



AGENDA
Public Safety Commission
March 8, 2021 6:30 p.m. Meeting
ELECTRONIC MEETING

This meeting will be conducted electronically under the authority of MN State Statutes 13D.021 since an in-person meeting is not possible due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

└ Chair Geoff Hollimon	└ Commissioner Tanya Kessler
└ Vice Chair Karen Wagner	└ Commissioner Stephanie Kitthaber
└ Commissioner Robert Boyd	└ Commissioner Ache Wakai
└ Commissioner Amina Ghouse	└ Commissioner Jack Winkels

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of February 8, 2021 Minutes

V. Presentations and Business Items

A. 2020 Crime Stats – Tony Paetznick, Director of Public Safety

VI. Reports and Updates

A. Allina Health – Dave Matteson

B. Public Safety Update – Tony Paetznick, Director of Public Safety

C. City Council Update – Graeme Allen, Councilmember

VII. Adjournment

** A quorum of the City Council may be present.*



MINUTES
Public Safety Commission
February 8, 2021 City Hall
Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Hollimon. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held virtually.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Commissioners Robert Boyd, Geoff Hollimon, Tanya Kessler, Stephanie Kitzhaber (joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.), and Ache Wakai.

Members Absent: Commissioners Amina Ghouse, Karen Wagner, and Jack Winkels.

Also Present: Director Tony Paetznick, Deputy Director Trevor Hamdorf, Mayor Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas, Council Member Graeme Allen and Dave Matteson (Allina Health).

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kessler, seconded by Boyd to approve the February 8, 2021 agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kessler, seconded by Wakai to approve the January 11, 2021 minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 5-0.

V. Presentations and Business Items

A. Introduction from Mayor Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas

Mayor Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas introduced herself to the Commission and thanked the Commissioners for their dedicated service to the community. She reported the City was taking applications through February 9, 2021 for Commission positions and encouraged those interested to contact City Hall for further information. She noted the Council would be reinstituting student commissioners in 2021. She reported the Council was working to better integrate the work each Commission was doing. She noted the Council was working on its two year strategic plan and would be creating strategic scorecards. She discussed how valuable the Public Safety Department has been in creating the COVID dashboard on the City's website. She reported the City Council would be starting an Inclusive Community

Commission later this summer, and would be hiring a staff member to assist the community with inclusive initiatives.

B. 2020 Traffic Stop Data – Tony Paetznick, Director of Public Safety and Trevor Hamdorf, Deputy Director of Public Safety

Director Paetznick reviewed the 2020 traffic stop data with the Commission. He reported the City voluntarily began collecting this data in January 2017 along with 10 law enforcement agencies in Ramsey County. He stated this was initiated to create greater transparency and context for the public. He commented further on the five points of data that are collected for each traffic stop. He provided the Commission with comparative data for 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 noting total traffic stops were down in 2020 due to the pandemic and subsequent stay at home orders.

Deputy Director Hamdorf commented further on the traffic data and explained how he charted calls as day or night. He described how race was perceived by ambient light that was available to officers. He stated it was more difficult for officers to determine race in the evening hours.

Director Paetznick discussed the City of New Brighton population through the United States census data. He estimated the population to be 23,427, which was an all-time high. He described how this population was broken down racially.

Discussion included:

- The Commission noted there was a disparity due to the fact that more black people were being pulled over in New Brighton when taking into consideration their percentage of the population in the community. However, the Commission understood this data does not reflect if those pulled over live in the community. Director Paetznick understood there was a disparity and commented further on the conclusions that could be drawn from data. He explained he has encouraged his patrol supervisors to talk with their officers regarding the data.
- The Commission discussed implicit bias.
- The Commission believed the data presented provides the City with an opportunity to dig into the data further.
- The Commission thanked the Public Safety Department for being transparent and for working to not let implicit bias sway their decisions.
- The Commission supported the department gathering City of residence data for all traffic stops. Director Paetznick indicated this would be difficult data for the department to gather given the system that was in place.
- The Commission commented on the number of traffic stops that were occurring along the Silver Lake Road corridor.
- The Commission asked how traffic stops were generated. Director Paetznick explained the City has collaborative efforts with Ramsey County (TZD) beyond the City's regular patrol strength. He commented further on the direction he gives to his officers regarding traffic safety issues and noted there were certain intersections that were hot spots for motor vehicle crashes. He explained officers were naturally in the area where crimes occur, stating this was driven by complaints. Further discussion ensued regarding neighborhood demographics.

- The Commission asked if a report could be run on the actions that were taken by officers, such as the number of warnings, arrests, warrants, moving violations, equipment violations and citations issued. Director Paetznick stated he would investigate this further. Deputy Director Hamdorf explained he had tried to collect this data but it did not export properly from the system. He indicated he would continue to work with Ramsey County to see if there was a way to gather this data.
- It was reiterated the race and gender of the driver pulled over were perceived by the officer.

