



POLICE DEPARTMENT

2016 Annual Report

Michael Yates, *Chief of Police*



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MESSAGE FROM THE *CHIEF OF POLICE*

Dear Citizens,

The Griffin Police Department is proud to release our 2016 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 2016, the City of Griffin experienced another 2% reduction in Part 1 crimes from 2015 (10% since 2014) while at the same time the overall calls for service in the city increased by 7.22%. (compared to 2015). 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, CSI Kids Academy, Seminars on Fraud and Neighborhood Gang Deterrence models as well as the Women's Self defense Classes are just a few of the programs the department participated in 2016.

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.

I hope this report is meaningful for our citizens and leaders and I look forward to seeing what great things we as a community can do in the future to improve our quality of life.

Thanks You for Being our Partner in Our Mission to make Griffin a Great Place To Work, Live and Play!

God Bless,

Michael Yates
Chief of Police



Chief Yates has 28 years of experience in Law Enforcement, 19 of those years in Command Positions and 16 Years of experience as the Chief of Police in agencies ranging in size from 30 to 160 sworn officers. Chief Yates has specialized in numerous areas focusing on Organizational Change, Narcotics, Gang Suppression, Organized Crime, High Risk Operations, Highway Drug Interdiction, Crime Reduction and Gang Prevention Strategies. He has a proven track record of reducing Part I Crime significantly and bringing stability and purpose to every organization he has led.

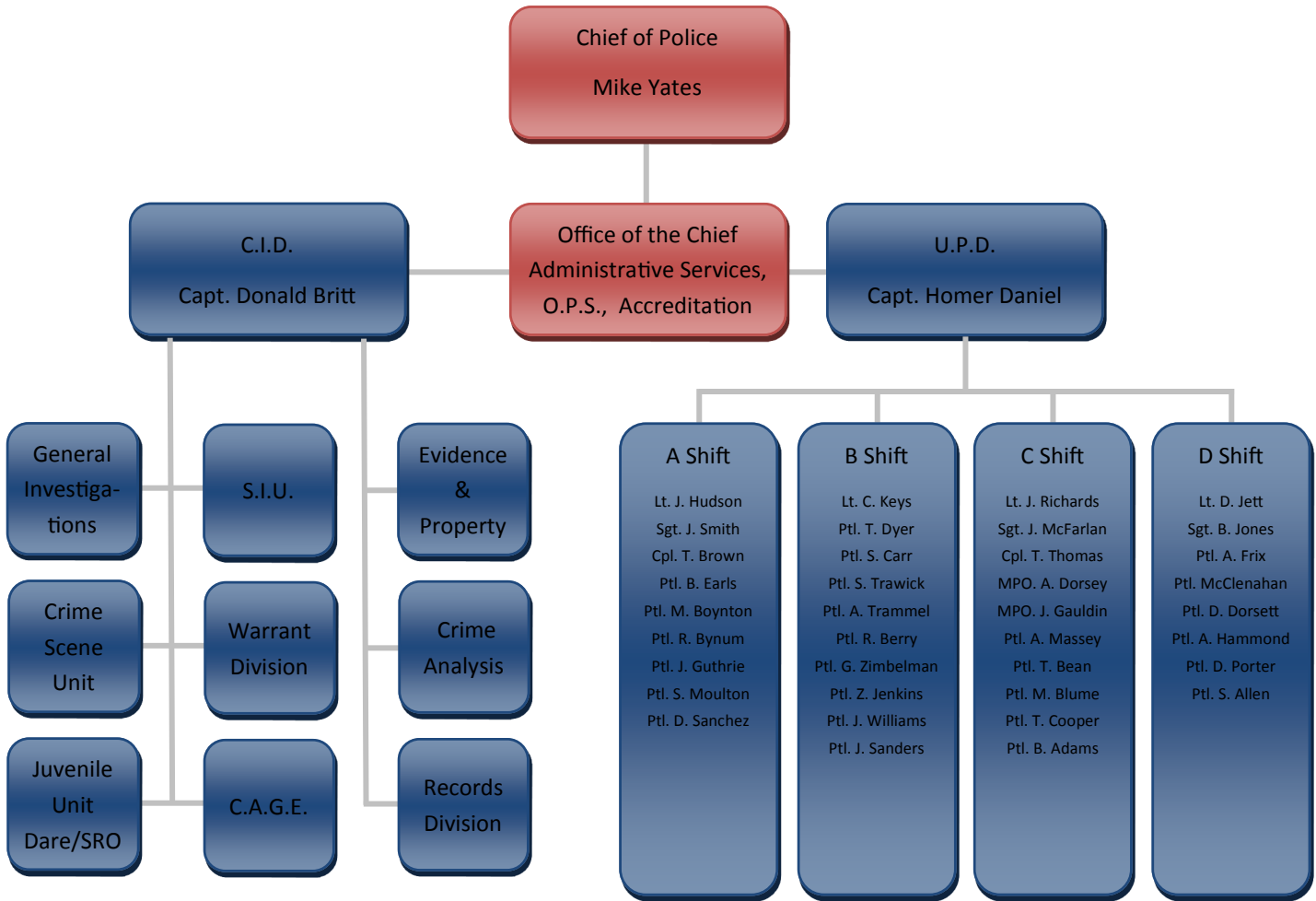
Chief Yates began his career as a Deputy Sheriff in Henry County, Georgia and then the City of Atlanta police. Later, employed by the Henry County Police Department, he rose through various ranks to that of Captain. In 2000 Chief Yates began his career as Chief after being selected to lead the Bibb County Campus Police in Macon, Ga. In 2001 he was selected to lead the City of Americus, Ga. Police Department reducing their crime index by 60% during his tenure. In 2004 he was selected to build and implement the first 7 County 911 Center in the State (Middle Flint Regional 911) and in 2005 left to become the Chief of Police in Jonesboro, Arkansas until 2014. In 2015 he returned to Georgia and was selected to lead the Griffin Police Department in February of 2016.

Chief Yates has a BS in Criminal Justice from the University of West Georgia and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University. He is a graduate of the Georgia Chiefs of Police Command College, the FBI National Academy (199th Session) and the Arkansas Leader Professional Development Program. Chief Yates is a POST certified instructor and has taught numerous College courses at Arkansas State University. He has over 2000 hours of advanced law enforcement training and holds Advanced and Executive Certifications in multiple states.

Chief Yates was born in Griffin, Georgia and grew up in nearby Henry and Clayton Counties. Chief Yates is married to Nancy, his wife of 25 years and has two sons, Jacob 24, Adam 23.



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





MISSION STATEMENT/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Griffin Police Department shall strive to provide the citizens of Griffin with the most professional, best trained and most efficient police department in the State of Georgia.

