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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Cherie Harris, Chief of Police
Mike St. Jean, Deputy Chief of Police

Date: September 7, 2023

Subject: 2023 Second Quarter Police Dashboard

Recommendation:

City Council receives an update on Police Proposition 1, and crime statistics for the City of Kirkland. The information contained in this report depicts statistics and information for the second quarter of 2023.

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 Proposition 1 have been hired but a few specialty assignments continue to remain vacant due to attrition as indicated in this report. Beyond Proposition 1, the Department is actively recruiting for 9 open full time commissioned officer positions (which includes the 4 approved over-hire positions). The Department is also actively recruiting for 2 full time corrections officers. At the time of this report, there are approximately 9 new officers who are nondeployable due to the length of the hiring and training process (academy & advanced police training officer programs) and another 9 officers who are on extended leave such as FMLA, military, or are on modified duty. During the second quarter, 4 officers voluntarily left the Department for a variety of reasons to include significant medical issues (2) and not meeting standards after a significant period of prescriptive training (2).

The Department has successfully implemented the Body Worn Camera (BWC) program. As of January 24, 2023, all commissioned personnel have been issued their BWC's and are deploying in the field per policy. Training has been provided to supervisors on the random audit feature of the software and the Department successfully implemented this function on May 1, 2023. The City Attorney's Office has received training and Criminal Justice Information Systems authorization to comply with the City of Kirkland Ordinance on BWC oversight.

The Council also requested, at a previous Council meeting, how frequently people were failing to stop when signaled to do so by Kirkland Officers on a traffic stop. This request was made during discussions surrounding the legislature's attempts to "fix" the state's pursuit laws. This information is contained in the "Calls for Service Analysis," found in the crime dashboard section of this report, but in short, 65 drivers fled from Kirkland Officers between January 11 and June 30 of 2023.

Police Proposition 1 update:

- **Pro-Act (4)** - The Pro-Act Unit consists of a sergeant and five officers, one of which is also the rank of corporal to provide for full-time supervision of the team. There is currently one opening within this Unit after Council approved reallocating one (1) SRO position to the Pro-Act Unit. A testing process has been completed and a new officer has been identified. 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 proactive enforcement efforts on those locations experiencing an increase in activity.

During the second quarter of 2023, Pro-Act initiated 4 new cases, assisted on 5 cases, made 12 arrests, and were granted 9 search warrants leading to the recovery of 3 stolen vehicles valued at \$107,000, property valued at \$3,500, one stolen firearm, and recovered \$30,992 in currency.

Below is a summary of a few of the cases from the first quarter that speak to the unique talents and great work that this team provides to the City of Kirkland, specifically targeting high impacting crimes in the community:

April

- Pro-Act Officers responded to a patrol call after hearing that a known subject was associated with a call for service at Motel 6. This subject was a suspect in a burglary and a vehicle theft. The subject was interviewed and was forthcoming with information to further the investigation. Pro-Act Officers were able to arrest the suspect in the burglary case during the month of May, without incident at a local casino.
- Pro-Act Officers located a wanted subject who was arrested, and a search warrant was subsequently obtained for his vehicle. The search warrant produced a stolen firearm out of Seattle. Pro-Act Officers relocated the subject in May, and he was arrested without incident on several firearms violations.

May

- In a joint investigation led by members of Kirkland's Pro-Act unit, officers from Edmonds, Bellevue and Kirkland Patrol Officers traveled to Burien to serve a warrant associated with a dangerous illegal drug investigation. The subject was arrested without incident.

Execution of the search warrant yielded 5502 M30 (fentanyl) pills, 5.1 ounces methamphetamine, 5.8 ounces cocaine, 6.8 ounces heroin and 78.65 grams of fentanyl powder.

- Pro-Act Officers on-viewed a stolen vehicle with two associated male occupants. Both subjects were arrested and booked into Kirkland Jail.
- Pro-Act Officers, accompanied by a Kirkland Detective, assisted with an operation led by King County Sheriff's Office. KCSO coordinated arresting two subjects and simultaneously serving 10 search warrants on Massage Salon businesses. KCSO had previously reached out, specifically to Kirkland Pro-Act, asking for assistance with their operation. Kirkland was assigned service of a search warrant at a massage spa in Everett. Once Pro-Act learned the

two main target suspects had been arrested, they were given a “go” to serve the warrant. They located two females living inside the business. The two women were interviewed, the premises was searched, and evidence was provided to KCSO. The two women were provided resources.

June

- Pro-Act Officers received information that a burglary suspect was living in the Juanita Area. The suspect had been identified through fingerprints recovered on the rear door of a residence during an attempted burglary in March. Pro-Act Unit surveilled the area and the suspect was arrested without incident and booked into the Kirkland Jail.
- Pro-Act Officers identified two fraud suspects at the Totem Lake Fred Meyer using a stolen credit card to make purchases. A security camera also captured the suspects fraudulently using the credit card at a different store. Both suspects were arrested and booked into King County Jail for ID theft.
- **School Resource Officer (SRO) (4) Transitioned to Community Resource Officer (3)** – The SRO Unit is supervised by the Community Services Unit (CSU) Sergeant and currently staffed by three (3) officers. There is one (1) position open. The CSU Sergeant is also a trained SRO and each week, provides several hours of service in the schools.

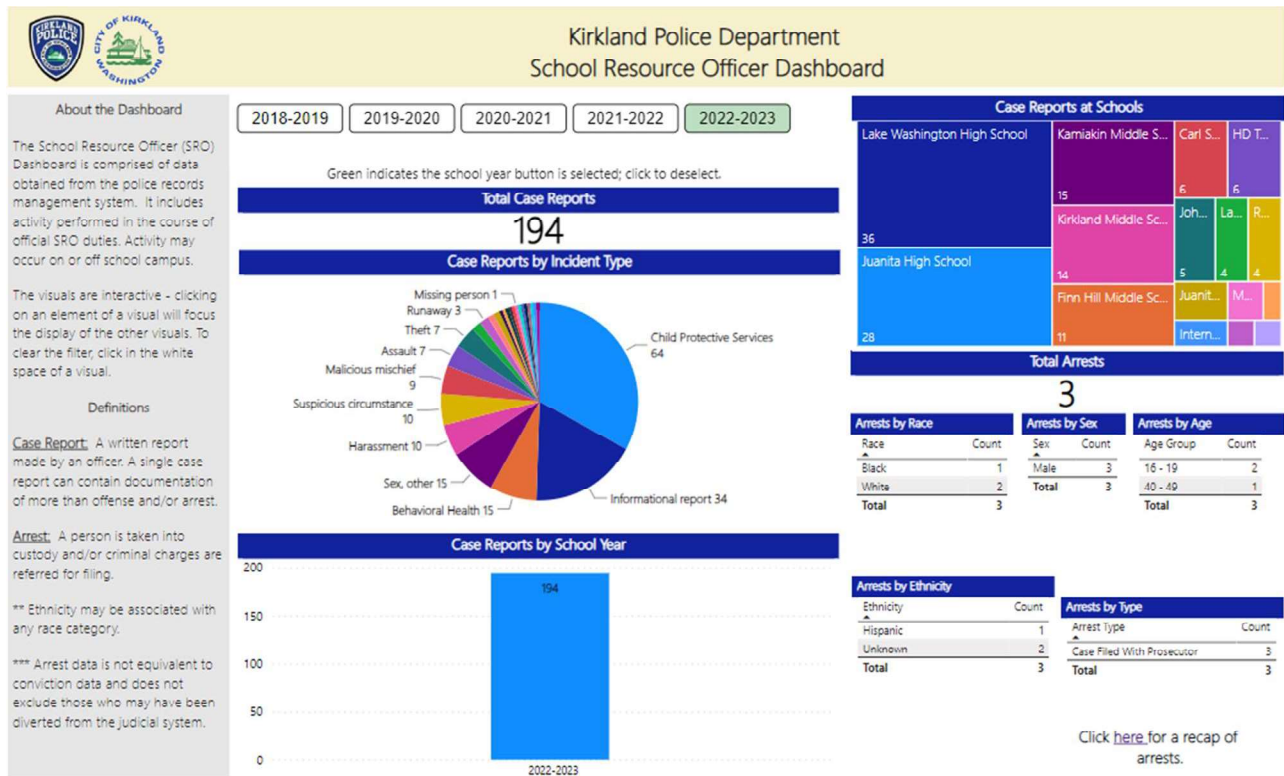
In August of 2023, the SRO program, in partnership with the Lake Washington School District, has transitioned to the Community Resource Officer (CRO) program. CROs will maintain the same certification, training and reporting as SROs, but will not be stationed in individual schools. CROs will be the primary point of contact between the Police Department and the LWSD on school safety and issues that require a law enforcement response to a school in Kirkland.