VI. Reports and Updates

A. Allina Health – Dave Matteson

Dave Mattson stated there has been a significant downward trend for COVID admissions in recent weeks. He indicated the State of Minnesota surged with COVID cases mid-November through December. He estimated the hospitals were at 25% compared to where they were in mid-November or December. He commented further on the number of COVID cases that had been admitted to Allina hospitals in Minnesota. He noted the COVID vaccines have been out for about a month which was helping the State work towards herd immunity. He discussed the number of calls for service from New Brighton in January, which was 230, stating this was the highest ever. He indicated there was a greater number of falls and calls for people with breathing problems. He noted the RTR dropped to 88% due to the higher call volumes. He noted the average response time for January was 7:31, which was eight seconds higher than the 2019 average response time. He commented on the use of TXA for massive hemorrhage cases. He discussed the no transport rate for New Brighton compared to all Allina served communities.

B. Public Safety Update – Director Paetznick

Director Paetznick encouraged the public to visit the City's website if seeking the most up to date information regarding COVID-19. He stated he was proud to report another round of vaccine clinics was held at the New Brighton Public Safety Department and 388 more doses were administered to Tier 1A individuals. He explained 4th and 5th graders returned to school today and high school students would be returning to hybrid on February 22nd. He thanked his SRO officers for their service to the community throughout the pandemic. He discussed how the cold weather was impacting his officers and calls for service. He reported he continues to work to fill empty positions within the department. He commented on the rise in property crimes in the community and encouraged the public to not leave their cars running with the keys inside, even during the cold weather. He recommended residents not store valuables in their cars overnight. He explained he would continue to work with the public to reduce the crimes of opportunity.

C. City Council Update – Graeme Allen, Councilmember

Councilmember Allen reported applications are due on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 for Commission positions. He encouraged residents in need of food assistance to visit the New Brighton Community Center for an Every Meal bag which includes four to five pounds of nonperishable food. He explained TUV SUD has applied for a grant with Ramsey County and was proposing to expand in New Brighton. He stated he has had residents reach out to

him regarding the number of property crimes that have occurred in the community and noted on February 23rd the Council would be discussing this matter in further detail.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Kessler, seconded by Kitzhaber to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony S. Paetznick". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a stylized "S".

Tony Paetznick
Director of Public Safety



2020 CRIME STATS

NEW BRIGHTON PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR TONY PAETZNICK



THE NEW BRIGHTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY, IS DEDICATED TO PROTECT, SERVE, AND EDUCATE. WE VALUE AND PROMOTE A RESPECT FOR HUMAN DIGNITY BY ENSURING A COMMON GOAL OF A SAFE COMMUNITY.

Turn back the clock one year...

2019 Crime Stats

Part One Crimes in the City of New Brighton decreased by 20% in 2019 from the previous year, from 591 to 474 total incidents. The significant downturn was largely due to property crime decreases:

- record low burglaries: 48 (previous low of 60 in 2017); and*
- record low thefts: 361 (previous low of 383 in 2011).*

2019 marked the lowest-recorded level of Part One Crimes in modern reporting history since 1988; the 474 total incidents in 2019 outdid the previous low of 517 in 2015.

Our present reality


2020 Crime Stats (final year-end totals)

Part One Crimes in the City of New Brighton increased by 37.3% in 2020 from the previous year, from 474 to 651 total incidents. The significant uptick was largely due to property crime increases:

- burglaries up 56%,*
- auto theft up 59%, and*
- thefts up 36%, with 129 more theft incidents reported in 2020 than the previous year.*

Total violent crimes against persons increased by three incidents from 29 to 32 or 10%.

Factors that are known to affect the volume and type of crime occurring from place to place:

- Population density and degree of urbanization.
 - Variations in composition of the population, particularly youth concentration.
 - Stability of the population with respect to residents; mobility, commuting patterns, and transient factors.
 - Economic conditions, including median income, poverty level, and job availability.
 - Modes of transportation and highway systems.
 - Cultural factors and educational, recreational, and religious characteristics.
 - Family conditions with respect to divorce and family cohesiveness.
 - Climate.
 - Effective strength of law enforcement agencies.
 - Administrative and investigative emphases on law enforcement.
 - Policies of other components of the criminal justice system (i.e., prosecutorial, judicial, correctional, and probational).
 - Citizens' attitudes toward crime.
 - Crime reporting practices of the citizenry.
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2020 Neighboring police departments

2020 Increases	Part One	Theft	Burglary	Auto Theft	Total Incidents
St. Anthony	41%	40%	29%	27%	314
Columbia Heights	22%	21%	30%	59%	729
Fridley	14%	17%	-12%	72%	1,329
Mounds View			-35%	57%	
Roseville	1%	-9%	71%	43%	2,212

