

City of Piedmont COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: September 18, 2023
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Piedmont Police Department Second Quarter Report

RECOMMENDATION

This report is submitted for information purposes only.

BACKGROUND

The Piedmont Police Department Quarterly Report is provided to the Council and community as an overview of Departmental efforts aligned with its public safety mission as well as a summary of criminal offenses based on Uniform Crime Report (UCR) data. Note that the FBI reporting requirements for the UCR uses crime definitions that vary slightly from California state law definitions or local standards. Therefore, it is not uncommon for the numbers shown in the UCR to differ from those taken directly from the Police Department's data system. For example, under California law, breaking into a secured/locked vehicle to steal something would be criminally charged as a Burglary. However, in the UCR, this would be reported as a Larceny-Theft. The UCR is the only officially utilized measure of crime rate utilized by the Piedmont Police Department for reporting purposes. Other reported crime statistics are provided for local interest and education only.

NIBRS/ CIBRS TRANSITION

Historically, the Piedmont Police Department, like most other law enforcement agencies in the state, reported its data through the UCR Program's traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS) which was an aggregate monthly tally of crimes. The SRS had limitations such as only reporting the most serious crime committed associated to incidents, known as the "Hierarchy Rule". As a result, if a robbery and a rape occurred in the same incident, the legacy SRS only counts the rape for statistical reporting purposes. To improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Statistics, retired the SRS and transitioned to a National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident as well as on separate offenses within the same incident including information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes. NIBRS also provides contextual information on reported crimes such as location, time of day, and whether the incident was cleared.

In response to the prioritization of NIBRS, California established its new data collection system

known as the California Incident-Based Reporting System (CIBRS). The State has been working with law enforcement agencies and their respective data vendors across California for the past two years to transition all agencies to CIBRS. The Piedmont Police Department has invested substantial staff time in this transition. On July 7, 2023, the California Department of Justice informed us that we had been awarded NIBRS/CIBRS Certification as of June 2022. The Department is still transitioning to the new reporting system as virtually all components of our day-to-day law enforcement work have been impacted by this transition. The speed with which the Department has transitioned in comparison to many agencies in the State is a testament to the hard work and diligence of our valued Department staff.

CRIME SUMMARY

The City of Piedmont experienced an increase in several categories of reportable offenses through the second quarter of 2023 as compared to the same period in 2022. The reported criminal offenses are those reported to the FBI that occurred in the City of Piedmont through the second quarter of 2023. Please see the attached UCR comparison tables for reference.

The table below reflects the number of reported rapes, robberies, larceny thefts, burglaries and motor vehicle thefts reported in the first two quarters over the last three years:

2021 Rape – 0	2022 Rape – 1	2023 Rape – 1
2021 Robberies – 2	2022 Robberies – 2	2023 Robberies – 3
2021 Burglaries – 10	2022 Burglaries – 14	2023 Burglaries – 22
2021 Larceny/Theft – 140	2022 Larceny/Theft – 124	2023 Larceny/Theft – 162
2021 Motor Vehicle Theft-23	2022 Motor Vehicle Theft-18	2023 Motor Vehicle Theft-35
Definitions		
Robbery – The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.	Burglary – The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft.	Larceny/Theft - The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

While the Police Department continuously conducts proactive patrols to mitigate crime, the importance of residents and visitors employing basic crime prevention actions cannot be overemphasized. This includes not leaving valuables in vehicles, being mindful of one's surroundings, and promptly reporting criminal activity to the Department.

An increase in violent crime, and other types of crime, in large cities throughout the country and region have been well-documented. The Piedmont Police Department works to mitigate the impact of crime on our community by maintaining well-trained personnel who engage in high-profile patrols, thorough investigations, and strong community relationships. The Department also leverages technology such as automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras to enhance the effectiveness of lean staffing. Moving forward, the Department will explore using overtime to augment staffing to the existing patrol structure and provide an alternative plain-clothed response to increased ALPR activations (see chart below) and other criminal activity.

AUTOMATED LICENCE PLATE READER (ALPR) PROGRAM/ PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERA PROGRAM

Through its use of ALPR technology, the Department made 18 arrests and recovered 31 stolen/wanted vehicles in the first two quarters of 2023. Utilization of ALPR technology, frequent patrol, and responsiveness to reports of criminal activity by the public are important components of Departmental efforts to thwart those involved in criminal activity. The 18 arrests directly due to the ALPR cameras are included in the 81 total arrests the Department made in the first two quarters of 2023. An area the Department began capturing data on in 2020 is the frequency of suspects fleeing in vehicles from vehicle stop attempts by officers. The table below reflects the number of failures to yield in the first two quarters over the last three years:

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	1	4	23	47
Feb	0	12	29	36
Mar	2	15	21	30
Apr	5	18	25	29
May	6	14	20	26
Jun	0	9	27	42
Total	13	62	126	210

The Department is in the final stages of implementing the Council-approved Public Safety Camera program with an expected “go-live” date in September of 2023. The Department has utilized the cameras, located at the singular pilot location at Oakland Avenue and Grand Avenue in numerous events and investigations including residential burglaries, commercial burglaries, auto burglaries, robberies, and fraud events over the last few years. In these events, the cameras have provided essential digital evidence to arrest, prosecute, and ultimately convict individuals engaged in criminal activity. Expansion of the program with the five additional locations in the City will increase the benefits the Department and City have realized through utilization of the existing location. The Department appreciates the interdepartmental cooperation and support of the Public Works Department to accomplish installation of

DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Tragically, firearm related violence and mass casualty events have continued throughout the country. Over the years, the Piedmont Police Department has conducted training and exercises at Piedmont Unified School District facilities. Over the summer, the Department partnered with the Piedmont Fire Department and PUSD to hold Rescue Task Force exercises at the Piedmont High School Campus. Rescue Task Force response involves the deployment of Fire Department/emergency medical services with a law enforcement security detail to enter a warm zone of an event to render aid to those who received life-threatening injuries, and if possible, to aid in their extraction. A warm zone is typically defined as an area that has been visually cleared and is not under a direct threat, although the potential for harm still exists.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ PARTNERSHIPS

The Department initiated the Cop on the Block campaign in June. Cop on the Block focuses on getting officers out into every neighborhood in the City, on foot, to engage with residents. Foot

patrol provides a very different understanding about an area than conventional vehicle patrol and allows officers and members of the public to connect on a neighborhood level. The public can find additional information, including an interactive map which shows where foot patrols have occurred as well as upcoming locations on the Department's webpage at <https://piedmont.ca.gov/copontheblock>.

The Department continues to partner with PUSD and local representatives of Brady United and Everytown to address firearm safety in Piedmont. The collective's efforts have centered on education about the ASK program and raising public awareness about the safe storage of firearms. Future education currently being considered includes information about gun violence restraining orders. The public can find additional information and resources about firearm safety on the Department's webpage at <https://piedmont.ca.gov/gunsafety>.

TRAFFIC SAFETY SUMMARY

Maintaining safe roadways for all who use them is an ongoing area of attention for the Department. Enforcement, while providing short-term mitigating effects, cannot be counted on alone to solve all speeding issues and other types of hazardous driving. Residents and visitors need to take individual accountability with respect to driving habits.

The Department conducts selective traffic enforcement targeted primarily in known areas for speeding, other moving violations, and high pedestrian traffic. There were 43 collision reports completed through the second quarter of 2023, compared to 29 for the same period in 2022. Speed and inattention continue to be the main collision factors associated with the reported collisions.

