

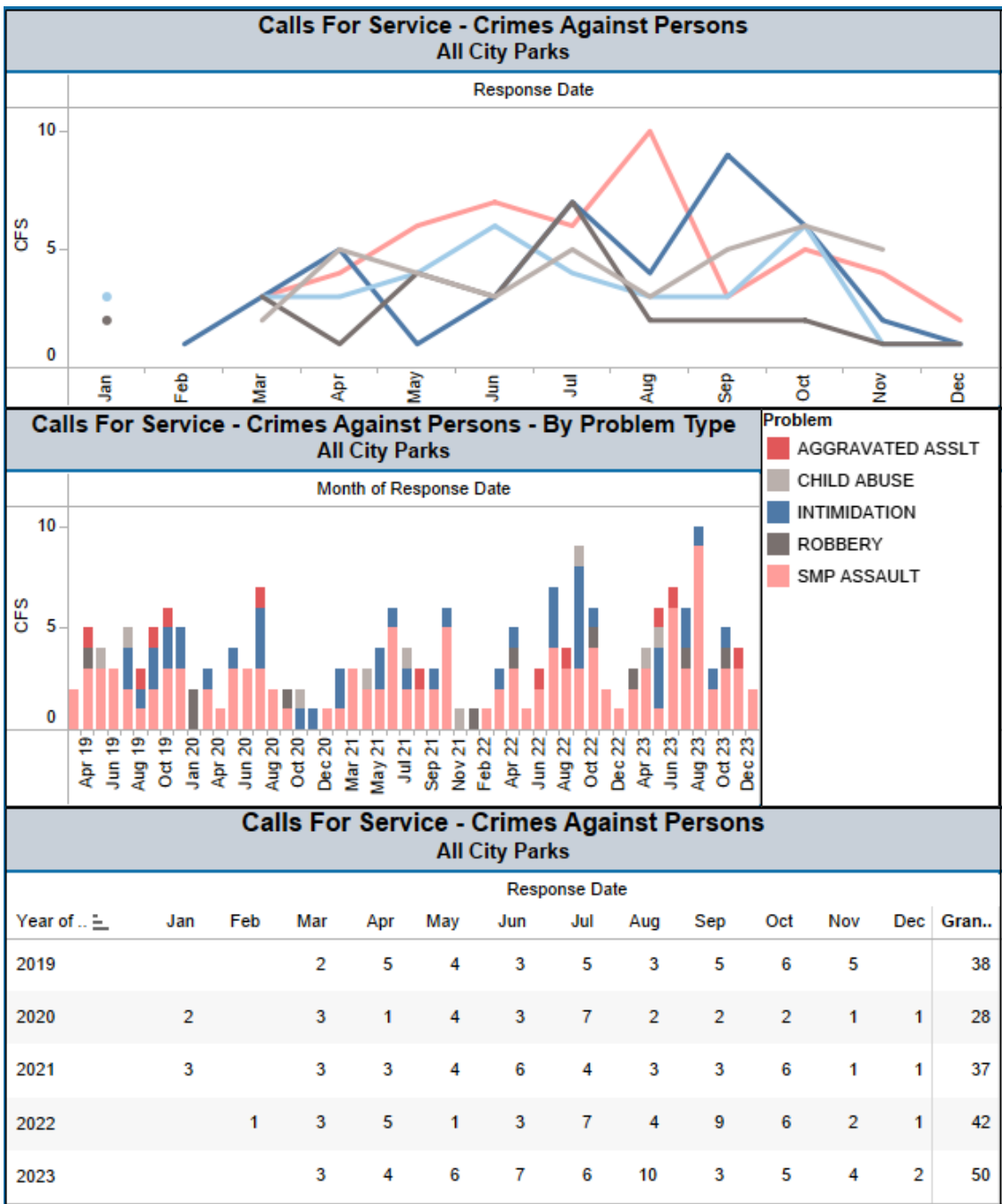
Stamford Department of Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

Parks Safety Report – CY 2023

0. Data Notes

- a.** Calls For Service are used to approximate criminal activity and police activity within parks. Calls for service may not result in an incident report, and the objective in this reporting is to convey citizen experience. A measure, limited to those in which incident reports are filed, is available upon request.
- b.** Data is sourced through CAD, duplicate and cancelled calls for service are removed prior to analysis.
- c.** Call locations are imperfect, those calls included are those in which the park is specifically listed as the location of the incident, or the latitude and longitude of the response fall within the park boundaries. As a result, data should be viewed on a trend / comparison level as opposed to an exact value.
- d.** Increased usage of Veoci/Citizen Services has likely reduced SPD calls for service to City Parks. This impact would be seen from 2021 forward. The amount should not be impactful to overall trends.

