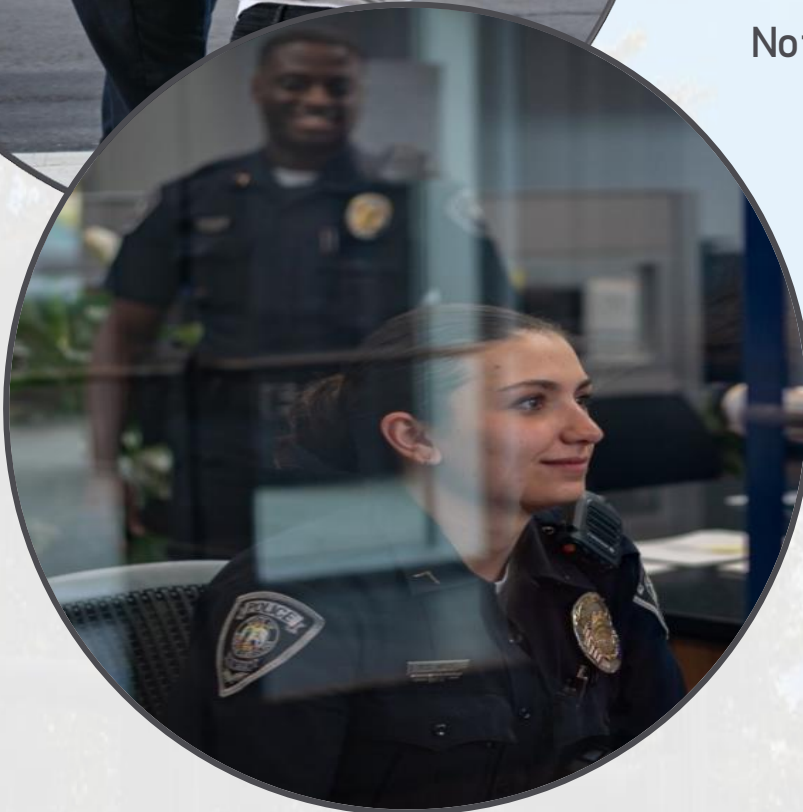


SUMTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



2020 ANNUAL REPORT



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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 and building trust, communication and cooperation between officers and the community.

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

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



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

E. Pluribus unum – a Latin phrase meaning “Out of many, one” served as our nation’s first motto, referencing that our cohesive single nation was formed as the result of thirteen smaller diverse colonies uniting together. This bold commitment to unify a nation of varied backgrounds, nationalities, and beliefs has shaped our history, and guided our ideals and national character.

Throughout our more than 200 year history, we have weathered periods when our country was deeply divided. 2020 will undoubtedly be recorded as a year that challenged the unity of our nation, state, and local communities. Within these challenges however we sought opportunity. For law enforcement nationally, this meant bold shifts to realign and restructure policies and procedures, paving the way for systemic change.

I am proud of the commitment the City of Sumter has made in developing strong ties between our operating strategies and social responsibility. This investment allowed for peaceful expression by the community following the senseless death of George Floyd in May. Together, we rose above the national struggles and charted a pathway to meaningful dialogue. Whatever challenges we face as a community, state or nation, Sumter Police Department will serve with integrity and compassion.

As we continue to confront a global pandemic that impacts every facet of our community, our thoughts remain with those most deeply affected by the virus.

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Shared Value

The senseless and tragic death of George Floyd illuminated the importance of law enforcement accountability and community trust. In the wake of national unrest, our community came forward to not only have their voices heard, but to also forge new levels of partnership.



PASTORS & POLICE MARCH
AGAINST RACISM AND FOR NON-VIOLENCE

JUNE 14 @ 5 PM

Grace Baptist Church to the Sumter County Courthouse

A unity march against racism and violence was held on June 14. Organized by local clergy, the event brought together the faith community, citizens and law enforcement. The show of solidarity highlighted a shared commitment to stand against racism, violence and bias-based ideology.





UNIFORM SERVICES DIVISION

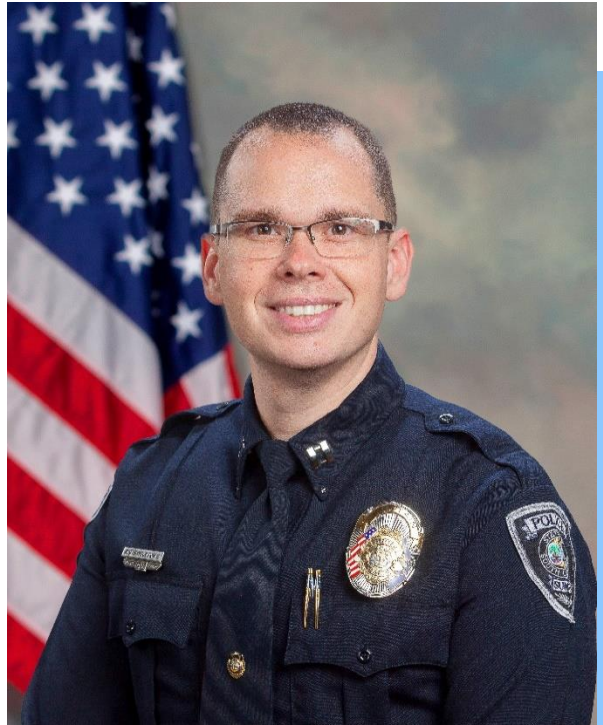


COMMANDER

Providing 24 hour response to calls for service, the Uniform Services Division is the largest and most visible department entity. In addition to traditional call response, officers adhere to a community-oriented policing philosophy, initiating proactive community contact designed to educate and build public trust.

The division's Traffic officers are committed to promoting pedestrian and vehicle safety, and receive specialized training to assist in the enforcement of City and State traffic laws.

A K-9 unit with 4 officers and 5 dogs provides 24 hour shift assistance and is a favorite at school visits.



CAPTAIN ROBERT SINGLETON

AT A GLANCE

UNIFORM PATROL

- 4 rotating shifts
- 42 total patrol officers
- 24 hour presence

ANIMAL CONTROL

- 2 full-time officers

TRAFFIC

- 3 officers
- LEN gold level status

K-9

- 4 police officer handlers
- 4 dual-purpose canines
- 1 tracking K-9

SCHOOL CROSSING

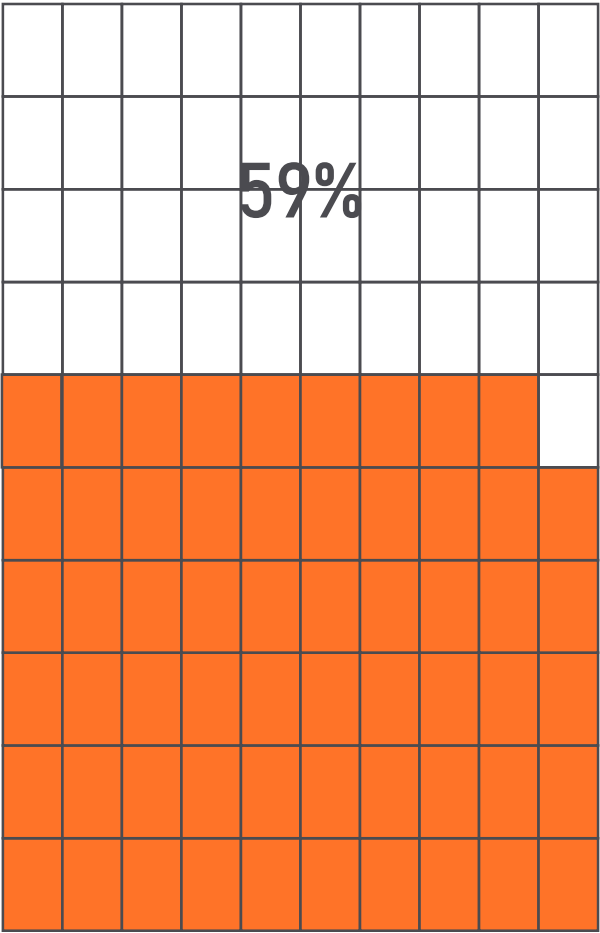
- 13 crossing guards

UNIFORM SERVICES

PATROL CALLS FOR SERVICE

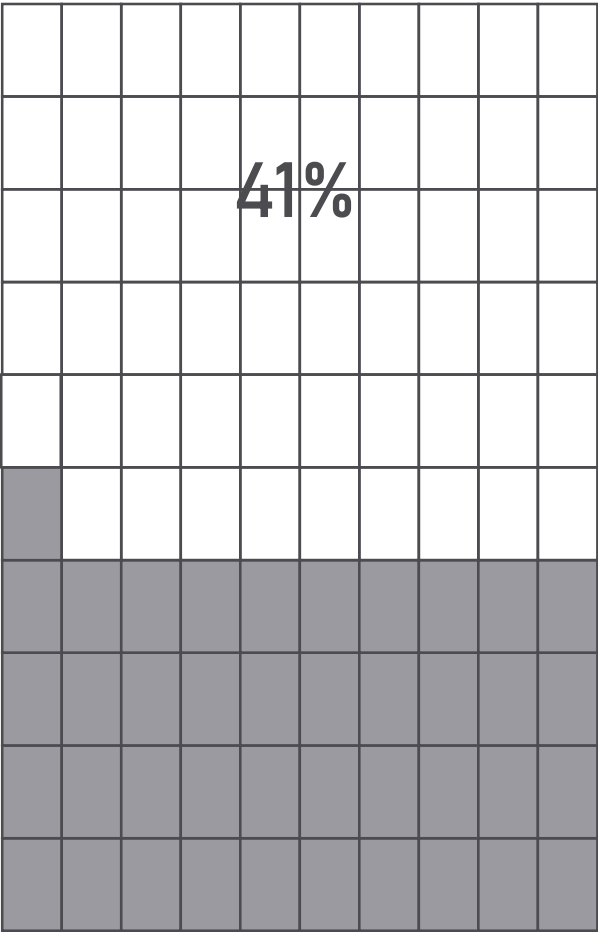
52,857

OFFICER INITIATED



37,268

CITIZEN INITIATED



TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 90,125





K-9 UNIT



DEPLOYMENTS



TRAFFIC UNIT



COLLISION INVESTIGATION

TOTAL COLLISIONS INVESTIGATED

1880

COLLISIONS INVESTIGATED
BY TRAFFIC UNIT

1152



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



COMMANDER

Detectives assigned to the Investigative Services Division conduct follow-up investigations in order to identify and arrest criminal offenders, and assist the Solicitor's Office in their successful prosecution.

The division also includes a comprehensive support unit that conducts polygraphs, analyzes fingerprints, and inventories all evidence.

Specialized units within the division provide specific support to include digital forensics, cold case and missing persons assistance. Detectives in the Organized Crime & Vice Control Unit target illegal drug sales and address vice activities.



