



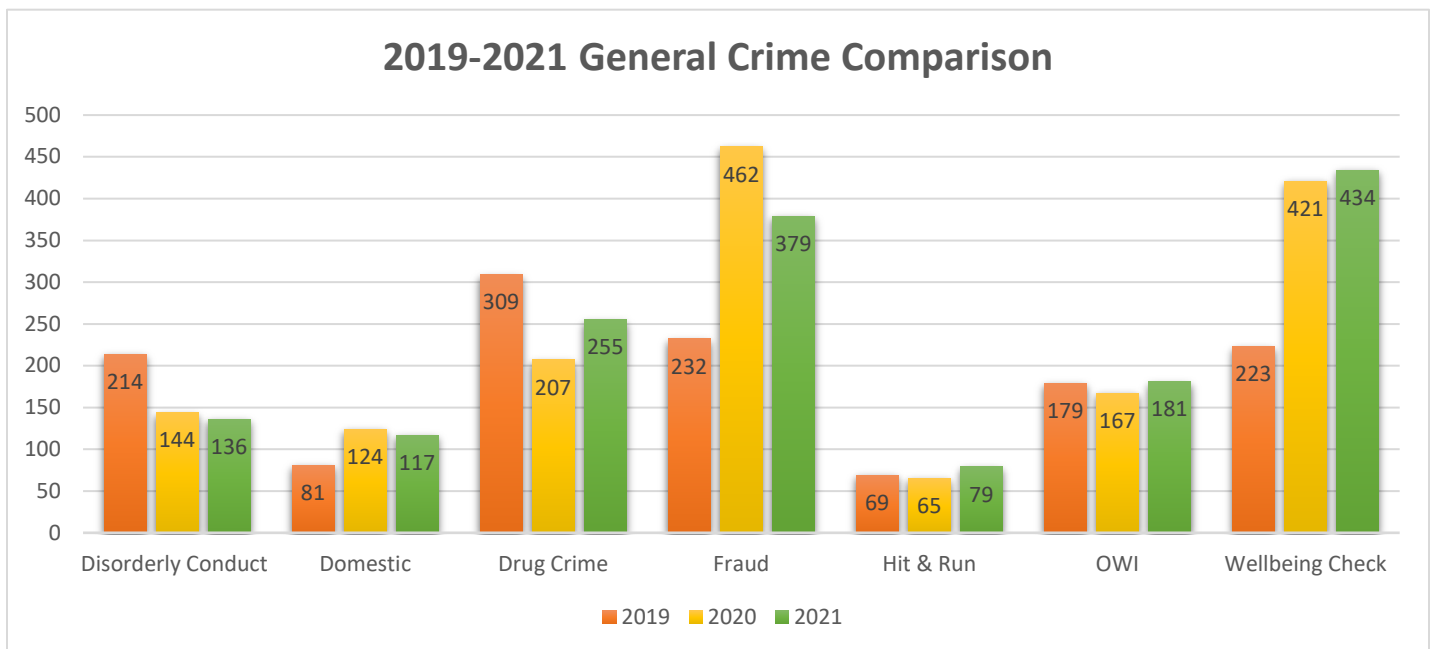
New Berlin Police Department

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2021 Crime Statistics Overview

We believe that maintaining a safe community is a collaborative effort involving the community and the police department. The objective of this publication is to provide the public an opportunity to stay informed on matters impacting our community. Our hope is that an informed community will be proactive and vigilant in doing their part to assist us in maintaining a safe community for us to work and live.

The below graph is a three-year comparison of the top seven categories in which the department allocated patrol resources.



Wellbeing Checks: Nationally, law enforcement responds to more calls for service for non-criminal behavior/issues than calls for service involving a crime. This statistic proved to be true for New Berlin in 2021, as this was the top category in which we allocated patrol resources. Wellbeing checks include checking on someone in which a reporting party has reason to be concerned about a person’s non-criminal behavior and/or wellbeing, to include mental and physical health assessments in the context of a patient’s ability to care for themselves or someone else. Many of the calls for service in this category are requests for law enforcement involvement pertaining to community members whom have diagnosed/undiagnosed dementia and are in crisis. Unfortunately, current predictions indicate cases of people living with dementia in the State of Wisconsin are ever increasing. Please continue to check on friends, family and neighbors and report any identified concerns to the appropriate officials. If you are unsure of where or what to report and the situation doesn’t

involve an emergency, dial 2-1-1 to get started. Please follow this link to the FCC for more information regarding 2-1-1: [CLICK HERE](#)

