

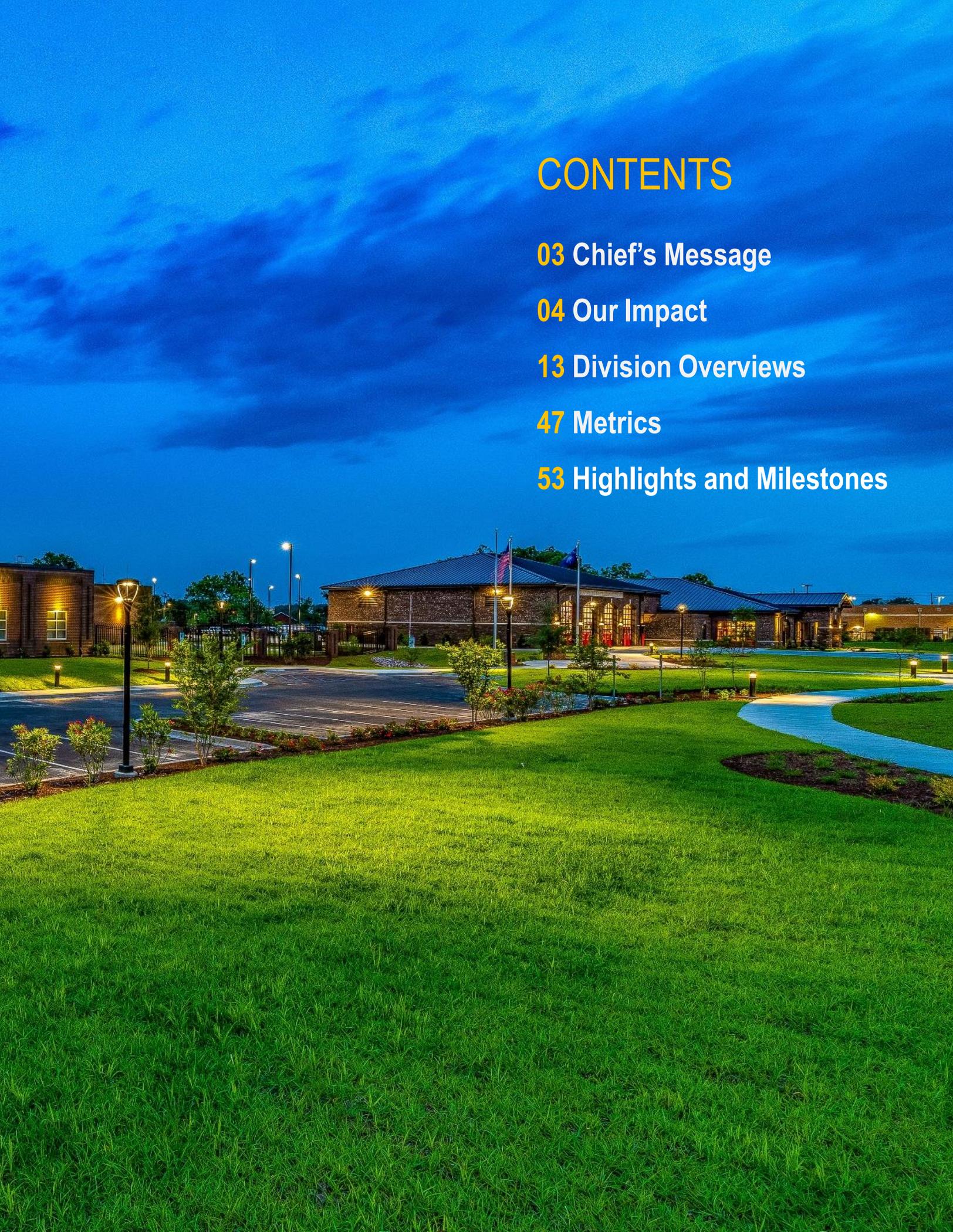
Annual Report 2018





SUMTER POLICE





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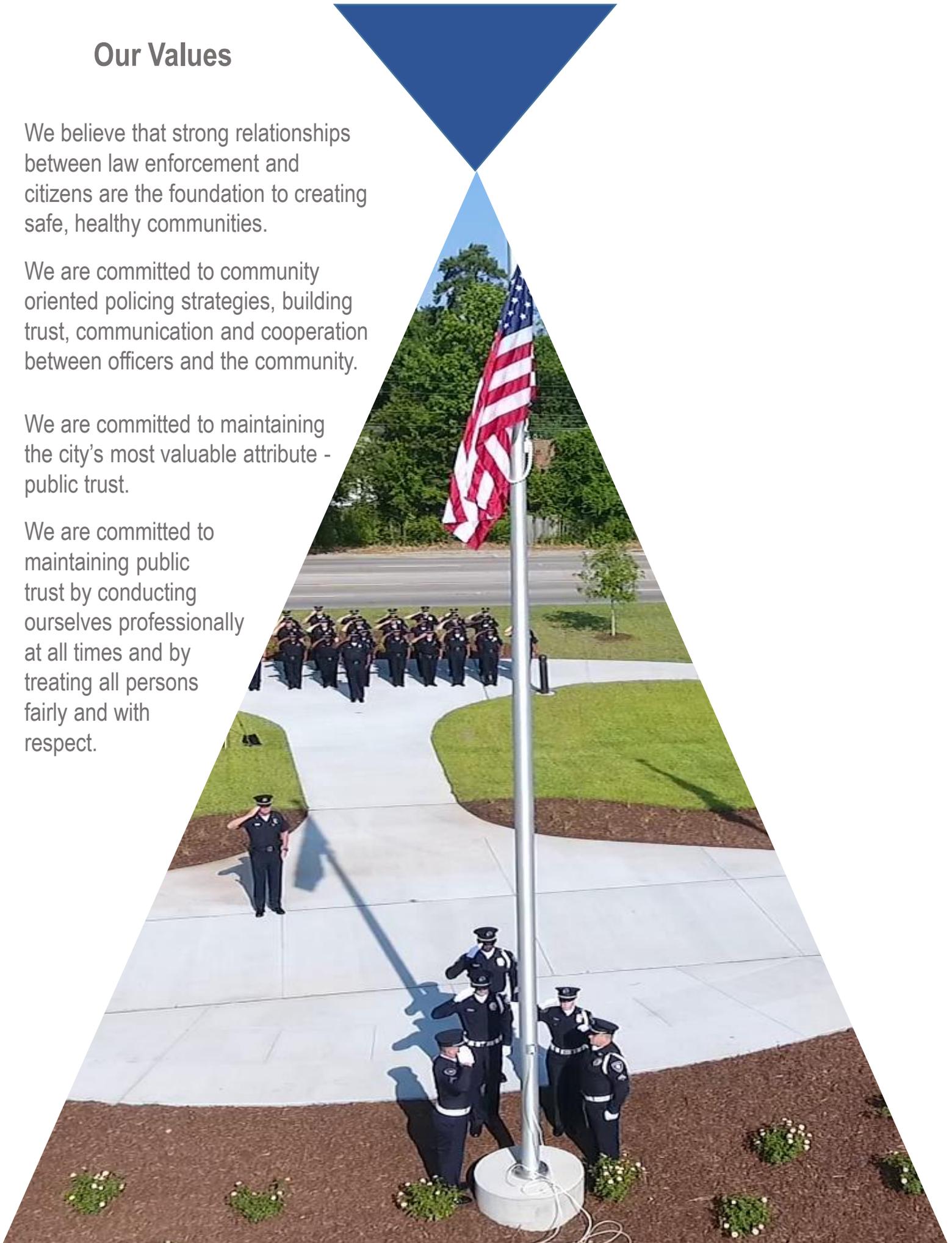
Our Values

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, 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.



Chief's Message

Building Our Future

2018 was a year of significant growth for the Sumter Police Department. Most notable was the completion of an ambitious 4 year project to design and construct a new Public Safety Complex. Housing police, fire, and emergency communications for both city and county, the project demonstrates the strong partnership and trust that exists between our community and its elected leadership.



Strong partnerships and trust are the core of effective law enforcement in any community. As an agency, we are committed to creating an open culture of inclusiveness that promotes a greater awareness of diversity and a stronger spirit of trust and cooperation.

Trust requires consistency and is built through small interactions over time. We value your trust and prioritize respect, fairness, and honesty every day and in every interaction. Our 2018 Annual Report is more than a re-cap of the past year. It is a tangible way to illustrate

“Strong partnerships and trust are the core of effective law enforcement in any community.”

our philosophies and our commitment to the well-being of our community.

year. With your continued support, together we will sustain and build healthy police/community partnerships now and in the future.

We will face many challenges and opportunities in the new

We don't just serve and protect the community...

The passion to serve others doesn't end after each shift. Our officers are intertwined in our community, giving back and helping to make Sumter a better and more vibrant place to live.



we are a part of it.



Shared values and a common purpose connect us to the community in roles that reach beyond the badge. Officers like Cedric Kirkman coach and guide youth in our community.

EXPANDING



our impact

Of all the ways success can be measured, the most important metric is also the most fundamental. It's the people and the community we serve.



Jamien, like most children, was scared when he arrived at the hospital for treatment of a chronic illness. Officers heard the 4 year old crying and stopped in to offer reassurance. The boy was all smiles after visiting with our officers and receiving a toy police car.

Dot, one of our first CheckMate participants, credits the program with enabling her to stay in her home and live independently. Children of the retired Postmistress are grateful knowing an officer visits regularly to check on their mother.



Our 41 Neighborhood Watch groups are as varied and diverse as the communities they represent. The information, training, support and resources they receive however are synergistic.

Working together, we are creating safer communities.



the power of

PARTNERSHIPS



A solid partnership with Sumter School District provides opportunities for officers to regularly engage with students.

Through interactive programs like Prom Promise, students get a firsthand experience of the dangers and consequences of impaired driving.

Empathizing with a wider group strengthens community ties and often removes barriers that seem unsurmountable.



together we can do more



Within the department, divisions and shifts often adopt programs and individuals needing assistance.



Captain Mike Evans graduated from the Advanced Force Science Specialist Course in August, certifying him as 1 of fewer than 100 persons worldwide qualified to analyze officer response in high stress, use of force situations.

Evans' s training and expertise will assist in identifying behavioral science elements involved in use of force encounters, and developing SPD officer training based on modern research and principles.

building strong LEADERSHIP

Lieutenant Robert Singleton graduated in July from the Southern Police Institute's 81st Session of the Command Officer's Development program.

The intensive 400-hour course, which was held in Florida, is a continuing education course for law enforcement managers.





a focus on the **FUTURE**

Relationships matter. Individual connections shape our ideas and our actions.

Mentoring encourages, empowers, and supports our youth in becoming innovative leaders of tomorrow.

Positive and consistent youth interaction is a priority for Sumter Police Department.