Finally, the traffic safety group, an interdepartmental group made up of staff from the Public Works Department, Police Department and city engineer, works to ensure the City appropriately addresses traffic safety concerns related to roadways and intersections which have been brought to its attention by the public and staff observations.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - 2023 Second Quarter UCR Statistics
 Attachment B - 2023 vs. 2022 & 2021 Second Quarter Comparison
 Attachment C - 2023 Second Quarter ALPR Report
 Attachment D - 2023 Second Quarter Report City Council Presentation

By: Jeremy Bowers, Chief of Police

Uniform Crime Stats 2nd Qrtr 2023

CRIME	APR	MAY	JUN	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	0	0
Robbery	1	1	1	3
Assault	1	2	1	4
Burglary	2	1	5	8
Larceny - Theft	30	26	27	83
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	5	7	19
Arson	0	1	0	1
Monthly Totals	42	36	41	118

Uniform Crime Report

Q1 & Q2 Comparison

CRIME	2021	2022	2023
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	1	1
Robbery	2	2	3
Assault	6	5	16
Burglary	10	14	22
Larceny - Theft	140	124	162
Motor Vehicle Theft	23	18	35
Arson	0	0	1
Yearly Totals	181	*164	240

* No May data due to NIBRS transition

2022	Stolen Vehicle Recoveries	Recovered Vehicle Values	Arrests Related to ALPR's
January	3	\$ 11,000.00	3
February	7	\$ 120,400.00	4
March	5	\$ 56,000.00	4
April	6	\$ 43,940.00	7
May	6	\$ 68,030.00	3
June	10	\$ 118,534.00	9
July	5	\$128,168.00	2
August	7	\$ 65,505.00	4
September	11	\$234,941.00	5
October	4	\$ 23,000.00	3
November	2	\$ 17,032.00	2
December	3	\$ 13,702.00	2
Totals	69	\$ 900,252.00	48
2023	Stolen Vehicle Recoveries	Recovered Vehicle Values	Arrests Related to ALPR's
January	8	\$ 72,158.00	3
February	6	\$ 94,818.00	4
March	5	\$ 66,390.00	4
April	1	\$ 1,000.00	1
May	6	\$ 97,935.00	2
June	5	\$ 52,110.00	4
July	.	.	.
August	.	.	.
September	.	.	.
October	.	.	.
November	.	.	.
December	.	.	.
Totals	37	\$ 384,411.00	19

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What is NIBRS?

The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is an incident-based reporting system.

- Collects data on incidents, offenses, victims, and known offenders for 52 specific crimes in 24 major offense categories.

NIBRS produces more detailed, accurate, and meaningful statistics than are currently available because data are collected on:

- When and where crime occurs
- What form it takes
- What characteristics are known about its victims and perpetrators



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Why is this change necessary?

The FBI sunsetted the UCR Summary Reporting System (SRS) and required all agencies to transition to NIBRS beginning in 2021.

- Improved data on crime and criminality is a critical need.
- Law enforcement must understand the overall health, welfare, and safety of our community.
- Better data that is accurate and meaningful will help us understand how best to target scarce resources.
- This data can give the public a better overall measure of the health and safety of our community.



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Hierarchy Rule

Crime is reported differently under NIBRS than under the UCR Summary Reporting System.

- The Summary UCR uses a hierarchy rule that counts only the most serious offense in an incident, even if multiple offenses were committed.
- The NIBRS standard does not employ the hierarchy rule, so we can link multiple offenses within a single crime incident.



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Will transitioning to NIBRS increase certain categories of crime statistics?

The removal of the SRS hierarchy rule allows us to report data on more crime types within an incident, not just the most serious ones.

- As indicated by an FBI report, the statistical increase of reported crime should be minimal, and showed the following effects on reported crime:

• Rape: No effect	• Larceny: Increased 2.6%
• Robbery: Increased 0.6%	• Motor Vehicle Theft: Increased 2.7%
• Aggravated assault: Increased 0.6%	• Total SRS Offenses: Increased 2.1%
• Burglary: Increased 1.0%	




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Benefits of NIBRS

NIBRS records more detailed crime information compared to the traditional Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standards.

- Detailed, high-quality data that provides a complete and more accurate picture of crime.
- NIBRS provides additional context to understand victimization and offending.
- NIBRS provides standardized data to compare crime across jurisdictions.




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Potential

When used to its full potential, NIBRS identifies, with precision, when and where crime takes place, what form it takes, and the characteristics of its victims and perpetrators.

Armed with such information, the Piedmont Police Department can better define the resources it needs to fight crime, as well as use those resources in the most efficient and effective manner.



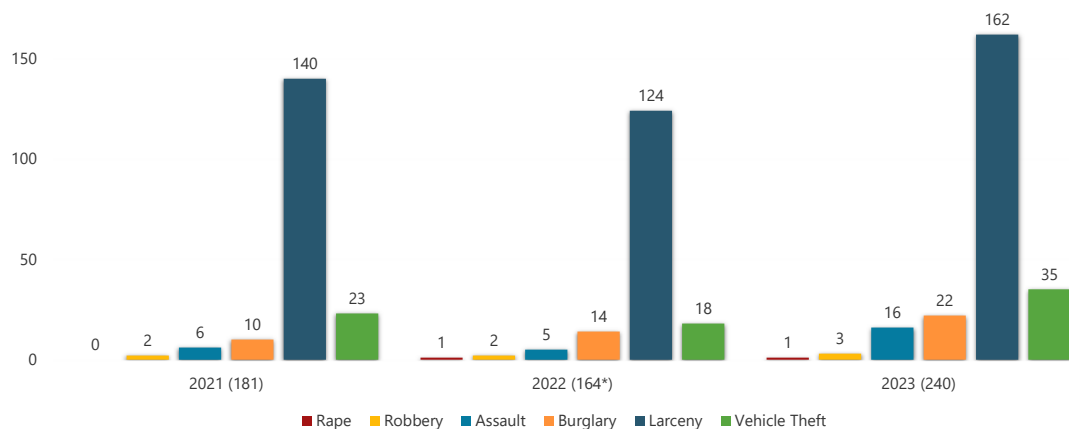
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Crime Summary

2021-2023 Part 1 Crimes Comparison – through Q2 only



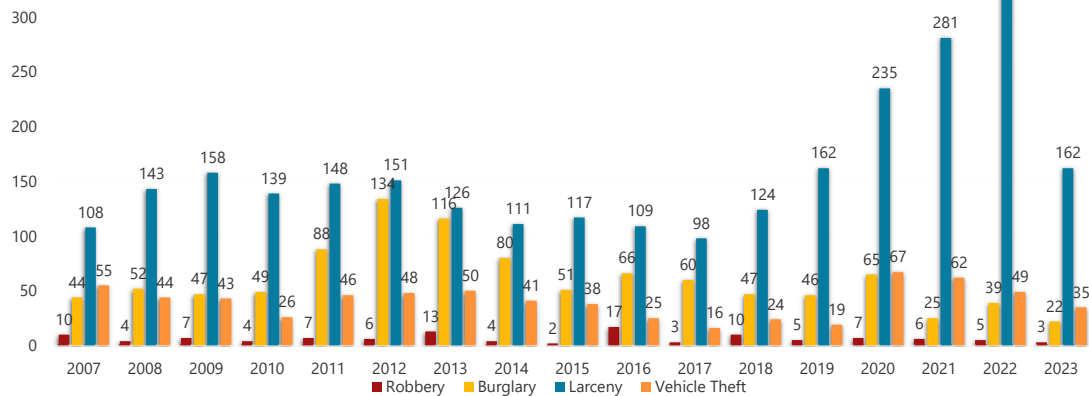
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2007-2023 Robbery, Burglary, Larceny, Vehicle Theft Comparison through Q2 only



