

BROOKHAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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Message From Chief

On behalf of the Brookhaven Police officers and staff, I would like to thank you for reviewing our 2022 Annual Report. The City of Brookhaven is an evolving city of over 55,000 residents. Brookhaven welcomes the community to many annual events and festivals such as the Cherry Blossom Festival, Light Up Brookhaven, and more. I am honored to serve the residents of Brookhaven as their Chief of Police and work alongside the very best sworn and civilian staff members that this profession has to offer.

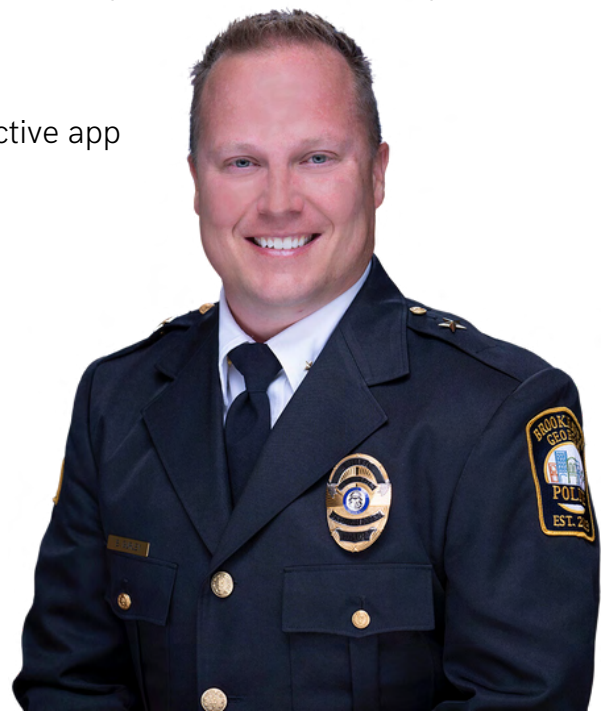
The Brookhaven Police Department strives to maintain the highest levels of professionalism and efficiency in our mission to serve and protect everyone who lives or visits Brookhaven. We are a State Certified police agency, one of only a few law enforcement agencies in Georgia that have been certified as being in compliance with solid and complete policies that cover all areas of police operations and meet more than 130 standards. In 2022, the Brookhaven Police Department responded to 75,999 calls for service, so compliance with this certification provides us the tools to handle each one to the highest standard. Additionally, we continue to implement recommendations made by the Brookhaven Social Justice Race and Equity Commission and solicit ongoing feedback from our community to see how you feel about your Brookhaven Police Department.

We are honored to work alongside our community to engage in proactive problem-solving strategies to address crime and social issues that impact our City. This annual report is representative of our commitment to transparency, and I hope that you find the report informative and actionable in your day-to-day lives as we partner together to prevent crime and keep Brookhaven a safe and enjoyable community.

Please follow us on social media and download our interactive app using this QR code.



Brandon Gurley
Chief of Police



Thank You Chief Emeritus

Chief Emeritus Gary Yandura,

On behalf of the Brookhaven Police Department, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your exceptional leadership during your tenure as our Chief. Your dedication, innovative ideas, and community mindset have been an inspiration to all of us and have helped shape the department into what it is today.

Over the course of your 10 years of service, you have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of our community. Your vision and leadership have been instrumental in the establishment of an elite police department in Brookhaven, GA that is recognized as a model for other law enforcement agencies.

Your contributions have not only been felt within our department but have also made a significant impact on the community we serve. You have fostered an environment of collaboration, transparency, and accountability that has strengthened our relationship with the community and enhanced public trust in law enforcement.

As you embark on the next chapter of your life, we want you to know that your legacy will continue to inspire us as we carry on the important work of serving and protecting the people of Brookhaven. Your dedication to our department and community has been exceptional, and we are grateful for your hard work and leadership.

Once again, thank you for your years of service and the contributions you have made to the department and the community. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Brookhaven Police Department



Public Safety Building

Update - Expected to open in 2023

The future Public Safety Building is the City's biggest capital project to date and the first building construction, scheduled to open later in 2023 along the Peachtree Creek Greenway (PCG). The new building will be 33,000 square feet with room for 168 parking stations in the parking lot.

The City's first fully functional Emergency Operations Center will be housed in the building along with a full-building generator. The building will also feature a number of environmentally sustainable features, such as the largest public building geothermal system in the state of Georgia.

Brookhaven Police Officers, Support Staff, and Municipal Court personnel have all provided input for the project.

The building will also house a beautiful community room with a wall of windows overlooking the greenway that will be available for gatherings and community events.





