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# POLICE DEPARTMENT



# 2015 Annual Report



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## MESSAGE FROM THE *CHIEF OF POLICE*

Dear Citizens,

The Griffin Police Department is proud to release our 2015 Annual Report. I hope that you find the information contained in the report both informative and useful.

The Annual Report reviews the activities, programs and services the department provides to both our citizens and visitors to our community. The men and women of the Griffin Police Department strive to provide the best possible law enforcement services to our community. The officers and staff are some of the best trained law enforcement professional in the State of Georgia.

The Griffin Police Department continues to work to reduce Part 1 Crimes. Part 1 crimes are those crimes identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as our most serious crimes; Crimes Against Persons (Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault) and Crimes Against Property (Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson). As you review the department's crime statistics, you will note that in 2015, the City of Griffin experienced a 8.84% reduction in Part 1 crimes from 2014. While the overall calls for service in the city increased by 7.22%. Additionally, the department clearance rates exceed the national clearance rates for Part 1 crimes.

The Griffin Police Department participates in several community events each year. The Citizen's Police Academy, National Night Out, Coffee and Coco with a Cop, and seminars on Fraud are just a few of the programs the department participated in 2015.

Please take the time to review all of the information in our Annual Report, I believe that you will be proud of the work that your police department does for our community.

In November, I decided to take a position with the Georgia State University, and I would like to thank you for allowing me to be your Chief of Police. So please help me in welcoming your new chief, Michael F. Yates. I look forward to seeing what great things he will bring to the department in 2016.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SDH".

Steven D. Heaton  
Chief of Police



Chief Steven D. Heaton has 34 years of law enforcement experience which has encompassed all aspects in the field including patrol, investigations, internal affairs, public information, accreditation, state certification and administration.

Obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration and a Master of Public Administration, he expanded his education to become a graduate of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Command College, Tennessee Law Enforcement Executive Development Course and the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. Chief Heaton is an Assessor and Team Leader for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and has served on numerous boards and committees to include the State Certification for Law Enforcement Agencies Committee for the State of Georgia and the Legislative Committee for the Georgia Chiefs of Police. He served as fourth Vice President for the Georgia Chiefs of Police Association until his retirement in August 2013.

Chief Heaton was involved extensively in the investigative field in the latter part of his career moving through the ranks from Detective to Major and in March of 2006 received an opportunity to serve as Police Chief of Fayetteville, Georgia, where he served for 7 years before retiring in August of 2013. In April 2014 Chief Heaton was selected to serve as the Police Chief of the Griffin Police Department.



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





## ***COMMAND STAFF***



**Captain Homer Daniel**

Homer Daniel is a 31 year veteran of the Griffin Police Department. Captain Daniel has a Master's Degree in Public Administration and is a POST Certified Instructor, he has taught numerous Criminal Justice courses at Southern Crescent Technical College. Throughout his tenure at the Griffin Police Department he has served in various departments including, Criminal Investigative Division, School Resource Officer, Community Oriented Policing Program, and currently heads the Uniform Patrol Division. With a strong desire to help children in the community he volunteers at various Spalding County Elementary schools in a reading to students program, as well as; serving as coordinator of the mentoring program with Mt. Moriah Baptist Church.



**Captain Donald Britt**

Donald Britt has been with the Griffin Police Department for 25 years where he is currently the Captain of the Criminal Investigations Division. Captain Britt holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Albany State University. Captain Britt is a graduate of Columbus State University and the Georgia Law Enforcements Command College. Also, he has a Masters Degree in Public Administration.



## ***OFFICE OF THE CHIEF***

### **Office of Professional Standards**

The Office of Professional Standards is responsible for the continuous training of police officers. Officers from Griffin and other agencies routinely attend advanced P.O.S.T. classes at the Department. Lt. Darrell Dix is the Training Coordinator for the Griffin Police Department.

The OPS is also responsible for the hiring of all personnel, as well as maintaining a close relationship with all media representatives . Lt Mike Natale is the Hiring Coordinator and the Public Information Officer for the Griffin Police Department.



Lt. Darrell Dix is a veteran law enforcement officer with 28 years of service to the citizens of Griffin and Spalding County. He is a P.O.S.T. certified Senior Instructor specializing in firearms, defensive tactics, use of force, SWAT, search and seizure, narcotics enforcement, and speed detection. He holds P.O.S.T certification through the Management level, is a graduate of Columbus State University's Professional Management Program, and is certified by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police as a Departmental Assessor for State Certification. He is a member of the implementation team for national accreditation through CALEA. He was chosen as "Officer of the Year" by the Griffin Judicial Circuit in 2012, and has been recognized for his contributions to narcotics enforcement by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) He has been recognized by Griffin Daybreak Rotary Club and the Bo Duke Old School Classic for his contributions to local law enforcement. He is the

lead Internal Affairs Investigator for the Griffin Police Department, SWAT Team commander, and is a certified voice stress analysis examiner. He is also tasked with budgeting, fleet management, and equipment acquisition. His past assignments have included Uniform Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Tactical Response Unit, and Narcotics.

<b>Training Hours 2014</b>	<b>Training Hours 2015</b>
<b>8,168</b>	<b>9,875</b>



Lt. Michael Natale has been employed with the City of Griffin for 23 years. He has served in every division of the Griffin Police Department throughout his tenure. He has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Valdosta State University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University. He has over 2,500 hours of P.O.S.T. training. Lt. Natale is currently assigned to the Office of the Chief and is responsible for Recruitment, Hiring, Community Affairs, Public Information (Media), School Resource Officers, D.A.R.E., and Departmental Budgeting.

