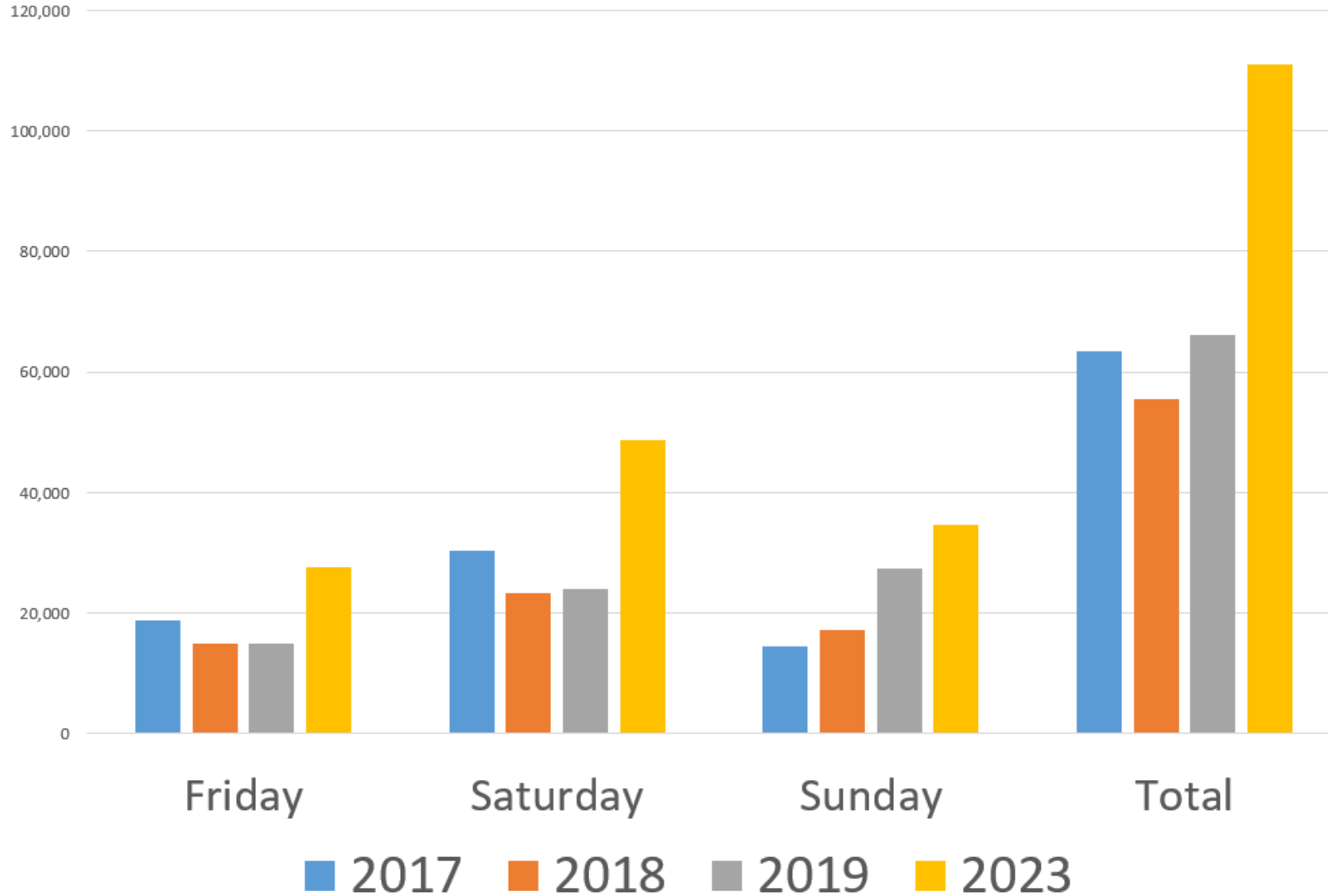# TOWN HALL MEETING
May 4, 2023

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions

- Mayor's Comments

- Event Overview by City Manager

- Question & Answer

- Additional Comments

- Adjournment

EVENT OVERVIEW

- Pre-Planning

- Event Day

- Post Event

Orange Crush Visit Data

Source: Placer.ai

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, 4/21

12 PM - Police calls escalate and continues through Sunday, 12 AM.

336 total calls for service over the weekend

SATURDAY, 4/22

11:30 AM - Traffic volume increases

1:30 PM - Accident occurs on US 80

1:30 PM -7:30 PM - 3 additional traffic incidents on US 80 cause grid lock

7:53 PM - Road rage shooting on US 80; Road closed in both directions.

10 PM -1 AM - Reserved emergency lane breached and causes traffic back ups

12 AM - GSP troopers arrive on Tybee

SUNDAY, 4/23

12:30 PM - Crowd size grows. South end parking lots 80% full.

4 PM - GSP arrives on Tybee

8:30 PM - Police cars damaged while officers on armed robbery call

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Pre-Planning

- Traffic

- Legal

- Community Safety

- Communications

- Future Planning

PRE-PLANNING

- What type of coordination occurred with other law enforcement agencies like GSP and National Guard?

- What type of preparations were made by city staff to handle this event?

- Why was there a difference in law enforcement response for this year's Orange Crush versus prior years?

PRE-PLANNING

- What type of training do first responders have to handle large events?

- Why didn't the city have enough Narcan on hand for a large event?

Traffic

- Where do you get your traffic data?

- Why was traffic so bad on US 80 and why did it take so long to clear accidents?

- Why wasn't more law enforcement present on US 80?

- Was parking enforced and cars towed during Orange Crush?

Traffic

- Can we close the roads for large events?

- Is there a better way to provide emergency vehicle access during traffic gridlock?

- Were life flight helicopters available and will they be in the future if traffic is gridlocked?

Legal

- Why does a DOJ Agreement influence the city's planning for events?

- Can the city prohibit unpermitted events?

- Why can't Tybee close its beach like during the COVID-19 quarantine?

Legal

- Can event promoters be held accountable for damages caused by their unpermitted events?

- Can citizens decide on open container laws via a referendum?

Community Safety

- How do we ensure that beach litter from large events do not wash into the ocean?

- How do we clean up trash on Tybee Island after large events?

- How can we prevent large house parties or shut them down once they start?

Community Safety

- How do we report neighborhood issues during an event?

- Can the city institute a curfew?

- What priority is given to ordinance violations for beach rules, noise, parking, and speeding? Did Tybee PD, GSP and Chatham Police write tickets?

Communications

- What can be done in the future to prevent poor cell phone coverage? Can temporary cell towers be brought in for large events?

- Is it possible to get regular public safety alerts and updates?

Future Planning

- What will you do to plan for next year?

- How will you include other impacted jurisdictions in planning and preparing?

- Does Tybee have the option to limit the number of people on the island like national parks, movie theaters or stadiums?

Future Planning

- Can traffic to the island be controlled with checkpoints and toll booths during events?

- Can the city develop an Emergency Preparedness Plan for large events like it does for hurricanes?

POINTS OF CONTACT

Citizens have asked how they can help bring about a regional planning approach for large-scale events such as Orange Crush. You can reach out to elected leaders and share your thoughts and experiences.

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