Lilburn Police Department



2021 Annual Report

Our Mission

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Our Values

P.R.I.D.E. IN OUR COMMUNITY

Members of the Lilburn Police Department are committed to the following organizational values, which guide our conduct to help accomplish our Mission Statement:

PROFESSIONALISM
We support a climate of mutual respect, trust, and compassion, which will promote professionalism and positive attitudes. We will provide quality service in a courteous and efficient manner.

RESPECT
We will treat all people impartially and in a dignified and courteous manner. We will exhibit understanding of ethnic and cultural diversity, both in our professional and personal endeavors.

INTEGRITY
We demand the highest level of integrity from our employees. We are committed to the highest standards of trust, responsibility, and ethical conduct while promoting justice in a fair and impartial manner. We will hold ourselves accountable for our actions.

DEDICATION
We will promote personal and professional growth by supporting continuing education and progressive training of the highest quality.

EXCELLENCE
We believe that we can achieve our highest potential by actively involving our employees in problem solving and improving the level of service provided to the community. We are committed to exceptional effort, accuracy and thoroughness.

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Small town. Big difference.

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The Police Chief's Message:

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The Lilburn Police Department continues to make significant strides towards crime control, traffic safety, reducing emergency response times, and enhancing the profession of law enforcement. To aid in this effort, the Lilburn Police Department annually produces a report documenting the previous year's information regarding crime statistics, traffic control, and community outreach efforts. We are dedicated to serving our community in an honorable and ethical manner as we pursue this mission.

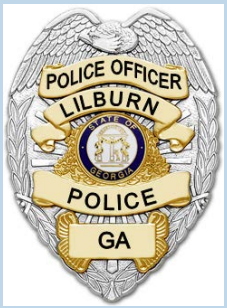
I am honored to work with so many members of the Department – both sworn and civilians – who are deeply committed to working to make Lilburn the safest city possible.

B Hedley

Bruce Hedley
Chief of Police



2021 Organizational Chart



- Chief of Police
  - Police Chaplain (Auxiliary)
  - Sr. Admin. Assistant
  - Operations Commander Captain
    - Special Operations Lieutenant SRT Commander/Special Projects
      - Community Outreach Officer
      - Traffic Unit Officer
      - Traffic Unit Officer
      - Code Enforcement
      - Code Enforcement Part-time
      - Court Security Officer (2)
    - Patrol Operations Lieutenant PS Cadet Coordinator
      - A-Shift Sergeant
        - Patrol Officer
        - Patrol Officer
        - Patrol Officer
        - Patrol Officer
      - B-Shift Sergeant K9 Unit
        - Patrol Officer
        - Patrol Officer
        - Patrol Officer
        - Part-time Officer
      - C-Shift Sergeant
        - Patrol Officer
        - Patrol Officer
        - Patrol Officer
        - Patrol Officer
      - D-Shift Sergeant
        - Patrol Officer
        - Patrol Officer
        - Patrol Officer
        - Part-time Officer
  - Support Commander/PIO/IA Captain
    - Support Services Manager Certification/Policy/ GCIC/Records
      - Sr. Records Clerk
      - Records Clerk
    - Criminal Investigations Lieutenant Training/Background and Recruiment
      - CID Investigator
      - CID Investigator
      - CID Investigator /Background & Recruitment
      - CID Investigator /P&E Custodian
      - GMTF Investigator
      - Training/Quartermaster P&E Custodian/ Sergeant

Effective August 2021

2021 At-A-Glance

Gwinnett E-911

24,356 Calls Received in 2021

Calls received include telephone and radio calls received through the E-911 Communications Center, emergency and non-emergency, calls from the public and all self-initiated activity from an officer.



