



AUBURN

GEORGIA - EST. 1892

2020

CITY OF AUBURN
POLICE DEPARTMENT



AUBURN POLICE ANNUAL REPORT

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Spotlight 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 sited 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 planned green spaces with a great mix of residential Homes, town houses, apartments, and both commercial and Industrial complexes. With festivals and events throughout the year, Auburn's family-friendly atmosphere and sense of community are rare in today's impersonal world. From our weekly Farmers Markets 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.

Quick Facts as of 2020

Population	7,726
City size	7 Miles
Median Owner -Occupied Home value	\$142,000
Median age	33.9

Auburn Demographics

White, Non-Hispanic (NH)	81.91%
Black or African American	7.43%
Asian	4.04%
Hispanic or other	3.61%

Auburn City Council



Mayor
Linda Blechinger



Peggy Langley



Bob Vogel



Jay Riemenschneider



Bill Ackworth



DEDICATION

DANIEL MICHAEL BLECHINGER

September 10, 1962 - April 23, 2020



We would like to dedicate this inaugural Annual Report to our dear friend, Dan Blechinger. Dan was a staunch supporter of the City and Police Department who sadly lost his battle with cancer earlier this year. Dan was a loving husband, honorable father, and dedicated member of our community whose absence will be felt for many years to come. He espoused a strong Christian faith which truly set him apart as a man of integrity and uncompromising character. Dan was an inspiration to young and old and was always a source of encouragement and inspiration to all those he met in his travels. It is our genuine pleasure to forever commemorate Dan Blechinger, husband of Mayor Linda Blechinger, as the first Police Department annual report dedication.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The 2020 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 first 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 (2020) was 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.





Mission Statement

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.



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

COMMAND PERSONNEL



CHIEF OF POLICE
CHRIS HODGE
Office of the Chief of Police



LIEUTENANT
HENRY SCHOTTER
Uniform Patrol Commander



LIEUTENANT
GERRY PATTERSON
Criminal Investigations Division



SERGEANT
MARC PHARR
Public Information Officer

UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION



SERGEANT
BENNY DEUTSCH



SERGEANT
SHAUN WALLER



SERGEANT
JEFF SCOTT



CORPORAL
JOE WEST



OFFICER
JACOB PEEK



OFFICER
BREON RUCKER



OFFICER
ANTHONY EVANS



OFFICER
BRENT RAMSEY



OFFICER
BRENDON BAUER



K-9 TRUUS



SUPPORT SERVICES

JENNIFER MOSHER

The support services position is a non sworn position at the Auburn Police Department. This position is responsible for a variety of communication to the general public and to the officers and provides general office support. This position also determines if incoming phone calls are of an emergency 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. Work involves 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.



RECORDS MANAGER

ANGELIA CHILDS

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



C.I.D



LIEUTENANT
GERRY PATTERSON
Criminal Investigations Division

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 enforcement 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 completed his military service. Lt. Patterson moved to GA and joined the 11th Special Forces Group reserve unit. In 1987, Lt. Patterson began working 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 conducting Counter Terrorism Operations. In 2012, Lt. Patterson began to work for the Auburn Police Department where he is currently assigned as



CORPORAL
JOHN BLOCKER
Criminal Investigations Division

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

Criminal Investigation Division 2020 Statistics



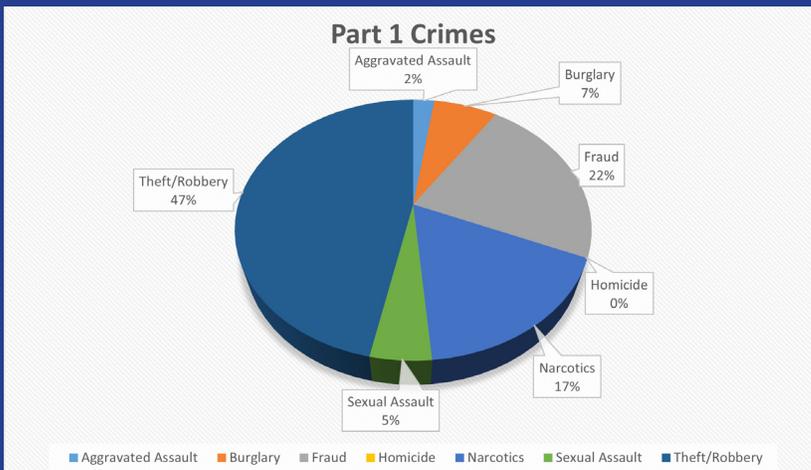
**Total calls for service
by uniform patrol:**

3263



**Total Cases Assigned
to CID:**

195



The statistics listed on this page only has the assigned, open, cleared by arrest, excpt. cleared and unfounded for November and Decemeber due to this being our first annual report. Moving forward from this point, all of the catogories will be monitored through out the year and documented.



