

Covington Police Department

Annual Report



2018



Chief of Police

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To the Citizens of Covington,

It is with great pleasure we present to you the Covington Police Department's annual report for 2018. This report is a summary of our activities and efforts that occurred throughout the last year. We, at the Covington Police Department, believe we should provide this information so you know what your police department is doing. Of course, we can't put everything the department does in this report because it would take volumes. It is, however, important to summarize the activities we feel will mean the most to you.

It is our desire to provide you with effective, efficient and professional law enforcement services. In doing so, the Covington Police Department strives to promote excellence in everything we do. We are very proud of our department and the men and women who serve. This report will allow you to see our mission statement, value statement, officers' awards, crime summaries, personnel allocations and accident / traffic information.

For current information on our department, please visit www.covingtonpolice.com. If you have any questions about any of the information contained in this report, please contact Officer Justin Stott at 770-385-2144.

Sincerely,

Stacey L. Cotton

Chief of Police

2018 Covington City Council



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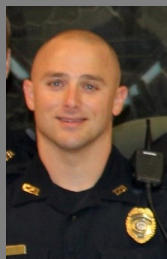
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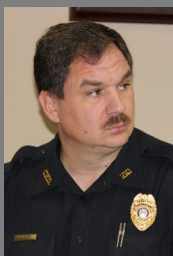
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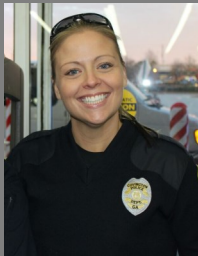
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Organizational Breakdown of the Covington Police Department

The Covington Police Department is divided into three divisions, led by the Chief of Police.

The divisions are as follows: the Criminal Investigative Division (C.I.D.), Patrol Division and Support Services/Community Outreach Division.

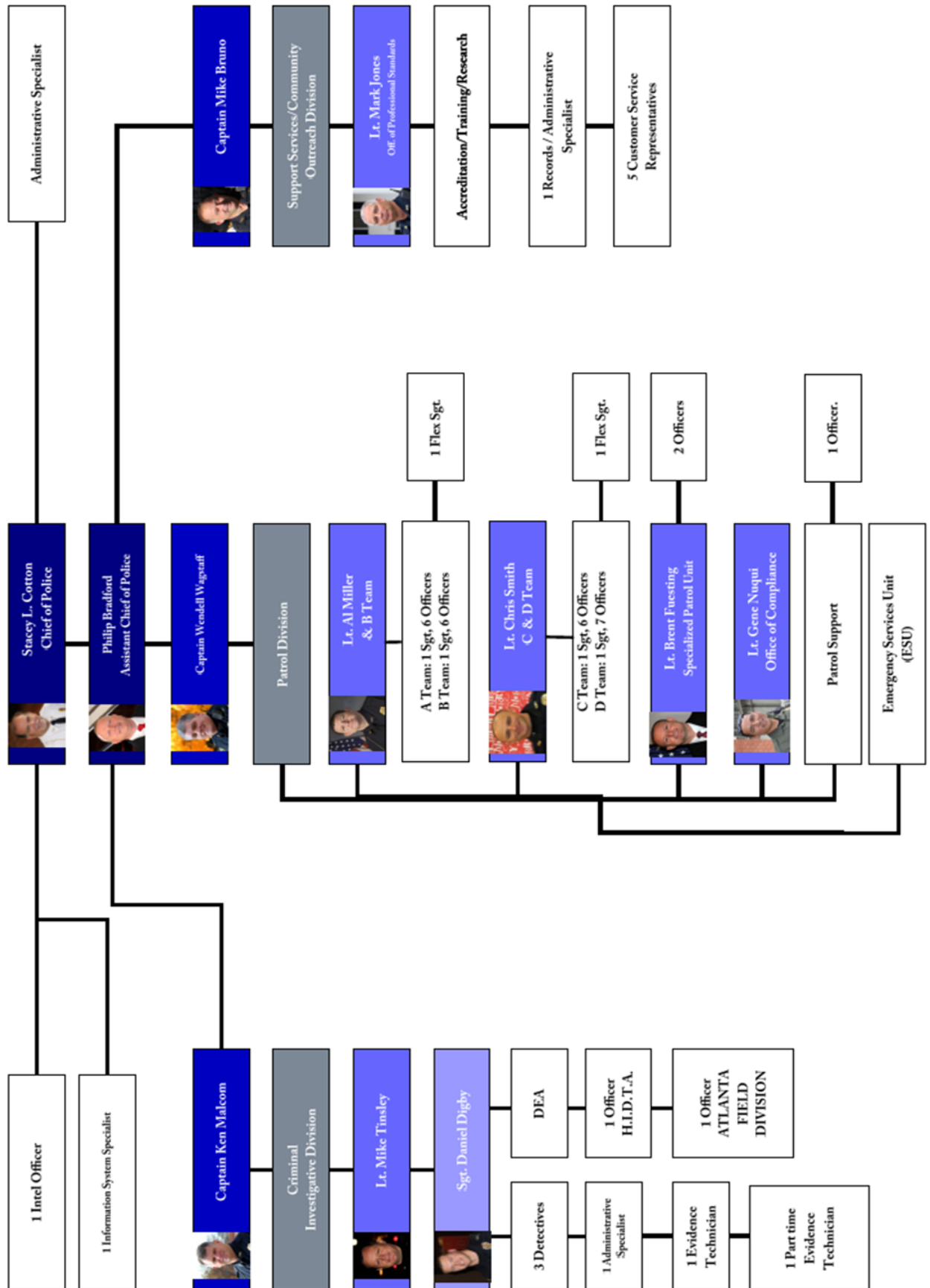
The Criminal Investigative Division, also called C.I.D., is responsible for the investigation of incidents forwarded to them from the Patrol Division. The incidents include property crimes from minor thefts and shoplifting, to persons crimes as serious as child molestation, rape and murder. C.I.D. case files are then forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for adjudication.

The Patrol Division is divided into four, 12 hour shifts, with certain officers assigned to one of four geographic areas, or "zones," within the city of Covington. The division is responsible for responding to calls that come into the 911 Center, patrolling the streets of Covington and enforcing the traffic laws within the city. This Division generates original incident reports that are then forwarded to our Criminal Investigative Division. Traffic reports are sent to the Support Services/Community Outreach Division to be adjudicated in Municipal Court.

The Support Services/Community Outreach Division is in charge of our front desk customer service representatives, who assist citizens around the clock that come to the police department for a variety of needs. This includes offering copies of accident and incident reports, running criminal histories for officers and the public, and taking payments of fines. This division is responsible for accreditation, certification and training, and research as well. The division is also responsible for facilitating community watches/home owner's association outreach and multiple community functions and events, like "Shop with a Cop," "Scare on the Square," "Fuzz Run" and many more.

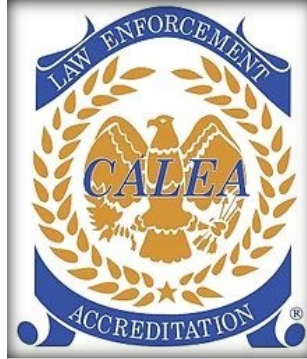
Covington Police Department

2018



C.A.L.E.A.

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES



In 2018, the Covington Police Department maintained its accreditation status and is working toward the next reaccreditation.

The accreditation process involves CALEA assessors from around the United States evaluating the Covington Police Department and its compliance with the standards required for accreditation.

The Covington Police Department has met CALEA standards since 1985 and is the first agency in Georgia and the tenth in the nation to achieve such an award. Since that time, only three other agencies have maintained their accredited status without a break in service. CALEA went international several years ago when Canada, Barbados and Mexico were accredited. They also accredit communications centers, training academies and campus police departments.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The philosophy of this department is to provide cutting edge, effective, efficient and professional law enforcement services daily to the citizens we serve. We are committed to being aggressive with new techniques and ideas applicable to the delivery of law enforcement services and resolved to take a leadership role in perpetuating those innovative approaches that foster the ideals of this department.

Effective

Effectively providing police services and protection, equally, without hesitation to all citizens who are in the community, even to the point of sacrifice of life or limb in order to maintain the safety, security and welfare of all citizens.

Efficient

The efficient use of allocated resources is of major importance to the department. It involves the efficient deployment of manpower, the maintenance and care of equipment and the wise use of time in preventative crime measures, so that the community is assured that their investment in the department is used in the most efficient manner.

Professional

Professionalism is gained by having a strong commitment toward the personal development of the men and women who make up the department. This commitment is to provide the best available training, equipment and up-to-date knowledge through advanced educational incentive programs and required physical fitness conditioning, so that an employee's relationship with the police department is not just a mere job, but a career of honor and personal growth and achievement.

VALUES STATEMENT

Leadership

We value an environment that fosters the development of leaders at all levels to identify and resolve issues that face our department and community.

Professionalism

We will be knowledgeable through education, training, and technology to better serve our citizens and employees. We will present a personal appearance and demeanor that models a positive image for the Covington Police Department.

Ethics

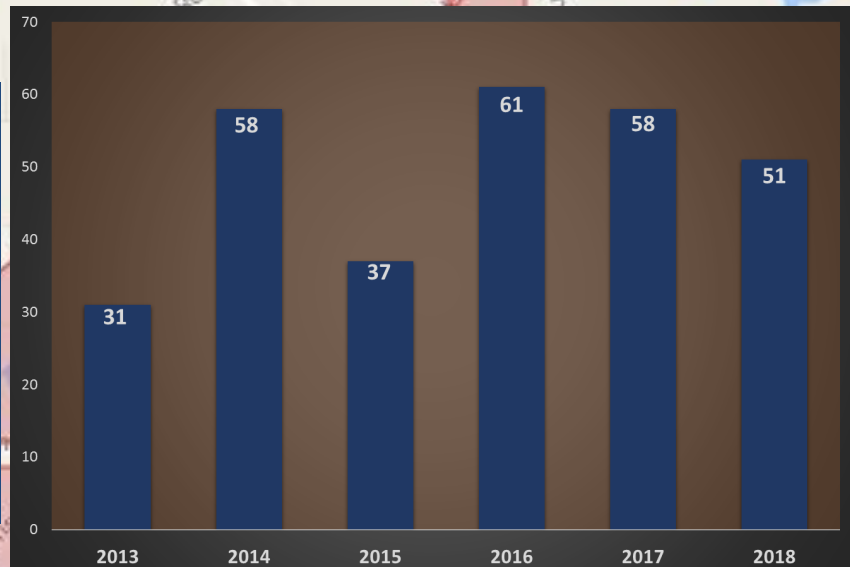
We are committed to the highest principles to maintain respect and public trust for the citizens we proudly serve.