For more information on resources allocated for adults age 60 and above, caregivers, adults with physical or developmental disabilities (to include dementia) and adults with mental health or substance use concerns, please follow this link to the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Waukesha County: [CLICK HERE](#)

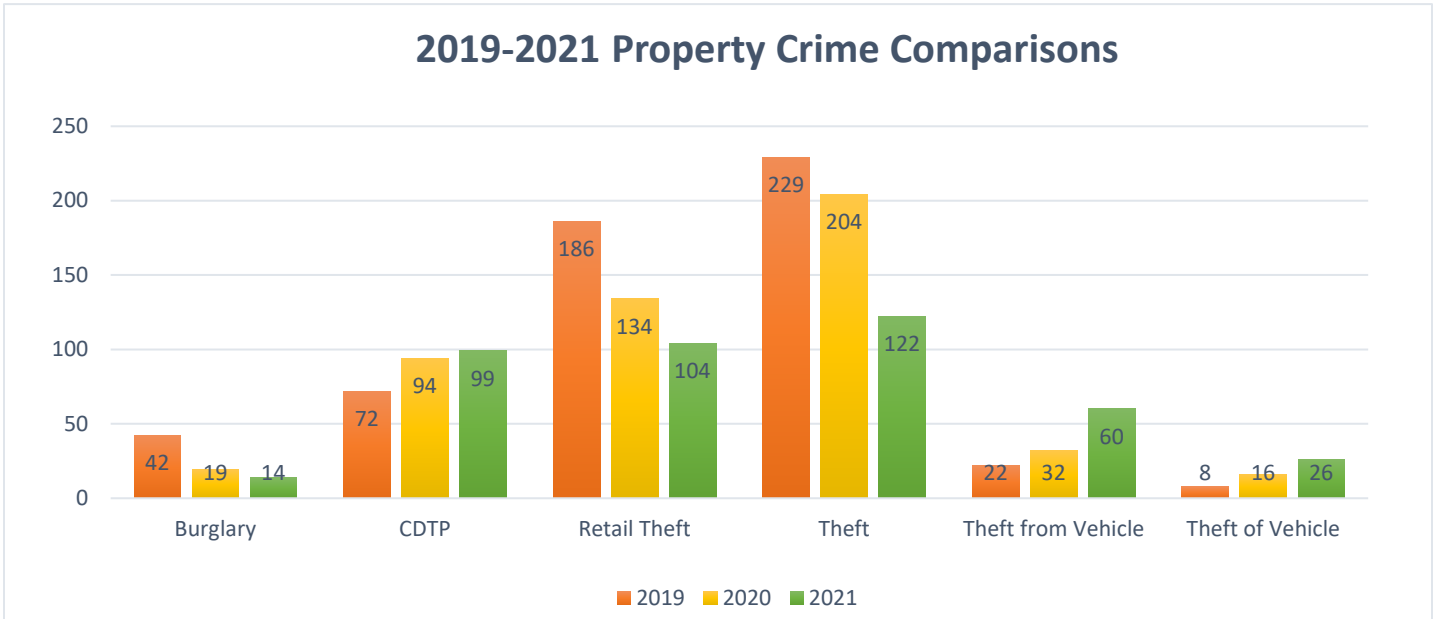
Frauds/Scams: Although we recognized a decrease in 2021 pertaining to reported incidents involving frauds/scams, they still remain prevalent. One of the most significant strategies to mitigate an offender's ability to successfully victimize members of our community is through education and awareness. Unfortunately, these unscrupulous offenders tend to target the most trusting and vulnerable segment of our community, our elderly population. Please continue to be vigilant in advocating and intervening on behalf of those in your life most susceptible to being a victim of a fraud/scam. For more information pertaining to the most recent scam alerts, please follow this link to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC): <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts> We also encourage you to follow us on Facebook, as we will routinely post regarding any frauds, scams or other crimes trending in and around our community: [NBPD ON FACEBOOK](#)

Violent/Sensitive Crimes: Due to the lack of prevalence of violent & sensitive crimes such as homicides robberies and sexual assaults, they do not appear on any graph contained in this report; however, it does not mean we are immune to these types of crimes. In 2021, the New Berlin Police Department's detective bureau did investigate 16 sexual assaults, three child abuses, one 2nd degree recklessly endangering safety three overdose death investigations and served three location warrants related to crimes pertaining to Internet Crimes Against Children and OD investigations. No homicides were reported in 2021.