The Griffin Police Department is comprised of approximately 81 sworn officers and 11 civilian support personnel. We serve a daytime population of about 100,000 people, roughly 25,000 of those being citizens residing within the incorporated limits of Griffin, GA.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Griffin Police Department (GPD) continues to strive for excellence in community service once again in 2016. This report is a summation of the department's progress and changes, along with the city's crime data. Crime Activity is broken down into Part 1 and 2 crime categories, as defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and then by types of crimes falling under each category. There are 8 crimes that the FBI defines as Part 1 crimes, separated into two categories. They are 1) Violent Crimes against Persons, which consists of: **Murder/Homicide, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault**; and 2) Crimes against Property, which consists of: **Burglary, Larceny/Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson**. There are 24 offenses that fall into the category that the FBI defines as Part 2 Crimes, which include: Other Assaults, Forgery, Fraud, and Drug Offenses (to name a few).

In 2016, the department saw a 5.52% increase in Calls for Service compared to 2015, from 56,121 to 59,220. Traffic Crashes decreased by 1.29% compared to 2015, from 1712 to 1690. Traffic Citations saw a 2.43% decrease compared to 2015, from 11,337 to 11,061. Also, Arrests decreased by 16.53% compared to 2015, from 3878 to 3237.

There have been several changes and updates throughout the department in 2016. This report presents this information by division and unit, along with each division and unit's progress for the year.

GRIFFIN CRIME 2016

Part 1 Crime in Griffin has decreased overall, down 1.90% (32 crimes) from 1680 in 2015 to 1648 in 2016. Crimes Against Persons has decreased overall, down 1.58% (3 crimes) from 190 in 2015 to 187 in 2016. Crimes Against Property has decreased overall as well, down 1.95% (29 crimes) from 1490 in 2015 to 1461 in 2016. When adjusted for Arson, which is generally the responsibility of the fire department, Part I Crime is down more than 3%. (There have been some reporting changes that have artificially inflated our reported arson in 2016 which should be corrected in 2017).

The following tables depict the types of Part 1 Crimes reported in 2016 and 2015 as well as the clearance rate for each type of crime.



CRIME ANALYSIS

PART ONE CRIMES CLEARANCE

2016

Incident	Reported	Arrest	Ex. Cleared	Unfounded	Warrants	Suspended
Homicide	2	2	0	0	0	0
Rape	15	3	2	0	0	5
Robbery	46	8	4	2	1	28
Agg. Assault	124	50	17	3	11	39
Burglary	212	24	6	2	2	174
Theft	1176	311	93	53	18	677
Vehicle Theft	62	5	8	10	1	35
Arson	11	1	0	1	2	3
Totals	1648	404	130	71	35	961

Clearance Rate: 37%

Clearance Rate Persons: 49%

Clearance Rate Property: 35%

***Note:** The statistics presented here are subject to change for a variety of reasons. Some cases may have a status change, due to new leads or the arrest of an offender, after the date of this publication.

2015

Incident	Reported	Arrest	Ex. Cleared	Unfounded	Warrants	Suspended
Homicide	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	15	4	2	0	0	3
Robbery	57	14	3	1	1	36
Agg. Assault	117	65	10	4	3	36
Burglary	225	19	5	7	1	187
Theft	1218	470	80	69	13	573
Vehicle Theft	47	10	4	10	2	21
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1680	582	104	91	20	856

Clearance Rate: 46%

Clearance Rate Persons: 54%

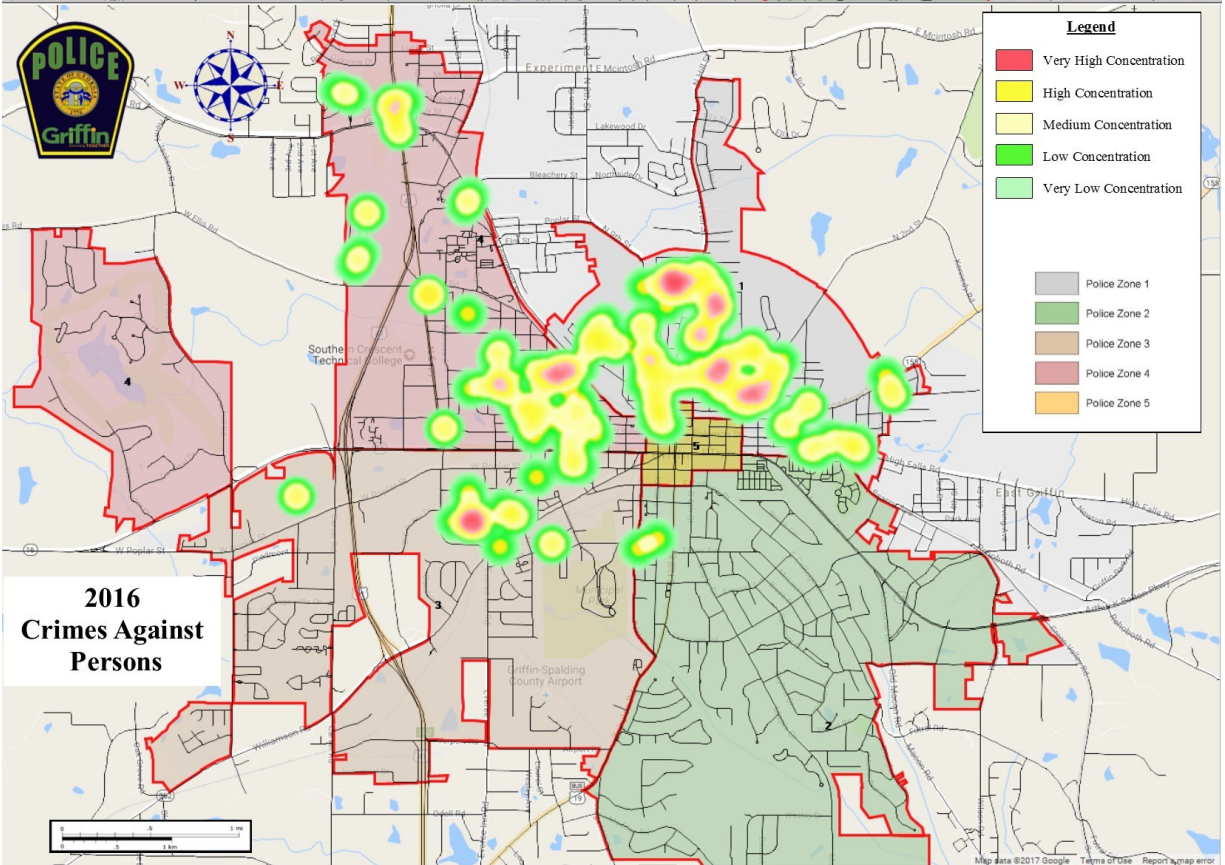
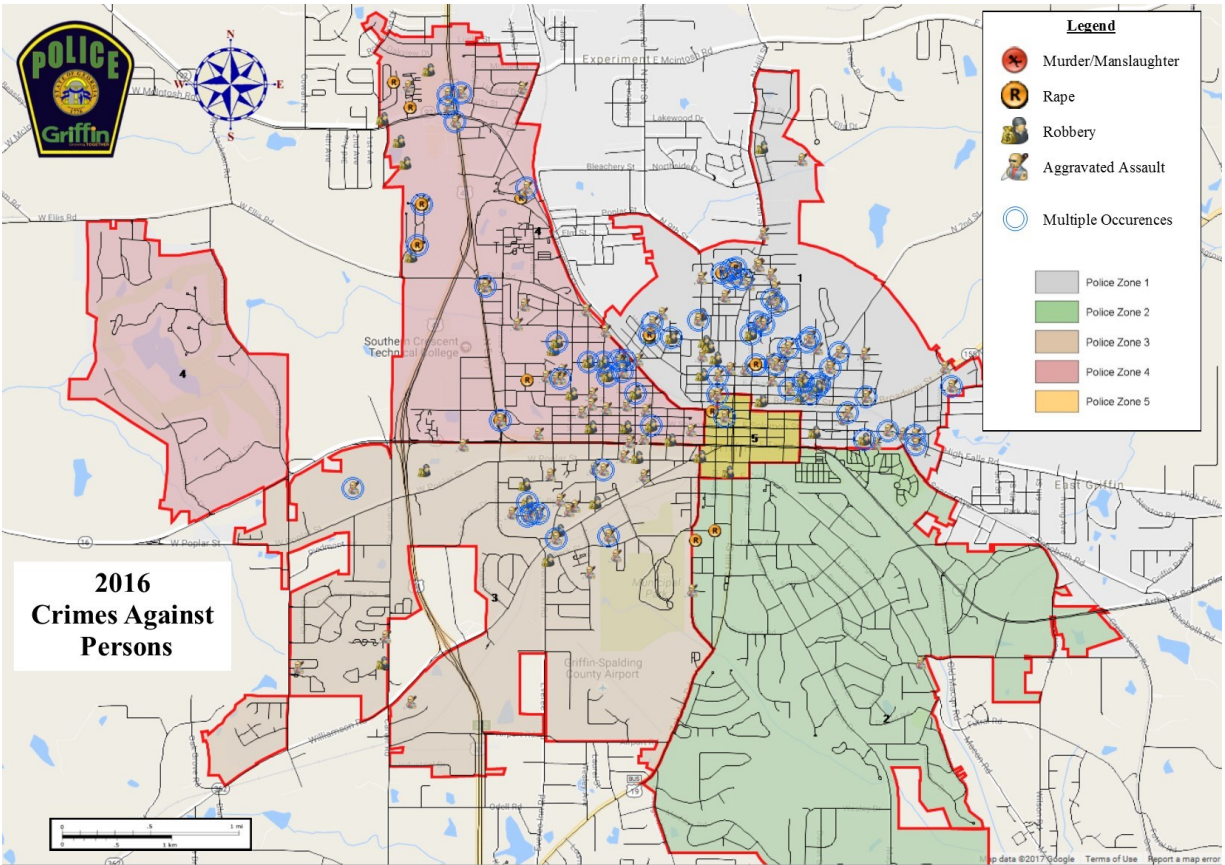
Clearance Rate Property: 49%

