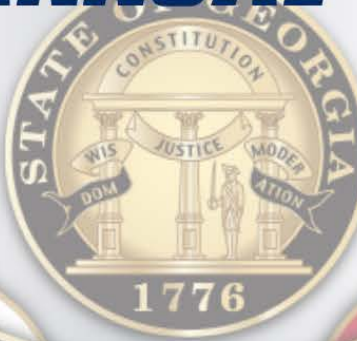


COBB COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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LETTER FROM CHIEF VANHOOZER



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S.C. Kucynda *Deputy Chief of Police*

Dear Cobb County Citizens,

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this county as the Chief of Police. I thank you for supporting law enforcement as you have since I joined the police force many decades ago. Your support is exceptionally important for our dedicated law enforcement officers and civilian employees as we endeavor to protect and serve you each day and night. Strong and consistent community support helps us police with confidence and makes Cobb County distinctly safer than other metropolitan counties across the nation. It remains my utmost goal to ensure the safety of our officers and our community members while increasing mutual trust and support.

I become more grateful with each passing year for the dedication of each member of this department, both sworn officers and civilian employees. They belong to a unique and sometimes challenging profession that places at its core the desire to do something exceptional with their lives. They are the women and men in the police cars, on the crime scene, or on a computer or phone right now, no matter what time of day or night you find yourself reading this letter. Like you, I admire their bravery to place themselves in harm's way, their willingness to work when many sleep, and for often deferring family memories to honor their duty. To all of them, I say thank you, be careful, and keep up the amazing, life-changing, and lifesaving work you do. To you, our community, I ask for your continued prayers and thoughts for us as we work in an everchanging, stressful, and increasingly dangerous job.

This annual report will highlight much of the hard work and success of our department in 2024. With increasing collaboration between community members and our officers, detectives, and civilian staff, we kept Cobb County safer than other regions in the area. Total crime was reduced 23% below last year, 23% below the three-year average, and 49% from ten years ago. That translates to 1,927 fewer victims in 2024 than in 2023 and 6,319 fewer victims in 2024 than in 2015. Our local precincts did an outstanding job monitoring crime trends and reacting to intermittent increases in entering autos, auto thefts, and residential burglaries. With specific and well-planned strategies, these trends were largely reversed - lowering numbers even into 2025. Substantially increased seizures of drugs, guns, and violent offenders and continued focus on gangs, organized criminal activity, and violent wanted persons from our Violent Crime Bureau, Narcotics Unit, Intelligence Unit, and Gang Unit were instrumental in reducing crime this year. Impressively our homicide numbers continue to drop and our near 100% clearance rate for the last four years (96%) is well above the national average of 50 - 60%. Our Special Victims Units continued to work tirelessly under stressful conditions to protect our most vulnerable young and old community members. And our Traffic Unit and Motor Unit continued to battle increasing numbers of traffic issues in the county. All this has happened in a landscape of dropping interest in serving as law enforcement officers and related lower staffing levels.

Undergirding these successes is our department's continued investment in, and careful use of, emerging technology. License plate recognition (LPR) has been instrumental in alerting officers to the presence of fugitives from all over the region and country wanted for murders, other violent crimes, and many property crimes.



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LETTER FROM CHIEF VANHOOZER



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Additionally, LPR has allowed our officers to locate suspects in crimes committed right here in Cobb County countless numbers of times. Our Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) has enabled our civilians and officers to obtain lookouts on recently occurring crimes much faster and extremely accurately. Through these technology platforms, we practice "Precision Policing", stopping the right suspect much more quickly and more frequently while stopping the wrong person far less frequently. Precision Policing has led to distinctly fewer community members victimized, many fewer needless stops of innocent community members, and naturally resulting increased trust with the public.

In 2024, CCPD also increased engagement community with our second annual interagency and interdisciplinary Public Safety Forum and picnic, collaborative community meetings, surveys, and more personal and interesting engagement programming. 2024's year-end assessment of community support continues to show positive impact. The vast majority, 96%, were somewhat (24%), a lot (39%), or to a great extent (33%) satisfied with the service, trust, and the concern our department shows for our community members. Only 4% of those surveyed reported a negative or very negative view of our department. This is not dissimilar to a survey conducted by the IACP in 2016 in which 91% of our community supported our work. We expanded our Police Athletic League activities and continued meeting community members in their neighborhoods and schools to help build mutual trust and communication. Additionally, we received approval for a full-time PAL manager and hope to fill that position in early 2025. Our second annual Trunk or Treat, an idea implemented and funded entirely by our Administrative Unit, was one of our biggest successes of the year drawing in hundreds of visitors and lots of young families to meet both our non-sworn and sworn employees.

Additionally, we began several new departmental programs to include a civilian response team (CART) that became functional in 2024. We also implemented new defensive tactics programming which focuses much heavier on practicing refined and enhanced control tactics, Brazilian jujitsu, wrestling, and other forms of marital arts. The new program sets aside significant time for the practice of these tactics without which manifestation of these skills in the field is unlikely. Similar programs have been shown to make officers safer, reduce injury to offenders, and allow for faster, more controlled, calm, and cooperative force application. We also significantly improved our recruiting and hiring strategies in 2024. With enhanced efficiency to our hiring process, ideas from our officers in the field being implemented, new personnel being added to our recruiting unit, and a new referral incentive for employees, we have hired the highest number of officers in the last five years and shown a 28% increase over the five-year average. We have three large recruit classes totaling 71 recruits being trained and expect some relief for our patrol officers and special units in quarter one in 2025. CCPD completed our annual active shooter training at a high rise building for the first time in history. We did so in conjunction with city police agencies, 911, Fire, School District Police, the Sheriff's Department, and others.

CCPD continued to investigate new technologies and carefully weigh their utility to the community and their potential impact on privacy concerns. Notably, the department met a long-standing goal of contracting an automated gunshot detection program to greatly aid in responding to the most violent crimes our community faces. Our Homicide Detectives, Crime Analysts, and Crime Scene Technicians maintained an astonishing 90% plus clearance rate on homicides and have done so for four years running. The national average remains around 50% to 60%. Our traffic units continued working substantially increased numbers of serious and fatal traffic accidents in 2024 and made efforts to lower these numbers through focused traffic enforcement particularly in



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LETTER FROM CHIEF VANHOOZER



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the area of pedestrian fatalities and DUT's. These are but a few of the examples of the great work done by the Cobb County Police Department in 2024. You will read many more in the remainder of this report.

Finally, the Cobb County Police family celebrated its 100th year anniversary after having an originating officer appointed to conduct traffic direction in 1924. I am very proud of the professional law enforcement services this department has always provided and that I enjoyed as a young boy growing up here in Mableton. It is an honor to have been chosen to wear the same badge that stood guard over me, my mom, and my four sisters throughout my young life and to have spent the greater portion of my adult life enjoying all the benefits, fulfillment, friends, and memories of this great job and county.

I look forward to serving the men and women of the Cobb County Police Department and the Cobb County community in 2025. I anticipate and appreciate the lifesaving impact the Cobb County Police Department employees will continue to make in the new year as they have made throughout 2024. And I pray that you will experience safety, peace and a higher quality of life from their honorable work. I thank our Board of Commissioners, our County Manager, and each of you for your continued support and prayers for all our officers and staff.

Sincerely,

Stuart VanHoozer,
Chief of Police



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CHIEF OF POLICE



E.S. VanHoozer
CHIEF OF POLICE

The Chief of Police is the Commander of the Cobb County Police Department. He is appointed by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners.

The Chief of Police may grant or delegate authority to ranking members of the Department as necessary for the efficient operation of the department. He has the ultimate responsibility for the preservation of life, property, order, investigations, suppression of crime, and enforcement of state laws and county ordinances.

The Chief is responsible for ensuring the Departments goals and objectives are formulated and updated on an annual basis. The Chief administers the Oath of Office to all newly hired sworn personnel.

DEPUTY CHIEFS OF POLICE



J.D. Ferrell
Special
Investigations and
Response



B.D. Cohen
Field Operations



S.C. Kucynda
Administration



MAJORS



D.L. Ballard
Precinct 3



B. Batterton
Precinct 4



J.C. Bullock
Internal Affairs



J.D. Fincher
Special Investigations



M.D. Hurst
Precinct 2



B.M. Kitchens
Chief's Office



J.H. Mestre
Precinct 5



W.A. Mitchell
Precinct 1



M.J. Steine
Spc. Operations



CAPTAINS



***J.R. Best
Precinct 2***



***M.T. Brown
Major Crimes***



***L.C. Clark
Precinct 5***



***D.A. Hite
Director's Ofc.***



***D.J. Hull
RTCC***



***P.M. Kincade
Precinct 4***



***J.P. Knoblach
MCS***



***D.J. Mangold
Training***



***B.L. Pope
Spc. Operations***



***D.S. Roberson
Precinct 1***



***L.R. Scherer
Administration***



***L.R. Turman
Precinct 3***



COBB COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Cobb County was named in honor of former U.S. Senator, Representative, and Superior Court Judge Willis Cobb of Greensboro.

According to the World Population Review, Cobb County's estimated population growth rate is 0.99% over the past year. Cobb County is the third largest county in Georgia, having an estimated population of 781,646, which is a 0.85 % increase from 2023. The County is the home of the Atlanta Braves, Six Flags Over Georgia, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Home Depot, Lockheed Martin, and over eight Fortune 500 companies.

Cobb County Government consists of four separate districts, each with its own representative. The government is led by a chairperson and is overseen by the County Manager and Deputy Manager.

The Department of Public Safety consists of the Police, Fire, E-911, Cobb EMA, and Animal Services. The Director of Public Safety is charged with the oversight of the five departments.



Lisa Cupid
Chairwoman



Keli Gambrill
District 1



Jerica Richardson
District 2



JoAnn Birrell
District 3



Monique Sheffield
District 4



Dr. Jackie McMorris
County Manager



James Gisi
Deputy County Manager



Michael Register
Director, Public Safety



COBB POLICE DEPARTMENT FACTS



The Cobb County Police Department was established in 1924, and this year celebrated 100 years of serving the citizens of Cobb County. The department started with two officers charged with directing traffic. The officers originally occupied a small office in the basement of the “old courthouse” on Marietta Square. The Police Department currently has 705 sworn officer positions, 31 reserve officer positions, 105 civilian personnel, and 29 part-time employees.

The Department is headquartered at 545 Fairground Street in Marietta. There are currently six precincts that house Uniform Patrol, Criminal Investigations, and the Special Traffic Enforcement Unit. 2024 saw the completion of Precinct Six located in northeast Cobb County which is now the home of the DUI Task Force.

The Cobb County Police Department has its own Police Academy located in Austell, Georgia. The Cobb County Police Department and the Police Academy are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Police Department is also state-certified through the Georgia Chiefs of Police.



COBB COUNTY POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

WHITE
48.3%

BLACK
29.5%

HISPANIC
15.1%

ASIAN
5.9%

OTHER
1.2%

COBB POLICE SWORN OFFICER DEMOGRAPHICS

WHITE
72.3%

BLACK
14.6%

HISPANIC
8.6%

ASIAN
1.6%

OTHER
2.2%



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



MISSION STATEMENT

The Cobb County Police Department is committed to providing effective and efficient police service 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.

INTEGRITY

PROFESSIONALISM

HONOR

RESPECT

COMMITMENT

COURAGE

The Cobb County Police Department is dedicated to continuing to build safer communities and improving the “Quality of Life” for all citizens by creating and maintaining community and business partnerships based on trust, transparency, and mutual respect, while integrating these partnerships with the skill and knowledge of personnel, and their commitment to the department’s law enforcement vision.





DEPARTMENT RETIREMENTS



MAJOR

Major Barry Little, 32 years of service

CAPTAIN

Captain Robbie Ray, 29 years of service

LIEUTENANT

Lieutenant Raymond Lang, 29 years of service

SERGEANT

*Sergeant Brian Osborne
29 years of service*

*Sergeant Joseph Quinlan
28 years of service*

*Sergeant Wayne Delk
27 years of service*

OFFICER

*Officer Brian Moore
29 years of service*

*Officer James Pritchett
28 years of service*

*Officer Russell Creamer
27 years of service*

*Officer Barry Schaarschmidt
25 years of service*

*Officer Bruce Clere
24 years of service*

*Officer Brian Kynard
24 years of service*

*Officer William Dewalt
22 years of service*

*Officer Robert Duncan
22 years of service*

*Officer David Isnetto
22 years of service*

*Officer Michael Justice
22 years of service*

*Officer Timothy Boyd
17 years of service*

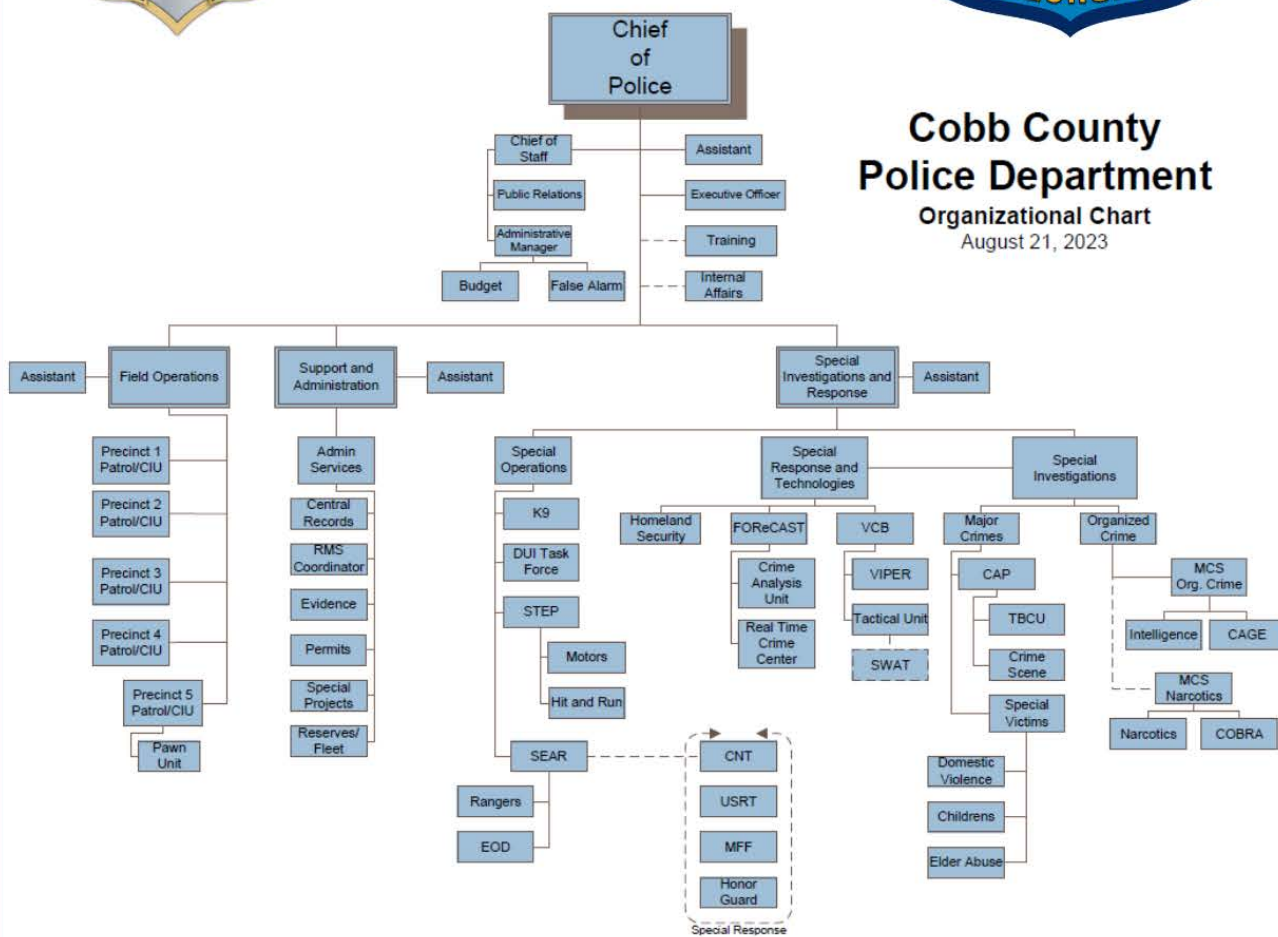
*Officer Grady Staton
17 years of service*



DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

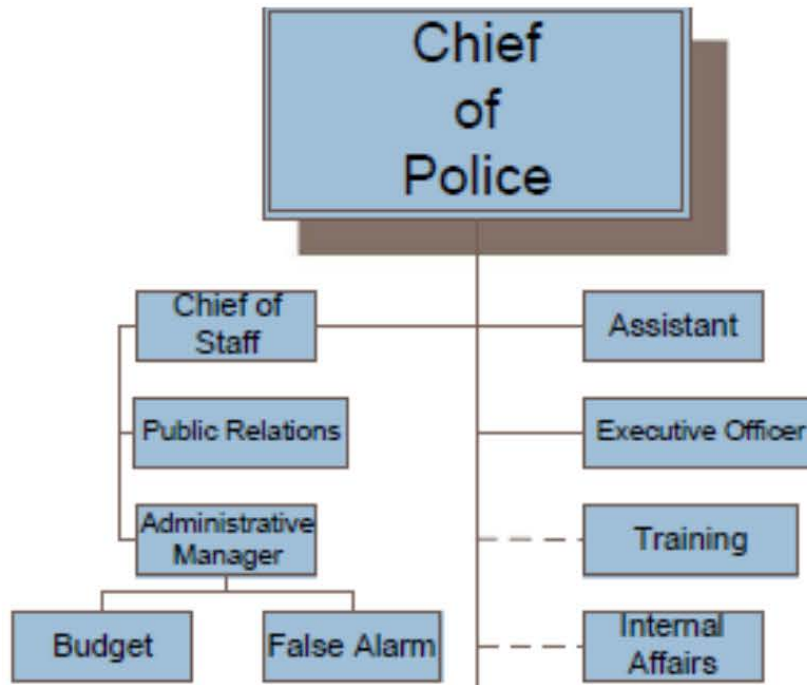


Cobb County Police Department Organizational Chart August 21, 2023





OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE



The Chief's office is responsible for the daily and future administration of the Department. The office is responsible for planning, directing, coordinating, controlling, and staffing of the operational, administrative, and staff activities.





PUBLIC RELATIONS



The Public Relations Office is led by Lieutenant Justin Bullis. The office is comprised of the Public Information Office, the Community Affairs Office, and the Partnership for Assistance, Treatment, and Health Unit (PATH).

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Cobb County Police Department's Public Information Office is led by Sergeant E.D. Smith and has two additional officers. All are trained in media relations and public information as well as state and federal open records laws. The social media presence of the police department is also managed through this office. A civilian social media manager is also employed to assist in increasing and developing innovative ways to reach a larger audience through the most popular social media platforms including the Department's website. The Cobb County Police Department utilizes social media resources, such as Meta, YouTube, and X (formerly Twitter) to promote and increase the dissemination of the most up-to-date information to the public.





PUBLIC RELATIONS



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS UNIT

The Cobb County Police Department Community Affairs Unit (CAU) was formed in 2017 with the mission of “...promoting strong working relationships between the department and the community it serves, to foster enhanced trust, communication, transparency, and mutual respect.”

The CAU Officers work to foster better community relations, and outreach, and address the Quality of Life issues, such as homelessness, graffiti, and littering.

The CAU also has a Hispanic Liaison Officer who works closely with the Hispanic community, engaging in efforts to improve relationships between the community and the police department.





PATH – PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSISTANCE TREATMENT AND HEALTH

The CAU also has two Crisis Response Officers who work within the Partnership for Assistance Treatment and Health Teams (PATH). The PATH Team is a collaborative effort between the Cobb County Police Department and the Cobb County Community Services Board. The mission of PATH is to provide a more effective response to mental health crises to reduce overutilization of emergency services for non-urgent concerns. This is accomplished through proactive response, intervention, referral strategies, and to conduct behavioral health threat assessments of individuals in crisis.

The combined PATH Teams responded to 313 crisis calls and conducted 528 follow-up contacts, totaling 841 calls for service in 2024.

Only 22% of the crisis calls handled by PATH Teams resulted in the need for the individual in crisis to be involuntarily hospitalized. Only 13 calls handled resulted in the incarceration of the individual. Additionally, PATH Teams were able to de-escalate and leave the individual who had been in crisis in the community 55% of the time.



