



COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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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 2022. 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. If you have any questions about any of the information contained in this report, please contact Officer Aaron Malcolm at 770-385-2144.

Sincerely,

Stacey L. Cotton

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Chief of Police





2022 Covington City Council

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*Susie Keck, Post 1 East • Charika Davis, Post 2 West***

**Back Row (L-R): Anthony Henderson, Post 3 West • Don Floyd, Post
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COMMAND STAFF



Chief of Police
Stacey L. Cotton



Assistant Chief of Police
Philip Bradford



Captain Wendell Wagstaff



Captain Brent Fuesting



Captain Mark Jones



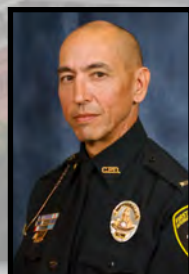
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ORGANIZATIONAL BREAKDOWN OF THE COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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.

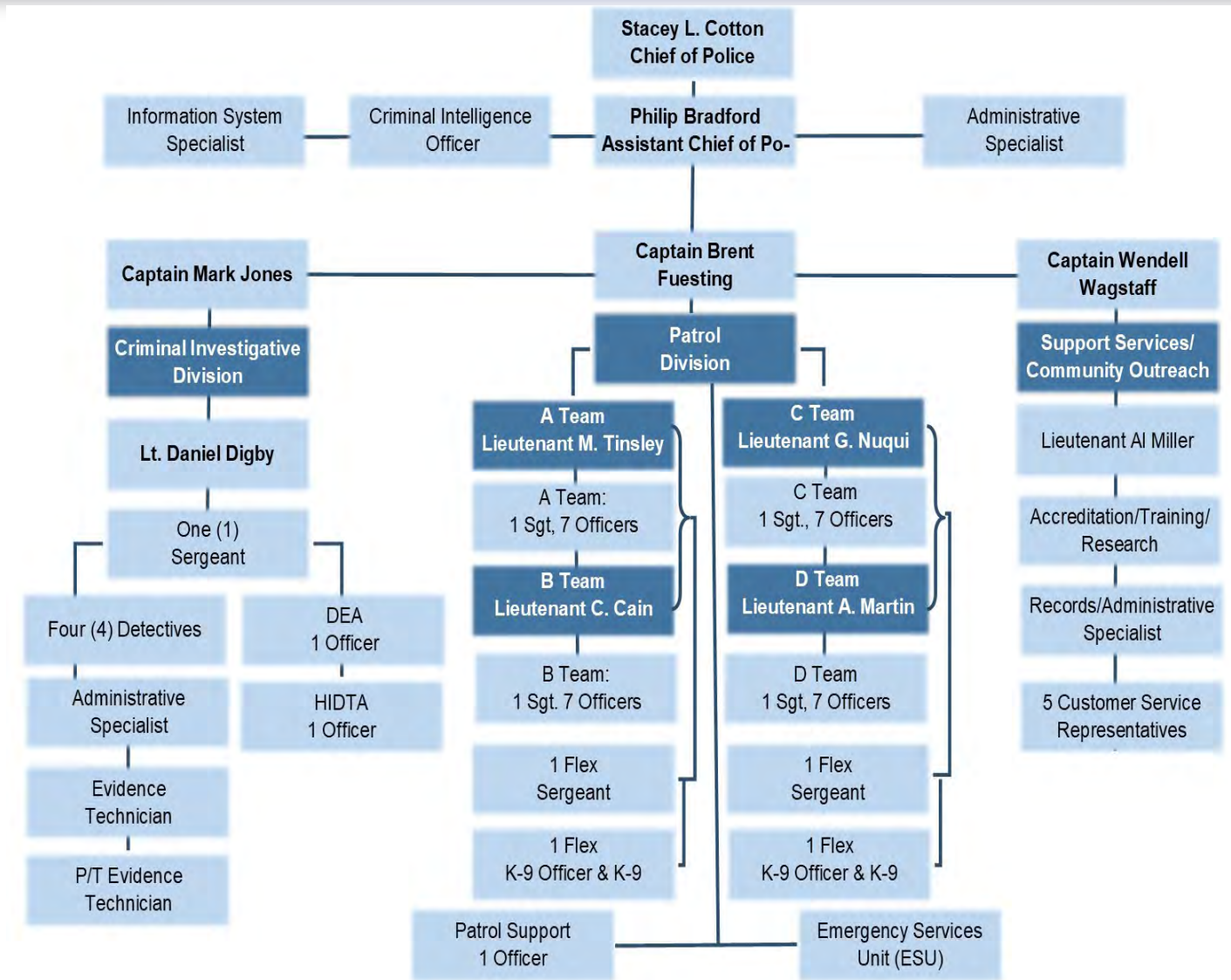
The Criminal Investigative Division, also called C.I.D., is responsible for the investigation of incidents forwarded to them from the Patrol Division. The incidents include property crimes from minor thefts and shoplifting to person crimes as serious as child molestation, rape and murder. C.I.D. case 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 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, training and research as well. The division is also responsible for facilitating community watches/homeowner's association outreach and multiple community functions and events, like "Shop with a Cop-Back to School," "Fuzz Run," "Holiday Shop with a Cop," and many more.



2022 Covington Police Department Organizational Chart





C.A.L.E.A.

COMMISSION ON
ACCREDITATION FOR
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

In November 2022, the CPD successfully completed its second year review. The department is reviewed every year and is reaccredited every four years. The accreditation process involves CALEA assessors from around the United States evaluating the CPD and its compliance with the standards required for accreditation.

The CPD has met the standard of being CALEA accredited 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 accreditation status without a break in service. 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 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

