

Gulf Shores Police Department



2013 Annual Report

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SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

Dear Gulf Shores Community Member:

I am proud to present to you the Gulf Shores Police Department 2013 Annual Report. Throughout this document are many examples of how hard the men and women of this organization – including our volunteers and chaplains - worked to make sure Gulf Shores remains a safe community.

Gulf Shores experienced a significant drop in crime in 2013. Part I crimes (the most serious) were reduced by nearly 14%. Burglaries reduced by more than 28% while thefts were reduced by 12%. Officers responded to nearly 15,000 calls for service and made hundreds of arrests. The charges resulting from those arrests included 290 drug offenses – a 27% increase over 2012.

One might consider an increase in drug arrests to be a negative but quite the contrary is true. This statistic demonstrates that Gulf Shores Officers are aggressively addressing the drug problem while other communities that report few or no arrests probably aren't. One of the reasons Gulf Shores remains so safe is because of the dedication of our personnel. As an example, within this report, you will read about the accomplishments of Seth Headley, who was named our Police Officer of the Year. He deserves our Congratulations.

In 2013 we said goodbye to our friend and co-worker Dudley Carlisle. Dudley served as our Animal Control Officer for many years. Stepping into Dudley's position was John Day who had previously served in our Detention Division.

As always we look forward to continuing our efforts to protect Gulf Shores with the involvement of you, our community members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Delmore".

Edward Delmore
Chief of Police

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Ed Delmore
Chief of Police



Fred Beaman
Deputy Chief



Lt. Alan Carpenter
Support Services & Training Division



Lt. Bill Cowan
Investigation Division

Community
Resource
Officer (1)

Police
Detention
Corporal (1)

Criminal
Investigation
Sergeant (1)

Juvenile
Investigation
Corporal (1)

Detention
Officers (8)

Animal
Control (1)

General
Assignment
Investigation (4)

Narcotics
Investigation (1)

School
Resource
Officer (2)

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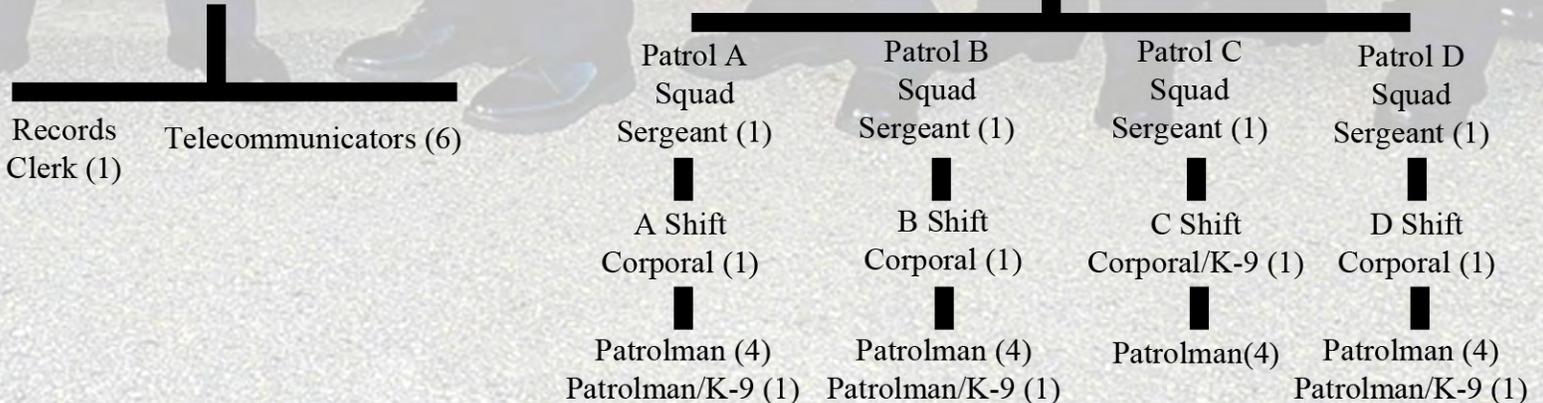
Chain of Command



Alicia Talley
Administrative
Supervisor (1)



Lt. Michael Hill
Patrol Division



Gulf Shores Police

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| <i>Edward J. Delmore</i> | <i>Chief</i> | <i>05/25/2010</i> |
| <i>Fred M. Beaman</i> | <i>Deputy Chief</i> | <i>10/06/1980</i> |
| <i>William B. Cowan</i> | <i>Lieutenant</i> | <i>02/01/1993</i> |
| <i>Alan W. Carpenter</i> | <i>Lieutenant</i> | <i>11/15/1996</i> |
| <i>Michael L. Hill</i> | <i>Lieutenant</i> | <i>08/23/1997</i> |
| <i>Darrell G. Franklin</i> | <i>Sergeant</i> | <i>04/06/1998</i> |
| <i>Richard E. King</i> | <i>Sergeant</i> | <i>03/13/1997</i> |
| <i>Jason T. Woodruff</i> | <i>Sergeant</i> | <i>08/16/2006</i> |
| <i>Timothy L. Knight</i> | <i>Sergeant</i> | <i>05/05/1989</i> |
| <i>Greg A. Bobo</i> | <i>Sergeant</i> | <i>11/27/2000</i> |
| <i>William C. Berry</i> | <i>Corporal</i> | <i>02/01/1999</i> |
| <i>Justin R. Clopton</i> | <i>Corporal</i> | <i>06/26/2000</i> |
| <i>Roman G. Frye</i> | <i>Corporal</i> | <i>06/10/2006</i> |
| <i>Paul Maliska</i> | <i>Corporal</i> | <i>01/26/2008</i> |
| <i>Joseph R. Taylor</i> | <i>Corporal</i> | <i>08/16/2008</i> |
| <i>Mark J. Russell</i> | <i>Corporal</i> | <i>12/12/2005</i> |
| <i>Gavin W. Kostelecky</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>09/03/1991</i> |
| <i>Steven Chad Lambert</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>06/02/1997</i> |
| <i>Jack B. Conway</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>11/22/2003</i> |
| <i>Christopher A. Miller</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>05/05/2004</i> |