2024 CAU/PATH Engagements

- 254 community meetings**
- 277 neighborhood, business, and church meetings**
- 40 educational seminars**
- 26 active shooter presentations**
- 121 other events**
- 313 PATH Crisis Calls**
- 582 PATH follow-up visits**



TRAINING ACADEMY



CAPTAIN D.J. MANGOLD

LIEUTENANT M.J. SABENS

The Police Training Unit serves as a support function of the police department. The unit is staffed by 19 sworn personnel, 2 reserve officers, and 3 non-sworn civilian employees. In 2024, the police academy held 2 mandate courses that graduated 41 new Cobb County Police Officers.

The Training Unit is divided into six functions: Mandate Training, Field Training, Advanced Training, Professional Development, Defensive Tactics Training, and Weapons Training. Each function is staffed by experts in their respective fields and maintains the high standards required by the Cobb County Police Department.



TRAINING ACADEMY



MANDATE TRAINING

In 2024, the Mandate Training Section graduated 41 new Cobb County Police Officers during 2 Basic Mandate Classes, also known as Phase I. The expanded basic training course is 27 weeks and covers the state-required minimum of 408 hours. In addition to the Georgia POST required courses, Cobb County Police Mandate supplements classes with reality-based scenario training focusing on multiple skills, including interpersonal communications, criminal law and procedures, use of force application, report writing, and de-escalation techniques. Mandate instructors utilize the latest technology to provide a balanced method of instruction, including the use of the TI Judgmental Shooting Simulator, Crime Scene Analysis classroom, Tactical Village, and the two driving simulators.

Cobb Police Mandate Recruits are routinely educated on the importance of community policing and positive engagement with the public. In 2024, both Mandate classes assisted the Police Athletic League by being coaches in the baseball program; furthermore, each Mandate class includes the following courses: Ethics and Professionalism, Cultural Diversity, Guardian Philosophy, Implicit Bias, and CIT/Mental Health Response.

Phase I training also includes a regimented physical fitness program to supplement the Cobb County Police Department's annual physical fitness test. Police recruits undergo a physical fitness program that implements High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) coupled with outdoor distance runs and resistance training.



FIELD TRAINING

The Cobb County Police Department Field Training Officer (FTO) Program has developed and implemented a training program to produce effective and competent police officers. It has been proven with great success that an on-the-job training curriculum adhering to set standards where performance is observed, documented, corrected, and reinforced by an experienced and knowledgeable FTO is an essential element in the process of molding recruits into competent and effective police officers. With this concept in mind, the Cobb County Police Department designed the FTO Program to increase the efficiency of the patrol section while contributing to the overall goals of the Cobb County Police Department about public safety.

During 2024, 44 recruit officers and 7 lateral officers were assigned to an FTO for on-the-job training. Of those assigned recruits, 37 completed the FTO Program and went into Phase III of mandate training.

Phase III training consists of observation of the officer by the shift supervisor. The supervisor is responsible for completing Weekly Observation Reports, which document the officer's ability to act as an effective and efficient police officer in solo status. Once Phase III is complete, the recruit's overall mandate training is completed. Ultimately, each newly hired recruit officer completes well over 1,900 hours of training, instruction, and observation.





TRAINING ACADEMY

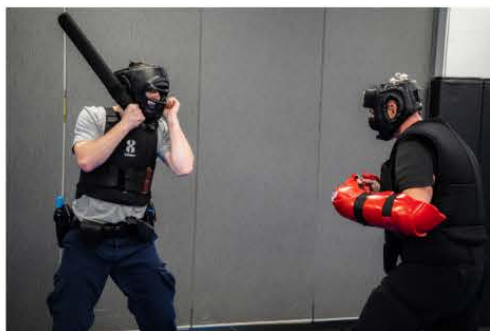
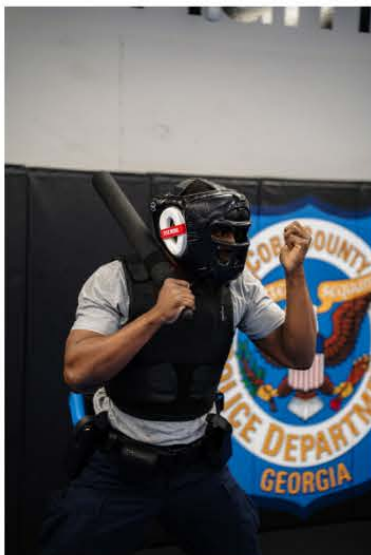


PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Professional Development Section is responsible for the career development of the department's officers, increasing the training level for all of the department's aspiring leaders to achieve the leadership role of their career. To accomplish this, the academy has established a partnership with Columbus State University, Reinhardt University, American Public University, a.k.a. American Military University, and Chattahoochee Technical College to provide options for acquiring a scheduled education program for the department's officers. This section also conducts career advancement courses such as the Supervisor and Management Certification Courses.

DEFENSIVE TACTICS UNIT

The Defensive Tactics Unit conducts training sessions for the police department, providing instruction in several areas associated with defensive and control tactics. The unit focuses on teaching skillsets that are simplistic and readily available for potential use in the field. The unit further emphasizes that all defensive tactics must be court-defensible and reliable while under stress. Training schedules revolve around officer shift overlap time frames for uniform patrol. This provides officers a better opportunity to conduct the training.





TRAINING ACADEMY



WEAPONS TRAINING

The Weapons Training Section handles Mandate, Spring / Summer, and Fall / Winter firearms qualifications for incumbent officers and advanced firearms training. During 2024 firearms qualifications, the section conducted courses for all sworn personnel for all issued weapons, including primary and secondary handguns, less lethal shotguns, patrol rifles, tasers, and PepperBall systems. The Weapons Training Section conducted 1,324 total hours of training in 2024 for all sworn officers.



ADVANCED TRAINING

Each sworn officer must receive a minimum of 20 hours of in-service training each calendar year to meet the requirements of the Georgia Police Officer Standards and Training Council (GA. POST). To assist the officer in fulfilling this requirement, the Advanced Training Section will plan, develop, schedule, and implement an annual training program. This training program is established with a recommendation from the Training Advisory Committee. The Annual Training course is developed to provide advanced and specialized training, and annual proficiency training in high-risk, high-liability areas such as Use of Force, CPR / First Aid, EVOC, defensive tactics, de-escalation techniques, and human trafficking. The curriculum is structured in such a manner as to motivate experienced officers and to further the professionalism of the department.



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



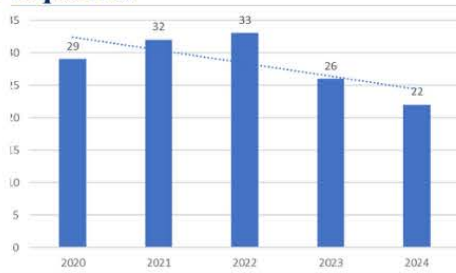
The Office of Professional Standards Unit is commanded by Major J.C. Bullock. The unit is divided into two sections with different missions: Internal Investigations – managed by Lt. B.T. Trulove, and Recruitment and Hiring – managed by Lt. J.B. Tatroe. Additionally, the unit currently handles the criminal history inquiries for promotions, all annual driver history inquiries for Department of Public Safety personnel, and all open records requests for Office of Professional Standards files on existing personnel.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

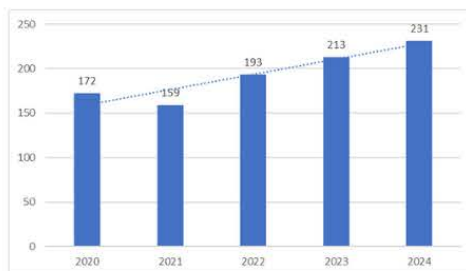
The Internal Investigations section is supervised daily by Sergeant J.P. Bratley. The team consists of three investigators and one administrative assistant. This section conducts internal investigations of personnel employed under the Department of Public Safety (DPS) umbrella. This includes personnel from the Police, Animal Services, and their administrative staff.

This section also assists with internal investigations upon request by the Fire Department and E-911.

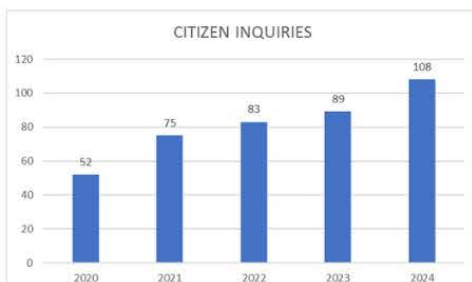
The Internal Affairs section also handles officer-involved shootings to ensure compliance with department policy, the filing of administrative leave paperwork, scheduling post-event psychological evaluations and follow-up, and range qualifications to enable the officer to return to work. In 2024, the section handled 231 citizen complaints, 22 internal affairs investigations, and 108 inquiries.



INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS



CITIZEN COMPLAINTS



CITIZEN INQUIRIES



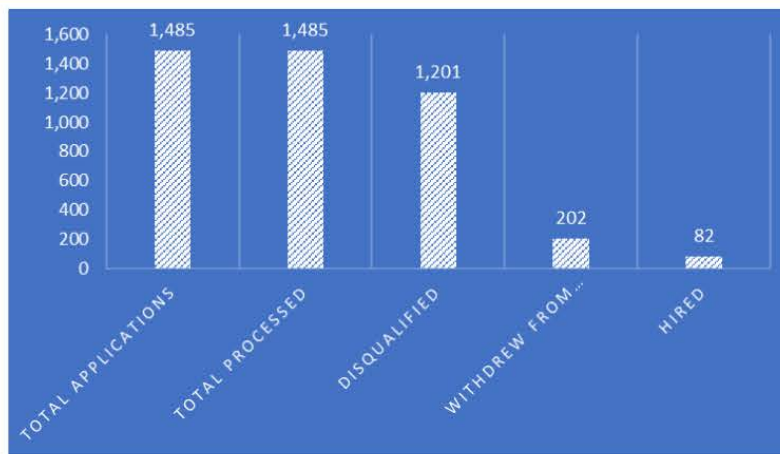
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



RECRUITING AND HIRING

The Recruiting & Hiring section is supervised daily by Sgt. M.L. Bradshaw. The team consists of two recruiters, five background investigators, and two administrative assistants. The background investigations section processes the qualified and responsive applicants through the hiring process to determine who will be the next member of the Cobb County Police Department. The average background investigation for the position of police officer takes approximately four weeks. In 2024, the Recruitment and Hiring received a total of 1547 applications for the position of police officer. By year's end, 79 police officers, 6 community service officers, 6 reserve officers, and 18 civilian personnel were hired.

SWORN APPLICANT RESULTS



SWORN OFFICER RETENTION





PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



RECRUITING AND HIRING

The Office of Professional Standards currently employs two full-time recruiters who are tasked with developing recruitment strategies, including online advertising, social media outreach, career fairs, and community events. The goal of these strategies is to attract qualified and responsive applicants into the hiring process. In 2024, the Recruitment and Hiring section attended 55 recruitment job fairs.





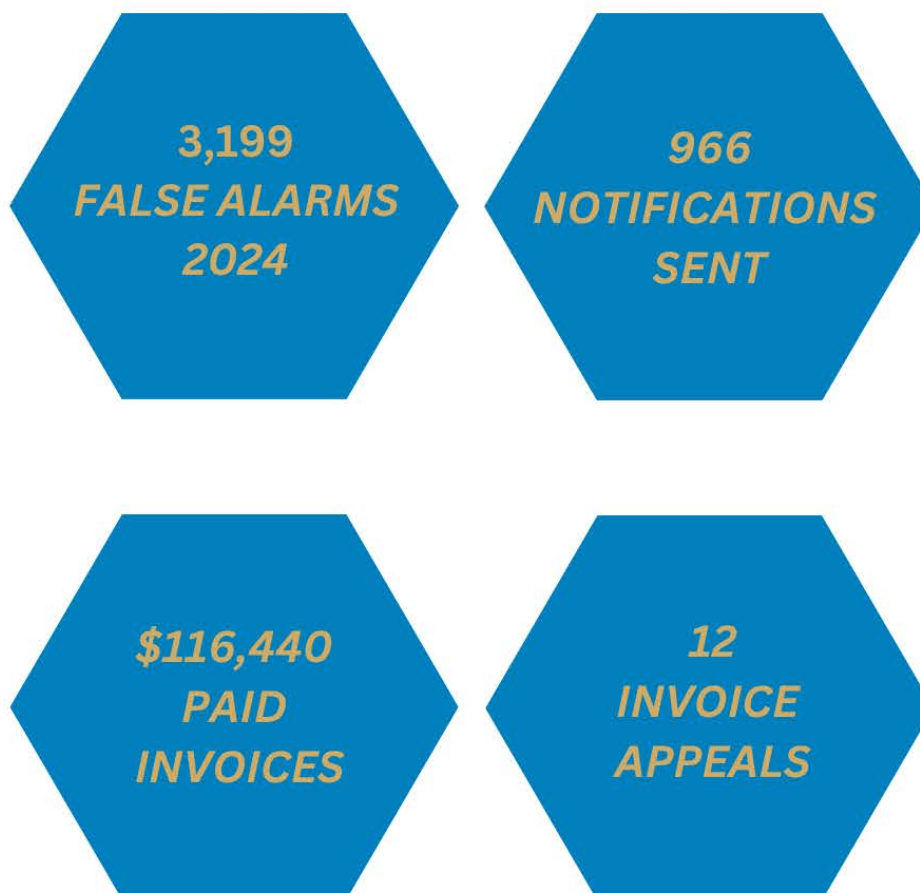
FALSE ALARM REDUCTION



The False Alarm unit was created to oversee the administrative tasks resulting from the alarm reduction ordinance enacted in late 2008. This ordinance requires all security systems within unincorporated Cobb County to be permitted and registered with the police department. Historically, security system activations generate the highest number of requests for police dispatch of any 911 call, with nearly 96% being false alarms.

Since the initiation of the program, false alarm dispatches have dropped from 40,263 in 2008 to 3,199 in 2024. This creates tremendous savings in manpower costs and a significant reduction in the number of calls for service, making officers more available to handle more important calls for service. The decline has been the result of civil fees imposed on alarm users for excessive false activations. The success of our program has become a model for the Atlanta Metro Area.

Other jurisdictions are seeking to duplicate our results in their area. Cobb County Police 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. During 2024, 966 letters were sent regarding false alarm activations. This generated \$116,440 in invoices returned to the Cobb County Police Department. The Unit processed a total of 3,199 false alarms and reviewed 12 appeals for invoiced fees.





ADMINISTRATION





CENTRAL RECORDS

The Central Records Unit supports the Police Department, judicial system, other law enforcement agencies, and the public. This support is provided by the maintenance of all report files, records, and documents submitted to the Central Records Unit for processing, retention, and storage. The Central Records Unit is responsible for disseminating accident reports and incident reports to the public and other authorized individuals under the Georgia Open Records Act. The Unit also transfers the information from the office's field reports into an electronic records management system. The National Crime Information Center (NCIS) the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) computer systems are maintained and operated by the Central Records Unit. During 2024, the Unit processed 4,241 NCIC/GCIC Hit File Confirmations, 21,978 open records requests, 4,731 record restrictions, and expungement requests. The Central Records Unit generated \$315,305 in revenue. The Records Unit Technicians handled 40,111 phone calls and assisted 13,686 people at the front counter. The Duty Officer made 19,693 public contact phone calls and made 10 physical arrests.



4,241
GCIC/NCIC
HOT FILES
PROCESSED

53,797
CALLS AND
FRONT DESK
CONTACTS

4,731
RECORDS
RESTRICTIONS

21,978
OPEN RECORDS
REQUESTS

\$315,305
REVENUE
GENERATED

10
ARRESTS BY
DUTY OFFICERS

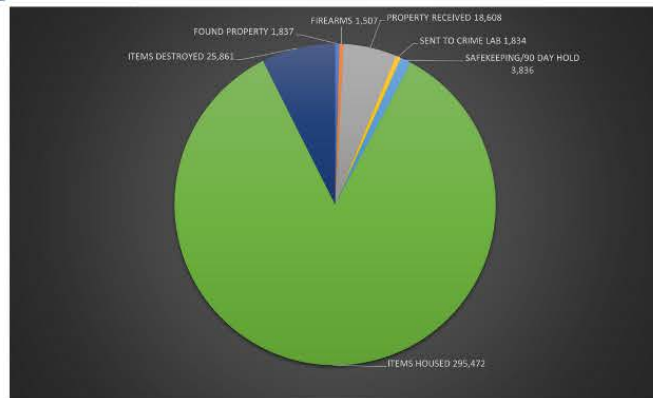


ADMINISTRATION



EVIDENCE UNIT

The Property Evidence Unit is led by Sergeant C.T. Landwehr and Administrative Supervisor K.R. Hartzell. The unit is staffed by eight civilian Evidence Technicians who are responsible for the handling, processing, storage, and disposal of all seized or recovered property and evidence that comes into the department. The Evidence Unit currently houses approximately 295,472 items. In 2024, the unit received 18,608 items, which included 1,507 firearms, 1,464 pieces of found property, and another 3,836 pieces designated as 90-Day Hold, Safekeeping, or for Destruction. The unit also sent 1,834 pieces of property to the GBI Crime Lab for additional testing. The Evidence Unit was able to dispose of 25,861 items.



RECORDS MANAGEMENT

The Records Management System (RMS) Manager is Sarah Maness. The RMS Manager oversees the coordinators who are responsible for monitoring the system functions of the Department's records management systems, and in-car / body-worn camera records management systems. The coordinators examine work processes to ensure quality control and provide technical assistance and support as necessary.





ADMINISTRATION



FLEET / RESERVE OFFICER COORDINATOR

Sergeant K.T. Ashbaugh is the Fleet and Reserve Officer Coordinator. He oversees the procurement and outfitting of all newly acquired vehicles for the police department. During 2024, the department received 46 new marked patrol cars, which included 3 Ford F150 trucks, 11 Explorers, 15 chargers, and 33 administrative vehicles.



RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS

In 2024, the Reserve Police Officer Program (RPO) was comprised of a total of 34 Reserve Officers: 21 paid part-time positions and 13 volunteer positions. Many of the RPOs are assigned to special units such as Technology Based Crimes, Organized Crime, Evidence, Internal Affairs, Special Projects, Weapons Training, The Police Academy, and the Permits Unit. This specialization increases the effectiveness of the part-time manpower and reduces the workload on the full-time officers.





ADMINISTRATION



SPECIAL PROJECTS

The Cobb County Police Department believes that police accreditation is imperative. It offers an opportunity to willingly provide transparency and accountability of its commitment to excellence in leadership, resource management, and service delivery. The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) has recognized the Cobb County Police Department with national accreditation since 2005.

In 2022, the Department of Public Safety was awarded the CALEA Tri-ARC Award which is given to agencies that maintain accreditation in three of CALEA's accreditation programs. Of the 1,300 CALEA Accredited Agencies, only 35 have the distinction of having this designation.

The Cobb County Police Department is also certified through the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, having received the Meritorious Gold Award for maintaining its certification for over 20 years.



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ADMINISTRATION



PERMITS UNIT

The Permits Unit is responsible for regulated licensing, background investigations, and enforcement of activities regulated by Cobb County Ordinances. The Permits Unit is responsible for the regulation of alcoholic beverage establishments, which includes the issuance/denial of alcohol-serving permits, health spas, pawn & precious metals dealers, door-to-door solicitors, and regulation of contracted county wrecker services for the police department. The Unit also provides in-house identification/ access cards for the police department, emergency communications, fire department, and all other Department of Public Safety employees. The unit is staffed by a police sergeant, one police detective, one reserve police officer, three full-time civilian administrators, and one part-time administrator.

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ALCOHOL
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CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

Police chaplains provide confidential support in several key areas of law enforcement and the communities they serve. These areas include officer wellness and support, spiritual support, and community-police engagement. The chaplains also provide counseling and referrals to mental health services or other faith leaders for officers in need of help. Chaplains act as liaisons with local faith-based organizations to help foster community-police engagement, creating a culture that welcomes spirituality as a coping mechanism.

The Chaplain Program was established in 2000 and is a registered 501c3 tax-exempt charitable organization. There are currently 15 volunteer chaplains from all walks of faith. The department also has an Associate Chaplain Program where officers of varying ranks serve as eyes and ears to assist officers in a confidential setting that may have spiritual or financial needs. The Chaplains are selected by the Chaplain's Program Board and approved by the Chief of Police. Each year, the Chaplains Program sponsors the National Day of Prayer and the Retiree Reunion Luncheon.

