Huntsville Police Department

2016 Annual Report

Mark McMurray
Chief of Police
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Honoring Fallen Officers of the Huntsville Police Department

It is not how these officers died that made them heroes. It is how they lived.

~ Vivian Eney, survivor

Officer William J. Street  
EOW: October 8, 1883

Officer Frank McKissack  
EOW: May 26, 1916

Officer Ewell B. Starr  
EOW: December 5, 1953

Officer Alan S. Logel, Sr.  
EOW: November 19, 1956

Officer Charles E. Drake, Jr.  
EOW: July 23, 1962

Officer Preston R. Butler  
EOW: June 3, 1966

Officer William T. Gaskin  
EOW: August 27, 1968

Officer Billy F. Clardy, Jr.  
EOW: May 3, 1978

Officer Daniel H. Golden  
EOW: August 29, 2005

Officer William E. Freeman  
EOW: December 15, 2007
MISSION STATEMENT

The Huntsville Police Department serves our community by protecting life, liberty, property and defending the constitutional rights of all people with compassion, fairness, integrity, and professionalism.

VISION STATEMENT

The Huntsville Police Department provides the highest quality police services to our citizens and partner with our community to identify and resolve problems. We constantly evaluate and improve our efforts to enhance public safety to improve the quality of life for all people in Huntsville.

We fulfill this vision by being efficient and firm in our pursuit of justice, tempered with empathy, compassion, and a conscientious respect for the diverse community we serve. We execute our duties in an impartial, ethical, and professional manner. We never stray from our path.

CORE VALUES

PROFESSIONALISM: We strive for excellence in our dedication to duty and our quality of service by adhering to the highest standards of the police profession.

INTEGRITY: We exhibit honesty and character through ethical conduct and moral behavior in our personal and professional lives.

COURAGE: We pursue the mental, physical, and moral strength to resist opposition, withstand danger, fear, and adversity in the performance of our duty.

KNOWLEDGE: We seek truth, awareness, and understanding through education, experience, and training.

COMPASSION: We treat every person with respect and we demonstrate an empathetic understanding in our efforts to serve them.

ACCOUNTABILITY: We hold ourselves accountable for our performance and conduct; individually, to each other, our Department, our Government, and our Community.
Huntsville City Council

Mayor
Tommy Battle

District 1
Devyn Keith

District 2
Mark Russell, President

District 3
Dr. Jennie Robinson

District 4
Bill Kling, Jr.

District 5
Will Culver
As Mayor, I am proud of the excellent work and dedication of duty by Huntsville’s outstanding police force. Through your commitment, our community has never been more safe and secure.

2016 ushered in some exciting changes in the Huntsville Police Department. Under the leadership of Police Chief Mark McMurray and his superb command staff, we implemented body cameras, introduced tasers, added seven new officer posts, realigned the functions and locations of task forces, and began working with new technologies to provide real-time crime data. As a result, you did an amazing job reducing crime across every precinct in our city while contributing many hours of personal time to perform community service. We’re not through yet.

Huntsville is in growth mode and shows no evidence of slowing down in the near future. The role of our police department is more important than ever, and we will continue to expand public safety services to meet the demands of our community. Our 2018 budget will address recruitment, enhanced training, fleet, expanding technologies, and more. We are committed to providing you with every resource possible to meet your mission to have a positive impact on the quality of life, safety and security of our community, through the safeguarding of life and the protection of property.

Again, I want to thank every member of the Huntsville Police Department for the outstanding service they provide. Your commitment to serving our city and its residents sets a high standard for all other Public Safety Departments … “Working Together for a Safer Community.”

Sincerely,

Tommy Battle
Mayor

The Star of Alabama
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It has been another great year for Huntsville Police Department. Providing for public safety is the most important role of government and the outcomes produced by HPD in that regard was outstanding. Everyone involved in preventing and responding to crime in our community is to be commended. Your dedication to this mission is exemplary and one of the primary reasons our City remains prosperous and growing.

In addition to the day-to-day operations throughout our City, the Department has seen great success in developing the resources necessary to grow HPD as our community grows. Introduction of new technologies, on-going construction of the firing range, a new facility for CID, and preparations for a fully-resourced academy campus are critical steps towards ensuring the Department remains at the cutting-edge of necessary modernization.

As our city continues to grow, I challenge you to grow with it. We must continue to find the best operational practices, training opportunities, and organizational models to grow with the City and sustain the high standards of HPD.

Thank you again for your continued exceptional service to our community!

Sincerely,

John Hamilton
City Administrator
Message from the Chief

Each year, the Huntsville Police Department compiles an Annual Report summarizing the work accomplished by the department and its specialized units. Among other things, the report provides the public with an overview of the department's history, organization, and community interactions, as well as relevant crime statistics. It's a tribute to the men and women of the Huntsville Police Department and the community they faithfully serve.

Our city leaders have been extremely supportive, offering nothing but encouragement, time and a willingness to listen to what our department needs to reach its full potential. As a result of this unwavering support, several new and important benchmarks have been initiated and reached.

In our department, we continue our ongoing pursuit to maintain CALEA Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation. This is an ongoing process that requires annual online inspections and monitoring to ensure the department is maintaining international compliance with CALEA standards.

Other significant achievements have been numerous this year: Our software has been upgraded or replaced with state-of-the-art programs; laptops are being replaced with tablets; Crown Victoria automobiles are being replaced with new Ford Explorers; and the implementation of Body Worn Cameras and Tasers have been completed. We are also very pleased that plans for the first HPD Firing Range have been finalized, and we anticipate breaking ground in 2017. The work began retrofitting a facility for the newly combined Criminal Investigations Division to open in Spring 2017.

From this point forward, Huntsville Police Department will offer a Spring and Fall academy to keep staffing optimal. Also, recruitment efforts throughout the department have enabled us to add an additional thirty officers scheduled to begin a Basic Police Academy in March of 2017.

I am very proud of the members of the Huntsville Police Department who work very hard to provide quality public safety services through community involvement and innovative use of resources. Their integrity, honesty, and compassion play a vital role in meeting the needs of our residents, business owners and visitors. With the continued support of our Mayor Tommy Battle, City Administrator John Hamilton, and the members of the City Council, our department will continue to work hard to ensure that Huntsville is a better place to live, work, and visit.