The Department Crime Analysts maintain an interactive SRO dashboard on the City of Kirkland’s website. The Department is utilizing the *live* interactive SRO dashboard implemented in Q3 of 2022, which is built on the gateway data model and includes data from a five year period. The dashboard auto-refreshes on a daily basis. **Please note that there is an approximate 1-3 day delay from when a case report first merges into the records management system before it will appear in the dashboard.*

The SRO Dashboard incorporates statistics from the Department Records Management system. The dashboard contains data on case reports, arrests, and other activity. The SRO Dashboard current reporting period reflects what was reported at the time this report was drafted (08/25/2023) for the 2022 – 2023 school year. A total of 194 case reports have been written by SROs and there have been no physical arrests made. 3 case reports resulted in the incident being forwarded for prosecutorial review to determine charges.

This dashboard serves to further enhance the City and the Department’s goals of increasing data reporting and transparency to the public.

The below screenshot is provided as an example:



A feature of the interactive, online, dashboard is a clickable link that provides a recap of arrests over the past two years. This is viewable online to the public by clicking in the bottom right corner of the report. The opening paragraph of this recap states the following:

Kirkland School Resource Officers (SRO's) consistently work with school administration to keep students out of the criminal justice system. Only in rare cases are physical arrests made by SRO's and often, these arrests are a result of an incident that occurred outside of school hours and off-site. More commonly, but still rare, the decision is made to refer criminal charges to a juvenile prosecutor (known as being "charged through investigation"), which allows the prosecutor to determine whether actual charges will be filed. The decision to refer charges are commonly made in concert with school administration and even parents. These decisions may also be based on a history of student behavior that school level discipline has not changed, which is having a direct impact on other students' rights to be physically, socially, and emotionally safe at school.

The King County Court juvenile division, and the Kirkland Municipal Court, can utilize alternatives to the traditional justice system. Programs such as Family Intervention, Restorative Services (FIRS), the Step-Up program, Community Court, and Diversion are also made available.

Summary of SRO arrests for the 2022-2023 school year:

- In June 2023, a School Resource Officer received a report that a middle school student had been physically abused by a guardian at home. Kirkland Police worked with Child Protective Services to conduct a thorough investigation, and documented the injuries sustained by the child victim. Based on the results of the investigation, the adult guardian was criminally charged for the assault of the child. The case was forwarded to the Kirkland Municipal Court.
- In January 2023, during a parking lot dispute at a high school, a 16-year-old male drove his vehicle into another student's occupied vehicle and fled the scene. Upon contact with the police the student invoked his rights and was not cooperative with the investigation. Hit and Run charges were forwarded to the King County Prosecutor's Office in hopes restitution can be handled through diversion.
- In October 2022, a high school student intentionally kicked a sideview mirror of another student's vehicle causing significant damage to the victim's vehicle. The incident was reported to the School Resource Officer who completed an investigation. The student did not wish to be interviewed by police. After discussing the case with the vehicle owner (parent), the case was forwarded to the King County Juvenile Prosecutor's office and will be routed through the diversion process.
- **Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) (1)** – The NRO is assigned as a co-responder with the newly formed Regional Crisis Response Agency (RCR) when appropriate. A test to create an eligibility list of officers to fill 2 open NRO positions was conducted and identified 2 eligible officers. Currently, these open NRO positions continue to remain vacant due to on-going staffing issues within patrol.

In addition to supporting RCR, the NRO continues to assist patrol with complex cases that require long term problem solving of neighborhood disputes or locations that experience reoccurring criminal activity, as well as department wide projects and initiatives. Some examples of this work are:

- In June, the Department participated in the 2023 Diaper Derby, supporting KidVantage, formerly Eastside Baby Corner. Officer Trombley helped share some photos and video of the Derby results with the greater Kirkland Community.



- Following up on multiple expressed concerns from community members affected by noise and activity coming from a local establishment; the Neighborhood Resource Officer partnered with Patrol Officers in an effort to better understand the source and cause of noise and activities. NRO Trombley also reached out to her partners in code enforcement, the liquor and cannabis board, and the property owner to try and reduce the noise complaints coming from the business.
- In June, the Department was invited for Donut Days at the Madison House. Residents of the senior living center hosted several Kirkland Officers who had the opportunity to meet and enjoy donuts together. This was a treasured community building event that allowed our officers to engage with a valuable segment of the community.
- One of the many responsibilities of the NRO is to engage with our community on various platforms. The picture below is one example of how NRO Trombley is able to reach out with helpful information designed to educate and keep our community safe.



- **Community Responder Lead (MHP) (1)** – The MHP position provided under Proposition 1, transitioned to the City Manager’s Office as of January 1, 2022. The Department continues to provide data in the second quarter of 2023, but this function will transition to the City Manager’s Office in the third quarter of 2023.

In the second quarter of 2023, the Regional Crisis Response Agency had a total of 66 new MHP referrals (up from 53 last quarter). Of those, 60 were from patrol, 3 from Community Resource Officers, 2 from the Kirkland Jail, and 1 from reception staff. In Kirkland, RCR Crisis Responders made a total of 272 total contacts with 126 individuals served, which includes follow-up contacts from previous quarters. Of those, 23% were experiencing homelessness. Some examples of this important work are:

- Crisis Responders worked closely with multiple individuals experiencing homelessness who were on city property, including often working closely with the City of Kirkland Homeless Outreach Specialist. This work includes supporting mental health treatment and hospitalization in some cases, as well as referral and support to get a vehicle fixed so that it could be moved to a community based safe parking program.
- Crisis Responders also responded to multiple families who had experienced a loss to suicide, helping family members navigate the immediate aftermath while law enforcement and the medical examiner processed the scenes. Research shows that an immediate post-trauma intervention can be extremely protective for the long-term mental health of the affected person.
- **Gun Safety program** – The Department is committed to promoting safe and responsible gun ownership, and to reducing the number of unwanted firearms in the community. As part of these efforts, and utilizing Proposition 1 funds, Department staff have published several gun safety education videos to the community that include teaching methods of securing and safely storing firearms.

Kirkland PD has successfully hosted multiple "Guns for Gift Cards" event. On May 20, the Kirkland Police Department hosted its 4th event at the Kirkland Justice Center, which resulted in 28 firearms being turned in and \$3,850 worth of gift cards handed out. Since Council approved this program, the Department has collected over 225 firearms and handed out over \$27,350 in gift cards.

The Department began hosting in-person gun safety classes in 2022. Gun locks and gun safes were provided to all participants and free gun locks continue to be offered to the community during regular business hours. An in-person gun safety class was once again hosted at the Kirkland Justice Center on June 28 with full attendance. Gun locks and safes were distributed to all participants. These classes will continue to be offered on throughout 2023.

Police Crime Dashboard Update:

The Police Transparency Dashboard, which refreshes daily, is available to the public on the City of Kirkland website.

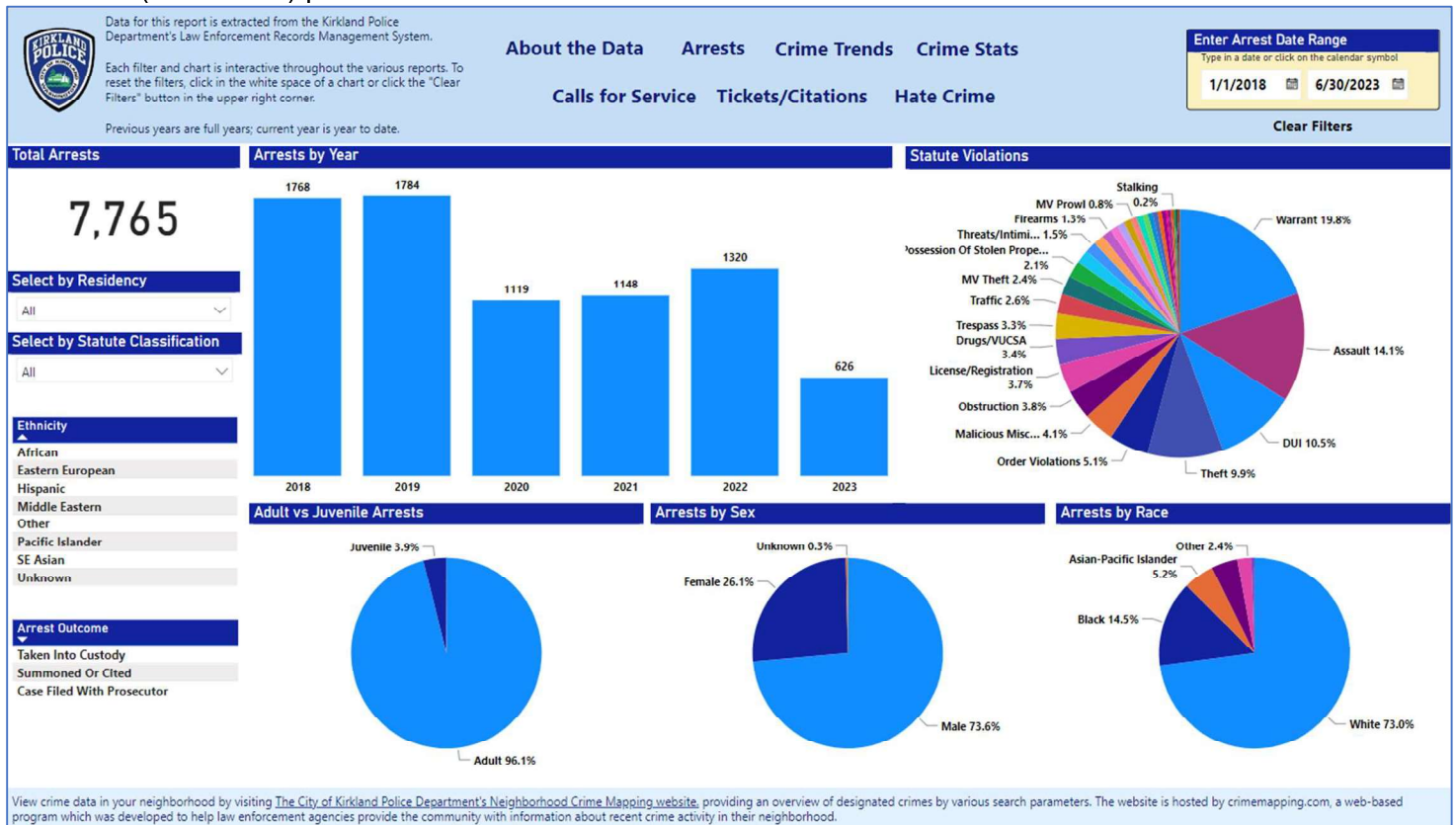
An overview of the dashboard is included in this report. Also included is the Crime Analysis Unit's report analyzing gun crimes in Kirkland. Unfortunately, the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Firearm Violence Report for Q1-Q2 was not able to be included as it has not yet been published due to staffing issues.

