

BEAUFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT



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A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF PRICE

Dear Community,

As we reflect on 2025, I want to take a moment to express my sincere appreciation to the residents, businesses, and visitors who make Beaufort such a remarkable place to call home. Serving this community as Chief of Police continues to be both an honor and a responsibility I take seriously.

This past year reinforced the importance of partnership. The trust and cooperation we share with our community are essential to public safety, and your willingness to engage, communicate, and work alongside us strengthens everything we do. Together, we have continued building meaningful connections, especially with our youth, knowing that early engagement lays the foundation for long-term trust and understanding.

I am grateful to City Council and City leadership for their continued support and collaboration throughout 2025. Their commitment to public safety and community well-being has been instrumental in helping us move forward with shared goals for our city.

To the men and women of the Beaufort Police Department, thank you for your professionalism, dedication, and service. Your work does not go unnoticed.



This year, we remained focused on officer wellness, training, and support, recognizing that caring for our personnel directly impacts the quality of service we provide to our community.

As we move into the year ahead, we will continue leveraging technology, data, and proactive policing strategies to reduce crime and enhance public safety, while maintaining our commitment to transparency and community engagement.

Beaufort's strength lies in its people. By continuing to work together, we will build upon the progress made in 2025 and move forward with purpose, unity, and shared responsibility.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephenie Price".

Stephenie Price

Chief Price

ABOUT BPD



Vision

To enhance community engagement and partnership, advocating for fairness, trust, and respect. We honor our history, remain mindful of the present, and diligently lead the future with unwavering dedication.

Mission

Our mission is to safeguard and serve our community with integrity, fairness, and respect. We are dedicated to ensuring public safety, upholding the law, and fostering trust through community engagement and professional excellence.

Personnel Breakdown

55

Sworn Officers

07

Professional Staff

03

Court Officers

02

Crossing Guards

03

Volunteers

COMMAND STAFF

Meet the Beaufort Police Department Command Staff! Throughout the year, they prioritize a proactive approach to addressing evolving challenges, emphasizing community-oriented policing and fostering positive relationships with our residents. Together, they bring a wealth of experience, leadership, and dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community and the Beaufort Police Department.



