

Gainesville Police Department Fiscal Year 2023 1st Quarter October 1st-December 31, 2022



Agenda Item:
2023-98

GPD Crime Statistics – FY 2023 1st Quarter

Gainesville Police Department			
Statistics from October 1 - December 31, 2022			
		2022	
Violent Crimes			
Homicide		3	
Rape		27	
Robbery		47	
Aggravated Assault		149	
Total		226	
Property Crimes			
Burglary		84	
Larceny		983	
Auto Theft		126	
Total		1193	
Grand Total		1419	
Burglary to Conveyance		241	
Motorcycle Thefts		10	
Retail Theft		258	



2022 GPD Crime Statistics

Gainesville Police Department									
Year-To-Date Statistics Through December 31, 2022									
	2019	2020		2021		2022		3 Year Average	% Change 2021-2022
Violent Crimes									
Homicide	4	8		9		10		9.00	11.11
Rape	150	128		174		166		156.00	-4.60
Robbery	141	151		184		161		165.33	-12.50
Aggravated Assault	590	682		686		616		661.33	-10.20
Total	885	969		1053		953		991.67	-9.50
Property Crimes									
Burglary	571	490		432		356		426.00	-17.59
Larceny	4675	4285		3508		3632		3808.33	3.53
Auto Theft	455	553		497		580		543.33	16.70
Total	5701	5328		4437		4568		4777.67	2.95
Grand Total	6586	6297		5490		5521		5769.33	0.56
Burglary to Conveyance	987	1126		811		906		947.67	11.71
Motorcycle Thefts	27	43		40		56		46.33	40.00
Retail Theft	1297	1033		848		920		933.67	8.49



GPD Gun Related Statistics

Crime	July 1 – September 30, 2022	October 1- December 31, 2022	% Change from last quarter	2021	2022	% Change from last year
Stolen Firearms	67 (42 Conveyance Burglaries)	46 (32 Conveyance Burglaries)	-31.3%	185	218 (115 Conveyance Burglaries)	17%
Weapons Seized/Recov ered by LEO	51	35	-31.3%	181	159	-12%
Firearms Seized/Recov ered by LEO	120	69	-42.5%	340	381	12%
Number of Shots Fired	49	46	-26.5%	125	170	36%
Number of Persons Shot or Injured by a Gunfire	14 (1 Self- Inflicted)	17 (3 Self- Inflicted)	21%	51 (6 self- inflicted)	47 (8 Self- Inflicted)	-7.8%
Homicides	4	2	-50%	9	10	11%



