



COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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Chief of Police

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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 2021. 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



2021 COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL



Front Row (L-R): *Susie Keck, Post 1 East - Fleeta Baggett, Post 2 East - Hawnethia Williams, Post 2 West - Steve Horton, Mayor*

Back Row (L-R): *Dr. Scott Andrews, City Manager - Anthony Henderson, Post 3 West - Don Floyd, Post 3 East - Kenneth Morgan, Post 1 West*

COMMAND STAFF



**Chief of Police
Stacey L. Cotton**



**Assistant Chief of Police
Philip Bradford**



Captain Wendell Wagstaff



Captain Ken Malcom



Captain Mark Jones



Lt. Allen Martin



Lt. Al Miller



Lt. Mike Tinsley



Lt. Gene Nuqui



Lt. Chris Cain



Lt. Brent Fuesting



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**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 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.

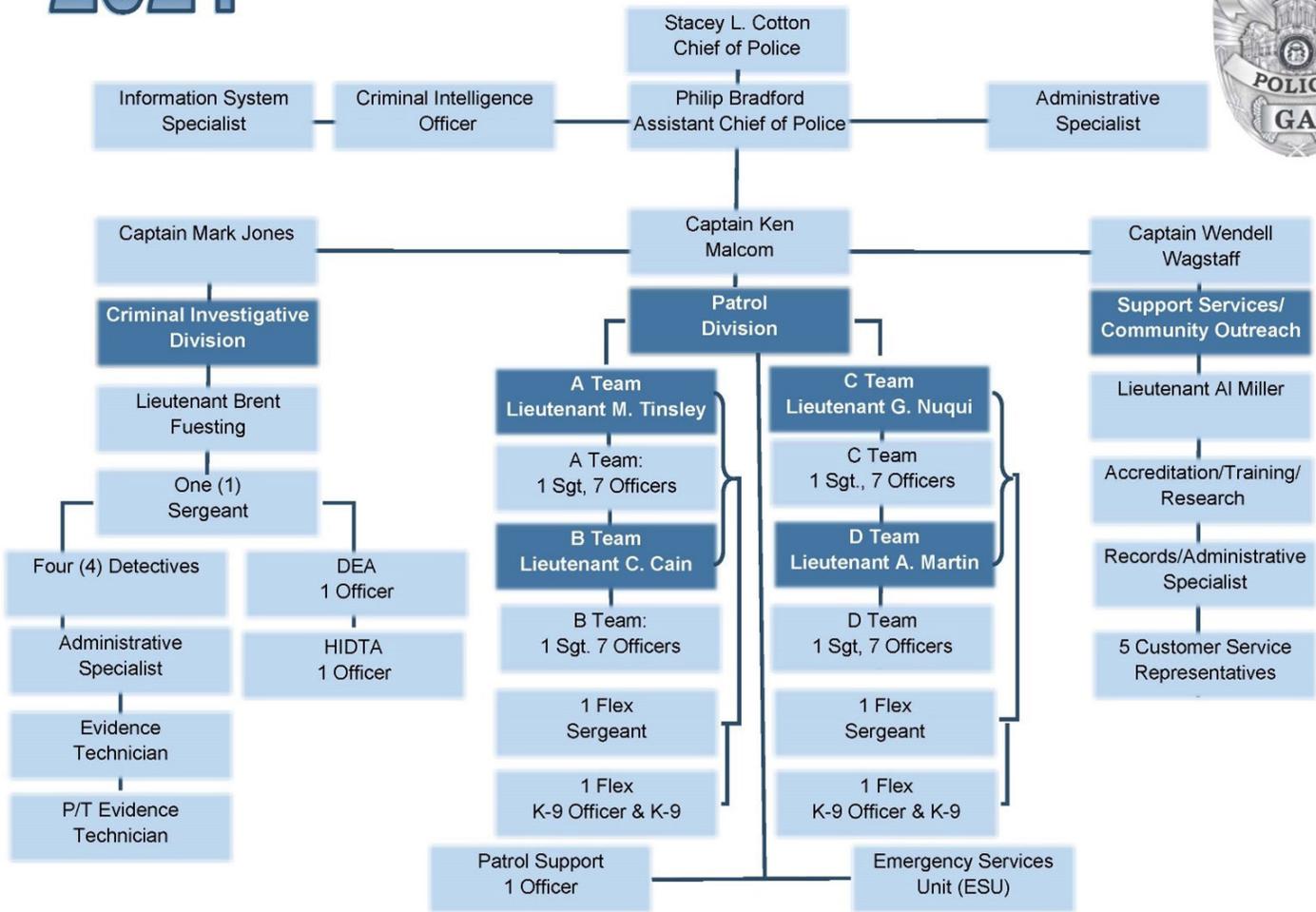
The Support Services/Community Outreach Division oversees our front desk customer service representatives, who assist citizens around the clock that come to the police department for a variety of needs. This includes offering copies of accident and incident reports, running criminal histories for officers 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.



2021 COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

2021

Covington Police Department Organizational Chart





CALEA

COMMISSION ON
ACCREDITATION FOR
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

In November 2021, 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

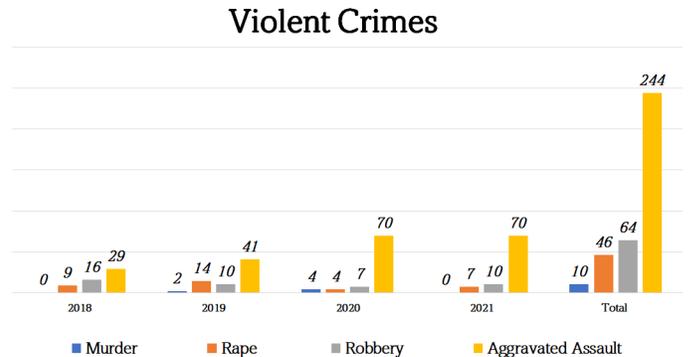
We will promote the pride we have in the profession of law enforcement by acting responsibly, being accountable for our actions, fulfilling our obligations and holding others accountable for their actions.



CRIME STATISTICS

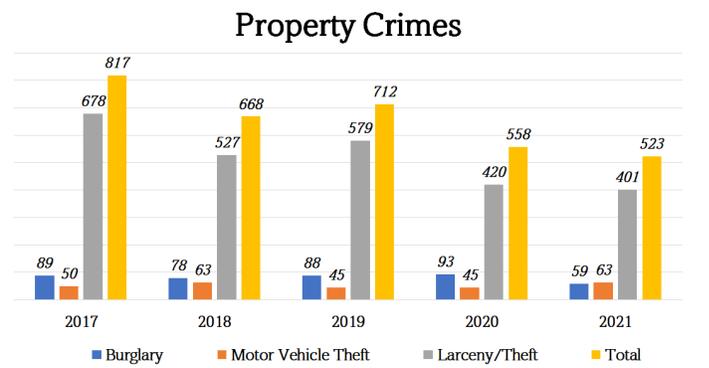
VIOLENT CRIMES PER YEAR

Violent Crimes	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Murder	4	0	2	4	0
Rape	12	9	14	4	7
Robbery	21	16	10	7	10
Aggravated Assault	34	29	41	70	70
Total	71	54	67	85	87



PROPERTY CRIMES PER YEAR

Property Crimes	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Burglary	89	78	88	93	59
Motor Vehicle Theft	50	63	45	45	63
Larceny/Theft	678	527	579	420	401
Total	817	668	712	558	523



