

AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT **2022 ANNUAL REPORT**



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2022 ANUAL REPORT DEDICATION

KEVIN MALIKI

WHEN I WAS A KID GROWING UP IN WESTERN NEW YORK I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING A FAMILY FRIEND WHO WAS A STATE PATROL OFFICER, AND SINCE THEN I HAD ASPIRATIONS OF BECOMING AN OFFICER. WHEN I WAS FINALLY AGE ELIGIBLE I APPLIED FOR A POSITION WITH THE POLICE AND PASSED THE WRITTEN EXAM AND EVEN THE PHYSICAL FITNESS PORTION, ONLY TO FIND OUT THAT THE ONLY THING STANDING IN THE WAY OF ME GOING INTO THE POLICE ACADEMY WAS AN EYE EXAM, WHICH IS WHEN I UNFORTUNATELY LEARNED THAT I WAS COLOR BLIND, AND THUS WAS DISQUALIFIED AND MY DREAMS WERE SHATTERED.

HOWEVER, SINCE THEN AND OVER THE YEARS MY ASPIRATIONS CHANGED TO APPRECIATION FOR WHAT THESE MEN AND WOMEN DO FOR OUR SAFETY AND SUPPORT TO OUR COMMUNITIES EVERY DAY. OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS WHILE LIVING IN AUBURN I HAVE SEEN FIRST HAND WHAT THE AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO DO BY PATROLLING OUR STREETS, DIRECTING TRAFFIC, AIDING IN FIRST AID, AND A LIST OF OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT I AM SURE I AM NOT EVEN AWARE OF.



MY WIFE, LYNE AND I HAVE BEEN BLESSED THE PAST FEW YEARS AND ARE EXTREMELY THANKFUL THAT THE AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS OPENED THEIR DOORS IN ALLOWING US TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A CHRISTMAS DINNER, THIS CERTAINLY DOESN'T COMPENSATE THEM FOR ALL THEY DO BUT WISH THAT IN TIMES LIKE WHAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING TODAY, THAT THIS GIVES THEM HOPE AND PEACE KNOWING THAT PEOPLE LIKE LYNE AND I APPRECIATE THAT THEY ARE OFTEN PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE SO WE CAN SLEEP AT NIGHT. I AM EXCITED FOR THE NEW AUBURN TOWN CENTER PROJECT, WHICH IS WELL DESERVED AND WILL ALLOW AUBURN TO CONTINUE TO RECRUIT GREAT PEOPLE TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY.

WE THOROUGHLY APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION THAT WAS PROVIDED TO US BY CHIEF HODGE AND HIS TEAM AND WE HOPE THAT WITH THIS MESSAGE YOU ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO THANK THE BLUE
SINCERELY,
KEVIN AND LYNE

Spotlight on Auburn

Auburn was established in 1892 and got its name from the special red clay that was used to dye cloth Auburn red. We love our history and small-town atmosphere and work hard to maintain this feeling while growing our businesses. Auburn is uniquely seated in both Gwinnett and Barrow Counties and is easily accessible by Highways 316, 324, 211, and 29/8. Easy access to major travel arteries to both Atlanta and Athens makes Auburn the perfect place to live, work, and enjoy life.

Auburn has green spaces with a great mix of residential homes, town houses, apartments, and both commercial and industrial complexes. Auburn's family-friendly atmosphere and sense of community are rare in today's impersonal world. From our weekly Farmers Market and monthly movies in Whistlestop Park to our Independence Day and Sounding off the Christmas Season Celebration, there is something going on all year long that your family can enjoy.

2021 Quick Facts

- MEDIAN AGE 33.9
- POPULATION 11,000
- MEDIAN OWNER-OCCUPIED HOME VALUE \$142,000
- CITY SIZE 8 SQ. MILES



Mayor

Linda Blechinger

Auburn is such a great City with a wonderfully diverse population and I am honored to have been allowed to serve as its Mayor since 2008. We are very proud of the Auburn Police Department and its outstanding officers. A true community police department, our officers go above and beyond to serve. They focus on building relationships in the community to help foster trust and to keep crime from happening. Our police Department is always ready to serve, whether responding to a call or reaching out to the community. From offering gun safety and self-defense classes to helping needy families at Christmas, the Auburn Police Department is committed to our citizens. I hope that you will find this annual report as informative as I did. The Auburn Police Department works hard to keep our City the great place it is to live, work and spend time with our families and I am thankful to be part of such a great team.

City Council



Peggy Langley



Taylor Sisk



Bob Vogel



Jamie Bradley

Mission Statement

The Auburn Police Department is committed to serving our community through professional law enforcement services that protect the lives and property of the citizens and strives to improve the quality of life in our community.

- **CORE VALUES**

We, the Auburn Police Department, show in our words and actions that we value.

- **LOYALTY**

We will treat all members of our department with loyalty and respect.

- **INTEGRITY**

We accept individual responsibility and accountability for our actions and decisions, at all times.

- **FAIRNESS**

We are dedicated to protecting the rights of people.

- **EXCELLENCE**

We are committed to excellence in our professional and personal conduct.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR

Chief

The 2022 Annual Report highlights a brief snapshot of the accomplishments of the brave, devoted men and women who work for the Auburn Police Department. This is the second iteration of a venture that will be a mainstay in the concept of operations for this department going forward. It has truly been an honor to lead such a dedicated group of professionals throughout this year and into the next. This year (2021) continued to be extremely challenging in many ways, but the grit and determination of our police employees epitomized what it means to persevere and overcome. I look forward to all we are going to accomplish in the months and years ahead as we remain steadfast in providing quality and unbiased law enforcement services to the citizens of this great city. We pledge to meet every challenge head on and to grow our values commensurate with the needs of our diverse population.

CHIEF CHRIS HODGE

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Command Staff



CHIEF CHRIS HODGE



CHRIS HODGE HAS HELD THE RANK OF CHIEF WITH THE AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT SINCE 2017. PRIOR TO HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY OF AUBURN, HE SPENT 7 YEARS IN AFGHANISTAN CONDUCTING COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE INTERVIEWS FOR THE US MILITARY. BEFORE HIS WORK OVERSEAS, CHIEF HODGE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE GWINNETT COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 11 YEARS. HE HOLDS A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE/HEALTH SCIENCES FROM LIBERTY UNIVERSITY AND HAS WORKED IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY FIELDS FOR 25 YEARS.

Command Staff

LIEUTENANT HENRY SCHOTTER

THE CITY OF AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL COMMANDER, LIEUTENANT HENRY SCHOTTER, HAS BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY FIELDS FOR OVER 23 YEARS. HE IS CURRENTLY PURSUING A DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND HOLDS POST MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY CERTIFICATIONS. IN ADDITION TO BEING A POST INSTRUCTOR, LT. SCHOTTER IS A TASER, DEFENSIVE TACTICS, AND RADAR INSTRUCTOR. HE HAS AMASSED OVER 3100 HOURS OF TRAINING THROUGHOUT HIS LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER. LT. SCHOTTER EMBODIES THE QUALITIES OF A TRUE LEADER BY CONTINUALLY DEMONSTRATING PROFICIENCY AND EXCELLENCE IN ALL THAT HE DOES. THE CITY OF AUBURN IS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH A CONSUMMATE PROFESSIONAL RUNNING THE PATROL DIVISION.



LIEUTENANT GERRY PATTERSON

Lieutenant Patterson started his journey by enlisting in the Air force in 1973. Due to an unforeseen family emergency, he had to leave the military. In 1976, he began his law enforcement career at the NYPD. After 2 years at NYPD, he decided to re enlist into the military (Army). Lt. Patterson was assigned as Military Police at the Military District Of Washington until he was selected to attend jump school. In 1982 he completed his military service. Lt. Patterson moved to GA and joined the 11th Special Forces Group reserve unit. In 1987, Lt. Patterson began working at Gwinnett County Police Department until he retired in 2009 as a Sergeant. In 2010, he decided he was not ready for full retirement so he went overseas as a military contractor conducting Counter Terrorism Operations. In 2012, Lt. Patterson began to work for the Auburn Police Department where he is currently assigned as the CID Lieutenant.

Command Staff



Sergeant Marc Pharr

Sergeant Marc Pharr joined the Auburn Police Department in March 2009. Sgt. Pharr began his Auburn career as a patrol officer and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2012. In 2019, Chief Hodge created a Public Information Office/ Community Affairs position. Sgt. Pharr was appointed to this role and is currently the Auburn Police Department's PIO/Community Affairs Officer.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS



Corporal Blocker began his law enforcement career in 1990 with the United States Naval Police.

