



**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
AGENDA
Wednesday,
July 14, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

Posted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 9, 2021
at the entrance to the Lancaster City Hall Council Chambers
44933 Fern Avenue, Lancaster, CA 93534

LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Chairman Drew Mercy

Vice Chair Jeff Little

Commissioner Mark Brown; Commissioner Tim Fuller;

Commissioner Howard Harris; Commissioner Jin Hur;

Commissioner Evelyn Medrano

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS MAY BE RECEIVED
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**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021**

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REMOVED

Sometimes it is necessary to remove items from the agenda. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - AGENDIZED ITEMS

Any person who would like to address the Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission on any agendized item is requested to complete a speaker card for the Commission Secretary and identify the agenda item you would like to discuss. Each person will be given an opportunity to address the Commission at the time such item is discussed. Speaker cards are available at the rear of the Council Chambers and your speaker card must be filled out *prior* to the agenda item being called. We respectfully request that you fill the cards out completely and print as clearly as possible. Following this procedure will allow for a smooth and timely process for the meeting and we appreciate your cooperation. *Individual speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each unless a different time limit is announced.*

In accordance with Governor's Order N-08-21, the public may also observe this meeting by listening to the live broadcast on local cable channel 28 or live stream on the City's website (<https://www.cityoflancafterca.org/connect/public-meetings>). The public may participate in the meeting *BY DIALING 1 (888) 475-4499 USING MEETING ID: 874 4659 3966# PASSWORD: 901847#* *Individual speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each unless a different time limit is announced.*

Consent Calendar items may be acted upon with one motion, a second and the vote. If you desire to speak on an item or items on the Consent Calendar, you may fill out one speaker card for the Consent Calendar and/or you may participate in the meeting *BY DIALING 1 (888) 475-4499 USING MEETING ID: 874 4659 3966# PASSWORD: 901847#* You will be given three minutes, unless a different time limit is announced, to address your concerns before the Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission takes action on the Consent Calendar.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Commission Members: Brown, Fuller, Harris, Hur, Medrano; Vice Chair Little; Chairman Mercy

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION

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CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2021

COMMISSION/ STAFF PRESENTATIONS, UPDATES, REPORTS

1. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Crime Trends Report
Presenter: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
2. Los Angeles County Probation Department Update
Presenter: Los Angeles County Probation Department
3. California Highway Patrol Update
Presenter: California Highway Patrol
4. District Attorney Update
Presenter: District Attorney's Office
5. City Attorney Update
Presenter: Assistant City Attorney
6. Public Safety Update
Presenter: Public Safety Director
7. State Legislative Office Update
Presenters: Congressman Garcia's Office, Senator Wilk's Office and Assemblyman Lackey's Office

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

This portion of the agenda allows an individual the opportunity to address the Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission on any item ***NOT ON THE AGENDA*** regarding Commission business and speaker cards must be submitted ***prior*** to the beginning of this portion of the Agenda. Please complete a speaker card for the Commission Secretary and identify the subject you would like to address. We respectfully request that you fill the cards out completely and print as clearly as possible. Following this procedure will allow for a smooth and timely process for the meeting and we appreciate your cooperation. ***Individual speakers are limited to three (3) minutes each unless a different time limit is announced.*** State law prohibits the Commission from taking action on items not on the agenda.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting:

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

MEETING ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Executive Order N-29-20, the City has implemented a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility. If you need special assistance to participate in this telephonic meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (661)723-6020 or via email at CityClerk@cityoflancasterca.org. To ensure availability, you are advised to make your request at least 72 hours prior to the meeting/event you wish to attend. Due to difficulties in securing sign language interpreters, five or more business days notice is strongly recommended. For additional information, please contact the City Clerk at (661)723-6020.

AGENDA ADDENDUM INFORMATION

On occasion items may be added after the agenda has been mailed to subscribers. Copies of the agenda addendum item will be available at the City Clerk Department and are posted with the agenda on the windows of the City Council Chambers. For more information, please call the City Clerk Department at (661) 723-6020.

All documents available for public review are on file with the City Clerk Department.

**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
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June 9, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mercy called the meeting of the Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members Brown, Fuller, Harris, Hur, Medrano; Vice Chairman Little; Chairman Mercy

Absent: None

Staff

Members: Assistant City Manager, Assistant City Clerk

Additional

Attendees: Los Angeles County District Attorney's Antelope Valley Branch Head Deputy District Attorney Sherwood, California Highway Patrol Lieutenant Rodriguez, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Acting Captain Lieutenant Burgin, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Community Relations Deputy Green

INVOCATION

None given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Fuller

PRESENTATION

1. Illegal Cannabis Grows

Chairman Mercy stated this item would be moved for presentation at a future meeting.

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Chairman Mercy moved the Commission/Staff Updates to this portion of the agenda.

COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES

1. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CRIME TRENDS REPORT

Deputy Green provided the statistics for April of 2021 for the Burglary Suppression Team, LAN-CAP Team, Robbery Team, and LEAPS program.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department continued with their Community Engagement with virtual workshops and attending community events when possible while abiding by the CDC guidelines.

Discussion among the Commission, Deputy Green, and Acting Captain Lt. Burgin included statistics from the day prior for the illegal cannabis activity.

2. LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

This item not discussed.

3. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE

Lieutenant Rodriguez provided information on the year-to-date statistics through May 2021 including year-to-date totals for fatal accidents, traffic collisions, DUI collisions, vehicle thefts, drug-related arrests, weapons violations, enforcement contacts, vehicle pursuits, citations issued, and speed enforcement details conducted with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Discussion among the Commission and Lieutenant Rodriguez included the information provided including vehicle safety.

Chairman Mercy moved Item CC 1 to this portion of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2021

Commissioner Harris stated he did not give the invocation at the May 12, 2021 meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Fuller and seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved the Consent Calendar with the removal of Commissioner Harris identified as giving the invocation, by the following vote: 6-0-0-1; AYES: Brown, Fuller, Harris, Hur, Medrano, Mercy; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Little

COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES CONTINUED...

4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE

Head Deputy District Attorney Sherwood provided information on felony and misdemeanor filings along with a comparison to the previous year for the month of May 2021, along with information on the policy changes to the requirements for misdemeanor filings resulting in a lower filing rate.

Deputy District Attorney Sherwood also discussed legislation recently voted down relating to public safety, and recent report from the DAs handling the illegal gambling also referred to as tap taps.

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COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES CONTINUED...

5. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

This item not discussed.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

This item not discussed.

7. STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE UPDATE

This item not discussed.

NB 1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE

Chairman Mercy presented this item.

