

KEWAUNEE COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION
KEWAUNEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
613 DODGE STREET
KEWAUNEE, WI 54216

October 28, 2021

PRESENT:	Jason Veese	Chief Deputy – Sheriff’s Dept.
	Eric Pieschek	Lt. – Kewaunee Co Sheriff’s Dept.
	Randy Asman	WI DOT – N/E Region
	Randy Wiessinger	WI DOT – WSP – BOTS
	Todd Every	Kewaunee County Highway Dept.
	Andy Jacobs	Sergeant – WI State Patrol
	Logan Christel	Trooper – WI State Patrol
	Cory Sotka	Trooper – WI State Patrol
	Jim Kleiman	Kewaunee City Police Chief
	Randy Remiker	Algoma Police Department
	Cindy Kinnard	Public Health Nurse
	Tracy Nollenberg	Emergency Management Director
	Jeff Wisnicky	Corporation Counsel
	Gary Paape	County Board Representative

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chief Deputy Jason Veese.

All members had received a copy of the July meeting’s minutes. A motion was made by Jeff Wisnicky and seconded by Lt. Pieschek to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND REPORTS: No citizens were present at today’s meeting.

REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

WISCONSIN DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION – ENGINEERING

Randy Asman was present for today’s meeting but had no news to share.

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – BOTS

Randy Wiessinger shared information on a new two-part campaign: “Buckle Up/Phone Down”, not only to encourage seat belt use, but also to focus on distracted driving –

specifically with cell phones. There is some literature posted for agencies to be able to share on their own web pages. Sgt. Andy Jacobs from State Patrol talked briefly about some of the new equipment available for use by the Inspectors – a laser system that can identify speed, distance between vehicles, and can also see if a driver (specifically semi drivers) is using a cell phone.

There continues to be increased scrutiny of ATV/UTV legislation, particularly with the increase in ATV/UTV fatalities. Additionally, the Badger State Sheriffs is attempting to gain ground on tying ATV/UTV-related OWI offenses to regular driver's licenses. Currently the two are separate.

Randy stated that as of today, there have been 502 Fatalities in Wisconsin. Kewaunee County is at one for the year, which is lower than the 5-year average of 2.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Todd Every advised that all major on-going construction projects in the county have been completed and the Highway Department will be transitioning to winter operations.

Todd asked Randy Wiessinger to bring up the area of Stangelville. A local business which will be opening soon is looking at options for parking. Their building is almost directly on CTH AB, just north of CTH J, and the area in front of the building is currently a no-parking zone. The owners are concerned that there will not be enough parking for their customers. Discussion followed.

There was discussion about Brown County's recent use of the Local Road Safety Plan, which is proactive in identifying areas of concern – specifically with regard to accidents. Some of Kewaunee County's "hot spots" were brought up; one of those locations is "the curves" north of the Village of Casco. Todd stated that the highway department will be putting in less-intense rumble strips with the hope that it will grab the attention of the distracted driver. He said if they do not seem to be effective, they will be paved over. Discussion followed.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Chief Deputy Veeseer brought up a concern that emergency responders are not always being informed when road work causes closures. He believes it is probably just an oversight – but reminders will be given to both government and private contractors to contact dispatch to inform them of road closures.

The owner of a large farm at STH 29 and CTH AB wanted to ask about implementing a 4-way stop sign at that intersection due to difficulty their trucks are having getting out of the driveway onto STH 29. Further discussion on this occurred later in the meeting. In looking at the crash statistics, there have been only seven accidents at that intersection

since 2016. There have been three in 2021 and only one of the appeared to be intersection-related.

Randy Asman advised that he would follow up with the DOT's access manager. Randy advised that if the property had two driveway access points onto STH 29 a permit would have been needed. He also stated they would look at crashes and crash patterns, as well. He hoped to have an answer in the next week or two.

Chief Deputy Veaser advised that the Sheriff's Department applied for and received (or will be receiving) both a seat belt grant and a speed enforcement grant. The seat belt enforcement is going on currently, and the speed enforcement will commence next year.