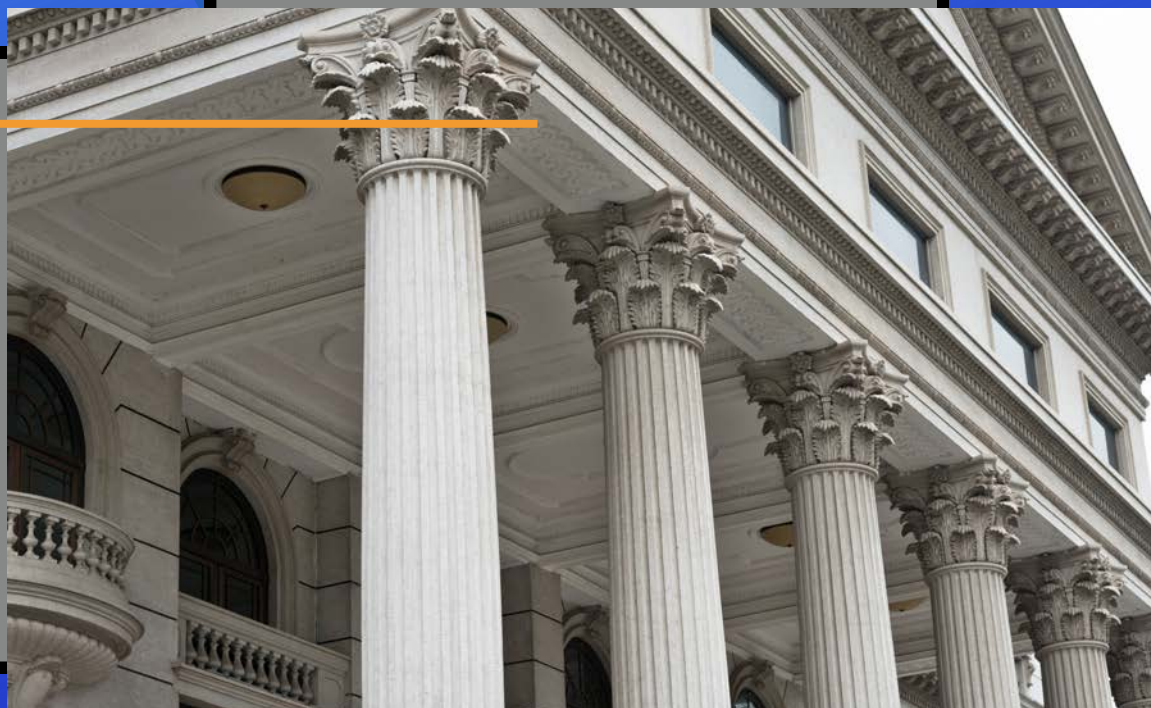
After serving 4 years in the Navy, he continued his law enforcement career by applying with the Winder Police Department in 1994. At Winder, he started as a road officer and advanced to the position of Investigator. Cpl. Blocker spent 10 years working in CID until he decided to retire in 2014. Cpl. Blocker came to work for the Auburn Police Department in January, 2015 and is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division.



CODE ENFORCEMENT



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, ANGIE THOMPSON, HAS BEEN AROUND THE AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR MANY YEARS. SHE STARTED BY VOLUNTEERING WITH OUR YOUTH EXPLORER PROGRAM AND EVENTUALLY STARTED FULL TIME IN 2019. ANGIE HOLDS A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE. SHE IS MARRIED, WITH CHILDREN (BOTH FUR BABIES AND HUMANS!). HER LIFE EXPERIENCES AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES HAVE HELPED HER TO BE VERY CREATIVE IN COMING UP WITH SOLUTIONS AND ASSISTANCE FOR OUR AUBURN CITIZENS. WHEN IT COMES TO HELPING OTHERS, THERE IS ALMOST ALWAYS MORE THAN ONE WAY WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER AND THAT IS HOW ANGIE PERCEIVES HER DAILY INTERACTIONS HERE AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE VISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT IN THE CITY IS TO MAKE AND KEEP OUR CITY AN ENJOYABLE, PLEASANT AND SAFE PLACE TO LIVE. NOT ONLY IS THIS THE VISION OF THE CITY AS A WHOLE BUT THIS IS THE PERSONAL VISION FOR ANGIE AS OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.



CIVILIAN STAFF

SUPPORT SERVICES

JENNIFER MOSHER

The support services position is a non sworn position at the Auburn Police Department. This position is responsible for communication to the general public and to the officers and provides general office support. Incoming phone calls are evaluated by Support Services to determine if it's an emergency in nature and routes them to the appropriate agency. This position also conducts inquiries on the state and national crime information network. Support services assists on court days by taking payments and entering warrants.



CLERK OF COURT

Meg Grant

This is a clerical and administrative position serving as Court Clerk in the City's Municipal Court. Duties involve coordinating all court functions, assisting the Judge and Solicitor with court proceedings, processing court cases as directed by the Judge and maintaining Municipal Court records in accordance with prevailing laws, municipal polices and procedures.

CIVILIAN STAFF

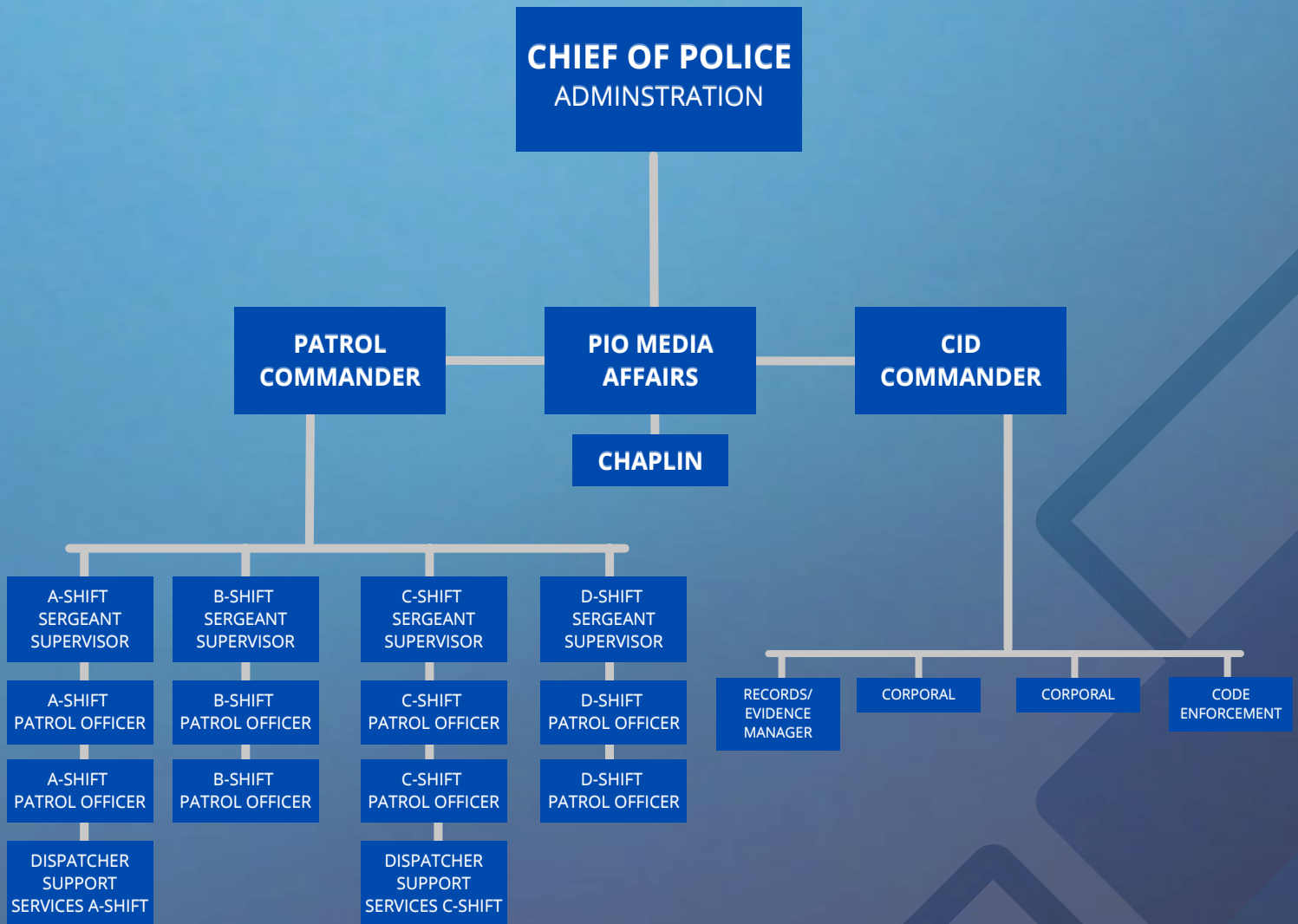
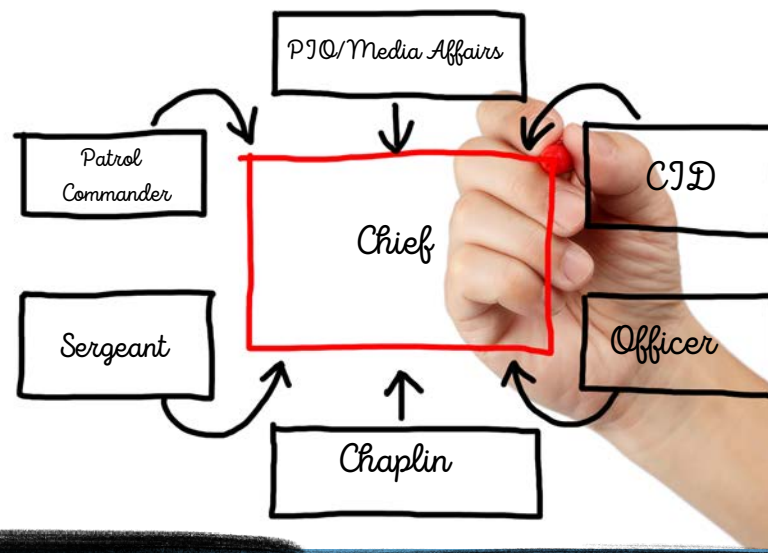
Records Manager/Evidence Custodian