Brookhaven City Leadership



**John
Ernst**

City Mayor



**Linley
Jones**

Mayor Pro Temp
District 1



**John
Park**

District 2



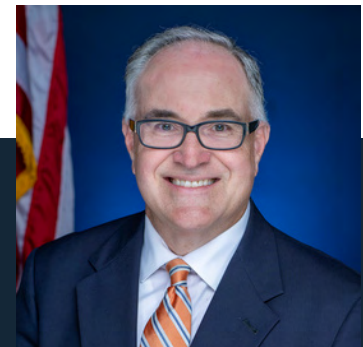
**Madeleine
Simmons**

District 3



**John
Funny**

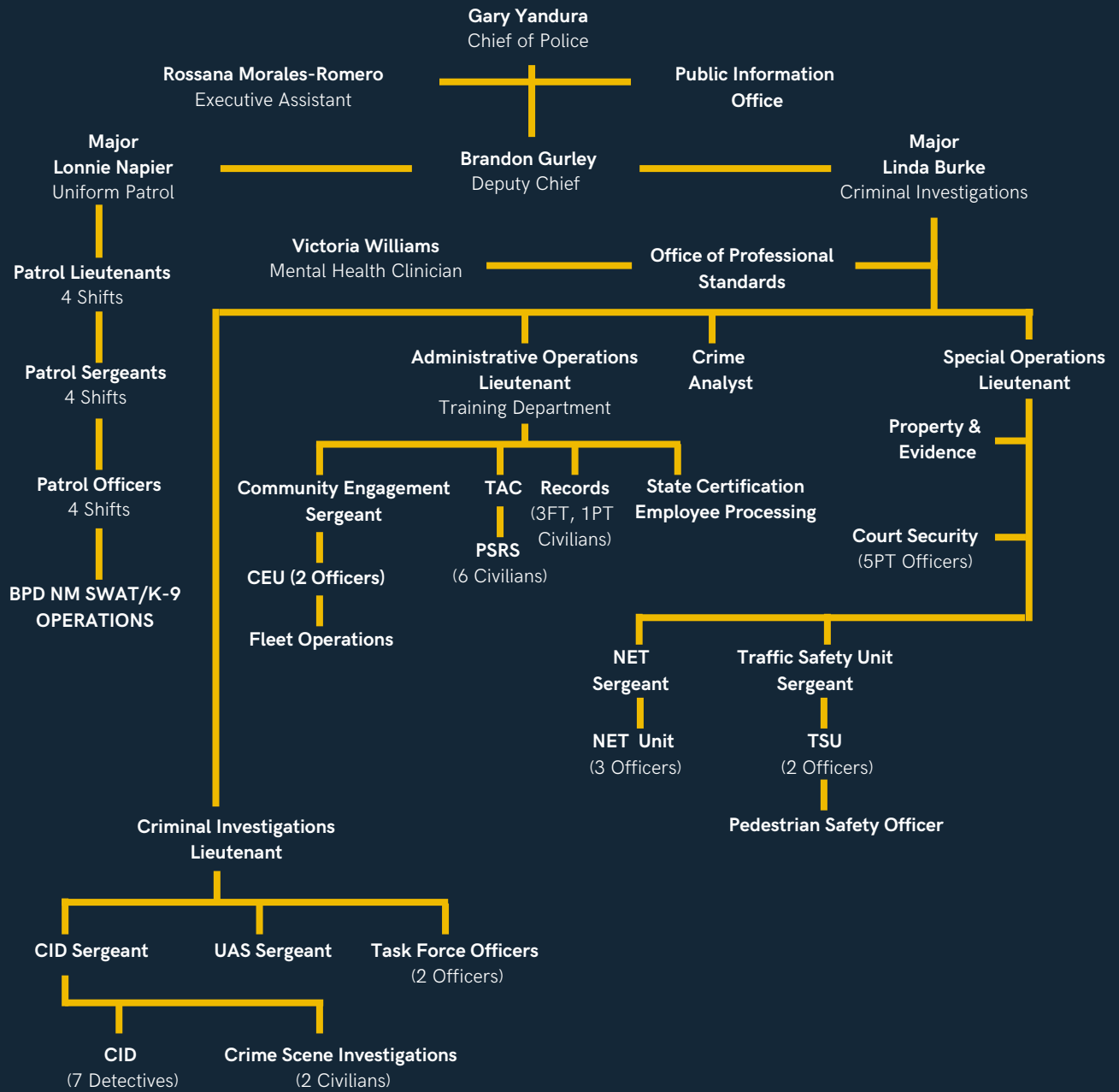
District 4



**Christian
Sigman**

City Manager

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.

B R O O K H A V E N



Department Goals

- Protection of Life and Property
- Prevention, Detection and Investigation of Criminal Activity
- Apprehension of Offenders
- Maintenance of Public Order
- Recovery of Property
- Training of Officers
- Compliance with Ethical Standards
- Traffic Control
- Community Service
- Agency Administration
- Agency Evaluation

B R O O K H A V E N



Executive Staff



**Chief Emeritus
Gary Yandura**

Chief Emeritus Gary Yandura was appointed Brookhaven Police Department's first chief in April 2013 following a national search. Yandura launched the department, which began providing police services to the City of Brookhaven on July 31, 2013. Yandura previously served as chief of police in Hiram and College Park. During his tenure in College Park, he managed 160 officers and a \$12 million annual budget. He is credited with reducing crime by 30 percent during his first four years as College Park's chief. On Sept. 30, 2022, Yandura assumed the role of Chief Emeritus upon the swearing-in of Brandon Gurley as the City's new police chief. Yandura plans to retire in January 2023 after nearly 10 years of service with Brookhaven Police. 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, 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. Yandura is a graduate of the FBI Academy and certified by the Georgia Police Officers Standards and Training Council. He has a Master's in Public Administration from Roosevelt University in Chicago and a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois. He also has served on a number of boards with the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and International Chiefs of Police Association, as well as the Georgia State Senate Subcommittee regarding Child Exploitation. Yandura and his wife, Lynne, live in Brookhaven. Yandura has two grown children.

Executive Staff



Chief Brandon Gurley

Chief Brandon Gurley joined the Brookhaven Police Department in April 2013 just 10 days after the hiring of the city's first Police Chief. He was afforded the opportunity to be the city's first hire, after the Chief of Police, to be a part of the startup and development of the City of Brookhaven's police department. Once the department took over police services from neighboring DeKalb County, Chief Gurley commanded the day shift patrol units before taking command of the Support Services Division. In January 2016, he took over command of the Patrol Division and its 44 members to include four lieutenants, four sergeants, and four corporals. He was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police in March 2019, and to Chief of Police in September 2022 upon the retirement of Chief Yandura. Chief Gurley began his law enforcement career in 1999 with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office before joining the Sandy Springs

Police Department in 2012. During his law enforcement career, Chief Gurley has worked in or with the 911 center, detention center, patrol, criminal investigations, community engagement, and media relations. He also served as team leader for the Paulding County SWAT team and the Crisis Negotiations Team for both Paulding and Sandy Springs. Chief Gurley has received numerous commendations and awards including the Life Saving Award, Medal of Valor, Medal of Merit, Deputy of the Year, and the Chief's Coin of Excellence. Finally, Chief Gurley has a Master of Interdisciplinary Studies in Criminal Justice Administration through Georgia State University, a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice, and an Associate's Degree in Liberal Studies. He represents the Police Department on many professional boards and organizations with a focus to encourage and maintain an environment where business can flourish, and residents can live in safety. As an enterprise leader, he is deeply committed to working with City leadership and community leaders in all its diversity. He and his wife have two teenage children.



Executive Staff



Major Linda Burke

Major Linda Burke is currently the commander of the Criminal Investigation Division. Major Burke joined the Brookhaven Police Department in June 2013. Prior to joining Brookhaven, Burke worked for the College Park Police Department for 21 years, including positions in patrol, criminal investigations, records, professional standards, and support services. She worked her way up from officer to major, where she oversaw the criminal investigations, professional standards and support services including records, property, jail operations and 911 center. She also served as a field training officer to mentor rookie officers. Burke also worked for the Fulton County Police Department as a Crime Scene Technician. Burke obtained her Master's Degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University through the Command College program and has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Mercer University. Burke has two adult children.

Major Lonnie Napier

Major Lonnie Napier commands the department's Uniform Patrol Division. Major Napier joined the Brookhaven Police Department in July 2013. Since joining the Brookhaven Police Department as a patrol officer, Major Napier was later reassigned to the Criminal Investigations Division as a detective before being promoted to corporal. Major Napier then worked as a supervisor in the Criminal Investigations Division until he was promoted to Sergeant and reassigned to the patrol division. In 2016, Major Napier was promoted to Lieutenant and since earning that position, he has worked as a Patrol Commander and as a unit manager in the Support Services Division. Prior to joining the Brookhaven Police Department, Major Napier worked for the College Park Police Department, Fulton County Sheriff's Office, and the Morris Brown College Police Department. Throughout his 22-year career, Major Napier has served in several different capacities. Prior to being promoted to the rank of Sergeant, Major Napier worked as a first line officer in courts, investigations, detention, and patrol. Although he enjoys all aspects of law enforcement, he considers his assignments as a detective and field training officer to be the most rewarding. Major Napier earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of West Georgia, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Troy University, and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and Public Safety Leadership from Mercer University.



Executive Staff



Rossana Morales-Romero Executive Assistant

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. In December 2021, Rossana was recognized and awarded the Brookhaven Police "Civilian of the Year" award for her dedication and service. 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.

