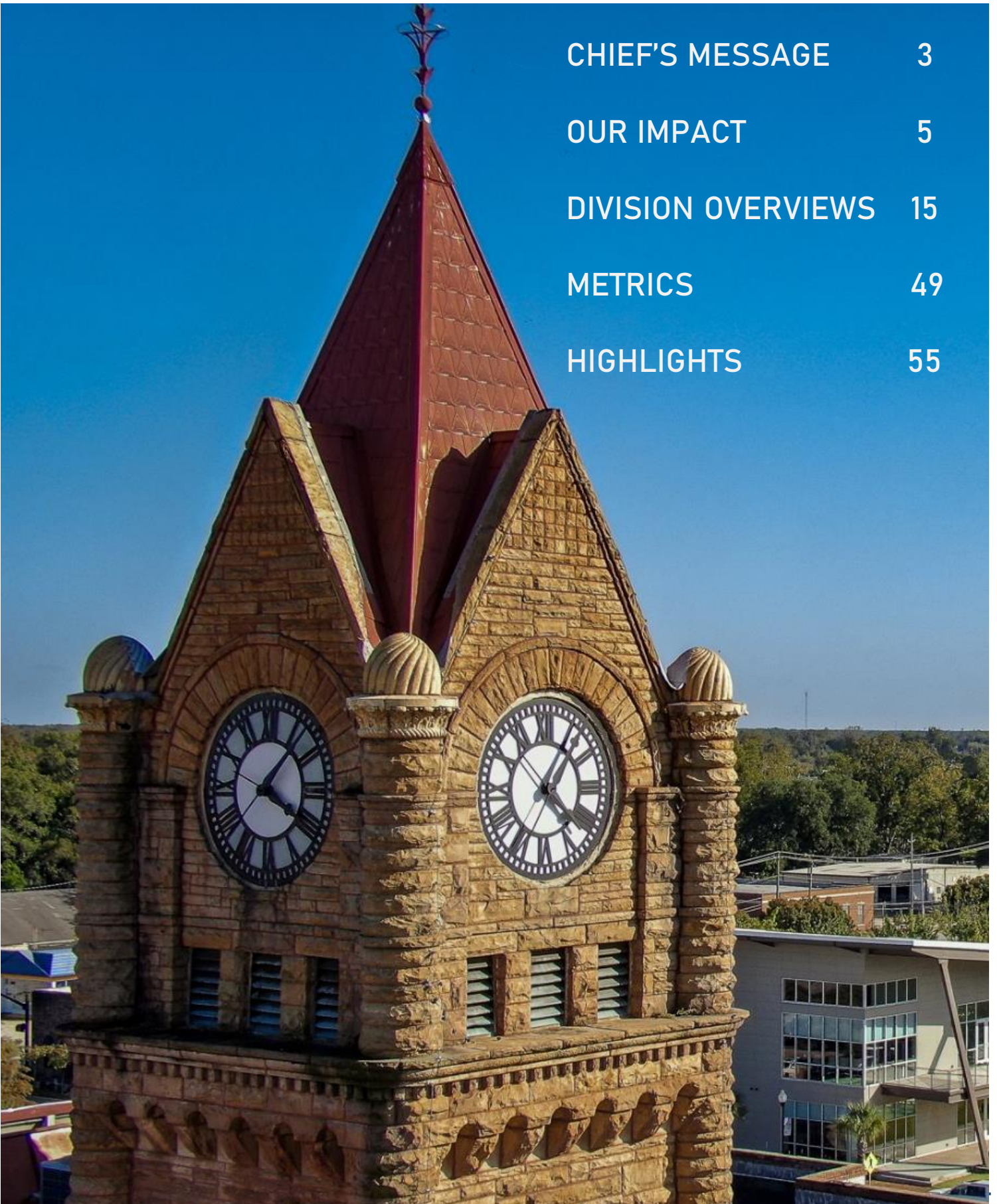




2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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TRUST. RESPECT. SERVICE.



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

The Covid pandemic has had a sweeping and unfortunate global impact: inconceivable loss of life, economic upheaval, and unprecedented changes in the way we live and work, educate and care for our children, and engage as a society. As we approach the threshold of 2022, the Omicron variant is unfolding at a rapid pace, which can seem overwhelming. Amid the challenges and disruptions however, we hold steadfast to our fundamental guiding principle to provide professional law enforcement services that prioritize the health and safety of our community.

From the outset, the Sumter Police Department has led with integrity and purpose. Despite the formidable changes shaped by the pandemic, our track record of professionalism and tangible impact remains intact. Our 2021 annual report highlights our service delivery, accomplishments, and growth.

Going forward, we will continue to work resolutely with all stakeholders to enhance and improve quality of life for all.

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OUR



IMPACT



PARADIGM SHIFT IN COMMUNITY POLICING... CREATING SUSTAINABLE, TRANSITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Department officers went outside of the scope of traditional policing to address quality-of-life issues they found concerning from a humanity standpoint but which also needed to be addressed as a public safety agency to minimize the potential for non-violent and violent crimes.

Traditionally, the department often combines its divisions and specialized units to mitigate and address issues and potential criminal activity through the triple E's: Education, informing the public about what we see is trending and how they can help to combat it while listening to their thoughts and observations; Evaluation of data and anecdotal information gathered; and when and if necessary, Enforcement.

In 2021, the paradigm changed.

Detective Sgt. B.A. Wilson of the Investigative Services Division while on the job observed conditions and issues the department can't overlook if it intends to succeed in its overarching mission of improving the quality of life of all who live, work and recreate in the City of Sumter.

Wilson garnered support to form a partnership between the department and federal, state and private-sector organizations to address potentially life-threatening health and public safety issues and to link the affected individuals and businesses with resources.

Those agencies and organizations that were identified as vital to the department's mission were more than willing to join this partnership. They include:

- Federal Bureau of Investigation Victims Services
- S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control
- State Law Enforcement Division
- City of Sumter
- City of Sumter Codes Enforcement
- Sumter Fire Department
- City of Sumter Business Licensing
- City of Sumter Building Department
- City of Sumter Sanitation Services
- City of Sumter Parks and Gardens
- Sumter United Ministries
- Wedgefield Baptist Church
- Love Covenant Church
- Sumter Behavioral Health
- YWCA



Rather than move in and address the situation through standard policing and tactics, the partner organizations would join with Sumter PD to offer services that could help influence and clear a path to transition to a better way of life and/or doing business.

At the same time, the officer/partner approach could serve as a tool, a model concept, to address issues that would fall under the purview of law enforcement – unsightly, unhealthy working and living conditions, illegal drug use, prostitution, shoplifting and panhandling – that could have far-reaching negative implications on the city, both aesthetically and economically.

This model concept was then tested before being put into action. Six hotels/motels with living conditions considered substandard, and a source of frequent calls for service were inspected and re-inspected, resulting in structural and equipment deficiencies being corrected. Patrons were also introduced to the partner agencies, which offered support and a path to a better way of life.

The partnership later would intervene on activities at a restaurant that had veered outside of its authorized role as a food-service provider access. After corrective action was taken, the restaurant remains open and without disturbance complaints or frequent calls for service.

