



2017 Annual Report

Cobb County Police Department

The following report highlights the various units and activities of the Cobb County Police Department during the 2017 calendar year. Please take a few minutes to learn more about the great men and women who serve our community.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

On behalf of the men and women of the Cobb County Police Department, I wish to thank you for viewing our annual report. The Cobb County Police Department is a team of 698 sworn officers and 73 non-sworn employees. Our Department is CALEA Accredited and State Certified.

Cobb County borders the City of Atlanta to the north and west and is home to over 755,000 residents, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Lockheed Martin, Six Flags Over Georgia, the Atlanta Braves, and four Fortune 500 companies.

We place tremendous value on the relationships our officers have built in the communities they serve. The success of the Cobb County Police Department is due to both the strong commitment of our employees and the support they receive from the entire community. We believe these partnerships and the professionalism of our officers, and civilian staff members, contribute to the safe environment enjoyed by those who live, work, and visit our great county. Our employees are dedicated, well-trained, and enthusiastic professionals who take pride in their work.

We are the third largest county in the state of Georgia. You will find a community of quiet subdivisions and apartment complexes located near excellent schools, shopping and churches. Recreational facilities are outstanding and Cobb County location allows for a short drive to the North Georgia mountains or a few hours' drive to the beach.

Please take a few minutes to learn more about the activities of the Cobb County Police Department during 2017.

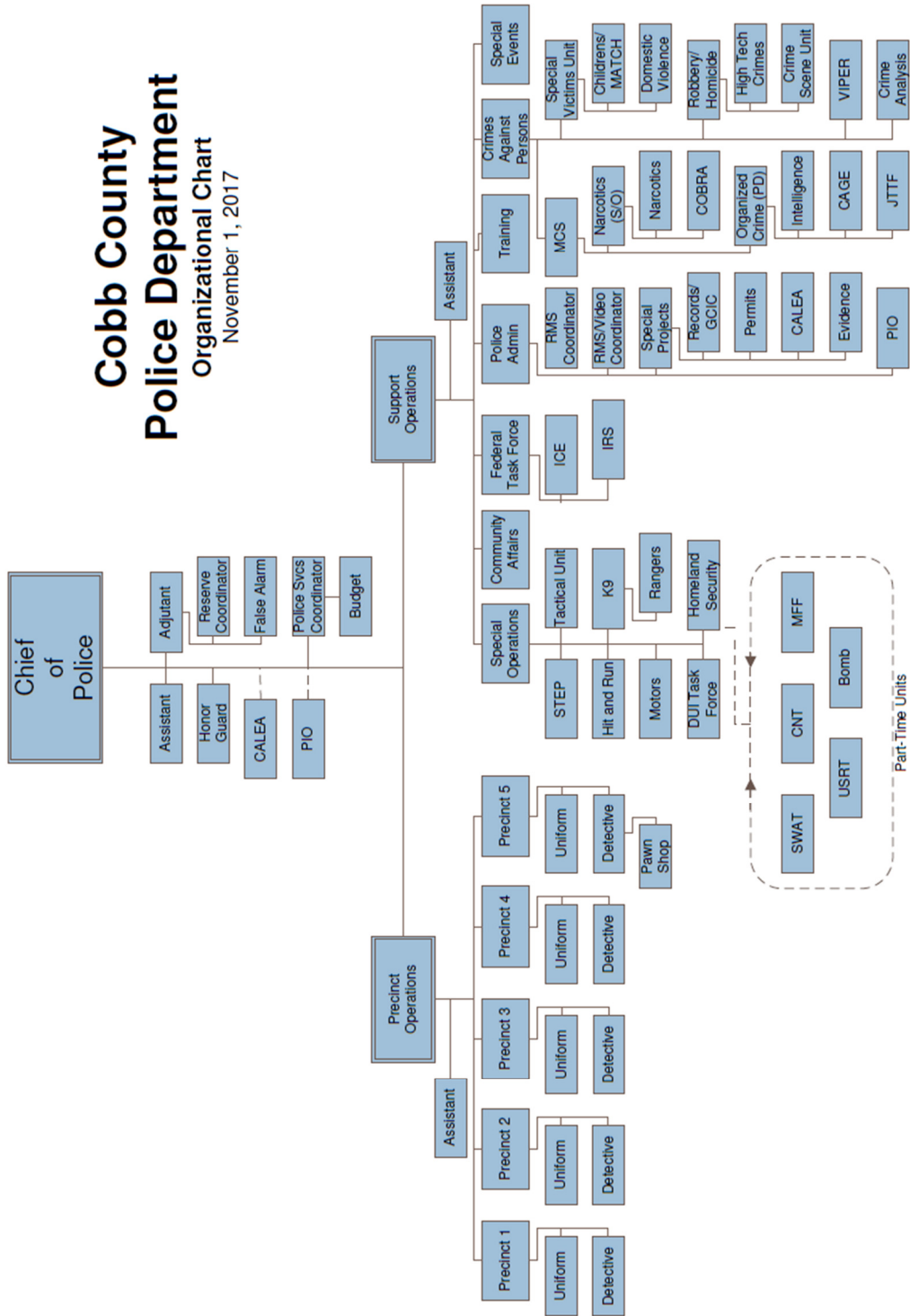
Chief Michael J. Register

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Cobb County Police Department Organizational Chart November 1, 2017



MISSION STATEMENT

The Cobb County Police Department is committed to providing effective and efficient police services to the citizens and businesses of Cobb County with integrity, honor, professionalism, respect, courage and commitment. We pledge to enforce all laws and ordinances in a fair, consistent, compassionate, ethical and impartial manner, while recognizing the statutory and judicial limits of our authority, and respecting the constitutional and personal rights of all individuals.



DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

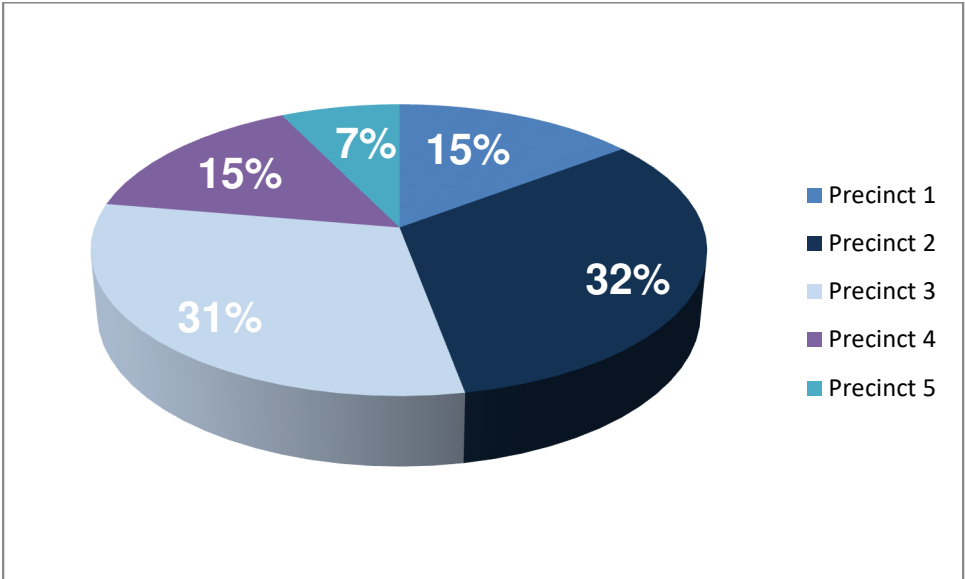
Crime Statistics for Cobb County 2016 and 2017 Comparison

	2016	2017	% Difference
Criminal Homicide	17	24	41.2%
Rape	132	128	-3.0%
Robbery	449	395	-12.0%
Aggravated Assault	664	473	-28.8%
Burglary (residential)	1592	1177	-26.1%
Burglary (commercial)	636	678	6.6%
Entering Auto	3764	4051	7.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1028	948	-7.8%
Theft	4541	4333	-4.6%
TOTAL	12,823	12,207	-4.8%

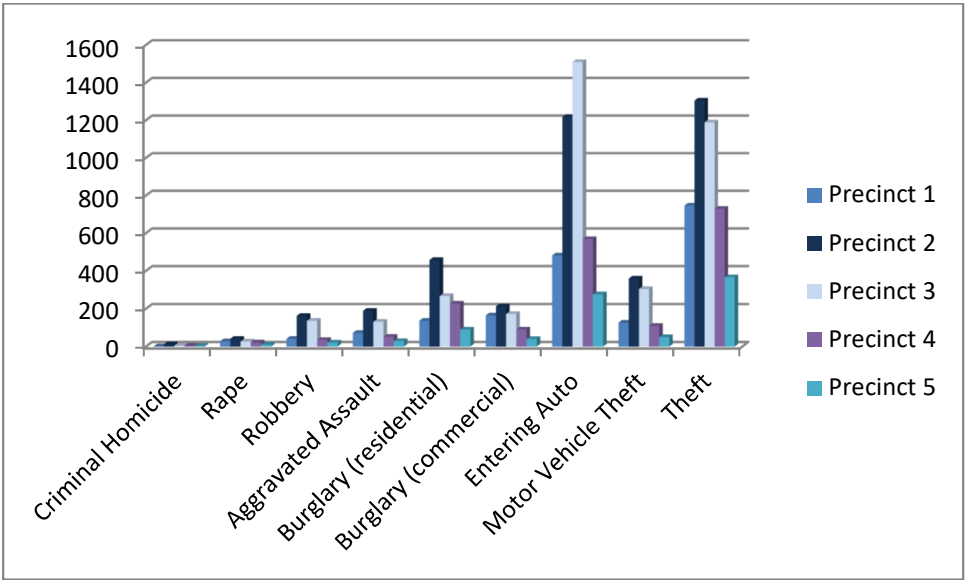
Crime Statistics by Precinct January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

	Pct. I	Pct. II	Pct. III	Pct. IV	Pct. V	Totals
Criminal Homicide	1	12	4	4	3	24
Rape	28	41	27	22	10	128
Robbery	41	162	136	35	21	395
Aggravated Assault	72	189	131	52	29	473
Burglary (residential)	136	457	267	227	90	1177
Burglary (commercial)	164	212	172	90	40	678
Entering Auto	481	1217	1509	568	276	4051
Motor Vehicle Theft	126	359	304	109	50	948
Theft	746	1304	1188	729	366	4333
TOTAL	1795	3953	3738	1836	885	12,207

Total Crime by Precinct
January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017



Crime Comparison by Precinct
January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017





Authorized Personnel

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Sworn	610	652	690	690	688
Non-sworn (full-time)	62	62	63*	63	64
Non-sworn (part-time)	---	---	---	7	9
Reserve Officers (part-time)	10	10	10	10	10
Reserve Officers (volunteer)			Unlimited		

*Correction from 2015 report

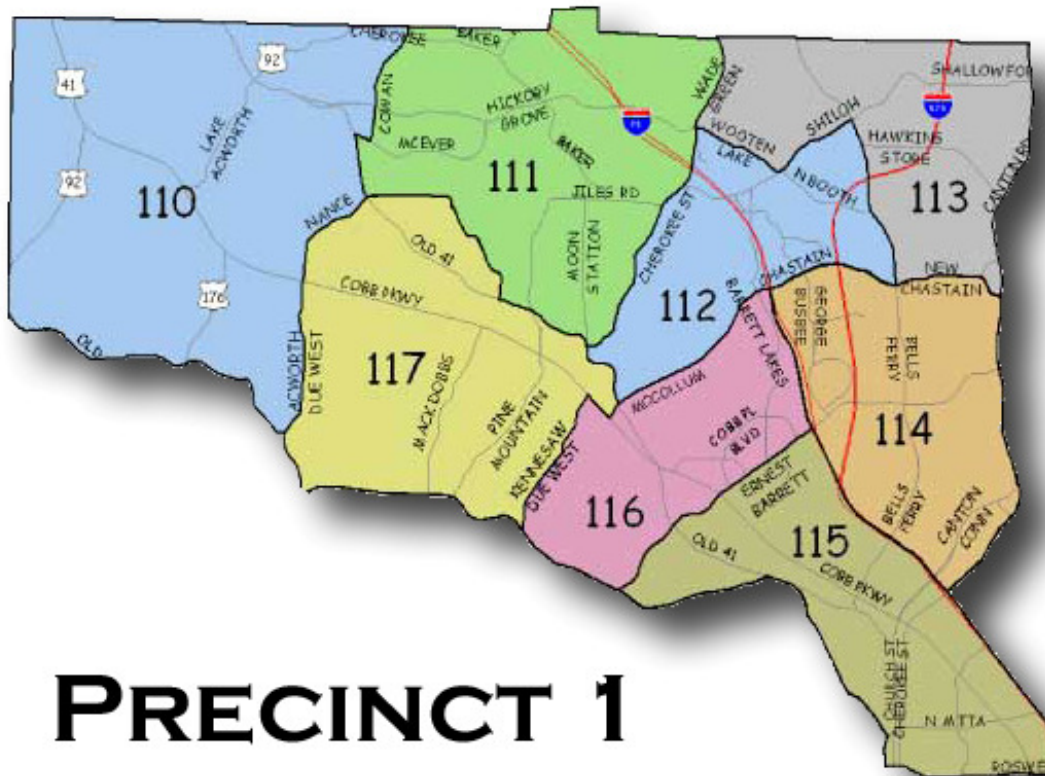
General Activity

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Calls-for-Service	229,640	237,932	248,221	265,659	276,206
Case Numbers Issued	133,536	111,788	123,358	126,254	124,467
Physical Arrests	12,568	10,673	11,830	12,240	12,031
Use of Force Incidents	159	151	169	147	191
Training Hours	73,818	127,180	122,194	124,070	128,175
Chain of Command Investigations	170	156	141	179	174
Internal Affairs Investigations	20	14	17	20	22

Traffic Statistics

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Traffic Crashes (roadway)	14,726	15,246	17,774	19,922	19,779
Traffic Crashes (private property)	4471	4577	5248	5459	5313
Total Crashes	19,197	19,823	23,022	25,381	25,092
Fatality Crashes	33	34	34	47	43
Total Number of Fatalities	38	37	34	51	45
DUI Arrests	1490	1320	1474	1760	1460
Traffic Stops	78,354	63,565	67,108	68,070	63,749
Total Citations Issued	102,407	81,005	88,837	89,837	86,886
Vehicle Pursuits	61	59	38	32	22

PRECINCT OPERATIONS



PRECINCT 1

Precinct 1 is responsible for the northwestern section of the County. The operations of the precinct include both uniform patrol, and a criminal investigations unit for property crime investigations. The uniform patrol is responsible for conducting proactive patrol and handling citizen calls for service as well as being an active partner within the community it serves. The criminal investigations unit is responsible for conducting follow-up investigations on property crimes that occur within the precinct area. Included in these crimes are burglary (both residential and commercial), theft (felony and misdemeanor thefts, and incidents of shoplifting), impersonating a police officer, and discharging of firearms/no injury. Precinct 1 is commanded



by a major, and a captain acts as the assistant commander. Currently, the precinct's uniform patrol is staffed with three lieutenants, nine sergeants, sixty officers (which includes officers in field training), and one non-sworn employee. The precinct's criminal investigations unit is currently staffed with one lieutenant, two sergeants, six detectives, and one non-sworn employee.