Angelia Childs

The Records Manager/Evidence Custodian, is responsible for conducting administrative functions within the police department. Duties involve answering the phone, maintaining records, and assisting the public. Work is performed under the direct supervision of the Lieutenant in charge of the CID (Criminal Investigation Division).



AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





STATISTICS



POPULATION GROWTH

The City of Auburn has grown in population at a steady rate since 2019. Per the 2019 U.S. Census Bureau, Auburn had a population of 7,481 in 2019. In 2021, the population has grown to 7,704 which is a 3 percent increase. With the new residential developments within the city, the population numbers have climbed above 8000 residents.

The fact that the volume of crime is related to the size of a jurisdiction's population has been well established. The relationship between crime type and population size, however, is less clear. Crime rate presents crime on a per capita basis, and is intended to adjust for population size so that accurate comparisons can be made.

Statistical data shows the calls for service have risen 1.08 percent between 2021 and 2022. With the increase in calls for service, the arrest rates have also risen. In 2020 the police department answered 3,263 calls for service. Within that year there were 297 arrests made. In 2021, the police department answered 3,860 calls for service with 306 arrests made. This is an increase of 2.98 percent in arrests. 2022 the department answered 3902 calls for service and had 231 arrests.



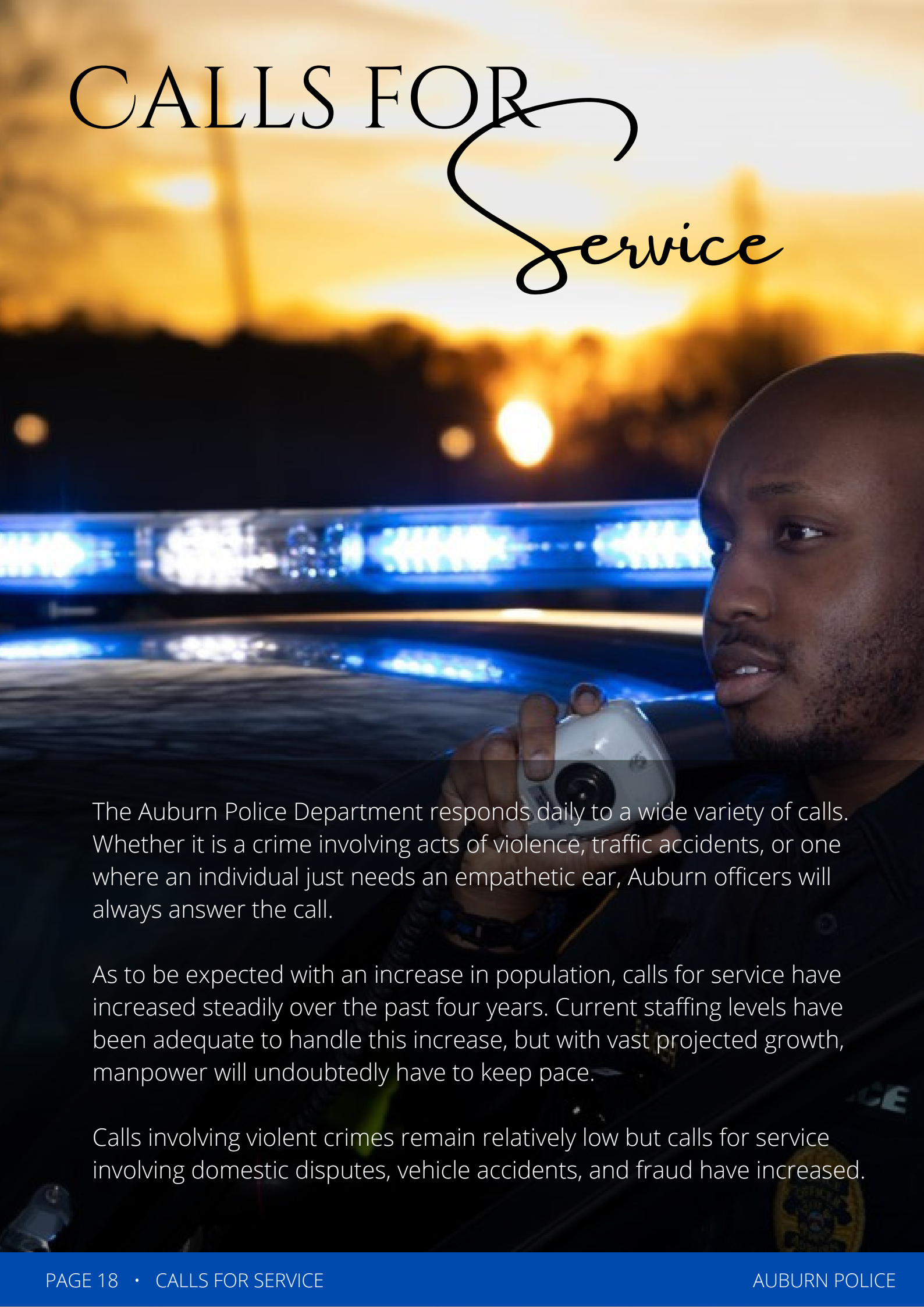
The uniform patrol division is the largest and most visible division within the department.

The uniform patrol division is broken down into four separate shifts, each supervised by a Sergeant and three Corporals. The Division Commander holds the rank of Lieutenant. Uniform patrol officers handle all calls for service and write related reports. In addition to these responsibilities, Auburn Officers perform a variety of other duties.

These additional responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- *Neighborhood patrols*
- *Directing traffic*
- *Enforcing traffic laws*
- *Comforting crime victims*
- *Conducting accident investigations*
- *Looking for missing children and adults*
- *Preventative and saturation patrols in high crime locations.*
- *Conducting field interviews and preliminary criminal investigations*
- *Obtaining information from residents about neighborhood problems and issues.*
- *When necessary, arrest criminals*

CALLS FOR *Service*



The Auburn Police Department responds daily to a wide variety of calls. Whether it is a crime involving acts of violence, traffic accidents, or one where an individual just needs an empathetic ear, Auburn officers will always answer the call.

As to be expected with an increase in population, calls for service have increased steadily over the past four years. Current staffing levels have been adequate to handle this increase, but with vast projected growth, manpower will undoubtedly have to keep pace.

Calls involving violent crimes remain relatively low but calls for service involving domestic disputes, vehicle accidents, and fraud have increased.

2022 CALLS FOR SERVICE



3902

2022 TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

3860

2021 TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

3263

2020 TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

**1.08 % Increase in
calls for service from
2021.**



2022 BY THE NUMBERS

Homicide

1

2021- 0



AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

4

2021- 10



BURGLARY

18

2021 - 14



RAPE

1

2021 - 4



MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

12

2021 - 9



ARSON

0

2021 - 0



LARCENY / THEFT

125

2021 - 68



ROBBERY

0

2021 - 0



PART 1 CRIMES

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Reporting Program collects data on serious crimes (Part 1 offenses) investigated by local departments across the country. These crimes include: Aggravated Assault, Rape, Murder, Robbery, Arson, Burglary, Larceny-Theft, and Motor Vehicle Theft.

