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POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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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.

Diversity is the key to growth in any organization. As a law enforcement agency committed to building trust and improving quality of life within the community we serve, we recognize the many facets and variables required to achieve our strategic objectives.

Cognitive diversity - the inclusion of differing ideas, perspectives, and problem-solving methods — leads to better outcomes for everyone. As technology continues to evolve at an unprecedented pace, cognitive diversity ensures multiple perspectives are heard. When others are empowered to contribute alternative ideas and viewpoints, we are better able to operate with transparency and adapt to changing community needs.

As a community and an agency, our challenge and our strength is our differences. The ability to find common ground is what builds trust and unity, not uniformity.



CHIEF RUSSELL F. ROARK, III

"Cognitive
diversity ensures
multiple
perspectives are
heard."



UNIFORM SERVICES DIVISION



COMMANDER



CAPTAIN ROBERT SINGLETON

AS THE LARGEST AND MOST VISIBLE DIVISION,
UNIFORM SERVICES PROVIDES 24-HOUR
RESPONSE TO CALLS FOR SERVICE WITHIN THE
CITY. IN ADDITION TO TRADITIONAL CALL
RESPONSE, OFFICERS ADHERE TO A COMMUNITYORIENTED 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.

AT A GLANCE

UNIFORM PATROL

- 4 ROTATING SHIFTS
- 50 PATROL OFFICERS
- 24-HOUR PRESENCE

ANIMAL CONTROL

2 SWORN OFFICERS

TRAFFIC

- 4 OFFICERS
- LEN GOLD LEVEL STATUS

SCHOOL CROSSING

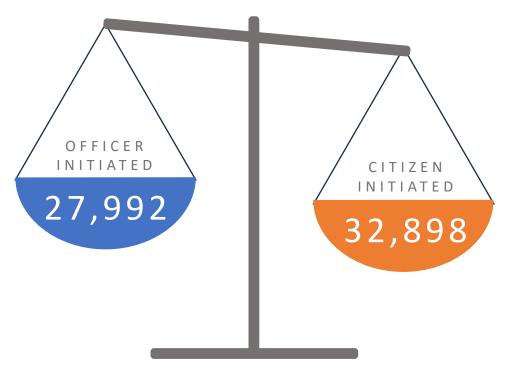
 15 CROSSING GUARDS

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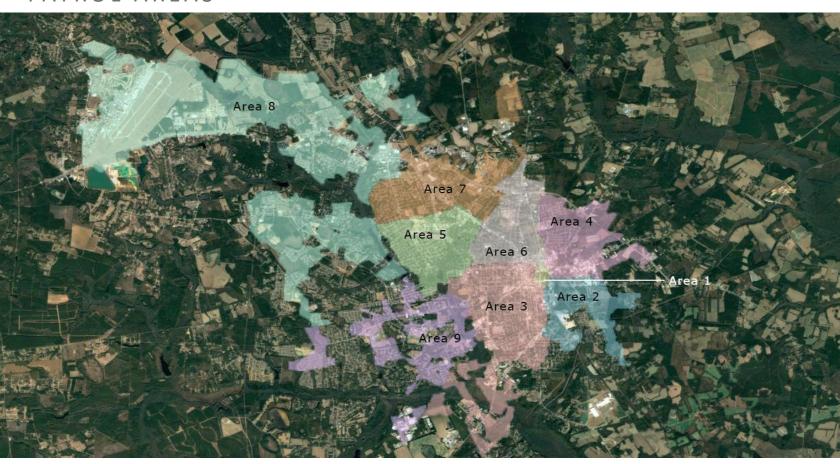
- 4 OFFICER
 HANDLERS
- 4 DUAL-PURPOSE CANINES
- 1 TRACKING K-9