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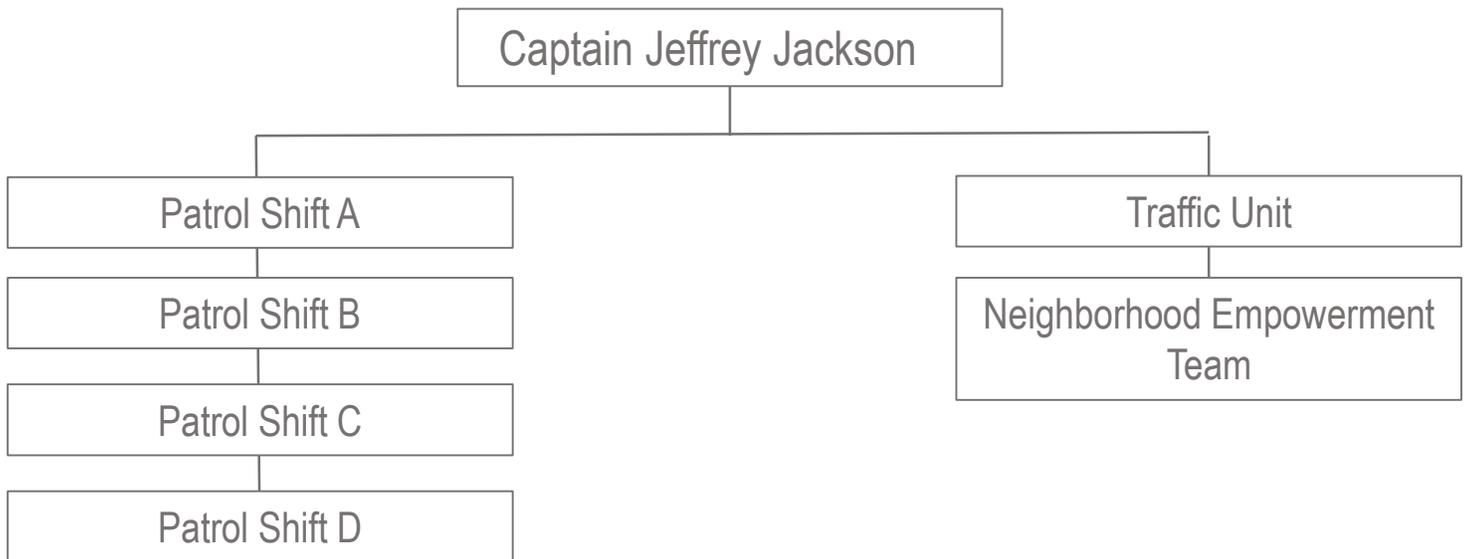


Uniform Services Division



Uniform Services Division

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

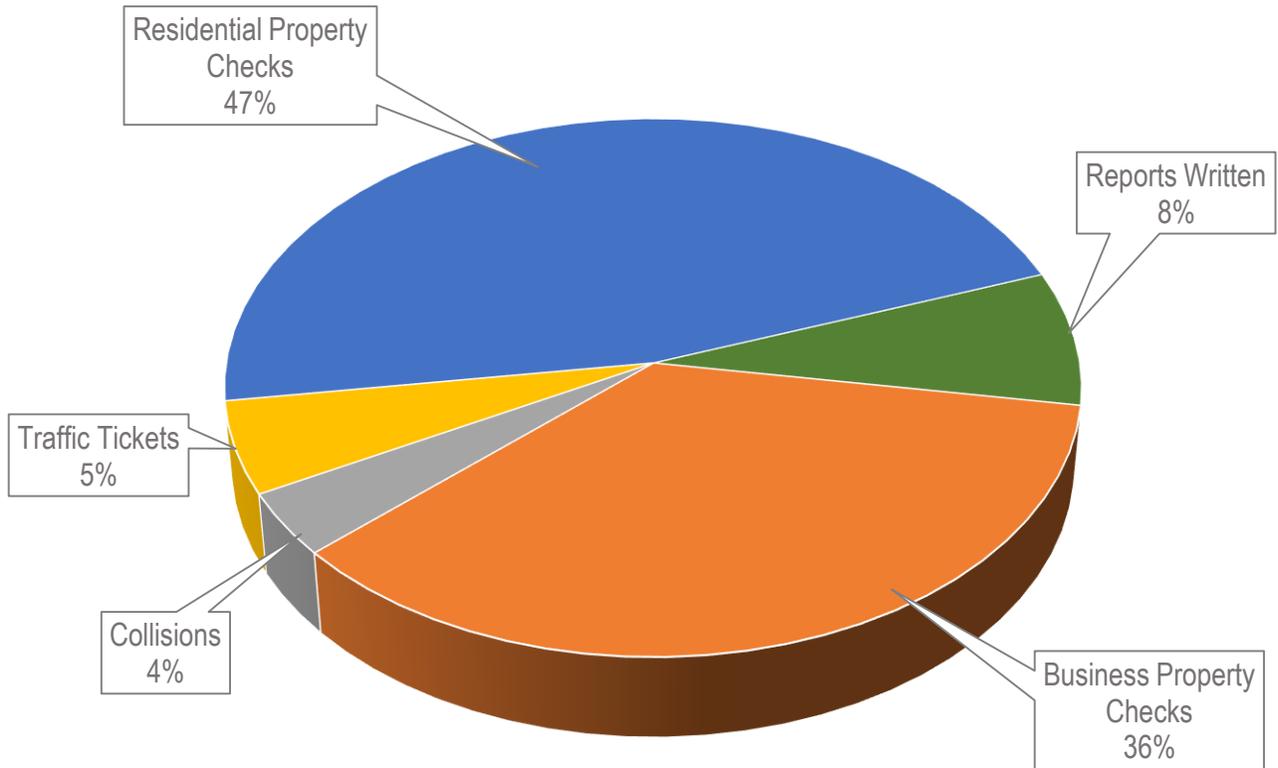


Under the command of Captain Jeffrey Jackson, the Uniform Services Division provides front-line law enforcement services 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. Officers assigned to Uniform Services interact with the public daily, answering calls for service, working traffic accidents and conducting proactive neighborhood and business patrols.

Uniform Services Division

PATROL

2018 TOTAL CONTACTS



■ Reports Written	5,181
■ Business Property Checks	23,044
■ Collisions	2,468
■ Traffic Tickets	3,573
■ Residential Property Checks	30,005



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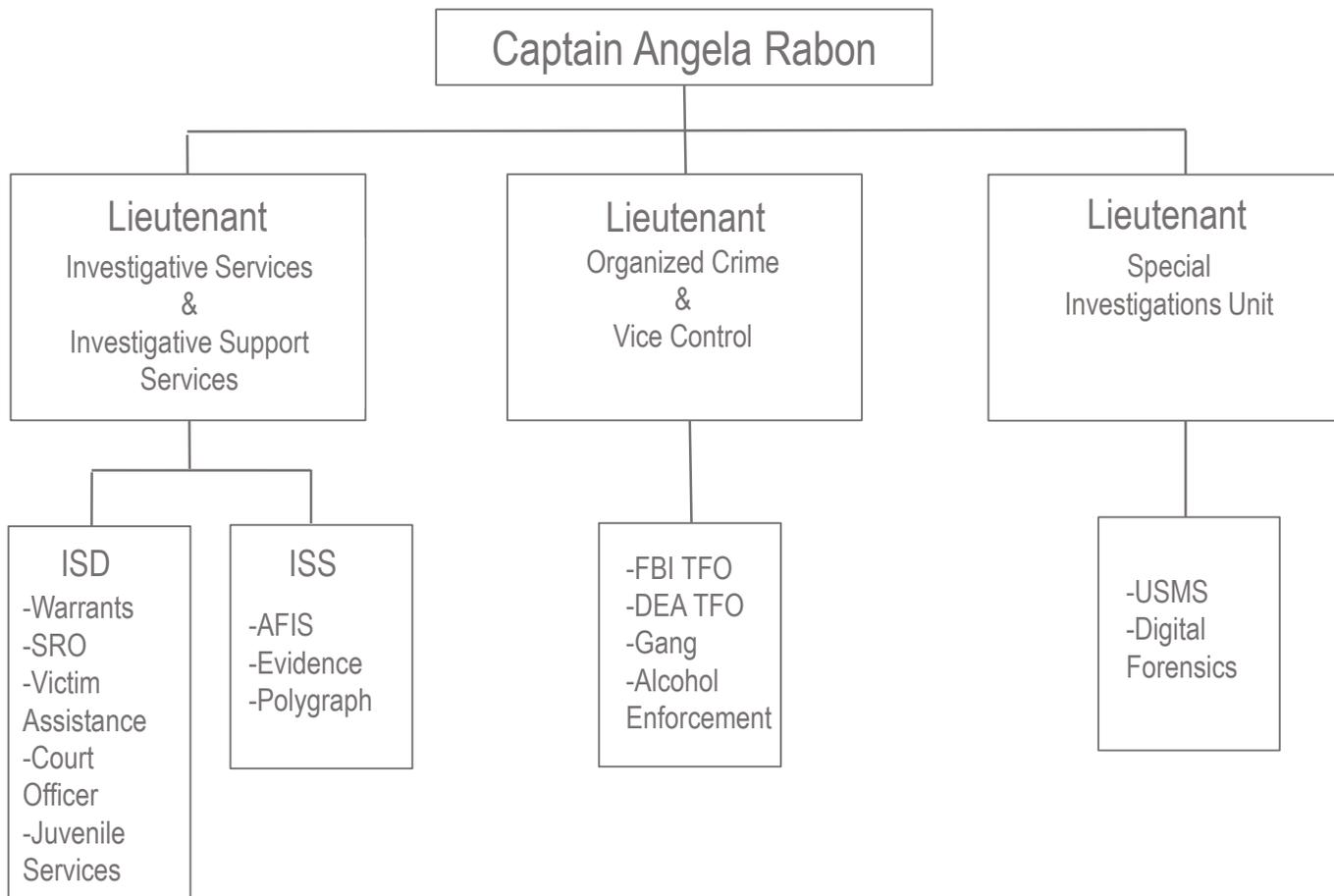


Investigative Services Division



Investigative Services Division

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 26, the division includes a number of specialized units such as Organized Crime and Vice Control, Victim Services and a comprehensive Support Unit.



