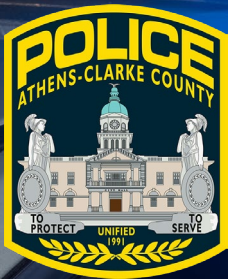


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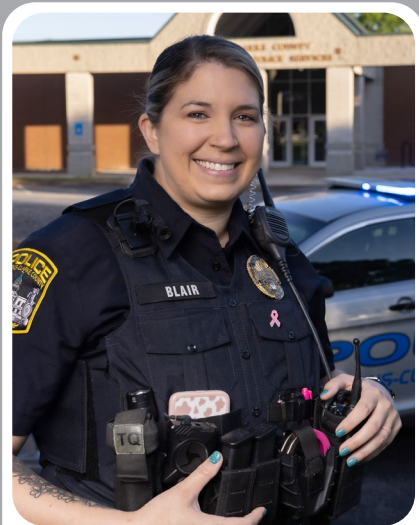
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Quotes



"Our strengths as an agency are welcoming employees, opportunities for career growth, and supportive leadership. When new employees choose ACCPD they are given top-notch training, supplied with all of their necessary equipment, welcomed to the agency, and encouraged to further their knowledge of their role through training and experience. The size of our agency also allows numerous opportunities to join specialized units, train new officers, and promote through the ranks if you so desire."

AMANDA BLAIR
Sergeant, Days East,
Squad B

"I love my coworkers and they're my favorite part about coming to work. When you're part of a team and you rely so heavily on others to accomplish your work, you have a much different outlook on coming to work. Even when you might be feeling a little tired, you show up with a good attitude because you care about your coworkers and you know that they need you. This is another thing that sets law enforcement apart from other careers."

ERIK ELLISON
Detective, Criminal
Investigations Division



TEAMWORK

WELCOMING

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Cover Photo
KAYANTE GRESHAM-JACKSON
Officer First Class,
Days East, Squad B

Comments

Dedication

This annual report is dedicated to Senior Police Officer Rebecca Croxton and Heidi Fields, an Evidence Technician.

Learn more in the Chief's comments.



SENIOR POLICE OFFICER
Rebecca Croxton



EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN
Heidi Fields

"Through the hard work and dedication of the men and women of your police department, we have positively impacted overall crime."

To the members of the Athens-Clarke County Community,

At the close of 2023, the [Athens-Clarke County Police Department](#) celebrates the end of a successful year. Through the hard work and dedication of the men and women of your police department, we have positively impacted overall crime. More importantly, through collaboration with the community and the hard work of our officers, we significantly reduced violent crime. This reduction benefits Athens-Clarke County's residents and visitors to our great city.

Reducing the crime in our community was no easy task. Our employees essentially did more with less. Going into 2023, we faced staffing challenges and a surge in violent crime. Using crime data from our Crime Analysis Unit and advanced software, officers were provided resources to locate the criminals responsible for needless acts of violence in our community.

I am grateful to the officers, communication personnel, and administrative staff who have dedicated so much to their job and community. We are truly fortunate to have such an incredible team working for the Athens-Clarke County Police Department. As you read through our annual report, take time to read what the employees themselves have to say.

I am also happy to report that officer retention has been positively affected for the first time in five years. During 2023, we saw an increase in officers and dispatchers wanting to serve Athens-Clarke County. Many of the new employees have previous experience serving other communities nationwide.

Our department's accomplishments are a direct result of our staff's hard work and



Chief Saulters participated in numerous community outreach events including helping this young girl select holiday presents for herself and her family.

dedication. I want to thank our employees for the work they do day after day. Your ongoing commitment to our mission and your service to the community makes a difference. Working beside you is an honor every day, and you have my gratitude.

In closing, I would like to dedicate this year's annual report to two employees who passed away in 2023. The loss of Senior Police Officer Rebecca Croxton and civilian Evidence Technician Heidi Fields greatly impacted our PD family. Rebecca served as an officer and a detective, and Heidi worked in our Property/Evidence unit. They will be missed, but their dedication to the community lives on.

Jerry Saulters
ACCPD Chief of Police



EMPLOYEEES

ALL EMPLOYEEES
363 Total Authorized Employees
293 Employed
70 Vacant

SWORN
256 Total Authorized Employees
217 Employed
39 Vacant

CIVILIAN
106 Total Authorized Employees
75 Employed
31 Vacant



BUDGET

FY 2024 Approved Budget
\$ 30,892,000



VISION

We strive for ethical, efficient, and effective policing in collaboration with the community we serve.



MISSION

The mission of the department is to preserve life and reduce crime through continued enforcement of the law and sustained, meaningful partnerships across the community.



VALUES

As an entity of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County (ACCGov), the department embraces its role in upholding and sustaining the core values: Integrity, Competence, Collaboration, Community, and Each Other.

About

ACCREDITATION



CALEA

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority and is the Gold Standard by which law enforcement agencies are judged.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

ACCPD was one of the first law enforcement agencies in Georgia to obtain CALEA accreditation and was last accredited in 2021.

COMMUNICATIONS

Our Communications Unit received its latest CALEA accreditation in 2020.