UNIFORM SERVICES

PATROL CALLS FOR SERVICE



PATROL AREAS





MISSING PERSON TRACKS	21
AREA SEARCHES	8
BUILDING SEARCHES	
VEHICLE SEARCHES	2
OTHER TRACKS	42

TRAFFIC UNIT



COLLISION INVESTIGATION

2,128

TOTAL COLLISIONS

747

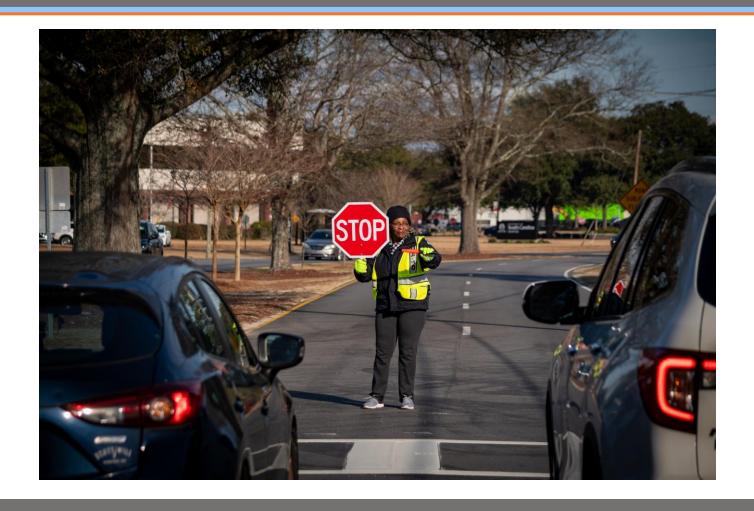
COLLISIONS INVESTIGATED BY TRAFFIC DIVISION

ANIMAL CONTROL





SCHOOL CROSSING



CROSSING GUARDS HOURS WORKED

15

5,715



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



COMMANDER



CAPTAIN WILLIAM LYONS

DETECTIVES ASSIGNED TO THE INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION CONDUCT FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATIONS 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, PROCESSES CRIME SCENES, ANALYZES FINGERPRINTS, AND INVENTORIES ALL EVIDENCE.

SPECIALIZED UNITS WITHIN THE DIVISION

PROVIDE SPECIFIC SUPPORT TO INCLUDE DIGITAL

FORENSICS, COLD CASE AND MISSING PERSONS

ASSISTANCE.

AT A GLANCE

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

- GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS
- WARRANTS
- VICTIM SERVICES
- JUVENILE SERVICES
- COURT LIAISON

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

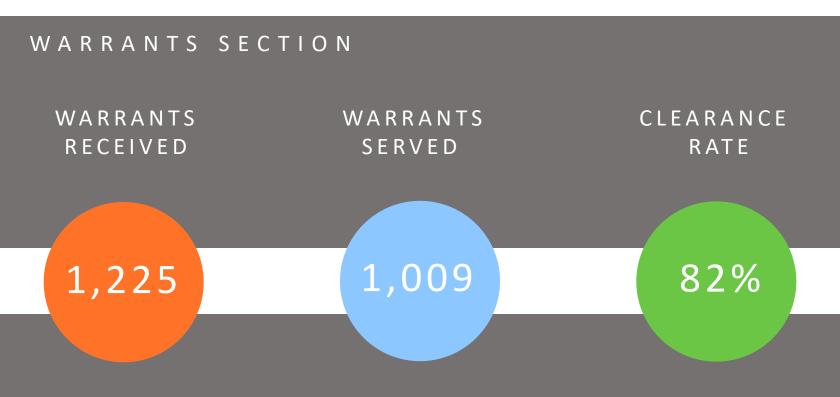
- DIGITAL
 FORENSICS
- MISSING PERSONS
- COLD CASES
- INTELLIGENCE

IN VESTIGATIVE SUPPORT

- EVIDENCE
- FORENSICS
- POLYGRAPHS
- AFIS

CASELOAD & CLEARANCE

JUVENILE VIOLENT PROPERTY CRIMES CRIMES CRIMES CRIMES TOTAL CASES TOTAL CASES TOTAL CASES TOTAL CASES 1,645 374 1,099 1,335 CASES CLEARED CASES CLEARED CASES CLEARED CASES CLEARED 530 111 671 499 CLEARANCE CLEARANCE CLEARANCE CLEARANCE RATE RATE RATE RATE 32% 30% 61% 37%



INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

CRIMINAL POLYGRAPHS	98
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PRE-EMPLOYMENT POLYGRAPHS	74
AFIS SEARCHES	528
AFIS CASES	171
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AFIS IDENTIFICATIONS	191