Public Information Office

The Public Information Office is entrusted with the task of managing media relations, encompassing the creation and dissemination of press releases, conducting on-air/on-camera interviews, and engaging in social media postings. These efforts are aimed at promptly sharing information with the community. This report highlights the accomplishments of the Public Information Office in facilitating the timely release of information to the public.







Crime Statistics



Anna Sanders

Crime and Intelligence Analyst

Anna grew up in South Georgia and was homeschooled. She had a passion for policing from a young age and graduated early to attend college. Anna graduated Cum Laude from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor's of Arts in Psychology and a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice. Anna began her career as a sworn officer in Athens-Clarke County, where she worked for four years before joining the Brookhaven Department. She's now the department's crime analyst and provides assistance to patrol and CID.

2022 REPRESENTS TWO FULL YEARS OF NIBRS DATA FOR BPD

To gain a measurement of crime trends, Brookhaven Police participates in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. As part of a national transition required by the FBI in 2019, BPD converted from the Summary Reporting System (SRS) to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS uses incident-based reporting to identify all elements within an incident, whereas SRS records only a synopsis of the event. This new detail includes information on the type and frequency of offenses, arrest data, and relationships between involved parties. The NIBRS method of reporting is intended to provide a more comprehensive representation of crime trends and patterns by requiring local, state, and federal departments to report crimes in a more robust and uniform manner.

2022 COMMUNITY CRIME MAP

The Community Crime Map allows community members to interact with crime reports in various ways, including: sorting by incident type, police beat, and neighborhood boundaries among others. Users can also view crime density "heat" maps and assess crime patterns and trends.

The map updates twice daily based upon police incident reports and includes every crime report except family violence incidents. Addresses are partially redacted, showing only the block number, to protect the privacy of crime victims.

Crime Statistics

NIBRS Type A offenses, the following categories were pulled for 2022 to closely represent "Crimes Against Persons": Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault and "Crimes Against Property": Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft.

MURDER

5

BURGLARY

156

RAPE

29

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

119

MOTOR AND VEHICLE THEFT

134

ROBBERY

54

LARCENY

1,051



Calls for Service

Calls for service consist of any call to which the Brookhaven Police Department responds regardless of whether a report is generated. Calls for service can result in many types of reports, including accident or incident reports. Calls may also be officer-initiated in response to a citizen "flag-down" or proactive patrols initiated by officers to deter and prevent crime. 2022 witnessed a 9.5% decrease in Calls for service as compared to 2021.

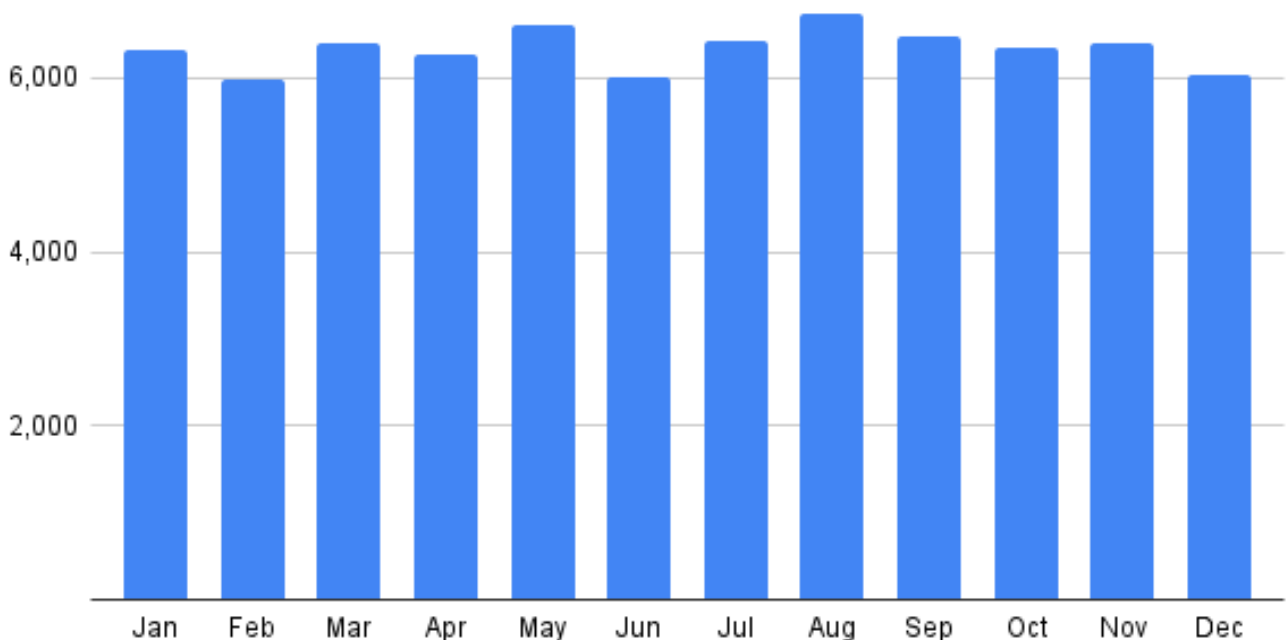


2021 CALLS FOR SERVICE



2022 CALLS FOR SERVICE

2022 CALLS FOR SERVICE



Officer Activity

Officer Activity is represented by a number of incident reports, citations, and warnings written, as well as field interviews completed, arrests made, and accidents investigated. In 2022 we witnessed a 5.7% increase in total arrests as compared to 2021.

