

City of Sumter Police Department



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2014 Annual Report



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A Message from Chief Roark...

In 2014, the Sumter Police Department continued to foster their relationship with the community and extend their efforts to improve the quality of life by increasing officers understanding that the commitment to service is more than just a slogan, it is a partnership. Community partnerships is the foundation that leads to the prevention and reduction of crime within our neighborhoods. The department plays an integral role in ensuring the quality of life to the citizens of Sumter.

The pride in our community is demonstrated by the involvement the officers make by committing selfless acts of kindness to those in need. This can be seen through our involvement in schools, neighborhood watch, volunteer activities, and various mentoring programs.

The department realizes that the vision of the city is tied directly to the involvement of the police department within the community. It is by this involvement that the police department develops a relationship with not only the community leaders, but the community itself.

We invite you to review the Police Departments facebook page (www.facebook.com/sumterscpolice) to see first hand the many examples of our officer's creating goodwill in the community they serve.

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Sumter Police Department

Executive Staff of Sumter Police Department

Chief Russell F. Roark, III



Sumter Police Chief Russell F. Roark, III, began his law enforcement career when he joined the South Carolina Highway Patrol in 1982. Stationed initially in Sumter, he worked in the Midlands throughout his career, serving as Captain of Troop 1 comprised of Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Richland and Sumter counties. He was promoted to Colonel of the Highway Patrol in 2003. During his tenure as Colonel, he was instrumental in the development of many life-saving traffic safety campaigns, the creation of the Highway Patrol's Victim Services Unit, and the creation of a support group for the families of highway fatality victims. Chief Roark retired from the Highway Patrol in 2008 and joined the Sumter Police Department as Deputy Chief in 2009. He was named Chief of Police in September 2011. Chief Roark's policing philosophies place strong emphasis on both policing through community partnerships as well as intelligence-led policing. Chief Roark is a graduate of St. Leo University, the South Carolina Executive Institute, and the FBI National Academy and was the 2006 recipient of the Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement.

Deputy Chief Alvin A. Holston



With more than 26 years in law enforcement, Alvin Holston currently serves as Deputy Chief for the City of Sumter Police Department. He began his career in law enforcement while in the United States Air Force as a Military Police Specialist. He joined the Sumter Police Department in 1991. He worked for 15 years in the department's Criminal Investigations Division, gaining expertise in general investigations, narcotics, warrants services and other specialties, eventually serving as commander of the Division before being promoted to Major of Operations in 2009. His experience in both law enforcement operations and administration enable him to appreciate the complexity of what it takes to build a successful law enforcement agency that meets the needs of the population it serves while supporting officers who serve. Deputy Chief Holston is a graduate of St. Leo University and the FBI National Academy.

Sumter Police Department Overview

TABLE 1: THREE YEAR CRIME RATE

Crime	2012	2013	2014	% change from previous year
Murder	6	2	1	-50%
Sexual Assault	16	25	22	-12%
Aggravated Assault	248	236	226	-4.24%
**Burglary	641	674	517	-23.29%
Auto Break-In	373	267	314	17.60%
Auto Theft	151	145	132	-8.97%
**General Larceny	518	493	400	-18.86%
Weapons Crimes	91	80	104	30%
Vandalism	619	632	657	3.96%
Robberies	74	81	83	2.47%
Copper Theft	130	72	44	-38.89%
Overall Totals	2867	2707	2500	-7.65%

TABLE 2: DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Current Staffing Level	106
Calls for Service	186,326
City	88,558
County	71,326
Other	26,442
Arrests Made	1770
Monies Seized	\$8,014

