



# *Winder Police Department*



*Annual Report*

*2013*

*Chief James Fullington*





# *City of Winder Police Department*

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Welcome inside the City of Winder Police Department. This report highlights our Agency's activities for the 2013 calendar year. The 2013 year has been somewhat of an emotional roller coaster year for the Police Department.

The year 2013 started off very positive with the renovation of the former People's Bank building on Midland Avenue into a new Police Department and City Hall. The excitement of the construction process culminated with both the Police Department and City Hall settling into the nice building in May of this year. The new Police Department has been a great blessing and provides a much needed improvement on the department's facility.

The year continued on very positive until the Police Department went through a negative storm in November during which we lost our Chief, a Lieutenant, a Sergeant, and two other officers.. We have put that behind us and are moving forward to improve the workings of our Department each day. With that, we are now committed more than ever to providing professional law enforcement and public safety to the ever growing and progressing City of Winder.

We look forward to working and building relationships with the citizens and businesses in Winder to make our community a safer and better place to live and work. We are committed to building a Community Oriented Policing culture and look forward with new excitement as we take on the challenges that each day brings.

We take pride in being your public servants and hope to work with each one of you as we make Winder better.

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We welcome the challenge of being the first line of defense for our City and take pride in being public servants, public safety professionals, and most of all Winder Police Officers.

Jim Fullington  
Interim Chief of Police







# *Winder Police Department*

## **Mission Statement**

**“The Winder Police Department’s mission is to enhance the quality of life in our community. Working cooperatively with the public to prevent crime; preserve the peace; enforce laws with respect to the constitutional rights of all citizens; reduce fear and provide for a safer community environment.**

**The end result is an efficient and professional department that represents and works for the common good of all citizens of Winder.”**





# *Winder Police Department*

## **Goals and Objectives for Winder Police Department for 2014**

### **Enrich community relations between the City of Winder Police Department and it's citizens and businesses**

1. Train and implement community oriented policing strategies
2. Provide quarterly safety awareness and educational training opportunities for the public (Child Safety Seat, Citizen Police Academy, Fraud & Scam training, Gun Safety classes, Drug Use Trends and Awareness)
3. Provide zone meetings to raise awareness and participation.
4. Establish Neighborhood Watch Programs throughout the community.
5. Host special public events such as Public Safety Day and the CarFit program for senior citizens.

### **Improve communication throughout entire Department**

1. We will strengthen our Department by improving communication throughout our Department with weekly and monthly meetings to receive and disseminate pertinent information at all levels of our Department.
2. We will communicate goals and expectations to every level of the Department through PowerDMS, in-person meetings and follow-up sessions to ensure accountability.
3. We will request input and feedback from all levels of the Department and community to help us grow in conjunction with our City.

### **Enhance the level and quantity of in-service training**

1. Utilize in-house POST certified instructors and the PowerDMS program to offer more frequent in-house training.
2. Enhance the quality of training by networking with outside resources to provide the most up-to-date and most researched training material.
3. Build training around the needs and the focus of both our officers and our community.





# *Winder Police Department*

**Continue to coordinate intelligence information sharing with local and state agencies and develop relationships with other State and Federal agencies.**

1. Continue to share and disseminate information and intelligence
2. Continue to develop new relationships with other agencies
3. Continue to develop intelligence components to help become more efficient at reducing crime.

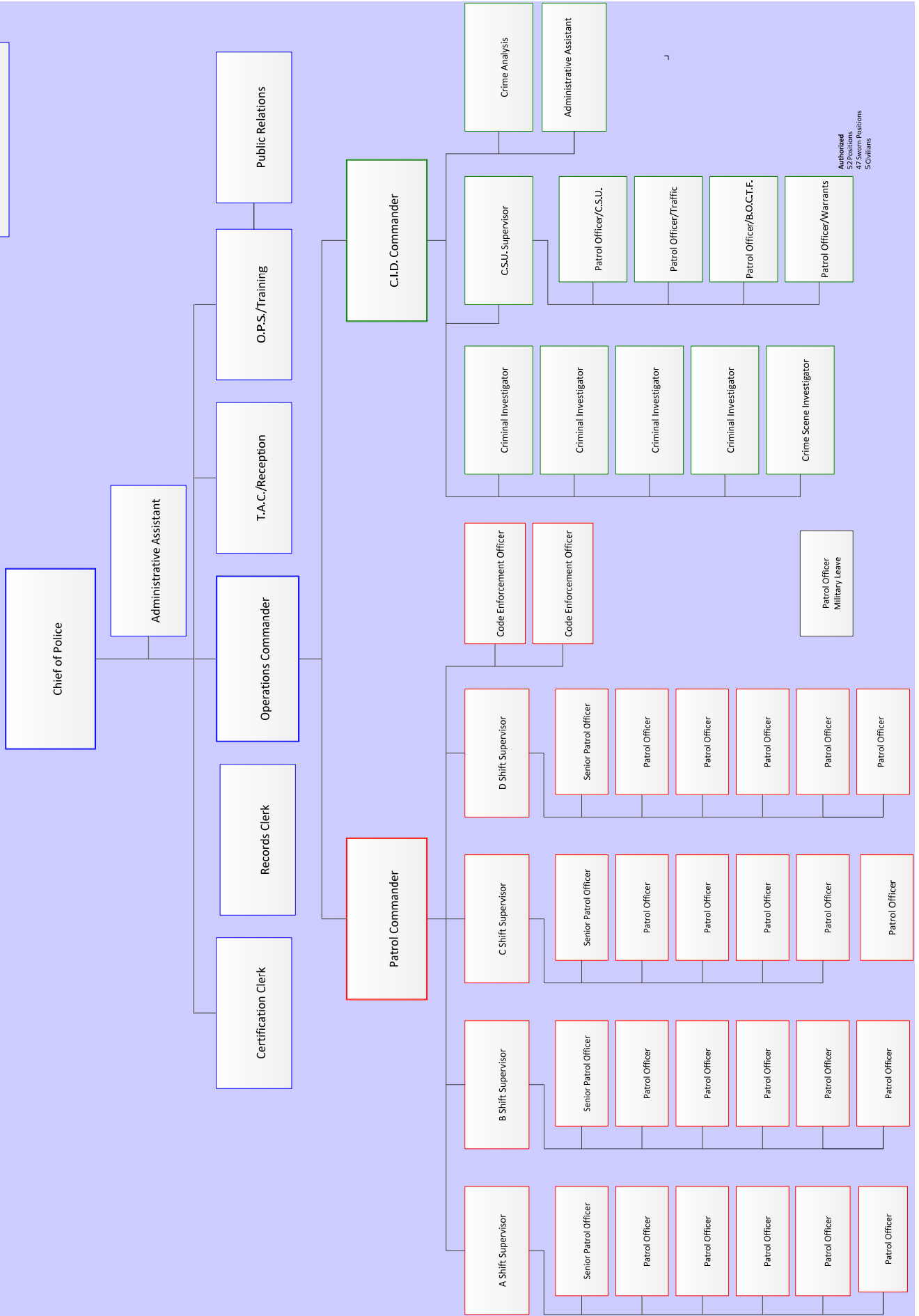
**Continue to Educate on Code Enforcement**

