



**GRIFFIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT 2020**



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Mission Statement

“In partnership with our community, the mission of the Griffin Police Department is to protect and enhance the quality of life by providing a high level of service in an efficient and responsive manner for all the citizens.”

The primary purpose (mission) of the Griffin Police Department is to maintain social order within prescribed ethical and constitutional limits, while providing professional law enforcement services. To attain this, the Griffin Police Department enforces the law in a fair and impartial manner, recognizing both the statutory and judicial limitations of police authority and the constitutional rights of all persons.

The agency recognizes that no law enforcement agency can operate at its maximum potential without supportive input from the citizens it serves. This agency actively solicits and encourages the cooperation of all citizens to reduce and limit the opportunities for crime and to facilitate the maximum use of resources.

As members of the City of Griffin Police Department, we are all charged with the responsibility of serving and protecting the citizens and transients within our city limits.

The City of Griffin Police Department vigorously responds to calls for law enforcement services, enforces all State and local laws and ordinances, protects life and property, investigates matters of a criminal nature, preserves the peace, and strives to prevent crime disorder. We are guided by the ordinances enacted by the City of Griffin, the laws of the State of Georgia, and the Constitution of the United States of America.

We must strive to set a standard of excellence for others to follow, both individually and collectively. In keeping with this goal, we have adopted the concise mission statement that reflects the fundamental principles of our agency. We feel this should be the cornerstone of each and every member of our agency’s policing philosophy.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Office of the Chief Chief Michael F. Yates

Diane Martin-Administrative Coordinator

Linda Lash- Accreditation Manager

Administrative Services Division

Lt. Daniel Jett- Office of Professional Standards

SGT. Todd Howard- Hiring/Recruitment
CPL. Chris Webb- SRO
MPO Ryan Bynum - SRO
PTL. Reggie Sutton -DARE
PTL. Eddrian McAdams- SRO

Ms. Becky Rigsby- Administrative Assistant
Mr. Ken Entrekin- Records Clerk
Ms. Dana Goodman – Records Clerk
Ms. Sheryl Brown – Warrants Clerk
Ms. Angela Burnham- Records Clerk
Ms. Tavisia Thomas- Records Clerk
Ms. Lakesia Davis- Sr. Records Clerk

Uniform Patrol Division

Captain Mike Natale

A Shift

B Shift

C Shift

D Shift

LT. Jeff Smith	LT. C. Wilson	LT. B. Jones	LT. G. Mathews
SGT. Sam Jones	SGT. Joe Hudson	SGT. Lee Ward	SGT. Todd Thomas
SGT. G Zimbelman	SGT. Matthew Blume	SGT. Chip Johns	SGT. Brandon Walden
MPO Amanda Frix	PTL. Vincent Barfield	MPO Stephen Trawick	CPL Dwayne Hancock
MPO Jeff Gauldin	PTL. Steven Chamlee	PTL. Michael Smith	MPO Stephany Allen
MPO Misty Piper	PTL. C. Conaway	PTL Matthew Rhodes	PTL. Jesse Piland
PTL. Todd Hendrix	PTL. Renaldo Lee	PTL. Alyssa Hanson	PTL. Matthew Kerlin
PTL. Anadia Ruiz	PTL. Jonathan Fincher	PTL. Scott Sierra	PTL. Scott Collum
PTL. James Harper	PTL. Chelsea Jones	PTL. Lamarcus Tuft	PTL. Steven Astyk
PTL. Timothy Carnegie			PTL. Keven Wilson

<u>Crossing Guards</u>	<u>Animal Control</u>
Amanda Holland	Stetman White
Horace Jester	Tyrone Evans
Willie Mae McDaniel	
James King	
Debra Thomas	
Ralph Copeland	
Valerie Copeland	
Russell Starr	

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Criminal Investigations Division

Captain Homer Daniel

Criminal Investigations

Special Investigation Division

Lt. John Hayes	LT. Kaylen Krueger
SGT. Carey Jackson	SGT. Josh Oxford
SGT. Jairreis Williams	PTL. Brian Dorety
MPO Adam Trammel	PTL. Phillip Johnson
PTL. Jason McKinney	PTL. Josh Howell
PTL. D.J. King	PTL. Michael Betsill
PTL. Jodi Spears	PTL. Theodore Manolis
PTL. Neosha Bloodser	PTL. Josh Holley
	PTL. Kalib Daniel
	PTL. John Kelton
	PTL. Richard Powell

Crime Scene Technicians

Evidence custodians

SGT. Austin Massey	Ms. Karen Jett
PTL. Ashley Neath	PTL. Laurie Littlejohn
PTL. Michael Smith	

Message from the Chief of Police

On behalf of the men and women of the Griffin Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2020 Annual Police Report. A key component to being a transparent agency is to provide you with statistics regarding crime and police activities this year.

We are honored that you have placed trust in us and we are thankful for your continued assistance and support. The Police Department understands and appreciates that the active collaboration, participation, partnership and support of the community at large is imperative to our continued success.

Working together, we have made a lot of progress and lifting up hopes and spirits of our residents and getting there requires the police and community to work even more closely and more cooperatively than ever before.

Along with the men and women of our agency, I am committed to making the City of Griffin a safer, more livable and better-prepared city for our residents, workers and visitors alike.

2020 presented many challenges as well as opportunities to improve the department. The strength of our working relationship is based on the shared goal of providing the best service possible at all times. The accomplishments made by the members of the Griffin Police Department would often not be possible without the continued support.

The annual report is meant to provide a quantitative snapshot of the activities conducted throughout the year. Understanding the volume of work that is handled provides a realistic view of the effectiveness and efficiency of the Police Department.



Chief Mike Yates

Executive Summary

The Griffin Police Department (GPD) continued to strive for excellence in community service once again in 2020. 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.

