City of Lafayette Police

2021 Annual Report





"A Community Partnership"



Message from the Chief

I am pleased to present the Lafayette Police Department's 2021 Annual Report and want to thank our community for its continued support, in allowing the members of the Police Department to serve the City of Lafayette. The City of Lafayette had an overall reduction in crime from 2020 to 2021. The violent crime rate in Lafayette continues to be very low. In 2021, Lafayette Police responded to 11,686 calls for service, and took over 1,000 police reports. The Police Department continually evaluates for areas of improvement and adjusts resources to provide the highest level of service and professionalism to the citizens of Lafayette.

This past year, like 2020, continued to be a challenging one for our community and for the Police Department due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Police Department had to alter our service delivery model to keep and maintain a healthy work force, while protecting community members with whom we interacted. With COVID-19 and the related Health Orders, the Police Department continued to utilize education as the first step in enforcement. I want to thank the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, and our businesses and residents for their help and cooperation during this challenging time.

We continue to prioritize protecting residents and businesses, as we have seen other communities experience some high-profile criminal acts. When necessary, we have altered our staffing levels to address concerns and were successful in these attempts, making our presence well known in Lafayette and deterring criminals. Lafayette officers made well over 200 arrests in 2021.

One of the biggest challenges our community faced this past year, and will continue to focus on, was bicycle and pedestrian safety. The death of well-known cyclist Joe Shami and heroic crossing guard Ashley Dias sent shock waves through our community. The Police Department has prioritized traffic enforcement, understanding that education and engineering, also play an important role in safety. We have deployed additional resources to increase enforcement efforts, with an emphasis on school zones during drop-off and pick-up times.

Emergency preparedness has been a primary issue for the City Council in the last several years. In 2021, we continued to increase the City's ability to effectively respond to emergencies, specifically the threat of wildfires. This focus continues in 2022, with an emphasis on resiliency, communications, training, and public education.

The members of the Lafayette Police Department and I are committed to public safety; preventing crimes against our residents, aggressively investigating crimes when they occur, protecting your children, and traffic safety and enforcement. The Police Department's success is the result of the generous support of our community and City Council.

Thank you, Chief Alldritt

Police Department Core Values

Honor Courage Commitment Leadership Teamwork



<u>Crime in Lafayette – 2021</u>

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 2021, but there are still categories of crimes the Police Department continues to strive to reduce.

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 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/

2022 Change from Summary Data to

National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

The police department will be transitioning away from the UCR and to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident—including information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes. NIBRS provides more details because of its ability to provide circumstances and context for crimes like location, time of day, and whether the incident was cleared.

With the change to NIBRS reporting, the statistical appearance of reported crimes has the potential to change drastically. Instead of eight Part 1 crime categories, NIBRS collects information on 52 crime types.





2021 Part 1 Uniform Crime Reporting (F.B.I. UCR)

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Part 1 Category		Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
1	Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Rape	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
3	Robbery	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
4	Assault	0	1	1	1	0	2	2	2	1	0	2	0	12
5	Burglary	1	8	0	2	2	0	0	4	1	2	2	3	25
6	Larceny	17	11	15	15	20	10	12	24	27	15	14	22	202
7	10851	1	2	1	1	2	0	3	6	2	1	2	3	24
8	Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		20	22	18	19	24	12	17	38	31	18	21	28	268

Reference:

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

Category 4 – Assault: Includes felony 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, expect for theft of a vehicle.

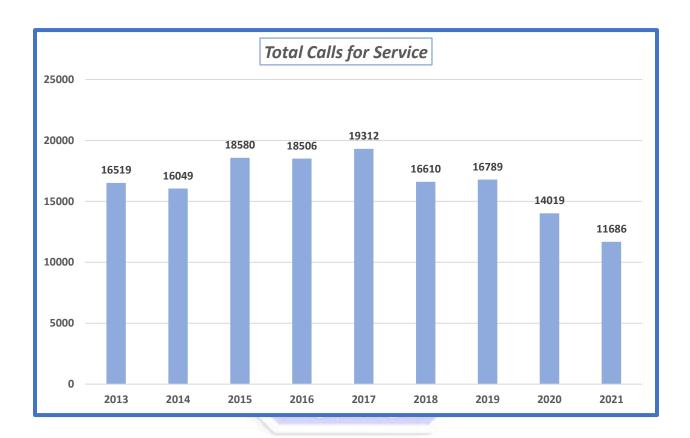
10 Year Comparison of Part 1 Uniform Crime Reporting (F.B.I. UCR)

