



THE ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
POLICE DEPARTMENT

2020

ANNUAL REPORT



The COVID-19 pandemic necessitated many new procedures at the department, including wearing masks and colored wrist bands which indicated the completion of a daily temperature check.

Facing Page: Protesters took to the streets advocating for criminal justice reform after the death of George Floyd.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



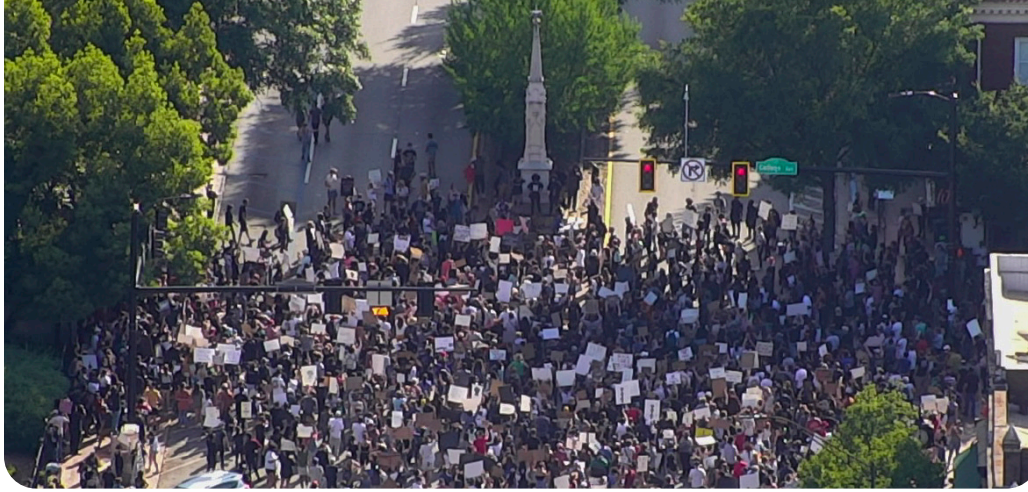
On behalf of the Athens-Clarke County Police Department, I am proud to present the ACCPD 2020 Annual Report. Athens-Clarke County was met with unprecedented challenges throughout 2020 and this report is an illustration of the resilience and dedication of the hard-working members of the Athens-Clarke County Police Department.

A global pandemic brought unique complications to policing and how we interact with the community. Despite the difficulties brought on by COVID-19, ACCPD staff found innovative ways to remain operational. Shift briefings and other meetings were conducted virtually, teleworking was implemented when appropriate, COVID screening/temperature checks for anyone entering the building, etc. were all done so that ACCPD could continue to provide quality police services while also focusing on minimizing the Spread of COVID-19.

Not only did we continue to provide services, Athens-Clarke County saw a 6.3 percent decrease in total crime compared to 2019. In fact, as you will see in this report, calendar year 2020 had the lowest cumulative number of total offenses when looking at data from the previous five years. Furthermore, ACCPD continued to find safe ways to engage with the community throughout the pandemic. From virtual Citizens Police Academy to socially distanced events like Shop with a Cop and Trunk or Treat, ACCPD remained involved with our community.

"I cannot stress enough the appreciation I have for ACCPD staff during the enormous challenges that they persevered through during 2020."





On top of a global pandemic, protests and civil unrest challenged the resolve of our nation, our community, and our agency. Criminal justice reform was at the forefront of conversations across the nation; causing us to reflect and take a look at how policing was done here in Athens-Clarke County.

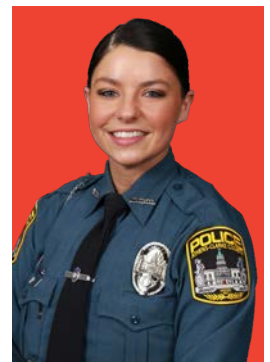
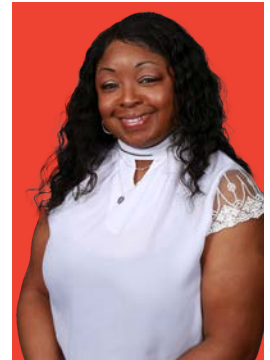
We compared ourselves to the report from The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The report contains 78 recommendations, the majority of which ACCPD is already compliant with.

I felt it necessary to be transparent about where we stand in relation to the report so we published our findings to our website. The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing full report and the ACCPD report on compliance with the recommendations can be found by visiting <https://www.accgov.com/9586/21st-Century-Policing>.

I cannot stress enough the appreciation I have for ACCPD staff during the enormous challenges that they persevered through during 2020. Ever-changing laws and ordinances about facial coverings and gatherings created a balancing act of our legal requirements versus citizen rights. Monitoring activity to ensure citizens could safely exercise their right to vote during a fiercely contested presidential election. Navigating civil unrest and increased anti-police rhetoric. All these things, and more, while working through one of the deadliest pandemics in recent history. I could not be more proud of how our staff stepped up to these challenges.

As you will see throughout this report, calendar year 2020 demonstrated our commitment to increasing community relations and professionally ensuring the safety of our citizens and visitors located within Athens-Clarke County. By working together, we can continue to make ACC an excellent place to live, work, and visit.