Chief of Police
Stephanie Price



Operations Captain
Joseph Dobbins



Administrative Captain
Jason Day



Patrol Lieutenant
Lori Evans



Investigations Lieutenant
Trish Mendicino



Community Projects Lieutenant
Charles Squires



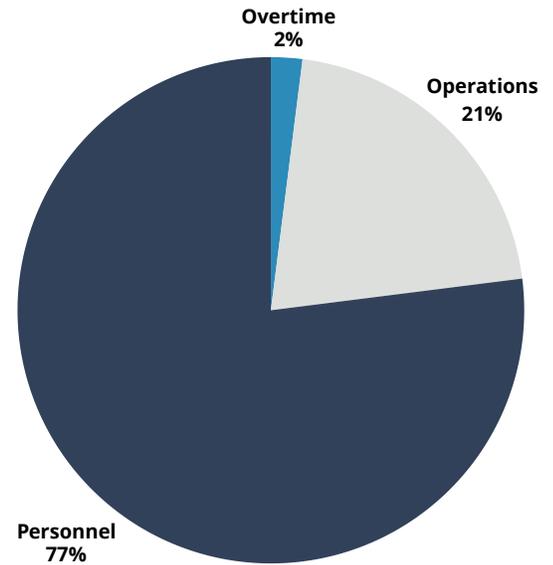
Patrol Master Sergeant
Sean Flomer



Professional Standards Master Sergeant
Benjamin Brooks

2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

TOTAL BUDGET: \$8,913,400



GRANTS



COPS Office FY25 COPS Hiring Program Grant

➔ \$375,000

2025 Department of Public Safety Office of Highway Safety and Justice Program, School Resource Officer

➔ \$243,929

2025 Body Armor Assistance Grant (BAAG)- July 2025

➔ \$21,149

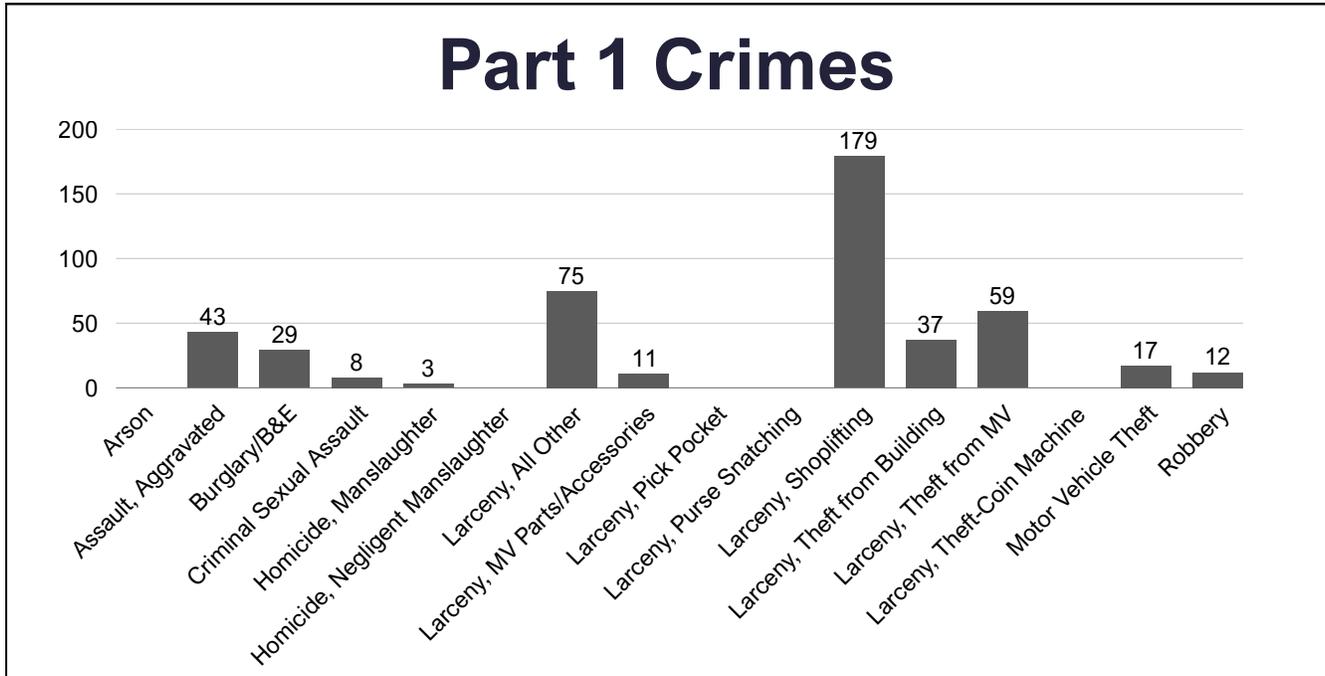
Department of Public Safety, Office of Highway Safety and Justice Program, Video Camera (ICVC) Grant

➔ \$10,000

Wal-Mart Community Events Grant

➔ \$9,000

2025 CRIME STATISTICS



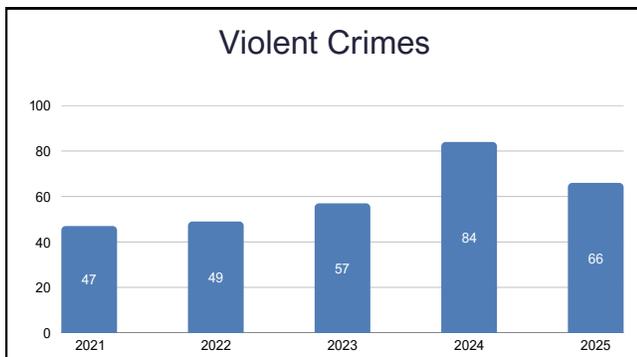
Larceny is defined as the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another person or business. There are eight subcategories that make up the total for larceny offense: Pocket-picking, purse-snatching, shoplifting, theft from a building, theft from coin operated devices, theft from motor vehicles, theft of motor vehicle parts/accessories, and all other larcenies.