Investigative Services Division

CASE LOAD AND CLEARANCE RATE

Financial Crimes

Cases: 404
Cases Cleared: 144
Clearance Rate: 33%



Juvenile Crimes

Cases: 615
Cases Cleared: 432
Clearance Rate: 65%



Violent Crimes

Cases: 345
Cases Cleared: 310
Clearance Rate: 88%



Property Crimes

Cases: 1,680
Cases Cleared: 285
Clearance Rate: 17%



WARRANTS SECTION

Warrants/Subpoenas Issued

445



Service Rate

75%

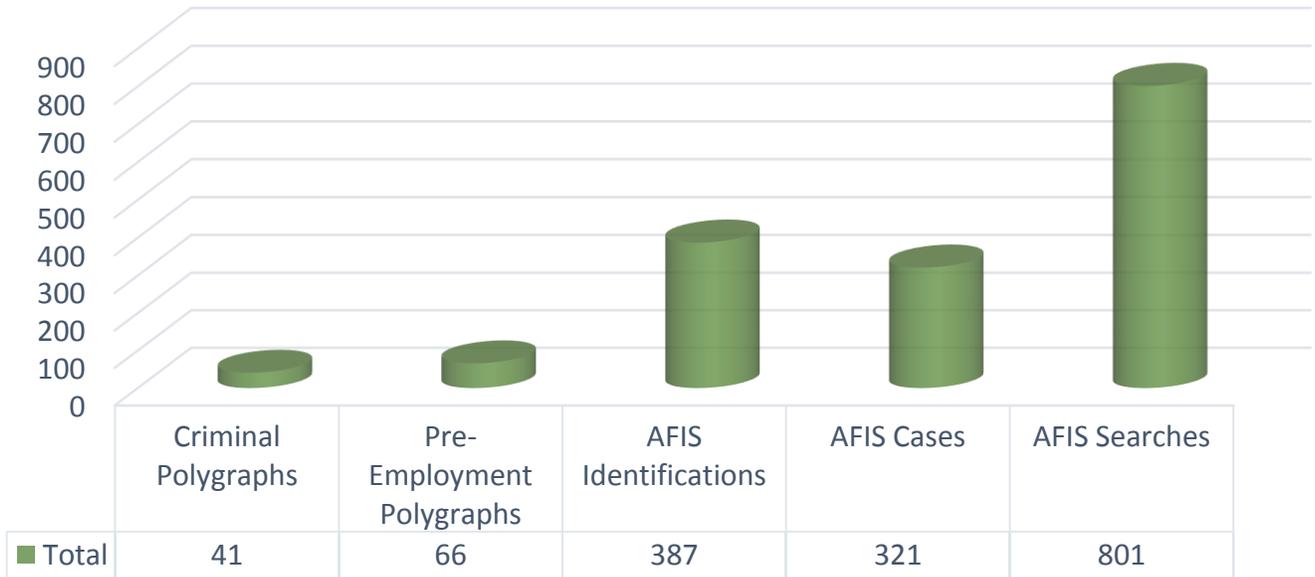


Investigative Services Division

SUPPORT SERVICES

Providing an array of specially trained forensic support to the department, the Support Services Unit is responsible for administering pre-employment and criminal polygraphs, processing of crime scenes, and fingerprinting.

In June, the department began utilizing Live Scan, an advanced biometric technology for capturing fingerprints. The inkless, electronic means of capture allows fingerprints to be processed in a digitized format. The method reduces chances of human error and the time required for prints to be processed and authenticated.



Investigative Services Division

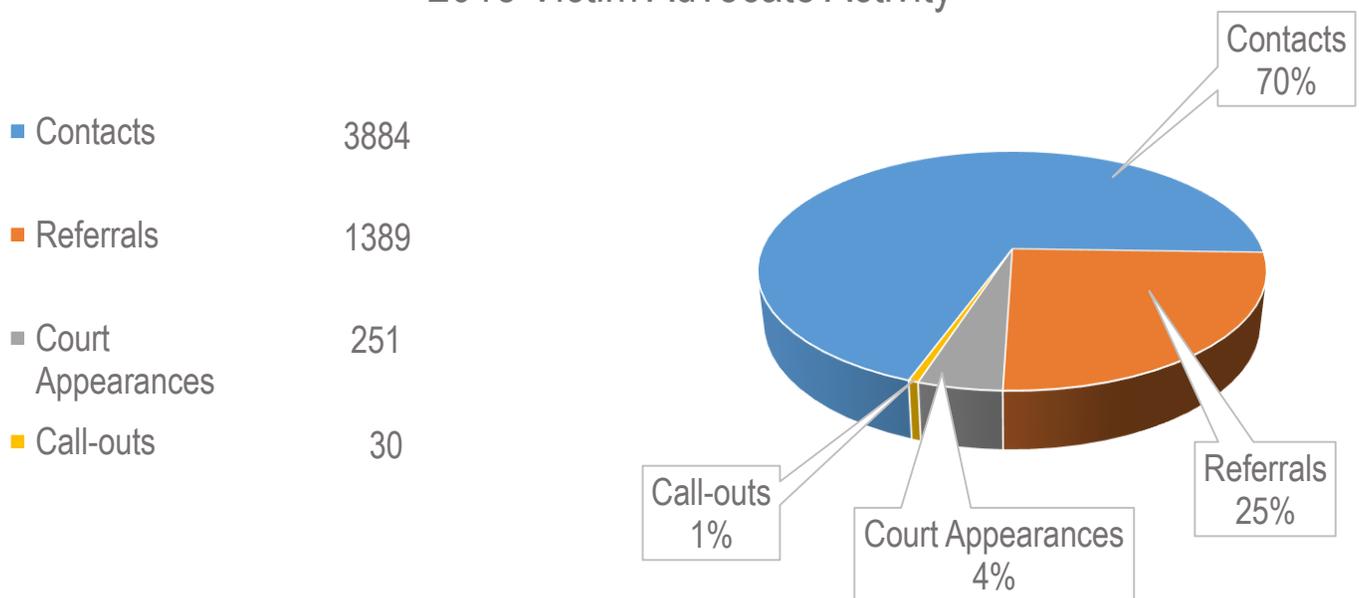
VICTIM SERVICES



Meeting the needs of crime victims through communication, empathy and responsiveness, the Victim Services Unit provides support and assistance to all victims and witnesses of crime reported in the City of Sumter.

Trained advocates provide victim-centered systemic support to include crisis intervention, shelter assistance, court accompaniment, and referrals to outside agencies.

2018 Victim Advocate Activity



Investigative Services Division

ORGANIZED CRIME AND VICE CONTROL

Cash Seized

\$50,815



Value of Drugs Seized

\$406,715



Vehicles Seized

3



Weapons Seized

128



Search Warrants

22



Arrests

287



Investigative Services Division

SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

- **Rashid Spain** (19 yoa) of Meadow Circle was charged with involuntary manslaughter for negligently playing with a firearm and causing the death of his close friend, Carter Johnson.
- **Willie Terrel Peebles**, 48, of 16B Dixie Drive, **Jaqwon Danik Gagum**, 26, of 550 Swinton Road, Conway, **Janie Iraisha Johnson**, 25, and **Montez Johnson**, 28, both of 108 Brand St., Sumter were all charged with attempted murder for shooting an acquaintance on Dixie Drive.
- **Chaneathia Ceasar** was charged with assault after slapping a child at Kingsbury Elementary that she felt was bullying her daughter.
- **Robert Paul Turner**, of 2390 Poole Road, and **Anahea Nickolette Blazer**, of 3110 Joyce St were charged with several counts of larceny for their role in several mail thefts that occurred in Sumter, Richland, and Kershaw areas.
- The Following 5 were charged with the murder of 17 year old Joshua Goodman:
 - **Shanice Octavia Bradley**, 20, of 18 Wilson St., Sumter - charged with murder, attempted armed robbery and conspiracy.
 - **Diontre Brown**, 18, of 1228 ½ Lorick Road, Blythwood.- charged with murder, attempted armed robbery, conspiracy and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.
 - **Dequan Lamont Washington**, 21, of 18 Corbett St., Sumter. - charged with murder, attempted armed robbery and conspiracy.
 - **Joshua Smith Jr.**, 16, of 7 Virginia Drive, Sumter - charged as an adult with accessory before the fact of armed robbery, accessory before the fact of murder and conspiracy.
 - **Jaelon Markell Jackson**, 21, of 80 Brighton Hill Road, Apt. 1122, of Columbia - charged with murder, attempted armed robbery, conspiracy and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.
- **Charles Spencer Anderson** was charged with armed robbery of the Citgo located at 7 S. Guignard Drive.
- **Alonzo Shaw** was charged with murder in the shooting death of his child's mother. Incident occurred at Friendship Apts.
- **James Samuels** was charged with two counts of bomb threats made toward the Sumter County DHEC building.
- **Michael Rose** was charged with burglary to Burgess Do It Center.
- **Steven Van Buren** was charged with attempted murder for shooting a handgun at his mother.
- **Ta'je Spann** was charged with pointing and presenting a firearm. He is a main suspect in several shooting incidents within the City of Sumter.
- **Lander Hickman** was charged with kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct-1st degree, financial transaction card fraud, pointing and presenting a firearm, 4 counts of armed robbery and 4 counts of possession of a weapon during a violent crime. He was responsible for robbing several pizza delivery drivers, the last of which he sexually assaulted.
- **Quanisha Burgess** was charged with 2 counts of armed robbery for robberies to Young's Market and Circle K.
- **Jaquan Curtis**, **Dominique James Bowman**, **Jordan Kevon Hunter**, and **Rasheem Akeem James**, have all been charged in connection to an armed robbery at Sumter Pawn Shop.
- **Davvus Toney**, 26, of 725 Boulevard Road, **Curtis Channing Pearson**, 27, of 304 Loring Drive, and **Jamacia Rakeem Simon**, 26, of 1031 Marilyn Ave. are each charged with armed robbery and possession of a weapon during a violent crime for their roles in the armed robbery of the Speedway Gas Station.
- **Jamil Lawson** was sentenced in Federal Court to 51 months for narcotics violations from the joint FBI / OCVC "Movement" case. Co-defendants **San Antonio Miller** received 34 months and **Donald Bush** received mandatory life.
- **Jaquan Wells** was arrested for multiple narcotics violations after a months long investigation.
- **Patrick Rashad Clark**, **Patrick Clifton Clark** and **Roosevelt Foster** were arrested on multiple counts of Distribution of Heroin. All suspects were denied bond and Federal Authorities (DEA) have adopted the cases. **Patrick Clark** is considered one of the largest heroin distributors in the area and possesses an extensive criminal record.



