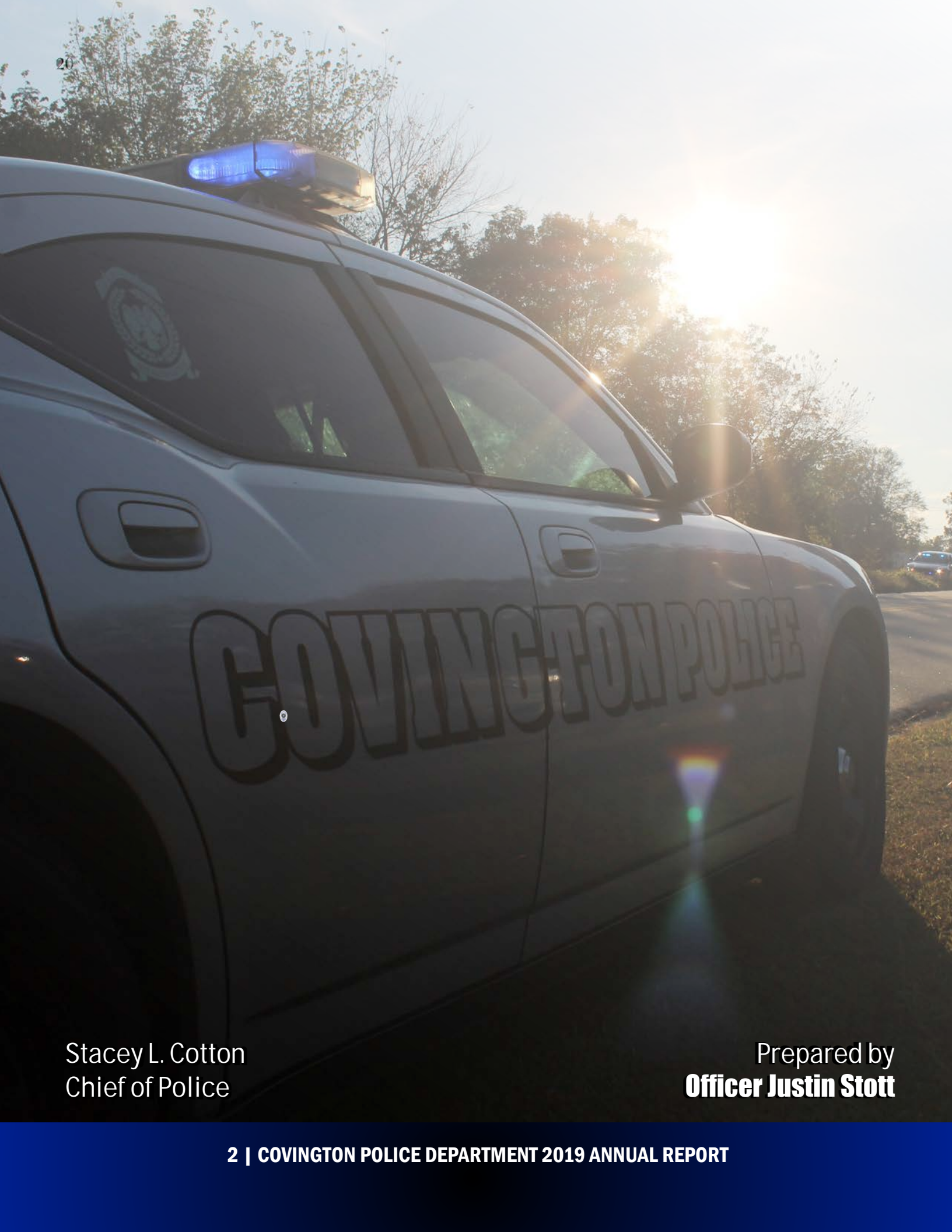




COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**2019**  
**ANNUAL**  
**REPORT**



Stacey L. Cotton  
Chief of Police

Prepared by  
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# Message from the Chief



To the Citizens of Covington,

It is with great pleasure we present to you the Covington Police Department's annual report for 2019. 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 and accident/traffic information.

For current information on our department, please visit [www.covingtonpolice.com](http://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*

**Stacey L. Cotton**  
Chief of Police



# 2019 Covington City Council



Front Row (L-R): Hawnethia Williams, Post 2 West  
Susie Keck, Post 1 East  
Anthony Henderson, Post 3 West  
Leigh Anne Knight, City Manager

Back Row (L-R): Michael Whatley, Post 2 East  
Kenneth Morgan, Post 1 West  
Ronnie Johnston, Mayor  
Josh McKelvey, Post 3 East

# COMMAND STAFF



**Chief of Police  
Stacey L. Cotton**



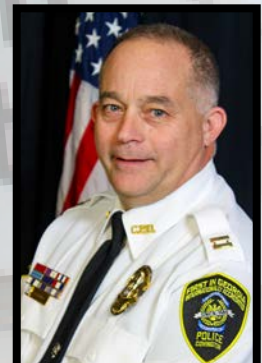
**Assistant Chief of Police  
Philip Bradford**



**Captain Wendell Wagstaff**



**Captain Ken Malcom**



**Captain Mike Bruno**



**Lt. Mark Jones**



**Lt. Al Miller**



**Lt. Mike Tinsley**



**Lt. Gene Nuqui**



**Lt. Chris Smith**



**Lt. Brent Fuesting**



**Sgt.  
Chris Cain**



**Sgt.  
Daniel Digby**



**Sgt.  
Allen Martin**



**Sgt.  
Slade McCullough**



**Sgt.  
Victor Partee**



**Sgt.  
Allan Seebaran**



**Sgt.  
Starr Smith**

# 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.

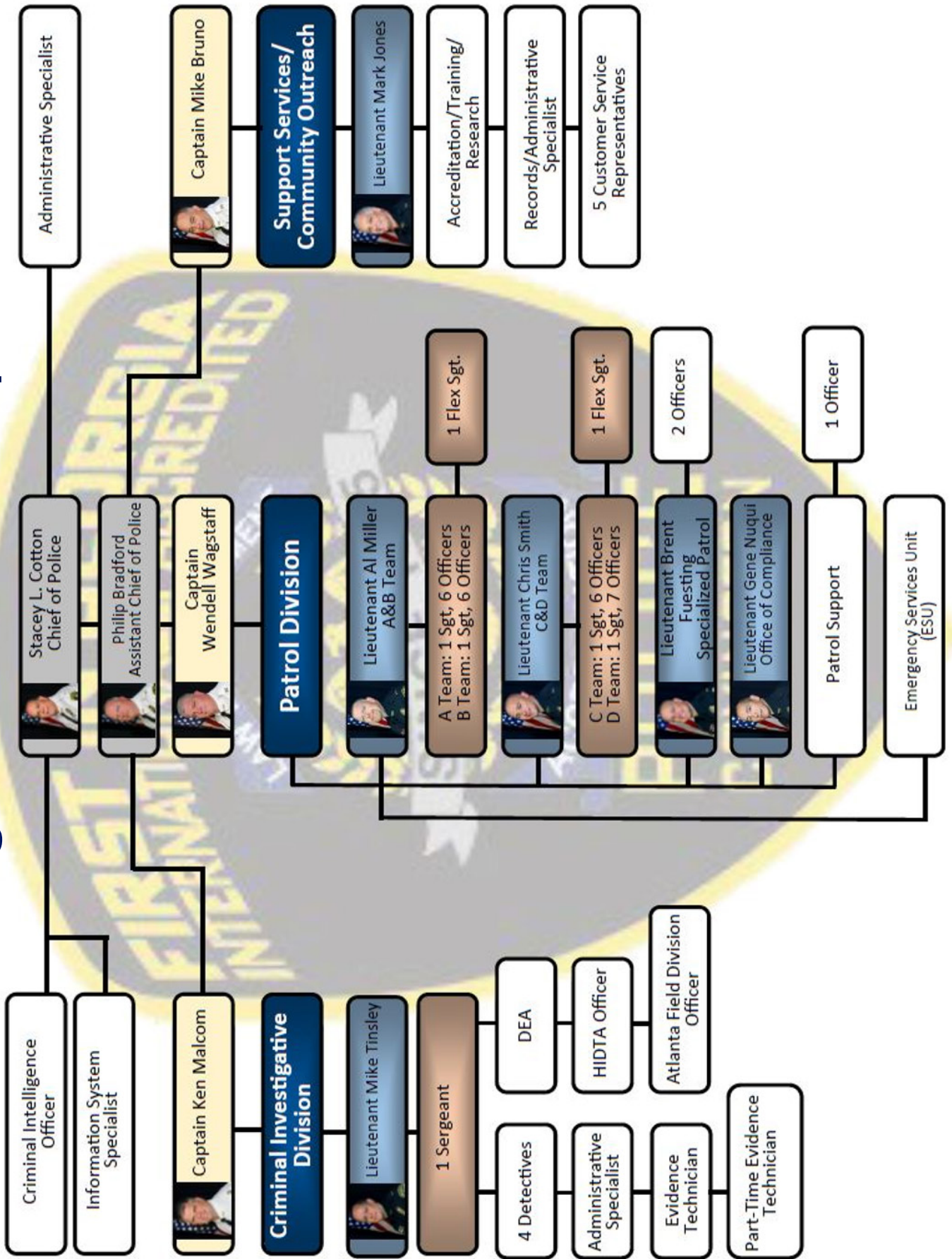
**The Criminal Investigative Division**, also called C.I.D., is responsible for the investigation of incidents for-warded to them from the Patrol Division. The incidents include property crimes from minor thefts and shoplifting to person crimes as serious as child molestation, rape and murder. C.I.D. 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** oversees our front desk customer service representatives, who assist citizens around the clock that come to the police department for a variety of needs. This include 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, 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.



