PS ITEM #2 March 3, 2025 **Briefing REVISED** 

#### MEMORANDUM

February 28, 2025

**TO:** Public Safety (PS) Committee

**FROM:** Susan J. Farag, Legislative Analyst

**SUBJECT: Briefing** – Police: Holiday Traffic Safety Task Force (and Impaired

Driving)

**PURPOSE:** Receive briefing – No vote needed.

This staff report was revised to provide updated information.

#### Those expected for this briefing:

Assistant Chief David McBain, Field Services Bureau, Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD)

Captain Warren Jensen, Traffic Operations Division, MCPD Sergeant Patrick Kepp, MCPD

#### **Background**

MCPD traffic enforcement plays a central role in maintaining road safety. Patrol officers and the Department's Central Traffic Unit (CTU) regularly patrol roadways to detect violations that contribute to crashes. The following chart illustrates total enforcement over the past several years.

Traffic Stops by Year and Included Moving Violation									
Year		No	Yes	Grand Total		Year	No	Yes	Grand Total
	2015	46,512	83,850	130,362		2015	Ch	nange from 20	15
	2016	39,438	80,838	120,276		2016	-15%	-4%	-8%
	2017	37,769	72,470	110,239		2017	-19%	-14%	-15%
	2018	43,615	77,481	121,096		2018	-6%	-8%	-7%
	2019	36,307	69,774	106,081		2019	-22%	-17%	-19%
	2020	10,975	28,440	39,415		2020	-76%	-66%	-70%
	2021	6,957	29,502	36,459		2021	-85%	-65%	-72%
	2022	8,639	27,316	35,955		2022	-81%	-67%	-72%
	2023	10,290	29,839	40,129		2023	-78%	-64%	-69%
	2024	13,776	32,723	46,499		2024	-70%	-61%	-64%

Impairment is a significant contributor to fatal crashes, and the Department dedicates resources to detecting impaired driving. MCPD's Traffic Division is responsible for the targeted enforcement of impaired driving laws. MCPD's Traffic Division has a Special Traffic Operations Section, which includes:

- Alcohol Initiatives Unit (AIU)
- Drug Recognition Expert Program (DRE)
- Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit (CTAU)

The following chart shows total DUI arrests over the past several years. Arrests peaked in 2017 and have fallen since then.

DUI Arrests by Year All Department (MCPD)								
Year	Arrests	Change from Pe	ak in 2018					
2016	1,582	-41%						
2017	2,696	0%						
2018	2,612	-3%						
2019	2,408	-11%						
2020	1,393	-48%						
2021	1,207	-55%						
2022	1,208	-55%						
2023	876	-68%						
2024	858	-68%						

#### **Crashes and Fatalities:**

The following chart reflects total crashes over the past several years.

3. ACRS Collisions	2022	2023	2024	Total
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Montgomery County Police	8,533	9,166	8,975	26,674
Rockville Police Department	605	662	715	1,982
Total	9,854	10,568	10,436	30,858

As a subset, the following chart illustrates the total crashes where impairment was a factor. Impairment is present in about 6% of all crashes.

ACRS Collisions: Substance Use Related	2022	2023	2024	Total
Gaithersburg Police Department	67	58	86	211
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Montgomery County Police	542	456	521	1,519
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Total	638	536	635	1,809

The presence of impairment in fatal crashes is even more significant, representing more than half of all fatal collisions in the past two years.

Fatal Collisions, Including Those Involving Impairment												
Year	2020	%	2021	%	2022	%	2023	%	2024	%	2025 YTD	%
Fatal Collisions	39		33		41		34		36		1	
Impairment	24	62%	11	33%	17	41%	20	59%	20	56%	1	100%

Pedestrians are significantly impacted. In 2024, 44% of fatalities were pedestrians, followed by 33% motorcyclists, and 22% automobile occupants. In 2023, the largest percentage of fatalities were Hispanic/Latino community members. In 2024, the largest percentage of victims were Black/African American.

Fatalities by Race and Ethnicity						
	2023	2024				
Asian	3%	6%				
Black/African American	26%	42%				
Hispanic/Latino	43%	31%				
White	29%	17%				
Other/Unknown	-	6%				

#### **Holiday Task Force**

During certain times of the year, particularly around major holidays, the Department uses its holiday task force to target an increased risk of impaired driving. MCPD works with other allied police departments to detect impaired driving throughout the County. MCPD first used this task force approach in 1998. For this initiative, MCPD uses two officers from each district, and recently it has included two officers from the Central Traffic Unit. Gaithersburg City, Park Police, Maryland State Police, the Sheriff, and Rockville City Police also participate. MCPD engages with the State Highway Administration and Vision Zero officials and determines enforcement locations based on historical crash and Driving Under the Influence (DUI) location data.