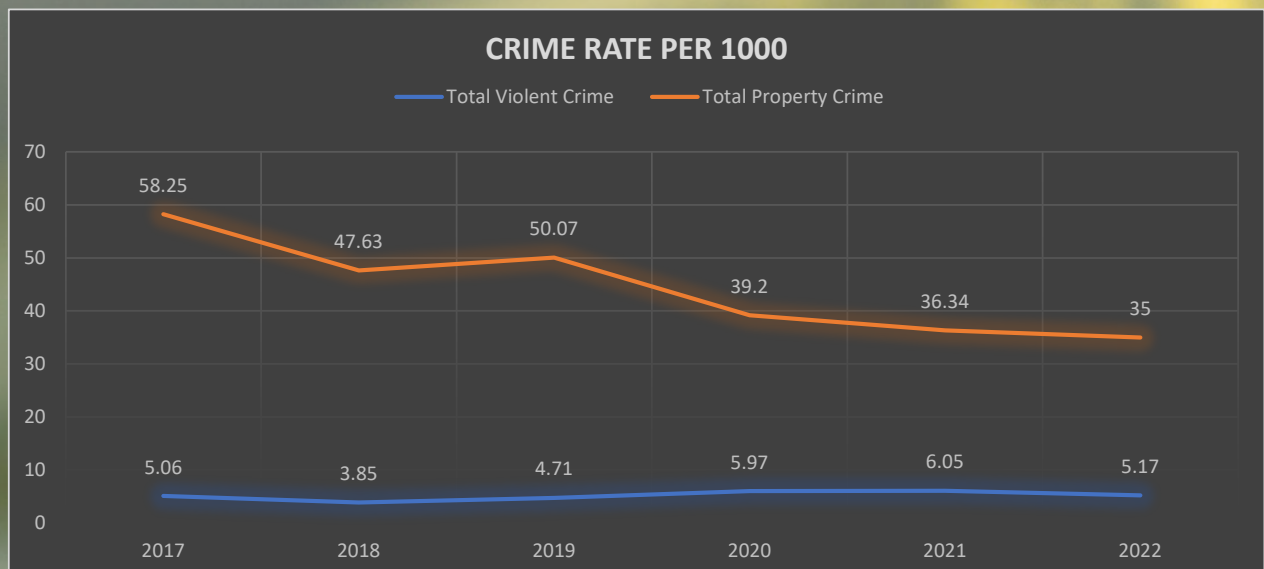
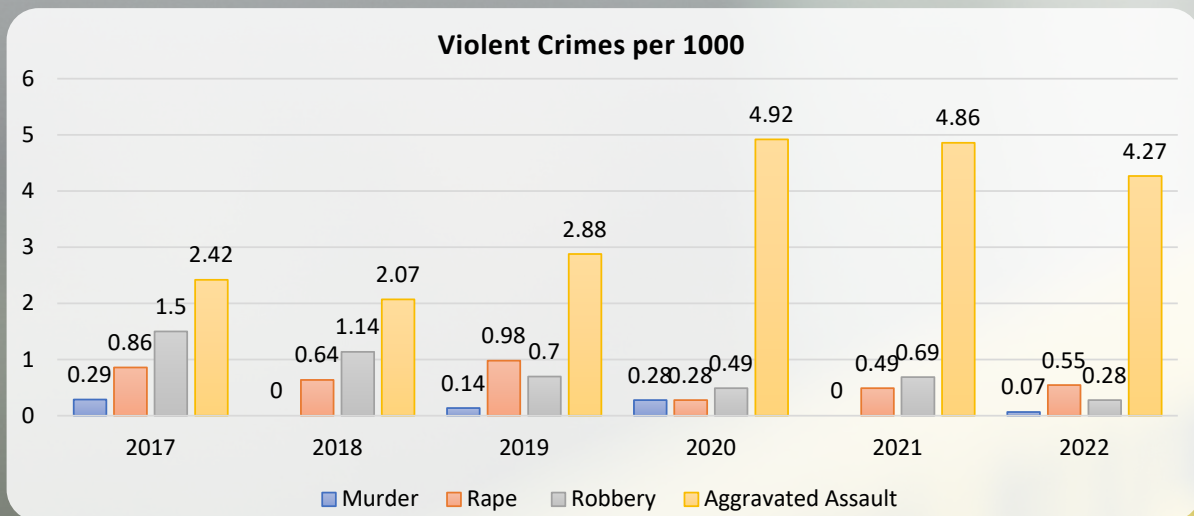
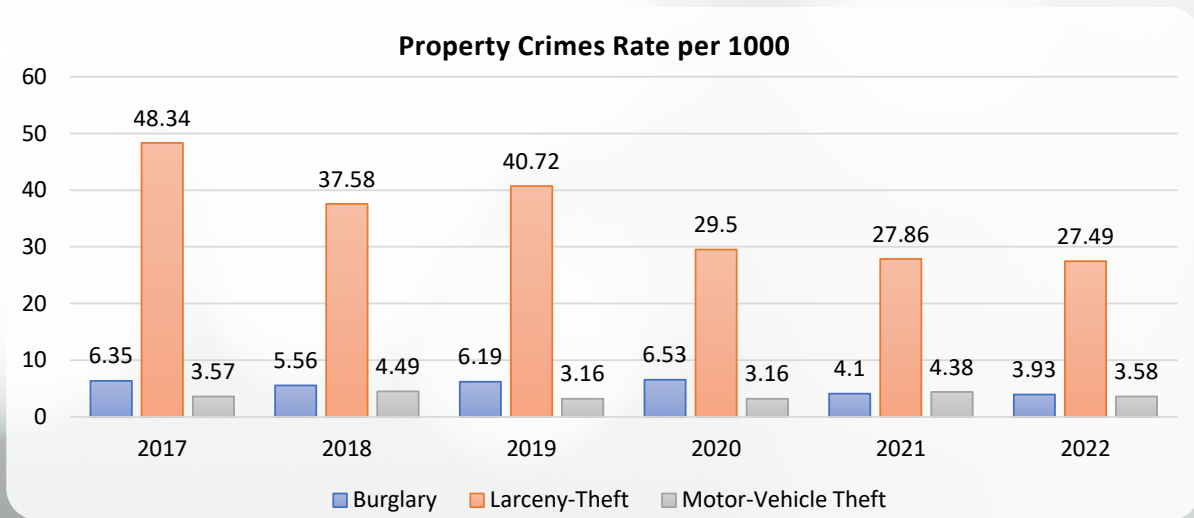
Data collected on offenses reported or investigated by the Covington Police Department include the count of Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor-Vehicle Theft, and Human Trafficking (involuntary Servitude and Commercial Sex Acts). Due to the seriousness, frequency of occurrence and likelihood of these crimes being reported, they are regarded as an Index Crime. The first four index crimes are Violent Crimes or Crimes Against Persons. The remaining crimes are serious Property Crimes.

| 2022 | Murder | Rape | Robbery | Aggravated Assaults | Burglary | Larceny Theft | Stolen Auto | Totals |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| January | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 25 | 3 | 36 |
| February | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 26 | 10 | 55 |
| March | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 29 | 6 | 42 |
| April | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 27 | 4 | 44 |
| May | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 43 | 2 | 55 |
| June | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 36 | 5 | 48 |
| July | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 33 | 4 | 45 |
| August | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 34 | 4 | 46 |
| September | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 37 | 5 | 56 |
| October | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 36 | 1 | 53 |
| November | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 33 | 4 | 46 |
| December | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 40 | 4 | 57 |
| Total | 1 | 8 | 4 | 62 | 57 | 399 | 52 | 583 |
| Avg/Month | 0.08 | 0.67 | 0.33 | 5.17 | 4.75 | 33.25 | 4.33 | 48.58 |



| Rate per 1,000 (Population) | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Population | 14,025 | 14,025 | 14,220 | 14,235 | 14,391 | 14,513 |
| Murder | 0.29 | 0.00 | 0.14 | 0.28 | 0.00 | 0.07 |
| Rape | 0.86 | 0.64 | 0.98 | 0.28 | 0.49 | 0.55 |
| Robbery | 1.50 | 1.14 | 0.70 | 0.49 | 0.69 | 0.28 |
| Aggravated Assault | 2.42 | 2.07 | 2.88 | 4.92 | 4.86 | 4.27 |
| Burglary | 6.35 | 5.56 | 6.19 | 6.53 | 4.10 | 3.93 |
| Larceny-Theft | 48.34 | 37.58 | 40.72 | 29.50 | 27.86 | 27.49 |
| Motor-Vehicle Theft | 3.57 | 4.49 | 3.16 | 3.16 | 4.38 | 3.58 |
| Total Violent Crime | 5.06 | 3.85 | 4.71 | 5.97 | 6.05 | 5.17 |
| Total Property Crime | 58.25 | 47.63 | 50.07 | 39.20 | 36.34 | 35.00 |