Mark M. Minier
2016
Services Bureau

Services Bureau Commander
Deputy Chief

Secretary II

Secretary II

Administrative Services Commander
Captain

Director of Training
Captain

Accreditation
2016
Internal Affairs

Internal Affairs Commander
Sergeant

Secretary II

Investigator  Investigator  Investigator  Investigator  Investigator
2016
Public Information Officer

Public Information Officer
Lieutenant

Community Resource Sergeant

Part-time Officers
Warrants Officer
Crime Stoppers/Municipal Court Liaison Officer
Huntsville Housing Authority Liaison
2016
Police Programs

Police Programs Manager

Police Grant Manager

Supply Room

Supply Clerk II

Supply Clerk II
North Precinct Commander
Captain

1st Shift Lieutenant
1st Shift Sergeant
1st Shift Patrol Officers

2nd Shift Lieutenant
2nd Shift Sergeant
2nd Shift Patrol Officers

3rd Shift Lieutenant
3rd Shift Sergeant
3rd Shift Patrol Officers

Community Resource Officers

Secretary II

Secretary II
2016
West Precinct

West Precinct Commander
Captain

Secretary II

1st Shift Lieutenant
1st Shift Sergeant
1st Shift Patrol Officers

2nd Shift Lieutenant
2nd Shift Sergeant
2nd Shift Patrol Officers

3rd Shift Lieutenant
3rd Shift Sergeant
3rd Shift Patrol Officers

Community Resource Officers
2016
Special Operations Division

Special Operations Commander
Captain

Secretary II

Tactical Services Lieutenant
STAC Unit
S.W.A.T.
K-9 Unit
Anti-Crime Unit
Incident Response Team
Crisis Negotiation Team
Bomb Squad

Special Services Lieutenant
Traffic Services Unit
School Resource Unit
Bicycle Patrol Unit
Safety Patrol Unit
Community Services Unit

Honor Guard Unit

2016
2016
Administrative Services Division

Administrative Services Commander
Captain

Secretary II

ID Supervisor
1st Shift technicians

2nd Shift technicians
3rd Shift technicians

Software Applications Technician

Evidence Unit
Alarms Unit
Fleet Coordinator

Administrative Services Lieutenant

Communications Division
1st Shift Supervisor and Employees
2nd Shift Supervisor and Employees
3rd Shift Supervisor and Employees

Support Services Clerk

Records Division
1st Shift Supervisor and Employees
2nd Shift Supervisor and Employees
3rd Shift Supervisor and Employees

21
2016
Training Division

Police Academy
Director of Training
Captain

Secretary II

Police Academy
Police Academy Lieutenant
Police Academy Sergeant
Police Academy Training Staff

Recruitment
Community Policing

Simply put, community policing is built on the development of interactive partnerships between the police and the community. These partnerships utilize a problem-oriented approach in attacking and solving the community’s evolving crime problems. Although community policing brings with it a strong commitment from the Mayor, City Council, and Chief of Police, the citizens and Officers determine the success of this program.

Typically, police departments have burdened themselves with standard police procedures based on traditions where Officers work under central control, with limited discretion. Community policing relieves such shortcomings by placing the Officer back into the community to form alliances, which identify and prioritize community problems to allow for proactive, rather than reactive responses.

The Huntsville Police Department recognizes that community policing consists of two complimentary core components: community partnership and problem solving.

We have worked diligently to establish and maintain a mutual trust between citizens, business owners, and Officers to produce the goal of the first core component: community partnership. This calls for a collaboration of efforts and increased communications with other human services such as the schools, courts, social services, health and mental health agencies. This trust is not developed overnight and requires an on-going effort so that the police can assess the needs of the community and construct the close ties that generate community support.

Huntsville Police Department Officers serve as catalysts for joint police and community problem solving efforts. Their day-to-day involvement provides unique insight with regards to neighborhood problems. Officers carefully study the characteristics of problems in the community to determine the underlying cause. The community agency or group that is best equipped to deal with such factors is identified and called upon to assist with a solution.

In community policing, the problem-solving process is dependent on input from both the police and the community. There are as many solutions as there are problems. Problem solving is limited only by the creativity and dedication of those involved. Community policing allows solutions to be tailor-made to the specific concerns of our community. Efforts to address concerns are successful even though the specified problems may not be entirely eliminated. Problem solving can be deemed successful in a number of ways:

- The problem is eliminated entirely.
- The number of recurrences of the problem is reduced.
- The degree of injury is reduced per incident.
- Problem handling is improved.
Goals and Objectives

**RECORDS AND IDENTIFICATION**

- Maintain accurate and complete records, thereby ensuring all legal and administrative requirements are met.

  - Accomplished: The on-line accident retrieval system (Police Reports.us) continues to grow and be an active part in the dissemination of reports to the public. The eCrash allows Officers to enter accident reports directly into their MDT’s and to electronically send them to the Records Division. The AFIS system continues to be an integral part of the Identification section. This system allows for charges to be added to the State of Alabama and the FBI rap sheets as the arrest is entered. This system has assisted in the identification of several suspects from latent prints that were obtained at crime scenes this past year.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Provide effective communications by answering calls for service and dispatching Officers to respond to both emergency and non-emergency calls in a timely manner.

  - Accomplished: Processed 197,233 individual calls for service and continued to maintain a close working relationship with the Madison County 911 Center. The Communications unit began assessing a standardized way of handling police calls, reviewing current training practices, and took steps towards a separate accreditation certification.

**PUBLIC SAFETY IT**

- Continue the employment of modern information technology systems to make the most efficient and effective use of departmental resources.

  - Accomplished: Began the transition from laptops to GETAC tablets in patrol cars as well as utilizing Netmotion in order to move away from VRMs. The template of the equipment in patrol vehicles was changed in order to reduce the technology footprint which improved overall effectiveness and efficiency.

**CAPITAL AND PHYSICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

- Improve fiscal accountability and manage the Department’s capital and physical resources in the most cost-effective manner possible.

  - Accomplished: The Police Academy was provided with all necessary operating materials for their In-Service Training and Basic Academy. The Supply Room was stocked with operating supplies for precincts and all divisions of the Department. Periodically, bids were renewed for equipment and services. City of Huntsville Internal Auditor performed complete audit of all departments, divisions, and resources. Department completed all recommendations for improved efficiency.

**ACCREDITATION**

- Maintain national police accreditation through the CALEA (Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.)

  - Accomplished: In 2016, the Huntsville Police Department continued its commitment to maintaining accreditation standards by reviewing and updating more than 20 different written directives in accordance with applicable laws and CALEA standards. The Department received the 7th Accreditation Award in 2016 with zero exceptions. Completing twenty one years of CALEA Compliance.