PROPERTY/VIOLENT CRIME CHANGE FROM 2017 TO 2021

U.C.R. <i>Uniform Crime Report Offenses known to Police*</i>	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary
2017	4	12	21	185	89
2018	0	9	16	187	78
2019	2	14	10	212	88
2020	4	4	7	213	93
2021	0	7	10	212	59

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

Covington city, Georgia

2019 Population Estimates
14,206
Source: Vintage 2019 Population Estimates

Median Household Income
\$ 39,845
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Persons in poverty, percent
29.0 %
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Educational Attainment: Percent high school graduate or higher
85.3 %
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Persons without health insurance, percent
14.8 %
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Median Housing Value
\$ 171,600
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Total Housing Units
5,464
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Number of Firms
1,937
Source: 2012 Survey of Business Owners: Company Summary

Male Median Income
\$ 27,396
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Female Median Income
\$ 19,771
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Veterans
928
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Percent of households with a broadband internet subscription
79.9 %
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Explanation of Symbols

Newton County, Georgia

2019 Population Estimates
111,744
Source: Vintage 2019 Population Estimates

Median Household Income
\$ 56,316
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Persons in poverty, percent
11.2 %
Source: 2019 Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE)

Educational Attainment: Percent high school graduate or higher
86.6 %
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent
16.0 %
Source: Source: 2018 Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE)

Median Housing Value
\$ 151,800
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Total Housing Units
39,312
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Number of Firms
8,681
Source: 2012 Survey of Business Owners: Company Summary

Veterans
6,827
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

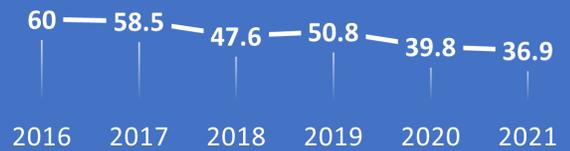
Percent of households with a broadband internet subscription
85.5 %
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

VIOLENT CRIME RATE PER 1,000



Year	Population	Per 1,000
2016	13,977	16
2017	13,977	15.9
2018	14,044	15.1
2019	14,015	16.8
2020	14,015	15.4
2021	14,192	14.8

PROPERTY CRIME RATE PER 1,000



Year	Population	Per 1,000
2016	13,977	60
2017	13,977	58.5
2018	14,044	47.6
2019	14,015	50.8
2020	14,015	39.8
2021	14,192	36.9

*As of January 1, 2022, the 2021 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 2021 in this report, the 2019 population count (14,206) is being used.

CALLS FOR SERVICE & MAJOR CRIMES

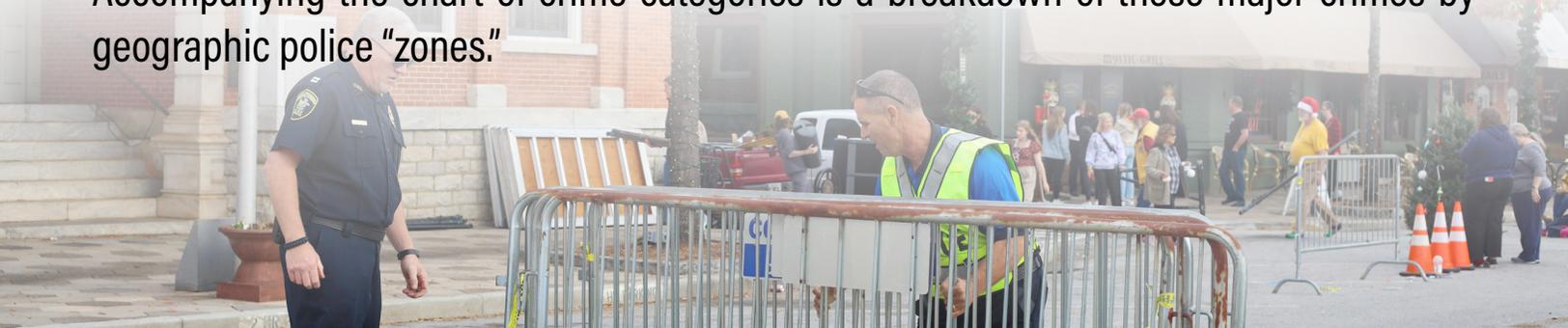
CALLS FOR SERVICE

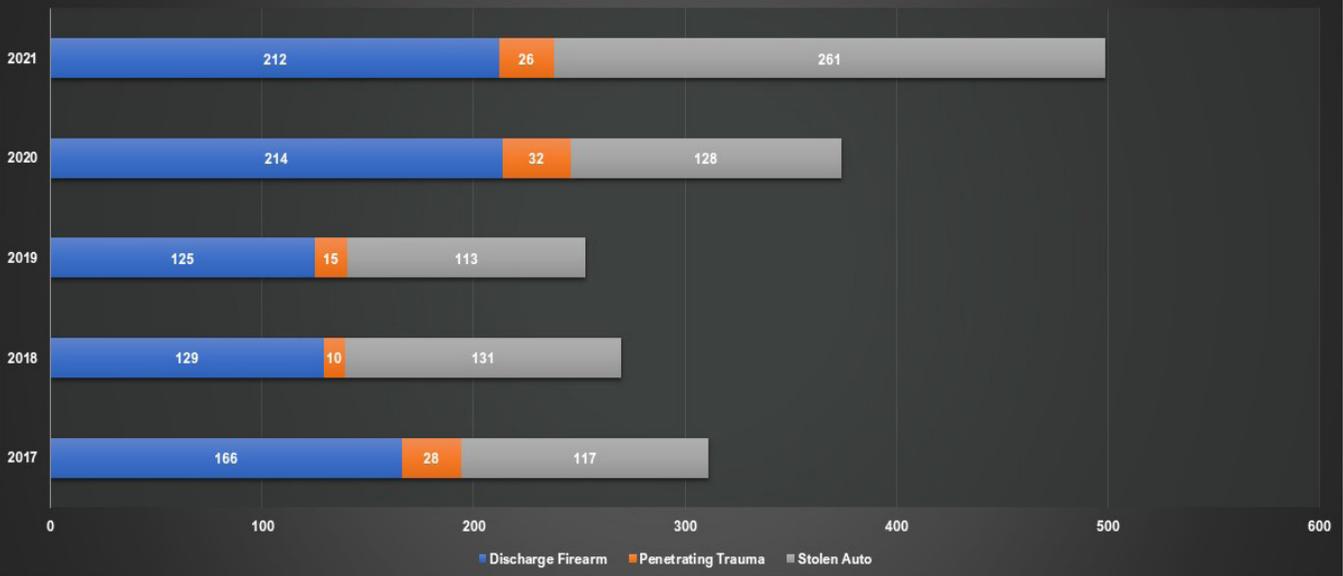
Calls for Service consist of any call to which the Covington Police responded regardless of whether a report was generated. Many calls for service do not require the generation of an incident report, such as the unlocking of a citizen's car, a false burglary alarm or bank escorts. Other calls, such as 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.