**Not Tracked as separate category until 2011 (included in General Larceny & Burglary for 2010)

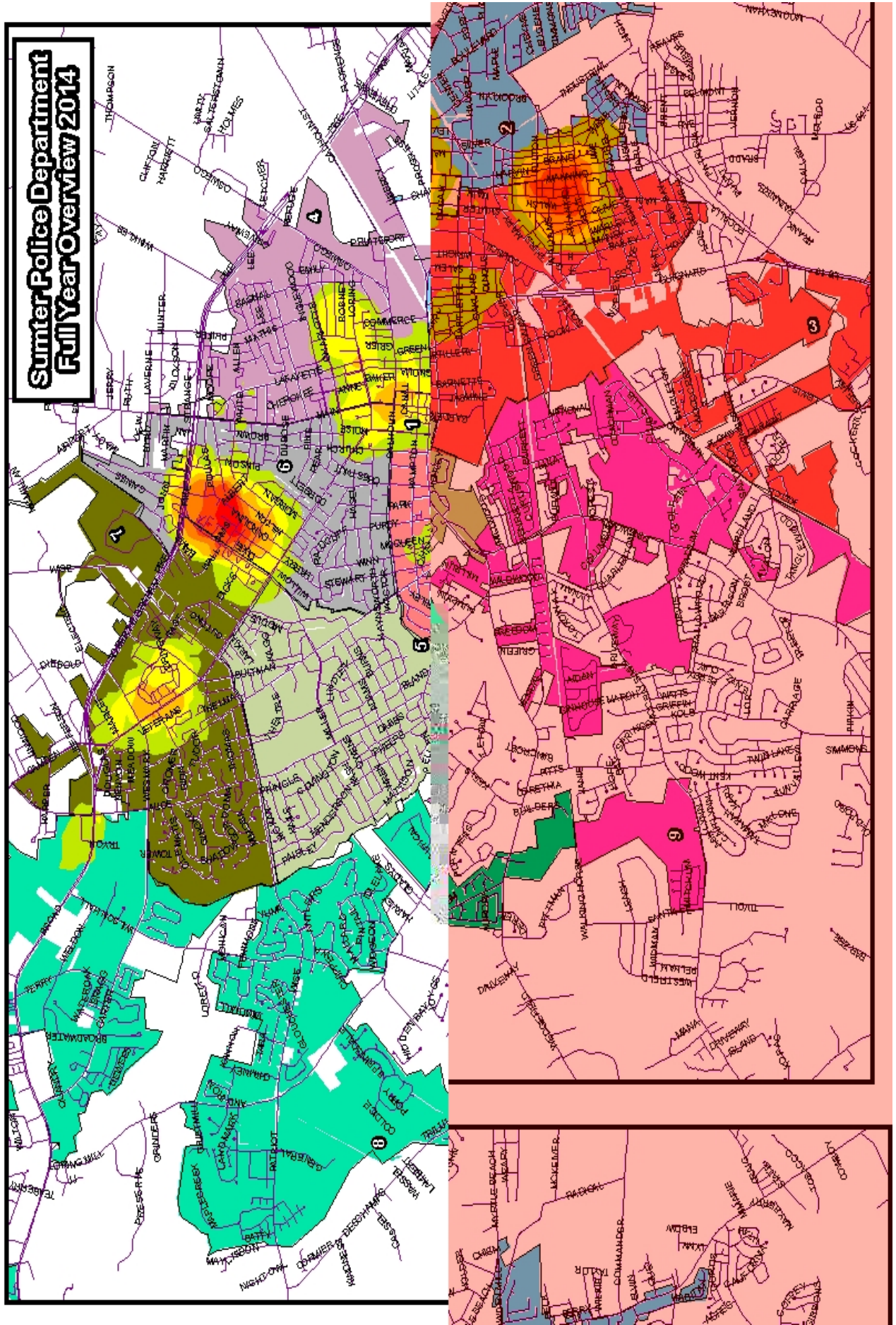
TABLE 3: 2014 GRANTS RECEIVED

Grant Description	Amount	Duration
Victim Advocate	\$34,143	5 years
Jessica Gonzales- Victim Advocate	\$26,814	1 year
2014 JAG-Computer Software and Training	\$31,428	4 year
SCDPS- Technology Grant	\$550,000	1 time funded

TABLE 4: GRANTS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Grant Description	Amount	Duration
Body Armor	\$9,759	Annually renewable
Municipality Association of South Carolina-Tasers	\$2,500	Annually renewable
Municipality Association of South Carolina-Body Armor	\$2,500	Annually renewable

CRIME MAP This map illustrates the hotspots of crimes that occurred in Sumter. The map shows areas of highest crime density by color with green being the lightest density, yellow medium density, and red the highest density of crimes. Crimes included in these calculations are those shown in TABLE 1.



In the News 2014



Sumter Police Officer Saves Motorist from Drowning at Second Millpond

SUMTER, SC (January 4, 2014) Sumter Police Officer Quentin Eley, while on routine patrol Friday night, observed a man inside a vehicle that was floating several yards out in Second Millpond, in the southwest area of town. Acting on instinct and training, Eley quickly removed his duty belt, body armor and boots and dove into the frigid water to save the trapped passenger before the vehicle completely submerged. Witnesses stated the driver of the 2000 Mazda Protegee, 38 year old I. Marcel Cimpean was observed moments before the crash, driving at a high rate of speed on Pinewood Road.

Officers at the scene detected an odor of alcohol about Cimpean who registered a .19 blood alcohol concentration, more than twice the legal limit in South Carolina. After evaluation at Tuomey Medical Center, Cimpean was charged with Driving Under the Influence and transported to Sumter Lee Regional Detention Center. He is currently awaiting a bond hearing.

Officer Eley was evaluated at a local medical facility and later released.



Random Acts of Kindness- The Police Department and its officers continue to strive to put in place programs to help protect the well-being of individuals within the city limits. Programs such as Random Act of Kindness – In partnership with Walmart and other businesses, the project was initiated in December 2013 to provide homeless and transient residents with personal care items they may need along with a list of service providers they can contact for help. Officers throughout the year have available care packages they can hand out to individuals they encounter. The packages include hand warmers, nutrition bars and hygiene products. Officers also have available emergency blankets that can be distributed as needed. The service provider list includes the Samaritan House for shelter, Emmanuel Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army, United Ministries and state agencies, like the Department of Social Services, SCWorks and Santee-Wateree Mental Health.