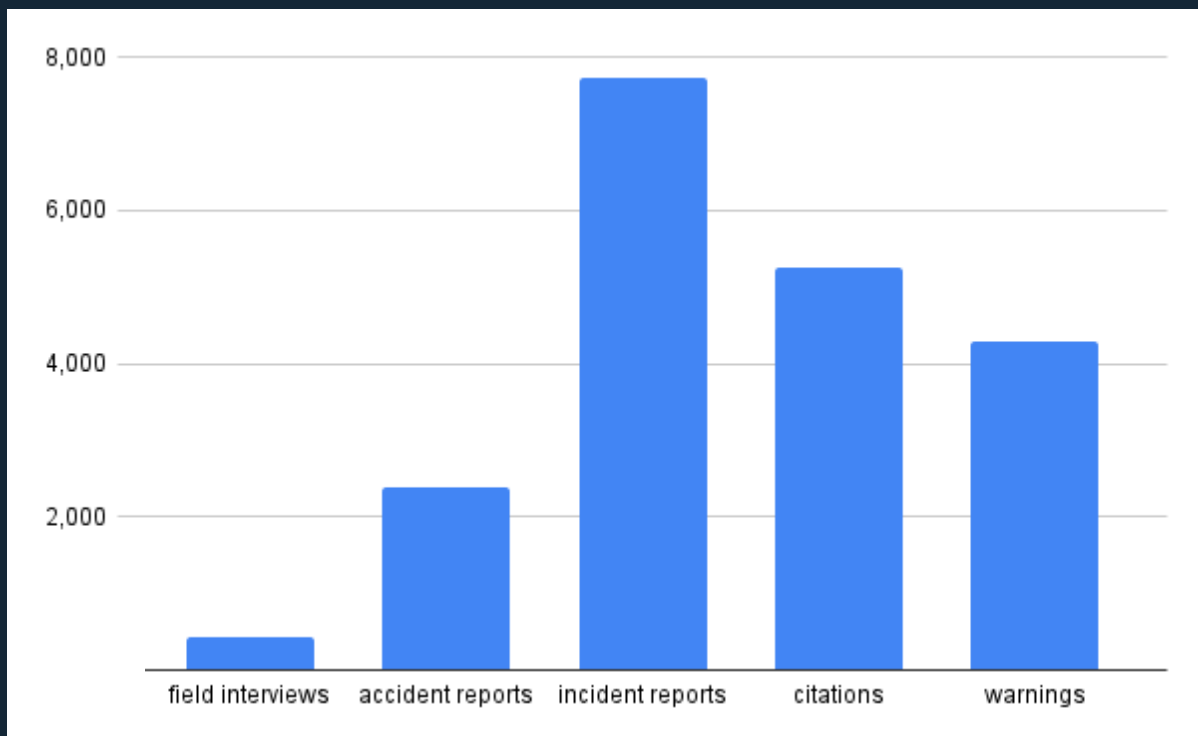


2021 ARRESTS



2022 ARRESTS

2022 OFFICER ACTIVITY





UNIFORM





PATROL



Uniform Patrol

WHO WE ARE

The **Uniform Patrol Division** is the largest and most visible division within the department. Uniform patrol officers handle all calls for service and write related reports. In addition to these responsibilities, Brookhaven Officers perform a variety of other duties.

WHAT WE DO

Additional responsibilities include, but are not limited to: neighborhood patrols, preventative and saturated patrols in high crime locations, enforcing traffic laws, conducting accident investigations, directing traffic, conducting field interviews and preliminary criminal investigations, comforting crime victims, looking for missing children and adults, obtaining information from residents about neighborhood problems and issues, and, when necessary, arresting criminals.

STRUCTURE

The Uniform Patrol Division is broken down into four separate shifts, each supervised by a Lieutenant and two Sergeants. The Division Commander holds the rank of Major. The K-9 Unit is part of the Uniform Patrol Division and reports to the day shift lieutenants.



Uniform Patrol Highlights

Brookhaven police officers responded to a report of an assault at Marquis Terrace apartments on December 16th, 2022. A man was standing outside when three white men approached him, with one of the offenders being armed with a gun. They stole his phone, keys, wallet, and sneakers before fleeing. The victim sustained visible injuries but refused medical assistance. With the help of the Brookhaven drones and Criminal Investigations unit, officers spotted three men matching the suspects' descriptions, near an area high school. One was apprehended, while another fled and was later captured. Finally, officers found some of the stolen items and weapons behind the apartment. Good work by the officers who assisted in apprehending the suspects and recovering stolen items.

Chamblee PD informed Brookhaven units to watch out for a black Toyota Corolla, which was involved in a drive-by shooting. Brookhaven units spotted the suspect vehicle and trailed it to a parking lot. They apprehended two suspects inside a hair salon, and Chamblee PD took custody of them and the car.

Officers were dispatched to the location provided regarding an accident. The caller reported firing at the other vehicle involved. Upon arrival, the caller was detained by the officers while the other intoxicated driver drove down Bragg Street. The driver was stopped nearby and taken into custody. The caller reported shooting at the other vehicle's tire as it collided with his vehicle in the road rage incident. Both males were arrested and transported without incident to DeKalb County Jail for reckless conduct and DUI, respectively. Fortunately, there were no reported injuries by either of the involved parties.

Live911



The Brookhaven Police Department began live-streaming 911 emergency calls directly to officers in the field. In late October 2022, Brookhaven Police became the first agency in Georgia to allow officers to hear the caller's voice in real-time and immediately identify the caller's location without delay. These capabilities have never been available before. Currently, there are only 78 agencies nationwide with this capability.

Live911 closes the 911 time gap between police, call-takers and first responders by allowing officers to immediately hear incoming 911 emergency calls in their geographical area. Live911 enables officers to obtain more information for a better response plan.





K-9 Unit

The Brookhaven Police Department K-9 Program consists of 4 K-9's assigned to 4 sworn law enforcement officers. The K-9's have been trained to locate narcotics as well as complete tasks that assist the patrol techniques of the human counterpart. These canines are considered "dual purpose".

52,641

**Kilograms of
Narcotics
Seized**

39

**Arrests
Made**

\$1,262,560

**Currency
Seized**

119

**Patrol
Deployments**

57

**Narcotic
Deployments**

55

**Assisted
Other
Agencies**

K-9 Unit Notables



K-9 Max and Officer Roberts

Brookhaven officers were trying to arrest a man who was driving a stolen vehicle on December 5th, 2022, at 7:00 PM. The driver intentionally hit a police car and a civilian vehicle while trying to escape. Even though officers chased the car briefly, the driver eventually crashed and fled on foot. Officers accompanied by K-9 Max searched the woods and successfully arrested the driver after he was pushed towards the units. The driver, who had a criminal record, was later charged with several felonies, including theft of a motor vehicle and aggravated assault.

K-9 Lord and Officer Nuttall

In March 2022, Homeland Security completed a narcotics investigation in the city of Brookhaven, with a team composed of local officers, K-9 Lord, and Officer Nuttall. During the investigation, K-9 Lord detected narcotics during a free-air sniff of an apartment's exterior. This led to the confiscation of 93 pounds of methamphetamine and 3.5 pounds of heroin. The estimated street value of these drugs is around \$4.3 million if they had made it to their intended destination.



