



**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
AGENDA
Wednesday,
August 11, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

Posted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 6, 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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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 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

**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION AGENDA
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CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 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, September 8, 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@cityoflancafterca.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
MINUTES
July 14, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mercy called the meeting of the Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Vice Chairman Little

Staff

Members: Public Safety Director, Code Enforcement & Emergency Services Manager, Assistant City Clerk

Additional

Attendees: Assemblyman Tom Lackey's District Director Vanessa Wilk, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Antelope Valley Branch Head Deputy District Attorney Sherwood, Los Angeles County Probation Department Supervisor Robert Sepulveda, California Highway Patrol Captain Broneer, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain Lecrivain, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Burgin, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Community Relations Deputy Deciga, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Community Relations Deputy Green

INVOCATION

Chairman Mercy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Harris

APPROVAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2021

On a motion by Commissioner Medrano and seconded by Commissioner Hur, the Commission approved the Consent Calendar, by the following vote: 4-0-2-1; AYES: Harris, Hur, Medrano, Mercy; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: Brown, Fuller; ABSENT: Little

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RECESS

Chairman Mercy called for a brief recess at 10:04 a.m. to have the meeting audio system addressed.

RECONVENE

Chairman Mercy reconvened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES

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

Deputy Green provided the statistics for May 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, Captain Lecrivain, and staff included additional information on the community workshops, progress tracking for youth programs, implementation of a new crime prevention strategy system, proactive community policing, and LEAPS program and operations.

The new Captain of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lancaster Station, Captain Lecrivain, introduced himself to the commission, provided a brief biography of himself, discussed the new crime prevention strategy to be implemented, and stated he was happy to be there and looked forward to serving and partnering with the city.

2. LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Department Supervisor, Robert Sepulveda, provided information on restricted activities during COVID-19 including telephonic communication operations over the past month, decrease in violations, housing need for female probationers, and the anticipated return of the job workshop in May.

Discussion among the Commission, Mr. Sepulveda, and staff included the housing need for female probationers, possible assistance from local non-profits, funding and resource needs including the supervision and management of group housing for probationers.

3. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE

Captain Broneer provided information on the year-to-date statistics through June 2021 including year-to-date totals for DUI related arrests, vehicle thefts, drug-related arrests, gun-related arrests, recent directive given to work with Caltrans on homeless encampment removal and relocation from the state freeway right-of-way which includes future collaborative efforts with Caltrans, Valley Oasis, and the Sheriff's Department, significant increase in fatal collisions this year, newly formed Antelope Valley Traffic Task Force to assist with traffic safety, two new cadets to be reporting to the Antelope Valley, and success of the traffic safety steps being implemented by the Antelope Valley Traffic Task Force.

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3. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE CONTINUED...

Discussion among the Commission, Captain Broneer, and staff included the information provided on the future collaborative efforts with Caltrans, Valley Oasis, and the Sheriff's Department for the homeless encampment removal and relocation from the state freeway right-of-way, criteria for removal and relocation determination, DUI related arrests, and collaborative efforts throughout the community for removal and relocation of homeless encampments.

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 June 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 jury trials starting again, upcoming legislation that impacts jury selections, current impacts to the drug court, recent selection of the Antelope Valley Courthouse for a County pilot program for processing some defendants through mental health and diversion programs, future impacts of the pilot program, and the percentage of cases involving drug and/or mental health issues.

Discussion among the Commission, Deputy District Attorney Sherwood, and staff included the information provided on the misdemeanor filings, filings related to the recent illegal cannabis activity, success rates of the diversion programs, factors affecting severity or frequency of filings, mental health and homelessness, mental health resources, possible invitation to Dr. Girion, Antelope Valley Mental Health Professional, to speak at a future commission meeting regarding mental health, housing needs, and resources.

5. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

This item not discussed.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

The Public Safety Director discussed the full implementation of the Hybrid Law Enforcement Model, staffing and department changes, additional resources made available for the hiring of personnel and expansion of programs and services, community-based policing, collaborative efforts with other agencies, future training on the community-based policing, community involvement in the development of new programs to be implemented, upcoming meetings for the Commission ad hoc committees, upcoming community events, community clean-up efforts, and community vaccination efforts.

7. STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE UPDATE

Vanessa Wilk from Assemblyman Tom Lackey's Office provided information on legislative updates which included information on SB 586, SB 483, SB 775, SB 262, and SB 357.

Additionally, Mrs. Wilk provided information on Assemblyman Lackey's work to combat the illegal cannabis activity.

Chairman Mercy, on behalf of Senator Wilk's office, provided information on the no cash bail bill, Senator Wilk's work to combat the illegal cannabis activity, and collaborative efforts with other agencies to combat the illegal activity.

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7. STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE UPDATE CONTINUED...

Discussion among the Commission and staff included the collaborative efforts to combat the illegal activity and the overwhelming support from the community including Sheriff Booster Club.

Additionally, Chairman Mercy, on behalf of Senator Wilk’s office, provided information on a landlord and tenant support program including available resources.

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.

No public comment at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hur – welcomed the new Captain of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Lancaster Station.

Chairman Mercy – welcomed the new Captain, thanked all of the law enforcement agencies, and discussed the estimated street value of the illegal cannabis recently seized.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mercy adjourned the Criminal Justice Commission meeting at 11:50 a.m. and stated the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission would take place Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11th day of August 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

KATHLEEN STENBACK
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
COMMISSION SECRETARY

DREW MERCY
CHAIRMAN

Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission

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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

JUNE 2021 STATS

DIRECTED PATROL UNIT / CRIME PREVENTION TEAM

CRIME PREVENTION



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

BURGLARIES

ACTIVITY	June (May)	
TOTAL BURGLARIES	30	(45)
RESIDENTIAL	20	(22)
COMMERCIAL	10	(23)



ROBBERIES

ACTIVITY	June (May)
TOTAL ROBBERIES	23 (20)
ARMED	15 (09)
STRONG-ARM	08 (11)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement Slowly attending events in the community!