1. Educate the community on the three main code issues (signs, junk vehicles , grass)
2. Educate the Home Owners Associations on Code Enforcement.
3. Continue to utilize Patrol Officers to help identify and reduce code violations.



# Winder Police Department Organization Chart

December 2013







# *Outstanding Employees*



***Officer Chris Wigner***  
***Kiwanis Club***  
***Officer of the Year***  
***2013***



***Officer Rikki Banks***  
***Winder Noon Lion's Club***  
***Officer of the Year***  
***2013***



***Lt. John Blocker***  
***Winder Police Department***  
***Employee of the Year***  
***2013***





## *Employee Recognition*



Officer Tim Harrell was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2013. Sgt. Harrell has been employed with the City of Winder for 15 years. During that time he served as a Patrol Officer, a Housing Officer, A Warrant Officer, A K-9 Officer and a School Resource Officer. Sgt. Harrell also served in the United States Air Force where he spent 18 months in Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm. Sgt. Harrell is very active in the Police Department's honor guard and was instrumental in helping to train the honor guard upon it's inception.



Officers Josh Reed and Chris Wigner were recognized by the City Council for their success in obtaining certifications that put Winder on the map for tools used to fight DUI's and Crime. CSI Josh Reed, is known in the State of Georgia as a Latent Print Examiner. Officer Reed obtained this certification by completing 200 hrs of training including Advanced Friction Ridge Analysis & Latent Print Expert Testimony. In 2013 Officer Reed helped to organize a partnership with the FBI and has since obtained the IAFIS system for the department.

Officer Wigner completed the daunting task of Drug Recognition Expert training that only 127 other officers in Georgia have completed. This certification consists of 240 hrs, both classroom and field evaluations, with 40 hours of pre-requisites prior to even applying for this certification. Wigner also completed 8 weeks of Accident Reconstructionist training. "This program thoroughly prepares students to investigate serious traffic accidents", something numerous agencies would call for a State Trooper to handle.







## Awards



Officers from all over the State were invited to attend an annual Golden Shield Honors Banquet hosted by Georgia MADD. It is held to recognize those in law enforcement who, “excelled in stopping drunk driving, supporting victims of DUI and preventing underage drinking”. Officer Chris Wigner was one of those officers and received a Bronze Pin award. Officer Wigner had 95 DUI arrests in 2013. He stated “I was only able to achieve this award with the assistance of other officers of the Police Department.”



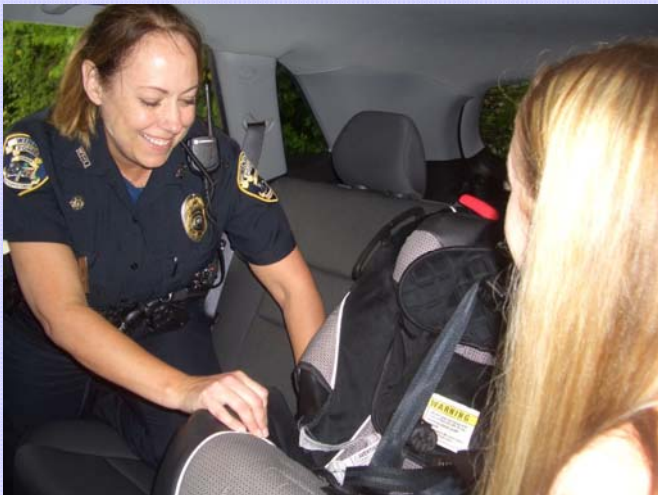
In August 2013 the Winder Police Department received the Buckle Up America! Award. This award was presented by the Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute and the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety. The Winder Police Department was one of several agencies in the State of Georgia nominated in the Law Enforcement category for conducting innovative practices in the area of seatbelt and child safety seat awareness. Over the past year Winder Police Department has utilized road checks and child safety seat checks, as well as given away t-shirts and car seats to help promote the use of restraints





## *Community Programs*

**March 2013 Women's Gun Safety Course conducted by Officer Chris Cooper and Lt. John Blocker. This class was made up of female residents from the Georgia Club**



**The Winder Police Department has taken an aggressive role in promoting seatbelts and child safety seat usage. The Police Department offers a child safety seat inspection free of charge to anyone interested in having their child's car seat checked by a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician.**







# *Community Programs*

Members of the Winder Police Department participated in the 4X400 Doughnut Relay at WBHS. The team of Chief Dorsey, Chief Whiting, Lt. Currott and Fireman Sauls finished third in the event.

