



ANNUAL REPORT

2022

COLUMBIA, SC



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Awards & Achievements

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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

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 2022 Columbia Police Department (CPD) Annual Report.

Each year we take time to reflect on what we have achieved and accomplished as an organization. During 2022, CPD transitioned very well through post-COVID operations and the challenges that followed. Our staff continued to demonstrate resiliency, determination, professionalism and commitment to mission.

In the year to come, we will remain focused on recruitment, retention, officer wellness and community engagement. We are committed to maintaining national standards, best practices and finding innovative ways to improve service delivery and build trust. It is my honor and privilege to serve as your Police Chief.

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.



390

AUTHORIZED
SWORN STRENGTH



127

AUTHORIZED
PROFESSIONAL STAFF



\$48,509,232

ANNUAL BUDGET



\$3,352,786

GRANT FUNDS MANAGED

EXECUTIVE STAFF



CHIEF W. H. "SKIP" HOLBROOK



DEPUTY CHIEF MELRON KELLY



MAJOR RANDY MARTIN



MAJOR GEORGE DRAFTS

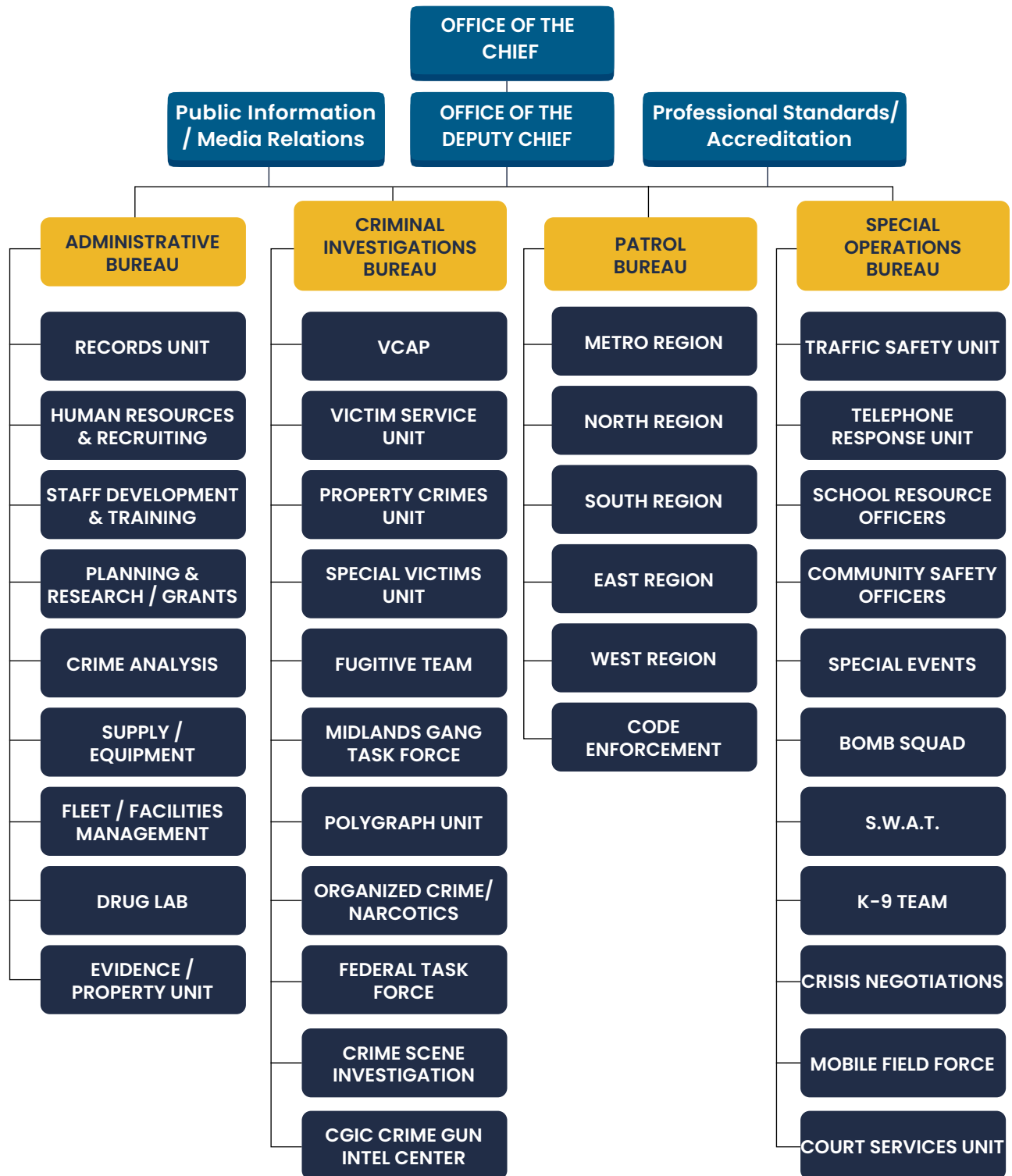


MAJOR CHRIS WHITE



MAJOR CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



2022 CPD DEMOGRAPHICS



SWORN OFFICERS BY RACE/GENDER

RACE / GENDER	TOTALS	%
African American Female	31	10.61%
African American Male	78	26.71%
Asian Female	0	0.0%
Asian Male	1	0.34%
Hispanic Female	3	1.03%
Hispanic Male	8	2.74%
Native American Indian	1	0.34%
Other Female	1	0.34%
Other Male	5	1.71%
White Female	23	7.88%
White Male	141	48.28%

2022 At-A-Glance

AT-A-GLANCE	2021	2022	↑↓	Incident Change +/-	Incident Change %
Homicide	22	14	↓	-8	-36%
Rape*	99	70	↓	-29	-29%
Robbery	183	157	↓	-26	-14%
Aggravated Assaults*	755	997	↑	+242	+32%
Burglary	744	733	↓	-11	-1%
Larceny* Autobreaking included	4,299	4,618	↑	+319	+7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	574	707	↑	+133	+23%
Arrests	4,220	4,281	↑	+61	+1%
Calls for Service	174,407	165,435	↓	-8,972	-5%
Miles Driven	4,655,014	4,257,400	↓	-33,180	-9%
Firearms Seized	829	733	↓	-96	-12%
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES	1,059	1,238	↑	+179	+17%
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES	5,617	6,058	↑	+441	+8%
CRIME TOTALS	6,676	7,296	↑	+620	+9%

*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.