CLEVELAND SPRUILL
Chief of Police



ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

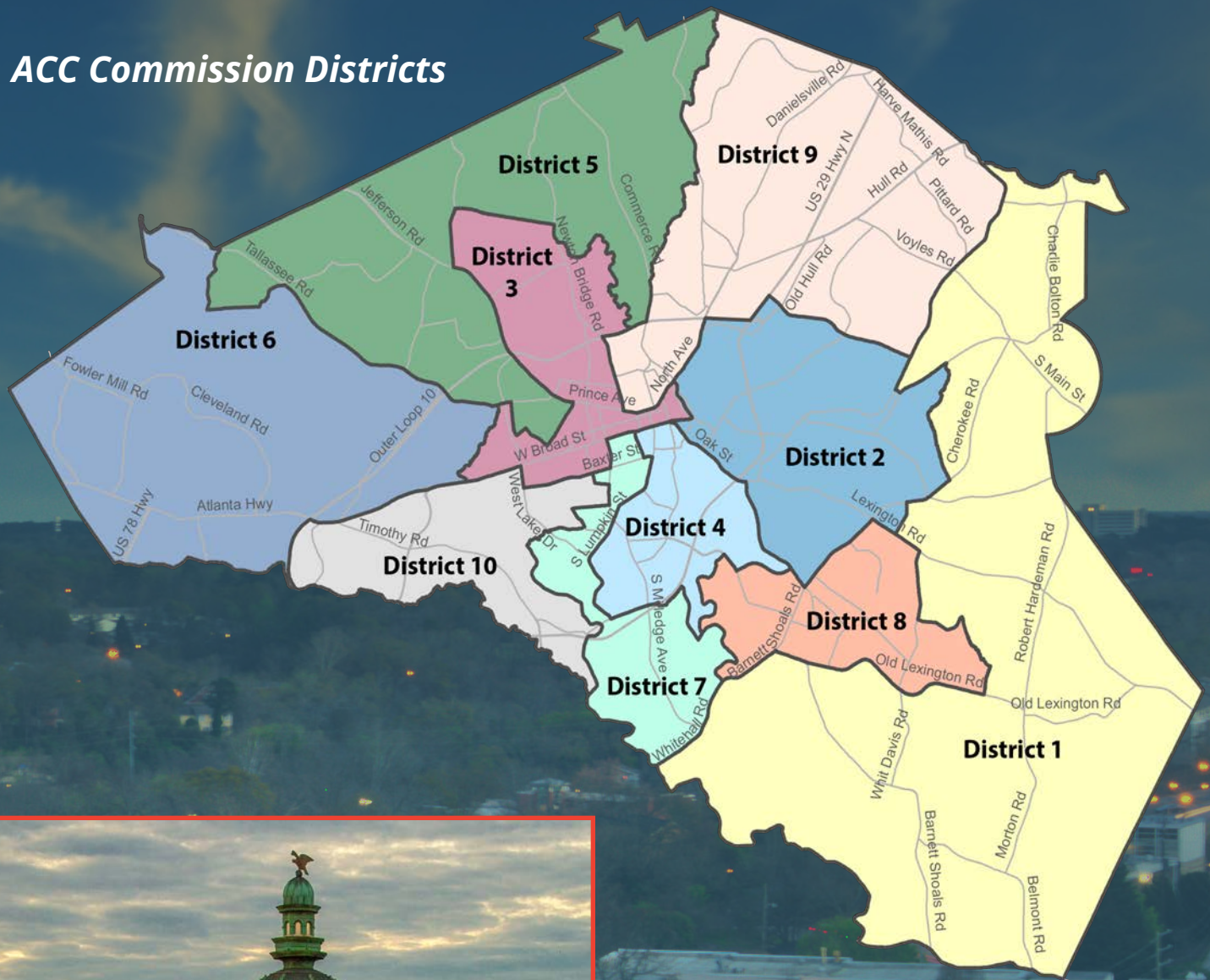


The Spirit of Athens Statue



*Athena statue in front of
The Classic Center*

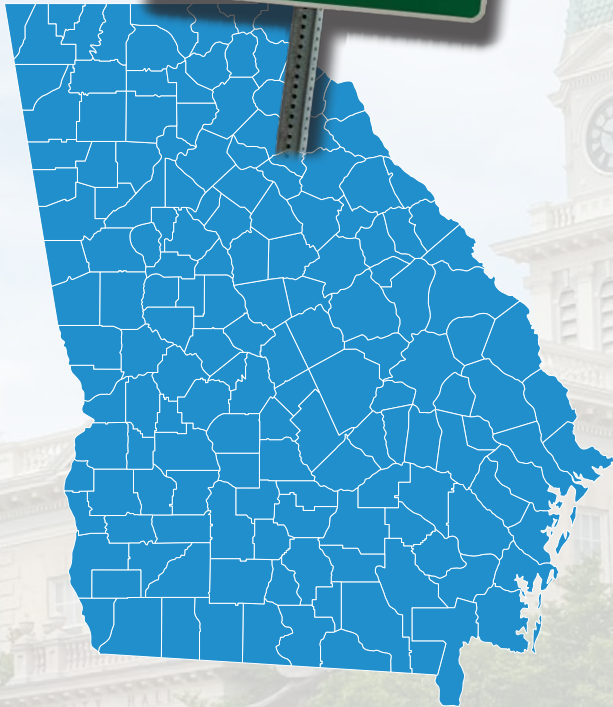
ACC Commission Districts



Athens-Clarke County City Hall



ACC QUICK FACTS



Unified - January 14, 1991

Mayor - Kelly Girtz

Manager - Blaine H. Williams

Commission Districts - 10

County Budget - \$266,800,000

County Employees - 1,728

Size of County - 122 square miles

Population - 129,394

Median Household Income - \$38,311

Median Home Value - \$171,000

Owner Occupied Housing Rate - 38.5%

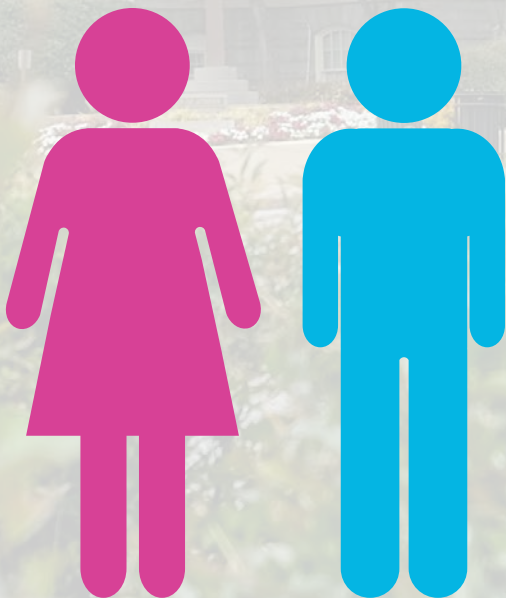
Living in Same House 1 Year Ago - 70.1%

Persons in Poverty - 29.9.0%

Mean Travel Time to Work - 19.4 minutes

Total Housing Units - 53,633

Average Household - 2.41



Athens-Clarke County

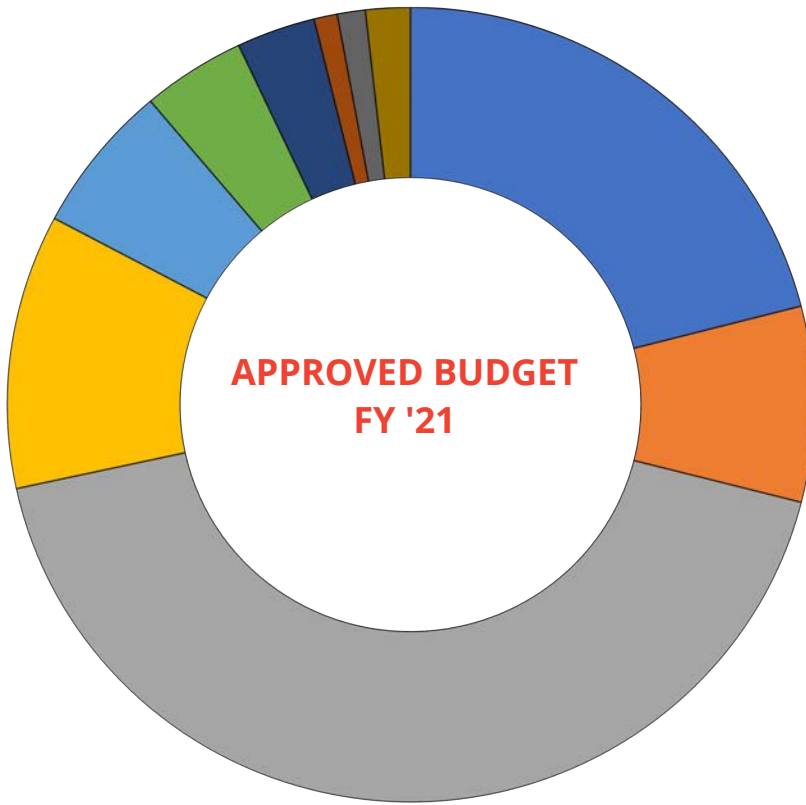
Female-Male Ratio

Female 48% Male 52%

Racial Makeup

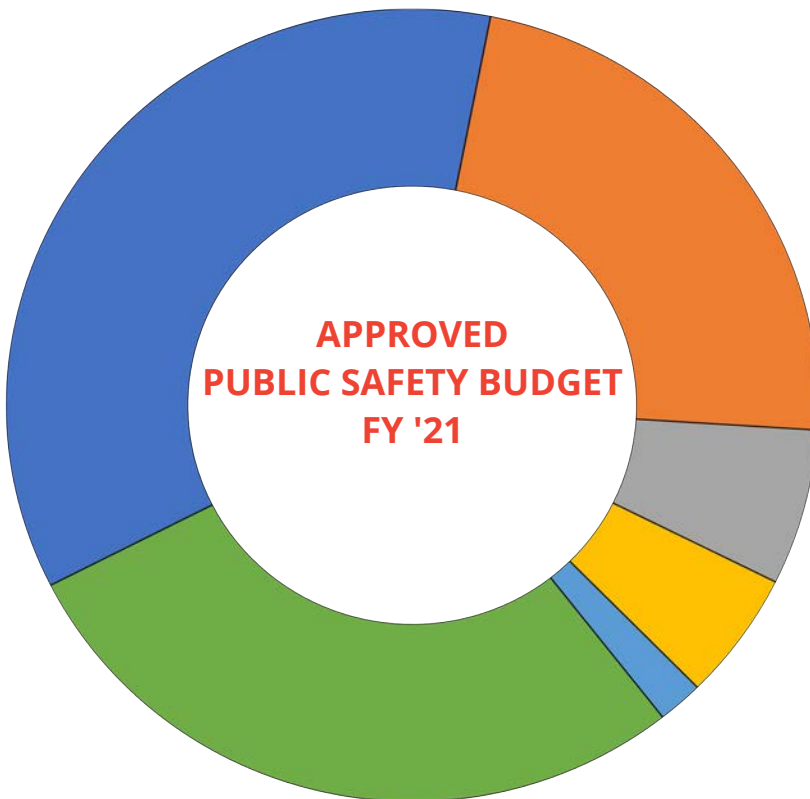
- White – 66.0%
 - Black – 29.2%
 - Asian – 4.9%
 - Other – 2.6%
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- Hispanic or Latino
–10.8%
(may be any above race)

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY - Annual Budget



General	\$29,508,105
Judicial	\$11,163,075
Public Safety	\$59,926,499
Public Works	\$15,680,291
Culture and Rec.	\$ 8,535,108
Independent	\$ 5,826,343
Housing	\$ 4,440,583
Debt Service	\$ 1,312,446
Transfers	\$ 1,576,102
Capital	\$ 2,512,000

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT - Annual Budget



Police Services	\$22,513,278
Fire Services	\$14,477,207
Corrections	\$ 4,025,093
E911	\$ 3,321,437
Animal Services	\$ 1,148,337
Sheriff	\$17,762,584



OFC Marcus McQuien and Tina,
Sgt. Scott Blair and Vilma,
and OFC Craig Turner and Bruno
(from left to right) comprise ACCPD's K9 Unit.



POLICE LEADERSHIP



Cleveland Spruill
Chief



Jerry Saulters
Deputy Chief
*Field Operations
Bureau*



Jeff Clark
Deputy Chief
*Operational
Support Bureau*



Keith Kelley
Deputy Chief
*Administrative Services
Bureau*



Derek Scott
Captain
*West Patrol
Division*



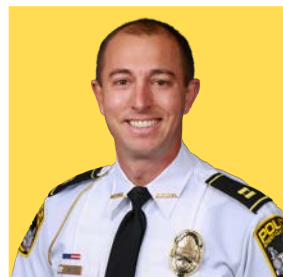
Aubrey Epps
Captain
*East Patrol
Division*



Chris Nichols
Captain
*Investigations
Division*



William Hood
Captain
*Special Services
Division*



Harrison Daniel
Captain
*Standards, Records, &
Training Division*



Al Radford
Captain
*Communications &
Technology*



DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES OCTOBER 2019

CHIEF OF POLICE
Cleveland

**PUBLIC INFORMATION
OFFICE (2)**

**PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS (2)**
Jeff Johnson

FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE (150)
Jerry Saulters

OPERATIONAL SERVICES BUREAU
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE
Jeff Johnson

**WEST PATROL
DIVISION (65)**
Derek Scott

**EAST PATROL
DIVISION (81)**
Aubrey Epps

**INVESTIGATIONS
DIVISION (59)**
Chris Nichols

West Day Watch (21)
David Coker

K-9 unit (3)

East Day Watch (21)
Jonathan Patterson

**West Evening
Watch (22)**
Joe Geiger

**East Evening
Watch (22)**
Shaun Barnett

**West Morning
Watch (21)**
Jimmy Carter

**East Morning
Watch (21)**
Tim Scott

**SPECIAL
OPERATIONS (16)**
Rich McDougald

**DOWNTOWN
UNIT (14)**

**COMPLIANCE
UNIT (1)**

**PERSONS
CRIMES (17)**
David Norris

**TACT. ANTI-
CRIME (17)**
Mark Malueg

**Robbery /
Homicide Unit (7)**

**DRUG TASK
FORCE UNIT (8)**

**FORENSIC
UNIT (6)**

GANG UNIT (4)