Domestic Incidents: We responded to 117 incidents involving some type of reported domestic disturbance 2021. There was a slight reduction in this category in comparison to the 124 reported incidents in 2020. 2021 marked the first full year in which the New Berlin Police Department participated in a nationally recognized program, the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP). The objective of LAP is to reduce lethal incidents involving intimate partners. This program includes training of sworn officers in use of the lethality assessment tool applied to abuse incidents involving intimate partners, subsequent documentation of the assessment and a continued collaboration with domestic violence advocates on all cases. Of the 117 reported domestic incidents, officers completed 37 lethality assessments in which the victim was assessed to be in a high risk relationship and advocacy was facilitated. The following graph depicts percentage of assessments per month.



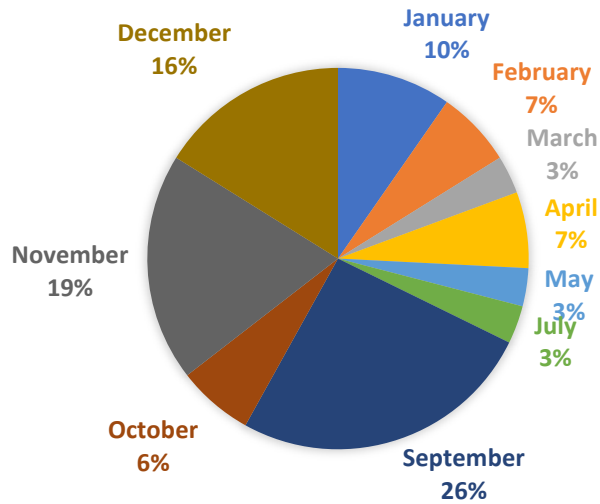
2019-2021 Property Crime Comparisons



Property Crimes: Overall, 2021 did bring about a reduction in property crimes in most categories when compared to the previous two years. The two exceptions are incidents involving Theft of Vehicles and Theft from Vehicles, specifically catalytic converters.

- Criminal Damage to Property (CDTP) – While the graph indicates we experienced more reported incidents of CDTP in 2021 when compared to the previous two years, it should be noted that almost 40% of those incidents is most-likely attributed to a single group of juveniles which occurred in November 2021. In November of 2021, we received 39 reports involving property being damaged by eggs, pumpkins and/or spray paint.
- Theft of Vehicles - 2021 brought an increase of vehicle thefts in the Milwaukee metro area, specifically certain Kia and Hyundai vehicle models appear to be targeted more than other vehicle makes. This is in part due to the ability for thieves to compromise the limited protections on ignition systems of certain models from these two manufacturers. While we recognized an increase in this category in 2021 by 10 when compared to 2020, it should be noted that the majority of the stolen vehicles were stolen as a result of being unlocked with the keys left in them, not necessarily due to their respective make or model. **Bottom line:** Please lock your vehicles and remove vehicle keys and anything else of value from your parked vehicle. If you park your vehicle outside overnight, please remove garage door openers from your vehicle and/or deactivate the remote functionality on your remote system base when remote garage entry is not needed. Please also attempt to park your vehicle in a well-lit area that is readily observable; thus, further deterring criminal activity.
- Theft from Vehicles: In 2021 we recognized a significant increase this this category. Over half of the reported Theft from Vehicles incidents in 2021 involved the theft of the vehicle’s catalytic converter. Of the 31 reported incidents involving catalytic converter thefts, 21 occurred at apartment/condo complex parking lots and 10 occurred at commercial properties within the City’s industrial parks. The data indicates the majority of these thefts occurred between 10:00 PM and 3:00 AM, on weekends, followed by Mondays and Tuesdays. The following graph depicts the percentage of the 31 catalytic converter theft incidents by month.

