

# 2016 Annual Report



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**I**t is the mission of the Sumter Police Department to fairly and impartially enforce the laws of the City of Sumter and the state of South Carolina in order to protect life, property and to preserve peace

and order for citizens and visitors.

We believe that strong relationships between officers and citizens are the foundation of safe, healthy communities.

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



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# **Message from the Chief**

**E**xcellence in law enforcement isn't displayed by statistics or awards. It's the relationship the men and women in uniform have with the community that defines an agency.

Our continued emphasis on community service and policing is what sets the Sumter Police Department apart from other agencies in South Carolina and across the nation.

We believe that we are a part of this community; and as such, it is our responsibility to improve the quality of life for all citizens. Our responsibility in making the living, working and recreational conditions of our community the best they can be isn't just a philosophy. Our officers work diligently each day to ensure all residents are afforded the safe, quality environment they want and expect.

By using intelligence-led policing, we continue to improve on how we serve our community and our methods to deter crime. In addition to using the three E's – Evaluate, Educate and Enforce -- our department and its officers employ a very important fourth 'E' known as Empathy.

Empathy is a skill that's not typically considered in traditional policing methods. But we know that policing must evolve as our society changes and develops. Empathy, however, must remain a characteristic expected of all our officers so that this department and the city continues to be at their best.

As we enter a new year, we invite you to review our 2016 Annual Report.

We remain committed to building on the positive relationship we share with our citizens and visitors. We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

As stakeholders in our community, we encourage you to partner with us in one of our community service projects and programs.

Remember that we are here for you and you for us.

# Executive Staff



Chief Roark's policing philosophy is to improve the quality of life through intelligence-led policing while developing partnerships within the community.

He is an advocate for the well-being of his employees, works to improve their quality of life and strives to foster employee development through mentorship and training.

Chief Roark joined the Sumter Police Department as Deputy Chief in December 2009. He was sworn in as Chief of Police in September 2011.

Prior to joining the department, Chief Roark served with the South Carolina Highway Patrol for more than 26 years. He retired as its Colonel in May 2008, a post he had held since June 2003. Upon his retirement, he worked in the private sector as a consultant with Ward Services in Columbia, S.C. Chief Roark holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Saint Leo University and is a 2005 graduate of the South Carolina Executive Institute.

Additionally, Chief Roark graduated from the FBI National Academy Session 184 and was the 2006 recipient of the Strom Thurmond Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement.



With 30 years in law enforcement, Deputy Chief Alvin Holston has served with the Sumter Police Department since 1991.

He began his career in law enforcement in 1986 while serving in the U.S. Air Force as a Military Police Specialist.

Since joining the Sumter Police Department, he served for 15 years in the Investigative Services Division, gaining expertise in general investigations, narcotics, warrants services and other specialties before being named Commander of the Investigative Services Division and later as Major of Operations for the department in 2009.

His experience in both law enforcement operations and administration allows him to appreciate and navigate the complexity of building a successful agency that meets the needs of the community it serves while supporting its officers and civilian personnel.

Deputy Chief Holston holds a Master's degree from Troy University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 243.

# 2016 in Review

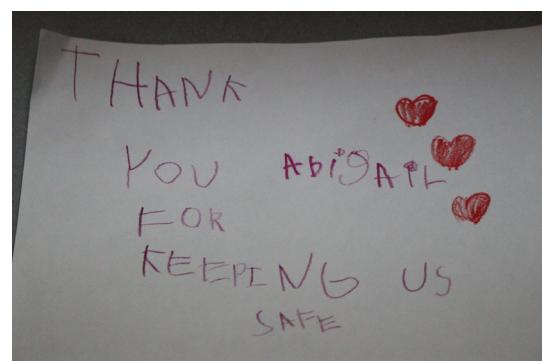
## Community shows appreciation, support

Positive community and police relationships came to the forefront during 2016.