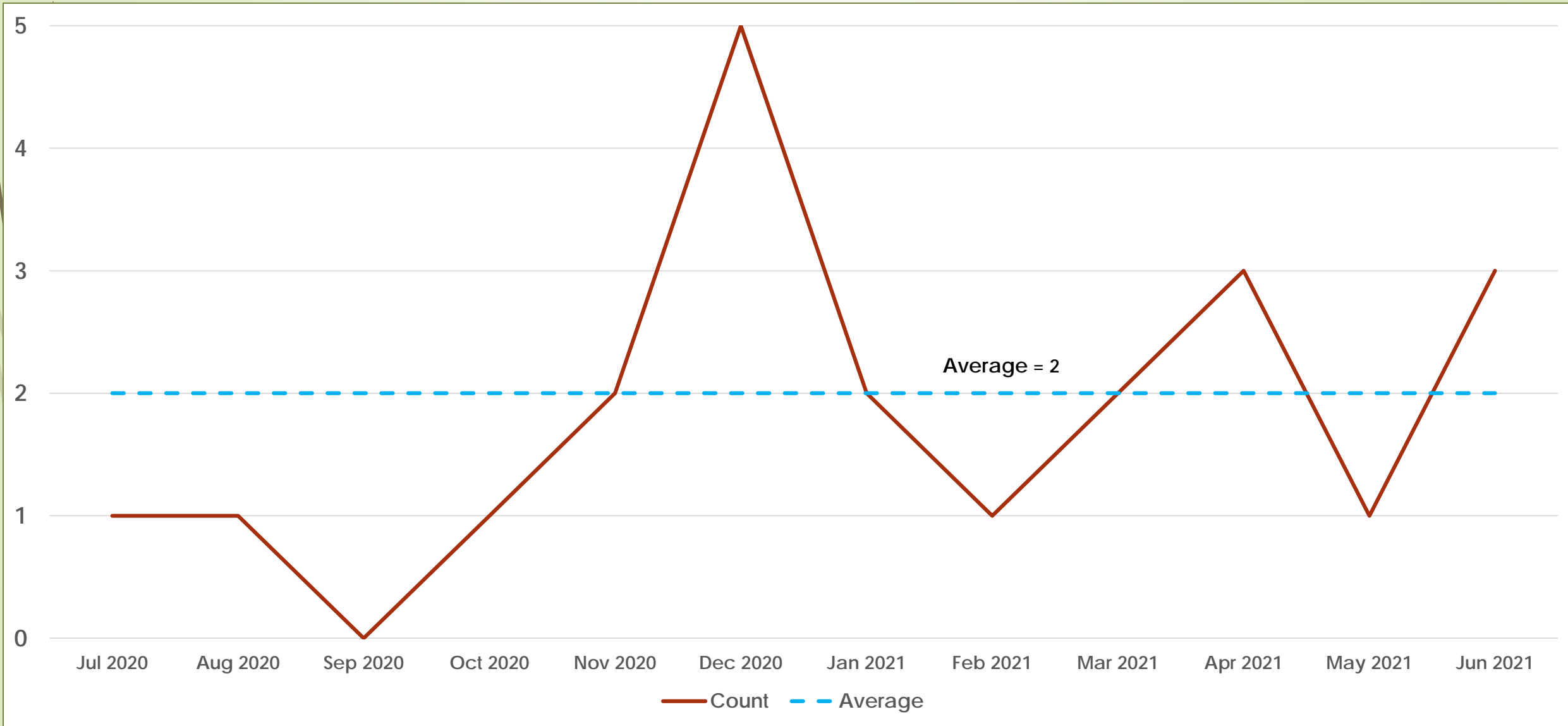
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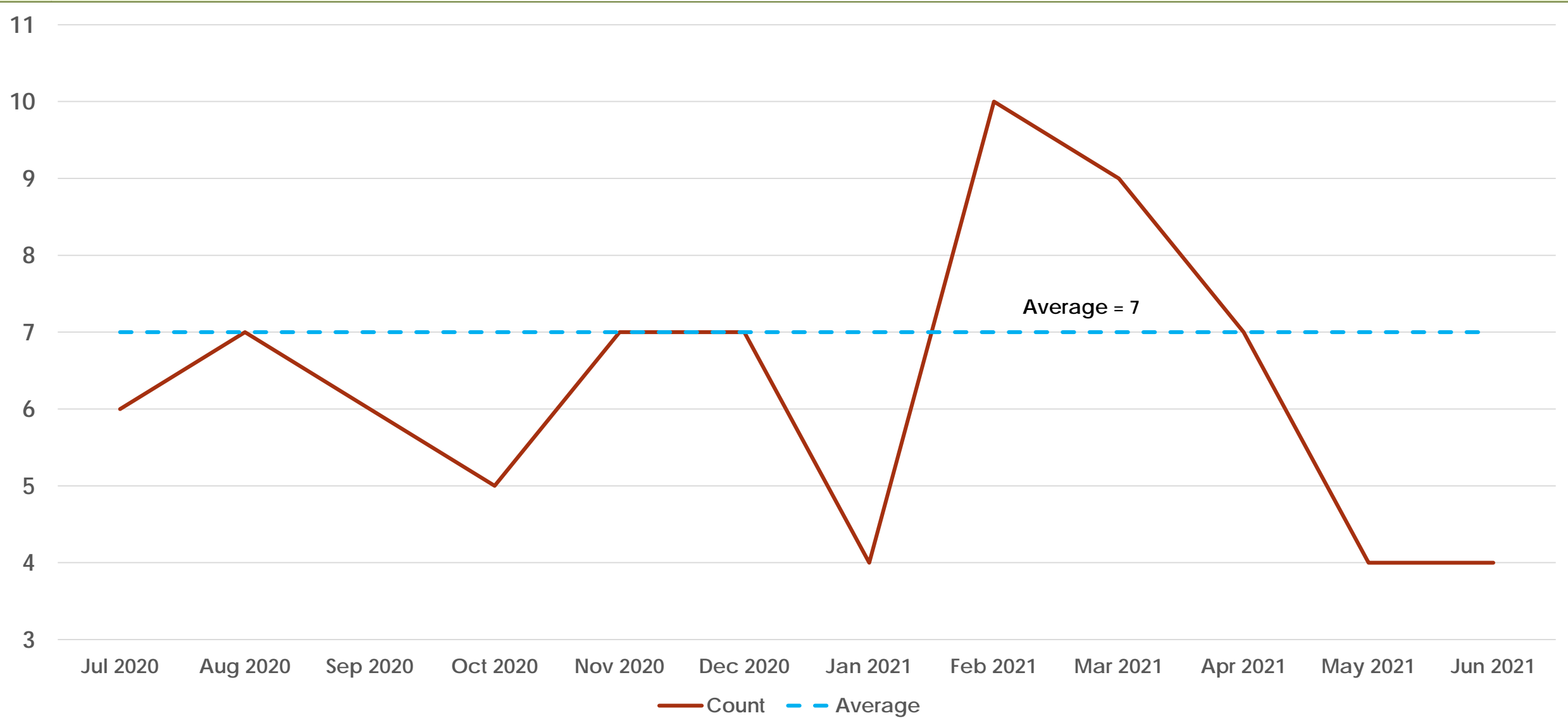


