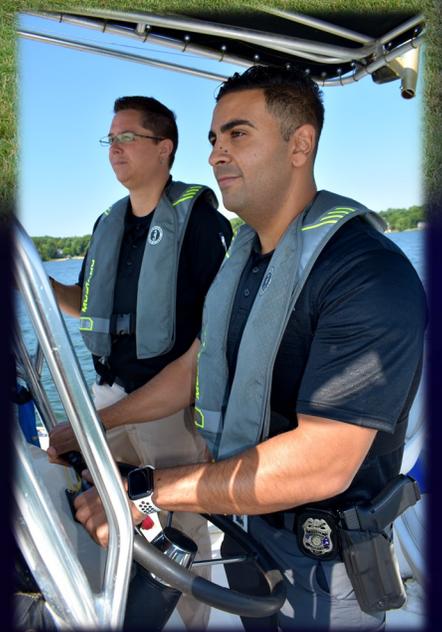


# Tega Cay Police 2021 Annual Report



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## Introduction

The Tega Cay Police Department Annual Report is an overview of police activity and crime statistics for the City of Tega Cay. In addition to providing department highlights and organizational changes, the intention of the Annual Report is to provide transparency to the public about the department's activity, accomplishments and crime trends for the city throughout the 2021 year.

The Tega Cay Police Department is an **Accredited Agency** with a strong sense of community and a service-focused mission. Our goal is to work hand in hand with the residents to proactively reduce crime, promote safe habits and build strong relationships with community partners. Our residents are second to none when it comes to kindness, generosity and positive change.



TCPD is organized into 3 Divisions.

Operations, Special Divisions and Patrol.

Operations includes Dispatch, Training and Records. Special Divisions is comprised of Recruiting, Investigations, Evidence, School Resource and will soon include a K9 unit.

The Patrol Division consists of 4 patrol shifts.

The City of Tega Cay has received many accolades for its highly ranked school system and 'Top Safest Cities' status. It is a rapidly growing community located on a peninsula along Lake Wylie, twenty miles south of Charlotte. The census for the year 2000 estimated the population to be 4,040 residents. According to Census.gov in 2020, the population of Tega Cay was estimated at 12,832. Despite its rapid growth rate, Tega Cay exudes small town charm.

The city has a total area of 4.5 square miles, of which 3.8 square miles is land and 0.7 square miles is water. Tega Cay contains several recreational facilities including a 27 hole golf course, tennis, pickleball and croquet courts as well as 14 public parks including a 62 acre recreation park along the Catawba River that is currently under construction.

The median household income for Tega Cay residents is over \$130,000.

## Message from the Chief

I am honored to present the Tega Cay Police Annual Report for 2021. We hope the information contained in this report is informative. It represents the hard work and diligent efforts of the men and women of this agency to ensure public safety and serve our great community.

The staff members of TCPD are true professionals dedicated to serving this great city and representing the noble profession of policing. Our community involvement and outreach goal has allowed us to develop strong partnerships with our citizens and business community. Through these partnerships, we will continue to build upon our successes and improve the quality of life within our City. This trust and support are not taken for granted, and we understand that we have to continue working to maintain it.



The dedicated officers and support staff take great pride in providing you with the highest level of police services possible. Thank you for taking the time to read our annual report and engaging in the City's initiative to keep our neighborhoods safe.

Sincerely,

Chief Joey Crosby

## Mission, Vision and Values

The Tega Cay Police Department is excited to development a new mission, vision and values for our agency in the beginning of 2022. Part of that mission will be a service-minded focus and continued spotlight on community involvement and relationships.



TCPD is focused on helping those in need ,in and around our Community. Pictured above are TCPD members who participated in a ROC Solid Foundation Playset Build for a local Child with Cancer



These children were 'caught' Doing The Right Thing by wearing their helmets while riding bikes and scooters. They received Doing the Right Thing Cards from our Officers for free ice cream. Could they be any cuter?!



The Tega Cay Police Department is an **Accredited Agency** first receiving Accreditation status in 2016. What does this mean for you? By receiving this accreditation status, our department has demonstrated dedication to excellence and professionalism in South Carolina law enforcement through voluntary compliance to specific state and national standards designed to enhance the professional delivery of law enforcement services.