Operation Hydration – When temperatures and heat indexes soar into the triple digits, officers have on hand cold, bottled water to those who need it. The department also hands out pop-sicles to area children during the hot summer days.





Crime Prevention Unit Named American Legion Post 15 Officer of the Year

In February the Crime Prevention Unit officers were nominated and awarded the Police Officers of the Year from the American Legion and the Rotary Club. The primary mission of the unit is informing and educating the public in ways to prevent and reduce crime. Emphasizing Neighborhood Watch, the unit identifies areas affected by crime, contacting residents, and informing them on the benefits of organizing Neighborhood Watch groups in their areas. The unit continues to accomplish its mission of reducing crime through information and education, but also directed its other aspects to positive community relations.

Posted May 7, 2014
SUMTER, SC (WIS) -

A Sumter police officer went above and beyond for a 13-year-old boy. A few weeks ago, 13-year-old Cameron Simmons called Sumter police because he was upset after fighting with his mom. The teenager told police he didn't want to live in the house with his family anymore. Officer Gaetano Acerra responded to the call. "I said, 'You have it good, you have a roof over your head,'" said Acerra. "I told him I would try to help him out, and here we are now."

The officer brought Simmons home, and realized the boy didn't have a real bed. In fact, Simmons didn't have nearly anything he needed for a bedroom. "My heart went out for him," said Acerra. "I thought the little things that he needed I could give him, to make him a happier kid."

A few weeks after the call, Acerra showed up at Simmon's house with a truck full of gifts. "Bed, TV, desk, chair, a Wii game system that somebody donated to me because of the story I told them," said Acerra. Simmons told Acerra that because of the new bed, his back won't hurt anymore. Simmons was sleeping on an inflatable mattress. The teenager said the mattress would slowly deflate throughout the night.

"I didn't do this for publicity or to get people to notice me," Acerra said. "I did it because I could. It was the right thing to do and I think people should do things like this." Officer Acerra said he has gained more than just a few pats on the back; he's gained friend. Acerra gave Simmons his cell phone number, and told him to call anytime. Acerra plans to bring Simmons more bedroom furniture, including a dresser and mirror.



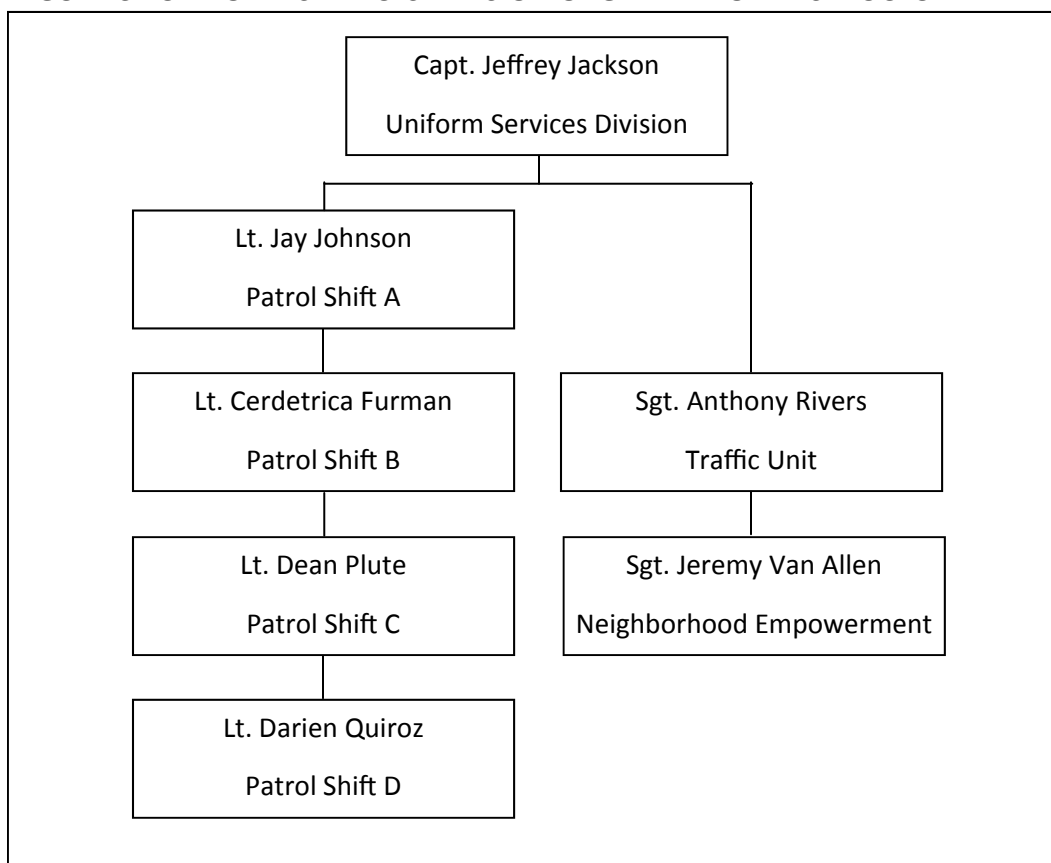
Future Sumter Police Officer

The department was visited by a young man who has a passion to be a police officer. After meeting Cameron, the department recognized a last minute need that would help him make the transition complete. The department came together at the last minute to help Santa make Cameron's dream possible by providing him his own police vehicle.