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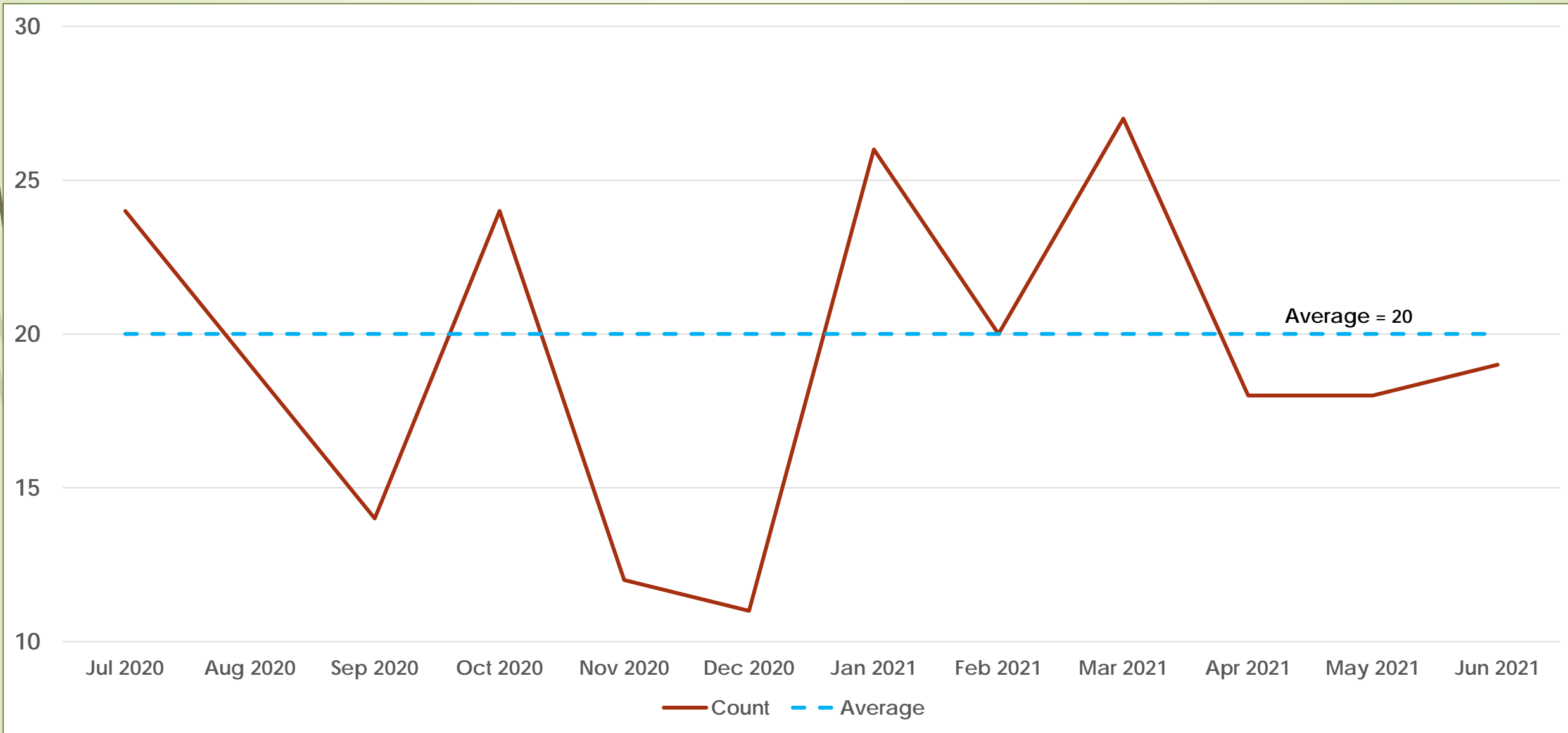
Homicides Over A Year Period



