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# COLUMBIA, SC



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# MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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**DANIEL RICKENMANN**

Mayor

**TINA HERBERT**

District I Councilman

**DR. ADITI BUSSELLS**

At-Large Councilwoman

**HOWARD E. DUVALL, JR.**

At-Large Councilman

**EDWARD H. MCDOWELL, JR.**

District II Councilman

**WILL BRENNAN**

District III Councilman

**JOE E. TAYLOR, JR.**

District IV Councilman

# CITY MANAGER & EXECUTIVE TEAM

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**TERESA WILSON**

City Manager

**MELISSA S. GENTRY**

Assistant City Manager

**JEFF PALEN**

Assistant City Manager/  
Chief Financial Officer

**CLINT SHEALY**

Assistant City Manager

**HENRY SIMONS**

Assistant City Manager

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

## Citizens of Columbia,

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2021 Columbia Police Department Annual Report.

It has become an annual tradition to compile information across the department to report a year of hard work and accomplishments. The detailed Report is shared with the citizens we serve to build trust, open lines of communication and show transparency that have all been my promise to you.

Much like 2020, this year has proven itself just as challenging as we all continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic and its variants, while improving community-policing relationships and fulfilling the mission of the department.

We have persevered without serious injury or loss of life to officers despite the dangers they face every day. In particular, law enforcement officers across the country have responded to incidents reflecting some of the highest violent crime rates in recent years; the City of Columbia included.

With that said, CPD officers have stayed focused on identifying prolific offenders, seizing guns from criminals who are prohibited from possessing firearms; saved lives with the use of Narcan related to fentanyl overdoses, answered more than 155,000 emergency calls for service, more than 8,000 traffic accidents, made 5,200 arrests and patrolled more than 4,000,000 miles during the course of their duties.

We are grateful for these opportunities to make a difference in communities we serve through excellent customer service and professional service delivery. Every encounter with a citizen is an opportunity to build trust.

In closing, 2021 marks my 15th year serving as a Police Chief and celebrating my 8th year proudly with the Columbia Police Department.

I will continue to work with our City Manager, Ms. Teresa Wilson, Mayor-elect Daniel Rickenmann and all our Council members to identify improvement opportunities for CPD facilities, fleet and compensation. We will endeavor to be the most professional, diverse, best equipped, trained and compensated municipal police department in our state.

Respectfully,



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

FAIRNESS

INTEGRITY

COURAGE

DIVERSITY

COLLABORATION

SERVICE ORIENTATION

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 four bureaus and five patrol regions.



**436**

AUTHORIZED  
SWORN STRENGTH



**125**

AUTHORIZED  
PROFESSIONAL STAFF



**\$43,232,161**

ANNUAL BUDGET



**\$3,287,037.00**

GRANT FUNDS MANAGED

# EXECUTIVE STAFF



CHIEF W. H. "SKIP" HOLBROOK



DEPUTY CHIEF MELRON KELLY



MAJOR RANDY MARTIN



MAJOR GEORGE DRAFTS



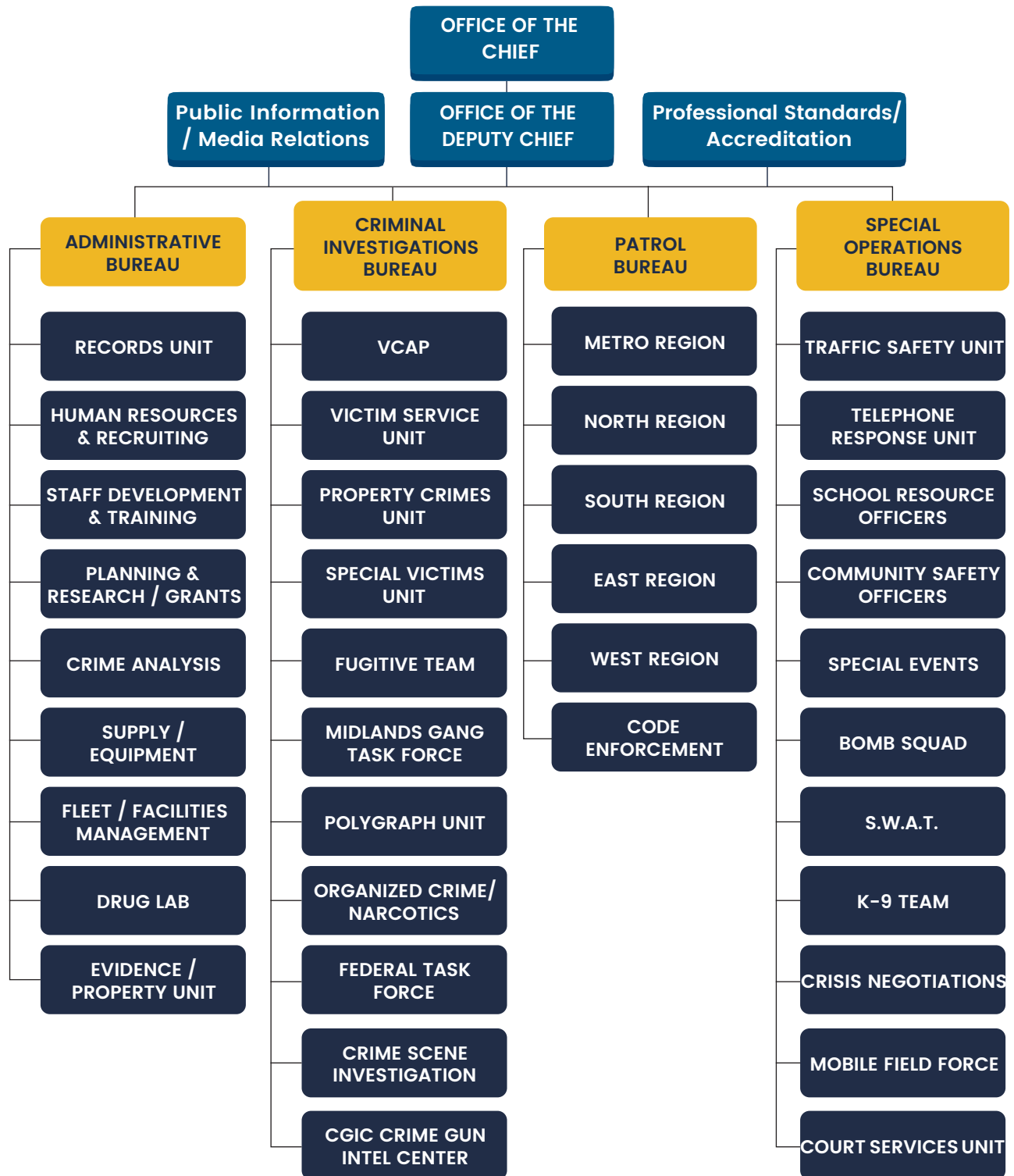
MAJOR CHRIS WHITE



MAJOR CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# 2021 CPD DEMOGRAPHICS