Part 1 Category		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1	Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Rape	2	0	2	2	5	2	0	1	1	2
3	Robbery	7	6	7	5	5	4	5	3	10	3
4	Assault	51	37	28	40	25	18	24	16	19	12
5	Burglary	101	110	96	49	65	41	23	42	32	25
6	Larceny	292	275	324	433	288	257	191	286	199	202
7	10851	26	28	19	41	41	19	18	30	30	24
8	Arson	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	0
Yearly Totals		479	456	476	570	433	342	261	378	292	268



Calls for Service

In 2021, the Lafayette Police Department received 11,686 calls for service, which is a decrease to prior years; there was a total of 14,019 calls in 2020. 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.





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. Violent crime in the City of Lafayette remains low at 17 reported Part 1 crimes for 2021. This equates to 63 violent crimes per 100,000 versus the much higher national average of 379 crimes per 100,000.

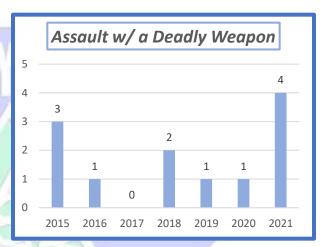
Assault with a Deadly Weapon (ADW)

In 2021, Lafayette experienced four 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.

Cases:

In March, a parent struck their adult son with a knife inside the family home, causing a minor injury.

In June, there was a dispute between two parties regarding a parking situation. During the argument, one person drove over the other person's foot with their vehicle.

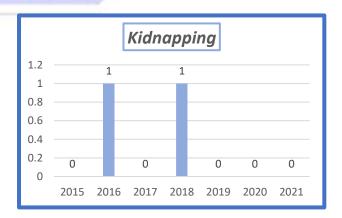


In August, two workers were at residence doing construction work. They got into a dispute and one person struck the other with a metal pipe and then began punching him.

In November, at a residential care facility, a patient struck one of the caregivers with a wooden chair.

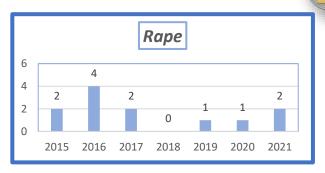
Kidnapping

In 2021, Lafayette had no reports of kidnapping.



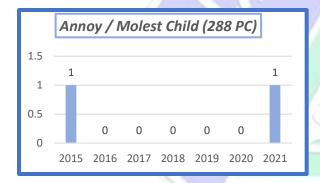
<u>Rape</u>

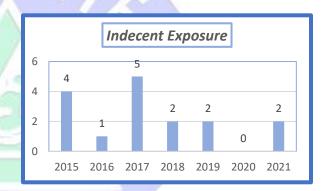
The Lafayette Police Department takes the report of a sexual assault seriously and devotes any investigative resources necessary. In 2021, officers investigated 2 reports of rape.



Other Sex-Related Incidents

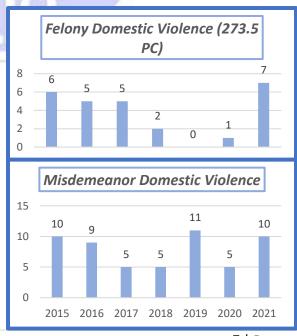
There are additional types of sex-related crimes that occurred within Lafayette in 2021. The Lafayette Police Department's Investigations Unit has specialized training in sex-assault investigations and work diligently to solve these crimes.





Domestic Violence

In 2021, 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.



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 2021, Lafayette experienced two armed robberies, all of which occurred in the downtown area. Proximity to Highway 24 and BART, makes for easy ingress and egress.

Cases:

In February, a person entered a store and using a firearm, demanded money from

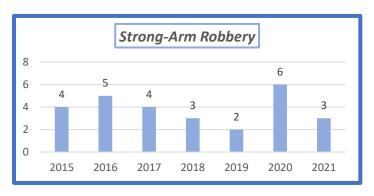


the register. Utilizing City Situational Awareness Cameras, Officers were able to identify the subject and the vehicle he was associated. The vehicle was entered into law enforcement databases. The following day, the driver and the suspect were apprehended by Piedmont PD after a license plate reader camera alerted police to their location. Charges have been filed in this case.

In August, a person entered a convenience store and stole two bottles of alcohol while brandishing a knife. Moraga and Orinda PD officers responded to the area to assist. A Moraga PD Officer located the suspect walking on Mt. Diablo Blvd. and he was arrested. Charges have been filed in this case.

