

GRIFFIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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CHIEF OF POLICE

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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 agency 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.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Office of the Chief
Chief Michael Yates

Angela Burnham- Admin. Coordinator

LaKesia Davis- Accreditation Manager

Office of Professional Standards
Lieutenant Daniel Jett

Sgt. T. Howard- Hiring/Recruitment	Mrs. Rebecca Rigsby – Admin Clerk CID
MPO R. Bynum – SRO	Mrs. Dana Goodman – Sr. Records Clerk
PTL. R. Sutton – Community Relations	Mrs. Sandra Singleton – Records Clerk
	Mrs. Alicia Smith – Records Clerk
	Mrs. Sheryl Brown – Admin Warrant Clerk

Uniform Patrol Division
Captain Brian Jones

A Shift	B Shift	C Shift	D Shift
LT. J. Hudson	LT B. Walden	LT. G. Zimbelman	LT. Chip Johns
SGT. S. Jones	SGT. J. Harper	SGT. L. Ward	SGT. A. Trammel
SGT. T. Hendrix	SGT. M. Piper	SGT. D. King	SGT. D. King
MPO J. Gauldin	PTL. B. Dorety	PTL. M. Betsill	CPL. Chris Webb
MPO S. Trawick	PTL. R. Lee	PTL. M. Rhodes	CPL. D. Hancock
PTL. C. Jones	PTL. Q. Harden	PTL. S. Sierra	MPO. S. Collum
PTL. D. Larrabee	PTL. C. Smith	PTL. M. Towns	PTL. M. Kerlin
PTL M Landis	PTL. K. Billings	PTL. K. Samuel	PTL. A. Jones
PTL Willie Deese	PTL. T. Hare	PTL. A. Shirley	PTL. D. Carter
PTL. K. Wilson	PTL. J. Piland	PTL. J. Tomlinson	PTL. B. Rice
PTL. T. Murphy	PTL. D. Kimbell		

Crossing Guards

Amanda Holland	Ken Entrekin
Horace Jester	Tyrone Evans
James King	
Debra Thomas	
Ralph Copeland	
Valerie Copeland	
Russell Starr	
Florrie Copeland	

Animal Control

Criminal Investigations Division
Captain Homer Daniel

Criminal Investigations

Special Investigation Unit/CAGE

LT. John Hayes	LT. Kaylen Krueger
SGT. Carey Jackson	SGT. Josh Oxford
SGT. Jaireis Williams	PTL. Phillip Johnson
Inv. Jason McKinney	PTL. Theodore Manolis
Inv. Richard Powell	PTL. Josh Holley
Inv. Jodi Spears	PTL. Kalib Daniel
Inv. Anadia Ruiz	PTL. John Kelton
Inv. Charles Clark	PTL. Alyssa Hanson
Inv. Timothy Carnegie	PTL. Christopher Conaway

Crime Scene

Evidence

SGT. A. Massey	PTL. Laurie Littlejohn
PTL. Ashley Neath	Edward Bruce Floyd
PTL. Michael Smith	

Message from the Chief

Dear Citizens,

The Griffin Police Department is proud to release our 2021 Annual Report. I hope that you find the information contained 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 professionals in the State of Georgia.

The Griffin Police Department continues to work diligently 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 2021, the City of Griffin experienced a reduction in Part 1 crimes (compared to 2020). 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, Citizen's Government Academy; CSI Kids Academy, Shop With a Cop and the "Buddy Bench" program are just a few of the programs the department participated in 2021, all in spite of the COVID pandemic.

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.

Thank 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

Executive Summary

The Griffin Police Department (GPD) continued to strive for excellence in community service once again in 2021. 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.

As mentioned earlier, there 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 2021 we saw about a 3.48% reduction in Part I Crime which is significant given the challenges that arose due to COVID, Jail populations and the backlog in the courts.

In 2021, the department saw a 9% reduction in Calls for Service compared to 2020, from 50,003 to 45,655 which is due to operational changes dealing with the COVID- 19 pandemic. Traffic Crashes increased by 9% compared to 2020, from 1554 to 1693 (total combined roadway and private property). There were 4 fatality accidents reported (the same as 2020). Traffic Citations saw a 25% increase compared to 2020 from 6606 to 8704. Additionally, arrests increased in 2021 by 1% compared to 2020, from 2108 to 2129 .

There have been several changes and updates throughout the department in 2021 as well. This report presents this information by division and unit, along with each division and unit's progress for the year. There was a significant increase in our staffing level due to new hires and our operations have trended a little more toward "normal" given the COVID challenges. Our efforts with our Federal partners have increased as we have joined a Task Force with the Secret Service and have maintained our presence on the DEA Atlanta Task Force.

What's New- 2021

In 2021 we added 20 plus new employees as mentioned earlier in the report but we also added a new Headquarters facility. The old facility, located at 868 W. Poplar Street was a decommissioned elementary school, built in the 50's, that was repurposed and used as the police facility for more than 20 years.

