



2014 Annual Report
for the
**CHARLESTON
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

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Mission Statement

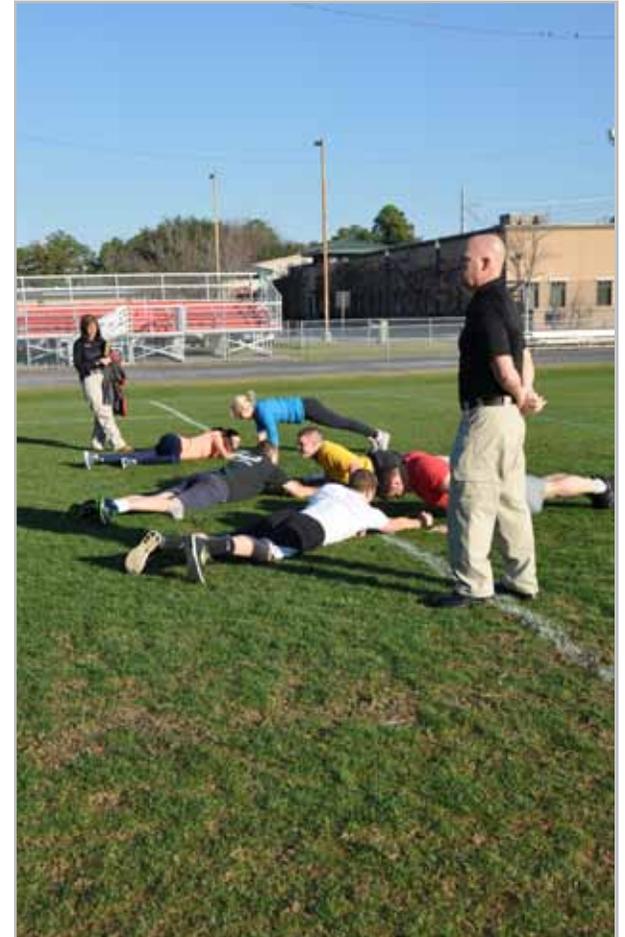
It is the mission of the Charleston Police Department to serve all people within our jurisdiction with respect, fairness, and compassion. We are committed to the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace, order, and safety; the vigorous enforcement of local, state and federal laws; and the defense of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and the Constitution of the United States of America in a fair and impartial manner.

We are committed to serving our community to enhance the quality of life and to nurture public trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. Our officers are determined to serve as a deterrent to crime; develop relationships with community groups, residential and business organizations; to promote an environment receptive to tourism, visitors, and residents; and to support historic preservation in our city. Additionally, we are ded-

icated to our personnel by providing continuous training and educational development, as well as career enhancement opportunities.

The Charleston Police Department has and shall continue to provide service of the highest quality to its community and foster community partnerships in crime prevention.

The vision of the Charleston Police Department is to be a world class law enforcement agency committed to the values of Honor, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, and Teamwork. We demonstrate creativity, challenge our capabilities, and encourage initiative and risk-taking. We hold ourselves to a high standard of excellence and continually improve by solving problems and making decisions that benefit the organization and community. We are dedicated to service, lifelong learning, and professional growth.





Core Values- H.E.A.R.T.

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.





August 12, 2015

Dear Residents:

The City of Charleston Police Department's 2014 Annual Report is a report of excellence, courage and great public service. I am extremely proud of the men and women of the City of Charleston Police Department and know, that pride is shared by every law-abiding citizen of our city.

Our first responsibility in government is public safety. In making our community safe, we grant the ultimate and complete freedom and opportunity to our citizens. The ability of our Police Department to achieve substantial reductions in crime has made the citizens of our city much safer. It is the result of intelligent, efficient and courageous law enforcement.

I wish to extend to Chief Greg Mullen and all the fine men and women of the City of Charleston Police Department, my sincere congratulations and gratitude.

With my very best wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph P. Riley, Jr.', written in a fluid, cursive style.

Joseph P. Riley, Jr.
Mayor, City of Charleston

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JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR.
Mayor



GREGORY G. MULLEN
Chief of Police

September 9, 2015

The Charleston Police Department, the Guardian of our community, is committed to providing “Quality Policing Services” to the citizens of the city of Charleston.

