

Winder Police Department



Annual Report 2021 Chief Jim Fullington



Winder Police Department



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The Winder Police Department continues to be committed to providing quality and professional law enforcement services to all the citizens and businesses of the City of Winder. Our primary goal remains to make all of Winder a better and safer place to live and work. During 2021, we continued to make strides toward this goal. Our officers responded to over 16,000 calls for service during the year. In addition, we believe proactive policing is important in trying to keep our city safer and better. Our officers conducted over 6800 traffic stops and over 20,000 area checks during the year in addition to responding to calls.

Our department also strives to improve or get better each year. As part of that goal, we put an emphasis on training. We feel that one of the main ways to improve as individual officers and as a department is through training. In 2021 we continued our focus on training with a total of over 6400 hours of training across the department which is an average of 129 hours per officer. The annual state requirement of training hours per officer for their certification is 20 hours.

During 2021, our Crime Suppression unit conducted a large multi-month undercover drug investigation to address a large open air drug market that had evolved in a community in the city of Winder. The investigation resulted in 28 individuals being charged with various drug and gang charges. This investigation also involved WPD utilizing resources from multiple other state and local law enforcement agencies to reach a successful conclusion.

The Winder Police department strives to practice Community Oriented Policing. We believe in building relationships with our citizens and the community and then working together to make Winder a better and safer place to live and work. This past year our officers were involved in working events like the Christmas parade, the Summer's End Road race, the Downtown Summer Concert series, the Swinging Medallions concert, and various other events and races. In addition, our officers participated in Spooktacular and Christmas with a Hero where officers get to have direct positive connections with our citizens.

While we listed several things WPD has done toward reaching our goals, the most important aspect for us having any success is our community. We are so blessed with the community that we serve. Even in the recent times in our country of the anti-police rhetoric and the movements to attack the police by the media, some citizens, and politicians, the citizens of Winder continue to support our department and our officers in so many ways. We continue to receive support from all aspects of our great community in the City of Winder. Our community joins us in working together to make Winder better. We look forward to working together in 2022 as our community grows.

Thank you for your continued support of our officers and our department.

Chief Jim Fullington

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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.”



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Winder Police Department's 2022 Goals and Objectives

Patrol

1. **Recruit and retain highly trained and motivated law enforcement officers to fully staff the Uniform Patrol Division and Traffic Unit.**
 - A. **Recruit highly competent personnel by utilizing up to date agency brochures to advertise the incentives offered by the department.**
 - B. **Attend various job fairs throughout the state on a quarterly basis by utilizing of-ficers within the organization.**
 - C. **Build training around the needs and focus of officers.**
2. **Maintain consistency amongst all four shifts ensuring the departments policies and mis-sion are met.**
 - A. **Develop a training and reference guide for supervisors to refer to as needed.**
 - B. **Hold In-service training for all supervisors and officers to provide them with con-sistent and the most up to date information.**
 - C. **Hold quarterly supervisor meetings to address any concerns or areas for im-provement.**
3. **Continue a proactive policing approach to help prevent and reduce crime while building relationships within the community we serve.**
 - A. **Performing area checks of residential and business locations.**
 - B. **Agency representation at community events.**
 - C. **Traffic enforcement details to address problematic issues and citizen complaints.**
 - D. **Use of technology as tool for Uniform Patrol Division (i.e. Flock cameras, intelli-gence led policing)**



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Winder Police Department's 2022 Goals and Objectives (continued)

Criminal Investigations

1. Strive to improve follow up investigations and interviews by monitoring the local area arrest booking records of county detention centers more closely.
 - A. Develop a network of surrounding agencies and their arrest booking records so that when an offender for a crime committed in the City of Winder is arrested, a follow up interview can be conducted before they are released from custody.
 - B. Make sure every investigator has viewing access rights to the Barrow County Detention Center's booking records in the New World database and these are monitored regularly by each investigator and cross referenced with suspects/offenders in the investigator's current case assignments.
2. Hold monthly training sessions within the investigative division that are primarily related to investigative duties.
 - A. Training sessions can be on recent updates in law and recent case law reviews that pertain to search and seizure or electronic forensics such as cell phones and computer searches. A training instructor within CID will be responsible for selecting and teaching a topic each month.
 - B. Training may also be focused on crime scene processing techniques and checklist forms specific to certain crime types that are utilized when an on-call investigator is called out to a crime scene after hours.



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Winder Police Department's 2022 Goals and Objectives (continued)

Crime Suppression

1. Participate in more ride-alongs with patrol officers that are focused on more targeted law enforcement efforts such as narcotics and fugitive apprehension.
 - A. Ride alongs should be conducted on a monthly basis at a minimum and should have a specific focus. CSU detectives will use this opportunity to train newer or less-experienced officers in how to better observe for and detect criminal activity as it occurs.
2. Develop a better working relationship with state and local probation/parole officers in order to improve communications regarding suspects and repeat offenders who are on probation or parole.
3. Be more proactive and timely with the service of valid arrest warrants.
 - A. Closely monitor the arrest warrants being taken by both patrol and investigators and ensure a timely attempt to serve all warrants are being made.



