

City of Lafayette Police

2020 Annual Report



"A Community Partnership"

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Message from the Chief

I am pleased to present the Lafayette Police Department's 2020 Annual Report. In 2020, the City of Lafayette had an overall reduction in crime from 2019. The violent crime rate in Lafayette continues to be very low. In 2020, Lafayette Police responded to 14,000 calls for service, and took over 1,300 police reports. The Police Department continually evaluates for areas of improvement and adjusts resources in order to provide the highest level of service and professionalism to the citizens of Lafayette.

2020 was a challenging year for our community and for the Police Department. The affects of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Health Orders, local and national calls for police reform, and civil unrest. The Police Department had to alter our service delivery model to keep and maintain a healthy work force, while protecting community members we interacted with. With COVID-19 and the related Health Orders, the Police Department utilized education as the first step in enforcement. I want to thank the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, our businesses, and residents for their help and cooperation during this challenging time.

The death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 sparked local and national calls for police reform and led to civil unrest in the Bay Area. In response, the Lafayette City Council Public Safety Subcommittee partnered with the Police Department and City Manager to host a virtual online public meeting in June to hear from the community. In July, City Manager Niroop Srivatsa and I submitted a staff report to the Public Safety Subcommittee with five recommendations for the Police Department, which was approved by the City Council.

In 2020 we experienced protests, demonstrations, and civil unrest. As we enter 2021, these types of events are continuing to occur. The Police Department continually focuses on ensuring the rights of people to peacefully assemble are not infringed upon by law enforcement. In every instance, I focused on maintaining an appropriate law enforcement presence that ensured the lives and property of Lafayette residents and business owners were secure.

The members of the Lafayette Police Department and I are committed to preventing crimes against our residents, aggressively investigating crimes when they occur, protecting your children, and serving this community. The Police Department enjoys a great deal of success based in large part to the levels of support and cooperation within the community. The citizens of Lafayette, the City Council, the City staff, and the Police Department all share a common vision to keep the residents, their property, and their rights safe. It is through this partnership, that we are able to prioritize public safety.

Thank you, Chief Alldritt

Police Department Core Values

Honor

Courage

Commitment

Leadership

Teamwork

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Crime in Lafayette – 2020

Crime is categorized into two broad categories: person crimes and property crimes. Crimes such as robbery, rape, domestic violence, assaults, and murder are examples of persons crimes. Thefts, burglaries, and vandalism are common examples of property crimes.

Overall crime was down in 2020, but there are still categories of crimes the Police Department continues to strive to reduce.

The F.B.I. requires law enforcement agencies to report certain types of crimes to their Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The data below covers Part 1 Crimes for 2020.

2020 Part 1 Uniform Crime Reporting (F.B.I. UCR)

Part 1 Category		Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
1	Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Rape	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	Robbery	1	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	10
4	Assault	5	4	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	1	19
5	Burglary	2	3	4	5	4	1	4	2	1	2	2	2	32
6	Larceny	20	23	22	11	17	17	25	19	6	7	19	13	199
7	10851	1	4	6	1	4	0	0	6	1	2	3	2	30
8	Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
		29	37	34	18	27	21	31	27	9	13	28	18	292

Reference:

Category 3 – Robbery: Includes robbery with a weapon or by force using hands, fists, etc.

Category 4 – Assault: Includes assaults with weapons and with hands, fists, feet, etc.

Category 5 – Burglary: Includes residential, commercial, and out buildings.

Category 6 – Larceny: Includes all theft, shoplifting, bikes, buildings, etc, except for theft of a vehicle.

10 Year Comparison of Part 1 Uniform Crime Reporting (F.B.I. UCR)

Part 1 Category		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
1	Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Rape	1	1	0	2	5	2	2	0	2	2
3	Robbery	10	3	5	4	5	5	7	6	7	2
4	Assault	19	16	24	18	25	40	28	37	51	30
5	Burglary	32	42	23	41	65	49	96	110	101	110
6	Larceny	199	286	191	257	288	433	324	275	292	251
7	10851	30	30	18	19	41	41	19	28	26	32
8	Arson	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
Yearly Totals		292	378	261	342	433	570	476	456	479	427

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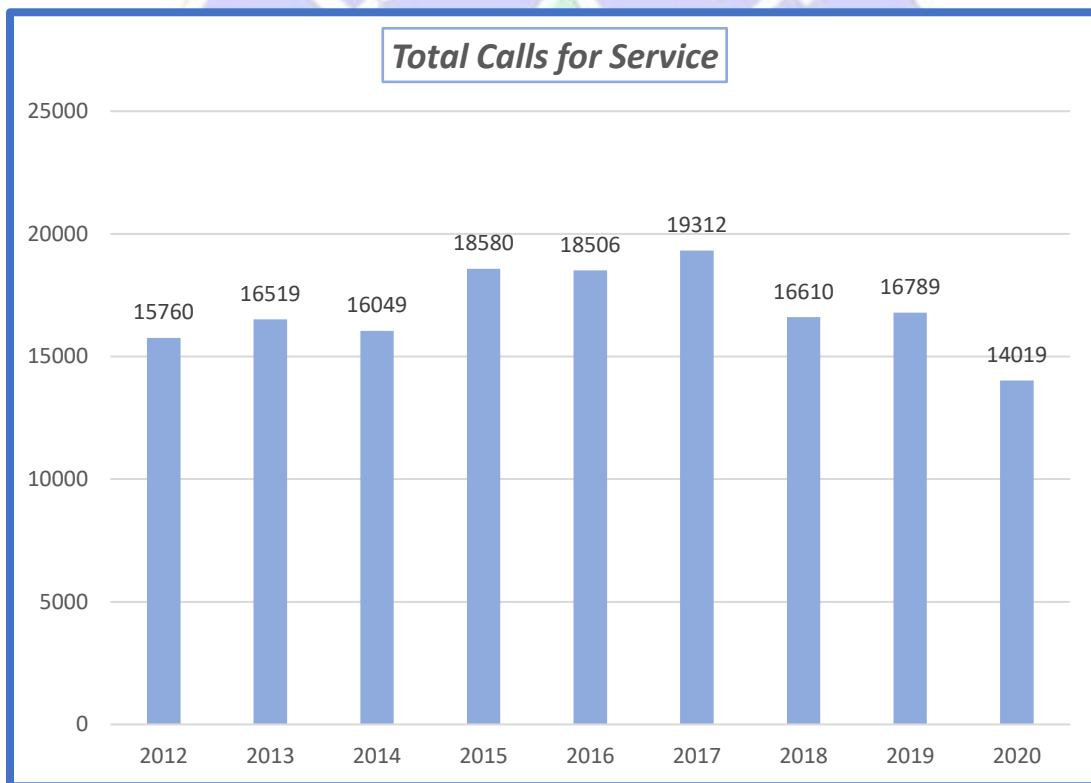


What is Uniform Crime Reporting

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program is administered by the US Department of Justice through the Federal Bureau of Investigation and collects statistics on the number of known offenses to law enforcement. There are eight Part 1 crimes: Criminal Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Motor Vehicle Theft, Larceny, and Arson. The use of UCR also allows anyone to compare crime rates between various cities. Data reported to the UCR can be found at <https://crime-data-explorer.fr.cloud.gov/>

Calls for Service

In 2020, the Lafayette Police Department received 14,019 calls for service, which is a decrease from prior years; there was a total of 16,789 calls in 2019. A call for service is generated anytime a citizen calls into Dispatch requesting service or when an officer initiates some form of proactive patrol. Common calls for service are traffic concerns, requests for patrol, and reports of criminal activity.