Pictured are Sgt. David Garrett, Sgt. Tim Harrell and Officer Joey Lovinggood.







# Community Programs



**Christmas with a Cop**



The air was full of excitement as twenty smiling faces with hearts racing rode from downtown Winder to Target in patrol cars with lights and sirens. Winder Officers along with Barrow County Deputies volunteered their time in an attempt to bring a little Christmas to these children.





# Community Programs



This event was started in our community several years ago and continues to be successful due to donations from the community. Ask any officer who participates and they will tell you there is nothing more rewarding than bringing a little joy to the kids.







# Community Programs



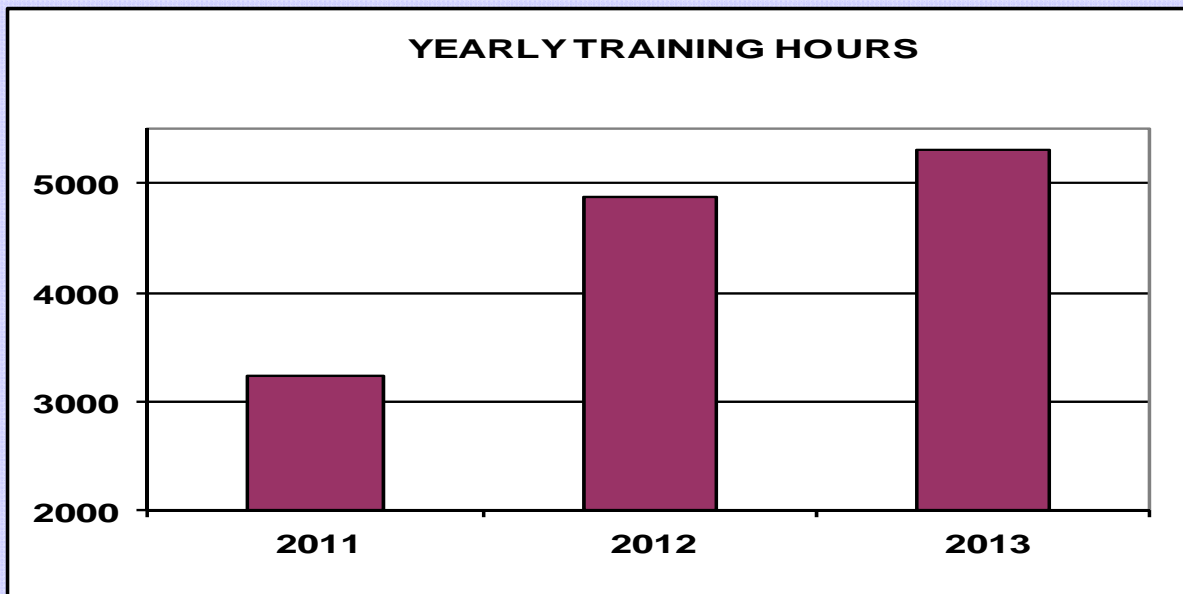
The event was coordinated by Lt. Rob Curott of the Winder Police Department and Sheriff Jud Smith of the Barrow County Sheriff's Office. All who participated had a great time.







# Training



Winder Police Department Officers received a total of 5309 hours of training in 2013 an average of 110 hours per person.

Some of the training classes were:

- Supervision I, II, III
- Management Training
- Instructor Training
- Officer Survival
- Field Training Officer
- Domestic Violence
- Drug Recognition Expert
- Accident Reconstruction
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Elder Abuse

These are only a few of the classes taken this year.





# *Training*

## **PowerDMS™**

Redefining Document Management

In the summer of 2013, the City of Winder Police Department purchased an online program called PowerDMS. DMS stands for Dynamic Management Software. The cost for this program was funded with asset forfeiture money. PowerDMS is a secure, online medium that gives employees of the Police Department the ability to access departmental policies from anywhere that has an internet connection by simply logging in with a secure username and password.

At this time, the Department is using the system to store and review policies and ensure that each member of the Department is informed of the policies by tracking who has read them, and allowing employees to provide feedback. The best feature of PowerDMS is that it allows the documents that are uploaded to remain "live" at all times. This allows administrators to receive employee feedback and make immediate corrections if necessary and resubmit the changes back to the entire Department for review. Once the employee logs-in and reads the policies or policy revisions, they then sign stating they acknowledge having both read and understand the policy. The system allows all of this information to be tracked and recorded for the purpose of showing proof of compliance for State Certification purposes.

Other features of the system that will be incorporated in the near future is the ability of the program to disseminate court subpoenas and other official documents to Police Department employees. Officers will receive an email notification that they have a document waiting for them in the PowerDMS program. In the event the document is a court subpoena, the officer can sign and give acknowledgement of their receipt of the subpoena. This will streamline the subpoena service process for officers, the court and administrative personnel. PowerDMS can also allow officers to participate in training courses, giving training officers the ability to upload PowerPoints and test materials that officers can view. This will aid the Department in being able to provide training to employees without the concern of driving up overtime by requiring the physical attendance of the officers in a classroom. This also allows night shift employees to attend training when it is more convenient, rather than requiring them to come in during a time that is not their normal schedules. The possibilities with PowerDMS are vast and the Police Department is excited to have this resource available to them.