CRIME RATE PER 1000

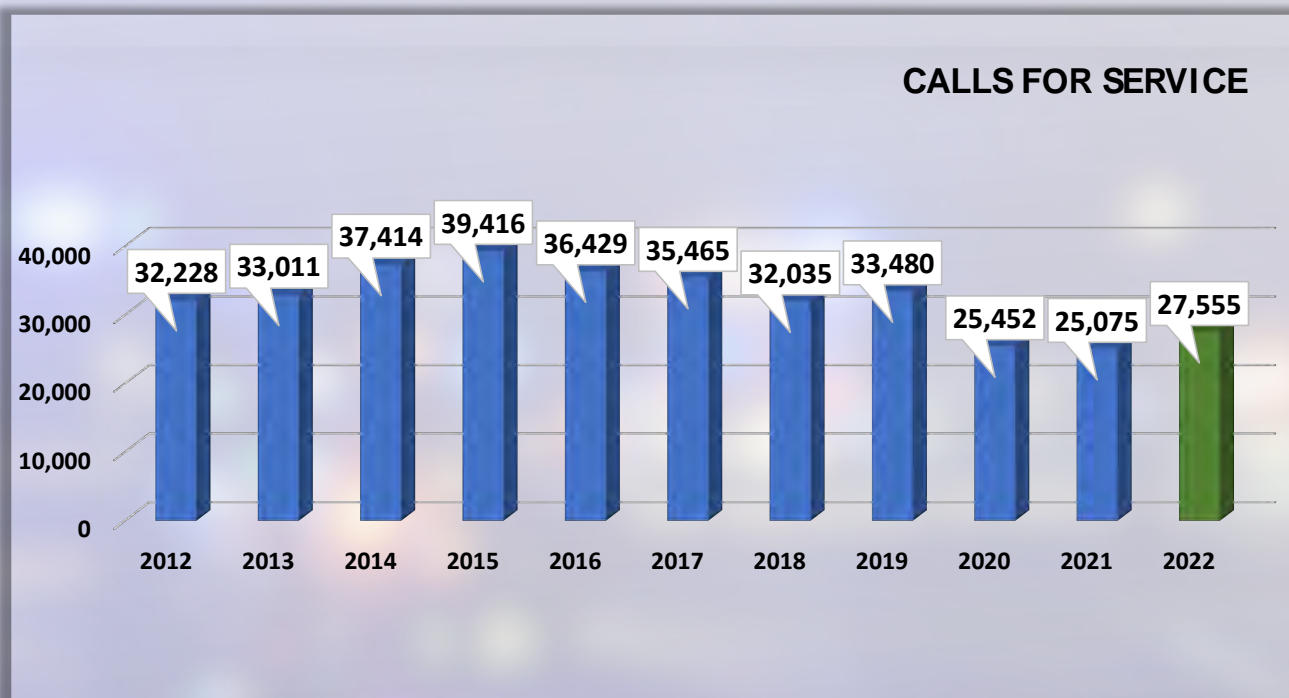


CALLS FOR SERVICE & MAJOR CRIMES

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.

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."



In 2022, CPD Officers responded to 27,555 calls for service; 25,329 were calls that did not require a report to be written, and 2,226 calls required an incident report to be written.

ALL POLICE ACTIVITY

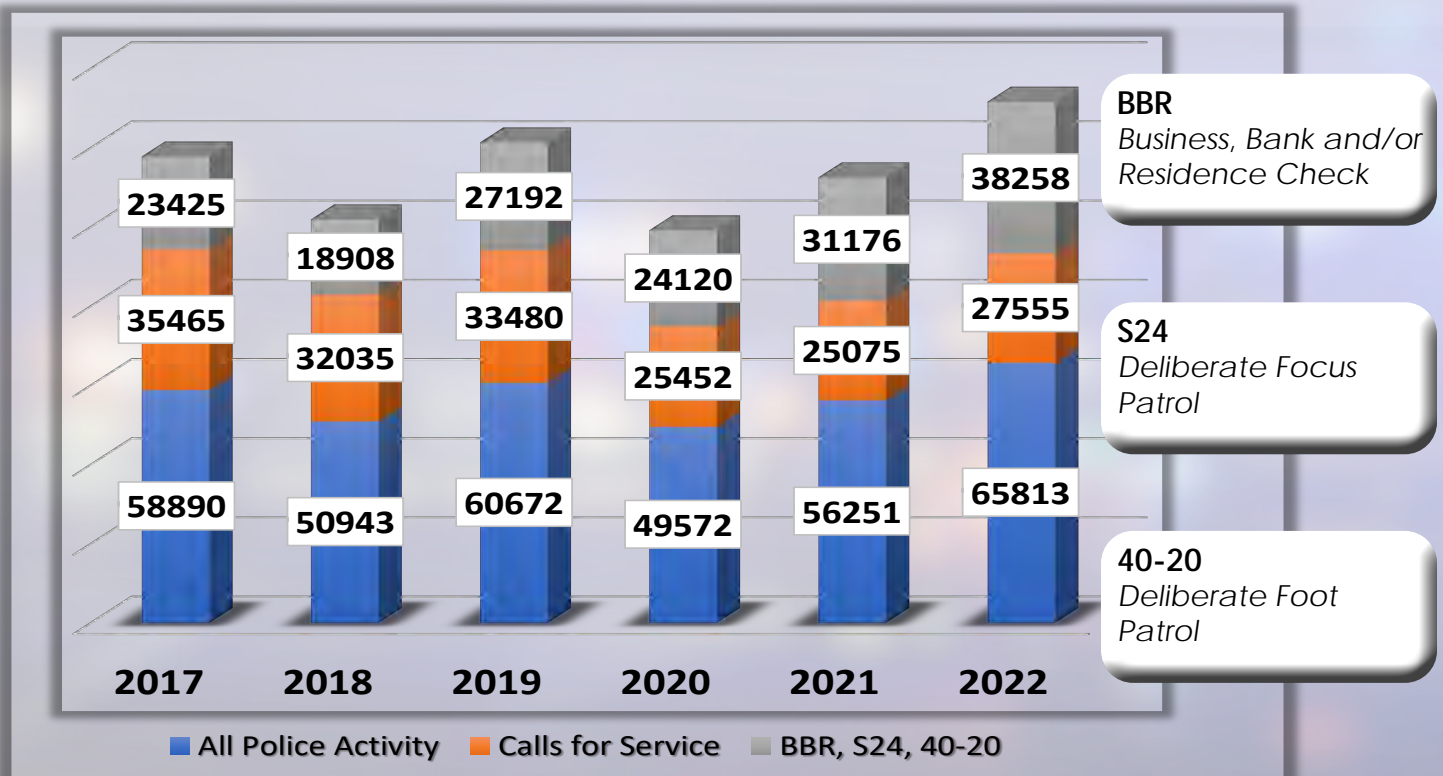
During a normal work shift (6-6), the CPD officer responds to calls for service, makes traffic stops, and addresses suspicious activities. These activities generate a case number into the CPD's database which are later used for reports, investigations, crime statistics, determining crime trends and patterns,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