Organizations and individuals showed their appreciation, support and concern in a variety of ways including prayer, meals and treats. Panel discussions, with the mission of educating and promoting unity between officers and residents, were organized by civic organizations.

In a city known for its "Uncommon Patriotism" and support for military and law enforcement, that spirit was expressed more than ever through the simple phrase: "Thank you for your service."

In the wake of police shootings in Dallas, the Rev. George Windley Jr., president of Sumter County Concerned Clergy, met with Mayor Joe McElveen, City Manager Deron McCormick, Chief Russell Roark and other government and law enforcement leaders to discuss what could be done locally to promote unity. As a result, a program – Sumter United: Law Enforcement and Community Building Stronger Partnerships – was held in August at the Sumter Opera House. Chief Roark and Mayor McElveen also served as panelists for several events to create a better understanding of law enforcement officers and their role and also to improve the relationship between police and the community. Event hosts included the Sumter branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, HOME (Helping Others Be More Empowered) as well as faith-based and other civic organizations.



# Department responds to Hermine, Matthew

As our community continued to recover from the thousand-year flood of 2015, two tropical systems would test our preparedness and the lessons learned over the years.

Tropical Storm Hermine in September 2016 helped us test how well the department could respond should Mother Nature hurl its worst conditions inland during hurricane season.

Preparations and an operations plan, which included teams of officers designated to react and address storm-related problems, were put in place well ahead of anticipated high winds and heavy rains from TS Hermine.

Sgt. Gary Fowler, emergency management director for the department, was vital in providing pre-storm weather updates, allowing the agency to respond effectively to potential hazards. During Tropical Storm Hermine, response and recovery efforts were put in place from Sept. 1-3. Sumter City-County Telecommunicators received 2,721 emergency and non-emergency calls.

First-responders were dispatched to 872 calls for service of which at least 112 were weather related. City officers responded to 14 vehicle accidents and four calls for trees down on homes. No injuries were reported.

Additional SPD officers worked throughout the storm assessing roadways and wind damage. Road safety efforts were coordinated with the state Department of Transportation.

During the Hurricane Matthew response in October, there were 276 weather-related events between 9 p.m. that Friday and 8 a.m. Tuesday.

City officers responded to 386 alarm calls, 39 traffic accidents and 410 residential and business property checks. CheckMate officer Sr. Cpl. Warren Davis provided welfare checks and assistance to many of the city's senior citizens who were affected.

Traffic safety and property checks, were a major focus until power could be restored. Steps were taken to install generators and emergency lighting.



## Duggin named 2015 Officer of the Year

Detective Lt. Truman Duggin, who retired after more than 27 years of service with the department, was named 2015 Officer of the Year. Duggin is credited with building the department's Forensics Unit and polygraph services. He was among several first responders honored in February by the American Legion Post 15 and the Rotary Club of Sumter Palmetto. A special recognition for his work and dedication also was presented during one of the department's monthly meetings, which includes the command staff.

In addition to being a mentor and friend to officers, Duggin is credited with developing operational methods for the agency's evidence facility. His established guidelines for accountability and preservation, as well as the security thereof, have been recognized as superior by national standard inspectors. He was instrumental in developing polygraph best practices standards for the agency in both administrative matters and criminal investigations.





Capt. Jeffery Jackson presided over the Palmetto State Law Enforcement Officers Association's 55th annual conference as its president. Jackson, a Sumter native, will serve as president through 2017. The PSLEOA helps to promote law enforcement as a profession, encourages public/private partnerships and builds community relationships.



The Sumter Police Department has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. (CALEA) since 1995. CALEA requires agencies to be in compliance with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations and support services to the community. Internal reviews are held throughout the year.

# SPD springs ahead of seasonal crime

A multi-pronged approach to deter crimes that might increase during the spring and summer months was developed and put into action. Operation Community Connection began in June to address potential spikes in vandalism, larcenies and other crimes that typically rise once warm temperatures return.

