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ANNUAL REPORT



A large, mature tree with dense green foliage stands prominently in the center of the frame. To its left is a modern building with a glass facade. In the foreground, two joggers are running away from the camera on a paved path. A blue SUV is parked on the left, and a traffic cone is visible. The scene is set in an urban environment with other trees and buildings in the background.

COLUMBIA, SC

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MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

STEPHEN K. BENJAMIN

Mayor

SAM DAVIS

District I Councilman

TAMEIKA ISAAC DEVINE

At-Large Councilwoman

HOWARD E. DUVALL, JR.

At-Large Councilman

EDWARD H. MCDOWELL, JR.

District II Councilman

DANIEL RICKENMANN

District IV Councilman

CITY MANAGER & EXECUTIVE TEAM

TERESA WILSON

City Manager

MELISSA S. GENTRY

Assistant City Manager

JEFF PALEN

Assistant City Manager/
Chief Financial Officer

CLINT SHEALY

Assistant City Manager



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE



It is hard to believe another year has passed...
And what a year it has been!

We started 2016 by promoting 58 officers into new supervisory positions. These officers represent some of our best and brightest, with new leadership and management styles, fresh ideas and approaches. They will help shape the future of our department.

The year also brought to a close the distinguished careers of a number of officers who entered retirement. The service of our retirees is what has sustained our agency through the toughest times. I am extremely thankful for their sacrifices and service to the department.

Many would argue these past few years, especially the last 18 months, have been the most challenging times in the history of modern law enforcement. I tend to agree. During this time, our profession and even our agency at times have been at the center of civil unrest, public mistrust of police, calls for transparency and accountability of law enforcement, unprecedented ambush attacks on police, incidents of domestic terrorism and natural disasters.

All the while, our officer's commitment to the policing profession, the Columbia Police Department and to the provision of exceptional service to our community has not wavered.

I couldn't be prouder of our hard work and dedication throughout this past year.

Our agency as well as individual officers have begun to be recognized not only in the Midlands, but throughout our state and by our colleagues around the country.

Below are just a few of our accomplishments this year:

- Recognized at the United States Conference of Mayors – Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C. for our 21st Century Policing Implementation Plan
- Selected by the U.S. Department of Justice, COPS Office as 1 of 15 agencies nationwide to participate in the Advancing 21st Century Policing Initiative
- Featured in *American Police Beat Magazine*
- National recognition for life-saving efforts dealing with a suicidal man on a highway overpass bridge
- Recognized by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) for 21st Century Policing Initiative
- Deputy Chief Kelly recognized by the IACP as one of “40 under 40” – upcoming Law Enforcement Leaders from around the world
- Exceptional efforts while working numerous demonstrations, protests and marches
- Completed Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) – Re-accreditation mock assessment – Final assessment scheduled for November 2017
- Recognized for Community Policing efforts – Front Porch Roll Call, Coffee with a Cop, Youth Ambassador and Beyond the Badge Programs
- Assisted with Hurricane Matthew Evacuation Plan
- Life-Saving act – Officer applied newly issued tourniquet to a critically wounded and bleeding victim
- New ordinance addressing nuisance properties and rental properties registration established
- Recognized by South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association (SCLEOA) with the Award of Excellence

As we continue to celebrate our successes, we also recognize opportunities to improve and commit to excellence. We have reached the aforementioned milestones and recognition through the placement of efficient, talented and dedicated staff members, supported by our forward thinking City Manager, Mayor and a very engaged City Council.

The Columbia Police Department has a vision, a mission, and we know our values with a clear strategic plan for the future. We will continue to execute the plan, keeping in mind it is not a sprint, but a marathon -- a marathon we are obligated to run with urgency. Much is at stake and we will be diligent in our pursuit to be an agency of excellence in the 21st century.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, reading "WH Holbrook". The signature is stylized with a large, bold "WH" followed by "Holbrook" in a cursive script.

William H. "Skip" Holbrook
Chief of Police



MISSION

The Columbia Police Department will provide professional and ethical service in the protection of our citizens, while preventing and reducing the fear of crime through problem-solving partnerships.

VISION

Through our steadfast commitment to policing excellence, the Columbia Police Department will be transformed to exhibit the innovation, engagement and professionalism of an exceptional organization, whose workforce truly reflects the values and diversity of the City of Columbia.



CORE VALUES

PROFESSIONALISM

INTEGRITY

DIVERSITY

SERVICE ORIENTATION

FAIRNESS

COURAGE

COLLABORATION

COMMUNICATION

ABOUT CPD

The Columbia Police Department (CPD) is firmly committed to providing professional police services to residents, visitors and businesses. Officers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to protect life and property within city limits. They are responsible for responding to calls for service, investigating criminal activity and traffic collisions, apprehending suspects and more. The organizational structure of the department is divided into three major bureaus and five regions.