Within the Barrow/ Auburn area, Arson is usually investigated by Barrow County Fire investigators.

All other crimes are considered Part 2 offenses, or traffic related, and are not reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2022 Showed a slight increase in Burglary, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Theft from 2021.



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TRAFFIC Enforcement

A major goal of the Auburn Police Department is to make the roads and highways of our community safe for all citizens and visitors. This is achieved through high visibility patrols and enforcing Georgia traffic laws, thereby reducing the number of crashes and the severity of injuries.

Making proactive and reactive stops of pedestrians and motor vehicles are functions of policing. Often these stops involve a preceding event such as a traffic violation. In other instances, stops can be more proactive, such as a Terry Stop. In some cases, the matter is resolved through communication (e.g. warning) in other cases a summons or citation or, more rarely a physical arrest may be made.

2022 TRAFFIC CITATIONS

2022 TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS

1249

+

1453 VERBAL TRAFFIC WARNINGS

+

78 WRITTEN TRAFFIC WARNINGS

2021 TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS

1566

+

94 TRAFFIC WARNINGS

2020 TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS

1488

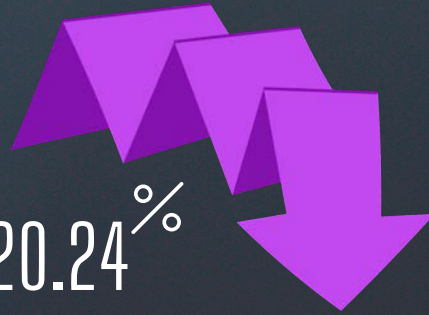
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260 TRAFFIC WARNINGS

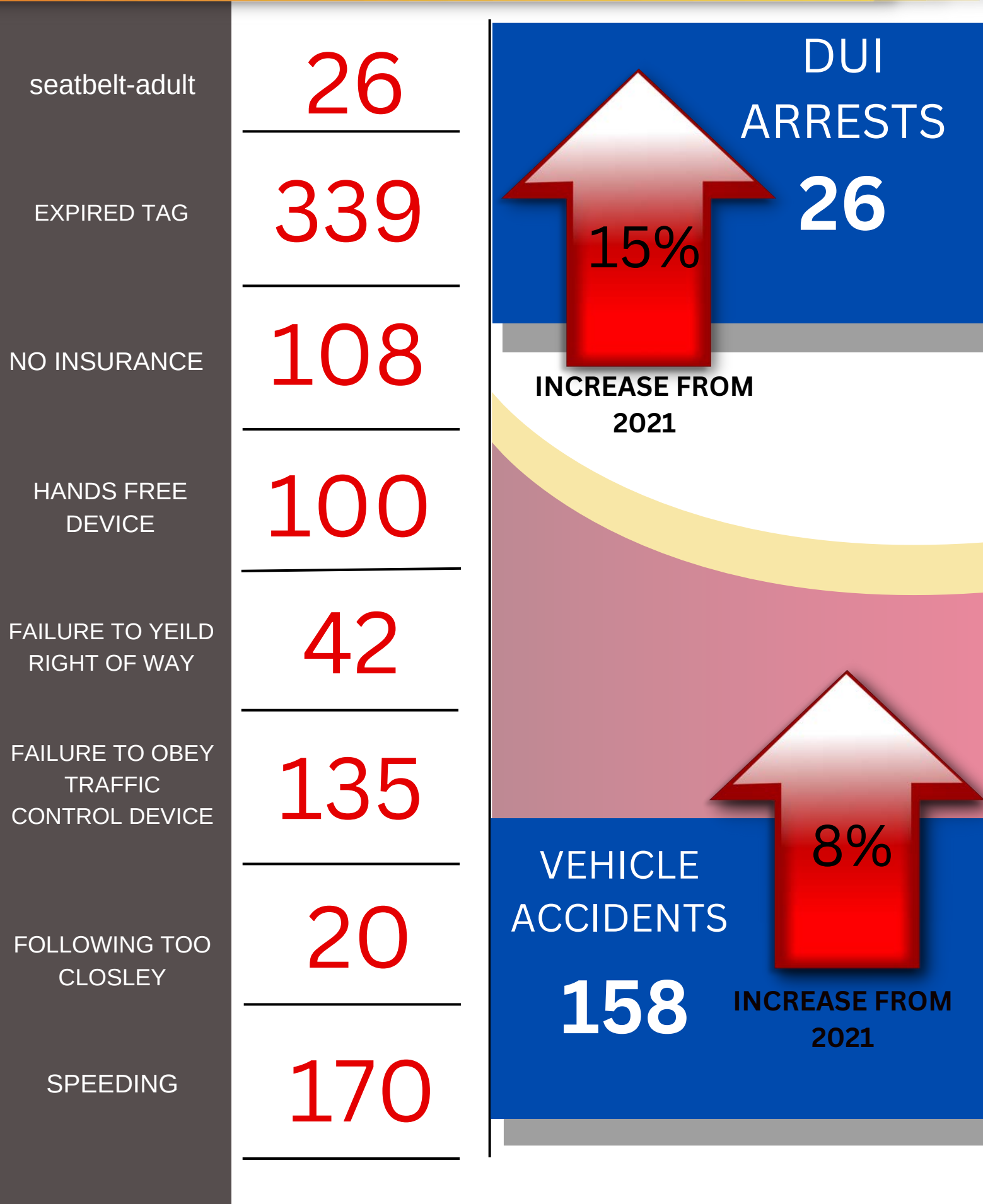
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THROUGH DECEMBER 31.