They are 10 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 2020, the department saw a 24% reduction in Calls for Service compared to 2019, from 67317 to 50003 which is due to operational changes dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Traffic Crashes were reduced by 12.7% compared to 2019, from 1780 to 1554 (total combined roadway and private property). There were 4 fatality accidents reported. Traffic Citations saw a 45% reduction compared to 2019 from 12000 to 6606 (again due to COVID). Additionally, arrests decreased in 2020 by 45% compared to 2019, from 3822 to 2108 which was primarily due to the refusal of misdemeanor prisoners at the County Jail (following their COVID protocol).

There have been several changes and updates throughout the department in 2020 as well. This report presents this information by division and unit, along with each division and unit's progress for the year.

Below is an analysis of the crime reports in Griffin, Georgia. The data in this report are a comparison from 2019 and 2020. The data includes only Part I crimes.

2020 Part 1 Incident Reports

There were a total of 1,244 Part 1 incidents in 2020. The most common offense type is larceny with 830. Aggravated Assaults and burglaries are the second and third most common offenses.

TABLE 1. INCIDENT BREAKDOWN FOR 2019 and 2020 PART 1 CRIMES

OFENSE TYPE	2019	2020	% Change	Difference
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	132	137	+3.79%	+5
ARSON	2	0	-200%	-2
BURGLARY	179	168	-6.14%	-11
HOMICIDE	1	8	+700%	+7
KIDNAPPING	1	0	-100%	-1
LARCENY	703	830	+18.07%	+7
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	44	77	+75%	+33
ROBBERY	39	24	-38.46%	-15

What are Heat Maps?

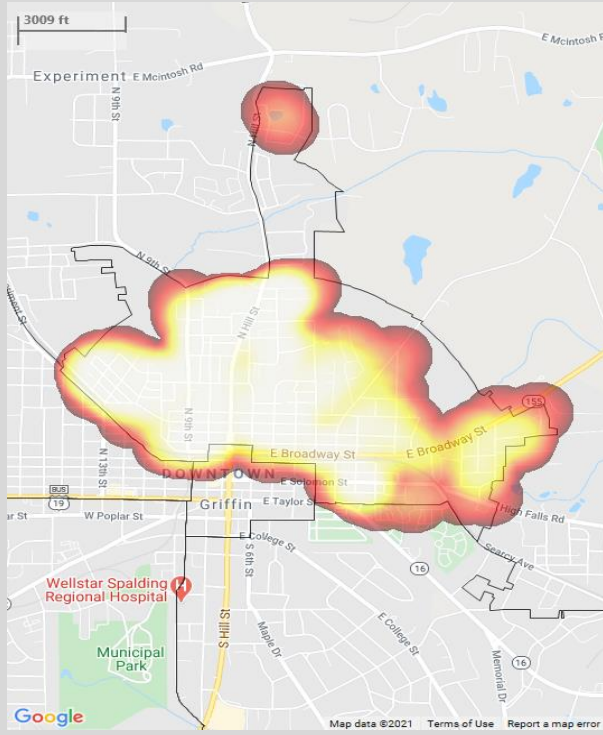
Heat maps are geographical representation of data that utilizes color-coded systems. This gives you a better visualization of the volume of locations/incidents within a dataset and will assist in directing viewers of this site towards areas on data visualizations that matter the most.

“HOT SPOTS” (Points)

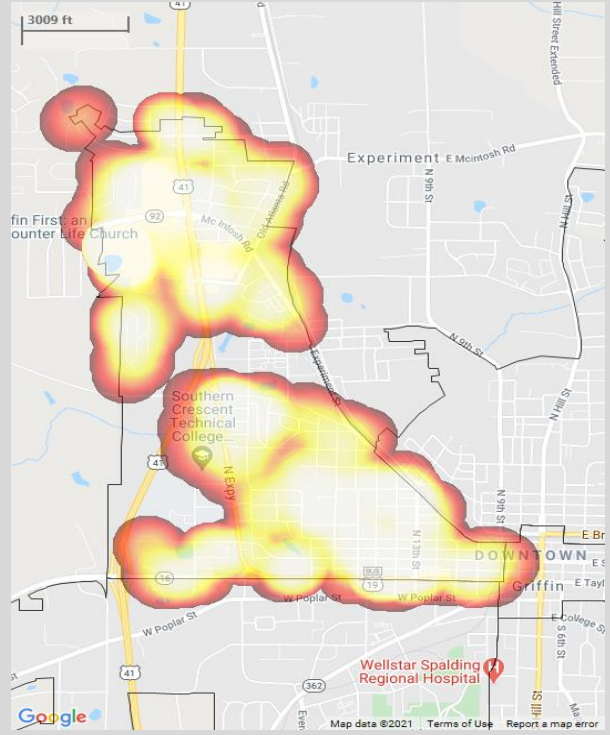
Are areas where certain offenses get a lot of action and where they don’t.

Below are Heat Maps and Hot Spots showing statistical data on locations of Part 1 Offenses within the City limits of Griffin for the year 2020.

	Griffin Central	Griffin NE	Griffin NW	Griffin SE	Griffin SW	Total
Murder	0	1	4	1	2	8
Robbery	1	5	11	0	7	24
Aggravated Assault	2	70	33	10	22	137
Burglary	3	50	64	8	43	168
Larceny	45	123	452	68	142	830
Stolen Vehicle	3	25	23	7	19	77
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	54	274	587	94	235	1,244