# 2019 Covington Police Department







# CALEA.

COMMISSION ON  
ACCREDITATION FOR  
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

2019 was another excellent year for CPD with CALEA accreditation. The department had its tenth on-site assessment June 28-31, 2019. The assessors that evaluated the agency were Lt. Melissa White and Ret. Chief William Benson. The assessors were able to interview over 80% of the department's employees while on-site. At the exit interview, they spoke very highly about the agency and the involvement in the community and the employees' professionalism. They were particularly impressed with Police Who Care and the Fuzz Run and what the department can do with the monies earned from the Fuzz Run.

CPD was first accredited in 1985 and was the first agency in Georgia to achieve such an award and the tenth in the nation. Since that time, only four agencies have maintained their accredited status without a break in service. Covington is one of those four agencies. CALEA went international several years ago when agencies in Canada, Barbados and Mexico were accredited. They also accredit communications centers, training academies and campus police departments.

The CPD received their Award with Excellence at the CALEA conference held in Covington, Kentucky from November 13-16, 2019. Representing the department were Chief Stacey Cotton, Assistant Chief Philip Bradford, Captain Ken Malcom and Office Manager Cheryl Vaughn.



# 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.

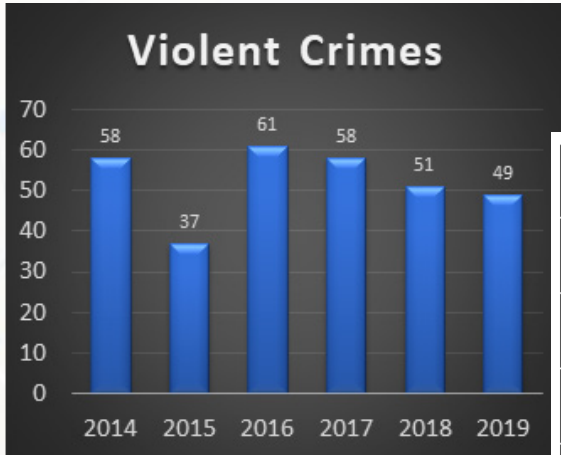
## Honor

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.



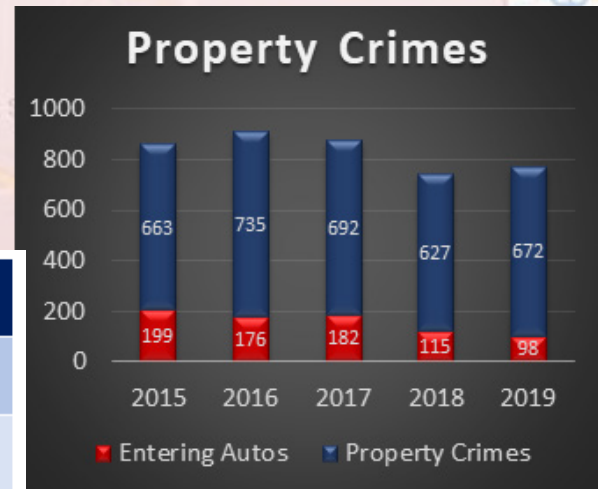
# CRIME STATISTICS

## VIOLENT CRIMES PER YEAR



Violent Crimes	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Homicide/Murder	0	2	1	4	0	2
Rape	4	3	1	3	7	8
Robbery	17	13	24	20	16	10
Aggravated Assault	37	19	35	31	28	29

## PROPERTY CRIMES PER YEAR



Property Crimes	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Burglary	135	137	138	88	77	83
Larceny/Theft	630	488	555	567	487	545
Auto Theft	45	38	42	37	63	44
Entering Auto	143	199	176	182	115	98

The above statistics show the 6-year trend of violent crimes and property crimes in Covington. **Violent crimes** include homicide/murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. **Property crimes** include burglary, larceny, auto theft and entering auto.

# Crime Rate per 1,000 Inhabitants/ Population for the Past Six Years

## Covington city, Georgia

2018 Population Estimates	<b>14,015</b>
<i>Source: Vintage 2018 Population Estimates</i>	
Median Household Income	<b>\$ 39,959</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Persons in poverty, percent	<b>29.9 %</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Educational Attainment: Percent high school graduate or higher	<b>83.0 %</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Persons without health insurance, percent	<b>14.8 %</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Median Housing Value	<b>\$ 128,300</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>5,516</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Number of Firms	<b>1,937</b>
<i>Source: 2012 Survey of Business Owners: Company Summary</i>	
Male Median Income	<b>\$ 26,882</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Female Median Income	<b>\$ 18,642</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Veterans	<b>957</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Percent of households with a broadband Internet subscription	<b>70.2 %</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Explanation of Symbols	

## Newton County, Georgia

2018 Population Estimates	<b>109,541</b>
<i>Source: Vintage 2018 Population Estimates</i>	
Median Household Income	<b>\$ 52,784</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Persons in poverty, percent	<b>14.8 %</b>
<i>Source: 2018 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE)</i>	
Educational Attainment: Percent high school graduate or higher	<b>85.2 %</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	<b>14.8 %</b>
<i>Source: Source: 2017 Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE)</i>	
Median Housing Value	<b>\$ 123,300</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>38,713</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Number of Firms	<b>8,681</b>
<i>Source: 2012 Survey of Business Owners: Company Summary</i>	
Veterans	<b>7,277</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Percent of households with a broadband Internet subscription	<b>80.2 %</b>
<i>Source: 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates</i>	
Explanation of Symbols	

## VIOLENT CRIME RATE PER 1,000



Year	Population	Per 1,000
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
2019	14,015	3.4

## PROPERTY CRIME RATE PER 1,000



Year	Population	Per 1,000
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
2019	14,015	54.9

*\*As of January 1, 2020, the 2019 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 2018 population count (14,015) is being used.*

# CALLS FOR SERVICE & MAJOR CRIMES

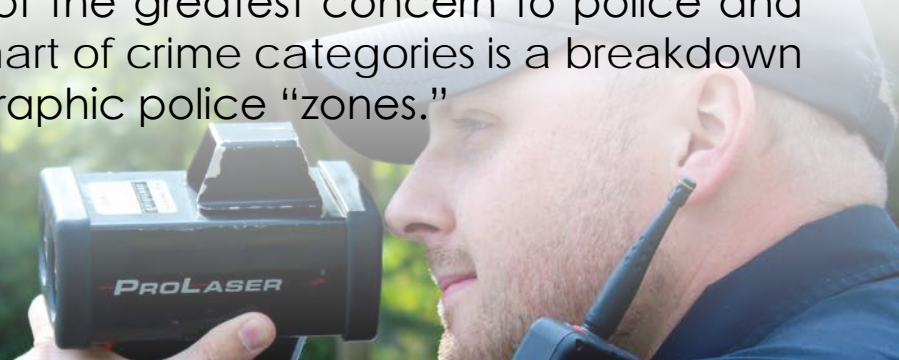
## CALLS FOR SERVICE

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.

