

## Willows Monthly - February 2024



### Upcoming Meetings

#### City Council

- **February 27** - Regular Meeting @ 5:30 PM (Closed Session) and 6:00 PM (Regular Session)
- **March 12** - Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM

### ADMINISTRATION

#### CITY COUNCIL ROUNDUP:

#### Council Actions for January 9, January 17, and January 23, 2024

#### City Council Meetings

##### January 9 Council Meeting

- Accepted improvements associated with the South Tehama Water Main Extension Project.
- Approved resolution authorizing a contract with NEXGEN Utility Management for design of the Willows' Lift Station Rehabilitation Project.
- Approved Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for 2023-2027.
- Approved Development Impact Fee Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

## **January 17 Council Meeting**

- Approved Mid-Year Budget Review and recommended adjustments.

## **January 23 Council Meeting**

- Awarded contract to APS Environmental Inc. for \$28,376 for Closed Circuit TV (CCTV) inspection of the City's sewer mains.
- Approved accepting a 10-foot wide Public Access and Utility Easement at 725 South Tehama Street for development purposes.
- Approved contract amendment to Coastland's professional services agreement to provide design services to upgrade the Civic Center and Jensen Park with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant doors and pathways.

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# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES**

## **Planning, Building, Code Enforcement, Engineering, Public Works, Sewage, Public Facilities, Fleet and Capital Projects**

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### **Engineering Division**

#### **Library HVAC System Replacement**

In an effort to ensure dependable climate control measures for library patrons, the library's HVAC system is scheduled to be replaced by March 2024 replacing three old HVAC units on the library roof. This is especially important as the library is one of the County's identified cold-hot safety centers for vulnerable members of our community who may need cooling during the hot summer months or warmth during the winter. This project is funded through a State grant and the City's library impact fees.

