

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: November 20, 2023
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Piedmont Police Department Third 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 official measure of the crime rate utilized by the Piedmont Police Department for reporting purposes. Other reported crime statistics are provided for local interest and education only.

CRIME SUMMARY

The City of Piedmont experienced an increase in several categories of reportable offenses through the third 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 third quarter of 2023. Please see the attached UCR comparison tables for reference.

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

2021 Rape – 0	2022 Rape – 1	2023 Rape – 1
2021 Robberies – 5	2022 Robberies – 4	2023 Robberies – 9

2021 Assaults – 7	2022 Assaults – 10	2023 Assaults - 28
2021 Burglaries – 19	2022 Burglaries – 20	2023 Burglaries – 36
2021 Larceny/Theft – 199	2022 Larceny/Theft – 202	2023 Larceny/Theft – 268
2021 Motor Vehicle Theft-37	2022 Motor Vehicle Theft-34	2023 Motor Vehicle Theft-62
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.

An increase in violent crime, and other types of crime, in cities throughout the country and region have been well-documented and Piedmont has been affected by this trend. The Piedmont Police Department identified a multi-point plan to address the crime issues and communicated the plan during the Second Quarter Report to the City Council and subsequent Town Hall meeting. The plan encompassed eight areas for action with progress to date described below:

- 1. Full court press to maintain fully staffed, well-trained Department. All sworn positions are currently filled with no vacancies. Two officers are progressing in the field training program and one police recruit is scheduled to graduate from the academy in March 2024 to fill an upcoming retirement.**
- 2. Enhance critical dispatch function thru staffing increase and facility upgrade. A finalist candidate is in the background process to fill the new sixth dispatcher position. The bid solicitation process for the City's upgrade of the dispatch center is scheduled for December. The contract award is scheduled for January 2024, and construction is anticipated to commence in February.**
- 3. Further integrate modern equipment into operations with the Public Safety Camera Program. Neighborhood level communication regarding recently installed cameras has taken place. Final networking and configuration of the equipment is in process. It is anticipated that new features will be fully operational by December.**
- 4. Restructure non-sworn roles to support full time Community Service Officer staffing and free up Officers to address criminal matters. Drafting of new position description is underway. A Civil Service Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 2023 with potential Council action in January.**
- 5. Deploy crime suppression cars with uniformed officers during known peak periods. Implementation is ongoing.**
- 6. Expand officer training and deploy plain-clothed officers as new response method for ALPR & other criminal activities. This element has been paused to prioritize uniformed overtime that maximizes visual deterrence in marked patrol vehicles.**
- 7. Identify additional ALPR/camera locations for City interior to aid officer response. Staff is working with the vendor to assess and develop future locations for deployment.**
- 8. Examine and evaluate staffing model to best configure future police services. Three qualified consultant proposals were solicited. Proposal review and reference checks are in progress.**

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

Through its use of ALPR technology, the Department made 23 arrests and recovered 52 stolen/wanted vehicles in the first three 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 23 arrests directly due to the ALPR cameras are included in the 135 total arrests the Department made in the first three 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 three 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
Jul	5	13	26	32
Aug	6	8	27	24
Sep	5	21	22	51
Total	30	114	220	317

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 56 collision reports completed through the third quarter of 2023, compared to 62 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

2023 Third Quarter UCR Statistics

2023 vs. 2022 & 2021 Third Quarter Comparison
2023 Third Quarter ALPR Report
2023 Third Quarter Report City Council Presentation

By: Jeremy Bowers, Chief of Police

Uniform Crime Stats 3rd Qtr 2023

CRIME	Jul	Aug	Sept	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2	1	3	6
Assault	4	6	2	12
Burglary	6	3	5	14
Larceny - Theft	47	29	30	106
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	13	5	27
Arson	0	0	0	0
Monthly Totals	68	52	45	165

Uniform Crime Report

Q1 through Q3 Comparison

CRIME	2021	2022	2023
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Rape	0	1	1
Robbery	5	4	9
Assault	7	10	28
Burglary	19	20	36
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Motor Vehicle Theft	37	34	62
Arson	0	0	1
Yearly Totals	267	271*	405

