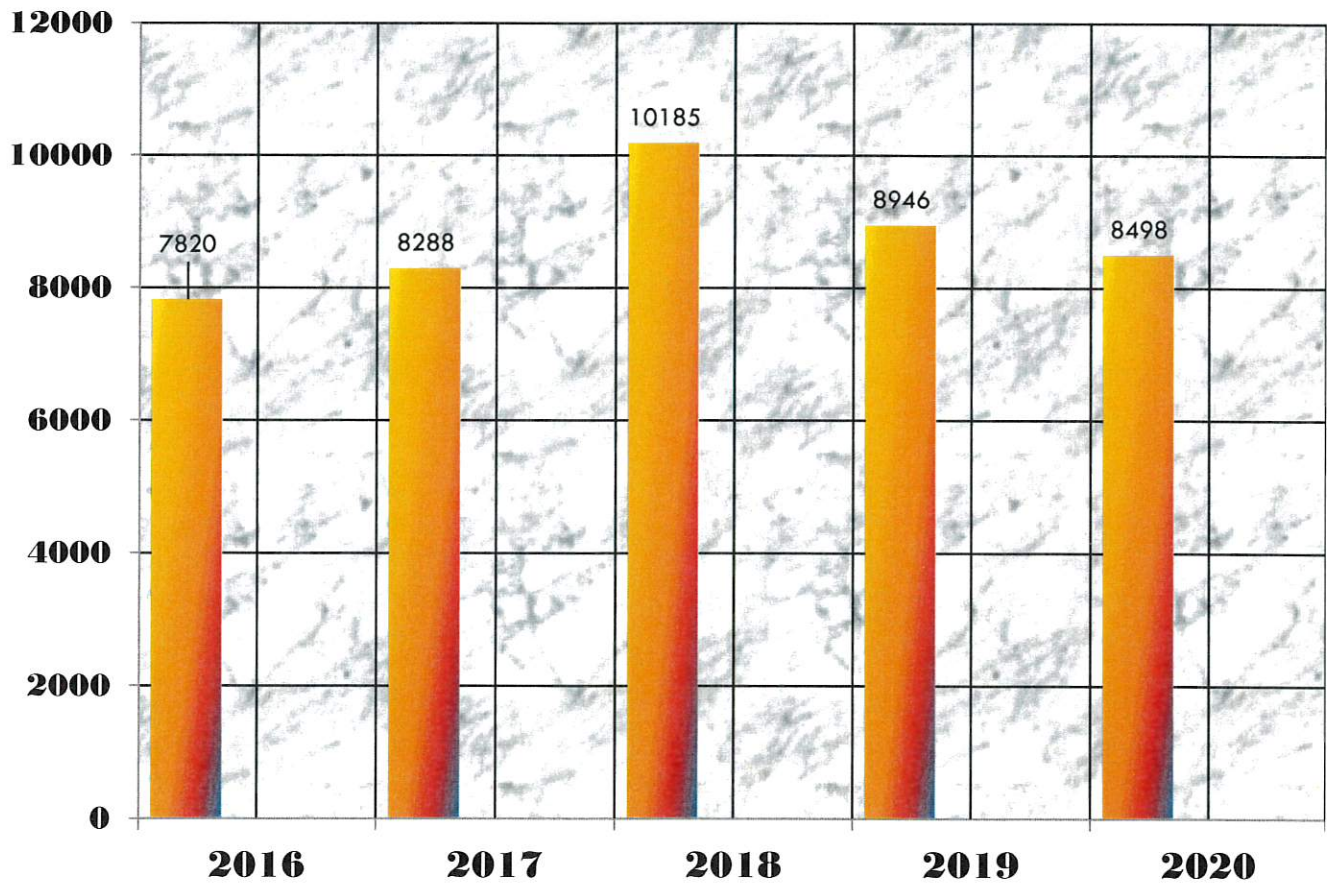
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