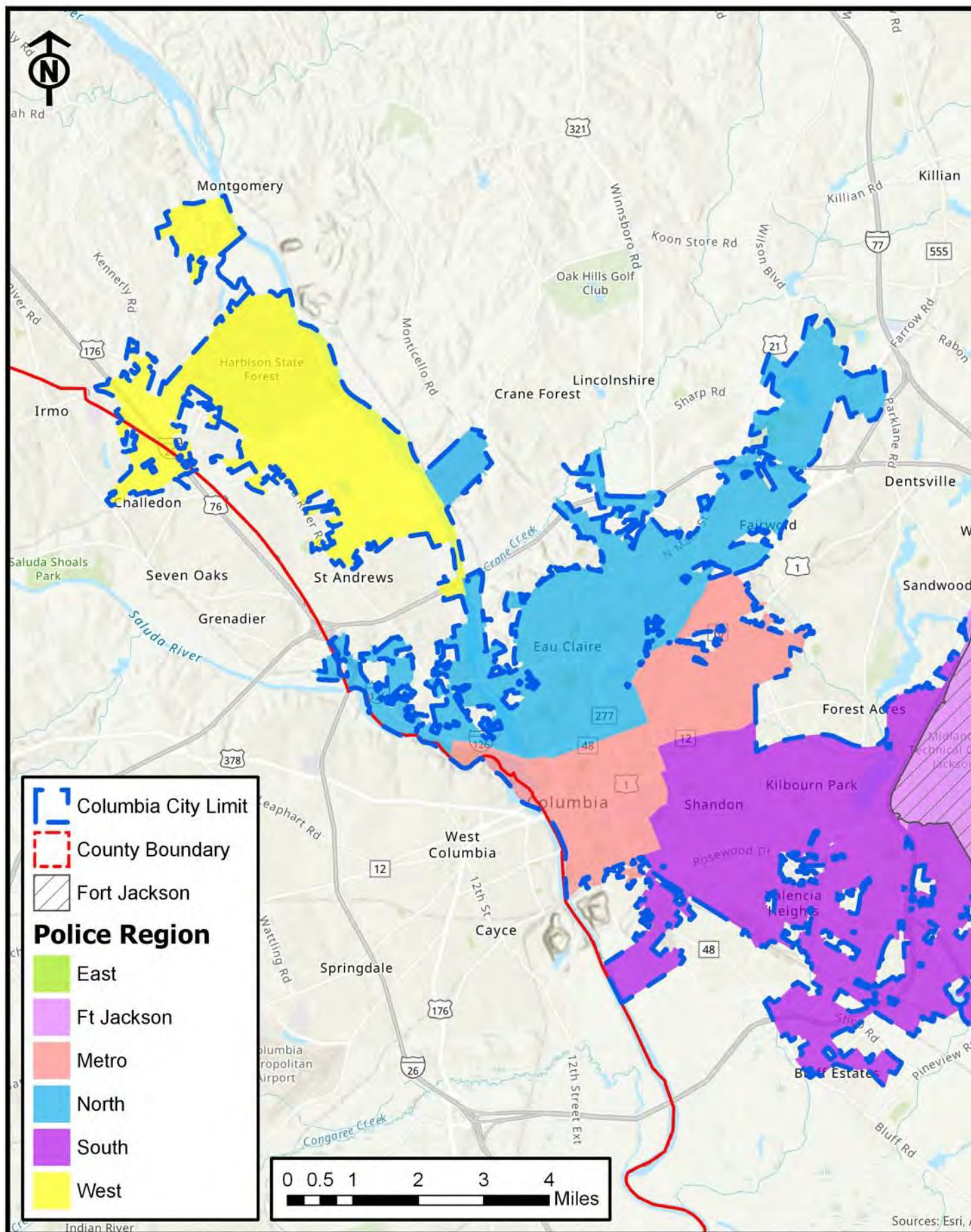


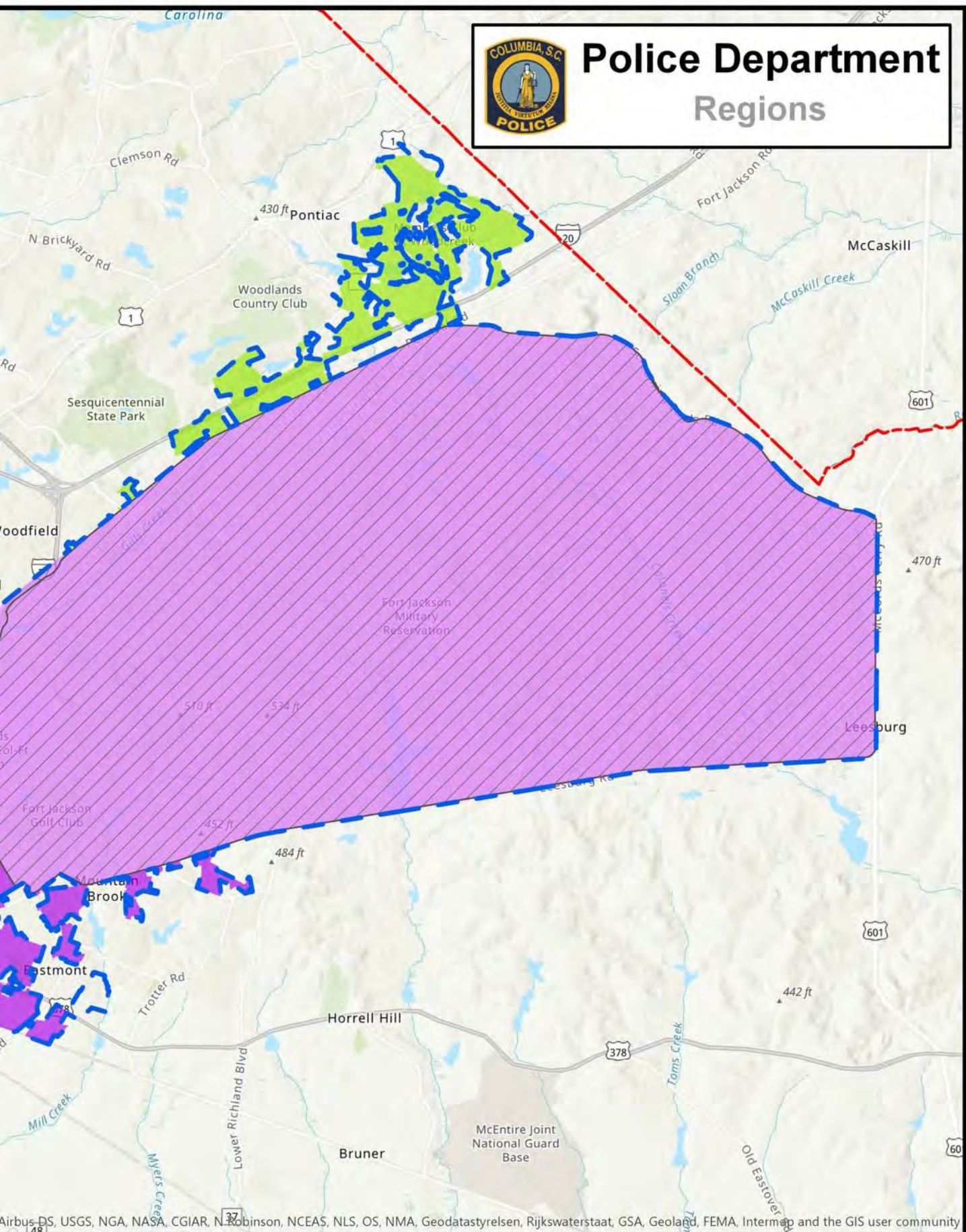
PATROL BUREAU

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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.









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 2022 with a 35 % decrease in the total number of cases the previous year.

We completed 10 Neighborhood Improvement Sweeps in 2022 with coordination across several City Departments. Seven of those sweeps were determined by the Community Development Department and we added three additional ones based on community requests. We were able to coordinate the placement of roll off dumpsters during the neighborhood sweeps with the assistance of Solid Waste for Citizens to dump large amounts of yard waste in.

City Council gave 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. They also changed the due dates for all rental permits to fall at the same time each year, now expiring annually on December 31st.

Due to the highly active mosquito season, the City and surrounding areas experienced a West Nile Virus outbreak that was unparalleled in recent history. As part of the Mosquito Prevention Program, vector control staff treated all areas of the City for mosquito larva with 1400 individual packets of larvicide. In response to numerous virus-positive birds, human cases, and sadly, one death, certified pesticide applicators within the Division applied nearly 40 gallons of mosquito adulticide throughout the affected areas, covering a total of 46 square miles through repeated applications. These applications were always made during the hours of 12am-4am to limit impact to pollinators and the environment.