Not all of our officers come from a law enforcement background, acknowledges Officer Brooklynn Dowdie, Days East, Squad B. "Looking back, I don't think I knew what all I was signing up for (as a police officer), but I wouldn't change a thing. Becoming a police officer has been one of the most rewarding journeys I've ever taken," says Dowdie, who has been with the department since 2021. "ACCPD offers so much guidance for someone new to the criminal justice field and has so many growth opportunities to continue your career."

REWARDING

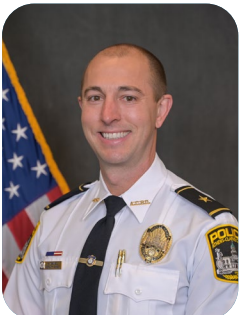
Leadership



JERRY SAULTERS
Chief of Police



WILL BRINKLEY
Deputy Chief
Community Services
Bureau



HARRISON DANIEL
Deputy Chief
Operational Support
Bureau



KEITH KELLEY
Deputy Chief
Field Services Bureau



AUBREY EPPS
Captain
Investigations



WILLIAM HOOD
Captain
Special Operations



JEFFERY JOHNSON
Captain
East Patrol Division



AL RADFORD
Captain
Auxiliary Services



DEREK SCOTT
Captain
West Patrol Division



CHRISTOPHER NICHOLS
Captain
Administrative Services

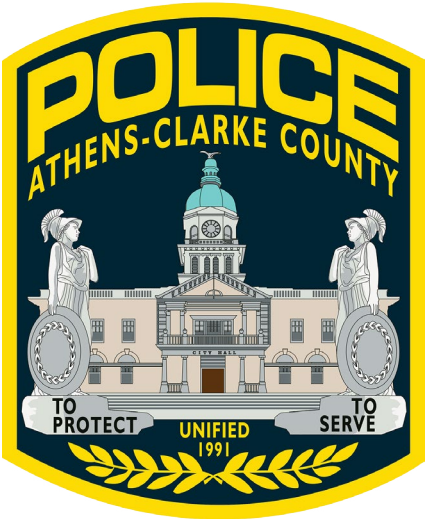
"If you want to work for an amazing Chief who is experienced, believes in community policing, and who leads by example, this is the place to be.

If you want to work under awesome Deputy Chiefs and other members of the Command Staff who believe in accountability, will come work with you on the road night or day, support you when you do the job right, and fight to improve the department every day, this is the place to be.

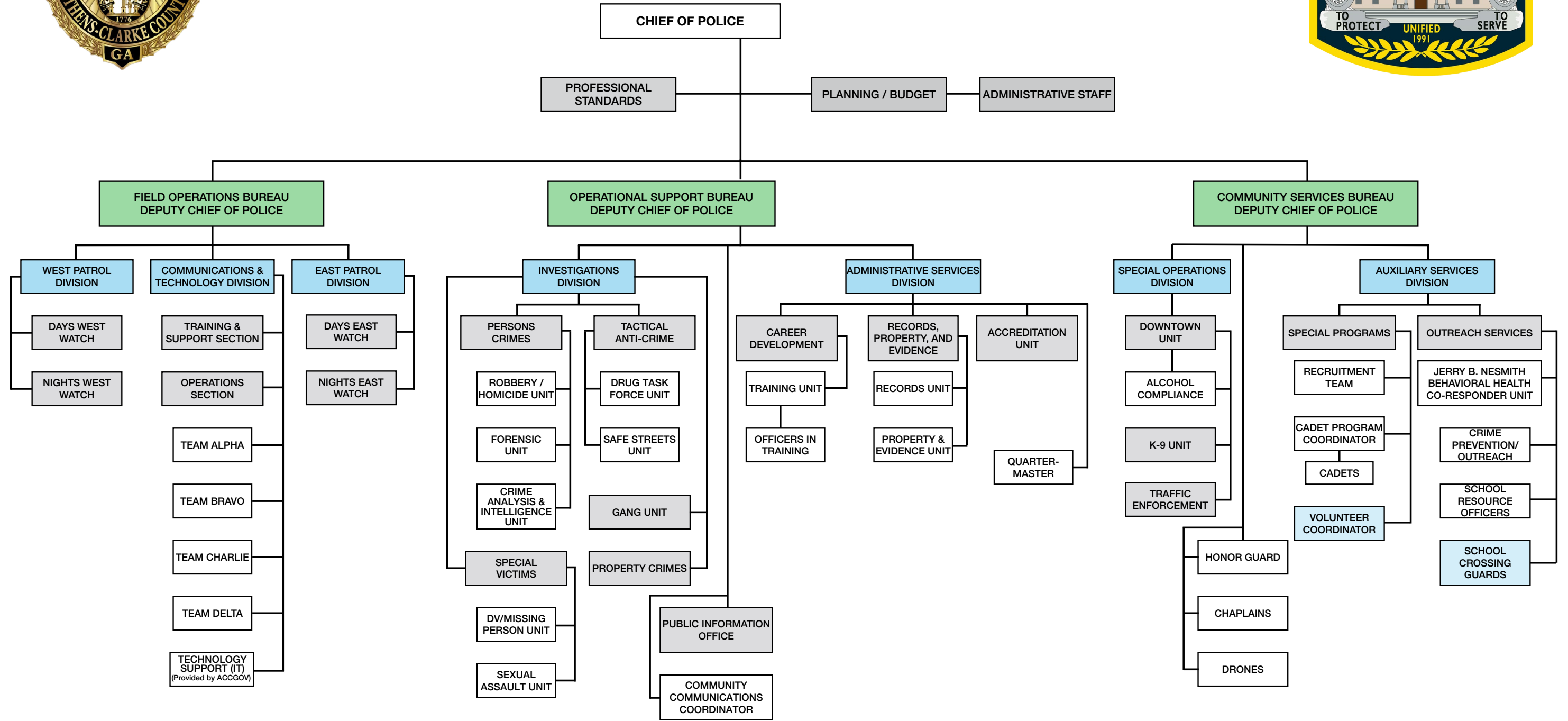
The department and its leadership encourage officers to get out in the community and talk to people . . . I enjoy working for leaders like that."



