



Police Department – City of Lafayette
2019 Annual Report



“A Community Partnership”

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Message from the Chief

I am pleased to present the Lafayette Police Department's 2019 Annual Report. In 2019, the City of Lafayette continued to experience similar trends in overall crime. The violent crime rate in Lafayette is very low and relatively stable, but in 2019 Lafayette experienced two home invasions. These were shocking crimes in nature, especially with the violence committed by the suspects against the homeowners. The community was rightly concerned and at the Police Department, no expense or amount of time and effort were spared. Both cases were committed by the same group of suspects. Lafayette Detectives were able to solve these cases, track the suspects to Fairfield, and make arrests. 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.

The Police Department enjoys a great deal of success based on large part to the levels of support and cooperation within the community. The citizens of Lafayette, the City Council, and the City staff all share a common vision to keep the residents, their property, and their rights safe. I am fortunate to lead a group of committed professionals within the Police Department who work hard to make the lives of citizens in the City of Lafayette better every day.

Lafayette PD stayed busy throughout 2019. Lafayette PD hosted a Spring and Fall Citizens Academy, provided security at several special events to include the 24th Annual Art & Wine Festival and the Reservoir Run, coordinated the City's response to two Public Safety Power Shutoffs, responded to fires requiring evacuations, responded to over 16,000 calls for service, and took over 1,300 police reports.

The members of the Lafayette Police Department and I are committed to preventing crimes against our residents, aggressively investigating crimes when they do occur, protecting your children, and serving this community.

Thank you, Chief Alldritt



Police Department Core Values

Honor

Courage

Commitment

Leadership

Teamwork

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Crime in Lafayette – 2019

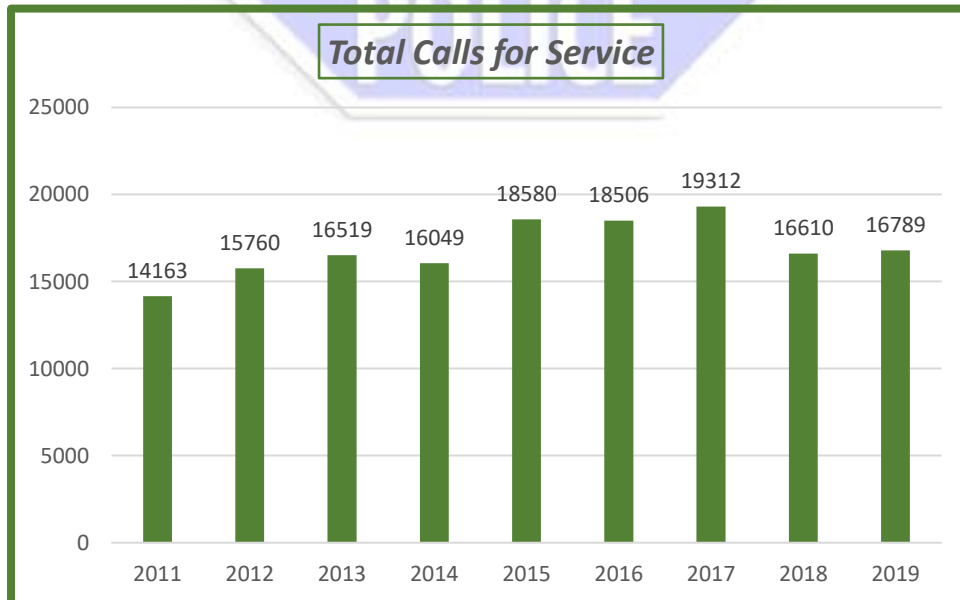
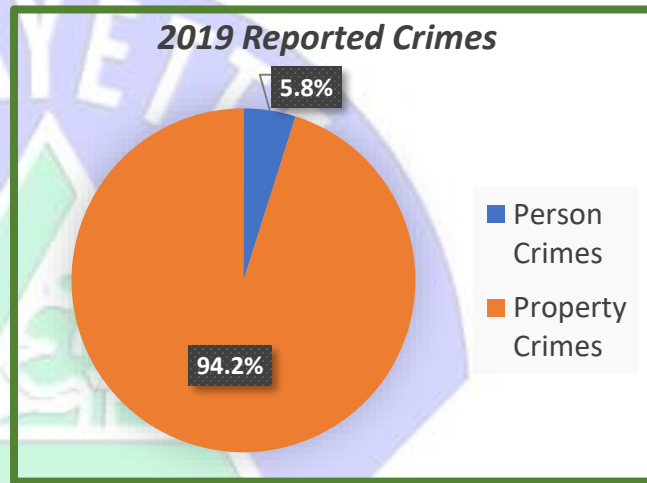
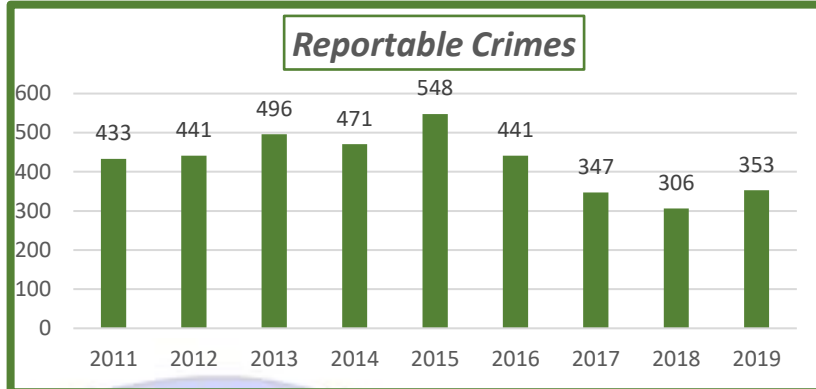
Crime is categorized into two broad categories; person crimes and property crimes. Crimes such as robbery, rape, domestic violence, assaults, and murder are examples of persons crimes.

Thefts, burglaries, and vandalism are common examples of property crimes.

In 2019, Lafayette experienced a 13% increase of all reported crimes compared to 2018. The vast majority of reported crimes were for property related offenses and are consistent with prior years. Crimes against persons remained extremely low and consistent with prior years. The most significant increase in property crimes was residential burglaries.

In 2019, the Lafayette Police Department received 16,789 calls for service. 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

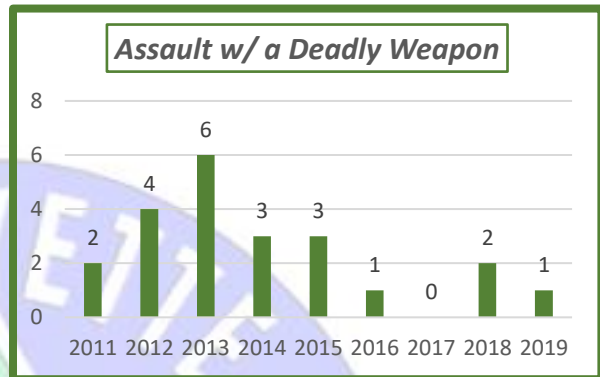
Crimes against persons are the highest priority as they have the largest impact on the victim. The City experienced one Assault with a Deadly Weapon, three robberies, two indecent exposure cases, two home invasions, and one report of a sexual assault that occurred approximately twenty years ago.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon (ADW)

In 2019, 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.