CAPTAIN ANGELA RABON

AT A GLANCE

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

- General Investigations
- Warrants
- Victim Services
- Juvenile Services
- Court Liaison

ORGANIZED CRIME & VICE CONTROL

- FBI TFO
- DEA Task Force
- Gang Task Force
- Alcohol Task Force

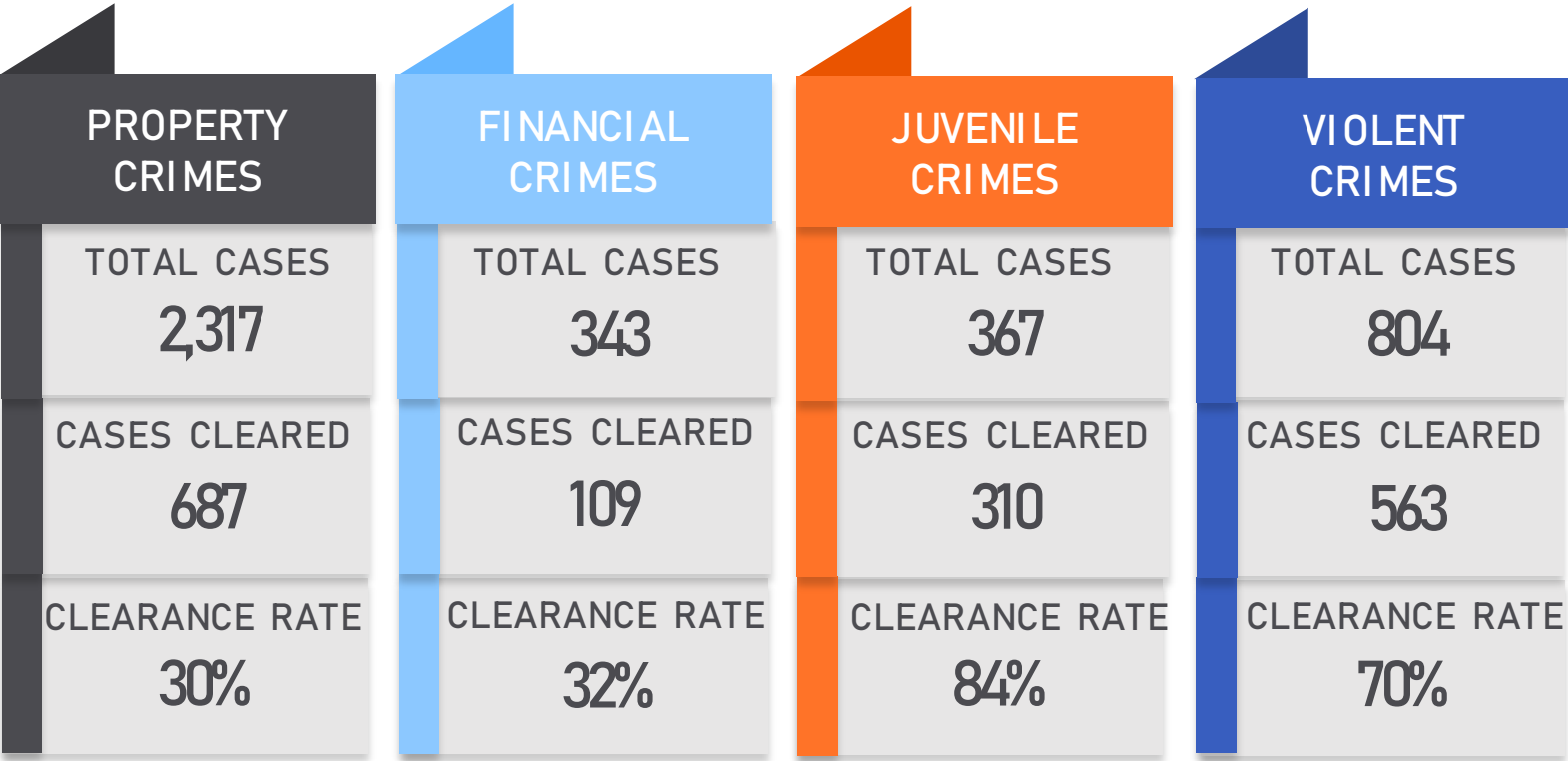
INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT

- Evidence/Forensics
- Polygraphs
- AFIS

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

- Digital Forensics
- Missing Persons
- Cold Cases
- NET Team
- Intelligence

CASELOAD & CLEARANCE



WARRANTS SECTION



INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES



CRIMINAL
POLYGRAPHS



PRE-EMPLOYMENT
POLYGRAPHS



AFIS
SEARCHES



AFIS
IDENTIFICATIONS



AFIS
CASES



ORGANIZED CRIME AND VICE CONTROL

CASH
SEIZED

\$2,509

WEAPONS
SEIZED

15

VALUE OF
DRUGS SEIZED

\$226,332

SEARCH
WARRANTS

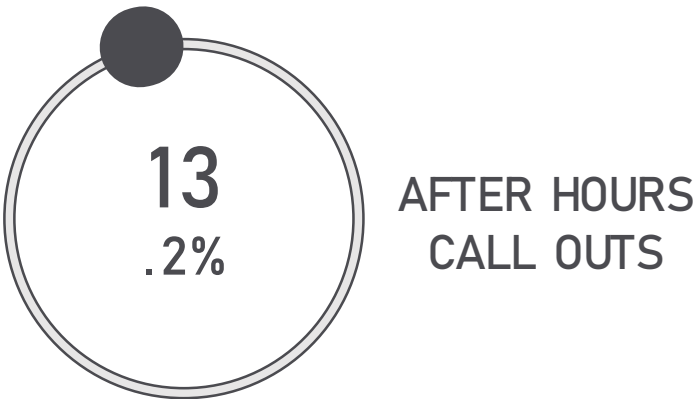
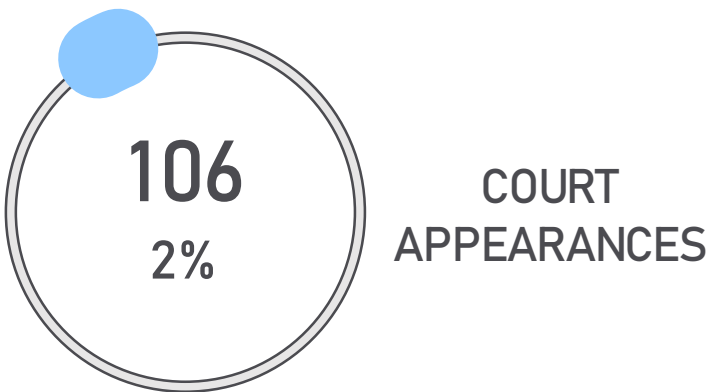
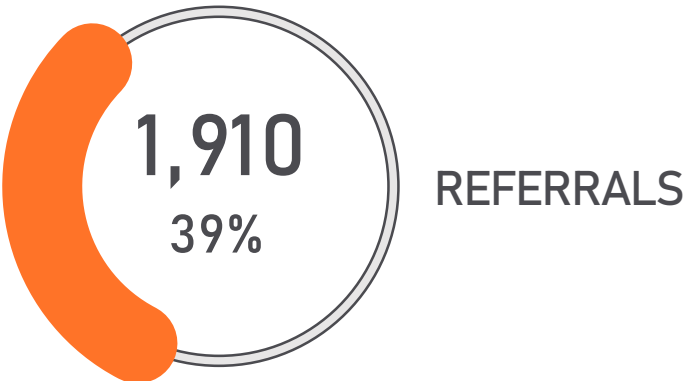
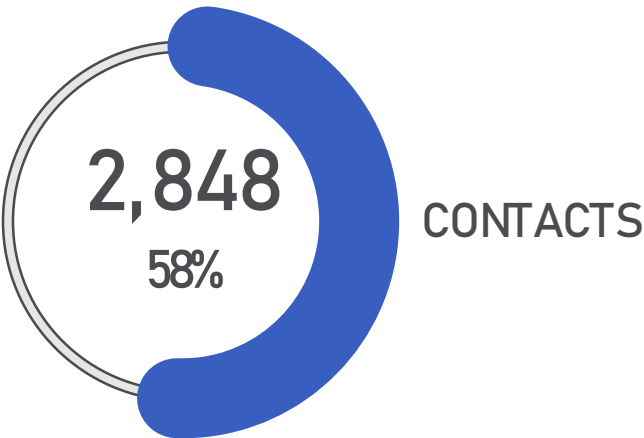
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ARRESTS

*Includes
Patrol assisted

204

VICTIM SERVICES



SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

4 Juveniles were charged in January for the 2019 murder of McKenzie Corey Stewart of 523 Dingle Street.

Darius Moore, was charged with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, 3 counts of burglary-1st degree, 2 counts of assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct-2nd degree and 2 counts of kidnapping.

Jo-el Rebecca Kelso, who claimed a man attempted to take her against her will was charged with filing a false police report.

Markel Anthony Atkinson and his girlfriend Tracy Angela Legg, were charged with armed robbery and murder in the shooting death of Tarrik Mack-Sumpter that occurred on Lewis Road.

Shenir Gibson Hblliday was charged with aggravated breach of peace and food tampering after she repeatedly licked and coughed into her hands before pulling on freezer doors and touching food items, in an attempt to cause fear in others.

Rashad Montrell Harvin was charged with the murder of Michael Wilson who was shot to death while in the parking lot of the ASP Coastal Mart.

Deyonte Singletary was charged with attempted murder, discharging a weapon into a vehicle, unlawful carrying of a pistol and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.

Sheila Juanita Deschamps was charged with reckless homicide after she was identified as the driver of the vehicle that struck and killed a woman.

Latrell Maria Jennings was charged with obstruction of justice for misleading the investigation of the above reckless homicide.

8 adults and a 1 juvenile were charged for their role in disrupting local peaceful protests. The disruptive conduct later spilled over to a local business.

Brittany Valencia Martin, considered the leader of the above group, is charged with 5 counts of threatening the life of a public official and instigating, aiding or participating in a riot. She was also charged with failure to stop for blue lights, trespass after notice, unlawful use of a horn and violation of city curfew.

Eric Lee Kennedy, was charged with trespass after notice and violation of city curfew.

Haywood Harris, was charged with public disorderly conduct and violation of city curfew.

Kathy Small, homeless of Sumter, is charged with trespass after notice, violation of city curfew and open container.

Antwan Harris, 18, was charged with disregard of a traffic control device, failure to stop for blue lights and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Quinzell Jeremiah Whitaker, was charged as a fugitive from justice, simple possession of marijuana-1st offense, violation of city curfew and providing false information to police.

Moshe Benson, was charged with violation of city curfew, public disorderly conduct, open container, reckless driving and no vehicle tag.

A17-year-old of Sumter, was charged with violation of city curfew and providing false information to police.

Nicholas Keith Scudder was charged with discharging a firearm in the city limits and unlawful carrying of a pistol.

Joseph Lee Sumpter was charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana-2nd and subsequent offense, possession of a controlled substance.

Brandon Jamez Abrams and Joseph Franklin Shirah, were charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana-2nd and subsequent offense, possession of a controlled substance and possession of a stolen handgun.