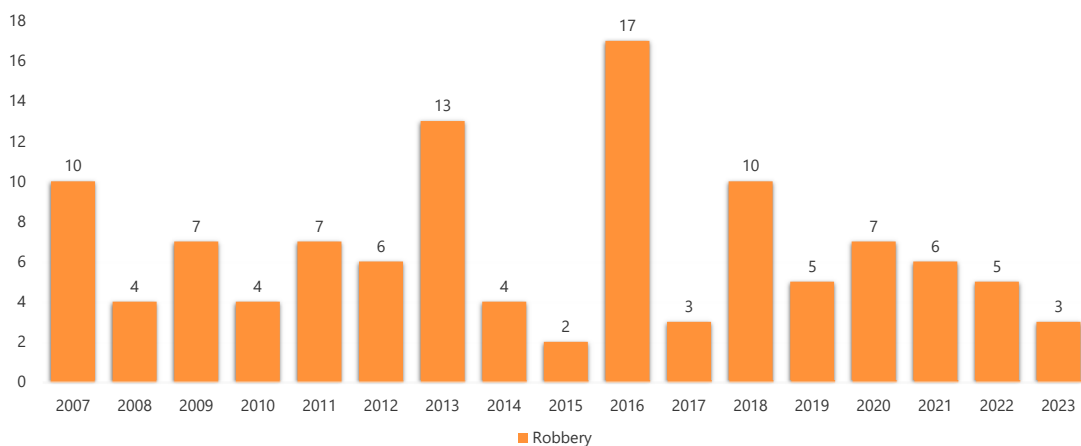
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2007-2023 Robbery through Q2 only



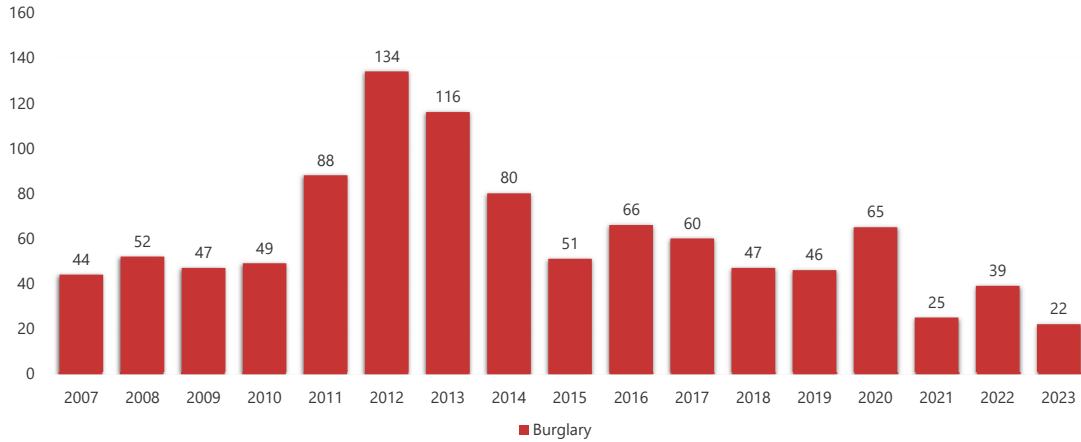
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2007-2023 Burglary through Q2 only



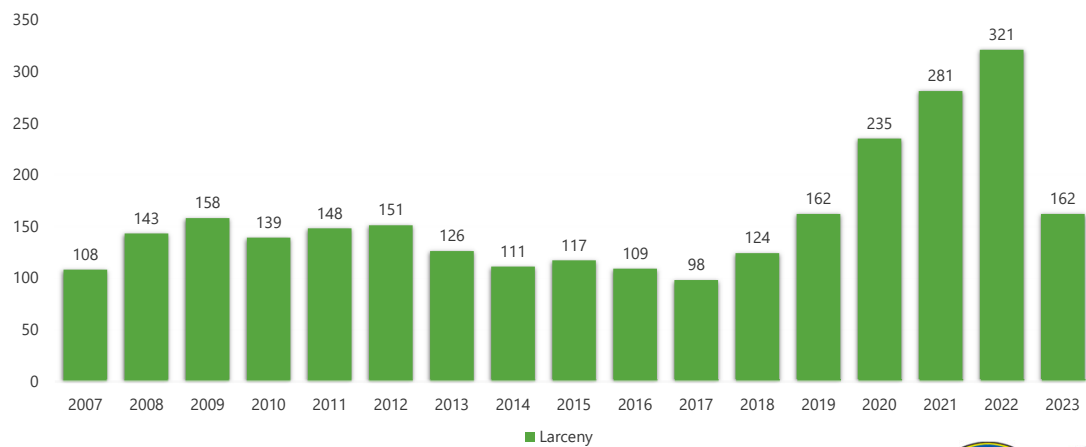
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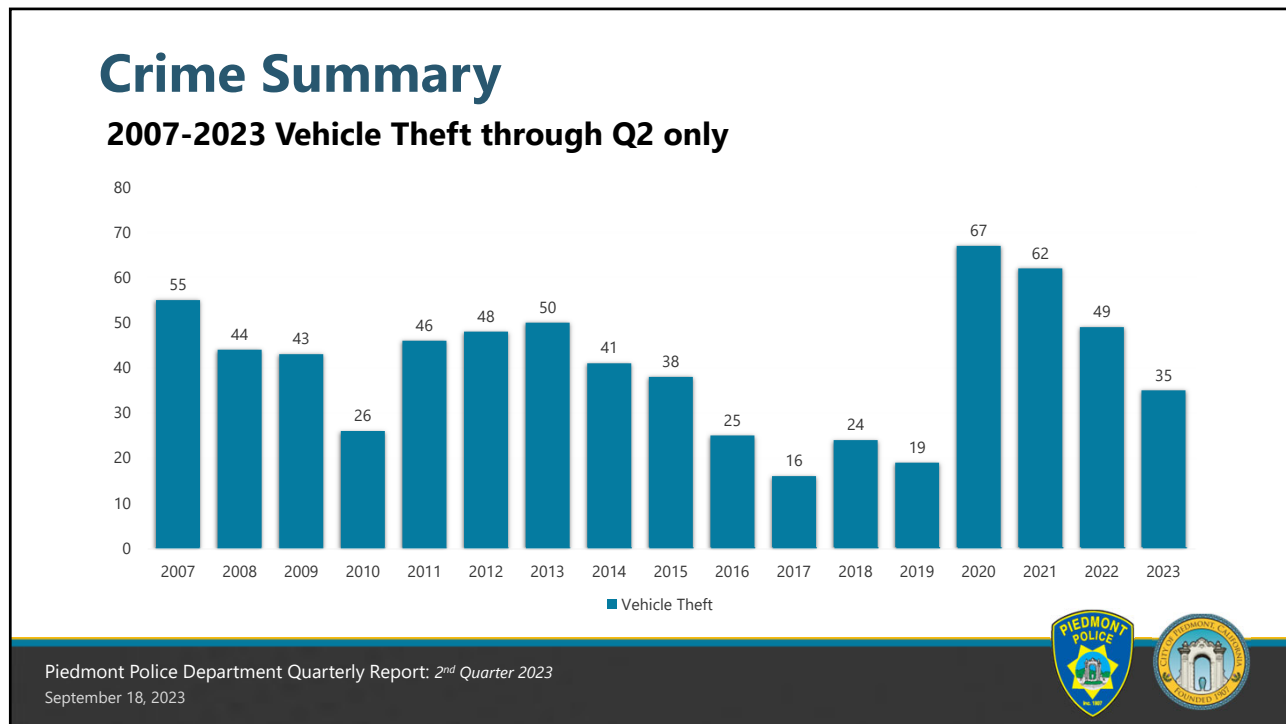
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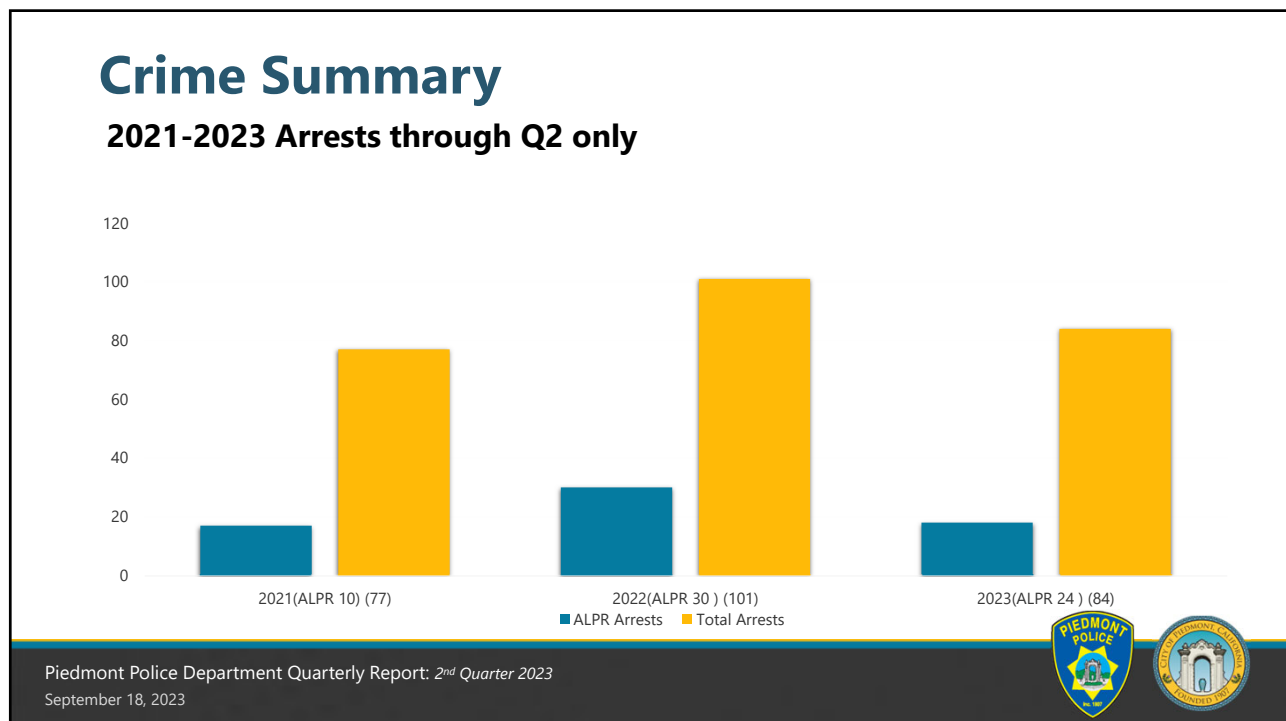
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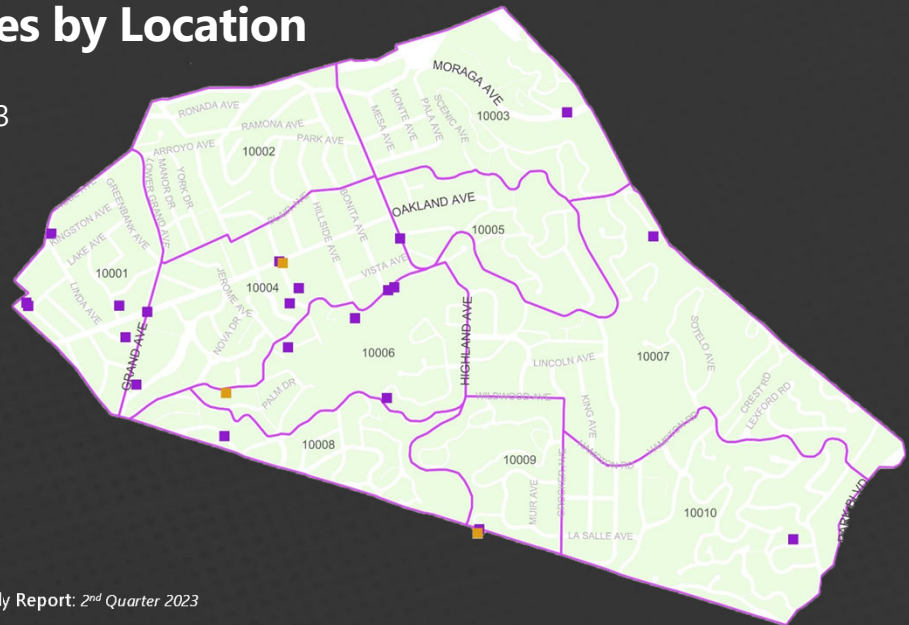
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Major Offenses by Location