District 1

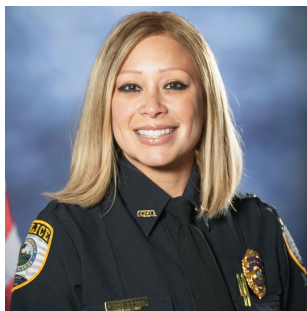
Captain Robert Fanelli
352-393-7725



Lt. Charlie Ward
352-393-7728

District 2

Captain Victoria Young
352-393-7667



D2 Lt. Lisa Scott
352-393-7528

Sector Lieutenants:**District 1:**

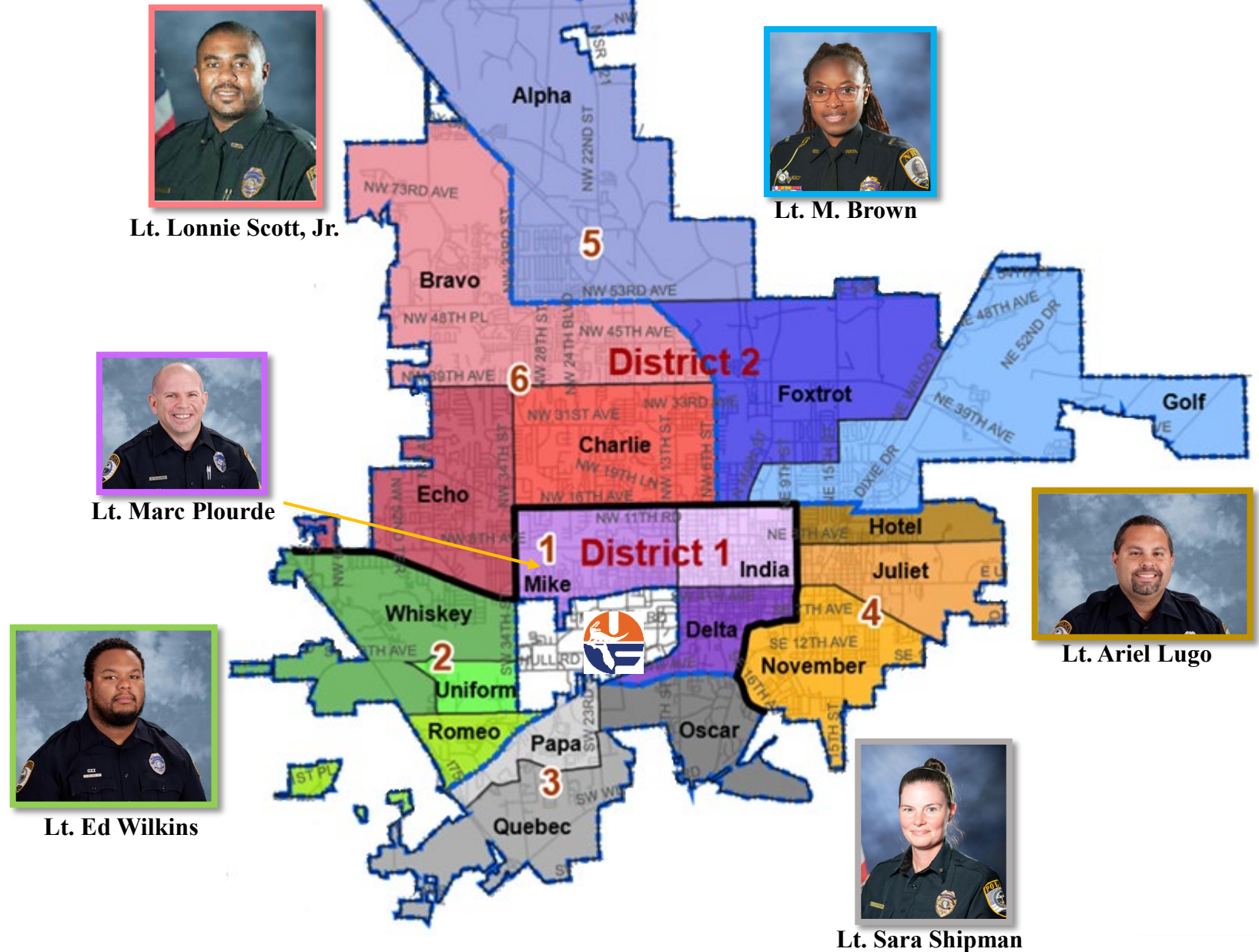
Sector 1: Lt. Marc Plourde	352-339-6114
Sector 2: Lt. Ed Wilkins	352-219-3078
Sector 3: Lt. Sara Shipman	352-792-4609

District 2:

Sector 4: Lt. Ariel Lugo	352-872-3323
Sector 5: Lt. Marquitta Brown	352-642-6723
Sector 6: Lt. Lonnie Scott Jr.	352-262-5955

Gainesville Police Department Zones

January 10th, 2023



District 1-Patrol Operations



Gainesville U.N.I.T.E.D Community Expo

Partners:

- HPW
- Gator Well
- Alachua County Victim Advocates and Rape Crisis Center
- R.A.D.
- Tu Fiesta Radio
- Code Enforcement
- Moms Demand Action
- Elder Care



Child Advocacy Center Fundraiser Event- Officer's volunteered to support this worthy cause.



