



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



GULF SHORES
POLICE

VISION

Be a model law enforcement agency viewed internally and externally as professional, enthusiastic, trustworthy and at the forefront of the police profession.

MISSION

To serve, protect and enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike by utilizing cutting edge policing and employing standards that ensure equal protections under the law.

VALUES

Our values are at the heart and soul of how we, as professional peace officers, operate. We dedicate ourselves to our values of Integrity, Respect, Service, and Teamwork. These values are Implemented daily with the goal of providing excellent services and programs to meet the needs of our community and those within our organization. Values guide our actions and serve as the framework for the decisions and contributions we make every day--at every level.

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2024 OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY

OFFICER
CHRIS CHILDRESS

FEBRUARY

OFFICER
IAN WALLACE

MARCH

OFFICER
DARREN BAKER

APRIL

OFFICER
GABE TRUJILLO

MAY

OFFICER
SETH GOELLNER

JUNE

OFFICER
CHANDLER BOYD

JULY

OFFICER
BRANDON SHELTON

AUGUST

OFFICER
SETH GOELLNER

SEPTEMBER

OFFICER
TIM HESTER

OCTOBER

OFFICER
CHANDLER BOYD

NOVEMBER

OFFICER
CHANDLER BOYD

DECEMBER

OFFICER
TIM HESTER

2024 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Chandler Boyd has been selected as our 2024 Officer of the Year. Officer Boyd graduated from the Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy at Jacksonville State University in December of 2023. While in Field Training it was quickly recognized that Officer Boyd possessed the capabilities of performing at a high standard. Officer Boyd was released from Field Training in March of 2024 which marked the beginning of outstanding start to his young career.

Since that release he was nominated for Officer of the Month 6 times and was named Officer of the Month for June, October, and November.

Supervisors of Officer Boyd have stated that;

"he has tremendous persistence and patience."

"While he is at work, he constantly patrols the City of Gulf Shores and ensures the safety of the citizens and the visitors of this great city."

"Takes initiative and conducts thorough investigations."

Thank you for your consistent hard work and congratulations on this prestigious achievement.



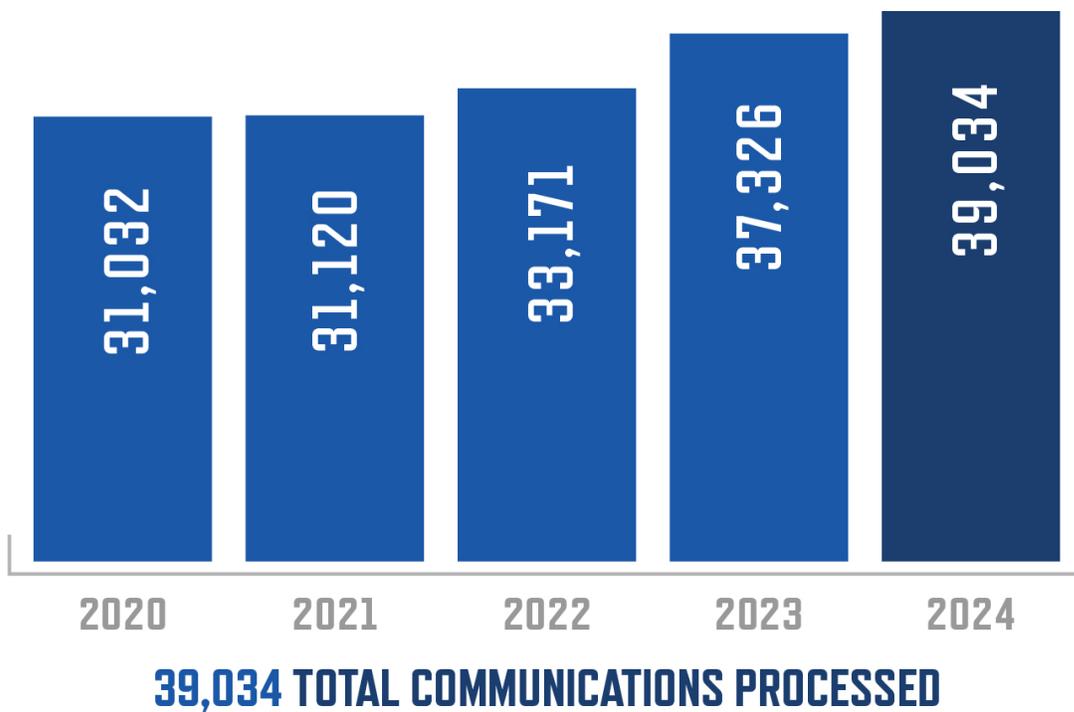
A high-angle, night-time photograph of a police intersection. Several police vehicles are present, including a white sedan, a dark SUV, and a dark sedan with its rear door open. A dark SUV with 'POLICE' and '9095' on its side is in the foreground. A person in a dark uniform is walking across the street in the lower-left. The scene is illuminated by the red and blue lights of the police vehicles. The text 'DIVISIONS & UNITS' is overlaid in large white letters.