We are a nationally-accredited law enforcement agency with dedicated men and women who are devoted to maintaining the highest degree of professional standards. That includes personal relationships with our community partners and an inherent trust in the organization to do the right thing at the right time.

It is with great pleasure I submit to you the Charleston Police Department’s 2014 Annual Report. This report only provides a snapshot of the great things accomplished by the men and women of the police department with help from our community partners.

The strength of the police department rests in the quality of our employees and volunteers and our partnership with the community. The strength of our partnerships will help us face all challenges ahead.

I regularly hear and receive praise from all corners of the city about the great work of our employees. That praise frequently involves the courtesy, kindness, and compassion demonstrated by our staff members. I believe that it speaks volumes about the people who make up our organization and the values of the police department. I am exceedingly proud of the accomplishments and successes we have achieved together and our dedication to delivering quality service.

We look forward to continuing to work with our community partners to make our community even better. I am confident that whatever challenges may come, we will meet them head on and demonstrate that together we can succeed. This will serve as an example of the collect impact that communities and police organizations can accomplish working as one.

Sincerely,

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Gregory G. Mullen
Chief of Police



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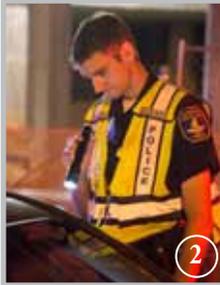
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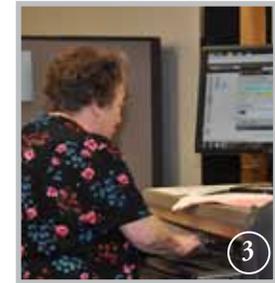
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EFFECTUATING OUR GOALS

1 Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA)

In March of 2014 the Charleston Police Department was re-accredited through the CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement) organization. This year the department took it a step further and applied to be considered for the Gold Standard Assessment. The Gold Standard Assessment (GSA) is a much more in-depth process which requires numerous interviews with local citizens as well as interviews with department leaders. In order to be considered for the GSA, a department must have received two previous accreditation awards, must not have any compliance issues in the most recent assessment, all appropriate reports must have been filed on time, and all files must be maintained in the CALEA standard.

The Gold Standard Accreditation focuses heavily on processes and outcomes. The assessors want to see the current issues being faced by the department and how commanders are addressing these issues. The assessors review the success of these processes and plans. The GSA process is a crucial evaluation tool for the department. It allows a neutral evaluation of professional development and continues to foster an environment of improvement.

The department successfully completed the Gold Standard Assessment and was presented with the re-accreditation certificate by CALEA

Commissioners Justice John Kittredge and House Representative Eddie Talon.

2 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 2014, of several 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 first was \$30,000 received from the United States Department of Justice. This will fund the partial purchase of body worn cameras for uniformed patrol officers. In light of recent events, which have prompted the implementation of these devices nationwide, the department is making efforts to outfit every officer with a camera for their safety and accountability. Additional funding has been pledged from the Charleston Police Fund, which received a generous donation from the Daniel Island Community Foundation for this purpose in 2014. The department's Traffic Division also received a grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety's Office of Highway Safety to fund the salaries of officers on the DUI Task Force. Similar grants have been received in prior years and this funding has proven successful in en-

abling an elite group of officers to decrease traffic fatalities through increased enforcement and education. As 2014 came to a close, the department took steps to hire a new Grants Coordinator, a position that had been previously unfilled. This position will allow a higher level of research along with compliance to bring in new grants and maintain existing programs, respectively.

3 Administrative Services

The administrative services unit processes thousands of requests throughout the year. It's hard to imagine processing that much paper, but the employees of the administrative services unit make it happen. In 2014, the unit received 1,944 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 taxi 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 16,056 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 effects the driving privileges of thousands of people. In 2014 they audited over 17,000 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.

4 Community Services Officers (CSO)

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 2014, ten Traffic CSOs and three Administrative CSOs provided nearly 4,500 hours of support to the department. By the numbers, this equates to the manpower of greater than two employees working full-time. Under the direction of LT Jason Emanuele, Commander of the Special Events & Projects unit, the team was well utilized anytime a need arose which included everything from last-minute events to weather emergencies. Throughout the year, CSOs worked around the clock for a cumulative total of eight days during these emergencies, at times being tasked with closing major arteries within the city, such as the Crosstown (Highway 17) and the Arthur Ravenel Bridge.