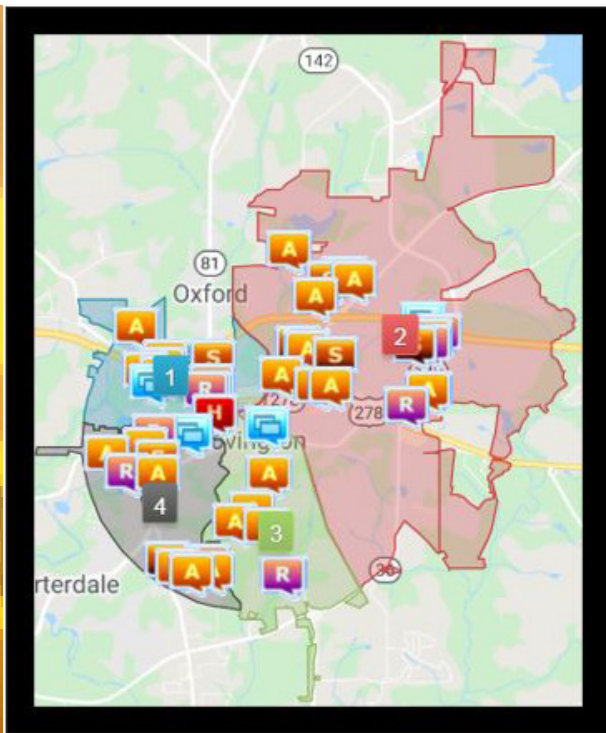
Calls for Service include all times a Covington Police Officer is dispatched or responds proactively to an event they have discovered. These statistics are collected, analyzed and maintained in order to assess the yearly call volume versus manpower to ensure that the Covington Police Department is properly staffed and equipped to handle the concerns of the citizens of Covington, Georgia.

## MAJOR CRIMES

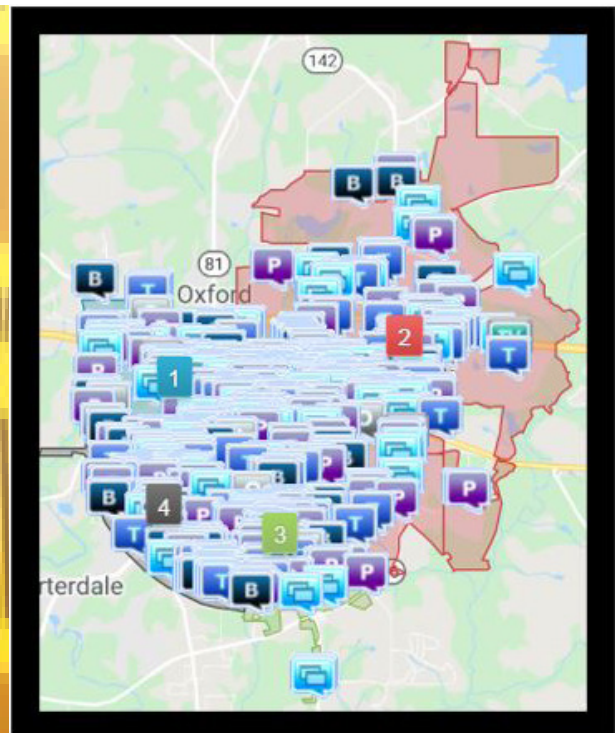
The Covington Police Department studies its current and past major crime trends to better predict and prepare for future crime events and properly deploy officers in a proactive manner. As you will see, major crimes are broken into categories that loosely follow FBI Part 1 Crimes to reflect the crimes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



Part 1 and Part 2 Crimes	2018	2019	# Change	% Change
Breaking and Entering	77	83	+6	+7%
Homicide	0	2	+2	+200%
Robbery	16	10	-6	-37%
Theft	487	545	+58	+11%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	115	98	-17	-14%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	63	44	-19	-30%
Assault	172	186	+14	+8%
Sexual Offenses	23	23	-	-
Property Crime	265	291	+26	+9%
Firearms Offense	18	22	+4	+22%
Drugs	129	121	-8	-6%
<b>Yearly Totals</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>+60</b>	<b>+4%</b>



