

Chikaming Township Police Department



Other Police Activity

Other police activities recorded are:

- Suspicious Situations
- Citizen Assists
- Alarms
- Assisting Other Agencies
- Missing persons
- And all other calls for service

Our police department handles a variety of calls. In this section, I will highlight some common calls for police services in our township. Below is a breakdown of calls common to CTPD:

Suspicious Situation Calls

Suspicious situations are called into the police department where the officer is unable to find the “causation” of the problem. Additionally, citizens will often call the police for suspicious activities they observe throughout the township. In 2022, our staff investigated **282** suspicious situations, compared to **207** suspicious situations in 2021. More suspicious situation calls were received in the months of April and July. We remind our readers to please report any suspicious activity, regardless of how small the activity may be.

Citizen Assist Calls

Citizen assists can range from assisting citizens whose vehicle breakdown on the roadway, helping change a tire, checking citizens homes while they are on vacation, lockouts, or officers performing peace keeping functions, etc. Our staff assisted people **989** times in 2022, compared to **1403** calls for citizen assists in 2021. Assists were higher in the month of June. This is a reduction of **414** assists, because the **414** assists were to the Chikaming Township Park Board, which were recorded in 2022 using a different data collection system.

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Alarm Calls

A great deal of homes and businesses have alarms installed. In 2022, our staff investigated **190** alarms, compared to **199** alarms in 2021. None of the alarms resulted in a burglary investigation.

Assist Other Police Agencies

Assisting other agencies may range from assisting another police unit in another jurisdiction or working collaboratively with our neighboring jurisdictions. Our staff assisted other law enforcement agencies **159** times in 2022.

All Other Complaints

All other types of complaints, such as trespass, lost and found property, stalking, family issues, juvenile matters, retail fraud, missing persons, peace keeping, liquor violations, health and safety, miscellaneous criminal offenses, vehicle and VIN inspections, account for our staff's daily activities as well. Our staff handled **82** calls for services regarding the foregoing types of calls in 2022.

Traffic Stops

In 2022, in a team effort to keep our township's streets and roadways safe and support our traffic safety initiative, our staff stopped **436** motorists on township roadways and expressway for various traffic law violations, compared to **409** traffic stops in 2021.

Traffic Violations/Citations

Our officers worked diligently to make our roadways safe for travel within the township. Traffic violations include, but are not limited to:

- Speeding
- Improper Lane Changing
- Failure to Yield
- Disregarding a Traffic Control Device or Sign
- No Proof of Insurance
- Improper Registration

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- Moving Violations causing Traffic Crashes
- Seat Belt Violations
- Ordinance Violations
- Parking Tickets

In 2022, our officers issued **376** traffic and ordinance citations.

Verbal Warnings

Verbal warnings are given by officers to law violators in lieu of issuing citations. A great deal of verbal warnings are given on traffic stops for a motorist who was observed violating the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code; however, some verbal warnings are given to people who violate local ordinances upon any of the parks and beaches of the Township, or for other violations of state law.

In 2022, our officers contacted and verbally warned **375** people who violated a state law, traffic code, or a local ordinance.

Arrests

An arrest is defined as the most invasive level of encounter by a law enforcement officer and a citizen. An arrest is made when an officer has reasonable cause to believe a crime is occurring or has occurred. A person may be jailed or issued an appearance citation, or post bond in lieu of being jailed for a crime. The following listed crimes are not all inclusive; however, the list will give the reader a baseline of the crimes commonly handled in Chikaming Township:

- Drunk Driving
- Obstructing Justice
- Disorderly Conduct
- Disturbing the Peace
- Driving While License Suspended
- Possession of Narcotics
- Arrests based upon Valid Arrest Warrants
- Fraud
- Domestic Violence
- Assault
- Township Ordinance Violations (Misdemeanor Offenses)
- Larceny/Theft
- Burglary

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In 2022, our officers arrested **103** people for various crimes, compared to **92** arrests in 2021. Some of these people were taken to jail, while others were cited at the scene and released to appear in court later.

