



City of Goose Creek

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2019 Annual Report



Submitted By:

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LJ Roscoe
Chief of Police

Agency Mission Statement

The mission of the Goose Creek Police Department is to create and maintain a safe city by reducing and deterring crime, ensuring the safety of our residents and visitors and building trust through partnerships with our community.

Agency Vision Statement

The Goose Creek Police Department will strive to represent itself as law enforcement's benchmark for excellence, while exemplifying leadership, professionalism, community policing and aggressive crime fighting.

Department Staffing

The police department was authorized 72 sworn officers and 27 full-time civilians during 2019 as follows:

Chief Executive Officer (1):

01 – Chief of Police

Upper Management and Command Personnel (3):

01 – Field Services Division Commander (Captain)

01 – Support Services Division Commander (Captain)

01 – Administrative Services Division Commander (Captain)

Middle Management and First Line Supervisors (16):

03 – Uniformed Patrol Team Supervisors (Lieutenants)

01 – Traffic Team Supervisor (Lieutenant)

01 – Criminal Investigations Supervisor (Lieutenant)

01 – Training Supervisor (Lieutenant)

01 – School Resource Officer (SRO) Supervisor (Lieutenant)

01 – OPS Supervisor/Investigator/Polygraph Examiner (Sergeant)

06 – Uniformed Assistant Patrol Team Supervisors (Sergeants)

01 – Strategically Assigned Officer (SAO) Supervisor (Sergeant)

01 - Criminal Investigations Supervisor (Sergeant).

Patrol Officers (32):

04 – Uniformed Patrol Corporals

28 – Uniformed Patrol Officers

Traffic Officers (6):

06 – Uniformed Traffic Officers (2 are assigned a K-9 working dog) (2-traffic officers were added via grant funding)

Special Services Officers (7):

- 03 – School Resource Officers (SROs)
- 04 – Strategically Assigned Officers (SAOs)

Investigative Personnel (7):

- 07 – Investigators

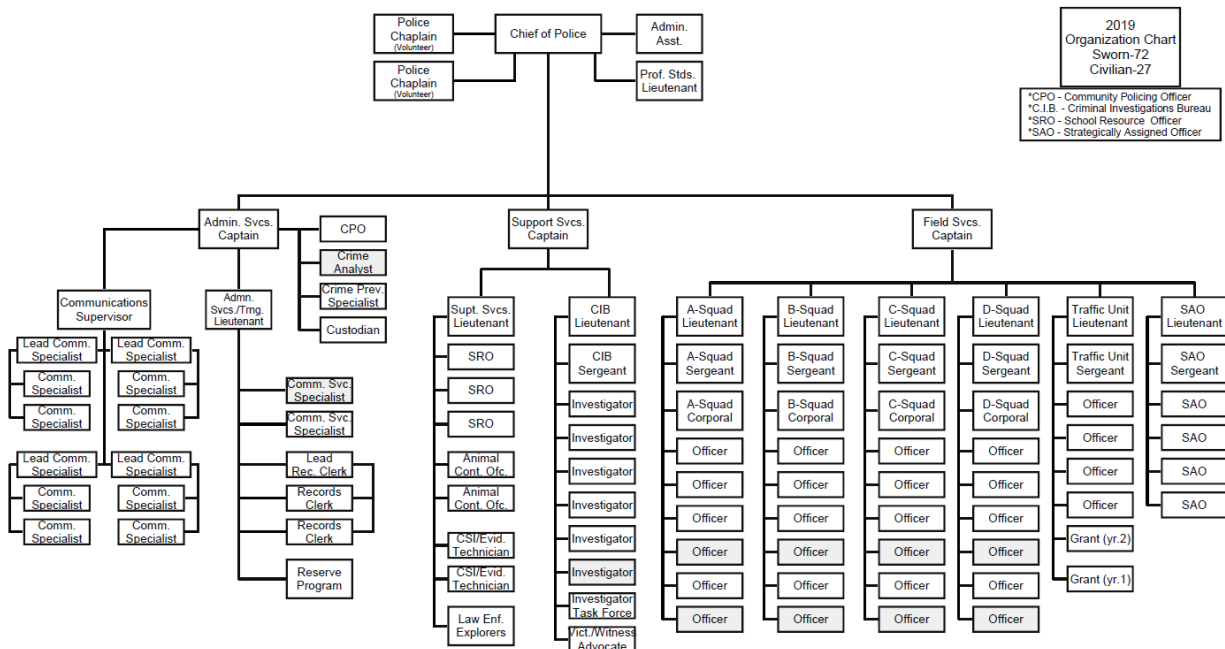
Civilian Support Staff (27):

- 01 – Communications Supervisor
- 02 – Lead Communications Specialists
- 10 – Communications Specialists
- 02 – Community Service Specialists
- 03 – Records Clerks
- 01 – Administrative Assistant
- 01 – Crime Analyst/Investigative Specialist
- 02 – Animal Control Officers
- 01 – Custodian
- 01 – Crime Prevention Specialist
- 02 – Crime Scene and Evidence Custodians
- 01 – Victim Advocate

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

Volunteer Employees (2):