Lastly, a tent community, occupied by some of the city's growing transient/homeless population, was provided with access to the professionals and the services that could help guide its inhabitants to effective, positive change, that is, if they accepted.

This would be the first phase to address a complicated, challenging issue facing the city.



SOURCE: *The Sumter Item*

A MODEL CONCEPT

In June, the department would test the model concept by performing impromptu inspections/site visits at a few of the identified hotels where the department frequently responds to calls for service and has observed less than desirable living conditions and illicit activities.

From there, the plan was officially put into action July 1 starting with a briefing meeting (overview of the plan and mission) with the partner/stakeholder team and conducting prayer before going out. Two locations would be addressed if time allowed.

Before entry, contact was made with management to explain the intent of the visit before officers and partners inspected rooms and hallways and met with patrons.

One site visit was accomplished, which resulted in the business being shut down because of the number and seriousness of the infractions found. Those fire and building code violations included exposed wiring, missing and non-operational fire alarms and extinguishers and other discrepancies that have life-threatening implications.

This was the only hotel closed as a result of the model concept to date. Once the violations were satisfactorily addressed, and brought up to code, the business was able to reopen.



Throughout the summer, the partner team would take the same approach and visit other hotels/motels in the city. Multiple safety violations were found during these inspections and citations were issued. Similar structural and equipment deficiencies were addressed as well as the bed-bug infestations that were found.

During these visits, the partnership team also met with the individuals and families on short-term and long-term stays at these locations to offer access to services for mental health, substance abuse and other issues.

Officers also met with managers/owners of the properties to educate them about the signs of human trafficking.

Contrary to the reaction one might expect, the managers and owners of these establishments appeared receptive to the team's mission and took immediate steps to make the necessary improvements, which were found to be completed or near completion during return inspections.

As a result of the hotel visits, it was determined that this concept – a paradigm shift from traditional law enforcement methods – yielded positive results and could be used again.



Later, the department would apply this same approach to address complaints and violations at a restaurant that was operating beyond its authorized scope of serving food and drinks. It, essentially, had evolved into a nightclub.

Issues of concern included overcrowding, illegal drug and alcohol use and health and safety issues.

This time, the state Department of Health and Environmental Control, which handles food safety issues, and the state Law Enforcement Division, which oversees regulations involving alcoholic beverages, were a key part of the mission.

As a result of this partnership mission, violations were addressed and the restaurant has returned to normal operations.

Calls for service, which were not typical of similar businesses in the city, have decreased.



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Rapport building was an integral component utilized throughout the planning and implementation of this new police-stakeholder/partner approach.

This would be especially important to make inroads to the city's transient/homeless community, which typically is distrustful of law enforcement and intentionally isolates itself from what many consider normal everyday life.

Since the beginning of 2021, officers learned through calls for service, social media, word of mouth and the occasional glimpse of someone walking to it before disappearing into the brush, of an obscure tent community.

Once vacant, this strip of land was becoming increasingly noticeable by the amount of trash strewn about the area as well as the several panhandlers walking to and from the area to the parking lot of the adjacent big box store to assume their spot for the day.

For those living there, normalcy may involve substance addictions, mental health struggles and the inability to connect with or even learn about the services that could assist them.

Some are there because circumstances left them with few, if any, options. Others prefer this way of life and chose to be there. Regardless, isolation is their security blanket.



Before bringing in a team of partners, a relationship and trust had to be developed with those living in the tent community that was nestled in a wooded area within a bustling business district. Officers made several visits to learn more about the people in this community and determine what resources they needed to transition.

Troubled by this way of existence and the impact on the individuals who dwell there and the overall ramifications on the city, the department again called on this specialized team of partners to come together.

Officers first encouraged these residents to clean up the area. Arrangements were then made with the city to collect and haul off what had become an unsightly mess within and surrounding the small compound.

On Dec. 15, the partnership – the model concept – went into action. Team members – representing law enforcement, government, faith and service communities, some who had lived similarly not so long ago, met in a parking lot next to this tent community with food and fellowship and a common mission to make a difference and offer support and resources to improve their quality of life.

Mayor David Merchant, who maintains an attentive eye on community issues and how they are being addressed by the police department and other agencies, also came and spoke with tent residents and partner representatives to offer his support.



It would be up to these individuals whether they wanted to accept the helping hand offered. Officers and partner organizations found that the majority did not want assistance.

Legally and from a public safety standpoint, this population cannot continue to reside here. Phase 2 of the model concept would begin in 2022 to relocate these individuals and assist them with the transition.

WHAT'S NEXT

Hopes of what could be gained by using this model concept of law enforcement and a specialized group of partners to make a difference are high.

Realistically, it is understood that not everyone will be receptive to the extended hand offered by the Sumter Police Department and the agencies and organizations involved. But, it is a means to gain momentum in addressing current and future challenges in the city.

Going forward, the department will continue to identify areas of need and implement this concept and develop other proactive, innovative, non-traditional ways to make the City of Sumter its best for all who live and work here.





