

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority



# GCRTA Audit, Safety Compliance & Real Estate Committee



**Transit Police**

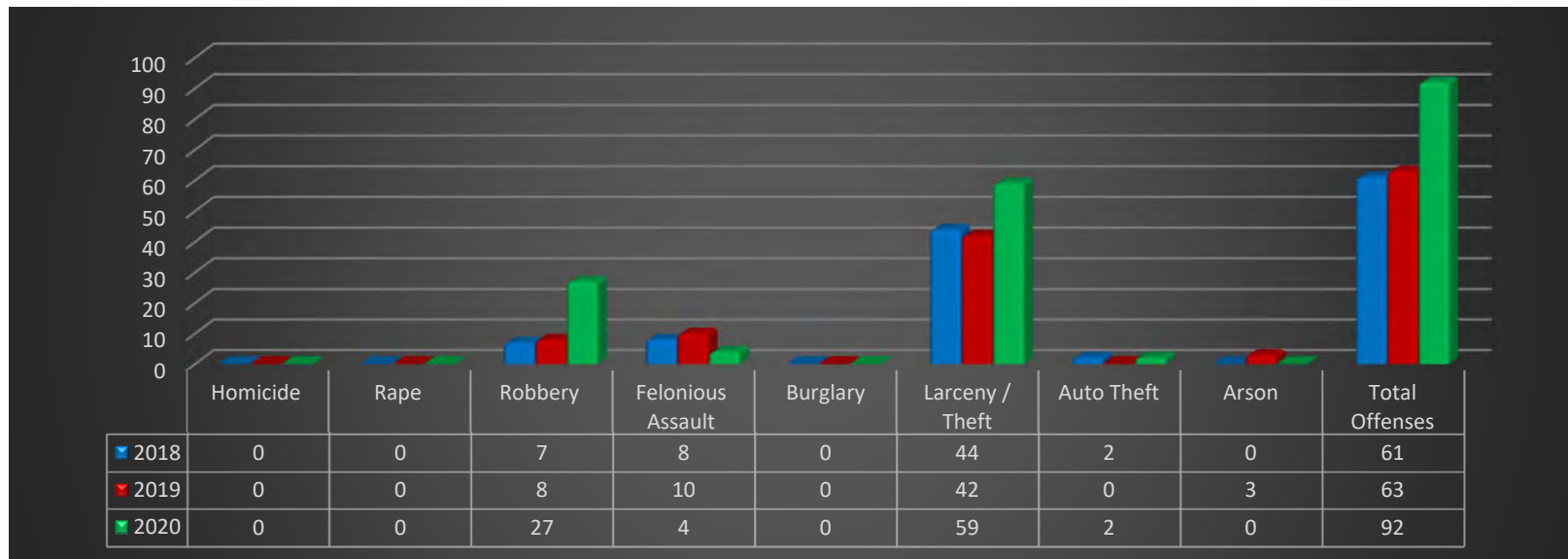


# Agenda

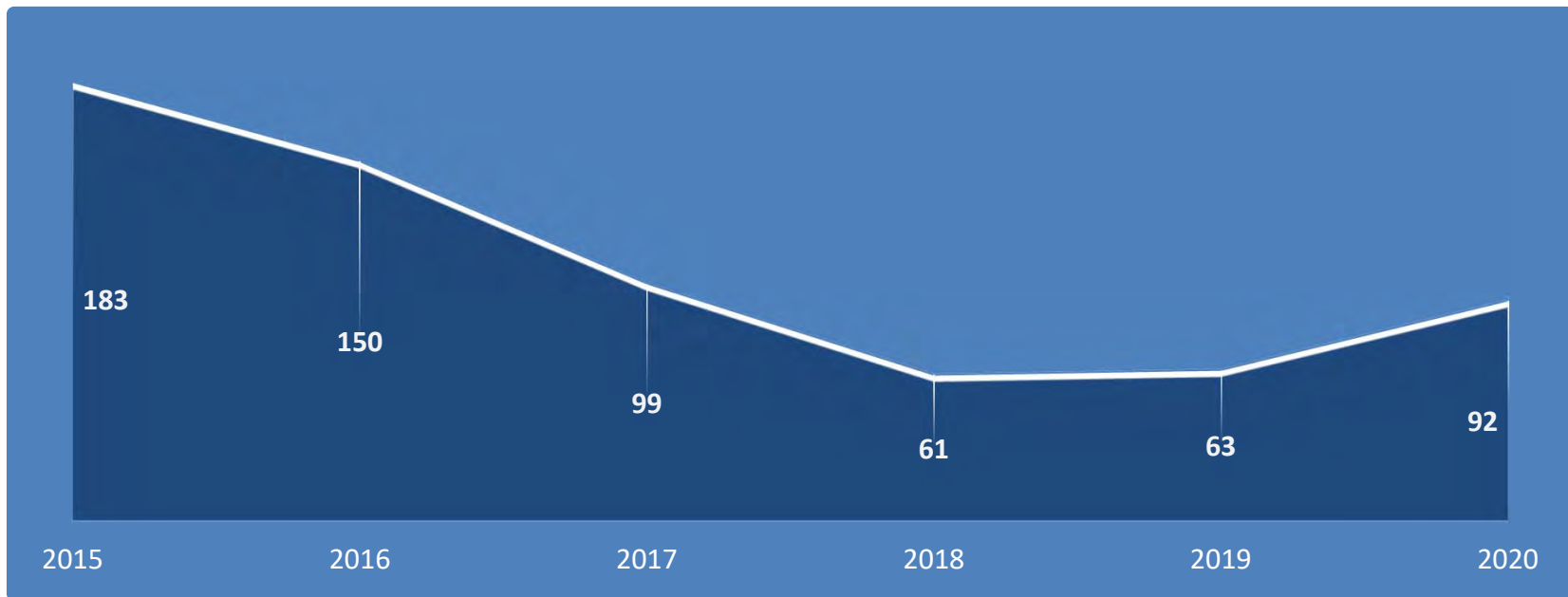
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- **Crime Stats**
- **COVID-19 Response**
- **Homeless Initiative**
- **Ohio Collaborative**
- **Use of Force**
- **TSA**