2021 CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS (NOT INCLUDING MONTHS WHERE NO THEFTS OCCURRED)

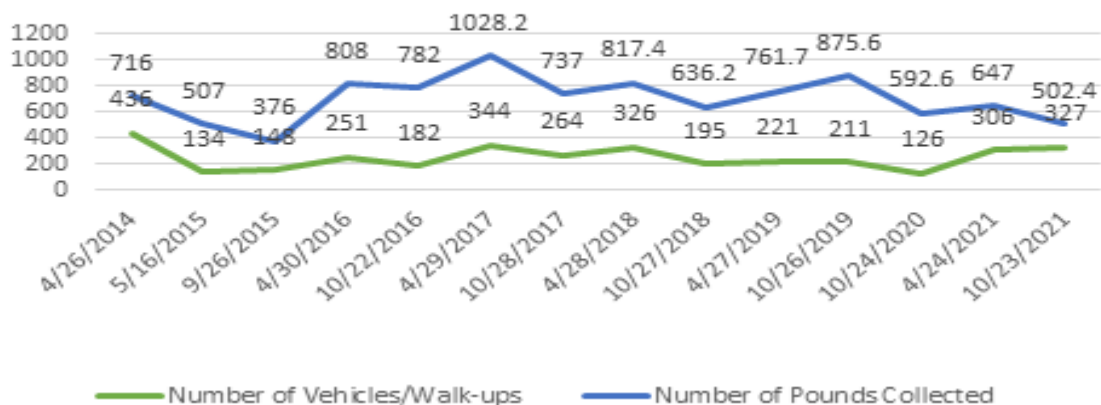


Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Tips:

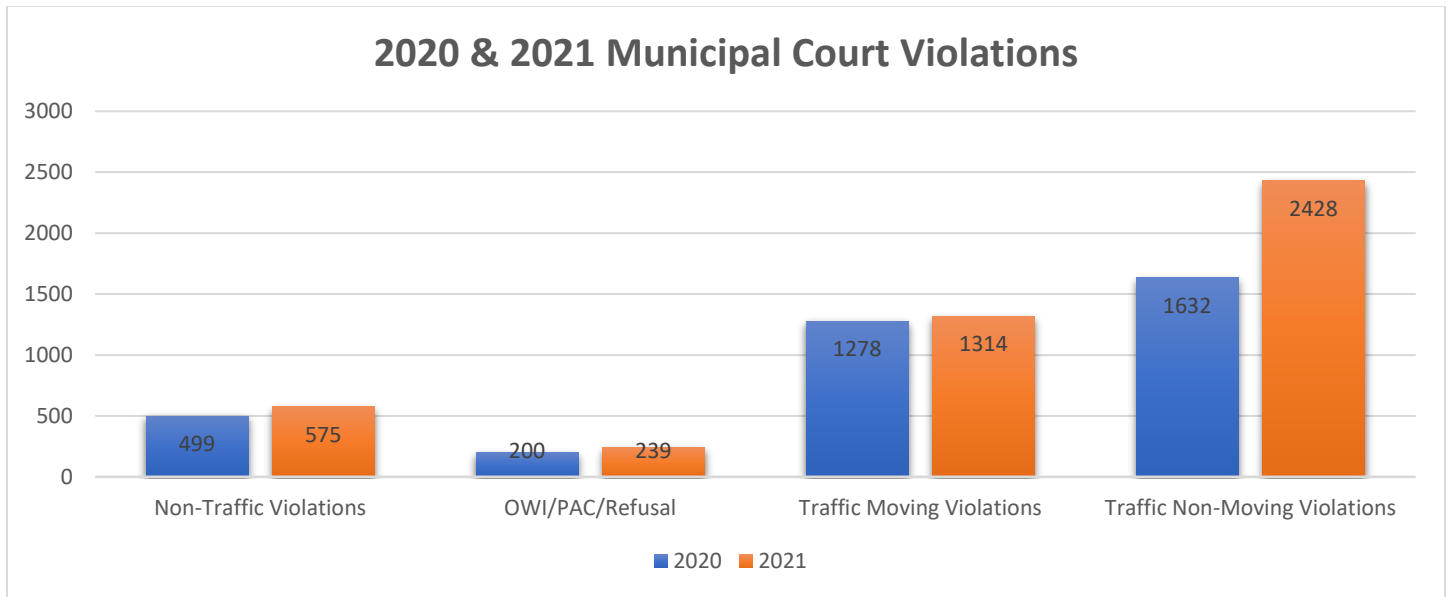
- If possible, park your vehicle in a garage or other secure area mitigating access
- Park in a well-lit area that is easily surveilled
- Install a catalytic converter anti-theft device
- Calibrate your vehicle's alarm system to activate during the vibration created from attempted removal
- Have the catalytic converter welded to the vehicle's frame
- Park in a location with monitored or motion activated video surveillance for early detection
- Etch the vehicle's VIN number in the catalytic converter for possible theft deterrence and/or to assist with property recover