SUMMIT

UNIFORM SERVICES DIVISION





Captain Robert Singleton
Division Commander



CALLS FOR SERVICE

PATROL CALLS FOR SERVICE



TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE
69,484



K-9

DEPLOYMENTS



TRACKS
114

VEHICLE
SEARCHES
28

BUILDING
SEARCHES
2

AREA
SEARCHES
22

TRAFFIC

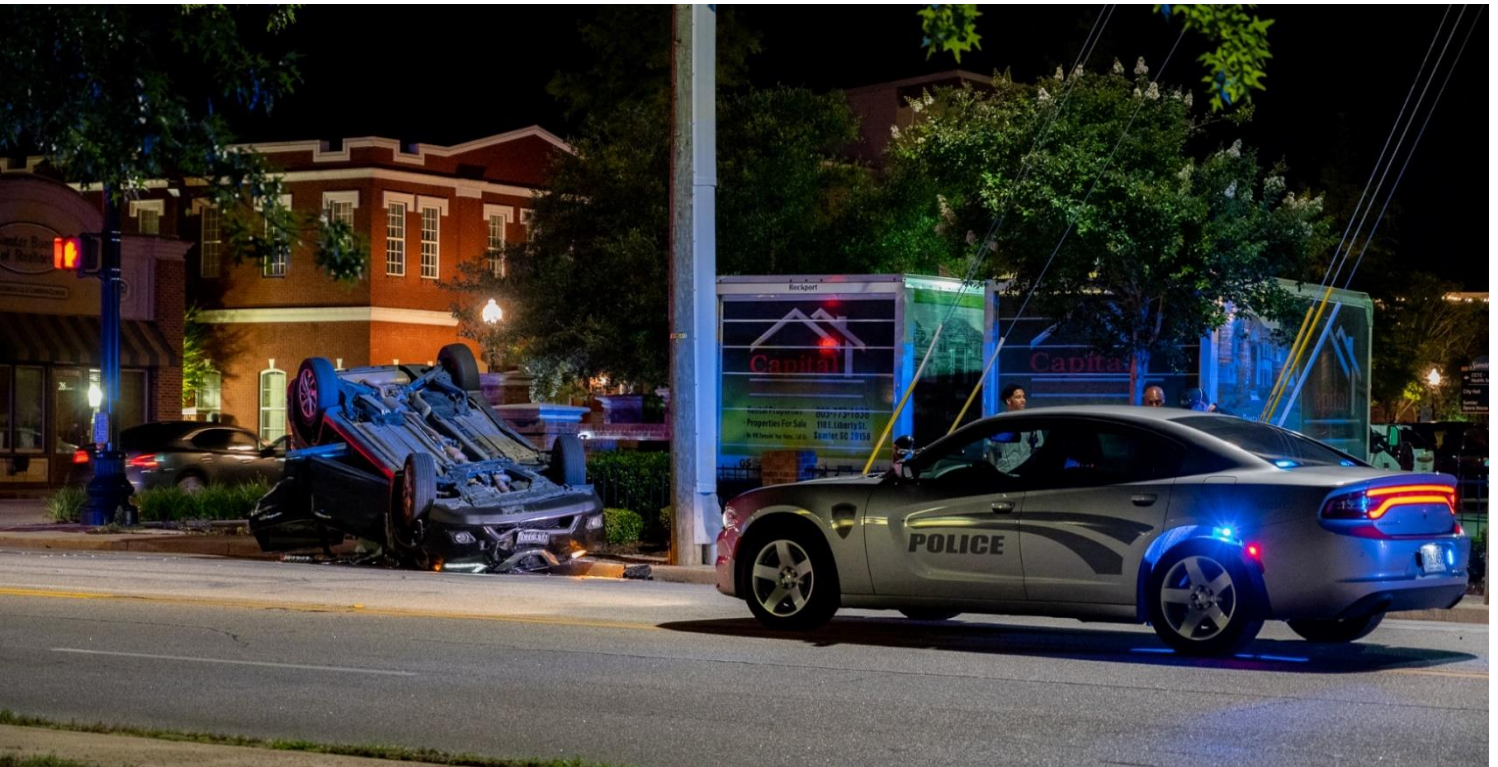
COLLISION INVESTIGATION

TOTAL
COLLISIONS

2,374

COLLISIONS
INVESTIGATED
BY TRAFFIC

991





INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

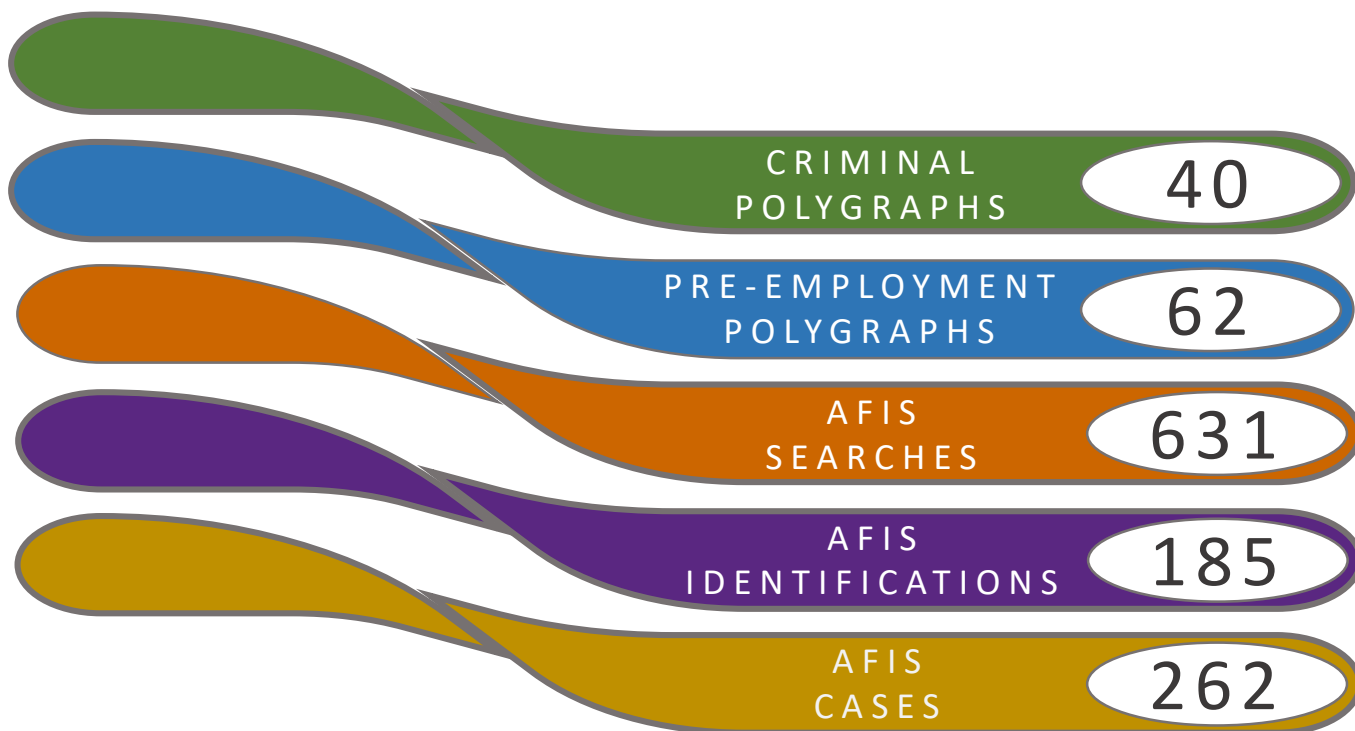




Captain Angela Rabon
Division Commander



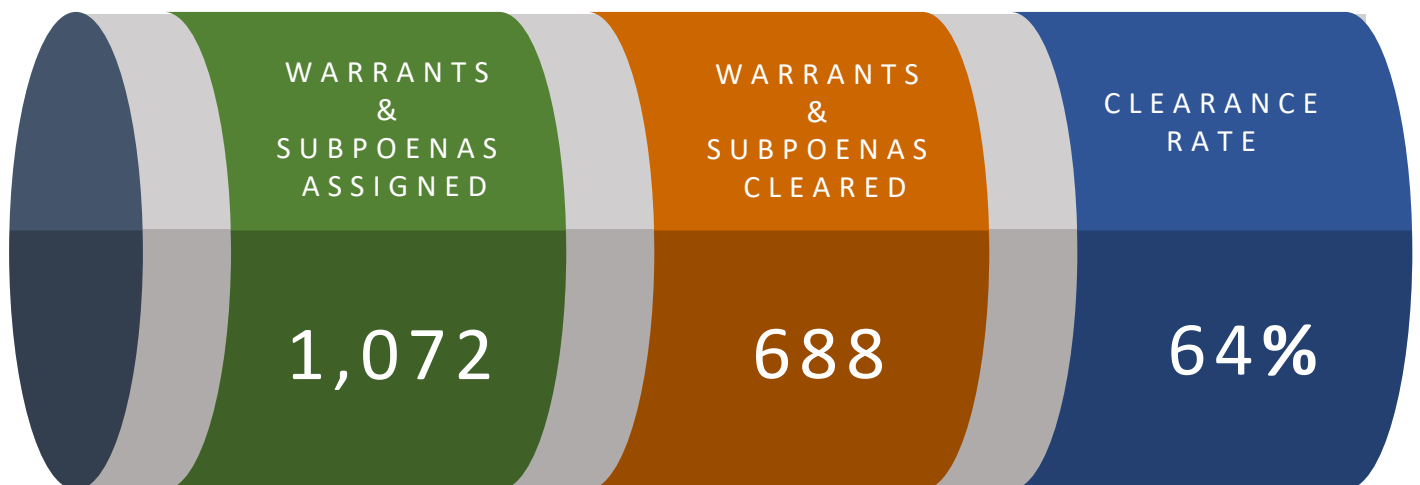
INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES



CASELOAD & CLEARANCE

	Violent Crimes	Property Crimes	Financial Crimes	Juvenile Crimes
Total Cases	1,409	2,110	315	654
Cases Cleared	608	629	120	504
Clearance Rate	43%	30%	38%	77%

WARRANTS SECTION



SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

- **Eugene Martin** – charged with 4 counts of murder related to a Nov., 2020 incident in which Raymond Davis and his two sons Randy and Marcus Davis were shot and killed. The additional charge of murder resulted from the death of infant Myles Marcus Davis, who died as a result of premature birth related to injuries his mother sustained in the shooting. Martin also faces 3 counts of attempted murder, burglary 1st degree, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, and malicious injury to property.
- **Dominique Robert Weston** - charged with criminal sexual conduct 1st, criminal sexual conduct-3rd, attempted lewd act with a minor, sexual exploitation of a minor-2nd, sexual exploitation of a minor-3rd and 2 counts exposing another to HIV.
- **Isaac Isiah Bethel** - charged with identity fraud, unlawful carrying of a pistol and 7 counts of breaking and entering auto related to auto break-ins at several hotels and restaurants along Broad Street.
- **Teresa Ann Williams** - charged with murder in the stabbing death of her son, Adrian Jackson. **Tyreese Elyissa Williams** charged with assault and battery-3rd and simple possession of marijuana in the same incident.
- **Aaron Alexander Prince** and **Larry Bernard Prince** - charged with strong arm robbery, assault and battery high and aggravated, and criminal conspiracy after robbing and severely beating a 78 year old owner of an appliance store while at the business.
- **Octavious Jonathan Brock, Dywain Ca Mel McKenzie, Justice Brock** - charged with conspiracy, possession of a weapon during a violent crime and 2 counts each of attempted murder, armed robbery and kidnapping related to the purchase of a firearm.
- **Christopher Fordham and Travion Blackwell** - charged in the Broad St. shooting death of Alki Williams. **Christopher Mickens** – and Raishard York charged with accessory after the fact.
- **John Walter Miles** - charged with aggravated breach of peace and trespassing after racially charged, profanity-laced disturbance at a local grocery store.
- **Joshua Morris** - charged with criminal sexual conduct of child under 8 yoa while repairing HVAC at victim's residence.
- **Johnathan Welch** - charged with aggravated breach of peace after demanding money from a Gate Station customer belligerently using profanity and racially offensive statements, and threatening to ignite a fire at the gas station.
- **Marquis Latrell Abrams** was charged with kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct-3rd and 3 counts of indecent exposure after exposing himself to girls at several bus stops, then offering another child a ride to school, during which time he performed an indecent act on himself before dropping the child at school.
- **Fikret Beganovic and Valentino Beganovic** – charged with 28 counts of unlawful purchase or attempt to purchase a catalytic converter-1st offense. Both men are residents of Georgia.
- **Mustafa Abdur Salaam, France Pascale Metellus** - charged with the murder of Joyce Bennett, and the attempted murder of Lorraine Bennett after the sisters were shot at Chestnut Pointe Apartments.
- **Nehemia Rashaun Amos, Jordan Dennis** - charged with murder in the death of Kayaun Mytrell Daniels. Daniels was found wounded inside a vehicle that crashed on Bultman Drive after being struck by gunfire.
- **Nathan Scarborough, Krystofer Fain and 2 juveniles** - charged with attempted murder, grand larceny and conspiracy related to the theft of a pickup truck from a retail business, and the attempt shoot its owner while at a retail business.
- **Tas'Je Shakur Spann** - charged with murder, attempted murder, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, malicious injury to property, criminal conspiracy and discharging a weapon into a dwelling related to the 2018 death of Marcus Brown.
- **Tyrell Shepard** - charged with criminal conspiracy, unlawful carrying of a pistol, simple possession of marijuana, giving false information to police and 13 counts of breaking and entering auto. **Co-defendant Virgil Pauling** - charged with criminal conspiracy, identity fraud and 13 counts of breaking and entering auto.
- **Courtney L. Brown, Haley Martin** - charged with voluntary manslaughter in the domestic shooting death of Jarvis Hudson.
- **Asaad McNeil, Samantha Funchess** – charged with voluntary manslaughter in the domestic shooting death of Eugene Rhinehart.
- **Shyquez Glen Singleton, Jyreek Avontae Tywonne McLeod-Jay** - charged with murder in the shooting death of Bryan Myers.
- **Anissa Rena Robinson** - charged with murder in the shooting death of Shameka Nathaniel.
- **Tykem Hickson, Javonte Marquise Durant Hickson** - charged with murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime in the shooting death of Tyrone Prince.
- **Kareem Sanchez Clark** - charged with 2 counts of stalking and assault and battery 1st after repeated incidents while on bond.
- **Jeremiah Charles Owings** - charged with unlawful conduct toward a child, attempted murder, possession of a weapon during a violent crime and opposing/resisting law enforcement officers serving legal process related to cutting the throat of his teen daughter.
- **Victoria Dukes** - charged with unlawful neglect of a child which may have resulted in the child's death. *Toxicology pending, charges may be upgraded.