Travon Derrell Ragin was charged with attempted murder, attempted armed robbery, possession of a weapon during a violent crime and discharging a weapon into a vehicle for an incident that occurred on Northwestern avenue, and left the shooting victim paralyzed from the neck down.

Sabrina Belcher was charged with conspiracy and filing a false report of a felony, stating that she was kidnapped, in an effort to gain sympathy votes for the mayor's race.

Christopher James Eaddy was charged with conspiracy for assisting and planning to fake a kidnapping.

Michael Jamar Ramsey was charged with failure to yield the right of way, driving under suspension and leaving the scene of an accident with great bodily injury/failure to render aid.

Michael Lucas was charged with attempted murder after an altercation with an acquaintance led to a shooting.

Kennard Dean, Arkeylin Keytron Scott, and Jerry Michael Washington, were charged with conspiracy, weapons violations and 3 attempted murder charges after driving by a gathering at a home on Dibert Street and shooting into the crowd.

Fredron Kevan Te Spann, age 19, and Travon Derrell Ragin age 21, were charged with the murder of Sherrod Smith that occurred on S. Main Street. Smith was shot to death while sleeping in his vehicle when the suspects came across him while breaking into cars.

Eugene Martin, has been charged with three counts of murder and four counts of attempted murder. Other charges include burglary-1st degree, possession of a weapon during a violent crime and malicious injury to property after he entered a home and shot the occupants of the residence, one of which was pregnant. possession of a stolen handgun and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



COMMANDER

Support Services Division provides continual administrative support to the agency in order to ensure that law enforcement operations are effective and uninterrupted.

The Records and Citizen Assistance Units process and file all incident/accident reports, and assist citizens in filing or obtaining incident reports. Both units are staffed weekdays from 8:30am-5pm.

In addition to Training and Recruitment, the division commander is responsible for all agency procurement functions, vehicle fleet and facility maintenance.



CAPTAIN MICHAEL EVANS

AT A GLANCE

RECRUITMENT

- 1 full-time recruitment officer
- 814 applications processed

CAU & RECORDS

- 16,206 public interactions
- 3 full-time civilian staff

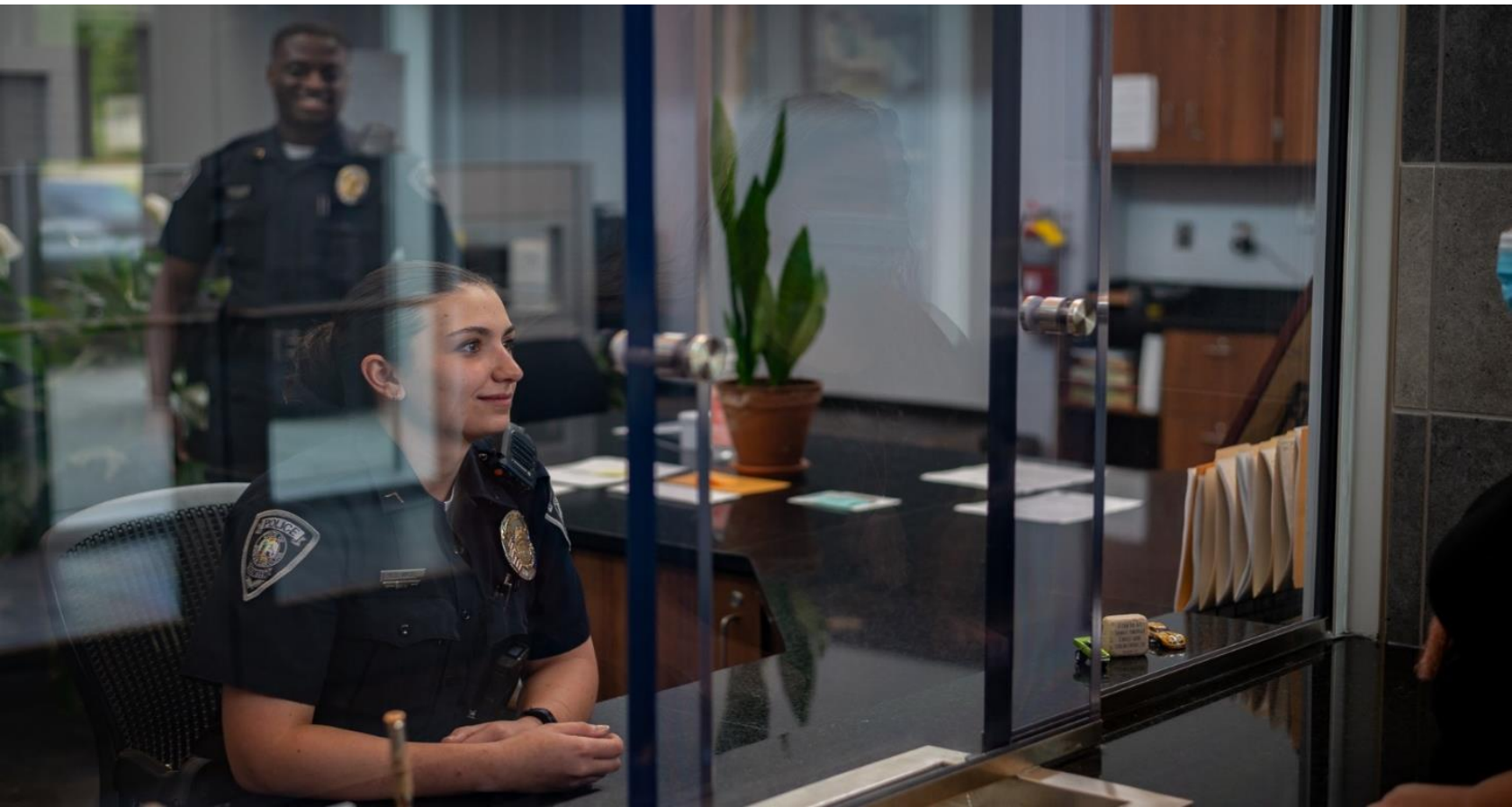
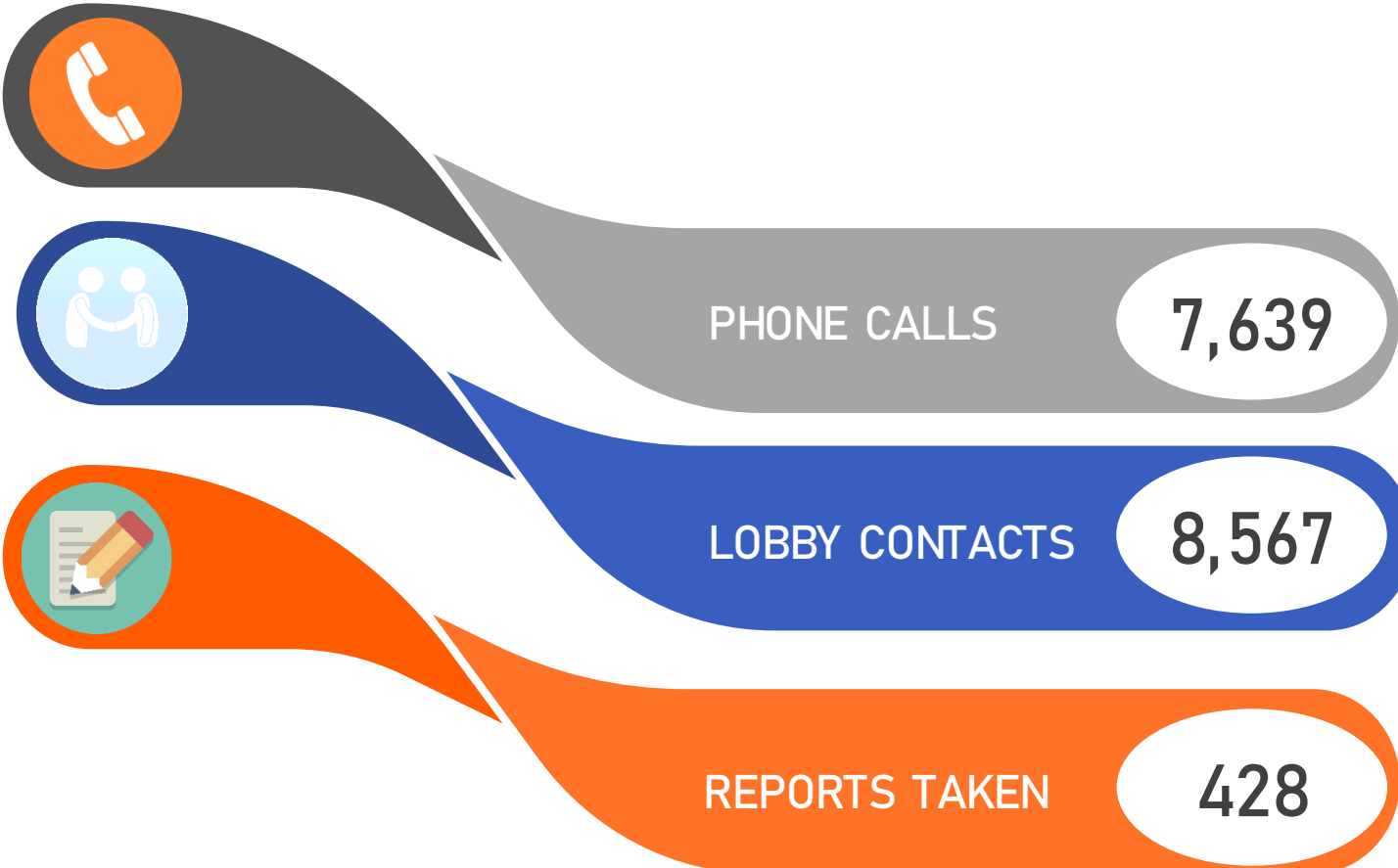
QUARTERMASTER