Uniform Services Division

FIGURE 3: UNIFORM SERVICES DIVISION ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



The Sumter Police Department's Uniform Services Division consists of four patrol shifts, one traffic unit and one Neighborhood Empowerment Team. In 2014, the unit was staffed with approximately 58 officers. The unit's patrol shifts are responsible for providing a 24-hour police presence to the City of Sumter and answering calls for service. The traffic unit is responsible for actively discouraging reckless or unsafe driving behaviors and for responding to collisions throughout the city. The Neighborhood Empowerment Team is a high visibility enforcement team that deters crime by forging strong relationships with community members.

The Patrol Division is our primary division for servicing the community by visiting local schools and conducting foot patrols in neighborhoods. Often these neighborhoods are selected as areas that may see increased crime activity. Briefings are conducted to increase officer visibility in those areas enhancing community trust and cooperation. The patrol division broadened their role this year in the community by helping those in need. A few highlights were the delivery of coats to those in need, adopting a senior citizen during the holiday, and door-to-door good health visits during the holiday months.

The Traffic Division consists of four full-time officers, one part-time officer and 15 school crossing guards. Their area of responsibility often extends beyond Sumter.

In 2014, the K-9 Unit was reformed within the agency. Three officers were selected as handlers to support the unit and trained in drugs, black powder, and tracking. K-9 Riley, Sammie, and Diva have been integral in locating suspects, missing persons, and weapons to assist the department in reducing their crime numbers. K-9's also serve as ambassadors with children to make officers more approachable



TABLE 5: 2014 PATROL UNIT ACTIVITY

Activity	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	Total
Traffic Tickets	744	1068	935	1019	3766
DUI Arrests	35	18	30	16	99
DUS Arrests	45	75	76	114	310
Misdemeanor Arrests	172	253	178	257	860
Felony Arrests	21	21	45	53	140
Collisions	212	243	277	317	1049

TABLE 6: 2014 TRAFFIC UNIT ACTIVITY

Activity	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	Total
Traffic Tickets	75	129	107	64	375
Speeding Tickets	122	187	242	142	693
Seatbelt Tickets	133	176	164	56	529
Child Restraint Tickets	17	25	15	1	58
Collisions	214	247	290	269	1020
Hit and Run Collisions	39	39	60	5	143
DUI	4	0	2	4	10
DUS	19	19	15	9	62