Officer John Thomas,
Days East, Squad A
2 Years w/ACCPD



DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
AUGUST 20, 2023



Congratulations

Retirements



LAURA LUSK
29 Years
Currently serving as a
reserve officer



MICHAEL WARD
32 years
Currently serving as a
reserve officer



**TRACEY
HARDIGREE**
27 years

Advancements



Lieutenant

Michael Wood

Sergeant

Jason Cook
Stanley Denis
Carl Mitcham
Scott Starr

Senior Police Officer

Cody Behrns
Zachary Davis
Zachery Espinosa
Jarrett Johnson
Blake Manning
Adbiel Montalvo
Dara Shapland



Communications Administrator

Kevin Zapata

Officer First Class

Christina Bradshaw
Tyrone Brooks-Craig
Clay Cochran
Kayante Gresham-Jackson
Samuel Morgan
Lauren Nalley
Terelle Norman
David Raymond
Kyren Sharpe
Payge Southwick
Bridget Teskey

Communications Supervisor

Kristy Thrasher

ACCPD News



ACCPD Offers \$10,000 Hiring Incentive

On October 10, 2023, the Athens-Clarke County Police Department announced an increased hiring incentive. New police officers and communication officers are now eligible for a \$10,000 hiring incentive.

The Georgia Governor's Office of Planning and Budget recently awarded the Athens-Clarke County Police Department the Public Safety and Community Violence Reduction Grant. The Athens-Clarke County Police Department is dedicating grant funding to increase the hiring incentive to \$10,000 for new police and communications officers.



ACCPD Expands Lifesaving Measures

In July 2023, the Athens-Clarke County Police Department deployed eight Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to officers in the field. The AEDs will be carried in patrol cars by officers specifically trained in their use to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest.

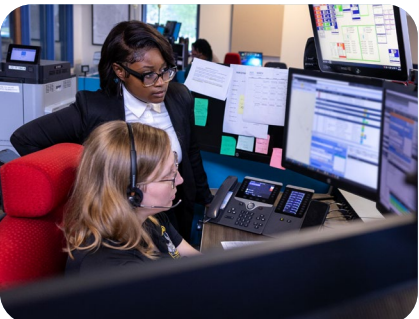


Congratulations Deputy Chief Keith Kelley

Deputy Chief Recognized for Service to 911 Upgrades

Deputy Chief Keith Kelley received the prestigious 2023 Leadership in Advocacy Award from the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO), an international association with over 35,000 members representing 1,500 agencies.

Kelley was recognized for his efforts to advance and modernize the nation's public safety 911 infrastructure through his position as Vice Committee Chair with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).



Community Police Academy's 48th Class

Our Community Police Academy continues to provide opportunities to learn about our department. This year's class, our 48th, visited the 911 communications center to allow participants to see and hear our communications officers answering calls and dispatching first responders.

One of the most popular activities in our community academy is riding along with an officer or listening while our 911 communications officers work. Both showcase the diversity of calls we receive from the community.



Shop with a Cop Helps Families in Five Local Churches

ACCPD and our police foundation provided funds to five local churches to assist a family in their congregation in need. In addition to Timothy Baptist Church, we worked with Billups Grove Baptist Church, Browns Chapel Baptist Church, Cornerstone Church, and Born Again Christian Fellowship Ministries. We appreciate the support of the Athens-Clarke Police Foundation.



Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

Congratulations to the American Legion Post Number 20 2023 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Sergeant Christopher England. Sergeant England was honored for his exceptional service and dedication to the citizens of Athens-Clarke County.

Field Operations

Field Operations Bureau

The East and West Patrol Divisions, as part of the Field Operations Bureau, are among the most visible employees of the department. These uniformed officers serve the community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. These officers are often first on the scene for incidents including vehicle crashes, persons crimes, domestic issues, and burglaries.

The Communications and Technology Division consists of Communications Officers and their Training and Support Section along with Technology Support.

Communications Officers are the first contact for a person needing assistance. Their calm demeanor and listening skills get the right first responders to the scene as quickly as possible.

