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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Cherie Harris, Chief of Police
Date: August 26, 2021
Subject: Q2 2021 Police Dashboard

Recommendation:

City Council receives an update on Police Proposition 1, and an update on a development on a new interactive, public facing Crime Dashboard as directed by R-5434.

Background:

Included in the quarterly reporting on the crime dashboard is an update on the implementation of Police Proposition 1, which continues as expected. All officers funded through Police Proposition 1 have been hired but there are a few specialty assignments that are not currently filled due to attrition as indicated in this report.

- **Pro-Act (4)** - The Pro-Act Unit consists of a sergeant and four officers, one of which is also the rank of corporal to provide for full-time supervision of the team. The Pro-Act unit continues to impact crime within the city. The unit has been responsive to problem locations attracting criminal behavior within residential neighborhoods and business districts by focusing additional enforcement efforts on those locations experiencing an increase in activity.

In the second quarter of 2021, Pro-Act made 15 arrests, recovered six stolen vehicles and four stolen guns. In addition, they were granted sixteen search warrants leading to the recovery of stolen property consisting of vehicles, tools and clothing with an estimated combined value of \$35,500 dollars. Below is a brief summary of cases that speak to the unique talents and great work that this team provides to the City of Kirkland, specifically targeting prolific criminals:

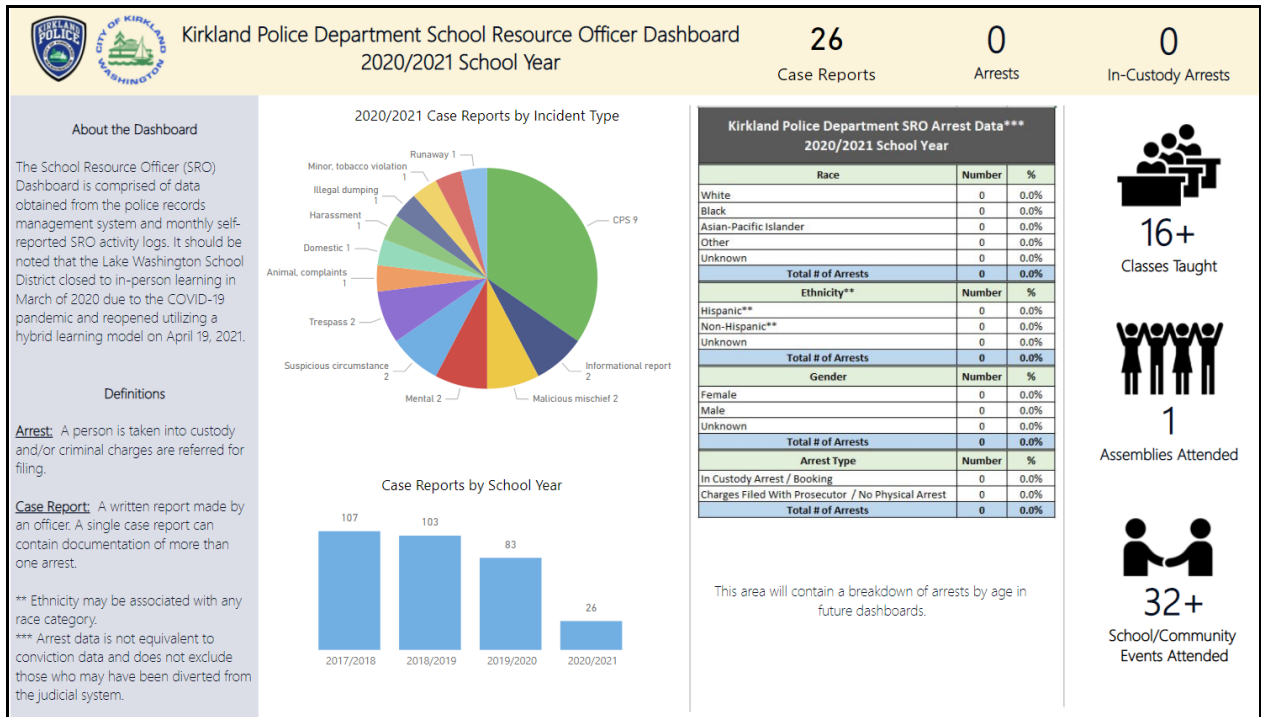
- On 03/31/2021, KPD Officers responded to a robbery that occurred in the 13500 BLK of 115th AVE NE where the homeowner had arranged a meet with an unknown male to purchase an iPad from the male through OfferUp for \$400.00. When the unknown male showed up at the residence, he shoved the homeowner back and entered his home. The unknown male reached into the homeowner's pants pocket and stole the \$400.00. The incident was captured on the homeowner's Ring doorbell. The case was assigned to Pro Act. Through OfferUp, Pro Act was able to identify the suspect. It was also learned that the suspect had committed a second strong-arm robbery a few days later in Lynwood.

After developing a suspect, Kirkland Pro Act was able to locate and arrest the suspect at his residence without incident. He was charged with Robbery in the 2nd degree, Residential Burglary and Theft in 1st degree.

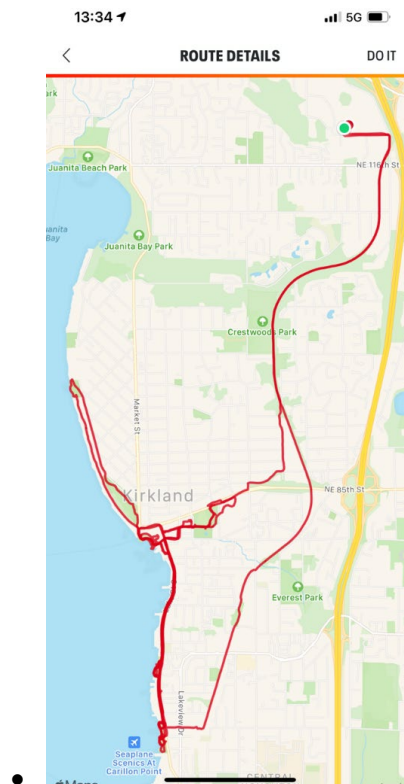
- Pro Act continued efforts in investigating a serial burglar. This individual had committed three residential burglaries in Kirkland over the course of three months. In one incident four firearms were stolen and a BMW X5 SUV was taken from the garage of another home. Since beginning this investigation, Pro Act assisted four law enforcement agencies that have cases with the same suspect, (Renton PD, Puyallup Tribe Police, Pierce County SO, and Federal Way PD) in developing probable cause for this suspect and two of his accomplices. Charges included identity theft, fraud, forgery, theft of motor vehicle, possession of stolen firearm, possession of motor vehicle, and possession of stolen property. Pro Act Officers located the suspect in Federal Way and placed him under arrest without incident. Post Miranda, the suspect provided information implicating himself to the crimes. Pro Act charged the suspect with Residential Burglary, Burglary in 1st Degree, Theft of Firearm (x4), and Violation of the Uniform Firearms Act.
- The Pro Act team has made several arrests of suspects involved in brazen thefts of merchandise from the Lululemon retail outlet. Several of the suspects were tied to similar thefts in Seattle and other surrounding jurisdictions. Pro Act and KPD Crime Analysts have met with the company loss prevention manager to work cooperatively to develop strategies to attempt to reduce these crimes.
- The Pro Act team continues to investigate prolific catalytic converter thefts in Kirkland and expect to provide an update on arrests in the next quarterly report.
- **School Resource Officer (SRO) (4)** –The SRO Unit is supervised by the Community Services Unit (CSU) Sergeant and is staffed by a corporal and three officers. The SRO's returned to their respective schools for the end of the school year.