<b>New Hires</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Males</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Females</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>



## ***OFFICE OF THE CHIEF***

### **Office of Professional Standards**

To ensure the public trust, the Office of Professional Standards under the Office of the Chief was created and works directly from the Office of the Chief and was established to investigate allegations of employee misconduct and to provide the public with a fair and effective means to address their legitimate grievances against the agency or its employees. This office identifies policies and practices that are ineffective or outdated. The OPS is the Department's Internal Affairs Unit.

Employees that are involved in illegal, unethical, or unprofessional conduct are identified and appropriate action is taken to correct the problem. Investigations are intended to protect the reputation of individual employees, the agency, and the public from false or misleading information.

This chart shows the Internal Investigations conducted within the last 12 months in comparison with the previous 12 months:

<b>Internal Affairs</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Formal Investigations	13	9
Harassment/Threats	0	1
Conduct/Demeanor	7	4
Policy/Procedure	8	4
Use of Force	1	1
Official Code of Georgia	2	5
Other	2	1
<b>Dispositions</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Unfounded	3	1
Exonerated	3	1
Sustained	6	5
Not Sustained	0	0
Other/Policy/Warnings	3	3

These totals reflect miscellaneous reports and informal complaints/inquiries. These reports were assigned to internal affairs when needed to better facilitate customer service. Some IA cases involve multiple officers, classifications of complaints, and/or dispositions.



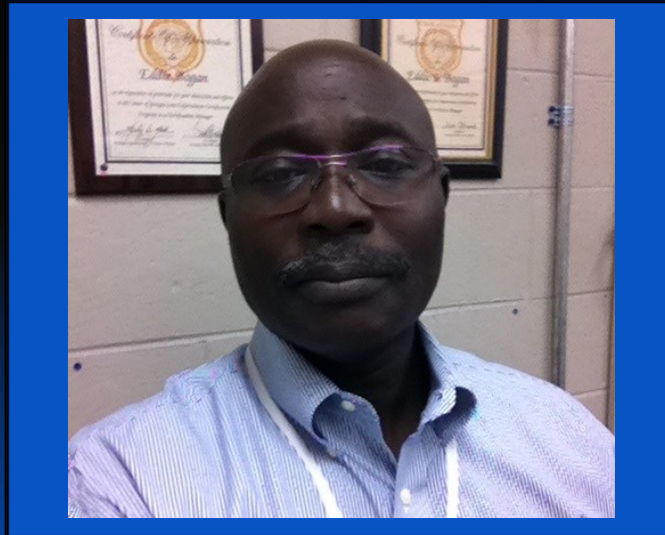
## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

O.P.S. maintains documentation of all use of force incidents and vehicle pursuits. These are reviewed by supervisors, Internal Affairs, and the Chief. During the CALEA evaluation in 2009, the department was informed of the new way that CALEA wants these reports reviewed. The following are the statistics for use of force and vehicle pursuits for 2014 and 2015.

Pursuits	2014	2015
Total Pursuits	13	7
Policy Compliant	12	7
Policy Non-Compliant	1	0
Accidents	3	3
Injuries: Officer	1	1
Suspects	0	1
Third Party	0	0
Traffic Offense	2	4
Felony	4	3
Misdemeanor	2	1
Use of Force	2014	2015
Total Use of Force Incidents	58	36
Firearm	3 (all animals)	2 (all animals)
ASP Baton	0	0
OC Spray	1	1
Taser: Deployed/Not Deployed	33	22
Hands	34	24
K-9	3	1
Total Use of Force Arrests	123	82
Complaints	1	1
Felony	39	32
Total Agency Custodial Arrests	3,732	3,882



## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF



Mr. Eddie Bogan is a 34 year employee with the Griffin Police Department, and is currently the Accreditation/Certification Manager. In addition to his law enforcement experience, he has a teaching background in Information Technology. He earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Management Information System from Mercer University (1995) and a Master Degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University (2003).

Mr. Bogan successfully guided The Griffin Police Department through three Georgia Chiefs of Police Association 'State of Georgia Certification' processes (2004, 2009 and 2012). In addition, the agency received its initial Commission on Accreditation Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in 2006, and was re-accredited again in 2009, 2012 and 2015.

*"I have been involved with the CALEA accreditation process since 2003 as an accreditation/certification manager. Accreditation is a statement to our citizens and taxpayers that we take seriously the law enforcement duties to which we have been entrusted. The real benefit for the Griffin Police Department is we do things the right way that accreditation requires. In addition to the obvious benefits – liability protection, organized training programs, consistency and fairness in policy. The process works to make us all better public servants.*

*For me personally, accreditation is a test of being the best." ~ Eddie Bogan*





## UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

The Uniform Patrol Division encompasses four shifts of officers to provide 24-hour law enforcement services to the citizens of Griffin. Through directed and preventive patrol, the Uniform Patrol Division seeks to deter street crime and burglaries. Uniform officers are the initial responders to a wide range of calls for service, they conduct preliminary criminal and traffic accident investigations, and process crime scenes while enforcing criminal and traffic laws as well as ordinances enacted by the City of Griffin. Uniform Officers also assist citizens with medical and social problems through crisis intervention and/or referrals to the appropriate state or county agency.

They are also responsible for other events such as holiday enforcement details, community and business presentations, managing school crossing guard assignments and bicycle patrol operations. These officers are engaged in a variety of problem solving initiatives and educational activities based on the department's commitment to community policing.





