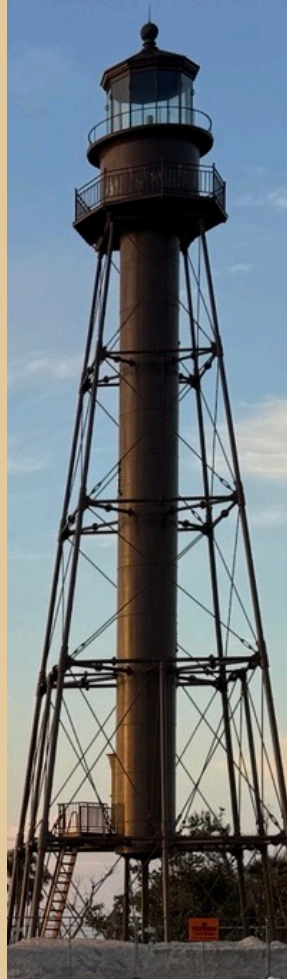




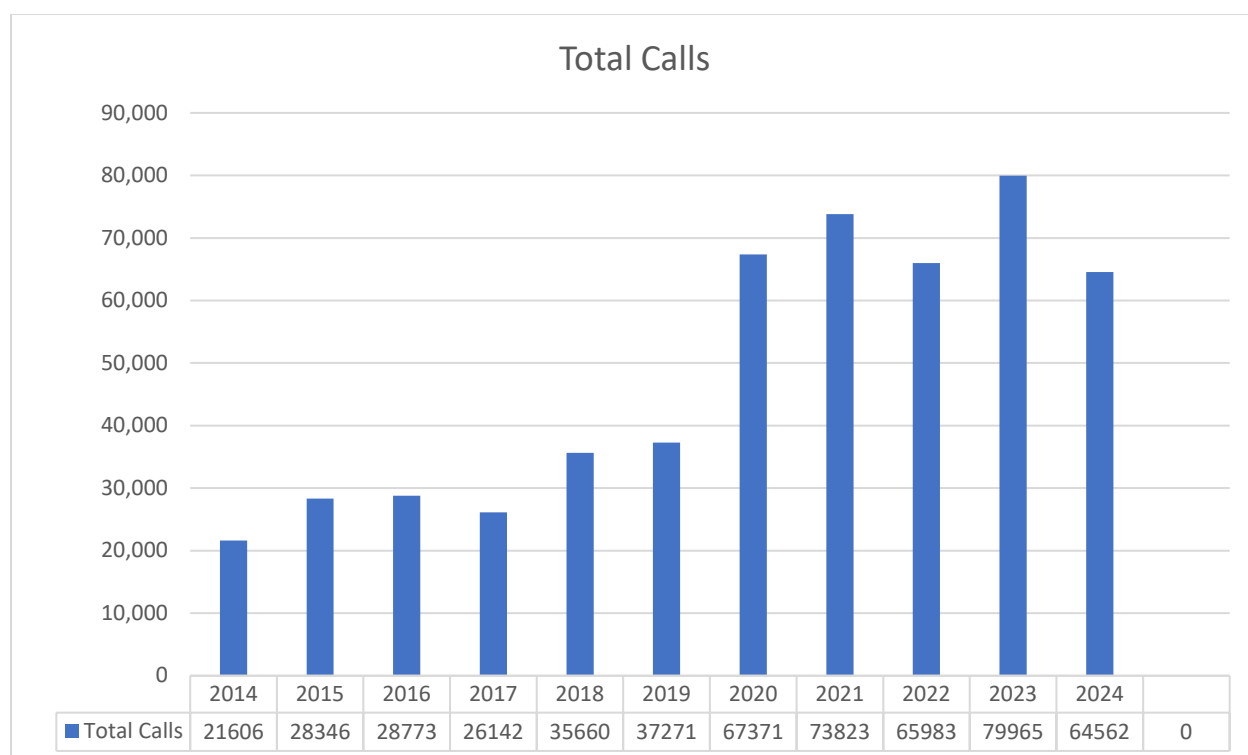
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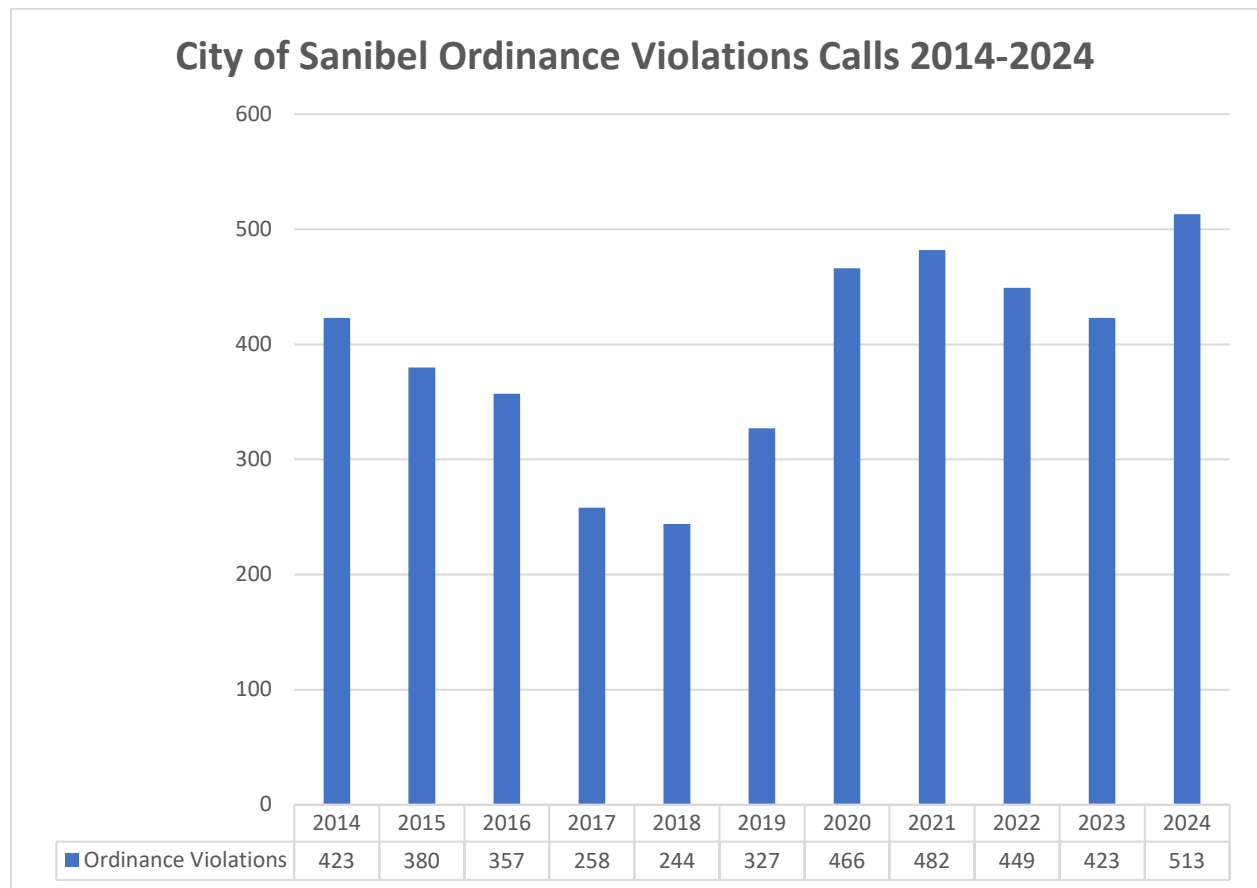


Our department staff has conducted a thorough analysis of the reports generated by the Sanibel Police Department for the year 2024. This analysis encompasses all calls for service as well as crime trends within the City of Sanibel. The increase in criminal activity observed in 2023, which followed Hurricane Ian, has been determined to be an anomaly. Crime trends in 2024 are consistent with the levels recorded prior to the storm.