SWORN OFFICERS BY RACE/GENDER		
RACE / GENDER	TOTALS	%
African American Female	38	11.48%
African American Male	85	25.68%
Asian Female	0	0.0%
Asian Male	1	0.30%
Hispanic Female	5	1.51%
Hispanic Male	10	3.02%
Native American Indian	1	0.30%
Other Female	1	0.30%
Other Male	8	2.42%
White Female	26	7.85%
White Male	156	47.13%

# 2021 At-A-Glance

AT-A-GLANCE	2020	2021	↑↓	Incident Change +/-	Incident Change %
Homicide	19	22	↑	+3	+16%
Rape*	96	99	↑	+3	+3%
Robbery	216	183	↓	-33	-15%
Aggravated Assaults*	694	755	↑	+61	+9%
Burglary	760	744	↓	-16	-2%
Larceny* Autobreaking included	4,627	4,299	↓	-328	-7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	647	574	↓	-73	-11%
Arrests	5,237	4,220	↓	-1,017	-19%
Calls for Service	155,035	174,407	↑	+19,372	+12%
Miles Driven	4,521,804	4,655,014	↑	+133,210	+3%
Firearms Seized	851	829	↓	-22	-3%
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>↑</b>	<b>+34</b>	<b>+3%</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES</b>	<b>6,034</b>	<b>5,617</b>	<b>↓</b>	<b>-417</b>	<b>-7%</b>
<b>CRIME TOTALS</b>	<b>7,059</b>	<b>6,676</b>	<b>↓</b>	<b>-383</b>	<b>-5%</b>

\*Rape - includes all attempts/completions of the following: Rape, Sodomy, Rape w/ Object

\*Aggravated Assaults are reported by the number of victims.

\*Larceny - includes all attempts/completions of Pocket Picking, Purse Snatching, Shoplifting, Theft from Building, Theft from Coin Operated Machine/Device, Theft from Motor Vehicle, Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/ Accessories, All Other Larceny

\*Data pulled from RMS and is subject to validations, changes, and/or additions. Accuracy is dependent upon validation. Data based on number of incidents will vary.



