

Dunwoody
Police
Department

2021

Annual

Report





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Letter from the Chief



Dear Citizens of Dunwoody,

I am pleased to present the Dunwoody Police Department's 2021 Annual Report.

I think many of us were optimistic that we, as a society, might return to some semblance of normalcy in 2021. Unfortunately, COVID and the challenges we faced as a result of it, continued to effect the community and our department throughout the year. The Omicron variant hit our department particularly hard.

We had another uptick in Crimes Against Persons in 2021 with an overall increase of 20.8%. Most instances involved Aggravated Assaults, which were up 32.5%, and Armed Robberies, which were up 26.1%. However, Homicides were down -33% and Rapes were down -18.2%. Property Crimes also saw a decrease in Motor Vehicle Thefts, which were down -6.6%.

Our department, similar to most police departments across the country, continued to struggle with the recruitment and retention of police officers. In fact, we had our highest rate of turnover this year. Fewer applicants combined with current officers leaving the profession was a perfect storm. Still, I am optimistic that we will return to full staff, thanks to the pay and benefit changes made by our City Council towards the end of the year.

In spite of these challenges, our team continued serving you, the citizens of Dunwoody, with excellence throughout the year. As we returned to a more normal schedule of community events, we introduced our first-ever Teen Police Academy, which was well received by the students who attended. In addition, our two new K-9's completed their extensive training and were officially assigned to our Patrol unit in 2021.

We, the men and women of the Dunwoody Police Department, are proud to serve our community and present this 2021 Annual Report as our commitment to transparency and accountability.

Your Chief,

Billy Grogan



Chief Grogan Celebrates 40 Yrs of Law Enforcement Service



Newly promoted officers receive a pep-talk from Chief Grogan



Time for a COVID vaccine booster



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Vision Statement

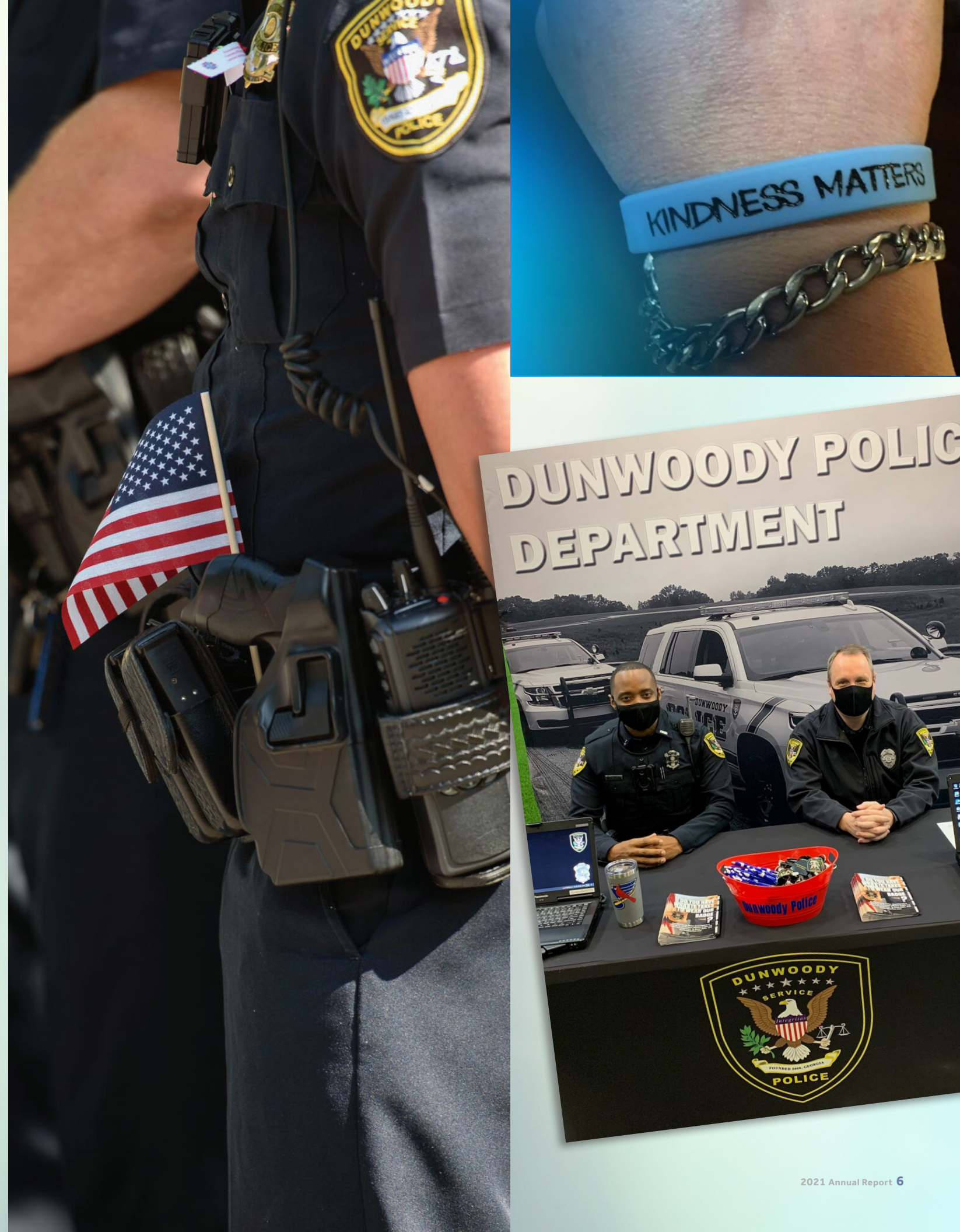
The Dunwoody Police Department is committed to being a world-class police department and a leader among police departments by hiring and promoting talented officers and professional staff, employing the highest standards of performance, using the best practices in policing and accountability, and reflecting the values of the city it serves.

The people of our communities and members of the Police Department must be united in their commitment to addressing crime, violence, and quality-of-life issues by engaging one another and all city departments in problem-solving partnerships.

The Dunwoody Police Department operates using cutting-edge technology to facilitate effective crime reduction strategies and tactics which are driven by accurate, timely and reliable information which rests on a solid foundation of accountability.

The Police Department strives to maintain the trust of Dunwoody community members by actively engaging with the neighborhood it serves. The Police Department seeks to make its policies and operations as open as possible. When there are complaints involving the Police Department, both the public and the police are best served by a system of accountability that is expeditious and fair to all involved.

To make this vision a reality, the Dunwoody Police Department must reward the hard work, ingenuity, and resourcefulness demonstrated by its employees, and must offer state-of-the-art training, development and career opportunities for advancement and retention. This will ensure that employees see the Police Department as a lifelong career and strive to become the department's next generation of leaders.



Core Values

Service

Providing excellent quality service to the community is our primary duty. We are committed to faithfully and selflessly perform our duties while striving to be responsive, effective, and dependable. We are dedicated to enhancing public safety and reducing the fear and the incidence of crime. We will work in partnership with the people in our community to solve problems that effect public safety and the quality of life in our community. We are dedicated to working in partnership with the public to achieve our goal of making our community a safe and inviting place.

Integrity

We believe integrity is a cornerstone of our profession. We value ethical conduct, public trust, and commit ourselves to personal and professional excellence. We are people of character and principle. We do what is right, even when no one is looking. We are committed to upholding our position of public trust and to conduct ourselves responsibly by maintaining the highest moral and ethical standards. We are uncompromising in our commitment to truth, honesty, and respect in all relationships. We hold ourselves accountable for our actions and inactions, and are open and honest in our dealings with each other. We have the courage to do what is right and to stand against what is wrong.

Courage

Courage is that quality of mind and spirit that enables us to confront and overcome the challenges of danger and adversity without fear of personal consequences. Courage is bravery, and bravery gives us strength not only to do something, but to do something right. Our courage derives from our commitment to training, education, and trust in one another. We recognize the hazards inherent in our profession and are willing to place the safety of others above that of ourselves. We shall not hesitate to step forward and protect those who cannot protect themselves. We must have the courage to stand up for what we believe is right and to have the courage to admit when we are wrong. We proudly serve with the courage necessary to meet the demands of our profession and the mission for which we are entrusted.