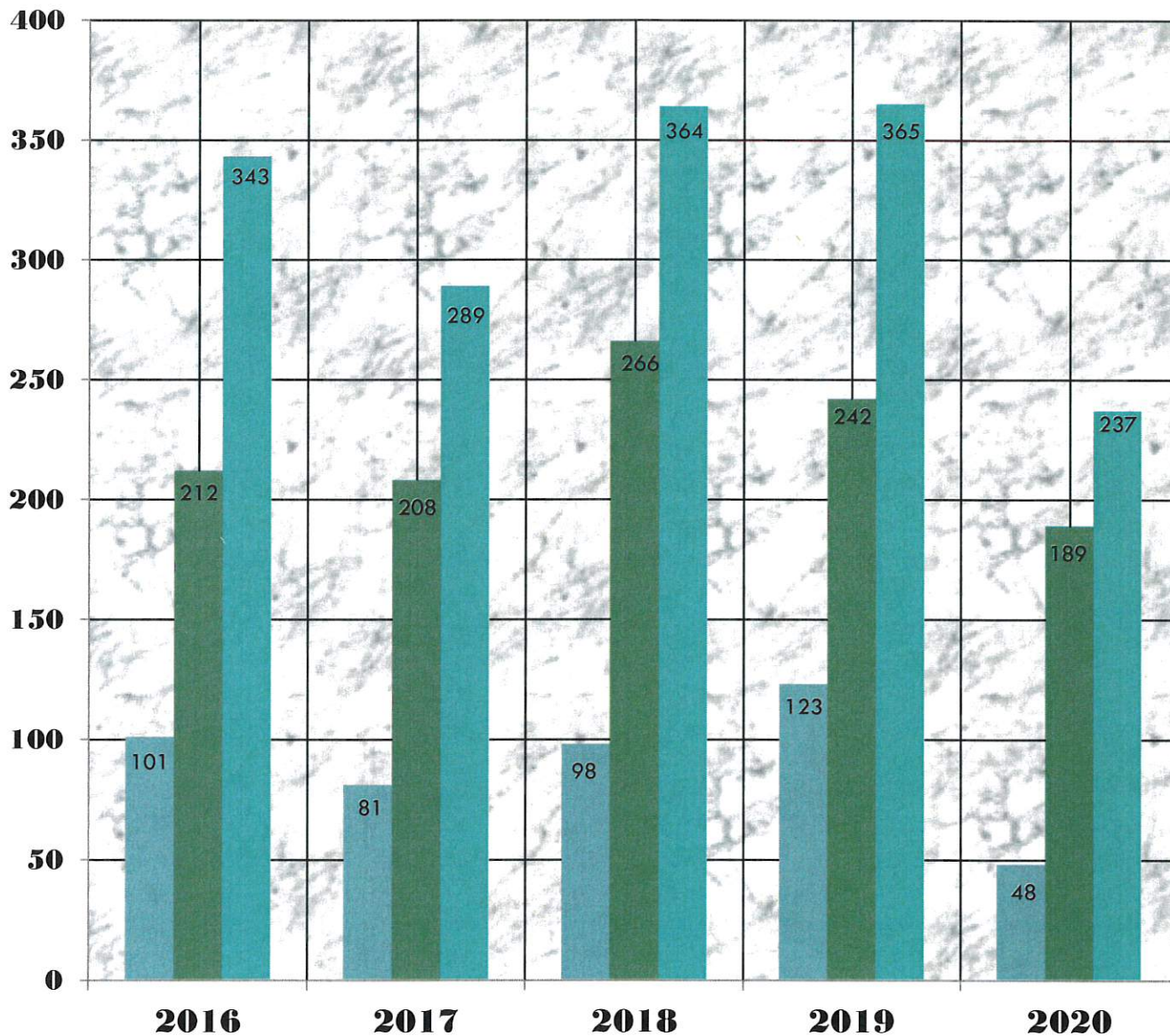
2020 INCIDENTS
CALL FOR SERVICES