Honor

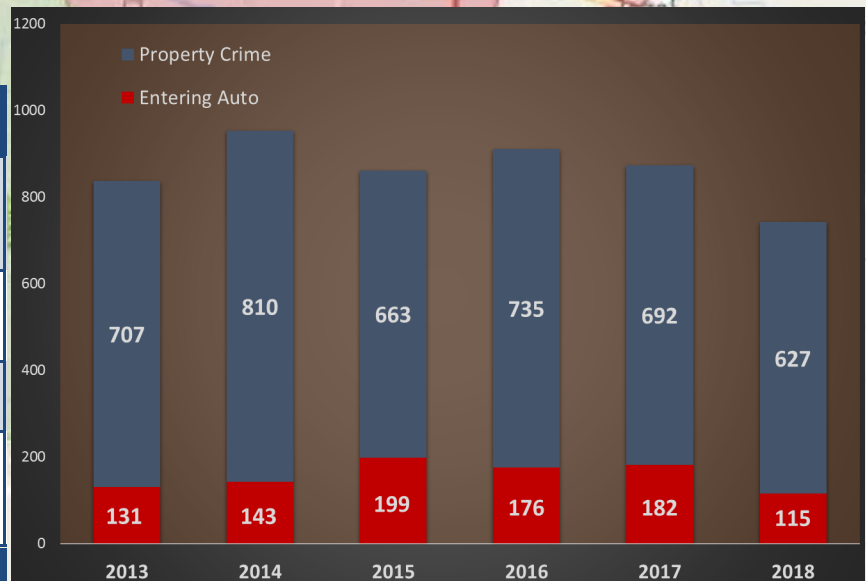
We will promote the pride we have in the profession of law enforcement by acting responsibly, being accountable for our actions, fulfilling our obligations and holding others accountable for their actions.

Crime Statistics

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Homicide/ Murder	1	0	2	1	4	0
Rape	3	4	3	1	3	7
Robbery	12	17	13	24	20	16
Aggravated Assault	15	37	19	35	31	28
Total violent crimes per year						



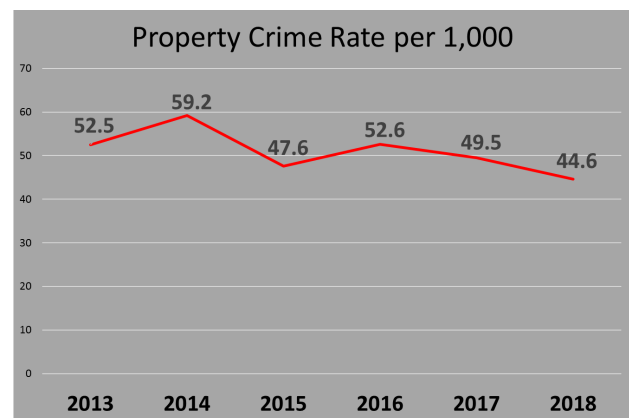
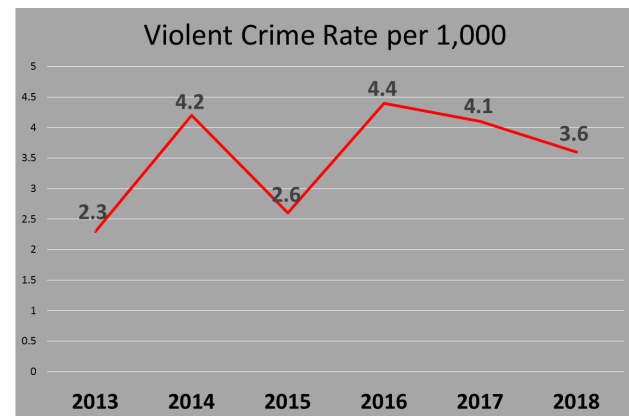
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Burglary	143	135	137	138	88	77
Larceny-	534	630	488	555	567	487
Auto Theft	30	45	38	42	37	63
Entering Auto	131	143	199	176	182	115
Total property crimes per year						



Crime rate per 1,000 Inhabitants/Population for the past six (6) Years

Covington city, Georgia	Newton County, Georgia
2017 Population Estimates 14,044 <i>Source: Vintage 2017 Population Estimates</i>	2017 Population Estimates 108,078 <i>Source: Vintage 2017 Population Estimates</i>
Median Household Income \$ 39,959 <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	Median Household Income \$ 52,784 <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>
Persons in poverty, percent 29.9 % <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	Persons in poverty, percent 13.4 % <i>Source: 2017 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE)</i>
Educational Attainment: Percent high school graduate or higher 83.0 % <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	Educational Attainment: Percent high school graduate or higher 85.2 % <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>
Persons without health insurance, percent 14.8 % <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent 14.7 % <i>Source: Source: 2016 Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE)</i>
Median Housing Value \$ 128,300 <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	Median Housing Value \$ 123,300 <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>
Total Housing Units 5,516 <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	Total Housing Units 38,713 <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>
Number of Companies 1,937 <i>Source: 2012 Survey of Business Owners: Company Summary</i>	Number of Companies 8,681 <i>Source: 2012 Survey of Business Owners: Company Summary</i>
Male Median Income \$ 26,882 <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	Veterans 7,277 <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>
Female Median Income \$ 18,642 <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	Percent of households with a broadband Internet subscription 80.2 % <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>
Veterans 957 <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Percent of households with a broadband Internet subscription 70.2 % <i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Explanation of Symbols	Explanation of Symbols

* As of January 4, 2019, the 2018 population for the city of Covington was not available on the Census Bureau's database. For the purpose of calculating the estimated crime rate per 1,000 inhabitants/population for 2018 in this report, the 2017 population count (14,044) is being used.



	Year	Population	Per 1,000
Violent Crimes	2013	13,452	2.3
	2014	13,667	4.2
	2015	13,916	2.6
	2016	13,977	4.4
	2017	13,977	4.1
	2018	*14,044	3.6

	Year	Population	Per 1,000
Property Crimes	2013	13,452	52.5
	2014	13,667	59.2
	2015	13,916	47.6
	2016	13,977	52.6
	2017	13,977	49.5
	2018	*14,044	44.6

Calls for Service / Major Crimes

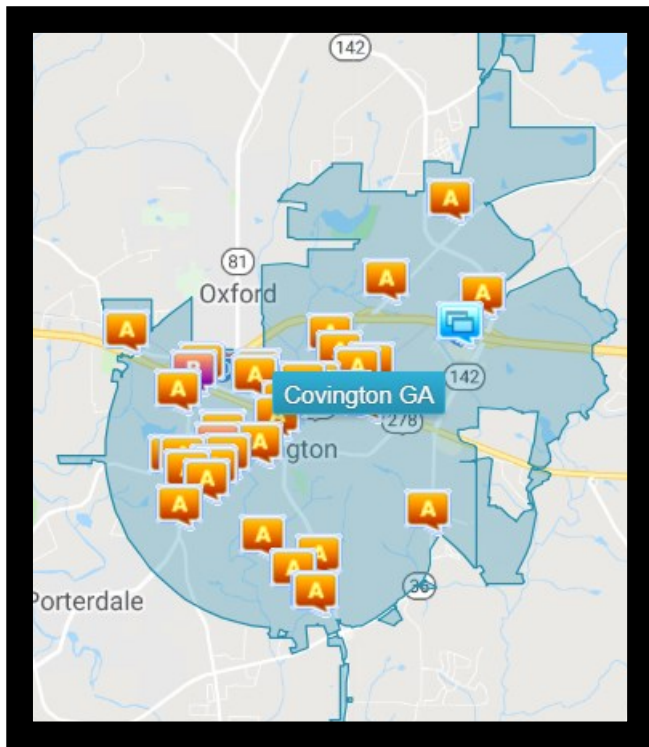
Calls for Service

Calls for Service consist of any call to which the Covington Police responded regardless of whether a report was generated. Many calls for service do not require the generation of an incident report, such as the unlocking of a citizen's car, a false burglary alarm or bank escorts. Other calls, such as traffic accidents, will generate an accident report or a ticket. Still, other calls will generate a report that will require further investigation and as such, will be forwarded to CID. Calls for Service include all times a Covington Police Officer is dispatched or responds proactively to an event they have discovered.

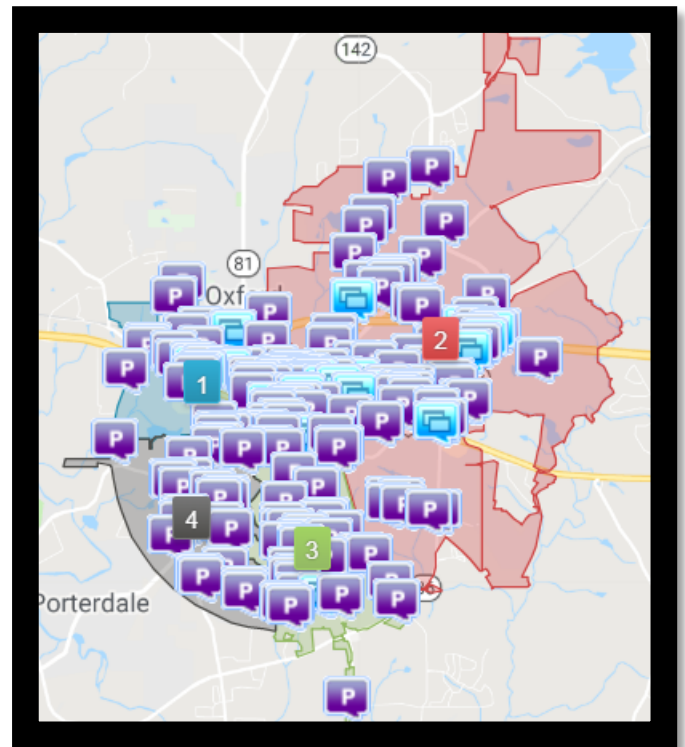
These statistics are collected, analyzed and maintained in order to assess the yearly call volume versus man power to ensure that the Covington Police Department is properly staffed and equipped to handle the concerns of the citizens of Covington, Georgia.

