

DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT



2024

ANNUAL REPORT



DEKALB COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

MIRTHA V. RAMOS
CHIEF OF POLICE



*Serving the community
Since 1915
with excellence*

DEKALB COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROTECT THE PEACEFUL AGAINST
THE LAWLESS, ENSURE JUSTICE,
SAFEGUARD LIVES AND PROPERTY,
WHILE SERVING WITH A COMMITMENT
TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
AFFORDED TO ALL PEOPLE.

MOTTO

TO SERVE AND PROTECT WITH HONOR
AND COURAGE

Introduction

DeKalb County was established in 1822. The DeKalb County Police Department, founded in 1915, is the primary law enforcement agency for unincorporated areas of the county, while providing resources and operational support to incorporated areas, as needed.

The county has a population of over 764,000 and a geographical footprint of over 267 square miles. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 55% of residents are African-American, 36% white, 9% Hispanic or Latino; and over 16% of the population are immigrants from across the world.

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HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

The City of New Gibraltar was formed, it later became the city of Stone Mountain.

1825

1823 The City of Decatur was established.

The City of Doraville was established.

1871

1856 The City of Lithonia was established.

Agnes Scott College was established.

1889

1881 The City of Clarkston was established.

The DeKalb County Police Department was established.

1915

1908 The City of Chamblee was established.

John Wesley Webb was the first DeKalb County police officer to be slain in the line of duty.

1919

1917 DeKalb Peachtree Airport, formerly known as Camp Gordon, was a World War I Training Center where the famous Sgt. Alvin York and thousands of other American soldiers trained.

A. S. Robinson was appointed the first Chief of the DeKalb Police Department.

1923

1921 DeKalb police officers were paid \$150 per month and furnished their own cars.

The City of Pine Lake was established.

1938

1925 DeKalb Police Department deployed its first police motorcycle.

Former Naval Air Station was converted to the civilian airport: Peachtree DeKalb Airport (PDK).

1959

1945 DeKalb Police Department raided and destroyed the largest moonshine still ever located in DeKalb County.

Julie Cochran was the first female appointed as a sworn DeKalb County Police Officer. She was also the first female to graduate from the Georgia Police Academy.

1971

1965 DeKalb County established its first K-9 Unit.

The South Precinct was opened in South DeKalb Mall.

1979

1972 DeKalb Police deploys its first police helicopter.

The Summer Olympics were hosted in Atlanta. The DeKalb County Police Department provided support for the games and athletes.

1996

1986 The North Precinct opened in Dunwoody.

The City of Dunwoody was established.

2008

2006 The funeral of Civil Rights Leader Coretta Scott King was held in Lithonia, GA.

The City of Tucker was established.

2016

2015 The DeKalb County Police Department celebrates its 100 year anniversary.

The City of Stonecrest was established.

2017

2017 The I-85 bridge collapsed, impacting the metro area to include DeKalb County.

2023 The funeral of First Lady Rosalyn Carter is held near Emory in DeKalb County.

CEO MICHAEL L. THURMOND



DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Joseph H. "Jack" Lumpkin, Sr.

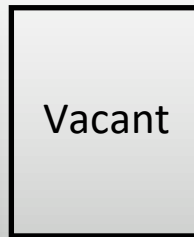
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



District 1
Robert Patrick



District 2
Michelle Long Spears



District 3



District 4
Steve Bradshaw



District 5
Mereda Davis Johnson



District 6
Ted Terry



District 7



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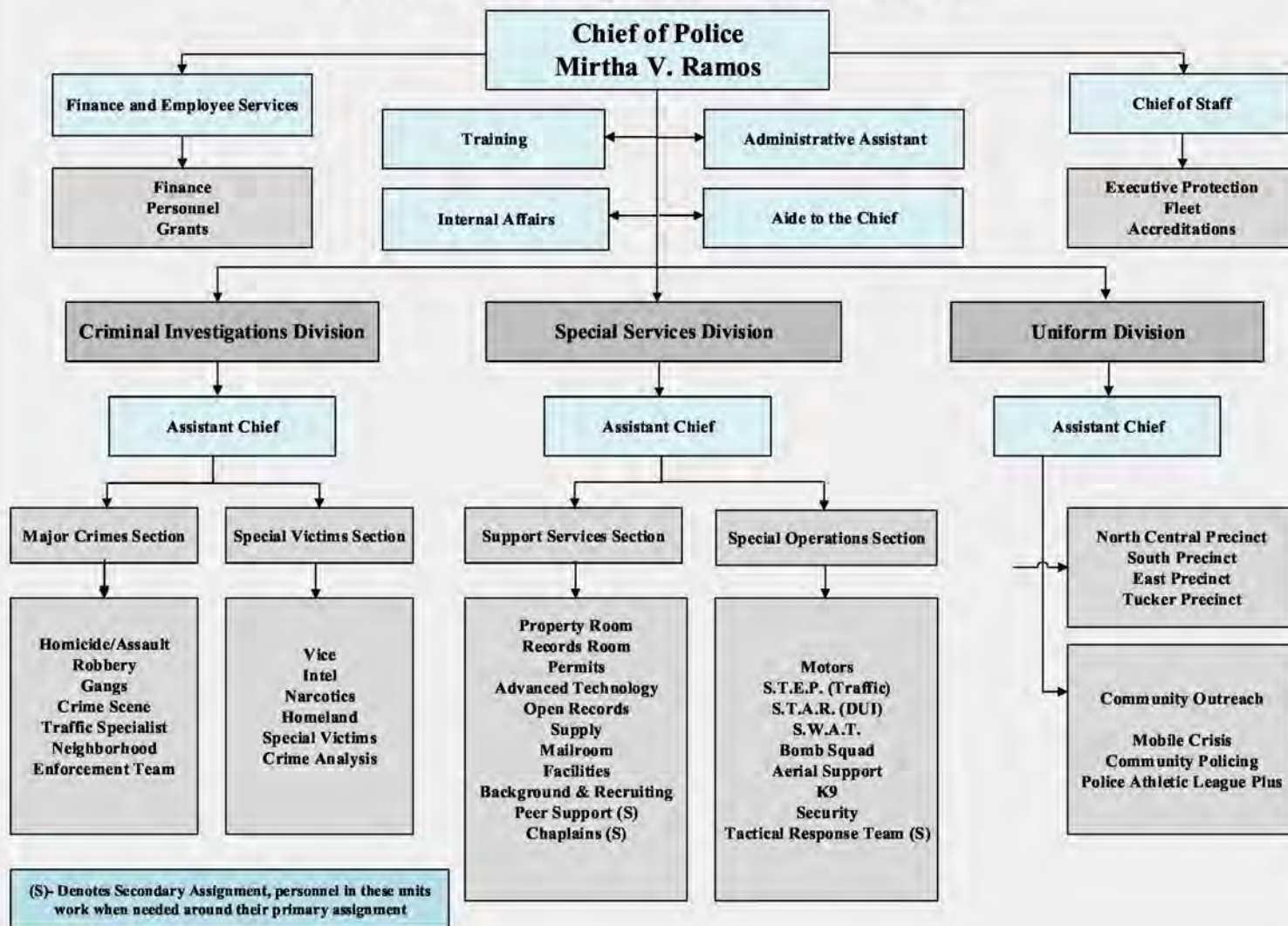
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YEAR IN REVIEW

