

2019
ANNUAL REPORT



Dunn County Sheriff's Office

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Sheriff's 2019 Annual report to the Board of Supervisors:

The year 2019 was dedicated to improvements, from planned personnel turnovers, to the implementation of a new records management system. The Sheriff's Office and Jail continue to provide the greatest level of law enforcement services to residents thanks to the professionalism and dedication of the members of this great team.

The Dunn County Sheriff's Office, Field Services division, currently operates with fourteen (14) patrol deputies, one (1) civil process deputy and two (2) deputies assigned to work court security, four (4) investigators, four (4) patrol sergeants and one (1) captain. We provide continuous patrol services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; covering an approximate 864 square mile area, including interstate, state, county and municipal roads. Law Enforcement services are also provided to all municipalities that do not have their own law enforcement or are not staffed 24/7 as well as assisting other law enforcement agencies and human services. The Sheriff's Office currently operates at a minimum staffing level and as we anticipate and meet the changing needs of our workforce we are committed to paying our deputies a competitive wage in order to attract top recruits to serve our community.

The Jail division currently has twenty (20) corrections officers, one (1) program director, (4) sergeants, and one (1) captain who provide and maintain a safe and secure correctional facility. Last year the jail booked in a total of 1986 defendants, 1453 were male and 533 were female. Of the 1986 defendants booked in, 1119 were repeat customers. The average daily inmate population was 94 and 24 of those were eligible for Huber release. The jail has the ability to house up to 160 inmates. The Dunn County Jail operates at only a mandatory staffing level but continues to meet challenges head on and overcome obstacles. We are grateful for the medical, mental health and dietary staff that we have. In 2020 I anticipate a revenue of over \$220,000 for housing State inmates. We are currently housing 15 state inmates at a contracted rate of \$51.46 per bed. It does not come without some risk and costs though. We have to provide them some additional clothing and we are responsible for any medical cost, but we have the ability to refuse anyone with major medical concerns to limit our liability.

Our office also has five (5) civilian employees, which provide a variety of administrative functions and crucial tasks; including paying bills, depositing monies, processing case reports, open records requests, records maintenance, civil process requests, customer service and ordering supplies.

West Central Drug Task Force (WCDF)

The Sheriff's Office is an active member of the West Central Drug Force, which includes law enforcement agencies from multiple counties. Using its regional resources, the Task Force can direct equipment and personnel anywhere within the six county area. The Task Force is funded largely through grants provided by the Federal Government and administered by the State of Wisconsin. These grants reimburse member agencies for some manpower and other expenses involved in combating illicit drug activity. We continue to take a very aggressive approach to battling the meth and heroin problems we have locally.



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Outdoor Recreation Patrol

The Sheriff's Office also performs recreational and DNR enforcement patrols with boats and snowmobiles. The Sheriff's Office purchased a 2019 Alumicraft Search and Rescue boat last year and leases two (2) snowmobiles. All patrols are reimbursed through the State of Wisconsin at a rate of 60 to 100 percent. The boat will be paid for over five (5) years with reimbursement funds from the state and will then be a free and clear asset of the county. I am looking to do the same thing with snowmobiles in the future.

Canines (K9)

This year marks the sixth (6) year that Sergeant Jason Stalker and K9 Deputy Jax have worked together. Jax is a seven (7) year old German Shepherd Dog trained in drug detection, building searches, human tracking, area searches, evidence searches and criminal apprehension. Our canine program is primarily funded by donations and this year we were able to raise around \$30,000 to implement a new team. Ripples (Rip) was sworn in as a K9 Deputy in March of 2019 and is handled by Deputy Brennan Porter. Rip is a two (2) year old German Shepherd and is trained in drug detection, building searches, human tracking, area searches, evidence searches and criminal apprehension. Sgt. Stalker and Deputy Porter work opposite work schedules in an attempt to have a K-9 on every day.

Our K9 deputy's other main purpose is to increase officer safety by assisting in locating suspects during various searches in addition to being a less-lethal use-of-force option. Besides the 166 Dunn County Sheriff's Office incidents these K9 deputies handled, they also assisted other agencies innumerable times, including an incident at the Stanley Correctional Institute. These K9 deputies conducted eleven (11) "sniffs" between Menomonie, Boyceville, Colfax and Elk Mound High School/Middle Schools. They also presented a demonstration for the Menomonie citizen police academy. The K9 program continues to be an important tenacious and dependable tool in law enforcement.

Therapy K9

This past year, the Sheriff's Office acquired a Therapy K9. Rookie is a Black Goldendoodle who is handled by Deputy Rebecca Merryfield and was sworn in as a Deputy Sheriff K9 on October 10, 2019. He was chosen due to his unwavering friendly personality and the fact that he is non-allergenic and does not shed.

Rookie will be utilized while investigating crimes against children, school incidents, fatality accidents, traumatic/violent incidents or calls of special circumstances where he and Deputy Merryfield can bring comfort to victims and emergency responders.



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While Rookie is not even one-year old or fully trained yet, he has already been called to provide affection and support to victims and vulnerable persons in incidents at the hospital, local schools, suicide attempts, the victim witness office, court, and interviews. The contributions of a therapy dog are often hard to put in words. The smiles, the tears, and the expressions of 'thank you for being here' are just a few ways people have shown appreciation. The Therapy K9 program is completely funded by donations.

DARE Program

2019 saw the return of the DARE program in our schools. Deputy Merryfield teaches this class with the help of Therapy K9 Rookie. DARE classes are designed to teach children how to live a productive drug and violence free life by making safe and responsible choices. The DARE program has evolved over the years and while it still teaches the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco it now has a focus on self-awareness, responsible decision making, understanding others, relationship/communication skills, and handling responsibilities and challenges.

Each DARE class is 45 minutes to one hour in length and is taught in all schools in Dunn County, including the city of Menomonie. This equates to 21 different classes being taught and around 470 students per year. All students are provided with a workbook, a certificate upon completion of the program, a DARE t-shirt, and an end of program DARE graduation celebration with friends and family.

The DARE program also allows children to interact with law enforcement under positive circumstances. We want kids to be comfortable around us when they interact with us in public and this program is helping build a bridge between students and law enforcement. DARE helps them learn to trust us and realize that they can come to us when they are in trouble and need help. It shows that we're here to help and protect them.

