

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



MARK KAYE
CHIEF OF POLICE



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Mayor Burke, Members of City Council, and Garfield Heights residents:

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2021 Annual Report for the Garfield Heights Police Department. This report will provide some statistics, highlights, and information about the year our department had.

2021 definitely brought unique challenges, such as working through the COVID-19 pandemic and a national rise in crime, specifically violent crime. Our officers persevered, remained professional, and continued to answer the call to duty.

Our department saw many changes in 2021 including the hiring of six new officers who are featured on page 4 of this report. In addition to those officers, we welcomed K9 Officer Echo (Handler Ptl. Tim Baon) and K9 Officer Kreed (Handler Sgt. Carlos Crespo). In July I was sworn in as Police Chief replacing Chief Robert Byrne who retired after 31 years of service. Also at that time, Dale Merchant was

sworn in as Deputy Chief. Officer Brittany McCune became our School Resource Officer at the High School taking over for Officer James Seawright who moved into our Detective Bureau.

Through funding made available via the CARES Act we were able to make significant renovations to our police department. The entire department received new paint and new carpeting throughout. All new desks and cubicles were purchased for every office making the space we have much more functional. All bathrooms were updated, specifically with all touchless fixtures. We also created a brand-new locker room for patrol officers and supervisors. New window treatments, storage, and police lobby rounded out the renovations.

In September we hosted our first ever Citizen's Police Academy. This first class was invite only and we had 11 participants attend class for two hours, once a week, for ten weeks. The purpose was

to educate citizens on the operations, policies, and procedures of our department. Citizens received training in use of force, OVI enforcement, legal procedures, life saving measures, patrol techniques, and several other areas of focus. Overall, the participants were fantastic and the program was a success. Our second class will be starting in the Spring of 2022.

In an effort to become more efficient, several supervisors took over tasks that fell within their areas of expertise. Lt. Todd Vargo was moved into a Staff Services position to oversee several administrative tasks of the department. Sgt. Crespo took over management of our Patrol vehicles in order to maximize their life and functionality. Lt. Matt Berdysz took over training for our entire department. Sgt. Nick Rossi took over our Field Training Officer Program and is in charge of training our new officers. Finally, Deputy Chief Merchant began overseeing our new Drone Unit comprised of five officers.

Officers continued our com

munity engagement efforts which included meeting children at the schools, attending block watches, and participating in the city's first "Night with First Responders" at the Fire Station in November. Increasing the trust and transparency between our department and our community remains a top priority.

I will close by saying how incredibly blessed I am to be able to lead such a fine group of men and women at our department. The professionalism, dedication, and often heroism they show on a daily basis never ceases to impress me. While admittedly biased, I believe them to be the finest group of officers around and I am honored to be a small part of our team. Thank you.

- Chief Mark Kaye



Patrol Division

"We take pride in the relationships we have with our local partners and these two arrests are an example of that. Our task force members worked closely with the Garfield Heights Police Department to safely and efficiently arrest two homicide suspects within the same week."
Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Brian Fitzgibbon said."

- Consists of 28 patrolmen divided among 4 shifts with a Lieutenant and Sergeant on each shift.
- In 2021 Patrolman Carlos Crespo was promoted to Sergeant and Sergeant Matthew Berdysz was promoted to Lieutenant.
- Responded to 19,416 calls for service in 2021.
- Officers confiscated 235 firearms in 2021.
- Patrol officers also conduct routine traffic enforcement resulting in 2,739 citations issued for the year.
- OVI's are of the utmost importance at our agency. Officers made 90 OVI arrests in 2021.
- Lieutenant Matt Berdysz was put in charge of training for the department. He taught officers several classes that were mandated by the state of Ohio.
- Sgt. Nick Rossi also became the supervisor of our Field Training Program for new officers. Our department currently has six field training officers.

Detective Bureau

"Officer Cornell and his son had the opportunity to participate in "Operation Santa's Sleigh" on behalf of GHPD. They went to local hospitals to bring holiday cheer to the children, families and staff. Check out their decorations!"