- **485 DKPD OFFICERS ARE CIT CERTIFIED. THIS CONSTITUTES 92% OF THE DEPARTMENT.**
- **OFFICERS AND COMMAND STAFF ATTENDED NUMEROUS COMMUNITY-RELATED EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND HOSTED 190 EVENTS OF THEIR OWN.**
- **SPECIAL OPERATIONS COORDINATED NUMEROUS DETAILS INCLUDING PRESIDENTIAL ESCORTS, PARADES, FUNERALS AND POLITICAL RALLIES.**
- **DUE TO MARKETING CAMPAIGNS AND QUARTERLY ON-SITE HIRING EVENTS, DKPD HIRED 64 POLICE RECRUITS AND 44 CIVILIANS.**
- **THE EXPANSION OF THE FUSUS PLATFORM INCREASED INVESTIGATIVE ACCESS TO OVER 2,800 OF PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY OWNED VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS.**
- **DKPD'S CPU HELD TWO COMMUNITY SAFETY FAIR EVENTS IN APRIL AND SEPTEMBER.**
- **DKPD'S PAL UNIT HOSTED SEVERAL PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUTH.**
- **DEPARTMENT HOSTED A TRUNK OR TREAT AT THE KROGER ON WESLEY CHAPEL ROAD.**
- **OVER 2,600 GUN SAFES AND LOCKS DISTRIBUTED.**
- **ARRIVAL OF THE MOBILE PRECINCT**
- **INCREASED SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT**
- **WE HELD FIVE SUCCESSFUL HIRING EVENTS LEADING TO A 12% INCREASE IN POLICE RECRUITS HIRED AND A 21% INCREASE IN CIVILIANS HIRED.**
- **EXPANDED THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AIDE PROGRAM**

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

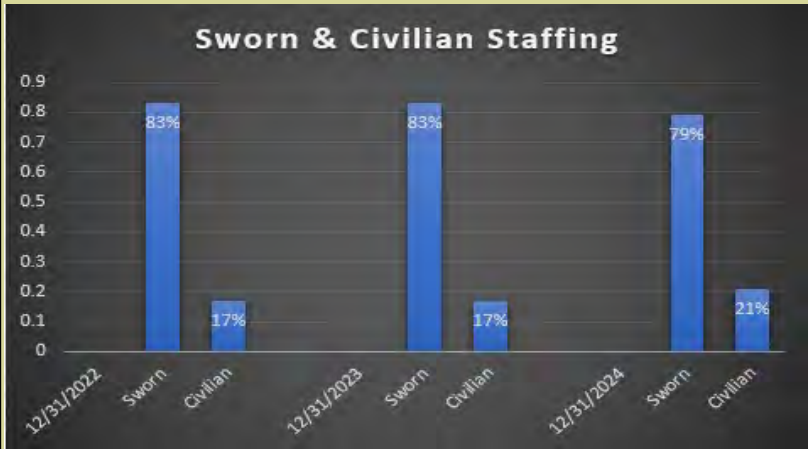
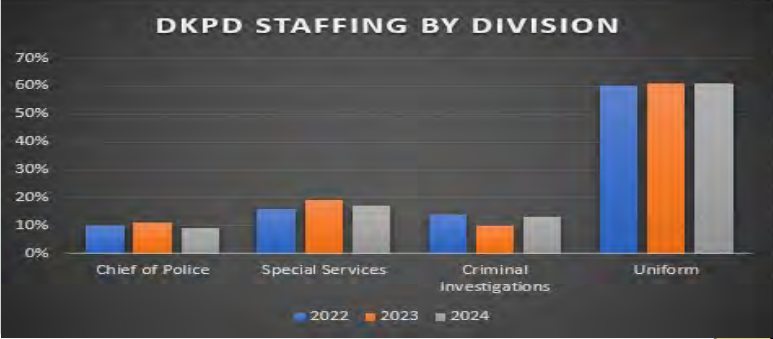
DeKalb County Police Department



(S)- Denotes Secondary Assignment, personnel in these units work when needed around their primary assignment

DEPARTMENT STAFFING

The Department currently employs 680 personnel. Those personnel are allocated across four divisions and in the Office of the Chief of Police. The largest portion of the Department's staffing is under the command of the Uniform Division.



Division staffing chart figures are derived from Divisional totals and do not reflect personnel assigned outside the listed Divisions

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Chief of Police plans, directs, manages, and oversees the activities and operations of the Police Department including law enforcement, crime prevention, and crime suppression programs; coordinates assigned activities with other departments and outside agencies; and provides responsible and complex support to the community and other County departments.



Mirtha V. Ramos
Chief of Police



Phillip Albritton, Captain
Chief of Staff



Milele Anderson, Sergeant
Aide to the Chief

INTERNAL AFFAIRS



Matthew J. Ferreira, Captain

Internal Affairs is responsible for the investigation, coordination and control of all matters involving the internal integrity of the DeKalb County Police Department, its personnel, or facilities.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Internal Affairs Unit has four primary objectives.