Arrest Analysis

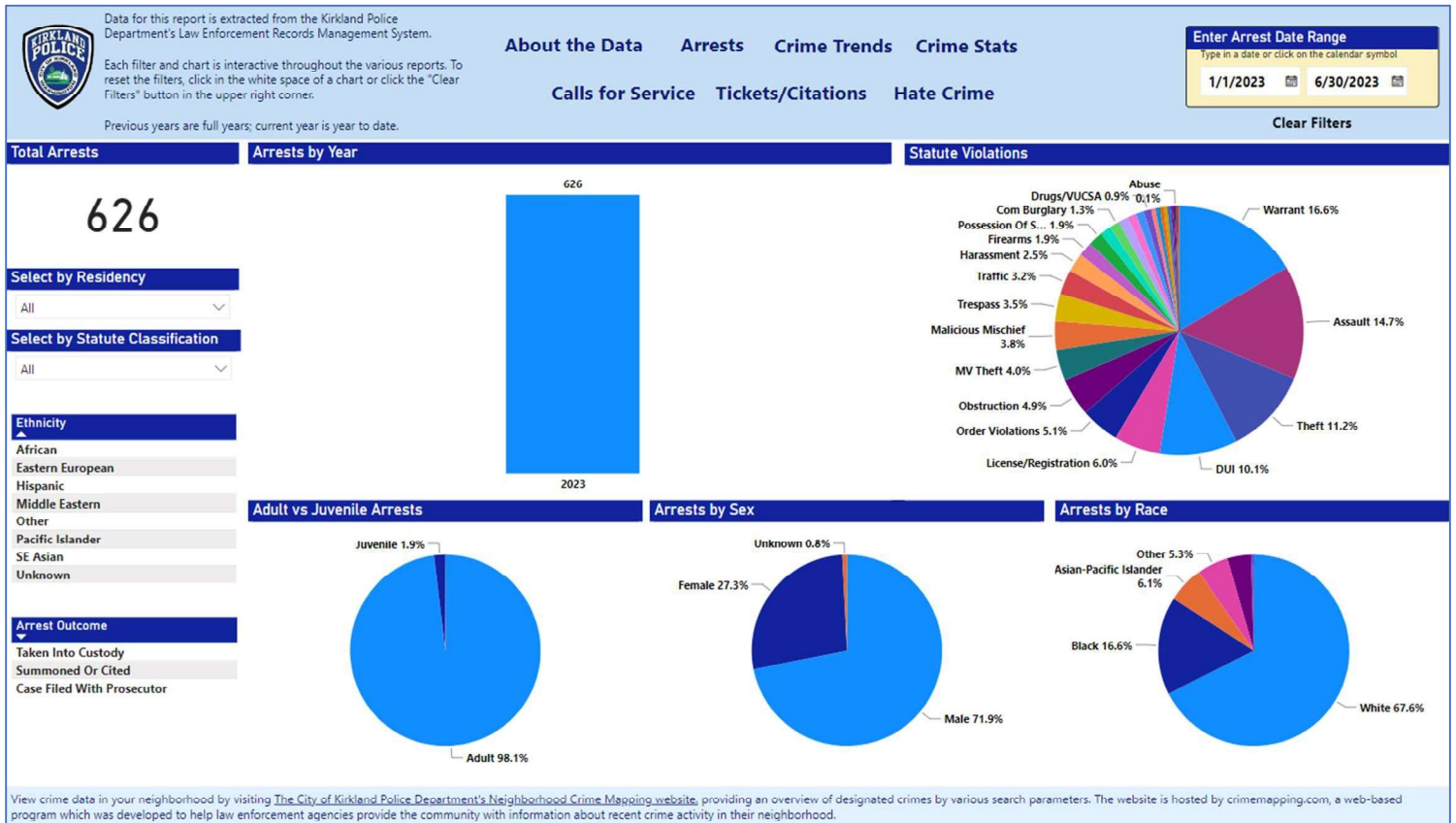
- There were 626 arrests in the first half of 2023. This is an 7% decrease from the average of the past four years.

- Approximately 80% of overall arrests involve misdemeanor charges and 22% of arrests involve felony charges (some arrests include both felony and misdemeanor charges).
- The most common misdemeanor charges are Warrant, Assault, DUI and Theft.
- The most common felony charges are Warrant, Theft, Assault, and Drugs/VUCSA.
- 96% of arrests involve adults while just 4% involve juveniles.
- Males represent 74% of arrests; females represent 26%.
- By race, white individuals comprise 73% of arrests, Black - 15%, Asian/Pacific Islander - 5%, Other - 2%, Unknown - 5%.
- 37% of all arrestees in the first half of 2023 were Kirkland residents at the time of their arrest, while 59% lived outside the city.

The below image shows a screenshot of the Arrest dashboard filtered to display five complete years of data (2018-2022) plus the first half of 2023:



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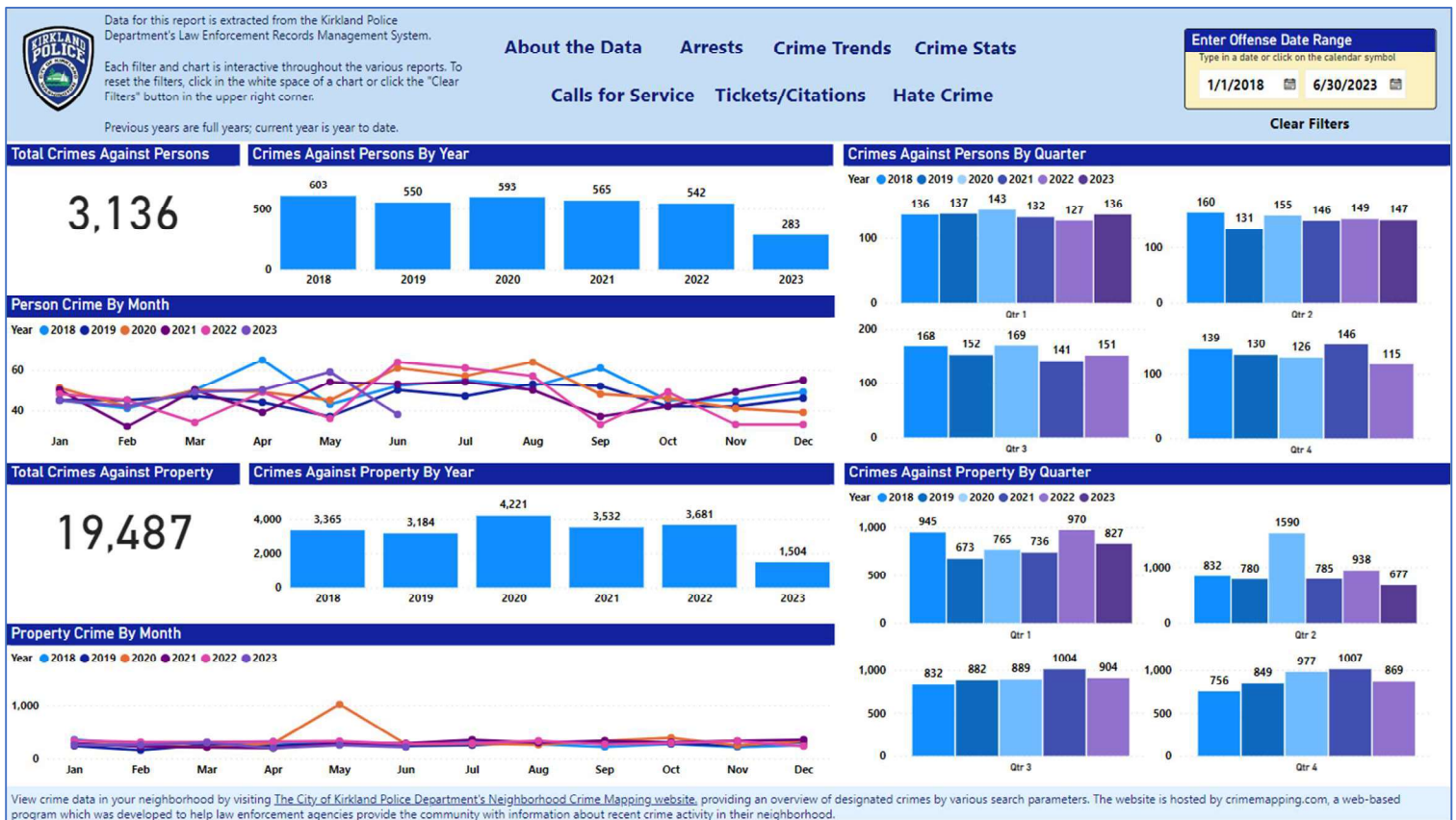