In 2021 there were ten reported overdoses with three being a fatal. In an effort to reduce drug addiction and overdose deaths, the New Berlin PD has collaborated with Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin-New Berlin Campus to participate in 14 drug take-back events since 2014. These events provide the community a safe and anonymous method to dispose of unwanted drugs. The graph charts our local collections efforts. Please follow this link to the WI DOJ website to access an interactive map regarding drug disposal box locations near you: [TAKE BACK LOCATOR](#)

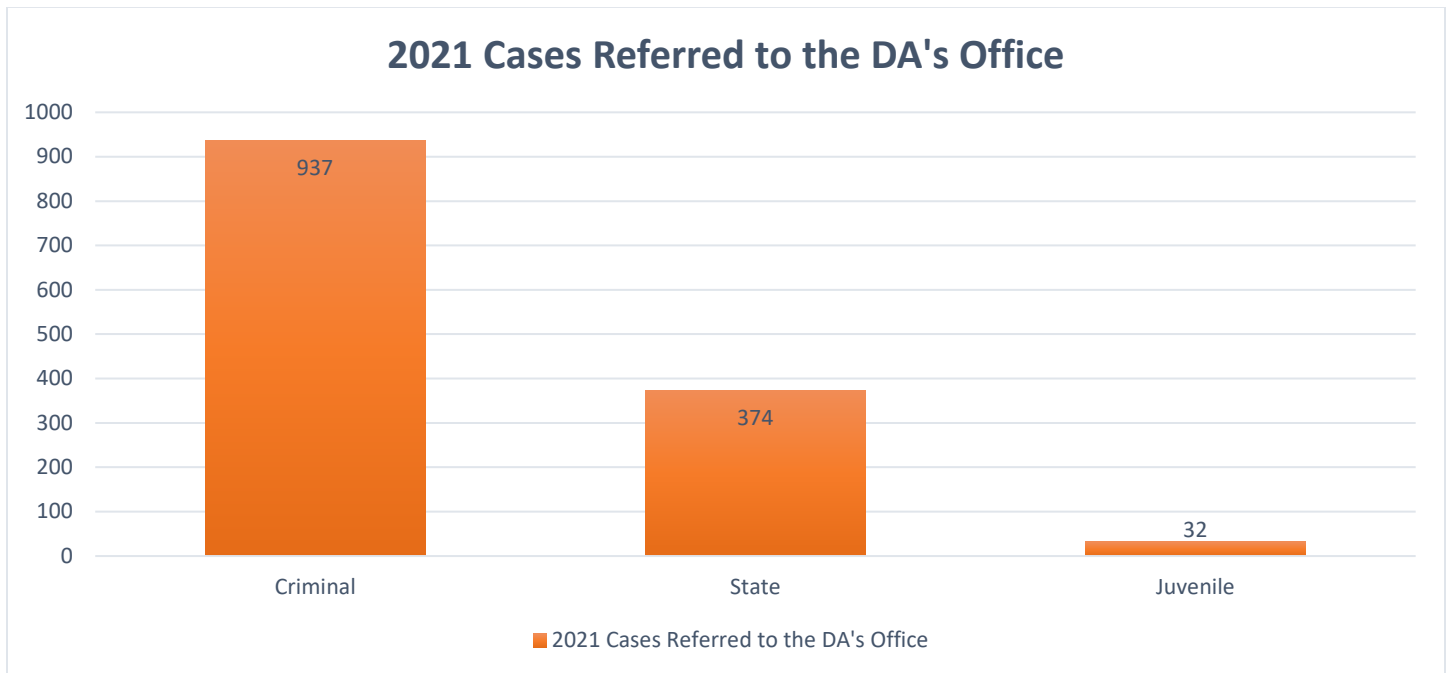
