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# Introduction

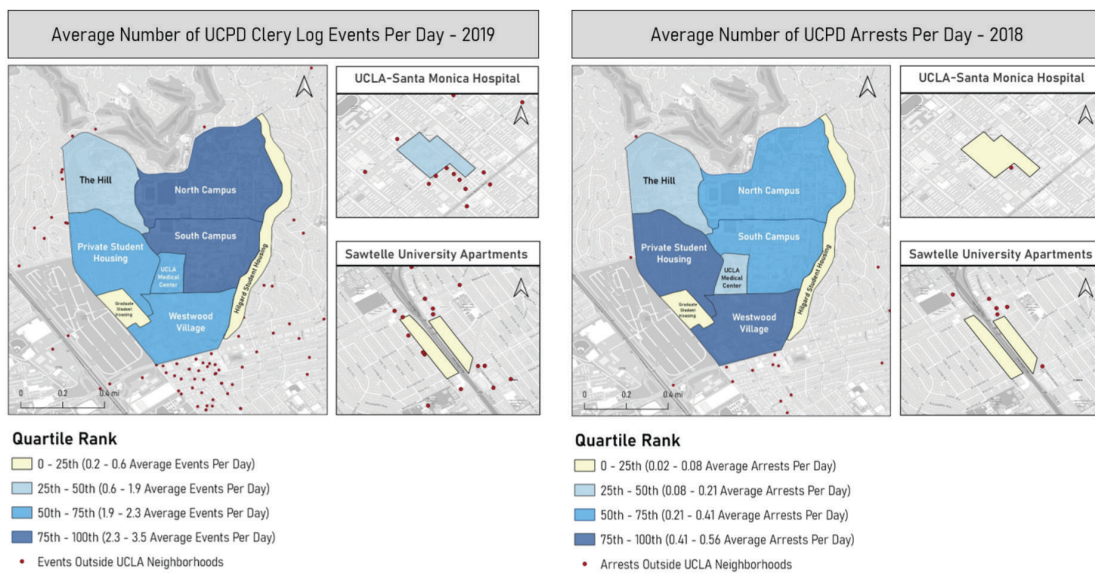
In this report, we map and visualize data on policing at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). We rely primarily on data from Clery logs, reports of police activity on and near campus. The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1990 requires public disclosure of these data, which are reported by the University of California Police Department (UCPD). They purport to offer comprehensive documentation of events involving police (as well as fire department response). This allows a more complete analysis of police activity than is possible with records produced only in the subset of police encounters that yield formal action like citation or arrest. Each entry in the Clery log contains the nature, date, time, and location of an incident, as well as its disposition status or outcome. We supplement this information with separately reported data on arrests by the UCPD for 2018. **Appendix A** contains additional detail on data sources and limitations.

We examine the geographic scope of events, trends between 2014 and 2019, types of events, and their disposition or outcome. We find that the biggest single event type is property related and a close second involves people whose presence or behavior is deemed disruptive or out of place, without any indication of violence. Less than 10% of events involve force or threat of violence. Maps of events reveal that a substantial amount of UCPD activity and arrests occur off campus, both in the greater Westwood area as well as farther afield. This off-campus activity increased between 2014 and 2019. There is also a higher rate of off-campus arrests. An examination of how events concluded reveals that more than 80% do not result in follow-ups for any asserted or possible crime. Finally, we find that the share of events that results in no potential or actual criminal law follow-up varies dramatically by the type of event. This highlights a challenge with interpreting these data. To the extent UCPD recodes some event-types after the fact, this prevents us from assessing the response to similar initiating incidents in different places.



on Sawtelle Boulevard south of campus. Over 20% of activity occurred in Westwood Village and the private student housing to the west of campus. The remaining roughly 10% of events occurred further afield, outside any of the boundaries drawn in **Figure 1**. Although some of the Clery events could reflect reports collected by UCPD but originating with other agencies, the distribution of UCPD arrests suggests substantial UCPD activity throughout the same areas. In subsequent figures, we zoom in on event and arrest rates on and near campus, but the large geographic scope of UCPD activity is clear.