Public Relations

In addition to the DARE program the Sheriff's Office participates in numerous public relations engagements, including the following:

- ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). We provide active shooter presentations to schools, businesses, organizations and other community members.
- Shop with a Cop
- Sporting events
- K-9 demonstrations
- National Night Out
- County Fair Booth
- Job Fairs, Recruitment and Career Day
- Prescription Drug Disposal Program
- Project Lifesaver
- Special Olympics Polar Plunge
- Parades and Festivals



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- FACEBOOK, Website
- Ride-a-long Program
- Handing out Green Bay Packer Football trading cards/Stuffed Animals/Stickers
- Attending Permanency Plan Review Hearings
- Educational presentations to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- Reading books at preschools and daycares
- CJCC Media meetings
- Member of the Youth Collaboration
- Member of the Safe School Intervention Team
- Member of the School District of Menomonie Area Schools Safety Intervention Team (SDMD)
- Lunch Buddy – we will have lunch with kids at school

Records Management System (RMS)

In an effort to improve efficiencies within the entire Sheriff's Office, Jail and Communications Center we implemented a new records management system. Our old records management system was outdated and was no longer going to be supported. This new system allows easy access to all records, information and material to everyone in the office and out on the road.

This report reviewed some of the highlights that occurred over the past year and attached are five (5) year comparison charts you may find interesting. What this report may not fully reflect is all of the great work that occurs daily with our staff and the communities we serve. The Sheriff's Office is looking forward to 2020 and we will strive for another safe and successful year. Sorry this report got longer than anticipated, but without an opportunity to present at a board meeting this year, I wanted to give you a little more information that might answer some of the questions you may have. Feel free to reach out to me anytime with questions.

Respectfully,

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DUNN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

2015-2019 INCIDENT COMPARISON

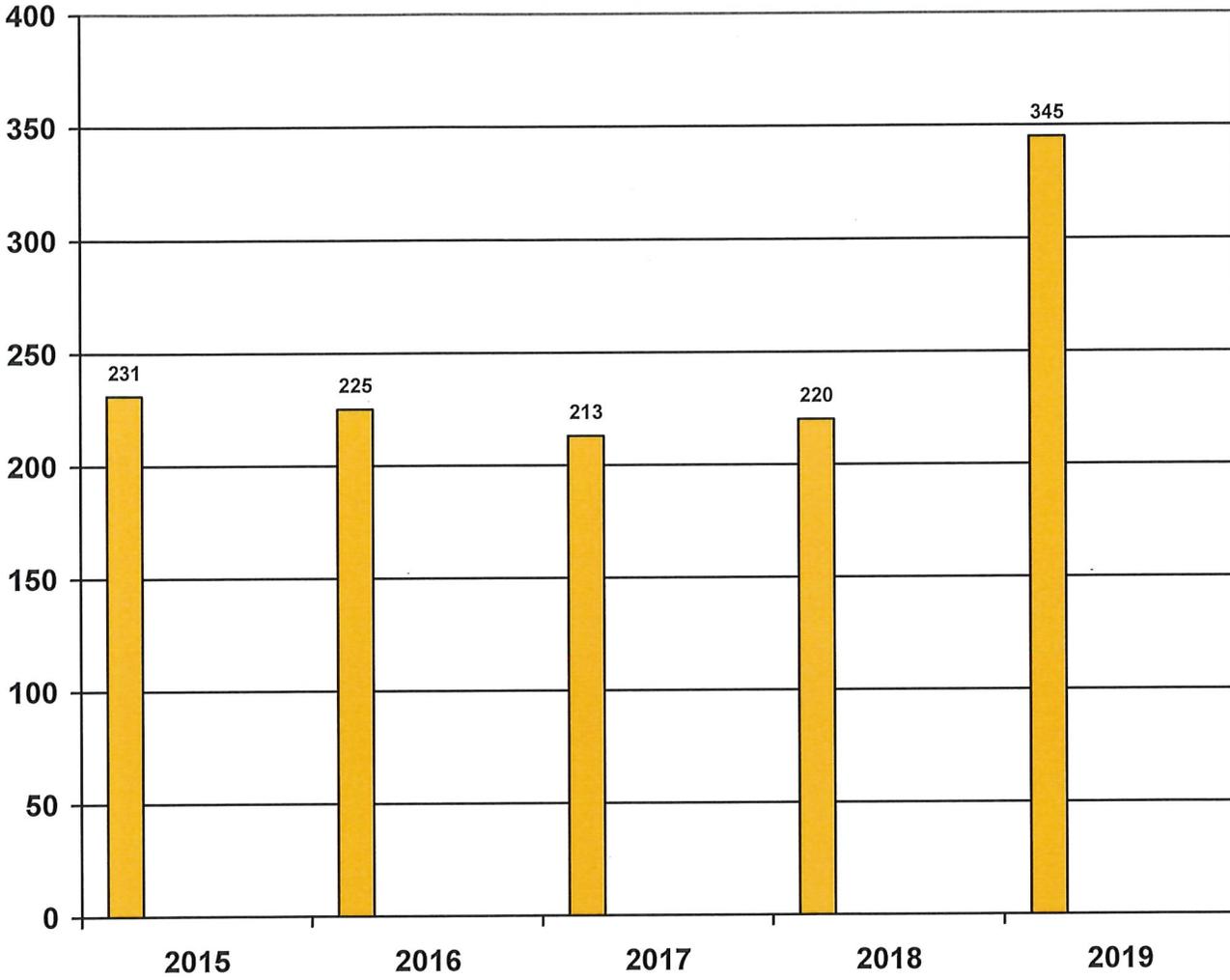
INCIDENT TYPE	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
911 HANG UP	538	537	435	458	509
911 MISSDIALS	81	63	60	75	108
Accidents/Firearms	1	3	3	3	2
Accidents- Home/Public/Occupational	1	0	4	4	7
Alarms – Business/Home	127	125	109	116	129
Animal Complaints	552	497	518	629	655
Area Watch-Extra Patrol Requests	76	73	85	77	74
Arson	0	1	0	0	0
Assault/Battery	11	12	12	17	18
Assist Other Agency	686	738	789	756	302
Attempt to Locate/Missing Person	39	35	32	34	32
Homicide/Attempted Homicide	1	1	0	1	0
Boat		26	52	0	80
Bomb Threat	1		0	0	0
Burglary-business	14	15	7	9	8
Burglary-Home	34	58	40	31	17
C813-Firearms Surrender					2
Civil Complaints	267	254	266	284	281
Civil Process	904	908	925	868	704
Crime Stoppers	36	45	42	46	46
Criminal Damage	82	75	67	87	69
Custody Disputes	73	84	81	87	80
Death-Accidental	2	6	5	17	14
Death-Natural Causes	30	27	30	20	16

Death-suicide or attempted	6	4	4	7	6
DECC				6	7
Disorderly Conduct	168	172	172	194	218
DNR Complaint	9	18	21	10	23
Domestic Dispute	149	131	159	173	155
DOWI-Driving While Intoxicated or With a Restricted Controlled Substance	185	167	139	108	144
Drugs	231	225	213	220	345
Emergency Medical Services Assist	171	234	256	217	241
Escort	41	54	55	54	68
Fire	78	88	81	97	106
Fraud/Forgery	103	106	107	84	95
Harassment	164	129	127	119	117
ICAC	1	9	5	7	13
Inebriate Contact	14	17	22	15	24
Jail-incidents	23	12	17	29	11
Juvenile Disorderly	69	62	70	49	79
Juvenile Protective Services	77	80	82	76	71
Juvenile Runaway	33	31	41	34	57
Juvenile Sexual Assault	35	43	29	39	50
Juvenile Substance Abuse	48	20	5	10	7
K9 Incident	47	86	64	53	166
Kidnapping	0	1	0	0	0
Liquor Law	35	38	32	36	11
Littering	25	21	23	30	39
Mental Case	55	128	150	144	155
Miscellaneous	94	90	109	111	109
Motorist Assist	438	534	526	527	680
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	20	14	20	21