Burglary is defined as the unlawful entry into a building or some other structure to commit a felony or a theft. By definition, a structure has four walls, a roof, and a door.

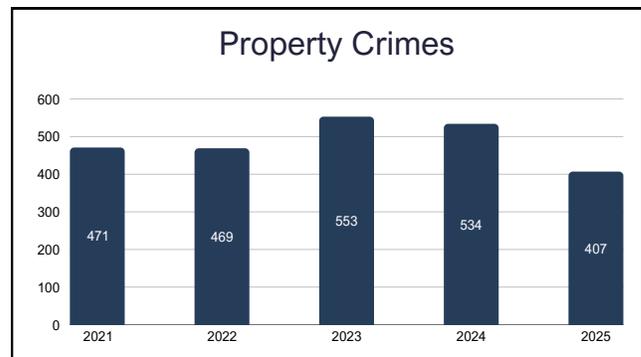
Robbery is defined as the taking of anything of value from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force and/or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm.

Aggravated assault is defined as an unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a dangerous weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury, or where there was a risk for serious injury/intent to seriously injure.

5-YEAR COMPARISONS



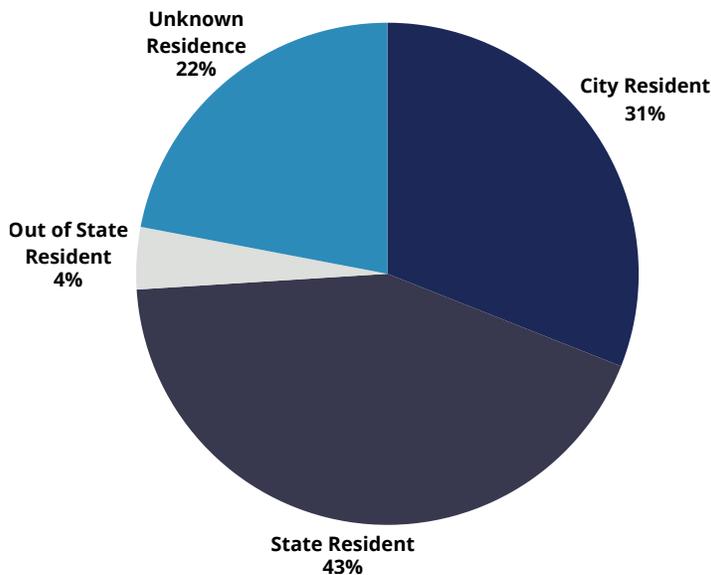
Includes Homicides, Rapes, Robberies, and Aggravated Assaults



Includes Burglaries, Larcenies/Thefts, Motor Vehicle Thefts, and Arsons

2025 ARREST DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Arrests: 756				
Male: 583 / 77%			Female: 173 / 23%	
Race	Male	Female	Total	
Unknown / Not Recorded	3	1	4	0.5%
Asian	6	0	6	0.8%
Black	337	73	410	54.2%
Indian	0	0	0	0.0%
White/Hispanic/Latin	23	5	28	3.7%
India Native	0	0	0	0.0%
White	214	94	308	40.7%
Age				
1 to 18	13	1	14	2%
19 to 25	101	32	133	18%
26 to 50	333	109	442	58%
51 & Over	136	31	167	22%



New addition to the 2025 fleet: Polaris UTV

PATROL DIVISION

Patrol is the largest and most visible division within the Beaufort Police Department. The City of Beaufort is 27.6 square miles and has a population of 14,334.

There are four patrol teams, and each team is led by a 1st Sergeant and assisted by a Sergeant. The Patrol Division is overseen by the Operations Captain and Patrol Lieutenant.

Patrol officers provide many services during their 12-hour shifts, such as responding to calls for service, providing extra patrols, traffic enforcement, and self-initiated proactive policing. Additionally, they attend community events, conduct preliminary investigations of crimes and traffic accidents, write reports, and collect evidence.