68%

resolution rate

185

*registered vacant
buildings*

Highlights/Accomplishments

- Demolished 4 Vacant/Abandoned Substandard Structure
- Received 571k in funding from the ARPA program FY 22-23
- Completed 10 Neighborhood Improvement/QOL Sweeps
- Received 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
- Modified the renewal dates for all rental permits to be on the same day
- Began to implement a restructuring plan of the Code Enforcement Division to provide for more advancement opportunities for staff while increasing overall accountability
- We were approved for 3 new positions to include a Senior Commercial Inspector, another Rental Inspector and a Nuisance Inspector
- Sprayed nearly 46 square miles in the City for mosquitos and placed 1,400 individual packets of larvicide in various areas of standing water

2022 STATS

VIOLATION TYPE	QTY STARTED	QTY RESOLVED	RESOLVE RATE
Abandoned/Derelict Vehicles - Private Property	765	536	70%
Abandoned/Derelict Vehicles - ROW	217	197	91%
Accessory Structure	127	61	48%
Commercial Boarded Building	11	6	55%
Commercial Demolition	5	0	0%
Commercial Premise	407	338	83%
Commercial Structure	195	80	41%
Front Yard Parking	445	309	69%
Rental Property - No Permit	172	19	11%
Residential Boarded Building	26	7	27%
Residential Demolition	42	4	10%
Residential Premise	1,673	1,072	64%
Residential Structure	471	147	31%
Right of Way	346	297	86%
Roll Carts	821	771	94%
Vacant Lots	625	459	73%
Vector Control - Mosquitos	7	4	57%
Vector Control - Rodents	2	2	100%
TOTAL CASES	6,357	4,309	68%