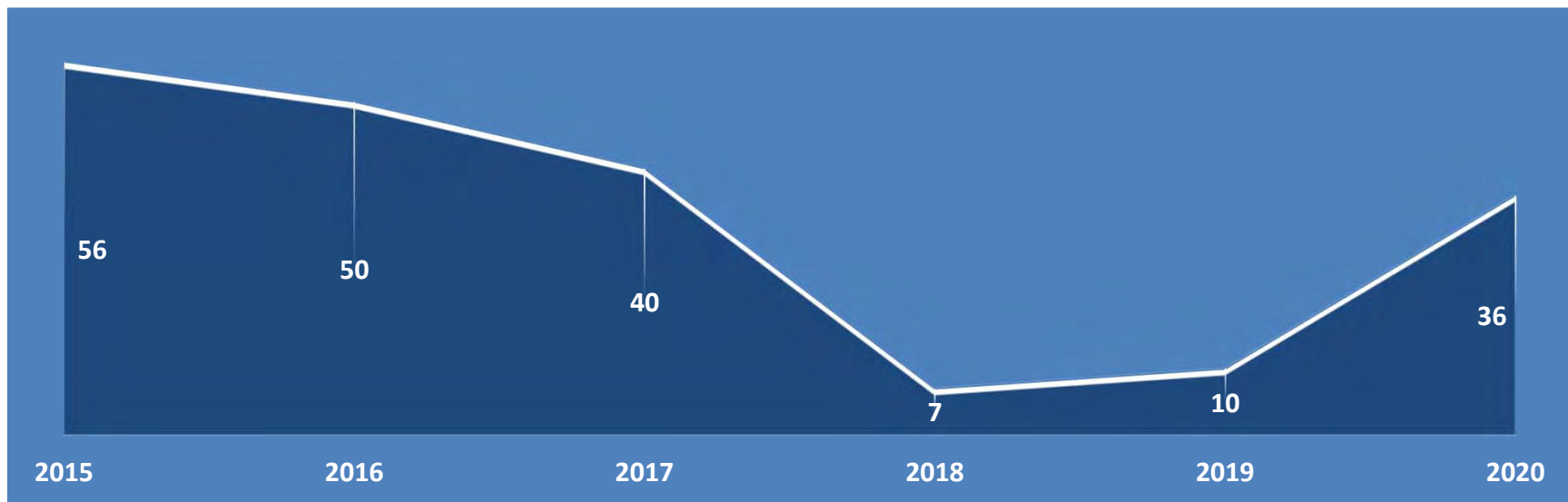
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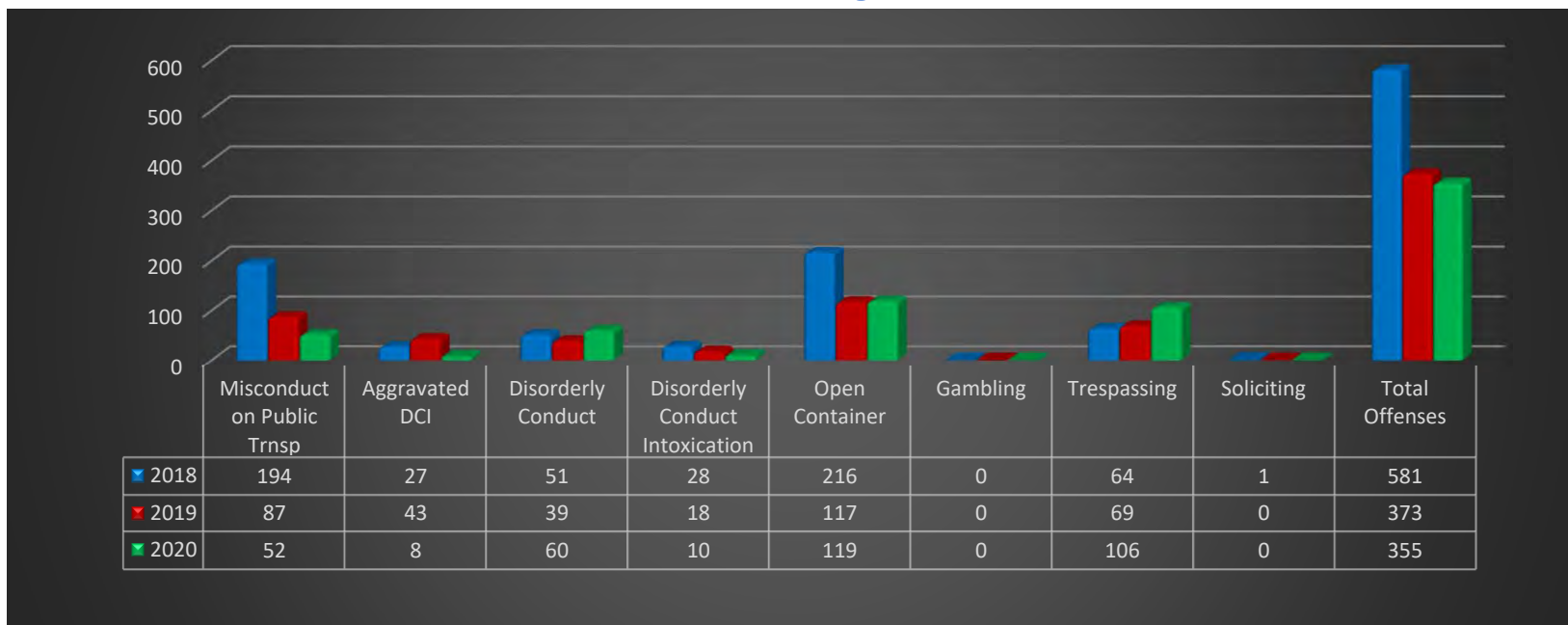