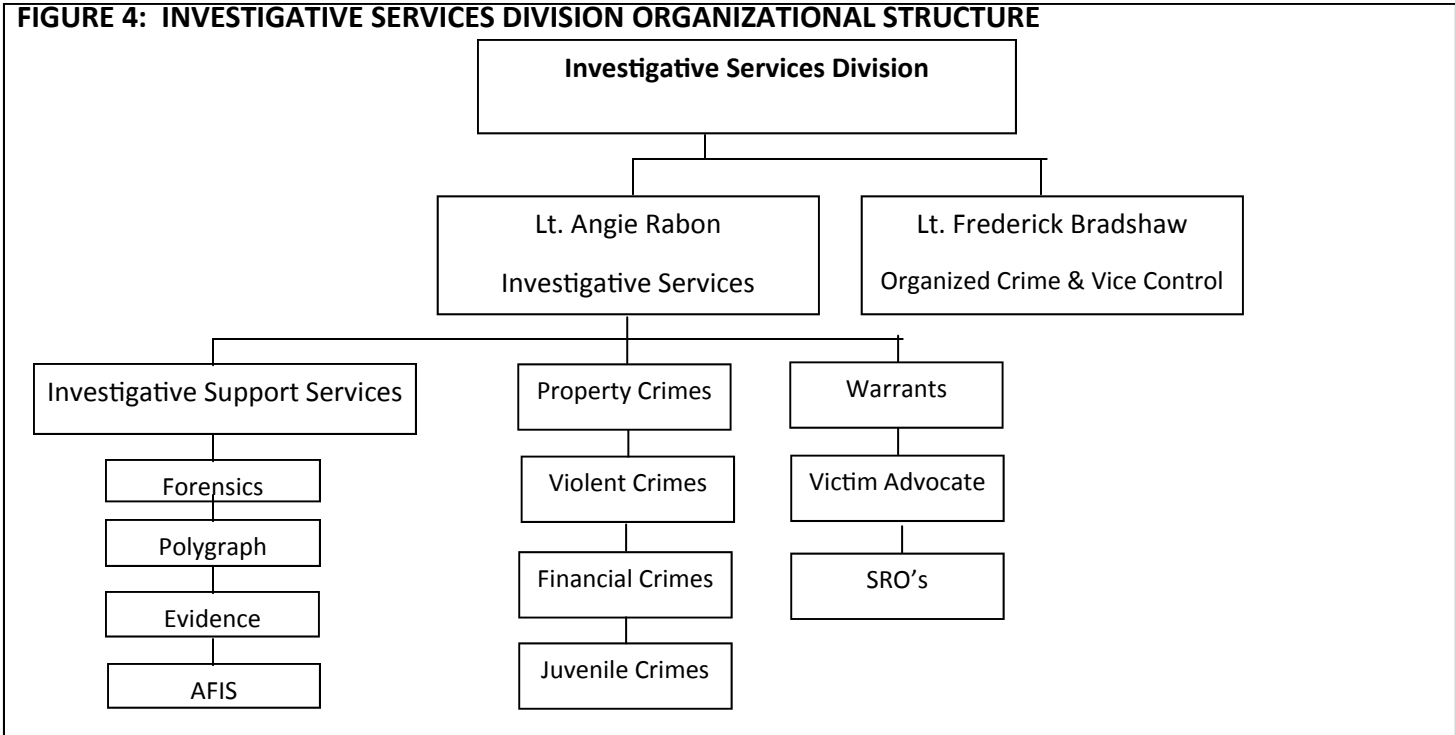


Department Honors D-Day Heros

The department honored the 70th anniversary of D-Day, by paying their respects to the 9,000 soldiers who died during D-Day, one of the most pivotal points of World War II. Honoring those individuals that paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The officers stood at the position of attention, with their vehicle and flag at their backs; which drew the attention of many citizens during peak traffic times that go to work or traverse Broad Street. The outcome was to have citizens, if only for a minute, remember those that had come before them and paid the ultimate sacrifice. "Because of what the military does, everything that we're able to do as a society is because of the protection afforded to us by the military," Roark said.

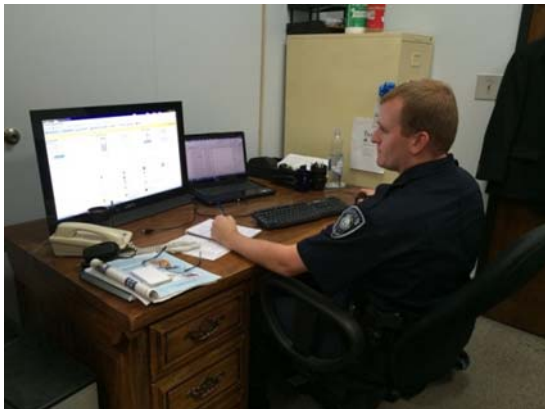
Investigative Services Division



The Investigative Services Division contains three units: Investigative Services, Investigative Support Services, and Organized Crime and Vice Control. The division is responsible for investigating crimes, evidence collection at crime scenes, curtailing narcotics and vice, and analyzing and interpreting crime data.

Investigative Services Division Highlights

The Investigative Services Division has been successful in solving many crimes within the City of Sumter, particularly burglaries and armed robberies. Collaboration between the Patrol Division and units within the Investigative Services Division has contributed to the efficient use of department resources in criminal investigations. The division saw a need for an additional Forensic Evidence Technician, Amanda Snapp, transferred from the patrol division and has assisted the division with several AFIS hits with her latent lift techniques.



Computer Forensic In-House Analysis:

The division saw a need for a Forensic analysis after an incident of “Swatting” (defined as the tricking of any emergency service into dispatching an emergency response based on the false report of an on-going critical incident. A single incident is meant to discredit an individual as a prank or a personal vendetta) occurred on Winn Street. After further investigation, Det. Jacob Mitchell was able to identify the players and target of the “swatting” after completing a forensic analysis of target’s computer.

Significant Arrests :

- Roosevelt Ford- Sex offender, peeping under stall at Good Will
- Shakour Mclean-CSC 1st degree and Burglary
- Shaquillie Leneau– Attempting to strike two officers with a vehicle. Charged with two counts of attempted murder.
- Terrance Haynesworth– Attempted murder and shooting into a dwelling.
- Randy Culick– Selling bogus dinner tickets for supposed church fundraiser.
- Wilbert Franklin– Armed robbery to Kangaroo at Guignard and Liberty
- Franklin Johnson– Armed robbery to Frist Citizens Bank on Washington Street.
- Shaun Prescott-arrested for three (3) counts of burglary to YMCA.
- Federal sentencing to 20 years for Murder for hire. Sean Echols was sentenced to 20 years in the role in conspiracy to commit murder-for-hire in shooting of correction officer, Captain Robert Johnson. Johnson, who was a Captain with the SC Department of Corrections was confronted at his home by an armed gunman, was shot several time in the chest, leaving him for dead. Johnson has endured 17 surgeries as a result of the shooting and is still in doctor’s care.

Investigative Services

Investigative Services consists of Property Crimes, Violent Crimes, Financial Crimes, Juvenile Crimes and Warrants. In 2014, the unit was staffed with an average of 14 detectives.

