

# Montclair Property Owners Association

2019

## Community Watch Incident Report Summary

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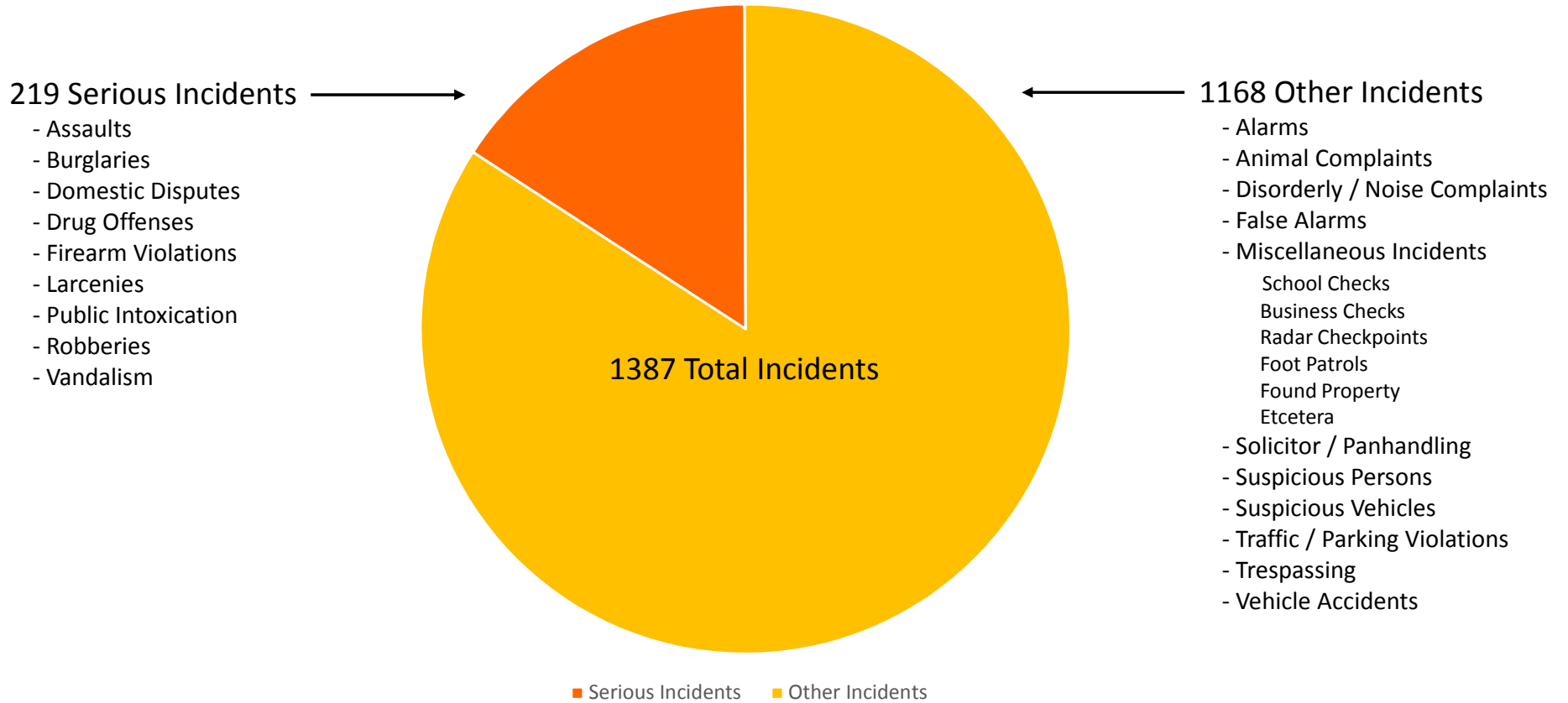
# Introductory Notes

- These charts are a summary of data compiled monthly by the MPOA Safety Committee.
- The data reflects incidents recorded by the Prince William County Police Department that occurred in Montclair in 2019.
- The Safety Committee compiles the data by precinct.
- The data for the Waterway precinct includes incidents that occurred in immediately surrounding areas, such as: the MPOA building, Henderson Elementary School, Montclair Swim and Racquet Club, the businesses on Country Club Drive and Kevin Walker Drive, Anne Moncure Wall County Park, the Montclair Community Library, the Lake Montclair Shopping Center, and the Waterway Dr. intersections at Cardinal Drive and Dumfries Rd.
- The Safety Committee classifies police incidents as “serious” or “other.”
- “Serious” incidents include: homicide, assault, arson, robbery, burglary and attempted burglary, larceny, domestic disputes, firearm violations, vandalism, public intoxication and drug offenses, and indecent exposure.
- “Other” incidents include a wide range of potentially less serious police activity, such as: responses to animal complaints, noise complaints, traffic and parking violations, trespassing, reports of a suspicious person or suspicious vehicle, and the like.
- The “other” classification includes a category for “miscellaneous” incidents, which captures a wide variety of incident types that generally occur infrequently, such as: fireworks violations, curfew violations, illegal recordings, found property, etc.