* No May data due to NIBRS transition

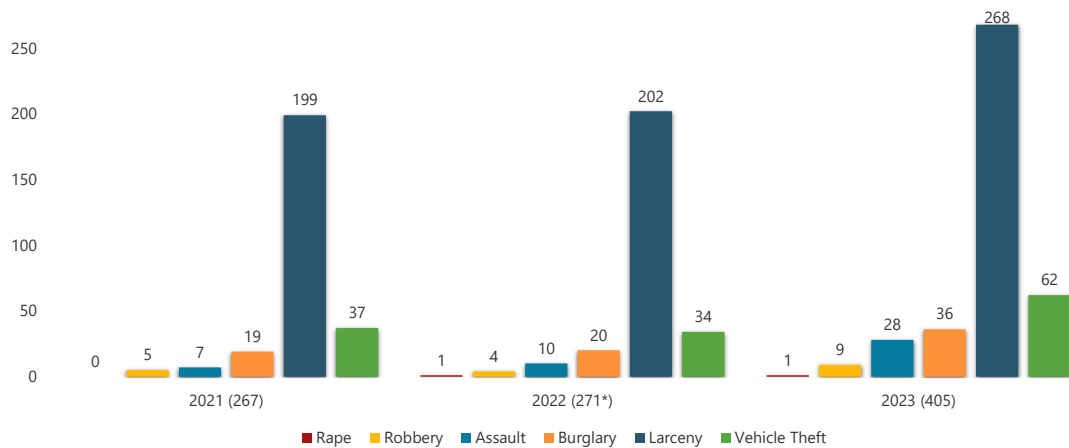
2022	Stolen Vehicle Recoveries	Recovered Vehicle Values	Arrests Related to ALPR's
January	3	\$ 11,000.00	3
February	7	\$ 120,400.00	4
March	5	\$ 56,000.00	4
April	6	\$ 43,940.00	7
May	6	\$ 68,030.00	3
June	10	\$ 118,534.00	9
July	5	\$128,168.00	2
August	7	\$ 65,505.00	4
September	11	\$234,941.00	5
October	4	\$ 23,000.00	3
November	2	\$ 17,032.00	2
December	3	\$ 13,702.00	2
Totals	69	\$ 900,252.00	48
2023	Recoveries	Values	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	7	\$93,719.00	1
August	8	\$61,013.00	4
September	6	\$110,884.00	0
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November	.	.	.
December	.	.	.
Totals	52	\$650,027.00	23

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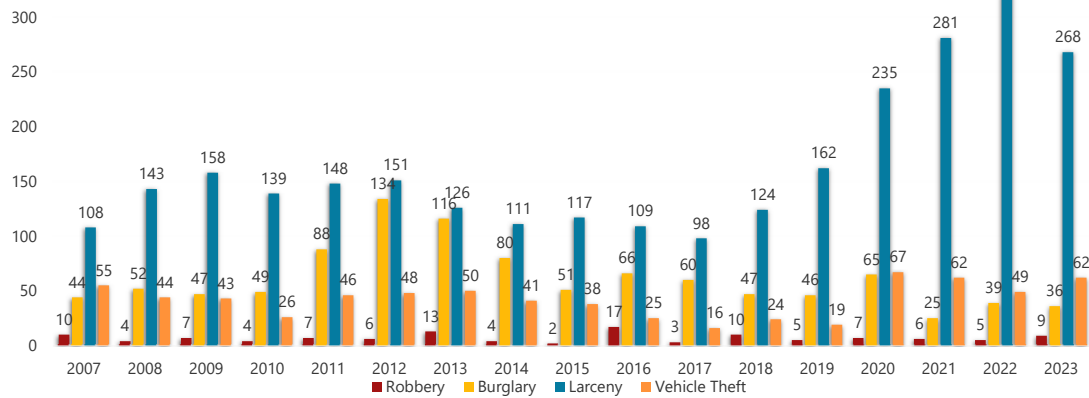
Crime Summary

