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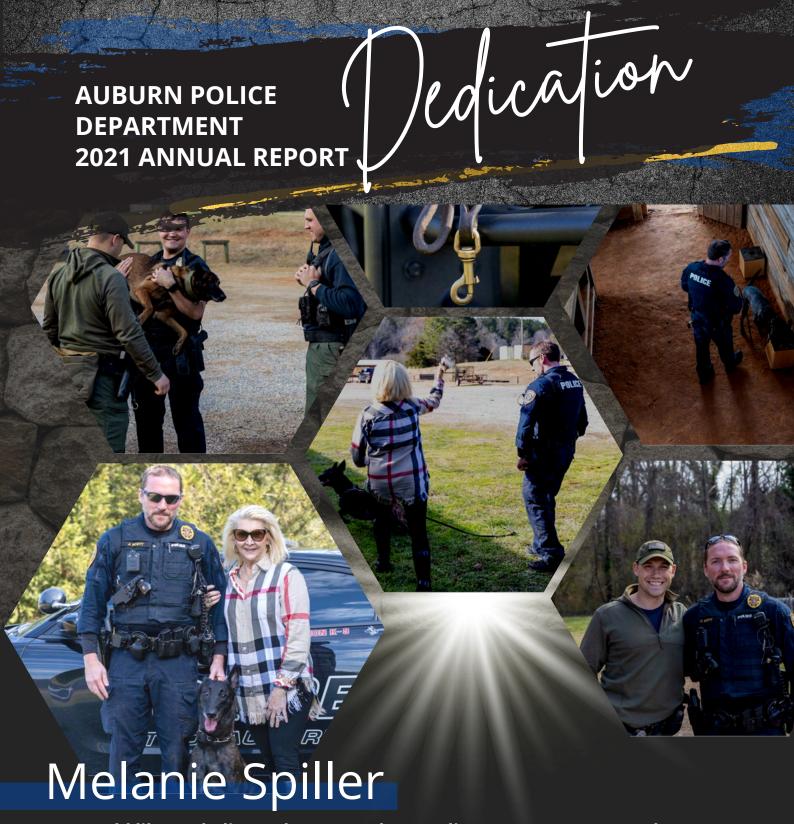
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We would like to dedicate the 2021 Auburn Police Department Annual Report to our friend, Melanie Spiller.

Mrs. Spiller's genuine interest and generous support of our K-9 program has truly been a blessing to our department and community. Since 2017, Mrs. Spiller's financial contributions have allowed us to expand the capabilities of our K-9 Division to better serve our agency and the citizens of Auburn. Apart from her charitable assistance, Mrs. Spiller is truly a joy to talk to and never ceases to put a smile on the face of whomever she meets. Thank you, Mrs. Spiller for caring so deeply for our K-9 program and for being a part of our Auburn family.

Spollight on Auburn Auburn was established in 1892 and got its name from the special red clay that was used to dye cloth Auburn red. We love our history and small-town atmosphere and work hard to maintain this feeling while growing our businesses. Auburn is uniquely seated in both Gwinnett and Barrow Counties and is easily accessible by Highways 316, 324, 211, and 29/8. Easy access to major travel arteries to both Atlanta and Athens makes Auburn the perfect place to live, work, and enjoy life. Auburn has green spaces with a great mix of residential homes, town houses, apartments, and both commercial and industrail complexes. Auburn's family-friendly atomospere and sense of community are rare in today's impersonal world. From our weekly Farmers Market and monthly movies in Whistlestop Park to our Independence Day and Sounding off the Christmas Season Celebration, there is something going on all year long that your family can enjoy. 2021 Quick Facts MEDIAN AGE 33.9 POPULATION 8000 MEDIAN OWNER-OCCUPIED • CITY SIZE 8 SQ. MILES HOME VALUE \$142,000 PAGE 03 · SPOTLIGHT ON AUBURN AUBURN POLICE





Mayor

Linda Blechinger

Auburn is such a great City with a wonderfully diverse population and I am honored to have been allowed to serve as its Mayor since 2008. We are very proud of the Auburn Police Department and its outstanding officers. A true community police department, our officers go above and beyond to serve. They focus on building relationships in the community to help foster trust and to keep crime from happening. Our police Department is always ready to serve, whether responding to a call or reaching out to the community. From offering gun safety and self-defense classes to helping needy families at Christmas, the Auburn Police Department is committed to our citizens. I hope that you will find this annual report as informative as I did. The Auburn Police Department works hard to keep our City the great place it is to live, work and spend time with our families and I am thankful to be part of such a great team.