**RESEARCH, PLANNING & CRIME ANALYSIS**

- Formulate regular crime reports and accurately retrieve data from the Records Management System for Uniform Officers and Investigators, to assist them in being proactive in their duties and help them solve crimes once they occur. Improve the weekly and monthly reports and maximize their usefulness.

  - Accomplished: Produced quarterly reports for Robbery, Burglary, and B&E to Auto, which were sent out to all three precinct’s Officers and Investigators. Feedback provided from the users was considered to develop reports that would best fit their needs. Additional reports for individual initiatives were provided on an as needed basis.
Goals and Objectives, continued

TRAINING, RECRUITING AND HIRING

- Provide quality and cost-effective training and services to personnel of the Huntsville Police Department and outside agencies. The Police Academy is responsible for the recruitment, selection, hiring, and training of the Department’s Police Officers.

- Accomplished: On July 8, 2016, 21 new officers graduated from the 55th Police Academy Session. The hiring process for the 56th Police Academy Session was completed. The Basic Academy is scheduled to begin in March 2017. Departmental In-Service Training and Advanced Firearms Training were conducted for all sworn personnel. The academy also conducted in-service for the retired/part-time officers. Thirteen outside courses were hosted by the Academy. Training Advisors attended several instructor classes, and the recruiters also attended 4 job fairs at different colleges and universities.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

- Increase the public’s confidence in the policies, practices, and procedures of the Police Department and enhance employee confidence in the Department by conducting fair and impartial investigations into all allegations of misconduct.

- Accomplished: During 2016, Internal Affairs investigated and/or coordinated the investigation of 127 complaints, 136 pre-employment polygraph exams as well as 14 criminal exams. This included Administrative Investigations, Citizens Complaints, and Inquiries. There were 159 allegations of misconduct involving 156 officers during the year. Of these complaints, 34 were unfounded, 4 deemed insufficient evidence, 25 were improper conduct, 1 policy review, and 28 proper conduct. 75 complaints were originated from a citizen contact, 19 were administrative investigations, and 33 were inquiries that Internal Affairs was able to address that were not complaint oriented.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & CRIME PREVENTION

- Maintain a relationship with the community that is based on trust. Promote the Department, its goals and objectives, and develop partnerships with the community to improve the quality of life and address various conditions which tend to perpetuate crime. Work closely with all citizens, citizens’ groups, local businesses and the media to prevent crime and maintain peace and order in the community. Continue to promote CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) measures city-wide. Establish and maintain relations and communications with citizens throughout the City of Huntsville through community watch groups and civic associations.

- Accomplished: Continued to foster relationships with members of the community with the establishment of new Community Watch groups and support of existing Community Watches and Community Initiatives. These efforts help citizens acquire vested interest and perform vital roles in the prevention and control of crime, thus improving the quality of life in their communities. City-wide we had a total of 176 Community Watch groups, that total included 7 new Community Watch groups established in 2016.

OPERATIONS

- Utilize pro-active, high visibility enforcement to positively impact and reduce crime and trends of criminal activity within the Huntsville city limits. Continue to focus on driving behavior which contributes to and/or relates to accidents resulting in serious injury, death and/or property damage. Improve the safe flow of traffic within the city, increasing the public’s actual and perceived safety.

- Partially Accomplished: Homicide and Burglary decreased in 2016. Robbery, Rape, Assault, Larceny and Auto Theft increased in 2016. There were 25 traffic fatalities in 2016, an increase of 13 from 2015. There was an increase in traffic accidents from 7892 in 2015 to 8925 in 2016.
## Personnel Strength
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### Staffing Comparison

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Statistics

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2016 Filtered Calls for Service by Precinct

Total Filtered: 197,233

- North 70,311
- South 65,532
- West 61,390

Broadcast & Cancel, Funeral Escorts, Off-Duty Jobs, Private Property Impounds, Special Details, Tests, and Weather events are filtered out.

Traffic Accident Comparison

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2016 Filtered Calls for Service by Precinct
2016 Injuries Sustained in Crashes

Traffic Fatality Comparison
Top 10 Traffic Accident Locations

- Jordan Ln/University Dr: 94 cases
- Governors Dr/Memorial Pkwy: 71 cases
- Jordan Ln/I-565: 57 cases
- AL Hwy 20/Governors Dr West: 55 cases
- Memorial Pkwy/I-565: 54 cases
- Airport Rd/Whitesburg Dr: 54 cases
- Old Madison Pike/Research Park Blvd: 53 cases
- Mastin Lake Rd/Memorial Pkwy: 51 cases
- I-565/Research Park Blvd: 51 cases
- Jordan Ln/Oakwood Ave: 45 cases

Top 10 Contributing Circumstances for Accidents

- Following Too Close: 1,716 cases
- Misjudged Stopping Distance: 1,083 cases
- Improper Lane Change/Usage: 585 cases
- Unseen Object/Person/Vehicle: 449 cases
- Failed to Yield Right of Way Making Left or U-turn: 448 cases
- Ran Traffic Signal: 401 cases
- Driving Under the Influence: 257 cases
- Failure to Yield Right of Way from Stop Sign: 249 cases
- Driving too Fast for Conditions: 240 cases
- Failure to Yield Right of Way from Traffic Signal: 206 cases
The Operations Bureau of the Huntsville Police Department is composed of sworn and non-sworn personnel. This Bureau is headed by a Deputy Chief of Police, and handles the field operations of the Department. It encompasses the Community Resources Supervisor, Special Operations (SOD), Criminal Investigations (CID), North Precinct, South Precinct, and West Precinct.

Captain Jeffrey B. Rice, Sr. - North Precinct

Captain Dewayne McCarver - South Precinct

Captain Juan Joyner - West Precinct

Captain Michael Izzo – Special Operations

Sergeant Jonathan Ware - Community Resources
North Precinct

The North Precinct is supervised by Captain Jeffery Rice Sr. Each patrol shift has one Lieutenant and two Sergeants. In 2016, First Shift had twenty (20) Officers, Second Shift had twenty-six (26) Officers, and Third Shift had twenty-two (22) Officers. The General Investigations Unit consisted of seven (7) Investigators and one (1) Investigative Sergeant. There were also two (2) Community Resource Officers, two (2) Secretaries and one (1) Volunteer stationed at the North Precinct.

In 2016, North Precinct Officers responded to 70,311 calls for service, 35.6% of the total calls for service throughout the Department. The General Investigations Unit was assigned 7,120 (including ADMIN) cases which is an increase of 4% from the previous year.