2021-2023 Part 1 Crimes Comparison – through Q3 only



Crime Summary

2007-2022 Yearly Robbery, Burglary, Larceny, Vehicle Theft & 2023 Q3 Comparison

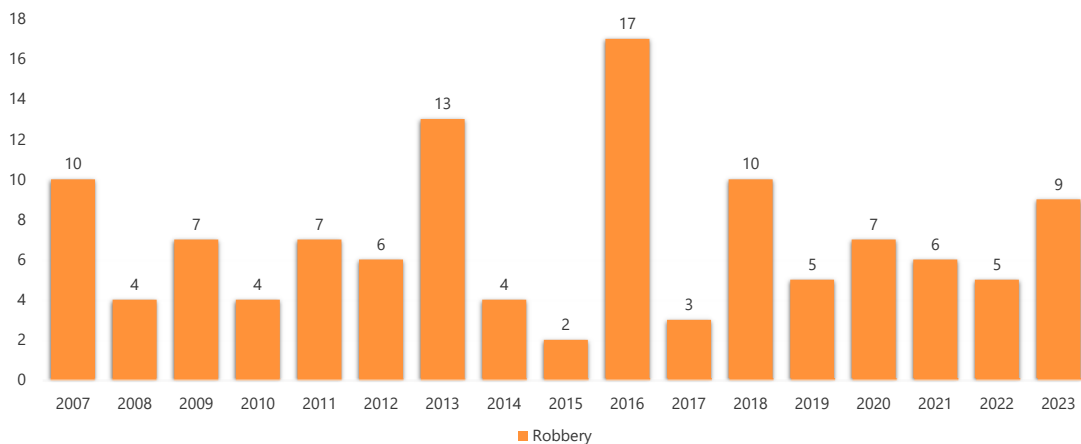


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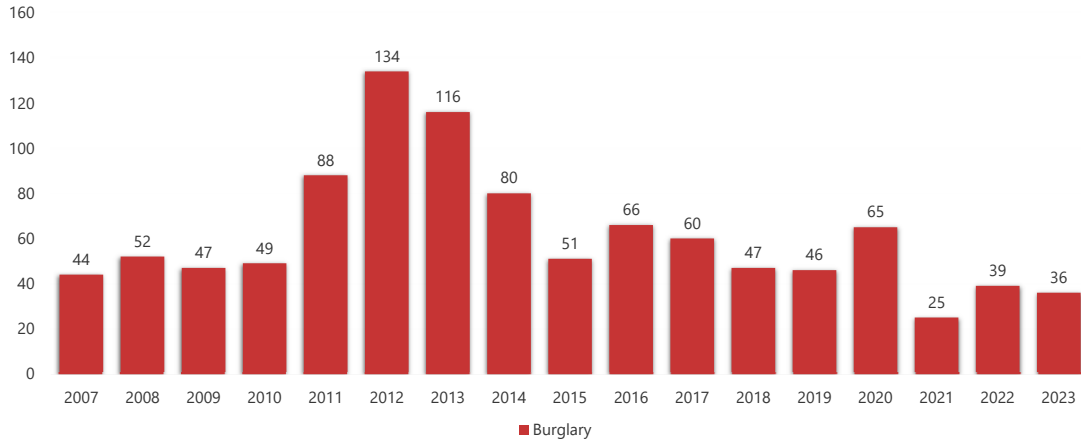


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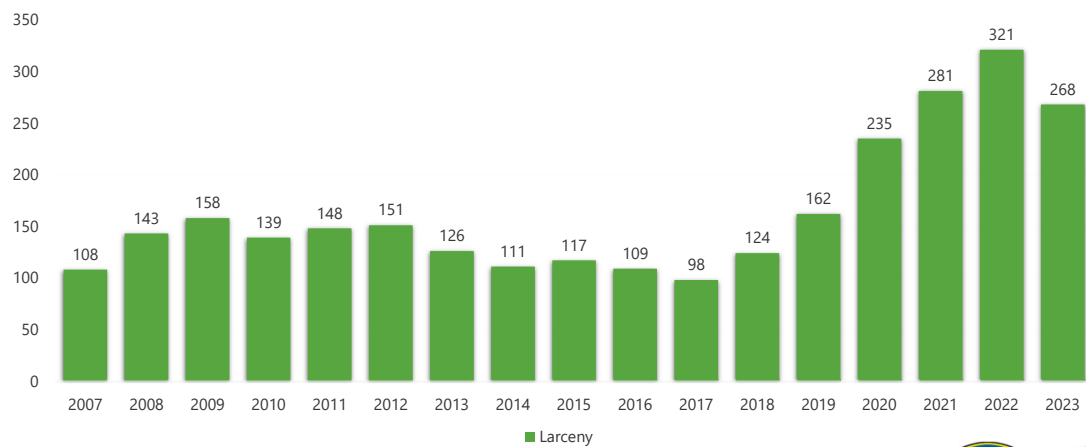