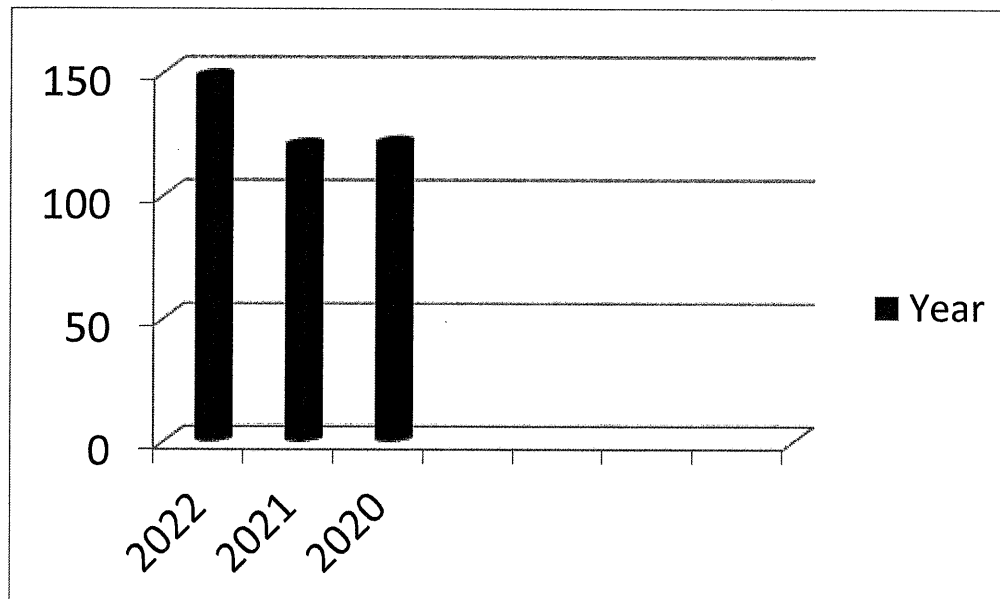
Traffic Crashes

Traffic crashes are subdivided into four different types of vehicular crashes. These types of crashes are:

- Personal Injury Crash
- Fatal Car Crash
- Property Damage Crash
- Private Property Damage Crash

In 2022, our officers investigated **183** traffic crashes upon the roadways of the township, compared to **120** traffic crashes in 2021. No fatalities in 2022. The increase may be attributed, in part, by the Blizzard of 2022 and the increased population in our area.

The graph on the next page illustrates traffic crashes since the year 2020.



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Patrol Cars



We currently have three (3) patrol cars in our fleet, which are:

- 2022 Dodge Durango
- 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe
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- 2017 Ford Explorer

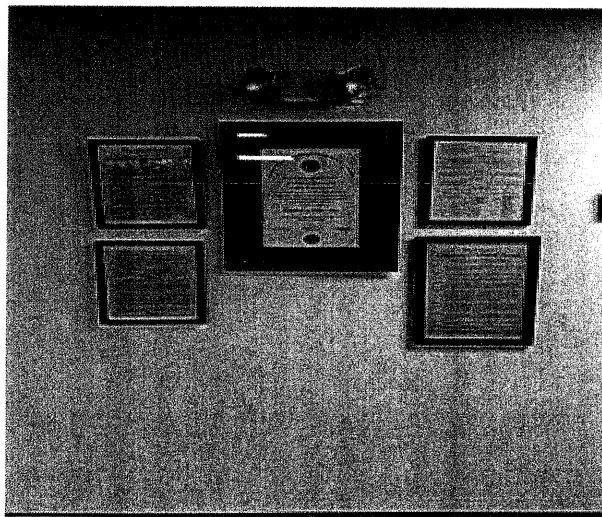
In 2022, our officers drove about **239,293** miles to deter, detect, and apprehend criminal offenders.

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2020 State Accreditation

In 2020, your CTPD team became the only state accredited police agency in Berrien County. CTPD was presented with an accreditation plaque from the Michigan Association of Chief of Police on October 14th, 2020. We remained accredited in 2022 because of the hard work of our men and women at CTPD.



Reserve Police Officers

The Reserve Police Officer Program was implemented within the police department in 2015. These men and women volunteer their time to the police department with the hopes of giving something back to the community they serve. In 2022, our reserves volunteered an estimated **360- Volunteer Hours** to our community.

