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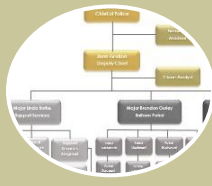
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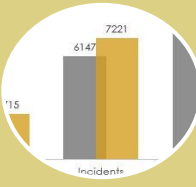
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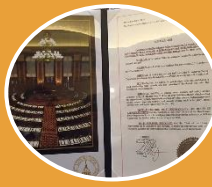
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Dear Citizens of Brookhaven,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the Brookhaven Police Department 2016 annual report. In addition to overall crime data and trends, this report is a summary of our activities and efforts that have occurred throughout the last year. Our city continues to see incredible growth in housing development, construction projects, and a flourishing restaurant and nightlife industry. The City of Brookhaven has also had the honor of being named DeKalb's "Safest City" two years in a row.

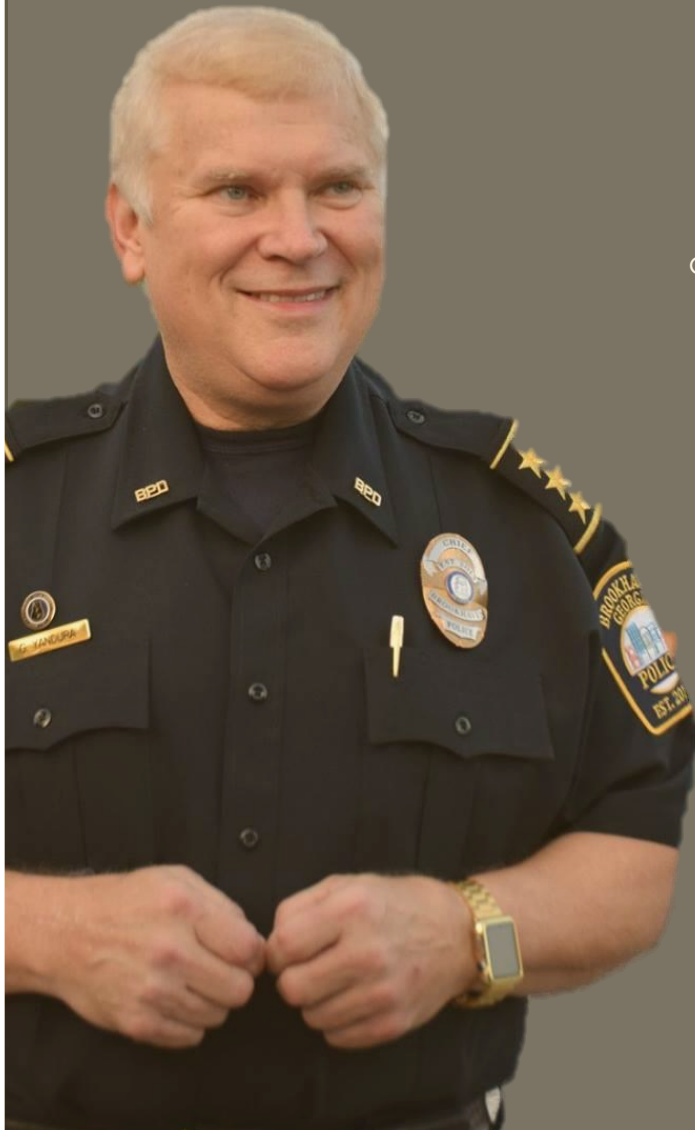
Although 2016 was not without its challenges, the men and women of the department rose to the occasion and continued to serve residents, visitors, and businesses of the Brookhaven community. We have expanded our engagement with residents through community meetings, one-on-one interactions with the public, and increased use of social media in both our English and Hispanic communities. We continue to launch new police initiatives that are essential to fighting crime, protecting the public, and preserving the relationship between the police department and the community we serve.

Every time our men and women put on their uniforms and start their tour of duty, I look around and see heroes in action.

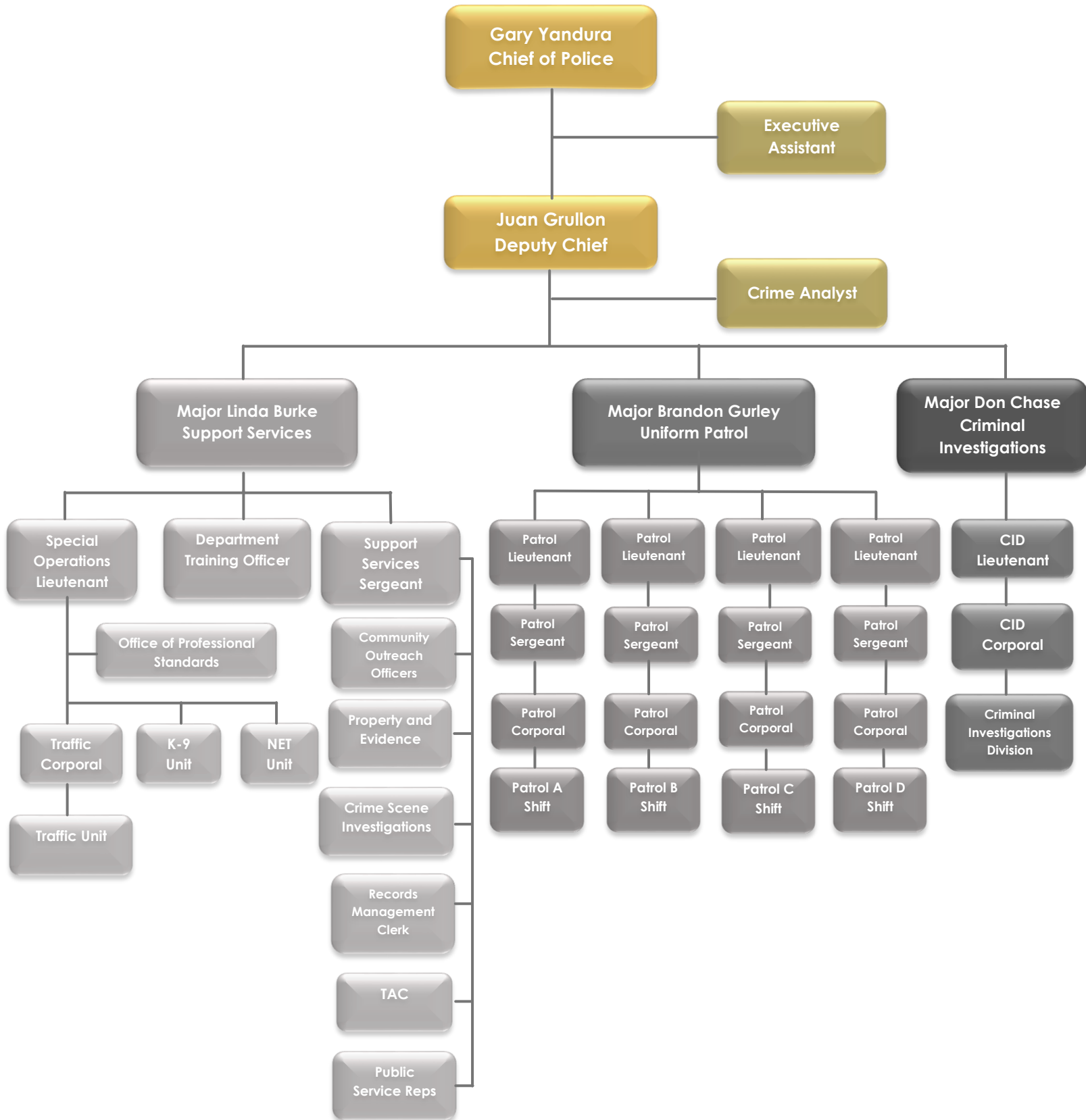
It is my honor to work with so many dedicated individuals – both sworn and civilian – who are deeply and passionately committed to working together to continue making the City of Brookhaven the safest city possible. From routine activities like foot patrols, traffic stops, and calls for service to unanticipated crises, the members of this department are always ready, willing, and able to respond.

With the ongoing support of our community, we will continue to help build safe and strong neighborhoods throughout the City of Brookhaven.

Sincerely,
Your Chief,
Gary Yandura



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the **Brookhaven Police Department** is to enhance the quality of life for those within our community by providing professional, high quality and effective police services in partnership with the community.



Throughout 2016, the men and women of the Brookhaven Police Department worked tirelessly to provide professional services to the citizens of Brookhaven. The following pages will provide a mere glimpse of the of the services and accomplishments provided by the dedicated members of your Brookhaven Police Department for 2016.



EXECUTIVE STAFF



Chief Gary Yandura was appointed Brookhaven Police Department's first chief in April 2013 following a national search. Chief Yandura launched the department, which began providing police services to the City of Brookhaven on July 31, 2013.

Chief Yandura previously served as Chief of Police in Hiram and College Park. Chief Yandura started his law enforcement career in Lake Forest, Ill., where he spent 24 years. He retired from Lake Forest as Deputy Chief.

During his law enforcement tenure, Chief Yandura has promoted open interaction and worked with numerous community groups, including Citizens Police Academies, Volunteers in Policing, National Night Out, Shop with a Cop and Neighborhood Watch.

Chief Yandura is a graduate of the FBI Academy and has recently worked with law enforcement in the Republic of Georgia and Israel. He has a Master's in Public Administration from Roosevelt University in Chicago and a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois.