**CRIME
ANALYSIS
UNIT (2)**

**SAFE
STREETS
UNIT (4)**

**HOMELAND
SECURITY (1)**

**PROPERTY
CRIMES (13)**
Matt Smith

**SPECIAL VICTIMS
(11)**
Jay Ragsdale

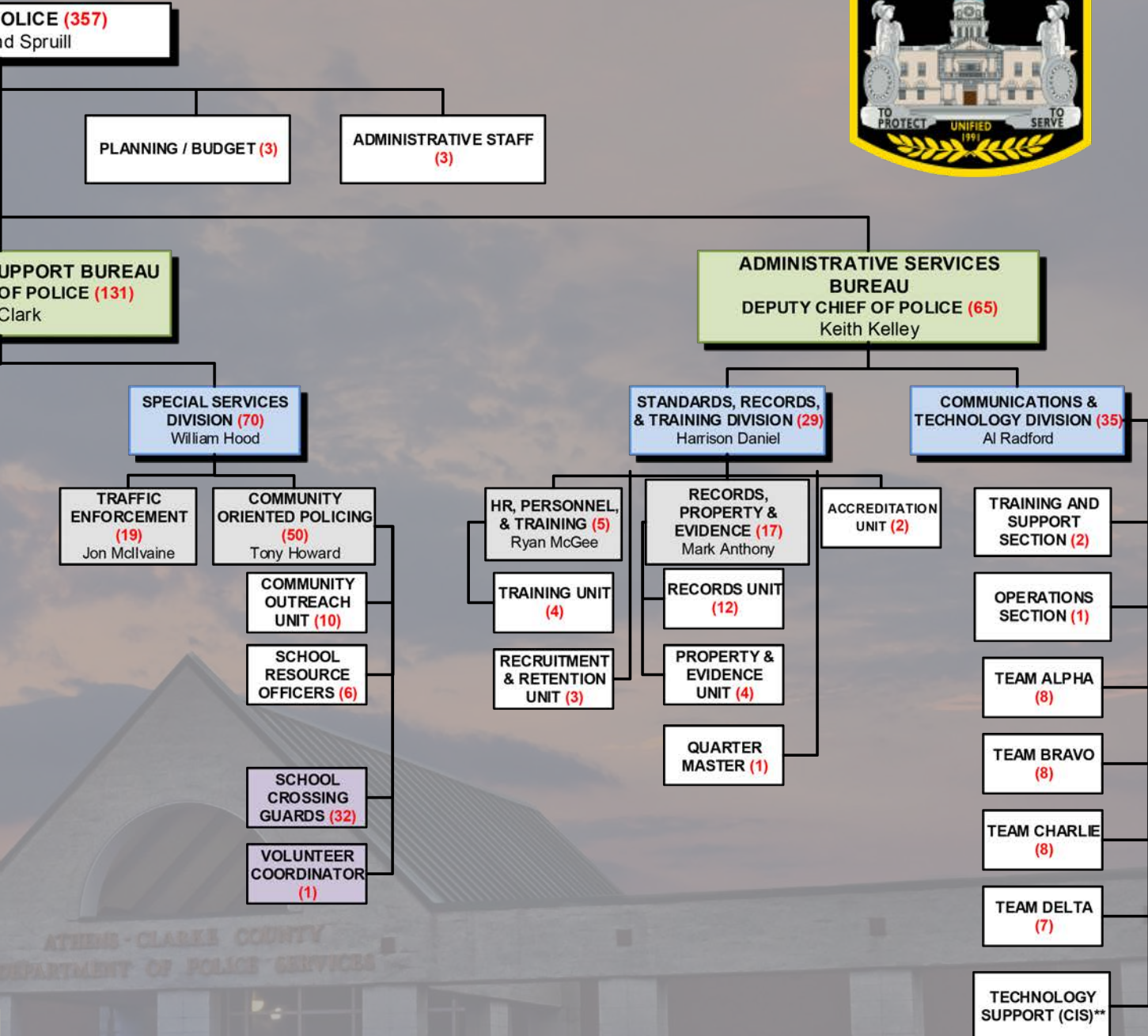
**DV/MISSING
PERSON UNIT (5)**

**SEXUAL
ASSAULT UNIT (3)**

**CRISIS
INTERVENTION
UNIT (2)**



POLICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART: MAY 5, 2020



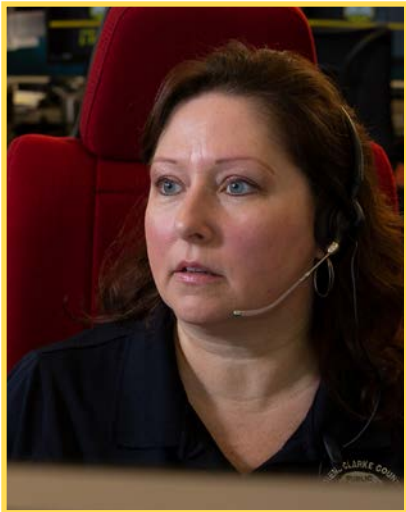
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Blaine Williams	Digitally signed by Blaine Williams Date: 2020.10.06 14:50:18 -0400
Police Chief	
Manager	

Prepared by: Accreditation Coordinator
Katrina Taylor

ACCPD QUICK FACTS



POLICE BUDGET
\$22,513,278



E 911 BUDGET
\$3,321,437



SWORN POLICE OFFICERS
(AUTHORIZED)

256



CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES
(AUTHORIZED)

73



SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS
(AUTHORIZED)

33



CALLS FOR SERVICE

101,998



INCIDENT REPORTS

14,265



EMPLOYEE TRAINING HOURS

30,654



PRINCIPLES OF THE ACCPD

Photo top

While COVID meant many changes for the department, rank advancements continued. Phillip Basinger earned the rank of Lieutenant.

MISSION

To support and defend the U.S. Constitution, protect and safeguard all life, and ensure the equal protection of rights for all as we work to reduce both crime and fear of crime.

COMMUNITY POLICING

The Athens-Clarke County Police Department has adopted community oriented policing as our key management tool and operational philosophy.

Community policing is a philosophy that promotes organizational strategies that support the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.

Under this form of policing, officers are assigned to specific beats or neighborhoods, where they actively work to build positive relationships with the residents of their neighborhood. They have the responsibility and are held accountable for ensuring order and safety within their designated communities.

CORE VALUES

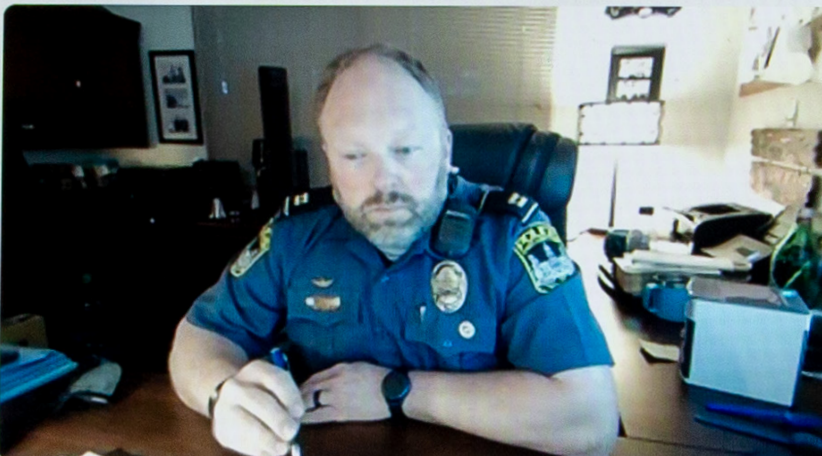
As the foundation of the department, these fundamentals represent the values our officers display when interacting with the public, other law enforcement agencies, and each other.

- **Respect**
- **Honor**
- **Integrity**
- **Courage**
- **Commitment**
- **Service**

Photo bottom

Corporal Jerry Johnson finds time to teach a number of students Anger Management Tips. These interactions break down barriers between younger students and police officers.





As the 2020 pandemic continued, most meetings transitioned from in person to online in order to prevent the spread of COVID.





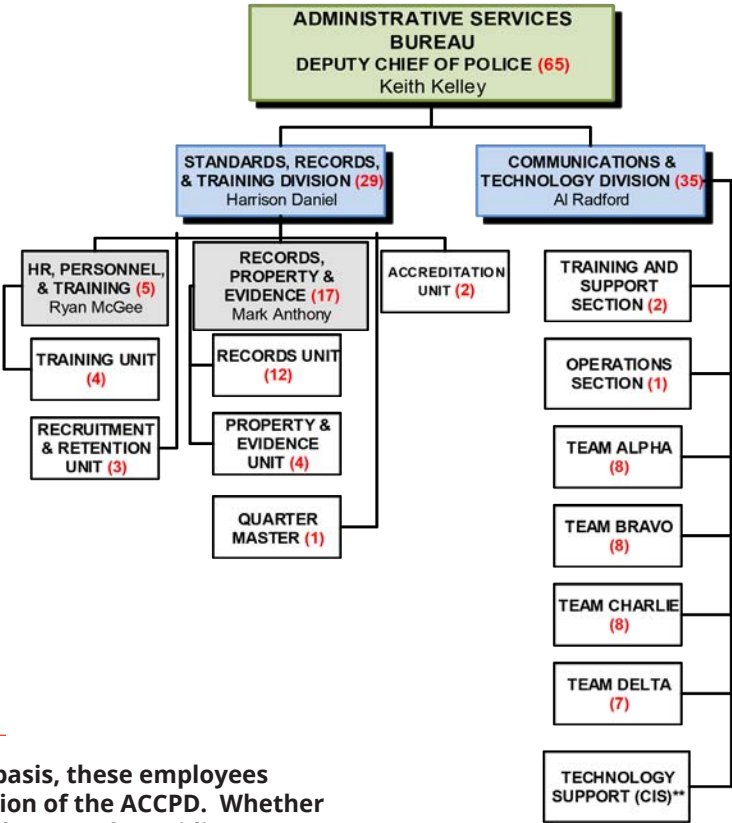
Sergeant Jay Butt, East Days Patrol Watch, along with the other ACCPD employees, wore a COVID mask during much of 2020. The Downtown Unit distributed thousands of masks to the public during the COVID-19 Pandemic.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU



KEITH KELLEY
DEPUTY CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

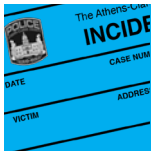


While the general public sees ACCPD officers on a daily basis, these employees work behind the scenes to ensure the successful operation of the ACCPD. Whether providing uniforms and essential training or storing evidence and providing IT support, these employees are essential to ACCPD's success.