Accreditation recognizes our Police Department as a leader in South Carolina law enforcement. By becoming an accredited agency, the risk and liability to our City is reduced. Not only does it increase our probability of receiving grants, but Accreditation places us in a different category making us eligible for greater amounts of grant funding.

The accreditation process is extensive. All aspects of the agency being evaluated are examined including organization, management, operations, and administrative activities. An agency under review for accreditation must meet all standards of the South Carolina Police Accreditation Coalition (SCPAC), complete a self assessment, conduct a policy review and pass an on-site assessment conducted by SCPAC assessors.

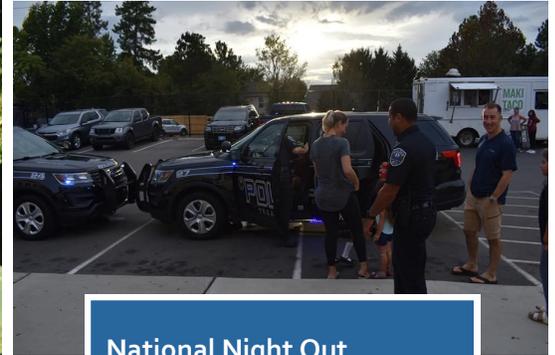
## 2021 Community Event Highlights

2021 was a busy year for TCPD when it came to Community Events. After a nearly a year of canceled events in 2020 we were ready to reconnect in-person with our wonderful residents, schools and businesses. Below are just some of the Community Events we were privileged to be a part of in 2021.

Coffee with a Cop



Camp Cadet Golf Tournament



National Night Out



Tega Cay Fall Festival



Camp Cadet



Holidays with Heroes

## Chief of Police

### Retirement of Chief Steve Parker—

Chief Parker announced his retirement from SC Law Enforcement in September of 2021. Among his many accomplishments as Police Chief of Tega Cay were the design and construction of the city's new Police Station, community programs like the DTRT and 'You Could Have Been a Victim programs' and Camp Cadet. He also re-established in-house dispatch for improved resident service and safety. We wish Chief Parker the best in all of his future endeavors and sincerely thank him for his dedicated service to our city.



**Chief of Police—Joey Crosby** joined TCPD in November 2021. He came to Tega Cay from Myrtle Beach Police Department where he began his law enforcement career 25 years ago in Patrol. Crosby served in various divisions throughout his tenure at MBPD and rose in rank eventually becoming Captain. Chief Crosby looks forward to applying his extensive experience and knowledge to leading the Tega Cay Police through an example of serving and with a focus on being prepared for the growth that continues within our city.

## New Hires

In 2021 TCPD brought on several new hires due to retirements, promotions and other factors. 2021 recruitment efforts resulted in several great staff members joining our team.

**Officer Suh** joined TCPD in July 2021. He was an officer at a neighboring agency for several years and came to Tega Cay because of the amazing relationship between the citizens and police here. Officer Suh is originally from PA where he played Lacrosse in college and moved to the area in 2013. He speaks Korean, Mandarin and English. He was an officer at a neighboring agency for several years and came to Tega Cay because of the amazing relationship between the citizens and police here.



**Officer Cetin** joined TCPD in October 2021. He came to us from Nashville, TN and was an officer for Nashville PD. Officer Cetin is originally from Long Island where he played Hockey in High School and College.

## New Hires



**Officer Lambert** joined TCPD in January of 2021.

Lambert came to Tega Cay from Rock Hill PD with several years of experience. Lambert enjoys working out and is currently assigned to our patrol division.

**Officer Aldridge** was sworn in as a TCPD officer in August 2021. You might recognize Officer Aldridge as one of our dispatchers. Aldridge started at TCPD in 2020 when we opened up our dispatch center. Walter had a dream of becoming a police officer and when the opportunity opened up, Aldridge pursued it. We are excited for his transition from Dispatcher to Police Officer.



**Officer Bowers** joined TCPD in December of 2021.

She brings several years of experience as a certified police officer. She enjoys weight lifting, cooking and doing arts and crafts with her adorable daughter.

## Promotions



**Corporal Bowling** was promoted to Corporal in January 2021 and was also selected to become a K9 officer in October. Corporal Bowling begins his K9 training in January of 2022 where he will select his dog and begin the extensive training process for both dog and officer.