Assault/Robbery

January 1-June 30 2023

- Assault
- Robbery



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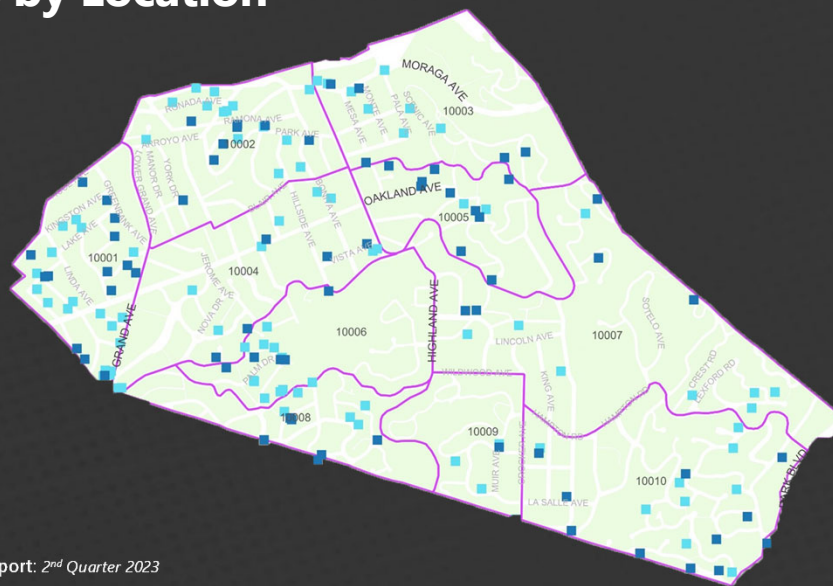
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Major Offenses by Location

Larceny/Theft

January 1-June 30 2023

- Theft
- Theft – from vehicle



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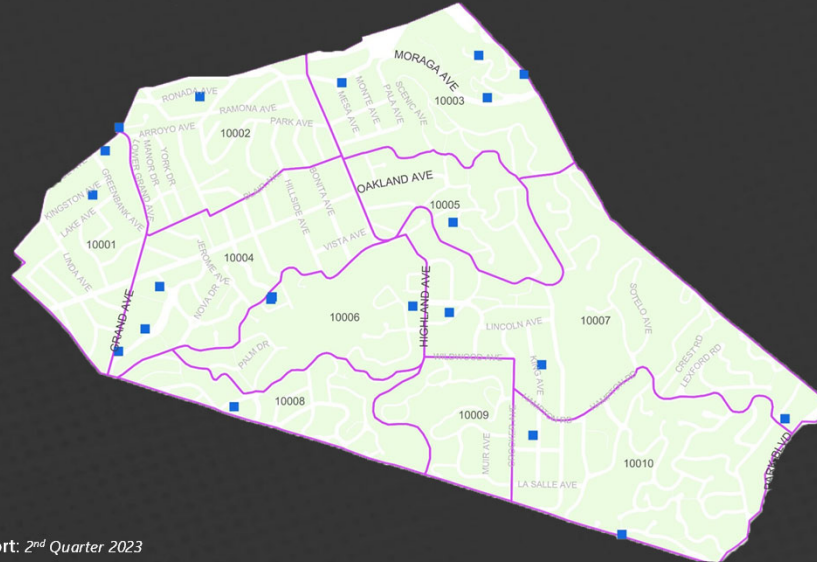
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Major Offenses by Location

