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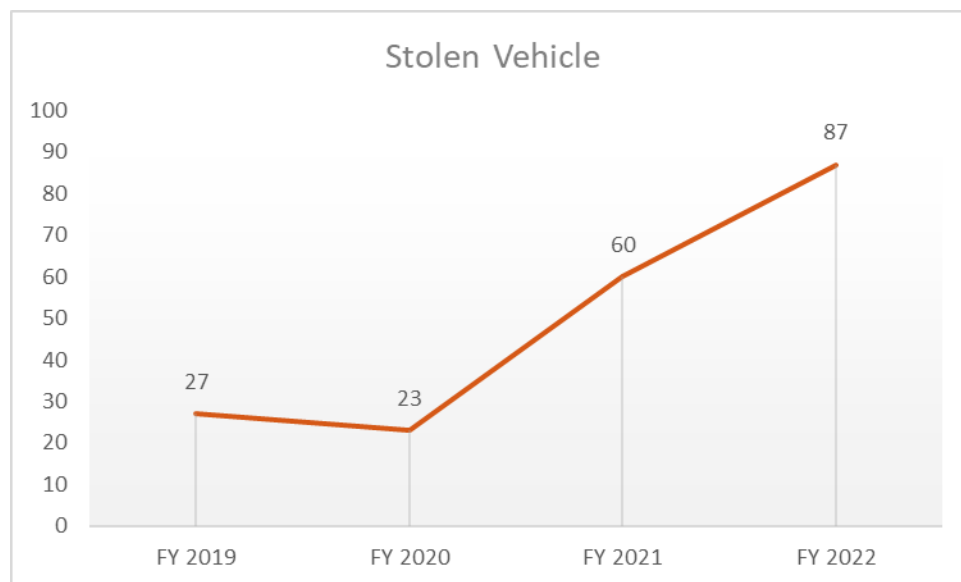
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INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:
Crime Trends 2020 – 2022	November 28 th , 2022
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:
Multiple	South Burlington
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NARRATIVE:

The South Burlington Police have recorded sharp increases in a number of crime categories 2020 – 2022. The data presented is fiscal year June to July. The current fiscal year is showing persistent trends in the first five months, the following data points best illustrate the trends noted:

Stolen vehicles – increase of 278%

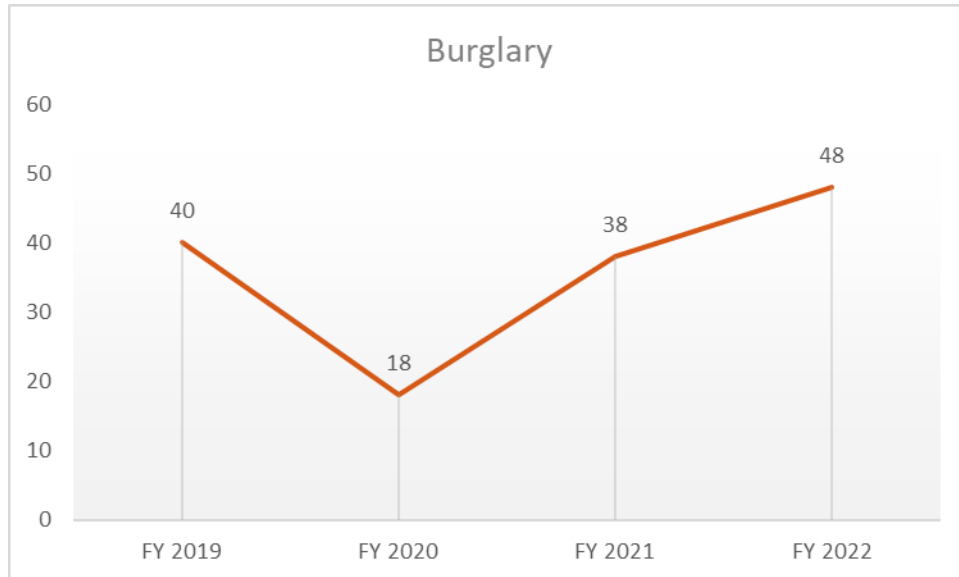


Two recent stolen vehicles were involved in serious crashes in the City, images included as attachments. Specifically, a stolen car from Burlington fled from officers and crashed into a Tanglewood Drive home on 11/02/2022. Last week, on 11/22/2022 a stolen truck crashed into another vehicle on Dorset St. at Market St. Both incidents resulted in injuries, serious property damage, and highlight the dangers this stolen vehicle trend are presenting to the public.