**Corporal Dailey** was promoted to Corporal in August 2021. He is a Tega Cay native and has been with TCPD since 2015. Dailey is part of our Patrol Division.



**Corporal Timbs** was promoted to Corporal in August of 2021. Timbs has been with TCPD since 2015. He serves as part of our Special Divisions as our Evidence Technician. Timbs also serves as part of a multi-jurisdictional SWAT Team.

## Promotions & Awards

**Sergeant Echtenaw** was promoted to Sergeant in February 2021. He has been with TCPD since 2015 and currently serves as a Patrol Shift Sergeant.



**Lieutenant Reap** was promoted to Lieutenant in January 2021. Reap has been with TCPD since 2017. He began as a patrol officer, was promoted to Corporal, Shift Sergeant and most recently Lieutenant over Patrol.

**NARCAN Life Saving Award** Corporal Bowling was recognized by Governor McMaster with the NARCAN Life Saving Award. Bowling administered 2 doses of NARCAN that ultimately saved the life of a female that had overdosed. Great job and congratulations Cpl. Bowling!



## NARCAN Life-Saving Awards



### Lieutenant Reap & Sgt. Echtenaw

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Lt. Reap and Sgt. Echtenaw responded to a male subject slumped over the wheel of his car at the Circle K gas station. Lt. Reap made contact with the subject and observed that he was unresponsive and not breathing. Lt. Reap advised Cpl. Echtenaw to get NARCAN. Officers



attempted to awaken the subject by using verbal commands and a sternum rub, to no avail. Cpl. Echtenaw administered two dosages of NARCAN that resulted in the recovery of the subject.



### Corporal Timbs

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 CPL. Timbs assisted YCSO with a call about a subject not responsive and not breathing on the side of Gold Hill Road at Pleasant Road. Cpl. Timbs arrived on scene before any other units and observed the male subject taking a breath approximately every 30 seconds. Cpl. Timbs administered NARCAN. A county unit arrived on scene and administered another dose of NARCAN. These NARCAN dosages resulted in the recovery of the male subject.

### Corporal Roberts

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Cpl. Roberts responded to Tega Cay Residence in reference to a female laying in the grass. Upon arrival Cpl. Roberts was flagged down by a subject who stated the female was inside a residence and may need NARCAN. After multiple attempts to awaken the female by doing sternum rubs, Cpl. Roberts administered one dosage of NARCAN. The female woke up as fire and EMS arrived on scene. Officers then located a male subject in a bedroom that was unconscious as well. Officers successfully awakened the subject without the use of NARCAN. Both subjects were treated by EMS.



## Awards and Career Milestones



### Corporal Roberts 5 Years of Service

In 2021 Corporal Roberts reached a 5 year milestone with the TCPD. Roberts was born and raised in England and got into Law Enforcement because of her grandfather being a “Bobby” in England. She’s wanted to be a police officer since she was 5 years old! Roberts loves working patrol because each shift is different and she is able to impact people’s lives for the better. She likes to be a positive influence for people, whether it’s her co-workers or members of the community.

**FBI Trilogy Award** Lieutenant Spence was recognized in 2021 with the FBI LEEDA Trilogy Award. Individuals who successfully complete FBI -LEEDA's Supervisor Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute and Executive Leadership Institute receive the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award. Congrats to Lieutenant Spence on his 3 year endeavor and accomplishment.



## Professional Development



### Regional Instructor in the Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack Program

In 2021 Corporal Massoud earned instructor status as a Regional and National Instructor for Active Shooter training by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Agency (SLED). This training is designed to prepare First Responders to isolate, distract and neutralize active shooters.

### Special Weapons and Tactics Team

In October 2021, Corporal Timbs was selected to be part of the York County SWAT team. The SWAT team trains in specialized tactics and responds as needed to critical incidents such as barricaded suspects, hostage situations or high risk warrant service.