Technical Support assists every employee in the department. These highly skilled civilian employees maintain a number of essential servers and accompanying software that connects officers and communications officers.

They also maintain desktop computers and officers' mobile data terminals.



BRIDGET TESKEY
Officer First Class
Days East, Squad A
4 1/2 Years w/ACCPD

"Teamwork is crucial on patrol. A well-functioning team has synergy with each member supporting one another. We deal with intense and potentially dangerous situations every day. Knowing that we can rely on each other ensures that we all go home to our families at the end of the day."

Fun Facts

117,000

911 Calls for Service to our Communications Officers

15,187

Incident Reports Submitted by Officers in 2023

+300

Mobile Data Terminals maintained by Technical Support for our officers and other sworn employees

"The best part about being a Communications Officer is knowing that I help my community, whether that being providing information or saving a life because I was able to get resources to them in a timely manner."

ATHENA GRAY
Communications Supervisor, Team B
10 Years w/ACCPD



Operational Support

Operational Support Bureau



ANN WOOSTER
Quartermaster
17 Years w/ACCPD

"The most important part of my job is making sure our officers have everything they need to do their jobs - uniforms, badges, citation books, and more. I take pride in knowing I've done my best to help them do their job in our community."



This bureau includes the Investigations Division, Administrative Services Division, and the Public Information and Community Communications Coordinator.

The Investigations Division has experienced and well-trained officers in Persons Crimes, Special Victims, Tactical Anti-Crime, Gang Unit, and Property Crimes. Also in this division, our Crime Analysis and Intelligence Unit supplies data to help solve crimes.

Administrative Services includes career development and training for our new officers.

Our Records Unit receives over 15,000 incident reports each year, which must be scrutinized and approved before release to the media or public.

The Accreditation Unit maintains our written directives and manages the documents and standards needed for our CALEA Accreditation.

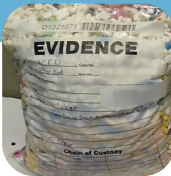
The Property and Evidence Unit catalogs and maintains evidence that is crucial to the prosecution of crimes.

Our Quartermaster ensures officers have complete uniforms, and our civilian staff have office supplies to do their jobs.



8,335

Items Collected from our Two Drug Collection Drop Boxes



5,202

Open Records Requests



444

USB Flash Drives and
Purchased by the Quartermaster

3,090

Pens and Pencils



"The hardest part of being a Robbery/Homicide Detective is the work is constant and keeping up with your cases can be difficult. Some of these cases are complex and can take years to come to a resolution. You have to stay positive."

DAVID NORRIS
Lieutenant, Persons Crimes
27 Years w/ACCPD

Community Services

Community Services Bureau

This bureau includes a number of sworn officers in the Specialized Division including the Downtown Unit, the Traffic Enforcement Unit, and the K-9 Unit.

The Traffic Unit conducts vehicle checkpoints to ensure safe driving while the K-9 unit assists with missing persons, searches for evidence, and searches for suspects who are armed.

The Auxiliary Services Division includes the Behavioral Health Co-Responder Unit, Community Outreach, School Resource Officers, and School Crossing Guards. As a part of this division, Community Outreach hosts multiple events each year including Trunk or Treat, Shop with a Cop, and our Egg Scramble.

Auxiliary Services also includes our Honor Guards, Chaplains, and the Drone Program.

The Special Programs Unit includes our Recruitment Team, Cadet Program, and the Volunteer Coordinator.

The Recruitment Team began work in earnest in 2023 and continues to attract new officers and lateral transfers to the department.



GLORIA KING
Records Clerk
1 Year at ACCPD

"I like being involved and helping with Trunk or Treat and the Holiday Parade. These events give me an opportunity to interact with the community that we serve."



Fun Facts

@3,000

Pounds of Dog Food Purchased for our six K-9s

Thousands

Screams during Trunk or Treat's Haunted House

10 and 10

Drones of varying sizes and capabilities in use by the ACCPD and the number of motorcycles available to our Motors Unit

"Our six K-9s are German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, and Dutch Shepherds, each with unique personalities and strengths. Bruno, a German Shepherd, is part of my family, and an important member of the ACCPD."

K-9 BRUNO AND SERGEANT CRAIG TURNER
Members of ACCPD's K-9 Unit



Responsible for 21 square blocks, the Downtown Bicycle Unit has a unique and specialized role - to provide police services to businesses that cater to the nightlife and businesses with traditional daytime hours. During busy hours, officers ride in pairs and work together as a team. Each officer has their own assigned bicycle, police car, and other special equipment. "Downtown officers are responsible for a small geographical area with a lot of activity," says Lieutenant Phil Basinger. "Officers in the unit become very familiar with the stakeholders and this helps the officers to problem solve and provide better service."

PROBLEM SOLVER

Community Events



Behavioral Health Unit

The Athens-Clarke County Police Department began teaching Crisis Intervention to their officers in 1998. In 2004, the State of Georgia officially created a Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) course. ACCPD requires all officers to complete a 40-hour CIT course and offers additional advanced training.

In 2016, the Athens-Clarke County Police Department continued to pioneer efforts in bridging mental health and law enforcement.