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| Criminal | 2115 |
| Juvenile | 468 |
| Traffic and Parking | 2837 |
| Special Services | 1643 |
| Domestic and Civil | 1344 |
| School Checks | 91 |

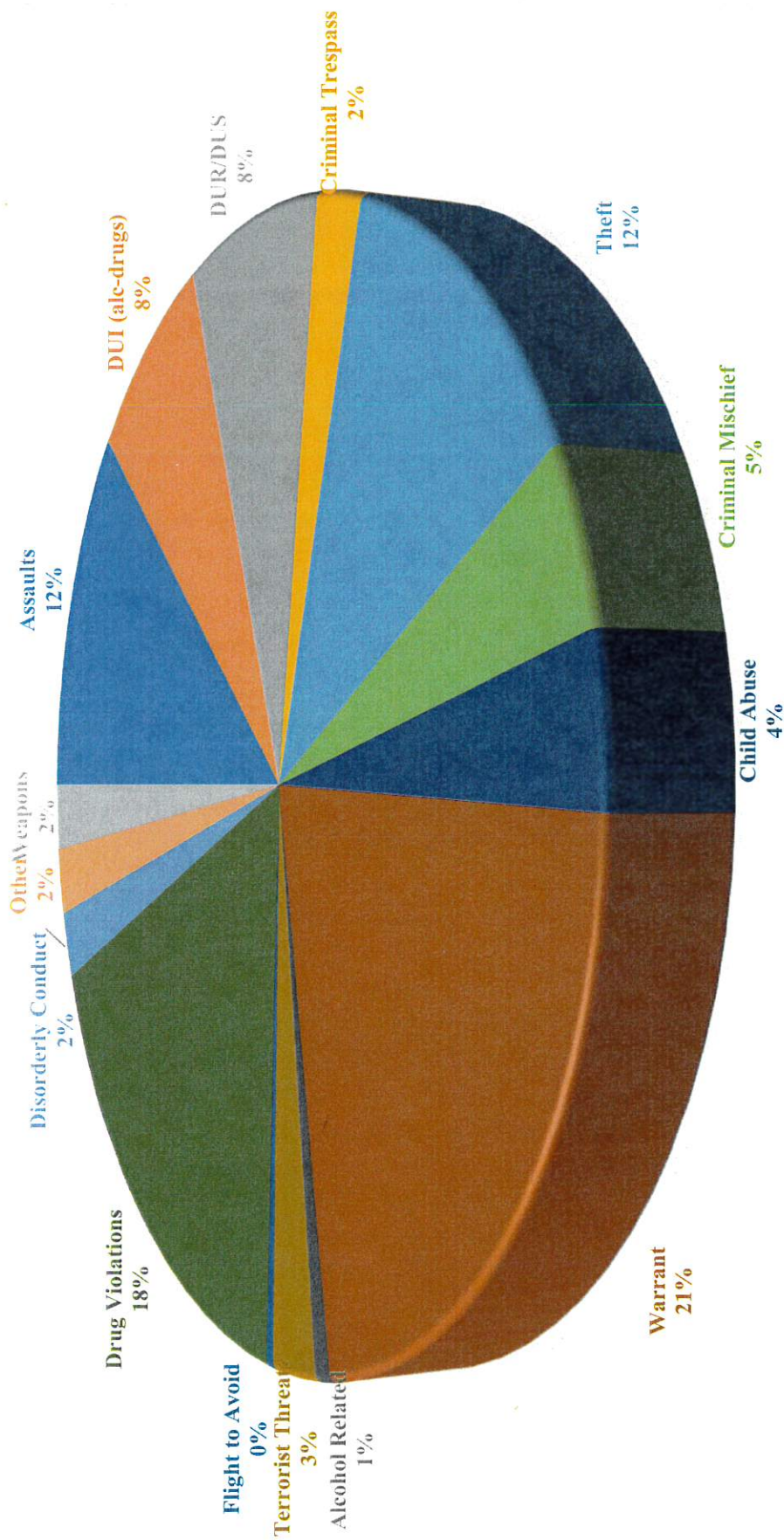


2020 ARRESTS

■ FEMALES ■ MALES ■ TOTAL



* Physical arrests were limited by internal and external Covid-19 directives, particularly those from local prosecutors and courts, and the local jail about limiting physical arrests.