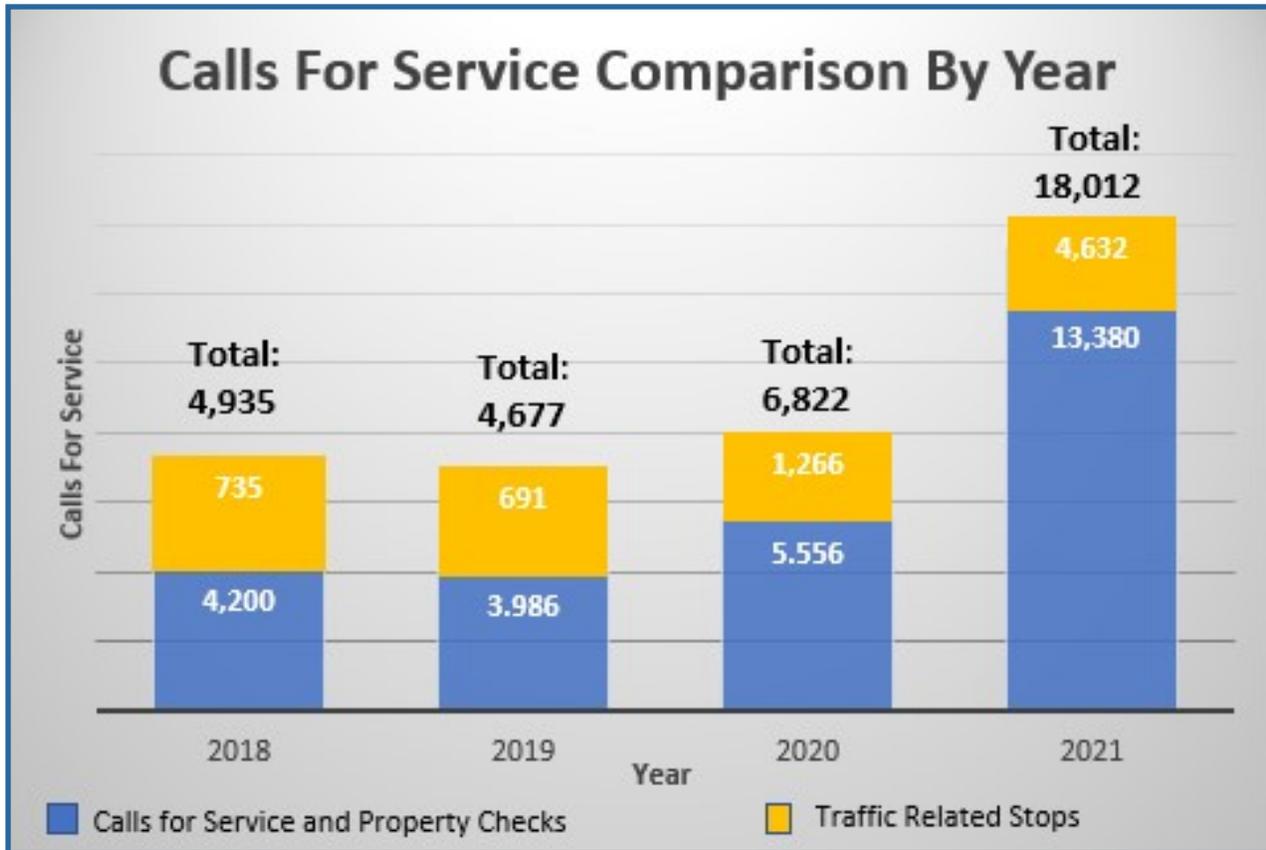


### De-escalation Training Certification

In January 2021, Sgt Galloway obtained instructor level certification in De-Escalation Training. This training is an important component to all officer training as it helps teach officers how to successfully navigate the critical and intense calls Officers sometimes respond to.

Understanding these techniques can immensely improve the outcome of a call.

## Calls For Service



Calls for Service (CFS) can be initiated by our communications center (Dispatch) or self-initiated by an officer. Calls can originate through various means including phone calls to dispatch through emergency or non-emergency lines, lobby walk-ins and citizens approaching officers in the field. CFS vary in nature, severity and response level. Some examples of the wide range of Calls for Service our Police Department completes include (but is not limited to); Traffic Crashes, Crimes in Progress, Parking Complaints, Animal Complaints, Alarm calls, Property Checks and Escorts.