The Cobb County Police Chaplains Program is driven to provide a qualified individual who is trained and experienced in the methods of response, intervention, and support for employees in the law enforcement community who need spiritual and religious support. Our chaplains identify resources to help officers manage stress or address vicarious trauma by providing methods of incorporating wellness and spirituality into their daily routines. The Chaplains visit officers when hurt in the line of duty or suffering from a serious illness. They assist in delivering death notifications to officer families and members of the department.





PEER SUPPORT TEAM

The Cobb County Police Peer Support Team was created in 2021 to address the increase in officer suicides and stress associated with the law enforcement profession. The Peer Support Team operates in anonymity and confidentiality to protect the officers of the department when they come forward to discuss difficulties they may be having with a specific incident or cumulative stress.

When the Peer Support Team was established, it consisted of 15 peer counselors. Currently, the Peer Support Team has 34 volunteer support counselors, all of whom are Georgia POST-certified peer Support Counselors. The Cobb County Peer Support Team has become recognized throughout the state as a leader in peer counseling. The Peer Support Team has been requested to assist with incidents occurring in other jurisdictions throughout the state, helping officers better cope with the grief and stress associated with critical incidents.

In 2024, the Peer Support Team added a Public Safety Assistance Canine, Bentley. Bentley has been trained to assist officers in coping following stressful incidents. Bentley acts as a bridge for communication, especially for individuals who may be hesitant to engage with others.

Officer suicide continues to increase, taking more law enforcement lives than line-of-duty incidents. The Peer Support Team voluntarily works to help officers who are struggling in the hope of reducing the number of suicides and assisting in navigating the mental trauma associated with critical incidents. In 2024, Peer Counselors responded to 107 requests for assistance, handled 150 one-on-one contacts, and sent 34 Peer Counselors to other agencies to assist with officer-involved shootings or traumatic incidents.



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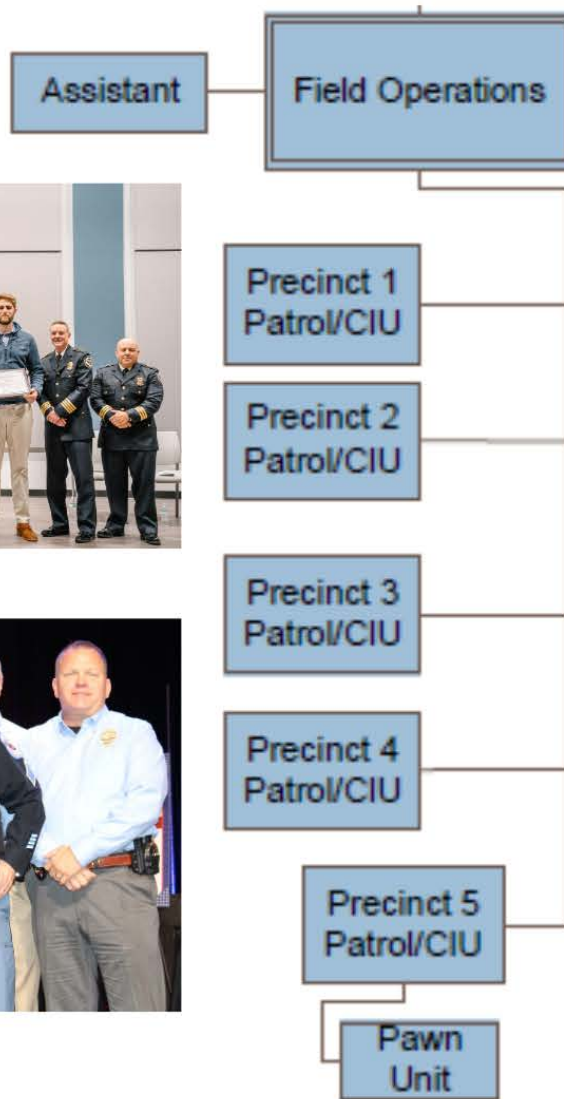


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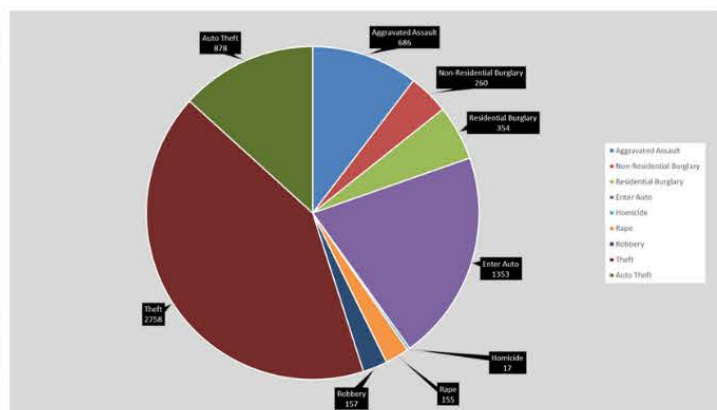




FIELD OPERATIONS



The Field Operations Division is under the command of Deputy Chief B.D. Cohen. Field Operations is responsible for all Precinct Uniform and Investigative operations to include Pawn Shop Regulation.

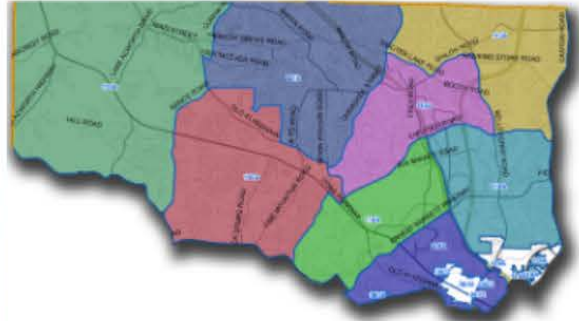




FIELD OPERATIONS



PRECINCT ONE



MAJOR W.A. MITCHELL

CAPTAIN D.S. ROBERSON

Precinct One, also known as the North Cobb Precinct, is housed in the “Super Station” located at 2380 Cobb Parkway North, Kennesaw, Georgia. Located within the boundaries of Precinct One are Kennesaw State University, Cobb County International Airport, Kennesaw Mountain, and Town Center Mall.

Precinct One is commanded by Major W.A. Mitchell, having Captain D.S. Roberson as the assistant commander. Precinct One currently has 4 Lieutenants, 11 Sergeants, 9 Field Training Officers, 6 Detectives, and 51 Officers.





PRECINCT ONE

During 2024, Precinct 1 has managed to keep most severe crime levels far below our 3-year and 5-year averages.

Calendar year 2023 vs 2024 (Pct. 1 only)

For the calendar year 2024, precinct 1 saw a decrease in rape (-6%), residential burglaries (-28%), commercial burglaries (-6%), vehicle theft (-9%), and theft (-20%)

Calendar year 2024 vs three-year average (Pct. 1 only)

entering auto (-8%), rape (-9%), residential burglary (-8%), commercial burglary (-9%), aggravated assault (+1%).

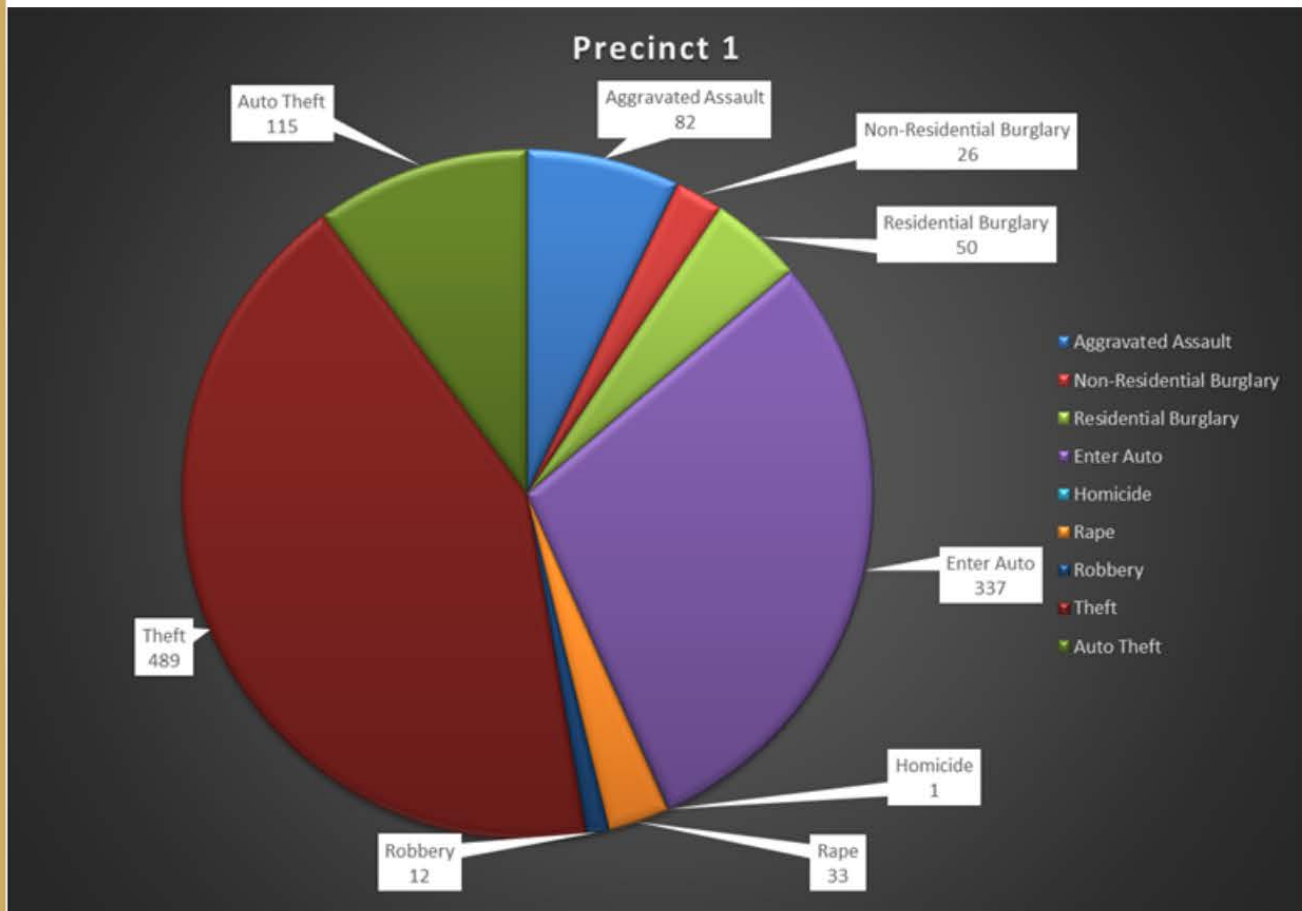
Precinct 1 is a highly traveled area with I-75, I-575, U.S. Hwy 41 (Cobb Pkwy), and Ernest Barrett pkwy being significant thoroughfares in the area. A major state university (Kennesaw State) and major retail shopping areas along Ernest Barrett Parkway and Cobb Parkway bring very high volumes of vehicular traffic to the area. Precinct 1 officers were dedicated to doing their part to help make the roadways safe. In 2024, Precinct 1 issued 10,305 traffic citations, while the average of all five precincts was 7,719. Additionally, Precinct 1 officers made 197 D.U.I arrests, leading the department among the precincts. Furthermore, Precinct 1 officers are committed to maintaining a high quality of life in the area. Precinct 1 officers made 306 drug-related arrests and recovered 315 guns.

In 2024, officers at Precinct 1 have seen an increase in illegal street racing activity. The illegal street racing has been primarily along the Ernest Barrett Parkway and Chastain Road corridors. Precinct 1 officers have written traffic citations and made arrests. Precinct 1 continues to develop strategies to combat these incidents. Precinct 1 is partnering with surrounding jurisdictions, state agencies, and business leaders to curtail these activities to maintain the area as a destination for eating, shopping, and entertainment.

In 2024, Precinct 1 officers partnered with local schools, neighborhoods, churches, and businesses as part of the department's overall community outreach efforts. Precinct 1 officers also began introducing the community to the CCPD Real Time Crime Center by educating these partners on the center's capabilities. Additionally, Precinct 1 has developed a task force to assist our homeless population with resources and locating services available to them, and began working with student engagement at North Cobb, Allatoona, and Kennesaw Mountain high schools.



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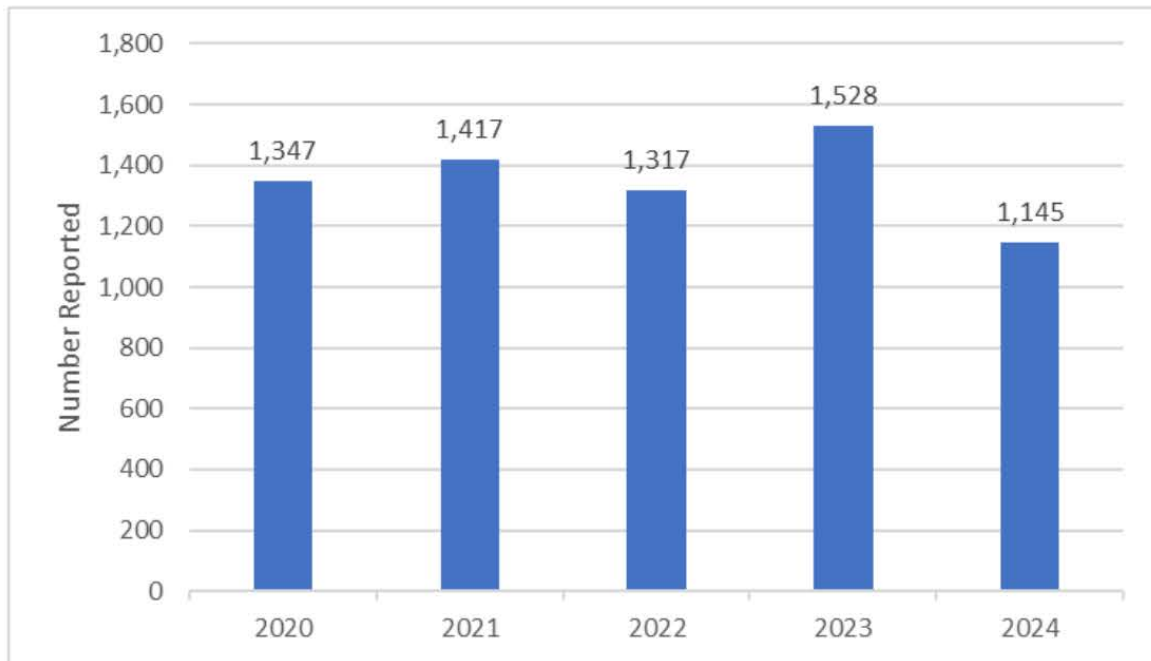




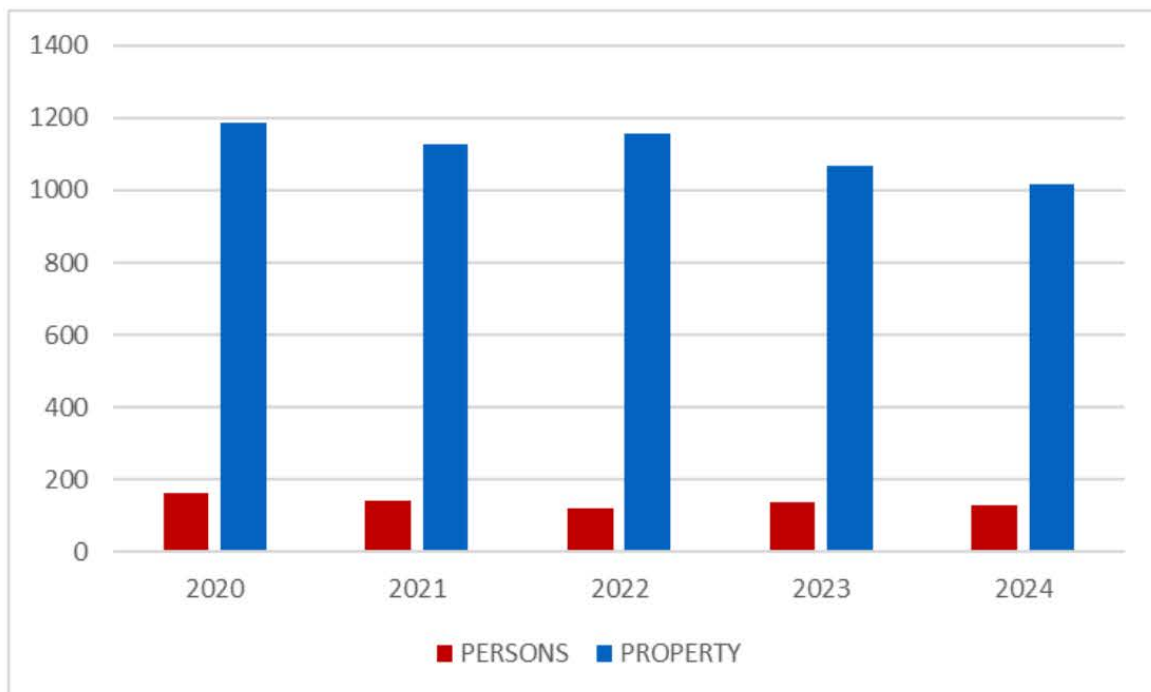
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REPORTS FIVE YEAR COMPARISON



PART ONE FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

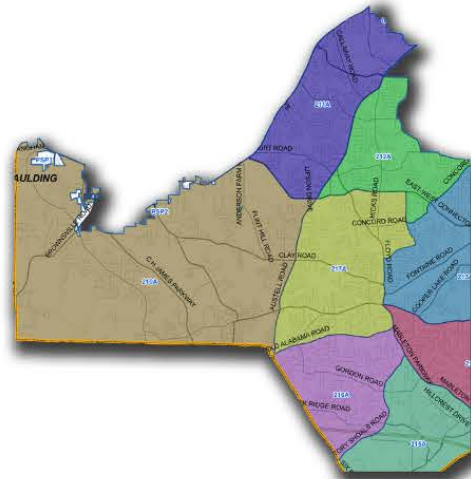




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PRECINCT TWO



MAJOR M.D. HURST

CAPTAIN J.R. BEST

Precinct Two, also known as the South Cobb Precinct, is located at 4700 Austell Road in Austell, Georgia. Located within the Precinct Two boundaries are the City of Mableton, Six Flags Over Georgia, Wellstar Cobb Hospital, Colonial Pipeline, Al Bishop Park, Jim Miller Park, the DPS Safety Village, the South Cobb Recreation Center, South Cobb Aquatic Center, and the Mable House Amphitheater.

Precinct Two is commanded by Major M.D. Hurst, having Captain J.R. Best as the assistant commander. Precinct Two currently has 4 Lieutenants, 11 Sergeants, 10 Field Training Officers, 6 Detectives, and 48 Officers.





PRECINCT TWO

Precinct 2 encompasses the southwestern portion of Cobb County and contains about 120,000 residents within its approximately 60 square miles. The dedicated men and women of Precinct 2 responded to over 56,000 calls for service in 2024, the highest number of calls among all precincts in the department. Over the year, they made over 1000 felony and over 1300 misdemeanor arrests and seized 77 crime guns from the street.

The year 2024 saw a 7% decrease in overall crime statistics versus the prior year. A focus on violent crime in the Riverside Parkway corridor, through proactive patrols and collaborative engagement with residential communities and businesses, continued to drive down crime in that area, sustaining a multi-year trend.