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Person Crimes

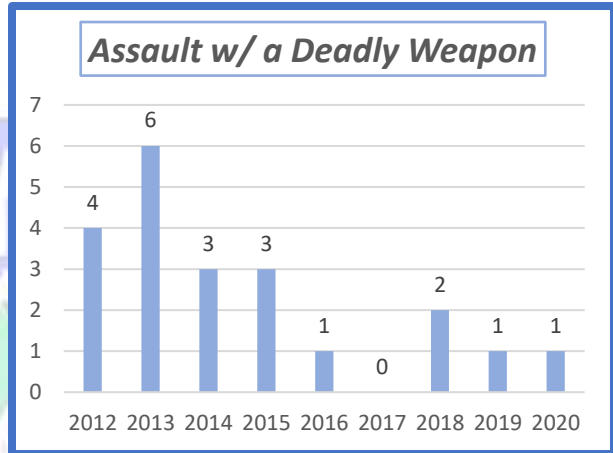
Crimes against persons are the highest priority as they have the largest impact on the victim. The Lafayette Police Department continues to invest all the necessary resources in investigating persons crimes and bringing the suspect to justice.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon (ADW)

In 2020, Lafayette experienced one ADW. Assaults with Deadly weapons typically include the use of guns and knives, but can include other objects that can be used to inflict injury.

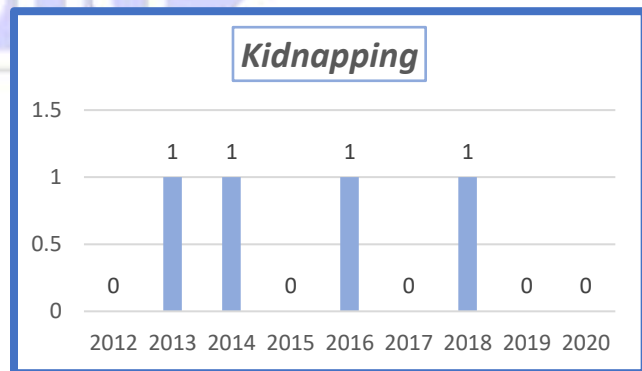
Case:

In January, Lafayette officers responded to an incident at a parking lot. A family was returning to their vehicle and preparing to put their young children in the vehicle. A subject tried to parking in the adjacent open parking spot and began yelling at the father because the car door and stroller were blocking access. At one point, the subject drove forward, striking the father in the leg and hitting the stroller which still had a child in it. There were no apparent injuries. The subject was located and arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.



Kidnapping

In 2020, Lafayette had no reports of kidnapping.

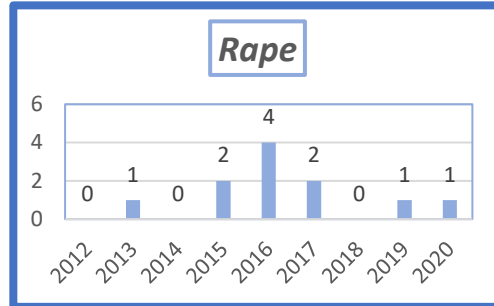


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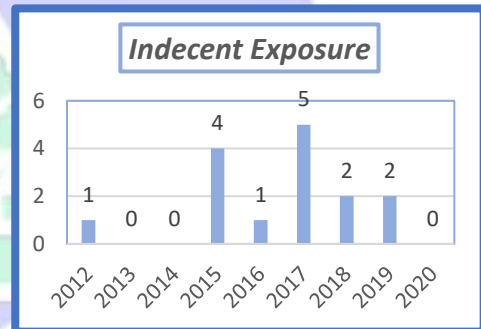
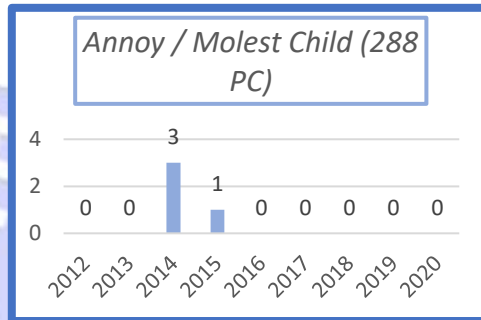
Rape

The Lafayette Police Department takes the report of a sexual assault seriously and devotes any investigative resources necessary. In 2020, officers investigated a report of a rape that occurred in 2019.



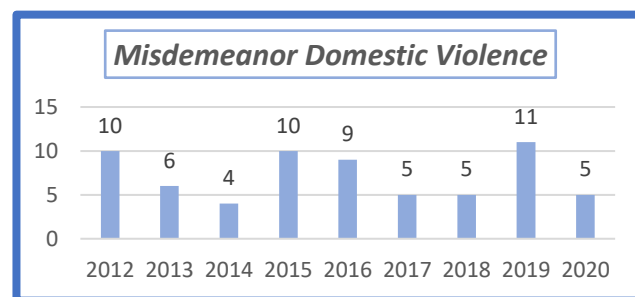
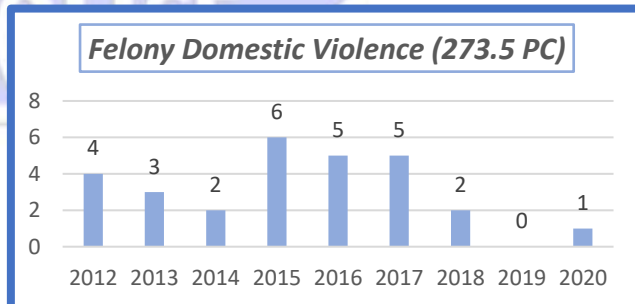
Other Sex-Related Incidents

There are additional types of sex-related crimes that occurred within Lafayette in 2019. The Lafayette Police Department's Investigations Unit has specialized training in sex-assault investigations and work diligently to solve these crimes.



Domestic Violence

In 2020, the Lafayette Police Department responded to one report of felony domestic violence and investigated five reports of misdemeanor domestic violence. The difference between felony and misdemeanor is the injuries inflicted. By nature, domestic violence incidents are extremely dangerous for everyone involved, the victim, the police and the family members who may be dragged into the problems of the relationship.



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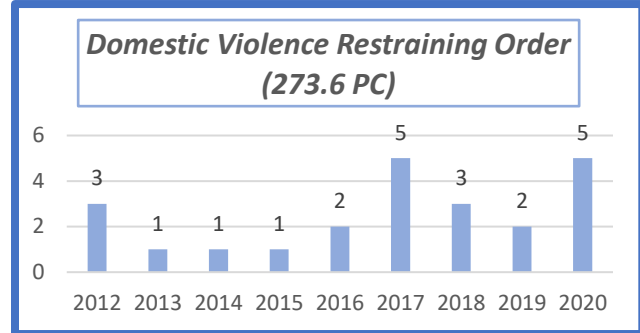


Other Related Crimes

Like many other crime categories, there are other crimes that relate to domestic violence that occur in Lafayette. The Police Department participates in several programs that work with families who have been affected by domestic violence.

Over the years, the State Legislature has enacted several laws that require police officers to take action when they respond to this type of an incident. The “must take” provisions of the law

mandate that officers determine who was the primary aggressor in a situation and place them under arrest. It is routine for officers to obtain an emergency restraining order for victims of domestic violence.



Armed Robbery

In 2020, Lafayette experienced five armed robberies, all of which occurred in the downtown area. Proximity to Highway 24 and BART, makes for easy ingress and egress.