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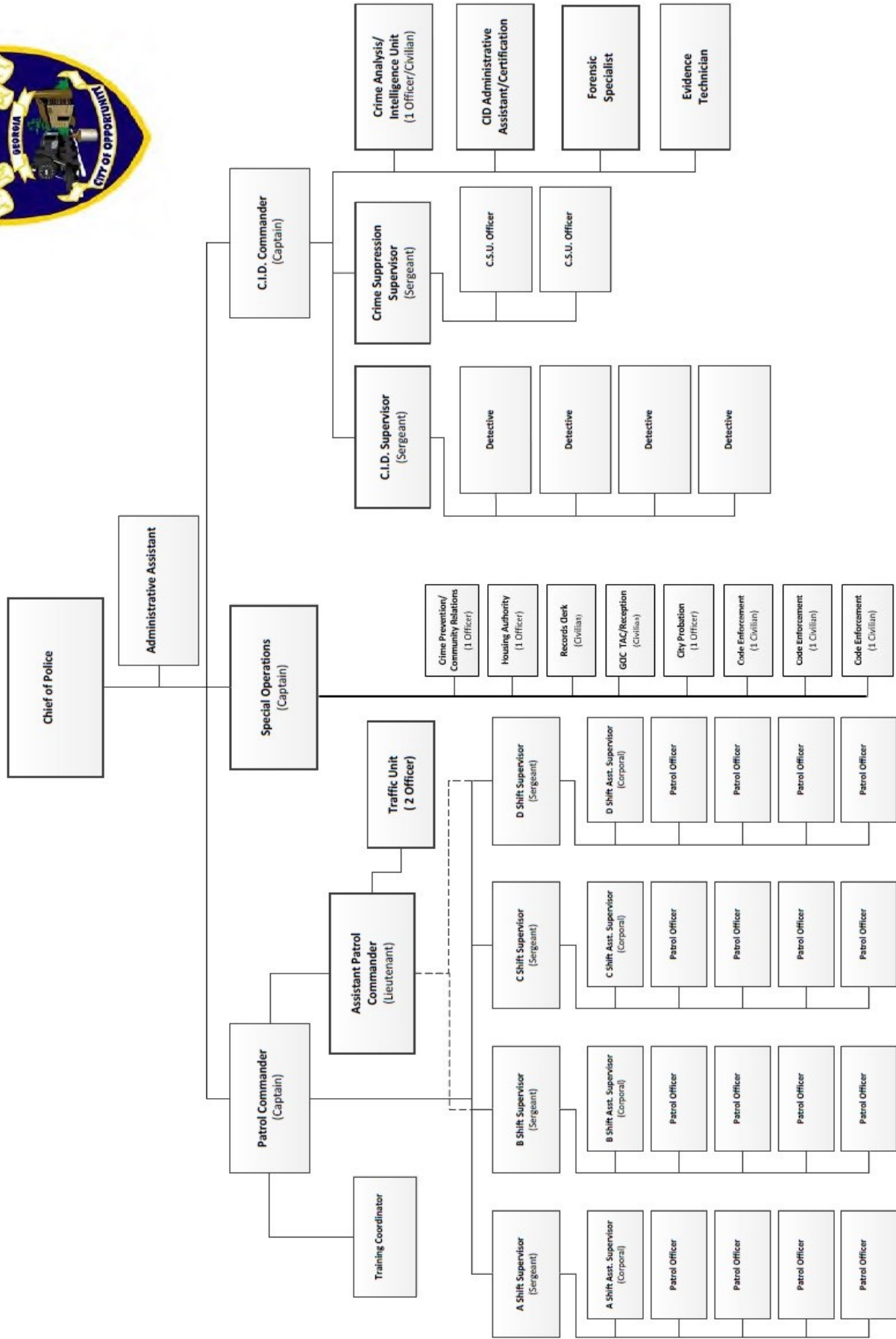
Winder Police Department's 2022 Goals and Objectives (continued)

Code Enforcement

1. Continually monitor the main thoroughfares into the City of Winder in an effort to maintain and enhance the attractiveness of the city. It is our goal to establish the City of Winder as a premier location for community growth and development.
 - A. Continue to foster a good working relationship with ESG. By working closely and communicating with ESG, we will be able to resolve issues such as tall grass and debris that have the potential to threaten the city's aesthetic appeal.
 - B. Maintain a proactive approach to help solve community problems before they impact the community in a negative way.

2. Cultivate positive relationships with members of the community.
 - A. Maintain our desire to perform our duties in a fair and consistent manner throughout the city.
 - B. Strive for voluntary compliance utilizing enforcement measures only when voluntary compliance efforts have been exhausted. Support community members by working together to resolve issues and providing the educational tools needed to ensure understanding of compliance requests.

Winder Police Department Organization Chart





Outstanding Employees



Capt. Rikki Banks
Winder Police Department
Employee of the Year
2021



Luke Pyott
Kiwanis Club
Officer of the Year
2021



Andrew Still
Lion's Club
Officer of the Year
2021





2021 Shop with A Hero



Each year we host our Annual Shop with A Hero. This year it was held on Saturday, December 11, 2021.





Shop with A Hero



The children were taken to Walmart by off duty Winder Officers and Barrow County Deputies.





Shop with A Hero



40 children were selected this year from nominations made by the school counselors.



They are given \$250 each to spend on whatever they would like for Christmas.