## *Support Services*

The Winder Police Department Support Services handled the following in 2013:

33	Drivers History checks
769	Criminal History checks for employment
600	Criminal History checks for Warrant Division
177	Criminal History checks for Business Licenses
377	Criminal History checks for Housing
1911	Drivers History checks for Municipal Court
533	Criminal History checks for Municipal Court
638	Pawn Tickets Entered

Support Services consist of 5 civilian employees that handle a number of support functions. These services include 2 Administrative Secretaries, records clerk, certification manager and T.A.C. Officer, 4 of these also handle the reception area. All 5 ladies do general clerical duties for different divisions, and the Officers within the department.

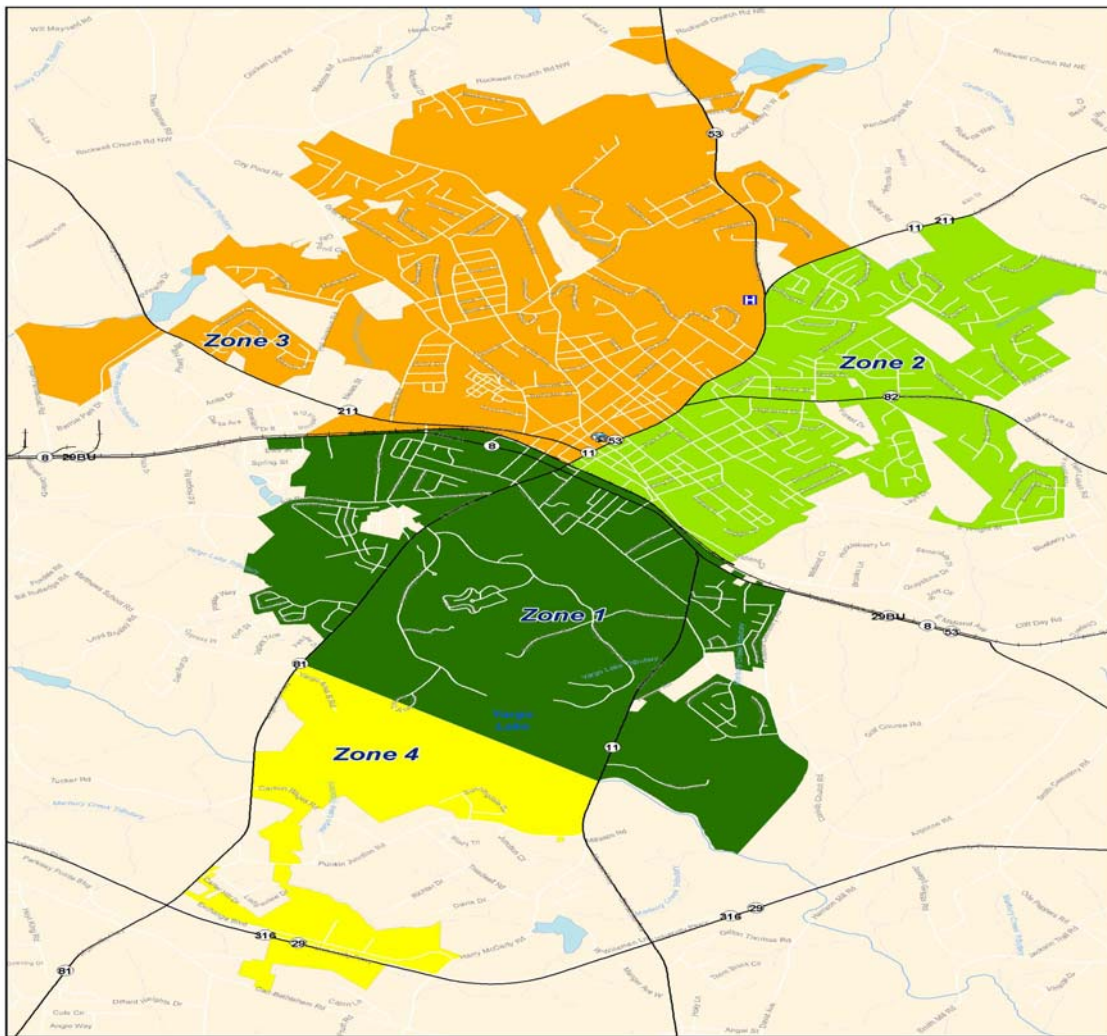






# Patrol

The Winder Police Department uses a Zone Format for it's officers. The zones within the city limits are evenly distributed. This map shows the zones within the City . Zone 4 was added in 2012 to cover some of the newly annexed areas of Winder.