Major Crimes

The Covington Police Department studies its current and past major crime trends in an effort to better predict and prepare for future crime events and properly deploy officers in a proactive manner. As you will see, major crimes are broken into categories that loosely follow FBI Part 1 Crimes to reflect the crimes that are of the greatest concern to police and citizens. Accompanying the chart of crime categories is a break down of these major crimes by geographic police "zones."



2018 Violent Crimes Map

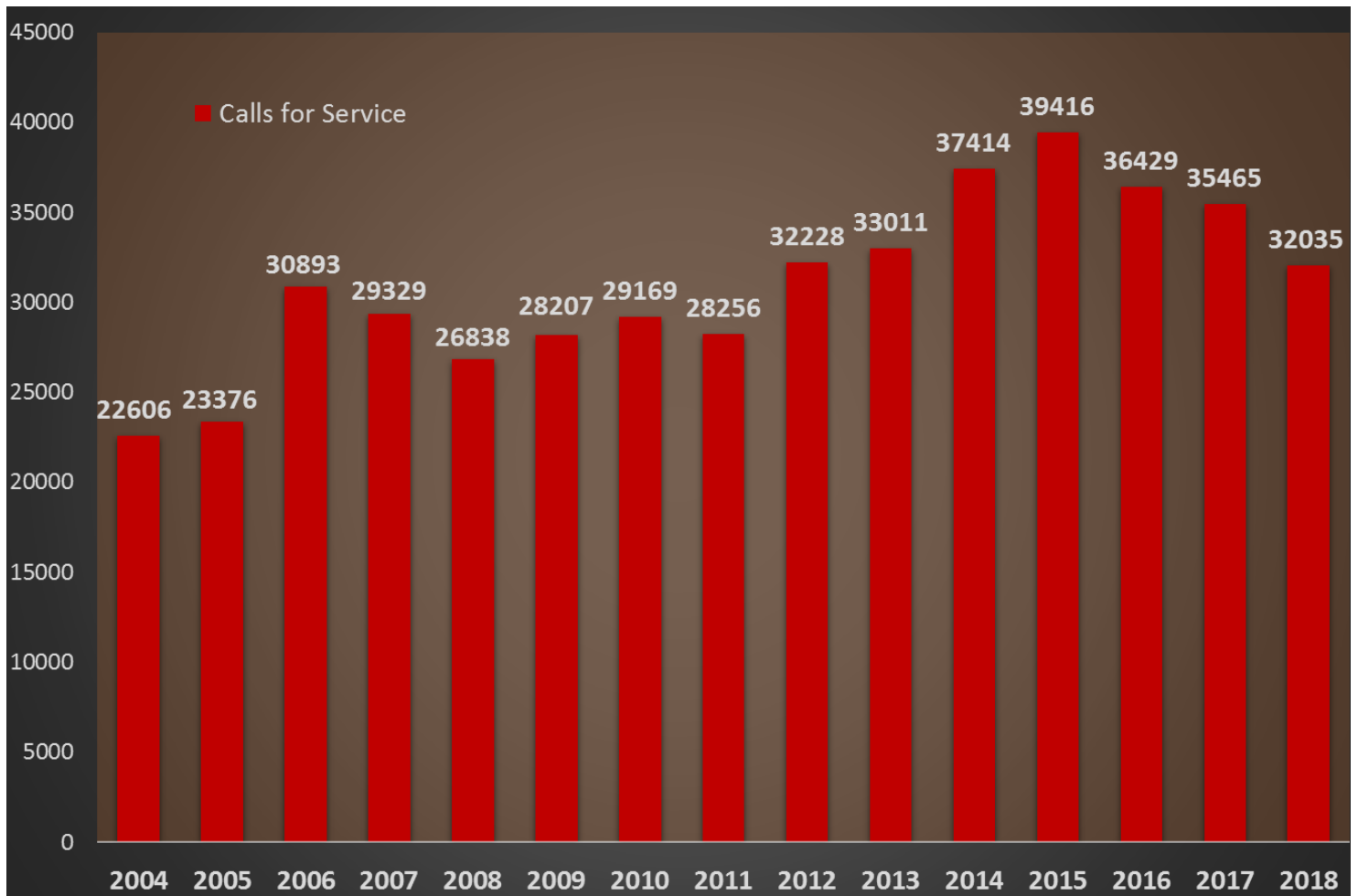


2018 Property Crimes Map

Part 1 and Part 2 Crimes	2017	2018	# Change	% Change
Breaking and Entering	88	77	-11	-12%
Homicide	4	0	-4	-100%
Robbery	20	16	-4	-20%
Theft	557	487	-70	-12%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	181	115	-66	-36%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	48	63	+15	+31%
Assault	177	172	-5	-2%
Sexual Offenses	21	23	+2	-9%
Property Crime	320	265	-55	-17%
Firearms Offense	23	18	-5	-21%
Drugs	217	129	-88	-40%
Yearly Totals	1,656	1,365	-291	-17%

Calls for Service—15 Year Totals

This diagram shows the trend in all calls for service for the last fifteen years. 2018 showed the lowest number of calls for service in the last six years.



All Police Activity

During a normal work shift (6-6), the CPD Officer responds to calls for service, makes traffic stops, and addresses suspicious activities. These activities generate a case number into the CPD's database which are later used for reports, investigations, crime statistics, determining crime trends and patterns, and Officer activity statistics.

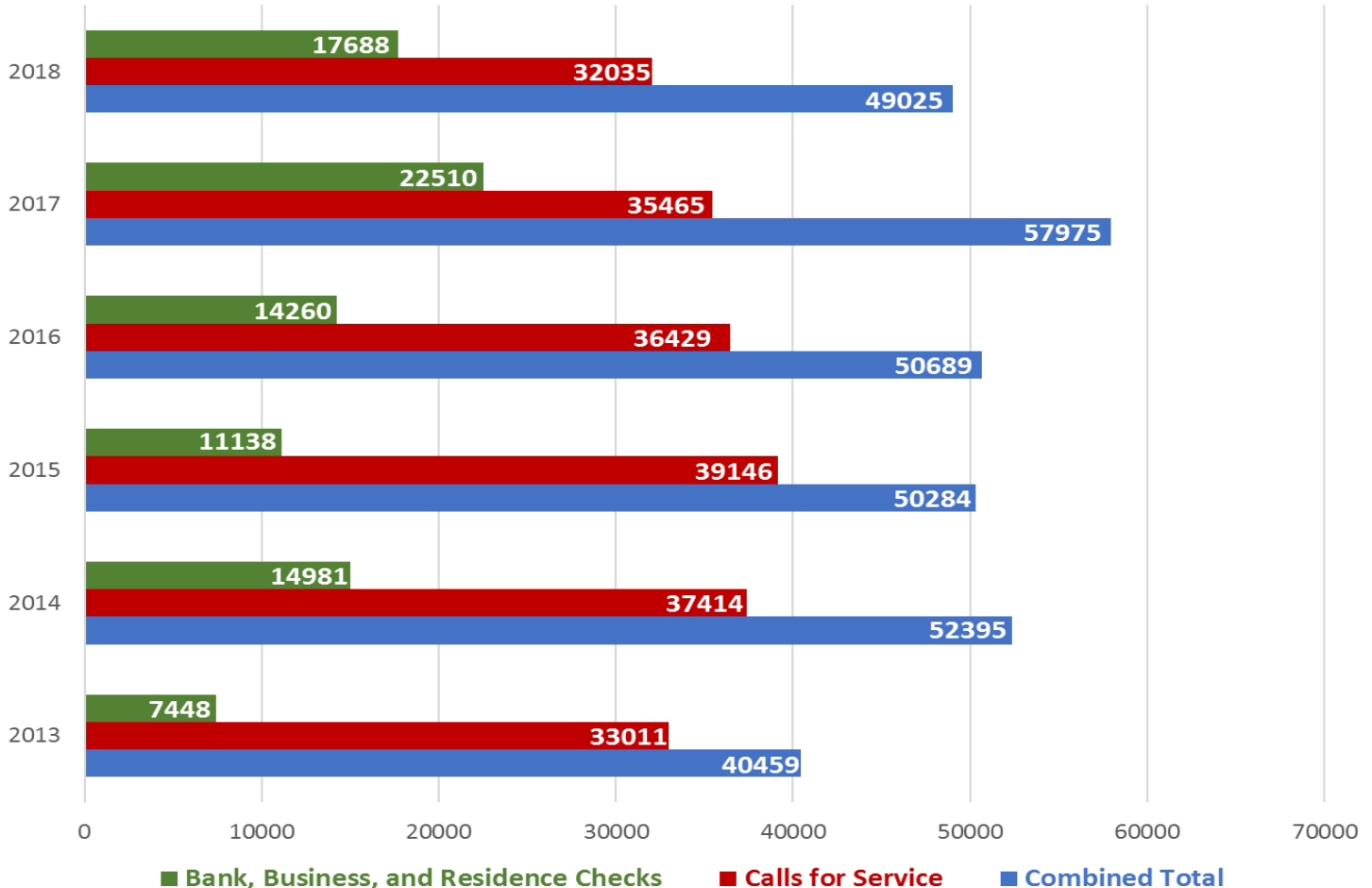
Three other activities which generally get overlooked are SERVICES that the CPD offers to the business and residential community. These services are called "BANK, BUSINESS and RESIDENCE CHECKS" (BBR).

