

Addison Police Department

Town of Addison Public Safety Update



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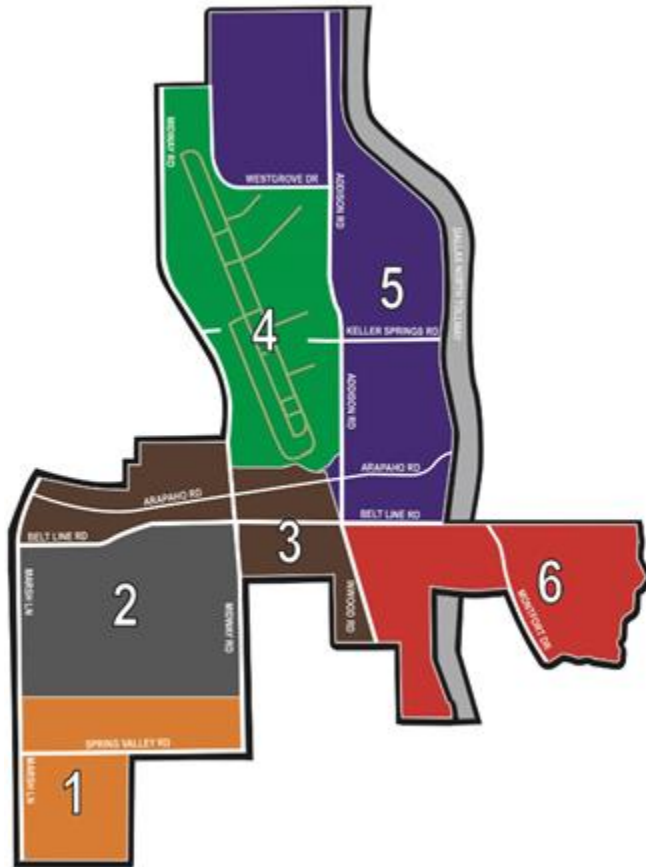


Statistical Summary and Activity Report

Town of Addison: Overview



10/16/22 – 10/16/23



- Calls for service: 20,938
- Self-initiated activity: 49,263
- Offense reports written: 4,595