Sworn Personnel

| | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Donald Leigh Booth</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>05/07/2005</i> |
| <i>Shawn P. Andrews</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>01/03/2006</i> |
| <i>James R. Johnston Jr.</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>04/01/2006</i> |
| <i>Charles Eric Smith</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>09/02/2006</i> |
| <i>Jerry L. Ramsey Jr.</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>07/21/2007</i> |
| <i>James R. Lord</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>08/04/2007</i> |
| <i>Joshua D. Coleman</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>09/29/2007</i> |
| <i>James W. Brown</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>03/22/2008</i> |
| <i>Lorant Baranovics</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>12/13/2010</i> |
| <i>Michael N. Drummond</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>04/25/2011</i> |
| <i>Marlin D. Hanner III</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>05/16/2011</i> |
| <i>Robert Bryan Johnson</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>07/30/2011</i> |
| <i>Scott A. Streeter</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>02/04/2012</i> |
| <i>Seth N. Headley</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>04/14/2012</i> |
| <i>Leah C. Carpenter</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>09/10/2012</i> |
| <i>Josh B. Gullede</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>09/10/2012</i> |
| <i>Josh M. Hoguet</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>10/29/2012</i> |
| <i>Kyle H. Lucas</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>09/16/2013</i> |
| <i>C. Brandon Ward</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>10/31/2013</i> |
| <i>Bruce A. Erlinger</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>10/31/2013</i> |
| <i>Luke A. Cowan</i> | <i>Patrolman</i> | <i>10/31/2013</i> ⁵ |



Civilian Personnel

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Alicia Talley</i> | <i>Administrative Supervisor</i> | <i>05/15/1992</i> |
| <i>Donna J. Couch</i> | <i>Senior Telecommunicator</i> | <i>09/18/1992</i> |
| <i>Amber A. Brooks</i> | <i>Telecommunicator</i> | <i>04/23/2005</i> |
| <i>Charles R. Haupt</i> | <i>Telecommunicator</i> | <i>02/11/2006</i> |
| <i>Suzanne M. Williams</i> | <i>Telecommunicator</i> | <i>09/02/2006</i> |
| <i>Seth T. Fuller</i> | <i>Telecommunicator</i> | <i>12/15/2007</i> |
| <i>Natalie L. Wilson</i> | <i>Telecommunicator</i> | <i>09/16/2013</i> |
| <i>John E. Day</i> | <i>Animal Control Officer</i> | <i>06/06/2005</i> |
| <i>Kevin T. Conroy</i> | <i>Detention Officer</i> | <i>06/11/2011</i> |
| <i>Keith Fank</i> | <i>Detention Officer</i> | <i>04/02/2012</i> |
| <i>Andrew J. Wolf</i> | <i>Detention Officer</i> | <i>11/24/2012</i> |
| <i>Charles J. Hines</i> | <i>Detention Officer</i> | <i>08/06/2010</i> |
| <i>Walter L. Barden III</i> | <i>Detention Officer</i> | <i>04/13/2013</i> |
| <i>James C. Long</i> | <i>Detention Officer</i> | <i>09/16/2013</i> |
| <i>Jeffrey J. Bunn</i> | <i>Detention Officer</i> | <i>09/16/2013</i> |
| <i>Brendan A. Powell</i> | <i>Detention Officer</i> | <i>06/04/2012</i> |
| <i>Jennafer F. Darby</i> | <i>Records Clerk</i> | <i>05/14/2007</i> |

Patrol Division

The Patrol division is currently comprised of thirty one sworn Officers. This is the largest division of the Gulf Shores Police Department. The Patrol division consists of one Patrol Lieutenant, four Sergeants, four Corporals, four K9 Officers, four Field Training Officers, and four Officers that are assigned to the Beach Patrol Unit. In 2013, the Patrol division averaged 2700 calls for service and 133 criminal arrests per month.

Officers assigned to the Patrol division conduct standard police functions on a daily basis. Some of these functions include; make arrests, issue citations, conduct vehicle accident investigations, secure and maintain evidence for the Investigative Division, and handle calls for service. The other major functions of the Patrol division include traffic safety programs, fatal traffic accident investigations, traffic compliant problem solving, intergovernmental cooperation, community partnerships, community event support missions, traffic and DUI enforcement.

The mission of the Patrol Division is to ensure the safety and security of the citizens and visitors in our city by providing responsive and professional police services with compassion and concern.