Professionalism

Professional service is embodied in our commitment to proficiency, competency, reliability, and excellence in all aspects of our conduct and performance. We believe in the social value of our work, considering it to be among the most noble of vocations, deriving personal satisfaction from the effective performance of our duties. We reject complacency and are dedicated to continually pursuing the highest levels of knowledge, skills, and expertise. Our actions are guided by the Law Enforcement Code of Conduct. We believe in the selfless virtue of placing duty before self with the willingness to accept personal sacrifice for the greater good.

Respect

We are committed to respecting the constitutional rights, liberties, and worth of all members of the community and the Department. We respect the laws which we are required to enforce and the democratic process. We do these things with dignity and honor. Because we are entrusted with private matters of citizens and our peers, we strive to gain and maintain the confidence of those we come into contact with, both professionally and personally. We value life and safety. We are committed to serve and treat all human beings with the utmost sensitivity, compassion and concern. We value the diversity of people in our community and serve all with equal dedication, respect and fairness.

Teamwork

We are committed to providing a work environment that fosters teamwork within our organization which will help facilitate the achievement of shared goals and objections. The concept of teamwork is important to the success of our organization. To that end, we will work together as a team with other City departments, the community we serve and other law enforcement agencies in DeKalb County, in Georgia and across our nation.

Mission Statement

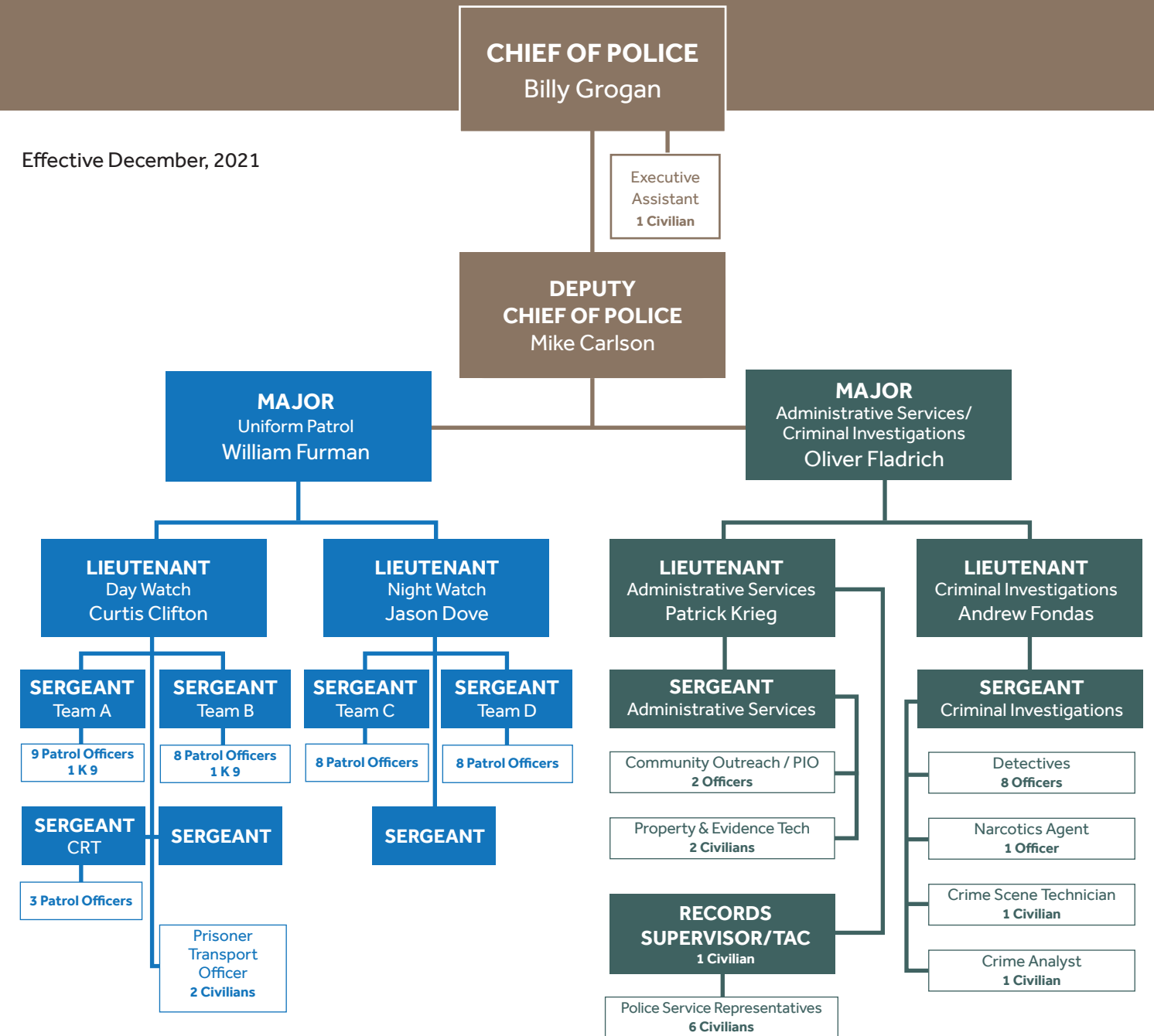
The mission of the Dunwoody Police Department is to work in partnership with the residents and businesses of Dunwoody to provide a safe and secure environment through the delivery of fair and impartial police services, proactive problem solving, and increased community partnerships.

The Dunwoody Police Department will operate in a transparent manner; maintaining the highest level of integrity while working to improve the quality of life for all those who live, work and play in Dunwoody.



Organizational Chart

Effective December, 2021



Crime Statistics

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Reporting Program collects data on serious crimes (Part 1 offenses) investigated by local departments across the country. These crimes include: Aggravated Assault, Rape, Murder, Robbery, Arson, Burglary, Larceny-Theft, and Motor Vehicle Theft.

Within the Dunwoody area, Arson is usually investigated by DeKalb County Fire and Rescue. All other crimes are considered Part 2 offenses, or traffic related, and are not reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



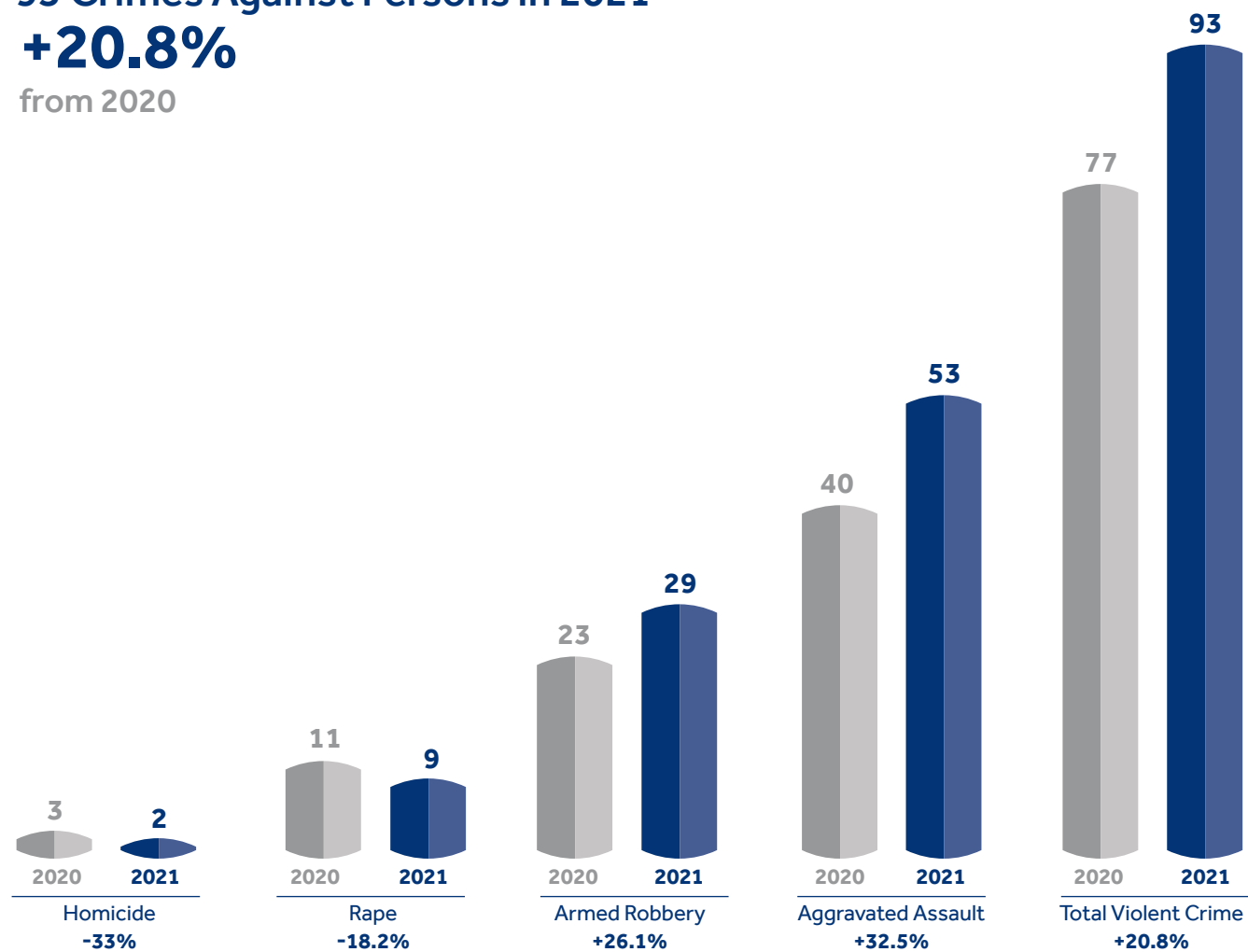
1,523 Total Part 1 Crimes in 2021
+3.7%
 from 2020