The officers assigned to the operation represented various police units, including Traffic, Community Services and Investigative Services, as well as the city's Codes Enforcement officers.

Using crime data and community input, a plan was designed to deter crime in residential areas. The most important part of the operation was to talk with residents living in those neighborhoods. Foot patrols went door to door and talked with thousands of residents about their concerns, such as abandoned, overgrown properties and suspected criminal activity. Plans to address those concerns were then formulated. The operation resulted in a noticeable reduction in incidents. Other preventative efforts included traffic safety checkpoints. Residents were also made aware of the department's community service programs, such as Project CheckMate for the elderly and Neighborhood Watch.



## Chief's liaisons help build public relationships

With a continued emphasis on being a part of the community and hearing interests and concerns, the Chief's Community Liaison Council was formed.

The council reflects the diversity of the City of Sumter, and its members assist the department by identifying and prioritizing local issues and developing ways the department can make improvements. The council will learn more about the department, officer training and the decision-making process as a law enforcement agency.



# Uniformed Services Division



Under the leadership of Capt. Jeffery Jackson, the Uniformed Services Division consists of four Patrol Shifts and the newly created Selective Enforcement Unit.

Selective Enforcement consists of K-9, Traffic and the Neighborhood Empowerment Team. These units often work together on special operations to reduce and discourage the opportunity for crime.

In addition to providing around-the-clock visibility in the city's residential and business districts, Patrol officers place a great emphasis on building relationships and trust within the community, including working in local schools to mentor students.



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### **2016 PATROL UNIT ACTIVITY**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>Total</b>
Traffic Tickets	632	535	465	621	2,253
DUI Arrests	28	7	3	16	54
DUS Arrests	96	61	72	80	309
Misdemeanor Arrests	186	152	177	224	739
Felony Arrests	51	61	38	53	203
Collisions	250	291	210	275	1,026
<b>Total Activities</b>					<b>4,584</b>

### **2016 TRAFFIC UNIT ACTIVITY**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>Total</b>
Traffic Tickets	899	1065	1043	745	3,752
Speeding Tickets	602	625	522	323	2,072
Seatbelt Tickets	195	210	260	143	808
Child Restraint Tickets	24	17	17	6	64
Collisions	358	328	320	304	1,310
Hit and Run Collisions	55	23	28	23	129
DUI	4	0	2	3	9
DUS	45	45	39	32	161
<b>Total Activities</b>					<b>8,305</b>

# Investigative Services Division



Under the leadership of Capt. Angela Rabon, the Investigative Services Division consists of Investigative Services and the Organized Crime and Vice Control (OCVC) Unit.

The Investigative Services Division includes units assigned to investigate violent crimes and property and financial crimes. Warrant and victim services and a court liaison also are assigned to the division. It also includes support services (forensics, evidence, polygraph and Automated Fingerprint Identification System) and Juvenile Services. Juvenile Services investigates crimes involving minors and includes three School Resource Officers and the Youth Corp summer work program. Capt. Rabon also heads the department's Honor Guard.



**Detectives assemble with state and federal agents during search for an attempted murder and domestic violence suspect.**

## 2016 ISD SECTION CASE LOAD AND CLEARENCE RATE

Sections	Cases	Cases Cleared	Clearance Rate
Property Crimes	2,010	440	22%
Violent Crimes	926	532	57%
Financial Crimes	335	91	27%
Juvenile Crimes	326	280	86%
<b>Overall Clearance Rate</b>			<b>37.34%</b>

