

Research on the Road 2025 NYPD Ghost Plate Presentation

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Counterfeit Temp Plates

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Inter-Agency “Ghost Busters” Operations

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- Interagency Task Force consisting of NYPD, State Police (NYSP), Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Tunnel & Bridges Authority (TBTA), Sheriff’s Office, Port Authority Police Department (PAPD), Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC), US Park Police, Business Integrity Commission (BIC), Westchester County, Nassau County, Suffolk County and Rockland County
 - TBTA, Sheriff and PAPD focus on toll evaders with excessive outstanding tolls, speed and red camera tickets and scofflaw violators
 - Note: YTD ~ 1.3 million DOT automated speed camera summonses are rejected due to no plates, plastic covers, obstructions or temporary tags
 - NYPD and the other law enforcement partners focus on unregistered/uninsured vehicles as well unlicensed operators
 - Focus on lost/missing, stolen, previously surrendered, altered, covered, mismatched and no license plates
 - CIS fatal crash stats
 - Year 2024 – 44 (18%) unregistered, expired, mismatched, suspended or stolen license plates
 - YTD – 28 (16%) unregistered, expired, mismatched, suspended or stolen license plates
 - NYPD tows for fake / covered plates:
 - 3/11/24-12/31/24 - 3,464 tows
 - 2025 YTD 10/26 - 4,736 tows
- 8 hour enforcement operation conducted at identified locations including: RFK Bridge, Whitestone Bridge, QMT, HLC Tunnel, Throggs Neck Bridge, Henry Hudson Bridge, 3rd Avenue Bridge, Willis Avenue Bridge, Cross Bay Bridge, Marine Parkway Bridge, Verrazzano Bridge, Madison Avenue Bridge, 138th Street Bridge, 181st Bridge, 207th Street Bridge, Williamsburg Bridge, Broadway Bridge, Kosciuszko Bridge
- Includes license plate readers to assist in identifying violators

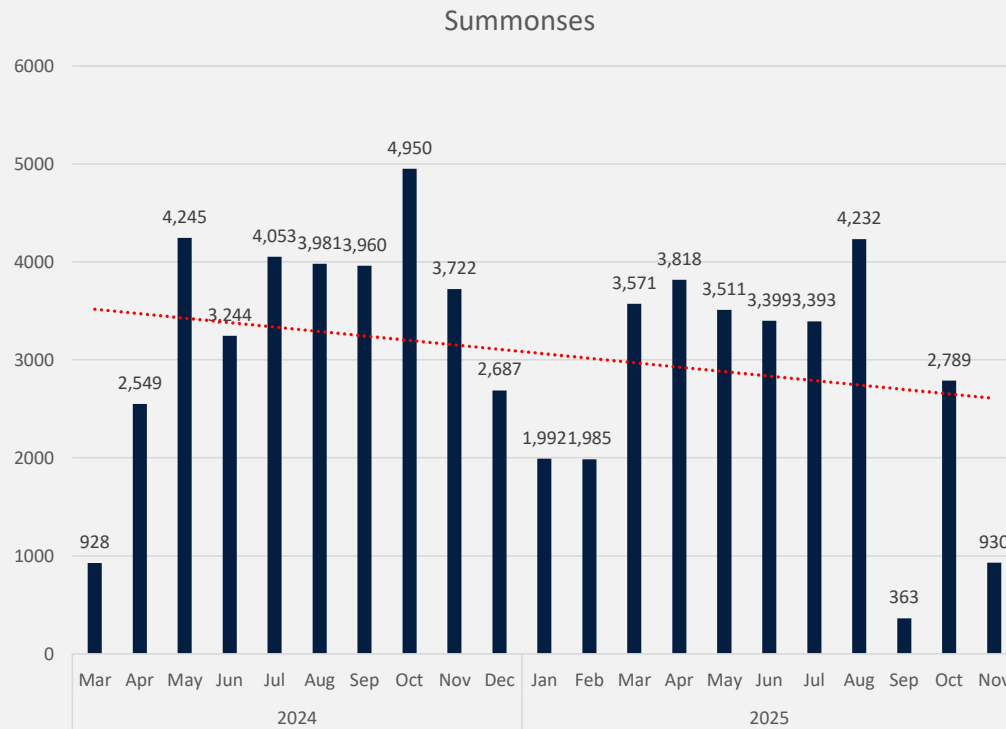
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| | ARRESTS | SUMMONSES | SEIZURES |
|---|---------|-----------|----------|
| 2024 Totals (61 operations) | 740 | 34,319 | 3,450 |
| YTD (1/1 – 11/10/2025) (47 - operations) | 718 | 29,983 | 2,447 |



