

### 2017 Annual Report



Submitted by:

Harvey Becker Chief of Police

### **Purpose Statement**

The staff of the Goose Creek Police Department is committed to:

Developing and promoting exemplary personal character, professional integrity, and a sense of honorable service within ourselves.

Establishing peaceful neighborhoods by providing coactive law enforcement and building vital, trust-based relationships.

### **Mission Statement**

As the enforcement arm of the City government, the Goose Creek Police Department seeks to serve the needs of its people, businesses and community institutions for a safe, secure and orderly environment by maintaining law and order, preserving the peace and interceding to bring lawbreakers to justice.

The police department fulfills its mission by ensuring that the highest quality of service is provided at all times and in every instance and by the demonstrated commitment of police leadership to serve the staff and their families through the promotion of positive character qualities.

Investing time and energy into the development of positive character qualities will enable employees to successfully respond to life situations and establish trust-based relationships in their professional and personal lives.

Adopted June 1997 Revised June 24, 1997 Revised August 31, 2005

### **Department Staffing**

The police department was authorized 67 sworn officers and 27 full-time civilians during 2017 as follows:

### Chief Executive Officer (1):

1 - Chief of Police

### Assistant Chief Executive Officer (1)

1 – Assistant Chief of Police (Major)

### <u>Upper Management and Command Personnel (3):</u>

- 1 Field Services Division Commander (Captain)
- 1 Support Services Division Commander (Captain)
- 1 Administrative Services Division Commander (Captain)

### Middle Management and First Line Supervisors (15):

- 3 Uniformed Patrol Team Supervisors (Lieutenants)
- 1 Traffic Team Supervisor (Lieutenant)
- 1 Criminal Investigations Supervisor (Lieutenant)
- 1 Training Supervisor (Lieutenant)
- 1 OPS Supervisor/Investigator/Polygraph Examiner (Lieutenant)
- 1 School Resource Officer (SRO) Supervisor (Lieutenant)
- 6 Uniformed Assistant Patrol Team Supervisors (Sergeants)
- 1 Strategically Assigned Officer (SAO) Supervisor (Sergeant)

### Patrol Officers (30):

30 - Uniformed Patrol Officers

### Traffic Officers (5):

5 – Uniformed Traffic Officers (2 are assigned a K-9 working dog) (1-traffic officer was added via grant funding in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter)

### Special Services Officers (5):

- 2 School Resource Officers (SROs)
- 3 Strategically Assigned Officers (SAOs)

### Investigative Personnel (7):

7 - Investigators

### Civilian Support Staff (27):

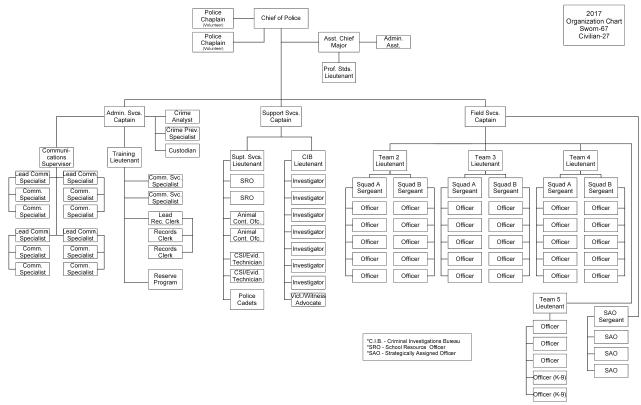
- 1 Communications Supervisor
- 4 Lead Communications Specialists
- 8 Communications Specialists
- 2 Community Service Specialists

- 1 Lead Records Clerk
- 2 Records Clerks
- 1 Administrative Assistant
- 1 Crime Analyst
- 2 Animal Control Officers
- 1 Custodian
- 1 Crime Prevention Specialist
- 2 Crime Scene and Evidence Custodians
- 1 Victim Advocate

The department employed part-time and volunteer employees as follows:

### Volunteer Employees (2):

2 - Police Chaplains



Notes: Grant-funded traffic officer added in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

This chart shows 10 hour shift configuration in Field Services Division. The agency transitioned to a trial 12 hour shift schedule in September which required a reconfiguring of the Field Services Division personnel structure. The 12 hour shift schedule was made permanent in 2018