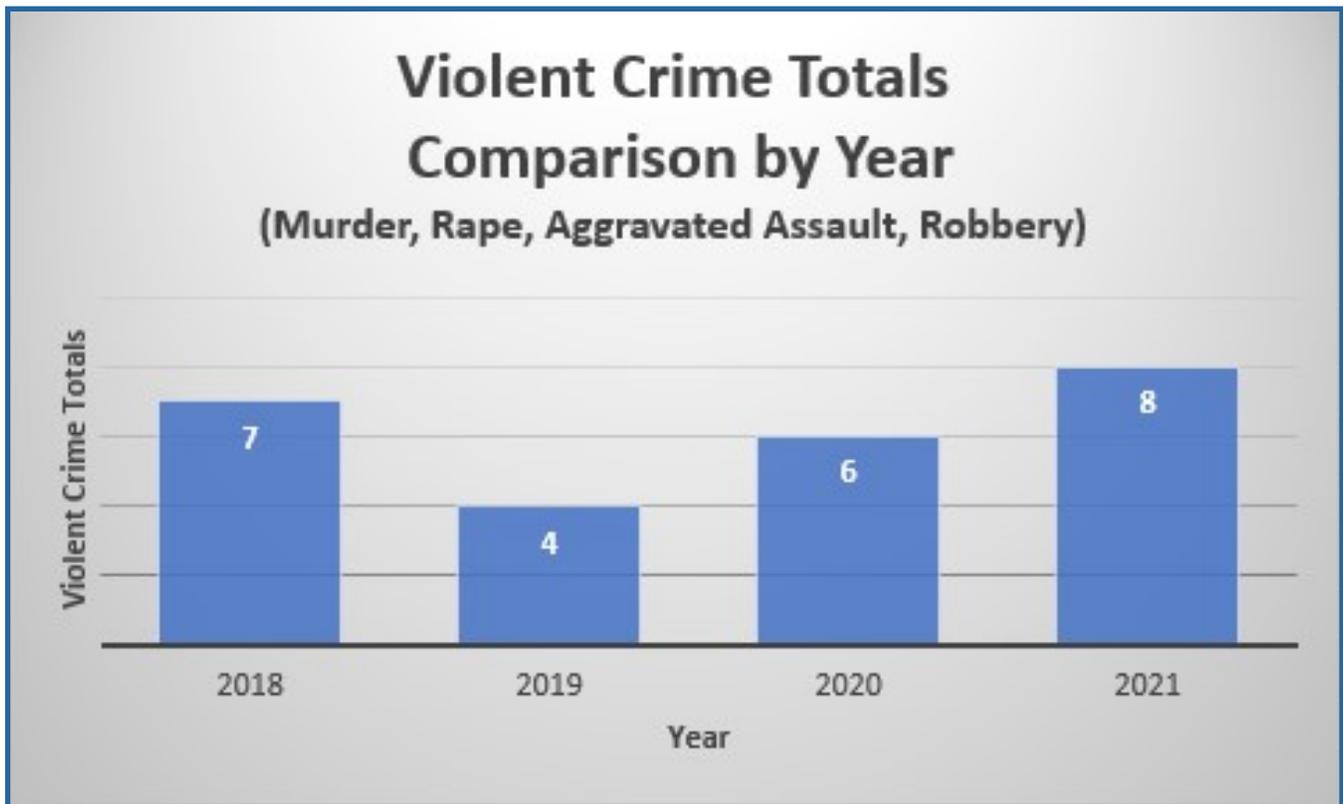
### Calls For Service Breakdown for 2021

Property Checks	Traffic Stops	All Others	Total Calls For Service
8290	4,632	5090	18,012

### Incident Report Totals by Year

	2018	2019	2020	2021
Incident Reports	976	878	891	950

## 2021 Crime Statistics



Violation	2018	2019	2020	2021
MURDER	0	0	0	0
CSC 11A, B, C, D (CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT)	2	2	5	2
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	4	2	1	5
ROBBERY	1	0	0	1
<b>Violent Crime Totals</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

