



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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Mission, Vision, and Values

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.

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.

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.



Message from the Chief



On behalf of the men and women of the Beaufort Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2022 Annual Report. Our mission as an organization is to provide outstanding police services, in partnership with the community, to maintain a safe environment for those who call the City of Beaufort home, as well as those traveling through or visiting.

As we reflect on the past twelve months, positive signs of change were prominent throughout the year. In 2022 the Department has taken great strides to increase our recruitment efforts on social media, job fairs, and by introducing new technologies such as “Interview Now”. The Department saw a 16% increase in applications received and a 50% increase in hiring.

In 2022 the Department upgraded our Body Camera and In-Car Camera systems to Utility-Body Worn camera system. This new system aligns with our goal to deliver transparency to our community as well as provide officers with the latest technology to enhance officer safety and provide our citizens with the highest quality of police service.

At the beginning of March 2022, the Beaufort Police Department, Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, and the Attorney General ICAC Task Force (Internet Crimes Against Children), began a proactive undercover operation, “Operation Rock the Boat”, targeting individuals who were seeking out underage children for the purpose of having sex with those children. We saw tremendous success with this Operation, and I could not be prouder of our Investigations Division for the hard work and dedication they displayed during this operation.

In closing, I would like to thank the City Manager, Mayor, City Council, and the community for their continued support of the Beaufort Police Department. Your support is vital to our Department’s success. I would also like to invite you to visit our website for more information about our Department and the community we serve. <https://www.cityofbeaufort.org/189/Police-Department>

