



Charleston Police Department
2015 Annual Report
2016-2017 Calendar



HONOR

We serve with honor through our actions, conduct, and job performance. Performed with integrity, even at personal cost, we constantly strive towards ever-rising standards.

EXCELLENCE

We seek excellence in all that we do and strive for continuous improvement. Our employees are encouraged to be innovative and creative.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We are an organization of employees who do the right thing and are responsible for what we do and say.

RESPECT

We value all citizens, each other and different points of view, regardless of race, gender, appearance, individual beliefs, or lifestyles.

TEAMWORK

We support an environment that recognizes mutual cooperation and group accomplishments, while encouraging individual contributions.





City of Charleston

JOHN J. TECKLENBURG
MAYOR

March 24, 2016

Dear Residents:

Keeping our citizens safe is the first job of government – and my most solemn duty as Mayor of Charleston. That is why I am so appreciative of the dedication, hard work and professionalism of Chief Gregory Mullen and the men and women of the Charleston Police Department.

The 2015 Annual Report outlines the results of the extraordinary work the Charleston Police Department does each and every day in our community. It highlights the Department's use of innovative police practices to reduce crime, as well as its continuing implementation of new technologies and techniques to reduce it even further in the years ahead. It also documents the outstanding programs the Charleston Police Department is pioneering to strengthen the relationships between police officers and our community.

I am proud of the level of excellence that our Police Department has achieved, and I commend their resolve to continue to be a leader in building public safety best practices.

Most sincerely yours,

John J. Tecklenburg
Mayor, City of Charleston

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JOHN J. TECKLENBURG
Mayor

City of Charleston

SOUTH CAROLINA

POLICE DEPARTMENT

GREGORY G. MULLEN
Chief of Police

A Message from the Chief

Dear Residents and Visitors:

I have long believed that policing is a challenging, yet rewarding profession. I also believe there is no nobler profession than that of providing safety and security to the community. That being said, I feel there is no finer law enforcement organization than the Charleston Police Department.

That's why on behalf of the men and women of this police department, it is my distinct pleasure to present to you our *2015 Annual Report*.

As we reflect upon another year, we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to former Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Mayor John Tecklenburg, City Council and you, our citizens, for your continued support of this agency. As you browse through this report, it will speak briefly about our numerous accomplishments.

However, none of this would have been possible if not for the sworn and civilian members who work tirelessly to keep the people of the City of Charleston safe and secure. Their dedication and professionalism inspire me every day and I want to thank them and their families for all that they do.

I look forward to what 2016 will bring. With the dedicated men and women of this department combined with community support, we will remain diligent in our effort to solve crime and protect residents and visitors as they live in and enjoy our beautiful city.

Best Regards,

Gregory G. Mullen
Chief of Police



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Grants



“As a law enforcement agency, grants represent a significant opportunity to secure funding for equipment, personnel, and programming that could not be achieved through the department’s annual budget, much of which is supported with tax dollars. In 2015, the CPD applied for 13 new grants and was awarded approximately \$364,700 in funds from mostly state and federal entities, to add to its collection of ongoing multi-year grants. Of the grants that were received, two in particular highlight critical programs that either rely entirely on grant funding or will require additional grants to achieve the status of being fully funded.

The 2015 Byrne JAG and the 2015 Body-Worn Camera Policy Implementation Program received from the United States Department of Justice. These grants will fund the purchase of body worn cameras for uniformed patrol officers. Thanks to leveraged funding, the CPD now has approximately 52% of its force equipped with camera. They have been very helpful in reviewing complaints with citizens. The department is working with experts from the University of Arizona to develop a model body-camera policy and program for other agencies to emulate. In addition, CPD began targeting grant funding to support its special Dive Team unit to achieve a FEMA status rating.

The new Grants Coordinator has diversified funding sources for the CPD and worked with other agencies such as the Charleston County Sheriff’s Office and SC Department of Mental Health on a number of collaborative applications. The department retains a strong awards rate for its grant application and, has improved its use of performance metrics for federally-funded projects.”



Administrative Services

SEPTEMBER 2016

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The administrative services unit processes thousands of requests throughout the year. It's hard to imagine processing that many request, but the employees of the Administrative Services Unit make it happen.

In 2015, the unit received 1,290 requests for documents. This included accident histories, legal requests for attorneys and Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIAs) for the news media and citizens. At the front counter, employees provide citizens with police reports, accident reports and issue tax and chauffeur licenses.