1. Protection of the public
2. Protection of the employees
3. Removal of unfit personnel
4. Correction of procedural issues



Investigations

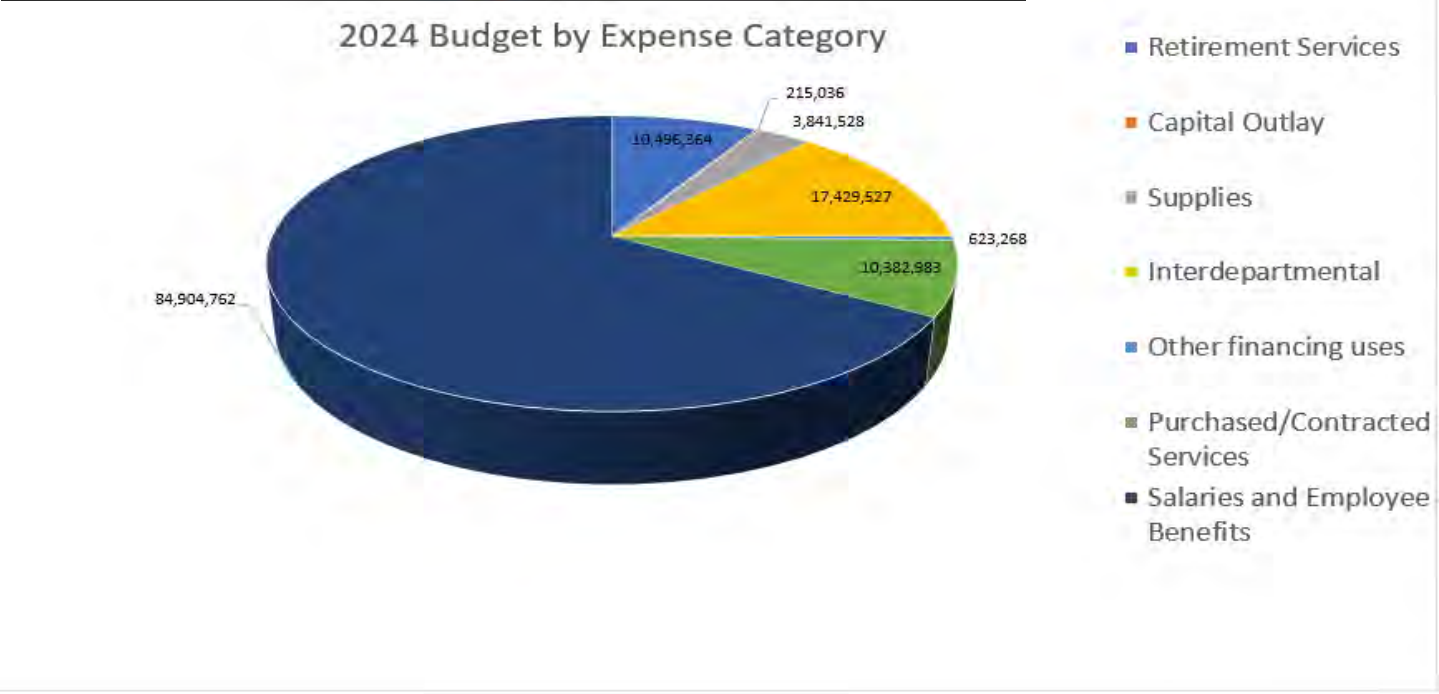
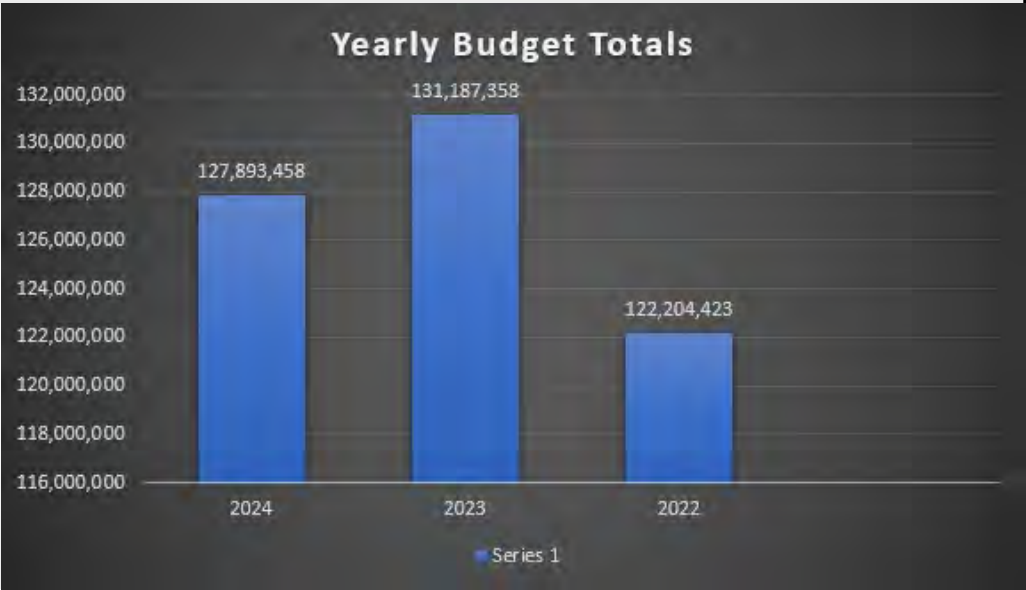
	2024	2023	2022
Use of Force	145	176	210
Formal Complaints	45	37	45
Informal Complaints	206	177	143

FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Financial Services section’s primary responsibility is to coordinate the department’s daily financial services, annual budget preparation and fiscal oversight. The Financial Services section ensures that the Department stays in line with approved annual budgets via accounting systems that are controlled by the Finance Department and the Department of Purchasing and Contracting pursuant to DeKalb County Code. Access is provided through a County online Financial Management Information System.