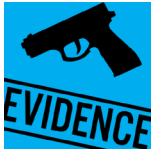
Career Development and Training Unit

Coordinates basic and advanced training for new recruits as well as experienced officers



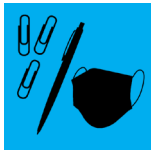
Records Unit

Promptly enter data related to incident reports or accident reports
Maintain departmental files related to crime and traffic



Property and Evidence Unit

Catalog and store evidence related to criminal investigations



Quartermaster

Supplies officers and civilian employees with office supplies, as well as uniform and equipment needs



Technology Support

Responsible for administration of the department's computer network and maintenance of computers for employees and officers



Quartermaster
Anne Wooster



Records Unit Technician
Meghan Thompson



Accreditation

The Athens-Clarke County Police Department was the 43rd in the nation to be nationally accredited by CALEA, Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. ACCPD has been accredited eight times, symbolizing our professional approach to police services.

Accreditation is a coveted award that symbolizes professionalism, excellence, and competence. It embodies the concepts of community-oriented policing - police and citizens working together to prevent and control crime. A number of standards and practices must be met in order to receive CALEA accreditation including written directives and training, essential facilities and equipment, and processes to safeguard employee rights.

ACCPD was first in Georgia to receive state-issued Law Enforcement Certification. Again, this symbolizes our commitment to professional and quality oriented police service providers.



Accreditation Unit
From Left to right, Tiffany Autry and Katrina Taylor



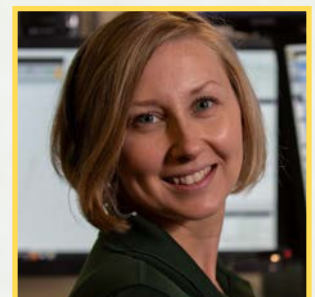
GCIC Coordinators Award
Communications Officer First Class Adam Hus received ACCPD's 2020 GCIC Coordinator's Award. GCIC, or the Georgia Crime Information Center, is an essential service used by our Communications Officers.



Central Communications Center

These 34 employees provide the vital link between citizens and emergency services through Athens-Clarke County's 911 system. Our Communications Officers work 12 hour shifts and consist of four 7-8 person teams, Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and Delta. There is always a team working 24 hours per day and 365 days per year.

The officers have dispatch responsibilities for the ACCPD, Athens-Clarke Fire and Emergency Services, and Clarke County Sheriff's Office.



Communications Officers
From left to right, Communications Officer First Class Ashley Bufford, Communications Supervisor Lori Smith, Master Communications Officer Jeremy Simms, and Communications Supervisor Jessica Haley

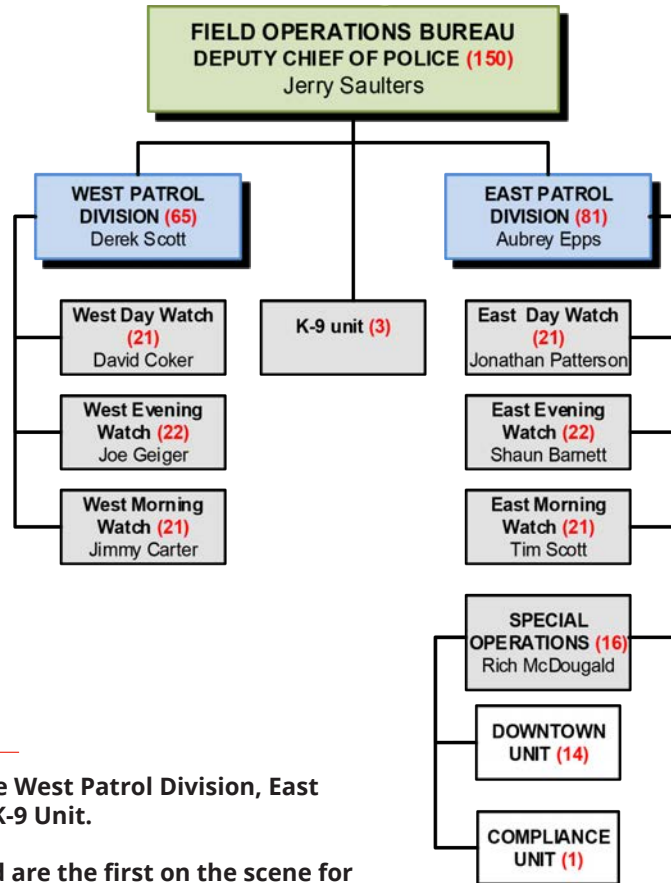
FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU



JERRY SAULTERS
DEPUTY CHIEF
FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

The most publicly visible of all the bureaus includes the West Patrol Division, East Patrol Division, Downtown Unit, Compliance Unit and K-9 Unit.

The patrol divisions respond to 911 calls for service and are the first on the scene for a number of incidents. These officers face a diverse number of calls - from a burglary alarm or trespassing person to an aggravated assault or fender-bender.

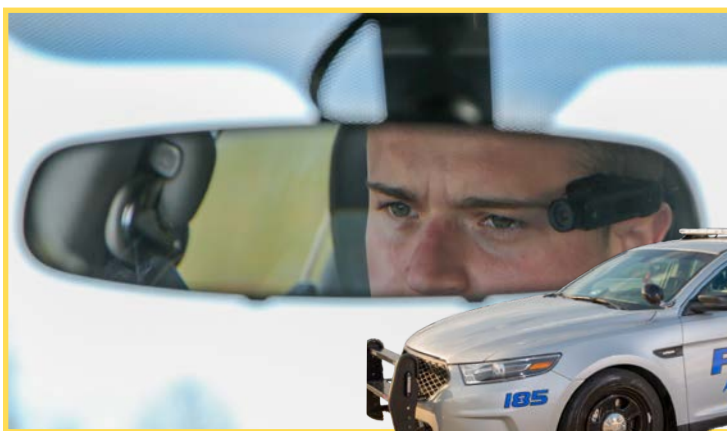


East and West Patrol Divisions

The dividing line between East and West Divisions for most of Athens-Clarke County is Milledge Avenue. Further dividing the divisions, approximately 15 to 20 officers making up three watches or shifts- Days, Evenings, and Mornings.



Captain Aubrey Epps
East Patrol Division



Officer Jonathan Woods
East Days Watch



Captain Derek Scott
West Patrol Division



K-9 Unit

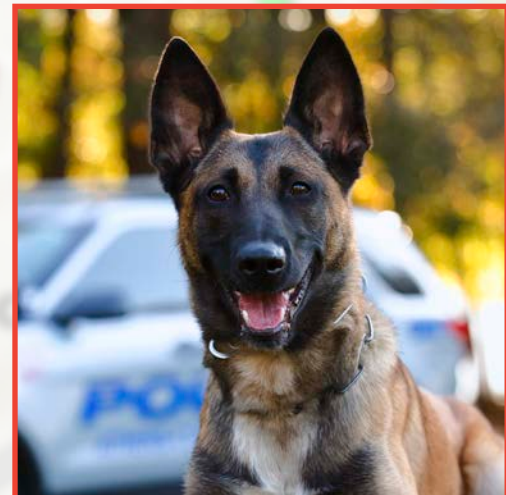
Tina, Bruno, and Vilma have been instrumental to the department in the past year. Their officer/handlers are integral to the unit's success and weekly training sessions are essential to the growth of the unit.



TINA BELGIAN MALINOIS



BRUNO GERMAN SHEPHERD



VILMA BELGIAN MALINOIS



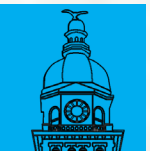
Compliance Unit



The Compliance Unit is tasked with enforcing all Georgia state statutes and Athens-Clarke County ordinances involving the distribution and sale of alcohol, the operation of taxis (vehicle for hire), police-required wrecker services, precious metals and gems permitting, and pawn shop compliance.



Sgt. Laura Lusk
Compliance Officer



Downtown Unit

These officers have a unique and specialized role-to provide police services and address the unique needs of the retail businesses, restaurants, and alcohol establishments in the Athens-Clarke County downtown area.



From left to right, SPO Choudhury, Sgt. Young, OFC Della Fortuna, Sgt. Johnson, Lt. McDougald, Ofc. Ramey, Cpl. Cusachs, and OFC Montalvo

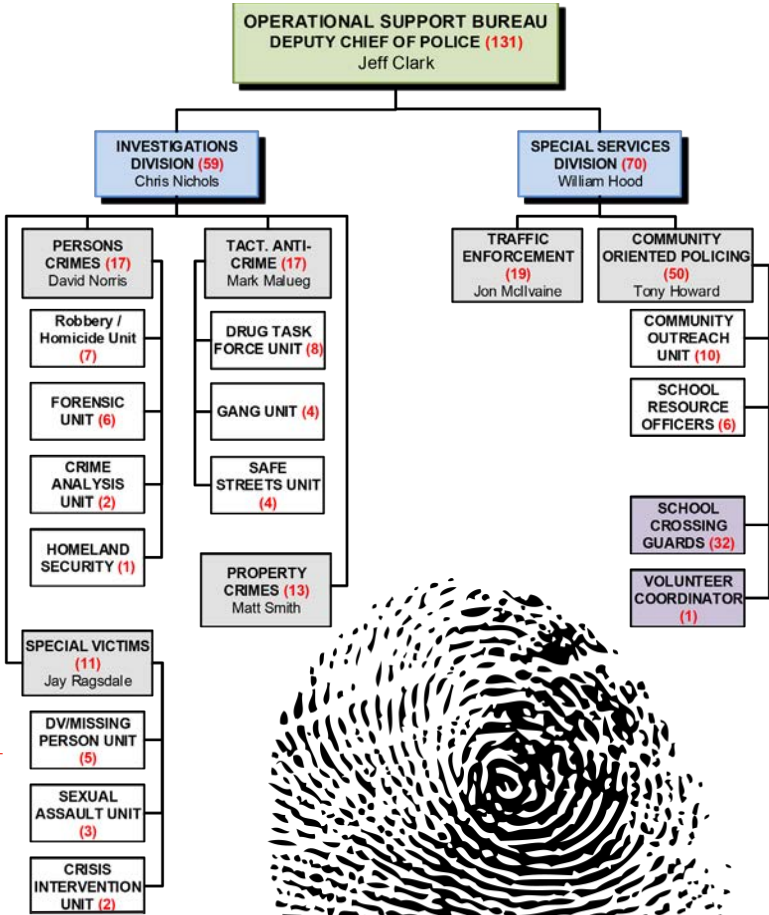
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT BUREAU



JEFF CLARK
DEPUTY CHIEF
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT BUREAU

The Operational Support Bureau is comprised of highly trained and experienced officers and investigators who are responsible for conducting and following up on investigations of high level, or more complex, crimes that are beyond the capacity of regular patrol officers to handle.