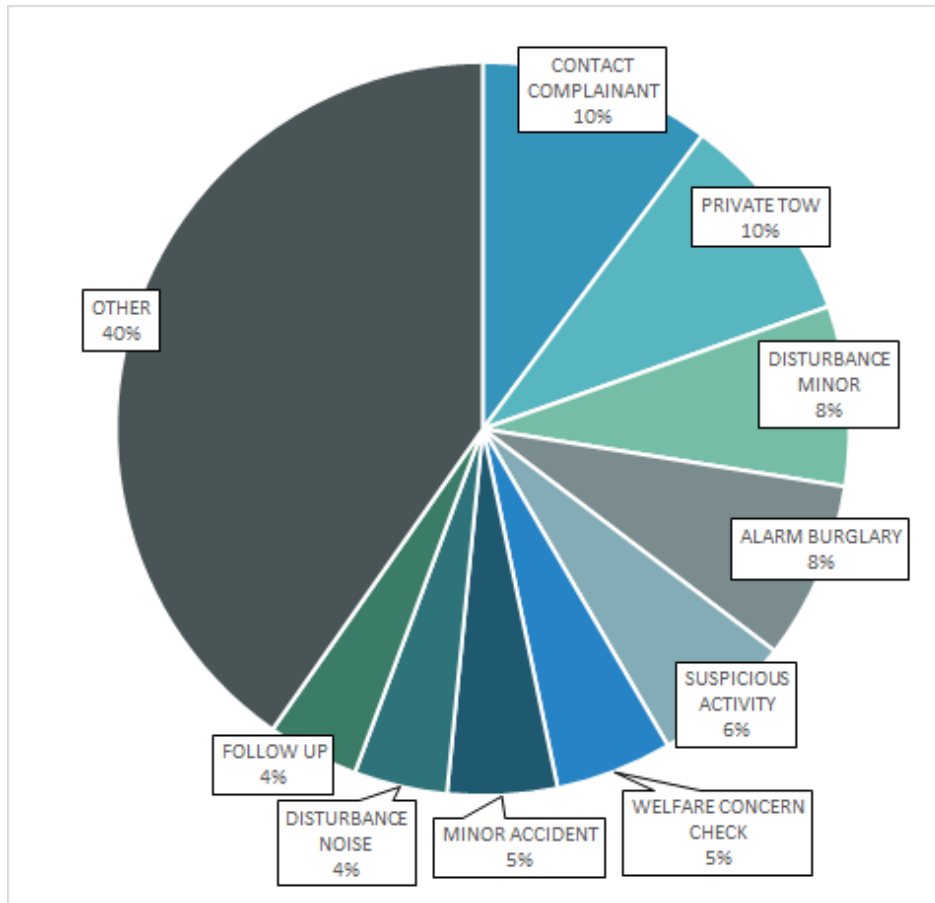
Calls for Service



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“Other” calls for service include:

- 911 hang up
- Theft of motor vehicle
- Disturbance major
- Burglary motor vehicle
- Animal complaint

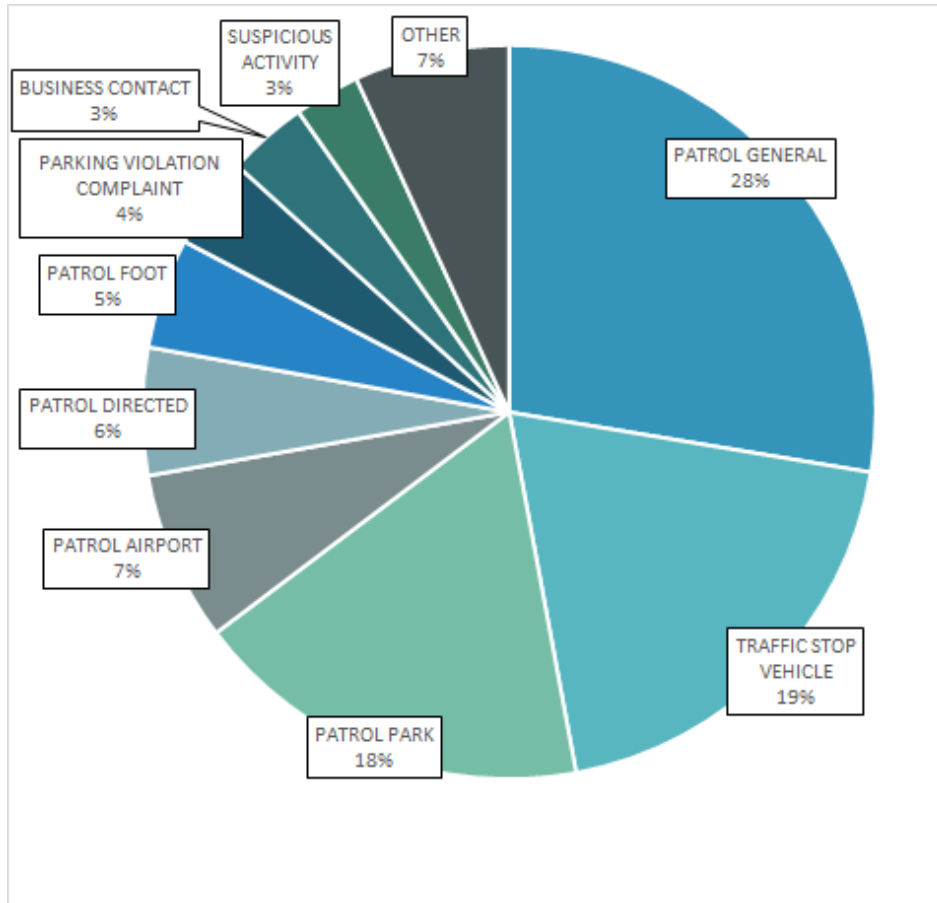


“Contact Complainant” is a general catch-all for citizen inquiries, concerns, and questions about various types of law.