Gulf Shores Police K-9 Unit

Sergeant G. Bobo: K-9 Unit Coordinator (not pictured)

***Corporal J. Taylor & K-9 Nanuk, Officer B. Johnson & K-9 Axel,
Officer S. Andrews & K-9 Taz (pictured left to right)***



2013:

327 Total Deployments

49 K-9 Unit Assisted Arrests

\$5111.00 in Narcotics Located and Seized

19 Public Demonstrations and 903 Training Hours

New K9 Teams:

In March, Officer Bryan Johnson was selected as the newest member of the K9 Unit. He was partnered with K9 Axle. Officer Johnson joined the Gulf Shores Police Department in 2011 after serving several years as a law enforcement officer in Tennessee. Officer Johnson also served as a K9 Handler at his former agency. The K9 Team is certified in narcotic detection, apprehension, and tracking.

On June 19th, Corporal Joe Taylor was partnered with K9 Nanuk after his previous partner, K9 Dakota, retired the same month. K9 Nanuk is a five year old German Shepherd who had previously served with another law enforcement agency in Missouri for three years. The K9 Team is certified in narcotic detection and apprehension.

In Memory of Dakota



On September 4th 2013, K9 Dakota died of unexpected health issues. He had served as Cpl. Taylor's loyal partner for over two years before retiring in June. K9 Dakota will be greatly missed by Cpl. Taylor and members of the Gulf Shores Police Department.



Field Training Program

In 2013 the on the job training programs which include the Detention Officer's training program and the Patrol Officer's Field Training Program were continually improved.

The purpose of the Field Training Officer Program (FTO) is to train new officers so that each is prepared to function as a solo officer at the conclusion of their training cycle. The training cycle consists of weeks of intensive on-the-job training and performance evaluations. Training is conducted and staffed by field training officers and a coordinator.

Field training officers have the dual responsibility of providing police service in their assigned beats, as well as conducting training and evaluations for new officers. Field training coordinator is responsible for the supervision of all personnel assigned to their teams and for coordinating and supervising the on-the-job training of recruit officers.

Officers are required to meet specific performance levels before being certified for solo patrol duty. After completion of the FTO program, each officer is assigned to a patrol shift. During this time, the officer is evaluated on a biweekly basis by their FTO. As the officers near the completion of their probationary period, officers who have performed at an acceptable level and pass are recommended for retention as permanent employees.

The Patrol Field Training Officer Program is headed by Officer Jerry Ramsey. This year, Officer Ramsey attended the International Law Enforcement Educator's and Trainers conference in Chicago, IL. There Ramsey studied in depth issues pertaining to Field Training Programs, as well as being certified as an instructor in the "Below 100" program. This is a program which emphasis critical thinking and awareness in the application of work safety concepts particular to law enforcement.

The program currently has five FTO training officers. The five officers are Jerry Ramsey, James Johnston, Eric Smith, Scott Streeter, and Joshua Gullede.

GSPD currently has three new officers in the program. The three officers are Kyle Lucas, Bruce Erlinger, and Luke Cowan. These three officers are currently in the police academy. Brandon Ward successfully completed the program in 2013 and now operates as a solo officer.





Officer Of The Year

Seth Headley

Officer Seth Headley joined the Gulf Shores Police Department in April 2012. Later that same year, he graduated from the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center in Selma and successfully completed the Field Training Program.

In 2013, he was selected to be a member of the Beach Patrol Unit, Marine Unit/Dive Team, and the South Baldwin Special Response Team.

A summary of Officer Headley's activities for the year included; 159 criminal arrests, 407 citations issued, and answered or assisted with over 3000 calls for service. Officer Headley was also selected Officer of the Month for June, October, November and December.

School Resource Officer

Officer M. Hanner

In 2013 Marlin Hanner assumed the role as the School Resource Officer (SRO) after being in the patrol division since 2011.

The Gulf Shores Police Department initiated the SRO program based on a philosophy that the School Resource Officer is an educator in safety and law-related issues, a law-related counselor, a resource to the school administration and, of course, a law enforcement officer. The SRO while in school becomes involved in a variety of functions aimed at prevention of violence and crime.

SROs receive training specific to their position in the schools. They attend a 40-hour Basic School Resource Officer Training program along with continuing education in school related issues. Officer Hanner attended the Basic SRO School and was certified in July 2013 in Decatur, AL. The Gulf Shores Police Department SROs are all members of The Alabama Association of School Resource Officers (TAASRO) and we host annual training each summer in Gulf Shores.

The SRO is an active, high profile police officer. The SRO assists school staff within the school and campus area in an effort to detect and deter any unruly, delinquent or criminal activity. SROs take reports on incidents that happen on school property and investigate them. Incidents being investigated at the school can result in an informational report, a summons, or an arrest.

The SRO also provides a link between the police department and the student community along with teaching classes about the law and community issues. There are many excellent opportunities for role-modeling and mentoring as well.

Gulf Shores Youth Academy & Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Shining Star Youth Academy

Officer Hanner assisted in starting and conducting Gulf Shores first ever Youth Academy. The Gulf Shores Youth Academy is a week-long camp during the summer where the kids are given instruction on various law related topics such as: FBI forensics investigation, driver safety, SRT and K9 demonstrations, and drug safety. The kids were also put through physical fitness workouts similar to what a police officer is required to do in a police academy.

The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Shining Star camp extended an invitation to Officer Hanner to participate in their three summer camps this year. The Sheriff's Office holds the three camps at locations in Bay Minette, Robertsdale, and Fairhope. The Shining Star camps allowed Officer Hanner to interact with kids from the entire county and spend time mentoring them on various topics. Baldwin County Sheriff Mack recognized Officer Hanner's commitment to making a difference by presenting him with a plaque of appreciation at the final camp in Fairhope (pictured above).