**Figure 2.**  
**Maps (choropleth) of events and arrests by neighborhood**

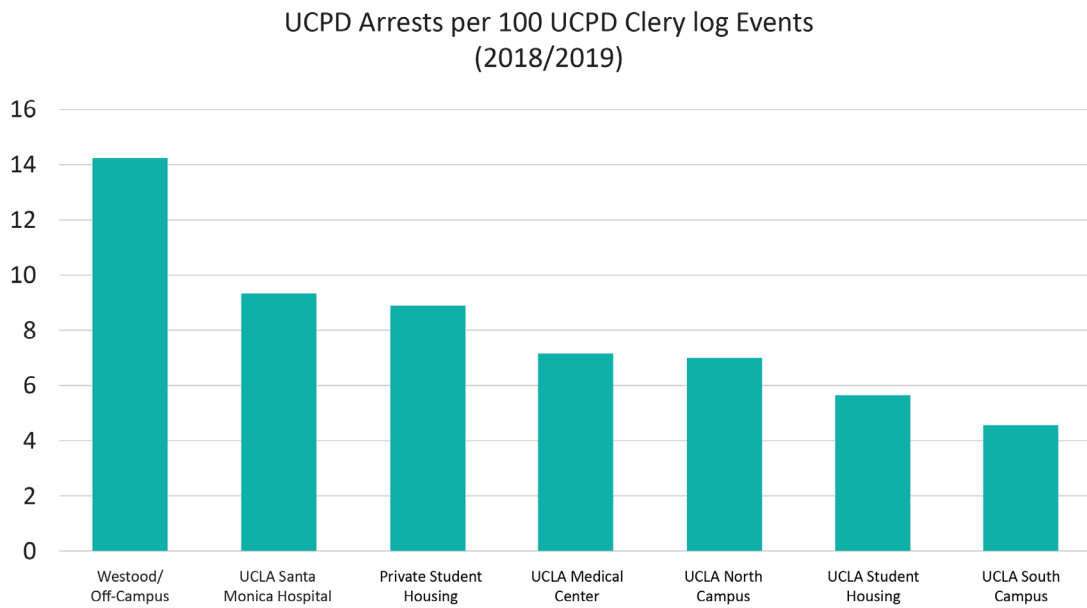


**Figure 2** zooms in on the campus area itself, using color shading to illustrate differences in the average number of events (the map on the left) and arrests (the map on the right) per day in different parts of campus and adjacent areas. This map shows that there is more activity on the campus itself, but there are more arrests off campus, particularly in Westwood Village and private student housing.





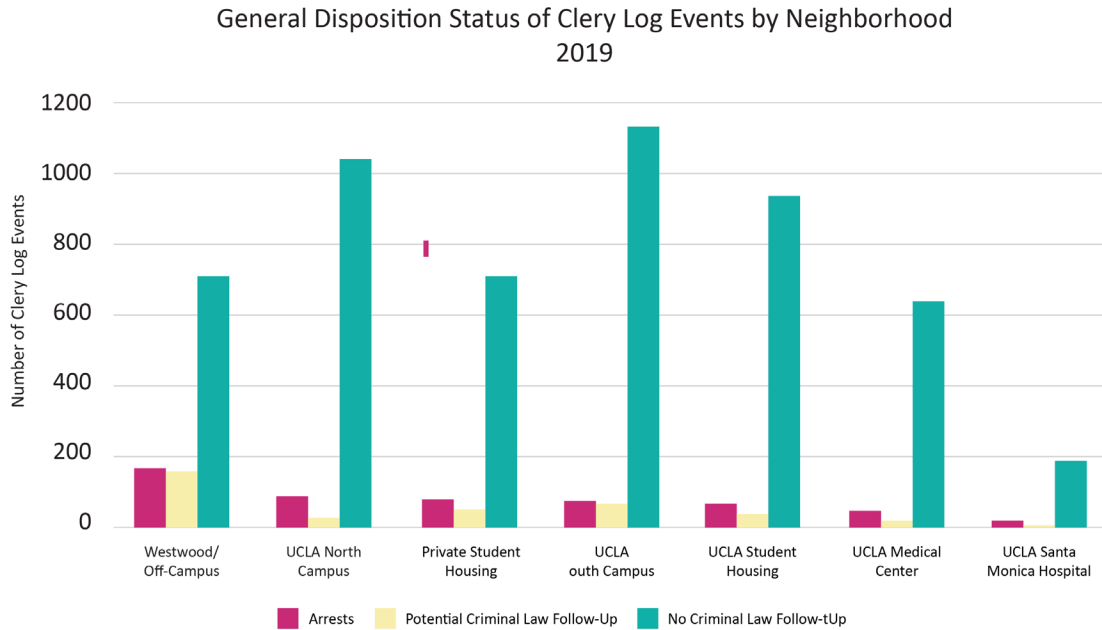
**Figure 4.**  
**The ratio of arrests to events by neighborhood in 2018/2019**