At that time, the first-ever co-responder mental health position was created, which paired an officer and a mental health clinician.

In 2020, the co-responder unit was named the “Jerry B. NeSmith Co-responder Unit” for former Athens-Clarke County Commissioner Jerry NeSmith, who passed away in June 2020. NeSmith was a strong advocate for creating ACCPD’s Behavioral Health Unit.

The unit's three teams, shown below, are comprised of one ACCPD officer and one mental health clinician from Advantage Behavioral Health Systems.

The teams assist with CIT instruction to all ACCPD officers and communications officers. In addition, the team is utilized throughout the state to assist other jurisdictions with training and improving mental health-related police response.

ACCPD Behavioral Health Calls	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Calls Reviewed	15,055	14,269	14,376	15,296	15,198
Calls with Mental Health Connections	1,783	2,155	2,132	2,587	2,575
Approximate Percentage of Calls	12%	15%	15%	17%	17%



Shane Sumner
Clinician

Rick Dearing
Master Police Officer



Summer Curran
Clinician

John Holloman
Officer First Class



Kelli McCormick
Clinician

Robie Cochran
Sergeant

Quotes



"When called upon, I'm a Tactical Flight Officer with the Georgia State Patrol Aviation Unit," says Officer First Class Pedro Cortez, assigned to Days East, Squad A. "I operate an advanced camera to locate fugitives, missing persons, or track vehicles." He speaks positively about the ACCPD as well, saying, "This is a great agency that supports an officer's growth and . . . will allow you to take the training you want to expand your knowledge."

Detective Dara Shapland was not interested in law enforcement as a career until her last year at UGA. She met an ACCPD officer at JiuJitsu school and learned that officers have many opportunities to help others. Now at the ACCPD for over six years, she's a detective in our Special Victims Unit, where helping someone can dramatically change their life. "The most rewarding aspect of my current job is helping people, especially children, get out of bad situations."



Professional Standards

Professional Standards reports directly to the Chief of Police and is responsible for oversight and management of employee conduct.

As part of its duties, Professional Standards investigates complaints of misconduct, reviews use-of-force incidents, reviews vehicle pursuits, and monitors trends or patterns in policing activities.

The data indicates that only a very small percentage of our

citizen contacts involved use-of-force incidents, vehicle pursuits, and complaints received.

Professional Standards' statistical analysis and investigations are important to maintain transparency with the community.

Their work also includes creating yearly reports that are made public via our transparency website but are also important to maintaining our CALEA certification.

Objectivity and great listening skills are key to investigating complaints against employees, both civil and sworn, in Professional Standards.

The reporting period for this annual review is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. In this review, ACCPD reported involvement in 101,858 incidents with 15,187 reports generated.



Lt. Kerel Heard, (left) and Sgt. Paul Davidson, (right) comprise the department's Professional Standards Division. Collectively, they have over 40 years of experience with the ACCPD.

2023 ACCPD Citizen Contacts	101,858	% Total Citizen Contacts
Case Reports	15,187	12.75%
Traffic Citations Issued	13,826	8.64%
Arrests Made	4,019	2.87%
Use-of-Force Incidents	197	0.19%
Vehicle Pursuits	17	0.016%
Complaints Received	58	0.06%

Complaint Dispositions	
Unfounded	35
Sustained	10
Not Sustained	6
Exonerated	7

In 2023, the department implemented eight disciplinary actions in ten cases of sustained misconduct or other performance failures. These actions include two reprimands, two suspensions, and three terminations.

Use-of-Force Data	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Use-of-Force Incidents	283	204	111	179	197
Soft Control / Empty Hands	183	147	190	266	318
Compliance Tools	7	99	108	171	154
Hard Control / Strikes (Hands)	7	7	12	17	13
Impact Weapons/Baton	0	12	2	5	4
Taser, (Conducted Energy Weapon) "D"=Deployment "P"=Presentation	39D/41P	54D/29P	58D/51P	78D/51P	103D/P89
Firearm Presentation	105	339	181	328	309
Lethal Force*	14	0	7	0	2
Stop Stick Deployment	1	5	1	2	3

** Reflects the total number of officers who used Lethal Force rather than the number of Lethal Force Incidents. It is ACCPD policy to refer all incidents using deadly force to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for independent investigation and to the Western Judicial Circuit District Attorney for review.*

Crime Summary

[Learn more at our Transparency Site](#)

SELECT GROUP "A" OFFENSES	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Homicide: Murder	7	4	4	5	8
Sex Offense: Force Rape	60	45	66	71	49
Aggravated Assault	354	432	529	477	422
Robbery	136	108	122	82	96
Burglary / Breaking & Entering	678	551	425	456	314
All Larcenies	3,525	3,017	3,084	2,962	3,104
Motor Vehicle Thefts	242	307	423	307	260
Total of Group "A" Offenses	5,002	4,464	4,653	4,360	4,253
For a given year, in this case, 2023, the crime rate can be determined using the total of Select Group "A" Offenses (4,253) related to the Athens-Clarke County population. In 2023, the crime rate was 33.08.					
Athens-Clarke Population	126,000	126,913	127,315	127,358	128,561
Crime Rate	39.70	35.17	36.55	34.23	33.08