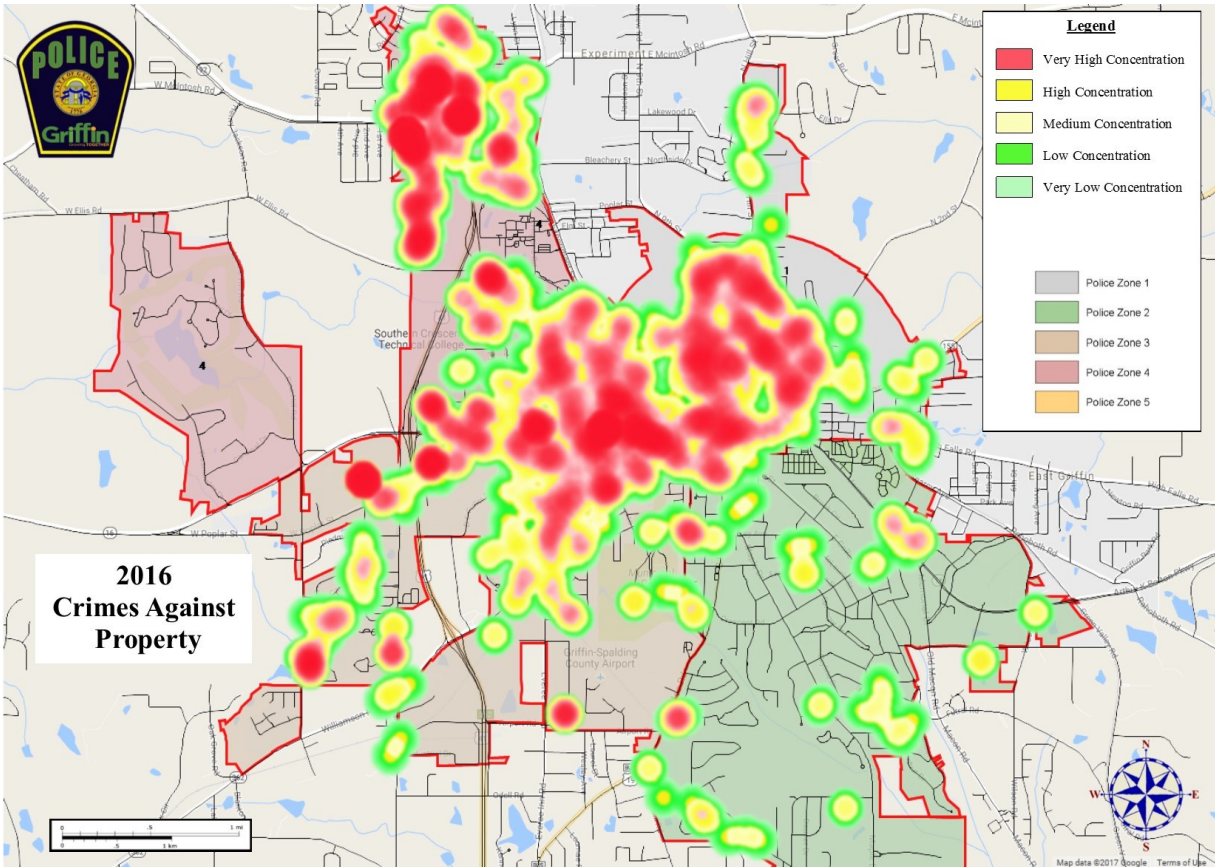
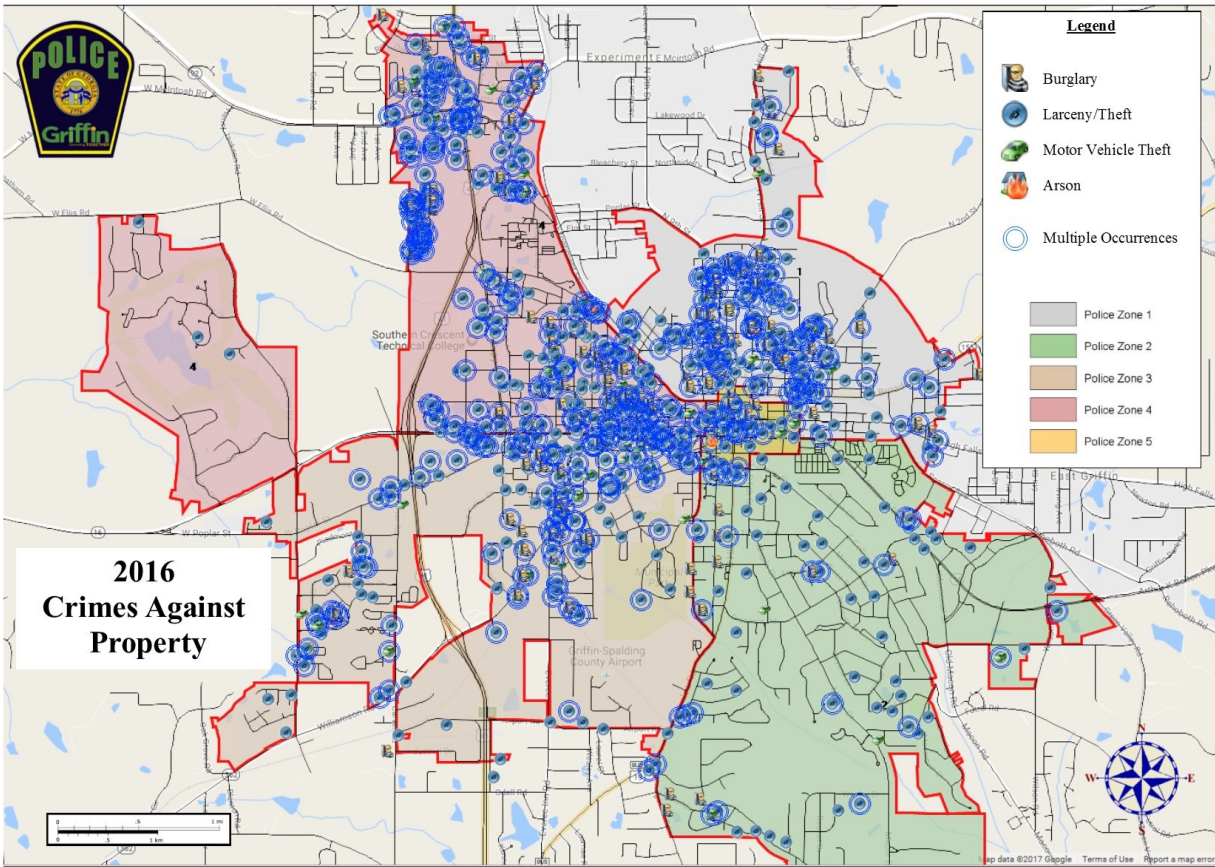
% Change 2016 to 2015	-1.90%	-30.58%	+25%	-21.98%	+75%	+12.27%
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Distribution of Part 1 Crimes