Detectives in Property Crimes are responsible for investigating burglaries, auto break-ins and thefts, and other larcenies. The section has the largest case load of all ISD sections and averages a case clearance rate of 19%.

Violent Crimes investigates robberies, assaults, homicides, weapons violations and sexual assaults. The section generally has the second largest case load in ISD and averages a case clearance rate of 57%.

Financial Crimes investigates forgery, fraud, identity theft, embezzlement and other financial crimes and averages a 23% case clearance rate.

Juvenile Crimes investigates all crimes involving juvenile suspects. The section also oversees the department’s School Resources Officers who provide a police presence in local middle and high schools. The section has an average case clearance rate of 84%.

Warrants is responsible for locating and arresting or serving misdemeanor warrants on suspects. The section also assists in locating and apprehending suspects wanted for felonies, transporting prisoners to court hearings and maintaining order during municipal court proceedings. The section has a 76% average case clearance rate.

Victim Services:

Victims Services consists of three Victim Advocates who strive to provide support and assistance to any person who is a victim (directly or indirectly) of a crime. The Victim Assistance Unit offers comprehensive services to all victims of crime to include: on site crisis intervention and follow-up, referrals to crisis counseling, information on crime victim’s rights, information and referrals to SC Crime Victim’s Compensation Fund, case status updates, advocacy within the criminal and juvenile justice systems to include court accompaniment and transportation if necessary. During 2014, the advocates made 5049 contacts, 2021 referrals, 342 court appearances, and were called out 48 times.

TABLE 7: 2014 ISD SECTION CASE LOAD AND CLEARANCE RATE

Section	Cases	Cases Cleared	Clearance Rate
Property Crimes	1716	328	19%
Violent Crimes	947	618	57%
Financial Crimes	328	88	23%
Juvenile Crimes	297	253	84%
Warrants	1576	1201	76%

The Victim Advocate is also assigned to Investigative Services and is responsible for ensuring victims' rights are preserved. The advocate assists in counseling, interviewing and referring victims to the appropriate support agency. The addition of a Victim Advocate, through the Jessica Gonzales Grant, greatly enhanced the department's ability to provide comprehensive and efficient services to all victims of crime.

TABLE 8: 2014 VICTIM ADVOCATE ACTIVITY

Activity	1 st Quarter	2 nd Quarter	3 rd Quarter	4 th Quarter	Total
Contacts	1196	1438	1330	1085	5049
Referrals	532	570	444	603	2149
Court Appearances	109	94	94	136	433
Call-outs	8	4	1	13	26

Organized Crime and Vice Control

Organized Crime and Vice Control (OCVC) investigates all illegal drug and narcotic offenses, gambling, and prostitution. The unit operates in a strictly undercover capacity and often conducts long-term operations, making quarterly statistics difficult to calculate. The Organized Crime and Vice Control Unit (OCVC) conducted over one hundred twenty undercover purchases of evidence in 2014 resulting in the issuance of over one hundred fifty warrants and culminating in the arrest of over 80 suspects for various narcotic violations for distribution or trafficking in cocaine, crack cocaine and heroin.

OCVC conducted a joint operation initiated by OCVC with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Homeland Security concerning the rise and sale of heroin in Sumter. This operation resulted in the arrest of 19 people who were considered major suppliers of heroin to Sumter.

OCVC seized a methamphetamine laboratory and arrested three suspects for manufacturing methamphetamine. The arrests were made possible by maintaining surveillances on pharmacies, stores and suspects who purchase certain items utilized in manufacturing methamphetamine.

The Sumter Police Department participated in the National Drug Take Back Day sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration during 2014. This gave the public a place to bring their unused pills for collection and offered an avenue for their destruction. Three different days were held through 2014 and citizens of Sumter surrendered several hundreds of pounds of pills to be destroyed. This program has proven very successful in removing unused and unwanted drugs from the public.

TABLE 9: 2014 ORGANIZED CRIME & VICE CONTROL ACTIVITY

Activity	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
Referrals Investigated	152	178	154	131	615
Arrests	81	87	57	88	313
Cash Seized	\$409.00	\$1,910	0	\$5,695	\$8,014
Drugs Seized (value)	\$45,720	\$19,630	\$19,866	\$69,210	\$154,426
Search Warrants Executed	2	8	5	3	18
Vehicles Seized	5	20	112	11	48
Weapons Seized	40	29	46	32	147