Next, we examine the ratio of arrests to events for these same neighborhoods in **Figure 4**. For a given amount of Clery log activity, there are many more arrests in the Westwood off-campus area. For example, arrests-per-incident are roughly twice as high in Westwood than they are on campus. We note, however, that in this and the preceding analyses arrests are reported from an independent dataset and are not necessarily outcomes of Clery logged events. That data is presented in **Figure 6** and shows a similar pattern.



**Figure 6.**  
**Disposition status of events by neighborhood in 2019**



**Figure 6** presents the disposition status of Clery events by neighborhood for 2019. It shows that the chance of an event ending with either arrest or potential criminal law follow-up is much higher off campus than on campus, consistent with the implications of Figure 4 above. It also reiterates the facts of Figure 5, that the vast majority of events do not have potential criminal law follow-up. We have not attempted to analyze whether the geographic variation in dispositions could be a function of geographic variation in underlying event types, in part because of data limitations noted below.

The categorization of event type is more complex. We grouped the more than 600 descriptions of event types into nine categories. **Appendix B Table B2** contains the detailed coding for these events.



**Figure 8.**  
**Disposition status by event type (2019)**

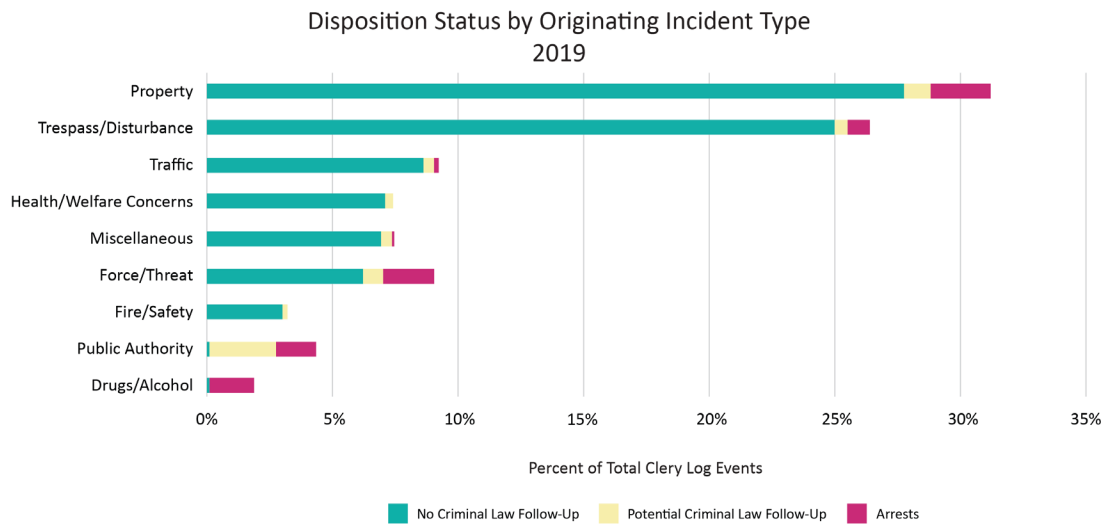


Figure 8 applies the disposition codes shown in Figure 5 (above) to the incident types shown in Figure 7. Different types of events vary substantially in how often they result in arrest or potential criminal law follow-up. The length of each segment represents the percentage of total Clery incidents of all types and dispositions, so the total length for each event type matches the percentages shown in Figure 7. Table 1 presents the same data in tabular form but shows follow-ups as a percentage within event types.