DIVISIONS & UNITS

COMMUNICATIONS

TELECOMMUNICATORS

- Amber Brooks
- Natalie Miller
- Kayla Banks
- Haylee Morin
- Isaiah Kilgo
- Lauren Lantis
- Chase Pate
- Ciara Nelson
- Christina Sellers
- Christopher Hinton



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Community Service Officers operate under the command of the Patrol Lieutenants. Community Service Officers patrol the City of Gulf Shores and its white sandy beaches serving as ambassadors to residents and visitors alike. With four Community Service Officers covering two separate shifts. Community Service officers build relationships with the public throughout the course of their duties of educating and enforcing city ordinances.

Community Service Officers also answer calls for service including private property accident reporting, logistics, city school zone traffic, and animal control. While not answering calls for service or patrolling Community Service Officers handle the care, control and custody of stray dogs housed at the city pound.

Community Service Officers work diligently to serve the City of Gulf Shores and its residents with integrity and respect.

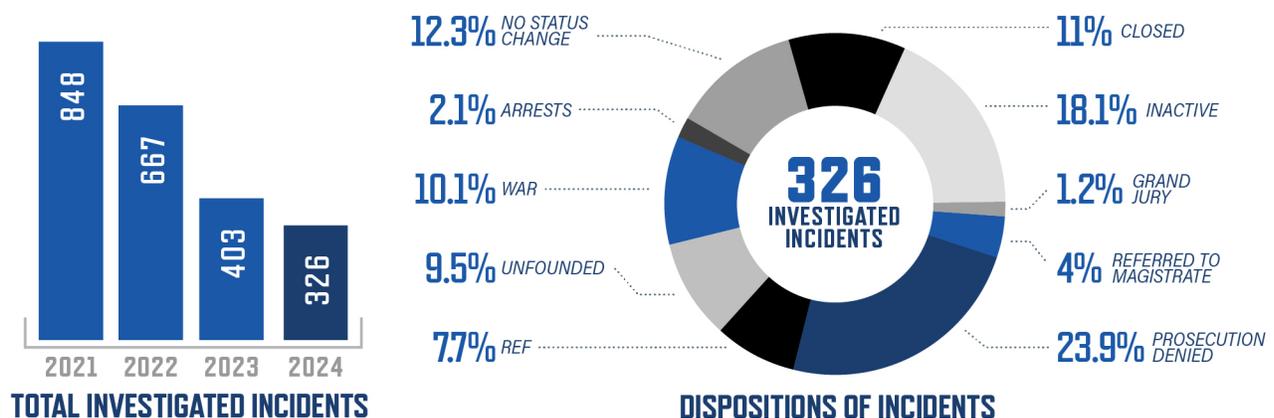


CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Gulf Shores Police Department Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is responsible for the investigation of felony crimes that occur within the police jurisdiction. The division consists of a criminal investigations element, crime scene investigation, evidence and property section, and task force officers assigned to outside entities. The division is commanded by a Lieutenant who oversees two sergeants, six investigators, a crime scene and evidence technician, and two task force officers. Certain investigators of CID are also members of the Baldwin County Major Crimes Unit (MCU), the Baldwin County Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Child Exploitation Task Force, and the Baldwin County Drug Task Force. The department's public information officer (PIO) is also assigned to the criminal investigations division.

