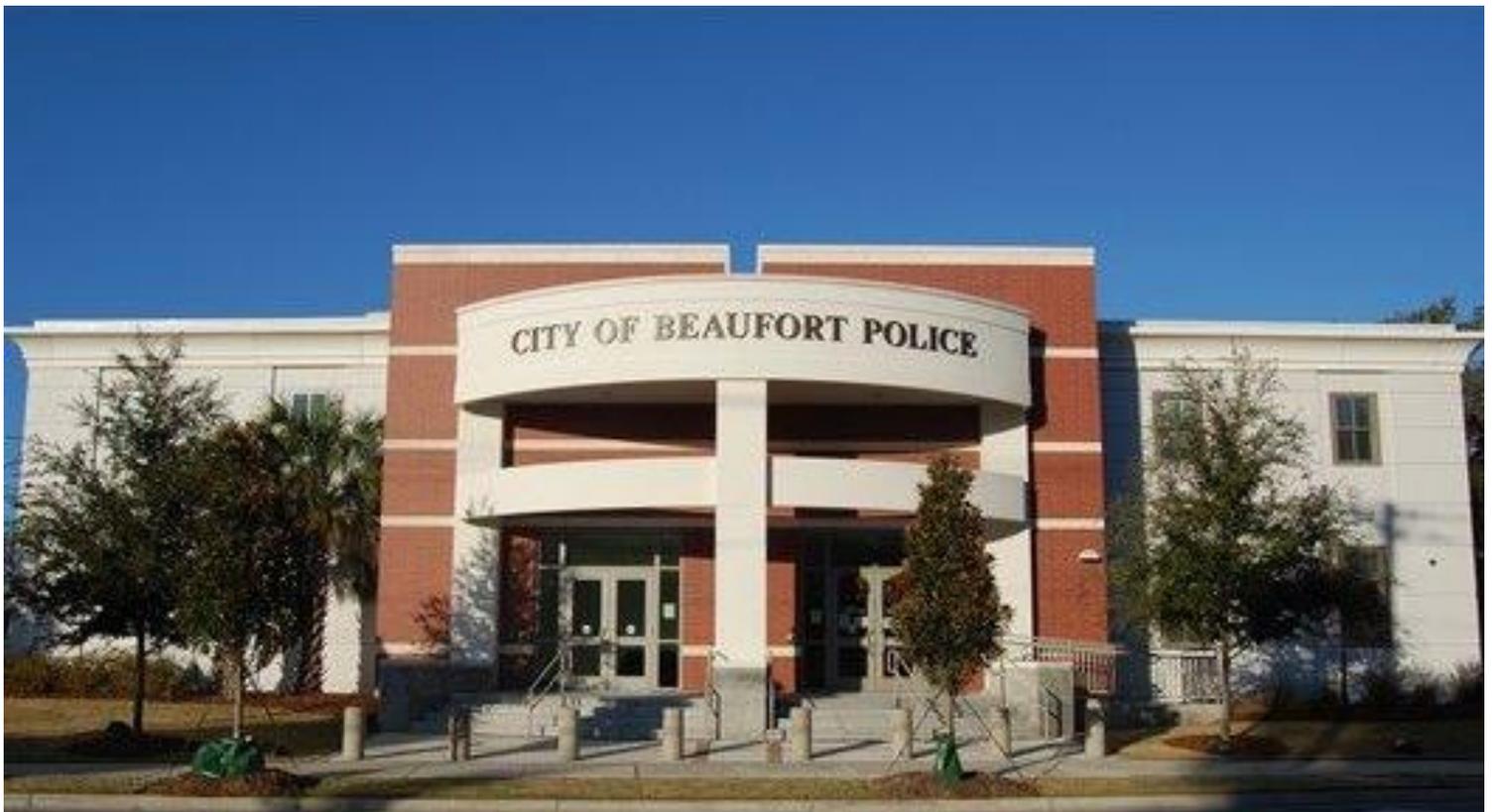


Beaufort Police Department

Chief Dale McDorman

ANNUAL REPORT

2020



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Chief's Welcome



BEAUFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

1901 BOUNDARY STREET
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Dale McDorman
Chief of Police

On behalf of the Beaufort Police Department, I am proud to present our Annual Report for the year 2020. This annual report is intended to provide residents and visitors with information concerning the Beaufort Police Department and the public safety measures we implement in their communities. This was a challenging year for our entire nation. Through these hard times, the men and women of the Beaufort Police Department never lost sight of their goal: to provide the best level of service possible to all the residents and visitors to our great city.

The Beaufort Police Department is committed to your safety and we strive to consistently earn and maintain the public's trust. Our commitment to this community is embodied by the dedication and professionalism of the men and women of the Police Department. Our officers have a deep and abiding interest in the welfare and quality of life for our citizens. While it is my privilege to lead this organization into the future, I can assure you that I work for the officers of this department and they, in turn, work for each and every one of you. I would also like to thank the City Manager, Mayor and Council for their overwhelming support of our department.

We lost a true American hero in 2020: Chief Matthew J. Clancy. Chief Clancy showed us all what being a true 'public servant' was all about. The men and women of the Beaufort Police Department strive to emulate his example and carry on his legacy forward.

I invite you to visit our website at <http://www.cityofbeaufort.org/189/Police-Department> for more information about our department and the community we serve. There you will find monthly reports and other statistics concerning the department as we remain committed to our city and transparent in our process. I encourage you to learn about our Department and the work that goes into securing the City of Beaufort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dale McDorman".

Dale McDorman, Chief of Police



Building Dedication



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Police services have been provided to the City of Beaufort since 1868 with 24 individuals holding the rank of Town Marshal or Chief of Police;

WHEREAS In modern history the Beaufort Police Department occupied 4 different structures since 1955 before landing here, at 1901 Boundary Street;

WHEREAS In the mid 2000's the Citizens of Beaufort saw fit to secure funding and set forth to construct a government complex consisting of City Hall, Court, and a Law Enforcement Center;

WHEREAS Matthew J. Clancy was named Chief of Police for the Beaufort Police Department in 2008;

WHEREAS Chief Clancy oversaw the move from 990 Ribaut Road to this center after his appointment in 2008;

WHEREAS Until his untimely passing in 2020, Chief Clancy was the first, and only Chief to lead the men and women who served our community from this law enforcement center;

WHEREAS From this center Chief Clancy built a department that is known nationwide for kindness, diversity, inclusion, equity and community connections;

WHEREAS Countless good deeds from this center have gone unnoticed under the humble leadership of Chief Clancy, yet even more known investigations, arrests, convictions and prosecutions have resulted in a vibrant, safe, and respectable hometown;

WHEREAS the men and women of the City of Beaufort Police department now steadfastly carry out the policies and directives of Chief Clancy in his memory and under the leadership of Chief Dale McDorman;

WHEREAS at the request of the men and women of the City of Beaufort Police Department, conference of Chief McDorman and an affirmative vote of the City of Beaufort Council, this Law Enforcement Center is hereby dedicated;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, hereby dedicates and names its Law Enforcement Center, The Matthew J. Clancy Law Enforcement Center, in honor of Chief Matthew J. Clancy's vast contributions to the City of Beaufort and the Law Enforcement Profession, this 22nd day of December, in the year 2020.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 22nd day of December 2020.