Another major function of the Administrative Services Unit is properly reporting crime data to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and the FBI. Employees carefully check to make sure officers have correctly titled incident reports and added correct personal data within those reports. Employees in the unit double checked 18,712 reports to ensure all the data reported by the Charleston Police Department was accurate.

Another major aspect of this unit is auditing traffic citations. Citations must be checked for accuracy for our court system as well as the DMV. This data is crucial as it affects the driving privileges of thousands of people. In 2015, they audited 21, 951 tickets.

The employees assigned to the Administrative Services Unit work hard to provide citizens with the reports and documents they need. They process requests quickly and work hard to provide accurate data to the citizens they serve.

Community Service Officers (CSO)



A Community Services Officer pulls his unit to the curb at Citadel Mall on a hot summer afternoon and advises the dispatcher he is on scene. In a matter of seconds, he has successfully opened the door of a truck to free an infant who was accidentally locked inside. Without pause, he comforts the visibly shaken parent and asks if there is any further assistance he can render.

This is only one of the numerous services that CSOs provide. Since the inception of the Community Services Unit in 2010, this team of dedicated volunteers has provided tens of thousands of hours in administrative and traffic support for the Charleston Police Department.

Within the walls of the Police Headquarters building on Lockwood Blvd., Administrative CSOs provide assistance in the Chief's Office by processing paperwork and completing special projects. This allows for department personnel to focus on the specific duties of their job and greatly increases the efficiency of various offices.

On the roadways of Charleston, you will find members of the CSO Traffic Team assisting officers with non-enforcement duties. These volunteers receive extensive training in traffic control, patrol procedures, and report writing. With this training, they are able to respond to minor collisions with less than \$1000 in damage, assist disabled motorists, unlock vehicles, and direct traffic at special events and incident scenes.

Driving fully marked units that are designated with Community Services markings, CSOs are equipped to handle a wide array of situations. This gives flexibility to sworn officers, which allows them to focus on more serious calls for service and enforcement duties.

In 2015, eight Traffic CSOs and one Administrative CSO provided over 4,000 hours of support to the department. By the numbers, this equates to the manpower of greater than two employees working full-time. From parades, races, emergencies, and a few Presidential debates thrown in between, residents and visitors can count on volunteers in the Charleston Police Department to be there when they are called upon.

Team 1



The Team 1 patrol area encompasses the area of the peninsula north of Calhoun Street and is comprised of nine beats and 79 sworn personnel.

The area continues to experience a robust increase in population growth and business development. It has a thriving business district and burgeoning high tech community.

It also has an eclectic population dynamic from families to young professionals with the population approaching an estimated 30,000 people. The area is culturally, educationally and demographically diverse and includes a growing immigrant population.

To maintain proactive enforcement and oversight of the Central Business District, this area has its own complement of officers assigned on a permanent basis. The Central Business District is defined as the Upper King Street area and is the central location of numerous businesses, restaurants, and bars that dot the landscape from Calhoun Street to Spring Street.

This dedicated unit of officers is a fixture in the Upper King Street corridor and is largely responsible for creating a secure environment for residents and tourists who frequent this area.

Along with the addition of officers to the Central Business District, the Team 1 Community Action Team (CAT) supplements the already-existing unit with an additional eight officers and a supervisor. The original CAT Team, established in 2010, was composed of six officers who patrolled the east side of the Team 1 patrol area.

Due to the astounding success of the original CAT Team in terms of community engagement and felonious crime reduction, the Charleston Police Department decided to expand the unit to include Bridgeview Village, the Rosemont neighborhood and the Athens Court area. These new areas have all experienced significant reductions in violent crime as a result. The CAT officers remain an integral part in the augmentation to patrol officers by creating and fostering problem-solving partnerships with the community to reduce not just crime, but the fear of crime as well.

Team 2



Team 2 is the patrol unit responsible for the area south of Calhoun Street. Although Team 2 is smallest team geographically, the area is home to picture-perfect houses, fine dining, boutique shops and luxury hotels. According to the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, an estimated one million people visit the Team 2 area on an annual basis. The area is home to the City Market, Battery, Waterfront Park and the SC Aquarium and numerous other historical sites that mark the landscape and create a magnet for tourists.

