

SUMTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2025





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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

The unprecedented growth of artificial intelligence has created both excitement and debate as to its ability to transform how business and industry operate. Law enforcement is no exception. From detecting security threats to managing evidence, AI can rapidly sort and analyze infinite amounts of data with precision accuracy. Despite its impressive potential, machine learning lacks critically necessary subjective experience and empathy. These internal perceptions and personal experiences are what shape human connection and underpin effective police-community relationships.

As a department, we are committed to transformational, rather than transactional community engagement. Our culture is people-centered and we promote creative problem solving. Through dialogue and active listening, we foster an environment of respect and trust that recognizes diverse perspectives and values. When we harness these nuanced experiences, we are better positioned to create long-term solutions that meet the needs of all community members.

Artificial intelligence integration will continue to reshape our world and our daily lives. Industries - including law enforcement - will continue to look to AI to automate and accelerate work. Amid the promise of the AI revolution however, we will continue to prioritize authenticity and public trust.



CHIEF
RUSSELL F. ROARK, III

“*Amid the promise of the AI revolution, we will continue to prioritize authenticity and public trust.*”

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UNIFORM SERVICES DIVISION



COMMANDER



**CAPTAIN
ROBERT SINGLETON**

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 is comprised of uniform patrol officers, a traffic unit, school resource officers, animal control officers, a community services patrol unit, school crossing guards, and dual role K-9 officers providing round-the-clock shift assistance.

AT A GLANCE

UNIFORM PATROL

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

TRAFFIC

- 5 officers

K-9

- 4 police officer handlers

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

- 4 officers

COMMUNITY SERVICES PATROL

- 2 officers

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 1 officer

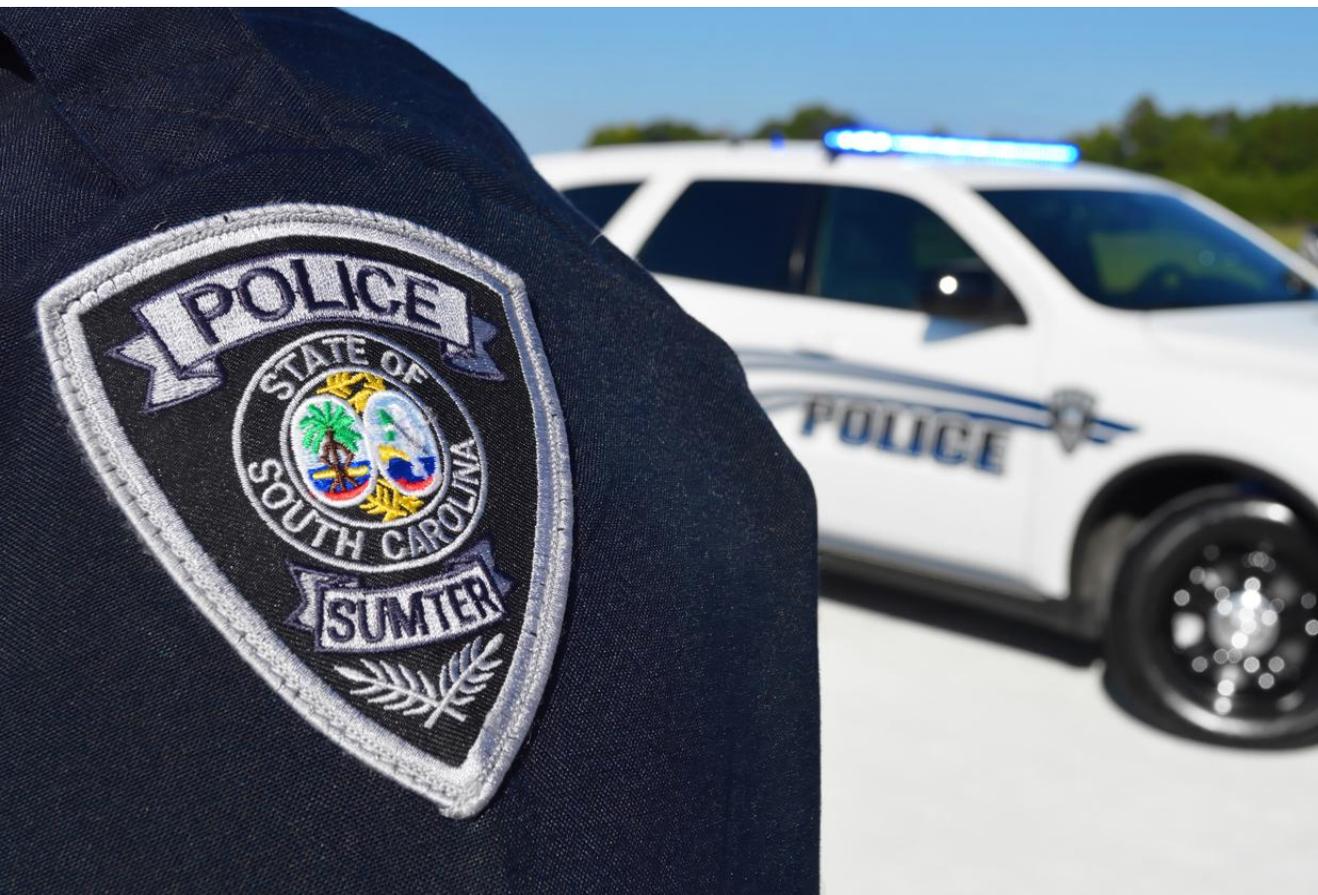
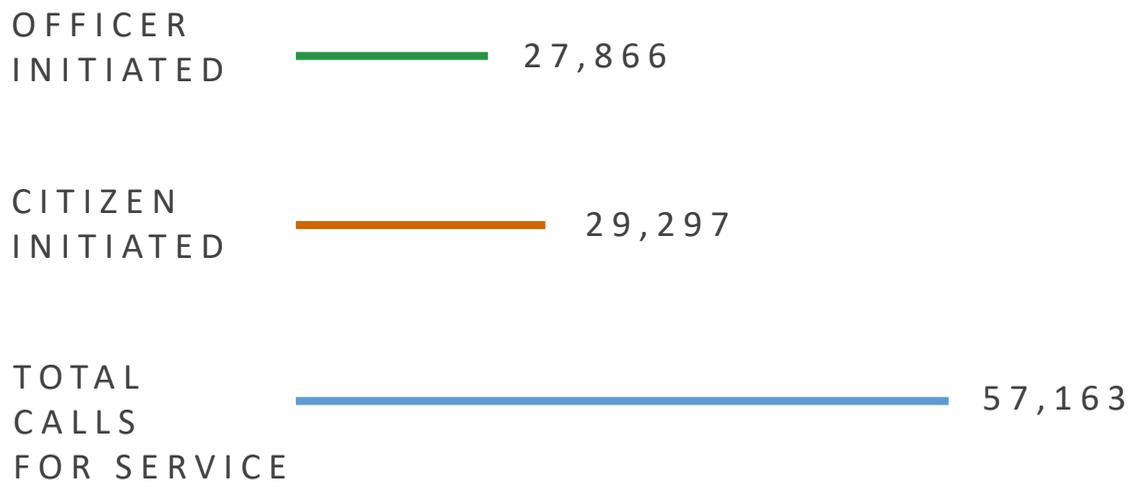
ANIMAL CONTROL