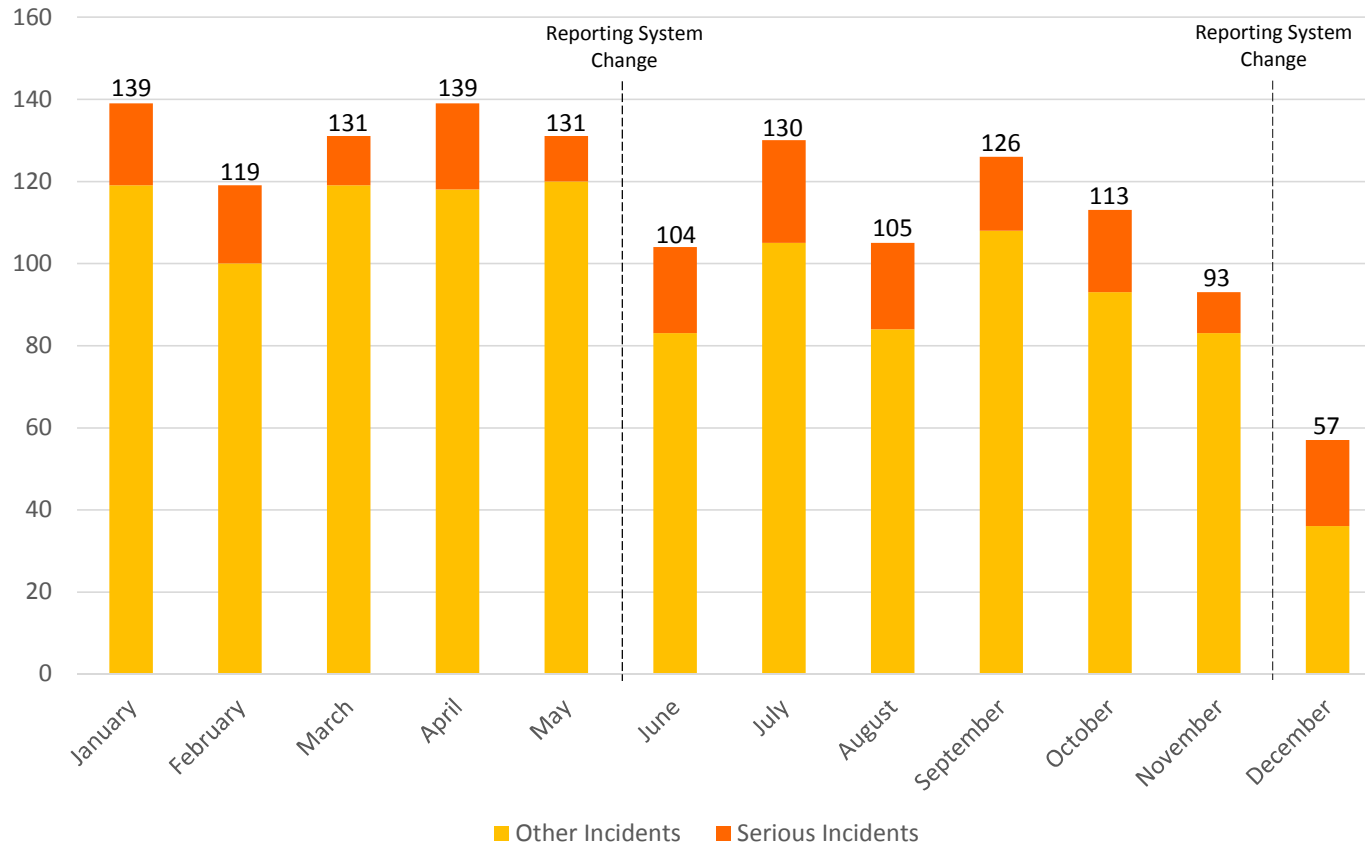
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- The Police Department's reporting system changed twice during 2019.
- Initially, the source data was compiled using spreadsheets published monthly by the Police Department. Data for January through May is reflective of that system.
- In May the Police Department transitioned to an online reporting system at CrimeReports.com. Data for June through November was accessed through the CrimeReports.com website and is reflective of that system.
- In December, CrimeReports.com ceased operations and transitioned to another online reporting system at CityProtect.com. The data for December was accessed through that new website and is reflective of that new system.
- Changes in the reporting system significantly impacted how data was compiled.
- Each new system employed a number of new incident categories and did not include other categories previously reported.
- Data from the new systems only reflected police "service calls." Proactive policing measures, such as school checks, business checks, radar checkpoints, and foot patrols were not included in the new systems.
- Due to the changes in reporting systems, data comparisons may not be entirely valid between months of the year, or between 2019 and previous years.