He also is on the executive boards of Atlanta Metropol, DeKalb DFCS, Georgia International Law Enforcement Executive Exchange program (GILEE), and Georgia NAMI.

Deputy Chief Juan Grullon joined the Brookhaven Police Department in May 2013. Prior to joining Brookhaven, Deputy Chief Grullon worked for the East Point and Dunwoody Police Departments, where he served as a firearm, K-9 and training instructor. He has worked special operations, narcotics, criminal investigations, K-9 training and served as assistant SWAT commander.

Deputy Chief Grullon is a graduate of the Georgia Association Chiefs of Police Executive training, FBI National Academy, and the Drug Enforcement Administration's Leadership Commander Academy.



EXECUTIVE STAFF



Major Brandon Gurley joined the Brookhaven Police Department in April 2013. He had previously worked for the Paulding County Sheriff's Office and Sandy Springs Police Department. During his career, he has worked in the 9-1-1 center, detention center, patrol, investigations and more. Major Gurley also served as team leader for the Paulding County SWAT team and the Crisis Negotiations Team for both Paulding and Sandy Springs. He was afforded the opportunity to be a part of the startup and development of Brookhaven's first police department. Major Gurley has commanded both the Support Services Division and the Uniform Patrol Division for the Brookhaven Police Department. Major Gurley has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. He and his wife have two young children.

Major Linda Burke began working in law enforcement in 1983 at the Fulton County Police Department as a precinct secretary and worked her way up to crime scene investigator in 1990. In 1992, she began working for the College Park Police Department and rose through the ranks to Major. She commanded Support Services, Office of Professional Standards and Criminal Investigations. Major Burke joined the Brookhaven Police Department in June of 2013 and has served as Commander of Support Services and is currently Commander of Criminal Investigations and Internal Affairs. Major Burke has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Mercer University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University. Major Burke has two children, one is a graduate of the University of Georgia and one currently attends Kennesaw State University.



Major Donald Chase has over thirty years of law enforcement experience. He enjoys interacting with the community and remains committed to the enhancement of the quality of the department. Major Chase possesses a passion for training. He is dedicated to preparing officers with the best means to perform their jobs safely while providing a quality service to the public.



EXECUTIVE SUPPORT

Rossana Morales-Romero began her career in law enforcement administrative support in 2006 with the start-up of the Sandy Springs Police Department. She thoroughly enjoys the endeavor of starting a new company from the ground up as she has also assisted in the commencement of the Chatcomm 911 center as their Training Coordinator and then joined the City of Brookhaven in starting up the police department.

Rossana joined the Brookhaven Police Department in May 2013 as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police and currently facilitates administrative and financial duties for the department.

Rossana and her husband, who is a police officer for a local agency, have a beautiful, young daughter and reside in the metro Atlanta area.



Abby Lukas has been the Crime Analyst for the Brookhaven Police Department since October 2016. In this role, she provides analytical support to the department by evaluating crime trends and patterns.

She also works closely with the Criminal Investigations Division, assisting in the investigative and intelligence gathering process in active investigations.

She began her career in law enforcement in 2012 as a Police Cyber Specialist within the Cyber Unit at the Marietta Police Department.

Abby Lukas has a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and Bachelor's Degree in Information Systems from Kennesaw State University. She has attended Intelligence and Analysis training classes and is in the process of obtaining certification as a Crime and Intelligence Analyst.

CRIME STATISTICS

UCR Part I Offenses

To gain a measurement of crime trends, Georgia participates in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's **Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)** Program. The goal is to generate a set of criminal statistics for use in law enforcement administration, operation and management.

Crimes are classified as "Part I" or "Part II" offense categories. **Part I offenses include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny/theft.** The crimes in this group are all serious, either by their very nature or because of the frequency with which they occur, and present a common enforcement problem to police agencies. All other crimes are considered Part II offenses and are not reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2015

1440

Part I Offenses

+12.2%

from 2015

2016

1616

Part I Offenses

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

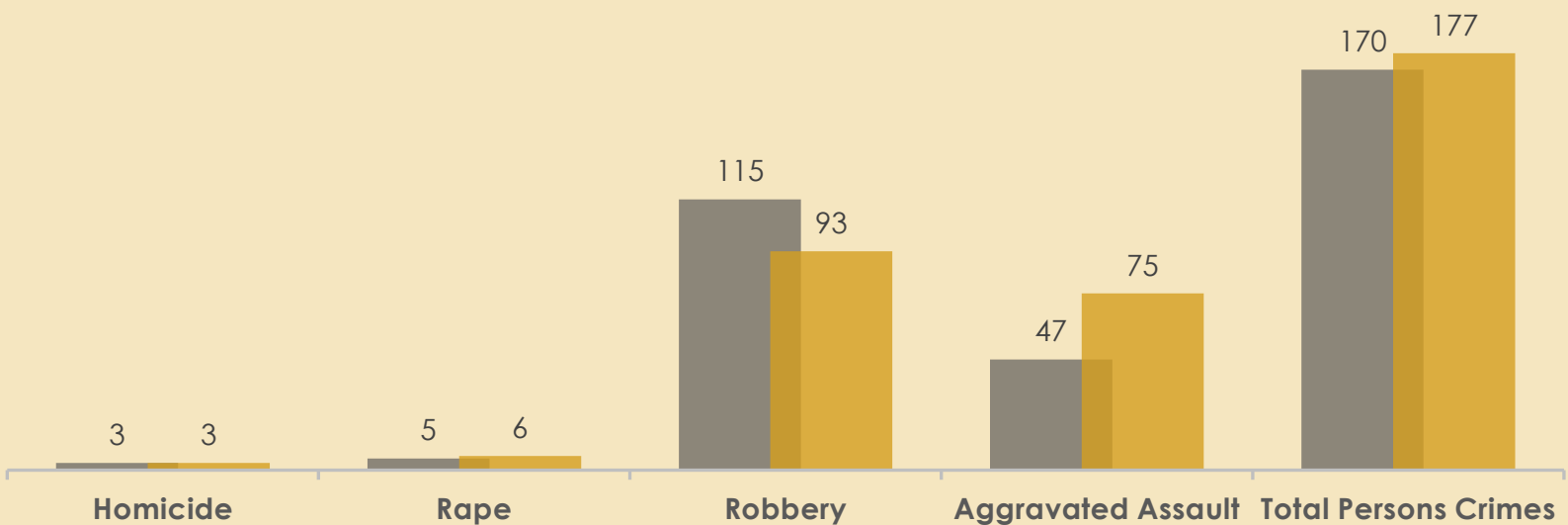
Crimes Against Persons include Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault. While these types of crimes typically represent the smaller percentage of Part I Offenses, they are generally more violent and severe in nature.

177
Crimes Against
Persons

+4.1%
from 2015

Crimes Against Persons

■ 2015 ■ 2016



CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

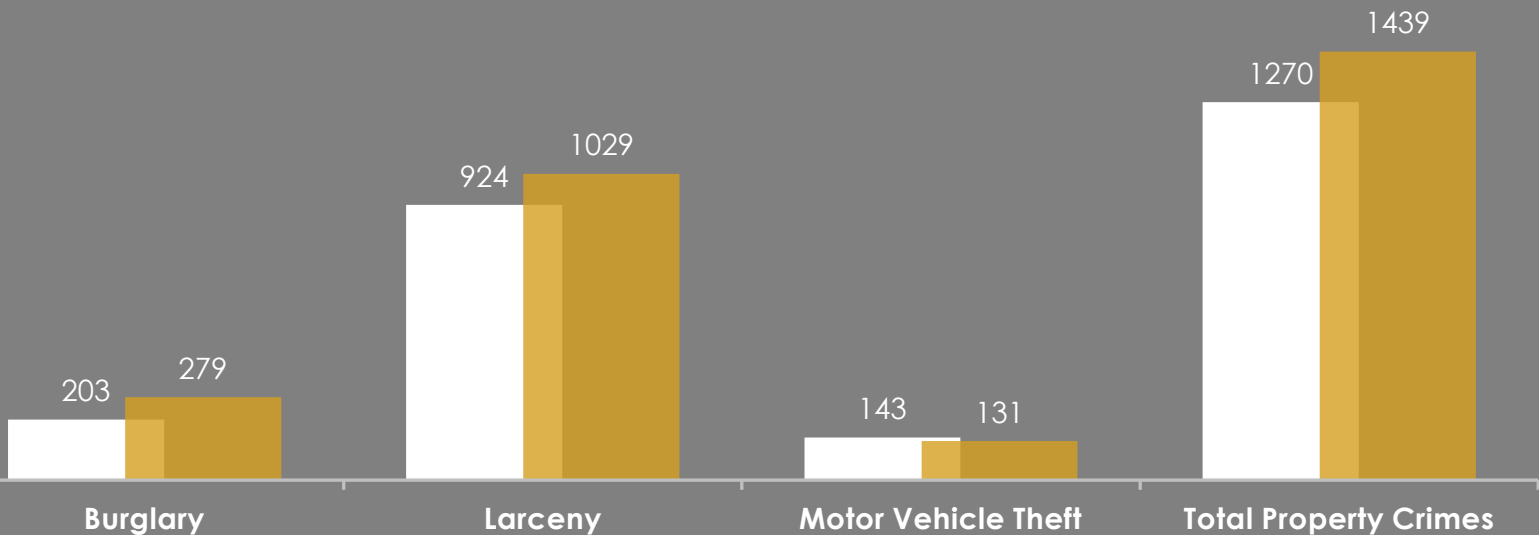
Crimes Against Property include Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft. These types of cases do not involve force or violence but generally represent the highest percentage of Part I Crimes.