- 2 full-time officers

SCHOOL CROSSING

- 16 crossing guards

PATROL CALLS FOR SERVICE



TRAFFIC UNIT

COLLISION INVESTIGATION

1,717 TOTAL COLLISIONS

722 COLLISIONS INVESTIGATED BY TRAFFIC UNIT



K-9

DEPLOYMENTS

85



COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT-NET

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

9

SCHOOL VISITS

18

REPORTS TAKEN

192



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

SCHOOL
RESOURCE OFFICERS

4

EVENTS
SUPPORTED

260

SCHOOL RELATED
HOURS WORKED

8,763



ANIMAL CONTROL



SWORN OFFICERS

2

CALLS FOR SERVICE

681

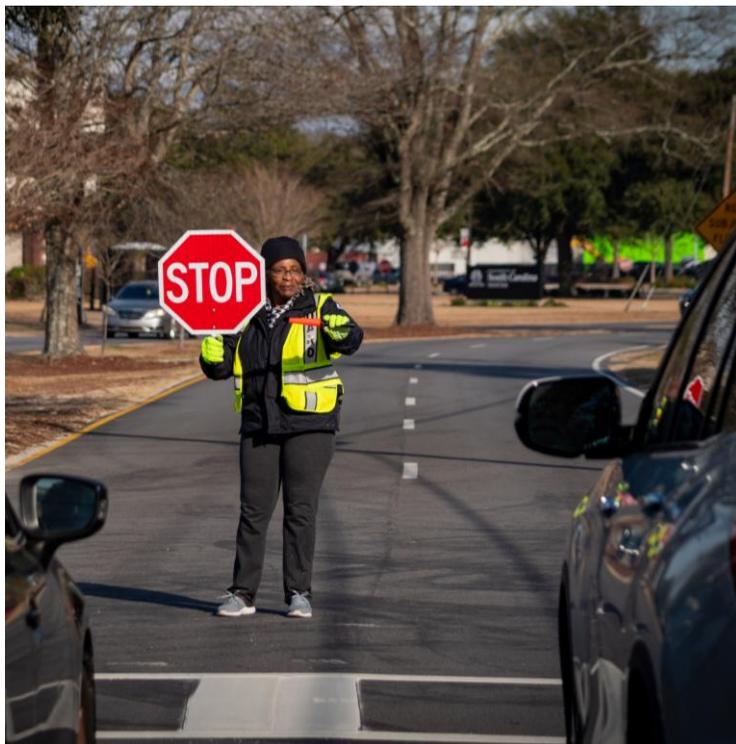
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

CROSSING GUARDS

16

HOURS WORKED

5,760



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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, 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

INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT

- Evidence/Forensics
- Polygraphs
- AFIS

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

- Digital Forensics
- Missing Persons
- Cold Cases
- Intelligence

CASELOAD & CLEARANCE

	TOTAL CASES	CASES CLEARED	CLEARANCE RATE
PROPERTY CRIMES	1,685	1,225	41%
FINANCIAL CRIMES	437	232	26%
JUVENILE CRIMES	646	644	98%
VIOLENT CRIMES	1,385	1,197	70%

WARRANTS SECTION

WARRANTS & SUBPOENAS ASSIGNED

1,293

WARRANTS & SUBPOENAS CLEARED

1,045

CLEARANCE RATE

81%

DIGITAL FORENSICS



PHONES PROCESSED

726

BERLA VEHICLE DOWNLOADS

7

DVR SYSTEMS PROCESSED

5

AGENCIES ASSISTED

13

VICTIM SERVICES

TOTAL CONTACTS

2,491

REFERRALS

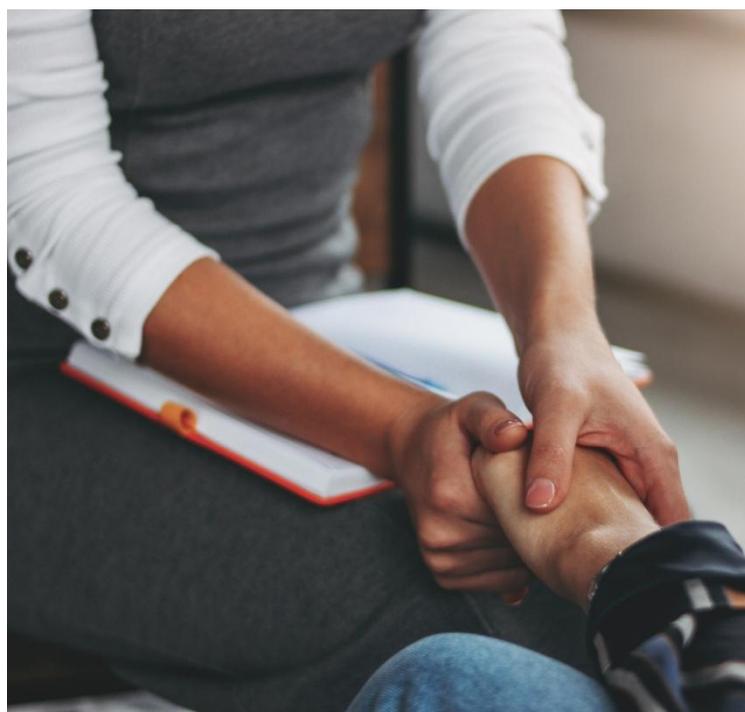
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COURT APPEARANCES