Head Deputy District Attorney Sherwood indicated he would be more than happy to offer any input that he can.

Discussion among the Commission included identifying the ad hoc committees to be formed with no more than three commissioners to work with city staff to identify policies that the city could possibly implement to further address and discourage the activities relating to illegal cannabis grows, vendors trespassing on private property, administrative remedies at the local level to address the failure to prosecute certain crimes by the elected District Attorney's policies, and illegal gambling also known as tap taps.

On a motion by Commissioner Fuller and seconded by Vice Chairman Little, the Commission approved the formation of ad hoc committees to be comprised of no more than three volunteers from the commission to work with city staff to further address the specific issues identified, by the following vote: 7-0-0-0; AYES: Brown, Fuller, Harris, Hur, Medrano, Little, Mercy; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

Commissioner Hur expressed his interest in volunteering for the ad hoc committee created to address the issue of vendors trespassing on private property.

Vice Chairman Little expressed his interest in volunteering for the ad hoc committees created to address the issues of vendors trespassing on private property and illegal gambling also known as tap taps.

Commissioner Harris expressed his interest in volunteering for the ad hoc committees created to address the issues of vendors trespassing on private property and illegal gambling also known as tap taps.

Commissioner Medrano expressed her interest in volunteering for the ad hoc committee created to address the issue of illegal grows.

Commissioner Fuller expressed his interest in volunteering for the ad hoc committee created to address the issue of illegal grows.

Chairman Mercy expressed his interest in volunteering for the ad hoc committees created to address the issues of illegal grows and administrative remedies at the local level to address the failure to prosecute certain crimes by the elected District Attorney's policies.

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PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

The Assistant City Clerk provided the public with the procedure to address the Commission regarding non-agendized items.

Jessica Morales – Tarzana Treatment Centers Health Educator, and member of the Antelope Valley Marijuana, Alcohol, and Pharmaceutical Prevention Coalition (AVMAPP), discussed the illegal cannabis grows, commended law enforcement, the city, and community members for their mitigation efforts, and further discussed prevention efforts within the City.

Karen Roseberry – on behalf of the Recall Gascon Now efforts, commended the commission for the creation of the subcommittee to address the administrative remedies, and discussed other efforts in the works, issue of the current District Attorney, and possible future partnerships with interested parties to ensure justice.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harris – congratulated the Sheriff’s Department and thanked them for what they do.

Commissioner Fuller – thanked the local law enforcement for the great job that they are doing and their continuing operations from which they are still witnessing results.

Commissioner Medrano – thanked the Sheriff’s Department and discussed being able to see part of the incredible operations yesterday with all the different entities coming together.

Vice Chair Little – thanked all law enforcement and expressed his support.

Chairman Mercy – indicated he would relay the newly formed ad hoc committee information to the Public Safety Director to have the appropriate staff identified in order to commence work for future reporting at commission meetings, and discussed the information provided from the member of the Antelope Valley Marijuana, Alcohol, and Pharmaceutical Prevention Coalition (AVMAPP) relating to cannabis regulations, and thanked all law enforcement.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mercy adjourned the Criminal Justice Commission meeting at 10:38 a.m. and stated the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission would take place Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 14th day of July 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

KATHLEEN STENBACK
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
COMMISSION SECRETARY

DREW MERCY
CHAIRMAN

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES
LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

I, _____, _____ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission Minutes, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CA on this _____ day of _____, _____.

(seal)



CRIME COMMISSION REPORT

MAY 2021 STATS

DIRECTED PATROL UNIT / CRIME PREVENTION TEAM

CRIME PREVENTION



- ▶ Via Social Media-Public Safety Announcements
- ▶ Facebook Live
- ▶ Zoom Meeting / Workshops

BURGLARIES

ACTIVITY	May (April)	
TOTAL BURGLARIES	45	(43)
RESIDENTIAL	22	(13)
COMMERCIAL	23	(30)



ROBBERIES

ACTIVITY	May (April)
TOTAL ROBBERIES	20 (18)
ARMED	09 (10)
STRONG-ARM	11 (08)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT


Community Engagement Slowly attending events in the community!