**THE MATTHEW J. CLANCY
LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**



"Remember Who You Are"
"Always Make A Difference"



STEPHEN D. MURRAY III, MAYOR

ATTEST:

IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK

Mission Statement

Vision Statement

Mission

We, the members of the Beaufort Police Department, are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services. Recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership that promotes safe, secure neighborhoods.

Vision

That the citizens of Beaufort will feel safe in all areas of the community, work together to solve community and neighborhood problems, and have a high level of respect, trust, and confidence in their Police Department.

Values

We, the employees of the Beaufort Police Department, believe that providing superior service to the citizens, merchants, and visitors of Beaufort is our primary responsibility, and that all of our work should be structured with that goal in mind. We further believe that in meeting this goal, we shall be responsible to decisions made by the City Council, city manager, the police chief, and the citizens of the City of Beaufort. To achieve and maintain superior standards in our work performance, we are committed to the following values:

- Concentrated planning and decision-making involving employees' participation to the greatest extent possible
- Consideration for the importance of the employees and recognition of individual contributions and initiatives
- Discussion and information shared in a constructive, open, and supportive manner
- Energetic in the pursuit of proficiency and responsibility in the performance of our work
- Excellence in the delivery of services to our city's citizens, merchants, and visitors
- Impartial treatment and opportunity for all employees
- Integrity and honesty in all aspects of service



Service Population



Beaufort County

Population	186,095
• White	74.7%
• Black	17.7%
• Asian	1.3%
• Hispanic	11.1%
• 2 or More Races	2.3%
• Other	4.0%
Square Miles	576.1
Median Household Income	\$68,377

City of Beaufort

Population	13,436
• White	63.6%
• Black	28.1%
• Asian	2.2%
• Hispanic	5.5%
• 2 or More Races	4.8%
• Other	0.1%
Square Miles	27.6
Median Household Income	\$54,873



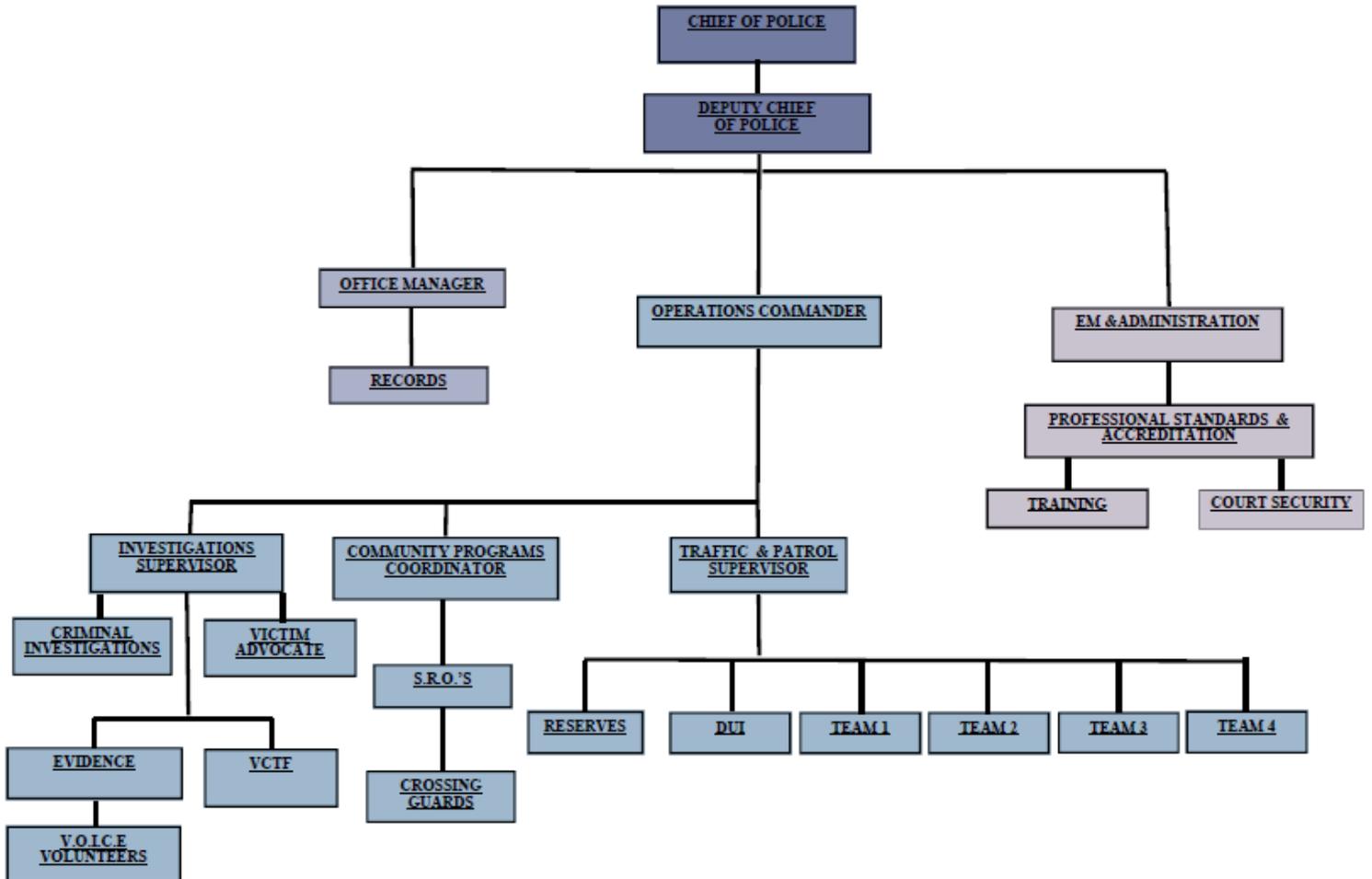
Department Facts

Department Staff

Sworn Full-Time Officers	48
Sworn Special Officers	1
Part-Time Court Officers	2
Reserve Officers	2
Civilian Employees	4
Crossing Guards	2
Volunteers	8
Vacancies	5

