



Program Update

Jordan River Enforcement Patrols (JREP)

Authorizing Legislative Language

Provide trail, river, and parkway maintenance, invasive species removal and revegetation, emergency care, and environmental education for the area 250 yards on each side of the Jordan River from the edge of the river for the entire length of the river;

Report to the appropriate public official all health, safety, or law enforcement concerns that the organization encounters, as directed by the commission;

Partnering or contracting with local law enforcement or a certified peace officer to provide patrol, security, and law enforcement for the area 250 yards on each side of the Jordan River from the edge of the river for the entire length of the river;

- The Jordan River Patrol (JREP) program, established by legislative authority during the 2018 session, was implemented with resources from various municipalities in Salt Lake and Utah County, encompassing areas along the Jordan River Parkway.
- While the program initially experienced some limited success, several factors, such as the Covid-19 pandemic, escalating homelessness, evolving societal perspectives on law enforcement, and considerable constraints on public sector and public safety resources, have collectively impacted the program's clarity and effectiveness over the past five years.
- Managed by the Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands (UDFFSL), the JREP program has also faced challenges due to leadership changes within the division. These internal issues have been addressed, and the current UDFFSL Director, Jamie Barnes, in collaboration with the Sovereign Lands Program Director, requested the program be reevaluated in May 2023.
- The primary objective of this evaluation is to identify and clarify the JREP program's mission, vision, and benefits. With a goal to provide recommendations for revitalizing the initiative and ensuring its continued success.

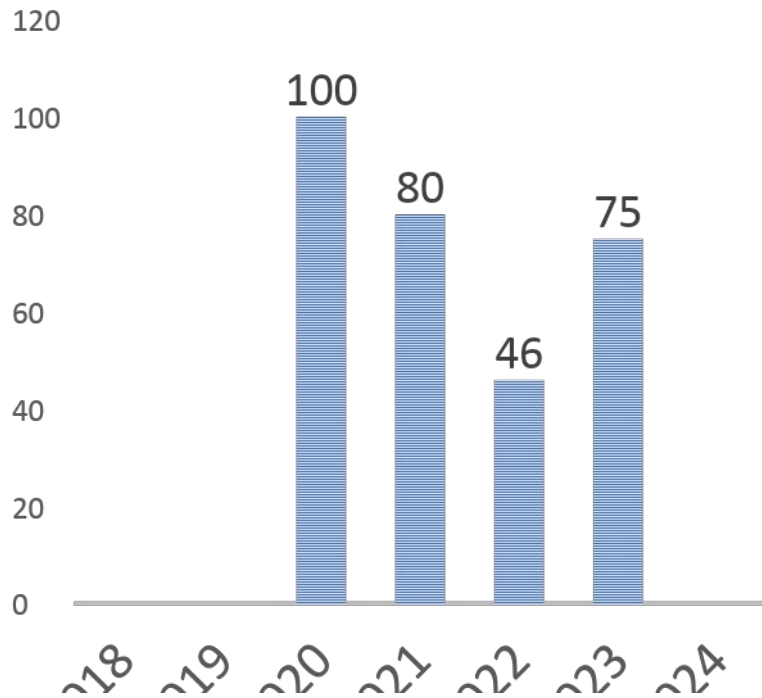
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Efforts To date