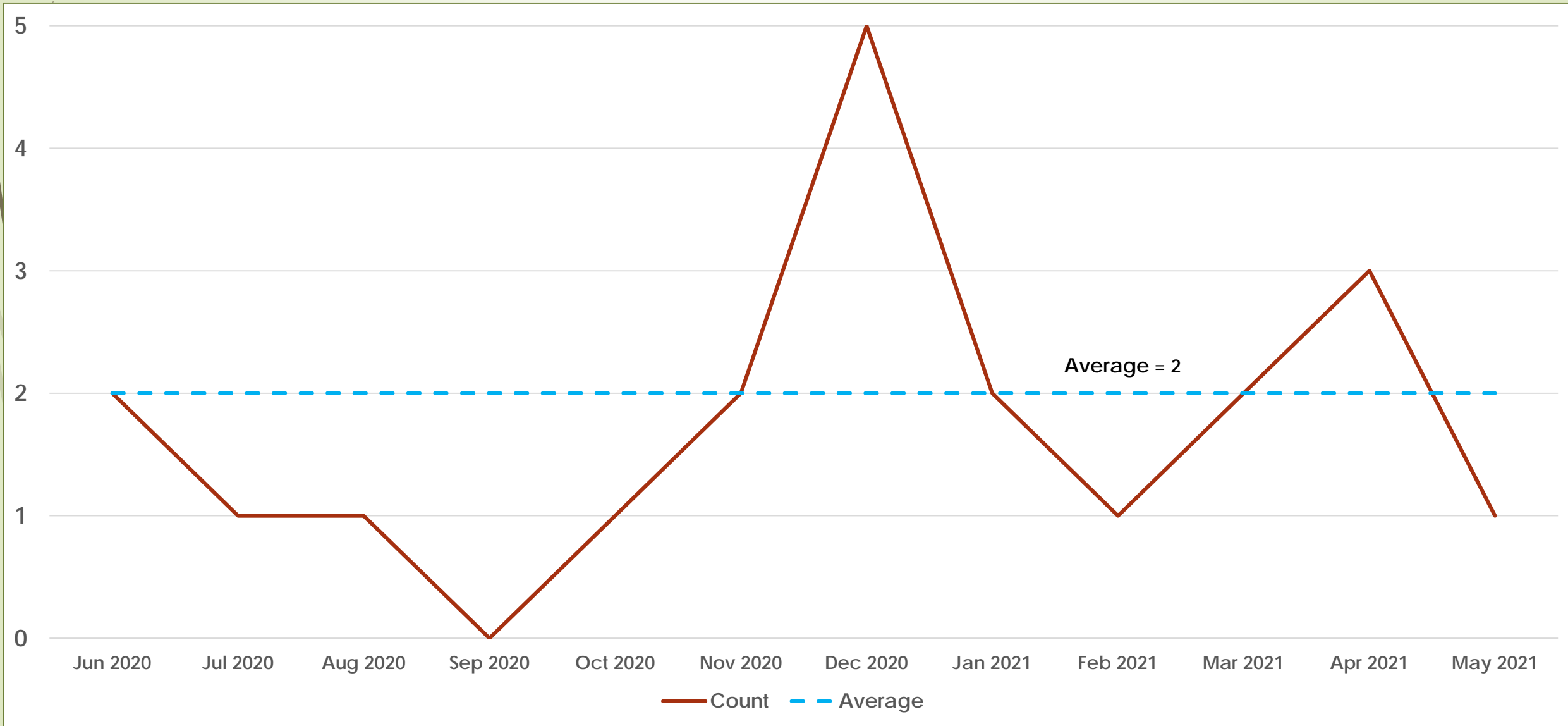
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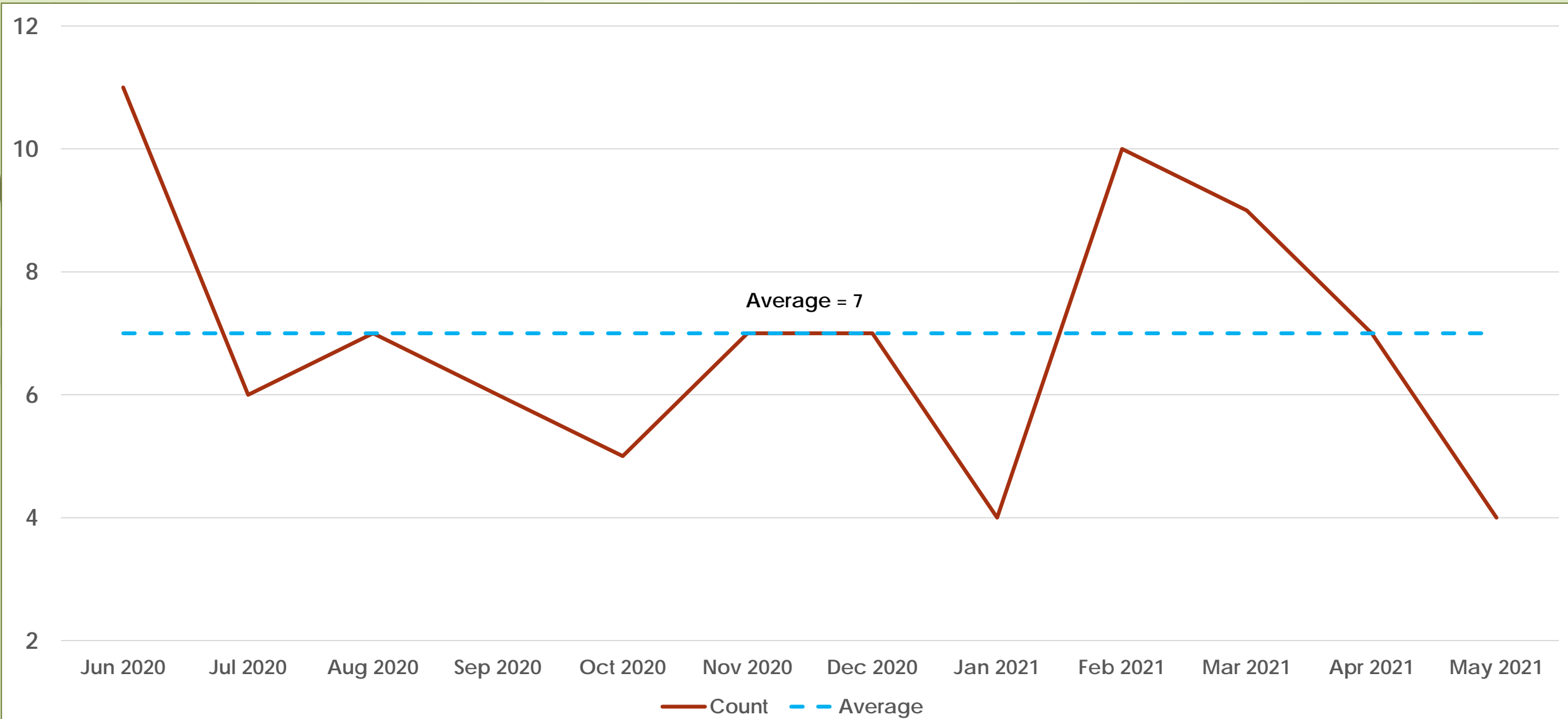