In 2021 the City of Griffin acquired the new facility located at 234 N. Hill St. for roughly \$750,000. During 2021 this building was retro-fitted and modified to create a state-of-the art facility. This building includes a forensic lab, a one-way evidence locker system and numerous other upgrades. We applaud the City leadership for the acquisition of this property which essentially saved the City more than six million dollars as it would have cost at least that much to build a new facility from scratch. As of January, 2022, the police department has nearly completed its move to this new facility that will serve the citizenry for years to come.

Below is an analysis of the crime reports in Griffin, Georgia. The data in this report are a comparison from 2020 and 2021. The data includes only Part I crimes.

2021 Part 1 Incident Reports

There was a total of 1,248 Part 1 incidents in 2021. The most common offense type was larceny with 774. Aggravated Assaults and burglaries are the second and third most common offenses.

TABLE 1. INCIDENT BREAKDOWN FOR 2020 and 2021 PART 1 CRIMES

OFENSE TYPE	2020	2021	% Change	Difference
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	137	184	+26%	+47
ARSON	0	10	+1000%	+10
BURGLARY	168	141	-17%	-27
HOMICIDE	8	2	-75%	-6
KIDNAPPING	0	3	+300%	+3
LARCENY	830	774	-7%	-56
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	78	98	+25%	+26
ROBBERY	24	23	+4%	+1
RAPE	10	9	-10%	-1

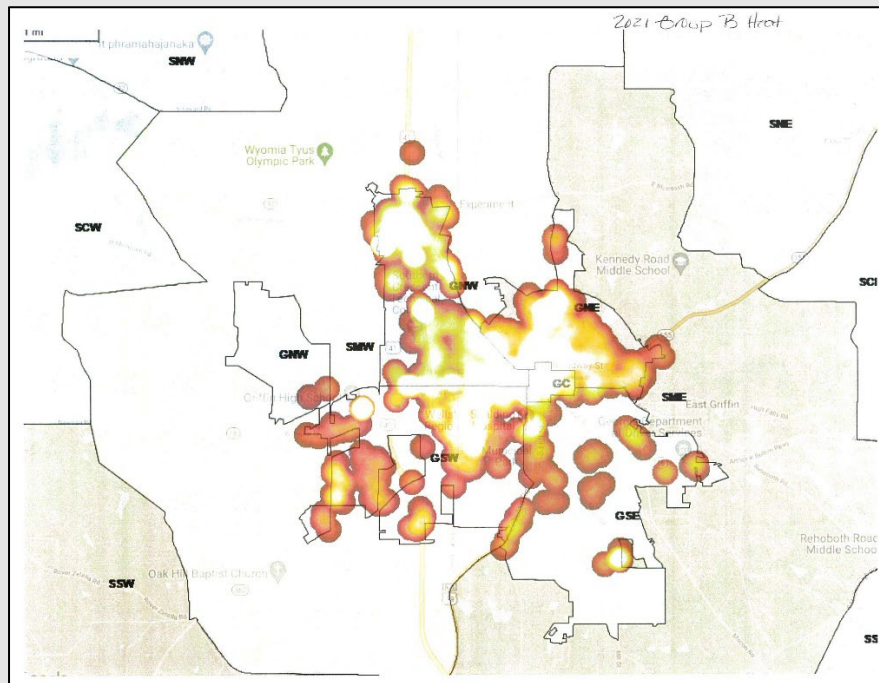
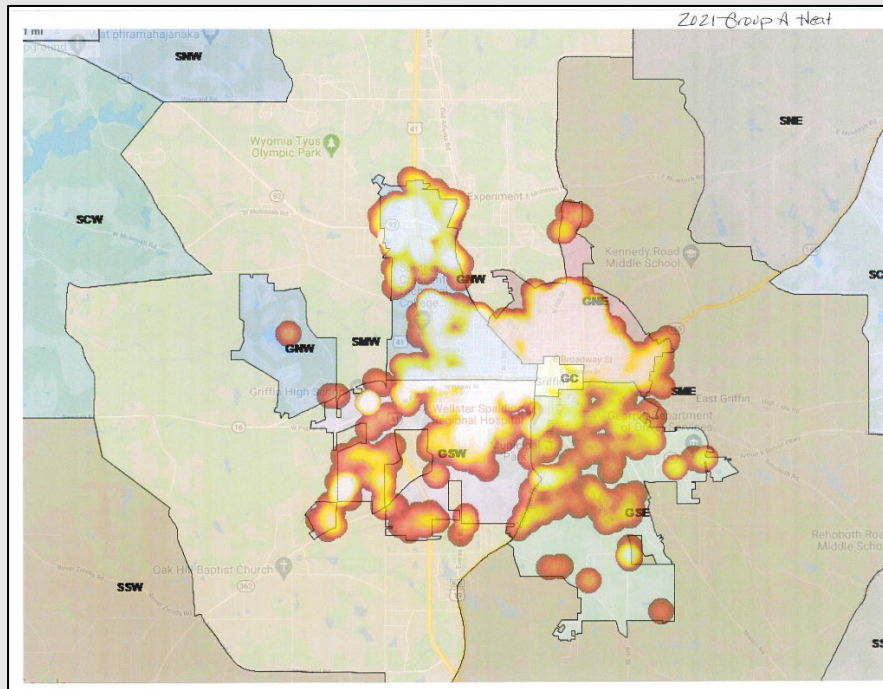
What are Heat Maps?