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AUTHORIZED
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101

AUTHORIZED
PROFESSIONAL STAFF



\$37,344,860

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COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITY OF COLUMBIA
JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION
COMPLEX



COLUMBIA HIGHLIGHTS

LIFESTYLE

- Diverse economy
- Upscale housing options
- Low cost of living
- Excellent schools
- Low property tax

AMENITIES

- Spirit Communications Park, named 2016 Best Ballpark by Ballpark Digest
- Home of the University of South Carolina and its title-winning Gamecocks sports teams
- Cultural Attractions – historic sites, museums, live performances, festivals and events
- 60 city parks and green spaces with 600 acres of park land
- Excellent public library system
- Unlimited fine dining establishments, casual eateries and food trucks

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

CPD RECRUITING

The Columbia Police Department is looking for the best and brightest to join our team. With CPD, new hires will receive the tools and training necessary to achieve their goals as a law enforcement professional along with the following:

- Job Satisfaction
- Teamwork
- Opportunities for Growth
- Excellent Salary

EXECUTIVE COMMAND STAFF



Chief W.H. "Skip" Holbrook

Office of the Chief of Police



Melron Kelly

Deputy Chief of Police



Major Dana Oree

Operations Bureau



Major Rick Hines

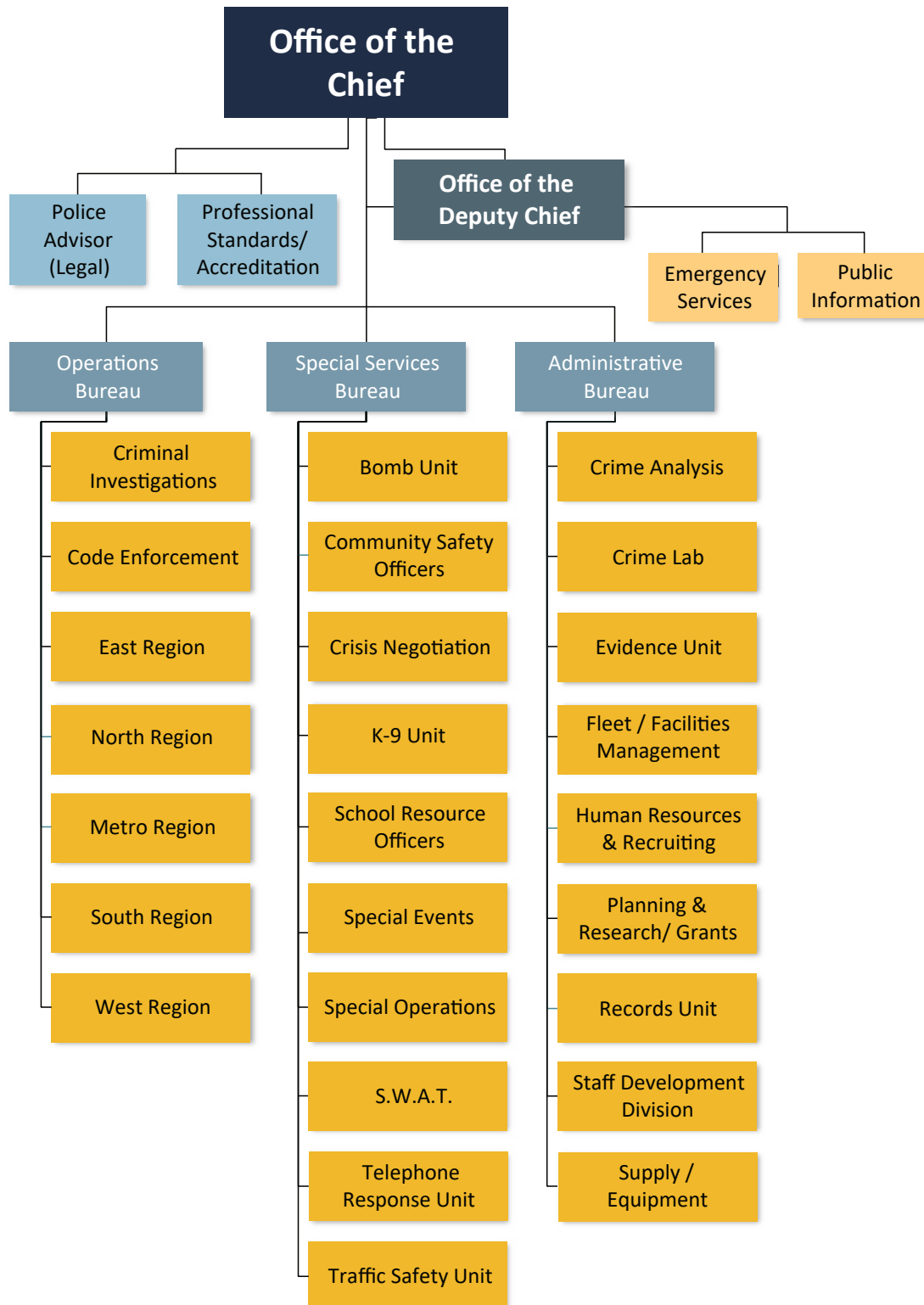
Administrative Bureau



Major Randy Martin

Special Services Bureau

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



OPERATIONS BUREAU

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is primarily tasked with following leads developed during the initial reporting of serious criminal activity. Investigators are available 24 hours a day to respond to the needs of crime victims or to the scene of criminal activity. CID is comprised of nine units.