### **Significant Arrests:**

- Jordan Duval Jackson was charged with murder for the shooting death of Antawne Dargan.
- Alicia Nicole Anderson and Adam Justin Little were both charged with unlawful conduct of a child when their 9-week-old baby was found with multiple fractures.
- Trey Moore was charged with attempted murder and armed robbery at the Citgo gas station located on South Guignard Drive. Moore fired shots at a couple after attempting to rob them.
- William Spann was charged with attempted murder for a shooting that occurred on Frazier Street. After several months of searching for Spann, Detectives and U.S. Marshals located Spann at his sister's residence. Nakeya Spann (William Spann's sister) was charged for harboring a fugitive.
- William Christopher McLaughlin was charged with grand larceny for stealing swan eggs from Swan Lake. Eggs were located in McLaughlin's vehicle and returned to the Gardens.
- Rondrick Mearite, Bradley Brown and Michael Knowles were all arrested for the armed robbery that occurred at Jewelry Wholesale.
- Bernie Peoples was arrested and charged with murder. Peoples shot Ante Witherspoon outside of a residence on Dibert Street.
- Xavier Chenault was arrested out of state and is being held for attempted murder charges awaiting extradition to South Carolina. Chenault shot Alphonso Mack in the head and fled the state with his girlfriend, Kiara Johnson. She also faces accessory charges for the attempted murder.
- Willie Gregg was charged with criminal sexual conduct 1st degree and kidnapping for the assault of a neighbor.
- Nathan Smoot McBride was charged with murder after Jermaine Williams was shot and killed at Council and Bartlette streets
- Detreion Tomlin was charged with several counts of armed robbery after being identified in a string of robberies to local businesses such as Rite Aid, CVS, Dollar General (twice), and Family Dollar.
- Alexis Dinkins was charged with child cruelty after three of her children tested positive for marijuana and cocaine.
- Steven VanBuren was charged with attempted murder after a man was shot several times during an argument.

### **Court Dispositions:**

- Shakour Jhalil McLean was sentenced to 18.5 years for burglary 1st degree, criminal sexual conduct 1st degree of an elderly female, and assault and battery 1st degree
- Larry Durant was sentenced to 20 years for criminal sexual conduct of a 13-year-old minor.
- Norman Magee was sentenced to eight years for strong arm robbery.
- Henry Dingle was sentenced to 18 years for attempted murder, drug charges, failure to stop for blue lights and siren and conspiracy.
- Domonique Dingle was sentenced to six years for the assault and battery 1st degree of Ante Witherspoon. Dingle chased Witherspoon down street while firing a handgun at him.
- Billy Bochman was sentenced to seven years for burglary 2nd degree.
- Sherill Holder was sentenced to three years for assault and battery of high and aggravated nature for sexually assaulting a special needs client of the state Department of Special Needs.
- Latique Bracey was sentenced to 27 years for burglary 1st degree and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.
- Marcus McFadden (Latique Bracey's co-defendant) was sentenced to 20 years for burglary 1st degree.

# **SROs play vital role in middle, high schools**

The Sumter Police Department has three veteran officers who serve as School Resource Officers. These officers help provide a safe environment for students and the adults responsible for their education and well-being.

Equally important, they provide a positive, more realistic view of police officers.

Patrolwoman Fransetta Gadson and Sr. Cpl. Ben Stiles can be found patrolling the halls and grounds of Sumter High School while Lead Cpl. Pete Schmid splits his time between Alice Drive and Bates Middle schools.

All will tell you they serve as counselors, aunts, uncles, parents and grandparents to the youth they encounter.



Even outside of work, they can be found at afterschool activities, such as sporting events, to support the students. During the summer, the officers serve as mentors and supervisors during the annual Youth Corp, a summer work experience program shared with the City of Sumter. Twenty 14- and 15-year-olds are selected to participate following an application and interview process. The participants are responsible for arriving to work on time and then cleaning the grounds of city parks and other properties. In addition, the students are treated to educational trips in Sumter and other parts of the state.