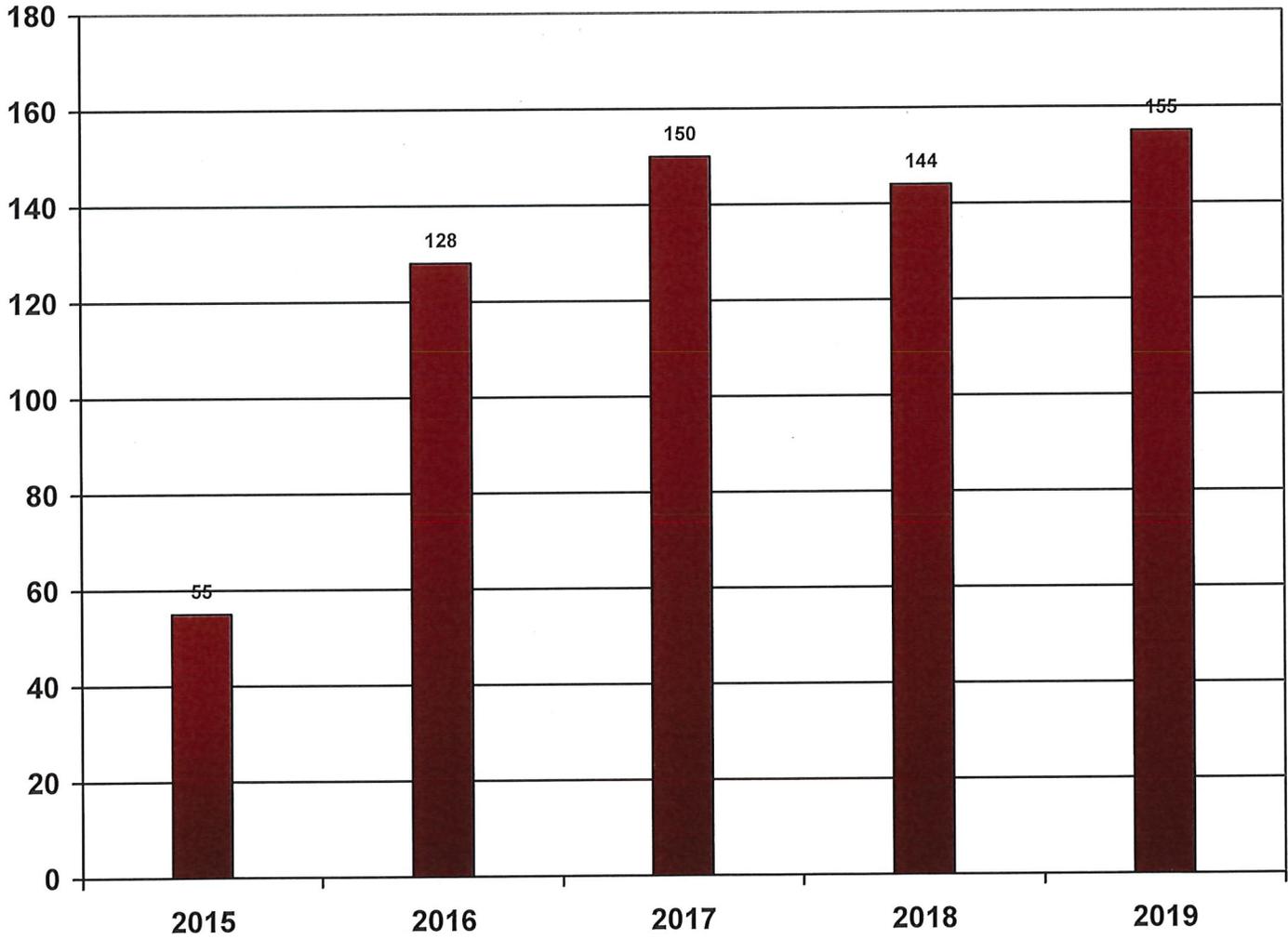
Noise Complaints	41	38	36	41	49
Obstructing	26	14	16	6	
Open Door	19	20	17	20	59
Ordinance Violation	65	72	47	81	53
Parking Violation	19	19	36	39	50
Phone-Nuisance, Obscene	11	8	3	3	6
Property-Missing, Recovered	49	60	49	43	58
Public Relations	27	51	68	69	89
Repo	79	65	52	64	65
Road	139	196	190	192	215
Robbery	0	1	1	0	2
Sale (Civil Process)	48	26	37	47	21
Sexual Assault	6	9	9	8	11
Sexual Malice- Obscenity/Lewd Behavior	2	3	2	3	5
Snow - snowmobile related	1	3	36	39	42
Street	3	8	3	2	5
Suspicion	589	731	831	806	851
SWAR-Search Warrant	16	11	21	15	23
Theft	137	154	140	121	118
Traffic Accident-Deer	239	176	178	157	185
Traffic Accident-Fatality	4	9	3	6	5
Traffic Accident-Hit and Run	52	45	47	71	52
Traffic Accident-No Injury	324	407	429	366	524
Traffic Accident-Personal Injury	77	76	60	71	107
Traffic Related Complaints	407	440	447	410	449
Traffic Stops	3348	4089	4391	3821	4728
Transport	452	368	352	300	343
Trespassing	62	74	66	66	68

VICE-Gambling/Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Violate Court Order	74	57	53	48	48
Warrant Pickup & Attempted Warrant Pickup	277	265	411	413	250
Weapons Violation	23	15	21	14	10
Weather Related Incidents	2	1	0	0	
Welfare Check	160	146	206	239	253
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total Number of Cases	12469	13628	13995	13245	14964
	-220	1159	367	-750	1719
	(-)1.73	9.30%	2.69%	(-)5.36%	12.98%