ORGANIZED CRIME AND VICE CONTROL

SEARCH
WARRANTS

11

ARRESTS

205

CASH
SEIZED

\$17,869

WEAPONS
SEIZED

20

VALUE OF
DRUGS
SEIZED

\$354,103

VICTIM SERVICES

2,848

CONTACTS



1,910

REFERRALS

106

COURT
APPEARANCES



13

AFTER
HOURS
CALL OUTS



SUMT

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION





Captain Michael Evans
Division Commander



CITIZEN ASSISTANCE UNIT

5,407

PHONE
CALLS

13,490

LOBBY
CONTACTS

488

REPORTS
TAKEN

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

997

EXPUNGEMENTS

488

REQUEST FOR REPORTS

6,785

UCR REPORTING

778

RECORDS REQUEST- GOVT. AGENCIES

479

CITY ARREST TICKETS

TRAINING



10,389

TOTAL
OFFICER TRAINING HOURS

6,687
IN-HOUSE
OFFICER TRAINING
HOURS



100%
SCCJA
MANDATORY TRAINING
COMPLIANCE

TRAINING

FACILITY UTILIZATION

162

DAYS IN USE



5

AGENCIES



1,013

TOTAL TRAINED



RECRUITMENT

WEBSITE EMPLOYMENT INQUIRIES



RECRUITMENT

LAW ENFORCEMENT



TELECOMMUNICATIONS



ANIMAL CONTROL



OTHER





COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

SUMTER POLICE





Sergeant Major James Sinkler
Division Commander



PROJECT CHECKMATE

45

TOTAL
PARTICIPANTS



1,628

TOTAL PARTICIPANT
INTERACTIONS



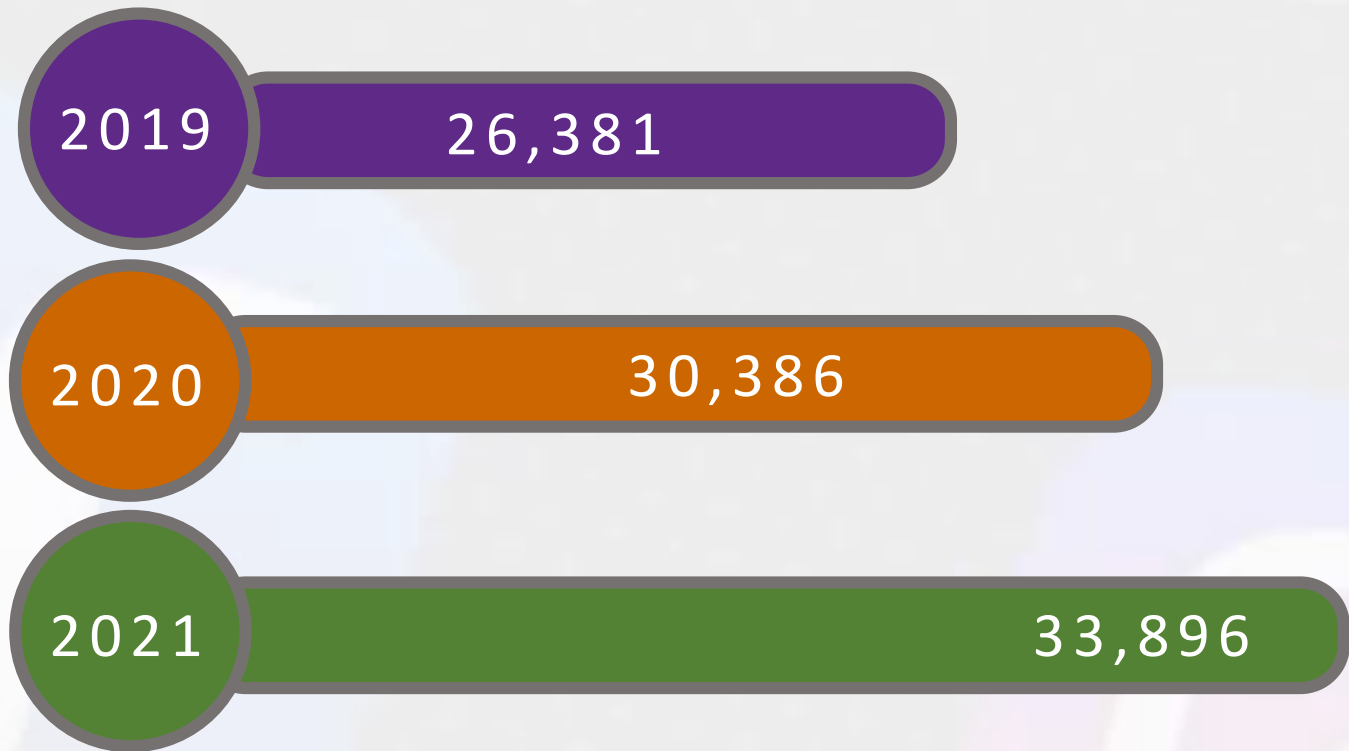
DOWNTOWN PATROL

TOTAL OFFICERS HOURS WORKED 3,770



SOCIAL MEDIA

SOCIAL MEDIA REACH



3 YEAR GROWTH RATE



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



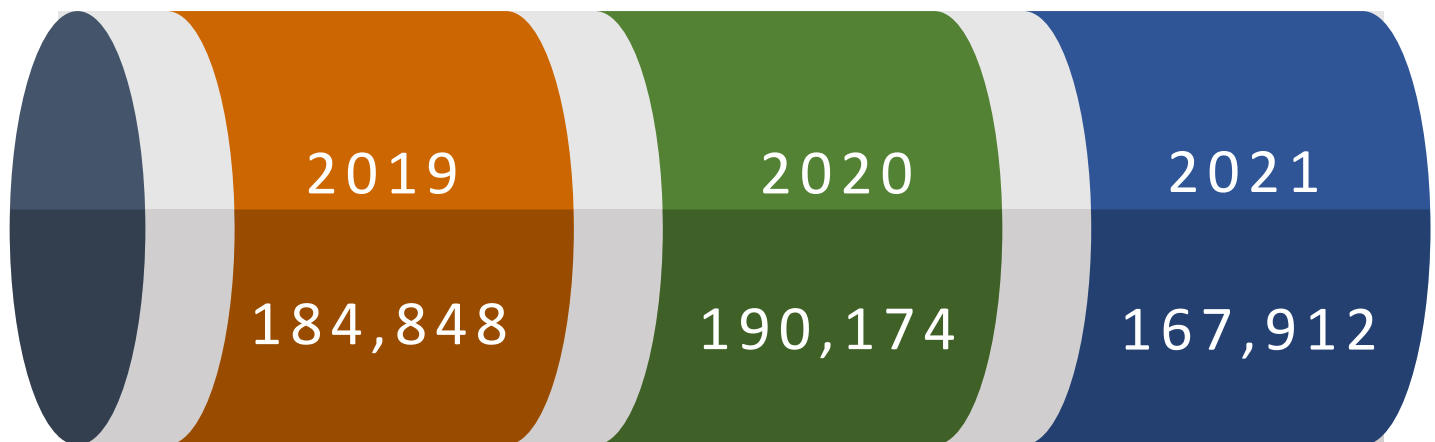


TELECOMMUNICATIONS



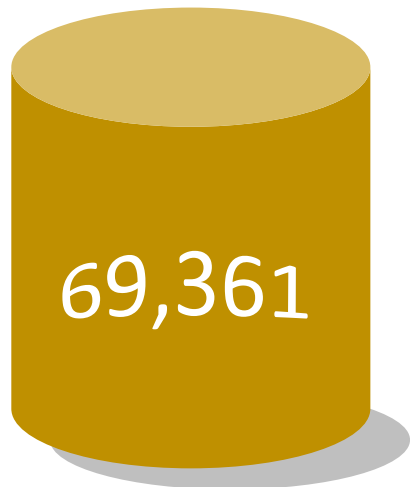
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3 YEAR CALLS FOR SERVICE

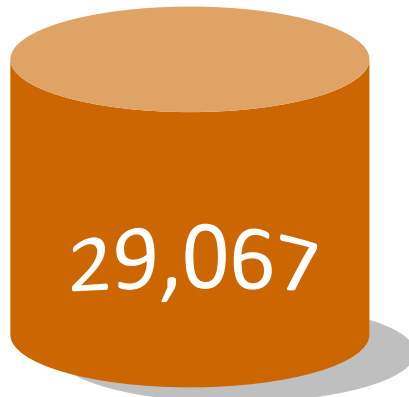


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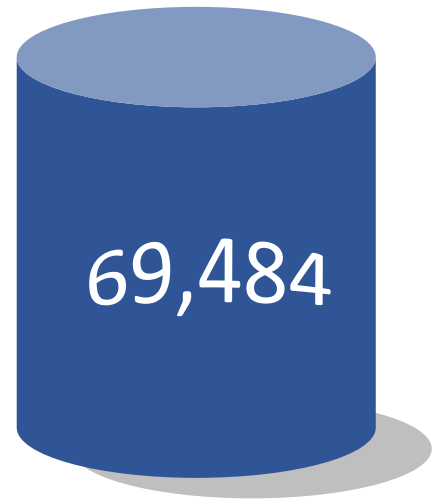
CALLS FOR SERVICE BY AGENCY