- Inventory management

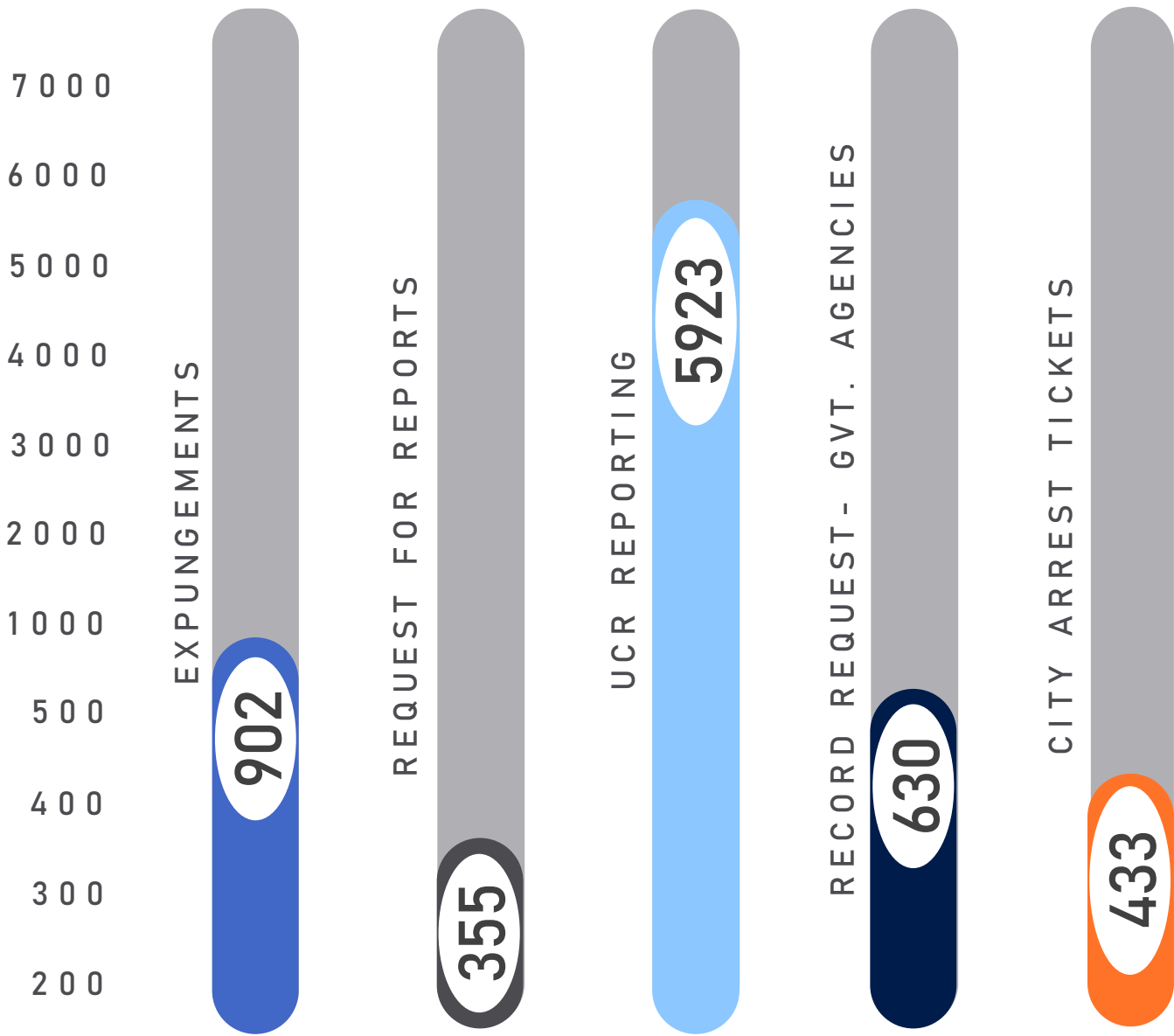
TRAINING

- 2 full-time training officers
- 4,126 total hours of instruction

CITIZEN ASSISTANCE UNIT



RECORDS MANAGEMENT



QUARTERMASTER

Inventory of new and existing uniforms, supplies and equipment is managed by our Quartermaster. High density storage and shelving allow for more than 2,100 square feet of storage space, providing seamless replacement for worn or damaged items.



RECRUITMENT

LAW ENFORCEMENT



TELECOMMUNICATIONS



ANIMAL CONTROL

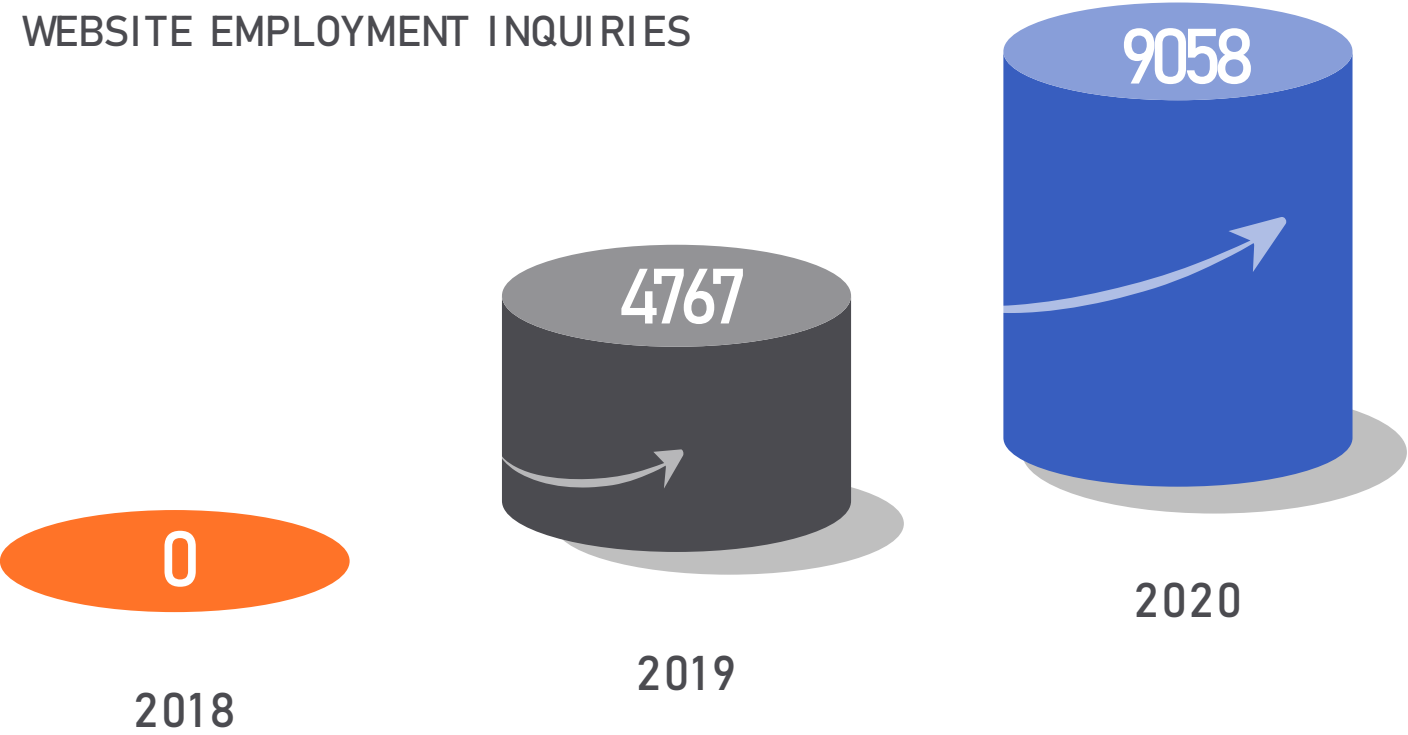


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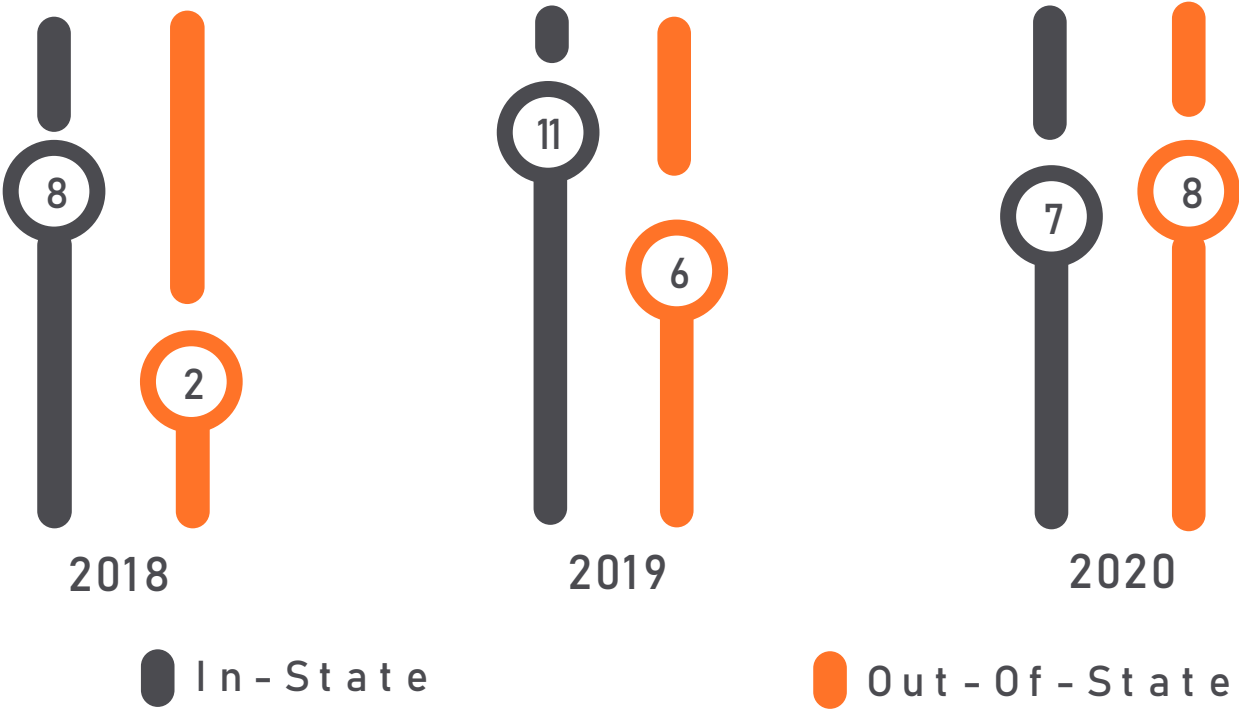


RECRUITMENT

WEBSITE EMPLOYMENT INQUIRIES



IN-STATE/OUT OF STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HIRES



TRAINING

TOTAL OFFICER TRAINING HOURS

6

8

2

1

IN-HOUSE OFFICER TRAINING HOURS

4

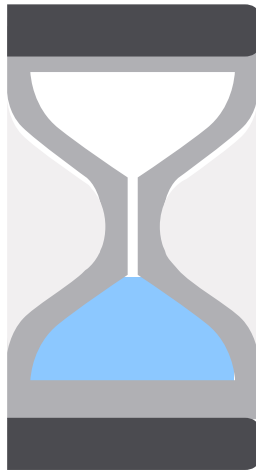
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TRAINING

SCCJA MANDATORY TRAINING COMPLIANCE



LEGAL
UPDATE

100%



DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE

FIRING RANGE UTILIZATION

131

DAYS
IN USE

6

AGENCIES

1846

TOTAL
SHOOTERS



COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION



COMMANDER

As COVID-19 spread and restricted activities, Community Services creatively modified its outreach strategies.

Maintaining personal contact with CheckMate seniors was a priority. Increased phone checks, outdoor visits and deliveries of medication and other essentials protected vulnerable participants from public exposure. Mentoring opportunities shifted outdoors allowing officers to remain connected to youth as they adapted to virtual learning.

Our commitment to community outreach will remain fluid as we navigate the challenges of this and any other extreme event.