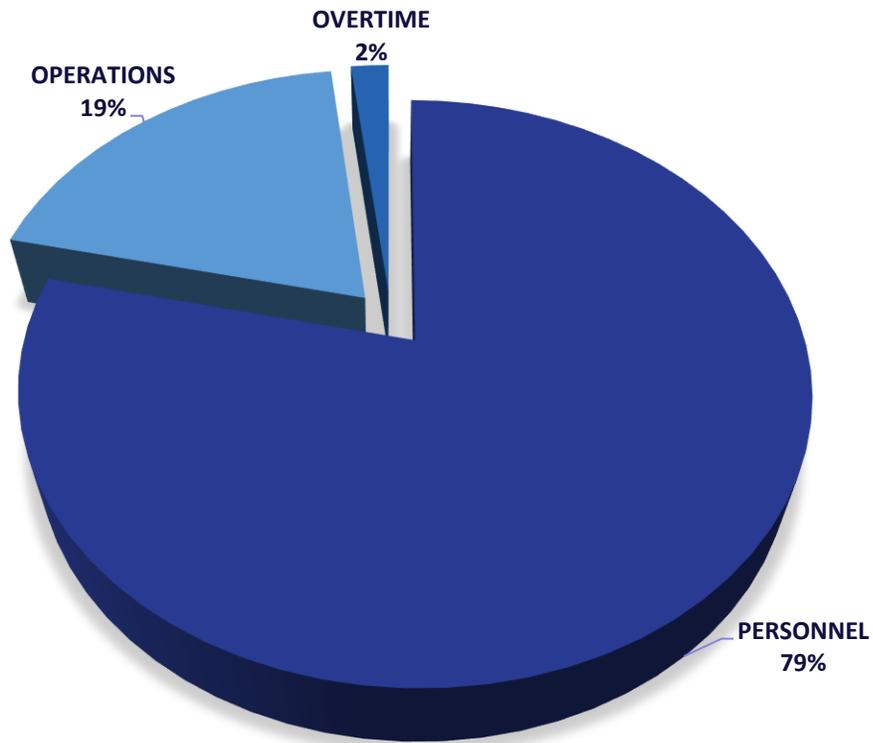
Department Vehicles

Total Vehicles	70
▪ Marked Patrol Vehicles	
▪ Unmarked Vehicles	
▪ Storm Recovery Vehicles	
Miles Driven	519,250



Department Budget

Fiscal Year 2021 Budget \$4,508,877



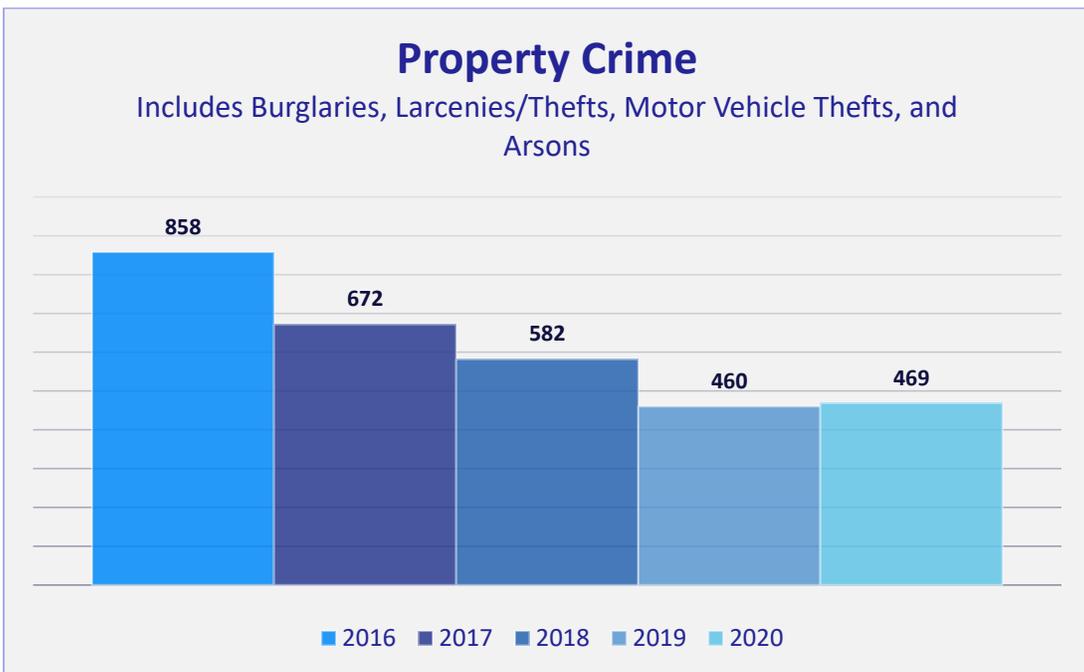
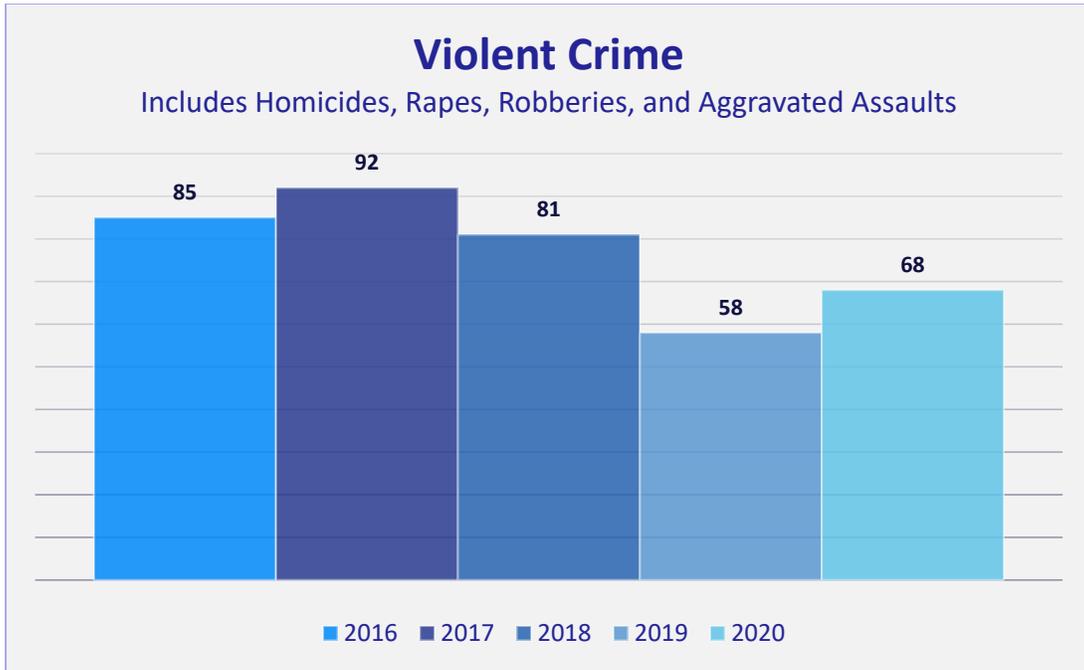
Personnel \$3,544,818.00