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Summary from Chief Taylor

As you can observe from the data above, our team continues to work very hard to ensure Chikaming Township is a safe place to live, visit, work, learn, and play. Each one of our staff members works hard and is dedicated to the township we serve. We raise the bar very high to make sure our citizens receive exemplary policing services that go above and beyond. Therefore, because we raise the bar very high, we stand out in the local law enforcement industry.

Please be proud of your policing team, as we continue to have a great reputation in our community and within Berrien County. We are committed to serving our great community and look forward to working with our elected officials, community, fire department, employees of Chikaming Township, and the River Valley School District to ensure our township is where people and families want to live, learn, play, and work in.

Happy New Year!

Respectfully,

Chief Todd Taylor

Todd Anthony Taylor Sr.
Chief of Police

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Chikaming Township Police 2022 Todd A. Taylor Sr., Chief of Police																	
	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2022	2021	2020		
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0		
Aggravated Assault	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	1		
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1		
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		
Burglary	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	8	25		
Auto Theft	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0		
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	0		
Larceny	2	3	2	4	2	5	4	3	2	2	6	0	35	24	24		
Complaints Committed to Court																	
Simple Assault	0	1	0	0	2	3	2	5	0	0	0	1	16	15	24		
Fraudulent Crimes	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	9	13	8		
Narcotics Crimes	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	4	11	11	11		
Property Destruction Crimes	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	11	3	44		
Traffic Crimes	6	1	3	4	3	7	10	5	5	7	3	3	57	63	54		
Warrant Arrests	2	1	1	3	1	1	3	5	2	2	7	5	32	25	27		
Resisting and Obstructing Police	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	6	5		
Public Peace Crimes—Noise Complaints	1	0	0	2	4	4	11	6	6	4	5	3	46	12	29		
Domestic Violence	1	2	0	0	2	3	2	1	0	1	1	1	14	5			
Property Damage Crashes	10	10	9	11	16	10	20	19	10	24	26	18	183	120	121		
Personal Injury Crashes	0	1	1	0	1	3	3	4	1	2	1	3	20	28			
Fatal Crashes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		2	0		
Suspicious Situations	12	10	22	6	32	19	16	20	17	8	9	11	182	207	203		
Alarms	15	13	10	24	9	13	18	18	16	23	15	16	190	199	206		
Citizen Assists	81	83	63	59	139	60	40	56	55	101	78	112	928	1403	1977		
Assist Other LE Agencies	19	9	28	12	17	15	20	12	9	12	17	8	159	187	95		
Mental Health	3	1	0	0	2	1	2	4	2	3	3	1	22				
Civil Matters	1	2	1	3	4	3	4	6	2	2	2	1	33				
Beach Related Complaints	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	10				
All Other Police Calls	0	2	5	2	1	22	49	3	15	2	4	0	82				
Total Monthly Calls for Service	155	142	149	127	242	155	209	171	148	196	182	199	2075	2381	3116		
Traffic and Public Relations																	
Traffic Stops	35	15	17	37	56	47	33	21	38	35	35	67	436	409	524		
Verbal Warnings Issues	26	13	14	26	46	42	25	18	33	30	32	62	375	408	476		
Traffic Tickets Issued	9	7	11	16	14	8	17	18	9	12	15	13	149	101	207		
Parking Tickets Issued	0	0	0	0	12	63	88	28	24	12	0	0	227	525	267		
Arrests Made	4	4	5	7	9	7	15	19	8	8	13	12	103	92	115		
Public Relations	1	3	5	5	4	2	0	2	4	5	4	2	37	18	41		



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January 26, 2023

2022 Department Annual Report

Greetings,

I am excited to present the 2022 annual fire department report to the residents of Chikaming Township. The year 2022 saw numerous changes throughout the department; equipment upgrades, vehicle replacement, hiring new team members, and the retirement of others – including the departure of long-time Fire Chief, Mike Davidson. A personal thank you to him for his 36+ years of dedicated service to the department!

The department members are a committed group of full-time, part-time, and paid-per-call individuals who respond to both fire and medical emergencies 24x7x365. They work hard to ensure that Chikaming Township is a safe place for our residents and the many visitors! Department members logged a total of 2,340 hours responding to emergency calls for service and improving their skills during training drills in 2022.