- 02 – Police Chaplains



Command Staff



Chief LJ Roscoe
Chief of Police



Captain Dave Soderberg
Support Services Division
Commander

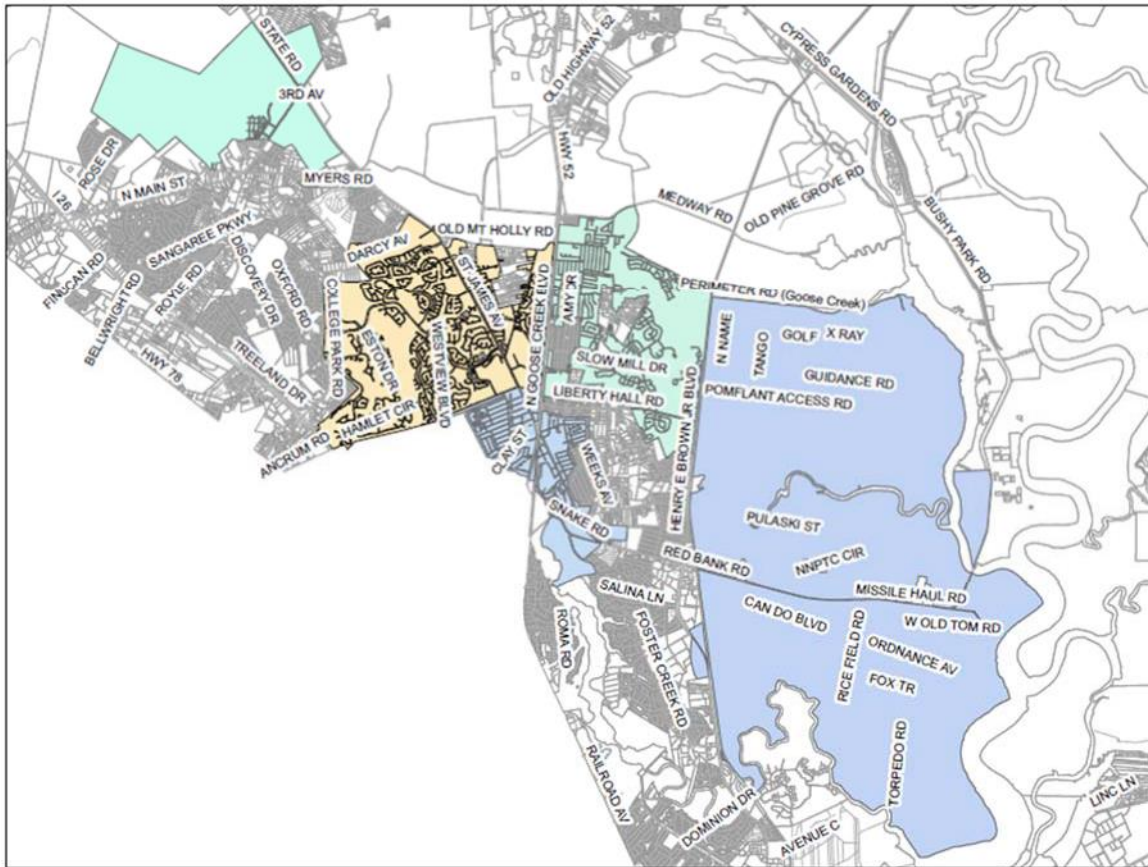


Captain David Aarons
Field Services Division
Commander



Captain Tom Hill
Administrative Services
Division Commander

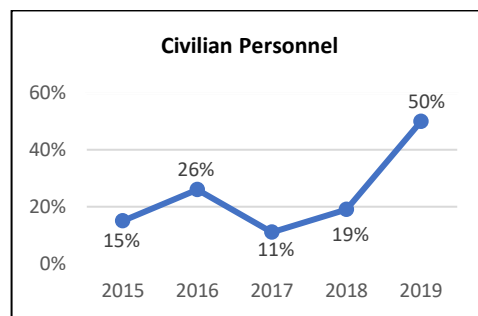
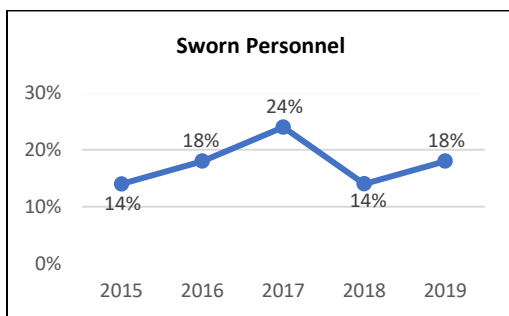
Jurisdiction and Service Population



According to the U.S. Census Bureau the latest population estimate for the City of Goose Creek is 42,841 (2018 US Census QuickFacts).

Personnel Turnover

The police department experienced a 18% turnover of sworn personnel and a 50% turnover of civilian personnel in 2019. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Promotions

- Thomas Hill was promoted to the rank of Captain on April 29, 2019.
- Records Clerk Rebecca Mitchell was promoted to the Chief's Administrative Assistant on May 10, 2019.
- Dave Mitchum was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on June 3, 2019.
- Lindsay Wright was promoted to the rank of Corporal on June 3, 2019.
- Lead Communications Specialist Chimere Myers was promoted to Communications Supervisor on July 29, 2019.
- David Coffey was promoted to Lieutenant on October 21, 2019.
- Shawn Wegner was promoted to Sergeant on October 21, 2019.
- Daniel Morrison was promoted to Corporal on October 21, 2019.

Retirements, Awards and Recognition

- After 25 years of service, Major John Grainger retired from service on January 16, 2019.
- After more than 38 years of service, Chief Harvey Becker retired from service on January 18, 2019.
- In March of 2019 the Goose Creek Police Department was awarded the Gold Level Award from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Network's DUI Challenge.
- In March of 2019, PFC Nicholas Smith received the Gold Level DUI Hero Award.
- In March of 2019, Cpl. Chad Moree received the Bronze Level DUI Hero Award.
- In March of 2019, Inv. Xavier Reyes received the Bronze Level DUI Hero Award.
- MPO Dariusz Ambroziak was awarded the Traffic Safety Award from the American Legion on June 18, 2019.
- After more than 32 years of service, Communications Supervisor Jeanne Jones retired on July 15, 2019.
- PFC Logan Beeman was named Police Officer of the Year.
- Communications Specialist Chimere Myers was named Police Department Civilian Employee of the Year.
- Cop Stop's administrator Melissa Enos was named Police Department Volunteer of the Year.

Points of Interest

- Purchased eleven new vehicles.
- In February of 2019, citizens led by Melissa Enos began opening their residences to feed police officers on the weekends. This COP Stop program helped to bring our community members and police officers together in a

positive environment.

- On April 13, 2019, GCPD sponsored its thirty-fourth and final annual bike-a-thon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Participants earned just over \$3,300.00.
- The Goose Creek Police Department hosted its first annual Hot Pursuit 5K race on June 15, 2019, which turned out to be a huge success. All proceeds from the race go to fund Shop with a Badge event that would allow less fortunate children the opportunity to shop with a police officer for Christmas presents.
- On July 17, 2019 the Goose Creek Police Department held the state's largest Active Shooter Training event at Stratford High School. The event brought numerous agencies together to simulate an active shooter scenario with live actors and was a huge success.
- Police employees, volunteers (police Explorers), other departments and department managers, and community partners participated in *National Night Out* activities on August 6, 2019. This was the largest *National Night Out* event ever put on by the Goose Creek Police Department. It was a resounding success. There was an outstanding citizen turn-out, including many families with small children.
- On September 2, 2019, the police department went into emergency shift scheduling in anticipation of Hurricane Dorian. Returned to normal on September 6, 2019.
- On October 1, 2019 the Goose Creek Police Department was awarded a grant to fund one hundred percent of the salary of one Police Traffic Safety Enforcement Officer.
- On October 1, 2019 the Goose Creek Police Department was awarded a grant to fund one hundred percent of the salary of one Special DUI Prosecutor.
- On October 1, 2019 the Goose Creek Police Department was awarded for the third year a grant to fund one hundred percent of the salary of one Impaired Driving Countermeasures Officer.
- On October 2, 2019, The Blake at Carnes Crossroads hosted "Coffee with a Cop."
- On October 4, 2019, Starbucks hosted "Coffee with a Cop."
- On October 31, 2019 the police department, along with city hall and other valued community members conducted a Trunk or Treat event that provided a safe environment for community members to bring their children to trick-or-treat. The turn-out was enormous and many of the hosts had to purchase more candy to pass out to community members.
- On November 15, 2019 the police department participated in Cops on the Coop at Chic-fil-a, which raised over \$7,300 for the Special Olympics.
- On December 7, 2019 the police department utilized the funds received from the first annual Hot Pursuit 5K to take twenty-one underprivileged youth (ages 6 to 11) to Walmart where they were escorted by police officers to purchase approximately \$200 in Christmas presents.
- On December 14, 2019 the police department secured the route for and participated in the Goose Creek Christmas Parade.

- Lt. Shelly Ollic coordinated agency efforts toward the annual “Toys for Tots” campaign.