MRHC Drug Collection History



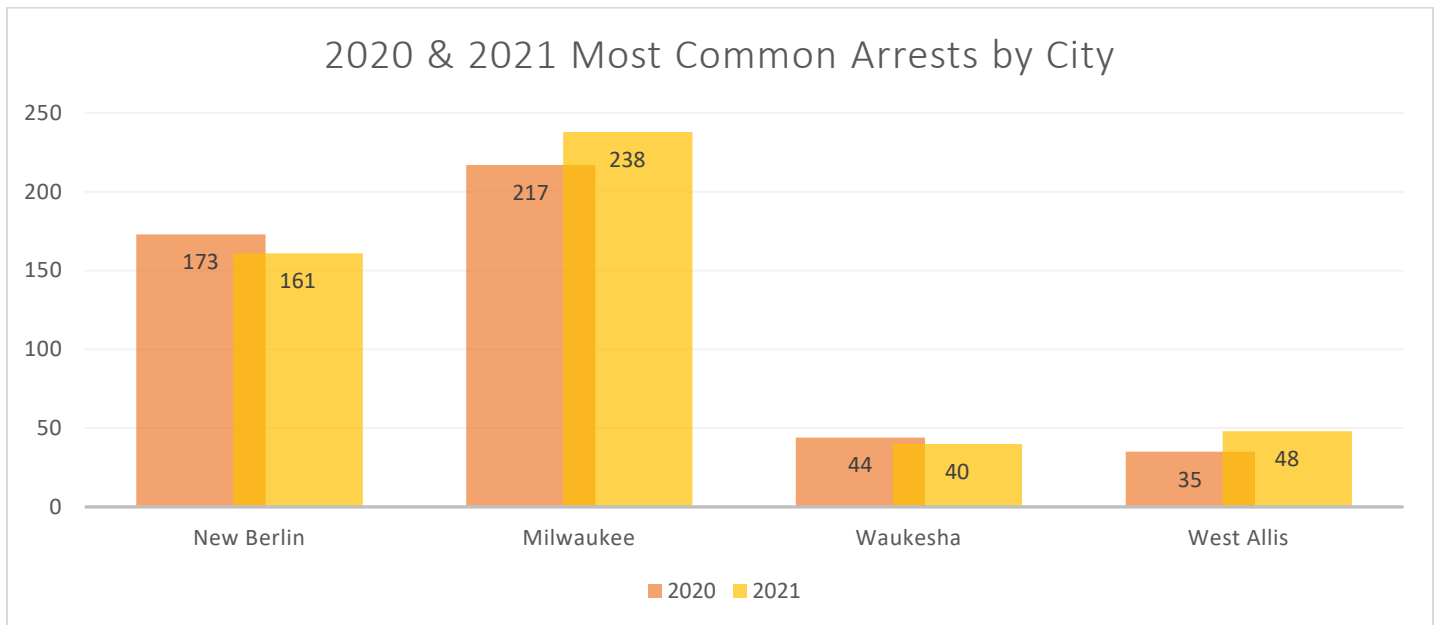
Referrals for Municipal Prosecution: In 2021, officers and detectives issued 4556 municipal citations for non-criminal prosecution in New Berlin Municipal Court, 947 more citations than issued in 2020. All but 575 of the citations issued in 2021 primarily resulted from officer initiated traffic contacts. The significant difference in non-moving traffic violations may be attributed to the State’s temporary moratorium in 2020 on certain non-moving violations due to the suspension DMV services during the COVID-19 pandemic.