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.

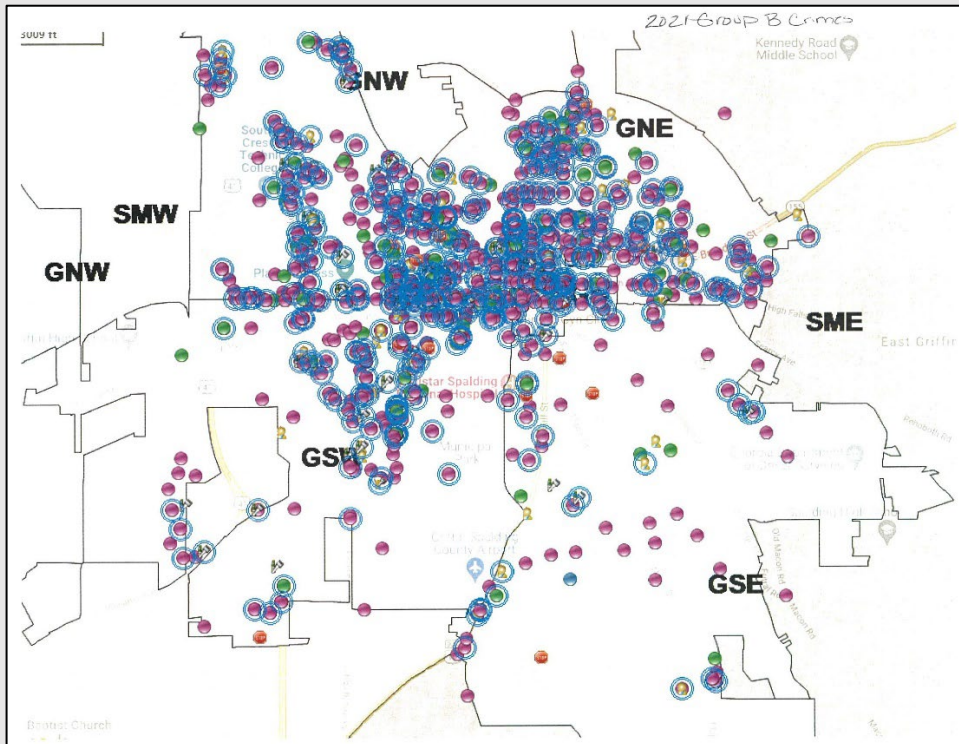
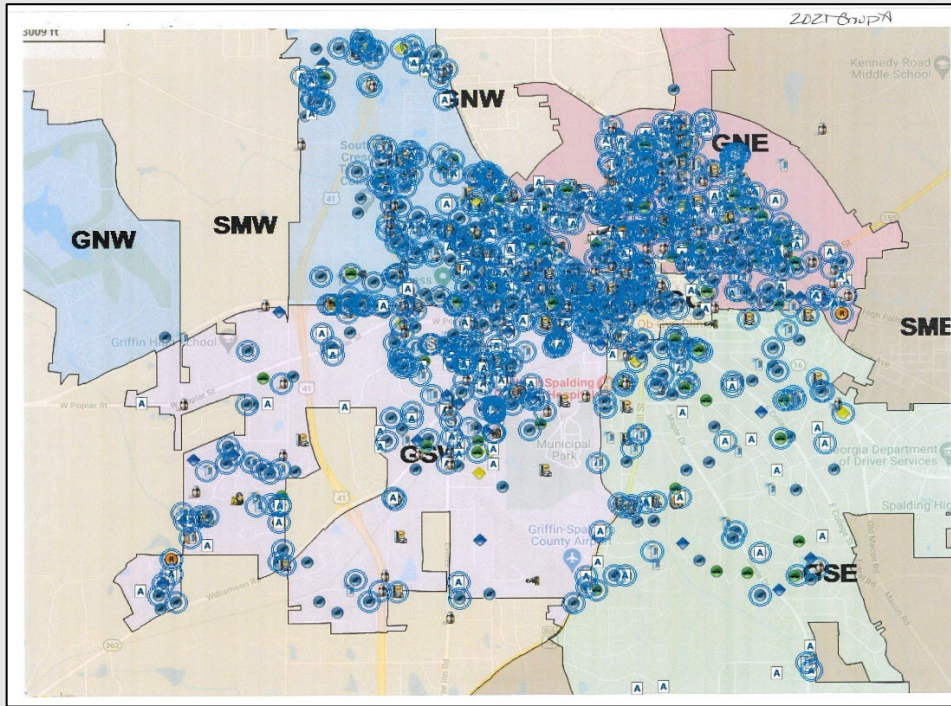
“HOT SPOTS” (Points)

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 2021. (Rapes are not mapped for victim privacy).

