

ROHNERT PARK DEPARTMENT OF

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DIVISION 2022 Annual Report



Message from the Chief

Welcome to the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety. We are very interested in addressing community and neighborhood issues through a Problem-Oriented Policing and Community-Based approach. As the Director of Public Safety, I am responsible for providing a method in which information is provided to our communities and is received from our communities. Your safety and security are the top concerns and priorities for me and my staff. We are dedicated to providing a safe environment for those who live, work and visit in the City of Rohnert Park. The members of the Rohnert Park Public Safety Department take great pride in the professionalism that they demonstrate in the performance of their duties, and their strong desire to protect and respect the rights of every resident. An expectation of every employee of the Department is that they demonstrate an unwavering commitment to always providing the highest quality Police and Fire services to everyone.



The Department works diligently to accomplish its mission by providing 24-hour Police, Fire, Dispatch, and Records services that include: Uniformed Patrol, Investigations, Traffic Enforcement, K-9, Code Enforcement, Parking Enforcement, Community Relations and Crime Prevention, Medical Response, Inspections, Fire Safety and Prevention, as well as Community Outreach.

We take great pride in knowing that Rohnert Park is one of the safest communities to live, work, and visit in Sonoma County. Our staff works hard to build and maintain strong partnerships with the community and other State, County, and City government agencies, as well as private organizations devoted to solving problems and providing resources to our communities.

It is my honor to be the Director of Public Safety for the City of Rohnert Park, and I am very proud to have the opportunity to lead the dedicated staff who are committed to safeguarding our communities. We welcome and encourage feedback so that we are able to continue developing new ways to better serve this great City. Thank you.

Tim Mattos
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Mission

The Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety is dedicated to working collaboratively with the community to maintain trust and safety by providing professional service with compassion and integrity.

Vision

The Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety is a professional and progressive organization that values its employees and community while providing exceptional service through our actions.

Values

Respect- For each other, our community, and our city

Pride - In what we do, and who we are

Dedication - To our department, community, city

Professionalism - Our attitude towards each situation we handle

Success - What we strive for each day

Patrol

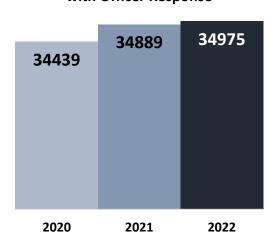
The Police Division provides patrol services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition, we support specialized units including motorcycle officers, the Investigations Unit, and the Community Oriented Problem Solving (COPS) Team.

Patrol responds to calls for service and provides general law enforcement activities, including traffic enforcement and collision investigation, reports of criminal activity, crime scene investigation, and apprehension of criminals. Special operations, such as DUI checkpoints and alcoholic beverage service education and enforcement, enhance community safety and crime prevention.

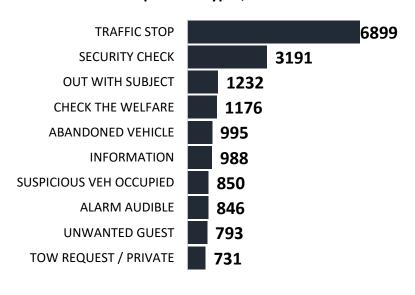
Our patrol officers are committed to ensuring a high quality of life for our residents through the use of problem solving strategies and proactive patrol. Rohnert Park enjoys an extremely low crime index due to the partnering with our residents to reduce crime and the fear of crime.