1439
Crimes Against
Property

+13.3%
from 2015

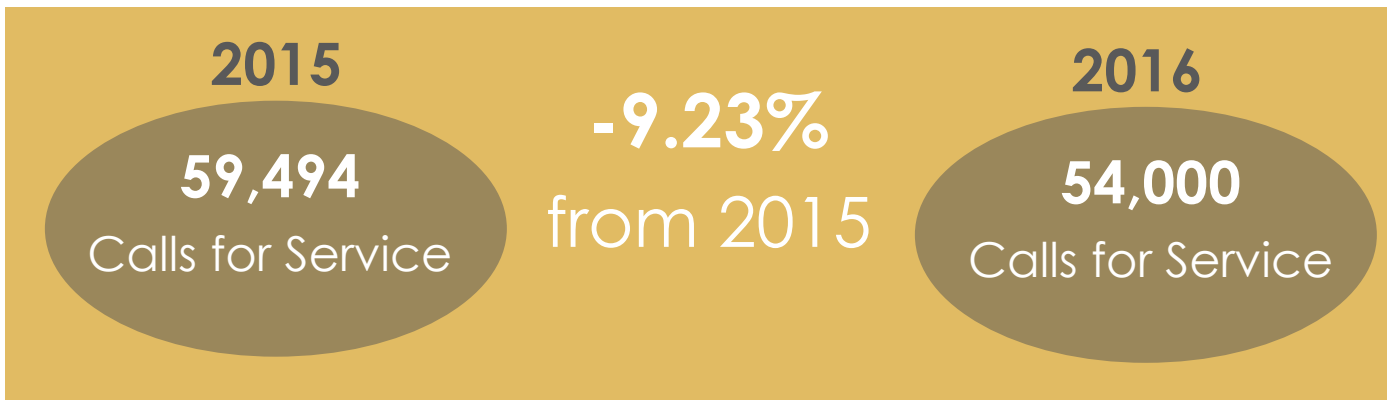
Crimes Against Property

■ 2015 ■ 2016

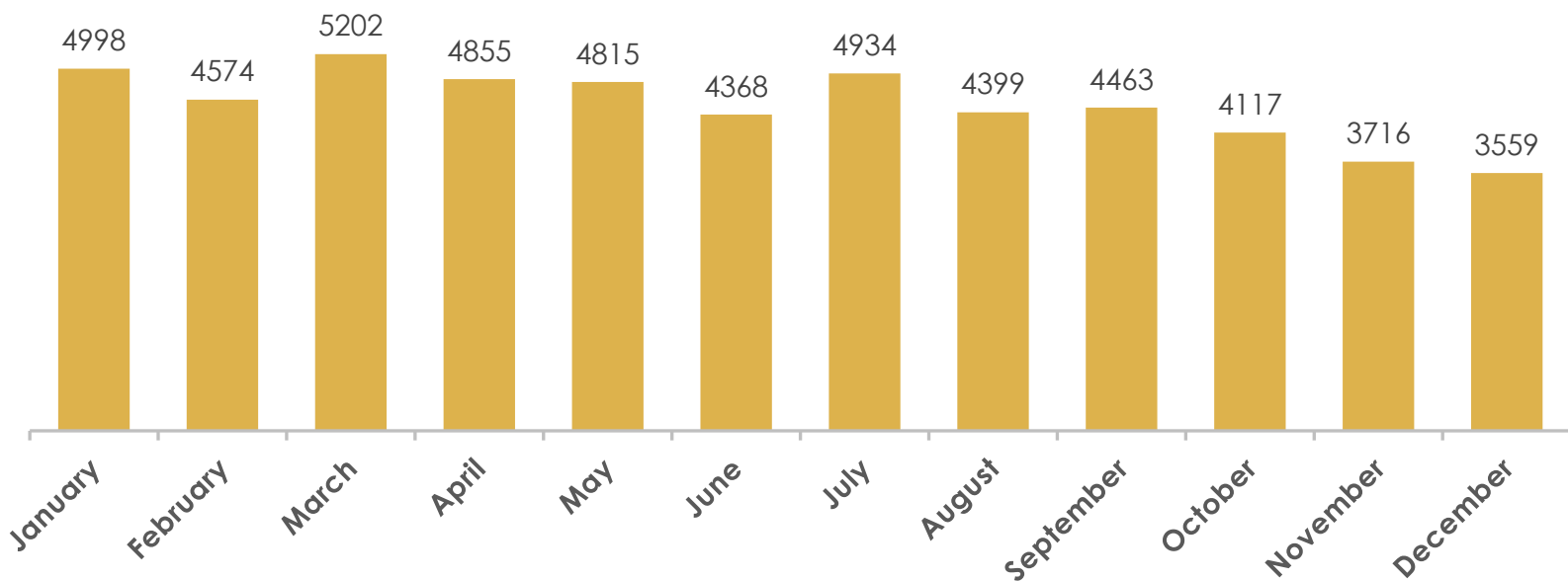


CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for service consist of any call in which the Brookhaven Police Department responds, regardless of whether an incident or accident report is generated. Many calls for service do not require the generation of any type report, such as assisting a stranded motorist or a false burglary alarm. While there are many calls that officers respond to on a daily basis, some calls are also self-initiated. Self-initiated calls are proactive patrols initiated by officers to deter and prevent crime such as, business checks, neighborhood checks, traffic stops, and special details.



2016 Calls For Service



ARRESTS & OFFICER ACTIVITY

Officer Activity is represented by the number of field interviews completed and accidents worked, as well as, incident reports, citations and warnings written by Brookhaven officers in 2015 and 2016. Field interviews decreased by 11.16%, accidents increased by 13.17%, incidents reported increased by 17.47%, citations written decreased by 31.12% and warnings written increased by 0.69%. Additionally, arrests made by Brookhaven officers increased by 3.79% between 2015 and 2016.

2015

2188
Arrests

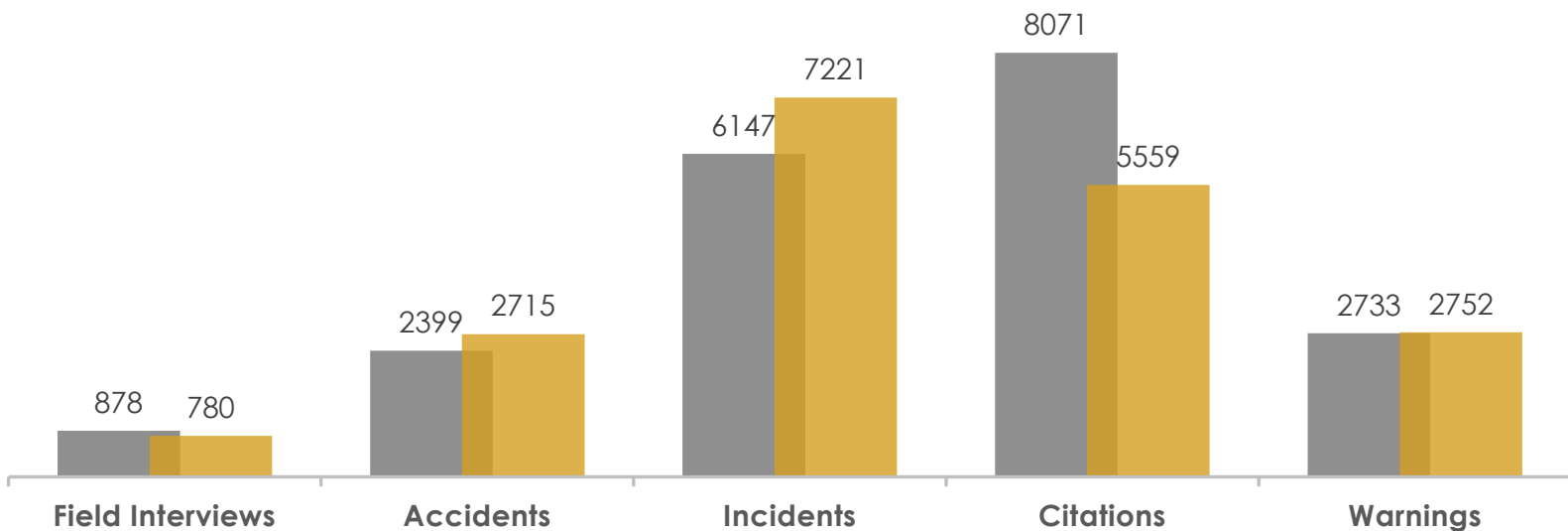
+3.79%
from 2015

2016

2271
Arrests

Officer Activity 2015 - 2016

■ 2015 ■ 2016



UNIFORM PATROL



The Uniform Patrol Division is the largest and most visible division within the department. This division is broken down into four separate shifts and each shift is supervised by a Lieutenant, Sergeant, and Corporal. The division commander holds the rank of Major.

Each day and each night, Brookhaven officers are deployed throughout the city, assigned to their specific beat or detail, to ensure safety of residents, businesses, and visitors of Brookhaven. Patrol officers are the department's first responders to calls for service and they are expected to be able to handle many diverse and difficult situations.