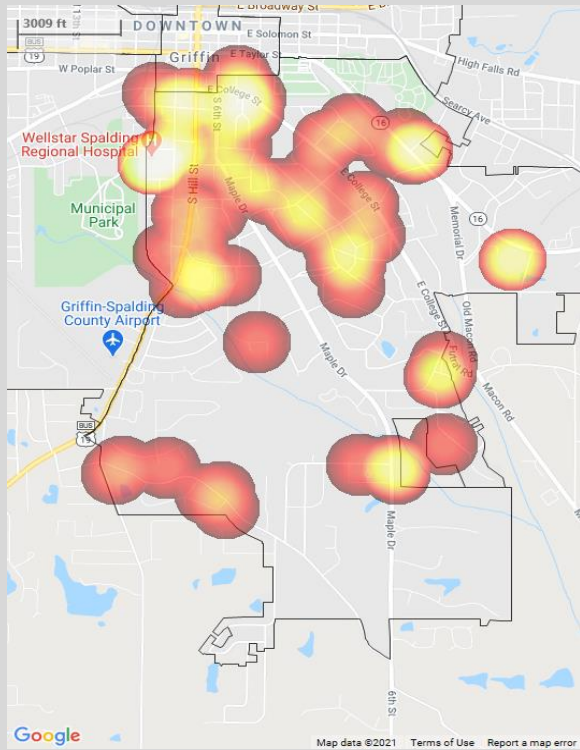


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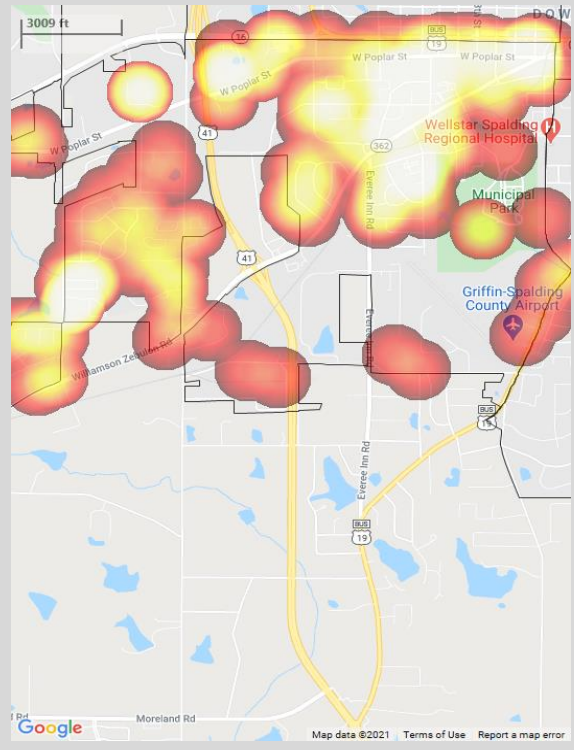