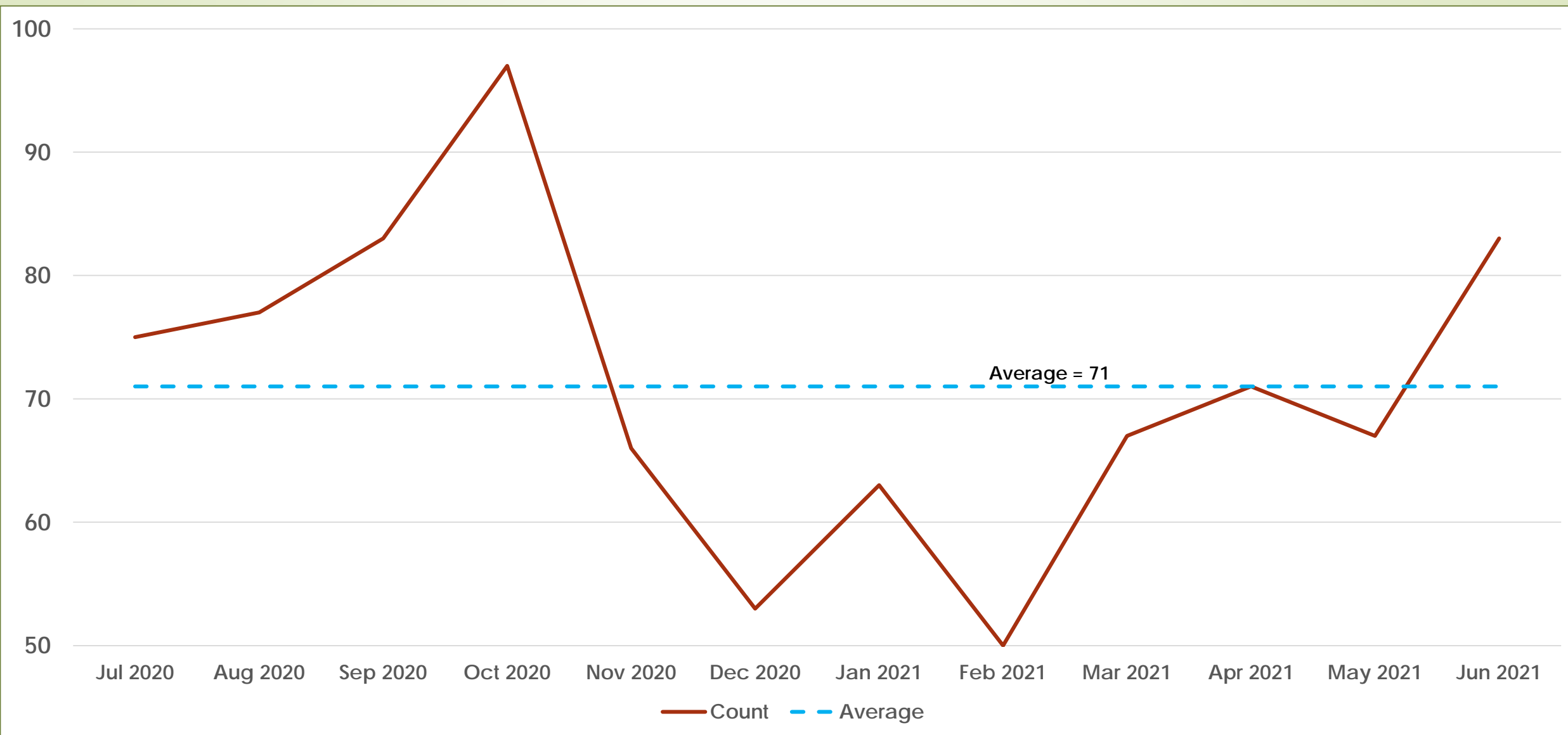
Rapes Over a Year



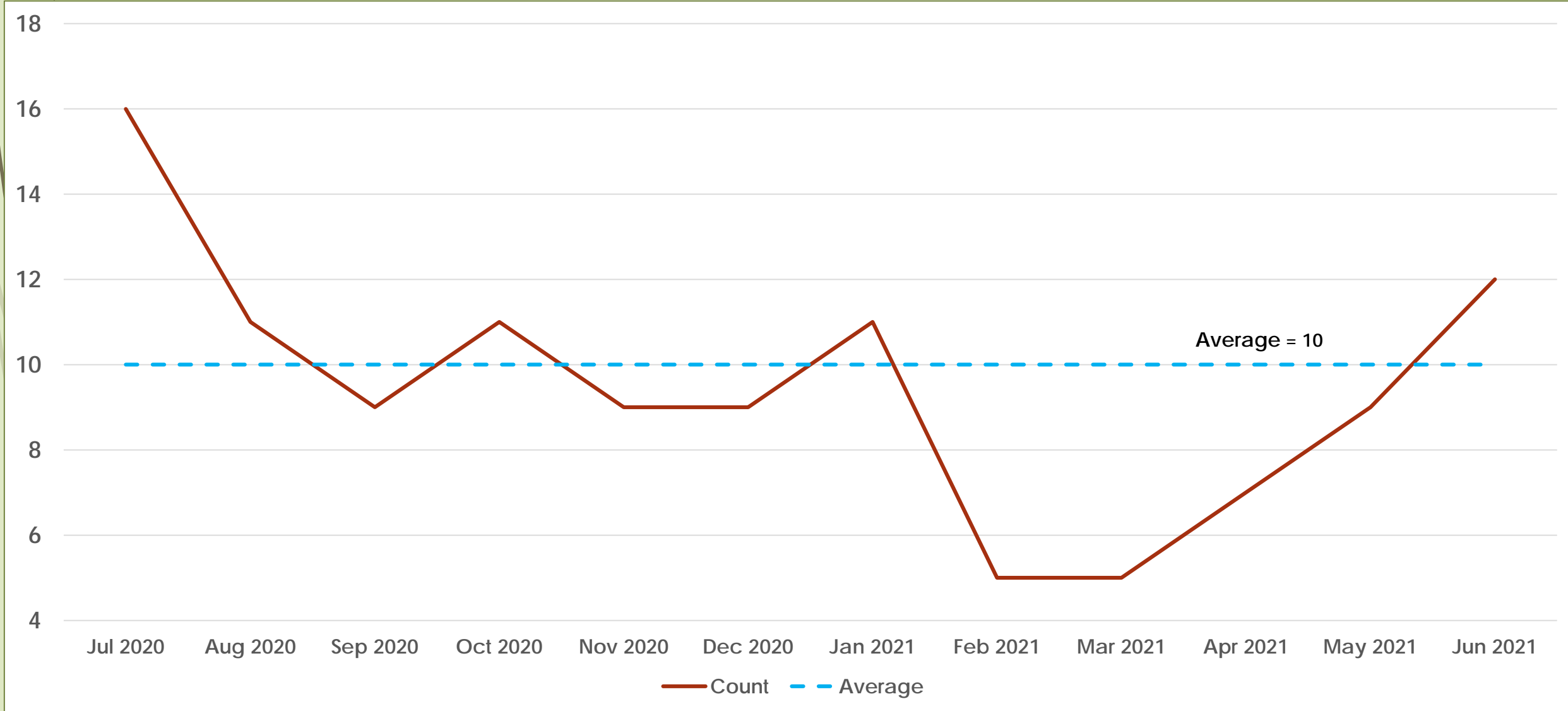
Robberies Over a Year Period



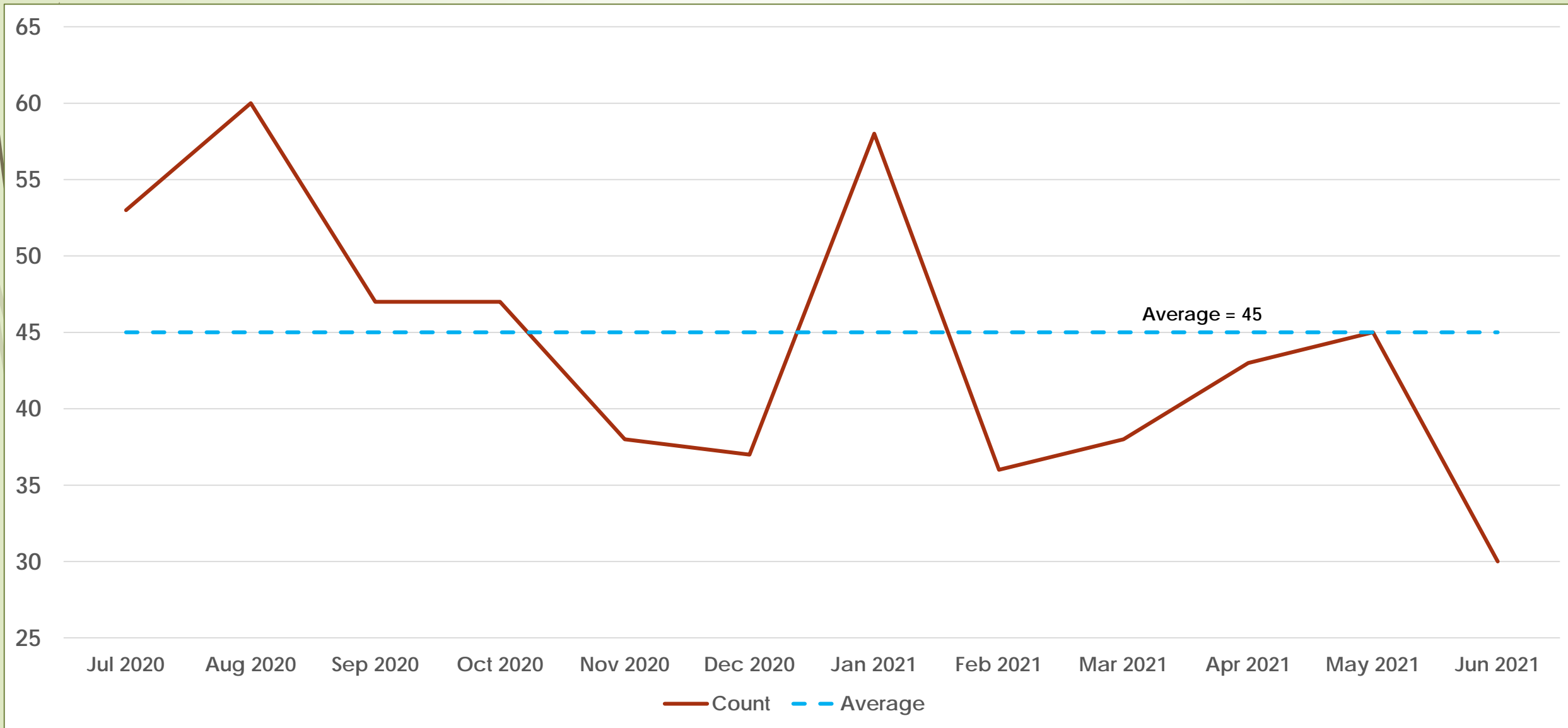