Maps introduced in this section represent crime distribution by crime category and heat map signature, and are divided into Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Property for 2016 (see page 5 for definition of Part 1 Crimes).







CRIME ANALYSIS

PART TWO CLEARANCE FOR 2016

Incident	Reported	Arrest	Ex. Cleared	Unfounded	Warrants	Suspended
Other Assaults	584	228	119	22	30	169
Forgery/Counterfeiting	64	15	10	0	2	34
Fraud	273	23	26	30	6	177
Stolen Property	75	47	3	3	14	6
Criminal Damage/Vandalism	462	51	62	9	1	334
Weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.)	32	24	0	1	0	6
Sex Offenses	46	17	0	6	3	11
Drug Abuse Violations	297	283	0	0	2	1
Family/Children Offenses	59	6	9	15	1	11
DUI	60	60	0	0	0	0
Liquor Laws	2	1	1	0	0	0
Drunkenness	22	22	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	181	155	10	0	3	12
Vagrancy	13	13	0	0	0	0
All Other Part 2	734	435	154	9	69	58
Death Investigations	44	0	29	1	0	9
Missing Persons	61	1	35	13	0	7
Runaways	23	20	3	0	0	0
Other Non-Rpt. Offenses	1,209	1,013	5	2	3	173
Totals	4,241	2,414	466	111	134	1,008
Clearance Rate:	71%					

Criminal Investigations Division

Part 1 & 2 Clearances Combined for 2016

Total

61%



CRIME ANALYSIS

PART TWO CLEARANCE FOR 2015

Incident	Reported	Arrest	Ex. Cleared	Unfounded	Warrants	Suspended
Other Assaults	574	265	92	25	17	164
Forgery/Counterfeiting	54	23	2	3	6	20
Fraud	231	22	28	34	8	131
Stolen Property	64	42	1	1	13	4
Criminal Damage/Vandalism	440	62	43	9	2	324
Weapons (carrying, possessing, etc.)	44	36	0	0	0	8
Sex Offenses	74	24	8	10	0	22
Drug Abuse Violations	258	249	1	1	0	5
Family/Children Offenses	74	16	17	19	0	22
DUI	61	61	0	0	0	0
Liquor Laws	8	8	0	0	0	0
Drunkenness	48	48	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	137	115	9	0	0	12
Vagrancy	25	21	0	0	0	4
All Other Part 2	1,577	861	337	18	274	86
Death Investigations	35	0	30	0	0	3
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	2	152
Totals	5,234	3,141	625	135	322	958
Clearance Rate:	75%					