Included in the Operational Support Bureau are the Investigations Division and the Special Services Division. Some of the Units within these Divisions include the Special Victims Unit, Tactical Anti-Crime Unit, Community Outreach Unit, Mental Health Unit, Traffic Enforcement Unit, School Resource Officer Unit, and the regional Drug Task Force.



Persons Crimes

Personnel assigned to Investigations handle more complex investigations, process crime scenes for forensic evidence and coordinate police investigative responses to large scale police investigations.



Detective Jason Cook receives case files from Assistant Kathryn Streetman.



Master Police Officer Tim Stewart (Forensics Unit) examines a fingerprint.



Traffic Unit

Utilizing marked and unmarked patrol cars and motorcycles, the Traffic Unit focuses on ensuring compliance with traffic laws and reducing traffic crashes and fatalities through education and awareness efforts.



From left to right, Lt. John McIlvaine, OFC Joey Lewis, and Sgt. Michael Wood (Traffic Unit) assisted Community Outreach when a local store donated bicycles for ACCPD's Shop with a Cop Program.

Community Outreach



The Community Outreach Division of the Athens-Clarke County Police Department is a diverse group of men and women striving to connect our department to the community. The Division proactively plans and hosts events and participates with other community groups to encourage positive interactions between the police and our citizens and visitors. Staff assignments include Community Outreach, School Resource Officers, School Crossing Guards, and Volunteer Services.



SPO Jerry Johnson enjoys a moment with a recipient of a bike during our modified 2020 Shop with a Cop program. Rather than take ACC youth shopping, the Athens-Clarke Police Foundation selected several families for officers to deliver holiday cheer and delivered holiday cheer.



Due to COVID-19, Trunk or Treat was modified to a drive-thru event. Plenty of ghouls and ghosts joined future police officers for handfuls of candy and treats.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH UNIT

SPECIAL EVENTS TRUNK OR TREAT

Our drive-thru Trunk or Treat was a special time for young and old superheroes, wizards, and scary clowns.



With the help of the Athens-Clarke Police Foundation, ACCPD's Community Outreach Unit spread joy to several families.

SPECIAL EVENTS **SANTA COP**



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Throughout 2020, our officers and employees found time to donate their services, many times at the height of the COVID 19 Pandemic. We also salute members of our community that supported the ACCPD through their donations of masks, chocolate candy, pizza, and hand sanitizer.





Jerry B. NeSmith Behavioral Health Co-Responders Unit



Senior Police Officer Robie Cochran and Mental Health Clinician Katie McFarland comprise one of two units of our Jerry B. NeSmith Behavioral Health Co-Responders Team. Clinician Michael Drew, and Senior Police Officer Carl Mitcham make up the other team.

ACCPD Mental Health Calls	2017	2018	2019	2020
Calls Reviewed	18,042	15,777	15,055	14,269
Calls with Mental Health Connections	1,325	1,047	1,783	2,155
Approximate Percentage of Calls	7%	7%	12%	15%

The Jerry B. NeSmith Behavioral Health Co-Responders Unit is a collaborative effort to address mental health issues as related to police activity in Athens-Clarke County.

The unit was named for former Athens-Clarke County Commissioner Jerry NeSmith, who passed away in June 2020, and was a strong advocate for the creation of ACCPD's behavioral health unit.

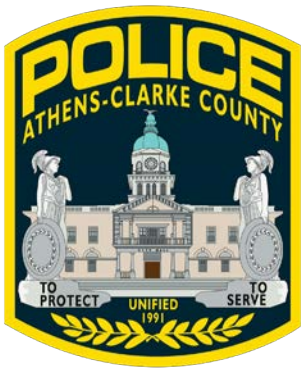
The team's two units are comprised of one ACCPD officer and a mental health clinician from Advantage Behavioral Health Systems. When possible, one of the units respond to police calls when an officer suspects an individual is in a mental health crisis.

Presently, SPO Robie Cochran and Mental Health Clinician Katie McFarland comprise one team and SPO Carl Mitcham and Mental Health Clinician Michael Drew comprise the second team. A third team is scheduled to come online in 2021.

Additionally, the Cochran/McFarland team are state and nationally known for their work in this area and frequently teach seminars to other law enforcement jurisdictions. They are also responsible for our own Crisis Intervention Training, which every new ACCPD officer receives.

Through the year, the units work with a number of Athens-Clarke County agencies to ensure successful outcomes for persons suffering from mental health illnesses including:

- *Treatment and Accountability Court Team and Family Treatment Court*
- *Attendance at Special Bond Hearings*
- *Clarke County School District*
- *ACC Mayor's Office • Nucci's Space*
- *University of Georgia Police Department*
- *Athens Community Council on Aging*
- *Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital*
- *Envision Athens • ACC Attorney's Office*



ADVANTAGE

WHERE HEALTH MEETS HOPE

Beginning in 2017, ACCPD's Cochran began reviewing incident reports for calls that included a mental health connection. Since that time, the number of those calls has more than doubled, from 7% to 15%.



1,027

CARE COORDINATIONS



646

OUTREACH AND ASSESSMENTS



142

MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATIONS



68

COMMUNITY MEETINGS



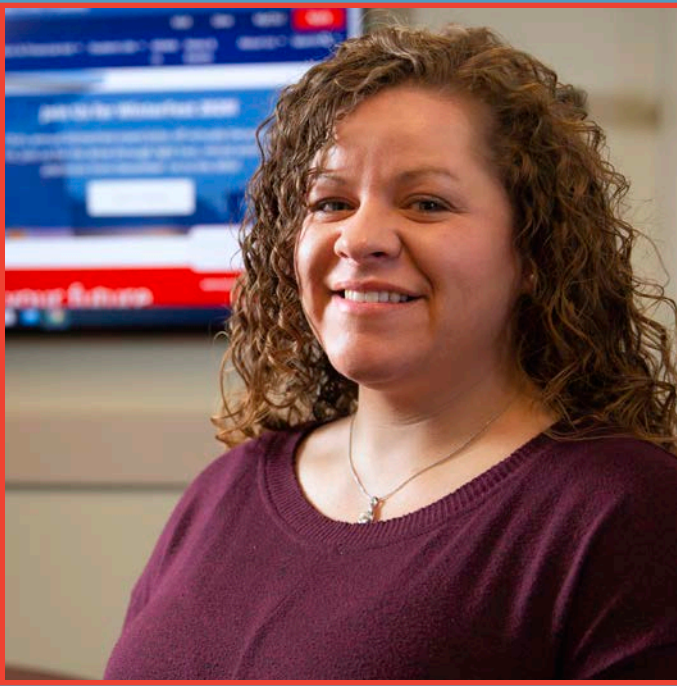
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CRITICAL INCIDENT TRAININGS



Master Communications Officer Benjamin Paul and his coworkers answered more than 100,000 calls for service in 2020, the vast majority from cell phones.





In 2020, three employees graduated from Columbus State University with a Masters' Degree in Public Safety Administration - Sgt. Katie Clark (Uniform Patrol) and Katrina Taylor (Accreditation) graduated in December, while Senior Police Officer Vincent Schill (Traffic) graduated in May.

RETIREMENTS

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY AND
THE ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT**



Mark Anthony



Harry Duranso



Mike Hunsinger



Kim Johnson



Tony Kincaid



David Leedah



Pat Whitmore



A successful agency provides advancement opportunity for its officers to gain more experience, to transfer to a different unit, or to move into an administrative role. In 2020, these officers received advancements:

Officer First Class

Ketonia Appling
Cody Behrns
Madison Brant
James Bryant
Ashley Cuellar
Dara Deckert
Zachery Espinosa
Tyler Harney
Jarrett Johnson
Ted Katt
Hunter Lance
Blake Manning
Brooke Minchew
Katy Minchew
Abdiel Montalvo
Jarrett Paschal
Tyler O'Connor
Adam Sartain
Jonathan Surine
Ponder Suto
Jeremiah Theus
Roger Williams
Jonathan Woods

Senior Police Officer

Charles Burgamy
Joseph Mentor
Christopher Shapland
Jackson Fields

Master Police Officer

Nathaniel Franco
Audrey Menzel
Felix Troche
Calvin Smith

Sergeant

Kattie Clark
Paul Davidson
Clint Dieball
Daniel Douglas
Chris England
William Gipson
Tim Johnson
Jimmy King
Alex Leder
Len Thomas

Lieutenant

Phil Basinger
Shaun Barnett
Jimmy Carter
Joe Geiger
Tony Howard
Jimmy King
Ryan McGee
David Norris
Jonathan Patterson
Greg Slaney
Matt Smith
Felix Troche
Charlie Wang