Offense Analysis

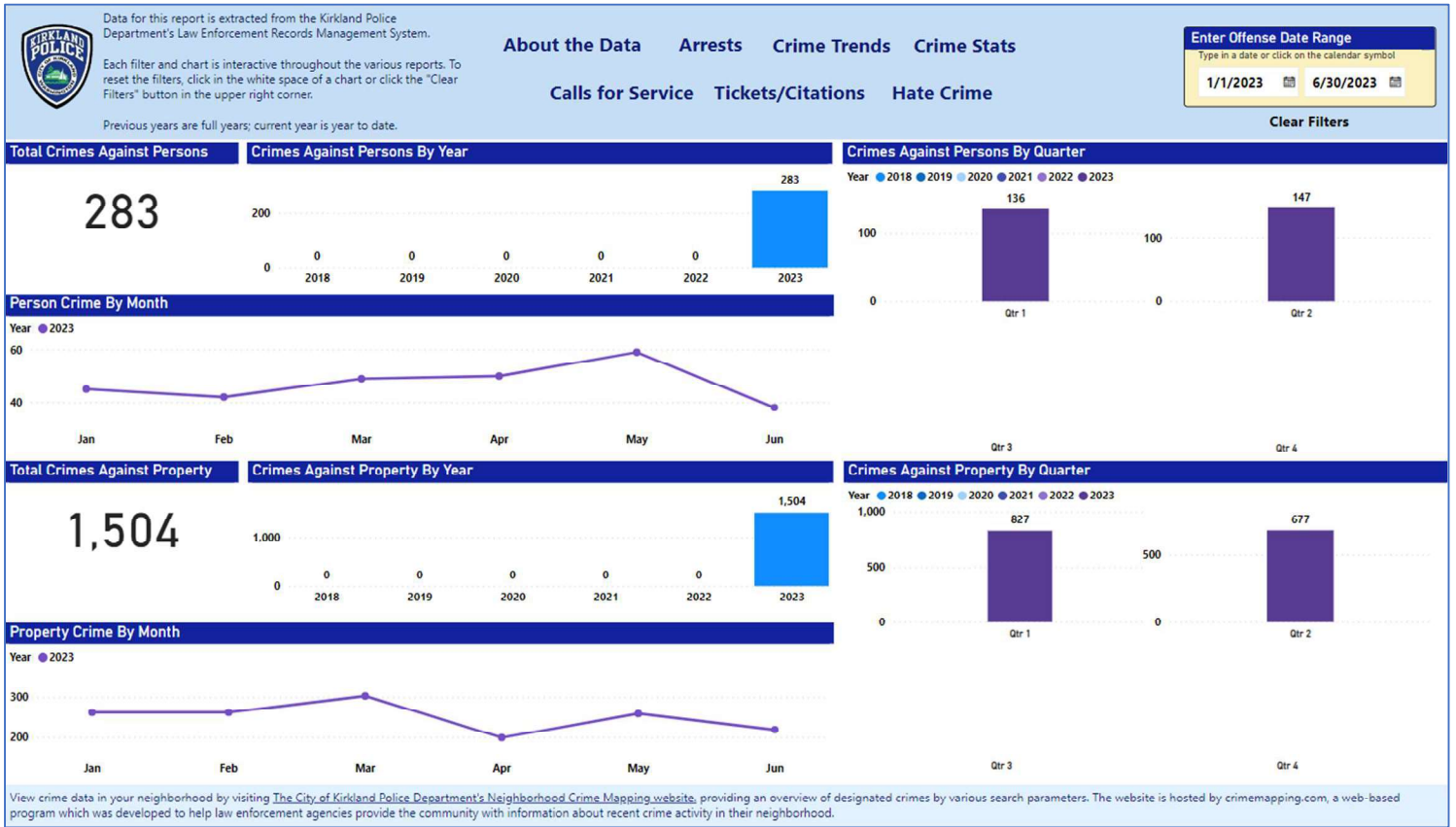
Offense data is presented across two dashboards – Crime Trends and Crime Stats. Crime Trends displays the categories of Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Property on a monthly, quarterly, and yearly basis.

The top half of the Crime Trends dashboard displays Crimes Against Person data, while the bottom half displays data for Crimes Against Property. The Crime Stats dashboard presents data on individual crimes that comprise the Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society categories, as defined by the national NIBRS system.

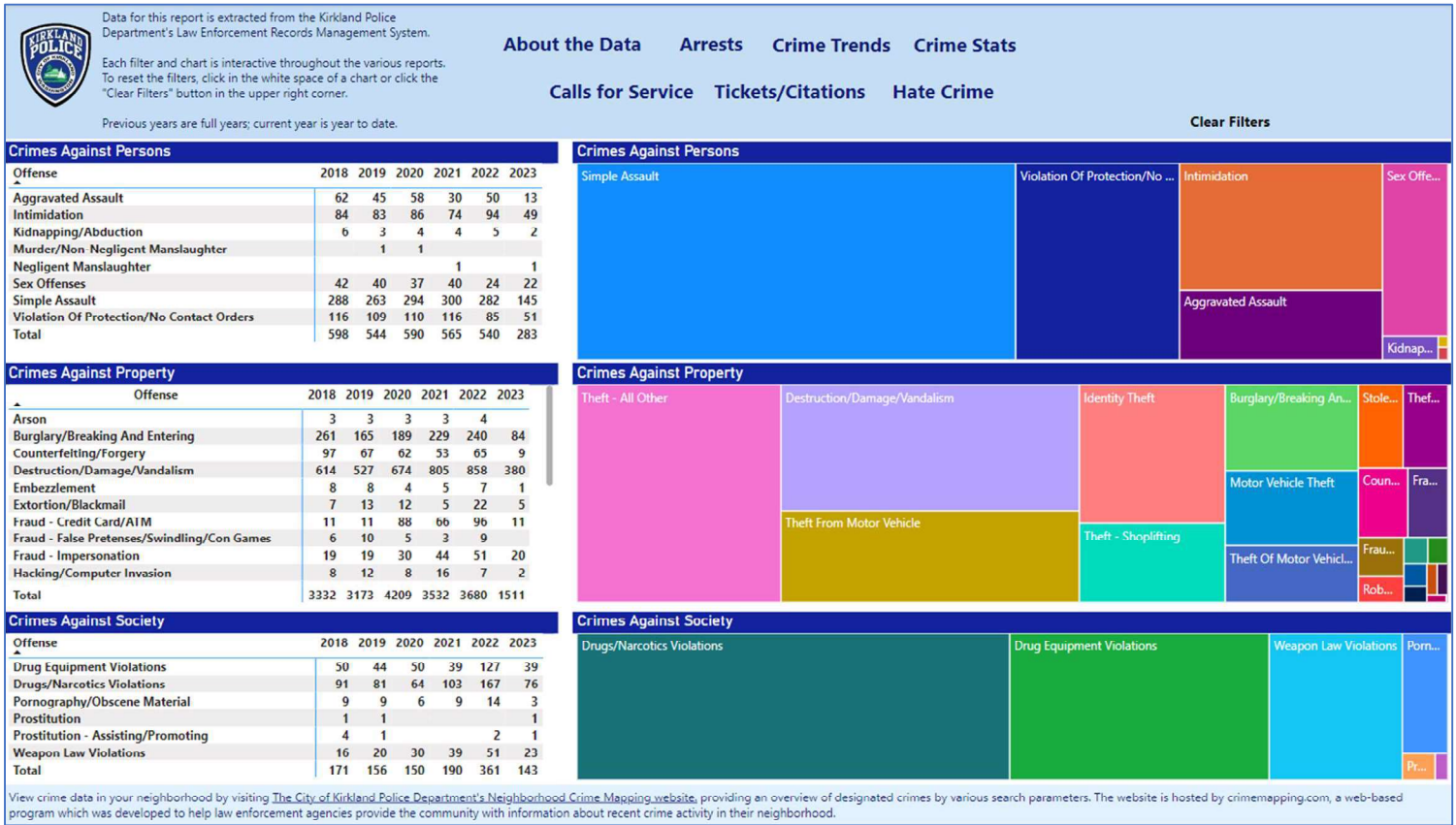
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The below image shows a screenshot of the Crime Stats dashboard filtered to display five complete years of data (2018-2022) plus the first half of 2023:



Key crime trends are summarized below.

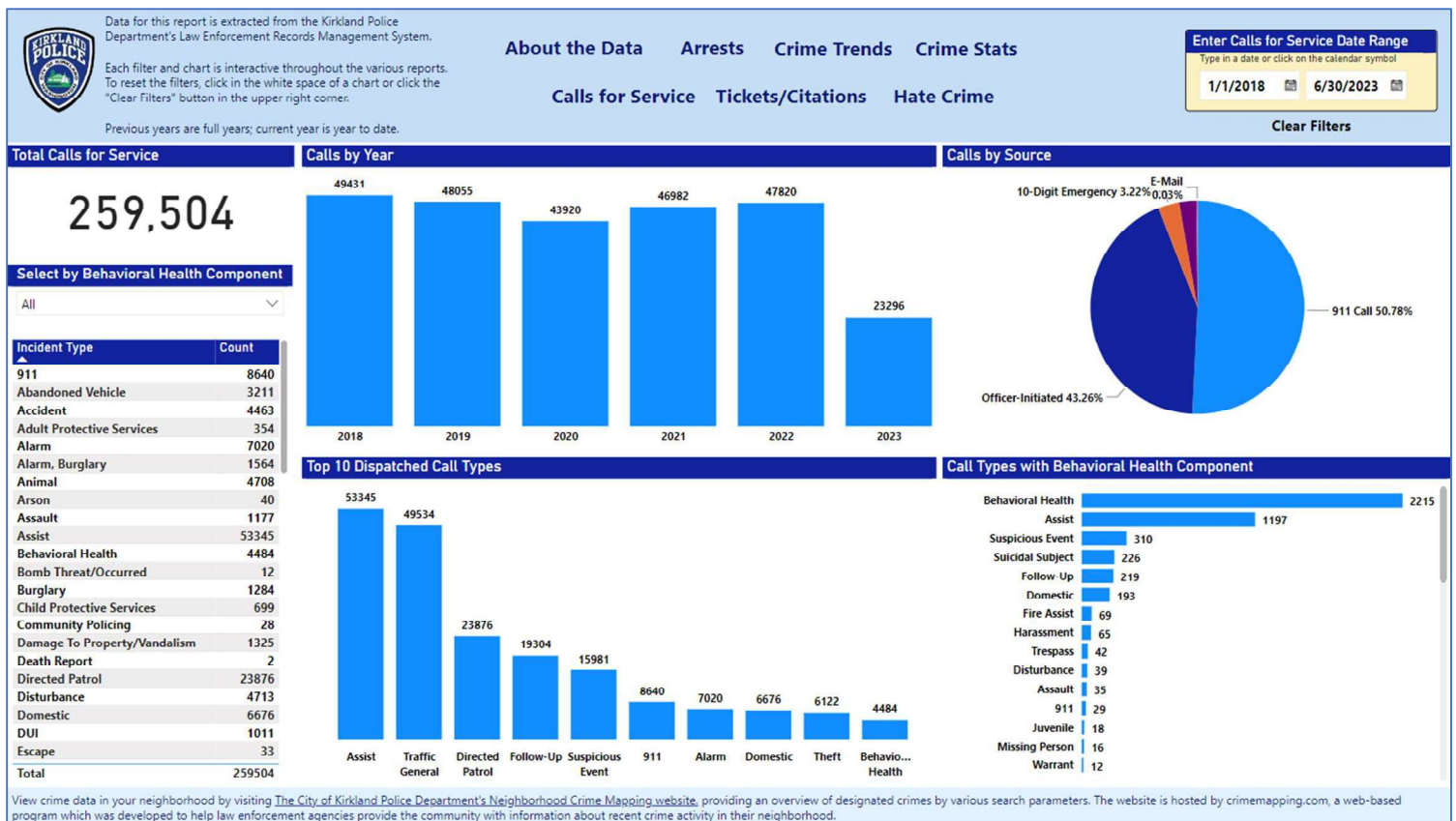
- **Murder:** There were no murders in the first half of 2023. On average, Kirkland typically experiences zero to one murder per year.
- **Sex Offenses:** In the first half of 2023 there were 22 sex offense crimes reported. This is a 16% increase from the average of the same period over the past four years.
- **Robbery:** There were 9 robberies reported in Q1-Q2 2023, which is a decrease of 28% from the average of the same period over the past four years.
- **Aggravated Assault:** There were 13 aggravated assaults reported in Q1-Q2 2023. This is a 50% decrease from the average of the same period over the past four years.
- **Burglary (Residential and Commercial):** There were 84 burglaries reported in Q1-Q2 2023, representing a decrease of 8% from the average of the same period over the past four years.
- **Motor Vehicle Theft:** There were 93 auto thefts reported in Q1-Q2 2023, which is a 12% increase from the average of the same period over the past four years. Compared to the same period last year, auto thefts have decreased by 12%.
- **Theft from Motor Vehicle (Motor Vehicle Prowl):** There were 241 thefts from motor vehicles reported in Q1-Q2 2023, representing an 7% increase from the average of the same period over the past four years.
- **Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories:** There were 57 thefts of vehicle parts/accessories reported in Q1-Q2 2023, representing a 26% decrease from the average of the same period over the past four years.

Call for Service Analysis

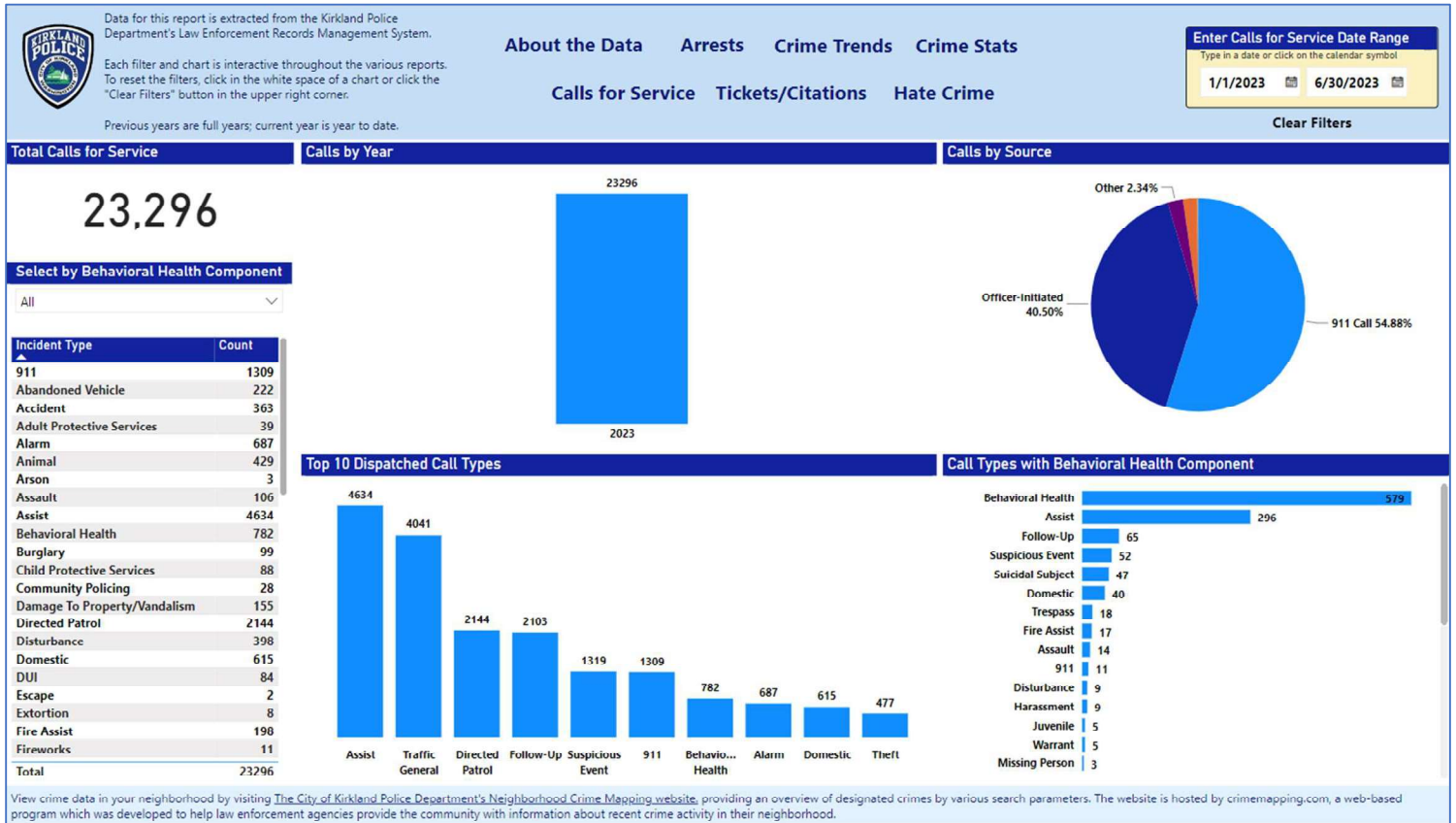
Calls for service were up 1% in the first half of 2023 compared to a previous four-year average of the same period.