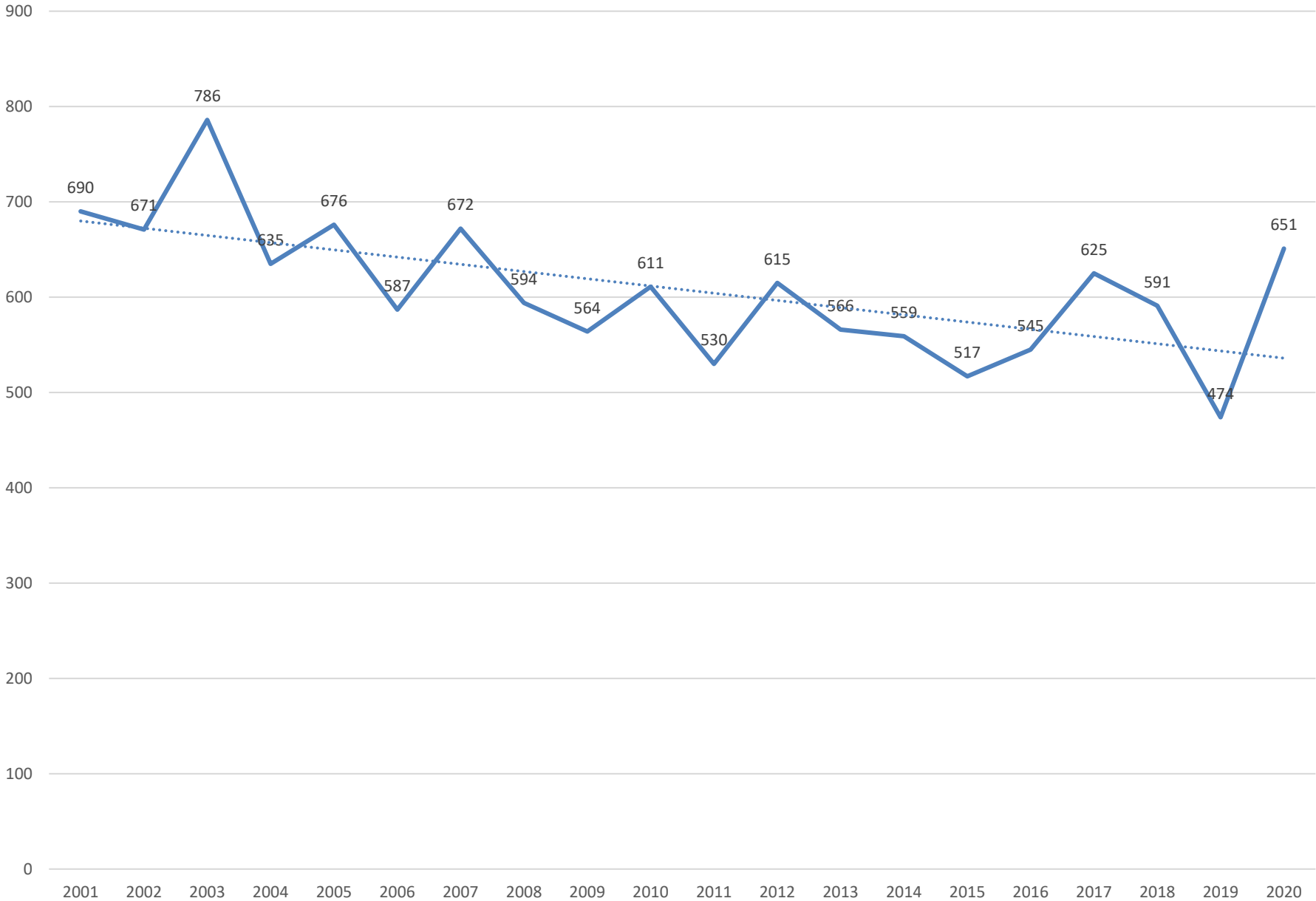
2019 versus 2020 Part One Crimes

RATE PER 10,000 POPULATION	2019	2020
St. Anthony	225	348
Columbia Heights	265	345
Fridley	404	452
New Brighton	205	278
Mounds View	248	
Roseville	598	604