10

Neighborhood Improvement/Quality of Life Sweeps conducted

43

homeless encampments cleaned

35

unsecure structures boarded

700+

waste tires collected from city streets/right of ways

4

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

406

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

200+

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

A photograph of two men outdoors. The man on the left is bald, wearing a white dress shirt and a yellow tie, looking down at a document. The man on the right is wearing glasses, a white shirt, and a black tactical vest with 'POLICE' written on it. He is holding a document and pointing at it. In the background, there are trees and a parked car. The image has a blue tint and a yellow vertical bar on the right side.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

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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	2021	2022
Crime Scenes Processed	722	560
Firearm eTraces (Electronic Tracing System Performed)	809	729
Forensic Requests	951	965
Analyzed AFIS Prints	459	220





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.

Violent Crime Task Force Statistics	2021	2022
Arrests	24	3
Firearms Seized	16	0
Drugs Seized	18 lbs Marijuana 199.40 oz Cocaine	0

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.

USSS Statistics	2021	2022
Total pieces of evidence submitted for electronic examination by CPD	44	0
Total Cases	44	0

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).

ATF Task Force Statistics	2021	2022
Cases Submitted for Federal Prosecution	112	39
Cases Indicted & Arrested on Federal Arrest Warrants	48	26
Search Warrants	48	1

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	2021	2022
Arrests	14	16
Currency Seized	\$841,738	\$32,167
Investigations	29	23

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	2021	2022
Fugitives Arrested	302	138
Extraditions	16	6

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	2021	2022
Tests Completed	59	53

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	2021	2022
Arrests	165	219
Heroin	11.4 g	83.6 g
Controlled Pills	238 pills	65 pills
Ecstasy Pills (MDMA)	2,354 pills	145 pills
Cocaine	98.35 g	526.9 g
Currency	\$141,571	\$72,695
Firearms	98	85
Marijuana	288.8 lbs	821.09 lbs
Methamphetamine	38.4 oz	118 g
Overdose Deaths	30	17
Overdose Survivals	20	43

Organized Crime Narcotics Success Story

On September 17, 2022 while at the 800 block of Harden Street, two suspects were arrested by CPD's OCN officers, members of North Region's Community Response Team (CRT) and a K-9 Team.

During the course of the traffic stop investigation, a search of the vehicle resulted in officers locating and seizing approximately 20,000 small round blue pills with an 'M-30' imprint in two packages and weighing approximately 5 pounds. The estimated street value of pills is \$200,000. Officers also seized \$3,250 in cash.

Prior to being transferred into federal custody, both suspects were housed at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. A judge set a \$10,000 and a \$20,000 surety bond for the suspects. CPD's law enforcement partner, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has adopted the case.

Special Victim's Unit (SVU)

Special Victim's Unit Statistics	2021	2022
Criminal Sexual Conduct	176	111
Domestic Violence	479	415
Missing Persons	85	102
Indecent Exposure	18	26
Child Abuse	84	53
Child Pornography	10	4
Total Assigned Cases	1,307	1,127

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

In March of 2022 the Columbia Police Department received referral from the town of Lexington in reference to abuse of a minor child which is in the jurisdiction of the Columbia Police Department. The initial report indicated that the victim was potentially being abused and there were some significant injuries on her buttocks to support the abuse.

This case was assigned and during the course of the investigation, several investigators were able to uncover a wealth of evidence to support that father was actively abusing the victim by devious means by utilizing both a Taser and waterboarding the child when he deemed her behavior inappropriate.

This evidence was collected via search warrant of the suspect's phone, which also confirmed that the mother was aiding in the abuse by continually allowing the child to be in the residence after becoming aware of the type of abuse that was being inflicted on the child. There were several text messages discovered to support that she was knowingly and actively involved in the abuse.