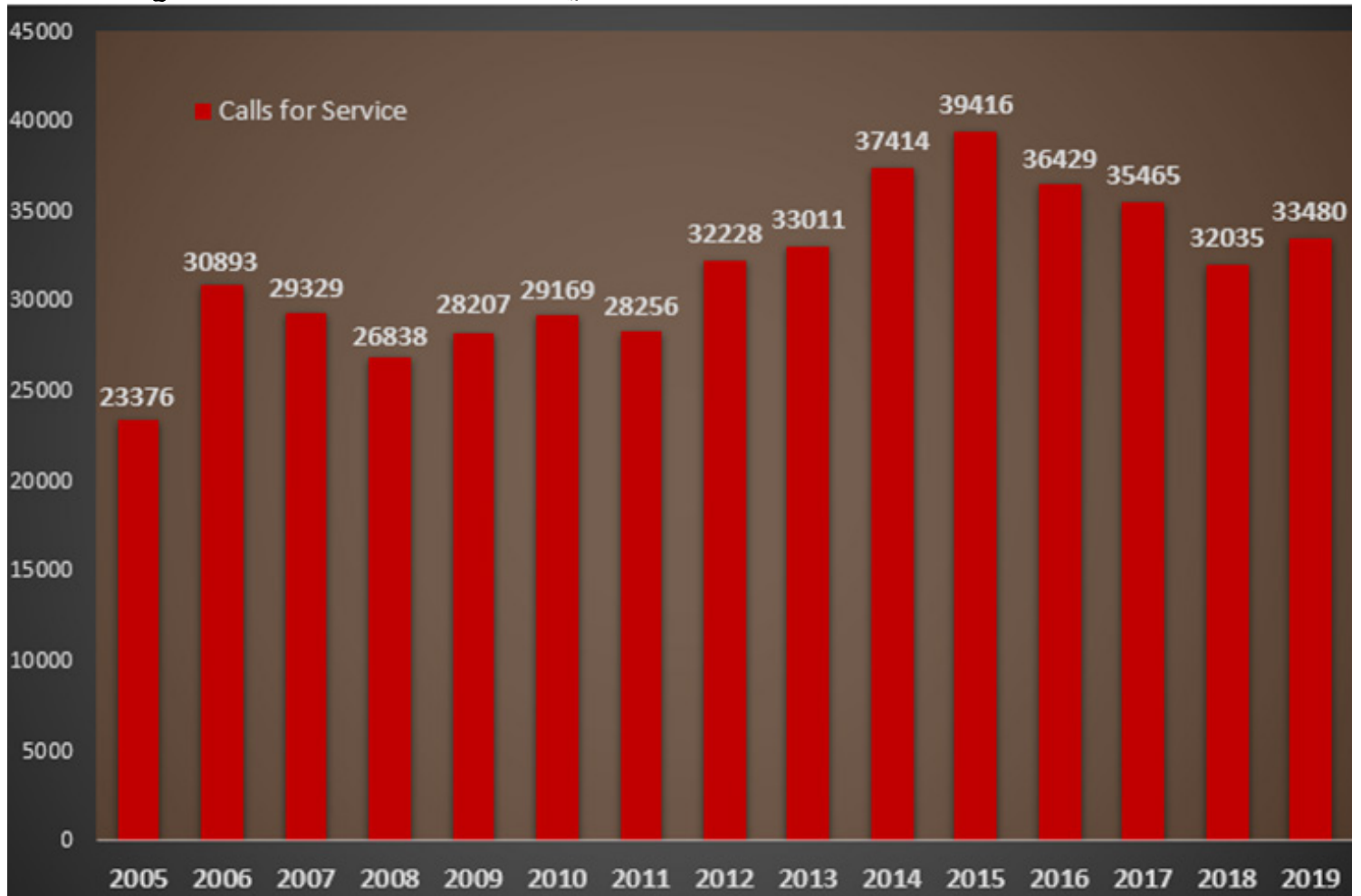
**2019 VIOLENT CRIMES MAP**



**2019 PROPERTY CRIMES MAP**

# CALLS FOR SERVICE

*City of Covington 15-Year Total*



***This graph shows the trend in all calls for service for the last fifteen years. 2019 shows an increase in calls for service from last year.***





# ALL POLICE ACTIVITY

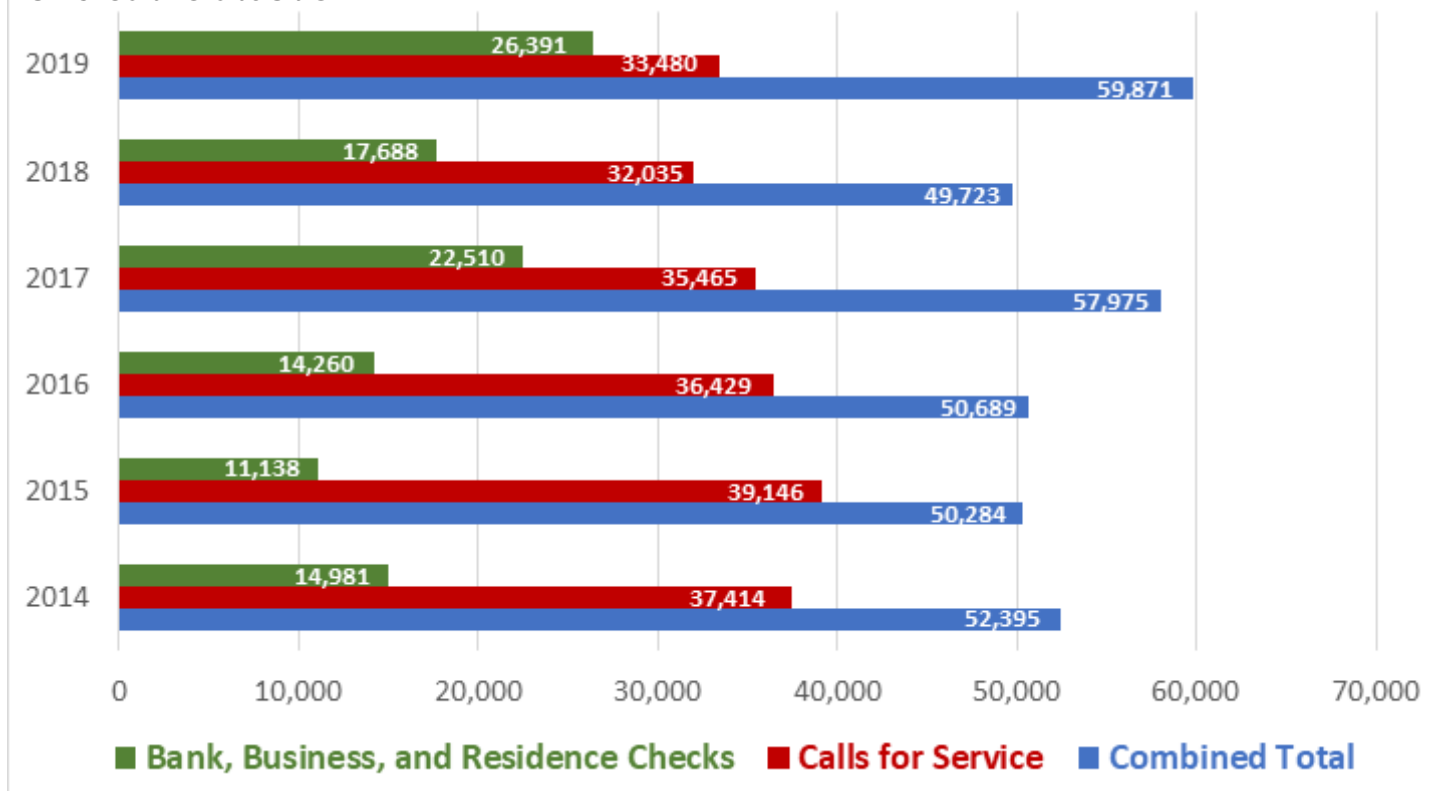
During a normal work shift (6-6), the CPD Officer responds to calls for service, makes traffic stops, and addresses suspicious activities. These activities generate a case number into the CPD's database which are later used for reports, investigations, crime statistics, determining crime trends and patterns,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

Three other activities that 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).

Officers perform these checks when calls for service are low, and they have 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
- Suspicious activity
- Look for signs of crimes that might be occurring or have already occurred

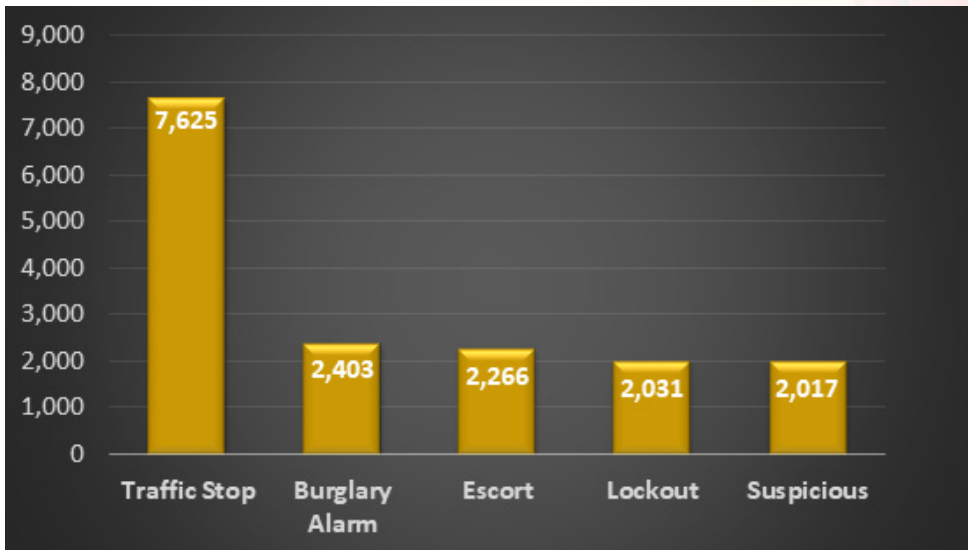
During a BBR, the officer only logs the call in our database that he/she performed at the location, but a case number is not generated. If the Officer encounters a situation that requires further investigation, then a case number is generated, and the Officer handles the situation.



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

# 2019 Calls for Service

In 2019, CPD Officers responded to 33,480 calls for service; 31,186 were calls that did not require an incident report to be written, and 2,294 calls required a report to be written. The charts below show the top five call types responded to, and the top five reports written.