In Figure 8, comparing the extent of the green, yellow, and magenta segments within each event type shows that incidents involving the use or threat of violence are much more likely to yield an arrest or follow-up than most other types. Traffic, health/welfare, and disturbance/trespass rarely do. Property incidents are an in-between case. Because property incidents are such a large portion of total incidents, in absolute terms they yield criminal law follow-ups comparable to force/threat incidents. This is evident from comparing the magenta segments of the two bars. Nonetheless, criminal law follow-ups are a much lower proportion (11%) within property event types than within force/threat (31%) (Table 1).

Public authority and drug/alcohol incidents are somewhat anomalous in their domination by arrests or other potential criminal law follow-ups. This appears to reflect event type descriptions that were written or updated after the initial dispatch and response. For instance, the event description “warrant arrest” dominates our public authority category (Appendix B Table B2). Almost certainly the UCPD would not have known about an outstanding warrant before stopping someone on some other basis and then running a warrant check. However, we cannot ascertain the original



## Conclusion

The maps and graphical visualization of data on policing at UCLA reveal several trends and spatial patterns. First, the vast majority (over 90%) of activity was not related to force or the threat of violence. Indeed, the biggest single category of incidents is events related to property, and a close second involves people whose presence or behavior is deemed disruptive or out of place, without any indication of violence. Second, much of the UCPD activity occurs off campus, and off-campus activity increased between 2014 and 2019. Third, there is a higher rate of arrests for incidents that occur off campus. Fourth, over 80% of reported police activity does not result in follow-ups for any asserted or possible crime.

The Clery logs endeavor to be comprehensive accounts of police activity on and near campus, but our analysis illustrates some limitations. The main challenge is that their approach to coding is unclear. For some event types, the coding reflects outcomes, whereas for others it reflects the initial reason for an incident. This obscures how different types of initiating events unfold. Additionally, we do not know whether events were initiated based on a 911 or other community-initiated call or instead were self-initiated by an officer, nor do we know the specific agency that responded to and reported the event.





# Appendix B.

**Table B1.**  
**Categorization of Disposition Status**

Event Disposition Status	Disposition Category	Number of Events
CLOSED: SUBJECT ARRESTED	Arrest	616
CITATION ISSUED	Potential Criminal Law Follow Up	4
REFERRED TO OUTSIDE AGENCY	Potential Criminal Law Follow Up	408
OPEN CASE	Potential Criminal Law Follow Up	35
OPEN CASE: TO BE ASSIGNED	Potential Criminal Law Follow Up	3
STATUS PENDING	Potential Criminal Law Follow Up	2
NON-CRIMINAL MATTER	No Criminal Law Follow Up	1640
DETAIL HANDLED: NO REPORT	No Criminal Law Follow Up	1009
CLOSED: NO FURTHER ACTION	No Criminal Law Follow Up	464
INFORMATION ONLY	No Criminal Law Follow Up	437
CLOSED / INACTIVE: NO LEADS	No Criminal Law Follow Up	352
UNABLE TO LOCATE	No Criminal Law Follow Up	344
CANCELLED BY REPORTING PARTY	No Criminal Law Follow Up	343
VICTIM NOT DESIROUS OF REPORT	No Criminal Law Follow Up	300
WARNED OR ADVISED	No Criminal Law Follow Up	224
FIELD INTERVIEWED	No Criminal Law Follow Up	211
CANCELLED REPORT	No Criminal Law Follow Up	147
REPORT TAKEN	No Criminal Law Follow Up	144
CANCELLED BY AUTHORIZED PARTY	No Criminal Law Follow Up	101
COURTESY REPORT	No Criminal Law Follow Up	93
CANCELLED BY WATCH COMMANDER	No Criminal Law Follow Up	30
UNFOUNDED	No Criminal Law Follow Up	27
CLERY CSA REPORT ONLY	No Criminal Law Follow Up	16
INCIDENT REPORT ONLY	No Criminal Law Follow Up	1
Total Events		6951



