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POLICE DEPARTMENT

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

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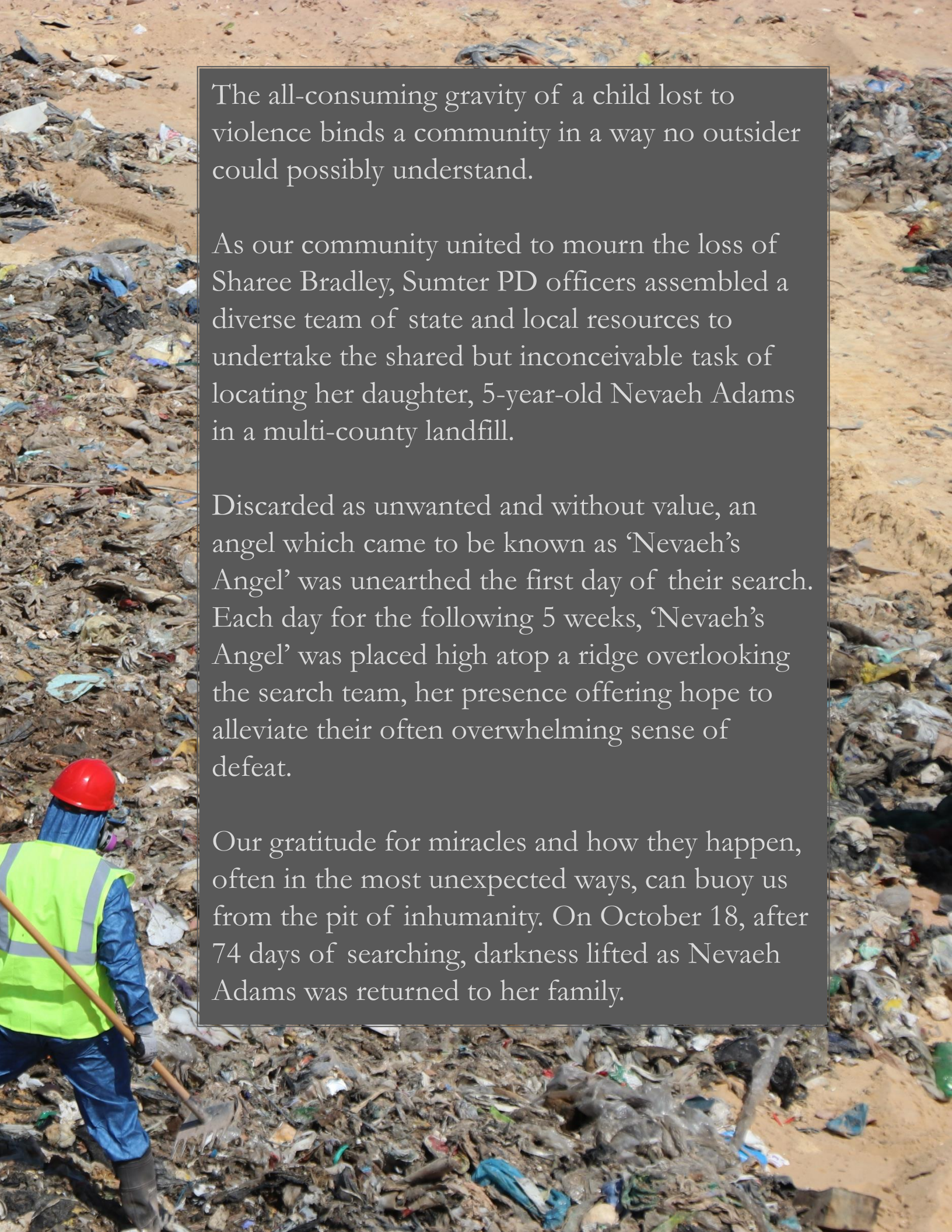
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A photograph of a worker in a red hard hat and high-visibility vest working in a landfill. The worker is seen from the back, using a shovel to dig through a large pile of trash and debris. The background is filled with more trash and a sandy ground.

The all-consuming gravity of a child lost to violence binds a community in a way no outsider could possibly understand.

As our community united to mourn the loss of Sharee Bradley, Sumter PD officers assembled a diverse team of state and local resources to undertake the shared but inconceivable task of locating her daughter, 5-year-old Nevaeh Adams in a multi-county landfill.

Discarded as unwanted and without value, an angel which came to be known as ‘Nevaeh’s Angel’ was unearthed the first day of their search. Each day for the following 5 weeks, ‘Nevaeh’s Angel’ was placed high atop a ridge overlooking the search team, her presence offering hope to alleviate their often overwhelming sense of defeat.

Our gratitude for miracles and how they happen, often in the most unexpected ways, can buoy us from the pit of inhumanity. On October 18, after 74 days of searching, darkness lifted as Nevaeh Adams was returned to her family.

OUR VALUES

We believe that strong relationships between law enforcement and citizens are the foundation to creating safe, healthy communities.

We are committed to community oriented policing strategies and building trust, communication and cooperation between officers and the community.

We are committed to maintaining the city's most valuable attribute-public trust.

We are committed to maintaining public trust by conducting ourselves professionally at all times and by treating all persons fairly and with respect.





A Message From THE CHIEF OF POLICE



Russell F. Roark, III

Community trust is critical to our success as a law enforcement agency. As technology and innovation reduce the need for personal interaction in our daily lives, it is imperative that law enforcement invest in building strong, diverse and resilient connections with all of our community stakeholders.

As police officers, our integrity is measured through our daily dialogue and actions. This requires us to do the right thing even when it may not be convenient or recognized by others.

Accountability increases community confidence, and law enforcement is incorporating new technologies that offer greater levels of transparency. We are also committed to adopting policies that encourage police-community interaction, and to developing a better understanding of effective education and empathic enforcement.

In 2020, we will continue to innovatively address public safety and work collaboratively with the community to maintain your confidence and support.

OUR IMPACT

We believe in doing work that creates value and improves equity and inclusion. The experience of connecting with those we serve builds trust and mutual respect, and provides a foundational understanding of community diversity.



OUR IMPACT

“It’s more than just serving and protecting my community. It’s about being part of something I believe in -something bigger than just me.”

-Officer First Class Courtney Cochran







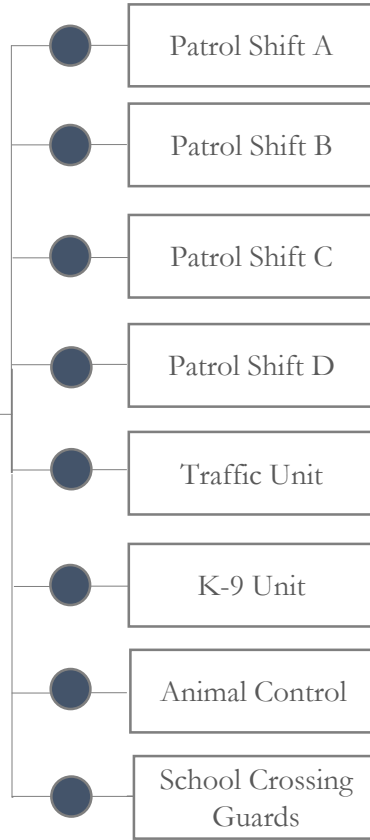
UNIFORM SERVICES DIVISION

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Organizational Structure

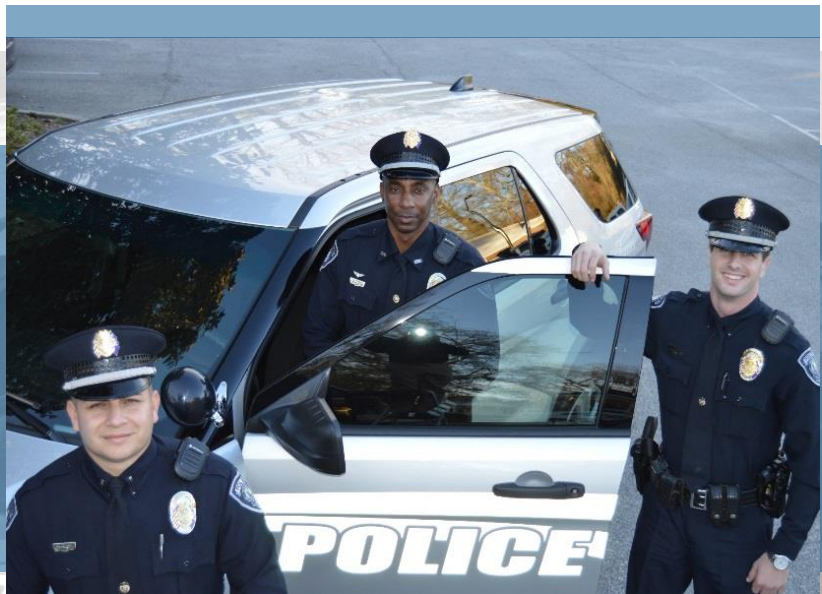


Captain Robert Singleton



The largest of the department's Divisions, Uniform Services provides front-line law enforcement services 24 hours per day, 365 days of the year.

Under the command of Captain Robert Singleton, officers assigned to Uniform Services interact with the public daily, answering calls for service, working traffic accidents and conducting proactive neighborhood and business patrols.