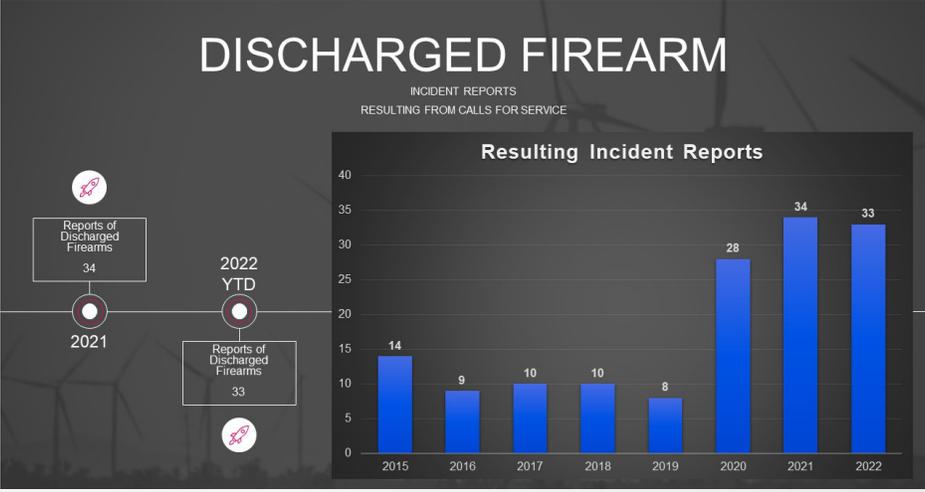
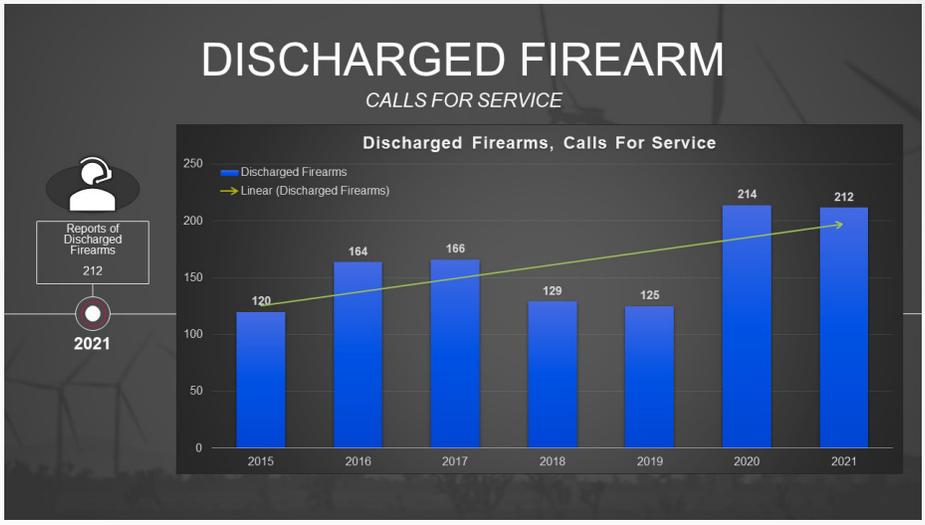
MAJOR CRIMES

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."



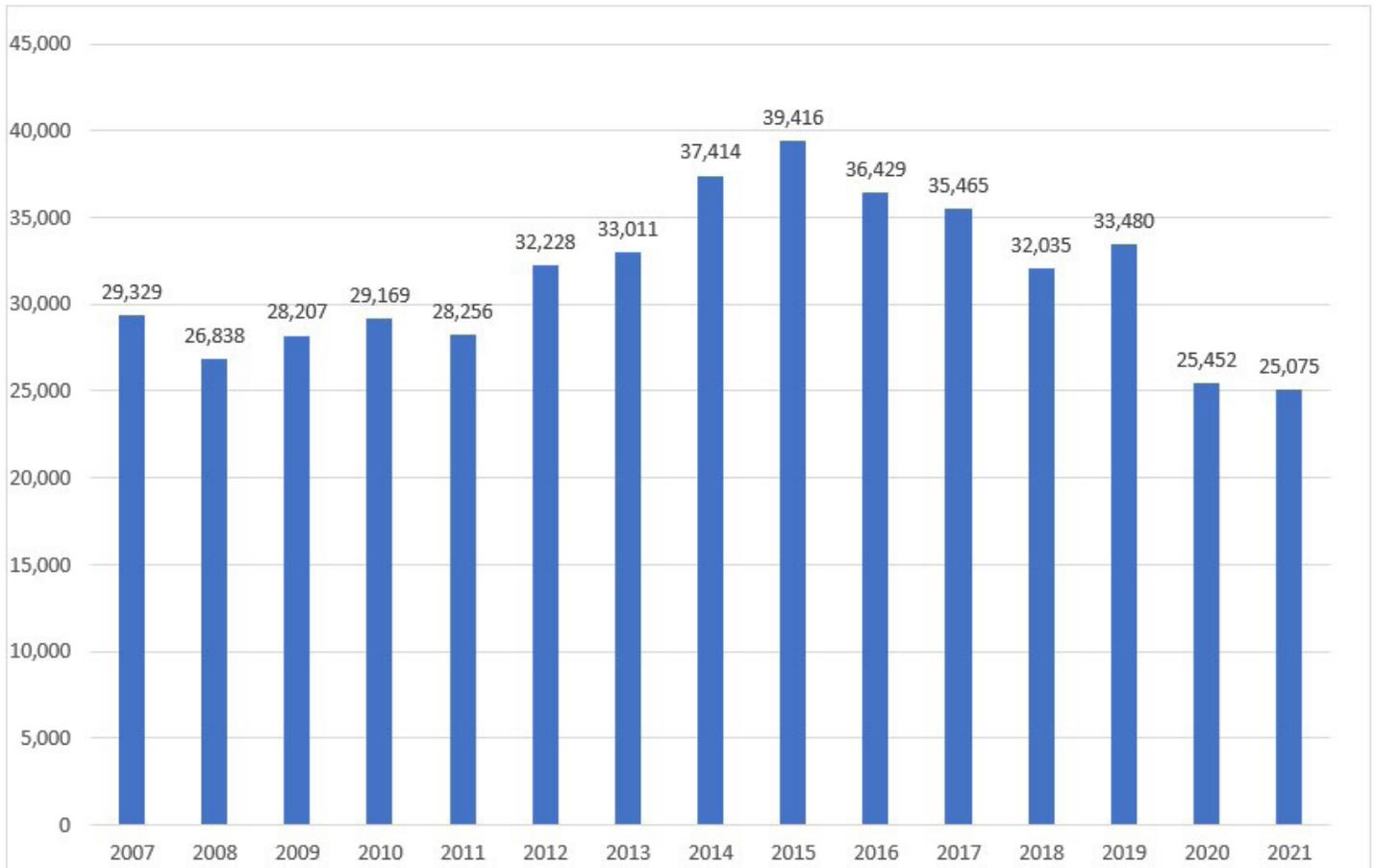


CALLS RECEIVED BY YEAR	Discharge Firearm	Penetrating Trauma	Stolen Auto
2017	166	28	117
2018	129	10	131
2019	125	15	113
2020	214	32	128
2021	212	26	261



CALLS FOR SERVICE

City of Covington 15-Year Total



In 2021, CPD Officers responded to 25,075 calls for service; 23,157 were calls that did not require an incident report to be written, and 1,918 calls required an incident report to be written. The charts below show the top five call types responded to and the top five reports written.