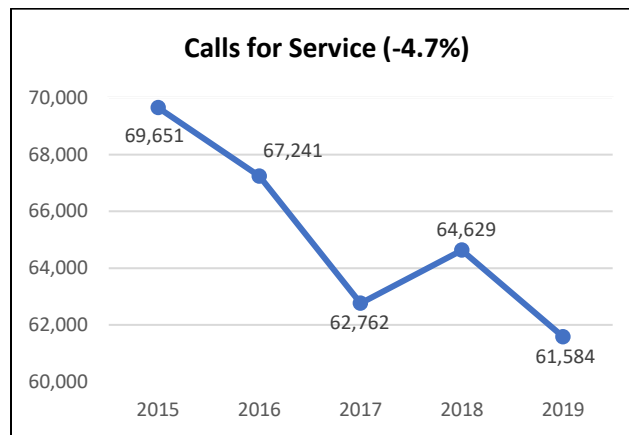
Field Services Division

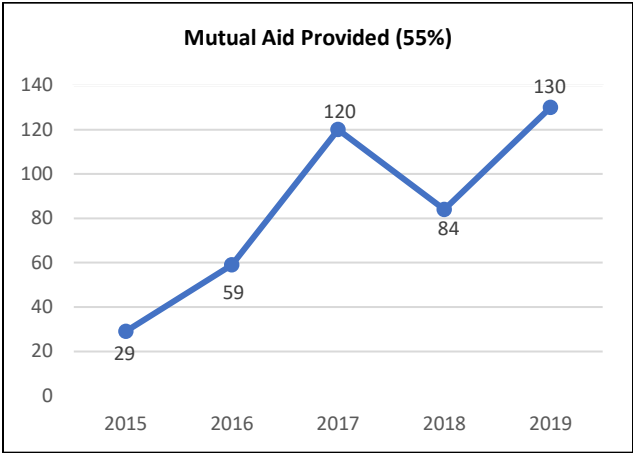
Staffing and Service Delivery

The Field Services Division was led by a captain, six lieutenants, six sergeants, four corporals and was allocated thirty-eight officers. Twenty-four-hour coverage of the City was provided by twelve hour overlapping shifts.

Calls for Service

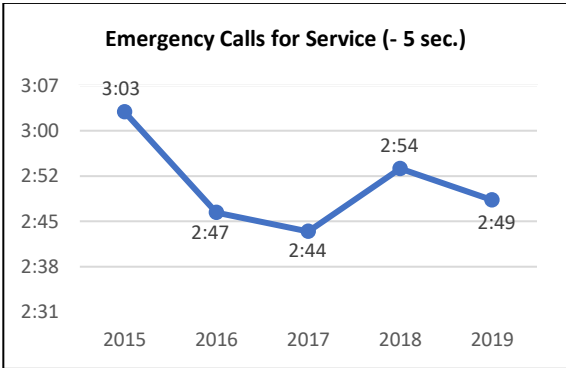
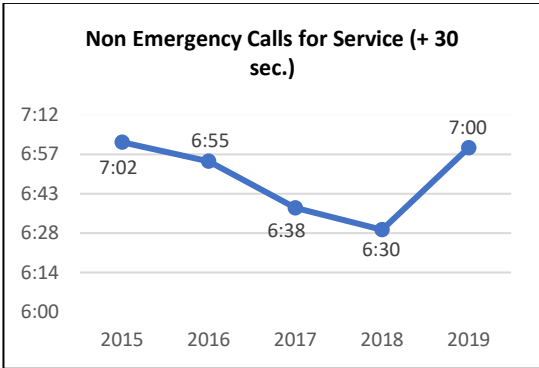
The Field Services Division answered the majority of the agency’s 61,584 calls for service in 2019 (-4.7%). Of the total calls for service, 130 (+55%) were calls from the Berkeley County Sheriff’s Office requesting mutual aid assistance to incidents in their jurisdiction where they had not yet arrived on-scene or could not respond due to personnel shortages. Previous years are included for reference.





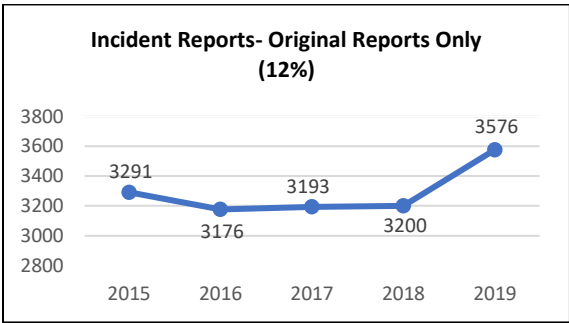
Response Times

Response times for 2019 were seven minutes (+30 sec.) non-emergency and two minutes and forty-nine seconds (-5 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 3,576 (+12%) incident reports related to criminal and non-criminal incidents in 2019. Five previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

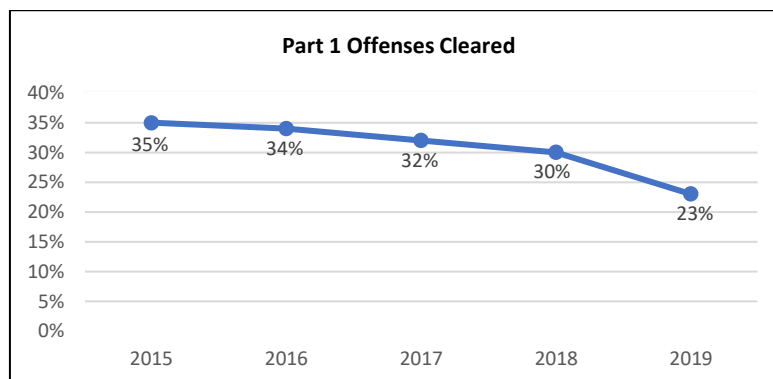


Part I crimes include eight individual crimes chosen by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) regulations. These crimes are chosen because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to police. Part I crimes are used to compare crime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