At the end of June, Brad Miller was hired from our paid-per-call roster into a full-time position. His primary responsibilities, other than responding to emergency calls for service, include public education, community outreach, and vehicle and equipment inspections/maintenance which ensure the department is always prepared to respond to the next incident.

A familiar face around Chikaming Township, Greg Nelson, who is responsible for code enforcement and our rental safety program, took on additional responsibilities through the fire department. He will work side by side with Brad on department programs and respond to fire and medical emergency calls.

We would like to thank every great member of the Chikaming community for their continued support of our department by providing us with the equipment and training needed to keep the community safe.

While looking at where we have been is important, I believe that where we are headed is even more important. And have we got a busy year planned! Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date as we begin to roll out additional services to the community.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call should you ever have questions. We look forward to working with each of you in the year 2023!

Cordially,

Allen S. Weich
Fire Chief – Chikaming Township



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Mission

The mission of the Chikaming Township Fire Department is to provide the best quality of professional life safety, fire protection, First Responder medical treatment, and to mitigate and manage all emergencies for the citizens and visitors of Chikaming Township.

The mission is accomplished through being responsive to the needs of the citizens with an emphasis on emergency service delivery, training, ensuring fire code compliance, and public safety education.

Vision

The Chikaming Township Fire strives to meet the changing needs of the community for fire protection, pre-hospital and out of hospital emergency medical care and believes that by the timely application of the advances of both the art and science of fire and medicine to the practice of fire suppression and of emergency medical services, we can decrease suffering, improve the health of the community, and save lives and property.

Team

David Abele, Lieutenant

Don Dobberstein

Terry Germain

Timothy Gould

Roger Harrington

Irving Hischke

Jeffrey Hischke, Captain

Laura Hooker

Bradley Miller

Gregory Nelson

Samuel Nowak

David 'Mick' Oldenburg, Asst. Chief

Nathan Oman

Michael Schuler

Ryan Sullivan, Lieutenant

Carson Taylor

Cory Thompson

Allen Weich, Chief



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Community Outreach

Chikaming Police & Fire personnel met River Valley High School Girls Varsity Volleyball team on the court for an exhibition event. We plan to incorporate events this on a regular basis. It was a blast!

River Valley Presents

VOLLEYBALL "THE MATCH"

NOVEMBER 9TH 2022 AT 7PM

Fundraiser: Food Drive/Toys for Tots!
Bring Food or a Toy for Entry

GIRLS VARSITY
River Valley HS

VS

FIRE & POLICE
Chikaming Township

AT RIVER VALLEY GYMNASIUM

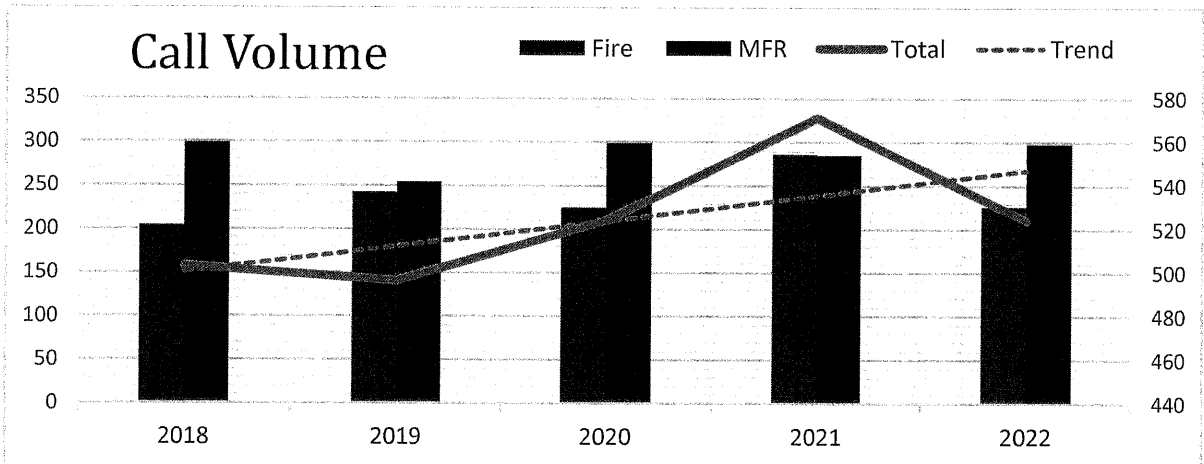
**COME ENJOY AN EXHIBITION GAME AND CHEER ON
YOUR GIRLS VARSITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY!**