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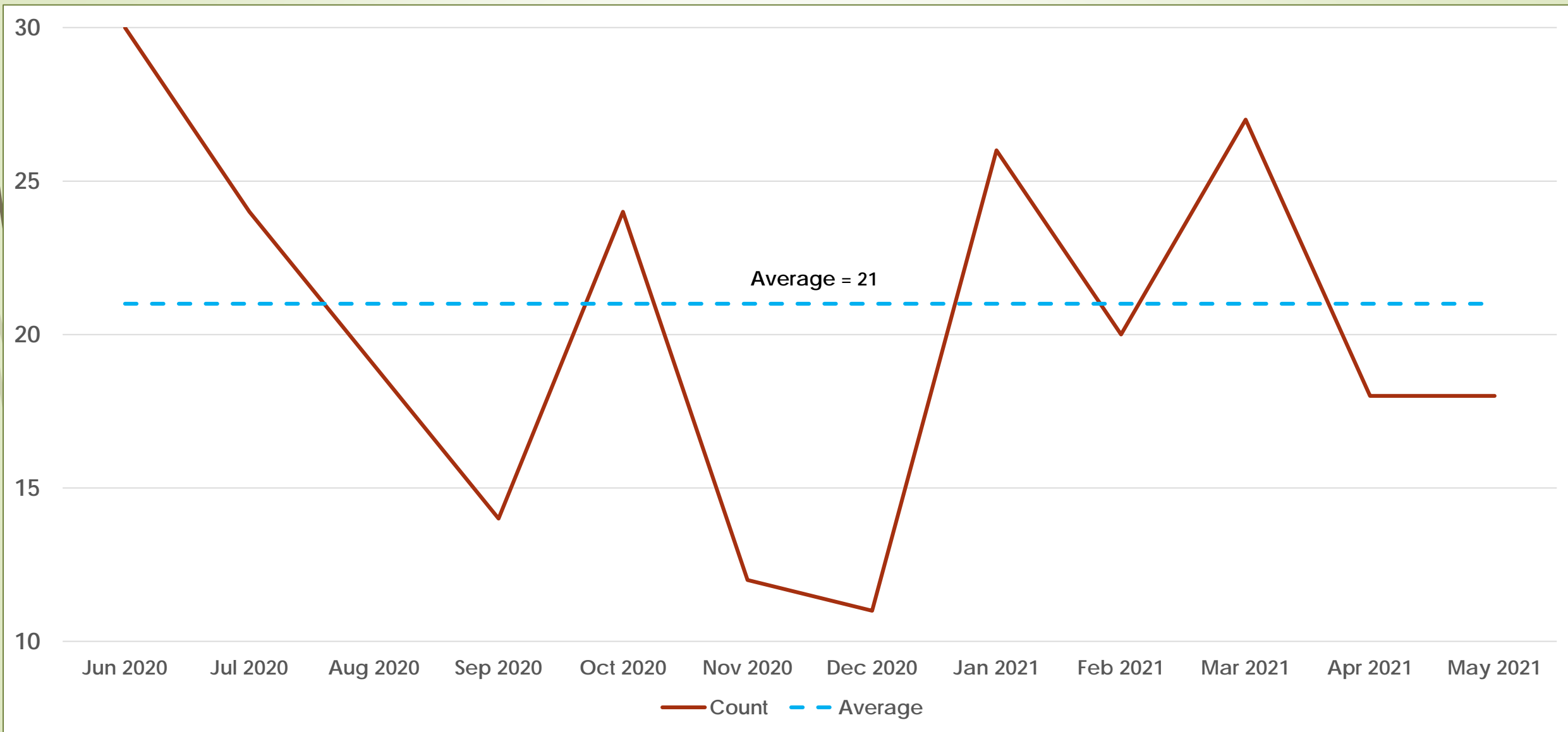
Homicides Over A Year Period