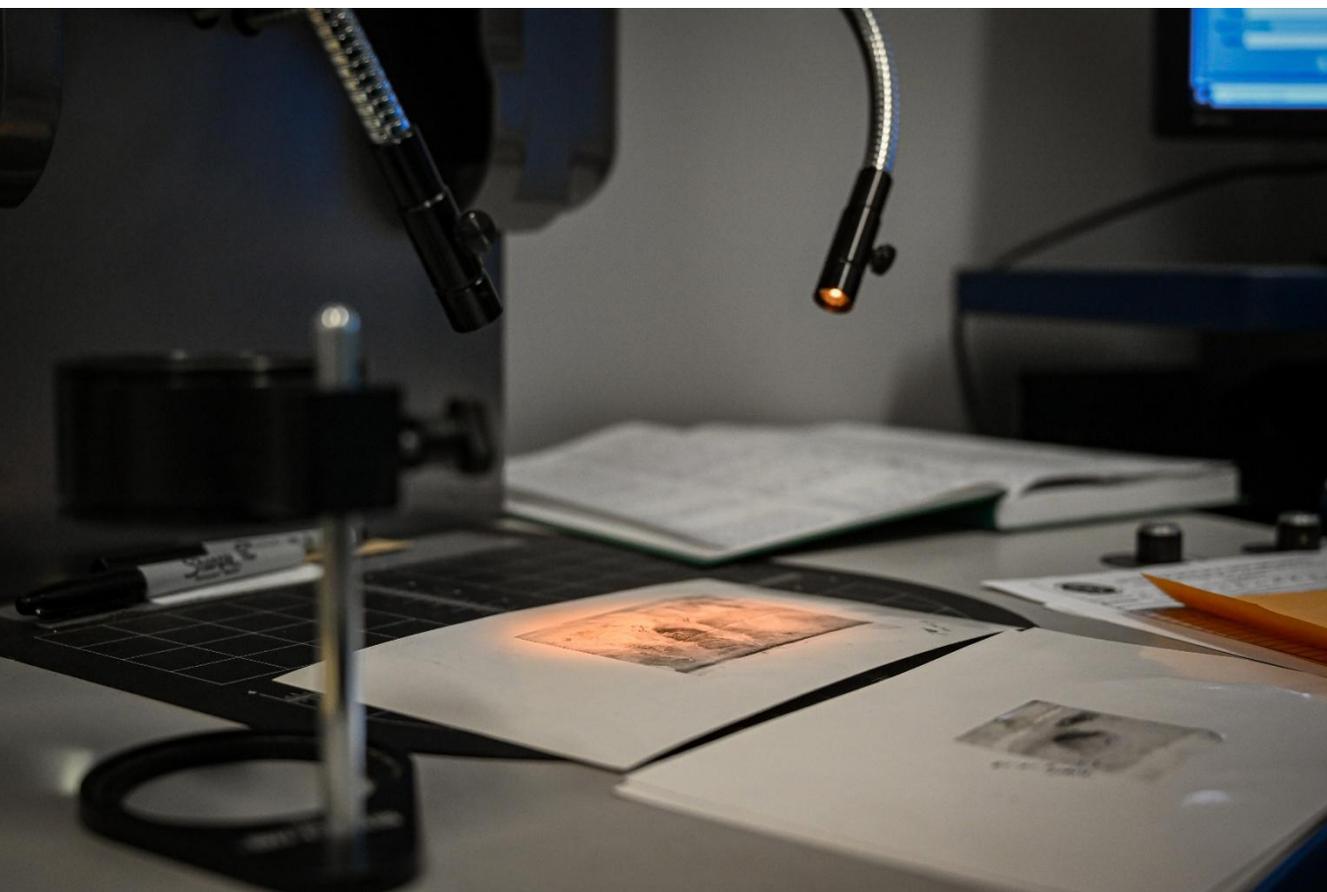
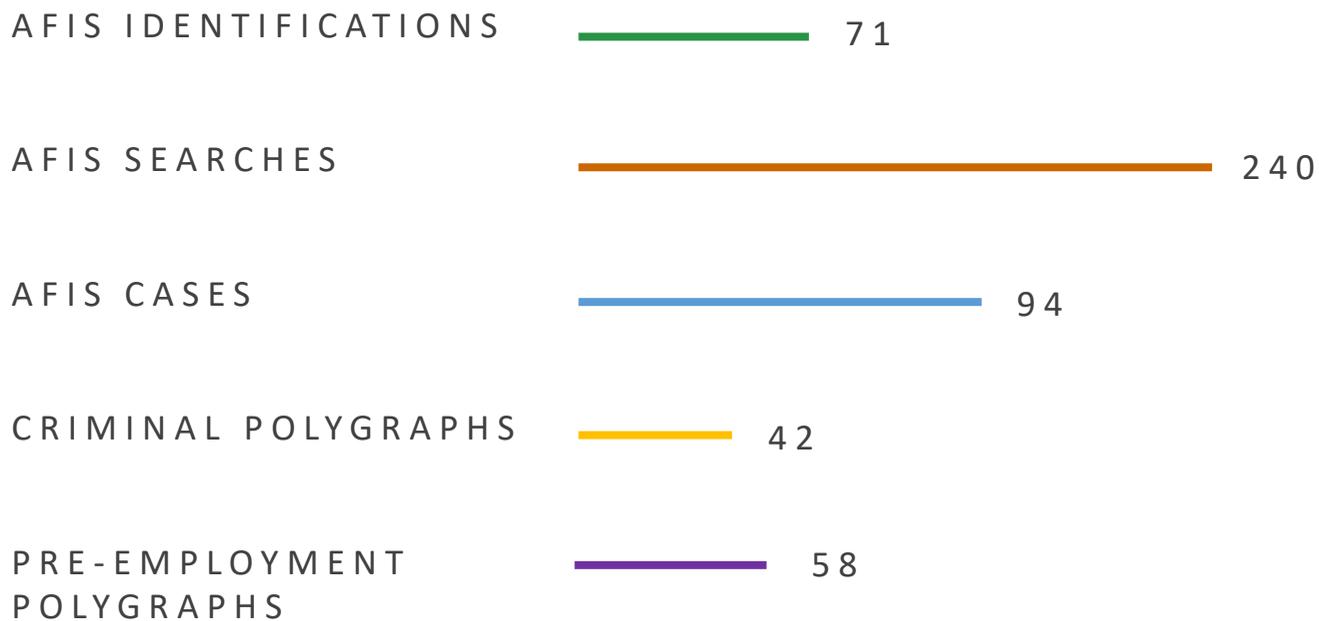
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CALLOUTS

16



INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES



SIGNIFICANT ARRESTS

Tevon Guess and Melvin Belle were charged with Murder, Attempted Murder, and Kidnapping in connection to a shooting that occurred January 25, 2025, at the former Rodeway Inn. During the incident, Raekwon Owens was shot and killed, and a 25-year-old female victim was shot but later recovered from her injuries.