Self-Initiated Activity



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- “Other” markouts include:
- Crime risk
 - Follow up
 - Animal complaint
 - Contact complainant
 - Assist motorist

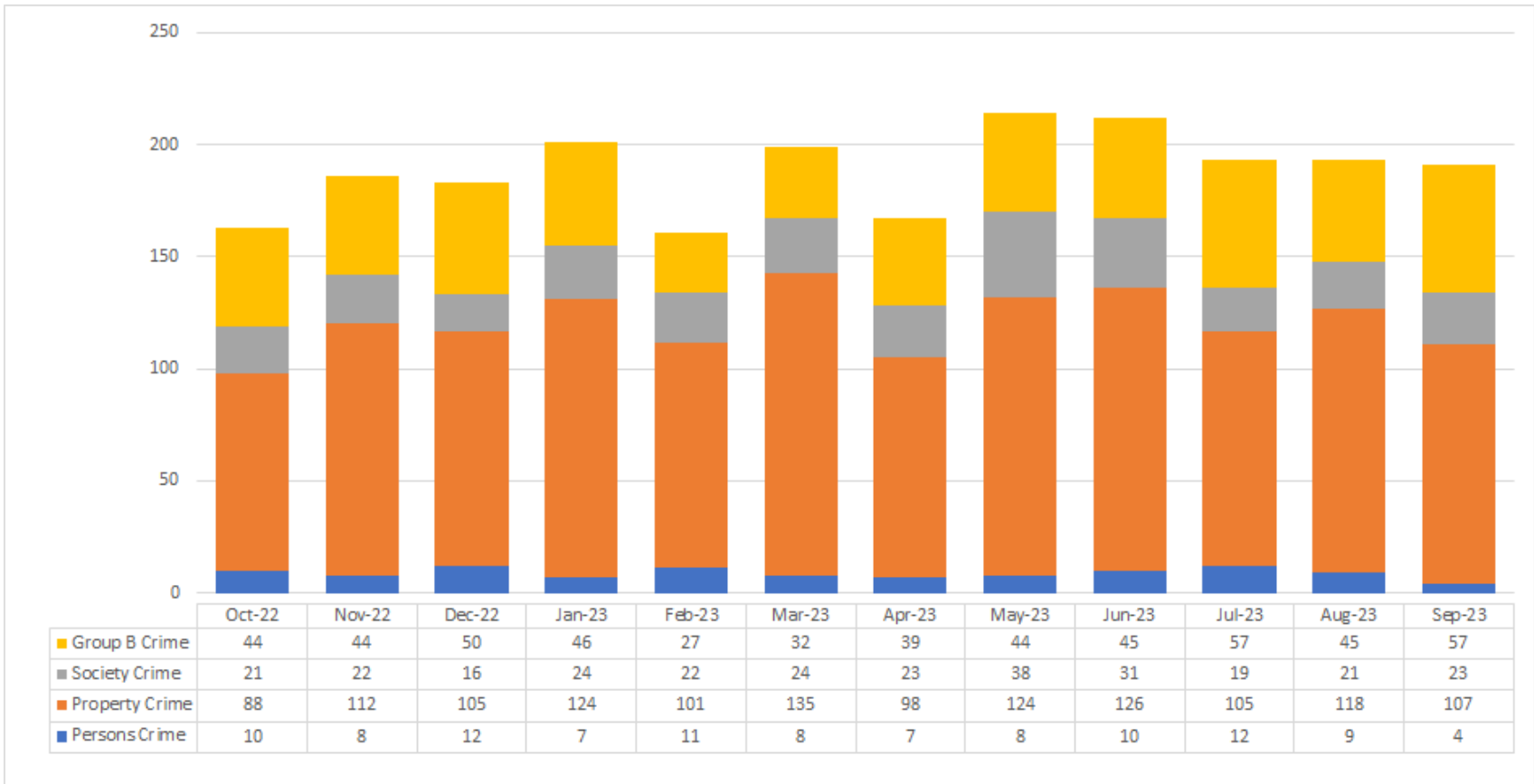
“Patrol Directed” refers to a mandatory directive for officers to check on a house or business at least twice a day for two weeks.

These can be submitted by residents going on vacation or detectives working a case.