Later in the meeting, Chief Deputy Veaser advised that the county recently sold the campground near Tenth Rd. and the new owners working hard in anticipation of potentially opening next season. The neighbors around the campground, including at the trailer park, have asked about lowering the speed limit on the town roads in the area due to the anticipated increase in traffic.

Lt. Pieschek addressed complaints of mud on the road. He said there haven't been many complaints – likely due to the drier weather, but also because the farms are more proactive with the clean-up. He also encouraged vigilance with the rise in car/deer accidents.

As Chief Gulbrand wasn't present at today's meeting, Lt. Pieschek wanted to mention that the Luxemburg-Casco School District has received Safe Routes to School grant to analyze foot and vehicle traffic patterns around the Luxemburg Schools, especially with the new Kwik Trip store going in across CTH AB from the school.

ALGOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Remiker was present at today's meeting but had no news to share.

KEWAUNEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Kleiman advised that the City of Kewaunee has now passed the ATV/UTV ordinance. He stated that he has reached out to the DNR for approval of the ordinance, and also for enforcement training for officers. Chief Kleiman also reached out to the DOT for signage at access points.

Chief Kleiman also stated that he reached out to the highway department to trim some trees that were blocking the view from the driveway at the new Tractor Supply building.

LUXEMBURG VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Gulbrand was not present for today's meeting.

COUNTY BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Gary Paape had only to report that he has received some complaints of mud on the road, but they seem to be from the same individuals who have reported it in the past.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Tracy Nollenberg advised that the signs they received from the National Weather Service ("Turn around/Don't Drown) have been delivered to the Highway Department. Todd stated that the signs will be temporarily placed in locations around the county known to flood.

Tracy went on to advise that the upcoming Clean Sweep is pretty well booked for this year. She stated that there will be a law enforcement vehicle stationed at the top of the hill to assist with traffic awareness.

WISCONSIN STATE PATROL

Sgt. Andrew Jacobs provided a brief update. He stated that Door County's sergeant has been promoted and now that position is currently vacant. He stated that the current recruit class has about 40 participants. Either Door County will get a new recruit, or a trooper from another area will be moved into that position.

Sgt. Jacobs reminded the other law enforcement agencies that Brown and Manitowoc Counties each have a DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) that are available if any of the agencies need one.

Sgt. Jacobs also advised that the State Patrol is attempting to use their pilots and planes as often as they can for law enforcement details.

KEWAUNEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Cindy Kinnard advised that both COVID boosters and flu shots are available for anyone who needs them. She also wanted to remind everyone that Public Health does have a car seat tech available and also has car seats for anyone who might need one.

Cindy provided all the agencies with cards to hand out at crashes for parents which can help them determine whether their car seats need to be replaced.

CORPORATION COUNSEL

Attorney Jeffrey Wisnicky was present at today's meeting, but had no news to share.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Jeff Kassner was not present for today's meeting.

CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE

Joe Mastalir was not present for today's meeting.

CRASH SPOT MAPS/ACCIDENT STATISTICS: The Sheriff's Department shared the 3rd Quarter Crash Data and Spot Maps.

OLD BUSINESS: Chief Deputy Veeseer advised that the speed limit in the unincorporated area of Euren has been lowered to 45 MPH.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **January 27th, 2022** at the **Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department**, at **10:00 AM**. Future meeting dates were proposed to be: April 28, 2022; July 28, 2022; and October 27, 2022.