20.24%

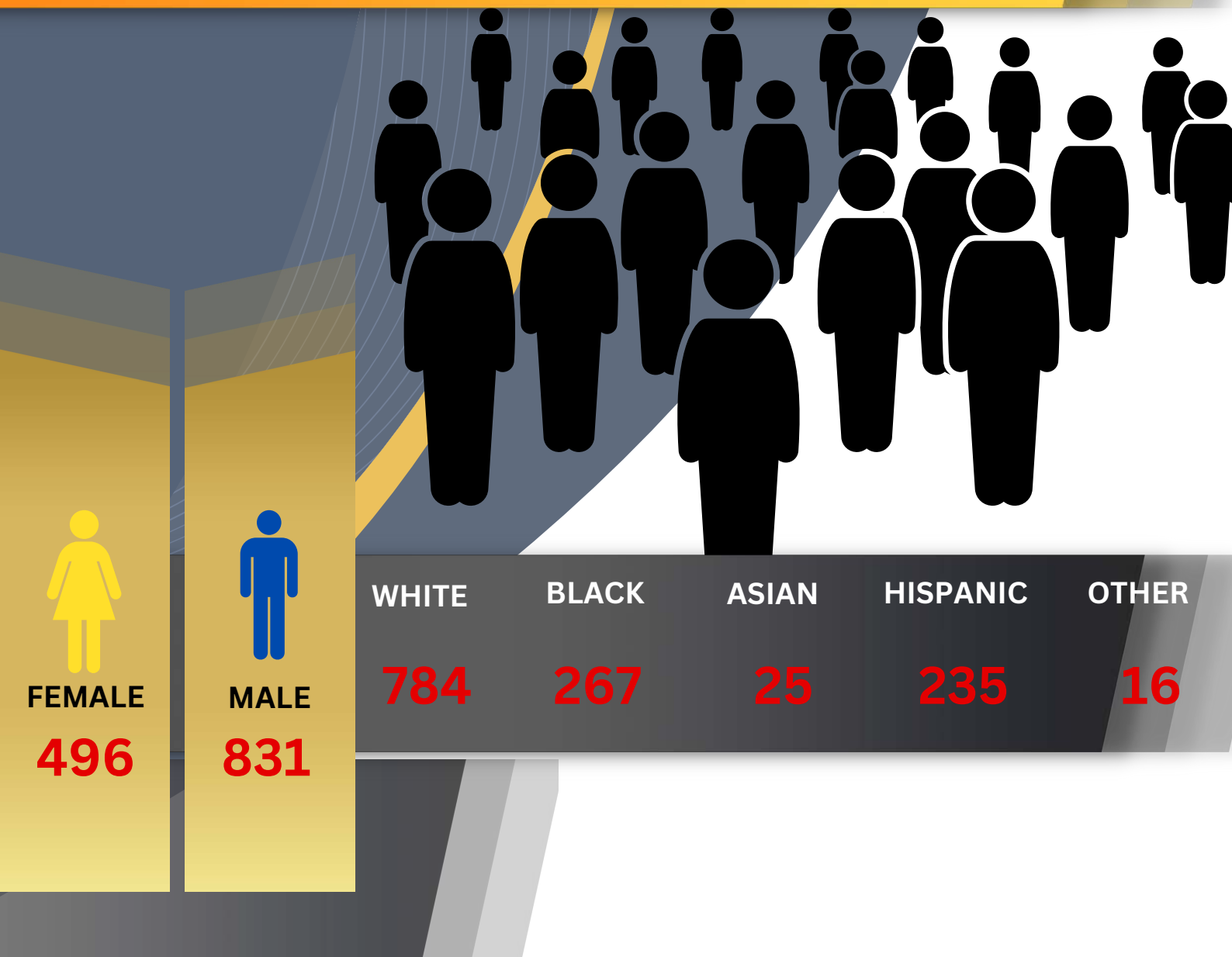
DECREASE FROM 2021



2022 TRAFFIC CITATIONS BY OFFENSE



2022 CITATIONS BY RACE & GENDER



The problem of racial profiling is complex and multifaceted. Dedicated police officers and professional police practices have contributed to making our communities safer. The majority of police officers are hard-working public servants who perform a dangerous job with dedication and honor; however, the perception that some police officers are engaging in racial profiling has created resentment and distrust of the police, particularly in communities of color. These communities applaud the benefits of community policing in reducing crime, but they also believe that truly effective policing will only be achieved when police both protect their neighborhoods from crime and respect the civil liberties of all residents. When law enforcement practices are perceived to be biased, unfair, or disrespectful, communities of color are less willing to trust and confide in police officers, report crimes, participate in problem-solving activities, be witnesses at trials, or serve on juries.



C r i m i n a l I n v e s t i g a t i o n s D i v i s i o n

The Criminal Investigation Division, commonly known as CID, provides professional investigative services to the city of Auburn. CID is responsible for the supervision of all Auburn Police investigations of serious crimes, less serious crimes upon request or as needed. CID will also conduct Internal or special interest investigations as directed by the Chief of Police.

2022 CID NUMBERS



**157 CASES
ASSIGNED**

**24
SUSPECTS
ARRESTED**

**61
WARRANTS
TAKEN**

**10.28%
DECREASE IN
ASSIGNED CASES
FROM 2021**

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS (OPS) SUPPORTS THE MISSION AND CORE BELIEFS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND IS DEDICATED TO PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH ENSURING ADHERENCE TO ETHICAL STANDARDS, PERFORMANCE CRITERIA, AND COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE. OPS PERFORMS ITS FUNCTION BY CONDUCTING A VARIETY OF INVESTIGATIONS, INCLUDING INTERNAL AFFAIRS MATTERS AND PRE-EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND CASES.

THE ROLE OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS (OPS) WITHIN THE AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TO INVESTIGATE ALL CREDIBLE COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT OR ITS EMPLOYEES, TO INCLUDE ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS, IN A MANNER THAT WILL ASSURE THE COMMUNITY A PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION WHEN A POLICE EMPLOYEE CONDUCTS THEMSELVES IMPROPERLY. THIS PROCESS PROTECTS THE CITY AND THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS EMPLOYEES FROM UNWARRANTED CRITICISM PURSUANT TO THE DISCHARGE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES.

ALL INVESTIGATIONS SHALL HAVE A FINDING OF FACT AT THE CONCLUSION. THE FINDINGS OF FACT SHALL INCLUDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. UNFOUNDED: THE EVIDENCE TENDS TO DISPROVE THE ALLEGATION OF MISCONDUCT.
2. NOT SUSTAINED/INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE: THERE IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE, EITHER TO PROVE OR DISPROVE THE ALLEGATION OF MISCONDUCT.
3. SUSTAINED/IMPROPER CONDUCT: THE EVIDENCE SUPPORTS THE ALLEGATION OF MISCONDUCT.
4. EXONERATED/PROPER CONDUCT: THE EVIDENCE TENDS TO SUPPORT FACTUAL OCCURRENCE, BUT CONDUCT DOES NOT APPEAR IMPROPER.
5. MISCONDUCT: NOT ALLEGED IN THE COMPLAINT BUT DISCLOSED BY INVESTIGATION.
6. CONDUCT MAY BE IMPROPER; HOWEVER, THERE IS NO VIOLATION OF LAW OR POLICY AS IT EXISTS AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. THE INCIDENT MAY BE REVIEWED FOR POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY TO GOVERN FUTURE INCIDENTS OF A SIMILAR NATURE.

This year, 2022, there were 3 complaints filed against officers. The OPS conducted investigations on all three allegations and the conclusion was deemed unfounded.

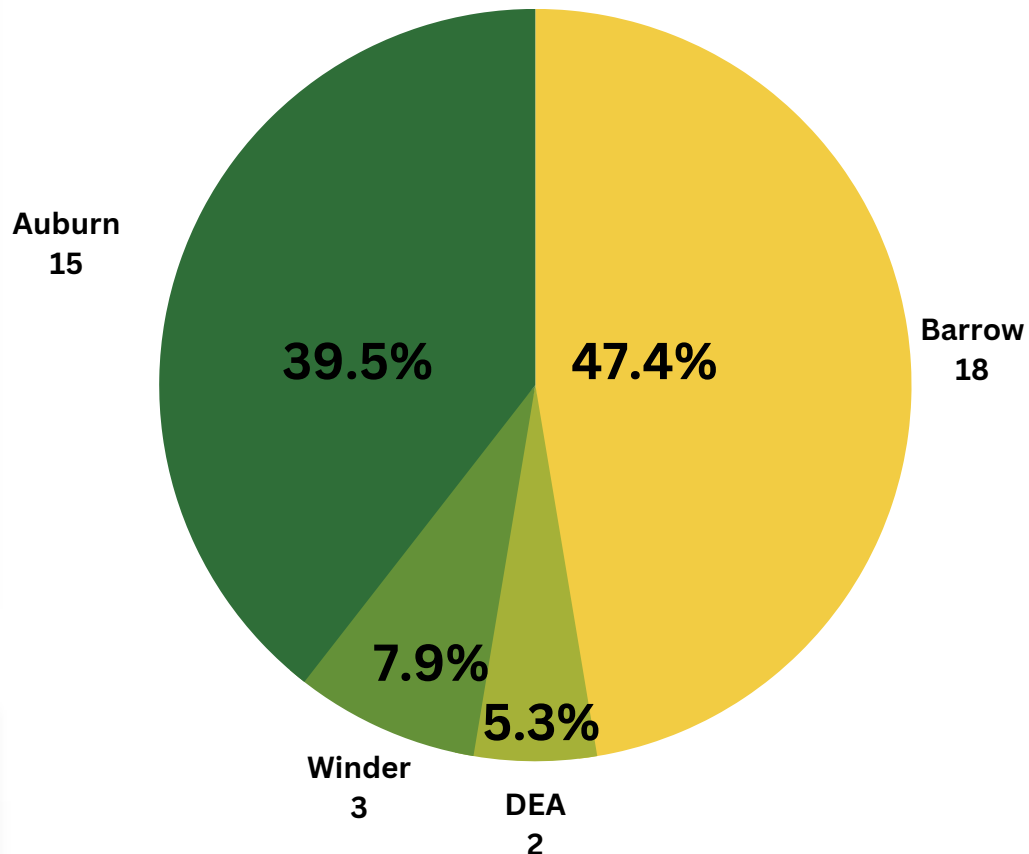
APD K-9 UNIT



APD K-9 UNIT STATS



REQUESTING AGENCIES



PATROL TYPES

NON-SEARCH

6(32%)

AREA SEARCH
FOR HUMANS

3(16%)

BUILDING SEARCH

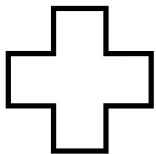
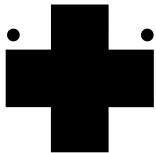
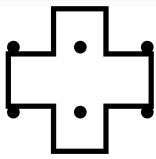
4(21%)

TRACKING

6(32%)