- 5.1% of total calls in 2023 involved a behavioral health component. The department began tracking behavioral health components in mid-2020.
- The top three call types were Assist, Traffic-General, and Directed Patrol. Together these three call types comprise approximately half of all calls. Traffic-General includes traffic stops, parking complaints, abandoned vehicles and other traffic related activity. Other top 10 calls for service include Follow-Up, Suspicious Event, 911, Alarm, Domestic, Theft and Behavioral Health.
- The Call Source indicates how the call originated. A call may originate by a person calling 911, a non-911 emergency number or a business line for the communications center. A call can also be created by an officer in the field. In Q1-Q2 of 2023, roughly half of all calls came in via 911 lines and 41% were officer-initiated.
- To track events where a driver flees from an officer, a new clearing code (9) was added. Officers began using this code January 11th, 2023. From this time through the end of June, there have been 65 calls where drivers fled from officers and were not immediately located or arrested.

The below image shows a screenshot of the new Call for Service dashboard filtered to display five complete years of data (2018-2022) plus the first half of 2023:



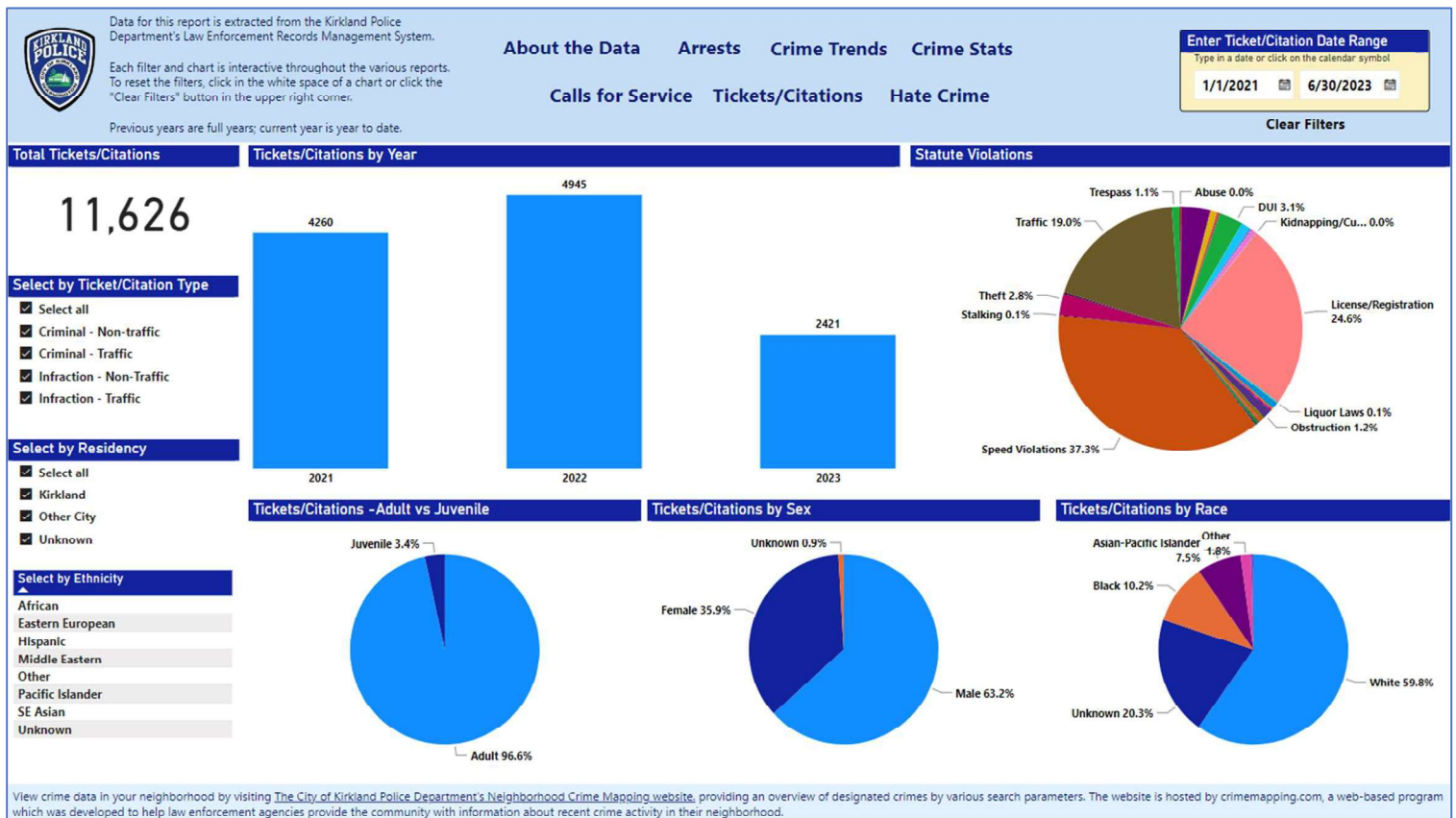
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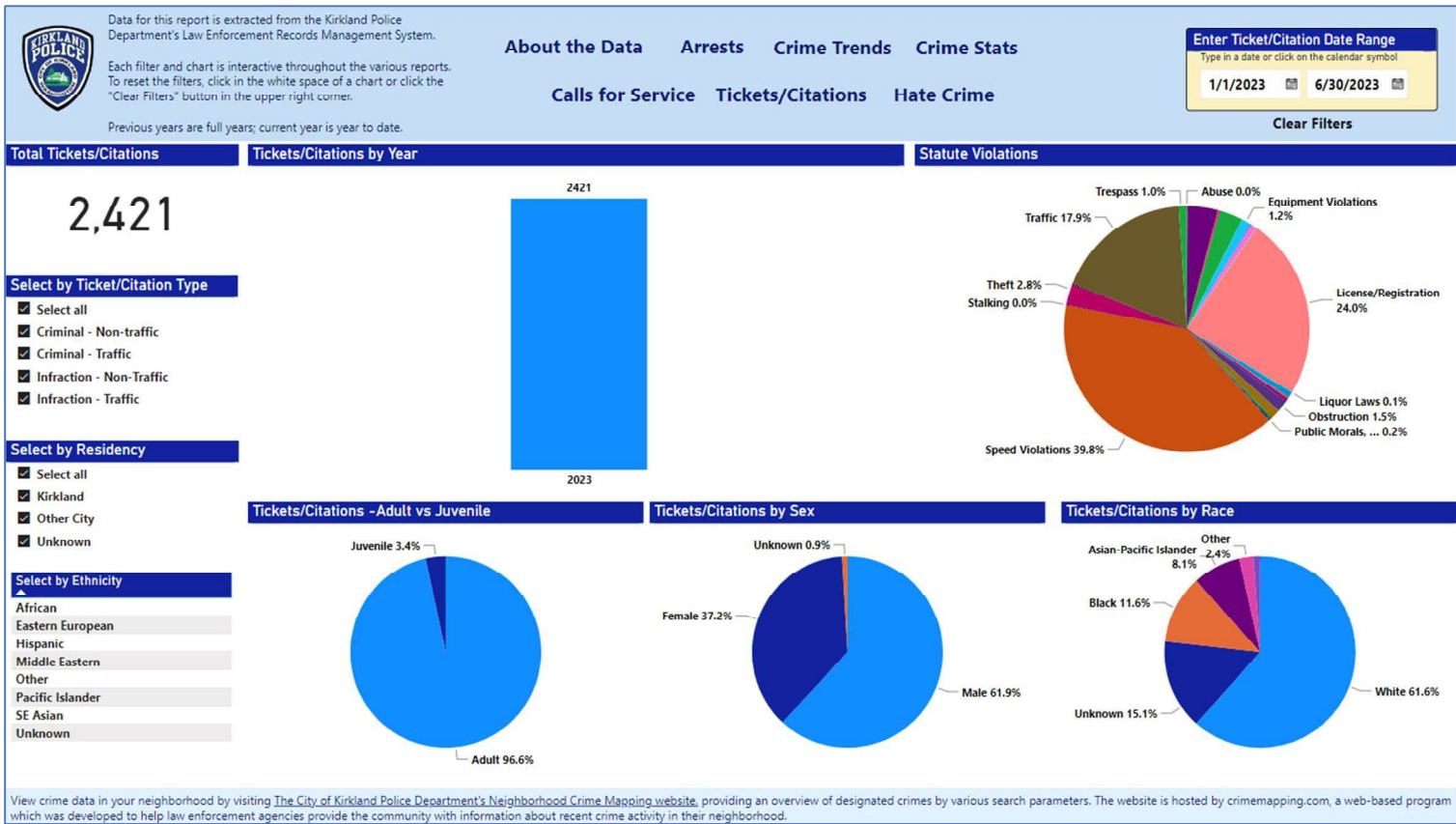
Ticket/Citation Analysis