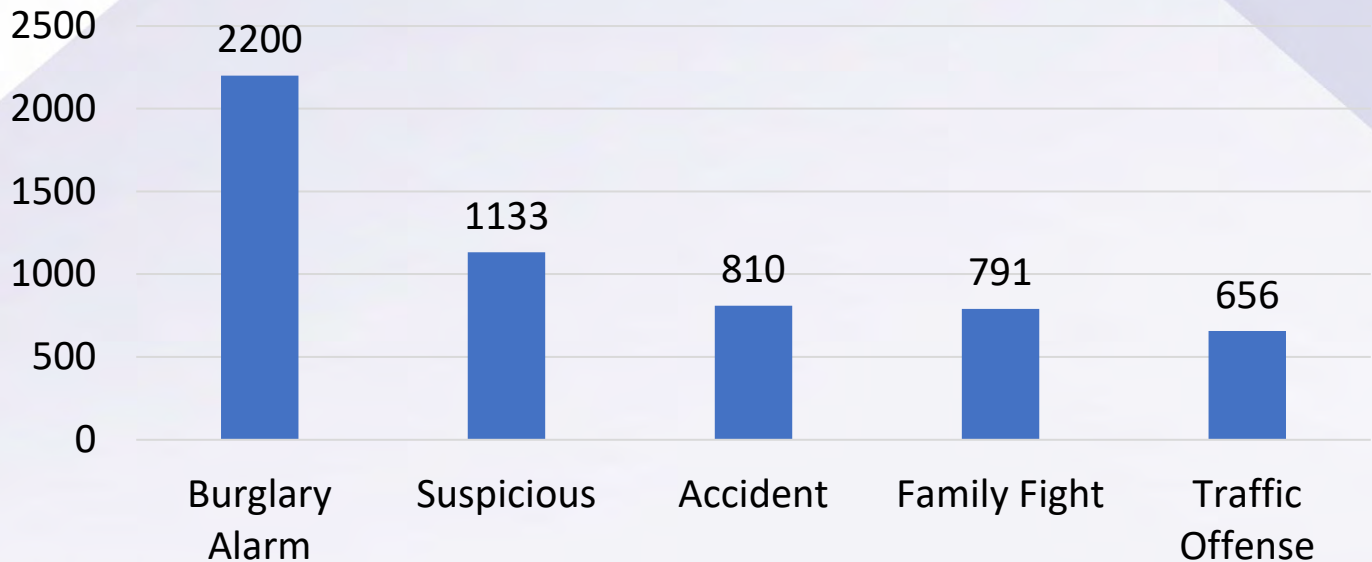


CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for service initiated by incoming 911 line

2022 TOP CALLS FOR SERVICE

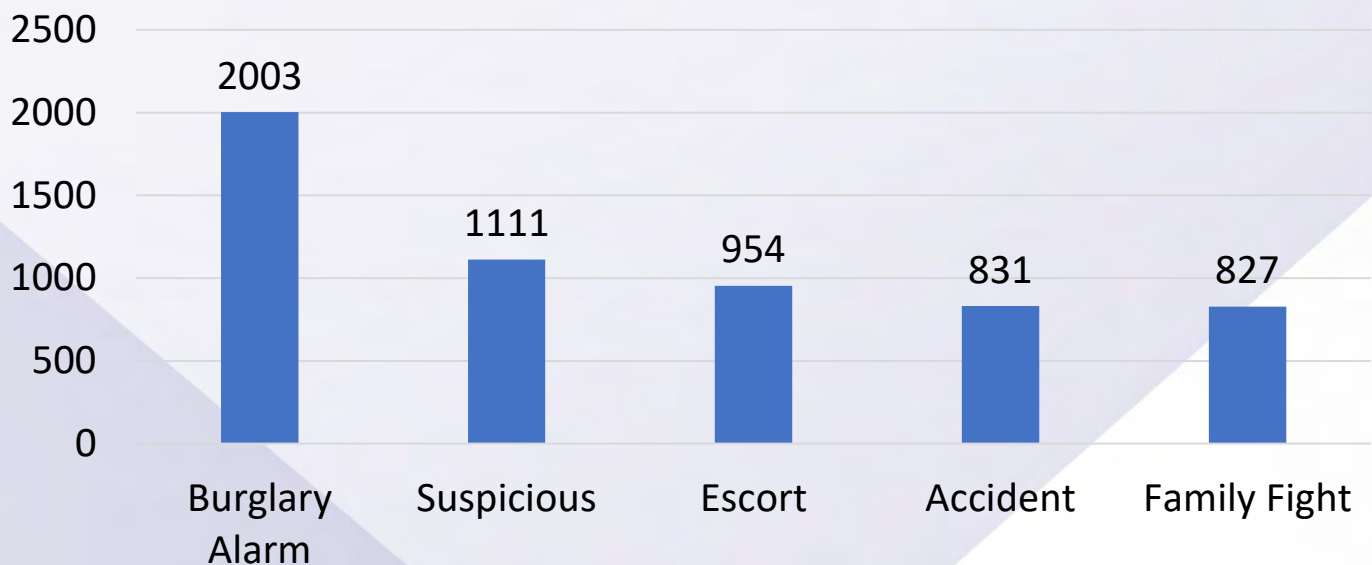
911



In 2022, on average, one law call was received every 7.18 minutes across Newton County.

2021 TOP CALLS FOR SERVICE

911



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS & ENFORCEMENT

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:

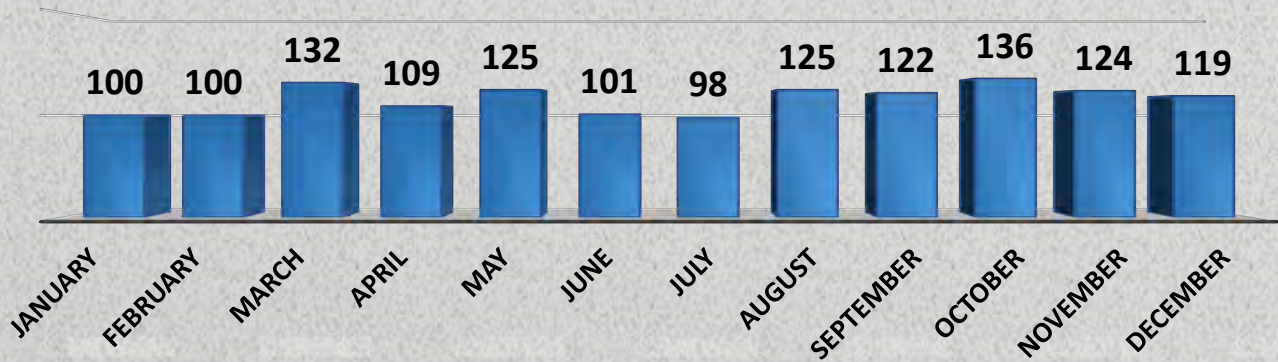
- Accidents Summary
- Collisions by Month
- Collisions by Day
- Age of driver
- Traffic Enforcement:
 - Year-to-Year Comparison, Total Traffic Stops
 - Year-to-Year Comparison, Total Citations Issued
 - Top Violations, Cited in 2022

ACCIDENT SUMMARY

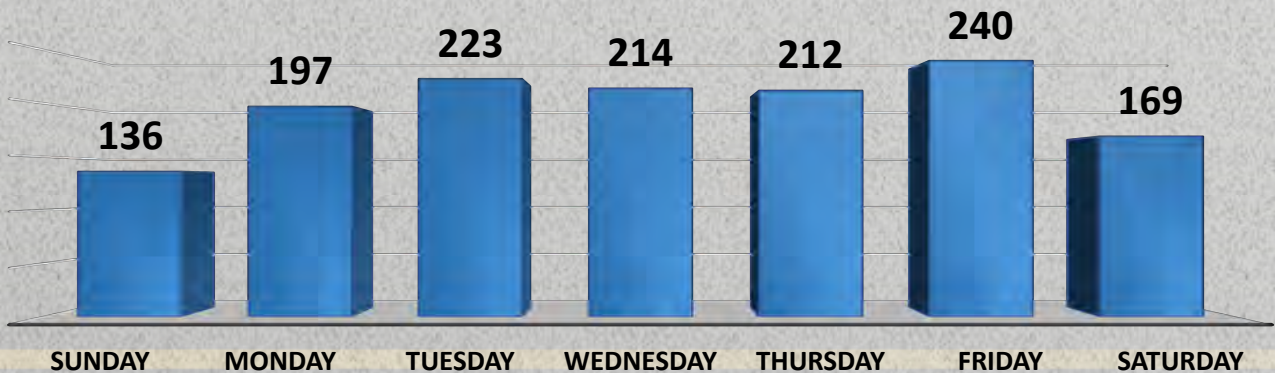
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|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Crashes | 1,391 |
| Injury Crashes | 202 |
| Total Injured | 281 |
| Fatal Crashes | 0 |
| Total Fatalities | 0 |
| Commercial Vehicle Crashes | 53 |
| Property Damage Crashes | 1,189 |
| Private Property Crashes | 502 |
| Work Zone Crashes | 20 |
| Hit and Run | 156 |