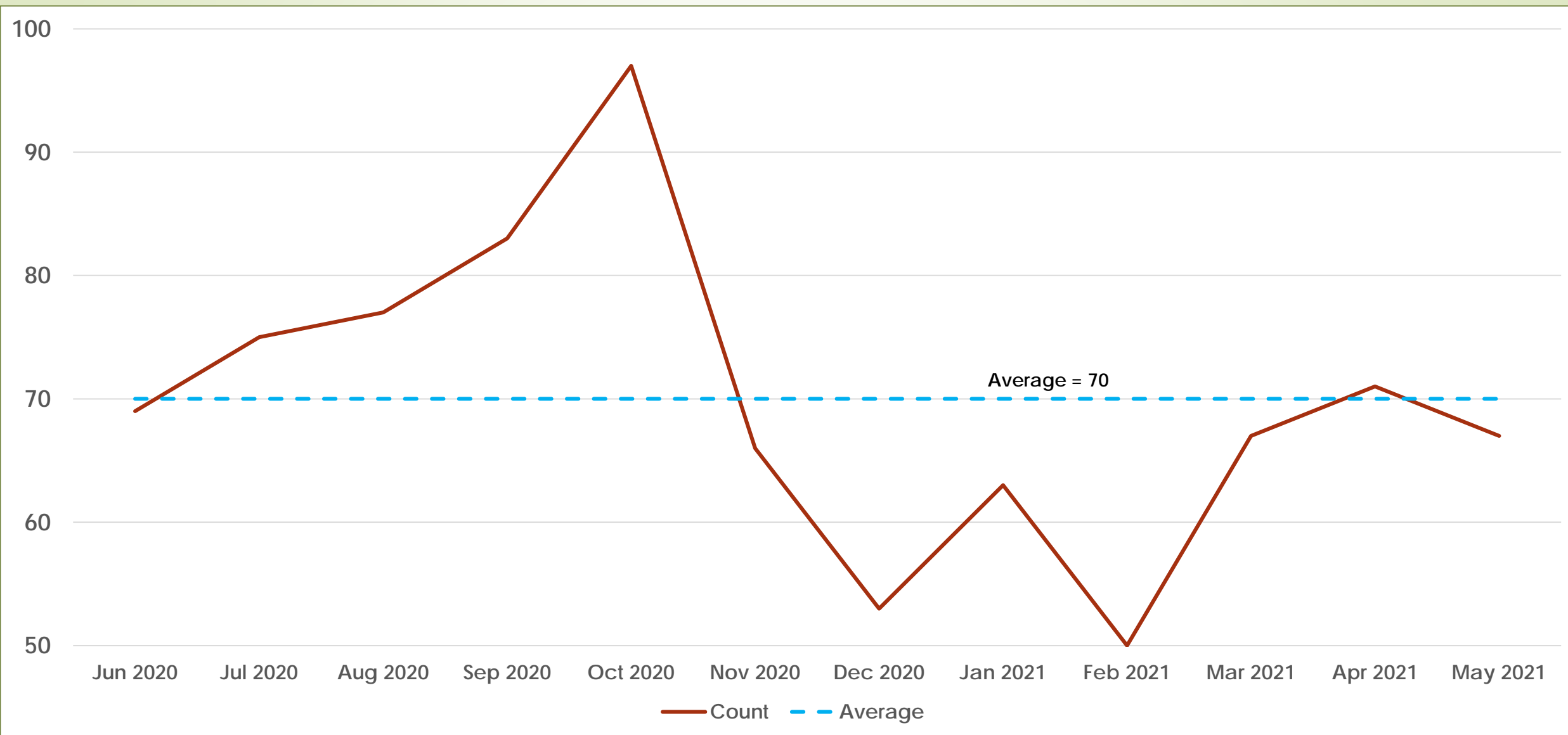
Rapes Over a Year



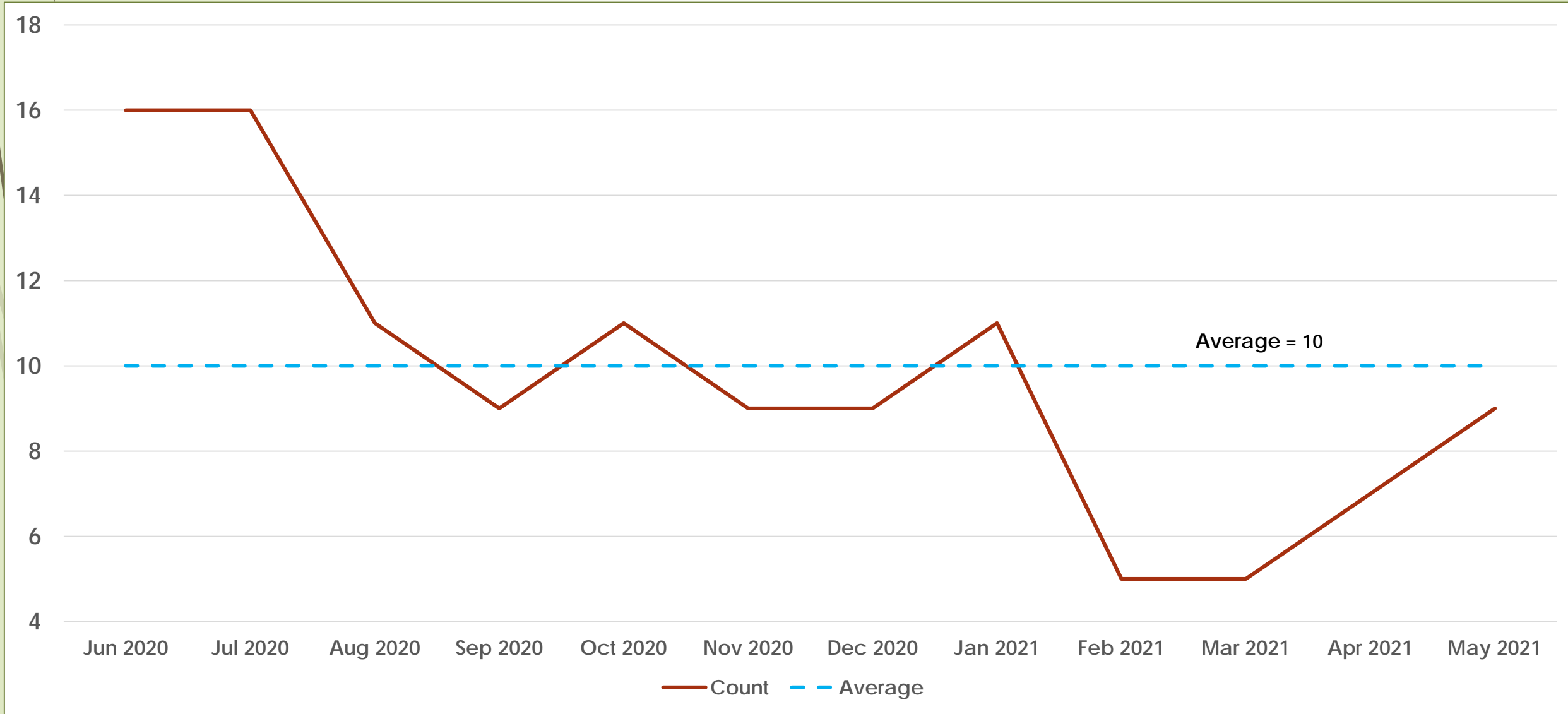
Robberies Over a Year Period



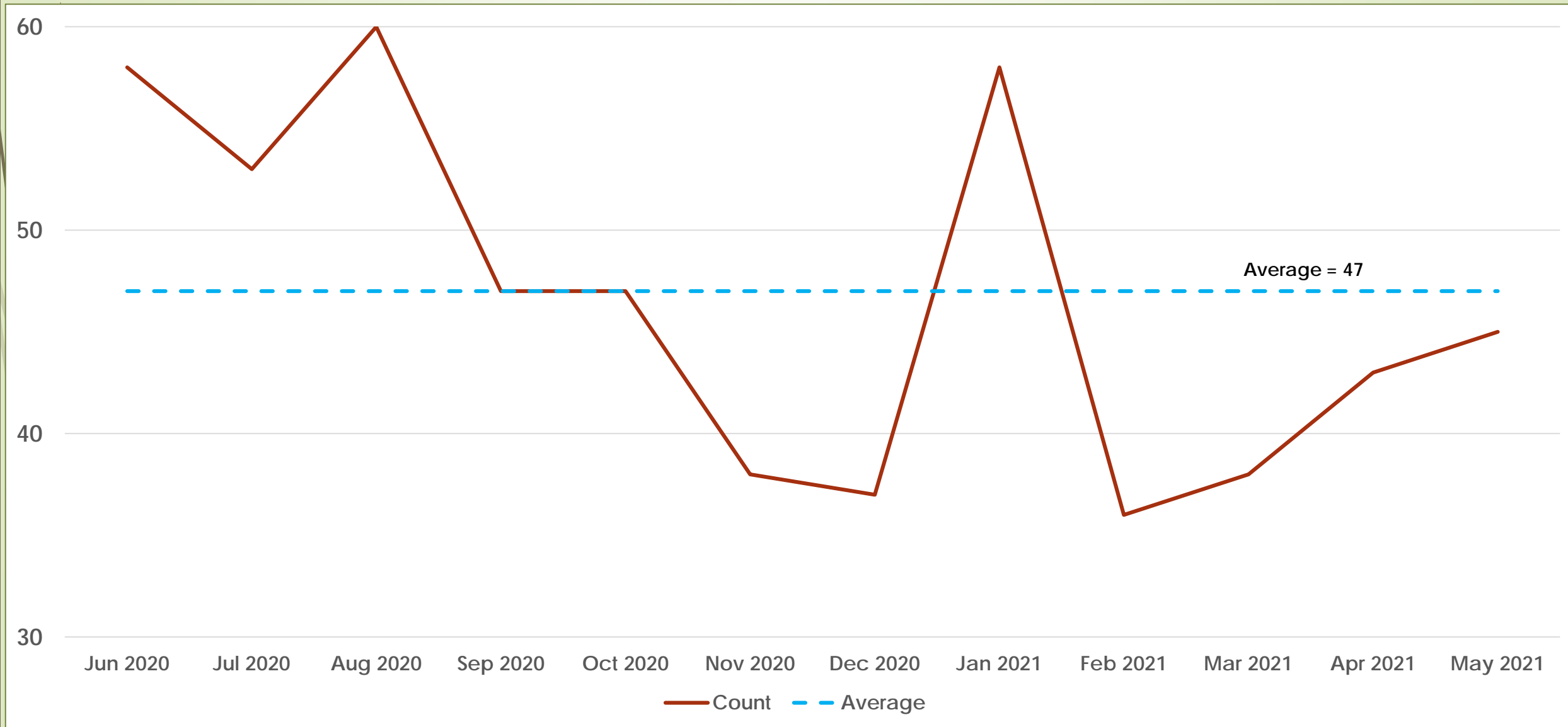