Numbers of Part I Crimes	2021	2020	%
Aggravated Assault	15	21	-28.57%
Robbery	9	13	-30.77%
Burglary	27	44	-38.64%
Larceny	303	208	+45.67%
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	32	-46.88%
Homicide	0	1	-100.0%
Rape	2	0	NA
TOTALS	373	319	+16.92%

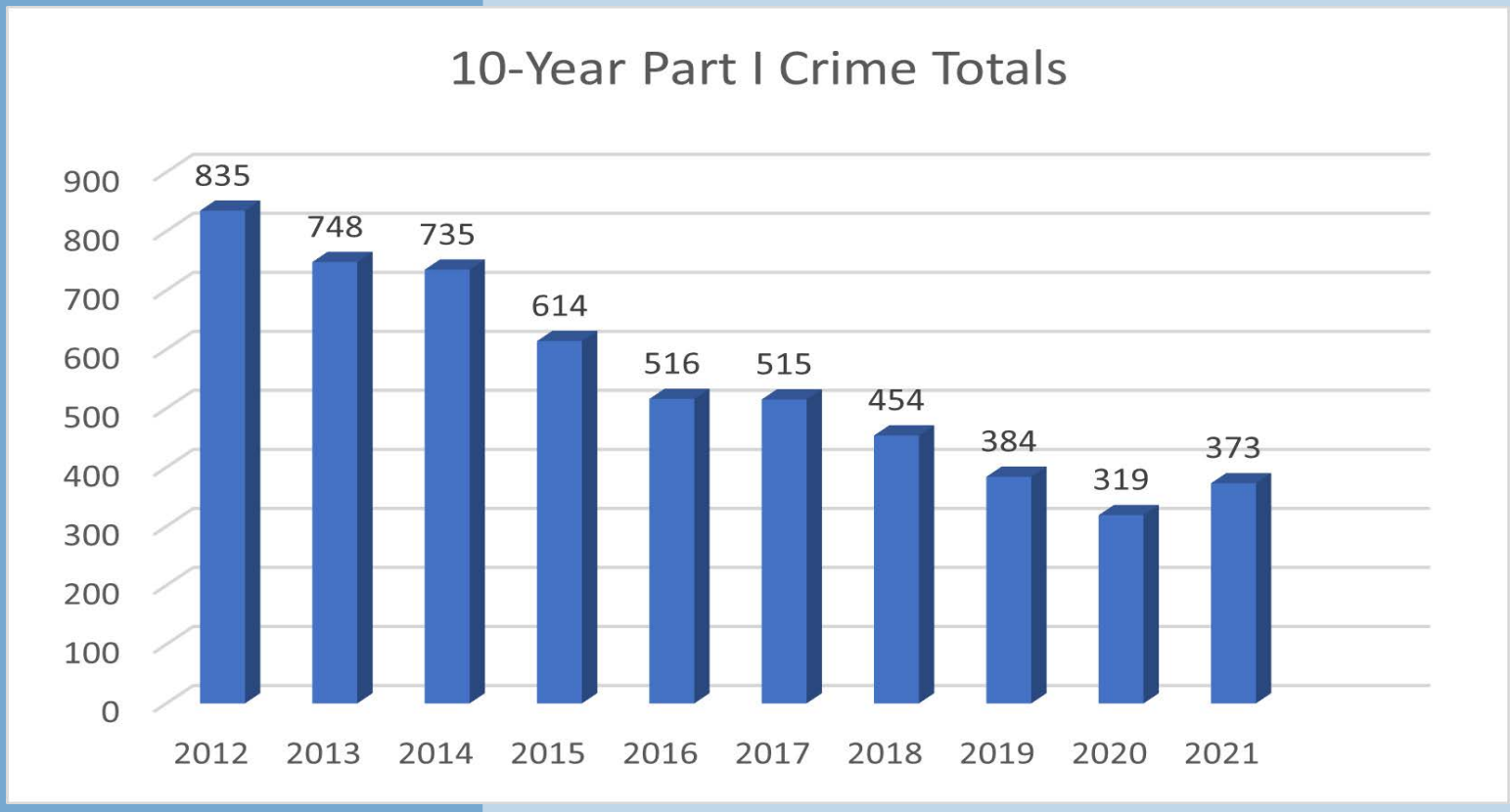
STATISTICS

1,873	Crime/Incident Reports	Traffic Accident Reports Processed	1,243
40	Drug Cases Submitted	Stolen Property Recovered	$382,750
884	Arrests made	Cases Cleared	247

2021 Department Statistics

10-Year Part I Crime Totals

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Homicide	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	0
Rape	3	0	1	0	4	1	2	2	0	2
Aggravated Assault	21	20	21	22	16	15	19	6	21	15
Robbery	22	16	19	14	15	19	25	8	13	9
Burglary	99	66	76	59	58	66	50	54	44	27
Larceny/Theft	657	619	584	483	401	391	326	273	208	303
Motor Vehicle Theft	33	26	33	34	21	22	31	41	32	17
TOTALS	**835**	**748**	**735**	**614**	**516**	**515**	**454**	**384**	**319**	**373**



The City of Lilburn crime statistics show a 55% decrease in Part I crimes over the past decade. The Police Department continues to strive to promote a safe and secure enviornment, resolve problems, preserve the peace and uphold the law.