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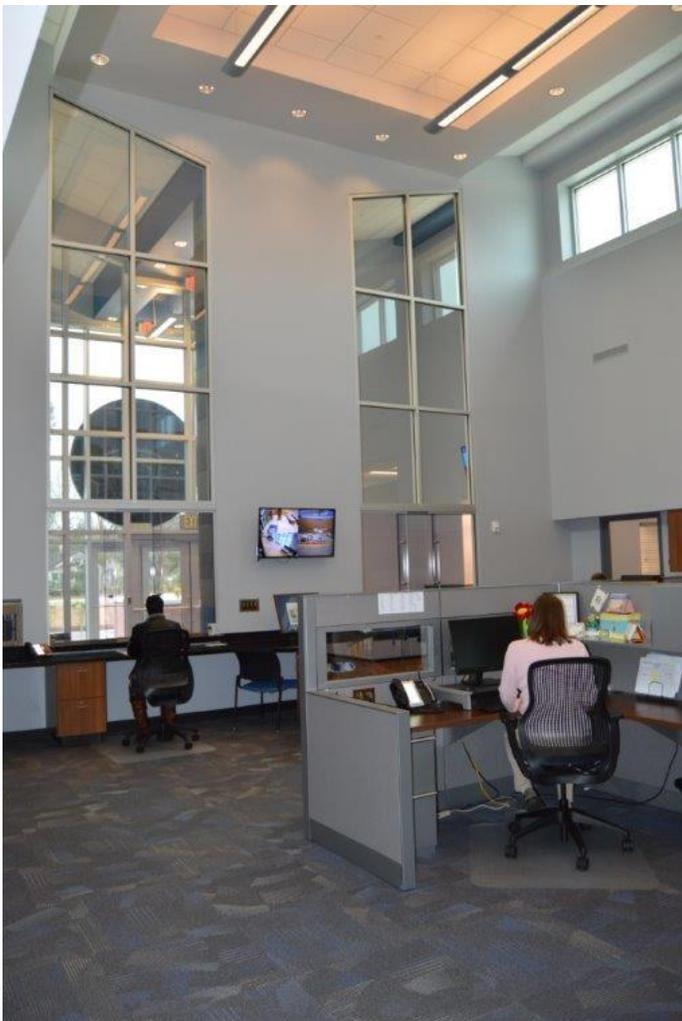
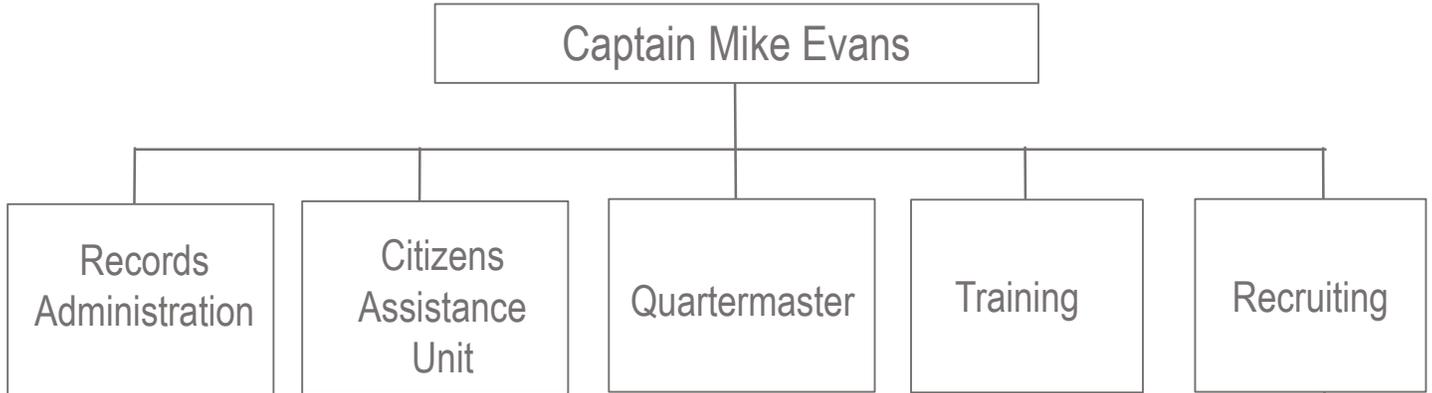


Support Services Division



Support Services Division

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



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.

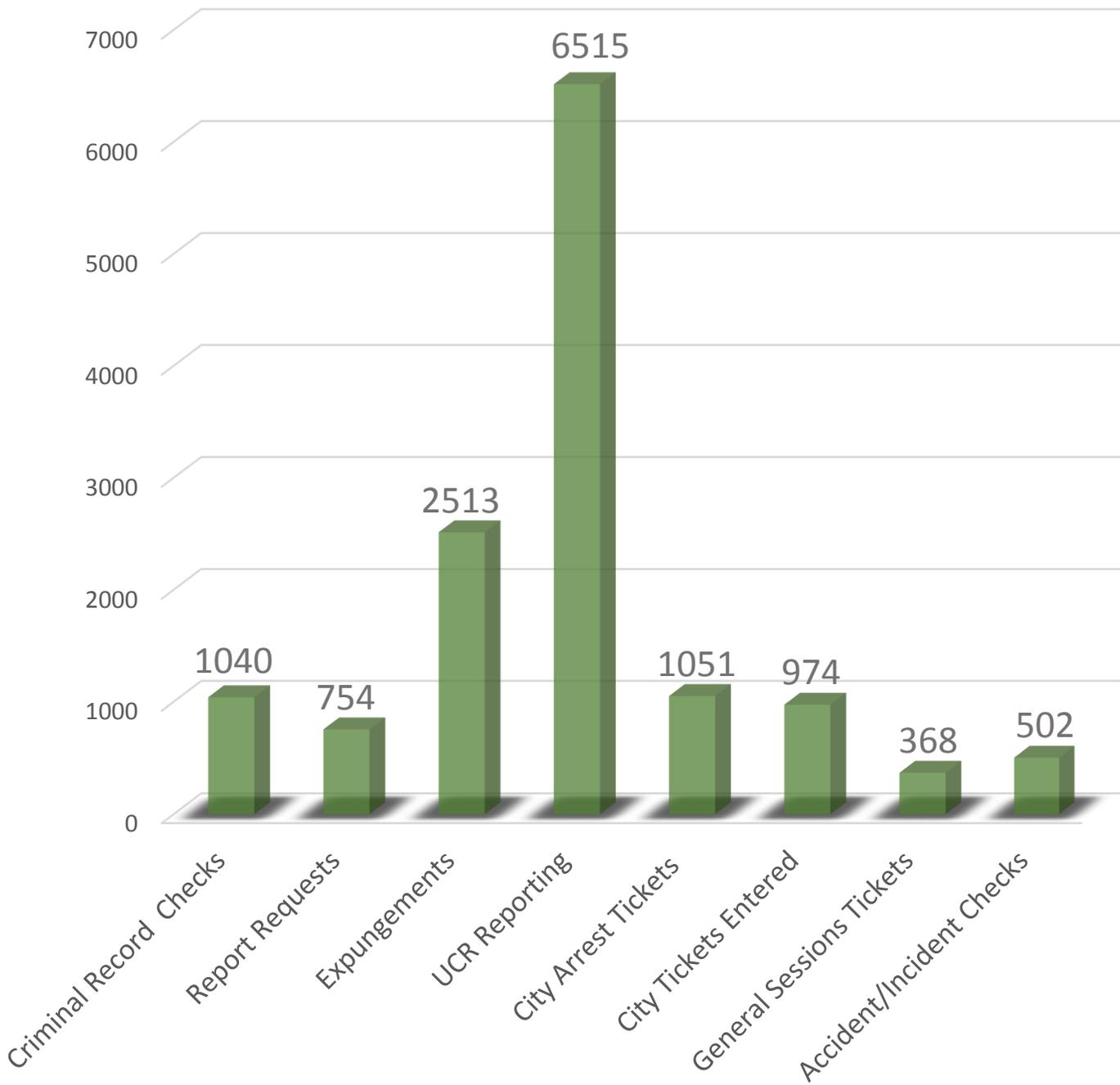
The department's Training Unit coordinates all training for sworn officers and civilian staff, and maintains records to ensure compliance with state and CALEA requirements.

Identifying and onboarding diverse officers and staff that reflect our community is a priority for the Recruiting Unit. We are proud to employ innovative strategies that promote inclusiveness not only in the department, but throughout the City of Sumter as well.