Cases:

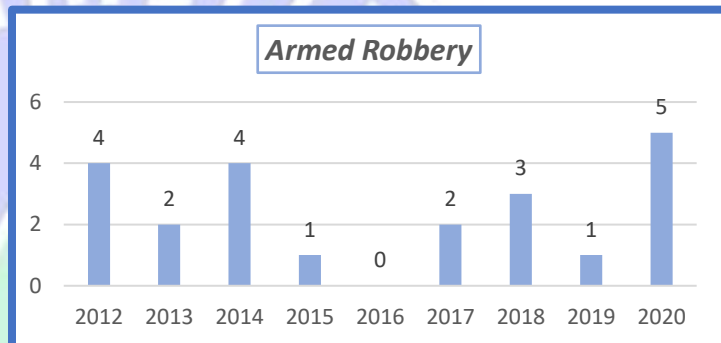
On January 7th, a male suspect entered a fast-food restaurant and pointed a firearm at the cashier demanding all of the money from the register. The suspect fled when he was told the register was locked.

On February 19th, a male suspect entered a bank and handed a teller a written note demanding money. The suspect fled the bank with cash. The suspect was later identified, arrested, and charged with robbery.

On February 22nd, a male suspect armed with a firearm entered convenience store and demanded all of the cash from the register. The suspect fled after taking cash and several packs of cigarettes.

On June 29th, a male suspect entered a bank and informed the teller that he was there to “rob the establishment.” The suspect got spooked and dropped his identification as he ran away, however remained in the lobby as officers arrived on scene and took him into custody.

On October 2nd, two male suspects entered the a convenience store armed with firearms. The suspects pointed both handguns at the clerk and demanded money. Fearing for his life, the cashier turned over cash to the suspects, who then fled in a vehicle. One of the suspects was later identified, apprehended, and charged in the armed robbery.

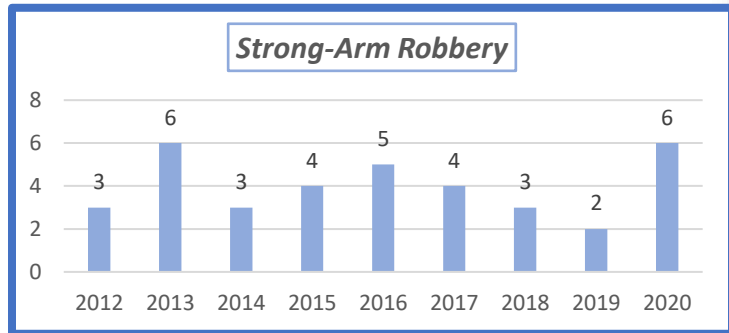


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Strong-Arm Robbery

Strong-arm robbery is used to identify crimes of robbery when something of value is taken from a person by the use of force or fear. Lafayette typically experiences these crimes in the downtown as criminals come into town and try to take laptops, purses, and cell phones from individuals.



Cases:

On February 3rd, three male suspects entered a pharmacy and jumped over the counter demanding prescription medication. The suspects fled the store with a number of bottles of Schedule II-controlled substances.

On April 8th, two female suspects entered a pharmacy and filled bags with personal hygiene merchandise. As the female suspects attempted to flee the store, an employee attempted to stop the suspects and after a brief physical altercation, the females fled the scene with the merchandise. Suspects were identified and the case was turned over to the FBI for prosecution.

On May 8th, a male suspect entered a grocery store and filled two bags with laundry detergent. As the suspect was fleeing the store, an employee intervened in an attempt to stop the theft from occurring and was punched in the face by the assailant.

On June 11th, two male suspects approached an elderly female in the driveway of her home and forcefully pushed her to the ground and took her purse and fled in a vehicle.

On September 2nd, a male suspect entered a pharmacy and filled a bag with cologne and perfume products valued at over \$1,400.00. A store employee who witnessed the theft attempted to stop the suspect by trying to remove the bag from him. A brief physical altercation occurred, and the suspect pushed the employee. Fearing for their own safety, the employee disengaged which allowed the suspect to flee on foot toward his vehicle. The suspect was apprehended by responding officers and charged with robbery.

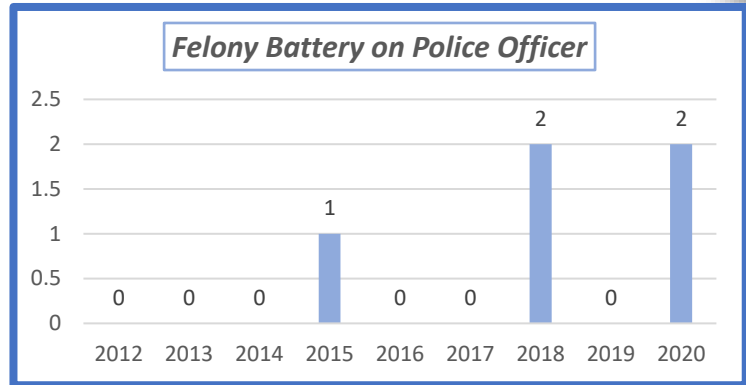
On November 4th, five male and female suspects entered Walgreens and began filling bags with random items from the store shelves. The suspects fled the store where they ran to their waiting parked vehicle nearby. It was estimated over \$3,000.00 worth of product was stolen from the store. As they were exiting the store, one of the subjects pushed an employee, while others threatened the employees. A witness was able to get the license plate which assisted in the arrest of two of the involved suspects and various merchandise was recovered.

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Other Crimes of Note

The safety of first responders is important and when a subject attacks an officer during the course of their duties and an officer is injured, the suspect is arrested Penal Code Section 69 – felony battery on a police. Most of these incidents involve individuals who visit Lafayette and find themselves in some type of trouble. Unfortunately, there were two reported incidents in 2020.



Cases:

On February 13th, Lafayette officers were dispatched to a suspicious circumstance of a stranger standing on the porch of a residence in the middle of the night. As officers attempted to detain the subject, he became combative. A responding Orinda officer was bitten by the subject while officers were taking the subject into custody. It was determined that the subject was under the influence of a controlled substance. Charges were filed by the DA's Office.

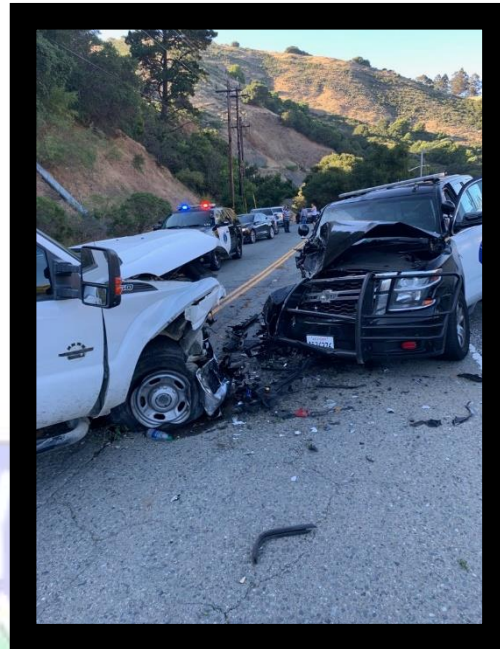
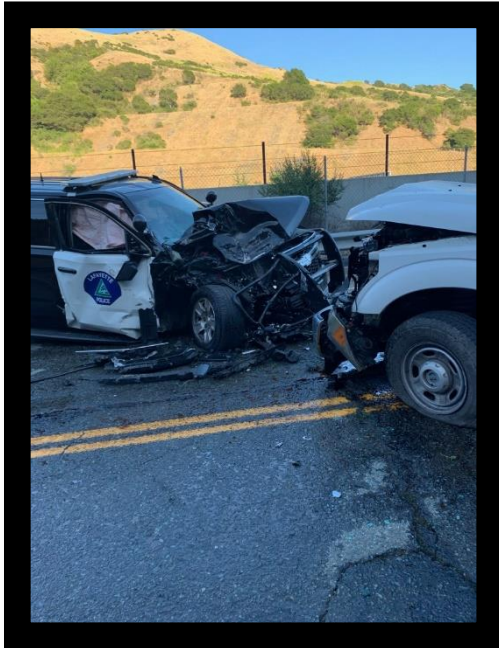
On May 1st, in the evening, Lafayette officers were dispatched to a report of a prowler in a residential area. It was reported the subject had tried to open the front door of a residence and the vehicle parked in the driveway. A solo officer located the subject, who attempted to flee on foot. The officer attempted to detain the subject who immediately became combative. The subject continued to fight with the officer and K9 Rocco was utilized to apprehend the subject. The case has been submitted to the DA's Office.