Uniform Patrol Division	2014	2015
911 Dispatched Calls	26,380	27,999
Officer Initiated Calls	25,964	28,122
Total Calls for Service	52,344	56,121
Case Files Completed	1,946	1,975
Incident Reports	23,354	16,201
False Alarm Reports	2,476	2,066
Accident Reports	1,548	1,714
Traffic Fatalities	1	0
Employee Accident Reports	18	18
Search Warrants Served	120	111
Arrest Warrants Served	1,454	1,247
Custodial Arrests	3,732	3,882
Drug Related Arrests	346	346
D.U.I. Arrests	55	61
Traffic Arrests	7,255	7,012
Traffic Citations	11,005	11,337
Traffic Warnings	2,878	3,312
Code Enforcement Citations	148	289
Open Doors Found	761	1,220
Burglaries Discovered	226	228
Foot Patrols	2,583	2,505
Public Housing Patrols	2,107	2,397
Community Meetings	72	94
Civil Services	4,354	1,103
Public Motorist Assistance	8,573	4,232
911 Hang-Ups	4,229	1,591
Information/Not-Criminal	16,312	9,164
Assist Patrol Unit	26,804	22,692
Assist EMS	1,803	1,877
Assist Fire Department	972	908
Assist Other Agency	1,242	1,689
Lockouts (Vehicle or Residence)	954	10
Suspicious Person/Activity	10,933	7,660
Drug Activity Calls	375	360
Police Vehicle Inspections	3,760	6,408
Total Mileage for U.P.D.	626,742	567,826
Court Hours	1,793	1,385
Road Checks Conducted	337	224



## ***UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION***

### **Animal Control**

The Griffin Police Department has two full time Animal Control Officers whose main responsibility is to control the stray animal population within the city limits. Animal Control Officers also ensure that the residents within the city limits comply with all state and city laws concerning their animals.

<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>1,071</b>
<b>Calls Answered</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>964</b>
<b>Dog Bites</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Dead Animals Picked Up</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Citations Issued</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Warnings Issued</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Mileage for 2 Vehicles</b>	<b>21,398</b>	<b>28,424</b>



Jacob Honea

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## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Investigators of the Police Department are tasked with both following up on reports of criminal acts as well as taking proactive measures to prevent crime from occurring. Detectives are responsible for a variety of case development activity to include locating and recovering stolen property, gathering forensic evidence from crime scenes, processing the forensic evidence, victim/witness interviews, and interrogating criminal suspects. Detectives compile and organize this information into a format easily presented to the courts for prosecution.

The Criminal Investigations Division, led by Capt. Donald Britt and Lt. Mike Richardson, consists of 9 detectives all specializing in certain, areas of crimes. These crimes include: Homicides, Rapes, Robberies, Aggravated Assaults, Burglaries, Thefts, Auto Thefts, Forgery & Frauds, and any other crimes against an individual or property, as well as Pawnshop Management.

C.I.D. is also proficient in electronic surveillance, crime analysis and intelligence gathering.

C.I.D. continues to seek cutting edge methods of investigation, crime analysis and forensics. In 2015, C.I.D. will continue and increase its focus on technological crimes against children, domestic violence, and Entering Autos.

The Records Division is also a part of C.I.D. Civilian personnel assigned to this division ensure the accuracy of records entered into the police department's computer system as well as maintain all records pertaining to policing activities, arrest warrants, stolen property entries in the Georgia Crime Information Computer, traffic citations, incident reports, accident reports, and case files.

The table below compares the number of cases assigned to CID, and their status. The tables on the following three (3) pages reflect the department's crime rate as well as the clearance rate for Part 1 and Part 2 Crimes. In 2015, there was a 8.84% reduction in Part 1 crimes, compared to 2014 while Part 2 Crimes saw a 6.17% increase from 2014.



Investigations	2014	2015	% Change
Cases Assigned	6,767	6,908	2.08%
Cases Closed	5,896	6,175	4.73%
Cleared by Arrest	3,447	3,490	1.25%
Unfounded	198	224	13.13%
Ex-Cleared	397	657	65.49%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,705</b>	<b>17,454</b>	<b>4.48%</b>



## ***CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION***

### ***PART ONE CRIMES CLEARANCE***

#### **2014**

Incident	Reported	Arrest	Ex. Cleared	Unfounded	TOT	Suspended
Homicide	4	4	0	0	0	0
Rape	19	7	1	2	0	2
Robbery	45	9	4	2	0	26
Agg. Assault	119	59	12	6	0	36
Burglary	275	40	12	9	2	208
Theft	1319	463	79	81	3	672
Vehicle Theft	61	8	5	12	3	32
Arson	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1843</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>976</b>
Clearance Rate:		45%				
Clearance Rate Persons:		57%				
Clearance Rate Property:		47%				

#### **2015**

Incident	Reported	Arrest	Ex. Cleared	Unfounded	TOT	Suspended
Homicide	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	15	4	2	0	0	3
Robbery	57	14	3	1	0	36
Agg. Assault	117	65	10	4	0	36
Burglary	225	19	5	7	0	187
Theft	1218	470	80	69	0	573
Vehicle Theft	47	10	4	10	0	21
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>856</b>
Clearance Rate:		46%				
Clearance Rate Persons:		54%				
Clearance Rate Property:		49%				



## ***CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION PART TWO CLEARANCE FOR 2014***

Incident	Reported	Arrest	Ex. Cleared	Unfounded	TOT	Suspended
Other Assaults	444	207	79	12	3	112
Forgery/Counterfeiting	46	24	4	0	0	13
Fraud	346	44	38	10	9	224
Stolen Property	100	74	2	2	0	4
Trespassing	307	71	31	16	2	185
Weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.)	38	31	2	0	0	3
Criminal Damage	203	24	16	10	0	149
Sex Offenses	46	15	2	2	3	18
Drug Abuse Violations	232	224	1	0	0	0
Terroristic Threats	60	11	14	4	0	23
Stalking	12	7	3	1	0	1
DUI	55	55	0	0	0	0
Obstruction	133	119	3	0	0	4
Public Peace	180	164	5	0	0	10
Death Investigation	25	0	20	0	1	3
Other Part 2	1,439	710	10	12	15	37
Missing Persons	53	0	38	14	1	0
Runaways	22	8	13	1	0	0
Other Non-Rpt. Offenses	1,183	1,069	3	2	1	92
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,924</b>	<b>2,857</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>878</b>
Clearance Rate:	66%					