In 2015, the foot patrol officers and full-time bicycle squad assigned to Team 2 were removed and re-assigned to the newly created Team 9. Team 9 is responsible for the Central Business District of peninsular Charleston and includes such areas as the City Market, Waterfront Park and the King St. shopping district. In the evening and night time hours, Team 9 officers primarily focus on high visibility in the upper King St. area, where a lively nightlife can be found with numerous restaurants and nightclubs.

Community policing is an important area of focus for Team 2 officers. In addition to responding to calls for service and proactively patrolling, Team 2 officers are encouraged to get out of their patrol cars and talk with individuals in their areas of responsibility – whether they are residents or tourists. These type of interactions help create a bond of trust which in turn assist police during criminal investigations. Citizens are often the “eyes” and “ears” for the police.

Finally, Team 2 officers are asked to be proactive when dealing with repetitive issues and take an active role in solving the problem. This has led to many innovative solutions from patrol officers over the years. One example is the creation of taxi stands in which patrons line up in designated areas to await the next available taxi. This solution addressed the problem of pedestrians walking into traffic to get into a cab, thereby putting themselves at risk and causing traffic delays.

Team 3



Situated to the northeast of the downtown area and bordered by the Cooper and Wando Rivers, Team 3 patrol area includes a large section of James Island and a portion of Johns Island and has an estimated population of 28,000 people. Both of the islands have experienced remarkable growth in recent years and that trend will most likely remain unabated as more people continue to be drawn to the low crime, location and reasonable cost of living.

The major crime issues in Team 3 are those related to property crime such as burglaries and larcenies from motor vehicles. Often, the aforementioned crimes are those of opportunity and can usually be prevented by securing property and reporting suspicious activity. Because the jurisdictional boundaries of the Charleston Police Department and the Charleston Sheriff's Department are in such close proximity, these agencies work together by sharing intelligence. As a result, officers are subsequently able to notice trends and patterns and then take proactive measures to address the issue.

In 2015, several notorious drug offenders in the Team 3 area were sentenced to lengthy sentences. Due to the nature of illicit substances, the criminal element who manufacture and distribute these items wreak havoc on those around them by directly or indirectly increasing violent crime and destroying the image of the community. Team 3 officers, including the Powersquad officers, worked diligently and tirelessly to not only make the necessary arrests, but to follow through with the post arrest proceedings that solicitors rely upon to make solid cases.

In addition to the positive police work in 2015, Team 3 received the lowest number of citizen complaints. Team 3 officers were able to boast such an accomplishment by the way in which they interact with citizens. The key to solid police-citizen interactions lies in the way in which the officer talks to the citizen by treating him or her with respect and by actively listening to their concerns in a compassionate manner. Team 3 has also seen a reduction in violent crime as well as property crime for the past 9 months. The team has also focused its efforts on drug activity and has responded with a 80% increase in drug and weapons arrests. For the new year we are currently down 12% overall with a 70% reduction in violent crime.



Team 4

OCTOBER 2016

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Team 4, geographically, is one of the larger patrol areas in the City of Charleston. The Team 4 patrol area covers large sections of West Ashley and is continuously growing through annexation. In terms of population, the West Ashley area is the largest Team with a recently estimated census of 60,878 people. Given the large patrol area of Team 4, selective patrol and enforcement units are utilized to assist patrol squads. These units include power shift, flex shift and the Community Action Team.

The diligent and proactive method of patrolling has decreased the number of robberies significantly and thereby increased the quality of life for those that live and work in West Ashley. Furthermore, drug and weapons arrests increased for the second year in a row. The Community Action Team continues to improve the quality of life for the residents of the neighborhoods in which those officers serve. In addition to conducting standard patrol procedures, the officers of the CAT Team have engaged in monthly community service projects with valuable community partners. Additionally, these same officers have been involved with a program geared toward mentoring students at the West Ashley Advanced Studies Magnet school.

Team 5



Situated to the northeast of the downtown area and bordered by the Cooper and Wando Rivers, the Team 5 area of responsibility encompasses much of the Cainhoy Peninsula, to include Daniel Island, the incorporated areas of Cainhoy Plantation and the Clements Ferry Road corridor, and nine square miles in the Francis Marion National Forest. It also covers Interstate 526 from the North Charleston city limit to the Mount Pleasant town line.