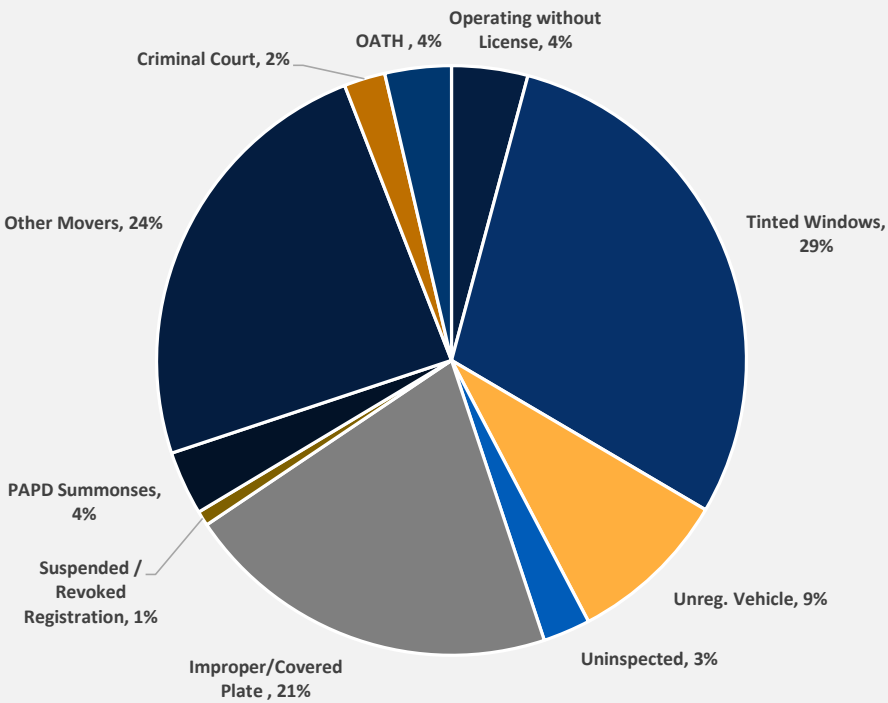
Monthly Data Trends – Summonses



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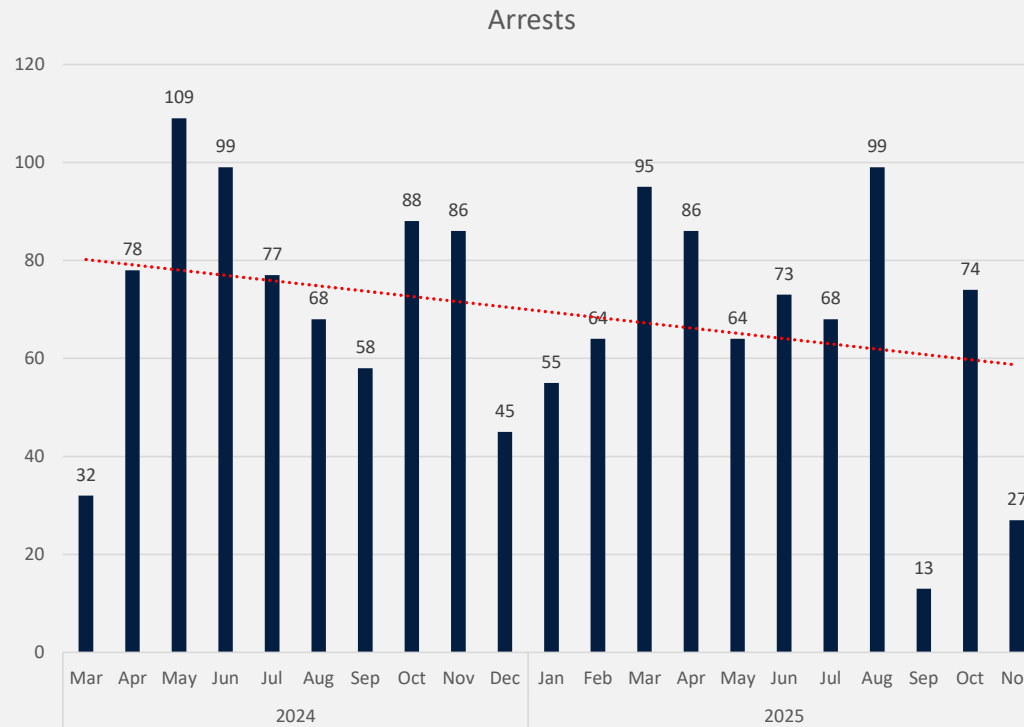
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Types of Summonses