APD K-9 UNIT STATS

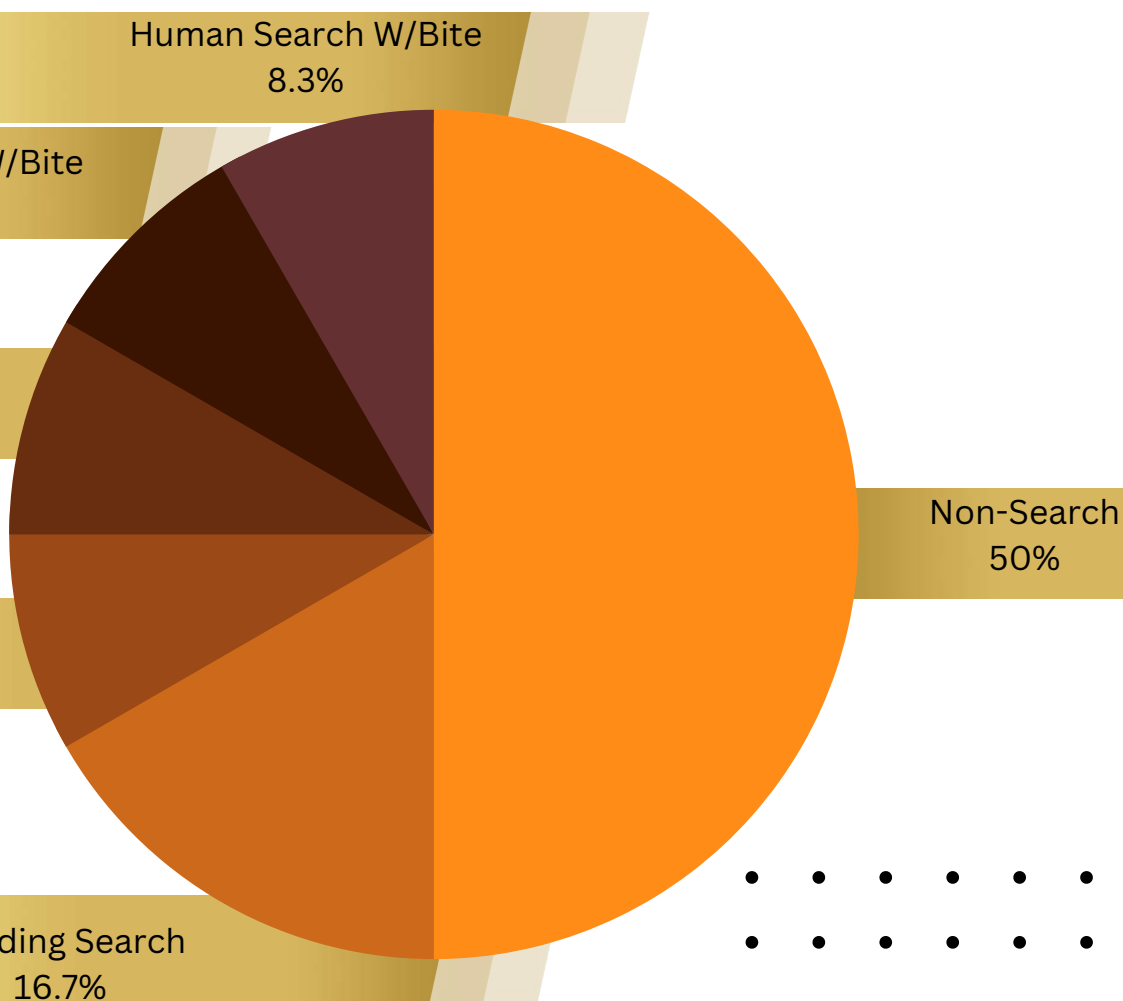
OUTCOMES FOR 12 PEOPLE FOUND



Arrests with bites: 2 (17%)



Arrests without bites: 10 (83%)



CODE ENFORCEMENT



The Mission of the Code Enforcement Unit is to promote compliance of the citizens, to city ordinances that are for maintaining a safe and healthy environment for the community at large. Code Enforcement works to improve the quality of our community by administering a fair and unbiased enforcement program that proactively identifies and works with the citizens to correct violations of municipal codes and land use requirements of private property within the city. Code Enforcement Division strives to maintain a status of a proactive division rather than one of reaction. We work with the community to come to reasonable solutions for issues ranging from minor to major in complexity. We encourage the community to work together to assist one another and achieve the mission set forth before us. Most issues we encounter are a “simple fix” with the homeowner/tenant and code enforcement officers working together. Whatever the solution may be, the outcome should always be to make our community a safe and enjoyable place to live and raise a family.





City of Auburn Code Enforcement



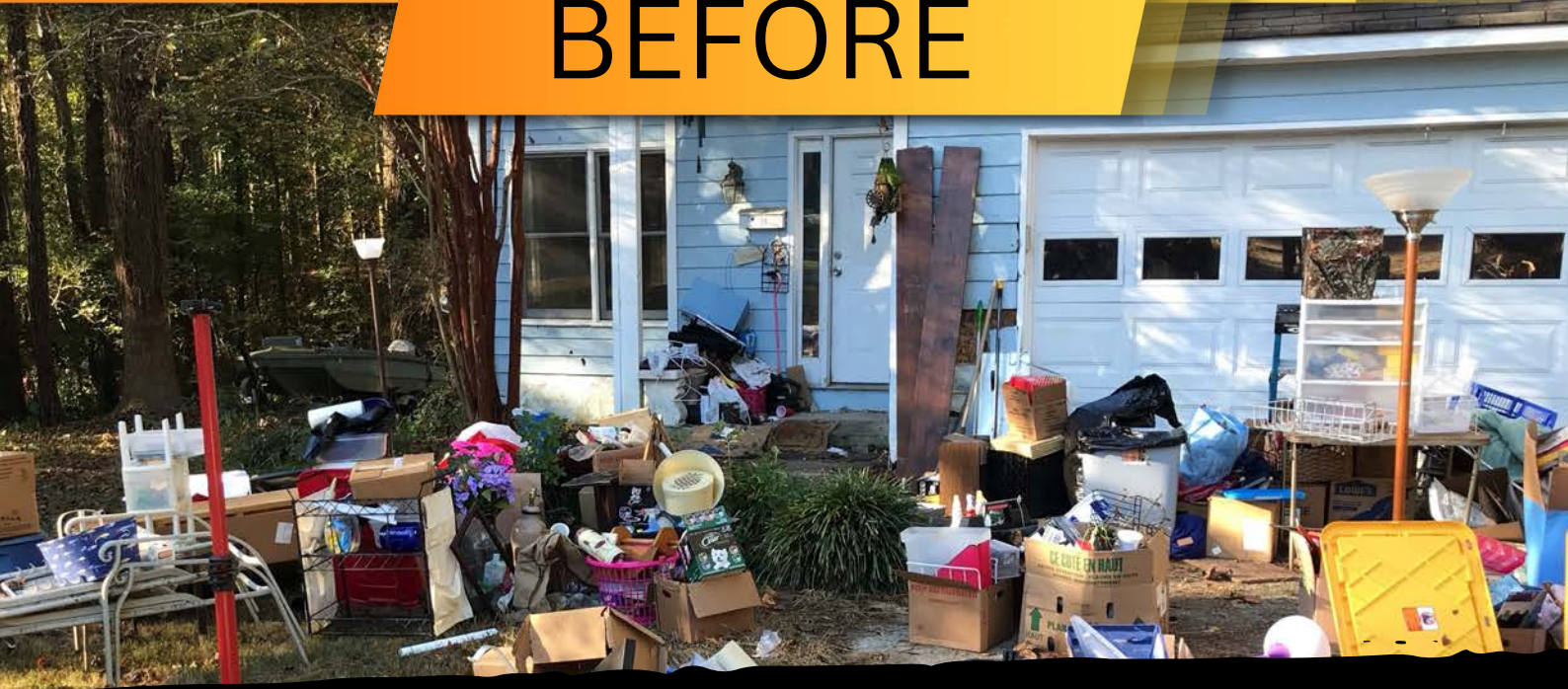
Patrol Office Follow Ups on Complaints	16
Citizen Complaints	62
Growth Limitations 8.20.130	976
Junk Automobiles 17.60.200	156
Outdoor Storage 17.60.190	413
Dog/Animal Issues	31
Livestock/Chickens 17.60.020	35
Illegal Burn (Permit) 8.16.020	1
Illegal Burn Conditions 8.16.040	
Commercial Vehicle Parking 17.100.050	149
Dumping 8.20.080	10
Property Maintenance 8.20.060/17.60.212	514
Building Permits 16.16.030; 17.130.030	233
Signs Removed	677
Sign Permits/location, etc	68
Damage to Meter 9.16.050	14
Handbills 8.20.110	5
Littering 8.20.070	12
Accessory Uses or Structures 17.60.090	108
Dead/Diseased Trees 12.20.150	2
Tree Debris 16.43.112	21
Water Flow Obstruction 8.04.060	4
Pool/Spa 8.18.010	58
Illicit Discharge 16.38.040	3
Fences 17.70.010	34
Home Based Business Viol 17.60.180	102
Environmental Health	12
Stormwater Referral	25
Other Violations Not Listed	375
DOOR TAGS	1335
WARNINGS ISSUED (via mail)	827
CITATIONS ISSUED	62

4116 Encounters/Violations

62 Citations (1.5% needed citations)

Code Enforcement Stats for Jan-Dec 2022

CODE ENFORCEMENT BEFORE



CODE ENFORCEMENT BEFORE



CODE ENFORCEMENT AFTER



CODE ENFORCEMENT AFTER



AUBURN
GEORGIA - EST. 1892

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



One of the most important activities officers participate in is working with our community to promote safety awareness. The department recognizes that only through a close working relationship with the citizens of Auburn and barrow county, we can build a safe community for our citizens and businesses.