Once a series of farms and a country retreat for the Guggenheim family, the Team 5 region is now comprised of master-planned bedroom communities, thriving technology companies, large scale warehousing and distribution centers, and beautifully preserved coastal forests. Daniel Island, known also as "Charleston's Island Town," currently has a population approaching 11,000. Growth continues at a steady rate, with a multitude of single family homes, community-style apartments, senior living facilities, small businesses, and a professional theater planned or under construction. The island also hosts numerous events that draw attendees from not only the Charleston area, but from across the country and around the world, as well. The acclaimed Volvo Car Open (formerly the Family Circle Cup) attracts the world's best female tennis players and thousands of spectators for a ten day spectacle of athletics and social enjoyment. Team 5 officers, in cooperation with many other officers and special units of the Charleston Police Department, work to maintain smooth traffic flow, safety of guests, and continued emergency response capabilities across the island. Team 5 maintains immediate response capabilities during other sporting and musical events at The Family Circle Tennis Center, home to the Volvo Car Open, and at MUSC Health Stadium, home to the Charleston Battery professional soccer team, throughout the year.

Although residents frequently meet with Team 5 officers and supervisors at neighborhood and business meetings, during events such as National Night Out, Park Day, and Friday Night Lights, or during the many charitable walks and runs in the area, it is the spontaneous day-to-day interactions that build the greatest relationships between police and citizens. To this end, Team 5 has re-instituted its bicycle and electric vehicle patrols, giving the officers on these assignments the ability to venture into areas that were not accessible to them in patrol cars. It also makes them more easily approachable, which has led to very positive conversations and many citizens' renewed interest in the work Team 5 is doing. Team 5 also conducted the Charleston Police Department's most successful bicycle registration drive on record by joining MUSC, the Daniel Island School, the Daniel Island Community Fund, bicycle advocacy groups, and a local bike shop to host the Daniel Island Bicycle Bonanza in October.

With the opening of a new elementary and middle school this coming August, and the beginning of a multi-year widening project on Clements Ferry Road, managing growth and its associated issues will remain a primary focus for Team 5 in 2016 and beyond. However, the men and women of Team 5 are ready and willing to address these challenges to preserve the safety and quality of life already enjoyed by so many on the Cainhoy Peninsula.

Traffic Unit



The Charleston Police Department Traffic Unit currently has ten officers assigned which includes an administrative Sergeant as well as a Lieutenant. The ultimate goal of the Traffic Unit is to reduce collisions and the resulting injuries, damages and deaths that occur by correcting poor driving behavior. By being proactive rather than reactive, traffic officers strive to achieve voluntary compliance among the motoring public.

The unit includes two officers who are assigned full time for the sole purpose of detecting and apprehending impaired drivers. As statistics indicate, the problem of intoxicated driving in the City and County of Charleston is pronounced and often leads to serious injuries and deaths year after year. Last year, Officers Leroy Roberts and Benjamin McSwain were awarded the Silver DUI Hero Awards for their high number of DUI arrests. Additionally, as a result of the Traffic Units efforts at reducing collisions on the roadways in the City of Charleston, which includes analyzing comp-stat data, DUI enforcement efforts, community educational presentations, utilization of traffic speed trailer's and aggressive enforcement in targeted areas, Charleston was named "South Carolina Traffic Safe Community of the Year" by AAA South Carolina for cities with populations over 30,000.

CPD Traffic Unit also hosts monthly MADD meetings at headquarters and participates in numerous safety presentations for local businesses and high schools to educate our citizens about laws pertaining to traffic safety and the importance of not drinking and driving. The enforcement unit works day and night with an emphasis on peak driving times. The officers also focus on such holidays as Independence Day and New Year's Eve, which have historically been days where the number of impaired drivers tends to increase.



Team 9

NOVEMBER 2016

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The Central Business District unit is comprised of 25 officers with daytime and nighttime components. Officer's deal with any issues related to the vibrant day and nighttime business corridor. Officers work with late night establishment operators to maintain a safe and enjoyable hospitality area downtown. Officers also assist in the regulation of different initiatives aimed at managing the busy area. Central Business District officers enforce livability issues involving illegal peddling, alcohol violations and disorderly behavior. They are also tasked with assisting with transportation related issues involving the regulation of vehicles for hire as well as parking issues. Officers build relationships with day and nighttime business operators who assist the police by keeping a steady line of communication open.