	Griffin Central	Griffin NE	Griffin NW	Griffin SE	Griffin SW	Total
Murder	0	2	0	0	0	2
Robbery	1	7	8	1	7	23
Aggravated Assault	4	75	61	9	34	184
Burglary	9	34	50	15	27	141
Larceny	30	119	390	61	150	774
Stolen Vehicle	1	35	29	16	16	98
Arson	0	2	5	0	3	10
Kidnapping	0	0	2	0	1	3
Rape						9
Total	45	274	545	102	238	1235



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UCR Reporting Classification/Incident Clearance Status

Georgia's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) is derived from the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Program. Utilizing standard definitions and procedures established by the national program, crime data on the number of serious criminal offenses reported to or investigated by law enforcement and the number of arrests for all crimes are collected from law enforcement agencies.

The data can be used to portray crimes in Georgia as well as used in comparisons throughout the State and United States.

Arrest: Agency reports that an offense took place and is cleared by arrest charging the offender for the commission of the offense.

Ex-Cleared: Happens when certain situations, elements beyond officers control prevents them from arresting or formally charging thee offender.

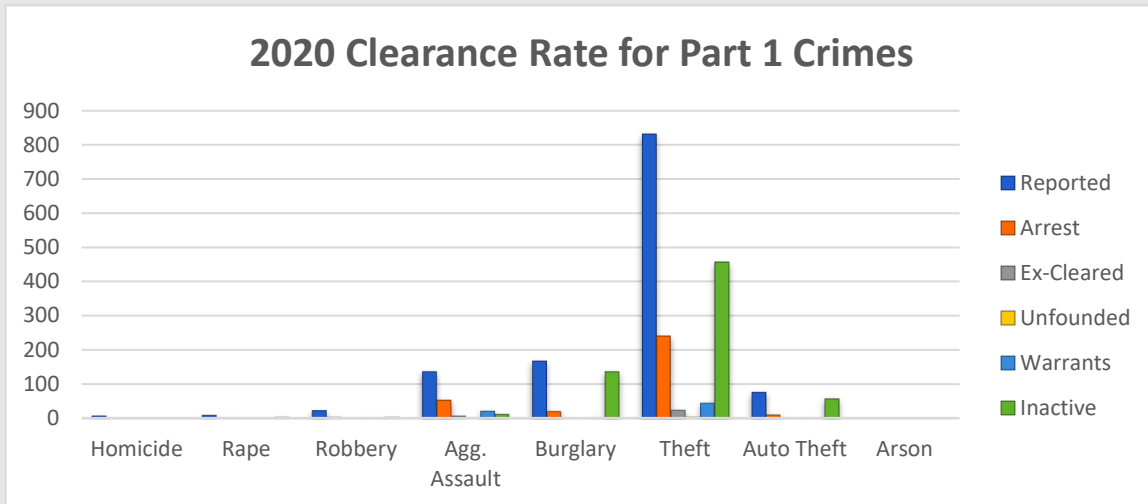
Inactive: Cases have been open and investigated and all possible leads have been exhausted

Active: Currently assigned for investigation

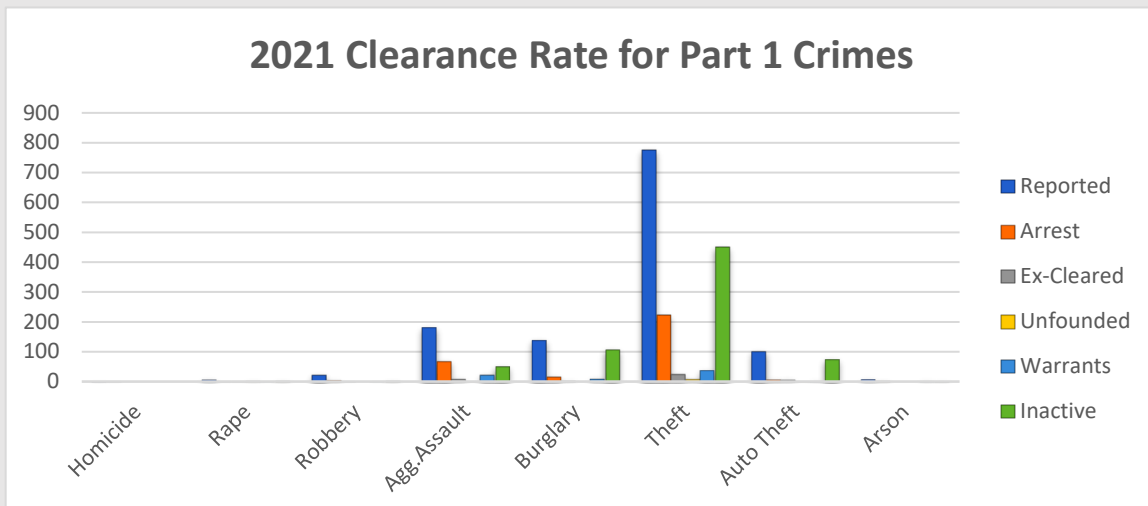
Unfounded: When after assigned for investigative purposes it has been found that no incident took place