VICTIM SERVICES



REFERRALS COURT APPEARANCES CALLOUTS

522

114

18

SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

- Kelvin Bell and Dequan Stevens plead guilty to voluntary manslaughter in reference to a 2019 double homicide on Bowman St. They were sentenced to 13 and 14 years, respectively
- Joquell Myers and Diontre Epps were convicted of the 2019 Sunoco parking lot shooting. Myers was sentenced to 20 years for attempted murder. Epps received a life sentence for murder
- Andrew Tiller was sentenced to 12 years after pleading guilty to 2 counts of assault & battery 1st degree, 2 counts of attempted armed robbery, and possession of a weapon during a violent crime for his involvement in a 2017 shooting at Harmony Ct. Apts.
- Marcques Wright was charged with murder and weapon offenses in the shooting death of Jacob Russ at McDonald's on Lafayette Dr.
- Ronald Rogers was charged with murder and weapon offenses in the shooting death of Berry Thompson on Arnaud St.
- Steven Adams was charged with murder and weapon offenses in the stabbing death of Miranda Sexton on Henrietta St.
- Travis Wright was charged with murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime in the shooting death of Adrian McCray at A&P Coastal Mart on Boulevard Rd.
- George Anderson Sr. was charged with murder in the shooting death of Levon Wilson on Cheyne St.
- Antwan June was charged with murder in the shooting death of Rayquan Dean at Brewer's Bar and Grille
- Marcus Shannon was charged with murder in the stabbing death of Travis Roman on King St.
- A twelve-year-old juvenile was charged with involuntary manslaughter in the shooting death of another juvenile while inside a vehicle on Flamingo Rd.
- Quavez Young was charged with 2 counts of grand larceny of a motor vehicle and 137 counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle
- Ellison Cooper, Tayone Ingram, Chaquan McGee, and two juveniles were charged with multiple counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle and multiple counts of possession of a stolen vehicle
- Ashton Garner and two juveniles were charged with financial transaction card fraud, possession of a stolen vehicle, unlawful carrying of a pistol, and possession of a machine gun
- Cameron Benjamin was charged with grand larceny of a motor vehicle, armed robbery, grand larceny and petit larceny related to multiple incidents

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SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

- Corey Connor and Katelynn Thigpen were charged with multiple counts of burglary, criminal conspiracy, and possession of burglary tools
- James and William Brock were charged with armed robbery and assault and battery 1St degree related to a Gadson St. incident
- Perry Lee Mirza was charged with arson related to a residential fire on Cheyene St. Mirza was also charged with multiple larcenies and unlawful carrying of a firearm
- Ronnie Abrams was charged with armed robbery, attempted murder, burglary 1st degree, and weapon offenses related to a home invasion on Tudor St.
- Semion Helton-Hill was charged with armed robbery and attempted murder related to a home invasion on Highland Ave.
- Quanlik Kennedy was charged with attempted murder and weapon offenses related to a shooting on Clement Rd.
- Reco Boyd was charged with attempted murder and weapon offenses related to a shooting on Anderson St.
- Shykim Singletary was charged with attempted murder and weapon offenses related to a shooting at South Sumter Park
- Mykel Wright was charged with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, armed robbery, conspiracy, and weapon offenses related to a drug robbery at Arby's on McCray's Mill Rd.
- Jokerion Felder was charged with two counts of armed robbery related to incidents occurring at Family Dollar on Manning Ave. and Dollar General on Pocalla Rd.
- Gabriel Snells (17) was charged as an adult with armed robbery related to an incident which occurred at Dollar General on N. Lafayette Dr.
- Sincere Gibbs (17) was charged as an adult for armed robbery, conspiracy, and weapon offenses related to an armed robbery at the Shell Station on Wise Dr. and Loring Mill Rd.
- Andrew Wheeler was charged with indecent exposure at Under the Sun daycare on Miller Rd.
- Tarvaris Collins was charged with domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature related to a stabbing on Winyah St.





COMMANDER



CAPTAIN MICHAEL EVANS

RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING, FLEET
MANAGEMENT, AND RESEARCH AND
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, THE SPECIAL
OPERATIONS DIVISION PROVIDES A
COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF SERVICES THAT
CATER TO THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF OFFICERS AND
CITIZENS. THE DIVISION CONTINUALLY
EVALUATES LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES THAT
IMPACT THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS THE
COMMUNITY. ADDITIONALLY, THE TEAM LOCATES,
EVALUATES, AND DETERMINES THE FEASIBILITY
OF NEW TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT THAT
BETTER POSITION OFFICERS TO SERVE THE
COMMUNITY.