UNIFORM PATROL

2021

Uniform Patrol Officers are assigned to the three zones in the city. Officers work 12-hour shifts to cover each zone. Assignments to zones assisted officers in being familiar with the residents and businesses providing proactive policing in each zone. Out of the 24,356 calls for service officers responded to in 2021, only 5 interactions with the public resulted in any need for use of force.



Uniform Patrol Officers continue to use cutting edge technology. All officers are equipped with body worn cameras and all patrol vehicles are equipped with dash cam video recorders. Videos assist in prosecuting crimes and can be used as a training tool.



The Rapid ID Mobile Fingerprint scanner provides officers assistance in the positive identification of suspects. The device is an efficient tool that can be used in the field that saves officers time and can accurately identify persons of interest.

All officers are trained to use Narcan, a single use nasal spray used to rapidly reverse an opiod overdose. All officers also carry tourniquets to stop bleeding. This equipment assists Gwinnett EMS to provide life saving measures.



Traffic Unit



The responsibility for the enforcement of traffic laws and regulations rests with all uniformed personnel in the department. A traffic unit was formed to concentrate on traffic enforcement and accident investigations.

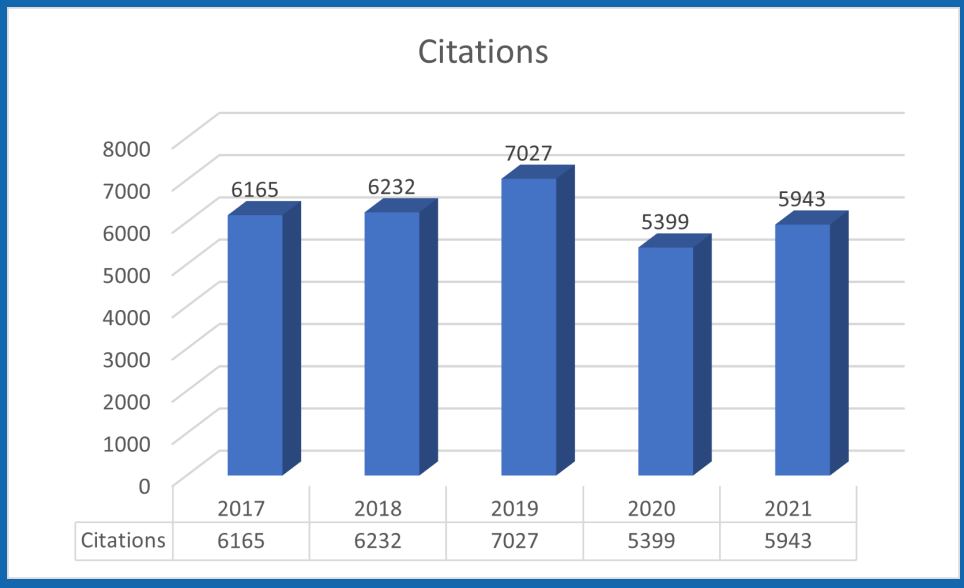
Of the 1,243 accidents worked in 2021, 283 accidents had reported injuries. This is a 38% increase in accidents from the previous year.