2020 ARRESTS BY CATEGORY

300

250

200

150

100

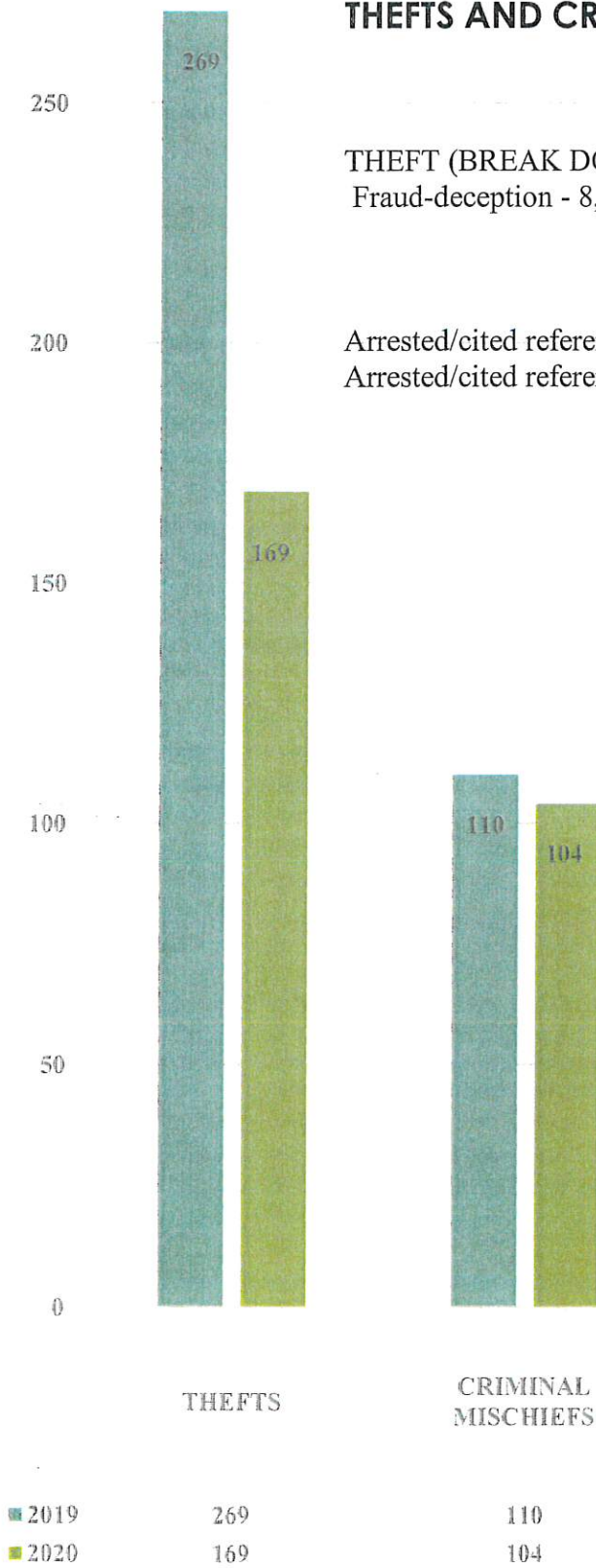
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THEFTS AND CRIMINAL MISCHIEFS FOR 2020

THEFT (BREAK DOWN)= Burglary-22, Forgery-10, Fraud-deception - 8, Stolen vehicles- 13, 116 thefts