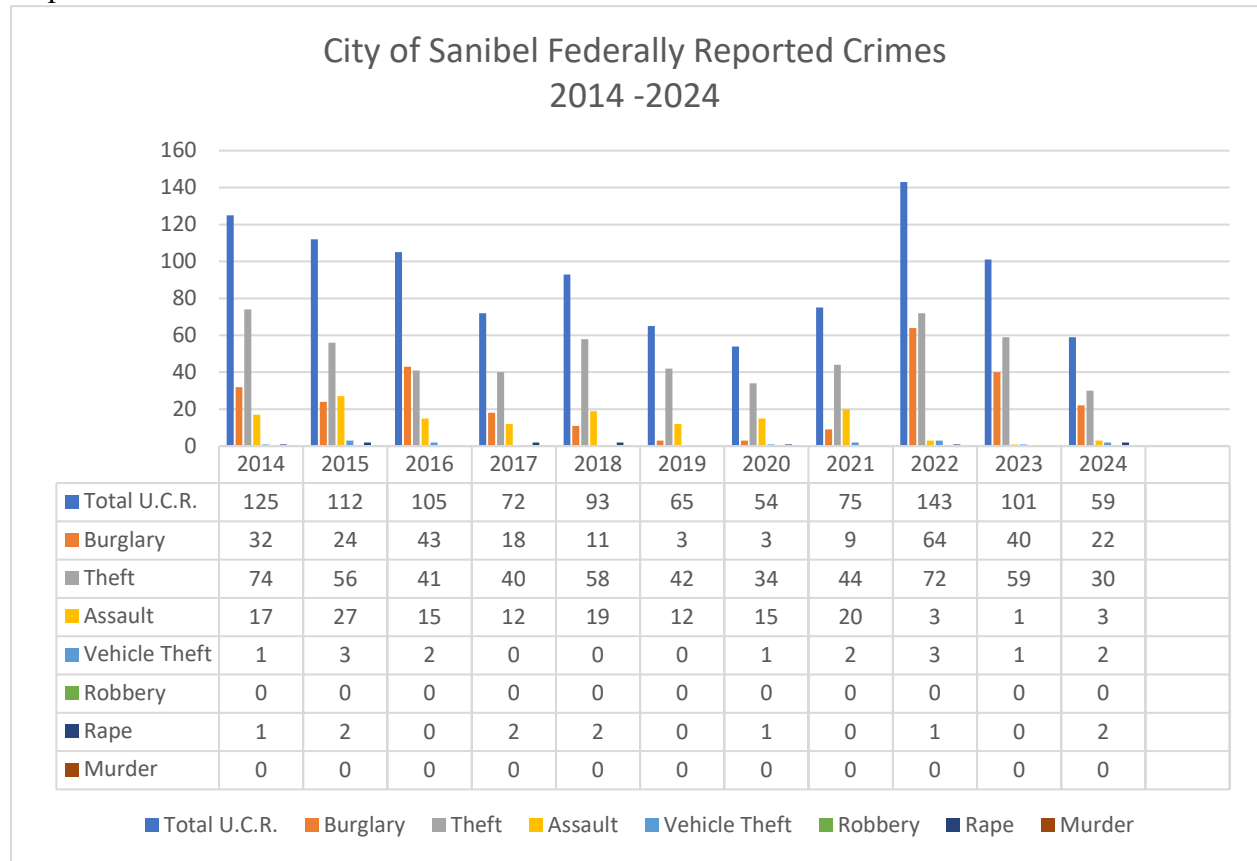
In 2024, the total number of calls for service reached 64,562. This figure encompasses all criminal reports, ordinance violations, arrests, and self-initiated proactive area checks conducted by the Police Department. It also includes 911 calls, including those routed to Lee County for fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The total number of calls for service decreased from 79,965 in 2023 to 64,562 in 2024, representing a decline of approximately 19%. This decrease is likely a result of a return to normal policing practices following Hurricane Ian. Included in the calls for service number are self-initiated proactive area checks carried out by our law enforcement and civilian staff. These checks help deter criminal activity in areas, such as beach accesses and business zones. Self-initiated area checks, and radar details are examples of our proactive efforts that are fundamental to the community-oriented approach of the Sanibel Police Department, and they play a vital role in maintaining the safety of the community.



The Ordinance Violations statistic offers a useful way to assess trends in violations and helps inform staff deployment. The primary types of observed ordinance violations include parking complaints, dog-related issues, and beach encroachment. There has been an increase in ordinance violations, rising from 423 in 2023 to 513 in 2024, representing a 21% increase. It is important to

note that the ordinance violations tracked by the Police Department do not encompass those individuals cited by the City's Code Enforcement division, which is managed by the Planning Department.