AT A GLANCE

OFFICER TRAINING

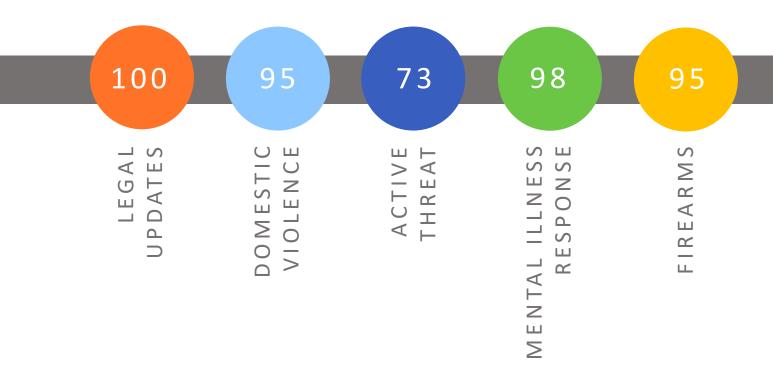
- 748 HOURS OF CAREER PATH TRAINING
- 100% LEGAL UPDATE COMPLETION RATE
- 100% DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING COMPLETION RATE

TRAINING FACILITY ULTLIZATION

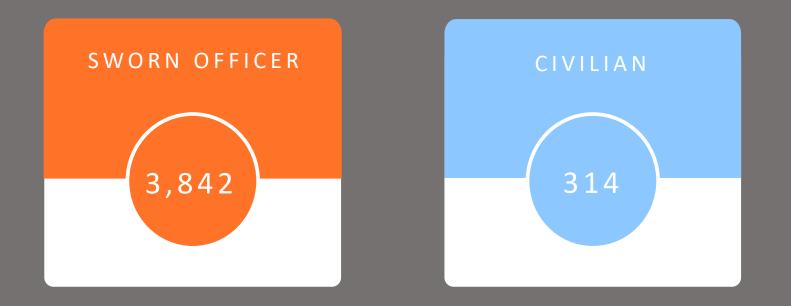
- 165 DAYS IN USE
- 7 AGENCIES
- 1,006 OFFICERS

TRAINING

SPD SWORN OFFICERS TRAINED



IN-HOUSE TRAINING HOURS





ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



COMMANDER



CAPTAIN BILLY K. FLOYD

ENSURING LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES ARE EFFECTIVE AND UNINTERRUPTED, THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION PROVIDES CONTINUAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE AGENCY.

THE DIVISION INCLUDES TELECOMMUNICATIONS, RECORDS, RECRUITMENT, A QUARTERMASTER, CITIZEN'S ASSISTANCE UNIT, ACCREDITATION, GRANTS AND FINANCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. ADDITIONALLY, THE DIVISION RESPONDS TO MEDIA, ATTORNEY, AND CITIZEN REQUESTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

AT A GLANCE

CITIZEN'S ASSISTANCE RECRUITMENT UNIT

 STAFFED BY SWORN OFFICER 8 A M - 6 P M

RECORDS

 2 FULL-TIME CIVILIANS

- 1 SWORN OFFICER
- 1 CIVILIAN

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• 3 FULL-TIME CIVILIANS

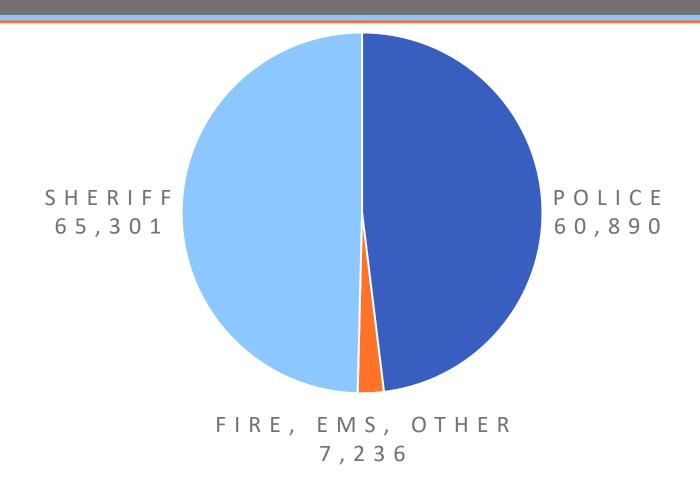
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- 23 FULL-TIME 911 OPERATORS
 - 2 PART-TIME