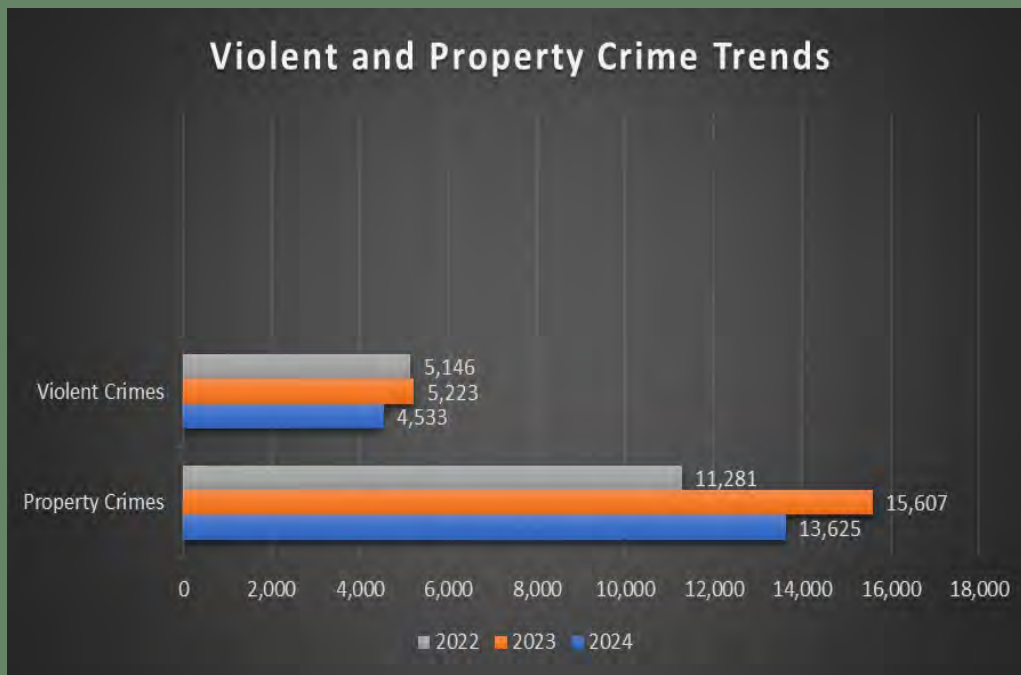


Jessica Hudson,
Fiscal Manager



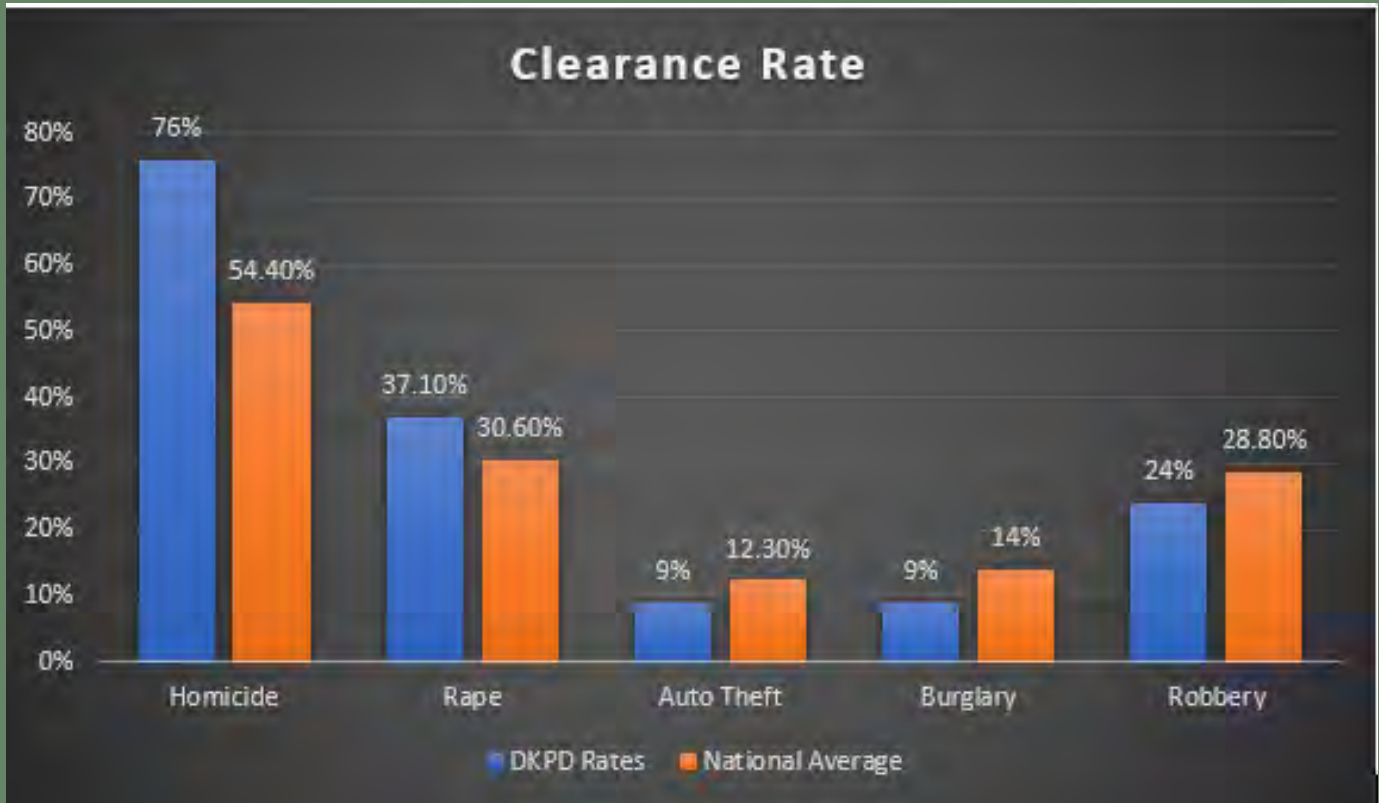
2024 DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