Burglary/Property Crimes Unit

- Investigation of residential and commercial burglaries within the jurisdictional boundaries of the city of Columbia

Crime Scene Investigation Unit (CSI)

- Responsible for the preservation, documentation, collection and analysis of evidence from crime scenes

Crime Scene Unit (CSI) Stats	2016
Analyzed AFIS Prints	300 (average match rate 52.91%)
Analyzed Best Drug Kits	799
Crime Scenes Processed	1,290
Firearm eTraces (Electronic Tracing System) Performed	133
Forensic Requests	164
Lab Cases	436



Fugitive Team Unit

- Tracking, locating and apprehending suspects following the issuance of a arrest warrants through intelligence gathering and covert surveillance

Midlands Gang Task Force Unit (MGTF)

- Comprised of police officers from the Columbia Police Department, Richland County Sherriff's Department, University of South Carolina Department of Law Enforcement and Safety, the SC Department of Corrections, Forest Acres Police Department, and the 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office

MGTF Seizures Statistics	2016
Arrests	56
Cocaine	3.19 ounces
Codeine Pills	7 pills
Crack Cocaine	51 grams
Currency	\$10,481
Firearms	16
Marijuana	12.78 ounces
Methamphetamine	1 ounce

Organized Crime/Narcotics Unit (OCN)

- Through a partnership with State and Federal law enforcement agencies, staff typically works on joint investigations dealing with narcotics trafficking and other organized crimes

OCN Seizures Statistics	2015	2016
Arrests	208	226
Cocaine	1.05 grams	1,305.7 grams
Controlled Substance Pills	625 pills	40,104 pills
Crack Cocaine	13.31 oz	51 grams
Currency	\$62,320	\$107,945
Firearms	44	32
Marijuana	15.54 pounds	17.21 pounds
Marijuana Plants	31	51
Psilocybin Mushrooms	4.62 oz	189 grams
Vehicles	2	3



Polygraph Unit

- The Polygraph Unit supports the investigative needs of the Criminal Investigative division and other local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies.
- Conducts pre-employment and internal polygraph examinations
- In 2016, there were 81 polygraph examinations performed

Special Victim's Unit (SVU)

- Investigations of Criminal Sexual Conduct, Child Abuse/Neglect, Child Fatality, Indecent Exposure, Emergency Protective Custody, Missing Persons, Stalking/Harassment, Domestic Violence, Internet Crimes Against Children and Juveniles

Task Force Officer (TFO)

- CPD officers are deputized and assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Marshals Service

Violent Crimes Against Persons Unit (VCAP)

- Investigation of all major incidents within the jurisdictional boundaries of the city of Columbia
- Conducts thorough investigations of each crime to include the collection of evidence and interviews
- Assist in the successful prosecution of suspect(s) through the preparation of case files and courtroom testimonies

2016 CID Achievements

- SVU investigators conducted the following community programs; women's self-defense classes; concealed weapons permit classes, internet safety seminars and domestic violence awareness seminars
- MGTf awarded Gang Unit of the Year by the South Carolina Gang Investigators Association. The MGTf was recognized for its work in the community providing outreach programs, graffiti abatement, successfully prosecuting multiple gang shootings and providing invaluable intelligence to area law enforcement agencies
- OCN unit completed a 2 year narcotics and firearms operation with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in the Martin Luther King Community resulting in warrants on over 35 individuals for various drug and firearms charges.
- OCN conducted multiple prostitution operations resulting in 32 arrests for Solicitation for Prostitution and other offenses.
- OCN conducted a 3 month undercover drug operation in Finlay Park resulting in the 14 arrests for various drug offenses.
- TFOs conducted Operation Of the Movement, which targeted violent gang members out of Sumter, S.C. who were involved in drug sales in the Midlands area. This operation resulted in the arrest of 30 individuals associated with various gangs.
- TFOs conducted Operation Cross Country with the FBI which addressed human trafficking in South Carolina and across the United States. The operation resulted in the arrest of 4 individuals who facilitated the sale and transportation of young women across the country.
- TFOs conducted Operation Swamp Fox with the FBI which targeted major Cocaine distributors across South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Arizona and California. This operation resulted in the arrest of over 35 mid and high level drug traffickers.
- In 2016, 5,333 cases were assigned; 2,834 cases were cleared; and 1,268 arrests were made

CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The Code Enforcement Division was merged with the Columbia Police Department in 2014. They enforce the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) and various City Nuisance Ordinances for nearly 50,000 parcels and over 36,000 structures within the city of Columbia.

Violations typically range from overgrowth and trash to abandoned/derelict vehicles and dilapidated structures. Staff typically conducts 35,000 to 40,000 inspections and opens 7,000 to 10,000 cases annually.