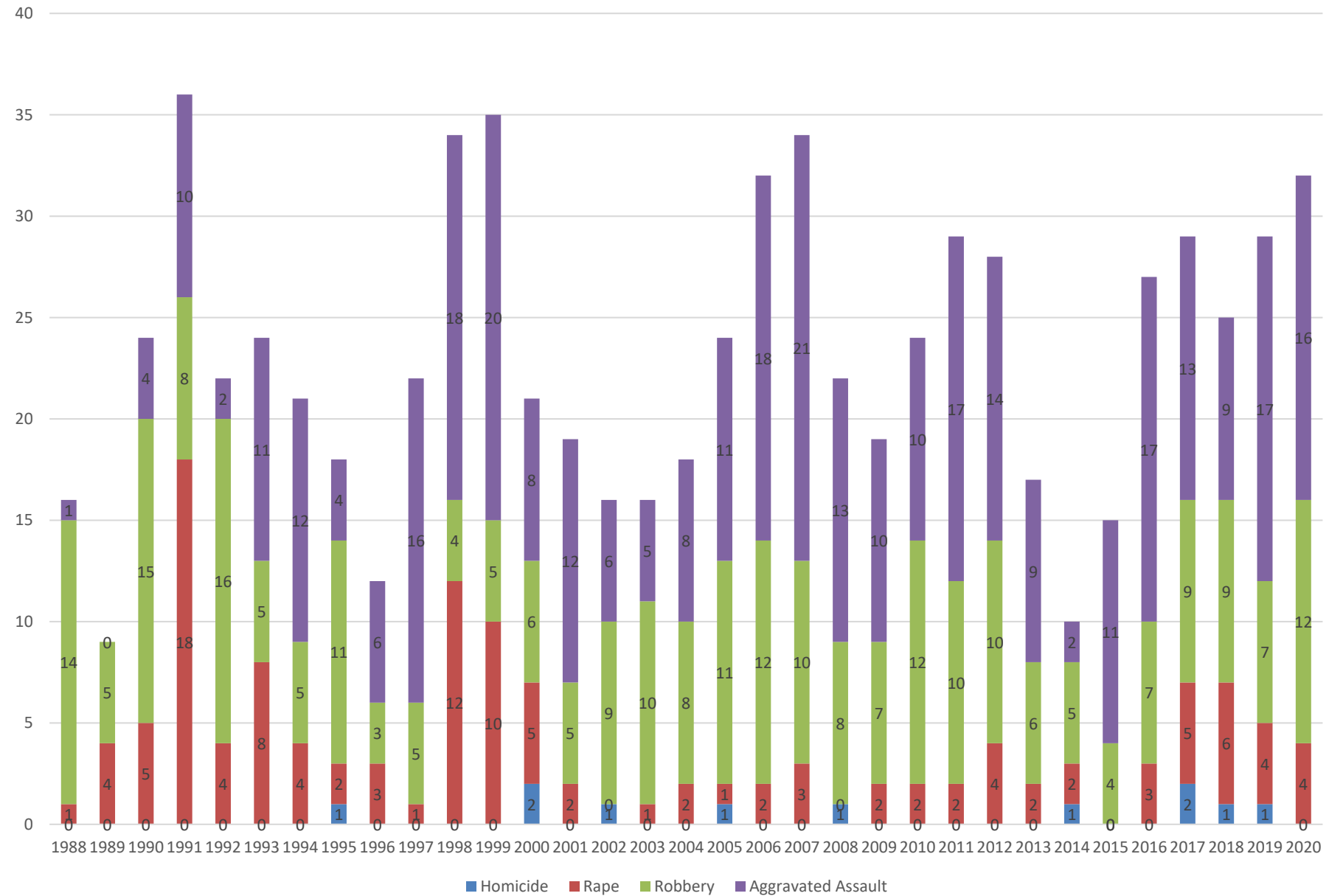
Average annual crime rates

- 1988-2020: 706
- Decade of the 1990s: 876
- Decade of the 2000s: 664
- Decade of the 2010s: 563
- 2020s: 651