I. SPD – Calls For Service – Crimes Against Persons

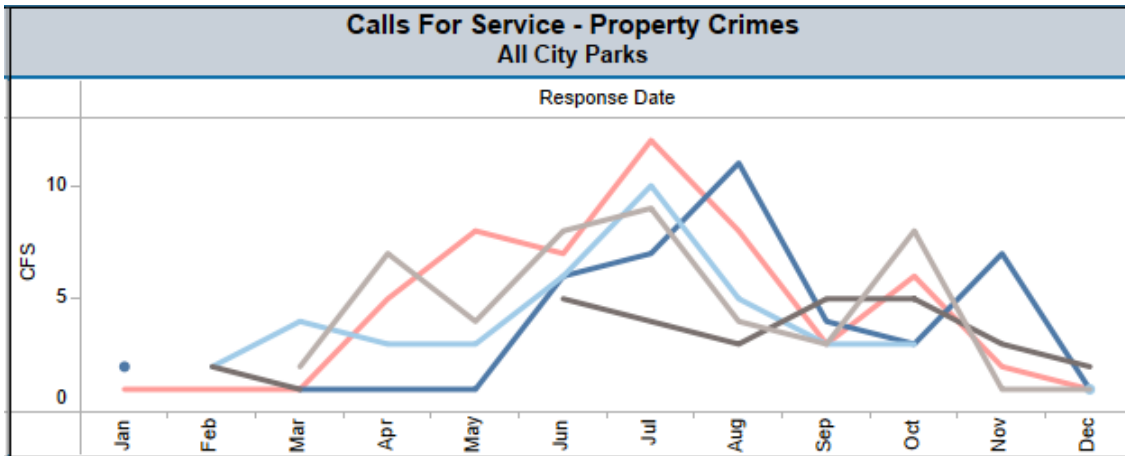


- In 2023, SPD responded to 50 calls for service relating to crimes against persons. This was an increase of +8 CFS/+19.0% when compared to the prior year.
- 2023 is the third consecutive year of increasing CFS, matching pre-pandemic values in 2021, and increasing further in 2022 and 2023.
- Considering the number of sites in the Stamford Park system, and total visit rates, the count of CAP CFS is not significantly different than other high visit areas of the city during Spring and Summer months.
- Monthly percentage differences are uninformative to low case counts. Generally, increases occurred in

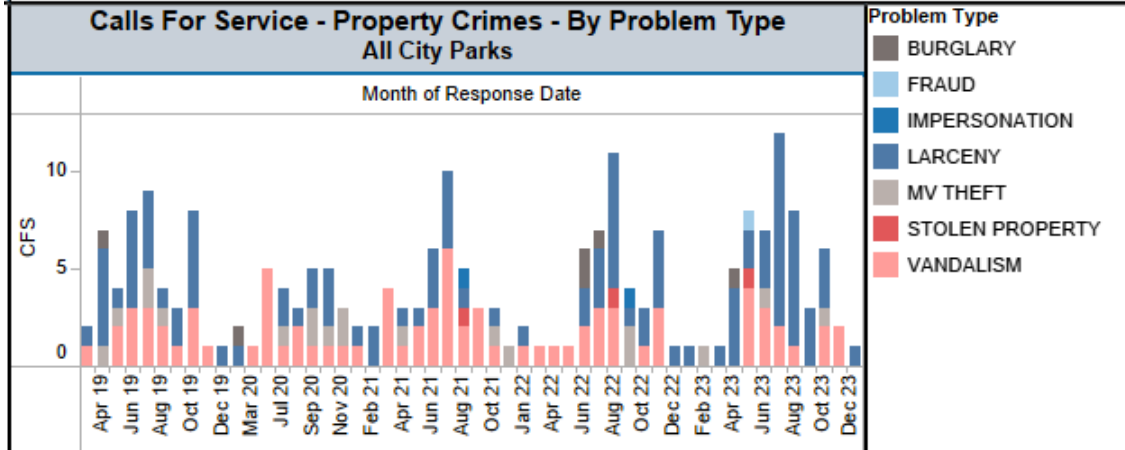
usual peak months.