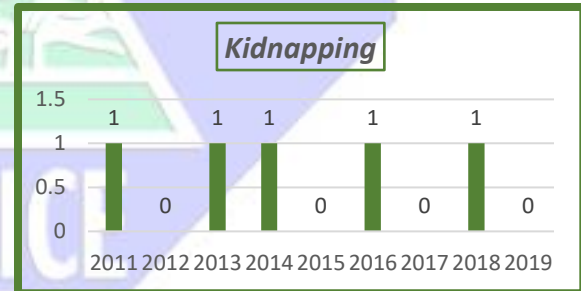
Case:

In October 2019, a juvenile male threatened an 18 year old man with a bat, striking the victim's vehicle with the bat and then chasing the victim with the bat. The victim was able to escape and Officers arrested the juvenile.



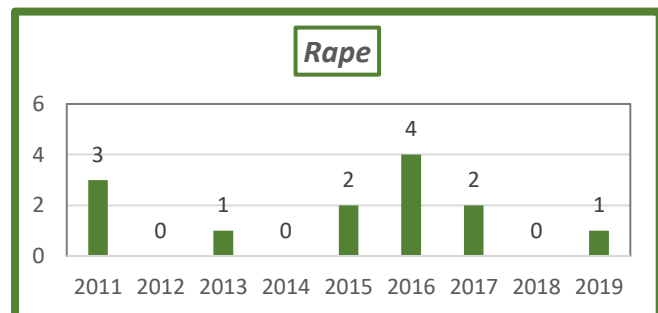
Kidnapping

In 2019, Lafayette had no reports of kidnapping.



Rape

The Lafayette Police Department takes the report of a sexual assault seriously and devotes any investigative resources necessary. In 2019, an inappropriate relationship was reported that occurred in 1997 and 1998. The victim was a student at Acalanes High School at the time and the suspect was a teacher there. The suspect was arrested and has been charged by the District Attorney's Office. The primary charge was Penal Code section 261.5, along with additional charges.

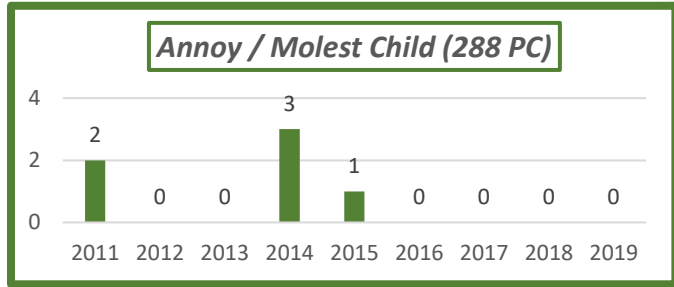


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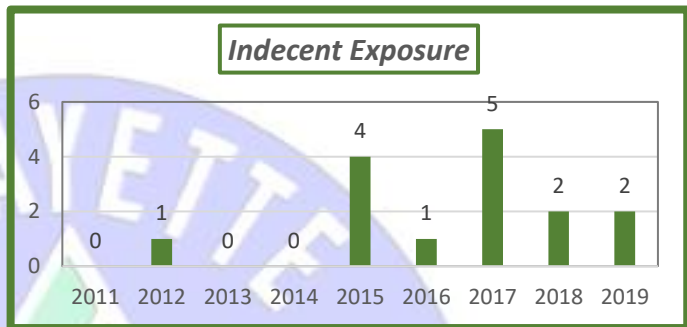
Other Sex-Related Incidents

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.



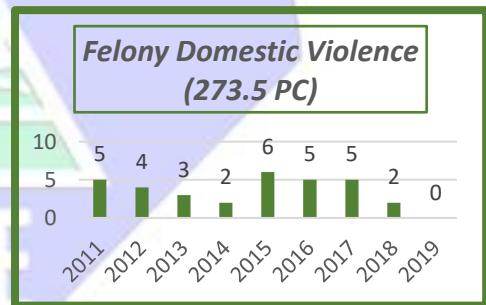
Indecent Exposure

In 2019, Lafayette had two reports of indecent exposure.



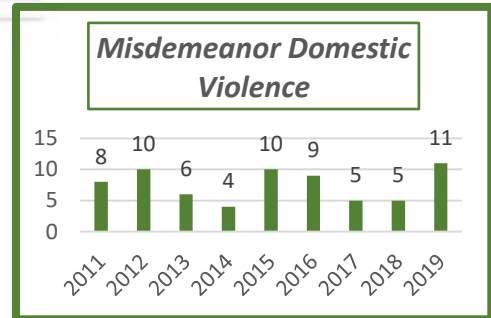
Domestic Violence

In 2019, the Lafayette Police Department did not receive any reports of felony domestic violence but did respond and investigate eleven 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.



Other Related Crimes

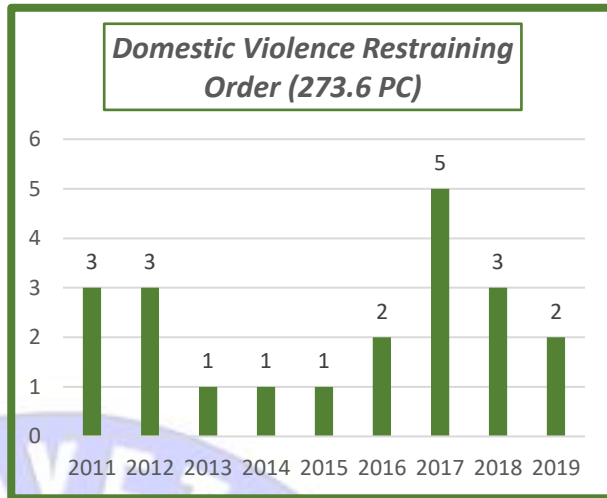
Like many other crime categories, there are other crimes that relate to domestic violence that occur in Lafayette. The Police Department participates in several programs that work with families who have been affected by domestic violence.