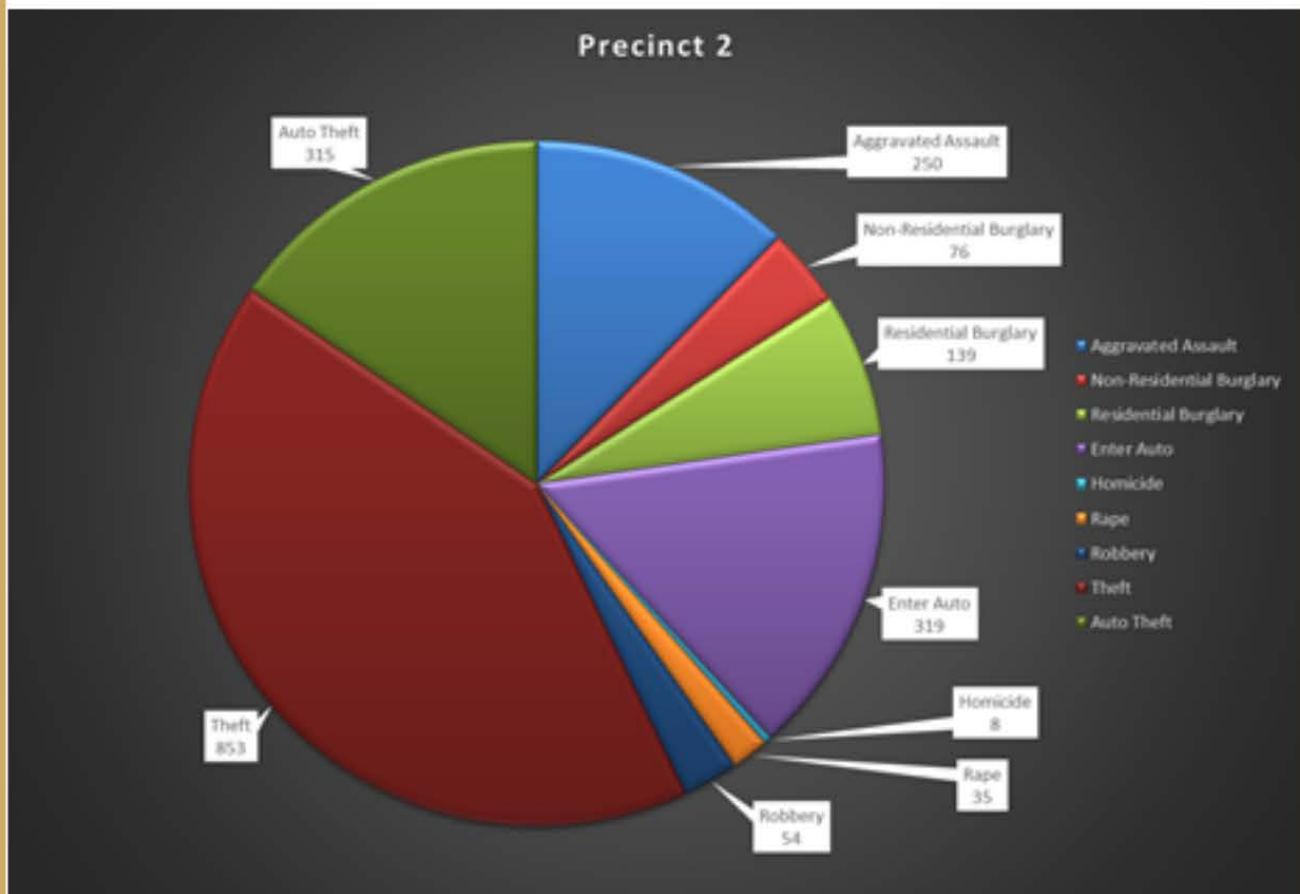
In 2024, Precinct 2 Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) assigned over 1,300 cases for investigation. Detectives exceeded the national average for property crimes by clearing 48% of all assigned cases. They were involved in several large RICO cases and multiple large-scale, multi-jurisdictional cases recovering stolen property across the southeastern United States.

In addition to serving the community responding to calls for service, and conducting patrols, Precinct 2 remains committed to the South Cobb community in other collective efforts. We continue to participate in mentorship events and engagement with students at Pebblebrook, South Cobb, and Osborne High Schools throughout the year. Our other strong and collaborative community partnerships in South Cobb include the City of Mableton, Mableton Improvement Coalition, South Cobb Business Association, Austell Community Task Force, South Cobb Rotary, We Thrive on Riverside, Sweetwater Mission, Hope Family Resource Center, and many others.

Looking forward to 2025, we will continue to improve public safety and quality of life in South Cobb through continuing to work collectively in our community partnerships, leveraging existing and emerging crime fighting and investigative technologies, and the continued selfless and heroic dedication of the officers of Precinct 2.

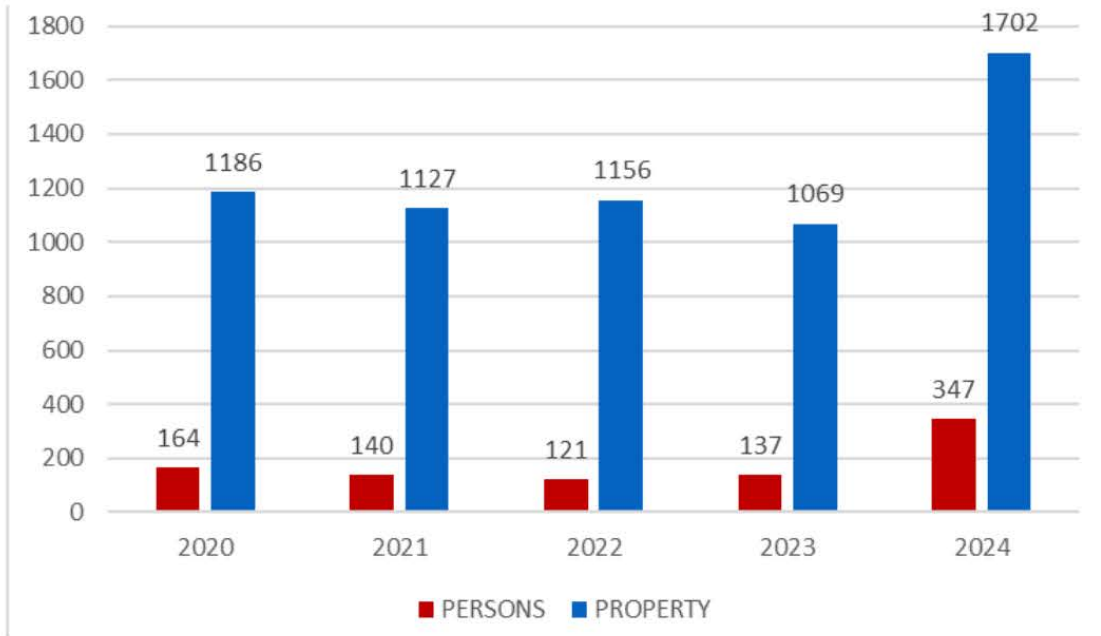


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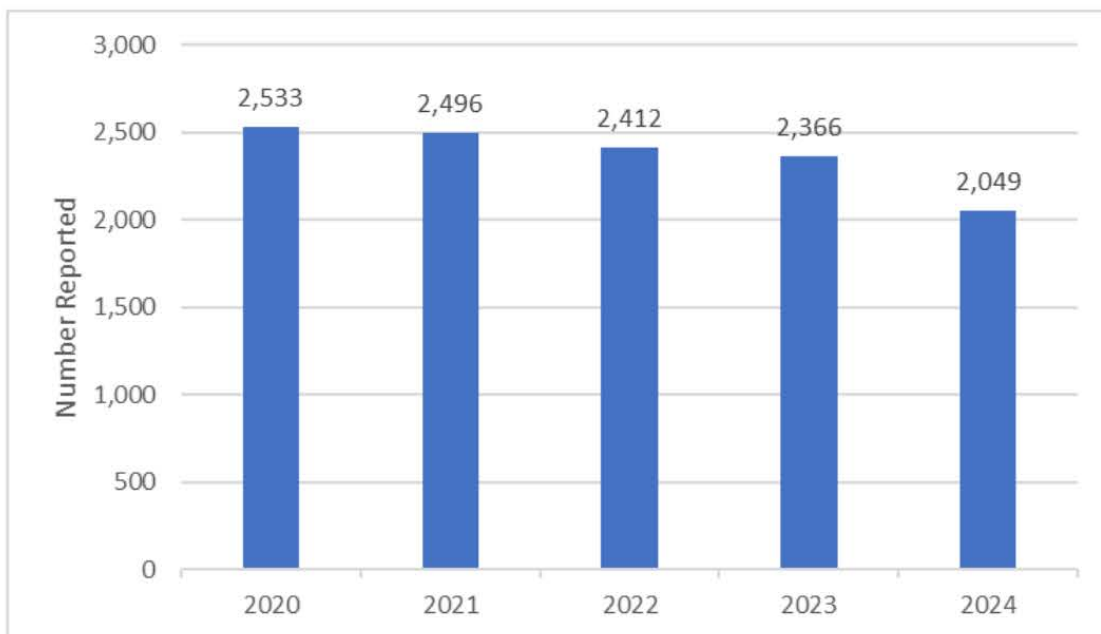




CRIME FIVE YEAR COMPARISON



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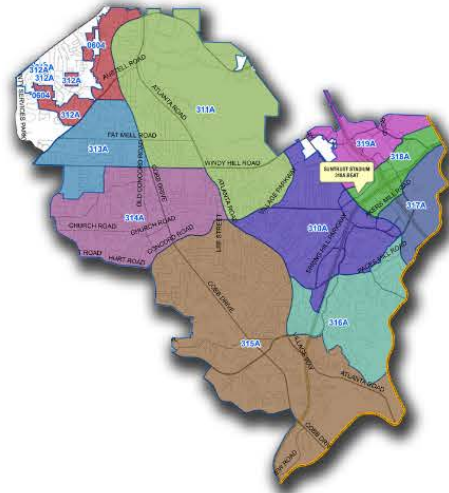




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PRECINCT THREE



MAJOR D.L. BALLARD

CAPTAIN L.R. TURMAN

Precinct Three, also known as the Cumberland Precinct, is located at 1901 Cumberland Parkway, Atlanta, Georgia. Located within the boundaries of Precinct Three are Truist Park (Home of the Atlanta Braves), The Battery Atlanta, Dobbins Air Force Reserve Base, Cumberland Mall, and the Cobb Performing Arts Center.

Precinct Three is commanded by Major D.L. Ballard, having Captain L.R. Turman as the assistant commander. Precinct Three has 4 Lieutenants, 11 Sergeants, 4 Field Training Officers, 6 Detectives, and 48 Officers.





PRECINCT THREE

Precinct 3 Overview – 2024 Annual Summary

Precinct 3 serves the southeastern section of Cobb County and is home to the county's largest commercial hub, commonly referred to as the "Platinum Triangle." This area includes the headquarters or major offices of several national corporations, such as Sprint, AT&T, HD Supply, LGE Credit Union, Pinnacle Finance, Brasfield & Gorrie, Worldspan, Home Depot, ThyssenKrupp Elevator, and Georgia Pacific. Truist Park and The Battery—home of the Atlanta Braves—are also located within the precinct's boundaries.

Other key landmarks in Precinct 3 include the Cobb Civic Center, Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, Cumberland Mall, Cobb Galleria Centre, Kennesaw State University's Marietta Campus, Chattahoochee Technical College, Life University, and Dobbins Air Reserve Base. Georgia Power's Plant McDonough is also located within the precinct. Major transportation routes include Interstates 75 and 285, along with arterial roads such as US 41, South Cobb Drive, and Windy Hill Road. Precinct 3 borders Fulton County and the City of Atlanta.

In 2024, Precinct 3 officers responded to over 39,000 calls for service, resulting in approximately 1,426 felony arrests and 1,076 misdemeanor arrests. Operational crime strategies implemented during the year led to a reduction in overall crime, both compared to 2023 and the three-year average. Officers also administered critical first aid, such as tourniquets, chest seals, and Narcan, while awaiting emergency medical services, successfully aiding individuals in life-threatening situations.

Officers at Precinct 3 received numerous awards and commendations in 2024, reflecting their high performance and strong ties with the community. These strong relationships are supported by ongoing partnerships with community and business stakeholders including the Cumberland CID, Cobb Travel and Tourism, Georgia Hotel Association – Cobb Council, The Battery Atlanta, Truist Park, the Cumberland Security Group, Vinings Rotary Club, Vinings Village HOA, the Center for Children and Young Adults, Boy Scouts of America Atlanta Council, Cobb Collaborative, and several churches and faith-based organizations.

These partnerships helped expand the installation of FLOCK license plate reader (LPR) camera systems in high-traffic areas such as Cumberland Mall, The Battery Atlanta, Parkway Pointe, Galleria on the Park, the Cobb Energy Centre, and the corporate/retail locations of Home Depot, RaceTrac, and Genuine Parts/NAPA.



PRECINCT THREE

Precinct 3 also continued its school outreach efforts with Osborne High School and Fair Oaks Elementary. Events included officers serving food to athletes, speaking with high school students about public safety careers, and holiday activities like decorating the precinct's Christmas tree with elementary students. Officers also participated in department-wide community events such as National Night Out, Touch-a-Truck, Cops and Kids, Police Athletic League programs, Vinings Methodist's Rise Against Hunger, and Commissioner Gambill's "Walk and Talk" at Fair Oaks Park.

The Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) at Precinct 3 collaborated with local businesses and other law enforcement agencies to address property crimes such as entering autos, burglaries, and catalytic converter thefts. An internal property crime working group was also created to streamline communication between the CIUs across Cobb County's five precincts.

Looking Ahead to 2025

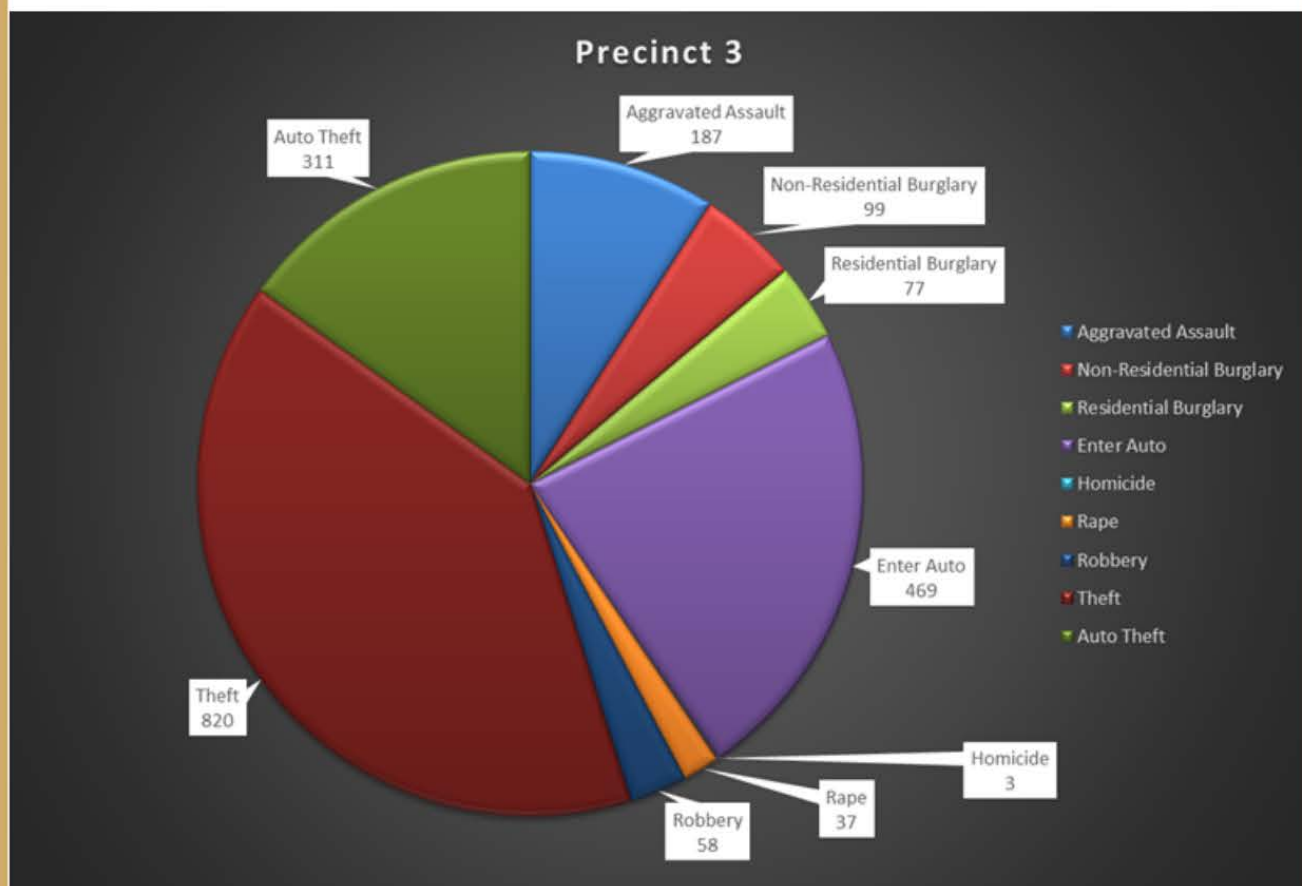
Precinct 3 will continue strengthening relationships with local residents, businesses, and schools to support cooperative public safety initiatives. The precinct remains committed to maintaining high standards of professional service through continued career development, open communication between leadership and staff, and enhanced operational efficiency. Efforts will be supported by integrating advanced technologies such as Speed Sentry, license plate readers, the Real Time Crime Center, Shot Spotter, and FUSUS, all of which were deployed in 2024.



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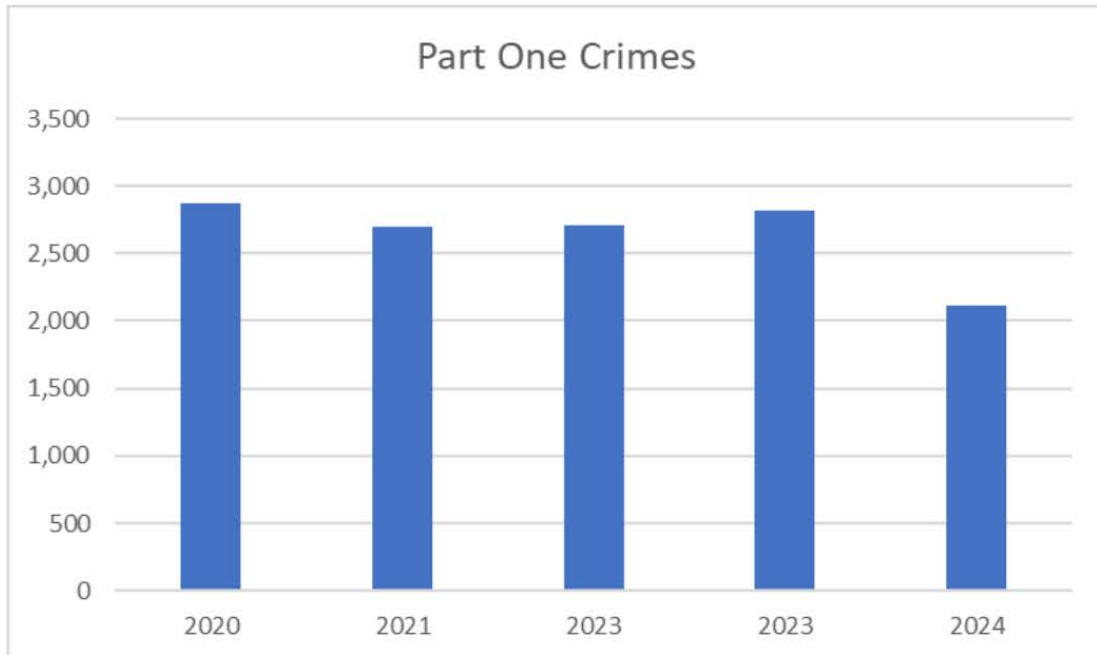


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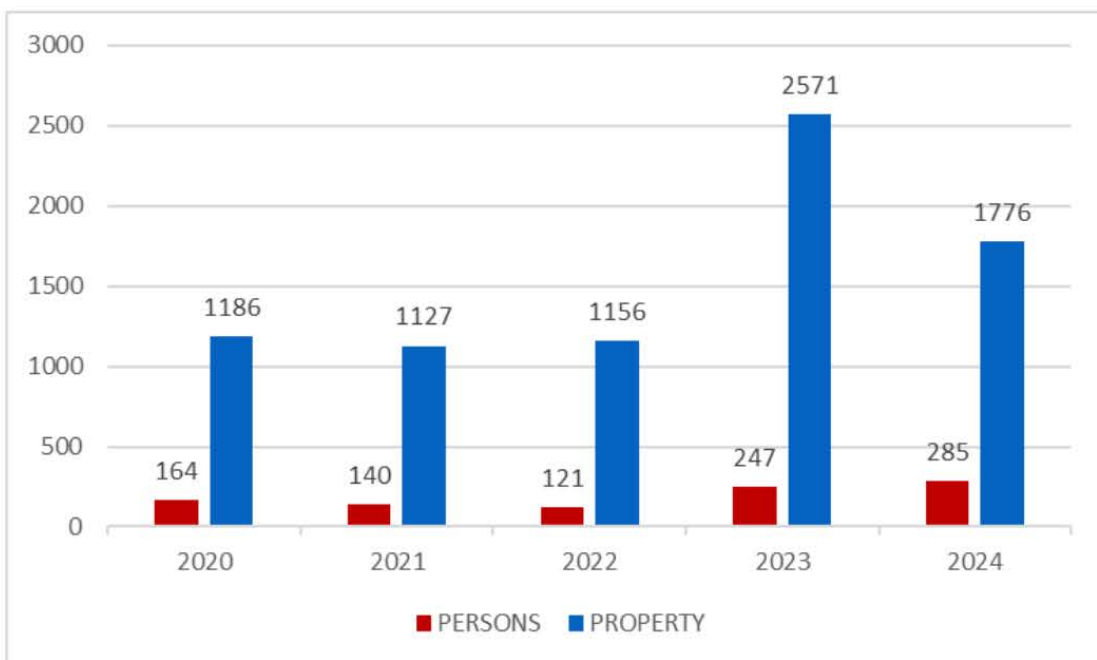




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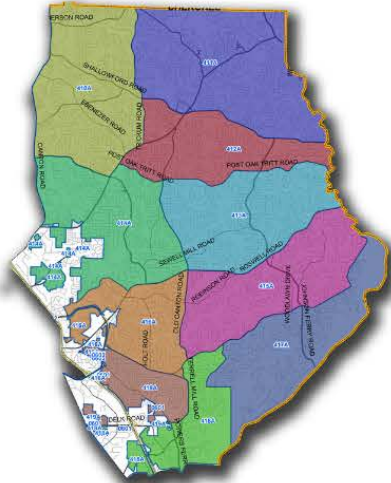




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PRECINCT FOUR



MAJOR B. BATTERTON

CAPTAIN P.M. KINCADE

Precinct Four, also known as the Mount Bethel Precinct, is located at 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta, Georgia. Located within the boundaries of Precinct Four are the Chattahoochee National Park, East Cobb Park, East Cobb Aquatic Center, and Atlanta Country Club.