## **Advocates provide support, guidance to victims of crimes**



**Ruth Fowler, Amanda Wiley and Jessica Lee assist victims of crimes and their families guiding them through the legal process, providing them with support and linking them with needed services.**

**Fowler was presented the Palmetto Tuomey Pathfinder Award by the Palmetto Tuomey Chaplaincy Program on Nov. 21, 2016. The award recognized her compassion and professionalism in her work in the community and as a volunteer chaplain. She also was awarded Victim Advocate of the Year by the YWCA.**

### **2016 INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES ACTIVITY**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>Total</b>
Criminal Polygraphs	13	4	7	6	30
Pre-employment polygraphs	22	21	22	17	82
AFIS Cases	86	66	103	88	343
AFIS Searches	224	187	271	169	851
AFIS Identifications	50	30	48	55	183

### **2016 VICTIM SERVICES ACTIVITY**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>Total</b>
Contacts	1,306	1,536	1,470	1,137	5,449
Referrals	480	562	479	409	1,930
Court Appearances	68	74	61	50	253
Call-Outs	2	8	9	7	26

### **2016 WARRANT SECTION ACTIVITY**

**Warrant/Subpoenas Issued**      **Warrants/Subpoenas Served**      **Service Rate**  
**1,331**                                    **1,058**                                    **79%**



## **Organized Crime and Vice Control Unit**

# **SPD, SLED, FBI put brakes on 'Tha Movement'**



The Sumter Police Department, in partnership with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies continued efforts to apprehend and convict those involved with a major criminal enterprise operating in Sumter and other parts of the Southeast.

Investigations by the department into an unusually high number of shootings in the South Sumter area in 2014 unveiled what would soon bring together multiple law enforcement agencies to rid the community of a public threat.

Arrests began in 2015 with officers seizing 9 kilograms of cocaine, \$900,000 and several firearms.

In May 2016, federal authorities unsealed indictments for 36 more individuals believed to be part of a local gang known as "Tha Movement." The Columbia Violent Gang Task Force, of which the Sumter Police Department is a part, began making arrests.

Authorities said "Tha Movement" was responsible for distributing more than 150 kilograms of cocaine in Sumter and Richland counties.

Sumter Police Chief Russell Roark, along with representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office for South Carolina, FBI, SLED and the Columbia Violent Gang Task Force held a press conference at the City Centre to announce the latest developments in the ongoing investigation.

Detectives in the Organized Crime and Vice Control Unit played a major role in developing information leading to the indictments and subsequent arrests.

### **2016 ORGANIZED CRIME & VICE CONTROL ACTIVITY**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>Total</b>
Arrests	65	77	58	92	292
Cash Seized	\$19,030.00	\$4,606.06	\$72,644.97	\$8,497.49	\$104,778.52
Drugs Seized (value)	\$49,255.00	\$95,026.20	\$41,067.50	\$54,014.47	\$239,363.17
Search Warrants	3	3	3	3	12
Vehicles Seized	0	8	0	0	8
Weapons Seized	0	0	0	6	6



## **OCVC, non-profit partner on animal abuse cases**

Undercover detectives with the Organized Crime and Vice Control Unit began a partnership with a Charleston non-profit agency to investigate local animal abuse cases that are sometimes linked to other illicit activity.

Valiant Animal Rescue and Relief supports local, state and federal authorities in the investigation of animal cruelty cases in North and South Carolina.

Information shared between Valiant and OCVC detectives led to the arrest of a suspect charged with ill treatment of animals.

Valiant's Executive Director Michelle Reid is a certified animal cruelty investigator with expertise in animal forensics. She and a team of trained volunteers, which includes a veterinarian, are continuing to work with detectives as cases develop.