In addition to handling calls for service and writing reports, these officers also perform a multitude of other duties including, but not limited to, neighborhood patrols, preventative and saturation patrols in high crime locations, enforcing traffic laws, conducting accident investigations, directing traffic, conducting field interviews, conducting preliminary criminal investigations, comforting crime victims, looking for missing children and adults, obtaining information from residents about neighborhood problems and issues, handling incidents they observe, initiating action-based events occurring in their presence, and whenever necessary, arresting criminals.

LETTER FROM A BROOKHAVEN OFFICER

Dear Brookhaven Residents,

Perhaps the most recurring question I receive is: "What's it like?" At all ages, people seem to be fascinated by policework, and I don't blame them! I'll let you in on a secret: we all think this is the coolest job in the world, too! I thought I'd try to put the day-to-day feelings into words, and what follows is my best effort.

For most of us, the shift starts at either 6:15 am or 6:15 pm and runs at least twelve hours. Some days it goes longer, but never shorter. Some shifts start slow: vehicle inspections, fuel, maybe coffee; others start fast and hard, jumping from call to call. And, irrespective of the severity, once a call ends more are waiting. There are days I never touch the siren and days it seems like I use it for every single call. The only thing consistent in my shift is inconsistency.

The types of calls we answer are as varied as they are complex. In a single shift, I'll be called on to be an expert in criminal and civil law, a caregiver, and first responder. I may be tasked with doing CPR, using an AED, or administering Naloxone to save someone's life, just minutes before I'm called to the scene of a fender-bender. I'll be a counselor, mental health expert, tour guide, report writer, an advocate for the homeless, a friend to some and an enemy to others. There will be moments where I'll have to be an armed warrior and moments I'll just listen to someone vent. None of these tasks are necessarily more important than another and, although many fall well outside the idea of "policing," I'll try to remember that each person who calls 911 believes the crisis they face requires my intervention. So I'll go, and do my very best to help. That is, after all, why I took this job in the first place – to help.

It is worth noting that 2016 was among the most challenging years for police officers across the country. 64 police officers were shot and killed, 21 in ambush attacks. Five of those occurred in Dallas, Texas on July 7, 2016. I was one of thousands of police officers who attended all five funerals the following week, and to say it had a profound impact is an extraordinary understatement. But the impact was probably not the one you would expect. Sure, I felt a heightened sense of insecurity, fear even. It felt like my profession, my passion, my motivation, even my character were under attack. But walking the streets in Dallas that week, I could only walk a few steps at a time before someone stopped me to say thank you. I tried, unsuccessfully, to pay for every meal. Once, the customer behind me tried to buy my lunch, only to learn that the customer ahead of me already had.

I'm happy to report that feeling is echoed in Brookhaven. As hard as the last few years have been for police officers, they've been equally rewarding. The amount of support we receive from you – our residents – is staggering and inspiring. Without question, I have been more challenged, insulted, and disrespected in the last two years than my entire career combined. But, I have also been more praised and more sincerely thanked. It's the latter that stands out, and it is part of what makes our City so different. If you've ever wondered whether your comments, signs, treats, and support matter to us – please know: they do.

I suppose the best way to conclude is this: I will be here. Every time you call, we'll come. It's who I am, and it's what we do. I am proud to be a police officer, and prouder to be a police officer in the City of Brookhaven.

Sincerely,
Corporal David Snively


CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The **Criminal Investigations Division** is under the command of a Major and is supervised by a Lieutenant and Corporal who are responsible for assigning cases and overseeing daily operations. There are seven detectives assigned to the division who handle all criminal investigations within the city.

2,456 Cases
Assigned

76 Search
Warrants

142 Arrests

A photograph showing a police officer in a dark uniform with a vest that says "BROOKHAVEN POLICE K-9 UNIT" on the back. The officer is talking to a man in a striped shirt. Another man in a white shirt is standing nearby. They are outdoors, possibly at a crime scene, with a house and trees in the background.

The **Criminal Investigations Division** provides primary investigations for criminal cases reported by the public. The mission of the Criminal Investigations Division is to investigate, identify, target, arrest, and successfully prosecute individuals involved in criminal activity in a way that maintains the professional standards and expectations of a modern law enforcement organization. Types of cases investigated include Burglaries, Frauds, Robberies, Thefts, Sexual Assaults, Domestic Violence, Homicide, Human Trafficking and Child Abuse. In 2016, there were 2,456 cases assigned, 76 search warrants executed, and 142 arrests secured by our Criminal Investigations Division.

NOTABLE CASES IN 2016

Commercial Robbery

In March 2016, the Brookhaven Police Department responded to an armed robbery at Auto Zone. Detectives learned that two armed males entered the store and took money from the cash register and the victims cellphones. Detectives were able to track the suspects to an address in College Park and execute a search warrant. Further investigation revealed the male suspects were affiliated with multiple commercial robberies in Metro Atlanta. The suspects were also connected to an organized crime gang. One male offender was charged with two counts of Armed Robbery, Aggravated Assault, and False Imprisonment. Other offenders in the gang were also charged for robberies in other jurisdictions. This case will be prosecuted under the RICO Act.

Robbery/Aggravated Assault Against an Officer

In June 2016, an officer in the area was informed of a robbery that had just occurred at Newks Eatery. While checking the immediate area for the suspect, the officer unknowingly came in contact with the offender exiting an apartment complex. The offender fired a shot at the responding officer as he was driving away. The bullet struck the back-driver side window of the officer's patrol vehicle. The Criminal Investigations Division responded to the scene. After further investigation, the offender was identified and subsequently arrested. The offender was charged with Armed Robbery and two counts of Aggravated Assault.

Homicide

In August 2016, officers responded to a motel in reference to an unresponsive baby. The baby was transported to the hospital for treatment. It was discovered the baby had multiple injuries on her body that were identified as non-accidental injuries and the baby later died. The investigation later revealed probable cause that the baby's death was contributed to abuse inflicted on the child by the mother and mother's boyfriend. Both offenders were arrested and charged with Aggravated Battery, Cruelty to Children 1st Degree, and Murder.

Prostitution

In October 2016, the Brookhaven Police Department received information regarding an Asian brothel operating at an apartment complex in the city. The Criminal Investigations Division conducted an investigation and surveillance with the assistance of Homeland Security. Detectives arrested three Asian females and charged them with Prostitution and Keeping a Place of Prostitution.

Multiple Home Invasions

Between September and December 2016, the Brookhaven Police Department responded to multiple home invasions in the Buford Highway area. The male offender threatened victims with a handgun during the robberies and demanded money and jewelry. After further investigation, the Criminal Investigations Division arrested a male and charged him with multiple home invasions. The suspect was also later identified as being related to other home invasions and a homicide in the Atlanta area.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The **Support Services Division** is comprised of several different functional areas including the Public Service Representatives Office, Records Management, Terminal Agency Coordinator, Budget Management/Financial Support, Community Oriented Policing, Special Operations (N.E.T./K-9), Training, Traffic Unit, Fleet Management, Transport, and Court Security.



The **Mission of the Support Services Division** is to facilitate the operational support of the police department, foster the effective and efficient delivery of police services, and ensure that quality training and standards are maintained within the Brookhaven Police Department.

The **Support Services Division** is under the command of a Major who handles the departmental budgeting, purchasing, and expenditures. Support Services is managed by a Lieutenant who manages the N.E.T., K-9, and Traffic Unit, as well as a Sergeant who oversees the day-to-day operations and community policing activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Administrative support is made up of (4) Public Services Representatives (PSR), (1) Records Management Clerk, and (1) Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC).

Katie Campbell the departmental *Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC)*, is the person designated to serve as a liaison between the agency head and the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) for Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) network related matters. The TAC is responsible for the agency's compliance with Georgia Bureau of Investigations GCIC and Federal Bureau of Investigations NCIC rules and regulations. The TAC provides appropriate GCIC/NCIC related training for each agency employee. Additional responsibilities include monthly validations, processing of failure-to-appear & probation violation warrants received from Brookhaven Municipal Court, GCIC/NCIC entries and modifications, run criminal histories and complete fingerprint based background checks on employees/contractors/liquor license applicants.



Suzanne Rice has worked in law enforcement records for ten years with two other local police agencies prior to coming to Brookhaven in 2013. As the Records Management Clerk, she is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Police Department's Records Division, including managing the maintenance, retrieval, protection, retention, and destruction of all police records. She is tasked with the timely delivery and accessible service in response to all inquiries, requests and disseminates public information and provides professional management of all police records to include all open records requests. Suzanne is also responsible for reporting the department's crime statistics to the GBI for federal UCR. Suzanne is additionally responsible for the creation and maintenance of State Accreditation files.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS - N.E.T. & K-9