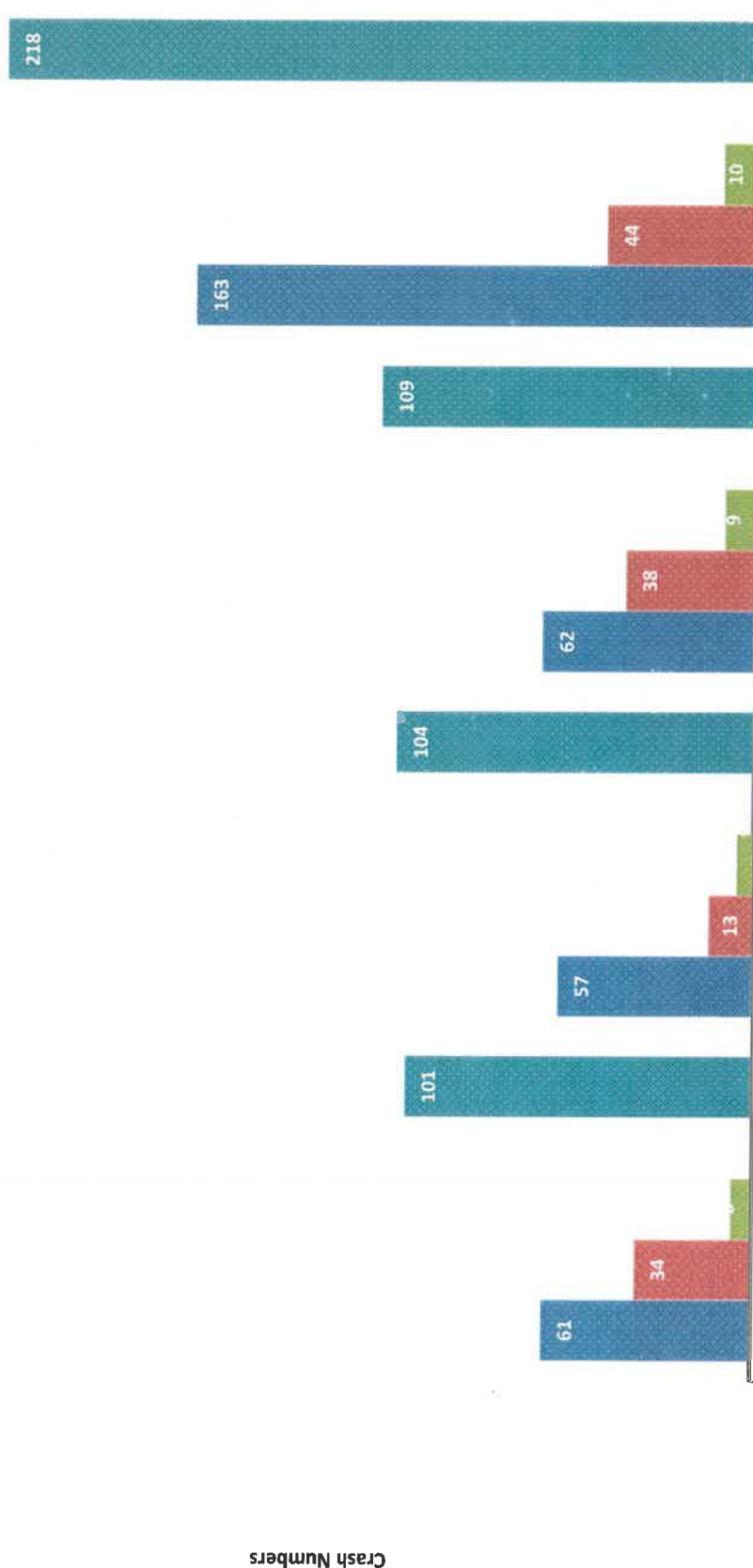
Motion to adjourn was made by Todd Every and seconded by Tracy Nollenberg. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:11 AM.



Crash Analysis by Type & Totals

Crash Numbers



	1st Q	2nd Q	3rd Q	4th Q
Animal	61	57	62	163
Property Damage	34	13	38	44
Personal Injury	6	5	9	10
Fatal	0	1	0	1
Total	101	104	109	218



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Kewaunee County Quarterly Crash Data