Crimes Against Persons

Crimes Against Persons are crimes that are physical, violent, and often high profile. Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault are crimes contained within this category.

93 Crimes Against Persons in 2021

+20.8%
 from 2020

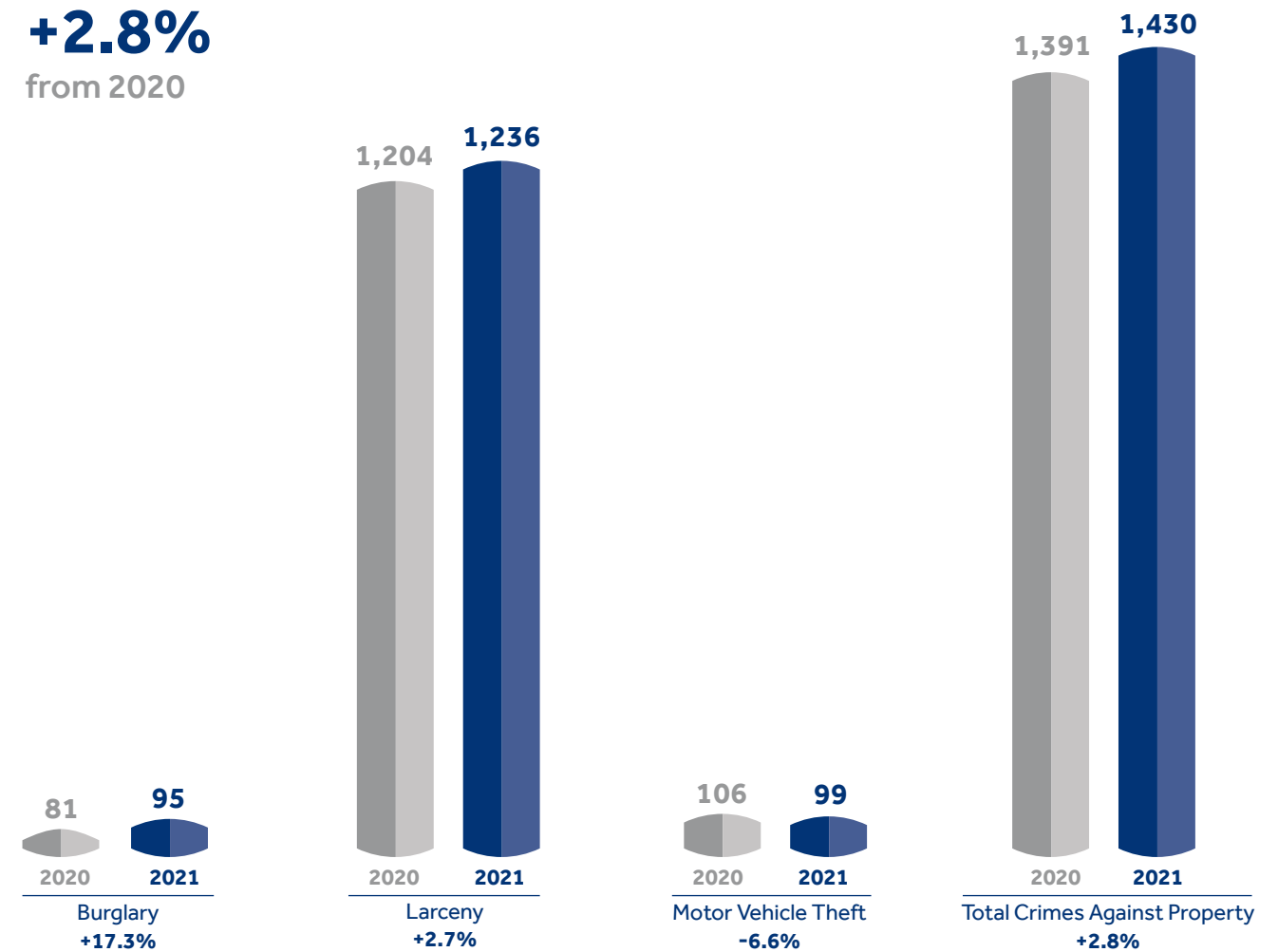


Crimes Against Property

Crimes Against Property are crimes that involve the intruding, taking, or destroying of another person's property. Property crimes do not involve force or threats toward the owner. These crimes include burglary, larceny-theft and motor vehicle theft.

1,430 Crimes Against Property in 2021

+2.8%
 from 2020



Criminal Investigations

The Dunwoody Police Department Criminal Investigations Division is comprised of a Major, Lieutenant, Sergeant, Crime Scene Technician, Crime Analyst, Narcotics Agent and eight Detectives.



790
Cases Assigned

282
Pieces of Evidence Processed

634
Arrests Warrants Secured

The detectives are responsible for investigating serious crimes against persons as well as property crimes – normally referred to as Part 1 Crimes. In addition, detectives are responsible for the investigation of other crimes including credit card fraud, “Peeping Tom”, simple battery, fraudulent checks, and various other crimes. The department also provides on-call detective services around the clock to assist the Uniform Division when requested.

The department’s Crime Scene Technician is responsible for the recovery of evidence and the methodical processing of crime scenes.

The Crime Analyst is responsible for the identification of crime trends, series, and patterns for the deployment of resources.

The Narcotics Agent is a member of a task force of local, state and federal officers charged with assessing drug problems and design specific initiatives to reduce or eliminate the production, manufacture, transportation, distribution and chronic use of illegal drugs and money laundering.

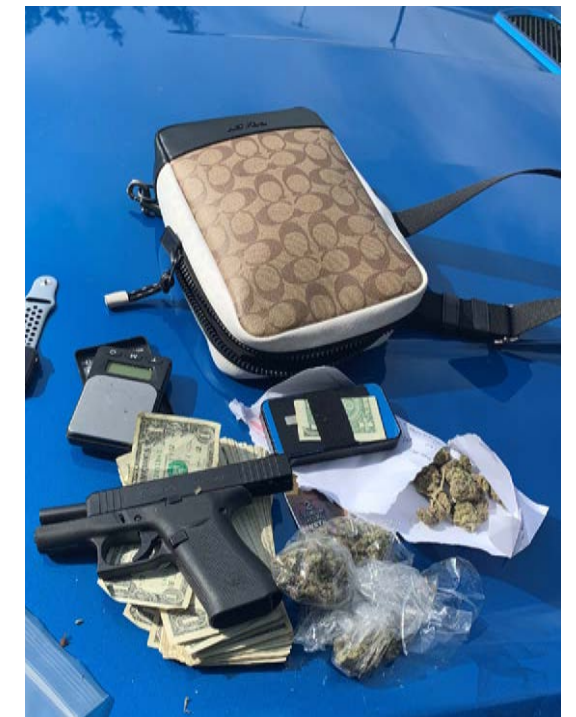
In 2021, our detectives were assigned 790 cases. They secured 282 arrest warrants, made 41 physical arrests and executed 71 search warrants.