K-9 Bane and Officer Fikes

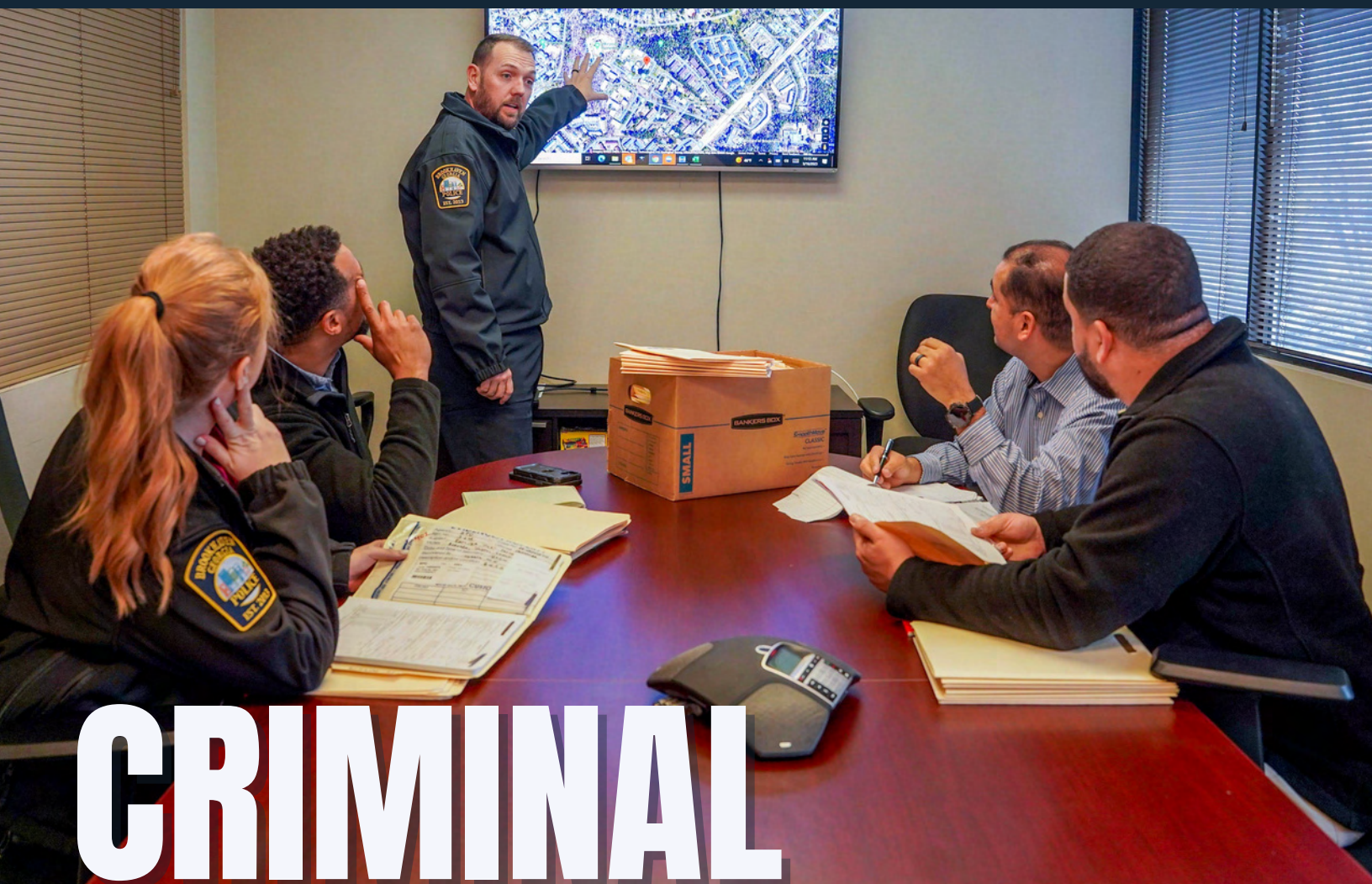
Officer Fikes joined the FBI in an ongoing investigation on October 14th, 2022. The FBI had been tracking a murder suspect for two days in the metro Atlanta area. Officer Fikes, with K-9 Bane, received confirmation that the suspect was in Brookhaven. The suspect fled the scene, but Officer Fikes finally disabled the suspect's vehicle with a P.I.T. maneuver. K-9 Bane quickly apprehended the suspect, leading to his arrest. During the arrest, it was revealed that the suspect had intended to shoot at police until he saw K-9 Bane. Officer Fikes deserves credit and admiration for the successful arrest of the suspect and for ensuring the safety of the community.



K-9 Koda and Lieutenant Ritch

In January 2022, Lt. Ritch and K-9 Koda were asked by the DEA to help in an ongoing narcotics investigation in the metro Atlanta area. K-9 Koda completed a free air sniff on several packages, and alerted to the presence of narcotics in one of them. After obtaining a search warrant, \$130,000 was found inside the identified package. An investigation into a national drug ring that used carrier services to move drugs and money was then launched.





CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS



Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is responsible for determining follow-up investigative needs for all criminal incidents, and those cases needing special attention or long-term investigation.

The CID supervisory team reviews incident reports daily and applies a formal case screening process to all crimes to ensure that investigative resources are assigned to those cases which can most benefit from additional investigative effort. Screening is based on research and experiences within the agency and case solvability factors.

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is under the command of a Major and is supervised by a Lieutenant and a Sergeant who are responsible for assigning cases and overseeing daily operations. The division consists of six detectives who handle all criminal investigations. CID also has two civilian crime scene investigators and one property and evidence technician.

CASES ASSIGNED

1,911

ARREST WARRANTS

424

SEARCH WARRANTS

55



Arrest Made in 6 Hours

On August 2, 2022, an 88-year-old victim explained that she had just returned home from grocery shopping at a nearby Publix supermarket when the suspect forcibly entered her home with a firearm. The suspect threatened to kill her and demanded money, bank cards, and PIN information. After robbing her, the suspect took the victim to the back bedroom, bound her with a phone cord and power cable, and threatened to return and harm her if the cards didn't work before fleeing.

The police investigators responded to the scene and started searching the neighborhood. Meanwhile, the victim received multiple fraud alerts from her financial institutions, indicating unauthorized charges in the Buckhead area. Through partnerships with local businesses, investigators obtained video footage showing the suspect following the victim from the store and later using her cards at various retailers in Buckhead. The suspect and his vehicle were identified and tracked to a location on Fulton Street SE in Atlanta, where 36-year-old Antavious Bailey from Conyers, Georgia, was arrested.

During Bailey's arrest, the police found the victim's stolen property in his possession, along with a concealed loaded handgun. Bailey also had an active arrest warrant from the Fairburn Police Department for fraud-related offenses. Brookhaven Police Chief Gary Yandura expressed his satisfaction with the quick capture of this violent offender, stating that the victim and the community can now feel safer. He commended the diligent work of the detectives and community partners who collaborated to resolve the case swiftly.



Crime Scene Unit

In 2022, Officer Ashley Wilcox transferred from the Patrol Division and is in the process of taking classes to obtain her POST CSI certification. CSI Wilcox is already responding to and processing large crime scenes.

When the new building is completed, the Evidence Lab will be much larger than the current one. Some of the new capabilities that we will eventually have will include an AFIS fingerprint computer that will allow searches of latent fingerprints through the FBI and GBI databases. A firearms test firing unit will allow firing of weapons and recovery of the projectile and fired casing for evidentiary purposes. A NIBIN system that will allow entry of fired bullet casings into the ATF national firearms database. We will also be considering a Rapid DNA system. This would allow us to obtain DNA matches from evidence and suspects in hours instead of weeks or months. The new lab will have bigger spaces, to include a forensic photography area and a secure vehicle processing bay that will allow us to examine vehicles and large items in a weatherproof and secured area.

In 2022, CSI responded to 44 callouts, including: 5 homicides, 11 death investigations, and 2 vehicle fatalities. The unit also assisted with multiple search warrants ranging from prostitution to drug investigations.

Crime Scene Investigators also conducted presentations for local Girl Scout Troops to assist them in obtaining a patch for their uniform. Crime Scene also participated in National Night Out where demonstrations for the citizens were done using some of the techniques in the field for crime scene processing.

A Crime Scene Unit patch was designed and approved by the Chief to be worn by CSI personnel.



Drone Unit

Launched in 2021, the Brookhaven Police Department UAS Team has gained national recognition for its use of uncrewed systems. Uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS) enable the department to meet its mission of providing professional, high-quality, and effective police services through the use of state-of-the-art technology. Our drones provide aerial support and real-time intelligence to first responders in the field.