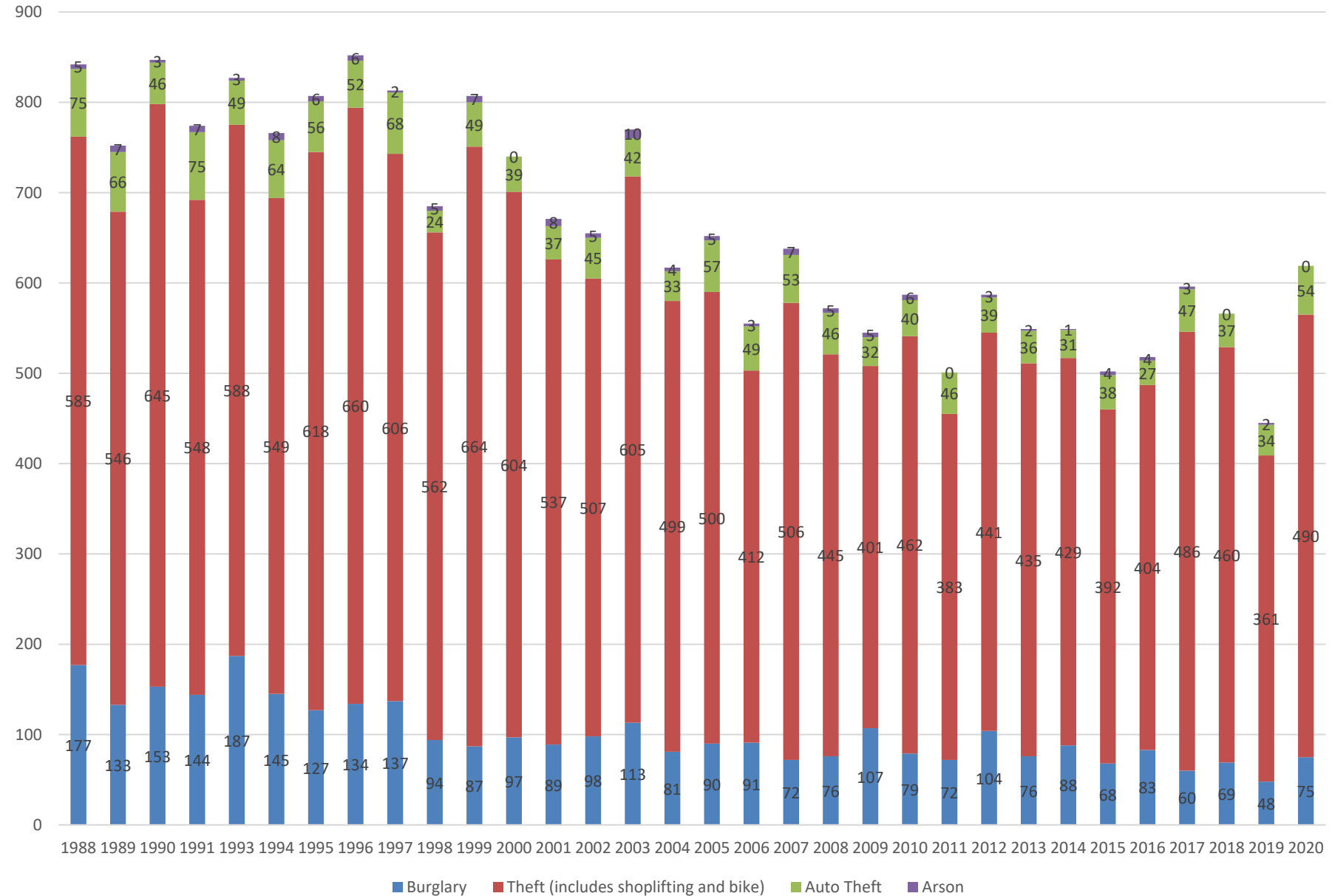
Part One Crimes 20-year History



Crimes Against Persons



Property Crimes*



2020 Property Crimes

Thefts

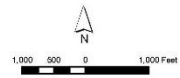
	2019	2020	# +	% +
Shoplifting	33	39	6	18%
Theft from Building	52	66	14	27%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	91	142	51	56%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts*	51	108	57	112%