NIBRS Comparison



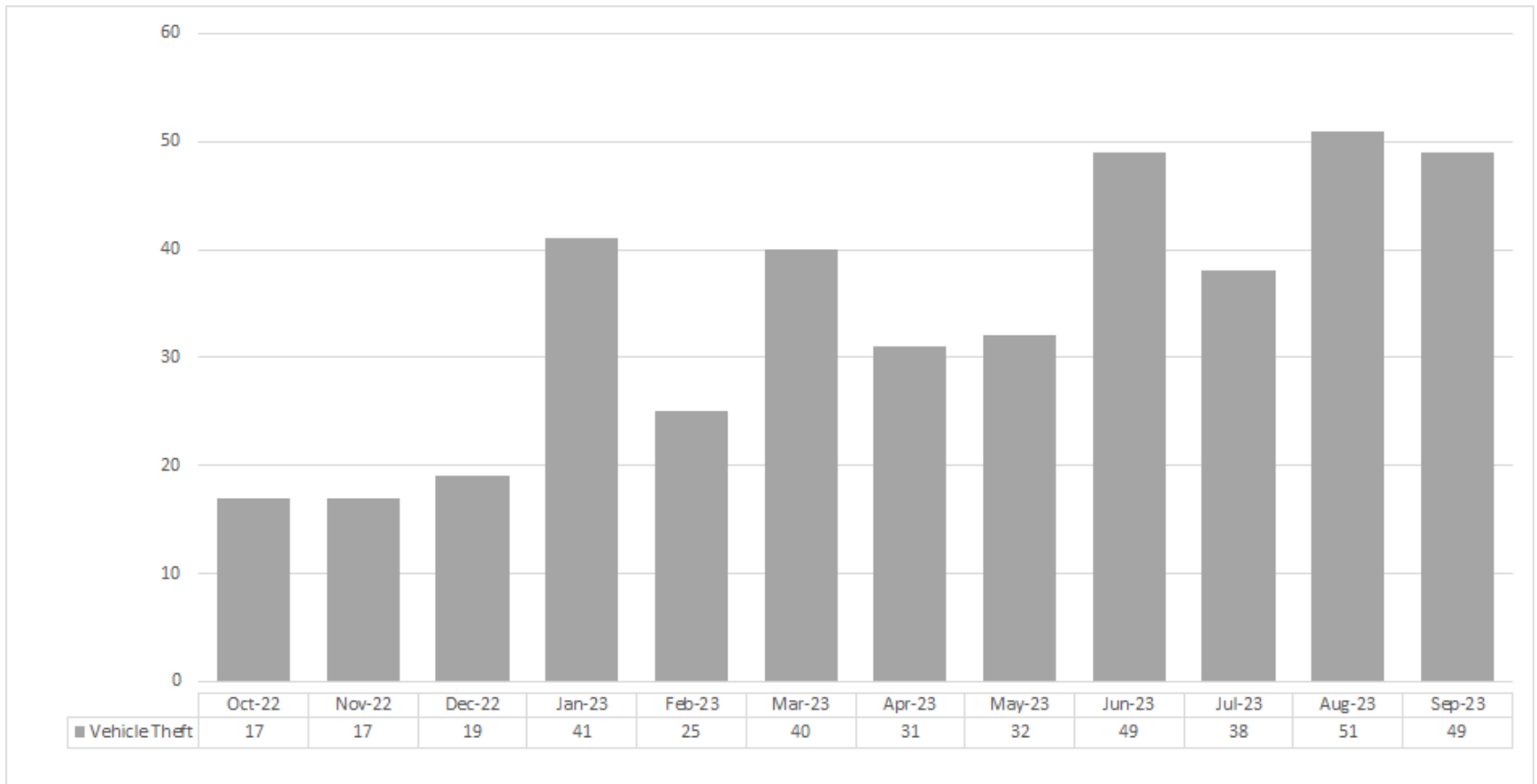
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Vehicle Theft