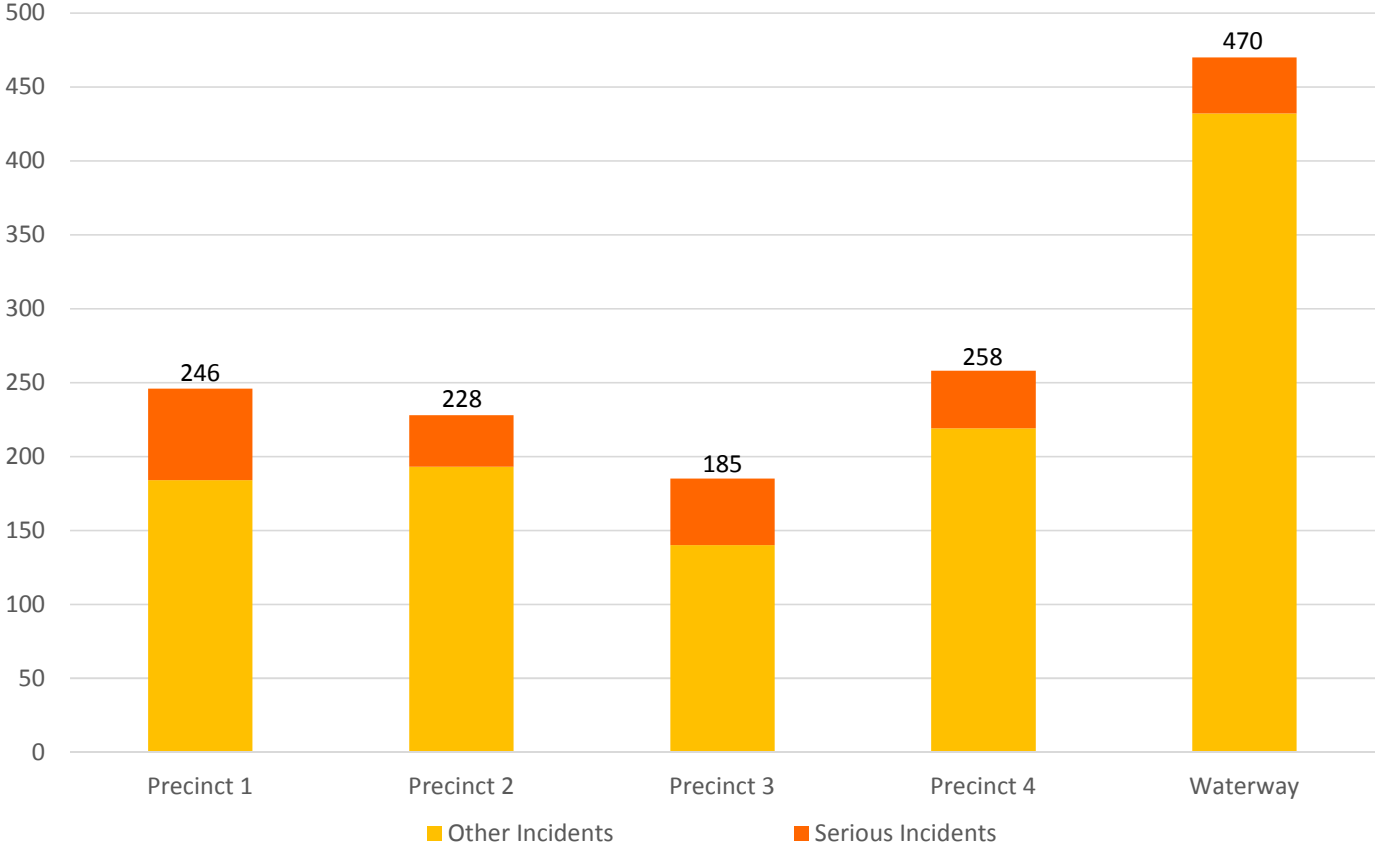
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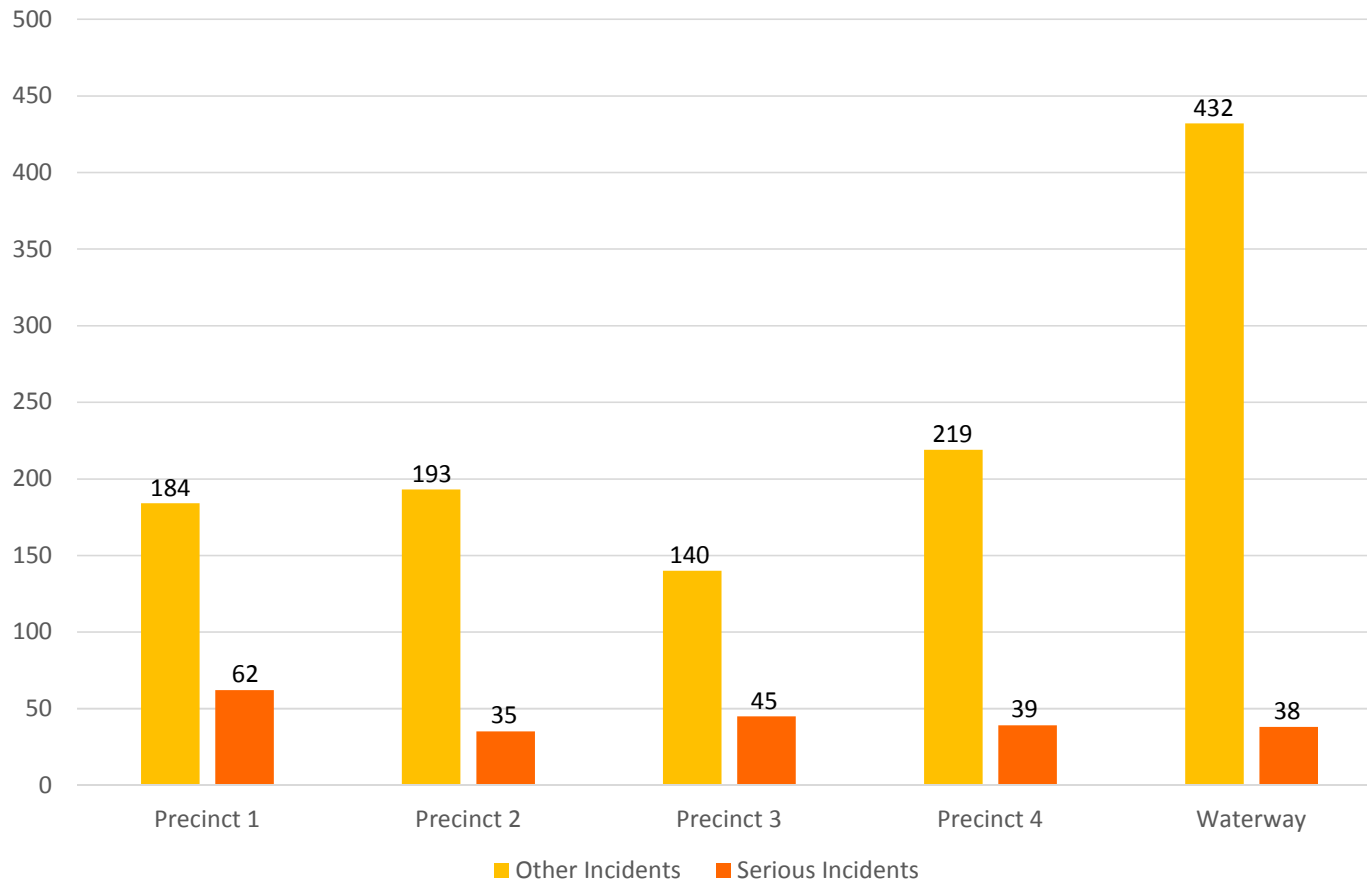