A detective carefully searches an area surrounding an incident for evidence



K-9 Hank displays the results of his keen tracking skills

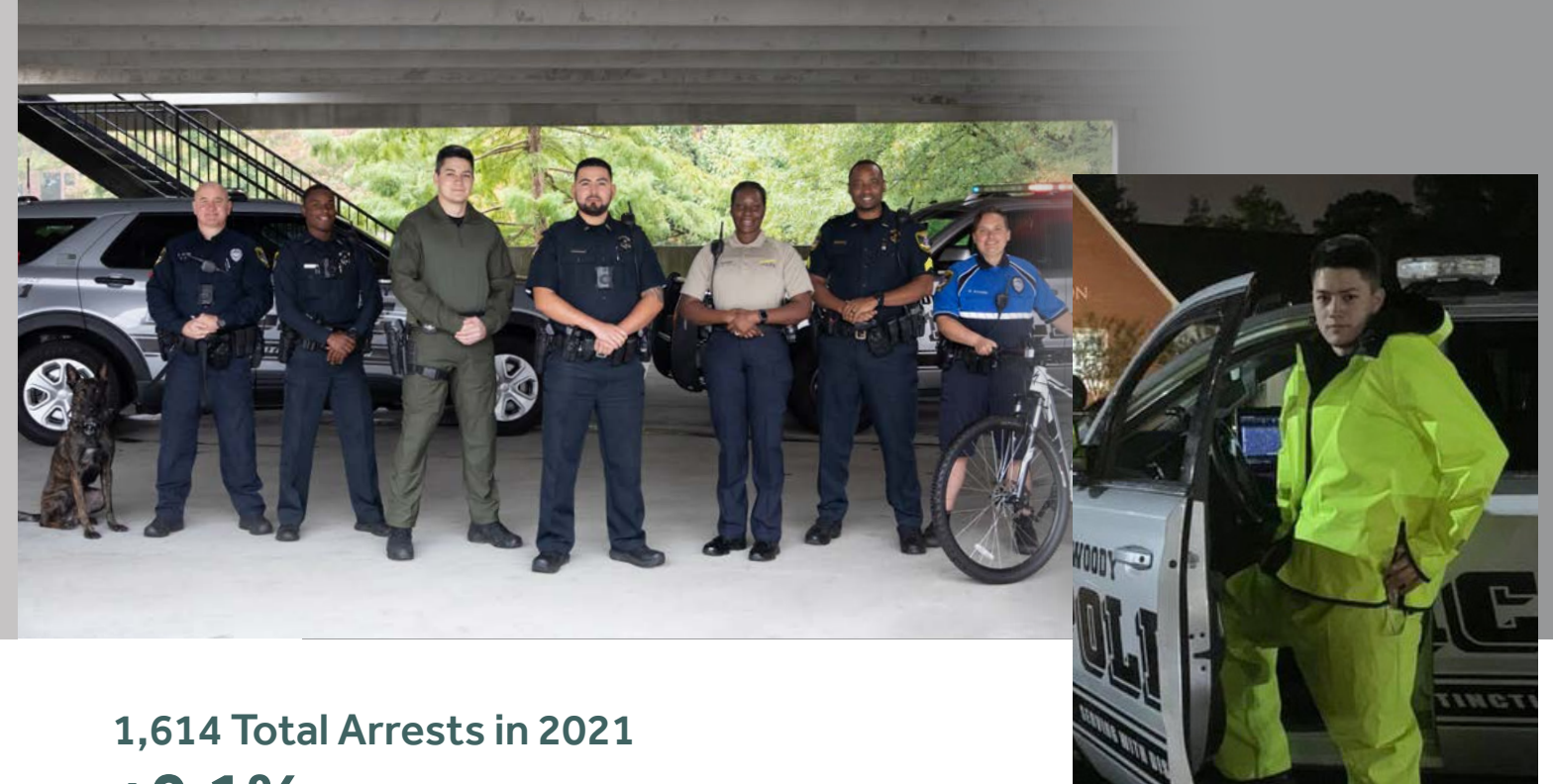


Evidence gathered during a felony incident



Uniform Patrol

A typical Dunwoody Police Officer spends his shift answering calls for service, conducting traffic enforcement, interacting with the community, writing reports, issuing citations, working crashes, making arrests and a variety of other activities typical of most police departments. Our officers conduct proactive patrols in neighborhoods, apartments and in our business areas to deter crime and improve our visibility.



Domestic Assault Response Team (D.A.R.T.)

In an effort to further assist victims of domestic violence, the Dunwoody Police Department utilizes its **Domestic Assault Response Team (D.A.R.T.)**. This team of sworn personnel have received 40 hours of training through the Peace Officer's Standards and Training for "Response to Domestic Violence". Their responsibility is to follow up with all victims of domestic violence, collect any additional evidence, verify the charges were appropriate, and ensure victims have been notified of the available resources afforded to them.

Crime Response Team (C.R.T.)

The Crime Response Team is primarily responsible for **traffic enforcement** within the City. All traffic complaints are processed through this unit. In addition, the C.R.T. investigates all fatality traffic crashes as well as other serious crashes. As part of their duties, the C.R.T. maintains and deploys our speed trailer as needed. Speed trailer requests can be made online through the department's website. The CRT also addresses **emerging crime trends through targeted enforcement**.

The C.R.T. conducts traffic enforcement around all of the schools in Dunwoody. They provide a visible deterrent for drivers and work hard to keep our children safe. C.R.T. conducted a number of pedestrian crosswalk stings in 2021 to target drivers who refuse to stop for pedestrians entering the crosswalk, which creates a serious safety hazard for all.

Prisoner Transport Officer

The department's civilian Prisoner Transport Officers are responsible for transporting prisoners from the arrest site to the DeKalb County jail and from the DeKalb County jail to the City of Dunwoody Municipal Court and other assigned locations as needed.

K-9 Team

The department introduced its first K-9 program in October, 2020. This program was made possible, in part, by the generous support of the Dunwoody Police Foundation and their donors, including the Rotary Club of Dunwoody.

"Ranger" (a Dutch Shepherd) and "Hank" (a Belgian Malinois), underwent months of intensive training in areas such as drug searches, article searches, tracking, and obedience. Newly certified in 2021, these dogs and their handlers have greatly enhanced our Patrol unit by detecting illegal narcotics, conducting article searches, and assisting in the search of missing persons or suspects.

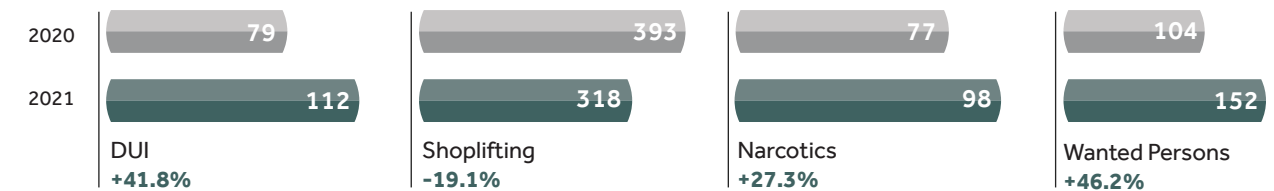


New K-9's Ranger & Hank completed their training in Feb 2021 and were officially assigned to our Patrol Unit

1,614 Total Arrests in 2021

+9.1%

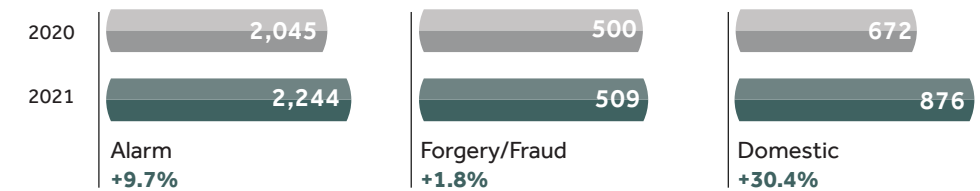
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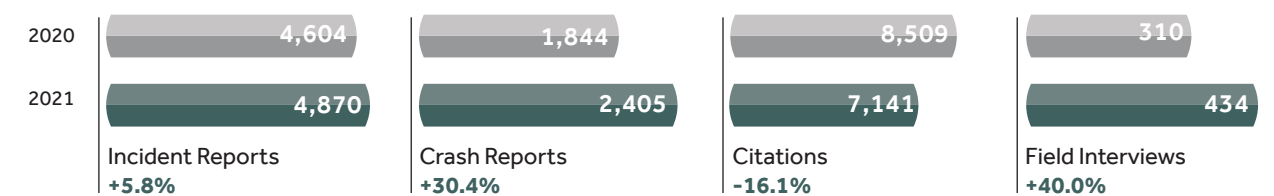
46,150 Calls for Service in 2021

-19.3%

from 2020



Officer Activity Numbers



Technology

Advancements in technology have provided the Dunwoody Police Department with leading-edge tools to help identify fugitives and provide enhanced services to the community.