Investigative Support Services

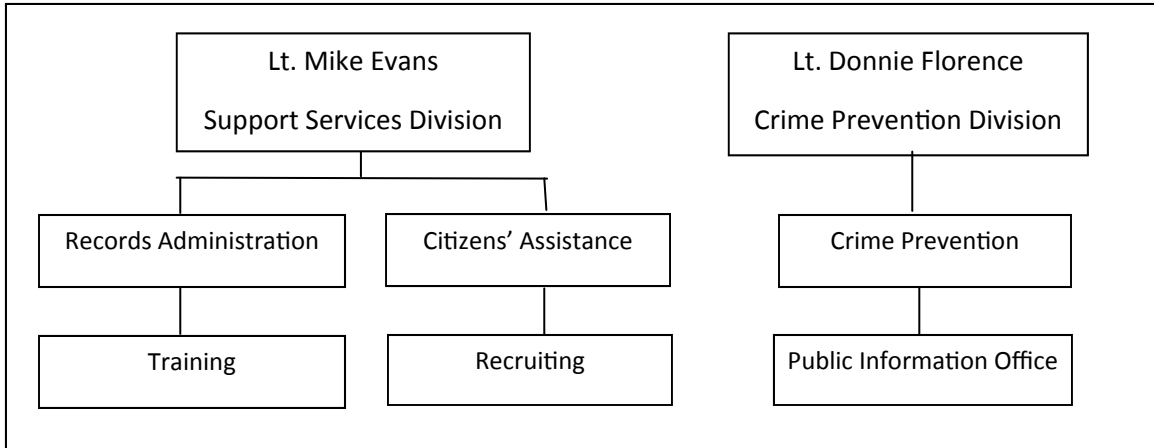
The Investigative Support Services unit is responsible for identifying and collecting evidence at crime scenes, and analyzing and maintaining custody and control of evidence until the prosecution of the offender in court. The unit also performs fingerprint searches using the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and conducts criminal and pre-employment polygraphs.

TABLE 10: 2014 INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES ACTIVITY

Activity	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total
Criminal Polygraphs	7	5	7	7	26
Pre-employment Polygraphs	17	7	20	10	54
AFIS Cases	54	48	103	70	275
AFIS Searches	116	114	284	172	686
AFIS Identifications	23	25	49	31	128

Support Services Division

SUPPORT SERVICES AND CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



The Support Services Division consists of five units: Recruiting, Training, Records Administration, Citizens' Assistance and Crime Prevention. This division provides administrative support to all areas of the department. During the 195 days that the CAU officer worked, Corporal Ken Brudick came in contact with approximately 16,296 individuals that entered the Law Enforcement Center for assistance.

Sergeant Charles Drake, Retired, was hired as the Quartermaster for the agency. It was through his hard work that the agency was able to begin to use the State 10-33 program to obtain surplus military equipment for police use.

Training unit modified the yearly training calendar for the year to only conduct in-service training when patrol officers were on day shift. This reduced the number of training cycles from 8 times per year to 5 times per year for each officer. This was accomplished by condensing half day training into full day

Recruiting

The Recruiting Unit is responsible for overseeing the selection and hiring processes for all employees including the telecommunications center. The unit accomplishes this by actively recruiting qualified applicants, administering interview boards, and coordinating psychological, polygraph and other screening required. In 2014, the unit processed 195 applications and attended 4 career fairs and administered TABE testing for 114 applicants.

TABLE 11: 2014 RECRUITING ACTIVITY

Position	Hired	Resigned	Retired	Dismissed, Other
Law Enforcement Officer	16	13	3	1
Telecommunications Officers	6	3	0	0
Animal Control	1	0	0	1
Crossing Guards	4	4	0	0
Internships	3			

Training

Training administers or coordinates all training received by officers throughout the department and maintains all officer training and certification records. In 2014, the officers received 7,831 training hours; of those hours, 3136 hours were in Service.

TABLE 12: 2013 TRAINING UNIT ACTIVITY

Training	Officers Attended
Legal Updates	107
TASER Certification	13
TASER Recertification	93
In Service:	92
Biased Based Profiling	
Blood Borne Pathogens	
Ethics	
OC Recertification	
Handgun Qualification	
Shotgun Qualification	
Defensive Tactics	136
In Service	68
Emergency Vehicle Operation	
Felony Car Stop	
Shotgun Refresher	
Force on Force Scenario Based Training	
In Service:	79
Drug & Narcotics Awareness for Patrol	
Use of Force	
Force on Force Scenario Based Training	
PPE Refresher	
Stop Stick Training	
Advanced DUI SFST	7
Criminal Domestic Violence	104
Patrol Rifle Certification or Requalification	19
M-14 Certification or Requalification	16
Cravat/Tourniquet Training	87
Gas Mask Fit Test	68

Crime Prevention

The Crime Prevention Unit's mission is to not only enforce laws and protect life and property, but also to develop community based problem solving strategies by providing education and information to citizens that increase trust between the police and the public. The cornerstone of effective law enforcement lies in the ability to build and maintain public trust. It requires a sustained plan to proactively engage officers, citizens, business owners and other community stakeholders. Fostering positive relationships through partnerships within the community and developing a dynamic strategy that emphasizes safety and shared ownership is the primary focus of the Crime Prevention Unit. The unit works closely with all divisions within the police department to analyze crime trends and develop initiatives and programs to deter and reduce crime. In 2014, the unit coordinated over 15 annual community events such as the Back to School Bash, Operation Hydration, Mile for a Meal and Cram-A-Cruiser food & toy drives that promotes civic engagement and builds public trust. The unit also organized other events including the Black History Art & Essay Contest for elementary students, Police Week events organized by Crime Prevention and other department personnel (golf tournament, pistol match, and 5K Run) raised over \$5,900 that was donated to Crime Stoppers, and sponsored the department's first Public Safety Halloween Trunk or Treat event in which over 500 children were treated to candy and other goodies by personnel from various local public safety agencies. These events positively impacted the department's image in the community and paved the way for new and beneficial community partnerships.