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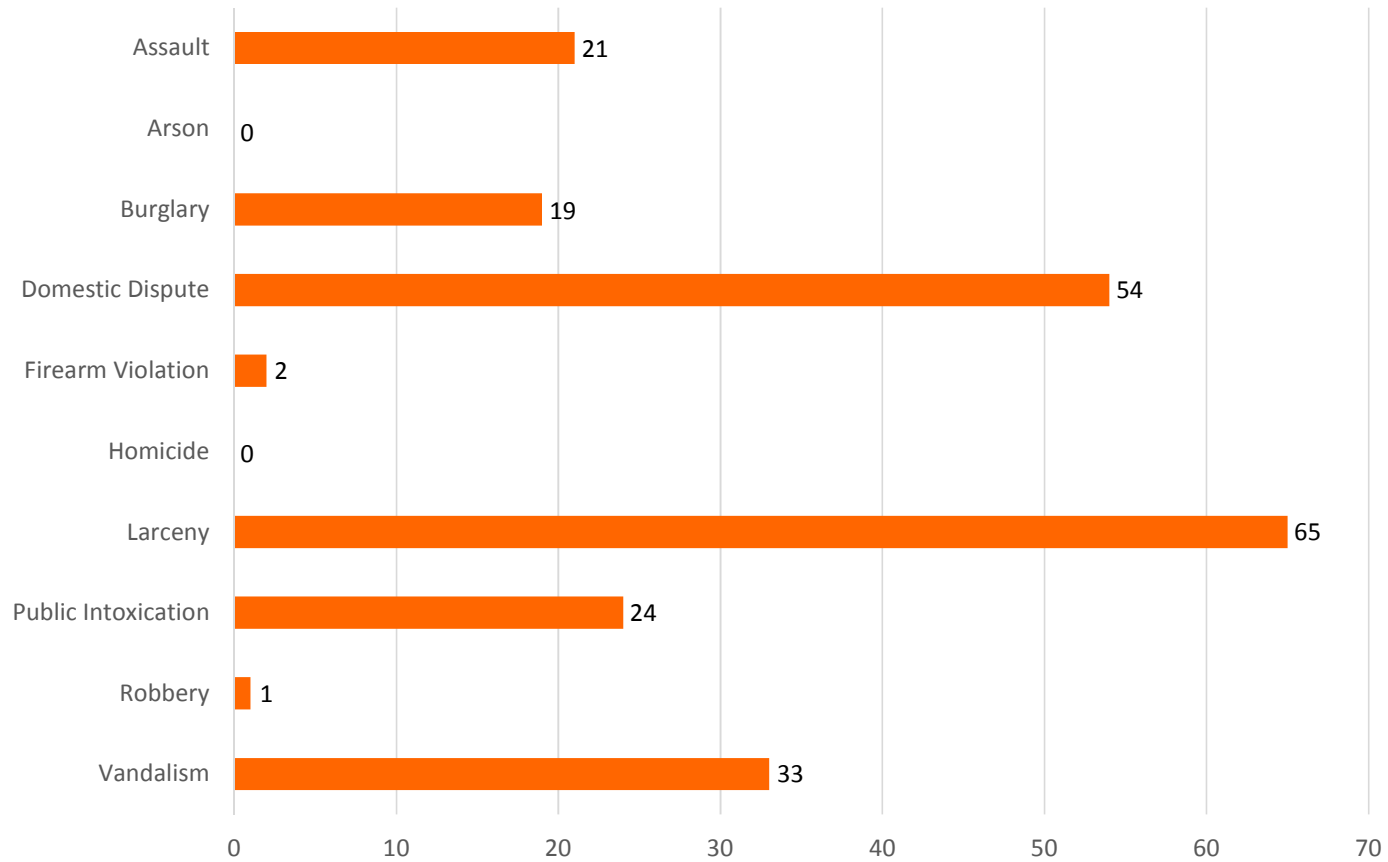
# Total Incidents By Precinct