Funds for this program are raised by the Police Department and Sheriff's Office as well as donations from members and businesses of the community.





Shop with A Hero



The Officers donate their time to put smiles on the children's faces and to bring some Christmas Spirit to them and the Officers.

The Shop with a Hero is coordinated each year by Lt. Rachel Page and Alicia Thomas of the Winder Police Department and members of the Barrow County Sheriff's Office.



This event is enjoyed by all participating and with the help of Walmart employees



Community Outreach



**Barrow County Safe Kids Day
Winder Barrow High School
47 Life Jackets given out.
77 Helmets given out.**





Community Outreach



Farmer's Market

Bike Safety Day

May 25, 2021

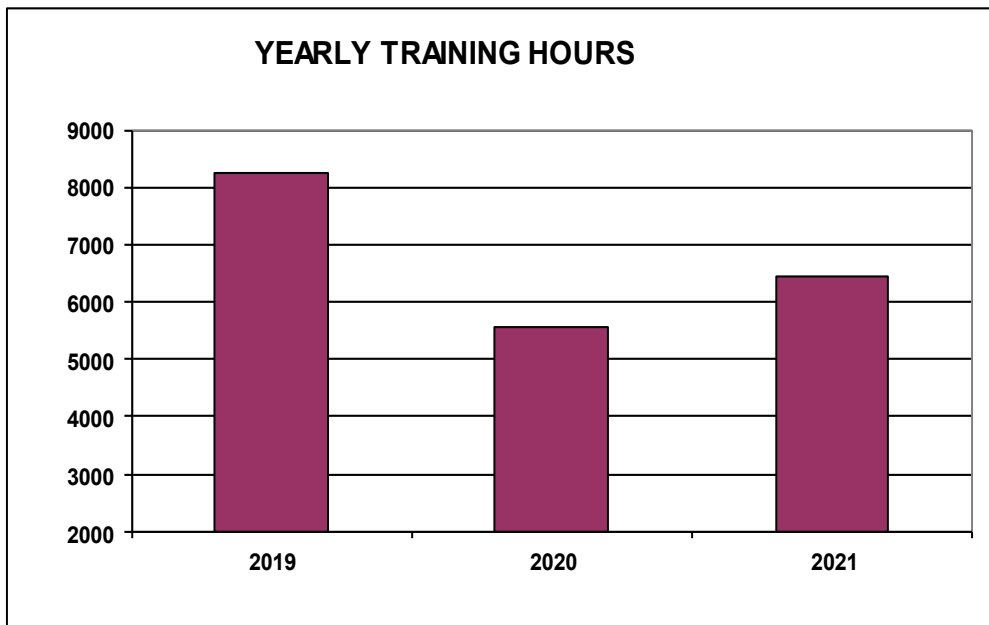




Training



COVID 19 is still an issue and many of the Department's Training Courses are still restricted or cancelled.



Winder Police Department Officers received a total of 6,442 hours of training in 2021. This is an average of approximately 129 hours per Officer.

Child Passenger Safety Program Stats for Winder Police Department

11 Car Seat Inspections

13 Personal Car Seat Installations

18 Car Seat Installations of Seats provided by Police Department



Training



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
0800-0830: Chief's Intro 0830-1030: CPR/AED/Tourniquet 1030-1200: Narcan LUNCH 1300-1400: Property & Evidence 1400-1500: Magistrate and Landlord-Tenant 1500-1700: Intelligence Led Policing	0800-1000: Vehicle Pursuits 1000-1100: WRAP 1100-1200: Family Connection County Resources LUNCH 1300-1700: Room Clearing	0800-1200: Search & Seizure/Protective Sweep LUNCH 1300-1500: Mission, Vision, Values 1500-1600: Retirement Benefits and Planning 1600-1700: Use of Force/OC/Baton
Thursday	PowerDMS:	Online GPSTC:
0800-1200: Tactical Pistol/ CQB/Vehicle Dynamics LUNCH 1300-1700: State Firearm Qualifications/Bean Bag	Ethics/I.A. & Citizen Off-Duty Conduct Selection and Hiring Sexual Harassment GISAC Training (memo) Bias Based Profiling Transporting Prisoners	Intellectual and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Evidence Collection & Preservation
**Items in RED are all employee training **GPSTC and PowerDMS training must be completed before the start of your training week		

Class	Instructor	Class	Instructor
Intro	Chief	Room Clearing	SRT
CPR/AED/Tourniquet	Wright	Search & Seizure/Protective Sweeps	Cooper
Narcan	Cooper	Mission, Vision, Value	Chief
Property and Evidence	Cooper	Retirement Benefits and Planning	HR
Magistrate and Landlord	Evans	Use of Force/OC/Baton	Cooper
Intelligence Led Policing	Rain	Tactical Pistol/CQB/Vehicle Dynamics	Cooper
Vehicle Pursuits	Cooper	State Firearm Qualifications/Bean Bag	Cooper/Barnett
WRAP	Cooper		
State Court	Sherry		

Weeks of Training

2/22 - 2/25: A/B Short Week
3/22 - 3/25: A/B Short Week
4/12 - 4/15: C/D Short Week
5/10 - 5/13: C/D Short Week

*Week of 4/5 is Spring Break for Gwinnett, Hall, & Barrow. * *Week of 3/15 is Spring Break for Walton.*

Each year the department conducts in-house training for all Police Department employees. Classes are held in February, March, April and May. All employees are required to attend this training. Above is a schedule of this training.