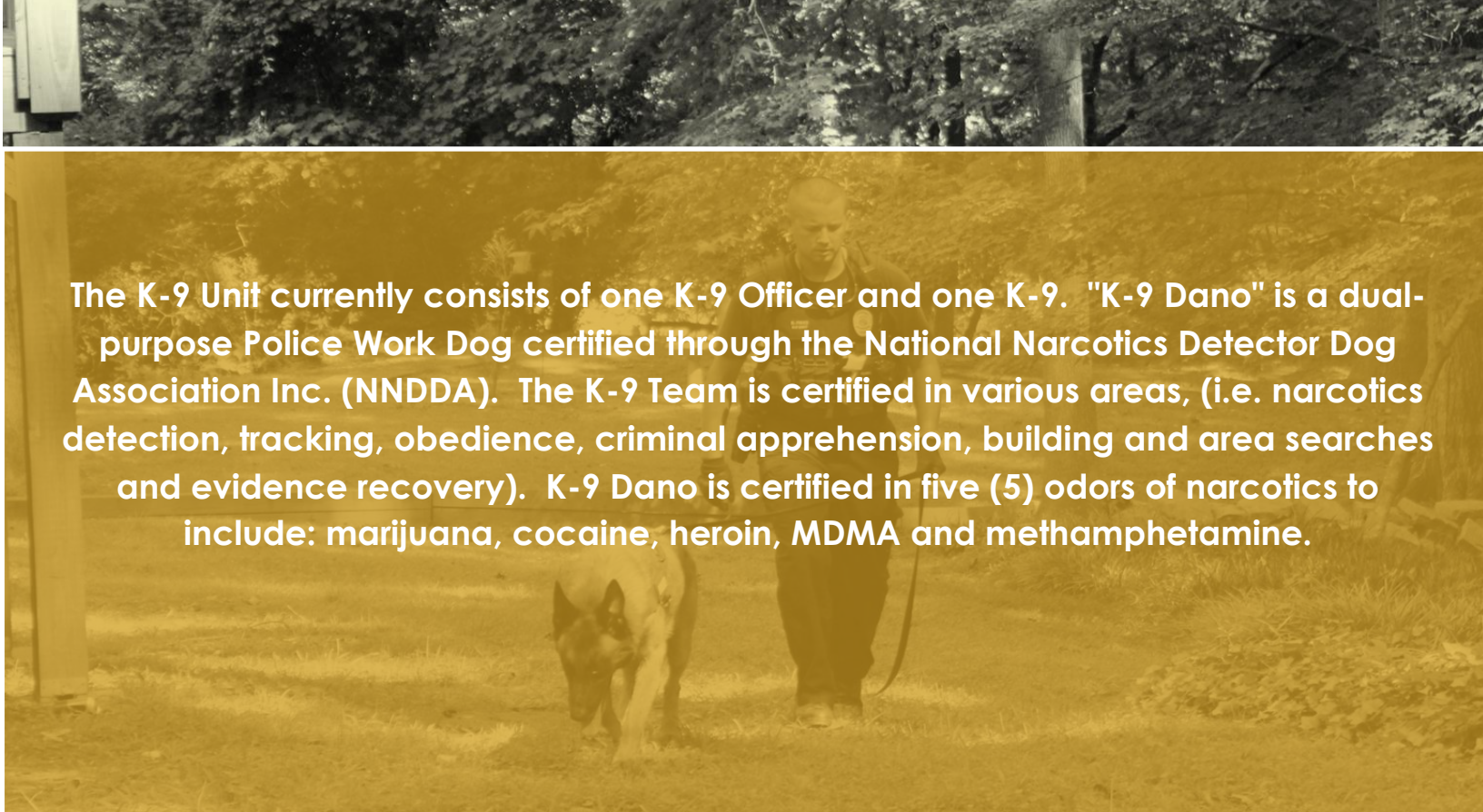
The Neighborhood Enforcement Team (N.E.T.) serves to support the Brookhaven Police Department's Uniform Patrol Division and Criminal Investigations Division by conducting crime suppression and street level narcotics investigations.

N.E.T. currently consists of a supervisor and two officers who work closely with investigators and the Crime Analyst; reviewing crime patterns and targeting problem areas. N.E.T.'s objective is to reduce crime and prevent property loss within identified areas of concern by developing strategies and implementing operations that will successfully resolve specific criminal activities, most often through arrest of offenders.


Additionally, one officer on the N.E.T team is attached to Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) as a Task Force Officer/Investigator.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS - N.E.T. & K-9



The K-9 Unit currently consists of one K-9 Officer and one K-9. "K-9 Dano" is a dual-purpose Police Work Dog certified through the National Narcotics Detector Dog Association Inc. (NNDDA). The K-9 Team is certified in various areas, (i.e. narcotics detection, tracking, obedience, criminal apprehension, building and area searches and evidence recovery). K-9 Dano is certified in five (5) odors of narcotics to include: marijuana, cocaine, heroin, MDMA and methamphetamine.



On October 1, 2016, a taxi driver was robbed and then shot and killed in Chamblee. The suspect fled on foot and Chamblee Police Department requested K-9 assistance in attempts of locating the suspect. The Brookhaven K-9 Unit responded and within 28 minutes of the call being dispatched, K-9 Dano had located and apprehended the suspect in the woods, approximately a half mile from the scene.

In 2016, N.E.T. & K-9 Had Below Arrests & Seizures:

137 Arrests

**\$11,902 in
Currency**

**Narcotics
Valued at
\$158,375**

SPECIAL OPERATIONS - TRAFFIC UNIT

The Brookhaven Police Department launched their **Traffic Safety Unit** in December 2016. The unit is supervised by a Corporal and consists of the grant-funded pedestrian safety officer and two traffic safety officers.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT

In October 2016, the Brookhaven Police Department received a \$64,000 grant from the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) aimed at improving pedestrian safety. The "**Brookhaven Police Pedestrian Safety Project: Encouraging Pedestrian Safety through Education and Enforcement**" grant awarded BPD funding for one full-time officer. The position functions both in an enforcement role, stopping both pedestrian and motor vehicle violators; and as an educator, giving safety presentations at schools and community events. Grant funding also allowed for the purchase of pedestrian safety items, including reflective belts and flashing lights, to be distributed to pedestrians and cyclists sharing Brookhaven's roadways.



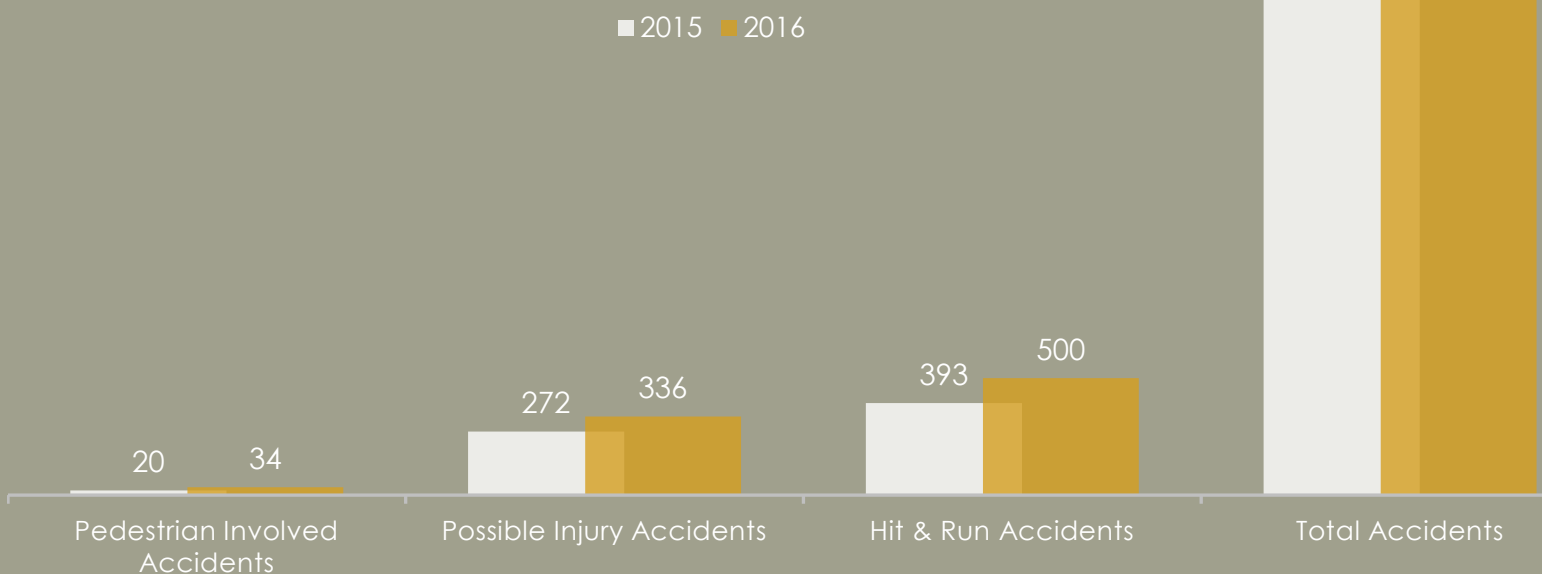
SPECIAL OPERATIONS - TRAFFIC UNIT

In addition to administering the Pedestrian Safety Grant requirements, the Traffic Safety Unit conducts directed patrols in response to citizen complaints; enforces traffic laws aimed at reducing crash-causing behaviors, including: DUI, Aggressive Driving, Occupant Protection, Speeding and Distracted Driving; and review statistical data and trends to reduce crashes city-wide.

Metro Atlanta Traffic Enforcement Network (MATEN)

The **Metro Atlanta Traffic Enforcement Network (MATEN)** is a partnership of Metro-Atlanta law enforcement agencies providing opportunities for training, collaboration, and information sharing. MATEN also provides access to additional resources during times of emergency. In 2015, The Brookhaven Police Department was recognized as the MATEN Agency of the Year. In 2016, BPD continued playing a tremendous role in the multi-jurisdictional collaboration by hosting a traffic enforcement training course and participating in every training and enforcement operation conducted that year.