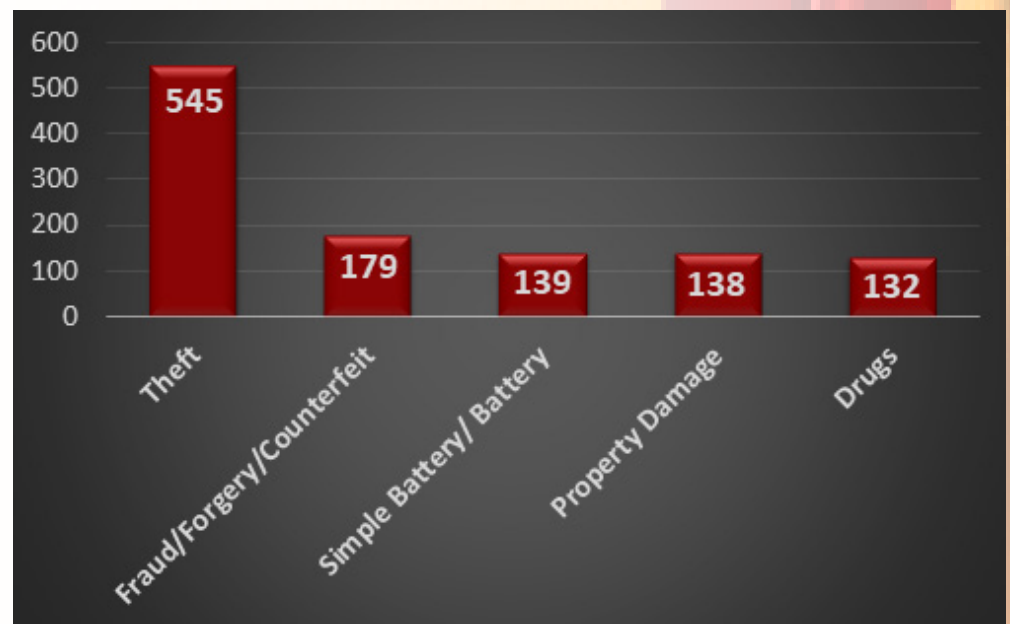


## 2019 Top 5 Calls for Service

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

## 2019 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
- Top citations

**DRIVE SAFE**  
**DRIVE SMART**



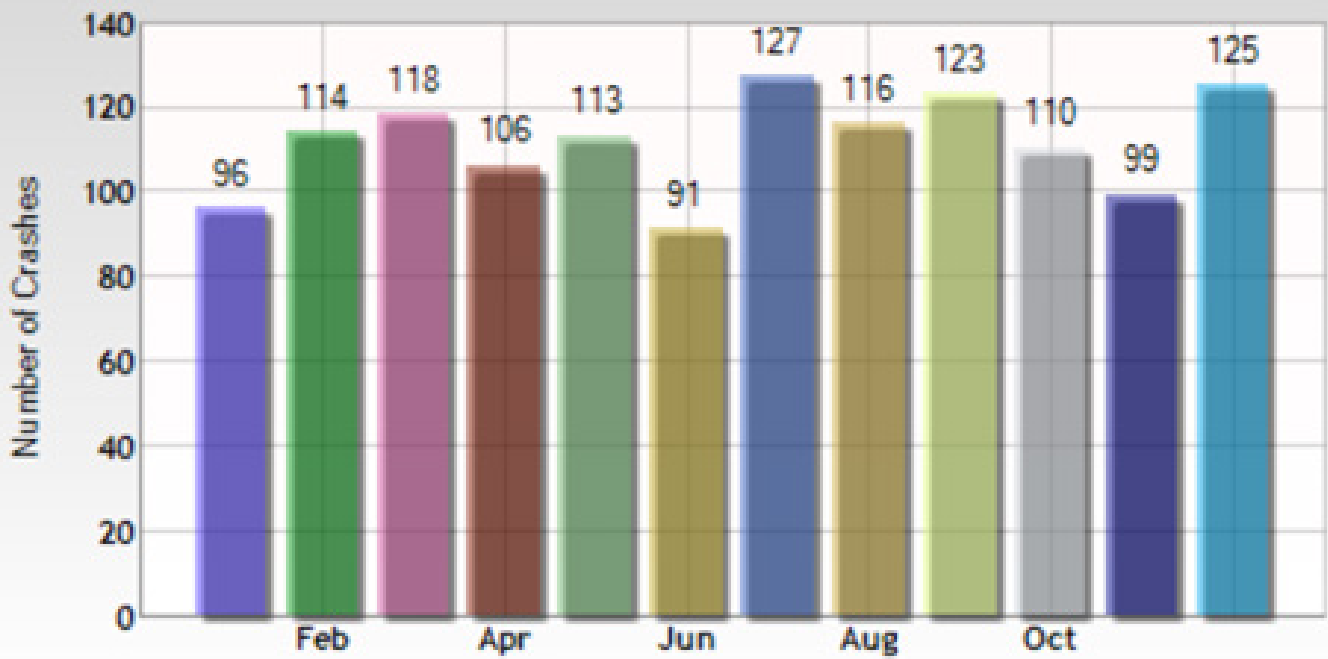
# ACCIDENTS

The table below shows the number of accidents which occurred at major intersections.

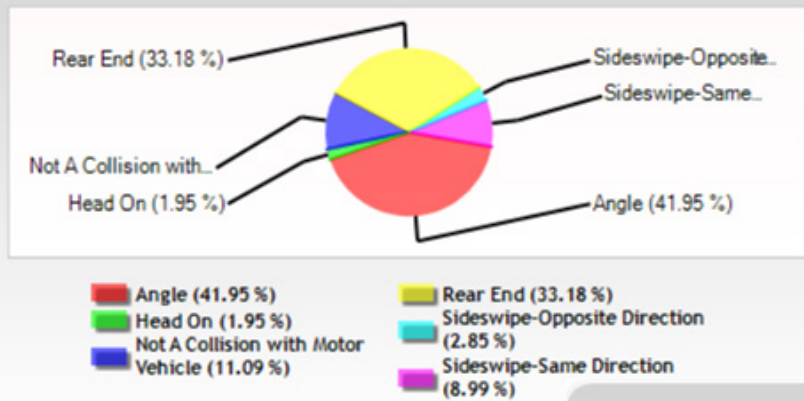
LOCATION	2017	2018	2019
278/Turner Lake Rd	62	63	39
278/West St	14	6	6
278/Emory St	34	56	51
278/Pace St	26	27	22
278/Elm St	35	34	49
278/Mill St	5	11	6
278/Floyd St	9	6	5
278/142	34	37	37
Turner Lake Rd/Clark St	6	11	3
Turner Lake Rd/Washington St	6	16	13
State Reportable Accidents	751	829	827
Private Property Accidents	485	488	511
<b>TOTAL ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>1,338</b>

Accident Summary	
Total Accidents	1,338
Accidents with injuries	196
Total persons injured	304
Fatal Accidents	0
Commercial Vehicle Accidents	42
Private Property Accidents	511
Work Zone Accidents	0

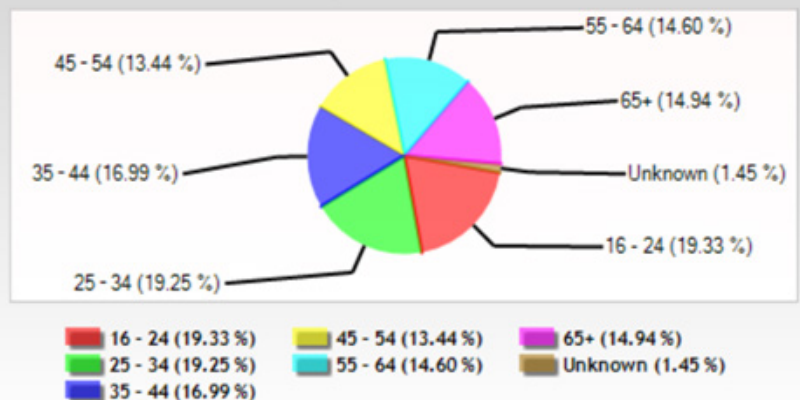
### Reports by Month



### Manner of Collision



### Age of Driver



# CITATIONS

The below table lists the top 20 citations issued within the city limits of Covington.