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:

In March, two people entered a store and stole an expensive bottle of alcohol. As they began to leave the business, an employee attempted to secure the front door. One of the suspects pushed the employee to the ground, as they fled outside. Utilizing City Situational Awareness Cameras, Officers were able to identify the vehicle the suspects fled in. In June, a Lafayette Officer was patrolling the downtown area and saw the suspect vehicle. The owner of the vehicle was detained. During the investigation, the suspect confessed to the crime. Charges have been filed.

In October, a citizen was walking in the downtown area when a vehicle pulled up beside her. The occupants inside the vehicle began speaking with the citizen and offering her jewelry. As they did this, they removed jewelry from the citizen's neck and wrists. When the citizen demanded her jewelry, the occupants left the area.

In October, a person entered a store and stole several items. While fleeing the store, the suspect pushed an employee.

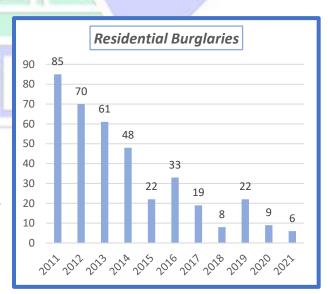
Property Crimes

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 2021, Lafayette experienced 6 residential burglaries. Three of the cases have been solved.

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.



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 ten 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



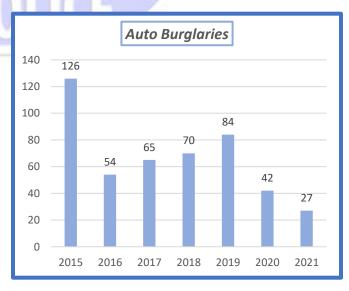
Having an image of the suspect vehicle and/or the suspect makes a **BIG** difference in improving the solvability of a crime. Installing a camera

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.

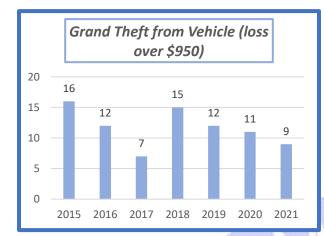
Due to living in the Bay Area, which is interconnected by roads and the BART system, many times we are looking for a needle in a haystack. Having a camera image of a suspect or vehicle, gives police the advantage and ability to begin a fruitful investigation that typically leads outside the city. A single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

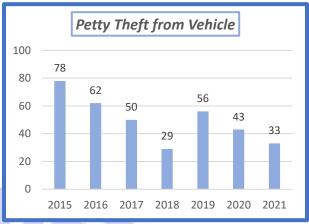
Auto Related Crimes

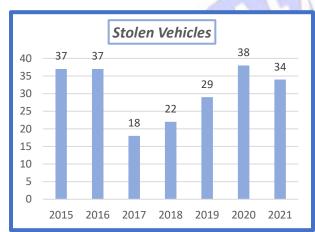
Many auto crimes can be prevented. A criminal typically won't break into a car if they cannot see anything visible - the risk vs. reward equation just does not work out. However, a backpack, computer back, or purse left on a seat in plain view is a tempting target. In 2021, Lafayette experienced a decrease in auto burglaries.

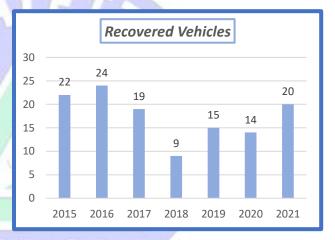












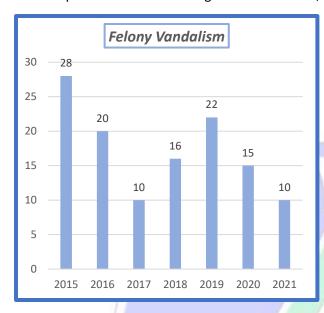
Commercial Burglary

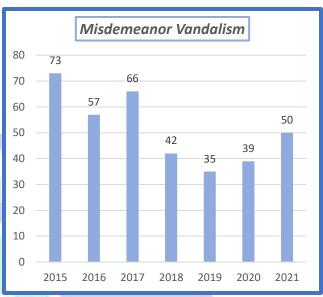
The crime of commercial burglary occurs when a criminal enters a business with the intent to commit theft or some other crime. In Lafayette, the typical commercial burglary occurs overnight, while the business district is empty of employees and customers. In 2021, there were 17 commercial burglaries reported in the city.