Traffic Statistics



IN THE COMMUNITY

Perhaps more than ever before, community oriented policing is paramount to establishing a strong partnership between law enforcement agencies and the respective people they serve. Through this type of policing, law enforcement officers have the ability to improve the quality of life in their community by establishing interactive partnerships that transcend cultural and stereotypical barriers. As community engagement grows stronger over time, we hope to effectively identify the underlying causes of criminal behaviors and proactively prevent crime, while continuing to strengthen the relationship with the City of Brookhaven.

The Brookhaven Police Department understands the challenges in creating collaborative partnerships with our stakeholders. These relationships are imperative to develop practical solutions to attack crime trends in the City of Brookhaven. Our Community Policing Program allows us to identify and address immediate conditions that can escalate to public safety issues such as crime, fear of crime, and social disorder.



IN THE COMMUNITY

“**Operation Plugged In**” was launched in 2016 by the Brookhaven Police Department. It is a voluntary program allowing police to know where video surveillance cameras are located within the city. This program allows homeowners, neighborhoods, and business owners to register their private video security systems in efforts of providing police officers with more crime-solving tools. This partnership between the Police Department and the Brookhaven community provides a new tool to investigate criminal activity in a more timely, effective manner.



The **Neighborhood Watch Program** plays a key role in crime prevention.

The premise of the program is to teach citizens how to identify and report suspicious activities in their neighborhoods. This is also an opportunity to gather pertinent information from citizens that could help solve and deter crime.

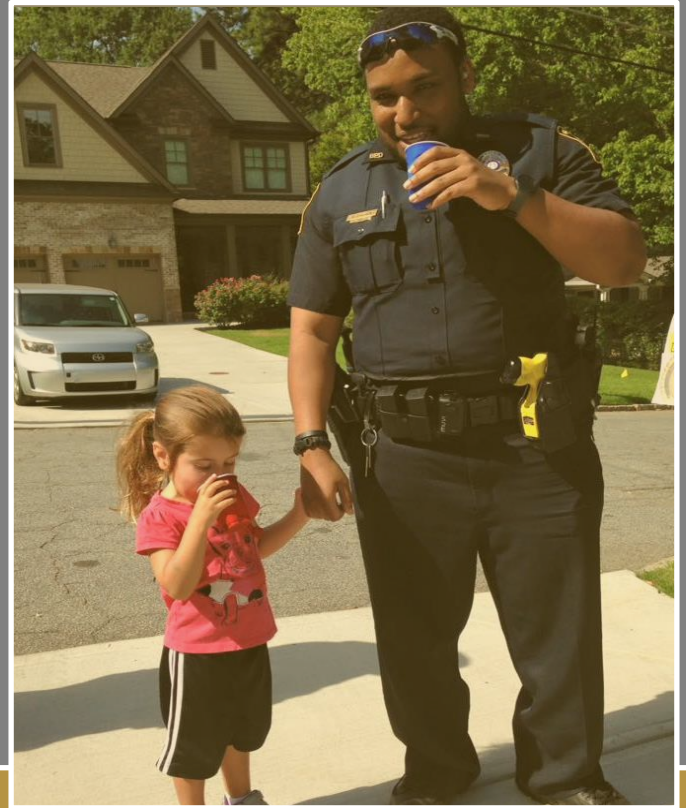
The Brookhaven Police Department supports the program by attending community meetings and disseminating safety tips using various means of communication that include social media, newsletters and safety articles. In addition, the department hosts Citizen Police Academy classes for those seeking a deeper understanding of the law enforcement realm.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Brookhaven Officers And Students Together (BOAST)

The goal of this program is to bridge the gap between our officers and students in our community. Our officers attend activities at local schools that foster an environment of mutual respect and collaboration to enhance academic achievement. The objective is to create a first line of defense against disorder and crime by establishing a relationship of trust with the youth in the community. In addition to teaching students values and discipline, they are provided awareness on crime prevention techniques to help reduce the likelihood of being victimized.



Coffee with a Cop

Every month, the Brookhaven Police Department meets with the citizens to discuss their respective concerns over a hot cup of coffee. These events are held at various locations to include coffee shops, grocery stores, hotels, and the police precinct. This is a great opportunity for our citizens to interact with the command staff and officers from other divisions. This program is very essential to maintain community engagement and reiterate our commitment to protecting and serving the City of Brookhaven.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Shop with a Badge

Perhaps, the most gratifying community endeavor that we organize in the community is the “Shop with a Badge” program. The purpose of this program is to uplift the spirits of the kids in our community by assisting with their Christmas needs. This year, there were 64 kids from 50 families selected by members of the Boys and Girls Club. Families with 1-2 kids received a \$200 allowance and an extra \$100 were awarded to families with 3 kids. Santa Clause was none other than our Brookhaven Police Chief, Gary Yandura. Children were escorted around the store by police personnel from Brookhaven Police Department, DeKalb Sheriff’s Office, Georgia State Patrol and ChatComm 9-1-1.



Hot-Pursuit 5K Run

The Hot-Pursuit 5K was developed to promote fundraising for the “Shop with a Badge” program. Since its inception in 2014, this event has been successful in attracting a variety of participants and sponsors throughout the area. In alignment with years past, the contributions and efforts made during the 2016 event to aid our “Shop with a Badge” program were significant and appreciated. The unwavering support by the community has allowed us to provide monetary assistance to families in need during the Christmas season.



IN THE COMMUNITY



National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

The mission of NAMI Georgia is to empower affiliates to create communities where all affected by mental illnesses find hope, help, and acceptance through Support, Education & Advocacy.

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a collaboration of professionals committed to assisting persons with behavioral health disorders (mental illnesses, developmental disabilities, Alzheimer's disease and addictive disease).

NAMIWalks 2016

The Brookhaven Police Department is proud to be a part of the Georgia CIT NAMI program, with our own Chief Gary Yandura on the Board of Directors. In 2016, Brookhaven PD, alongside other law enforcement agencies from the state, participated in the NAMIWalks 2016 event which was held on October 8th at Grant Park. The funds raised from this event benefit NAMI and are applied to education programs, support groups and mental health training.



IN THE COMMUNITY

National Night Out

The 2016 National Night Out was a multi-jurisdictional effort. Officers from Brookhaven, Dunwoody, Sandy Springs, Johns Creek, and MARTA joined residents to celebrate police-community partnerships. National Night Out strengthens the relationship between officers and citizens in a true sense of community. Our community members participated in crime prevention activities and ate some delicious food that officers prepared.

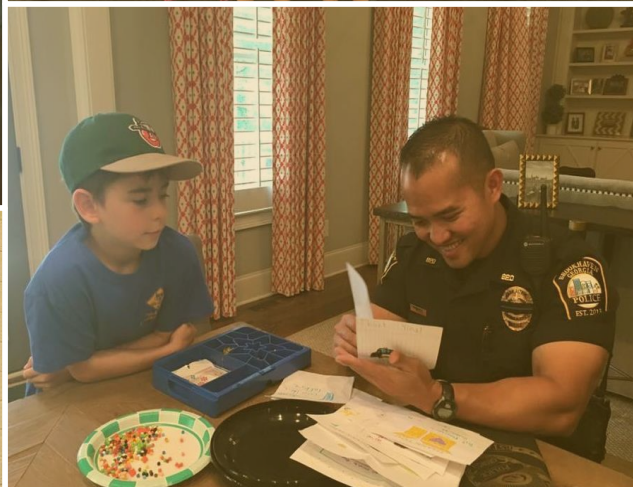


Fill-A-Cop Car Food Drive

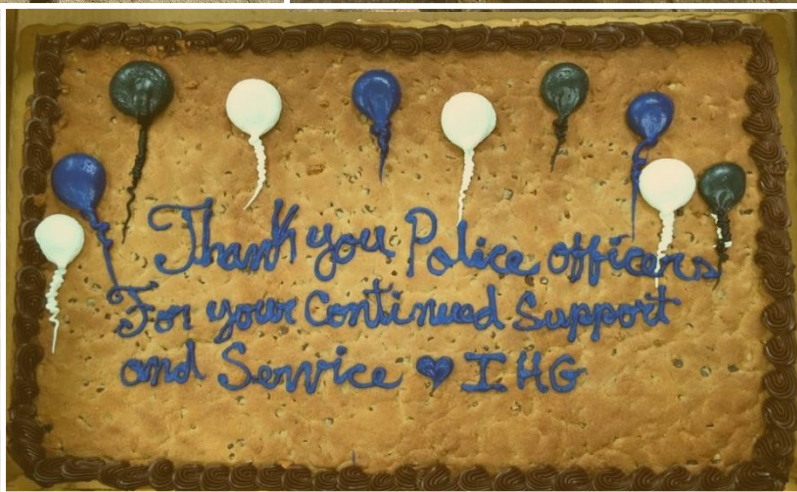
In November 2016, The Brookhaven Police Department hosted its 2nd **Fill-A-Cop-Car** food drive. Officers were stationed at two participating Kroger stores within the Brookhaven city limits.

In just a few hours, our citizens graciously donated over a thousand pounds of non-perishable grocery products, which were taken to the Atlanta Community Food Bank. A special thank you to our citizens for their generosity and support in this endeavor!

IN THE COMMUNITY



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TRAINING

Georgia Peace Officer's Standards and Training Council requires that every law enforcement officer receive a minimum of 20 hours of training per year to maintain their arrest powers. Recognizing the importance of professional, well trained officers, Brookhaven requires 40 hours of training annually, doubling the state mandate. Law enforcement is a dynamic profession and is constantly changing due to new laws and numerous judicial interpretations by courts in Georgia and around the country. Brookhaven realizes the importance of remaining vigilant and continuing to train officers so they are equipped to face the many challenges that they encounter daily.