Aggravated Assaults Over a Year Period



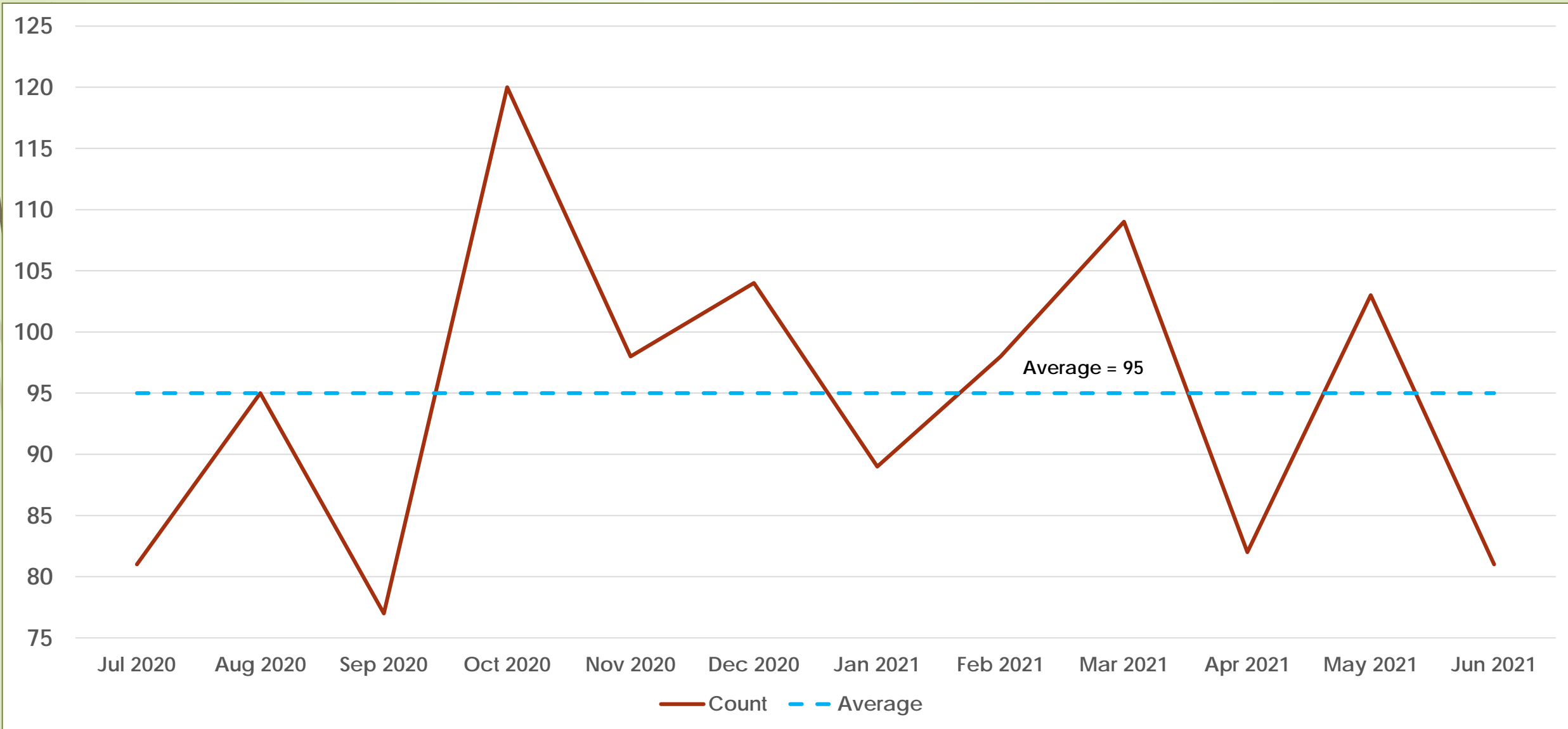
Domestic Violence-Related Aggravated Assaults Over a Year Period