**Criminal Investigations Division**

**Part 1 & 2 Clearances Combined for 2014**

**Total**

**60%**



## ***CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION PART TWO CLEARANCE FOR 2015***

Incident	Reported	Arrest	Ex. Cleared	Unfounded	TOT	Suspended
Other Assaults	490	228	82	19	0	138
Forgery/Counterfeiting	54	23	2	3	0	20
Fraud	231	22	28	34	0	131
Stolen Property	64	42	1	1	0	4
Trespassing	299	78	32	9	0	169
Weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.)	44	36	0	0	0	8
Criminal Damage	215	20	16	4	0	168
Sex Offenses	74	24	8	10	0	22
Drug Abuse Violations	258	249	1	0	0	5
Terroristic Threats	59	22	7	5	0	23
Stalking	25	15	3	1	0	3
DUI	61	61	0	0	0	0
Obstruction	68	63	1	0	0	2
Public Peace	137	115	9	0	0	12
Death Investigation	35	0	30	0	0	3
Other Part 2	1,584	622	276	32	0	87
Missing Persons	63	0	45	13	0	1
Runaways	16	12	4	0	0	0
Other Non-Rpt. Offenses	1,451	1,276	8	2	0	152
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,228</b>	<b>2,908</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>948</b>
<b>Clearance Rate:</b>	<b>69%</b>					

**Criminal Investigations Division**

**Part 1 & 2 Clearances Combined for 2015**

**Total**

**63%**

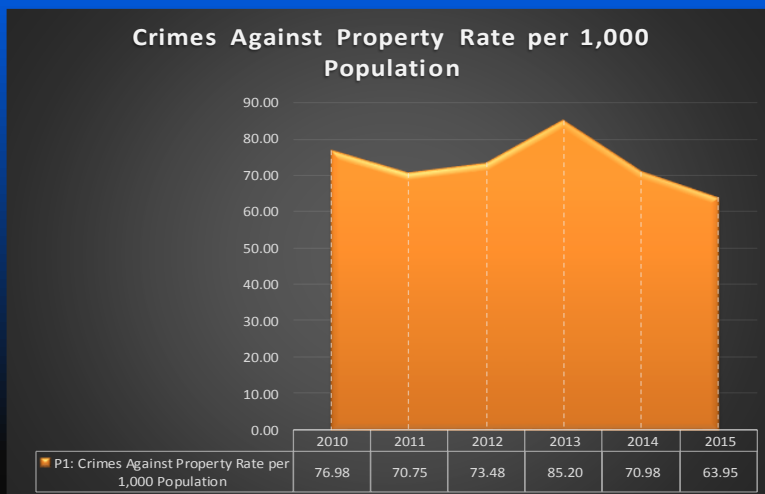
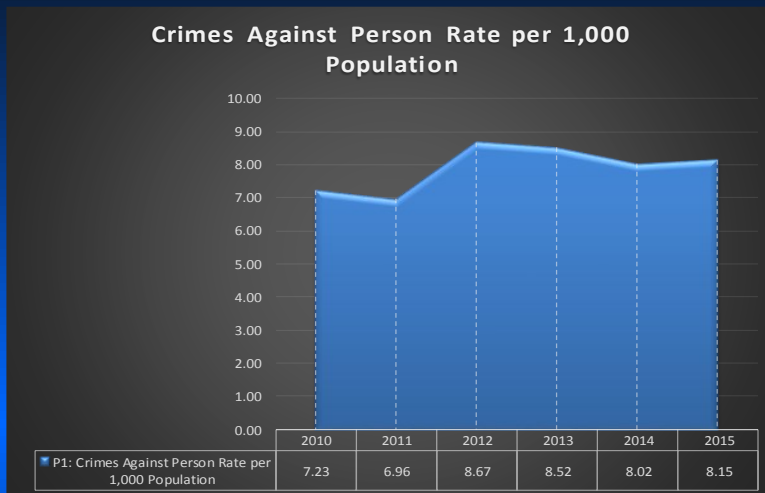




## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

### CRIME RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION

In order to provide yet another way of summarizing the distribution of crime in 2015, this section shows Part 1 crime rates for every 1,000 people in our community dating back to 2010. These rates are calculated by the number of crimes divided by the estimated or given population, for that year, and multiplied by a power of ten, in this case by a 1000, in order to obtain the per 1000 population rate. This approach is widely used by researchers and analysts to provide a more accurate reflection of criminal activity.



Since 2010, the crime rate per 1000 population (or people) has increased for Crimes Against Person by +12.72%, while the crime rate for Crimes Against Property has decreased by -16.93%. Similar rates apply to the change in crime rate per 1000 population from year 2014 to 2015. In 2015, the rate of Crimes Against Person slightly increased by +1.62%, while Crimes Against Property has dropped by -9.90%, comparing to 2014.



## SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

# 2014



# 2015

Tactical Operations	34
Hostage/Barricade	2

Tactical Operations	61
Hostage/Barricade	0



The Griffin Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT) responds to incidents that are deemed "high risk" or are considered to be outside of the realm in which a normal response would be practical, or is deemed unsafe. Such incidents include hostage situations, barricaded suspects, high risk warrant service, dignitary protection, surveillance, search warrant execution, and other tactical situations.

The SRT is not a stand-alone unit; instead its members are assigned to each shift and division where they perform duties as uniformed patrol officers and criminal investigators until they receive a call to respond to a tactical situation.