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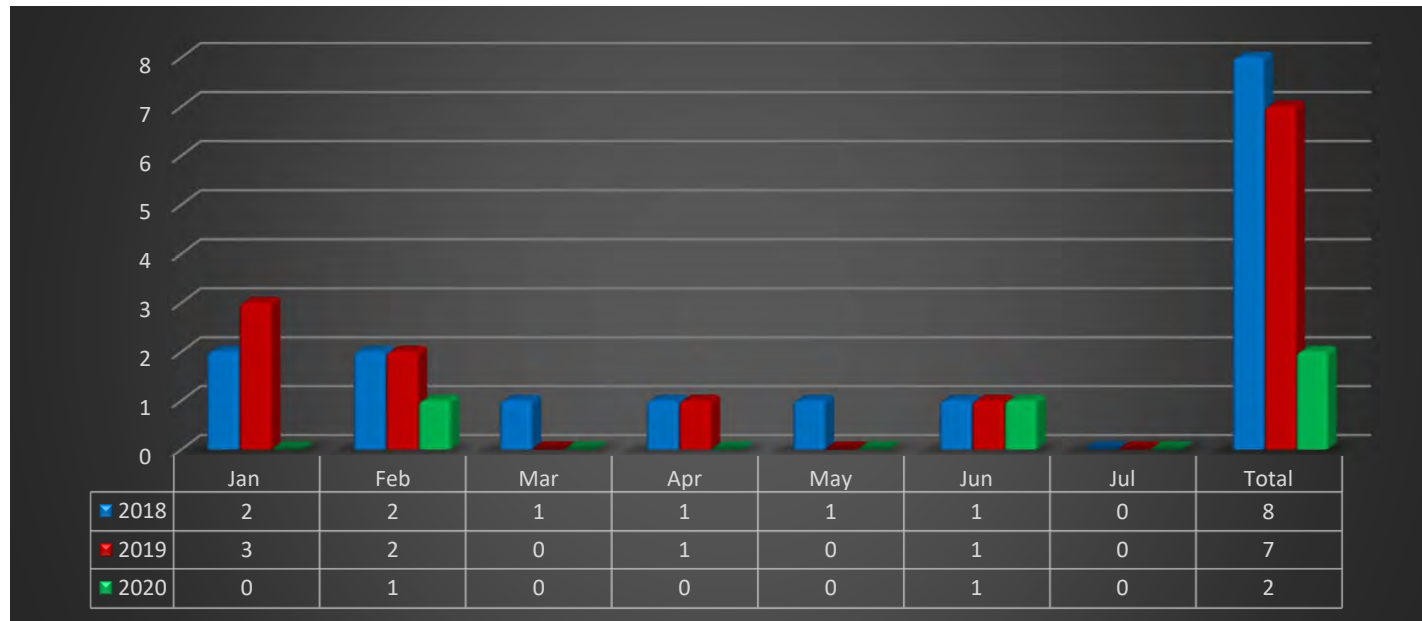
# Electronic Device Thefts/Robberies Jan – July