→ 44,512
Calls for Service

→ 861
Traffic Citations

→ 903
Criminal Citations

→ 32
DUI Arrests

→ 1,797
Crime Reports Taken

→ 2,807
Warnings Issued

→ 540
Traffic Collisions

K9 TEAM



K9 Supra



K9 Jampi

Our K9 team was established in July 2023 and is comprised of two Sergeants and two 1st Sergeant canines. Each dog is a certified patrol canine trained in tracking, article searches, and criminal apprehension. The K9 teams conduct high-visibility patrols and perform traditional law enforcement duties in support of patrol and investigative operations.

In 2025, the K9 unit completed a total of 527 training hours, reinforcing proficiency, readiness, and officer-canine coordination. Each K9 and handler also successfully passed their North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) re-certification, ensuring continued compliance with national standards.



→ 778

Extra Patrols/Foot Patrols

→ 1,596

Assist Other Officers

→ 206

Traffic Stops

→ 50

Narcotic Alerts

→ 79

Free Air Sniffs

→ 6

School Searches

→ 8

K9 Tracks

→ 49

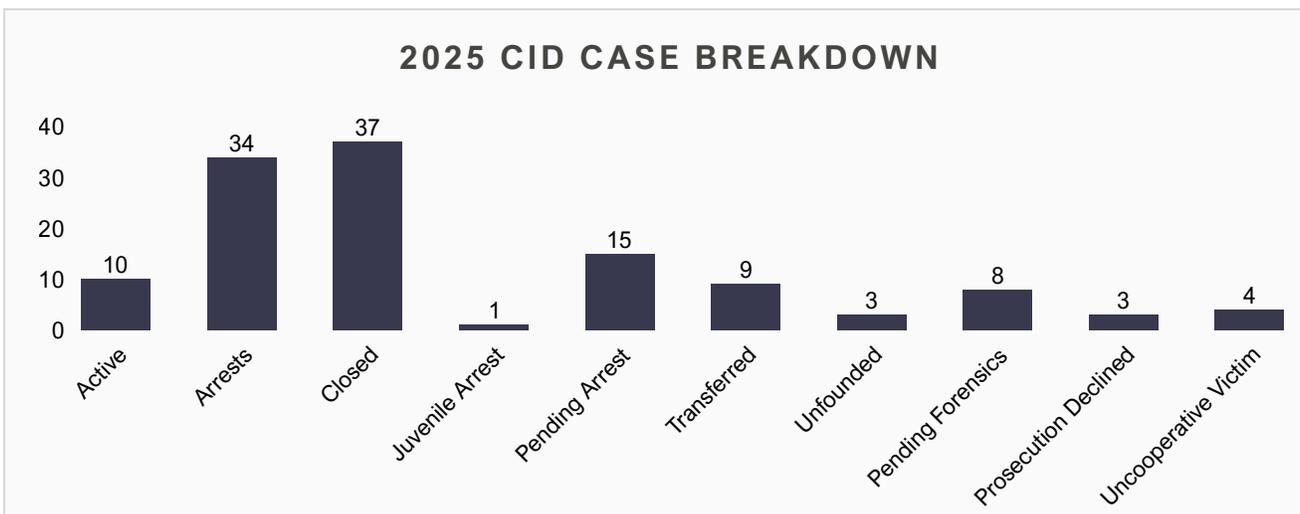
Assist other Agencies

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division is comprised of seasoned officers who are specially trained in criminal investigations and crime scene processing. The division conducts both preliminary and follow-up investigations to support successful case outcomes.

Investigators are responsible for reviewing all available evidence, identifying and collecting additional evidence when necessary, and developing probable cause to effect arrests and present cases for prosecution.

In 2025, a total of **124** cases were assigned to the Investigations Division, with investigators achieving an **85%** case clearance rate. The division is staffed by three full-time investigators and is supervised by the Investigations Lieutenant.



CASE STATUS DEFINITIONS

Active : Cases currently assigned and under investigation.