Aggravated Assaults Over a Year Period



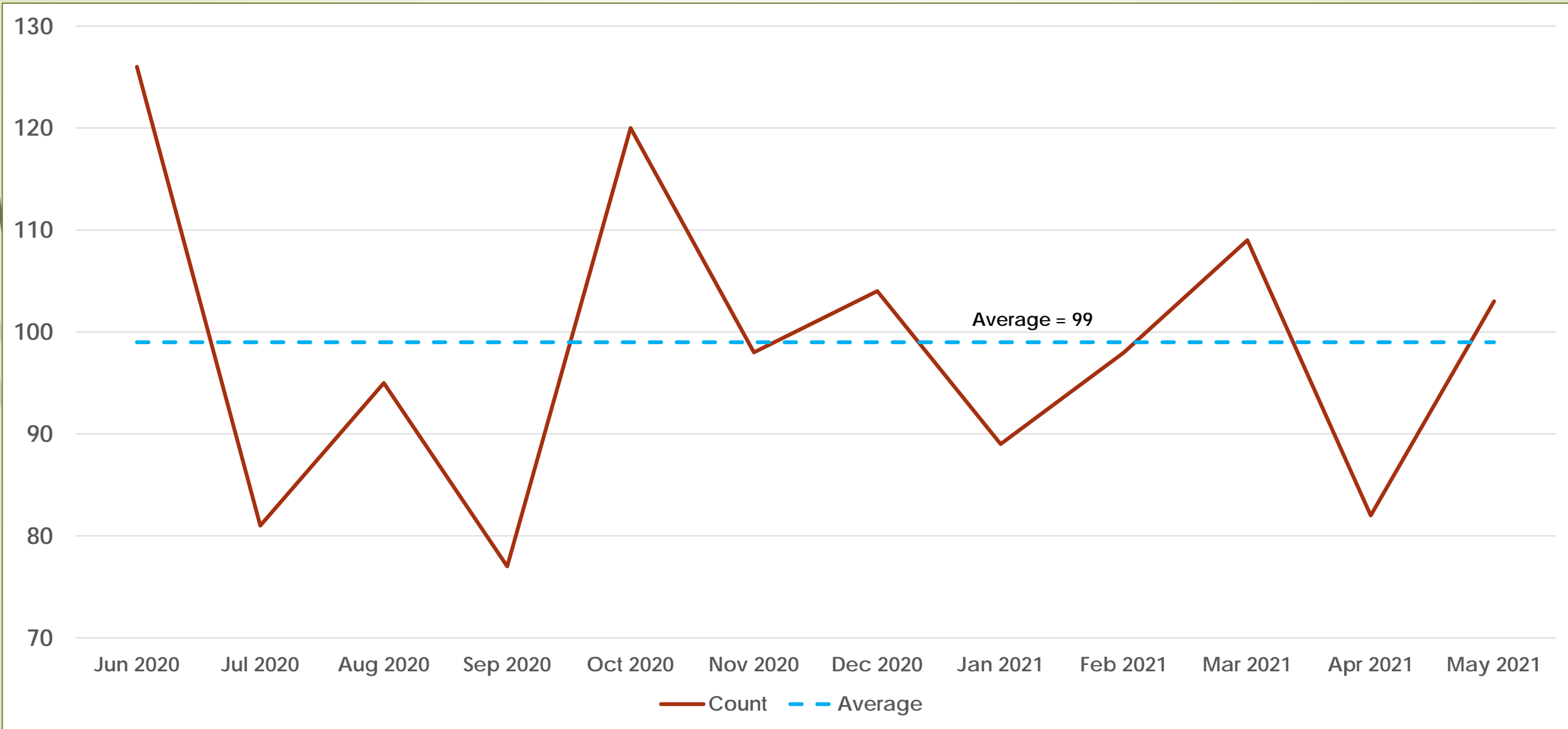
Domestic Violence-Related Aggravated Assaults Over a Year Period