- Tickets and citations were down 2% in Q1-Q2 2023 compared to the average of the same period of the past two years.
- The majority are traffic related infractions with nearly half of those being for speeding violations.
- The most common non-traffic related criminal citations were for Assault and Theft offenses.
- 33% of all criminal traffic citations were for DUI, which is flat when compared to the same period of the previous year.

Ticket/citation data is retained in the system for three years. The below image shows a screenshot of the Ticket/Citation dashboard filtered to display two complete years of data (2021-2022) plus the first half of 2023:



The below image shows a screenshot of the Ticket/Citation dashboard filtered to show just Q1-Q2 2023 data:



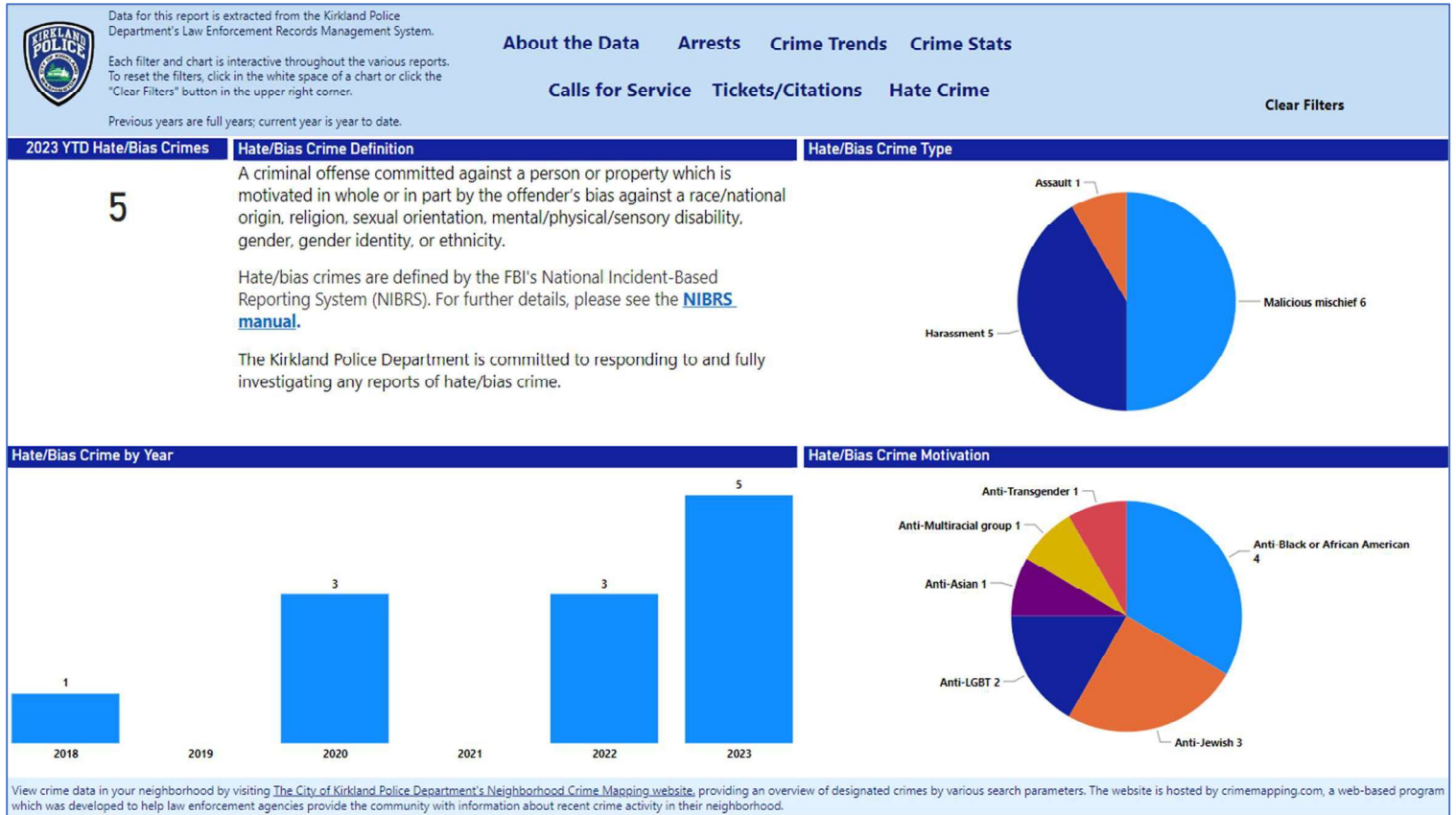
Hate/Bias Crime

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 were five cases of hate/bias motivation during the first half of 2023:

- A harassing phone message containing anti-Jewish slurs was left on the voicemail for a local Jewish center.
- Graffiti including profanity and swastikas was written on a portable classroom exterior door at an elementary school.
- Graffiti including anti-black racial slurs was discovered on a baseball backstop at an elementary school and on a nearby neighborhood gate.
- The city's Pride crosswalk was vandalized with paint poured over it.
- The city's Pride crosswalk was vandalized by a vehicle doing "burnouts" over it.

The below image shows a screenshot of the Hate Crime dashboard displaying five complete years of historical data (2018-2022) plus the first half of 2023:



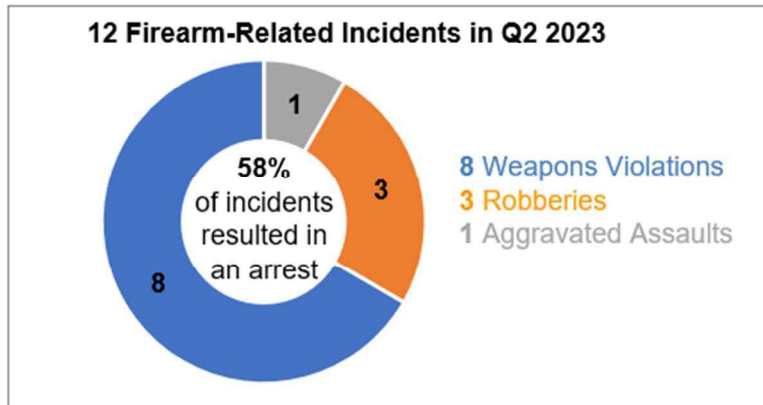
Q2 2023 Kirkland Gun Crime Analysis

The following report is an analysis of firearm-related incidents that have occurred within the City of Kirkland in Q2 2023. A firearm-related incident includes any crime in which a firearm was used, brandished, or implied. Data from 2019-2022 is included for comparison. Analysis does not include incidents involving a pellet or BB gun, and does not include suicides, confirmed self-inflicted shootings, or officer involved shootings. Analysis was also conducted on incidents in which a firearm was stolen during the commission of a crime.

The purpose of this report is to inform, shape discussions, and development of strategies to reduce gun violence in the City of Kirkland and neighboring jurisdictions.