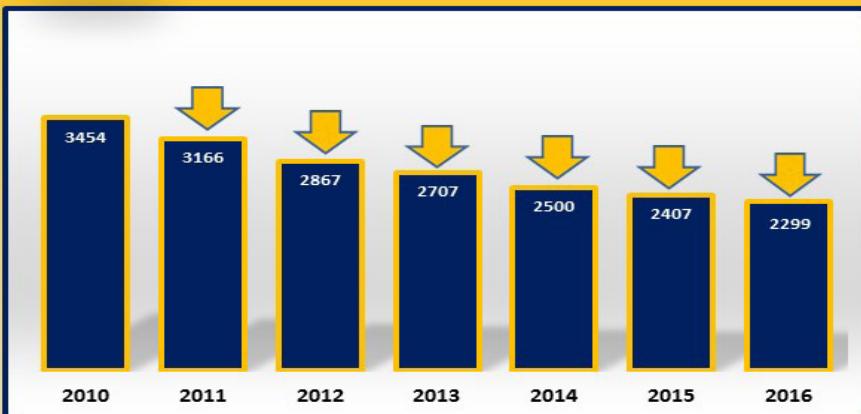
**Each year, OCVC and the Sumter Police Department assist the community by providing a safe option to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs.**

**Thousands of pounds of medications were collected by SPD and disposed of last year. Two Drug Take Back Days -- one in the fall and another in the spring -- are held annually in partnership with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. However, residents are welcome to bring their unwanted pills to the police department on weekdays year-round.**

# 2016 Crime Data



## THE CITY OF SUMTER ANNUAL MAJOR CRIME TOTALS 2010-2016



- *2010-2016 The City of Sumter has experienced a -33.44% decrease in overall part one crimes*
- *Areas of concern remain in our Identified problematic zones*
- *Violent crime rates are most often driven by Crime on Crime. 2010-2016 we reported a -22.51% decrease*
- *Property crimes such as Burglary, B&E Auto, Auto Theft, Larceny & Vandalism are on a downward trend of -35.24% (2010-2016)*

### Category by Year: 2015 vs 2016 (Decrease or Increase)

- Violent Crime: -4.90%
- Property Crime: -5.39%

### Factors for Decrease

- Suspects Arrested
- Increased Patrols
- Strong Community Relationships
- Analyzing & utilizing crime trends
- Economy Stabilizing

### THREE-YEAR CRIME RATE

Crimes	2014	2015	2016	% change from previous year
Murder	1	4	3	-25.00
Sexual Assault	22	10	10	0.00
Aggravated Assault	226	205	223	8.78
Burglary	517	545	435	-20.18
Auto Break-in	314	388	409	5.41
Auto Theft	132	119	93	-21.85
General Larceny	400	338	399	18.05
Weapons Crimes	104	95	87	-8.42
Vandalism	657	588	564	-4.08
Robberies	83	89	67	-24.72
Copper Theft	44	26	9	-65.38
<b>Overall Totals</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,407</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>-4.50</b>

### DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

#### Calls for Service:

City 81,229  
 County 72,369  
 Other (Fire, EMS) 28,963

#### Arrests Made:

1,252

#### Monies Seized:

\$104,778.50



Body cameras were added to the tools worn by officers. SPD was awarded in August a \$304,450 state grant -- the most awarded to an agency in South Carolina. The grant covered the cost of purchase and associated data storage.

### 2016 GRANTS RECEIVED

Grant Description	Amount	Duration
Jessica Gonzales Victim Advocate Grant	\$26,814.00	1-year
2016 JAG-Evidence tracking System	\$29,600.00	4-year
SCPDS-Body Camera Equipment & Storage	\$304,450.00	One-time Allocation

### Grants Continued From Previous Years

2014 JAG- Computer Software & Training	\$31,428.00	4-year
2015 JAG- IA Pro Software & Tasers	\$27,195.00	4-year
Body Armor	\$16,216.00	Annually Renewable
Municipality Assn. of SC-Body Armor	\$2,000.00	Annually Renewable

# Support Services Division



**S**upport Services is key to the effective and continuous operation of the agency. Led by Capt. Mike Evans, the division includes Records, Recruitment, Training and the Citizens Assistance Unit. Evans also manages procurement and vehicle fleet and facility maintenance.

These are all areas that formulate a first-impression of the department when it comes in contact with the public.

From making or obtaining a report to seeing a police vehicle on patrol or how an officer looks and performs on duty are important in presenting a professional image that garners respect from the community and its residents.