The SRO Dashboard incorporates statistics from the Department Records Management system and SRO self-reported activity logs. The dashboard contains data on case reports, arrests, and other activity, and will be updated after each school semester. Due to the remote learning/hybrid model that affected the 2020-2021 school year, SRO activity was dramatically reduced. A total of 26 case reports were taken by SROs, none of which involved any arrests. Over 16 classes were taught by SROs, one assembly was attended, and at least 32 community events were attended by SROs during the year.

The Department Crime Analysts continue to build examples of a SRO Dashboard that will eventually be published on the City website. Utilizing the Microsoft Power BI software, the SRO Dashboard will be interactive in a way that allows the user to click on a category of the Case Reports by Incident Type section, such as Trespass and see the race, ethnicity, gender and if appropriate the arrest type. The following example is currently under development:



At the conclusion of the school year the SROs were reassigned to work emphasis patrols on the waterfront and downtown parks. Collectively, the SRO's made over 432 contacts and spent more than 7,505 minutes on directed emphasis patrols in and around the waterfront parks and other parks within the City (in the month of June). An example of the amount of coverage one SRO had during one bike shift was captured and is provided below:



- **Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) (1)** – The second NRO, as outlined in Proposition 1, was appointed on August 1, 2020. The NRO is assigned as a co-responder with the Proposition 1 Mental Health Professional (MHP). The NRO was very busy throughout the second quarter. In addition to assisting persons in crisis, the NRO continues to support patrol with complex cases that require long term problem solving of neighborhood disputes or locations that experience reoccurring criminal activity. Some examples of this work are:
 - The NRO worked on determining the needs of multiple unhoused residents throughout the City. This encompassed coordinating with various businesses, resident groups, other City Departments and advocate networks. The NRO was successful in coordinating and connecting unhoused residents who were ready to accept assistance with the resources they needed. As a part of this effort, the NRO also coordinated with specific neighborhood groups that either expressed a desire to help or that are experiencing groups of unhoused residents in their community.
 - The NRO worked with the City of Kirkland Human Services and members within the Special Projects & Economic Development team to address how the business community can support the needs of the unhoused residents. PCC, Tech City Bowl, King County Marine, Kingsgate Library, and downtown businesses met to coordinate presentations and planned a meeting designed specifically to address concerns and equip these community members to have successful interactions and relationships.
 - The NRO conducted a number of community presentations during the second quarter, providing information on the MHP co-responder program and answering questions on a multitude of topics. This also included support for the new Chabad of Kirkland with security planning.
 - The second quarter saw the onboarding of an American Rescue Plan Act Recovery Intern who was assigned to support the Community Services Unit (CSU). The Intern made an immediate impact by using his skills in multimedia development and social media to assist with multiple projects. The intern collaborated with the NRO to help create a presentation that the Risk Management Lieutenant utilized for the City of Kirkland Mental Health Grant request to the Washington Association of Police Chief and Sheriffs (WASPC). This consisted of a presentation to a group of subject matter experts who evaluated the grant request for additional contract MHP's to co-respond with Officers and conduct follow up with persons in crisis.

The second NRO position remains unfilled since the retirement of an Officer in December 2020.

- **Mental Health Professional (MHP)** – The MHP position provided under Proposition 1, continues to be staffed and co-responding with the Proposition 1 NRO to provide mental health resources to those in crisis. During the second quarter the MHP worked with the NRO and Operations Division to help digitize and streamline the referral process used by patrol officers who encounter members of the community in need or crisis. A standardized referral form will be used to provide and share crucial details not only with the Proposition 1 MHP but with the MHPs that work with officers through the North Sound Response Awareness, De-Escalation, and Referral (RADAR) programs. The referral form is scheduled to be fully implemented during the

third quarter and is expected to allow Officers to utilize their mobile phone to complete the necessary contact information.

In the second quarter of 2021, the NRO and MHP had 142 total contacts within the City of Kirkland, which included 52 referrals from Patrol and Investigations, as well as seven requests from the Jail for assistance. These contacts also encompassed referrals from the City of Kirkland Human Services Staff, Code Enforcement and the Department Domestic Violence Advocate. In addition, the MHP with the North Sound Response Awareness, De-Escalation, and Referral (RADAR) program had 23 contacts within the city of Kirkland and 115 total contacts in the cities they serve within King County (Kirkland, Bothell, Lake Forest Park, Shoreline and Kenmore). Some examples of this work included:

- An officer referred a case to the MHP regarding a 24-year old subject who was showing signs of psychosis post-head injury. His mother had tried to engage him in services for almost a full year before he started to escalate to the point of her feeling the need to call 911. The mother had called 3 times due to both property destruction and bizarre behaviors that had her concerned for his safety. The last time the mother called the police was due to the fact that her son had assaulted her. She was conflicted about declaring herself a victim. She felt that she had to "trust the system" to get him help even if he was charged, yet she was very nervous to do so. KPD's DV victim advocate referred his mom to the MHP. The MHP was able to help educate the mother on the process her son would be going through, including the possibility of community court. Subsequently, the MHP was able to advocate for her son and get messages communicated to the prosecutor and defense attorneys regarding the son's condition. When the son was released, the court supported the sentencing which included an inpatient psychiatric clinic of the family's choice that had a specialty in head injury and mental health. The MHP and DV advocate heard back from the family one month after his release that after the young man was discharged from treatment, he acknowledged his mental and behavioral health issues, and was stable at home with his parents.
- A local apartment complex called the police department to report an unwanted vehicle and its occupant in their parking lot. The Kirkland officers that responded discovered that the Hispanic young man was recently released from ICE/immigration, that he was living with his cousin and her family in that apartment complex, and that he had been diagnosed with schizophrenia. The officer (and Sgt) that responded, immediately referred the case to the MHP. The next day the MHP followed up in-person with the officer from the day before and utilized the language line to speak to the family in Spanish. Both the subject and his cousin became emotional when they realized that the Department was there to help and that the young man was not in trouble. The MHP was able to explain that the goal was to get him the help he needed which included an appointment with local healthcare professionals and access to medications. (When they were told that the Department could access low cost healthcare since he didn't have insurance, they were thankful but declined because they couldn't then afford the \$400/month medication.) They had no knowledge of the fact that drug companies accept applications for fully funded medications for people without health insurance. The MHP, along with a Spanish-speaking officer came to the home to help the family fill out and submit the application for no-cost medications.

Through the partnership with the North Sound Response Awareness, De-Escalation, and Referral (RADAR) Program, the Proposition 1 NRO and MHP, and Department Staff were able to successfully submit a Mental Health Grant Application to the Washington Association of Police Chief and Sheriffs (WASPC) securing \$75,500.00 in grant funds to use in continued development of mental health response services.