2017 Crime Stats by Month Precinct 1

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rape	1	0	1	6	2	3	3	2	4	2	3	1	28
Robbery	4	7	3	4	7	2	1	2	3	1	2	5	41
Aggravated Assault	4	6	9	9	3	9	13	4	5	6	3	1	72
Burglary (residential)	12	13	9	13	14	12	10	11	13	9	10	10	136
Burglary (commercial)	4	19	3	40	54	8	7	0	10	4	8	7	164
Entering Auto	53	30	18	42	49	47	62	40	32	36	35	37	481
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	9	9	4	12	6	12	13	14	12	10	15	126
Theft	50	53	49	60	68	72	75	58	52	70	77	62	746
TOTAL	138	137	101	179	209	159	183	130	133	140	148	138	1795

2017 Crime Stats by Beat Precinct 1

	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	Total
Criminal Homicide	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rape	3	4	3	4	6	5	3	0	28
Robbery	5	1	8	3	19	2	1	2	41
Aggravated Assault	10	6	7	6	26	5	7	5	72
Burglary (residential)	11	11	24	25	27	18	1	19	136
Burglary (commercial)	6	4	10	15	104	12	7	6	164
Entering Auto	12	47	81	68	120	47	52	54	481
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	10	19	18	32	12	20	6	126
Theft	38	68	100	95	226	73	96	50	746
Total	94	151	253	234	560	174	187	142	1795

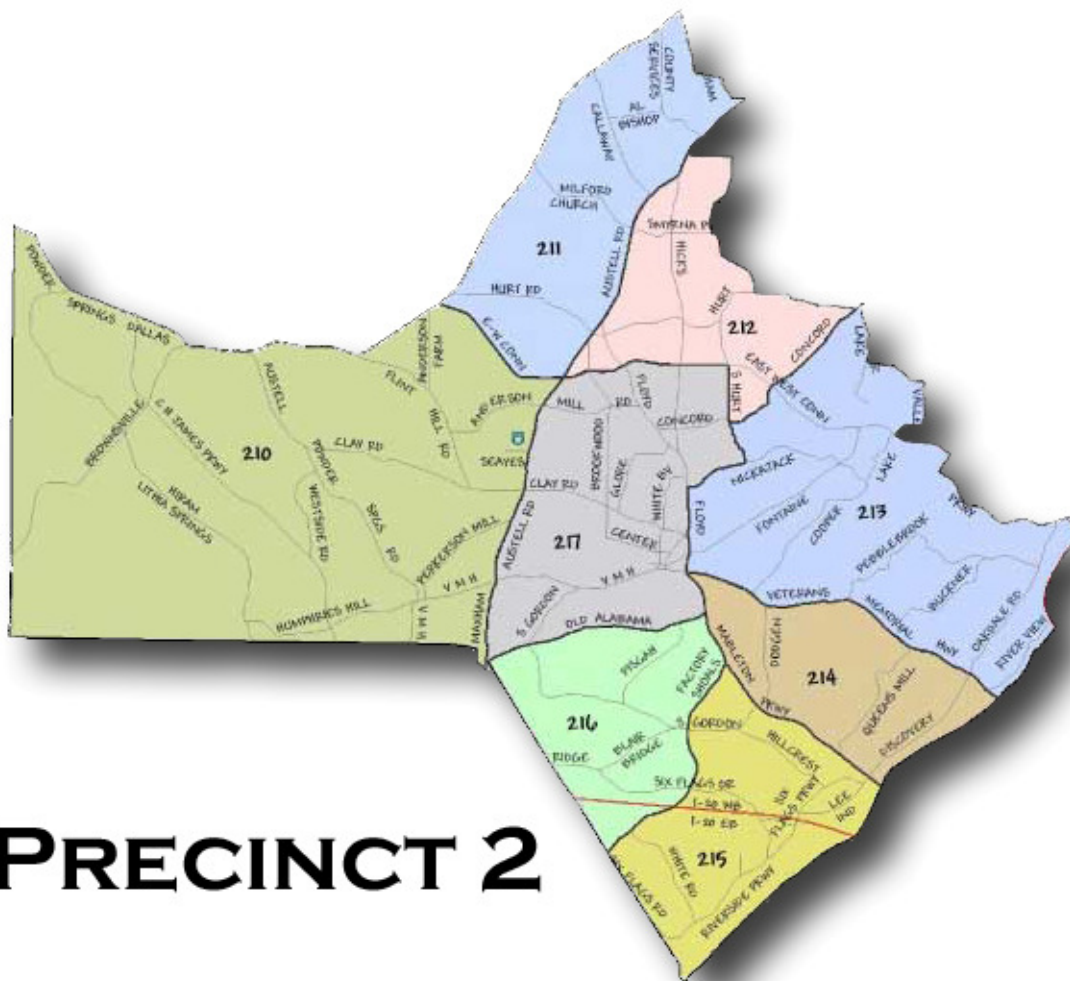
2017 Precinct Percent of Total Crime Precinct 1

	Pct. 1	Dept. Totals	% of Total Crime
Criminal Homicide	1	24	4.2%
Rape	28	128	21.9%
Robbery	41	395	10.4%
Aggravated Assault	72	473	15.2%
Burglary (residential)	136	1177	11.6%
Burglary (commercial)	164	678	24.2%
Entering Auto	481	4051	11.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	126	948	13.3%
Theft	746	4333	17.2%
TOTAL	1795	12207	14.7%

Criminal Investigation Unit Cases Precinct 1

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*
Active	843	845	514	810	1001
Hold	754	765	1049	762	658
Inactive	606	415	300	426	609
Cleared by arrest	194	188	85	113	119
Number arrested	---	129	82	127	138
Exceptionally cleared	101	125	110	180	189

*Prior to 2017, certain detectives from the Precinct 2 Criminal Investigations Unit were dedicated to investigate auto theft cases that occurred across Cobb County. Beginning in 2017, auto theft cases were divided amongst all five precinct criminal investigation units.



PRECINCT 2

Precinct 2 is responsible for the south-western/south-central section of the County. The operations of the precinct include both uniform patrol and a criminal investigations unit for property crime investigations. The uniform patrol unit is responsible for conducting proactive patrol and handling citizen calls for service. The criminal investigations unit is responsible for conducting follow-up investigations on property crimes that occur within the precinct area. Included in these crimes are burglary (both residential and commercial), theft (felony and misdemeanor thefts, and incidents of shoplifting), criminal trespass/damage to property, impersonating a police officer, and discharging of firearms/no injury. Precinct 2 is commanded by a major, and a captain acts as the assistant commander. Currently, the precinct's uniform patrol is staffed with three lieutenants, nine sergeants, 67 officers (which includes officers in field training), and one non-sworn employee. The precinct's criminal investigations unit is currently staffed with one lieutenant, two sergeants, seven detectives, and one non-sworn employee.

2017 Crime Stats by Month Precinct 2

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	6	1	0	12
Rape	3	3	3	3	10	4	1	4	0	6	2	2	41
Robbery	18	16	13	12	13	16	12	11	13	15	10	13	162
Aggravated Assault	11	18	18	26	18	14	19	19	18	12	5	11	189
Burglary (residential)	46	46	40	33	38	35	21	43	41	31	46	37	457
Burglary (commercial)	18	21	17	22	8	14	35	12	15	20	9	21	212
Entering Auto	84	71	57	49	112	121	130	123	160	104	105	101	1217
Motor Vehicle Theft	42	15	21	30	31	38	39	34	28	32	25	24	359
Theft	97	76	105	90	117	113	130	124	111	119	104	118	1304
TOTAL	319	269	274	265	348	356	387	370	386	345	307	327	3953

2017 Crime Stats by Beat Precinct 2

	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	Total
Criminal Homicide	1	1	0	1	2	6	1	0	12
Rape	7	3	9	3	2	7	5	5	41
Robbery	10	15	14	6	11	67	20	19	162
Aggravated Assault	27	25	12	9	18	49	28	21	189
Burglary (residential)	52	48	41	31	30	118	77	60	457
Burglary (commercial)	41	19	20	17	21	31	29	34	212
Entering Auto	88	137	111	95	124	336	169	157	1217
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	52	34	29	31	99	40	49	359
Theft	164	168	173	106	87	260	143	203	1304
Total	415	468	414	297	326	973	512	548	3953

2017 Precinct Percent of Total Crime Precinct 2

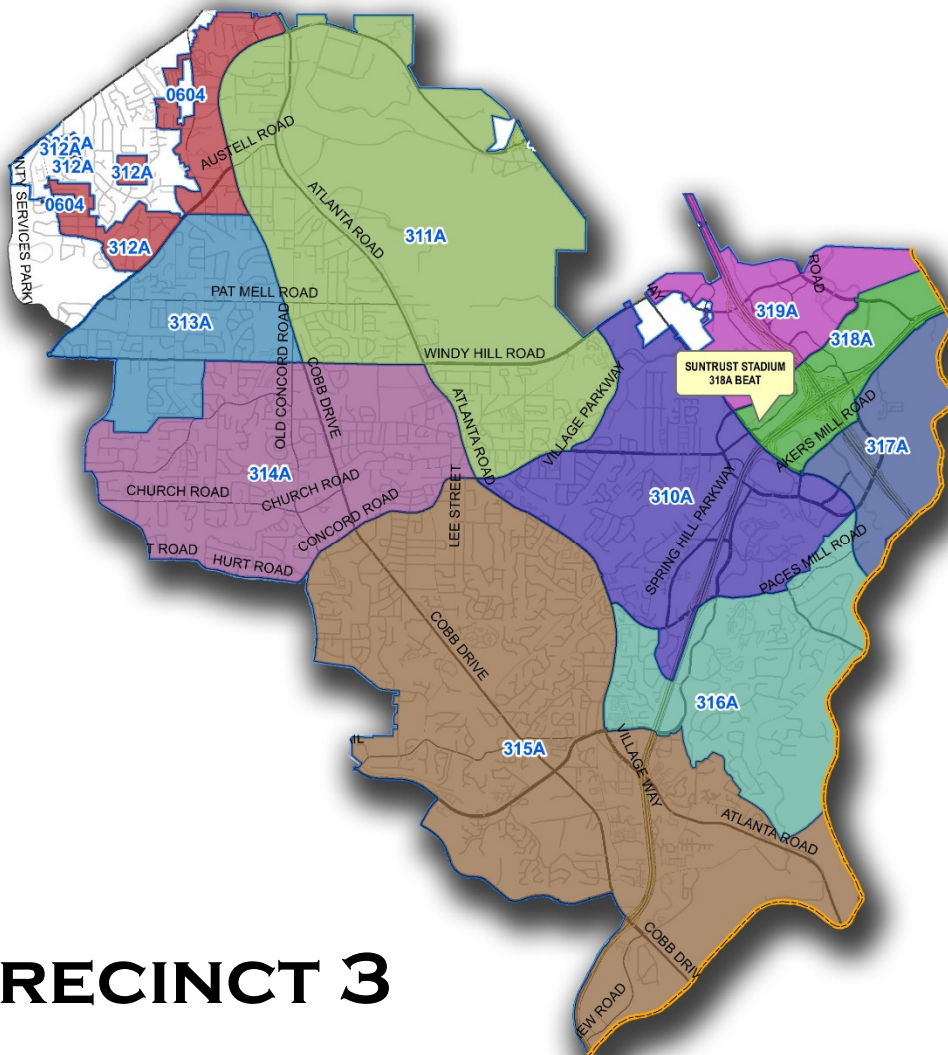
	Pct. 2	Dept. Totals	% of Total Crime
Criminal Homicide	12	24	50.0%
Rape	41	128	32.0%
Robbery	162	395	41.0%
Aggravated Assault	189	473	40.0%
Burglary (residential)	457	1177	12.0%
Burglary (commercial)	212	678	20.6%
Entering Auto	1217	4051	30.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	359	948	37.9%
Theft	1304	4333	30.1%
TOTAL	3953	12207	32.4%



Criminal Investigation Unit Cases Precinct 2

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*
Active	941	882	791	882	1196
Hold	2000	1983	2441	2340	2401
Inactive	672	492	362	474	719
Cleared by arrest	226	226	280	199	176
Number arrested	242	233	246	216	153
Exceptionally cleared	133	117	89	153	245

*Prior to 2017, certain detectives from the Precinct 2 Criminal Investigations Unit were dedicated to investigate auto theft cases that occurred across Cobb County. Beginning in 2017, auto theft cases were divided amongst all five precinct criminal investigation units.



PRECINCT 3

Precinct 3 is responsible for the eastern-central section of the County. The operations of the precinct include both uniform patrol, and a criminal investigations unit for property crime investigations. The uniform patrol is responsible for conducting proactive patrol and handling citizen calls for service. The criminal investigations unit is responsible for conducting follow-up investigations on property crimes that occur within the precinct area. Included in these crimes are burglary (both residential and commercial), theft (felony and misdemeanor thefts, and incidents of shoplifting), impersonating a police officer, and discharging of firearms/no injury. Precinct 3 is commanded by a major, and a captain acts as the assistant commander. Currently, the precinct's uniform patrol is staffed with three lieutenants, nine sergeants, seventy-three officers (which includes officers in field training), and two non-sworn employees. The precinct's criminal investigations unit is currently staffed with one lieutenant, two sergeants, six detectives, and one non-sworn employee.



2017 Crime Stats by Month Precinct 3

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	4
Rape	4	3	2	0	0	4	2	4	2	0	3	3	27
Robbery	21	13	11	5	13	8	11	8	10	15	9	12	136
Aggravated Assault	7	13	9	16	17	6	18	10	8	8	11	8	131
Burglary (residential)	29	20	28	18	12	27	19	24	27	20	17	26	267
Burglary (commercial)	29	19	17	21	11	7	11	8	18	9	12	10	172
Entering Auto	168	96	107	113	97	157	122	124	181	145	108	91	1509
Motor Vehicle Theft	22	25	27	23	22	35	24	32	29	24	25	16	304
Theft	104	87	89	89	90	122	99	117	97	107	82	105	1188
TOTAL	384	276	290	286	262	366	308	327	373	328	267	271	3738

2017 Crime Stats by Beat Precinct 3

	310	311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	Total
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Rape	4	4	3	4	4	2	0	1	2	3	27
Robbery	8	17	20	30	3	12	9	13	9	15	136
Aggravated Assault	7	12	14	39	16	11	2	11	5	14	131
Burglary (residential)	21	29	28	53	17	63	14	13	14	15	267
Burglary (commercial)	16	24	18	19	4	32	11	23	16	9	172
Entering Auto	284	37	49	110	39	302	126	255	188	119	1509
Motor Vehicle Theft	36	19	20	30	14	82	23	32	21	27	304
Theft	139	114	80	123	52	128	73	212	151	116	1188
Total	515	256	232	410	149	632	258	560	406	320	3738

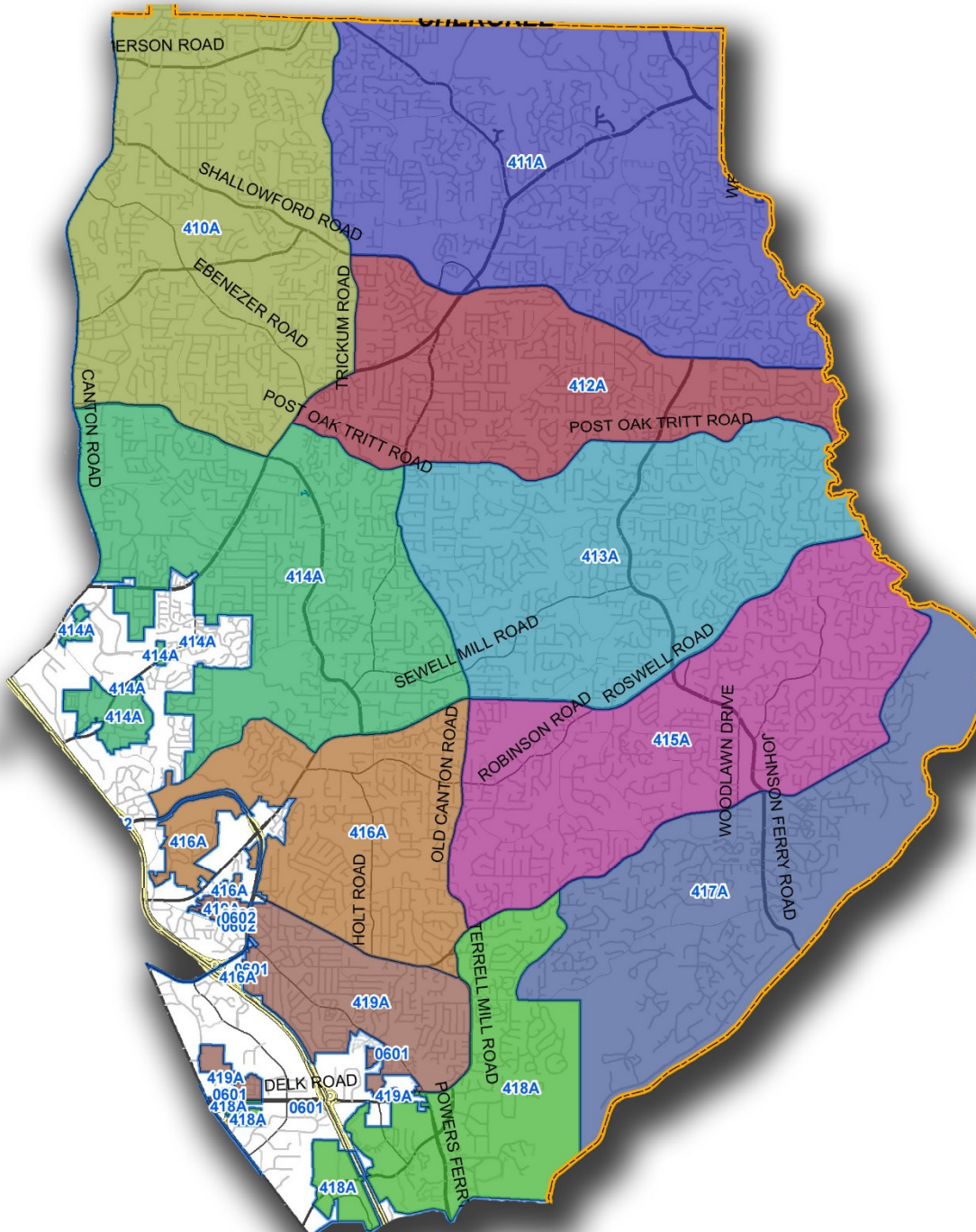
2017 Precinct Percent of Total Crime Precinct 3

	Pct. 3	Dept. Totals	% of Total Crime
Criminal Homicide	4	24	16.7%
Rape	27	128	21.1%
Robbery	136	395	34.4%
Aggravated Assault	131	473	27.7%
Burglary (residential)	267	1177	22.7%
Burglary (commercial)	172	678	25.4%
Entering Auto	1509	4051	37.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	304	948	32.1%
Theft	1188	4333	27.4%
TOTAL	3738	12207	30.6%

**Criminal Investigation Unit Cases
Precinct 3**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*
Active	1156	979	766	1135	1008
Hold	1974	2029	2682	1629	1795
Inactive	850	629	450	730	949
Cleared by arrest	125	112	106	141	195
Number arrested	103	117	109	120	125
Exceptionally cleared	180	133	77	62	76

*Prior to 2017, certain detectives from the Precinct 2 Criminal Investigations Unit were dedicated to investigate auto theft cases that occurred across Cobb County. Beginning in 2017, auto theft cases were divided amongst all five precinct criminal investigation units.



PRECINCT 4

Precinct 4 is responsible for the northeastern section of the County. The operations of the precinct include both uniform patrol, and a criminal investigations unit for property crime investigations. The uniform patrol is responsible for conducting proactive patrol and handling citizen calls for service. The criminal investigations unit is responsible for conducting follow-up investigations on property crimes that occur within the precinct area. Included in these crimes are burglary (both residential and commercial), theft (felony and misdemeanor thefts, and incidents of shoplifting), impersonating a police officer, and discharging of firearms/no injury. Additionally, the unit investigates misdemeanor crimes against person's cases. Precinct 4 is commanded by a major, and a captain acts as the assistant commander. Currently, the precinct's uniform patrol is staffed with three lieutenants, nine sergeants, sixty-three officers (which includes officers in field training), and one non-sworn employee. The precinct's criminal investigations unit is currently staffed with one lieutenant, two sergeants, four detectives, and one non-sworn employee.