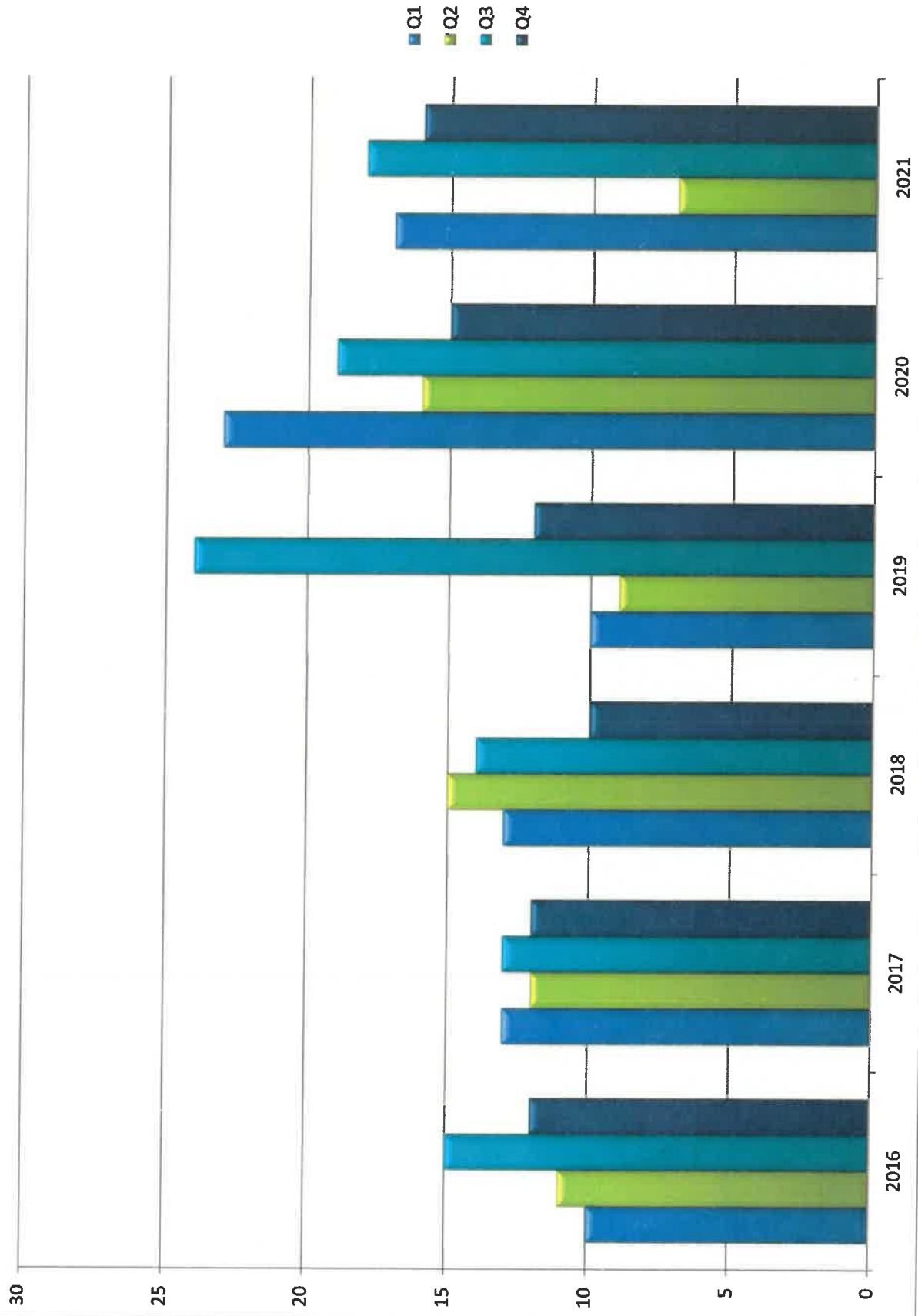
January 27, 2022

HIGHWAY SAFETY ACCIDENT INFORMATION					
Months – 2021– 4 th - Quarter	October	November	December	Quarter Totals	2020 Totals
Deer Accidents	54	72	37	163	124
Injury Accidents	3	5	2	10	14
Property Damage Accidents	14	17	13	44	33
Fatalities	0	0	1	1	2
Total Accidents	71	94	53	218	
Previous Year Totals (2020)	59	64	51		174