UNIFORM SERVICES DIVISION

Patrol

Calls for Service



■ Officer Initiated ■ Citizen Initiated

39,081

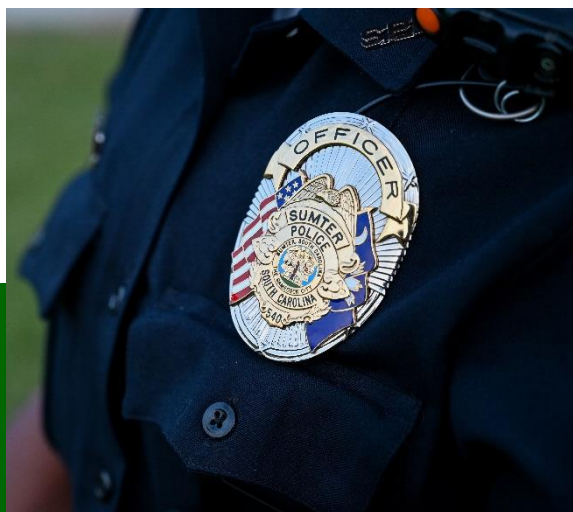
51%

38,848

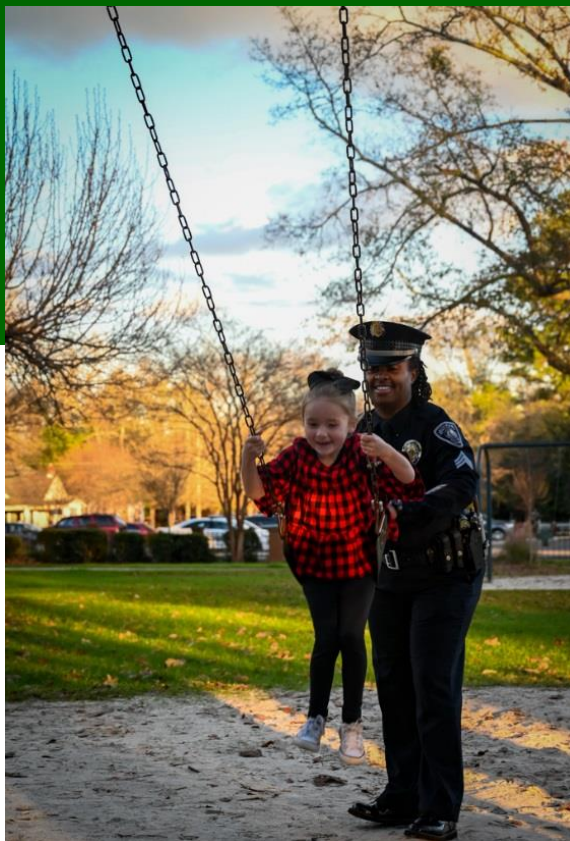
49%

Patrol Division

4 patrol shifts answer calls for service and provide 24-hour police presence in the city. Utilizing the department's community policing philosophy, patrol officers promote proactive problem solving and police-community partnerships to address community concerns. Their relationships with the community provide the foundation of public trust.



Patrol Division

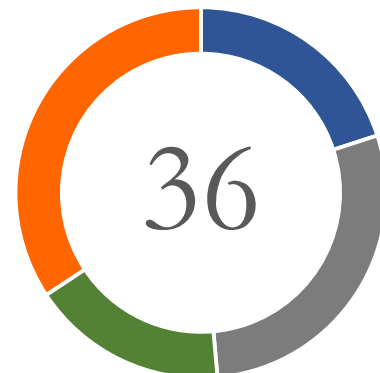


Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit is responsible for motor vehicle and pedestrian safety on streets and highways within the City of Sumter. The unit also coordinates more than 30 annual traffic related special events within the city such as parades, road races, and downtown events. Officers assigned to this unit receive specialized training in areas such as Advanced DUI Enforcement, Speed Measurement, and Collision Investigation. In 2019, the Unit cleared 64% of reported hit and run cases.



Special Events



■ 1st Qtr ■ 2nd Qtr ■ 3rd Qtr ■ 4th Qtr

K-9 Unit

The department's K-9 Unit is comprised of 4 police officer handlers, 4 dual purpose canines and 1 tracking canine. Handlers and their canine partners train an average of 34 hours per month and assist with narcotics related building and vehicle searches, article searches, and tracking of fleeing suspects and missing or endangered persons. The Unit also visits schools to educate and develop positive youth relationships.



Training Hours



■ 1st Qtr ■ 2nd Qtr ■ 3rd Qtr ■ 4th Qtr

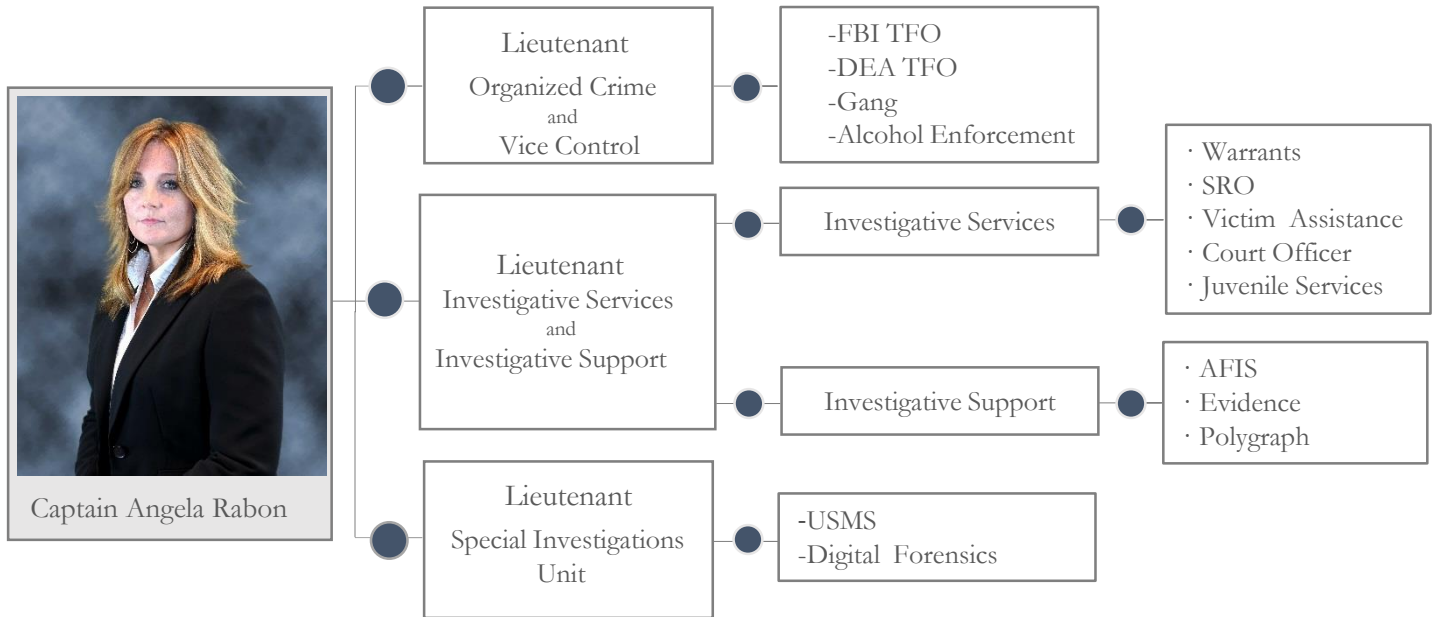




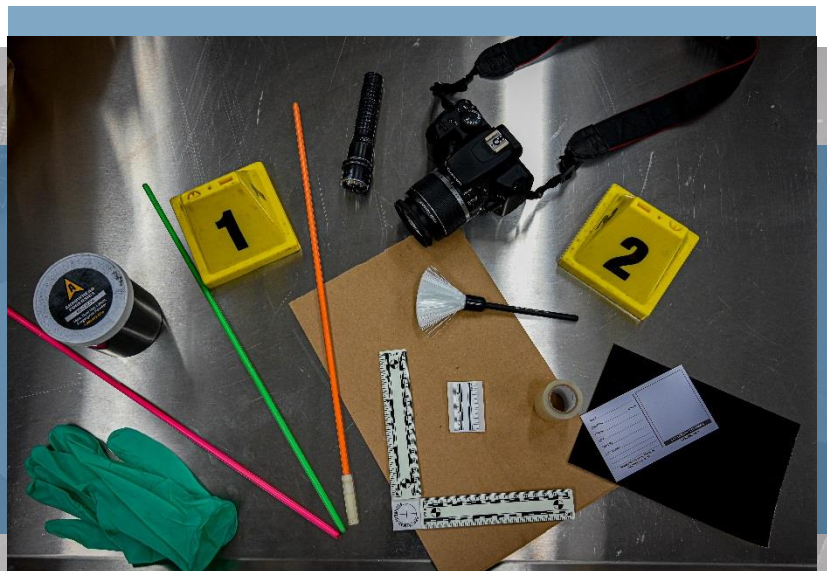
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

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Organizational Structure




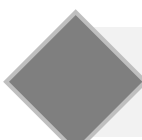


Responsible for developing information leading to the arrest of criminal offenders, Investigative Services is under the command of Captain Angela Rabon. With a total staffing level of 34, the division includes a number of specialized units such as Organized Crime and Vice Control, Victim Services and a comprehensive Support Services Unit.