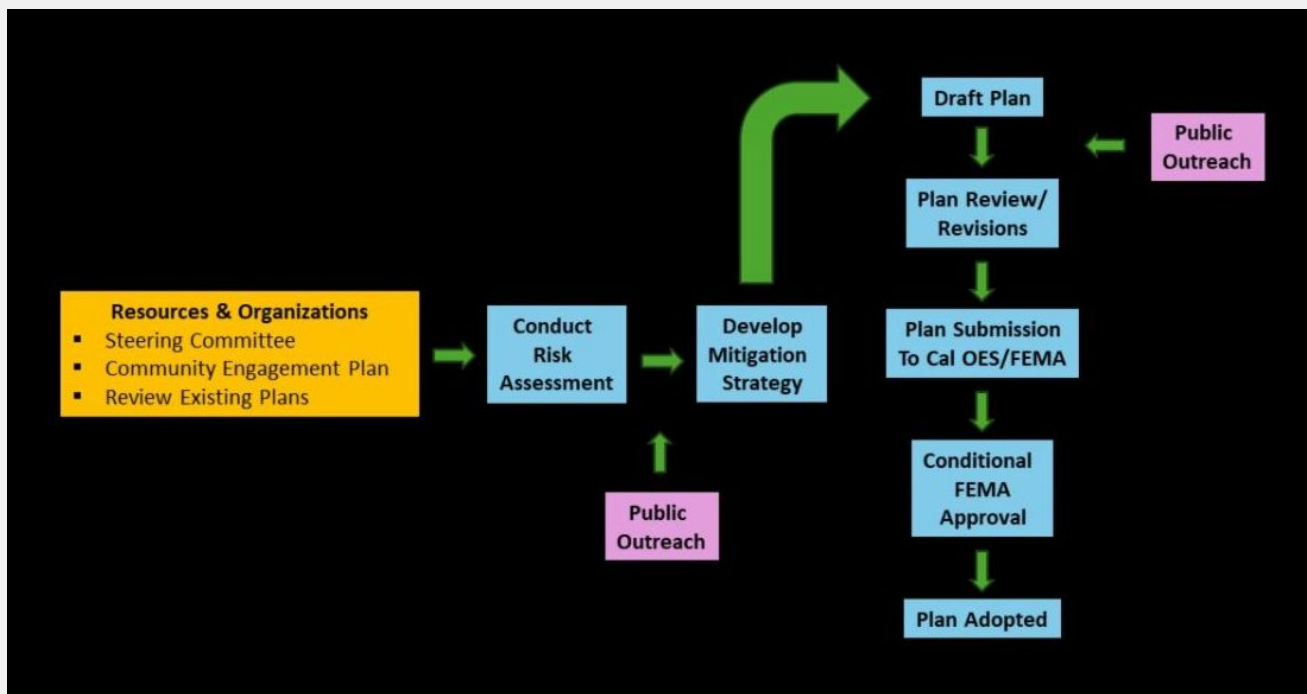
#### **Sewer Lift Station Upgrades**

The City contracted with Nexgen to design upgrades for the City's five sewer lift stations. The project kick-off meeting was held in January and staff is working with the consultant on a formal design. The project will ensure that the City's sewer infrastructure operates consistently and reliably. It will also provide upgraded communications at each of the lift stations so that they may be monitored remotely. The project is funded by a bond paid for by the City's Sewer Enterprise Fund.

#### **Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan**

The City is partnering with the City of Orland and Glenn County to complete an update to the Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP). The MJHMP will identify natural hazards that may affect residents, their impacts, and the desired mitigation actions to address and minimize the risk and future losses from natural hazards such as flooding, severe storms, earthquakes, and wildland fires. Additionally, the MJHMP will also serve to meet key federal planning regulations that require local governments to

develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for hazard mitigation projects.