Assault on a Police Officer

On June 13th, Lafayette officers were advised that suspect vehicle from a carjacking in Pittsburg was in the Lafayette area. The Sheriff's Office helicopter located the vehicle and directed Lafayette officers to its location. The vehicle immediately fled and a pursuit was initiated and then terminated after the suspect drove the wrong way, entering the E/B lanes of SR-24 driving W/B. The suspect exited SR-24 at Fish Ranch Road and drove eastbound in the westbound lane. The suspect drove at officers intentionally, sideswiping one patrol vehicle and causing another to swerve to avoid collision. The suspect intentionally drove head-on into the Lafayette PD K9 Officer. The officer suffered minor injuries and K9 Rocco was medically cleared.

The suspect then ran onto W/B SR-24 and carjacked a civilian vehicle, leaving the civilian on the side of the highway. The suspect was pursued by a Lafayette officer with the Sheriff's Office helicopter onto SR-13 and then I-580. The suspect exited E/B I-580 and merged onto W/B I-580. The suspect was attempting to make a U-turn to drive wrong way when he was struck by a civilian vehicle. The suspect foot bailed while the suspect vehicle rolled into a Lafayette PD vehicle. The suspect fled on foot into the Upper San Leandro Water Treatment Plant, while being monitored by the helicopter. The suspect was apprehended Sheriff's Office deputies. The District Attorney's Office filed charges on the Lafayette PD incident and for crimes committed in Concord and Pittsburg.

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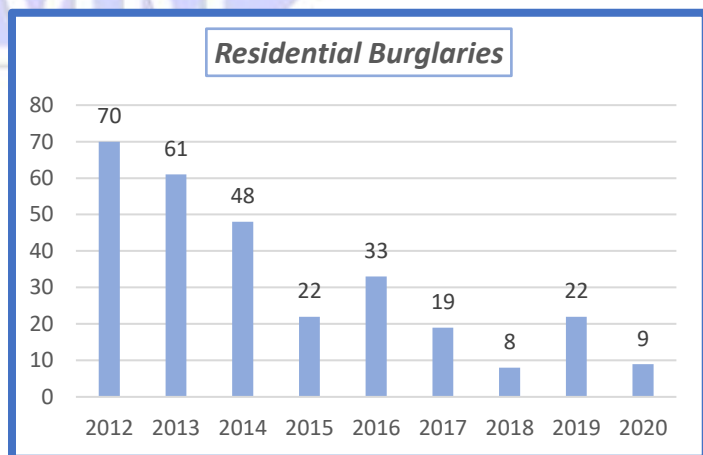
Property Crimes

The largest number of crimes that occur within Lafayette are those that target items of property. Lafayette is seen as a destination point for many of the criminals who want to ply their trade in the city due to the perceived affluence. Many property crimes can be prevented by residents by remembering to do simple tasks like removing valuables from cars and locking windows and doors before leaving home.

Residential Burglaries

In 2020, Lafayette experienced 9 residential burglaries. Lafayette detectives were able to make arrests in 4 of the 9 cases and are actively investigating additional cases.

There are few crimes that are as invasive to a family than a residential burglary. When a burglar enters a home, they not only take property, but also the safety and security a resident once held. That is one reason Lafayette Police Department expends so much time and effort in solving these cases – to prevent the criminals from breaking into another home – victimizing another family. The value of putting 100% effort into every one of these cases is if the criminal is arrested quickly, he/she cannot burglarize another home.



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Vacation Home Checks

Lafayette PD offers Vacation Home Checks to residents. When requested, a member of the Lafayette PD will conduct a personal check of the resident's home. This is a great resource in preventing or quickly detecting when a residential burglary occurs. This service is provided free of charge and the PD receives positive feedback from residents who use this service. In most cases, due to the length of vacation, PD staff does several checks for each request.

Residential Camera Systems

The residential burglary rate in Lafayette has decreased significantly over the past eight years while the closure rate of cases has continued to above national averages. The credit is due in part to the decision in 2014 to begin installing neighborhood cameras. Cameras installed by businesses, residents, and the Police Department have assisted officers in solving more crimes and making more arrests. Combine this with an informed and involved community, these successes continue in the community

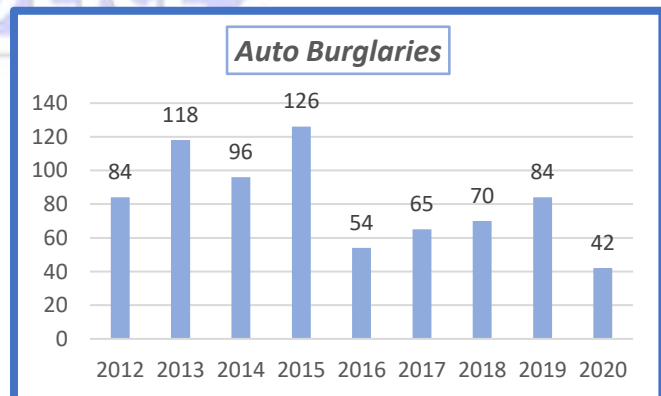


Having an image of the suspect vehicle and/or the suspect makes a **BIG** difference in improving the solvability of a crime. Installing a camera inside and outside a home can be relatively easy and a low-cost security improvement. In most theft cases, there is no previous relationship between the suspect and victim.

Due to living in the Bay Area, which is interconnected by roads and the BART system, many times we are looking for a needle in a haystack. Having a camera image of a suspect or vehicle, gives police the advantage and ability to begin a fruitful investigation that typically leads outside the city. A single image of the suspect vehicle has led Lafayette Police to solving the majority of the felony crimes that occur in Lafayette.

Auto Related Crimes

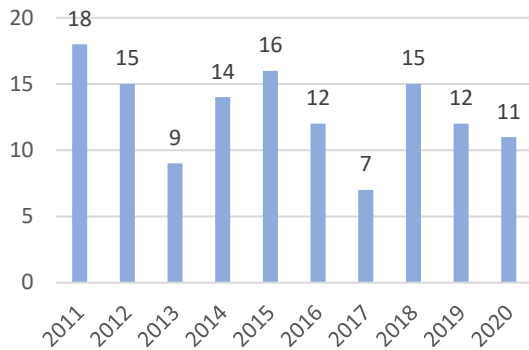
Many auto crimes can be prevented. A criminal typically won't break into a car if they cannot see anything visible - the risk vs. reward equation just does not work out. However, a backpack, computer bag, or purse left on a seat in plain view is a tempting target. In 2020, Lafayette experience a decrease in auto burglaries.