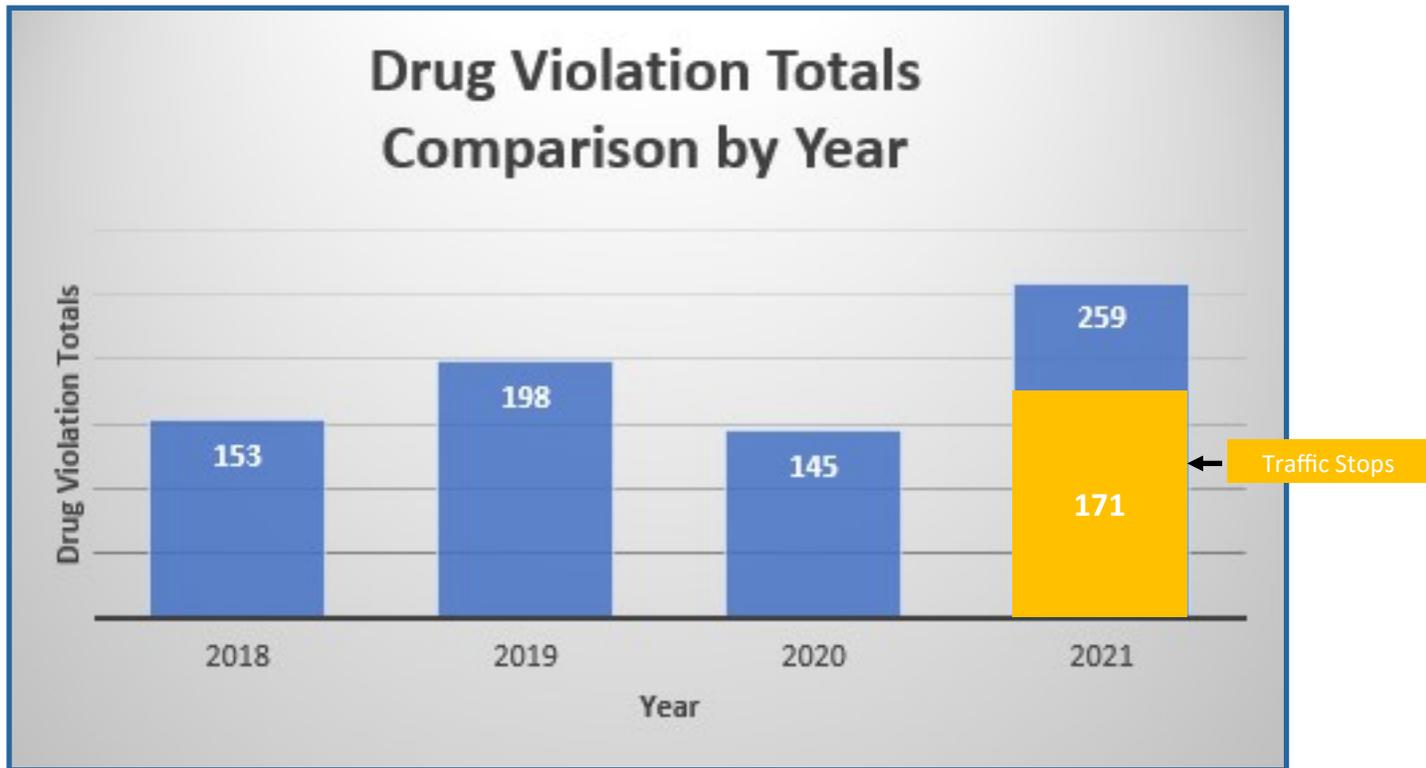
Violent Crime increased slightly (+2) from 2020 to 2021 with a total of 8. Even with the slight increase, violent crime remains well below state and national levels in Tega Cay. As an agency, we are committed to actively reducing crime and promoting the safety of our city.

## 2021 Crime Statistics



Violation	2018	2019	2020	2021
ARSON	0	0	0	0
SHOPLIFTING	153	132	113	65
LARCENY	47	34	59	58
ROBBERY	1	0	0	1
BURGLARY	9	2	14	12
VANDALISM/DAMAGE PROPERTY	44	31	48	41
<b>Property Crime Totals</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>218</b>

## 2021 Crime Statistics



In 2021 Drug Violations increased by 78% compared to 2020. The low numbers in 2020 may have been influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, Drug Violations have been on the increase at State and National levels and Tega Cay is no exception.