5 Team 1

The Team 1 patrol area encompasses the area of the peninsula north of Calhoun Street and is comprised of nine beats and 97 sworn personnel. The Team 1 area has experienced a robust increase in population growth and business development in the past few years and is home to a thriving business district and burgeoning high tech community. The Team 1 patrol area encompasses an eclectic population dynamic from families to young professionals with the population approaching an estimated 25,000 people. The area of Team 1 is culturally, educationally and demographically diverse and includes a growing immigrant population.

To maintain the positive gains made in felonious crime reduction in Team 1 over the past several years, more patrol officers have been added in certain areas of the district. The Central Business District, encompassing the Upper King Street area, has added several new police officers that form a dedicated unit that patrols the 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. Despite the large influx of people who frequent the Central Business District weekly, the area experiences little violent crime.

Along with the addition of officers to the Central Business District, the Team 1 Community Action Team (CAT) supplemented the already-existing unit with an additional eight officers and a supervisor. The original CAT, 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 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. The CAT officers augment patrol officers and create and foster problem-solving partnerships with the community to reduce not just crime, but the fear of crime as well. The CAT officers also attend community meetings in order to understand the issues residents are experiencing.

6 Team 2

Team 2 is the patrol unit responsible for the area south of Calhoun Street. Although Team 2 is smaller 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 Market and dozens of other historical sites that mark the landscape and create a magnet for tourists.

Team 2 is home to the City's dedicated bicycle squad. The bicycle unit supplements the beat officers in patrolling and in responding to calls for service. Team 2's bicycle squad works days as well as evenings and is staffed by eight officers. A benefit of having officers on bicycles is the increased visibility and community accessibility. Citizens are more apt to approach and engage in a friendly conversation with a police officer on a bicycle or on foot as opposed to an officer driving by in a vehicle.

In early 2014, the officers and dedicated Team 2 investigator were able to apprehend an individual who was accused of stealing packages off of porches and breaking into motor vehicles to steal valuables. The continual larcenies were disrupting the quality of life and creating fear for those residents impacted. After obtaining surveillance footage and conducting field interviews with suspicious individuals, the accused offender was arrested and charged accordingly. After the arrest, the larcenies ceased.

Community policing has been a critical factor for the low rate of violent crime in Team 2. In addition to responding to calls for service

and proactively patrolling, Team 2 patrol officers are talking to the citizens in their areas of responsibility — whether they be residents or tourists. When the community views the police in a positive light, a bond of trust is created and this bond then assists the police in dealing with criminal matters whether they have occurred or are about to occur. When the police are not present, citizens can be the “eyes” and “ears” for the police.

7 Team 3

The 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 2014, 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 2014, 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.

8 Team 4

Team 4, geographically, is one of the larger patrol areas in the City of Charleston. The Team 4 area covers large sections of Saint Andrews and West Ashley. In terms of population, the West Ashley area is the largest with a recently estimated census of 54,239 people.

Given the large patrol area of Team 4, special units augment the patrol officers such as a power squad unit, an interdiction unit and a Community Action Team. The diligent and proactive method of patrolling has decreased violent crime significantly and thereby increased the quality of life for many. Most notably, there were no homicides in Team 4 in 2014. Furthermore, drug arrests increased 10% during this same time period. The link between violent crime and drug

transactions is well documented and has deleterious primary and secondary effects on the community.

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 have engaged in monthly community service projects in certain neighborhoods. Additionally, these same officers have been involved with a program geared toward mentoring students at the West Ashley Advanced Studies Magnet school.

9 Team 5

The Team 5 patrol area includes Daniel Island and other contiguous areas such as sections of Cainhoy Road, Highway 98 and nine square miles within the Francis Marion National Forest. Daniel Island is a bedroom community of the City of Charleston and is situated east of the peninsula. Daniel Island currently has a population of 10,400 and that will only increase over time with new developments such as the planned Cainhoy Plantation.

Each year, the acclaimed Family Circle Cup attracts a group of high-caliber female tennis players and thousands of spectators. The event lasts several days and is a financial boon for the Island. Despite the large influx of players and spectators, Team 5 officers have done an excellent job in maintaining order and minimizing the negative effects that such a flagship event can attract. The Family Circle Tennis Center, home to the Family Circle Cup, also plays host to various musical performances throughout the year.