Overtime \$84,591.00

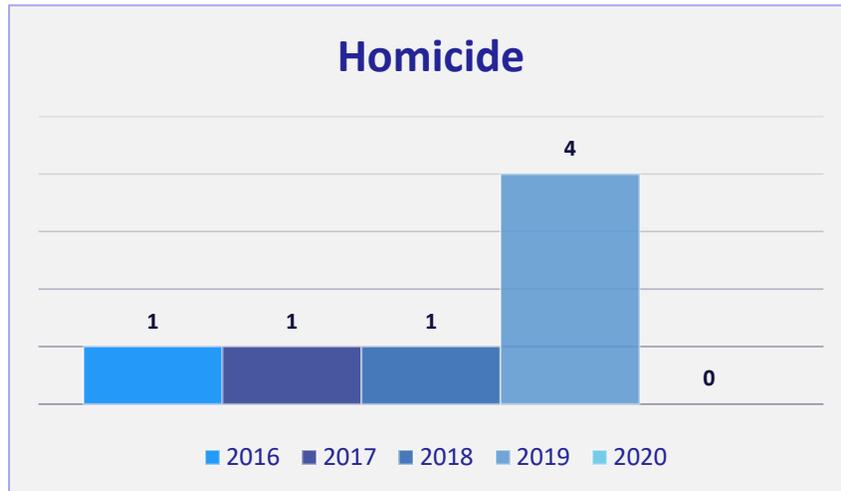
Operations \$879,468.00



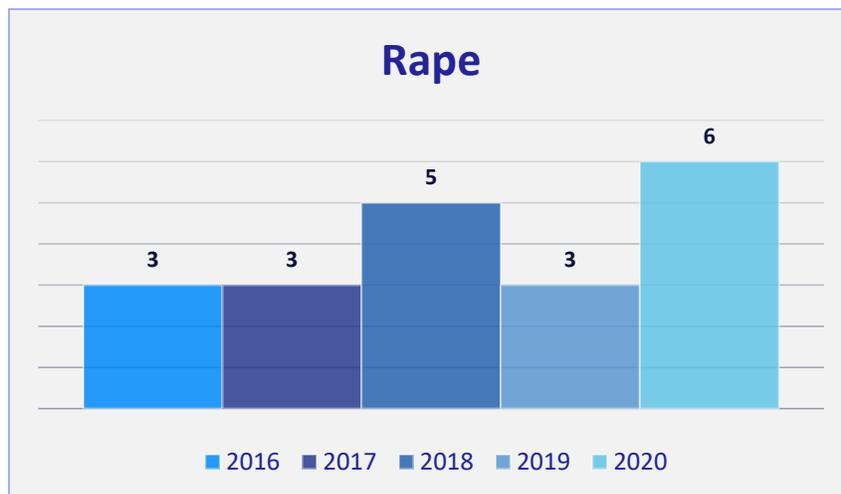
Index Crime Statistics



Annual Statistics



Homicides include murder and non-negligent manslaughter which are defined as the willful killing of a human being by another. This definition does not include deaths caused by negligence, suicides, or accidental deaths. Attempted murders are classified as aggravated assaults for statistical purposes.

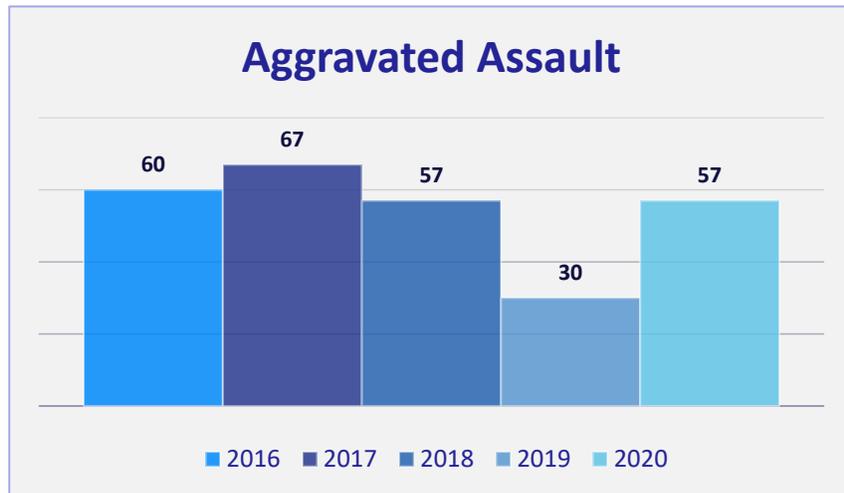


Rape is defined by the FBI as penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without consent of the victim. This does not include statutory rape or fondling.

Annual Statistics

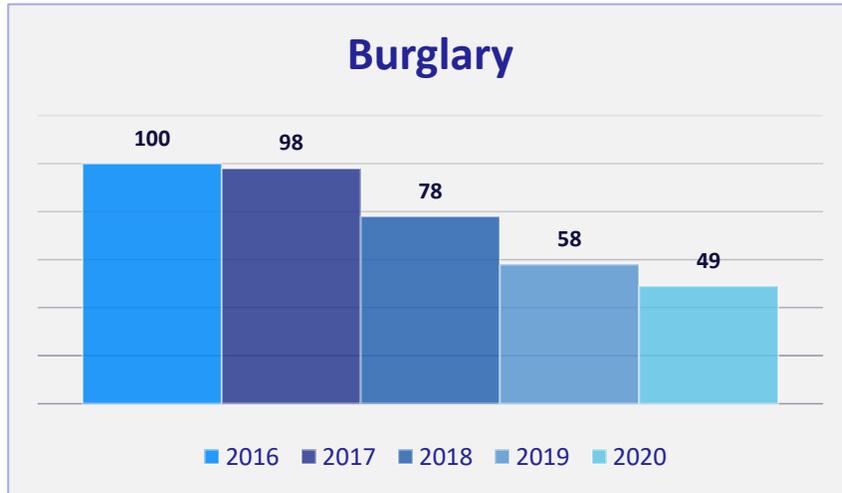


Robbery is defined as the taking of anything of value from the control, custody, or care of another person by force or threat of force and/or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm.

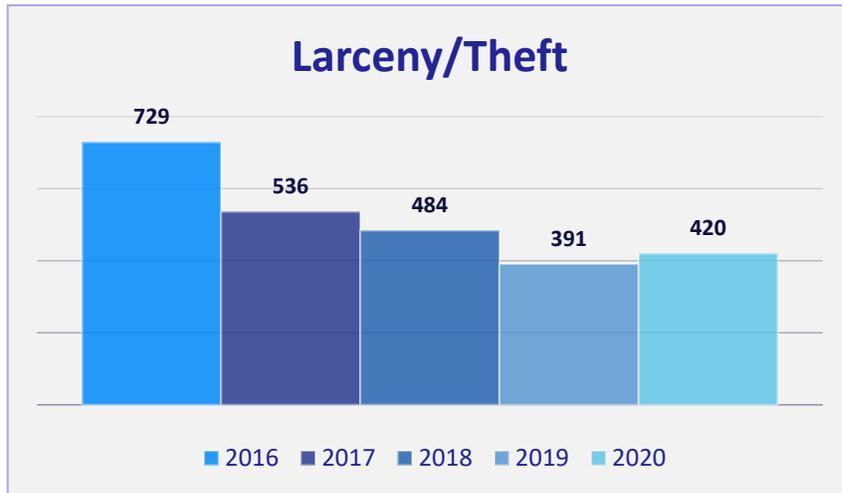


Aggravated Assault is defined as an unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a dangerous weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury, or where there was a risk for serious injury/intent to seriously injure.