District 1-Patrol Operations

Crime Watches/Community Meetings Attended

- Oak View/ Grove Street
- Sunset/Horizon
- Phoenix
- Porters
- NW 5th Ave
- Pleasant Street
- UPNA

Additional Meetings

- Student Safety UPD
- Downtown Coordination Meeting
- UF Health Security
- Homeless Services
- Regional Violent Crime

ARPA Details/Focus

- Violent Offender Focus
- Burglary Suppression
- Archer Rd
- Butler Plaza

ARPA Detail Results

3 Felony arrest

40 grams MDPV



District 2 – Patrol Operations

- **All Community outreach efforts**

- **October**

- Meet and Greet with ELC Community Outreach Coordinator
- 10/06 Faith in Blue Breakfast- Honoring Officers and Chiefs
- 10/06 Que Pasa Gainesville- Tu Fiesta Radio Show
- 10/06 Noticias WUFT Live Broadcast with GPD
- 10/06 Coffee with a Cop at McDonalds and Babys Kitchen
- 10/23 Blessing of the Badges-day spring
- 10/14 Food giveaway at Pineridge
- 10/14 Officer and JJCP outreach in Pineidge
- 10/17- Sweetwater Fall Fest
- 10/18 COG Employee Awards- Whose in the Box
- 10/20 Tu Fiesta Radio Que Pasa GNV
- 10/20 Fred Cone Park Library Staff and GPD meet and greet
- 10/30 NAACP Awards Ceremony

- **November**

- 11/2 United Way Reading Pals Coordinator meeting
- 11/5 Out of the Darkness Walk
- 11/3 Que Pasa Gainesville
- 11/7 Career Day- Caring and Sharing School
- 11/9 Talbot Safety Patrol Ceremony
- 11/9 Tu Fiesta Radio Show Ride Along
- 11/17 Cone Park Fall Festival
- 11/17 CDS Annual Meeting and Celebration
- 11/18 Promotional Ceremony
- 11/20 Wood Creek Village Crime Watch Meeting
- 11/22 GPD Donation to Antioch Church Thanksgiving Food giveaway

- **December**

- 12/1 Rosa Parks Celebration
- 12/4 Rosa Parks Quiet Courage Award Ceremony
- 12/6-12/8 RAD Class
- 12/9 Kids Count- Grinch Who Stole Christmas
- 12/16 Pineridge Food Giveaway
- 12/21 CRT Stakeholder appreciation lunch
- 12/22 Zone Foxtrot Community Listening Session

Recurring

- Tu Fiesta Radio PODCAST (bi-weekly)
- Homeless Services Meetings (bi-weekly)
 - To address homelessness and ensure follow through on services and problem solving
- Mental Health/ Co-Responder Team Meetings
 - Monthly JHMCP Coordination Team Meetings
 - Monthly Co-Responder Team Training with Clinicians
 - Monthly Co-Responder Team Meeting
 - Monthly JHMCP Oversight Sub-Committee
 - Monthly Meeting with Local Stakeholders (Meridian, VISTA etc)



District 2 – Patrol Operations

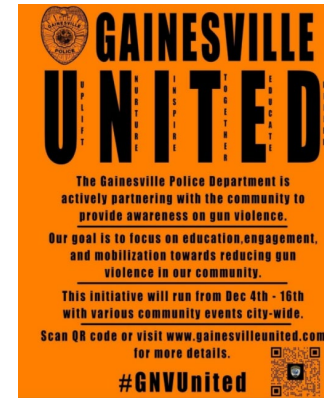
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- Major Events-Gainesville United Events-

- Unity Walk
- Mental Health Check-in
- Pineridge Community Clean up
- Sandy Hook Promise
- Lock Vehicles Campaign
- Sweetwater Square Community Outreach Movie Night
- Gun Buy Event
- Community Expo
- Police Youth Dialogue
- NPI
- A Promise for Toys
- Gainesville United Night of Compassion
- <https://www.youtube.com/@GPDPoliceBeat/videos>

- **Crime Watches/Business Watches attended**

- Azalea Trails
- Black on Black Crime Taskforce
- Fletcher's Oaks/Walnut Creek
- Greater Duval
- Lincoln Estates
- Pineridge
- Rockcreek
- Sugarhill
- Cumberland Circle
- Walnut Creek
- Community First Pineridge Community
- Black on Black Task Force Meeting



Quality of Life Referrals

Carver Gardens- Gun Violence

2 meetings in December with management.