The residents of Team 5 are very engaged in their community as evidenced by their interactions with the police officers who serve the area. Residents routinely attend various neighborhood and business meetings and other events such as National Night Out, Park Day and Friday Night Lights. The Island has even hosted town hall meetings where Mayor Riley and police officials have gathered to listen to and address community concerns.

10 Traffic Unit

The Charleston Police Department Traffic Unit boasts eleven officers, an administrative sergeant, as well as a lieutenant. The ultimate goals of the Traffic Unit are to reduce collisions and correct 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 work full time for the sole purpose of detecting and apprehending intoxicated drivers. As evidenced statistically, the problem of intoxicated driving in the City and Charleston County is pronounced and leads to critical injuries and death year after year. Last year, Senior Police Officer (SPO) Corey Taylor was awarded the Gold DUI Hero award for his high number of DUI arrests. Additionally, the 9th Circuit Law Enforcement Network issued SPO Taylor a traffic safety award for his dedication to traffic enforcement.

The officers who work in the Unit patrol both day and night with a heavy emphasis on peak driving times. The traffic officers also focus heavily on holidays such as Independence Day

and New Year's Eve due to high number of intoxicated motorists who drive at those times. All of the traffic officers are DUI certified and many are also certified to operate RADAR and LIDAR devices in order to detect speeding motorists.

11 Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit investigates illegal narcotic activity and vice crimes such as prostitution, human trafficking, internet crimes against children and gambling. In 2014, SIU initiated 251 cases that led to 521 arrests. Its philosophy is that citizens ought to demand safe, non-violent, drug free neighborhoods to live, work and raise their families. These officers are committed to developing proactive strategies targeting street level drug dealers and users who have a negative impact on the quality of life in our neighborhoods. This unit also works with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to prevent illegal narcotics from being transported into the city.

12 Civil Disturbance Unit

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.

13 Family Violence Unit

New to the Charleston Police Department in 2014 was the introduction of the Family Violence Unit. This specialized unit consists of a Detective, Victim Advocates, and the department's Mental Health Coordinator. Their overall mission is to bring awareness not only to the citizens of this community, but internally to the officers within the department that experience the dangers of family violence first-hand by responding to these type calls throughout the City. In addition to this heightened awareness, they provide intervention to families and children who experience violence by guiding them to resources that allow removal from a dangerous situation.

What might be little known to the public is that the department also employs a Spanish-speaking Victim Advocate to provide assistance to the growing Latino community in Charleston. Through public engagement and educational events, there is a strong effort to bridge the gap between Latinos and law enforcement so that those subjected to violence in the home are not afraid to seek assistance when the need arises.

As family violence is increasingly in the nationwide spotlight, this unit will continue to grow and expand their outreach to significantly decrease incidents of violence in the home.

14 Forensic Services Unit

In 2014, the Forensics Services Division received international accreditation in the field of Forensic Science Testing from the American Society of Crime Lab Directors/Laboratory Ac-

creditation Board. The Forensic Services Division achieved accreditation under international standards as part of its on-going commitment to excellence in Forensic Science.

The unit also manages many support functions for the Support and Uniform Patrol divisions of the department. Most commonly associated with the Crime Scene Investigators who respond to collect evidence and other documentation at incident scenes throughout the City, this unit also provides an array of other services. The Latent Print Examiners manually compare fingerprints recovered from crime scenes to those of suspects and victims of crime. Department Photographers respond to scenes as requested to photograph evidence, in addition to serving as photo historians for the city. A polygraph technician is responsible for all polygraph duties as they relate to internal affairs, pre-employment screening, and investigations. Finally, a Forensic Laboratory serves as the processing element of this unit, continuously analyzing controlled substances, fire debris, and serology.

15 Housing Unit

The Housing Unit of the Charleston Police Department is dedicated to the purpose of patrolling all City-managed public housing facilities. The Unit is comprised of several patrol officers as well as a supervisor who are collectively responsible for several housing facilities located in the downtown area, West Ashley and on Daniel Island.

The officers who serve in the Housing Unit answer calls for service and proactively patrol City-managed public housing complexes. Much

like the Department's two Community Action Teams, the officers in the Housing Unit not only answer calls for service and proactively patrol, they develop relationships with the community. By forming a relationship with community members, a bond of trust develops between the Housing officers and the residents and business-people they serve. The resulting trust that develops is a vital element of community policing. As evidenced statistically, community policing efforts over the past few years have paid dividends as displayed by the dramatic reduction in violent crime on City-managed housing properties.