Leslie Hunt was charged with Burglary and Grand Larceny in connection to the theft of 200K in jewelry from the Sumter Mall on February 8, 2025. Hunt was arrested in NC in May 2025 after fleeing Sumter.

John Dingle was charged in February 2025 with Murder and Arson 1st Degree in connection to the death of Willis Samuel Jr. Samuel was found in a burning vehicle on December 31, 2024, at a park on Eastwood Dr.

Chancellor Lowery was charged with Murder in connection to the shooting death of Jaquante Montgomery, which occurred on Valentine's Day inside the Walmart Supercenter on Broad Street.

Courtney Bell, Trayvon Mahoney, and Willie Green were charged with Attempted Murder and Discharging a Firearm into an Occupied Dwelling in connection to a shooting that occurred on March 17, 2025, which left a 26-year-old male injured.

Reuben Leonard was charged with Murder in connection with the April 2025 shooting death of his wife, Felicia Leonard. Leonard was also charged by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office with Murder and Attempted Murder in a related shooting that resulted in the death of an 11-year-old girl. The two incidents occurred within moments of one another.

Marion Kelly, III was charged with Robbery/Theft from a Financial Institution in April 2025 after passing a note to a teller demanding money at the Wells Fargo on Broad St. The case has been adopted by the FBI for prosecution.

Trequan Edwards was charged with Attempted Murder, Possession of a Weapon by a Convicted Felon, and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime in connection to a shooting at Friendship Apartments that occurred in April 2025. The incident resulted in injuries to a 40-year-old male.

Tyquell Calvin was charged with Attempted Murder and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime in connection to a shooting at the Downtown Motor Inn that left a 20-year-old male injured.

David Green was charged with Burglary and Grand Larceny in connection to an incident that occurred at a Broad St. business in June 2025. After his arrest, Green was found to be in possession of a firearm stolen from the business. He was subsequently charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Resisting Arrest and multiple drug offenses.

Blake Drown was charged with Attempted Murder and Summer Holliday was charged with Accessory After the Fact in connection to a shooting which injured a 28-year-old male in the 1300 block of Broad Street during a September 2025 incident.

Shakera Cousar was charged with Attempted Murder and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime in connection to a shooting that occurred in October 2025 in the 700 block of Webb Street, which left a 35-year-old male injured.

Xavier Bass was charged with multiple counts of Burglary and Malicious Injury to Personal Property in connection to several businesses in the Guignard Dr., Broad St. and Miller Rd. areas in October 2025.

Ealicia Davis was charged with Voluntary Manslaughter in connection to the November 2025 shooting death of 25-year-old Akinyele Johnson at Huntington Apartments.

SIGNIFICANT COURT CASES

Steven Adams pled guilty to Murder, Burglary 1st Degree, Grand Larceny, and Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime in connection to the 2023 murder of Miranda Sexton on Henrietta Drive. Adams received a 50-year sentence.

Jeffrey Green pled guilty to Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature, Unlawful Carrying of a Pistol, and Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime in connection to the 2023 shooting of Monique Smith on Wright Street. Green received a 15-year sentence.

Marion Kelly, III pled guilty to common law Robbery in connection to a 2022-Armed Robbery at Red Bay Store. Kelly received a 15-year sentence.

Isaiah McKnight pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter, Armed Robbery, and Criminal Conspiracy in connection to the 2022 murder of Robert Bloun at Miller Arms Apartments. McKnight received a 17-year sentence.

Anissa Robinson pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter in connection to the 2021 homicide of Shameka Nathaniel at Wilmaranne Apartments. Robinson received a 12-year sentence.

Fre Dron Spann pled guilty to Accessory to Murder in connection the 2000 murder of Sherod Smith on South Main Street. Spann received a 15-year sentence.

Tas'Je Spann pled guilty to Attempted Murder in connection to the 2018 Murder of Marcus Brown on Salem Street. Spann received a 20-year sentence.

Malik Woods pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter, Armed Robbery, and Criminal Conspiracy in connection to the 2022 Murder of Robert Bloun at Miller Arms Apartments. Woods received a 14-year sentence.

Travon Ragin was found guilty of Murder in connection to the 2000 murder of Sherrod Smith on South Main Street. Ragin received a life sentence.

Leslie Hunt pled guilty to two counts Burglary 2nd Degree (Violent) in connection to a 2025 burglary at Sumter Mall where \$200,000 in jewelry was stolen. Hunt received a 10-year sentence.

Noah Fenters pled guilty to Breaking into Motor Vehicles in connection to multiple incidents at The Retreat in 2022. Fenters received a 5-year sentence.

Travis Wright was found guilty of Murder in connection to the 2023 death of Adrian McCray at the A&P Coastal Mart on Boulevard Road. Wright received a 40-year sentence.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

The Sumter Police Department continued the expansion of its FLOCK Safety LPR program. The department currently operates 81 fixed-mounted license plate reader (LPR) devices, along with several quick-deploy units.

The department continued the expansion of the Statewide Security video surveillance program. Currently more than 85 fixed-mounted cameras and 10 mobile camera trailers are deployed throughout the City of Sumter.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



COMMANDER



**CAPTAIN
BILLY K. FLOYD**

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

The division includes Telecommunications, Recruitment, Grants and Finance, Records, Citizen's Assistance Unit, a Quartermaster, Information Technology, Accreditation, and Office of Professional Standards.