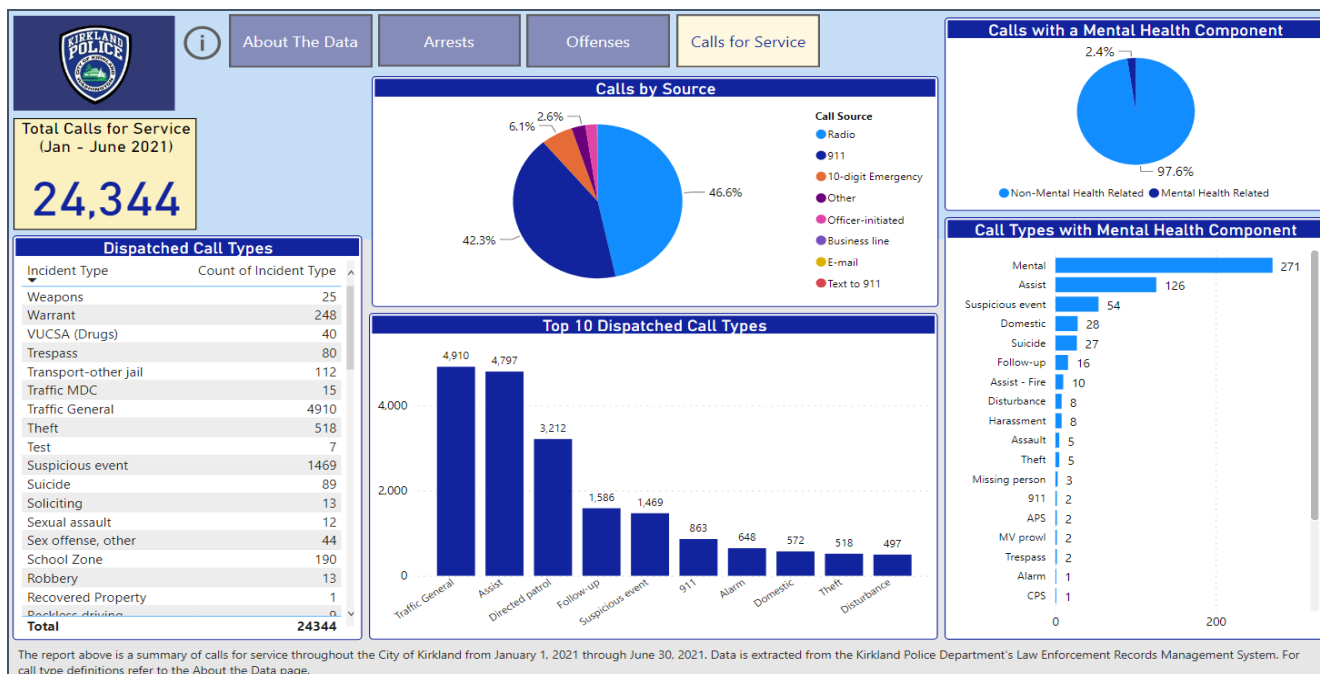
- **Gun Safety program** –Staff has been working hard to develop a series of instructional videos to promote gun safety through both the Department’s website and social media platforms. A Proposition 1 introductory video, as well as the first gun safety video were completed and distributed during the second quarter. A second gun safety video is being finalized and will be distributed in the third quarter. Staff continues to work on implementing a plan to host in person instruction as soon as allowed by the Governor’s phased re-opening approach.

Police Crime Dashboard:

The Department Crime Analysts continue to refine the interactive crime dashboard that comprises three separate reports: Calls for Service, Arrests and Offenses as well as an “About the Data” page. Utilizing the software program “Power BI” the goal is to eventually publish the quarterly crime dashboard into a public facing tool to provide an increase in data reporting and transparency. As reported in the first quarter crime dashboard report, the City of Kirkland Information Technology (IT) Department has established this program as the City standard, and is working toward providing necessary licensing, training and support for this platform, both internally and with the public. In order to make future dashboards accessible, dynamic and sustainable, it is necessary to establish a “gateway connection” to the Police Records Management System hosted by the NORCOM dispatch center. The Department and City IT Staff continue to work cooperatively with NORCOM to accomplish the gateway.

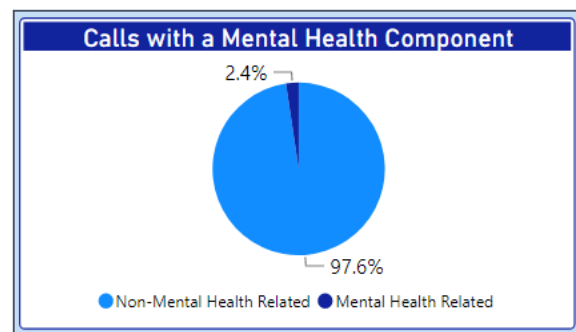
Call for Service Analysis

There were 24,344 dispatched calls for service during the reporting period of **January 1 – June 30, 2021**. This is a 6% increase from the average of the past four years during the same time period. Calls for service include criminal and non-criminal activity, can be community-generated or officer-initiated, handled in the field or over the phone, and do not always result in a police report being written. Call types and descriptions do not indicate a final disposition.



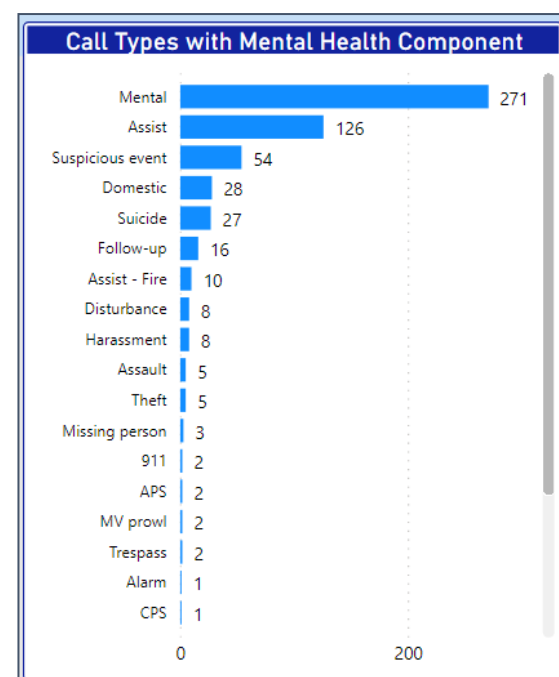
Calls with a Mental Health Component

In order to better track calls for service that include a mental health component, a new clearing code of "E" was added last year. In the first half of 2021, there were 577 dispatched calls that were given a mental health "E" clearing code. This equates to about 2.4% of total dispatched calls during that period. The percentage of calls for service that include a mental health component is expected to increase as the use of the code becomes more consistent.



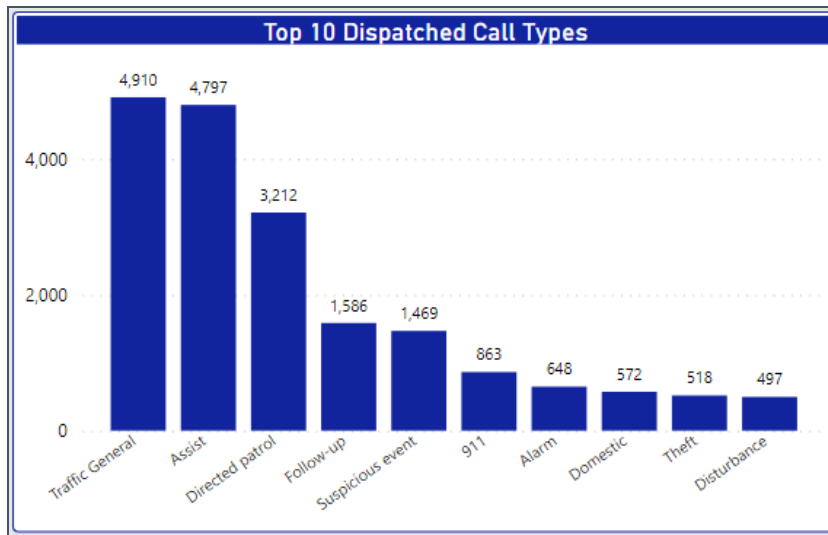
Mental Health Calls by Incident Type

For calls that involved a mental health component, the largest call type category was "Mental" with 271 (47%). Other call types with mental health components include: Assists (126, 22%), Suspicious Events (54, 9%), Domestic (28, 5%), Suicide/Attempted Suicide (27, 5%), as well as several other call types.