## Training keeps up with trends, modern policing philosophies

Officers were provided with a myriad of training opportunities as the department worked to stay ahead of emerging societal trends, intelligence and enforcement techniques and to maintain and improve our status as a top community oriented, proactive law enforcement agency.

In addition to the annual instruction and training offerings provided, officers and department leadership also received training in de-escalation of conflicts, active shooter and civil disturbance response. Training also was provided in use of “less lethal” devices and techniques that can be used effectively to contain a situation with minimal, if any, injury to those involved.

Life-saving measures were reinforced. Last year, the Sumter Police Department was one of small number of agencies in the state to receive Law Enforcement Officers Naloxone Training (LEON).

LEON was developed through efforts of Anderson County EMS and Special Operations Division, South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, state Department of Health and Environmental Control Bureau of EMS, the 5th Circuit Solicitor’s Office and Greenville County Sheriff’s Office. The training allows officers to safely administer Narcon, which counteracts the potentially lethal effects of heroin or other opioid drug overdoses.



**Sgt. Tyshica Gayle serves as recruitment officer.**

## 2016 RECRUITING ACTIVITY

Position	Applications	Hired	Resigned	Retired
Law Enforcement Officer	141	18	10	3
Telecommunications Officer	141	7	7	0
Animal Control	9	1	1	0
School Crossing Guard	4	3	1	0
Internship	4	1	N/A	N/A

### Current Staffing Level:

Sworn	110
Civilian	70

# 2016 Training Unit Activity

<b>Training</b>	<b>Officers Attended</b>
Legal Updates	252
Domestic Violence	125
TASER Initial Certification	12
TASER Recertification	73
<b>In-Service Block I: 2 Day Training Cycle</b>	<b>89</b>
Active Shooter Response	
Open Air Assaults and Response	
Scenario Based Training	
<b>In-Service Block II:</b>	<b>72</b>
Biased Based Profiling	
Stop Stick	
TASER Recertification	
Use of Force	
<b>In-Service Block III:</b>	<b>67</b>
Personal Protective Equipment	
Incident Command	
Shotgun Refresher	
Responding to the Mentally Ill	
<b>In-Service Block IV:</b>	<b>67</b>
Blood Borne Pathogens	
Oleoresin Capsicum Refresher	
Scenario Based Training – Force on Force	
<b>In-Service Block V:</b>	<b>62</b>
Firearms Qualification	
Emergency Vehicle Operations	
Pursuit	
<b>Advanced DUI / SFST</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Patrol Rifle Qualification</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>M-14 Rifle Qualification</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Less Lethal Munitions Operators Qualification</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Body Worn Camera Training</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Active Shooter Response</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Datamaster Operator</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Glock 17 Transition and Qualification</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Law Enforcement Officer Naloxone Training</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Total Training Hours</b>	<b>3682</b>

# Community Services Division



Lt. Anthony Rivers leads a team of officers and civilians who focus primarily on the department's relationship with the community.

Community service is expected of all SPD employees. However, Community Services Division targets its efforts to address the needs and concerns of neighborhoods, individuals, business owners, schools, homeless/transient communities and the elderly.

Division members work directly with the public to address needs. Press releases and social media also are used to keep the public informed.

Officers are assigned to the city's business corridors, Neighborhood Watch groups, and community service programs and create and support other SPD initiatives.

## Programs and Events

**Back to School Bash**

**Black History Month Art and Essay contest**

**Random Act of Kindness**

**Project CheckMate**

**Operation Hydration**

**Prom Promise/In an Instant**

**Neighborhood Watch**

**National Night Out**

**National Police Week**

**Pursuit Against Hunger Food Drive**

**Cram-A-Cruiser Toy Drive**

**Halloween Trunk or Treat**



# Getting it right with Right Start

It's important for the department to share accurate information about the city's crime data, especially to newcomers or those looking to relocate in Sumter. Twice monthly, Lt. Tony Rivers and Staff Sgt. James Sinkler take part in Shaw Air Force Base's Right Start program, an orientation for airmen and their families who are new to the base and the Sumter community.