Throughout 2016, the North Precinct was involved in a wide range of community policing actions. The North Precinct Crash Reduction Program was developed to reduce the number of roadway crashes within the district and use proactive traffic enforcement techniques to enforce traffic laws and educate the public as a result of the traffic stop. As part of the Crash Reduction goal, officers participated in the Click It or Ticket and Northeast Alabama Highway Safety Office (NAHSO) grant funded programs. The North Precinct continued a plan in 2016 which would assure that registered sex offenders living within its district comply with the Community Notification Act. The Safe Shop detail increased officer presence in shopping areas between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve to provide the citizens of the district a safe environment to carry out their holiday shopping.

Community Relations Officers (CRO) performed a variety of duties and provided a vital link between the community and law enforcement personnel. The CRO’s coordinated the activities of seventy-five (75) Community Watch and Civic Associations operating within the North Precinct. Additionally, CRO’s assisted starting seven new Community Watch groups; led seminars on the prevention of Breaking and Entering and Burglary crimes; conducted Night Club checks in which some of the businesses were closed for illegal operations; worked with STAC Team members on the execution of multiple narcotic search and arrest warrants; and participated in safety seminars and projects involving both businesses and schools. The North Precinct has been open a little over two years. And the community has embraced the new facility. Numerous Community Watch Groups, Civic Organizations, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Police Chaplains Association and other groups have held meetings in the Precinct building.
The South Precinct was supervised by Captain Dewayne McCarver until November 21, 2016 when he was assigned to the Police Academy and Captain JesHenry Malone assumed command. Each patrol shift has one (1) Lieutenant and two (2) Sergeants. In 2016, First Shift had twenty (20) Officers, Second Shift had twenty-four (24) Officers, and Third Shift had twenty-two (22) Officers. The General Investigations Unit consisted of seven (7) Investigators and one (1) Investigative Sergeant. There was also two (2) Community Resource Officers, two (2) Secretaries and seven (7) Volunteers. In 2016, South Precinct Patrol responded to 65,532 calls for service, 33.2% of the total calls for service throughout the Department. The General Investigations Unit was assigned 6,850 cases which is an increase of 8.93% from the previous year.

Community Relations Officers organized and participated in numerous community events for the past year. The South Precinct CRO’s worked closely with the Precinct’s patrol, investigative components, and other city agencies to address specific problem areas within the precinct’s district. In 2016, a Crash Reduction Initiative focused on problem traffic areas identified by each shift. South Precinct’s initiative mirrors the Click It or Ticket and Northeast Alabama Highway Safety Office (NAHSO) grant funded programs. This enables enhancement of our efforts during regular shift work by grant funded overtime details throughout the year. This led to fewer accidents with injuries and fewer traffic fatalities. Fatalities within the precinct decreased by 33% (3 in 2015 to 2 in 2016 Crime statistics from 2016 showed that Burglaries increased 8%, B&E to Autos increased 10% and Robberies increased 32%).

There are sixty-eight (68) Community Watch organizations that operate in South Precinct as of 2016. CRO’s perform numerous duties including: performing site surveys for businesses and residents; holding crime prevention conferences; conducting child safety seminars; hosting block parties; organizing and presiding over community meetings; training new watch groups; executing enforcement activities; formulating problem solving activities; assisting City Council members of the South District with citizen complaints; and acting as a liaison between Officers and other agencies.
The West Precinct is supervised by Captain Juan Joyner. Each patrol shift includes one (1) Lieutenant and two (2) Sergeants. In 2016, First Shift had twenty-one (21) Officers; Second Shift had twenty-seven (27) Officers and Third Shift had twenty-one (21) Officers. The General Investigations Unit consisted of seven (7) Investigators, one (1) Investigative Sergeant. There were also two (2) Community Resource Officers and two (2) Secretaries. During this period the West Precinct lost its longtime volunteer who moved on to full time employment. The volunteer position provided valuable assistance with the precinct’s Front Desk and administrative tasks. A replacement is being sought.

West Precinct Officers responded to 31% (61,390) of the filtered calls for service (197,233) city-wide in 2016. Calls for service for the West Precinct reflected a -7.98% decrease over last year (66,715 to 61,390).

In 2016, the West Precinct had six (6) homicides which was no increase over 2015. Traffic fatalities increased (from 5 to 8). Thirty eight percent (38%) of the city's homicides (6 of 16) and forty-four percent (44%) of city wide traffic fatalities (8 of 18) occurred in the West District.

The West Precinct CRO's have worked closely with the Huntsville Community Watch Association. The West Precinct has a total of fifty three (53) Community Watch groups that utilize the CRO's for the scheduling and instruction of potential classes. They also attend watch group meetings where members voice their concerns and quality of life problems. The CRO's gave instructions to several of the groups on the fundamentals of how to detect suspicious activity and how to accurately report crimes. The West CRO's partnered with Community Watch during 2016 on the National Night Out (NNO), Halloween Event, and Bikes or Bust (WZYP).
The Huntsville SWAT Team had another active year in 2016. The team has trained in many areas this year to be compatible with other units to assist them in a variety of areas. This is evident in the amount of missions they have carried out this year. The SWAT team has assisted the U.S. Marshalls Fugitive Task Force, STAC Team, and the Major Crimes Unit in producing the following results. STAC Warrants – 9, U.S. Marshal takedowns – 12, Executive Protection Details – 11, Call Outs – 5, K9 Tracks – 10 and Arrest Warrants – 10.

The Special Operations Division is commanded by Captain Mike Izzo. In 2016, the Special Operations Division continued to successfully coordinate the efforts of fourteen (14) specialized units/squads and nineteen (19) specific job functions to provide quality city-wide services to the community. The division continues to explore and develop new approaches and methods for enhancing capabilities. The current command structure continues to allow for greater collaboration, enhanced communication, efficiency and the operational readiness for all units assigned to the division.

K-9 UNIT

The HPD K-9 Unit is one of the oldest continuously operational K-9 Units in the United States. The K-9 Unit was founded with the purchase of canine “King” in 1963. In 2016, the unit finished the year with two (2) explosive detector dog teams and five (5) dual purpose dog teams in service. During the past year, the Canine Unit made forty-nine (49) felony apprehensions while using a canine to physically capture the suspect in only six (6) of those apprehensions.

They conducted 166 tracks and eighty-five (85) building searches. Twenty-two (22) evidence searches were conducted and evidence was recovered during eighteen (18) separate tracks and evidence searches. Canine handlers performed 196 narcotics searches and recovered narcotics seventy-one (71) times. One (1) lost person was found. Ninety-three (93) explosive searches were conducted and forty-one (41) demonstrations were held. Canine Officers assisted Uniform Patrol with and without their canine partners 1,374 times.