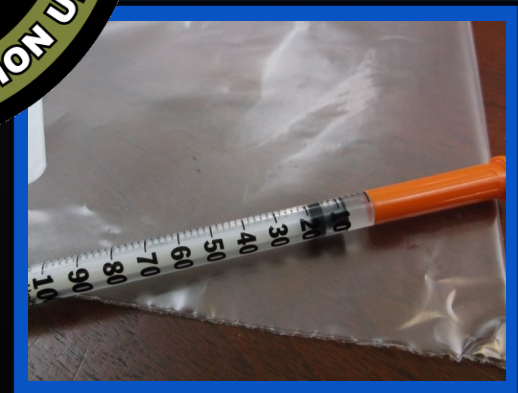
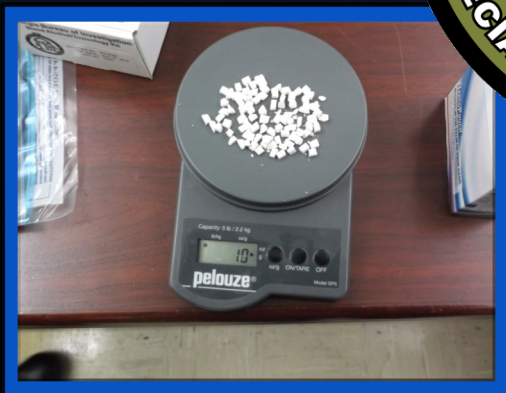
Team member training includes dynamic and static entry methods, hostage negotiation and rescue, dignitary protection, use of force, less than lethal force, full auto weapons, tactical rifle, and counter-sniper measures. The Special Response Team is led by Lt. Darrell Dix.

The SRT has responded to approximately 635 tactical operations (high risk search warrants, arrest warrants, missing children, special events) and 19 Hostage/Barricade situations since its creation in April of 2006.



## ***SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT***

The Special Investigations Unit is designed to work narcotics, vice, organized crime, gang activity, and other investigations that may require covert techniques. SIU is supervised by Lt. Tony Thomason and has four agents, Sgt. Phillips, Sgt. Mathews, Cpl. Williams, and MPO Wick. SIU routinely conducts undercover operations that result in search warrants being executed and arrests made. Often the SIU reaches out to State and Federal agencies to partner in investigations and prosecution. This enhances penalties on crimes such as illegal gun sales and gang activity. The unit works with surrounding Sheriff's offices and police departments on shared suspects that may live in one jurisdiction but commit crimes in the other or both. It is the SIU's mission to efficiently and effectively detect this type of criminal activity and prosecute those arrested to the fullest, resulting in a safer community and higher quality of life for the residents and visitors of Griffin.





## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

### 2014

Month	Arrests	Marj.	Cocaine	Currency	Drug Complaints	Guns	Vehs	S/W
January	14	6.22gg	4.3gg	0	5	0	0	2
February	12	56.91gg	7.3gg	\$2,070.37	3	2	0	4
March	27	301.85gg	.01gg	0	6	2	1	5
April	5	184.07gg	17.64gg	\$1,229.00	5	0	0	1
May	71	21,856.64	14.07gg	0	5	0	12	3
June	37	514.75gg	.04gg	0	6	0	1	1
July	43	294.24gg	.02gg	\$3,749.00	5	1	0	3
August	21	224.83gg	24.06gg	0	7	1	0	5
September	12	108.07gg	1.99gg	0	4	0	0	2
October	19	52.27gg	4.3gg	0	5	1	2	1
November	3	27.31gg	.41gg	0	3	0	0	0
December	7	216.7gg	.3gg	0	3	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>23,843.76</b>	<b>74.44gg</b>	<b>\$7,048.37</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>

Seized marijuana street value (based on \$10 per gram)	\$238,437.60
Seized cocaine street value (based on \$100 per gram)	\$7,444.00
Seized Meth. street value (based on \$150 per gram)	\$16,008.00
Misc. Pills street value (based on \$15 per pill)	\$8,940.00
<b>Total street value of drugs seized</b>	<b>\$270,829.60</b>

### 2015

Month	Arrests	Marj.	Cocaine	Currency	Drug Complaints	Guns	Vehs	S/W
January	72	113.9gg	13.3gg	\$35,611.00	0	0	0	5
February	13	101.85gg	5.01gg	\$1,656.50	0	1	0	3
March	34	17.33gg	42.46gg	0	0	29	1	5
April	7	3.1gg	0	0	1	0	0	2
May	20	30gg	0	0	4	2	0	4
June	13	177gg	1.7gg	\$747.00	3	0	0	7
July	37	7.9gg	0	0	2	0	0	7
August	11	0	9gg	\$2,093.00	7	0	1	3
September	11	40.8gg	0	0	4	0	3	9
October	23	41.5gg	7.41gg	0	3	7	2	5
November	7	4gg	.5gg	\$1,975.00	4	7	2	3
December	17	1.3gg	26.1gg	0	3	0	0	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>538.68gg</b>	<b>644.16gg</b>	<b>\$42,082.50</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>61</b>

Seized marijuana street value (based on \$10 per gram)	\$5,427.80
Seized cocaine street value (based on \$100 per gram)	\$64,416.00
Seized Meth. street value (based on \$150 per gram)	\$25,225.00
Misc. Pills street value (based on \$15 per pill)	\$735.00
<b>Total street value of drugs seized</b>	<b>\$95,803.80</b>



## POWER SQUAD UNIT

The Power Squad is designed to respond to instances of crime spikes throughout our community. Examples of this are entering autos, burglary (residential and commercial), gang activity, and other crimes as needed. If no spikes are reported the unit conducts focused patrols throughout the city. This may include traffic enforcement, arrest warrant service, foot patrols, and supporting uniform patrol officers, criminal investigations, and special investigations agents. This unit is supervised by Lt. Tony Thomason and is made up of 4 officers Sgt. Joe Hudson, Cpl. Jeff Smith, Ptl. Colt Tolen, and Ptl. Eric Michel. Power Squad was started in April 2015 and has been an effective approach at dealing with gang violence in our community. Their schedule is developed based on crime statistics and immediate requests from division heads.