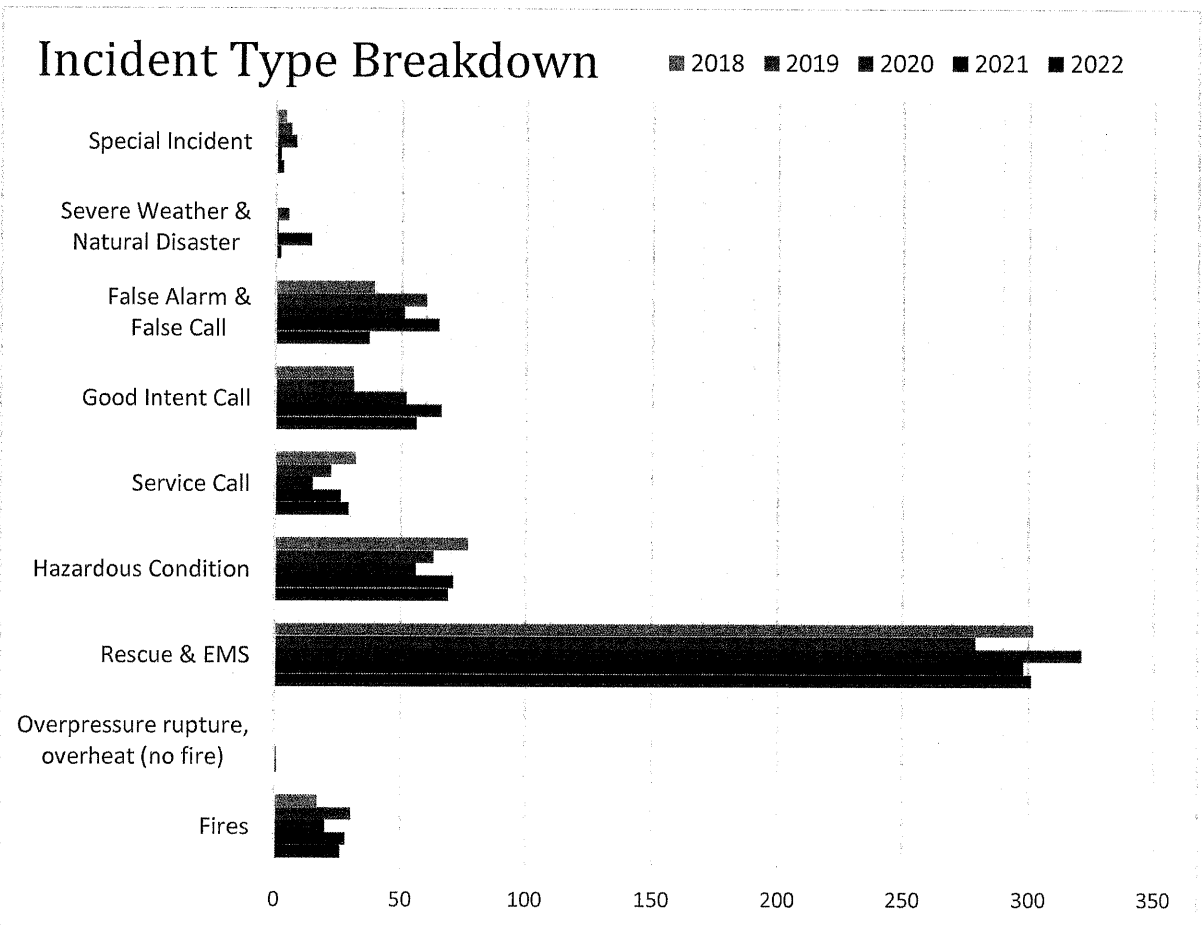
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(Left axis for Fire and MRF call numbers, Right axis for Total calls and trend)





