

# San José Fire Department

The San José Fire Department's core mission is to serve the community by protecting life, property and the environment through prevention and response.



## Fireworks Ordinance Work Plan Status Report

Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee

August 19, 2021

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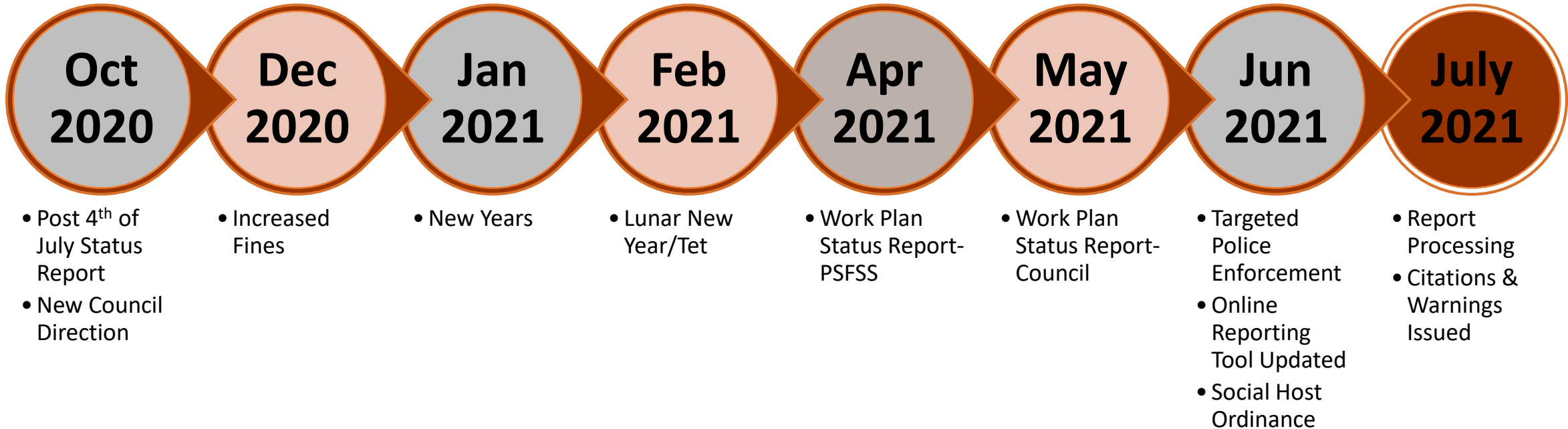
# Program Components



## Goals

- ✓ Reduce injuries and fires
- ✓ Increase the number of actionable reports
- ✓ Decrease illegal fireworks activity
- ✓ Increase awareness of fines (change of Ordinance)

# Year In Review



# Completed Work Plan Items



Fireworks Ordinance amended to include Social Host Ordinance

Presentation to City Council in 2020

Fireworks Ordinance Work Plan reinstated into PSFSS Committee

Reevaluation of citation issuance protocols

Evaluated the use of drones for enforcement

Comparison of Fines: fine amounts increased

Funding obtained for Fireworks Hotspot Enforcement Pilot July 4, 2021

# Outcomes



Increased  
Fireworks  
Fines

Expanded  
Social Host  
Ordinance  
& Updated  
Fees

Targeted  
Social  
Media  
Outreach

Joint Press  
Conference

Expanded  
Safety  
Messaging

Improved  
Actionable  
Online  
Reports

# Work Plan Items In-Progress



- Mobile and Online Reporting Tools (San José 311)
- Interjurisdictional Collaboration Efforts
- Explore Additional Grant Funding
- Outreach Campaign & Cultural Competency Analysis