Support Services Division

RECORDS

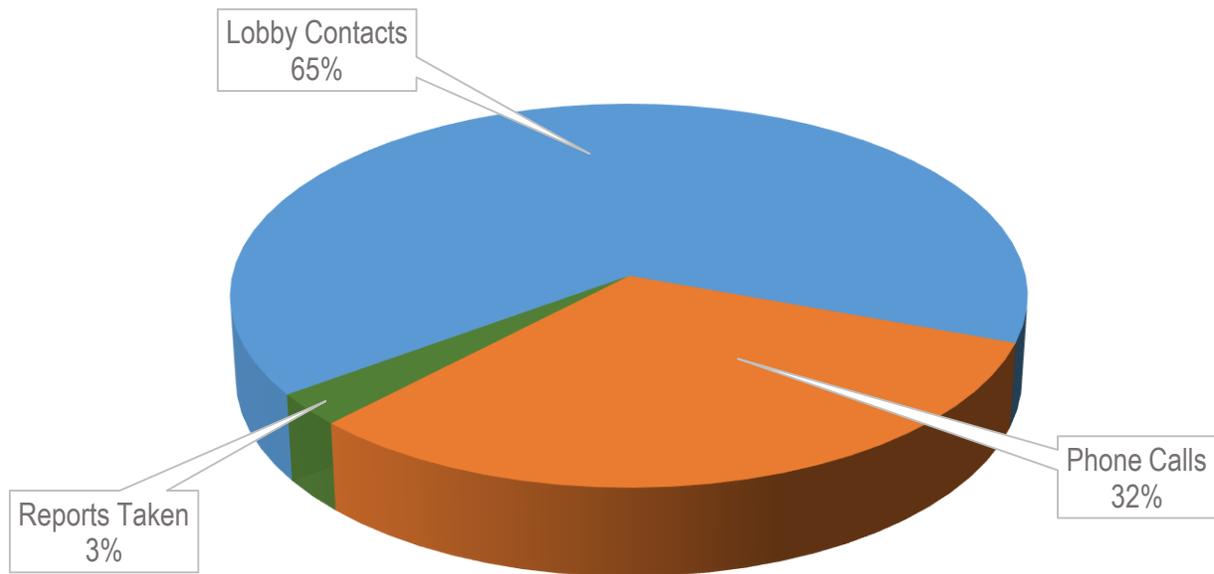
2018 Records Activity



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CITIZENS ASSISTANCE UNIT

2018 CAU Activity

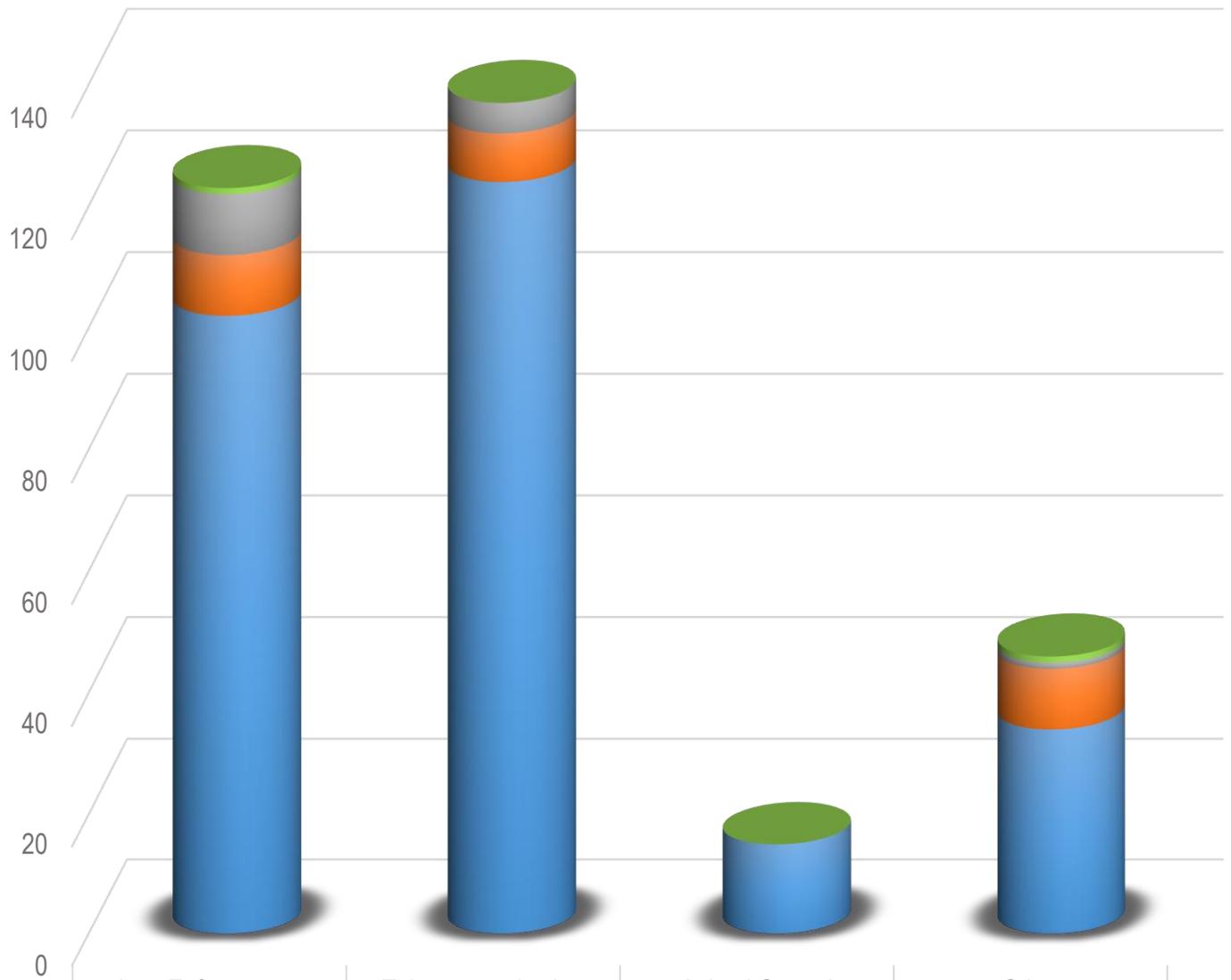


■ Lobby Contacts	15,097
■ Phone Calls	7,294
■ Reports Taken	640

Support Services Division

RECRUITMENT

2018 Recruiting Activity



	Law Enforcement	Telecommunication	Animal Control	Other
Retired	1	0	0	1
Resigned	10	5	0	1
Hired	10	8	0	10
Applications	102	124	15	34

Support Services Division

TRAINING

The Sumter Police Department Training Complex, originally designed to serve as a firing range only, completed a much needed upgrade this year with a new office/classroom training building, range towers, computerized target system, and outdoor lighting.

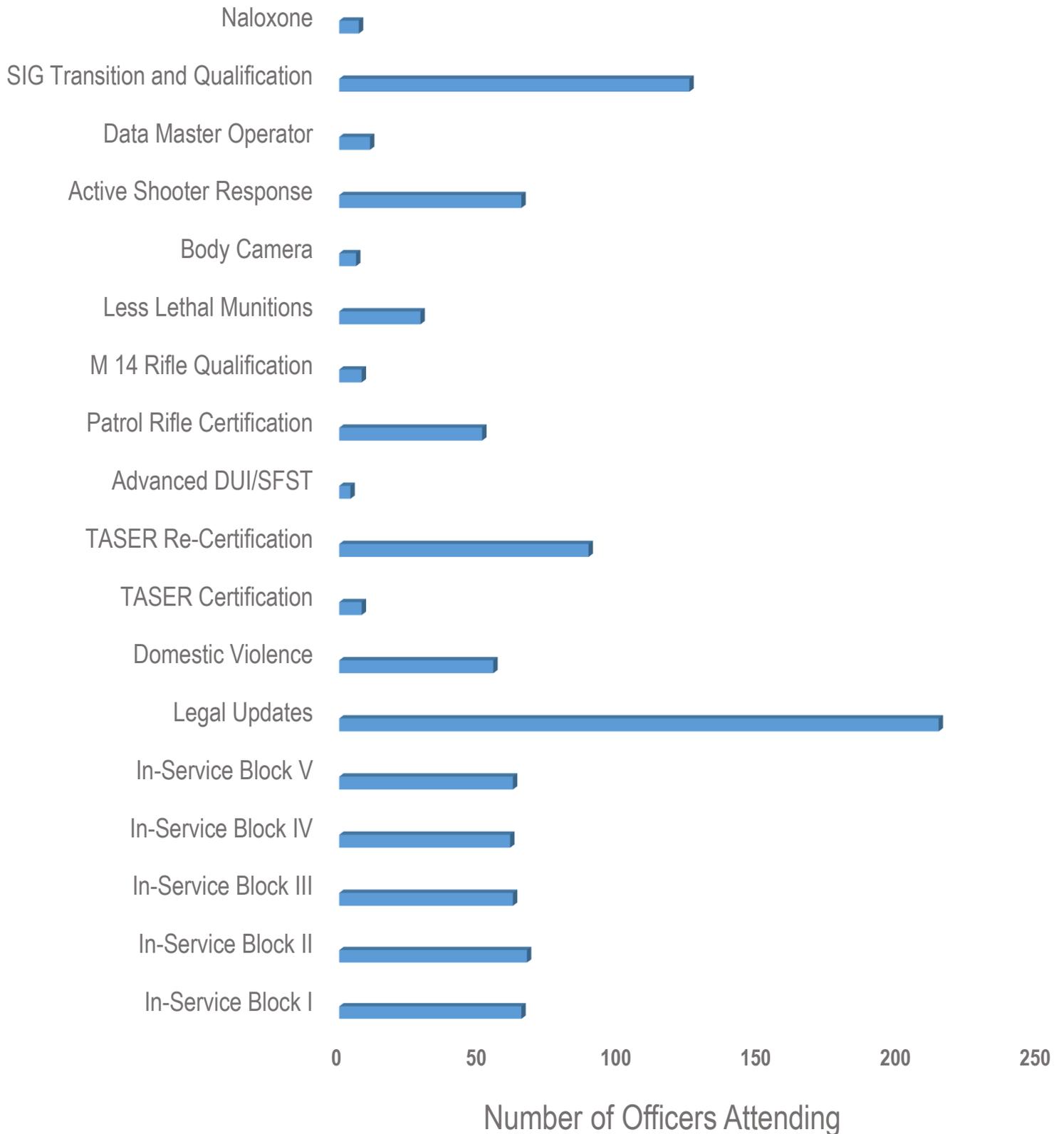
The improvements benefit federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, who regularly use the facility for classroom and firearms training.



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TRAINING

Sworn Officer Training





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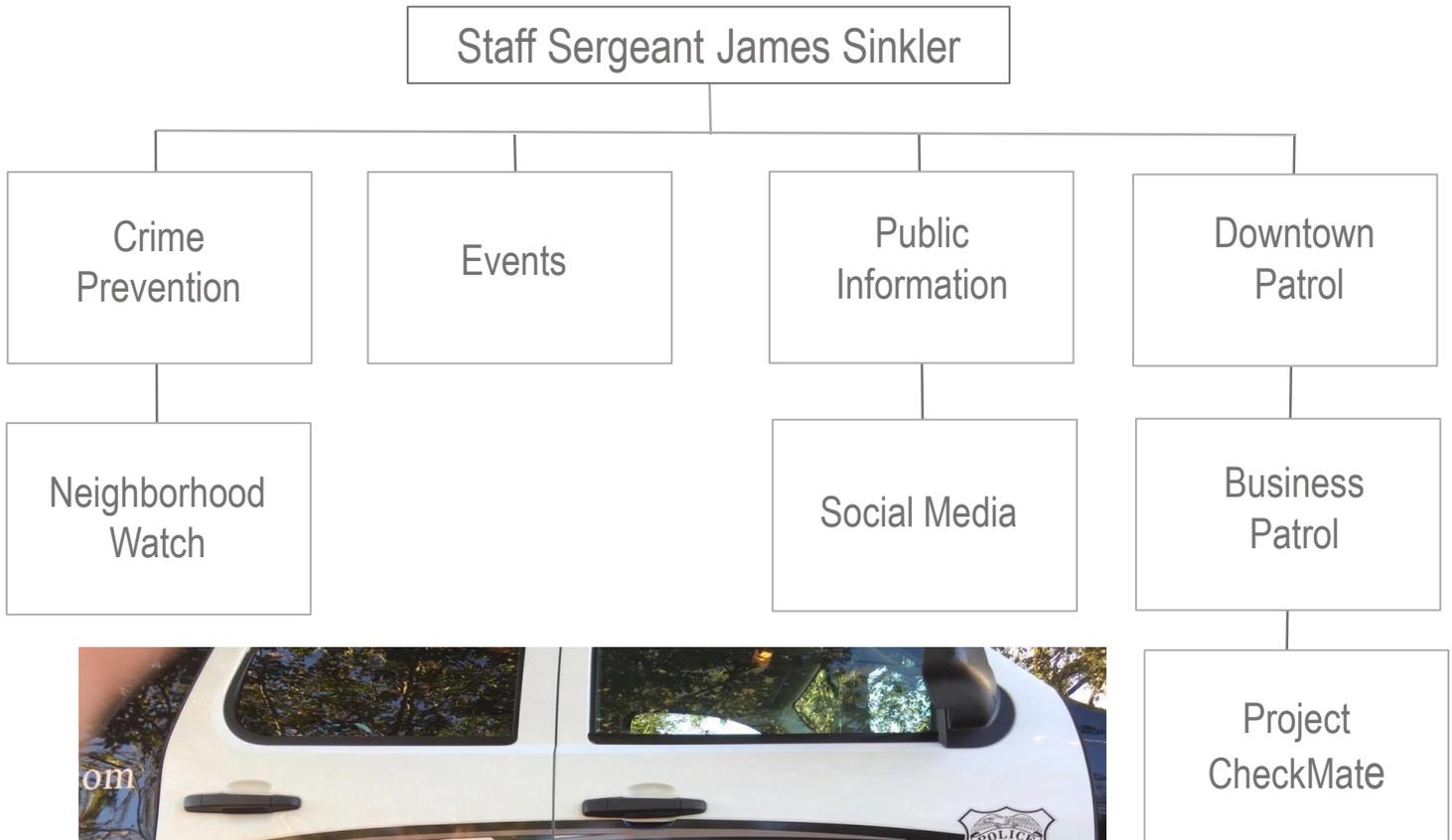


Community Services Division



Community Services Division

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



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

Providing community based assistance to seniors with limited support resources allows for aging in place and family peace of mind. Our CheckMate program continues to serve as a model for other law enforcement agencies across the nation, as others look to provide services to this growing population.