Precinct Four is commanded by Major B. Batterton, having Captain P.M. Kincaide as the assistant precinct commander. Precinct Four has 4 Lieutenants, 11 Sergeants, 4 Field Training Officers, 5 Detectives, and 46 Officers.





PRECINCT FOUR

Precinct IV of the Cobb County Police Department serves the northeastern region of the county, an area characterized by a blend of expansive residential neighborhoods and thriving commercial zones.

Throughout 2024, our officers upheld an exceptional standard of service to the East Cobb community. The command staff at Precinct IV is extremely proud of the dedication, professionalism, and tireless efforts demonstrated by the men and women assigned to our precinct. Reflecting on the past year, several notable accomplishments highlight our ongoing commitment to excellence:

1. Continued Emphasis on In-Service Training

Precinct IV maintained a strong focus on professional development, ensuring each officer received substantial in-service training throughout the year. This training enhances operational readiness and ensures officers are equipped to address the dynamic challenges of modern law enforcement. Areas of training included Legal Updates, Use of Force, DUI Investigations, Building Clearing, High-Risk Vehicle Stops, Active Shooter Response, First Aid, and more.

2. Effective Crime Reduction Strategies

Officers employed a combination of advanced technology and traditional policing techniques to successfully reduce property crime. From 2023 to 2024, residential burglaries declined by 38%, non-residential burglaries by 29%, thefts by 30%, and auto thefts by 24%. Notably, "entering auto" incidents—defined as unlawful entry into a vehicle for the purpose of theft—dropped from 562 in 2023 to 168 in 2024, representing a significant 234% reduction.

3. Strengthening Community Partnerships

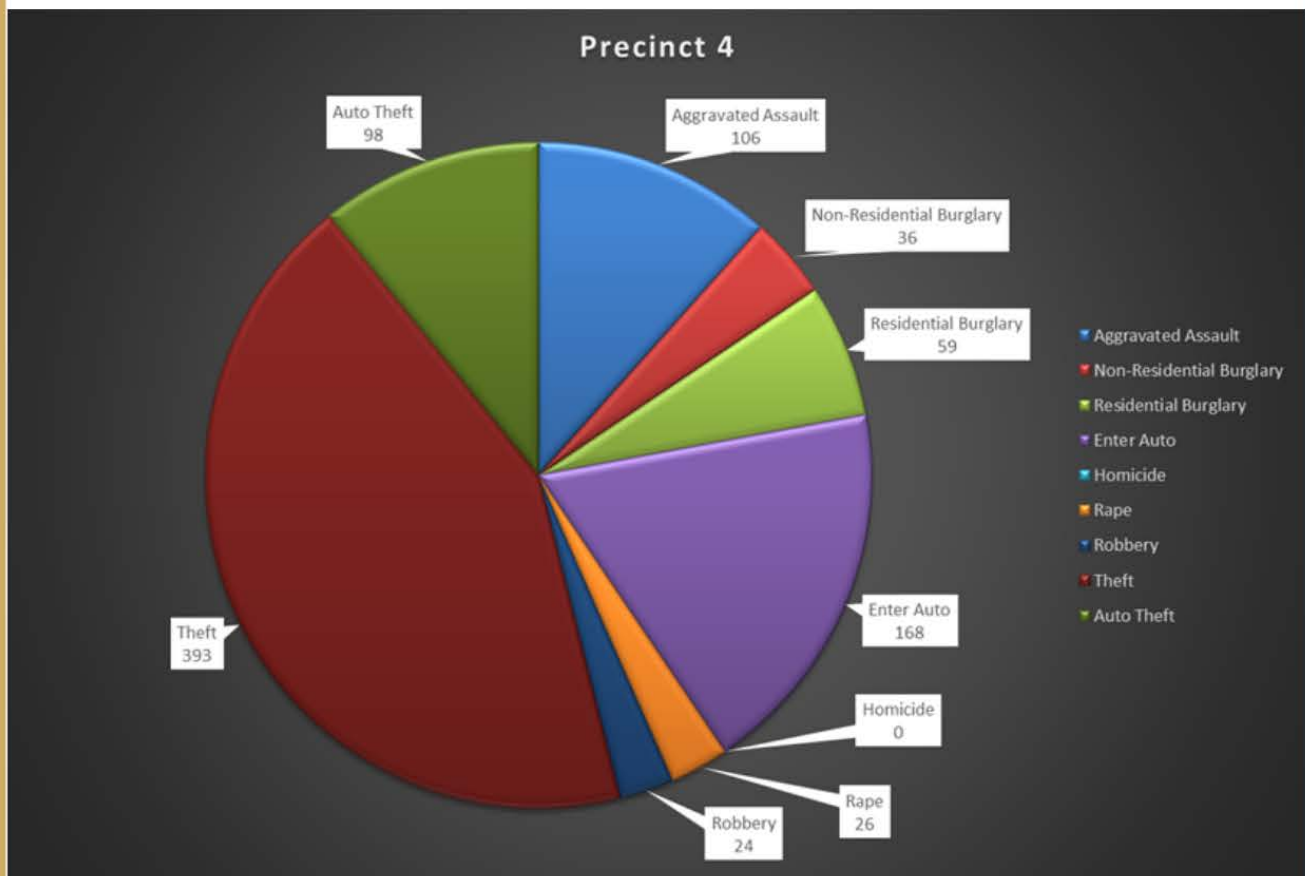
Beyond core law enforcement duties, Precinct IV officers and detectives actively collaborated with the Community Affairs Unit to strengthen relationships with residents and community organizations. These partnerships are essential to the success of community policing and play a critical role in enhancing public trust and safety.

Looking Ahead to 2025

In 2025, Precinct IV will continue to prioritize community engagement through Precinct Discussion Groups and active participation in outreach initiatives. Crime reduction will remain a central focus, with officers utilizing specialized patrol strategies and working closely with the Crime Analysis Unit and Real Time Crime Center. By identifying and targeting crime "hot spots" and leveraging tools such as social media for investigative support, our officers remain committed to protecting and serving the East Cobb community with integrity and innovation.

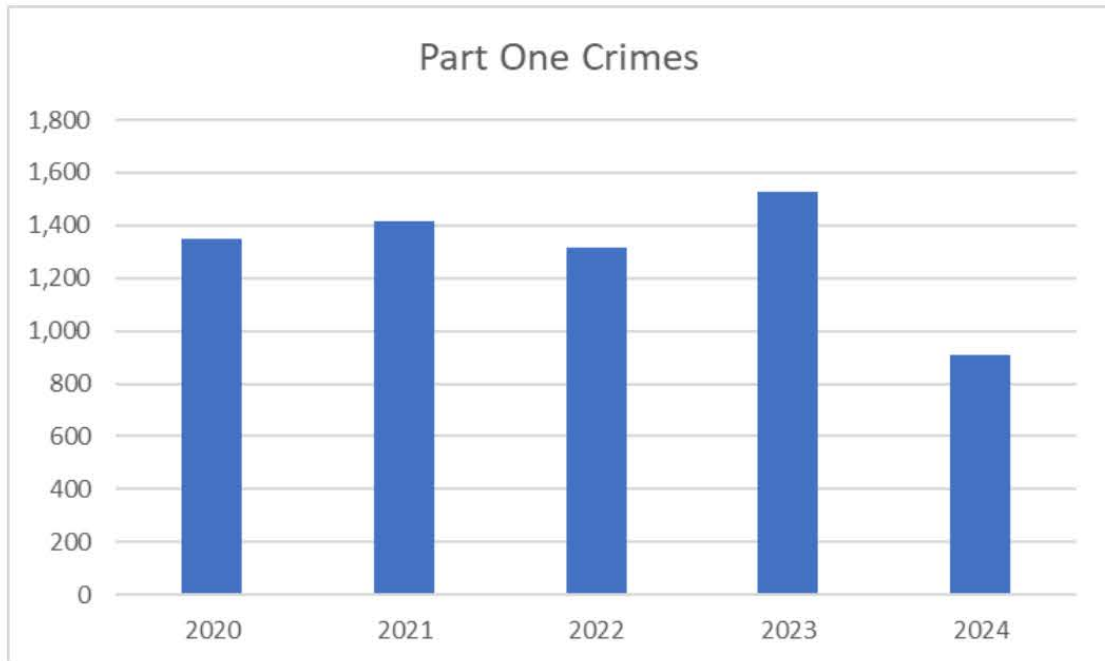


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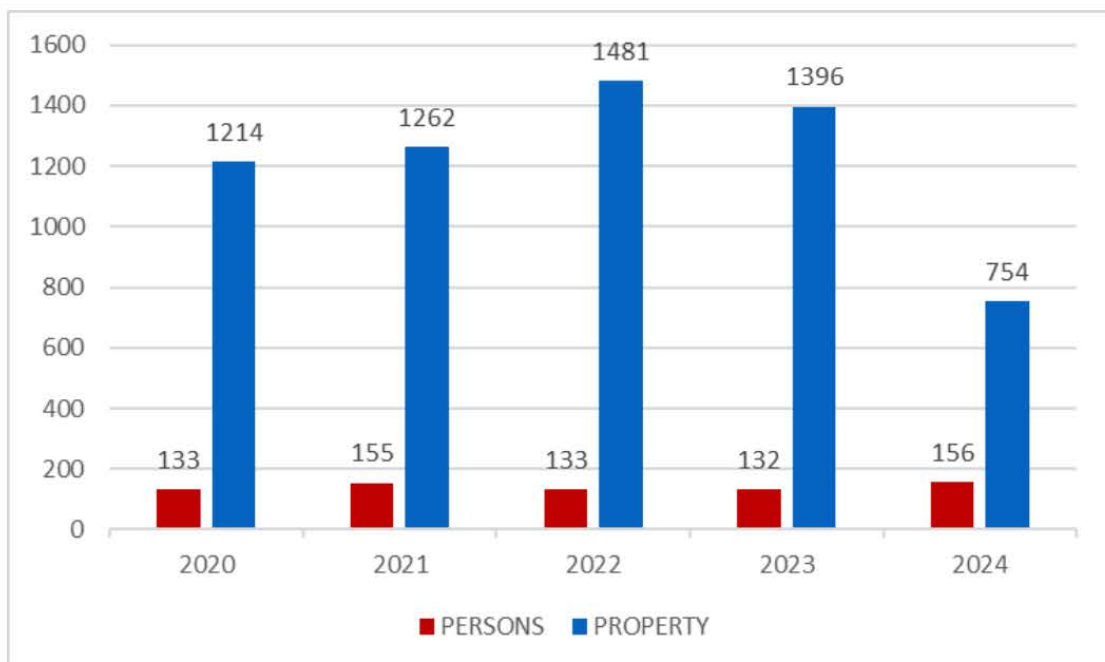




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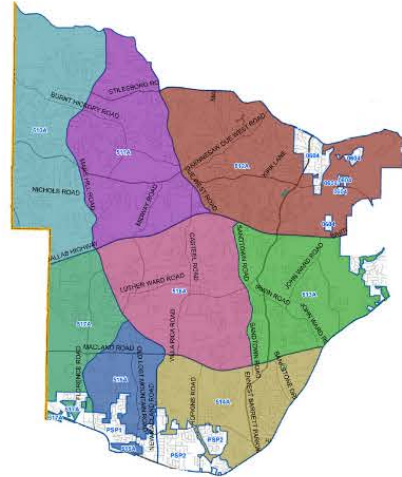




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PRECINCT FIVE



MAJOR J.H. MESTRE

CAPTAIN L.C. CLARK

Precinct Five, also known as the West Cobb Precinct, is located at 4640 Dallas Highway in Powder Springs, Georgia. Located within the boundaries of Precinct Five are numerous parks and recreational areas such as Lost Mountain Park, Leone Hall Price Park, and Oregon Park. Precinct Five also contains a large portion of Kennesaw Mountain National Park and the Cheatham Hill Trail Head.

Precinct Five is commanded by Major J.H. Mestre, having Captain L.C. Clark as the assistant precinct commander. Precinct Five currently has 4 Lieutenants, 10 Sergeants, 2 Field Training Officers, 4 Detectives, and 38 Officers.





PRECINCT FIVE

Dear Residents of Precinct 5,

We're proud to share some encouraging news regarding the safety and security of our community. After reviewing our year-over-year crime statistics, we've seen a significant 26.3% decrease in overall crime from 2023 to 2024. This progress reflects the hard work of our officers, the effectiveness of our prevention strategies, and, most importantly, our continued partnership with you, our residents.

Here are a few key highlights from this year's report:

- Entering Auto incidents dropped dramatically by 59.4%.
- Motor Vehicle Theft saw a 26.0% decrease.
- Theft overall declined by 20.8%.
- Residential Burglaries dropped by 15.6%.
- Even in more serious categories, like Forcible Rape, there was a 15.4% decrease.
- Aggravated Assault and Criminal Homicide remained stable with no increase.

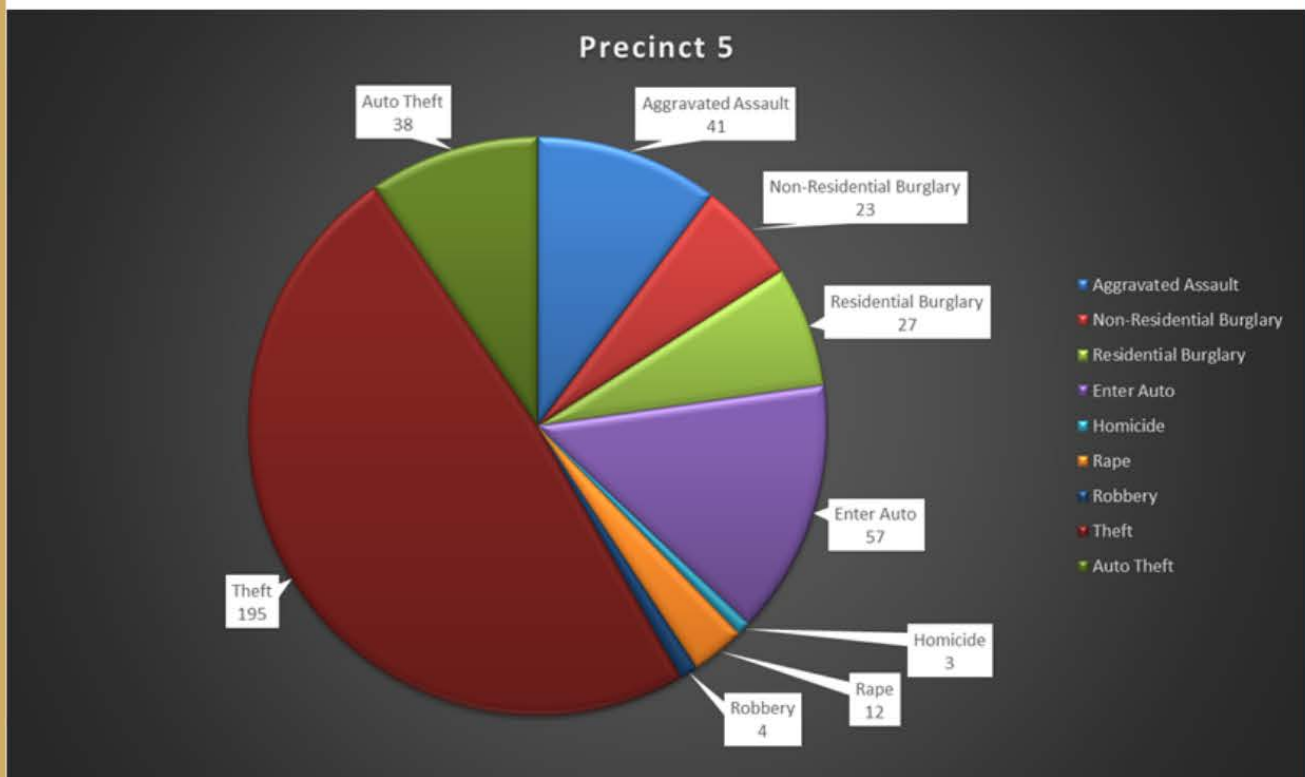
While we did note an increase in Robberies (from 1 to 4) and Non-residential Burglaries (from 14 to 23), we responded swiftly and effectively. We're pleased to report that an arrest was made concerning the non-residential burglaries, which has successfully stopped that particular series of crimes.

Beyond traditional crime, we've also been addressing concerns about street racing and illegal exhaust systems. These activities pose serious safety risks and impact the quality of life in our neighborhoods. In response, we've increased nighttime patrols and enforcement efforts, and we're working closely with the community to identify and stop offenders.

Precinct 5 remains committed to transparency, accountability, and community-focused policing. The safety of our neighborhoods is our top priority, and your continued communication, tips, and support are vital to our success.