Criminal Investigations Division

Part 1 & 2 Clearances Combined for 2015

Total

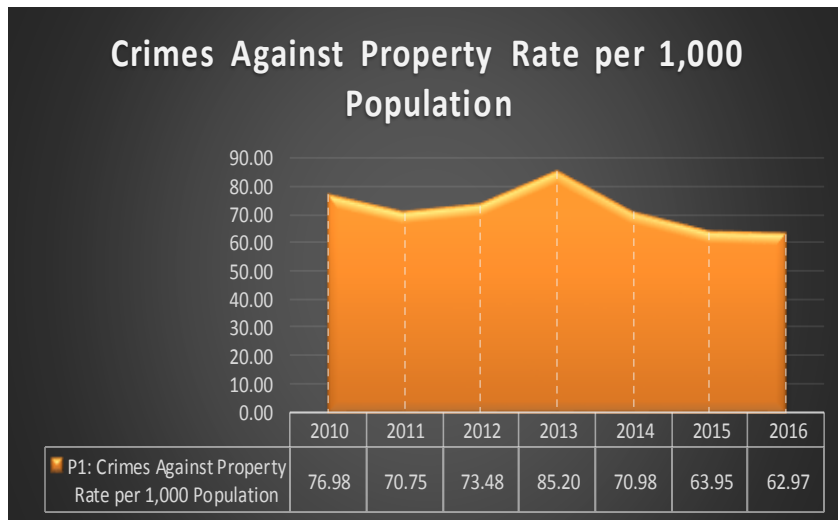
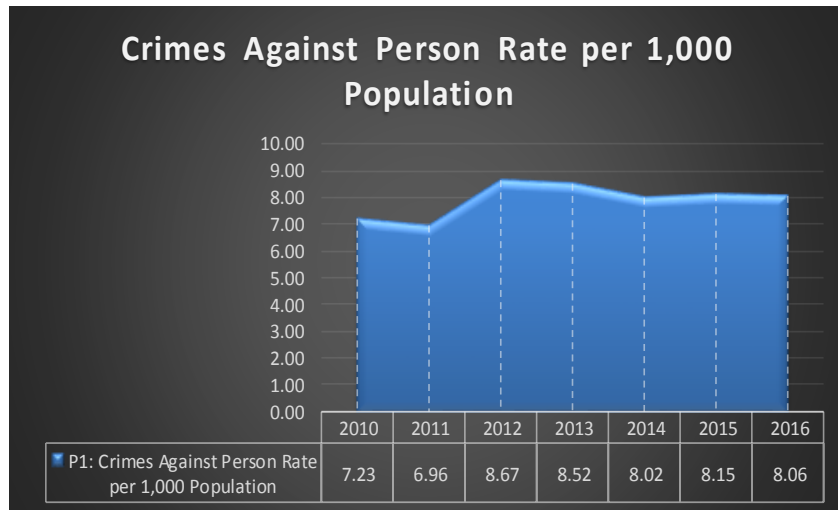
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CRIME ANALYSIS

CRIME RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION

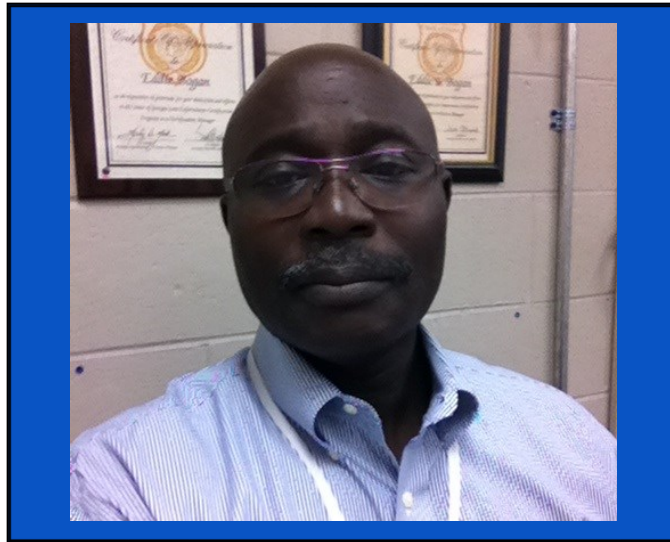
In order to provide yet another way of summarizing the distribution of crime in 2016, this section shows Part 1 crime rates for every 1,000 people in our community dating back to 2010. These rates are calculated by the number of crimes divided by the estimated or given population, for that year, and 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 +11.48%, while the crime rate for Crimes Against Property has decreased by -18.20%. Similar rates apply to the change in crime rate per 1000 population from year 2015 to 2016. In 2016, the rate of Crimes Against Person slightly decreased by -1.10%, while Crimes Against Property has dropped by -1.53%, comparing to 2015.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF



Mr. Eddie Bogan is a 35 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





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.

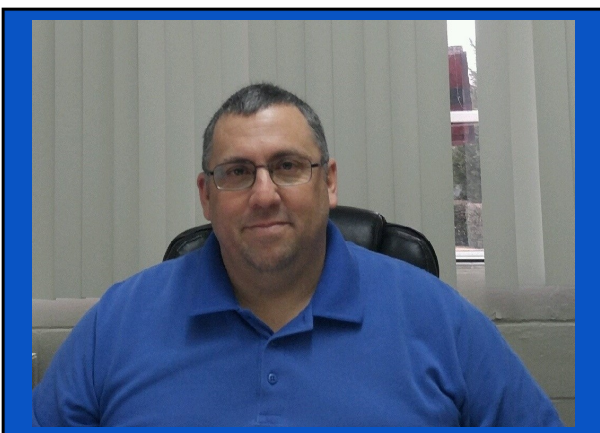
The OPS is also responsible for the hiring of all personnel, as well as maintaining a close relationship with all media representatives . Lt Mike Natale is the Hiring Coordinator and the Public Information Officer for the Griffin Police Department.



Lt. Darrell Dix is a veteran law enforcement officer with 29 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 Chief's 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. In November 2016, he was elected as the Sheriff of Spalding County.

Training Hours 2016	Training Hours 2015	% Change
7,852	9,875	-20.49%



Lt. Michael Natale has been employed with the City of Griffin for 24 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.

New Hires	2016	2015	% Change
Males	11	7	57.14%
Females	2	2	0%



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

Internal Affairs	2016	2015	% Change
Formal Investigations	8	9	-11.11%
Harassment/Threats	1	1	0%
Conduct/Demeanor	2	4	-50%
Policy/Procedure	5	4	25%
Use of Force	1	1	0%
Official Code of Georgia	4	5	-20%
Other	0	1	-100%
Dispositions	2016	2015	
Unfounded	0	1	-100%
Exonerated	1	1	0%
Sustained	5	5	0%
Not Sustained	1	0	NC
Other/Policy/Warnings	1	3	-66.66%

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 2015 and 2016.

Pursuits	2016	2015	% Change
Total Pursuits	2*	7	-71.43%
Policy Compliant	2	7	-71.43%
Policy Non-Compliant	0	0	NC
Accidents	0	3	-100%
Injuries: Officer	0	1	-100%
Suspects	0	1	-100%
Third Party	0	0	NC
Traffic Offense	0	4	-100%
Felony	0	3	-100%
Misdemeanor	0	1	-100%

*Note: 2 pursuits were initiated in 2016, but were discontinued due to a change in departmental policy.