When an Officer performs one of the checks they do this when calls for service are low and they have the available time to focus their presence in our banks, businesses, and residential areas. During one of these checks, the Officer will drive to the location, exit his/her vehicle, step into or walk around the premises/structure to check for the following:

- Safety of the occupants
- Determine that the premises are secured
- Check for suspicious activity
- Look for signs of crimes that might be occurring , or have already occurred.

During a BBR the Officer only logs the call in our database that he/she has performed a BBR at the location, but a case number is not generated. If the Officer encounters a situation which requires further investigation then a case number is generated and the Officer handles the situation.

This diagram identifies the number of calls for service (activities/incidents which generate a case number), the number of BBRs (activities to which a case number is not assigned), and the combined total of both calls for service and BBRs. This gives a true depiction of the Officer's ACTIVITIES for each year.



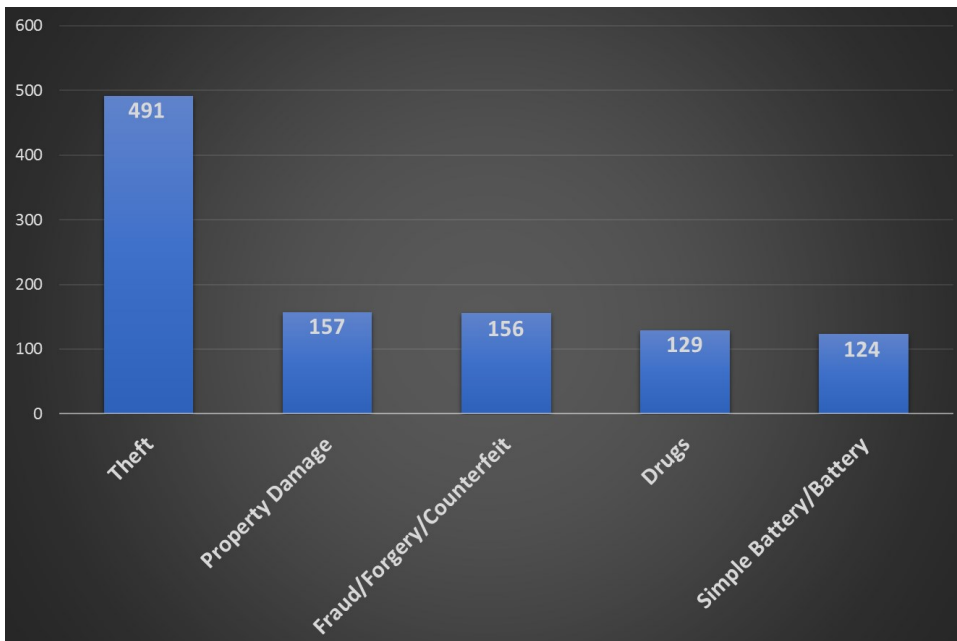
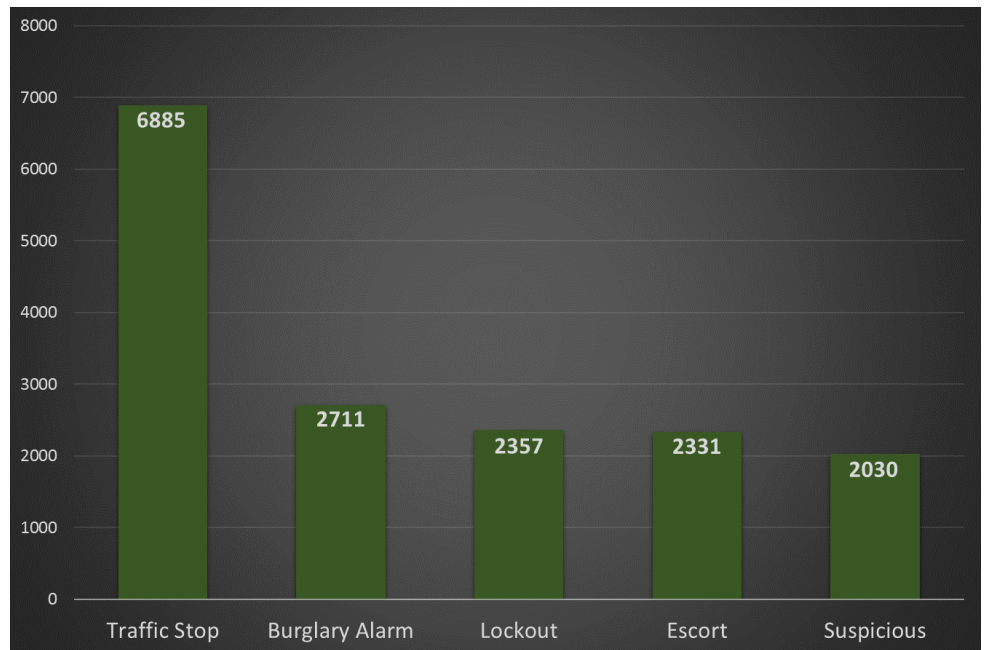
Calls for Service

In 2018 CPD Officers responded to 32,035 calls for service; 29,837 were calls that did not require an incident report to be written, and 2,198 calls required a report to be written.

The charts below show the top five calls and the top five reports written.

2018 Top 5 Calls for Service

This chart shows the top five calls that Officers responded to that did not require a written report, or further investigation.



2018 Top 5 Reported Calls

This chart shows the top five calls that Officers responded to that required a written report for further investigation.

Traffic

Traffic statistics are collected, analyzed, and maintained by the Covington Police Department in order to better understand a variety of traffic concerns within our city. The data is analyzed to determine whether traffic problems are caused by driver error, congestion, physical and environmental conditions of the area itself or a variety of other miscellaneous factors. From that data, a determination can be made on how to handle various traffic concerns. The following pages are a breakdown of our traffic stats: accidents by location, accident reports, manner of collision, age of driver and top citations.