Annual Statistics

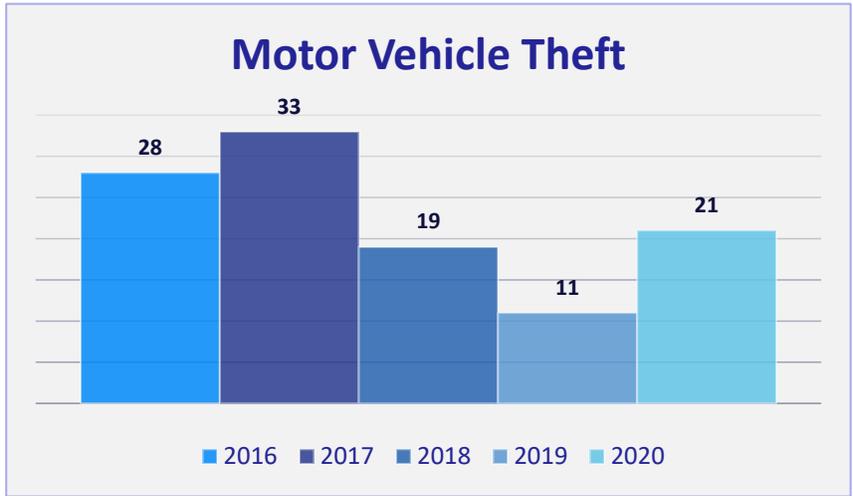


Burglary is defined as the unlawful entry into a building or some other structure to commit a felony or a theft. By definition, a structure has four walls, a roof, and a door.



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

Annual Statistics



The theft of a motor vehicle. By definition, a motor vehicle is a self-propelled vehicle that runs on the surface of land and not on rails.



Arson is defined as to unlawfully and intentionally damage or attempt to damage any real or personal property of another person or entity by fire or incendiary device.

Operations

Operations consists of the Patrol, Investigations, and Community Solutions Divisions.



Patrol Division

Patrol consists of four patrol teams, each led by a First Sergeant. The Patrol Division is supervised by a Patrol Lieutenant.

Activity

Arrests	491
Calls for Service	90,095
Uniform Crime Reports Completed	1,649

Traffic Enforcement

Collision Reports	557
Citations Issued	2,226
Warnings Issued	1,760
Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Arrests	38

Arrests

Race	Male	Female	Total	
Asian	11	0	11	2.2%
Black	200	70	270	55%
Hispanic	17	4	21	4.3%
White	128	60	188	38.3%
Unknown	0	1	1	0.2%
Age	Male	Female	Total	
18 & Under	7	8	15	3%
19 to 25	74	37	111	23%
26 to 50	196	74	270	55%
51 & Over	79	16	95	19%
Residence			Total	
City Resident			128	26%
State Resident			296	60%
Out of State Resident			35	7%
Unknown Residence			32	7%
Total	356 (73%)	135 (27%)	491	

Patrol Division

Calls for Service

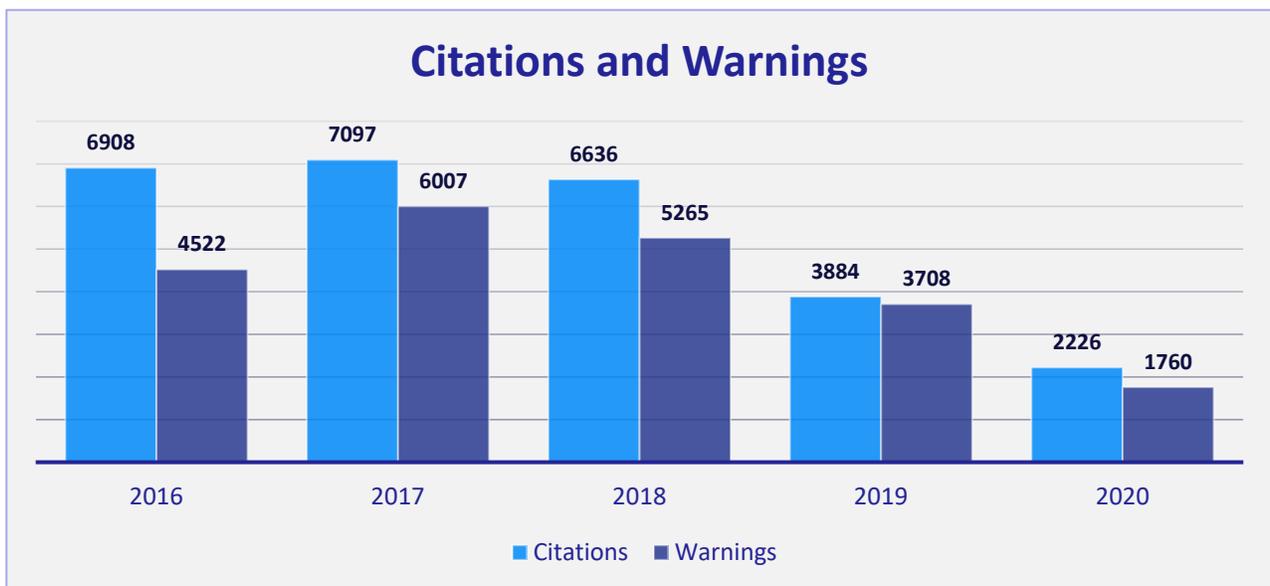
The Beaufort Police Department responds to various types of incidents. Each response is classified as a “call for service”. The calls range from officer originated encounters, citizen’s questions or need for assistance, to crimes in progress. All calls for service are documented by a computer entry in our records management system, Spillman.

Of note, officers responded to seventeen suicide threat calls and another fifteen suicide attempts.



Traffic Enforcement

All patrol vehicles are equipped with an in-car video recording system and all officers are issued body-worn cameras. Citations are written to defendants for a variety of criminal and traffic offenses. Traffic citations are issued in order to enforce traffic laws, reduce collisions and reduce traffic fatalities.



Patrol Division

Narcan/AED Use

Patrol officers, as first responders, are equipped with a number of life-saving devices. Beginning in 2017, Beaufort Police officers have been trained and equipped with naloxone nasal spray, “Narcan.” In 2020, there were five incidents in which Narcan was utilized by patrol officers, all of which resulted in the subject being transported to the hospital for continued treatment.

In 2018, Beaufort Police Department received the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant for the purchase of sixteen HeartSine Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). Thankfully, there were no incidents requiring the use of our AEDs in 2020, compared to three uses in 2019.

Bike Patrol

Police bicycle patrols increase police visibility in an accessible way that facilitates cooperative relationships between residents and law enforcement. Bicycle patrols are an added benefit to motor vehicle patrols in that they are quick, quiet, and can reach areas police cars cannot.

Bicycle patrols are used to patrol business districts and neighborhoods as well as City events such as the Beaufort Water Festival and Gullah Festival. The Beaufort Police Department currently has nine officers certified on the police mountain bicycle. Officers must go through a rigid one-week bike course to be certified in use of the police mountain bicycle.

Marine Patrol

The Beaufort Police Department operates a 19-ft Scout Flats boat. Marine Patrol effectively provides services on the waterways within and surrounding the City of Beaufort. Services provided include: enforcement of safe boating laws, deterring negligent operations, and enforcement of no-wake zones with an emphasis on the Downtown Marina, Day Docks, and Waterfront. The Marine Patrol Unit also conducts search and rescue operations, controls restricted areas during water events, assists boaters, and enforces environmental laws such as littering.