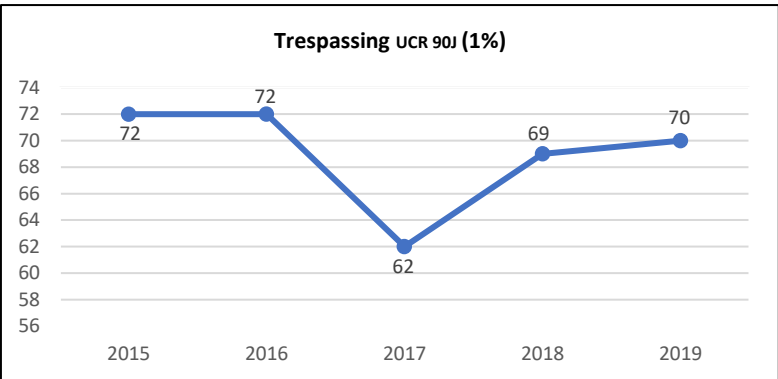
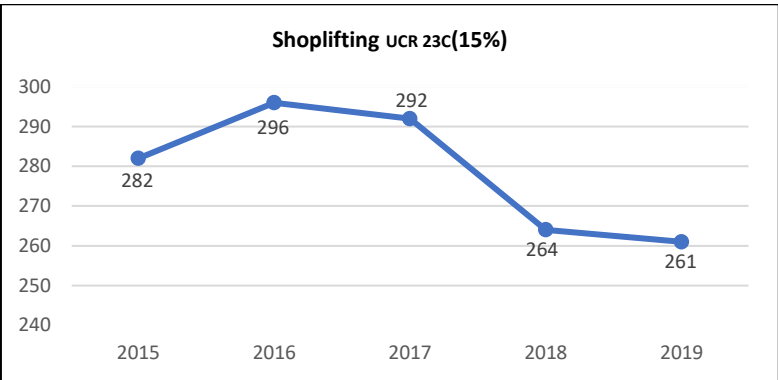
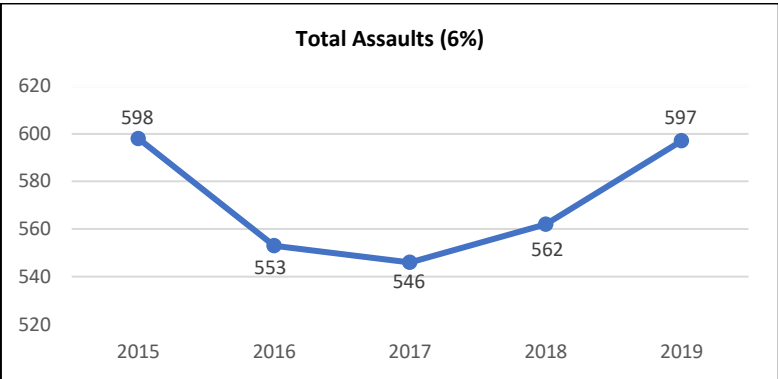
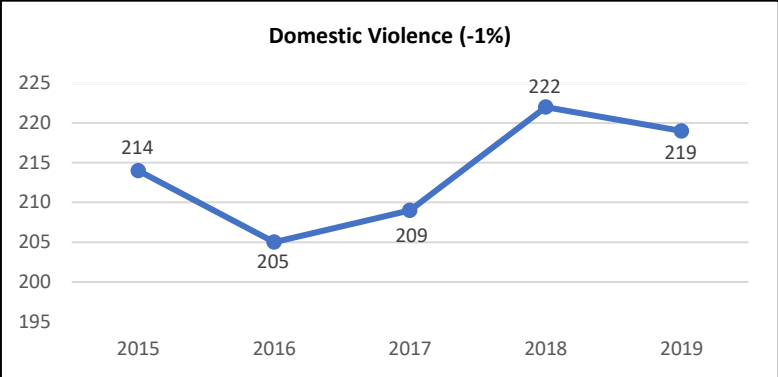
The following are the Part I Offenses (to include the UCR Code), with five-year comparisons:

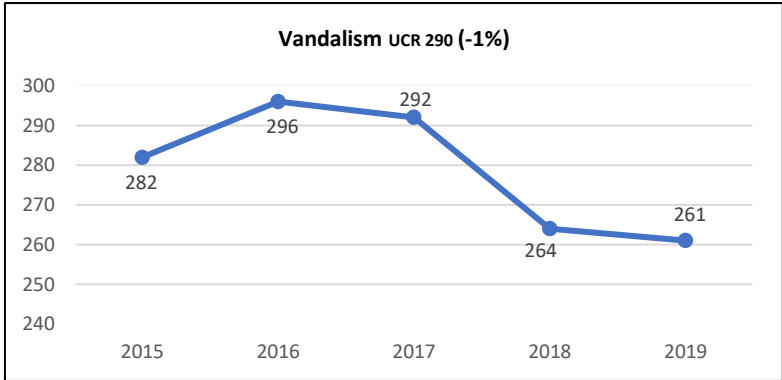
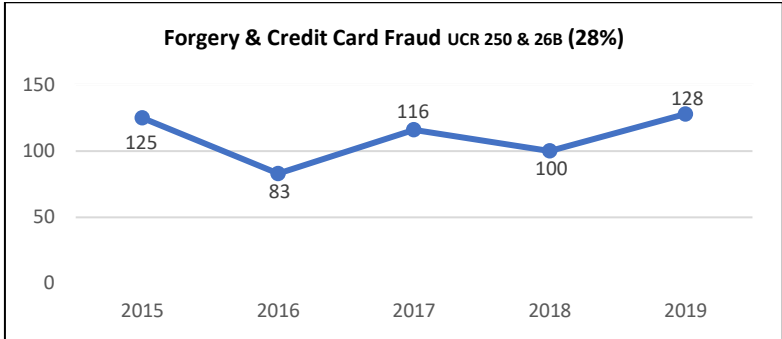
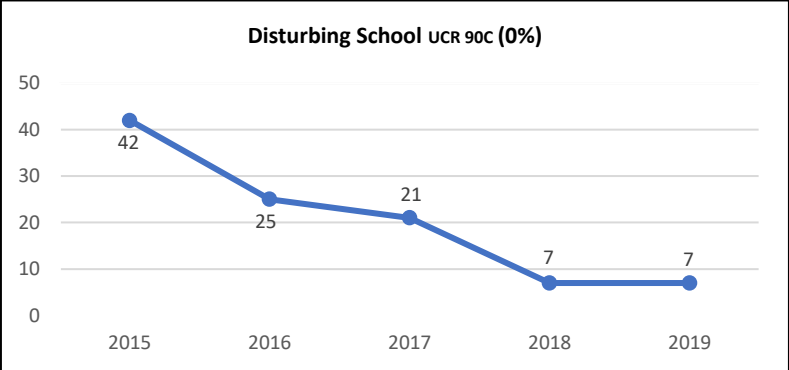
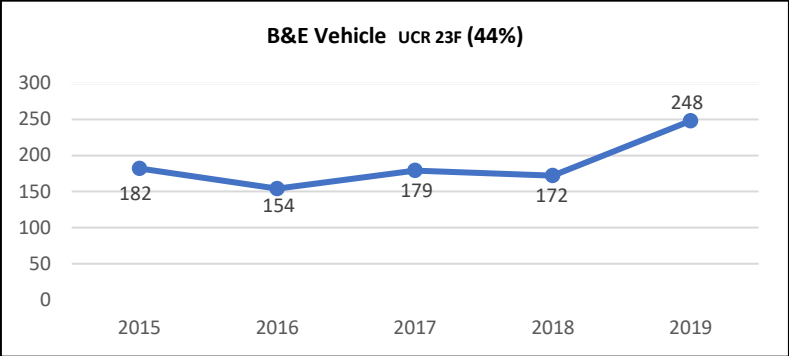
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change
Aggravated Assault (13A)	76	95	90	69	94	36%
Arson (200)	6	6	1	1	2	100%
Breaking and Entering (Structure) (220)	201	167	155	171	153	-11%
Criminal Sexual Conduct (11A-11D)	52	44	54	67	53	-21%
Larceny (23A&B and 23D-H)	530	567	556	559	599	7%
Motor Vehicle Theft (240)	51	55	72	74	76	3%
Murder (09A)	1	3	3	0	1	100%
Robbery (120)	28	24	25	13	16	23%
Total	945	961	956	954	994	4%

Cases are cleared by arrest or when circumstances 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.