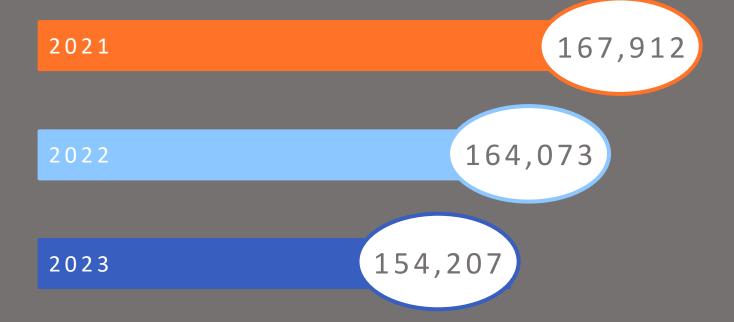
ACCREDITATION

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CALLS FOR SERVICE BY AGENCY



TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE TREND

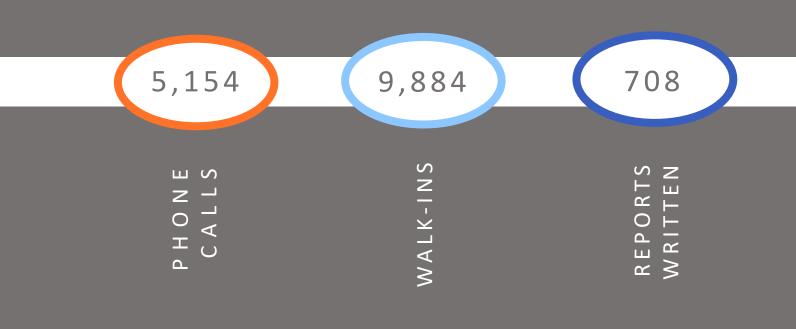


ADMINISTRATION

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

FOIA REQUESTS	215
EXPUNGEMENTS	893
CITY ARREST TICKETS	1,620
GOVT AGENCY RECORDS REQUESTS	1,128
UCR REPORTING	3,904

CAU INTERACTIONS



RECRUITMENT

LAW ENFORCEMENT

APPLICATIONS	395
HIRED	15
RESIGNED	18

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

APPLICATIONS	137
HIRED	14
RESIGNED	9

OTHER

APPLICATIONS	30
HIRED	5
RESIGNED	



COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION



COMMANDER



SERGEANT MAJOR JAMES L. SINKLER

FOCUSING ON POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE COMMUNITY SERVICES

DIVISION UTILIZES OUTREACH PROGRAMS AND SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE TO BUILD COMMUNITY TRUST AND LEVERAGE BENEFICIAL PARTNERSHIPS.

WITH THE GOAL OF IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE
FOR ALL CITIZENS, THE DEPARTMENT'S
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFER OPPORTUNITIES
FOR ALL AGES. CHECKMATE, A NATIONALLY
RECOGNIZED PROGRAM, AFFORDS SENIORS
HOME-BASED ASSISTANCE AND COMPANIONSHIP,
WHILE THE ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH KICKS
OFF A NEW YEAR OF LEARNING FOR CHILDREN.

AT A GLANCE

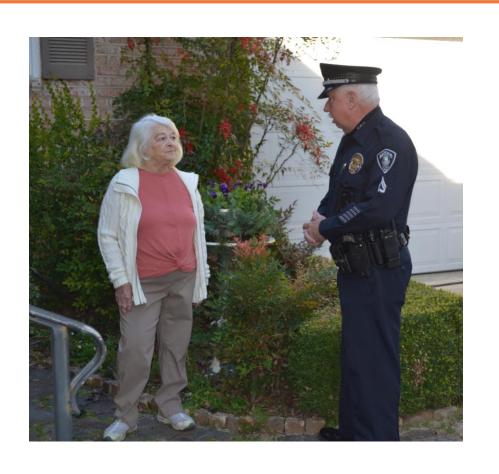
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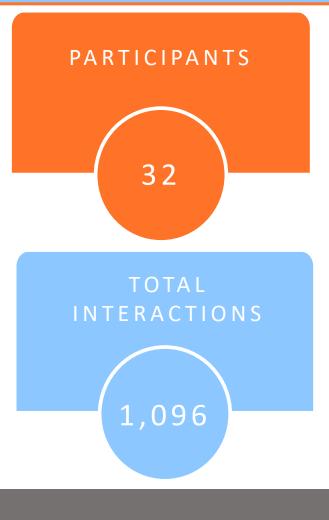
- BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH
- SUPERHEROES TRICK-OR-TREAT
- CRAM-A-CRUISER
- BLACK HISTORY ART/ESSAY CONTEST
- LETTERS FROM SANTA