Sincerely,

Dale McDorman
Chief of Police

Command Staff



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Chief of Police



Richard Poole
Operations Captain



Jason Day
Administrative Captain



Charles Squires
Community Relations Lieutenant

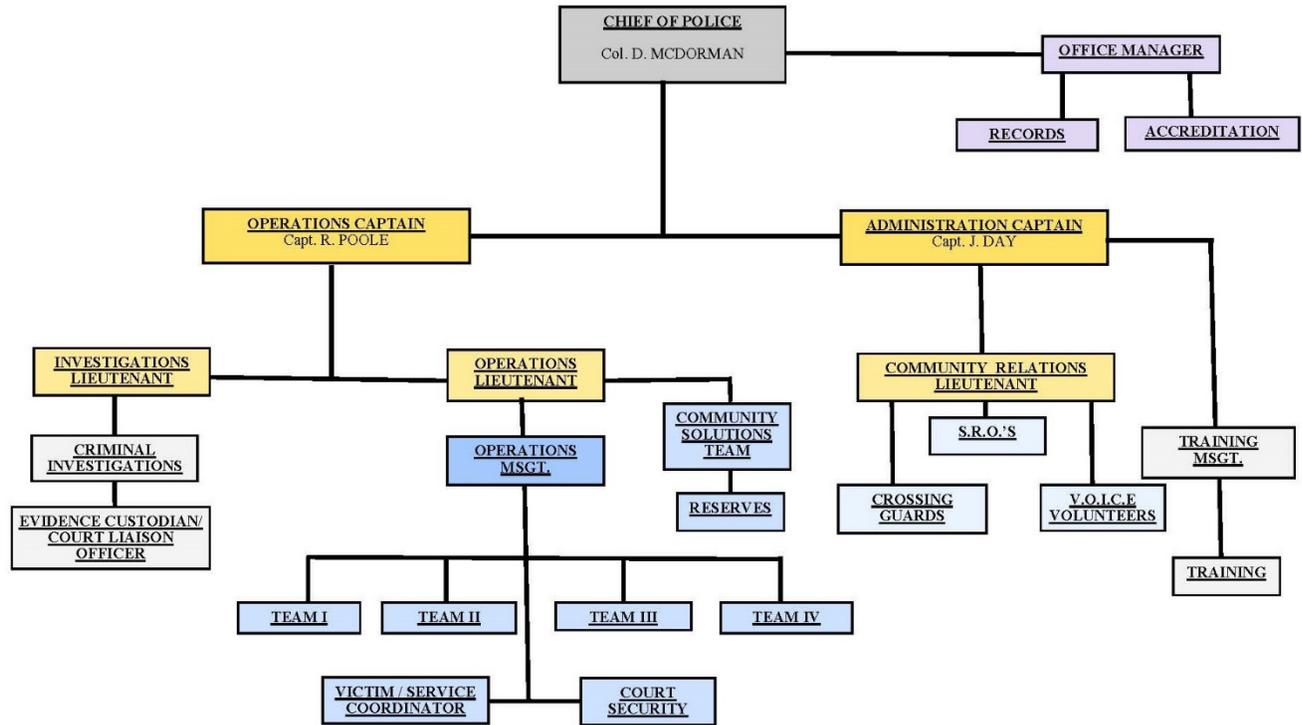


Charles Raley
Investigations Lieutenant



Joseph Dobbins
Operations Lieutenant

Department Facts



2023 Fiscal Year Budget

Budget Breakdown

\$128,558

Overtime

\$1,223,114

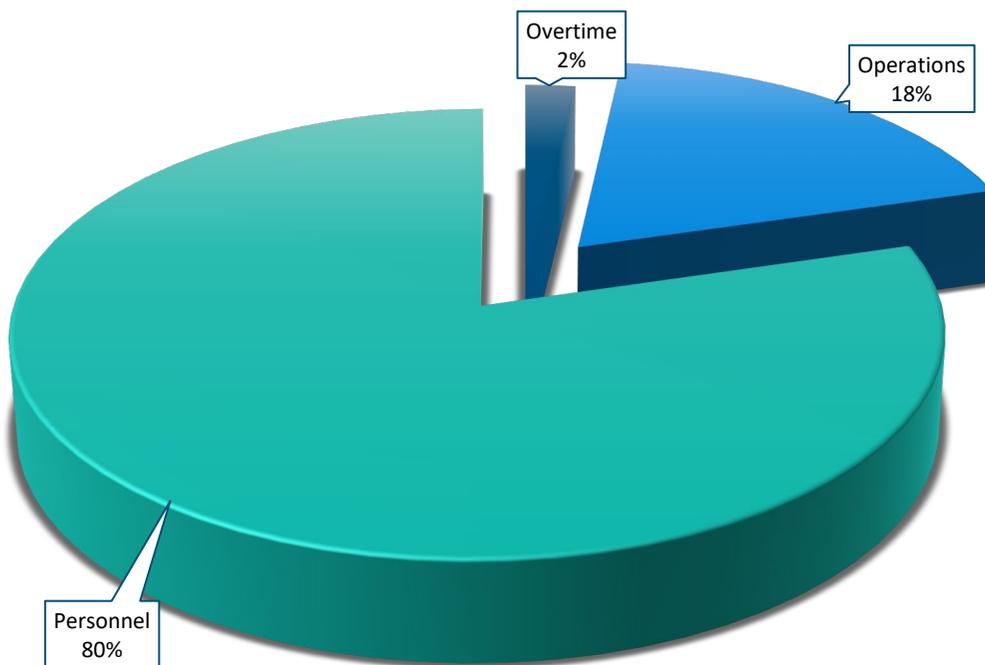
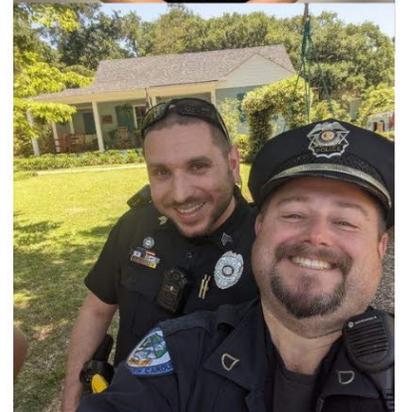
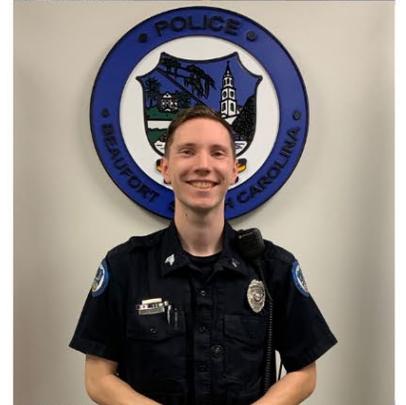
Operations