Project CheckMate 3 Year Growth – 38%



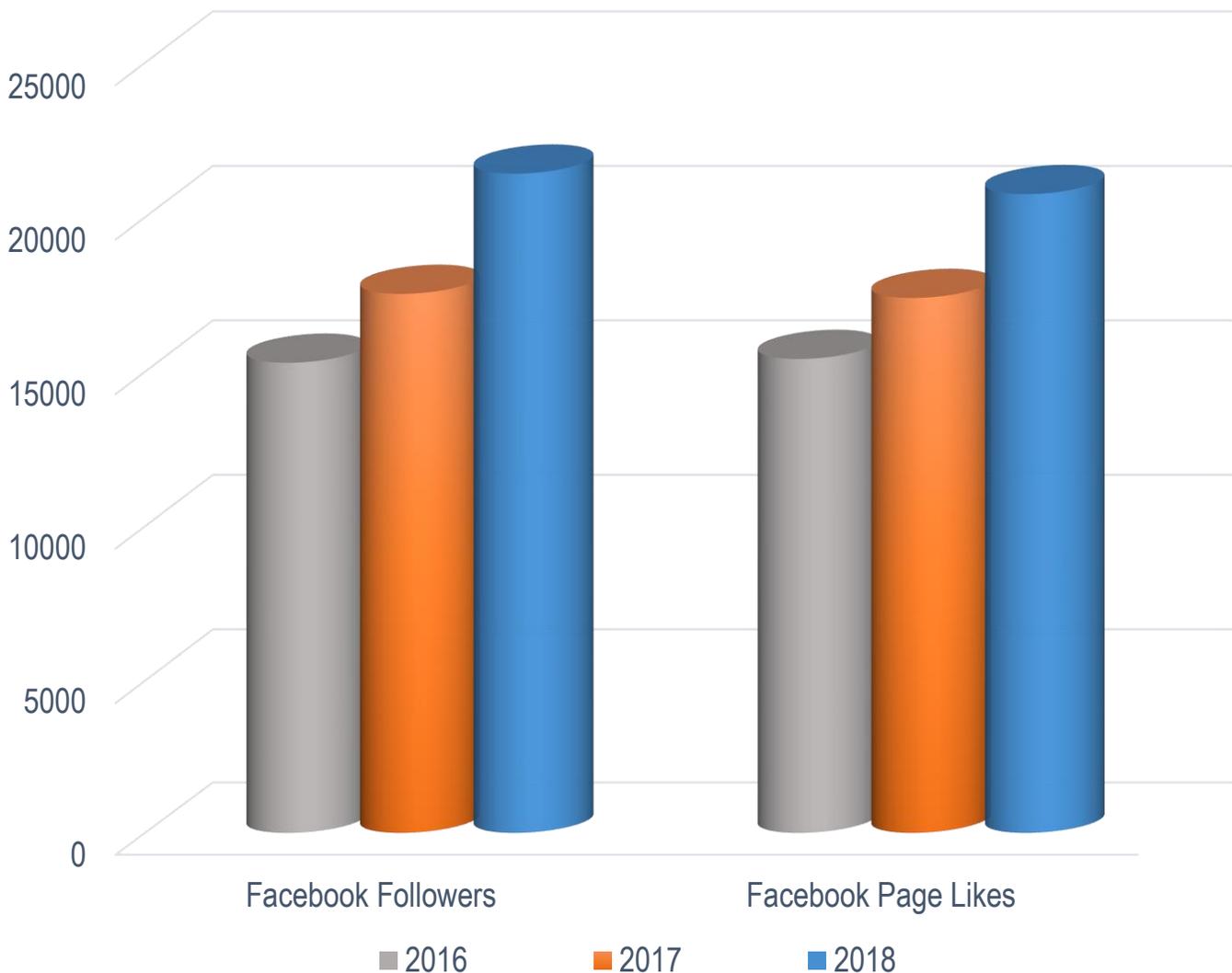
Community Services Division

PUBLIC INFORMATION

As digital communication began to change the way we interact, receive information and investigate crime, Sumter Police Department emerged a leader in law enforcement adaptation of social media.

Today, we continue to shape important conversations by delivering timely, accurate and relevant information to our more than 21,000 Facebook followers.

3 Year Social Media Reach



Community Services Division

DOWNTOWN PATROL

Revitalization in Sumter's Central Business District continues to attract local residents and visitors to concerts, events, restaurants and shops, and the April 2018 completion of a new 93 room hotel on Main Street allows visitors the option to extend their time downtown overnight.

Safety and security of all downtown patrons is a priority. The department's Community Services Division coordinates downtown foot patrols daily and in response to special events.



Community Services Division PROGRAMS & EVENTS



- Black History Month Awards Party
- Job Shadowing
- Festival on the Avenue



Community Services Division PROGRAMS & EVENTS



- National Night Out
- Project CheckMate
- Youth Engagement





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Telecommunications





Telecommunications

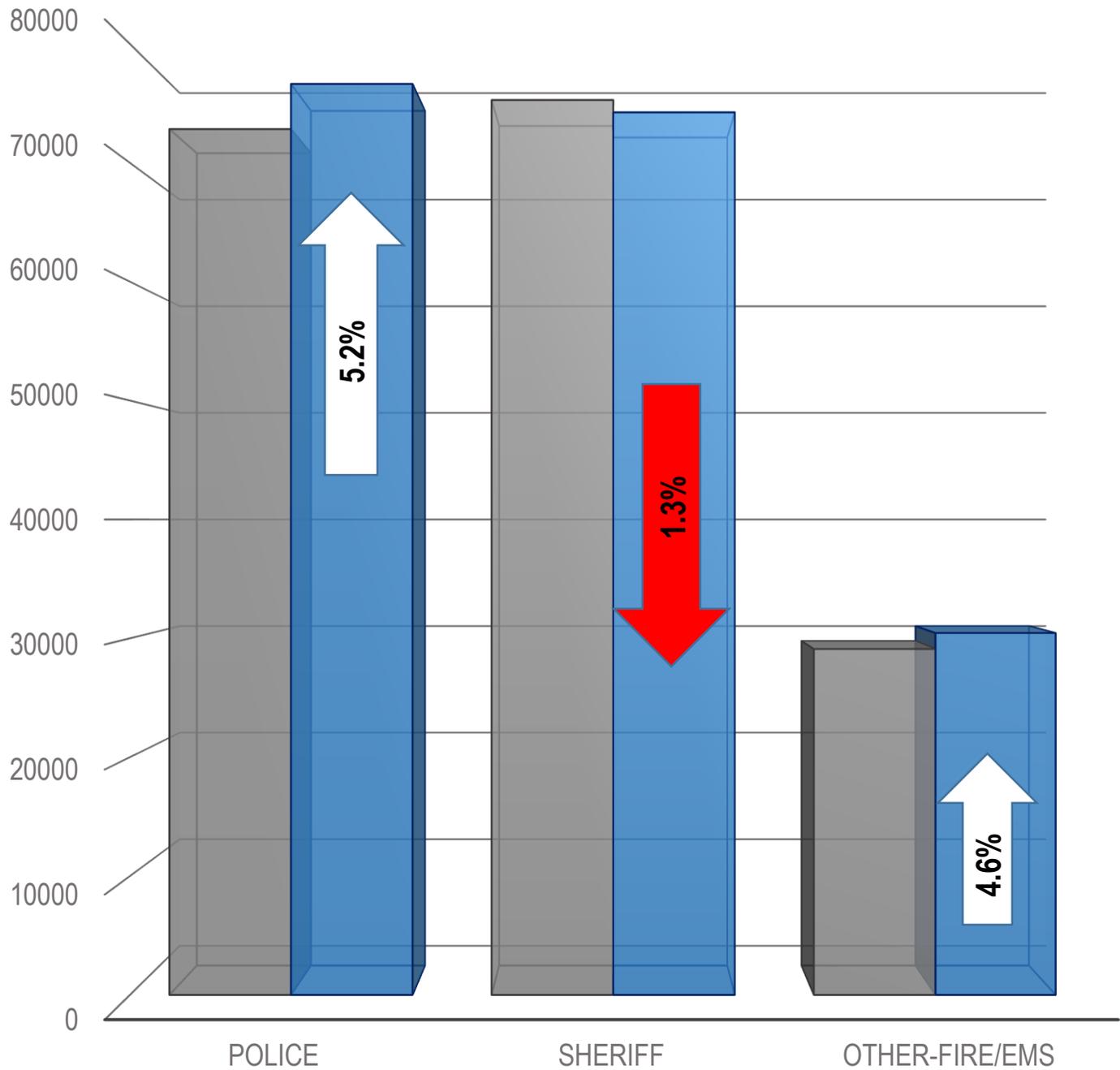


A new, state-of-the-art Telecommunications Center provides all radio transmitted communication for the Police Department, Sumter Sheriff's Office, Sumter Fire Department and Sumter County EMS. Telecommunicators utilize an enhanced 911 system to answer all emergency and non-emergency calls.

Managed by the Sumter Police Department, the center is staffed by 4 shifts, providing round-the-clock service 365 days per year.