The top five contributing factors at accident scenes:
>Following too close
>Failure to Yield
>Changed Lanes Improperly
>Improper Backing
>Driver Lost Control

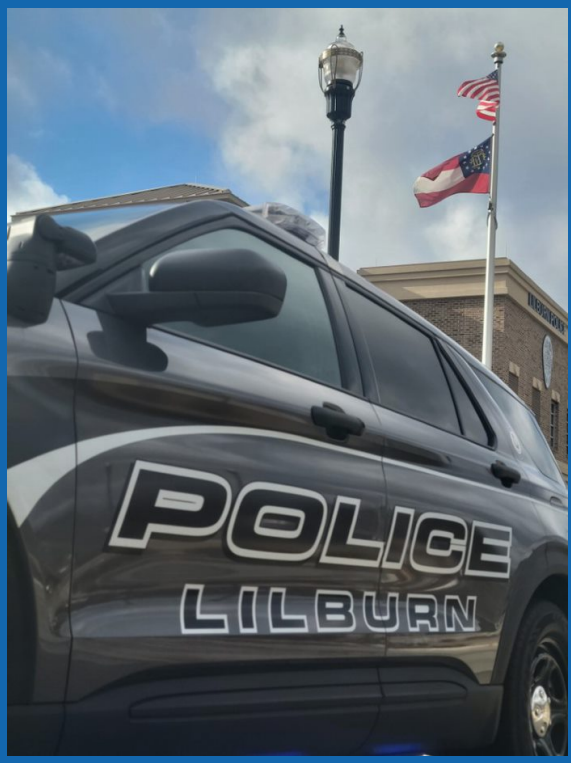


The Accident Investigation Unit worked one fatality accident in the city limits and also assisted other agencies working fatality accidents.

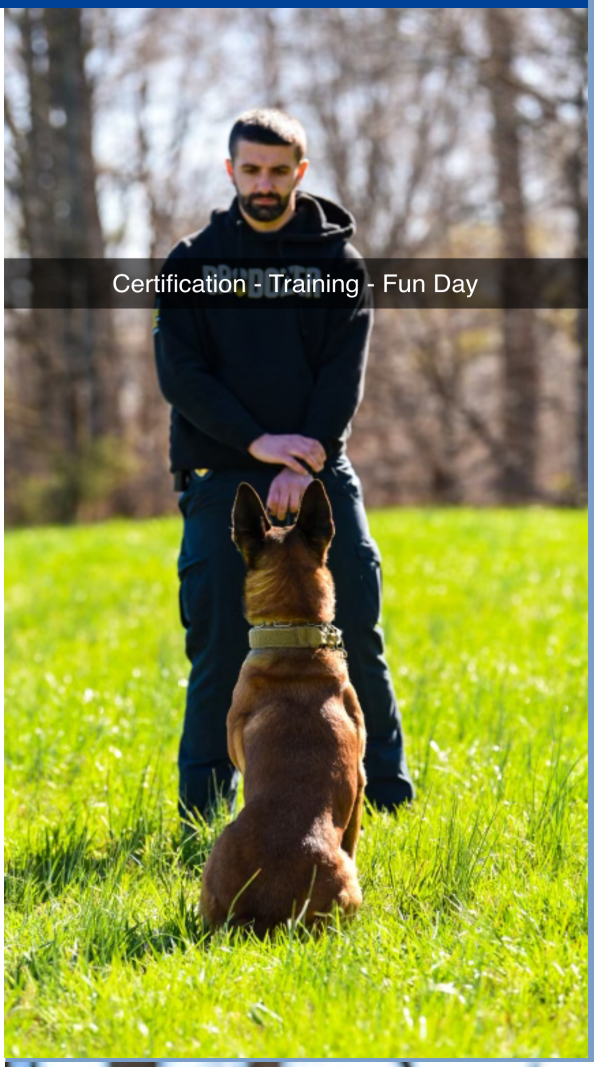
All Traffic Units are equipped with an Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) to assist officers in identifying persons or vehicles who are connected to a crime.



In 2021, the department issued 5,943 citations that were processed by the Courts. This is a 10% increase from the previous year. Officers continue to issue warning citations as a tool to proactively prevent accidents.



Canine Unit



The Lilburn Police Department Canine Unit was established in 2017. Sgt. Almedin "AJ" Ajanovic is assigned as the K-9 handler. Our canine, Ajax, is a Belgium Malinois.

In 2021, Sgt. Ajanovic and Ajax attended over 243 hours of training, to include Handler Education/Classroom Training. The unit made approximately 100 citizen contacts during the year.