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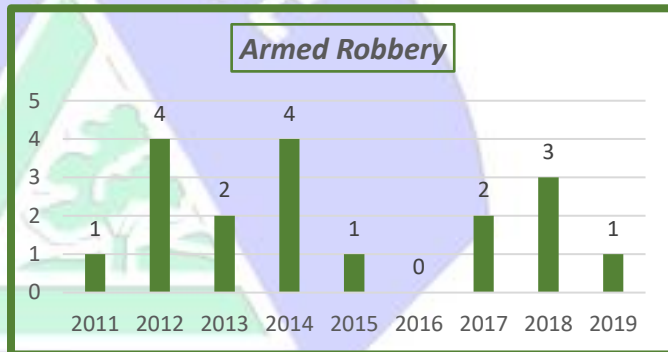


Over the years, the State Legislature has enacted several laws that require police officers to take action when they respond to this type of an incident. The “must take” provisions of the law mandate that officers determine who was the primary aggressor in a situation and place them under arrest. It is routine for officers to obtain an emergency restraining order for victims of domestic violence.



Armed Robbery

In a typical year, Lafayette experiences several robberies, most of which occur in the downtown business district. Proximity to Highway 24 and BART, makes for easy ingress and egress. In 2019, Lafayette experienced one armed robbery.

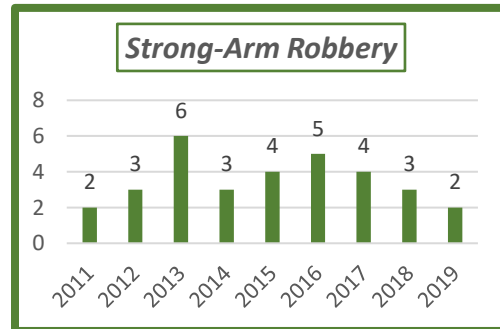


Case:

On December 21, a suspect entered a convenience store in the early morning hours, armed with a handgun. The suspect demanded money and the clerk complied. The suspect then fled the store and the clerk was not injured. The suspect was later arrested by a neighboring agency and tied to the Lafayette case. The investigation is ongoing.

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 April 22, a woman entered a local store and stole items. She attempted to assault an employee as she was fleeing with the stolen merchandise. Officers responded, were able to locate the woman and arrest her.

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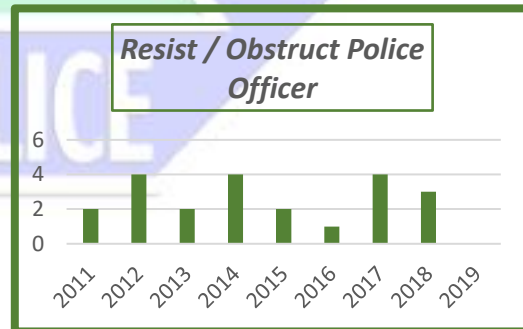
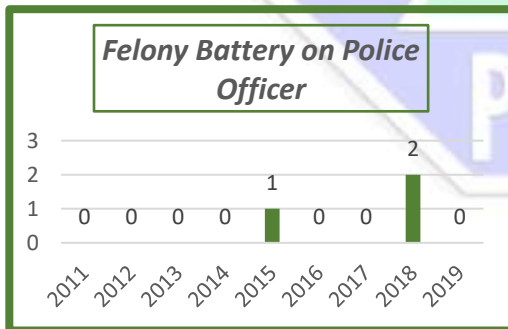
On December 28, a suspect walked up to a person working on their laptop at a local coffee shop. The suspect grabbed the victim's laptop, but the victim was able to grab it back before the suspect fled in a waiting vehicle. Officers have been investigating the case and the suspect vehicle was tied to a carjacking that happened in another city. A lead has been developed in the case and the investigation is ongoing.

VINELink Program

Within Contra Costa County, crime victims have an excellent tool to identify where an offender is while they are in our jails and when they are released from custody. The VINELink Program is an internet alerting tool that can be programmed to automatically notify you when changes are made in an arrestee's custody status. The VINELink Program can be accessed at www.vinelink.com. It's a completely free service and only requires that you know the name of the inmate who you want to track. All our arrestees are housed by the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office.

Other Crimes of Note

The safety of first responders is extremely important and there are two crime categories that help to better understand what police officers, fire fighters, and medics experience daily. Most of these incidents involve individuals who visit Lafayette and find themselves in some type of trouble. Fortunately, there were no incidents in 2019.



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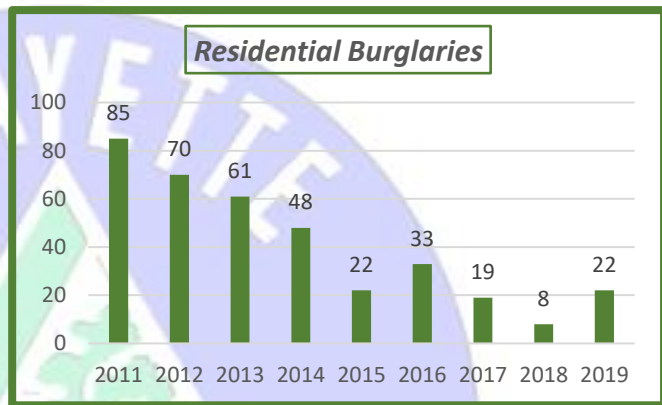


Property Crimes

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, there is also a perception that residents are careless with their homes and valuables. This thought is reinforced sometimes when the criminals come to town and are able to steal large amounts of cash or jewelry. 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 2019, Lafayette experienced 22 residential burglaries. Lafayette detectives were able to make arrests in 11 of the 22 cases and are actively investigating additional cases. Of the 22 residential burglaries, 16 occurred during from October to December.



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 cannot burglarize another home.

The two home invasion cases that occurred in October and November fall under the 22 residential burglaries, even though the suspects included additional crimes, including the violence against the homeowners.

On Thursday, October 31, at about 8:30 PM, Lafayette Police Officers were dispatched to a report of a home invasion robbery that happened on the 1300 block of Martino Road in Lafayette.

The incident involved three suspects who were armed with a pistol. One suspect apparently knocked on the front door, while two others hid. When a resident opened the door, he was assaulted and forced back inside. The suspects went through the house, stealing valuables and personal items. The suspects were in the home for approximately one hour before leaving with the victims' BMW sedan.

The stolen vehicle was tracked to Oakland. Officers from the Orinda Police Department, assisting in the investigation, responded to Oakland and found the stolen vehicle abandoned.

One of the victims was transported to a local hospital. The other suffered minor injuries.

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On Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at about 11:00 PM, Lafayette Police Officers were dispatched to a report of a home invasion robbery that happened on the 1100 block of Crestmont Drive in Lafayette.

The incident involved three suspects who were armed with a pistol. The suspects entered the residence through an open garage door. The suspects assaulted a male resident and then restrained both residents. The suspects went through the house, stealing valuables and personal items.

When the suspects left the home, they left both residents still restrained. It took the residents several hours before they were able to get free and call 9-1-1. The residents reported that the suspects entered the home around 7:30 PM.