Telecommunications

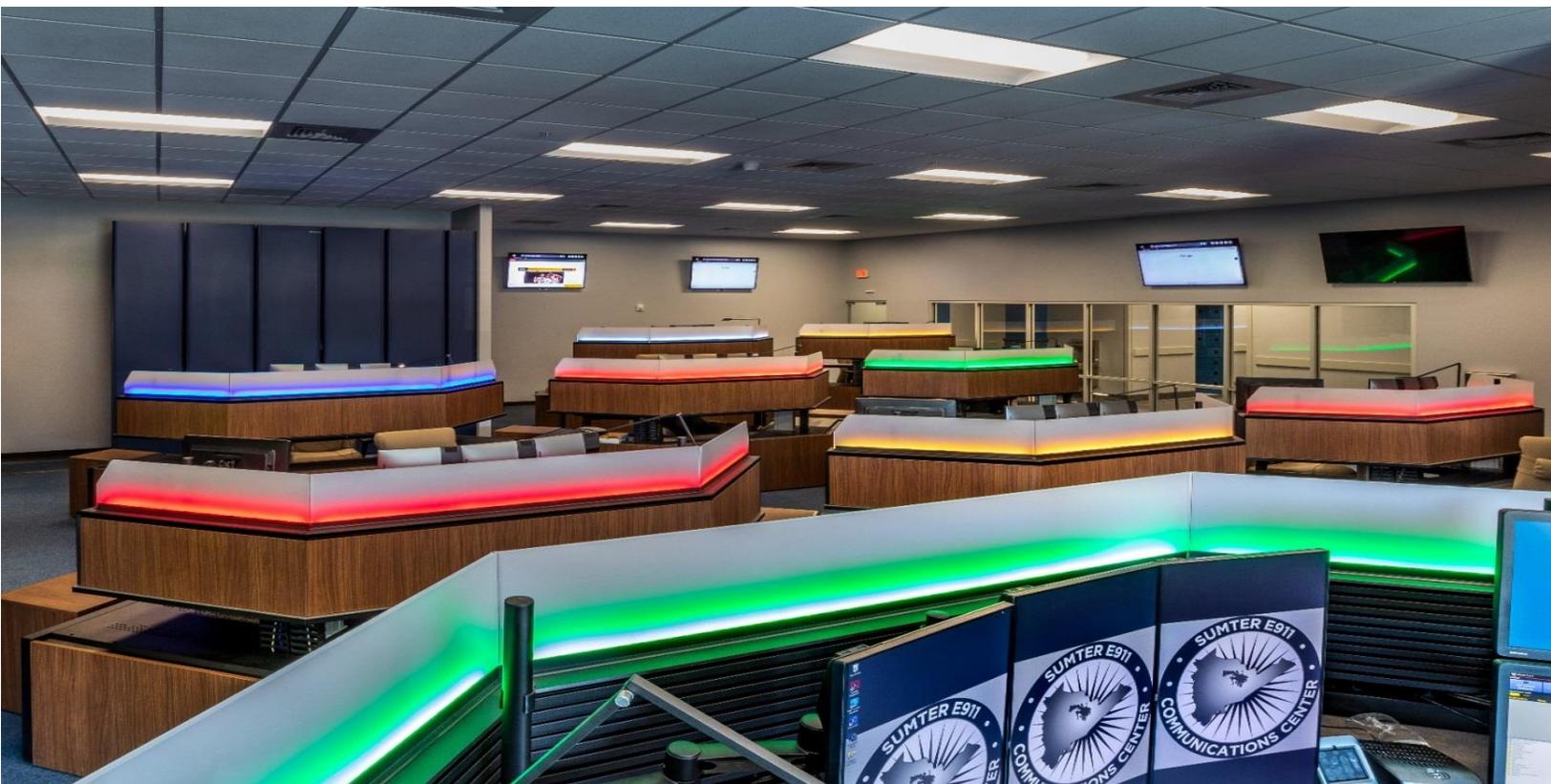
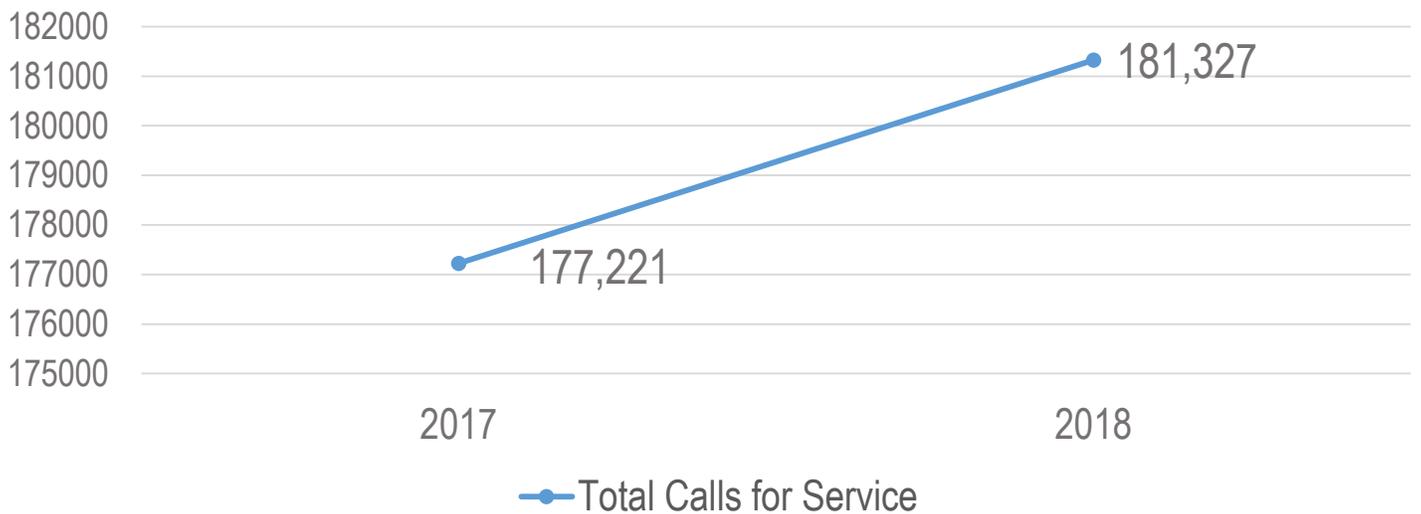
2017 v. 2018 Calls for Service



	Police	Sheriff	Other-Fire/EMS
■ 2017	72838	75282	29101
■ 2018	76635	74248	30444

Telecommunications

2017 v. 2018 Calls for Service Trend



Each dispatch console is equipped with indicator lights allowing managers and users to see the status of team members for better responsiveness and management. Red designates an active call, green indicates availability to take a call, yellow signals a mechanical issue with the console, and blue designates the console is not assigned or in use.



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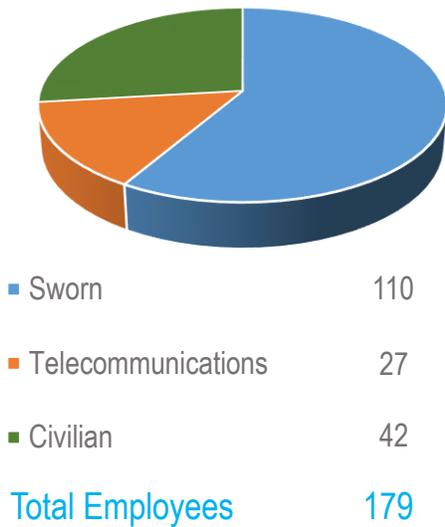


Metrics



Metrics

Staffing Levels



Calls for Service Trend



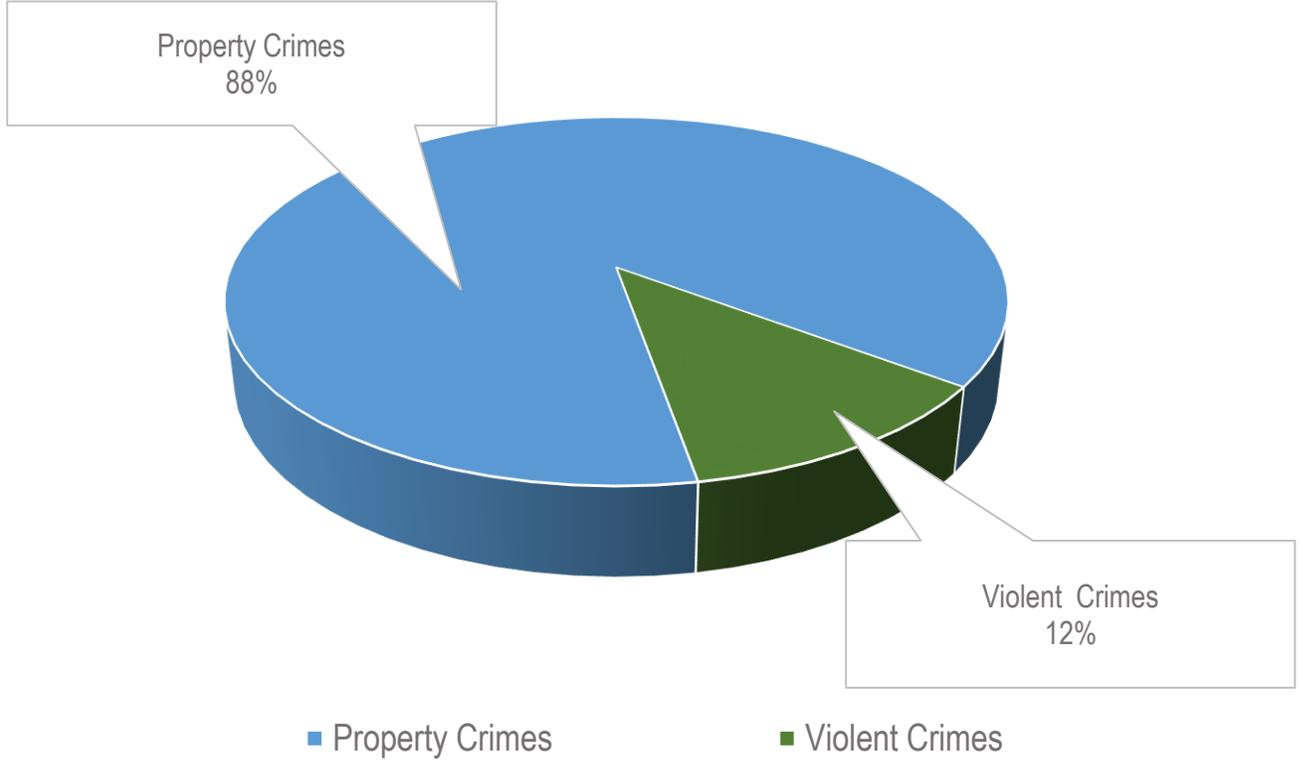
Employee Training Hours



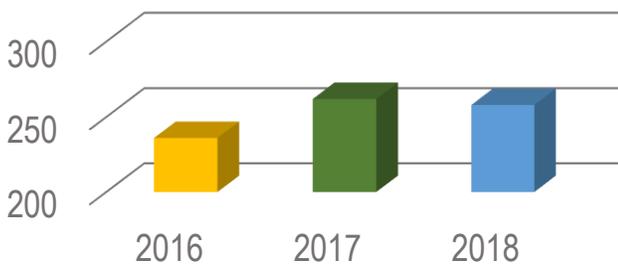
Fair Market Value of Federal Surplus Property Acquired

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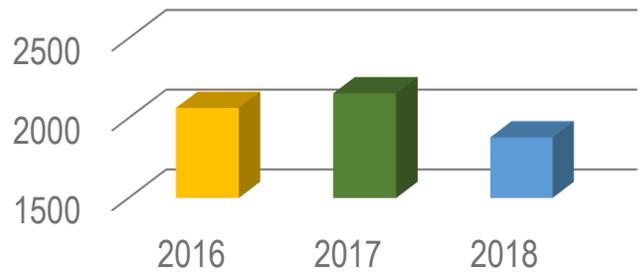
2018 City of Sumter Crime Index