\$5,254,554

Personnel

\$6,606,226

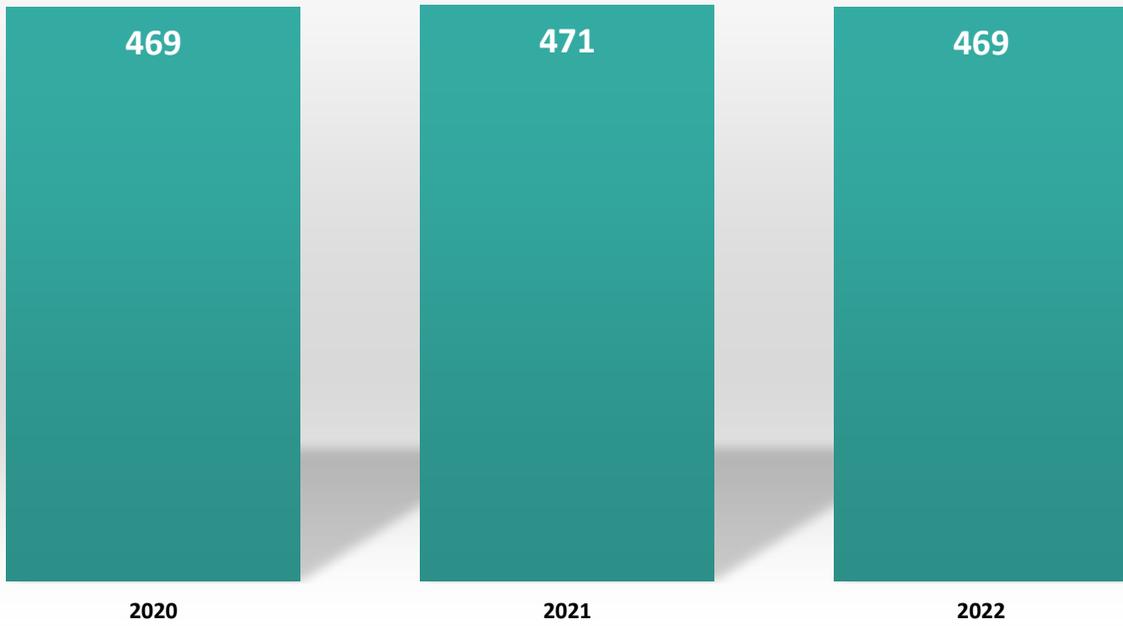
Total Budget



Annual Crime Statistics

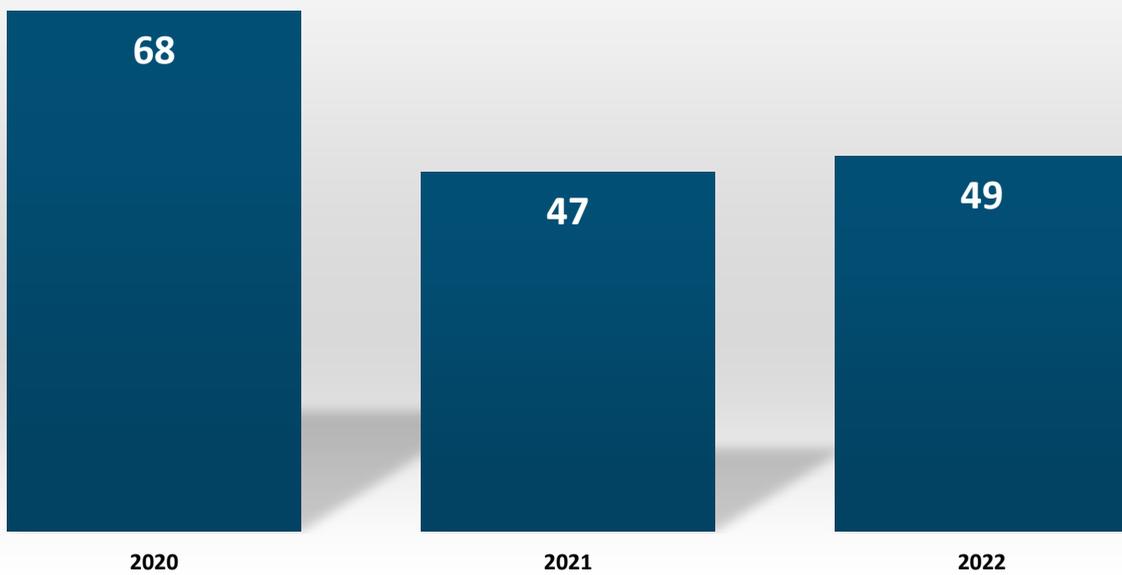
Property Crimes

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

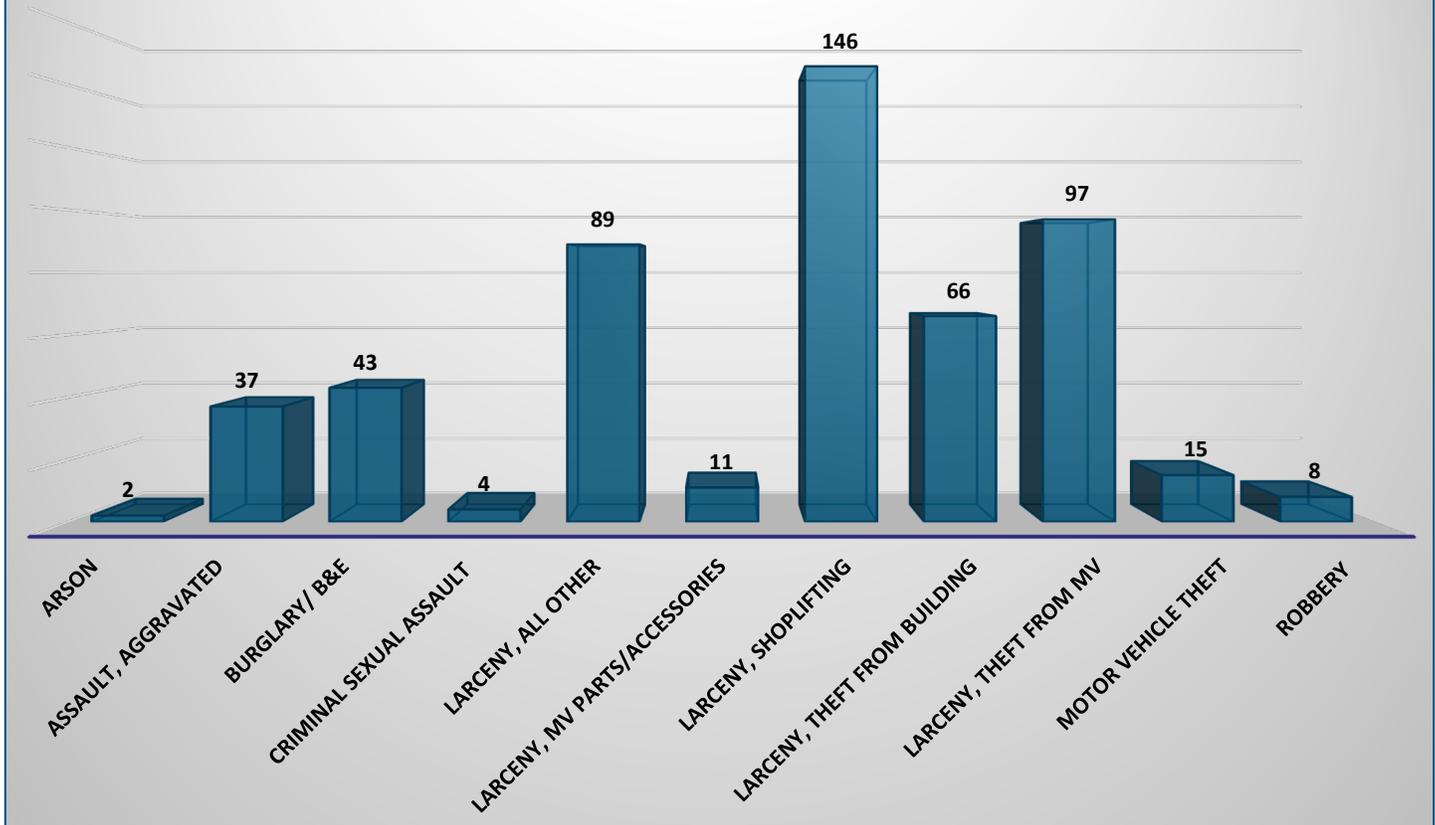


Violent Crimes

Includes Homicides, Criminal Sexual Assaults, Robberies, and Aggravated Assaults



2022 Part 1 Crimes



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.

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.