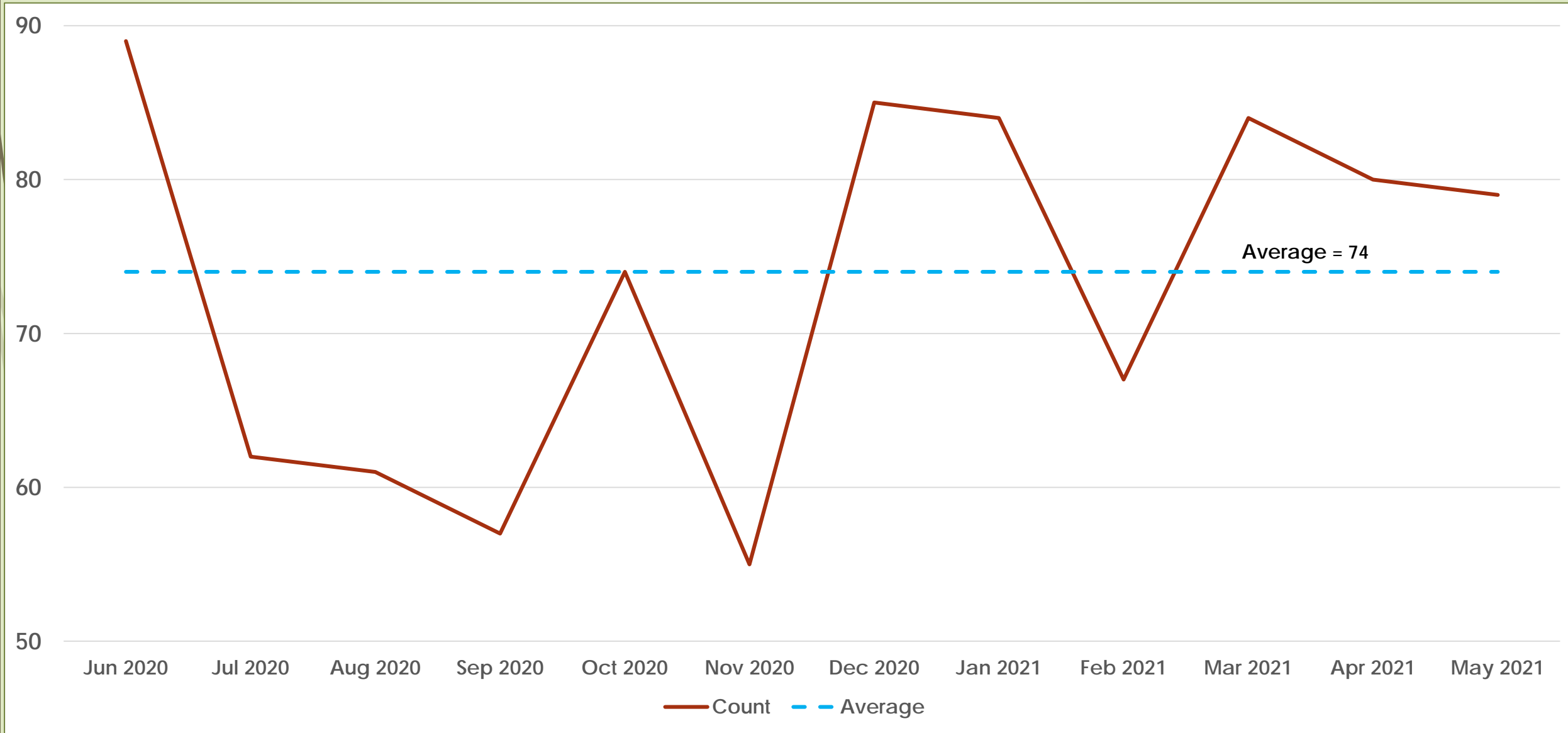
Burglaries Over a Year Period



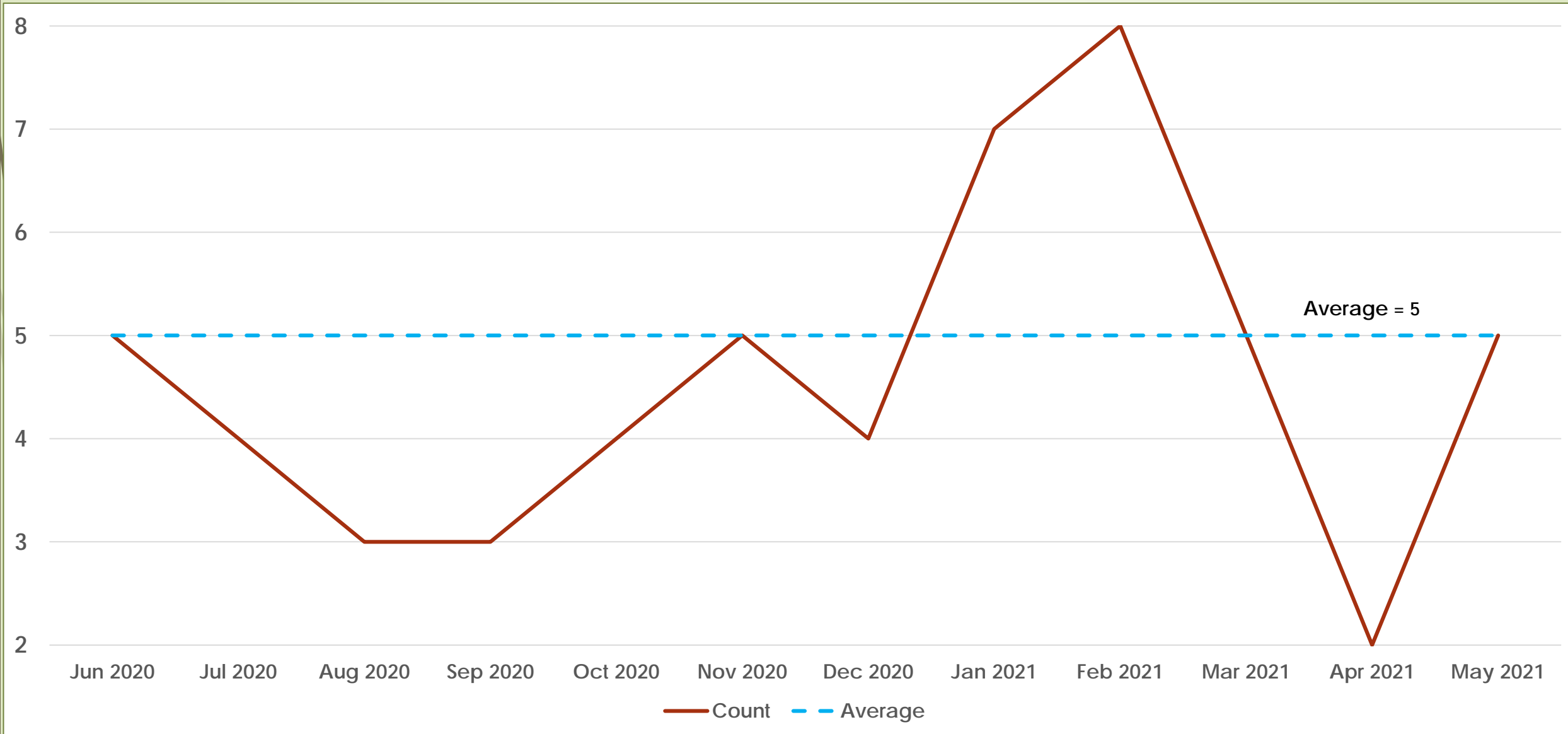
Larceny Thefts Over a Year Period



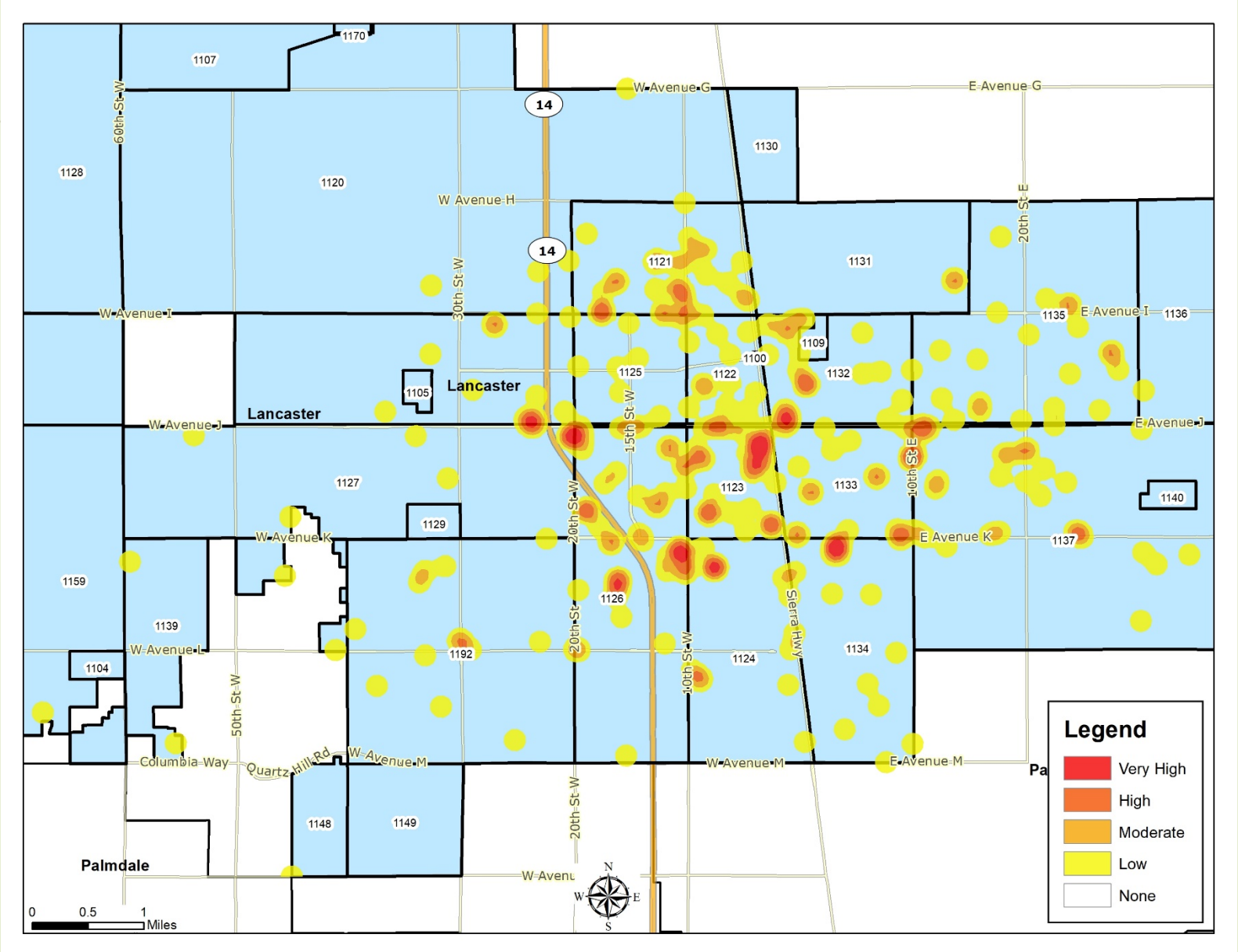
Grand Theft Vehicles Over a Year Period



Arsons Over a Year Period



City of Lancaster Part I Crime – Hot Spot Areas May 2021





Data Sources

- All crime counts are from LARCIS 5c in accordance with FBI Uniform Crime Reporting. Per UCR rules, violent crimes are counted by number of victims, not incidents.

May
2021

LEAPS Progress Report



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"EYES ON THE EVENT IN 5 SECONDS"



THE
LAW
ENFORCEMENT
AERIAL
PLATFORM
SYSTEM

(LEAPS)

PROVIDES
AERIAL
TACTICAL
AND
STRATEGIC
RECONNAISSANCE
FOR THE
CITY OF
LANCASTER
AND THE
LOS ANGELES
COUNTY
SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT

During May 2021, LEAPS was dispatched 66 times totaling 12.2 hours of airborne tactical support. LEAPS provided a total of 31.3 hours of strategic surveillance with real-time visible and infrared (IR) imagery within the Lancaster and surrounding unincorporated areas in the Antelope Valley Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) area of responsibility.

Highlights from this month, include the following:

LEAPS responded to several vehicle related calls. One was a carjacking pursuit covering Rosamond, Lancaster and Palmdale with shots fired at termination and SWAT called at 20th Street East and R-4. Another involved a suspect loading a hand gun in a vehicle at Division and Avenue L. LEAPS provided coverage of a DUI to conclusion at 40th Street East and Avenue M. Another DUI was supported at 15th East and Avenue I.

On other calls, LEAPS provided support in tracking trucks stealing water at (1) 250th east between Avenues G and L, (2) 205th East and Avenue H-14, (3) 200th East and Avenue J, (4) between 200th East, (5) 90th East and Avenue J, (6) 110th East and Avenue J, and (7) 240th East and Avenue J.

LEAPS provided support to Deputies called to a RAVE party at Avenue F-8 and 225th Street East involving an estimated 300 to 400 persons. Deputies were supported at 174th East in Lake Los Angeles with reported shots fired at an occupied vehicle by surveying a house and back yard.

Responding to senior assaulted call at 50th West and Avenue M-4, Deputies found an elderly man bleeding from being kicked. Leaps located the escaping vehicle, tracked and directed Deputies resulting in arrest.