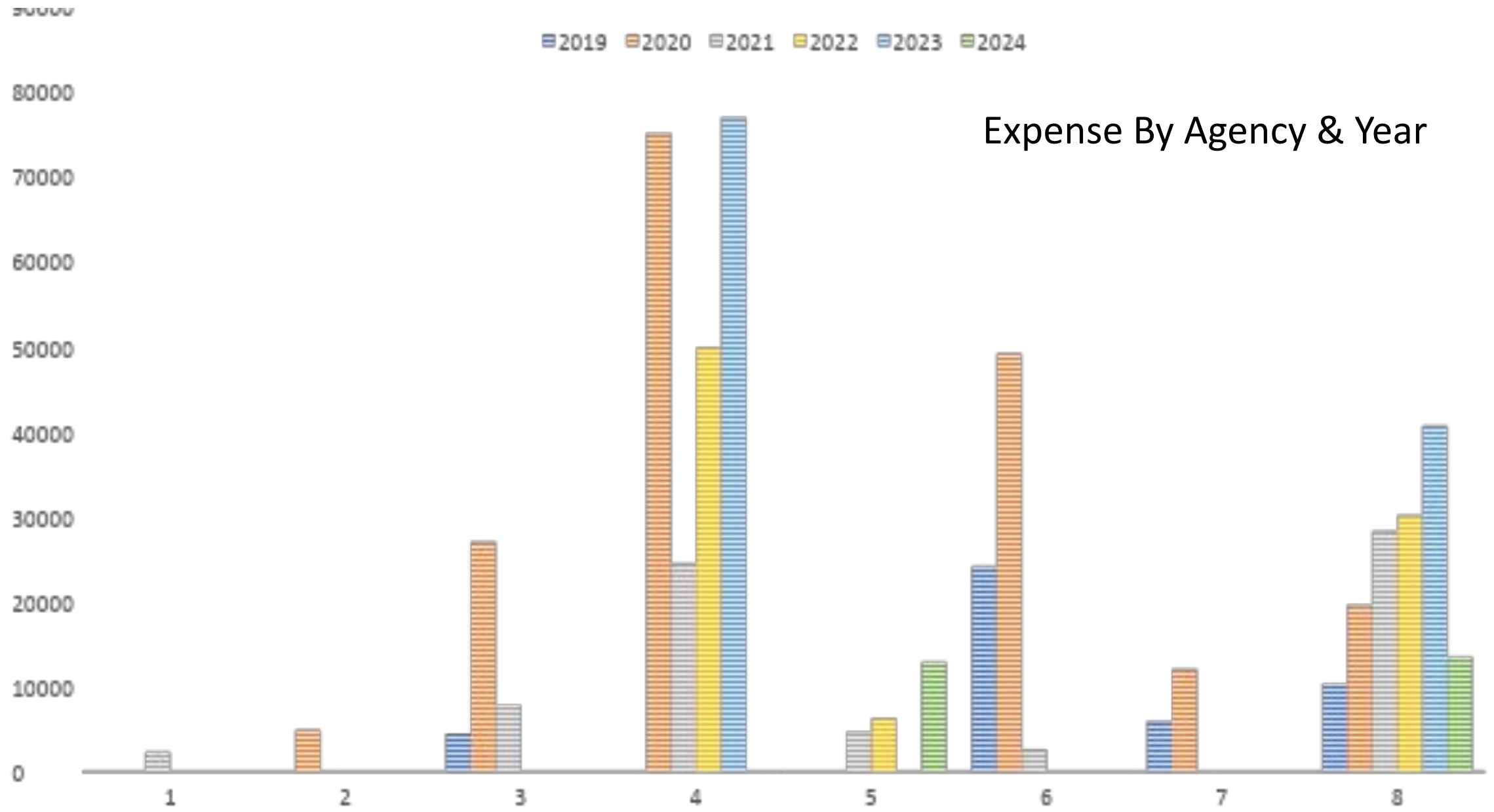
- Meeting with Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands Administration
- Review of relevant legislative action.
- Gathering and review of current legal agreements.
- Physical observation/patrol of the river corridor
- Discussions with law enforcement stakeholders
- Meetings with impacted commercial interests
- Informal communications with residents and recreational users
- Budget analysis
- Review of available program statistics