Type of Event	Event Category	Number of Events
BURGLARY	Property	14
GET CREDIT/ETC OTHER'S ID	Property	13
GRAND THEFT AUTO	Property	12
BURGLARY - HOT PROWL NON-FORCED ENTRY	Property	9
TAKE AUTO W/O OWNER'S CONSENT/VEHICLE THEFT	Property	9
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CARD REPT	Property	9
BURGLARY - FORCED ENTRY	Property	8
TAMPER WITH VEHICLE	Property	8
VANDALISM	Property	8
BURGLARY - ATTEMPTED FORCED ENTRY	Property	7
BURGLARY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	Property	7
GRAND THEFT FROM PERSON	Property	7
IDENTITY THEFT REPORT	Property	7
VEHICLE TAMPERING REPORT	Property	7
FOUND PROPERTY	Property	6
FELONY HIT AND RUN	Property	5
FORGERY:FALSE CHECKS/RECORDS/CERTIFICATES/ETC .	Property	5
GRAND THEFT:AUTO	Property	5
LOST PROPERTY	Property	5
APPROPRIATE LOST PROPERTY - ALL OTHER	Property	4
FORGERY	Property	4
GRAND THEFT - FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	Property	4
PETTY THEFT - SHOPLIFTING	Property	4
POSSESS PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFO WITH INTENT TO DEFRAUD	Property	4
TAKE OTHER VEHICLE W/O OWNER'S CONSENT/VEHICLE THEFT	Property	4
UNAUTHORIZED COPY/USE COMPUTER DATA	Property	4
ENTER/ETC NONCOMMERCIAL DWELLING	Property	3
FRAUDULENT USE OF COUNTERFEIT US CURRENCY	Property	3



Type of Event	Event Category	Number of Events
POSSESS SHOPPING/LAUNDRY CART	Property	1
THEFT:MISREPRESENT AS ACCESS CARD HOLDER	Property	1
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	Trespass/Disturbance	604
UNAUTHORIZED SUBJECTS	Trespass/Disturbance	445
SUBJECT REFUSING TO LEAVE	Trespass/Disturbance	308
DISTURBING THE PEACE	Trespass/Disturbance	219
INDECENT EXPOSURE	Trespass/Disturbance	48
KEEP THE PEACE	Trespass/Disturbance	33
SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE	Trespass/Disturbance	29
VERBAL DISPUTE	Trespass/Disturbance	29
TRESPASS:REFUSE TO LEAVE PROPERTY	Trespass/Disturbance	17
DISORDERLY CONDUCT:ALCOHOL	Trespass/Disturbance	16
AUDIBLE ALARM	Trespass/Disturbance	15
TRESPASS:OCCUPY PROPERTY WITHOUT CONSENT	Trespass/Disturbance	14
DISORDERLY CONDUCT:LOITER/ETC PRIVATE PROPERTY	Trespass/Disturbance	10
PROWLER	Trespass/Disturbance	9
DISORDERLY CONDUCT:SOLICIT LEWD ACT	Trespass/Disturbance	5
DISTURB BY LOUD/UNREASONABLE NOISE	Trespass/Disturbance	4
LEWD CONDUCT IN PUBLIC	Trespass/Disturbance	4
INDECENT EXPOSURE REPORT	Trespass/Disturbance	3
OFFENSIVE WORDS IN PUBLIC PLACE	Trespass/Disturbance	3
TRESPASS:OBSTRUCT/ETC BUSINESS OPERATIONS/ETC	Trespass/Disturbance	3
TRESPASS:REFUSE TO LEAVE PUBLIC BUILDING	Trespass/Disturbance	3
CA REGS:KNOWLY INTERFERE WITH UNV EMPLOYEE/STUDENT	Trespass/Disturbance	2
DISORDERLY CONDUCT:LODGE WITHOUT OWNERS CONSENT	Trespass/Disturbance	2
DISORDERLY CONDUCT:LOITER IN OR ABOUT TOILET	Trespass/Disturbance	2
CA REGS:URINATE/DEFECATE IN PLACE OTHER THAN RESTROOM	Trespass/Disturbance	1
LEWD CONDUCT IN PUBLIC REPORT	Trespass/Disturbance	1