Both victims suffered minor injuries and were transported to a local hospital.

Both of these cases were given the highest priority. Lafayette Police, assisted by the Sheriff's Office Crime Lab, invested considerable resources in the investigations. Lafayette Detectives were able to link the two Lafayette cases to similar cases in occurred in Benicia and Oakland. Lafayette Detectives were able to identify the suspects, and December 5, assisted by Fairfield PD SWAT, arrest the suspects at their house in Fairfield. The Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office filed all four cases in this County and charges included, burglary, kidnapping, false imprisonment, robbery, vehicle theft, etc. Two suspects are still in-custody.

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 2019, the PD processed 416 Vacation Home Checks. 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 should 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.

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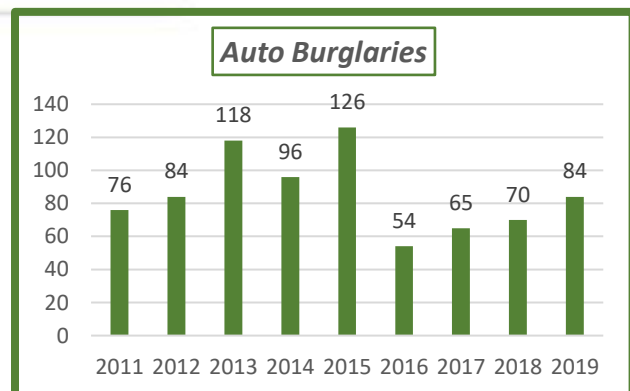
Due to living in the Bay Area, which is interconnected by roads and the BART system, many times we are looking for a needle in a haystack. Having a camera image of a suspect or vehicle, gives police the advantage and ability to begin a fruitful investigation that typically leads outside the city. A single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

Burglary Prevention Tips:

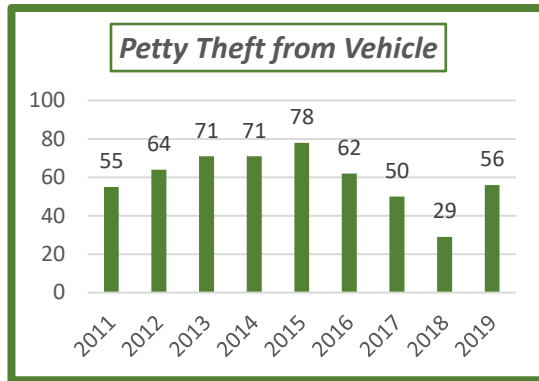
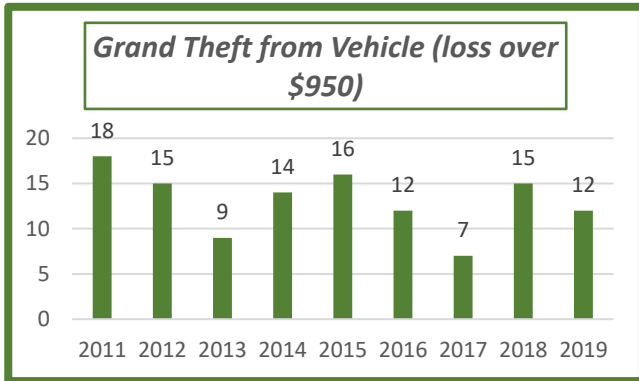
- Keep all doors and windows locked, even if you are at home, or will only be gone a short time or are "just going next door."
- Make sure all locks are functioning properly.
- Never allow someone you don't know into your residence. If someone comes to your door needing assistance, offer to call the police for them, while they wait outside.
- Keep valuable items out of sight of passers-by.
- Keep a list of your valuables, including the serial numbers and unique characteristics. If a burglary does occur having this information can greatly help in the investigation and recovery process.
- Be alert to persons going from house to house, looking in windows or knocking on doors. Report suspicious persons to the police. Make note of the person's physical description, clothing, tattoos or other distinguishing characteristics and give that information to the police.
- Keep all entrances to your residence well-lit and maintain landscaping to prevent hiding places.
- Beware of burglars posing as solicitors. All persons must have a Solicitation Permit issued by the City prior to going door-to-door. After you verify the solicitor has the proper permit and if you choose to let them in your residence, do not leave them alone while they demonstrate their product.
- Don't advertise the property you have recently purchased or received as a gift. Put the boxes in a trash bag or trash container, or better yet, cut up the boxes and place the pieces in your recycling bin. If you leave them out anyone can see what you now have inside your residence.

Auto Related Crimes

Most 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 2019, Lafayette experienced an increase in auto burglaries, which was consistent with neighboring communities.

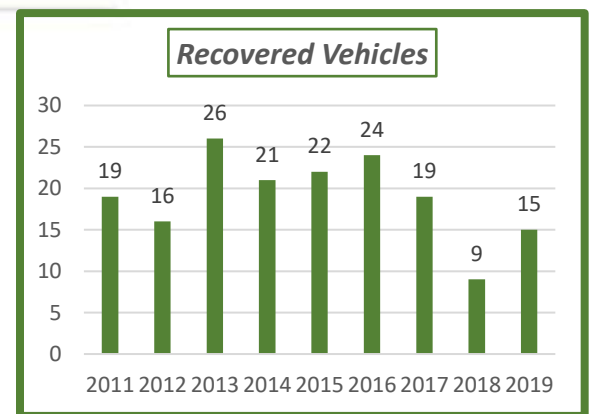
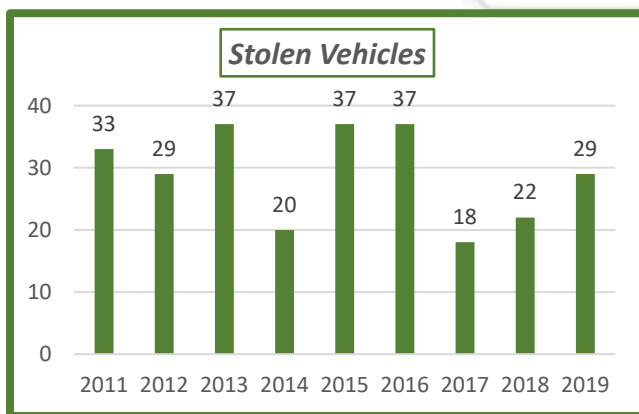


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What should you do to prevent auto burglaries?

- Beware of leaving laptops, tablets, cell phones, briefcases, purses in plain sight when making a quick stop for an errand, coffee or food.
- Lock your car at all times when it is unattended.
- Never leave items of value in your vehicle.
- Items of value in the trunk are not safe if you leave the car unlocked – most cars have a trunk release inside the car.
- Never leave your wallet or purse inside the car, even it is in your garage (sometimes people forget to close the garage door at night).
- Roll all your windows up when you leave your car.
- At night, park your car in an area that is well-lit.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a location where it is under video surveillance.