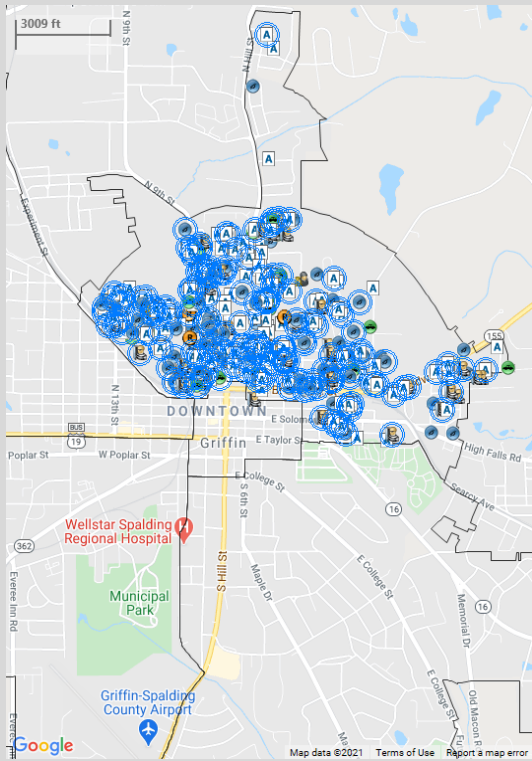
North West Heat Map

South East Heat Map

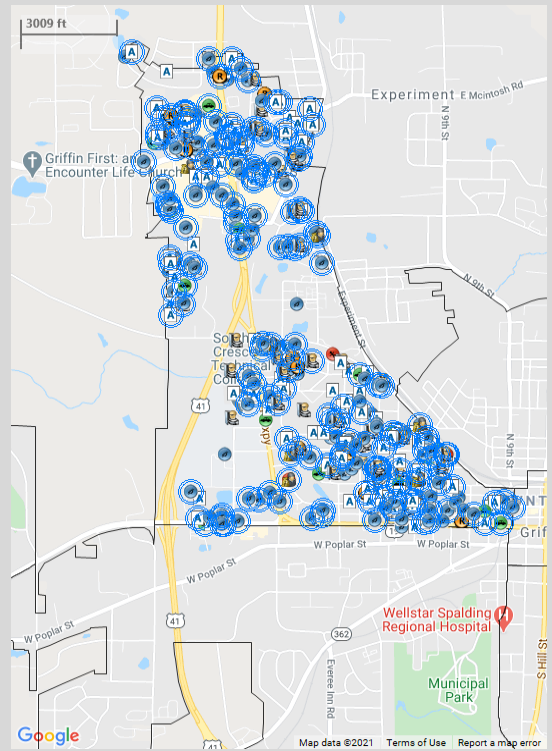


South West Heat Map



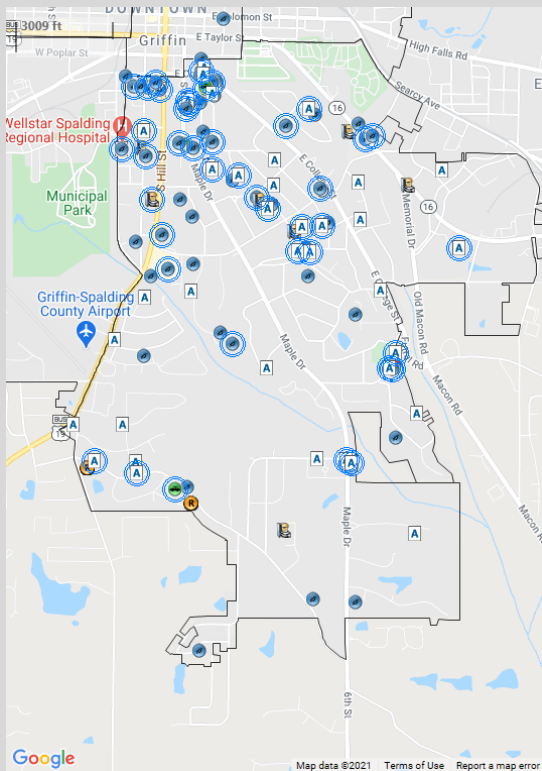


North East Hot Spots

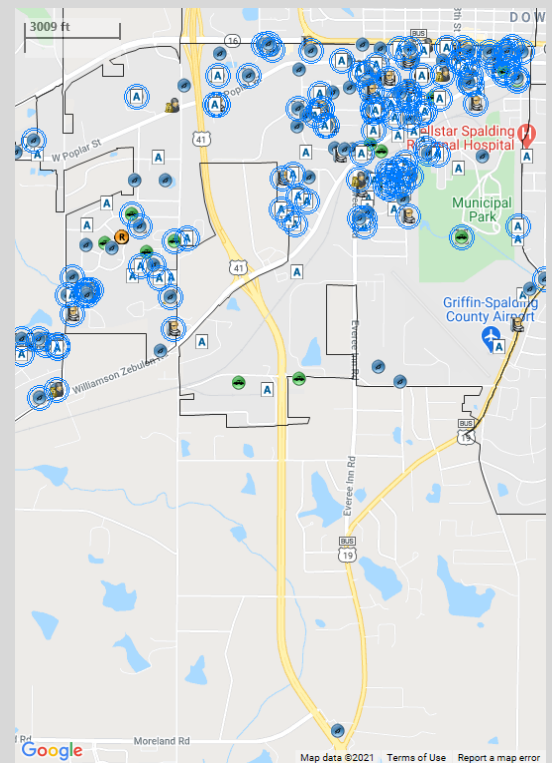


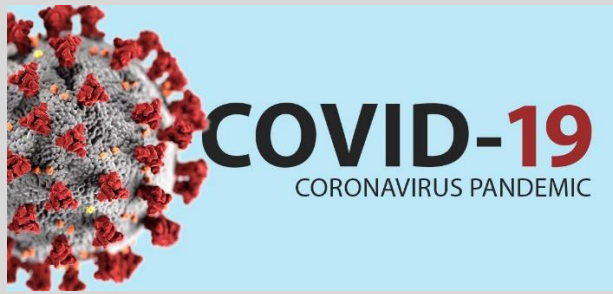
North West Hot Spots

South East Hot Spots



South West Hot Spots





COVID-19 AND THE IMPACT

Certainly, the year 2020 had a major impact on operations both internal and external in the Griffin Police Department. These ramifications are particularly profound as they relate to safety measures and risk mitigation strategies implemented to protect our officers and the public that they serve. The City Manager in early March, 2020 sent out an Administrative Order regarding conditions involving public health emergencies when the WHO and CDC determined COVID a pandemic event. This placed law enforcement in an unenviable role of having to enforce pandemic related rules and re-think their normal daily operations. This reduced efficiency and effectiveness of policing to some degree when the agency was finding a balance between protecting citizens and themselves. Some of the heightened effects from the pandemic in 2020 were:

- Reduction in enforcement actions including physical arrest for minor offenses
- Academies closed for training for new candidates and sworn personnel
- Community relation activities and outreach programs cancelled
- Budgetary pressures arising from state and local tax revenues due to lessened business activity during the pandemic, putting additional strains on funding to the agency.
- School closures
- Citizen encounters
- Government closures and enforcing physical distancing regulations
- Jail intake restrictions and types of arrests they would accept
- Shortage of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Reduction in workforce due to COVID-19 infections or quarantines from officers/families

With such restrictions placed upon public safety and personal interaction with public by calls for service or self-initiated, COVID-19 played a major impact. Officer initiated calls in the year 2019 were 42,681, in 2020 the numbers decreased to 27,186. Citations written went from 11,831 in 2019 to 5,304 in 2020.

What have we learned?

The agency now has detailed plans in place for any future large scale public health emergencies that include actions that must be taken as soon as an emergency of a large scale ever takes place.

What the agency did?

-The Griffin Police Department limited self-initiated or pro-active enforcement behaviors but increased pro-active community presence at certain places specifically in response to new COVID-19 challenges (grocery stores, hospital, and other public spaces.

While promoting voluntary compliance with orders effectively, fairly and safely with collaboration within the community, the agency had a unified consistent and clear understanding approach across the department regarding order enforcement.

- Used Social media sites to communicate with the public
- Suspended academy training and provided more on-line platforms as training.
- Concentrated on the hiring of certified/sworn officers
- Non-emergency calls were taken over phone to avoid officer/citizen contact
- More general patrol for the reduction of crime during stay at home orders





STATE CERTIFIED AND NATIONALLY ACCREDITED AGENCY

The Griffin Police Department is only one of a few agencies in the United States that is both State Certified and Nationally Accredited.

The Commission of Accreditation for law enforcement agencies (CALEA) was created in 1979 as an accrediting authority through the joint efforts of major law enforcement executive associations throughout the country. The purpose of CALEA is to improve the delivery of public safety service by maintaining a comprehensive body of law with approx. 484 standards, establishing and administering an accreditation process, and recognizing professional excellence.

CALEA provides law enforcement agencies with an opportunity to demonstrate compliance with an established set of professional standards on a voluntary basis, and includes an external, objective evaluation of departmental operations.

There are approx. 18,000 state and local law enforcement agencies in the country. Less than 800 agencies participate in the CALEA process. Griffin Police Department has been an accredited agency since 2003 and State Certified agency since 1999.

Participating in the CALEA process acts as a blueprint for better law enforcement institutions that are efficient, well equipped and responsible to the communities that they serve.

CALEA awards are given to agencies who continue the quest for professional excellence every four years. The agency is required to maintain continuous compliance during the award period.