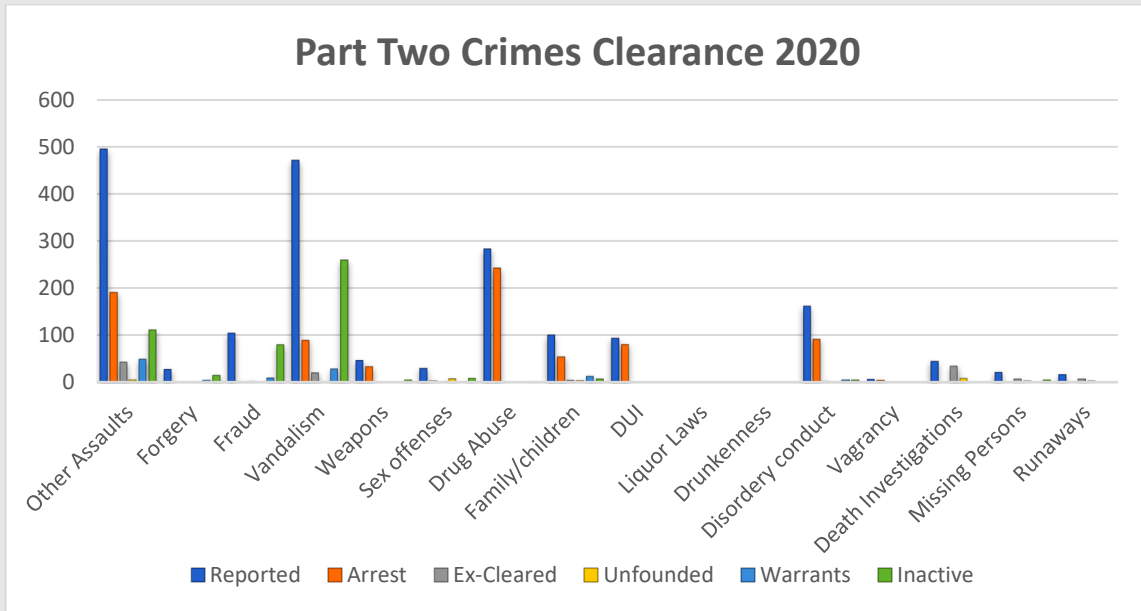
Warrants: Investigation reveals the known offender, warrants taken however not in custody

Below is the data reported to UCR for offenses that have occurred in the City of Griffin from the 2020 and 2021 years for comparative purposes.

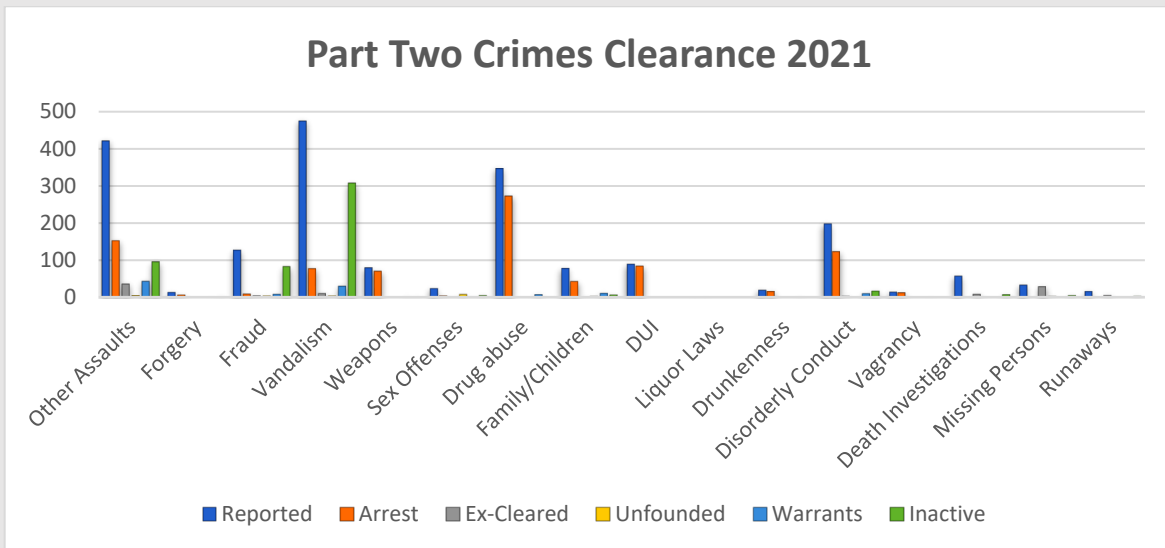


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*Note: Part two Crimes are listed in the less serious crime classification.