Violation	Total Citations
Speeding	790
Seatbelt Violation	409
Holding/Supporting Wireless Device	322
No/Expired Tag	277
Theft by Shoplifting	249
Following Too Close	231
Ran Red Light	212
Driver to Exercise Due Care	176
No Proof of Insurance	165
Ran Stop Sign	146
Improper U-Turn	143
Driving with Suspended Driver's License	135
Failure to Yield Turning Left	101
DUI of Alcohol	90
Through Traffic in Residential Districts	88
Excessive Tint on Windshield	83
Failure to Yield	77
Disorderly Conduct	74
Marijuana Possession less than 1oz	72
Child Seatbelt Violation	72
<b>Total Citations Issued in 2019</b>	<b>5,038</b>

**Total Annual Citations (3-Year Snapshot):**

**2017 - 4,093      2018 - 4,418      2019 - 5,038**

# ARRESTS & OFFENSES

In 2019, there were a total of 1,098 cases involving arrests made in the city of Covington. 1,144 people were arrested in 2019, however one or more of these people were arrested more than once giving a total of 1,218 arrests in 2019. There were 1,741 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	
Runaway Juvenile	13
Curfew Violation	6
Unruly Juvenile	7
Unruly Child	2
False Statements & Writings	6
Obstruction of Officer	90
Interfering with 911 Call	6
Giving False Name to Officer	29
False Report of Crime	1
Dis/Attempt to Disarm Officer	1
Hindering Apprehension	1
Tampering with Evidence	6
Pointing a Weapon at Another	2
Discharge Weapon on Property	3
Poss. of Firearm/Knife During comm of Crime	17
Unlawful Poss. of Firearm or Weapon	1
Carrying Concealed Weapon	2
Convicted Felon Poss. of Weapon	21
Poss. of Firearm under 18	1
Loitering or Prowling	12
Terroristic Threats & Acts	12
Tele. Harass/Disorderly/Fight Words	7
Disorderly House	2
Contributing to Delinquency	3
Unlawful Poss./Man/Dist./Sale/ THC Oil	6
Marijuana Possession less 1oz	127
Drug Related Objects	2
Ga. Controlled Substances	3
Controlled Substance Schedule I	15
Controlled Substance Schedule II	81
Controlled Substance Schedule III	5
Controlled Substance Schedule IV	11
Controlled Substance Schedule V	3
Possession Marijuana w/ Intent	10
Trafficking Illegal Drugs	2

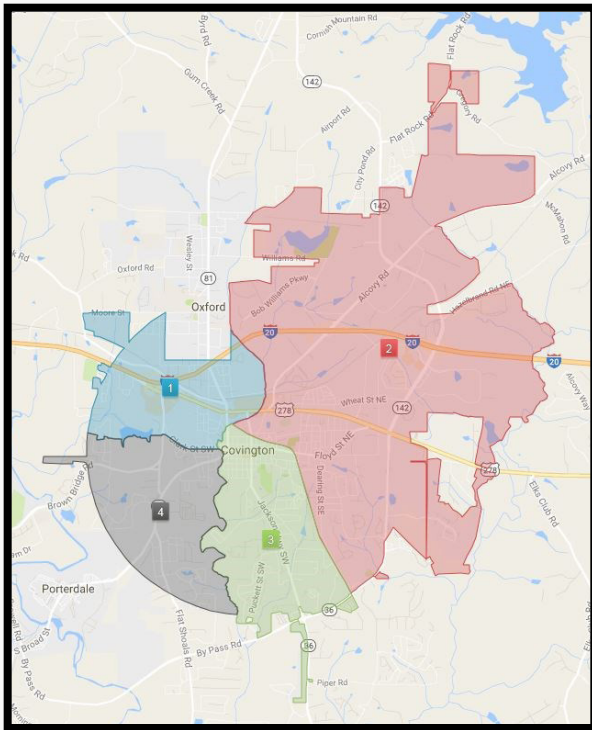
## ARRESTS & OFFENSES continued

Charges/Offenses in the City of Covington	
Poss./Use Drug Related Objects	39
Forged/Altered Prescriptions	1
Poss. Non-labeled Prescription Drugs	10
Obtaining Drugs by Fraud	1
Pres/Ord/Disp./ Dangerous Drugs	2
Parties to a Crime	3
Criminal Attempt	1
Conspiracy to Commit a Crime	2
Murder	4
Simple Assault	7
Aggravated Assault	27
Simple Battery	32
Battery	69
Aggravated Battery	2
Kidnapping	4
False Imprisonment	3
Interference with Custody	2
Reckless Conduct	8
Cruelty to Children	16
Stalking/First Offense	1
Aggravated Stalking	5
Keeping a Place of Prostitution	2
Masturbation for Hire	1
Sodomy	1
Incest	1
Sexual Battery	2
Child Molestation	6
Public Indecency	4
Prostitution	1
Burglary	16
Poss. of tools for comm of crime	6
Criminal Trespass	51
Criminal Damage to Property 1st	6
Criminal Damage to Property 2nd	9
Criminal Interference Govt. Property	1
Theft by Shoplifting	274
Theft by Taking	33
Shopping Cart Theft	1
Theft by Deception	4
Robbery	1
Armed Robbery, Robbery by Intimidation	10
Theft of Services	4
Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property	3
Theft by Receiving Stolen Property	34
Forgery 1st Degree	28
Financial identity Fraud	7
Deposit Account Fraud	1

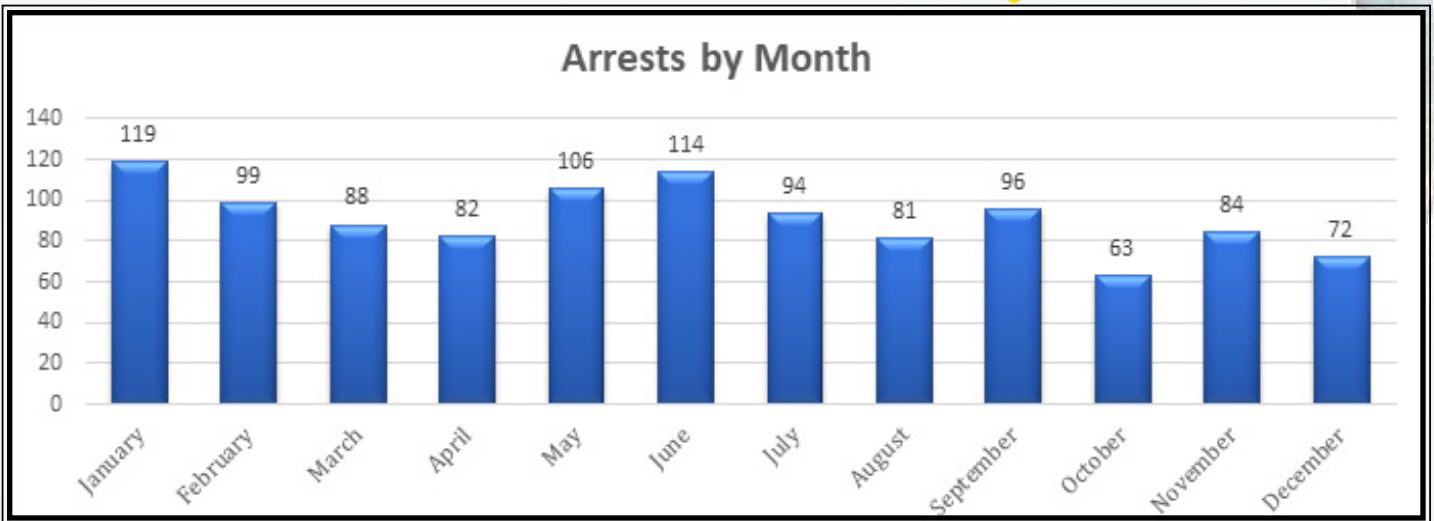


# ARRESTS & OFFENSES continued

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 209 arrests**  
**In Zone 2 there were 580 arrests**  
**In Zone 3 there were 151 arrests**  
**In Zone 4 there were 158 arrests**