Training



Everyone got a refresher course in how to properly apply the WRAP restraint device.



Casey Wright from the Fire Department comes and recertifies the entire Police Department every year in basic CPR, First Aid, Narcan deployment and tactical medicine such as tourniquet application and large wound treatment.



Training



Room clearing tactics for the Department during in-service training .



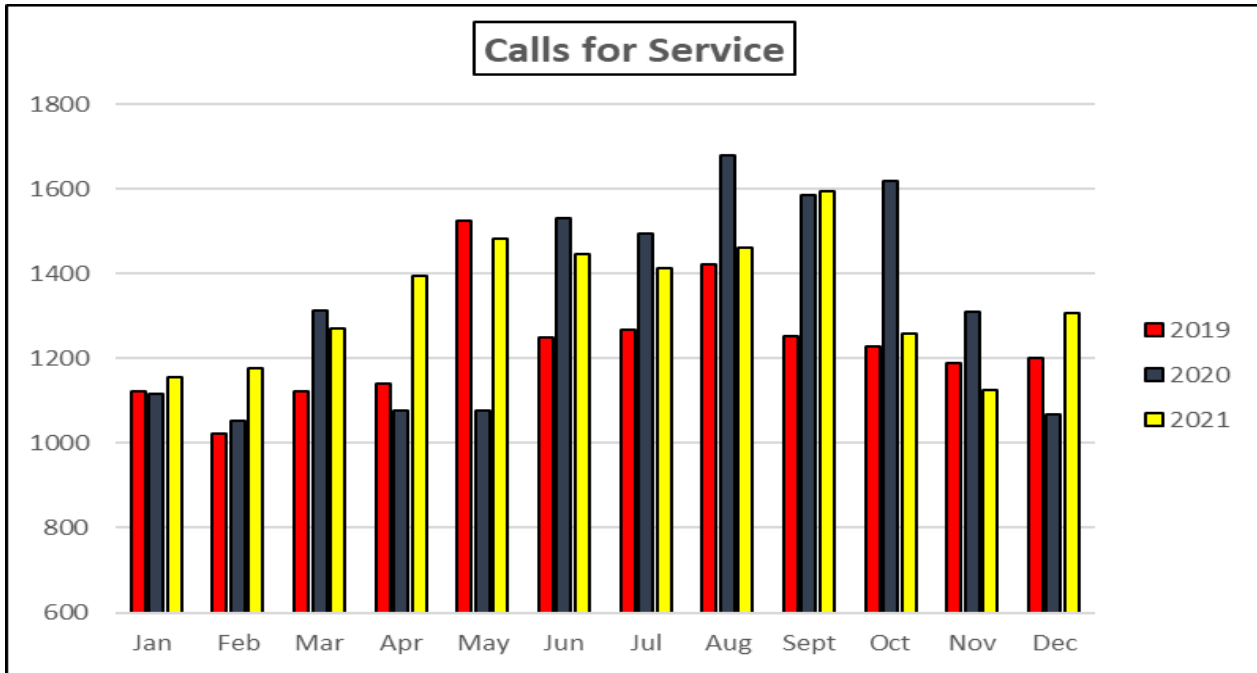
In-service course on tactical firearms. Moving and shooting tactics were taught.

The Department Crime Analyst taught a segment on intelligence led policing. How data our Officers enter in our software is used to predict and/or solve crimes on the investigative side of the Department.





Patrol Division



Top Twenty Calls for Service

2021

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Alarm | 11. Fraud |
| 2. Suspicious Activity | 12. Juvenile Complaint |
| 3. Dispute –Physical | 13. Refusal To Leave |
| 4. Domestic Dispute | 14. Harassment |
| 5. 911 Hang Up | 15. Hit & Run |
| 6. Disturbance | 16. Entering Auto |
| 7. Welfare Check | 17. Terroristic Threats |
| 8. Theft | 18. Animal Complaint |
| 9. Warrant Service | 19. Stolen Vehicle |
| 10. Damage To Property | 20. Suicide |