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Caseload and Clearance Rate

		TOTAL CASES	CASES CLEARED	CLEARANCE RATE
	PROPERTY CRIMES	1,549	232	15%
	FINANCIAL CRIMES	421	93	22%
	JUVENILE CRIMES	439	406	92%
	VIOLENT CRIMES	919	442	48%

Warrants Section



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Support Services



Criminal Polygraphs



Pre-Employment Polygraphs



AFIS Searches



AFIS Identifications



AFIS Cases

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Organized Crime and Vice Control

\$57,319

Cash Seized

\$516,237

Value of Drugs Seized

7

Vehicles Seized

34

Weapons Seized

29

Search Warrants

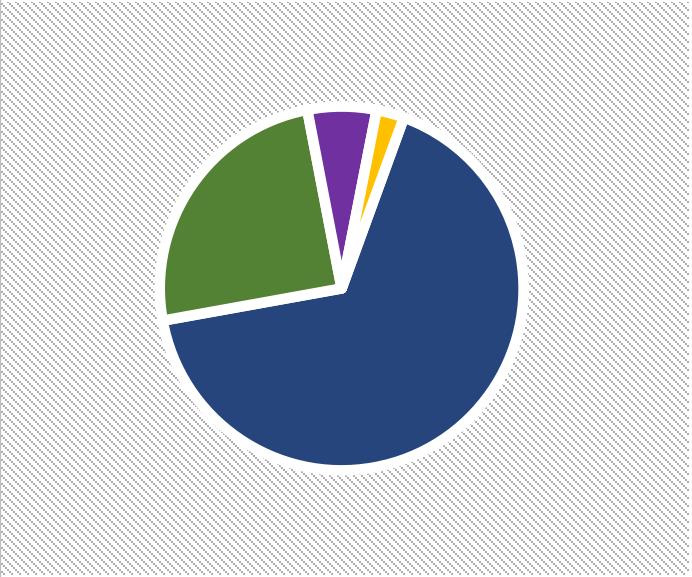
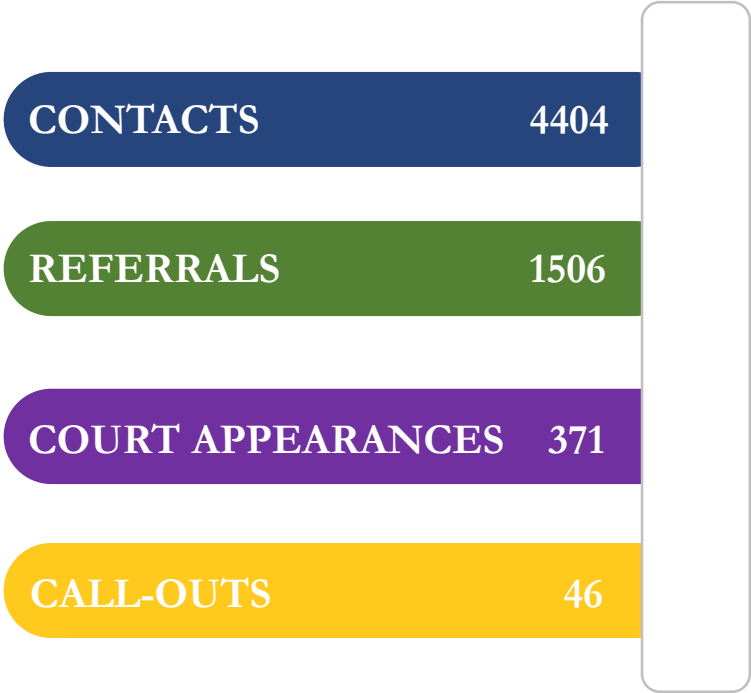
264

Arrests

* Includes Patrol assisted arrests

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Victim Services



SPD's Victim Services Unit provides services to crime victims, witnesses, and family members with the goal of mitigating trauma experienced as the result of a crime. Victim Advocates provide crisis intervention, criminal justice support and advocacy, community referrals, assistance in obtaining shelter, court accompaniment, assistance with filing Crime Victims' Compensation claims, and case management services.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Significant Arrests

- **Jimnique Tyshaun Frazier** was charged with two counts of attempted murder, **Jardaisha Shyquan Clark** and **Kelsie Shynique Stuckey** are each charged with assault and battery by mob-3rd degree, and **Ashley K. Davis** was charged with assault and battery. All charges stemming from same incident.
- **Matthew Tyrell Simmons** of Sumter, was charged with the February 2019 shooting death of Raphael Heywood Bostic. Simmons was located and arrested in Dallas by members of the U.S. Marshal Service
- **Kavon Deonte Cobia** was charged with Stalking and 2 counts of attempted burglary.
- **Veronica Tomlin** was charged with Breach of Trust after stealing over \$4,000 in cell phones from her employer, Boost Mobile.
- **David Rose** was charged with four counts of breaking and entering an automobile, four counts of burglary-2nd degree (violent), malicious injury to personal property and two counts of grand larceny. He also is charged with possession of burglary tools.
- **David Lavern Hill** was charged with attempted murder, domestic violence-2nd degree and two counts of assaulting an officer while resisting arrest.
- **De'Quan Maurice Stevens** and **Kelvin Bell** have both been charged with the armed robbery and murder of two Hispanic males that occurred outside of a residence in the Crosswell neighborhood.
- **Daunte Maurice Johnson** was charged with the stabbing murder of his girlfriend Sharee Bradley and Bradley's 5 year old daughter, Nevaeh Adams.
- **Deontrae Epps** was charged with the murder of Michael Rogers that occurred at the Hop In (Sunoco) gas station. He is also charged with unlawful carry of a firearm and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.
- **Moses Scott Priester** was charged for armed robbery of Safe Federal Credit Union.
- **Joquell Wanye Myers** was charged with the murder of Gregory Donta Middleton that occurred at the Hop In (Sunoco) gas station. He is also charged with attempted murder, unlawful carry of a firearm and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.
- **Jay Kirkland McBride** was charged with Attempted Murder, Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Crime, and Unlawful Carrying of a Pistol for the shooting incident that occurred on September 8th, 2019 at the Hop In (Sunoco) gas station.
- **Sheldon Lavern Benjamin Jr** was charged with Attempted Murder, Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Crime, and Unlawful Carrying of a Pistol for the shooting incident that occurred on September 8th, 2019 at the Hop In(Sunoco) gas station.
- **Dywain Mckenzie** was charged with attempted murder for shooting his brother.
- **Gladys Ricks** (teacher) was charged with 2 counts of unlawful conduct toward a child.
- **Carey Stephens** was charged with several counts of theft from a coin operated machine at several local car wash businesses.
- **Tyreek Samuels** was charged with armed robbery and Burglary after he forced his way into a residence and robbed the homeowner of his property at gun point.
- **Tyler James** was charged for the attempted murder of James Bell Jr. at the Speedway Gas Station.



A person wearing a white lab coat is holding a clipboard. In the foreground, a large sheet of paper is visible, possibly a document or a form. The scene is dimly lit, with a strong blue tint. The text "SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION" is overlaid on the upper right portion of the image.

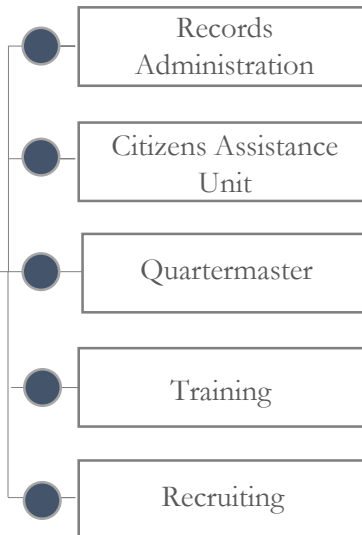
SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

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Organizational Structure



Captain Michael Evans



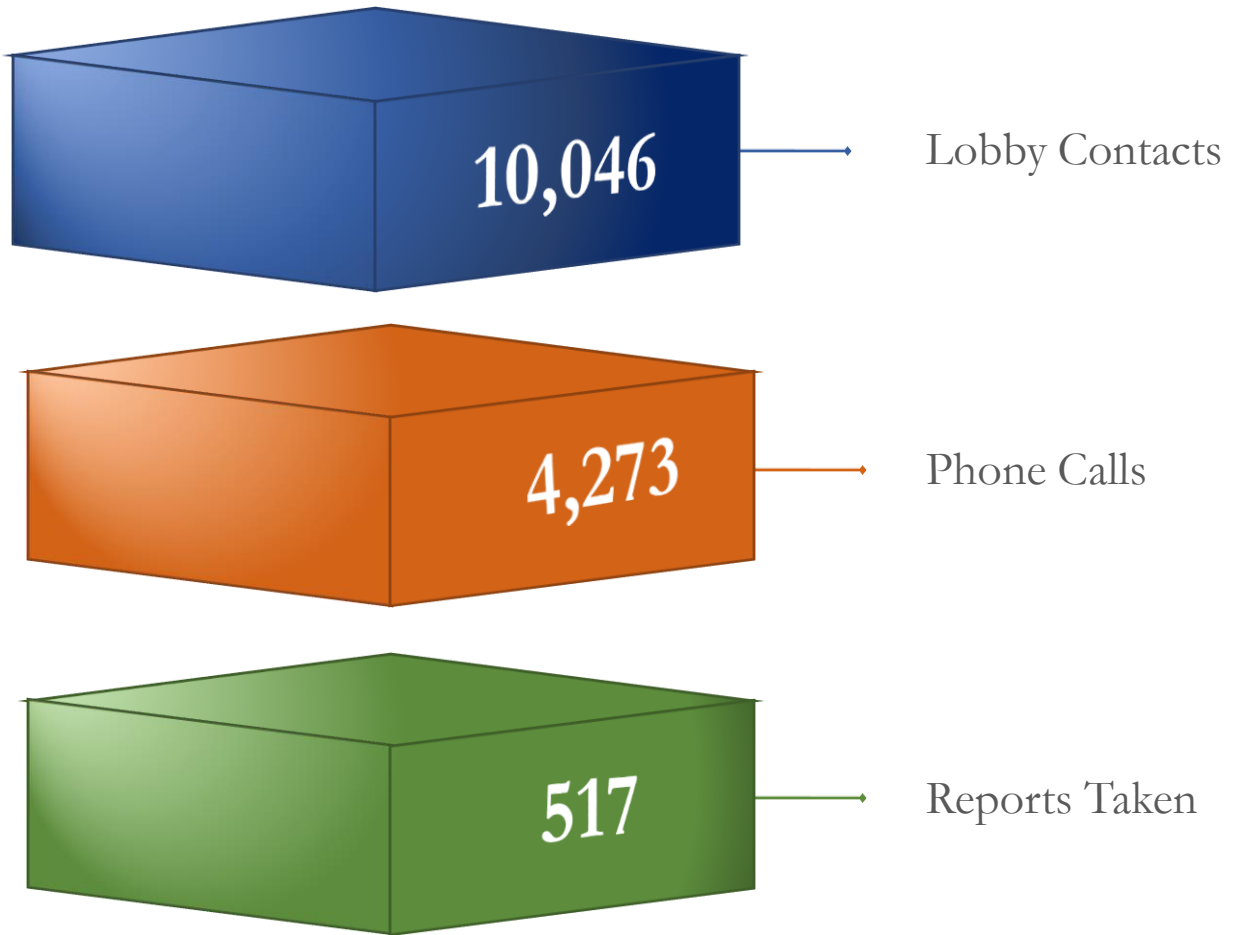
Under the command of Captain Mike Evans, Support Services is comprised of 5 units- Records Administration, Citizens Assistance Unit, Quartermaster, Recruiting, and Training. The division provides administrative support to all areas of the department.