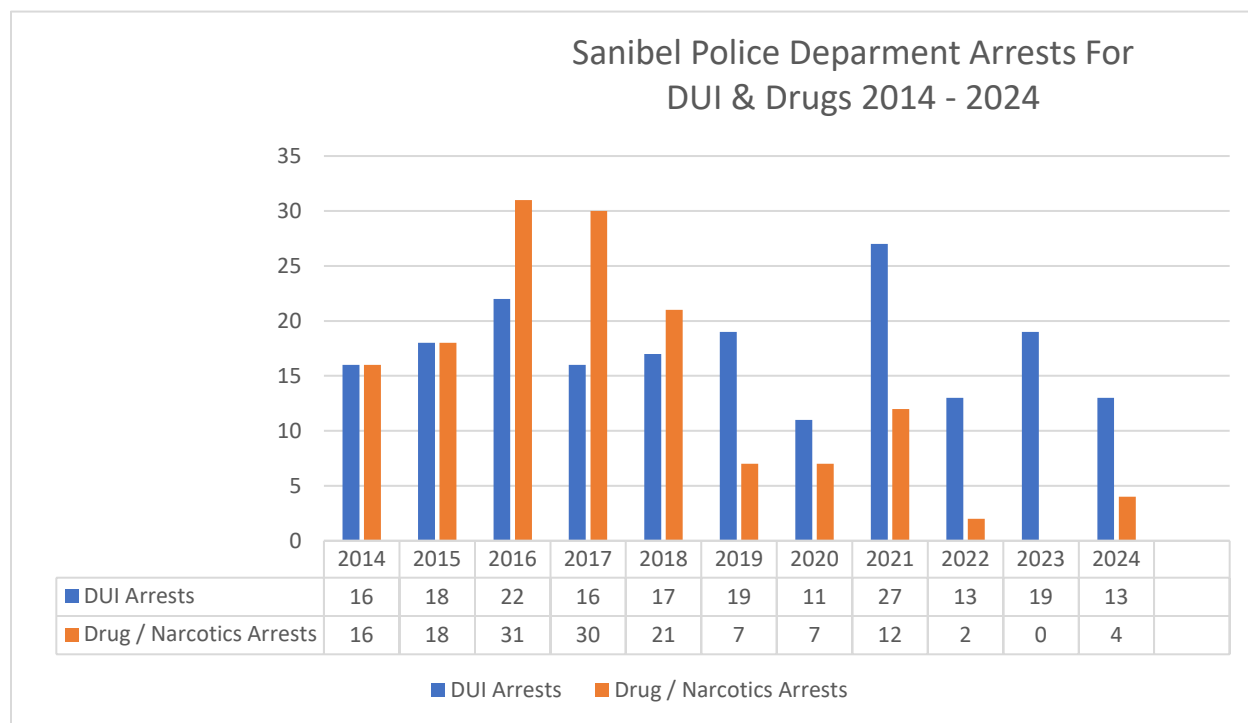


Analysis of the 2024 Federally Reported Crimes data reveals a 42% decrease in the overall number of federally reportable crimes compared to 2023. Notably, there was a 45% reduction in reported burglaries, falling from 40 in 2023 to 22 in 2024. Additionally, thefts decreased by 49%, from 59 in 2023 to 30 in 2024. These statistics suggest that burglary, theft, and other crimes are returning to more normal levels following Hurricane Ian.

In terms of arrests for 2024, there were a total of 185 arrests, which represents an 8% increase from the 172 arrests made in 2023. Of the 185 arrests in 2024, 62 individuals were taken directly to the Lee County Jail for incarceration, while the remaining 123 arrests were for minor offenses. These individuals received a Notice to Appear (NTA) and were released at the scene. An NTA is