Crime Report Trends			
	2024	2023	2022
Violent Crime			
Homicides	127	125	138
Forcible Rape	172	166	1184
Robbery	790	878	862
Aggravated Assault	3,444	4,054	3,962
Total	4,533	5,223	5,146
Property Crime			
Burglary	2,377	2,983	2,557
Larceny Theft	6,017	6,521	5,327
Motor Vehicle Theft	5,231	6,103	3,397
Total	13,625	15,607	11,281



2024 DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

CLEARANCE RATES

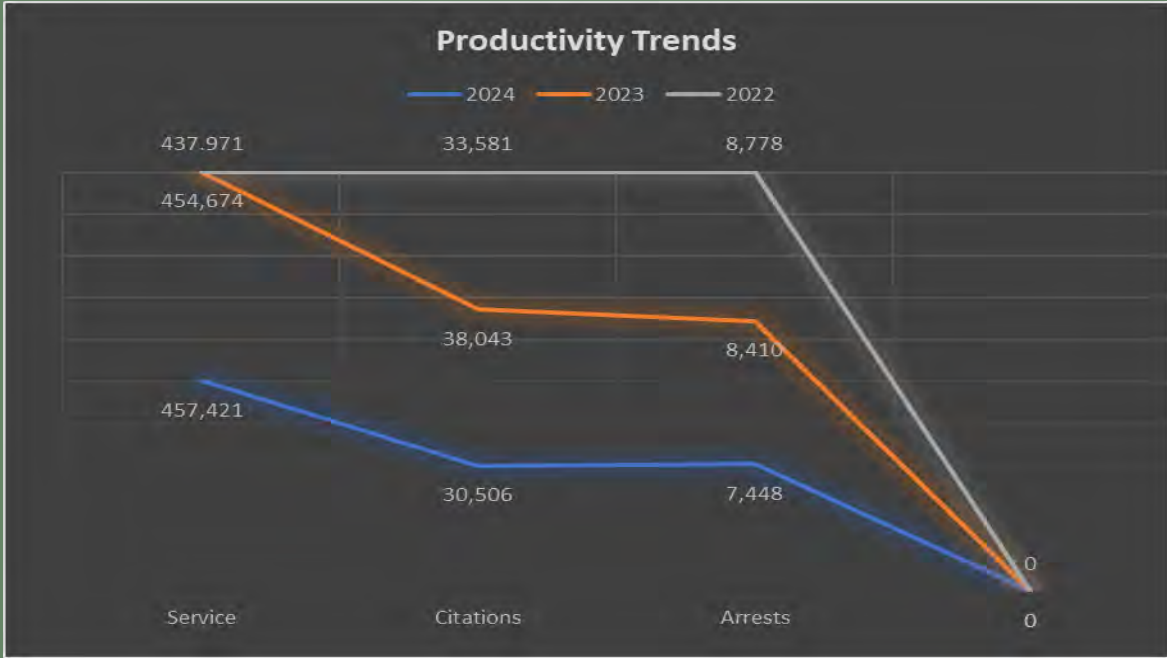


Case clearance rates are a national measure assisting law enforcement agencies with evaluation of investigative effectiveness. In addition to arresting criminal perpetrators, the clearance of criminal cases helps to bring resolution to victims, their families, and communities at large. These charts provide a comparison of DKPD 2024 clearance rates to those of the 2020 national averages.

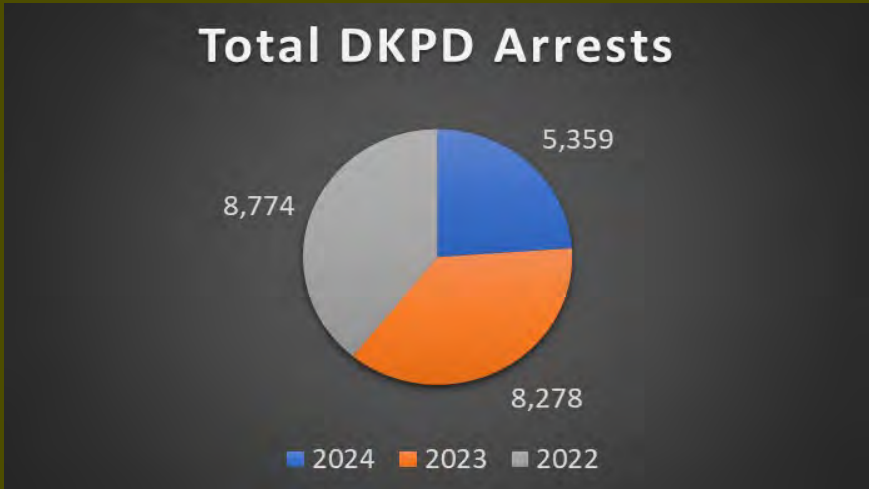
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Department Activity Trends

Categories	2024	2023	2022
Arrest	7,448	8,410	8,778
Citations	30,506	28,043	33,581
Service Calls	457,421	454,674	437,971



Total arrests include violations of state laws, Cities of Tucker and Stonecrest ordinances, County ordinances and traffic offenses.



2024 DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

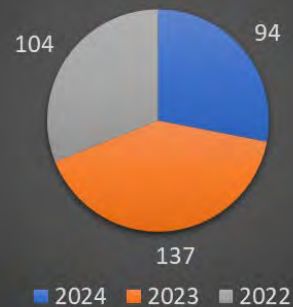
Traffic Accident Trends

Years	2024	2023	2022
Accidents	32,327	33,993	35,616
Hit & Run	8,976	9,703	10,136
Fatalities	94	137	104
Injuries	12,888	13,075	13,572