### Total Incidents By Precinct (Alternate Depiction)

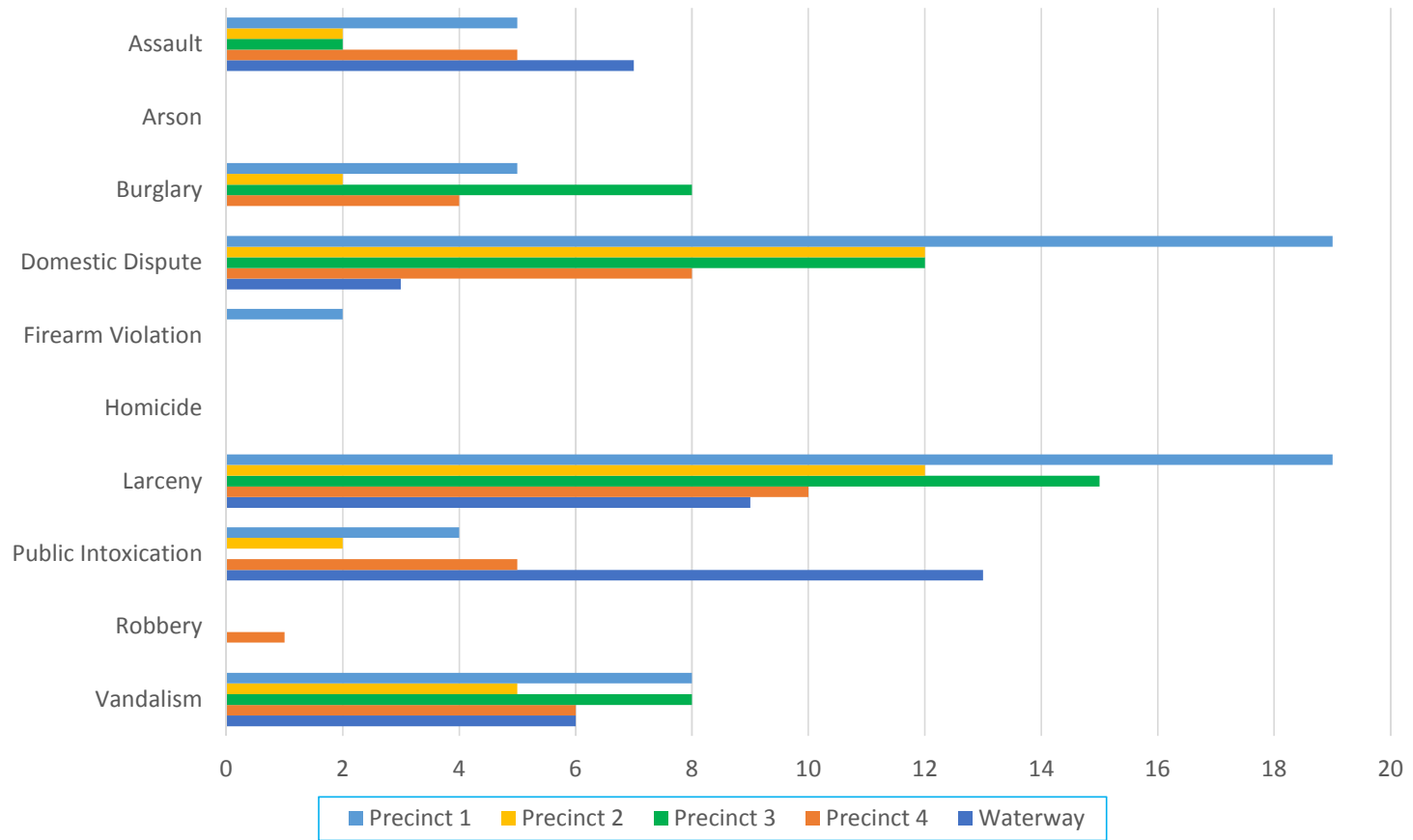