In 2024 CID investigated a total of 326 incidents. A majority of these investigations were felony related in nature. 40 search warrants were executed in 2024, ranging from suspect residences to portable electronic devices.

The graph below reflects the final disposition of assigned investigations from 2024.



Another responsibility of the criminal investigations division is to monitor sex offender compliance within our city. In 2024 CID conducted a total of 90 compliance checks. Of those 90 checks, 14 violations were discovered which resulted nine arrests.

CRIMINAL PATROL UNIT

The Gulf Shores Police Department Criminal Patrol Unit (CPU) is a proactive criminal enforcement team that consists of a sergeant, three patrolmen, and a dedicated K-9 (Darlin). CPU is under the command of the Patrol Lieutenants. Their mission is to create a safer community by pro-actively seeking out and arresting the criminal element. The four members of the unit are deputized with the Baldwin County Sheriff's Department allowing them to investigate criminal activity and apprehend offenders with criminal cases related to Gulf Shores anywhere in the county.

The Unit is a specialized unit within the Police Department and operates in cooperation with the Uniform Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations Division, and the BCSO Drug Task Force. The officers assigned to the Criminal Patrol Unit are tasked with the responsibility of conducting narcotic investigations, gathering intelligence information, apprehending fugitives, and conducting operations in any problems areas of the city.

The primary role of the Unit is to detect, suppress, and prevent criminal activity. This is accomplished through a variety of mediums to include surveillance operations, high visibility patrol/traffic enforcement, and building relationships with local business owners.

The chart below shows the number of arrests and charges the Criminal Patrol Unit accomplished in 5 months in operation in 2024.

CHARGE	# OF ARRESTS	# OF CHARGES
Marijuana Misdemeanor	17	20
Marijuana Felony	3	5
Methamphetamine	12	13
Cocaine	3	3
Pills	2	2
Warrant Misdemeanor	34	37
Warrant Felony	11	12
Misdemeanor Other	4	12
Felony Other	2	3
Fentanyl	2	3
Stolen Firearm	3	4
Stolen Car	1	1
Total	94	115

DRONE UNIT

The Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) unit are under the command of the Patrol Lieutenant. The unit consists of nine Gulf Shores Police Department. All pilots are required to complete and maintain a FAA Part 107 pilot license as well as a basic and advanced flight training classes.

Pilots operate three drones including two DJI M30T's and a smaller DJI Mavic Air 2. Pilots conduct a variety of missions including Search and Rescue, Accident and Crime Scene Reconstruction, Event Overwatch, Suspect Pursuits, Pre-tactical Deployment Reconnaissance, and Hostage situations.

During 2024, the UAS unit assisted in the apprehension of numerous arrests. This includes assisting the locating and tracking a drone pilot flying in an unauthorized area during The Hangout Music Festival. This arrest was the first of its type in the State of Alabama. The UAS team was used to assist with serving several felony warrants. The unit was also utilized to map the crime scene of a shooting at the Gulf Shores Public Beach Front and numerous fatality accidents. Over the course of 2024, the UAS team flew a total of 115 hours for various missions and training exercises.