DRIVE SAFE

DRIVE SMART

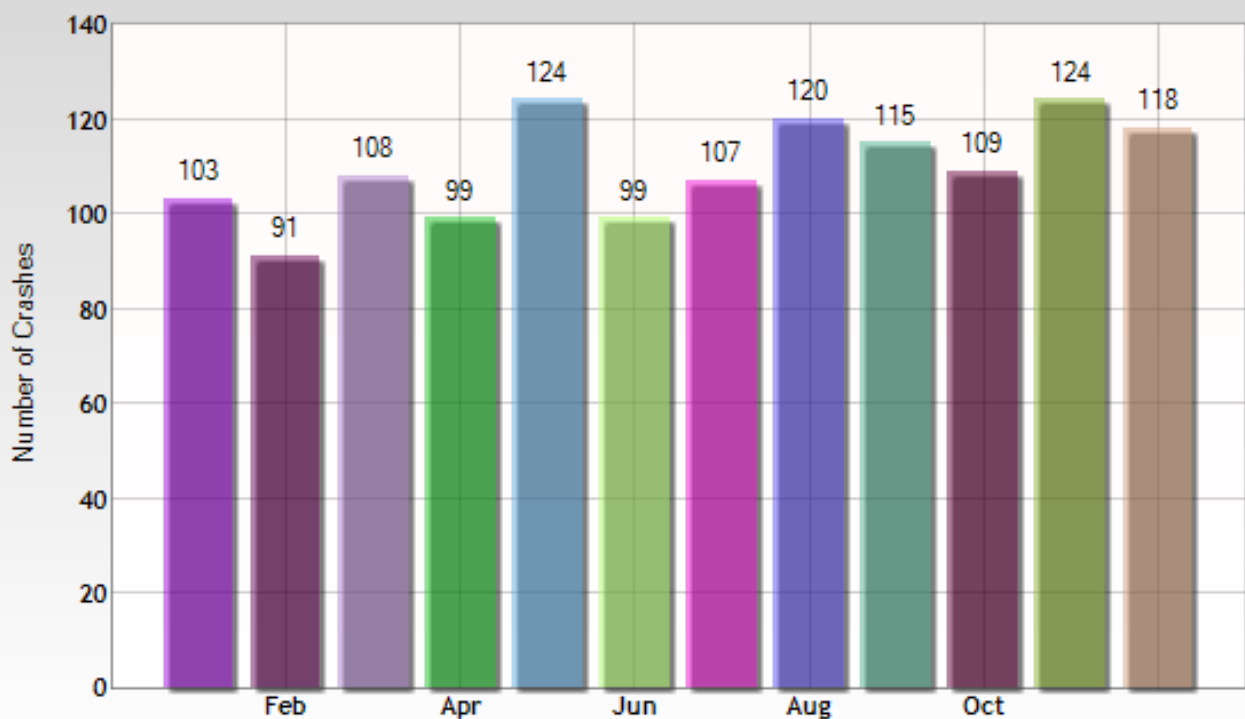
Accidents

This chart shows the number of accidents which occurred at major intersections

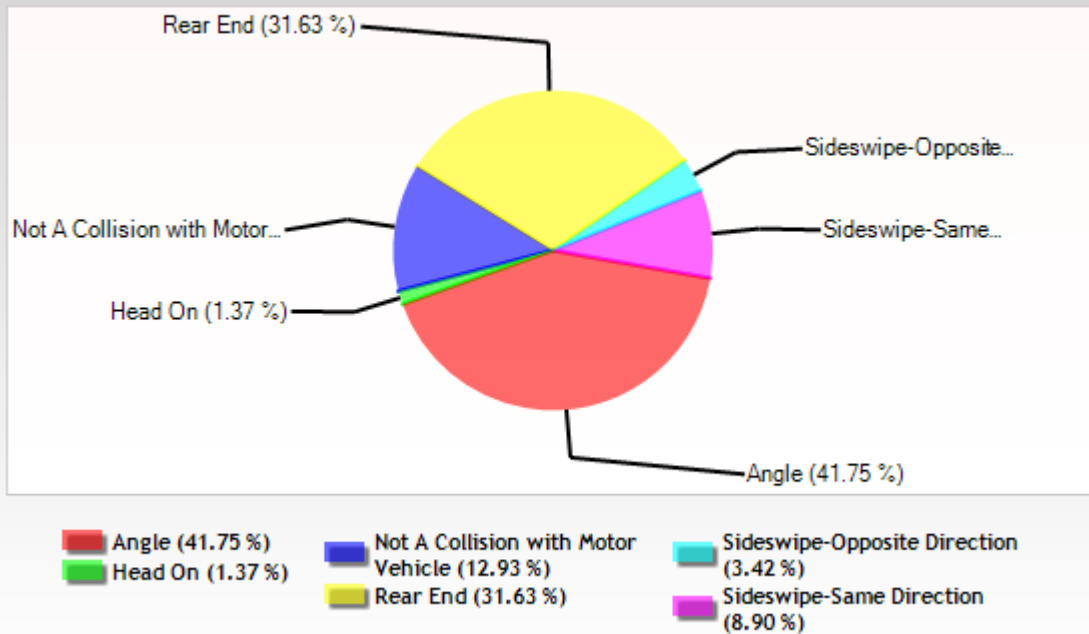
Location	2016	2017	2018
278 / Turner Lake Rd	54	62	63
278 / West St	14	14	6
278 / Emory St	46	34	56
278 / Pace St	29	26	27
278 / Elm St	31	35	34
278 / Mill St	13	5	11
278 / Floyd St	4	9	6
278 / 142	46	34	37
Turner Lake Rd / Clark St	2	6	11
Turner Lake Rd / Washington St	14	6	16
State Reportable	765	751	829
Private Property	478	485	488
Total Accidents	1,243	1,236	1,317

Accident Summary	
Total Accidents	1,317
Injury Accidents	185
Total Injured	266
Fatal Accidents	1
Commercial Vehicle Accidents	46
Private Property Accidents	488
Work Zone Accidents	1

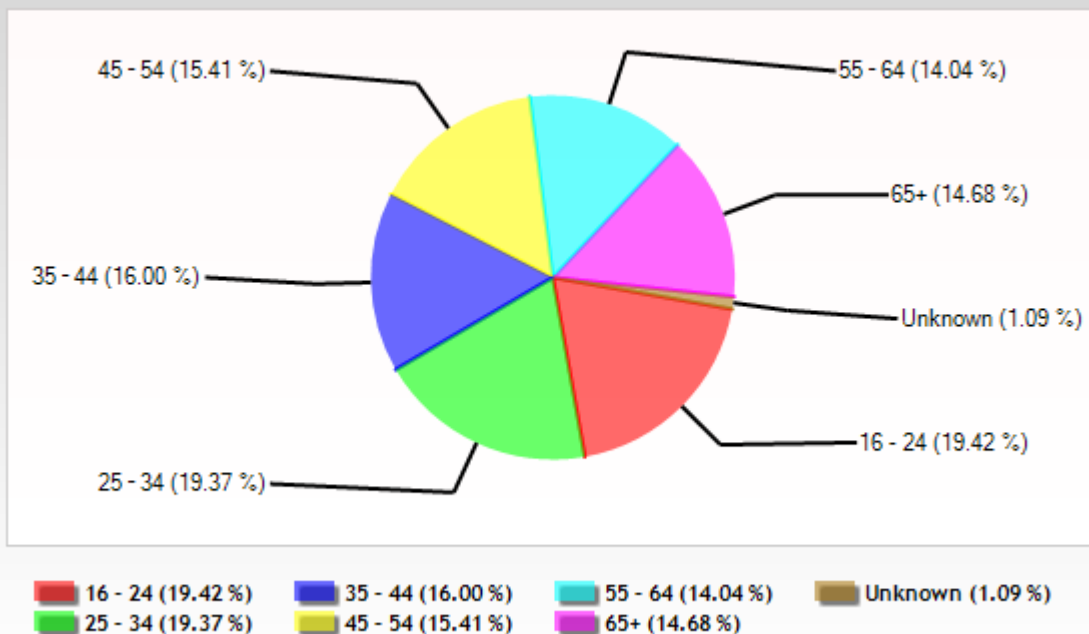
Reports by Month



Manner of Collision



Age of Driver



Citations

The following are the top 20 citations issued within the city limits of Covington.

Violation	Total Citations
Speeding	764
Seat Belt Violation	388
No/Expired Tag	239
No Proof of Insurance	233
Theft by Shoplifting	226
Following Too Close	190
Ran Red Light	163
Driving W/Suspended Driver's License	141
DUI of Alcohol	107
Driver to exercise due care	97
Marijuana Possession less 1oz	93
Holding/Supporting Wireless Device	93
Failure to Yield/Turning	90
Excessive Tint On Windshield	87
Child Restraint Violation	82
Texting While Driving	75
Public Drunk	74
Driving w/Suspended Registration	73
Disorderly Conduct	72
Improper Turn	69
Total Citations issued within city limits	4,418

Total Annual Citations		
2016	2017	2018
4,093	4,676	4,418

Arrests and Offenses

In 2018, there were a total of 1,080 cases involving arrests made in the city of Covington. 1,057 people were arrested in 2018, however one or more of these people were arrested more than once, giving a total of 1,170 arrests in 2018. There were 1,665 charges/offenses filed which means one or more of the people arrested had multiple charges. The charges/offenses are listed in the table below.

Charges/Offenses in the City of Covington	
Aggravated Assault	17
Aggravated Battery	6
Aggravated Stalking	3
Armed Robbery, Robbery by Intimidation	6
Battery	58
Burglary	17
Child Molestation	3
Contributing to Delinquency	1
Controlled Substances Sched I	17
Controlled Substances Sched II	57
Controlled Substances Sched III	2
Controlled Substances Sched IV	12
Convicted Felons Poss. of Weapon	12
Criminal Damage To Property 1st	5
Criminal Damage To Property 2nd	6
Criminal Interference Govt. Property	1
Criminal Trespass	26
Crossing Guardline with Contraband	1

Cruelty to Animals	2
Cruelty to Children	30
Curfew Violation	4
Deposit account fraud	2
Discharging Weapon on Property	2
Disorderly Conduct	72
Disorderly House	3
Dog Fighting	2
Driving W/Suspended Dr License	149
Drug Related Objects	1
DUI of Alcohol	112
DUI of Alcohol and Drugs	2
DUI of Drugs	11
DUI/Under age 21 - .02 or greater	2
Duty Upon Striking Fixture	5
Endangering child/DUI	2
Entering Auto	23
Fail to Stop @ Acc w/ Damage	21
False Imprisonment	1
False Statements & Writings	2
Family Violence	67
Financial Identity Fraud	3
Financial Trans. Card Fraud	7
Financial Trans. Card Theft	7
Fleeing to elude	13

Forgery in the First Degree	19
Forgery in the Second Degree	1
Furn/pos/cons of alc. by minor	5
Giving False Name to Officer	38
Hijacking a Motor Vehicle	1
Incest	1
Interfering with 911 call	4
Kidnapping	1
Loitering or Prowling	10
Loitering/prowling	7
Manuf. of distilled spirits	2
Manufacture Sale of False Id	1
Marijuana Possession less 1 oz	130
No Drivers License	80
Obstruction of Officer	68
Obtaining drugs by fraud	1
Panhandling	2
Pointing a Weapon at another	2
Pos of firearm/knife comm of crime	12
Pos. non-labeled presc. drugs	6
Poss. of tools for comm. of crime	5
Poss/Use Drug Related Objects	21
Possession of Marijuana.w/int	19
Public Indecency	5
Rape	1

Reckless Conduct	6
Reckless Driving	14
Robbery	2
Runaway Juvenile	13
Sexual Battery	2
Simple Assault	4
Simple Battery	31
Stalking/First Offense	2
Statutory Rape	1
Tampering with Evidence	1
Tele.harass/disorderly/fighting words	13
Terroristic Threats & Acts	7
Theft by Deception	6
Theft by Receiving Stolen Property	20
Theft by Shoplifting	264
Theft by Taking	25
Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property	1
Theft of Services	3
Trafficking in illegal drugs	1
Unlawful Poss of Firearms or Weapons	1
Unruly Child	3
Unruly Juvenile	7
Violation of Cond/Limit Permit	1