Patrol Division



2021 Patrol Division Statistics

Calls for Service - 16094

Citations—1848

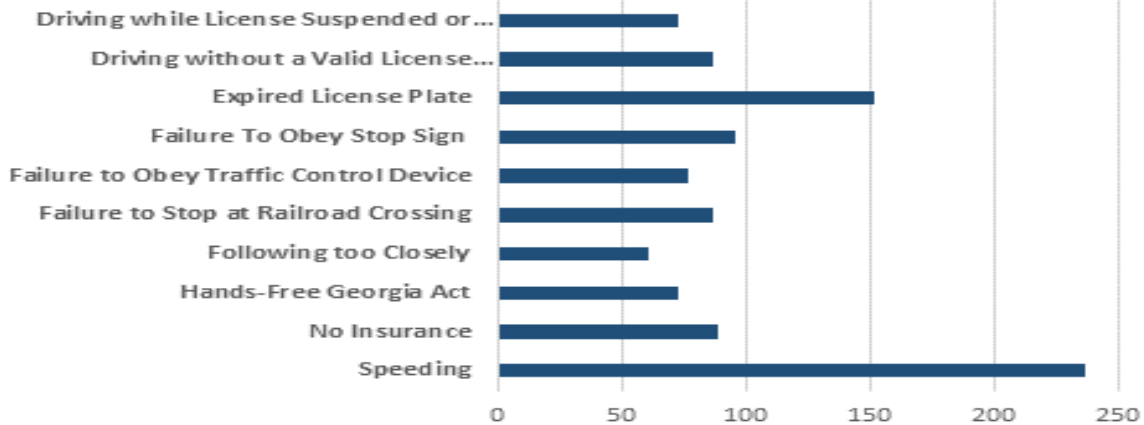
Warnings—3712

Written Reports—1948

Accident Reports—650

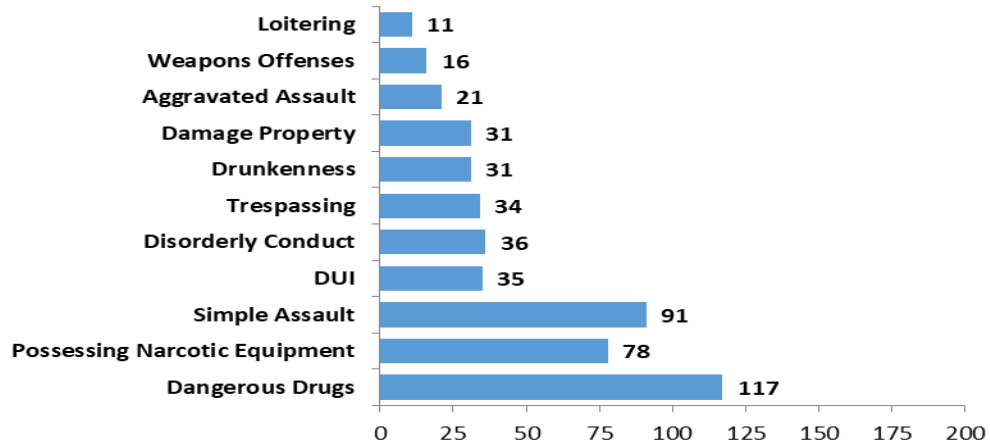
Warrants Served—228

Top Citations by Patrol



Top Arrest by Patrol