The following chart illustrates holiday task force incident data over the past three years:

Holiday Task Force Data								
Year	22/23	23/24	24/25					
Stops	2,565	1,399	2,287					
Citations	3,185	1,608	2,773					
Warnings	2,509	1,243	2,294					
DUI Arrests (Alcohol)	283	143	238					
DUI Arrests (Drugs)	8	5	5					
DREs	15	6	7					
SEROs	253	168	248					

Other Prevention and Enforcement Initiatives: One concern is whether local restaurants and bars overserve patrons, who then proceed to drive while impaired. MCPD advises that it coordinates with Alcohol Beverage Services (ABS) to conduct compliance checks on local businesses. Police can also issue citations to employees for overservice and other alcohol violations.

#### **Potential Discussion Questions**

- 1. The number of traffic stops, both for the Holiday Task Force and in general, have dropped over the past several years. Does this reflect short staffing, or decreased detection, or other known causes?
- 2. What public education initiatives does the Department engage in? Is this information provided in multiple languages?

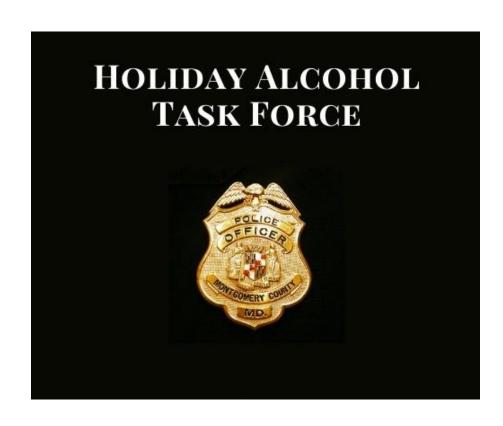
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Montgomery County Steps Up Impaired Driving Enforcement in Response to Anticipated Spikes on the Night Before Thanksgiving (November 25, 2024)

- 3. The State recently enacted HB105 of 2024,<sup>2</sup> which imposes an ignition interlock on first-time DUI offenders. Is there a way to track compliance and/or identify repeat offenders?
- 4. What other resources or initiatives is the Department pursuing to help reduce impaired driving?

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<sup>2</sup> HB105 - Drunk Driving Offenses - Expungement and the Ignition Interlock System Program

# MCPD Traffic Operations Division Holiday Traffic Initiatives and Impaired Driving Overview





## 2024/2025 Holiday Task Force Statistics

#### •Holiday task force 2024-25:

	TOTAL		TOTAL
DUI Arrests (Alcohol):	238	Civil Citations - Alcohol Adult:	5
DUI Arrests - Crash-Related			32
Alcohol Restriction Violations:	36	Criminal Citations - Alcohol Adult:	4
Traffic Stops:	2287	Civil Citations - Alcohol Juvenile:	0
Traffic Citations:	2773	Criminal Citations - OTHER Adult:	6
Traffic Warnings:	2294	Civil Citations OTHER Adult:	2
Traffic SEROs:	248	Criminal Arrests:	12
DUI Arrests (Drug):	5	DUI Arrests (Blood Kit Pending):	1
DRE Evaluations:	7	Breath Tests Performed:	88