Traffic Accidents

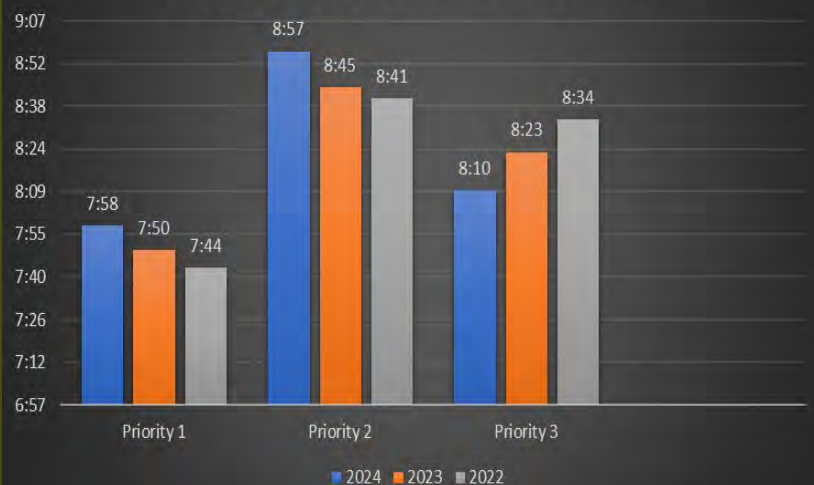


Traffic Fatalities



Call responses are assigned a value based on the priority of the call. Priority 1 calls are of an immediate life-threatening nature. Priority 2 calls require an officer to be on scene as soon as possible. Priority 3 calls are more routine and less serious in nature.

Priority Response Times in Minutes



UNIFORM DIVISION



Lonzy D. Robertson,
Assistant Chief

The Uniform Division is the largest division in the Department with a total of 366 sworn officers and civilian staff. The Division is divided into four precincts: North Central Precinct, Tucker Precinct, East Precinct, and South Precinct. The men and women of the Uniform Division patrol the unincorporated streets of DeKalb County and the Cities of Tucker and Stonecrest, answering 911 calls and interacting with citizens. Officers and detectives conduct criminal investigations, investigate motor vehicle accidents, enforce state laws and County ordinances, and provide continuous patrol for our business and residential communities. Each Precinct also has a dedicated Public Education Specialist to serve as a liaison between the Department and our community.

In 2024, the Uniform Division logged 307,950 calls for service, 1,946 felony arrests, 3,413 misdemeanor arrests, and wrote over 28,043 citations.

Officers and command staff hosted and attended numerous community-related events throughout the year. These included City and Community meetings, neighborhood watch meetings, faith-based community meetings, Major’s Night Out, and National Night Out.

Precinct	Sworn Personnel	Civilian Personnel	Total Personnel
North Central	65	11	76
Tucker	80	7	87
South	88	10	98
East	80	8	88

UNIFORM DIVISION

POLICE PRECINCTS



**Emanuel McCown,
Major**
North Central Precinct
1960 W. Exchange Place
Tucker, Ga 30084
770-724-7669



**Matthew C. Harden,
Major**
Tucker Precinct
3375 Lawrenceville Hwy
Tucker, Ga 30084
678-937-5301



**Brian K. DeLoach,
Major**
South Precinct
2842 H F Shepherd Drive
Decatur, Ga 30034
404-286-7911



**Yolanda C. Baron,
Major**
East Precinct
2484 Bruce Street
Lithonia, Ga 30058
770-482-0300

UNIFORM DIVISION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 2024

Precinct Meetings

- 48 Community Engagement Zoom Meetings – Meetings hosted various DeKalb Government entities and police personnel who provided presentations
- 48 Coffee with a Cop meetings
- 48 Clergy Zoom Meetings
- 32 Major's Night Out Meetings
- Two separate National Night Out dates
- Faith and Blue event at Peace Baptist Church
- 4 Senior Summits
- 8 Precinct Town Hall Meetings at the start of the year and mid-year.

Community Policing Unit

- CPU conducted two Community Safety Fairs
- Taught the nationally recognized Gang Resistance Education And Training course to youth at 8 different elementary and middle schools
- Hosted Annual Trunk or Treat for the community

Police Athletic League

- Swim Program
- Career Development Program
- Female Empowerment Program
- After Dark Basketball Program
- Annual Shop with a Cop for Christmas
- 2 Movie with a Cop Events
- Thanksgiving dinner for under served families
- Gaming with a Cop – Hosted 120 youth
- Mentored youth at Oakview Elementary school
- Attended 15 Career Day events



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT





Joseph Popp
Assistant Chief

SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

THE SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION IS COMPOSED OF THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT SERVICES SECTIONS.

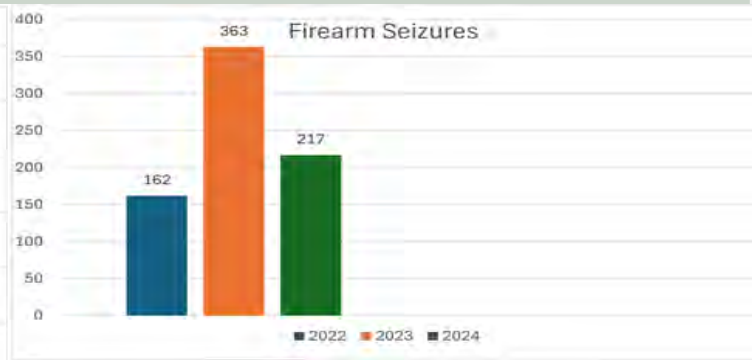
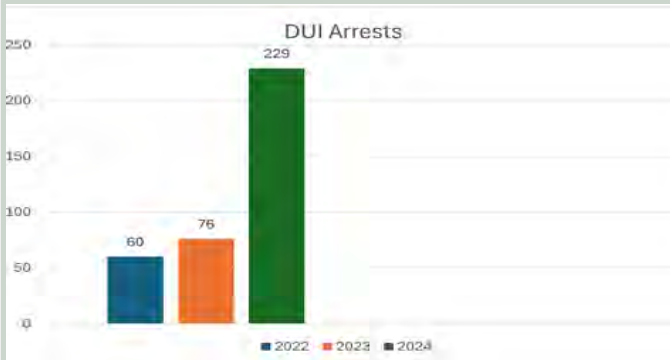
SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION

Special Operations is staffed by 45 personnel and consists of traffic, tactical and administration and security units. Strategic traffic and crime reduction efforts combined with operations to provide support for significant events, protective details and County facilities. Tactical support is provided to Federal, state and local partners, to protect the public attending large-scale events.