### **Command Staff**



Harvey Becker Chief of Police



John Grainger Major Assistant Chief of Police



Dave Soderberg
Captain
Administrative Services Division

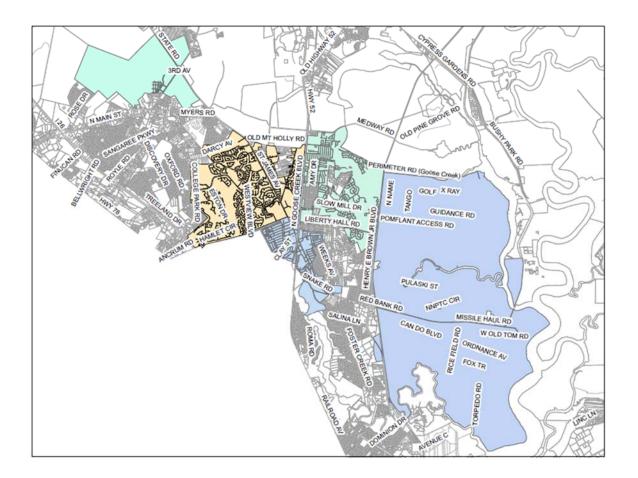


Dave Aarons Captain Field Services Division



Shawn Laffey Captain Support Services Division

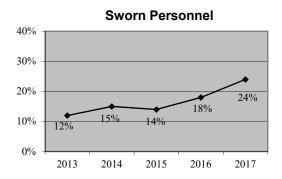
### **Jurisdiction and Service Population**

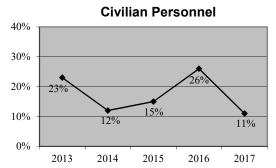


According to the U.S. Census Bureau the latest population estimate for the City of Goose Creek is 42,039 (2016 US Census QuickFacts).

### **Personnel Turnover**

The police department experienced a 24% turnover of sworn personnel and a 11% turnover of civilian personnel in 2017. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:





### **Promotions**

- Effective January 1, 2017, Master Patrol Officer and PFC classification went into effect resulting in the non-supervisory promotion of 25 rank-and-file officers.
- Brian Hornor was promoted to the rank of lieutenant on June 5, 2017.
- David Banks was promoted to the rank of sergeant on July 14, 2017.
- Ted Davis was promoted to the rank of sergeant on August 18, 2017
- After being vacant for some time, the position of Lead Records Clerk was filled effective October 6, 2017, by records clerk Delores Dennis.

### **Awards and Recognition and Retirements**

- Sergeant Ted Davis was named Police Officer of the Year.
- Deborah Henshaw was named Police Department Civilian Employee of the Year.
- Jeremy McNeer was named Police Department Volunteer of the Year.
- Ryan Adams was named Explorer of the Year.
- On April 14, the Metro North Presbyterian Church of America recognized the entire police department with its annual appreciation breakfast.
- On February 10, Investigator Margarita "Maggie" Carver retired after more than 25½ years of service with the GCPD.
- On June 30, Lt. Byron Upchurch medically retired after 27 years of service with the GCPD. Many attended a retirement celebration, including Mayor Heitzler, in Byron's honor.

- On August 16, 2017, the police department recognized the police explorers (Post 400) and their outstanding individual and team success at the South Carolina Association of Law Enforcement Explorers (SCALE) competition held July 9-14 at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. A pizza party was held after the recognition ceremony. The awards they earned appear below. Lt. Shelly Ollic, MPO David Coffey, and MPO Charles Rivers have done an outstanding job coaching, mentoring, and leader this remarkable group of young men and women.
  - o 2017 Post of the Year
  - o 2017 Explorer of the Year Ryan Adams
  - o Female Physical Agility (1st place) Sasha Murray
  - Male Physical Agility (3rd place) Ryan Adams
  - Crime Scene Investigation (1st place) Team Event
  - o Alarm Call (1st place) Team Event
  - o High Risk Traffic Stop (3rd place) Team Event
  - SRO (officer) Down in School (2nd place) Team Event
  - o Suspicious Vehicle (1st place) Team Event
  - Overall Team Award (1st place) Team Event
- On August 25 26, New Life Baptist Church held a 24-hour complimentary restaurant for members of the GCPD.
- On November 18, 2017, TEAM GCPD received its fifth national reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. in Jacksonville, Florida.

### **Points of Interest**

- Purchased nine (9) new vehicles.
- On April 8, GCPD sponsored its 32<sup>nd</sup> annual bike-a-thon and raised \$6,151 to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
- On March 31, 2017, Fifty-six (56) body cameras were put into operation.
- After five (5) years of volunteer service, Senior Chaplain Tom Richmond relocated to Mobile, Alabama.
- On June 22, 2017, Major Grainger graduated from the 66th Session of the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) at Boston University. SMIP is a 3-week law enforcement executive development course sponsored by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) in Washington, DC.
- On June 27, 2017, City Council approved the acquisition of two important pieces of equipment: a surplus military vehicle, International MaxxPro MRAP, to replace the SWAT van, and a high-tech surveillance system (\$16,600) for narcotic and vice investigations.
- On July 1, 2017, Pastor Bryan Moten of the Church of Christ became a volunteer police chaplain. He joined Chaplain Jason Strong as our team of chaplains.