- Simple assault cases continue to comprise the majority of CAP CFS. These have comprised between 57% (2020) and 68% (2023) of CAP calls for service over the past five years. This is not unique to city parks, and composition trends are consistent across the city.

II. SPD – Calls For Service – Property Crime



- In 2023, 55 property crime related requests were received in city parks. This represents an increase of +11/+25.0% over the year prior.



- Trends within property crime are similar to that of crimes against persons, with three straight years of mild increases.

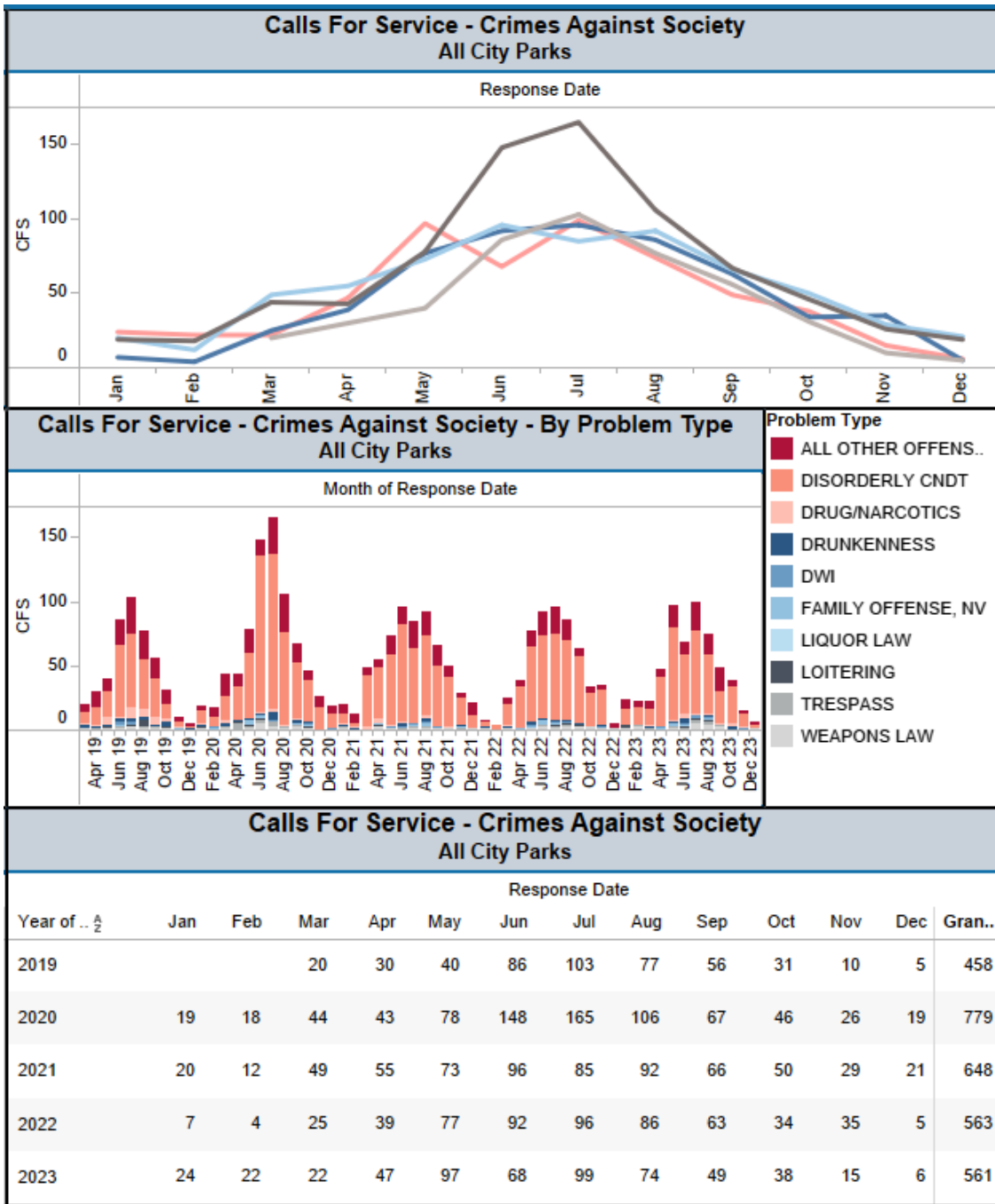
- The two primary contributors to PC in city parks are larcenies and vandalism. Larcenies have ranged from 33% - 64% of annual CFS from 2019 – 2023, while Vandalism has ranged from 25% - 55%.