COLLISION DATA

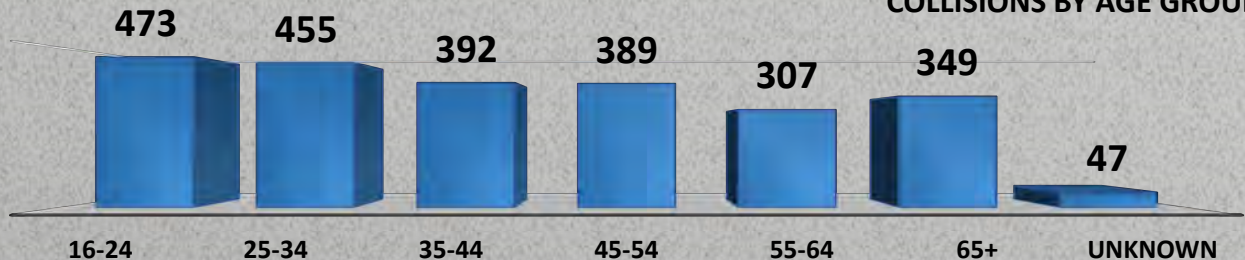
COLLISIONS BY MONTH



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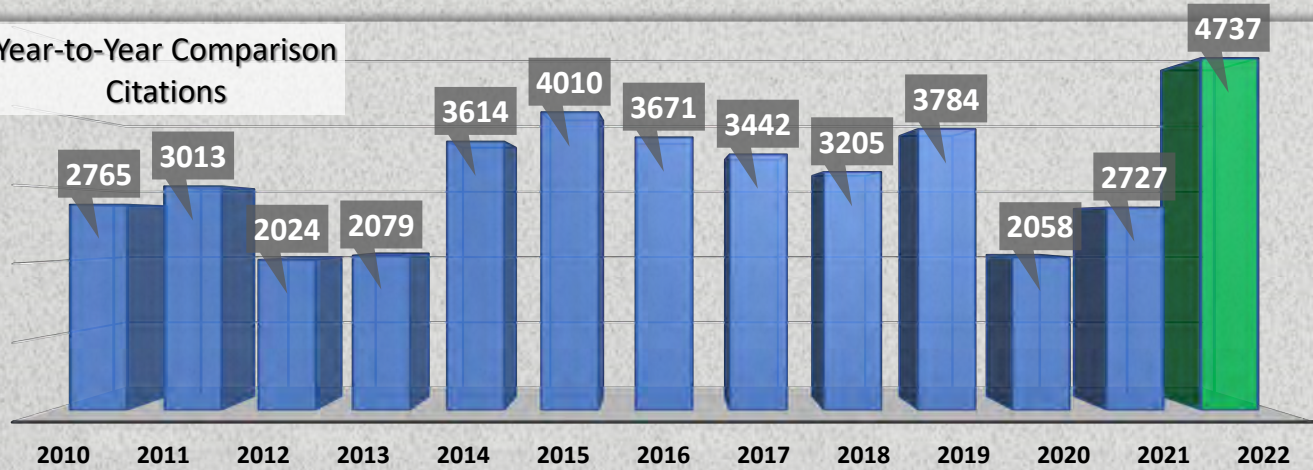


COLLISIONS BY AGE GROUP



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Year-to-Year Comparison
Citations

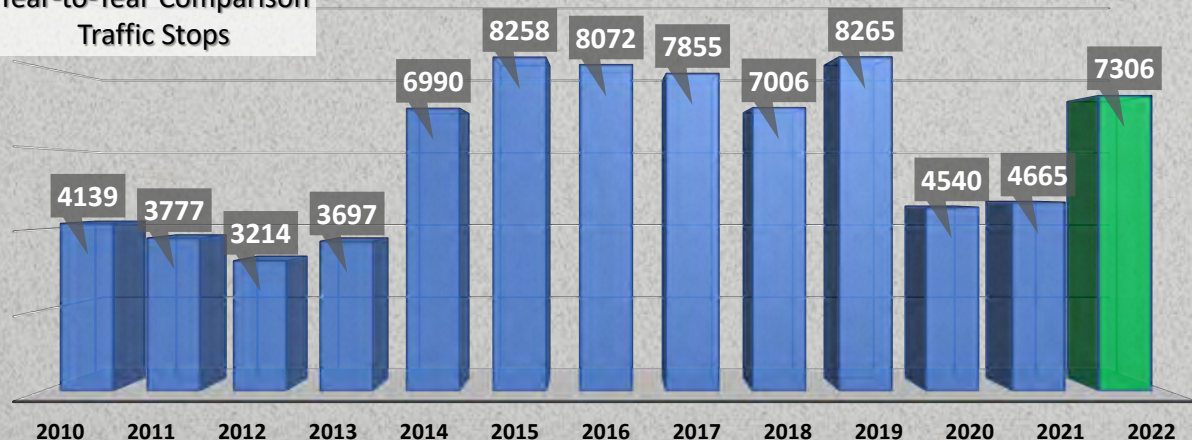


VIOLATION, MOST CITED

TOTAL ISSUED, 2022

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Speeding | 569 |
| No/Expired Tag | 434 |
| Ran Stop Sign | 433 |
| Ran Red Light | 414 |
| No Proof of Insurance | 336 |
| Holding/Supporting Wireless | 293 |
| Following Too Close | 180 |
| Driving w/Suspended Registration | 169 |
| Through traffic in residential | 150 |
| Improper U-Turn | 133 |
| Failure to Yield/Turning | 121 |
| Driving W/Suspended Dr Li | 120 |

Year-to-Year Comparison
Traffic Stops

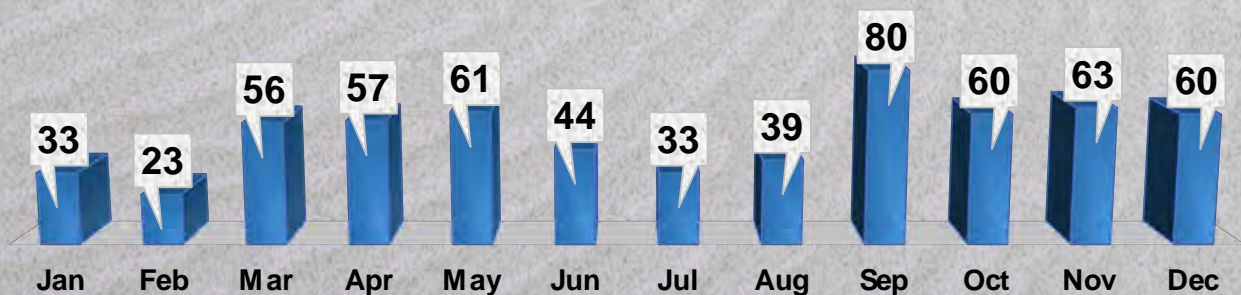


ARRESTS & OFFENSES

In 2022, there were a total of 548 people were arrested. Due to COVID-19, there was a significant reduction in physical arrests in Covington dating back to the beginning of Pandemic Shutdowns. The Newton County Jail limited the number of individuals they would accept into the facility in an effort to reduce the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the jail. In many cases, an individual would have to be released on a citation, or the officer would take a warrant on the person later. Out of the 607 arrest dispositions a total of 1,112 offense violations were filed. This means one or more of the people arrested had multiple charges. The offenses/violations can be found in this section.