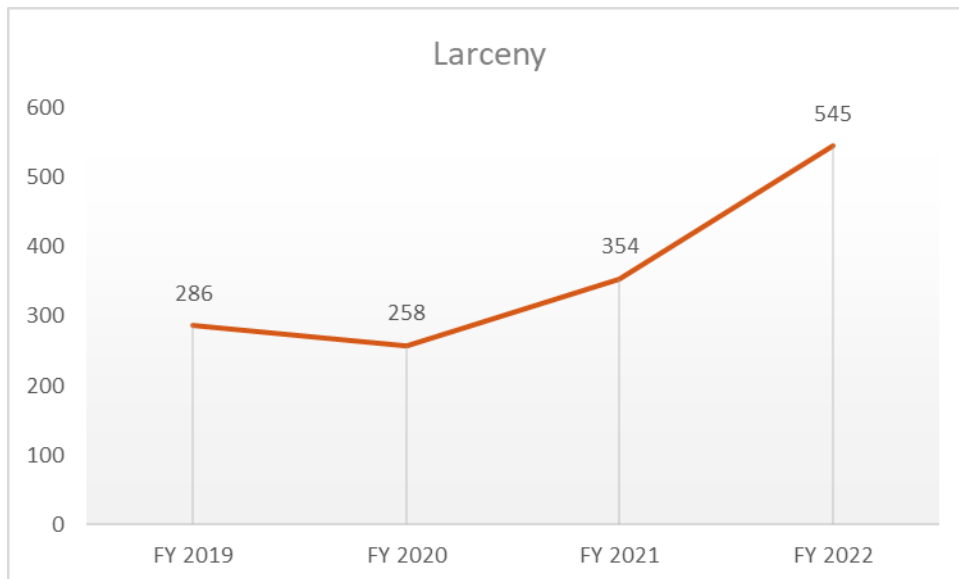
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Burglary – increase of 166%



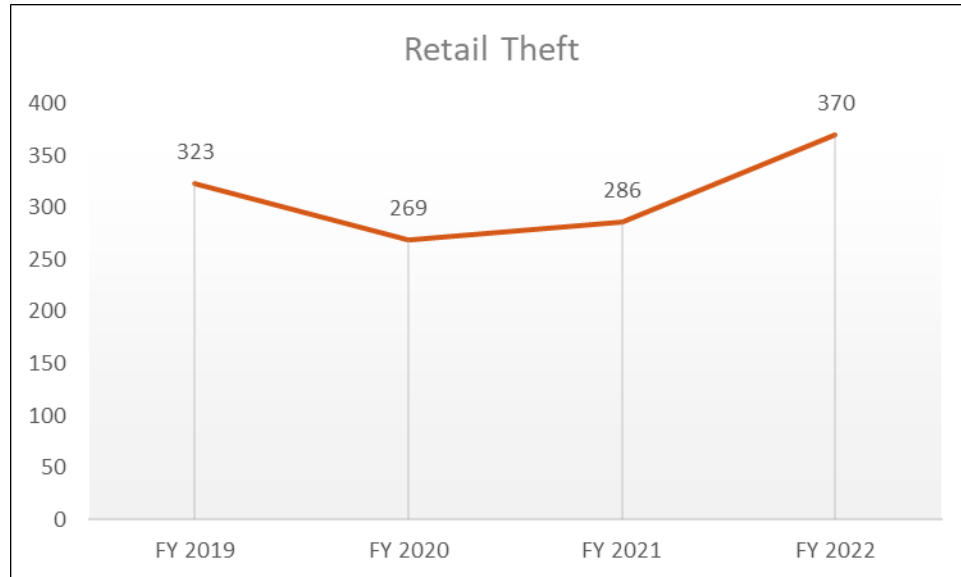
Larcenies – increase of 114%



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Retail theft – increase of 37%



The City has also experienced an increase in gun violence over the same period attributed to one homicide, one attempted homicide, and other criminal gun fire incidents.

The community can be very effective partners in reducing crime. We encourage our residents and visitors to be aware of this data and to take measures to avoid falling victim to property crime. Simple steps such as; locking your car and taking the keys with you, removing valuables from cars, securely stowing bicycles and mopeds, locking the doors and windows of your residence, and investing in security camera technology are all helpful in deterring crime.

Lastly, no one knows your neighborhood better than you. Despite our staffing challenges we have maintained minimum personnel on all patrol shifts and willing to respond to situations that our residents identify as suspicious.

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