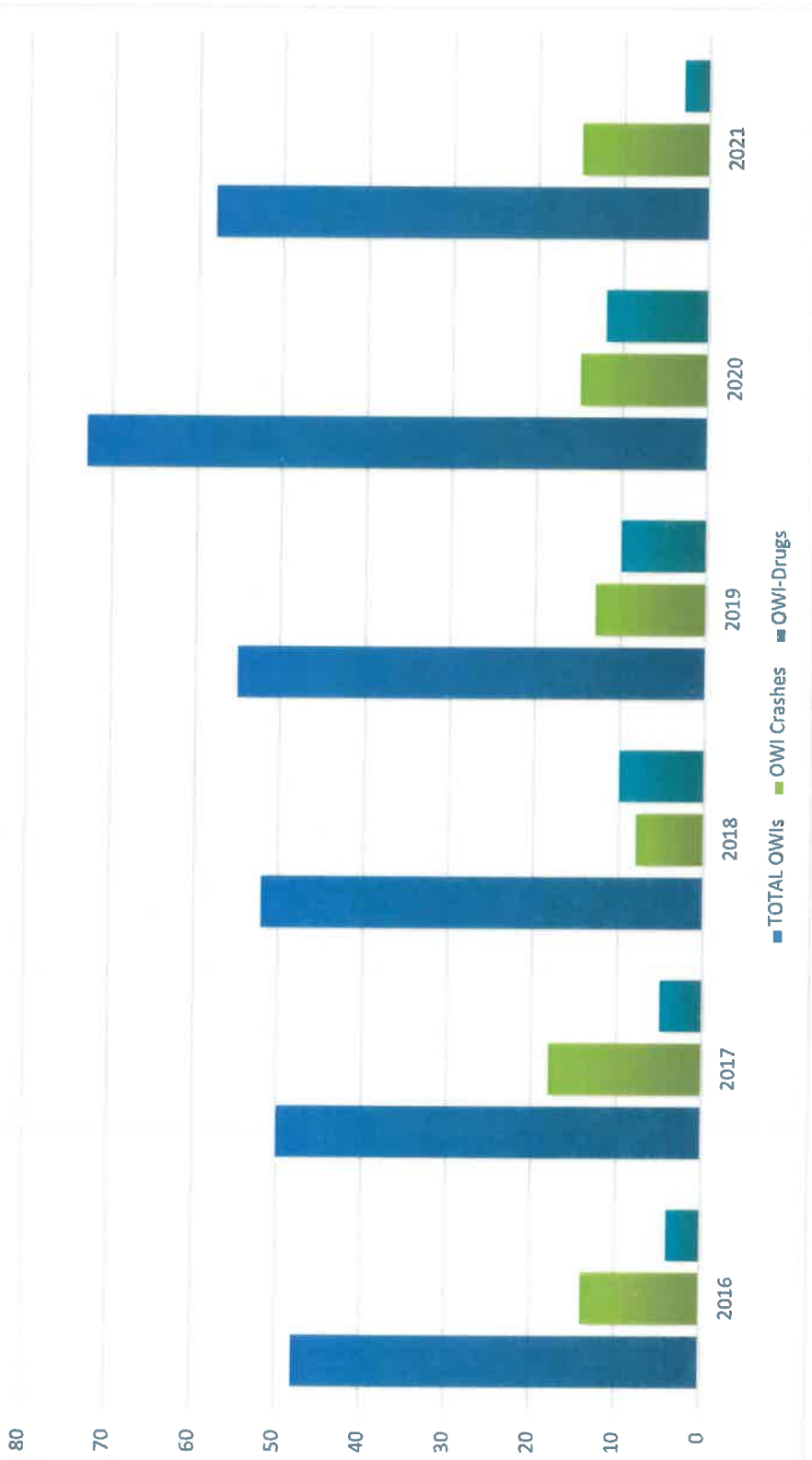
QUARTER TOTALS – 2021	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	Yearly Totals to Date
Alcohol Related Accidents	2	3	1	3	9
Car/Deer Accidents	61	57	62	163	343
Accidents/Fatalities	0	1	0	1	2
Total Accidents	101	104	109	167	481