The department utilizes an **Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS)** to facilitate criminal investigations. This device allows for the rapid processing of latent finger prints taken during the investigation of criminal acts.

Additionally, our **Rapid ID Mobile Fingerprint Scanner** device provides officers with a tool to assist in identifying suspects who are subject to arrest for criminal behaviors.

Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) assist our officers in identifying persons or vehicles whose license plates are connected to a crime or infraction. A series of specialized cameras are placed on the outside of police vehicles. These cameras are able to detect stolen vehicles, stolen tags and other information by scanning the tags of vehicles on the roadways or in parking lots.

The department utilizes a number of **surveillance cameras in Brook Run Park** as well as **Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR)** devices at both entrances. These cameras leverage technology in order to reduce crime in our largest public park.

In addition, 36 fixed cameras are utilized within the Perimeter area and at most entrances to the City. These cameras have greatly assisted our officers in arresting wanted persons as well as recovering stolen autos and tags. They've also assisted in preventing and solving various crimes. Our network continues to expand by including private cameras that are already in place.

The City of Dunwoody **Emergency Vehicles Access to Gated Communities Ordinance** requires the installation of an active **radio-frequency identification (RFID)** system. This technology ensures officers can gain entrance automatically via a battery-powered RFID tag



Rapid ID Mobile Fingerprint Scanner



Narcan Nasal Spray



Patrol vehicles are equipped with In-Car Dash Cameras and Automated External Defibrillators (AED's)



Axon Body Camera

in their vehicle, and a receiver integrated in the gate locking system. **SOS Gate Trigger Devices** are utilized by Dunwoody's gated communities to improve officer response time to calls for service. This technology also allows officers to increase their preventive patrol efforts. As of the end of 2021, 38 gated communities have RFID systems installed and are operational.

The department's "mini" **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)** enhances the City and department's ability to efficiently respond to manmade or natural critical

incidents. The mini EOC acts as a command and control center for the City and the department.

Dunwoody patrol officers are each equipped with **Body Worn Cameras**. The body worn camera system provides clear evidentiary material when prosecuting crimes as well as acting as an enhanced management system of accountability.

The department's patrol vehicles are equipped with **In-Car Dash Cameras**, which provide additional



evidentiary video documentation. In addition, vehicles are equipped with **Automated External Defibrillators (AED's)** to allow rapid deployment as needed.

In response to the ongoing epidemic of opioid abuse in the metropolitan area, Dunwoody police officers are now equipped with **Narcan Nasal**. These FDA-approved, single-use nasal spray devices are used for immediate administration as emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdoses. Narcan Nasal may temporarily reverse the effects of the opioid and help keep a patient breathing until emergency medical assistance is available.

The department's website offers a **Police to Citizen Portal (P2C)** in which users can use online tools to search for incidents and arrests, request extra patrols, submit a traffic complaint, or sign up for Residential Security Checks while they are out of town.



Accountability

The Dunwoody Police Department is committed to providing fair and impartial law enforcement services to the citizens of Dunwoody as we serve our community. We demonstrate this commitment by having an internal process to review all Use of Force incidents by a police officer as well as an open process for citizens to file a complaint if needed.

Use of Force

Police Use of Force occurs in response to suspect non-compliance. A Use of Force is defined as the display of a firearm or Taser in a confrontational manner; the deployment of a firearm or Taser; or physical force using hard and/or soft hand control techniques.

In 2021, 61 Use of Force incidents were reported compared to 75 in 2020. This reflects a 18.7% decrease

We received no complaints of excessive force in 2021. The most common incident type where an officer used force in 2021 was disorderly conduct with seven events corresponding to this type of arrest. The second most common incident type where an officer used force in 2021 was for Agency Assist. Five events in this category were documented. The remaining Use of Force incidents in 2021 involved shoplifting, assaults, information reports, criminal trespass, loitering, larceny, civil dispute, burglary, recovered stolen auto, robbery, D.U.I., and drug possession.

An overall total of 1,614 arrests were made in 2021, which reflects a 9.1% increase. Use of Force was used in less than 5 percent of these arrests. No use of deadly force occurred in 2021.

Complaints

6 complaints were filed against 8 officers during 2021. No formal complaints were filed against any civilian employee. Of the 6 complaints, 5 were unfounded after supervisory review.

In-car video and body worn camera recordings were instrumental in the investigation of most of the complaints received in 2021. The percentage of complaints received compared to 46,150 total calls for service in 2021 is 0.01%. The number of complaints received compared to 1,614 total arrests is 0.37%.

State Certification

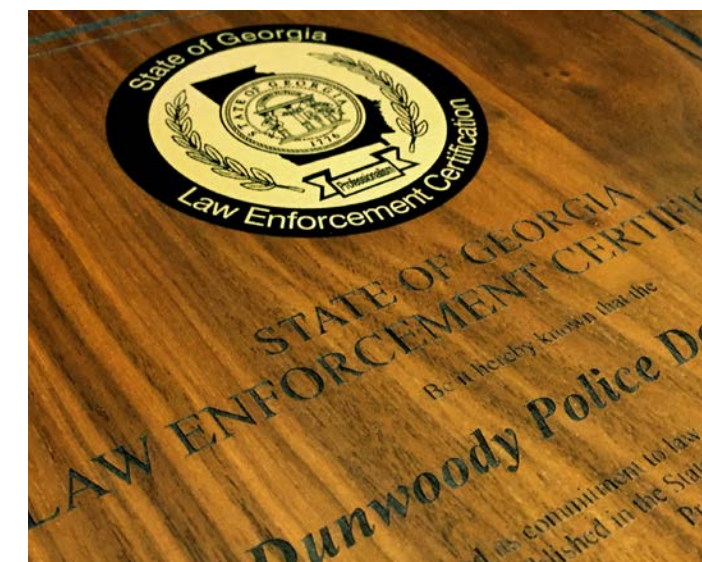
"The certification process regularly opens our department up to intense scrutiny by an outside organization to determine if our current policies and procedures are patterned after nationally accepted best practices. Our State Certification through the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police is validation that the high standards we hold our staff to are aligned with national best practices."

~ Chief Billy Grogan

The Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP)

The Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) has recognized the Dunwoody Police Department with a State Certification for meeting stringent professional police standards.

Certification is a progressive and time-proven way of helping law enforcement agencies calculate and improve their overall performances. The foundation of certification lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating agencies conduct a thorough self-analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives. When the procedures are in place, a team of trained assessors verifies that applicable standards have been successfully implemented. The process culminates with a decision by a joint executive committee that the agency has met the requirements for certification.



Chief Grogan receives the Department's 2021 State Certification plaque from GACP officials.

In 2021:



1,614 Arrests Made

+9.1% from 2020

<5% of Arrests Required Use of Force



61 Use of Force Incidents

-18.7% from 2020

0% use of Deadly Force

"We thoroughly review each use of force incident to make sure the officer acted within our policy and the Use of Force was appropriate. Additionally, all complaints are investigated and the complainant is notified of our findings. These efforts are undertaken to be both transparent and accountable to our community."