## Serious Incidents By Type

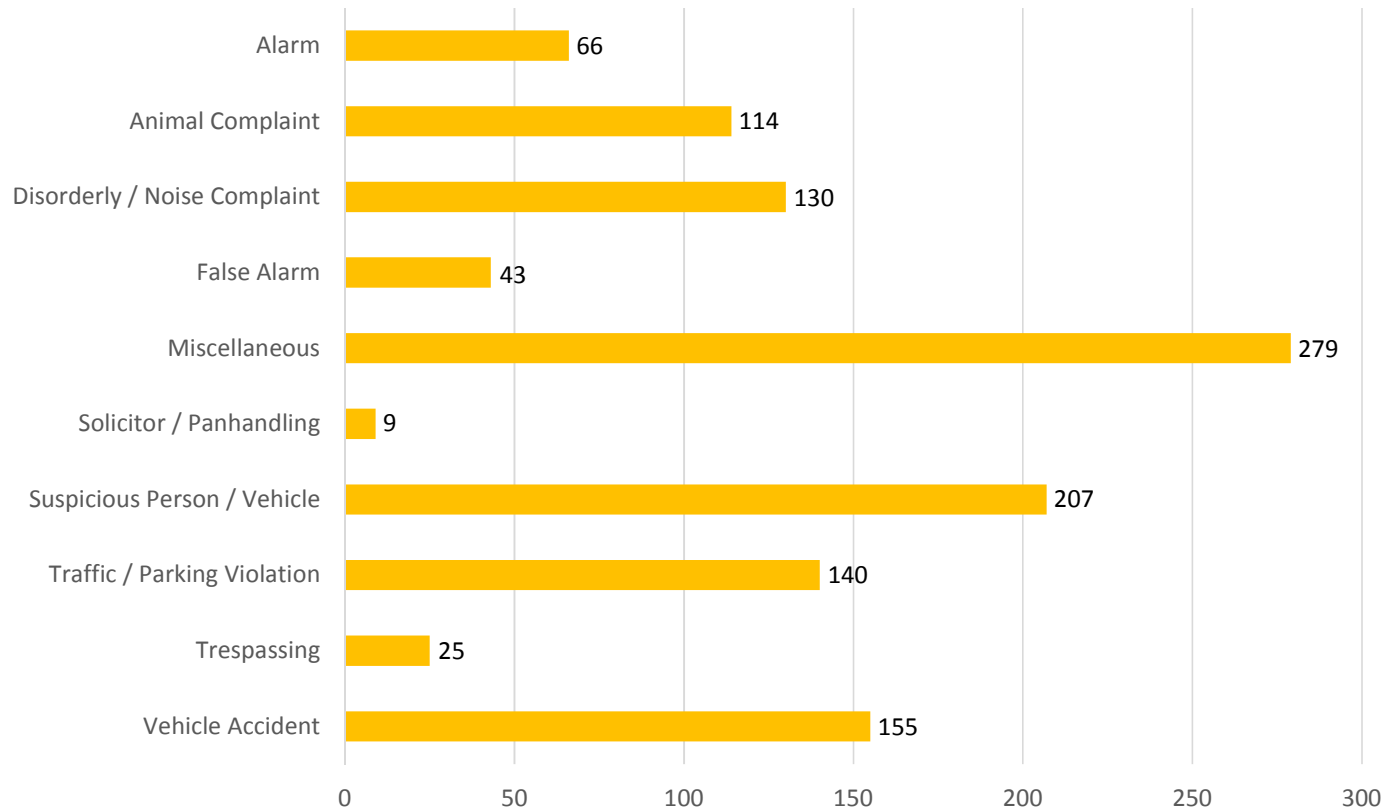




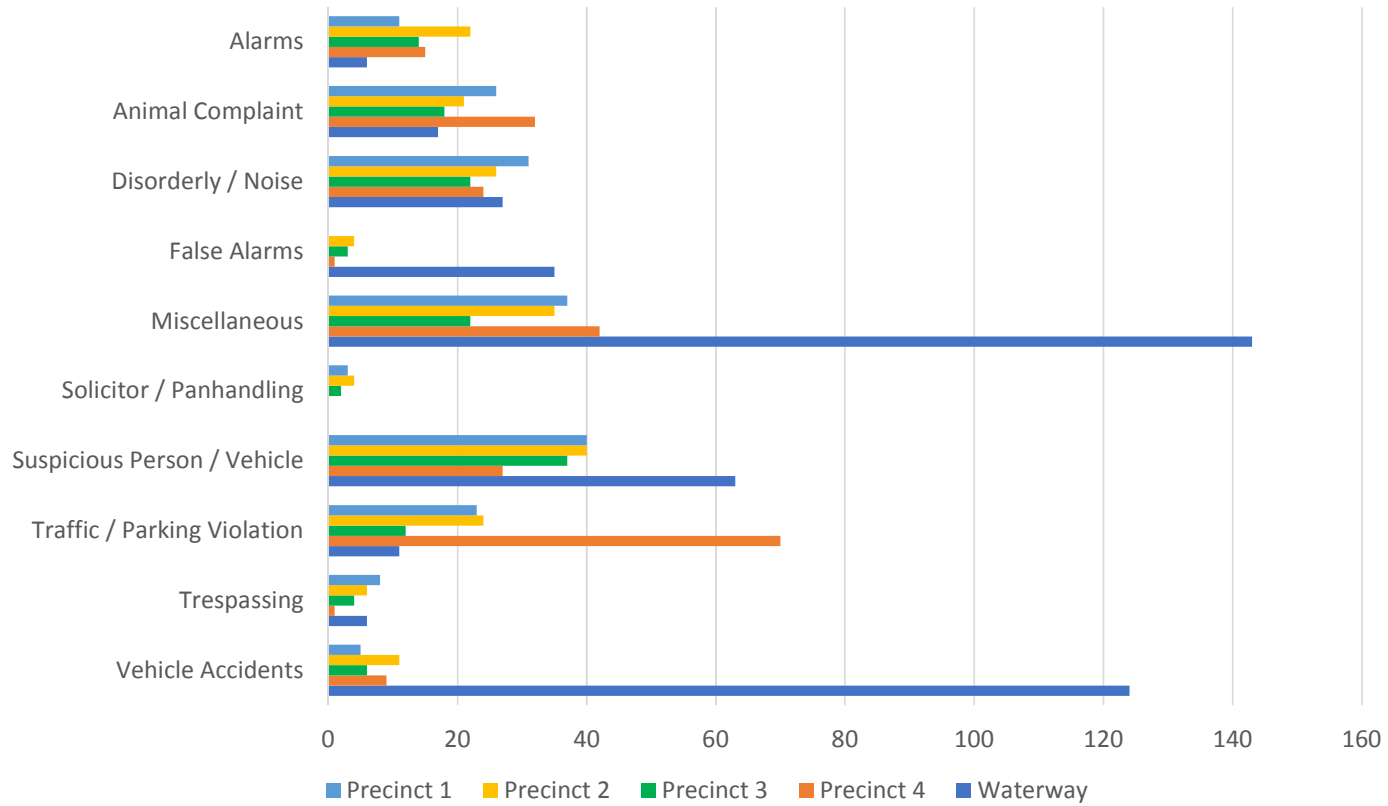