| ARREST DISPOSITIONS | TOTALS |
|---|------------|
| NON-JUVE | 543 |
| JH - Juvenile Handled Within Department | 3 |
| JR - Juvenile Referred to Other Authority | 25 |
| JRP - Juvenile released to parents | 37 |
| R - Referred | 1 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 607 |

ARREST BY MONTH



OFFENSES FILED

| OFFENSE | COUNTS |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| DUI Alcohol or Drugs | 98 |
| Suspended License | 91 |
| Family violence/family fight | 67 |
| Obstruction of officer | 64 |
| Cruelty to children | 61 |
| Battery | 51 |
| Controlled Substance/Possession | 44 |
| Trespassing | 44 |
| Assault with a Firearm | 42 |
| Weapons Offense | 32 |
| Theft by Receiving | 29 |
| Theft, Property, Other | 29 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 28 |
| False Information or Report | 27 |
| Theft, Property, Shoplifting | 27 |
| Simple Battery | 24 |
| Terroristic Threats/Acts | 21 |
| Cont. Substance/Possession Marijuana | 19 |
| Leaving the Scene of Accident | 18 |
| Cont. Substance/Possess Paraphernalia | 17 |
| Criminal damage | 15 |
| Cont. Substance/Sale/Manu/Other | 11 |
| Assault, Other Weapon | 10 |
| Child Molestation | 10 |
| Duty Upon Striking Fixture | 10 |
| Assault with a Knife | 9 |
| Reckless Driving | 8 |
| Fleeing to Elude | 7 |
| Forgery | 7 |
| Reckless Conduct | 7 |
| Child Abuse or Neglect | 6 |
| Assault, Simple | 5 |
| Cont. Substance/Possess Synthetics | 5 |
| Controlled Subs/Possess Cocaine | 5 |
| Theft, Vehicle: Automobile | 5 |
| Traffic Offense | 5 |
| Alcohol Sales/Consumption U21 | 4 |
| Loitering | 4 |
| Stalking | 4 |
| Statutory Rape | 4 |
| Theft by Deception | 4 |
| Theft, Property, From Motor Vehicle | 4 |
| Altercation of VIN | 3 |
| Contrib. to Del. of Minor | 3 |

| OFFENSE | COUNTS |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
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| Alteration of VIN | 3 |
| Contrib. to Del. of Minor | 3 |
| Indecent Exposure | 3 |
| Interfere With 911 Calls | 3 |
| Sex Offense | 3 |
| Affray | 2 |
| Fraud, Impersonation | 2 |
| Possession Burglary Tools | 2 |
| Robbery/Other Weapon, Misc. | 2 |
| Abuse of the elderly | 1 |
| Alcohol Offense | 1 |
| Assault No Weapon, Agg Injury | 1 |
| Burglary, Non-res, Forcible Entry | 1 |
| Burglary, Resident, Forcible Entry | 1 |
| Burglary, Resident, Unlawful Entry | 1 |
| Cont Subst/Sale/Manu/Marijuana | 1 |
| Controlled sub./Unlabeled drugs | 1 |
| Criminal attempt | 1 |
| Cruelty to Animals | 1 |
| Entering Auto/Vandalism | 1 |
| Enticing Child Indecent Purpose | 1 |
| False Imprisonment | 1 |
| Forged/Altered Prescription | 1 |
| Kidnapping/Abduction | 1 |
| Littering/Pollution Problem | 1 |
| Murder | 1 |

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 2022, our officers received 7,250 hours of training, giving a total of 84,803 career training hours for all law enforcement personnel employed in 2022. 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.

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS
FOR 2022: 7,250

CAREER HOURS
FOR 2022: 84,803



HIRING ANALYSIS

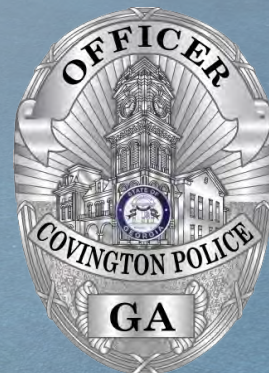
Each year, the goal of the Covington Police Department is to hire and retain police officers as effectively and efficiently as possible. The Covington Police Department continues to have high standards that each applicant must meet to be hired.

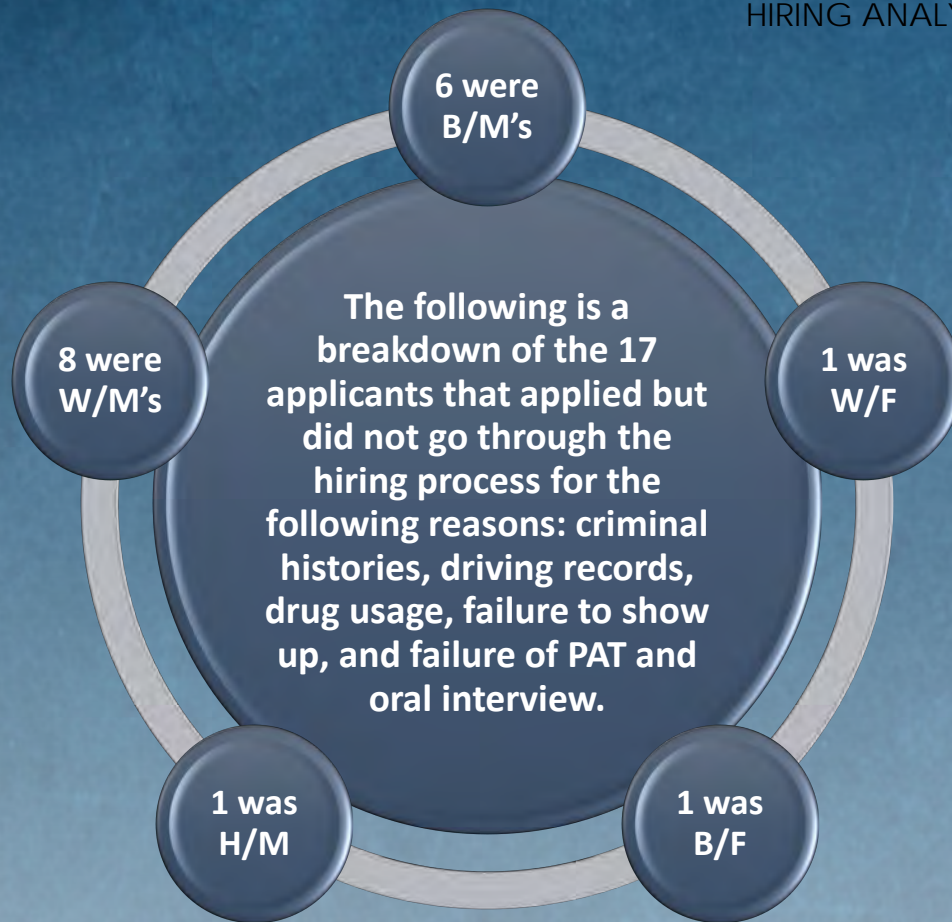
Once again, this year, hiring and retaining police officers continues to be a challenge for our department. The submission of applications to our department was down this year from 42 in 2021 to 32 this year in 2022.