**City of Winder  
Police Department  
Zones**

Legend	
	Hospital
	Police Precincts
	Major Roads
	Secondary Roads
	Winder County Limits
Zone Name	
	Zone 1
	Zone 2
	Zone 3
	Zone 4



**January 2014**

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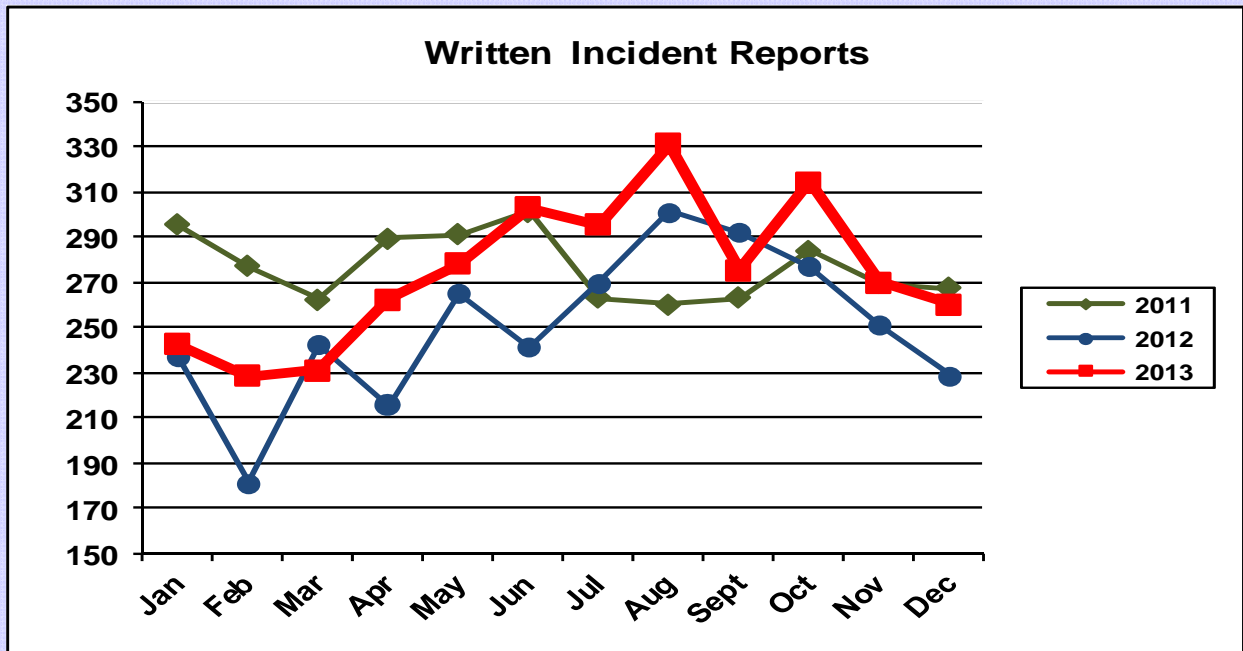




# Patrol

## Top Twenty Calls for Service 2013

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Suspicious Person   | 11. Dispute-Physical    |
| 2. Alarm               | 12. Fraud/Scam          |
| 3. Suspicious Vehicle  | 13. Domestic Dispute    |
| 4. Theft               | 14. Noise Complaint     |
| 5. 911 Hang Up         | 15. Animal Case         |
| 6. Juvenile Complaint  | 16. Damage To Property  |
| 7. Suspicious Activity | 17. Terroristic Threats |
| 8. Dispute-Verbal      | 18. Shoplifting         |
| 9. Burglary            | 19. Harassment          |
| 10. Welfare Check      | 20. Assault             |



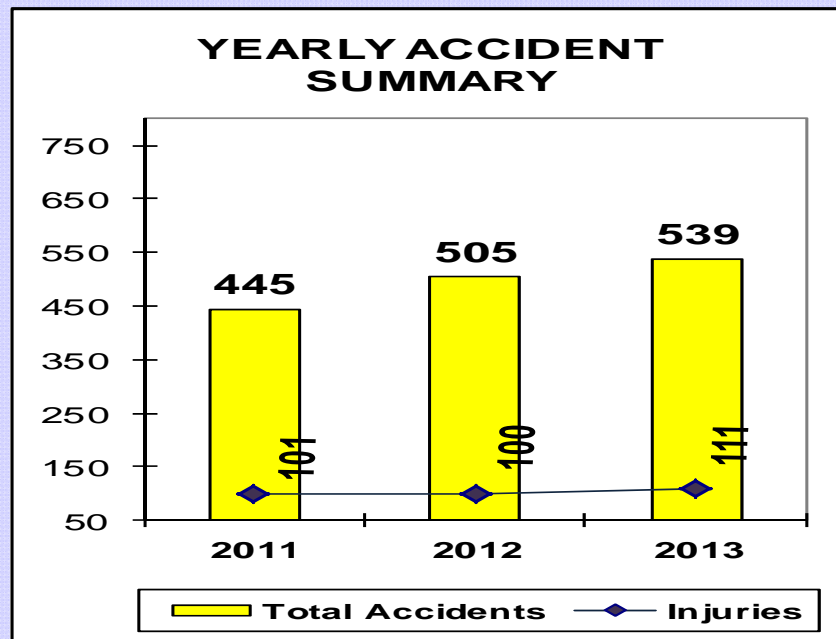


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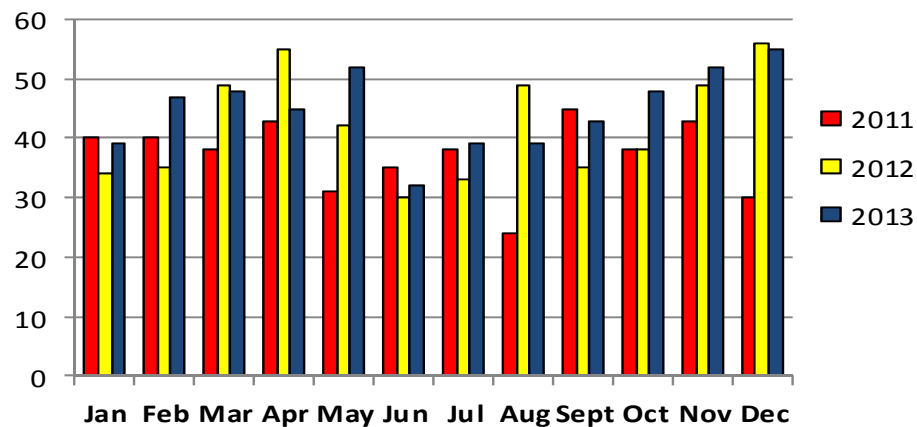
## Accident Summary