The Canine Unit conducted 34 deployments during 2021 - 11 Patrol Deployments (Tracks, Articles, Area Search) and 23 Detection Deployments (Narcotics)

The Unit made 7 arrests to include one located/ apprehended person and 6 narcotics arrests. The unit seized $4,200 in currency, 2 vehicles, along with illegal narcotics.



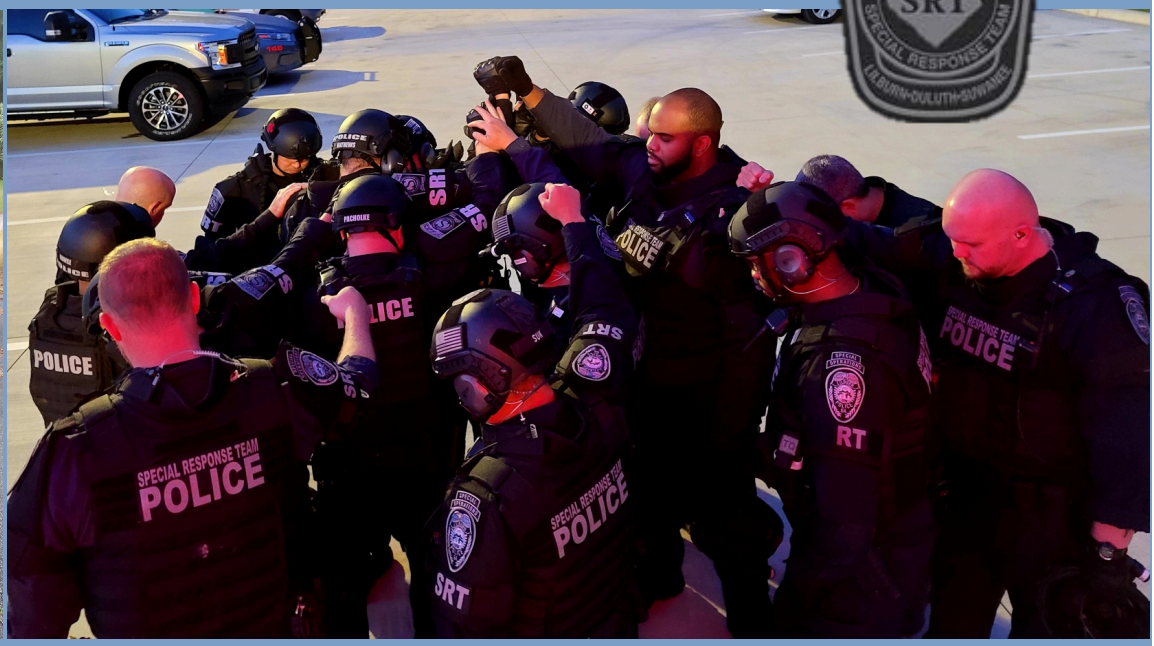
Ajax was awarded the "TOP DOG" award at the canine seminar in Kentucky.





Special Response Team





The Multi-Jurisdictional Special Response Team served eleven high risk warrants to include:

>A search & arrest for an aggravated assault suspect who shot a victim in a robbery.
>A search warrant for a suspect who stole prescription drugs during a burglary of a pharmacy.
>A search warrant for narcotic sales where the suspects were wanted for murder out of Louisiana.
>Multiple sexual exploitation of children warrants, burglary warrants, and narcotic warrants.

All members completed the Georgia SWAT Certification Course.





Criminal Investigations

There are 3 investigators assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit that report to Lieutenant Keith Boles. Investigators made 16 arrests and issued warrants in 13 cases clearing major cases. The Criminal Investigations Unit had a 29.7% clearance rate of cases assigned.

In addition to the 3 investigators, an investigator is also assigned to the Gwinnett County Drug Task Force. In 2021 the Task Force conducted many organized crime and major narcotics investigations.

The Lilburn Police Department, as part of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, continues to investigate crimes of possession of child pornography and child sexual assault.

In 2021, an inventory of all property and evidence was conducted. This included high liability items such as firearms, money, jewelry, drugs, and seized vehicles. In addition to the full inventory, an annual audit was completed in December.



In 2019, several homeowner associations began a relationship with "Flock Safety." This company, an automatic license plate reader system, securely captures images and is able to identify vehicles.