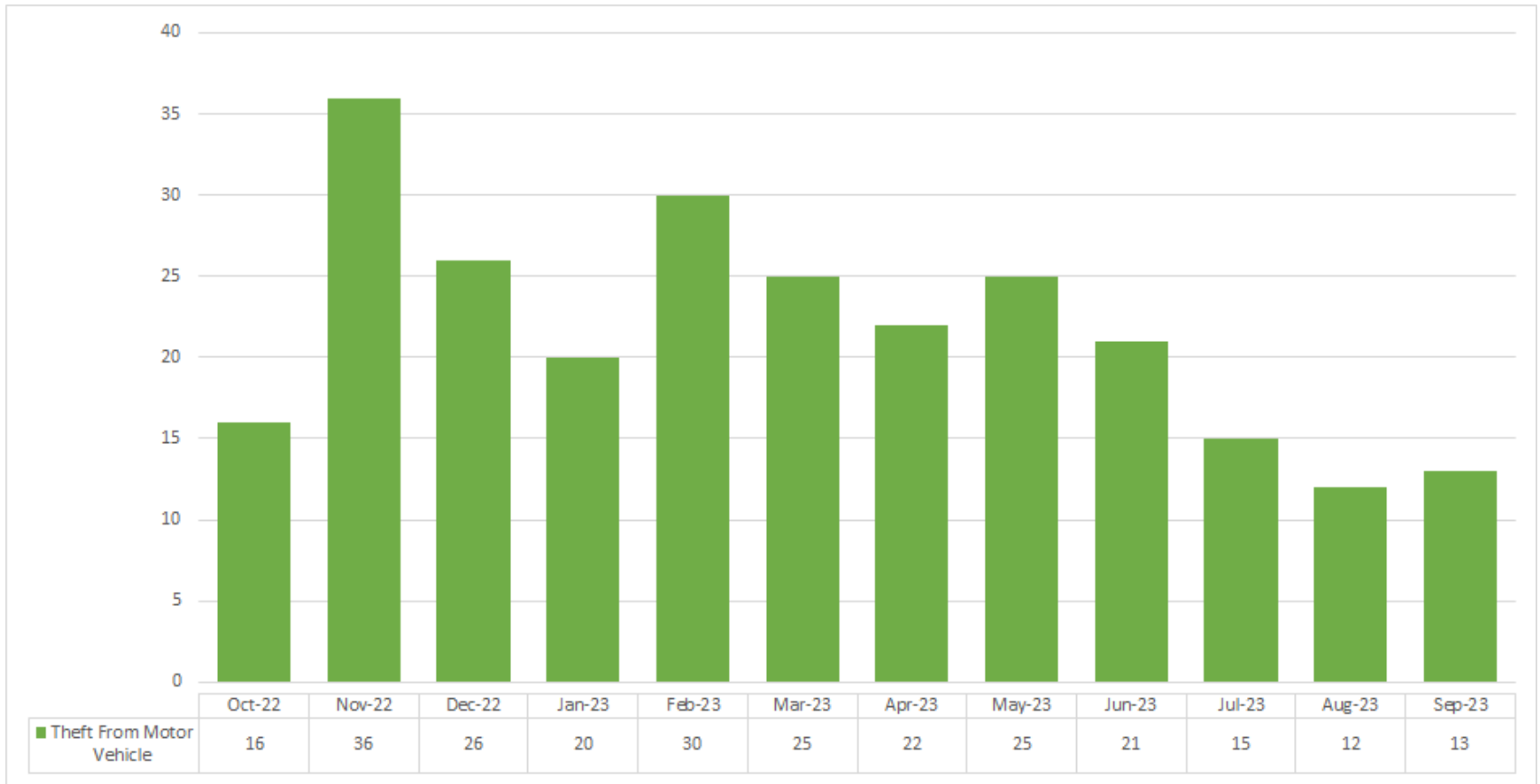
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Theft From Motor Vehicle