3 Year Crimes Against Persons



3 Year Crimes Against Property

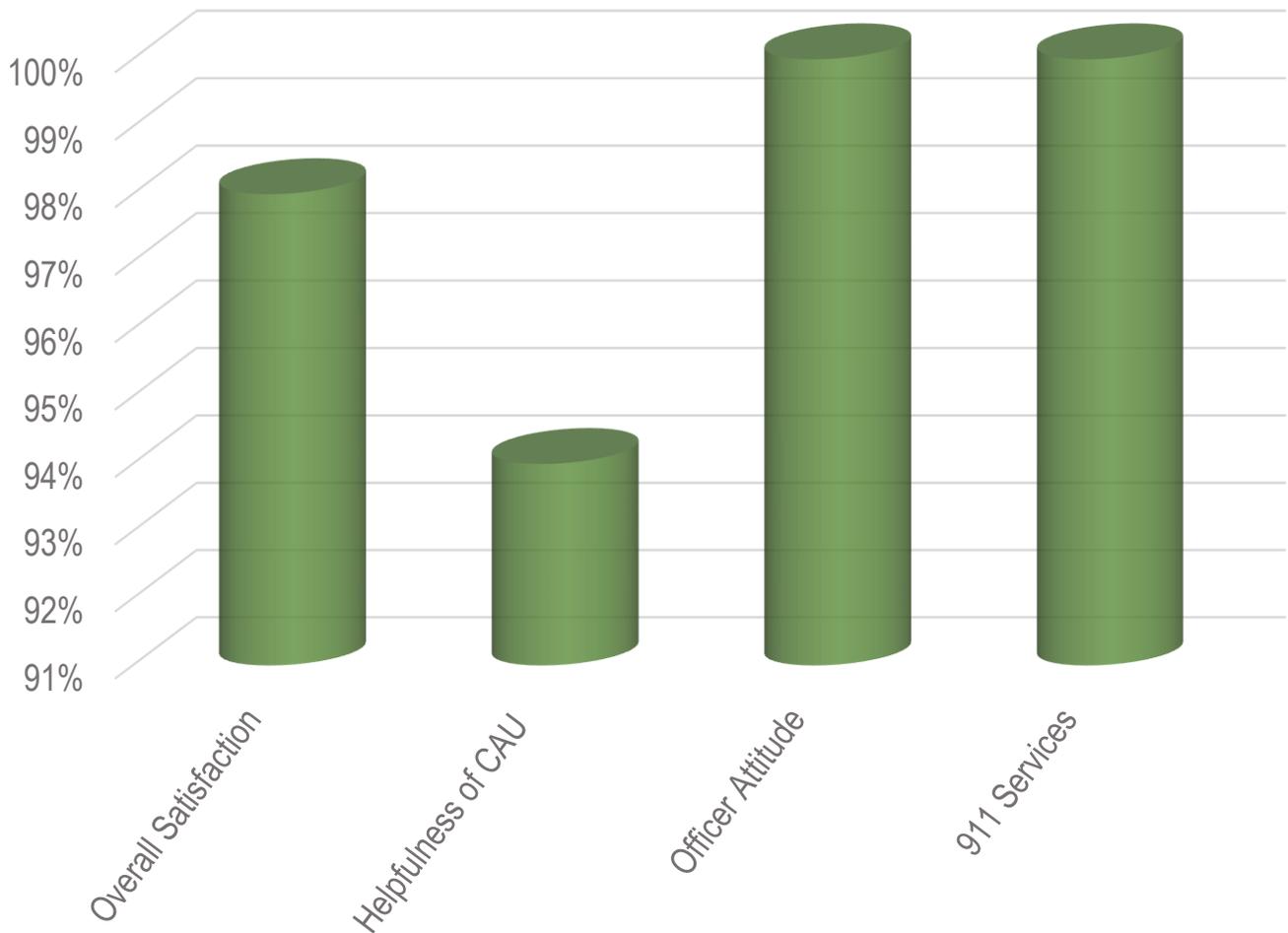


Metrics

CALEA Survey

In compliance with standards set by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), Sumter Police Department conducts a triennial survey of persons having interacted with the department. Respondents include community meeting attendees, CAU walk-ins, local businesses, and randomly selected victims/complainants. All responses are reviewed by the Chief of Police in order to identify and address any community concerns and perceptions related to the agency and its service population.

2018 CALEA Community Satisfaction Survey



Metrics

Index Crimes – 3 Year Rate – 2016-2018

	2016	2017	2018	% change from previous year
Murder	3	5	4	-20%
Sexual Assault	27	19	25	31.5%
Aggravated Assault	223	238	229	-3.78%
Burglary	435	410	327	-20.24%
Auto Break-In	409	461	329	-28.63%
Auto Theft	93	105	100	-4.76%
General Larceny	399	458	439	-4.05%
Weapons Crimes	87	72	105	45.83%
Vandalism	564	524	501	-4.39%
Robberies	67	78	65	-16.67%
TOTAL	2307	2370	2124	-10%



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Highlights and Milestones



Highlights and Milestones

The flying of the American Flag holds special meaning every day, its importance recognized each year on June 14. This year, Flag Day was even more meaningful as the ceremony commemorated the opening of our new police facility.

The U.S. flag raised at the ceremony was flown above the United States Capitol on July 6, 2017, at the request of Sen. Tim Scott. Since leaving the Capitol, the flag was flown above the Yorktown Battlefield in Virginia, then the South Carolina State Capitol, followed by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and the Police Officers Hall of Fame. In October, members of Shaw Air Force Base deployed to Afghanistan raised the flag aboard an F-16 Falcon on a mission in the combat against terrorism. Upon return to the United States, the flag was flown above Shaw Air Force Base.

The flag will remain a part of the department's history and a source of pride for all who serve.



Notable Firsts



VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Advanced, professional training through Virtual Academy provides access to timely, relevant training taught by nationally recognized instructors. The online program is accessible at all times, allowing officers and staff flexibility to choose training times and schedules. Credit hours are recognized by the SC Criminal Justice Academy, offering the department significant savings in travel and overtime expenses.



“The South Carolina-based Sumter Police Department last week became the first law enforcement agency to simultaneously adopt both SIG pistols. “

Tactical-life.com
October, 2018

Officers of the Year



Lead Corporal Cameron Bryant and Patrolman Joseph Kellahan were honored as our 2018 Officers of the Year. They are credited with helping rescue and rendering aid to a mother and two children in July after the car they were in submerged in a retention pond. Both officers put their own well-being aside to rescue the family.

CALEA Re-Accreditation

In 2018, Sumter Police Department was re-accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. which requires agencies to be in compliance with state-of-the-art standards in four areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations and support services to the community. The department is assessed every three years.



Executive Staff Promotions



Major Jeffrey Jackson

Major Jeffrey Jackson joined the Sumter Police Department as a patrol officer in 1988, after serving as a commissioned officer in the United States Army. Jackson served the Patrol Division as a Sergeant and Lieutenant before being named Captain over the Uniform Services Division in 2004. During his 14 year tenure as Commander, Jackson was responsible for the Patrol, Traffic, K-9, Animal Control and School Crossing Guard units. In January 2019, he was promoted to Major of Operations, overseeing the department's delivery of services.

A native of Sumter, Major Jackson is a graduate of Sumter High School and the FBI National Academy. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morris College.



Captain Robert Singleton

A lifelong resident of Sumter, Captain Robert Singleton graduated from Sumter High School and joined the department as a Telecommunications Operator for 3 years. In 2008, he graduated from the SC Criminal Justice Academy, fulfilling his dream of becoming a police officer. Singleton worked his way through the ranks of the Patrol Division and in 2015, was selected to lead the Selective Enforcement Division. Singleton served in this capacity, overseeing unit operations for Traffic, K-9, Animal Control and School Crossing Guards, before being promoted to Captain of the Patrol Division in January, 2019.

Captain Singleton is a 2018 graduate of the Police Institute Command Officers Development Program, and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice.



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With Gratitude

8 years ago when the idea of a new Public Safety Complex was being floated about, a few people with the confidence and commitment to progressive growth sat down to share ideas and designs. From this initial stage until its completion in 2018, Warrant Officer V Gary Fowler represented the interest and needs of the Sumter Police Department. With a quiet motivation, he researched to fully understand the development and construction process, and the infrastructure needs of emergency communications and services.

Giving without expecting in return is an embedded trait in Gary Fowler. After serving our country for 22 years in the US Air Force, Fowler joined the Sumter Police Department and served in various capacities until his retirement as Captain of Support Services in 2010. Returning the same year to oversee the department's Emergency Management Division, Fowler has shepherded the City of Sumter through hurricanes, flooding, and other inclement weather events.

Designed and built to meet the 50 year space needs of the Sumter Police Department, our new facility houses the newest and most modern capabilities in law enforcement. More important however it demonstrates the selfless commitment of a servant leader, Gary Fowler.

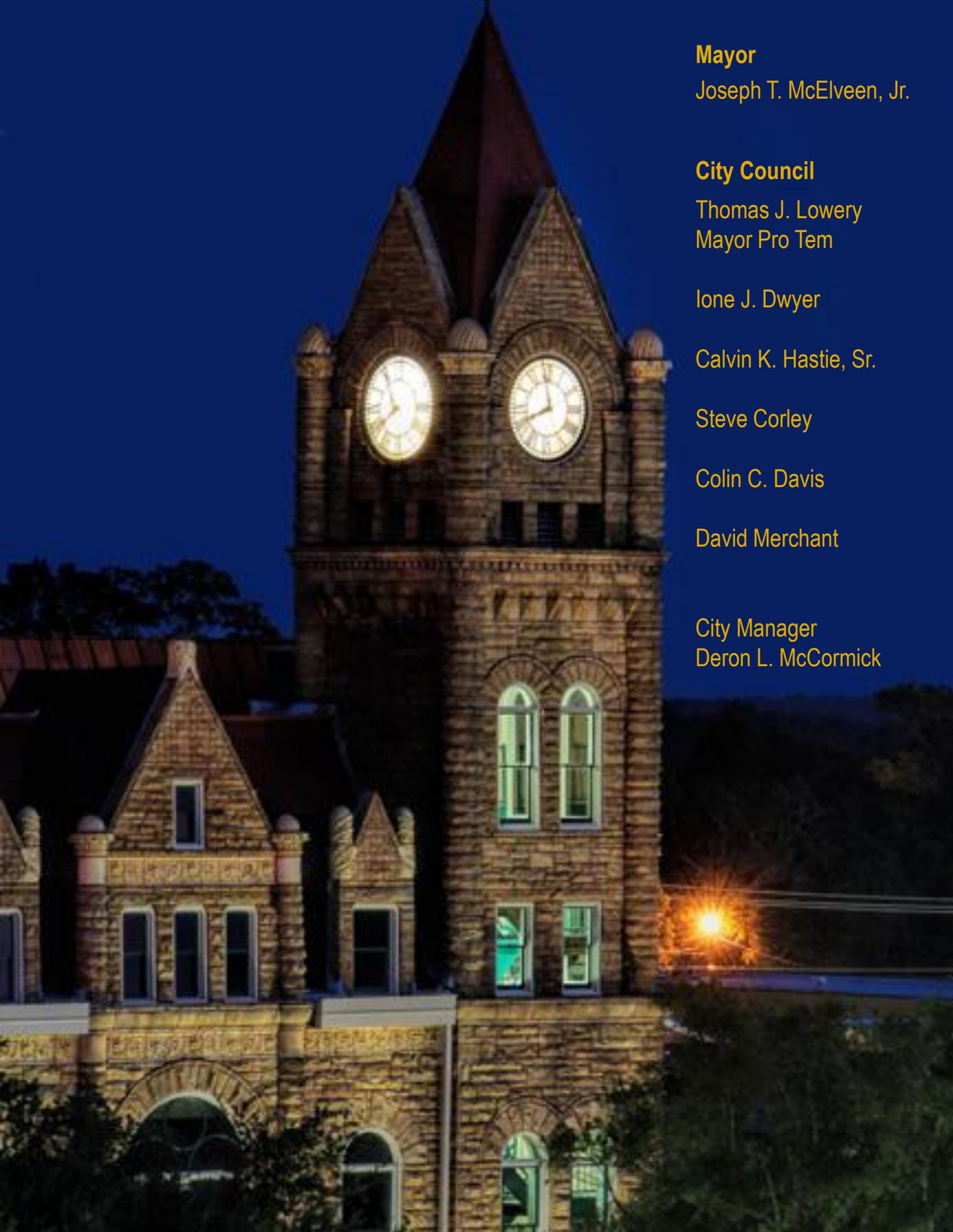
Funding for the completion of our new Sumter Police Department was made possible by the voter-approved Penny for Progress sales tax.



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