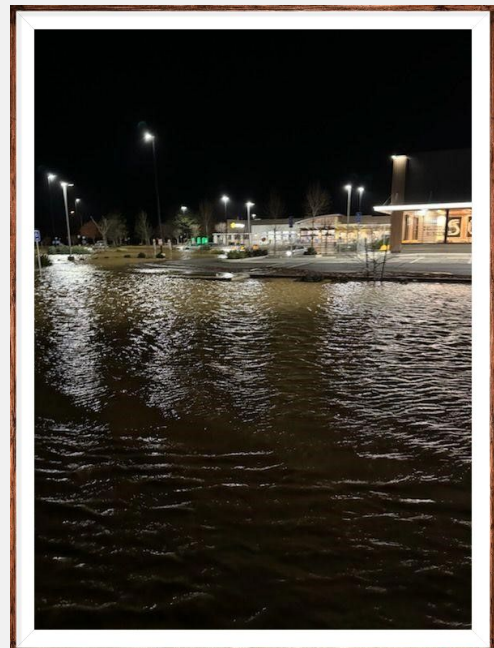
## Public Works Division

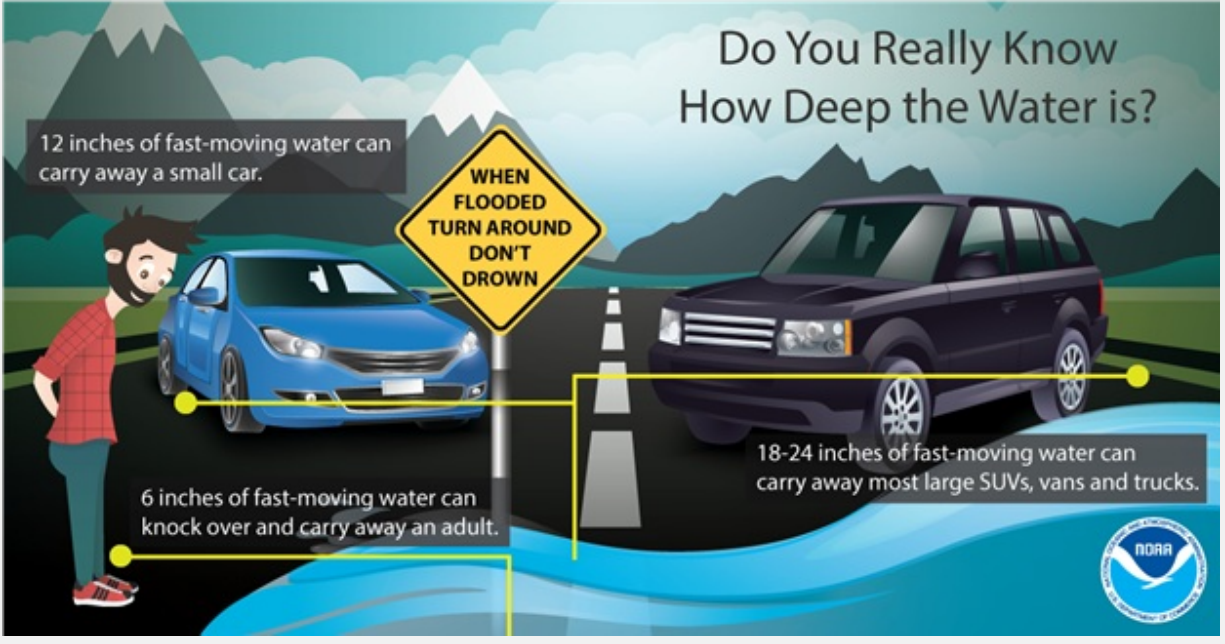
### Flood Mitigation and Repairs

With recent heavy rains, Public Works staff have been kept busy cleaning out drainage inlets prior to, and during, rain events. To ensure personal and first responder safety, please be mindful of road closure barricades, adhere to sign postings, and avoid flooded road areas during and after storm events.

#### What to know about Flood Safety

- Develop and use a family emergency communication plan (include pets).
- Maintain emergency supplies ready for use at home, at work, and in the car.
- Check on neighbors to make sure they are safe.
- Be aware of what to do before, during, and after a flooding event.
- Listen to and follow the directions of local officials on the radio, TV or social media.
- Evacuate when advised by authorities or if you are in a flood or flash flood prone area.
- Be prepared to stay in location if you are on high ground above flooded areas. This may be your safest protection.
- Flood insurance takes 30 days to take effect, so purchase now for protection.





Public Works Division Activity  
January 2024

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 Tree/Stump Removal - 24  
 Tree Trimming - 4
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 Call Requests - Sewage Line Issues - 3
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 Poured 7.5 tons of cold patch to fill potholes.
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 New USA Markings - 61

## RECREATION

### Recreation Manager Resigns

The City of Willows is disappointed to announce the departure of Kristina Hutson, Recreation Manager, who has contributed significantly to the City's recreational programs and events. Kristina's dedication and innovative approach have left an indelible mark on the community and youth. As we bid farewell to Kristina, the City extends its deepest gratitude for her years of service and wish Kristina success in all her future endeavors.

### Contract Recreation Manager Recruitment is Underway

As a result of Kristina's resignation, the City is seeking a qualified and dynamic individual to contract as the part-time Recreation Manager effective immediately. This exciting opportunity to shape the city's recreational programming is now open for applications. Interested candidates are encouraged to [visit cityofwillows.org](http://cityofwillows.org) and [view the Request for Qualifications](#) for more details.

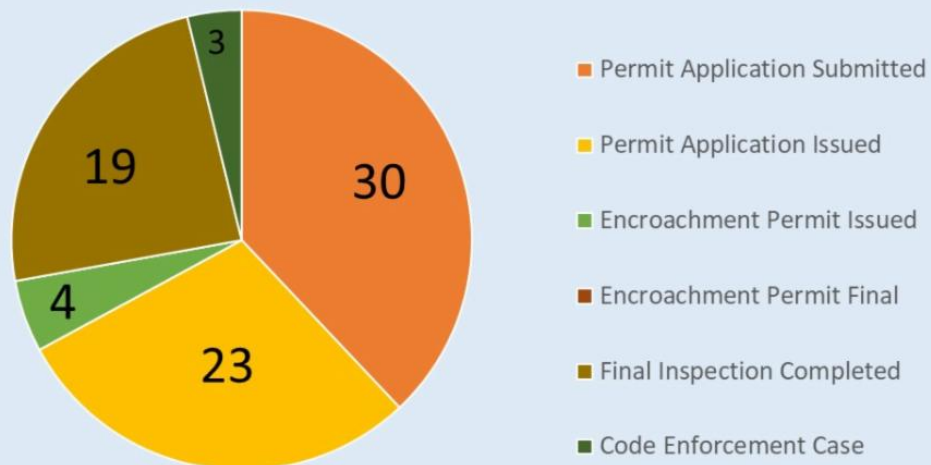
### 2024 Youth Basketball Season is underway!

Youth basketball is in full swing with 91 participants this year. Stressing teamwork and good sportsmanship, youth sports benefit children physically and emotionally. Other benefits include:

- Strengthens muscular endurance,
- Develops self-confidence,
- Improves balance and coordination,
- Boosts heart health, and
- Lowers stress.