In 2021 even more cameras have been installed and continue to be a great aid for officers and investigators to help solve crimes.



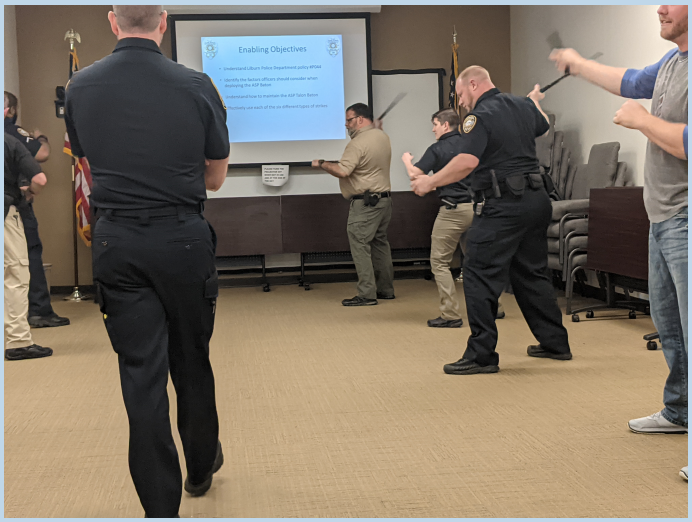
Training Unit

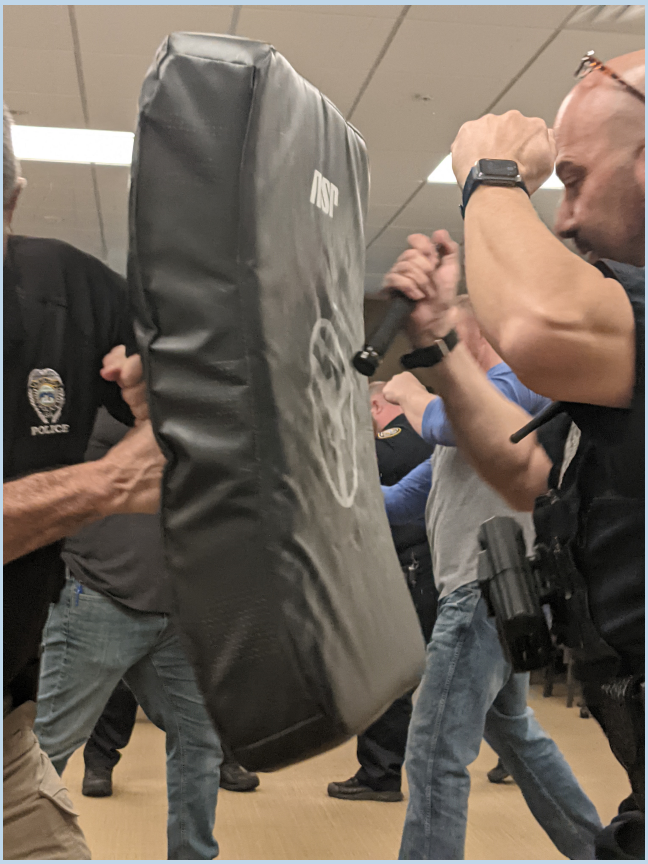
In 2021, Lilburn Police officers attained 3,648 hours of Peace Officers Standards & Council approved training hours. This averages 110 hours per officer. Training was held at a Georgia Police Academy, in-service classroom training at the department, or during roll call. Training for all employees is maintained by Sgt. Rob Kirschner.

Required Department Training

- Ethics
- Legal Updates
- Vehicle Pursuits
- Search & Seizure
- Transportation of Detainees
- Domestic Violence
- Property & Evidence
- Off Duty Conduct
- Sexual Harassment
- Selection & Hiring
- Citizen Complaints & Internal Affairs
- De-escalation Options for gaining compliance
- Suspicious Activity Reporting
- Dealing with the Mentally Ill
- Special Operations/SWAT
- Narcan
- Bias Based Profiling
- Use of Force
- Use of Deadly Force
- Demonstrate proficiency with all lethal, less than lethal, and electronic control weapons







Code Enforcement



In March 2021 the City of Lilburn Code Enforcement was restructured and transferred from City Hall to the Police Department under the Special Operations Division. The police department currently employs one full-time officer and one part-time officer. These code enforcement officers report to Special Operations Lieutenant Chris Dusik.