All Other Offenses totaled 521





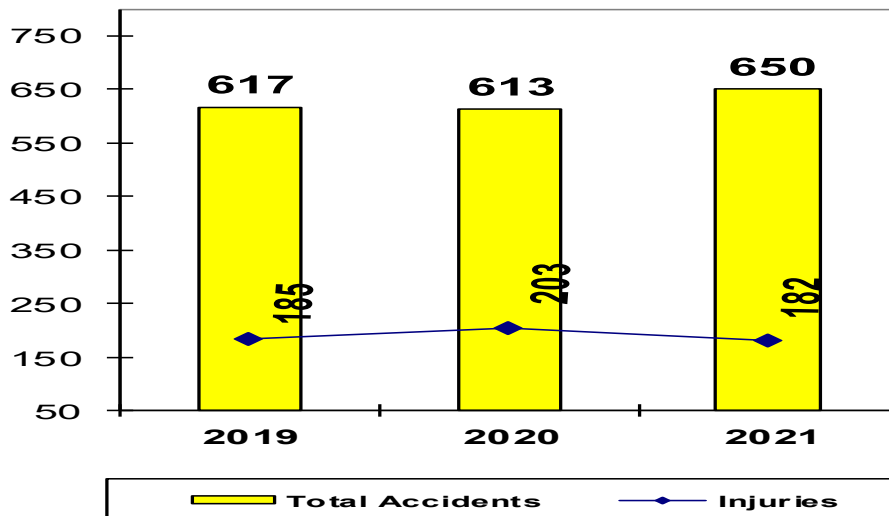
Motor Vehicle Accidents



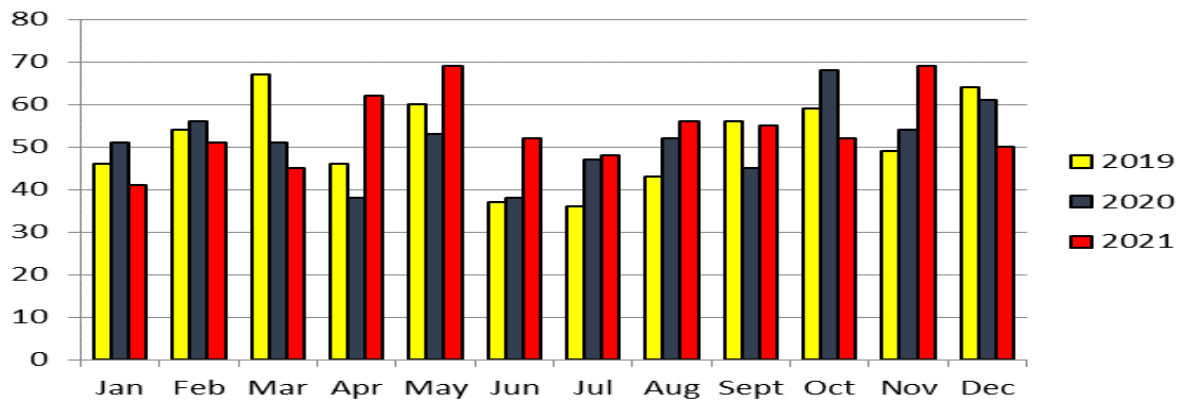
Accident Summary

Total Accidents	650
Fatalities	0
Total Injuries	182

YEARLY ACCIDENT SUMMARY

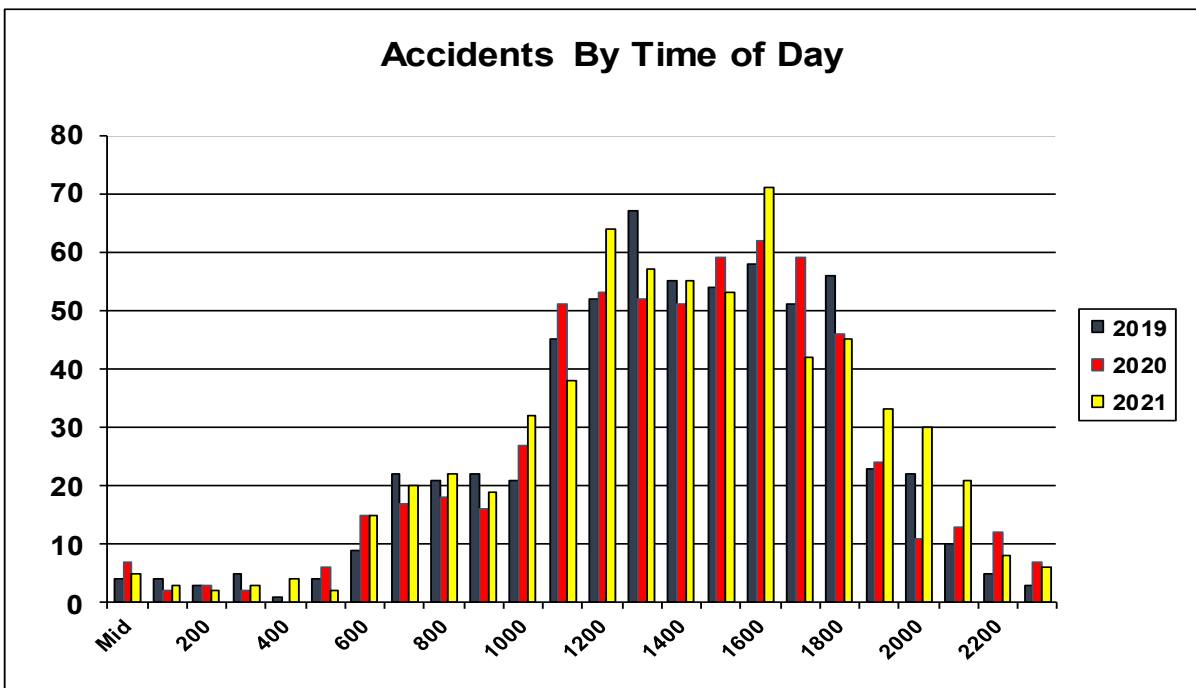
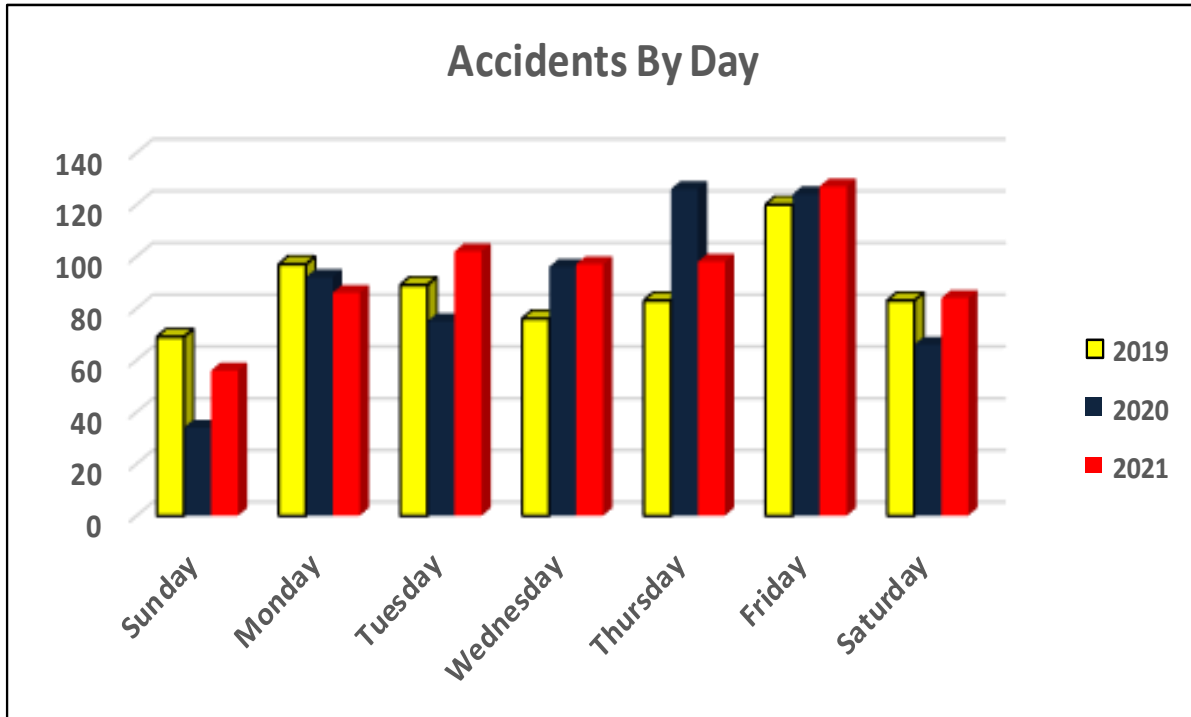