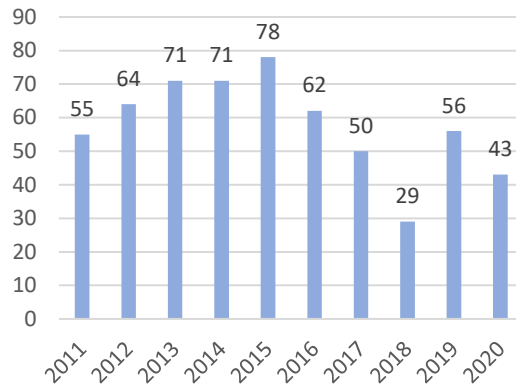
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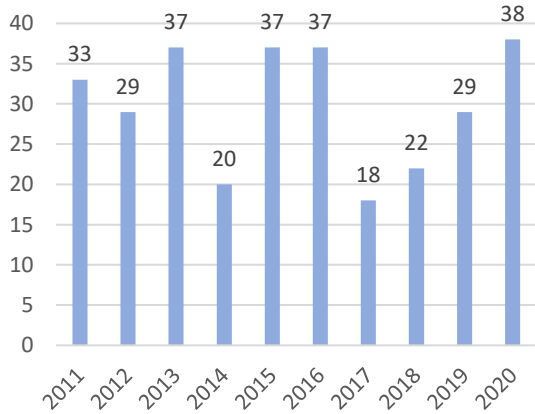
Grand Theft from Vehicle (loss over \$950)



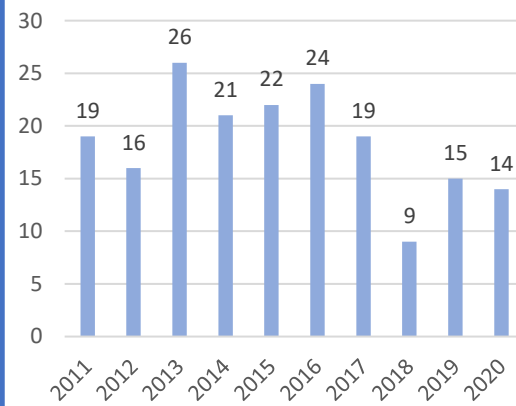
Petty Theft from Vehicle



Stolen Vehicles



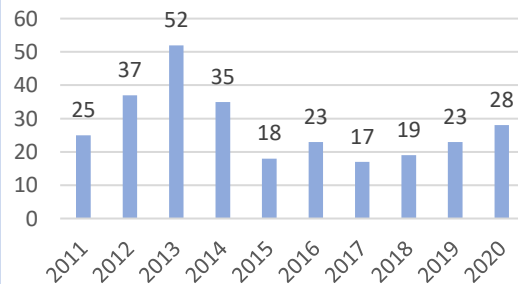
Recovered Vehicles



Commercial Burglary

The crime of commercial burglary occurs when a criminal enters a business with the intent to commit theft or some other crime. In Lafayette, the typical commercial burglary occurs overnight, while the business district is empty of employees and customers. In 2020, there were 28 commercial burglaries reported in the city.

Commercial Burglary

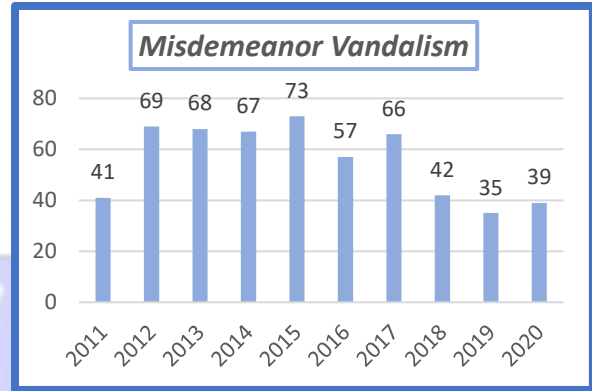
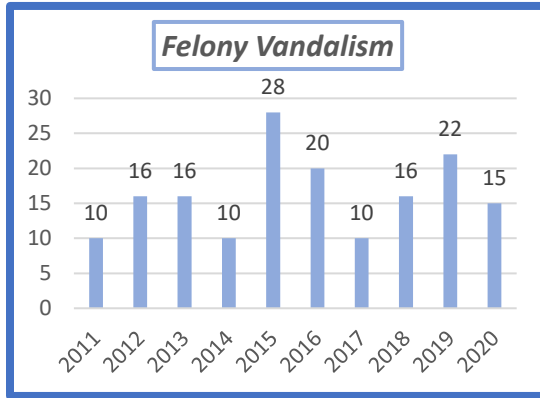


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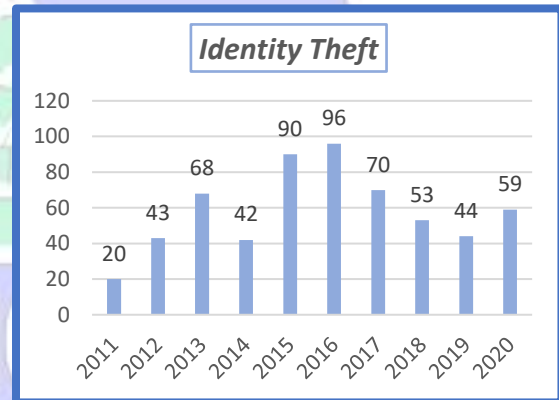
Vandalism

In 2020, the Police Department responded to a variety of vandalism cases. The most typical vandalism occurs when a criminal intends to commit a burglary, but is either interrupted, or finds nothing of value. An example is a criminal breaking out a car window, not find anything of value and leaving empty handed.

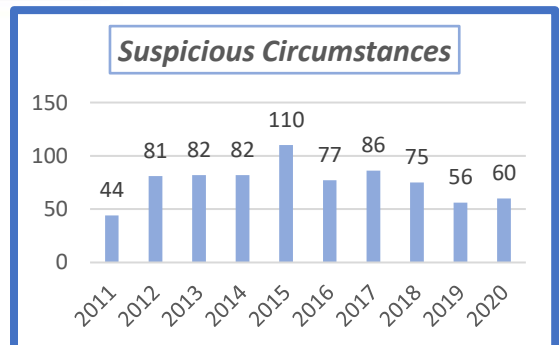


Other Crimes of Note

Identity Theft is a crime that has impacted many Lafayette residents in the past. The crime has historically been on the rise as more and more credit card numbers are compromised. Lafayette has continued to see a reduction, which may be a result of more retailers requiring credit cards with chip security.



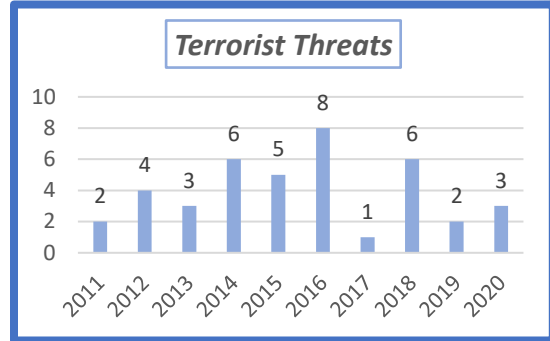
Suspicious Circumstance is a title that is assigned to reports that are important to record, but do not necessarily meet the definition of a specific crime. These reports are reviewed by supervisors at the Police Department and other members of the staff to look for any links or connections to other crimes.