GRACE Marketplace Trespassing

- Regarding property to the NE- Provided security for property owner representative to place no trespassing related signage.
- Met with staff regarding trespassing issues on the property 09/01/22

900 E University Ave Corridor

Business from 900 E. to Waldo Rd has been contacted again regarding trespass authorization and signage as well as noise ordinance signage

Follow-up with complainants regarding agency efforts and outcome

Parking, Traffic, and Noise enforcement increased resulting in decreased complaints

Noise complaints regarding Coca-Cola trucks

Community Collaborations

Sweetwater Square

- Zone Foxtrot Listening Session



Criminal Investigations Bureau Homicide Clearance Rates

YEAR	# of Homicides	% Clearance Rate
2020	8	100%
2021	9	87.5%
2022	10	100%

- FBI reports the national average for clearance rates in homicide is 61.6%**.
- GPD exceeds the national average in clearance rates in all 3 years.

**Percent of Offenses Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means, by Population Group, 2017
retrieved from <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2017/crime-in-the-u.s.-2017/topic->



Criminal Investigations Bureau

22-19468 Missing Child

Child Neglect/Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor

In the early morning hours of December 23, 2022 the Gainesville Police Department responded to a report of a missing 13 year old child. The initial investigation revealed that the last confirmed sighting of the child was December 22, 2022 at approximately 7:00 PM. The circumstances in which the child went missing combined with the impending extremely cold weather were very concerning and detectives responded to the scene to continue the investigation.

The Gainesville Police Department continued to actively investigate and attempt to locate the missing child throughout the holidays. Video contradicted previous statements that were made by witness, **Tiffany Mejia WF 3/16/82**, and at that point Mejia became a person of interest in the child's disappearance. On December 25, 2022 GPD SWAT assisted detectives in serving a search warrant at Mejia's residence. During the search warrant, Mejia was contacted and admitted to taking the missing child and driving him outside of the area to an unknown residence.

GPD detectives met with the Clay County Sheriff's Office and recovered the missing child. Tiffany Mejia was charged with tampering with evidence, interference with child custody, and multiple felony drug offenses. During our investigation charges were determined to be warranted for child neglect and contributing to the delinquency of a child for **Tommy Stephens WM 11/16/67** and **Jamie Stephens WF 2/18/79**.



Criminal Investigations Bureau

22-019334 – Homicide - 3100 SW 26th Drive (Phoenix)

Officers responded to the area after receiving calls that a male subject was stabbed and unconscious/not breathing in the roadway. Officers arrived in the area and found **Reginald Flowers B/M 01/13/77** lying in the roadway with a stab wound to his chest area. Officers rendered first-aid until EMS arrived on-scene.

The investigation revealed that Flowers was in a physical altercation with **Tasireous I. Townsend BM 06/08/02** and **D'Angelo J. Bridges BM 03/30/04**. Townsend then retrieved a knife and stabbed Flowers before both suspects fled the scene. Townsend was located by responding officers exiting Town Park Apts. Flowers was transported to SHANDS, where he succumbed to his injuries. Bridges was later located in the Phoenix neighborhood. Both subjects were positively identified by witnesses.

Additional follow up uncovered that the victim was in an altercation with Townsend and Bridges. Bridges secured a large pole and hit the victim about the head; the victim was able to get a hold of the pole. Townsend went into a nearby apartment and returned armed with a large knife. He and the victim had another physical altercation which ended in Townsend stabbing the victim in the chest. Bridges charged w/Aggravated Battery, Tampering w/Evidence and False Info to LEO. Townsend charged w/Murder and Tampering w/Evidence.



Special Investigations Bureau

Detectives from the Special Investigation Division responded to a location in the city in reference to the fatal overdose of an individual. Through further investigation, the suspected dealer was identified. Once the identification was made, a text message from the victim's cell phone was sent to the suspected dealer's phone. Communications were established and the arrangement for the purchase of crack cocaine was made.