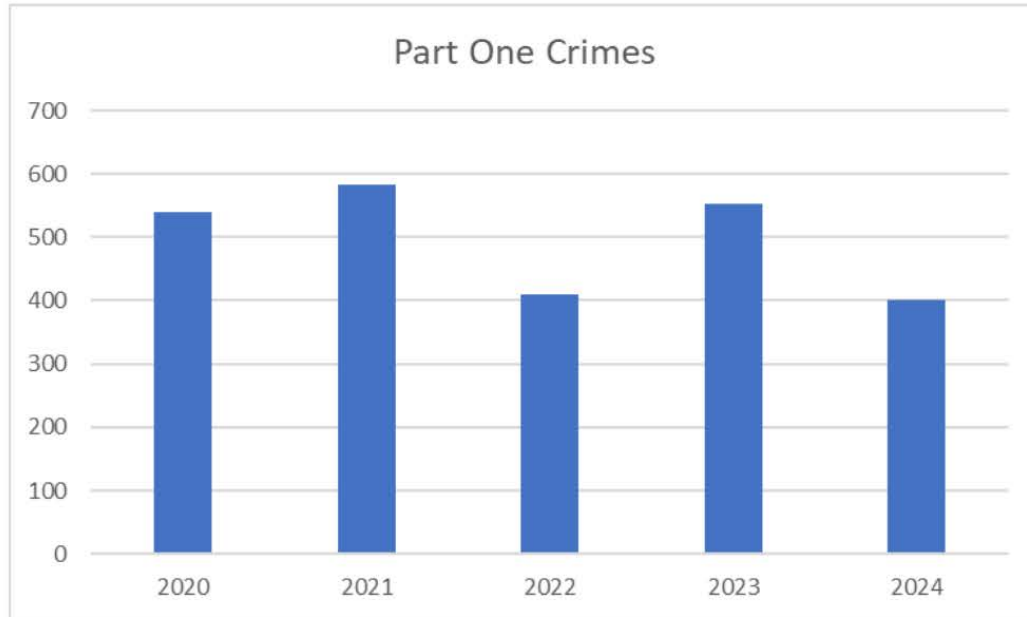


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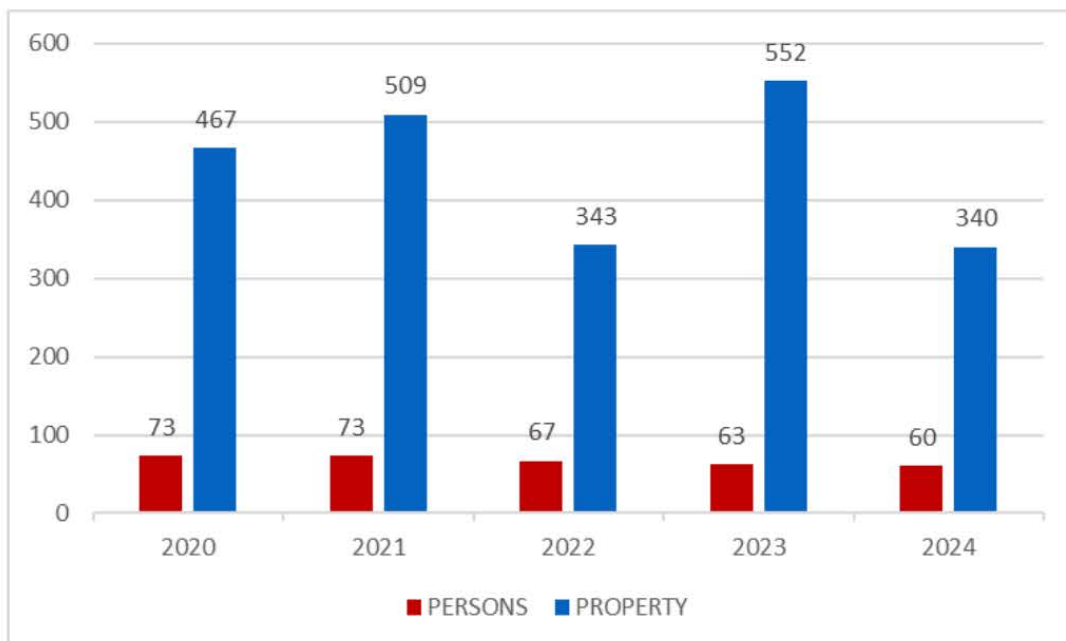




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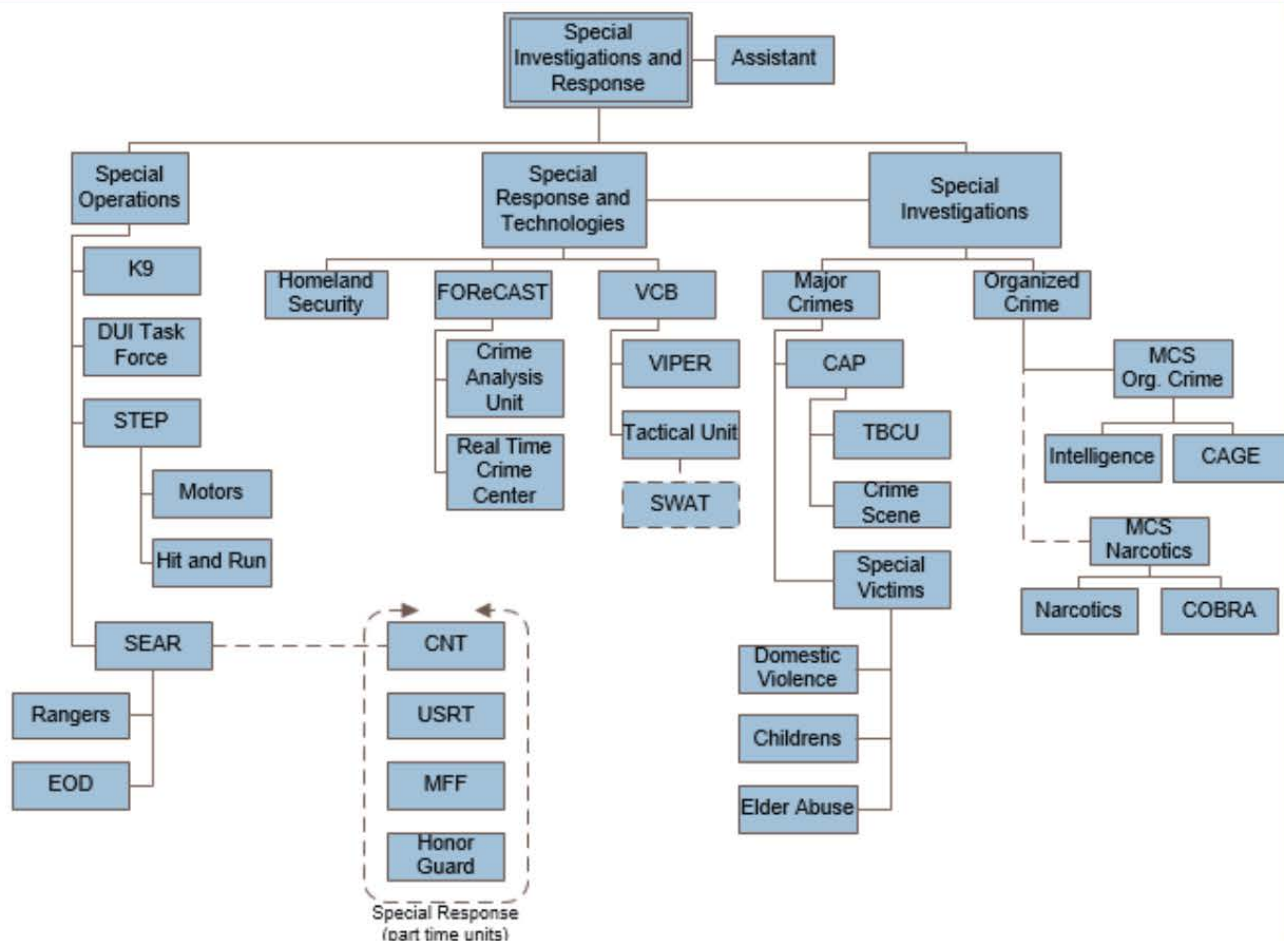


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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS AND RESPONSE



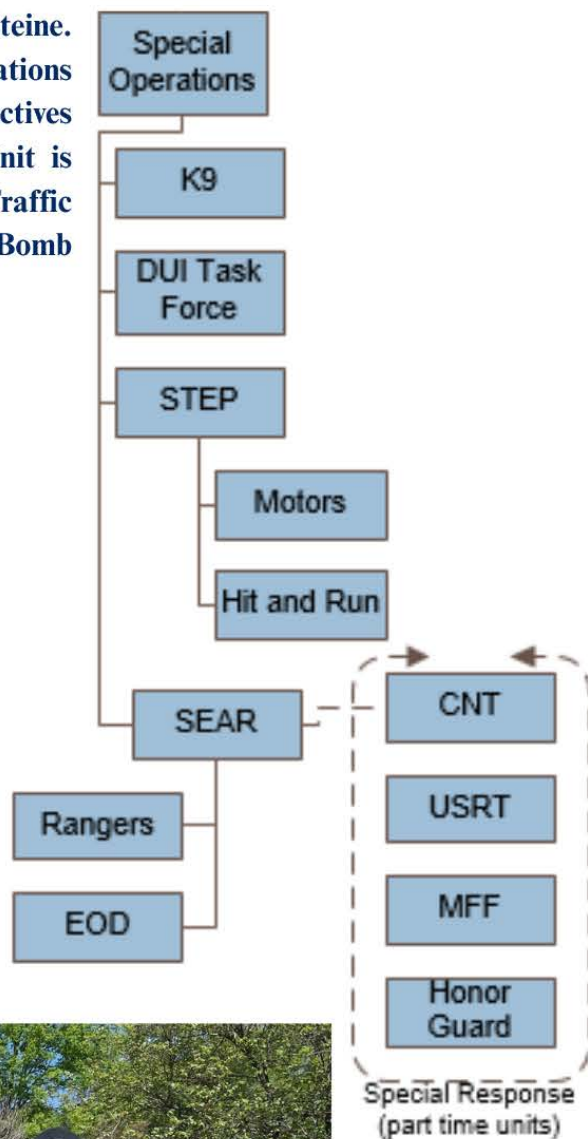
The Special Investigations and Response Division is led by Deputy Chief J.D. Ferrell. This division is responsible for Special Operations, Special Response and Technologies, and Special Investigations.





SPECIAL OPERATIONS

The Special Operations Unit is led by Major Steine. The Unit is responsible for dedicated police operations designed to meet specific law enforcement objectives within Cobb County. The Special Operations Unit is comprised of K-9, DUI Task Force, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), Rangers, and Bomb Squad (EOD).





K-9 UNIT

The mission of the Cobb County Police K-9 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 citizens of Cobb County.

The eleven-member team is led by Lieutenant A.M. Blakeney and has two Sergeants and eight Officers. Each member of the unit is a canine handler and has a K-9 partner. The unit consists of four Explosive Detection Teams and seven Narcotic/Patrol Teams. The teams are certified through the North American Police Work Dog Association, the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association, and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. In 2024, members of the unit and their K-9 partners were deployed a total of 1,052 times, having 48 K-9 apprehensions.

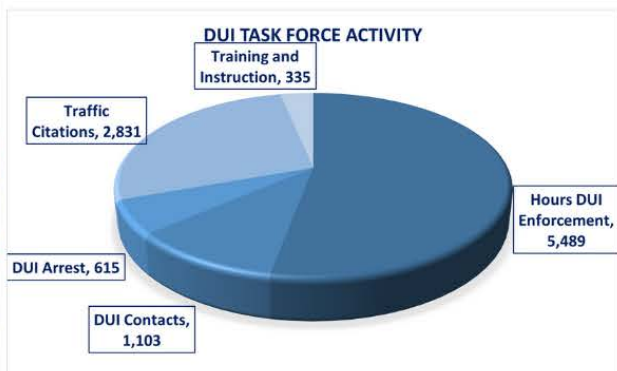




DUI TASK FORCE

The Driving Under the Influence Task Force (DUI TF) is led by Lieutenant K.O. Ramirez and is tasked with actively patrolling unincorporated Cobb County for the enforcement of traffic laws and locating impaired drivers. DUI TF members have specialized training in the detection and apprehension of both alcohol and drug-impaired drivers.

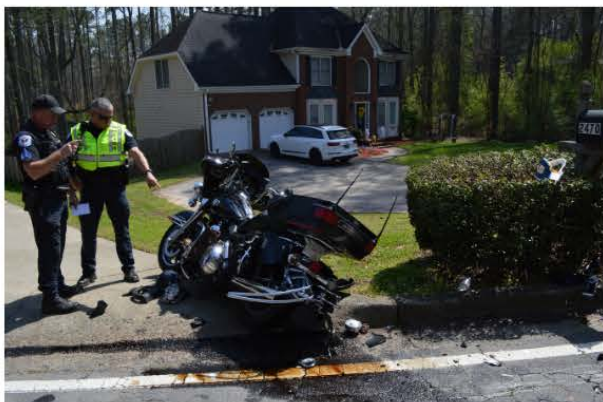
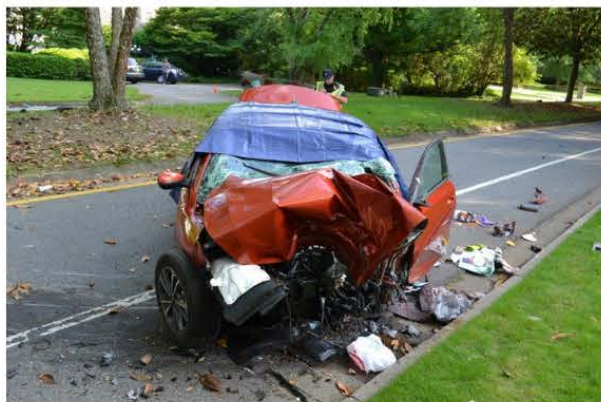
Investigation of impaired drivers includes the use of Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training. Once the officers develop probable cause to conduct a traffic stop, the officers rely on driver evaluations, the gathering of evidence, and the proper documentation and court presentation for the successful prosecution of an impaired driver.





SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Unit is led by Lieutenant G.L. Johnson. The STEP Unit is responsible for investigating fatal crashes and enforcement of traffic laws in those areas where analysis indicates an elevated mean of traffic crashes and disregard for traffic laws, administration and execution of the Stop Arm Program, special security details, and investigation of traffic crashes involving department vehicles when requested. STEP handled over 127 serious injury or fatality collision investigations in Cobb County. STEP Investigators utilize the latest technology in photogrammetry and UAV (drone) deployment to collect on-scene evidence. UAVs use specialized software to create scaled diagrams for court presentations and adjudication. In 2023, STEP Investigators deployed the UAV 142 times. In 2023, the STEP Unit expanded its use of Speed Sentry technology to assess citizen speed complaints and determine enforcement efforts. The STEP Unit issued 3,581 citations in areas determined to be hazardous or complaint areas.





MOTORCYCLE UNIT

The primary function of the Motor Unit is traffic enforcement within designated high-crash corridors and investigating citizen complaints about traffic violations throughout Cobb County. The Motor Unit has many other responsibilities and duties in addition to aggressive traffic enforcement.

Throughout the year, the Motor Unit assists the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) officers in serious injury and fatality crash investigations, funeral and dignitary escorts, as well as traffic direction and critical incident response. Motor Units routinely support uniform officers by answering calls for service or working traffic crashes while investigating traffic complaints.

In 2023, the Motor Unit wrote 8,738 traffic citations to promote traffic safety and save lives. In addition to traffic enforcement efforts, the Motor Unit participated in 22 funerals or other dignitary escorts, presented a two-week Basic Police Motorcycle Operators Course as well as a Motorcycle Operator Instructors Course, deployed Speed Sentry message boards on over 52 speed complaints, and assisted Cobb DOT with three road details.

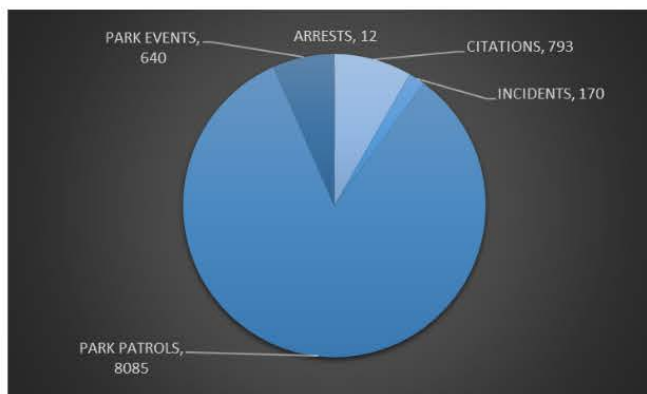




RANGERS

The primary mission of the Ranger Unit is to patrol the parks in unincorporated Cobb County and to provide support and security at county-sponsored events in the parks and county facilities. This includes 96 parks, consisting of 6,000+ acres and hundreds of miles of trails. The Ranger Unit ensures that the laws of the State of Georgia and ordinances of Cobb County are being followed in the parks, creating a safe and welcoming environment for the citizens of the county. The Ranger Unit also assists Special Operations with events and assists in covering the precinct operations when needed. The Unit is currently staffed with 2 Sergeants and 2 officers.

In 2024, the Ranger Unit made 12 arrests, wrote 739 citations, handled, or assisted with 170 incidents, and conducted 8,085 zone patrols of park properties and facilities. The officers spent 291 hours patrolling 1,337 miles of trails, attended a combined 725 hours of training, worked 966 hours of police details and 640 hours of Parks and Recreation details.





BOMB SQUAD (EOD)

Sergeant J.O. Cade leads the Cobb County Police Department Bomb Squad, which consists of 2 supervisors and 6 technicians. Their mission is to provide primary response to incidents involving suspected improvised explosive devices (IEDs), explosives, and/or other energetic or shock-sensitive materials, as well as provide investigative assistance to other units in need of subject matter expertise. The Bomb Squad is also involved in high-risk situations involving the use or threatened use of chemical, biological, nuclear, and other hazardous elements. The Squad's mission is accomplished through the use of specialized training, equipment, and tactics that ensure the safety of the officer and the citizens of Cobb County.

The Cobb Police Bomb Squad is also supported by the Urban Areas Security Initiative Program (UASI) as well as the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In 2023, The Bomb Squad completed 214 sweeps and stand-by events at Truist Park and other venues in Metro Atlanta. The Bomb Squad responded to nine requests for assistance from other police departments to include Atlanta, Roswell, Austell, Marietta, Acworth, Kennesaw, Kennesaw State University, Cobb, and Cherokee Sheriff's Offices, and the National Park Service. The Bomb Squad responded to a total of 21 call-outs, not including administrative events, displays, and protective sweeps.





COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AND RESPONSE TEAM

The Community Assistance Response Team (CART) was established in September 2024. CART provides the public a customer service-based approach for reporting low-risk calls for service, directs the community to additional resources, enforces County Ordinances to improve quality of life, and performs other administrative tasks that improve the efficiency and effectiveness of police services. Some of the duties and responsibilities include handling lost or found property, disabled vehicles, abandoned vehicles, assisting officers with towing vehicles, crime scene processing, traffic control, missing person searches, and private property accidents. The CART officers also write reports concerning crimes that have already occurred, such as burglaries, entering autos, and harassing and/or obscene phone calls.





SPECIAL EVENT AND RESPONSE

Lieutenant V.C. Deupree is the Special Events and Response Coordinator (SEAR). The primary mission of the SEAR is the planning, development, and implementation of traffic management systems at venues throughout Cobb County, such as Truist Park, Kennesaw State University, Dobbins Air Force Reserve Base, Town Center Mall, Cumberland Mall, parades, road races, and any other events requiring a coordinated and specific traffic management plan. Additionally, the SEAR is responsible for reviewing Cobb County Department of Transportation Safety Action Plans and related police response, and serving as an information-sharing conduit between Cobb DOT and Cobb Police. The SEAR lieutenant is located at the Cobb DOT Headquarters. Lieutenant Deupree also has oversight of part-time units such as the Crisis Negotiation Team, Underwater Search and Recovery Team, Mobile Field Force, and the Honor Guard.

MOBILE FIELD FORCE

The Cobb County Police Mobile Field Force Team (MFF) is led by Lieutenant V.C. Deupree. The team consists of specially trained and equipped members. The team can be tasked to assist during civil disorder when situations become large in scale, where life, property, and/or public safety are endangered.

The Team can function in a chemical environment and is trained in civil disorder techniques, non/less lethal apparatus, and various chemical deployment methods.





CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM

The Cobb County Police Crisis Negotiations Team (C.N.T.) is led by Lieutenant N.A. McCreary and assistant commander Lieutenant E.W. Nichols. The Team responds to incidents involving hostage situations, barricaded subjects, and calls to assist people in crisis. C.N.T. has thirteen members, all of whom are trained negotiators, two technical specialists, and two team leaders. The team works closely with the SWAT Team, having the mission of bringing a peaceful resolution to volatile situations through the skillset of negotiations.

Negotiators are trained to speak with individuals in crisis, de-escalate hostile and violent subjects, and develop a plan of peaceful resolution through communication. Team members interview victims and witnesses to gather information and intelligence to find and obtain vital information regarding the critical incident and involved parties. Negotiators are often placed in harm's way when negotiations must be done in close proximity to the suspects.

In 2024, C.N.T. responded to 8 activations.

UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RECOVERY

The Cobb County Police Department's Underwater Search and Recovery Team (U.S.R.T.) is led by Lieutenant R.B. Billington. The Team's mission is the recovery of victims, crime scene investigation, light salvage, recovery, and processing of evidence in virtually any aquatic environment. The U.S.R.T. has also been called upon to respond outside of Cobb County to assist other agencies.