ALL CRIME SUMMARY	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Crimes Against Persons	3,147	3,088	3,199	2,813	2,623
Crimes Against Property	6,432	5,348	5,377	5,683	5,533
Crimes Against Society	2,828	2,497	2,615	2,812	2,965
TOTAL	12,407	10,933	11,191	11,308	11,211

- All Offenses are counted • Unfounded cases are excluded
- These unofficial, preliminary National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) statistics are subject to change based on modified reporting requirements, evolving investigations, delayed reporting, and error correction. They should not be directly compared to previous Unified Crime Reporting (UCR) charts or reports.
- The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is an incident-based reporting system for crimes known to the police. For each crime incident coming to the attention of law enforcement, a variety of data are collected about the incident.
- [Learn more about the conversion from UCR to NIBRS.](#)

Crime Report

Crimes Against Persons

NIBRS CRIME CATEGORY / CRIME	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
09A - Homicide: Murder / Non-Negligent Manslaughter	7	4	4	5	8
09B - Homicide: Negligent Manslaughter	2	0	0	2	1
100 - Kidnapping / Abduction	18	27	28	22	26
11A - Sex Offense, Force: Rape	60	45	66	71	49
11B - Sex Offense, Force: Sodomy	14	14	14	16	9
11C - Sex Offense, Force: Object	14	11	22	7	1
11D - Sex Offense, Force: Fondling	102	94	93	111	98
13A - Assault: Aggravated	354	432	529	477	422
13B - Assault: Simple	2,055	1,970	1,964	1,626	1,585
13C - Assault: Intimidation	497	479	454	459	406
36A - Sex Offense, Non-Force: Incest	9	3	11	6	9
36B - Sex Offense, Non-Force: Statutory	14	9	13	9	9
64A - Trafficking-Commercial Sex Acts	1	0	1	2	0
64B - Trafficking-Involuntary Servitude	1	0	0	0	0

Athens-Clarke County Police Department has highly trained officers and investigators assigned to Street Crime and Gang Units to combat violent crime. In addition, the ACCPD Crime Analysis and Intelligence Unit utilizes data and evidence-based policing to guide proactive crime-fighting efforts. With cooperation from community leaders and stakeholders, these efforts have positively impacted the overall number of violent crimes.

Crime Report

Crimes Against Property

NIBRS CRIME CATEGORY / CRIME	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
120 - Robbery	136	108	122	82	96
200 - Arson	15	20	28	28	13
220 - Burglary / Breaking & Entering	678	551	425	456	314
23A - Larceny: Pocket-Picking	1	4	11	9	9
23B - Larceny: Purse Snatching	3	7	3	5	1
23C - Larceny: Shoplifting	861	635	573	609	788
23D - Larceny: from Building	53	28	34	35	39
23E - Larceny: from Coin Operated Machine	3	1	0	0	1
23F - Larceny: from Motor Vehicle	1,111	1,072	862	783	684
23G - Larceny: from Affixed MV Parts / Accessories	71	74	199	155	115
240 - Motor Vehicle Theft	242	307	423	307	260
250 - Counterfeiting / Forgery	399	209	174	330	353
26A - Fraud: False Pretenses	422	403	292	459	383
26B - Fraud:Credit Card / Automated Teller Machine	513	251	287	430	444
26C - Fraud: Impersonation	232	229	235	238	262
270 - Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
280 - Stolen Property Offenses	59	70	105	105	87
290 - Destruction / Damage / Vandalism	211	183	202	286	217

In 2023, ACCPD's partnership with the community impacted the number of property crimes. Throughout the year, officers responded to numerous “in-progress” calls. With the assistance of the public's watchful eye, suspects were apprehended and the victims' property was recovered. The strong partnership with the community has enabled annual reductions in the property crime categories.

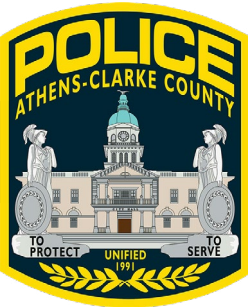
Crime Report

Crimes Against Society

NIBRS CRIME CATEGORY / CRIME	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
35A - Drug / Narcotic: Violation	706	612	653	688	700
35B - Drug / Narcotic: Equipment	150	165	163	144	162
370 - Pornography / Obscene Material	120	4	14	32	25
40A - Prostitution: Engaging	3	5	20	1	1
40B - Prostitution: Assisting/Promoting	1	4	4	2	3
520 - Weapon Law Violations	146	212	220	311	293
90B - Curfew / Loitering / Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0
90C - Disorderly Conduct	212	265	227	284	230
90D - Driving Under the Influence	294	256	343	399	442
90E - Drunkenness	244	87	96	133	282
90F - Family Offenses, Non-Violent	372	399	408	409	321
90G - Liquor Law Violations	177	124	58	77	231
90H - Peeping Tom	15	12	12	11	8
90J - Trespass of Real Property	388	352	397	321	267

In response to vehicle accidents involving severe injuries and death, ACCPD's Traffic Unit and patrol officers utilized crime data to enforce traffic laws in dangerous areas. In 2023, the ACCPD Traffic Unit held safety checkpoints throughout the year to educate and correct drivers in traffic law. Along with proactive policing, the *Crimes Against Society* category saw increases in enforcement of alcohol-related crimes, which impacts safety on the roadways.