2020 Activity

Waterway Patrols	10
Vessel Stops	3
-Equipment Violations	2
-Wake Zone Violations	1

Due to COVID-19, six waterway missions and several daily patrols were cancelled.

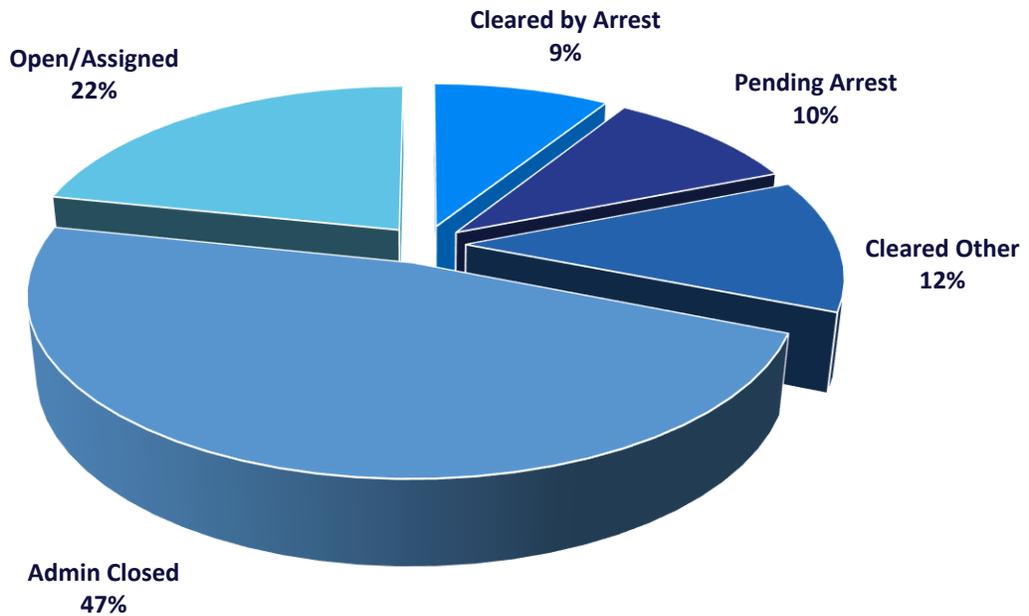


Investigations Division

Investigations consists of three full-time Investigators, one Investigator/Victim Advocate, and an Evidence Custodian/Court Liaison. They are supervised by an Investigations Master Sergeant.

<i>Cases Assigned for Further Investigation</i>	401
<i>To Investigator</i>	299
<i>To Patrol Officer</i>	102

Status of 2020 Assigned Cases



“Admin Closed” cases indicate that an investigation ensued, but for a multitude of reasons, charges could not be pursued. This includes cases where a suspect was not identified or probable cause for an arrest was not obtained.

“Cleared Other” includes cases that were unfounded, transferred to other jurisdictions, or that were exceptionally cleared. Cases may be exceptionally cleared if the victim refuses to prosecute, the suspect dies, or prosecution of a known offender is declined.

Investigations Division

In 2020, Investigators made arrests in several high-profile cases. Some include:

- A brazen suspect who shot an elderly female jogger in daylight on Lafayette Street was identified and arrested.
- A local firefighter was arrested after sending sexually enticing messages to a young minor.
- A mother was arrested after abandoning her 14-year-old son to travel to Pennsylvania.
- A woman was arrested after giving birth to her child who tested positive for cocaine at birth.
- A violent burglar was arrested after leaving DNA evidence at the scene of the crime and confessing to investigators.
- A suspect was arrested after a violent attempted rape of a dementia patient at a local nursing home.
- A gun wielding suspect was arrested after robbing a local hotel.
- A suspect was federally indicted following an investigation into an armed robbery.
- An infant death from 2019 continued to be investigated and was determined to be a homicide. A suspect was identified and arrested in 2020.

Victim Advocacy

<i>Victim Follow-Ups</i>	253
<i>Telephone Contacts</i>	213
<i>Investigative Notes</i>	722
<i>Bond Hearings Attended</i>	49
<i>Municipal Court Hearings Attended</i>	30

Property and Evidence

<i>Total Evidence Held</i>	5,894
<i>Firearms</i>	111
<i>Drugs</i>	278
<i>Evidence Destroyed</i>	1,503
<i>Property Returned to Owner</i>	170
<i>Evidence Being Analyzed</i>	298



Community Solutions

Community Solutions consists of School Resource Officers and Crossing Guards, and is supervised by a Lieutenant.

The Beaufort Police Department is committed to the ongoing development and implementation of proactive community policing programs and community outreach to prevent crime, identify problems, and anticipate risks throughout the City. Proactive policing initiates actions to remove or reduce those risks by using community-oriented policing practices and strategies.

Members of the Community Solutions Division participated in the following activities in 2020:

- Crime Watch Groups
- Neighborhood Improvement Meetings
- Speed Awareness Trailer
- Distracted Driving Display Trailer
- Police Movie Club (not held due to COVID)
- Youth Skills Building Program
- After School Programs
- School Career Days
- Community Events / Cookouts
- Mentoring



Community Oriented Policing creates trust between the police and the community they serve, and it must be developed and maintained every day by each Officer.



Community Solutions

School Resource Officers

School Resource Officers (SRO) establish and maintain a police presence at assigned schools to promote a positive attitude toward law enforcement and to reduce crime.

Beaufort Police Officers are assigned to the Beaufort High School, Beaufort Middle School, Lady's Island Middle School and Beaufort Elementary School. SROs conduct law enforcement, counseling, and law-related education to students and staff.



Community Solutions

V.O.I.C.E. Program

V.O.I.C.E. is an acronym for the Volunteer Outreach in Community Efforts. This is program developed in 1998 in which volunteers make daily calls to residents in the City who may have limited access to resources or outside contact. By making these phone calls, the Police Department can identify individuals who could use regular welfare checks and a friendly voice to talk to. Close relationships develop between our volunteers and the recipients of the V.O.I.C.E. Program. Many times, volunteers will also assist recipients in getting to doctor appointments, grocery shopping or delivering bottled water or other essentials. If somebody you know can benefit from this service, contact the V.O.I.C.E. Coordinator at (843) 322-7908.



2020 V.O.I.C.E. Statistics

Volunteers	8
Recipients	9
At-Home Visits	11



Bicycle Registration

Beaufort Police Department offers a bicycle registration service to log bicycle descriptions and serial numbers, helpful in the event of a missing or stolen bicycle. To register your bicycle, visit the Beaufort Police Department’s website, www.cityofbeaufort.org/189/Police-Department and click “Register for Services” and “Register Your Bicycle.” This program was newly instituted in late 2020; so far, we have received one registration.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Welcome!

Welcome to City of Beaufort’s Police Department page. Our goal with our website is to provide helpful information to our residents, and to be transparent with data about activity reports, daily incident reports, and demographic reports.

Our officers and staff are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services. We recognize our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual. Our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership that promotes safe, secure neighborhoods. You can find out more about our [mission, vision, values and principles here](#).