## 2023/2024 Holiday Task Force Statistics

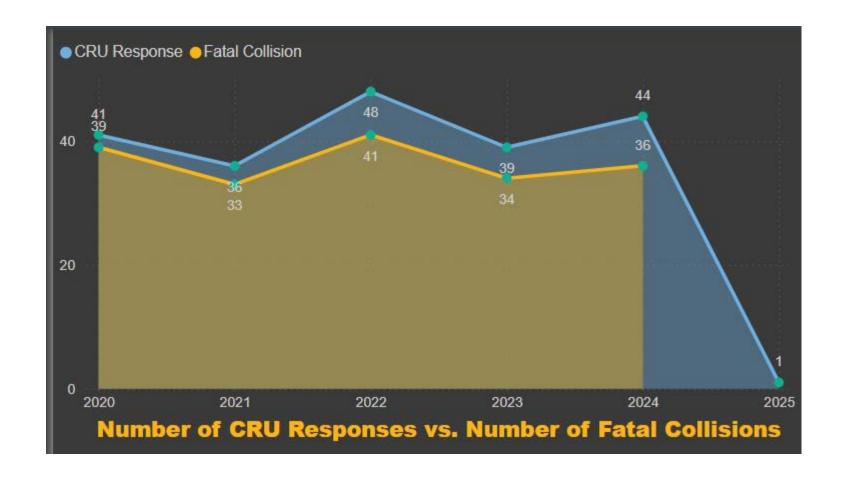
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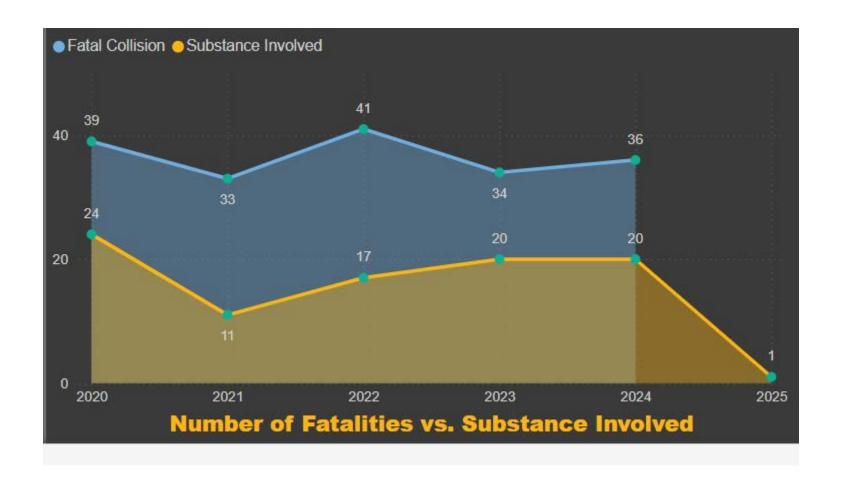
	TOTAL		TOTAL
DUI Arrests:	143	Civil Citations - Alcohol Adult:	2
Alcohol Restriction Violations:	7	Criminal Citations - Alcohol Adult:	5
Traffic Stops:	1399	Civil Citations - Alcohol Juvenile:	4
Traffic Citations:	1608	Criminal Citations - OTHER Adult:	7
Traffic Warnings:	1243	Civil Citations OTHER Adult:	1
Traffic SEROs:	168	Criminal Arrests:	17
DRE Arrests:	6	DRE Arrests (Pending):	1
DRE Evaluations:	6	Breath Tests Performed:	34

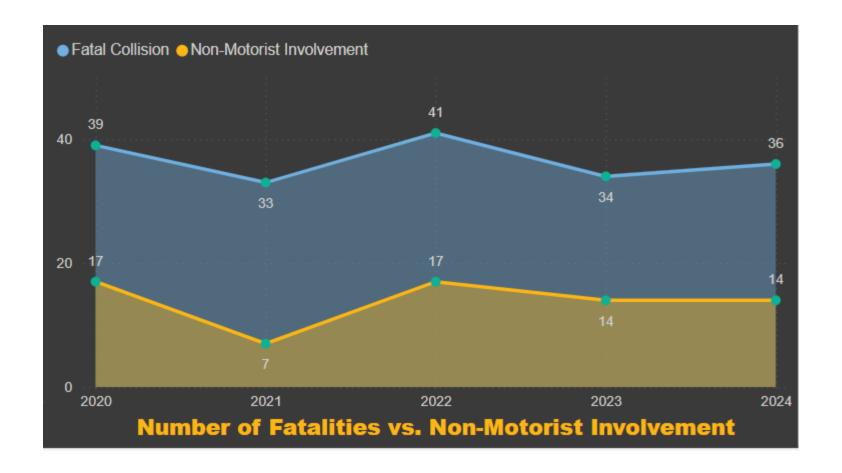
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## MCPD Fatal Collisions Investigated by CRU – Impaired Was a Contributing Factor

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CRU Fatal	Case	es - Impaired (	Contributed
Year	F	atal Crashes	
	2016	3	
	2017	8	
	2018	10	
	2019	9	
	2020	24	
	2021	11	
	2022	17	
	2023	20	
	2024	20	

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### Questions for Public Safety Briefing on Holiday Traffic Safety Initiative and Impaired Driving.