# Hotline and 311



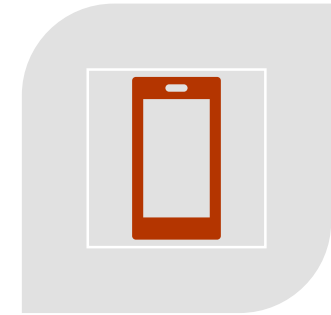
651 TOTAL CALLS



409 DIRECTED  
TO OLRT



236 CALLS  
HANDLED BY STAFF

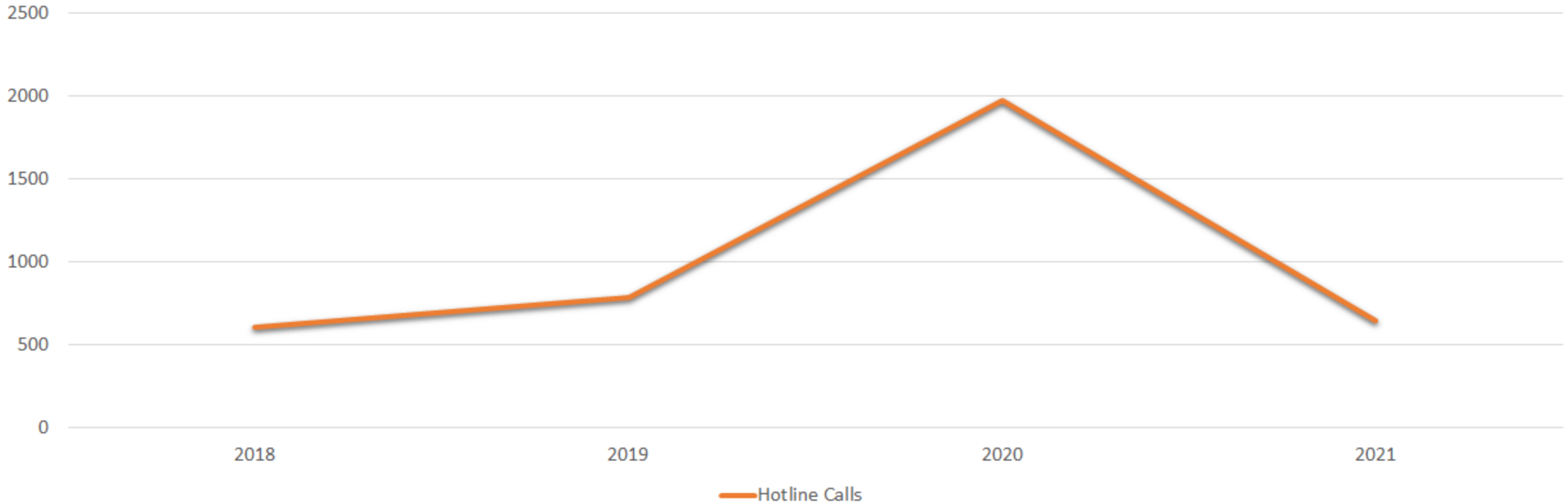


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311 APP

# Hotline Calls Received



## Hotline Calls





# Fire Department



56 Emergency Responses



32 Fires

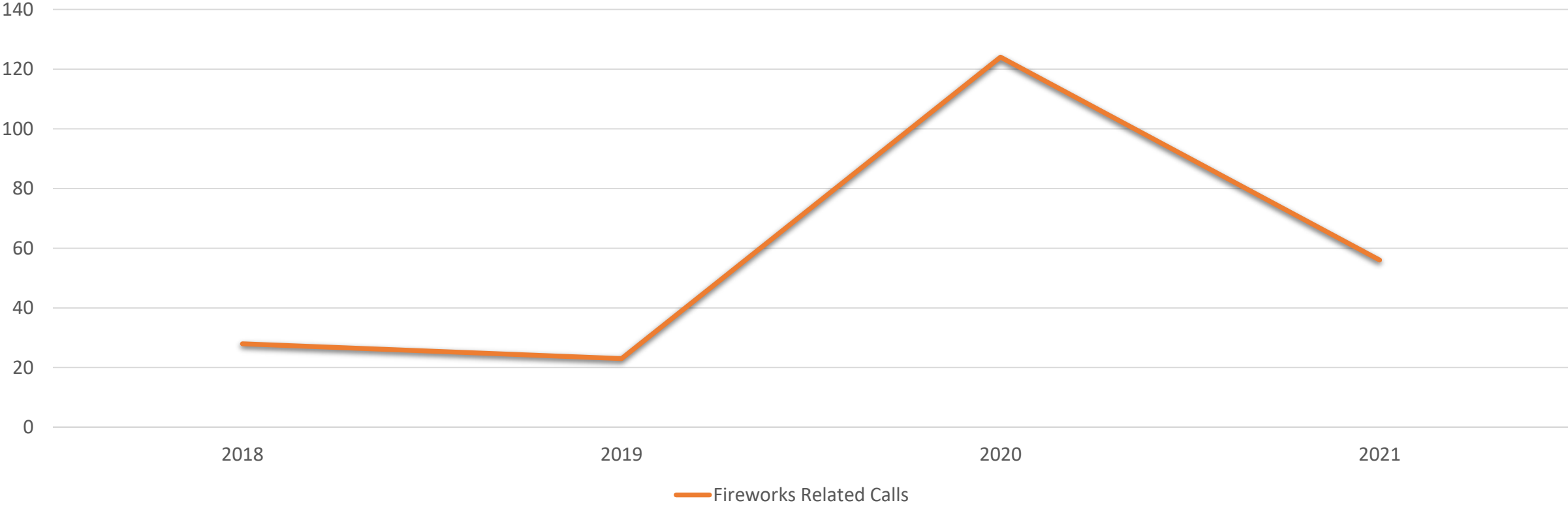


0 Medical Calls

# July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Related Calls (Fire)