L.E Revenues expended by year

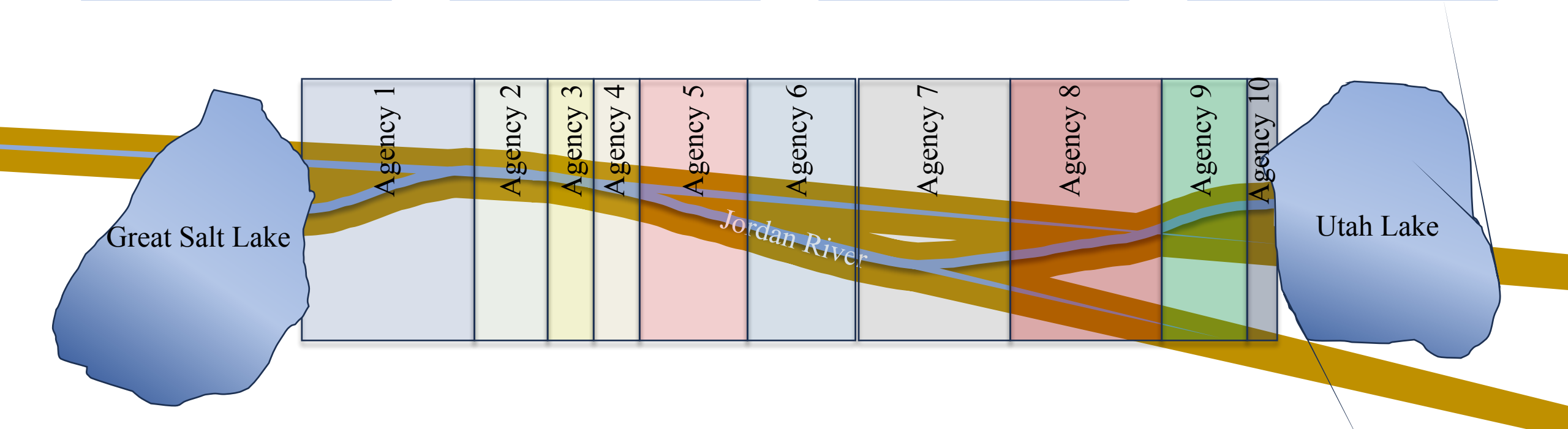
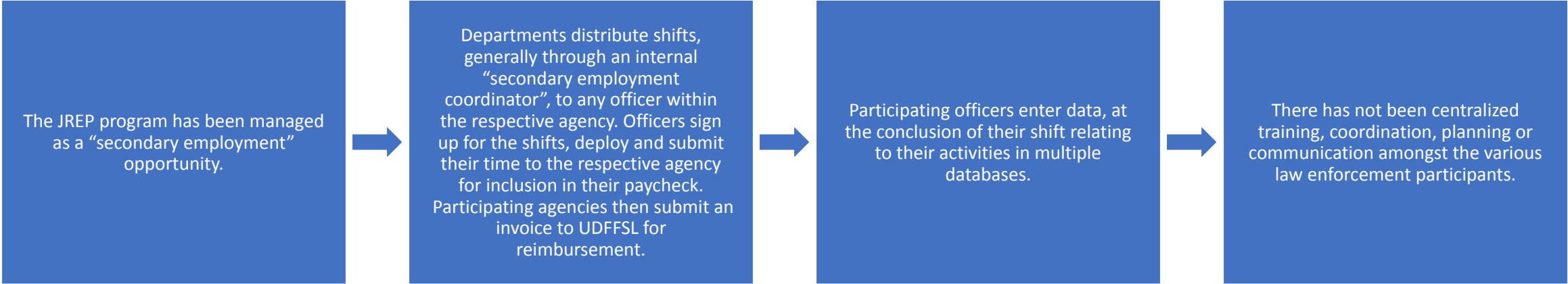