There are 14 officers assigned to the UAS team. Each pilot is required to maintain a valid FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot License. This certification demonstrates that each pilot understands the regulations, operating requirements, and procedures for safely flying drones. In addition to obtaining Part 107 certification, BPD pilots train monthly in a variety of settings to ensure operational effectiveness. The most visible component of our UAS program is the Drone First Responder (DFR). Through DFR, drones are pre-positioned at launch locations throughout the city and are launched to 911 calls for service or known events and are not used for random patrols. The average response time in 2022 was 102 seconds. Once on scene, the drone transmits live footage to responding officers and incident commanders.

In June 2022, BPD became the first agency in the southeast to be authorized by the FAA to fly Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) in an urban area. The BVLOS authorization allows the department to fly drones to an emergency incident beyond the line of sight of the pilot. This allows the department's drones to fly as first responders to many more emergencies across Brookhaven, often arriving before officers on the ground.



Drone Unit

The UAS team provided event monitoring during the 2022 Cherry Blossom Festival, where they helped reunite two lost children with their parents. The officers utilized a drone to scan the large crowd and found both parents within minutes. This successful operation highlights the invaluable role of UAS in supporting law enforcement efforts.

On May 24, 2022, BPD officers received an alert about a felony vehicle wanted by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg, NC police that entered the city near N Druid Hills. The vehicle's occupants were reported to be armed and dangerous. Officer K. Nunn apprehended one male near the vehicle and learned that another male was inside a nearby CVS store. With the help of a drone first responder, the second male was located fleeing toward a gated community. Upon arrival of Brookhaven Police, the offender was taken into custody by officers.

In 2022, the BPD drone program was invited to conferences throughout the country including the International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Training Conference in Dallas, TX to share how we successfully launched our Drone First Responder program. Additionally, Lt. Ayana traveled to Kristiansand, Norway to give a presentation on our use of drones as first responders.

Our use of drones allows officers to view potential hazards and develop sound strategies and tactics before rushing into a potentially dangerous situation. The UAS team is led by Lt. Abrem Ayana & Sgt. Matthew Murray.



542
Answered
Calls for
Service

102 secs
Average
Response
Time

1,000
Miles
Flown

17
Drones



SUPPORT





SERVICES



Support Services



Chardea Chayne

Chardea Chayne, 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 Systems (CJIS) network related matters. Chardea was born and raised in Decatur, GA and graduated from Columbia High School in 2005. She later received her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Columbus State University in 2009. She's been employed with the Brookhaven Police Department since May 2015 as a Public Service Representative, but obtained the TAC position in 2017. In addition to being the TAC, she currently has the role of Public Service Representative Supervisor.

Public Service Representatives



**Tamara
Major**



**Yakima
Figueredo**



**Janee
Davis**



**Tiera
Matthew**

Support Services



Myra Standridge

Myra Standridge worked for Henry County Police Department for eight years prior to coming to Brookhaven Police Department. Myra started as a Police Service Representative for Brookhaven in November 2015. In 2020, Myra was promoted to Records Clerk. In 2019, Myra was awarded the Brookhaven Police "Civilian of the Year" award for her exceptional loyalty to the department, dedication to duty, and achievements above and beyond routine assignments.

Tomeka Hall

Tomeka Hall started her role at Brookhaven as a part-time Court Clerk in 2017. She transitioned to the Police Department in 2022 as a Records Clerk. Tomeka has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management with a minor in Marketing. She brings 16+ years of corporate leadership and management experience.



Clarissa Medina

Clarissa Medina began her career at Brookhaven Police Department as a temporary Administrative Assistant. In December 2022, she was promoted to Records Clerk. Clarissa obtained her Associates Degree in Business and Marketing Management in 2019. She is a bilingual employee that is dedicated to helping her co-workers and our community when needed.

Traffic Safety Unit

In 2022, the Traffic Safety Unit (TSU) conducted traffic education at schools, community events, and continued to attend monthly Metro Atlantic Traffic Enforcement Network (MATEN) meetings. The unit investigated several fatalities, including three pedestrian fatalities. In one case, the victim committed suicide by laying in the roadway, while in another case, the victim was crossing outside of a crosswalk and was struck on Peachtree Road. In the third case, the victim was struck by a vehicle that was redirected in a collision, and the driver was charged accordingly.

The unit also worked on two additional fatalities at the intersection of Buford Highway and Clairmont Road, and another fatality at Buford Highway and Briarwood Road. In both cases, the drivers were charged accordingly. TSU also worked on a serious injury accident where two pedestrians were struck in a crosswalk and received serious injuries. The driver was charged accordingly. Overall, the TSU played a crucial role in investigating and addressing traffic-related incidents in the community.

Traffic Warnings

789

Traffic Citations

1,646

Incident Reports

281

Hit and Run Investigations

228

Arrests

192

Accident Reports

113

Traffic Crash Investigations

9

Training Unit

The Brookhaven Police Department is committed to hiring highly qualified and professional police officers and invests in their continued growth through rigorous annual training requirements.

Training standards for law enforcement officers and agencies are established by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST).

COMMUNITY POLICING

196

FIREARMS

689

USE OF FORCE

227

DE-ESCALATION

104

TOTAL HOURS OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING

11,531



Mental Health Co-Responder Program

Mission:

To provide professional, high quality, and comprehensive mental health and police services that enhance the quality of life for those within our community.

Vision:

To make Brookhaven the safest community in Georgia through successful partnerships and a focus on reducing the stigma associated with mental illness.

Goals:

- Improve officer, consumer, and community safety;
- Help persons with mental disorders and substance addictions access medical care, rather than entering them into the criminal justice system due to illness-related behaviors;
- Provide training to first responders to identify signs and symptoms of mental illness; and
- Provide education and support to members of the Brookhaven Police Department to promote officer wellness and resiliency in the face of stressors and traumas associated with the law enforcement profession.



Victoria Williams Mental Health Clinician

Victoria Williams, provides mental health, emotional, and behavioral support to the city of Brookhaven and the community at large. She was introduced to the department October 2020 via the collaboration with Behavioral Health Link's Mobile Crisis Team and Brookhaven Police Department for a co-response initiative in the community. In July 2022, she was hired on full-time with the city to assist officers in the field with mental health calls when necessary via providing individuals in need with an assessment and appropriate linkage to services. She assists with mental health associated trainings (i.e. 1013-involuntary commitment readiness, stress management, knowledge of emergency receiving facilities, etc.), debriefing officers after critical incidents, collaborating with local business owners to combat the increase in nuisance complaints, and utilizing funding to aid in the mental health and wellness of our officers. She also handles follow-ups with individuals seen by a clinician.

Background Investigations & Accreditation Manager

Background Investigations

Our team at the Brookhaven Police Department is supported by dedicated Background Investigators who play a crucial role in maintaining the highest standards of integrity within our law enforcement agency. These skilled professionals meticulously investigate applicants to ensure the recruitment of individuals who uphold our commitment to public safety and community service.