# PATROL BUREAU

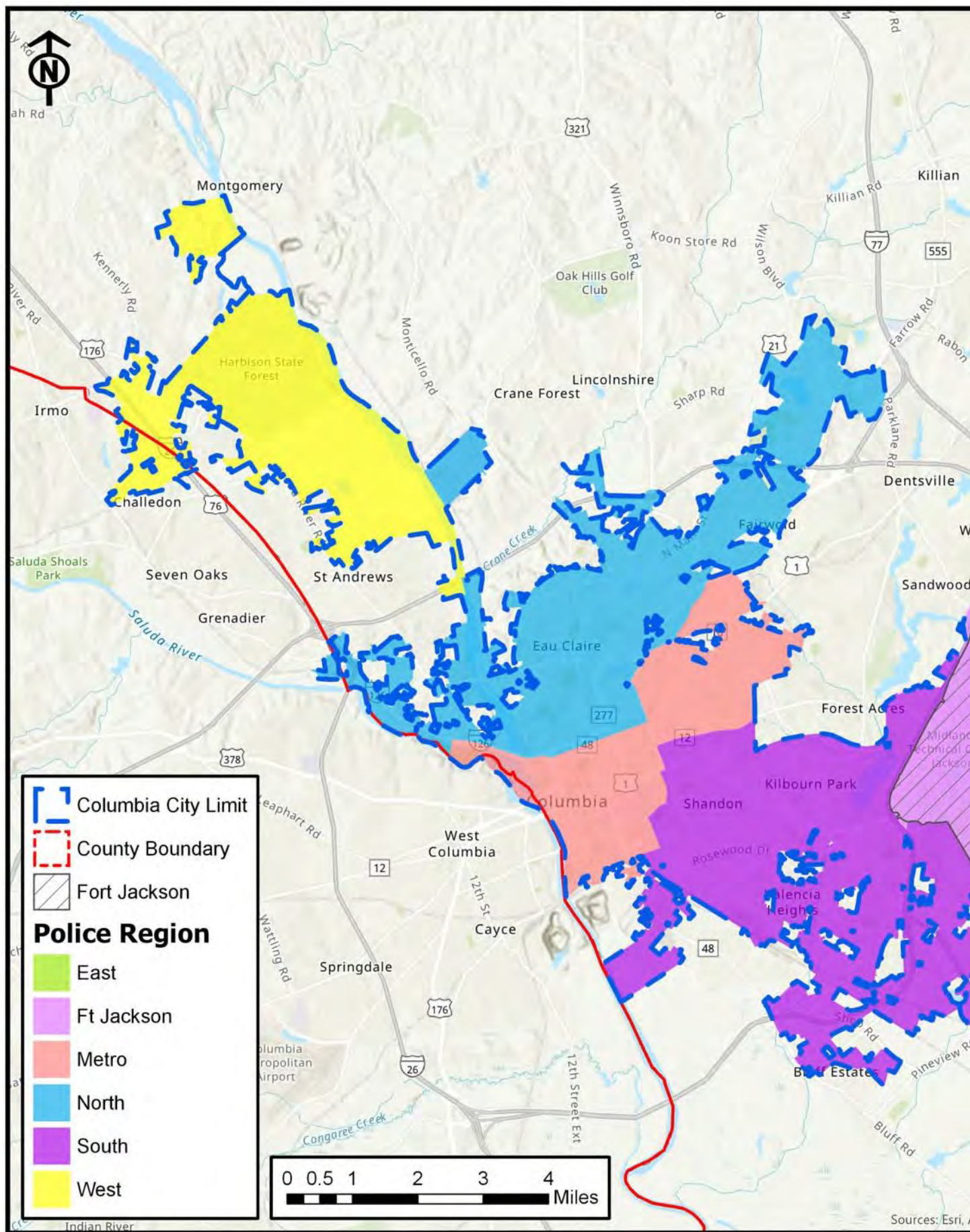


# PATROL BUREAU

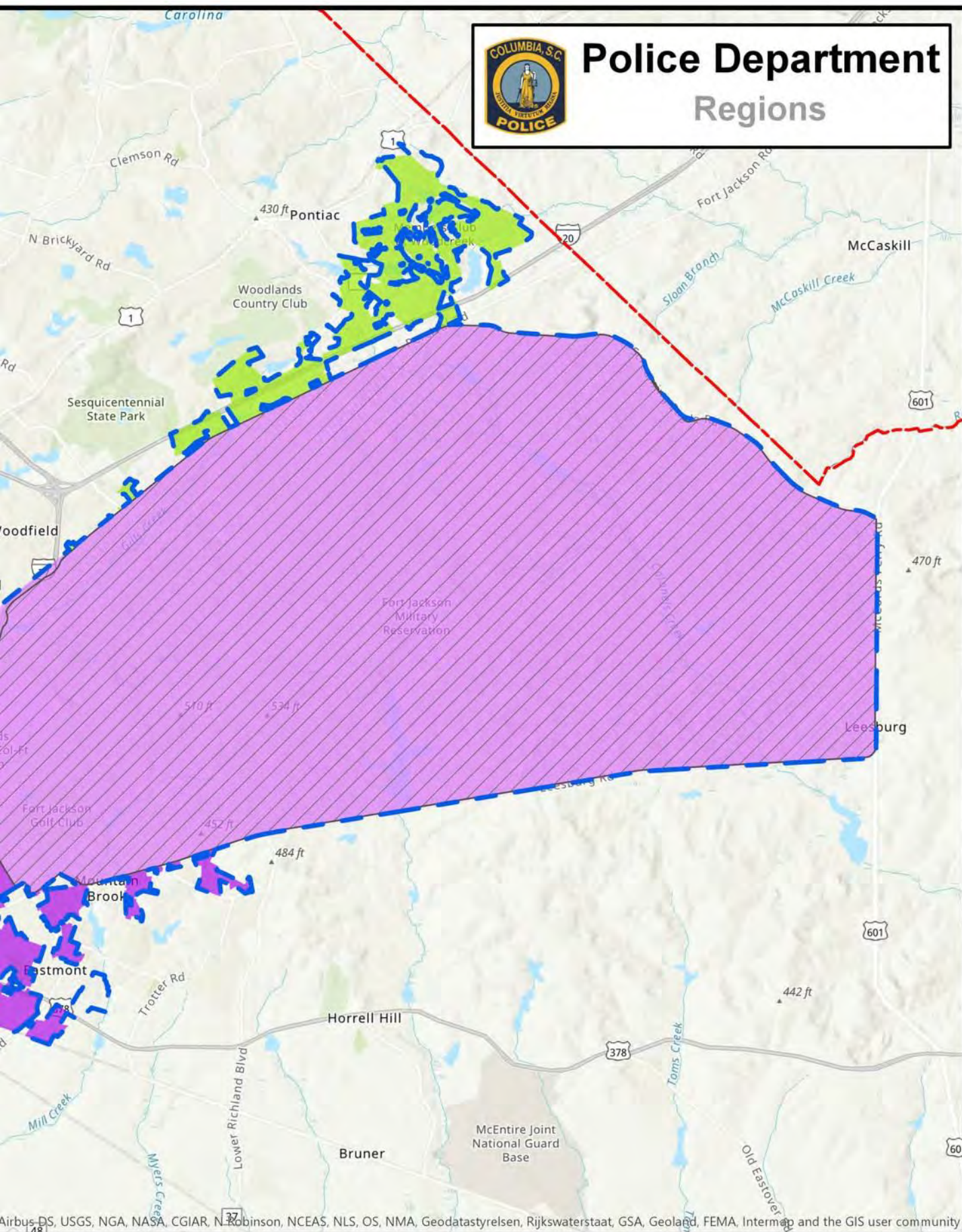
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The primary objective of the Patrol Bureau is to provide prompt, professional service to the City of Columbia's residents and visitors. Working cooperatively with the communities they serve, the Patrol Bureau strives to prevent crime and reduce the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









Airbus-DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N. Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodatastyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap and the GIS user community



## **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:** 1800 Main Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
**Phone:** (803) 545-3972



## **Southeast Region – District III**

**Address:** 2132 Devine Street  
Columbia, SC 29205  
**Phone:** (803) 737-5880



## **Southeast Region – East Annex III**

**Address:** 446 Spears Creek Church Road  
Columbia, SC 29045  
**Phone:** (803) 788-3018



## CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The Code Enforcement Division finished 2021 with about a 6 percent decrease in the total number the total number of cases started the previous year. This was a challenging year with staffing as we had six inspectors leave the City and our Senior Customer Service Representative retired. We believe the decline in staffing levels lead to the decrease in the number of new cases for 2021. We did improve on our resolution rate, however, with an increase from 62% the previous year to 75% in 2021 as we closed more cases.

**75%**  
*resolution rate*

With the Covid-19 pandemic behind us, we were able to begin enforcement of the Vacant Building Registration Ordinance passed by City Council in late 2019. At the end of 2021, we had about 200 registered vacant buildings and have started over 350 vacant building cases on properties not registered.

**200**  
*registered vacant buildings*

The Neighborhood Improvement Sweeps were back to normal for the most part as we completed 11 Neighborhood Sweeps in 2021 with coordinations across several City Departments. In the later part of 2021 we took an in depth look at many of our City Ordinances and identified several key ordinance updates that could give us more “teeth” in our ability to enforce. City Council gave first reading approval to two major ordinances that discourage repeat offenses or violations at rental properties and gives us the ability to tow abandoned, derelict vehicles from private property. We will continue to look at additional ordinance changes and recommendations to City Council in 2022.

## Highlights/Accomplishments

- Demolished 4 Vacant/Abandoned Substandard Structure
- Received 100k Grant from CDBG Program for Demolitions in FY 21-22
- Completed 11 Neighborhood Improvement/QOL Sweeps
- Collaborated with CPD Southeast Region to Abate a Serious Nuisance Property on Hibiscus Street.
- Moved the Code Enforcement Administration Offices to the new Hemlock location.
- Received first reading approval from City Council on two major ordinance changes. Specifically to give us the ability to tow Abandoned Derelict Vehicles from private property and to assess more points to offenders of the Rental ordinance.

## 2021 STATS

<b>VIOLATION TYPE</b>	<b>QTY STARTED</b>	<b>QTY RESOLVED</b>	<b>RESOLVE RATE</b>
Abandoned/Derelict Vehicles - Private Property	1,112	798	72%
Abandoned/Derelict Vehicles - ROW	358	350	98%
Accessory Structure	147	67	46%
Commercial Boarded Building	9	4	44%
Commercial Demolition	2	0	0%
Commercial Premise	515	417	81%
Commercial Structure	387	169	44%
Front Yard Parking	541	455	84%
Rental Property - No Permit	191	89	47%
Residential Boarded Building	38	9	25%
Residential Demolition	54	11	15%
Residential Premise	2,641	1,932	75%
Residential Structure	1,031	441	30%
Right of Way	410	371	87%
Roll Carts	1,167	1,577	94%
Vacant Lots	717	595	85%
Vector Control - Mosquitos	35	30	74%
Vector Control - Rodents	2	1	73%
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>9,818</b>	<b>7,316</b>	<b>67%</b>

**11**

Neighborhood Improvement/Quality of Life Sweeps conducted

**48**

homeless encampments cleaned

**27**

unsecure structures boarded

**600+**

waste tires collected from city streets/right of ways

**17**

Vector Control Areas treated three times for mosquito larva as part of the Mosquito Prevention Program

**648**

abated work orders for cutting, removing trash and debris, and tire removal in the City tree zones and right of ways.