HONOR GUARD

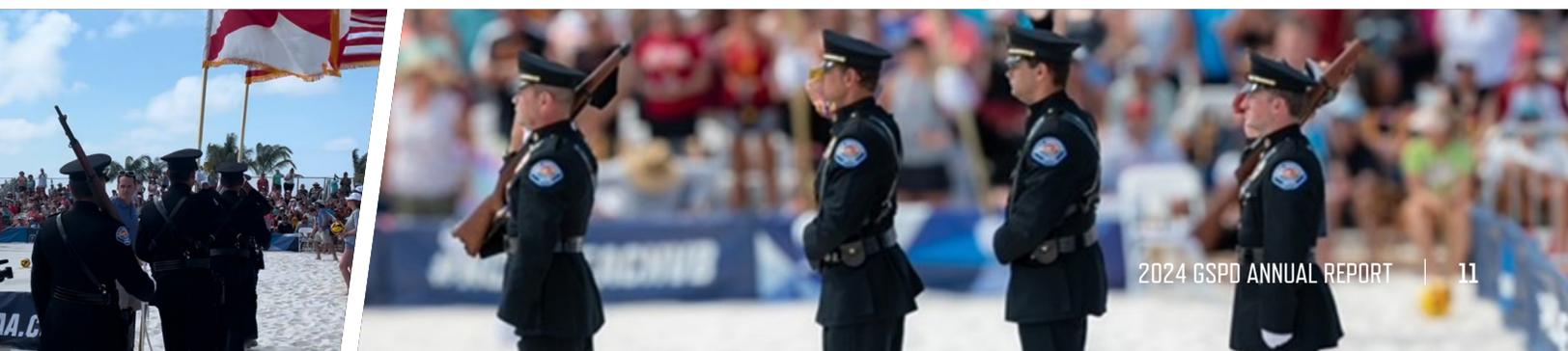
The Honor Guard proudly presents the National Colors, State Colors, and Organizational Colors at various events. The Presentation of colors is customary at the opening of patriotic and sporting events and is often accompanied by the playing of our national anthem.

The Gulf Shores Police Honor Guard is dedicated to upholding the highest values and traditions of men and women of law enforcement. The Honor Guard's priority is to honor fallen officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice during the performance of his/her duties. The Gulf Shores Police Honor Guard also represents the department at employee funerals for both current and retired members who have passed away.

In 2024 the Gulf Shores Police Honor Guard presented the color for local as well as national events. The Gulf Shores Police Honor Guard also presented colors for Police related conferences in or area during 2024.

The 2024 NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball Championship was held at Gulf Shores Public Beach in Gulf Shores, AL. On Sunday, May 5 the Gulf Shores Police Department Honor Guard was asked to present the colors at the opening ceremonies for the championship game.

On 9/20/2024 the Gulf Shores Police Honor Guard was asked to present the colors for the Southeast Land Title Association conference opening ceremony.



K-9 UNIT

In 2024, the Gulf Shores Police Department added the first Explosives Detection Canine to the unit. K9 Bagheera (AKA Biggie) is a 5 year old black lab who is trained to detect 22 explosive odors including firearms. Biggie was a stud for the University of Auburn Canine Performance Sciences Program before his employment with Pelham Police Department in 2022.

Officer Ashley Shanks was selected as Biggie's handler. Officer Shanks is also the department's first female canine handler. The team attended canine school at the Escambia County Sheriff's Office (FL) and graduated in August. Since hitting the streets, Biggie has proven himself to be a great asset for the Gulf Shores Police Department as well as surrounding agencies.

Also in 2024, the Gulf Shores Police Association started the K9's For Kids program. All of the canines in the unit were shrunk into plush stuffed animals to be given out to children in tough situations.



K-9 FOR KIDS PROGRAM

"Our mission is to foster stronger community bonds and provide comfort and support to individuals in our community during times of distress through the distribution of plush K9 stuffed replica dogs by the Gulf Shores, Alabama Police Officers. These soft companions serve as tangible symbols of compassion and reassurance, aiding officers in their outreach efforts and offering solace to children facing challenging situations such as domestic disputes, accidents, or being lost on the beach. Through collaborative partnerships with donors, we aim to fund this initiative and make these comforting companions accessible to our community via officers in the community, our online store or at the police department ensuring their widespread availability and impact."