2017 Crime Stats by Month Precinct 4

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	4
Rape	4	1	4	3	0	3	1	0	2	2	2	0	22
Robbery	5	1	2	4	3	4	2	3	2	0	3	6	35
Aggravated Assault	0	7	4	10	5	4	3	4	4	2	5	4	52
Burglary (residential)	32	11	20	17	25	16	20	16	19	20	21	10	227
Burglary (commercial)	6	4	12	7	8	8	14	4	1	15	5	6	90
Entering Auto	59	50	28	34	26	54	40	91	56	42	40	48	568
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	11	9	5	6	8	9	8	13	17	10	5	109
Theft	47	41	45	57	68	73	74	67	58	75	60	64	729
TOTAL	161	126	124	138	141	170	163	195	155	173	147	143	1836

2017 Crime Stats by Beat Precinct 4

	410	411	412	413	414	415	416	417	418	419	Total
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
Rape	4	4	0	0	4	1	2	2	2	3	22
Robbery	2	3	1	1	4	1	10	3	7	3	35
Aggravated Assault	7	5	2	4	10	2	7	5	7	3	52
Burglary (residential)	22	17	19	34	33	14	46	11	19	12	227
Burglary (commercial)	8	14	7	10	8	13	13	5	9	3	90
Entering Auto	52	28	45	51	63	43	113	67	75	31	568
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	6	7	9	10	7	22	11	20	9	109
Theft	79	54	50	82	79	110	123	58	63	31	729
Total	182	131	131	193	211	191	338	162	202	95	1836



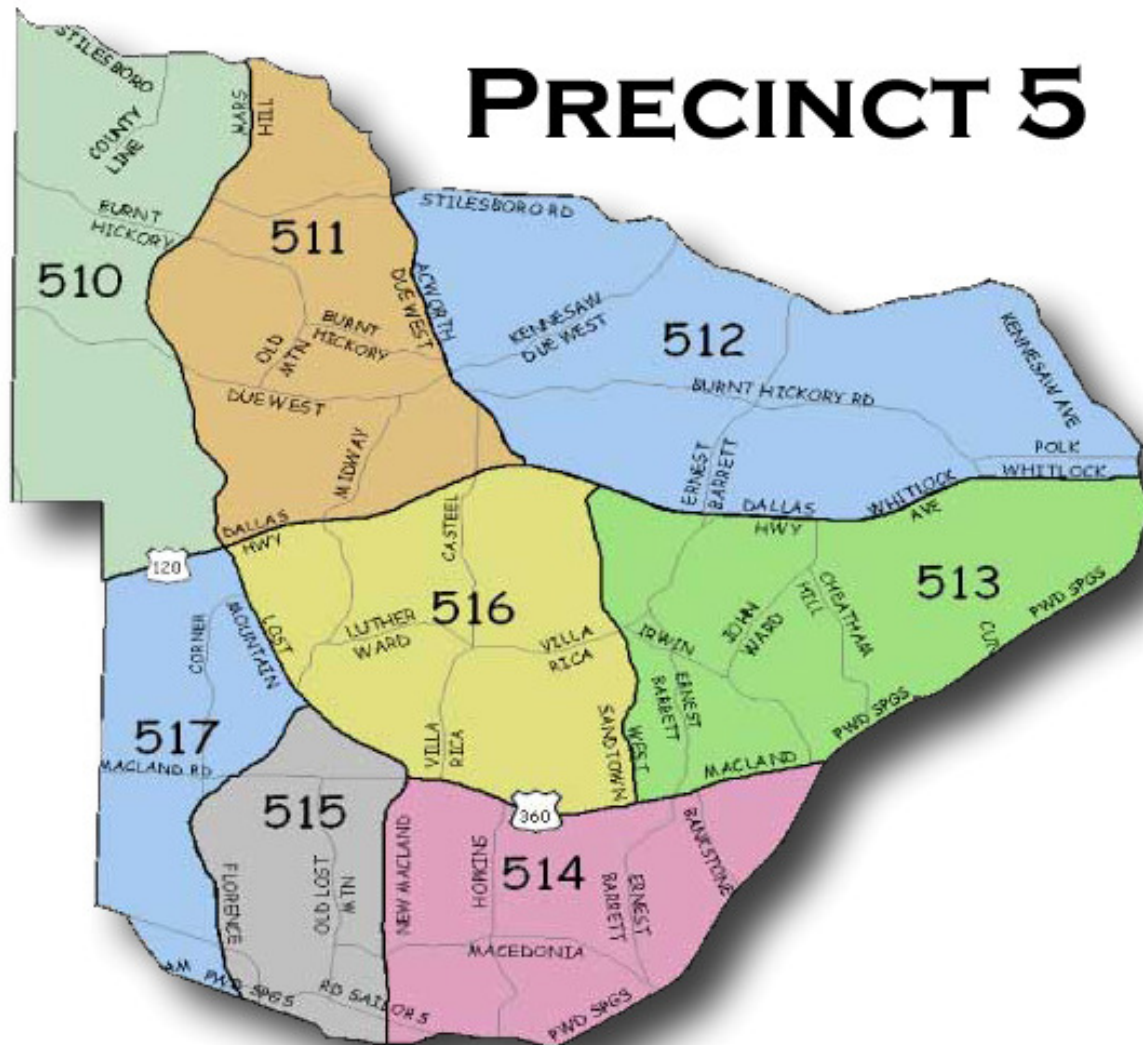
2017 Precinct Percent of Total Crime Precinct 4

	Pct. 4	Dept. Totals	% of Total Crime
Criminal Homicide	4	24	16.7%
Rape	22	128	17.2%
Robbery	35	395	8.9%
Aggravated Assault	52	473	11.0%
Burglary (residential)	227	1177	19.3%
Burglary (commercial)	90	678	13.3%
Entering Auto	568	4051	14.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	109	948	11.5%
Theft	729	4333	16.8%
TOTAL	1836	12207	15.0%

Criminal Investigation Unit Cases Precinct 4

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*
Active	664	745	754	633	697
Hold	1013	976	768	1036	1091
Inactive	375	449	414	349	375
Cleared by arrest	171	171	125	174	144
Number arrested	158	156	116	116	134
Exceptionally cleared	92	157	253	151	126

*Prior to 2017, certain detectives from the Precinct 2 Criminal Investigations Unit were dedicated to investigate auto theft cases that occurred across Cobb County. Beginning in 2017, auto theft cases were divided amongst all five precinct criminal investigation units.



Precinct 5 is responsible for the western-central section of the County. The operations of the precinct include both uniform patrol, a criminal investigations unit for property crime investigations, the Quality of Life Unit, and the Pawn Enforcement Unit. The uniform patrol is responsible for conducting proactive patrol and handling citizen calls for service. The criminal investigations unit is responsible for conducting follow-up investigations on property crimes that occur within the precinct area. Included in these crimes are burglary (both residential and commercial), theft (felony and misdemeanor thefts, and incidents of shoplifting), impersonating a police officer, and discharging of firearms/no injury. The Quality of Life Unit is responsible for improving the quality and living standard of the citizens of Cobb County thru enforcement of state laws and county ordinances related to property maintenance and upkeep. The Pawn



Enforcement Unit is responsible for all pawn shop related incidents for the entire county to include identification and recovery of stolen items.

Precinct 5 is commanded by a major, and a captain that serves as the assistant commander. Currently, the precinct's uniform patrol is staffed with three lieutenants, nine sergeants, forty-six officers (which includes eight officers assigned as Field Training Officers), and one non-sworn employee. Precinct 5 CIU is currently staffed with one Lieutenant, two sergeants, four detectives and 1 non-sworn employee. The Pawn Enforcement Unit has one detective assigned.

The Quality of Life Unit, as of March 2016, began operations out of Pct. 5. The Unit started 2016 staffed with one sergeant and two officers. In 2017 this unit transitioned to the Community Affairs Unit.

2017 Crime Stats by Month Precinct 5

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
Rape	0	5	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	10
Robbery	4	2	1	1	2	1	4	1	1	3	1	0	21
Aggravated Assault	4	3	3	2	5	1	2	4	0	1	4	0	29
Burglary (residential)	8	8	8	11	8	7	11	5	10	6	5	3	90
Burglary (commercial)	5	3	5	2	8	2	4	3	4	0	1	3	40
Entering Auto	12	12	20	23	26	32	18	33	36	12	20	32	276
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	6	3	5	3	4	6	8	5	0	4	4	50
Theft	25	29	31	28	34	39	29	31	34	28	26	32	366
TOTAL	60	68	71	73	87	88	74	85	91	51	63	74	885

2017 Crime Stats by Beat Precinct 5

	510	511	512	513	514	515	516	517	Total
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
Rape	0	1	2	1	3	2	1	0	10
Robbery	1	2	5	1	9	0	3	0	21
Aggravated Assault	5	3	0	1	17	0	3	0	29
Burglary (residential)	12	12	12	11	26	6	6	5	90
Burglary (commercial)	3	4	14	3	7	4	2	3	40
Entering Auto	16	46	41	26	62	25	29	31	276
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	3	10	8	19	2	3	2	50
Theft	36	65	70	36	80	23	33	23	366
Total	76	136	154	87	223	64	81	64	885

2017 Precinct Percent of Total Crime Precinct 5

	Pct. 5	Dept. Totals	% of Total Crime
Criminal Homicide	3	24	12.5%
Rape	10	128	7.8%
Robbery	21	395	5.3%
Aggravated Assault	29	473	6.1%
Burglary (residential)	90	1177	7.6%
Burglary (commercial)	40	678	5.9%
Entering Auto	276	4051	6.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	50	948	5.3%
Theft	366	4333	8.4%
TOTAL	885	12207	7.2%

Criminal Investigation Unit Cases** Precinct 5

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017*
Active	437	439	563	551	529
Hold	413	447	413	460	477
Inactive	168	187	225	189	230
Cleared by arrest	106	94	124	131	119
Number arrested	87	86	129	146	106
Exceptionally cleared	160	140	226	220	188

*Prior to 2017, certain detectives from the Precinct 2 Criminal Investigations Unit were dedicated to investigate auto theft cases that occurred across Cobb County. Beginning in 2017, auto theft cases were divided amongst all five precinct criminal investigation units.

**Includes Pawn Enforcement Unit Statistics

Pawn Enforcement Unit

The Precinct 5 Criminal Investigations Unit contains a pawn enforcement unit that is responsible for regulating all businesses related to pawn shops and precious metals dealers in unincorporated Cobb County. Pawn unit personnel are responsible for conducting background checks on new business license applicants. They also check information on pawn shop customers and pawned items against the NCIC records of stolen articles and guns, wanted persons and missing persons. The pawn enforcement unit currently has one full-time detective, who is currently training another detective to assist in the pawn enforcement duties, enabling more than one person in the department with the knowledge of pawn unit operations.



Pawn Enforcement Unit Cases

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Active	65	66	55	74	60
Hold	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Inactive	8	12	2	5	2
Cleared by arrest	15	19	26	33	15
Number arrested	13	20	23	34	15
Exceptionally cleared	35	38	31	36	42

Pawn Enforcement Unit Cases

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Pawned articles uploaded	82,862	79,454	66,984	68,351	61,989
Stolen article hits	7026	3173	3831	2954	2554
Stolen articles confirmed	126	128	112	129	115
Stolen articles located/recovered from Cobb County pawn shops	331	228	539	191	281
Approximate value	\$145,355	\$196,496	\$133,256	\$87,779	84,373

LeadsOnline is a contracted pawn reporting service that allows communication between thousands of law enforcement agencies across the country. It is an essential tool to CCPD detectives and has dramatically increased the recovery of stolen/pawned items in Cobb County. Working with LeadsOnline, our pawn detective gained a renewal quote for a significantly reduced amount. This resulted in a new 3-year contract with the business, allowing the department to continue our highest standard of service.

CHIEF'S OFFICE

The Chief's Office is responsible for delegating authority to ranking members of the Department as necessary for the efficient operation of the Department. This office has the ultimate responsibility for the preservation of life, property, order, investigation of crime, suppression of criminal activity, and enforcement of state laws and county ordinances. These objectives are accomplished through written and oral orders, policies, procedures, guidelines and directives, as well as personal leadership exerted through subordinate commanders and officers.

The general duties and responsibilities of the Chief's Office are planning, directing, coordinating, controlling, and staffing of the operational, administrative, and staff activities of the department. The Chief's Office is responsible for ensuring the written goals and objectives for the agency and each organizational component in the agency are formulated and updated on an annual basis. The Chief's Office is ultimately responsible for the enforcement of all rules and regulations.

Chief M.J. Register



Chief Michael J. Register has approximately 30 years of law enforcement related experience. Chief Register believes the modern police department must take a "whole of government" approach by partnering with other government entities and the community to improve the quality of life for its citizens, make the community safer and attract new business to the area.

Prior to joining the Cobb County Police Department, Chief Register was the Chief of Police for Clayton County Georgia where he managed over 500 personnel and a \$35 million dollar budget. During his tenure as Police Chief of Clayton County he introduced many innovative community oriented policing concepts and initiatives to the department which helped to strengthen community partnerships. Before his tenure of Chief with Clayton County Chief Register managed an operational, intelligence and law enforcement centric program at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. that was responsible for locating and identifying individuals and criminal and terrorist organizations globally that facilitated, funded or used improvised explosive devices (IEDs) to threaten the security and stability of the United States and its partners. He has assisted in advising U.S. government, partner nation military units, and law enforcement organizations, such as the Canadian military and the New York Police Department in counter-IED and terrorism related subjects.

Chief Register also retired from the Cobb County Police Department as a Lieutenant in 2005, where he had been instrumental in development of the departments Georgia P.O.S.T mandated Police Academy, and also worked in the department's Special Operations Unit to include stints on SWAT, the Crime Suppression Unit and Tactical Team. Chief Register also served 22 years in the U.S. Army Special Operations community, where he was a member of the 11th and 20th



Special Forces Group and deployed to numerous countries, to include combat operations in Afghanistan, where he served on a Special Forces mobile recon element.

Chief Register holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University, and is also a graduate of the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College, where he is currently an adjunct instructor. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Chief Register is currently seeking a Doctorate in Public Policy and Administration with a concentration in Terrorism and Conflict Analysis and Resolution. He has attended Northwestern University's prestigious Command and Staff program for Law Enforcement executives, and also serves as a member of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Executive Board, the GACP Legislative Committee as Co-Chair, and also is a Safe America Board member. He is a certified Georgia P.O.S.T Instructor with specialized instructor certificates in Defensive Tactics, Emergency Medical, Firearms and Driver Training. Chief Register is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Georgia Chiefs Association.

Deputy Chief C.T. Cox

Interim Chief Cox has been a Cobb County resident for over 50 years and graduated from Marietta Christian High School in Marietta, Georgia in 1981. He attended Kennesaw College and began his career with the Cobb County Police Department in 1985.



During Chief Cox's tenure with the Cobb County Police Department, he has served assignments in the Uniform Patrol Division and the Special Operations Division as an officer, sergeant, and lieutenant. He has also served as the Adjutant to the Police Chief and two Deputy Police Chiefs and the commander of the Administrative Division of the department. Prior to his assignment as Deputy Chief, he served as a commander of Precinct 4, Precinct 5 and the Organized Crime Unit. In May 2013, Tim Cox was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police. In January 2017 Deputy Chief Cox was appointed as Interim Chief of Police and served in that position until June 2017.

Deputy Chief Ronnie Prince

Deputy Chief Prince began his law enforcement career with Smyrna Police in 1981 where he worked in Uniform Patrol, Narcotics, Intelligence, and General Detectives. In 1991 Deputy Chief Prince joined the Cobb County Police Department and has worked in a variety of capacities to include Uniform Patrol, SWAT, Organized Crime Unit, DUI Task Force, and DPS. Deputy Chief Prince is a graduate of the County's Excel Management Program, Leadership Cobb, and the FBI National Academy. Deputy Chief Prince holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.



False Alarm Reduction Unit

The False Alarm Reduction Unit was created for the purpose of overseeing the administrative tasks resulting from the alarm ordinance enacted in late 2008. This ordinance requires all security systems within unincorporated Cobb County to be permitted with the police department. Historically, security system activations generated the highest number of requests for police dispatch of any type of 911 call, with nearly 96% being false.

Since the initiation of the program, false alarm dispatches have dropped from 40,263 in 2008, to 10,327 in 2017. A 73% decrease with tremendous savings in manpower costs. This decline has been the result of civil fees imposed on alarm users for excessive activations.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
False Alarms	16,021	13,221	16,124	10,971	10,327

False Alarm Annual Comparison

In September of 2015 Cobb County changed vendors from Public Safety Corporation (PSC) to PMAM. Locally, the false alarm administrator receives a file from CAD each day with the alarms for the last 24 hours. The alarms are input into cloud based software which is overseen by PMAM on their servers. PMAM manages all accounting, invoicing, payments, correspondence, phone calls, mailings, the FARU website, the issuing and updating of permits and their history with its corresponding alarm count. The false alarm administrator handles all appeals for imposed civil fees, address verifications and promotions regarding registrations requirements for alarm users.

During the life of the program, PSC has sent out 242,991 items of correspondence, including invoicing. This has returned \$2,398,595.28 in net payments. Of those funds, \$989,581.60 has been returned to the police department for public safety use and \$1,409,013.68 has been remitted to PSC for the administration of the program. In 2017 PMAM sent 5,685 letters of correspondence to include invoicing. This has returned \$299,218.21 in net payments. Of those funds, \$209,455.77 has been returned to the police department and \$89,762.44 has been remitted to PMAM. The unit has processed a total of 184,925 false alarms and reviewed 11,522 appeals for invoiced fees since its inception.

The success of our program has become a model for the Atlanta Metro. Other jurisdictions are seeking to duplicate our results in their own area. We have received several requests to review the updates we are currently making to our ordinance. CCPD can hold the program as an example of how we are judiciously directing our police resources to serve the community and respond to criminal activity, not errant false alarms.