- On August 14, 2017, the uniformed patrol teams transitioned from a 10 to a 12-hour work/shift schedule.
- On August 22, 2017, Chief Becker presented a proposed new decal and color scheme for marked police cars to City Council at a workshop. They approved the proposal as presented. The new decal and color scheme was created by a committee that consisted of: Sgt. Robert Vazquez (Chair), Lt. Joshua Battista, Inv. Paul Tremblay, MPO Scott Derrick, MPO David Coffey, PFC Bryan Carlson, PFC Austin Rogers, PTL Scott Lockwood, and CSS Kyle Brady.
- On September 5, 2017, MPO Conrad Stayton transferred from Field Services to SRO (Support Services), and David Coffey transferred from SRO (Support Services) to Field Services.
- On September 7, 2017, Westview Elementary school started a Cop Stop program
  where police officers stop by the school and have lunch with the students. Chief
  Becker, Major Grainger, and Captain Laffey along with officers Kevin Cielski and
  Chanele Sylvester were among the first to enjoy lunch with the students.
- On September 19, 2017, an eight-week Citizen Police Academy began. The class had ten (10) citizen students. Eight citizens graduated on November 8.
- On September 20, in recognition of the first anniversary of Cop Stop, GCPD held a celebration for the Cop Stop hosts. Mayor Heitzler attended and read a proclamation.
- On October 1, 2017, a Highway Safety Grant for one (1) fully funded (100% reimbursable) DUI Enforcement Officer was implemented. Total funds awarded through the grant was \$120,440. It is a three-year renewable grant.
- On November 3, 2017, Chief Becker and Assistant Chief Grainger attended the dedication ceremony of the Mevers School of Excellence.
- On November 21,2017, agency members participated in charity basketball games held at Westview Middle School and performed as follows:
   Game 1 (Lost) Team GCPD/Team USAF 48 Westview 6<sup>th</sup> graders 49
   Game 2 (Won) Team GCPD/Team USAF 47 Westview 7<sup>th</sup> graders 29
   Game 3 (Won) Team GCPD/Team USAF 33 Westview 8<sup>th</sup> graders 29
   A good time was had by all ...
- On November 21, 2017, nine (9) agency members participated in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual "Real Men Read" program at Westview Elementary School.
- Five (5) agency members participated in the annual "Toys for Tots" campaign on Christmas morning.

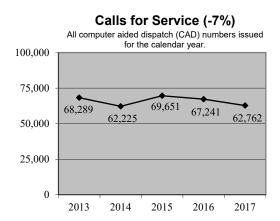
## Field Services Division

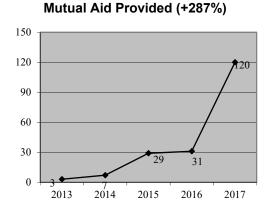
### **Staffing and Service Delivery**

The Field Services Division was led by a captain, 4 lieutenants, and 7 sergeants, and was allocated 30 officers. Twenty-four hour coverage of the City was provided by 10 hour overlapping shifts which were changed to 12 hour shifts in August as a five month trial.

### **Calls for Service**

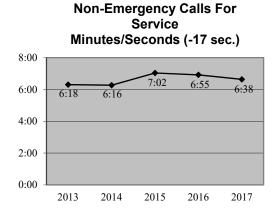
The Field Services Division answered 62,762 calls for service in 2017 (-7%). Of the total calls for service, 120 (+287%) were calls from the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office requesting mutual aid assistance to incidents in their jurisdiction where they had not yet arrived on-scene or could not respond due to personnel shortages. Previous years are included for reference.