**500+**

pounds of rat bait placed in City Sewers as part of the Rat Control/Prevention Program



# **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU**



# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) 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 scene of criminal activity and needs of crime victims. CIB is comprised of 12 units.

## Crime Scene Investigation Unit (CSI)

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

CSI Statistics	2020	2021
Crime Scenes Processed	666	722
Firearm eTraces (Electronic Tracing System) Performed	1220	809
Forensic Requests	216	951
Analyzed AFIS Prints	421 prints (Average Match Rate: 25.46%)	459







## Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) / Joint Terrorism Task Force

FBI Violent Crime Task Force TFOs and FBI agents monitor persons known to be involved or associated with foreign or domestic (home grown extremist) terrorist groups or organizations. In addition, they are responsible for providing intelligence reports to law enforcement agencies at the local, state, and national level regarding potential threats.

## Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) / Violent Crime Task Force

CPD TFOs work with FBI Agents to reduce violent crime by identifying and targeting violent persons and organizations, target human trafficking operations and prosecuting them through the federal court system.

<b>Violent Crime Task Force Statistics</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Arrests	20	24
Firearms Seized	11	16
Drugs Seized	720 g Cocaine 34 g Crack Cocaine Over 5,000 fentanyl pills 8886 heroin pills (591 grams) 6080 pills of mixed heroin fentanyl	18 lbs Marijuana 199.40 oz Cocaine

## United States Secret Service (USSS)

CPD TFOs work with Secret Service Agents to investigate cyber and financial crimes such as computer hacking and corporate embezzlement. TFOs also work with Secret Service Agents to identify persons involved in the production and distribution of counterfeit currency and merchandise. In addition, TFOs conduct forensic examinations of cell phones and computers involved in criminal cases.

<b>USSS Statistics</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Total pieces of evidence submitted for electronic examination by CPD	107	44
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>44</b>

## Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) Task Force

CPD TFOs work with ATF agents to reduce gun violence by identifying and targeting violent gun offenders and prosecuting them through the state and federal court system. TFOs and ATF agents also target persons involved in the illegal sale of firearms and ammunition throughout midlands area. In addition, TFOs conduct gun traces (E-Trace) and enter the seized firearms into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN).

<b>ATF Task Force Statistics</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Cases Submitted for Federal Prosecution	36	112
Cases Indicted & Arrested on Federal Arrest Warrants	30	48
Search Warrants	6	48

## Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

CPD TFOs work with DEA Agents to identify and target persons involved in the illegal distribution of narcotics and the diversion of prescription medications. TFOs also work with DEA Agents to monitor private practice doctors and pharmacists for prescription medication fraud.

DEA Statistics	2020	2021
Arrests	60	14
Currency Seized	\$640,211	\$841,738
Investigations	9	29

## United States Marshals Service (USMS)

CPD TFOs work with deputy US Marshals to locate and capture fugitives from all over the United States and its territories. TFOs and USMS Agents are also responsible for the extradition of prisoners from one jurisdiction to another and the transportation of prisoners for court appearances.

USMS Statistics	2020	2021
Fugitives Arrested	294	302
Extraditions	16	16

## Polygraph Unit

The Polygraph Unit supports the investigative needs of the Criminal Investigation division and other local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies. In addition, the unit conducts pre-employment and internal polygraph examinations.

Polygraph Statistics	2020	2021
Tests Completed	83	59

## Organized Crime & Narcotics (OCN)

Investigators assigned to the OCN unit work closely with State and Federal law enforcement agencies to disrupt and dismantle narcotics trafficking organizations, and arrest those involved in related drug violations.

OCN Statistics	2020	2021
Arrests	260	165
Heroin	249 g	11.4 g
Controlled Pills	390 pills	238 pills
Ecstasy Pills (MDMA)	146 pills	2,354 pills
Cocaine	14.87 lbs	98.35 g
Currency	\$162,253	\$141,571
Firearms	76	98
Marijuana	163.5 lbs	288.8 lbs
Methamphetamine	29.9 lbs	38.4 oz
Overdose Deaths	16	30
Overdose Survivals	18	20

### Organized Crime Narcotics Success Story

On May 11, 2021, Agents from the Organized Crime and Narcotics (OCN) unit responded to a local hotel in reference to a drug overdose where the victim survived. Agents conducted a search of the room and recovered a large amount of assorted cigarillos (Cigars), drones and accessories, approximately 8 lbs of loose tobacco, multiple prepaid cellphones, vacuum sealed bags containing Marijuana, a day/night rifle Forensic report located Methamphetamine, Fluorofentanyl (Schedule 1), Tramadol (Schedule 4) and Codeine (Schedule 2). Based on the evidence recovered and during the investigation, it was apparent that the scope, aid if using a drone. A Forensic Examination Report of the suspected drugs identified the items as approximately 13 grams of fentanyl, approximately 4 grams of more of heroin and 9 grams of cocaine. Inside the caps, the individuals occupying the room were involved in smuggling contraband into the prison in and around Columbia using drones. The individuals involved were arrested.



## Special Victim's Unit (SVU)

Special Victim's Unit Statistics	2020	2021
Criminal Sexual Conduct	109	176
Domestic Violence	575	479
Missing Persons	81	85
Indecent Exposure	25	18
Child Abuse	69	84
Child Pornography	3	10
<b>Total Assigned Cases</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>1,307</b>

Investigate all allegations 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.

### SVU Success Story

On June 23, 2021, Columbia Police Department (CPD) officers responded to an apartment complex on Crossbow Dive for a reported sexual assault and kidnapping of a 74-year-old woman.

When officers arrived at the home, the victim reported that a male intruder forcibly sexually assaulted her in her bedroom.

After the traumatic assault, the suspect allegedly stole her debit card and intimidated the victim by threatening her if she notified police. When the suspect left, the victim called a neighbor for help.

Officers from CPD's Crime Scene Unit collected valuable evidence from the incident location to aid investigators with the case. After thoroughly processing the crime scene, technicians discovered and collected DNA and other forensic evidence.

During the initial interview with the elderly victim, a SVU Investigator worked with the victim's financial institution and determined that on the same day as the sexual assault, the suspect used the victim's stolen card at a convenience store ATM; an ATM with video surveillance cameras.

Additional valuable pieces of video surveillance were obtained from several locations in the City of Columbia. Working as a team, SVU investigators were able to figure out the type of car the suspect drove to the victim's home to commit the sexual assault.

Later, the suspect returned to the convenience store where he fraudulently used the victim's ATM. A good samaritan at the store called 9-1-1 to report seeing the suspect and soon after, CPD officers arrived at the store and arrested the suspect identified as Tamar Nance.

After gathering DNA from the suspect, the evidence was sent to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) for analysis. The test results indicated a positive correlation between Tamar Nance and the victim.

After presenting the facts of the case with the Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office, SVU Investigators obtained the following warrants for Nance's arrest: Burglary 1st Degree, Criminal Sexual Assault 1st Degree, Kidnapping and Financial Transaction Card Theft.