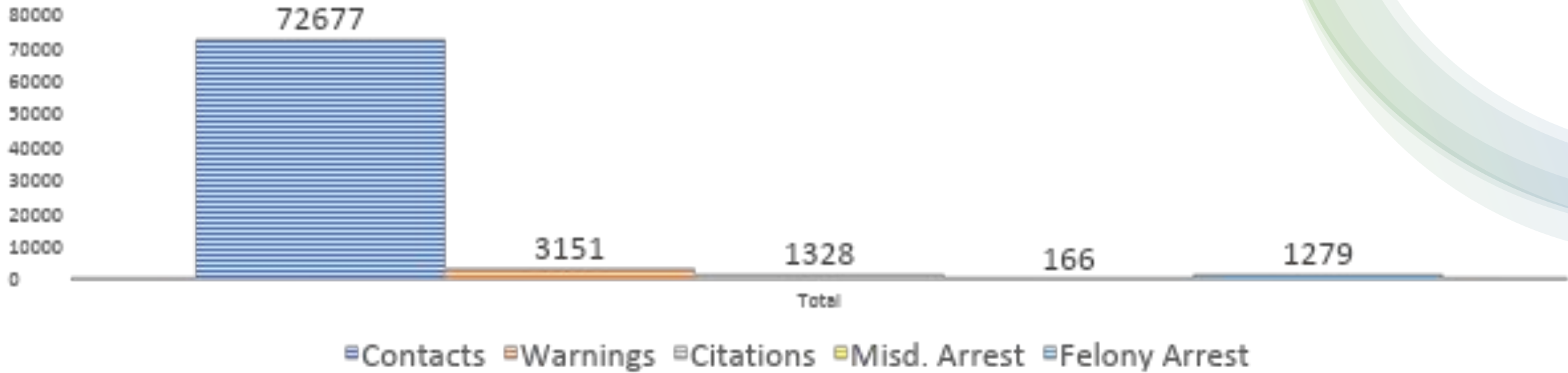
- *Total Program Expense Since 2018*

- \$730,000



Historic Approach





Enforcement Statistics November 6, 2018 – November 30, 2023

Activity, average by month

Public Contacts

1153

Warnings