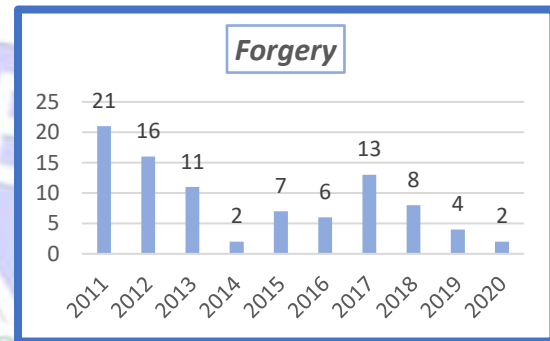
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Terrorist Threats is a crime that involves an individual threatening another individual, group, or facility. The crime occurs when an individual makes a statement that is intended to be taken as a threat and suggests they will harm a person or group.



Forgery is a crime that involves a false document, signature, or other imitation of an object of value used with the intent to deceive another. The most common form of forgery is signing someone else's name to a check. Additionally, objects, date, and documents can be forged. In Lafayette, residents usually become victims through mail theft. Suspects will typically recreate or alter stolen checks. Forgery also included individuals attempting to cash fake currency.

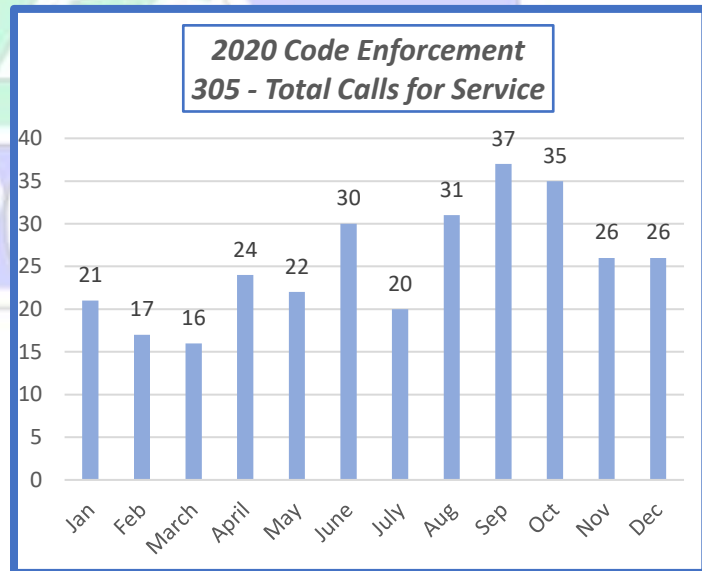


Code Enforcement

In Lafayette, the Code Enforcement Unit is within the Lafayette Police Department. In 2020, the Code Enforcement Unit handled 305 complaints from residents.

The top six calls for service:

- 1) Fire hazards & weed abatement
- 2) Property Maintenance
- 3) Inoperable vehicles and boats in public view
- 4) Construction without a permit / hours
- 5) Tenant – Landlord – Neighbor disputes
- 6) Animals - bees



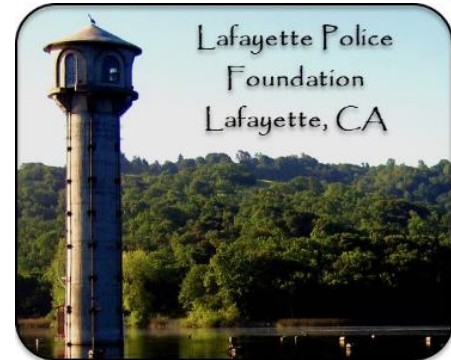
In 2019, the City Council passed Ordinance 675 which restricted the sale of flavored tobacco products within the City. The Ordinance also required tobacco retailers to be licensed by the City. Code Enforcement oversaw implementation, licensing and enforcement. This was accomplished successfully and there are 11 licensed retailers within the City. Code Enforcement continues to monitor compliance and yearly renewal of licenses.

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Lafayette Police Foundation

In 2019, the Lafayette Police Foundation was formed and is currently an applied for 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The Foundations Statement of purpose is - "The specific purposes of the Corporation are to: (1) provide resources to the Lafayette Police Department ("Department") for the purpose of assisting the Department to serve at its highest level and in its mission to improve public safety and community outreach, foster strong ties with schools and the children of Lafayette, decrease crime and make the City of Lafayette ("City") a safe place to live, work and visit; (2) raise funds to support the programs, projects and activities of the Department; (3) engage in any other activities in furtherance of the purposes for which the Corporation is formed; and (4) receive, invest and utilize funds and property acquired through the solicitation of contributions, donations, tithes, grants, gifts, bequests and the like for the purposes for which the Corporation is formed."



The Foundation is project focused and the first project was the purchase of a police canine for Lafayette PD.

Police Canine Program

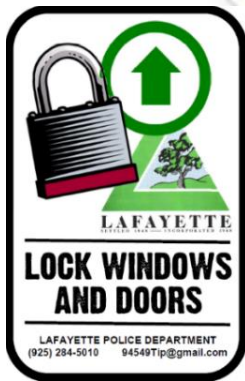


In December 2019, Lafayette PD, with funding provided by the Foundation, purchased a police canine name Rocco. Rocco completed Patrol Training in January 2020, which involves tracking and apprehension, and is currently working the beat with his handler Officer White. Officer White and Rocco will be attending a two-month IED Explosives and Firearm school this year. When fully trained Rocco will be able to detect over twenty-five scents/chemicals that are involved in the production of explosive devices or are associated with firearms. This capability will greatly enhance public event, religious institution, and school safety within Lafayette.





Crime Prevention Commission



The police department is very fortunate to have a group of concerned citizens who volunteer their time to make our community safer. The members of the Crime Prevention Commission work with the police department staff to help reduce the number of crimes that occur within the community. Yearly, the Crime Prevention Commission assists in facilitating Citizens Academies and providing Internet Safety presentations for parents of school-aged children.



In 2020, the Commission continued to support the "Lock Up Lafayette" and "Don't Feed the Bears" Campaigns. "Lock up Lafayette" is designed to remind residents about their responsibility to lock their doors and windows when they leave their home. "Don't Feed the Bears" is designed to remind residents to secure their vehicles and not leave valuables in plain sight. The Commission hands out crime reduction information and hang signs reminding neighbors of their responsibility.

The Crime Prevention Commission meets monthly and each meeting is publicly noticed. This is a great opportunity for community members to engage, ask questions, or discuss concerns.

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Citizens Academy

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, both the Spring and Fall Citizens Academies had to be cancelled. We plan to resume in 2021 as conditions allow. The Citizens Academies consist of seven sessions which involve criminal justice, traffic safety, investigations, use of force simulator, firearms range, and tours of the Sheriff's Office Martinez Detention Facility, Coroner's Office, and Dispatch Center.

Emergency Preparedness Commission

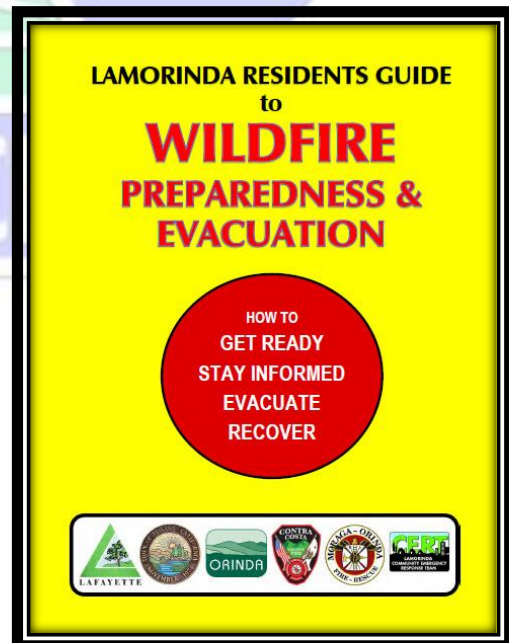
The Emergency Preparedness Commission is made up of citizens who prioritize our City's emergency plans and preparedness. In 2016, the Commission completed the City's Wildland Fire Plan. This plan outlines Police and Fire priorities during times of emergency. The Commission continually evaluates the City's Emergency Operations Plan.