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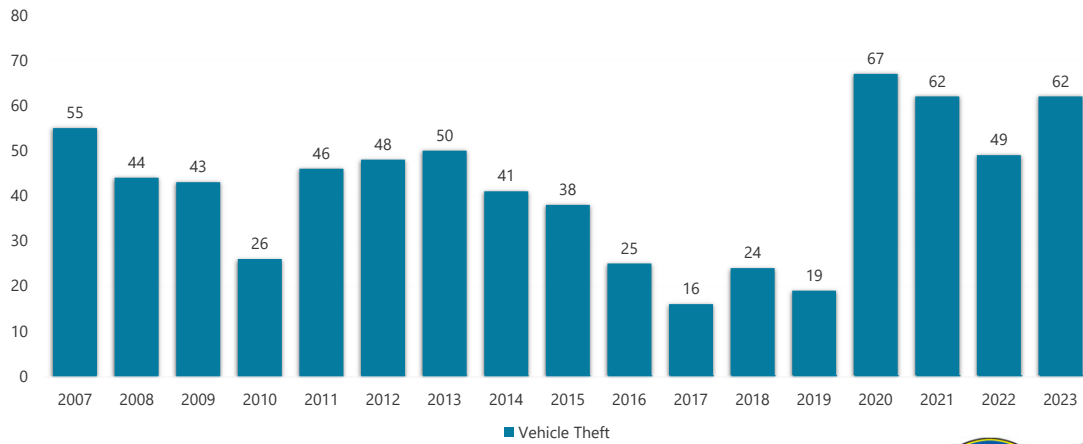


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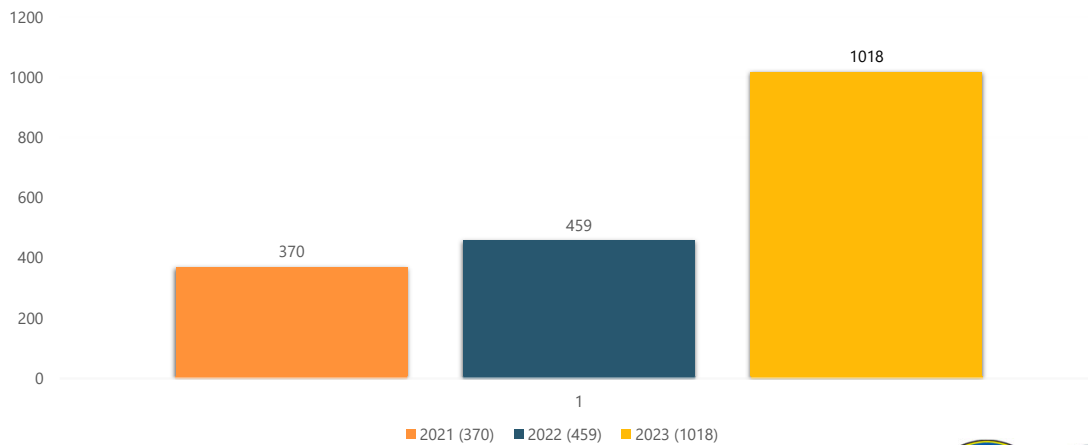