Type of Event	Event Category	Number of Events
<u>RENT/ETC VEH TO PERSON W/IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE RESTRICTN</u>	Traffic	1
RESTRICTED DRIVER OPERATE VEHICLE W/O INTERLOCK DEVICE	Traffic	1
TRAFFIC COLLIS UNIVERSITY VEH	Traffic	1
BATTERY	Force/Threat	64
RAPE REPORT	Force/Threat	47
THREATS REPORT	Force/Threat	42
BATTERY REPORT	Force/Threat	41
THREATEN CRIME W/INTENT TO TERRORIZE- SIMPLE ASSAULT	Force/Threat	32
<u>ANNOYING/THREATENING PHONE CAL</u>	Force/Threat	20
<u>BATTERY:SPOUSE/EX SPOUSE/DATE/ETC - SIMPLE, NO AGGRAVATD INJ</u>	Force/Threat	20
SEXUAL BATTERY REPORT	Force/Threat	20
ANNOYING TELEPHONE CALL:OBSCENE/THREATENING	Force/Threat	18
BATTERY ON PEACE OFFICER/EMERGENCY PERSONNEL/ETC	Force/Threat	16
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT REPORT	Force/Threat	16
415 FIGHT	Force/Threat	15
SEXUAL BATTERY	Force/Threat	15
WITH INTENT TO ANNOY OR HARASS WITH REPEAT CALLS/CONTACT	Force/Threat	14
ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON-NOT FIREARM	Force/Threat	11
POSSESSION OF A WEAPON	Force/Threat	10
ROBBERY	Force/Threat	10
SPOUSAL OR COHABITANT ABUSE	Force/Threat	10
ASSAULT	Force/Threat	9
CARRY CONCEALED DIRK OR DAGGER	Force/Threat	9
TOUCH PERSON INTIMATELY AGAINST WILL FOR SEXUAL AROUSAL/ETC	Force/Threat	8
ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON	Force/Threat	7





Type of Event	Event Category	Number of Events
CHILD OR ELDER ABUSE	Force/Threat	2
DISORDERLY CONDUCT DISTRIBUTE INTIMATE PHOTOS/ETC OF ANOTHER	Force/Threat	2
EXHIBIT DEADLY WEAPON OTHER THAN FIREARM	Force/Threat	2
HAVE FIREARM AT PUBLIC/ETC SCHOOL	Force/Threat	2
INFLICT CORPORAL INJ ON SPOUSE/COHABITANT - CUTTING INSTRMNT	Force/Threat	2
INFLICT INJURY/ETC UPON CHILD - SIMPLE, NO AGGRAVATED INJURY	Force/Threat	2
KIDNAPPING REPORT	Force/Threat	2
MANUFACTURE/SALE/POSSESS/ETC LEADED CANE/BILLY/ETC	Force/Threat	2
MANUFACTURE/SALE/POSSESS/ETC METAL KNUCKLES	Force/Threat	2
POSSESS WEAPON/ETC ON CAMPUS:NOT FIREARM	Force/Threat	2
RAPE:VICTIM INCAPABLE OF GIVING CONSENT	Force/Threat	2
RAPE:VICTIM WAS UNCONSCIOUS OR ASLEEP	Force/Threat	2
ROBBERY - CUTTING INSTRUMENT	Force/Threat	2
ADW NOT A FIREARM ON P.O./FIREFIGHTER:GBI LIKELY	Force/Threat	1
ALTER/CHANGE/ETC IMITATION FIREARM TO LOOK LIKE A FIREARM	Force/Threat	1
ANNOYING TELEPHONE CALL:OBSCENE/THREATENING	Force/Threat	1
ASSAULT ON PEACE OFFICER/FIREFIGHTERS/ETC	Force/Threat	1
ASSAULT WITH FORCE LIKELY TO PRODUCE GBI - HANDS/FIST/FEET	Force/Threat	1
ASSAULT WITH FORCE LIKELY TO PRODUCE GBI - NO AGGRAVATED INJ	Force/Threat	1
ATTEMPTED EXTORTION	Force/Threat	1
BATTERY AGAINST EMERGENCY PERSONS/ETC	Force/Threat	1
CARRY LOADED HANDGUN:NOT REGISTERED OWNER	Force/Threat	1
CAUSE HARM/DEATH OF ELDER /DEPENDENT ADULT	Force/Threat	1
CHILD ABDUCTION	Force/Threat	1
ELDER/DEPENDENT ADULT CRUELTY	Force/Threat	1