DRUG RELATED INCIDENTS
2015 - 2019
57% increase



MENTAL HEALTH RELATED CASES
2015 - 2019
8% increase

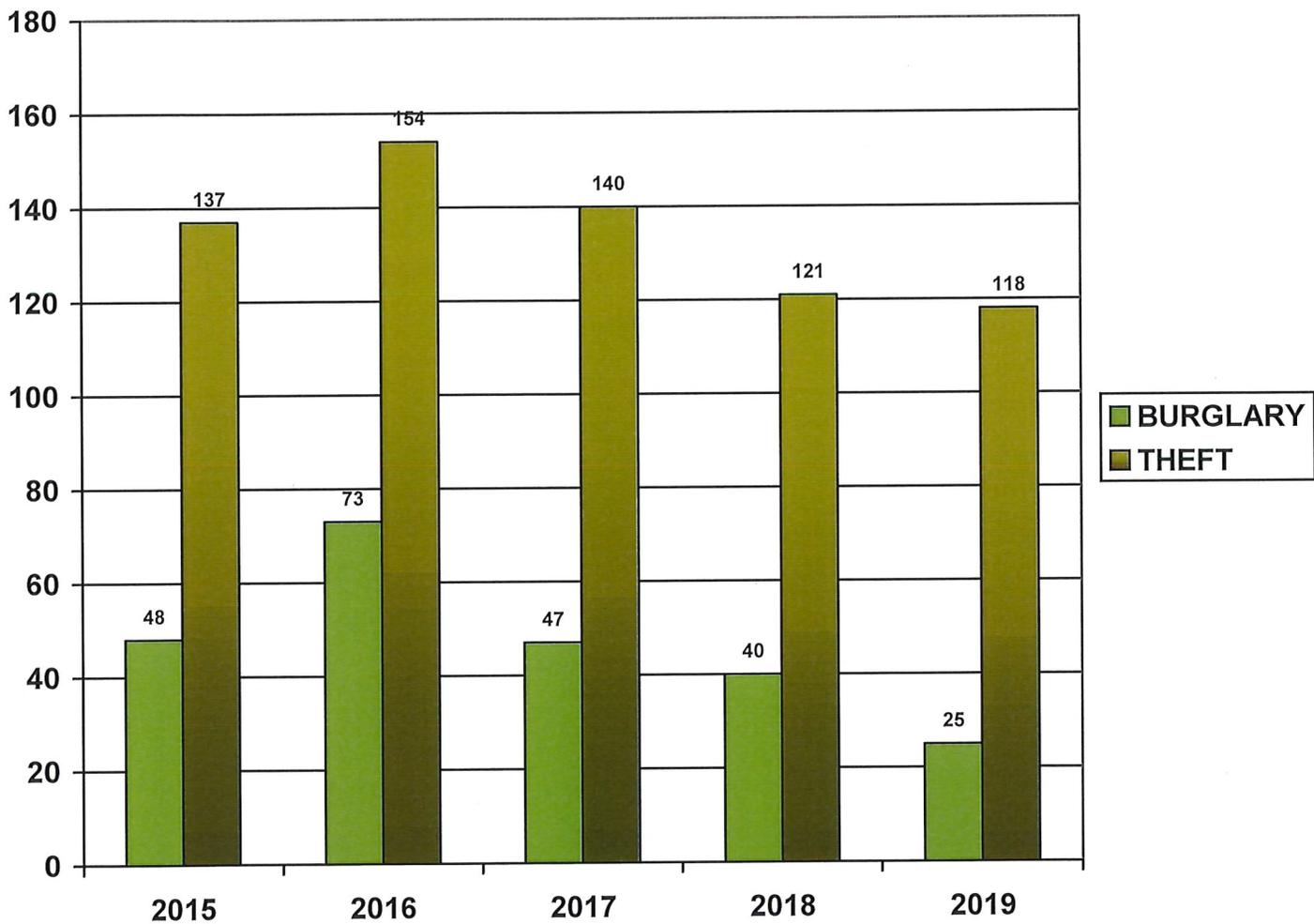


BURGLARIES & THEFTS

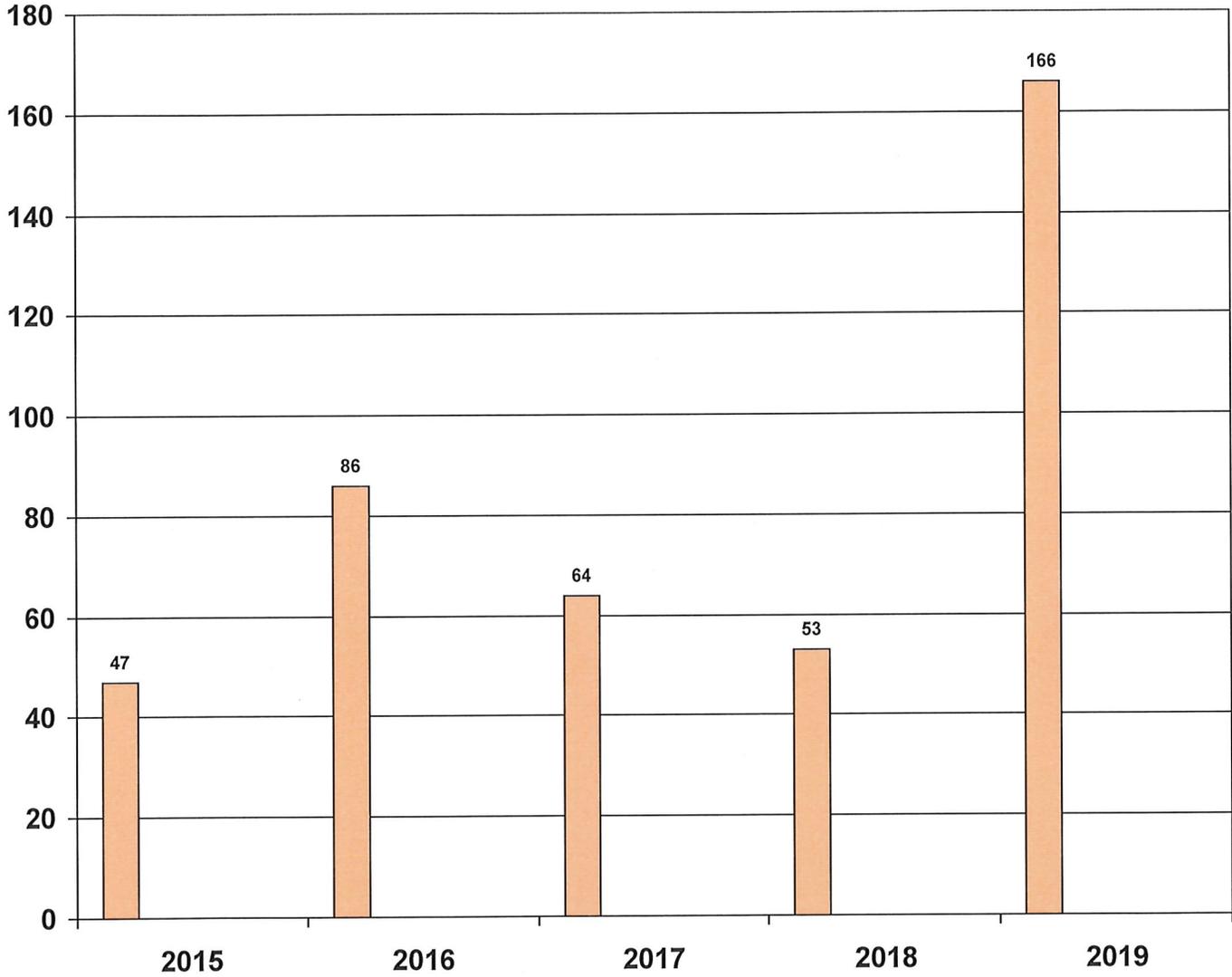
2015 - 2019

60% decrease in burglaries in 2019

3% decrease in thefts in 2019