The officers in the Unit all have many years of policing experience and are fixtures in the local communities where they serve. Many of them hold multiple certifications and have specialized skill sets thereby allowing them to achieve the objectives of community policing and engage in effective policing strategies. The experience, special skills and positive community relations are all primary reasons for the Unit's discernible pattern of success.

16 Citizens Advisory Group

City of Charleston residents have the opportunity to meet with the chief of police along with departmental commanders and patrol officers at local community meetings. During these meetings citizens have the opportunity to speak with department commanders about their concerns. The concerns range from speeders in their neighborhoods to narcotics activities. Residents are also better able to get to know 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.

17 Lowcountry Teen Community Emergency Response Team Explorer Post 911 and Explorer Club 9112

Continuing a trend of growth in 2014, Lowcountry Teen CERT launched a series of new posts to recruit members throughout the year. Members also participated in Community Appreciation Days, National Night Out events, Youth Outreach in schools and churches, Emergency, Hurricane and Fire Expos, a Scuba program and in several Christmas parades. They also assisted at the Tri-Charleston Triathlon, taught an introduction to CERT during the Charleston Police Department's Camp Hope and became certified in first aid and CPR. Additionally, members and advisors assisted officers with non-enforcement duties at several events, notably the Cooper River Bridge Run and James Island Connector Run.

CERT'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.

Similar to the Teen CERT post, the department's Police Explorers learn valuable skills strictly related to the law enforcement field. In 2014, these Explorers, under the direction of Crime Prevention SGT Trevor Shelor, assisted officers with non-sworn duties at events. They also regularly engage in ride-along shifts with officers and get first-hand experience with new technology as it is deployed department-wide. Last year, they tested various configurations of body worn cameras in a field-based simulation and took turns in the department's firearms training simulator. Chartered through the Boy Scouts of America, teens wishing to join as Police Explorers are encouraged to contact the department in person or by phone.

18 Camp Hope

Camp Hope began in 2007 as a way to reach out to "at risk youth." The mission for those involved in the camp is to provide young people with fun learning opportunities. Participants are partnered with camp counselors who work to help the young people 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.

They are for children ages 6 to 15 and are 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 was held June 15th to August 4th. The other camps were held Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They began June 15th and ended 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.

19 Friday Night Lights

Young people in the city of Charleston had lots of activities to keep them busy last summer 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.

20 Community Partners

In 2014, three community partners made donations to the Charleston Police Department K-9 Unit.

Paul and Catherine Welborn donated \$1,000 towards the purchase of ballistic vest for K-9 Orrie.

Local businessman Clyde Burris heard about the Welborn's donation and decided he wanted to do the same thing. Burris donated two bullet proof vests to the K-9 Unit.

George and Mandy Geils also read about the donation of the bullet proof vests and decided they wanted to do something similar. The Geils decided to donate two kennels to the police department.

"The department appreciates the support of our community partners," said Chief of Police Greg Mullen. "It's a testament to the great relationship we have with our citizens."

21 Project R.I.S.E.E.

In 2014, the City of Charleston Police Department announced a new initiative for young men and women. Project RISEE (Responsible Inspiring Students Embracing Excellence) is a developmental program to challenge mindsets, change behavior, and create 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, Polarity Thinking Models by Margaret Seidler, Turning Leaf Project, and MUSC's EMPOW-

ERR program. The program 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.

According to Police Chief Gregory Mullen, this is an extension of our current successful youth oriented programs. It offers the Department the opportunity to bring together like-minded community partners, police officers, and youth in a fun, learning environment that builds character, knowledge, understanding, and relationships. This program also addresses positive decision making, critical thinking, community investment, and service in a way that encourages and inspires the participants to better understand their role and responsibilities as important community members.