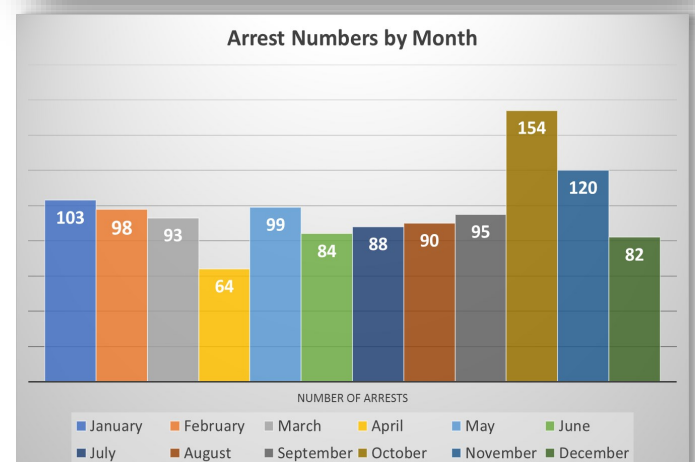
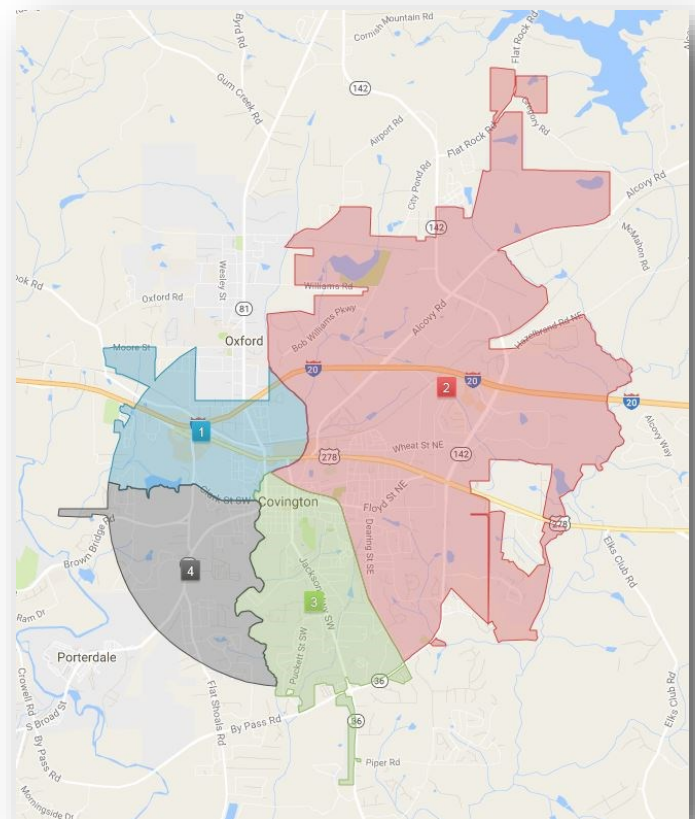
The City is divided into four zones as illustrated in the photo below. A breakdown showing the location of the arrests made are as follows:

In Zone 1 there were 222 arrests made

In Zone 2 there were 570 arrests made

In Zone 3 there were 143 arrests made

In Zone 4 there were 145 arrests made



CAREER TRAINING

Law enforcement is a very dynamic profession and is constantly changing due to new laws and numerous judicial interpretations by courts in Georgia and around the country. As police officers, we must always be vigilant by staying abreast of these changes and interpretations. The rights and privileges of every citizen must be protected under the United States Constitution. We recognize those rights and privileges and take protecting them very seriously.

Therefore, officers must always be training to ensure they do things the right way. In 2018, our officers received 7,562 hours of training, giving a total of 106,994 career training hours for all law enforcement personnel employed in 2018. Georgia Peace Officer's Standards and Training Council requires that every law enforcement officer receive a minimum of 20 hours of training per year to maintain their arrest powers. Collectively, we far surpassed the state's minimum requirement.

This is indicative of us placing a great deal of importance on training. This also shows our officers are more professional than ever and continue to improve their skills, knowledge and abilities to meet the demands they face on a daily basis. In-house training conducted by the department includes firearms, use of force, radar, laser, less lethal, policies and procedures, intelligence and legal updates.

Officer Name	2018	Total Career Hours
Officer Rory Barber	231	1,091
Officer Ryan Barrett	408	408
Officer Danny Bartello	30	2,489
Officer James Berry	64	879
Officer Phillip Bradford	111	2,302
Shantil Brown	33	33
Officer Jeff Bruno	25	2,843
Captain Michael Bruno	51	2,303
SGT. Chris Cain	62	2,628
Officer Michael Canty	25	452
Officer Brian Capps	24	1,302
Officer Denis Cerovic	31	809
Officer Matt Cooper	191	1,268
Officer Stacy Cosby	23	1,431
Chief Stacey Cotton	43	2,723
Officer Pokey Daniels	50	631
Officer Brandon Davis	28	795
Sgt. Hayward DeRouen	128	1,552
Officer Chris Detweiler	742	742
Sgt. Daniel Digby	136	1,205
Sgt. Ashier Dozier	40	2,115
Officer Julie English	29	1,754
Officer Scott Fairburn	24	1,185
Officer Steve Fowler	21	1,688
Lt. Brent Fuesting	63	1,676
Derrick Hanaway	43	202
DET. Kara Hipps	30	1,102
Officer Matt Holbrook	146	1,906
Officer Keldrick Hunter	82	760
Officer Christian Jimenez	408	408
Officer Marquis Johnson	72	1,495
Lt. Mark Jones	106	2,958
Officer Mark Joyner	102	2,610
Investigator Clinton Kitchens	74	1,794
Officer Austin Knight	25	485
Officer Aaron Malcolm	171	722

Capt. Ken Malcom	123	2,675
Sgt. Allen Martin	90	2,406
Officer Slade McCullough	23	3,172
Lt. Al Miller	171	2,928
Officer Matt Mosley	81	1,284
Lt. Gene Nuqui	53	2,577
Sgt. Vic Partee	36	2,792
Officer Travis Pierce	170	1,273
Officer Quinn Pitts	119	707
Officer Contrareus Robinson	473	473
Officer Walter Schreiber	10	951
Officer John Seabolt	30	2,570
Sgt. Allan Seebaran	65	2,042
Det. Chip Shirah	20	1,672
Officer Brian Shockley	94	1,155
Investigator George Smith	89	944
Lt. Chris Smith	83	2,108
Mike Smith	29	2,029
Sgt. Starr Smith	148	1,270
Officer David Stewart	29	1,069
Officer Justin Stott	138	1,054
Investigator Steve Swann	171	1,056
Officer Kevin Thompson	26	451
Lt. Mike Tinsley	153	2,765
Officer Matthew Torres	423	423
Capt. Craig Treadwell	3	3,584
Officer Keith Waddell	49	796
Capt. Wendall Wagstaff	65	2,616
Officer Anthony Walden	100	2,330
Officer Brandon Wilkerson	78	1,577
Officer Pat Womack	26	2,013
Officer Bob Yarbrough	27	991
Officer Garrett Yates	495	495

Total training hours for 2018 7,562 106,994



Internal Affairs

There were no internal affairs investigations for 2018

2018

Awards Banquet

Rookie of the Year

Off. Kevin Thompson

Officer of the Year

Off. Matt Cooper

Employee of the Year—Patrol

Off. Matt Cooper

Employee of the Year—CID

DEA Agent George Smith IV

Employee of the Year—Support Services

Lt. Mark Jones

Meritorious Service Award

Lt. Chris Smith

Off. Matt Holbrook

Off. Contrareus Robinson

Off. Aaron Malcolm

Humanitarian Service Award

Det. Julie English

Departmental Commendations

Sgt. Vic Partee

Off. Travis Pierce

Off. Keith Waddell

Off. Kevin Thompson

Off. Anthony Walden

Off. Pokey Daniels

Off. Aaron Malcolm

Sgt. Chris Cain

Physical Fitness Awards

Lt. Gene Nuqui

Lt. Chris Smith

Off. Rory Barber

Off. Kevin Thompson

Firearms Awards

Top Gun

Off. Matt Holbrook

100 Club

Asst. Chief Philip Bradford

Lt. Mike Tinsley

Lt. Chris Smith

Sgt. Hayward DeRouen

Off. Matt Cooper

Off. Matt Holbrook

Off. Slade McCullough

Officer Bryan Shockley

Officer Brandon Wilkerson

Officer Pat Womack

Mike Smith

The 2018 Awards Banquet was held
on December 4, 2018 at Legion
Field

Officer Promotions



This year, Chief Stacey Cotton promoted 10 Officers. These promotions represent the largest number of Officers promoted at one time in 20 years. Chief Cotton noted that with the retirement of Assistant Chief Almond Turner last year after 45 years of service, Capt. Craig Treadwell retiring earlier this year after 36 years of service, and Lt. Chuck Groover after 15 years of service, that it was time to fill the vacancies in the command staff. The promotions are as follows:

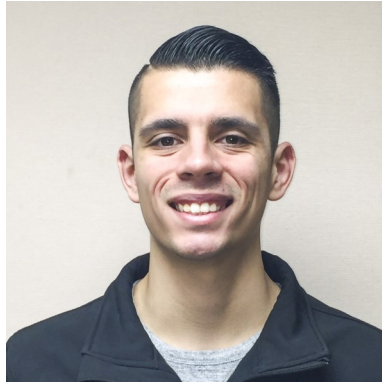
- ◇ Captain Philip Bradford was promoted to Assistant Chief of Police.
- ◇ Lieutenant Wendell Wagstaff and Lieutenant Mike Bruno were promoted to the rank of Captain.
- ◇ Sergeant Brent Fuesting, Sergeant Chris Smith, and Sergeant Gene Nuqui were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.
- ◇ Criminal Intelligence Officer Allan Seebaran, K9 Officer Hayward DeRouen, Officer Daniel Digby and Officer Starr Smith were promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

2018 New Employees



Marquis Johnson

1/29/18



Matthew Torres

3/12/18



Brian Shockley

6/4/18



Contrareus Robinson

6/18/18



Garrett Yates

6/18/18



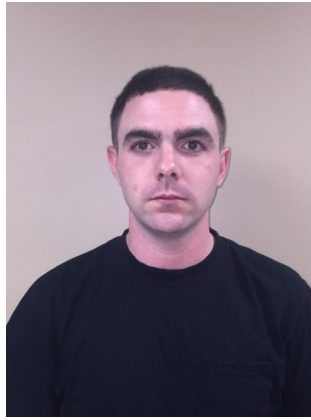
David Stewart

8/27/18

2018 New Employees



Christian Jimenez
9/4/18



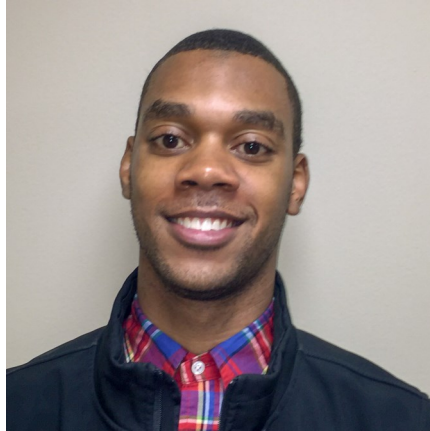
Joseph Barrett
9/10/18



Derrick Hanaway
11/26/18



Chardelle McFarlin
12/10/18



Joseph McClarin
12/10/18



Alan Yi
12/10/18

COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD

The Covington Police Honor Guard team was created in 1996 with the following Officers: Officer Mike Tinsley, retired Officer Wayne Digby, retired Officer Oscar Rogers, Officer Chris Cain, and former Officer Donna Reeves. The Honor Guard has since remained a strong element of the Covington Police Department.