K9 INCIDENTS
2015 - 2019
213% increase



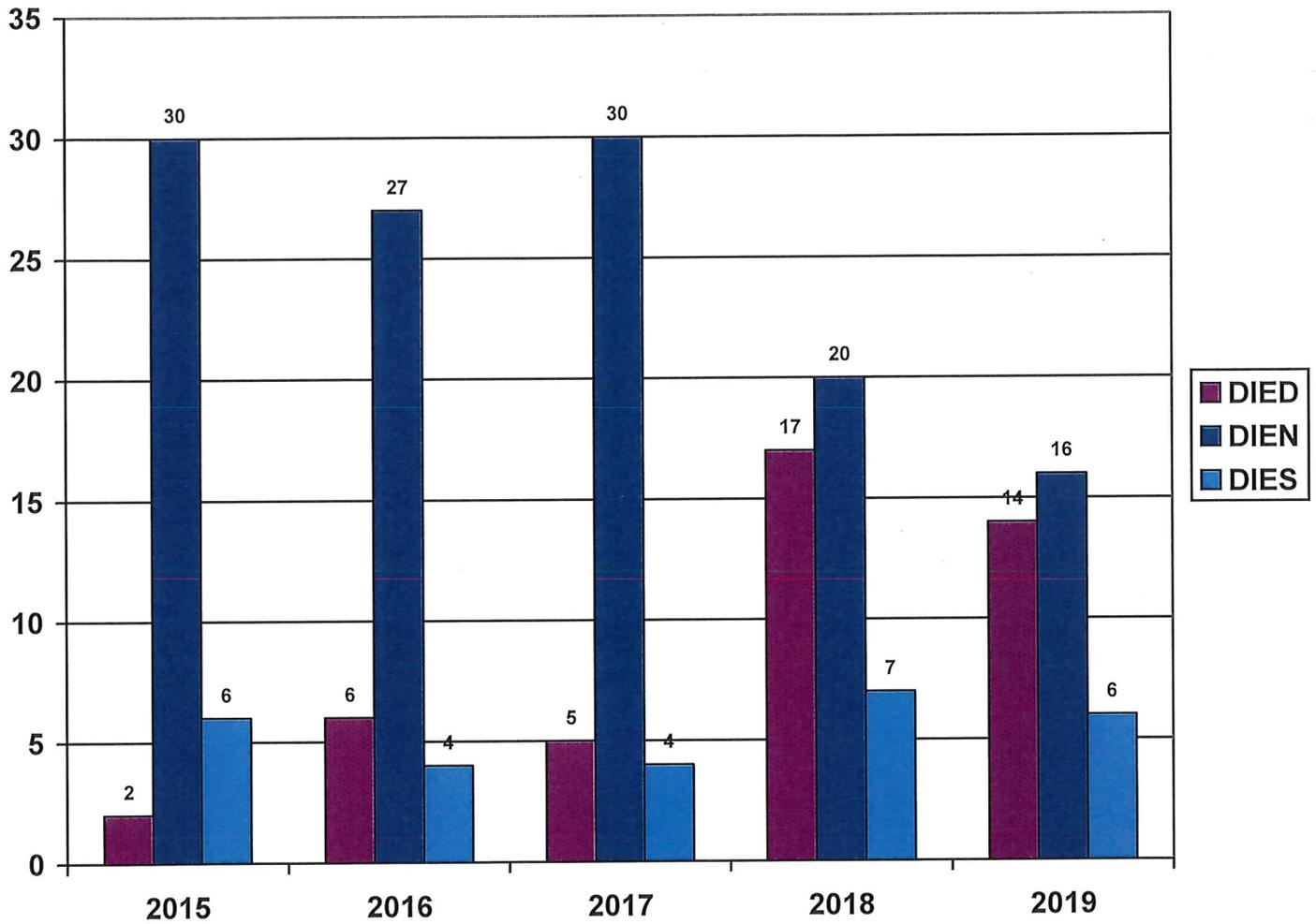
DEATH INCIDENTS

2015 - 2019

DIED = ACCIDENTAL DEATH

DIEN = DEATH BY NATURAL CAUSES

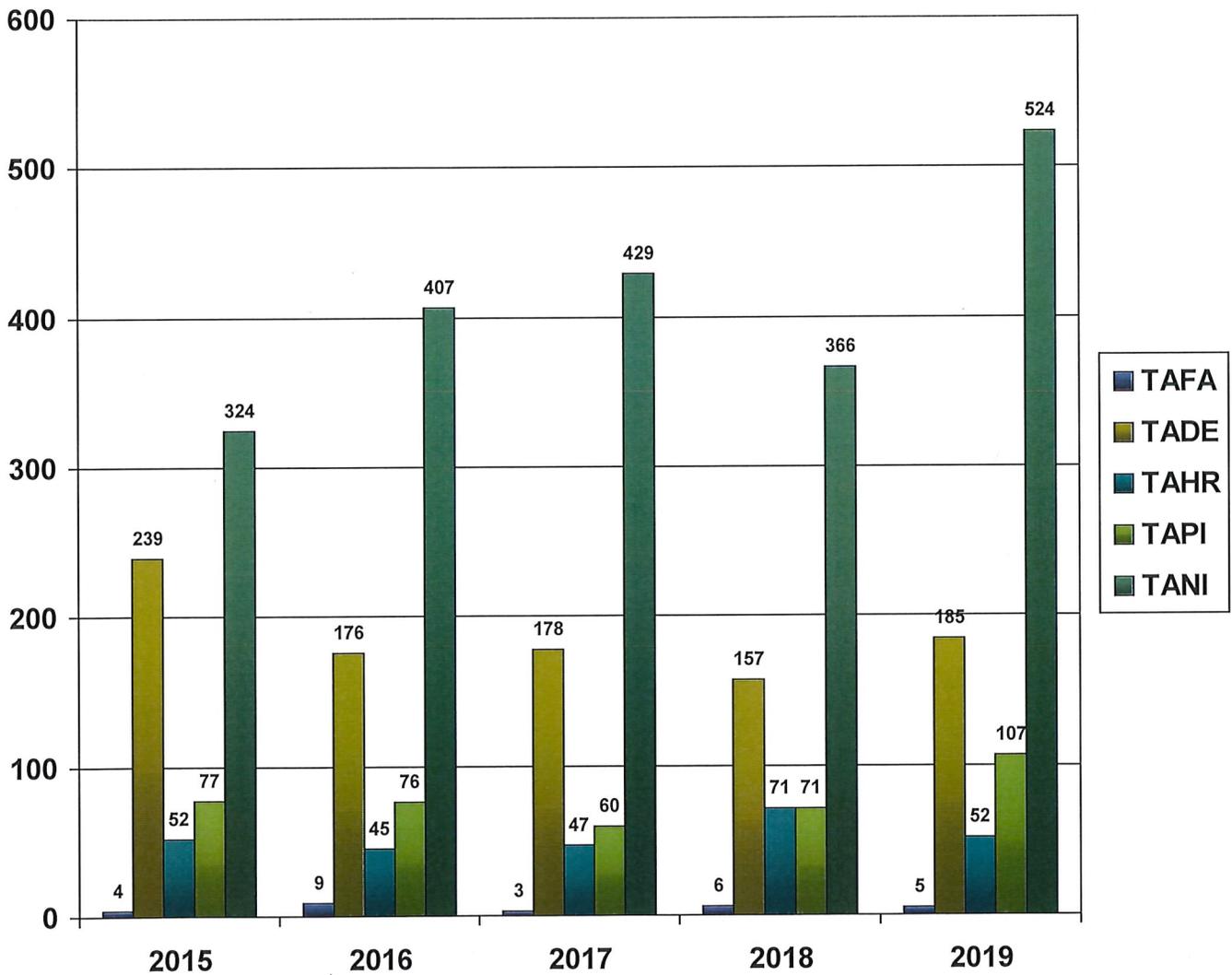
DIES = DEATH BY SUICIDE AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE



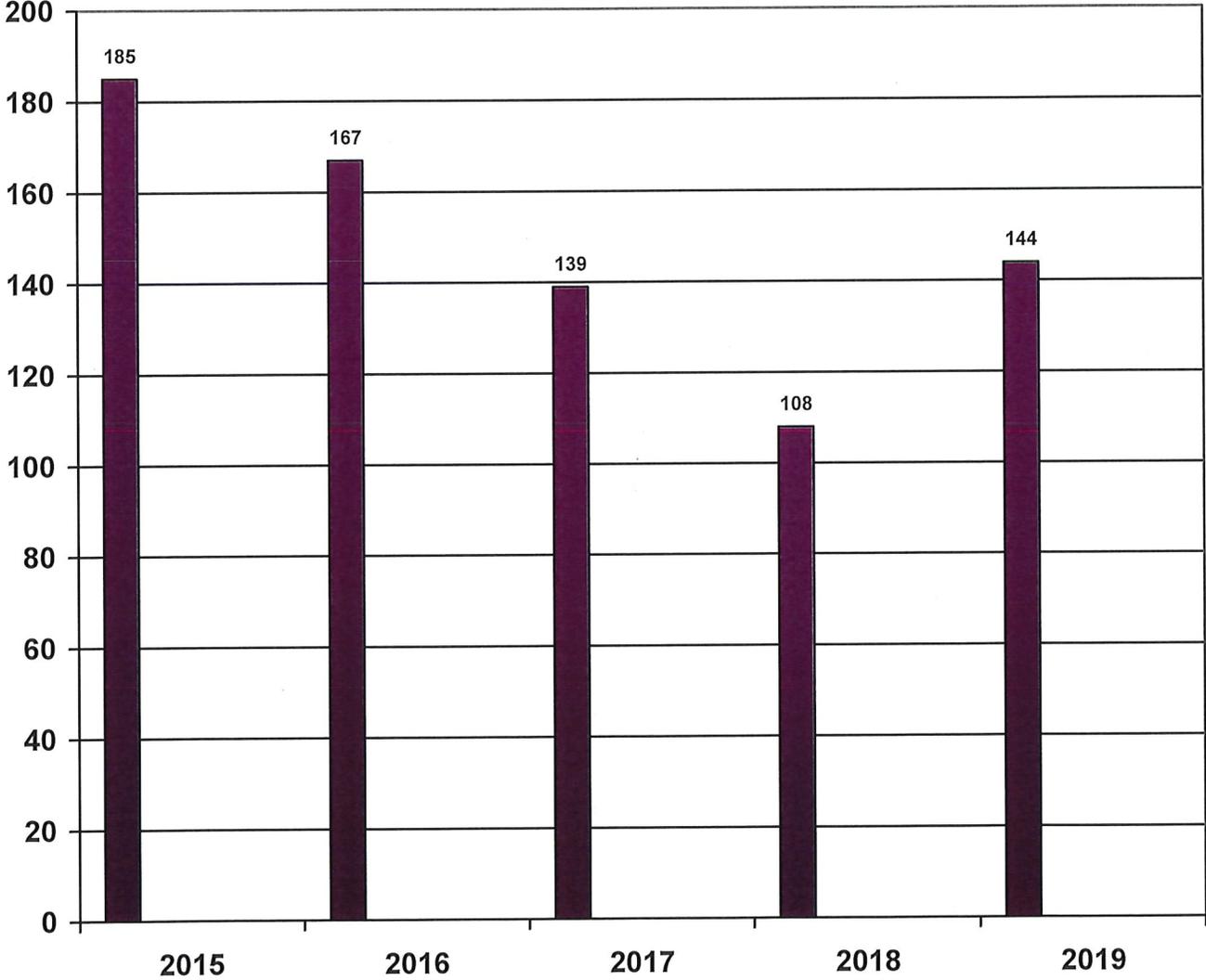
TRAFFIC CRASHES

2015 - 2019

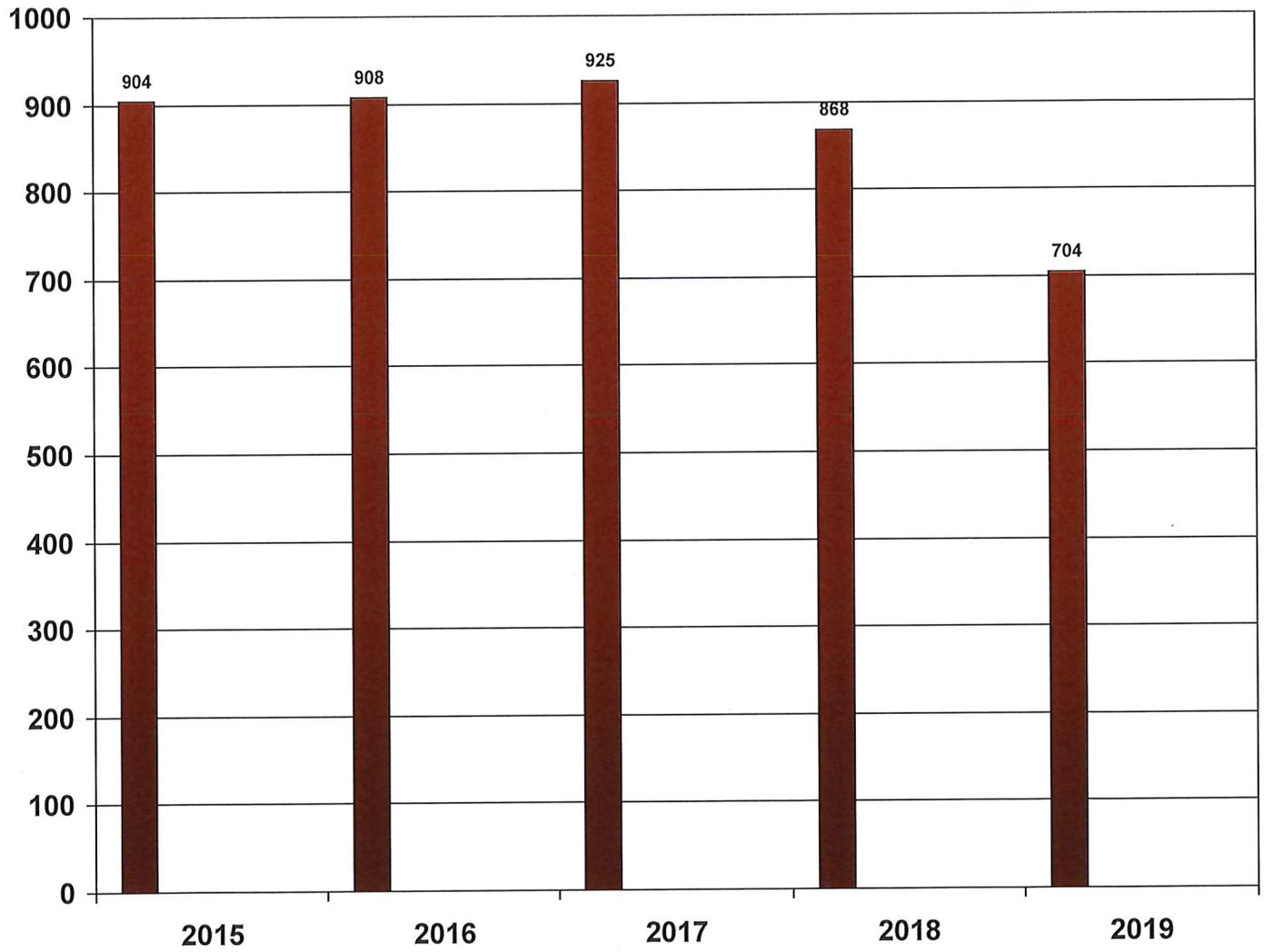
TAFa = FATALITY CRASH 17% decrease
TADe = DEER VS CAR CRASH 18% increase
TAHR = HIT AND RUN CRASH 27% decrease