Based on this information an exigent warrant was executed and the subject was taken into custody and placed in jail and held on \$1 million surety 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	2021	2022
Criminal Sexual Conduct	488	324
Domestic Violence	713	511
Missing Persons	371	390
Financial Transaction Card Theft/Fraud, Bank Fraud, Forgery, Larceny (Grand and Petit), Vandalism, Identity Theft, Breach of Trust, Fail to Return Rentals, etc.	756	504
Total Assigned Cases	2,328	1,729

Property Crimes Success Story

On March 6, 2022 at approximately 0146 hours the defendant was observed via video surveillance entering without consent the Walmart located at 7520 Garners Ferry Rd which is located in the city of Columbia, county of Richland. The entry was made during hours of darkness and the defendant was accompanied by an unidentified accomplice. Upon making entry into the business, the defendant and accomplice did take four long guns (2 shotguns, 2 rifles) worth a combined value of \$1499.00. The defendant was positively identified by name and sight by three Walmart loss prevention associates who reviewed video surveillance of the incident. The glass case the defendant entered to access the firearms was processed for latent finger prints which yielded a positive match in AFIS for the defendant. The defendant has previous property crime convictions for shoplifting \$2000 or less on 1-27-2017 and shoplifting \$2000 or less Enhanced 6-20-2018.

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 248 firearms reported stolen in 2022. A total of 86 firearms or 55% were stolen from a vehicle and over half of those vehicles were left unsecured. There were 121 firearms stolen in burglaries accounting for another 26%.

248 Firearms reported in 2022 86 Firearms stolen from vehicles 121 Firearms stolen from burglaries	Firearm Theft Incidents	2021	2022
	Vehicles	66%	55%
	Larcenies	15%	19%
	Burglaries	19%	26%
	Robbery	1%	0%

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.

VCAP Assigned Cases	2021	2022
Assault	233	125
Robbery	145	89
Pointing/Presenting	24	20
Attempted Murder	97	78
Murder	25	16
Carjacking, Bomb Threats, Kidnapping, Discharging, Arson, etc.	101	55
Total Cases Assigned	625	379
Total Arrests	77	51

VCAP Success Story



On 3/13/2022 at 1:47 am, officers were called to 810 Pulaski St (Greene Crossing Apts) in reference to multiple people being shot. Upon arriving on scene, it was determined that a total of 5 individuals were suffering from gunshot wounds with one of those being fatal.

Violent Crime investigators responded immediately and worked tirelessly around

the clock over the next few days. Investigators interviewed a large amount of people, poured through hours upon hours of video and collected and processed multiple pieces of evidence.

Through their hard work and determination, three suspects were identified. Investigators gathered intelligence on the probable location of these suspects who were then taken into custody.

Due to their steadfast commitment to the safety of Columbia, three violent suspects were taken off the streets so they could no longer do harm.

A large crowd of people, many wearing red shirts, is gathered on a city street. 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, semi-transparent overlay, and the text 'SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU' is written in bold yellow letters on the right side.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

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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 2022, team members attended the following courses:

- FBI NIEF Class in Huntsville, Alabama
- Hazmat Tech Training in Aniston, Alabama

Bomb Squad Statistics	2021	2022
Threats	4	4
Evidence Destroyed	2	4
Training Hours	690	1,132
Calls for Service	5	11
Assists	2	1



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	2021	2022
Calls For Service	K-9 Calls For Service - 504 K-9 Deployments - 147 K-9 Tracks - 84 K-9 Captures - 21 K-9 Searches - 60	K-9 Calls For Service - 5,118 K-9 Deployments - 33 K-9 Tracks - 60 K-9 Captures - 14 K-9 Searches - 30
Arrests/Reports/ Citations	K-9 Team Arrests - 77 Warrants Served - 45 Reports Taken - 150 Field Interviews - 236 Traffic Citations - 32 Traffic Warning Citations - 201	K-9 Team Arrests - 253 Warrants Served - 164 Reports Taken - 448 Field Interviews - 177 Traffic Citations - 280 Traffic Warning Citations - 245
Firearms Seized	Firearms - 20	Firearms - 24



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	2021	2022
Community Contacts	12,382	12,294
Elder Checks	699	1,077
Hours spent on Patrol	11,574.25	11,058.75
Hours spent on Infrastructure protection	13,699.5	15,170