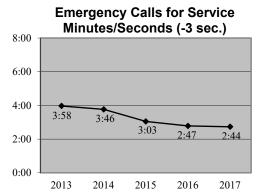




### **Response Times**

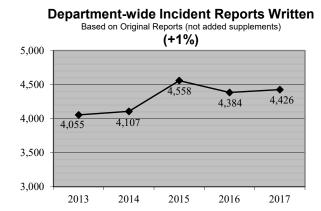
Response times for 2017 were 6 minutes and 38 seconds (-17 sec.) nonemergency and 2 minutes and 44 seconds (-3 sec.) emergency. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



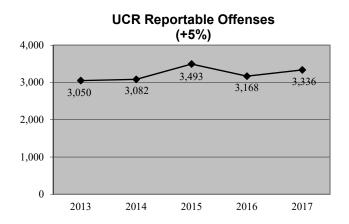


### **Crime Reporting and Enforcement**

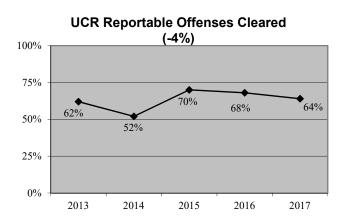
The Field Services Division wrote the majority of the department's 4,426 (+1%) incident reports related to criminal and non-criminal incidents in 2017. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



There were a total of 3,336 (+5%) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) offenses in 2017. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Sixty-four percent of UCR reportable cases were cleared department-wide in 2017. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

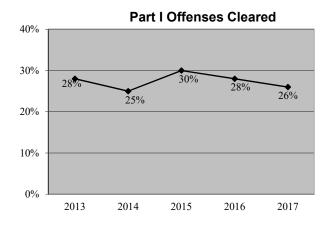


Part I crimes include eight individual crimes chosen by the FBI Unform Crime Reporting (UCR) regulations. These crimes are chosen because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to police. Part I crimes are used to compare crime relatively between jurisdictions based on ratios per 1,000 residents.

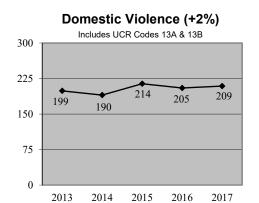
The following are the Part I Offenses (to include the UCR Code), with 5 year comparisons:

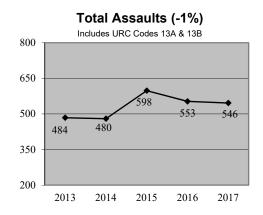
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	% Change
Aggravated Assault (13A)	59	50	77	95	90	-3%
Arson (200)	4	9	6	6	1	-83%
Breaking and Entering (Structure) (220)	194	153	201	167	156	-7%
Criminal Sexual Conduct (11A-11D)	50	43	52	44	54	23%
Larceny (23A&B and 23D-H)	476	486	529	565	556	-19%
Motor Vehicle Theft (240)	55	56	51	55	72	31%
Murder (09A)	1	1	1	3	3	0%
Robbery (120)	19	19	28	24	25	4%
Total	858	817	945	959	957	0%

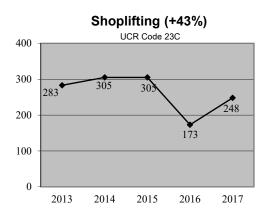
Cases are cleared by arrest or when cirucumstances beyond the control of law enforcement exist once the offender is identified and located such as the offender's death, victims who refuse to cooperate, declined prosecution, extradition from another state being denied, and certain cases involving juveniles.

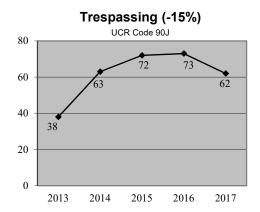


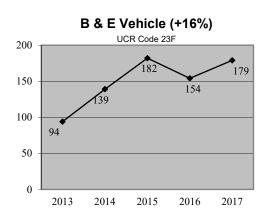
Also included in the total reports written are the following 2017 offenses with four previous years' numbers included for reference:

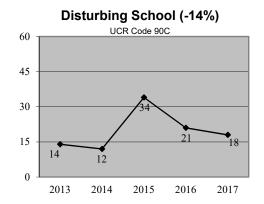






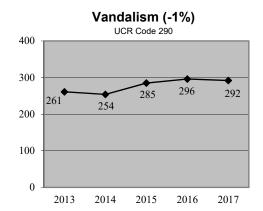




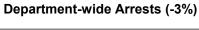


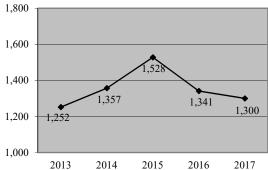
Forgery & Credit Card Fraud (+40%)
UCR Codes 250 & 26B

200
150
100
116
93
83



The Field Services Division made the majority of the department's 1,300 (-3%) arrests in 2017. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

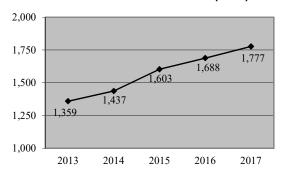




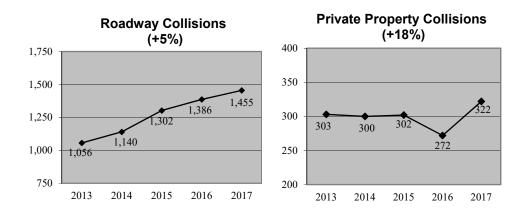
### **Traffic Collisions**

There were 1,777 (+5%) traffic collisions investigated during calendar year 2017. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