ALL POLICE ACTIVITY

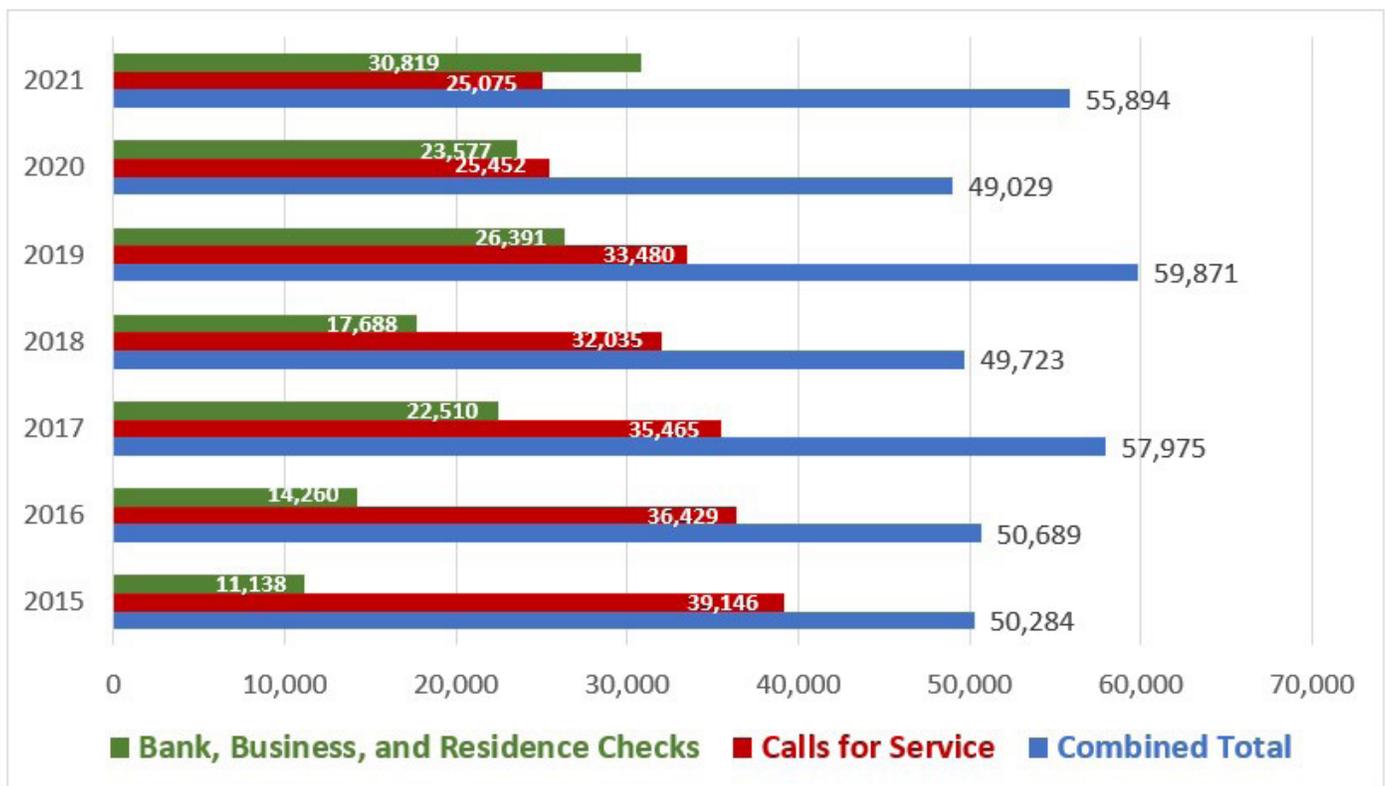
During a normal work shift (6-6), the CPD officer responds to calls for service, makes traffic stops, and addresses suspicious activities. These activities generate a case number into the CPD's database which are later used for reports, investigations, crime statistics, determining crime trends and patterns,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

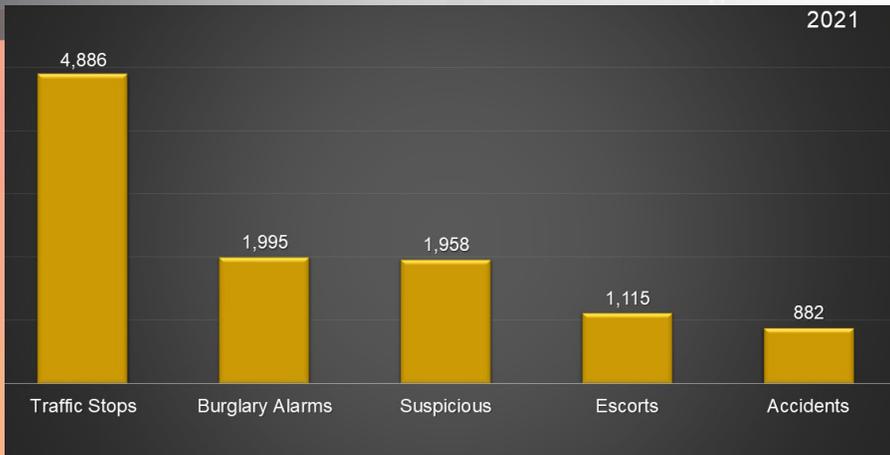
Officers perform these checks when calls for service are low, and they have available time to focus their presence in our banks, businesses, and residential areas. During one of these checks, the officer will drive to the location, exit his/her vehicle, step into or walk around the premises/structure 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.



2021 CALLS FOR SERVICE



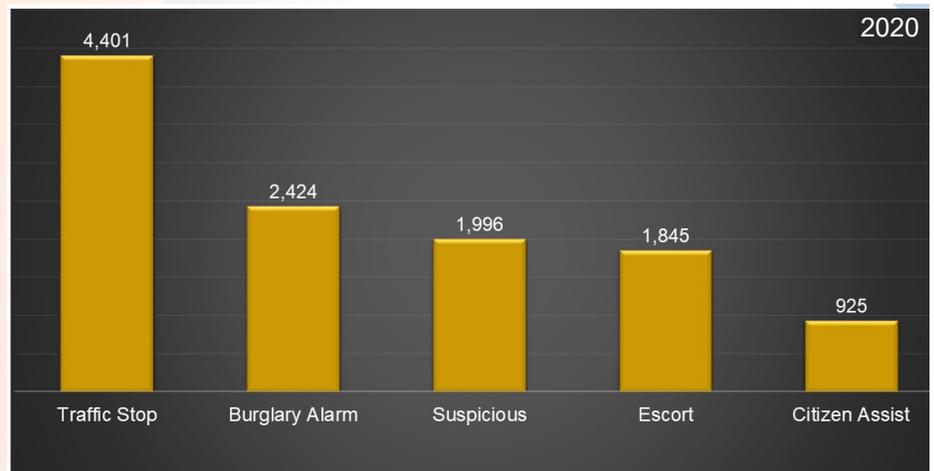
2021 Top Five Calls for Service

This chart shows the top five calls that officers responded to that did not require an incident report to be written, or further investigation.