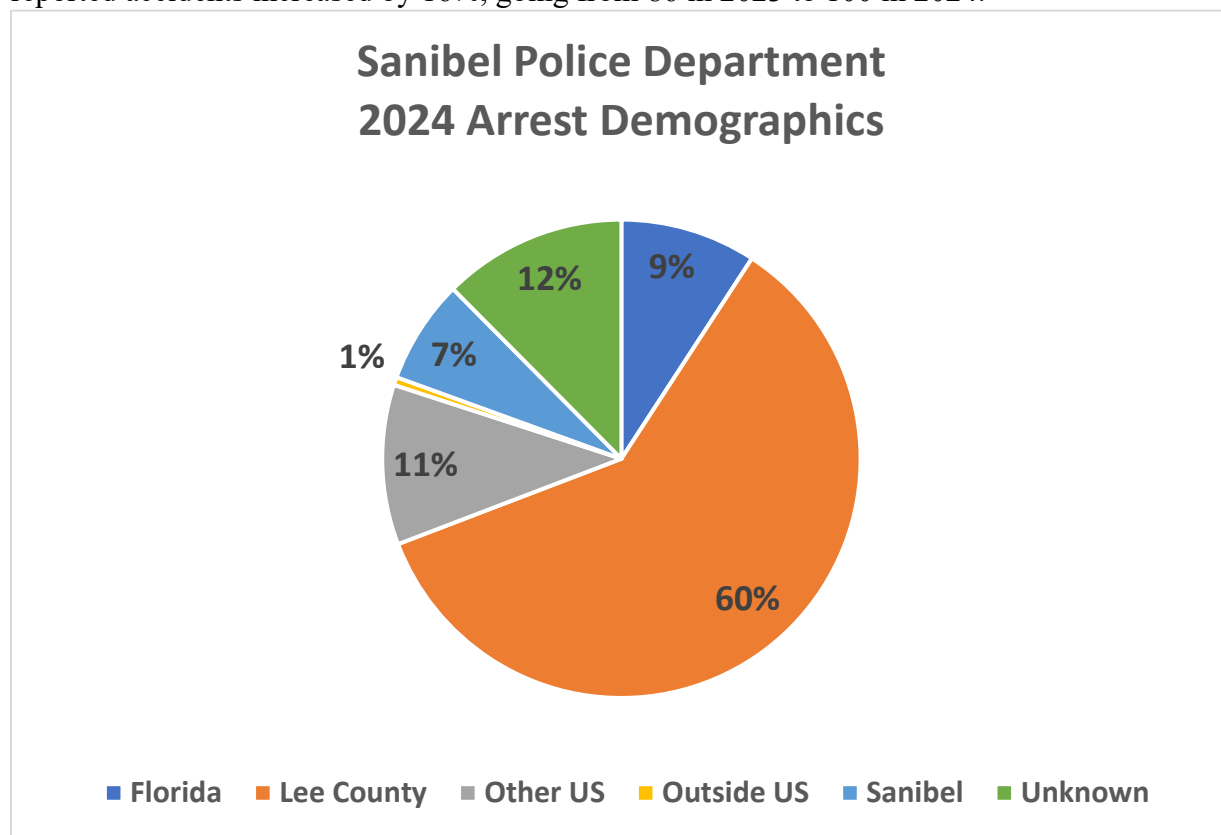
a summons that allows a person to be released on their own recognizance while requiring them to appear in court at a later date to address the charges.

Finally, the total number of non-federally reportable crimes—including trespassing, drug violations, DUIs, criminal traffic violations, criminal mischief, and harassment—decreased significantly. There were 623 reported non-federally reportable crimes in 2023, compared to only 247 in 2024, marking a 60% decrease.



Sanibel saw a significant decrease in driving under the influence (D.U.I.) arrests, which dropped by 32%, from 19 in 2023 to 13 in 2024. In contrast, there was an increase in arrests related to drugs and drug paraphernalia, rising from 0 in 2023 to 4 in 2024. Additionally, the number of

reported accidents increased by 16%, going from 86 in 2023 to 100 in 2024.



As in previous years, the arrest demographics in Sanibel revealed that only a small percentage, 7%, were residents of Sanibel itself. The majority, 60%, were from other areas within Lee County, while 9% came from various locations throughout Florida. Additionally, 11% of those arrested were from other states. Non-U.S. citizens made up 1% of the arrests, and 12% were aliens without a declared country of domicile.

In conclusion, we use crime analysis to set departmental priorities and determine personnel deployment. Based on trends observed in 2024, staff will propose additional recommendations for the patrol and investigative divisions to enhance their efforts in combating crime. The Sanibel Police Department is committed to promoting crime prevention through education, awareness efforts, press releases, and the encouragement of security camera

installations throughout the island. We are dedicated to keeping Sanibel a safe community to live, work, and visit.