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	2021	2022
Richland County Detention Center	201	342
Lexington County Detention Center	104	141

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	2021	2022
Security Assessments	5	30
Programs, Events, & Meetings	17	10
Event Hours	25	6.5

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	2021	2022
Call for Service	1,062	2,195
Crimes Investigated: Larcenies, Assaults, Vandalism & School Threats	135	128
D.A.R.E. Courses Taught	26	0
Arrests: Larcenies, Assaults & Vandalism	54	64
Non-Mandated School Events Hours	47	0

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	2022
Training Hours	194
Presentations	1
Call Outs	20
Warrants Executed	16



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	2022
Call Outs	11
Training Hours	77

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	0

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	2021	2022
Deployments	42,628	444,709
Walk in Citizens Assisted	6,343	6,864
Incident Reports	1,617	2,102





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.

Traffic Safety Unit Statistics	2020	2021
Collisions Investigated	745	633
Fatal Collisions investigated	20	16
Traffic concerns/complaints	75	86
DUI arrests	147	92
Citations issued (includes warnings & collisions)	5,320	4,706
Vehicle for hire/wrecker inspections	157	204
Checkpoints (multi-agency)	1	3
DUI/traffic enforcement operations	4	5
Year to Date Calls for Service	1,388	947



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

1,603 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.

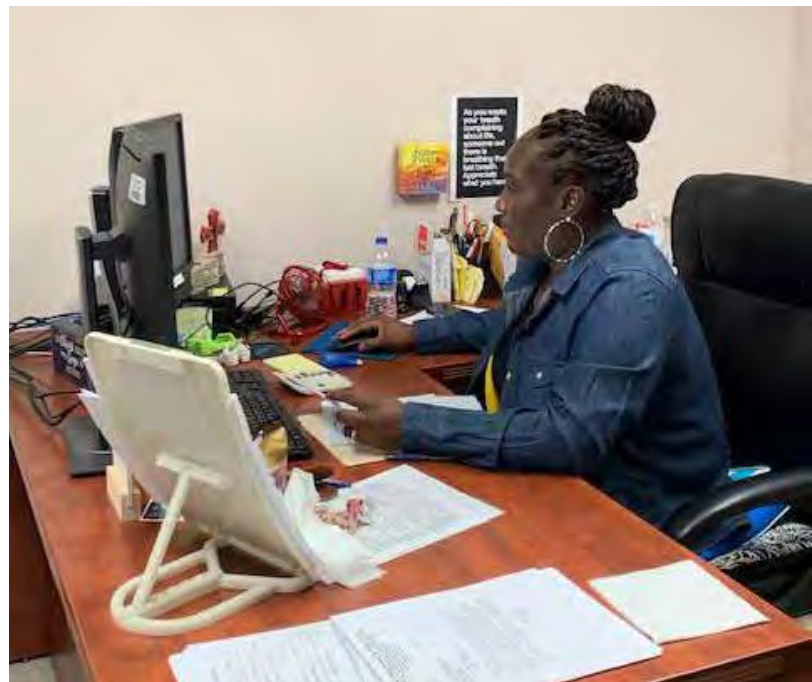
Records

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.

6,750 Records Validated
(Jan 1 - Dec 31)

1,748 FOIA
Requests

1,871 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

9	Certified Police Officers
17	Police Officer Candidates
0	Civilian (Cadet)
13	Non-Sworn/Staff

PERFORMED

103 POST (National Police Officer Selection Test)

85 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

Sergeant

1

Corporal

2

Officers

Course Title	Number of Officers Trained	Number of Classes
Annual In-Service	367	16
BCS	15	24
ACADIS	308	Various Courses
Power DMS	367	24
Stop The Bleed	15	3
I-CAT De-Escalation	157	150

Promotional Ceremony

In February and September of 2022 Police Chief W. H. "Skip" Holbrook and Deputy Chief Melron Kelly promoted officers to various ranks in a special ceremony at and Police Headquarters.