CHECKMATE

- 1 SWORN OFFICER
- 32 SENIOR
 PARTICIPANTS
- DAILY CALL-IN
- WEEKLY INTERACTION

CHECKMATE





SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

2021

33,896

2022

38,240

2023

42,033

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



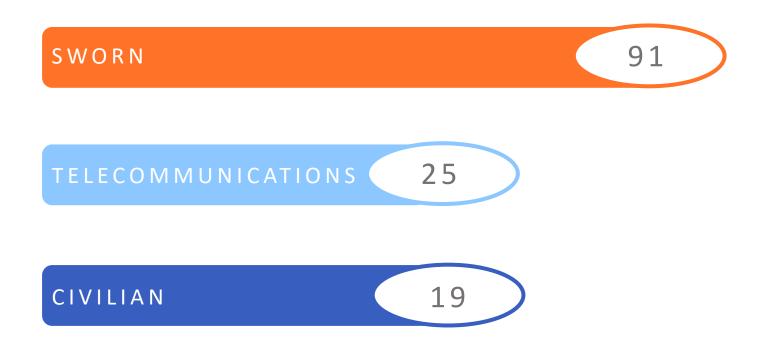
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



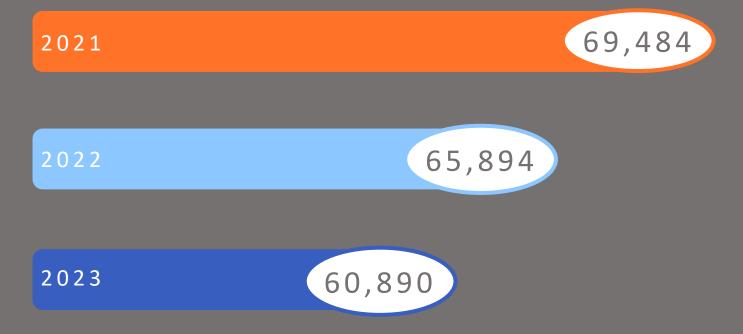




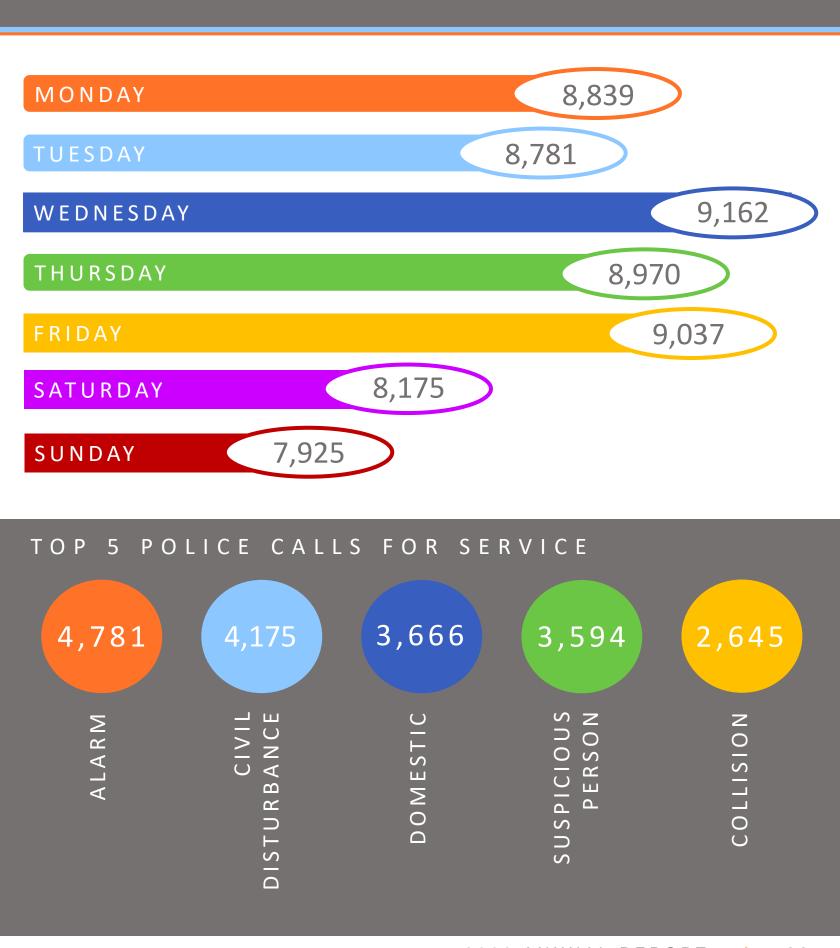
STAFFING LEVELS



POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE TREND



POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAY OF WEEK



INDEX CRIMES

CRIMES AGAINST PERSON	CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT 186	AUTO BREAK-IN 497
WEAPONS 74	GENERAL LARCENY 207
ROBBERY 38	BURGLARY 156
SEXUAL ASSAULT 8	AUTO THEFT 152
MURDER 15	VANDALISM 326

TOTAL INDEX CRIMES



INDEX CRIMES - 3 YEAR RATE

EVENT	2021	2022	2023	% C H A N G E FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
MURDER	9	6	1 5	+150
S E X U A L A S S A U L T	6	7	8	+14
A G G R A V A T E D A S S A U L T	203	206	186	-10
BURGLARY	2 2 6	182	156	-14
AUTO BREAK-IN	2 2 1	260	497	+91
AUTO THEFT	98	113	152	+35
G E N E R A L L A R C E N Y	3 0 7	270	207	-23
W E A P O N S C R I M E S	8 4	8 4	7 4	-12
VANDALISM	3 4 7	276	3 2 6	+18
ROBBERIES	4 0	23	3 8	+65
TOTALS	1539	1427	1659	+16





ORGANIZED CRIME & VICE CONTROL

31 SEARCH WARRANTS 3,039 SURVEILLANCE HOURS \$11,766 MONEIES SEIZED \$297,128 VALUE OF DRUGS SEIZED