- 1. Please provide an overview of your holiday traffic safety initiatives, including any municipal and regional partners.
  - a. How long have you been doing this? The first Holiday Task Force was 1998.
  - b. How many officers participate? Are they Central Traffic, Patrol, or a mix? How many of each? This varies due to staffing from year to year. Typically TOD asks for 2 per MCPD district (12 officers) and recently have assigned 2 central traffic officers. Allied agencies also vary but account for additional officers. GPD, MNCPPD Police, MSP, MCSO, and RCPD are often represented on the HTF.
  - c. How do you determine enforcement locations? Enforcement locations are determined by meeting with SHA and Vision Zero. Crash and DUI occurrence data is used to drive where deployments will occur. AIU supervisors can shift resources rapidly to address real time needs.
  - d. Please provide data for task force initiatives, for the past three years if available. Number of locations, number of stops, number of arrests, etc. Please see powerpoint with statistical data
- 2. Please provide data for each of the past three years on:
  - a. Annual number of impaired driving arrests Please see powerpoint with statistical data
    - i. Do you have race/gender/age demographics of arrestees? See following pages
  - b. Annual number of total crashes
    - i. As a subset, the number of total crashes that involve impaired driving

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- a. Annual number of total fatalities Please see powerpoint with statistical data
  - i. As a subset, the number of these fatalities linked to impaired driving
  - ii. Please see powerpoint with statistical data
  - iii. As a subset, the broken down by driver or pedestrian fatality.

#### Please see powerpoint with statistical data

- b. Race/gender/age demographics of crash victims See end of document Race/gender/age for 2023/2024 included. 2022 Race data is not available in the database. It can be extrapolated if needed.
- c. If available, many crashes involve polysubstance impairment (are you able to determine this yet?) This is difficult to determine. Consulting with Sergeants

  Kinser and Kepp and will be ready.
- 4. Does the Department have information on bars or restaurants that are habitually overserving patrons, who are then driving? If so, what actions can and do police take? Is there coordination with Alcohol Beverage Services? MCPD does coordinate with ABS and has an officer assigned to AIU as a liaison for compliance checks. Police can issue citations to the business employees for overservice and other alcohol violations. TOD Command meets quarterly with ABS. As complaints come in, MCPD works with ABS to resolve these issues.
- 5. Could you bring officers to participate in the briefing, who can speak to what they are observing in terms of impaired crashes? Sergeant Kepp will attend

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#### 37 Fatal Cases Handled by MCPD Collision Reconstruction Unit 2024

#### **By Category**

- Pedestrian (P): 44.44%
- Motorcycle (M): 22.22%
- In Automobile: 33.33%

#### By Race

- Asian (A): 5.56%
- Black (B): 41.66%
- Hispanic (H): 30.55%
- Unknown (U): 5.56%
- White (W): 16.67%

#### By Race and Sex

- Asian Male (A/M): 5.56%
- Black Male (B/M): 33.33%
- Black Female (B/F): 8.33%
- Hispanic Male (H/M): 25.00%
- Hispanic Female (H/F): 5.56%
- Unknown Male (U/M): 2.78%
- Unknown Female (U/F): 2.78%
- White Male (W/M): 8.33%
- White Female (W/F): 8.33%

#### By Race, Sex, and Category

#### **Pedestrian (P) - 44.44%**

- Black Male (B/M): 22.21%
- Hispanic Male (H/M): 13.89%
- Hispanic Female (H/F): 2.78%

- Unknown Male (U/M): 2.78%
- White Female (W/F): 2.78%

#### Motorcycle (M) - 22.22%

- Black Male (B/M): 5.56%
- Hispanic Male (H/M): 8.33%
- White Male (W/M): 5.56%
- Asian Male (A/M): 2.78%

#### In Automobile - 33.33%

- Black Male (B/M): 5.56%
- Black Female (B/F): 8.33%
- Hispanic Male (H/M): 2.78%
- Hispanic Female (H/F): 2.78%
- Unknown Male (U/M): 0.00%
- Unknown Female (U/F): 2.78%
- White Male (W/M): 2.78%
- White Female (W/F): 5.56%
- Asian Male (A/M): 2.78%

#### 34 Fatal Cases Handled by MCPD Collision Reconstruction Unit 2023

#### **Breakdown of Fatal Crashes 2023**

#### By Race

- **Hispanic (H):** 42.86%
- Black (B): 25.71%
- White (W): 28.57%
- Asian (A): 2.86%

#### By Race and Sex

- Hispanic Male (H/M): 28.57%
- Black Male (B/M): 22.86%
- Hispanic Female (H/F): 14.29%
- White Male (W/M): 17.14%
- Asian Male (A/M): 2.86%
- Black Female (B/F): 2.86%
- White Female (W/F): 11.43%