Community Development Activity  
January 2024



## FINANCE

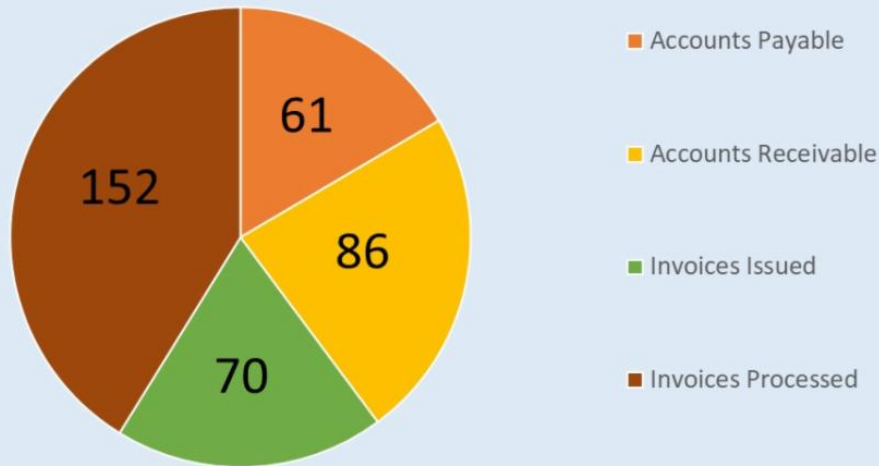
### Welcome to the City's new Finance & HR Specialist!

The City is pleased to welcome Gina Massolo as the new Finance & Human Resources Specialist. Gina has lived in the north state for the past 10 years. She has more than 20 years of

experience handling payroll, accounts payable, benefits administration and Human Resource duties of which 10 years included working for local government. When not working, Gina enjoys the outdoors, spending time with family and friends, traveling, and watching movies.



Finance Activity  
January 2024



## FIRE

### Fire Response, Prevention & Emergency Medical Services

#### Emergency Call Highlights

- **Strike Team Participation:** Willows Fire Department upstaffed resources on two separate occasions as part of a local strike team (XGL 3050C) in preparation to respond to storm flooding/mud & debris flow events. These additional resources were funded by Cal OES.
- **Storm Events:** Over the past month, Willows Fire Department responded to several water rescues, downed power lines, roadway blockages, as well as assisted with patrols, road closures, and damage assessments caused by the recent storms in the area.

## **Volunteer Fire Department - Annual Installation Dinner**

Another year, another fantastic Installation Dinner for the Willows Volunteer Fire Department! Every year, the newly elected officers for both the Willows Fire Volunteers and the Willows Fire Auxiliary are sworn into office. This year's officers include:



- ***Lorri Pride, Volunteer President***
- ***Jorge Lopez, Volunteer Vice President***
- ***Marshall Giesbrecht, Volunteer Secretary***
- ***Steven Wood, Volunteer Treasurer***

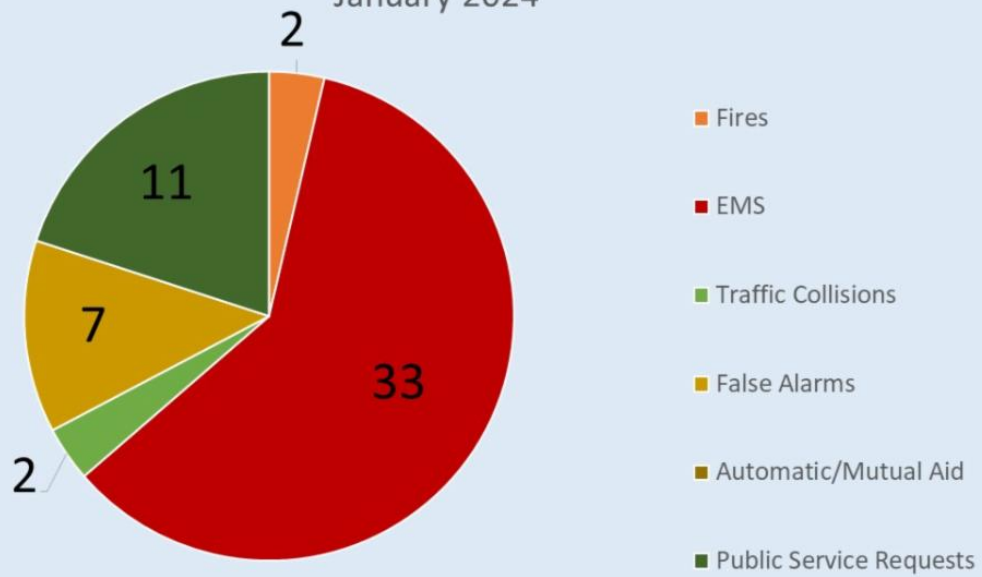
**2023 Firefighter of the Year** Special thank you and congratulations to ***Firefighter Matt Lopez*** who was selected as the 2023 Firefighter of the Year!