Records Administration is staffed by 3 civilians responsible for processing and filing all incident reports, accident reports and City tickets, then transmitting the data to SLED. The Unit also conducts criminal background checks for government entities.

A Citizens Assistance Unit is staffed by sworn officers on weekdays from 8am-6pm. Citizens may visit the unit to file or request a copy of an incident report.

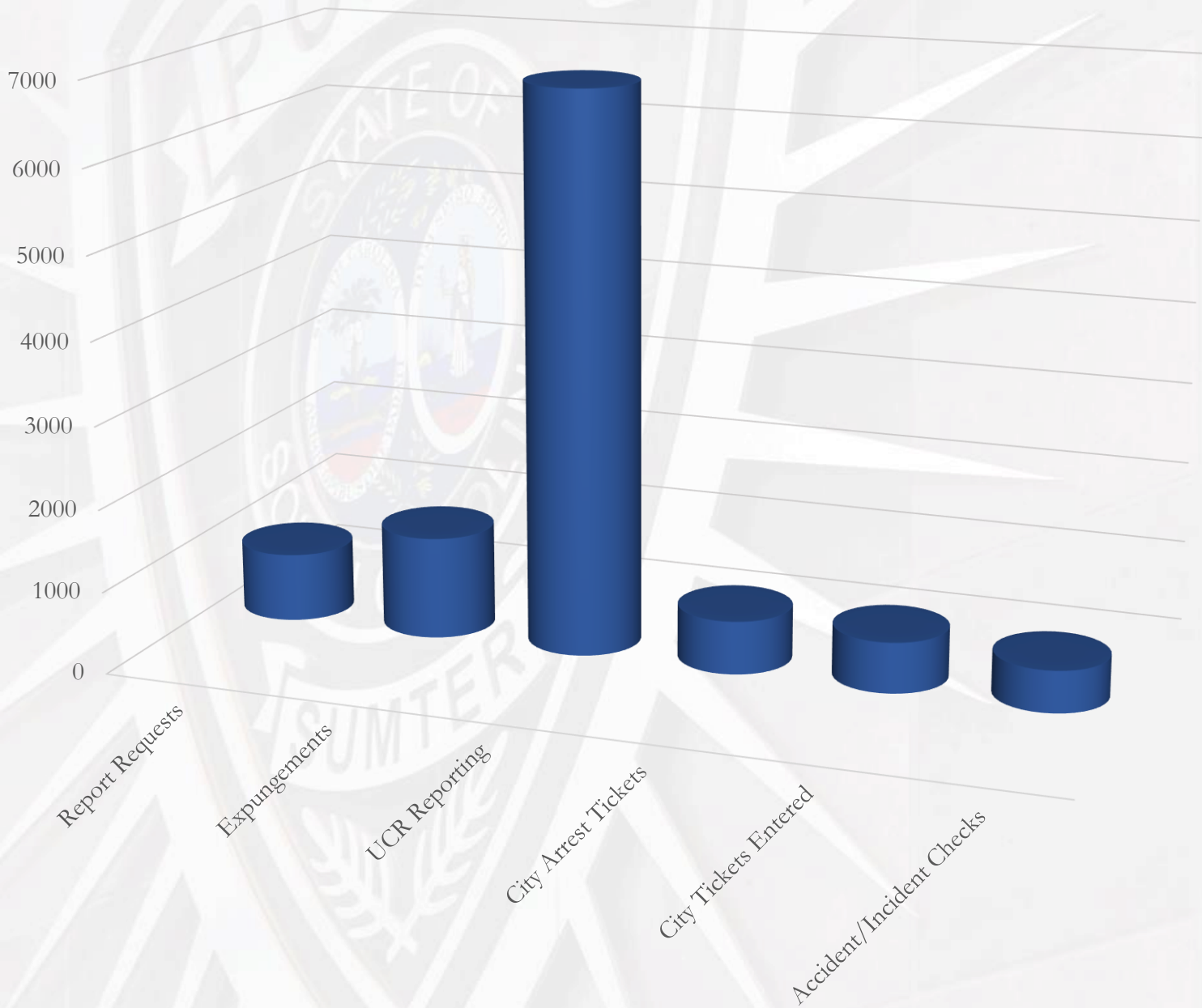
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Citizens Assistance Unit



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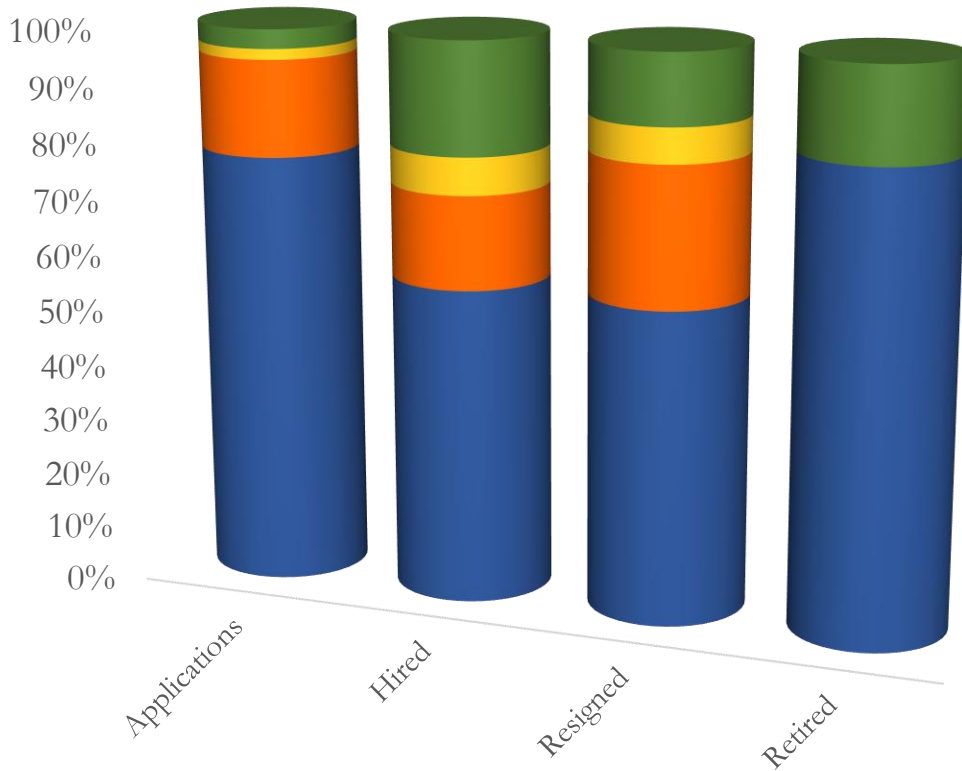
Records



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Recruitment

The challenge to recruit qualified law enforcement officers from a narrowing pool of applicants has touched agencies across the state and nation. In 2019, SPD adapted an innovative approach to reach potential new officers through robust national social media campaigns, which resulted in a 322% increase in employment applications.



	Applications	Hired	Resigned	Retired
■ Other	27	6	2	1
■ Animal Control	15	2	1	0
■ Telecommunications	136	5	4	0
■ Law Enforcement	613	17	9	5

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Training

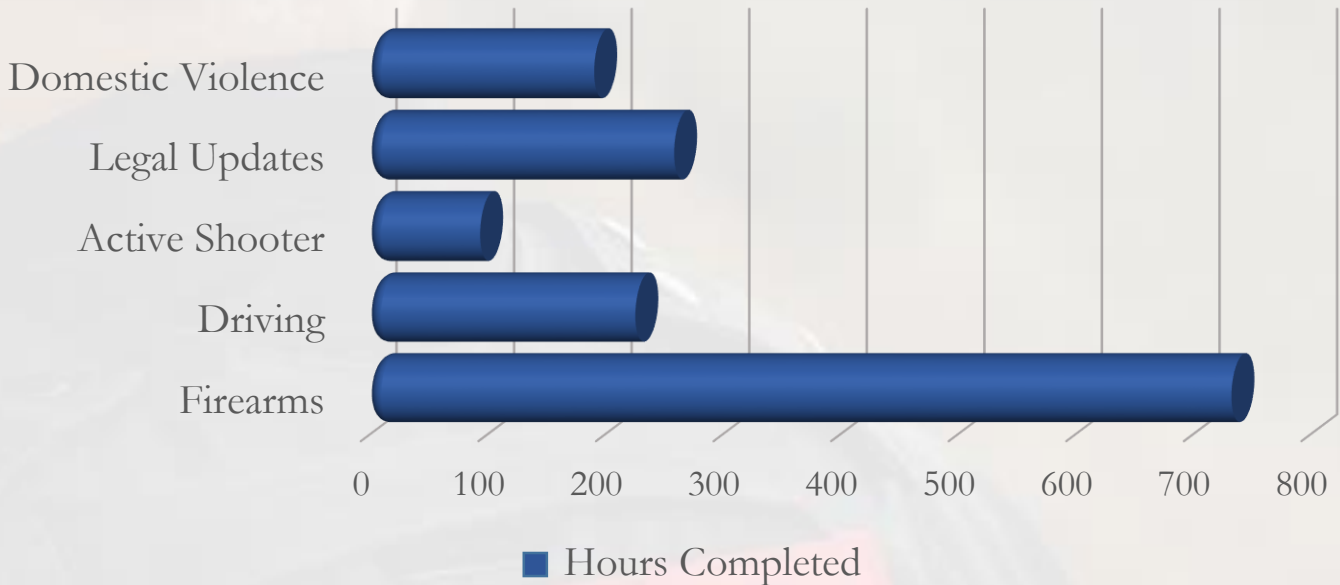
The Sumter Police Department Training Complex is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and firing ranges which benefit federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. In addition to SPD officers, the training complex was utilized in 2019 by more than 3,000 officers representing 7 various law enforcement agencies.