### Fireworks Related Calls



# July 4th Enforcement (Police)

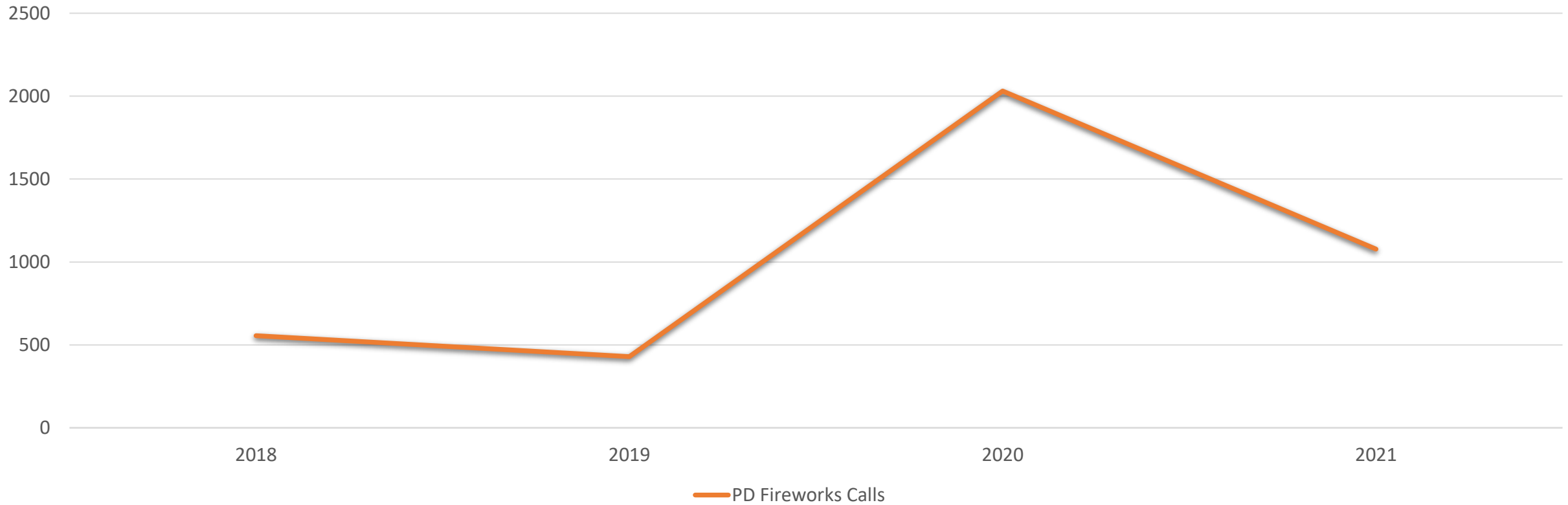


- Targeted enforcement for sales and purchasing of illegal fireworks commenced on June 10, 2021
- A Public Safety Advisory (PSA) video was released via the Police Department's social platforms on June 24, 2021
- High-visibility patrols and enforcement were deployed in Hot Spot areas before and during the Fourth of July weekend
- Road diversions were also utilized to reduce fireworks activity