MARINE UNIT

The Underwater Search and Recovery Dive Team conducted several search and recovery missions in 2024. The Marine Unit had limited activity in the Gulf waters and Lagoon area.

Dive training is conducted once a month, as weather and water conditions permit, throughout the year; occasionally it is conducted in the confines of the indoor pool at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center. Current members of the Dive Team from the Gulf Shores Police Department are Command Sergeant Lorant Baranovics-Dive Master, LT. Joshua Hogue, Command Sergeant Brandon Ward, Sergeant Chris Childress, Skyler Hubbard, Doniaven Sanders. From the Gulf Shores Fire Department Joethan Phillips, Melvin Shepard, Ashlee Barnard, Matthew Bartl, Lauren Bozeman, Justin Dobbs, Cole Fincher, Micheal Lucas, Micah Smith, Brandon Tomas.

The marine unit was called for service on several occasions during the year of 2024. A few to mention, securing waterway/beachfront area during the Hangout Music Festival. Assisting with pier inspection before and after the Fourth of July fireworks at the State Park Pier. Assisting with several boat parades on the ICW.

MARINE UNIT ACTIVATIONS

March 3, 2024: the dive team was activated to a submerged vehicle that crashed into the Intercostal Water Way at Canal Rd & E. 2nd ST.

June 6, 2024: The GSPD Marine unit assisted ALEA Marine unit with a boating accident on the Intercostal Water Way.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

During the 2024-25 school year the Gulf Shores Police Department SRO's were led by Sgt. Chad Lambert. Each school is assigned an SRO, with Officer Tony Pappas being assigned to Gulf Shores Elementary School, Officer Jim Lord assigned to Gulf Shores Middle School, and Officer Mike Drummond assigned to Gulf Shores High School. Sergeant Lambert is responsible for the supervision of the SRO's and integrating the school system and police department so they can work as a cohesive unit.

Gulf Shores Police Department SROs primary goal is to provide the best protection to our students within the schools and to have positive interactions with them. The duties of the SRO program include: constant presence on every school campus, building relationships with students and school staff, providing escorts and security for various sporting events, dances, and school functions, and handling any juvenile criminal issues that arise within the school. Sergeant Lambert also acts as the Department's liaison for any juvenile complaints that are forwarded to the juvenile court system. The Gulf Shores Police Department is committed to ensuring a safe learning and working environment for students, faculty, and staff. The SRO unit will continue to explore ways to increase the safety of our schools.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Special Operations Division of the Gulf Shores Police Department is responsible for overseeing numerous vital functions of the police department. These functions include special events (54 supported events in 2024), coordinating and facilitating initial and continuing education training, professional standards, department vehicle fleet and maintenance as well as inspection programs, intern program and VIPS oversight.

The Special Operations Division planned and coordinated major holiday festivities and city events throughout 2024. This task includes staffing, scheduling police department personnel, and providing resources to provide support and safety to the community. The Special Operations Division participated in several city events to bring awareness and show support to the community. These events included the Gulf Shores Elementary School Harvest Festival, Citizen Police Academy, Sunset Series at the Towne Green, The Haunted Hustle, and Gulf Shores Community Christmas. During these events, booths and tents were set up where kid activities and information were distributed with community policing in mind.

All newly sworn officers are required to complete a basic academy upon employment. Those newly sworn officers with certified experience from another state are required to complete a lateral academy. A minimum of 12 hours of continuing education each year are required by each sworn officer. The additional training helps provide the community with knowledgeable and professional officers. Well trained officers ensure the safety of the officer as well as the community.

Basic Academy: 2800 hours of training

The addition of 5 new Chevrolet Tahoe's were added to the department's vehicle fleet this year. After installing state of the art equipment and department markings they were assigned to the patrol division. These vehicles made it possible for each officer within the Gulf Shores Police Department to have a take home vehicle assigned to them.