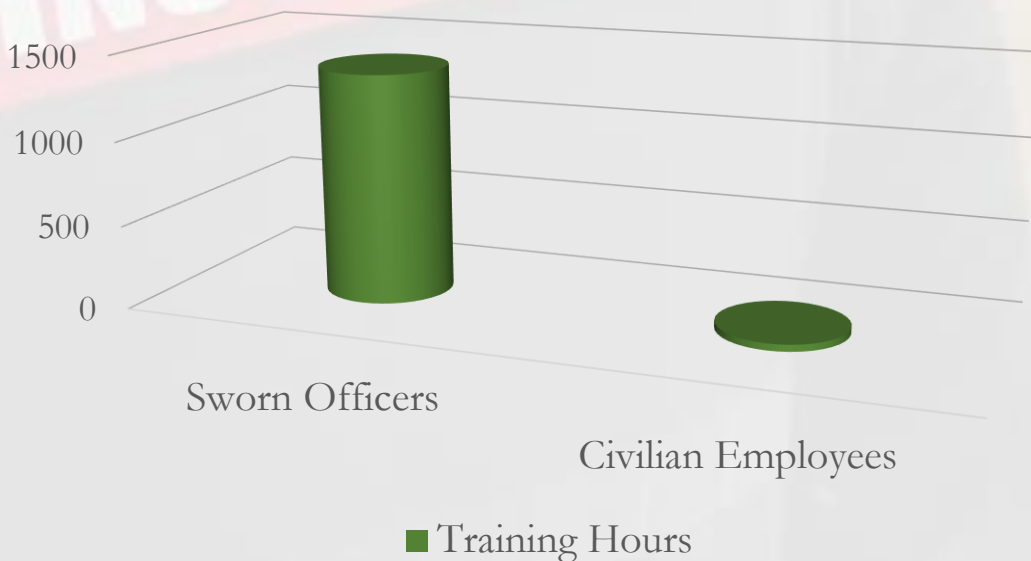
SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Training

In-House Sworn Officer Training



Virtual Academy Training Hours





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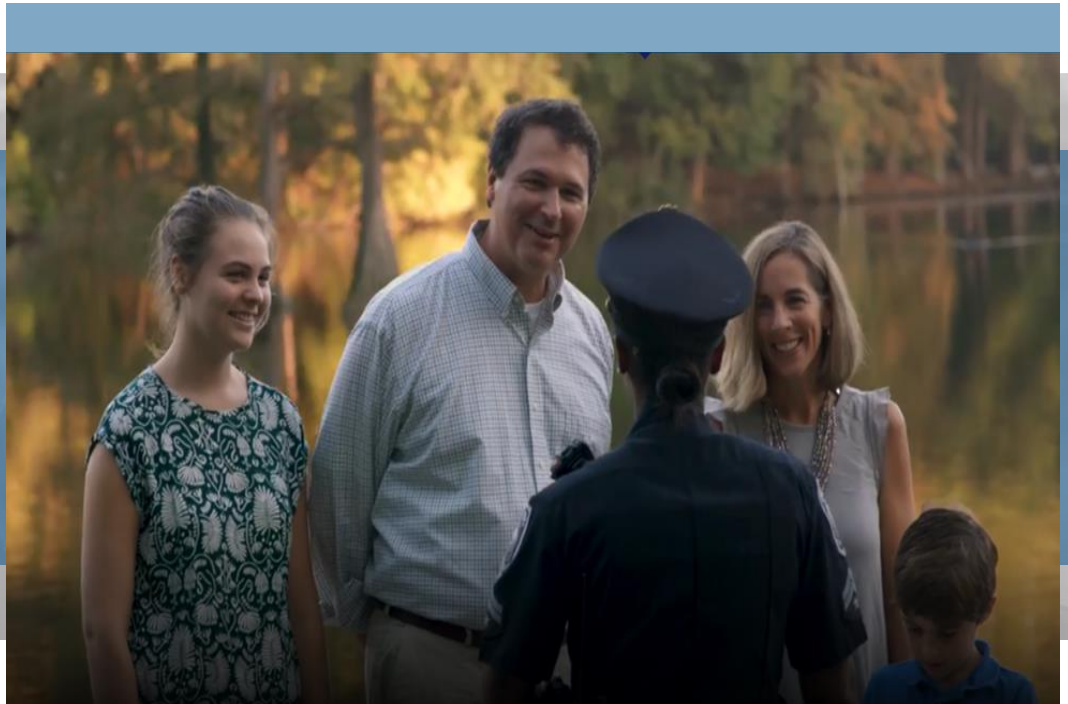
Organizational Structure



First Sergeant James Sinkler

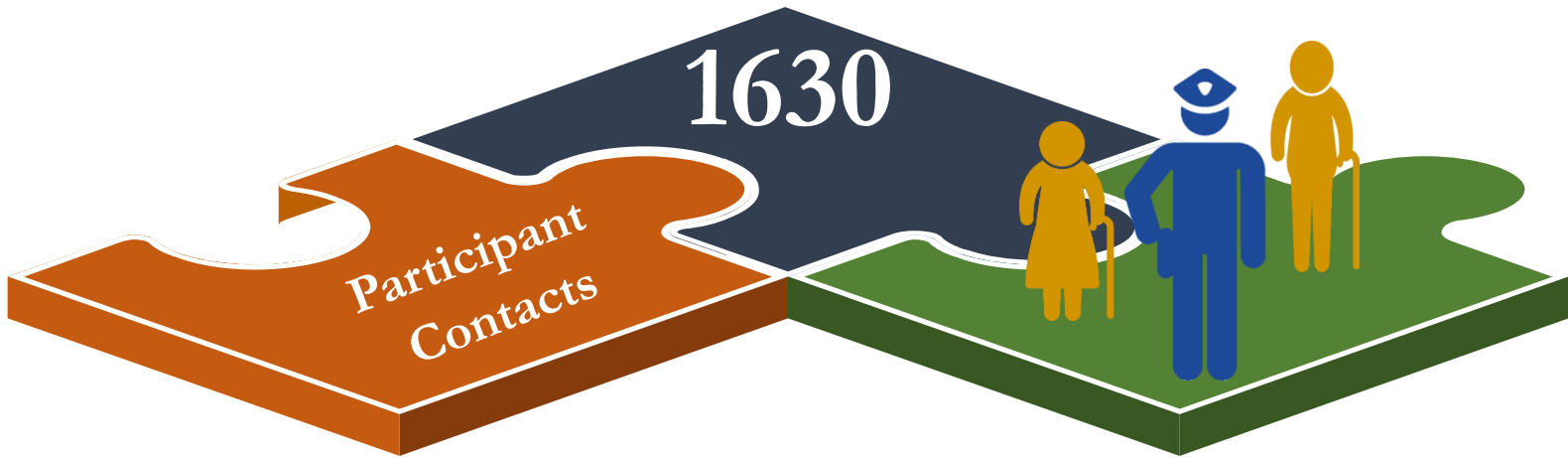


Central to Sumter Police Department's values and mission is an essential and enduring commitment to improving our community. Sworn officers along with civilian staff work in partnerships with the community to provide informative, educational, diverse and inclusive programs and services.



Community Services Division Project CheckMate

The department's award-winning CheckMate program provides seniors with community based assistance, allowing those with limited support resources the opportunity to age in place longer. The program currently serves 47 participants.