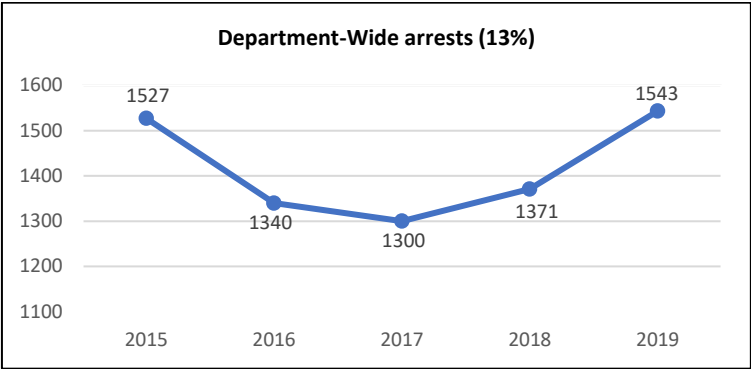


Also included in the total reports written are the following 2019 offenses with five previous years' numbers included for reference:



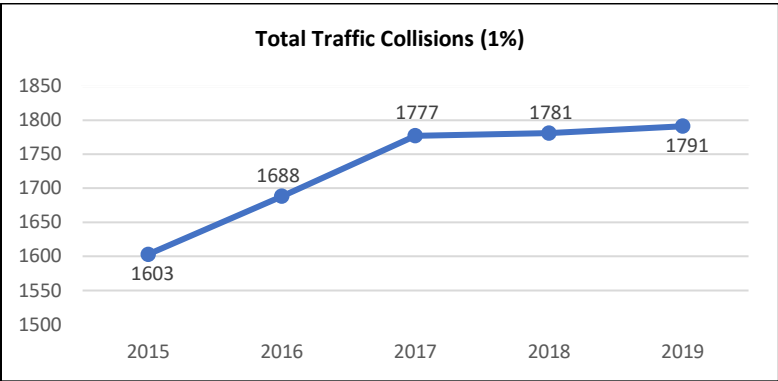


The Field Services Division made the majority of the department's 1,543 (13%) arrests in 2019. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

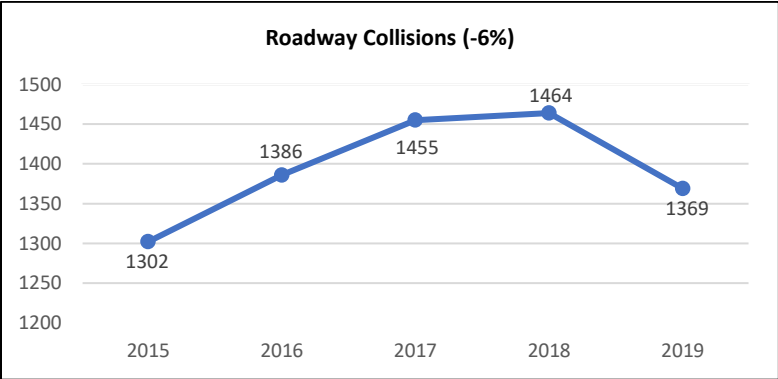


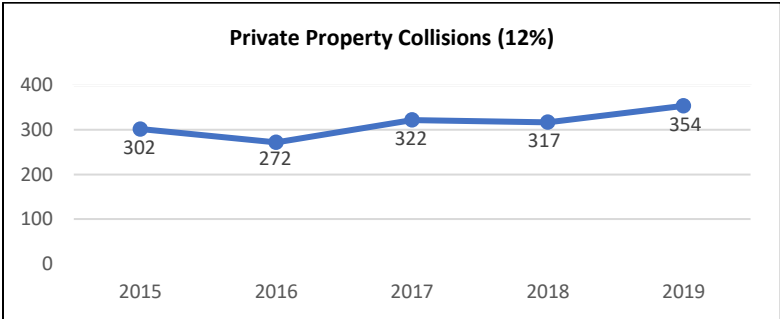
Traffic Collisions

There were 1,791 (+1%) traffic collisions investigated during calendar year 2019. Five previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

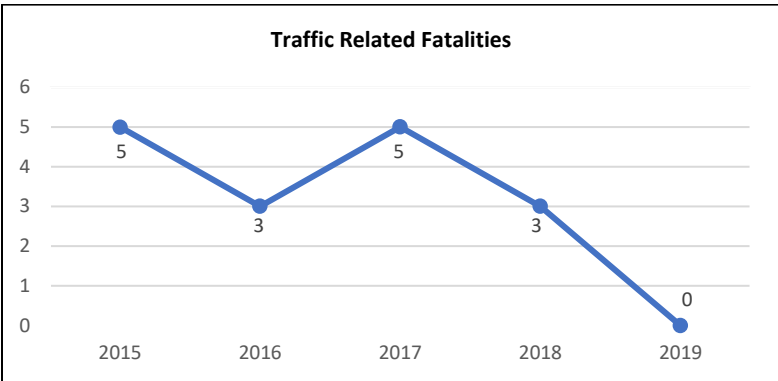


Traffic collisions were investigated both on roadways and private property. A breakdown of traffic collisions by location with five previous years as reference is as follows:



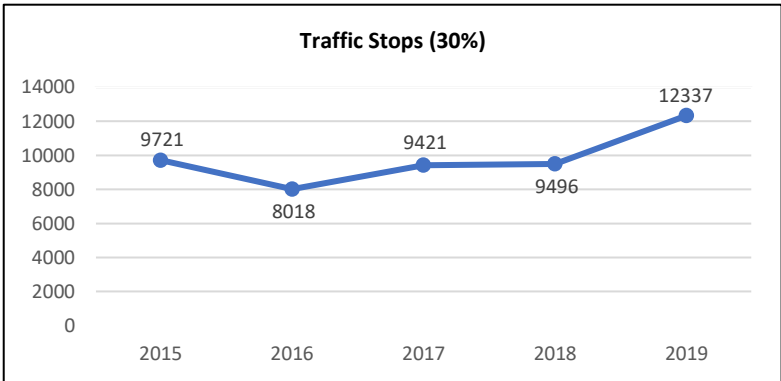


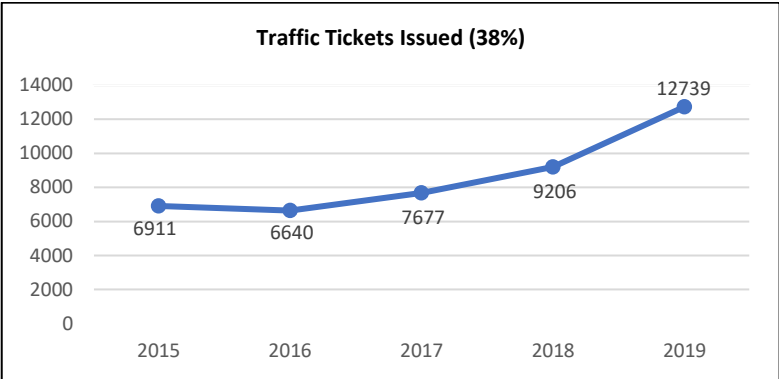
There were no traffic related fatalities in 2019. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



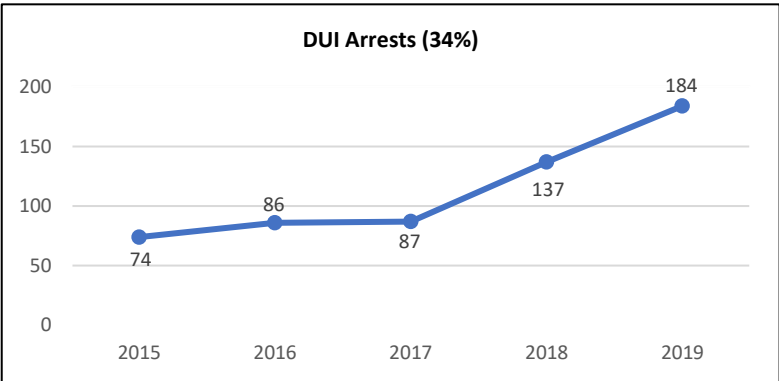
Traffic Enforcement

There were 12,337 (+30%) traffic stops conducted and 12,739 (+38%) traffic tickets issued by patrol and traffic officers. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