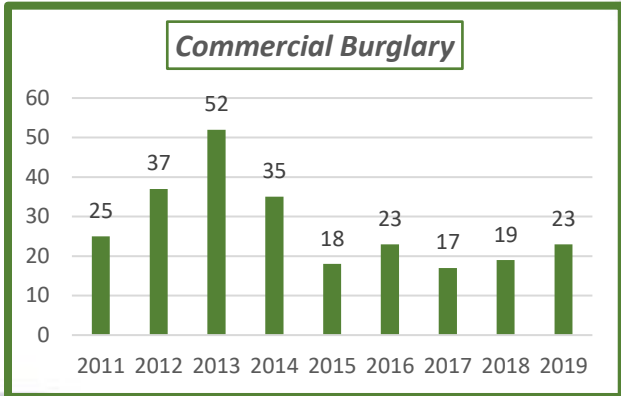


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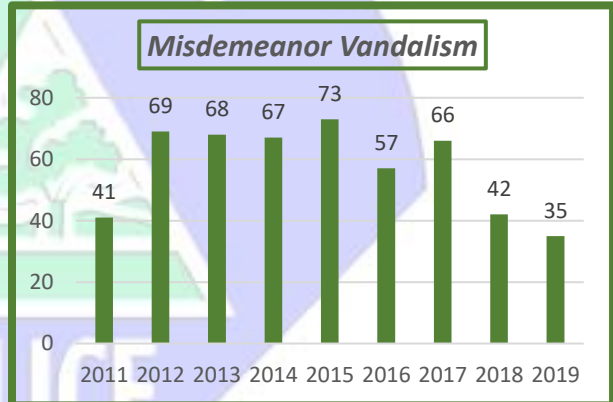
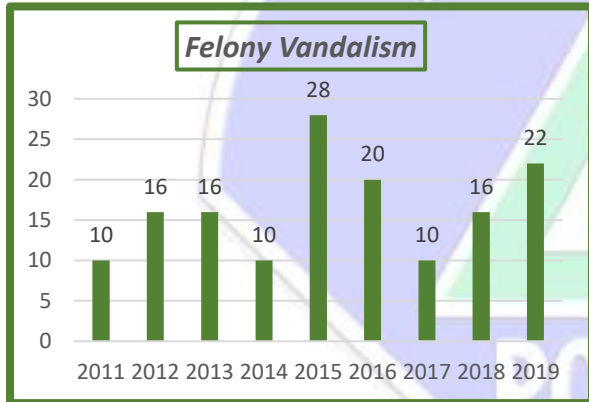
Commercial Burglary

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 2019, there were 23 commercial burglaries reported in the city.



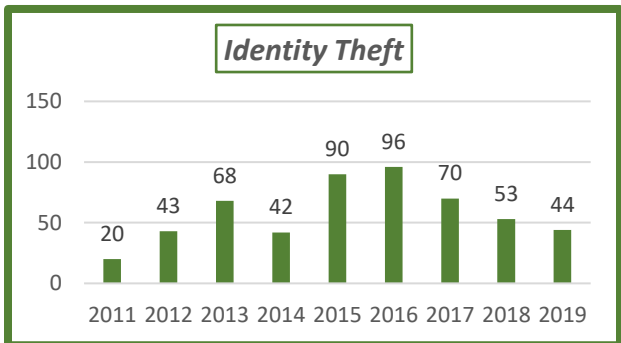
Vandalism

In 2019, 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

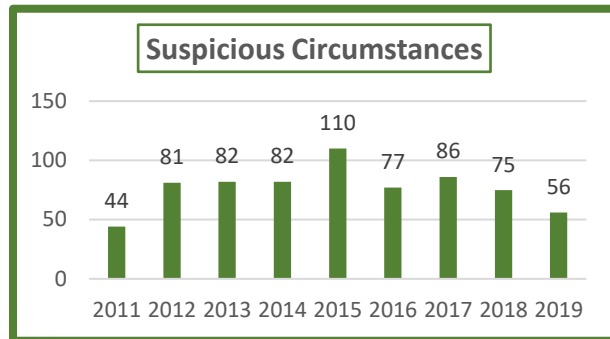
Identity Theft is a crime that has impacted many Lafayette residents in the past. The crime has historically been on the rise as more and more credit card numbers are compromised. Lafayette has continued to see a reduction, which may be a result of more retailers requiring credit cards with chip security.



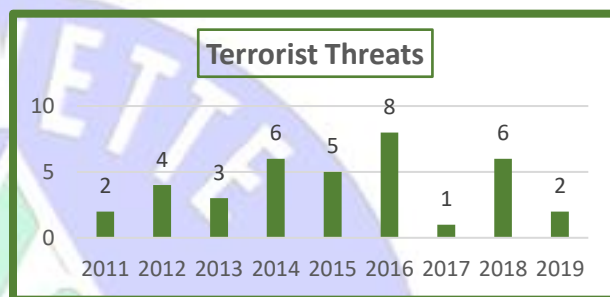
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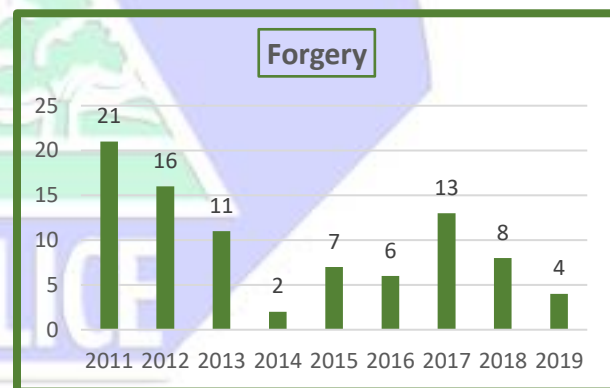
Suspicious Circumstance is a title that is assigned to reports that are important to record, but do not necessarily meet the definition of a specific crime. These reports are reviewed by supervisors at the Police Department and other members of the staff to look for any links or connections to other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



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.