Burglary

January 1-June 30 2023

■ Burglary



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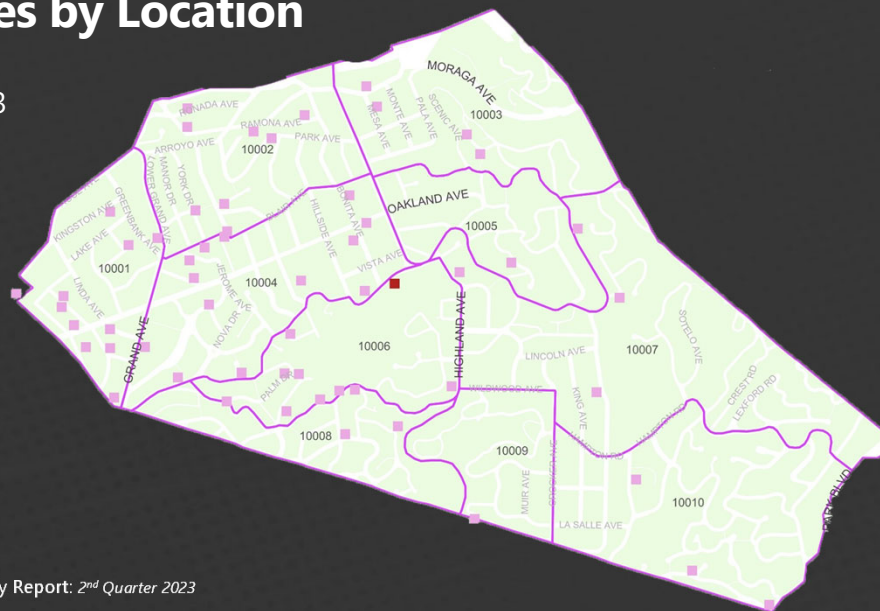
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Major Offenses by Location

Vandalism

January 1-June 30 2023

■ Arson
■ Vandalism



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ALPR



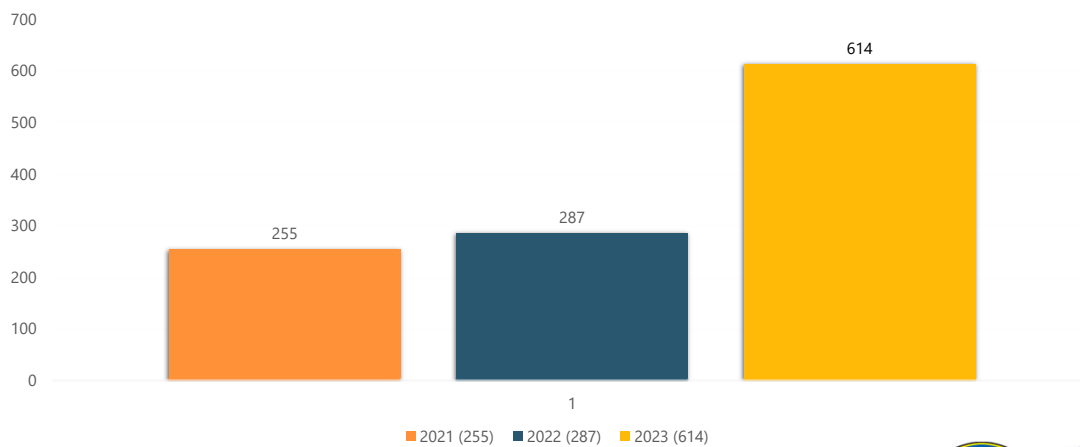
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ALPR Incidents



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Traffic Summary

- **2022:** 29 Collision Reports
- **2023 to date:** 43 Collision Reports

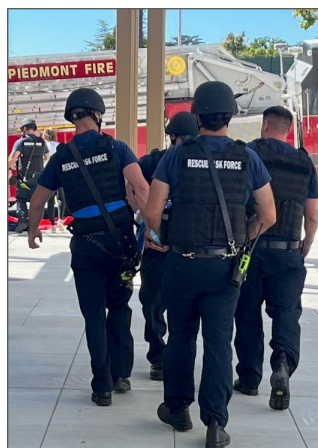


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Rescue Task Force



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Community Engagement/Partnerships



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From: [Rosanna Bayon Moore](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: FW: Request to increase PPD staffing for Sept 19 Council Meeting
Date: Monday, September 18, 2023 10:49:47 AM
Attachments: [Request to increase PPD staffing.pdf](#)

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Herrick <herrickmark@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 11:26 AM
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Cc: Jeremy Bowers <JBowers@piedmont.ca.gov>; Connie Herrick <connieherrick@icloud.com>
Subject: Request to increase PPD staffing for Sept 19 Council Meeting

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Dear City Council and City Administrator,

The attached letter is submitted for your consideration during next week's city council meeting. I plan to attend - via Zoom - to speak to this letter and request it be added to the final city council meeting minutes. This letter is requesting an immediate increase in PPD staffing and is endorsed by 25 homes on Greenbank 10 and 100 block. This is 50% of the homes.

Regards,

Mark and Connie Herrick



Monday, September 11, 2023

Dear Piedmont City Council,

Over the last 6 months, Piedmont has seen a substantial increase in personal crime, which are attacks directly on our residents versus property. In addition, on August 16, this threat escalated to include an attack directly on a Piedmont Police Department Officer. The officer was injured during a traffic stop, responding to a stolen vehicle. A second incident the same day involved the apprehension of an armed suspect who had a semi-automatic handgun with a high-capacity magazine.

We have been long time Piedmont Police Department supporters and advocates for increased spending for the PPD. Piedmont's situation is unique, being surrounded by one of the highest crime rate cities in the USA. Yet Piedmont still has a sense of being a sleepy, safe, small town.

Unfortunately, Piedmont is under grave threat from Oakland's deterioration in public safety. On July 27, the local chapter of the NAACP called on Oakland to declare a state of emergency over crime in Oakland:

"We are in crisis and elected leaders must declare a state of emergency and bring resources together from the city, the county, and the state to end the crisis," the organizations wrote. "We are 500 police officers short of the number that experts say Oakland needs. Our 911 system does not work. Residents now know that help will not come when danger confronts them. Worse, criminals know that too."

The situation in Oakland looks to have no end in sight. Our problem in Piedmont is we are surrounded by Oakland, with three major traffic arteries that run through our town connecting Oakland neighborhoods.

The latest August 16 incidents are deeply disturbing. Thank goodness the officer was not injured more severely or killed when struck by the fleeing vehicle. The strong-arm robberies of citizens over the last six months, in broad daylight, in central parts of town is frightening. Last week, an elderly man was followed home, pushed to the ground, and robbed of a watch on Scenic. It is reasonable to consider these incidents can become more frequent and worsen.

We are asking the City Council to pass an emergency budget resolution to immediately increase funding for the Piedmont Police Department for 5 additional sworn officers.

This will allow another beat officer each shift, for a total of 4 sworn officers on duty every shift: sergeant watch commander and three patrol. This includes funding a K9 officer; a K9 could have caught the second suspect who fled on Pacific on August 16. Piedmont also needs to ensure that a dedicated traffic motorcycle patrol is active. The budget resolution should include funding for additional administrative positions so that all sworn active-duty officers' duties can be focused only on patrol. Piedmont needs every officer to be on the street patrolling full time.

Our PPD does a fine job protecting us with the limited resources they have. And while hiring plans have line of sight to a fully staffed department per current budget, these new officers are still not on board, have yet to pass their field training under direct supervision of their field training officer, therefore, they are not yet a net increase in patrol. Even when we reach full staffing at today's budgeted levels, it will be at least 6 months before these new officers will be able to operate independently. The suggestion for increased funding for 5 additional sworn officers will also take 6-12 months to implement.

With the public safety threat, as grave as it is, we hope this resolution will be immediately considered and quickly passed. Please make increased funding of PPD a priority. Our town and residents are clearly at risk.