On July 5, 2021, Nance was arrested and transported to the Lexington County Detention Center. A judge denied Nance's bond.

## Property Crimes Unit (PCU)

The Property Crimes Unit is responsible for the follow-up investigation of crimes against property. These include burglaries, stolen vehicles, car break-ins and a multitude of crimes related to theft, fraud and property damage.

PCU Assigned Cases	2020	2021
Burglary	513	488
Auto Breaking	592	713
GLMV	373	371
Financial Transaction Card Theft/Fraud, Bank Fraud, Forgery, Larceny (Grand and Petit), Vandalism, Identity Theft, Breach of Trust, Fail to Return Rentals, etc.	571	756
<b>Total Assigned Cases</b>	<b>2,049</b>	<b>2,328</b>

## Firearm Theft Incidents

Unlawful firearms pose a significant problem in the City of Columbia and our neighboring jurisdictions. In the City of Columbia, there were 509 firearms reported stolen in 2021. A total of 323 firearms or 63% were stolen from a vehicle and over half of those vehicles were left unsecured. There were 96 firearms stolen in burglaries accounting for another 19%.

<b>509</b> Firearms reported in 2020 <b>232</b> Firearms stolen from the vehicles <b>96</b> Firearms stolen in burglaries	Firearm Theft Incidents	2020	2021
	Vehicles	66%	66%
	Larcenies	13%	15%
	Burglaries	6%	19%
	Robbery	1%	1%

## Property Crimes Success Story

In June 2021, the Columbia Police Property Crimes Unit received a case where an employee of a local business was removing laptops from the business. The investigator gathered and analyzed all the documentation the business provided and at least one of the laptops had a tracking device. The investigator was able to work with the tracking service company and determined at least one laptop was pinging in another jurisdiction. The investigator was able to work cross functionally with the jurisdiction in which the laptop was pinging. A search warrant was conducted at the location and during the investigation over 60 laptops belonging to the business valued at more than \$65,000 dollars were recovered and returned to the business. As a result of the investigation the employee was arrested and charged for breach of trust over \$10,000.

## Violent Crimes Against Persons Unit (VCAP)

Investigators assigned to this unit investigate all major crimes within the jurisdictional boundaries of the city of Columbia. The unit conducts thorough investigations of each crime to include the collection of evidence and interviews. They also assist in the prosecution of suspect(s) through the preparation of case files and courtroom testimonies.

<b>VCAP Assigned Cases</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Assault	152	233
Robbery	171	145
Pointing/Presenting	130	24
Attempted Murder	76	97
Murder	21	25
Carjacking, Bomb Threats, Kidnapping, Discharging, Arson, etc.	102	101
<b>Total Cases Assigned</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>625</b>
<b>Total Arrests</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>77</b>

## ***VCAP Success Story***



In October 2021, VCAP Investigators arrested two males in connection with the fatal shooting of 7-year-old Knowledge Sims.

The child was struck by gunfire on April 29, 2020 at his residence at 109 Tarragon Drive in the Capital Heights neighborhood off Farrow Road. His 13-year-old sister was also wounded but survived her injuries.

During the course of the investigation, CPD investigators did not believe that Knowledge Sims was the intended target.

The two suspects are 21-year-old Kwatez Carter and 24-year-old Travon Wilson are charged with Murder, Attempted Murder, Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Crime, Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature, Discharging a Firearm into a Dwelling, Criminal Conspiracy. The United States Marshals Service (USMS) Carolinas Regional Fugitive Task Force assisted with the arrests.

Ballistic evidence collected from the scene by CPD officers and submitted to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) for analysis has been forensically matched to the crime. The evidence was entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) and additional matches were confirmed. Firearms related to the case were seized.



A large crowd of people, many wearing red shirts, is gathered on a city street for a protest or demonstration. In the background, a tall white monument with a statue on top stands prominently. The scene is set in an urban environment with tall buildings and trees. The image has a dark blue overlay, and the text "SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU" is written in bold yellow letters on the right side.

# **SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU**

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

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

## Bomb Squad

As a South Carolina accredited public safety bomb squad, all team members are certified by the FBI & US Army as Bomb Technicians. Team members respond to calls for explosive devices including old, abandoned and illegal fireworks.

During 2021 team members attended the following courses:

- Advanced Explosives Disposal Techniques training
- Homemade Explosives training
- FBI Hand Entry course
- HDS Advance Hand Entry
- Peroxide Based Explosive Imprinting (K-9)

Bomb Squad Statistics	2020	2021
Threats	1	4
Evidence Destroyed	4	2
Training Hours	692	690
Calls for Service	13	5
Assists	4	2





## Canine (K-9) Unit

A specialized unit that consists of eleven K-9 teams (one handler and one dog), each team operates on a citywide basis. The K-9 Team supports patrol operations, specialize units, and the Criminal Investigation Bureau, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The K-9 Team currently utilizes Belgian Malinois and Dutch Shepherds. The canines are trained in multiple skill sets to include tracking, drug detection, criminal apprehension, handler protection, building search and article search.

The partnership between a canine and handler is one of the most unique in the police force. At the end of each shift, the canine goes home with the handler and becomes part of their family.



K-9 Arrest Statistics	2020	2021
Calls For Service	K-9 Calls For Service - 324 K-9 Deployments - 228 K-9 Tracks - 124 K-9 Captures - 27 K-9 Searches - 94 Non K-9 Related Calls For Service - 3,536	K-9 Calls For Service - 504 K-9 Deployments - 147 K-9 Tracks - 84 K-9 Captures - 21 K-9 Searches - 60 Non K-9 Related Calls For Service - 3,580
Arrests/Reports/Citations	K-9 Team Arrests - 93 Warrants Served - 30 Reports Taken - 235 Field Interviews - 235 Traffic Citations - 30 Traffic Warning Citations - 183	K-9 Team Arrests - 77 Warrants Served - 45 Reports Taken - 150 Field Interviews - 236 Traffic Citations - 32 Traffic Warning Citations - 201
Firearms Seized	Firearms - 24	Firearms - 20





## Community Safety Officer (CSO)

The CSO provides 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. They also perform elderly and residential checks as requested and school crossing guard duties at various locations.

CSO Stats	2020	2021
Community Contacts	5,519	12,382
Elder Checks	112	699
Hours spent on Patrol	3,934	11,574.25
Hours spent on Infrastructure protection	19,254.75	13,699.5
Hours spent on School Crossings	57	121.5

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

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.

## Court Services Unit

The Court Services Unit provides static and roving security to the Municipal Courthouse, to include access control into the facilities. Additionally, officers transport prisoners from local detention facilities, operate internal detention holding facilities, conduct courtroom security, and respond to incidents in and around the Municipal Courthouse. The Court Officer duties include securing the safety of the citizens, staff and judges, assistance with the coverage of the Telephone Response Unit and Traffic Unit operations.