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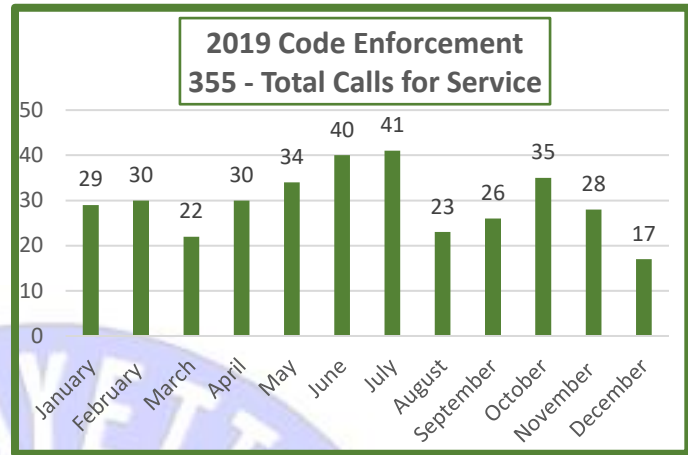


Code Enforcement

In Lafayette, the Code Enforcement Unit is within the Lafayette Police Department. In 2019, the Code Enforcement Unit handled 355 complaints from residents.

The top six calls for service:

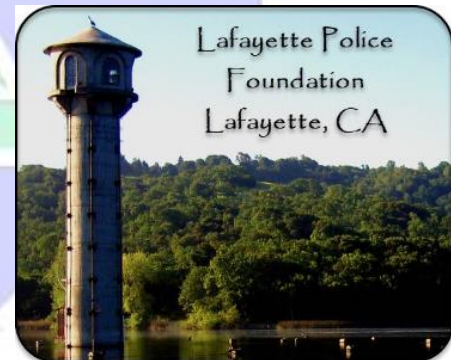
- 1) Fire hazards & weed abatement
- 2) Property Maintenance
- 3) Inoperable vehicles and boats in public view
- 4) Construction without a permit / hours
- 5) Tenant – Landlord – Neighbor disputes
- 6) Animals - bees



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.

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. Additional projects are currently being reviewed.

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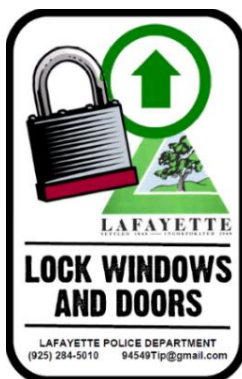


Police Canine Program

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. This spring, Officer White and Rocco will be attending a two-month IED Explosives and Firearm school. 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. In 2019, 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.

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Citizens Academy

The Crime Prevention Commission partnered with the Police Department to host a Spring and Fall Citizens Academies. Each Academy was attended by 12 Lafayette residents who attended seven sessions which involved criminal justice, traffic safety, investigations, use of force simulator, firearms range, and tours of the 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.



In June 2019, PG&E began publicly warning of the possibility of **Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)** in the event conditions warranted it. These conditions included red flag warnings, low humidity, high winds, and condition of dry fuel on the ground and live vegetation (moisture content).

The City of Lafayette experienced two Public Safety Power Shutoffs in October 2019. The first PSPS event occurred October 9 – 11, for an approximate period of 34 hours and affected around 7,500 Lafayette customers. The second PSPS event occurred October 26 – 29, for an approximate period of 44 hours and affected around 8,800 Lafayette customers.

During the second PSPS event, on October 27, Lafayette experienced fires that were the result of a failure with PG&E equipment in an area of Lafayette that had not been de-energized during the PSPS event. Approximately 2,400 residents north and south of Highway 24 in the Pleasant Hill Rd area had to be evacuated during the fires. During this event, a key cell phone tower for multiple cell companies was damaged causing the immediate area to have a significant decrease in cellular coverage. First responders were unable to receive cellular calls and some residents reported not receiving emergency alerts on mobile devices until several hours after the initial messages were sent.

Lafayette PD was active during the summer, spreading the message of impending PSPS events and encouraging the community to be prepared. During each PSPS event, Lafayette PD and Public Works worked together to address traffic signals being without power. Public Works had additional crews working to address downed trees and other wind caused damage. The Police Department staff additional personnel to address public safety concerns.

On February 11, 2019, the City Council approved three strategic goals and five strategic objectives for 2019.

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Strategic Objective 1 was to “Develop a strategy to augment community emergency preparedness, specifically in the area of wildfire planning. Council members Candell and Bliss, partnered with the Emergency Preparedness Commission, and the Police Department, to accomplish this.

There were several successes in 2019!

- The Springhill Evacuation Drill.
- The development and production of the Lamorinda Residents Guide to Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation. A copy of which was mailed to every mailing address in the Lamorinda area.
- The North Orinda Shaded Fuel Break – proposed and completed by the Moraga-Orinda Fire, supported by Contra Costa County Fire, and funded by the State of California.
- Lamorinda Safety Fair
- An approximate 155% increase in registrations for the Community Warning System.

Springhill Evacuation Drill

On March 23, 2019, we facilitated an evacuation drill of the Springhill neighborhood. Over 100 residents participated and registered with the Community Warning System. The Drill was supported by the Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office of Emergency Services, Search and Rescue, the Contra Costa County Fire District, CERT, and most importantly, Springhill Residents. This Drill involved dozens of volunteers and involved over 130 emergency services personnel.



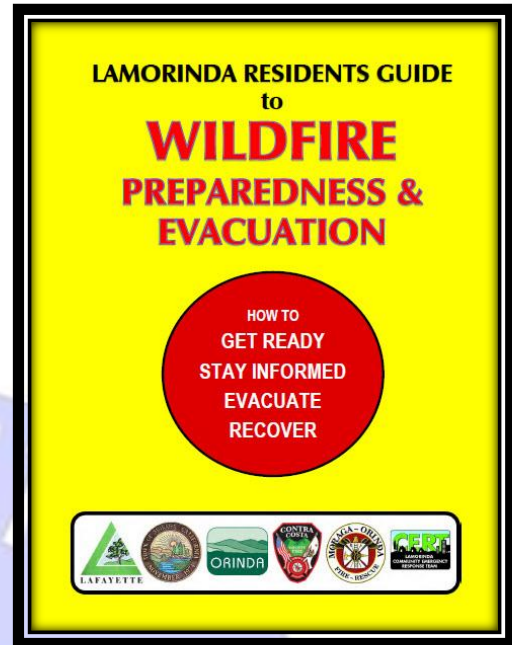
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Lamorinda Residents Guide to Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation

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.