#### By Race, Sex, and Category

#### **Pedestrian (P) - 37.14%**

- Black Male (B/M): 14.29%
- **Hispanic Male (H/M):** 8.57%
- Hispanic Female (H/F): 5.71%
- **Black Female (B/F):** 2.86%
- White Male (W/M): 5.71%

#### Motorcycle (M) - 11.43%

• Black Male (B/M): 2.86%

• Hispanic Male (H/M): 5.71%

• White Female (W/F): 2.86%

#### In Automobile - 48.57%

• **Hispanic Male (H/M):** 14.29%

• Black Male (B/M): 2.86%

• White Male (W/M): 11.43%

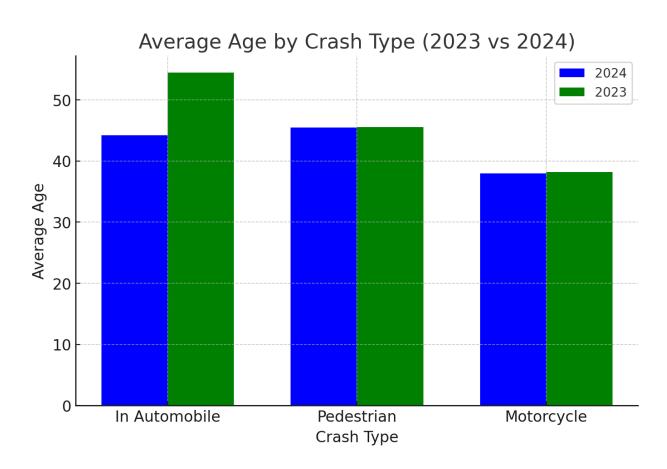
• Hispanic Female (H/F): 8.57%

• White Female (W/F): 8.57%

• Asian Male (A/M): 2.86%

#### Bicycle (B) - 2.86%

• Black Male (B/M): 2.86%



Race and Ethnicity Codes When describing an individual involved in an incident, the FBI UCR Program accepts the following Race and Ethnicity codes: A = Asian P = Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander B = Black or African American U = Unknown I = American Indian or Alaska Native W = White H = Hispanic or Latino N = Not Hispanic or Latino U = Unknown

2022: MCPD DUI Arrests Demographics							
Race/Ethnicity	F	М	Total				
Α	5	22	27	2.4%			
Н	1		1	0.1%			
N	2	11	13	1.2%			
NULL	2	11	13	1.2%			
В	76	266	342	30.7%			
Н		3	3	0.3%			
N	32	126	158	14.2%			
NULL	43	135	178	16.0%			
U	1	2	3	0.3%			
1	1	4	5	0.4%			
N	1		1	0.1%			
NULL		4	4	0.4%			
Р		1	1	0.1%			
NULL		1	1	0.1%			
U	2	15	17	1.5%			
Н	2	12	14	1.3%			
NULL		3	3	0.3%			
W	127	595	722	64.8%			
Н	69	393	462	41.5%			
N	17	47	64	5.7%			
NULL	40	151	191	17.1%			
U	1	4	5	0.4%			
Total	211	903	1114				
	18.9%	81.1%		-			

2023: MCPD DUI Arrests Demographics						
Race/Ethnicity	F	M	Total			
A	8	24	32			
Н	1		1			
N	1	11	12			
NULL	6	12	18			
U		1	1			
В	65	176	241			
Н	1	4	5			
N	26	73	99			
NULL	35	96	131			
U	3	3	6			
1	1		1			
N	1		1			
U	2	2	4			
Н	1	1	2			
N	1		1			
NULL		1	1			
W	107	437	544			
Н	54	309	363			
N	19	35	54			
NULL	34	91	125			
U		2	2			
Total	183	639	822			

3.9% 0.1% 1.5% 2.2% 0.1% 29.3% 0.6% 12.0% 15.9% 0.7% 0.1% 0.1% 0.5% 0.2% 0.1% 0.1% 66.2% 44.2% 6.6% 15.2% 0.2%

22.3% 77.7%

2024: MCPD DUI Arrests Demographics						
Race/Ethnicity	F	M	Total			
Α	5	13	18			
Н	1		1			
N	1	4	5			
NULL	3	9	12			
В	51	135	186			
Н	2	3	5			
N	19	45	64			
NULL	30	84	114			
U		3	3			
1		2	2			
NULL		2	2			
U	1	6	7			
Н	1	4	5			
NULL		1	1			
U		1	1			
W	103	478	581			
Н	49	332	381			
N	10	28	38			
NULL	43	115	158			
U	1	3	4			
Total	160	634	794			