| SUMMONS TYPE | YEAR 2024 (11/10/2025) | YTD | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Operating without License | 1,230 | 1,455 | 2,685 |
| Tinted Windows | 10,687 | 8,149 | 18,836 |
| Unreg. Vehicle | 2,439 | 3,244 | 5,683 |
| Uninspected | 882 | 791 | 1,673 |
| Improper/Covered Plate | 5,620 | 7,676 | 13,296 |
| Suspended / Revoked Registration | 301 | 219 | 520 |
| PAPD Summonses | 0 | 2,259 | 2,259 |
| Other Movers | 11,146 | 4,414 | 15,560 |
| Criminal Court | 793 | 656 | 1,449 |
| OATH | 1,221 | 1,120 | 2,341 |
| TOTAL | 34,319 | 29,983 | 64,302 |

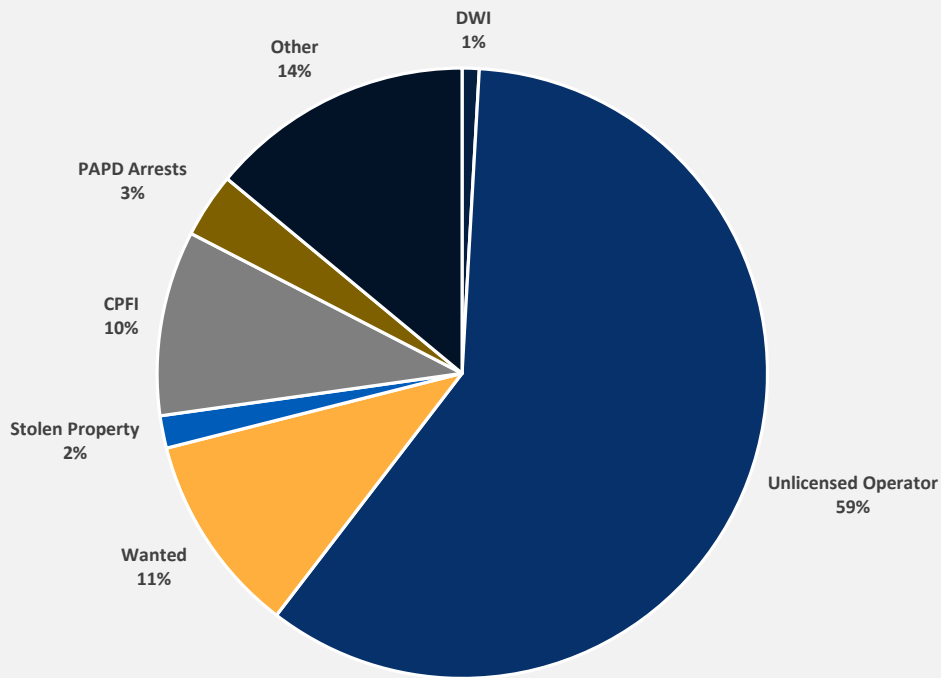
Monthly Data Trends – Arrests



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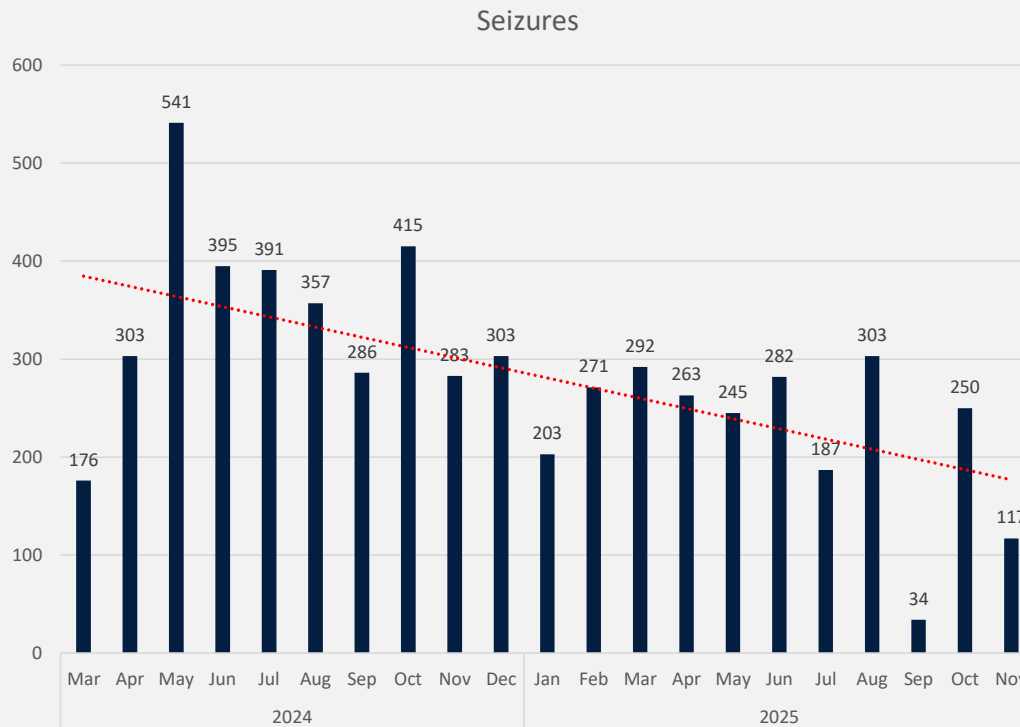
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Types of Arrests