SERGEANT MAJOR JAMES SINKLER

AT A GLANCE

CHECKMATE

- Senior program
- Community based

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

- Community outreach
- Mentoring

CRIME PREVENTION

- Neighborhood Watch
- Business Watch
- Community education

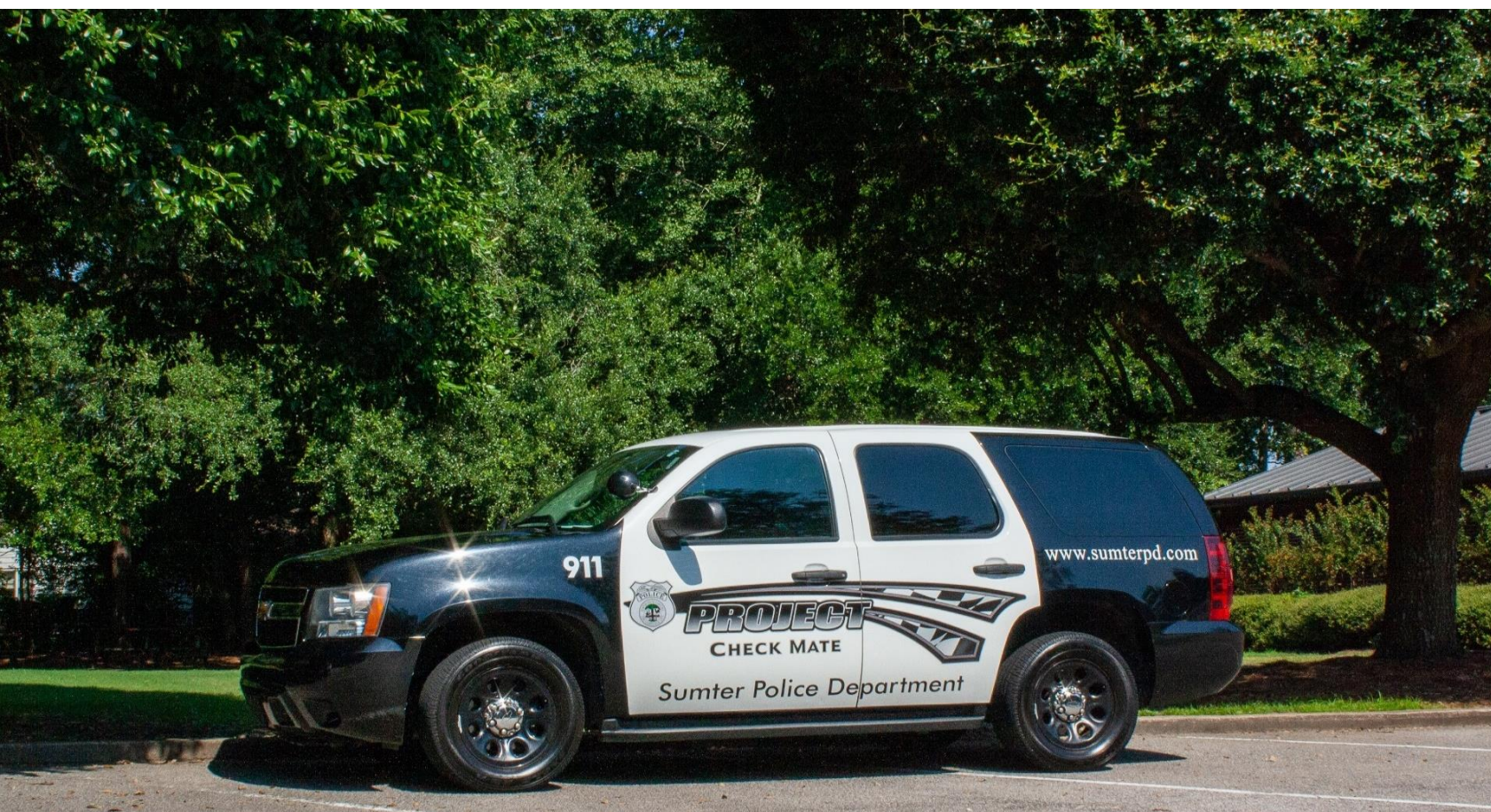
SPECIALIZED PATROL

- Downtown
- Broad St. corridor

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- Social media
- Media releases

PROJECT CHECKMATE



While aging in place is the choice of many seniors, the logistics of that decision are often a blind spot for family members. Project CheckMate is designed to help fill the void by pairing participants with a law enforcement officer who visits regularly and assists with basic household needs.

As the COVID-19 virus spread through Sumter forcing vulnerable populations to restrict activities, CheckMate participants and their family members indicated greater peace of mind knowing an officer was invested in their and their loved ones well-being.

DOWNTOWN PATROL

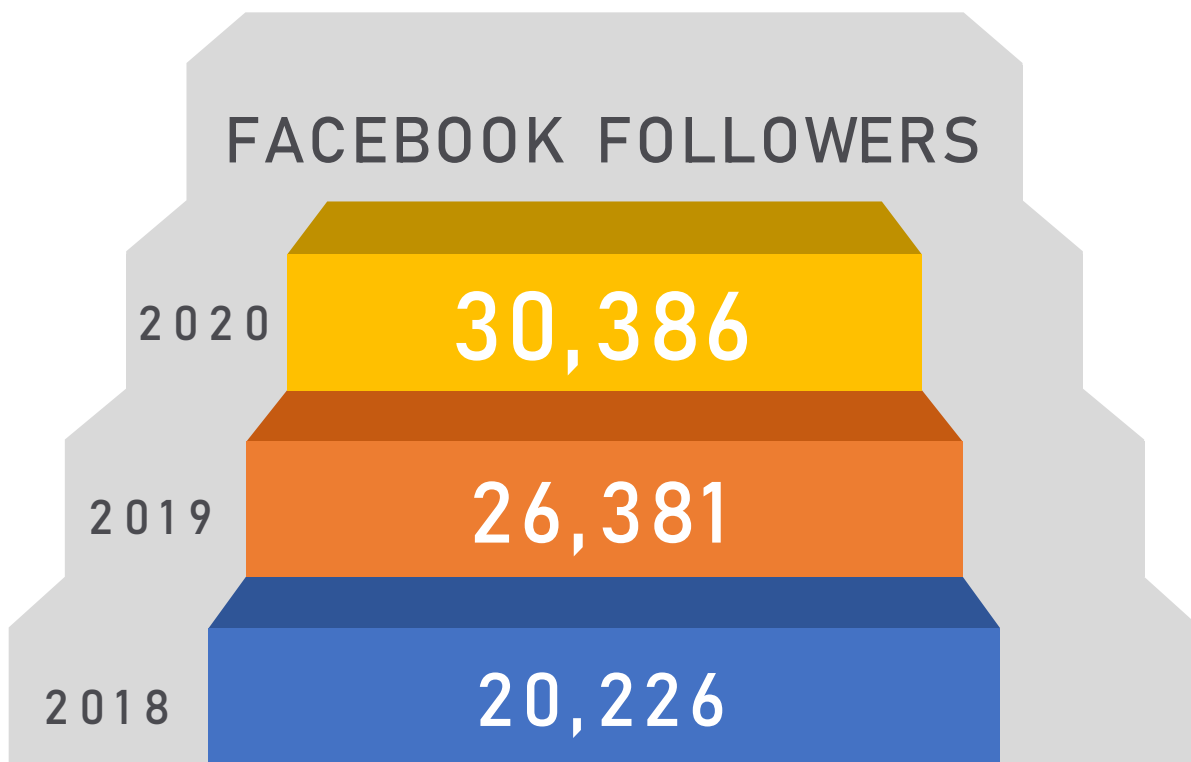


Sumter's downtown area has become a destination for local residents and out of town visitors alike. Anchored by the historic Opera House, the area has grown to include a modern 4 story hotel, an eclectic mix of locally owned shoppes, and restaurant choices that run the gamut from Chinese take-out to upscale nouveau Southern cuisine.

SPD officers work to develop personal relationships with downtown merchants and ensure the safety of all patrons enjoying amenities the historic area of our City has to offer.

SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

3 YEAR GROWTH RATE - 50%

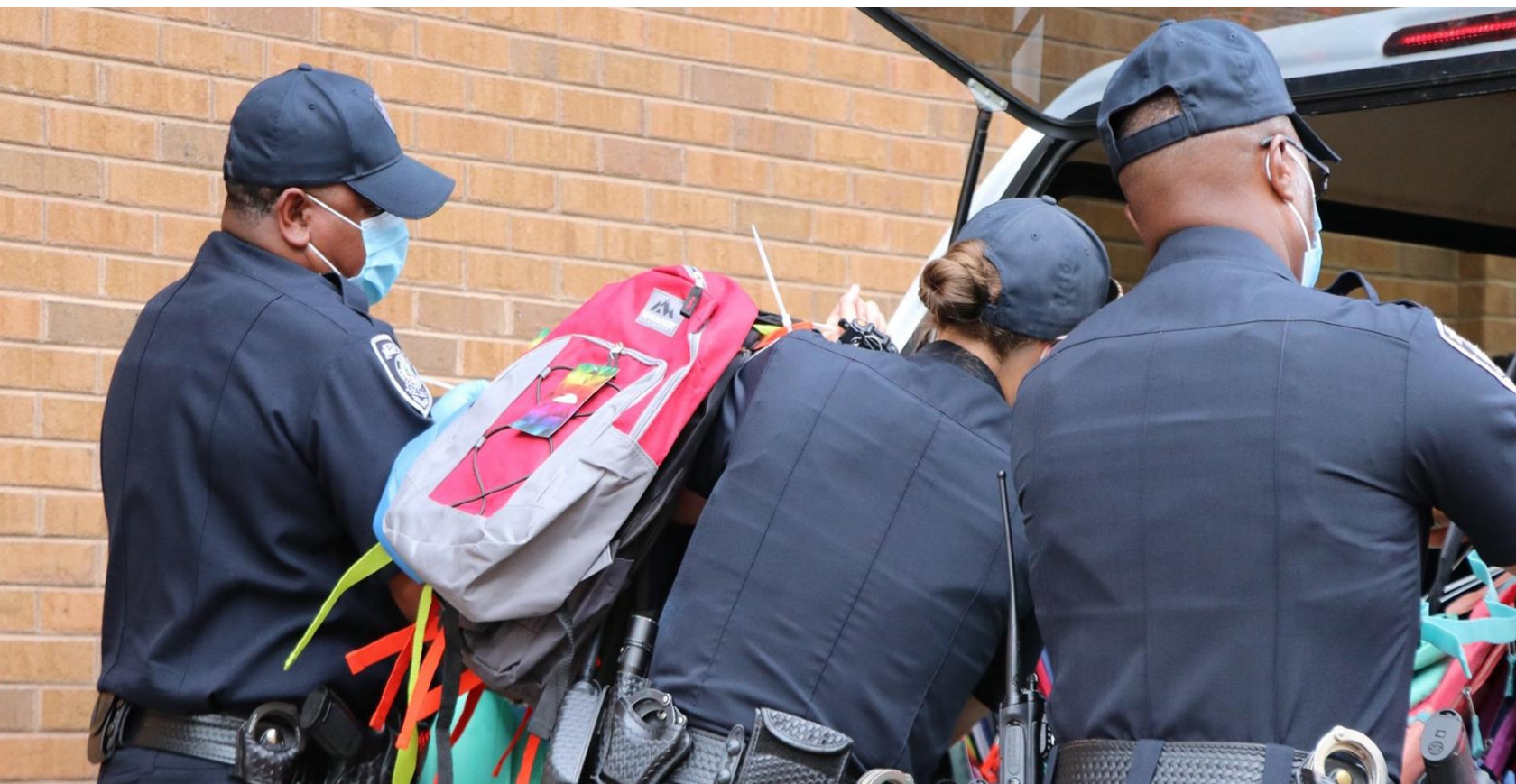


Social media has become an important platform for law enforcement to engage service populations. Amid the global pandemic, Facebook has provided Sumter Police Department with a powerful tool to educate and engage the Sumter community and also cast a wider recruitment net. Leveraging those who opt to receive relevant and reliable information digitally, the department's Facebook page has experienced a three year follower growth rate of 50%.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The global pandemic of 2020 required Community Services to pivot creatively in identifying opportunities for community outreach. Mentoring programs shifted outdoors as weather permitted, and backpacks with school supplies replaced our Back to School Bash. The Great Christmas Décor War pitted SPD divisions against one another to create a festive and well-lit outdoor space for the community to enjoy throughout the holidays.