Vandalism

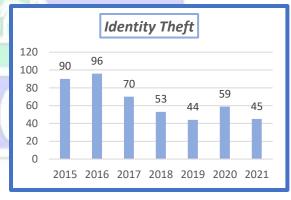
In 2021, the Police Department responded to a variety of vandalism cases. The most typical vandalism occurs when a criminal intends to commit a burglary, but is either interrupted, or finds nothing of value. An example is a criminal breaking out a car window, not find anything of value and leaving empty handed.



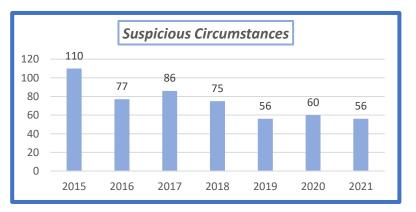


Other Crimes of Note

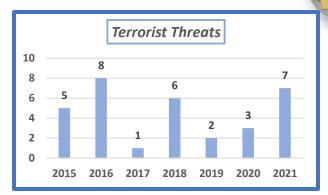
Identity Theft is a crime that has impacted many Lafayette residents in the past. The crime has historically been on the rise as more and more credit card numbers are compromised. Lafayette has continued to see a reduction, which may be a result of more retailers requiring credit cards with chip security.



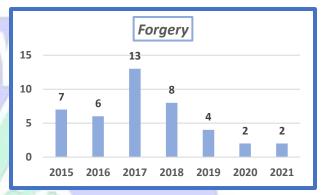
Suspicious Circumstance is a title that is assigned to reports that are important to record, but do not necessarily meet the definition of a specific crime. These reports are reviewed by supervisors at the Police Department and other members of the staff to look for any links or connections to other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



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.

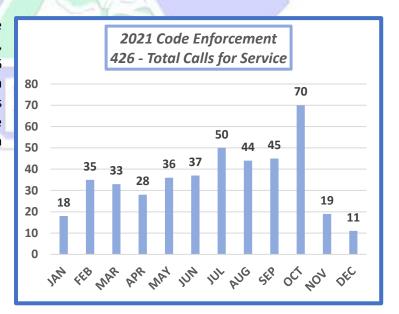


Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Unit is within the Lafayette Police Department. In 2021, the Code Enforcement Unit handled 426 cases. This is about 60 cases more than 2018 – 2019 (pre-COVID) and 120 cases more than 2020. The biggest increase has been in fire hazard fuel mitigation cases.



- 1) Fire hazards & weed abatement
- Property Maintenance / Violations
- 3) Inoperable vehicles and boats in public view
- 4) Building / Zoning
- 5) Tenant Landlord Neighbor disputes
- 6) Parking / Storage





Police Canine Program

In December 2019, Lafayette PD, purchased a police canine name Rocco. The purchase and training of Rocco was paid for by the Lafayette Police Foundation with generous support from Lafayette residents. 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.



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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 2021, 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.

Citizens Academy

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, both the Spring and Fall Citizens Academies had to be cancelled. We plan to resume in 2022 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.

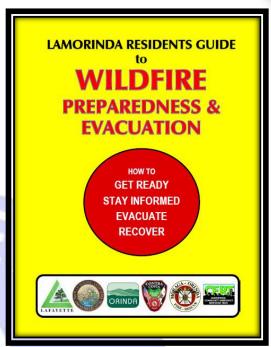




Lamorinda Residents Guide to Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation

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.

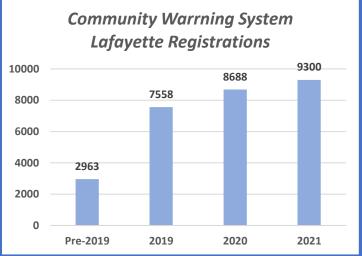
Community Warning System (CWS)

The Contra Costa County Community Warning System (CWS) is the County's alert system for time-sensitive and potentially lifesaving 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 2021, the number of signups has increased to over 9,300 households. It has continued to be 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.

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 ALERTWildfie system across Contra Costa County. To date, Lafayette PD has installed over 45 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.