In 2016, Brookhaven officers received 99 total combined hours of firearms training, 102 hours of use of force training, and 8,492 total combined training hours to include defensive tactics, in-service training, and roll call training.



COMMUNITY TRAINING

CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS (C.R.A.S.E.)

The Brookhaven Police Department hosted several C.R.A.S.E. training seminars in conjunction with the Brookhaven Christian Church and Oglethorpe University in order to educate the public on how to respond during active shooter events. During 2016, approximately 200 citizens and employees within the Brookhaven community were trained on how to most effectively handle these types of situations.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY (CPA)

The Brookhaven Citizens Police Academy is designed to educate the public on the management and operations of a police department. The program allows for further understanding of how a police department and its divisions are structurally organized.

In 2016, the City of Brookhaven Police Department hosted two Citizens Police Academy (CPA) classes. The CPA has become an important tool in strengthening the relationship between our police and the community we serve by creating a unique opportunity for our citizens to see inside the world of a law enforcement officer. Between the two classes in 2016, the Brookhaven Police Department trained twenty-nine citizens on topics including patrol, investigations, crime scene, domestic violence, use of force, and judgmental use of deadly force.



COMMUNITY TRAINING

HISPANIC CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

On May 19, 2016, the Brookhaven Police Department launched its inaugural Hispanic Citizens Police Academy. The program attracted a total of 18 participants from different nationalities in Brookhaven. Throughout 10 weeks, the participants were exposed to different topics related to law enforcement. The students were given the opportunity to learn about the department's various divisions, detectives, dispatchers, and their respective functions. All students that graduated the program are now ambassadors within the community and serve as regular volunteers for city sponsored events.



A Letter from a Student:

“El curso no pretende que Ustedes se conviertan en policía, sino que trabajen hombro con hombro en su comunidad y de esta manera facilitar la labor de nuestros oficiales”

This course does not train you to become a police officer; rather, it teaches you to work shoulder to shoulder with your community and in this manner, facilitate the job of our police officers.

“Cuando terminen el curso, tendrán la oportunidad de hacer un recorrido real con un oficial y podrán vivir la experiencia de ser oficial por un día y comprobar en carne propia la labor de nuestros oficiales y verán que de ahora en adelante apreciarán el servicio que dan estos hombres y mujeres arriesgando día a día su vida por nosotros”

After finishing the CPA course, you will have an opportunity to do a ride along with an officer and experience being an officer for a day. You will personally see the labor of our officers and from now on you will appreciate the service that these men and women provide; risking their lives daily for us.

CRIME SCENE / PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

The Brookhaven Police Department has a full-time **Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Unit**. The unit is staffed by two full-time, state-certified Crime Scene Investigators with almost 30 years of combined experience in law enforcement investigations. The CSI Unit is on call 365 days a year to respond to significant crimes where evidence preservation, collection and documentation is their primary function.

This unit is attached to the Criminal Investigations Division and works side by side with detectives. The CSI Unit also has the ability to process evidence in the on-site evidence lab located within the Brookhaven Police Department.



Aggravated Battery and Burglary

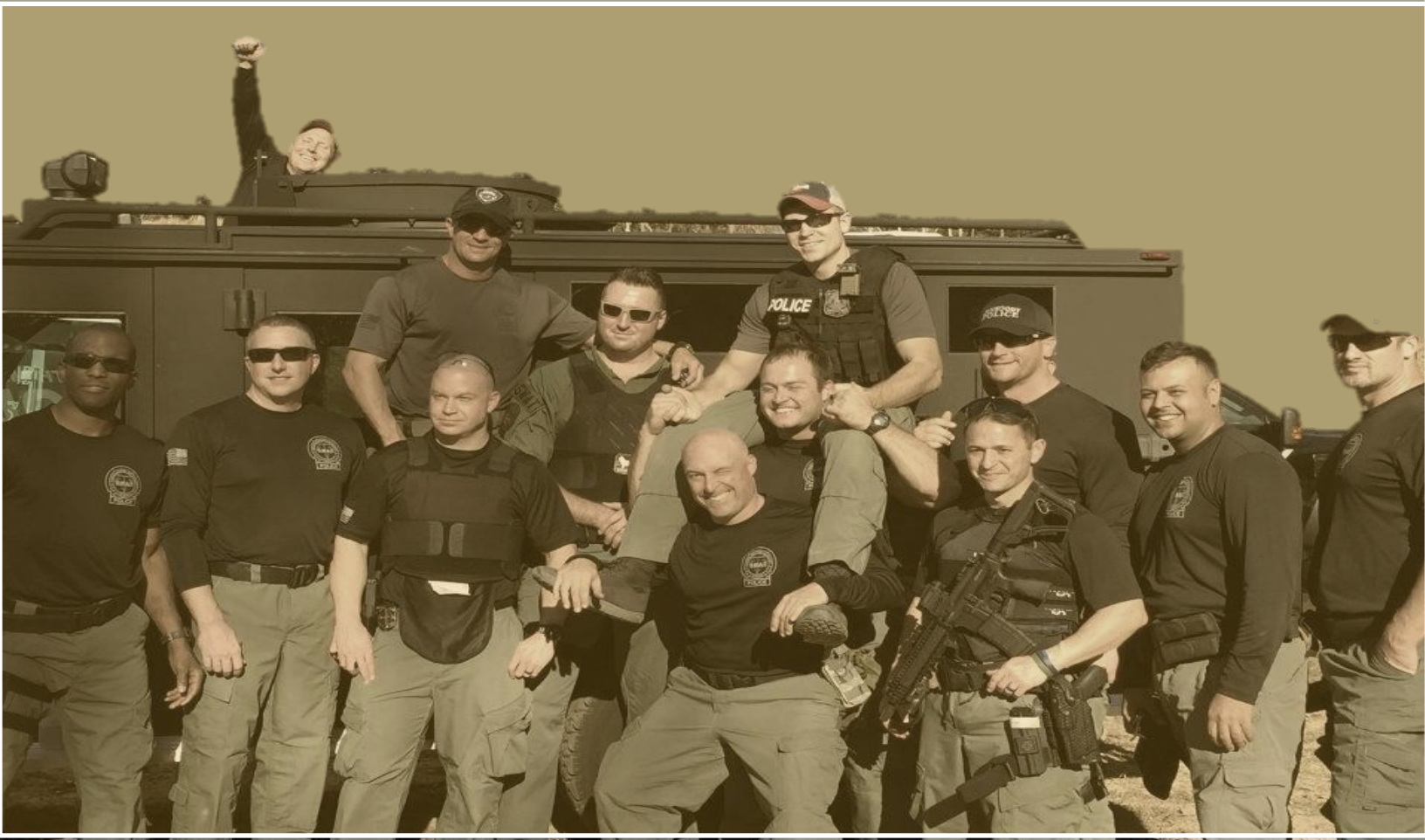
On August 03, 2016, officers responded to a report of a person shot on Clairmont Way. The first responding officer on scene located the victim in his driveway, bleeding profusely from gunshots to his arm, upper shoulder, and neck. The officer applied a department-issued tourniquet to stop the bleeding; doctors later reported this action likely saved the victim's life. The Crime Scene Investigator that processed the crime scene was able to recover two fingerprints. **One of these prints ultimately led to the positive identification of the offender.** The detective investigating the case determined it was linked to a serial burglar operating in Atlanta, College Park, Decatur, and unincorporated Fulton and Clayton Counties. The offender was arrested on September 08, and is awaiting trial on multiple charges from all five jurisdictions.

NORTH METRO S.W.A.T.

The Brookhaven Police Department has five officers assigned to the **North Metro SWAT Team** (founded in 2009) on an on-call status. This special weapons and tactics unit consists of over 40 officers and combines personnel and resources from the Brookhaven, Sandy Springs, Johns Creek and Dunwoody Police Departments. **In 2016, the North Metro SWAT unit responded to five calls for service. One call involved barricaded persons and four calls were high-risk with warrants served.**

With the combined strength of four cities, the North Metro SWAT unit allows for swift and complete response to tactical situations as well as high-risk warrant response to over 280,000 of our citizens. The North Metro SWAT unit also includes tactical paramedics along with a Crisis Negotiation Team and Logistics Team comprised of officers from each of the four agencies.

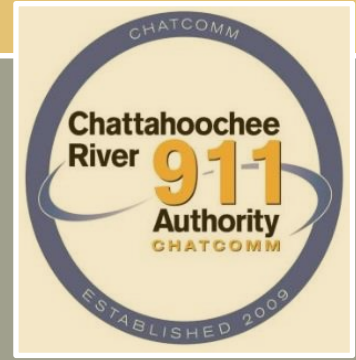
Equipped with specialized firearms and equipment, the North Metro SWAT unit is able to respond to the following types of incidents: hostage rescues, counter-terrorism operations, service of high-risk arrest and search warrants, barricaded suspects, engagement of heavily armed criminals, and dignitary protection.



EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The City of Brookhaven uses Chattahoochee River 9-1-1 Authority, otherwise known as **ChatComm**, to provide 911 Communications.

ChatComm, is an accredited, state-of-the-art E911 center providing exceptional service and proven performance standards to the cities of Sandy Springs, Dunwoody, Johns Creek and Brookhaven. By joining the ChatComm team, our department inherited added technology including automatic vehicle location devices and silent dispatch capabilities, which has enhanced our overall responsiveness to the community.