~ Chief Billy Grogan

In 2021:



6 Complaints Filed

0.01% of total Calls for Service received a Complaint

0.37% of total number of Arrests made received a Complaint

Officer Training



North Metro SWAT



Always Prepared.

Training is the foundation of the department's current and future performance. Task-specific and career development training assures the department maintains performance at the highest professional standards.

Dunwoody Officers are always at the top of their game. The State of Georgia requires that any person employed or appointed as a Peace Officer shall complete 20 hours of training each year. The training provided to our officers greatly exceeds this minimum requirement.

The North Metro SWAT team was founded in 2009. This special weapons and tactics unit consists of over 25 operators, 17 Tactical Emergency Medical Support Medics (TEMS), 16 Crisis Negotiators team members (CNT) and a North Metro SWAT Logistic team with members from the Dunwoody Police Department, Sandy Springs Police Department, Johns Creek Police Department and Brookhaven Police Department.

With the combined strength of four cities, the North Metro SWAT team allows for swift and complete response to tactical situations as well as high-risk warrant response to over 280,000 citizens. The North Metro SWAT operators have a working knowledge of each city through extensive combined training, which averages 16 hours per month.

The North Metro SWAT team also includes Tactical medics along with a Crisis Negotiation team and Logistics team comprised of officers from each of the four cities.

Equipped with specialized firearms and equipment, the North Metro SWAT team is able to respond to:

- Hostage rescues
- Counter-terrorism operations
- Service of high-risk arrest and search warrants
- Barricaded suspects
- Engagement of heavily armed criminals
- Dignitary protection
- Special event security

The North Metro SWAT team has a fleet of three Armored Personnel Carriers (APC); 2 Lenco BearCats and 1 MRA, used for medical evacuations. In addition, an equipment truck with trailer and a Command Vehicle are all shared between the four cities.

17
Total Calls for Service

7
Barricaded Persons

10
High Risk Search and Arrest Warrants Served



Emergency Communications



ChatComm and Smart911 Services

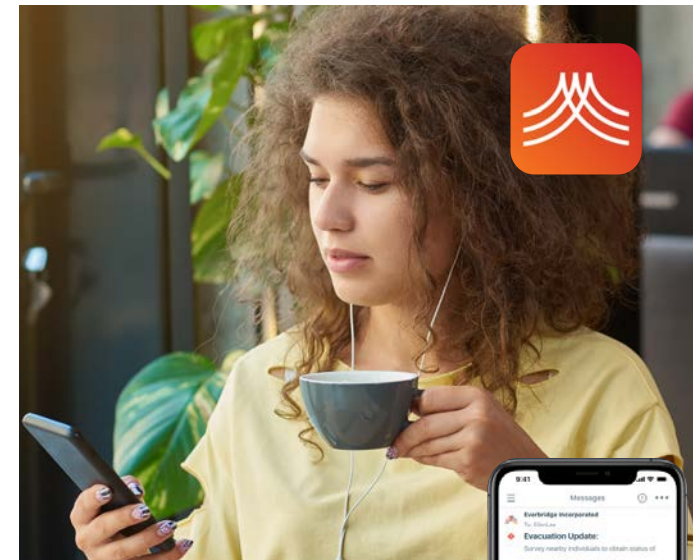


The Chattahoochee River 9-1-1 Authority, otherwise known as ChatComm, is a state of the art and accredited E911 center providing exceptional service and proven performance standards to the cities of Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, Johns Creek and Brookhaven. By joining the ChatComm team, our department inherited added technology including automatic vehicle location devices and silent dispatch capabilities, which has enhanced our overall responsiveness to the community.

ChatComm received national accreditation in 2014 through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). They are the first private 9-1-1 center to be accredited in the country.

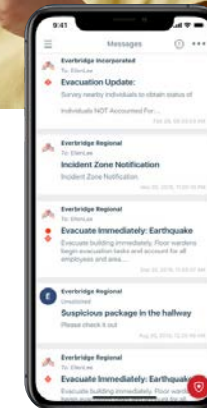
As an added feature to ChatComm, we provide a free service titled "Smart911". Once you sign up at www.Smart911.com, first responders will be provided important information that will help them address your emergency. This information, including photos, medical issues and other important information, can assist the Police, Fire and EMS in locating and assisting you. This information is entered on a private and secure web-site, and is only used by the 9-1-1 dispatchers and emergency responders in the field.

In the event you happen to call 9-1-1 while in another jurisdiction, your Smart911 profile will automatically be displayed if the responding E911 Center is a Smart911 participant. Many E911 Centers in Georgia and across the United States are Smart911 participants.



Nixle

Nixle is a Community Information Service dedicated to helping residents and subscribers stay connected to the information that matters most, depending on their physical location. Subscribers in Dunwoody can stay connected to local police department, local community agencies and organizations, and important information from other locations throughout the country that are relevant to the subscriber. Subscribers will be alerted about severe weather warnings, evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child alerts. This service is offered at no charge to Dunwoody residents. Information is immediately available over your cell phone by text message, by email, and over the web.



Alarm Registration

One of the most common calls for service is a security alarm call.

The City of Dunwoody requires that before you use or install an alarm system (except fire and medical alarms) you register your alarm. The False Alarm Ordinance can be found in Chapter 24, Article VII of the Code of Ordinances and online at: www.municode.com/library/ga/dunwoody/codes/code_of_ordinances.

The Dunwoody Police Department has partnered with CryWolf® to implement and manage our false alarm program.



Personnel and Staff Recognition

The Dunwoody Police Department places a high value on recognizing good work and outstanding achievements by its officers and employees.

The most important asset of the Dunwoody Police Department is our staff. Our department is filled with talented, experienced individuals who hold many advanced degrees and certifications. In 2021, 53.1% of the department's employees held Bachelor degrees and 20.3% held a Master's Degree.

In 2021, 18 employees left the department. This translates into a 23.1% turnover rate.

An Awards Committee staffed by officers and civilian employees meets on a regular basis to select an **Officer of the Quarter** and **Employee of the Quarter** based on meritorious service and commendation letters. Those selected become eligible to be voted on by their peers for **Officer of the Year** and **Employee of the Year**.

The **Rising Star of the Year** award was created for the officer who has been with the department less than two years who best exemplifies the qualities, characteristics, and effectiveness of a new police officer. The nominees are voted on each year by the department's supervisory staff.

The department presents a **Marksman of the Year** award each year to an officer for the top-scoring shooter during firearms qualifications.

Occasionally, the department offers a multi-discipline challenge called Top Cop which includes a physical, mental, and firearms related competition. The **Top Cop** Competition award is earned by the officer who achieves the highest score during this challenge.

The **Medal of Meritorious Service** is awarded each year to any staff member of the department who performs an outstanding act where there is a threat of serious bodily injury or a life saving deed.

At the discretion of the Chief of Police, he may determine that an officer or civilian employee of the department is deserving of special recognition. This recognition may be for leadership or other special efforts in the services provided during the year. We call this the **Chief's Award**.



OFFICER OF THE 1ST QUARTER
Detective E. Taffar



EMPLOYEE OF THE 1ST QUARTER
Crime Analyst K. Lowe



OFFICER OF THE 2ND QUARTER
Officer M. Noel



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
EMPLOYEE OF THE 2ND QUARTER
Property & Evidence Tech. V. Ollee



OFFICER OF THE 3RD QUARTER
Officer A. Cheung



EMPLOYEE OF THE 3RD QUARTER
Property & Evidence Tech. K.C. Tate



MEDAL OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE
OFFICER OF THE 4TH QUARTER
Officer J. Laverty



EMPLOYEE OF THE 4TH QUARTER
Police Service Rep. N. Clark

Deputy Chief David Barnes retired in 2021, resulting in a major promotional process. By June, 2021, the department appointed 2 new Sergeants, 1 new Lieutenant, 1 new Major and a new Deputy Chief.