Arrests: Case closed by arrest of suspect(s).

Closed: Cases indicate that an investigation ensued however, charges were not pursued. This includes cases where a suspect was not identified or probable cause for an arrest could not be established. These cases can be reopened if new information is obtained.

Pending Arrest: Warrants have been obtained and the case is pending location and arrest of suspect(s).

Transferred: The case occurred outside of our jurisdiction. The case was referred to the respective agency.

Unfounded: A case reported to law enforcement but investigation revealed the incident did not occur as reported, deemed false, or baseless.

Pending Forensics: The case evidence sent to a forensics lab and case is awaiting results for further investigation.

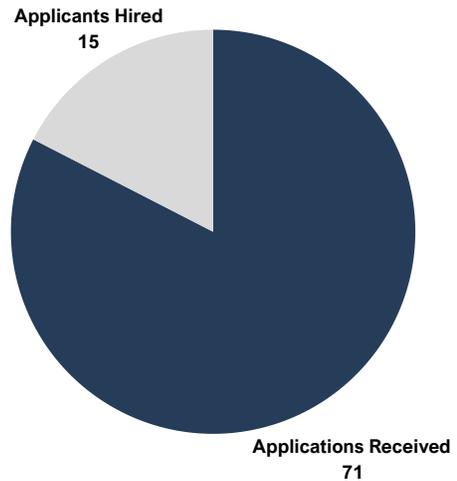
Prosecution Declined: The victim(s) declined/refused prosecution on suspects developed during the investigation.

Uncooperative Victim: The case was closed due to the victim refusing to cooperate with the investigation.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Hiring and Recruitment

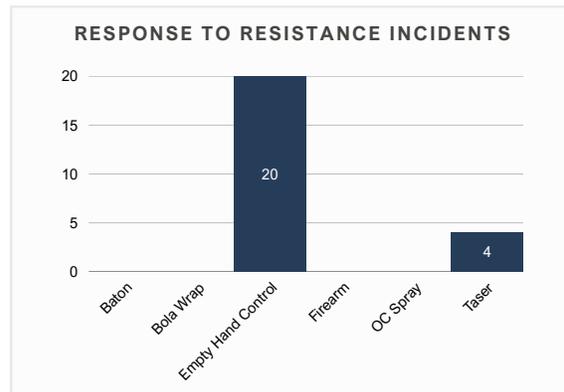
The Beaufort Police Department is dedicated to providing the highest quality of service to the citizens that it serves. Therefore, applicants face an extensive application process that includes a background investigation, extensive testing, interviews, and a physical fitness test.



Response to Resistance

All response to resistance incidents are analyzed by Command Staff. In 2025, out of the 756 arrests, 24 incidents required officers to respond to resistance to effect the arrest of the individual.

In each of the situations, it was determined that officers used the minimum amount of force reasonably necessary to bring these situations to peaceful resolution.



Administrative Review

The Beaufort Police Department has an established process for receiving, investigating, and adjudicating complaints. The complaints can be received from citizens, staff, or anonymous sources regarding investigations of employee misconduct. Complaints are accepted in any form, including verbal, written, or from anonymous sources.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS		
Complaint Category		Disposition
Discrimination	0	-
Improper Conduct	2	1- Exonerated 1- Not sustained
Improper Procedure	0	-
Neglect of Duty or Actions	0	-

INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS		
Complaint Category		Disposition
Discrimination	0	-
Improper Conduct	0	-
Improper Procedure	0	-
Neglect of Duty or Actions	0	-

TRAINING DIVISION

Every year, each Beaufort Police Officer is required to undergo hours of training to prepare them to deal with all aspects of their job, both mentally and physically. Officers are taught to be critical thinkers, ethical decision-makers, and technically proficient officers who operate within the agency's guidelines and policies. The ultimate goal is to help officers better serve the City of Beaufort.

