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Various behavioral and crime statistics, comparing 2019 versus 2020, were shared with the Vacaville Christian Ministerial Association in late January. Since sharing this data, we have learned that the information is inaccurate. With the significant increases in each category, we felt something was not right and immediately started investigating the accuracy of the numbers.

The data, below, is the correct information. It has been confirmed by numerous individuals with expertise in analyzing such data. We have also added two additional years (2017 and 2018) to show the trend for the various call types. We sincerely apologize for releasing incorrect information but we are confident the information below is accurate.

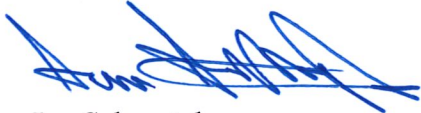
<b>TYPE OF CALL</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Domestic Violence – In Progress	360	354	360	410
Domestic Violence Reports	120	119	113	101
Disturbing the Peace – Neighbor	215	239	226	273
Disturbing the Peace – Verbal Fight	1781	1730	1689	1389
Disturbing the Peace - Music	363	307	355	471
Disturbing the Peace – Party	341	275	287	372
Disturbing the Peace – Juveniles	470	397	452	425
Battery – In Progress	524	461	467	379
Child Abuse-In Progress	27	30	21	16
Child Abuse Reports	172	322	287	281
Suicide Attempt	110	98	108	88
Suicide Reports	6	16	12	13
Mental-Health Evaluation	675	698	558	261
Suspicious Circumstance	1224	986	967	922
Welfare Check	1993	2076	2239	2212

Based on stay at home orders as well as other Covid-19 mitigation efforts during 2020, large numbers of Vacaville citizens were required to stay at home and remain in close, continuous contact with family members and neighbors, resulting in increased calls for service for some domestic disturbance type calls. The restrictions on indoor dining and bars for significant portions of 2020 likely led to fewer “battery-in-progress” calls which often involve alcohol intoxication and are viewed by other patrons or members of the public.

There was a marked drop in the number of “mental health evaluation” calls for service during the pandemic which may, in part, be a result of schools being closed to in-person instruction. Prior to the COVID 19 crisis, a number of mental health evaluation calls were either self-reported or staff referred from local schools and handled by School Resource Officers and/or the mental health clinicians at the various school sites. Post school closures, students who were experiencing a mental health crisis were likely observed by a parent or other member of the household and put in direct contact with mental health services, therefore, not generating a call to the police department.

While we strive to provide the most accurate and up-to-date crime data and information, we fell short in the January release of the inaccurate data metrics. I want to assure anyone who may be seeking this information in the future, measures have been put in place to greatly reduce any repeat occurrence of this type of data error.

Sincerely,



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