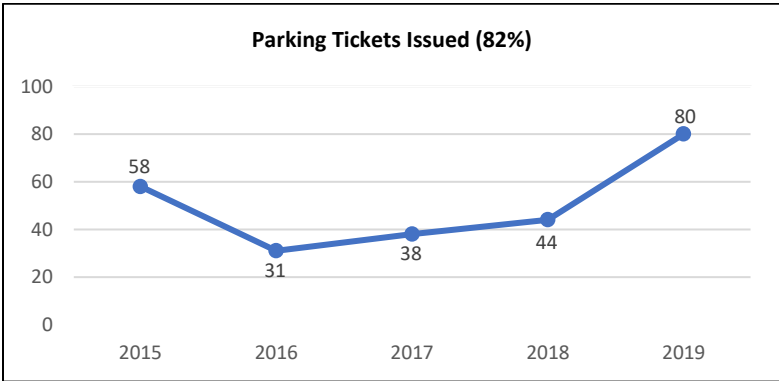


Patrol and traffic officers arrested 184 (+34%) motorists for driving under the influence (DUI) in 2019. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Parking Enforcement

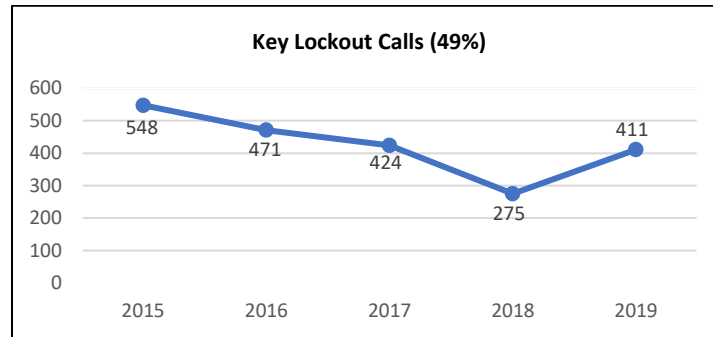
There were 80 (+82%) parking tickets issued in 2019. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



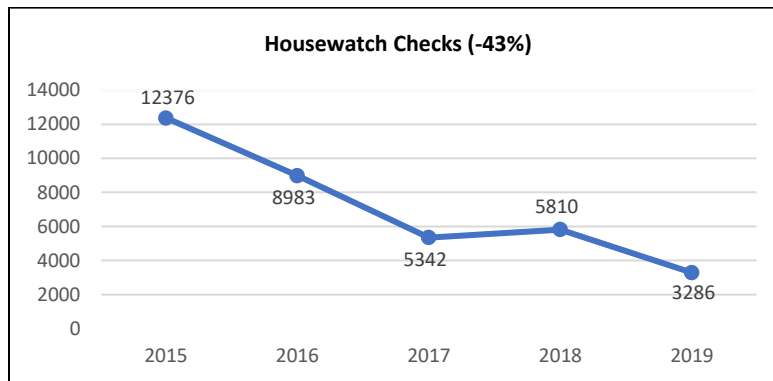
Community Services

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.

Patrol officers and civilian community service specialists unlocked 411 (+49%) citizen vehicles in 2019. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Patrol officers and community service specialists checked 3,286 (-43%) homes of vacationing citizens in 2019. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:

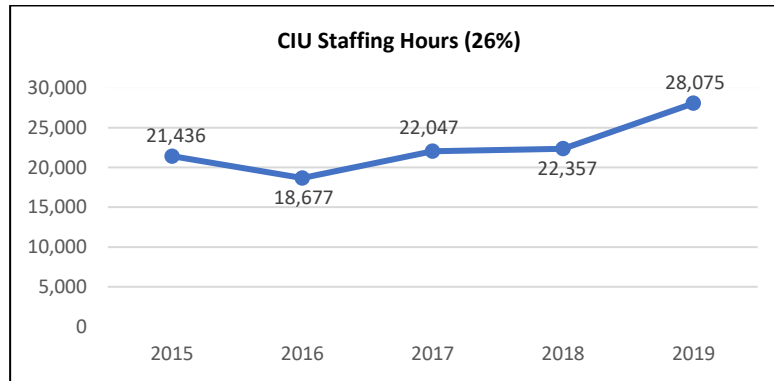


Support Services Division

Staffing and Service Delivery

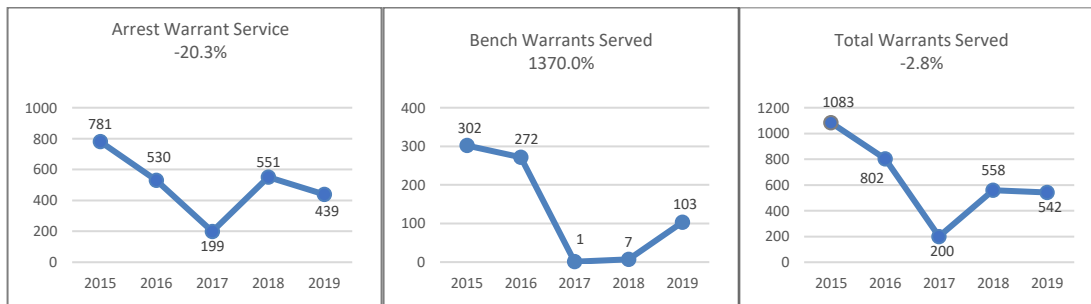
The Support Services Division was led by a police captain, two lieutenants, one sergeant and was allocated ten sworn officers and five civilian support staff members.

The Criminal Investigations Unit experienced an increase in manpower hours in 2019 to cover shortages of personnel assigned to the Unit. The unit assigned two investigators to the Berkeley County Task Force one in April 2018 and then another assignment in March of 2019. The unit also received two new transfers, one in October 2018 and May of 2019.



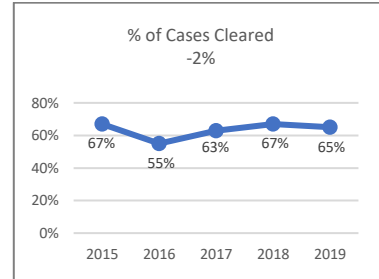
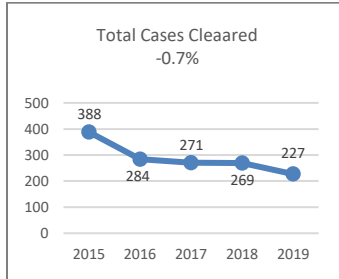
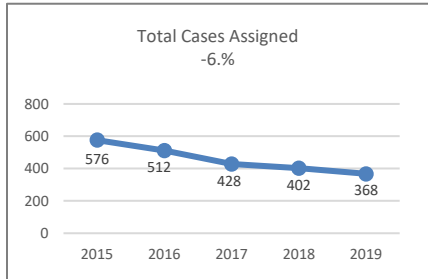
Warrants Served