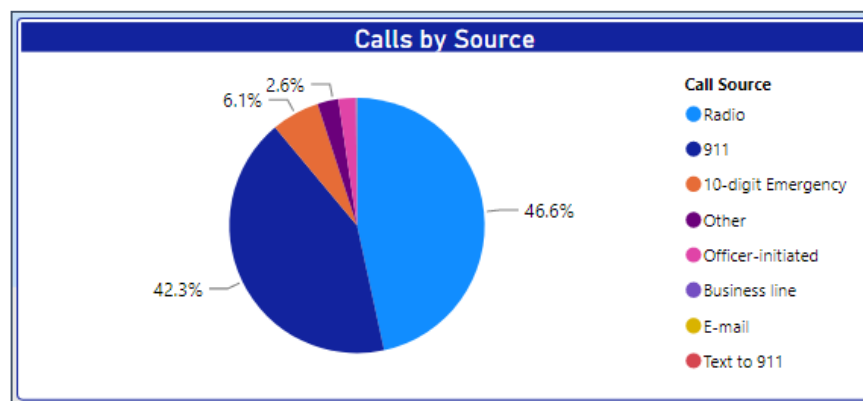
Top 10 Dispatched Call Types

The top dispatched call type was Traffic-General with 26% of the total. Traffic-General includes traffic stops, parking complaints, abandoned vehicles and other traffic related activity. Other top 10 calls for service include Assists, Directed Patrol, Follow-Up, Suspicious Event, 911, Alarm, Domestic, Theft and Disturbance. Combined, the top 10 calls types comprise 78% of the overall dispatched call for service total



Calls by Source

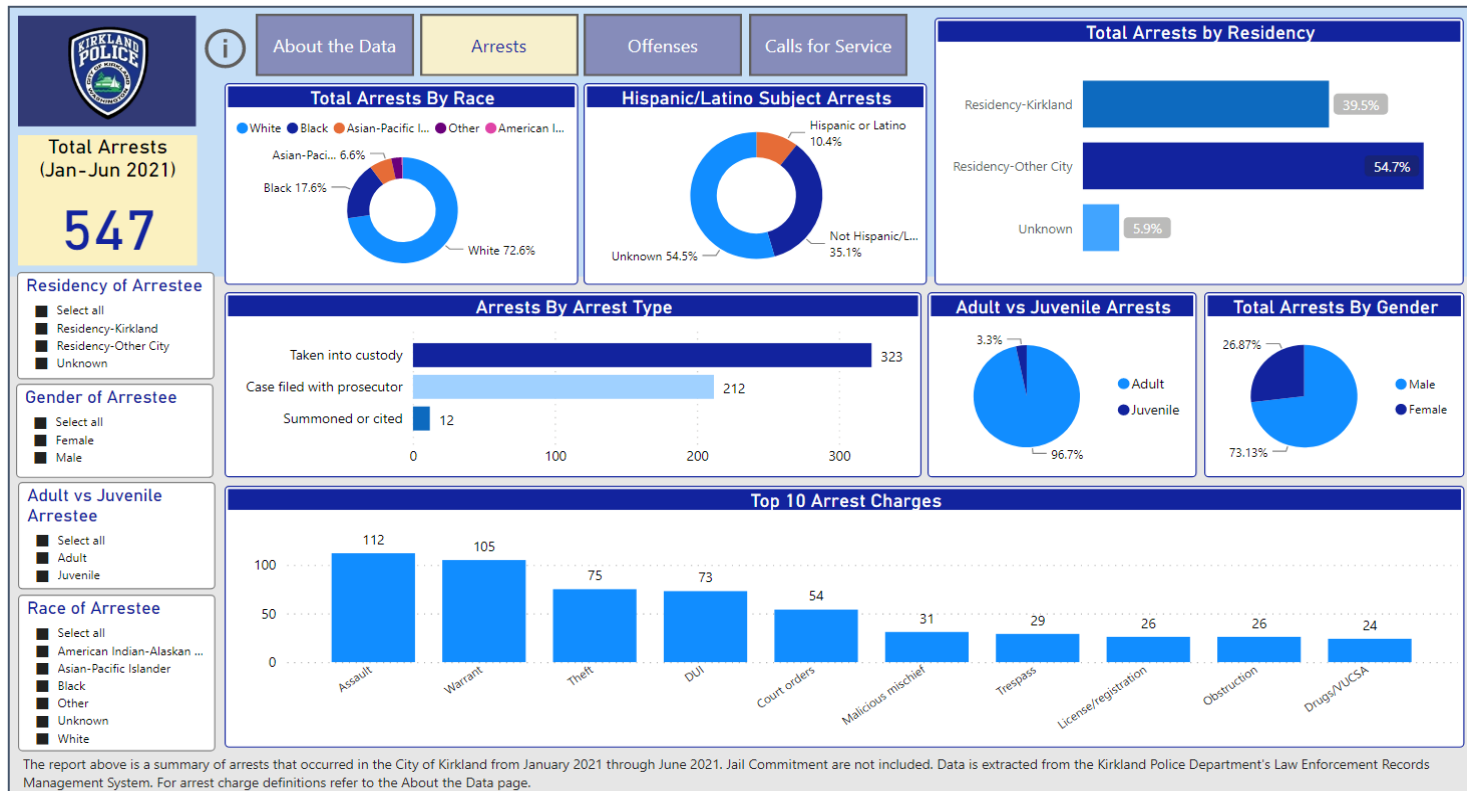
An analysis of call source data shows that nearly half (47%) of calls have a call source of "Radio". This category can represent calls that are either initiated by the officer or that originate in NORCOM.



The second largest portion of calls came from the 911 line (42%). A small percentage of calls came from other phone lines, or via texts or email. The total for "Officer-Initiated" should not be considered accurate due to the number of officer-initiated calls that are assigned a value of "Radio".

Arrest Analysis

There were 547 arrests during the reporting period of **January 1 – June 30, 2021**. This is a 35% decrease from the average of the past four years during the same time period. There were 44 individuals who were arrested more than one time during the reporting period.



Arrests by Race, Gender, and Age

- White:** There were 376 arrests of white individuals during the reporting period of **January 1 – June 30, 2021**. This accounts for 69% of overall arrests. 259 of these arrestees were male (adults – 250, juveniles – 9) and 117 were female (adults – 114, juveniles – 3). It is important to note that the race category of white includes ethnicities such as Hispanic and Middle Eastern.
 - 73% (273 of 376) of these arrests were the result of an officer responding to a dispatched call for service.
 - Officers initiated 27% (102 of 376) of arrests involving a white arrestee.
 - 54% (201 of 376) involved the arrest of a non-Kirkland resident at the time of arrest.
 - 42% (159 of 376) involved the arrest of a Kirkland resident at the time of arrest.
 - The top charge for white arrestees was Assault (79 or 16%) followed by Warrant (65 or 13%) and DUI (61 or 12%).
 - Over half (46 or 58%) of the assault charges for white arrestees were Domestic Violence related.
 - 35 white individuals were arrested more than one time during the reporting period.