WE ARE HIRING

Meet Sergeant Todd Howard



The Recruitment and selection process is the first and most important step the agency takes in acquiring and retaining career employees. While the immediate goal of the hiring process might be to fill current vacancies, the department is looking toward the sustainment of a stable and professional workforce with emphasizing service to the citizens of Griffin.

The Griffin Police Department has positions for 83 sworn officers with competitive wage and benefits. The agency is a State Certified/Nationally Accredited agency that holds its officers to higher standards.

Visiting the department website or city of griffin website will provide interested candidates information on benefits, salary, and qualifications including application forms.

In the year 2020 the agency hired 8 male officers and 3 female officers

The Griffin Police Department is an equal opportunity employer and attempts to attain parity throughout the recruiting and selection process through the equal selection of race, creed, color, age, religion, National origin or physical impairment.

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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

TRAINING

The Officers of the Griffin Police Department are solid in their commitment to themselves, the department and the community in order to effectively enforce the law. The actions of the officers require intelligent, common sense, and diligence all of which are earned through experience and applied training. With training, comes better supervisors through self-improvement, self-motivation and self-confidence.

Officers are required to have skills and knowledge to effectively deal with the 21st Century policing dealing more with evolving technologies, changing laws, new appreciation for cultural mores and a growing mental health crisis.

The effect of training and education for officers is especially important because it helps officers override natural inclinations, biases, or reservations they encounter while in the performance of their duty.

No law enforcement agency today can function efficiently and effectively unless it includes high standards of education and training in its plans and operations.

Working closely and forming relationships with citizens from varied backgrounds, social economic groups and ethnicities requires a very socially intelligent and cultural aware officer.

TRAINING HOURS 2020

FIREARMS	204
USE OF FORCE	262
COMMUNITY POLICING	326
OTHER	8,759
Total	9,551

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS

The Griffin Police Department has a responsibility to prevent unethical and improper conduct among our employees, and to give them the very best preparation to make sound, appropriate, and respectable decisions.

The agency has a SOP Manual (Standard Operating Procedures) that establishes policies and procedures for which the agency employees must follow. We recognize that despite our best efforts, there will be times when citizens, fellow employees or supervisors perceive an employee's behavior to be inappropriate. When this occurs, IA (Internal Affairs) uses a well-established process for receiving, investigating, and adjudicating complaints.

Complaints concerning employee misconduct are classified in two ways; Internal and External. Internal complaints are generated by Griffin Police Department employees both sworn and civilian. External complaints originate from someone outside of the agency. Most police departments require citizens to follow a more formal process than the Griffin Police Department, which accepts complaints by telephone, in-person, written correspondence or e-mail. While the Internal Affairs would like to communicate effectively with complainants and assist complainants through the process, anonymous complaints are also investigated and accepted.

This table shows the Internal Investigations conducted in 2020 in comparison with the previous 12 months:

	2019	2020
FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS	2	4
HARASSMENT/THREATS	0	6
CONDUCT/DEMEANOR	3	4
POLICY/PROCEDURE	2	5
USE OF FORCE	2	2
OTHER	3	28
Dispositions		
Unfounded	6	20
Exonerated	0	9
Sustained	2	10
Non Sustained	2	6
Other/Policy/Warnings	0	0

POLICE VEHICLE PURSUITS

From time to time, police officers encounter individuals in motor vehicles who refuse to stop when the blue lights and siren are activated. When police continue to keep pace with a vehicle in their attempts to stop its driver, a police pursuit occurs. Vehicle pursuits pose a significant risk to the general public, those in the pursued vehicle and the pursuing officer(s). For this reason, the Griffin Police Department significantly restricts, thoroughly investigates and closely reviews each of these incidents. Officers must have permission from a supervisor to continue a pursuit. The supervisor then closely manages all aspects of the pursuit to include evaluating the risk it creates. Pursuits are restricted to those situations where a suspect has recently committed or will reasonably be expected to commit an offense that puts a life in danger.

Office of Professional Standards maintains documentation of all Vehicle Pursuits. These are reviewed by Supervisors, Internal Affairs, and the Chief of Police.

The following are the statistics for Vehicle Pursuits for 2019 and 2020

	2019	2020	% change	difference
TOTAL PURSUITS	6	4	- 33.33%	- 2
POLICY COMPLIANT	6	4	- 33.33%	- 2
POLICY NON-COMPLIANT	0	0	n	n
ACCIDENTS	0	0	n	n
INJURIES: OFFICER	0	0	n	n
SUSPECTS	0	0	n	n
THIRD PARTY	0	0	n	n
TRAFFIC OFFENSES	4	4	0	n
FELONY	4	1	-75.00%	- 3
MISDEMEANOR	2	3	+50.00%	+1

* Due to the small numbers some percentiles are statistically insignificant and some columns reflect a **n value (null or 0)**

USE OF FORCE

Police officers are trained to seek voluntary compliance through lawful direction. However, they are sometimes met with circumstances in which a subject's actions compel them to use force in order to gain compliance. The Griffin Police Department's policies and procedures requires officers to report use of force incidents under a broad range of circumstances. Supervisors investigate and document each incident.

The policy and procedures concerning the use of force/ deadly force is reviewed annually by the Chief of Police. Additionally, officers are required to train and qualify with their firearm annually and attend a Use of Force training class either through Georgia P.O.S.T, in-house or on-line.

In 2020 President Donald J. Trump signed an Executive Order No. 13929. All law enforcement agencies modified the Use of Force policy to include wording "**Duty to Intervene**". The provision ensured Officers will take appropriate and immediate action in any situation in which they know or should have known their failure to act would result in an excessive response to resistance or egregious behavior which shocks the conscience. The U.S Department of Justice's standards on safe policing for securing credentials certifying compliance with the President's Executive Order will regularly be reviewed for eligibility of discretionary grants based on agency's compliance with the order. Agency's comply with this order through their Standards Operating Policies and Procedures.

USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS	2019	2020	% Change
FIREARMS	0	0	n
ASP BATON	0	0	n
OC SPRAY	0	0	n
TASER *	26	21	- 19.23%
HANDS *	22	8	- 63.64%
K-9	0	0	n
TOTAL USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS	43	29	- 32.55%
TOTAL USE OF FORCE ARRESTS	43	26	- 39.53%
COMPLAINTS	1	2	+100%
FELONY	13	28	+ 115.38%

* In some Use of Force reported incidents, the taser and hands were both utilized.

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PATROL DIVISION

Captain Mike Natale is the Uniform Patrol Commander. He is responsible for the overall operation of the Patrol Division under the direction of the Chief of Police. He has divisional authority in matters of operations and discipline and will exercise such lawful directives as are necessary to assure the effective performance of the Division. Captain Natale has been employed with the agency since 1992.

Captain Natale has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

The Uniform Patrol Division is divided into four (4) Patrol Shifts and is manned with sufficient numbers of patrol officers. A shift Commander holding the rank of Lieutenant heads each shift. Each shift also has patrol supervisors holding the rank of Sergeant. The shift supervisors are responsible for supervision and guidance of shift personnel in the field.

The majority of the department's officers are assigned to the Patrol Division. These Officers provide direct and general police services to the public 24 hours and day 7 days a week. Some general duties of patrol are:

- Respond to routine and emergency calls for service
- General Patrol
- Traffic enforcement; including planned events
- Work accidents; private and public
- Prepare reports and court appearances
- Protect life and property
- Investigate Criminal Activity
- Conduct security checks of businesses and residents
- Participates in community based policing strategies and programs
- Assist EMS and Fire Personnel

UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

	2019	2020	% Change	Difference
911 Dispatched Calls	24,636	23,265	- 5.56%	- 1,371
Officer Initiated Calls	42,681	27,186	- 36.30%	- 15,495
Total Calls for Service	67,317	50,003	- 24.00%	- 17,314
Roadway Accident	1092	1015	- 7.05%	- 77
Private Property Accidents	693	539	- 22.22%	- 154
Traffic Fatalities	1	4	+ 300%	+3
Employee Accidents	12	24	+100%	+12
Traffic/Misdemeanor Citations	10,785	4,862	- 54.91%	- 5,923
Traffic/Misdemeanor Warnings	1,046	440	- 57.93%	- 606
Total Citations Written	12000	6606	- 45.00%	- 5,394
Drug Related Arrests	561	526	- 6.23%	- 35
DUI Arrest	133	99	- 22.56%	- 34
Total Custodial Arrest	3,907	2,111	- 45.96%	- 1,796



CRIME ANALYSIS
PART ONE CRIMES CLEARANCE
2019

INCIDENT REPORTED ARREST EX-CLEARED UNFOUNDED WARRANTS SUSPENDED

HOMICIDE	1	3	0	0	0	0
RAPE	11	2	2	2	1	3
ROBBERY	39	8	0	2	1	22
AGG. ASSAULT	132	56	12	2	7	32
BURGLARY	179	11	4	3	8	144
THEFT	703	261	64	43	51	450
VEHICLE THEFT	43	12	3	0	1	27
ARSON	2	2	0	0	0	0
Total	1110	355	85	52	69	678

<i>Clearance Rate:</i>	44%
<i>Clearance Rate Persons:</i>	48%
<i>Clearance Rate Property:</i>	43%

2020

INCIDENT REPORTED ARRREST EX-CLEARED UNFOUNDED WARRANTS SUSPENDED

HOMICIDE	8	5	1	0	0	0
RAPE	10	2	2	1	1	4
ROBBERY	24	4	1	2	2	4
AGG. ASSAULT	137	54	7	1	2	13
BURGLARY	168	21	1	0	3	136
THEFT	830	240	23	4	45	455
VEHICLE THEFT	77	11	2	2	2	58
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1254	337	37	10	55	670

<i>Clearance Rate:</i>	35%
<i>Clearance Rate Persons:</i>	53%
<i>Clearance Rate Property:</i>	32%

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Criminal Investigation consists of 9 Detectives, 12 Officers assigned to Special Investigations and C.A.G.E, three officers in Crime Scene and one officer assigned to property and evidence, all specializing in certain areas of crimes. These crimes include homicides, rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, theft, auto thefts, forgery/frauds, juvenile offenses and any other crimes against an individual or property. SIU is also proficient in 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 information into a format easily presented to the courts for prosecution.

In matters of juvenile cases, they are investigated to determine if the preliminary assessment of whether to file formal charges and handle non-criminal behavior such as runaway, curfew, as well as truancy.

Captain Homer Daniel is a 36 year veteran of the Griffin Police Department. Throughout his career He has served in various departments including Patrol Division. Captain Daniel has a driven desire To assist children in the community by participating In volunteering at various Spalding County Elementary Schools reading to student programs. He spearheads numerous community events.

Captain Daniel is the Criminal Investigations Commander. He holds a master's Degree in Public Administration.