VIOLATION TYPE	QTY STARTED	QTY RESOLVED	RESOLVE RATE
Abandoned/Derelict Vehicles - Private Property	543	474	87%
Abandoned/Derelict Vehicles - ROW	74	63	85%
Commercial Premise	308	249	81%
Commercial Structure	125	61	49%
Front Yard Parking	160	112	70%
Residential Boarded Building	58	24	41%
Residential Premise	2116	1818	86%
Residential Structure	761	396	52%
Right of Way	519	471	91%
Roll Carts	1530	1515	99%
Vacant Lots	1002	964	96%
TOTAL CASES	7196	6147	85%

2016 Code Enforcement Achievements

- Awarded Palmetto Pride Zero Tolerance for Litter Grant for \$2,800 – Purchased portable cameras to enforce Illegal Dumping Ordinance
- Awarded Mosquito Control grant from DHEC for almost \$28,000
- Awarded Demolition Grant from the Columbia Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for \$227,729 in 2015, with most of the funding carrying over into fiscal year 2016/2017 to demolish vacant and abandoned commercial structures
- The Residential Rental Ordinance became effective on July 1, 2016, and nearly 10,800 residential rental units have registered
- Abated nearly 1,000 vacant lots and premises of overgrowth and debris
- Abated 1,175 work orders for cutting, removing trash and debris, and tire removal in the city tree zones and right of ways
- Mosquito Prevention Program – 17 Vector Control Areas treated on three separate visits for mosquito larva
- Rat Control/Prevention Program – Placed over 500 pounds of rat bait in city of Columbia sewers
- Boarded 188 structures city-wide
- Collaboration with Richland County on Mosquito Spraying
- Conducted 4 Neighborhood Improvement/Quality of Life Sweeps



PATROL DIVISION

The primary objective of the Patrol Division is to provide prompt professional service to the City of Columbia's residents and visitors. Working cooperatively with the communities they serve, the Patrol Division strives to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime by utilizing problem solving partnerships. Maintaining a 24 hour a day / seven day a week presence, the Patrol Division is the most visible and recognizable part of the department.





North Region - District I

Address: 3905 Ensor Avenue,
Columbia, SC 29203

Phone: (803) 401-8810



West Region - District I

Address: 690 Club Road,
Columbia, SC 29212

Phone: (803) 749-5830



Metro Region - District II

Address: 1600 Bull Street,
Columbia, SC 29201

Phone: (803) 545-3972



South Region – District III

Address:

2132 Devine Street,
Columbia, SC 29205

Phone: (803) 737-5880



East Region – District IV

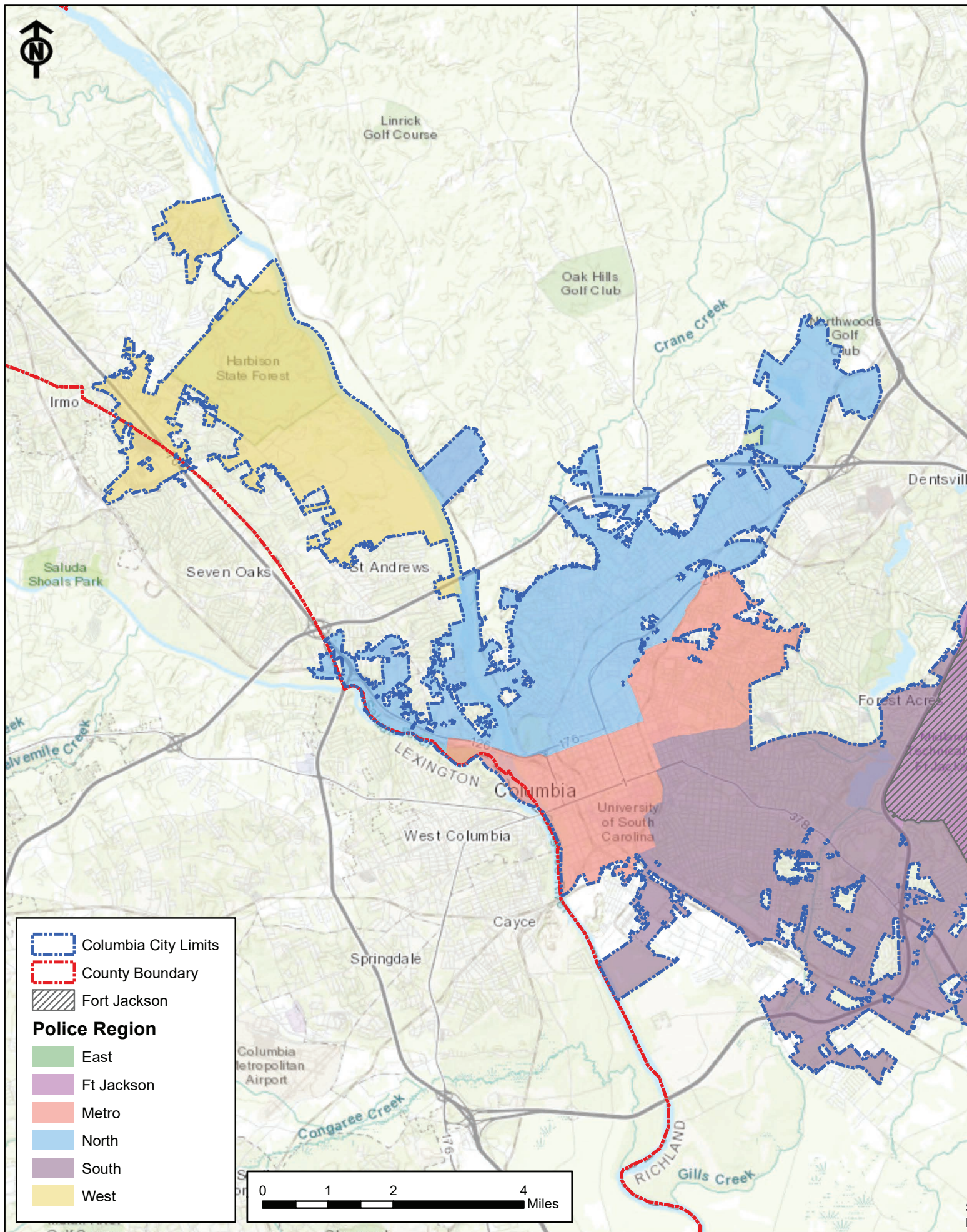
Address: 446 Spears Creek Church Road,
Columbia, SC 29045