Arrested/cited reference theft 40
Arrested/cited reference criminal mischief 25

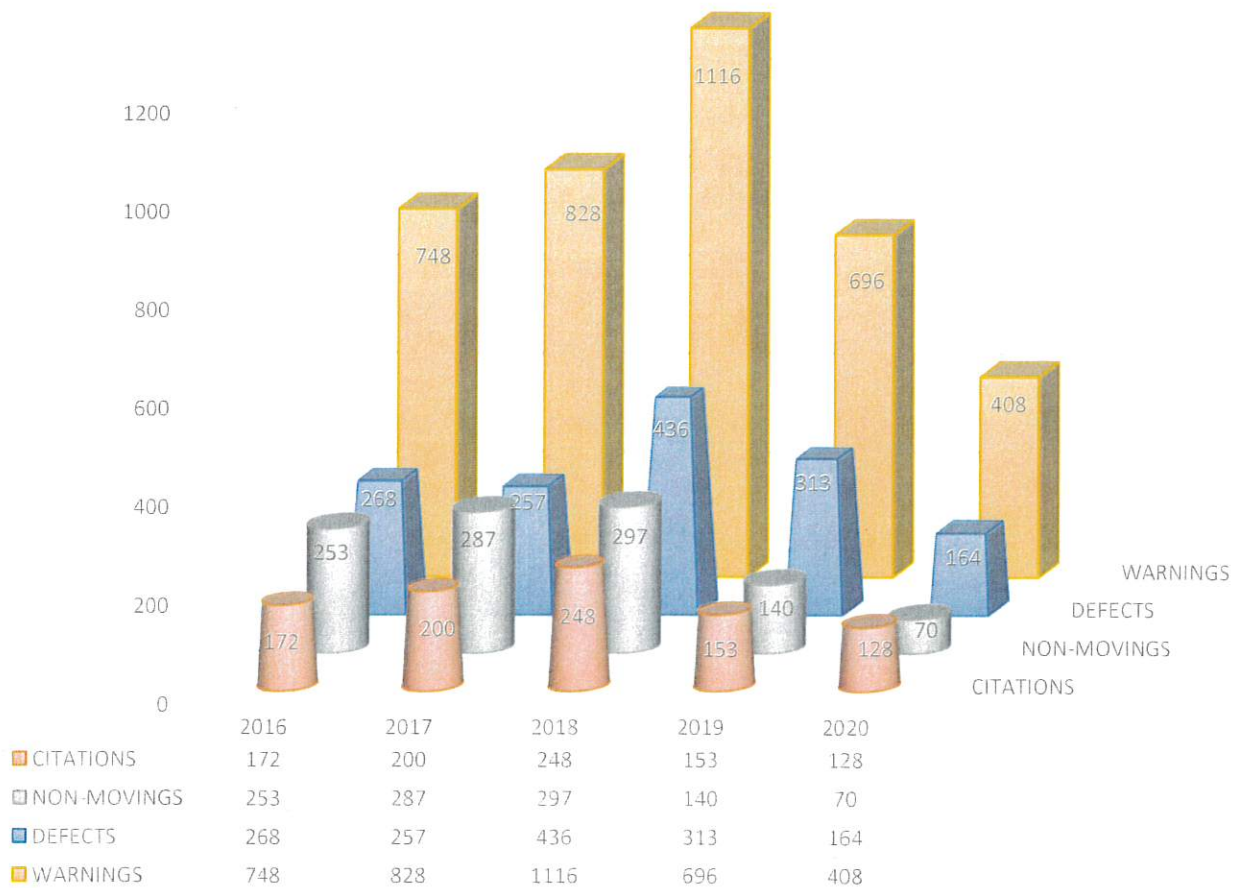


** MILES TRAVELED BY OFFICERS ON PATROL THIS YEAR 91,321 COMPARED TO 99,067 LAST YEAR**

2020 TRAFFIC TICKETS ISSUED

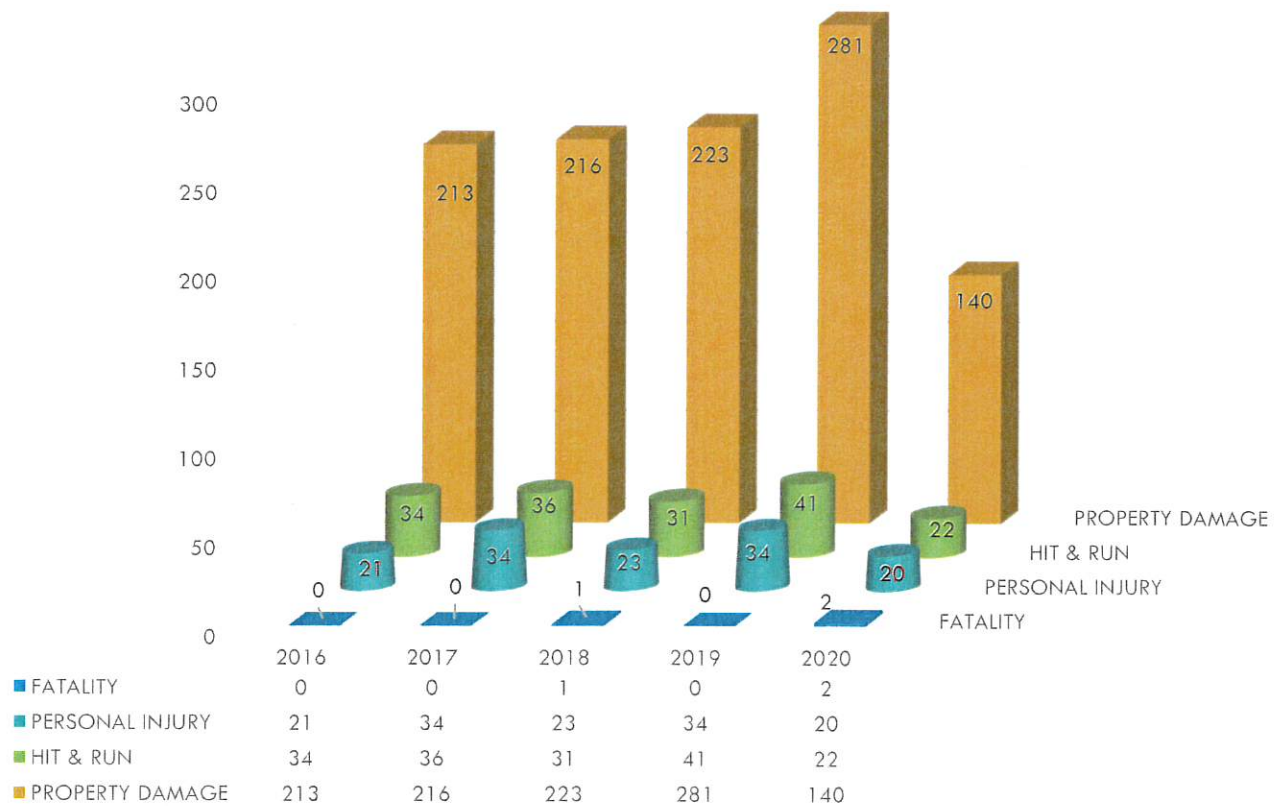
Not illustrated but of important note is the significant number of verbal warnings issued by officers of the York Police Department – **1,173**.

Officer activity was affected by Covid-19 restrictions, which were in place for at least 6 months of 2020. Officers were advised to have limited physical contact with motorists/citizens unless it was a major violation of some kind. These measures were put in place to protect the officers and citizens from exposure to, and the spread of Covid-19.