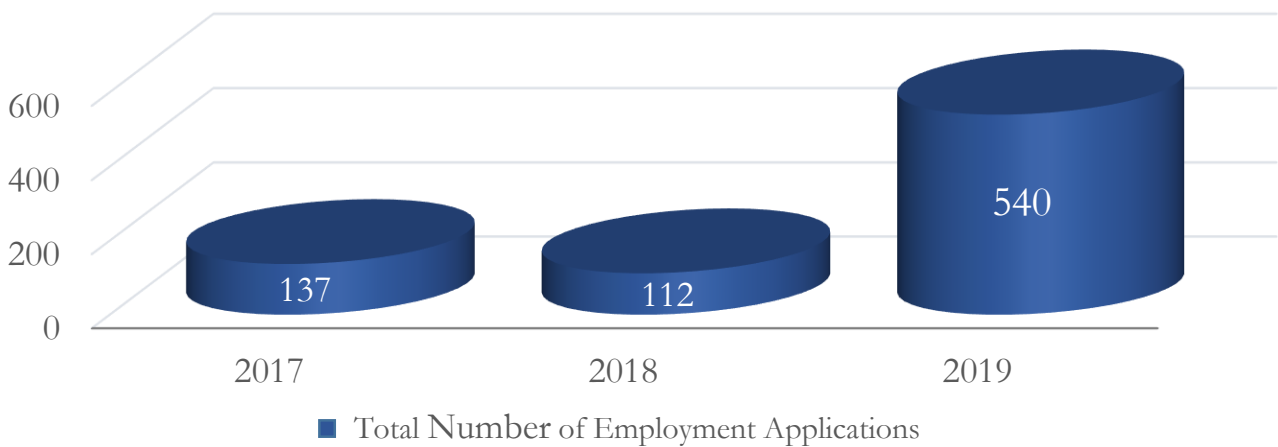


Community Services Division

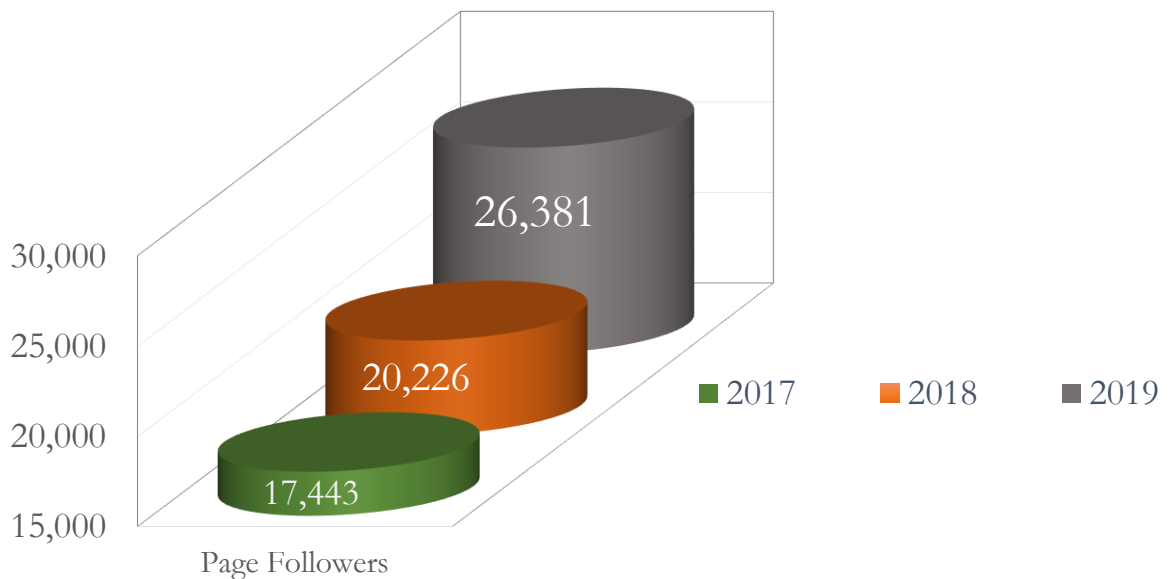
Public Information

Sumter Police Department continues to be a leader in law enforcement digital communication and engagement. In 2019, the department utilized social media to extend recruiting efforts beyond our city and state, which resulted in a 382% annual increase in employment applications.

Applications



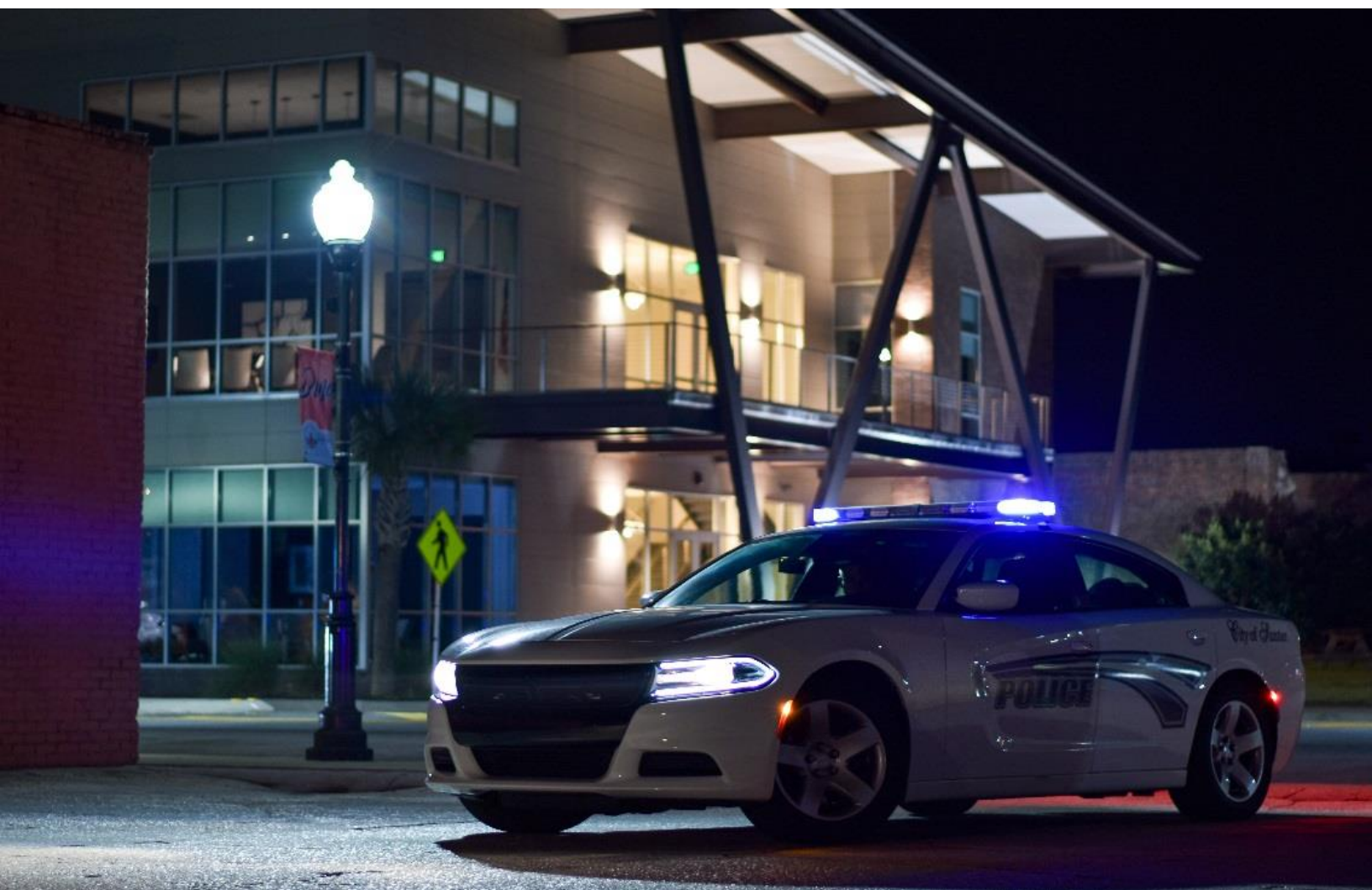
Facebook Engagement



Community Services Division

Downtown Patrol

Outdoor concerts, markets, and festivals are just a few of Sumter's Downtown entertainment attractions. A bold revitalization approach has resulted in new shopping and dining opportunities, and an increase in patrons. The department's Community Services Division utilizes community oriented policing strategies to enhance the safety and security of all locals and visitors to this historical area of our city.



Community Services Division

Connections

Diverse and resilient relationships with the community we serve are the foundation of our Community Services Division.

Scheduled programs and events along with unplanned interactions help develop trust, and connect us in the common goal of making Sumter a great city for all.



Community Services Division

Annual Events

- Black History Month Art/Essay Contest
- Community Partners' Appreciation Dinner
- Prom Promise/In an Instant
- Back to School Bash
- Fall Feast
- National Police Week Golf Tournament benefiting Sumter Crime Stoppers
- Cpl. Chuck Nesbitt Memorial Blood Drive
- Sumter County Fair
- Super Heroes Trunk-or-Treat
- National Night Out
- Pursuit to End Hunger Food Drive
- Cram-a-Cruiser Toy Drive





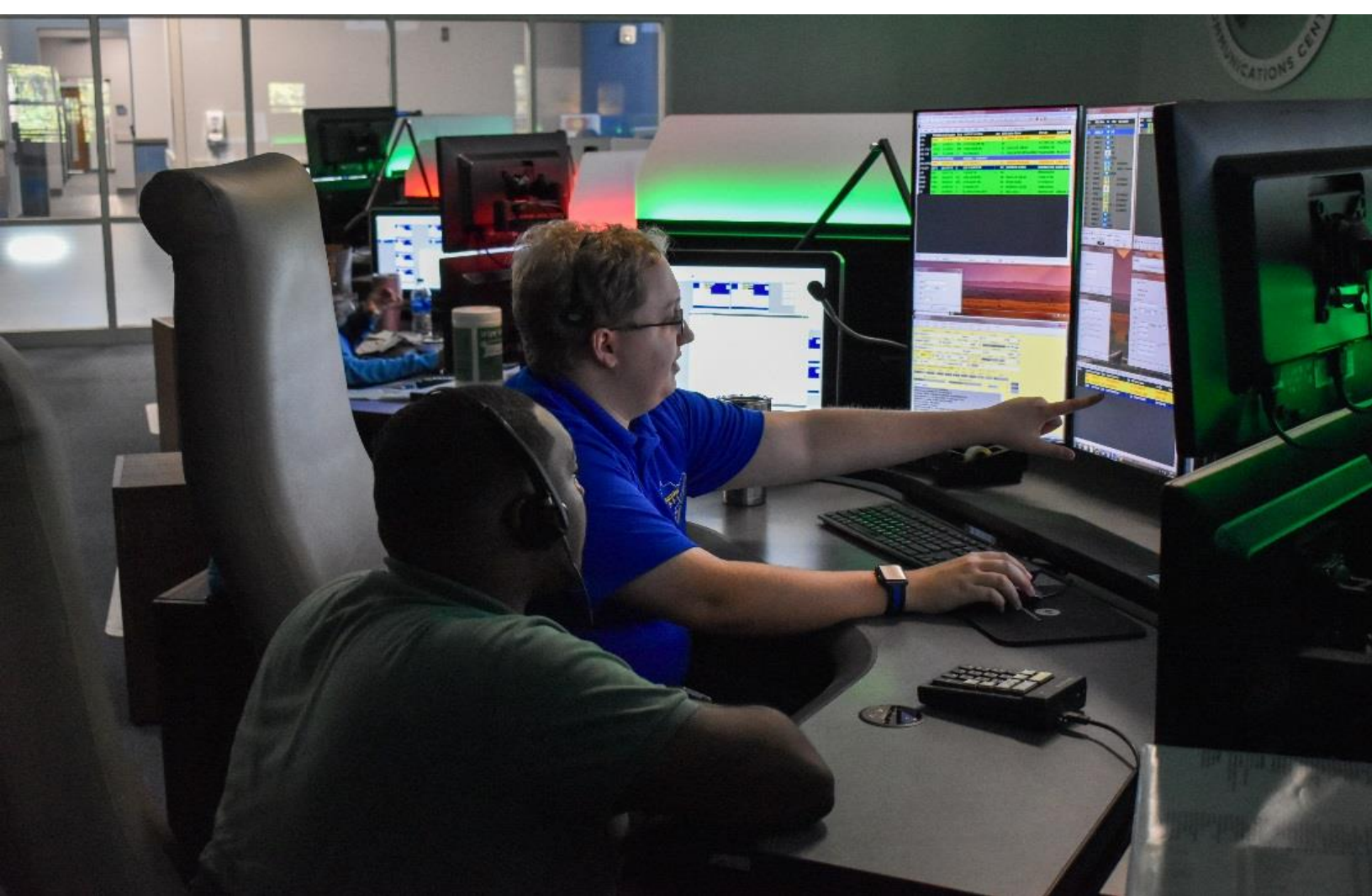
A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a telephone receiver. The scene is dimly lit, with a strong blue light source from the left, creating a dramatic, high-contrast effect. The background is dark, and the overall mood is mysterious and focused. The text 'TELECOMMUNICATIONS' is overlaid in the upper right corner.