Lamorinda Residents Guide to Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation

In May 2019, the Lamorinda Residents Guide to Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation was produced and mailed to every mailing address in the Lamorinda area. This guide contains the essentials for individuals and families in emergency preparedness and evacuation. The content is like what residents would receive in an emergency preparedness presentation from CERT, fire, and police departments. The guide can also be downloaded from the City of Lafayette website.

This publication was a joint effort by the Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission and the Lafayette Police Department, with support from the Orinda Police Department, Moraga Police Department, the Moraga-Orinda Fire Department, the Contra Costa County Fire District, and Lamorinda CERT. This guide has become a model for other agencies throughout Contra Costa County, California, and the U.S.



The Guide continues to be made available to citizens both online and at the Police Department.

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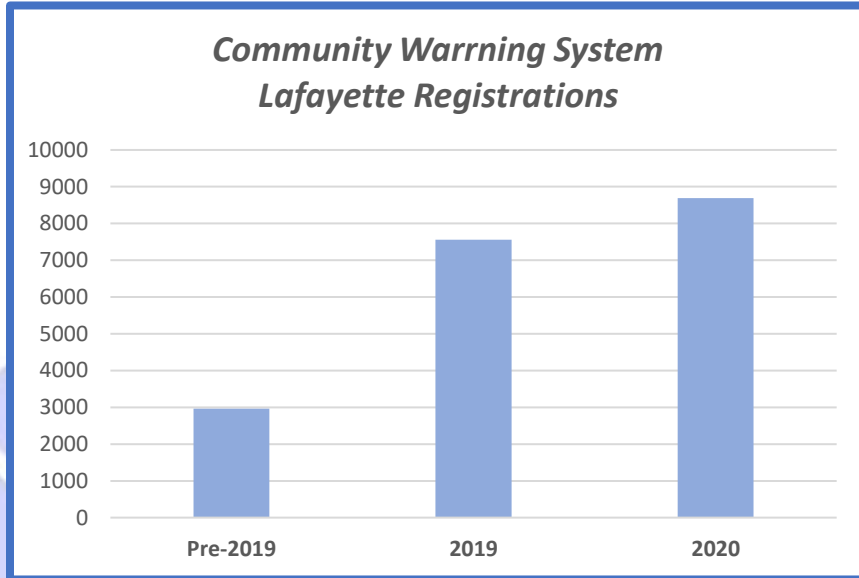


Community Warning System (CWS)



The Contra Costa County Community Warning System (CWS) is the County's alert system for time-sensitive and potentially life-saving information. In 2019, it was primarily used during a fire, but was also used for gas leaks, etc.

CWS tracks signups by household since numerous household members can be signed up on one registration. It is estimated that the City of Lafayette has approximately 10,000 households. In 2019, Lafayette had 2963 households signed up for CWS.

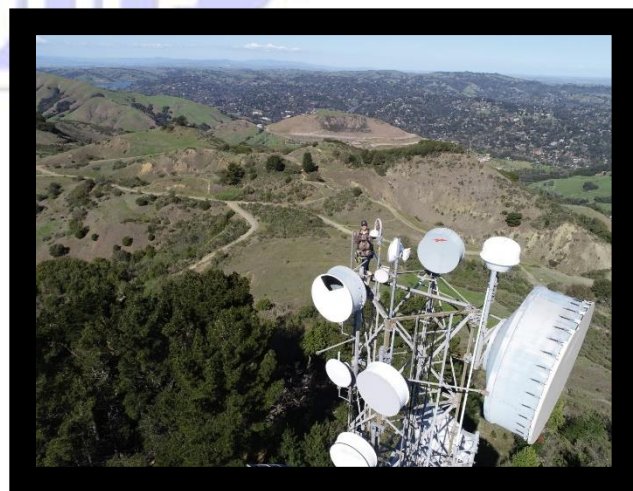


In early 2019, an aggressive campaign was started to increase this number. The campaign was energized by the Lamorinda Residents Guide to Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation and of course, the fires that occurred in October 2019.

By the end of 2020, the number of signups has increased to 8,688 households. It has been an incredible effort by the Lafayette community!

ALERTWildfire

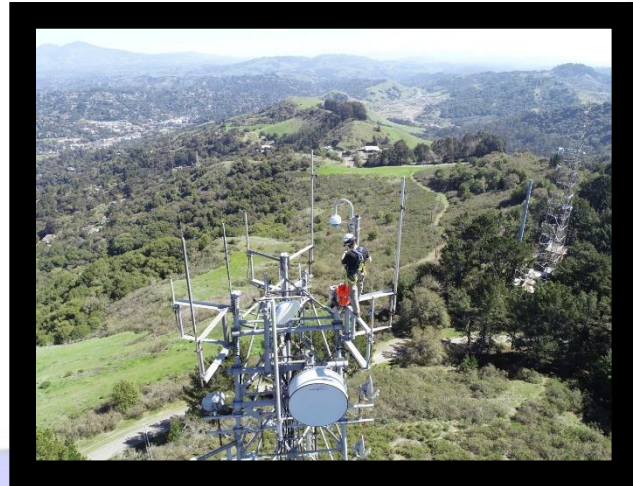
In November 2019, the Lafayette Police Department began working with the ALERTWildfire program to install and maintain a network of cameras across Contra Costa and Alameda County used for the detection, alerting, and monitoring of wildfires. The ALERTWildfire program's mission is to provide access to Pan-Tilt-Zoom fire cameras to help firefighters and first responders to discover/locate/confirm wildfires, scale fire resources, monitor fire behavior, help evacuations through enhanced situational awareness, and ensure contained fires are monitored appropriately.



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Police Services Assistant John Cornell handled the installation of multiple cameras and coordinated camera locations and training with other agencies. Additionally, the City supported the cost of installation for sections of a new microwave network designed specifically for the ALERTWildfire system across Contra Costa County. To date, Lafayette PD has installed over 30 ALERTWildfire cameras across Contra Costa and Alameda counties which have already been used for fire-fighting operations.



Residents can review ALERTWildfire cameras via www.alertwildfire.org. Once on the site's main page, click on the upper left and select "South & East Bay." Residents can view the numerous cameras within and surrounding the Lamorinda area. The camera images on the public facing side of the website are updated every ten seconds. Several cameras installed by Lafayette PD are on private property and not visible on the public website. The cameras can be accessed by designated police and fire personnel.

PSPS Events

In October 2020, the Police Chief submitted a grant submission to CalOES on behalf of the City Lafayette for the 2020 Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Cities Program. On March 2021, the City was notified the submission was approved and received an allocation for \$249,749. The funding will be utilized to purchase emergency radios for each school site, school buses, and City department heads. The radios will allow for communications between groups and with the Police Department during any emergency. Additionally, a City site is being equipped with solar panels for emergency power to maintain essential functions. Lastly, the City will be purchasing a towable diesel generator to provide emergency power. The Police Department will be facilitating the completion of these projects.