White Arrestees by Charge	
Charge	Count
Assault	79
Warrant	65
DUI	61
Theft	45
Court orders	41
Trespass	21
Drugs/VUCSA	20
Malicious mischief	20
License/registration	19
Threats/intimidation	15
Obstruction	14
Possession	13
MV theft	11
Traffic	11
Firearms	7
Burglary, commercial	5
Burglary, possess tools	5
Burglary, residential	5
Harassment	5
ID theft	4
MV prowl	4
Public morals, offenses against	4
Disorderly	3
Sex offenses	3
Weapons (not firearms)	3
Liquor laws	2
Order violations	2
Arson	1
Forgery/counterfeiting	1
Robbery, residential	1
Charge Count Total	490

- **Black:** There were 91 arrests of black individuals during the reporting period of **January 1 – June 30, 2021**. This accounts for 17% of overall arrests. 71 of these arrestees were male (69 adults; 2 juveniles) and 20 were female (18 adults; 2 juveniles).
 - 74% (67 of 91) of these arrests were the result of an officer responding to a dispatched call for service.
 - Officers initiated 21% (19 of 91) of arrests involving a black arrestee.
 - 58% (53 of 91) involved the arrest of a non-Kirkland resident at the time of arrest.
 - 29% (26 of 91) involved the arrest of a Kirkland resident at the time of arrest.
 - The top charge for black arrestees was Theft (23 or 18%) followed by Warrant (21 or 16%) and Assault (19 or 15%)
 - 14 of the 19 Assault charges for black arrestees were Domestic Violence related.
 - One Domestic Violence Assault involved a weapon (knife).
 - Six out of the 23 Theft charges were related to Organized Retail Theft.
 - Four black individuals were arrested more than one time during the reporting period.

Black Arrestees by Charge	
Charge	Count
Theft	23
Warrant	21
Assault	19
Malicious mischief	8
Robbery, commercial	7
Obstruction	6
Court orders	5
Drugs/VUCSA	4
Harassment	4
Threats/intimidation	4
Trespass	4
License/registration	3
Possession	3
Traffic	3
DUI	2
Forgery/counterfeiting	2
MV prowl	2
MV theft	2
Burglary, commercial	1
Burglary, possess tools	1
Burglary, residential	1
Disorderly	1
Firearms	1
ID theft	1
Robbery, residential	1
Stalking	1
Charge Count Total	130

- **Asian/Pacific Islander:** There were 34 arrests of Asian/Pacific Islander individuals during the reporting period of **January 1 – June 30, 2021**. This accounts for 6% of overall arrests. All of these arrestees were adults (32 males, 2 females).
- **Other:** There were 16 arrests where the arrestee's race was listed as "Other". This race category accounted for 3% of the overall arrest total during the reporting period. All of these arrestees were adults (14 males, 2 females).
- **Unknown:** There were 29 arrests where the arrestee's race was unknown, accounting for 5% of overall arrests during the reporting period. 23 of these arrestees were male (22 adults, 1 juvenile) and six were female (all adults)

Arrests by Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity, Gender, and Age

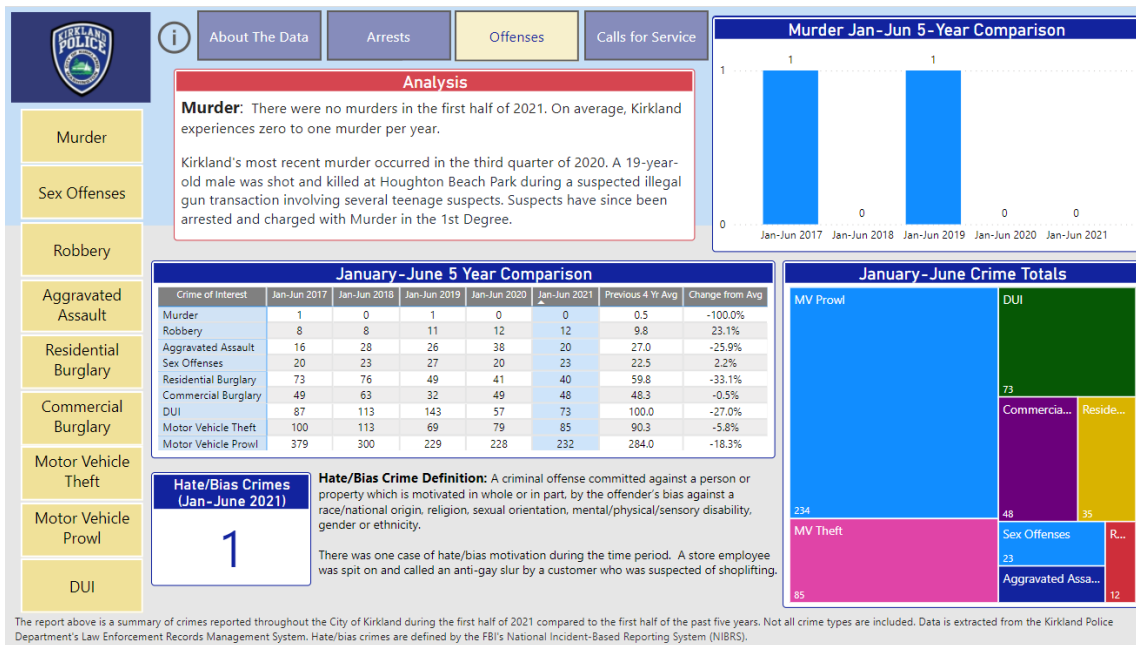
Hispanic/Latino is not identified as a race category, but rather as an ethnicity in accordance with the Federal National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). These arrests are also counted in the above analysis by race. There were 57 arrests involving individuals with Hispanic or Latino ethnicity during the reporting period of **January 1 – June 30, 2021**. 56 of these arrestees were adults (44 males, 13 females). A slight majority of these arrestees (33 or 55%) were not Kirkland residents, while 22 (39%) resided in Kirkland at the time of arrest. Two had an unknown address.

Offense Dashboard Overview and Analysis

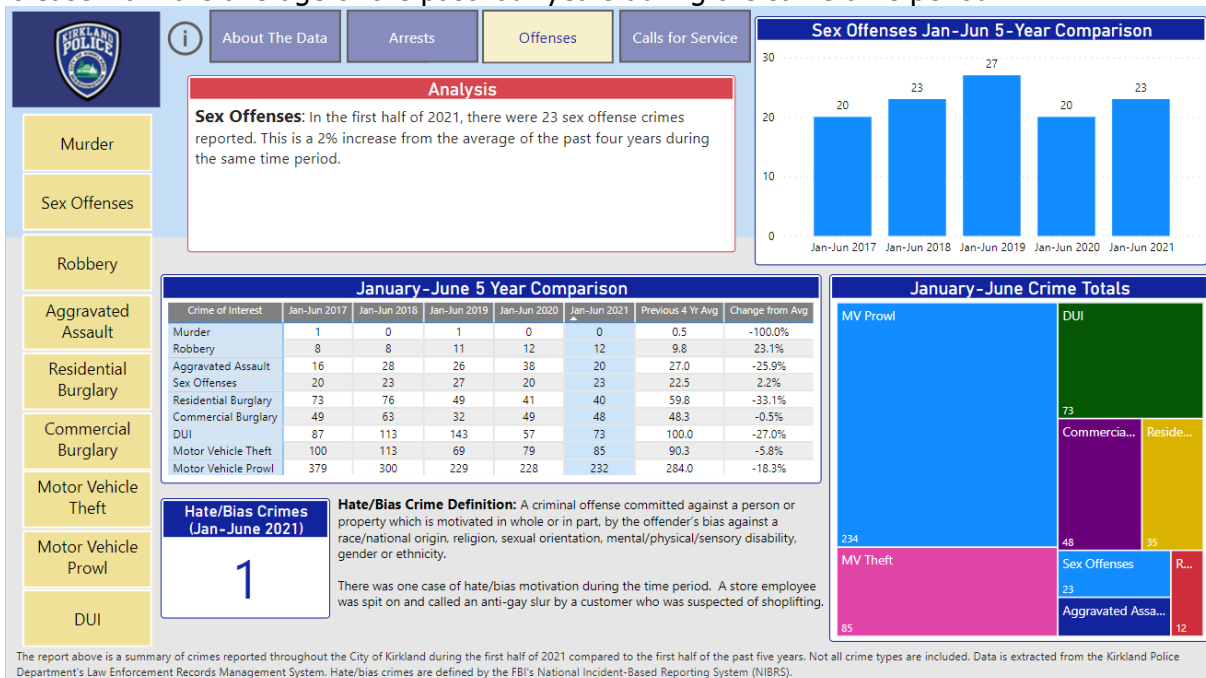
The Offense dashboard presents the total number of criminal offenses for the categories of Murder, Sex Offense, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Residential Burglary, Commercial Burglary, Vehicle Theft, Vehicle Prowl, and DUI. A section on Hate/Bias crime as well as definitions for crime categories are presented. Future Enhancements may include a Theft category that breaks out Mail Theft and Package Theft. The tracking of these categories will require the use of new

codes in officer reports and possible reconfiguration of Coplogic (online) reports which will take additional time to implement.