This partnership with Shaw allows the department to share current crime data and provide an accurate view of their new community.



**SPD continued efforts to brand its CheckMate Program for senior adults. The program has a new vehicle that makes it clearly visible in the community.**

## Department expands reach, grows social media followers

The number of social media followers and likes grew as we shared positive information about the department and its officers as well as information provided on inclement weather, missing persons and wanted suspects.

At times, particularly during Hurricane Matthew, the SumterSCPolice Facebook page reached in excess of a million people. The department now has more than **15,330** likes, up from 8,836 at the beginning of 2016. Twitter followers grew to 1,664. Instagram followers have also continued to increase.

However, it was video from the annual Back to School Bash that garnered the most attention this year. Entertainment was provided by DJ Howie D, otherwise known as Detective Sgt. Howie Austin. A video of Austin dancing the Biker's Shuffle with attendees soon went viral and continues to receive likes, comments and shares. To date, the video has received more than 31,000 likes and reactions, 4,800 comments and 1.8 million views.

In a recent post of Officer Glenn Baun giving a skateboard to a young man, we received the following comment: "We need to see more such positive acts and personal commitments from officers to heal the divide. All year, I have posted nothing but negative comments on the Facebook pages of several police departments across the country. It feels good to finally post a positive comment. Hopefully, this is the start of a trend that I will find cause to continue throughout the new year."

# Telecommunications

## 2016 TELECOMMUNICATION CENTER ACTIVITY

Calls for Service	2015	2016	% Change
<b>Sumter Police Department</b>	<b>89,714</b>	<b>81,229</b>	<b>-9.5%</b>
<b>Sumter County Sheriff's Office</b>	<b>71,326</b>	<b>72,369</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>Other (Fire, EMS)</b>	<b>26,442</b>	<b>28,963</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>187,482</b>	<b>182,561</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>

## Upgrades benefit agency communications

How an agency responds often starts with how well information is communicated, relying both on equipment and the people charged with relaying vital, often life-dependent information to emergency and law enforcement officials.

The Sumter City-County Telecommunications Center is the heartbeat, handling both emergency and non-emergency calls for the Sumter Police and Fire departments, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Medical Services.

In 2016, telecommunications officers and first responders reaped the benefits of a county penny sales tax initiative that allowed for equipment upgrades to the substations and vehicle and handheld radios which resulted in improved reach and clarity of transmissions.

Managed by the Sumter Police Department, the Telecommunications Center is staffed around the clock seven days a week.



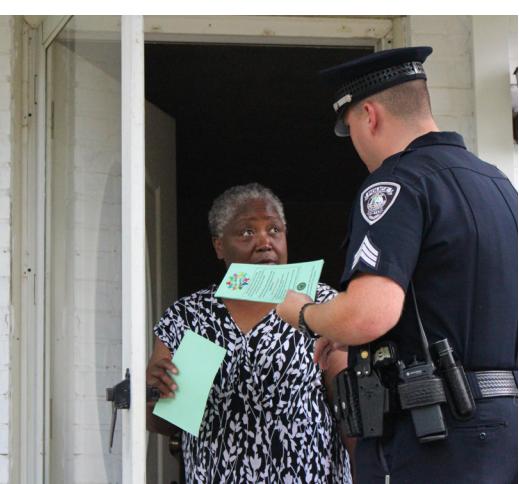
# 2016 Report Recap

- Crime again showed a decrease, representing a nearly 4 percent drop over the past three years and a 33 percent drop since 2010.
- Arrests were down, representing a 29 percent drop over the past three years
- Chief's Liaison Council was formed to further improve police-community relations
- \$304,450 in grant funding was received to implement body worn cameras





# Scenes of 2016



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**Deron McCormick**

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