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The Incident Response Team consists of one Lieutenant, six Sergeants, and thirty-eight Officers. The unit consists of five squads of seven members, and three grenadiers. Huntsville Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (HEMSI) has also assigned four paramedics to the unit. The Incident Response Team is trained and ready for deployment, if needed. Training was conducted on a monthly basis, as manpower permitted. Training centered on team movement, equipment operations, and chemical deployment. The Incident Response Team was tasked with deploying members of the unit to Hanceville, Alabama in March, 2016 following the death of EWTN network celebrity Mother Mary Angelica’s Death on March 27, 2016. This was a multi-jurisdiction event involving law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

The Huntsville Police Bomb Squad is currently composed of five Technicians, one Investigator, and one Sergeant. The unit has an alliance with the local FBI (Kerry Straub) and one Officer (Robert Bingham) is assigned to the J.T.T.F. (Joint Terrorism Task Force). The unit is the only certified Bomb Squad in a ten-county region and is accountable for responding to bomb-related call-outs within their regional area of responsibility. As part of the Homeland Security Region Six responsibility, the unit was proactive in working within the first responder community and conducted several training seminars and demonstrations relating to safety, terrorism and regional capabilities. In addition, most members of the Bomb Squad are also tasked with Arson investigation and participate in an Arson Task force with members of Huntsville Fire and Rescue, and a prosecutor with the Madison County District Attorney’s Office. The Arson Task Force investigates all arsons and/or suspicious fires within the Huntsville city limits. The Bomb Squad and the Arson Task force were active and successful in 2016. Arson calls for 2015 = 33, Arson calls for 2016 = 31  Bomb Calls for 2015 = 50 Bomb Calls for 2016 = 46
(STAC) Narcotics Team
Madison/Morgan County Strategic Counterdrug Team

The STAC Team is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force led by the Huntsville Police Department. During the 2016 calendar year, participating agencies included the Huntsville Police Department, Decatur Police Department, Madison County District Attorney’s Office, Madison County Sheriff’s Office, and the Morgan County Sheriff’s Office. The team also participated in federal investigations with the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and the U.S. Postal Service. The STAC Team divides its cases by the jurisdiction in which it will be prosecuted. Those cases prosecuted at the State level are considered TIU cases, while those prosecuted at the Federal level are considered MIU cases. There are currently fourteen (14) Agents assigned to the STAC Team, one (1) Supervisor and one (1) Lieutenant. The unit currently has one (1) secretary and one (1) evidence custodian.

We will continue to request help from the HPD Community Relations Officers in vice, alcohol, gambling, and some nuisance drug locations. Our current cooperative efforts have been beneficial. The Alabama Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) currently funds the overtime expense for ten (10) Agents, and two (2) supervisors, assigned by the Huntsville Police Department.

CY2016 saw a small decrease in the seizure of heroin in our area. Because of its cheaper cost than prescription medication and relative ease of access heroin and “Ice” have become the predominant problem drugs this unit will face going into 2017. Also, heroin has resulted in a surge of overdoses and deaths in this area. Because of this, STAC will begin to concentrate more effort in the dismantlement of heroin distribution organizations. We were recently awarded extra funds from HIDTA ($20,000) to specifically address this issue.

Caseload- During CY2016, STAC conducted 1,094 cases, made 337 arrests, and seized approximately 7 kilograms of cocaine, approximately 1/2 kilogram of heroin, more than 282 pounds of marijuana, and more than 10,000 dosage units of diverted prescription medication. Also, agents seized approximately 14 Kilograms of Methamphetamine / Ice. During this same period, STAC Investigators provided investigative support to HPD patrol on hundreds of patrol-initiated cases. Examples of this include the arrest of numerous HPD fugitives through STAC generated intelligence and the assistance provided to precinct investigators in solving cases.
The DUI Traffic Task Force Unit is made up of one (1) Sergeant and up to seven (7) patrol Officers. It is tasked with the primary duty of enforcing the State of Alabama’s Title 32 (Rules of the Road) with an emphasis on DUI enforcement. The DUI Traffic Task Force is also involved in public awareness programs to educate the public on the dangers of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of narcotics and alcohol. The Unit is also responsible for training the cadets of the Academy, occasional training of other Agencies in the SFST (Standardized Field Sobriety Test) Instructor course, and extracurricular training such as stop stick training and training in the use of the PBT (Preliminary Breath Tests). The Unit has city-wide responsibilities and uses enforcement techniques such as high volume traffic stops, sobriety safety checkpoints, split-radar, and saturation patrols to apprehend and deter impaired and intoxicated drivers.

During 2016, the Huntsville Police Department’s DUI Traffic Task Force made 496 (55%) of the departments 893 DUI arrests. They also generated the following statistics:

**Total DUI Task Force / DUI Arrests**: 496; this is a 24% decrease in arrests when compared to 2015 (645).

**Total DUI arrests for Huntsville Police Department**: 893; this is a 17% decrease over 2015 arrests of 1071.

**Citations issued by DUI Task Force Officers**: 5,672; this is a 22% decrease in citations issued when compared to 2015 (7,192).

**Non-DUI Arrests**: 59 Felony, 53 Misdemeanor, and 101 Warrants for a total of 213; this is an increase of 21% when compared to 2015 (44/45/80; 169)

**Impoundments**: 223; this is a 34% increase in comparison with 2015 (149).

The Huntsville DUI Task Force continues to be the trendsetter in the state for DUI Enforcement. Established in 1983, the unit strives to maintain a high standard with regards to keeping DUI violators off the road and educating the public and other law Enforcement Agencies. Once again a contributing factor to the decrease in DUI traffic fatalities and injuries can be a direct result from not only department wide traffic crash reduction programs but to specific DUI Unit enforcement. The unit is in its 19th year of being ranked the top DUI unit in the state of Alabama. The Alabama Department of Forensic Science again ranked the HPD DUI Officers in the top ten listing of highest performing DUI arresting officers in the state every year.
The School Resource Officer Unit is comprised of twenty (20) Officers and two (2) Sergeants, and is assigned to the Special Operations Division. The unit is responsible for providing police services to all Huntsville City School facilities including elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, specialty schools, and administrative buildings. During each summer break, the School Resource Officers also provide police services for the credit recovery programs at the middle and high school levels as well as the extended learning labs and Appleton labs held at multiple elementary schools. The unit also provided police coverage for the Summer Feeding Program again this year.
TRAFFIC SERVICES UNIT (T.S.U.)