Captain

Harrison Daniel
John Radford
Derek Scott

Interim Deputy Chief

Keith Kelley

Communications Officer First Class

Ann Byrd
Marie Farmer
Bethany Wright

Master Communications Officer

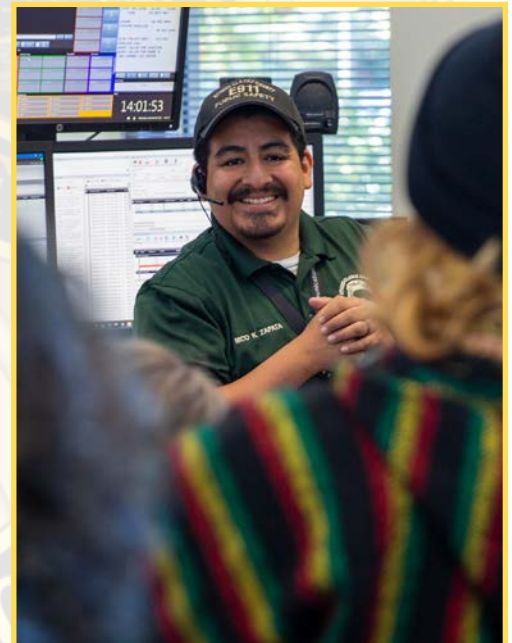
Jamie Pursiful

Interim Communications Supervisor

Ben Paul

Communications Supervisor

Jessica Haley
Kevin Zapata



Kevin Zapata, who advanced to Communications Supervisor in 2020, provides a tour of the 911 Center to a group of high school students.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The mission of the Office of Professional Standards is to promote public trust in and effective management of the Department and its personnel through a rigorous review and oversight process. This is accomplished through routine review of high-risk activities such as use of force and vehicle pursuits, as well as investigation of specific allegations of wrongdoing by the Department or its employees.

It is the policy of the department to objectively and thoroughly investigate all allegations of wrongdoing and to consistently and fairly administer discipline when appropriate. Professional Standards also promotes transparency and accountability as a conduit for information between the Police Department, other ACC agencies, the Manager's Office, and the Commission in response to requests and inquiries from the public.

Beyond reviewing specific incidents, Professional Standards conducts annual reviews of departmental activities to identify any trends, patterns, or areas of concern related to use of force, vehicle pursuits, complaints, discipline, and more.

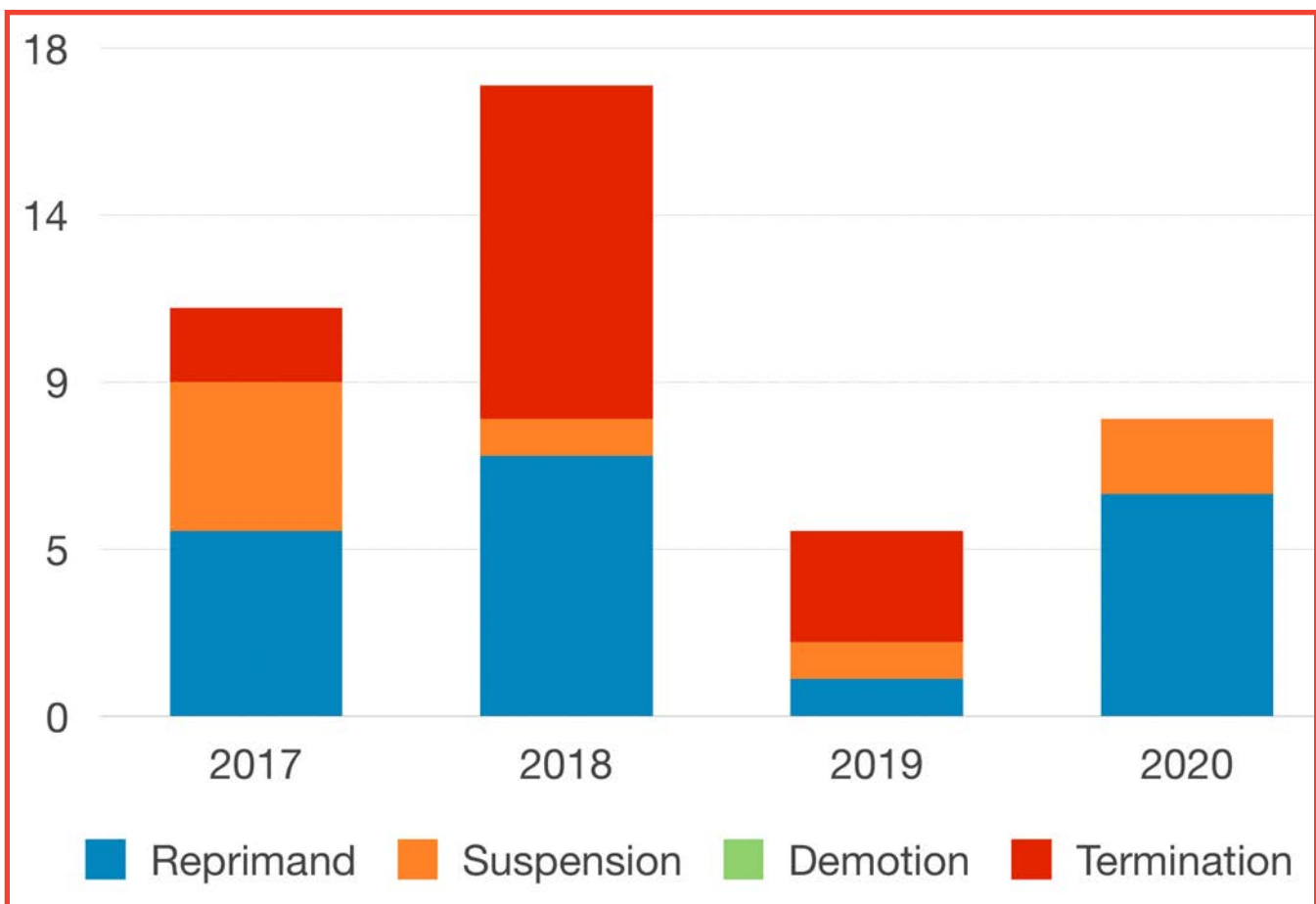
In 2020, Professional Standards reported the following Departmental data:

<i>ACCPD Citizen Contacts</i>	<i>89,061</i>	<i>% Total Citizen Contacts</i>
Citations Issued	8,433	9.5%
Arrests Made	2,595	2.9%
Use of Force Incidents	204	0.23%
Vehicle Pursuits	22	0.02%
Complaints Received	48	0.05%
<div>▼▼▼</div> Complaint Dispositions		
Unfounded	15	
Sustained	14	
Not Sustained	5	
Exonerated	14	

<i>Use of Force Data</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>
Total Use of Force Incidents	268	264	298	283	204
Soft Control/Empty Hands	142	155	365	183	147
Compliance Tools	38	23	12	7	99
Hard Control/Strikes (Hands)	7	17	0	7	7
Impact Weapons/Baton	1	1	3	0	12
Taser, (Conducted Energy Weapon) "D"=Deployment "P"=Presentation	17	37D/58P	39D/66P	39D/41P	54D/29P
Firearm Presentation	56	86	214	105	339
Lethal Force	1	1	0	14*	0
Stop Stick Deployment	2	9	6	1	5

*In 2019, there were only six incidents in which officers used deadly force. The data reflects the total number of officers who used lethal force. These 2019 Use of Force incidents were independently reviewed by the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. The results of these reviews were forwarded to the Clarke County District Attorney for final consideration. The district attorney determined that all deadly force incidents were legally justified.

2020 Disciplinary Actions



ACC OVERALL CRIME RATE DECREASES 5.6% IN 2020



While detectives may work behind the scene and are not seen as often as uniform patrol officers, they play a major role in solving crimes by analyzing evidence, obtaining search warrants, and interviewing witnesses.

The overall crime rate measured 37.0 crimes per 1,000 residents for 2020, which represents a -5.6% decrease from 2019's crime rate of 39.0 crimes per 1,000 residents. The total number of reported select Group "A" offenses fell from 5,008 in 2019 to 4,779 in 2020. Select Group "A" crimes that have been historically used to determine the crime rate are murder, rape, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

Select Group "A" Offenses	2017	2018	2019	2020
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	6	7	6	4
Rape	56	53	60	47
Aggravated Assault	334	326	351	459
Robbery	133	137	136	113
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	698	661	679	605
All Larcenies	3,225	3,523	3,533	3,211
Motor Vehicle Theft	234	305	243	340
Total	4,686	5,012	5,008	4,779