Community Affairs/Quality of Life

The Quality of Life (QOL) Unit operated as a two man unit, consisting of one officer and one sergeant, through August 2017. The QOL's objective was to improve living standards for the residents of Cobb County through various means of enforcement and community policing. This included reducing crime by focusing on run down and high crime areas, cleaning up areas that had been continually neglected, and making contacts with citizens in order to build positive relationships.



The Quality of Life Unit had a wide range of duties such as assisting Code Enforcement, supporting all precinct uniform and investigative units, enforcing county ordinances, being the primary investigations unit for illegal dumping, removing or covering gang and other graffiti, showing a uniform presence in high crime areas, attending community events, and providing additional manpower during critical incidents.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Citations	94	81	25	181	101
Felony Arrests	13	7	1	3	2
Misdemeanor Arrests	39	19	14	23	19
Notices of Violations	361	91	83	79	41

QOL Annual Comparison

In September 2017, the Community Affairs Unit was established by Chief Mike Register. This Unit absorbed the responsibilities of the Quality of Life Unit and established as its mission: To effectively engage the community and citizens, to strengthen Public Safety and community partnerships, to facilitate a joint effort in solving problems which affect our community, and foster enhanced trust, communication, transparency, and mutual respect.

The Community Affairs Unit is currently supervised by a sergeant and has seven officers, each of whom is assigned to certain areas of the county.

Crime Analysis

Personnel assigned to the crime analysis function collect, collate, analyze, and disseminate information gathered from resources within the department, the Department of Public Safety, and those entities outside the Department which provide law enforcement information. Personnel evaluate and interpret informational reports and provide components of the department with data and analysis regarding crime patterns and trends. Crime analysis personnel assist in the

development of criminal suppression plans and strategies as needed. Currently, the crime analysis function is assigned two non-sworn employees.

Reserve Officer Program

The Police Department Reserve Officer Program is staffed by officers that have retired or resigned in good standing with at least 10 years of service. It is preferred that they be employed within one year of their retirement/resignation date. The reserve unit consists of both volunteer officers, who will volunteer at least sixteen (16) hours of service per month; and part-time officers, who work a minimum of sixteen (16) hours per week and no more than twenty-nine (29) hours per week and are paid for their service. The program currently consists of nine paid officers and three volunteer officers. The program is approved for ten paid officers and unlimited volunteer officers. The reserve officer's main function is administrative. They report to the precincts on scheduled service days and perform the functions such as transporting vehicles for service and to the car wash, transporting equipment for repair or replacement, transporting department mail, assisting stranded motorists if they come upon them, and other administrative tasks as assigned by supervision. One of the reserve officers is assigned to the Internal Affairs unit and assists with administrative tasks related to hiring new officers. Another of the reserve officers assists with the surveillance equipment maintenance for the MCS/Intel unit when needed. Two reserve officers are assigned to the training unit where one is an armorer. Additionally, one reserve officer is assigned to assist with animal cruelty cases and another assists Cobb County Juvenile court with juvenile probationers who have a propensity to gravitate towards street gangs.

The Reserve Officer Program allows beat officers to remain on the street to handle calls and not task them with administrative tasks that would take them out of service when they are needed the most.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Reserve Hours	3014.25	3535.75	4964	5687	4927.5

Reserve Hours Annual Comparison

Explorer Program

The Law Enforcement Exploring program has three main themes:

- To further the explorer's education relating to law enforcement skills and operations;
- To encourage the explorer's participation in a rewarding and productive service of activities;
- To prepare the explorers for life challenges, for roles as citizens, community leaders, and future law enforcement careers.





Through education and training, we provide our explorers with inside knowledge of law enforcement and its functions in the community.

The Explorer program seeks to establish an awareness of the complexities of police service and give the young adults an opportunity to witness and experience the kind of commitment and passion is needed to be a police officer.

The Law Enforcement Explorer program provides the Explorer with a basic knowledge of the field of law enforcement. Explorers receive instruction in many aspects relating to law enforcement including criminal law, traffic law, criminal investigation, crime prevention, traffic control and direction, accident investigation, juvenile delinquency, and other related fields.



The Law Enforcement Explorer program brings the Explorer into direct contact with police officers through meetings, details, social functions, and a ride-along program. Explorers can make their public service tangible among members of the community, especially members in their age bracket. This provides a link between the police and the youth and between the youth and the community.

2017 Accomplishments

- Awarded the First Annual Steven M. Reeves Memorial Award at the Cobb Police Departmental Awards Ceremony
- 2017 Georgia State Champions (Nine straight titles)
- 2017 Winterfest Competition awards
- 2017 Metro Atlanta Regional Champions (Nine straight titles)
- Over 3,000 Community Service Hours for the citizens and business in Cobb County
- National Excellence Explorer Post
- Explorer Lieutenant Leah Barton is the Law Enforcement Exploring Vice National Youth Representative
- Explorer Sergeant Omar Lopez is the Atlanta Regional Representative for the Georgia State Explorer Association

ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Services, commanded by a lieutenant, serves as a support function of the police department. The unit has a staff of 8 sworn personnel and 41 non-sworn personnel. Each unit is staffed by experts in their respective field and maintain the high standards as expected by the department.

Central Records

Central Records is staffed with a police sergeant, four administrative supervisors, three GCIC trainers, nine GCIC operators, seven records clerks, five part-time data entry staff, and two sworn duty officers. Central Records is open to the public Monday-Friday from 0800-2300.

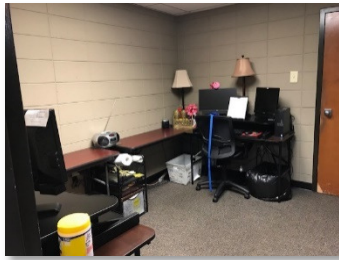
Central Records is responsible for establishing and/or following records management guidelines for the processing, retrieval, dissemination, and storage of records within the Department. Central Records maintains the original reports consisting of, but not limited to, incident reports, traffic crash reports, citations, officer's dailies, and vehicle impound releases. Records may be stored in a computer-based Records Management System (RMS), or in paper format.



To accomplish its objectives, Central Records has several workstations such as the switchboard, front counter, and duty officer. These workstations enable citizens to call the Department in order to obtain information; request police reports, criminal histories, and other files; file police reports; request VIN checks; request expungement of criminal histories, or speak with a police officer. Additionally, Central Records assists the RMS coordinator with name candidating.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Incoming Calls (Operator)	88,761	87,181	33,303	33,159	32,803
Incoming Calls (Duty Officer)	11,117	12,748	10,382	9863	15,270
Total Open Records Processed (Walk-In, Email, Fax)	10,468	17,082	18,899	20,356	20,930
Vehicle Impound Releases	692	668	825	676	716
GCIC Entries	4828	4977	4942	5596	5635
Total Vehicle Checks (impounds/abandoned/private tow)	15,376	15,273	11,216	10,892	12,057
Private Tow Requests	4970	4878	3730	4325	4000
Criminal Histories	2486	2880	3014	2640	2176
Expungement Requests	---	---	---	292	269

Central Records Annual Comparison



Central Records serves as the main hub of the Department for processing incoming records requests from the general public, all courts, attorneys, and the media; with those requiring more specialized review being submitted to supervision and management.

Another function of Central Records is the manning of the GCIC/NCIC process. This unit enters all stolen property into the national database, confirms “hits” on stolen property and wanted persons, and performs criminal history background checks as requested.

During 2017 we completed the remodeling of the GCIC/Records work space. We converted a room into an office with two work stations for GCIC operators. What was previously a GCIC office, is now an office for the five (5) part time employees. We also added two extra cubicles in the main work area, which allows assigned work space for all seven (7) Public Service Techs. The three (3) Police Records Tech II each have their own work space now as well. With the assistance of property management, the new offices received new carpet and the entire Records/GCIC work area was repainted.



Permits

The Permits Unit is staffed with one sergeant, one officer, and two non-sworn administrative specialists. The unit is responsible for the regulation of alcoholic beverage establishments which includes the issuance/denial of alcohol serving permits, regulation of contracted county wrecker services, and the permitting of various other business establishments and individuals requiring permits by Cobb County Ordinance. The unit also provides in-house identification cards for the Police, Emergency Communications, Department of Public Safety, and Fire Departments.

In 2017, the unit processed 13893 permit applications, conducted 13485 criminal history background investigations, and reviewed 464 business license applications for regulated businesses. After approving applications and permits, the unit continues to monitor those businesses by conducting under 21 compliance checks and random permit inspections. Failure to maintain required standards results may result in citations and other penalties. In 2017, the unit issued 12 citations for various violations.

Other accomplishments of the unit in 2017 included the issuance of over 1222 ID cards, generation of \$397,875 in revenue from the issuance of ordinance required permits, and trained a new administrative specialist to perform the tasks of our unit.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Permit Applications	9992	10,658	10,892	10,428	13,893
Background Investigations	8976	9533	9711	10,040	13,485
Business License Applications	393	425	442	630	464
Citations Issued	138	132	118	48	12
ID Cards Issued	1046	1091	1027	1250	1222

Permits Unit Annual Comparison

Property and Evidence Unit

The Property and Evidence Unit is staffed with one sergeant and seven evidence techs. All property that is taken into control by the Cobb County Police Department is submitted to the Property and Evidence Unit for storage, destruction, and/or release to the owner. The Evidence Unit is a secured environment and under strict access control and regulations. Evidence Unit personnel pick up items from all five precincts and special units and cover 24-hour availability using an on-call rotation.

In 2017, the Property and Evidence Unit in-processed 27,483 items and disposed of 8,119 items; a net increase of 19,364 items.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Items Acquired	20,145	22,548	21,326	25905	27,483
Items Disposed	9200	12,312	9101	12039	8,119
Net Increase/Decrease	+10,945	+10,236	+12,225	+13,866	+19,364

Evidence Unit Annual Comparison

Public Information/Crime Prevention Office

The Cobb County Police Department's Public Information/Crime Prevention Office is staffed by a sergeant and a police officer. It is considered the primary point of contact for the dissemination of police department information to the public. The unit also responds to local, state, and national media inquiries ensuring that information is released in compliance with departmental policy and procedure as well as state law. The Public Information Office is responsible for providing accurate and timely reports which are approved in accordance with the Georgia Sunshine Laws. The public information officers rotate on-call responsibilities weekly to respond to the media 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Because the Public Information Office responds to public inquiries, it only made sense to combine it with the Crime Prevention Function of the police department. Through a variety of educational programs like (but not limited to) Neighborhood Watch, Personal Safety/Active Shooter and





Officer Friendly programs, the unit is able to reach out to the community and satisfy their needs regarding safety issues or concerns. Additionally, the unit conducts seminars and training on proven crime prevention methods. They also lecture to school students, distribute crime prevention material and assist other specialized units within the police department when crime prevention intervention is necessary. In addition to the unit's sergeant and police officer, each of the police department's five precincts has officers trained to assist with the various crime prevention programs that are offered to the public. The Crime Prevention function of the office continued throughout most of calendar year 2017 though much of the burden of said programs was being transferred to the newly formed Community Affairs Unit.

The unit is also responsible for maintaining the police department's social media web sites to include Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. By creating (and monitoring) these social media sites, it allows two-way communication between the department and the citizens we serve.

In 2017, the unit collectively handled 4,115 media calls, conducted 88 news media interviews, wrote 138 press releases, and returned 1,129 citizen phone calls. They also conducted 56 crime prevention programs with an audience of 4,477 people.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Media Calls	4533	4808	4102	4277	4115
Media Interviews	193	171	114	112	88
Press Releases	173	148	166	165	138
Citizen Phone Calls	1209	1244	1108	1062	1129
Crime Prevention Programs	92	63	54	83	56

Public Information Office Annual Comparison

RMS Coordinator

The RMS Coordinator is a non-sworn employee whose general function is to oversee the Quality control and support for OneSolution Records Management System/Mobile Field Reporting. Who is also a subject matter expert for the Records Management System. Which also has to ensure reports, citations, property vouchers, and other modules of the system are well maintained, and that issues with data entry are cleared and corrections are made as needed. The RMS Coordinator also implements new processes regarding the Records Management System and handles updates or adds codes as needed. Also in charge of making sure all data transfers between systems. The RMS Coordinator also works closely with Information Services and handles testing for upgrades. As a POST Instructor, she is in charge of handling all training for the systems.

The RMS Coordinator also handles all issues with citations. From corrections, deletion, name candidating to working directly with the court systems.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
RMS Name Candidating	137,608	147,637	170,323	170,489	162,060

RMS Coordinator Annual Comparison

The RMS Coordinator works in close relation to the command staff and provides data as requested as well as offering assistance in clearing case errors. The RMS Coordinator also communicates with other agencies, Solicitors Office, District Attorney's Office and other courts throughout the county.

RMS Video Coordinator

The RMS Video Coordinator is a non-sworn employee position which was created August 2016 in support of the increasing use by the Department and public demand for digital video data. The RMS Video Coordinator's general function is to oversee the quality control and support for the digital video data system. This includes familiarization with the components of the in-car and body-worn video recording systems, ensuring the digital video data is properly classified, stored, and retained, and maintaining the system modules such as users, security groups, and other settings. The RMS Video Coordinator works closely with the Cobb County Information Services Department in the implementation of any new updates required and the correction of issues as needed.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Stored Video Records	278,474	297,537	364,865	464,885	550,285

Stored Video Annual Comparison

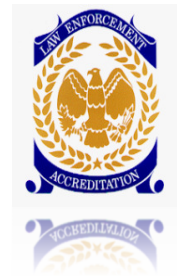
The RMS Video Coordinator works in close relation to the command staff and provides data as requested as well as offering assistance with digital video data. The RMS Video Coordinator also communicates with other agencies, Solicitors Office, District Attorney's Office, other courts and the public throughout the state.

Special Projects

The Special Projects Unit is staffed by one officer and one non-sworn employee who are responsible for the maintenance of accreditation, certification, citizen surveys, policy/procedure and forms development/revision/distribution, staff inspections, as well as planning and research.

Additionally, unit members are frequently called upon to evaluate the policies/procedures and accreditation/certification files of other agencies. During 2017, some of the agencies that requested assistance include: Woodstock PD, Milton PD, DeKalb County PD, Cherokee County S/O, and Norcross PD.

The unit was involved in other projects such as developing the police department's section of the Cobb County Business Continuity Plan, research and development of a new policy management system, manpower analysis, and review and revision of the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program sponsored by the Georgia Chiefs of Police.





Joint Hazard Assessment Team (JHAT)/Critical Infrastructure Key Resource (CIKR) Team/Homeland Security Section

The JHAT/CIKR/Homeland Security Section duties are included as part of the responsibilities of the department's Bomb Squad. Both units are supervised by one Police Department Lieutenant and augmented by part-time staffing from the Cobb County Emergency Management Agency [CEMA] (one Planner), Fire & Emergency Services (one Battalion Chief and one Hazardous Materials [HazMat] Technician), Police Department (one Bomb Technician), and Sheriff's Office (one Major). The part-time staff comprised a CIKR Assessment Team that worked jointly on JHAT/CIKR assessment/planning requirements, with the exception of the Sheriff's Office Major who was dedicated exclusively to JHAT incident action pre-plan development. The JHAT/CIKR Team members were responsible for the development and/or revision/update of incident action pre-plans for County critical infrastructure and "at risk" facilities. In addition to the incident action pre-plans, the CIKR Team was responsible for the conduct of security assessments for critical infrastructure with the purpose of improving the security posture and preparedness of those facilities. The Homeland Security component works in conjunction with the local Joint-Terrorism Task Force and the Cobb County MCS Intelligence unit in furtherance of the overall Homeland Security mission. The unit also works closely with CEMA regarding the planning for crisis management related to the prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery efforts, as well as direct support to the DPS Training Academy in the conduct of instruction/training to improve critical incident emergency response capabilities, emphasizing active shooter scenarios. In late 2017, the unit was renamed the Homeland Security Unit and was moved under the command of Special Operations.

Some of the 2017 activities included:

- CIKR/JHAT representative participated in response planning for the Braves/STP/Battery prior to and during the inaugural season
- Worked as a partner with Transfiguration Catholic Church and Cobb Douglas Public Health to support the Strategic National Stockpile Closed Point of Distribution (Closed POD) program to facilitate the dispensing of needed medications during times of crisis such as during pandemics or terror related incidents/outbreaks.
- Partnered throughout the year with the Cobb-Marietta Water System as part of their Safety and Security Planning Committee.
- Acted as a partner on the Safety Committee for Cobb Community Transit/CobbLinc.
- 02/24/17 – Braves/JHAT Planning Session.
- Partnered with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) as part of their Special Events Working Group
- Partnered with Cobb-Douglas Public Health as a PD liaison to the Metro Atlanta Mass Casualty Working Group
- Developed a greater working relationship between the PD and Cobb EMA in addition to the existing CIKR/JHAT efforts that were underway.

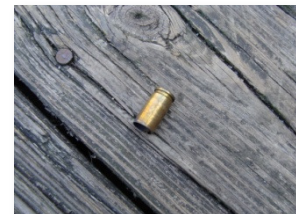
- Partnered with Cobb County Citizens Corps in conjunction with Cobb EMA as a PD partner
- Provided instructor support to Cobb EMA in support of their Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.
- Provided security training to Braves employees in conjunction with the Atlanta Division of the FBI.
- Partnered with Georgia Power Security to provide training to precinct one officers reference a vital GA Power facility in their area of responsibility. Training included how to safely access the site, means of communicating with GA Power entities and the various critical assets on site that could be potentially vulnerable to damage, theft, or sabotage as a critical infrastructure asset.
- Represented the CIKR/JHAT/EOD unit during several visits to Georgia Power Plant McDonough to facilitate Active Shooter training as well as familiarization for the critical assets that are located at the facility.
- Provide support to Cobb EMA during the limited activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during Hurricane Irma (September 11, 2017).



CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Homicide/Robbery

The Crimes Against Persons Unit serves the citizens of Cobb County both in both the unincorporated sections of Cobb County , as well as assisting the many jurisdictions within Cobb County. The investigations lead us within our cities, counties within our state and even into neighboring states as well. This relentless pursuit to bring justice for our citizens saw no borders. We even assisted agencies in Canada, Virginia, New York and Connecticut. Crimes Against Persons is generally responsible for the investigation of [non-traffic] deaths, felony assaults, felony battery, sexual offenses of persons over 17 years of age, kidnappings (except parental snatchings), missing persons, extortion, terroristic threats, product tampering, and harassing, obscene or threatening communications. The unit is also responsible for all pedestrian, residential and commercial robberies. This includes all armed robberies, robbery by force, home invasions and carjacking's. The unit operates three overlapping shifts, Sunday through Saturday 24 hours a day that provides investigative coverage for the county. Every week, two detectives and one supervisor assigned to the unit rotate into an on-call status in order to be available for incident response as appropriate.



The Crimes Against Persons unit is staffed with two lieutenants, four sergeants, and fifteen detectives. This unit also supervises the Crime Scene Technicians and operates the Department's Automated Finger Print Identification System (AFIS) through the Crime Scene Technician. The unit does and will assist all other units within the Department as requested.

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Homicide	16	18	18	20
Death Investigation	293	287	290	219
Rape	70	112	97	119
Robbery	387	421	450	399
Aggravated Assault	166	236	269	421
Missing Person	369	356	360	351
Sexual Assault	128	147	156	143

Cases Investigated by Crimes Against Persons: Annual Comparison

Approximately 56% of all the robberies the unit investigated are related to pedestrians being robbed outside the home in a public location.

Technology Based Crimes Unit

The Cobb County Police Department's Technology Based Crimes Unit consists of four detectives and a sergeant that have received highly specialized training in the fields of computer crime investigations, computer and mobile device forensics, and video forensics.



The purpose of the Technology Based Crimes Unit or TBCU is to investigate criminal activity which is perpetrated through (or assisted with) the use of computers or advanced information technology. The TBCU is the primary support resource for the investigative units of the Cobb County Police in providing digital/electronic investigative and forensic support. TBCU fulfills these needs through electronic data seizure, search, analysis, and preservation assistance of any and all digital devices and electronic storage media. The TBCU also provides these services to other law enforcement agencies as time and resources permit.

Over the past few years, TBCU has increasingly become more utilized for all types of investigation as computers, Smartphone's and digital video surveillance have increased in popularity and use. Over the past five years, our numbers of devices processed has grown with each passing year, and the actual amount of data we are processing continues to grow as media storage capacities improve. For 2017, there were requests to analyze 458 devices (including video acquisitions) from 274 different cases. Reports were completed for 180 of those cases.



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
HTCS Cases and Support Cases	316	366	303	317	274

TBCU Annual Comparison

In 2017, the TBCU participated in beta testing of a product put out by the company Grayshift. The device, Gray Key, allowed detectives to access encrypted mobile devices without the numeric passwords to conduct forensic investigations on the devices. Before acquiring this machine, mobile devices were sent to a third party for the encryption to be hacked. This caused a delay of weeks in the processing of the devices. In early 2018, the Gray Key device went into production and was acquired by the TBCU Unit to use full time.

Also in 2017, one TBCU detective obtained the EnCE Certified Examiner Certification. This is the highest level of certification offered by EnCE. Another detective will be taking the exam for this certification in the coming year. This training is an essential tool for TBCU investigators since EnCase Version 7 is our current primary tool for computer forensic analysis. This training has provided a base of knowledge of the program and its capabilities which enables unit members to produce forensically sound evidence as well as making that evidence more court defensible.

Special Victims Unit

The Cobb County Police Special Victims Unit encompasses the Crimes Against Children Unit, the Domestic Violence/Stalking Unit, and the Elder Abuse Unit. The unit is currently comprised of one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, fourteen Detectives, and two administrative assistants. During



2017, the supervisors of the unit reviewed 6,989 incident reports and assigned 1,670 cases for investigative follow-up. As a result of their investigations, the unit's detectives made 237 arrests for a total of 603 unique criminal charges.

As the Special Victims Unit is only staffed 0700-midnight, Monday through Friday, detectives and supervisors of the unit are subject to on-call during non-staffed hours. As a result, detectives responded to 167 after-hour callouts, accruing an additional 439 hours of work time. In addition, they fielded another 784 telephone calls from Cobb Police uniform officers while off-duty, providing assistance and guidance via telephone as appropriate.

During 2017, detectives conducted 741 Forensic Interviews (children) and an additional 1,699 interviews of adult parents, witnesses, or suspects. They also applied for and served 352 search warrants during the course of their investigations. Unit personnel answered 4,706 telephone calls while on-duty to answer questions and provide assistance. The members of the Special Victims Unit attended 1,696 hours of training in effort to increase their skills.

In addition to their own responsibilities, during 2017 the Special Victims Unit provided assistance to the following outside agencies during their investigations: City of Acworth, City of Austell, City of Kennesaw, City of Marietta, City of Powder Springs, City of Smyrna, Cobb Campus Police, Cobb Sheriff Office, Department of Family & Children Services, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and GA Adult Protective Services. The Special Victims Unit provided a total of 321 hours of work time during their investigative assistance.

Crimes Against Children

The Crimes Against Children Unit is responsible for the investigation of all aspects of child abuse to include deprivation, sexual abuse, physical abuse, and neglect that occur within the unincorporated areas of Cobb County. The unit also investigates internet crimes against children (ICAC) to include child pornography and exploitation. Additionally, the unit investigates the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC), in conjunction with the F.B.I. and the G.B.I, and three Crimes Against Children Detectives are sworn Special Deputy U.S. Marshalls with the Metro Atlanta Child Exploitation Task Force (MATCH). The Crimes Against Children unit is currently manned by nine Detectives and one non-sworn administrative assistant.

During 2017, the detectives of Crimes Against Children conducted 1,275 investigations for cases in which juveniles were found to be victimized. These included offenses such as: Sexual abuse, Child Molestation, Rape, Battery, Child Cruelty, Child Neglect, Interference with Custody, and Missing Children.

In addition to calls received from the Cobb Police uniform officers, the supervisors at the Crimes Against Children Unit reviewed an additional 1,701 referrals from the Department of Family and Children Services requesting assistance. Members of the unit also submitted 443 referrals to

DFCS for their investigative follow-up. The unit performed 180 protective custodies of endangered children and reviewed 244 runaway reports for safety concerns.

During 2017, members of the Crimes Against Children Unit participated in several activities throughout Cobb County in effort to educate law enforcement personnel and the general public. These included:

- Providing on-going training to officers of Cobb Campus Police regarding the identification and preliminary investigation of children's crimes.
- Meeting with local churches to answer questions and participate in panel discussions regarding sex crimes.
- Volunteering for fundraising events at the SafePath Children's Advocacy Center.
- Providing guidance and training classes in local churches regarding appropriate corporal punishment along with effective alternatives.
- Providing guidance and counseling to juveniles attending activities at the Cobb Police Athletic League events.

Domestic Violence/Stalking Unit

The Domestic Violence/Stalking Unit is responsible for the investigation of domestic violence and stalking incidents that occur within the unincorporated areas of Cobb County. In addition, the Domestic Violence/Stalking Unit reviews and assesses all cleared reports of domestic violence and stalking that are submitted by department uniform personnel. These reports are reviewed to ensure they were investigated correctly and to determine if there is a need for support services which are provided by the Cobb DA's Office Domestic Violence Advocate. Currently, the unit is staffed with five detectives and one non-sworn administrative assistant.

During 2017, the detectives of the Domestic Violence/Stalking Unit conducted 333 investigations involving domestic or family related concerns. These included offenses such as: Stalking, Aggravated Stalking, Battery, Aggravated Assault, Terroristic Threats, Harassing Communication, and Sexual Assault.

As part of the Domestic Violence/Stalking Unit, the Elder Abuse Unit conducts investigations into the allegations of abuse or neglect of senior citizens. During 2017, 41 cases of reported elder abuse were investigated. In addition, the Elder Abuse unit reviewed 369 referrals from Adult Protective Services and made an additional 90 referrals to Adult Protective Service requesting their assistance.

During 2017, members of the Domestic Violence/Stalking Unit participated in several activities throughout Cobb County in effort to educate law enforcement personnel and the general public. These included:

- Teaching training sessions with the Domestic Violence Task Force and the Elder Abuse Task Force in the areas of stalking, domestic violence, and elder abuse.



- Participation in the Domestic Violence Vigil and the Domestic Violence Fatality Review.
- Meeting with local churches to provide guidance and answer questions regarding elder abuse and proper care of the elderly.
- Participation in a panel discussion at Cobb Legal Aid and providing training to social workers in the recognition of domestic violence and elder abuse.
- Providing instruction to officers and the Cobb Department of Public Safety Training Center regarding domestic violence and stalking in the Basic Investigations class.

Special Victims Unit Statistics – 2017

- Incident reports reviewed: 6,989
- DFCS referrals reviewed: 1,701
- Adult Protective Services referrals reviewed: 369
- Total cases assigned: 1,670
- Cases Cleared by Arrest: 274
- Cases Exceptionally Cleared: 875
- Cases closed Inactive: 317
- Cases closed Unfounded: 41
- Children placed into protective custody: 180
- Child Forensic Interviews: 741

Special Victims Unit Arrests

- Total Arrests: 237
- Total Criminal Charges: 603
- Adult Male:
 - Arrests: 152
 - Criminal Charges: 409
- Adult Female:
 - Arrests: 53
 - Criminal Charges: 121
- Juvenile Male:
 - Arrests: 28
 - Criminal Charges: 66
- Juvenile Female:
 - Arrests: 4
 - Criminal Charges: 7

Crimes Against Children (total cases by type)

- Sexual Abuse: 432
- Child Sexual Exploitation: 66
- Physical Abuse: 250
- Child Neglect: 152

- Interference with Custody: 34
- Missing/Runaway Juveniles: 66
- All other offenses: 245

Domestic Violence / Elder Abuse (total cases by type)

- Stalking / Aggravated Stalking: 63
- Simple Assault / Battery: 44
- Aggravated Assault / Battery: 71
- Terroristic Threats / Harassing Communication: 46
- Sex Crimes: 28
- Elder Abuse: 41
- All other offenses: 64

Violent Incident Prevention and Early Response (VIPER)

The VIPER Unit's primary function is the reduction of violent crime, with a focus on Armed Robbery. The mission of the unit is the aggressive patrol and apprehension of violent criminals in order to improve the overall quality of life for citizens who live, conduct business, or visit in Cobb County. VIPER focuses on areas that have the highest instances of crime as determined by close tracking of crime data. Primary concentration of time and effort is given to those areas that have high instances of Robbery, Aggravated Assaults, and Murder. VIPER consists of one lieutenant, one sergeant, and six officers. VIPER is organizationally assigned to Crimes Against Persons so that VIPER has direct association with Homicide and Robbery detectives and can assist them with the identification and pursuit of their suspects. VIPER also provides support to the precincts and other specialized units as needed or requested.



VIPER has several tools and resources available in order to carry out their job functions; however, VIPER is unique to the Cobb County Police Department in its use of plainclothes officers and unmarked vehicles. VIPER will use a mix of plainclothes officers, in a variety of unmarked vehicles, to blend into normal daily activities and serve as the eyes of VIPER. These officers can conduct stationary and mobile surveillance to detect criminal activity which would otherwise be impossible with normal uniformed patrol. Plainclothes officers will call in uniformed VIPER officers, operating marked Cobb County Police patrol vehicles, when criminal activity or a criminal suspect is located. All VIPER officers, plainclothes and uniformed, will then work as a team to conduct a criminal investigation and appropriately handle the incident.



In 2017, the VIPER Unit made 207 felony arrests and 102 misdemeanor arrests. These arrests represent a wide variety of activity including homicide/robbery suspects arrested on Crimes Against Persons cases, locating fugitives in Cobb County, the seizure of illegal firearms, and proactive enforcement/crime suppression type cases. VIPER has built partnerships with federal, state, and local agencies/units in order to use teamwork in the furtherance of their primary function to reduce violent crime. This multifaceted approach allows VIPER to make a significant impact in aggressively pursuing violent criminals to keep citizens safe.

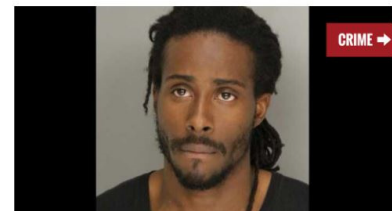
VIPER is comprised of highly-motivated veteran officers/supervisors with an impressive work ethic. Their devotion to their community and drive towards excellence continuously results in high profile arrests, including some of the following:

- On 01/27/2017, Viper conducted a traffic stop on an individual for a routine traffic violation. During the course of the investigation, officers could tell the suspect was being deceptive about his true identity. At the conclusion of the traffic stop, the drivers true identity was revealed and it was then determined that he was an escaped convict that escaped from the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary over 10 year ago.
- On 02/08/2017, Viper received word from another agency that a wanted murder suspect was at a location inside Cobb County. Viper officers responded and after a short foot chase and struggle the murder suspect was taken into custody.
- On 03/07/2017, Viper officers were conducting a foot patrol through a problem neighborhood to help with the crime and violence. While walking past an abandoned vehicle, officers noticed someone hiding in the back cargo area. Upon investigation into the persons identity, it was revealed that he was wanted for murder out of a nearby jurisdiction. The suspect was safely taken into custody.
- On 04/05/2018, Viper conducted follow-up investigation on a murder suspect that had fled the scene of her apartment home. Viper located and safely took the suspect into custody only a few hours after the crime had occurred.
- On 12/18/2017, VIPER officers gave their time and personal donations to children in Cobb County. VIPER officers participated with Shop With A Cop, sponsored by the FOP, where the officers picked up deserving children from school, gave them gift cards, and assisted them with shopping at a local target. The next day, VIPER officers met with children residing at the Calvary Childrens Home. The officers

Murder, home invasion suspect arrested in Cobb County

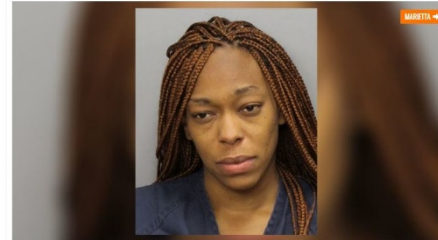


Lauren Foreman - The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
3:38 p.m Wednesday, March 8, 2017 Filed in [Crime](#)



Warrant: Woman stabs, strangles, drops TV on brother-in-law's head to kill him

Ellen Eldridge - The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
3:36 p.m Monday, April 10, 2017 Filed in [Marietta](#)



joined with SWAT and Canine to give the children gift cards, have dinner with the children, and then spent the evening playing games and talking with the children.

VIPER is an asset to the Cobb County Police Department and bases its success in a threefold approach: excellent personnel, plainclothes/uniform hybrid operations, and organizational teamwork with Crimes Against Persons. Though only a small part of the Cobb County Police Department, VIPER makes a large impact in improving the safety of those who live, work, and play in Cobb County.



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Felony Arrests	250	194	221	186	207
Misdemeanor Arrests	284	334	298	225	102

VIPER Annual Comparison



SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)

The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Unit is responsible for investigating all fatal traffic crashes, serious injury crashes, department vehicle involved crashes, and when requested crashes that occur within the incorporated cities. The unit conducts analysis of traffic collision data, and targets enforcement of specific violations in those areas where analysis indicates an elevated number of crashes caused by those violations. The unit's goal is the reduction of serious injury and fatal traffic crashes. This is accomplished through the coordinated efforts of enforcement, education, and engineering. By partnering with community education groups, schools, and transportation departments, traffic safety is enhanced from all aspects.

In partnership with the Cobb County Department of Transportation the STEP Unit conducted a traffic collision study on Windy Hill Road to help reduce the number of cross over collisions and Officer Pete Jones conducted a speed study on numerous roads throughout the county to verify traffic patterns and traffic volume. STEP teamed with Safe Kids and The Safety Village and conducted a Child Safety Seat Instillation Program at the Epicenter in South Cobb. Other special events included teaming STEP officers with the Safety Village to provide traffic and pedestrian safety to students and participate in the Family Fun Days and Truck-A-Palooza.



STEP is tasked with many additional duties beyond their primary role as traffic enforcement specialists and collision investigators. The execution of the StopArm School Bus Enforcement Program is one of them. The StopArm Program uses video cameras installed on school buses to identify drivers that fail to stop for school buses loading and unloading children and enforce those violations in civil court. The program is maintained and administered through a civilian company under contract with the Cobb County. STEP also takes part in special security escorts and details, such as funeral escorts and dignitary motorcades. The STEP unit also responds to major critical incidents to provide additional resources and has the manpower to supplement or relieve precinct personnel. Investigators and supervisors are regularly called upon to assist the training unit in presenting specialized training to recruits and veteran officers as part of basic mandate, advanced training, or annual training classes. In 2017 over 1000 man hours were spent assisting the DPS Training Unit by instructing these classes. STEP and Precinct 3 teamed up to reduce the number of pedestrian collisions along the South Cobb Drive corridor. Message boards were placed along the roadway notifying the drivers and pedestrians to be aware of pedestrian traffic. Officers handed out flyers to individuals who violated laws pertaining to crossing the roadway illegally and issued citations for these violations. This drastically reduced the pedestrian collisions and saved lives.

2017 was a great year for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. For the third year in a row the unit earned 1st Place for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Traffic Safety Award.