The Traffic Services Unit is composed of two (2) groups of Officers whose primary responsibility is city-wide traffic enforcement with a focus on high crash locations or areas with multiple fatalities and/or serious injuries. Each Traffic Services Unit contains seven (7) Officers and one (1) Sergeant. In addition, Traffic Services Officers work special events and details, funeral and other escorts, traffic control at traffic crashes and other scenes, and backup of primary Officers on calls for service as needed. For traffic enforcement the officers generally work on their own or with other Task Force officers on problems in high crash areas or other problem areas as directed by supervision.

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CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS RESPONSE TEAM (C.N.R.T.)

The Crisis Negotiation Response Team (C.N.R.T.) operates city-wide under the command of Special Operations Division Captain Michael Izzo. Sergeant Clay Warmbrod took over as the C.N.R.T. supervisor in April, 2016. Since his appointment the C.N.R.T. has been activated twice.

On April 5, 2016, the C.N.R.T. was called out to an address on Redstone Road where a subject was reportedly barricaded after having shot and killed his mother inside his apartment. The call was resolved without incident and found to be a so-called “swatting” prank, where SWAT teams and Hostage Negotiators are called to a false incident.

On August 26, 2016, the C.N.R.T. was called out to an address on Sycamore Street, after a murder suspect wanted in Georgia fired shots at U. S. Marshals. After a two hour standoff with the subject and additional shots fired, the suspect agreed to come out of the residence and SWAT members took him into custody, unharmed.
HONOR GUARD

In 2016, the Honor Guard gained five (5) new Sergeants due to promotions and lost one (1) Lieutenant. We currently have twenty-two (22) Officers and five (5) Sergeants on the active Honor Guard Roster. The total number of members is twenty-seven (27). In 2016, the Honor Guard presented in sixteen different events. The unit presented Colors at the FOP Memorial, the Huntsville Police Academy Graduation, and the 911-Ceremony. More significantly, Honor Guard members participated in funerals of retirees from the Huntsville Police Department as well as other departments. In addition to presenting the Colors for the FOP Memorial, the Honor Guard members also participated in the service.

BIKE PATROL

The Bicycle Unit, currently has fifteen (15) Officers and one (1) Supervisor, bringing the unit to full staffing. There are twenty (20) bicycles available for bike patrol duties. The bike office is also located in the Downtown Entertainment District where most of the Bike Unit’s details are conducted.

During 2016, the Bicycle Patrol Unit worked 214 documented special details (251% increase from 2015), using 2,420.5 man-hours to complete these assignments (206% increase from 2015). The bulk of these hours occurred when the Bicycle Unit was deployed to work the Downtown Entertainment District. Additionally, bike officers worked Panoply, Whistle Stop Festival, Concerts in the Park, Food Truck events and parades. The unit also worked several community relations events and provided security at local parks. The busiest month in regards to man-hours worked was May, with 343 hours worked. The months with the most details were June and July, with 23 events each month. The slowest month for the bike unit was December with only 135.5 man-hours worked and consisted of 14 events.
PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

Public Safety Services provided Public Safety Aides for forty-two (42) public schools and ten (10) private schools. There are currently seventy-eight (78) permanent part time positions and two (2) full time supervisor positions. These employees staff sixty-eight (68) school posts, twice daily, five days a week during the school year. Summer School programs were held at multiple schools and the police department provided four (4) employees for these schools.
HPD Homeland Security is a co-founder and charter member of the Huntsville Emergency Managers and Business Continuity Planners Group for Research Park. Meetings continue monthly and a share-point site was established to exchange information and ideas. The mission of this group is to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the civilian sector of Huntsville.

The Joint Terrorism Task Force mission is to prevent acts of terrorism before they occur, and to effectively and swiftly respond to any actual criminal terrorist act by identifying and prosecuting those responsible.

HPD Homeland Security also acted in a liaison capacity for the mutual aid agreement (MAA) discussions between MFSC (Marshall Space Flight Center), AMC (Army Materiel Command), the Redstone Arsenal Garrison, Madison County EMA (Emergency Management Agency), Madison County Commission, City of Huntsville and the FBI J.T.T.F. to discuss the viability of the aforementioned entities to provide assistance in the event of a large-scale terrorist event occurring on Redstone Arsenal (via an assessment of: laws, policies, capabilities, resources, standards and guidelines; in a collaborative framework of substantive coordination).
COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS

The Community Relations Program has been tasked with redesigning a system for the delivery of police services. The foundation of the program is the relationship between citizens and police. CROs (Community Relations Officers) foster relationships with members of the community by several different means. They work diligently in the area of crime prevention by helping establish new Community Watch groups and by supporting existing Watches and Community Initiatives. These efforts help enable citizens to perform vital roles in the prevention and control of crime, thus improving the quality of life in their communities. The Community Relations Program covers a broad spectrum, but the most important aspect deals with the everyday communication between citizens and the CROs in the area of problem solving. This relationship has produced a system in which citizens can relate their problems to the police and receive an immediate response. CROs have addressed neighborhood concerns such as homelessness, drugs, prostitution, abandoned houses, and neighborhood disputes. In 2016, CROs provided numerous personal safety seminars and site surveys for businesses and residences throughout the City.
Public Information Officer

The Public Information Officer helps establish relationships with the community and the local media outlets, keeping them aware of law enforcement activities. The Public Information Officer is also responsible for managing the departments social media pages. In 2016, the position was held by Lieutenant Stacy Bates. The Huntsville Police Department continued to keep a strong relationship with the local citizens through communications and community involvement. Throughout the year, our Public Information Officer participated in numerous events such as: National Night Out, Halloween Trunk or Treat events, and Senior Crime Prevention Academy, just to name a few.
In 2016, the Department had eighteen (18) Officers working on a part-time basis in the Retired Officer Program. These retired Officers are utilized to provide security for the Public Safety Center, the City Administration building and perform other special assignments as directed by the Chief of Police.

INMATE LABOR

The Department has an Inmate Labor crew that works diligently across the City to maintain clean roadways. This crew saves the City time, effort, and money by utilizing good behavior inmates for these duties.