Regards,

Mark and Connie Herrick
 147 Greenbank Avenue

The following table lists the residents of Greenbank Ave 10 and 100 block who have endorsed this letter:

	Name	Address	Comments
1	Mark Herrick Connie Herrick	147 Greenbank	Letter organizers
2	Sandi Besen George Hosegood	133 Greenbank	"I endorse this letter to the PPD."
3	Dan and Nina Fendel	20 Greenbank	"Thanks for taking the initiative on this. Please add us as endorsers."
4	Ann Rankin	109 Greenbank	"I agree strongly with the letter from Mark and Connie Herrick. I have lived at 109 Greenbank Avenue in Piedmont for 37 years and prior to the last three years I felt fairly safe. The last three years I have altered my activities because of the increased safety risks. My car was broken into twice in 2021 and the rear license plate was stolen in 2021, all in broad daylight and in areas I had previously considered safe. After 40 years of walking around Lake Merritt I no longer do so; this was one place where my car was vandalized in late afternoon with many people walking around. I no longer park in the lot on 40th Street and Piedmont Ave. After my car was vandalized there at 4 pm when I went to get a flu shot. The Oakland Police have made it clear to me that they don't have the resources to deal with most crimes other than homicides and even with those they only solve 20 percent. The few times I have dealt with the Piedmont police they have been great but they need resources to combat the combination of increased violent crime and property crime combined with the inability of the Oakland police to protect citizens of either Oakland or Piedmont. I would be willing to pay my fair share to give our police the additional resources they need."
5	Mark and Roberta Gross	5 Greenbank	Thank you for this necessary proposal. Please add us as endorsers.
6	Steve Wang and Yuanyuan Ma	1609 Grand	Please add mine and Yuanyuan's names to your petition. It's a great thing you are doing and we fully support it.
7	Jamie Nguyen and Scott Kobayashi	123 Greenbank	Please add our names to the petition to increase police officers to patrol and make our neighborhood feel safe again. It's disheartening to hear our neighbors see a drastic change the last couple of years. I want all of us to feel safe and supported in Piedmont. Jamie and I agree with the substance of the letter from Mark and Connie Herrick as well. Taking action as a community before the situation deteriorates further makes sense to us, and the point that it takes 6-12 months for budgetary approval, training, and then deployment of additional officers means we should try to make our voices heard earlier rather than later.
8	Michael C Kleiber	55 Cambridge Way	I just checked and Piedmont has only 21 sworn officers. Same as Atherton with a population about one half of Piedmont.
9	Blake Martini	1541 Grand	Thanks for sending. I support the petition and please add my name to it.
10	Richard Wu and Yang Li	134 Greenbank	We are also concerned about the safety of our community, so we definitely agree with you. What's more, we ask for intensified patrols during school commute time because some students go to school or walk home on their own.
11	Derrick and Viv Lee	19 Greenbank	Viv and I totally support this.
12	Sedrick Tydus and Jain Williams	114 Greenbank	Jain and I endorse the proposal to add more police to provide a deterrence to crime on our streets.
13	Frank Zhu and Haley Kotnik	141 Greenbank	We endorse the letter from Mark and Connie Herrick. As parents, we are especially concerned about the incidents this year nearby in Oakland where children were injured or their nannies were targeted in armed robberies. We think the proposal is a sensible approach to deter these and other types of violent crime from increasing in Piedmont.
14	Larry and Chandra Miller	105 Greenbank	Larry and I appreciate, support, and applaud your efforts to work with the City of Piedmont. We endorse your letter. We have been the victims of catalytic converter theft. The police blotter, NextDoor, and conversations with neighbors reveal an escalation in crime that needs urgent attention and action.
	Allison Bernstein	49 Bonita Ave	We support the petition. Please add as endorsers.
15	Jenny Smrekar and Kristoffer Haines	6 Greenbank	
16	Lani Malicdem and Michael Hochster	1607 Grand Ave	Michael and I are in agreement with Mark and Connie Herrick and all of the sentiments from our neighbors below. We support the request to our City Council to pass an emergency budget resolution to immediately increase funding for the Piedmont Police Department.
17	Richard Stanley and Barbara Cohen	100 Greenbank	support this so please add us to your endorsements.
18	Patty Reed and Rick Clark	42 Greenbank	Please add Patty Reed and Rick Clark to the list of supporters.
19	Craig and Carol Lundin	30 Greenbank	Thank you so much for working on this issue, we really appreciate it. Craig and I would like to be included in this effort.
20	Steve and Karen Nichols	137 Greenbank	Karen and I both endorse your proposal to add to the police in our city. Like many of us in the neighborhood, we have changed our walking, driving, parking, shopping and eating habits in the face of daily crime surrounding us. Increasing the number of police, in particular on the Piedmont streets

			is a good idea - especially as Oakland is unable to deal with anything but the most serious criminal activity. We would also advocate increasing the use of cameras, both public and private, to deter illegal activity in our city. Over the last few years opposition to CCTV seems to have waned, and from all accounts, this kind of security seems to be helping reduce the invitation to come to Piedmont and commit crime. Thanks to you and Connie for taking the lead on this,
21	Cynthia Kroll and Arden Hall	30 Greenbank Ave	share the concerns of their neighbors regarding safety conditions in Piedmont and Oakland and urge the Piedmont police department and city council to review the resources needed and approaches for successfully addressing these issues. We are concerned about the safety of our residents and city staff, especially the first responders, both in our city and our neighboring community. We thank the Herricks for opening the conversation with some concrete suggestions.
22	Bill Bocheff	106	106 Greenbank Ave is on board with your letter. Thanks for spearheading this!
23	Beverly Bucci	10 Greenbank	I support your effort to add more Police to the force.
24	Stacy Keegan	102	Thx for organizing
25	Melanie Blunschi and Brian Smith	135 Greenbank Ave	Thanks for organizing!

Dear Neighbors,

Please take a moment to read the proposal for additional PPD officers from our neighbors on Greenbank Ave. If you support the proposal described in their letter, kindly take just a few seconds to complete the form. We'd like to have the responses by Sept. 10th so we can submit them to the City Council before their Sept. 18th meeting.

Thank you!

~Allison & Josh Bernstein, 49 Bonita Ave.

Dear Piedmont City Council,

Over the last 6 months, Piedmont has seen a substantial increase in personal crime, which are attacks directly on our residents versus property. In addition, on August 16, this threat escalated to include an attack directly on a Piedmont Police Department Officer. The officer was injured during a traffic stop, responding to a stolen vehicle. A second incident the same day involved the apprehension of an armed suspect who had a semi-automatic handgun with a high-capacity magazine.

We have been long-time Piedmont Police Department supporters and advocates for increased spending for the PPD. Piedmont's situation is unique, being surrounded by one of the highest crime rate cities in the USA. Yet Piedmont still has a sense of being a sleepy, safe, small town.

Unfortunately, Piedmont is under grave threat from Oakland's deterioration in public safety. On July 27, the local chapter of the NAACP called on Oakland to declare a state of emergency over crime in Oakland:

"We are in crisis and elected leaders must declare a state of emergency and bring resources together from the city, the county, and the state to end the crisis," the organizations wrote. "We are 500 police officers short of the number that experts say Oakland needs. Our 911 system does not work. Residents now know that help will not come when danger confronts them. Worse, criminals know that too."

The situation in Oakland looks to have no end in sight. Our problem in Piedmont is we are surrounded by Oakland, with three major traffic arteries that run through our town connecting Oakland neighborhoods.

The latest August 16 incidents are deeply disturbing. Thank goodness the officer was not injured more severely or killed when struck by the fleeing vehicle. The strong-arm robberies of citizens over the last six months, in broad daylight, in central parts of town is frightening. Last week, an elderly man was followed home, pushed to the ground, and robbed of a watch on Scenic. It is reasonable to consider these incidents can become more frequent and worsen.

We are asking the City Council to pass an emergency budget resolution to immediately increase funding for the Piedmont Police Department for 5 additional sworn officers.

This will allow another beat officer each shift, for a total of 4 sworn officers on duty every shift: sergeant watch commander and three patrol. This includes funding a K9 officer; a K9 could have caught the second suspect who fled on Pacific on August 16. Piedmont also needs to ensure that a dedicated traffic

motorcycle patrol is active. The budget resolution should include funding for additional administrative positions so that all sworn active-duty officers' duties can be focused only on patrol. Piedmont needs every officer to be on the street patrolling full time.