Annual Training

- Mental Health
- Ethics
- Biased-Based
- De-Escalation
- Active Shooter
- Driving
- Defensive Tactics
- Firearms
- Instructor Courses

10,591
**TOTAL TRAINING
HOURS**

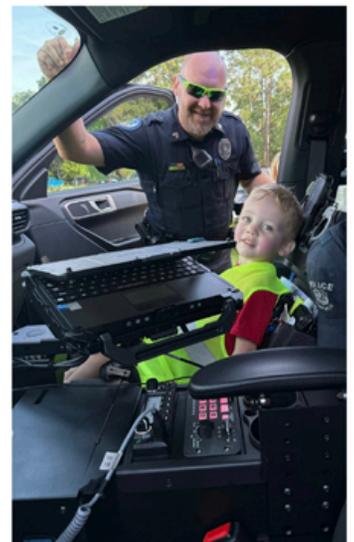
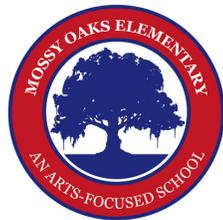
- SIRCHIE Forensic Evidence Training
- NAMI- Mental Health Education
- Suicide Prevention
- FBI-LEEDA Classes
- Basic Detective
- Tactical Longevity
- Resiliency Training



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Beaufort Police Department School Resource Officers establish and maintain a police presence at assigned schools to promote a positive attitude toward law enforcement, increase safety and reduce crime. Beaufort Police Department School Resource Officers are assigned to Beaufort High School, Beaufort Middle School, Lady's Island Middle School, Mossy Oaks Elementary School, and Beaufort Elementary School.

SROs conduct law enforcement, crime prevention, counseling, and law-related education to students and school staff. Through grant funding, there is an SRO for every school.



RECORDS



The Records Division handles the administrative and clerical needs of the Beaufort Police Department. This division is comprised of an Office Manager, two full-time administrative assistants, and one part-time assistant. This division oversees the police department's files and records retention.

It is their role to provide immediate assistance on records requests including: victim reports, subpoenas, and discovery requests for court proceedings, background checks, and expungement orders. Further, this division handles the records management technology systems, payroll, and fiscal needs.



EVIDENCE

The Evidence Division is responsible for all property and evidence submitted by Beaufort police officers and investigators:

- Receiving and documenting
- Maintaining integrity and security
- Coordinating specialized processing

In addition to receiving and maintaining control of these items, the property and evidence custodian is responsible for monitoring and arranging the disposition of each item.



SAFE LIVING BEAUFORT

Safe Living Beaufort continued to deliver measurable crime reduction during its second year while expanding its footprint across multiple multifamily housing communities in the City of Beaufort. Building on the success of the original pilot, the initiative integrates targeted enforcement, data-driven policing, smart technology, and sustained community engagement to improve safety, stability, and quality of life for residents.

Year two of the Safe Living Beaufort program is measured from August 2024 through August 2025. During this period, the initiative operated in Spanish Trace Apartments, Cross Creek Apartments, Mossy Oaks Apartments, Wilderness Cove Apartments, and Garden Oaks Apartments, with Garden Oaks added in January 2025. Proactive policing efforts were maintained at all locations as the program expanded, ensuring consistency while extending resources to additional communities.

A phased rollout of smart technology beginning in September 2024 strengthened proactive detection, guided directed patrols, and improved response times, serving as a force multiplier for officers and enhancing overall operational effectiveness.

Across all participating complexes, calls for service and major crimes declined significantly, violent offenses continued to trend downward, and firearms-related incidents remained uncommon. While individual locations experienced periodic fluctuations, the overall impact reflects sustained crime reduction, improved stabilization, and long-term deterrence across all program sites.

Safe Living Beaufort continues to function as a proven, repeatable approach to reducing crime in multifamily housing through focused enforcement, strategic technology deployment, and consistent community partnership.