Accreditation Manager

The Brookhaven Police Department takes immense pride in maintaining the highest level of professionalism and adherence to industry best practices. Our Accreditation Manager spearheads the rigorous certification process, ensuring that our department consistently meets and exceeds the stringent standards. Their expertise and commitment ensure that our community receives the highest quality of service and accountability.



Investigator Dustin Patton Certification Manager

Dustin Patton, Background Investigator and Certification Manager, who successfully helped Brookhaven Police maintain State Certification. Dustin is also a leader with police recruitment.

Property & Evidence

The diligent management of property and evidence is paramount to maintaining the integrity of our investigations and ensuring justice for our community. The dedicated team at the Brookhaven Police Department meticulously catalog, store, and safeguard all seized items, ensuring proper chain of custody protocols are followed. Their unwavering commitment to accuracy and accountability is fundamental to the success of our operations.



Adrianna Malette

Adrianna Malette serves as the Brookhaven Police Department's Property and Evidence Custodian. Originally from Jonesboro, GA, she graduated from Mt. Zion High School in 2015. She later obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Forensic Science from Albany State University before joining the Brookhaven Police Department in 2020 as a Public Services Representative. In 2022, Adrianna obtained the Property and Evidence Custodian position within the police department. In addition to her professional duties, Adrianna is also in the process of obtaining her Master's Degree in Forensic Medicine from the University of Florida.

Reed Pollard

Reed Pollard currently serves as the Brookhaven Police Department's Property and Evidence Custodian on a part time basis. Originally from Oklahoma, Reed has a long history of service to the public. This service began in 1975 when he served as a firefighter and paramedic while enlisted in the United States Air Force. Upon completing his military service, Reed joined the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office (AL) in 1979. He brought his law enforcement services to Georgia when he joined the College Park Police Department in 1987 and retired from that agency in 2016. He joined the Brookhaven Police Department in 2016 and has since served as the department's Property and Evidence Custodian, Voice Stress Analysis operator, and lead Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigator.



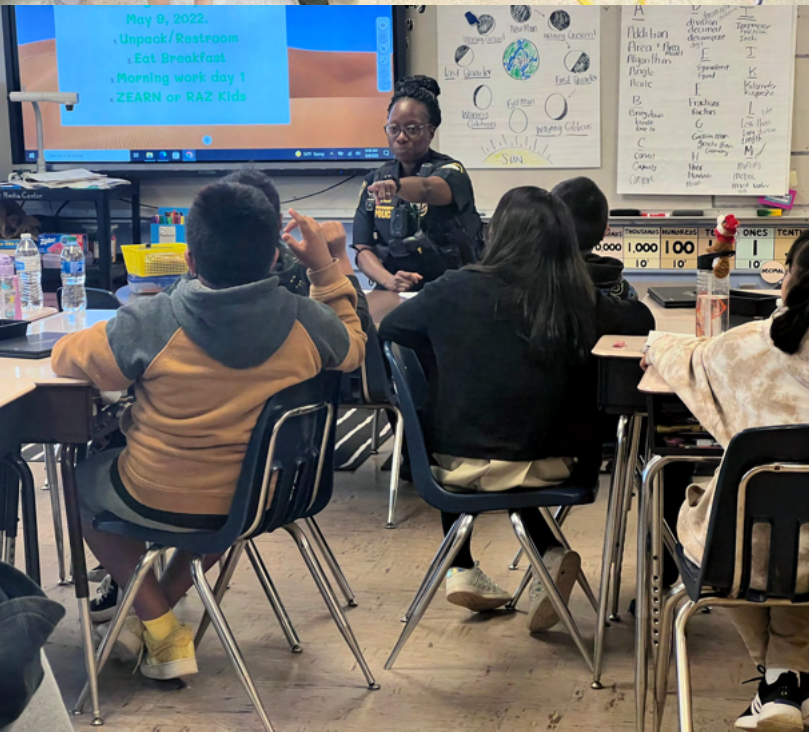


COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Community Engagement

During 2022, the Community Engagement Unit interacted with thousands of residents, businesses, houses of worship, and those visiting Brookhaven. The Brookhaven Police Department hosted and participated in a variety of events during the year, both small and large. The Community Engagement Unit's goal has been to build strong and lasting relationships with those in our community through crime prevention efforts and community events.



Hot Pursuit 5K

The Brookhaven Hot Pursuit 5k Glow Run in August 2022, saw a total of \$24,382 raised after expenses for our annual Shop with a Badge event. Brookhaven Police partnered with Georgia Mercy Care, various houses of worship in the City of Brookhaven, and Familias Azules, a volunteer group who raise awareness about children with autism, to help find 110 children who were each given \$200 of holiday presents.



Cops on Donut Shops

BPD also participates in Cops on Donut Shops, which is the second-largest fundraiser for Special Olympics Georgia through LETR Georgia (The Law Enforcement Torch Run). 2022 represented the seventh year BPD supported this Special Olympics event. Brookhaven Police Department officers collected donations in the store, and in the drive-thru at Dunkin' Donuts. During the 2022 Cops on Donut Shops event, BPD raised \$9,024.50 for Special Olympics Georgia.



Polar Plunge

The Polar Plunge fundraiser contributes to the Special Olympics LETR Georgia (The Law Enforcement Torch Run), which is the largest fundraiser for Special Olympics Georgia. Special Olympics Georgia provides year-round sports training and athletic competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. BPD participants of the Polar Plunge acquire donations in exchange for them to "plunge" into the frigid waters of Lake Acworth each February. For the 2022 Polar Plunge, BPD raised \$5,289 for Special Olympics Georgia.



National Night Out

In an effort to strengthen community partnerships and promote positive interactions, the Brookhaven Police Department proudly hosted its first National Night Out event at Northeast Plaza. This exciting initiative brought together residents, law enforcement personnel, and local businesses, fostering a sense of unity, safety, and collaboration within our vibrant community.



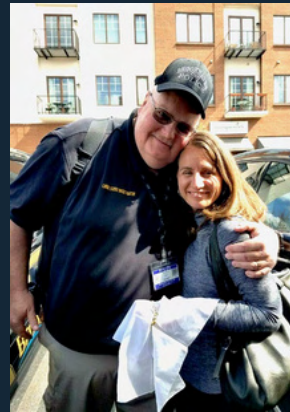
Faith & Blue

The Faith and Blue event in October encouraged positive interactions between Houses of Worship and their local Police Departments. Brookhaven Police partnered with Skyland United Methodist Church and hosted a fall festival at the church site. Parishioners, leaders of other churches, and residents were invited to join and share in food and conversation. Officers were also invited to attend and speak during services at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church, Atlanta Vineyard, and China Grove Missionary First Baptist Church.



Adopt-a-Cop

The adopt-a-cop program started in April 2017 and was created to bring members of the Brookhaven Police Department closer to the members of the Our Lady of Assumption (OLA) Church and school. The basis of the program was to "humanize the badge" and to give the community a better idea on who the officers were as people.