Operations Division

The Operations Division consists of:

- Patrol
- Investigations
- Evidence and Property
- Court Security



Patrol Division

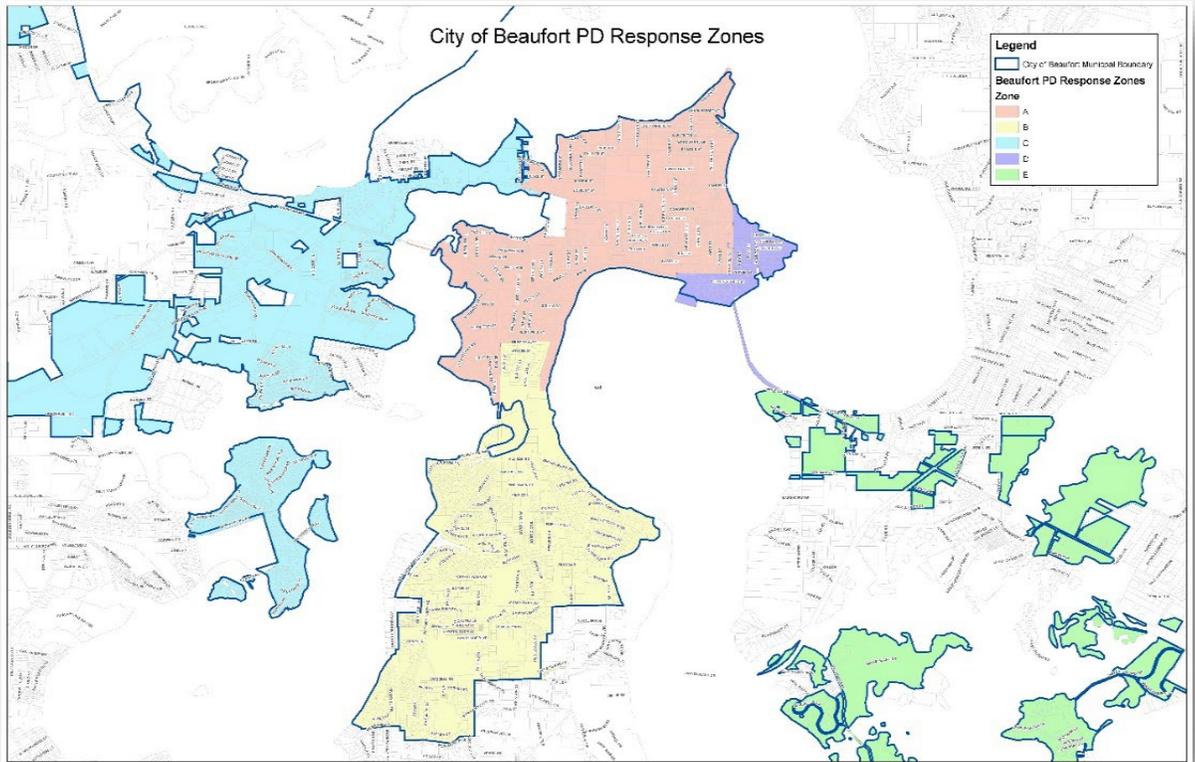
Patrol is the largest and most visible division within the Beaufort Police Department. There are four patrol teams, and each team is led by a 1st Sergeant and assisted by a Sergeant. The Patrol Division is overseen by the Operations Lieutenant and assisted by the Operations Master Sergeant.

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.



Total Square
Miles:
27.6

Population:
13,607





Uniform Crime
Reports Completed
1,790



Calls for Service
67,955



DUI Arrests
16



Collision Reports
650



Traffic Citations
1,170



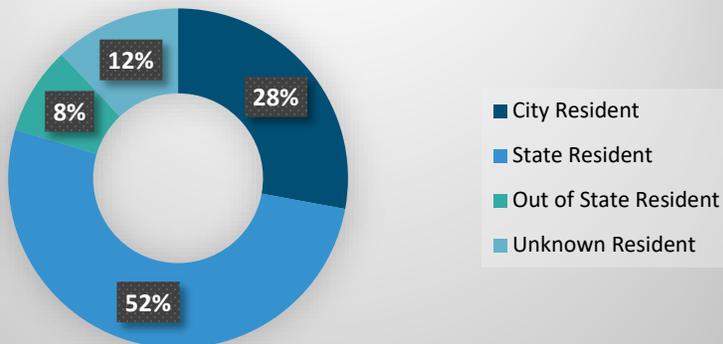
Criminal Citations
581



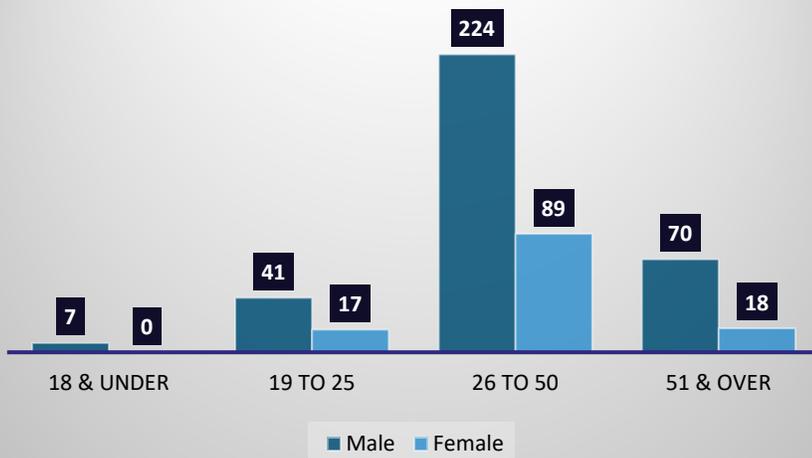
Warnings Issued
2,332

Arrest Demographics

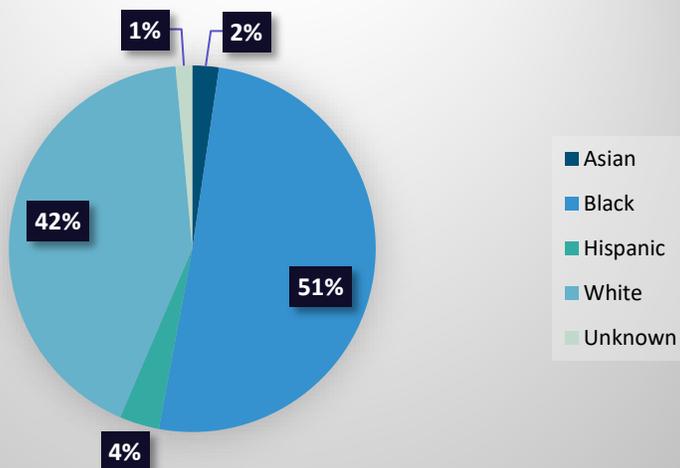
Arrest Demographics by Residence



Arrest Demographics by Age/Gender



Arrest Demographics by Race



Female Arrestees:
124 (27%)



Male Arrestees:
342 (73%)



Total Arrests:
466

Fleet

Department Vehicles

Total Vehicles	74
• Marked Patrol Vehicles	55
• Unmarked Vehicles	15
• Storm Recovery Vehicles	4
Total Miles Driven	453,876



Marine Patrol

The Beaufort Police Department Marine Patrol Unit consists of a 19' Scout Flats Boat with a 225 HP Yamaha Outboard Engine and Trailer. The boat is equipped with a 7" jack plate, power trim tabs and a tower.