The department continues to build upon and provide a number of programs, classes and services which have proven to be successful and sought after such as our popular citizen's police academy, women's gun safety, women's self defense classes, and security training for buisnesses and churches.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



IN 2019, CHIEF HODGE APPROACHED MAYOR BLECHINGER AND THE AUBURN CITY COUNCIL ABOUT FUNDING A FULL TIME PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER POSITION (PIO). THE PROPOSED POSITION WAS AN ENDEAVOR TO:

- ✓ INCREASE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- ✓ CREATE OUTREACH PROGRAMS BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY
- ✓ PROMOTE TRUST AND IMPROVE OVERALL COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- ✓ AS A LIAISON TO THE MEDIA FOR HIGH PROFILE LAW ENFORCEMENT INCIDENTS

BELIEVING THAT THIS POSITION WAS A GOOD FIT FOR THE CITY AND THE COMMUNITY, MAYOR BLECHINGER AND THE AUBURN CITY COUNCIL AGREED TO ADD THIS POSITION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZED STRENGTH. ALTHOUGH IT IS UNCOMMON FOR A SMALL AGENCY TO DEVOTE RESOURCES TO THIS TYPE OF VENTURE, THE FORWARD THINKING OF OUR CITY LEADERS TRULY PAID OFF. TO DATE, THE CITY OF AUBURN FUNDS THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE TO PROVIDE:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- ***A TEN WEEK CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY***
- ***A POLICE YOUTH EXPLORER PROGRAM***
- ***WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES***
- ***WOMEN'S GUN SAFETY COURSES***
- ***YOUTH SELF-DEFENSE COURSES (AGES 8 TO 13 YEARS OF AGE)***
- ***RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS SECURITY ASSESSMENTS***
- ***YOUTH BICYCLE SAFETY COURSES***
- ***SHOP WITH A HERO (JOINT VENTURE WITH THE BARROW COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE)***
- ***NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM***
- ***CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTIONS (BY A CERTIFIED CHILD SAFETY SEAT TECHNICIAN)***
- ***CPR AND STOP THE BLEED SAFETY COURSES***
- ***BASIC DRONE INFORMATIONAL COURSES***
- ***CHILD ID KIT EVENTS***
- ***ACTIVE SHOOTER PRESENTATIONS (TO INCLUDE FACILITY ASSESSMENTS)***
- ***LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY***
- ***COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS (TOWN HALL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND CURRENT EVENTS)***
- ***CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION DEMONSTRATIONS FOR SCHOOLS***
- ***PRE-K THROUGH 1ST GRADE MEET AND GREET INITIATIVE***



WOMEN'S GUN SAFETY

THE PURPOSE OF THIS COURSE IS TO TEACH BASIC FIREARMS HANDLING AND SAFETY, AS WELL AS THE FUNDAMENTALS OF SHOOTING. THESE FUNDAMENTALS BUILD THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL OTHER LEVELS OF SHOOTING. WITH OVER 200 WOMEN THAT HAVE TAKEN THIS COURSE, IT HAS PROVEN TO BE A VERY SUCCESSFUL CLASS OFFERED BY THE AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT



“What a great class!
I have gained knowledge
and confidence!”
Teresa Beltran

This is a two day course that is held at the Auburn Police Department. The first class consists of learning Georgia firearm laws and different shooting techniques utilizing our state of the art shooting simulator. The second class which is the following morning, is at our gun range located in Auburn. Here you will get the opportunity to shoot your own weapon with the assistance of certified police officers. We also give you the opportunity to shoot shotguns, Ar-15 rifles, suppressed weapons and more.

WOMEN'S GUN SAFETY



Teresa Beltran

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

In 2012, the idea of bridging the gap between the community and law enforcement became a reality. In the Citizen's Police Academy (CPA), we show citizen's of the community what it is like to live a day in the life of a law enforcement officer. Not only do citizen's learn what law enforcement officers deal with, but they also learn how to be better prepared for day to day situation. Several participants of past CPA classes have gone further in their education to become members of the law enforcement community.

Citizen's who participate in CPA often become members of the CPA Alumni Association after they graduate. The CPA Alumni serves the community by assisting in critical areas at local events, donating monetary resources to the police department when possible and the alumni always enjoy coming back to assist with future CPA classes. The CPA Alumni has played a vital role here at the Auburn Police Department and we thank them for their service.



CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY



WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE

This class was formed to give local women, of all ages and skill levels, a safe and effective way to learn to keep themselves safe. In this class, participants are given real life scenarios and the skills to help them survive a dangerous encounter on their own. This is a two day hands on class taught by the Auburn Police Department and Twin Tigers Ju jitsu. As of 2022, over 200 women have signed up and taken the class. We hope to continue to offer the class and serve the community.



DEFENSE



WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE



SECURITY ASSESSMENTS



Church security is increasing at houses of worship worldwide due to threats such as active shooter attacks and acts of terrorism. To mitigate these threats, there should be a church safety plan in place and security training for staff and volunteers to help reduce the risk of an attack.

Furthermore, implementing protection measures for churches such as a security team, armed security, and security procedures are all vital components that should be considered by church leaders. It does not require the same security measures as Fort Knox, but having adequate physical protection is essential to protecting houses of worship. Church Safety and Security need security experts that can help stakeholders formulate the best security plan.

The Auburn Police Department had the privilege of assisting the security team volunteers at Restoration Church and Union Baptist Church train in order to mitigate potential threats.



SECURITY ASSESSMENTS



ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING



EXPLORER PROGRAM



The Explorers is a youth program affiliated with the Scouting of America. In this program, youth seek to gain knowledge about a particular profession, in this case law enforcement. The program allows the youth exposure to the profession through classes and practical applications, such as law enforcement scenarios and competitions. The photos that are on this page are from Winterfest in Gatlinburg Tennessee. This is the site of the major competition that is held every year. The Explorers get to show off the skills they have learned throughout the year at the competition against numerous different agencies.

This year our Explorer post competed in 2022 the Easter Eagle competition hosted by the Gwinnett County Sheriffs Office. Multiple agencies through out the state of Georgia and South Carolina came together to test their law enforcement skills. Events included, unknown trouble, person with a gun, DUI, accident investigation, domestic, burglary in progress, and felony traffic stops. Our post 726 excelled in all categories. These determined young men and women placed first in all events and second place in one event. Post 726 won the overall first place trophy for the entire event. This is a huge accomplishment for them and we look forward to repeating this in the upcoming competitions.

This year we have partnered with Gwinnett County Police Explorers. We hope to be able to share our knowledge and teaching style with both posts. By combining the classes, they will get an opportunity to meet and train with different young adults from other counties. We look forward to our partnerships with surrounding agencies.