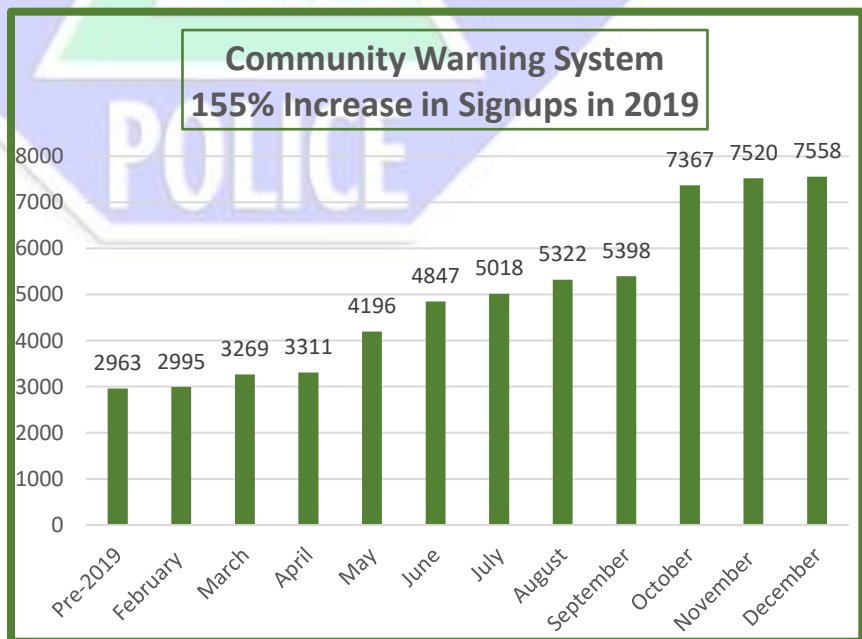
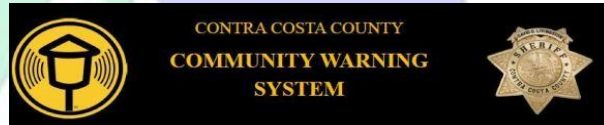


Community Warning System (CWS)

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.



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By the end of 2019, the number of signups has increased to 7,558 households. It was an incredible effort by the Lafayette community!

Lamorinda Safety Fair & Lafayette PD Motorcycle Training/Competition

On July 20, 2019, Lafayette PD, the Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission, and the Lafayette Crime Prevention Commission team up to host the Lamorinda Safety Fair at St. Mary's College. The College continues to be our partner, providing the location free of charge. The Safety Fair is supported and attended by various emergency services agencies. It is a great opportunity for the Lamorinda community to meet first responders, check out the equipment they use, learn how to perform CPR and how to use a fire extinguisher, and most importantly, provide information on how to prepare for the next emergency or disaster.



Adjacent to the Safety Fair, the Lafayette PD Traffic Safety Unit hosts a car show and motorcycle training/competition. In 2019, over forty-five officers from various agencies participated. The Traffic Safety Unit has utilized this event as a fundraiser for different groups over the years. In 2019, the Traffic Safety Unit partnered with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to raise funds for LLS research. Through their efforts and with a lot of community support, the Traffic Safety Unit was able to donate over \$17,000 to LLS out of Walnut Creek. This partnership will be continued in 2020.



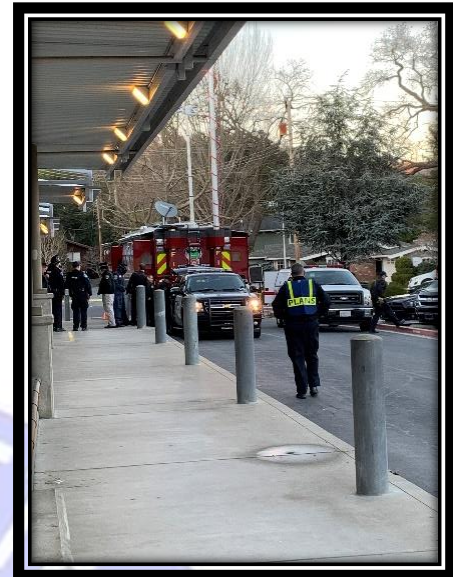
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School Security / Safety

School safety is a priority for the Lafayette Police Department and the City of Lafayette. For the last several years, Lafayette Police have been working with both the Orinda and Moraga Police Departments to ensure all officers are familiar with the various aspects of responding to an emergency on any one of the Lamorinda school campuses.

If an active threat incident occurs in the Lamorinda area, all three police agencies will be responding. All three agencies operate on the same Sheriff's Office radio channel and regularly work together on in-progress crimes and emergencies. The group meets twice a year to conduct joint training, involving members of local fire and EMS teams. Similar training is also conducted with the staff members of local school campuses to make sure they are aware and prepared for the types of emergencies they may experience while in the workplace.



Lafayette Police continually review our tactical and medical response to active threat scenarios. The Police Department currently have seven in-house Active Shooter Instructors which enhances the training curriculum provided to law enforcement and civilian audiences. Additional personnel have attended tactical medical courses. The Lafayette Police Department strives to ensure we are prepared to provide quality care and safety for Lafayette citizens, especially children.

Lafayette Police continued to participate in the schools through "Recess with a Police Officer", reading books to classrooms, providing instruction and demonstrations, engaging with the Acalanes High School Leadership Team, and enjoying a positive, interactive relationship with school administrators. All of this is an effort to increase police presence on school campuses in a positive environment and to continue developing relationships with school staff and students. The youth of Lafayette are amazing, and the Lafayette Police Department staff benefit from this engagement.