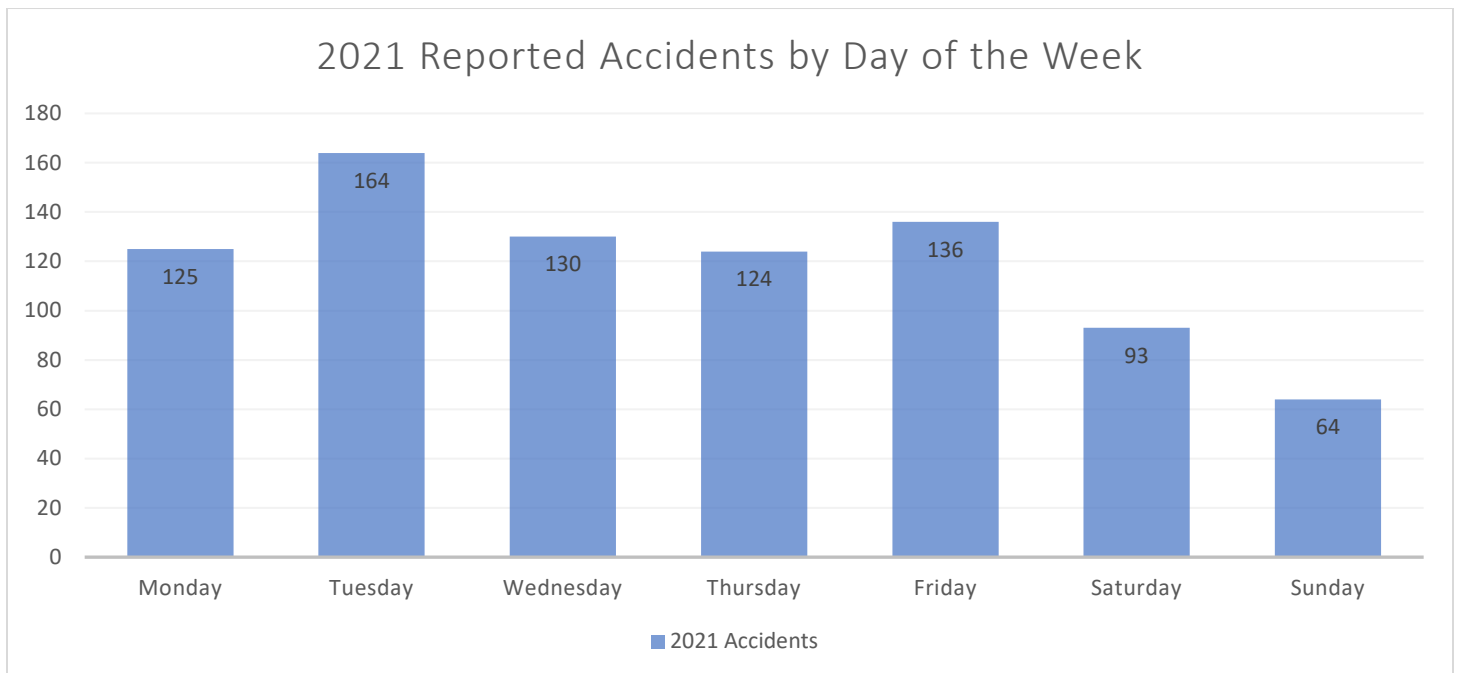
Referrals for Criminal Prosecution: In 2021, the New Berlin PD referred 969 charges involving adult & Juvenile offenders to the Waukesha County District Attorney’s Office for case review, reference misdemeanor or felony prosecution. Additionally, 374 state traffic citations were issued.