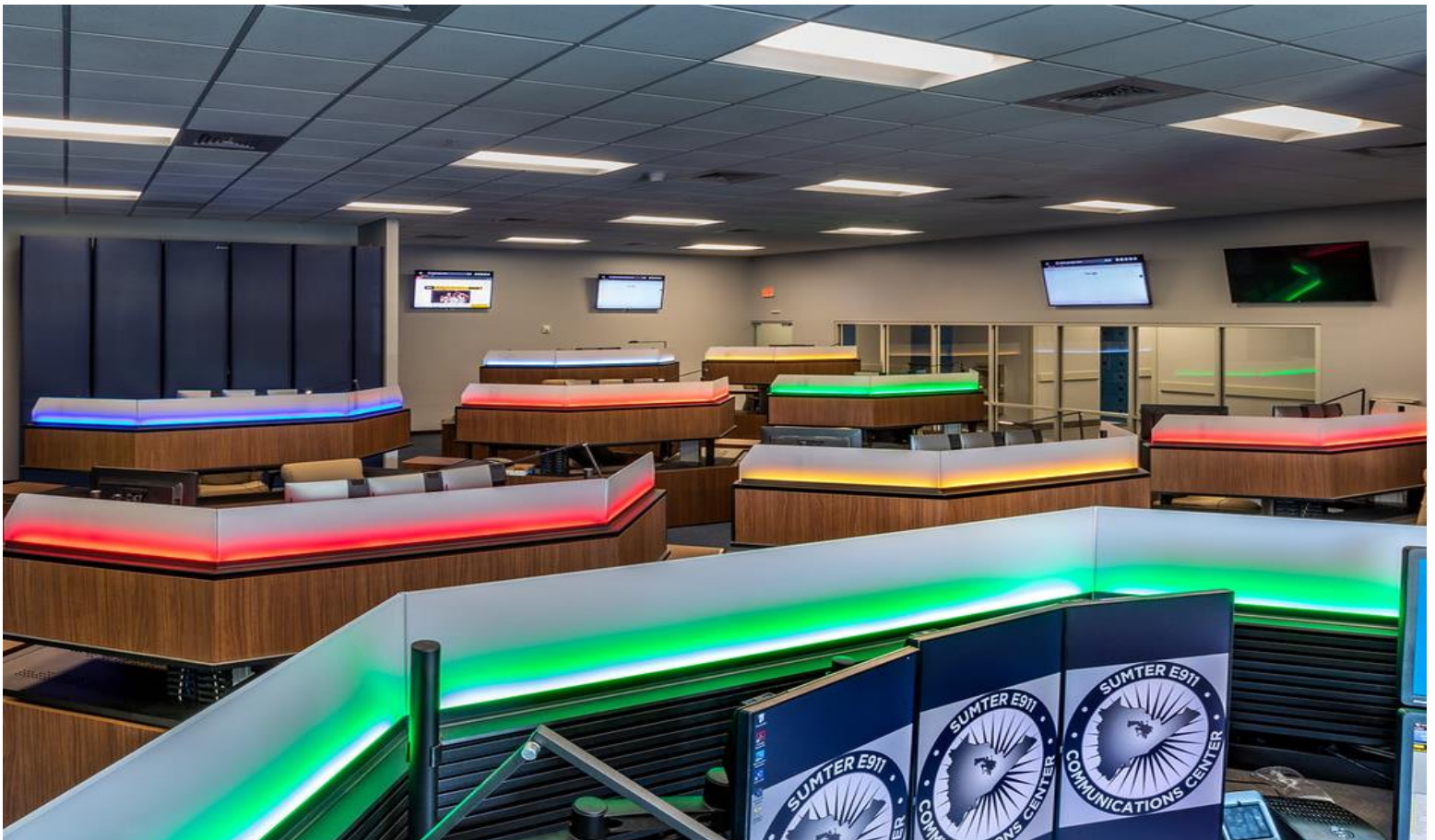
SHERIFF



FIRE-EMS-OTHER



POLICE





METRICS

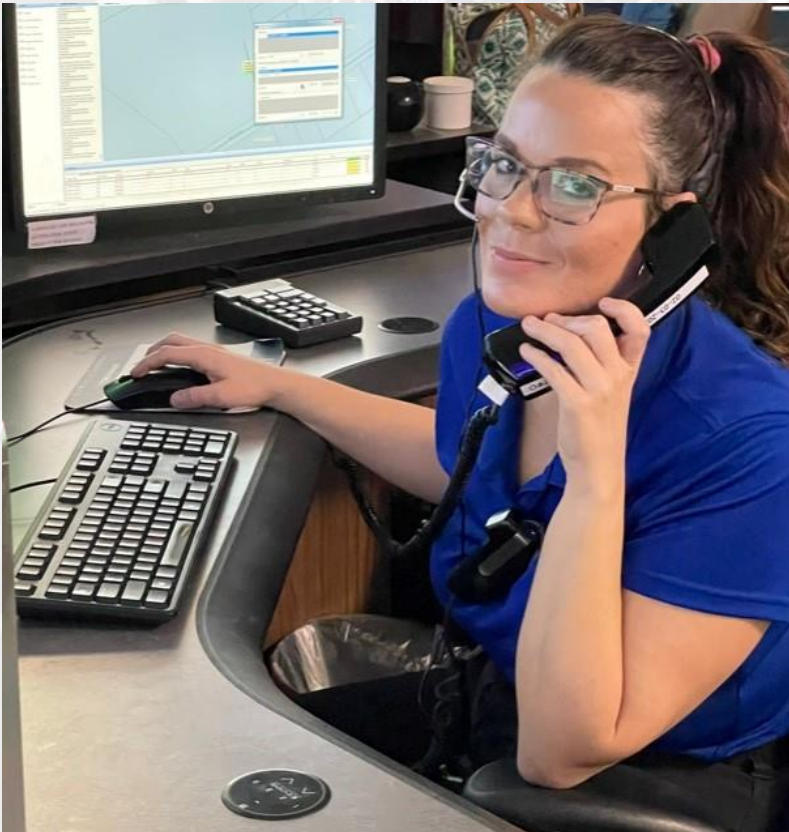


STAFFING



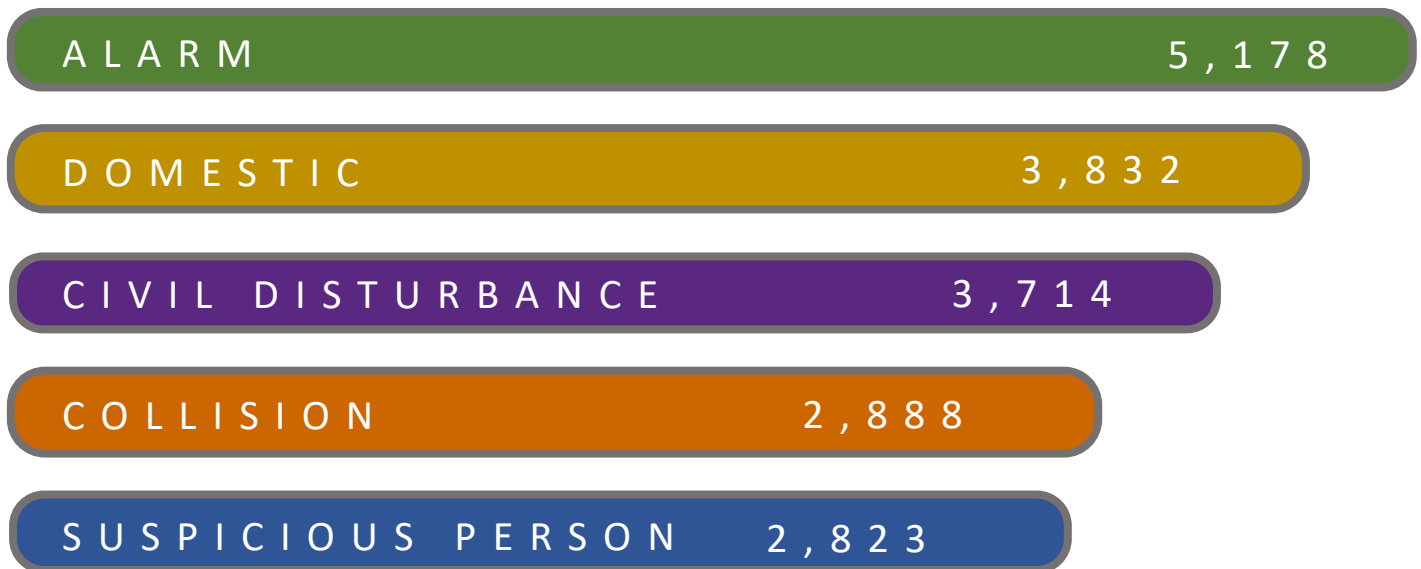