Promotees Sgt. Forman, Sgt. Sillah, Lt. Clifton, Major Furman, Deputy Chief Carlson



SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
Sgt. M. Cheek



RISING STAR OF THE YEAR
Officer A. Osses



MARKSMAN OF THE YEAR
Detective M. Vermillion



MEDAL OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE
Officer B. Henson



MEDAL OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE
Officer K. Tabb



MEDAL OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE
Officer W. Smith



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Citizen on Patrol R. McCully



DPD earns the M.A.T.E.N. Award for the GOHS Hands Free Campaign



Mayor Deutsch presents retiring Deputy Chief Barnes with a City Proclamation for his 12 years of dedicated service.



Retiring Officer J.B. Tate is presented with a City Proclamation for serving the City since its inception.

Community Outreach

One of the most important activities officers participate in is working with our community to promote safety awareness. The department recognizes that only through a close working relationship with the citizens of Dunwoody can we build a safe community for our citizens and businesses.

The department continues to build upon and provide a number of programs, classes and services which have proven to be successful and sought after such as our popular **Ride-Along** experience, **Coffee with a Cop**, **Community CPR classes** and **Mental Health First Aid** classes.

In our continued response to nationwide Active Shooter incidents, the department was able to offer 2 **Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)** courses in 2021. This free course is open to the general public and provides strategies, guidance and plans for surviving an active shooter event.

“According to the FBI, over half of all Active Shooter events in the US have been stopped by a citizen,” stated Chief Billy Grogan. “Because of this, it is important that citizens are offered training similar to that which is provided to our police officers.”

~ Chief Billy Grogan

Our **Citizens’ Police Academy** is a free program open to Dunwoody residents and business owners. The program is designed to give participants the opportunity to learn about various functions of police work through classroom lectures, training scenarios and off-site tours. This 10-week course is typically offered 1-2 times per year.

In April and October of 2021, the department participated in the DEA’s **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day** which addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.4 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and



Our brand new **Teen Police Academy** program offers teenagers aged 14-18 an inside look at local law enforcement operations and the challenges our officers face.



Inaugural **Teen Police Academy** takes a tour of DeKalb Jail facilities

friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. In 2021, collections soared due to the devastating effects of the COVID pandemic. Our department was able to collect a grand total of 521lbs of unused prescription drugs from dozens of citizens during the National Drug Take Back Day events.

In June, 2021, we introduced a brand new program built just for teens. Our **Teen Police Academy** is a free 5-day



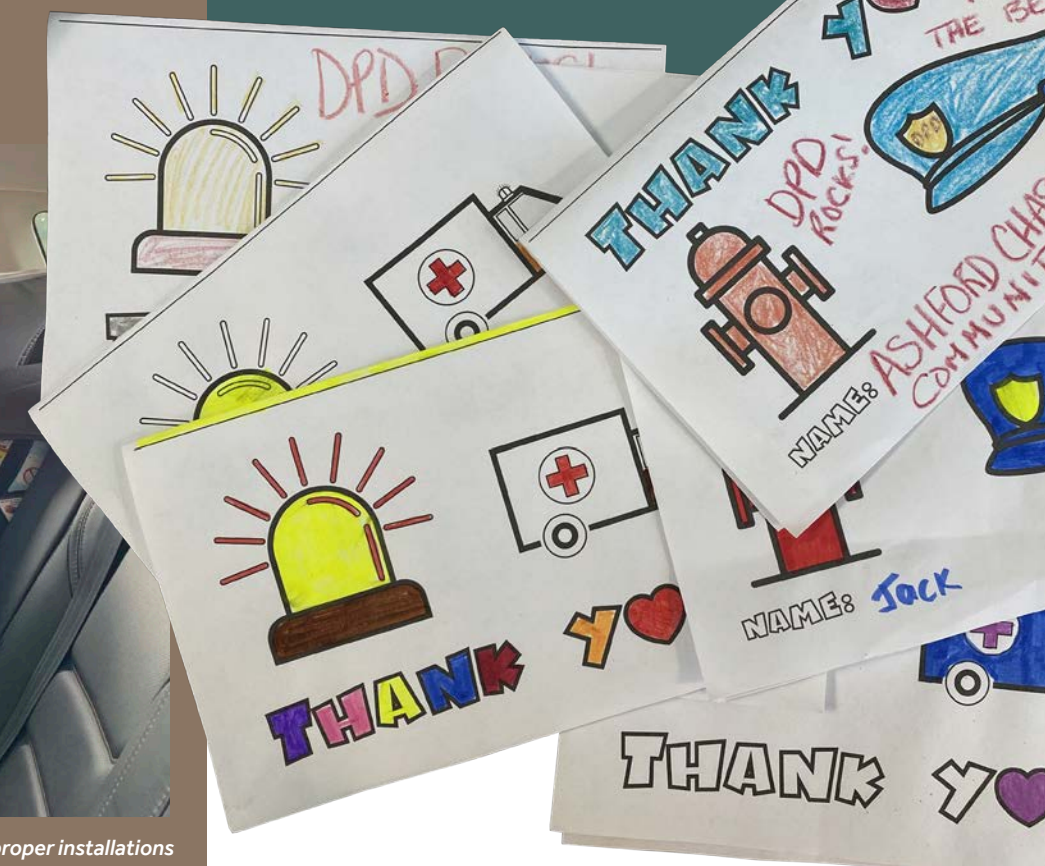
Child Safety Seat Technicians assist residents with proper installations during a community event in October 2021



Community Outreach Officer Sillah holds an outdoor HOA meeting during the pandemic

course that will be offered 1-2 times per year. It is a great opportunity for teenagers aged 14-18 to experience an inside look at local law enforcement operations and the real challenges our officers face. Our aim is to build relationships with the youth of our community and to provide a fun and exciting interactive education.

With more than 2,600 children under the age of 13 involved in a car crash every day, or one child every



33 seconds, the department continued to perform **Child Safety Seat Checks** for citizens throughout 2021. This program was able to provide 124 Child Safety Seat Checks in 2021, to include both private appointments and during local community events.

The department continues to participate in **Georgia’s Yellow Dot Program**. This is a free program designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention after a medical emergency. It alerts responders that there is a completed personal information form for the patient and where they can find it. The information on the form provides medical conditions, medications, or medical allergies that will help medical professionals make the best decision about emergency medical treatment.

The **See & Be Seen** campaign remains popular in its efforts to bring children’s pedestrian safety to “light” by providing free special flashing reflectors, which kids can clip onto a belt loop, a book bag or a costume to increase their visibility at night. Police staff participate each year at Brook Run Park’s annual **Truck or Treat** event, distributing these flashing reflectors.

Our officers continuously show their commitment towards our youth by participating in local school events each year such as **Career Day**, **Walk to School Wednesdays** and **Read Across America**. In addition, our **Safety and Friendship in Education (S.A.F.E.)** program allows officers to voluntarily “adopt” an elementary

Volunteer Programs



school within the City and drop by at least one time each week just to chat, be seen and interact with the students, teachers and faculty. On occasion, officers have been known to join the students in the cafeteria for lunch.

As a complement to the S.A.F.E. program, **The Griffin Project** has always been well received. The central idea of this program is to mentor special needs students and provide them with some casual interaction with law enforcement to help them learn the appropriate way to interact with police. The long term goal is for the students not to be overwhelmed by the presence of a police officer and feel as though they are approachable. Once a month, officers are integrated into Special Education classrooms where they have an opportunity to spend time with the Special Needs students. They help with classwork, talk with them and answer questions. Each officer who participates in this program is required to receive additional training on Autism and other special needs.



Dunwoody Baptist Church honors our officers during National Police Week



The Dunwoody North Civic Assoc hosts an annual luncheon for our staff



Citizens T. Thorne and K. Malcolm are recognized for their life-saving efforts during a major apartment building fire

Neighborhood Watch

The **Neighborhood Watch** program is one of the oldest and best known crime prevention concepts in North America.

The program can be based around a neighborhood, business complex, condominium complex or apartment building. It only requires a few concerned citizens to



spearhead a new Neighborhood Watch program. In 2021, there were 82 Dunwoody neighborhoods participating in the Neighborhood Watch program.

Citizens on Patrol

This **Citizens on Patrol** volunteer program allows Dunwoody citizens to assist law enforcement personnel by reporting suspicious activity, potential hazards and even crimes in progress. Members also perform other non-enforcement actions such as business checks and residential checks for residents who are on vacation. In 2021, the program's 10 members volunteered a total of 823 hours; responded to 11 calls for service and 46 calls for officer assistance; performed 258 residential checks, 496 business checks and 110 neighborhood patrols.