| ARREST TYPE | YEAR 2024 | YTD (11/10/2025) | TOTAL |
|---------------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| DWI | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Unlicensed Operator | 444 | 424 | 868 |
| Wanted | 73 | 82 | 155 |
| Stolen Property | 16 | 9 | 25 |
| CPFI | 78 | 65 | 143 |
| PAPD Arrests | 0 | 50 | 50 |
| Other | 123 | 81 | 204 |
| TOTAL | 740 | 718 | 1,458 |

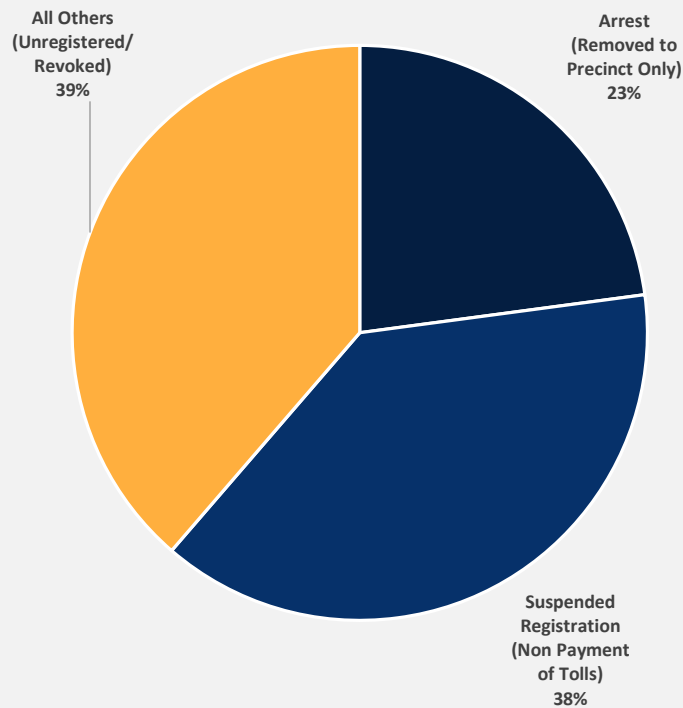
Monthly Data Trends – Seizures



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Types of Seizures



| SEIZURE TYPE | YTD (11/10/2025) |
|---|------------------|
| Arrest (Removed to Precinct Only) | 560 |
| Suspended Registration (Non Payment of Tolls) | 941 |
| All Others (Unregistered/Revoked) | 946 |
| TOTAL | 2,447 |

Note: 3,450 seizures in year 2024, but seizure types not tracked in year 2024

Public Messaging

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 **Chief of Transportation @N...** · 2/17/25

We will continue to be out there and continue to remind all motorists that their license plates should be visible, legible, valid, assigned to your vehicle, and attached on proper mounting locations. Drive Lawfully.



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Messages

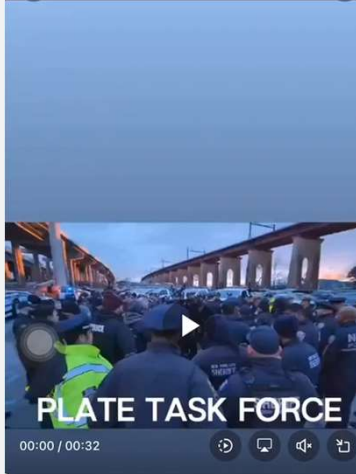



PLATE TASK FORCE

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 **NYC SHERIFF**
@NYCSHERIFF · 3/14/24

The Sheriff's Office participated in a joint Ghost Car Operation at the RFK Bridge (Manhattan bound) with the Sheriff's Road Patrol Unit, officers from t... more

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Social Media messaging:

- Cheaters
- Stealing funds
- We pay...
- We follow rules....
- Why should they get a pass?
- Vehicles involved in crimes and fatalities

Closing Comments / Open Discussion

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