CSO Stats	2020	2021
Richland County Detention Center	200	201
Lexington County Detention Center	136	104

## Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for educating citizens about methods to prevent crime by means of a proactive approach. Crime Prevention team members oversee safety initiatives and the following public education programs:

- Badges and Parks
- District One Teen Leadership Summit
- National Police Week
- National Night Out Kick Off & National Night Out
- Fan the Heat
- Human Trafficking Seminar
- Allen University Safety Day
- AARP Light Bulb Project
- Personal Safety
- Security Assessments
- Workplace Violence
- Active Shooter in the Workplace
- Church Safety

Crime Prevention Statistics	2020	2021
Security Assessments	0	5
Programs, Events, & Meetings	13	17
Event Hours	9.5	25

## Special Events Unit

The 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. In addition, they are responsible for formulating an Operational Plan for each event to accommodate traffic and crowd control, public safety concerns and crime prevention.

### Variety of Events

- Parades
- Marathons, Half Marathons, 10K Runs and 5K Runs
- Festivals
- Traffic Control Details
- Special Duty Assignments
- Street Closures
- Barricade Requests



## School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit

SROs develop positive relationships and work in collaboration with students, school staff, and community members to ensure a safe learning environment for all students attending schools in Columbia.

SRO Statistics	2020	2021
Call for Service	1,632	1,062
Crimes Investigated: Larcenies, Assaults, Vandalism & School Threats	62	135
D.A.R.E. Courses Taught	3	26
Arrests: Larcenies, Assaults & Vandalism	24	54
Non-Mandated School Events Hours	204	47

## S.W.A.T.

The SWAT Team's mission is to provide a well-disciplined, well-trained, efficient unit, which can be used by the Chief of Police in situations where the public and officers are in extreme danger.

SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) is made up of police officers, who are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Their work on the SWAT Team is in addition to their regular duties and assignments. The team's commander, is appointed by the Chief of Police. Each team member must meet strict requirements and is selected after a rigorous process. The team trains bi-monthly in preparation for handling a variety of high-risk critical incidents.

The SWAT Team is used for hostage situations and negotiations, barricaded suspects, service of high-risk warrants, drug raids and search warrants, searches for armed subjects, VIP protection, stakeouts and undercover surveillance, civil disorder and other special events. SWAT handles any incident, which has the potential for armed confrontations, through tactics that lessen the chances of injury or death.

SWAT TEAM	2021
Training Hours	220
Presentations	4
Call Outs	15
Warrants Executed	5





## Crisis Negotiation Team



The Columbia Police Department's Crisis Negotiation Team is a life preservation unit comprised of two teams of officers trained to resolve critical incidents through verbal techniques, while avoiding unnecessary risks and injuries to citizens, law enforcement, and suspects.

The Crisis Negotiation Teams are decentralized and "On Call" and may be deployed for:

- Hostage situations
- Barricaded suspects
- Civil disturbances
- Suicide attempts
- Crisis intervention
- As directed by the Chief of Police or Deputy Chief



Hostage Crisis Negotiations	2021
Call Outs	5
Training Hours	56

## Mobile Field Force

Mobile Field Force (MFF) is used for civil unrest / riot control. All officers are trained in formation movements, arrest strategies and tactics during mass civil unrest, crowd control munitions deployment, and less lethal equipment/ weapon deployment and usage.

The MFF can be deployed at the direction of the Chief of Police or his designee and can consist of different levels of response. The levels range from officer presence in standard uniform worn everyday that are prepared to work in small teams to address potential civil unrest to fully outfitted and equipped to handle and address civil unrest in small and large response teams.

The benefit to having a MFF is to ensure the officers/department can provide a coordinated, planned, and strategic response to large groups who actions violate local, state, and federal law.

Mobile Field Force	2021
Deployments	4

## Telephone Response Unit (TRU)

TRU is a non-emergency call center for the department, tasked with assisting officers as necessary, answering citizen inquiries and taking police reports. They serve as the NCIC point of contact, maintain, track and validate criminal warrants and courtesy summons. In addition, the unit tracks property checks, provides on-call staff notifications and city-wide transport (Inmate Transports & Mental Transports). TRU serves as back-up to the Columbia-Richland 911/311 Communications Center.

TRU Statistics	2020	2021
Deployments	48,085	42,628
Walk in Citizens Assisted	5,096	6,343
Incident Reports	1,419	1,617





## Traffic Safety Unit

Team members consist of officers specifically trained to deliver professional police service, enforce traffic laws and provide education and awareness in an effort to reduce traffic collisions and related fatalities.

<b>Traffic Safety Unit Statistics</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Collisions Investigated	717	745
Fatal Collisions investigated	9	20
Traffic concerns/complaints	56	75
DUI arrests	82	147
Citations issued (includes warnings & collisions)	5,703	5,320
Vehicle for hire/wrecker inspections	4	157
Checkpoints (multi-agency)	3	1
DUI/traffic enforcement operations	5	4
Year to Date Calls for Service	1,742	1,388





# **ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU**

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The Administrative Bureau is responsible for eight logistical areas and units that provide support to police operations.

## Equipment Management/Supply Unit

The Equipment Management/Supply Unit handles the logistics needed for the Department. The Materials Inventory Clerk is responsible for the distribution of received agency-owned property to authorized personnel within the Department. The Unit is accountable for all property and ensures that all property is maintained in a state of operational readiness.

## Crime Analysis Unit

The Police Department has two (2) Crime Analysts that study and track crime. Crime Analysis supports a number of department functions including Patrol, Special Operations and Tactical Units, Investigations, Planning and Research, Crime Prevention, and Administrative Services (budgeting and program planning). A Crime Analyst studies crime and suspects, analyzes crime data to forecast day, time and locations where crime is likely to occur and disseminates that data accordingly throughout the organization. An Analyst will share crime patterns and incident behaviors with investigators and patrol officers on a daily basis. A Crime Analyst uses all available technologies to study crime. Analysts track criminal activity in various databases and computer mapping software.

## Drug Lab

The Drug Lab is operated by two (2) police chemists who assist the Department's criminal investigations by providing scientific analytical services. The chemists perform scientific examinations of evidence and provides assistance in the collection of evidence at crime scenes when requested. The chemists are frequently asked by the Solicitor and city prosecutors to provide expert testimony in criminal court on drug lab findings. Analysis performed in the laboratory are often the definitive factor in proving the guilt or innocence of persons charged with criminal acts.

### DRUG LAB STATISTICS

**896** Drug Cases

## Computer Liaison

The Computer Liaison provides end user support for new programs and coordinates and trains personnel to meet support requirements/ maintenance for the system; plans and develops testing strategies that includes preparing test data, conducting program testing, and debugging/ troubleshooting; and maintains and enhances existing systems.