"Each Citizens on Patrol volunteer contributes towards increasing both community safety and department effectiveness by adding more eyes and ears on the road, and by freeing up sworn police officers to complete other critical tasks. This will help to ensure the City of Dunwoody remains a safe place in which to live and work."

~ Chief Billy Grogan

Public Safety Cadets

The **Public Safety Cadet Program** is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are between 14 and 21 years old. The program is sponsored by the **National Public Safety Cadet organization**.



The Public Safety Cadet Program helps participants gain insight into careers in the field of law enforcement in a learning environment with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development. The Dunwoody Cadets meet weekly to train in different aspects of law enforcement and volunteer at community special events and functions.

Participants in the Dunwoody Public Safety Cadet Program are also eligible to compete for local and National scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$3,000. The community service hours also make Dunwoody Cadets eligible for other scholarships and nationally recognized awards.

Volunteer Programs continued

Bailiffs

One of the key volunteer programs of the Department is our **Volunteer Bailiff** program. Our volunteer bailiffs play an integral role in the successful operation of the Municipal Court of the City of Dunwoody.

In 2021, there were approximately 186 (socially distanced) court sessions. In order to make this process run more efficiently, we had 9 volunteer bailiffs who assisted the court staff. Collectively, our bailiffs donated approximately 516 hours of service to the City of Dunwoody and their community in 2021.

The bailiffs' duties include, but are not limited to, security screening, probation assistance, swearing-in, escorts, seating, processing of essential paperwork, and an overall positive attitude which eases tension during these court sessions.



The Late Bailiff Chris Doyle with Bailiff Jim Beattie



The late Chaplain Ray Egan delivers a memorable Invocation for the department during our promotional ceremony in June.

Chaplains

Police Chaplains are trained clergy of a recognized religious denomination who serve as confidential counselors, advisors, and consultants to police department employees and the public in matters relating to the clergy or the traditional functions of the clergy.

The Dunwoody Police Department is privileged to have 4 highly qualified and experienced civilian Chaplains who serve in a variety of support roles both within the agency and throughout the community. Police Chaplains are volunteers who donate their time to the Dunwoody community and the police officers who serve it.

Giving Back

The men and women of the Dunwoody Police Department have dedicated their lives in service to others. Working for the Dunwoody Police Department gives them opportunities to serve others every day.



The Dunwoody Police Department staff regularly participates in supporting various causes and serving others as we identify needs.

Each year, the department participates in the **Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics Georgia** by raising funds and awareness for the athletes. In 2021, department staff participated in the **Cops on Donut Shops** and the **Polar Plunge** events, collectively raising \$12,977.02 towards this great cause.



Cops on Donut Shops for Special Olympics Georgia



Team Dunwoody during the 2021 LETR Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

In October 2020, the Dunwoody Police Department announced the formation of its first K-9 program; which was made possible by the generous support of **the Dunwoody Police Foundation** and their donors, including the **Rotary Club of Dunwoody**. By February 2021, the department's two K-9's, named "Ranger" and "Hank" by our community, completed their training and began Patrol duty, alongside their Handlers.



The Dunwoody police foundation is an independent, non-partisan organization dedicated to improving policing by financially supporting the Dunwoody Police department and its personnel.

Our overall goal is to improve public safety for the officers and Dunwoody citizens.

-Dunwoody Police Foundation

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The Dunwoody Police Foundation continued to be a valued resource for the department in 2021. This independent, non-partisan 501(c)(3) organization is managed by citizens dedicated towards improving policing by providing an emergency financial aid program for officers injured in the line of duty, community oriented partnerships, and funding for additional equipment and training for department personnel.



"The Dunwoody Police Foundation is thrilled to partner with the City to make the K-9 program a reality for the Dunwoody Police Department. It is a perfect fit with our mission, and it was made possible due to the hard work of our board and the generosity of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, many citizens, and businesses that share a desire for excellent public safety in Dunwoody."

~ Rick Holland, Dunwoody Police Foundation President, 10/12/20



Social Media Engagement

The Dunwoody Police Department's goal in using social media is to educate, engage and inform our community about what we are doing. At the same time, we hope to provide information so residents understand the challenges in our community and to arm them with tools to help them remain safe. We believe a transparent police department is key to building and keeping community trust.

During the 2021 Thanksgiving season, Dunwoody police officers teamed up with **I Care Atlanta** to provide a **Thanksgiving Turkey** for numerous families in need.



Officers pass out turkeys to Dunwoody's less fortunate over Thanksgiving

Christmas is a time for giving and despite 2021's continued COVID restrictions, the department managed to continue the **Christmas for Kids** program tradition by offering a restructured **Drive-Through Winter Wonderland** experience, including toys and gifts for Dunwoody's children in need during the Christmas

"A supportive community working closely with their police department is a key ingredient to a safe city. Fortunately, we have always had that positive relationship with our community here in Dunwoody."

~ Chief Billy Grogan

season. The CFK program has also benefited several local shelters, hospitals, schools, and churches in time for Christmas. The program's success is a direct result of a great collaboration between the department, local businesses, the Dunwoody Chamber of Commerce, I Care Atlanta, and many Dunwoody community groups and individual community members donating both their resources and donations towards this great cause.

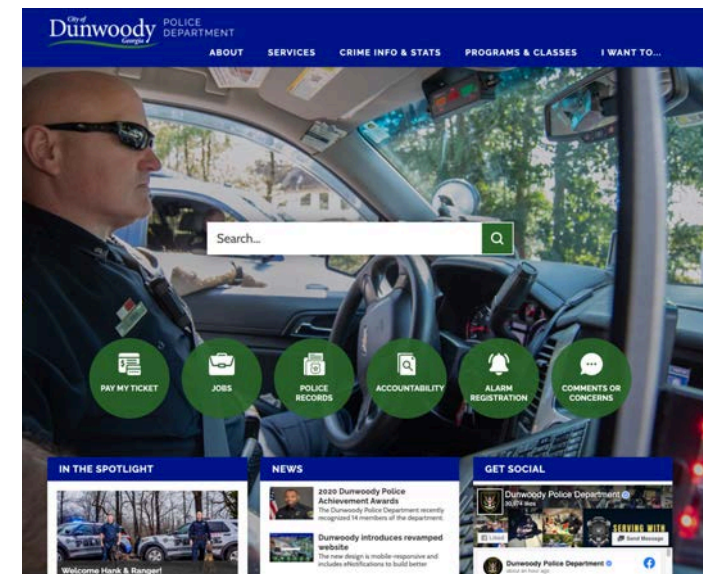


Christmas for Kids 2021

The department utilizes a Smart Phone application for the iPhone and Android called **"MYPD"** or "My Police Department". The app is currently available online and through our Facebook page as a free download. This robust application by Wired Blue, LLC gives citizens access to our website, Facebook & Twitter accounts, current news, the ability to submit tips anonymously, and the ability to ask questions and submit commendations all in one place. We continue to receive a number of crime tips, questions and commendations through the department's MYPD app.



The Dunwoody Police Department has a **robust website** which provides updated information for the community. As part of our website, we offer a **Police to Citizen Portal (P2C)**, which gives citizens access to real-time information about the department's activities including incidents, crashes and citations.



Nextdoor

The department partners with **Nextdoor** (www.nextdoor.com) to provide a free, private social network in which individual Dunwoody neighborhoods can create their own private virtual community where residents can get to know their neighbors, ask questions, and exchange local advice and recommendations. By the end of 2021, there were 19,127 Dunwoody residents subscribed to this network (a 13% increase from 2020).

Facebook "Likes" increased from 33,225 in 2020 to 35,089 in 2021 (5.6% increase from 2020).

Instagram followers climbed from 5,399 to 5,809 (a 7.6% increase from 2020).

Our **Twitter** account gained 329 followers in 2021.

Our **YouTube** channel, which reached 578 subscribers, displays a variety of news stories involving the Dunwoody Police Department as well as department updates and safety awareness videos. There were 291,893 views on our YouTube videos in 2021.

We can also be found on **Pinterest** (154 followers).

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