Accidents By Month





Motor Vehicle Accidents



Police Vehicle Fleet

Vehicle #		Year		Mileage
259	Chevy Tahoe	2009	PATROL	106530
261	Chevy Impala	2008	PATROL	106079
326	Chevy Impala	2009	CID	106634
328	Chevy Impala	2009	CID	125317
349	Chevy Tahoe	2011	PATROL	108372
350	Chevy Tahoe	2011	PATROL	124761
361	Chevy Tahoe	2013	PATROL	111531
362	Chevy Tahoe	2013	PATROL	95404
365	Chevy Tahoe	2014	PATROL	106792
366	Chevy Tahoe	2014	PATROL	89162
368	Chevy Tahoe	2014	ADMIN	66841
371	Chevy Tahoe	2014	PATROL	94601
373	Chevy Tahoe	2014	PATROL	108430
379	Chevy Tahoe	2015	PATROL	99133
380	Chevy Tahoe	2015	PATROL	79781
381	Chevy Tahoe	2015	PATROL	83413
382	Chevy Tahoe	2015	PATROL	76964
383	Chevy Tahoe	2015	PATROL	90907
384	Chevy Tahoe	2015	PATROL	77351
385	Chevy Tahoe	2015	PATROL	86460
386	Chevy Tahoe	2015	CSI	75620
395	Chevy Tahoe	2016	PATROL	49424
396	Chevy Tahoe	2016	PATROL	76179
397	Chevy Tahoe	2016	PATROL	74695
398	Chevy Tahoe	2016	PATROL	71963
400	Chevy Tahoe	2016	PATROL	84247
401	Chevy Tahoe	2016	PATROL	56806
402	Chevy Tahoe	2016	PATROL	74433
404	Chevy Tahoe	2016	CID	37783
405	Chevy Tahoe	2016	PATROL	60813
406	Chevy Tahoe	2016	PATROL	48765
407	Chevy Tahoe	2016	PATROL	70246
408	Chevy Pick Up	2016	ADMIN	36033
419	Chevy Tahoe	2016	ADMIN	33220
423	Chevy Tahoe	2018	PATROL	59179
424	Chevy Tahoe	2018	PATROL	47452
428	Chevy Tahoe	2018	PATROL	52643
440	Chevy Tahoe	2020	PATROL	20065
441	Chevy Tahoe	2020	PATROL	32422
442	Chevy Tahoe	2020	PATROL	16727
443	Chevy Tahoe	2020	PATROL	12645
458	Chevy Tahoe	2021	PATROL	1506
459	Chevy Tahoe	2021	PATROL	2566
460	Chevy Tahoe	2021	PATROL	2856
461	Chevy Tahoe	2021	PATROL	225



Criminal Investigations Division



Key Investigative Cases in 2021

On April 5, 2021, Patrol took a report from a 17-year-old female who disclosed that her step-father had molested her when she was younger. An investigator took over the case and scheduled a forensic interview with the victim. During the interview, she disclosed very specific details of the encounters and told interviewers that the molesting began when she was in middle school and continued until she was sixteen. Based on this information as well as additional evidence that was discovered during the course of the investigation, the suspect was charged with Sexual Battery, Cruelty to Children 1st Degree and Child Molestation. It was also determined that the suspect had been using a false name to avoid other legal issues he was involved in and had violated a previous protective order issued by the court on behalf of the victim in this case. The suspect was also charged with giving false name and information to law enforcement and violating the court order. Several months after this investigation was concluded, the suspect plead guilty in exchange for a ten-year prison sentence.

On October 2, 2021, patrol officers responded to a bombing that occurred in front of a residence on Holly Drive. Upon arrival, it was determined that some form of explosive device had been detonated which damaged a total of seven nearby homes, a car and a brick mailbox. Multiple houses had shattered windows and the car parked close to where the bomb went off appeared to be a total loss. Further investigation led to the development of two suspects. On October 4th, a search warrant was executed at an address outside the city limits with the assistance of the Barrow County Sheriff's Office and the GBI. Evidence related to the bombing was located at this residence and one suspect was taken into custody at that time. The second suspect was arrested on October 12th.