Phone: (803) 788-3018



2016 Community Engagement

- Front Porch Roll Call
- Coffee with a Cop
- Foot Patrol Initiative
- Neighborhood & Street Clean Up
- Established Homeless Services Partnership
- Public Staff meetings





Police Department Regions

REPORTED CRIMES

	2015	2016
Aggravated Assault	705	741
Arrests	5,921	6,876
Burglary	1,094	1,103
Calls for Service	163,555	166,344
Homicides	12	10
Larceny	5,252	5,628
Motor Vehicle Theft	858	990
Robbery	258	301
Sexual Assault	83	114

NOTE: Crime statistics validated through FBI Uniform Crime Reporting criteria.

SPECIAL SERVICES BUREAU

The Special Services Bureau is comprised of the following highly proactive units which support services and special events for citizens of Columbia.

Bomb Squad Unit

- As a South Carolina accredited public safety bomb squad, all team members are certified by the FBI & US Army as Bomb Technicians.
- Team members utilize a variety of resources to include robots, portable x-ray equipment and demolition equipment
- Team members respond to calls for improvised explosives and explosive devices including old, abandoned, or unclaimed explosives and illegal fireworks

Bomb Squad	AMOUNT
Threat	18
Evidence Destroyed	1
Training	477
Calls	51
Assist	33
Mitigation	7



Canine (K-9) Unit

- Canines are trained in various skill sets to include tracking, drug detection, building search, criminal apprehension and handler protection.
- Handlers and canines attend training throughout the year to maintain the highest level of proficiency



Canine (K-9) Arrest Stats		AMOUNT
Tracks	165	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 Captures • 31 Tracks - evidence recovered • 3 Firearms located
Aprprehension	5	
Building Search	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Captures
Article Search	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Firearms • 6g Marijuana • 1 stolen cell phone
Drug Searches	115	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marijuana - 6.77 pounds • Hash Oil: 56 grams • Cocaine: 6 grams • Methamphetamine: 5 grams • Crack Cocaine: 1.5 grams • Heroin: 1 gram • Currency: \$37,059
Deployments	9:1	Capture
Demos	27	
Custodial Arrest	77	
Field Booked	64	
Total Arrest	141	
Total number of Charges	203	
Arrest Citations	132	
Warrants	71	
Traffic Citations	38	
Warning Citation	338	
Field Interviews	57	
Marijuana Seized	616	grams
Cocaine Seized	8	grams
Crack Cocaine Seized	4	grams
Currency Seized	\$744	
Firearms Seized	4	

Community Safety Officer (CSO)

- Provide highly visible foot and vehicular patrols in residential and business communities, along with security for city buildings, special events as requested and critical infrastructure protection
- Perform elderly and residential checks as requested and school crossing guard duties at various locations

Community Safety Officers Stats

Community Contacts	36,243
Elder Checks	170
Hours spent on Special Event	1,482
Hours spent on Patrol	7,888
Hours spent on Infrastructure protection	29,814
Hours spent on School Crossings	1,190

Assisting Columbia's Elderly (A.C.E.)

- A.C.E. serves as an advocate for the senior citizen population by planning, researching, monitoring and coordinating services and activities in order to promote lifelong dignity and independence.

A.C.E. Stats

Visits	729
Transports	665
Telephone Contacts	1,359
Meetings, Programs, & Events	7

Crime Prevention

- Oversee safety initiatives and public education programs
- Personal Safety, Security Assessments, Workplace Violence, Active Shooter in the Workplace and Church Safety programs are currently offered by the Crime Prevention Team

Crime Prevention Stats	
Residential Surveys	2
Commercial Surveys	7
Security Assessments	8
Programs, Events, & Meetings	28
Contacts	4,848
Event Hours	91

School Resource Officer (SRO)

- Provide security and crime prevention services in schools
- Act as positive role model for students

Special Events Unit

- Coordinates large public events occurring in the city, such as parades, public festivals, Five Points Saint Patrick's Day Celebration, construction projects, VIP visits to Columbia, specialized traffic patrol assignments and sporting events
- Formulates an Operational Plan for each event to accommodate traffic and crowd control, public safety concerns and crime prevention

Special Events Unit Stats	
Events Assigned	297
Off-Duty Event Hours	11,592.25
On-Duty Event hours	778.5
Overtime Event Hours	1,816.75
Street Closure Requests	181
DOT Closure Requests	4

Telephone Response Unit (TRU)