On average, one call is received every 21.87 minutes (Spillman, CAD Call Received Report)

2020 Top Five Calls for Service

This chart shows the top five calls the officers responded to that did not require an incident report to be written, or 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

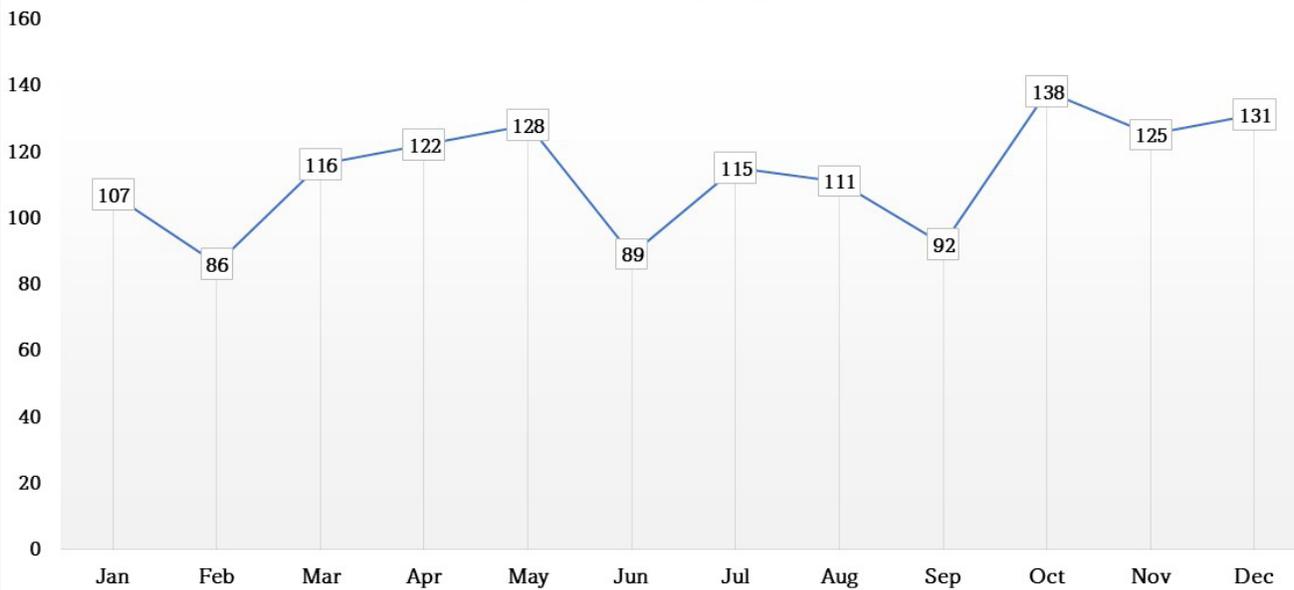


ACCIDENTS

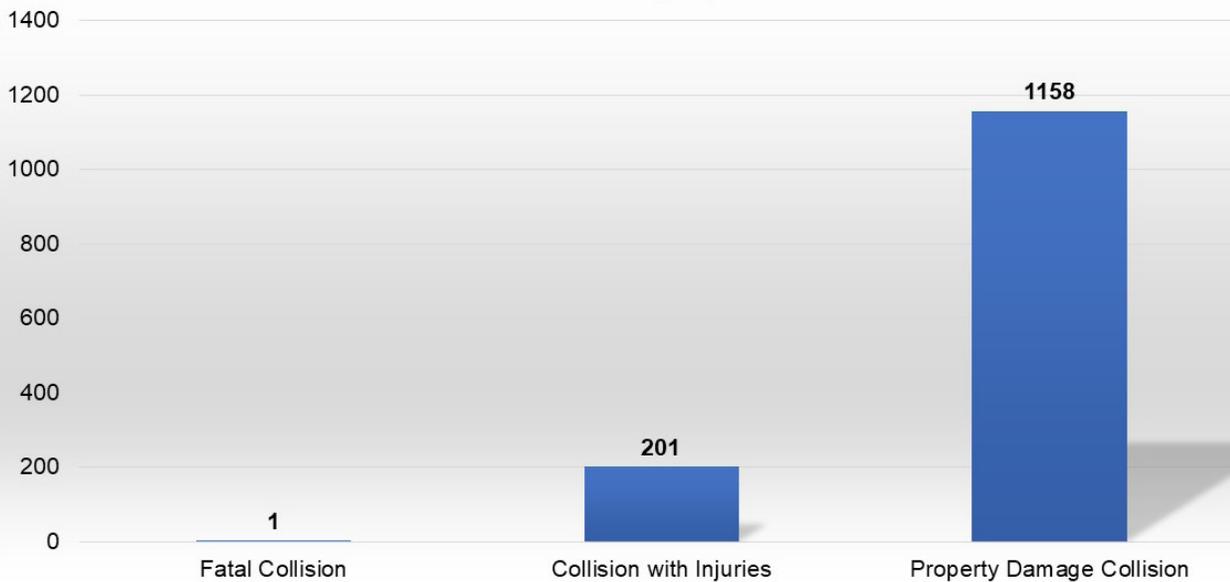
Crash Summary

Total Crashes:	1,360
Injury Crashes:	201
Total Injured:	295
Fatal Crashes:	1
Total Fatalities:	1
Commercial Vehicle Crashes:	53
Property Damage Crashes:	1,158
Private Property Crashes:	484
Work Zone Crashes:	15
Hit and Run:	165

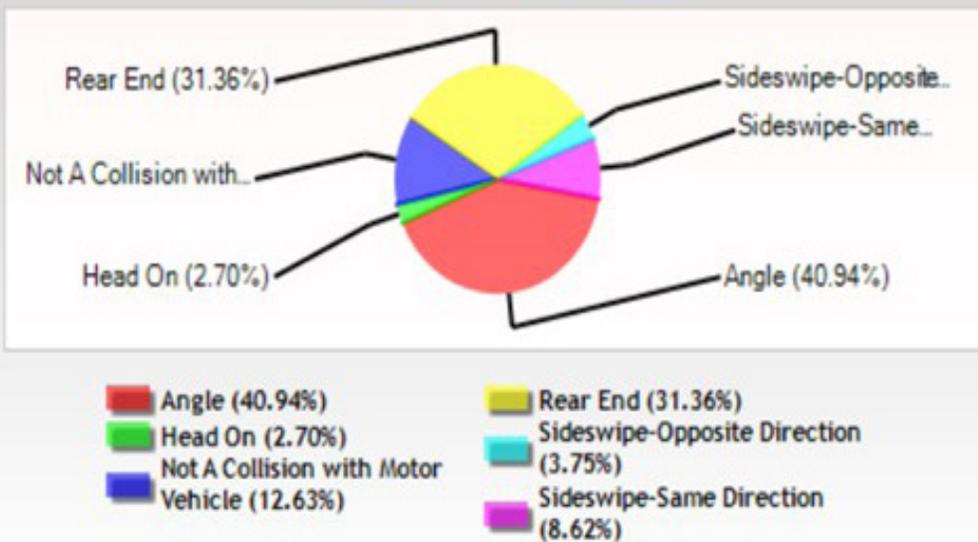
Collisions-Reported
Georgia Electronic Reporting System