Total Accidents 2013	539
Fatalities	1
Total Injuries	111

## YEARLY ACCIDENT SUMMARY



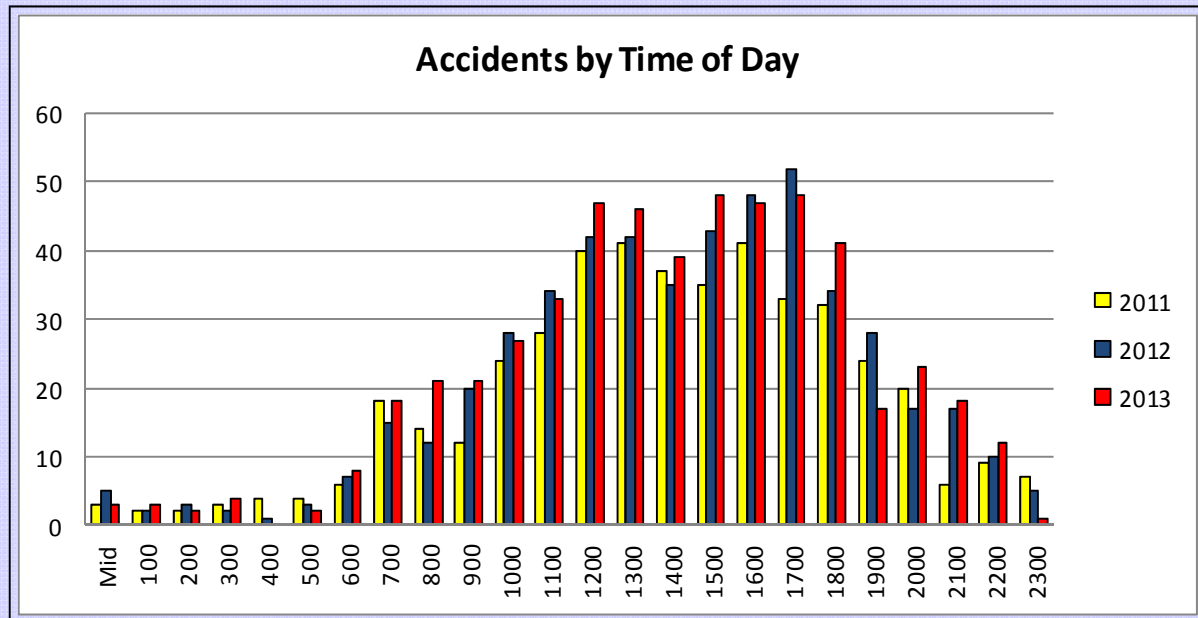
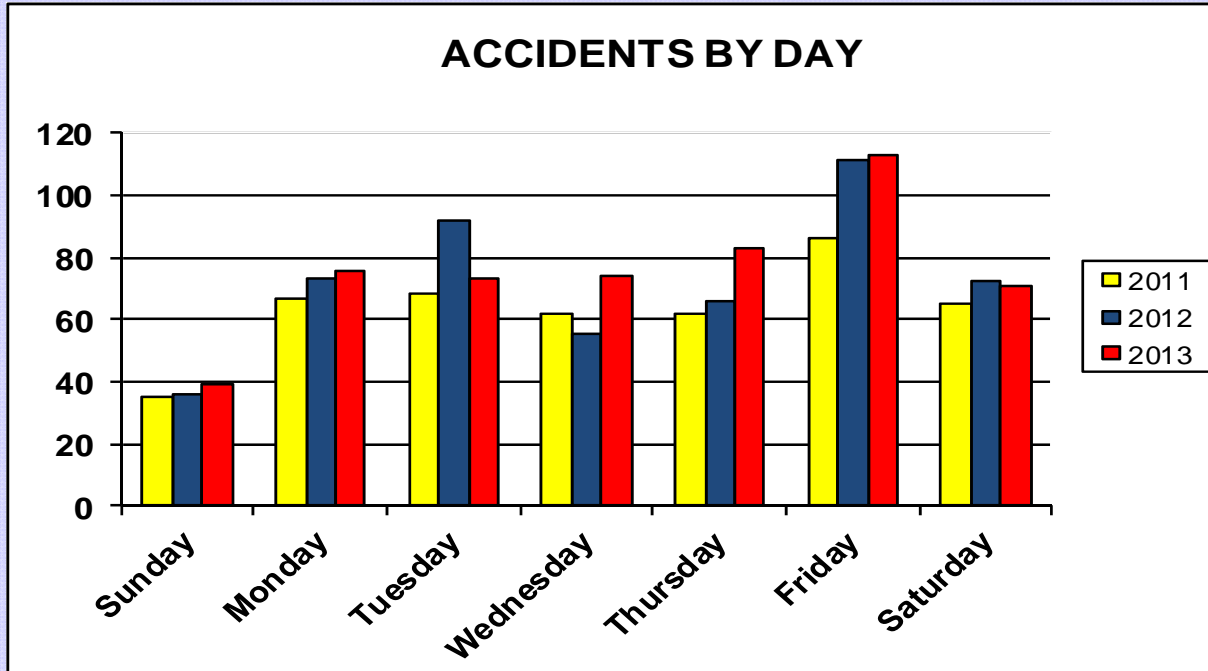
## Accidents by Month







# Motor Vehicle Accidents





# *Criminal Investigations*

## **2013 Major Case Investigation**

On August 25, 2013 Officers of the Winder Police Department responded to an alarm call at a local pawnshop. Officers arrived to find the glass entrance of the business shattered. Guns were strewn about inside and outside of the business. Upon officer's arrival, a white Dodge pick-up truck was located parked in front of the business with the engine running. Guns were found lodged in the grill of the truck and the truck had significant damage to the body, as it was used to gain entry into the building. It was later determined that the truck was stolen from the Atlanta area earlier in the evening.