# Quality of Life Crimes: Jan – July 3 Year Comparison



# Operator Assaults: Jan – July 3 Year Comparison



# COVID-19 Response

- In March 2020 officers began reporting to five different locations
- Limited large group gatherings (Roll Call)
- Limited the number of partners assigned to each employee
- Limited vehicle access
- Provide officers with PPE (N95 masks, gloves, safety goggles, disinfectant spray and wipes)
- Used WebEx to conduct meetings
- Required masks as part of the GCRTA policy and State mandates
- To date only one member of the Transit Police Department has tested positive for COVID-19 (Dispatcher – Recovered and returned to work)



# COVID-19 Operational Risk Planning



## COVID-19 Operational Risk Planning

Operations Division

Updated April 16, 2020

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# Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)



## GCRTA Continuity Plan

Continuity of Operations Response Plan

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June 2020

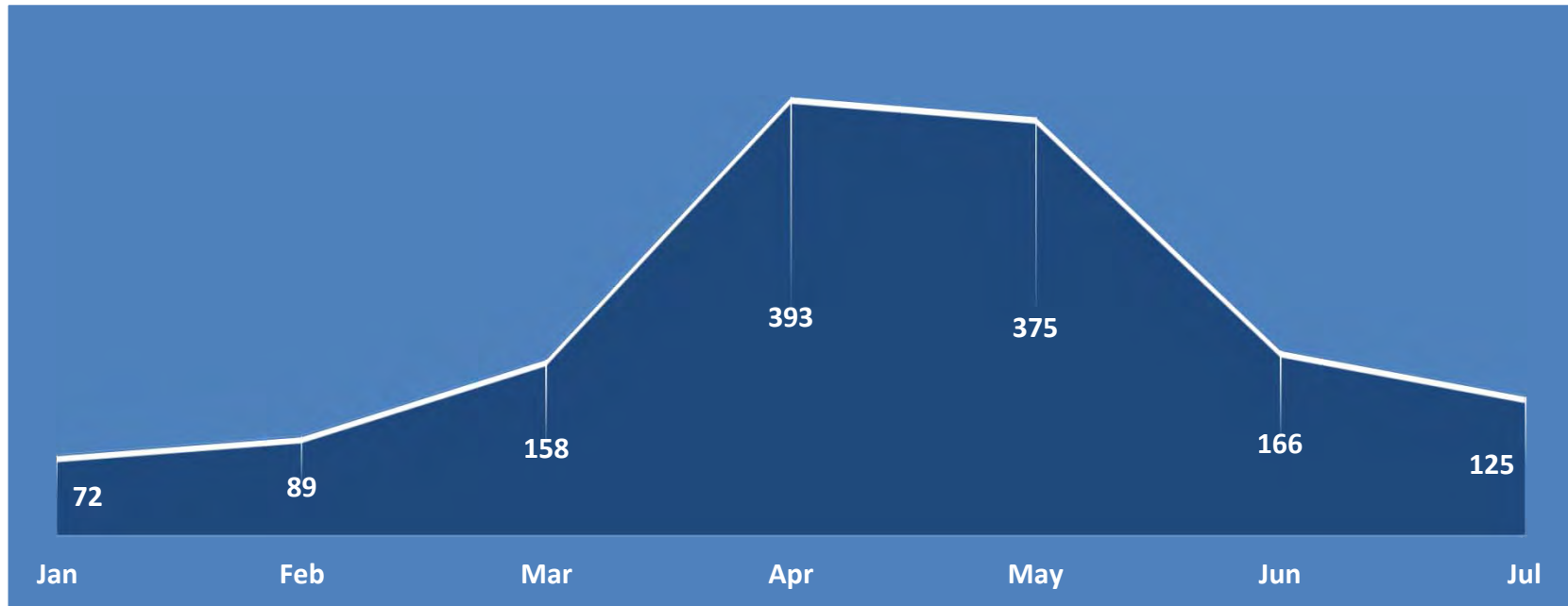
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# Homeless Initiative

- In March 2020, due to COVID-19, we noticed an increase in the number of homeless and mentally ill individuals on our system
- We assigned one of our detectives to work with local social service agencies to find a compassionate and non-criminal process to help these individuals
- With the assistance of our operators, our officers identified locations where we were experiencing the highest volume of homeless individuals that needed assistance
- Our partnership with the social service agencies resulted in numerous people receiving the care they needed

# Homeless Initiative: Jan – July



# Ohio Collaborative

## STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY POLICE RELATIONS 2020



In order to strengthen the bond between communities and police, the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board developed standards for state and local law enforcement departments regarding:

- The proper use of force including deadly force;
- The recruiting, hiring and screening of potential law enforcement officer candidates;
- The implementation of community engagement;
- The appropriate use of body worn cameras;