Lt. Heath King is the commander of the CBD Unit and coordinates the release of new police department initiatives and programs in order to educate the people, businesses and services that are affected by the new programs. The officers working in the CBD have current information on positive and negative trends and patterns developing in the area and are able to inform area business operators in a timely manner.



Civil Disturbance Unit

DECEMBER 2016

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The Charleston Police Department Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) is a group of officers utilized during times of civil unrest or threatened unrest. The unit currently is comprised of 32 officers from various parts of the Department who volunteer for this collateral duty. The officers train quarterly to learn and refresh crowd-control tactics utilized to deal with unruly and/or large crowds. Since crowd-control tactics are continually being refined, training equips the CDU with the latest tools to effectively maintain the peace.



JANUARY 2017

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The Family Violence Unit continues to uphold their mission of bringing awareness to the citizens of this community and to first responders within the department who have experience the effects of family violence.

The advocates continue to bring intervention to families within the community plagued by violence by guiding them through the judicial process, and providing community resources.

The unit has been very busy with the addition of the Family Center which serves to entertain and enlighten children and provide them with a friendly environment that is not foreign or threatening. It also serves children whose parents have to be interviewed by law enforcement or attend court.

The advocates have reached out to the faith-based community in hopes of spreading the word about domestic violence and services provided.

“The Thinking of You” project, where advocates delivered flowers for Christmas to the families of homicide victims, helped facilitate a positive interaction between law enforcement and the victims’ families.



Forensic Services Division

FEBRUARY 2017

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The Forensic Services Division is an ASCLD/LAB-International accredited laboratory that provides analytical services in digital evidence/multimedia examination, controlled substance analysis, fire debris analysis, serology, latent recovery, latent identification (including AFIS), serial number restoration and photography. Members of the division are also responsible for the collection, documentation and processing of crime scenes throughout the City of Charleston. In 2015, the division used funding from the Justice Assistance Grant Program to purchase a Forensic Video Enhancement System. The system is capable of recovery, enhancement and analysis of video images, photographs and audiotapes. It is used in both the laboratory and in the field to retrieve investigative information and evidence from all types of cameras and recording devices. This new technology played a critical role in the quick identification and apprehension of the suspect in the Mother Emanuel tragedy.



Citizens Advisory Group

MARCH 2017

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City of Charleston residents continue to have the opportunity to meet with the chief of police, departmental commanders and patrol officers at Citizens Advisory Group meetings. Citizens have the opportunity to talk with department commanders about their concerns, which range from speeders in their neighborhoods to narcotics activities. Through these meetings, residents also develop relationships with the officers who work in their communities.

Traditionally the team commander and officers assigned to the patrol team join the meetings as well. Residents are encouraged to reach out to officers to let them know about activities within their communities. These relationships are imperative to combat crime.

The meetings also give citizens an opportunity to find out what new initiatives are on the horizon. Community members can ask questions about the initiatives and learn how they will benefit them.

The meeting is also an opportunity to discuss crime trends and how community members can protect themselves and their neighbors.

Exploring Programs



Chartered through the Boy Scouts of America, these co-ed youth training programs are meant to engage youth with the Police Department and other Emergency Services, to instill leadership, and train them in personal safety as well as job skills for future careers in emergency services.

Police Explorer Post 11

The department's Police Explorer Post trains weekly in all aspects of police-work. Throughout 2015 the Explorers provided services at special events including Kids Fair and First Day Festival, several parades, the Cooper River Bridge Run, and Law Enforcement Day at Citadel Mall. They assisted with night-testing of Body Worn Cameras during the selection process for the new technology, and participated in patrol ride-alongs. They underwent training in Constitutional Law and Impartial Policing, as well as traditional police procedures (building clearing, traffic stops, arrest procedures, etc.) and also a full-scale Active Shooter Response training after-hours at the mall in preparation for the annual SCALE competition held in Pickens County. A former Explorer (1993-1998) was recently appointed Police Chief for an adjoining jurisdiction.

Teen CERT Explorer Post 911 and Explorer Club 9112 (Lowcountry Teen Community Emergency Response Team)

Continuing a trend of growth in 2015, Lowcountry Teen CERT launched a series of new initiatives to recruit members. Members also participated in Community Appreciation Days, National Night Out events, 9/11 Walk, Caribbean Festival, youth outreach in schools and churches, Emergency Hurricane and Fire Expos and several Christmas parades. All explorers get certified in first aid and CPR. Additionally, members and advisors assisted officers with non-enforcement duties at several events, notably the Cooper River Bridge Kids Run and James Island Connector Run. TCERT Explorer Post 911's mission is to coordinate with youth from Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties to train, educate, and inform them about emergency and disaster preparedness, careers in firefighting, EMS, law enforcement and emergency management. The department proudly joins 13 agencies in supporting this program.