- Responsible for answering calls, assisting officers as necessary, answering citizen inquiries and taking police reports
- Serves as the NCIC point of contact
- Maintains, tracks and validates criminal warrants and courtesy summons
- Track property checks
- Provides on-call staff notifications
- Serve as back-up to the Columbia-Richland 911/311 Communications Center



Telephone Response Unit (TRU) Stats	
Telephone Calls Received	160,992
Vehicles Released Via Tow Slip	1,683
Walk-in Citizens Assisted	17,851
Officers Assisted	28,096
Incident Reports	1,744
Tow Slips	15,778
Booking Slips Checked	13,751
NCIC Teletypes	267,353
Warrants	2,390
Courtesy Summons	526
Validations	7,879
10 minute Hit	2,043
Items Entered NCIC	3,580
Criminal History Requested	3,854
House Checks	1,061
NCIC Recerts	136
Inmate Transport	585
Mental Transport	118
Out of Town Transport	65
Court Liaison - On Duty Court Hours	2,224.5
Court Liaison - Off Duty Couty Hours	188.5
Probable Cause Cases	142

Traffic Safety Unit

- Deliver professional police service by enforcing traffic laws and providing education and awareness in an effort to reduce traffic collisions and related fatalities

Traffic Safety Unit Stats	
Fatal collisions investigated	20
Arrests	334
Child safety seat installations	30
Traffic concerns/complaints	22
DUI arrests	74
Collisions investigated	609
Citations issued (includes warnings/collisions)	9,012
Vehicle for hire/wrecker inspections	299
Checkpoints (multi-agency)	5
DUI/traffic enforcement operations	16
Year to Date Calls for Service	299

2016 Special Services Achievements

- Delivered 100 fans and 50 air conditioning units through Fan the Heat Program
- Participated in the SWELP program through the Urban League
- Coordinated 56 wellness and hospital visits of CPD retirees/widows with retired Chaplain Clyde Waters
- Weapons and drugs confiscated on school campuses due to collaboration between students, staff and SROs
- Participated in school youth and violence events, National Night Out, Back to School, DARE, National Youth Violence Prevention Week and Shop with a Cop



ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU

The Administrative Bureau is comprised of one division which encompasses the Human Resources and Training Units. In addition there are eight logistical areas and units that provide support.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- Responsible for recruitment, hiring and ongoing professional development of employees of CPD
- Each Unit operates to direct and support the necessary growth and advancement of CPD

Human Resources Unit

- Provides vital support to all employees by providing the full range of staffing, job classification and position management services.

Training Unit

The Training Unit's goal is to keep officers and civilian employees abreast of the best and most current information in the field of law enforcement.

- Oversees Basic Candidate School and prepares Police Officer candidates for the SC Criminal Justice Academy certification program
- Provides an in-service curriculum that continually reinforces the skill set that is necessary for the recertification of police officers
- Collaborates with other agencies, organizations and community partners
- Hosts specialized training and educational opportunities and topics pertinent to law enforcement

2016 Milestones

Redesigned CPD Website Launch

In an effort to further provide transparency about the department, a new website was launched in December 2016. Developed with a fresh and modern look, the purpose of the redesign was to provide access through user-friendly navigation to public information related to police services, publications and more. For social media enthusiasts, the site features integrated Facebook, Instagram and a live Twitter feed to provide up-to-date information publicized by the department. Visit www.ColumbiaPD.net to learn more.



White House Police Data Initiative (PDI)

In 2016, the department partnered with the White House for the Public Data Initiative, an open data portal developed to provide accessible, convenient and transparent information to the public. Currently housed in the portal are datasets including officer involved shootings, calls for service, incidents, assaults on officers and national data. Additional datasets will be added to the portal in the near future. The Public Data Portal can be accessed by logging into <http://coc-colacitygis.opendata.arcgis.com/> or through the department's www.ColumbiaPD.net.





There are eight additional functions and Units that provide logistical support to the Administrative Services Bureau:

Computer Liaison

Crime Analysis Unit

Crime Lab

Fleet/Facilities Management

Records Unit

Supply Unit

Planning and Research Unit/Grants

Property Unit

2016 Administrative Bureau Achievements

- Graduated 47 police officers from Basic Candidate School in 2016
- Received 365 police candidate applications and 928 applications for civilian positions
- Conducted 76 Nelson Denny / Job Related Physical Ability Test (JRPAT) Exams
- Hired 57 people as police officer candidates and 7 civilians
- Represented the Department at the 2016 South Carolina State Fair for 10 days in October

SCANA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

SCLEOA Recognizes Columbia Police Department

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association (SCLEOA) presented the Columbia Police Department with the SCANA Award of Excellence in Law Enforcement on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 during their annual conference in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The award recognizes the department's efforts, innovative service to the community engagement, service efficiency and results of the Columbia Police Department during the past year. I am honored to accept the 2016 SCANA Award of Excellence in Law Enforcement on behalf of the Columbia Police Department.

“ Receiving this award is an acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of the men and women of our Department,

- Chief Holbrook

“It signifies the progress we have made in implementing best practices in 21st century policing and building strong relationships with those we serve.”