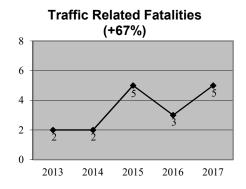
**Total Traffic Collisions (+5%)** 



Traffic collisions were investigated both on roadways and private property. A breakdown of traffic collisions by location with four previous years as reference is as follows:

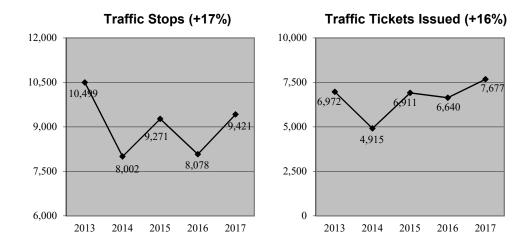


There were a total of 5 (+67%) traffic related fatalities from 5 separate collisions investigated in 2017. Alcohol was a factor in one of the five collisions. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



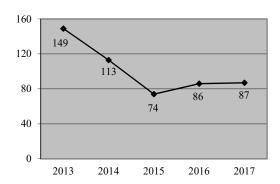
### **Traffic Enforcement**

There were 9,421 (+17%) traffic stops conducted and 7,677 (+16%) traffic tickets issued by patrol and traffic officers. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Patrol and traffic officers arrested 87 (+1%) motorists for driving under the influence (DUI) in 2017. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

**DUI Arrests (+1%)** 



### **Parking Enforcement**

There were 38 (+18%) parking tickets issued in 2017. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

Parking Tickets Issued (+18%)

100

75

78

81

50

25

2013

2014

2015

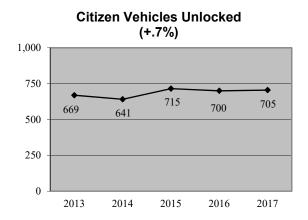
2016

2017

**Community Services** 

The Field Services Division provided a variety of community services, many of which are reported by the Administrative Services Division. Some highlights of these services are unlocking citizen vehicles, house-watch checks, and issuing crime prevention notices informing citizens they could have been the victim of crime.

Patrol officers and civilian community service specialists unlocked 705 (+1%) citizen vehicles in 2017. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Patrol officers and community service specialists checked 5,342 (-41%) homes of vacationing citizens in 2017. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

Number of Houses Checked (-41%)

14,000

10,500

7,000

3,500

Patrol officers issued 1,385 (-23%) crime prevention notices advising citizens that they could have been victims of crime. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

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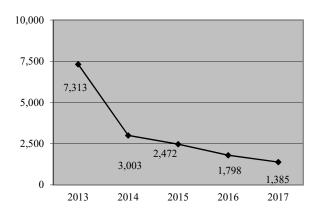
2013

### **Crime Prevention Notices Issued (-23%)**

2015

2016

2017

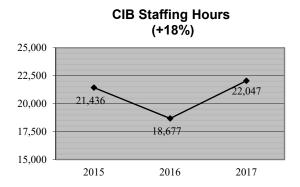


## Support Services Division

### **Staffing and Service Delivery**

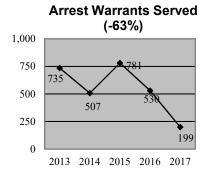
The Support Services Division was led by a police captain and 2 lieutenants and was allocated 9 sworn officers and 5 civilian support staff members.

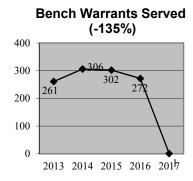
The Criminal Investigations Bureau experienced an increase in manpower hours in 2017 due in large part to overtime expended to cover shortages of personnel assigned to the bureau. The bureau began the year three investigators short and was fully staffed by August of 2017.