City Council



Peggy Langley



Jay Riemenschneider



Bob Vogel



Bill Ackworth





The Auburn Police Department is committed to serving our community through professional law enforcement services that protect the lives and property of the citizens and strives to improve the quality of life in our community.

CORE VALUES

We, the Auburn Police Department, show in our words and actions that we value.

LOYALTY

We will treat all members of our department with loyalty and respect.

INTEGRITY

We accept individual responsibility and accountability for our actions and decisions, at all times.

FAIRNESS

We are dedicated to protecting the rights of people.

EXCELLENCE

We are committed to excellence in our professional and personal conduct.





CHIEF CHRIS HODGE 770-513-8657 EXT. 213 CHODGE@CITYOFAUBURN-GA.ORG

The 2021 Annual Report highlights a brief snapshot of the accomplishments of the brave, devoted men and women who work for the Auburn Police Department. This is the second iteration of a venture that will be a mainstay in the concept of operations for this department going forward. It has truly been an honor to lead such a dedicated group of professionals throughout this year and into the next. This year (2021) continued to be extremely challenging in many ways, but the grit and determination of our police employees epitomized what it means to persevere and overcome. I look forward to all we are going to accomplish in the months and years ahead as we remain steadfast in providing quality and unbiased law enforcement services to the citizens of this great city. We pledge to meet every challenge head on and to grow our values commensurate with the needs of our diverse population.

Command Staff







CHIEF OF POLICE
CHRIS HODGE



LIEUTENANT
HENRY SCHOTTER
UNIFORM PATROL COMMANDER



LIEUTENANT
GERRY PATTERSON
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



SERGEANT

MARC PHARR

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS

The uniform patrol division is the largest and most visible division within the department.

The uniform patrol division is broken down into four separate shifts, each supervised by a Sergeant and three Corporals. The Division Commander holds the rank of Lieutenant. Uniform patrol officers handle all calls for service and write related reports. In addition to these responsibilities, Auburn Officers perform a variety of other duties.

These additional responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Neighborhood patrols
- Directing traffic
- Enforcing traffic laws
- Comforting crime victims
- Conducting accident investigations
- Looking for missing children and adults
- Preventative and saturation patrols in high crime locations.
- Conducting field interviews and preliminary criminal investigations
- Obtaining information from residents about neighborhood problems and issues.
- When necessary, arrest criminals



Support Services



Support Services
Jennifer Mosher

The support services position is a non sworn position at the Auburn Police Department. This position is responsible for communication to the general public and to the officers and provides general office support. Incoming phone calls are evaluated by Support Services to determine if it's an emergency in nature and routes them to the appropriate agency. This position also conducts inquiries on the state and national crime information network. Support services assists on court days by taking payments and entering warrants.



Clerk of Court Meg Grant

This is a clerical and administrative position serving as Court Clerk in the City's Municipal Court. Duties involve coordinating all court functions, assisting the Judge and Solicitor with court proceedings, processing court cases as directed by the Judge and maintaining Municipal Court records in accordance with prevailing laws, municipal polices and procedures.