### **New Firefighter Volunteers**

Please join us in congratulating our three newest Firefighter Volunteers: ***Mike Mings, Josh Reed, and Matt Randolph!*** After recently completing firefighter training and probation, all three were sworn in as Firefighters and are ready to serve the Willows and Glenn County community.

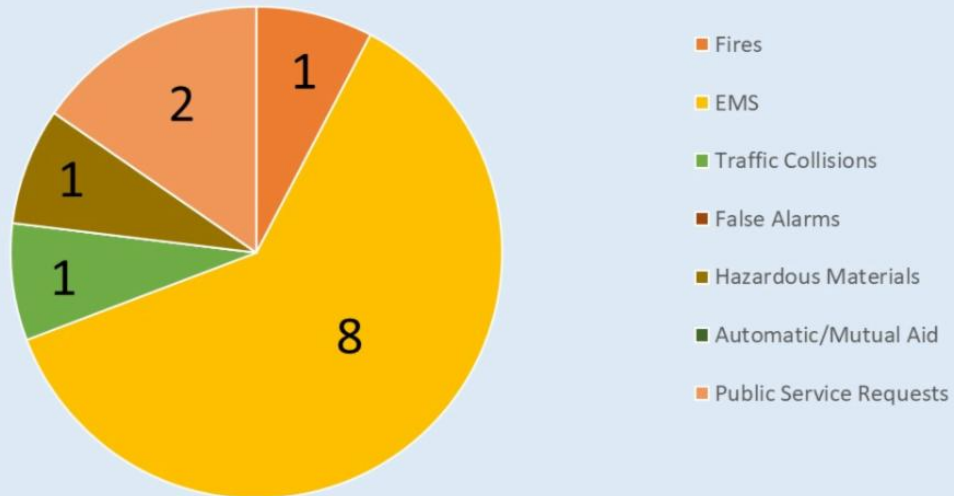


Willows Fire Department Activity  
January 2024





## Willows Rural Fire Protection District Activity January 2024



## LIBRARY

### It's "Love Your Library" Month!

The Willows Library is celebrating "Love Your Library" Month with fun activities, displays, and giveaways. Checkout any library materials and you will be automatically entered into the raffle and eligible to win several prizes!



### Expanded and Continuing Programs for 2024!

The Willows Library is excited to announce two popular library services which have been awarded funding for the 2024 calendar year:

#### ***Lunch with the Library***

*Lunch with the Library* received a \$3,422 grant from the California State Library. Funding will be used to purchase children and young adult books to be distributed to attendees at the School District's lunch site during summer vacation. Program participants receive free books to build and use their own home library collections.

## New Materials for Digital Overdrive/Libby Application Collection

The Library was also awarded \$7,840 from the NorthNet Cooperative Library System to purchase eBooks and audiobooks for the Digital Overdrive/Libby Application ('Libby App') collection. Willows Library card holders have access to over 63,000 eBooks, audio, magazines, and videos on the Libby App.