The division also responds to media, attorney, and citizen requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

AT A GLANCE

RECRUITMENT

- 1 full-time recruitment officer
- 1 full-time civilian
- 632 applications processed

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- 28 full-time 911 operators

CAU & RECORDS

- 9,041 public interactions
- 1 full-time officer
- 2 full-time civilians

ACCREDITATION

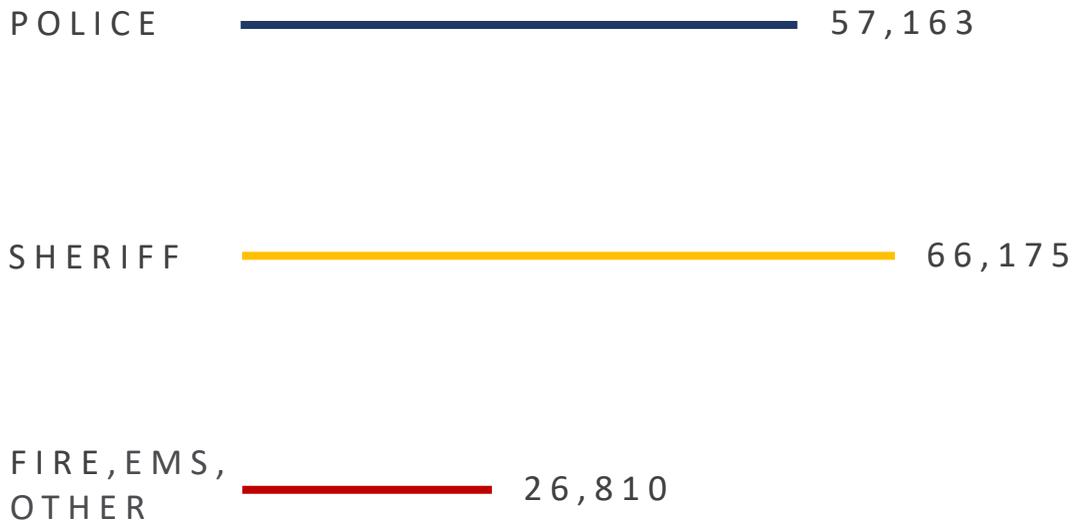
- 1 full-time accreditation manager
- CALEA accredited since 1995

QUARTERMASTER

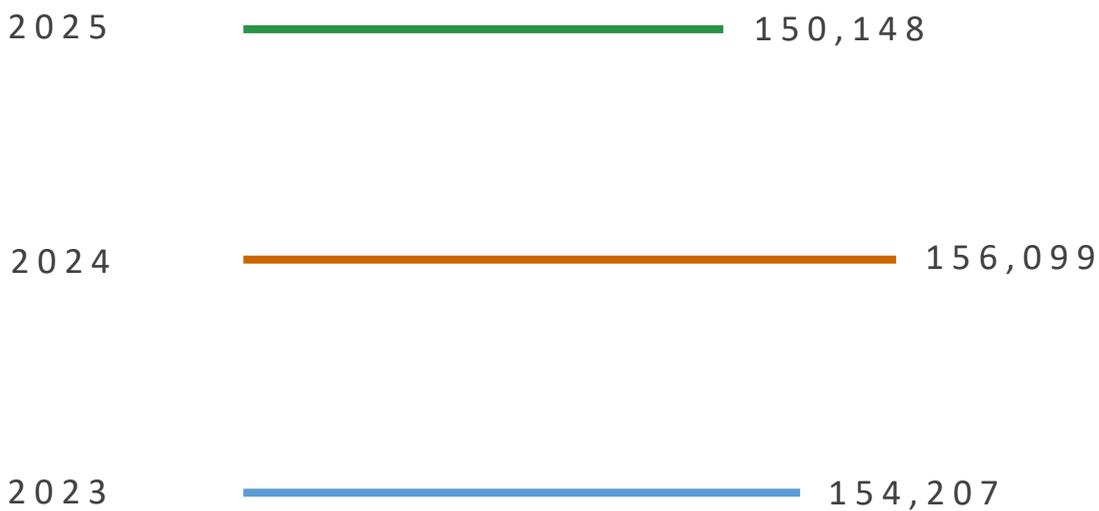
FINANCIAL ANALYST

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE BY AGENCY



3 YEAR TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE TREND



RECORDS MANAGEMENT

EXPUNGEMENTS

994

UCR
REPORTING

2,688

RECORD
REQUESTS

653

UNIFORM TRAFFIC
TICKETS

4,604

CITIZEN ASSISTANCE UNIT

PHONE
CALLS

3,600

LOBBY
CONTACTS

9,784

REPORTS
TAKEN

731

RECRUITMENT

	APPLICATIONS	HIRED	RESIGNED	RETIRED
LAW ENFORCEMENT	432	16	10	2
TELE-COMMUNICATIONS	145	18	8	0
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS	7	0	1	0
OTHER	29	7	0	0

EMPLOYMENT INQUIRIES BY PLATFORM



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SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

COMMANDER



**CAPTAIN
MICHAEL EVANS**

Special Operations Division is responsible for training, fleet management, and research and professional development. The department's training program is designed to provide professional and challenging training to its personnel, enhancing both performance and work safety.

Providing a comprehensive range of services tailored to the diverse needs of officers and citizens, the division regularly evaluates law enforcement practices that affect the department and community.

AT A GLANCE

OFFICER TRAINING

- 632 hours of career path training
- 100% legal update completion rate
- 100% domestic violence training completion rate