The Criminal Investigations Unit tracks all warrants served department wide. There were 439 (-20.3%) arrest warrants and 103 (+1370.4%) bench warrants served for a total of 542 (-2.8%) warrants served in 2019. A dramatic increase 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 in 2018. The new procedures started in 2019, which is why there was a substantial increase in bench warrant service. Four previous years’ numbers are included below for reference:



Case Load and Clearances

A total of 368 (-8%) cases were assigned to investigators in 2019. Investigators cleared 227 (-15%), which equals 57% of the cases assigned. Four previous years’ numbers are included below for reference:



Cases Assigned and Clearance Type

	Total Cases	Arrest	Ex-Cleared	Unfounded	Active	Adm. Closed	Total Cleared	% Cleared
Murder	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	100%
Attempted Murder	7	3	1	0	1	2	4	57%
Kidnapping	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	100%
Criminal Sexual Conduct	23	1	3	12	4	3	16	70%
Criminal Sexual Conduct w. Minor	18	3	3	7	1	4	13	72%
Home Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Commercial Robbery	4	1	2	0	0	1	3	75%
Robbery of a Person	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	67%
Assault and Battery	10	3	2	1	1	3	6	60%
Harassment	7	0	3	2	0	2	5	71%
Stalking	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	100%
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Arson	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0%
Commercial Burglary	4	2	0	0	1	1	2	50%
Residential Burglary	16	1	2	1	3	9	4	25%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
B & E Motor Vehicle	11	9	0	0	2	0	9	82%
Grand Larceny	4	3	0	1	0	0	4	100%
All Other Larcenies	17	3	3	3	2	6	9	53%
Forgery	18	2	2	2	1	11	6	33%
Fraud	67	7	10	7	12	31	24	36%
Identity Theft	19	1	4	3	1	10	8	42%
Receive/Posses Stolen Property	3	0	1	0	0	2	1	33%
Breach of Trust	4	0	1	0	2	1	1	25%
Obtain Money by False Pretenses	6	2	0	1	0	3	3	50%

Runaway	32	0	30	0	1	1	30	94%
Missing Person	9	0	8	1	0	0	9	100%
Neglect of a Child	14	4	1	4	1	4	9	64%
Cruelty to Children	11	3	3	4	0	1	10	91%
Contribute to Delinquency of Minor	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	100%
Sexual Exploitation of a Minor	17	2	3	10	0	2	15	88%
Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	100%
Abuse of a Vulnerable Adult	7	1	2	3	1	0	6	86%
Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	100%
All Other Crimes	46	10	5	7	2	22	22	48%
Death Investigations	18	0	1	0	2	15	1	6%
Vice Crimes:								
Narcotic Investigations	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	100%
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Organized Crime Investigations			0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	405	67	93	71	38	136	231	57%

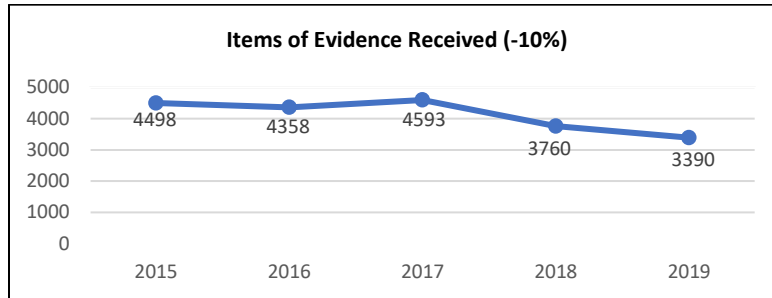
Narcotics Investigations: Goose Creek (2019)

Arrests:

- 050 – Marijuana
- 034 – Methamphetamine
- 014 – Heroin
- 004 – Cocaine Base
- 008 – Cocaine
- 006 – Fentanyl
- 007 – Schedule Substance (I-IV)
- 002 – LSD
- 017 – Other
- 142 Total**

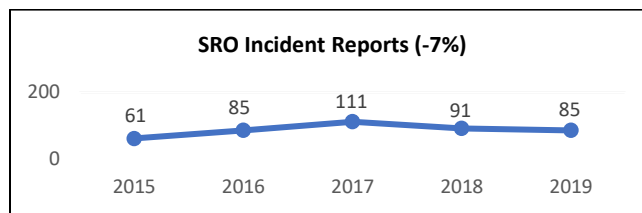
Evidence

The Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs) / Evidence Technicians processed 3,390 (-10%) items of evidence in 2019.



School Resource Officers

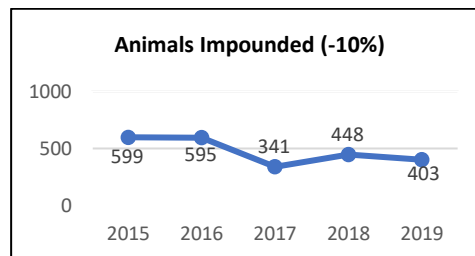
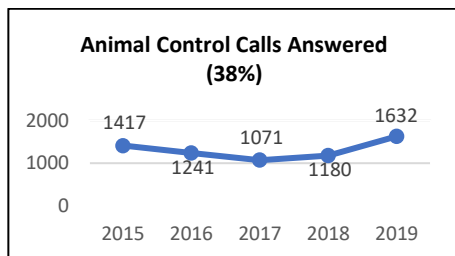
The department has two full-time school resource officer (SRO) assigned to Stratford High School and one full-time SRO assigned to Westview Middle School. The supervising lieutenant floats between all nine schools in the city limits. SROs wrote eighty-five (-7%) incident reports in 2019. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Animal Control Services

The department provides two 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 1,632 (38%) calls for service and impounded 403 (-10%) animals in 2019. 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 fourteen and twenty. 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. Currently, there are twenty-seven Law Enforcement Explorers.

Explorers participated in the 2019 Winter S.C.A.L.E. Competition hosted by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, in Charleston, on January 18-21, 2019 and received the following awards:

Courtroom Testimony (2nd Place) -----Team Event

Explorers participated in the 2019 Summer S.C.A.L.E. Competition hosted by the Lexington County Sheriff's Office, in Lexington on July 23-28, 2019 and received the following awards:

Mentally Ill Subject (1st Place)-----Justin Wyatt and Andrea Rivera
 Male Physical Agility (1st Place) -----Gabriel Orozco
 Prison Escape/Active Shooter (2nd Place) -----Team Event

Youth Court

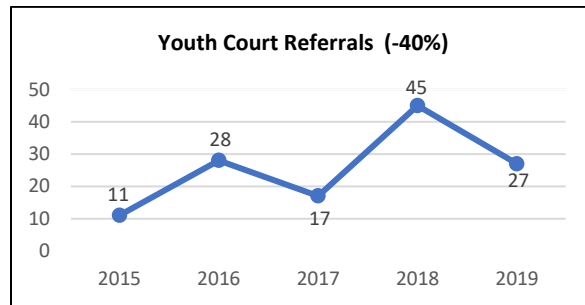
Youth Court provides a service that is twofold. The purpose of Youth Court is to give juvenile offenders the opportunity to be tried by a group of peers instead of a typical jury trial. The program also educates the teenagers conducting the trial – teaching them about the judicial process and rule of the law through a hands-on approach. These courts continue as 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 9th 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 twenty-seven (-40%) cases to youth court in 2019. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Administrative Services Division