Pecords Manager/Evidence Custodian

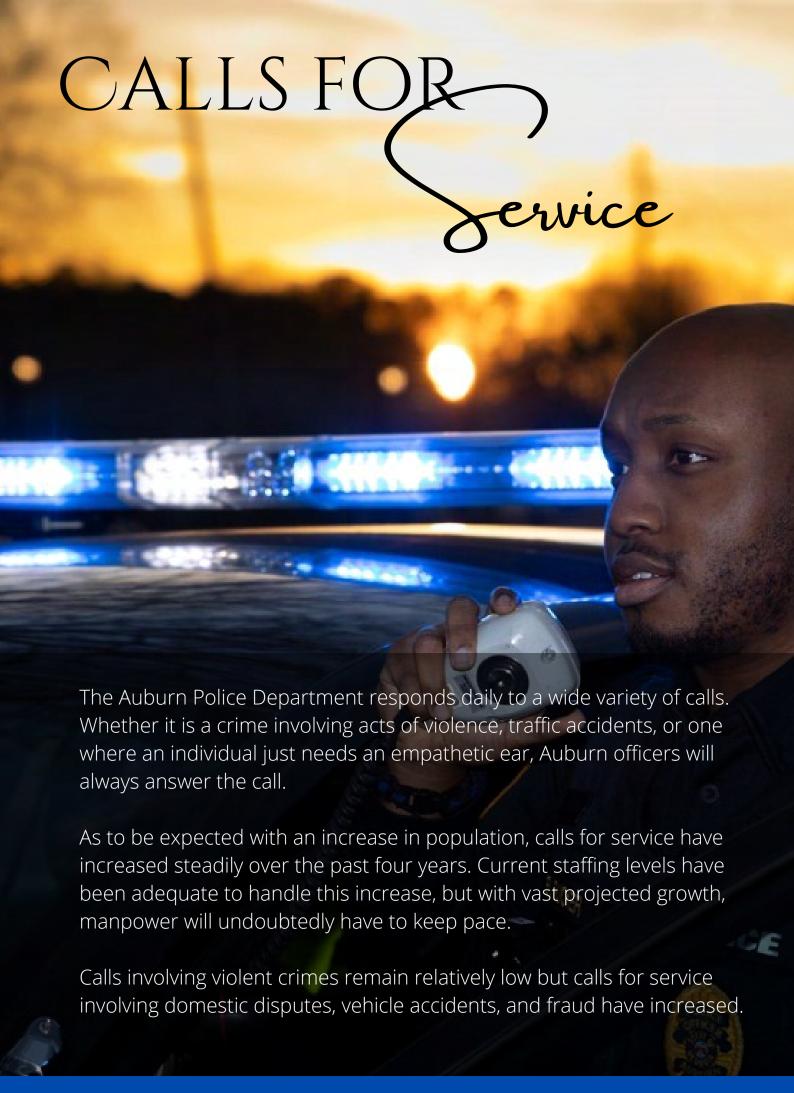
Angelia Childs

The Records Manager/Evidence Custodian, is responsible for conducting administrative functions within the police department. Duties involve answering the phone, maintaining records, and assisting the public. Work is performed under the direct supervision of the Lieutenant in charge of the CID (Criminal Investigation Division).











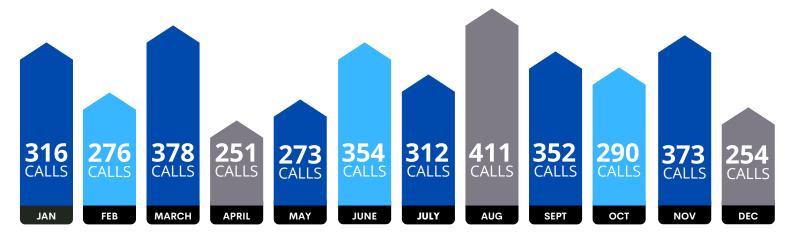
The City of Auburn has grown in population at a steady rate since 2019. Per the 2019 U.S. Census Bureau, Auburn had a population of 7,481 in 2019. In 2021, the population has grown to 7,704 which is a 3 percent increase. With the new residential developments within the city, the population numbers have climbed above 8000 residents.

The fact that the volume of crime is related to the size of a jurisdiction's population has been well established. The relationship between crime type and population size, however, is less clear. Crime rate presents crime on a per capita basis, and is intended to adjust for population size so that accurate comparisons can be made.

Statistical data shows the calls for service have risen 18.3 percent between 2020 and 2021. With the increase in calls for service, the arrest rates have also risen. In 2020 the police department answered 3,263 calls for service. Within that year there were 297 arrests made. In 2021, the police department answered 3,860 calls for service with 306 arrests made. This is an increase of 2.98 percent in arrests.

Use of force is inevitable in police work. In many situations the lives of officers or civilians can be taken by not using force when necessary or using it improperly. Many factors come into play when an officer decides to use force. These include: is the use of force justified, has the officer been properly trained to use force, and will the department be held liable if the force that is used improper? The City of Auburn Police Department goes to great lengths to minimize the use of force while affecting arrests. In 2021, there were only 13 use of force incidents recorded out of 306 arrests.

Total Calls For Service 2021



3860

2021 TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

3263

2020 TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE

18.3 % Increase in calls for service from 2020.