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Telecommunications

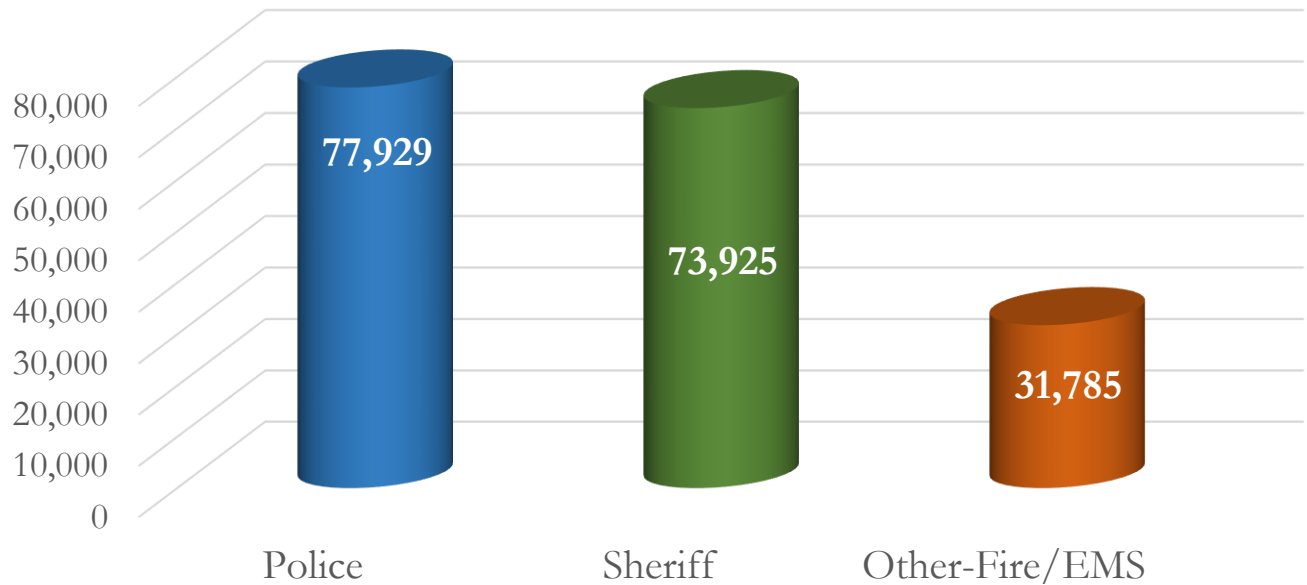
Telecommunicators play a vital role in meeting the need for public safety services, serving as the first point of contact for those needing emergency services. Answering approximately 15,303 emergency (911) and nonemergency calls monthly, our Telecommunications Center ensures appropriate resources are dispatched rapidly and accurately.

4 rotating shifts provide all radio communication for the Sumter Police Department, Sumter Sheriff's Office, Sumter Fire Department, and Sumter EMS.

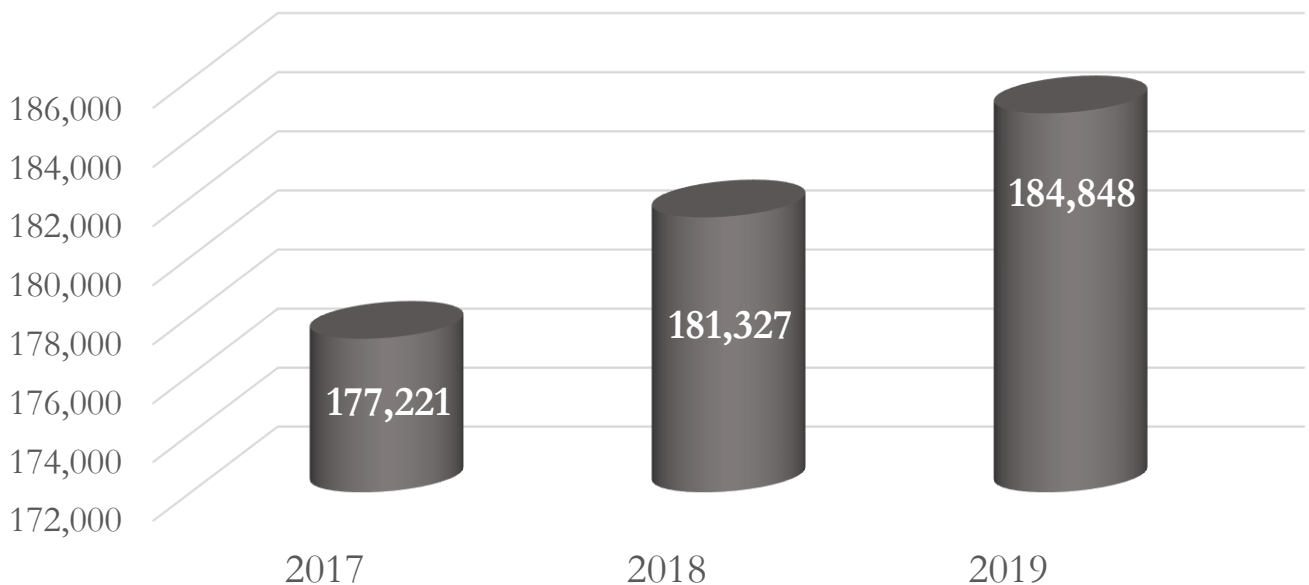


Telecommunications

2019 Calls for Service by Agency



3 Year Total Calls for Service Trend





METRICS



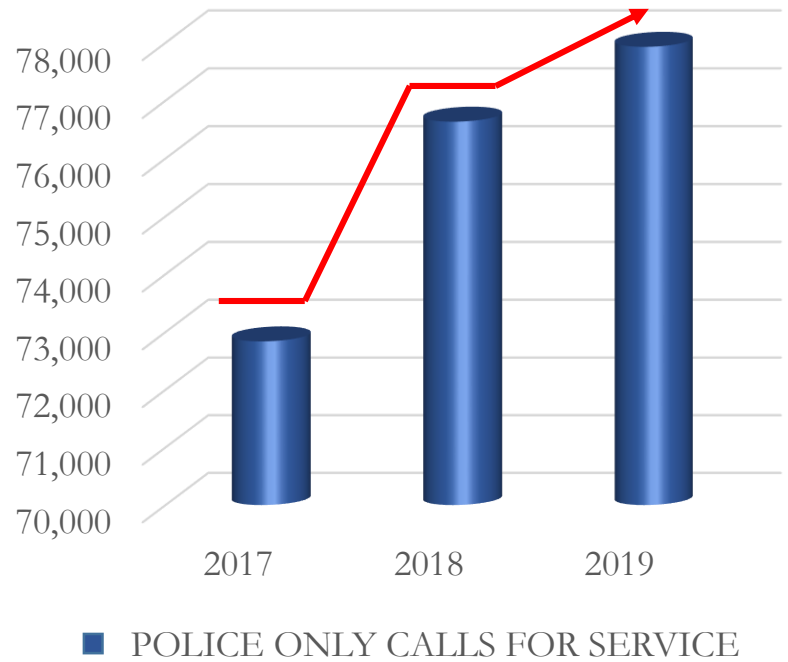
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Staffing Levels