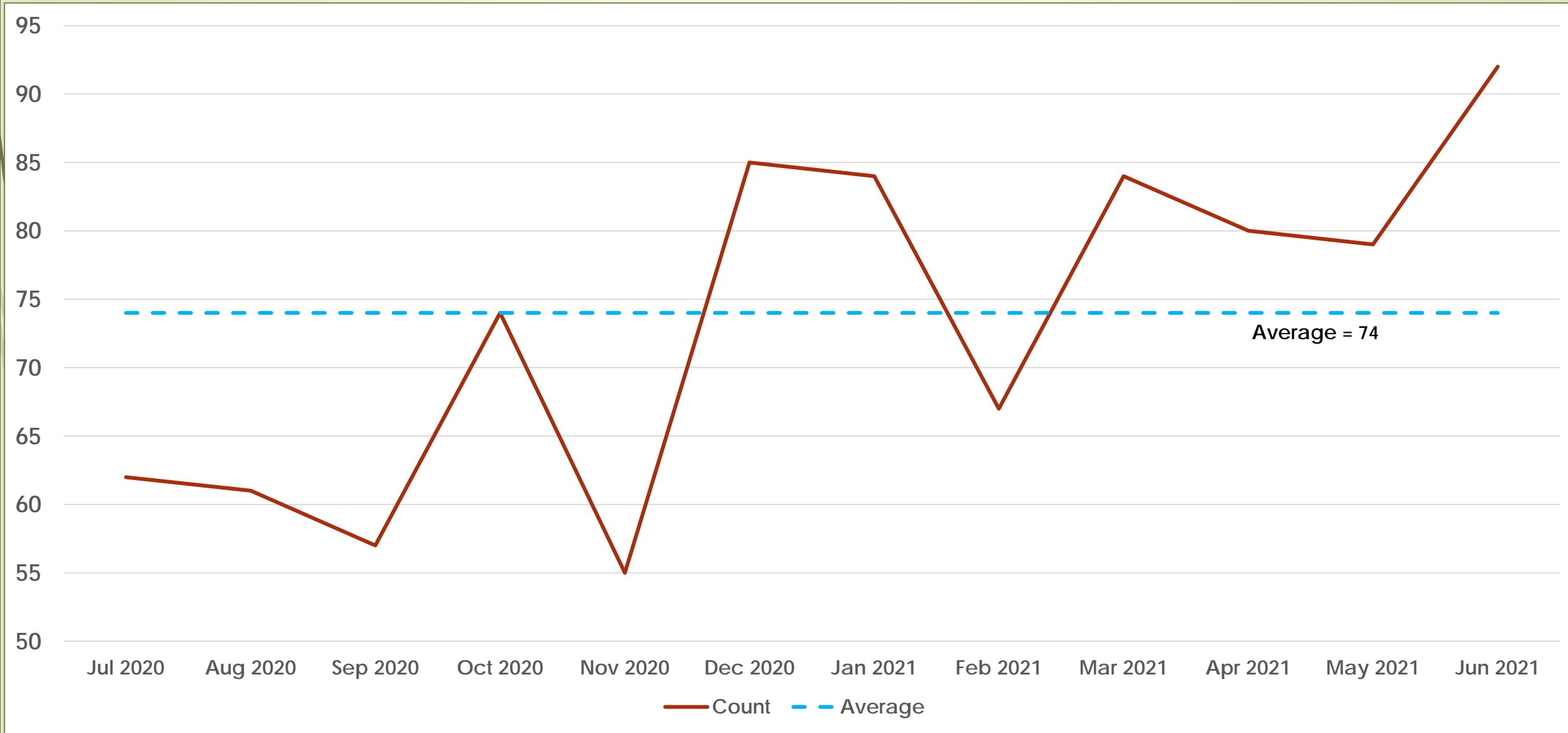
Burglaries Over a Year Period



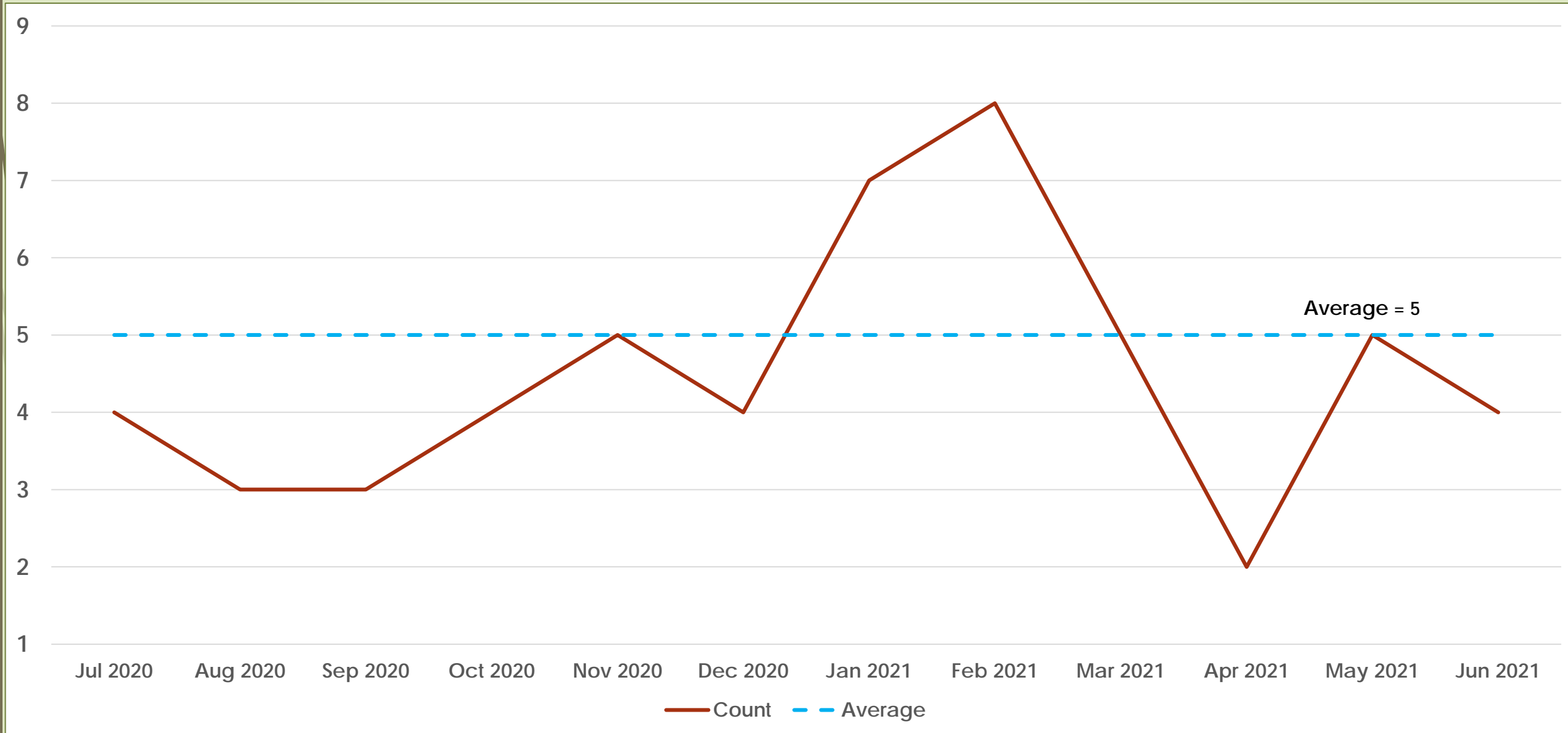
Larceny Thefts Over a Year Period



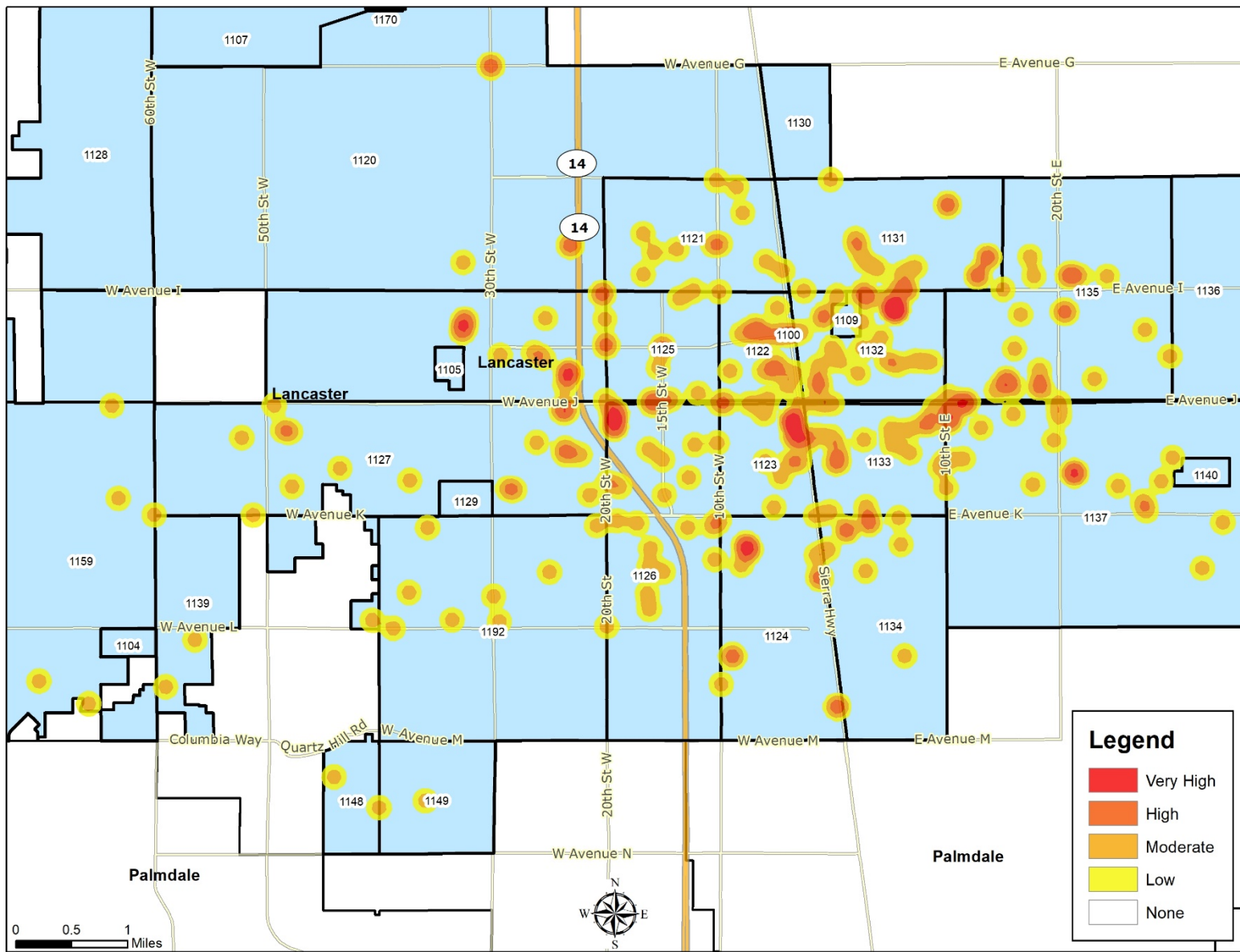
Grand Theft Vehicles Over a Year Period



Arsons Over a Year Period



City of Lancaster Part I Crime – Hot Spot Areas June 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.

June
2021

LEAPS Progress Report



SCSI
Spiral Commercial Services, Inc.

"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 June 2021, LEAPS was dispatched 112 times for 17.3 hours of airborne tactical support. LEAPS provided a total of 46.6 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 vehicle rollover at 100th East and Avenue J-8. Another involved a suspect with a hand gun in a vehicle at 3rd East and Lancaster Blvd. LEAPS provided coverage of a vehicle shooting paintballs at a truck, followed fleeing vehicle to residence two miles away and directed units and LASD helicopter to exact address. LEAPS located and tracked a hit and run suspect of a bicyclist at 20th West and Ave I and the suspect was arrested.

On other calls LEAPS provided support in water theft incidents including an uncooperative detention at 200th East and Avenue G.