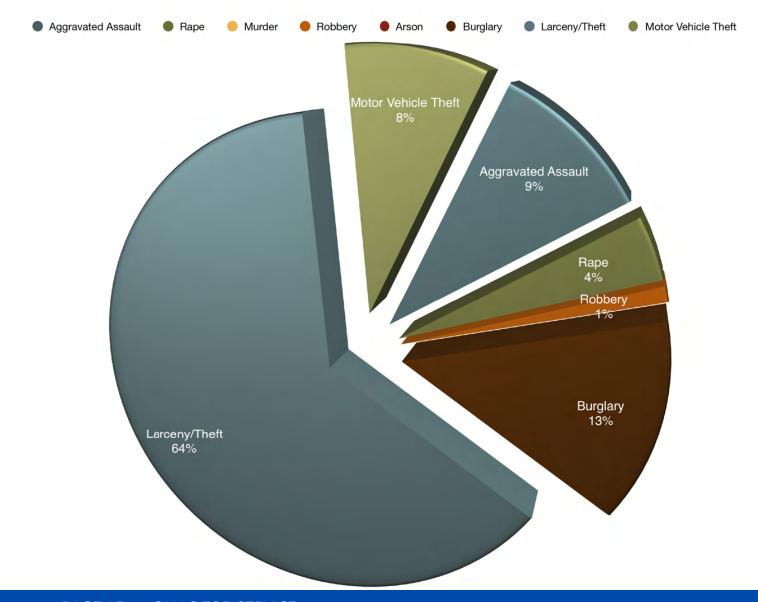
2021 Part 1 crimes

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Reporting Program collects data on serious crimes (Part 1 offenses) investigated by local departments across the country. These crimes include: Aggravated Assault, Rape, Murder, Robbery, Arson, Burglary, Larceny-Theft, and Motor Vehicle Theft.

Within the Barrow/ Auburn area, Arson is usually investigated by Barrow County Fire investigators.

All other crimes are considered Part 2 offenses, or traffic related, and are not reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Aggravated Assault	10
Rape	4
Murder	0
Robbery	1
Arson	0
Burglary	14
Larceny/Theft	68
Motor Vehicle Theft	9



Enforcement

A major goal of the Auburn Police Department is to make the roads and highways of our community safe for all citizens and visitors. This is achieved through high visibility patrols and enforcing Georgia traffic laws, thereby reducing the number of crashes and the severity of injuries.

Making proactive and reactive stops of pedestrians and motor vehicles are functions of policing. Often these stops involve a preceding event such as a traffic violation. In other instances, stops can be more proactive, such as a Terry Stop. In some cases, the matter is resolved through communication (e.g. warning) in other cases a summons or citation or, more rarely a physical arrest may be made.

2021

24 DUI Arrests 53
Felony Drug
Arrests

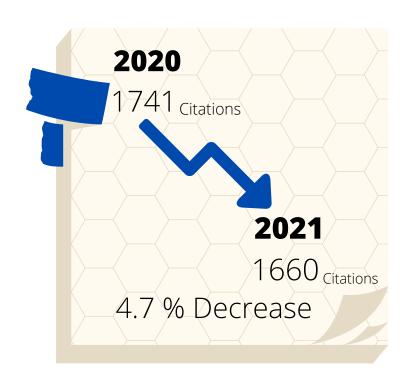
137 Vehicle Accidents



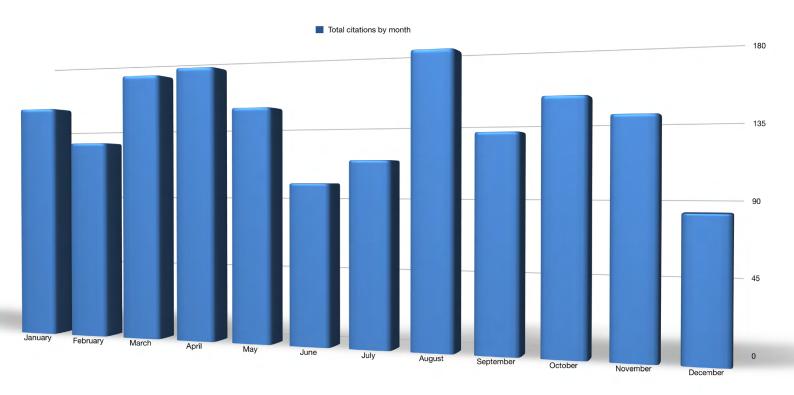
2021 Total traffic citations by month.