The STEP Unit is currently comprised of a lieutenant, three sergeants, and ten investigators. The training process to become an investigator is extensive. Each investigator must be certified as a radar and laser speed detection device operator. They must be certified Intoxilyzer operators. They must complete eight weeks specialized training which includes on-scene collision investigation and collision reconstruction investigation classes. Additionally, there are several advanced classes that are needed to adequately investigate crashes involving pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles, and commercial vehicles. All investigators are trained as crash data retrieval tool technicians and at least one investigator in each squad is a trained crash data retrieval tool analyst. Investigators may be selected to attend other specialized training to further enhance the investigative abilities of the Unit, such as: Occupant Kinematics, Special Problems in Reconstruction, Crime Scene Photography, Interviews and Interrogations, Forensic Mapping, Computer Aided Drawing, Drug Recognition Expert, as well as attending training to stay current with technological advances. The STEP Unit also purchased a 3D imaging system and two drones for investigations and to enhance the quality of the completed accident report.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Citations Issued	9256	6131	8146	3504	4189
StopArm Citations Issued	---	---	---	5749	4665
Felony Arrests	16	14	17	18	23
Misdemeanor Arrests	133	85	84	90	81
Accidents (non callout)	292	302	457	566	538
Special Details/Precinct Assists Hours	4542	5837	4822	5214	5904

STEP Annual Non-callout Comparison

	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Serious Injury	Fatality	Serious Injury	Fatality	Serious Injury	Fatality	Serious Injury	Fatality	Serious Injury	Fatality
Assisting other Agency/unit	22	38	30	37	15	34	34	51	32	45
Callout Total	9		18		11		13		10	
Number of Fatalities	70		82		64		94		76	

STEP Annual Callout Comparison

In 2017, STEP provided full precinct coverage at each of the five precincts to allow all three shifts to attend Active Shooter Response Training together as a shift. STEP again provided full precinct coverage to all five precincts in December to allow the precinct officers a time of fellowship at their Christmas parties.



During 2017 the STEP Unit performed and/or assisted with several funeral escorts for retired officers, officers from other departments, soldiers killed overseas, family members of officers, and county employees.

The STEP Unit also received numerous requests from outside agencies to assist with serious injury or fatality collisions. They provided investigative and technical assistance to Acworth, Austell, Canton, Marietta, Powder Springs, Roswell Police Departments and Bartow County Sheriff's Office.

STEP assisted in numerous community events throughout the year. STEP officers set up displays, spoke with children, and taught traffic safety at the following events; Lockheed Family Day, Powder Springs 4th of July event, four Public Safety Village Family Days, Hillgrove High School 9/11 Ceremony, and Cheatum Hill Elementary walk to school event.

The STEP Unit also maintains two portable message boards and utilizes them to provide citizens with advances warning of traffic issues and public service announcements.

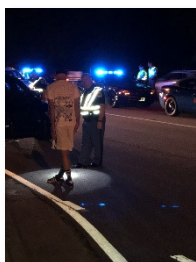
Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Task Force

The primary mission of the DUI Task Force is the enforcement of laws pertaining to persons who are operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Additionally, the DUI Task Force also focuses its efforts on community education and relations. Currently the Unit is comprised of one Unit Commander (Lieutenant), one Unit Supervisor (Sergeant), and five Officers. These Officers have highly specialized training in the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of impaired drivers. Although the DUI Task Force focuses on impaired drivers, the members also enforce all other traffic laws and assist the Precincts on a regular basis.



	2016	2017
Citations	1841	1635
DUI Arrests	447	434
Total Arrests	512	517
Special Detail Hours	981	2404

DUI Annual Comparison

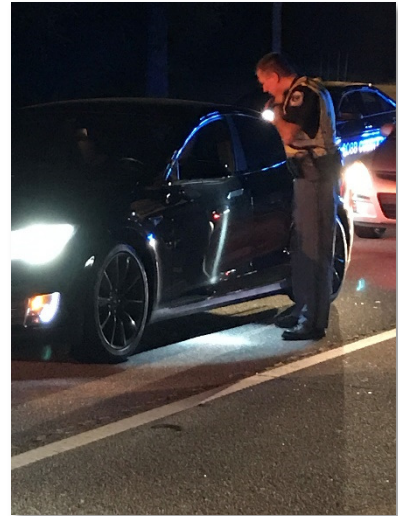


In 2017, the DUI Task Force Officers removed 434 impaired drivers from the streets of Cobb County. This represents 27.67% of the total impaired driver arrests made by the Cobb County Police Department. Of those total impaired drivers arrested in Cobb County, 189 were impaired by drugs. Of those drugged driver arrests, 47.61%, or 90 of them, were arrested by members of the DUI Task Force. The DUI Task Force issued a total of 1,635 traffic

citations for various traffic violations. They arrested 439 misdemeanor offenders and 23 felons, accounting for 462 arrested individuals in total. The DUI Task Force has made a commitment to becoming a “No Refusal” unit. In 2017, DUI Task Force Officers obtained search warrants for blood draws on State test refusals. They successfully obtained 126 search warrants from Cobb Magistrates to compel tests from suspects who refused the Task Force Officers’ initial requests for State Administered Chemical tests.

Additionally, the DUI Task Force participated in a variety of special details and dignitary events during 2017, such as several Honor Guard details, Suntrust Stadium traffic post, the Law Enforcement Memorial presentation on the Marietta Square, and the 4th of July festivities in the City of Powder Springs for a total of 2404.25 man hours or 49 work days.

During 2017, the DUI Task Force assisted Cobb precinct personnel during times of heavy call volume and inclement weather. DUI Task Force officers logged 198 precinct assists during, which includes answering calls for service, providing manpower for incident perimeters, traffic and/or crowd control, and various other incidents and details. Members of the DUI Task Force also assisted various departments and units within the Police Department and the Department of Public Safety to include MCS Narcotics and OCU, the Detective Bureau, and SWAT.



The DUI Task Force is committed to the continuing education and training of officers within the department and other agencies. Members of the DUI Task Force instructed numerous Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) courses and other traffic related training courses at the Cobb County Police Academy. Additionally, the DUI Task Force conducted several SFST refreshers for the Morning Watch officers at the various precincts. Besides training, members of the DUI Task Force spoke at numerous schools and civic organizations covering impaired driving and alcohol related topics, and participated in the Drug & Alcohol Awareness and Safe Teen Driver presentations at the Cobb County Public Safety Training Center grounds.

Many DUI Task Force officers received recognition for the job they have done this year. At the MADD Golden Shield Awards that took place on April 25th of 2017, three DUI Task Force officers and both supervisors were awarded the Silver pin for exceeding 50 DUI arrests. 2 DUI Task Force Officers received gold pins for exceeding 100 DUI arrests. Cobb P.D. was also awarded the “Agency DUI Hero” award for the year.

Hit & Run

The Hit and Run Unit is currently staffed by two investigators. Personnel in the Hit & Run Unit report directly a STEP Unit supervisor. They are responsible for the investigation of traffic



crashes in which an involved party fails to report the crash or leaves the scene of the crash. They are also responsible for providing security for meetings of the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning and Appeals, and all Board of Commissioners meetings throughout the year. A Hit and Run investigator administers the breath testing for county employees in safety sensitive jobs selected by human resources for random alcohol screenings. The Hit and Run investigators work closely with the STEP investigators during follow-up investigations.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Hit and Runs Reported	2630	2649	3343	3744	3915
Hit and Runs Assigned to Investigators	664	647	766	903	1049
Hit and Runs Cleared	564	518	558	621	602
Clearance Rate	85%	80%	73%	69%	57%

Hit & Run Annual Comparison

Motors

The focus of the Motor Unit is traffic enforcement in the school zones, traffic complaint areas, and high crash corridors of Cobb County. The Motor Unit is also responsible for funeral escorts, charity escorts, and visiting dignitary escorts including details involving the President and Vice-President of the United States. Motors are also responsible for the administration and execution of the StopArm School Bus Enforcement Program. They also take part in special security details, provide precinct relief for training and manpower assistance, as well as assist DOT with traffic control needs.



The Cobb County Police Motor Unit is comprised of eleven officers and two sergeants. The training process to be a motor officer is intense. Prospective motor officers must pass a skills assessment prior to applying for Basic Motorcycle Operator School and possess at least a motorcycle permit. Basic Motorcycle Operator School is a physically and mentally challenging two-week school that includes slow speed precision motorcycle handling, high speed braking and motorcycle handling skills, high speed hazard avoidance, as well as escort and formation riding. Prospective motor officers must be radar or lasers certified, and possess a Class M license. Officers assigned to the Motor Unit receive 10 hours of Motor Specialty Training per month and must successfully complete the Motorcycle Qualification Course biannually. To ensure the Motor Unit maintains its high standards they evaluated and developed an Advanced Motor School. The Cobb County Motor Unit became the first in Georgia to have all assigned officers Advanced Certified.

One of the high-profile duties of the Motor Unit is funeral escorts. During the past year, the unit escorted 20 funerals. The unit also participated in two high profile funerals for military

personnel killed in the line of duty along with funerals for retired Cobb County Police and Fire employees that passed away during the year.

In addition to funerals, the Motor Unit participated in the following details: Fallen Officer 5K race, Truck-A-Palooza, four Family Fun Days at the Safety Village, Georgia Police Memorial Ride, Tow Trucks for Kids and Cops and Kids. They also participated in numerous school events and miscellaneous community events to include: Cobb Line United Methodist Church career day, Colonial Pipeline Public Safety Appreciation Day, Lockheed Family Day, Police Memorial Parade, two Cheatum Hill Elementary walk to school days, Hillgrove High School 9/11 Ceremony, and Leadership Cobb.

The Motor Unit represented the Cobb County Police Department in the Georgia Police and Fire Motorcycle Skills Competition winning Gold and Silver Medals in the Intermediate and Expert divisions and a Gold Medal in the Novice division. Six motor officers went on to represent the Cobb County Police Department in the Gulf Coast National Police Motorcycle Skills Competition in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Motor Units are often called upon to respond during off duty hours for critical incidents. This year the unit provided man power to assist the Cobb County Police SWAT team on outer perimeter details on two occasions.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Citation Issued	18,646	11,758	11,037	5402	6985
Felony Arrests	4	8	5	2	2
Misdemeanor Arrests	89	31	39	20	23

Motor Unit Annual Comparison

In 2017, the Motor Unit received 93 traffic complaints. During the investigation of these complaints the unit issued 219 citations. In 2016, the Motor Unit received and investigated 141 traffic complaints resulting in the issuing of 392 citations, and in 2015 we received 72 complaints resulting in 450 citations. In 2014, the unit had 88 traffic complaints assigned and issued 600 citations. In 2013, the unit had 92 assigned complaints and issued 608 citations.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Traffic Complaints	92	88	72	141	93
Resulting Citations Issued	608	600	450	392	219

Traffic Complaints Annual Comparison



Tactical Team

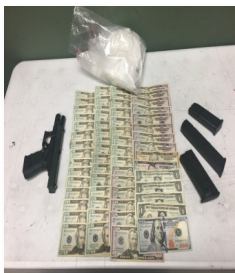
The Tactical Team (TAC) is made up of eight full-time SWAT officers, including one lieutenant and one sergeant. TAC serves as the first responders for the SWAT Team and each TAC officer is permanently assigned a patrol vehicle to expedite their responses to calls for service. These officers also carry a large amount of individual and team equipment so that they are prepared for any incidents that may arise.



This unit is responsible for the planning and organization for warrant services and SWAT training. They also inspect and maintain the SWAT Team's equipment and special duty vehicles. TAC frequently works closely with the K-9 Unit and provides cover for them during tracks and searches for dangerous criminals. TAC officers also assist the Department's Training Unit by providing training to all of the Department's officers in active shooter response.

K9 Unit

The mission of the Cobb County Police K9 Unit is to utilize trained police canine teams to assist in the prevention and detection of crime, to locate persons sought by the police, to promote a favorable public image of the Department, and to support other law enforcement personnel in the performance of their duties to help ensure the safety of the citizens of Cobb County.



The nine member team consists of a lieutenant, sergeant, and seven officers and each member of the unit is a canine handler. The unit has three Explosive Detection Teams and six Narcotic/Tracking Teams. Each K9 Team successfully re-certified in their respective disciplines in 2017 through the North American Police Work Dog Association, the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association, and the State of Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Each team maintains two certifications and must re-certify in both on an annual basis.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Callouts/assists	375	512	515	526	545
Searches	491	564	531	570	488
Arrests	82	121	134	168	174

K9 Annual Comparison

In 2017, The CCPD K9 Unit responded to 545 K9 call outs and assists. The unit conducted 488 searches for persons, evidence, narcotics, and explosives, and generated 174 arrests. The unit

seized over \$866,470.00 dollars in illegal narcotics. The unit was responsible for detecting/locating over \$606,303.00 in currency from the sale of illegal narcotics. The unit had a total of 26 criminal apprehensions from the tracking of suspects. Assistance to other law enforcement agencies consisted of 109 usages.

The Explosive Detection K9 teams unit conducted a total of 87 bomb sweeps and provided mutual aid to the Department of Homeland Security, FBI/JTTF, GEMA, GA Tech PD, Sandy Springs PD, Woodstock PD, Cherokee County SO, Dobbins AFB and Kennesaw State University. The explosive detection teams conducted sweeps at a large variety of events to include Kennesaw State University Football, VIP visits, and events at Suntrust Park.

The K9 Unit conducts numerous demonstrations throughout the year for citizens, county schools, civic groups, and various other entities throughout the year. These events allow the unit to interact with the public in a positive way. The K9 Teams participated in several community events to include Safety Village Family Fun Days, Red Ribbon Week, Touch a Truck, Leadership Cobb and Cops and Kids. In 2017 the unit conducted 55 demonstrations. In December 2017, the unit made their 6th annual visit to the Mt. Calvary Children's Home, providing gifts to all of the children and house parents. The K9 Unit, combined with members of the SWAT Team, collected donations, hosted a pizza party, played a few rounds of dodge ball, and conducted demos with unit canines and the SWAT bearcat. The K9 Unit, combined with members of the SWAT Team, collected donations, hosted a pizza party, played a few rounds of dodge ball, and conducted demos with unit canines and the SWAT bearcat.

Ranger Services

The primary mission of the Ranger Services Unit is to patrol the parks in unincorporated Cobb County. This includes parks with structures and playing fields, passive parks and undeveloped park properties. In addition, the unit conducts bicycle and motorized patrols of the 12.8 mile section of the Silver Comet Trail within Cobb County and of the 1,450 acre Army Corps of Engineers property in northwest Cobb County. The Ranger Services Unit ensures that the laws of the State of Georgia and Cobb County ordinances are being followed in the parks, creating a safe and welcoming environment for the citizens of the county. The unit is currently staffed with one lieutenant, two sergeants, and five officers.





The secondary mission of the Ranger Services Unit is to assist the Cobb County Police precincts as necessary. This includes answering 911 calls for service, traffic enforcement and assisting with special events & functions within Cobb County.

Currently the Ranger Services Unit is responsible for patrolling 5,491 acres within the Cobb County Park System, of which 1,808 acres is developed and 3,682 acres is undeveloped. This breaks down to 42 developed properties (structures and playing fields) and 35 passive and undeveloped properties (walking, hiking and biking trails).

In 2017 the Ranger Unit conducted 8,472 county property check, assisted the precincts 802 times, and dedicated 1,255 man hours to PARKS special events.

Most of the recurring crimes investigated by Rangers involved illegal dumping in the county parks or on county property, burglary of park facilities and criminal trespass (graffiti). Most of these issues have been addressed at this time by increasing zone patrols. A rise in burglaries of Park equipment from the Corps of Engineers property was halted thanks to a collaborative effort with CIU5 Detectives. We have also addressed an uptick in illegal hunting on the Corps property through the efforts of Ranger officers.

The Unit's trail mapping system is quickly bringing the national standard to Cobb County. This will enable first responders to be more efficient and effective when attempting to locate injured or lost citizens.



The Ranger Unit officers diligently patrol the Cobb County parks and have developed a close working relationship with the county employees within the parks. The Ranger Unit have also increased patrols on the Silver Comet Trail and have used bicycles, motorcycles and ATVs to patrol the entire trail length

within Cobb County. Through their efforts, the Ranger Unit officers were able to curtail as much criminal activity within the parks as possible. In addition, by building the relationships with the park workers, these workers feel more comfortable to openly communicate with the officers during their daily patrols. This has led to numerous tips regarding suspicious persons in the parks and their possible involvement in nearby criminal activity within the precincts.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Park Checks	10,187	9177	8522	9740	8472
Precinct Assists	570	556	866	901	802
Special Event Hours	1626	1279	1013	1034	1255

Ranger Unit Annual Comparison

The Ranger Unit is also tasked with monitoring the Cobb County Transit Facility in Marietta (800 South Marietta Parkway) due to an increase in the number of homeless subjects loitering, drug sales & usage, consuming alcohol beverages and the harassment of patrons waiting to ride. Due to the strict enforcement, the numbers of homeless loitering and drug activity on the property appears to have decreased.

Special Events

The Special Events Unit is currently staffed with one lieutenant and is tasked with planning and implementing traffic management functions at all large scale events. The unit works closely with the Cobb County Police Department Homeland Security Unit and the Cobb County Department of Transportation to both plan and execute large scale events safely and efficiently. The Special Events Unit and CCDOT have formed a partnership to further both traffic/pedestrian safety and future planning.

The first task of the Special Events Unit was to develop a traffic management plan for large scale events at SunTrust park, which opening in April 2017. The unit managed 87 events in 2017 which consisted mostly of Braves baseball games, but also included several concerts and other sporting events.



SPECIALIZED UNITS

Underwater Search and Recovery Team (USRT)

The mission of the Cobb County Police Department's Underwater Search and Recovery Team (U.S.R.T.) is the recovery of victims, crime scene investigation, light salvage and the recovery and processing of evidence in virtually any aquatic environment. U.S.R.T. has a team of nine scuba divers who are all certified as public safety divers by Dive Rescue International (DRI).



All team members are also required to participate in at least 240 hours of training throughout the year. The USRT participated in 11 Touch-a-truck and related events this year.