# July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Calls PD (June 1 to July 6)



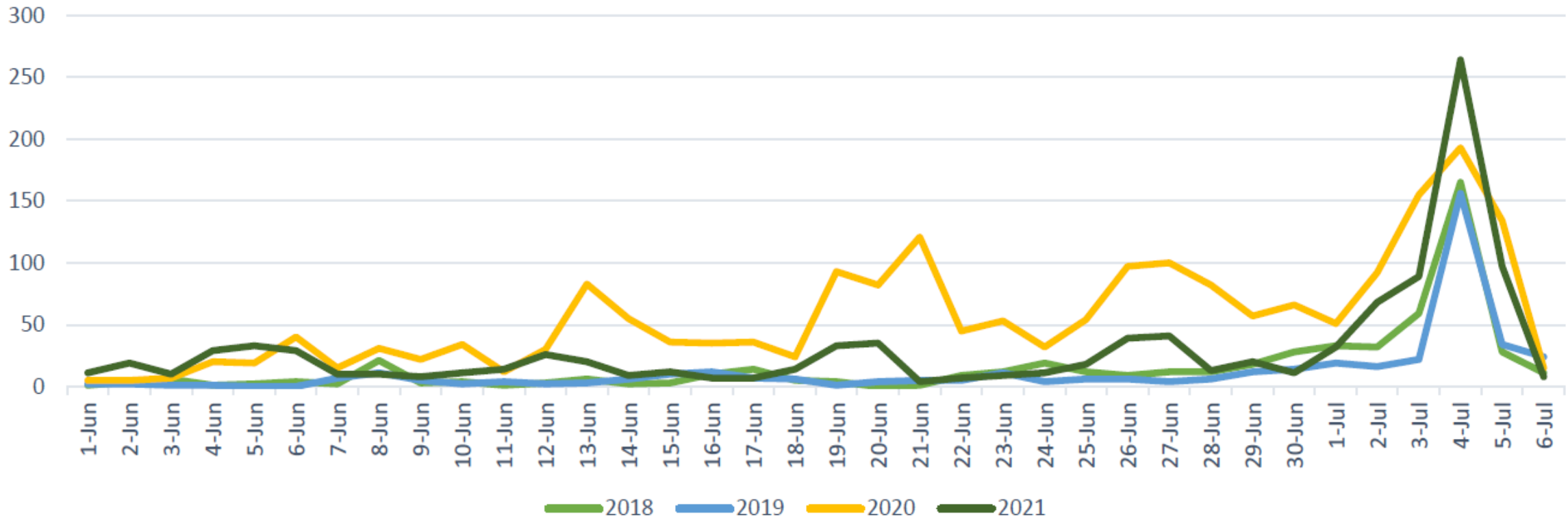
## PD Fireworks Calls



# July 4th PD Call Volume (June 1 to July 6)



## DAILY COMPARISON OF TOTAL CAD EVENT COUNT OF 1080-EXPLOSION & 415FC, DISTURBANCE - FIRECRACKERS



# Online Reporting Tool (OLRT)



1,769 Total Reports



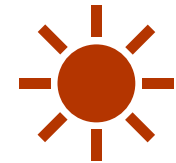
489 Actionable



378 Warnings

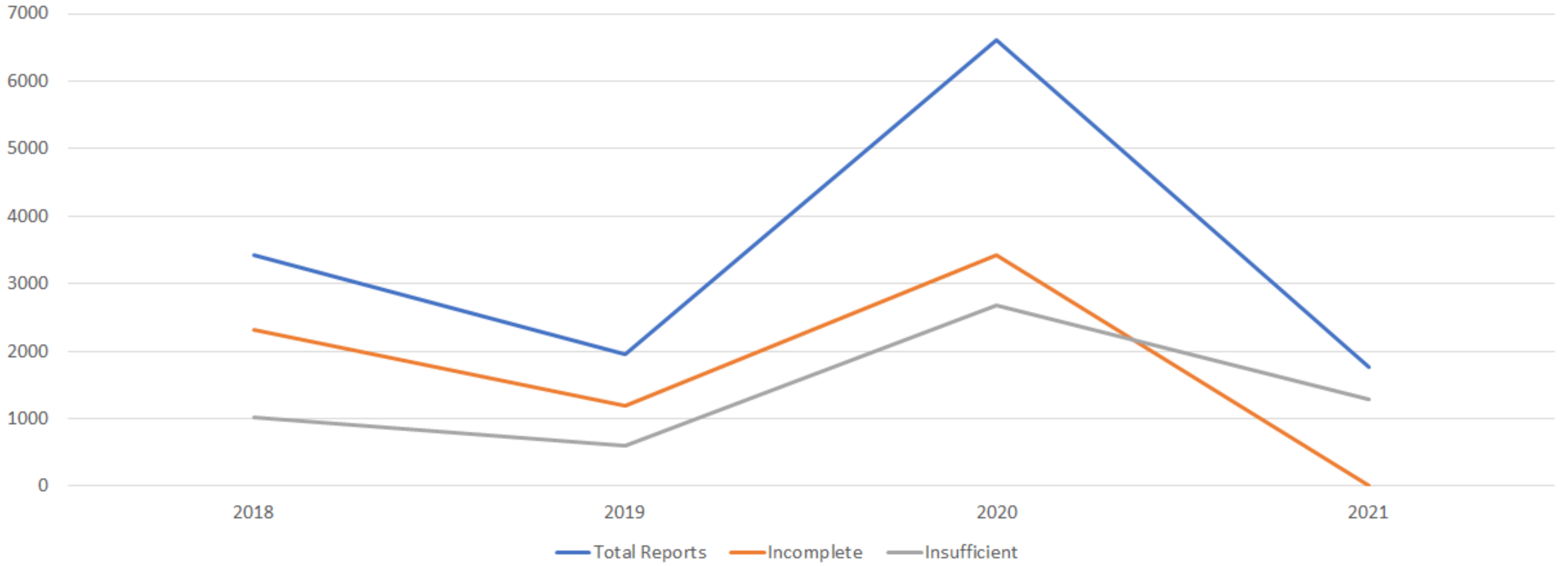