School Response Tactics and Safety

Officer Hanner attended ALERRT instructor certification in 2013. The Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Center at Texas State University was created in 2002 as a partnership between the University, the San Marcos Police Department and the Hays County Sheriff's Office to address the need for active shooter response training for first responders. Using more than \$30 million in state and federal grant funding in the last twelve years, the ALERRT Center has trained more than 50,000 police officers nationwide in dynamic, force-on-force scenario-based training. In June of 2013, in a White House Press Conference, the FBI partnered with the ALERRT Center at Texas State and named the ALERRT their standard for active shooter response. Officer Hanner is now certified as an instructor to train other law enforcement officers in active shooter response.

Officer Hanner also began to implement new safety enhancing projects at Gulf Shores High School to help improve rapid response for any responding agency. The halls within the school have now been color coded and school layout maps have been created for each officer to carry with them that depict the new code. There is also a project underway to create vinyl letters that will be affixed to the exterior windows on the school that identify their respective room numbers.



Honor Guard

The Honor Guard was established in 2011 to represent the department. The primary function of the Honor Guard is to attend funeral services, posting of colors at ceremonies and special events. In funeral services, Honor Guard members are utilized in paying last respects to an individual who has served as a law enforcement officer or city official and serve as ambassadors of the City of Gulf Shores.

Members stand guard over the fallen officer during the viewing ceremonies and conduct the flag folding ceremony at funerals to include a bag piper's song tribute. In the posting of colors, our honor guard (which is made up of full time police officers) present the colors (the American flag and Alabama flag) at certain ceremonies such as city events and sporting events to open or begin the ceremony. Lastly, members of the Honor Guard are utilized as representatives of the department that are sent to other departments in the area that have officers killed in the line of duty.

During the course of 2013 the Gulf Shores Police Department worked many funeral details together demonstrating a unity and good working relationship between law enforcement departments. Towards the end of 2013, GSPD's Honor Guard set forth several goals for 2014. These goals being: the creation of a rifle team, more exposure within the community by city events and sporting events, possibly getting involved in team competitions.





The Gulf Shores Honor Guard appeared at the following events in 2013:

*Funeral of Judge Walter B. Chandler III, City
of Gulf Shores Municipal Court Judge*

*Funeral of Orange Beach Police Cpl. Michael
Stockwell*

*Funeral of Assistant Chief Deputy, Major Dale
Byrne Baldwin County Sheriff's Office*

*FBI National Academy Conference-South
Alabama Conference*

*Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee
-Southern District of Alabama*

*Alabama Association of Public Personnel
Administrators*

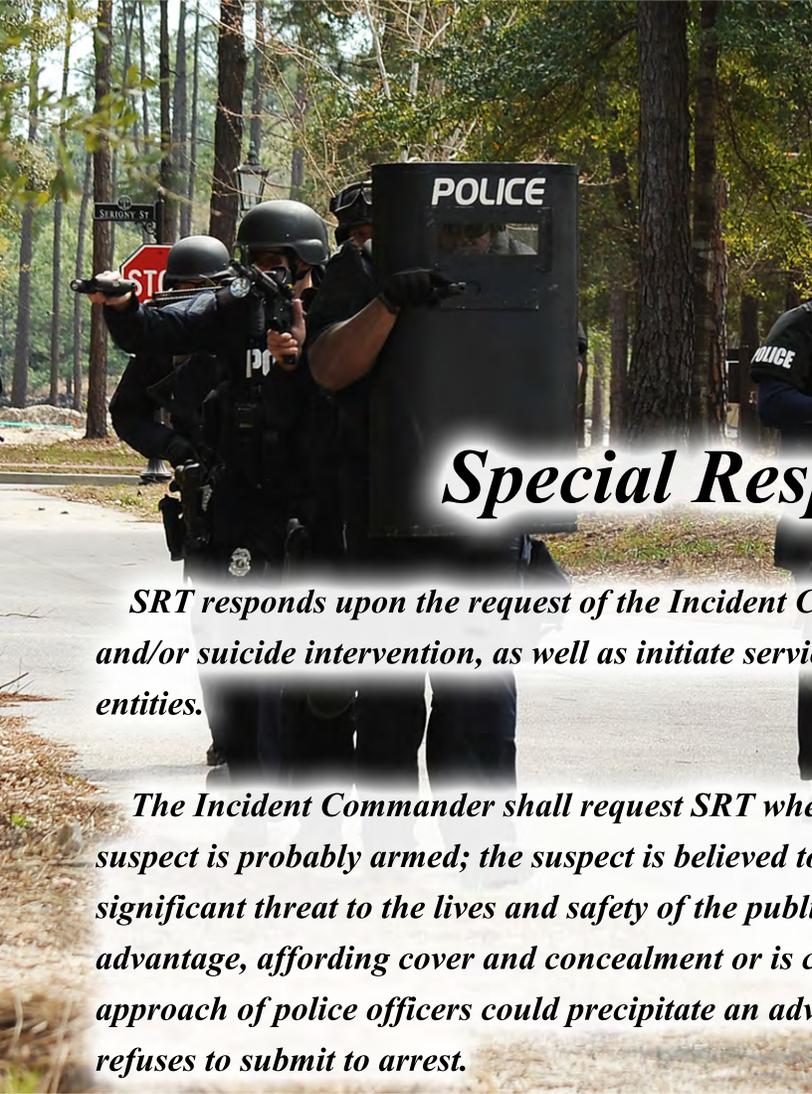
Alabama Tactical Officers Association

*Annual Law Enforcement Memorial at the Law
Enforcement Memorial Park in Robertsdale*

Alabama Chief of Police Conference

*The Alabama Association of School Resource
Officer Conference*





Special Response Team

SRT responds upon the request of the Incident Commander (IC) to barricade/hostage episodes, and/or suicide intervention, as well as initiate service of high risk warrants for all Department entities.