*Catalytic converter thefts included in this number

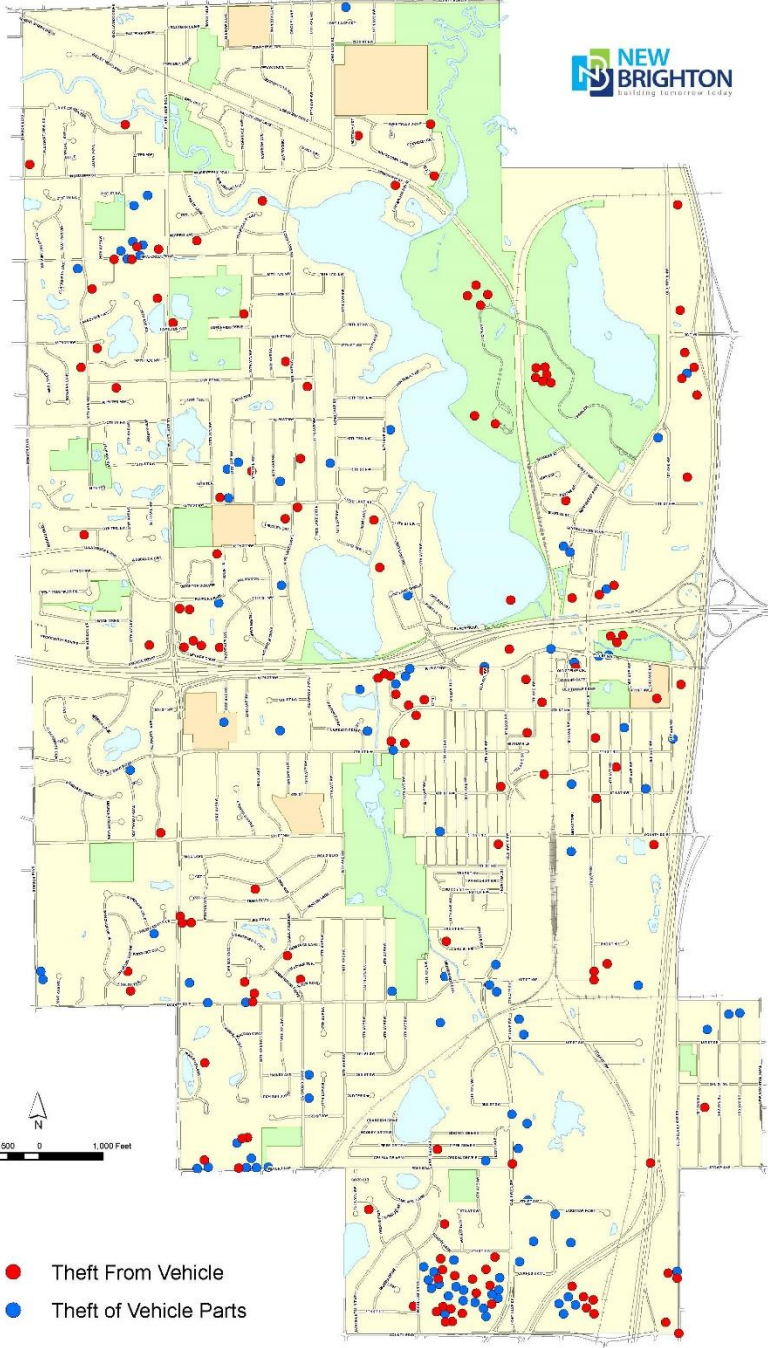
Burglaries

- About 2/3 did not involve force, i.e., open overhead garage door, unsecured sliding glass patio door, unlocked door, etc.
- Forced-entry, occupied, residential burglaries remain very rare


2020 Thefts From Vehicles and Thefts Of Vehicle Parts



- Theft From Vehicle
- Theft of Vehicle Parts




Crimes of opportunity

- Valuables left inside vehicles
 - Vehicles left unlocked
 - Open overhead garage doors
 - Unsecured bicycles
 - Unlocked doors
 - Online scams
 - Identity theft
 - Mailboxes and packages
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Back to the basics

- Getting to know your neighbors
 - With residential turnover during the pandemic, who is new on your block?
- Maintaining situational awareness in neighborhoods
 - Residents know best what does or does not belong on your local streets.
- Reporting suspicious persons, vehicles, activities to 911
 - Trust your gut; if you are unsure whether to call, that means you should!
- Reducing the opportunities for crime to occur
 - “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” – Benjamin Franklin
- “Target-harden” against residential thefts and burglaries
 - Strengthen security to increase protection and reduce risk of crime.

Staying informed

- NBDPS Facebook page
 - Public Safety weekly incidents report email
 - City of New Brighton website and quarterly newsletters
 - Ramsey County emergency alerts
 - Neighborhood Oriented Policing (NOP) Officer & Division Supervisor
 - Neighborhood-based communications
 - Facebook groups
 - Email distribution lists
 - Text messaging
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Theft From Motor Vehicles

One of the most common ways to be victimized is to have your property stolen out of your vehicle, and it can occur anywhere. "This is a crime of opportunity for criminals and can be prevented," said Community Engagement Officer Brad Krebsbach.

And remember if you observe suspicious activity to call 911 immediately. Do the best you

can to obtain as much descriptive information regarding any people and/ or vehicles involved and pass that along to the dispatcher. The New Brighton Department of Public Safety wants you to call so they can respond and investigate. If it turns out to be harmless, that is a good thing. But maybe by placing the call you will be helping to intervene prior to the crime being committed.

Some tips for preventing your property from being stolen out of your vehicle are:

- Always lock your vehicle, even when parking inside the garage
- Keep garage door openers out of plain sight
- Try to always take valuables with you
- Criminals can be watching you so if you need to hide something in your trunk, glove box or under a seat, do so prior to arriving at your destination
- Never leave keys in your vehicle
- Be aware of surroundings
- Park in well-lit areas




Homeowners, Seriously Consider Flood Insurance!