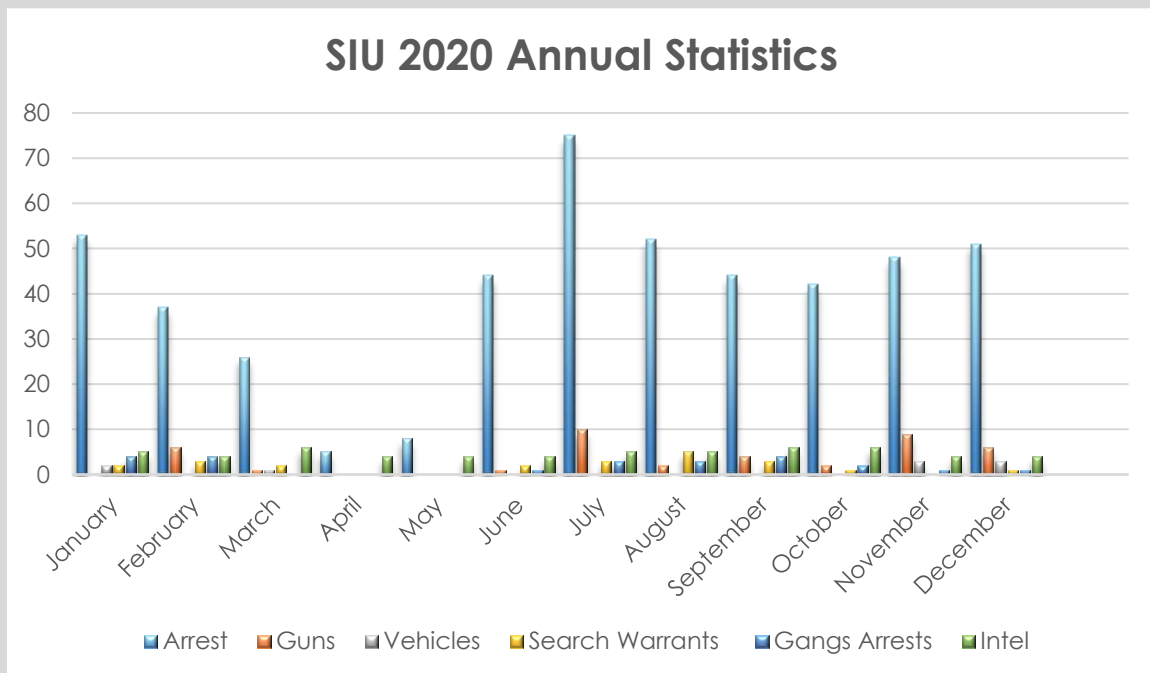


SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

The Special Investigations Unit of the Griffin Police Department is made up of the C.A.G.E and K-9 Units. This combination of the SIU Division is designed to work narcotics, vice, organized crime, gang activity, and other investigations that may require covert techniques. SIU routinely conducts undercover operations that result in search warrants being executed and arrest made.

The Unit will work in cooperation with surrounding agencies 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.

Below is statistics for the year End Report by the Special Investigations Unit



In the year 2020, 41 guns were taken off the street, 9 vehicles were seized for asset forfeitures, 22 search warrants were executed, 23 gang members were arrested with intel coming from 57 sources. A total of 485 arrests were made by the units of the SIU Division.



2020 SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT DRUG SEIZURES

Month	Marijuana	Cocaine	Meth	Pills	Currency
January	1,476.54gg	7gg	22.8gg	2 Xanax	4, 201.50
February	59.5gg	19.3gg	24.1gg	0	1,371.00
March	118.5gg	17.7gg	0	86 Percocet	1,507.00
April	0	0	0	0	0
May	17.5gg	0	0	20 Oxycodone	0
June	21.2gg	30.8gg	1.5gg	4 Hydrocodone	3,370.00
July	2,762.98gg	5 gg	18.5gg	3 Oxycodone	8,721.67
August	1,538.92gg	6.9gg	2.8gg	7 Xanax	10,693.00
September	33.6gg	105.3gg	16.2gg	3 Xanax	6,467.43
October	61.54gg	20.7gg	5.2gg	13 Hydrocodone	1,431.00
November	37.9gg	.3gg	86.37gg	9 Oxycodone	9,495.00
December	1,042.13gg	0	65.6gg	67 pills	18,069.00
TOTAL	7,170.31gg	213gg	243.07gg	214 Pills	\$ 65,326.60

Street value of seized narcotics

Marijuana (based on \$10/gram)	\$71,703.10
Cocaine (based on \$50/gram)	10,650.00
Misc. pills (based on \$10/pill)	2,140.00
Meth (based on \$40/gram)	9,722.80
Total Street value	\$94,215.90



Crime Scene Division

There is one Sergeant and two officers assigned to the Crime Scene Division who oversee complex crime scene investigations, including all major cases and property crimes. Most of their time is spent processing crime scenes, Packing and transporting evidence to the GBI Lab or directly to the Property and Evidence room. They attend autopsies, attend briefings and responds to not only the department's request but other surrounding agencies who request their assistance also. The remaining time is spent preparing reports, testifying in court, receiving continuous education in the field, and maintaining operational readiness with their equipment.

The Crime Scene Division is on a 24 hour a day, 7 days a week on-call service. These officers provide the necessary information to the case investigator as to the reconstruction of the events as they happened.

In the year 2020, CSI attended specialized training in the fields of Fingerprint Classification, Friction Ridge Comparison, Evidence Presentation, Basic Photography and Cellebrite forensics for physical analyst and Cellebrite Certified Operators to extract evidence/information from computers and cell phones. This specialized training was above all mandatory training required in the year 2020.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Pictured below are Tyrone Evans (L) and Stetmen White (R)



The responsibility of the animal control officers is to enforce animal control ordinances by capturing and impounding animals that are at large; collecting dead animals, and investigating reports of neglect, animal attacks, cruelty to animals and other animal related complaints.

Animal control officers respond to all 911 animal calls for service inside the city limits of Griffin. At times, these officers will participate in the handling of animals during investigations.

In 2020, the animal control answered 702 calls for service including 22 dog bite calls.