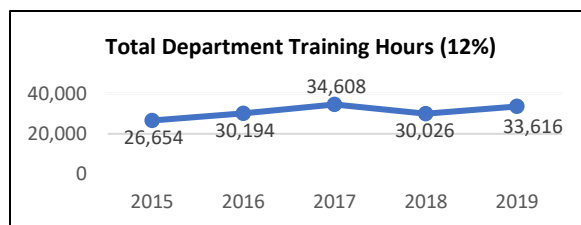
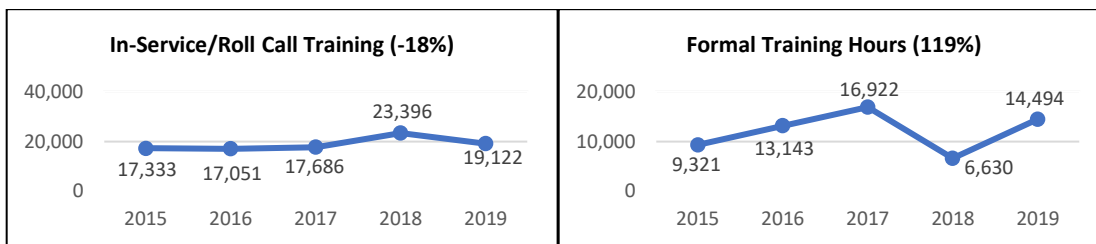
Staffing and Service Delivery

The Administrative Services Division was led by one Captain, one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, and one certified Community Oriented Policing Services Officer. The division is also allocated eighteen civilian support staff members.

Department Training

A quality training program is a department priority. The department conducted 19,122 (-18.27%) in-service/roll-call training hours, 14,494 (+118.61%) formal training hours, and a grand total of 33,616 (+11.96%) 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 three crime prevention meetings, seventy-eight child safety seat checks, and made eighty-four business contacts, and coordinated four Women Self Defense Seminars with forty-eight attendees in the 2019 calendar year.

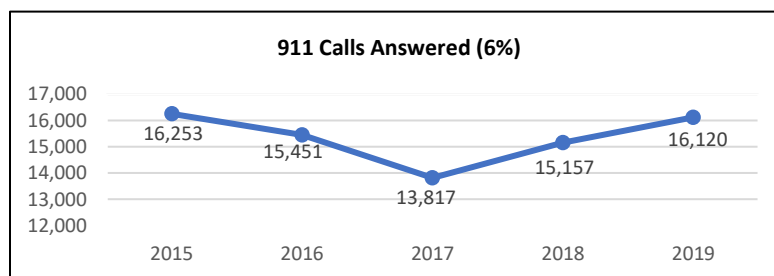
Communications

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

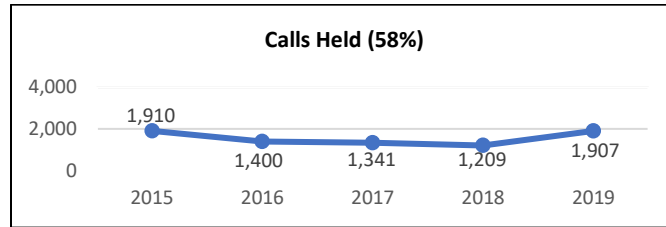
The communications center is responsible for dispatching and monitoring all radio equipment for the City including to include police, fire, EMS, mutual aid, public works, and sanitation.

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 16,120 (+6.4%) 911 calls during 2019. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



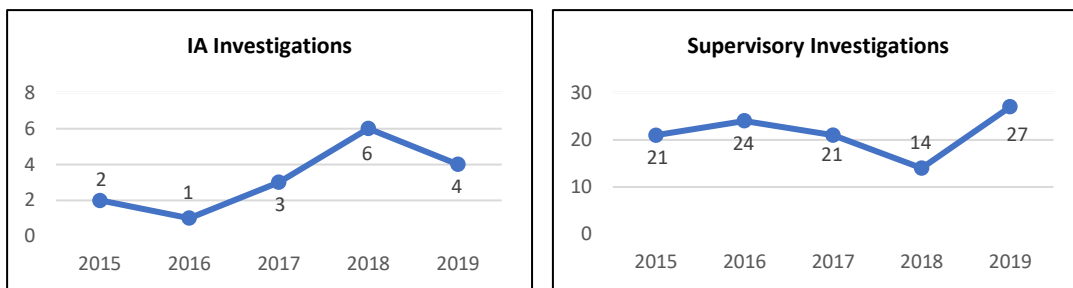
The communications center held 1,907 (+57.7%) calls, which was a result of all on-duty officers being previously assigned to other calls during 2019. Four previous years' numbers are included below for reference:



Internal Affairs

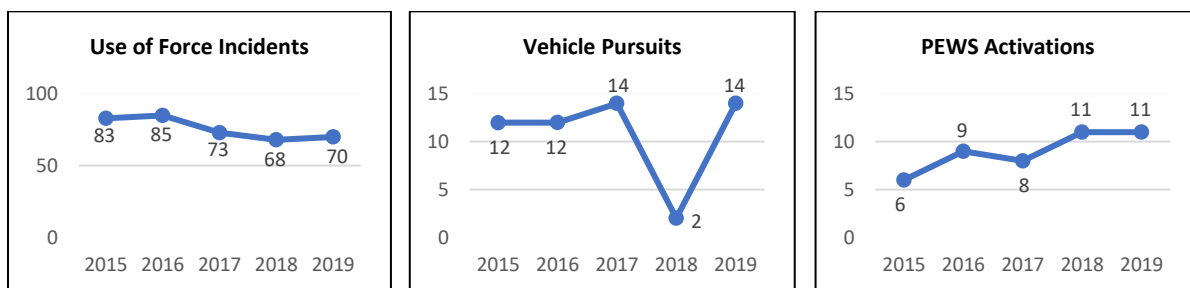
Complaints made against the agency or personnel are classified as either Supervisory Investigations (SIs), which are complaints of a minor nature, or Internal Affairs investigations (IAs), which are complaints of a more egregious nature. A total of 4 IA investigations and 27 separate SIs were conducted subsequent to internal and external complaints.

Internal Investigations Conducted:



Administrative Reviews

A total of seventy (+2.94%) incidents involving use-of-force and fourteen (+600%) vehicle pursuits were reviewed and statistically tracked. Eleven (-27.27%) personnel early warning system (PEWS) alerts were generated. The following charts depict the five-year trend in these respective areas:



Grants

The department applied to the South Carolina Department of Public Safety for and did receive the following grants:

One, Police Traffic Safety Enforcement Officer – Highway Safety Grant (\$72,182)

One, DUI Prosecutor – Highway Safety Grant (\$91,099)

One, Impaired Driving Countermeasures Officer – Year 3 Approval for this Highway Safety Grant (\$72,182)

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. A year two review was completed in 2019, which found that the agency was in 100% compliance with all standards assessed. 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 and Testing

A total of 54 (-44.9%) sworn and 41 (-19.6%) civilian applicants were processed for potential employment in 2019. Processing includes, at a minimum, logging biographical data and checking criminal and driving records.

Polygraph Examinations

A total of 60 (+3.45%) polygraph examinations were conducted. The increase was due to a change in the hiring process which places the polygraph before the Command Staff interview, which increased the number of candidates for polygraph and in turn decreases the number needing to be interviewed. This figure includes both inter and intra-agency examinations for criminal and pre-employment polygraphs.