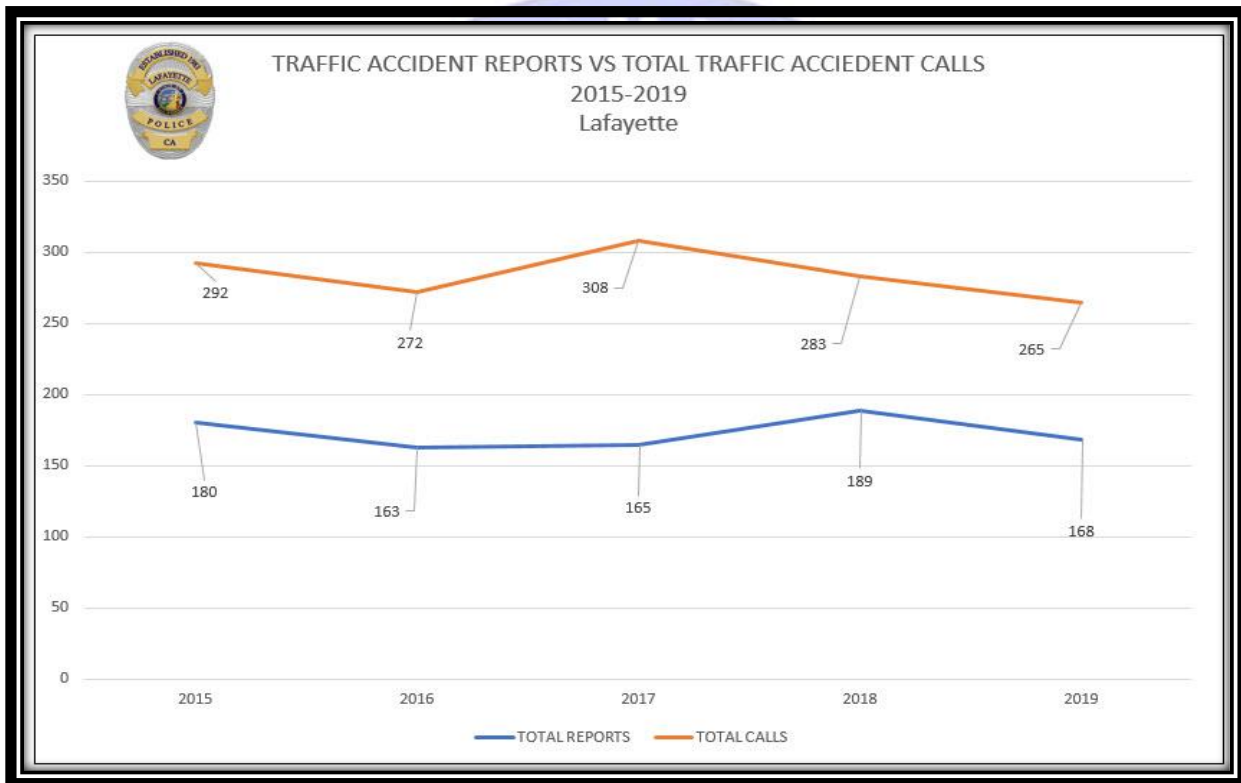


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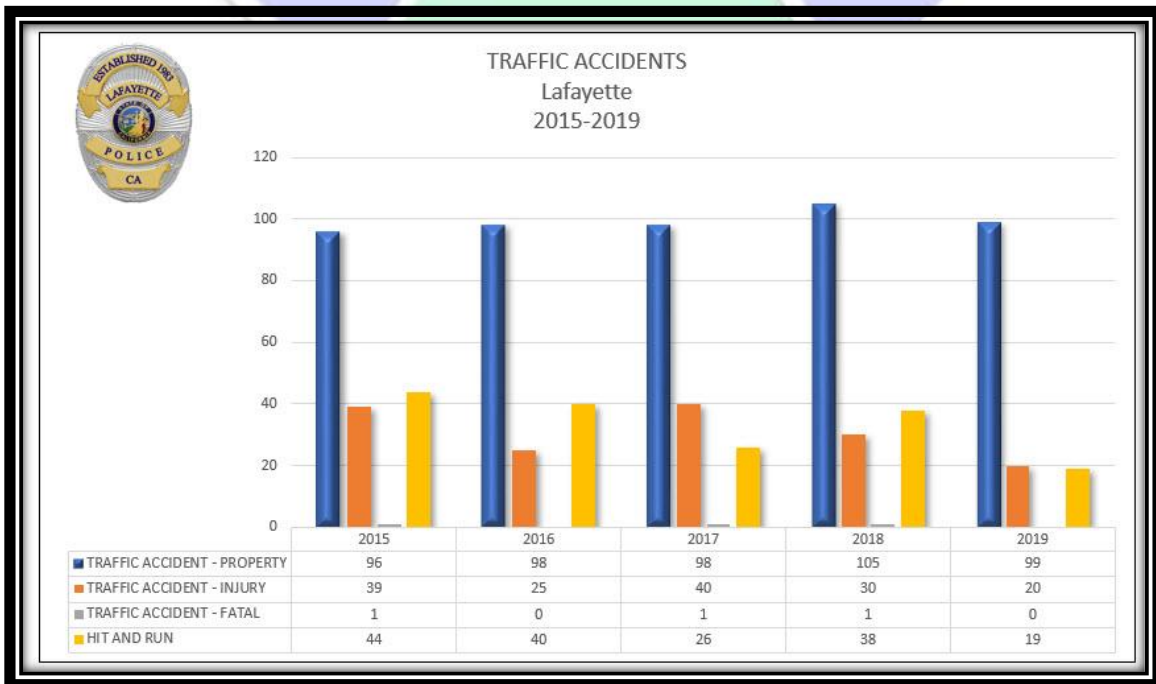
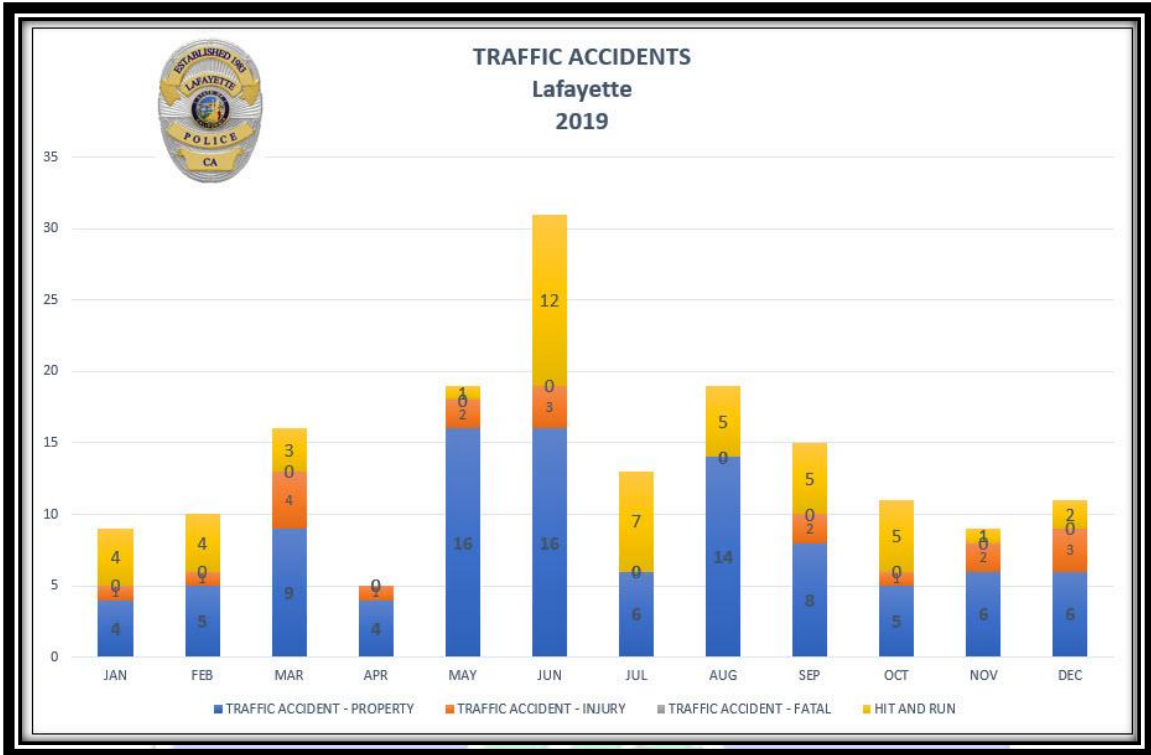


Traffic Safety

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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