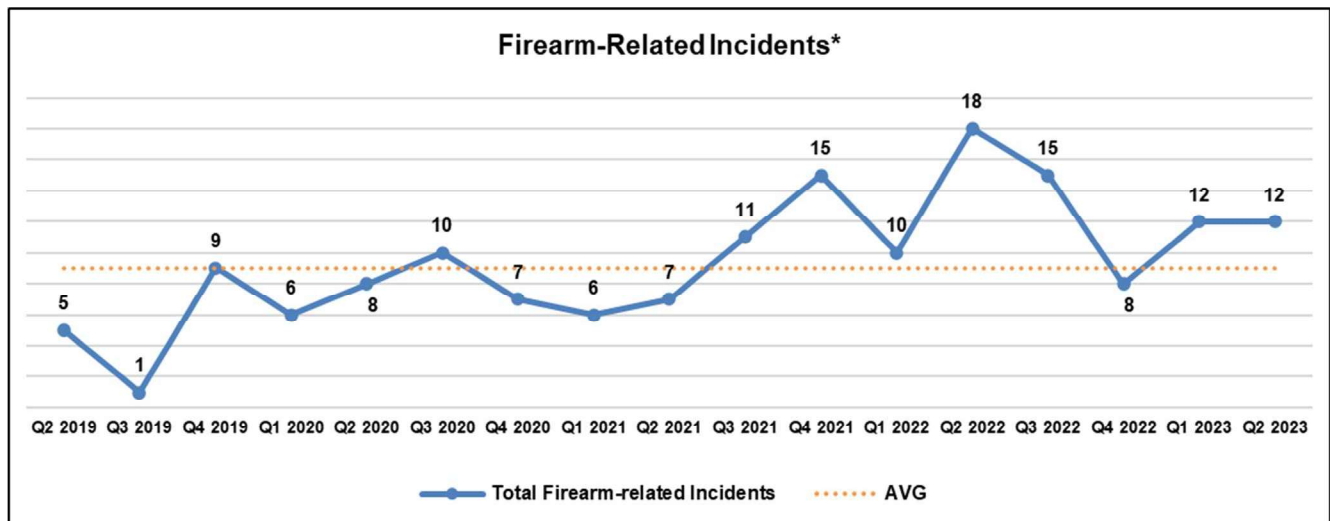
Total Firearm-Related Incidents

There were 12 firearm-related incidents in Q2 2023. This includes eight weapons violations, three robberies with a gun, and one aggravated assault. 58% (seven of 12) resulted in an arrest.



Historical Comparison

The chart below illustrates firearm-related incidents reported within the City of Kirkland for 2019-2023. There were 12 firearm-related incidents in Q2 2023, which is comparable to the 12 incidents that occurred last quarter. This is an 8% decrease from the average of the previous five quarters of data.

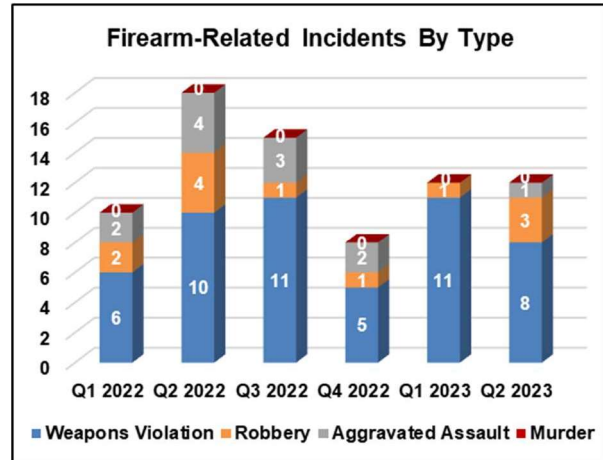


*Does not include firearm theft incidents.

Firearm-Related Incidents by Type

The chart to the right illustrates firearm-related incidents broken down by type.

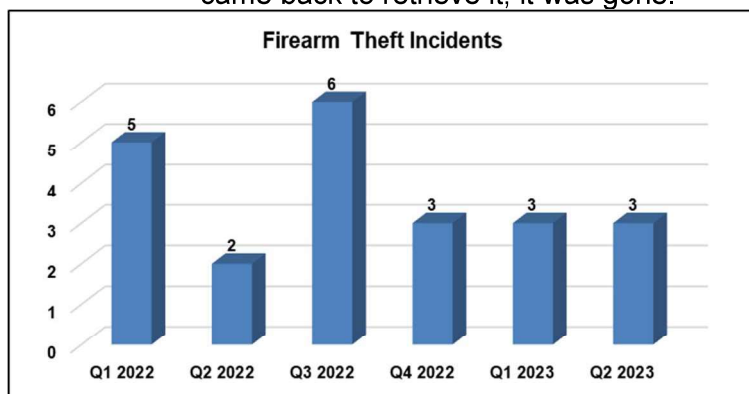
- There were no murders in Q2 2023.
- One aggravated assault involving a firearm occurred in Q2 2023. A fight at a bar escalated with a female pointing a gun and pistol whipping the victim with it.
- Three robberies with a gun occurred in Q2 2023, representing a 50% increase from the average of the previous five quarters.
 - One robbery was to a business and was part of a regional robbery series.
 - One robbery involved two suspects known to the victim in which a gun was implied, and cash was stolen.
 - One robbery involved an unknown suspect pointing a gun at the victim and stealing his cash.
- The total number of firearm-related weapons violation incidents in Q2 2023 (8) was down 11% over the average of the previous five quarters. It is important to note, this is a broad category that encompasses a variety of charges, including Unlawful Possession of Firearm, Aiming or Discharging Firearm, Exhibit/Display/Carry W/ Intent to Intimidate, and Possession of Stolen Firearm.
 - 63% of the incidents resulted in an arrest (five of eight incidents).
 - Four of the five arrests involved a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.



Firearm Theft Incidents

The chart below illustrates incidents reported within the City of Kirkland in which a firearm was stolen during the commission of a crime in Q2 2023 compared to the previous five quarters.

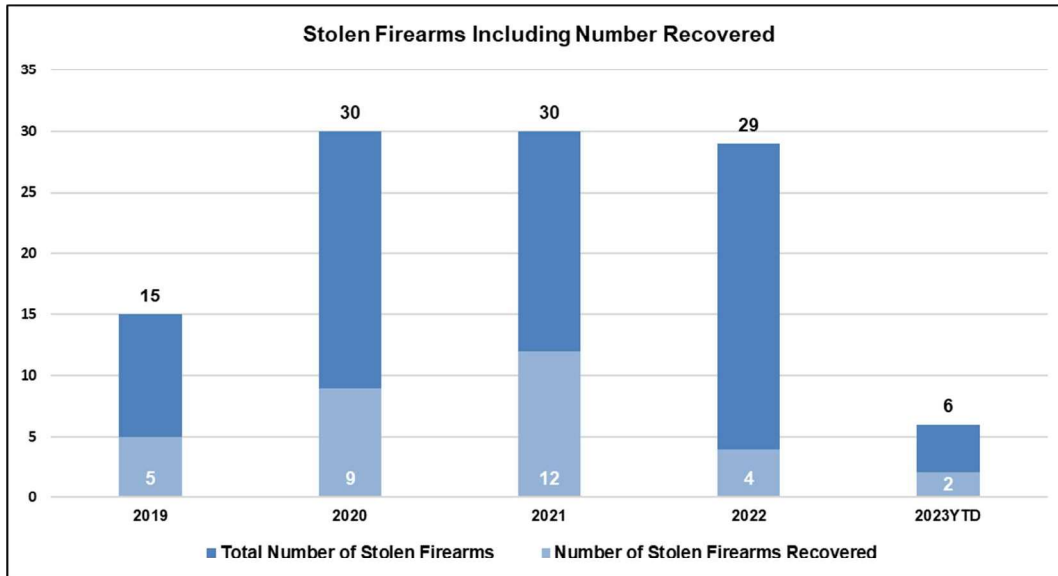
- In Q2 2023, there were three incidents where a firearm was reported stolen. This is a 25% decrease from the average of the previous five quarters.
 - One incident involved a firearm stolen in a motor vehicle prowl.
 - One incident involved a firearm stolen from the victim's residence while they were out of town.
 - In one incident, the victim left his firearm behind after using a public restroom. When he came back to retrieve it, it was gone.



Stolen and Recovered Firearms

The chart below illustrates the total number of firearms stolen and recovered over the last five years.

- Six firearms were stolen in the first half of 2023. If this pace continues, the number of firearms stolen in 2023 will be well below the numbers past years have shown.
- 72% of the firearms recovered over the last 5 years were recovered outside the City of Kirkland (23 of 32 firearms recovered).



Previous years are full years; 2023 is January through June.

Next steps:

The City's landing page and interactive dashboard for the School Resource Officer program will be changed to reflect the new Community Resource Officer program.

The Department has been conducting bicycle patrols during the summer months using overtime shifts in City Parks, downtown and along the Boulevard.

The King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Firearm Violence Report will be included in the Q3 council report if available.

City of Kirkland Community Responder data reporting is expected to be transitioned to the Executive Director in Q3 for the rest of 2023.