Office of Professional Standards

Internal Affairs Complaints

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.

Complaints may be comingled with Uses of Force, Pursuits and Informal Reviews even when an official complaint is not filed internally or externally as the department recognizes there are cases where we can do better but a policy has not been violated.

This table shows the Internal Investigations or reviews conducted in 2021 in comparison with the previous 12 months:

	2020	2021
FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS	4	5
HARASSMENT/THREATS	6	0
CONDUCT/DEMEANOR	4	3
POLICY/PROCEDURE	5	2
USE OF FORCE	2	1
OTHER	28	29
TOTAL	49	40
Unfounded	20	16
Exonerated	9	2
Sustained	10	3
Non-Sustained	6	8
Other/Policy/Warnings	4	11

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 2020 and 2021

	2020	2021
TOTAL PURSUITS	4	5
POLICY COMPLIANT	4	5
POLICY NON-COMPLIANT	0	0
ACCIDENTS	0	3
INJURIES: OFFICER	0	0
SUSPECTS	0	0
THIRD PARTY	0	0
TRAFFIC OFFENSES	4	1
FELONY	1	4
MISDEMEANOR	3	1*

* Misd. Pursuit (traffic offense) was called off

* 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	2020	2021	% Change
FIREARMS	0	0	<i>n</i>
ASP BATON	0	0	<i>n</i>
OC SPRAY	0	0	<i>n</i>
TASER *	21	22	+5%
HANDS *	8	10	+20%
K-9	0	0	<i>n</i>
TOTAL USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS	29	32	+10%
TOTAL USE OF FORCE ARRESTS	26	32	+19%
COMPLAINTS	2	1	-50%

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

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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 the 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 2021

FIREARMS	166
USE OF FORCE	187
COMMUNITY POLICING	203
OTHER	7980
Total	8536



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.

Agencies who are CALEA Accredited, are required to meet 30 standards through the State Certification Program.

Recruitment

Recruiting and hiring new police officers in 2021 was a challenge, a phenomenon that is present across the United States. COVID has exasperated this situation in that the academies in Georgia were essentially closed during 2021 which negated our ability to hire uncertified officer candidates. Typically, GPD hires between 6 and 10 uncertified candidates per year but in 2021 we managed to hire and train only two. In July of 2021 a significant adjustment to the pay scale of certified police officers was instituted which equated to about a 15% increase in pay. The effect of this implementation was that it put the department in a more competitive position in the job market for certified officers which resulted in the hiring of 24 officers in 2021, 17 of which were hired AFTER the implantation of the increase in July of 2021. Many of the officers hired came with significant experience under their belts with most coming from the Metro-Atlanta region. Experience in the Metro provides for a good fit given the challenges faced by the typical officer here in Griffin. A side effect from tapping into the Metro job market was a shift in the diversity of our hiring with roughly 40% of those hired in 2021 being minorities and or women. This is about twice the rate of minority hires compared to previous years.

Given the challenges faced in 2021 with regard to hiring the department faired well will accomplishing a multi-year goal of increasing our diversity. The department anticipates that this trend will continue to some degree but as we have adjusted or pay so have our competitors. Recruiting will be a critical component of our operations for the foreseeable future. Preventing attrition will also be of equal importance in the future as well. When we reviewed our attrition cycle we discovered that there were 20 officers who separated from employment with the Griffin Police Department during 2021. Several of those who left did so for reasons that are a normal part of operations such as retirements and medical separations. Most left law enforcement all together which seem to be a common malady nation-wide. Only two officers (who were not subject to some disciplinary action) left the department for other law enforcement agencies and both of these did so in a way that they more than doubled their pay (one went to Alaska and one to Colorado). We expect these challenges to remain in effect for some time.

PATROL DIVISION

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

	2020	2021	%Change	Difference
911 Dispatched Calls	23, 265	22,612	-3%	-653
Officer Initiated Calls	27,186	23,043	-16%	- 4,143
Total Calls for Service	50, 003	45,655	-9%	- 4,348
Roadway Accident	1015	1,068	+5%	+53
Private Property Accidents	539	625	+14%	+86
Traffic Fatalities	4	4	<i>n</i>	0
Employee Accidents	24	20	-10%	-2
Traffic/Misdemeanor Citations	4,862	6,885	+30%	+2,023
Traffic/Misd. Warnings	440	1,819	+76%	+1,379
Total Citations Written	6606	8,704	+25%	+2,098
Drug Related Arrests	526	395	-25%	-131
DUI Arrest	99	96	-4%	-3
Total Custodial Arrest	2,111	2,129	+1%	+18

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Criminal Investigation consists of 8 Detectives, 9 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.

C.A.G.E/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.