LEAPS provided assistance with several fire calls this month. One was a vehicle fire near Division and Avenue I. LEAPS was used to check various locations in response to reports of structure or brush fires. Locations include 10th Street West and Avenue H, Sierra Highway and Avenue G-8.

Deputies were called about juveniles riding dirt bikes in traffic at 20th East and Avenue K, and dirt bikes speeding in a residential neighborhood at 6340 Treehaven Court with support by LEAPS surveillance.

LEAPS responded to a domestic disturbance call of a male and female fighting in a parking lot at 60th West and Avenue L-8. LEAPS was able to provide overview to responding Deputies.

A call of a suspect taking items from a store and running at 830 West Avenue L was received. LEAPS responded and provided surveillance of the property for responding Deputies searching for the suspect.

LEAPS was dispatched to several vehicle incidents in support of Deputies including a two vehicle collision at 943 West and Avenue K with drivers arguing, a two vehicle collision at 15th West and Avenue L, and a traffic collision without injuries at 20th West and Avenue J.

Arrests



7

Traffic Stops



14

Burglary & Robbery



5

Fights & Assaults



9

Persons With A Gun



4

Other Offenses & Suspicious Circumstances



27

LEAPS Progress Report



SCSI
Spiral Commercial Services, Inc.



 **11%**

You can run, but cannot hide

PROPERTY

Including burglary, stolen property, vandalism, grand theft, petty theft and others

 **34%**

PEOPLE

Includes Emergency Medical Service responses, assaults, robberies, threats, missing persons, person with gun, domestic violence and murder

 **20%**

VEHICLES

Includes abandoned vehicles, traffic stops and accidents, auto theft, drunk driving, hit and run

 **10%**

ARRESTS AND DETENTIONS

Includes suspicious persons or circumstances, detentions, assists in patrol arrests

 **24%**

OBSERVATIONS

General over flights, virtual patrol, stake-outs and non-specific calls

SCSI specializes in aerial surveillance solutions and operations at a competitive price point.

SCSI can operate the LEAPS aircraft seven days a week 365 days a year for the City of Lancaster.

SCSI provides all flight operations, training, maintenance, and technical support for the City of Lancaster LEAPS aircraft, video sensor and ground equipment.

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Our Current LASD Operational Support Area

To view videos or prior Progress Reports visit www.spiraltechinc.com/surveillance/leaps