Type of Event	Event Category	Number of Events
INVESTIGATION	Miscellaneous	113
MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENT	Miscellaneous	87
COURTESY REPORT	Miscellaneous	55
MISCELLANEOUS INCIDENT REPORT	Miscellaneous	54
POLICE DETAIL	Miscellaneous	8
911 UNKNOWN TROUBLE	Miscellaneous	7
AREA CHECK	Miscellaneous	7
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	Miscellaneous	4
SUSPECT IN CUSTODY	Miscellaneous	4
WANTS AND WARRANTS CHECK VEH	Miscellaneous	4
CITIZEN ASSIST	Miscellaneous	3
CITIZEN FLAG DOWN	Miscellaneous	2
SEND/ETC FALSE FIRE ALARM BY ANY METHOD	Miscellaneous	2
CASH DETAIL	Miscellaneous	1
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS	Miscellaneous	1
FALSE REPORT OF CRIME TO SPECIFIC PEACE OFFICERS	Miscellaneous	1
FOOT PATROL	Miscellaneous	1
UNKNOWN INCIDENT	Miscellaneous	1
MENTAL DISORDER 72 HR OBSERVATION	Health/Welfare Concern	217
PATIENT WALK AWAY	Health/Welfare Concern	69
MISSING PERSON	Health/Welfare Concern	60
MISC HS CODE VIOLATION	Health/Welfare Concern	22
5150WIC	Health/Welfare Concern	20
MISSING PERSON REPORT	Health/Welfare Concern	19
MISCELLANEOUS SICK PATIENT	Health/Welfare Concern	18
UNCONSCIOUS	Health/Welfare Concern	14
INJURY INVESTIGATION REPORT	Health/Welfare Concern	12
FALL	Health/Welfare Concern	10
OVERDOSE VICTIM	Health/Welfare Concern	9
CODE GRAY	Health/Welfare Concern	7



Type of Event	Event Category	Number of Events
VIOLATION PAROLE:FELONY	Public Authority	3
PAROLE VIOLATION - FLASH INCARCERATION	Public Authority	2
PROBATION VIOLATION	Public Authority	2
SEX OFFENDER TRANSIENT FAILS TO REGISTER - 30 DAYS - MISD	Public Authority	2
TRANSIENT FAILS TO REGISTER WHEN RELEASED FROM CUSTODY	Public Authority	2
CA REGS:UNAUTHORIZED CAMPING ON UNIVERSITY PROPERTY	Public Authority	1
EVADE PEACE OFFICER WITH WANTON DISREGARD FOR SAFETY	Public Authority	1
EVADING P.O.:CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH	Public Authority	1
FAIL TO REGISTER/ETC:FELONY SEX OFFENDER	Public Authority	1
GIVE FALSE INFORMATION TO PEACE OFFICER	Public Authority	1
LITTERING	Public Authority	1
PROBATION VIOLATION:REARREST/REVOKE	Public Authority	1
SEX OFFENDER TRANSIENT FAIL TO REG NEW RESIDENCE - 5 DAYS	Public Authority	1
WARRANT SERVICE	Public Authority	1
SMELL OR SIGHT OF SMOKE	Fire/Safety	68
FIRE DETAIL	Fire/Safety	43
ACTUAL FIRE	Fire/Safety	27
SMELL OF GAS	Fire/Safety	24
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT	Fire/Safety	22
FIRE INVESTIGATION	Fire/Safety	17
FIRE FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	Fire/Safety	16
EXPLOSION	Fire/Safety	5
POSSESS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	Drug/Alcohol	45
POSSESS UNLAWFUL PARAPHERNALIA	Drug/Alcohol	43
POSSESS NARCOTIC CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	Drug/Alcohol	11
DUI ALCOHOL	Drug/Alcohol	8





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