2.3% 0.1% 0.6% 1.5% 23.4% 0.6% 8.1% 14.4% 0.4% 0.3% 0.3% 0.9% 0.6% 0.1% 0.1% 73.2% 48.0% 4.8% 19.9% 0.5%

20.2% 79.8%

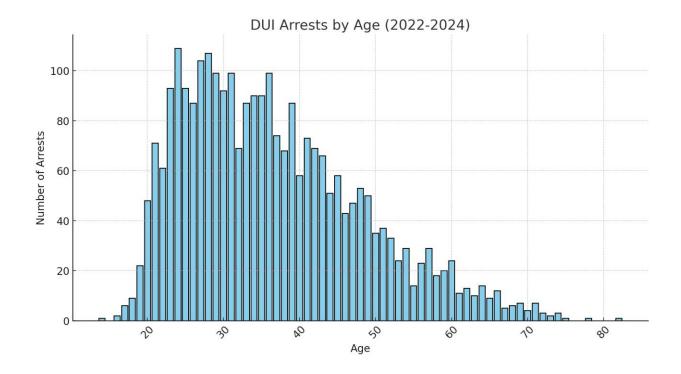
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2022-2024: MCPD D				
Race/Ethnicity	F	M	Total	
Α	18	59	77	2.8%
Н	3		3	0.1%
N	4	26	30	1.1%
NULL	11	32	43	1.6%
U		1	1	0.0%
В	192	577	769	28.2%
Н	3	10	13	0.5%
N	77	244	321	11.8%
NULL	108	315	423	15.5%
U	4	8	12	0.4%
1	2	6	8	0.3%
N	2		2	0.1%
NULL		6	6	0.2%
P		1	1	0.0%
NULL		1	1	0.0%
U	5	23	28	1.0%
Н	4	17	21	0.8%
N	1		1	0.0%
NULL		5	5	0.2%
U		1	1	0.0%
W	337	1510	1847	67.7%
Н	172	1034	1206	44.2%
N	46	110	156	5.7%
NULL	117	357	474	17.4%
U	2	9	11	0.4%
Total	554	2176	2730	
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20.3% 79.7%

2022-2024: MCPD DUI Arrests Ages						
Age	F	М	Total	% of Total		
14	1		1	0.0%		
16		2	2	0.1%		
17		6	6	0.2%		
18	2	7	9	0.3%		
19	7	15	22	0.8%		
20	11	37	48	1.8%		
21	22	49	71	2.6%		
22	19	42	61	2.2%		
23	20	73	93	3.4%		
24	30	79	109	4.0%		
25	15	78	93	3.4%		
26	25	62	87	3.2%		
27	20	84	104	3.8%		
28	27	80	107	3.9%		
29	22	77	99	3.6%		
30	19	73	92	3.4%		
31	19	80	99	3.6%		
32	16	53	69	2.5%		
33	21	66	87	3.2%		
34	24	66	90	3.3%		
35	17	73	90	3.3%		
36	13	86	99	3.6%		
37	19	55	74	2.7%		
38	15	53	68	2.5%		
39	12	75	87	3.2%		
40	13	45	58	2.1%		
41	6	67	73	2.7%		
42	11	58	69	2.5%		
43	7	59	66	2.4%		
44	9	42	51	1.9%		
45	11	47	58	2.1%		
46	6	37	43	1.6%		
47	7	40	47	1.7%		
48	9	44	53	1.9%		
49	10	40	50	1.8%		
50	8	27	35	1.3%		
51	3	34	37	1.4%		
52	8	25	33	1.2%		
53	2	22	24	0.9%		
54	4	25	29	1.1%		
55	2	12	14	0.5%		

56	4	19	23	0.8%
57	7	22	29	1.1%
58	4	14	18	0.7%
59	3	17	20	0.7%
60	3	21	24	0.9%
61	3	8	11	0.4%
62	2	11	13	0.5%
63	2	8	10	0.4%
64	2	12	14	0.5%
65	2	7	9	0.3%
66	1	11	12	0.4%
67		5	5	0.2%
68	3	3	6	0.2%
69	2	5	7	0.3%
70		4	4	0.1%
71	3	4	7	0.3%
72	1	2	3	0.1%
73		2	2	0.1%
74		3	3	0.1%
75		1	1	0.0%
78		1	1	0.0%
82		1	1	0.0%
Total	554	2176	2730	



#### Gender Distribution of DUI Arrests (2022-2024)