Our PPD does a fine job protecting us with the limited resources they have. And while hiring plans have line of sight to a fully staffed department per current budget, these new officers are still not on board, have yet to pass their field training under direct supervision of their field training officer, therefore, they are not yet a net increase in patrol. Even when we reach full staffing at today's budgeted levels, it will be at least 6 months before these new officers will be able to operate independently. The suggestion for increased funding for 5 additional sworn officers will also take 6-12 months to implement.

With the public safety threat, as grave as it is, we hope this resolution will be immediately considered and quickly passed. Please make increased funding of PPD a priority. Our town and residents are clearly at risk.

Regards,
Mark and Connie Herrick
147 Greenbank Avenue

Proposal for Additional PPD Officers

Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Stephanei Brendel

Address

37 Bonita Ave

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☒ Yes, you may share my response.

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Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Jonathan Fish

Address

33 Bonita Ave., Piedmont

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

By all means! How about 6?

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

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Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Josh Bernstein

Address

49 Bonita Ave

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

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Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Allison Bernstein

Address

49 Bonita Avenue

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

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Name

Barbara Eisenbach

Address

123 Waldo Ave

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

Crime is the number one concern of our family in living here in Piedmont. We strongly support the additional officers and also support additional ALPRs and other surveillance cameras. Also more street lighting would be beneficial. We also need more speed bumps and or other ways to discourage speeding in the city and to make get always less possible. Thank you

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☒ Yes, you may share my response.

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Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Teebie Saunders

Address

50 Bonita Avenue

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

I have become increasingly nervous about crime as we hear story after story from nearby Oakland streets. We are so fortunate to live in Piedmont AND it's creeping our way so in order to protect the safety of our residents as well as to continue to attract neighbors, this seems like a very important proposal.

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☐ Yes, you may share my response.

Proposal for Additional PPD Officers

Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Nhu Weinberg

Address

16 Estrella Ave

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☒ Yes, you may share my response.

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Name

David Fullerton

Address

333 Ramona Ave Piedmont CA 94611

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

Should be a priority ASAP

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

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Name

Amy Logun

Address

21 Bonita Ave

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

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Name

Steve Bratman

Address

21 Bonita Ave

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☒ Yes, you may share my response.

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Name

Lisa Kaplan

Address

15 Bonita Ave. Piedmont, CA

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

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Name

Vincent & Claire Faughnan

Address

24 Estrella Avenue, Piedmont

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

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Name

Claire Faughnan

Address

24 Estrella Avenue, Piedmont CA 94611

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☒ Yes, you may share my response.

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Name

Pamela Fullerton

Address

333 Ramona Ave.

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

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- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

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Name

Mark and Connie Herrick

Address

147 Greenbank Ave

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

Five additional officers is not that many.

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

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Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Bob Eisenbach

Address

123 Waldo Ave.

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

Given the increase in crime this is a needed response.

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

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Proposal for Additional PPD Officers

Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Valerie Russell

Address

42 Bonita Ave, Piedmont, CA 94611

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

A canine unit would also be appropriate to help find people who have committed a crime and are hiding to evade arrest, as happened this week in the Estates area.

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☒ Yes, you may share my response.

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Proposal for Additional PPD Officers

Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

May Thomas

Address

411 Wildwood Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

I want my tax dollars spend towards safety - I would forfeit some other spending for this

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

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Name

Adam Hupp

Address

15 Estrella

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☐ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☒ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

It's clear that law breakers know Oakland/Piedmont/etc have non-pursuit policies and they can flee without consequence if they are caught. So just more officers alone will be a significant added expense without really solving the root problem. I'd like to a) hear what the police dept thinks, and b) start a discussion about allowing pursuit. I'm not fundamentally opposed to hiring more police but seems premature without the larger conversation of what we need to change.

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☒ Yes, you may share my response.

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Proposal for Additional PPD Officers

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Name

Suzanne layden

Address

221 park way

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

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Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Ron Shumway

Address

102 Hillside Avenue

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

If 5 is not the right answer to deter / stop crime in Piedmont, add whatever number is, but do it.

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☒ Yes, you may share my response.

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Name

Jonnie Jacobs

Address

36 Bonita Ave.

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

In addition to officers we need more public awareness of crime. The short "summary" in the Piedmonter isn't sufficient.

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☒ Yes, you may share my response.

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Proposal for Additional PPD Officers

Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Rod Jacobs

Address

36 Bonita Ave

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

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Proposal for Additional PPD Officers

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Name

Victoria Hu

Address

330 Ramona Ave

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

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Proposal for Additional PPD Officers

Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Sasha Match

Address

223 Hillside Avenue

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

The increase in crime, especially armed crime, coupled with the decrease in police presence is very evident in Oakland. As a result Piedmont residents feel very vulnerable. We need more police patrolling and fast response times to protect our citizens.

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☒ Yes, you may share my response.

Proposal for Additional PPD Officers

Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Randy Sloan

Address

223 Hillside Avenue, Piedmont

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☒ Yes, you may share my response.

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Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Victoria Hartsock

Address

219 Blair Ave.

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☒ Yes, you may share my response.

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Proposal to add five additional police officer to the Piedmont Police Department

Name

Jeanette Boris Fish

Address

33 Bonita Ave (corner of Ramona Ave)

Do you support the proposal to add 5 additional police officers to the PPD?

- ☒ Yes, I support the proposal
- ☐ No, I do not support the proposal

Comment

Down FOUR catalytic converters, stolen from in front of our house!

May we share your response with the Piedmont City Council?

- ☒ Yes, you may share my response.

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Dear City Council and City Administrator,

Please find the attached letter for your consideration at the next city council meeting. The letter is a request, joining with our Greenbank neighbors, for immediate increase in PPD staffing. The request is endorsed by 30 residents in the Bonita/Ramona/Estrella area. We have attached the endorsements for your review. We request that this be added to the final city council meeting minutes.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,
Allison & Josh Bernstein



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September 18, 2023

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council and Public Safety Committee,

In just two weeks, Piedmont Neighbors Together has brought together over 350 Piedmont neighbors.

Who we are:

We formed Piedmont Neighbors Together in response to the overwhelming concern within the Piedmont Community about the growing incidents of violence occurring in Piedmont as well as the increase in acts of theft and property damage within the city. Our three-pronged approach is to:

- Identify the most pressing safety concerns faced by our residents and those who work in town;
- Ensure greater civic participation from a Piedmont community that has access to up to date statistical data and insight from our community leaders;
- Enhance public outreach by organizing multiple neighborhood groups within Piedmont who can communicate particularized safety concerns and work with the City to address these issues.

Our priority is focused on **public safety**.

In the last week alone, Piedmont has experienced a carjacking which threatened the lives of a baby and her mother and a strong-arm robbery that occurred only 100 yards from the Piedmont Police Department. In the last few months numerous violent and non-violent crimes have occurred in our community, some targeting our most vulnerable residents. Criminals are becoming more brazen and the City must respond immediately to protect its citizens from these growing dangers.

The escalation in violent crime and destruction of property within Piedmont, requires us to act now. We write this letter as a call to action for the Mayor and Piedmont City Council to

work with the Police department and other city leaders to develop short and long term plans that address the rising wave of crime. Piedmont Neighbors Together seeks to identify the most urgent safety issues and actively support Piedmont city leaders in tackling these problems to restore our safe and liveable community.

Supportive Data:

In response to the visual queues that appear to indicate that crime is increasing, we decided to research PPD data and survey the members of our community. Some of the results are as follows:

PPD Incidents and Resources:

We've reviewed and analyzed Piedmont Police Crime data and budgeting data for the last 6 years, including Chief Bowers' 2023 Second Quarter Department Report. We summarize below some of the important statistics:

Crime data comparison of January - June 2021 to January - June 2023:

Crime (Uniform Crime Report)	From 2021 to 2023 (first 6 months)
Robbery	Up 50%
Assault	Up 167%
Burglary	Up 120%
Larceny - Theft	Up 16%
Motor Vehicle Theft	Up 52%
Yearly Totals	Up 33%

Source: 2023 PPD Second Quarter Report

Frequency of suspects fleeing from vehicle stop attempts by officers:

From 2021 to 2023 (first 6 months): Up 239%

Total Calls:

Call data was only available through 2022. Total Calls from 2020 through 2022 increased by 12.5% to 11,075.