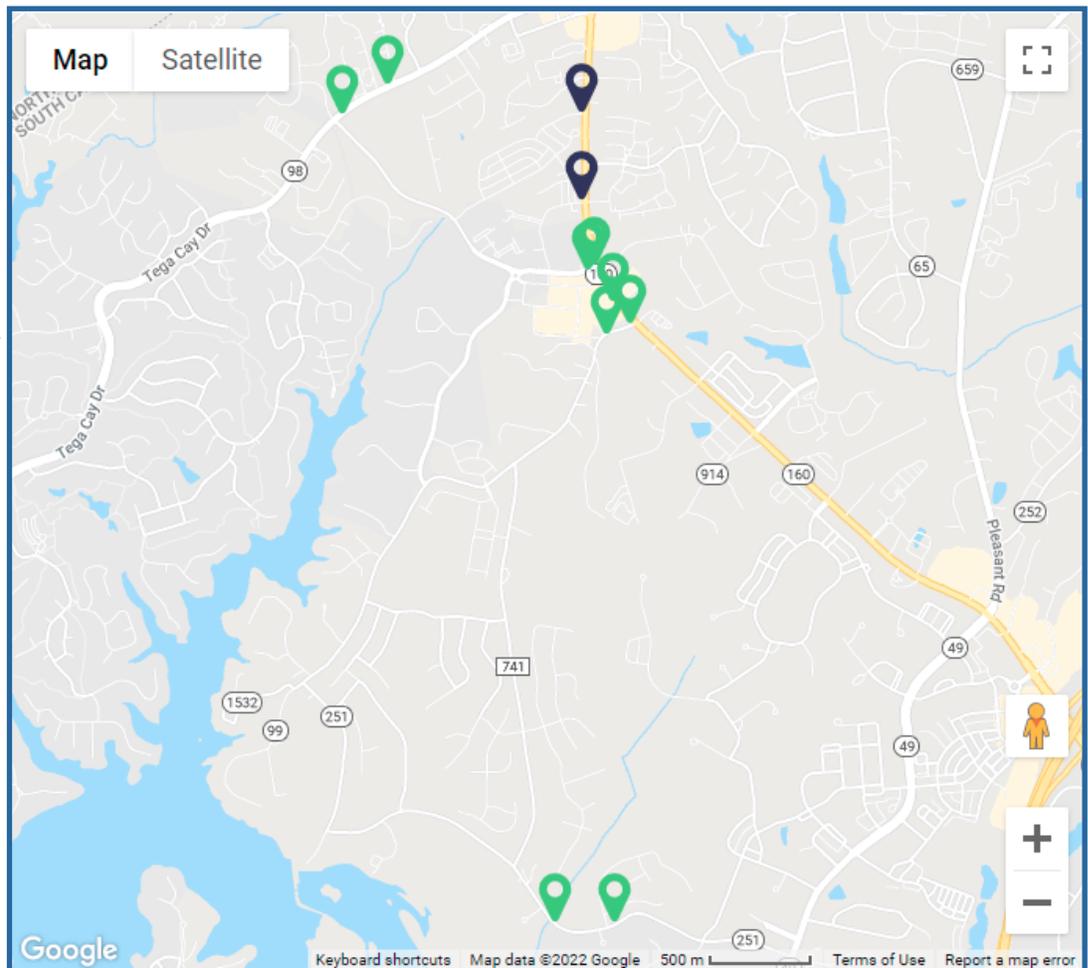
For 2021 of the 259 total Drug Violations for the year, 171 of those violations originated through traffic stops.

## 2021 Flock Safety Statistics

The Tega Cay Police Department utilizes **Flock Safety Camera License Plate Readers** which will notify police when a stolen vehicle or vehicle associated with a wanted person enters the city. These cameras are placed strategically throughout the city to ensure we are scanning the majority of traffic entering Tega Cay. In 2020 there were 4 Flock Safety cameras in Tega Cay. In 2021 we were able to add 5 more to bring us to a total of 9 cameras. These cameras are also a great investigative tool for open cases. See below for TCPD Crime Stats related to our Flock Safety Cameras.

Summary	November 2020-June 2021	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Total
Flock Hits	18	10	10	11	8	8	17	<b>82</b>
Flock used to help with Police Investigation	25	6	6	6	2	4	1	<b>50</b>
Arrests (Result of Flock Hit or use of flock to make arrest)	25	3	2	3	2	2	2	<b>39</b>