Marine Patrol Events:

City of Beaufort Fireworks

Beaufort Water Festival:

- Opening Ceremonies
- Festival Raft Races
- Festival Ski Show
- Festival Air Show
- Blessing of the Fleet



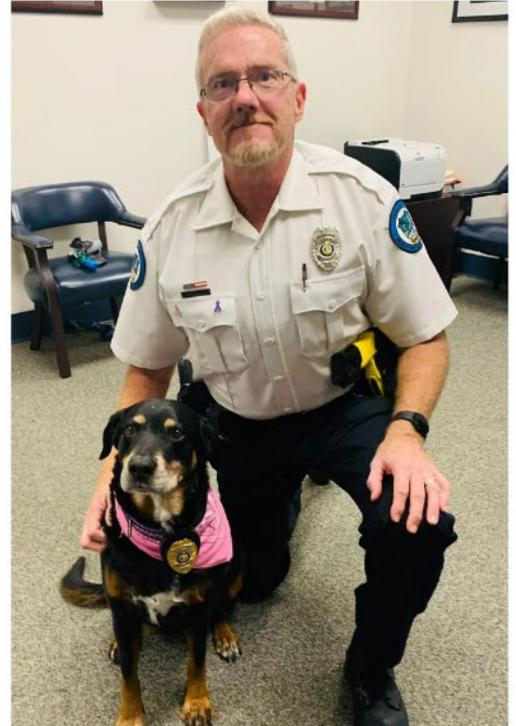
Bike Patrol

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.



Court Security

The Beaufort Police Department employs three part-time Class-3 Court Security Officers. Their primary duties are to provide security for Court and City Council meetings. They also patrol the Spanish Moss Trail and Downtown Beaufort, work city sponsored events, and assist on prisoner transports.

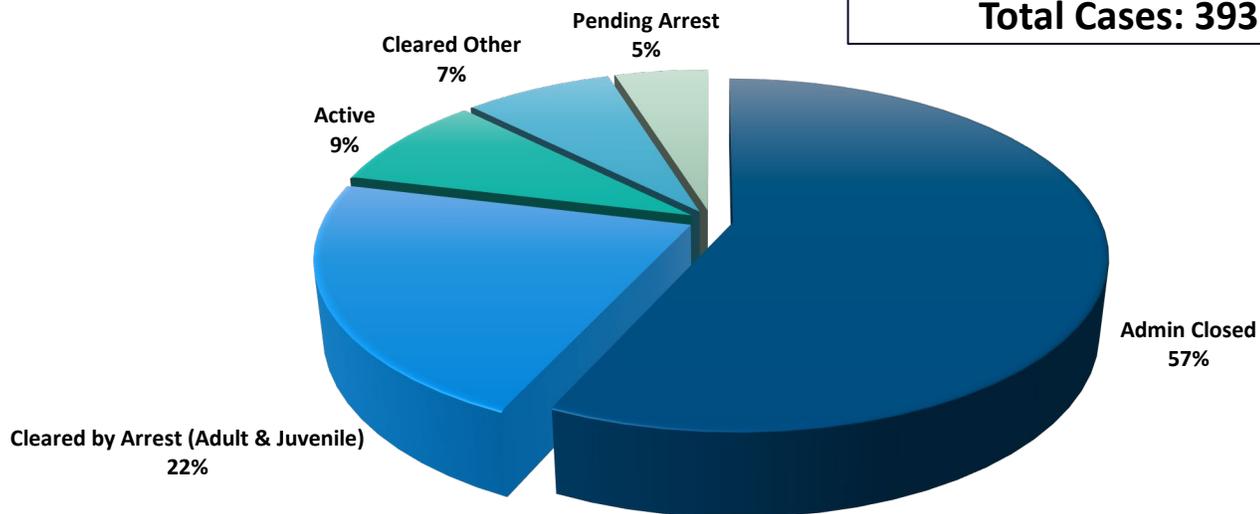


Investigations Division

The Investigations Division is comprised of sworn personnel who are specifically trained as evidence technicians and/or in conducting criminal investigations. They conduct follow-up investigations and, when practical, initiate preliminary investigations. The investigators' primary responsibilities are to gather and view all available evidence in developing probable cause to arrest a subject and present the case in court to obtain a conviction. The Investigations Division consists of four full-time Investigators and an Evidence Custodian/Court Liaison. They are supervised by the Investigations Lieutenant.



Status of 2022 Assigned Cases
Total Cases: 393



“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 the prosecution of a known offender is declined.

Notable Cases Investigated in 2022:

Officers responded to the area of Duke St. and Bladen St. in reference to multiple shots fired. Investigators found evidence stretching several blocks on Duke St., Hamar St., and Prince St. Two residences, one vehicle, one phone pole, and an electrical box were found to have bullet holes. Approximately 40 casings were retrieved in three different calibers. The investigation into this incident continues.