2021 Citations by month

January	149
February	126
March	169
April	173
May	147
June	100
July	114
August	179
September	130
October	150
November	139
December	84



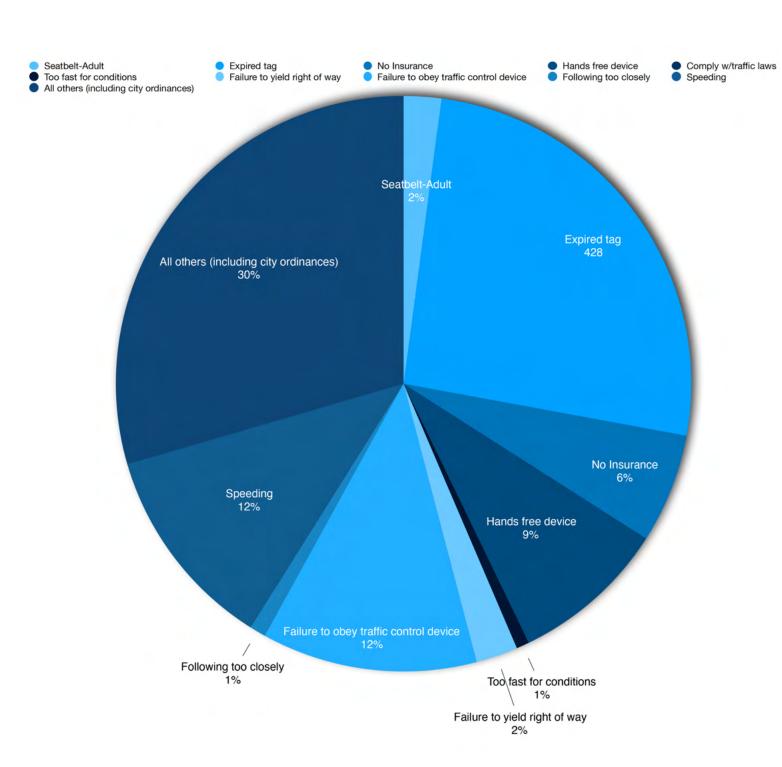
Total=1660





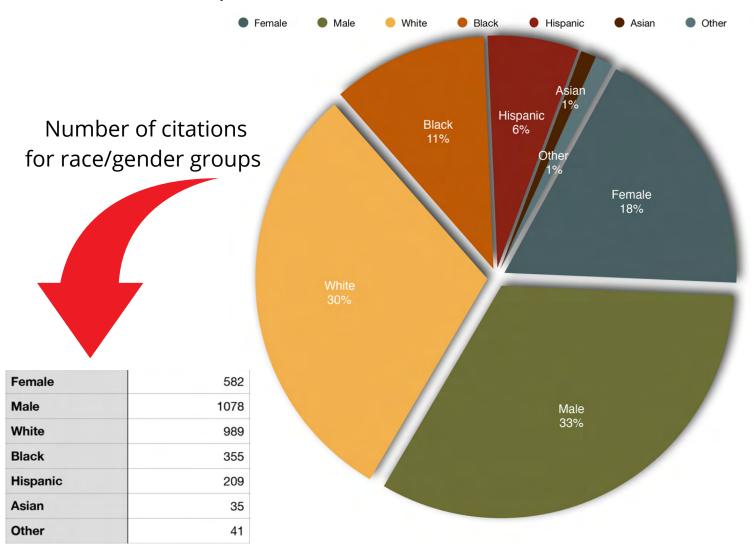


2021 Citations By Offense Cont.



2021 CITATIONS BY RACE AND GENDER

The problem of racial profiling is complex and multifaceted. Dedicated police officers and professional police practices have contributed to making our communities safer. The majority of police officers are hard-working public servants who perform a dangerous job with dedication and honor; however, the perception that some police officers are engaging in racial profiling has created resentment and distrust of the police, particularly in communities of color. These communities applaud the benefits of community policing in reducing crime, but they also believe that truly effective policing will only be achieved when police both protect their neighbor- hoods from crime and respect the civil liberties of all residents. When law enforcement practices are perceived to be biased, unfair, or disrespectful, communities of color are less willing to trust and confide in police officers, report crimes, participate in problem-solving activities, be witnesses at trials, or serve on juries.





AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIMINAL

nvestigations



Lieutenant Patterson started his journey by enlisting in the Air force in 1973. Due to an unforeseen family emergency, he had to leave the military. In 1976, he began his law enforce- ment career at the NYPD. After 2 years at NYPD, he decided to re enlist into the military (Army). Lt. Patterson was assigned as Military Police at the Military District Of Washington until he was selected to attend jump school. In 1982 he com-pleted his military service. Lt. Patterson moved to GA and joined the 11th Special Forces Group reserve unit. In 1987, Lt. Patterson began work-ing at Gwinnett County Police Department until he retired in 2009 as a Sergeant. In 2010, he decided he was not ready for full retirement so he went overseas as a military contractor conduct- ing Counter Terrorism Operations. In 2012, Lt. Patterson began to work for the Auburn Police Department where he is currently assigned as



Corporal Blocker began his law enforcement career in 1990 with the United States Naval Police.

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After serving 4 years in the Navy, he continued his law enforcement career by applying with the Winder Police Department in 1994. At Winder, he started as a road officer and advanced to the posi-tion of Investigator. Cpl. Blocker spent 10 years working in CID until he decided to retire in 2014. Cpl. Blocker came to work for the Auburn Police Department in January, 2015 and is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division.

2021 CID CASES

The Criminal Investigation Division, commonly known as CID, provides professional investigative services to the city of Auburn. CID is responsible for the supervision of all Auburn Police investigations of serious crimes, less serious crimes upon request or as needed. CID will also conduct Internal or special interest investigations as directed by the Chief of Police.

175 CASES

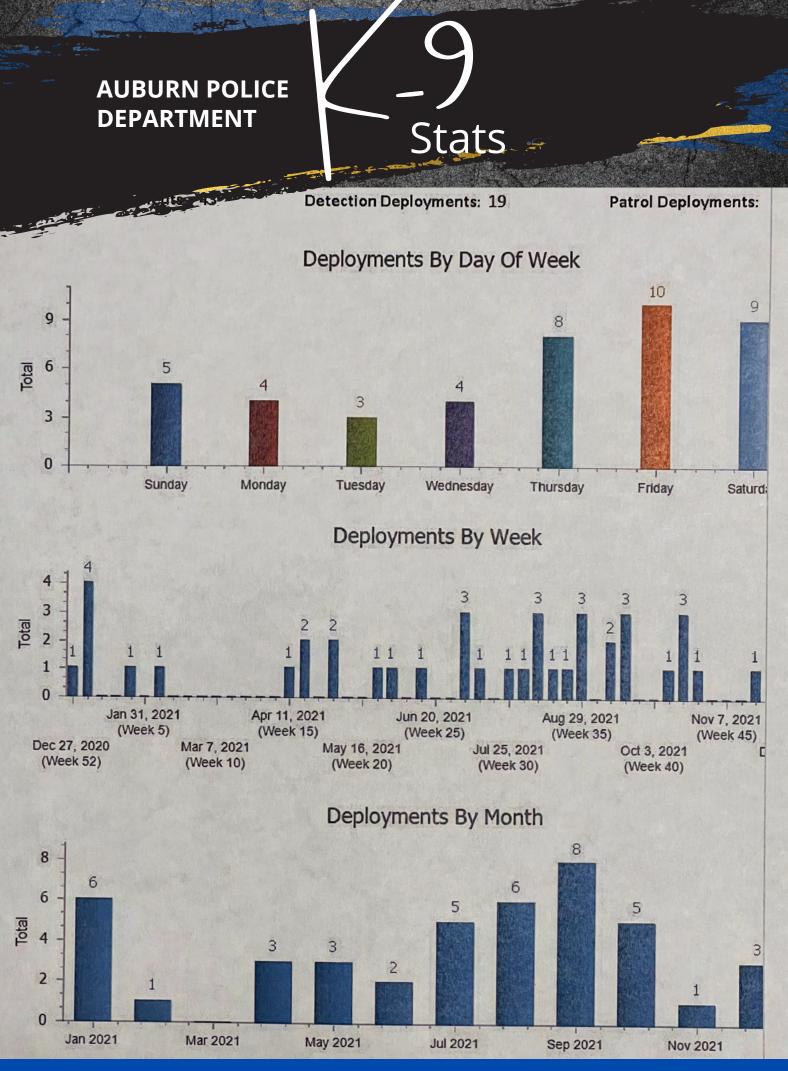
18 SUSPECTS ARRESTED

37 WARRANTS TAKEN

10.25% DECREASE

*195 ASSIGNED CASES IN 2020







The Mission of the Code Enforcement Unit is to promote compliance of the citizens, to city ordinances that are for maintaining a safe and healthy environment for the community at large. Code Enforcement works to improve the quality of our community by administering a fair and unbiased enforcement program that proactively identifies and works with the citizens to correct violations of municipal codes and land use requirements of private property within the city. Code Enforcement Division strives to maintain a status of a proactive division rather than one of reaction. We work with the community to come to reasonable solutions for issues ranging from minor to major in complexity. We encourage the community to work together to assist one another and achieve the mission set forth before us. Most issues we encounter are a "simple fix" with the homeowner/tenant and code enforcement officers working together. Whatever the solution may be, the outcome should always be to make our community a safe and enjoyable place to live and raise a family.