The Annual SCLEOA Awards Program was created to provide an opportunity for individual officers, departments and heroic citizens to be given their deserved recognition. Each award has been developed to honor the outstanding accomplishments of law enforcement officers, departments and citizens for their efforts to perform above and beyond the call of duty.



CEASEFIRE COLUMBIA

Ceasefire Columbia Marks One Year Anniversary

The Columbia Police Department, in partnership with federal, state and local stakeholders marked the one year anniversary of Ceasefire Columbia on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at the Earlewood Community Center. Ceasefire Columbia is a focused deterrence initiative geared towards addressing the individuals responsible for gun violence citywide. The initiative began with neighborhoods in the 29203 zip code area, where a disproportionate amount of the City's gun violence occurs.

The goal of Ceasefire Columbia is to decrease the likelihood of violent offenders committing new crimes. Last year approximately 50 persons on probation or parole convened and were presented with information from law enforcement and service providers. Assistance with drug and alcohol dependency, housing issues, anger management and employment was offered through this initiative. Attendees were also advised of the consequences of being caught with a firearm or ammunition, which would result in them immediately being arrested and charged in federal and/or state court, where they would face substantial prison sentences.

On this year's anniversary of Ceasefire Columbia, a group of 19 individuals on probation or parole for violent crime offenses participated in a discussion with law enforcement and service providers. During the meeting, law enforcement officials emphasized the importance of these individuals not reoffending, and the consequences if they do. The service providers held a separate session with the attendees out of the presence of law enforcement to discuss various assistance opportunities. As of November 2016, only 3 people out of the 50 original attendees have reoffended.

“ The Columbia Police Department appreciates the partnerships with federal, state and local agencies because we all share the common goal of reducing violent crimes in our community, and helping these individuals become successful and take advantage of this opportunity.

- Chief Holbrook

The following law enforcement agencies and service providers were on-hand to provide additional resources and information:

- US Attorney's Office: US Attorney Beth Drake
- Columbia Police Department: Chief William H. Holbrook
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF): SAC C.J. Hyman
- SC Department of Probation, Parole & Pardon Services (PPP): Director Jerry B. Adger
- Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI): Special Agent Michael Stansbury
- Richland County Sheriff's Office: Chief Deputy Walsh James
- Richland County Solicitor's Office: Asst. Sol. Vance Eaton
- SC Law Enforcement Division (SLED): Chief Mark Keel
- Alston Wilkes Society: Tiffany Munn & Leonard Ransom
- LRADAC: Allison Atkins
- Midlands Fatherhood Coalition: Santana Hayes
- Richland One Adult Education: Marva Coates
- SC Department of Employment and Workforce: Victor Smalls
- United Way: John Mark Bell

BLUFF ROAD ANNEX

Columbia Police Getting Settled in New Bluff Road Annex

BY TEDDY KULMALA, The State Newspaper

The Columbia Police Department has room to breathe and grow after moving several of its divisions, including evidence storage, to a new 58,000-square-foot annex on Bluff Road.

The former Miller beer distribution center at 715 Bluff Road now houses the department's evidence and property storage, crime scene investigations, special victims and supply units.

“ When we were selecting a facility, we wanted to be able to find a place that met our immediate needs but also allowed us to grow. We increased our storage space 102 percent with this move.

- Chief Holbrook

The City Council in 2014 approved leasing the 58,188-square-foot building for \$1.3 million and spending \$1.2 million to equip it. According to a briefing note from the department, the total cost to outfit the facility for law enforcement use was \$1,325,546, of which the police department provided \$114,656.

The evidence and property unit began its move last January, followed by the bomb techs, crime scene investigations unit and other investigative teams. The department completed the move last month.

“It’s been kind of a staggered move-in for various units and equipment,” Holbrook said.

The front portion of the facility houses office space for detectives, victim advocates and lab testing, as well as interview rooms wired for audio and video recording.

The property and evidence storage area of the facility, which is just under 13,300 square feet, is climate-controlled and includes special storage for drugs, guns and biohazard materials. Holbrook said an assessment after he became chief in 2014 showed that the agency had exceeded its storage capacity in the basement of headquarters.

“With most basements, they’re damp, there’s not good airflow,” he said. “In my opinion, that contributed to some of our issues with evidence storage.”

The department has around 120,000 pieces of evidence on hand, from jewelry to vehicles, according to Holbrook. Some items can be auctioned, returned to the owner or destroyed after a case is disposed.

“Most major crime evidence is held on forever,” Holbrook said.

Also included in the annex is indoor storage for the agency’s special vehicles and large equipment, which were formerly stored outside, Holbrook said.

“It’s centralized our ability to house people and equipment in one place,” he said, “where before we were strung out all over the city, and oftentimes in inadequate space.”



CITY of COLUMBIA
POLICE

"Policing Excellence Through Community Partnerships"

GRANTS RECEIVED

CPD Awarded Over \$2 Million in Crime Fighting Grants

On October 12, 2016, city of Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, City Manager Teresa Wilson and Police Chief Skip Holbrook announced that the Columbia Police Department (CPD) was awarded three significant grants aimed at enhancing community policing efforts to reduce violent crime. The grants total more than \$2 million.

“This grant funding will serve to enhance our efforts to work in partnership with our community, in keeping with our department’s motto, to address crime, particularly violent crime in the City of Columbia.