Spalding County Animal Shelter 770-467-4772

Spalding County Humane Society 770-229-4925



Administrative Staff

*Administration Secretary/GCIC Supervisor
Diane Martin*



*Customer Service/Records Clerk
Keith Entrekin*

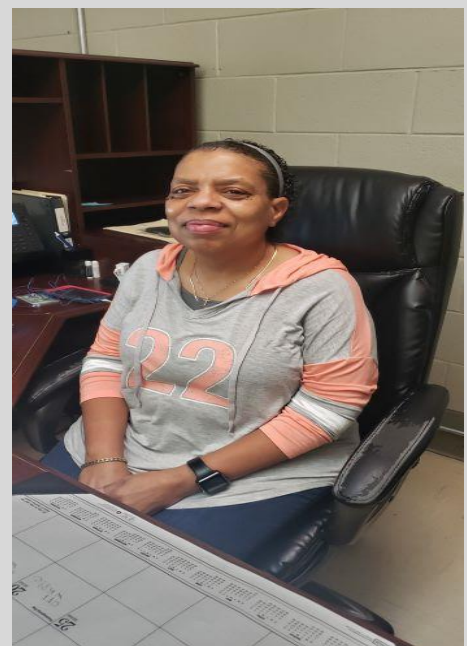


*Criminal Investigations Secretary
Rebecca Rigsby*



*Warrants
Clerk
Cheryl
Brown*

*Records
Clerk
Dana
Goodman*





DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF

"BUDDY"

End of watch 02/14/2021

K-9 Promise

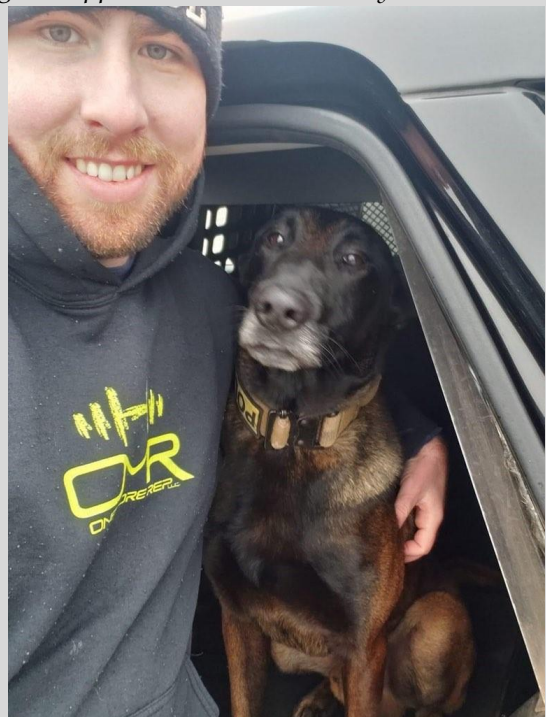
*My eyes are your eyes,
To watch and protect you and yours
My ears are your ears,
To hear and detect evil minds in the dark
My nose is your nose,
To scent the invader of your domain
And so you may live,
My life is also yours.*

K-9 "Buddy" was born September 15, 2016 and only 4 ½ years old when his life sadly ended. Buddy lived at home with his handler, Officer Dorety. Buddy became one of the officers of the Griffin Police Department in August 2018 and was a member of the Criminal Apprehension Gang Enforcement Unit (C.A.G.E). Buddy was a dual-purpose K-9 trained in narcotics, tracking and apprehension. In this last year alone, \$94,215.00 worth of narcotics was taken off the streets along with 7,170 gg of marijuana, 213 gg of cocaine, and 243 gg of meth because of Buddy and his partner "Argo".

Buddy played a significant role in the apprehension of 485 criminals and seizing 41 handguns off the streets of Griffin.

K-9 Handler Officer Dorety and "Buddy"

K-9 Buddy, you can now stand down, we will hold the line from here.....





*Fall Festival
with Griffin
Community
Residents*



Fall Festival



*Veteran's Waypoint Annual
Day in November 2020*



Christmas Shop with a Cop 2020 at Walmart





Delivering Christmas packages





Griffin 2020 Census Volunteers

Annual PT at the Griffin PD



Directory of Services and Departments

<i>Spalding/Griffin Non-emergency Number</i>	<i>770 229 9911</i>
<i>Griffin Police Department</i>	<i>770 229 6450</i>
<i>Chamber of Commerce</i>	<i>770 228 8200</i>
<i>Griffin Municipal Court</i>	<i>770 233 4124</i>
<i>Social Security Administration-Griffin location</i>	<i>770 228 3152</i>
<i>Spalding county Veterans Accountability Court</i>	<i>770 467 8824</i>
<i>Collier Neighborhood Food Ministry</i>	<i>678 953 7048</i>
<i>Benchmark Crisis Response Services</i>	<i>404 823 1193</i>
<i>Community Child and Adolescent Services</i>	<i>770 567 3779</i>
<i>Georgia Crisis 24/7 Access Line</i>	<i>800 715 4225</i>
<i>Georgia Department of Human Services</i>	<i>404 657 5258</i>
<i>Promise Place Hot line</i>	<i>770 460 1604</i>
<i>Pine Woods psychiatric/substances abuse</i>	<i>770 358 5252</i>
<i>Spalding County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS)</i>	<i>770 830 2166</i>
<i>Suicide Prevention Life Line 24/7</i>	<i>800 273 8255</i>
<i>Brightmoor Hospice</i>	<i>770 467 9930</i>
<i>Care Master Medical Services</i>	<i>770 227 1264</i>
<i>Southside Medical Center Hope Health Clinic</i>	<i>678 688 8700</i>
<i>Spalding County Health Department</i>	<i>770 467 4740</i>
<i>United Hospice</i>	<i>770 232 5224</i>
<i>Well Star Spalding Regional Hospital</i>	<i>770 228 2721</i>
<i>Salvation Army Corp</i>	<i>770 412 6561</i>
<i>Gordon College</i>	<i>678 359 5555</i>
<i>Griffin Area College and Career Academy</i>	<i>770 229 3710 ext 10482</i>
<i>Southern Crescent Technical College</i>	<i>770 228 7348</i>
<i>University of Georgia Griffin Campus</i>	<i>770 228 7306</i>
<i>Griffin-Spalding County School System</i>	<i>770 229 3700</i>
<i>Head Start & Pre-K Program</i>	<i>770 228 7196</i>
<i>Home School Information</i>	<i>770 229 3700 ext 343</i>
<i>Skip Stone Academy</i>	<i>678 814 1330</i>



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