- The essential training for law enforcement telecommunicators;
- The collection of data to demonstrate bias free policing; and
- The investigation of employee misconduct.

# Ohio Collaborative





**LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**  
ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING OHIO'S NEW STANDARDS

**438**  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCIES  
CERTIFIED

**19**  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCIES  
IN THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

**153**  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCIES  
RECERTIFIED

**74%**  
OF OHIOANS  
COVERED  
BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES  
CERTIFIED OR IN THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

**78%**  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICERS  
BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES  
CERTIFIED OR IN THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS



PERCENT OF COUNTY COVERED  
0-25 26-51  
52-77 78-100

<http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/ohiocollaborative> updated 04/07/20



# Ohio Collaborative 2021

- **In 2021 the Ohio Collaborative will require that police departments meet additional requirements to maintain their certification.**
- **This includes a Bias Free Policing policy and training on Bias Based Profiling**
- **We have identified web based training that meets the requirements and we anticipate compliance with the new standards in the Fall of 2020**



# Ohio Collaborative 2021



# Use of Force

- **Policy is thorough and in accordance with the Ohio Collaborative requirements**
- **All use of force incidents are reviewed for policy compliance**
- **Our policy prohibited neck restraints (February 16, 2019)**
- **We reviewed our policy in 2020 and made adjustments to address positional asphyxia and piling-on (June 22, 2020)**
- **We are in the process of identifying a vendor for body cameras and are working with the GCRTA executive team to identify funding**



# Transportation Security Administration

**Donald Barker - Federal Security Director**

**Chris Rascoe - Assistant Federal Security Director – Inspections**

**James Spriggs - Regional Security Director – Surface Operations**