- The head of the bureau is Lieutenant Robert Petrick. Sergeant Todd Cramer is also a supervisor in the bureau.
- Consists of five Detectives, with one assigned to juvenile crimes.
- 377 Criminal cases were investigated in 2021.
- 193 Felony cases were filed with the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury.
- 61 misdemeanor cases were filed with the GH Municipal Court.
- Nine homicides were investigated.
- Juvenile Detective Bureau
In 2021, 176 cases were investigated by the juvenile Detective Bureau.
- 158 juvenile cases were filed with juvenile court.
- 38 cases were investigated that did not result in charges filed.
- 41 Missing Juvenile cases were investigated.
- 24 Heroin Overdose cases were investigated.

K-9 Unit

- Our department has three K-9 officer teams.
- Deputy Chief Merchant and Arlo, Ptl. Baon and Echo, Sgt. Crespo and Kreed.
- Kreed and Echo were purchased through a private donation.
- K9's and their handlers train twice a month and are responsible for numerous public relations events throughout the city.
- K9 officers also assist other agencies when a K9 is needed.



Sgt. Crespo & Kreed



Ptl. Baon & Echo

South East Area Law Enforcement (SEALE)

- We are one of seven agencies in the Southeast Area Law Enforcement regional group.
- SEALE units include SWAT, CIT, CART, AIU, and Bomb.
- We have the following number of members allocated to each:

SWAT = 7

CIT = 3

CART = 1

Bomb =2

- Officers Eric Garcia and Robert Pitts joined the SWAT team in 2021. Officers Eric Cornell and Noelle Ivaskovic

joined the Crisis Intervention Team.

- Team members attend training either once or twice a month.



Jail/Bookings

- The police department also operates a 12-day Jail with capacity for 12 males and 3 female prisoners.
- Booking numbers for 2021:
- Adults booked: 730
- 632 males, 98 females
- Juveniles booked: 49
- 41 males, 8 females

Dispatch Center

- Currently have 8 full-time dispatchers and 5 part-time.
- Center dispatches for police, fire and EMS units.
- In 2021, dispatchers answered 47,450 calls.
- 14,022 911 calls were received along with 13 texts to 911.
- Overall for 2021, our dispatchers had an average 911 call answering time of 3.0 seconds. The average call answering time for non-emergency calls was just over 4 seconds.

Mission Statement

The Garfield Heights Police Department is committed to protecting and serving all the people of our community with respect, fairness and compassion.

Acting in partnership with our community to protect life and property, we strive to prevent crime and preserve peace, order, and safety. We will seek just solutions with honesty and integrity. We will encourage and need community involvement to work toward a mutual goal of enhancing the quality of life within our city.

Auxiliary Police

- The department has an Auxiliary Police force which currently consists of 20 officers.
- The unit worked a total of 2,806 compensated hours. They also worked 368 volunteer hours.
- Auxiliary officers also help in the jail, with prisoners, traffic control, and special events

such as Halloween and Night with First Responders.

- They were also instrumental in coordinating special events such as the Memorial Day Parade and the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at City Hall.



Our Newest Team Members



Sgt. Crespo & K9 Kreed



Ptl. Pete Stockhausen



Ptl. Youssef Ihiri



Ptl. Colton Cramer



Ptl. Lueth Ajieng



Ptl. Noelle Ivaskovic



Ptl. Zachary Krebs

2021 At-A-Glance



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Values

Professionalism – Our conduct and demeanor display the highest standard of personal and organizational excellence.

Honor – We strive to accomplish our mission to serve the citizens of Garfield Heights with the dignity that reflects the responsibility of our oath

Integrity – We are committed to the highest standards of honesty and ethical conduct, which are the cornerstones of our profession. We will uphold the public trust and our commitment to our core values.

Unity – We foster collaboration between our employees and the community in order to achieve shared goals and objectives.