TELECOMMUNICATIONS



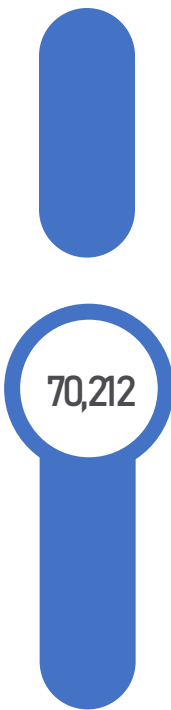
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CALLS FOR SERVICE BY AGENCY

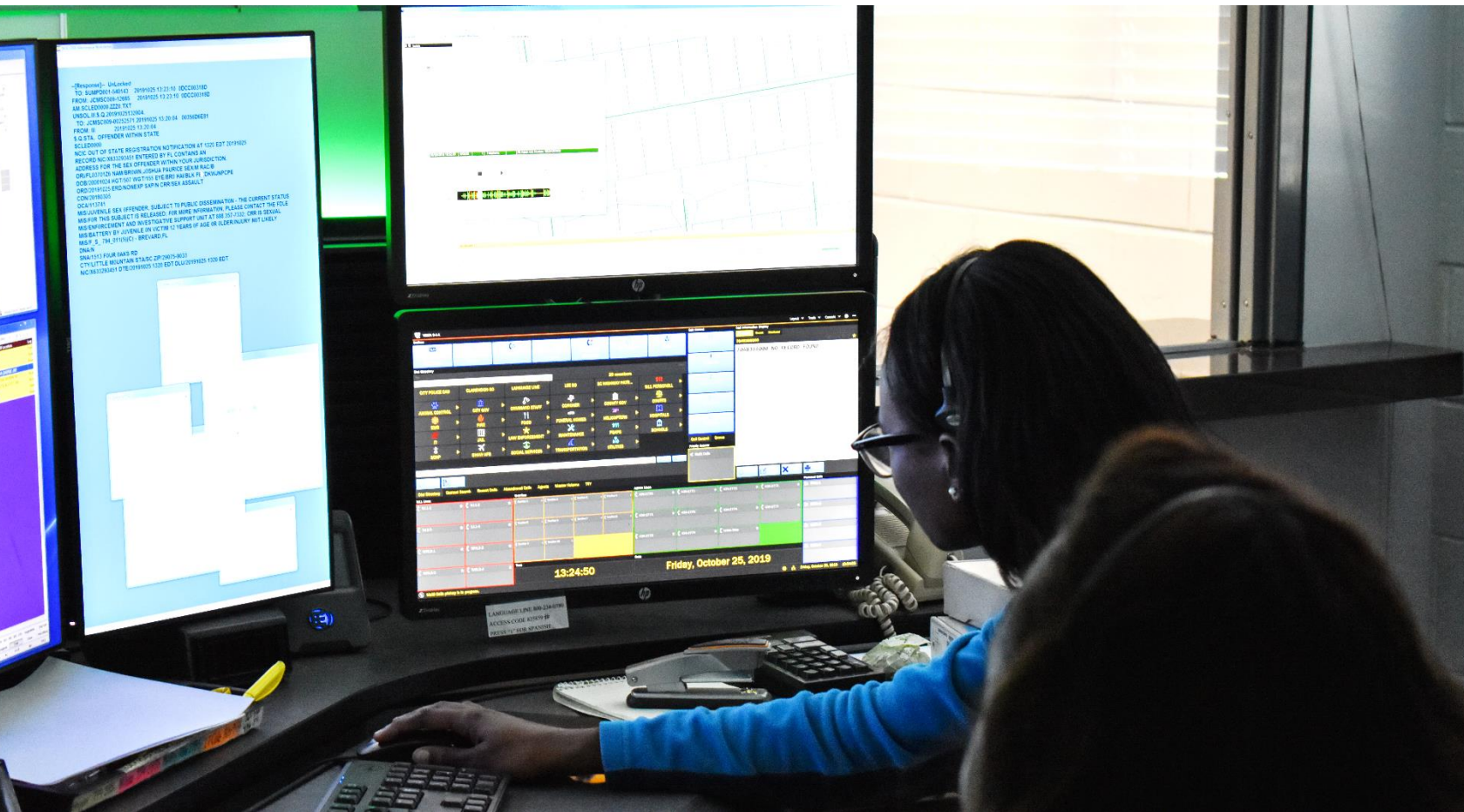
FIRE-EMS-OTHER



SHERIFF

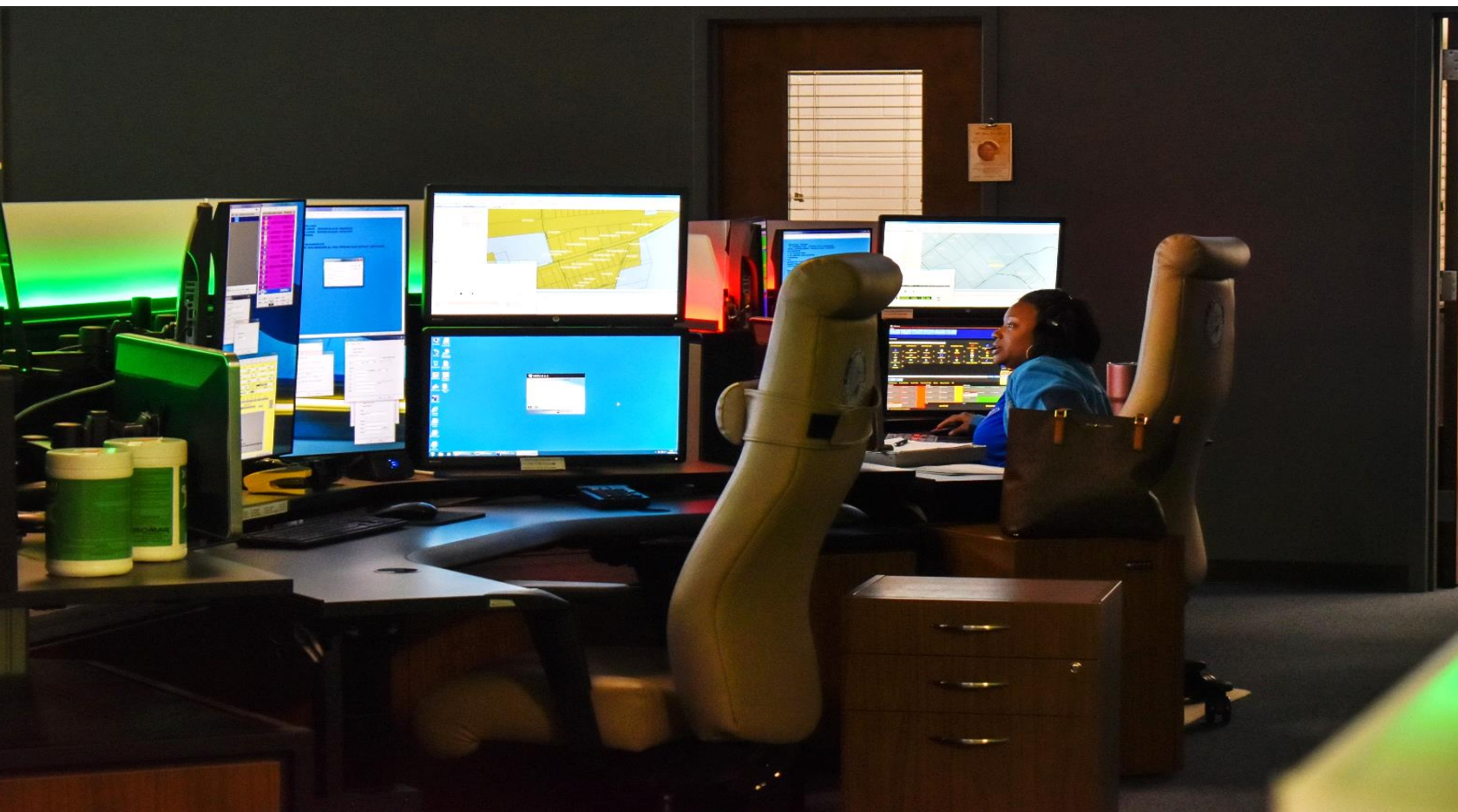
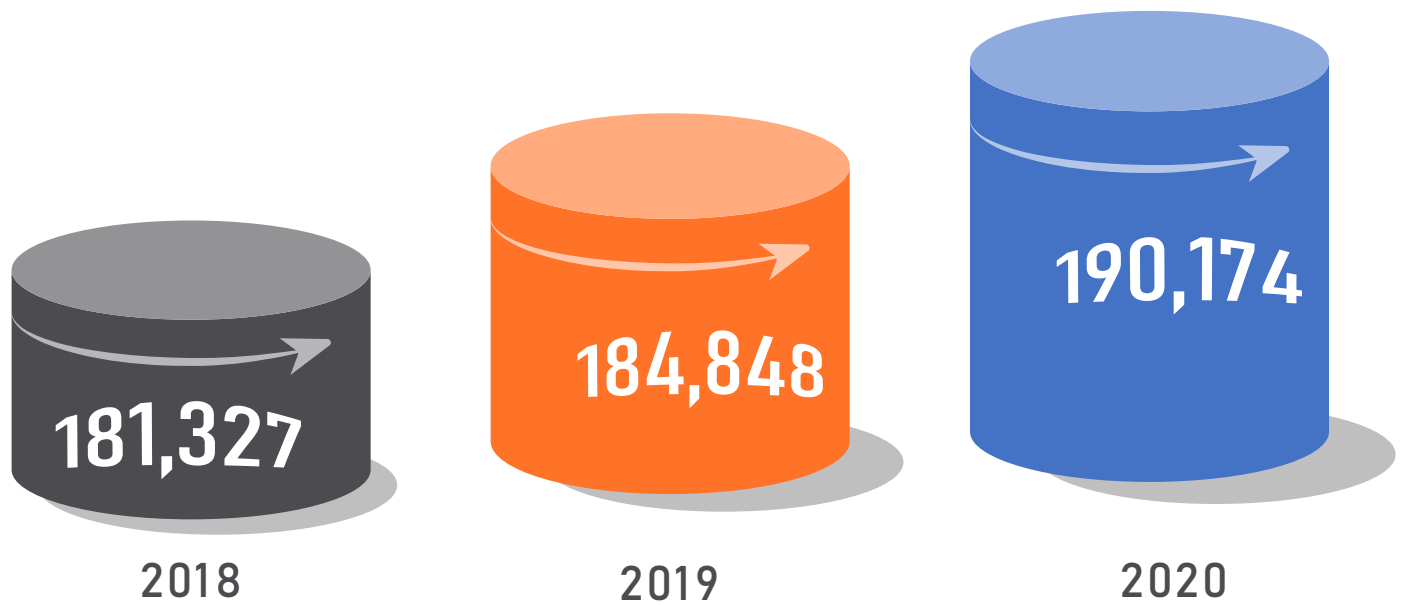