### **Warrants Served**

The Criminal Investigations Bureau tracks all warrants served department-wide. There were 199 (-63%) arrest warrants and 1 (-99%) bench warrants served for a total of 200 (-75%) warrants served in 2017. A dramatic decrease in bench warrant service is attributable to the Municipal Court's adherence to guidance from the S.C. Supreme Court to rescind all bench warrants pending additional legal guidance from the Court. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



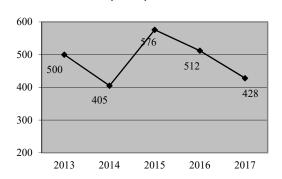




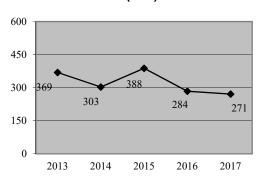
### **Case Load and Clearances**

A total of 428 (-16%) cases were assigned to investigators in 2017. Investigators cleared 271 (-5%), which equals 63% of the cases assigned. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

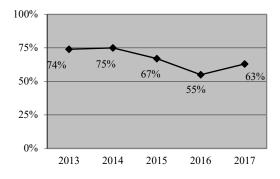
Total Cases Assigned (-16%)



Total Cases Cleared (-5%)



% of Cases Cleared (+15%)



### Cases Assigned and Clearances by Type

	Total		Ex-	Un-		Adm.	Total	%
	Cases	Arrest	Cleared	founded	Active	Closed	Cleared	Cleared
Murder	4	3	0	0	0	1	3	75%
Attempted Murder	8	4	1	0	0	3	5	63%
Kidnapping	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	100%
Crim. Sex.	'	'		J		J	ı	10070
Conduct	30	5	12	7	3	3	24	80%
CSC with a Minor	21	8	5	4	2	2	17	81%
Sex. Exp.of a Minor	4	1	2	1	0	0	4	100%
Home Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Robbery (Business)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Robbery (Person)	22	14	3	0	0	5	17	77%
Assault & Battery	4	1	1	1	0	1	3	75%
Harassment	9	0	7	0	0	2	7	78%
	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0%
Stalking	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	33%
Arson							-	
Burg. (Business)	13	1	0	0	2	10	1	8%
Burg. (Residential)	27	10	4	1	2	10	15	56%
M/V Theft	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	50%
B & E M/V	17	9	7	0	0	1	16	94%
Grand Larceny	17	3	4	1	2	7	8	47%
All Other Larceny	19	2	5	0	0	12	7	37%
Forgery	19	5	3	1	2	8	9	47%
Fraud	75	6	12	10	1	46	28	37%
Obtain Money by								
False Pretenses	13	0	11	0	0	2	11	85%
Identity Theft	8	0	1	3	0	4	4	50%
Breach of Trust	17	5	4	4	0	4	13	76%
Rec. Stolen Prop.	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	100%
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Runaway	9	0	9	0	0	0	9	100%
Missing Person	14	0	12	1	0	1	13	93%
Cont. to Delinq.of								
Minor	11	11	0	0	0	0	1	100%
Child Neglect	13	3	1	7	2	0	11	85%
Child Abuse	5	0	1	4	0	0	5	100%
Elder Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Elder Abuse	5	1	0	4	0	0	3	100%
Exploitation of								
Vulnerable Adult	3	0	1	2	0	0	3	100%
All Other Crimes	27	3	4	6	0	14	13	48%
Death (Suicide)	18	0	1	0	1	16	1	6%
Vice Crimes:								
Narcotic Offenses	26	7	3	2	10	4	12	46%
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Org. Crime Off.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Totals:	457	96	114	60	27	160	270	59%

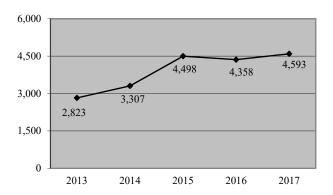
### **Narcotics Investigations:**

	Total		Ex-	Un-		Adm.	Total	%
	Case		Cleare	Founde	Activ	Close		Cleare
	S	Arrest	d	d	е	d	Cleared	d
Cocaine	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0%
Crack	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Opiates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Hallucinogen								
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Stimulants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Depressants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Cannabis								
"Marijuana"	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	100%
Schedule								
Class III/IV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Meth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Narcotic								
Investigation								
S	17	2	1	1	13	0	4	24%
Totals	22	6	1	1	14	0	8	36%

### Evidence

The Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs)/Evidence Technicians processed 4,593 (+5%) items of evidence in 2017.

### Items of Evidence Processed (+5%)



### **School Resource Officers**

The department has 1 full-time school resource officer (SRO) assigned to Stratford High School and 1 full-time SRO assigned to Westview Middle School. The supervising lieutenant floats between all 9 schools in the city limits. SROs levied 87 (-22%) criminal charges. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

200 (-22%)

150

100

100

2013

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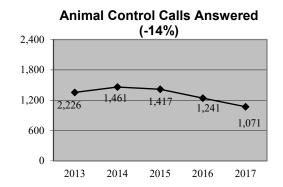
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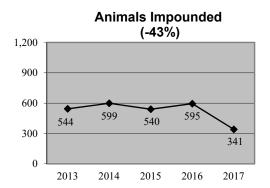
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### **Animal Control Services**

The department provides 2 animal control officers. These are non-sworn employees who wear a designated animal control uniform. They respond and deliver essential services using marked animal control vehicles (pickup trucks).