Calls for Service with Officer Response

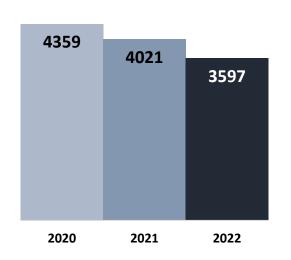


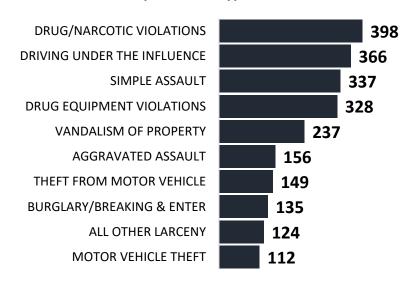
Top 10 Call Types, 2022



Incident Reports

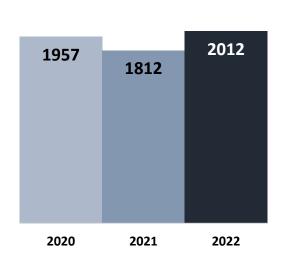
Top 10 Crime Types, 2022

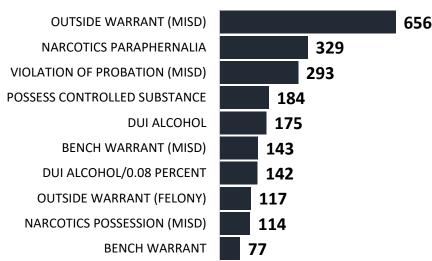




Arrests

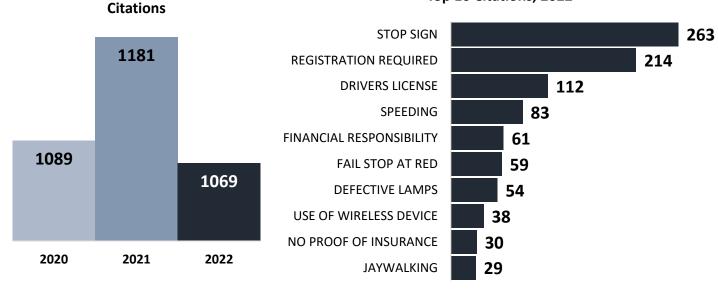
Top 10 Arrest Charges, 2022





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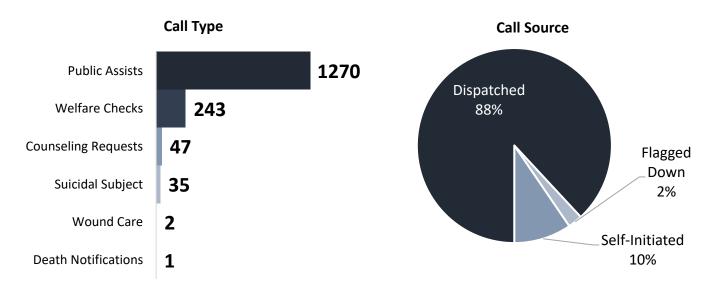
Top 10 Citations, 2022



SAFE Team

The Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the Cotati and Sonoma State Police Departments and under contract with Petaluma People Services Center (PPSC), provides the Specialized Assistance for Everyone (SAFE) Team. The SAFE Team provides a Crisis Intervention Specialist and an Emergency Medical Technician for the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The team responds to calls for service for people under the influence of drugs or alcohol, in need of treatment for mental illness, who need shelter, or for various other quality of life issues. They provide minor medical care, counseling, referrals to social services, and transportation to a suitable location. The SAFE Team was launched in November 2021.

In 2022, the SAFE Team responded to 1,598 requests for service.





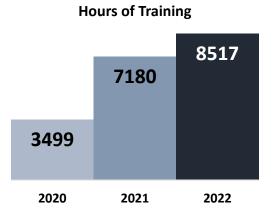
Training

In 2022, we continued to expand the training we provide to our Public Safety Officers in all areas, including explicit and implicit bias, sensitivity, de-escalation, LGBTQIA+, and racial profiling.

We provided 8517 hours of training to 68 officers in such topics as:

- · Cultural Competency
- · LGBTOIA+ Awareness
- · Racial and Identity Profiling
- · De-Escalation Strategies
- · Mental Health

- · Active Shooter Response
- · Narcotic Investigation
- · Drug Endangered Children
- · Human Trafficking
- · Sexual Assault



The State of California's Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) requires officers to complete 24 hours of professional training every two years. In 2022 alone, our Public Safety Officers completed an average of 125 training hours, over ten times the state's annual requirement.

The Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety also allowed a variety of organizations to utilize our training facility to provide instruction to dozens of regional agencies on topics such as De-Escalation, Cultural Diversity, Internal Affairs, Bloodstain and Pattern Analysis, Interview and Interrogation, Field Sobriety Testing, Impaired Driving, Media Relations, and Critical Incident Response.