Hours Served and Collections Made in 2016:
- Roadway Litter Removed (Miles): 4,556
- Bags of Litter and Weight: 14,002 bags, Weight 168,024 lbs
- Other Garbage Removed: 53,345
- Inmate Labor Hours: 21,176

WARRANT OFFICER

The Warrant Officer is responsible for serving subpoenas for Municipal Court. In 2016, 474 subpoenas were received, 180 of those were served, and 231 were returned unserviceable. The Warrant Officer is also responsible for all paperwork required for establishing and tracking Arrest Detainers on prisoners that are in the custody of the Alabama Department of Corrections or other jurisdictions that are holding a prisoner for transport. This officer then provides the transportation of these prisoners to the Madison County Jail. In 2016, 35 prisoners were transported a total of 12,842 miles.

The Huntsville-Madison County Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization formed in 1983, involving members of the local community in partnership with the media and law enforcement, which began an effort to provide crime-solving assistance to police. In 2016, there were 1,059 cases solved involving stolen property and/or narcotics resulting in a value of $542,570 due to the efforts of the organization. Huntsville Area Crime Stoppers also paid out $34,325 to anonymous tipsters of the community.

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Deputy Chief Corey Harris

The Administrative Bureau of the Huntsville Police Department is composed of sworn and non-sworn personnel. This Bureau is headed by a Deputy Chief of Police. It encompasses Special Operations, Support Services and Administrative Division.

Captain JesHenry Malone - Training and Accreditation

Captain Thomas Presley - Administrative Services
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In 2016, the Huntsville Police Department continued its commitment to maintaining accreditation standards by reviewing and updating more than twenty (20) different written directives in accordance with applicable laws and CALEA standards. The Department received the 7th Accreditation Award in 2016.
Administrative Services

Administrative Services was supervised by Captain Thomas Presley until his retirement on October 1, 2016. On October 10, 2016 Captain Anthony (Scott) Hudson became supervisor of Administrative Services. In 2016, this division encompassed Identification, Software Applications, Communications, Records, Evidence, Alarms and Fleet /Fleet Inventory. In addition to this, the Captain of the division is a liaison and has oversight to City IT (Information Technology) related to HPD, the Chaplain Program, Blue Notes (officer-led vocal group), Off-Duty / Secondary Employment by HPD employees, and the HPD gym facilities.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Huntsville Police Communications Division operates within the Huntsville/Madison County 911 Center located on Oakwood Road. The Telecommunicators utilize a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to achieve timely and efficient responses to the citizens of Huntsville. In 2016, police communications personnel processed 197,233 calls for service.

PUBLIC SAFETY IT

Public Safety IT is responsible for overseeing the implementation of all of the Department’s computer networks. The unit’s general goal is to reduce the technology footprint in the Department while increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the technology available today. In 2016, they began the migration from Panasonic laptops to GETAC Tablets in all of the patrol vehicles.
The Identification Section processes all arrest reports written by Uniform Division. The arrests processed by Identification are divided into two different categories, longs and shorts. A long is when an individual has been arrested for the first time. A short is when an individual has been arrested by our agency previously. The total number of arrests will also include subjects who have been removed from the system due to Youthful Offender, Expungement, or Obsolete status.

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Adults: Youthful Offenders processed expunged = 433
Juveniles: Obsoletes processed = 345
Total Arrests before Youthful Offenders and Obsolete juveniles removed **12,390**.

The identification Technicians fingerprint for various reasons. Printing also includes the examination/identification of juvenile arrestees, deceased subjects, major case prints used in crime scene comparisons and various citizens requesting city applications.

**Fingerprints Obtained**

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The Records Division collects, processes and maintains crime records and other reports. They provide service to the Department as well as other agencies and citizens. In 2016, there were: 33,038 Incident/Offense Reports, 7,484 Supplemental Reports, and 8,604 Accident Reports processed by Records. Records also processed 3,371 impounded vehicles. These vehicles were impounded for reasons such as being a recovered stolen vehicle, abandoned, or considered a traffic hazard.

The Division also processed 2,689 reports concerning vehicles that were reported as repossessed or towed from private property. Record Clerks also entered: 15,654 misdemeanor warrants, 3,410 felony warrants, and 3,620 trespass warnings into ILEADS. There were 1,984 NCIC validations conducted for records such as Wanted Persons, Missing Persons, Sex Offenders, and stolen property.
In 2016, Fleet managed 507 total vehicles. This included marked, unmarked, and specialty vehicles. The department’s first SUV patrol vehicle was introduced to the fleet in 2014. There are currently fifty four (54) in service with plans to purchase more in the future. The equipment installed in each police car includes, but is not limited to, a radio, mobile data terminal and tablets, in-car video camera, protective cage and emergency lighting. The three-year strategic plan involves replacing worn fleet vehicles and keeping the fleet equipped with the most advanced technology available.

The Blue Notes is an HPD authorized singing group that promotes a positive community policing initiative through gospel music. The unit is made up of three (3) sworn Officers and one (1) sworn Captain. The unit performed at approximately forty eight (48) events in 2016, conducted a fund raiser for the Chaplaincy Program, and were highlighted in a documentary on Absolutely Alabama.
The Alarm Unit's ultimate goal is to reduce the number of false alarm responses by police officers. The unit documents all commercial and residential security alarms within Huntsville through registration and permitting. Police response to alarms is also monitored by the unit. Since its inception, the Alarm Unit has lowered false alarm responses from 16,200 per year to 3,354 in 2016.

**2016 False Alarm Activations**  
3,354  

**2016 New Permits Issued**  
1,771

### EVIDENCE ROOM ACTIVITY

- New cases for 2016  
  5,101  
- Total Property Released/Destroyed for 2016  
  3,989  
- Total Property Remaining in Storage  
  24,360

The Public Safety Chaplain's Program consists of local ministers who volunteer their time to the members of HPD, the Madison County Sheriff's Department, the Huntsville Fire and Rescue Department, and the citizens of Huntsville. They consist of many varied religions, and are able to serve people of any faith without regard to their religious affiliation. The purpose of this unit is to provide a variety of services based upon the Chaplains' individual skills and training. They serve both by riding with Officers on patrol, and by being on call for specific incidents. During 2016, the Chaplains responded to a number of critical incidents, such as fatality car crashes, death notifications, and events involving domestic violence. This keeps in line with its mission to be an organization that assists all facets of Public Safety.
2016 Fiscal Year Budget

Personnel $ 38,612,810
Operating $   4,553,350

Total $ 43,166,160

2016 Grant Funding

In 2016, the Huntsville Police Department operated from the following grants:

FY 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant* $ 153,308
FY 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant* $ 168,369
FY 2015-2016 North Alabama Highway Safety Grant $ 136,000
FY 2015 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Grant $ 207,054
FY 2016 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Grant $ 78,344

*The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants are split 50/50 with the Madison County Commission.
Internal Affairs Division

With a team of experienced and professional Investigators, Internal Affairs investigates citizen complaints and concerns involving the conduct of all police department employees, both sworn and non-sworn. These complaints range from rudeness to investigations into the facts and circumstances surrounding the use of force by an Officer. As an integral part of the hiring process, Internal Affairs conducts background investigations on all prospective employees helping to ensure that only the best-qualified individuals become members of the Huntsville Police Department.