The Incident Commander shall request SRT when at a barricaded or hostage incident when the suspect is probably armed; the suspect is believed to have been involved in a criminal act or is a significant threat to the lives and safety of the public and/or police; the suspect is in a position of advantage, affording cover and concealment or is contained in an open area and the presence or approach of police officers could precipitate an adverse reaction by the suspect; and, the suspect refuses to submit to arrest.

GSPD operates as a part of a larger multi-agency team covering the cities of Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, and Foley. The South Baldwin Special Response Team responded to 8 call-outs in 2013, all without injuries. They conducted 2 large scale public demonstrations, and hosted the annual Alabama Tactical Officer Association conference in October.





Investigations Division

The primary function of the Investigations Division, better known as the Detective Bureau, is to conduct follow-up investigations of reported crimes. These investigations consist of interviewing suspects, victims, and witnesses; analyzing information for validity, reliability, and accuracy; and compiling a comprehensive and factual case file to be presented in court.

GSPD Detectives are selected through a formal process and receive additional investigative training as a result of their assignment. The Detective Bureau is often involved in cases that garner regional and sometimes national media coverage.

GSPD Detectives continue to carry secondary responsibilities involving these Local, State, and Federal Task Force assignments:

SART – Sexual Assault Response Team (Adult victims)

MDT – Multi-Disciplinary Team (Child Abuse, physical & sexual)

Department of Homeland Security Human Trafficking Task Force

United States Secret Service Financial Crimes Task Force

Baldwin County Major Crimes Unit

Baldwin County Sheriff's Drug Task Force



Community

In 2013, the department continued to build upon and provide a number of programs that have proven to be successful and sought after in previous years. These programs include our Coffee with a Cop, Volunteers in Police Service, and Chaplain Program. Newly added community programs in 2013 included our 1st Youth Police Academy and a Ride-Along program.

In addition, Working in partnership with Gulf Shores businesses and neighboring agencies to raise safety awareness is equally important to the Department and these efforts continued in 2013. On October 1, 2013, the Department partnered with Gulf Shores Target, Publix, and Pelican Place Mall for the 3rd Annual National Night Out event. This unique program is designed to: (1) Heighten crime prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Each year, thousands of communities and millions of people nationwide participate in National Night Out.

National Night Out

National Night Out now involves over 37.8 million people and 16,124 communities from all fifty states, U.S. Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

National Association of Town Watch (NATW) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development and promotion of various crime prevention programs including neighborhood watch groups, law enforcement agencies, state and regional crime prevention associations, businesses, civic groups, and individuals, devoted to safer communities. The nations premiere crime prevention network works with law enforcement officials and civilian leaders to keep crime watch volunteers informed, interested, involved and motivated. Since 1981, NATW continues to serve thousands of members across the nation.

The introduction of National Night Out, “America’s Night Out Against Crime”, in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. NATW’s National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August (In Texas, the first Tuesday of October).

Police Chaplains

The Police Chaplain Program is comprised of two clergy professionals who provide guidance, counseling, and crisis intervention on a 24-hour basis, assisting officers with the critical task of helping police employees and citizens cope with incidents involving suicides, homicides, fatal traffic accidents, and the deaths of children.



Relations

Coffee With A Cop

After initiating Coffee with a Cop in 2012 we learned that the Hawthorne Police Department was selected as one of the 2012 grant recipients from the United States Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). Our very own Officer Josh Coleman was invited to help teach the national model. Officer Coleman represented Gulf Shores PD in Santa Barbara, CA for a grass roots training class for that region to prepare for the very first training session. In May GSPD Gulf Shores Police was proud to host the very 1st workshop in Gulf Shores, AL.



We hosted 30 Law Enforcement Officers from across the gulf coast. The 2-day workshop reviewed the philosophy of community policing, explained how Coffee with a Cop aids in problem solving and relationship building, and provided helpful tools and strategies for implementing a successful Coffee with a Cop program. During the workshop Foley PD hosted their very first Coffee with a Cop event and we were proud to help our neighboring agency!



Law Enforcement Torch Run

The Gulf Shores Police Department staff regularly participates in supporting various causes and serving others. Throughout the year, the Department participates in the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics Alabama by raising funds and awareness for the athletes. We were proud that our very own Officer Neal Gough submitted a design for the Torch Runs shirts and won the contest!

In 2013, Department staff participated in the Polar Plunge, Cops on Top, and the Torch Run raising over \$10,000.



Social Media

The way in which people communicate in the world today is changing at an incredibly rapid pace. We recognize the members of our community want the information and they want it "now." Social media outlets afford us the opportunity to share the latest crime developments and trends, public service announcements, information on future events, and the great work done by Gulf Shores PD employees. After the creation of the Community Resource Officer position, Officer Coleman continued working on expanding our Social Media platforms. We now have a Twitter feed, YouTube Channel, and an Instagram account. As we look forward to 2014 and beyond, we hope to expand our social media audience as much as possible, engaging our community and visitors, so we know how we can improve the level of public safety service that we provide.

Special Events and Detention

Training

Training is a paramount concern of any professional organization. Each year the Department engages in a broad range of training areas far beyond the minimal requirements of the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission.