TAPi = CRASH WITH INJURY 51% increase
TANi = CRASH NO INJURY 43% increase



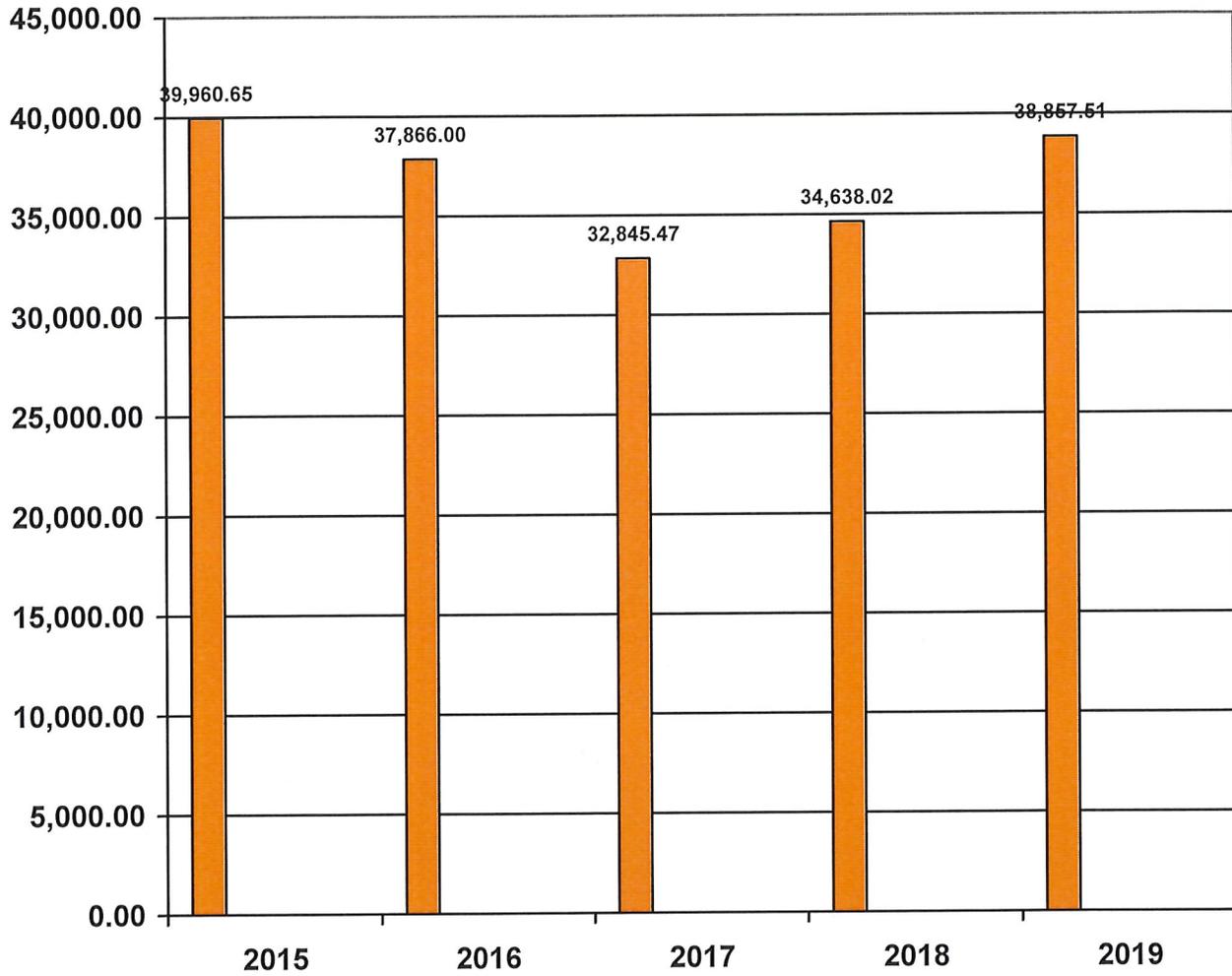
**OPERATE WHILE INTOXICATED OR WITH A RESTRICTED
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - ARRESTS
2015 – 2019
33% increase**