The process of code enforcement protects the health, safety, welfare, and property values of Lilburn residents. This process has been developed, not only to furnish the city a means to obtain code compliance, but to protect the rights of anyone identified as being in violation of a city code.

The most common residential code enforcement complaint is exterior trash and debris. An example would be junk items placed outside such as appliances, tires, and trash. In 2021 Code Enforcement officers have also handled calls related to tall grass, sign violations, vehicles parked on the grass or in commercial zones, junk vehicles, illegal construction, unsafe structures, and water pollution. It is the goal of the Code Enforcement unit to gain voluntary compliance by meeting with the violator and educating the public.





ADMINISTRATION & RECORDS



The Senior Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, Monica Sims, maintains all confidential files, complies with open record requests, accepts and processes court subpoenas, assists in coordinating activities, and keeps up with the budget and grants. These are only a few of the duties the Assistant is responsible for to aid in the operations of the department.



The Records Section is under the Support Division and led by Support Services Manager Veleta Bogar. Senior Records Clerk Robin Berta-Miller and Records Clerk Rhonda Davis process citations, accident reports, and case reports. They also handle all open records requests and maintain all stolen vehicle, gun, and property entries and wanted person entries in the GCIC computer. In 2021, the section maintained 839 warrant entries.

The Records Section serves the public by providing background checks and fingerprinting services. The section processed 820 background checks in 2021. The section also managed 737 false alarm billings and assisted in crime analysis and permits.



Ongoing Programs



Public Safety Cadet Youth Program

The Police Cadet Program is a work-site based program for young men and women who have completed the 8th grade and are between 14 and 21 years old. In general, police cadet programs provide knowledge, skills and abilities in a competitive training environment to help prepare participants to assume critical roles as public safety officers.

Citizen Police Academy

The Citizen Police Academy is a 13-week program designed to educate and inform citizens about issues that face law enforcement efforts in the City of Lilburn. Each CPA session consists of 13 consecutive 2-hour night classes. Topics include crime prevention and community based policing, drugs, K9, traffic enforcement and accident investigations, criminal investigations, the Use of Force Model and use of force training, firearms safety and the law, as well as a tour of the Gwinnett County Jail.

Chaplains

The Lilburn Police Department Chaplains are Dr. Scott Batterton and Pastor David Cardoza. The chaplains assist the Department by making death notifications, responding to hospitals when officers or their families are injured or ill, attending or participating in funerals involving personnel, responding to critical incidents and major disasters, and providing liason with other religious leaders in the community.

State Certification

The State Certification program through the Georgia Association Chiefs of Police acknowledges the implementation of procedures conceptually sound and operationally effective. Lilburn Police Department policies and procedures are reviewed and revised, as needed, and the department continues to maintain compliance with all standards.

Community Outreach











The Lilburn Police Department's Community Outreach is managed by Senior Police Officer Mike Johnson. Even when the community began "socially distancing," officers were able to reach out to the community. Some of the events that occurred in 2021 were:

>The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) was held in May.

>Presented over 44 Safety Meetings.

>Started a new neighborhood watch program at Creekwood Farms.

>Developed a Church Safety Presentation for houses of faith wanting to implement a safety team. A safety team was started at the Nett Church.

>Presented two Senior Scam presentations.

>Presented two "Active Shooter Response" presentations to the City of Knowledge School and Parkview Christian School.

>SPO Johnson performed a security assessment for a pool and clubhouse area using "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)."

>Rockbridge Baptist Church provided care packages for the officers to hand out to homeless individuals.

>Particpated in the 2nd annual "National Faith & Blue" weekend where several houses of faith volunteered their time to host a Red Cross Blood Drive.