Staffing:

Noting the significant criminal activity increasing by the mid-to-high double digits across the board, PPD staffing has only increased by 7% since 2019. Growing from 29 in the 2019/20 budget to 31 employees in the 2023/24 cycle.

Overtime:

Budget Year	PPD Overtime Expense
2020/21	\$350,000 (similar to the prior two years)
2021/22	\$475,000 (up 36%)
2022/23	\$575,000 (up 21%) - up 64% from 2020/21
2023/24	\$410,000 (estimated)

Source: PPD budgets, 2020/21 to 2023/24

Significant increases in overtime may indicate an understaffed team.

Polling our members:

Over 99.9% believe Piedmont has become less safe in the last 12 months. The PPD serious crime data shown above clearly explains this.

In our first survey with 175 respondents:

- 95% want additional police patrol officers
- 96% want additional ALPR and Surveillance cameras
- 32% noted the existence of a neighborhood watch program, many noted that their specific watch program only sends informational updates and does not really provide a watch.
- 8% indicated that their 911 calls do not get answered. Homes on the edges of town can be directed to Oakland 911 and are significantly less likely to be answered or to be busy.
- 94% indicated they would like to hear regular communications from the Mayor on Public Safety
- 93% indicated they would like City Council to focus more time on public safety
- 93% indicated they would be willing (58%) or may be willing (35%) to pay additional property taxes to make Piedmont safer.

We also asked the 175 respondents to rank initial priorities and the ranking was as follows:

1. Increase patrol resources (82% of respondents had this in their top 3 choices)
2. Relax pursuit policy
3. Acquisition of drones/K-9's
4. Additional dispatchers
5. Organize better Piedmont Watch groups
6. Visible Piedmont signs at all entrances

Additional open form comments made by these respondents are included in Appendix A. Over the last few weeks our Piedmont Neighbors Together team has researched other

municipalities in the area regarding their policing policies, reviewed Piedmont police budgeting, crime statistics, spoken with Chief Bowers, and spoke with multiple members of the Piedmont Public Safety Committee. We have also reviewed all City Council meeting minutes and Public Safety Committee minutes for 2022 and 2023 to understand how Public Safety was prioritized and addressed by City leadership. Lastly, we conducted multiple polls, attended community police presentations and interviewed multiple residents across the community.

Take away:

We understand that, although criminal activity has increased across the State, Oakland criminal activity has increased significantly and recent reports indicate Oakland is one of the most unsafe cities in the US. The increase in crime in our neighboring city, the infighting and instability of its city leadership are a perfect storm to promote continued criminal chaos in Oakland that will then bleed into our community. Piedmont should not expect any short or mid-term solutions from the Oakland city administration for years to come. Piedmont must act now to proactively deal with Piedmont's Safety issues.

Call to action:

Short Term:

To address residents' safety concerns, we ask the City to evaluate the following short term proactive strategies:

- Commission a comprehensive safety consultant to analyze staffing, technology, resource distribution and other needs of the City's police department;
- Increase police visibility, especially at the city's borders;
- Participate in transparent and frequent communication with residents, including weekly NIBRS crime reports made publicly available;
- Consistent enforcement of all public safety laws;
- Provide clear structure between the branches to provide accountability for implementation of public safety measures;
- Develop a system that ensures residents have rapid and consistent response times when calling 911. If not immediately possible, work with the community to educate on alternative means for residents to contact PPD.

Long term:

- Research the Address the growing tension between potential liability and active crime prevention;
- Explore the use of Community Service Officers to handle non-essential and non-public safety functions of the Police department;
- Invest in training and technology to assist the Police Department in crime prevention;

- Work with residents to incorporate private security camera footage into crime prevention strategies;

We ask this Council to work with other city departments, residents and the greater community to think outside of the box in coming up with creative and necessary strategies to lower the occurrence of crime in Piedmont.

We look forward to your thoughtful response.

Sincerely,

Piedmont Neighbors Together
PiedmontNeighbors.org

APPENDIX A

Summarized Written Comments From 175 Respondents

The following is a consolidated list of comments from the community in the open ended portion of our survey. We included comments that were focused on ideas to improve the safety in the community.

- Exploring technologies or blocking major roadways to use slower entrances and exits, eliminating high speed escape routes, speed bumps in common getaway routes. Consider spike strips or barricades or other deterrence that would make it less effortless to come through.
- Relaxing zoning rules for property gates, driveway gates, etc. Letting residents build electric or non Electric gates on their properties for safety.
- Increase traffic tickets to improve pedestrian safety and increase revenue
- City Council to pass an emergency budget resolution to immediately increase funding for the Piedmont Police Department for 5 additional sworn officers.
- funding a K9 officer; a K9 could have caught the second suspect who fled on Pacific on August 16. Piedmont also needs to ensure that a dedicated traffic motorcycle patrol is active.
- Funding for additional administrative positions so that all sworn active-duty officers' duties can be focused only on patrol. Piedmont needs every officer to be on the street patrolling full time. It will be at least 6 months before these new officers will be able to operate independently. The suggestion for increased funding for 5 additional sworn officers will also take 6-12 months to implement.
- "You are entering Piedmont signs" might backfire on us.
- Put electronic signs near the license plate readers that say "Your license plate XYZ, is now registered with the Piedmont Police Department"
- More Police actively patrolling through Piedmont for visible deterrence. More police officers driving around at all times and stationed at a few major entrances into Piedmont but ones like Moraga and Highland, Crocker and Lasalle, Blair and Calvert.
- Lobby the mayor and the DA so the people caught are prosecuted. How can we influence what happens to criminals when caught? Recall Pamela Price.
- We need to make an impact now before there are serious cases and we are reactive vs.

proactive.

- It would be great to get more information on the different crime prevention resources we can advocate for.
- Reinstate Neighborhood watch meetings
- In Piedmont, when I see crime, I don't call 911. I call the non-emergency number and someone always answers right away and helps me
- Patrol officers on foot might help to deter crime.
- Action items for Piedmont civic leadership: comprehensive crime/safety assessment NOW, tighten the pursuit policy, all-around BETTER communication from our mayor (we've heard nothing from her), city council, and PPD regarding safety plans and crimes as they are happening. A weekly FULL crime report from PPD to the community.
- (1) Piedmont is too dark at night; we need to encourage residents to add more landscape and ambient outdoor lighting. (2) It's too easy for criminals to speed through Piedmont; we need more traffic-calming devices around town, such as speed bumps. (3) We need more transparency around Piedmont crime stats; why are we not on Citizen and other apps to track crime in real time?
- Way more police presence in lower Piedmont night and day. Way more attention to lighting on streets at night in ALL neighborhoods.
- Implement a GIS tracking system for analytic reporting on patrol car miles and routes during a shift. We have called 911 and the dispatchers are unfriendly and actively question why we called making it appear the call was unwanted and unnecessary.
- Need a nixle-like system to alert neighbors with text messages about crimes in progress so we can help facilitate. It's far too little communication now and when there is communication, it's after the fact and the details are vague
- Needs to be an active neighborhood round up of all security cameras on people's property
- Officer hours should be more dedicated to the time period of midnight to 5AM as that seems to be when the majority of property crime is happening.
- PPD stop saying "We can't, it's a liability". Every call you take is a risk/liability, let the city lawyer review liability risks.
- Over the last 6 months, Piedmont has seen a substantial increase in personal crime, which are attacks directly on our residents versus property. In addition, on August 16, this threat escalated to include an attack directly on a Piedmont Police Department Officer. The officer was injured during a traffic stop, responding to a stolen vehicle. A second incident the same day involved the apprehension of an armed suspect who had a semi-automatic handgun with a high-capacity magazine.