### Library Activity January 2024



Door Count – 736



Public Computer Use – 86



New Library Card - 16



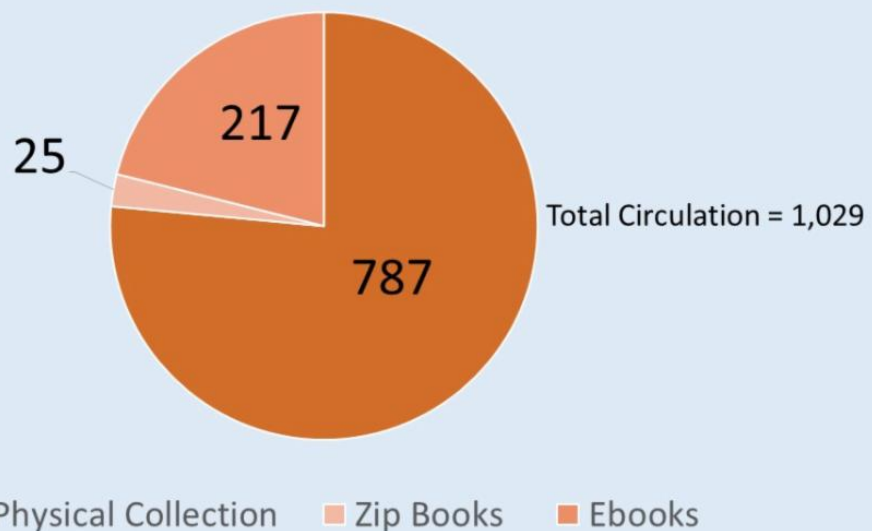
Items Added to Collection – 77



Program Participants – 143\*

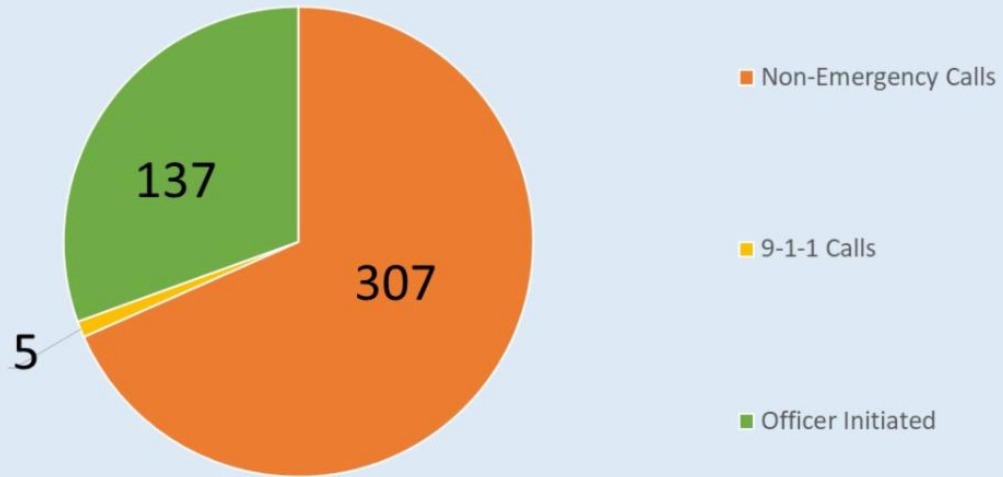
\*Includes 13 programs and 62 Storytime  
"To Go kits" distributed.

### Circulation of Materials January 2024

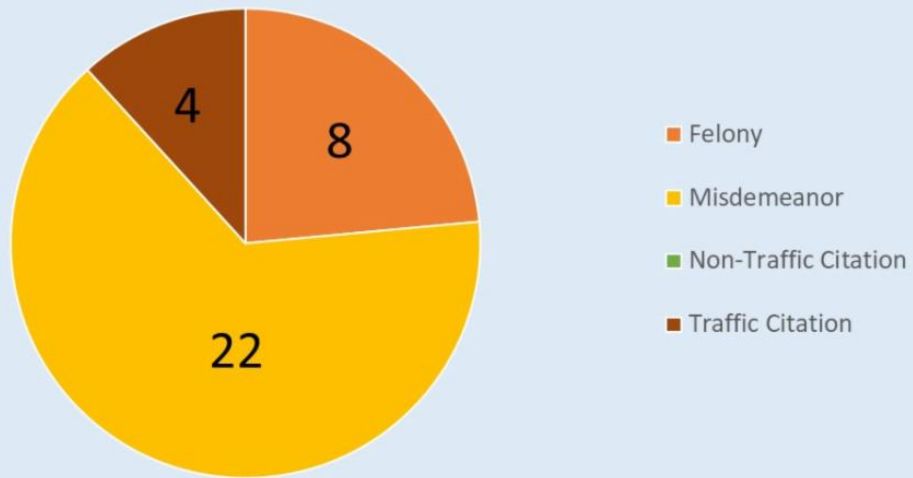


**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Department Activity – Calls for Service  
January 2024



Sheriff Department Activity – Arrests & Citations  
January 2024



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