In 2013, Officers and staff participated in excess of 3100 hours of documented training. In addition to these hours are the ongoing training hours undertaken by specialty units such as SWAT and K-9. A significant amount of the training for the department's new Marine Operations Unit was also completed in 2013.



Detention

The Gulf Shores Detention Facility is a 26 bed jail, which until 2012, was staffed by 4 Detention Officers. Since that time the Detention Facility has reached its staffing goal of 8 full time Detention Officers. Additionally Cpl. William Berrey has completed his first year as the supervisor of the Detention Facility. This move has brought more continuity and accountability to the operations of the facility. In 2013 the facility welcomed new Detention Officers Josh Hines, Jeffery Bunn, James Long, and Brendan Powell to the operation. The training program for new and existing Detention Officers continues to be updated and expanded.

In 2013, the Facility held or processed approximately 1,366 arrestees. Of these 1,041 were male and 325 were female.

The role of the Detention Officers has also been expanded. Today Detention Officers are heavily involved in Court Security, and assist outside the facility with special events and traffic details.

Special Events

Each year the City of Gulf Shores hosts an ever growing list of special events. These include two major concert events (Hangout Music Festival and Shrimp Festival) along with numerous runs, triathlons, sporting events, and parades.

Whenever there is a special event this division is tasked with coordinating the department's planning, staffing, operations and logistics during the events. Each event poses unique challenges and the members of the division work closely with the stakeholders for each event to ensure a safe and successful outcome.

A few examples of events handled by the division include:

Hangout Music Festival

Each year in May the City of Gulf Shores plays host to the Hangout Music Festival. In just a few years this event has grown in popularity and acclaim amongst nationally recognized festivals. The general estimates of crowds each year range from thirty five to forty thousand attendees. In 2013 the demands for police operations were consistent with other years.

Events like the Hangout Music festival require not only the full activation of the Department's staff, but large scale multi-jurisdictional and interdisciplinary coordination in order to effectively staff it.

Not only does the Department work closely with the event organizers and Fire/EMS, but with numerous law enforcement agencies as well. In 2013 these agencies included, but are not limited to, Baldwin County Sherriff's Department, Foley and Orange Beach Police Departments, Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency, Alabama Department of Public Safety, Mobile County Sherriff's Department, Alabama Marine Police, and the Transportation Security Administration and the 46th Civil Support Unit.

These agencies work together not only to provide general policing and traffic control, but also to counter any disruptive threat that might be posed. In 2013 Gulf Shores P.D., working closely with the Alabama Department of Public Safety, The Transportation Security Agency and the 46th Civil Support Agency, orchestrated a robust response in the wake of concerns raised by the Boston Bombing.

The Hangout Music Festival is a nationally recognized event, and the Gulf Shores Police Department is proud to provide a level of security comparable to any happening in the country. The Department's success in responding to this festival is evidenced by the annual decrease in arrests made. These reduced numbers illustrate the impact that Police involvement has had on the evolution of the nature of this event.

Shrimp Festival

The National Shrimp Festival is another major music and arts event held each year. Shrimp Festival, like all the others, has its own unique "personality" which affects the nature of Police response. However given that it attracts crowds as large as the Hangout Festival, the need for security is still the top priority.

This year there were minimal reported arrests or incidents associated with the Shrimp Festival.



Spillman Software

In Fall of 2011 the Gulf Shores Police Department took on the task of searching for a better solution to records management. At that time the police department was using its second software package for records management, Tyler Public Safety which was adopted in 2007. The first software solution was by JCB3 and was implemented in 1998. While both served their purpose at the time the department was in need of a software package to not only satisfy report taking and records management but provide useful and meaningful data to assist in community service and crime prevention.

A committee was formed representing all of the main divisions of the department and research was begun into what was available. While many were looked at, five stood out as needing further research. Those companies were invited to demo their product for the department. The demo and research process by the committee lead to the focusing in on one company, Spillman.

Spillman was invited to engage in further discussions with the department and in follow up meetings and demos they stood out as the software to best meet the department's needs. This recommendation was presented to the city and in 2013 the purchase was authorized.

Implemented late in 2013 this software has allowed not only for improved records management but provides statistical data never available to the department. For the first time in Gulf Shores history the department has the ability to track trends in various categories such as crime, accidents, and any of the many calls for community service the department receives both in real time and in historical periods. This allows for the recognition of trends such as an increase in thefts or burglaries in one section of town while realizing a decrease in speeding complaints in another.