Map of Flock Camera Placement



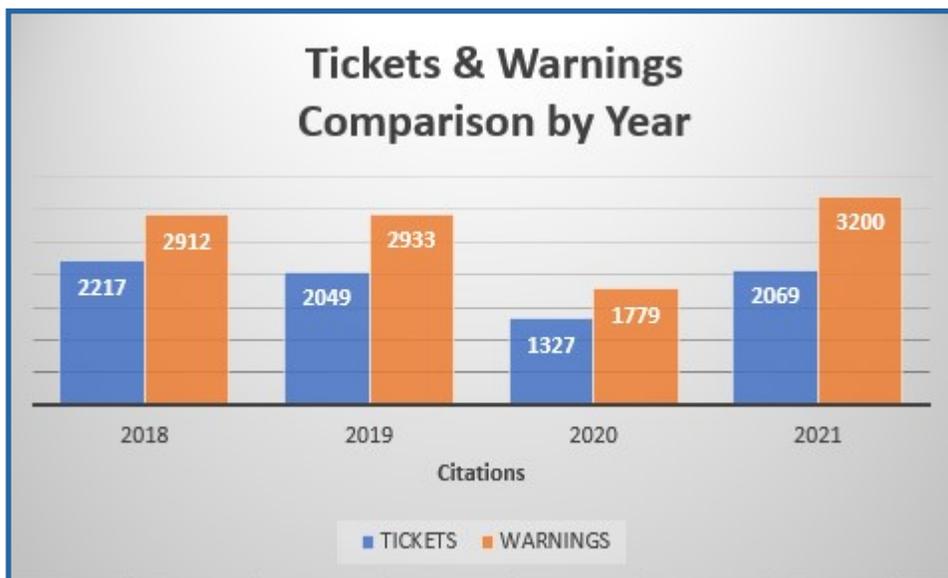
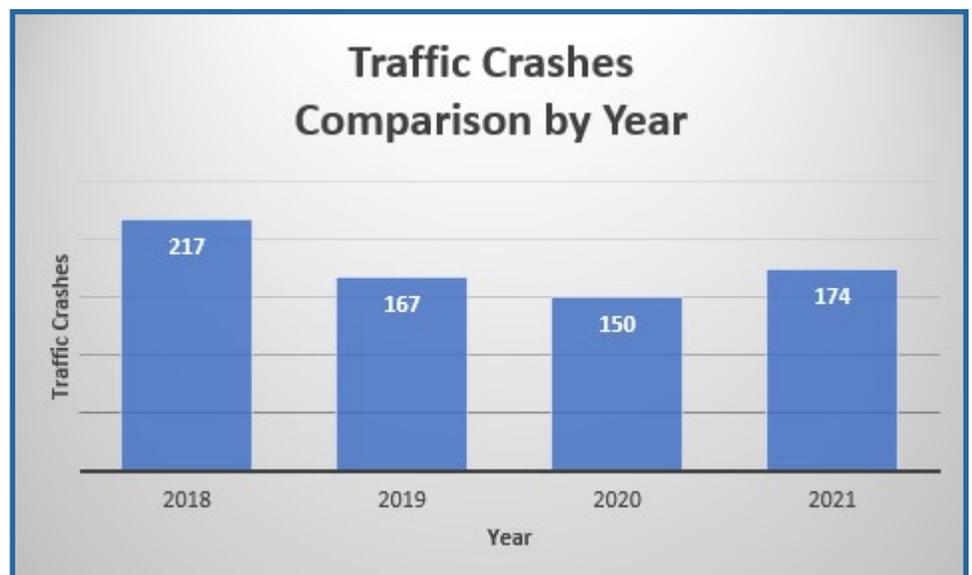
**2021 Traffic Data**

**Traffic Safety**

The Tega Cay Police Department prioritizes traffic enforcement to ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians within our city. With a large part of our jurisdiction being residential and the numerous walking trails and parks throughout the area, traffic safety and education is imperative to maintaining a safe and desirable place to work, live and play.

**Traffic Crash Data**

Traffic Crashes in Tega Cay increased by 16% in 2021 compared to 2020, but still remained average considering 4 year totals.



**Traffic Citations**

In 2021 TCPD issued 55% more tickets than in 2020. 2020's lower numbers were largely due to the reduction in public interaction during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

## 2021 Parking Citation Trends

With the recreational amenities that our wonderful city offers comes occasional parking issues. In 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdown, there was an influx of people utilizing our the lake access which resulted in increased parking issues for the city. This is why 2020's totals are much higher than 2021.



	Windjammer Park	PitCairn Park	Dam Access	Beach Club	Turner Field	Other	Total
<b>Parking Violations By Area</b>	123	37	53	6	17	45	281