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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

3 YEAR TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE TREND

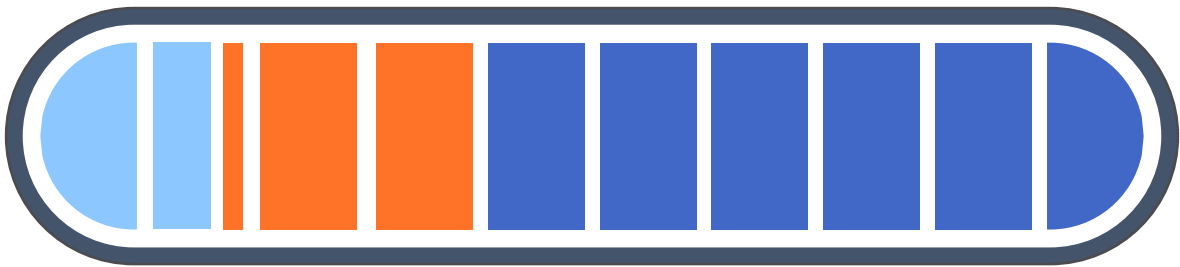




METRICS

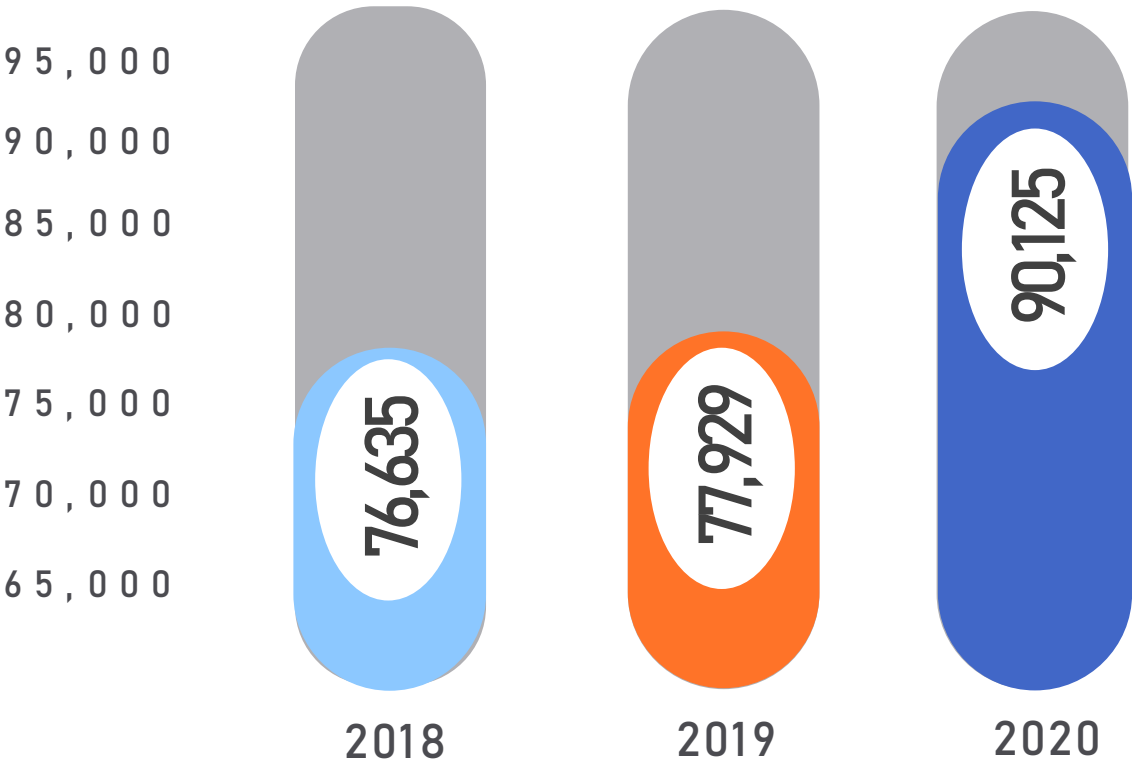


STAFFING LEVELS

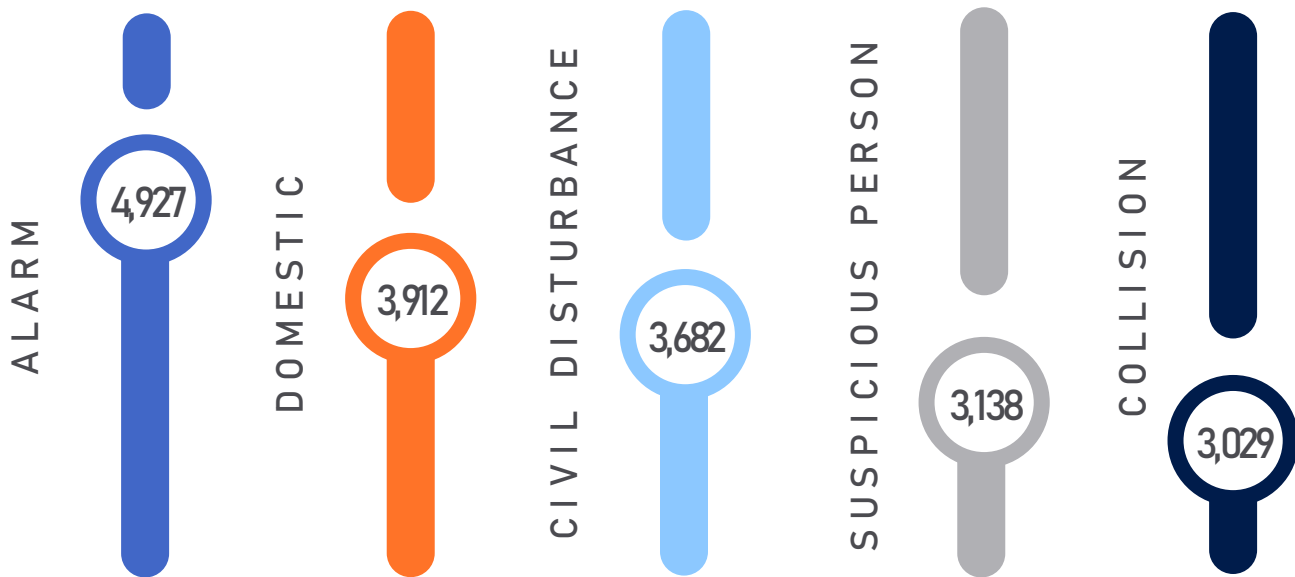


TELECOMMUNICATIONS	30
CIVILIAN	39
SWORN	113

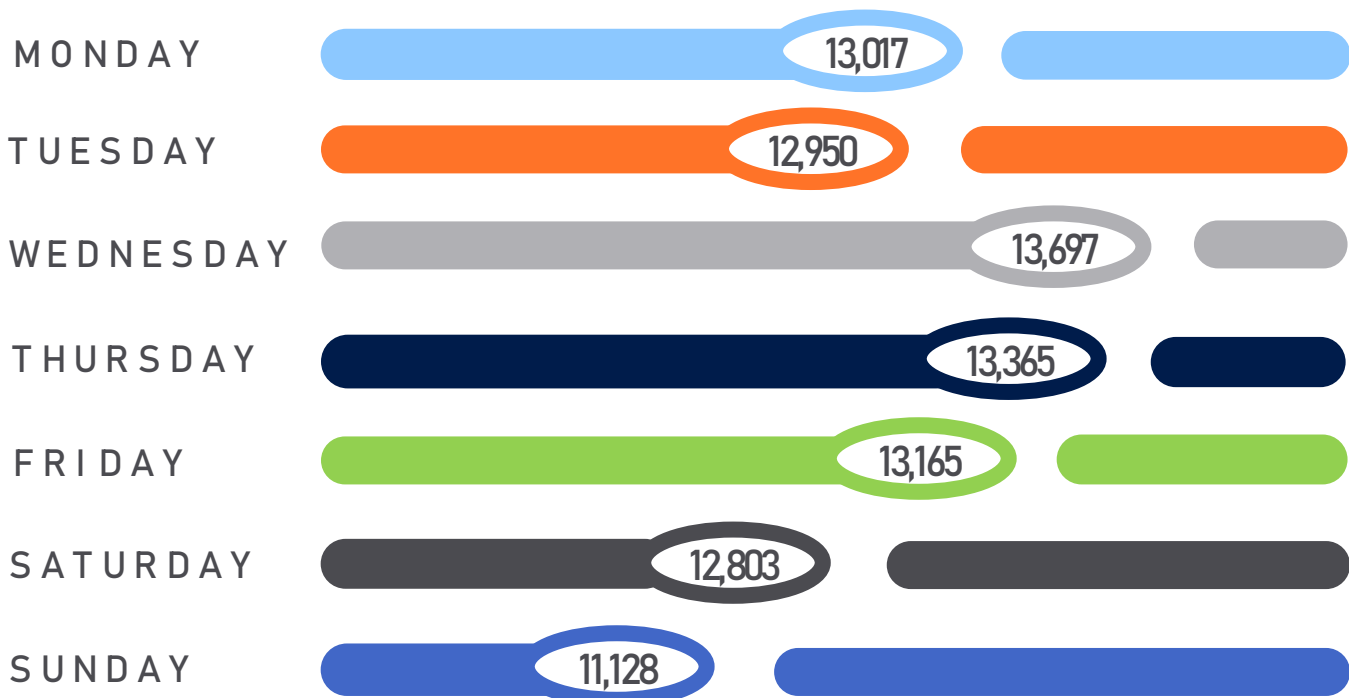
POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE TREND