Did you know that you do not need to live in a "flood plain" in order to qualify for flood insurance? Over 25% of flood insurance claims occur in areas that are not considered high risk for flooding. Due to excessive rainfall events, residential flooding is occurring

more frequently in areas that are not considered flood plain areas. Ninety-five percent of Minnesotans qualify for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and New Brighton residents are part of that ninety-five percent! You may think that your

homeowners insurance will cover flooding, but in most cases it does not. It is worth discussing your options with your insurance agent. You can also find additional information at the following link: <https://dps.mn.gov/blog/Pages/20190221-flood-insurance.aspx>




WARNING SIGNS

Here are some warning signs of telemarketing fraud—what a caller may tell you:

- ▶ You must act 'now' or the offer won't be good.
- ▶ You've won a 'free' gift, vacation, or prize. But you have to pay for 'postage and handling' or other charges.
- ▶ You must send money, give a credit card or bank account number, or have a check picked up by courier. You may hear this before you have had a chance to consider the offer carefully.
- ▶ You don't need to check out the company with anyone. The callers say you do not need to speak to anyone including your family, lawyer, accountant, local Better Business Bureau, or consumer protection agency.
- ▶ You don't need any written information about the company or their references.
- ▶ You can't afford to miss this 'high-profit, no-risk' offer.

If you hear these or similar "lines," just say "no thank you" and hang up. If you have been victimized once, be wary of persons who call offering to help you recover your losses for a fee paid in advance. As always, contact the New Brighton Department of Public Safety with any questions or concerns.



Scams Targeting Seniors

Public Safety has noticed a trend over the past several years that senior citizens are being targeted by fraudulent telemarketers preying on them. In some cases, the victims have been conned into sending tens of thousands of dollars in cash or gift cards to the suspect. They tend to be very convincing in their approach. The following information is

provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

There are several reasons seniors are targeted for scams, including:

- They have great credit and can be financially stable
- They are very trusting and polite and the con artists exploit these traits

- They are less likely to report being scammed and are often ashamed
- They are worried that reporting a scam will make them appear as though they don't have the mental capacity to care for themselves any longer
- They don't tend to make a great witness to the crime

Sign up Online to get Ramsey County Emergency Alerts

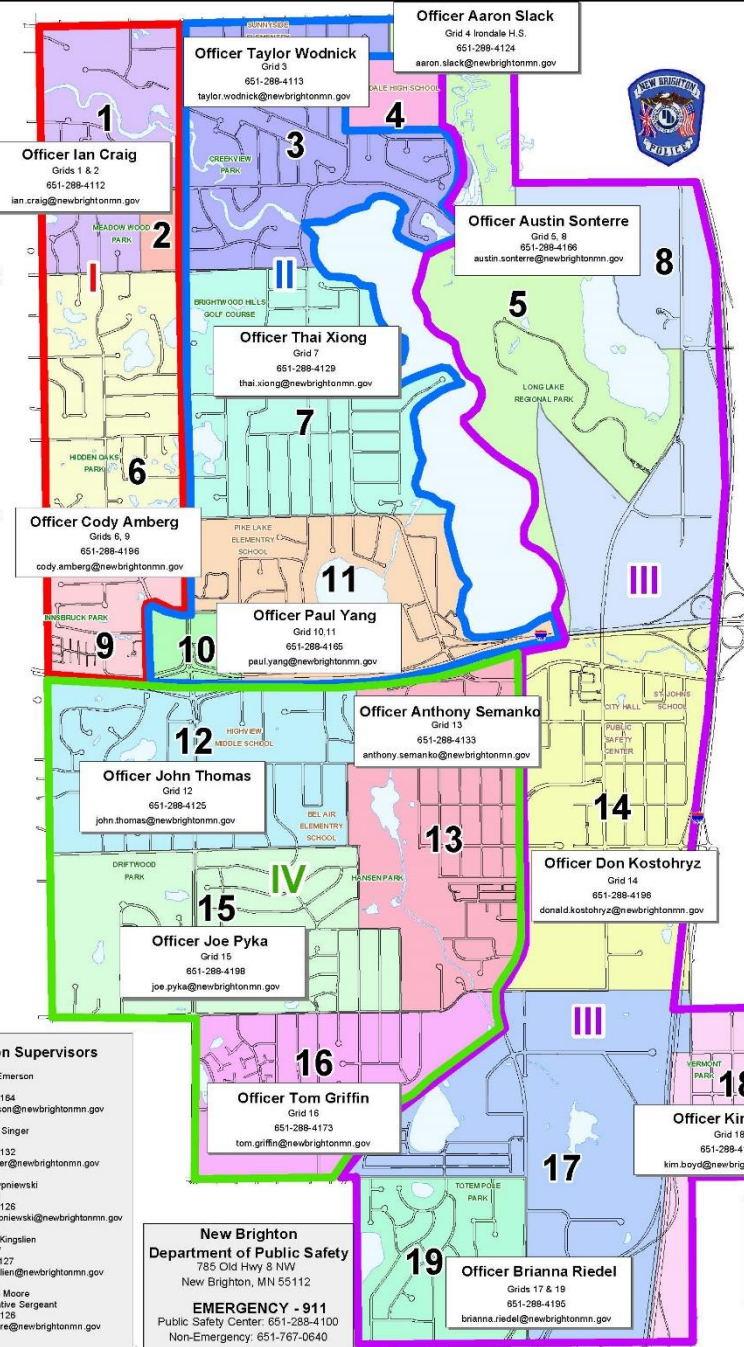
Ramsey County's Emergency Operations Center has the ability to send alerts to residents during emergency situations near you. If you wish to be made aware of ongoing incidents via landline, text message,

e-mail or cell phone, you can use the following link to sign up: <https://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/emergency-response-preparedness/emergency-alerts>

You will then receive emergency

alerts depending on what preferences you choose. Examples of situations that you would be made aware of are: hazardous materials spills, lost children or vulnerable adults, or a person attempting to harm others.