Murder: There were no murders in the first half of 2021. On average, Kirkland experiences zero to one murder per year. Kirkland's most recent murder occurred in the third quarter of 2020. A 19-year-old male was shot and killed at Houghton Beach Park during a suspected illegal gun transaction involving several teenage suspects. Suspects have since been arrested and charged with Murder in the 1st Degree.

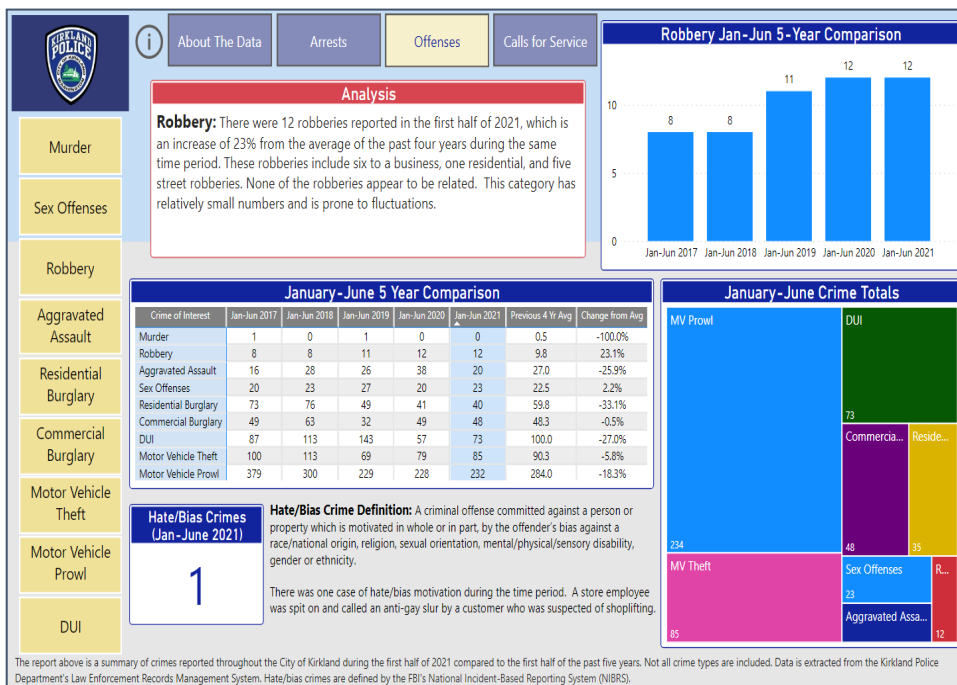


Sex Offenses: In the first half of 2021, there were 23 sex offenses reported. This is a 2% increase from the average of the past four years during the same time period.

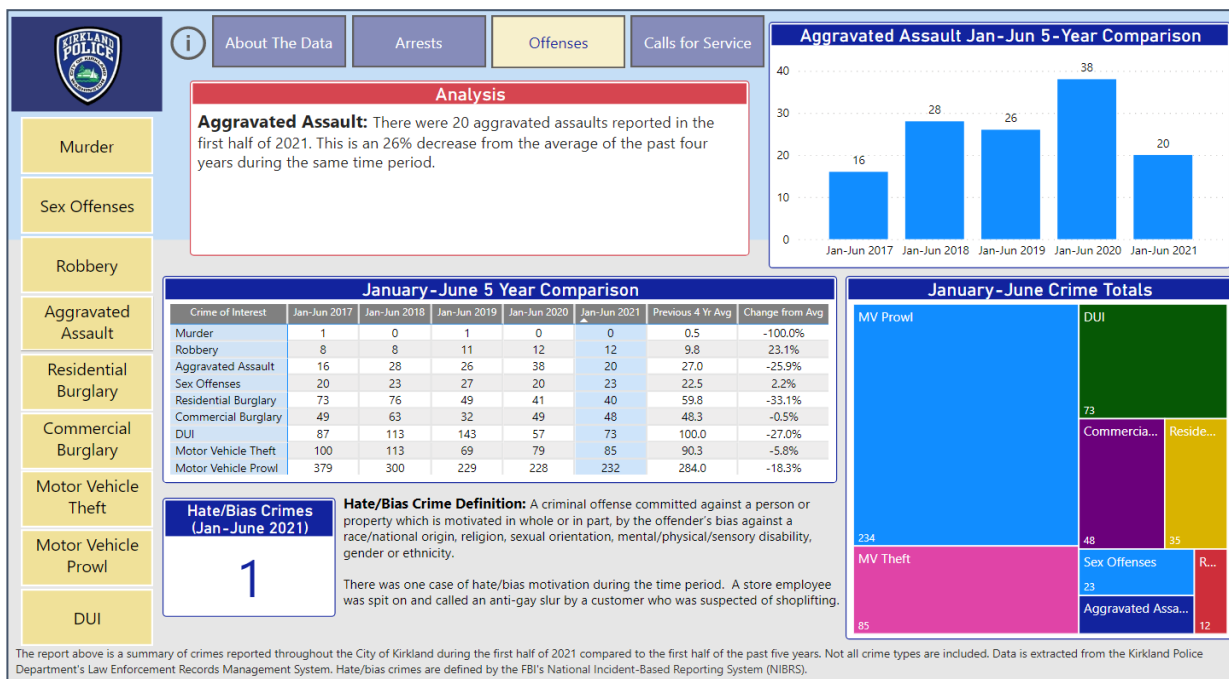


Robbery: There were 12 robberies reported in the first half of 2021, which is an increase of 23% from the average of the past four years during the same time period. These robberies include six in a business (commercial), two residential, and four “street” robberies. None of the robberies appear to be related. This category has relatively small numbers and is prone to fluctuations.