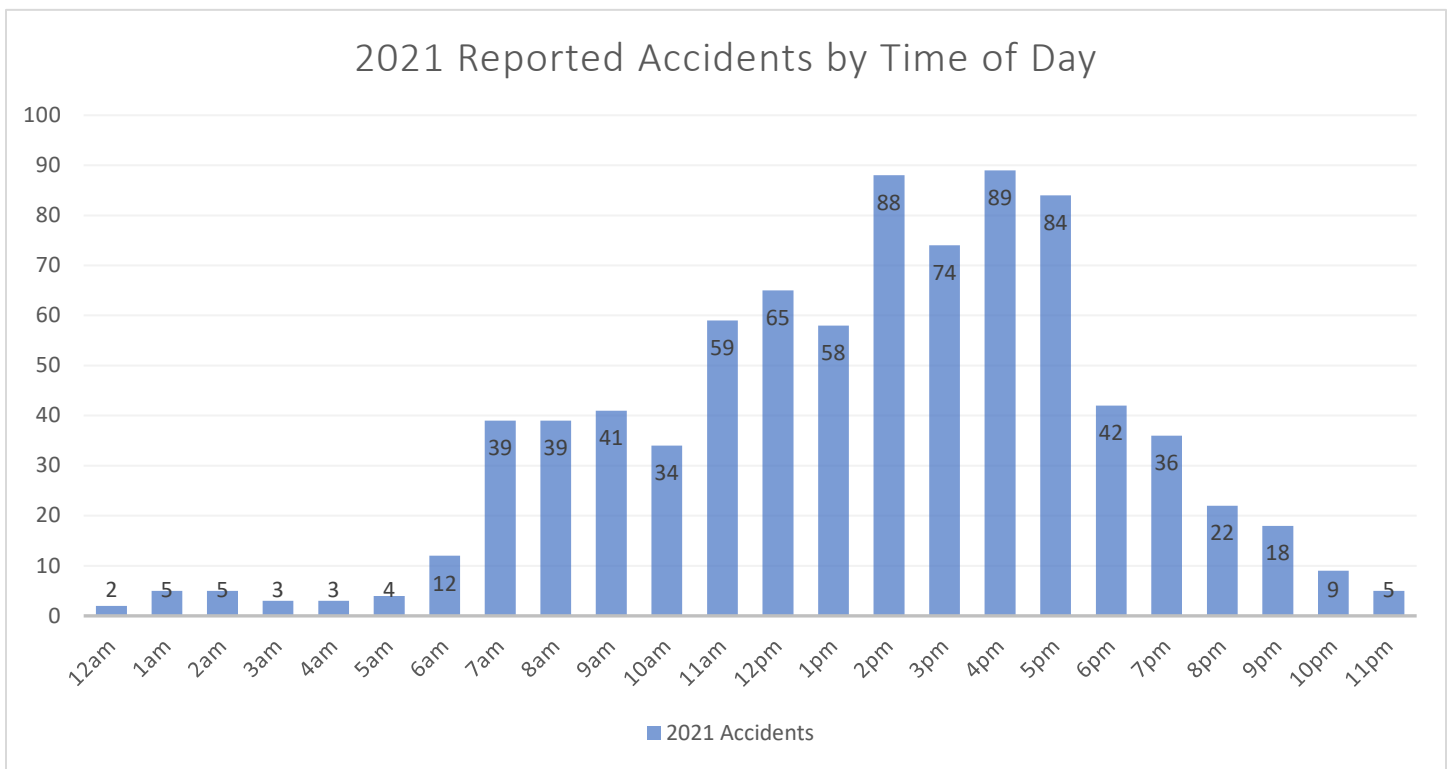


City of Origin: While we arrest offenders residing in communities throughout southeastern WI and even out of state residents, the below graph represents the most common cities in which the arrestee identified being a resident of at the time of his/her arrest.



Reportable Traffic Crashes: In the State of Wisconsin, you are required to report any crash involving an injury of a person or any crash involving \$1000.00 or more damage to any person’s vehicle or property or any crash in which \$200.00 or more is sustained to state or other government-owned property other than a vehicle. In 2021, the New Berlin police department responded to a total of 838 reportable traffic crashes. According to the below graphs, crashes are more prevalent on weekdays, specifically Tuesdays, with the highest frequency of crashes occurring mid-afternoon to early evening hours.





New Berlin Police Crime Statistics Public Dashboard: Please remember to access the recently revised New Berlin Police Crime Statistics Public Dashboard to stay informed. The NBPD public dashboard is an interactive map which captures both incidents and arrests occurring within the City of New Berlin. Although we attempt to publish the data on the dashboard on a **DAILY BASIS**, there may be occasions when this process may be delayed. Direct access to the dashboard can be obtained by following this link: [CLICK HERE](#) You may also navigate to the dashboard via the City’s website at www.nbpolicy.org. Once on the police department’s home page, click on the “Crime Statistics” tile for the self-titled link to access the Crime Statistics Public Dashboard.

Another significant factor in keeping our crime rates low and increasing the solvability of crimes committed in our community is the use of cameras. If you decide to place cameras on your residence or business, please go to our website, www.nbpolicy.org, to register your camera with our department. You may also access the registration page directly by following this link: [CLICK HERE](#) If a criminal incident occurs near your house or business, the video captured by your camera may assist our investigation.

If you have a New Berlin business and did not provide us with an updated emergency contact list in 2021 and/or have made changes to this list since last providing us with the your emergency contact list, please complete the linked emergency contact form here and return according to the indicated instructions: [CLICK HERE](#)

Please continue to be diligent in reporting any suspicious and illegal activity to our dispatch center: Non-Emergency - 262-782-6640 or Emergency - 911

For information, please contact: Officer Tony Fus, fus@nbpolicy.org 262-780-8148