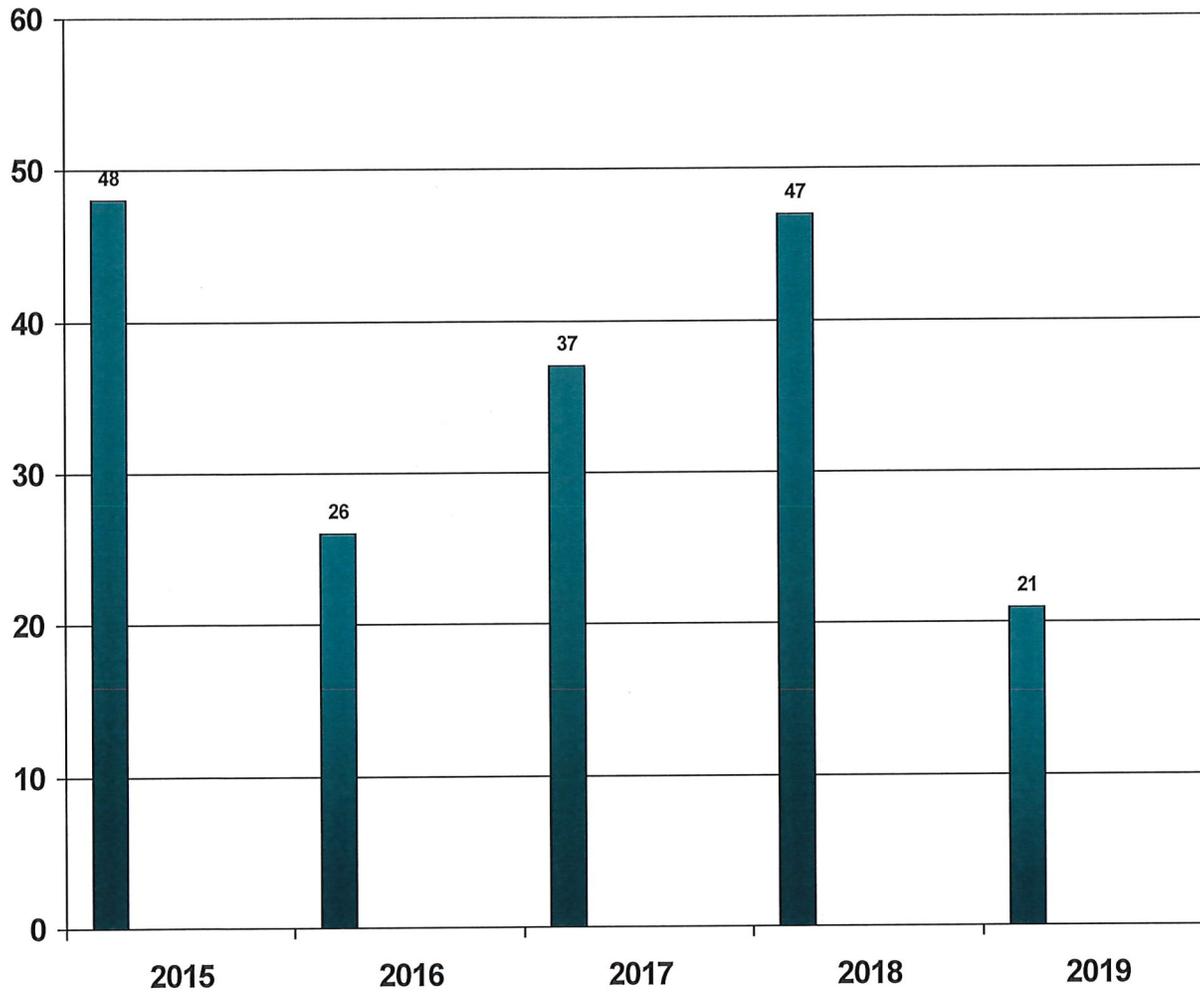
**CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS RECEIVED
2015 - 2019**



**TOTAL MONIES RECEIVED FOR SERVICE OF PAPERS
2015 - 2019**



REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURE SALES CONDUCTED 2015 - 2019



Drugs Seized 2015 - 2019

2019

Amphetamines/Methamphetamines	1291.07 gm (2.85 lbs)
Marijuana	3731.36 gm (8.23 lbs) and 2 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Narcotics	162 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Hashish	69.3 gm (.15 lbs)
Depressants/Stimulants/Other	20.1 gm (.04 lbs) and 166 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Cocaine	102.01 gm (.22 lbs)
Heroin	13.5 gm (.03 lbs)
Hallucinogen	8.5 gm (.02 lbs) and 1 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Opium	23 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Unknown	42 gm (.09 lbs)

Yearly Total 5277.84 gm (11.64 lbs) and 354 dosage unit

2018

Amphetamines/Methamphetamines	181.44 gm (.40 lbs)
Marijuana	30,476.87 gm (67.19 lbs) and 50 plants
Narcotics	6 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Depressants/Stimulants/Other	3.7 grams 124 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Cocaine	109.3 gm (.24 lbs)
Heroin	3.4 grams
Hallucinogen	.30 grams
Morphine	3 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Opium	3 dosage unit (pills, etc.)

Yearly Total 30,755.01 (67.85 lbs) and 136 dosage unit and 50 plants

2017

Amphetamines/Methamphetamines	1097.69 gm (2.42 lbs) and 19 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Marijuana	3066.28 gm (6.76 lbs) and 1 plant
Narcotics	170 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Depressants/Stimulants/Other	569.50 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Cocaine	.6 grams
Heroin	2.2 grams
Opium	36 dosage unit (pills, etc.)

Yearly Total 4166.77 gm (9.19 lbs) and 794.50 dosage unit and 1 plant

2016

Amphetamines/Methamphetamines	793.79 gm (1.75 lbs) and 24 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Marijuana	2313.32 gm (5.1 lbs) and 20 plants
Narcotics	851 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Depressant/Stimulant/Other	16.3 gm (.03 lbs) and 44.90 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Cocaine	10.3 gm (.02 lbs)
Hashish Oil	1.2 grams
Hallucinogen	4.5 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Opium	1 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
PCP	4.2 grams

Yearly Total 3139.11 gm (6.92 lbs) and 925.4 dosage unit and 20 plants

2015

Amphetamines/Methamphetamines	108.86 gm (.24 lbs) and 92 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Marijuana	11,548.46 gm (25.46 lbs)
Narcotics	564.05 dosage unit (pills, etc.)

Depressants/Stimulants/Other	13.6 gm (.03 lbs) and 94.5 dosage unit (pills, etc.)
Cocaine	28.6 gm (.06 lbs)
Heroin	.3 grams
Hallucinogen	.5 grams

Yearly Total	11,699.82 gm (25.79 lbs) and 750.55 dosage unit
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