Friday Nights Lights

APRIL 2017

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Youth in the city of Charleston had lots of activities to keep them busy during the summer of 2015 thanks to Friday Night Lights.

Friday Night Lights is held from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Friday nights and activities include basketball, football, soccer, tennis, swimming, double-dutch, jump castles, art, music, a movie and more.

The city's recreation department coordinates the events, along with support from the police and fire departments.

It is held at Martin Park, James Island, Harmon Park, Bridgeview Apartments, Daniel Island and Forest Park Playground.

"Friday Night Lights provide children in the city of Charleston with positive activities that offer fun entertainment, character building, and the opportunity to build relationships with fire fighters, recreation specialists and police officers," said Charleston Chief of Police Gregory Mullen



Camp Hope

MAY 2017

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Camp Hope continued to build positive and lasting relationships in the community in 2015.

It began in 2007 as a way to reach out to “at risk youth.” The mission for those involved in the camp is to provide participants with fun learning opportunities. Participants are partnered with camp counselors who work to help them define their dreams and further develop the life skills to help them reach their goals. Since its inception in downtown Charleston, it has now expanded to three additional sites in the city of Charleston.

Camp Hope is for children ages 6 to 15 and is held at Sanders-Clyde Elementary School, West Ashley Middle School, Haut Gap Middle School and James Simons Elementary School.

The camp at Sanders-Clyde is held Monday - Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and is held June 15th to August 4th. The other camps are held Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They are held June 15th to July 24th.

Scheduled activities include leadership development and cultural arts, educational field trips, swimming lessons, tennis lessons, character building and safety. Camp Hope is a partnership between the Charleston Police Department, the YMCA, public schools and other volunteer groups.



Community Outreach

JUNE 2017

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The Charleston police department has revitalized its Community Outreach efforts to be even more intentional about positively impacting the communities and lives of all Charleston residents, business owners, and at-risk youth.

Strategic goals have been reevaluated and enhanced to include improved communication through honesty and transparency and through building greater trust and stronger relationships between officers and citizens. The unit has already leveraged and increased productive community partnerships with religious and community leaders and will continue to grow and expand these relationships. Additionally, the education and prevention of negative influences for at-risk youth in our communities, continues to be a critical area of importance. As a result, increased officer involvement in existing and successful youth programs such as Camp Hope, Friday Night Lights, Lunch Buddies, and more will continue to grow and expand throughout the city.



JULY 2017

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In 2015, the Charleston Police Department continued to inspire young men and women through Project RISEE (Responsible Inspiring Students Embracing Excellence).

This program challenges mindsets, changes behavior, and creates lasting relationships through education and service learning.

The program was developed and implemented through the City of Charleston Police Department and key community partnerships. These partnerships are with REAL MAD, Addressing Basic Conflict, and Polarity Thinking Models by Margaret Seidler, Turning Leaf Project, and MUSC's EMPOWER program.

It brings together 30 high school freshmen to learn critical concepts such as relational thinking, cognitive behavior theory, conflict resolution, personal and social responsibility and community oriented policing.

The concepts are taught through classroom based and hands on initiatives on two afternoons and one Saturday each month between February and May. After completion of the nearly 60 hours of instruction, the participants become Junior Camp Counselors and complete over 200 hours of community service with the Charleston Police Department through its six week summer program, Camp Hope.



Crime Information Operations Center and Public Safety Operations Center

AUGUST 2017

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The Charleston Police Department continued its growth in technology with its new Crime Information Operations Center, Public Safety Operations Center and with body cameras.

The Crime Information Operations Center (CIOC) serves as a real time crime center for the department. This state-of-the-art facility is designed to support the department's mission to reduce crime and enhance community safety.

Proactive enforcement is at the heart of The CIOC's mission. Camera Operators and Criminal Intelligence Analysts will staff the facility and will use its tools to assist officers by providing safety and security monitoring of public spaces, real-time reports, tips, and leads. Analysts will now be able to update officers on possible suspect information, direction of flight, or possible hazards before they even arrive on scene.