Animal control officers answered 1,071 (-14%) calls for service and impounded 341 (-43%) animals. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:





### **Law Enforcement Explorers**

The Law Enforcement Explorer Program is a partnership between the Boy Scouts of America and the Goose Creek Police Department. Explorers are young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20. Explorers learn the various aspects of law enforcement and compete in local and state competitions, as well as serve in and assist with the many special events and programs in which the Police Department participates.

Explorers participated in the 2017 S.C.A.L.E. Competition hosted by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, in Columbia on July 9-14, 2017 and received the following awards:

2017 Post of the Year	
2017 Explorer of the Year	Ryan Adams
Female Physical Agility (1st place)	Sasha Murray
Male Physical Agility (3 <sup>rd</sup> place)	Ryan Adams
Crime Scene Investigation (1st place)	Team Event
Alarm Call (1st place)	Team Event
High Risk Traffic Stop (3 <sup>rd</sup> place)	Team Event
SRO Down in School (2 <sup>nd</sup> place)	Team Event
Suspicious Vehicle (1st place)	Team Event
Overall Team Award 91st place)	Team Event

### **Youth Court**

Youth Court provides a service that is twofold. The purpose of Youth Court is to give juvenile offenders the opportunity to be tried by a group of peers instead of a typical jury trial. The program also educates the teenagers conducting the trial – teaching them about the judicial process and rule of the law through a hands-on approach. These courts are one of the fastest growing crime intervention and prevention programs in the nation.

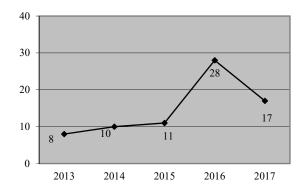
In the City of Goose Creek, Youth Court offers a judicial procedure in which peers sentence nonviolent juvenile offenders. By involving the community and family members of offenders and victims, our youth court influences the lives of juveniles in a unique and positive way. The program is sanctioned by the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

The City's Youth Court is comprised of students from Goose Creek and Stratford High Schools. Students can elect to become a part of the youth court program by signing up for this credited course at either of the high schools in Goose Creek.

The students are given youth court training classes through several means other than the assigned instructor. City judges, police officers, and attorneys are called in as guest instructors. During court, each student is given the opportunity to be the bailiff, defense or prosecuting attorney, or one of the three judges who preside over each individual case.

The program is very successful for both the teenage participants and the juvenile offenders. Officers referred 17 (-39%) cases to youth court in 2017. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

### Youth Court Referrals (-39%)



# Administrative Services Division

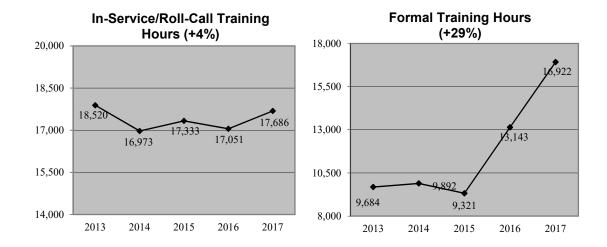
### **Staffing and Service Delivery**

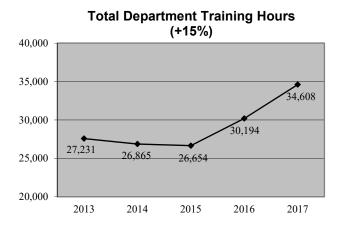
The Administrative Services Division was led by 1 captain and 1 lieutenant and was allocated 17 civilian support staff members.

### **Department Training**

A quality training program is a department priority. The department conducted 17,686 (+4%) in-service/roll-call training hours, 16,922 (+29%) formal training hours, and a grand total of 34,608 (+15%) department-wide training hours.

Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:





### **Crime Prevention**

The Administrative Services Division is responsible for the Police Department's community oriented policing activities. Crime prevention and education programs allow citizens to become a vital partner in the City's safety efforts.

In an effort to foster increased participation and equitable representation Citywide, the police department has a full-time crime prevention specialist position in order to better meet the needs of the City. This function conducted 12 crime prevention meetings, 48 child safety seat checks, and made 109 business contacts, and coordinated the 8 week long Citizen Police Academy with 12 citizens in the 2017 calendar year.