10 Citations



1,280 Used for Hot Spot Mapping

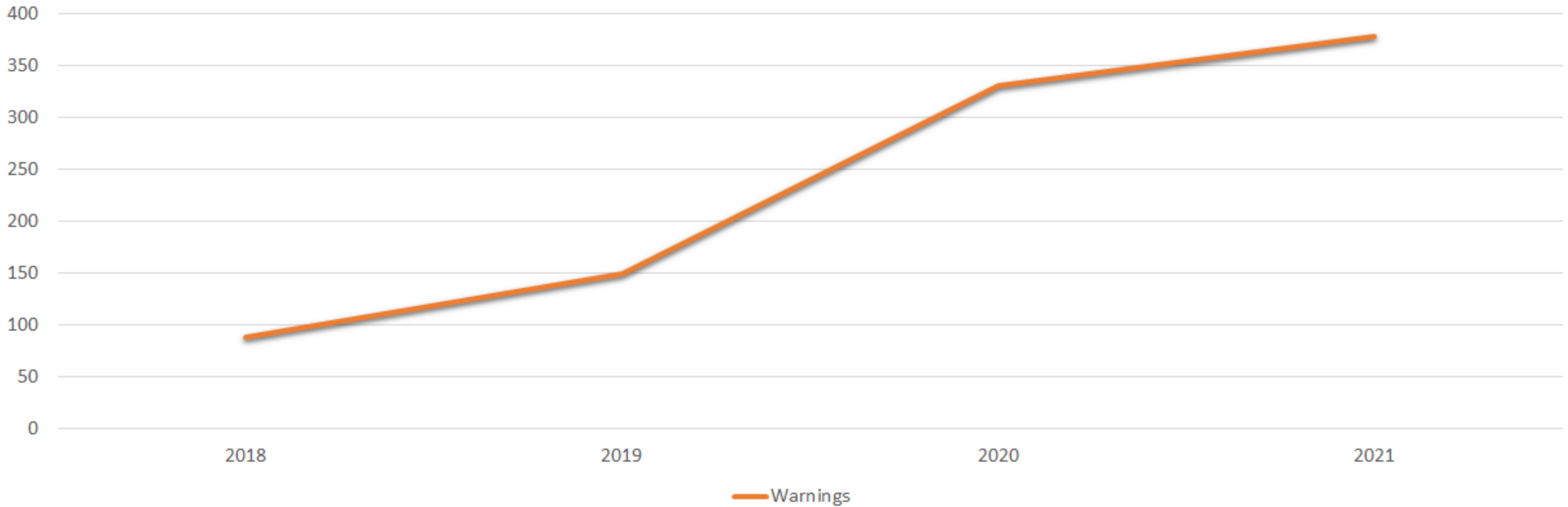
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## Warnings





# Next Steps



- Team to meet and address remaining work plan tasks
- Continued collaboration with other local jurisdictions
- Hotspot mapping for future targeted enforcement
- Integration of Online Reporting Tool with 311
- Automation of reporting processes

# Questions?

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