A Testimonial from Crime Scene Investigator Jeff Hightower

When the "Adopt-A-Cop" program was started between Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church and the Brookhaven Police Department, I was hesitant to sign up but finally decided to do so. I thought it might be a good way to get to know the residents we serve and after 30 plus years in Law Enforcement, it was kind of nice to see that the public seemed to really care about us. I had not been accustomed to this at the department I had come from. I was randomly assigned to the Pierce Family. I learned they were George, Jill, Emily and Will. We exchanged emails and cards but had not yet met in person.

Several weeks later, I received a notice that Jill's father had passed away. I was sent a link to the memorial service. I opened the link and read that Jill's father was Chuck Cannarella. I couldn't believe what I was reading. Chuck and I had worked together for several years a long time ago and were good friends. We had lost touch as time passed. This was a surprise. I immediately contacted Jill and told her the story. I went to the memorial service and finally met the Pierces in person along with Chuck's wife, Joanne. We all have since become very close friends. Jill and I have spoken often about our common connection to her father and how a "random" selection of a "cop to adopt" for their family may have not been so random at all.

The Adopt-A-Cop program has been a big morale booster in our department and has led to many special friendships. This is a program that I had never heard of before coming to Brookhaven and hopefully, other communities will follow the example set forth by OLA and BPD. It is truly special.

Honor Guard



The Brookhaven Honor Guard Unit consists of 6 members who regularly attend formal services and ceremonies. In 2022, Honor Guard was re-established under Sergeant Kent Coe and they attended fallen officer funerals for the following agencies: Gwinnett County, Cobb County and Forsyth County. Officers' ceremonies include a honor alley, where every uniformed officer in attendance salutes the fallen officer one last time before they are laid to rest.



North Metro S.W.A.T

With the combined strength of four cities, the North Metro SWAT unit allows for swift and complete response to tactical situations. Equipped with specialized weapons and equipment, the North Metro SWAT unit is able to respond to the following types of incidents: hostage rescues, counterterrorism operations, service of high-risk arrest and search warrants, barricaded suspects, engagement of heavily armed criminals, and dignitary protection. North Metro SWAT is comprised of Brookhaven, Dunwoody, Johns Creek and Sandy Springs.

CALLS

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North Metro Swat In Action - an excerpt from a mission on November 1, 2022

The Chamblee officer was in pursuit of two suspects who were fleeing in a vehicle taken in a carjacking. The officer lost sight of the vehicle, which then the suspects crashed. After the crash the suspects hid in the tree line and ambushed the officer as he rolled up. One suspect was taken into custody by responding units but the second suspect was still on the run.

A perimeter was established by Chamblee and DeKalb PD. NMS and DeKalb SWAT responded for a joint woodland search with K9. During the first search a gun and backpack were located. Several sheds and crawl spaces were checked, but the suspect was not located.

The teams eventually backed out of the area and waited for daylight. Once the sun came up the teams went back into the area and conducted a grid search. The grid search found more of the suspects clothing, and a weapon but the suspect was not located.

The perimeter was collapsed, and all was turned over to DeKalb PD. DeKalb PD was able to locate the shooter and take him into custody a short time later at his residence.



Brookhaven Awards

Chief's Unit Citation - Police Service Representatives

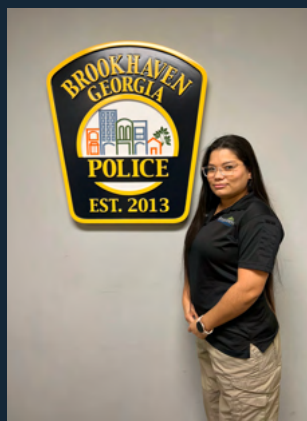
This is awarded to a group of employees (unit, squad, team) for sustained exemplary performance at an exceptionally superior level, resulting in the successful completion of a specific mission or objective. Such performance should be considered extraordinary. All nominations for this award must come from the Unit's Division Commander. This award is given only at the discretion of the Chief of Police.



Chardea Chayne



Tamara Major



Yakima Figuredo



Jane Davis



Tiera Matthew

Life Saving Award

This is awarded to employees who have demonstrated their proficiency by handling an incident that resulted in the documented saving of a life.



(Ofc. Patrick Hale, Ofc. Amanda Dunn, Ofc. Ryan Hansen, Ofc. Jay Smith, Sgt. Corey Van Alen, Ofc. Jared Toso (not pictured))

Brookhaven Awards

Meritorious Service Medal

This is awarded only at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Upon recommendation that the employee has developed and or implemented a major project or program which has had a significant impact on the Police Department or the City of Brookhaven as a whole. Such projects should be unusual, innovative, and stand on their own merit.



Sgt. Jacob Kissel, Ofc. Travis Flynn



Sgt. Matthew Murray



Ofc. William Gilham

Medal of Valor

Awarded at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Upon recommendation that the employee has performed a conspicuous act of Gallantry or Heroism while risking life or serious injury, above and beyond the call of duty. Such acts must be performed in extremely hazardous or dangerous conditions. This is the highest-level award that can be achieved by an officer.

Brookhaven Awards

Civilian of the Year

Chardea Chayne

This is awarded to the Civilian employee who has distinguished themselves above all other during the year. The criteria for this award shall be similar to the criteria for Officer of the Quarter



Supervisor of the Year

Lt. Abrem Ayana

This is awarded to the supervisor who has distinguished themselves above all other supervisors during the year.

Officer of the Year

Ofc. Carlai Moore

This is awarded to the officer(s) who have been selected by the Awards Committee as the Officer(s) and of the Year. Only those who won the Officer of the Quarter award are eligible for this award.



GACP AWARDS

Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police

Supervisor of the Year

Lieutenant Abrem Ayana

This award is designed to recognize one full-time, sworn, supervisory officer who demonstrates outstanding leadership, service, or commitment for their department, community, or the State. Nomination criteria for this award is designed to ensure it does not replicate or conflict with the Governor's Public Safety Award criteria that recognize Acts of Heroism or Outstanding Deeds which resulted in the protection of life and/or property.



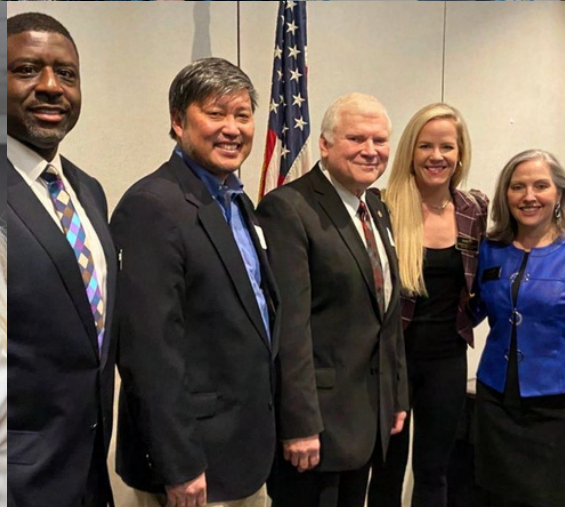
Administrative Assistant of the Year

Rossana Morales-Romero

This award is designed to recognize one full-time administrative/secretary who demonstrates exemplary service to their agency and community.



THANK YOU CHIEF EMERITUS GARY YANDURA



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