GARFIELD HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT



Calls Grouped By Call Type

Date Range 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

| Type | Number Of Calls |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 911 HANGUP | 302 |
| AGGRAVATED ROBBERY | 16 |
| ALARM | 1,776 |
| ANIMAL COMPLAINT | 663 |
| ANIMAL CRUELTY | 16 |
| ARSON | 6 |
| ASSAULT | 207 |
| ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT | 2 |
| ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS | 342 |
| ASSIST RESCUE SQUAD | 29 |
| ASSIST WITH PROPERTY | 11 |
| ATTEMPTED SUICIDE | 23 |
| BAD CHECKS | 9 |
| BAR CHECK | 13 |
| BODY FOUND | 49 |
| BREAKING AND ENTERING | 38 |
| BREAKING AND ENTERING - ATTEMPT | 1 |
| BURGLARY | 67 |
| BURGLARY - ATTEMPT | 7 |
| CAPIAS/WARRANT ON FILE | 243 |
| CHILD ENDANGERING | 26 |
| CHILD NEGLECT | 11 |
| CIVIL MATTER | 100 |
| COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITY | 11 |
| COMPLAINTS - GENERAL | 11 |
| COUNTERFEITING | 5 |
| CRIMAL DAMGE | 1 |
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE - AUTO | 110 |
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE - OTHER | 41 |
| CRIMINAL DAMAGE - RESIDENCE | 109 |
| CRIMINAL MISCHIEF | 38 |
| CURFEW | 5 |
| CUSTODY DISPUTE | 132 |
| DEBRIS ON STREET | 85 |
| DETAIL | 3 |
| DIRT BIKE/ | 1 |
| DIRT BIKE/ATV DISTURBING | 130 |
| DISABLED VEHICLE | 569 |
| DISORDERLY CONDUCT | 44 |
| DISTURBANCE | 745 |
| DISTURBANCE - JUVENILE(S) | 43 |
| DOMESTIC DISPUTE | 673 |
| DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | 183 |
| DRUG ABUSE | 14 |
| DRUG ACTIVITY | 8 |
| ENDANGERING CHILD | 4 |
| ESCORT | 195 |
| FALSIFICATION | 1 |
| FELONIOUS ASSAULT | 28 |
| FIELD TRAINING SCENARIO | 1 |
| FIRE/SMOKE/EXPLOSION | 52 |
| FIREWORK | 1 |

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| Type | Number Of Calls |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| FIREWORKS | 241 |
| FORGERY | 2 |
| FOUND PERSON | 37 |
| FOUND PROPERTY | 115 |
| GAMES ON STREETS | 41 |
| GARBAGE COMPLAINT | 11 |
| GENERAL ASSISTANCE | 78 |
| HARASSMENT | 102 |
| HEROIN - OVERDOSE | 16 |
| HOMICIDE | 8 |
| IDENTITY THEFT | 148 |
| ILLEGAL DUMPING | 19 |
| IN SERVICE TRAINING | 1 |
| INJURY TO PERSON | 26 |
| JUVENILE(S) | 390 |
| K-9 ASSIGNMENT | 1 |
| KIDNAPPING | 1 |
| LANDLORD / TENANT DISPUTE | 31 |
| LITTERING | 4 |
| LITTERING FROM MV | 2 |
| LOCKOUT - HOME PD | 13 |
| LOCKOUT - VEHICLE | 41 |
| LOITERING | 10 |
| LOST / STOLEN LIC PLTS | 19 |
| LOST PROPERTY | 40 |
| LUNCH / | 1 |
| LUNCH / OFFICER | 625 |
| MAPLE HEIGHTS | 1 |
| MED 10 | 132 |
| MENACING | 185 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 2 |
| MISSING JUVENILE | 119 |
| MISSING JUVENILE RETURNED | 46 |
| MISSING PERSON | 42 |
| MISUSE OF A CREDIT CARD | 8 |
| MVA | 826 |
| MVA FATAL OH-1 | 1 |
| MVA HIT SKIP | 262 |
| MVA INJURY OH-1 | 150 |
| MVA LOCAL | 54 |
| MVA OH-1 | 80 |
| MVA PEDESTRIAN OH-1 | 16 |
| NEIGHBOR TROUBLE | 196 |
| NOISE | 910 |
| NOTIFICATION | 53 |
| OBSTRUCTING OFFICIAL BUSINESS | 8 |
| PANIC ALARM | 1 |
| PARKING COMPLAINT - 24 HOURS | 294 |
| PARKING COMPLAINT - 48 HOURS | 34 |
| PARKING COMPLAINT - 72 HOURS | 1 |
| PARKING COMPLAINT - HANDICAP | 21 |
| PARKING COMPLAINT - OTHER | 875 |
| PARKING COMPLAINT 3-6 | 142 |
| PASSING BAD CHECKS | 6 |
| PEDESTRIAN COMPLAINT | 12 |
| PERSONAL WELFARE | 889 |
| PRISONER CARE | 8 |
| PRISONER TRANSPORT | 74 |
| PRIVATE TOW | 161 |
| PROBATE | 14 |