The U.S.R.T. has a team of scuba divers who are all certified as Public Safety Divers by Dive Rescue International (DRI) and the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). To obtain initial certification, all members commit to 60 hours of training. All U.S.R.T. members participated in continual training totaling 330 hours throughout the year.

In 2024, the U.S.R.T. responded to 10 requests for service and had 8 evidence recoveries. The U.S.R.T. also responded to 3 requests for assistance from outside jurisdictions.

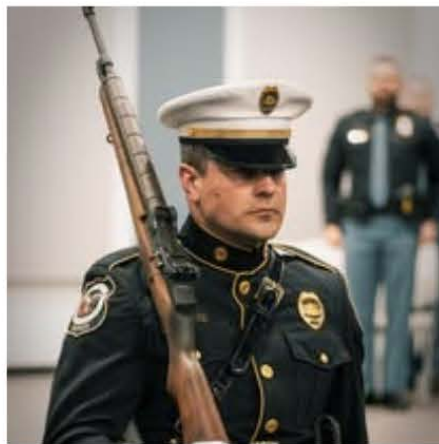




HONOR GUARD

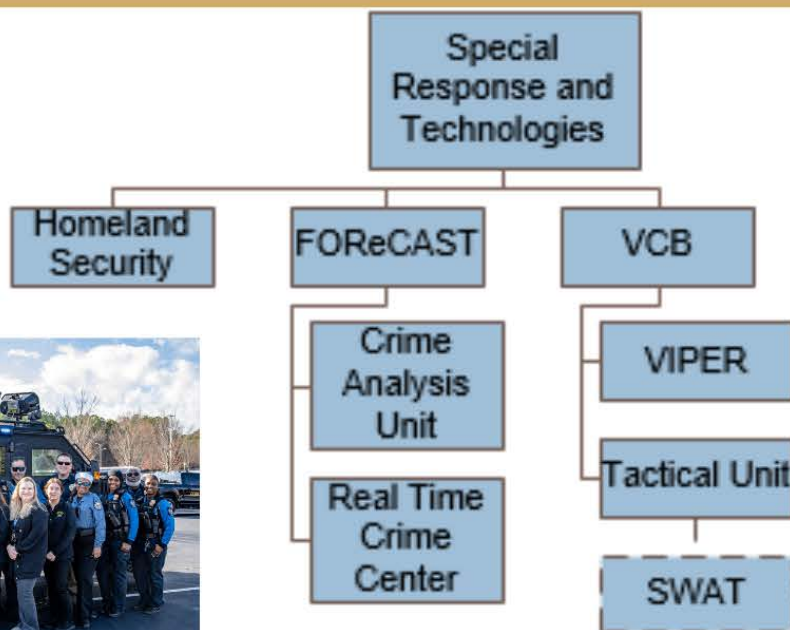


The Cobb County Police Honor Guard is led by Sergeant C.M. Newsome and consists of 9 officers and a Sergeant. The mission of the Honor Guard is to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice and died in the line of duty. The unit presents the colors at various county functions and certain private functions. The Honor Guard attends 9/11 Remembrances, Memorial, and Veterans Day events, and represents the Department, county, and state at the Annual Law Enforcement Memorial during Police Week in Washington D.C. Honor Guard members assist with on-site assessment of funeral layouts and arrangements for pallbearers, ceremonial firing details, bagpipers, Taps, and flag folding details.





SPECIAL RESPONSE AND TECHNOLOGIES



The Special Response and Technologies Unit is led by Captain D.J. Hull. The unit includes FOReCAST, the Violent Crime Bureau, and Homeland Security.

FOReCAST consists of the Crime Analysis Unit and the Real Time Crime Center, which uses criminal intelligence analysis and public safety technologies to create more effective and efficient law enforcement responses and investigations.

The Violent Crime Bureau consists of the Violent Incident Prevention and Early Response (V.I.P.E.R.) unit, the Tactical Unit (TAC), and Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.).

Homeland Security is tasked with enhancing public safety through strategic planning, threat assessment, and coordinated response to incidents that threaten community security.





HOMELAND SECURITY



The Homeland Security Unit is led by Lieutenant R.L. Nalls. Homeland Security is responsible for Joint Hazard Assessment Teams (JHAT), Critical Infrastructure Key Resources (CIKR), and helping to prevent acts of terrorism against both public and private partners and stakeholders in the County. This includes assessing and prioritizing critical infrastructure and key resources vital to the County and local community. Additional roles include providing security and protection training to local partners and acting as a liaison to the public. The unit will monitor and review threats throughout the nation and, when applicable to Cobb County and the surrounding agencies, disseminate the intelligence to the officers for situational awareness.





FOReCAST

Field Operations Response, Crime Analysis & Strategic Technologies (FOReCAST) is led by Lieutenant D.K. Thorp. FOReCAST encompasses the department's Real Time Crime Center, Crime Analysis Unit, and Strategic Technologies. FOReCAST uses criminal intelligence analysis and public safety technologies to create more effective and efficient law enforcement responses and investigations.

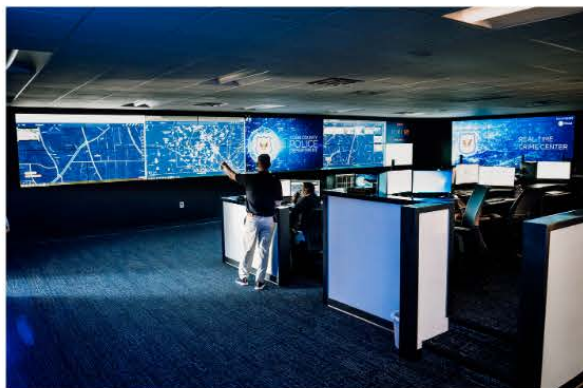
FOReCast members regularly attend local, regional, and national conferences and forums to seek out vendors for possible pilot and demo programs in the interest of acquisition and future utilization.

REAL TIME CRIME CENTER (RTCC)

The primary mission of our Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) is to capitalize on integrated web-based technologies to provide efficient and effective "real-time" information to patrol officers and investigators during emergency responses to criminal activity. The backbone of the RTCC is cloud-based software that can integrate other web-based technologies such as license plate recognition cameras, shot detection, GPS asset tracking, and other mission-critical systems.

The RTCC is comprised of one RTCC Manager, two RTCC supervisors, one detective, four Public Safety Analysts, and one Reserve Police Officer (RPO). Personnel in the RTCC monitor calls for service and use all possible integrated technologies to create more effective and efficient law enforcement responses. They also assist detectives with their investigations. Public Safety Analysts have access to a variety of databases that help them provide investigative leads to all of the department's investigative units during ongoing and protracted investigations.

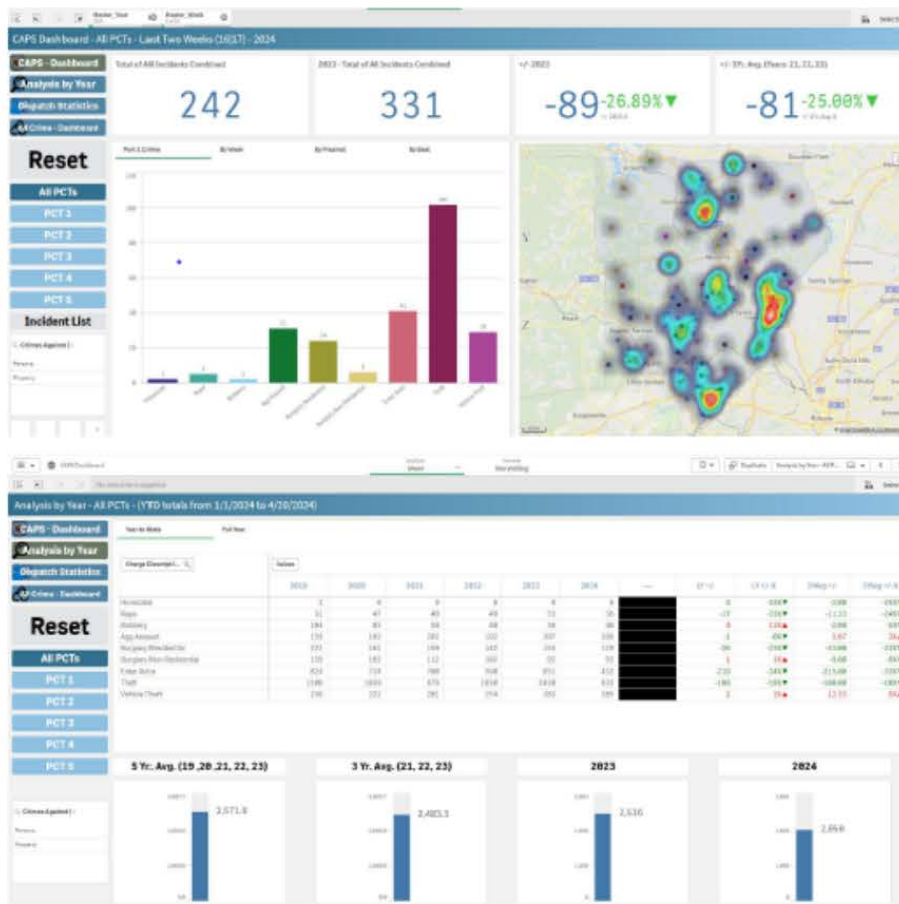
Since its inception, our Real Time Crime Center has provided investigative leads during many incidents such as homicides, armed robberies, fatality hit-and-run accidents, shootings, burglaries, illegal street racing, and more.



CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

The Crime Analysis Unit is tasked with providing criminal intelligence and analytical support to detectives, agents, patrol officers, and command staff. Members of the Crime Analysis Unit are under the same organizational structure as the members of the RTCC. The Crime Analysis Unit is comprised of five full-time criminal intelligence analysts, one part-time criminal intelligence analyst, and a geographic information system (GIS) analyst. Each criminal intelligence analyst is tasked with supporting a different investigative unit. Examples of support they provide are link analysis, predictive analysis, spatial and temporal analysis, call detail record mapping and cell site analysis, and facial recognition searches.

The GIS Analyst is responsible for coordinating all GIS aspects for departmental projects, organizing geospatial data, mapping crime, conducting advanced GIS analysis, and modeling and producing digital statistics.





SPECIAL TACTICS AND APPREHENSION RESPONSE

The Violent Crime Bureau (VCB) is a task force-style organization comprising two primary units: the VIPER Unit and the TAC Team. The combined manpower of VIPER and TAC Teams resulted in VCB's foundational manpower consisting of 2 Lieutenants, 2 Sergeants, and 18 Officers. VCB's mission is to reduce violent crime by assisting with major crime investigations and conducting proactive enforcement in the county's high-crime areas. VCB takes a holistic approach to crime by having the ability to add stakeholders and resources from other units, such as Major Crimes Investigations, CAGE Agents, and Homeland Security Investigator (HSI)/Task Force Officers, to address violent crime trends comprehensively. VCB's composition of expertise, training, and resources enables the unit to function as an independent entity in a wide range of situations, including high-risk search warrants, high-risk arrest operations, covert surveillance operations, and critical incident response. In 2024, VCB's efforts resulted in the arrest of 5 murder suspects, the seizure of over 217 guns suspected of being involved in a variety of crimes, \$53,986 in illicit funds seized, and 439 arrests. The Violent Crime Bureau was also instrumental in tracking and apprehending 17 wanted fugitives for the Crimes Against Persons Unit, 7 wanted fugitives for the Special Victims Unit, and aided in 3 investigations with the Marietta-Cobb-Smyrna (MCS) Intelligence Unit. The VCB concept has been in development for approximately four years and continues to yield positive results, with lower violent crime rates in areas experiencing trouble.





S.W.A.T. AND T.A.C.

The Tactical Unit (TAC) is led by a lieutenant and composed of two supervisors and seven officers, all of whom are SWAT Team members. The TAC Team has many responsibilities that all focus on the effectiveness of the Cobb County Police SWAT Team. The TAC Unit is also responsible for locating training locations, maintaining training certifications, and ensuring that the latest, most current tactics are thoroughly examined and implemented.

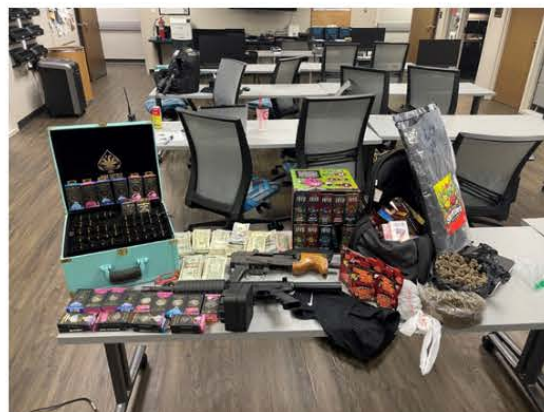
The TAC Team ensures that all SWAT equipment is properly maintained and in working order, including team vehicles and all weapons platforms. The TAC Team is typically the primary entry team for SWAT Team activations, which may include hostage rescue missions, barricaded subjects, and high-risk warrant service. When the TAC Team is not fulfilling the above responsibilities, they combine with the VIPER Unit to form the Violent Crime Bureau, whose mission is to reduce violent crime by assisting with major crime investigations and conducting proactive enforcement in high-crime areas.





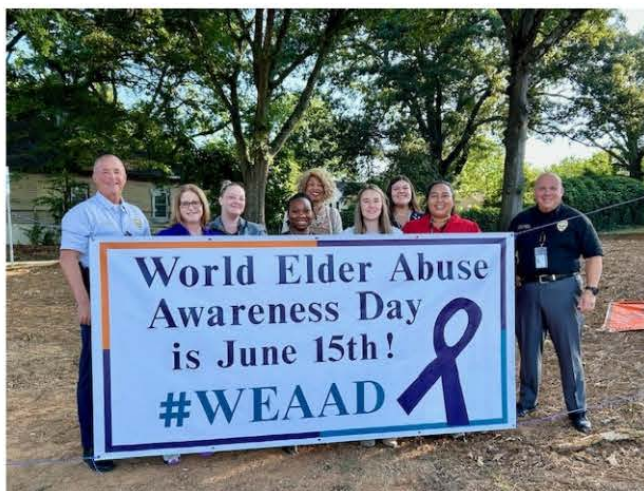
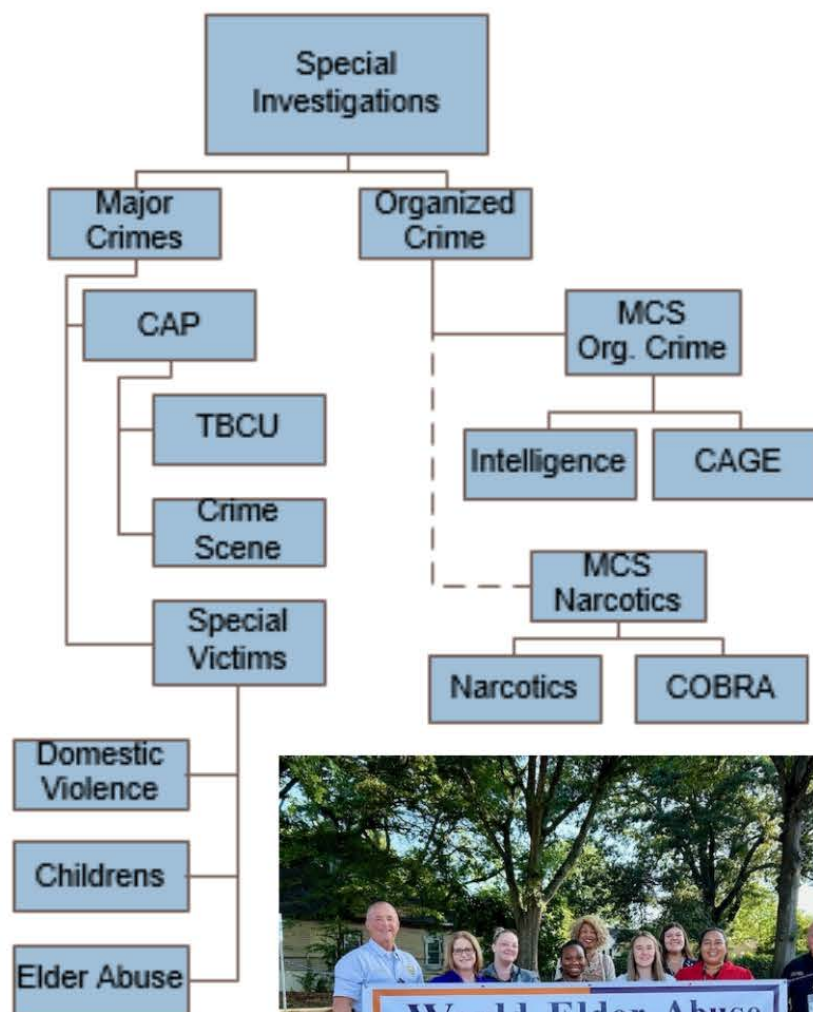
V.I.P.E.R.

The Violent Incident Prevention and Early Response Unit (VIPER) is led by a lieutenant and is comprised of one supervisor and eight officers. VIPER was organized to reduce the occurrence of street-level violent crimes. The VIPER Unit's primary function is to reduce violent crime through real-time intelligence, plainclothes operations, and surveillance operations while utilizing tactics, techniques, and proven procedures in their operations to minimize the risk to the public and officers. VIPER also focuses on community engagement to improve the overall quality of life for citizens who live in, conduct business in, or visit Cobb County. VIPER works in concert with uniform patrol, detective bureaus, and the Real Time Crime Center to address areas with the highest crime instances as determined by close tracking of crime data. VIPER works with the Major Crimes Unit to locate suspects and execute warrants. Viper provides the department with specialized and unique capabilities focused on violent crime suppression and surveillance operations.





SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS



The Special Investigations Section is led by Major J.D. Fincher. This section includes the Major Crimes Unit, which handles all crimes against persons and children, as well as crime scene processing and technology-based crimes. The Organized Crime Unit includes the Marietta Cobb Smyrna (MCS) Organized Crime Task Force and the MCS Narcotics Task Force. The Organized Crime Unit also has numerous investigators assigned to various Federal Task Forces, including Homeland Security and Drug Enforcement Administration.



MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

The Major Crimes Unit is led by Captain M.T. Brown. Captain Brown is responsible for the Crimes Against Persons Unit (CAP), the Technology-Based Crime Unit (TCBU), the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), the Crime Scene Unit (CSU), and the Special Victims Unit. The Special Victims Unit is further divided into Crimes Against Children (CAC), the Domestic Violence Unit (DV), and Elder Abuse.

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS (CAP)

Crimes Against Persons (CAP) continues to uphold its mission of investigating violent crime throughout Cobb County. In 2024, the county experienced a 24% decrease in homicides, with a total of 22 cases. CAP detectives demonstrated exceptional performance, achieving an impressive 95% homicide clearance rate.

While homicides declined, the rate of other violent crimes remained consistent. Throughout the year, CAP strengthened its collaboration with the Violent Crime Bureau (VCB) and Organized Crime Unit (OCU) to identify and apprehend violent offenders. Detectives partnered closely with both units to gather intelligence, conduct surveillance, and locate individuals wanted for violent crimes. This highly effective partnership fostered a cohesive and motivated team committed to reducing violent crime in Cobb County.

In 2024, CAP also allocated additional resources to its Cold Case Investigation Unit. Working alongside the District Attorney's Cold Case Investigator, CAP detectives actively pursued long-overdue justice for victims and their families. The team successfully reopened cases, conducted key interviews, and served updated search warrants, contributing to renewed momentum in these complex investigations.

Looking ahead to 2025, CAP remains dedicated to its robust response to violent crime. The unit will continue to strengthen its partnerships with VCB and OCU while maintaining a focused effort on solving cold cases to deliver justice for those who continue to wait.





TECHNOLOGY BASED CRIMES UNIT

Technology-Based Crimes Unit (TBCU) continued its mission of investigating technology-related offenses and providing digital forensic support to our department and other agencies within Cobb County. Because technology evolves constantly, TBCU detectives stay current and adjust their processes to secure the best possible evidence. Over the past year, the data capacity of seized devices—including smartphones and custom gaming systems—has grown significantly, resulting in larger volumes to process and longer examination times. The unit is actively pursuing new storage solutions for both current workloads and the even greater volumes anticipated ahead.