At the start of 2022, the department was 3 officers short. By the end of 2022, the department was 2 officers short. The department lost 10 officers during the year, however, hired 11 new police officers in 2022. Of the 10 officers that left, two of those officers returned to the department in the same year. In looking at the reasons why officers left the department, 6 of the 10 officers that left went to another law enforcement agency, 2 left the profession, one retired, and one was terminated.

2022 HIRING STATISTICS

- 32 applications were received, down from 42 last year (23.9% decrease).
- 15 W/M, 9 B/M, 4 W/F, 3 H/M, 1 B/F
- 17 of the applicants were minorities (53.1%).
- 11 of the 32 applicants were hired (34.3%).
- 2 officers left and were rehired within year 2022.
- 6 W/M, 2 B/M, 1 W/F, and 2 H/M were hired.
- Of the 11 applicants hired, 5 were minorities (45.4%).
- Out of the 32 applications received, 21 participated in the physical fitness test (65.6%).
- 18 of the 21 applicants passed the physical fitness test (85.7%).
- 40% of the white males that applied were hired.
- 22.2% of the black males that applied were hired.
- 66.6% of the Hispanic males that applied were hired.
- 25% of the white females that applied were hired.





Most of the applicants who completed the hiring process in 2022 were hired. Two additional applications are pending background investigations into 2023. Half of the applications received either did not return calls/show up or was disqualified in the initial phase of the hiring process.

In speaking to other agencies, everyone has vacancies and is actively recruiting and hiring. Officer positions are widely available in any agency you speak with. In trying to keep the edge with other agencies, the City of Covington in 2022 approved raises to bring the department in line and above many area agencies pay so the department would not lose officers to other agencies. This has helped with the moral and in officer retention here at the department.

The city needs to continue to review officer's salaries, making sure they are comparable or higher than other agencies our size. This will help immensely on the hiring and retaining of new officers, as well as veteran officers.

In conclusion, it is a big responsibility and challenging to keep a police department fully staffed with the best officers. Its even a bigger task to retain those officers when other agencies are competing with you. By always promoting the Covington Police Department the best way we can thru social media, word of mouth, job fairs/career days, to going to military bases we will continue to recruit the best we can. If we

PURSUIT ANALYSIS

Any time officers of the Covington Police Department are involved in a vehicle pursuit, a vehicle pursuit after action report is required to be filled out and turned in to the supervisor.

The Covington Police Department initiated one (1) vehicle pursuit in 2022.

1. The one officer who initiated the pursuit is between the ages of 50-55, and the secondary officer between the ages of 50-55.
2. Both officers were male.
3. The officers were caucasian.
4. One of the officers had 30-35 years of experience, and the other officer had 10-15yrs of experience.
5. The lone suspect was between the ages of 40-45.
6. The lone suspect was black.
7. The lone suspect was male.
8. The one pursuit was initially started by traffic violations and the investigation of a missing person.
9. The pursuit lasted approximately 13 minutes.
10. The pursuit traveled approximately 7.4 miles.
11. The pursuit reached maximum speed of 92mph.
12. There were no terminated pursuits in 2022.
13. Of the one pursuit, none were interjurisdictional assisted. They were all initiated by officers of the department.
14. The one pursuit was found to be policy compliant.
15. The one pursuit involved two CPD police vehicles, and one Georgia State Patrol police vehicle.
16. No officers were injured in the total pursuits.
17. No suspects were injured in the total pursuits.
18. The one pursuit occurred between 1500-1600 hours.
19. The pursuit occurred on a two-lane roadway.
20. Of the one pursuit, two CPD vehicles were damaged and needed repair (body damage, transmission) and one Georgia State Patrol police vehicle (body damage).

In pursuit #1 a traffic stop was attempted on a vehicle which had been observed in a low-density area where a search for a missing person was being conducted. After observing law enforcement, the vehicle fled the area, and a traffic stop was attempted leading to the pursuit. The pursuit lasted approximately 13 minutes and reached a maximum speed of 92mph. Three police vehicles were damaged along with the suspect vehicle in the pursuit. The driver was taken into custody.

In conclusion, the Covington Police Department conducted 7,306 traffic stops in 2022, which is up 2,654(57%) from the 4,652 traffic stops in 2021. Out of those traffic stops, only one resulted in officers completing a vehicle after action report. These reports were investigated by the immediate supervisor and were determined to have followed policy. All reports were then handed up the chain of command. I have reviewed the pursuits and concur with the supervisors that these pursuit incidents met the requirements of SOP policy P190. I believe roll call training as it pertains to SOP policy P190, the addition of the Flock Safety system, and additional hands-on training involving different techniques used to decrease the chances of a pursuit as a success to the decrease in pursuits.

USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS

1. After review of the attached data and PowerPoint submitted in 2022, Covington Police Department Police Response to Aggression, it was determined that Covington Police Officers were involved in 31 incidents where some form of force was used to affect an arrest. This is an increase from 2021 where 28 incidents were reported.
2. Domestic Disputes and Arrest Warrant calls were the most common incident type where a police response to aggression report was filed, accounting for eleven; shoplifting, suspicious person and traffic stops followed with three incidents each; and encounters with shoplifters and Fights was third with only two incidents each.
3. The most common type of force used was Taser with 21 instances; followed by restraint with nine instances; and the K-9 deployment/bite with one instance. Of the 31 Police Response to Aggression reports filed in 2022, four of these reports indicated an injury was sustained by the suspect; with one C.P.D. Officer reported being injured during these incidents. The injuries were mild in nature and consisted of scrapes and bruising. The officers involved in these use of force incidents was found to be in compliance with following policy after a thorough review of the incident.
4. The month of October experienced the highest number of Police Response to Aggression incidents with eight total incidents, followed by the months of June and August with four each. The most common day of the week for a Police Response to Aggression to occur was Tuesday with ten, followed by Thursday with six, Mondays with five, Friday with four, and Sunday with three. Saturday and Wednesday were lowest for the number of reports, two Saturday and one Wednesday. A total of 95% of incidents occurred between the hours of 4pm-8am.
5. The majority of the subjects involved in Police Response to Aggression reports are males with 28, followed by females with three. The reports show that the subjects involved were W/Ms (15), B/Ms (12), H/M (1) and B/Fs (3). This data shows that there was a reduction in the number of B/Ms (13 in 2021). The most significant increase was in W/Ms from 8 to 15. Four of these subjects were involved in the same incident (fight call). Most of the subjects involved in these incidents were between the ages of 34-41 years of age (9), followed by 18-25 years of age with 7 and 26-33 years of age also with seven. According to the data, nine of the 31 incidents involved intoxicated individuals.