CIVILIAN TRAINING

- 605 training hours

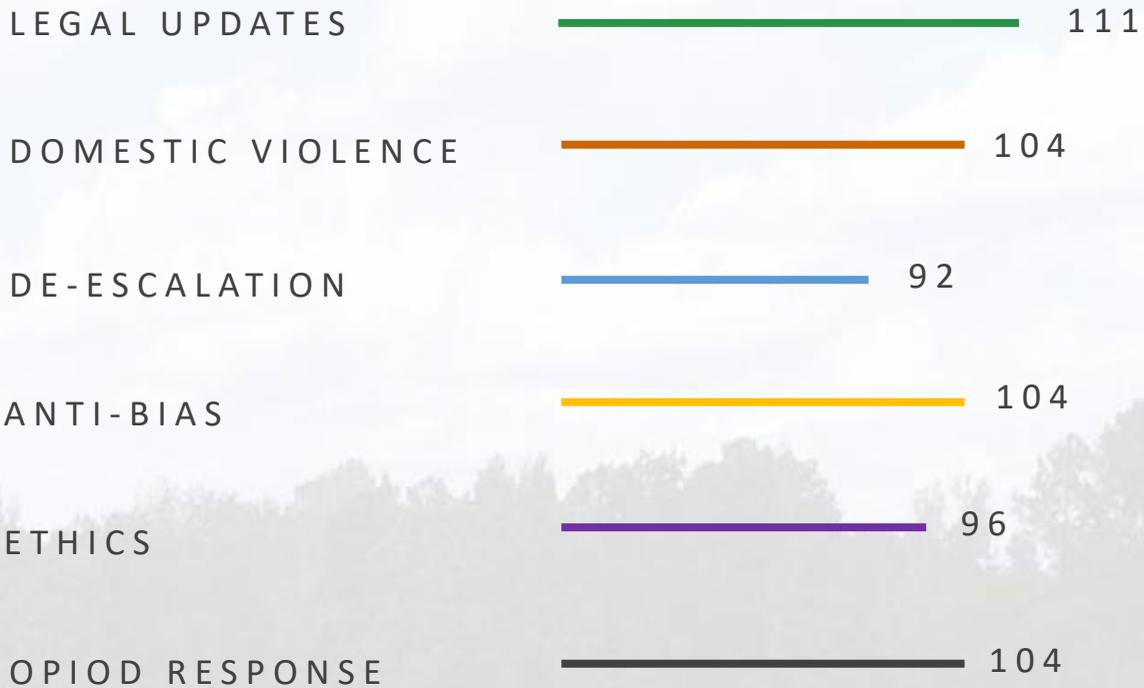
TRAINING FACILITY

UTILIZATION

- 172 days in use
- 7 agencies
- 1,243 officers
- 497 instructors

TRAINING

SPD SWORN OFFICERS TRAINED



SPD SWORN OFFICERS TRAINING HOURS



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COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION



COMMANDER



SERGEANT MAJOR
JAMES L. SINKLER

Community Services Division utilizes education and outreach programs to build trust and beneficial relationships in the community. The division works in close partnership with Sumter School District to provide school and community-based mentoring.

CheckMate, the department's award-winning program offers community-based services and companionship to seniors choosing to age in place.

The division also provides specialized patrols in the downtown and Broad Street retail corridor.

AT A GLANCE

CHECKMATE

- Senior program
- Community-based

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

- Community outreach
- Community events
- Mentoring
- Education

CRIME PREVENTION

- Neighborhood Watch
- Business Watch
- Community education

SPECIALIZED PATROL

- Downtown
- Broad Street corridor

PROJECT CHECKMATE

PARTICIPANTS

29

TOTAL INTERACTIONS

1,042

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

2023



42,033

2024



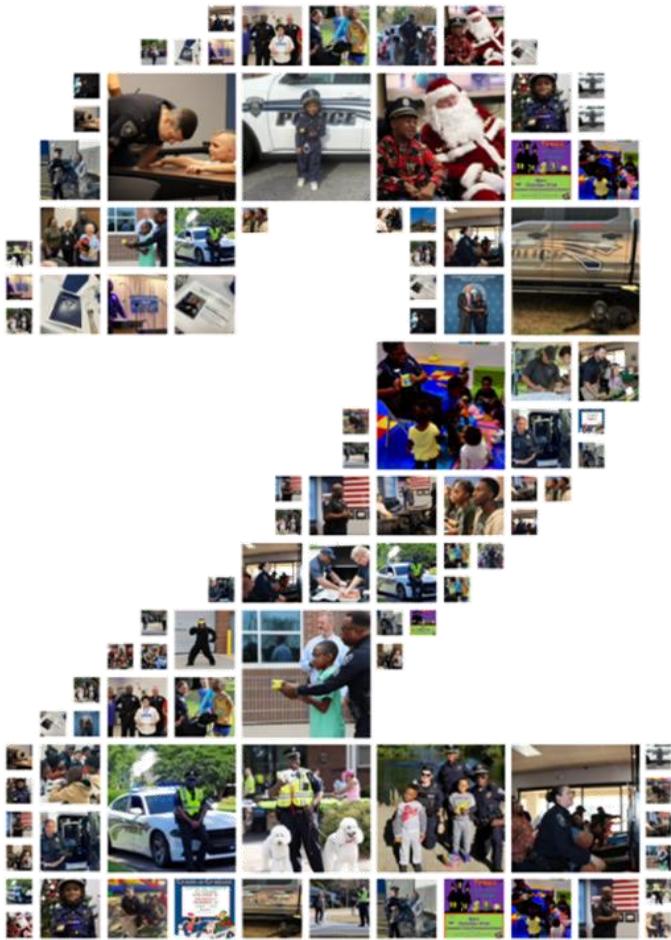
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2025



57,653

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



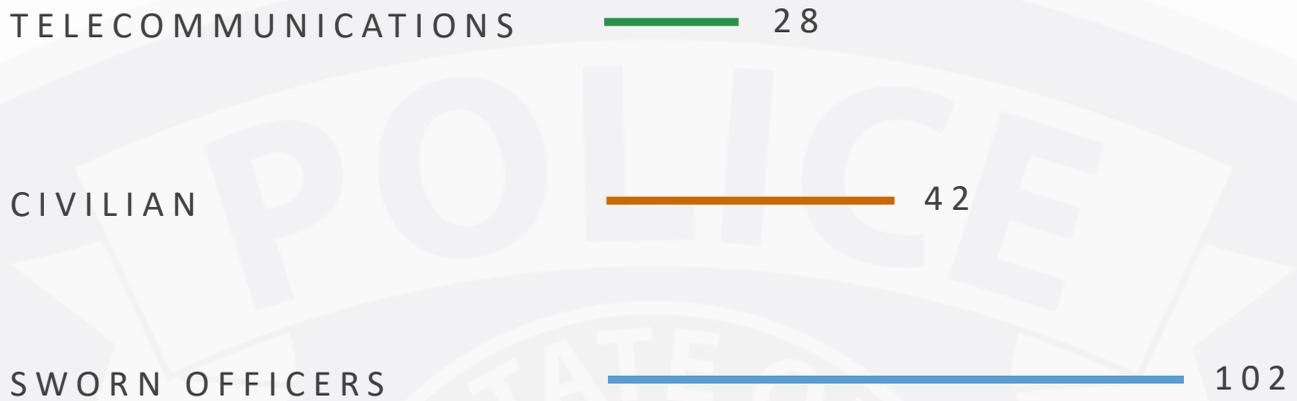
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METRICS