### 2015 PSU

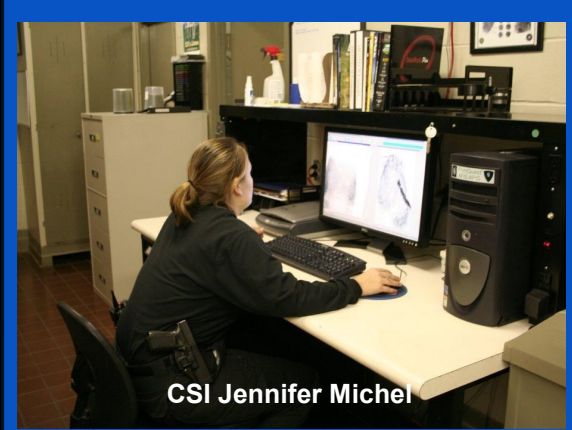
Gang Arrests	11
VGCSA Arrests	61
Other Arrests	237
<b>Total PSU Arrests</b>	<b>309</b>
Search Warrants Executed	18 assisted SIU
Money seized	\$0.00
Vehicles seized	0
Guns seized	19
Citations issued	279
School/Training hours	655

<b>Drugs seized:</b>	
Marijuana	10.5 oz.
Cocaine	16.6gg
Methamphetamines	3.1gg
Other drugs	13 Hydrocodone/ 4 Xanax/4.6gg Synthetic
<b>Total street value seized (approx.)</b>	<b>\$2,820.00</b>
<b>Abandoned/Found Drugs:</b>	
Marijuana	6gg
Cocaine	0
Methamphetamines	0
Other drugs	0
<b>Total street value (approx.)</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>Total street value combined (approx.)</b>	<b>\$2,880.00</b>

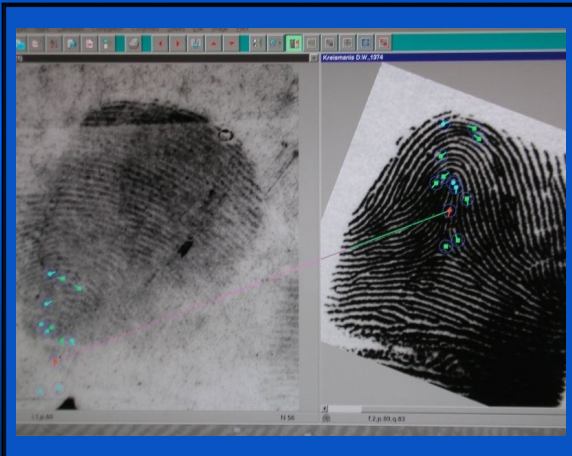
\*Note: All drug weights are approximates and street values are estimates.



# CRIME SCENE UNIT



CSI Jennifer Michel



CSI Amanda Frix

Category	2014	2015
Number of Crime Scenes (CSI Duty Hours)	219	126
Number of Crime Scenes (CSI Called Out)	162	158
Number of Crime Scenes (Assisted Other Jurisdictions)	4	1
Number of Crime Scenes (Patrol Division Response)	513	437
Total Crime Scenes Responded to in the City	818	721
Number of Hours Processing Evidence	940	1,040
Fingerprint Examinations	1,597	990
Hours in Court	100	80
Hours of Training	160	37
Number of Citizen Fingerprints	56	42
Number of Reports Cleared	325	325
Number of All Other Assistance	110	110
Marijuana Testing/Cases	179	179
Offenders Identified by Fingerprints/DNA	4	8
Local Automated Fingerprint Identification Database Records Entered	1,918	847
Latent Finger/Palm print Records Entered	187	147
Latent to Offender Matches	8	10



# EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY



Kathy West manages the Evidence Section for the Griffin Police Department. This section is responsible for receiving and storing evidence that has been recovered from crime scenes and also property that has been found. The evidence section is responsible for delivering evidence to the G.B.I. crime lab for the prosecution of cases.



Evidence Statistics	2014	2015
C.I.D. Evidence	403	402
Taser Cartridges	23	15
Evidence Returned to Owner	121	135
Drugs Retained in Evidence Room	377	414
Guns Handled	66	82
Bicycles Donated to Charity	0	13
Bicycles in Property Room	18	0
Cases for Municipal Court	156	94
Cases for State Court	257	203
Cases for Superior Court	452	407
Cases Sent to Crime Lab	198	208
Found Property	57	66
Case Disks	320	451

## ***JUVENILE INVESTIGATIONS***

Griffin PD has two CID Juvenile investigators, Sgt. Karen Yancy and Sgt. Kelly McKinney, who are assigned to the Juvenile Division within Criminal Investigations. They investigate crimes committed against children and crimes committed by children.

In many instances there was more than one arrest made on a case. Furthermore, cases are cleared continually and investigators work closely with other agencies both local and state, such as The Department Of Family And Children Services. Open cases, such as those on missing persons will be closed and ex-cleared as these youths are found and brought back to parental custody.

The juvenile investigators arrested 49 adults and 243 juveniles in 2015. Total Departmental arrest for 2015 was 3,882, so approximately 6.26% of those were juveniles.

## ***SRO AND D.A.R.E.***

The Griffin area school system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, four middle schools, two high schools, and one alternative school. There are two officers from the Griffin Police Department assigned to the school system as School Resource Officers. Two officers also teach the Drug Awareness Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.). These officers try to reach the students at a young age to hopefully deter students from using or experimenting with any type of drug. This program seems to be successful because of the relationship between the students and the officers.

- During 2015, Lt. Morris Pike and Ptl. Reginald Sutton taught D.A.R.E. in 11 schools to approximately eleven hundred students.