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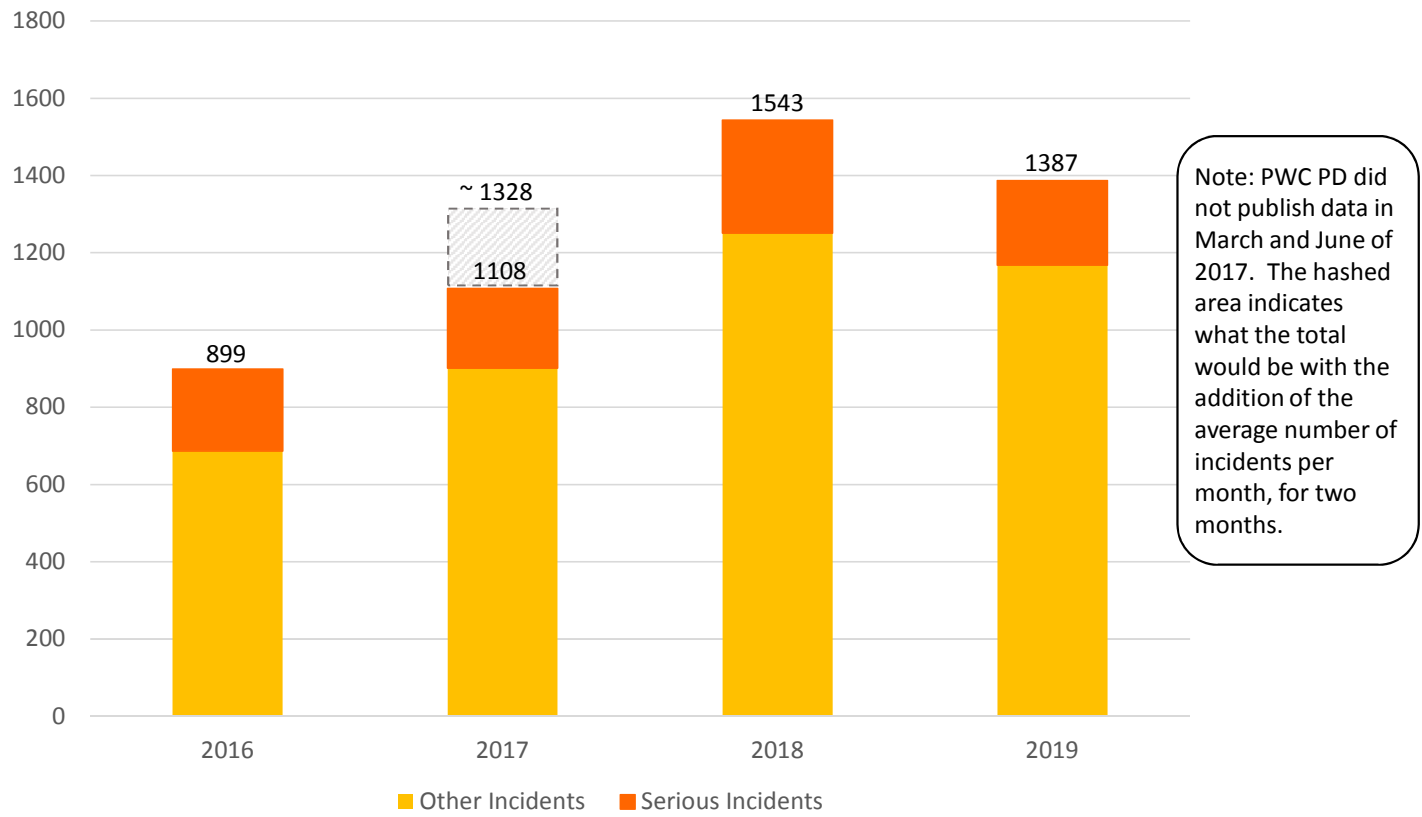
## Other Incidents by Type