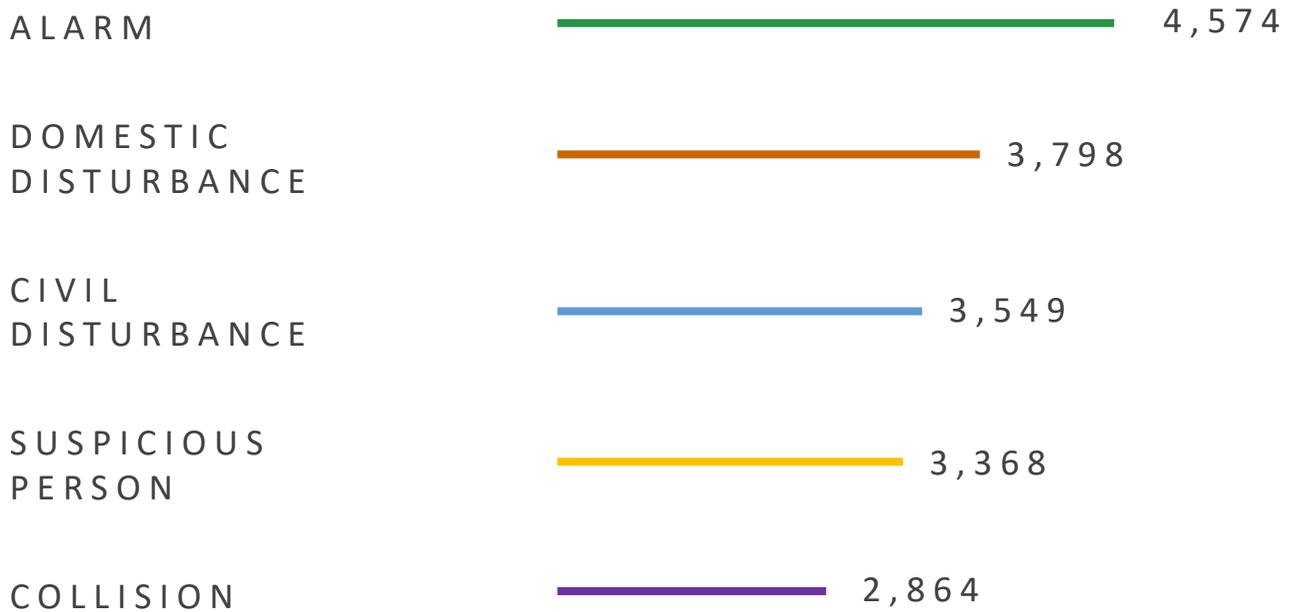
STAFFING LEVELS



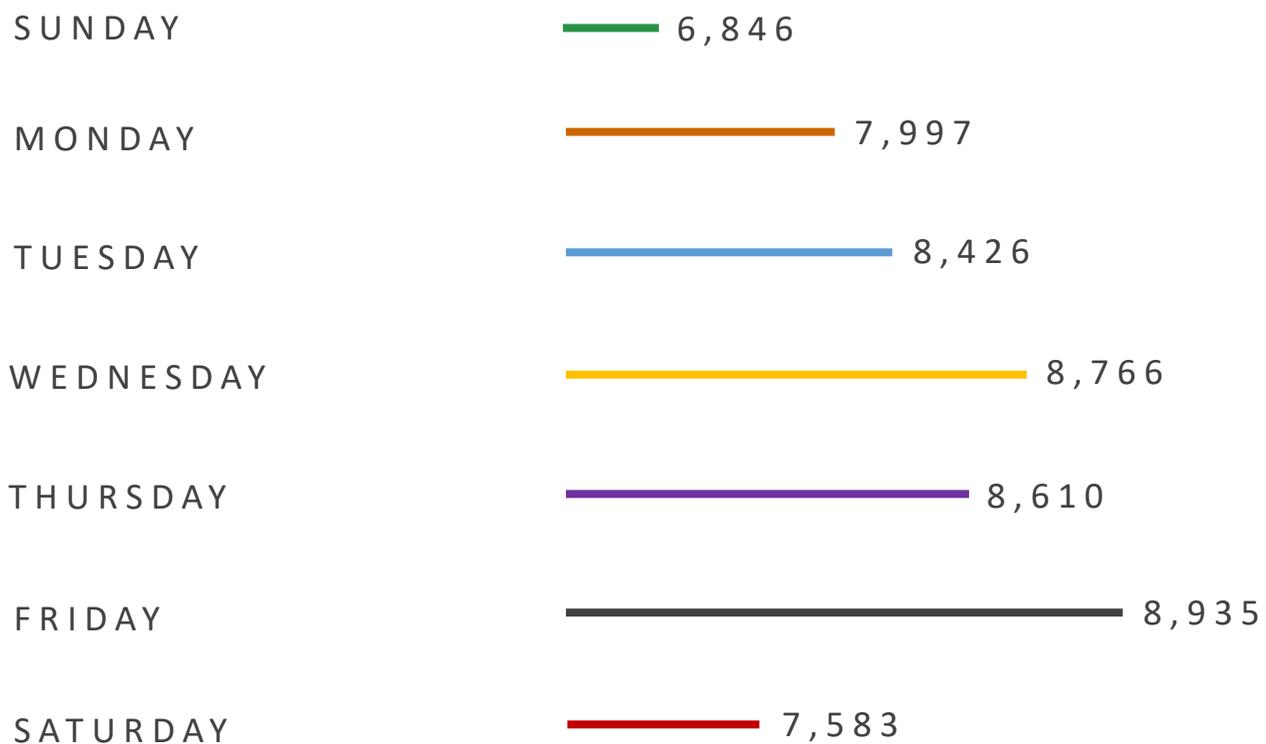
3 YEAR POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE TREND