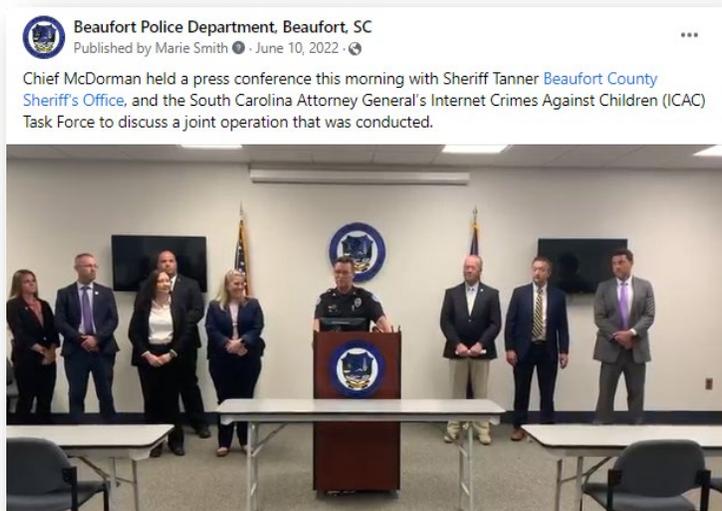


After being contacted by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg PD (NC) due to the fraudulent activity occurring in our jurisdiction, investigators were able to identify two suspects, who were responsible for making and cashing fraudulent checks from a business account. Warrants for their arrest are still active at this time.

Officers responded to an unsupervised child at the hotel without being able to find a parent. Upon arrival, officers located a second child at the bottom of the hotel pool, who was later pronounced deceased from drowning. The investigation showed the children regularly were unsupervised, risking their safety and lives. The mother and her husband were charged with Unlawful Conduct and arrested.

ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force

The operation took place from 03/01/2022 to 03/04/2022. Within those four days, 20 cases were generated, with two individuals traveling to the predetermined location with the intent to have sex with an underage individual, and one being located and arrested in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Therefore, a total of 21 cases were generated regarding the criminal solicitation of minors. The investigation into these cases led to obtaining 55 Search Warrants, 40 Felony Arrest Warrants, and 1 Governor's Warrant from North Carolina.

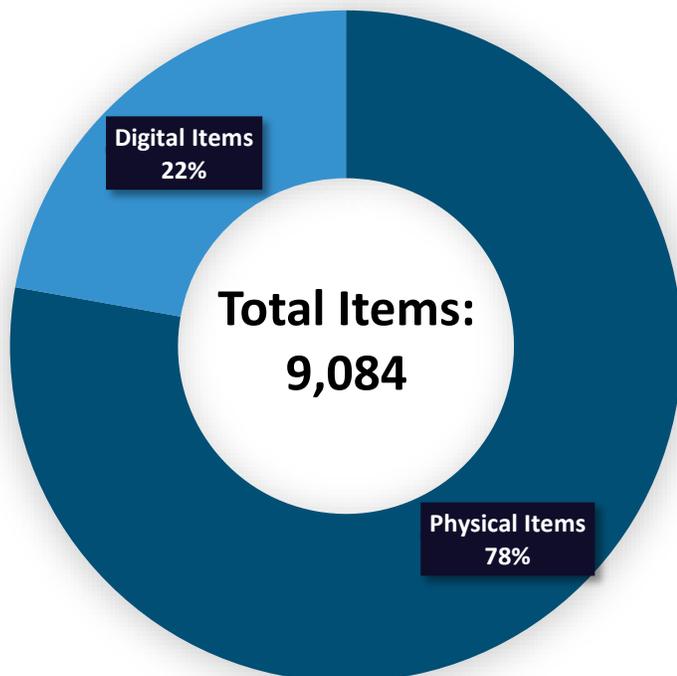


Evidence and Property

This unit 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 officer is responsible for monitoring and arranging the disposition of each item as soon as possible.



Total Firearms: 236
Total Drugs: 621

Evidence Destroyed:
850

Evidence Released to Owner:
96

Evidence being Analyzed:
132

Administrative Division

The Administrative Division consists of:

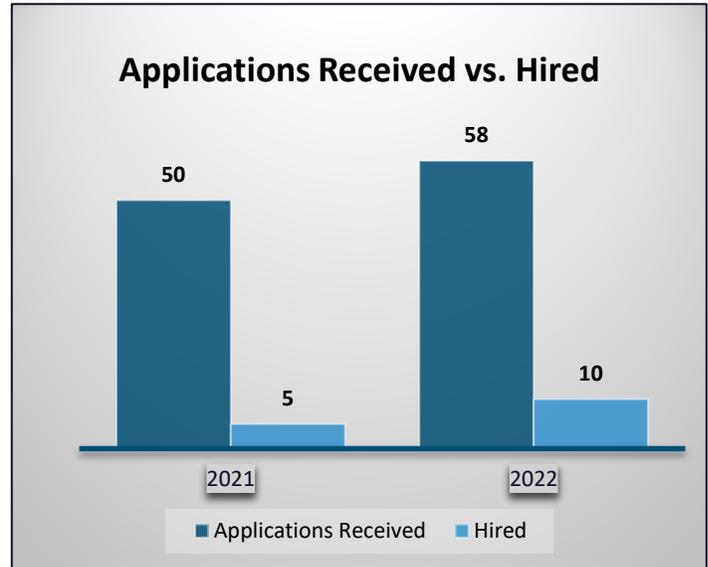
- Professional Standards
- School Resource Officers
- Community Relations
- Training



Professional Standards

Hiring and Recruitment

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



30X30 Initiative

The Beaufort Police Department joined the 30x30 initiative by signing the 30x30 Pledge in 2022! We joined the movement to advance women in policing and support the success of women officers in all ranks. As of 2022, women make up only 12% of sworn officers and 3% of police leadership in the U.S. We are excited to be a member of this initiative to increase the number of women recruits to 30% by 2030 and support women officers throughout their careers.