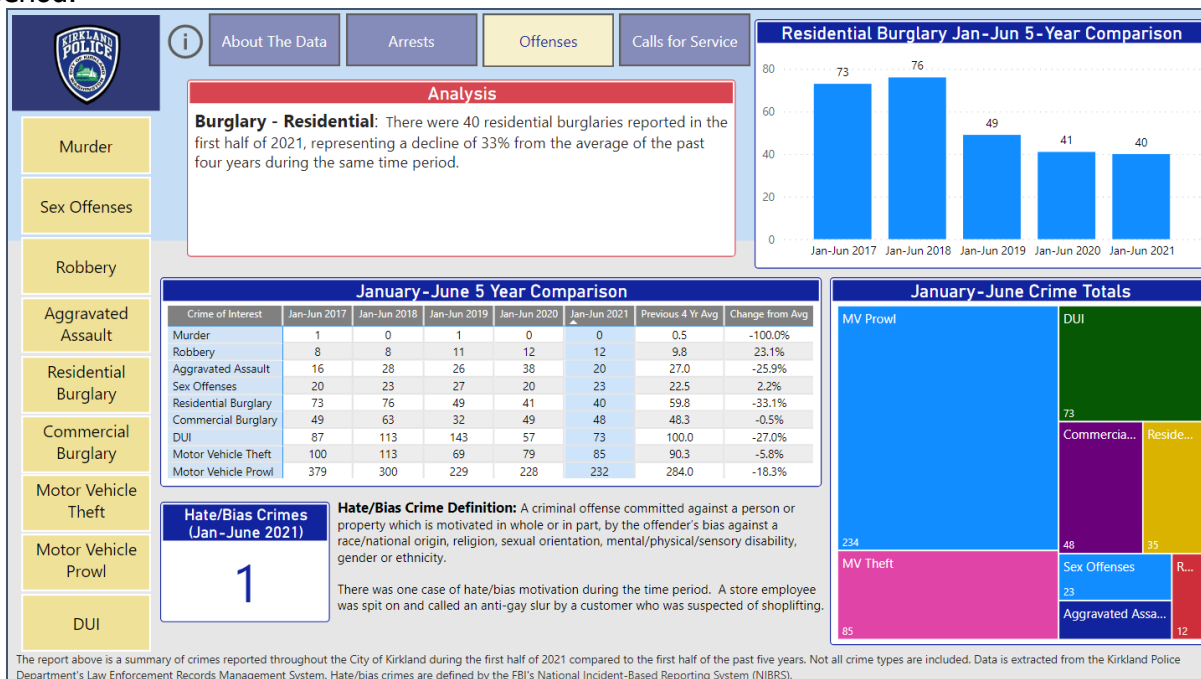
- Four of the six commercial robberies involved a suspect with a gun.
- A residential robbery involved an OfferUp exchange where the suspect crossed the doorway of the victim’s home and forcibly took money from the victim’s pocket. Another residential robbery involved a dispute over a puppy in which a gun was pointed at the victim.
- One robbery was domestic violence related.
- Of the four “street” robberies, two involved the display of a knife.



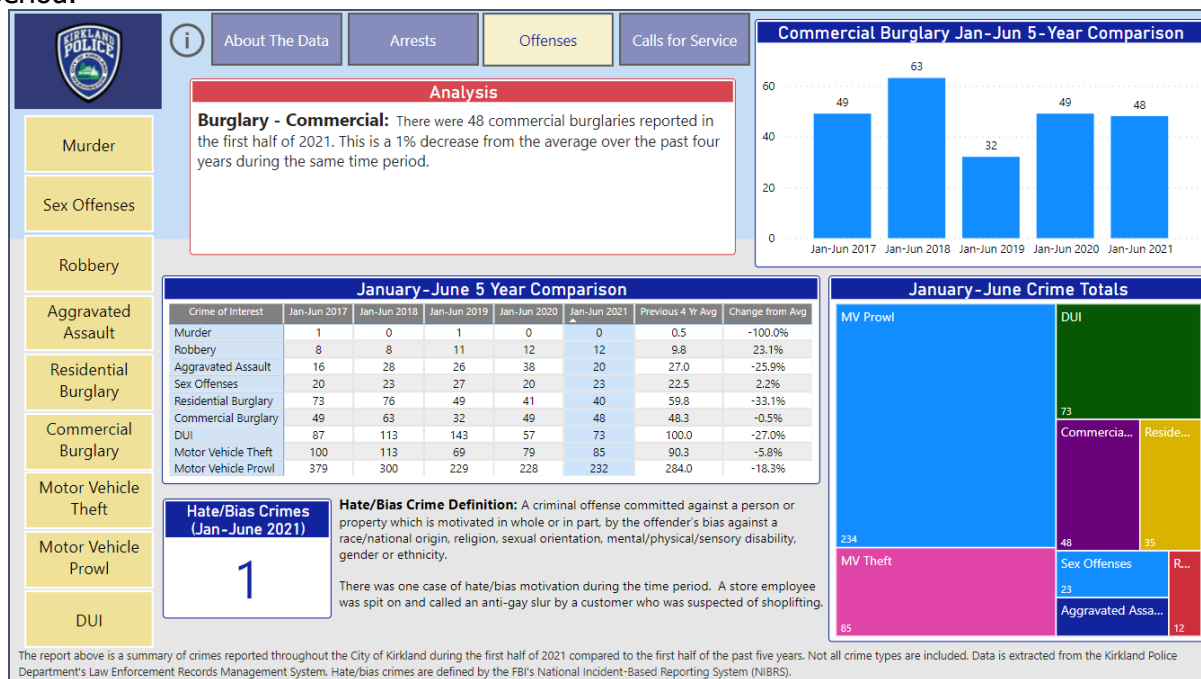
Aggravated Assault: There were 20 aggravated assaults reported in the first half of 2021. This is an 26% decrease from the average of the past four years during the same time period.



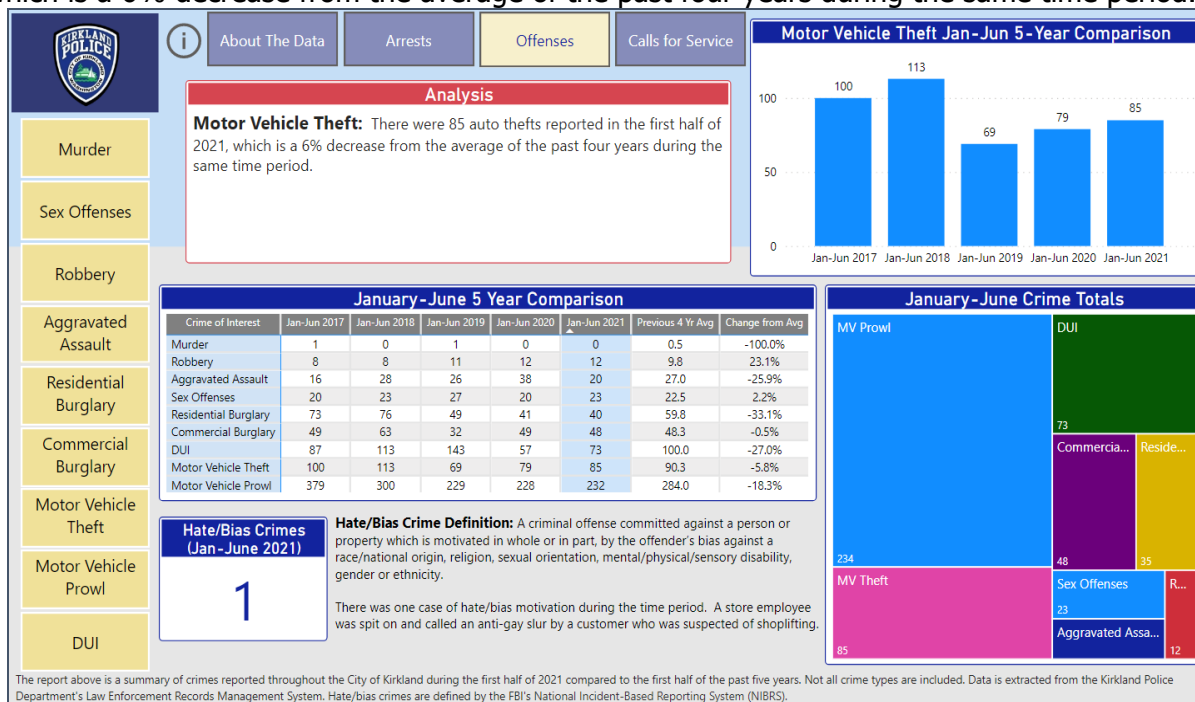
Burglary – Residential: There were 40 residential burglaries reported in the first half of 2021, representing a decline of 33% from the average of the past four years during the same time period.