Our department has embraced community policing since 1995, when a resolution was adopted by City Council establishing the principles of community policing ([click on Principles](#)), a partnership between our department and the community we serve.

CONTACT US



DALE MCDORMAN
Chief of Police
[Email](#)
[More Information](#)

Administration

The Administration Division consists of Emergency Management, Professional Standards and Accreditation, Training, and Records.



Darrell Gruel was promoted to Deputy Chief on 11/13/2020



Misdemeanor continues her daily patrols of the Police Department, sniffing out crime and snacks.

Emergency Management

The Emergency Management function is overseen by the Emergency Management Coordinator. The EM Coordinator ensures the proper preparation and maintenance of department emergency equipment including generators, storm recovery vehicle, and equipment. As part of this function, the EM Coordinator utilizes the Federal Defense Logistics Agency's surplus military program ("1033 program") to acquire surplus military equipment at no direct cost to the city. The current inventory of emergency preparedness equipment gained using this program includes two HMWV utility trucks, two LMTV trucks for high-water rescue, a trailer-mounted 30 KW portable generator, as well as two 60 KW generators. In 2020, the EM program acquired four portable Nordic Air 36,000 BTU commercial grade air conditioning units in like-new condition, a Generac 5000E 5KW portable generator, and a mobile field kitchen.



**Trailer-mounted
30kw generator**

Another core component of the Emergency Management program is integrating the city's response to potential disaster incidents with that of the Beaufort County Emergency Management Division and Emergency Operations Center. While recent years have seen the EM function fully activated and operating in conjunction with county, state, and federal counterparts due to hurricanes, no storms threatened the city during 2020. A fundamental element of Emergency Management is public communication. The EM Coordinator has developed a multi-faceted social media presence to engage with and pass important information to the public in the event of storms or other critical incidents, encompassing the Facebook, Next Door and Twitter social media platforms, as well as the Nixle public emergency notification system.

Professional Standards

Professional Standards Division is comprised of a Lieutenant and an Accreditation Coordinator that are responsible for the following:

- Recruiting and hiring for all police department vacancies
- Establish and facilitate the Department's promotional process
- Maintain compliance with all South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation Standards
- Complete an in-depth documented review of every use of force incident
- Oversee the Department's training division
- Aid in the acquisition of 1033/LESO federally funded property
- Development and submission of grant requests

Recruiting & Hiring

The Beaufort Police Department is dedicated to providing the highest quality of service to the citizens which it serves. Thus, the Department's hiring process is oriented on recruiting and hiring only the most qualified candidates to fill its vacancies. Careful consideration is also given to maintaining a diverse department that reflects its service population.

Upon the Office of Professional Standards receiving an employment application, a rigorous vetting process begins to determine the individual's suitability for employment with the Department. This process consists of the following phases:

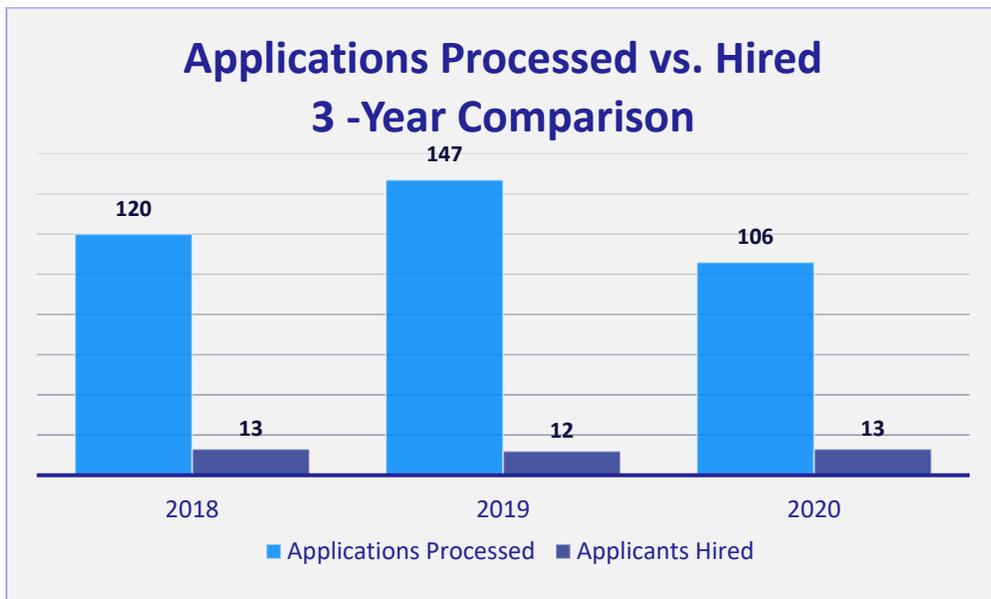
- Initial review of the application
- Evaluation of driver's history & criminal history
- Assessment of credit history
- Interview board
- Police Officer Selection Test (aptitude test)
- Physical agility obstacle course
- In-depth background investigation
- Polygraph testing
- Psychological evaluation
- Drug & Alcohol screening
- Medical physical



Candidates must successfully pass all phases of the hiring process to be considered for employment.

Professional Standards

Over the previous three years, the Office of Professional Standards has processed over 100 applications for employment each year. Due to the Department’s high standards and requirements, only a small percentage of these applications has resulted in the hiring of new officers.



As of December 2020, the Department was staffed with 48 sworn officers with an authorized strength of 53. A comparison of 2018-2020 of the turnover & hiring of new staff shows the Department breaking even on the loss vs gain of staff. Due to the officer turnover rate and the lack of qualified applicants to fill these vacancies, the Department has had a constant need to recruit and hire new officers. On average, it takes approximately 23 weeks of training before a new officer is able to provide law enforcement service to the community independently.

Professional Standards

Use of Force

To lower the risk of injury to citizens and officers, the Beaufort Police Department introduced two new use of force options: the BolaWrap and Gracie Survival Tactics. The BolaWrap is a non-lethal device that restricts a subject’s movement long enough for officers to handcuff. Gracie Survival Tactics is a series of jiu-jitsu-based techniques designed for officers to gain control over larger and/or stronger subjects, without having to resort to intermediate weapons or lethal force.



Annual Use of Force Report

All officers are required to report when any form of force is used to gain compliance of a subject. Officers must also report to their chain of command when their firearm is displayed in the public's view or to gain compliance over an individual. This can occur in many scenarios, including high-risk traffic stops, building clearing, suicidal subjects, and responses to “in progress” felony calls.

	2018	2019	2020
<i>Baton</i>	-	-	-
<i>BolaWrap (new in 2020)</i>	-	-	1
<i>Electronic Control Weapon (Taser)</i>	1	-	-
<i>Empty Hand Control</i>	21	28	19
<i>Firearm</i>	-	-	-
<i>OC Spray</i>	-	1	-

Professional Standards

All use of force incidents are reviewed by the Professional Standards Lieutenant who provides the following Annual Report.



BEAUFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

1901 BOUNDARY STREET
Suite 102
BEAUFORT, SC 29902

Richard O. Poole Jr.
Professional Standards & Training
Lieutenant

MEMORANDUM 21-M-0002

To: Chief Dale McDorman *DM*
From: Lt. Richard O. Poole Jr. *RP*
Date: January 11th, 2021
Subject: 2020 Use of Force Analysis

From January 1st, 2020 through December 31st, 2020, a total of 362 custodial arrests were made by officers of the Beaufort Police Department. Although the majority of these arrests were achieved through officer presence and verbal commands, 20 of these incidents required officers to use force to effect the arrest. In each of these instances, officers documented the event via a "control of person's" form and incident report.

An independent review of each use of force situation by the shift supervisor, Patrol Lieutenant, Professional Standards Lieutenant, Administrative Captain, and the Deputy Chief occurred to ensure compliance with both law and the department's General Order's Manual. In all but one of these cases, officers used soft empty hand control (muscling techniques or joint locks) to overcome the level of resistance they encountered. In the remaining incident, a BolaWrap was used to safely detain an aggressive subject suffering from a mental health crisis.

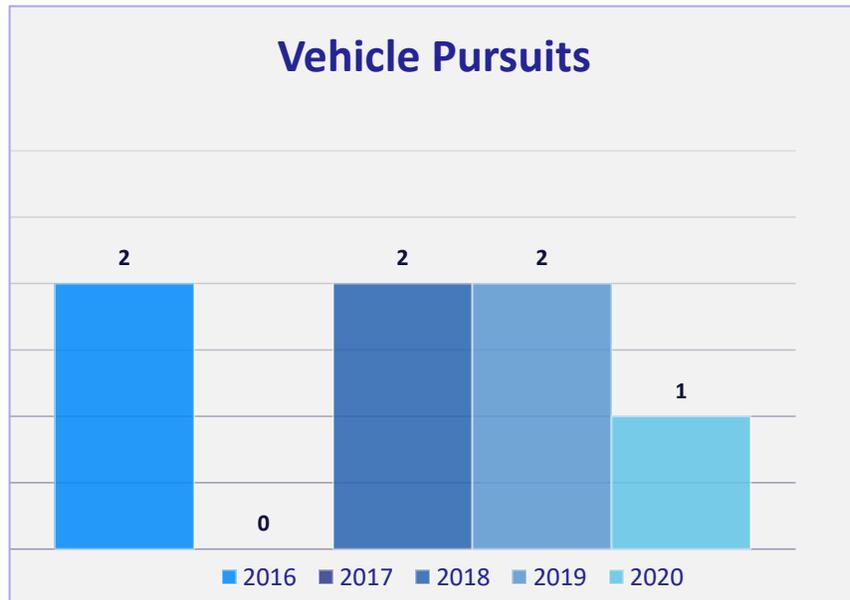
In each of these situations, it was determined that officers used the minimum amount of force reasonably necessary to accomplish their lawful objective. Further, it was also determined that in several instances, officers used a lower level of force than what would have been justified. Due to this, there were neither patterns of excessive force or force that exceeded the "plus one principle" as based on the force continuum. With this indicated, I recommend that there are no changes necessary to the General Order's Manual at this time.

Professional Standards

Vehicle Pursuits

Vehicle pursuits can be dangerous for both the officer and citizens. The Beaufort Police Department shows great restraint in initiating pursuits and follows strict guidelines when and if a pursuit occurs. Following any pursuit, a debrief is conducted with officers involved and all circumstances of each occurrence are compared to Departmental policy. A report outlining the pursuit is prepared for the Chief to review.

In 2020, officers were involved in one vehicle pursuit at low speed, not resulting in any damage or injury. A review of the pursuit found the officer to not be in compliance with policy and appropriate disciplinary action was taken.



Professional Standards

Complaints

The Beaufort Police Department has an established process for receiving, investigating, and adjudicating complaints made by citizens, co-workers, supervisors, or anonymous sources regarding allegations of employee misconduct. Complaints are accepted in any form, including verbal, written, or from anonymous sources.

Citizen Complaints 3-year Comparison

	2018	2019	2020
<i>Discrimination</i>	-	-	1
<i>Improper Conduct</i>	1	2	1
<i>Improper Procedure</i>	-	2	-
<i>Neglect of Duty or Actions</i>	-	1	2

Citizen Complaint Dispositions 3-year Comparison

2018 (1 total)			2019 (3 total)			2020 (4 total)	
<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	-		<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	2		<i>Unsubstantiated</i>	3
<i>Inconclusive</i>	-		<i>Inconclusive</i>	-		<i>Inconclusive</i>	-
<i>Sustained</i>	-		<i>Sustained</i>	3		<i>Sustained</i>	-
<i>Unfounded</i>	1		<i>Unfounded</i>	-		<i>Unfounded</i>	1

Accreditation

The purpose of South Carolina Police Accreditation Coalition (SCPAC) Accreditation Program is to improve the delivery of public safety services, primarily by maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process; and recognizing professional excellence.

Specifically, SCPAC's goals are to:

- Strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities
- Formalize essential management procedures
- Establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices
- Improve service delivery
- Solidify interagency cooperation and coordination; and
- Increase community and staff confidence in the agency.



2020 saw the Beaufort Police Department achieve re-accreditation through SCPAC's rigorous assessment process, which included ensuring compliance with 626 policy and procedure standards. The Beaufort Police Department received initial State Accreditation in August 2017. The Department is reviewed for re-accreditation every three years.



Training

In 2020, officers attended over 2,531 hours of training including:

- Basic Law Enforcement Certifications
- Special Law Enforcement Certifications
- Gracie Survival Tactics
- Taser & OC Spray Certifications
- NCIC Certifications and Re-Certifications
- Street Smart Cop
- De-Escalation Training
- Background Investigations for New Hires
- Evidence Collection
- Mid-Level Management
- FBI Command College
- School Resource Officer Certification
- Field Training Officer Certifications
- Victim Investigations Training
- Advanced Officer Safety Training
- Gang Investigator Training
- Annual Training, including:
 - Ethics
 - Firearms
 - Driving
 - Defensive Tactics
 - Bias-Based Profiling
- Mental Health Training
- Active Shooter Training
- Narcan Training
- BolaWrap Instructor Training
- Drone Pilot Certifications



Records



The Patrol Division may be our ‘Heroes in Blue’ but it’s the Records Division that keeps the Police Department running. Records is composed of three full-time clerks, supervised by the Office Manager. These individuals answer all of the phone calls, manage the barrage of paperwork that the Department generates, and provide law enforcement records to interested parties.

<i>Accident Reports Disseminated</i>	490
<i>Incident Report Requests</i>	288
<i>Freedom of Information Act Requests</i>	175
<i>Subpoena Responses</i>	19
<i>Background Checks</i>	421
<i>Juvenile Petitions</i>	43
<i>Attorney Discovery Requests (Municipal Court Cases)</i>	206
<i>Solicitor Discovery Requests (General Sessions Cases)</i>	135
<i>Expungement Orders Completed</i>	188
<i>Inter-Agency Report Requests</i>	3
	1,968

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