Use of Force	2016	2015	% Change
Total Use of Force Incidents	18	36	-50%
Firearm	0	2 (all animals)	-100%
ASP Baton	0	0	NC
OC Spray	0	1	-100%
Taser: Deployed/Not Deployed	8	22	-63.64%
Hands	15	24	-37.5%
K-9	0	1	-100%
Total Use of Force Arrests	32	82	-60.98%
Complaints	16	1	1500%
Felony	6	32	-81.25%



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.

Captain Homer Daniel is in command of the Patrol Division.



Homer Daniel is a 32 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.





Uniform Patrol Division	2016	2015	% Change
911 Dispatched Calls	31,116	27,999	11.13%
Officer Initiated Calls	28,104	28,122	-0.06%
Total Calls for Service	59,220	56,121	5.52%
911 Hang-Ups	986	1,591	-38.07%
Drug Activity Calls	255	360	-29.17%
False Alarm Reports	1,510	2,066	-26.91%
Suspicious Person/Activity	676	880	-23.18%
Vehicle Unlocks	581	10	5710%
Total Non-Criminal Reports (code 4's)	9,533	9,164	4.03%
Total Incident Reports Submitted	14,268	16,201	-11.93%
Roadway Accident Reports	1,104	1,064	3.76%
Private Property Accident Reports	586	648	-9.57%
Traffic Fatalities	1	0	NC
Employee Accident Reports	22	18	22.22%
Traffic Stops	10,782	11,234	-4.02%
Traffic/Misdemeanor Citations	6,985	7,419	-5.85%
Traffic/Misdemeanor Warnings	3,109	3,312	-6.13%
Code Enforcement Citations	514	289	77.85%
Code Enforcement Warnings	453	317	42.90%
Total Citations Written	11,061	11,337	-2.43%
Drug Related Arrests	376	346	8.67%
D.U.I. Arrests	69	61	13.11%
Total Custodial Arrests	3,237	3,878	-16.53%
Case Files Completed	1,672	1,975	-15.34%

NC=Not Calculable (can't divide by 0)





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.

ANIMAL CONTROL	2016	2015	% Change
Calls for Service	1,399	1,071	30.62%
Calls Answered	1,260	964	30.71%
Dog Bites	32	34	-5.88%
Dead Animals Picked Up	130	159	-18.24%
Citations Issued	119	49	142.86%
Warnings Issued	29	28	3.57%
Mileage for 2 Vehicles	24,069	28,424	-15.32%



Jacob Honea

Ken Entrekin



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION AND JUVENILE INVESTIGATIONS

The Criminal Investigations Division, led by Capt. Donald Britt and Lt. Karen Yancy, 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.

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.

Griffin PD has two CID Juvenile investigators, 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 62 adults and 245 juveniles in 2016. Total Departmental arrest for 2016 was 3,237, so approximately 7.57% of those were juveniles.



Captain Donald Britt

Donald Britt has been with the Griffin Police Department for 26 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.



The table below compares the number of cases assigned to CID, and their status. Not all cases get assigned to CID, because most cases are solved or cleared by arrest from the Uniform Patrol Division.

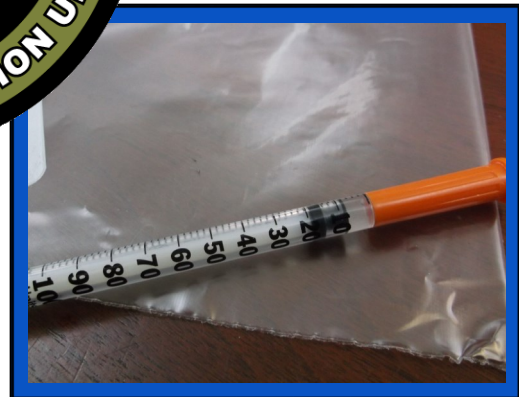
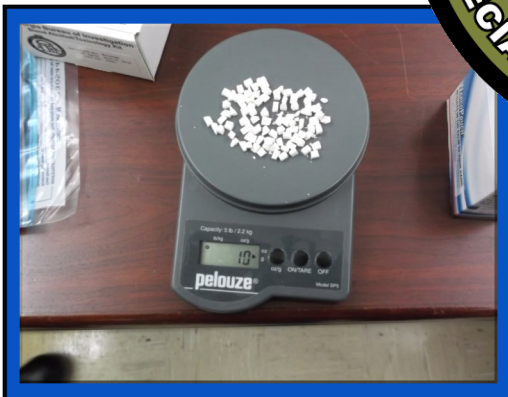
Investigations	2016	2015	% Change
Cases Assigned	3,350	3,114	7.58%
Cases Closed	3,226	3,110	3.73%
Cleared by Arrest	535	674	-20.62%
Unfounded	177	225	-21.33%
Ex-Cleared	455	408	11.52%
Crimes Against Persons	2016	2015	% Change
Cases Assigned	692	698	-0.86%
Cases Closed	620	686	-9.62%
Crimes Against Property	2016	2015	% Change
Cases Assigned	2,045	1,837	11.32%
Cases Closed	1,956	1,812	7.73%
Juvenile Cases	2016	2015	% Change
Cases Assigned	420	386	8.81%
Cases Closed	356	381	-6.56%
Case Files Completed	2016	2015	% Change
	557	459	21.35%

The Records Division is also a part of C.I.D. Civilian personnel assigned to this division ensure the accuracy of data entered into the police department's Records Management 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.



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

2016								
Month	Arrests	Marj.	Cocaine	Currency	Drug Complaints	Guns	Vehs	S/W
January	10	47.2gg	1.6gg	\$564.49	1	0	1	8
February	22	34.69gg	65.4gg	\$3,400.00	6	0	3	6
March	16	1872.63g	36.83gg	\$949.00	4	0	1	16
April	16	52.2gg	0	\$0	11	0	2	13
May	12	1.0gg	0.1gg	\$0	4	0	0	8
June	7	46.4gg	1.4gg	\$925.00	5	0	1	10
July	5	72.4gg	4.15gg	\$0	1	0	0	3
August	57	90.92gg	11.7gg	\$597.00	3	0	3	2
September	18	1.5gg	0	\$0	2	0	1	4
October	25	26.7gg	11.63gg	\$2,281.00	1	3	0	9
November	1	999.12gg	0	\$0	1	0	0	8
December	4	32.29gg	9.90gg	\$1,092.00	1	0	0	2
Totals	193	3227.05g	142.71gg	\$9,808.49	40	3	12	89
Seized marijuana street value (based on \$10 per gram)						\$80,676.25		
Seized cocaine street value (based on \$100 per gram)						\$14,271.00		
Seized Meth. street value (based on \$150 per gram)						\$90,753.00		
Misc. Pills street value (based on \$15 per pill)						\$9,540.00		
Total street value of drugs seized						\$195,240.25		
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
Totals	265	538.68gg	644.16gg	\$42,082.50	31	46	9	61
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		
Total street value of drugs seized						\$95,803.80		