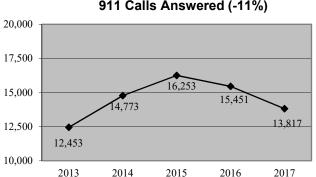
### **Communications**

The City of Goose Creek Police Department's communications center is a 24-hour operation staffed by 4 lead communications specialists and 8 full-time communications specialists under general supervision of the communications supervisor.

The communications center is responsible for dispatching and monitoring all radio equipment for the City including to include police, fire, EMS, mutual aid, public works, and sanitiation.

Communications specialists are responsible for gathering information, evaluating situations, processing all information into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, assisting callers, and dispatching the proper parties to related calls.

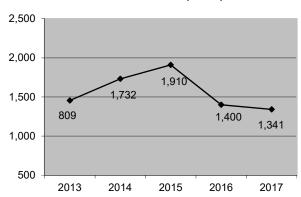
The communications center received 13,817 (-11%) 911 calls during 2017. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



911 Calls Answered (-11%)

The communications center held 1,341 (-4%) calls, which was a result of all onduty officers being previously assigned to other calls during 2017. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

Held Calls (-28%)



## Executive Support

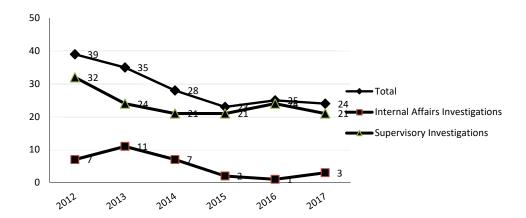
### **Staffing and Service Delivery**

The Assistant Chief of Police (Major) and Professional Standards Lieutenant fulfill the Executive Support function with the department. Executive Support is not a division but a support service to the Chief of Police. The Command Staff's Administrative Assistant also provides support to the Chief of Police and Command Staff.

### **Internal Affairs**

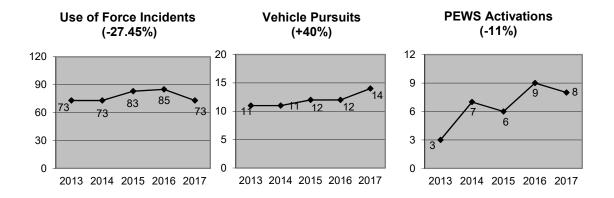
Complaints made against the agency or personnel are classified as either Supervisory Investigations (SIs), which are complaints of a minor nature, or Internal Affairs investigations (IAs), which are complaints of a more egregious nature. A total of 3 IA investigations and 21 separate SIs were conducted subsequent to internal and external complaints.

### **Internal Investigations Conducted**



### **Administrative Reviews**

A total of 73 (-14.12%) incidents involving use-of-force and 14 (+40%) vehicle pursuits were reviewed and statistically tracked. Eight (-11%) personnel early warning system (PEWS) alerts were generated. The following charts depict the 5 year trend in these respective areas:



### **Grants**

The department applied to the S.C. Municipal Insurance Risk Financing Fund (SCMIRF) for and did receive a \$4,000 matching-fund reimbursement for the purchase of 7 TASER devices.

The department applied to the S.C. Department of Public Safety for a \$5,600 (90% reimbursable) grant to purchase security equipment to improve safety in the municipal court. We were informed that this grant was approved but funding is held up by legal matters involving immigration and the federal government.

The department applied to Vested Interest for K9s, Inc., for and did receive ballistic vests for its two canine working dogs.

The department applied to the U.S. Department of Justice for a community oriented policing grant in the amount of \$488,944 to hire 3 officers for 3 years. This request was not funded.

The department applied to the S.C. Department of Public Safety for and did receive a \$120,440 grant to fund 1 police officer dedicated to enforcement of impaired driving for 1 year. This grant is eligible for up to 2 years of additional funding requests.

### **Accreditation**

The department was re-assessed by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in July of 2017. Subsequently, the department was awarded its 5th reaccreditation in November of 2017 at CALEA's fall conference in Jacksonville, Florida. The department continues to maintain 100% compliance with all applicable standards. Due to the restructuring of the CALEA accreditation process the next CALEA onsite assessment will be conducted by Assessors from CALEA in 2021.

### **Applicant Processing & Testing**

A total of 59 (-37%) sworn and 18 (-47%) civilian applicants were processed for potential employment in 2017. Processing includes, at a minimum, logging biographical data and checking criminal and driving records..

### **Polygraph Examinations**

A total of 49 (-49%) polygraph examinations were conducted. The decrease in examinations is due to the polygraph examiner completing his internship, which significantly reduced the number of polygraphs needing to be completed for the internship process. This figure includes both inter and intra-agency examinations for criminal and pre-employment polygraphs.