City of Auburn Code Enforcement



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Patrol Office Follow Ups on Complaints	17
Citizen Complaints	105
Growth Limitations 8.20.130	789
Junk Automobiles 17.60.200	156
Outdoor Storage 17.60.190	392
Dog/Animal Issues	44
Livestock/Chickens 17.60.020	41
Illegal Burn (Permit) 8.16.020	9
Illegal Burn Conditions 8.16.040	2
Commercial Vehicle Parking 17.100.050	134
Dumping 8.20.080	36
Property Maintenance 8.20.060	768
Building Permits 16.16.030	71
Signs Removed	378
Sign Permits/location, etc	53
Damage to Meter 9.16.050	23
Handbills 8.20.110	5
Littering 8.20.070	20
Accessory Uses or Structures 17.60.090	93
Dead/Diseased Trees 12.20.150	9
Tree Debris 16.43.112	24
Water Flow Obstruction 8.04.060	8
Pool/Spa 8.18.010	11
Illicit Discharge 16.38.040	12
Fences 17.70.010	8
Home Based Business Viol 17.60.180	39
Environmental Health	14
Stormwater Referral	31
Other Violations Not Listed	247
DOOR TAGS	1325
WARNINGS ISSUED by MAIL	862
CITATIONS ISSUED	80

START MILEAGE 78931 END MILEAGE 88615 MILES TOTAL 9684

Code Enforcement Stats for Jan 2021- Dec 2021

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One of the most important activities officers participate in is working with our community to promote safety awareness. The department recognizes that only through a close working relationship with the citizens of Auburn and barrow county, we can build a safe community for our citizens and businesses.

The department continues to build upon and provide a number of programs, classes and services which have proven to be successful and sought after such as our popular citizen's police academy, women's gun safety, women's self defense classes, and security training for buisnesses and churches.





THE PURPOSE OF THIS COURSE IS TO TEACH BASIC FIREARMS HANDLING AND SAFETY, AS WELL AS THE FUNDAMENTALS OF SHOOTING. THESE FUNDAMENTALS BUILD THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL OTHER LEVELS OF SHOOTING. WITH OVER 200 WOMEN THAT HAVE TAKEN THIS COURSE, IT HAS PROVEN TO BE A VERY SUCCESSFUL CLASS OFFERED BY THE AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT



What a great class!
I have gained knowledge and confidence!

Teresa Beltran

This is a two day course that is held at the Auburn Police Department. The first class consists of learning Georgia firearm laws and different shooting techniques utilizing our state of the art shooting simulator. The second class which is the following morning, is at our gun range located in Auburn. Here you will get the opportunity to shoot your own weapon with the assistance of certified police officers. We also give you the opportunity to shoot shotguns, Ar-15 rifles, suppressed weapons and more.





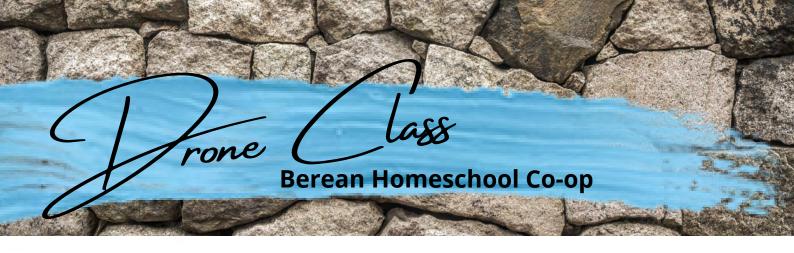




In 2012, the idea of bridging the gap between the community and law enforcement became a reality. In the Citizen's Police Academy (CPA), we show citizen's of the community what it is like to live a day in the life of a law enforcement officer. Not only do citizen's learn what law enforcement officers deal with, but they also learn how to be better prepared for day to day situation. Several participants of past CPA classes have gone further in their education to become members of the law enforcement community.