C.A.G.E. UNIT

The Criminal Apprehension and Gang Enforcement unit was created in March 2016 to not only combat growing gang problems, but also to help educate the community through partnership and strategic deployments to help eradicate future issues and crime. The unit consists of six officers four of which are certified K-9 handlers. The unit also has two gang investigators. The C.A.G.E. unit provides assistance with the Uniform Patrol Division in the form of assisting with man power as well as city court. We diligently work with the Special Investigations Unit by assisting with search warrants and special operations. As a unit, we assist the Criminal Investigations Unit with criminal investigations and arrest warrants. The C.A.G.E. unit has established a working relationship with the Spalding County Sherriff's Office, Henry County Sherriff's Office, Butt's County Sherriff's Office, the Georgia State Patrol, and the Georgia Department of Probation and Parole. Our ability to work with outside agencies has proven to be a valuable asset not only to the Griffin Community but as well as the surrounding communities. We not only work with local agencies but also work side by side with federal agencies providing assistance with intelligence. The C.A.G.E. unit provides community services by attending community events, performing demonstrations with local schools, churches, and other organizations. We also educate the community about drugs, gangs, and other crimes which affect the community.



2016 C.A.G.E.

Gang Arrests	56
VGCSA Arrests	98
Other Arrests	384
Total CAGE Arrests	538
Search Warrants Executed	84
Outside Agency Assists	49
Vehicles seized	5
Guns seized	28
Citations issued	676
School/Training hours	473
K-9 Training hours	393
Court Hours	582
Surveillance hours	158

Drugs seized:	
Marijuana	4,163.31gg
Cocaine	9.73gg
Methamphetamines	11.61gg
Other drugs	71.5 pills
Total street value seized (approx.)	\$14,250.00
<i>**All drug weights are approximates and street values are estimates.</i>	



CANINE UNIT

The Griffin Police Department Canine Unit continues to serve the community, and are active officers in the C.A.G.E. Unit. From left to right, Taylor Rich has a Belgian Malinois named Aki, Brandon Weeks has a Belgian Malinois named Yourie, Ptl. Eric Michel has a Dutch Shepherd named Argo, and Josh Jordan has a German Shepherd named Jake. 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.





CRIME SCENE UNIT



GPD has three detectives devoted to crime scene investigation and evidence processing. Along with responding to major crime scenes, these detectives are also tasked with collecting, preserving and photographing evidence, collecting certain items of video evidence, and processing the evidence for court procedures. The Crime Scene Investigators are also required to assist the District Attorney in prosecuting criminal cases and act as a liaison with the Georgia State Crime Laboratory. All officers in this unit are state certified Crime Scene Technicians, utilizing a variety of state of the art processes, techniques and equipment.



Category	2016	2015	%
Number of Crime Scenes (CSI Duty Hours)	376	126	198.4%
Number of Crime Scenes (CSI Called Out)	123	158	-22.15%
Number of Crime Scenes (Assisted Other Jurisdictions)	6	1	500%
Number of Crime Scenes (Patrol Division Response)	912	437	108.7%
Total Crime Scenes Responded to in the City	1,288	721	78.64%
Number of Hours Processing Evidence	1,142	1,040	9.81%
Fingerprint Examinations	716	990	-27.68%
Hours in Court	102	80	27.5%
Hours of Training	422	37	1040%
Number of Citizen Fingerprints	39	42	-7.14%
Number of Reports Cleared	301	325	-7.38%
Number of All Other Assistance	115	110	4.55%
Marijuana Testing/Cases	148	179	-17.32%
Offenders Identified by Fingerprints/DNA	26	8	225%
Local Automated Fingerprint Identification Database Records Entered	1,884	847	122.4%
Latent Finger/Palm print Records Entered	439	147	198.6%
Latent to Offender Matches	26	10	160%



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	2016	2015	%
C.I.D. Evidence	716	402	78.11%
Taser Cartridges	10	15	-33.33%
Evidence Returned to Owner	152	135	12.59%
Drugs Retained in Evidence Room	394	414	-4.83%
Guns Handled	76	82	-7.31%
Bicycles Donated to Charity	0	13	-100%
Bicycles in Property Room	15	0	NC
Cases for Municipal Court	123	94	30.85%
Cases for State Court	211	203	3.94%
Cases for Superior Court	318	407	-21.87%
Cases Sent to Crime Lab	284	208	36.54%
Found Property	94	66	42.42%
Case Disks	989	451	119.3%





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. One officer also teaches the Drug Awareness Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.). This officer tries 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 officer.

- During 2016, MPO Reginald Sutton taught D.A.R.E. in 11 schools to approximately eleven hundred students.



WARRANT DIVISION

The Warrant Division is responsible for serving warrants that are issued by the city’s Municipal Court. On city court days, the Warrant Division provides a bailiff for court and a transport officer. In addition, this Division is responsible for transporting wanted persons arrested in other jurisdictions back to Griffin.

	2016	2015	Diff.	%
Warrants Issued	703	470	233	49.57%
Warrants Served	320	239	81	33.89%
Warrants Dismissed	171	115	56	48.70%
Outstanding Warrants	212	116	96	82.76%