Charges/Offenses in the City of Covington	
Financial Trans. Card Theft	2
Forgery of Financial Trans. Card	1
Financial Trans. Card Fraud	8
Crim. Poss. Of Trans. Card Forgery Device	3
Fraud. Attempt to Obtain Refund	1
family Violence	81
Furnish/Pos/Cons of Alc. By Minor	5
Driving w/ Suspended License	147
No Driver's License	1
Habitual Violator	1
Failure to Stop at Acc w/ Damage	17
Duty upon Striking Fixture	2
Leaving Scene of Accident	1
Reckless Driving	11
Endangering Child/DUI	1
DUI of Alcohol	92
DUI of Drugs	10
DUI of Alcohol and Drugs	1
DUI/Under age 21 - .02 or greater	1
Homicide by Vehicle	1
Serious Injury/Vehicle (DUI)	1
Fleeing to Elude	12
Crossing Guard line w/ Contraband	7
Loitering/Prowling	3
Disorderly Conduct	71
Panhandling	1



# INTERNAL AFFAIRS

During 2019, there were a total of seven citizen complaints that were filed on Covington police officers. Six of the seven complaints filed were handled by the line supervisor or the division commander. One of the complaints reached the criteria to be turned over to internal affairs for investigation. The findings of that IA investigation were sustained which resulted in the officer's termination from the Covington Police Department.

*The results of those complaints filed are as follows:*

- Sustained - 3
- Not Sustained - 0
- Unfounded - 0
- Exonerated - 4
- Policy Failure - 0



# 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 2019, our officers received 8,140 hours of training, giving a total of 100,461 career training hours for all law enforcement personnel employed in 2019. 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 daily. 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	2019 Hours	Career Hours
Officer Rory Barber	169	1260
Officer Ryan Barrett	99	507
Officer Danny Bartello	32	2521
Officer James Berry	52	931
Asst. Chief Phillip Bradford	121	2423
Officer Jeff Bruno	31	2874
Capt. Michael Bruno	35	2338
Sgt. Chris Cain	44	2672
Officer Michael Canty	95	547
Officer Denis Cerovic	23	832
Officer Matt Cooper	0	1268
Officer Stacy Cosby	24	1455
Chief Stacey Cotton	63	2786
Officer Pokey Daniels	29	660
Officer Brandon Davis	31	826
Sgt. Hayward DeRouen	25	1577
Officer Chris Detweiler	20	762
Sgt. Daniel Digby	55	1260
Officer Julie English	28	1782
Officer Scott Fairburn	20	1205
Lt. Brent Fuesting	66	1742
Derrick Hanaway	199	401
Officer Matt Holbrook	211	2117
Officer Danielle Hutchison	64	723

Officer Name	2019 Hours	Career Hours
Officer Christian Jimenez	36	444
Officer Marquis Johnson	121	1616
Lt. Mark Jones	69	3027
Officer Mark Joyner	42	2652
Officer Austin Knight	31	516
Officer Aaron Malcolm	152	874
Capt. Ken Malcom	56	2731
Sgt. Allen Martin	47	2453
Sgt. Slade McCullough	40	3212
Officer Chardelle McFarlin	435	519
Lt. Al Miller	70	2998
Officer Matt Mosley	117	1401
Officer Kinsley Nichols	426	426
Lt. Gene Nuqui	214	2791
Sgt. Vic Partee	51	2843
Officer Travis Pierce	73	1346
Officer Quinn Pitts	133	840
Officer Contrareus Robinson	87	560
Officer Walter Schreiber	21	972
Officer John Seabolt	31	2601
Sgt. Allan Seebaran	47	2089
Officer Brian Shockley	80	1235
Inv. George Smith	124	1068
Lt. Chris Smith	42	2150
Mike Smith	66	2095
Sgt. Starr Smith	29	1299
Officer David Stewart	73	1142
Officer Justin Stott	183	1237
Inv. Steve Swann	91	1147
Officer Kevin Thompson	169	620
Lt. Mike Tinsley	78	2843
Officer Matthew Torres	97	520
Officer Keith Waddell	31	827
Capt. Wendall Wagstaff	62	2678
Officer Anthony Walden	29	2359
Officer Greg Ward	420	420
Officer Brandon Wilkerson	52	1629
Officer Pat Womack	31	2044
Officer Michael Wyatt	66	714
Officer Bob Yarbrough	28	1019
Officer Garrett Yates	71	566
Officer Alan Yi	464	469

TOTAL TRAINING  
HOURS FOR 2019

**8,140 Hours**

**CPD Career Hours**

**100,461 Hours**

# 2019 Awards Banquet

The 2019 Awards Banquet was held on December 3, 2019 at Legion Field.

*Rookie of the Year*

**Off. Contrareus Robinson**



*Employee of the Year*  
**CID: Det. Travis Pierce**

*100 Club*

**Asst. Chief Philip Bradford**

**Capt. Wendell Wagstaff**

**Lt. Al Miller**

**Lt. Mike Tinsley**

**Sgt. Daniel Digby**

**Sgt. Starr Smith**

**Sgt. Allan Seebaran**

**Off. Matt Holbrook**

**Off. Brandon Davis**

**Off. Marquis Johnson**

**Off. John Seabolt**

**Off. Steve Swann**

**Off. IV Smith**

**Off. Justin Stott**

**Marshal Danny Bartello**

**Retired Lt. Chuck Groover**

*Officer of the Year*

**Off. Michael Canty**

*Meritorious Service Award*

**Sgt. Slade McCullough**

**Off. Contrareus Robinson**

**Off. Pokey Daniels**

**Off. Dave Stewart**

**Off. Derrick Hanaway**

**Off. Quin Pitts**

**Sgt. Vic Partee**

**Det. Julie English**

**Det. Jeff Bruno**



*Departmental Commendations*

**Off. Justin Stott**

**Off. Christian Jimenez**

**Off. Ryan Barrett**

**Off. Alan Yi**

**Sgt. Slade McCullough**

**Sgt. Allen Martin**

**Det. Julie English**

**Det. Jeff Bruno**

**Heather Sullivan**

**Cheryl Vaughn**

*Employee of the Year - Patrol*

**Off. Marquis Johnson**

*Employee of the Year -*

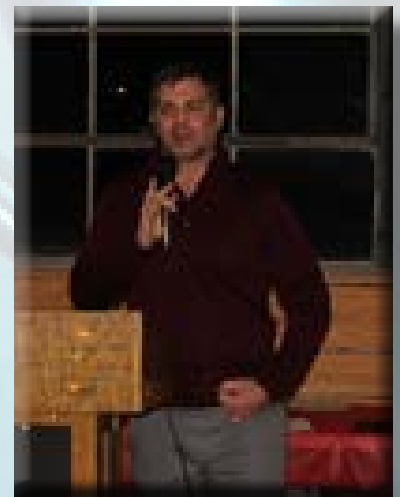
*Support Services*

**Off. Justin Stott**



*Firearms Award Top Gun*

**Off. Marquis Johnson**



*Physical Fitness Awards*

**Lt. Gene Nuqui**

**Off. Kevin Thompson**

**Lt. Chris Smith**

**Off. IV Smith**



# 2019 New Employees



**Danielle Hutchinson**  
11/4/19



**Kinsley Nichols**  
3/11/19



**Christopher Smith**  
9/9/19



**Gregory Ward**  
3/11/19



**Michael Wyatt**  
9/9/19



**Kimberly Summerville**  
8/26/19

# Covington Police 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 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 Sergeant 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 three CPD officers, the Honor Guard is designed to show support for and recognition of the sacrifices by those who have served and protected society. The CPD Honor Guard works very closely with the Covington Fire Department's Honor Guard and their 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.