Each piece of brass on their uniform is individually polished and their shoes are shined to a mirror-like luster. Stray threads on their uniforms are clipped or singed and every stitch of fabric is rolled to be lint free. Shirts are pressed crisp and all insignia and ribbon bars adorning their chest are square and level.

With those finishing touches and after several inspections, the members of the Covington Police Department Honor Guard are ready to perform the current task at hand; to provide one last guarding moment of honor over a fellow officer's casket at his funeral.

"The highest honor we can bestow on an individual as a Police Department is to stand guard over a fellow officer's casket at his memorial service," said Officer Allan Seebaran, the Commander of the Covington Police Department's Honor Guard. "That honor is reserved specifically for law enforcement officers and it is a duty we take extremely seriously."

Comprised of six CPD officers, the Honor Guard is an organization designed to show the support for and recognition of the sacrifices by those who have served and protected society.

The CPD Honor Guard's responsibilities may be honoring a fallen officer or a City Official's funeral or presenting the Nation's Colors at a sporting event or seminar. Regardless of the event, their job is to represent the CPD with a level of extreme professionalism and perform the solemn duties associated with the Honor Guard.

When they wear the Honor Guard uniform on behalf of the CPD, they hold themselves to the highest standards, regardless of the detail they are performing.

Providing services for approximately six events per year, the Honor Guard typically practices once each month to maintain cohesiveness and rehearses again prior to each occasion to ensure a flawless presentation for the venue specific to that event, whether it be a funeral or the opening ceremonies at an Atlanta Braves baseball game.

Each venue is different, and the Honor Guards have to be certain their steps are synchronized and that requires them simulating the set-up of a venue and rehearsing their detail prior to each event.

The CPD Honor Guard is comprised of Commanding Sergeant Allan Seebaran, Officer Justin Stott, Officer Scott Fairburn, Officer Aaron Malcom, Officer Brandon Wilkerson, and Officer Matt Mosley.

Emergency Services Unit

The Covington Police Department's Emergency Services Unit (ESU) was formed in 2015 to more effectively address certain situations which may require the use of special weapons, equipment and training to resolve. This unit consists of twelve members including a team commander, team leader and two assistant team leaders. Team members work in various assignments throughout the department including Patrol and Investigations. All team members keep their assigned equipment with them in their vehicles at all times. With this structure, there are usually several team members working together at any given time allowing for these members to be on the scene of a situation requiring ESU quickly. This allows many situations to be resolved quickly and possibly without the activation of the entire team.

Team members are required to maintain good physical shape and are tested twice a year by the police department's physical fitness standards. Any member not passing every portion of the physical fitness test will be placed on suspension pending retest. Failure to pass the retest would result in dismissal from the team. In order to establish the unit as more versatile, ESU team members continuously receive additional training including search and rescue. The ultimate goal is to have a team which can perform a variety of duties in addition to tactical response, as we continue to utilize our resources for the citizens of Covington.

POLICE K9 UNIT

The Covington Police Department has two K-9 units that work alternating shifts giving all on-duty officers access to the support of a K-9 if needed. The Covington K-9 units are also available to assist other agencies should their need for a K-9 develop.

The K-9 unit has undergone extensive training and continues to seek new training opportunities to stay current with all procedures to function as a unit. The K-9 Officers continue to train their dogs on a regular basis using simulated dog sniffing and pursuit scenarios.

This year, Sgt. Hayward DeRouen and his dog earned first place for Patrol Obedience at the Georgia K9 Conference in Perry, Georgia.



Covington Police Who Care and Fuzz Run

The Covington Police Department's Police Who Care Fund was started in 1974 by Officer Frank Hilton. Hilton realized there was a need to help handicapped children in the community and he wanted to help. He went to a number of businesses in Covington and asked for donations. Some Police Officers also donated money to help. The first year he raised over \$1000; enough money to give 156 handicapped children two Christmas presents each, a dinner and visit from Santa Claus in a police car. From that first year until 1983, Hilton continued his annual program of helping the kids. It was his passion to provide a decent Christmas for children who were in need.

In 1983, the first annual Fuzz Run was established by Captain Willie Davis at the direction of Chief Bobby Moody. The original Fuzz Run consisted of a one mile fun run and a 5K race and remains so today. It was originally started as a way to continue the vision of Hilton and raise money to help Officers who were injured or killed in the line of duty. The first few years, the Fuzz Run did not make any money. Around the third or fourth year, all the proceeds were donated to the construction of the Public Safety Memorial at GPSTC. The Fuzz Run was almost discontinued in the mid 1990s due to lack of participation. The number of participants had dropped to less than 50, but Chief Moody decided to give it one more year. The Department's Community Outreach Division was started and they took over the planning of the event and it began to grow to what it is today.

Over the years, the fund has evolved into so much more. Now it is more philanthropic in nature by providing monies for many worthwhile causes, supporting community projects, providing financial aid and assistance to employees and others with legitimate needs. Annually, the fund contributes to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Special Olympics, YMCA, Project ReNeWal, a shelter for battered women and children, the Miracle League, Shop With A Cop, and a number of other charities. In addition, the fund makes a \$1000 contribution to the beneficiaries of every Georgia law enforcement Officer who is either killed or dies in the line of duty. We give money to citizens with legitimate, verifiable problems, such as medical bills, utility bills, Christmas for the children whose parents are without a job, etc. We also help City employees when disaster strikes. This year, we were able to help one of our own, Officer Matt Cooper.

The Covington Police Fuzz Run, held the second Saturday in September, is the primary source of income for the Fund. A number of departmental employees also voluntarily have a deduction from their paychecks each month that goes to the Fund. This year's Fuzz Run will be the 36th annual event, scheduled for September 14th, 2019. Last year, we had a record breaking 3,867 runners that participated in either the 5K road race, the one mile fun run, or the Mary Beth Red Bird Run. Between participants, family members, vendors, volunteers, and police officers, the total approaches nearly 4000 people; the largest public event in Covington each year. The sponsorships from businesses and individuals were more than \$109,000. The Fuzz Run committee begins planning months prior to the event.



Officer Matt Cooper

OFFICER MATT COOPER

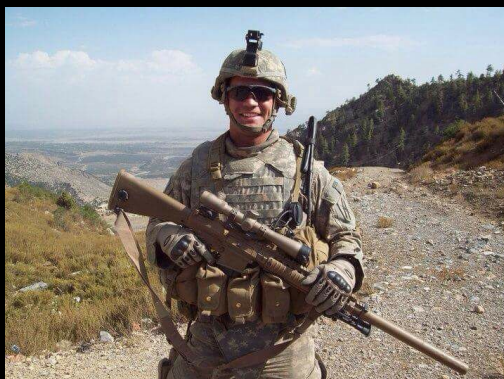
A husband.
A dad. A son.
A fighter.
A police officer.

#prayingforOfficerCooper

On September 3, 2018 the City of Covington was shaken to its core as reports of an officer shot in the line of duty began pouring in over the phone, news outlets, and social media. While responding to a shoplifting call at Walmart, Officer Matt Cooper and his shift became involved in a foot chase with a suspect. Officer Cooper pursued the suspect across the street, behind a neighboring business. Officer Cooper located the suspect and gave commands for the male to show him his hands. As this suspect turned around, he produced a handgun and fired one round. Officer Cooper was struck in the head and severely injured. With the help of other Covington Police Officers, Newton County Sheriff Deputies, Covington Fire Fighters, and Newton County EMTs, Officer Cooper was removed from the scene and life-flighted to Atlanta Medical Center where he began fighting for his life.

As word of his injuries spread, the community and the Police Department came to life as everyone rallied around Officer Cooper and his family to show their love and support both emotionally and financially. Various fundraisers were created throughout the community to alleviate the financial burden on the family throughout this crisis. Hundreds of cards, letters, emails, and other words of encouragement came pouring in from other departments and individuals from across the country, and as far away as Berlin, Germany.

Since that day, our community has shown overwhelming support for Officer Cooper and the Covington Police Department; they showed that they truly back the blue. After three months in various hospitals, Officer Cooper has returned home where he continues to recover and improves daily with support from his family, the police department, and the community.



#CooperStrong #148Strong

2018 Retirees

Captain Craig Treadwell

August 21, 1982 — May 1, 2018

There's an old proverb that reads "Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life." When Covington Police Department Capt. Craig Treadwell checked out at the end of his tour, his nearly 37-year career of service to his city and county epitomized that proverb.

Sitting in his office surrounded by the boxes he's using to pack up mementoes of his career, the Newton County native said he can't remember wanting to do anything else. "All I ever wanted to be is something in public safety," he said.



After starting at age 18 in 1981 as a jailer and radio operator with the Newton County Sheriff's Office, Treadwell was promoted to road deputy after about four months. Then, in February 1982, during his first month on the road, he was shot in the leg during a gunfight with a couple of wanted men from South Carolina in a stolen truck on Highway 81 north of Oxford. While he said it wasn't his scariest moment on the job, it was a learning experience he would carry with him his entire career. It also confirmed in his mind his career choice.

"I've been way more scared since then," he said. "But that was one of the better learning experiences I ever had. I realized right then that this is a dangerous job; you've got to be careful. You can't take anything for granted. I think it probably saved my life dozens of times since then. "My mom asked me at the hospital that day, 'Are you going to quit now? Are you going to find another job?' "I said, 'No, ma'am. I actually want to do it more, now.'"

After the shooting, Treadwell said he decided to make law enforcement his career and started to look at other agencies. "I started looking at Covington police. I had to make a hard decision. It's the hardest decision I ever made in my life — leaving the sheriff's department and coming here — because I had a really good job at the sheriff's department." Treadwell joined CPD in August 1982, working on the evening watch. He said he's never looked back.