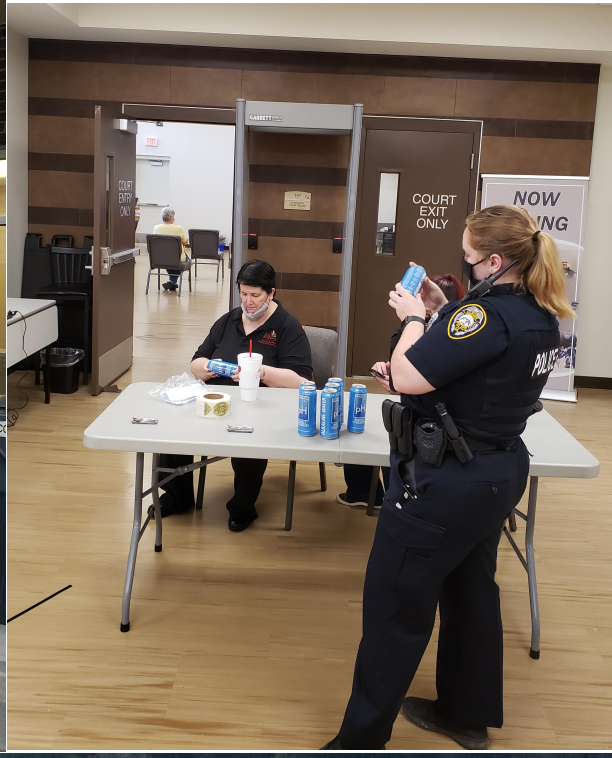





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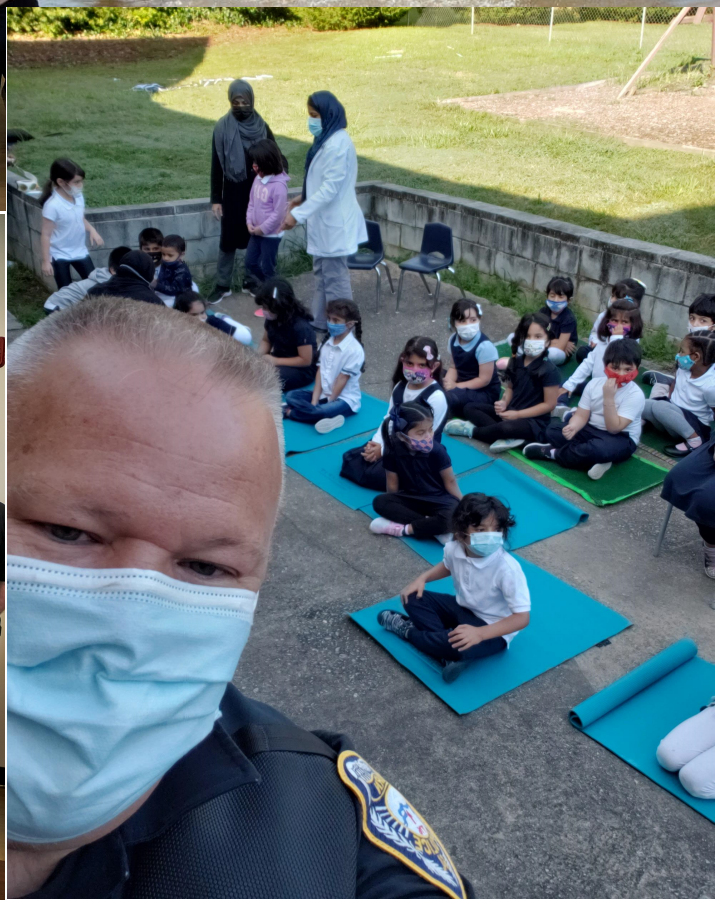

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AWARDS

Police Officer of the Year

SPO Matt Legerme

Supervisor of the Year

Sgt. Matthew Madden

Chief's Award of Merit

Sgt. Rob Kirschner

Top Gun "The Bentley Cup"

Sgt. Matthew Madden & Inv. Cody Belcher

Ambassador Non-sworn

Robin Berta-Miller

Safe Driving Award - 10-year

SPO Sabrina Thornton, Sgt. Micky White, & Lt. Tim Allen



Meritorious Service Awards

Sgt. Micky White
SPO Matt Legerme
Officer Cepeda Huff
Sgt. Rob Kirschner
Lt. Chris Dusik
Sgt. Steve Suk
Officer Samantha Pellegrino
Inv. Vince DiFatta


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