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 must 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. 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.



# Emergency Services Unit ESU

The Covington Police Department's Emergency Services Unit (ESU) was formed in 2015 to more effectively address certain situations that 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 always keep their assigned equipment with them in their vehicles. 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 goal is to have a team that can perform a variety of duties in addition to tactical response, as we continue to utilize our resources for the citizens of Covington.





# Fuzz Run

AND



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 several 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, dinner and a 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 to continue the vision of Hilton and raise money to help Officers who were injured or killed in the line of duty. In 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 a 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 several 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.



The Covington Police Fuzz Run, held the second Saturday in September, is the primary source of in-come for the Fund. Many 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 37th annual event, scheduled for September 12, 2020. Last year, we had 3,038 runners that participated in either the 5K road race, the one-mile fun run, or the Mary Beth Red Bird Run. The sponsorships from businesses and individuals were more than \$116,000. The Fuzz Run committee begins planning months prior to the event.

# 2019 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 (S.C.A.N.) watch programs. The "Scare on the Square" Halloween event which is coordinated by the Covington Police Department and other local public safety partners is one of these events.



*A Safe and Fun Trick or Treating Alternative*



# SHOP with a COP



The Police Who Care conducted Shop with a Cop twice in 2019. In August 2019, officers went back to school shopping with a group of children to secure clothes and school supplies before returning for the 2019-2020 school year.

Then on 12/05/19, the Covington Police Who Care Shop with a Cop event was held at Walmart located at 10300 Industrial Blvd. Lt. Smith coordinated the event with Lindsay Tyner of CASA and Sonya Carter of Newton County DFACS. Arrangements were made for Newton County DFACS and CASA to designate twenty-five children that were currently in foster care to attend the event at Walmart. There was a foster family that arrived and had an extra child with them that was not on the list. Arrangements were made to accommodate that child also which brought the total number of children to twenty-six. The Covington Police Who Care provided twenty-six \$150.00 Walmart gift cards and designated each child with a \$150.00 gift card to shop with during the event.

Lt. Smith made arrangements for Santa Clause to be in attendance and have his picture made with each of the children. Santa was stationed in the garden center around the Christmas trees for the photographs. Walmart management staffed registers in the garden center with additional cashiers to allow the children to check out in a timely manner.

DFACS and CASA coordinated the transportation of the children to Walmart. The children arrived at the store at approximately 4:30 pm. Thirty Covington Police employees, two Georgia State Patrol Troopers, two Oxford Police Officers and several Covington Police Explorers attended the event to shop with the children. Each child was paired with a uniform officer upon their arrival. The officer escorted the children while they shopped with the provided \$150.00 gift card. Each child had their picture made with Santa Clause and then the children were turned back over to DFACS and CASA personnel prior to departure.

The event was successful and appeared to really make a positive impact on these children and help to build a good relationship between them and law enforcement.



# 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 Officer Michael Canty; he is assisted by CSR Sherica Tate, 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.

2019 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 2019, 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,  
Officer Canty can be reached at 770-786-7605 or  
explorers@covingtonpolice.com.**

**Other information about Exploring can be found at  
<https://www.exploring.org/law-enforcement/>**



The City of Covington Police Department held two citizens academy classes in 2019. The classes were in the spring and fall. This was the tenth and eleventh 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 citizens 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. Participants were invited to the department's firearms range, taught about firearms and given the opportunity to shoot department or privately-owned weapons. 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 to observe self-initiated activity and responding to calls for service. 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.

In the spring session of 2019, twenty-three (23) people participated in the program. In the fall session of 2019, twenty-four (24) people participated. A total of forty-seven (47) citizens participated and forty-three (43) graduated from the program. All participants provided positive feedback about the program. ***If you have interest in the program contact program coordinator Lt. Gene Nuqui at (770) 385-6555 or email at Gene.Nuqui@covingtonpolice.com***

# *In Loving Memory* 1950 - 2019 Assistant Chief (Ret.) Almond Turner



*Where there is deep grief, there is deep love.  
We are grieving so deeply. Gone too soon.*

Known affectionately as “Chief,” Almond James Turner was the first-born son of the late Almond and Lavancy Maxey Turner. He began his earthly journey on August 21, 1950. Almond Turner was born and raised in Newton County. His father passed away at a young age, leaving his mother to raise both him and his brother Michael. His spiritual foundation began at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Covington, where he was baptized at an early age. He married his childhood sweetheart, Anita Franklin Turner, in 1970. To this union, three children were born - Dwhan, Shaye and Shundra.

A lifelong resident of Covington, he attended the historic R.L. Cousins School and graduated in 1968. Upon graduation, his love of music and his aptitude for the trumpet led him to Fort Valley State College. There, he majored in music with dreams of becoming a band director. However, he realized that playing his trumpet would not be financially viable in order to take care of his young family. While working as a security officer, Turner noticed a hiring ad for the Atlanta Police Department and decided to apply. His wife encouraged him to pursue an opening at the City of



Covington Police Department since Covington was their home. Turner applied for both jobs and the day before he reported to take a physical for the Atlanta Police Department, the Covington Police Chief called him for an interview. He was hired on June 13, 1972.

Almond Turner also attended DeKalb Community College where he earned an Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and Troy University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He was a 1982 graduate of the FBI National Academy, as well as a 2002 graduate of Columbus State University’s Command College.



During his tenure at the Covington Police Department, he held a number of positions. Turner was promoted to Lieutenant in the Investigative Division in 1978 and then to Captain in 1984. In 1979, Almond Turner became a member of the original Newton County/Covington SWAT Team representing the City of Covington. He would be named the first African American Assistant Chief of Police in 1997 and held that title through his retirement in 2016. Almond Turner was also asked to lead a Community Relations unit designed to develop relationships with youth in Covington, which he continued to do throughout his career. When he retired, Turner was the City of Covington’s longest-tenured employee. He served the City of Covington and its residents as a police officer for 45 years.

Although Almond Turner was many things to many people, he was first a man of God. He faithfully raised his family at Bethlehem Baptist Church where he became an ordained deacon. While at Bethlehem, he served in numerous ministries including the male choir and trustee ministries. He later joined Springfield Baptist Church in Conyers where he served under the deacon ministry and became head of security after retiring from the Covington Police Department. A proud graduate of the Newton County School System, Almond Turner became an elected Newton Courtney school Board Member. He was first elected to serve on the Board of Education in 1996 and continued to serve to the present day. During his tenure as a board member, he employed his law enforcement and security experience to improve safety measures throughout the school system, which included the installation of cameras in all school buses and all classrooms. He also fought for change in school policies to make sure that any implemented would be fair and equitable to students, teachers and administrators. Almond Turner was committed to supporting teachers and ensuring they had the necessary tools needed to provide children with quality education.

Almond had a passion for his community and loved serving others. You would often see him playing the trumpet in the Newton County Community Band. He also served with numerous local community organizations including Executive Board of Directors of the YMCA, Board of Directors of Newton County Clean and Beautiful, Member of the Covington Kiwanis Club, Washington Street Community Center Advisory Board and mentor at Cousins Middle School in Covington.

He is survived by his loving and dedicated wife Anita Franklin Turner; three children: Dwahn Turner (Grenetta), Shaye turner Barrett (Christopher), Shundra Turner Green (Bradley); ten grandchildren: Aneissia Barrett, Denetress Turner, Layla Barrett, Gabrielle Turner, Elisa Barrett, Gavin Turner, Christopher Barrett II, Lawson Green, Sarah Green and Savanah Green - all residing in Covington; one brother Michael Turner (Barbara) of Conyers; and special cousins Annet Allen and Carolyn Turner.





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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](http://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, to submit an anonymous tip and find us on Facebook.



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