2023 Employees of the Quarter



FIRST QUARTER



Ann Wooster
QUARTERMASTER

"She does her job efficiently and responds to your needs in a timely and professional manner. She ensures our officers are provided with proper uniforms and equipment to carry out their duties."



Kenya Campbell
COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR
TEAM B-NIGHT

After receiving a call reporting a vehicle accident, Campbell stayed on the phone with an impaired passenger who had ventured deep into the woods. After 45 minutes, Campbell led the subject to officers where he received assistance.



Pedro Cortez
OFFICER FIRST CLASS,
NIGHTS EAST

After receiving a missing persons case, Cortez showed professionalism and dedication to the investigation, especially in light of the case's media attention. Cortez also serves as a Tactical Flight Officer with the Georgia State Patrol.

SECOND QUARTER



Tiffany Autry
ACCREDITATION SPECIALIST

"She is an extremely hard worker and is dedicated to the success of the department and her coworkers by her willingness to help others when they need it, even though it is not part of her job responsibilities."



Cutina Pearson
MASTER COMMUNICATIONS
OFFICER

Cutina, ACCPD's Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) Coordinator, also helps to fill in at Central Communications when they are short-staffed. She also helps to make the Employee Engagement Committee events very successful.



Calvin Smith
SERGEANT, NIGHTS WEST

"His efforts to build skill and competence in his squad are not only valuable to the officers individually but promote the long-term success of the agency's mission."

THIRD QUARTER



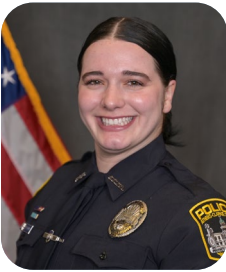
Sue Strainovici
QUALITY CONTROL
SUPERVISOR

"I'd like to recognize Sue for being a problem-solver and an excellent leader and mentor! It is a pleasure to work for a supervisor who listens and takes action to improve procedures to match our current operation."



Beth Ricketts
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
FIRST CLASS, TEAM A-DAY

"She's an amazing dispatcher. I'm proud to work alongside Beth, and I know that no matter what she will always do what she can to make sure we do our jobs effectively and efficiently."



Alia Della Fortuna
OFFICER FIRST CLASS,
NIGHTS WEST

"Alia exemplifies exceptional character as a dedicated patrol officer. She consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and an unwavering commitment to perfecting her craft."

FOURTH QUARTER



Geof Gilland
PUBLIC INFORMATION
ASSISTANT

"Geof is a team player and goes above and beyond to produce high-quality photos and other materials. He does a fantastic job of positively promoting ACCPD on social media and keeping the community well informed."



Julie Paulk
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
TEAM D-NIGHT

"She is unwaveringly dedicated to our department and helping others feel happy and safe. Without her selfless giving of time and voluntary help, it would have left several shifts short of manpower."



Christina Bradshaw
OFFICER FIRST CLASS,
DAYS EAST


Bradshaw worked with a family for several days to resolve a vehicle problem. "Bradshaw demonstrated an extra level of care by not only taking the initial welfare check seriously, but also going out of her way to assist this family."

ACCPD News



Selected by her peers, Communications Officer of the Year Julie Paulk maintains a positive attitude and willingness to take on additional responsibilities. To Julie, it's all about her coworkers on Team D, Night Shift. "We work so well together. It's not just one person assisting on a call; sometimes there might be two or three others assisting behind the scenes while I speak with the caller, reassuring them, and helping them to stay calm."

POSITIVE



ACCPD Arrests Two for Malice Murder

After investigation, ACCPD identified two persons of interest in the December 3, 2023, death of Jarrard Pittard (42 YOA, Athens). Pittard was located deceased along a railroad track near North Avenue and Willow Street.

On December 19, 2023, ACCPD arrested Andre Carthens (46 YOA, Athens) and Antion Parks, aka "Blue" (31 YOA, Athens). Both are charged with Malice Murder.

ACCPD Arrests Two In North Avenue Murder

December, 2023 - ACCPD investigators identified two persons of interest in the December 3rd murder of a 42-year-old male. Two males, a 46-year-old and a 31-year-old, were charged with Malice Murder.



Business Owner Sees Two Burglars, ACCPD Responds and Arrests

Officers Smith (top), Thielman (middle), and Sgt. Johnson (bottom) were first on the burglary scene

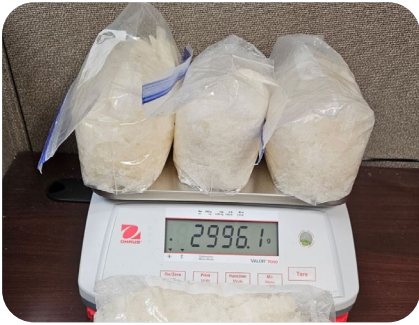
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July, 2023 - While viewing live surveillance video, a business owner observed two subjects illegally entering his building and called 911. After ACCPD arrived, they cleared a portion of the building and observed the two subjects inside. As other police resources arrived, the two subjects surrendered.