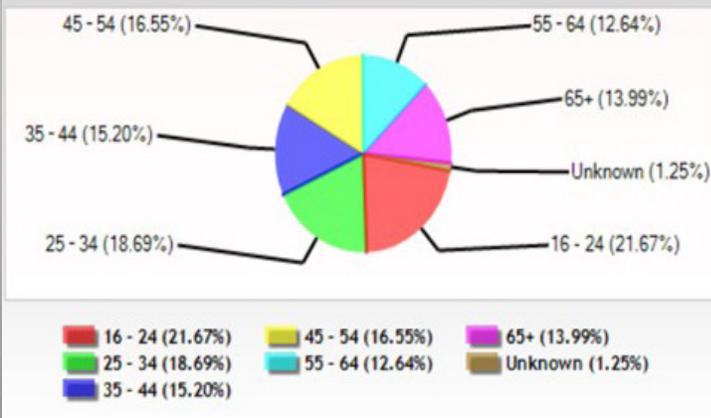
Reports by Type



Manner of Collision

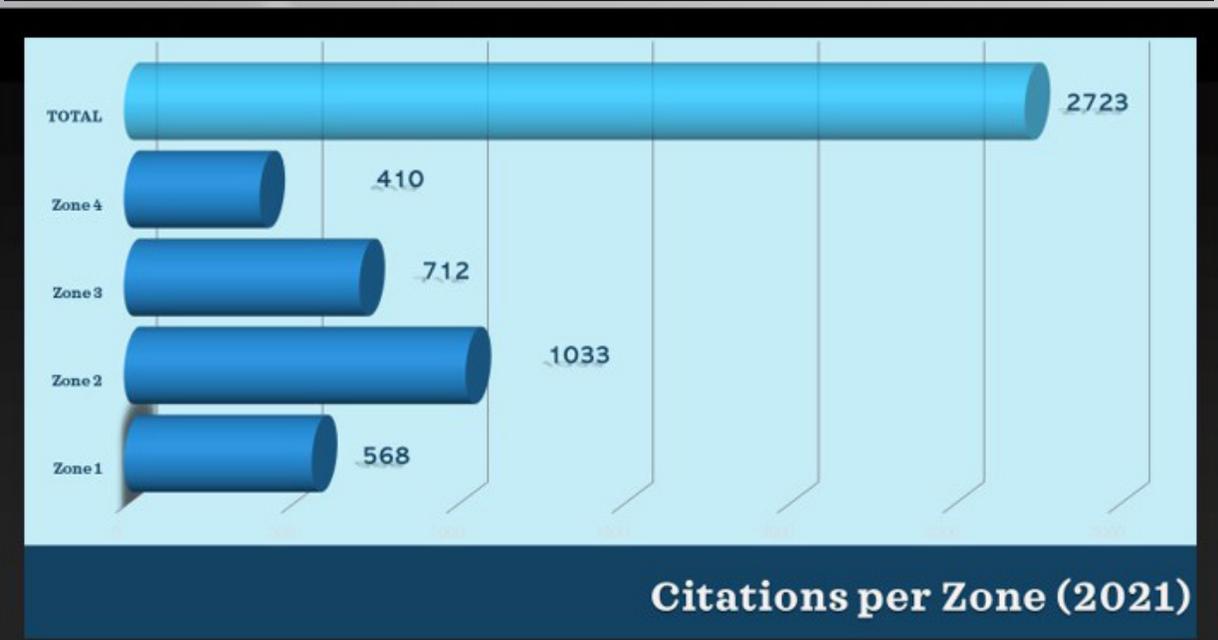
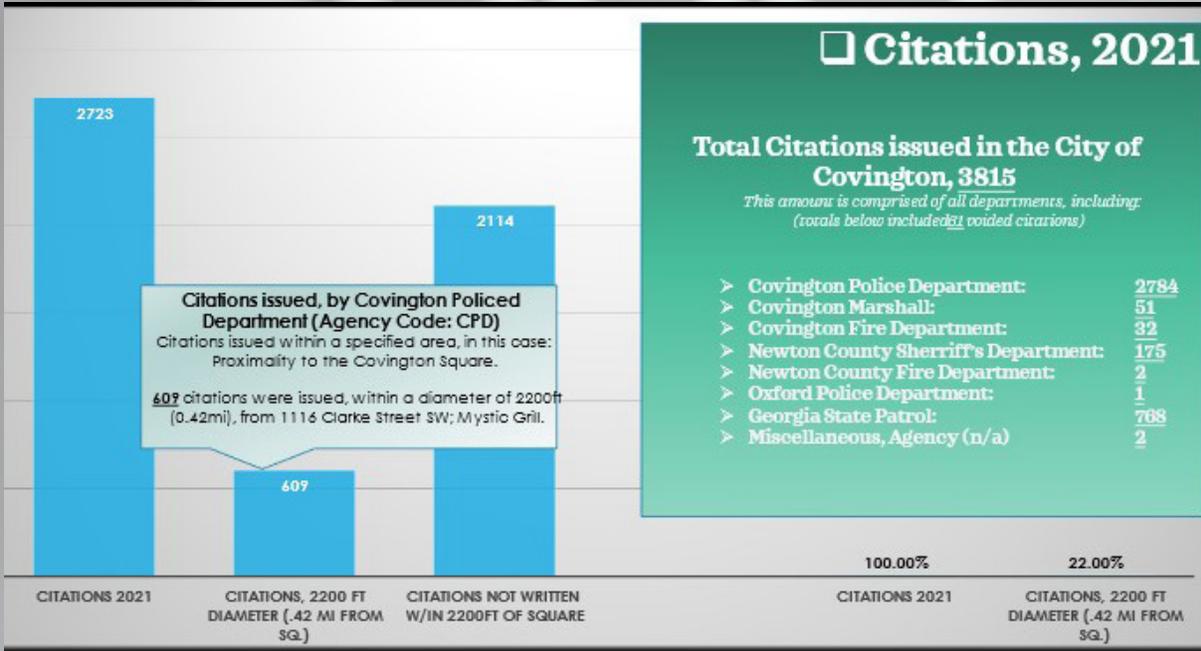


Age of Driver



CITATIONS & VIOLATIONS

3,815 Citations were issued within the City of Covington
2,723 violations were cited in total by the Covington Police Department



CITATIONS & VIOLATIONS CONTINUED

Violation / Offense	Issued >100
Ran Red Light	291
Speeding	254
No/Expired Tag	203
Following Too Close	167
No Proof of Insurance	135
Through traffic in reside	129
Ran Stop Sign	123
All Other Offense	1,421
Total Citations	2723

ZONES	TOTAL	%
ZONE 1	410	15%
ZONE 2	712	26%
ZONE 3	1033	38%
ZONE 4	568	21%
TOTAL	2723	100%

ARRESTS AND OFFENSES

In 2021, there were a total of 439 cases involving arrests made in the City of Covington. 389 people were arrested in 2020. However, one or more of those people were arrested more than once. Due to COVID-19, there was a significant reduction in physical arrests in Covington this year. 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. There were 699 charges/offenses filed which means one or more of the people arrested had multiple charges. The charges/offenses are listed in the table below.

OFFENSE	COUNT
Affray	2
Aggravated Assault	27
Aggravated Battery	4
Aggravated Stalking	2
Armed Robbery, Robbery by int	2
Battery	48
Burglary	9
Carrying a Concealed Weapon	1
Child Molestation	2
Controlled Substances Sched I	2
Controlled Substances Sched II	22
Controlled Substances Sched III	1
Convicted Felons Possession of Weapon	10
Criminal Attempt	3
Criminal Damage to Property 1st	1
Criminal Damage to Property 2nd	6
Criminal Interference GOVT Prop	1
Criminal Trespass	34
Cruelty to Children	22
Deadly Weapons at Public	1
Disorderly House	1
Driving W/Suspended Dr License	38
Drug Related Objects	1
DUI of Alcohol	60
DUI of Drugs	1
Duty Upon Striking Fixture	2
Entering Auto	3
Enticing a Child for Indecent	2
Fail to Stop @Ace W/Damages	8
False Imprisonment	1