TOP 5 POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE



POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAY OF WEEK

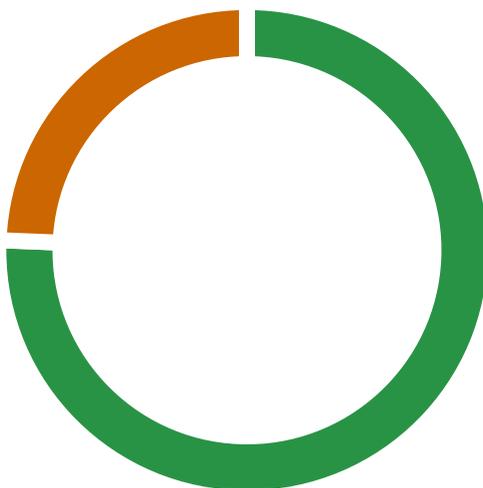


INDEX CRIMES – 3 YEAR RATE

EVENT	2023	2024	2025	% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
MURDER	15	12	4	- 67 %
SEXUAL ASSAULT	8	4	5	+ 25 %
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	186	210	152	- 28 %
BURGLARY	156	150	139	- 7 %
AUTO BREAK - IN	497	322	201	- 38 %
AUTO THEFT	152	166	93	- 44 %
GENERAL LARCENY	207	219	153	- 30 %
WEAPON VIOLATIONS	74	65	56	- 14 %
VANDALISM	326	283	172	- 39 %
ROBBERIES	38	26	27	+ 4 %
TOTALS	1,659	1,457	1,002	- 31 %

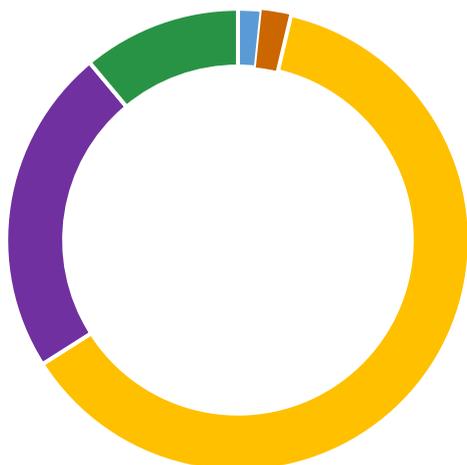
2025 INDEX CRIMES

TOTAL INDEX CRIMES



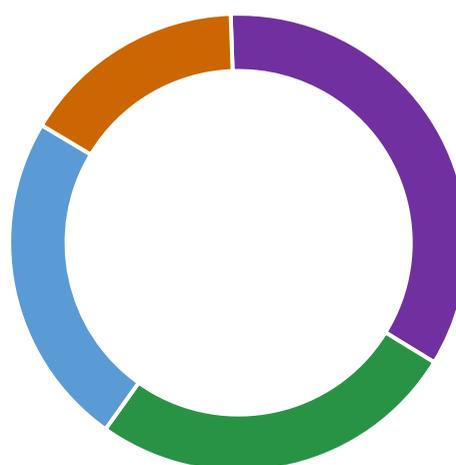
- CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY
- CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS



- MURDER
- SEXUAL ASSAULT
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT
- WEAPON CRIMES
- ROBBERY

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY



- AUTO BREAK-IN
- GENERAL LARCENY
- BURGLARY
- AUTO THEFT

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NOTABLE



NOTABLE



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

This year, the department began an initiative focused on supporting vulnerable and transient populations in our community. Community Engagement Officer Randy Hilliard connects with marginalized adults, matching their needs with the appropriate assistance and resources. Through partnerships with local and state agencies, OFC Hilliard links those who need extra support to housing, mental health, substance abuse and social services assistance.

A sworn officer for 13 years, he also supports patrol operations and responds to serious calls for service as needed, while assisting with broader crime prevention and community policing efforts.

In 2025, OFC Hilliard facilitated the relocation of 41 transient individuals, coordinated with the Public Defender's Office, Solicitor and Probation to adjudicate criminal charges of 5 transients, teamed with Hidden Wounds Veteran Resource Center to provide 2 transient veterans with temporary shelter, transportation and substance abuse treatment application assistance, packed 275 holiday food boxes for Sumter's under-served, partnered with Sumter Behavioral Health locate and process 2 transients for treatment intake, digitized over 130 Property Check / Trespass forms, coordinated with SCSO and private businesses locate and remove multiple transient encampments, resulting in the disposal of thousands of pounds of debris, worked with DMH Mobile Crisis Team to provide emergency mental health services to transients in need of immediate care and assisted local merchants in locating / recovering dozens of stolen shopping carts.



**OFC
R. HILLIARD**

NOTABLE

SERVICE REGOGNITION

55 YEARS

LEOLA SESSIONS

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD



35 YEARS

MARCIA COLCLOUGH

DETECTIVE SERGEANT

TERESA COLCLOUGH

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

30 YEARS

DONNIE FLORENCE

COURT LIAISON

25 YEARS

TERRAYNE TRUETT

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD



SERVICE REGOGNITION

20 YEARS

ROBERT SINGLETON

CAPTAIN

TYSHICA GAYLE

LIEUTENANT

JOHN MELTON

DETECTIVE 1ST SERGEANT

KIMBERLY FARMER

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
911 EMERGENCY SERVICES

SARAH RUSSELL

E-911 COORDINATOR

ALICIA LONEY

VICTIM ADVOCATE

15 YEARS

LAMAR SPARKS

SERGEANT

MATTHEW YATES

DETECTIVE

SHANTE THOMPSON

TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SUPERVISOR III

10 YEARS

TABITHA ADAMS

SERGEANT

CEDRIC KIRKMAN

DETECTIVE SERGEANT

ROBERT CURRY

RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR

SHIRELL SCARBOROUGH

TELECOMMUNICATIONS
SUPERVISOR III

NOTABLE



**LIEUTENANT
C. FURMAN**

MUNICIPAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR FINALIST

Lt. Cerdetricka Furman was among officers recognized in May during the third annual Governor's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Ceremony.

Named a finalist, Furman joined 10 other officers from throughout the state who were recognized by Governor Henry McMaster for their exceptional service and professionalism to South Carolina.

Furman, a U.S. Army veteran, has served her home community as a Sumter PD officer for nearly 30

Years and is immensely appreciated and respected -

colleagues and residents alike - for her compassion and professionalism. She was nominated by the Palmetto State Law Enforcement Officers Association.

E-911 COORDINATOR RETIRES

E-911 Coordinator Kathy Hatfield, retired in September after serving 46 years in the E-911 Center.

Sumter County residents and first responders alike have been guided by her voice and assisted by her calm demeanor and experience over the years.

Hatfield began her career in 1979 as a communications tech and is now enjoying her new life as a retiree.



KATHY HATFIELD

**Mayor
David Merchant**

**Mayor Pro Tempore
James Blessingame**

**City Council
Colin Davis
Anthony Gibson
Calvin Hastie
Lynn Kennedy
Gifford Shaw**

**City Manager
Deron McCormick**