Calls Grouped By Call Type

Date Range 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

| Type | Number Of Calls |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| PROPERTY DAMAGE - NON CRIMINAL | 49 |
| PSYCHIATRIC SITUATION | 286 |
| PUBLIC INDECENCY | 12 |
| PUBLIC INTOXICATION | 31 |
| RAILROAD CROSSING | 2 |
| RECOVERED PROPERTY | 35 |
| RECOVERED STOLEN AUTO | 89 |
| RESISTING ARREST | 2 |
| ROBBERY | 17 |
| ROBBERY - BUSINESS STRONG ARM | 3 |
| ROBBERY - FORCIBLE PURSE SNATCHING | 1 |
| ROBBERY - STREET STRONG ARM | 4 |
| SCAVENGING | 2 |
| SCHOOL GUARD DETAIL | 33 |
| SECURITY CHECK - BUSINESS | 46 |
| SECURITY CHECK - RESIDENCE | 188 |
| SERVE SEARCH WARRANT | 2 |
| SEX OFFENSE | 29 |
| SEXUAL ASSAULT | 16 |
| SEXUAL HARASSMENT | 2 |
| SHOTS FIRED | 263 |
| SOLICITOR | 90 |
| SUICIDE | 1 |
| SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY | 251 |
| SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE | 7 |
| SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 409 |
| SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE | 409 |
| SWAT CALLOUT | 5 |
| TAMPERING W/UTILITIES | 1 |
| TELECOMMUNICATION HARASSMENT | 112 |
| THEFT | 319 |
| THEFT - BICYCLE | 6 |
| THEFT - FIREARM | 48 |
| THEFT - SHOPLIFTING | 78 |
| THEFT FROM AUTO | 68 |
| THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE | 149 |
| TRAFFIC ALTERCATION | 29 |
| TRAFFIC COMPLAINT - OTHER | 86 |
| TRAFFIC COMPLAINT - POSSIBLE OVI | 44 |
| TRAFFIC COMPLAINT - RECKLESS | 154 |
| TRAFFIC CONTROL | 11 |
| TRAFFIC DETAIL | 6 |
| TRAFFIC OFFENSE | 1 |
| TRAFFIC OFFENSE - DUS | 65 |
| TRAFFIC OFFENSE - FLEEING | 108 |
| TRAFFIC OFFENSE - NO DL | 9 |
| TRAFFIC OFFENSE - OTHER | 19 |
| TRAFFIC OFFENSE - OVI | 63 |
| TRAFFIC OFFENSE - RECKLESS | 37 |
| TRAFFIC SIGNAL CHECK | 12 |
| TRAFFIC STOP | 2,349 |
| TRANSPORT BY POLICE | 27 |
| TRESPASSING | 94 |
| TROUBLE W/CUSTOMER | 164 |
| TROUBLE W/CUSTOMER. | 1 |
| UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE | 4 |
| UNAUTHORIZED USE - VEHICLE | 58 |
| UNWANTED GUEST | 231 |
| UTILITIES - PUBLIC | 85 |
| VANDALISM | 13 |

Calls Grouped By Call Type

Date Range 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

| Type | Number Of Calls |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER | 53 |
| WEAPON OFFENSE | 128 |
| WEAPON TURNED IN | 3 |
| Grand Total | 21765 |