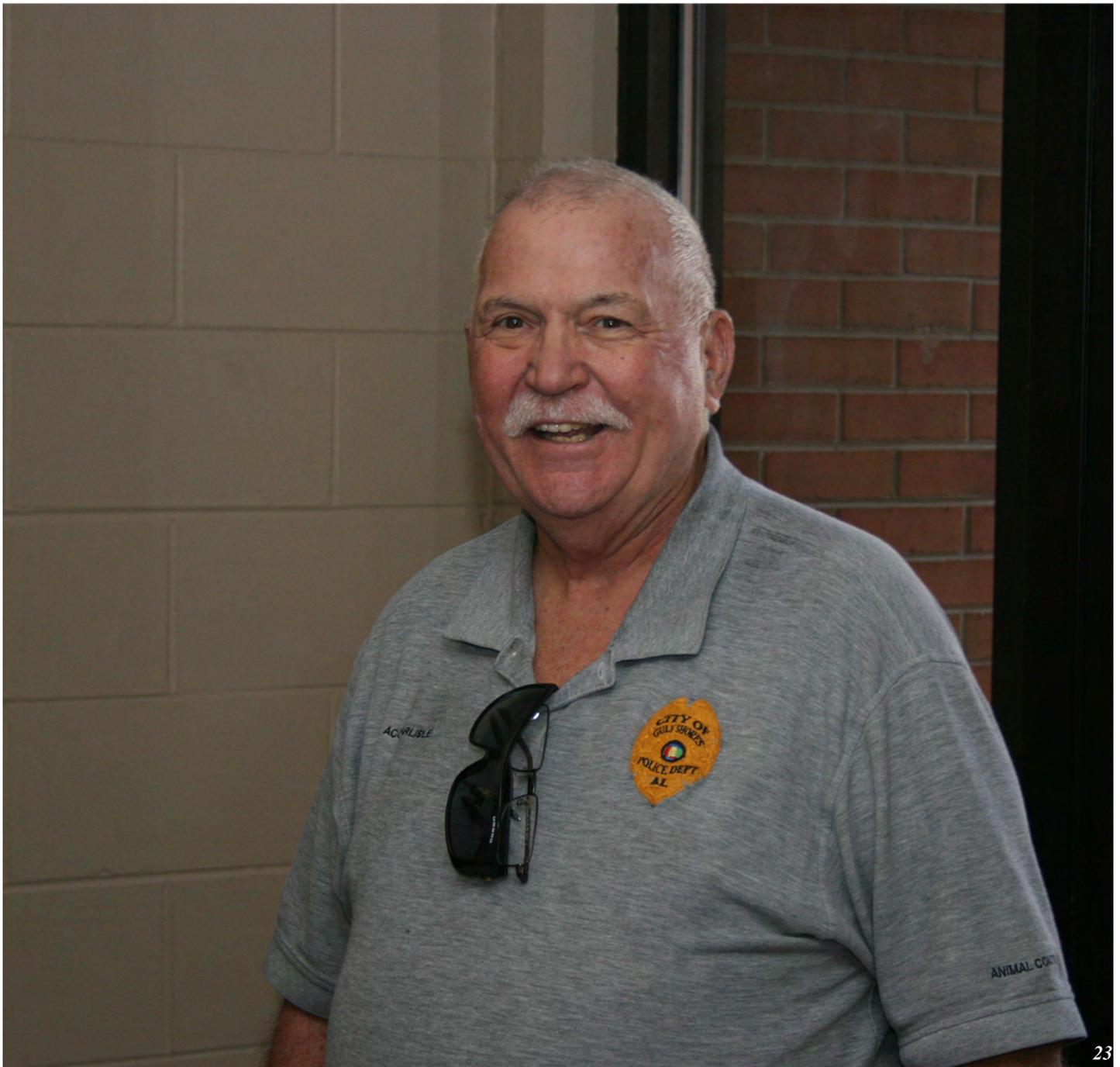
Another first is the ability for officers to receive information in their cars at the same time dispatch and those at the department do. Likewise dispatch will see where officers are at in real time in the city. This will allow for better utilization of forces as well as much improved community service.

While the implementation of this exciting piece of software continues, the benefit to those in the community we serve continues to increase.

Retired 2013
Dudley Carlisle

Animal Control Officer

Employed 09/01/1998 to 09/01/2013



Index Crime Statistics

Listed below are the Index Crime Statistics for the City of Gulf Shores in 2013, with comparative figures for 2011 and 2012. The eight crime index crimes are considered (for reporting purposes) to be the most serious crimes.

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Homicide | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rape | 8 | 3 | 3 |
| Robbery | 5 | 8 | 5 |
| Aggravated Assault | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Burglary | 152 | 135 | 105 |
| Theft | 640 | 775 | 684 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 15 | 16 | 11 |
| Arson | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Total Index | | | |
| Crime Offenses | 823 | 938 | 809 |

Drug Crimes

“One might consider an increase in drug arrests to be a negative but quite the contrary is true. This demonstrates that Gulf Shores Officers are aggressively addressing the drug problem while other communities that report few or no arrests probably aren’t”

- Chief Ed Delmore

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance | 27 | 16 | 51 |
| Possession of Certain Chemical Compounds | N/A | 10 | 8 |
| Unlawful Manufacturing of Controlled Substance | 20 | 3 | 0 |
| Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia | 117 | 95 | 115 |
| Unlawful Possession of Marijuana | 119 | 104 | 116 |
| Total Drug Arrests | 283 | 228 | 290 |

Other Incidents

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Other Assaults | 34 | 29 | 20 |
| Domestic Violence | 262 | 176 | 164 |
| Forgery & Counterfeiting | 7 | 9 | 12 |
| Fraud | 45 | 40 | 43 |
| Vandalism / Criminal Mischief | 151 | 142 | 139 |
| Weapons | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Prostitution | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sex Offenses | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| Gambling | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Driving Under the Influence | 183 | 196 | 295 |
| Public Intoxication | 260 | 255 | 298 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 60 | 47 | 33 |
| Obstructing Gov. Operations | 7 | 5 | 14 |

Communications Processed

| 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 21,589 | 29,440 | 31,269 |

Traffic

Crash Reports

| Crash Severity | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fatal Injury | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| Incapacitation Injury | 19 | 11 | 13 |
| Non-Incapacitating Injury | 29 | 41 | 48 |
| Possible Injury | 38 | 35 | 29 |
| Property Damage Only | 429 | 428 | 421 |
| Unknown | 24 | 21 | 12 |
| Total | 542 | 541 | 528 |