30X30

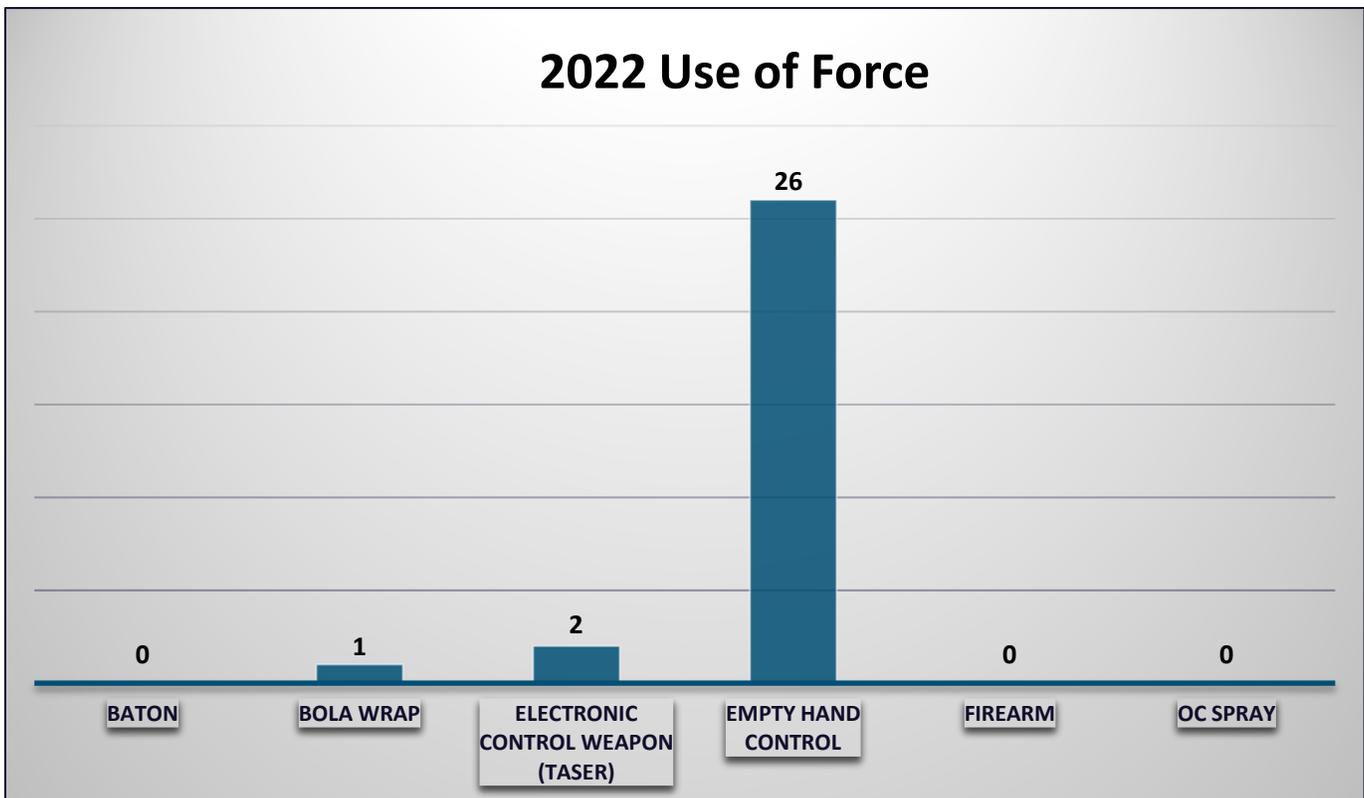
Vehicle Pursuits

In 2022, officers were involved in three vehicle pursuits. A review of the pursuits found two to be in compliance with Departmental Policy. One pursuit was found to not be in compliance with policy and appropriate corrective action was taken.



Use of Force

All Use of force incidents are reviewed by the Office of Professional Standards. In 2022, out of the 466 arrests that occurred, 28 incidents required officers to use force to effect the arrest of the individual. Of the 28 incidents that occurred, one incident required officers to use two separate applications of force to control the subject. In each of the use of force situations, it was determined that officers used the minimum amount of force reasonably necessary to accomplish their lawful objective.



Citizen Complaints

The Beaufort Police Department has an established process for receiving, investigating, and adjudicating complaints made by citizens regarding allegations of employee misconduct. Complaints are accepted in any form, including verbal, written, or from anonymous sources. The Beaufort Police Department did not receive any formal complaints from citizens against officers in 2022.

2022 Complaints and Dispositions

Complaint Type	Number of Complaints	Disposition
Discrimination	0	-
Improper Conduct	0	-
Improper Procedure	0	-
Neglect of Duty or Actions	0	-



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 the 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.



Community Outreach

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. The Community Relations Division consists of School Resource Officers and Crossing Guards and are supervised by the Community Relations Lieutenant.

Community Events

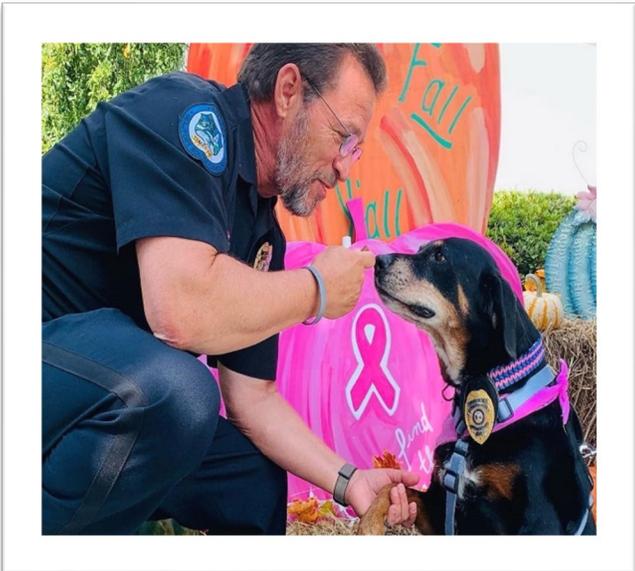
- Chill with a Cop Events
- Shop with a Cop
- Coffee with a Cop
- Greg's Groceries
- School Career Days
- Community Cookouts
- Crime Watch Meetings
- Neighborhood Association
- Touch-a-Truck



Giving Back

#GoPink for Breast Cancer Awareness

In October, the Beaufort Police Department raised \$5,900 to go towards Breast Cancer Services at the Beaufort Memorial Keyserling Cancer Center. Chief McDorman challenged the public to donate and once a certain amount was raised, he went #pink for Breast Cancer Awareness by putting in a pink hair extension. Fire Chief Ogden, Mayor Murray, CEO of Beaufort Memorial Russell Baxley, and former Mayor Billy Keyserling rose to the challenge, and they all went #pink for Breast Cancer Awareness.