The Internal Affairs Division is also home to the Polygraph Unit. This unit, staffed by highly trained individuals, specializes in pre-employment screening and criminal specific testing. This service is provided to not only HPD, but also to other law enforcement agencies, at all levels of government, throughout North Alabama and Southern Tennessee.

During 2016, the Internal Affairs Division investigated and/or coordinated the investigation of 127 complaints. These included Administrative Investigations, Citizen Complaints, and Inquiries. There were 159 allegations of misconduct involving 156 officers during the year. Seventy Five (75) complaints originated from citizen contacts, nineteen (19) were administrative investigations, and thirty three (33) were inquiries that Internal Affairs were able to address that were not complaint oriented. Of these complaints, thirty four (34) were unfounded, four (4) deemed insufficient evidence, twenty five (25) were improper conduct, one (1) policy review and twenty eight (28) proper conduct.
2016 Awards

Life Saving Medals
   Dan Dean
   Thomas Gargulinski
   Donald Holycross
   Steven Lineberry
   Michael Onder
   Reynard Robinson
   Richard Sievers
   Whitney Somerville
   Jason Toney

Supervisor of The Year Award
   West-Tim Clardy, Jr
   South-Ronnie Dickey
   North-Michael T. Johnson
   Police Academy-Lee Tribble
   Special Operations-John VanKampen

Officer of the Year
   Police Academy-Chad George
   North-Tory Green
   Special Operations-Greg Hayden
   South-Jeffrey Kreiter
   West-Kevin Smith
   Special Operations-Bradley Snipes

Meritorious Service Medal
   Harry Dobbins
   Tyler Nabors

Purple Heart Medal
   Ricky McCarver

Medal of Valor
   Tony Bryant
Outstanding Unit Citation

2nd Shift North Precinct


Letters of Appreciation

Joseph Abernathy Ray Franks James Pratt (2)
Brad Adams Joe German Jeremy Putman
Jacob Askins Brandon Graham (2) Bobby Reid
Justin Barclay Gabriel Harrel Jonathan Sallis
Justin Beckles Blake Hemphill Chad Shradar
Gerald Bowling (2) DeQuan Hyter Richard Sievers (2)
Jonathan Boyd Lee Jeffreys Hudson Slater
Jordan Boyer Joseph Kennington Kevin Smith
Robert Brady Jacob Kepley Taylor Stegall
Dustin Bragg Karl Kissich (3) Mark Stowe
Evan Braswell Phillip Lee Jeffrey Stubbs
David Broom (3) Steven Lineberry Xw Thao
Ryan Burch Lisa Mason Jason Toney
Jeff Burke Kevin Matthews Joey Torkar
Kevin Carlisle Matthew McDowell Sabin Troncone
Amanda Carmean Tyran Milton Trista Wallace
Aaron Chop Mike Morrison Ricky Watson
Blake Dean Lamond Nabors Patrick White (2)
Stephanie Decheine (2) Paul Nordan Dustan Williams (2)
Richard Flannery April Payne Jefford Wright (2)
Jesse Fountain Christy Payne Kevin Zurowski
Jeffrey Franks Allison Peterson

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Certificates of Commendation

Brad Adams
Lenzie Albert
Micah Alexander
Britton Allen
Tim Allison
Monica Apice (2)
Jacob Askins
James Barbre
Donny Basham
Joseph Batten
Jordan Boyer
Michael Brady
Jason Brightwell
Mia Bruce
Tony Bryant
Dustin Clark
Michael Conklin
Michael Curtis (2)
Kim Dean
Zach Dickerson
Zane Dutton
Tyler Edwards
Ray Franks
Gerald Gambino
Jon Garner
Joe German
Stephen Gibbs
Brandon Graham
Tory Green
Ken Guffey
Jason Hall
Holli Hammond
Brandon Hampton (6)
Rick Harris (2)
Greg Hayden
Jonathan Henderson
Jeremiah Higgins
Steven Hopkins (4)
DeQuan Hyter
Neal Jenkins (3)

Marco Jiminez (2)
Michael E. Johnson
David Jones
Michael Joseph
Adam Judy
Jeffrey Kreiter
Kevin Lambert
Sam Lane
Jeremiah Long (2)
Terry Lucas
Roland Lueras
Kevin Matthews (2)
Krista McCabe
Brett McCulley (2)
Tyran Milton
Kelvin Minton (2)
Douglas Moore
Tyler Nabors (2)
Rick Nelson (2)
Robert Nelson
Paul Nordan (2)
Eddie Oaks
Thomas Parker
Christy Payne (2)
Marcus Perry
Kathy Pierce (2)
Jason Potter
James Pratt (3)
Kelley Reeve
Bobby Reid
Timothy Richards
Andrew Rickabaugh
Mercedes Rugart (2)
Matthew Saltzman
Preston Schmitt
Chass Shannon (2)
Larry Shields
Antonio Shorter
Jason Sims
Hudson Slater

Joshua Smith
Taylor Stegall
Kylene Street
Jason Toney (2)
Gary Trampas (2)
Matthew Troncone
Sabin Troncone
Shane Turley
James Umoeka
Timothy Welch
Chris Wellman
Justin Willis
Jeremy Woods (2)
Jefford Wright
2016 Retirees

Mitchell Chappell, Officer 10 years
Sharon Williams, Safety Services 12 years
Gary Hawthorne, Communications 18 years
Timothy Royster, Investigator 19 years
Khris Downing, Officer 20 years
James Kent, Investigator 20 years
Michael Leftwich, Investigator 21 years
Thomas Presley, Captain 24 years
David Owens, Investigator 25 years
James Jones, Investigator 25 years
Phillip Lehman, Investigator 25 years
Mary Berry, Communications 26 years
Darryl Lawson, Lieutenant 27 years
Jeffery Poe, Officer 28 years
Charlie Gray, Investigator 28 years
Ron Glass, Sergeant 31 years
James Goings, Officer 34 years
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