*Vehicle Stops**

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Traffic Citations | 1417 | 1527 | 1681 |
| Written Warnings | 709 | 1967 | 2062 |

***Verbal Warnings not counted**

Calls for Service

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 911 Hang Up & Open Line | 349 | 322 | 298 |
| Alarm | 928 | 914 | 777 |
| Animal Complaint | 355 | 435 | 439 |
| Assault | 66 | 67 | 68 |
| Assist EMS or Other Agency | 295 | 370 | 1278 |
| Assist Motorist | 504 | 568 | 560 |
| Attempt to Locate or Serve | 131 | 157 | 167 |
| B & E Auto | 118 | 167 | 181 |
| BOLO | 48 | 48 | 36 |
| Burglary- Business | 22 | 20 | 21 |
| Burglary- Residence | 116 | 129 | 100 |
| Civil Complaint | 182 | 149 | 137 |
| Clear Parking Lot | 6 | 20 | 14 |
| Community Assist | 95 | 201 | 189 |
| Criminal Littering | 21 | 20 | 13 |
| Criminal Mischief | 136 | 152 | 167 |
| Criminal Trespass | 87 | 96 | 72 |
| Natural Death | 9 | 11 | 8 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 85 | 78 | 86 |
| Disturbance | 322 | 387 | 326 |
| Domestic Disturbance | 357 | 334 | 249 |
| Drowning | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Drug/ Narcotics | 122 | 151 | 117 |
| Escort | 46 | 18 | 18 |
| Field Interview | 533 | 792 | 1068 |
| Fight | 134 | 176 | 106 |
| Fire Call | 89 | 93 | 203 |
| Fireworks | 64 | 77 | 67 |
| Follow Up | 319 | 426 | 419 |
| Found & Lost Property | 261 | 253 | 233 |
| Fraud or Forgery | 101 | 125 | 131 |
| Harassment or Harassing Communications | 291 | 285 | 242 |
| Illegal Parking | 158 | 173 | 168 |
| Indecent Exposure | 14 | 13 | 13 |
| Intoxicated Driver | 200 | 205 | 229 |
| Juvenile Matter | 92 | 81 | 68 |
| Liquor Law Violation | 58 | 64 | 25 |
| Loitering | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| Medical | 226 | 236 | 527 |
| Meet Complainant | 263 | 292 | 198 |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Menacing | 8 | 5 | 9 |
| Mental Person | 12 | 10 | 3 |
| Missing Person | 119 | 134 | 116 |
| Noise Complaint | 423 | 514 | 534 |
| Open Door | 104 | 139 | 71 |
| Pick Up Prisoner | 158 | 138 | 146 |
| Plane Crash | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Property Damage | 242 | 196 | 236 |
| Prowler | 3 | 13 | 7 |
| Public Intoxication | 195 | 225 | 189 |
| Public Lewdness | 6 | 6 | 7 |
| Pursuit | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| Reckless Driving | 425 | 501 | 419 |
| Recovered Property | 9 | 9 | 10 |
| Robbery | 8 | 4 | 3 |
| Runaway | 13 | 8 | 17 |
| School Zone | 358 | 349 | 347 |
| Sexual Assault/ Rape | 22 | 15 | 16 |
| Shoplifting | 80 | 99 | 108 |
| Shots Fired | 36 | 53 | 54 |
| Skateboarding | 14 | 12 | 15 |
| Solicitation | 19 | 25 | 42 |
| Special Assignment | 80 | 68 | 40 |
| Stolen Vehicle | 32 | 32 | 36 |
| Suicide | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| Suicide Attempt | 29 | 44 | 47 |
| Suspicious Activity | 284 | 455 | 392 |
| Suspicious Person | 262 | 335 | 355 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 851 | 1026 | 1225 |
| Swimmer in Distress | 21 | 37 | 32 |
| Theft | 481 | 599 | 492 |
| Traffic Complaint | 62 | 51 | 40 |
| Traffic Control | 93 | 128 | 62 |
| Traffic Hazard | 137 | 176 | 180 |
| Transmit Obscene material | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Transport | 91 | 103 | 103 |
| Unattended Death | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle | 13 | 10 | 15 |
| Vehicle on Beach | 9 | 4 | 8 |
| Vin Verification | 43 | 51 | 39 |
| Warrant Service | 64 | 101 | 145 |
| Watercraft Complaint | 2 | 3 | 10 |
| Welfare Concern | 281 | 313 | 351 |
| Total | 12,414 | 14,371 | 14,956 |





In Rememberance of Investigator Michael Stockwell

End of Watch: September 17, 2013



Investigator Michael Stockwell, of Orange Beach Police Department, was killed in a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of the Foley Beach Expressway and County Road 12, in Foley, at approximately 9:00 pm on September 17, 2013. His unmarked department vehicle collided with another vehicle in the intersection. He succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

Investigator Stockwell is survived by his two daughters Haily and Callie Stockwell, Kerin Kincey (mother of Haily and Callie), parents Dale and Joyce Stockwell, two sisters, Kathleen (Bruce) Thrift and Shelley Stockwell, nieces; Catlin, Kelsey, Savannah Thrift; nephews, David, Ryan and Garrett Thrift and very special friend Mary Frances Sims.

Investigator Stockwell served with the Gulf Shores Police Department from 11/02/1992 to 09/01/2000.



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