## Records

The Records Unit is the depository for all original police reports. These include offense reports, vehicular accident reports, and all additional reports completed by Patrol and Investigative officers. These reports are processed, indexed and archived for permanent storage. The Unit is also responsible for entering, updating, validating, and cancellation of all reported statistical and criminal history information provided to the, state, and federal Criminal History Record Information databases. The Records Unit adheres to strict standards of confidentiality. Details of a report are not discussed over the telephone. The Public can request a copy of a Police Report in person at Police Headquarters (Records Unit) located at 1 Justice Square, with a proper photo identification.

**12,142** Records Validated  
(Jan 1 - Dec 31)

**789** FOIA  
Requests

**1,396** Background Checks





## Human Resources / Recruiting

Human Resources is responsible for managing the employee life cycle including recruiting, hiring, onboarding and administering employee benefits.

In addition, the Unit implements a competitive recruiting strategy, attends career fairs, and conducts interviews with viable police officer candidates.

The Unit is responsible for ensuring each applicant meets employment qualifications and high standards as a law enforcement officer.

Additionally, the Unit gathers analytical recruiting reports to track, manage and review statistics during the application/hiring process.

## HIRED

<b>4</b>	Certified Police Officers
<b>19</b>	Police Officer Candidates
<b>0</b>	Civilian (Cadet)
<b>3</b>	Non-Sworn/Staff

## PERFORMED

176 POST (National Police Officer Selection Test)

**141** JRPAT



## Staff Development & Training Unit

The Staff Development and Training Unit values the importance of continuing education for officers in a world that is ever changing. This Unit is made up of 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 1 Sergeant and 3 Police Officers. The department also uses 52 certified in-house instructors to assist the Training Unit throughout the year.

Police Officer Candidates begin their careers assigned to the Training Unit. One of our top priorities is providing a firm foundation of training for our future Officers to build upon. The Basic Candidate School (BCS) prepares these Police Candidates for the SCCJA, Field Training and their future Police Officer promotion. BCS is an average of 10 weeks and covers CPD Directives and Procedures, Use of Force, Ethics, Diversity Training, De-escalation Techniques, Basic Marksmanship and Emergency Vehicle Response.

Sworn Officers are required to attend classes annually to maintain their Class 1 and Class 3 Law Enforcement Certification; this is called in-service training. In-Service training focuses on Defensive Tactics, De-escalation and Diversity Training. The Training Unit conducts approximately 25.5 hours of annual in-service training on a monthly basis and additionally supports this training with required on-line learning through Power DMS.

Not only does the CPD Training Unit conduct the training necessary to satisfy the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy certification requirements, we consistently offer new courses. In 2020, we added other courses such as, Crisis Intervention Training, Stop the Bleed, Stop Stick and Less Lethal. These additional classes give officers more options on how to safely resolve and de-escalate situations.



**27.5**

hours of annual  
in-service training



**1**

Captain

**1**

Lieutenant

**1**

Sergeant

**3**

Officers

Course Title	Number of Officers Trained	Number of Classes
Annual In-Service	238	960
BCS	32	318
ACADIS	386	Various Courses
Power DMS	386	20
Stop The Bleed	29	3
I-CAT De-Escalation	110	110



# **COMMUNITY POLICING INITIATIVES & PROGRAMS**





Unveiled in the fall of 2021, the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) has fusion center capabilities, providing real – time situational awareness and intelligence-specific analysis to CPD on a daily basis. The RTCC is co-located with the City of Columbia's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with full support and investment from City Managers and City Council and serves as an expanded support of emergency management functions and needs.

The RTCC provides CPD with a centralized hub for intelligence and information sharing, as well as, a more focused Intelligence-Led Policing (ILP) approach to accomplish its mission to detect, prevent, apprehend, and respond to criminal and terrorist activity in the City of Columbia. The RTCC displays a wall-to-wall, multi-camera display for monitoring critical events, day-to-day operational-mode and emergency management preparation. The RTCC also houses Shotspotter gun-detection technology on live camera feeds. The RTCC is operational-ready and can be fully activated for emergencies requiring additional support and use from partner law enforcement agencies and first responders.

## 30 X 30 Advancing Women in Policing Initiative



The Columbia Police Department joins more than 35 other law enforcement agencies in signing the 30×30 Pledge – an effort to advance the representation and experiences of women in all ranks of policing across the United States.

The ultimate goal of the 30×30 Initiative is to reach 30 percent of women in police recruit classes by 2030, and to ensure policing agencies are representative of the jurisdiction the agency serves.

While 30×30 is focused on advancing women in policing, these principles are applicable to all demographic diversity, not just gender.

According to national statistics, women make up 12% of sworn police officers and less than 3% of police leadership in the U.S., numbers that have remained stagnant for decades. This underrepresentation of women in policing can affect community perceptions.



# Columbia Police Department LGBTQ+ Liaisons



Constance Lake

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**Officer Constance Y. Lake** is a native of the Lower Richland Community and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice. During her senior year, Lake participated in an internship with the City of Columbia Police Department.

Lake joined the Columbia Police Department in 2018, and is currently assigned to North Region's Community Response Team. She spends time meeting with members of the North Columbia community, delivering food boxes to those in need, or patrolling through neighborhoods and greetings residents.

A proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, serving the community has always been a top priority for Officer Lake.

**Investigator Robert "Mitch" Henry** has served with the Columbia Police Department since 2013. His law enforcement career began with Henry working as patrol officer in South Region. He was assigned to the Community Response Team, and primarily worked in the Five Points area.

In 2017, Henry was promoted to Investigator and is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Bureau in the Violent Crimes Against Persons Unit.

Investigator Henry has a bachelors in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina, and was awarded the JP Strom Award from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. A native to Columbia, Henry enjoys cooking, gardening, hiking and spending time with his three cats.

Investigator Henry is an avid supporter of LGBTQ+ rights, and believes that everyone deserves to live without fear of themselves.



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Linda Myers

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**Linda D. Myers** is a native of Queens, New York, and has been married for 40 years to her high school sweetheart - LTC (Ret.) Chester J. Myers, Jr. After traveling the world as an Army wife, living in Germany, Kansas and Texas, they chose to make Columbia, SC, their permanent home.

Linda and Chester are the proud parents of three children, Robert, a graphic artist and member of the Air Force, Christina, a journalist and doctoral candidate and David, a Civil Engineer who has blessed her with a daughter-in-law, Kristian, and made her the proud Grammy of 5-year-old grandson David, II, or as she affectionately calls him, "Button."

Linda has been working with members of law enforcement for over 15 years, first serving as an administrative staff member with the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, where she assisted in the agency's accreditation, before joining the Columbia Police Department in December 2019 as a Program Coordinator for Accreditation and Personnel Services.

When Linda is not spending time with her family, she enjoys cooking, reading, needlepoint and volunteering in the community. Linda also had the pleasure of gracing the stages of several theatres across the midlands and is an active member of Brookland Baptist Church. Her favorite scripture is Psalm 34 and she lives by the motto, "We are blessed to be a blessing."



## Pathways Unit

CPD established the Pathways Unit in partnership with the DHEC/Mental Health Services; embedding a clinician in the police department to work with an officer to address mental illness related calls for service.