A buy- bust operation was organized and completed. During this event, the undercover detective made contact with the dealer and completed the controlled buy. The dealer was taken into custody without incident. Search incident to arrest revealed approximately one gram of fentanyl, nine grams of crack cocaine (which field tested positive for fentanyl), and \$40.00 of prerecorded US currency.

The narcotics dealer was interviewed subsequent to arrest and admitted to selling the victim the crack cocaine.



2022 Major Traffic Crashes

Oct. 1st through Dec. 31st



(THI) Traffic Homicide Investigations (Actual Loss of Life) 2 cases in 2022 compared to 5 cases in 2021.

DATE	CR#	LOCATION	INVESTIGATOR	NOTES		STATUS
11/18/2022	02-22-017671	400 W. University	Sgt. Valdes	Veh vs Ped	THI	On going
11/28/2022	02-22-018116	3300 S Main St	Ofc. Moore	Veh vs Bicyclist	THI	On going

THI Total for Year (2022): 24

THI Total for Year (2021): 23

(SBI) Serious Bodily Injury (THI Responded, No Fatality Currently): 2 cases in 2022 compared to 5 in 2021.

DATE	CR#	LOCATION	INVESTIGATOR	NOTES		STATUS
10/27/2022	02-22-016460	2000 SW 34 th St.	Ofc. Sakellarios	Veh vs MC	SBI	On going
12/17/2022	02-22-019224	2700 NW 16th Ave.	Ofc. Neal	Veh vs Bicyclist	SBI	Back to Patrol

SBI Total for Year (2022): 22

SBI Total for Year (2021): 22

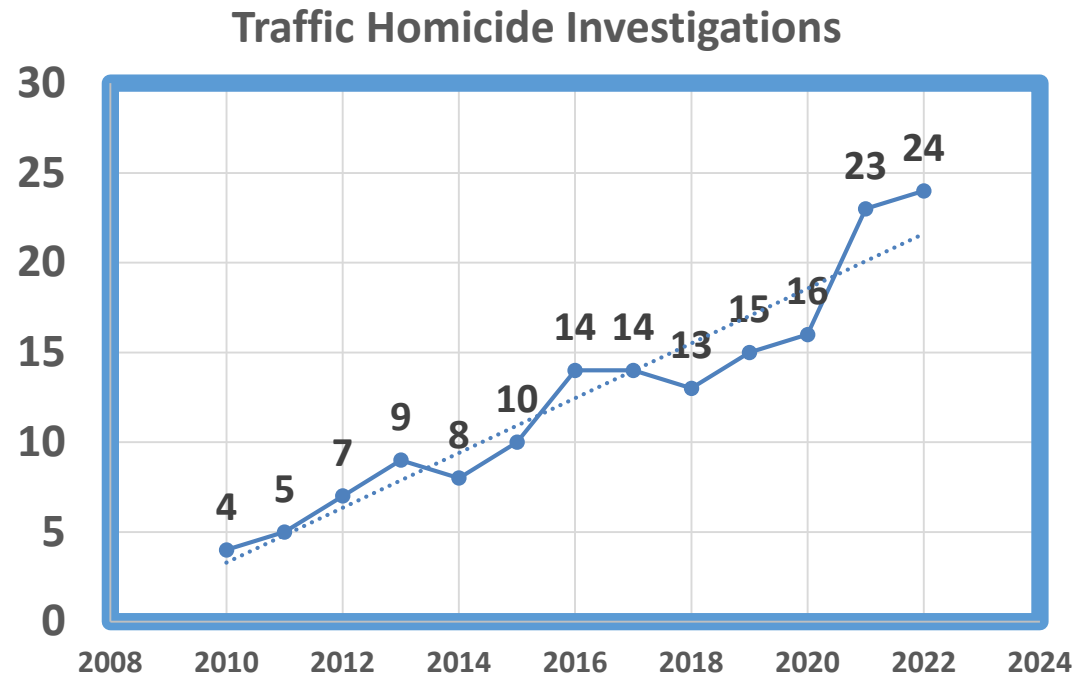


2010 – 2022 Traffic Crash Homicide Investigations



<u>YEAR</u>	<u>THI</u>
2010	4
2011	5
2012	7
2013	9
2014	8
2015	10
2016	14
2017	14
2018	13
2019	15
2020	16
2021	23
2022	24