The Crime Prevention Unit continued its efforts in its primary mission of informing and educating the public in ways to prevent and reduce crime. Emphasizing Neighborhood Watch, the unit identifies areas affected by crime, contacting residents, and informing them on the benefits of organizing Neighborhood Watch groups in their areas. The unit participated in numerous speaking engagements to community groups and schools educating them on topics such as Senior Safety, School Safety, Bullying, and Personal Safety. Unit members also saturated areas that crime analysis data indicated increases in crime reports and distributed crime prevention information door to door to residents while addressing their concerns in those areas.

The unit's Public Information officer who is responsible for the flow of information from the department to the public regarding the department's proactive community activities, notable arrests, and other public safety issues also took the reins promoting the department through social media. The department's presence on social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter helps to disseminate accurate and time sensitive information instantly to the public. This information was greatly received which was evident through the following generated by the information that was posted during the ice storm of 2014. The public was kept immediately informed of current road closures, weather conditions, power outages, and other safety issues related to the storm. This interest in the on-going information being provided to the public on social media has sparked a growing number of followers for the department which is still increasing.



Promoting Neighborhood Watch remains one of Crime Prevention's main priorities.



Mentoring children at an early age can build a positive rapport and instruct them in making good choices and how to peacefully resolve conflict



Chief Roark reads to class at Lemira Elementary School

School Mentor Program

The Sumter Police Department actively participates in area schools. This participation can include Principal for the Day, reading programs, donation of school supplies, or demonstrating the dangers that can occur during prom. The Sumter Police Department also ensures the safety of students while actively engaging all age groups, mentoring, and becoming positive role models.



School supplies are donated to area students



Deputy Chief Holston attends Principal of the Day at Pocalla Springs Elementary



Chief Roark attends Kingsbury Elementary for Principal of the Day.



School uniforms are donated to area schools



Prom Promise, a yearly event conducted by the Crime Prevention Unit. This program provides insight to high school students who attend Prom the possible dangers that can occur when poor judgment is used.



In 2014 several officers extended a helping hand to area residents in need. This often included working with local non-profit organizations or donations provided by the Sumter community and fellow officers.

Officers reached out to area communities with neighborhood meetings and events to promote partnerships with community members of all ages.



Check-Mate Program



For many years, the department has maintained a program to monitor the well-being of the city's senior and vulnerable. Each morning, those enrolled in the program call in to let the department know if they are fine. If not, an officer is sent to the residence to check. During last winter's snow and ice storms, the department went even further by sending officers out to check on seniors and vulnerable adults in the community, many of whom were without power to keep them warm. Out of that effort, Project CheckMate was created and added to the senior call-in program for enrollees interested in regular at-home visits from officers the department has dedicated to the project. Cpl. Warren Davis, a 15-year veteran with the department will make regular home visits to seniors now enrolled in I'm OK as part of his duties.

"We are committed to improving the quality of life of all our citizens and we place special emphasis on the welfare and safety of our seniors," Sumter Police Chief Russell F. Roark III said. "This program will routinely allow these citizens to have personal interaction with law enforcement, providing them with an added sense of protection and security to these seniors and their families."

The most recent census in 2010, shows nearly 14 percent, about 5,645 people in the city of Sumter, are age 65 or older. And that number appears to be growing.



Telecommunications

Telecommunications Center

The Sumter City/County 911 Telecommunications Center dispatches calls for City and County functions but is managed by the City of Sumter Police Department. The center is staffed by 27 full-time telecommunicators and 2 part-time telecommunicators.

TABLE 13: 2011 TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER ACTIVITY

Calls for Service	2013	2014	% Increase
Police	83,827	88,558	5.3%
Sheriff	70,148	71,326	1.6%
Other (Fire, EMS)	25,858	26,442	2.2%
Total	179,833	186,326	3.4%

Training:

Every TCO went through on-line SLED Security Awareness Training. August 2014 TCO Mitchell and TCO Billie attended and successfully completed their State Mandated TCO Certification at the SCCJA. Training Coordinator TCS Ferrell attended along with (6) Sumter TCOs an Active Shooter Incident Training Class for Dispatcher taught by Sled Agent Wayne Freeman.

September 2014 Sumter TCC started the process of applying and gaining membership for each member of the Sumter TCC in APCO, International. APCO is an international association of public-safety communication professionals which provided support and education for all public safety communication professionals

Events:

May 2014 Sumter hosted and taught a forty hour full function NCIC class with surrounding counties sending their TCOs to join with Sumter for instruction and certification. .