The existing Pathways Unit is comprised of a South Carolina Department of Mental Health (DMH) counselor and a CPD officer who is certified as a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) member and crisis negotiator. The Unit is deployed to calls for service if a citizen requires mental health support. Typically, the calls received are non-violent in nature but can also be made when a citizen needs intervention or hospital care. If there is an emergency, the Pathways Unit can assist a mental health client who may require additional services. Unit members can also make after-hours referrals by calling a dedicated mobile crisis hotline.

## North Columbia Fellows Program

School Resource Officers collaborated with Serve and Connect to launch the North Columbia Youth Fellows Program. In its development stages, the program served as a youth social justice initiative, and part of the North Columbia Youth Empowerment Initiative focused on empowerment, advocacy and action for middle to high school aged youth alongside police mentors.

Also partnering with Serve and Connect, CPD North Region officers helped to host six “Be Safe Summer” Block Party events in 29203 communities. As a part of Heal America’s Summer of Healing initiative and North Columbia Youth Empowerment Initiative, Serve & Connect and CPD, City of Columbia, Columbia Parks and Recreation and Richland County Sheriff’s Office engaged with citizens during family-friendly cookouts with music and games.



# January Promotional Ceremony

On January 22, 2021, Police Chief W. H. “Skip” Holbrook and Deputy Chief Melron Kelly promoted officers to various ranks in a special ceremony at the Busby Street Community Center in North Columbia.

## Captain

Brian E. Bell  
Robert C. Calby

## Lieutenant

Jeffrey A. Brink  
Darring X. Hicks  
Stacey Walker

## Sergeant

Benjamin D. Arrowood  
Spencer H. Borthen  
Allen R. Brinson, Jr.  
Scott B. Desrochers, Jr.  
Antonio Green  
Ryan L. McIntyre  
David T. Rodgers

## Corporal

Megan K. Beattie  
Dustin A. Williams  
William K. Outen  
William L. Wells

# September Promotional Ceremony

On September 17, 2021, Police Chief W. H. “Skip” Holbrook promoted two Columbia Police Commanders to the rank of Major and one Columbia Police Officer to the rank of Captain.

## Major Chris Roberts

Major Christopher “Chris” Roberts is a 24 year veteran of the Columbia Police Department.

His primary duties involved community policing.

During his lengthy career and ranks, he was assigned to:

- North Region Patrol
- South Region Patrol
- East Region Patrol
- South Region’s Community Response Team
- K-9 Unit (Handler)
- SWAT Team Operator Supervisor
- Metro Region-Lieutenant
- South Region-Commander
- Metro Region-Commander
- Alcohol Enforcement Team Captain



Major Roberts graduated from the University of Louisville, Southern Police Institute Administrative Officer’s Course. He was a member of the 143rd Session which was comprised of 48 officers from various ranks, including chiefs, and 18 different states. The Southern Police Institute was founded in 1951.

He is also a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) LEEDA Trilogy Award Recipient, having completed in supervision, command, and executive leadership.

Major Roberts holds an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Midlands Technical College, and a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia College.

## Major Chris White

Major Chris White, a 26-year veteran of the Columbia Police Department, began his career at CPD in 1995. At that time, his primary duties involved community policing and crime prevention.

During his lengthy career and ranks, he was assigned to:

- Organized Crime and Narcotics Unit (OCN)
- Patrol Bureau
- Field Training Unit
- CPD Violent Crime Task Force & FBI-led Gang Task Force
- Burglary and Property Unit
- Administrative Services Division
- Intelligence-Led Policing Unit
- North Region Command
- Office of the Chief-Special Projects
- Watch Commander Coordinator



In August 2021, Major White graduated from the Police Executive Research Forum's (PERF) Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) Session 78 in Orlando, Florida.

During the three-week program focused, Major White discussed the most challenging issues facing law enforcement today: civil rights, procedural justice, officer wellness and mental health, use-of-force and de-escalation.

Other accomplishments include: Graduating from Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy (FBINAA) Session 246 in Quantico, Virginia.

Major White holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Benedict College and a Master's Degree in Management and Leadership from Webster University.

He is a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy Associates-South Carolina Chapter and Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association, and a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.



## Captain Cynthia Waggoner

Columbia Police Chief W.H. “Skip” Holbrook has promoted a female officer to the rank of Captain.

Cynthia Waggoner, a 17-year veteran of the Columbia Police Department, is the Captain of Metro Region, which encompasses the Vista hospitality district, Main Street corridor, Finlay Park, and several communities to include Arsenal Hill and Booker Washington Heights.

Captain Waggoner began her career with CPD in 2005. At that time, her primary duties involved community policing and crime prevention.

During her lengthy career, Waggoner was assigned to:

- Metro Region Patrol
- Metro Region Lieutenant
- Metro Region Community Response Team (CRT)
- K-9 Unit as the first female certified canine trainer and K-9 Corporal
- South Region Patrol
- East Region Patrol
- Named Rookie of the Year in 2006
- Awarded the Medal of Valor in 2020

Captain Waggoner received the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) LEEDA Trilogy Award. The award is given to select officers who complete FBI training courses in supervisor, commander and executive leader training.

She is also a member of the National Association of Women in Law Enforcement Executives, and attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police Leadership Conference. Additionally, Waggoner graduated from the Custom Canine Unlimited Trainer’s Course in Gainesville, Georgia.

Captain Waggoner holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina.





EMPLOYEE AWARDS

# **AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

# CHIEF HOLBROOK SALUTES CPD OFFICERS AND STAFF FOR 2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

Columbia Police Chief W.H. “Skip” Holbrook announced that several Columbia Police Department officers, civilian employees and external partners were recognized for their dedication, hard work and community- police relations during 2021 at the annual Employee Awards Ceremony.

## 2021 Award Recipients

### Civilian of the Year

Douglas Kaminer

### Code Enforcement Employee of the Year

Jerry Smith

### Rookie of the Year

Rares Ungureanu

### Investigator of the Year

Robert M. Henry

### Officer of the Year

David Castro

### Life Saving Award

Lauryn Bazel

Bruce Garrick

Jazmine Robinson

Javonte Selph

David Dymock

Justin Niscia

Alec Maurer

### Medal of Valor

George Simpson

### Meritorious Service

Joseph Dwyer

Tyarti Gerald

James Fitzpatrick

Preston Avery

### Civic Achievement

Hakeisha Parks

Robert Paturzo

James Barnes

### Chief's Award

Angela Anderson

Christopher Bolling

Constance Lake

Michael Cothran

### Outstanding Citizen

Cedric Givery

Uriah Stillinger

Kevin & Melissa Quinn

Savannah Paquette



# NOW HIRING

A career with the Columbia Police Department is like no other job or experience. It offers excitement, a sense of accomplishment, job satisfaction, teamwork, opportunities for growth with promotion and excellent salary and benefits.

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