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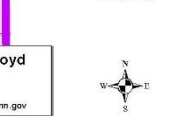
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PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM CRIME

- 1** Always lock your vehicles. Never leave valuables or keys in your vehicle. Do not leave keys in the ignition with your vehicle running. Do not leave garage door openers in plain sight.



- 2** Always be aware of your surroundings and park in well-lit areas or inside a secured garage if possible.

- 3** Check your garage door before going to sleep. Try to keep garage doors and other doors secured even during the day. Be sure all of the doors of your residence, including the garage service door, is locked when not in use.



- 4** Do not put outgoing mail in an unsecured mail box. Retrieve your incoming mail ASAP. Consider signing up for Informed Delivery by USPS. This is a free option to digitally preview your incoming mail prior to delivery to your mail box. For more info, visit usps.com.



- 5** Keep bushes and shrubs well groomed and away from blocking windows and doors.

If you see something – say something. Call 911 if something does not seem right. Community members are often reluctant to call 911 because they don't want to bother the responders for something that may be nothing. Public Safety wants you to call any time you believe something is out of the ordinary.

2020 Use of Force - By Month

	<u>#</u>	<u>YTD</u>
January	11	11
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		

Use of Force Statistics

January

<u>Year</u>	<u># for Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
2021	11	11
2020	11	11
2019	2	2
2018	5	5
2017	3	3

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Incident Type	Total Incidents	Total Incidents % of Incidents	Total Property Loss	Total Content Loss	Total Loss
Incident Type Category: 1 - Fire					
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	3.8%			
Total:	1	Total: 3.8%	Total: 0	Total: 0	Total: 0
Incident Type Category: 3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident					
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	7.7%			
341 - Search for person on land	1	3.8%			
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	1	3.8%			
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	3.8%			
Total:	5	Total: 19.2%	Total: 0	Total: 0	Total: 0
Incident Type Category: 4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)					
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3	11.5%			
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1	3.8%			
Total:	4	Total: 15.4%	Total: 0	Total: 0	Total: 0
Incident Type Category: 5 - Service Call					
550 - Public service assistance, other	2	7.7%			
Total:	2	Total: 7.7%	Total: 0	Total: 0	Total: 0
Incident Type Category: 6 - Good Intent Call					
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2	7.7%			
671 - HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	1	3.8%			
Total:	3	Total: 11.5%	Total: 0	Total: 0	Total: 0
Incident Type Category: 7 - False Alarm & False Call					
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	2	7.7%			
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	2	7.7%			
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	7	26.9%			
Total:	11	Total: 42.3%	Total: 0	Total: 0	Total: 0
Total:	26	Total: 100.0%	Total: 0	Total: 0	Total: 0

Report Filters

Basic Incident Date Time: is between '01/01/2021' and '01/31/2021'

Agency Name: is equal to 'NEW BRIGHTON'

Report Criteria

Incident Type (Fd1.21): Is Not Blank

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY
PART I OFFENSES
(Actual and Attempts)

MONTH OF: January 2021	Cases This Month	This Month Clearances	Cases Year-to-Date	Cases Last Year-to-Date
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	1	0
Agg. Assault	0	0	0	1
Burglary	9	0	9	0
Theft (includes shoplifting and bike)	48	4	48	32
Auto Theft	9	0	9	5
Arson	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	67	4	67	38

TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

	This Month	Year-to-Date	Last Year-to-Date
Motor Vehicle Crashes:	27	27	21
Property Damage	27	27	21
Personal Injury	0	0	0
Fatal	0	0	0
DWI	7	7	9
Parking Violations	346	346	21
Hazardous Moving Violations	12	12	23
Non-Hazardous Moving Violations	20	20	58
Traffic Stops – No Citation	83	83	143

MISCELLANEOUS POLICE ACTIVITY

	This Month	This Month Last Year	Year-to-Date	Last Year-to-Date
CFS by Complaint Number	786	694	786	694
CFS by Officers' Response	1,216	1,208	1,216	1,208
Adult Arrests (not including traffic)	30	30	30	30
Juvenile Arrests (not including traffic)	0	0	0	0
Warrant Arrests	5	9	5	9
Non-Traffic Citations	18	14	18	14