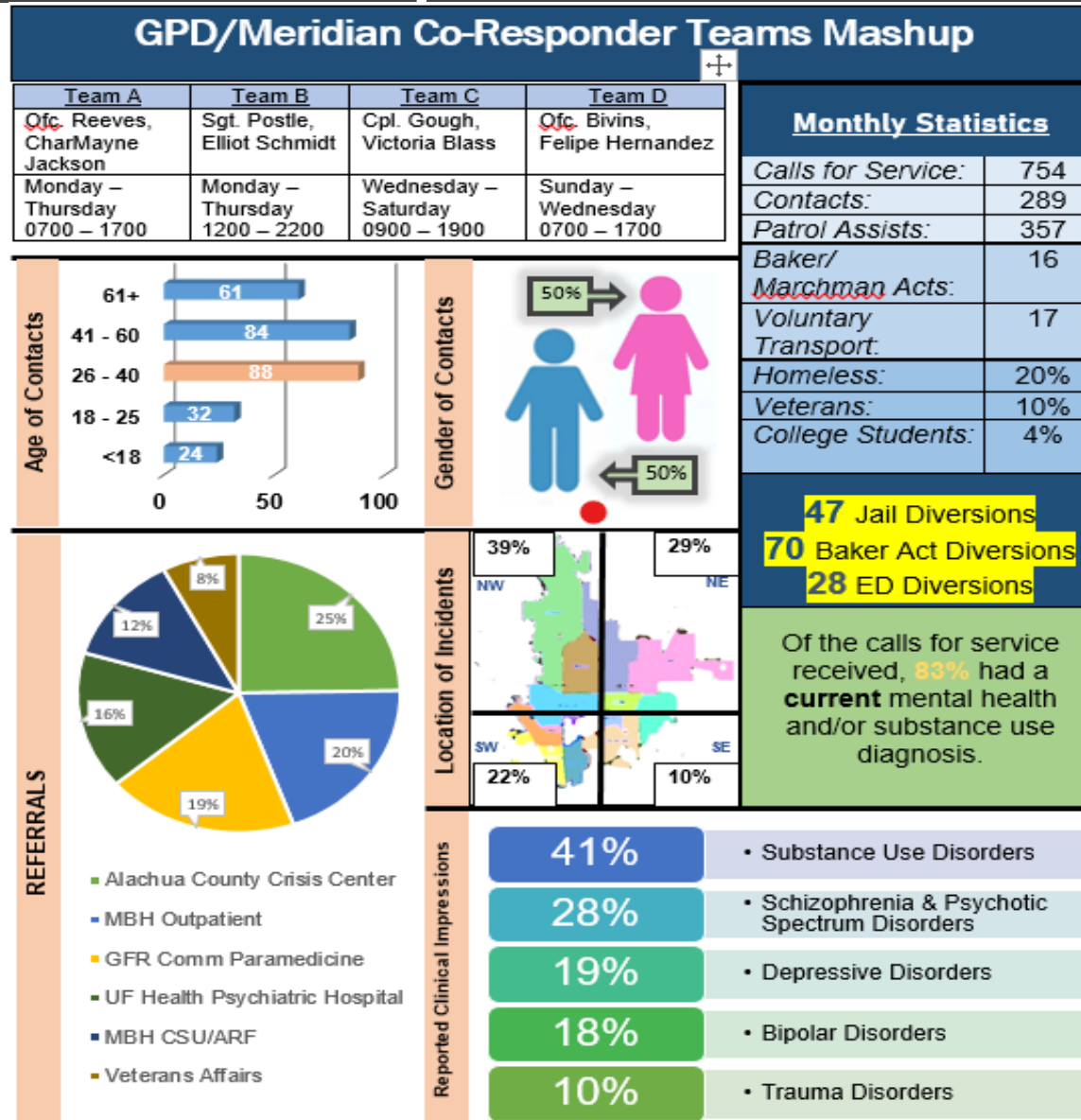
Traffic Homicide Investigations “THI” (Actual Loss of Life)



GPD & Meridian Co-Responder Team

Co-Responder Team (4th Quarter 2022)

The Co-Responder Program is a partnership with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare. Four teams, each consisting of a uniformed police officer and a Master's level Mental Health Clinician, respond to calls for service involving individuals in crisis. The goal is to divert those experiencing mental illness away from the criminal justice system and into the most appropriate mental health resources.