The Criminal Investigations Division and the Department Crime Scene Specialist were contacted and processed the scene, recovering several significant items of evidence. The pawn shop completed an inventory of their guns revealing 21 guns were missing, along with 14 boxes of ammunition.

During the next several weeks, Winder police detectives worked diligently to follow leads in the investigation. The investigation led detectives to the metro Atlanta area where they conducted numerous interviews and executed search warrants at several residences. As a result of the investigation, Winder detectives have recovered a total of four of the stolen weapons and ten boxes of ammunition. At this point, officers have arrested three suspects from the metro Atlanta area in the case charging them with multiple charges in connection with the pawn shop burglary. The investigation is still ongoing.

The Winder Police Department was assisted by officers from the Atlanta Police Department, the U.S. Marshalls service and the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms) during various parts of the investigation.

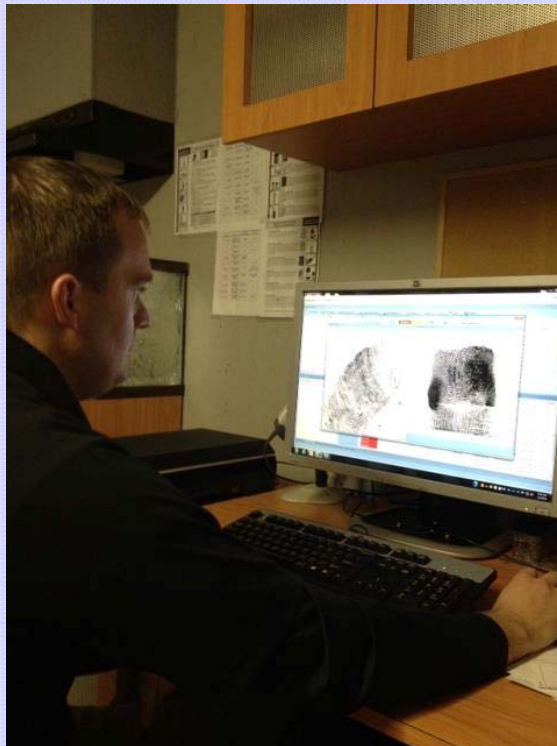






## *Criminal Investigations*

Crime Scene Investigator, Josh Reed helped to organize a partnership with the FBI to obtain the IAFIS system. The IAFIS system is the largest fingerprint database in the world and contains over one-hundred million fingerprints. Officer Reed completed the Latent Print Examiners Certification and with assistance from the FBI, The Winder Police Department now houses the IAFIS data base in-house, which results in our ability to receive a fingerprint response in approximately 30 minutes. This process previously took several months or longer to receive information on a fingerprint.





# Criminal Investigations

The Winder Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division (CID) received over 3400 new cases during 2013. They successfully cleared 84% of the cases assigned. Listed below are some of the cases handled this year:

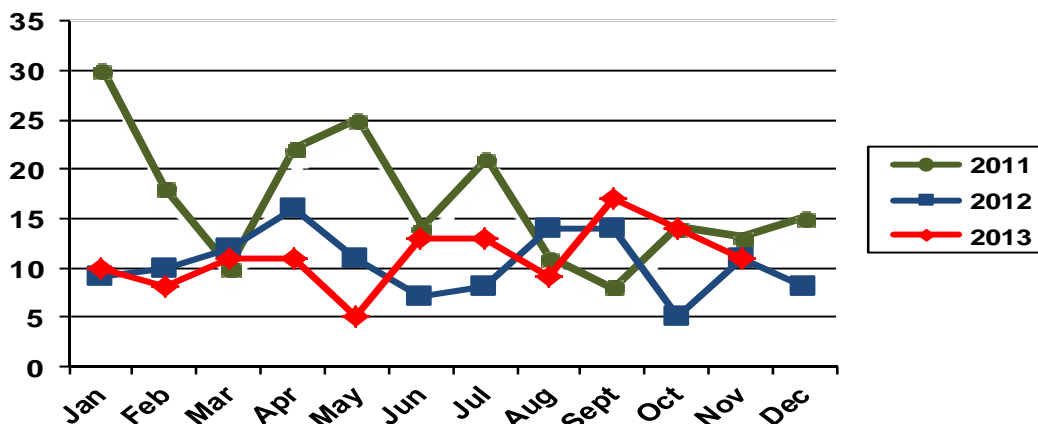
### Type Cases Handled by CID in 2013

Theft	384	Criminal Trespass	118
Drugs	287	Entering Auto	105
Battery	160	Financial Card Theft/Fraud	47
Damage to Property	130	Aggravated Assault	45
Burglary	120	Forgery	44

### CID Stats for 2013

Arrest Warrants Served	340
Search Warrants Executed	59
Vehicles Seized	2
Money Seized	0

### Family Violence Reports 2011 - 2013







# *Special Operations*

## **Crime Suppression Unit**

**Supervisor:** Sgt. Nathan Deal  
**CSU Officer:** Officer Jon Yarbrough  
**Traffic Unit:** Officer Chris Wigner  
**Warrant Unit:** Officer James Schiltz

The Crime Suppression Unit for the city of Winder Police Department was established in 2011 for the purpose of having dedicated and highly motivated officers concentrating on specific areas within the city limits of Winder with a goal to help prevent and reduce crime. The enforcement of laws and patrol techniques vary some from regular patrol in that Officers of this unit are tasked with patrols in certain areas utilizing different types of techniques and strategies in order to apprehend criminals.