The tactical units are comprised of SWAT, Aerial Support Unit, Bomb Squad and the K9 Unit. Using specialized tactical capabilities, these units provide support for various special events and details, including high-risk search warrants, EOD callouts and support for dignitary visits.

Traffic units consist of the Strategic Traffic Accident Reduction (STAR) Team, Strategic Traffic Enforcement Patrol (STEP) Unit, and the Motor Unit. These units have a direct impact on the safety of the citizens by making the roadways of the county safer. Various public outreach activities, including DUI safety checks, speed reduction enforcement and driver safety education events, are regularly held in the community.

The Administration and Security Unit manages police and professional security services for County facilities, events and buildings. Additionally, security assessments are performed by Unit personnel. This section organizes, analyzes, compiles, and reports data concerning all events and incidents, grants, projects, and other duties.



SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION



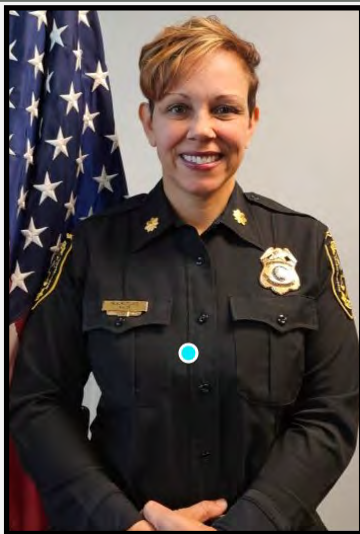
Theodore Golden
Major

Section Highlights

- Special Operations increased Misdemeanor arrests by 112%.
- Special Operations increased citations by 110%.
- Special Operations increased school zone staffing hours by 16%
- Tactical Units participated in the UASI Atlanta Regional Commission's Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Unified Training Scenario.
- Special Operations assisted USSS, GBI, and Atlanta Police with security, tactical support, route support, K9 sterility sweeps for current and future Presidents of the United States, the Peachtree Road Race, and other high-profile events.
- Special Operations supported ten County-sponsored food distributions.
- Special Operations DUI arrests increased by 223%.
- STAR Team obtained the Governor's Office of Highway Safety(GOHS) Grant for 2025.
- STAR Team participated in five enforcement and educational campaigns related to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

SUPPORT SERVICES SECTION



Nicole A. Rutland,
Major

Support Services Section is comprised of Police Records, Supply, Advanced Technology, Peer Support, Chaplaincy, Facilities, Background and Recruiting, Permits, Property Room, Open Records, Mailroom, the RETRO program and the VIPS program. Leadership and staff strive to provide innovative programs and ideas for the Department such as the Peer Support Program, which is designed to assist public safety personnel in mitigating the stress associated with working in Public Safety.

Advanced Technology

Advanced Technology orders, distributes and maintains critical technology and equipment, including cell phones, body worn cameras and GPS Rocket routers. ATU assists the Department with keeping our promise to be transparent to the community that we serve. We believe that body worn cameras assist our officers by protecting them from vexatious complaints, and objectively recording their interactions with citizens as well as capturing valuable evidence on incident scenes.

Police Records

Police Records is the central depository for all Police, Fire Rescue and EMS documents and provides reports to customers, law enforcement, courts and other criminal justice agencies. Police Records also utilizes GCIC/NCIC databases to conduct criminal history checks and enters serialized items and missing persons/juveniles on the system. This also includes NCIC validations, UCR and crime statistics.

Open Records

The Open Records Unit is a single point of contact for the department for answering public and legal requests for documents. Open Records reaches out to the appropriate custodian of records for necessary documents and then compiles the information into a single package to ensure that all requested documents are present and any confidential information is properly redacted.



Angela Tanner,
Police Records Manager

SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

SUPPORT SERVICES SECTION

Section Highlights

- Property Room destroyed 1,977 pounds of illegal narcotics using the Sanitation Department's incinerator
- Property Room logged 28,502 items of property into WEB RMS
- Property Room disposed of 11,814 items
- Permits/Taxi/Wrecker generated \$269,600.00 in revenue
- Permits/Taxi/Wrecker Issued 2,395 Firearms Permits and 2,384 non-Firearms Permits
- In March 2024, Permits/Taxi/Wrecker began operations with new OpenGov software
- RETRO volunteered over 3,290 hours in 2024
- Supply Unit fulfilled 2,635 Uniform Requests
- Open Records hired two additional Investigative Aides to become fully staffed
- Open Records handled 13,180 ORR vs. 9,274 in 2023 (42% increase)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

DIVISION SUMMARY



Gregory Padrick,
Assistant Chief

The Criminal Investigation Division is comprised of Major Crimes, Special Investigations and Special Victims sections. The mission of the Criminal Investigation Division is to thoroughly investigate all crimes through an intelligence-based, offender-focused strategy. This strategy has proven to be the most effective crime-fighting measure and coincides with the 21st century policing model.

The Criminal Investigation Division works with other Divisions, departments, state and Federal agencies to ensure a comprehensive approach to crime-fighting strategies. Our detectives and civilian staff members are thoroughly trained in criminal and administrative procedures to provide the highest level of customer service to the citizens of DeKalb County. It is the Division's goal to maintain fairness, transparency, and to ensure that every crime is given the time, attention and care that it deserves.

MAJOR CRIMES SECTION

The Major Crimes Section investigates a variety of crimes and assists other agencies with major case investigations. The section is comprised of the Homicide/Assault Unit, the Crime Scene Unit, the Gang Unit, the Robbery Unit, the Traffic Specialist Unit, and the Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET). Their primary responsibility is to thoroughly investigate and collect all evidence available to facilitate arrests and successful prosecutions. The Homicide/Assault Unit investigates both negligent and non-negligent homicides, felonious non-domestic assaults, kidnappings, and some officer-involved shootings. The Gang Unit works to educate a broad population of families and youth who are at risk of becoming involved in gang and/or delinquent activity. Additionally, the Gang Unit uses intervention and suppression techniques to address gang-related criminal activity. The Crime Scene Unit supports these investigations through the preservation and collection of evidence as well as follow-up laboratory processing, including latent print and NIBIN examination. The Robbery Unit focuses on investigating armed robberies and related offenses. The Traffic Specialist Unit investigates major traffic-related accidents and incidents, including vehicular homicides. The Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) is tasked with addressing community-specific crime trends through proactive enforcement.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

SPECIAL VICTIMS SECTION

The Special Victims Section investigates all sexual assaults, crimes against children and elderly persons, missing persons, domestic violence, unexplained child deaths, and conducts computer forensic examinations. SVU works closely with the District Attorney's Office to hold offenders accountable and with rape crisis centers, local hospitals, and forensic children's centers to support and protect victims.