“ It is critically important for us to leverage all resources to further our efforts to build and maintain positive working relationships with our citizens. Community relationships are at the foundation of all we do.

- Chief Holbrook

COPS Hiring Grant:

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) \$1,875,000

The COPS Hiring Grant will enable CPD to hire 15 additional police officers to work in neighborhoods throughout the city to increase the Department’s community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. CPD’s application requested the additional officers to specifically address gun violence. The three- year grant will cover the salary and benefits for the hired officers.

Office of Justice Programs:

Project Safe Neighborhood Grant

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) \$300,000

These funds announced by US Attorney General Loretta Lynch in September will be used to support and enhance Ceasefire Columbia, a focused deterrence strategy implemented last year to address gun crime in the 29203 neighborhoods, an area with a significant number of gun crimes and a concentration of violent offenders. The funds, allocated over two years, will facilitate the provision of services to participating offenders on probation or parole, increase capacity of ballistic investigations, improve data-driven analysis of gun crime and gang violence, and implement a community outreach campaign.

Attorney General Lynch said, "Gang violence and gun crime are two of the most formidable obstacles we face in ensuring that every American lives in safe and secure communities. These vital grants give jurisdictions the resources they need to develop comprehensive, collaborative responses to the most serious and destructive crimes."

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program Grant

S.C. Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) \$195,351

This grant will fund two victim advocate positions within CPD. These victim advocates will provide direct services to victims of crime, and is specifically designed to benefit CPD crime victims, to include sexual assault victims, domestic violence victims, and child abuse and neglect victims.

“ Being awarded not just one but three grants for our Columbia Police Department is incredible. We’re so proud of the work they’ve been doing, and we’re excited to see how our community will benefit in receiving these grants.

– Mayor Steve Benjamin

City Manager Teresa Wilson added, “From reducing gun violence, to advocating for victims of crime, to enhancing our sworn strength with the hiring of new officers, I remain proud of the efforts of the Columbia Police Department team and our grants professional to aggressively seek these additional resources that will benefit the citizens of Columbia.”

Chief Holbrook extends his appreciation to those city of Columbia employees who assisted with the lengthy grant process. The department looks forward to maintaining the level of trust, transparency and legitimacy that it’s known for as efforts to build a strong 21st Century police agency continue.

RETIREEES

Clarence R. Hassell, Master Police Officer

Edward J. Kompanik, Master Police Officer

Edwin B. Santos, Master Police Officer

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Joseph N. Rowson, Police Captain

Kevin E. Reese, Master Police Officer

Larry D. McCall, Chief Code Enforcement Officer

Linda H. Eller, Administrative Specialist

Michael S. Goodlet, Housing Inspector

Rafael A. Douglas, Master Police Officer

Rose A. Watts, Lead Administrative Assistant

Telisa L. Edmunds, Master Police Officer



PROMOTIONS

Allen Brinson, Corporal
Allison Fitzgerald, Investigator
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Anthony Viehweg, Corporal
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Daniel J. Wesley, Lieutenant
Daniel Weiler, Corporal
David Rodgers, Investigator
Derek M. Miller, Lieutenant
Eric Murphy, Lieutenant
Erskine Moody, Sergeant
Fred Bryant, Lieutenant
George Simpson, Investigator
Glenn M. Gates, Captain
Jackson Sheard, Sergeant
Jacqueline McCoy, Sergeant
Jeffrey Brink, Sergeant
Jennifer Jordan, Sergeant
John Myers, Corporal
Joseph Richburg, Corporal
Justin Poage, Corporal
Keith Williamson, Investigator
Kyle Gilbert, Corporal

Lance Reeves, Sergeant
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Mark Juergens, Corporal
Martin J. Folding, Lieutenant
Mary Sumter, Sergeant
Matthew Buck, Sergeant
Michael Blair, Lieutenant
Michael Walsh, Sergeant
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Nicholas Scott, Sergeant
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Richard Cullop, Investigator
Richard L. White, Lieutenant
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Robert Fehr, Sergeant
Robert Henry, Investigator
Robert Uhall, Sergeant
Robert Welch, Investigator
Ronald Manning, Corporal
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Ryan McIntyre, Investigator
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Stacey Walker, Sergeant
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Tyson Hass, Investigator
Valeria Moorner, Sergeant
William Beattie, Corporal
William E. Pegram, Lieutenant
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ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Lisa Pettway

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Jason Van Valkenburgh

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Nicholas Gunter

Preston Avery

LIFE SAVING

Tara Richardson

Christopher Bolling

Jessica Nowlin

Michael Blackmore

PURPLE HEART

Ashley Hardesty

Peter Conklin

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Bryan Martin

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Preston Avery

Beatrice Fields

Brad Desrochers

Julia Cann

Charles McNeil

Fred Bryant

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Fred Bryant

Carl Payne

Kermit Scott

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Barbara Harrill

Annette Boette

Durham Carter (Posthumously)

David Knoche, Kelvin Keisler and City of

Columbia Support Services Staff

CHIEF'S AWARD

Shaunita Grase

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“ I am proud to be a member of this community and honored to serve among the brave men and women of the Columbia Police Department.

W.H. Holbrook



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