Safe Living Beaufort 2 Year Combined Stats August 2024- August 2025

CALLS FOR SERVICE / MAJOR CRIMES

↓ DECREASED BY 69%
OVERALL

SHOTS FIRED

↓ DECREASED BY 50%
OVERALL

ASSAULTS

↓ DECREASED BY 38%
OVERALL

DRUG OFFENSES

↓ DECREASED BY 54%
OVERALL

LARCENY

↓ DECREASED BY 34%
OVERALL

WEAPONS OFFENSES

↓ DECREASED BY 46%
OVERALL



In 2025, the Beaufort Police Department launched a comprehensive Officer Wellness Program through a strategic partnership with the Cummings Foundation for Behavioral Health. The department was selected as a flagship site for the Foundation's police wellness initiative, reflecting a shared commitment to evidence-based approaches that support officer health, resilience, and long-term readiness.

The partnership resulted in the opening of a new on-site gym and the rollout of a holistic wellness model that integrates physical fitness, behavioral health, and preventive care. Program launch activities included first responder-focused health screenings conducted by Specialty Health, providing participating officers with confidential results, wellness tools, and access to individualized consultations through a secure health portal.

Additional program components included uniform-friendly fitness sessions supported by Savitch Fitness Consulting, yoga sessions, therapy-dog engagement, and expanded access to peer support, resilience training, and app-based wellness resources.

Through this partnership, the department strengthened its focus on officer wellness as a core operational priority, recognizing that supporting the physical and mental health of personnel directly enhances service delivery, decision-making, and community trust. The initiative represents a significant investment in workforce sustainability and organizational readiness for the future.



BPD IN THE COMMUNITY

The Beaufort Police Department continues to strengthen relationships with the community through purposeful engagement programs and family-focused events designed to build trust and accessibility.

Longstanding initiatives such as Shop with a Cop and Chill with a Cop provide informal, positive opportunities for officers to connect with children and families in welcoming settings, fostering approachability and community rapport.

In 2025, the department hosted its third annual Open House, inviting residents to tour the police department, meet officers and staff, and gain insight into daily operations. The department also organized a School's Out Movie Day, offering families a safe, engaging activity during school breaks while reinforcing positive connections with law enforcement.

Youth engagement efforts expanded with the second annual Future Guardians Summer Camp, introducing participants to careers in public safety while emphasizing leadership, teamwork, and civic responsibility.

Additionally, the department welcomed its first intern from the Technical College of the Lowcountry, marking an important step in developing career pathways and strengthening partnerships with local educational institutions.



OFFICER RECOGNITIONS



Lieutenant Trish Mendicino

2025 Exchange Club Officer of the Year

Lt. Mendicino was nominated for this award in recognition of her exceptional leadership in investigations, dedication to mentoring officers, and commitment to community trust and integrity. The Beaufort Police Department is proud of Lt. Mendicino's accomplishments and grateful to the Exchange Club of Beaufort for recognizing her outstanding service.



Officer Dan Thompson

Order of the Silver Crescent

Officer Dan Thompson was awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent, South Carolina's highest honor for volunteerism and community service, in recognition of more than 25 years of dedicated reserve service with the Beaufort Police Department. Throughout his career, Officer Thompson volunteered thousands of hours, consistently stepping up to cover shifts, work nights and weekends, and support the department whenever needed. Officer Thompson exemplifies selfless service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to both the department and the Beaufort community.



1st Sgt. Supra & Sgt. Wiren

2025 Officers of the Year

1st Sgt. K9 Supra and Sgt. Sterling Wiren received the Officer of the Year award in recognition of their outstanding work as a K9 team. Together, they demonstrated unwavering dedication, professionalism, and reliability throughout the year. Their consistent performance, teamwork, and commitment to excellence exemplify the critical role of K9 operations in public safety and community protection.



Patrol Team 2

2025 Team of the Year

The 2025 Patrol Team of the Year award was presented to Patrol Team 2, consisting of 1st Sgt. Anis, Sgt. Linacre, Ofc. J. Jackson, Ofc. L. Thompson, Ofc. Poulin, and Ofc. Beck. The team demonstrated exceptional performance throughout the year through strong teamwork, sound decision-making, and proactive policing. Their combined skills, professionalism, and commitment to one another reflect the highest standards of service to the community.

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