

Hartsville Police Department

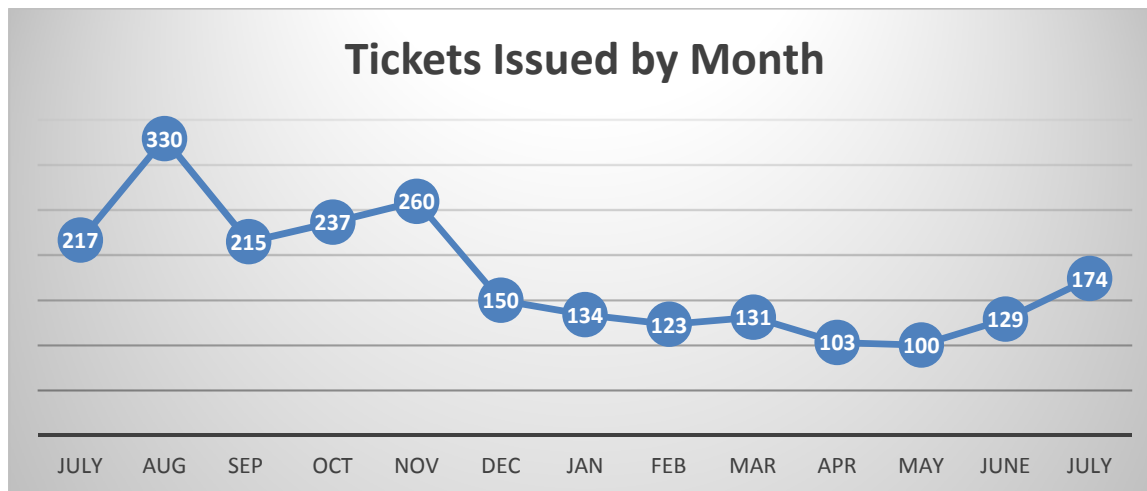
Monthly Report



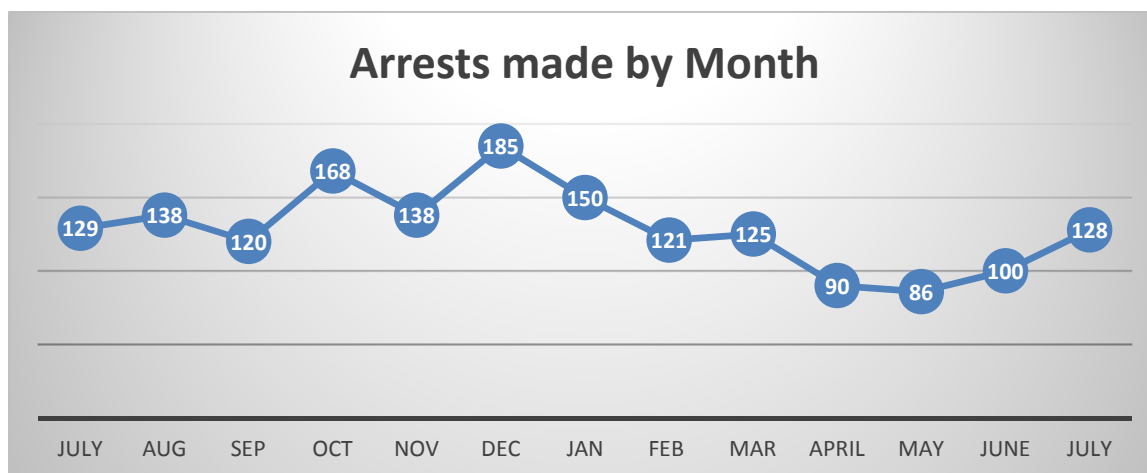
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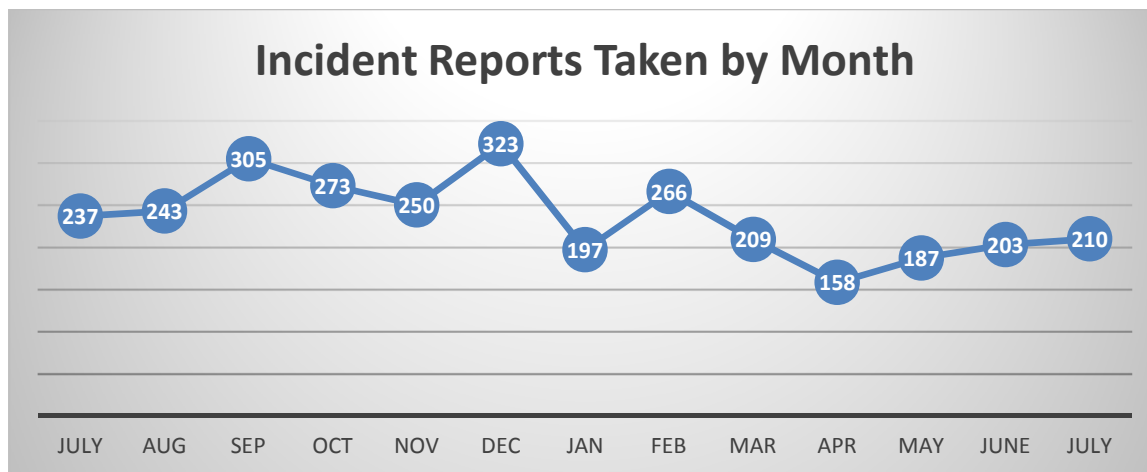
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The COVID Pandemic had a severe impact on citations in Spring 2020. May showed a rebound above and beyond what was expected. December and January showed a marked decrease in citations as we lost a few officers and are currently at 3 per shift. We continued a downward trend until recently, when we began hiring officers to fill vacancies.



May 2020 showed a return to normal following the COVID lockdowns, and in December we had “Operation COVID Christmas”, which helped to boost our arrest numbers with the service of several drug warrants, but since that time, Arrests have shown a steady decline until recently, for unknown reasons.



Incident Reports taken are a reflection of reports actually written. A report is not written for every call. Reports made decreased sharply since February, with the numbers of reports in April 2021 being the lowest since the COVID lockdowns of April 2020. Tickets and Arrests reflect these numbers, although reports are on the rise, along with tickets and arrests.

Arrestees and Victims

On average, between 50-65% of arrested persons come from outside the city limits, showing that we serve many more people than our in-town population.

In July there were 128 arrests, including 4 Juveniles.

Crime Types

Arrests consisted of the following: (Major categories, not inclusive of all arrests):

Assault -	7	(57% from outside City)
Shopliftings –	6	(66% from outside City)
Thefts (including Cars)-	5	(60% from outside City)
Fraud/Forgery	4	(100% from outside City)
Drug Offenses –	37	(67% from outside City)
Weapons Laws -	2	(100% from outside City)
DUI/Drunkenness-	10	(100% from outside City)
Non-Reported State	40	(65% from outside City)*

*Non-Reported to State offenses are generally offenses like Driving Under Suspension, Operating Uninsured, Possession of Controlled Substance, and other crimes that are outside the typical violent/property crime classifications

Totals for all arrests (including those not listed above)

91 of 128 people arrested (71%) live outside the city limits.