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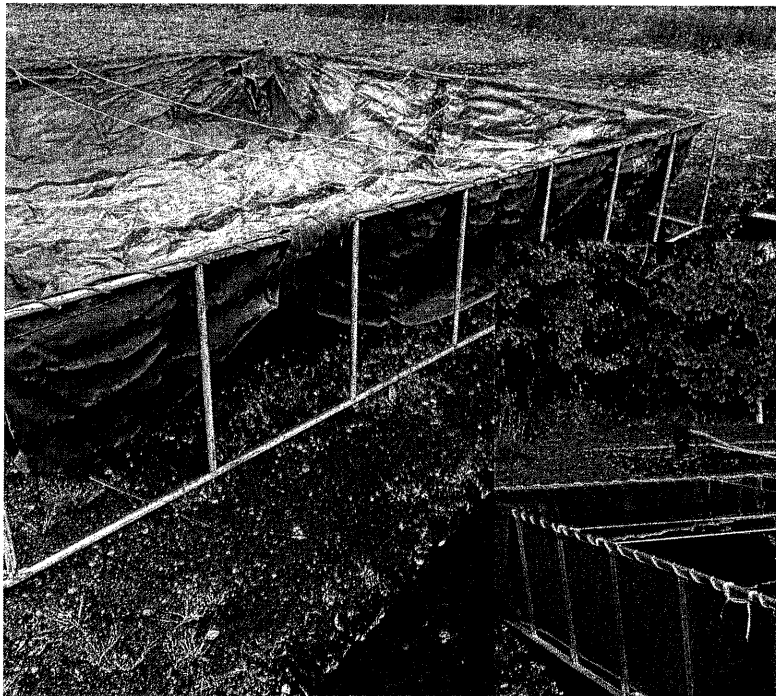
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Fleet

- **1992** S & S 3000-gallon Tanker
- **2005** American LaFrance 1500 gpm Liberty Pumper
- **2006** Ford F350 Brush Truck
- **2013** Tahoe Medical First Responder vehicle
 - Reserve status
- **2013** Ford Explorer command vehicle
- **2016** Marion 2000 gpm Squad (Rescue Pumper)
 - Medical first responder equipped for accident / rescue incidents
- **2022** Tahoe Medical First Responder vehicle

Equipment Upgrades – Portable Tank



Roughly 30 years of service



Lightweight aluminum frame

Water level indicator panels



Revenue Breakdown Report

12/27/2022

Filter: All Records, Transaction.DateToPostOn Between 1/1/2022 12:00:00 AM AND 12/29/2022 11:59:59 PM

Record Type Totals

Unit:	Records	Revenue
Certificate	539	100,625.00
Enforcement	34	6,600.00
Permit	1,249	519,899.00
PZE Process	55	35,025.00
UNIT TOTAL:	1,877	662,149.00

Record Type Breakdowns

Unit:	Records	Revenue
Record Type: Certificate		
Long Term Rental	45	1,250.00
Rental	494	99,375.00
TOTAL:	539	100,625.00

Record Type: Enforcement	Records	Revenue
	34	6,600.00
TOTAL:	34	6,600.00

Record Type: Permit	Records	Revenue
Building	261	194,795.00
Demolition	18	3,475.00
Electrical	248	60,757.00
Mechanical	313	68,332.00
Plumbing	119	30,745.00
ROOFING	114	16,135.00
SEWER	19	61,145.00
Sign	11	220.00
WATER	19	78,350.00
Zoning	1	75.00
Zoning Compliance - New Fence	38	765.00
Zoning Compliance Review	88	5,105.00
TOTAL:	1,249	519,899.00

Record Type: PZE Process	Records	Revenue
Boundary Line Adjustment	8	1,600.00
Land Division	2	400.00
Lot Splits & Combinations	9	1,800.00
Rezoning	2	2,000.00
Special Land Use	5	3,750.00
SPR-Minor Review or Amendment	3	1,050.00
SPR-Plan Reviews	2	425.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	24	24,000.00
TOTAL:	55	35,025.00