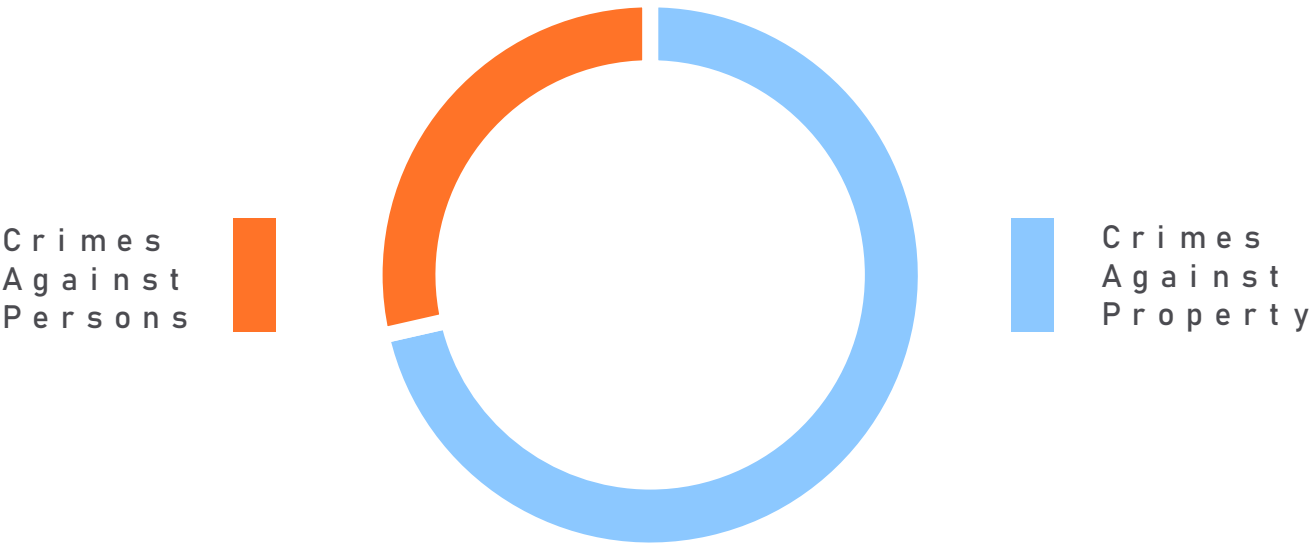
TOP 5 POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE



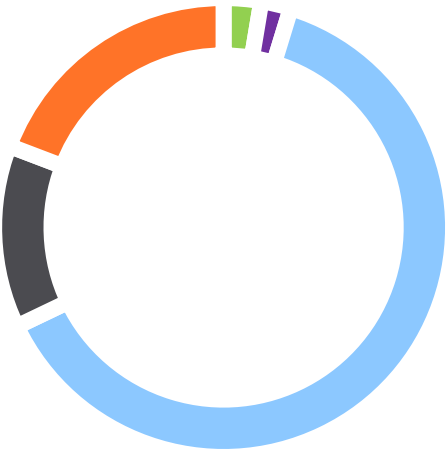
POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAY OF WEEK



2020 TOTAL INDEX CRIMES



CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS



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

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY



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

INDEX CRIMES - 3 YEAR RATE

EVENT	2018	2019	2020	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
MURDER	4	8	10	+25
SEXUAL ASSAULT	25	7	8	+14
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	229	229	240	+5
BURGLARY	327	346	199	-42
AUTO BREAK-IN	329	349	356	+2
AUTO THEFT	100	116	72	-38
GENERAL LARCENY	439	322	324	+1
WEAPONS CRIMES	105	50	73	+46
VANDALISM	501	441	460	+4
ROBBERIES	65	54	49	-9
TOTALS	2137	1934	1791	-7



HIGHLIGHTS



HIGHLIGHTS

An integrated public safety software suite, Central Square replaced the department's 20 year old Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. The new cloud-based managed-server system provides a centralized CAD+911, allows for customizable workflow and information sharing, and replaces paper through a digital Records Management System.



CENTRAL SQUARE

TECHNOLOGIES



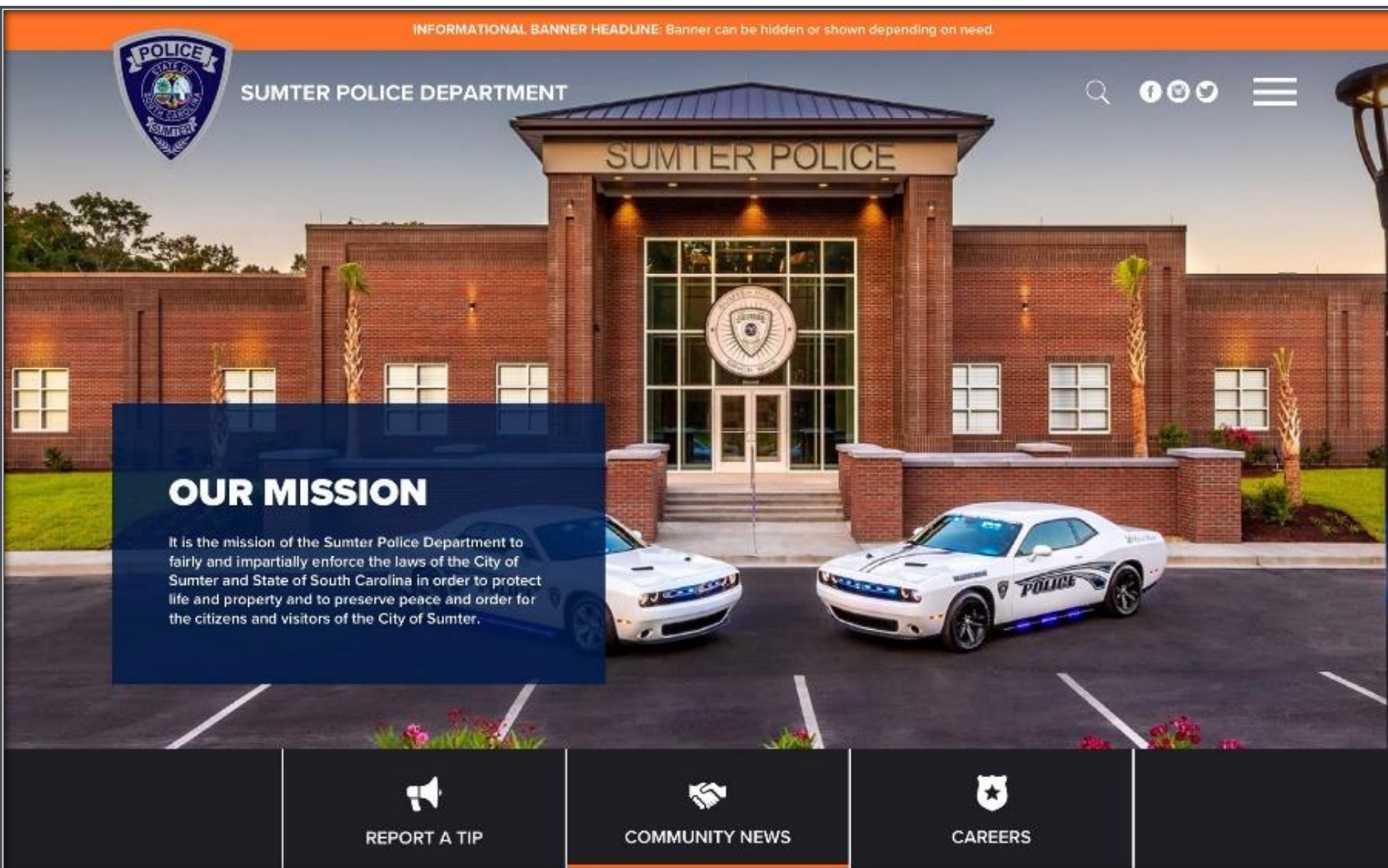
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WEBSITE REDESIGN

After nearly a year of hard work, our newly redesigned website will launch in early 2021 with updated content, a responsive layout, and improved navigation.

The new site aims to provide visitors an easy path to explore career opportunities and discover our commitment to serving Sumter with integrity and compassion.

Visit us at www.sumterpd.com



THE GREAT CHRISTMAS DÉCOR WAR

COVID-19 changed the way we celebrate the holidays, but it did not stop the celebration! Divisions within the department were challenged to create holiday themed areas on the front lawn of the department, which were judged by the children of Crosswell Children's Home. Santa, Mrs. Claus and Johnny the Elf stopped in to enjoy hot cocoa and cookies with the children.

The Administration division's *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* display was awarded bragging rights and the coveted 5' illuminated trophy.



LETTERS TO SANTA

More than 125 children entrusted the department to safely deliver their wish list to the North Pole. Despite a busy December schedule, Santa found time to personally respond to each child with the assurance that a global pandemic could never stop Christmas from coming.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR



OFC CHARLES CONYERS

Recipient of the 2020 American Legion Post 15 Police Officer of the Year, OFC Charles Conyers has served with the department since 2009. Conyers has earned the respect of his peers and is known by all for his integrity and willingness to assist others.

Conyers received the 2020 award as a result of his keen observance and calm reassurance that averted a suicide attempt in July, 2020.

While leaving a local restaurant, Conyers noted a young military member in emotional distress. His thoughtful inquiry led the soldier to express his intent, and display his ability to end his life. As he calmly radioed for back-up, Conyers conveyed genuine concern, validating the young man's emotions. Through empathy and reassurance, he was able to gain the soldier's trust and identify professional crisis intervention resources to further assist.

OFC Conyers demonstrates daily the qualities and traits expected of an SPD officer, and we are honored to have him as a part of our team.

EXECUTIVE PROMOTIONS



Assistant Chief Jeffery W. Jackson

Jeffery W. Jackson joined the Sumter Police Department in 1988 as a Patrol Officer. He has since served as Shift Sergeant, Shift Lieutenant, Patrol Captain, and Major of Operations. In 2020, Jackson was promoted Assistant Chief of Police.

A native of Sumter, Assistant Chief Jackson holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Morris College, and was commissioned as an Officer in the United States Army. He is also a graduate of the 236th Session of the FBI National Academy.



Lieutenant Billy K. Floyd

Lt. Billy K. Floyd joined the Sumter Police Department in 2018, after serving 21 years with the SC Highway Patrol. In his current position, Lt. Floyd oversees the City/County Telecommunications Center, and the Department's Information Technology, Crime Analysis and Budget/Finance Divisions.

Lt. Floyd, a native of Clover, SC, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and Management from the University of South Carolina, and is a graduate of the 267th Session of the FBI National Academy.







Mayor
David Merchant

Mayor Pro Tempore
Thomas Lowery

City Council
James Blassingame
Steve Corley
Colin Davis
Calvin Hastie
Gifford Shaw

City Manager
Deron McCormick