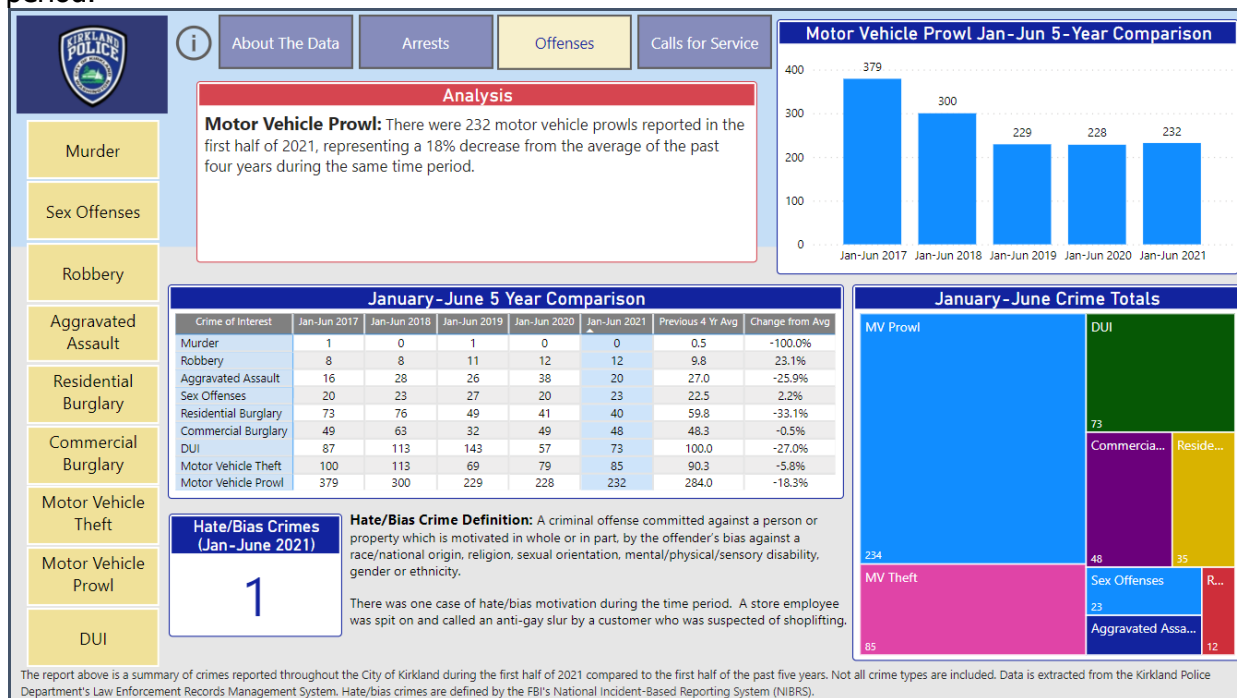
Burglary – Commercial: There were 48 commercial burglaries reported in the first half of 2021. This is a 1% decrease from the average over the past four years during the same time period.



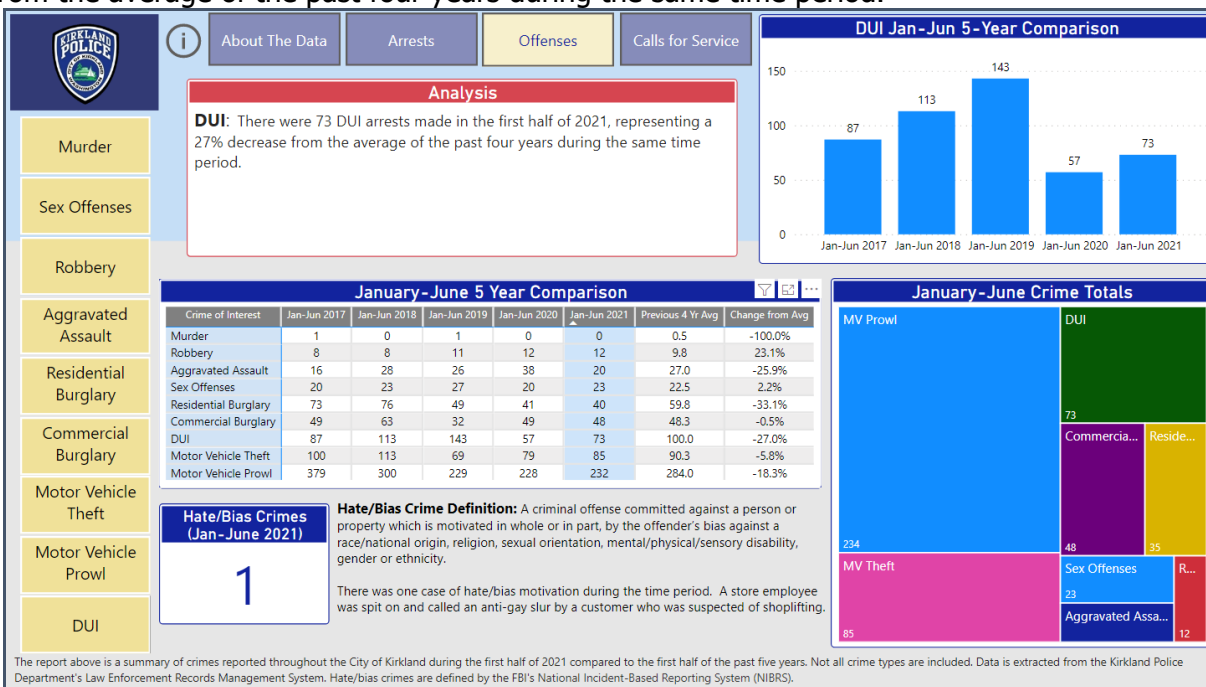
Motor Vehicle Theft: There were 85 motor vehicle thefts reported in the first half of 2021, which is a 6% decrease from the average of the past four years during the same time period.



Motor Vehicle Prowl: There were 232 motor vehicle prowls reported in the first half of 2021, representing a 18% decrease from the average of the past four years during the same time period.



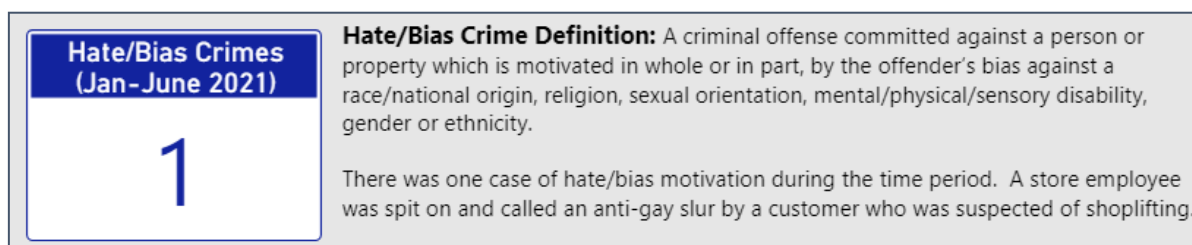
DUI: There were 73 DUI arrests made in the first half of 2021, representing a 27% decrease from the average of the past four years during the same time period.



Hate/Bias Crime

A Hate/Bias crime is defined by the FBI as a criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race/national origin, religion, sexual orientation, mental/physical/sensory disability, gender or ethnicity.

There was one hate/bias crime reported during the first half of 2021. A store employee was spit on and called an anti-gay slur by a customer who was suspected of shoplifting.



Next Steps:

The Crime Analysts will continue to improve the interactive Crime Dashboard by adding additional data fields as requested by the City Council. The completion of the "gateway connection" is a key component of expanding the Dashboard as is obtaining additional licensing for the Microsoft Power BI product.