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ALPR Incidents

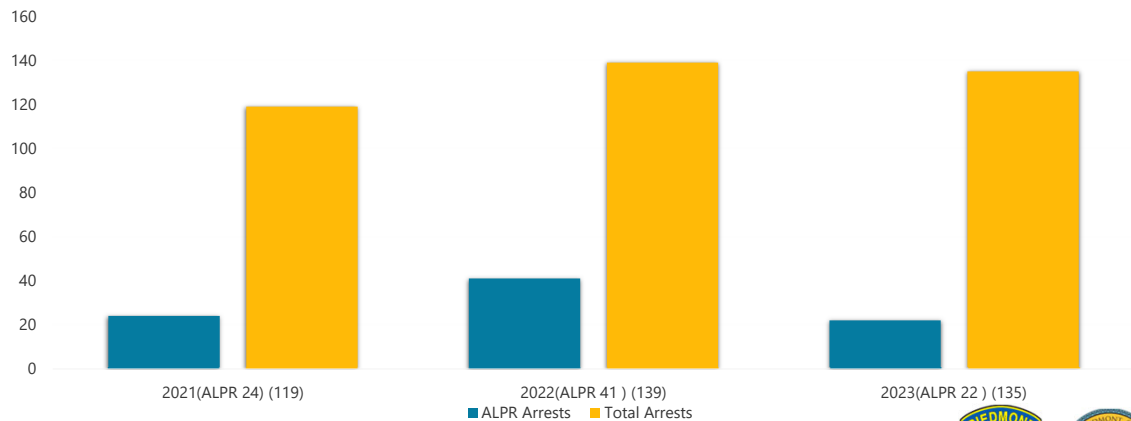


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2021-2023 Arrests through Q3 only



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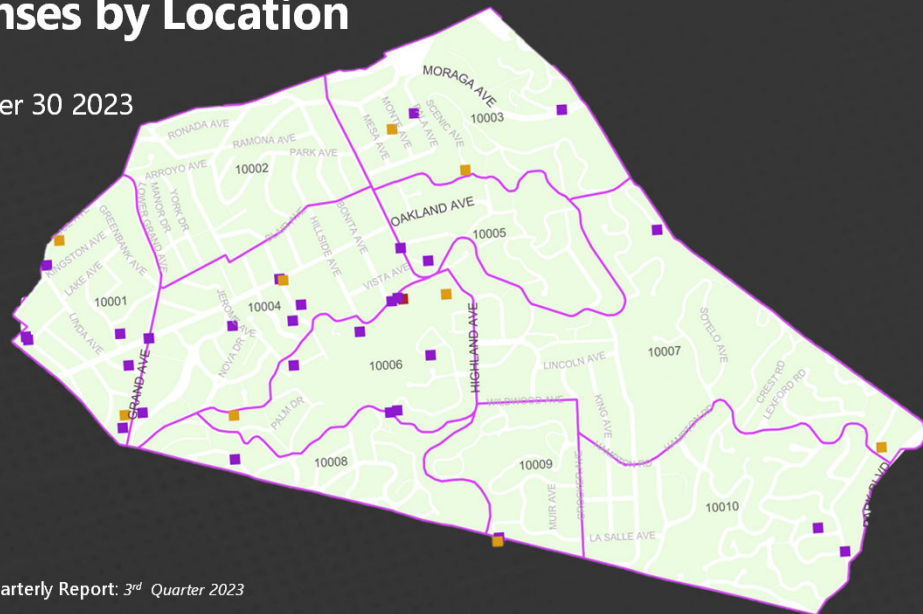
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Major Offenses by Location

Assault/Robbery

January 1-September 30 2023

- Assault
- Robbery



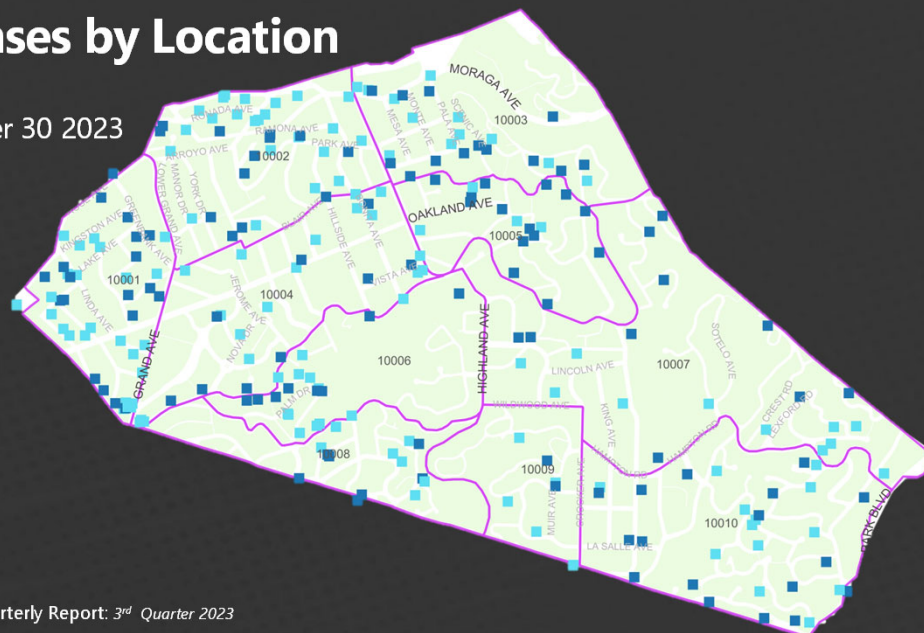
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Major Offenses by Location