50

Felony
Arrets

20

Misd.
Arrests

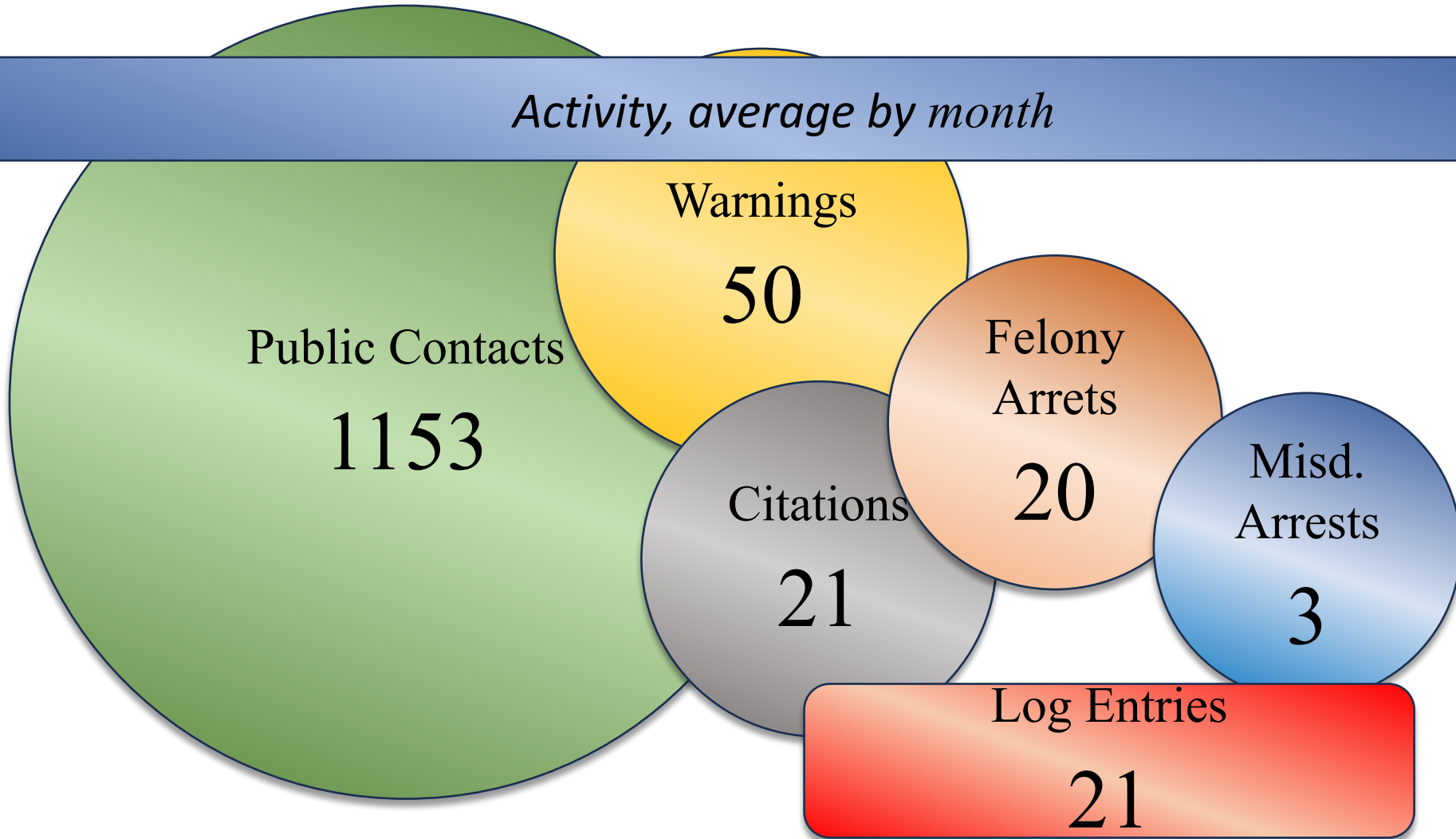
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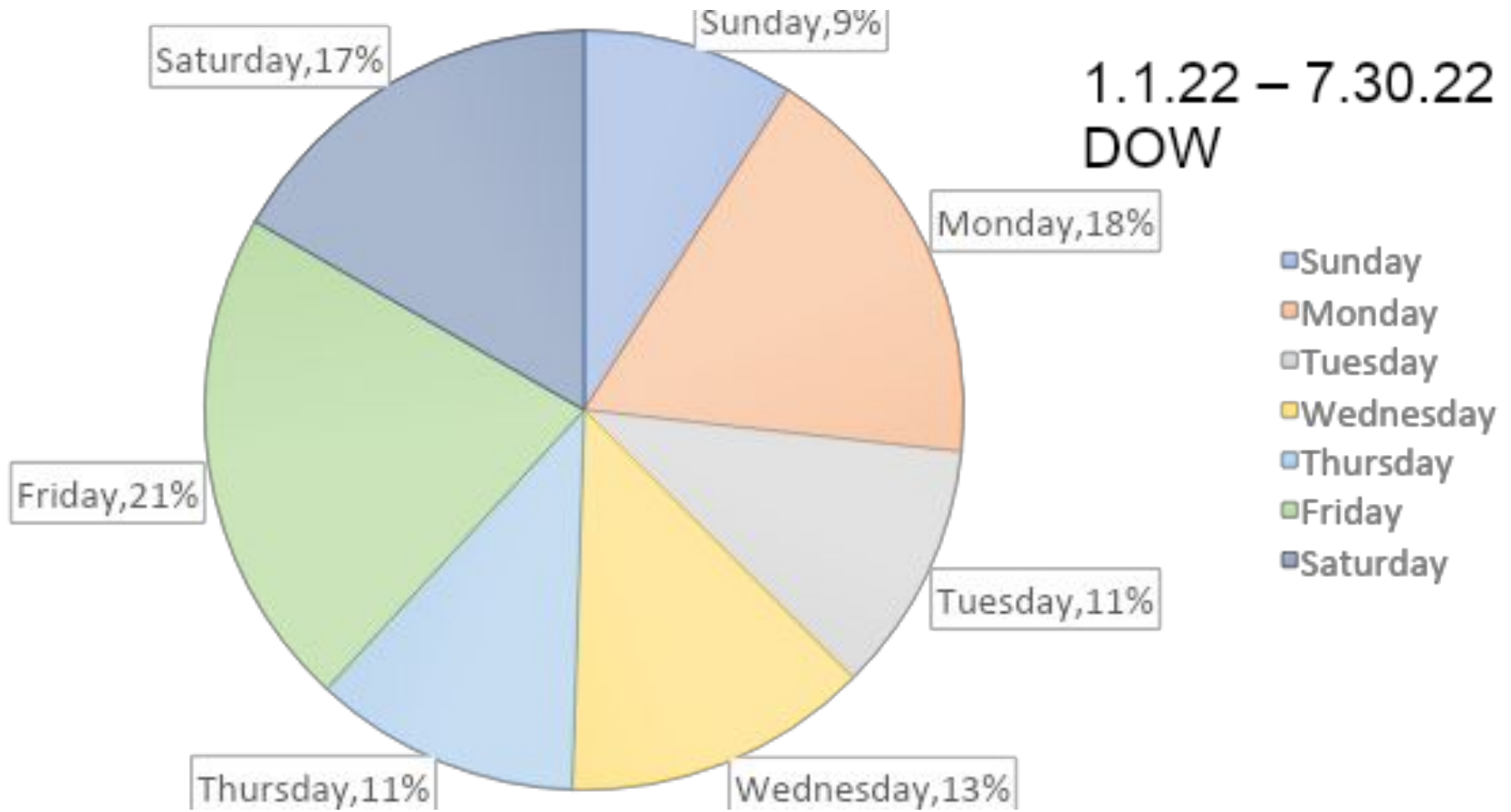
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Log Entries