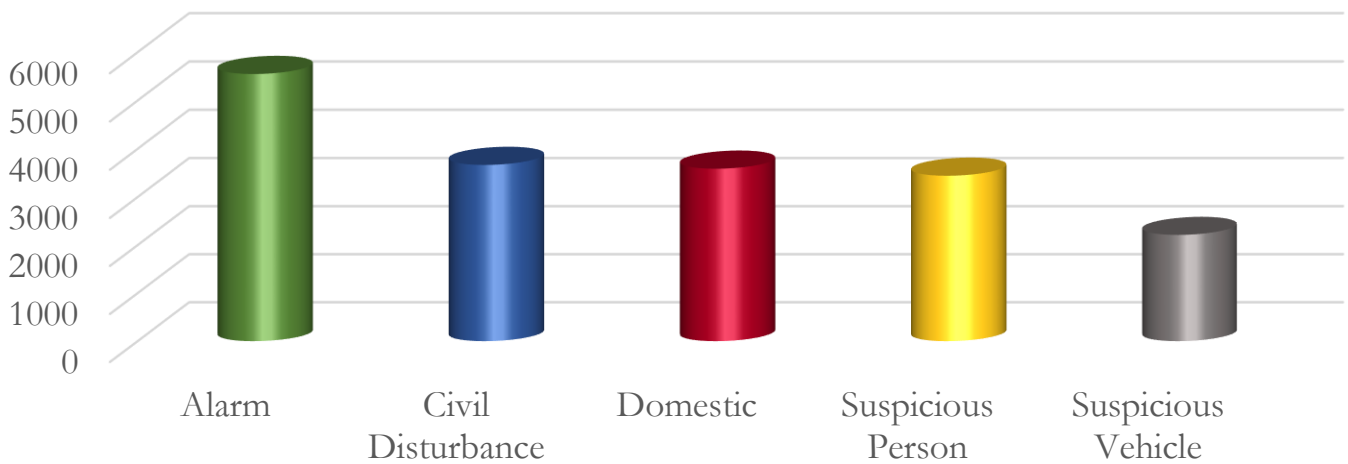


■ Sworn	107
■ Telecommunications	30
■ Civilian	39
TOTAL EMPLOYEES	176

Police Calls for Service Trend

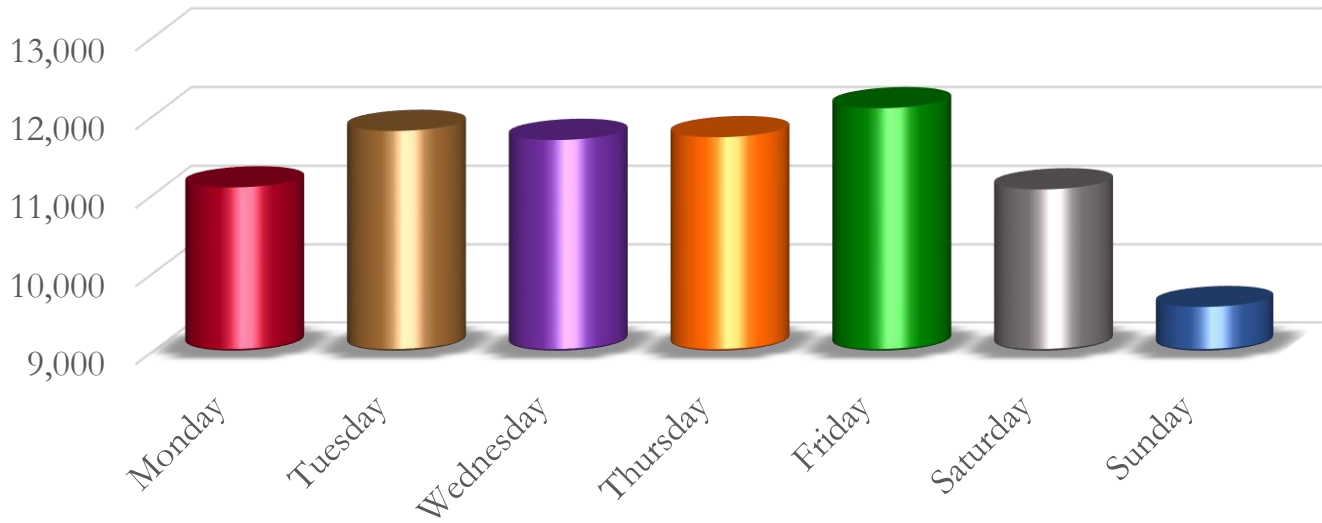


Top 5 Calls for Service



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Calls for Service by Day of the Week



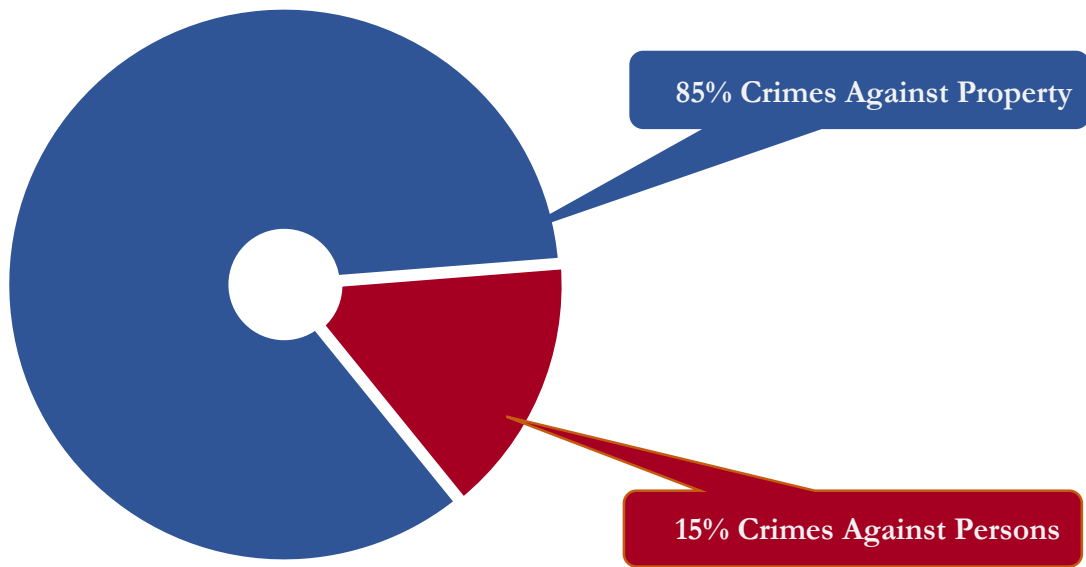
Value of Drugs Seized



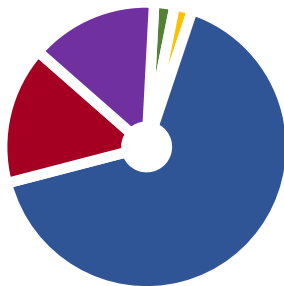
▪ Marijuana	\$178,361
▪ Cocaine	\$112,218
▪ Crack Cocaine	\$23,888
▪ Methamphetamine	\$83,178
▪ Heroin	\$110,454
▪ Misc. Pills	\$8,127
TOTAL VALUE	\$516,227

Metrics

2019 Total Index Crimes

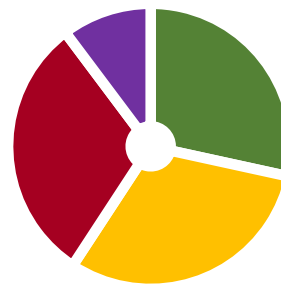


Crimes Against Persons



- Murder
- Aggravated Assault
- Weapons Crimes
- Sexual Assault
- Robbery

Crimes Against Property



- General Larceny
- Burglary
- Auto Break-In
- Auto Theft

Metrics

Index Crimes – 3 Year Rate

EVENT	2017	2018	2019	% CHANGE from previous year
Murder	5	4	8	+100
Sexual Assault	19	25	7	-72
Aggravated Assault	238	229	229	0
Burglary	410	327	346	+6
Auto Break-In	461	329	349	+6
Auto Theft	105	100	116	+16
General Larceny	458	439	322	-27
Weapons Crimes	72	105	50	-52
Vandalism	524	501	441	-12
Robberies	78	65	54	-17
Copper Thefts	7	13	12	-8
TOTALS	2370	2137	1934	-9.5





HIGHLIGHTS

Flag Dedication

The Sumter Police Department, joined by City of Sumter officials and members of the Sumter Fire Department, held a Flag Ceremony in July to dedicate the American Flag that is now displayed at our station.

Prior to the dedication, the flag was flown at several historically significant locations, including the United States Capitol and Shaw Air Force Base, before being flown on Flag Day 2018 at the Public Safety Complex.



New and Notable

SPD was instrumental in the development and implementation of a restructured SC Criminal Justice Academy certification format for Class I law enforcement officers. The new format reduces wait times for Academy start dates by allowing officer candidates the opportunity to complete their first 4 weeks of required training in-house, before beginning an 8 week residential program at the Academy.



Serving Across the Spectrum

Internship to Employment

Our successful internship program allows students the opportunity to gain valuable on-the-job experience, while providing the department with talented future leaders who understand our culture of diversity and service.

Patrolwoman Mary Koty joined the department this year after completing a college internship.



Military Service to Civilian Service

SPD's strong bond with Shaw Air Force Base/ARCENT provides military personnel separating from the Armed Forces an opportunity to transfer skills and experience to a civilian career with the department.

After serving 26 years in the US Air Force, Jim Allsbrook joined the department in 2006 and continues to serve as an Evidence Custodian.

OFC James Salmon and Patrolman Lee Sergeant joined SPD as Animal Control Officers before deciding to attend the Academy and become sworn law enforcement officers. Both officers are assigned to the Uniform Services Division and serve as Patrol Officers.



Kathy Miles Hatfield began her career in Telecommunications with Sumter Police Department in 1979. She continues to serve the City as our E-911 Coordinator, updating and maintaining all data to assure appropriate emergency resources are dispatched when needed.



After 50 years of dedicated service, Violet Welch retired from her duties as a School Crossing Guard. Since 1968, she has made certain Crosswell Elementary School children arrive and depart safely each day.

Highlights

SPD's Traffic Unit was awarded the SC Law Enforcement Network's 2019 Gold Level Participation Award for DUI enforcement. In addition to enhanced DUI detection and enforcement efforts, the unit also participated in numerous safe driving campaigns including 'Sober or Slammer' and 'Buckle Up SC'.



Officer of the Year


Sumter Police Department Officer 1st Class Cedric Kirkman was honored with the 2019 American Legion Sumter Post 15's Public Safety Award. Kirkman spent last summer working with the city's Youth Corps program and mentoring participants. Also, while visiting the Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, he coordinated efforts with other law enforcement officers to bring toys and other items to a young patient receiving treatment. Kirkman was also recognized for working with young athletes in the community and providing guidance to at-risk youth.



20 Year IN REVIEW 19







For this child I have prayed.
1 Samuel 1:27

Nevaeh's Angel



Mayor

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr.

City Manager

Deron L. McCormick

City Council

Thomas J. Lowery | Mayor Pro Tempore

Steve Corley

Colin C. Davis

Ione J. Dwyer

Calvin K. Hastie, Sr.

David P. Merchant

A white car is shown from the rear, parked on a paved surface. The car's trunk lid features the text "City of Sumter" in a dark, elegant script font. The car's taillight is illuminated, casting a warm glow. The background consists of a vast green field, likely corn, stretching to a dark treeline under a dramatic sunset sky with soft orange and blue hues.

City of Sumter