The Crime Suppression Unit utilizes marked patrol vehicles, unmarked vehicles, foot patrols, and undercover surveillance operations to complete their assigned missions. More time is spent focusing on specific areas as the officers assigned to this unit are not responsible for taking calls or working accidents. The unit is tasked with handling complaints from citizens concerning areas of criminal activity, working alongside other members of the Police Department, and being proactive so as to uncover crimes based on self-initiated field activity.

During the 2013 year, the Crime Suppression Unit, Traffic Unit and Warrant Unit compiled the following statistics:

Officer Chris Wigner, Traffic Officer, made 95 DUI arrests and issued over 900 citations for various traffic related offenses.

Officer James Schiltz, Warrant Officer, served 31 outstanding warrants along with numerous warrants from other jurisdictions.

Officer Jon Yarbrough and Sergeant Nathan Deal, Crime Suppression, made numerous arrests involving illegal narcotics, warrant services, and other criminal issues. Officer Yarbrough handled a case in which a subject was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Substances with Intent to Manufacture Methamphetamine among other charges.





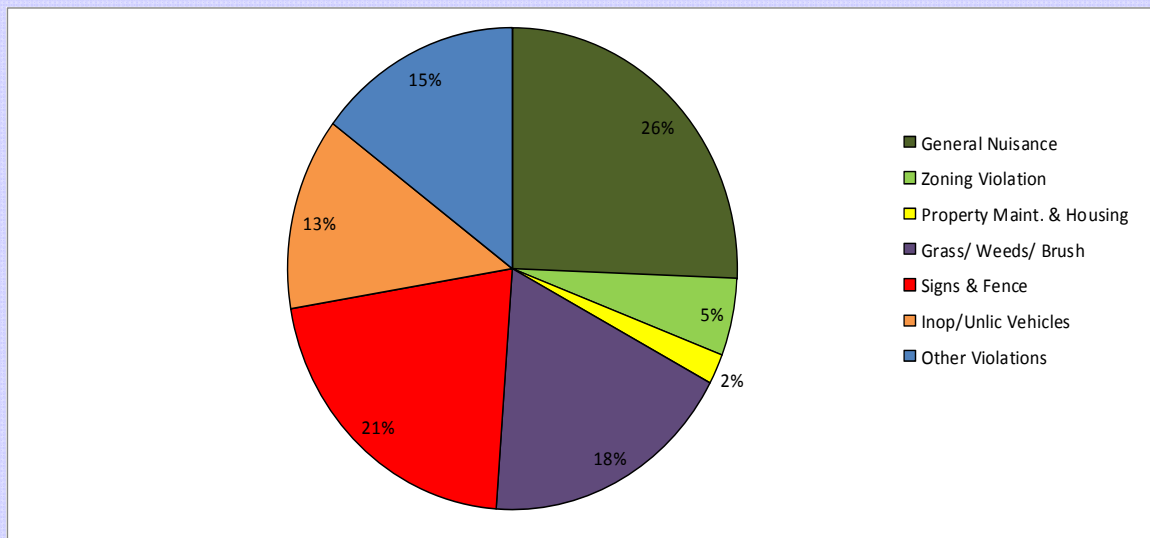
# Code Enforcement

The following is a breakdown of the type cases handled by Winder Police Department Code Enforcement in 2013:

General Nuisance	202	Signs & Fence	167
Zoning Violation	41	Inop/Unlic Vehicles	102
Property Maint & Housing	16	Other Violations	116
Grass/Weeds/Brush	144		

**Total New Violations for 2013                      788**

**January—December 2013 New Violations Overview Percentage by Violation Type**





**PART I OFFENSES**

OFFENSE	REPORTED OFFENSES		TOTAL ARRESTS		ADULT ARRESTS		JUVENILE ARRESTS		% CHG
	JAN-DEC 2013	JAN-DEC 2012	JAN-DEC 2013	JAN-DEC 2012	JAN-NOV 2013	JAN-DEC 2012	JAN-DEC 2013	JAN-DEC 2012	
HOMICIDE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE	9	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	100
ROBBERY	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGG. ASSAULT	51	33	16	13	15	11	1	2	-50
BURGLARY	115	131	5	17	5	17	0	0	0
LARCENY	506	456	66	57	46	45	20	12	67
MV THEFT	38	15	6	0	5	0	1	0	100
ARSON	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL PART I</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>64</b>

**PART II OFFENSES**

SIMPLE ASSAULT	213	203	86	98	79	93	7	5	40
VANDALISM	72	119	6	4	6	4	0	0	0
WEAPONS	14	6	10	4	8	2	2	2	0
PROSTITUTION	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	48	43	4	6	3	6	1	0	100
NARCOTICS	292	183	341	205	335	196	6	9	-33
DWI	202	133	220	130	217	129	3	1	200
OTHER PART II	912	871	456	447	410	389	46	58	-21
<b>TOTAL PART II</b>	<b>1754</b>	<b>1559</b>	<b>1124</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>820</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-13</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2486</b>	<b>2204</b>	<b>1218</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>1130</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>-1</b>

**\*\*Out of Jurisdiction**

**Warrants**

**405**