In 2016 ChatComm introduced CAD to CAD transfer of medical and fire calls to DeKalb County dispatch. This has greatly decreased the overall response times for these types of calls.

ChatComm is one of the first centers in the metro area to accept TEXT to 911. If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled, or are in a dangerous situation, you can TEXT 911. **Remember: call when you can, text if you can't.**



LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION CERTIFICATION

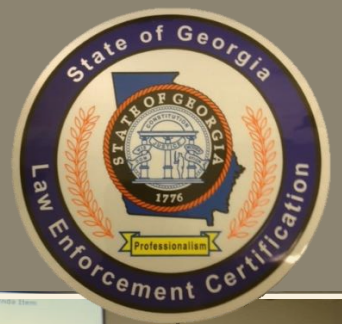
The Brookhaven Police Department successfully achieved its **Accreditation Certification** on April 18, 2016 by meeting the criteria set forth by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. Certification status represents a significant professional achievement. Certification acknowledges the implementation of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.

What is Accreditation Certification?

Certification is a progressive and time-proven way of helping law enforcement agencies calculate and improve their overall performances. The foundation of certification lies in the promulgation of standards containing a clear statement of professional objectives. Participating agencies conduct a thorough self-analysis to determine how existing operations can be adapted to meet these objectives. When the procedures are in place, a team of trained assessors verifies that applicable standards have been successfully implemented. The process culminates with a decision by a joint executive committee that the agency has met the requirements for certification.

Benefits of Accreditation Certification:

- Confirmation that agency practices are consistent with progressive professional standards
- Greater operational and administrative effectiveness
- Enhanced understanding of agency policies and practices
- Greater public confidence in the agency
- Recognition in the field of outstanding achievement
- Reduced liability potential



STAFF RECOGNITION

MATEN Officer of the Year

Lieutenant Frank Lewis was named the Metro Atlanta Traffic Enforcement Agency (MATEN) Officer of the Year for his tremendous support and contributions to the program. MATEN is a partnership of Metro-Atlanta law enforcement agencies providing opportunities for training, collaboration, and information sharing. This network also gives access to additional resources during times of emergency.

MADD Golden Shield Award

The Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Golden Shield Awards recognize Georgia law enforcement officers for excellence in DUI enforcement and education. In 2016, two Brookhaven officers received the award: Sergeant Jacob Kissel received the "Bronze" award for 46 DUI arrests and Corporal Celeste Rausch received the "Bronze" award for 32 DUI arrests.

Positive Policing Award

In May 2016, Corporal David Snively was recognized at the ASIS International Security Association's Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Snively was honored with the "Positive Policing" Award for his efforts initiating the Brookhaven Police Explorers Program. The premise of the Explorers Program is to allow youth in the community the opportunity to explore careers in law enforcement while preparing them as future community and law enforcement leaders.

Snively started his law enforcement career as an explorer in 2003 and initiated the program for Brookhaven Police Department in 2015.



Heroic Effort to Save a Woman's Life

On April 14, 2016, Officer Lois Strong was off duty and headed home after a long shift when she approached an accident on I-85 southbound near the downtown connector. A motorist had been struck by a tractor trailer, which resulted in the vehicle bursting into flames. Officer Strong, along with another motorist jumped into action and pulled the driver from the burning vehicle. Seconds later the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames. Officer Lois Strong was recognized in June 2016 during the METROPOL meeting for saving the life of a crash victim.



BROOKHAVEN AWARDS

“SAFEST CITY IN DEKALB”

In January 2016, Brookhaven was recognized as being the “Safest City in DeKalb County” by SafeWise. SafeWise (a home security company) analyzed FBI violent and property crime data from 2014 to determine the safest cities in Georgia. Conclusions of the study ranked Brookhaven as the safest city in DeKalb County and number twenty-nine in the state of Georgia.

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS (PSN) GRANT

In October 2016, the Brookhaven Police Department was awarded the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant from the US Department of Justice. This \$500,000 grant was awarded in competition with larger jurisdictions to include the New York City Police Department and the Los Angeles Police Department. This grant created the PSN Taskforce. This taskforce is headed by Brookhaven Police and is comprised of investigators and analysts from the Brookhaven Police Department, Chamblee Police Department, and the DeKalb County Police Department Gang Unit. The PSN Taskforce focuses on fighting gang activities in DeKalb County. This unit uses advanced analytical technology and investigative prowess to locate and prosecute gang members that prey on communities in DeKalb. The PSN Taskforce works closely with the US Attorney's Office and the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office to ensure the gang members charged with a crime are prosecuted.

To date the PSN Taskforce has worked to solve several crimes to include a gang murder in Chamblee, apprehension of a wanted fugitive that assaulted a police officer with a car, and the arrest of wanted felon gang members.



POLICE EXPLORERS

BROOKHAVEN POLICE EXPLORERS

The Brookhaven Police Explorers had an eventful year full of accomplishments in 2016. Established in March 2015, the Police Explorer program gives young men and women aged 14-21 an opportunity to experience policing as a career option. The youth train one night each week in topics including: response to domestic violence, traffic enforcement, criminal law and procedure, and crime scene investigations. The post also attends scenario-based competition and training events at the local and state levels.

In 2016, the Explorers attended the annual Winterfest Competition in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Competing against more than 100 teams from 76 agencies in 17 states, Brookhaven Police Explorers placed **First** in the Active Shooter scenario and **Second** in Tactical Warrant Service. Just four weeks later the post competed in Cobb County, Georgia where they placed second in Domestic Dispute, second in Warrant Service, and third in Physical Fitness. The Explorers also competed in the Metro Atlanta Championship for Explorers (MACE), Law Enforcement Explorer Association of Georgia State-Wide competition, and attended two leadership academies. **BPD Explorers ranked in the top ten in every event they entered during calendar year 2016!** In addition to their training and competitions, the Explorers participated in community outreach events including the Brookhaven Bolt and Light Up Brookhaven events. At the end of 2016, two participants of the program joined the military: one joined the Navy and another the Marine Corps.



CONNECT WITH US

The Brookhaven Police Department understands the importance of effective communication with the public. When conducting time-sensitive investigations, it may be critical to seek assistance from the community in locating dangerous criminals or obtaining further information. Using various social media platforms, the Brookhaven Police Department can quickly communicate pertinent information to the public, as well as, educate the public, disseminate safety tips, and engage one another to foster a sense of community. We have thousands of followers on Facebook (7300), NextDoor (11,400), and Twitter (2500).

Since the control of crime and other community issues should be a joint effort between the police and the citizens of Brookhaven, we encourage all members of the community to get connected with our department and to get involved in your neighborhoods.

In any emergency situation, or if you believe you may be witnessing a crime in progress, dial 911 immediately.



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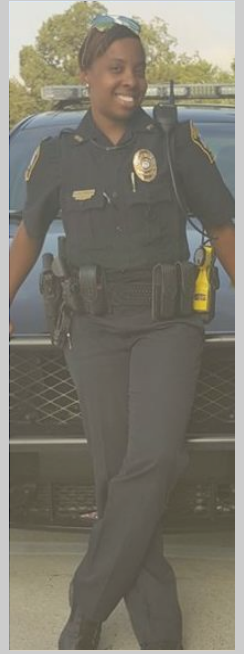
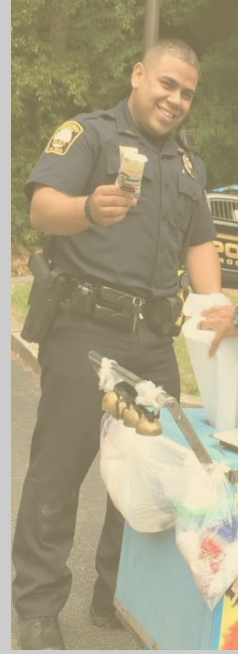
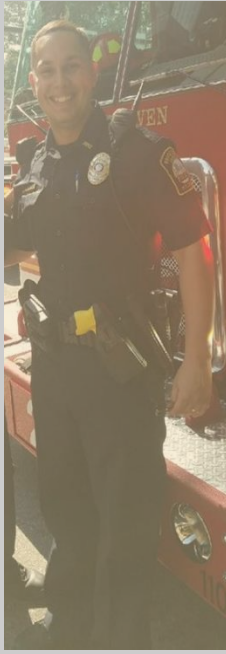
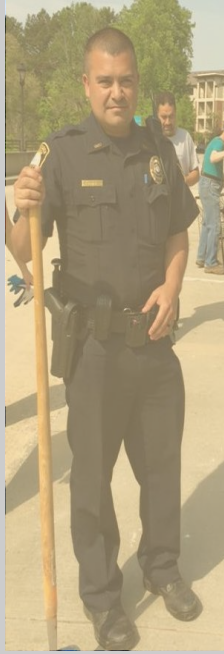
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THANK YOU, BROOKHAVEN, FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!



Dear Citizens of Brookhaven,

On behalf of the proud men and women of the Brookhaven Police Department, I would like to thank our community members for their relentless support since the inception of the city. Our officers are overwhelmingly grateful for your acts of kindness and generosity.

Our commitment and dedication to protecting and serving this community remain unparalleled. As we strive to make our community safer, we would like you to continue to take a unified stance against crime through our police-citizen partnership. Our officers understand the impact of fostering positive relationships with community members.

Respectfully, Officer W. Piquant

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