Gainesville Pre-Arrest Diversion Program

Violation	Date	Demographics
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE-POSSESS BY PERSON UNDER 21 YOA	10/2/2022	WF
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE-POSSESS BY PERSON UNDER 21 YOA	10/2/2022	WM
PETIT THEFT (RETAIL)	10/26/2022	BF
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PETIT THEFT (RETAIL)	11/2/2022	BF
PETIT THEFT (RETAIL)	11/3/2022	BF
PETIT THEFT (RETAIL)	11/7/2022	WM
TRESPASS AFTER WARNING	11/20/2022	WF
PETIT THEFT (RETAIL)	12/6/2022	BF
PETIT THEFT (RETAIL)	12/9/2022	WF
PETIT THEFT (RETAIL)	12/17/2022	WM

October 1-December 31, 2022
Total Referrals - 11

Total Referrals for 2022- 93



Neighborhood Policing Initiative

- Quarterly Report : October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
- ✓ 3 Trainings – 50+ attendees
- ✓ Enlightening for our neighbors and our officers
- ✓ Officers and Neighbors are being innovative and are collaborating to improve Gainesville Neighborhoods
- ✓ Total: 22 trainings and 200+ attendees for the year.



Youth & Community Services

Juvenile Justice & Community Support Programs Dept.

On October 1, 2022, the Youth & Community Services Bureau was successfully transitioned from GPD to become the Juvenile Justice & Community Support Programs Department. The Department is under the leadership of former GPD Chief Tony Jones. The operational units of Crime Prevention, Reichert House Youth Academy, BOLD, Outpost, and Nspire Interrupters will function from within JJCSP while maintaining strong coordination with GPD.

The Crime Prevention

During the reporting period in addition to attending meetings with existing Neighborhood Crime Watch groups, CPU conducted interest meetings with three (3) NW Neighborhoods that expressed interest in establishing a Neighborhood Crime Watch. CPU also participated in several community outreach events.

Reichert House Youth Academy

RHYA has an active participant roster of 72 at-risk juvenile males. In Fall 2022 RHYA initiated a Golf Academy with 20 members. RHYA members participated two Police/Youth Dialogues. Additionally, their community services included participation in and three Farm Share Food distributions and disseminating information throughout NE Gainesville by distributing flyers for the City's Community Fair and other community meetings. Additionally, the RHYA Color Guard presented the colors at the Rosa Parks Quiet Courage Awards Ceremony



GPD Personnel

Vacancies

Sworn 44
Civilian 14

Personnel Losses

Sworn -8
Civilian -7

Recruiting Efforts

Outreach/Officers spend time with youth speaking about Law Enforcement
Attending SFC Women's Basketball game

College/Career Fair Visits

Presentation at Edward Waters University (HBCU in Jacksonville)
Paid in the Pandemic Job Fair Event
Discovery Career Day

Public Events

Coffee with a Cop
Trunk or Treat



*Santa Fe College Women's basketball team orientation.
This is new initiative to build relationships and talk recruitment with local collegiate athletes. Really positive feedback from this event.*



GPD Personnel

COG Public Safety Academy (CADET) Program

The Cadet program has now been reimagined into the Public Service Academy.

Over the last several months representatives from GFR, GRU, and GPD have met in person several times to discuss the core curriculum for this program as well as specialized training for each individual career path. The MOU has been signed by all parties.

We have also met with Trenton Hightower, curriculum developer for SFC and representatives from Career Source. Our kick off event will be January 14 where we will have a street closure at 700 NW 6th St with representation of all agencies including equipment and personnel ready to talk to people about career opportunities. City of Gainesville Communications staff is also on board with helping us get the word out about this event. (Special thanks to them for their help.)



Questions?