OFFENSE	COUNT
False Report of Crime	1
Family Violence	33
Financial Trans. Card Fraud	3
Fleeing to elude	7
Forgery in the First Degree	5
Forgery of Financial Tran Card	1
Furn/pos/cons of ale. by minor	2
Giving False Name to Officer	11
Impersonating an Officer	1
Interfering with 911 call	3
Kidnapping	1
Laying Drag	1
License required to Operate	1
Loitering or Prowling	5
Marijuana Possession less 1 oz	12
Obstruction of Officer	36
Obtaining Drugs by fraud	1
Parties to a Crime	1
Passenger Interfering W/Driver	2
Pimping	1
Pointing a Weapon at another	1
Pos of firearm/knife comm of c	15
Pos. of firearm under 18	2
Pos./Altered Serial Number	1
Poss. of tools for comm. of er	1
Poss/Use Drug Related Objects	18
Possession of Marijuana w/int	5
Prostitution	1
Public Indecency	5
Reckless Conduct	8
Reckless Driving	9
Runaway Juvenile	6
Sexual Battery	3
Simple Assault	3
Simple Battery	14
Sodomy	1
Speeding	1
Stalking/First Offense	3
Statutory Rape	1
Telephone Harass/Disorderly/Fighting Words	8
Terroristic Threats & Acts	11
Theft by Conversion	2
Theft by Rcv. Stolen Property other St	3
Theft by Receiving Stolen	26
Theft by Shoplifting	39
Theft by Taking	22
Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property	1
Trafficking in illegal drugs	3
Unlawful Possession / Manufacture / Distribution/Sale of 20 oz or less of low THC Oil	1
Unruly Juvenile	3
Violation Family Violence Order	1



CITIZENS COMPLAINTS

During the year 2021 there were a total of seven (7) complaints that were filed on Covington police officers. All seven (7) of the complaints filed were handled by the line supervisor or the division commander. None of the complaints reached the criteria to be turned over to internal affairs for investigation. Dispositions in those seven (7) complaints are listed at the end of this report.

One of the seven (7) complaints involved a use of force incident. A review of all body camera footage of the officers present revealed that the officer used the amount of force necessary to affect the arrest and that it was not excessive. The wanted offender that gave officers a false name and subsequently ran from officers was tased and fell causing injury to his jaw. The disposition of the complaint was "exonerated".

There were two internal affairs investigations initiated. The findings of those IA investigations where one was handled internally in reference to a car chase and the disposition was "founded." The officer received disciplinary action pursuant to policy. The other internal affairs investigation was an officer involved shooting investigation in which two Covington police officers were involved. Anytime there is an officer involved shooting, it is reviewed in two ways. One is administratively to see if departmental policy and procedures was followed in the incident. The second review is criminally due to the officer's use of force against another person and that review is conducted by an outside agency. The reviewing agency in this case was the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI). In the administrative review it was determined that there were some policy violations and both officers in this incident received disciplinary actions pursuant to policy. The administrative review disposition was "sustained."

In the review conducted by the GBI, it was determined that based on evidence and witness statements, both officers used the amount of force necessary in this incident to stop the violent aggressions toward the officers. Both officers involved were exonerated criminally by the GBI investigation. In cases like this, once the investigation is completed by the GBI, their findings are then turned over to the District Attorney's office for further review. In this incident, the Newton County District Attorney also concluded that the officers acted within the scope of their authority and both officers were cleared or exonerated by the District Attorney as well. The criminal review disposition in this incident was "exonerated."

In all citizens complaints and internal affairs investigations there are five dispositions that can be reached. In the results totals listed below, the officer involved shooting will reflect two dispositions, one for the administrative review and one for the criminal review.

The results of seven (7) complaints and two (2) internal affairs investigations are as follows:

- Sustained - 4**
- Not Sustained - 0**
- Unfounded - 2**
- Exonerated - 4**
- Policy Failure - 0**

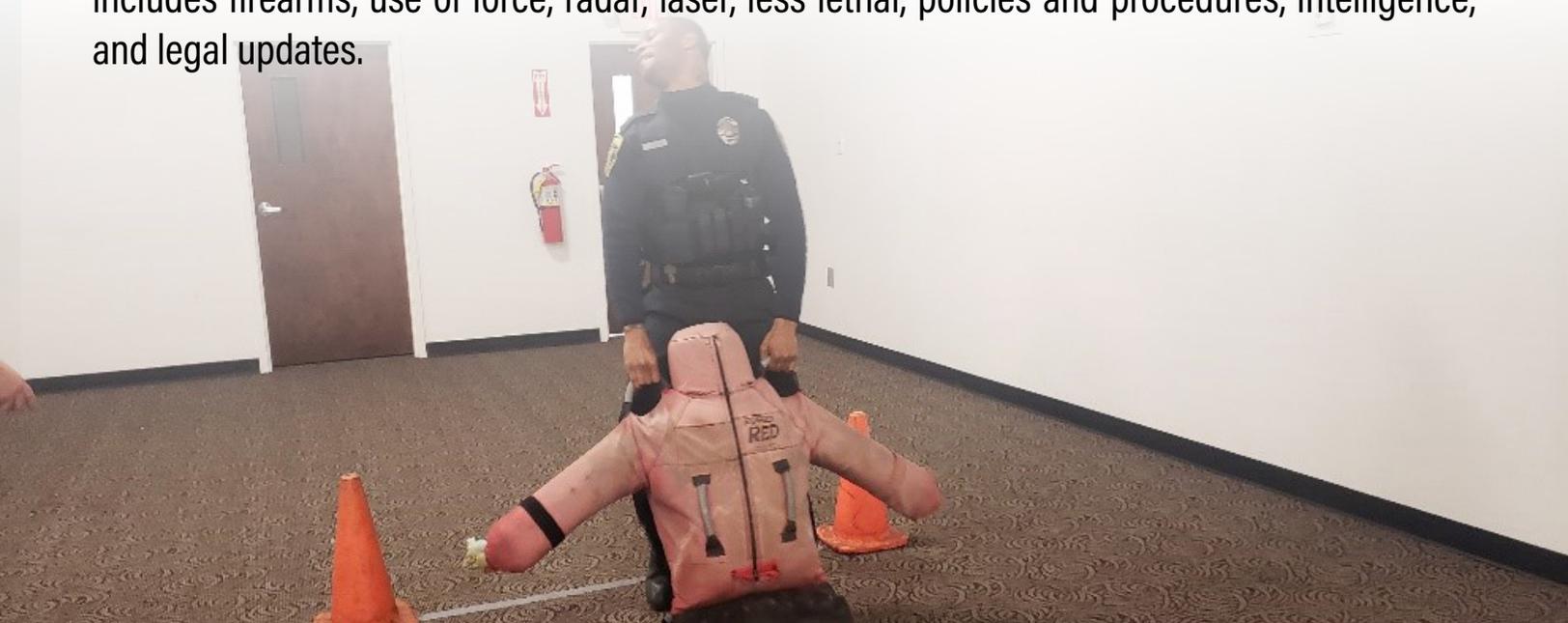
CAREER TRAINING



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 2021, our officers received 7,788 hours of training, giving a total of 99,577 career training hours for all law enforcement personnel employed in 2021. 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	2021	Career Hours
Officer Ryan Barrett	57	626
Officer Danny Bartello	20	2565
Asst. Chief Phillip Bradford	47	2,527
Officer Jeff Bruno	23	2,934
Capt. Michael Bruno	20	2,398
Sgt. Chris Cain	24	2,766
Officer Michael Canty	135	817
Officer Matt Cooper	0	1,268
Officer Stacy Cosby	23	1,515
Chief Stacey Cotton	29	2,868
Officer Wesley Couch	23	23
Officer Deandre Cover	455	455
Officer Tia Cupitt	409	409
Officer Pokey Daniels	1	692
Sgt. Daniel Digby	106	1,452
Officer Tyrone Eastman	20	56
Officer Julie English	25	1,890
Officer Jorge Escorza	432	432
Officer Kacie Fincher	24	473
Officer Alec Flowers	20	469
Lt. Brent Fuesting	32	1,814
Officer Derrick Hanaway	0	403
Officer Matt Holbrook	57	2,207
Officer Cheyenne Huggins	454	454
Officer Danielle Hutchison	0	743
Officer Christian Jimenez	32	499
Officer Daniel Johnson	52	52
Officer Dustin Johnson	104	104
Officer Marquis Johnson	105	1,765
Lt. Mark Jones	31	3,113
Officer Torey Jones	21	21
Sgt. Mark Joyner	106	2,805
Officer Simon Libert-Davis	288	288
Officer Aaron Malcolm	129	1,028
Capt. Ken Malcom	38	2,822
Sgt. Allen Martin	25	2,531
Officer Phillip Matthews	455	455
Sgt. Slade McCullough	34	3,306