Year of ...	Response Date												Gran..
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
2019			2	7	4	8	9	4	3	8	1	1	47
2020		2	1			5	4	3	5	5	3	2	30
2021		2	4	3	3	6	10	5	3	3		1	40
2022	2		1	1	1	6	7	11	4	3	7	1	44
2023	1	1	1	5	8	7	12	8	3	6	2	1	55

- Stamford’s property crime rate, both by call for service count and incident count, declined in 2023. Therefore, the point of concern would be that, despite low call counts, the trend is in

the opposite direction of the city overall.

III. SPD – Calls For Service - Crimes Against Society



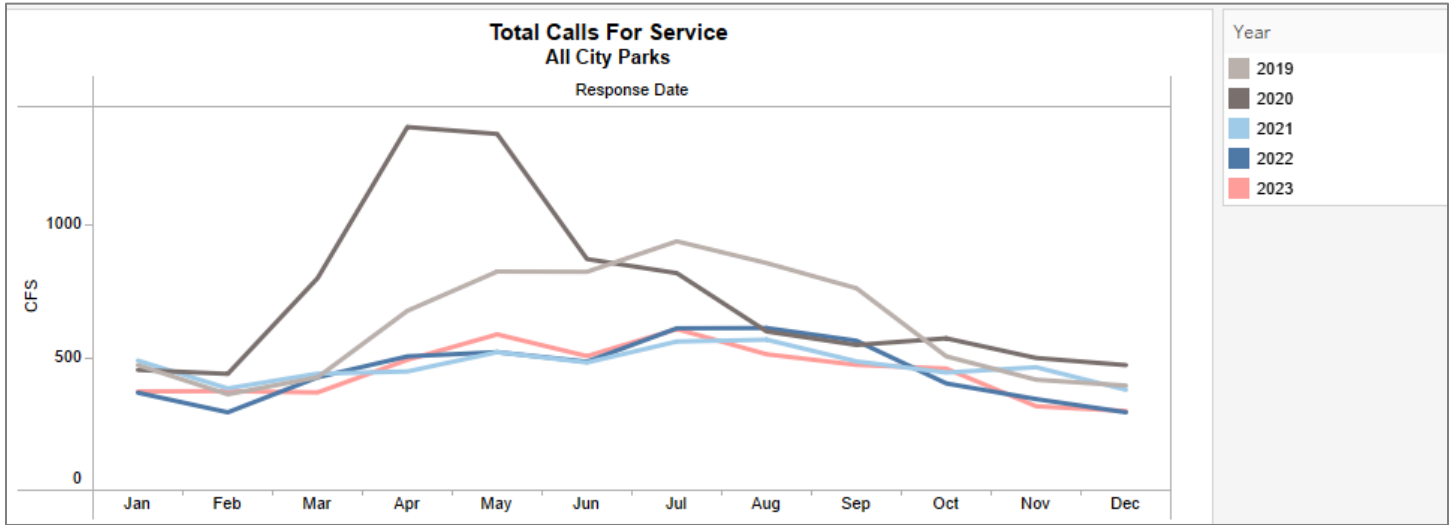
- In 2023, SPD responded to 561 calls for service related to crimes against society. A nearly identical value to the prior year.

- This is the fourth straight year in which the count of CAS CFS has declined in city parks. Despite this, values remain elevated over 2018-2019 counts.

- Increases relative to pre COVID years have occurred due to a spread in when CFS occur. In 2018/2019, peaks in CFS from Jun-Aug were much more drastic than in recent years. In comparing 2022/2023 to 2019 we can see that May call volume in particular is drastically different.