In 2024, TBCU maintained partnerships with multiple county and external departments for digital forensic support. For agencies looking to build similar units, TBCU offered tours and guidance on daily operations and structure. The unit also deepened its collaboration with the U.S. Secret Service Cyber Crime Task Force by enrolling additional detectives in its reporting system; those detectives subsequently attended free training and received equipment worth thousands of dollars.

Looking to 2025, TBCU will continue to support our department and partner agencies through digital forensic services. The unit plans to enroll every detective in the Secret Service reporting system, remain current on emerging technologies and cybercrimes, and pursue additional training opportunities. It will also expand partnerships with local agencies to promote a cohesive regional standard.





CRIME SCENE UNIT

The Crime Scene Unit (CSU) continues its mission to deliver expert forensic support through the precise documentation, collection, and preservation of physical evidence in support of violent crime investigations. As violent crime remains steady in Cobb County, the demand on CSU investigators has remained high. Despite this, the team has consistently demonstrated outstanding performance and unwavering readiness to respond to critical incidents at a moment's notice.

In 2024, CSU effectively leveraged its state-of-the-art Chemical Processing and Vehicle Processing Laboratories. These specialized facilities have proven to be invaluable assets. The dedicated areas for NIBIN and AFIS processing have significantly enhanced the unit's ability to manage the high volume of evidence submissions efficiently. The Vehicle Processing Lab, offering over 4,800 square feet of climate-controlled workspace, enables investigators to process up to six vehicles simultaneously. This resource has played a crucial role in supporting the successful investigation and prosecution of violent crime cases.

Looking ahead to 2025, CSU aims to continue advancing through expanded training opportunities and the acquisition of specialized crime scene processing equipment. With forensic science and technology constantly evolving, the Crime Scene Unit remains committed to staying at the forefront of the industry to better serve the needs of both the department and the community.





SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) is comprised of several components: Crimes Against Children (CAC), Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), Domestic Violence (DV), and Elder Abuse (EA). The unit is led by Lt. Kromer and three supervisors. Currently, there are 8 detectives assigned to CAC, 2 detectives assigned to ICAC, and 3 detectives assigned to DV, one of whom further specializes in Elder Abuse. SVU continues its mission to serve the most vulnerable in society by thoroughly investigating cases involving the sexual, physical, and emotional abuse of children, domestic partners, and the elderly. In 2024, SVU detectives investigated 1348 cases resulting in 187 arrests.

**TOTAL CASES
ASSIGNED
1,348**

**IN-CUSTODY
ARRESTS
187**



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / ELDER ABUSE

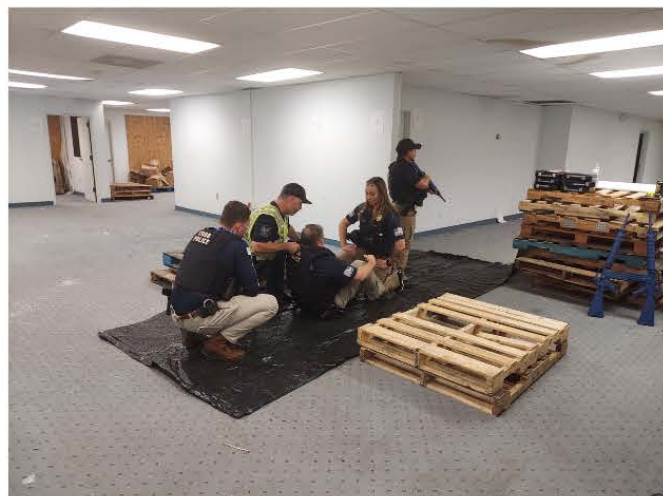
The DV Unit is tasked with investigating and overseeing all cases that are domestic related. In doing so, they work with numerous agencies, such as LiveSafe Resources, to ensure that victims receive the proper services and support they need. In addition, in partnership with the District Attorney's Office, a full-time sexual assault victim advocate and a part-time domestic violence advocate have been assigned to work at the SVU Office to ensure that a comprehensive team approach is used to support victims throughout the investigation and prosecution process.

The Elder Abuse detective works closely with state agencies such as Adult Protective Services, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, and the Ombudsman Program to ensure victims of elder abuse and neglect receive support when allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of our aging or disabled adults are reported.



CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

The CAC unit is charged with the investigation of the physical and/or sexual abuse of children. Detectives work in a multi-disciplinary team model to investigate these sensitive cases and to present the best possible evidence to the DA office for prosecution. Partners such as Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS), SafePath, the DA's Office, and Cobb County Schools, along with others, ensure that the victims are put first and receive the care they need. The CAC also investigates the online exploitation of children. The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) detectives are members of the GBI ICAC Taskforce and investigate cyber tips. They work closely with the GBI and federal partners in accomplishing their mission.





MARIETTA, COBB, SMYRNA ORGANIZED CRIME

The Marietta Cobb Smyrna (MCS) Intelligence Unit is responsible for collecting and disseminating criminal intelligence and investigating any organized crime incident. These investigations may include human trafficking, illegal firearms sales, organized drug distribution, white collar crimes, vice, and any crime that would support criminal street gangs. The unit also assists other divisions within the Cobb County Police Department, city jurisdictions, and any other law enforcement agency needing their services by providing investigative and intelligence-gathering support. Personnel assigned to this unit have an extensive background in investigations and work in an undercover capacity. They carry out their investigations by using covert investigative methods such as conducting surveillance, operating Title III investigations, and developing strategic plans. The Organized Crime Intelligence Unit also utilizes civilian intelligence analysts to assist with investigations.

In 2024, the Intelligence agents assisted several units throughout the department in their investigative efforts by assisting with the apprehension of wanted offenders who were accused of committing homicide, armed robbery, sexual assaults, and other violent offenses. By partnering with the Violent Crime Bureau, the Crimes Against Persons Unit, and the Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives Agency (ATF), several violent offenders were identified and placed under arrest. The unit also hosted two training classes specializing in the areas of surveillance and confidential informant management. These classes comprised of agents and officers from other jurisdictions, allowing these officers and supervisors the ability to train together in a real-world environment.

In 2025, the Intelligence Unit will continue focusing on cultivating sources which can provide essential real-time intelligence on the crime trends affecting Cobb County and greater Metro Atlanta area. Agents will monitor arrests throughout the county to identify targets to interview to abstract potentially crucial information related to ongoing criminal activity. Agents will continue to establish relationships with the investigative units within the department and surrounding agencies, to ensure that intelligence information is reaching the officers and investigators of those areas.





CRIMINAL APPREHENSION AND GANG ENFORCEMENT

The Cobb County Police anti-gang unit, commonly called CAGE (Criminal Apprehension and Gang Enforcement), is responsible for identifying criminal street gangs, their criminal activity, and their gang members and associates who commit crimes in Cobb County. CAGE Agents will investigate illegal activity conducted by gangs and gang members, and pursue charges based upon gang-related statutes. These investigations are carried out by various methods such as: conducting surveillance, researching social media, directed patrols in high crime areas, contacting known or suspected gang members who commit crimes, and conducting investigative interviews. The CAGE Unit also works alongside other investigative units such as Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Children, Precinct Criminal Investigative Units, the FBI, and the ATF to assist with any gang aspects of their investigations and to help document the proper gang charges if necessary. The CAGE Unit also performs a community education role by educating school faculty, churches, civic organizations, and community groups.

CAGE also has a liaison program where certain patrol officers are trained in gang identification so they can gather real-time intelligence throughout the county while working their assigned area of patrol. These officers can also be called upon when CAGE needs help serving search warrants, conducting directed patrols in high crime areas, or assisting with investigations.

In 2024, the Cage Unit investigated 182 gang-related cases and assisted in the investigations of numerous violent crimes in the county.

In 2025, the CAGE Unit will continue its mission to reduce gang violence throughout Cobb County. The Unit will focus on bringing proper charges against violent criminal gang members. CAGE would also like to increase the number of officers in the liaison program, allowing for a more diverse area coverage within the precincts. The liaison officers will continue to update their precinct supervision of the gang trends within their precinct, and ensure their fellow officers are aware of the threats and real-time intelligence received by the CAGE unit. CAGE will focus more on street level enforcement to ensure gang members are not loitering in public areas putting the citizens at risk of receiving violence or intimidation.





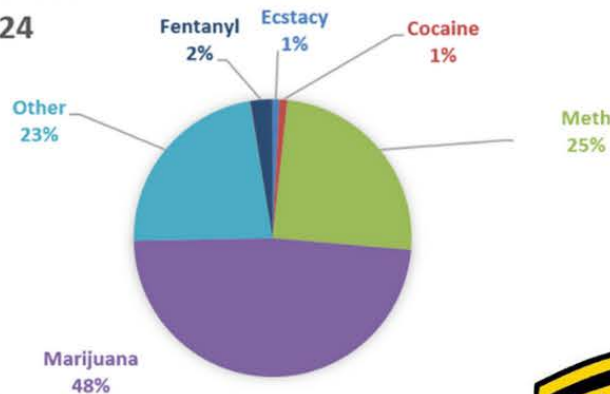
MCS NARCOTICS / COBRA UNIFORM NARCOTICS

The Marietta Cobb Smyrna Narcotics Task Force is responsible for 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. The MCS Narcotics Unit is commanded by a Sheriff's Office Major selected by Sheriff Craig Owens. Other supervisory personnel are selected from the various agencies that comprise the MCS Board. The Unit is comprised of undercover and uniformed agents, called the "COBRA Team," who are picked from several jurisdictions within Cobb County. These investigators utilize time-tested techniques, reliable strategies, and cutting-edge technology to combat the drug dealers who operate within and outside of Cobb County. Narcotics Agents also monitor overdoses and focus on those affected areas when trends emerge in communities. The Narcotics Unit constantly assesses and adapts practices to align with evolving drug trends.

In recent years, narcotics smugglers have taken notice of case law and national sovereignty policies, to make infiltrating local organizations more problematic.

In 2024 the Narcotics Unit conducted 81 search warrants and were involved in 431 arrests. A total of 145 weapons were seized from suspects who also possessed illegal narcotics. Approximately \$5,600,000 dollars in drugs were seized, along with \$300,000 dollars in cash.

NARCOTICS
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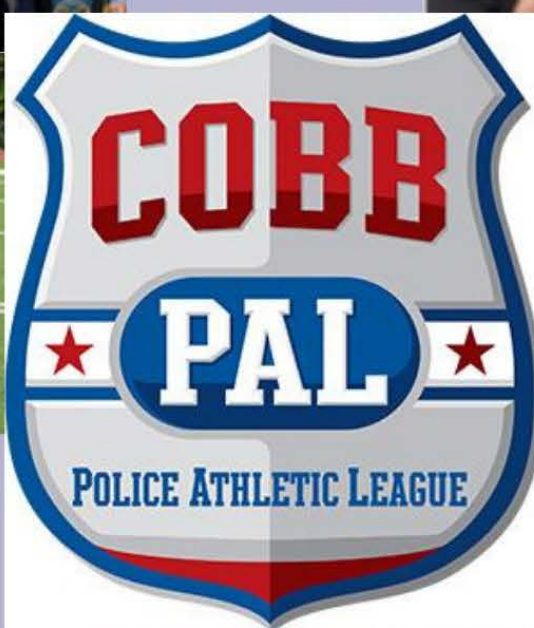




COMMUNITY OUTREACH



POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE





COMMUNITY OUTREACH



POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

The Cobb Police Athletic League (PAL) is a charitable non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of young people ages 4-17. Cobb PAL focuses on juvenile crime prevention through mentorships and recreational activities for youth in Cobb County.

Through various athletic and recreational activities, these youth are surrounded by the positive influences of adults, police officers, and volunteers in a controlled, supervised environment. The PAL program helps expand public awareness about the role of a police officer and instills basic principles of good decision-making, critical thinking, and respect for others.

Since the Program's inception in 2011, Cobb PAL has grown substantially due to the overwhelming support of the community. PAL operates 3 full-time programs (Track & Field, STEP, and mentoring) and 6 part-time programs (Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, Martial Arts, Cheerleading, and Football Camps). Collectively, through these programs, PAL has impacted the lives of approximately 7,000 youths in 13 years. Cheerleading was added alongside our Football sports skills camp and was held at the same time.

In the spring of 2011, the Cobb PAL Track Team competed in its first season with 75 children from the South Cobb area. In 2012, the Track Team increased to 110 children, a 46% increase. In 2015, the Track Team participated in their first USATF.

The first cheerleading camp was held in 2024, having 20 participants, and was a huge success.



SPRING
TRACK & FIELD
85 STUDENTS

SUMMER
TACK & FIELD
40 STUDENT

FOOTBALL
CAMP
50 CAMPERS

CHEERLEADING
CAMP
20 CAMPERS

BASEBALL
CAMP
150 CAMPERS

SOCCER
CAMP
60 CAMPERS

BASKETBALL
CAMP
40 CAMPERS

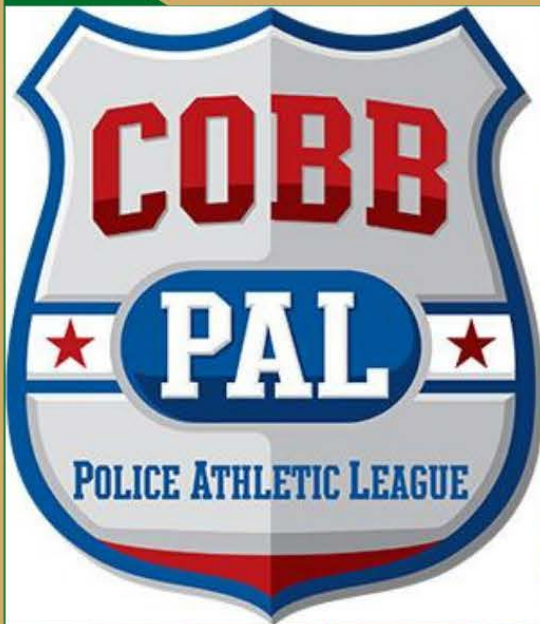
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BASEBALL CAMP

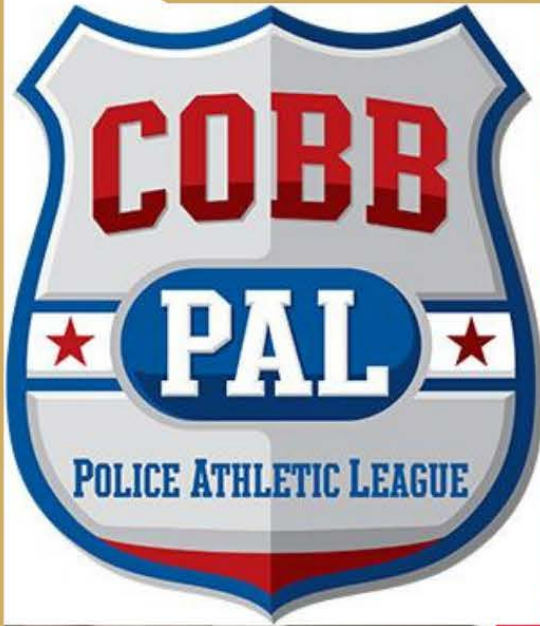




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BASKETBALL CAMP

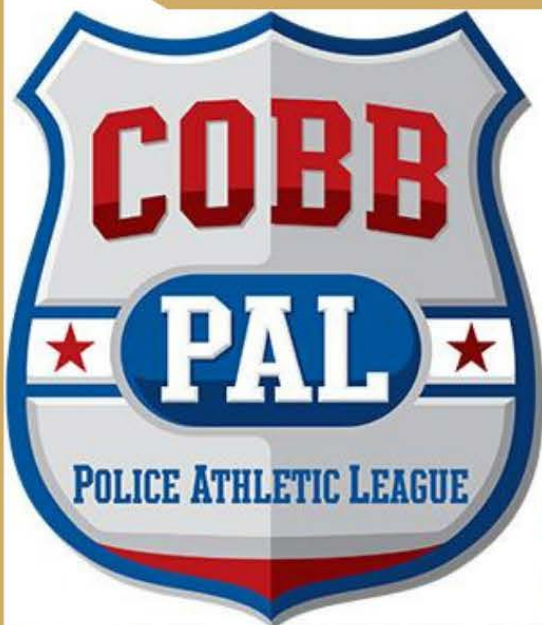




COMMUNITY OUTREACH



FOOTBALL CAMP

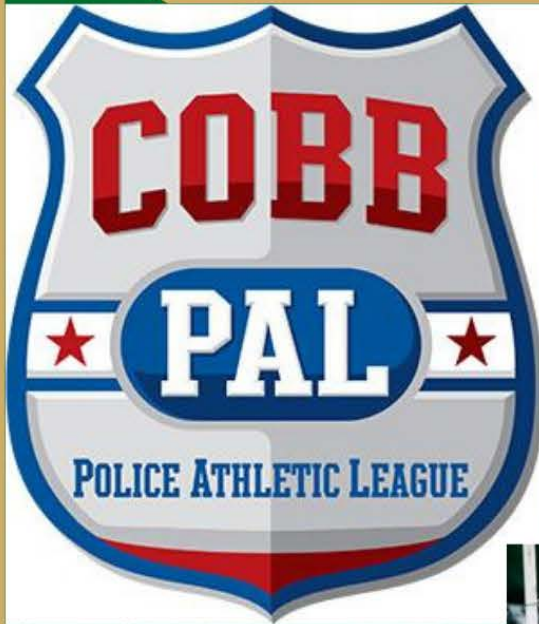




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SOCCER CAMP





IN MEMORIAM



Remember The Fallen

LT JOHN HOOD



LOW JUNE 25, 1960

Lieutenant John Hood was killed when his patrol car was struck head-on by one of two racing vehicles on Roswell Road. He was responding to a call about the two vehicles and was cresting a hill on State Highway 120 when one of the vehicles struck his car at over 100 mph. Lieutenant Hood succumbed to his injuries one week after the incident.

Remember The Fallen

OFC DREW BROWN



LOW DECEMBER 17, 1983

Police Officer Drew Brown was killed when his patrol car was rear-ended by a drunk driver and burst into flames. Officer Brown had served with the Cobb County Police Department for six years and was assigned to the Marietta-Cobb County DUI Task Force. He was survived by his son, mother, sisters, and two brothers.

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OFC ROBBIE INGRAM



LOW JULY 13, 1993

Police Officer Robert Ingram was shot and killed while checking the identification of a pedestrian in an industrial park in a high-crime area at 12:40 am. Sometime during the stop, the man shot Officer Ingram in the face, robbed him, and then shot him execution-style in the ear. Dispatchers were unable to reach Officer Ingram and backup units found him in a grassy area. Officer Ingram had served with the Cobb County Police Department for two years. He is survived by his wife, father, and sister.

Remember The Fallen

SGT STEVE REEVES



LOW JULY 23, 1999

Sergeant Steve Reeves was shot and killed during a SWAT raid while entering a house during a standoff with a man who had shot and wounded another officer earlier in the day. The subject opened fire on the team with a shotgun as they made entry into the home. Sergeant Reeves, the fourth officer on the entry team, was struck by the blast. Sergeant Reeves was transported to a local hospital where he died shortly after midnight. Sergeant Reeves had served with the Cobb County Police Department for 14 years.

Remember The Fallen

OFC STEPHEN GILNER



LOW JULY 24, 1999

Police Officer Stephen Gilner was shot and killed during a SWAT raid while entering a house during a standoff with a man who had shot and wounded another officer earlier in the day. The subject opened fire on the team with a shotgun as they made entry into the home. Officer Gilner entered the residence to pull Sergeant Reeves out of harm's way. He then re-entered the residence, at which point he was also shot. Officer Gilner was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He was survived by his wife, 22-month-old daughter, parents, and two sisters.

Remember The Fallen

OFC FREDDIE NORMAN



LOW FEBRUARY 14, 2009

Police Officer Freddie Norman succumbed to injuries sustained 21 years earlier when his patrol car was struck by a teenage drunk driver as he responded to an emergency call. The crash left him a quadriplegic. His death was determined to be a direct result of the injuries sustained in the crash after he developed complications from his injuries. The drunk driver was sentenced to six months in a halfway house and was forbidden from ever holding a Georgia driver's license. Officer Norman is survived by his wife, three daughters, and three grandsons.

K9 CHASE



LOW JUNE 5, 2023

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peacemakers: for they
shall be called the
children of God
(Matthew 5:9)**



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