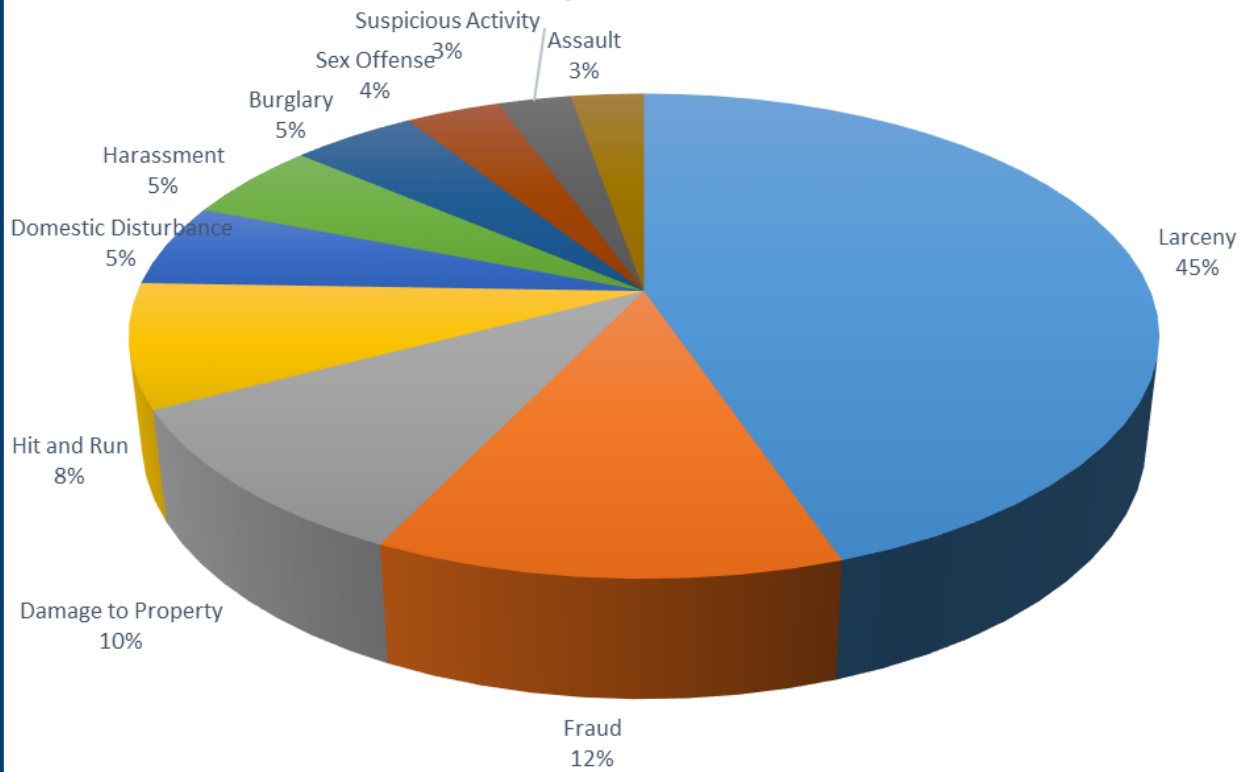
On November 2, 2021, patrol officers took a report in reference to possible elder abuse and financial exploitation of a married couple. The case was taken over by the investigative division. After a month long investigation, it was determined that a caretaker who had been hired by the elderly couple had been taking advantage of them. The investigation revealed that the caretaker had withdrawn approximately \$40,000 from the couple's bank account over a period of just a couple of months. Arrest warrants were issued for the offender and the case is now pending trial.



Criminal Investigations Division



**2021 489 Cases Investigated by CID
Top 10 Below**





Crime Suppression Unit



The Winder PD Crime Suppression Unit, with the assistance of the GBI and the Appalachian Drug Task Force, conducted a five-month long drug and gang investigation in the Spring of this year. During the course of this investigation, numerous undercover drug purchases were made from a total of 28 individuals inside the city limits of Winder. A great deal of intelligence was also gathered about the involvement of many of these individuals in local gang organizations. As a result of this investigation, search warrants were obtained for six residents inside the city limits of Winder. All six search warrants were executed simultaneously with the aid of numerous law enforcement agencies at the local and state level. These search warrants netted additional narcotic seizures along with an illegal firearm seizure and several vehicles that were determined to be used for the distribution of the drugs were also seized. A total of 31 suspects were arrested and are awaiting trial on their charges of distributing narcotics along with their gang association and activities.

<p><u>CSU Stats for 2021</u></p> <p>Arrest Warrants - 238</p> <p>Search Warrants - 31</p> <p>Money Seized - \$47,443</p> <p>Vehicles Seized - 5</p>

Search Warrant Breakdown

Residence	Cell Phone	Vehicles	Other
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9

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Special Operations Division



Probation Officer's Stats for 2021:

Open Cases from 2020	221
New Cases in 2021	131
Closed Cases in 2021	173
Fines, fees and Restitution	\$157,637

Our Records Clerk handled over 1700 requests for reports, videos, and other records in 2021.

Handled by our TAC/Receptionist were the following:

- 9 Criminal History Checks for Business License
- 255 Criminal History Checks for Project Adam and Housing
- 339 Criminal History Checks for Court
- 715 Criminal History Checks for Officers and Warrant Division
- 544 Criminal History Checks for Employment
- 492 Drivers History Checks



Code Enforcement



The following is a breakdown of the top 10 cases handled by Code Enforcement in 2021:

Tall Grass/Weeds	497	Misc. Cases	140
Junk Cars	403	Planning Incidents	134
Signs in Right of Way	376	Signs on Poles	96
Trash Can Warnings	293	Temporary Signs	88
Outdoor Storage	146	Illegal Parking	76

Top 10 Citations Jan - Dec 2021