In 2017, the police department's dive team had two callouts; the recovery of a drowning victim and evidence recovery. The USRT also assisted an Acworth citizen with the recovery of their watercraft.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Callouts	4	4	2	7*	2
Other Assists	0	3	3	4*	2
Special Events	10	10	10	11	11

USRT Annual Comparison

*correction from 2016 report

The USRT logged several hundred hours training in new environments in anticipation of unexpected locations and events. This level of preparation is paramount when participating in joint operations.

Throughout the year, U.S.R.T. has openly displayed their scuba diving equipment while participating in a number of public safety events. The police department's dive team is a partner of the federal government's Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative (U.A.S.I.) organization.



Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team

The Cobb County Police SWAT Team is comprised of 35 members who respond to calls for assistance from the department's uniform and detective bureaus. Most of these requests are in response to incidents involving barricaded gunmen and the service of high-risk warrants. However, the team has also responded to hostage incidents, searches for dangerous criminals

within a confined area, searches for missing persons, and VIP protection details. Occasionally, the team assists other departments and jurisdictions with similar incidents.



Officers from the SWAT Team also contributed their services to the Make-a-Wish Foundation of Georgia, participated in the Family Fun Safety Days that took place during the summer at the Public Safety Village, and took part in the Truck-a-Palooza event that was held at Town Center Mall in September.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Callouts	35	26	32	28	22

SWAT Annual Comparison

In March, the SWAT Team was able to send officers to the Georgia Tactical Officers Association (GTOA) Training Conference that took place in Macon. The conference offered numerous different training courses that were beneficial to all who attended.

Bomb Squad

The Cobb County Police Department Bomb Squad's mission is to preserve life, limit destruction of property and restore operations to a normal state in a timely manner. The squad is often involved in high risk situations involving the use or threatened use of explosives, nuclear, chemical, biological or other hazardous elements. The mission is accomplished through the use of specialized training, equipment and tactics which ensures the safety of the citizens of Cobb County.



The Cobb Bomb Squad is allotted eight certified bomb technician slots by the FBI at the current time. At present, the squad is staffed with five current certified technicians and three apprentices. All bomb techs have completed the mandatory Hazardous Devices School recertification program and the apprentices are scheduled to attend basic bomb tech school in 2019. The squad is currently staffed with one full time position while all other techs have full time duties in other assigned areas of the department.

The Cobb Bomb Squad is a unique entity in that our unit is solely trained and largely funded by the FBI. In return, the bomb squad handles EOD related calls in surrounding jurisdictions. This memorandum of understanding keeps the FBI from having to sponsor a bomb squad for every department in the state of Georgia. The eight members of the bomb team amassed 1584 hours in specialized EOD related training over the course of the year. The bomb team members are also responsible for learning and maintaining over \$3 million worth of highly specialized equipment.



During the year the Bomb team provided mutual aid to the FBI/JTTF, GEMA, GA Tech PD, Atlanta PD, Sandy Springs PD, Woodstock PD, Acworth PD, Kennesaw PD, Cherokee County SO, Dobbins AFB and Kennesaw State University. The squad also has two team members who are deputized US Marshals and assigned to a multi-jurisdictional federal nuclear stabilization team. This team requires intensive specialized training and mandates techs obtain Top Secret and DOE “Q” clearances.



In 2017 the Cobb Bomb Squad responded to a total of 43 EOD related callouts to include suspicious packages, improvised explosive devices (IED’s) and bomb threats. Over 60% of all the reported callouts were requested responses from surrounding jurisdictions. The Bomb Squad was also assigned 81 details, at venues such as SunTrust Park, that involved a render safe capability mission. The squad works closely with our EOD K9’s and assisted their unit with 59 pre- event EOD sweeps over the course of the year.



The Bomb Squad conducted numerous static display demonstrations throughout the year for citizens, county schools, civic groups, and the Citizens Police Academy. The Bomb Team participated in several community events to include Safety Village Family Fun Days, Acworth PD Family night, Powder Springs PD Safety Day, Touch a Truck, Leadership Cobb and Camp Puzzle.

These events allow the unit to teach citizens the dangers of explosives while interacting with the public in a positive manner.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Suspicious Items/Recovery	25	25	28	24	43
Other Support/Threats	28	34	22	26	59
Other Agency Assist	5	10	21	41	26
Special Events/Details	20	41	55	53	81

Bomb Squad Activity Annual Comparison

Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT)

The Crisis Negotiation team (CNT) is responsible for responding to hostage, barricaded, and suicidal person calls with the intent to resolve the situation without injury to victims, bystanders, officers, or perpetrators/subjects. This resolution of the incident is attempted through the use of the skills of trained police negotiators, making every effort to avoid the use of force, if possible.





The CNT is currently staffed with 12 negotiators, 1 technical officer, one analyst, and one retired officer. The team is a part-time unit and CNT members have primary assignments in different units throughout the Department. They are mobilized as training or mobilization needs arise. The team is equipped with a team bus. The bus is where negotiations are conducted.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Callouts	7	6	7	6	10

CNT Annual Comparison

Last year, in addition to the team's monthly training, the team trained twice in conjunction with the SWAT Team. Furthermore, both the Cobb County Sheriff's Office negotiators, as well as members of several other Metro Atlanta area crisis negotiation teams, and the FBI train regularly with the CNT.



Mobile Field Force

The mission of the Cobb County Police Mobile Field Force Unit is to assist precinct and support operations in times of civil disorder when a situation has become large in scale; life, property and public safety are endangered; or additional manpower is required. The ultimate goal of the MFF is to restore order while protecting life and property and ensure citizens are able to exercise their constitutional rights.



The Mobile Field Force consists of 26 officers, 5 supervisors and 2 medical personnel. The team is allotted 50 positions and is currently trying to recruit new members.

New equipment was ordered and issued to the members of the team in 2017. This equipment replaced the old stuff originally ordered in 2004. This equipment has enhanced the team's capabilities as well as providing officers who work at precincts with better equipment than their counterparts to use on calls.

The team was called out for two events in 2017. Both were mutual aid requests made by Kennesaw State University and Kennesaw Police Department. Kennesaw State University requested assistance with a known, planned protest when Senator Johnny Isakson gave a speech on their campus.



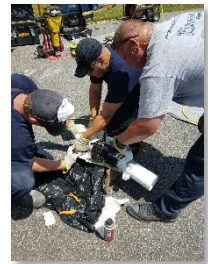


The Mobile Field Force was staged nearby, ready to respond if the situation became violent. A quick reaction team was also ready for smaller issues that could be handled in a lower profile manner.

The same occurred during a Confederate Flag protest in the City of Kennesaw. A planned protest over the flag with potential counter demonstrators was scheduled. The Joint Mobile Field Force was staged at Precinct 1, ready to respond if necessary.

Both events remained peaceful so the Mobile Field Force was not activated in either situation.

The team continues to strive for improvement and recruitment. Monthly training was implemented in 2017 where it had previously only trained quarterly. Legal updates, protest device cutting, pressure point training, officer down helicopter extractions, and range time are among some of the additional training the team is now getting in order to enhance proficiency and professionalism within the team. During 2017, 4 classes were held with The Center for Domestic Preparedness coming to Cobb County to conduct the classes. The classes held were Field Force Command, Field Force Operations and 2 sessions of Field Force Extrication. We were able to host multiple police jurisdictions and the Cobb Fire Department for joint training.



Honor Guard

The Cobb County Police Department Honor Guard Unit is comprised of a Commander, Assistant Commander, a Sergeant, and 13 active members of the Cobb County Police Department. Members of the all-volunteer unit are selected based on recommendations from current Honor Guard members, supervisor recommendations, and established selection criteria. The Honor Guard is responsible for representing the Cobb County Police Department, and the Chief of Police, along with the officers and their families at law enforcement funerals, parades and other ceremonial occasions – both solemn and festive.



The Cobb County Police Department Honor Guard provides members for all line of duty deaths and non-line of duty deaths for active Cobb County police officers. Honor Guard members will be provided, at the request of the Chief of Police, for active and retired Cobb County police officers, non-sworn Cobb County employees, and selected dignitary funerals. Honor Guard members provide assistance with on-site assessment of funeral layout and arrangements for pallbearers, ceremonial firing detail, bugler, bag pipes, and flag folding detail.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Details Attended	15	17	30	42	31

Honor Guard Annual Comparison

Additional duties and responsibilities that fall to the Cobb County Police Department Honor Guard include requests from other Law Enforcement Agencies to assist in honoring their fallen officers, including non-line of duty deaths and retirees, and to provide Color Guard and Honor Guard members for participation in ceremonies and public activities. The Cobb County Police Department Honor Guard members logged more than 1500 hours training to include several multi-jurisdictional training events; participated in 12 Color Guard details, including one flag folding detail, Chief Houser's retirement, 3 joint details with the Cobb County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard, and 2 multi-jurisdictional details (Candlelight Vigil on the Square, and the Chamber of Commerce Awards Breakfast); 15 funeral details including 4 out of town funeral details; 4 requests for bagpipe only presentations; and sending representatives to the Law Enforcement Memorial Week in Washington, D.C. during 2017.

Chaplain Program

The Chaplain Program was established in 2000. The program includes 15 volunteer Chaplains from all walks of faith. It is a ministry of service. The mission of the program affirms that God is the answer to man's dilemma by bearing witness to His love and power to the personnel of the Police Department, 911 Communications, the Department of Public Safety staff, both sworn and non-sworn, their families, and those they serve. The Chaplain will offer this care to all regardless of race, creed, sex, or religion. They participate in ride-alongs, attend training functions, visit hospitals, squad meetings, perform weddings and funerals, and build relationships with officers and staff. In 2017 they had over 700 hours of ride-alongs with our officers, conducted over 40 funerals and funeral home visits, conducted several weddings and spoke or offered invocations at over twenty events.





POLICE TRAINING

The Police Training Unit serves as a support function of the police department. The unit has a staff of fourteen (14) sworn personnel and three (3) non-sworn personnel. At any given time, it typically also supervises and trains two (2) classes of approximately twenty-five (25) police recruits while also being responsible for all newly hired police recruits who are awaiting a class start. The Training Unit is commanded by a captain, with a lieutenant as the assistant commander. The training unit is divided by training function: Mandate Training, Field Training Officer/Driving, Advanced Training, and Firearms Training. Each is staffed by experts in their respective field and maintains the high standards required by the police department.



Mandate Training



The Mandate Training section is supervised by a police sergeant and staffed with two (2) officers. In 2016, the Mandate Training section held four (4) Basic Mandate Classes; this is also known as Phase I. These are expanded basic training classes and increased from twenty-two (22) weeks in 2016 to twenty-six (26) weeks in length in 2017. In addition to the state required minimum required training (10 weeks), our recruits receive additional advanced training on tactics, scenario based training (to include de-escalation), firearms, driving, county and department policy, department computer systems, report writing and several days of scenario based training involving role players and the newly acquired TI Judgmental shooting simulator. Several additional training classes were added to the curriculum in 2017. These classes include Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), Implicit Bias, Guardian Philosophy and Tactical Mindset. Several additional days of interactive scenario based training focused on de-escalation techniques were also added.

Mandate training includes a regimented physical fitness program to supplement the Cobb County Police Department's annual physical fitness test. The police recruit's physical fitness program implements high intensity interval training, (HIIT), typically three days per week. The numbers for each class are listed below.

Mandate Class (year began)	Began Course	Graduated Course	Completed Field Training
34 (2014)	32	30	24
35 (2014)	24	23	18
36 (2015)	21	17	12
37 (2015)	26	22	17
38 (2015)	26	23	18
39 (2015)	33	31	28
40 (2016)	20	15	13
41 (2016)	14	9	8
42 (2016)	26	21	14
43 (2016)	32	18	15
44 (2017)	19	19	14
45 (2017)	38	29	26
46 (2017)	21	18	Still in training
47 (2017)	15	10	Still in training
Lateral (2015)	11	N/A	10
Lateral (2016)	9	N/A	8
Lateral (2017)	4	N/A	4

2014-2017 Mandate Classes

Field Training Officer/Driver Training

The Field Training Officer/Driver Training section is supervised by a police sergeant and staffed with one officer. The Field Training program is comprised of Phase II and Phase III. In 2017, this section was responsible for overseeing the field training performance of the recruits for Mandate Classes 42, 43, 44, and 45. Mandate 42 began in 2016, but field training was completed in 2017; fourteen (14) recruits successfully completed field training. Mandate 43 completed the academy in February 2017 with eighteen (18) recruits and fifteen (15) of those recruits successfully completed field training program. Mandate 44 had nineteen (19) recruits that began the academy in which fourteen (14) of them completed the field training program. Mandate 45 had twenty-nine (29) recruits begin field training and twenty-six (26) completed field training. In addition to the recruits, the training unit received nine (4) lateral officers from other police departments. These officers were placed in our lateral officer training program and



all four (4) lateral officers successfully completed field training. The Field Training program also provided two (2) Field Training Officer (FTO) courses. The department's number of field training officers (FTOs) has decreased from fifty-seven (57) to fifty-three (53) due to transfers, promotions and deactivations.

The training staff, along with adjunct instructors from the field, trained all the police recruits in Basic Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) and Pursuit Immobilization Technique (PIT). All sworn officers at the department performed the precision driving course (cone course) during annual training. The cone course was modified to during



the 2016/2017 training cycle to better match the new driving platform offered by the Ford Taurus. A Skid Car system was also added to the fleet of training vehicles. This system consists of hydraulically activated outriggers that allow the instructor to dramatically change the handling characteristics of the vehicle. The instructor can simulate a wide variety of situations affecting traction in a safe controlled environment and monitor the student's reaction and provide additional training and corrections.

Advanced Training

The Advanced Training section is supervised by a police sergeant and staffed with one (1) officer. This section was responsible for the annual training requirements of all sworn officers and non-sworn employees. This section is responsible for the annual training requirements of all sworn officers. In 2017, this section held twenty - seven (27) cycles of annual training classes for sworn personnel. Annual training consisted of Mental Health Awareness, Police Ethics and social networking, putting down Maimed or critically injured animals, Defensive Tactics, EVOC, and Gas Mask fit test. The Advanced Training Unit hosted forty- nine (49) advanced training classes. Of the forty- nine (49) classes hosted, twenty -five (25) were taught by outside vendors. In addition, the Advanced Training Unit released over 20 Training Information Memos used for in service training for the Police Department. In 2017 the Advanced Training Unit took possession of the "TI" Firearms / Judgemental Shooting Simulator. The simulator has already been used on several occasions as another tool to assist veteran and mandate officers. The simulator offers over three- hundred (300) scenarios for officers to train with. The simulator also now offers a 180-degree interactive screen and the option to update scenarios monthly.

Firearms Training

The Firearms Training section is supervised by a police sergeant and staffed with three (3) officers. In 2017 the firearms training unit conducted roughly 1,032 hours of training. This training included mandate, Cobb officers, and advanced training. In 2017 courses included Fall Winter qualifications, night qualifications and response to active shooter. The 2017 Spring Summer courses consisted of qualifications for all sworn personnel on all issued weapons, firearms drills including quick reaction, and tourniquet application drills. The Firearms unit conducted a total of sixty-nine (69) firearms (handgun) qualification classes. Additionally, the section conducted classes related to the patrol rifle (initial certification and transition) in order to issue over 66 patrol rifles. A total of three (3) TASER courses were conducted and one (1) TASER Instructor courses was conducted. The Firearms Training unit also participated in the facilitation of the full scale active shooter exercise at Six Flags Over Georgia.

Miscellaneous

In addition to the regular training duties, the Training Unit is called upon to provide training and demonstrations for various groups. In 2017, the Training Unit conducted two Citizens Public Safety Academy classes including a Citizens Public Safety Academy for the Spanish Speaking community. The Training Unit also participated and hosted Leadership Cobb and the Cobb Youth Leadership Program.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Internal Affairs Unit is located in the Powder Springs Station Complex at 1150 Powder Springs Street, Suite 300. The unit is commanded by a captain, with a lieutenant as an assistant commander.

The unit is divided into two sections, with separate missions as detailed below. In addition to these functions, the unit currently handles the criminal history checks for all promotions, and all open records request for Internal Affairs files on existing personnel.

Internal Investigations

The internal investigations section has one police sergeant, four police investigators, and one administrative assistant.

This section conducts internal investigations of all personnel employed under the Department of Public Safety (DPS) umbrella, which include personnel from the following departments: Police, Fire, E-911, Animal Control, and all Administrative Staff assigned to these departments.

All complaints reported by a non-Department member as well as allegations of serious employee misconduct (criminal activity, excessive force, sexual harassment, fitness for duty, drug/alcohol violations, etc.) are referred directly to the Department of Public Safety Internal Affairs Unit for investigation. In addition, allegations of employee misconduct that don't fall into one of these categories but which may involve multiple personnel, or are otherwise too complex and time consuming to be handled at the precinct level, may be handled by this unit.

This section also handles all police officer involved shootings, the associated paid administrative leave forms, and the scheduling of post event psychological evaluations and range qualifications to enable the employee to return to work.

In 2017, the unit handled 113 citizen complaints, 26 internal affairs investigations, and 6 officer involved shootings.

Recruitment and Hiring

The recruitment and hiring section is comprised of one police sergeant, four police investigators, one full-time police recruiter, one reserve police officer, one fire department supervisor, four fire department investigators, and four administrative assistants (2 full time, 2 part-time).

This section is responsible for conducting investigations on nearly all potential applicants for employment within DPS. The majority of these background investigations are for safety sensitive jobs. For those that are hired, the average background investigation takes several months to complete.



This section is also responsible for administering the Physical Agility Test and/or assisting with the administration of specific written exams as required for each department under DPS.