- Catch all disorderly conduct cases have and continue to be the vast majority of CFS.

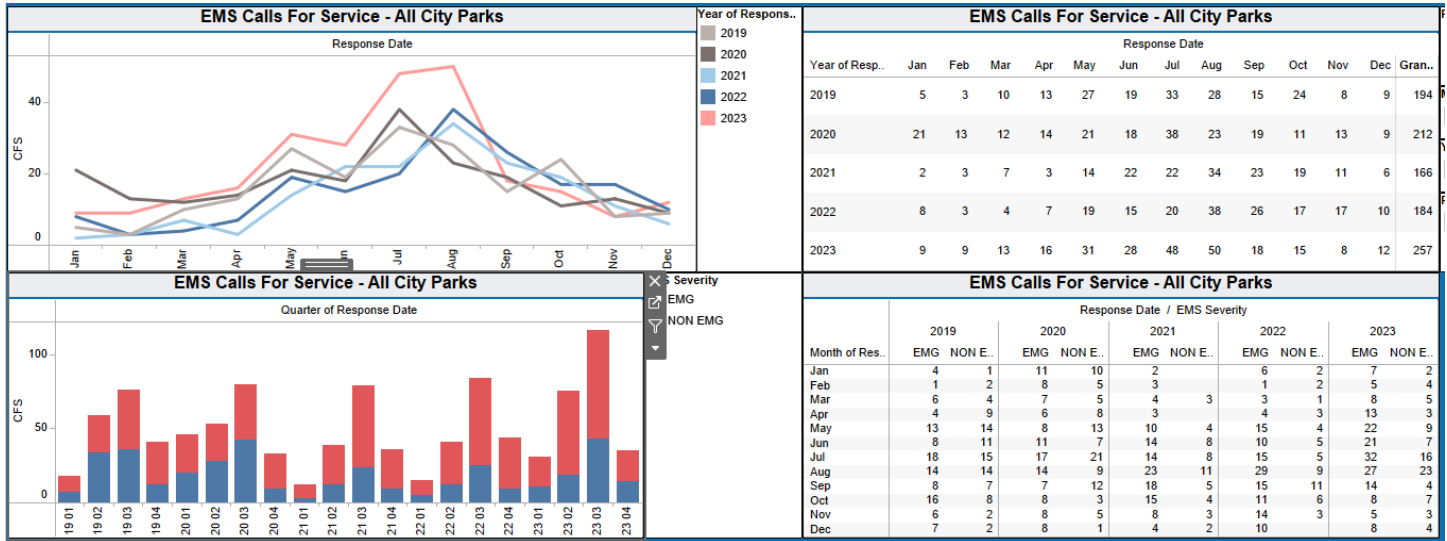
IV. SPD – Calls For Service - All



	Response Date				
Month of Res..	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	383	327	344	249	199
Feb	277	295	242	206	214
Mar	310	626	274	260	191
Apr	518	1,234	289	301	273
May	576	1,100	289	256	253
Jun	563	553	226	241	228
Jul	648	456	322	326	277
Aug	606	338	317	295	242
Sep	551	342	271	308	254
Oct	347	439	222	203	254
Nov	299	338	288	174	163
Dec	282	296	249	145	137
Grand Total	5,360	6,344	3,333	2,964	2,685

- This wider set of calls for service includes our three criminal incident groupings from the previous sections as well as mental health, medical, traffic, programmed patrols, and miscellaneous calls for service.
- The decline in total calls for service comes primarily due to a decline in programmed patrols. This is the case citywide over this period, with declines in parks comparable to those in city parks.
- Parks still receive consistent Police visits, as in Spring and Summer months of 2023, 500-600 calls for service occurred monthly.

V. EMS Response



- In contrast to SPD calls for service, counts for EMS calls for service in city parks are substantially higher.
- In 2023, 257 EMS CFS occurred in city parks, the highest count of, at least, the past five years. This was an increase of +73/+40% over the year prior.
- In addition to higher count, an elevated severity of these cases has been recorded. From 2019 – 2020, ~57% of CFS were listed as emergency priority. From 2022 – 2023, this value has risen to ~64%.