Officer Name	2021	Career Hours
Officer Chardelle McFarlin	61	604
Lt. Al Miller	32	3,068
Officer Jason Miles	47	47
Evidence Tech Joe Mobley	15	15
Officer Juanqualo Murrah	419	419
Officer Kinsley Nichols	140	594
Lt. Gene Nuqui	33	2,896
Sgt. Vic Partee	2	2,884
Sgt. Travis Pierce	28	1,429
Officer Adler Piersaint	446	446
Sgt. Quinn Pitts	84	985
Officer Contrareus Robinson	150	745
Officer Walter Schreiber	81	1,077
Officer John Seabolt	20	2,651
Sgt. Allan Seebaran	50	2,184
Officer Matthew Shelnett	448	448
Sgt. Brian Shockley	29	1,341
Lt. Chris Smith	4	2,196
Sgt. Starr Smith	149	1,493
Officer David Stewart	99	1,344
Officer Justin Stott	0	1,375
Officer Jonathan Sugg	420	420
Inv. Steve Swann	41	1,221
Officer Kyle Tesky	408	408
Lt. Mike Tinsley	32	2,941
Officer Charles Treadwell	32	32
Officer Keith Waddell	91	955
Capt. Wendall Wagstaff	83	2,800
Officer Anthony Walden	27	2,415
Officer Brandon Wilkerson	39	1,782
Officer Pat Womack	27	2,109
Officer Michael Wyatt	257	1,018
Officer Bob Yarbrough	24	1,121
Officer Garrett Yates	114	706

TOTAL TRAINING HOURS FOR 2021: 7,788 Hours
CPD CAREER HOURS FOR 2021: 99,577 Hours



2021 New Hires



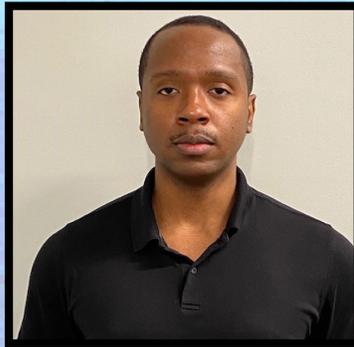
**JACK
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**CHEYENNE
HUGGINS**



**CHRISTINA
JOHNSON**



**DEANDRE
COVER**



**DUSTIN
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**JASON
MILES**



**JORGE
ESCORZA**



**KYLE
TESKY**

2021 NEW HIRES CONTINUED



**MARCIA
LAWRENCE**



**JUANCARLO
MURRAH**



**PHILLIP
MATTHEWS**



**ADLER
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**WALKER
SHELNETT**



**JONATHAN
SUGG**



**TIA
CUPITT**



**TOREY
JONES**



2021 USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS

After reviewing data about Covington Police Department Police Response to Aggression, it was determined that Covington Police Officers were involved in 28 incidents where some form of force was used to affect an arrest. This is a reduction from 2020 where 33 incidents were reported.

Domestic Disputes and Fight calls were the most common incident type where a police response to aggression report was filed, accounting for ten; traffic stops followed with three incidents; and encounters with a mental subject was third with only two incidents.

The most common type of force used was physical restraint with 17 instances; followed by taser with ten instances; and the use of a firearm with one instance. The incident involving a firearm occurred on November 3, 2021 and resulted in a loss of life. This incident was referred to the Georgia Bureau of Investigations for further investigation. The Officer involved in this incident was exonerated and returned to full duty. Of the 28 Police Response to Aggression reports filed in 2021, eight of these reports indicated an injury was sustained by the suspect; no C.P.D. Officers reported being injured during these incidents. Two of the injuries documented in 2021 were serious in nature. In addition to the incident involving the firearm above, an individual sustained a broken jaw during an incident involving a taser on July 13, 2021. A complaint was filed by the individual who sustained the injury. The incident was reviewed by myself and later reviewed by the newly formed Citizens Review Board. The Officer involved in this incident was exonerated and found to be in compliance with policy. All other injuries reported were complaints with no visible sign of injury.

The month of October experienced the highest number of Police Response to Aggression incidents with five total incidents, followed by the months of May, September, and November with four each. The most common day of the week for a Police Response to Aggression to occur was Friday with nine, followed by Thursday with six and Mondays with five. Surprisingly, Saturdays finished tied with Tuesdays for the lowest number of reports, two. A total of 54% of incidents occurred after 6 p.m. The majority of the subjects involved in Police Response to Aggression reports are males with 21, followed by females with seven. The reports show that the subjects involved were B/Ms (13), W/Ms (8), and B/Fs at 8. This data shows that there was a reduction in the number of B/Ms (16 in 2020), W/Ms (11 in 2020), and W/Fs (2 in 2020), involved in Police Response to Aggression reports from 2020 with an increase in the number of B/Fs involved (3 in 2020). 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 26-33 years of age (10), followed by 14-17 years of age with 5 and 34-41 years of age with four. According to the data, only four of the 28 incidents involved intoxicated individuals.

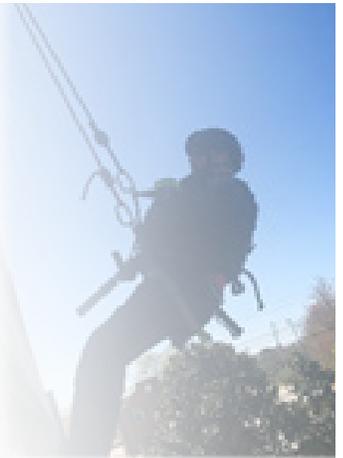
In conclusion, the results of the 2021 Use of Force Analysis show a continued downward trend of incidents where Officers used force to affect the arrest. There are multiple factors that may be responsible for this trend. There were less calls for service in 2021, (25,075) compared to 2020 (25,452) and 2019 (33,480). C.P.D. officers receive use of force and de-escalation training during departmental firearms training during the year. Supervisors also cover these topics during daily roll-call training. Each report of Police Response to Aggression from 2021 has been investigated and closed with all C.P.D. Officers being found to be in compliance with established Covington Police Department policy.

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 2021 year. 2021 was a good year but a difficult year due the restrictions of COVID-19.

The Covington Explorers did not get to participate at Winterfest Competition in Gatlinburg, TN due to COVID-19 restrictions. However, the Covington Explorers we still able to serve their community. They helped out at various functions i.e. CPD Fuzz Run, Drive-In movie night, Lighting of the Square, just to name a few. The Covington Explorers are looking forward to the 2022 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/>

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EXPLORERS

Fuzz Run

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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 39th Annual Fuzz Run is scheduled for September 10, 2022. In 2021, the Fuzz Run was back as an in person race after 2020 was a virtual race due to the coronavirus pandemic. The sponsorships from businesses and individuals raised more than \$100,000 during the 2021 Fuzz Run. Looking forward to the 2022 race!



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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.

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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