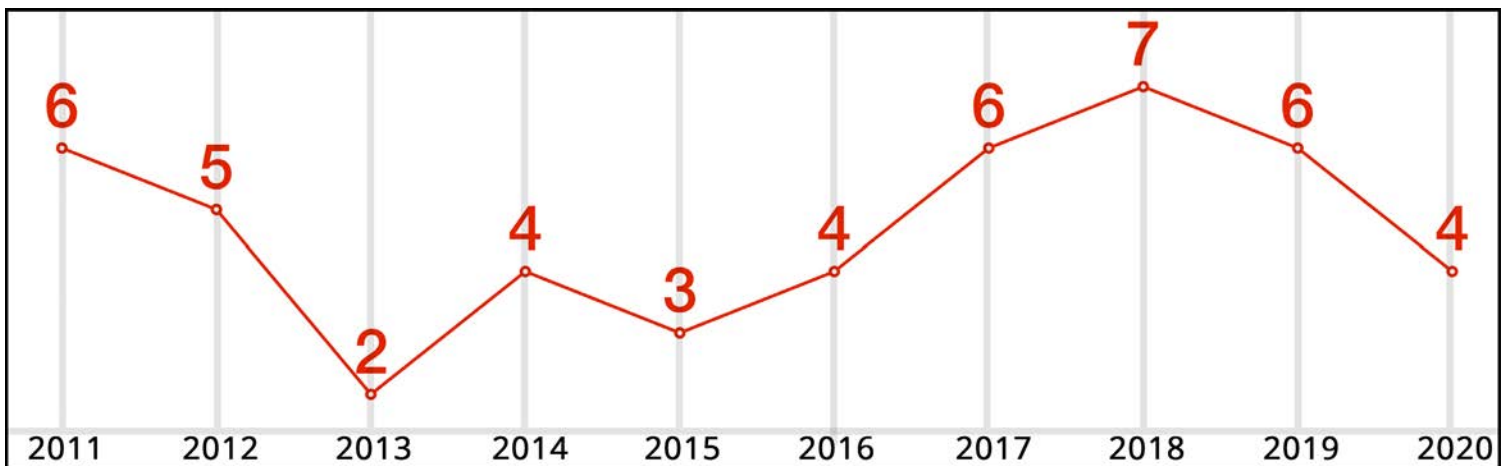
	2017	2018	2019	2020
Athens-Clarke County Population	127,064	127,268	128,331	129,394
Select Group "A" Offenses	4,686	5,012	5,008	4,779
Crime Rate	36.9	39.4	39.0	37.0
Traffic Crashes	8,137	7,394	7,547	4,047
Crash Fatalities	7	10	11	15
911 Calls for Service	109,340	107,235	106,987	100,072
Non-Emergency Calls for Service	55,134	50,465	52,734	45,125
Calls for Police Services	112,304	95,927	98,216	89,061
Calls for Fire Services	6,832	5,953	6,282	7,622

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POPULATION WITH ACC CRIME RATE



The crime rate is intended to serve as a basic indicator of overall crime trends and is a commonly accepted law enforcement measurement. It is based on seven Group "A" offenses and is not a comprehensive tracker of all crime.

FOUR MURDERS IN 2020 - ALL CLOSED BY ARREST



Murder is often considered the highest profile crime committed against a person and is defined as a willful killing of one human being by another. The classification of this offense is based solely on police investigation as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, or jury.

This classification does not include deaths caused by negligence, suicide, accidents, or justifiable homicides.

Murders in Athens-Clarke County decreased from six in 2019 to four which occurred in 2020. Each of these murders was closed by arrest, and in each case, the victim knew the assailant.

CRIME REPORT



Detective Shannon Parker works in the Special Victims Unit that investigates Crimes Against Children, Domestic Abuse, and Sexual Assaults.

CRIME SUMMARY INCLUDES CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS, PROPERTY, AND SOCIETY

The overall number of crime incidents decreased 6.3%. In 2019, there were 12,386 incidents versus 11,600 in 2020. Crimes Against Persons increased slightly from 2019 levels while Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society were down.

All Crime Summary	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Crimes Against Persons	3,380	3,065	3,163	3,124	3,235	15,967
Crimes Against Property	6,288	5,935	6,394	6,432	5,718	30,767
Crimes Against Society	2,677	2,793	2,410	2,830	2,647	13,357
Total	12,345	11,793	11,967	12,386	11,600	60,091

- All Offenses are counted • Unfounded cases are excluded
- These unofficial, preliminary National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) statistics are subject to change based on modified reporting requirements, evolving investigations, delayed reporting, and error correction. They should not be directly compared to previous Unified Crime Reporting (UCR) charts or reports.
- The National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is an incident-based reporting system for crimes known to the police. For each crime incident coming to the attention of law enforcement, a variety of data are collected about the incident.
- Further information about the conversion from UCR to NIBRS can be found at <https://ucr.fbi.gov/nibrs-overview>

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

<i>Crimes Against Persons</i>	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Homicide: Murder / Non-negligent Manslaughter	4	6	7	6	4	27
Homicide: Negligent Manslaughter	1	2	0	2	0	5
Kidnapping / Abduction	17	20	20	18	27	102
Sex Offense, Force: Rape	54	56	53	60	47	270
Sex Offense, Force: Sodomy	23	15	22	14	15	89
Sex Offense, Force: Object	67	49	65	73	62	316
Sex Offense, Force: Fondling	74	76	79	44	47	320
Assault: Aggravated	321	334	326	354	459	1,794
Assault: Simple	2,466	2,197	2,154	2,056	2,065	10,938
Assault: Intimidation	353	310	437	497	509	2,106
Total	3,380	3,065	3,163	3,124	3,235	15,967



**KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION
2016-2020**



**SEX OFFENSES
2016-2020**



**AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS
2016-2020**

CRIME REPORT

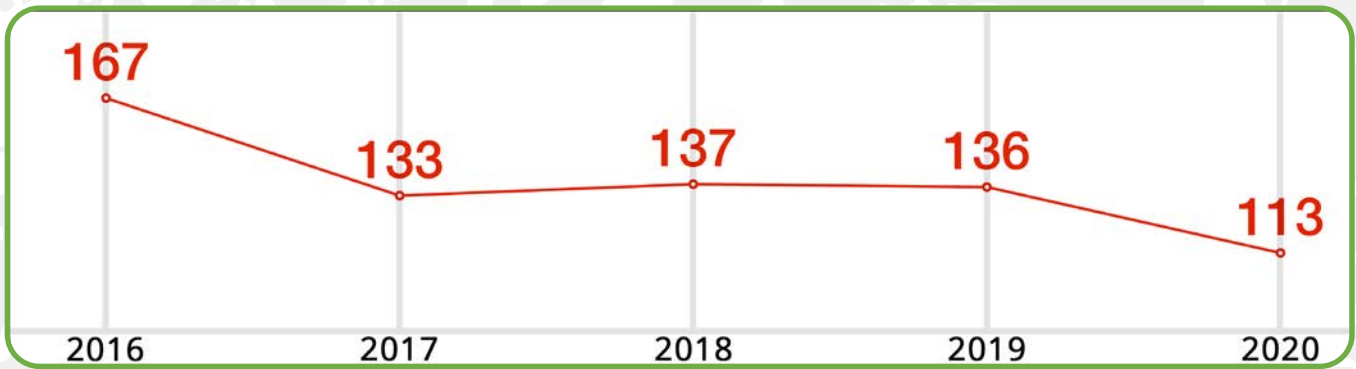
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

*FISCAL YEAR 2020 SAW FOUR YEAR LOWS IN ROBBERY,
BURGLARY, SHOPLIFTING, AND CONTERFEITING/FORGERY*

<i>Crimes Against Property</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>Total</i>
Robbery	167	133	137	136	113	686
Arson	15	13	21	15	20	84
Burglary / Breaking and Entering	827	698	661	678	605	3,469
Larceny: Pocket-Picking	1,312	1,298	111	1	5	2,727
Larceny: Purse-Snatching	0	0	0	3	7	10
Larceny: Shoplifting	712	823	876	861	676	3,948
Larceny: From Building	1	2	24	53	30	110
Larceny: From Coin Op. Machine	0	0	1	3	1	5
Larceny: From Motor Vehicle (MV)	729	603	1,075	1,112	1,141	4,660
Larceny: Affixed MV Parts/Accs.	49	65	91	71	82	358
Larceny: All Other	452	434	1,345	1,422	1,269	4,922
Motor Vehicle Theft	231	234	305	242	340	1,352
Counterfeiting / Forgery	367	353	373	399	220	1,712
Fraud: False Pretenses	453	440	481	421	427	2,222
Fraud: Credit Card/Teller Machines	280	293	343	513	268	1,697
Fraud: Impersonation	405	285	299	232	246	1,467
Embezzlement	0	1	0	0	0	1
Stolen Property Offenses	74	54	79	59	79	345
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism	214	206	172	211	189	992
Total	6,288	5,935	6,394	6,432	5,718	30,767



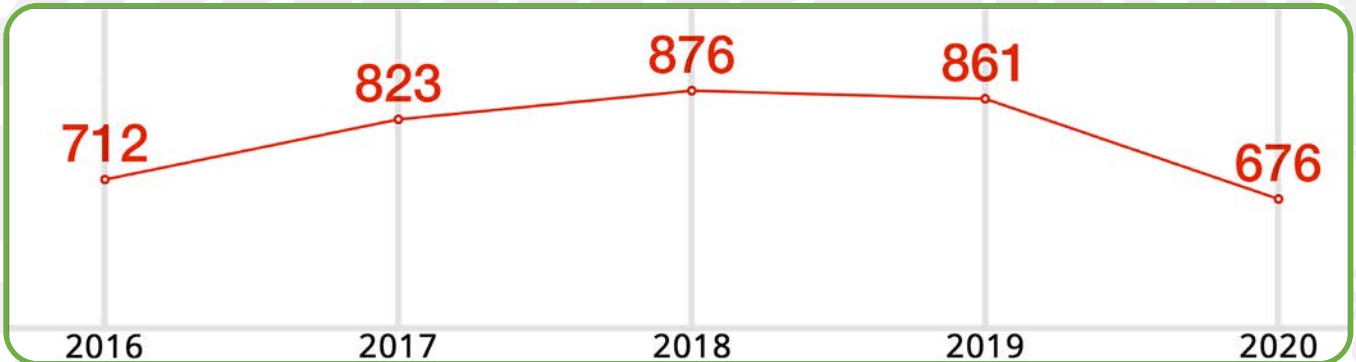
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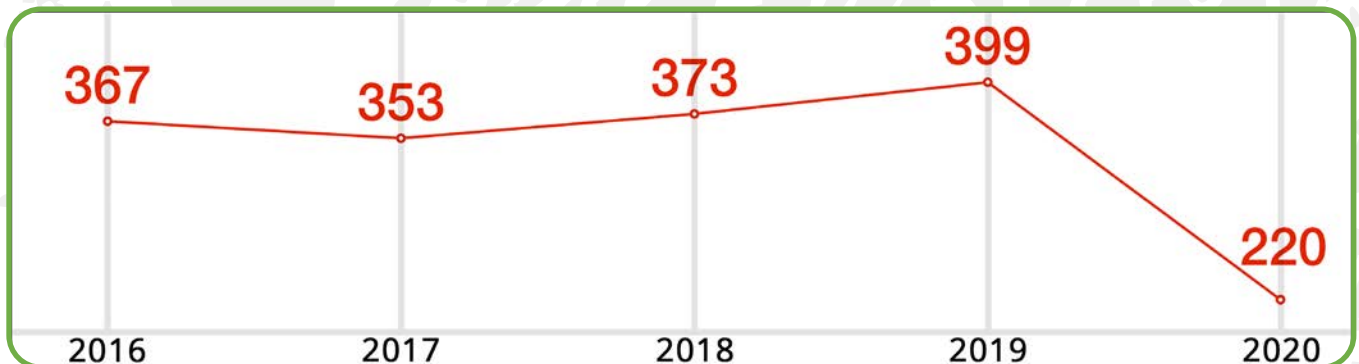
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COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY 2016-2020