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



SERGEANT ROBERT BECKFORD

IN HIS 22 YEARS WITH THE SUMTER POLICE
DEPARTMENT, SERGEANT ROBERT BECKFORD
HAS SERVED THE COMMUNITY IN A NUMBER
OF ROLES. NO STRANGER TO PUBLIC
SERVICE, HE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS BEFORE JOINING THE
DEPARTMENT AS A PATROL OFFICER IN 2001.
HE HAS SINCE SERVED AS A K-9 HANDLER,
NARCOTICS DETECTIVE, JUVENILE
DETECTIVE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DETECTIVE,
AND MOST RECENTLY SCHOOL RESOURCE
OFFICER AT SUMTER HIGH SCHOOL. HIS
COMMUNITY IS EVIDENCED BY HIS POSITIVE

ATTITUDE, PROFESSIONALISM, AND ABILITY TO ADAPT TO CHANGING ENVIRONMENTS AND WORK PROCESSES.

AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, SERGEANT BECKFORD HAS INVESTED IN DEVELOPING TRUSTED BONDS WITH ALL STUDENTS, MANY OF WHOM AFFECTIONATELY REFER TO HIM AS "UNC" — SHORT FOR UNCLE. SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS ESPECIALLY ENJOY INTERACTING WITH SERGEANT BECKFORD ON THEIR DAILY WALK TO THE GYM FOR ACTIVITY PERIOD. FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS LAUD SERGEANT BECKFORD FOR HIS FAIR BUT FIRM APPROACH, WHICH THEY BELIEVE RESULTS IN A SAFER AND MORE EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

SERGEANT BECKFORD EXEMPLIFIES THE CHARACTER AND TRAITS

EXPECTED OF A SUMTER POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER, AND WE ARE

HONORED TO HAVE HIM AS A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM.