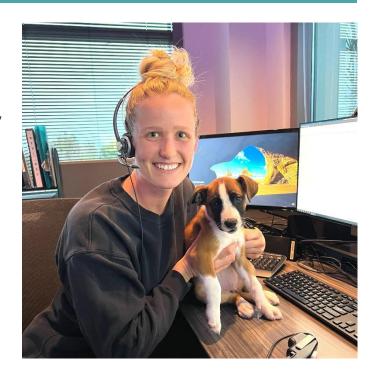


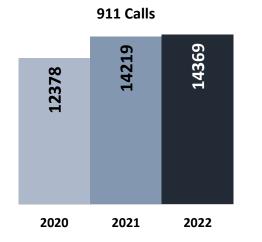
Support Services

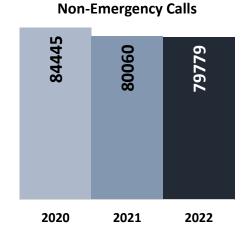
Dispatch

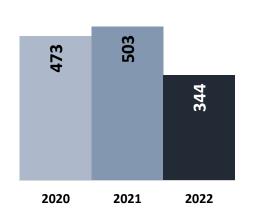
The Communications Unit is responsible for answering 911 and non-emergency calls and dispatching all Public Safety Officers to police and fire calls for service, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Dispatchers are also responsible for managing arrest warrants in County, State, and National databases, and for making audio recordings of phone calls and police radio traffic for use in court proceedings. They provide approximately 1500 hours of training to each new dispatcher, and they work as much overtime as is needed to ensure the Communications Center continues to operate through staffing shortages and employee absences.

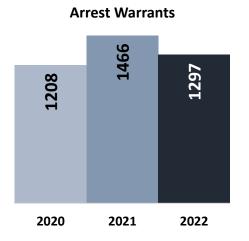


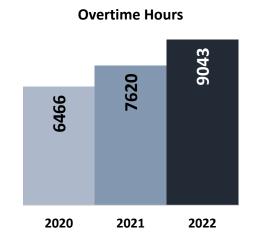






Radio/Phone Recordings





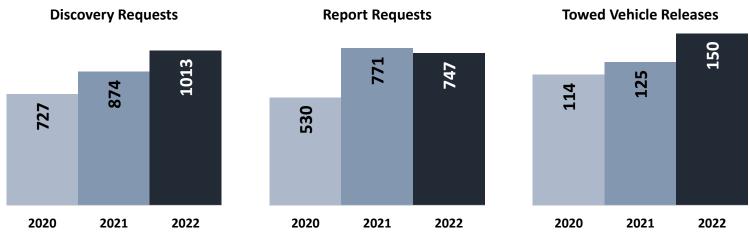
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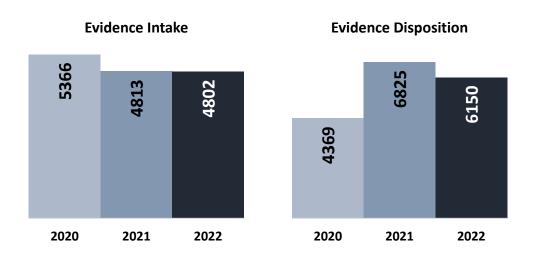


Records & Property

Records Clerks are responsible for processing all police reports and citations through the court processes, assisting callers and visitors in the front lobby, and managing the release of towed vehicles. Records also responds to requests for information from other agencies, the public, defense attorneys, and prosecutors, and seals juvenile records when ordered by the court.

Property Technicians manage the intake and disposition of all property and evidence items, including preserving the chain of custody throughout all court proceedings. Property is also responsible for making evidence items available for review by attorneys and the court through the discovery process.





Community Engagement

The Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety always works to improve and expand the outreach programs dedicated to building and maintaining positive and collaborative relationships with the public, including addressing the City Council's priority of Police Accountability and Community Engagement. Our agency understands the importance of ensuring that diversity, inclusion, equity, and belonging are incorporated into the services we provide. We recognize that the increase in safety for all means that our department is working collaboratively with our schools, businesses, places of worship, not-for-profit organizations and neighborhoods.

It is the goal of the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety to honor the requests from the public for police community engagement whenever possible, such as for safety presentations or officer meet-and-greets. Some of the other community activities that we participate in are National Night Out, Every 15 Minutes, Special Olympics, and Coffee with a Cop. The Department of Public Safety also attends various meetings throughout the year with community-based organizations to maintain and build trust and collaborative relationships.