After working in patrol for three years, he applied for promotion to lieutenant in 1985. "I actually got promoted to lieutenant in 1985. I had only been here three years," he said. "I was a night shift lieutenant at 22. "My first captain was Billy Joe Hewell. He had just been promoted to captain and I just got promoted to lieutenant and I don't think I could have worked for a better supervisor or leader. He is a people person and he taught me a lot about working with people and dealing with people. Treating people the way you want to be treated. It's gone a long way."

In 1988, Treadwell transferred to narcotics. He worked there from 1988 until the early part of 1990. In 1990, CPD and the sheriffs in the area got together and formed the multi-agency East Metro Drug Enforcement Team. Treadwell was one of the first agents assigned to the team and served until 1993 when he went to the FBI Academy for the first three months that year. After the Academy, he returned to CPD to work in the Criminal Investigations Division. He worked there from April 1993 through 1998. Along the way, he enrolled in Mercer University and earned his bachelor's degree. Chief Stacy Cotton promoted him to captain in 1998.

After making captain, Treadwell returned to the East Metro Team as commander until 2004. After returning to CPD, he commanded at different times CID and the Patrol Division. Most recently, he has commanded the department's Support Services Division. "I've actually had the command of every division in the police department," he said.

For the last five years, he has also served as the department's public information officer, working with media outlets, including *The Covington News*, to get information to the public. Late in our conversation, Treadwell admitted he was uncomfortable talking about his career. The admission is testament to his leadership and attitude toward the job he gave his life to. "It's been a really good career here," he said. "But I don't like talking a whole lot about 'I.' I'm really uncomfortable talking about 'my' career because it's a lot of 'I's."

"Most of my career has been about 'we' — we as a department, we as a shift when I was a patrol lieutenant, we as a division when I was a division commander, or in the drug unit. We, when I was a SWAT team commander. It's been a lot of working with good people, that's what's made me successful."



2018 Retirees

Detective Chip Shirah

September 7, 1995— August 1, 2018

Chip Shirah retired from the Covington Police Department as a Detective with over 23 years of law enforcement experience. While employed at the CPD, Chip was involved with the DARE program for 10 years. He went to local schools in an effort to prevent the use of drugs, membership in gangs, and violent behavior. Chip served in the Patrol Division for 16 years before moving to the Criminal Investigative Division as a Detective in 2011. Over the years, he was actively involved with the planning of the Fuzz Run as the race director. Chip received several awards during his career including employee of the quarter, the humanitarian award, and several departmental commendations.



2018 SCARE ON THE SQUARE

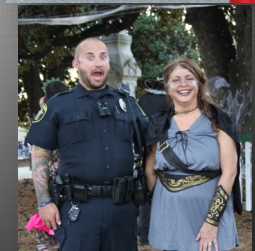
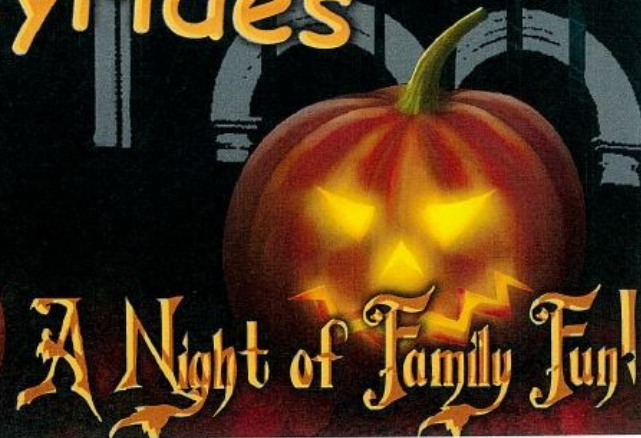
The Covington Police Department's Support Services / Community Outreach Division participates in and coordinates many community events and Safer Covington Action Network (SCAN) watch programs. Pictured is the "Scare on the Square" Halloween event which is coordinated by the Covington Police Department and other local public safety partners.

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Adult supervision is required.



Shop with a Cop



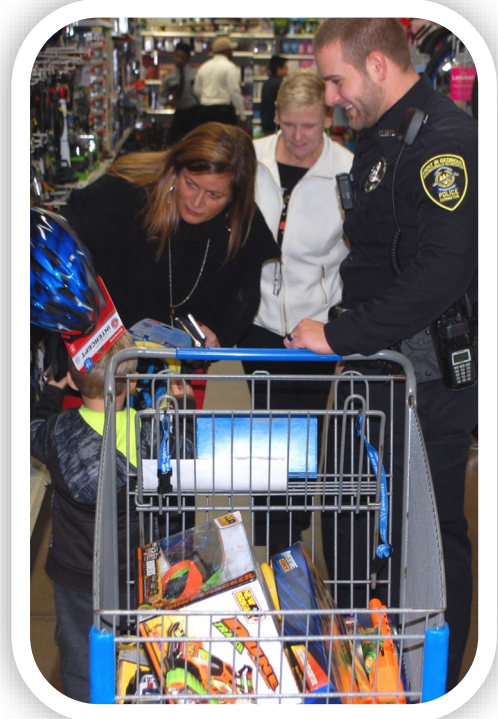
On December 6, 2018, the Covington Police Department Police Who Care Shop with a Cop event was held at Walmart located at 10300 Industrial Blvd. Lt. Smith coordinated the event with Sonya Carter of Newton County DFACS.

Arrangements were made for Newton County DFACS to designate 29 children that were currently in foster care or underprivileged situations to attend the event at Walmart. The Covington Police

Who Care provided \$150.00 Walmart gift cards and gave each child one gift card to shop with during the event.

Arrangements were made for the children to be brought to Walmart on Main Street Trolley's South Pole Express. Santa Clause was also present at the event for the children to meet and have their picture taken with him. Twenty-five Covington Police Officers, two GSP Troopers, and several other employees of the Covington Police Department were present to shop with the children.

The event went exceptionally well and resulted in a lot of smiles on the faces of the children and all of those who participated. This event is just as much fun for the Officers as it is for the children.



CPD EXPLORERS

Posts 222 & 223

The Covington Police Department's Explorer program is designed to educate young people on the purpose, mission and objectives of law enforcement agencies while providing an opportunity for service, practical experiences, competition and recreation. Exploring is learning for life's career-education program for young men and women ages 12 to 21 years old.

The program is designed to provide opportunities for character development; physical fitness, good citizenship and patriotism with the goal of helping members of the program become better citizens and community members. The program also contributes to the healthy development of today's young adults by providing them with the environment, resources and relationships they need to learn and grow.

The Covington Police Explorer programs are headed by Sergeant Allan Seebaran; he is assisted by CSR Sherica Tate and Officer Michael Canty, and currently there are 19 students in the programs combined. There is a rank structure within the group comprised of one Chief, one Major, two Captains, two Lieutenants, four Sergeants, and four Corporals.

2018 was an exciting year for the Covington Police Explorers. They participated in events such as: Relay for Life, The Fuzz Run, Christmas parade, Christmas on the Square, Scare on the Square, Covington's July 4th Event, Rotary's Christmas Empty Stocking Fund, and many more.

In 2018, the Explorers traveled to Gatlinburg, TN to compete in the annual Winterfest Competitions and performed very well while competing against teams from around the United States. The Covington Police Explorers also participated in competitions hosted in Georgia.

For more information about the Explorer program Sgt. Seebaran can be reached at 404-291-0788, or exploring@covingtonpolice.com. Other information about Exploring can be found at <https://www.exploring.org/law-enforcement/>



Covington Police Citizens Academy 2018 Report



The City of Covington Police Department held two (2) citizens academy classes in 2018. The classes were in the spring and fall. These were the eighth and ninth classes put on by the police department since the inception of the program.

The City of Covington Citizens Police Academy was created in order to give the residents and corporate citizen's of Covington a chance to see, understand, and interact with the inner workings of the City of Covington Police Department. Participants learned about the available services, resources and programs offered by the department. More importantly, participants met and interacted with the men and women who provide these services. Specifically, sessions covered the structure of the police department, patrol functions, criminal investigations, specialized units, firearms training, use of force, and use of force considerations. Classes were a combination of lectures, demonstrations, and interactive activities.

Participation in the program was free. Applicants were required to be 18 years of age, submit a criminal history check, and had to provide their own transportation to and from training. Acceptance into the program was subject to review by the academy staff of the applicant's background, including any criminal history.

Participants in this program met for six (6) weeks on Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the police department mainly. Participants were exposed to the firearms training simulator and shoot-don't shoot scenarios. Additionally, participants were invited to the department's firearms range and taught about guns and given the opportunity to shoot their own weapons, after inspection, or the police department's. This was held on a Saturday which included lunch for all participants. Also during the course of the program, participants were required, at their convenience, to complete at least 2-4 hours of police "ride alongs". This provided one on one interaction with a police officer, on patrol, answering calls.

A graduation ceremony was held after completion of the program. The participants were brought before the City of Covington Council during council meeting and introduced, receiving their certificate of completion. A reception was provided to all participants after the meeting.

Spring 2018



Fall 2018



Contact Us

The Covington Police Department would like to thank the mayor, city council and citizens of Covington for their support of the men and women of this department. The Covington Police Department takes pride in being on the cutting edge of technology, education and current crime prevention techniques. The department understands the vital role the community plays as a partner against crime. We encourage our citizens to get involved in their neighborhoods, in their city leadership, and to contact us with any concerns or questions they may have in regard to the safety of Covington, Georgia.

Please visit www.covingtonpolice.com for more information on the police department, community events, crimes trends within the city, anonymous tips and much more. You may also “like” our Facebook page, ‘Covington (Ga.) Police Department’ for up to date press releases, community events and comments from citizens like you.

You may scan the codes below with your smart phone to get easy access to our website, the current crime map of the city and to submit an anonymous tip.



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