Two Arrested in Warrant Service-Five Firearms Seized

March, 2023 - A multi-jurisdictional investigation culminated in the arrests of two suspects and the seizure of over seven kilograms of methamphetamine, six ounces of fentanyl, and over eight pounds of marijuana. Both were charged with Trafficking Methamphetamine, Trafficking Fentanyl, and Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute.



Nine Pounds of Methamphetamine Seized

December, 2023 - The Northeast Georgia Regional Drug Task Force, assisted by ACCPD's Gang Unit, Strategic Response Team, and K9 Unit, conducted an operation at a local hotel stemming from an investigation. As a result of the investigation, two suspects were located at the hotel in possession of almost nine pounds of Methamphetamine. In addition to the trafficking drug charges, one suspect was charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.



18-Year-Old Suspect Arrested with Five Weapons

November, 2023- ACCPD conducted an operation to arrest an 18-year-old suspect in Parkview Homes. A search of the suspect and his residence located five firearms (one reported stolen and one modified for machine gun fire) and a stolen AR-15 rifle.



OFC Morgan Seizes Drugs and Stolen Gun from Convicted Felon

March, 2023 - ACCPD Officer First Class Morgan made a traffic stop on a vehicle with expired registration and no insurance. After searching the vehicle, the driver was charged with multiple drug charges and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

Remembering Our Fallen



**Senior Police Officer
Elmer Basco "Buddy" Christian, III
Athens-Clarke County Police Department
End of Watch: March 22, 2011**

Officer Christian had just responded to the area when he encountered the suspect. The man shot and killed Officer Christian through the window of his patrol vehicle. He then fled the scene and remained at large until he was apprehended three days later.

On July 27th, 2015, the 37-year-old suspect was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Senior Police Officer Christian is survived by his wife, two children, parents, and a brother.



**Corporal Thomas Earl Bowles
Athens Police Department
End of Watch: January 16, 1985**

Corporal Thomas Bowles died as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage that he suffered after being assaulted four days earlier. He was attempting to arrest a man for DUI when the man resisted and struck Corporal Bowles in the head.

Despite his injuries, Corporal Bowles was able to place the man under arrest and started driving him to jail.

During the drive, Corporal Bowles began experiencing chest and head pains. He radioed for medical assistance and backup.

He was transported to a local hospital and lapsed into a coma. Corporal Bowles remained in a coma until his death four days later.

Corporal Bowles served with the Athens Police Department for 20 years. His wife and three children survived him.



**Police Officer Donald Moon
Athens Police Department
End of Watch: November 3, 1963**

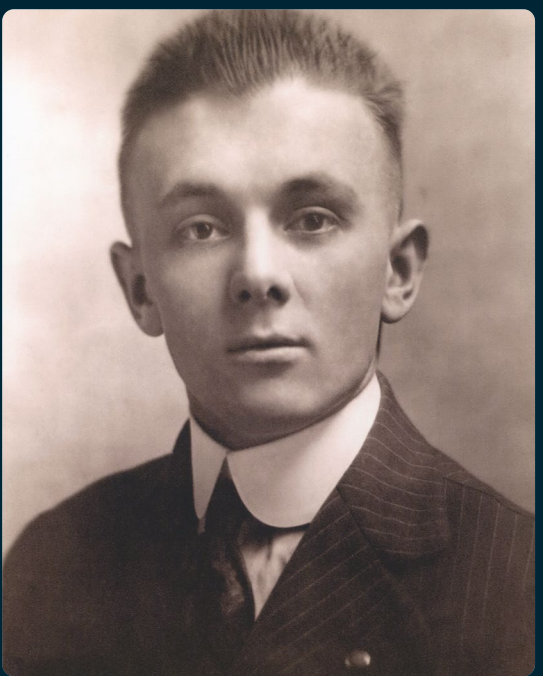
Police Officer Donald Moon was shot and killed by a 15-year-old juvenile seeking revenge against him. Officer Moon was off duty and teaching his girlfriend how to drive when the subject approached them and opened fire without warning.

The suspect was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life. He died in prison on June 5, 2000.

Officer Moon had served with the Athens Police Department for only 19 months.

Hired along with his cousin, they were Athens' first black police officers. Officer Moon was a Korean War Veteran.

One child survived Officer Moon.



**Police Officer Herman Karl Stein
Athens Police Department
End of Watch: November 29, 1936**

Officer Stein was shot and killed after responding to a business where a robbery was in progress. When Officer Stein arrived at the scene, the suspect fled.

Officer Stein caught the suspect, and a struggle ensued. The suspect gained control of Officer Stein's gun and shot him in the head.

The suspect was apprehended two days later near Lula, Georgia.

He was convicted of murder and executed in the electric chair on December 27, 1937.

Officer Stein served with the Athens Police Department for five years. His wife and three children survived him.

"Everything is top-notch."
New Police Officer

"It changed my life."
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ACCPD Chief of Police, Jerry Saulters



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