2006-2014 Violent Crime & Property Crime Summary for Charleston, SC

Year	Violent Crime ¹			Property Crime ²		
	Number	% Change		Number	% Change	
		vs. prev year	vs. 2006		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 ³	266	15.15	-72.29	3,014	-5.58	-30.84

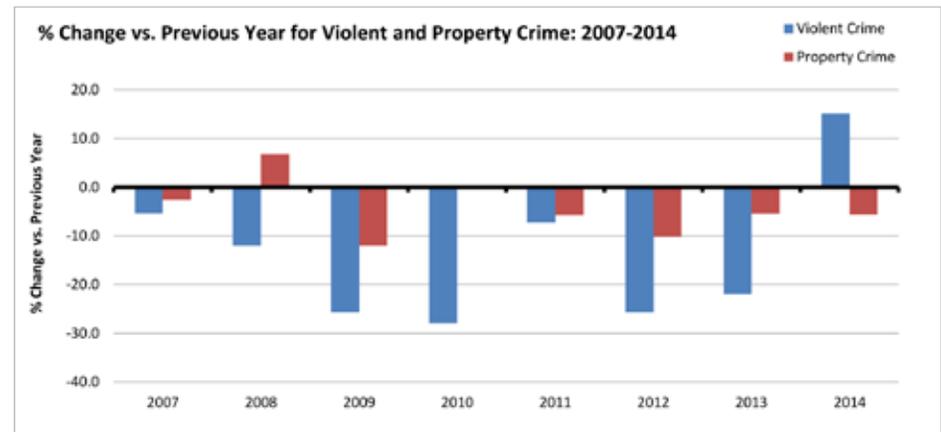
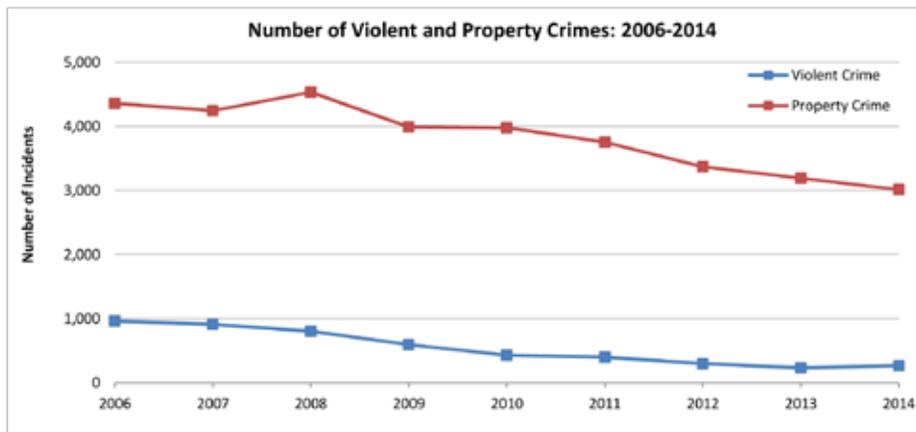
¹Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault

²Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft

³2014 based on CPD RMS Database

Sources: FBI Uniform Crime Report, Table 8 (2006-2013); CPD RMS Database (2014)

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2014 AWARD RECIPIENTS



LIFE SAVING AWARD
PPO Jeffery Fort



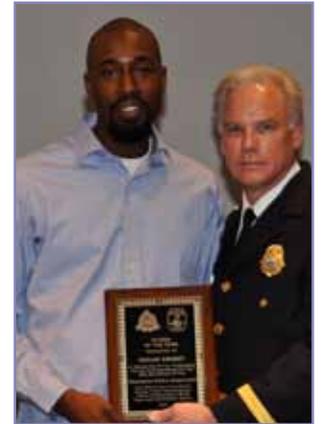
TEAM OF THE YEAR
K-9 Unit



**PROBATIONARY OFFICER
OF THE YEAR**
PPO Joseph E. Hartman



**RESERVE OFFICER
OF THE YEAR**
Lt. William Holling



**CITIZEN
OF THE YEAR**
Oscar Knight



**CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE
OF THE YEAR**
Ms. Sonia Gathers



**COMMUNITY SERVICE
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**
Miss Angel Kalci



**FLEET SERVICES
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**
Ms. Dannelle Goldberg



**FORENSIC SERVICES
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**
Mrs. Judy Gordon



**VOLUNTEER
OF THE YEAR**
Mr. Robert Ryan Oros

2014 RETIREES



Sabrina Bryant
Central - CAU
28 Years of Service



Constance Gantt
Administrative Services
24 Years of Service



Jacob Morgan
Administrative Services
10 Years of Service



Staff Sgt. Larry Stayrook
Supply Services
40 Years of Service

Retirees Not Pictured:
Sgt. Trisha Taylor 19 years



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