The recruitment of DPS applicants is also a major function of this section. In 2017, the Recruiting/Hiring section of the Internal Affairs Unit attended 46 recruitment job fairs, received 7007 employment applications for the Police Department, and hired 86 Police Department employees.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Job Fairs Attended	17	37	31	68	46
Police Officer Applications Received	4404	5469	3249	2252	2133
Police Officer Applicants Hired	63	86	116	104	73
Non-sworn Applications Received	---	3671	6118	1994	4874
Non-sworn Applicants Hired	---	12	13	16	13

Police Applicant Annual Comparison

MARIETTA/COBB/SMYRNA (MCS) ORGANIZED CRIME TASK FORCE

The Marietta/Cobb/Smyrna Organized Crime Task Force (MCS) is comprised of members from the Cobb County Police Department, Cobb County Sheriff's Office, Cobb County District Attorney's Office, Cobb County Solicitor's Office, Marietta Police Department, Smyrna Police Department, Acworth Police Department, Kennesaw Police Department, Powder Springs Police Department, and the Georgia National Guard. The head of each agency comprise the MCS Board which is responsible for establishing policy and direction for the unit. The Cobb County District Attorney serves as the Chairman and the Cobb County Sheriff serves as the Treasurer.

The MCS Organized Crime Task Force is divided into two units; MCS Narcotics and MCS Intelligence.

Narcotics

The MCS Narcotics Unit is divided into several operational units to include Undercover Narcotics investigations and Cobra Uniformed drug suppression and interdiction unit/K-9. MCS Narcotics is responsible for all narcotics enforcement including but not limited to investigation of street level sale and/or possession of drugs, drug trafficking, smuggling operations and any other investigation involving the use, possession or distribution of drugs.



MCS Narcotics currently has one major (Cobb Sheriff's Office) as the Unit commander. There are two lieutenants serving as assistant unit commanders (Cobb Police, assistant unit commander/field operations and Marietta Police, assistant unit commander/administrative operations). Undercover investigations are supervised by a sergeant (Cobb Police) who supervises eleven agents – (2) Cobb Police, (2) Cobb Sheriff's Office, (1) Marietta Police, (1) Powder Springs Police, (2) Smyrna Police, (1) Kennesaw Police, (1) Acworth Police, (1) National Guard Counter Drug. Cobra, uniformed drug suppression and interdiction unit, is supervised by a sergeant (Cobb Police) who supervises six agents, (3) Cobb Sheriff's Office, (2) Cobb Police, (1) Marietta Police. The K9 unit is staffed by two agents (one sergeant and one agent) from the Cobb Sheriff's Office. Civilian support for MCS Narcotics is comprised of one evidence technician (Cobb Sheriff's Office/Part-time), one accountant (Cobb Sheriff's Office), and one analyst (Cobb Sheriff's Office).

In 2017 MCS Narcotics seized close to 13 million dollars in narcotics and approximately \$521,690 in cash. They also seized 22 vehicles and 118 guns. MCS Narcotics arrested 425 suspects with 164 agency assist arrests. They took 175 search warrants and made 135 narcotics buys.



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Search Warrants	152	100	143	116	175
Arrests/Reverses	422	326	437	350	425
Arrest Assists	111	135	127	157	164
Vehicles/Weapons	21/97	14/70	24/85	11/120	22/118
Total Buys	176	69	36	58	135
Drug Value	\$42,774,551.80	\$12,885,561.00	\$23,304,627	\$11,225,828	\$12,848,535
Money Seized	\$328,432.00	\$447,756.88	\$851,238.00	\$537,449.43	\$521,690.00

MCS Activity Annual Comparison

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Ecstasy	327.6	282.10	71.9	2394.2	668
Cocaine	180981.2	27071.70	62,623	26,552.1	13,884
Meth	82184.2	75148.00	75,672.7	21,403.3	57,939
Heroin	558.3	187.40	8,090.7	1379	2,642
Marijuana	867827.30	48145.40	441,598.8	325,410.8	128,394
LSD	0	0	0	0	0
Other	105639.7	41330.30	7,118.5	18,137.3	46,550
Marijuana Plants	1507	347	781	577	70

MCS Drug Seizures Annual Comparison

Intelligence

The MCS Intelligence Unit is divided into two operational units which includes the Organized Crime Unit (OCU) and Criminal Apprehension and Gang Enforcement (CAGE).

MCS Intelligence currently has one captain (Cobb Police) as the unit commander. One lieutenant serves as the assistant unit commander (Cobb Police). Organized Crime investigations are supervised by a sergeant (Cobb Police) who supervises five agents – three from Cobb Police, one from the Cobb Sheriff's Office, and one at JTTF. CAGE investigations are supervised by a sergeant (Cobb Police) who supervises five agents from Cobb Police. One agent is assigned to MCS Intelligence as technical support from Cobb Police. Civilian support for MCS Intelligence is comprised of one intelligence analysts (Cobb Police) and one administrative assistant (Cobb Police/Part-time).



In 2017 MCS Intelligence was involved in 47 arrests for various offenses, to include human trafficking, pimping, RICO, and drug offenses. They also assisted the FBI by locating a serial bank robber and rescued 5 human trafficking victims. MCS Intelligence worked hand and hand with VIPER and K9 by providing information, which resulted in multiple felony arrests in and around the Masters Inn. MCS Intelligence and Narcotics concluded a long-term T3 investigation which resulted in the seizure of trafficking amounts of cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin/fentanyl, a large sum of US currency, firearms, and other items of evidentiary value. The

value of illegal drugs and seized assets was estimated at approximately 1.9 million dollars. Thirty-five arrest warrants were secured for RICO and other drug and gang related charges. It is important to note that this long-term investigation disrupted the major flow of heroin in the Metro-Atlanta area by removing one of the top distributors in Cobb County.

Criminal Apprehension and Gang Enforcement

In 2017, CAGE identified six new gangs, 141 new gang members, and investigated 238 gang incidents. CAGE conducted monthly gang presentation/training for the Cobb County Police Department, Cobb County Campus Police, The Cobb District Attorney's Office and other local law enforcement agencies. In addition to the monthly gang meetings, CAGE conducted gang presentations to a local church and the Cobb County Citizen's Police Academy. CAGE agents also met with Cobb County School principals to discuss the gang problem in the schools.

In 2017, the CAGE Unit assisted Smyrna P.D. with an aggravated assault involving local MS-13 gang members who had shot three rival gang juveniles. The CAGE Unit began a lengthy and in depth Street Gang Violation Act investigation in response to this shooting. This investigation ultimately led to the arrest of 13 gang members.

	2014	2015	2016	2017
New Gangs Identified	7	8	10	6
Gang Members Identified	146	146	139	141
Gang-related Incidents	20	16	162	238

CAGE Activity Annual Comparison

In addition to the above mentioned shooting, the CAGE Unit also assisted with two murders that occurred in Precinct II and two other separate shootings that occurred in Precinct I. The unit also spent significant time and effort during the year toward two other Street Gang Violation Act / RICO investigations. The result of both investigations has recently been noted in the news for the substantial impact on gang activity inside Cobb County.

CAGE Agents were awarded a Bureau Commendation for their diligent work on the 2200 / Wildlyfe RICO case.



HIGHLIGHTS

Active Shooter Training

During 2017 Active Shooter training was conducted at Six Flags Over Georgia. Training was a joint police, fire, and Six Flags staff venture incorporating principles of unified command, with participants from the Cobb County Police Department, Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services (CCF&ES), Cobb County 911 Communications, and Six Flags Over Georgia. Assistance and support was also provided by the Cobb County Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. The 2017 Active Shooter training was the first year that incorporated the use of the UTM sim-munitions platform. The large-scale use of Glock sim guns was also implemented. The result was a much more realistic training environment. The Weapons Training unit provided the scenarios to the officers assigned to the Tactical Team (TAC) who then implemented the final draft of the scenarios. The 2017 Active Shooter training implemented real life scenarios that mirrored incidents taking place overseas. The focus of the main large scale scenario was a multiple location attack ending in a theater. Officers responded to multiple locations and worked their way toward a common end location. With the usage of new equipment and a dynamic scenario the 2017 active shooter training was a big success.

Theft of Cobb County Election Equipment

In April 2017 a Cobb County Election worker had sensitive election equipment stolen from his personal vehicle. An extensive investigation by Precinct 1 Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU 1) detectives resulted in two arrests and insured the integrity of the election process and protection of Cobb County voter information by determining the equipment had been destroyed in a local landfill.

Additionally, this crime was rapidly resolved due to the extensive assistance of the *Clayton County Police Department's* 'TIGER' team, the *College Park Police Department*, the *Fulton County Office of Juvenile Probation* and the *Atlanta Police Department's* Gang Unit.

Precinct 3 Welcomes the Atlanta Braves

In the months leading up to Opening Day on April 14, 2017, Precinct 3 commanders and personnel were involved in numerous pre-planning operations related to stadium operations. All Precinct 3 shift commanders as well as the major and captain worked the entire opening series to assure a smooth integration of stadium gameday procedures into Precinct 3 standard operations.

Precinct 3/Precinct 4 Beat Realignment

On the morning of February 20, 2017, a CAD beat realignment was completed that shifted the majority of 319 beat to Precinct 4 and redrew all remaining eastside Precinct 3 beats. This was the culmination of a project that began in late 2016 and included the work of numerous stakeholders to include Precinct 3 and Precinct 4 command and field personnel, E911, GIS and others. The resulting realignment improved response times and better aligned neighborhoods,

roadway corridors and integrated commercial districts. It also better prepared Precinct 3 to absorb SunTrust Park operations within the precinct beat footprint.

Wells Fargo Hostage Incident

On the morning of July 7, 2017, Precinct 3 personnel responded to a hostage situation and bomb threat at the Wells Fargo Bank located at 2675 Windy Hill Rd. A suspect took hostages in the bank with a threatened explosive device. He contacted local news media and made demands for money from the Department of Veterans Affairs. CCPD Special Operations SWAT and Crisis Negotiation personnel responded. Several hours into the incident, the suspect, who claimed to be armed with an explosive device, was fatally shot and the hostages rescued.

Winwood Apartments Double Murder Arrest

On 02/15/17, The Crimes Against Persons Unit conducted a homicide investigation at an apartment complex in which two males were found shot to death in the parking lot of the complex. One victim was located near an apartment building and the second victim was located in an adjacent parking lot in the complex. Detectives immediately began processing both crime scenes and interviewing witnesses. A possible suspect vehicle was identified, and a lookout for the vehicle was broadcast to adjoining agencies. Over the course of the next 24 hours, an additional witness to the shooting identified the shooter through a photographic lineup. A warrant was issued for the shooter, and he was taken into custody by the Cobb County Sheriff's Office Fugitive unit later that night. Detectives spoke with the suspect who admitted to the shooting but claimed self-defense. Further investigation revealed the shooting was a result of a botched drug deal between the suspect and the victims.

Senior Living Murder Arrest

On 08/15/17, The Crimes Against Persons Unit detectives were called to Kennestone hospital about an elderly male brought in for treatment for facial injuries sustained while a resident in a Cobb County Senior Living facility. The victim also made statements to the staff of the senior living facility alleging his caregiver "hit me." Medical personnel at the hospital later discovered through X-rays that the victim also had multiple broken ribs, punctured lung, and a lacerated kidney. As the victim remained unconscious in the hospital, detectives began their investigation and conducted numerous interviews with staff, residents, family, and the male caregiver of the victim. The suspect initially denied striking the victim, but follow up interviews with the suspect resulted in an admission from him that he hit the victim. The victim later passed away as a result of his injuries. Detectives arrested and charged the caregiver with murder, which then generated additional allegations of abuse by the suspect by prior residents of other facilities leading to additional charges.

Homicide

On 09/18/2017, The Crimes Against Persons Unit was notified of a welfare check on a female who did not show up for work. The woman was a Chinese National who was living in Smyrna and was known to be social and punctual. Officers responded to her residence, and nobody answered the door. Cobb County Fire was able to gain access to the interior by a rear balcony.



Officers located a deceased individual inside and what appeared to be a very violent crime scene. Detectives responded, and immediately began canvassing the neighborhood. A suspect, the woman's ex-boyfriend was identified quickly. Video and statements were garnered from area residents and businesses linking the suspect to the victim. Detectives along with the Crime Scene Unit worked into the night processing the interior of the residence. Care was taken to work closely with the Chinese Community and the Chinese Consulate that flew in from Houston, Texas. The detectives learned that the victim and suspect had been boyfriend and girlfriend and had recently broken up. The boyfriend did not deal with the breakup well and was controlling of the victim. The suspect had possibly also had recent dealings with the VA of mental health issues relating to PTSD. The detectives worked with multiple agencies, families, co-workers and many other resources until the suspect was captured in Dallas, Texas. Two detectives then went to Dallas, Texas to further in the investigation and interview the suspect. The suspect was transported back to Cobb County and charged with murder. Excellent response and teamwork by uniform officers as well as the extensive follow up done by detectives resulted in the arrest of this violent criminal. It also showed a collaboration with a foreign government that was very active in the investigation.

Homicide

On October 7, 2016 a Cobb County husband was ambushed and killed and his wife was injured during a shooting outside a Marietta restaurant on Windy Hill Road. The couple was walking to their car after having a birthday dinner when suddenly, one suspect murdered the husband, while the second male grabbed the wife's \$5.00 necklace. The suspects fled from the scene and the police were called.

After the murder, Agents worked tirelessly to procure vital information, which he quickly relayed to the Crimes Against Persons Unit (CAP). The information not only shed a much-needed light on the investigation, but allowed CAP detectives to corroborate and identify the type of vehicle the suspects were driving that day. With the assistance of MCS Intelligence, the suspects were apprehended. On March 23, 2017, CCPD CAP secured arrest warrants on the suspects for murder.

Drug Arrest

In December 2017, the MCS Unit concluded an eight-month Title III investigation that began from an investigation of a local drug dealer. During the investigation it was discovered that the original suspect was connected to a Mexican Cartel. Upon the completion of this investigation, agents obtained over 30 arrest warrants and made 15 arrests. MCS Agents executed four search warrants which produced eight vehicle seizures, five pounds of methamphetamine, over sixteen pounds of cocaine, over two pounds of heroin/fentanyl and approximately \$70,000.00 in cash. This operation was a joint effort involving the K9 Unit, TAC/SWAT, VIPER, CAGE and MCS agents. On one of the search warrants, the drugs and cash were located in secret chambers buried under the floor in a bedroom closet.

Central Records Facelift

In 2017 the Records/GCIC offices received a facelift. New carpeting, additional work stations and repainting gave the work environment a much-needed enhancement. A partition wall with the Department name was added to the lobby area which helps direct citizens to the appropriate area for assistance. Additionally, at the beginning of the year the employees were asked to share any ideas towards improving their work environment. Individual work space was one of the top priorities. During the remodeling 5 new workstations were created which allowed for each of the supervisors to have a private office. The seven Public Service Techs each have a cubicle, and all the Police Record Tech II's have an assigned desk.

VIPER Arrests

On 5/24/2017, VIPER attended a CAP meeting during which a series of recent robberies and shootings in the Favor Rd area were discussed. After the meeting, the VIPER officers quickly agreed the unit would work that area using plainclothes officers, in undercover vehicles, and uniformed officers, in marked patrol vehicles. After being in the area for only a few minutes, plainclothes officers witnessed a drive by shooting at Favor Mart and covertly followed the suspect vehicle until marked patrol vehicles could initiate a traffic stop. The shooting suspect fled in his vehicle and uniformed VIPER officers began a vehicle pursuit. Other VIPER officers responded to the shooting scene, located victims, and discovered the incident started when the shooting suspect committed an armed robbery at Favor Mart. While working as a team on the vehicle chase and crime scene, the shooting suspect had a single car wreck and fled on foot while holding a pistol with a drum magazine. VIPER officers coordinated their response and, despite the extreme peril they faced, they aggressively pursued the shooting suspect without hesitation until the suspect was placed under arrest. Ultimately, the suspect, who was on probation for robbery, was found to be in possession of three stolen firearms and body armor. He was arrested on 13 felony and 15 misdemeanor counts and awaits prosecution at the Cobb County Jail. This incident lies at the heart of VIPER's mission to seek the prevention of, and quick response to, violent incidents.

On 6/07/2017, VIPER decided to proactively patrol along the I-75 corridor which has a history of robberies and other violent crimes. Plainclothes VIPER officers, in undercover vehicles, and uniformed VIPER officers, in marked patrol vehicles, worked their way up I-75 exits until the unit reached Acworth. Plainclothes officers noticed suspicious activity and began surveillance at a gas station. While attempting to identify two vehicles, a passenger of one vehicle exited and ran up to the second vehicle. The passenger drew a firearm and fired thirteen rounds at the driver in a murder attempt. The victim drove away, the passenger returned to his vehicle, and the suspect vehicle drove off. Plainclothes VIPER officers followed the shooter's vehicle and called in uniformed VIPER officers to make the stop. A felony stop was conducted and four people were detained. VIPER located the firearm which the shooter threw from the vehicle when VIPER initiated the traffic stop. The shooting victim survived after undergoing surgery for multiple gunshot wounds. Ultimately, the driver and shooter were arrested for the assassination attempt.



PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS

2017 Promotions

Captain

Stanley Bell

Terri Blackmer

William Mitchell

Lieutenant

Jason Best

Matthew Brown

Craig Dong

Robert Dorsey

Christopher Mabe

Lester Maddox

Brian Pope

Sergeant

Andrew Blakeney

Michael Bradshaw

Thomas Fuller

Michael Gosman

Jeremy Holt

Darren Leopard

Jeremy Melton

Stephen Nolen

Allan Panchame

Jacquelyn Piper

Jubal Stymus

2017 Retirements

Chief of Police, John Houser, 35+ years of service

Captain TR Alexander, 32+ years of service

Lieutenant Gregory Abbott, 26+ years of service

Lieutenant Ronald Alter, 28+ years of service

Lieutenant Carole King, 26+ years of service

Lieutenant Harold Saxton, 24+ years of service

Sergeant Dana Pierce, 26+ years of service

Sergeant Laurence Szeniawski, 25+ years of service

Officer Cleo Fowler, 26+ years of service

Officer Ralph Rogers, 23+ years of service

Officer Lawrence Simmons, 20+ years of service

Officer Ronson Smith, 26+ years of service