Citizen's who participate in CPA often become members of the CPA Alumni Association after they graduate. The CPA Alumni serves the community by assisting in critical areas at local events, donating monetary resources to the police department when possible and the alumni always enjoy coming back to assist with future CPA classes. The CPA Alumni has played a vital role here at the Auburn Police Department and we thank them for their service.





The Berean Homeschool Co-op is a 501(c)3 organization serving the Greater Atlanta area. Our families work together using a co-operative approach to offer a wide variety of academic and enrichment classes during the school year to our homeschooled children. We have been in operation since 2004. In addition to our co-op classes, we plan field trips and special events throughout the year.

The Auburn Police Department along with members from the Barrow County Fire Department got an opportunity to discuss and demonstrate the use of drones in the emergency services profession. We had an awesome time teaching the kids about drones and of course letting them see one in action!





This class was formed to give local women, of all ages and skill levels, a safe and effective way to learn to keep themselves safe. In this class, participants are given real life scenarios and the skills to help them survive a dangerous encounter on their own. This is a two day hands on class taught by the Auburn Police Department and Twin Tigers Ju jitsu. As of 2021, over 185 women have signed up and taken the class. We hope to continue to offer the class and serve the community.





Church security is increasing at houses of worship worldwide due to threats such as active shooter attacks and acts of terrorism. to mitigate these threats, there should be a church safety plan in place and security training for staff and volunteers to help reduce the risk of an attack.

Furthermore, implementing protection measures for churches such as a security team, armed security, and security procedures are all vital components that should be considered by church leaders. It does not require the same security measures as Fort Knox, but having adequate physical protection is essential to protecting houses of worship. Church Safety and Security need security experts that can help stakeholders formulate the best security plan.

The Auburn Police Department had the privilege of assisting the security team volunteers at Restoration Church train in order to mitigate potential threats.



Explorers Program

The Explorers is a youth program affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. In this program, youth seek to gain knowledge about a particular profession, in this case law enforcement. The program allows the youth exposure to the profession through classes and practical applications, such as law enforcement scenarios and competitions. The photos that are on this page are from Winterfest in Gatlinburg Tennessee. This is the site of the major competition that is held every year. The Explorers get to show off the skills they have learned throughout the year at the competition against numerous different agencies.

The photo in the upper right is the food drive we assisted with in Winder, GA. We unloaded trucks with food and then gave out the boxes to individuals that needed assistance.



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Shop with a hero is a yearly event that Barrow County Sheriffs Office, Auburn Police, Winder Police, Statham Police, GBI, GSP, and Barrow Fire and EMS participated in. Each officer gets paired up with a child from the community and we get to take them shopping for Christmas. This year each child received \$250.00 to shop with. This years event was amazing! The program served 57 kids and this was the biggest event since the program has started. This program used to be called shop with a cop, but this year it was decided to expand and include all of our local heroes, hence the name Shop With A Hero. We had so much fun and we are excited for next year







Lieutenant H. Schotter

Lt. Schotter has been employed with the Auburn Police Department for over 8 years. During his tenure, he has held every prerequisite rank and has performed at an exemplary level at each position. He is an integral part of what makes this department a success. His professionalism and unwavering devotion to the citizens of Auburn are on display each and every day and he has garnered the respect of his peers and the department administration. Lt. Schotter leads by example and always puts the needs of the department and his subordinates before his own. Congratulations to Lt. H. Schotter on being selected as the 2021 Auburn Police Department's Officer of the Year.

2021

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

Margaret E. Grant

Auburn Municipal Court Clerk Margaret Grant (Meg), has served in her current position since 10/05/2005. In her 16+ year, Mrs. Grant has established a reputation of extreme competence in performing the function of a Municipal Court Clerk. The Judge of the Municipal Court relies heavily on Mrs. Grant to oversee the day-to-day operations of the court and ensure the court is prepared to conduct hearings/trials several times per month. Mrs. Grant has on several occassions been called upon by other municipalities to mentor or train their court clerks. Mrs. Grant remains an integral part of our court operations and we are proud to reconize Margaret E. Grant (Meg) as the Auburn Police Departments Civilian Employee of the Year for 2021.

THE CITY OF AUBURN IS growing

Numerous revitalization projects include an impressive addition to our library, renovation of the old Post Office for small events, also known as the J.D. Withers building, a well-defined downtown overlay district with new sewer system, and the Perry-Rainey Center, a