Total Hours of training for the SIU/G.A.N.G Unit 2,412

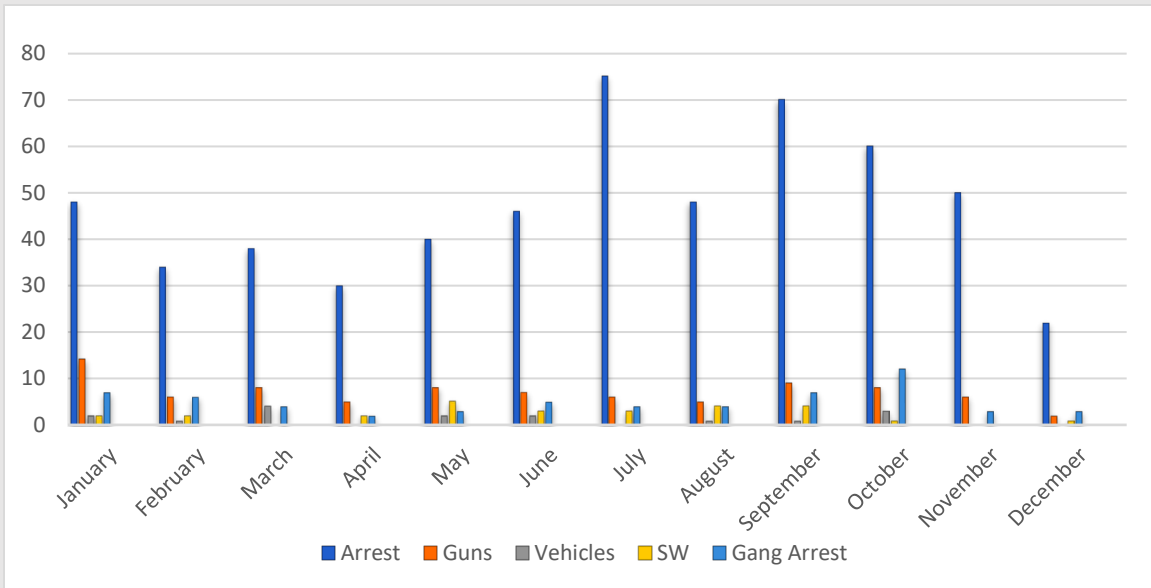
2021 SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT DRUG SEIZURES

Month	Marijuana	Cocaine	Meth	Pills	Currency
January	2,152.08gg	0		26	4,427.00
February	81.42gg	0	2,047.05gg	8	2,851.00
March	430.85gg	9.62gg	5,164.35gg	37	3,697.00
April	115.10gg	8.69gg	70.03gg	5	1,725.00
May	239.13gg	5.29gg	10.37gg	29	10,445.00
June	171.73gg	8.09gg	15.00gg	44	2,221.00
July	172.82gg	5.15gg	8.01gg	21	6,501.00
August	58.91gg	.83gg	39.61gg	3	4,238.32
September	16,812.25gg	41.81gg	73.58gg	85	7,611.00
October	240.60gg	11.20gg	205.97gg	54	384.00
November	76.01gg	12.05gg	3.09gg	5	1,590.00
December	129.09gg	0	93.02gg	0	0
TOTAL	20,692.32gg	85.23gg	7,783.07gg	330	\$45,690.32

Street value of seized narcotics

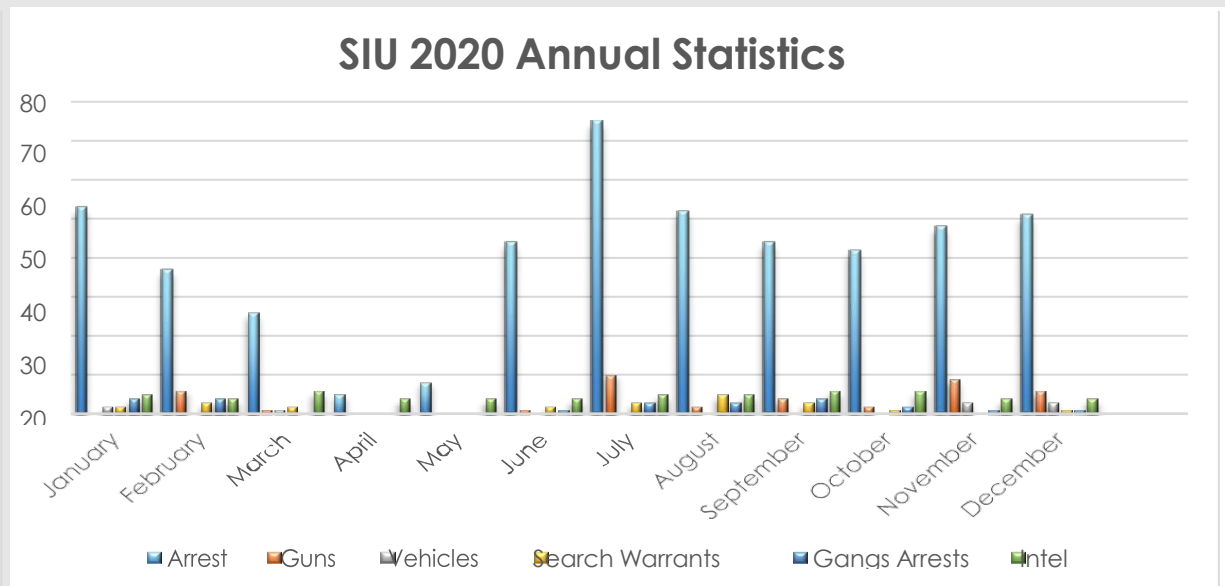
Marijuana (based on \$20/gram)	\$413,846.64
Cocaine (based on \$20/gram)	1,704.60
Misc. pills (based on \$10/pill)	3,300.00
Meth (based on \$30/gram)	233,492.10
Total Street value	\$652,343.34