In the past year, Lafayette PD has installed intersection power taps at eight key intersections Lafayette. Lafayette PD purchased generators that will power the traffic signals during a power outage. The functionality of traffic lights during a power outage improve public safety and evacuation preparedness. The following eight intersections have power taps installed:

- Mt. Diablo Blvd and Moraga Blvd
- Mt. Diablo Blvd and Oak Hill Rd
- Mt. Diablo Blvd and First St
- Moraga Blvd and St. Mary's Rd
- Pleasant Hill Blvd and Stanley Rd
- Pleasant Hill Blvd and Reliez Valley Rd

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- Moraga Blvd and Brook St
- Pleasant Hill Rd and Springhill Rd

Zonehaven

The Moraga-Orinda Fire Department has partnered with Zonehaven, a Bay Area technology company, to improve the effectiveness of the established evacuation zones in Lamorinda. Lafayette is benefitting from our localized approach to wildland fire preparedness in Lamorinda and MOFD's involvement with the Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission. In 2020, Zonehaven is working to improve the utilization of evacuation zones in Lamorinda, giving Police and Fire the ability to more effectively evacuate residents during an emergency. Visit www.zonehave.com to learn more on this ongoing project and the technologies being provided. Through this partnership, Lafayette will have the ability to make more effective decisions, share information with mutual aid resources and create a common operating picture during incidents with evacuations. The city will also be able to make adjustments to our existing evacuation zones based on population and predicted traffic flow.

AM 1670

In 2020, Communications Analyst Jeff Heyman and Police Services Assistant John Cornell worked together to launch the City of Lafayette's community information and emergency radio station. It is a FCC-licensed radio station that transmits 24/7 throughout the area on AM 1670. The station is designed to provide City of Lafayette with news and information that citizens can listen to at any time, including during emergencies, such as power outages, wildfires, and other disasters.

Traffic Safety

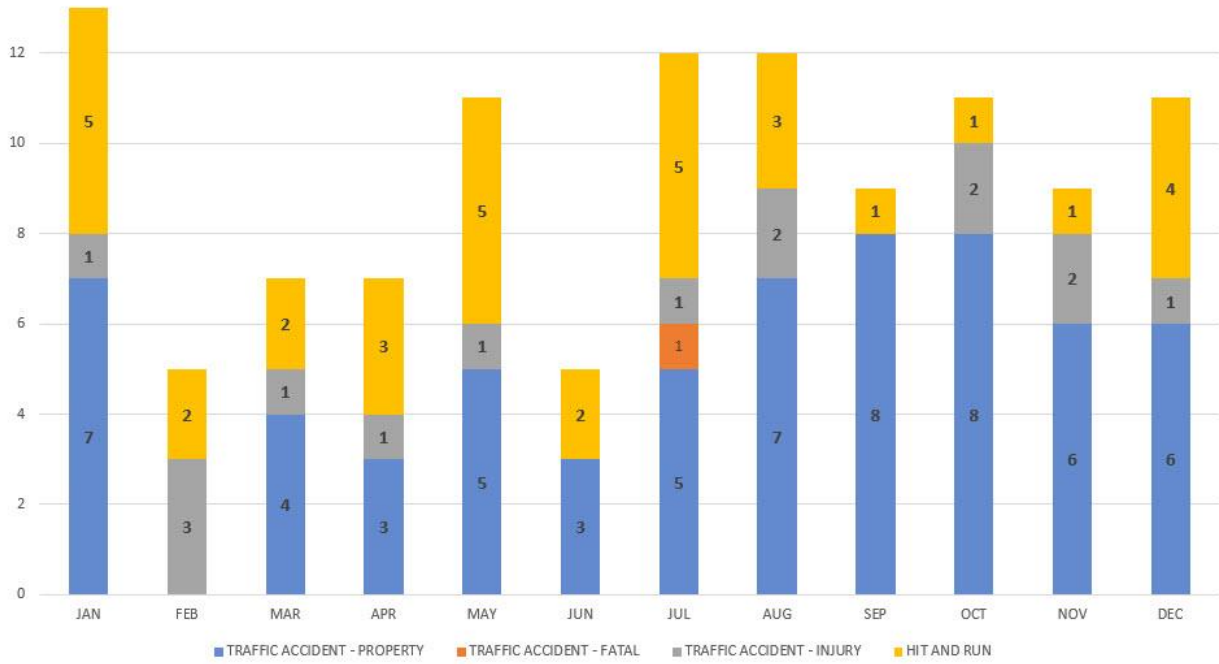
The Traffic Unit works to reduce accidents in Lafayette by using the "Three E's" of traffic safety: Enforcement, Engineering, and Education. The Traffic Unit meets regularly with the City's Transportation Planner to identify problem areas where engineering solutions may have a calming effect on traffic resulting in fewer accidents and less need for enforcement. The Traffic Unit reviews collision rates and locations, along with citizen complaints, when considering areas for enforcement efforts.



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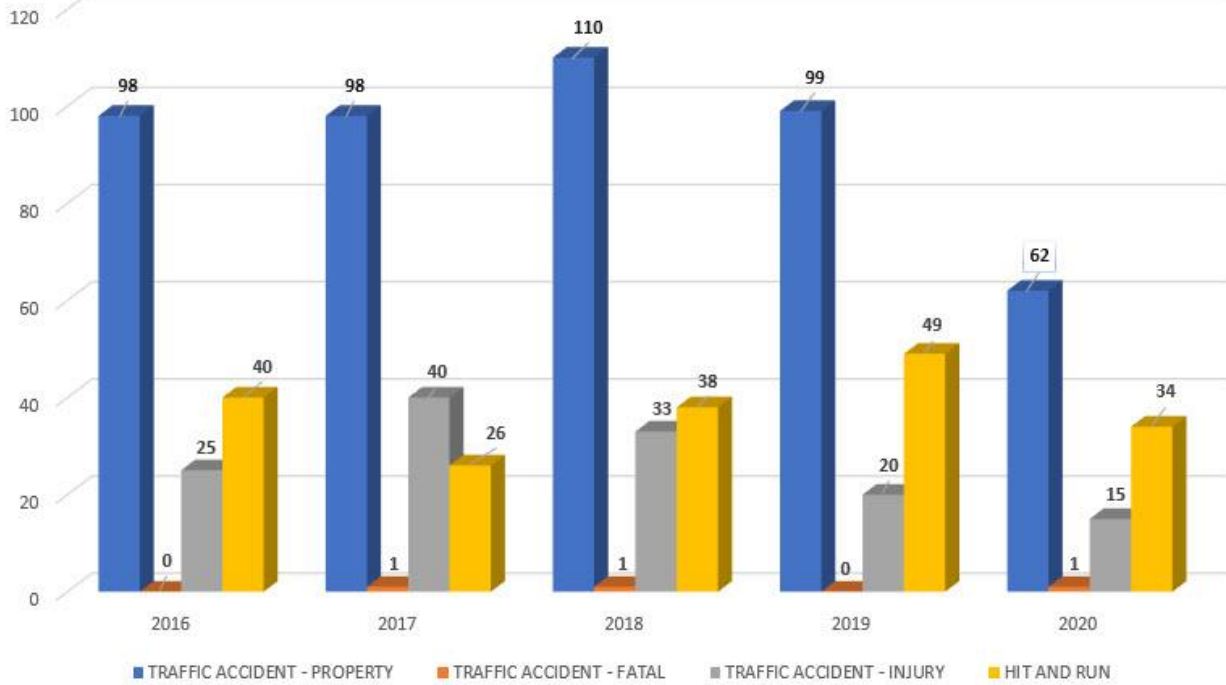
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