EXPLORER PROGRAM



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SHOP WITH A HERO

Shop with a hero is a yearly event that Barrow County Sheriffs Office, Auburn Police, Winder Police, Statham Police, GBI, GSP, and Barrow Fire and EMS participated in. Each officer gets paired up with a child from the community and we get to take them shopping for Christmas. This year each child received \$300.00 to shop with. This years event was amazing! The program served 57 kids and this was the biggest event since the program has started. This program used to be called shop with a cop, but this year it was decided to expand and include all of our local heroes, hence the name Shop With A Hero. We had so much fun and we are excited for next year



SCHOOL AND LOCAL EVENTS



**CUB SCOUTS
PACK 173**



**CHILD ID
EVENT**



**MEGADYNE
ACTIVE SHOOTER
TRAINING**



DRONE DEMO



SCHOOL AND LOCAL EVENTS



**CPR CLASS
WITH
LIFESAVING
HEARTS**



**SIKES ROCKIN
HORSE RANCH**

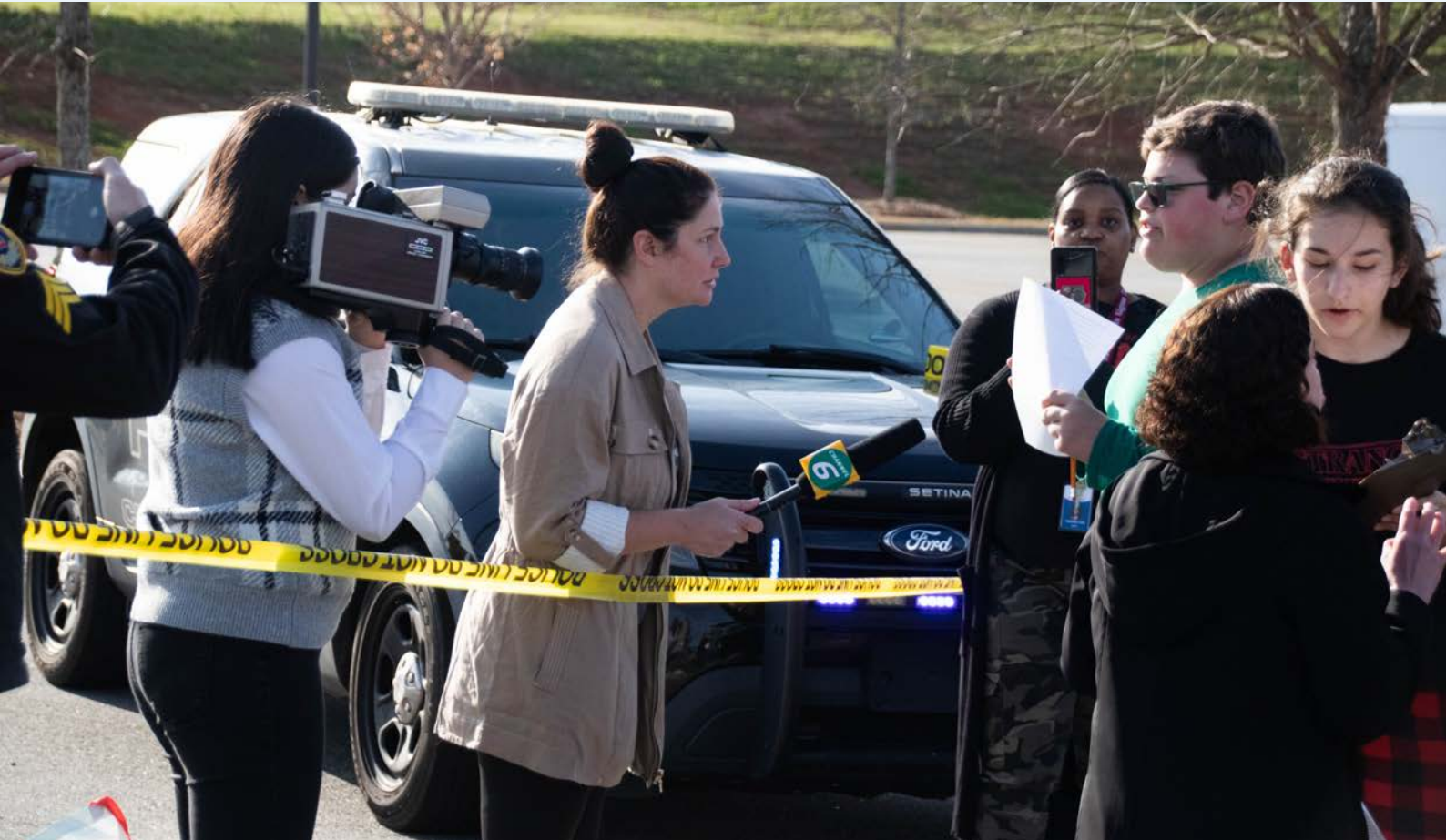


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VISIT**



SCHOOL AND LOCAL EVENTS

B) BARROW ARTS & SCIENCES ACADEMY CRIME SCENE CLASS



CRIME SCENE



2022

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Sergeant Jeff Scott

2022

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR



Jennifer Mosher



2022

Looking to the Future

Working with many great partners, construction is continuing to move forward on the City of Auburn Municipal Complex.

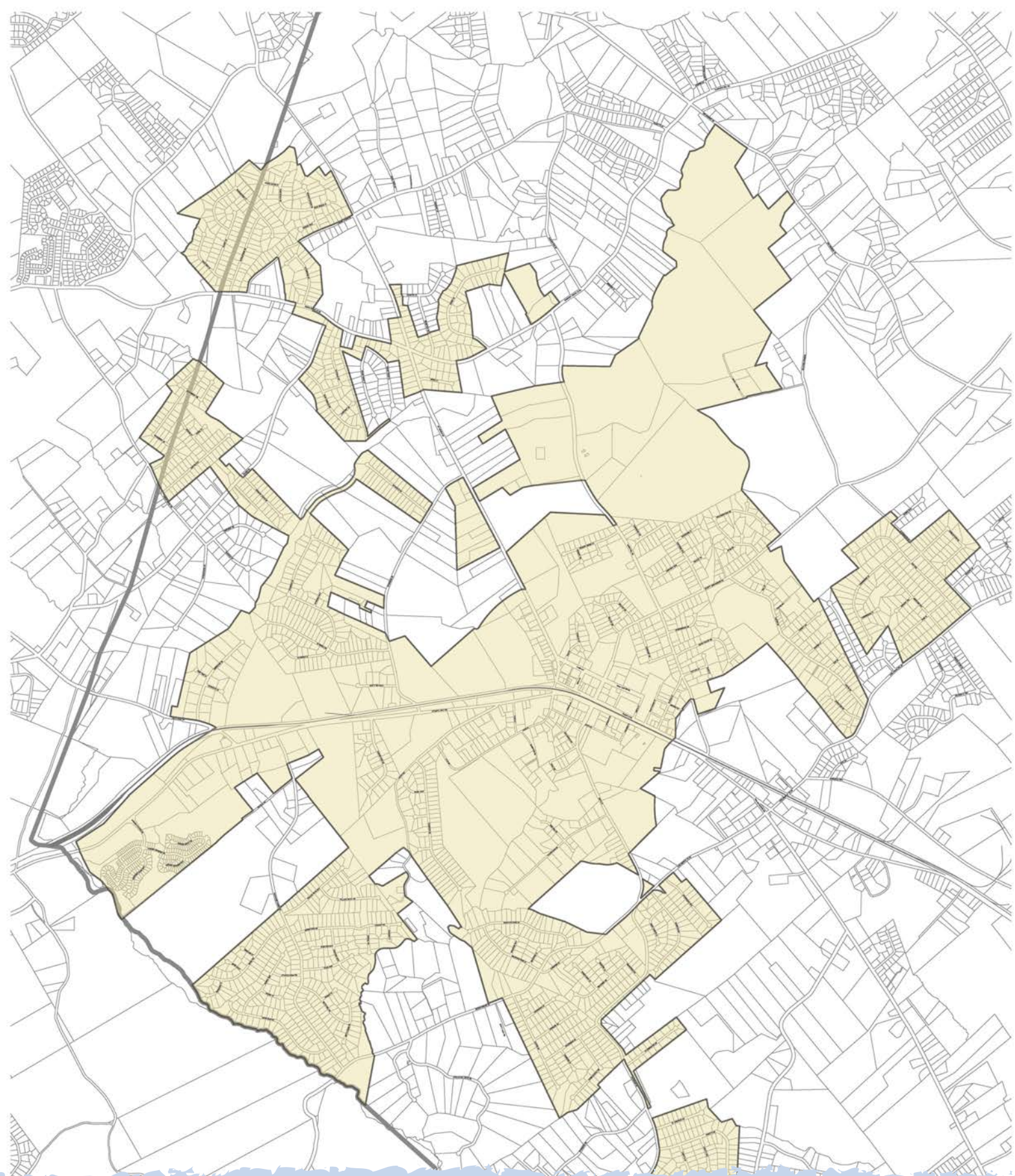


Coming Soon

2023


AUBURN
GEORGIA - EST. 1892





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CITY OF AUBURN

Map of city limits

Thank You

*to the City of Auburn
for another great year!*