Special Investigation Unit Statistics for 2021

In the year 2021, 84 guns were taken off the street, 16 vehicles were seized for asset forfeitures, 27 search warrants were executed, 60 gang members were arrested. A total of 561 arrests were made by the units of the SIU Division. The total number of training hours were 2,412



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.

Warrant Division

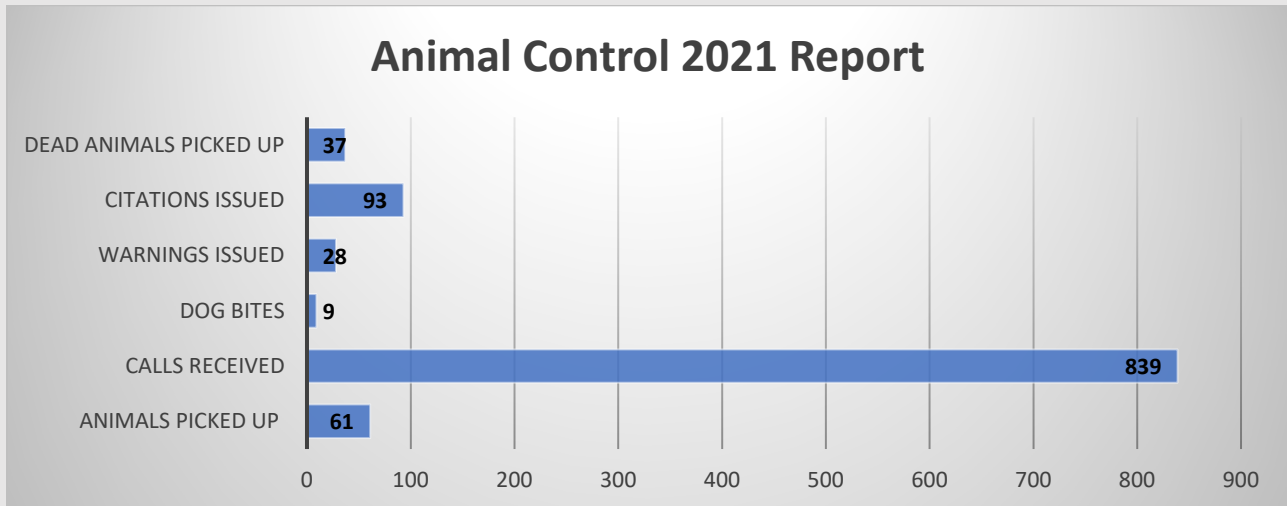
Warrants Issued	313
Warrants Served	154
Warrants Dismissed	84
Outstanding Warrants	311

Animal Control

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 the year 2021, the animal control division answered 839 calls for service.

Spalding County Animal Shelter 770-467-4772

Spalding County Humane Society 770-229-4925



Crime Scene Unit

The goals and objectives of the unit is collecting, preserving, packing and transporting along with documentation of physical evidence which is left at a crime scene. Physical evidence has the potential to play a critical role in the overall investigation and resolution of a suspected criminal act.

Crime scene personnel develops and continually updates their knowledge, skills and abilities with respect to the processing of a crime scene through continuous training. In the year 2021, the Crime Scene Unit acquired 490 hours of training.

307 Cases handled
88 Latent print Cases (including cellebrite)
52 GBI Submissions





Children enjoying the ride on Christmas Float 2021



Sgt. J.R. Harper during Halloween event



Sgt. D.J King participating in Halloween event

Officer Ashley Neath
 Investigator Anadia Ruiz
 Investigator Jodi Spears
 volunteer time for the Christmas Holiday Parade



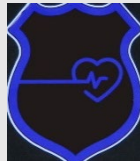
IN MEMORY



Sgt. Todd Thomas passed away September 28, 2021 after complications from contracting COVID-19 in the line of duty.

Sgt. Thomas was a United States Air Force Veteran and served with the Griffin Police Department for 22 years. He is survived by his wife, two children and two grandchildren.

*And on the 8th day
God looked down
On his planned
Paradise and said
"I need a protector"*



So he made a police officer

Directory of Services in Griffin/Spalding County

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