101 SWORN

23 TELECOMMUNICATORS

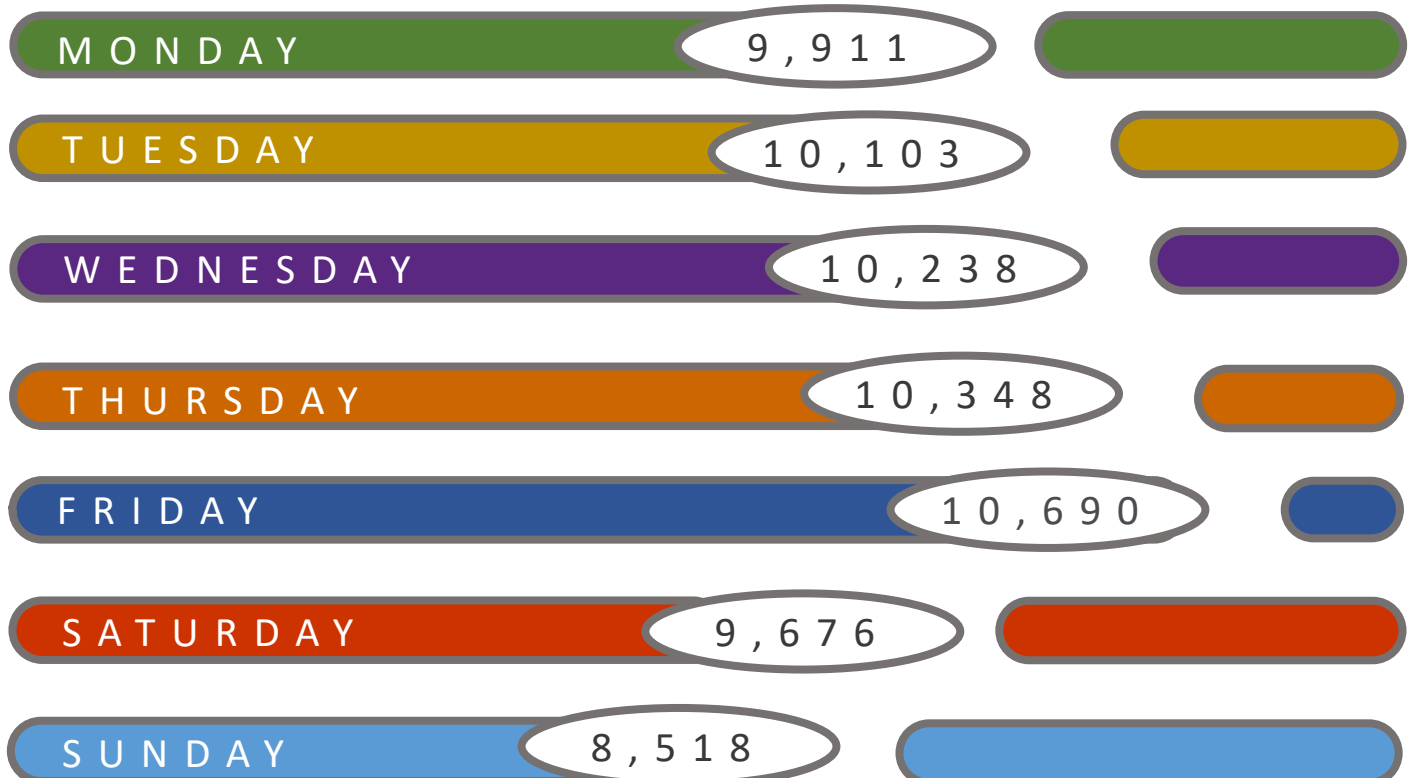


33 CIVILIAN

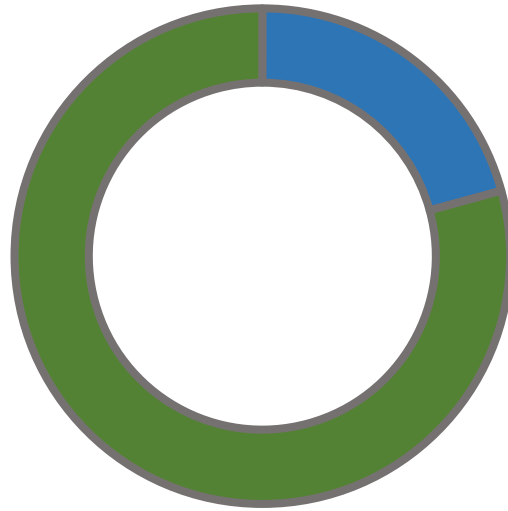
TOP 5 POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE



POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAY OF WEEK



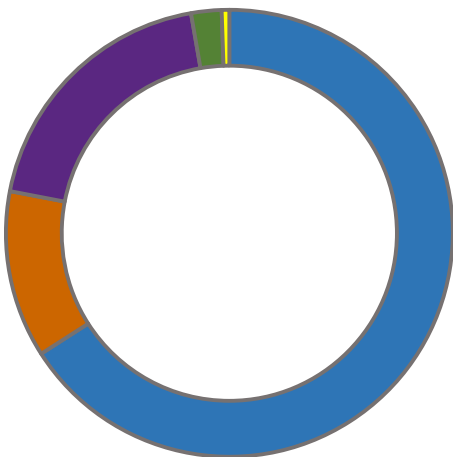
TOTAL INDEX CRIMES



- Crimes Against Persons
- Crimes Against Property

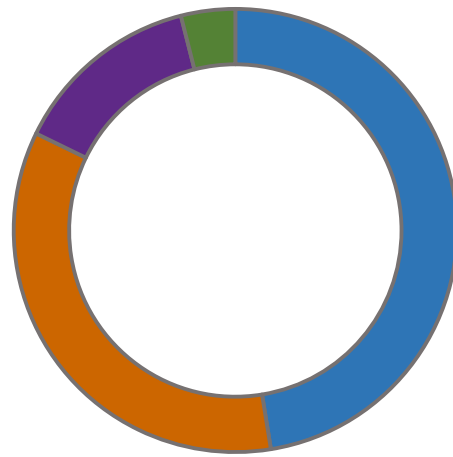
CRIMES AGAINST PERSON V. PROPERTY

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS



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

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY



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

INDEX CRIMES – 3 YEAR RATE

EVENT	2019	2020	2021	% CHANGE
				FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
MURDER	8	10	9	-10
SEXUAL ASSAULT	7	8	6	-25
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	229	240	203	-15
BURGLARY	346	199	226	13
AUTO BREAK-IN	349	356	221	-38
AUTO THEFT	116	72	98	36
GENERAL LARCENY	322	324	307	-5
WEAPONS CRIMES	50	73	84	15
VANDALISM	441	460	347	-24
ROBBERIES	54	49	40	-18
TOTALS	1934	1791	1539	-14.07



HIGHLIGHTS



CHECKMATE PROGRAM RECOGNIZED

Sr. Cpl. Warren Davis was presented with a framed copy of a resolution introduced and approved by the S.C. House of Representatives, recognizing him for his dedicated service to Sumter's senior adults.

Davis was assigned by Chief Russell Roark to address the needs of local seniors through the department's nationally recognized CheckMate program, which was created in 2014. CheckMate is part of SPD's Community Services Unit.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR



OFFICER MONTANA FISHER

Shortly after midnight on July 28, 2021, Officer Montana Fisher was clearing a call in the Crosswell Drive area when he heard a transmission over the radio regarding a 7-month-old child believed to be choking. Recognizing his close proximity to the

caller's address, Fisher advised dispatchers of his current location, and proceeded to the residence.

Arriving only moments before EMS, Fisher was able to quickly assess the infant and determine the child was not breathing. Recollecting his lifeguard training as a teen in upstate New York, Fisher successfully cleared the child's airway and administered CPR, eliminating the need for further medical intervention.

A 2020 graduate of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, Officer Fisher exemplifies the character and traits expected of an SPD officer and we are honored to have him as a part of our team.

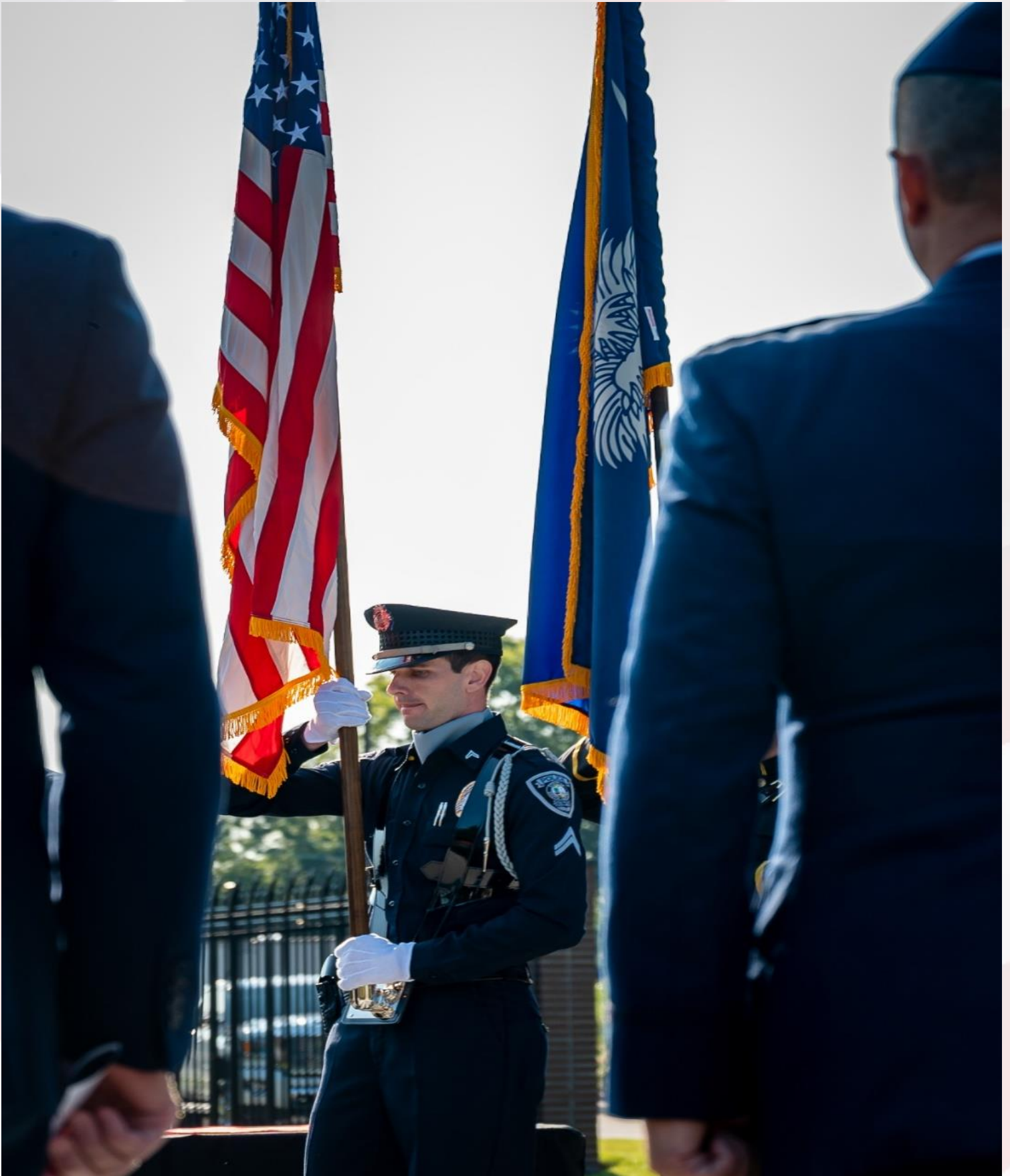
20TH REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11



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Mayor
David Merchant

Mayor Pro Tempore
Thomas Lowery

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

City Manager
Deron McCormick

Swan Lake Iris Gardens