Anthony Ford,
Major

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

The Special Investigations Section is comprised of the Narcotics Unit, Vice Unit, HIDTA, and the Homeland Security Unit. The section utilizes the Intelligence-Led Policing (ILP) model concept in its efforts to reduce and track crime. The Narcotics and Vice Units use both conventional and undercover operations to combat crime in their respective areas of expertise.

DIVISION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our Victim Advocacy Program has proven to be very successful, with the addition of an advocate in 2024, bringing the total to four. These advocates assist crime victims with the investigation and court process, ensuring they receive the support and guidance needed during challenging times.



The Criminal Investigation Division remains committed to thorough investigations, offender accountability, and providing justice for victims while maintaining transparency and professionalism in all operations.

TRIBUTE TO OUR FALLEN OFFICERS

“Greater love has no one than this, ...



...that one lay down his life for his friends.”

TRIBUTE TO OUR FALLEN OFFICERS

Sergeant Daniel Mobley
EOW: Saturday, January 2, 2021

Officer Edgar I. Flores
EOW: Thursday, December 13, 2018

Officer Kevin Jermaine Toatley
EOW: Saturday, September 19, 2015

Officer Ivorie Gerhard Klusmann
EOW: Saturday, August 10, 2013

Officer Eric Cecil Barker, Sr.
EOW: Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Officer Ricky L. Bryant, Jr.
EOW: Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Detective Dennis Carmen Stepnowski
EOW: Thursday, June 29, 2006

Officer Ann Marie Guinta
EOW: Saturday, July 20, 2002

Sheriff-Elect Derwin Brown
EOW: Saturday, December 15, 2000

Officer Jarvis Darren Crumley
EOW: Tuesday, December 29, 1998

Officer Ricardo J. Torres
EOW: Sunday, September 13, 1998

Officer Richard Lee Teague
EOW: Monday, November 23, 1992

Officer Wade C. Barrett, Jr.
EOW: Monday, April 8, 1991

Officer Wyndall T. Davis
EOW: Thursday, December 3, 1981

Officer Tommy Richard Gober, Jr.
EOW: Saturday, June 28, 1980

Officer Robert Keith Hawkins
EOW: Thursday, February 7, 1980

Officer Thomas Stanhope Atkisson
EOW: Tuesday, December 14, 1976

Officer Larry Eugene Quinn
EOW: Sunday, February 4, 1973

Officer Donald Lee Mitchell
EOW: Sunday, July 2, 1972

Officer William David Corn
EOW: Tuesday, February 1, 1972

Officer Charles Richard Norred
EOW: Wednesday, September 8, 1971

Detective Guy Fedrick Jones
EOW: Wednesday, June 5, 1968

Officer Johnny Farrell Puckett, Sr.
EOW: Saturday, July 16, 1966

Officer James Lonnie Mize
EOW: Saturday, February 6, 1954

Lieutenant James Charles Nix
EOW: Sunday, September 7, 1952

Officer Wilford Eugene Johnson
EOW: Sunday, September 7, 1952

Officer Charles Willis Wright
EOW: Wednesday, December 22, 1948

Officer Edwin Cecil Garrison
EOW: Friday, September 20, 1946

Officer Charles Linton Phillips
EOW: Friday, October 7, 1932

Officer Miles Henry Phillips
EOW: Friday, August 12, 1927

Officer Lewell S. Henderson
EOW: Friday, August 12, 1927

Officer Samuel D. Gentry
EOW: Wednesday, April 8, 1925

CONTACT INFORMATION

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www.dekalbpolice.com

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Chief of Police - 770-724-7946
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Background & Recruiting - 770-724-7445

Division Commanders

Uniform - 770-724-7493
Special Services - 770-724-7592
Criminal Investigation - 770-724-7589

Precincts

North Central - 770-724-7600
Tucker - 678-937-5301
East - 770-482-0300
South - 404-286-7900

Frequently Used Numbers

Permits - 404-297-3934
Property & Evidence - 404-294-2528

Emergency Number 911

Non-Emergency Number 404-294-2911

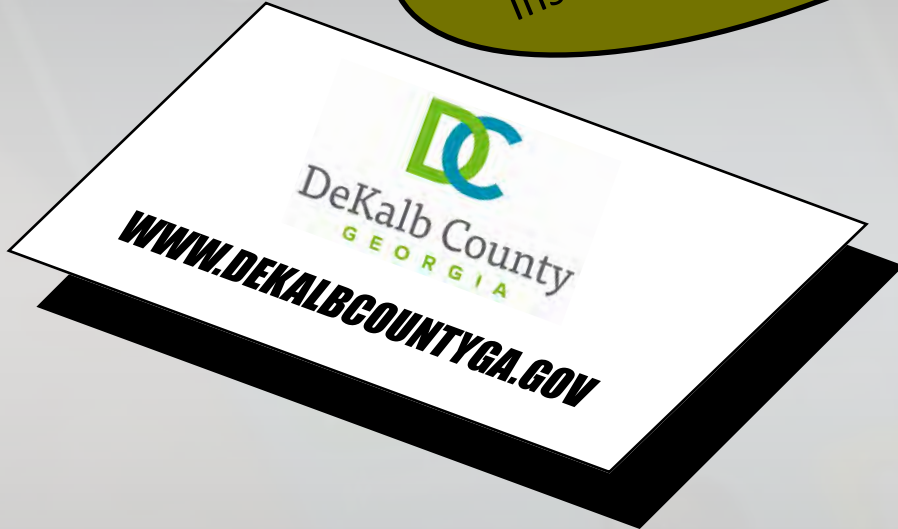
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