2021 Total = 481

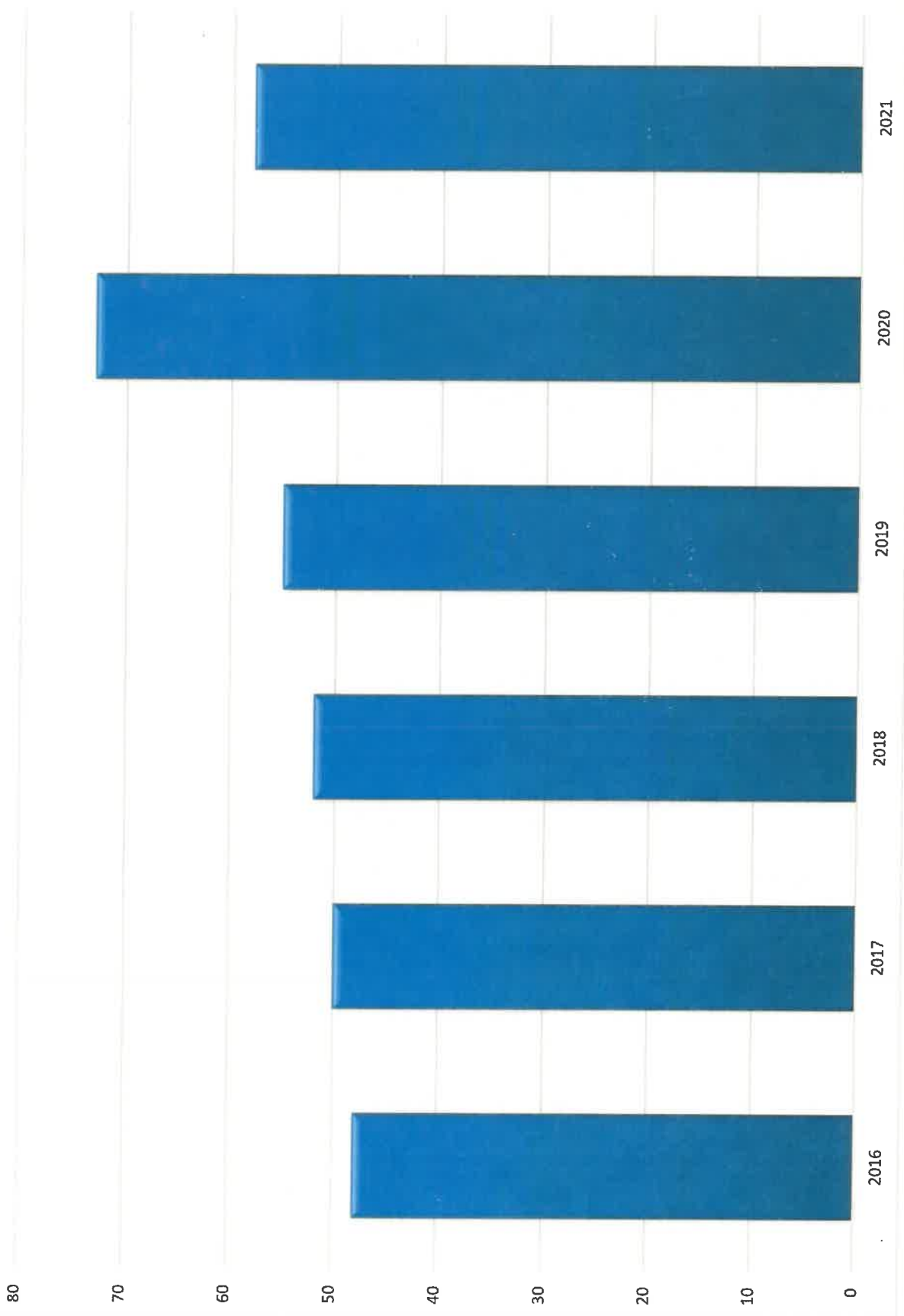
Quarterly Breakdown - OWIs









Total OWIs: Crashes, Drug-Involved



TOTAL OWIS



	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Trend
2016	10	11	15	12	
2017	13	12	13	12	
2018	13	15	14	10	
2019	10	9	24	12	
2020	23	16	19	15	
2021	17	7	18	16	

	TOTAL OWIs	OWI Crashes	OWI-Drugs
2016	48	14	4
2017	50	18	5
2018	52	8	10
2019	55	13	10
2020	73	15	12
2021	58	15	3

Avg Inc/yr 2016-2021	Trend
56	