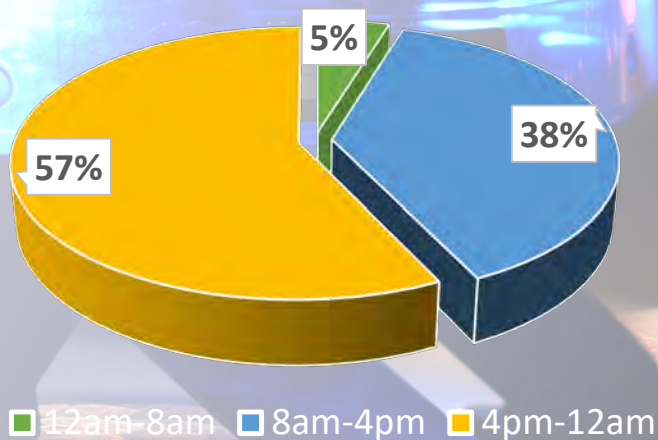
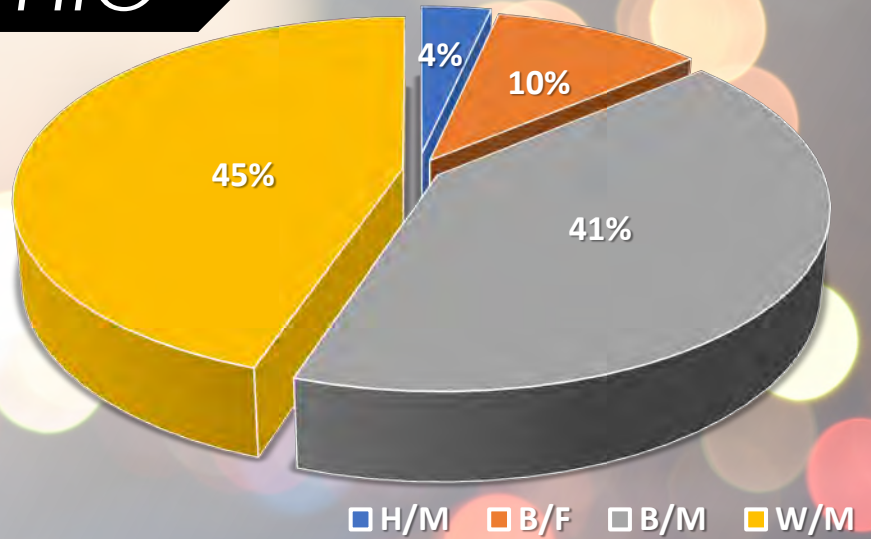
In conclusion, the results of the 2022 Use of Force Analysis shows an upward trend of incidents where Officers used force to affect the arrest. There are multiple factors that may be responsible for this trend. There were more calls of service in 2022(27,555) and approximately 40% of the subjects dealt with were either intoxicated or believed to be using some type of drug. There were less calls for service in 2021, (25,102) compared to 2020 (25,452) and 2019 (33,480). C.P.D. Officers receive use of force and de-escalation training during departmental firearms training, and officers transitioned to the Taser 7. C.P.D also sends all new police academy graduates through Critical Incident Training. Supervisors also cover topics relating to use of force/de-escalation during daily roll-call training. Each report of Police Response to Aggression from 2022 has been investigated and closed with all C.P.D. Officers being found to be in compliance with established Covington Police Department policy.



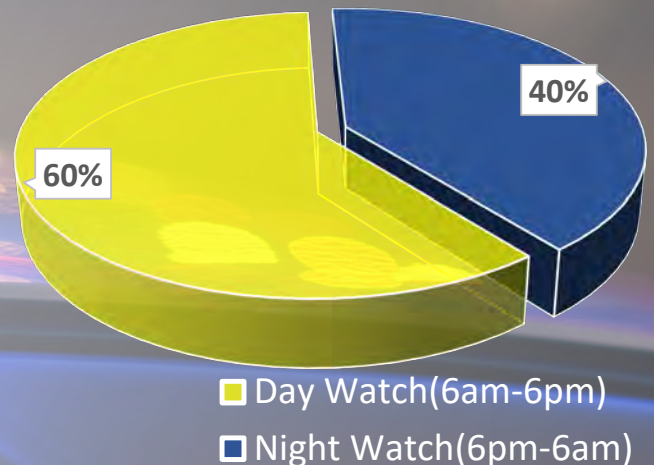
USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS

DEMOGRAPHIC

| Overview (Race & Sex) | Total |
|--------------------------|-------|
| H/M | 1 |
| B/F | 3 |
| B/M | 12 |
| W/M | 15 |
| Total Incidents | 31 |



TIME OF DAY



2022 Awards

TOP GUN

Officer Michael Ward

DEPARTMENTAL COMMENDATIONS

Sgt. Allan Seebaran

Mrs. Kristi Greco

Officer Stacy Cosby

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Officer Phillip Matthews

Officer Chardelle McFarland (2)

Sgt. Brian Shockley

Officer Matthew Holbrook

Officer Alec Flowers

Sgt. Slade McCullough

POLICE STAR

Officer Stacy Cosby

Officer Tia Cupitt

Trooper Jacob Rice,

Georgia State Patrol

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

PATROL DIVISION

Officer Walker Shelnuitt

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Officer Aaron Malcolm

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

SUPPORT SERVICES

Ms. Dara Penland

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Officer Walker Shelnuitt

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Ryan Barrett



The Making a Difference Award was awarded to retired Captain Ken Malcom.



Officer of the Year
Officer
Ryan Barrett



Rookie of the Year
& Patrol Employee
of the Year
Officer
Walker Shelnuitt



Support Services Employee
of the Year
Dara Penland



CID Employee
of the Year
Officer Aaron Malcolm



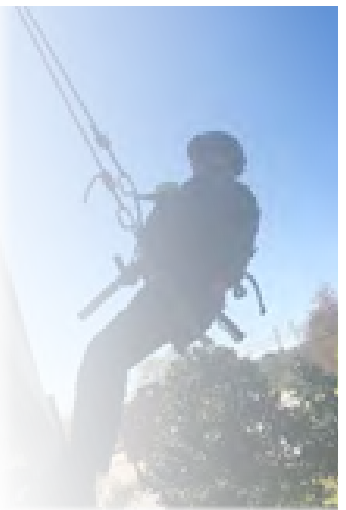
Thank you to the following for their assistance in making the 2022 Awards Ceremony successful: CPD Citizens Academy (pictured right), CPD Explorers, Beth Ivey, Porter Memorial Staff and CPD Awards & Commendations Board.

Emergency Services Unit



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.



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 four 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.

CPD Explorers Post 222

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 program is headed by Officer Michael Canty with the assistance of Sergeant QuinDairys Pitts and CSR Sherica Tate as they lead 14 students throughout the 2022 year.

The Covington Explorers serve their community by helping out at various functions i.e. CPD Fuzz Run, Drive-In movie night and Lighting of the Square, just to name a few. The Covington Explorers are looking forward to the 2023 year and hope to compete and continue to serve their community.

For more information about the Explorer program, Officer Pitts 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/>

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 income for the Fund. Many departmental employees also voluntarily have a deduction from their paychecks each month that goes to the Fund. The 40th Annual Fuzz Run is scheduled for September 9, 2023. The sponsorships from businesses and individuals raised more than \$100,000 during the 2022 Fuzz Run. Looking forward to the 2023 race!

covingtonfuzzrun.com

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POLICE WHO CARE | COVINGTON, GA

OVER 50 VENDORS

2227 RUNNERS

OVER 50 SPONSORS

- We raised \$147,600.00
- Registration raised \$40,052.00
- Paid out \$68,538.00

Total monies to PWC:
\$119,114.00

Cotton Cup Winners



Newton County Theme School



General Mills

The Cotton Cup is awarded to a business and a Newton County School System school who registers the most participants in the Fuzz Run. General Mills won the Cotton Cup for businesses and the Newton County Theme School won the school system Cotton Cup.

SPONSORS

Our sponsors are integral to the success of the Fuzz Run. We cannot thank each of them enough for their support and contributions. There are five levels of sponsorship: Diamond (\$10K), Platinum (at least \$5K), Gold (at least \$2500), Silver at least \$1000 and Bronze (at least \$500). Please see the list of our 2022 Fuzz Run Sponsors on the next page...and THANK YOU SPONSORS!



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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 regarding 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.

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