LEAPS provided support to Deputies concerning a shoplifter fighting with security at Valley Center and Lancaster Blvd resulting in suspect's arrest.

Responding to several "individual" calls including (1) a female lying in the road at 13th East and Lancaster Blvd, (2) male lying on sidewalk at Fern and Jackman, (3) 5-6 males fighting at 17th West and Avenue K, (4) female threatening to hang self at 150th East and Lancaster Blvd, (5) naked man throwing rocks at cars 5th East and Avenue J-8, and (6) directed deputies to Yucca and J-8 where a male was in a field with a gun.

LEAPS provided assistance with several fire calls this month. One was a large brush fire 110th West and Avenue J with structure threatened. On dispatch to 170th West and Avenue D, LEAPS responded to a large brush fire related to traffic accident. LEAPS located a female suspect relative to a brush fire at Oldfield and Trevor Ave. At 30th West and Lancaster Blvd LEAPS provided overview of a brushfire reported in a homeless camp.

Deputies were called about a male riding a dirt bike and doing wheelies in the intersection of 10th West and Avenue K-8. Two hours later, LEAPS responded to teens on dirt bikes in street and intersection. LEAPS was dispatched to 45th West and Avenue L-12 concerning motorcycles racing in the street.

LEAPS responded to a domestic disturbance call of a male and female fighting at Avenue K and Sierra Highway and was able to provide overview to responding Deputies. LEAPS supported another domestic incident at Division and Avenue E-8 involving a female in a gold vehicle attempting to run over a male.

LEAPS was dispatched to 50th East and Avenue I-8 for a potential kidnapping of a female being forced into a blue van. LEAPS directed responding deputies and LASD helicopter to the location.

Arrests



31

Traffic Stops



31

Burglary & Robbery



7

Fights & Assaults



13

Persons With A Gun



5

Other Offenses & Suspicious Circumstances



25

LEAPS Progress Report



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10%

PROPERTY

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



21%

VEHICLES

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



19%

OBSERVATIONS

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



26%

PEOPLE

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



24%

ARRESTS AND DETENTIONS

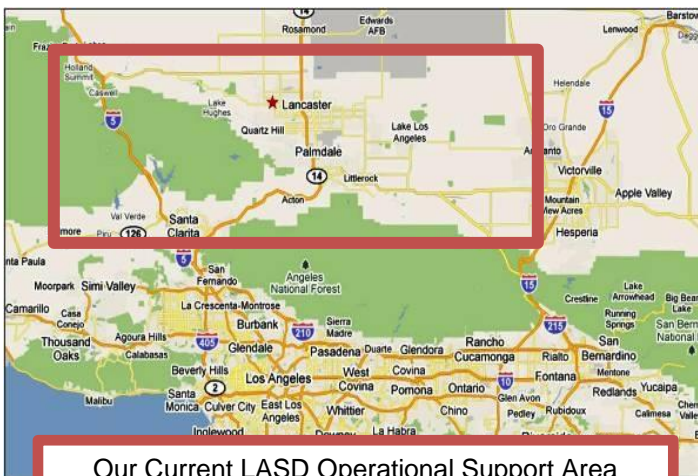
Includes suspicious persons or circumstances, detentions, assists in patrol arrests

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

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