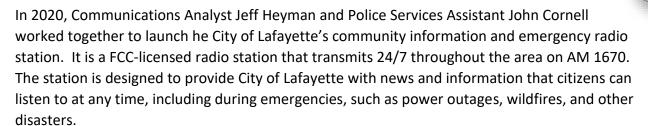
In the past year, Lafayette PD has installed intersection power taps at eight key intersections Lafayette. Lafayette PD purchased generators that will power the traffic signals during a power outage. The functionality of traffic lights during a power outage improve public safety and evacuation preparedness.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

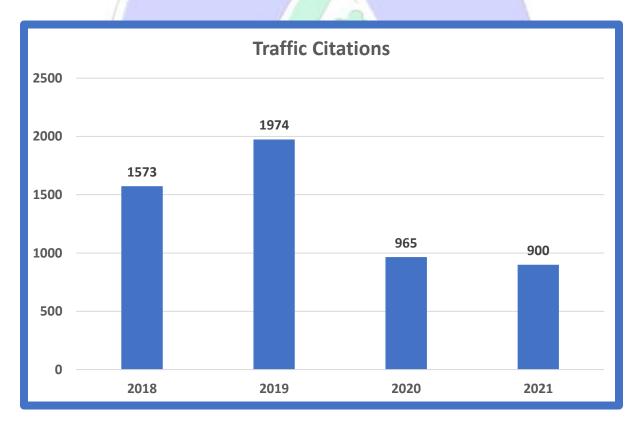




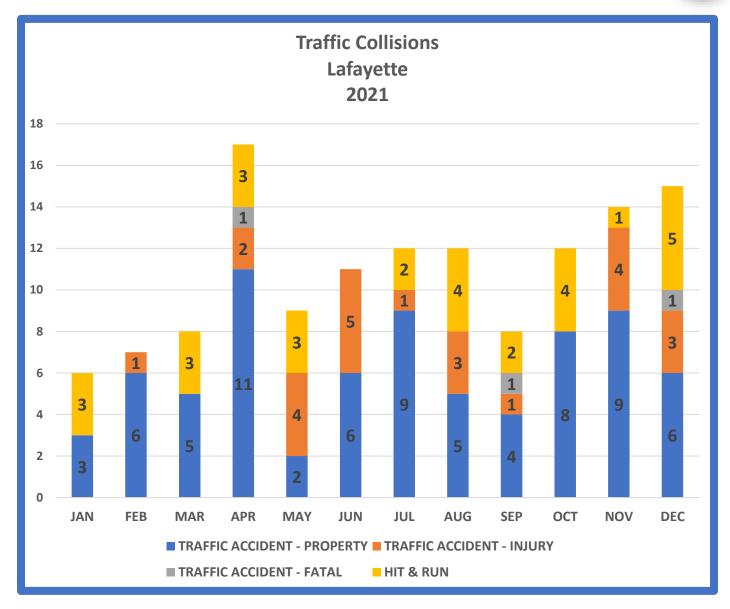
Traffic Safety

The Traffic Unit works to reduces 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.

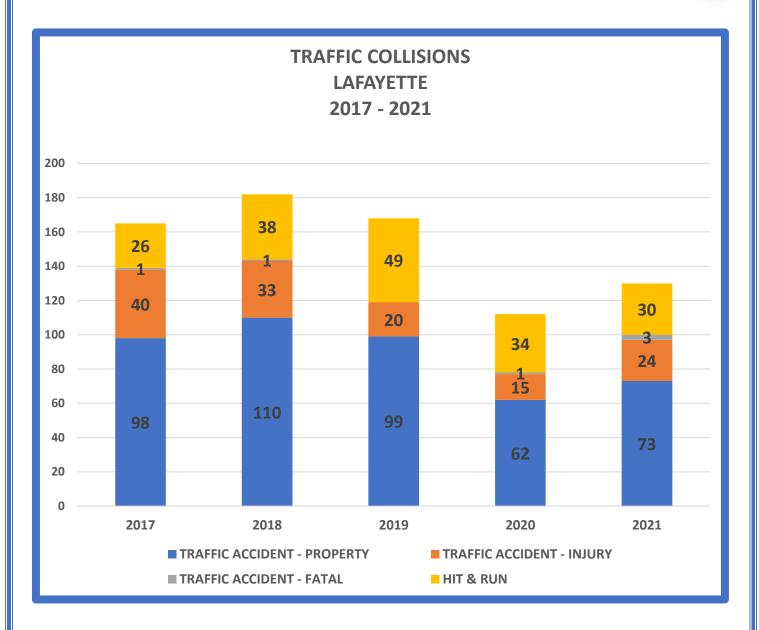














Police Department Mission

The Lafayette Police Department works in partnership with our diverse community to safeguard the lives, rights, and property of the people we serve. With unwavering dedication, we provide innovative professional law enforcement services to our community. We accomplish this mission by maintaining our Core Values while always conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards.

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