SWORN PERSONNEL BY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH GPD*

Name	D.O.E.	Years/Months	Name	D.O.E.	Years/Months
Capt. Homer Daniel	3/25/1984	32 yrs., 9 mos.	Ptl. Brian Earls	10/4/2010	6 yrs., 2 mos.
Lt. Darrell Dix	7/15/1987	29 yrs., 5 mos.	Ptl. Laniece Stargell	11/28/2010	6 yrs., 1 mos.
Eddie Bogan	11/1/1987	29 yrs., 1 mos.	Ptl. Brandon Walden	6/15/2011	5 yrs., 6 mos.
Capt. Donald Britt	4/29/1990	26 yrs., 8 mos.	Ptl. Andrew Dorsey	9/6/2012	4 yrs., 3 mos.
Sgt. Richard Phillips	2/24/1991	25 yrs., 10 mos.	Ptl. Tina Bean	7/15/2013	3 yrs., 5 mos.
Lt. Mike Natale	9/20/1992	24 yrs., 3 mos.	Ptl. Duon Dorsett	10/28/2013	3 yrs., 2 mos.
Lt. Tony Thomason	10/24/1994	22 yrs., 2 mos.	Ptl. Jeff Gauldin	6/23/2014	2 yrs., 6 mos.
Sgt. Gene Mathews	1/19/1997	19 yrs., 11 mos.	Ptl. Emily Blackmon	6/23/2014	2 yrs., 6 mos.
Sgt. Brian Jones	1/4/1999	17 yrs., 11 mos.	Ptl. Ahleltia Smith	7/27/2014	2 yrs., 5 mos.
Lt. James Richards	6/7/1999	17 yrs., 6 mos.	Ptl. Stephen Trawick	8/11/2014	2 yrs., 4 mos.
Cpl. Todd Thomas	9/20/1999	17 yrs., 3 mos.	Ptl. Taylor Rich	9/8/2014	2 yrs., 3 mos.
Lt. Curtis Keys	10/16/2000	16 yrs., 2 mos.	Ptl. Joshua Jordan K-9	9/8/2014	2 yrs., 3 mos.
Sgt. Joe Hudson	11/13/2000	16 yrs., 1 mos.	Ptl. Misty Gresham	9/8/2014	2 yrs., 3 mos.
Sgt. Dwayne Hancock	1/29/2001	15 yrs., 11 mos.	Ptl. Brandon Weeks	3/2/2015	1 yrs., 9 mos.
Sgt. Sommer Bales	7/16/2001	15 yrs., 5 mos.	Ptl. Austin Massey	3/2/2015	1 yrs., 9 mos.
Sgt. John Hayes	11/26/2001	15 yrs., 1 mos.	Ptl. Matthew Boynton	3/2/2015	1 yrs., 9 mos.
Sgt. Karen Yancy	2/18/2002	14 yrs., 10 mos.	Ptl. Dexter McCune	3/4/2015	1 yrs., 9 mos.
Cpl. Chris Webb	3/18/2002	14 yrs., 9 mos.	Ptl. Adam Trammel	3/30/2015	1 yrs., 9 mos.
Sgt. Daniel Jett	7/7/2003	13 yrs., 5 mos.	Ptl. Russell Berry	9/9/2015	1 yrs., 3 mos.
Cpl. Cary Jackson	7/7/2003	13 yrs., 5 mos.	Ptl. Austin Hammond	9/21/2015	1 yrs., 3 mos.
Cpl. Drew Jackson	8/25/2003	13 yrs., 4 mos.	Ptl. Benjamin Adams	12/28/2015	1 yrs., 0 mos.
Cpl. Tony Brown	10/6/2003	13 yrs., 2 mos.	Ptl. Zachary Jenkins	12/28/2015	1 yrs., 0 mos.
Cpl. Tishe Dyer	7/5/2004	12 yrs., 5 mos.	Ptl. David Porter	12/28/2015	1 yrs., 0 mos.
Cpl. Stan Phillips	5/15/2005	11 yrs., 7 mos.	Ptl. Ryan Bynum	1/11/2016	0 yrs., 11 mos.
Ptl. Lee Ward	2/20/2006	10 yrs., 10 mos.	Ptl. Matthew Blume	6/13/2016	0 yrs., 6 mos.
Ptl. Amanda Frix	7/24/2006	10 yrs., 5 mos.	Ptl. Diana Sanchez	6/13/2016	0 yrs., 6 mos.
Cpl. Jeff Smith	12/10/2006	10 yrs., 0 mos.	Ptl. Justin Sanders	6/13/2016	0 yrs., 6 mos.
Cpl. Mike Morris	7/23/2006	10 yrs., 5 mos.	Ptl. Jairreis Williams	6/13/2016	0 yrs., 6 mos.
Cpl. Kelly McKinney	11/6/2006	10 yrs., 1 mos.	Ptl. Geoffrey Zimbelman	7/18/2016	0 yrs., 5 mos.
Cpl. Chris Wilson	7/9/2007	9 yrs., 5 mos.	Ptl. Tyler Cooper	8/15/2016	0 yrs., 4 mos.
Cpl. Matt McFarlan	8/13/2007	9 yrs., 4 mos.	Ptl. Shannon Moulton	8/15/2016	0 yrs., 4 mos.
Cpl. Trey Williams	10/7/2007	9 yrs., 2 mos.	Ptl. Stephany Allen	8/22/2016	0 yrs., 4 mos.
Ptl. Jennifer Michel	4/14/2008	8 yrs., 8 mos.	Ptl. Shaun Carr	12/27/2016	0 yrs., 0 mos.
Cpl. Todd Howard	4/21/2008	8 yrs., 8 mos.			
Ptl. Kaylen Fletcher K-9	5/5/2008	8 yrs., 7 mos.			
Ptl. Reggie Sutton	3/16/2009	7 yrs., 9 mos.			
Ptl. Colt Tolen K-9	8/10/2009	7 yrs., 4 mos.			
MPO. Travis Wick	9/7/2009	7 yrs., 3 mos.			
Ptl. Jacob McClenahan	5/3/2010	6 yrs., 7 mos.			

* As of 12/31/2016 = Retired this year



RECOGNITIONS



Lt. Darrell Dix retired on 12/31/2016, with 29 years of service, to become the Sheriff of Spalding County.



Ptl. Emily Blackmon was recognized by the City of Griffin in the *Strongest Link in the Chain* Program, for the month of February.



On March 22, 2016, Sgt. Chris Wilson received the Life Saving Award at the City Commissioners meeting.



Congratulations to Joe Hudson for being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on 12/8/2016.



On May 17, 20146 at the Griffin Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Banquet, Sgt. Chris Wilson and Ptl. Emily Blackmon received the Heart of a Hero award. Sgt. Kelly McKinney received an award for showing compassion for victims and MPO Reggie Sutton (not pictured) received the Cummunity Service Award.



NEW OFFICERS

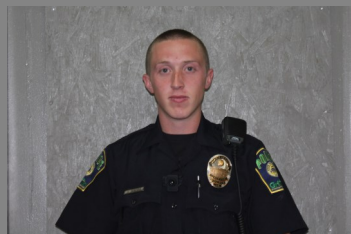
NOTE- A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WERE HIRED DURING THIS PERIOD AS POLICE OFFICERS BUT ALL DID NOT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE POLICE ACADEMY OR FIELD TRAINING THEREFOR THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED.



Ptl. Ryan Bynum was re-hired on January 11, 2016.



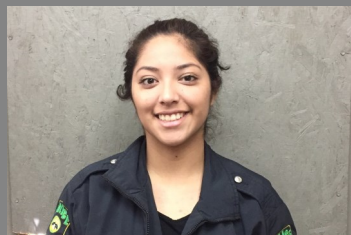
Ptl. Matthew Blume was hired on June 13, 2016.



Ptl. Justin Sanders was hired on June 13, 2016



Ptl. Jairreis Williams was hired on June 13, 2016.



Ptl. Diana Sanchez was hired on June 13, 2016.



Ptl. Geoffrey Zimbelman was hired on July 18, 2016.



Ptl. Tyler Cooper was hired on August 15, 2016.



Ptl. Shannon Moulton was hired on August 15, 2016.



Ptl. Stephany Allen was hired on August 22, 2016.



Ptl. Shaun Carr was re-hired on December 27, 2016.



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