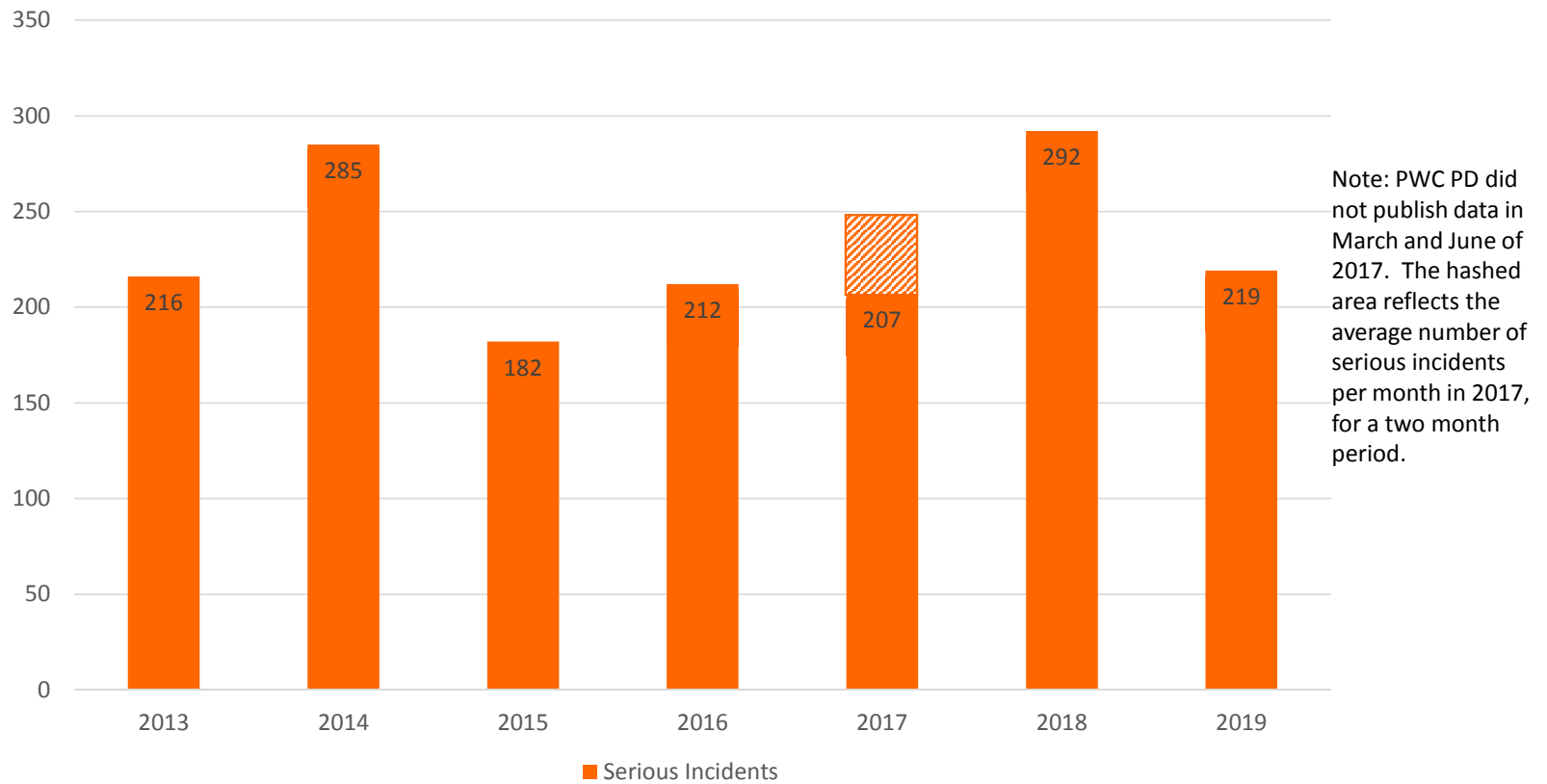
# Other Incidents by Precinct



# Total Number of Incidents by Year



## Number of Serious Incidents by Year



## Concluding Thoughts

- The total number of incidents decreased significantly, from 1543 in 2018 to 1387 in 2019. It's unclear how much of that decrease is attributable to changes in reporting systems.
- The number of incidents that occurred in December was abnormally low. This appears to have resulted from the transition to the CityProtect.com reporting system.
- As in 2018, the number of incidents that occurred in the Waterway precinct remained high in 2019. This is attributable to the high number of miscellaneous incidents and the inclusion of surrounding areas in that precinct.
- Serious incidents decreased from 292 in 2018 (about 20% of the total), to 219 in 2019 (about 15% of the total). Again, it's unclear how much of the decline is due to changes in the reporting systems.
- As in 2018, domestic disputes and larcenies accounted for the vast majority of the serious incidents in 2019.
- As in 2018, domestic disputes and larcenies occurred most frequently in Precinct 1.
- Despite the overall decrease in serious incidents, assaults increased by about 30%, from 15 in 2018 to 21 in 2019.
- Vandalism also increased, by more than 25%, from 26 incidents in 2018 to 33 in 2019.
- Public intoxication incidents also increased dramatically, from 14 in 2018 to 24 in 2019. This may have resulted from a number of DUI and drug incidents included in that category, due to changes in the reporting system.
- All other serious incident categories declined from 2018 to 2019.

## Concluding Thoughts (cont.)

- The total number of “other” incidents also decreased, from 1251 in 2018 to 1168 in 2019. As stated previously, it’s unclear how much of the decrease is attributable to changes in the reporting systems.
- As in 2018, the miscellaneous category accounted for the highest number of “other” incidents.
- As in 2018, responses to a suspicious person / vehicle and traffic related incidents also accounted for a large portion of the total number of “other” incidents.
- As in 2018, “miscellaneous” incidents occurred most frequently in the Waterway precinct. As noted, this is due to the inclusion of a wide variety of incident types in that category and the inclusion of areas immediately surrounding Waterway Drive.
- Despite the overall decrease in the number of incidents, animal complaints increased dramatically, from 17 in 2018 to 114 in 2019. It’s unclear why that type of incident increased so markedly.
- Motor vehicle accidents also increased dramatically, doubling from 77 in 2018 to 155 in 2019. This increase appears to be attributable to the accident reporting in CrimeReports.com.
- As noted, data comparisons between 2019 and previous years may not be valid due to the changes that occurred in the reporting systems.