Blood Drive

The week of Christmas, the Beaufort Police Department held a blood drive that resulted in a total of 23 units of blood donated! Twenty-six donors from the Beaufort Police Department, the City of Beaufort Employees, and the public helped us surpass our goal!



Training

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, technically proficient, ethical decision-makers who operate withing the agency's guidelines and policies. The ultimate goal is to help officers better serve the City of Beaufort.



VirTra Simulator Training

Beaufort Police officers now have the ability to train in various scenarios using the latest technology. Each scenario can be changed during the exercise based on the officer's actions or responses. This helps develop better decision-making and de-escalation techniques as the instructors can discuss the officer's decisions immediately following the exercise.



Total Training Hours:
9,585



Mental Illness/ NAMI
SC LEAP/Chaplain
Emotional Survival
Internet Investigations (FBI)
FBI Leadership
Basic Detective
Grant Writing
Mid-Level Management
Principles of Supervision
Specific Skills Instructor
Haz Mat for 1st Responders
Building Clearing
SRO Training



Annual Training:
Ethics
Firearms
Driving
Defensive Tactics
Biased-Based Training
Active Shooter Training
De-escalation Training

Records Division

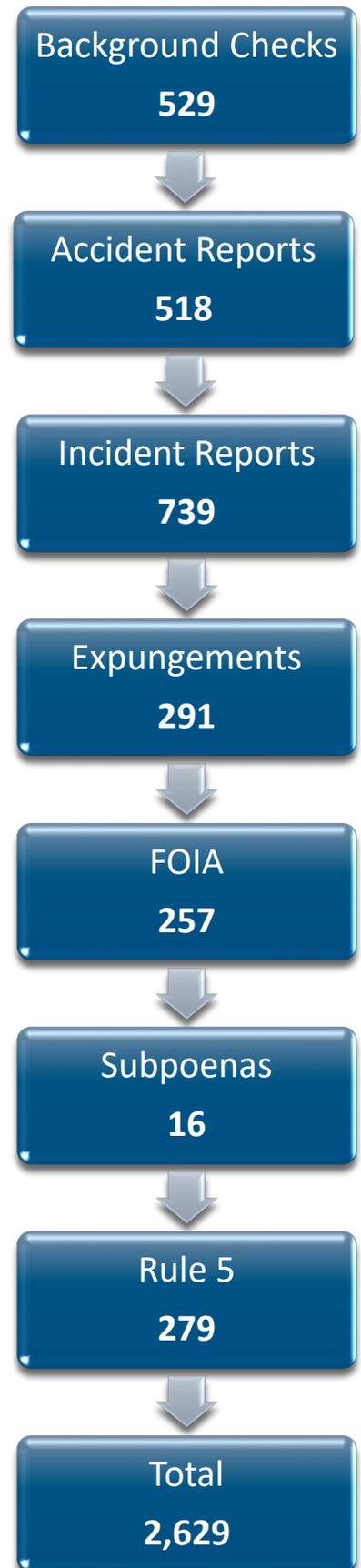
At the heart of the police department is the Records Office. Staffed by three full-time Admins and led by an Office Manager, this unit oversees the storage, distribution, and retention of all the Department's files. The Admins work closely with other law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and victims to provide incident reports and supplementary documents for a variety of reasons. They are the friendly voice you hear whenever you call the police department, even if it is only until they connect you with a dispatcher when you need an officer to handle an incident.

The records unit produces daily, weekly, monthly, and annual statistical reports and publishes them for internal and public use. They respond to subpoenas, discovery requests, background check requests, as well as expungement orders. The records Admins also manage the bicycle registration process.

To keep the police department running from an administrative perspective, the Office Manager produces and maintains all employee files, conducts payroll, prepares and maintains the department budget, and keeps inventory of the department's equipment.

Finally, the Records office provides tremendous support to the operations division. This includes wellness and morale initiatives such as birthday cards, Police Week activities, gifts, holiday treats, and Christmas ornaments. Many officers turn to the records clerks for a friendly ear or a distraction after a difficult incident.

In short, the Records unit does anything and everything to keep the Beaufort Police Department running smoothly by providing the highest level of service to both the officers and the community they serve.



Accreditation



Every three years, the Beaufort Police Department undergoes a re-accreditation by visiting evaluators. The department last received re-accreditation in 2020 and will be re-evaluated in the summer of 2023. In the meantime, extensive research and documentation are required to prove that Beaufort City is adhering to the stringent requirements and recommendations set forth by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation.

Social Media

Now more than ever, social media has become a vital tool and remains one of the primary methods for the Beaufort Police Department to relay important information to our residents.

The Beaufort Police Department will continue to utilize social media platforms with the goal to maintain a positive and transparent line of communication with our community, engaging with our citizens, recruiting, and highlighting important work that the Department accomplishes every day.



2022 SCCJA Graduates



**Katalina
Palacios**



**Rosa
Mejia**



**Osebee
Belton**



**Erik
Esenaliev**



**Ray
Palmer**



**Frederick
Gutierrez-Toledo**



**James
Jackson**

Retirements



**Darrell Gruel
Deputy Chief
31 Years**



**Coley Hebrard
School Resource Officer
21 Years**



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