SWAT TEAM

The Gulf Shores Police Department Special Weapon and Tactics (SWAT) team provides tactical intervention to critical incidents that are beyond the scope of normal patrol capabilities. There are multiple specialties on the team that include kinetic breachers, sniper and observer, assaulter, and tactical paramedics provided by the Gulf Shores Fire & Rescue. The team follows the recommended standards that are set forth by the National Tactical Officer's Association (NTOA) as it relates to training, equipment, selection, and operations.

In 2024 members of the SWAT team attended multiple training courses to increase their knowledge and operational readiness. All together team members accrued over 3,000 hours of training in 2024. These courses included the Kinetic Breacher's Course and Law Enforcement Counter Terrorism Course Level One and Level Two held at the Direction Action Resource Center in North Little Rock Arkansas. Other training classes include the Basic Law Enforcement Precision Marksman Observer course, the CTS Less Lethal Instructor's course, and a basic SWAT course for new members to the team.

In addition to Gulf Shores Police officers, the SWAT team is staffed by four Gulf Shores Fire Rescue Paramedics. These tactical paramedics can provide immediate medical aid to officers, civilians, and suspects in an unsecured or hostile environment. The tactical paramedics complete basic tactical training like police officers and attend advanced tactical medicine courses



VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE VIPS

Volunteers at the Gulf Shores Police Department are known as VIPS. Since the program originated in 2012 the VIPS have contributed countless hours of service and dedication to the department. They have been instrumental in the handling of the golf cart inspection program, tow vehicle inspection program, keeping the police department fleet operational, providing roll player and safety officer duties for training and assisting all divisions with job related task to help alleviate heavy workloads. Completing these task help keep patrol officers on patrol and CID detectives on the case. The volunteers also assist at city wide events such as parades, concerts, and festivals to provide logistics support to the police department and city employees working the events. The volunteers bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the program. This wealth of knowledge, experience, and work ethic makes this program extremely beneficial to the Gulf Shores Police Department both financially and through effective use of staffing.

Volunteer hours for 2024: 3410.25

In 2024, the VIPS contributed 3410.25 hours of donated time which equates to a \$102,136.99 value and savings to the City of Gulf Shores.





DATA

CALLS FOR SERVICE

10-100 / Pursuit	1
911 Hangup	272
911 Open Line	157
Abandoned Vehicle	43
Accident	748
Accident - Private Property	113
Agency Assist	315
Alarm - Gulf Shores	2
Alcohol On Beach	3
Animal Complaint	563
Assault	51
Assist Fire/EMS	557
Assist Motorist	572
Assist Vessel	5
Attempt to Serve	272
Attempt to Locate	20
B&E of Vehicle	25
BEACH PATROL	855
Boater In Distress	15
BOLO	80
Burglary - Business	3
Burglary - Residence	38
Business Without License	5
CAD Test	8
Child Abuse	6
Child Neglect	1
Civil Complaint	183
Clear Parking Lot	37
Community Assist	159
Sex Offender Compliance Check	87
Conservation Violation	2
Criminal Littering	10
Criminal Mischief	58
Criminal Trespassing	141
Crowd Control	1
Double Red Flag Violation	17

Death Investigation	12
Disorderly Conduct	8
Disturbance	498
Domestic Dispute	354
Drag Racing	2
Drowning	2
Drug Activity	123
DUI	82
Sand Dune Ordinance Violation	1
Escape	2
Escort	2
Family Offense	1
Field Interview	477
Fight	49
Fire Complaint	2
Fire on the Beach	5
Fireworks Complaint	26
Follow Up	1349
Foot Patrol	10654
Found Property	332
Fraud	139
Golf Cart Inspection	3
Assembly Violation	1
Harassing Communications	109
Harassment	176
Hole In Sand	21
House Party	30
Indecent Exposure	5
Information Only	57
Juvenile Matter	141
Kidnapping	1
Law Alarm	789
Loitering	8
Lost Child	27
Lost Property	67
LPR BOLO	26