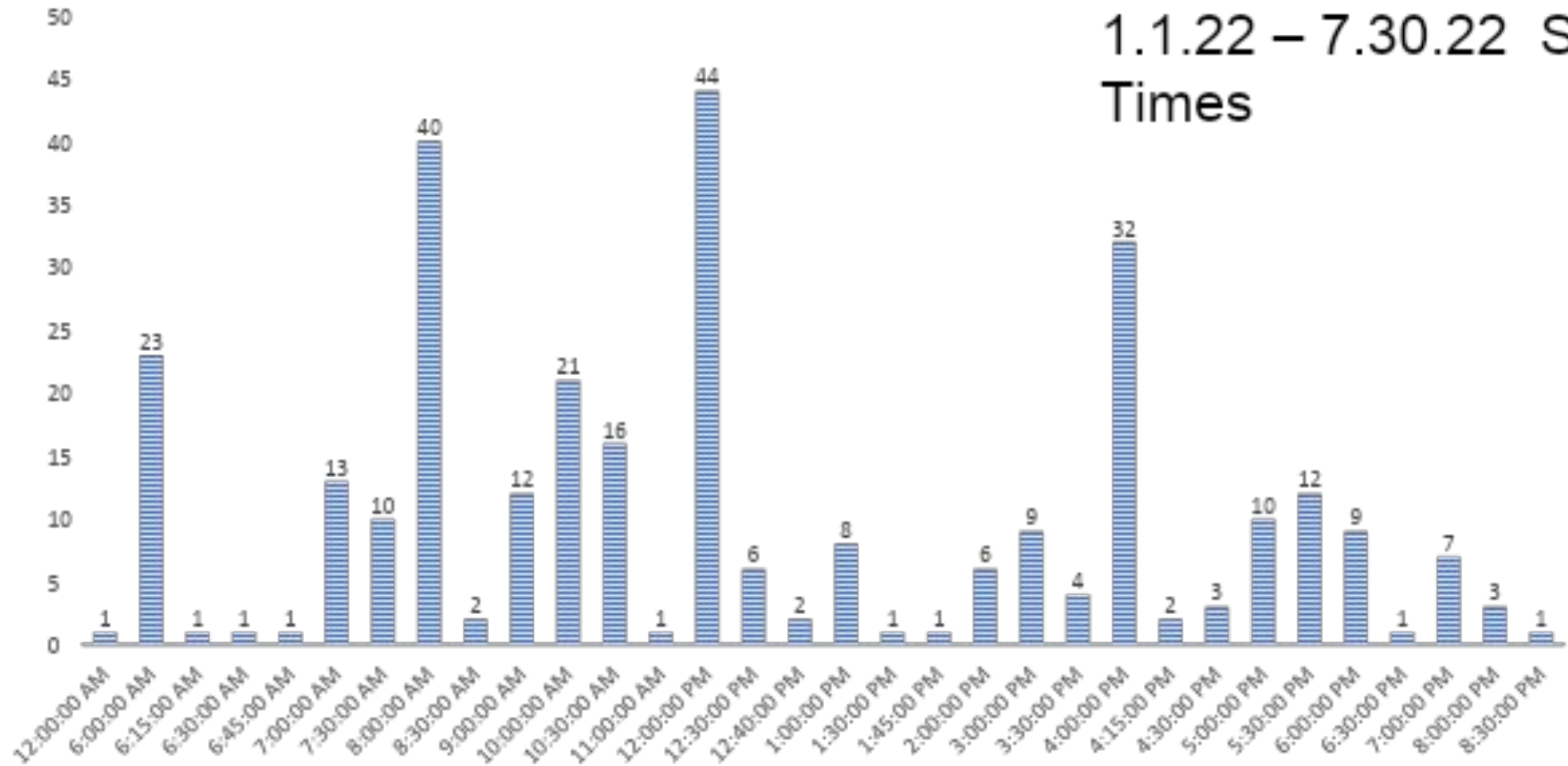
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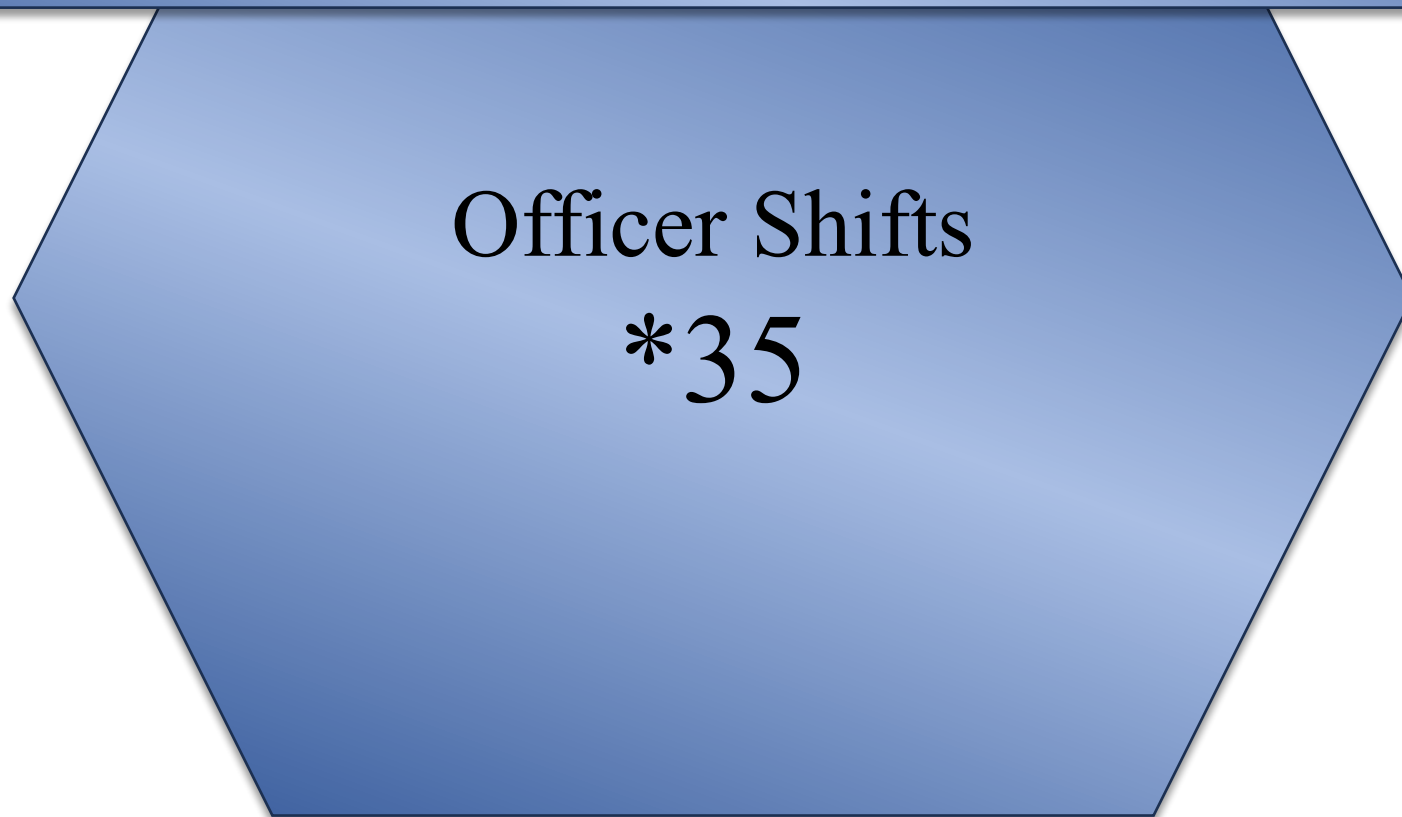
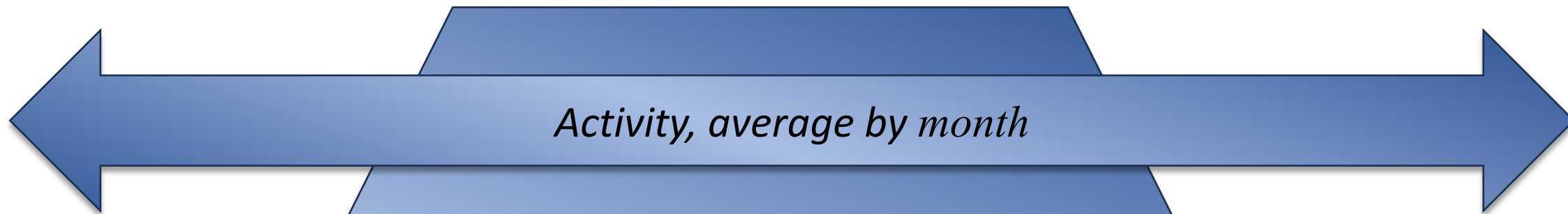


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**2264 individual log entries*

Is the program effective?

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Opportunities for Improvement

Refine goals and objectives

Align perspectives and approaches

Centralize coordination

Develop a “common language”

Implement uniform records management, data collection and analysis

Enhance the internal or external communication plan

What alternatives exist?

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- Next steps

Clarify available revenues

Disseminate contract/MOU to participating entities

Identify human and equipment resources

Provide pre-deployment training



Questions, Comments, Suggestions

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