Larceny/Theft

January 1-September 30 2023

- Theft
- Theft – from vehicle



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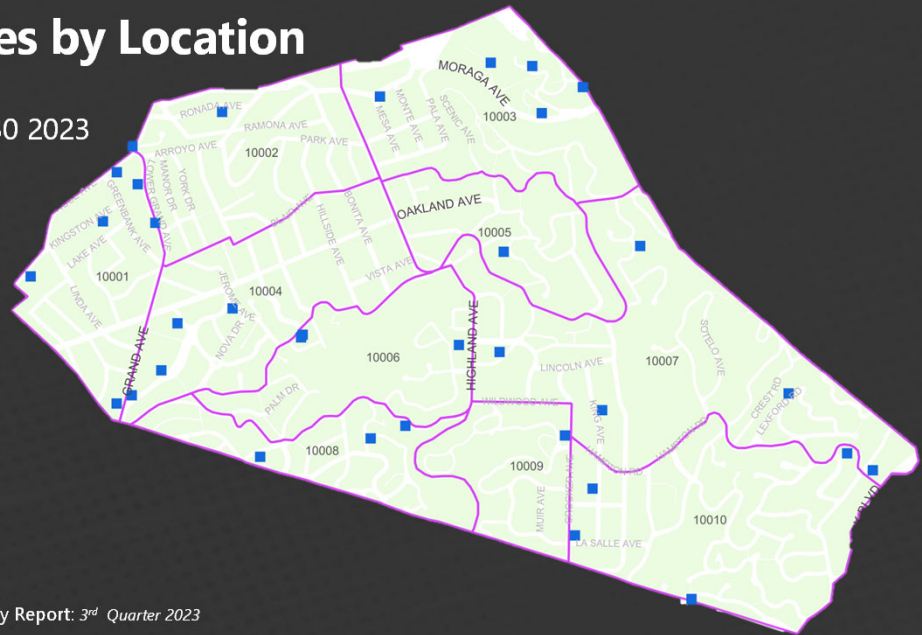
Burglary

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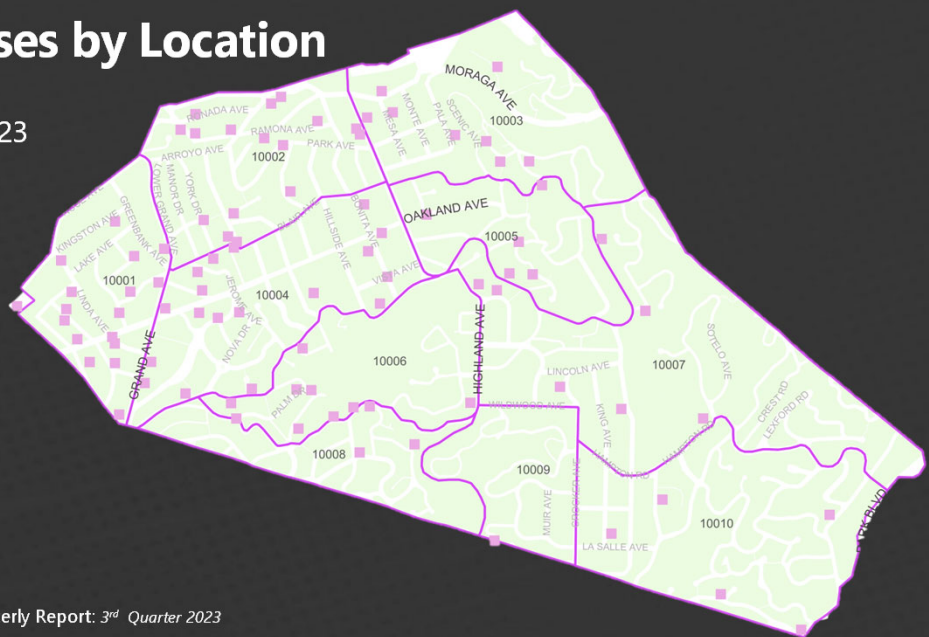
Vandalism

January 1-Sept 30 2023

■ Arson
■ Vandalism



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