Officers Promoted February 19, 2022:

Lieutenant Bryant Ham
Inspector Clyde "Sonny" Smith
Sergeant Henry Ford
Sergeant Ronald Manning
Sergeant Wayne Montgomery
Sergeant Joseph Richburg
Sergeant Brian Vanhouten
Sergeant Daniel Weiler
Sergeant Aaron Wierschem
Sergeant Marvin Willis
Corporal Preston Avery
Corporal Joseph Czeladko
Corporal Kystan Fenn
Corporal James Fitzpatrick
Corporal David Hurt
Corporal Constance Lake
Corporal Alex Mauer
Corporal Larry McFadden
Corporal William Miller
Corporal Hakeisha Parks
Corporal Rebekah Robinson
Corporal Jamie Rogers
Corporal R Seavey
Corporal Jacob Self
Corporal Nicholas Sexton

Corporal Don Timmons
Investigator James Barnes
Investigator Michael Blackmore
Investigator Raven Brewer
Investigator Lance Crocker
Investigator Jason Davidson
Investigator Kevin Davis
Investigator Brandon Fitzgerald
Investigator Mason Frier
Investigator John Grant
Investigator Collin Johnson
Investigator Jessica Knowlin
Investigator Adam Leech
Investigator Chris Odom
Investigator Steven Sulser
Investigator James Webster

Officers Promoted October 29, 2022:

Sergeant Chauncey Duckett
Sergeant Darrius Wade
Sergeant Eric Walker



EMPLOYEE AWARDS

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

CPD 2022 Accomplishments

- Promoted 44 officers to higher ranks.
- The Real Time Crime Center was established in the new City of Columbia (COC) Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- \$1.8 million upgrades to city-wide Motorola Communications state-of-the-art surveillance camera system for implementation.
- Received City Council approval to outfit officers with new Axon body-worn cameras.
- Conducted 38 active intruder/shooter classes to City staff, businesses, churches, with more than 1200 people having received training.
- Added 37 new 2022 Chevy Tahoes to the CPD fleet



Real Time Crime Center *(above)*



Active Shooter Training *(below)*

CPD 2022 Accomplishments cont'd

- Partnered with Serve & Connect on the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant (BCJI) to reduce violent crimes in the City and 29203 zip code. The BCJI Program model being data and evidence driven, helps build partnerships and enhance trust between police and citizens.
- Selected to participate in the Department of Justice (DOJ) – Bureau of Justice Assistance Initiative – National Case Closed Project. The project is designed to support law enforcement agencies improve violent crime clearance rates, with an emphasis on fatal and non-fatal shooting cases.
- Selected as a pilot training site for 'Managing Implicit Bias', a curriculum by the CNA's 'Center for Justice Research and Innovations.' CNA is a non-profit research and analysis organization. The training is COPS supported – Community Oriented Policing Services under the U.S. Department of Justice. The curriculum helps officers understand and recognize bias and teaches tools to minimize the negative impact of bias.



Serve & Connect Event

CPD 2022 Accolades

Special Honors for Chief Holbrook

Chief W. H. 'Skip' Holbrook received the SC Law Enforcement Officers Association 2023 President and received the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council's 'Milton Kimpson Community Service Award'. Chief Holbrook was also named the 2022 Public Servant of the Year from the Chamber of Commerce.



Chief Holbrook Named 2022 Public Servant of the Year from the Chamber of Commerce *(above)*



Chief Holbrook Received the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council's 'Milton Kimpson Community Service Award'

(right)

Executive Leadership Programs



Southeast Captain Paul "PJ" Blendowski, a 20-year veteran of (CPD) graduated from the 283rd session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Academy (NA) in Quantico, Virginia.



Captain Kellie Yates, a 23-year veteran with CPD and assigned to the Office of the Chief graduated from the Southern Police Institute (SPI) at the University of Louisville -Administrative Officers Course (AOC). Captain Yates is pictured on the front row, fourth person from the right.



Lt. Jack Sheard, a 25-year-veteran of CPD Office of Professional Standards graduated from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg (NC) Police Department's Command College.

Additional Honors



Traffic Safety Unit Officer James Lierer and Victim Advocate Supervisor Tressa Dixon received Top Law Enforcement Awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Victim Advocate Supervisor Tressa Dixon was also appointed to the South Carolina Victim Advisory Board.



Two female CPD officers received Servant Leadership Award from Eastminster Presbyterian Church for being a front line first responders going above and beyond in the areas of character, compassion, and community building.



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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