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Calls By Day and Hour

Calls received - breakdown by day and time received

| Date Range Agency Range | 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021 GARFIELD | | | | | | | To | GARFIELD | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----|--------------|----------|
| Hour of Day: | <u>Sun</u> | <u>Mon</u> | <u>Tue</u> | <u>Wed</u> | <u>Thu</u> | <u>Fri</u> | <u>Sat</u> | | <u>Total</u> | <u>%</u> |
| 00:00-00:59 | 194 | 129 | 108 | 123 | 133 | 136 | 158 | | 981 | 4.51% |
| 01:00-01:59 | 180 | 97 | 105 | 110 | 123 | 113 | 158 | | 886 | 4.07% |
| 02:00-02:59 | 163 | 54 | 95 | 93 | 96 | 90 | 119 | | 710 | 3.26% |
| 03:00-03:59 | 112 | 70 | 84 | 67 | 77 | 86 | 101 | | 597 | 2.74% |
| 04:00-04:59 | 90 | 68 | 68 | 71 | 66 | 74 | 79 | | 516 | 2.37% |
| 05:00-05:59 | 57 | 59 | 55 | 61 | 57 | 64 | 47 | | 400 | 1.84% |
| 06:00-06:59 | 48 | 44 | 52 | 59 | 37 | 45 | 47 | | 332 | 1.53% |
| 07:00-07:59 | 47 | 77 | 94 | 88 | 95 | 75 | 69 | | 545 | 2.50% |
| 08:00-08:59 | 60 | 76 | 111 | 114 | 111 | 120 | 83 | | 675 | 3.10% |
| 09:00-09:59 | 102 | 134 | 127 | 126 | 146 | 121 | 73 | | 829 | 3.81% |
| 10:00-10:59 | 105 | 145 | 168 | 145 | 162 | 149 | 123 | | 997 | 4.58% |
| 11:00-11:59 | 114 | 138 | 138 | 147 | 147 | 136 | 139 | | 959 | 4.41% |
| 12:00-12:59 | 112 | 162 | 157 | 158 | 143 | 142 | 118 | | 992 | 4.56% |
| 13:00-13:59 | 117 | 144 | 177 | 144 | 171 | 174 | 130 | | 1057 | 4.86% |
| 14:00-14:59 | 121 | 150 | 198 | 168 | 190 | 158 | 118 | | 1103 | 5.07% |
| 15:00-15:59 | 131 | 183 | 201 | 174 | 168 | 171 | 140 | | 1168 | 5.37% |
| 16:00-16:59 | 146 | 172 | 198 | 203 | 153 | 182 | 139 | | 1193 | 5.48% |
| 17:00-17:59 | 148 | 173 | 184 | 210 | 172 | 170 | 149 | | 1206 | 5.54% |
| 18:00-18:59 | 126 | 154 | 169 | 150 | 145 | 151 | 137 | | 1032 | 4.74% |
| 19:00-19:59 | 137 | 158 | 170 | 167 | 152 | 167 | 180 | | 1131 | 5.20% |
| 20:00-20:59 | 179 | 138 | 144 | 151 | 141 | 162 | 188 | | 1103 | 5.07% |
| 21:00-21:59 | 189 | 151 | 155 | 149 | 151 | 183 | 197 | | 1175 | 5.40% |
| 22:00-22:59 | 157 | 133 | 147 | 158 | 151 | 163 | 210 | | 1119 | 5.14% |
| 23:00-23:59 | 142 | 128 | 125 | 150 | 153 | 158 | 198 | | 1054 | 4.84% |

Calls By Day and Hour

Calls received - breakdown by day and time received

Date Range

1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

Agency Range

GARFIELD

To GARFIELD

| | <u>Sun</u> | <u>Mon</u> | <u>Tue</u> | <u>Wed</u> | <u>Thu</u> | <u>Fri</u> | <u>Sat</u> | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Totals: | 2,977 | 2,937 | 3,230 | 3,186 | 3,140 | 3,190 | 3,100 | 21,760 |
| % | 13.68% | 13.50% | 14.84% | 14.64% | 14.43% | 14.66% | 14.25% | 100.00% |