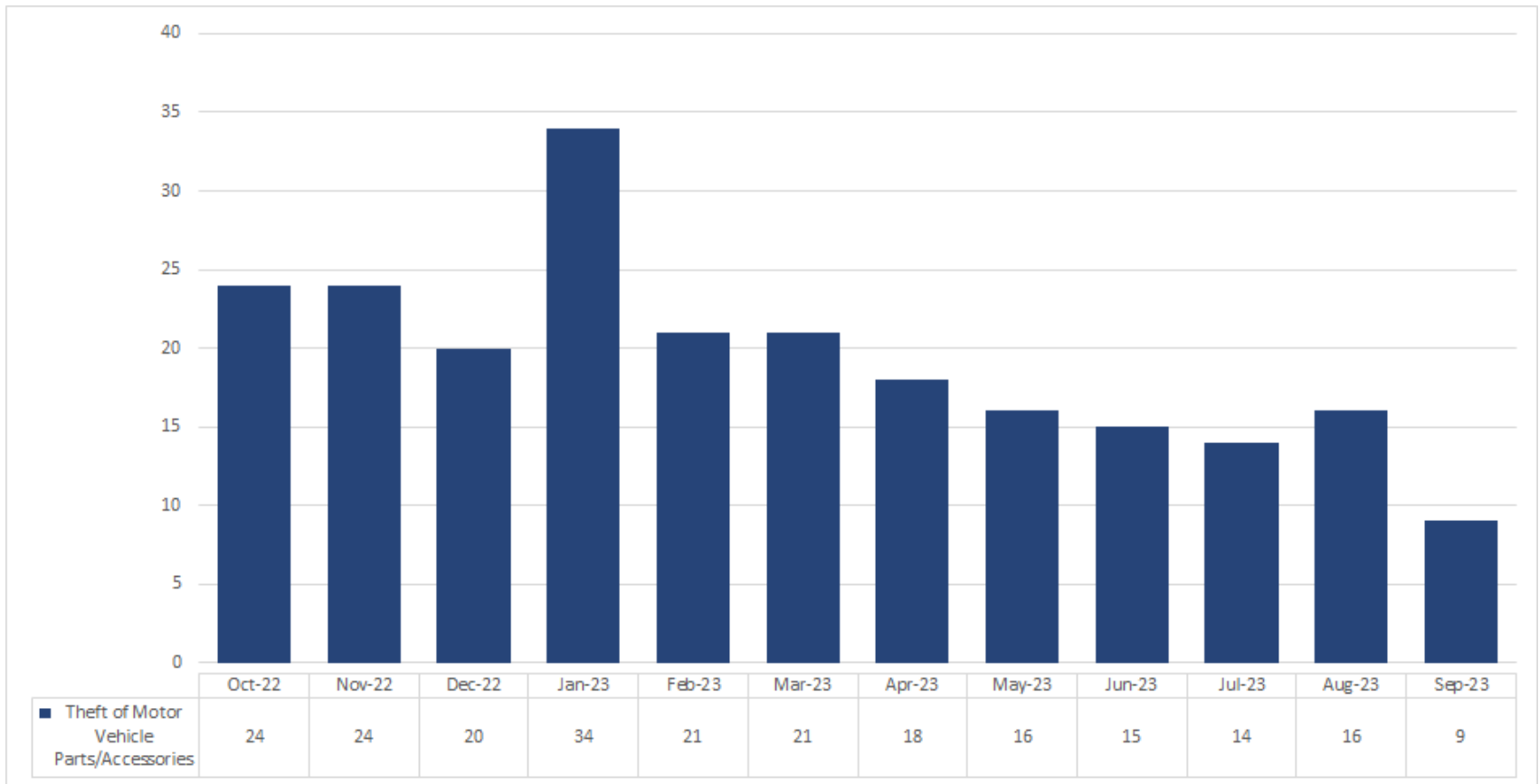
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Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories



10/1/22 – 10/1/23



Crime Trend: 5000 & 5100 Belt Line Rd

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Recent property crime at east Belt Line restaurants, bars, and shopping centers:

- Organized groups of suspects are stealing high value sports cars and trucks.
 - Chevy Camaros, Corvettes, and Dodge Chargers, Challengers are targeted.
- Suspects exploit vehicle manufacture vulnerabilities using electronic control module (ECM) manipulation or vehicle key reprogramming to disable tracking and drive away within two minutes.
- Suspects arrive in stolen vehicles bearing stolen license plates and frequently evade police, making identification more difficult.

Offenses in the past year:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addison Walk (5000 Belt Line Rd)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14 vehicle thefts• 4 vehicle burglaries• 3 catalytic converter thefts | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village on the Parkway (5100 Belt Line Rd)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 81 vehicle thefts• 44 vehicle burglaries• 15 catalytic converter thefts |
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Crime Trend: 5000 & 5100 Belt Line Rd, Cont.