CRIME REPORT

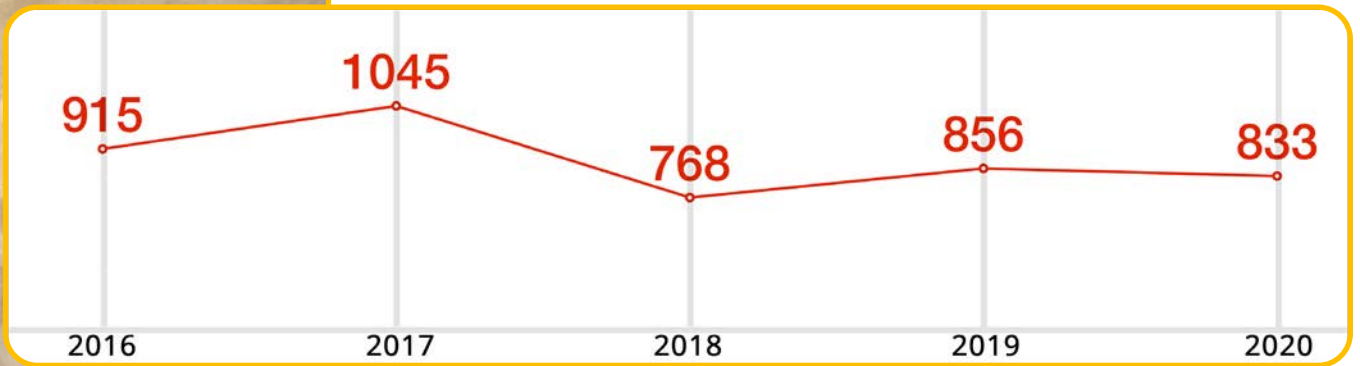
CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY

*TOTAL CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY WERE DOWN 6.5%
COMPARED TO 2019*

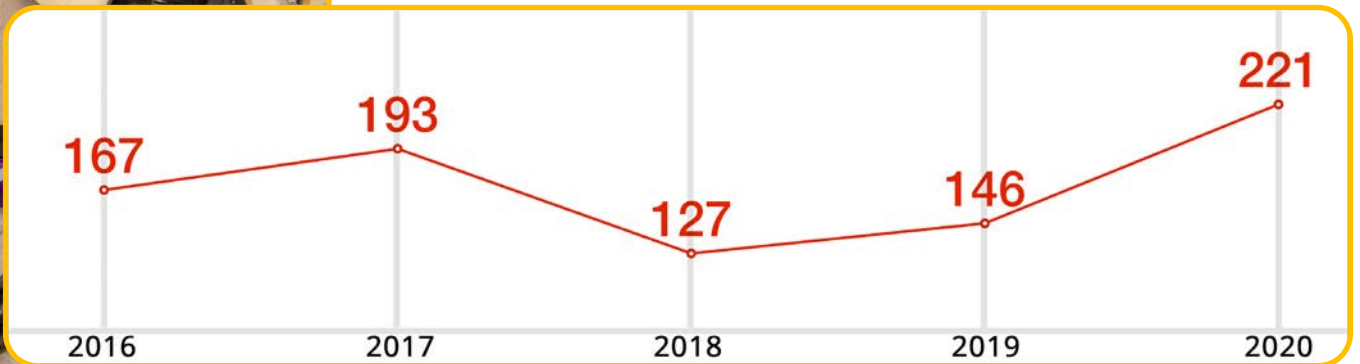
<i>Crimes Against Society</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>Total</i>
Drug/Narcotic : Violation	822	929	675	706	657	3,789
Drug/Narcotic: Equipment	93	116	93	150	176	628
Pornography / Obscene Material	23	19	6	120	4	172
Prostitution: Engaging	1	6	1	3	5	16
Prostitution: Assist/Promoting	5	4	2	1	4	16
Weapon Law Violations	167	193	127	146	221	854
Curfew / Loitering / Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	272	257	227	214	287	1,257
Driving Under the Influence	400	391	364	294	269	1,718
Drunkenness	216	247	184	244	90	981
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	311	313	346	372	420	1,762
Liquor Law Violations	349	296	129	177	127	1,078
Peeping Tom	18	22	10	15	13	78
Trespass of Real Property	0	0	246	388	374	1,008
Total	2,677	2,793	2,410	2,830	2,647	13,357



DRUG/NARCOTIC COMBINED 2016-2020



WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS 2016-2020



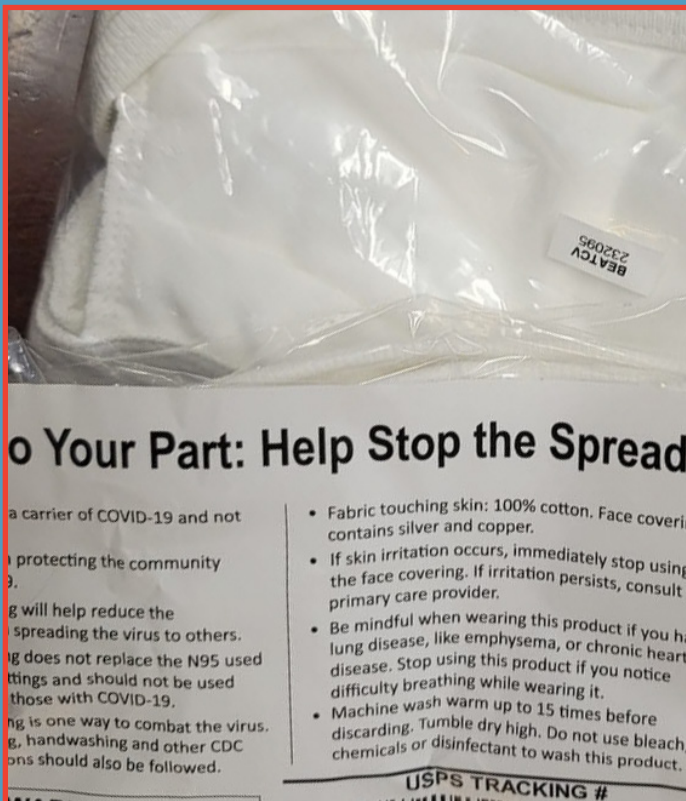
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE 2016-2020





While the pandemic continued, ACCPD continued to hire qualified candidates to serve Athens-Clarke County. We're proud of our new officers who arrived during the pandemic and appreciate their willingness to serve.





During 2020, downtown officers supplied thousands of masks to the general public. In addition, masks were common in every aspect of ACCPD life - from retirements, swearing-in ceremonies, and even teddy bear donations.

IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN



Senior Police Officer Elmer Basco "Buddy" Christian, III
Athens-Clarke County Police Department
End of Watch: March 22, 2011

Senior Police Officer Buddy Christian was shot and killed while responding to an incident where another officer had been shot and wounded at an apartment complex on Sycamore Drive in Athens. Multiple officers were investigating a carjacking and kidnapping incident when one officer stopped a vehicle owned by a relative of the carjacking suspect. The suspect exited the vehicle and shot and wounded the officer twice before fleeing on foot.

Officer Christian had just responded to the area when he encountered the suspect. The man shot and killed Officer Christian through the window of his patrol vehicle. He then fled the scene and remained at large until being apprehended three days later.

On July 27th, 2015, the 37-year-old suspect was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Senior Police Officer Christian is survived by his wife, two children, parents, and a brother.



Corporal Thomas Earl Bowles
Athens Police Department
End of Watch: January 16, 1985

Corporal Thomas Bowles died as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage which he suffered after being assaulted four days earlier. He was attempting to arrest a man for DUI when the man resisted and struck Corporal Bowles in the head.

Despite his injuries, Corporal Bowles was able to place the man under arrest and started driving to the jail. During the drive Corporal Bowles began experiencing chest and head pains. He radioed for medical assistance and backup.

He was transported to a local hospital where he lapsed into a coma. Corporal Bowles remained in the coma until his death four days later.

Corporal Bowles had served with the Athens Police Department for 20 years. He was survived by his wife and three children.

Police Officer Donald Moon
Athens Police Department
End of Watch: November 3, 1963

Police Officer Donald Moon was shot and killed by a 15-year-old juvenile nile seeking revenge against him. Officer Moon was off duty and teaching his girlfriend how to drive when the subject approached them and opened fire without warning.

The suspect was convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life. He died in prison June 5, 2000.

Officer Moon had served with the Athens Police Department for only 19 months. Hired along with his cousin they were Athens' first black police officers. Officer Moon was a Korean War Veteran.

Officer Moon was survived by one child.



Police Officer Herman Karl Stein
Athens Police Department
End of Watch: November 29, 1936

Officer Stein was shot and killed after responding to a business where a robbery was in progress. When Officer Stein arrived at the scene, the suspect fled.

Officer Stein caught the suspect and a struggle ensued. The suspect was able to gain control of Officer Stein's gun and shot him in the head.

The suspect was apprehended two days later near Lula, Georgia. He was convicted of murder and executed in the electric chair December 27, 1937.

Officer Stein had served with the Athens Police Department for 5 years. He was survived by his wife and two children.





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