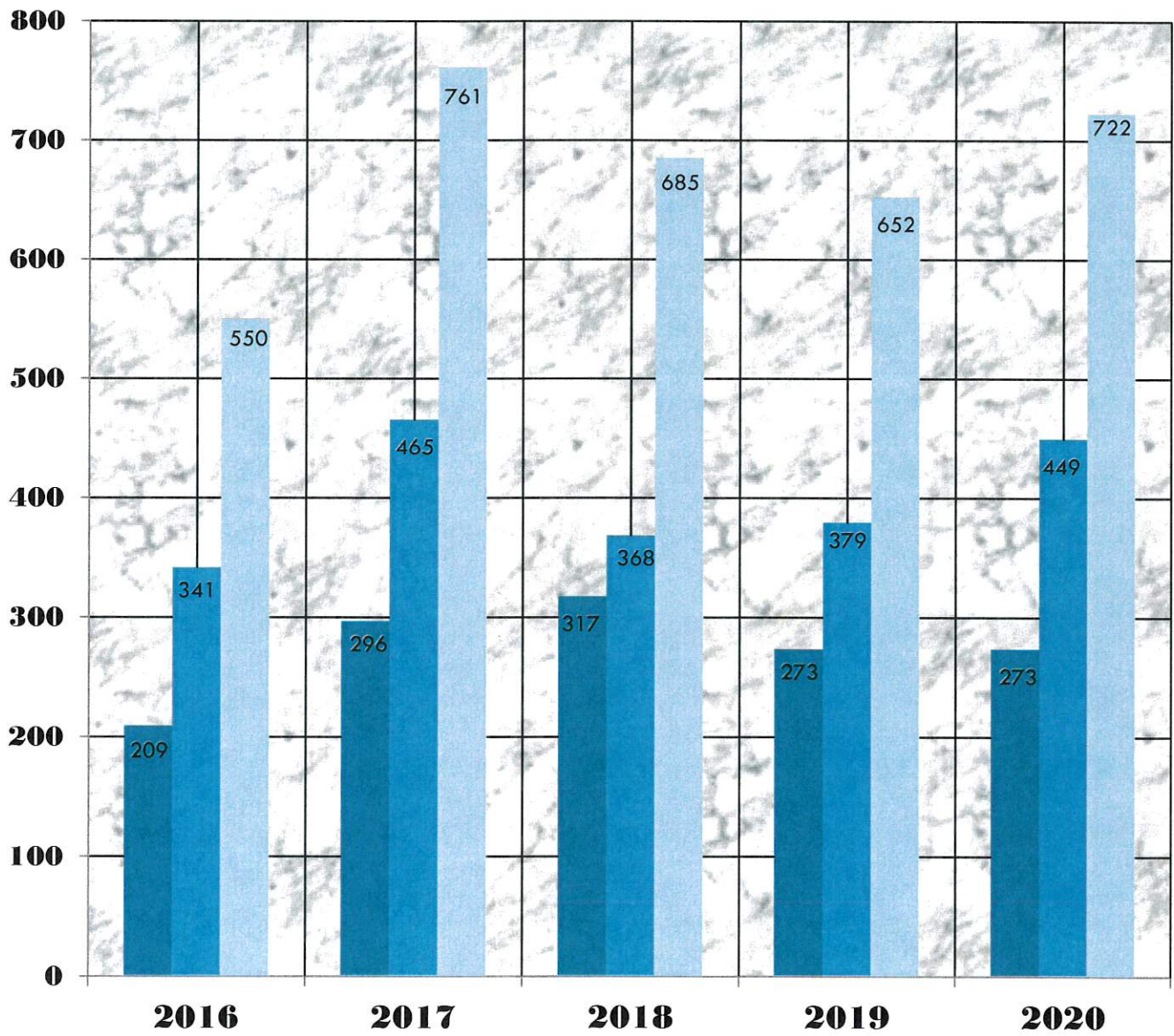
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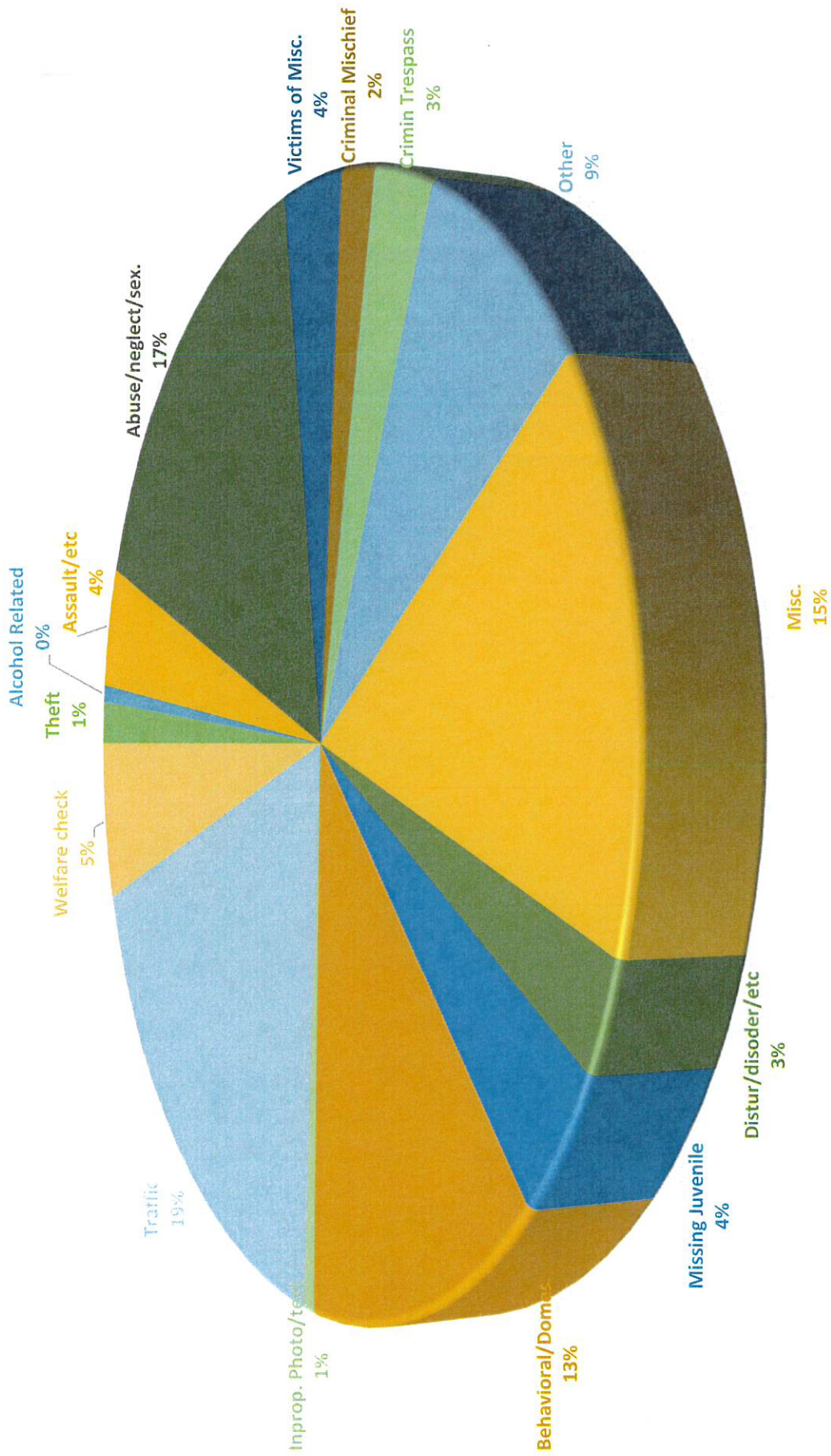
We saw a decrease in accidents over all this year, which is a positive mark, but need to note that we also saw lower numbers of traffic in general during peak time frames of Covid-19 influence. Also, we changed the way we handle motor vehicle accidents and no longer require an officer's presence at every parking lot or private property accident.



2020 JUVENILE CONTACTS

■ FEMALES ■ MALES ■ TOTAL





2020 JUVENILE CONTACTS BY CATEGORIES

MISSION STATEMENT

The York Police Department exists to serve and protect the citizens of York professionally and without prejudice and strives to be reflective of and responsive to the values of the community.