Sgt. Karen Yancy & Sgt. Kelly McKinney







## CANINE UNIT

The Griffin Police Department Canine Unit continues to serve the community, From left to right, Ptl. Colt Tolen has a German Shepherd named Freddie, Cpl. Trey Williams has a German Shepherd named Jake, Ptl. Kaylen Fletcher has a Belgian Malinois named Aki, and Ptl. Eric Michel has a Belgian Malinois named Yourie. The officers and their dogs train together for illegal drug detection during traffic stops. The dogs and their handlers are used during roadside checks, criminal apprehension, victim searches, article searches and finding lost children. These officers and their dogs are an asset to the citizens of Griffin through their aggressive drug intervention. Sgt. John Hayes is the K9 Supervisor.





## SWORN PERSONNEL BY YEARS OF SERVICE\*

Name	D.O.E.	Years/Months
Capt. Homer Daniel	3/25/1984	31 yrs., 9 mos.
Lt. Darrell Dix	7/15/1987	28 yrs., 5 mos.
Eddie Bogan	11/1/1987	28 yrs., 2 mos.
Cpl. Todd Harris	3/6/1988	27 yrs., 10 mos.
Capt. Donald Britt	4/29/1990	25 yrs., 8 mos.
Lt. Morris Pike	12/30/1990	25 yrs., 0 mos.
Lt. Doug Rogers	2/24/1991	24 yrs., 10 mos.
Sgt. Richard Phillips	2/24/1991	24 yrs., 10 mos.
Lt. Mike Natale	9/20/1992	23 yrs., 3 mos.
Sgt. Richard Joiner	5/15/1994	21 yrs., 7 mos.
Lt. Tony Thomason	10/24/1994	21 yrs., 2 mos.
Sgt. Gene Mathews	1/19/1997	18 yrs., 11 mos.
Lt. Mike Richardson	8/12/1998	17 yrs., 5 mos.
Sgt. Brian Jones	1/4/1999	17 yrs., 0 mos.
Lt. James Richards	6/7/1999	16 yrs., 7 mos.
Cpl. Todd Thomas	9/20/1999	16 yrs., 3 mos.
Lt. Curtis Keys	10/16/2000	15 yrs., 2 mos.
Sgt. Joe Hudson	11/13/2000	15 yrs., 1 mos.
Sgt. Dwayne Hancock	1/29/2001	14 yrs., 11 mos.
Sgt. Sommer Bales	7/16/2001	14 yrs., 5 mos.
Sgt. John Hayes	11/26/2001	14 yrs., 1 mos.
Sgt. Robert Burbrink	1/28/2002	13 yrs., 11 mos.
Sgt. Karen Yancy	2/18/2002	13 yrs., 10 mos.
Cpl. Chris Webb	3/18/2002	13 yrs., 9 mos.
Sgt. Daniel Jett	7/7/2003	12 yrs., 6 mos.
Cpl. Cary Jackson	7/7/2003	12 yrs., 6 mos.
Cpl. Heather Burbrink	8/18/2003	12 yrs., 4 mos.
Cpl. Drew Jackson	8/25/2003	12 yrs., 4 mos.
Cpl. Tony Brown	10/6/2003	12 yrs., 3 mos.
Cpl. Tishe Dyer	7/5/2004	11 yrs., 6 mos.
Cpl. Stan Phillips	5/15/2005	10 yrs., 7 mos.
Ptl. Lee Ward	2/20/2006	9 yrs., 10 mos.
Ptl. Amanda Frix	7/24/2006	9 yrs., 5 mos.
Cpl. Jeff Smith	12/10/2006	9 yrs., 1 mos.
Cpl. Mike Morris	7/23/2006	9 yrs., 5 mos.
Cpl. Kelly McKinney	11/6/2006	9 yrs., 2 mos.
Cpl. Chris Wilson	7/9/2007	8 yrs., 6 mos.
Cpl. Matt McFarlan	8/13/2007	8 yrs., 4 mos.
Cpl. Trey Williams	10/7/2007	8 yrs., 3 mos.

Name	D.O.E.	Years/Months
MPO. Chip Johns	12/17/2007	8 yrs., 0 mos.
Cpl. R. Bryan Jones	2/18/2008	7 yrs., 10 mos.
Ptl. Jennifer Michel	4/14/2008	7 yrs., 8 mos.
Ptl. James Waddell	4/14/2008	7 yrs., 8 mos.
Cpl. Todd Howard	4/21/2008	7 yrs., 8 mos.
Ptl. Kaylen Fletcher K-9	5/5/2008	7 yrs., 8 mos.
MPO. Stacy Beckom	12/1/2008	7 yrs., 1 mos.
Ptl. Reggie Sutton	3/16/2009	6 yrs., 9 mos.
Ptl. Colt Tolen K-9	8/10/2009	6 yrs., 5 mos.
MPO. Travis Wick	9/7/2009	6 yrs., 4 mos.
Ptl. Chardannay Hurst	9/7/2009	6 yrs., 4 mos.
Ptl. Walter Stapleton	9/21/2009	6 yrs., 3 mos.
Ptl. Eric Michel K-9	2/15/2010	5 yrs., 10 mos.
Ptl. Jacob McClenahan	5/3/2010	5 yrs., 8 mos.
Ptl. Brian Earls	10/4/2010	5 yrs., 3 mos.
Ptl. Laniece Stargell	11/28/2010	5 yrs., 1 mos.
Ptl. Brandon Walden	6/15/2011	4 yrs., 6 mos.
Ptl. Dawn Storm	10/11/2011	4 yrs., 3 mos.
Ptl. Andrew Dorsey	9/6/2012	3 yrs., 4 mos.
Ptl. Tina Bean	7/15/2013	2 yrs., 5 mos.
Ptl. Duon Dorsett	10/28/2013	2 yrs., 2 mos.
Ptl. Jeff Gauldin	6/23/2014	1 yrs., 6 mos.
Ptl. Emily Blackmon	6/23/2014	1 yrs., 6 mos.
Ptl. Ahleltia Smith	7/27/2014	1 yrs., 5 mos.
Ptl. Stephen Trawick	8/11/2014	1 yrs., 5 mos.
Ptl. Taylor Rich	9/8/2014	1 yrs., 4 mos.
Ptl. Joshua Jordan K-9	9/8/2014	1 yrs., 4 mos.
Ptl. Misty Gresham	9/8/2014	1 yrs., 4 mos.
Ptl. Marlin Moultrie	11/24/2014	1 yrs., 1 mos.
Ptl. Joshua Howell	11/24/2014	1 yrs., 1 mos.
Ptl. Brandon Weeks	3/2/2015	0 yrs., 10 mos.
Ptl. Austin Massey	3/2/2015	0 yrs., 10 mos.
Ptl. Matthew Boynton	3/2/2015	0 yrs., 10 mos.
Ptl. Dexter McCune	3/4/2015	0 yrs., 10 mos.
Ptl. Adam Trammel	3/30/2015	0 yrs., 9 mos.
Ptl. Antonio Taylor	9/8/2015	0 yrs., 4 mos.
Ptl. Russell Berry	9/9/2015	0 yrs., 4 mos.
Ptl. Austin Hammond	9/21/2015	0 yrs., 3 mos.