The CIOC also houses the Public Safety Operations Center (PSOC), which is used by commanders to direct large-scale events or emergency responses in the event of a natural or manmade disaster.



Body Cameras

SEPTEMBER 2017

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In 2015, the Charleston Police department began full implementation of its new body worn camera program. Over 140 patrol officers throughout the city were trained and outfitted with a body camera.

Officers turn on their camera when taking police action. The videos are then uploaded into a secured Microsoft Azure Cloud storage system and retained for a period of time, ranging from 14 days for routine citizen contacts, to decades for serious offenses, where they may be utilized for evidence at trial.

Supervisors regularly review videos for quality assurance and training purposes. The videos are also utilized by the Professional Standards Office during administrative investigations into officer actions when necessary.

The body worn cameras have so far shown to be valuable for providing an objective view of police and citizen encounters, as well as a useful tool for collecting visual evidence during those important first moments of a police response.



The Illumination Project

OCTOBER 2017

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The Charleston Police Fund, the City of Charleston, the Charleston Police Department and private donors have collaborated on a new community initiative titled “The Illumination Project”

The Illumination Project is an innovative and collaborative approach addressing opportunities to enhance relationships between police officers and citizens that will continually build trust, legitimacy, and dispel negative perceptions. It will explore the natural tensions which exist between the important social values of public safety and civil liberties as well as develop actionable strategies rooted in procedural justice principals.



CPD Received Statewide Award From South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Association

NOVEMBER 2017

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The Charleston Police Department was the 2015 recipient of the Santee Cooper Excellence in Law Enforcement Award.

The Santee Cooper Excellence in Law Enforcement Award recognizes the premier agency in the state. Recipients of the award are chosen by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers' Association Awards and Commendations Committee and all state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies are eligible for consideration.

This award, sponsored by Santee Cooper, recognizes the overall activities and achievements of an entire law enforcement agency or department. The award recognizes the efforts of the entire team rather than those of an individual. Major qualifications of the award are: effort, innovative service to the community, efficiency, and results.

"We are extremely excited and proud to receive this recognition, said Charleston Chief of Police Greg Mullen. It represents the hard work, dedication, and commitment displayed and executed daily by every member of our Department."

"It recognizes all our efforts to build a positive partnership between the police department and the community while taking steps to continually improve and advance," he said. "None of our achievements would have been possible without that dedication and I am honored to be part of this team."



Knights of Columbus Honors Charleston Police Officer

DECEMBER 2017

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Charleston Police Officer Cpl. Rodney Van Horn was honored as Policeman of the Year by the Knights of Columbus Assembly 1071 for 2015.

Cpl. Van Horn is a 22 year veteran of the Charleston Police Department, who has served in various capacities and positions in the department. He is currently assigned to Forensic Services.

Year	Violent Crime ¹			Property Crime ²		
	Number	% Change vs. prev year	vs. 2006	Number	% Change vs. prev year	vs. 2006
2006	960	--	--	4,358	--	--
2007	909	-5.31	--	4,246	-2.57	--
2008	800	-11.99	--	4,535	6.81	--
2009	595	-25.63	--	3,991	-12.00	--
2010	429	-27.90	--	3,980	-0.28	--
2011	398	-7.23	--	3,754	-5.68	--
2012	296	-25.63	--	3,373	-10.15	--
2013	231	-21.96	--	3,192	-5.37	--
2014	270	16.88	--	2,971	-6.92	--
2015 ³	341	26.30	-64.48	3,277	10.30	-24.80