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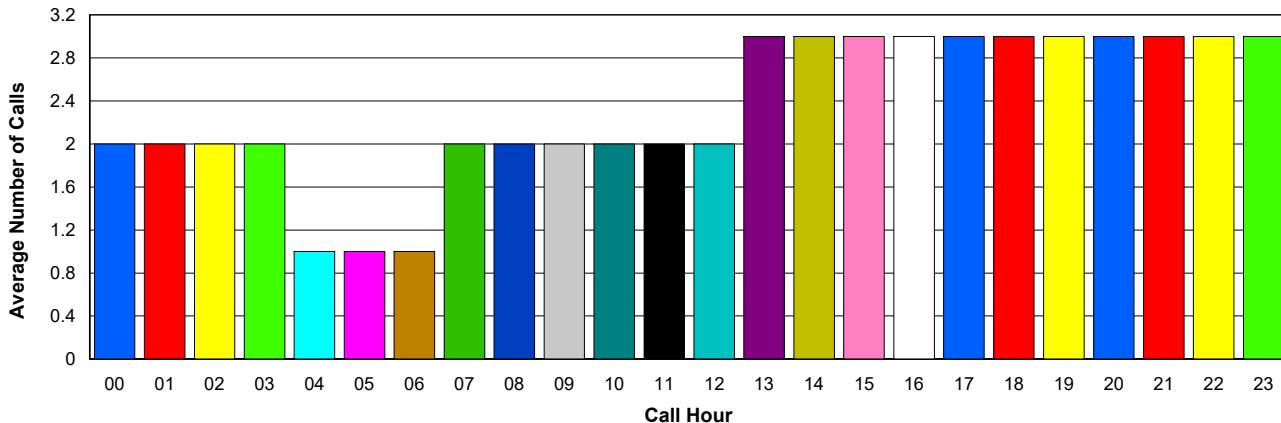
Calls Grouped By Hour

Date Range: 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021

Agency Range: GARFIELD

To GARFIELD

Average Number of Calls Per Hour



| Call Hour | Sum Of Calls | Average Number Of Calls |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 00 | 981 | 2 |
| 01 | 886 | 2 |
| 02 | 710 | 2 |
| 03 | 597 | 2 |
| 04 | 516 | 1 |
| 05 | 400 | 1 |
| 06 | 332 | 1 |
| 07 | 545 | 2 |
| 08 | 675 | 2 |
| 09 | 829 | 2 |
| 10 | 997 | 2 |
| 11 | 959 | 2 |
| 12 | 992 | 2 |
| 13 | 1,057 | 3 |
| 14 | 1,103 | 3 |
| 15 | 1,168 | 3 |
| 16 | 1,193 | 3 |
| 17 | 1,206 | 3 |
| 18 | 1,032 | 3 |
| 19 | 1,131 | 3 |
| 20 | 1,103 | 3 |
| 21 | 1,175 | 3 |
| 22 | 1,119 | 3 |
| 23 | 1,054 | 3 |

Grand Total of Calls

21,760



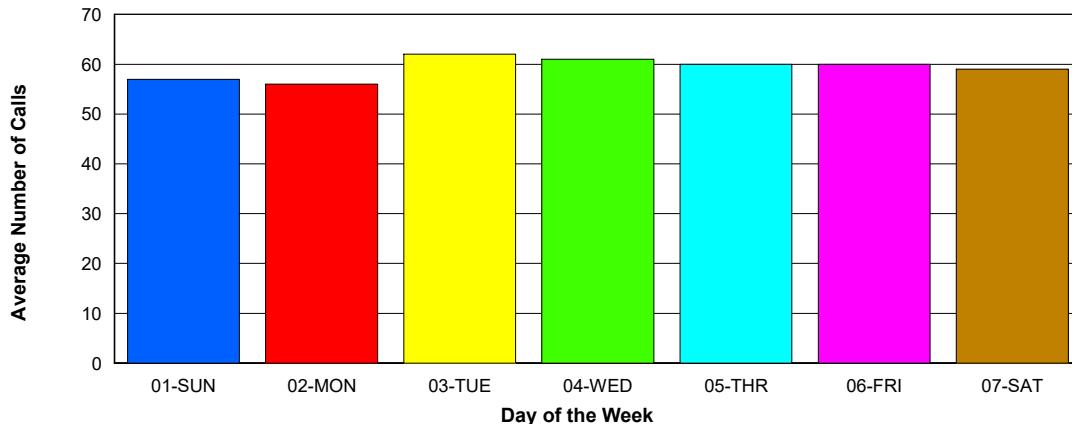
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Calls Grouped By Day of Week

Date Range: 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021
Agency Range: GARFIELD To GARFIELD

Average Number Of Calls Per Day



| Call Day | Sum Of Calls | Average Number Of Calls |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| SUNDAY | 2,977 | 57 |
| MONDAY | 2,937 | 56 |
| TUESDAY | 3,230 | 62 |
| WEDNESDAY | 3,186 | 61 |
| THURSDAY | 3,140 | 60 |
| FRIDAY | 3,190 | 60 |
| SATURDAY | 3,100 | 59 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Grand Total of Calls | | 21,760 |