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Medical	1140
Meet Complainant	881
Menacing	3
Mental Person	24
Missing Person	151
Natural Disaster	2
Noise Complaint	325
Non-Consensual Tow	11
Open Door	64
Parking Machine Maintenance	198
Parking Violation	156
Pick Up Prisoner	244
Prisoner Transport	2
Probationer Compliance Check	1
Probationer Registration	1
Property Damage	222
Prowler	1
Public Intoxication	85
Public Lewdness	9
Rape	4
Reckless Driving	573
Reckless Endangerment	1
Repossession	20
Robbery	1
Runaway Juvenile	13
School Zone	377
Sex Offender Violation	4
Sex Offender Registration	103
Sex Offense	15
Shoplifting	67
Shots Fired	37
Soliciting	16
Special Assignment	43
Stolen Vehicle	31
Subject With Gun	15
Subjects On Beach	1

Suicide	1
Suicide Threat	40
Suicide Attempt	14
Suspicious Activity	327
Suspicious Person	391
Suspicious Vehicle	1060
Swimmer In Distress	58
Tent Violation	10
Theft	270
Traffic Complaint	34
Traffic Control	69
Traffic Hazard	292
Traffic Stop	10893
Transport	69
Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	11
Unknown	1
Underage Possession of Alcohol	19
Vehicle on the Beach	4
Vessel Stop	2
VIN Inspection	94
Water Hazard	2
Welfare Concern	526

***TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 17,479**
COMMUNICATIONS PROCESSED: 39,034

*Calls for service are Communications processed minus Traffic Stops, Foot Patrols and CADD Tests.

NIBRS & DATA ANALYSIS

GROUP A OFFENSES: 1,424 TOTAL

Animal Cruelty	3
Arson	0
Assault Offenses	
Aggravated Assault	40
Simple Assault	244
Intimidation	60
Bribery	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	21
Counterfeiting/Forgery	16
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	97
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	
Drug/Narcotic Violations	353
Drug Equipment Violations	140
Embezzlement	0
Extortion/Blackmail	1
Fraud Offenses	
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	16
Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud	24
Impersonation	13
Welfare Fraud	0
Wire Fraud	7
Identity Theft	25
Hacking/Computer Invasion	1
Gambling Offenses	
Betting/Wagering	0
Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0
Gambling Equipment Violations	0
Sports Tampering	0
Homicide Offenses	
Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0
Justifiable Homicide	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	0
Larceny/Theft Offenses	
Pocket-picking	1

Purse-snatching	0
Shoplifting	92
Theft From Building	21
Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	0
Theft From Motor Vehicle	15
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	5
All Other Larceny	177
Motor Vehicle Theft	12
Pornography/Obscene Material	7
Prostitution Offenses	
Prostitution	0
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0
Purchasing Prostitution	0
Robbery	2
Sex Offenses	
Rape	5
Sodomy	0
Sexual Assault with an Object	0
Fondling	3
Incest	0
Statutory Rape	1
Stolen Property Offenses	10
Weapon Law Violations	12

GROUP B OFFENSES: 1,053 TOTAL

Disorderly Conduct	37
Driving Under the Influence	131
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	5
Liquor Law Violations	228
Trespass of Real Property	16
All other Offenses	636

NIBRS & DATA ANALYSIS

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS: 567 TOTAL

Fatal Injury	1
Suspected Serious Injury	11
Suspected Minor Injury	46
Possible Injury	54
Property Damage Only	449
Unknown	6

TRAFFIC CITATIONS & WARNINGS: 7,299 TOTAL

Traffic Citations	2,129
Warning Tickets	5,170

DRUG ARRESTS: 430 TOTAL

"Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance"	105
"Unlawful Possession of Certain Chemical Compounds"	0
Unlawful Manufacturing of Controlled Substance	0
"Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia"	143
Possession of Marijuana	182