\* As of 12/31/2015  = Retired this year



## GRIFFIN MUNICIPAL COURT

The Griffin Municipal Court strives to utilize its Professional Standards to develop and implement methods to provide fair justice through its Court System. Presiding is the Honorable Judge William Johnston and the city Solicitor is Jessica O'Connor.

The City's Municipal Court Clerks are located in the Administrative Services Division, at the Griffin Police Department. The Chief Court Clerk is Yolanda Walker and the Deputy Court Clerk is Melissa Brock.

The Court Clerks are responsible for all court Dockets , subpoenas, traffic citations, nuisance citations, animal control citations, and all other misdemeanor charges that are tried in the Municipal Court.

2015		
Category	Cases Filed	Final
Traffic (Not DUI)	6,236	5,526
Ordinances (Includes Code Enforcement & Animal	610	342
Serious Traffic (Includes DUI)	846	302
Drugs/Marijuana (less than 1 oz.)	137	44
Misdemeanors (not otherwise Listed)	627	376
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,456</b>	<b>6,590</b>
Court Revenue	\$943,948.34	



William Johnston



Jessica O'Connor



Yolanda Walker



Melissa Brock



## RECOGNITIONS



Public Safety Director, Frank Strickland, retired on August 31, 2015 with 33 years of service.



Lt. Morris Pike retired on August 31, 2015 with 25 years of service.



Cpl. Todd Harris retired on August 31, 2015 with 27 years of service.



Congratulations to Chief Steven D. Heaton on becoming the Executive Associate Director of the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange.



On May 5, 2015, at the Griffin Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Banquet, Ptl. Emily Blackmon was awarded Rookie of the Year. Sgt. Joe Hudson was awarded Heart of a Hero. Lt. Mike Richardson was awarded Officer of the Year. Sgt. Richard Phillips, Ptl. Pete Spahn and Ptl. Chardannay Hurst were awarded the Team Work Award. The Department also received the Agency of the Year Award.



## RECOGNITIONS



On December 14, 2015, Sgt. Joe Hudson was awarded the Governor's Public Safety Award for Heroism. The recognition was for Sgt. Hudson's bravery in the line of duty while saving a young boy from a house fire in March.



Sgt. Drew Jackson was recognized by the City of Griffin in the **Strongest Link in the Chain** Program, for the month of September.

### New Recruits



On June 12, 2015, three new officers graduated from the Georgia Public Safety Training Center Police Academy. Pictured in white, from left to right: **Matthew Boynton, Brandon Weeks, and Austin Massey.**

### New Officers



Ptl. Dexter McCune was hired on March 4, 2015.



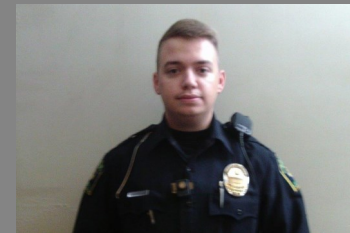
Ptl. Adam Trammel was hired on March 30, 2014.



Ptl. Antonio Taylor was hired on September 1, 2015.



Ptl. Russell Berry was hired on September 9, 2015.

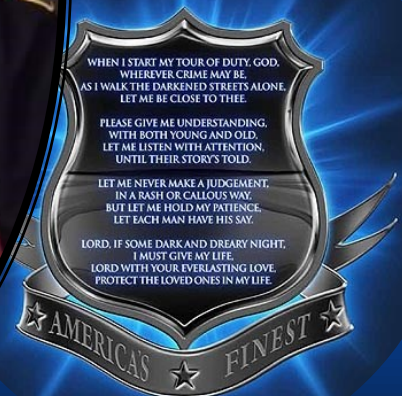


Ptl. Austin Hammond was hired on September 21, 2015.

## IN MEMORIAM

Ptl. Kevin Jordan

E.O.W.: 05.31.2014



### *"Final Call"*

An Angel In The Sky Must Leave His Place Of Rest,  
Gently Tucking His Wings Beneath His Armored Vest.  
For Duty Has Called, There Is Much Work To Do  
Little Did He Know, This One Is Dressed In Blue.

Arriving On The Scene, He Knows Just What To Say,  
"Follow Me, Fallen Brother, I'll Show You The Way."  
"Your Duty Has Ended, Your Work Is Now Through."  
"Come Hang Your Hat Beside Mine, I'm A Cop, Too."



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