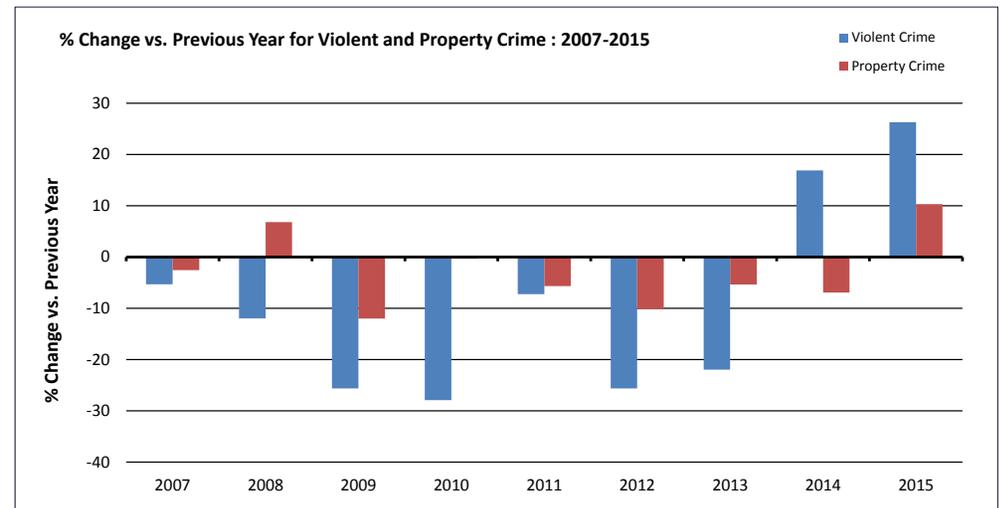
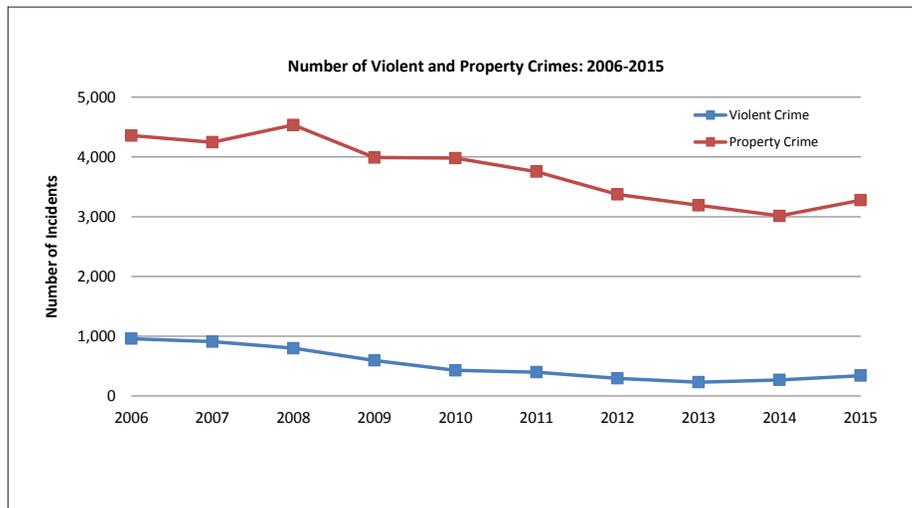
¹Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault

²Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft

³2015 based on SLED Crime Summary Report

Sources: FBI Uniform Crime Report, Table 8 (2006-2014); SLED Crime Summary Report (2015)

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2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS



TEAM OF THE YEAR
Team One Power Shift



POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Joshua Razumich



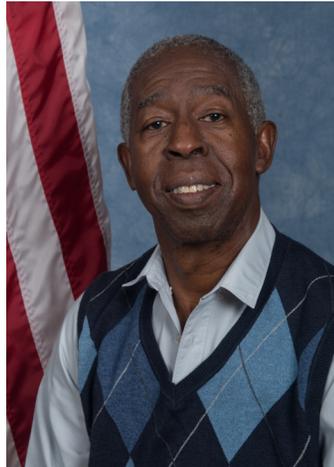
PROBATIONARY POLICE
OFFICER OF THE YEAR
Clifford Millar



FORENSIC SERVICES
Mary Phillips



CIVILLIAN OF THE YEAR
Catrice Smalls



FLEET SERVICES
Oscar Wright



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Robert Oros



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
James Walker



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
Sonya Giffin-Not Pictured

2015 RETIREES



Charles Bowie
Charleston Police Department
23 Years of Service



Kathleen Butler
Charleston Police Department
27 Years of Service



Sandra Kisamore
Charleston Police Department
28 Years of Service



Randall McBrayer
Charleston Police Department
25 Years of Service



Davis Whaley
Charleston Police Department
18 Years of Service



Raisa Agrest
Charleston Police Department
16 Years of Service



Heather Pastva
Charleston Police Department
11 Years of Service

Retirees Not Pictured:

Robert Branch - 9yrs
Richard Burckhardt - 26yrs
Laura Cavanaugh - 5yrs
Debbie Davis - 27yrs
Sterling Dutton - 20yrs
Susan Gessner - 11yrs
Michael Lyczany - 21yrs
Joan Smith - 10yrs



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