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Patrol, CID, and administrative response:

- All appropriate enforcement action increased: multiple arrests made, at large warrants written and served, pursuits authorized, slight increase in vehicle recoveries.
- Heavy increase in visible, marked unit patrolling.
- Intelligence-led patrolling strategies use thorough analysis of hot spots and focus times/locations.
- Overtime shifts worked during most likely offense times.
- Investigative assistance from federal and regional partners.
- Covert surveillance and unmarked unit patrolling.
- Communication with local businesses for witness information, leads, video footage, and general awareness.
- Daily intel sharing of known and unknown suspects between local police departments.

Crime Prevention

Crime Prevention: Police Efforts

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Crime prevention efforts by the Addison Police Department:

- License Plate Recognition and Optical Camera program.
- Community outreach seminars.
- Neighborhood and HOA crime meetings.



Daily patrol officer activities:

- Driving, walking, and riding our parks and trails.
- Vacation watches and directed patrols.
- Suspicious activity markouts on vehicles and people.
- Property checks on open doors and windows, fresh damage, and malfunctioning city equipment.
- Crime risk cards for vehicles left open, unlocked, or with valuables visible.

Crime Prevention: Community Policing



Crime prevention is a partnership with our community.

- The Addison Police Department is committed to preserving order and protecting the lives and property.
- Addison's strong sense of community comes from building trust and relationships.
- We are striving to strengthen trust by building a partnership between the police and the community.



Crime Prevention: Community Policing

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Prevention is the best way to reduce the chances of theft.

Taking care of your vehicle at home:

- Close garage doors and any gates.
- Remove garage door openers from vehicles parked outside.
- Roll up car windows, take your keys with you, and lock the doors.

Remove commonly targeted items in your vehicle while out and about:

- Any empty or full backpacks, bags, or boxes.
- Coats or blankets placed over bulky items.
- Items stored under seats or in visible lockboxes
- Purses, wallets, or bags left on the seat or floor—even for a moment!

Safety tips for your home and neighborhood:

- Light up the entrance to your home and your driveway.
- Consider installing exterior cameras and joining a video sharing website with your neighbors.





Community Policing



The police department's outreach plan has three distinct areas of focus:

1. Neighborhood Policing
2. Event Programming
3. Information Sharing/Social Media

Neighborhood Policing

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The department understands the importance of officer presence within our neighborhoods.

- Increased focus on patrol officers spending time in residential areas.
- Continued responsiveness to neighborhood traffic complaints, parking issues, etc.
- Partnership with HOA's.





Community outreach programming is critical to building and maintaining trust.

- Continued quarterly programming at the Addison Athletic Center
- Participate in nationally recognized community events such as National Night Out, Prescription Drug Take-Back, etc.
- Work with AAC Staff to generate ideas and seek input from residents.

Event Programming, Continued.

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- Participation in AAC social events such as Senior bingo, and Senior Social.
- “Meet and Greets” in the morning and/or early evenings for officers to interact with residents in the AAC lobby.
 - Positive interactions
 - Answer questions and concerns.

Timely and accurate communication is critical.

- Working with IT and our crime analyst to create a dashboard or web portal where the community can access up-to-date crime statistics.
 - Address shortcomings of Community Crime Maps
- Focus on making our Facebook page a more active place.
- Need to tell our story.



Increased frequency of social media posts:

- Informative posts (crime trends, prevention tips, etc.)
- Promotion of significant arrests and major convictions
- Recognize employee milestones & accomplishments

Possible Next Steps



- Public Safety Open House
- Citizens Police Academy
- Summer outdoor event at AAC
- Neighborhood police officer positions



Homelessness

Homelessness continues to be a regional problem as the DFW cost-of-living and population increases.

- Partnership with Metrocrest Services to keep people from becoming unhoused or, to try and get those who are on the street to accept help.
- Metrocrest Services Community Response team for those we encounter that need assistance.
- Other local resources such as shelters and NGOs
 - Our Calling, etc.



Education is key to understanding the complexities of the homelessness problem.

- Informational seminar for residents presented by the Town of Addison Police Department and Metrocrest Services on November 6, 2023, at the Addison Conference Center.
- Staff training sessions
- Environmental design and signage to address panhandling.
- Business support and outreach
- Will bring back a comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness.

Questions?