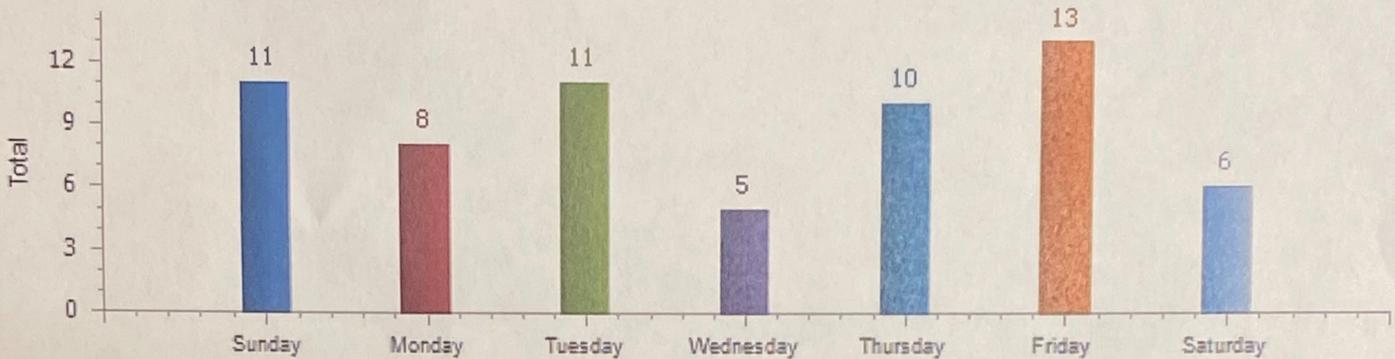
K-9 Truus Deployment Summary

Total Deployments: 64

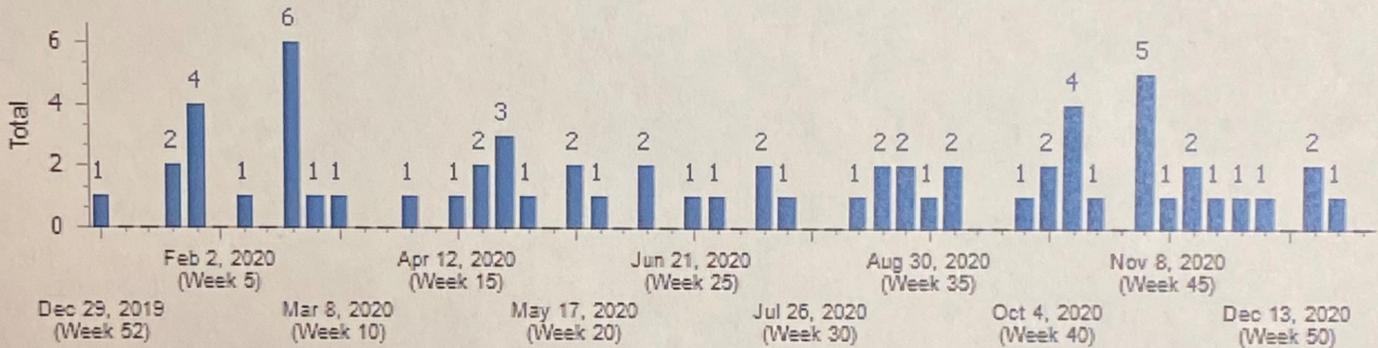
Detection Deployments: 41

Patrol Deployments: 23

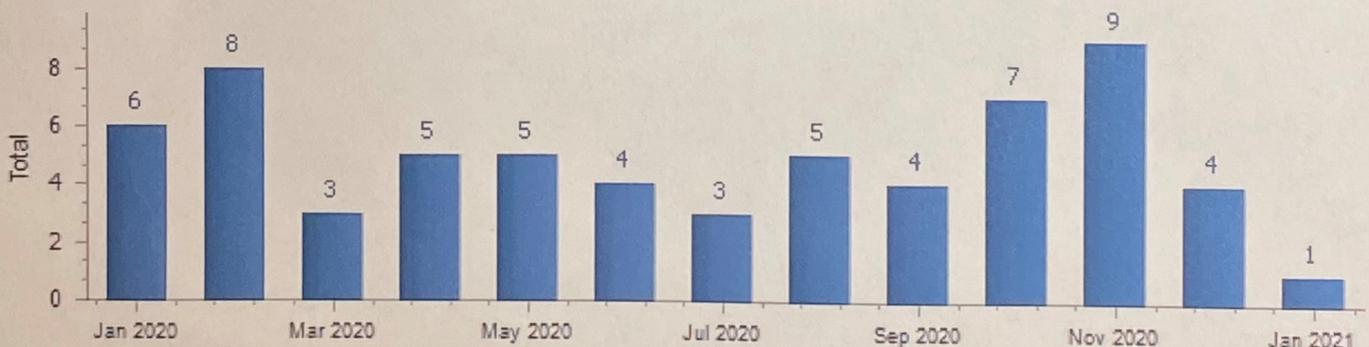
Deployments By Day Of Week



Deployments By Week



Deployments By Month



CODE ENFORCEMENT



Code Enforcement Officer
Angie Thompson

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 pro-actively 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 pro-active 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.

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**LGRMS
RISK CONTROL
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The Risk Reduction Certificate Program is a cooperative effort between the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) and the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) to help local law enforcement agencies mitigate potential liability. To accomplish this, GIRMA & local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS) identified those activities most likely to result in a Georgia law enforcement agency being named as a defendant or resulting in legal settlement. Using this information, directives were created that require agencies to implement specific processes to avoid potential liability. Most of these directives require departments to implement operational procedures, training, documentation, and supervisor review requirements to ensure agencies comply with established professional and legal standards. The certificate is good for two years. In return, LGRMS will provide consultation services to governing authorities participating in the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) to receive a reduction in their law enforcement liability premiums upon the request of those such participating employers. Attaining the certificate was a 6 step process. Then agency, GACP, GIRMA, and LGRMS are participating in the Risk Reduction Certification process in an effort to administer liability insurance or self-insurance coverage to the agency and, accordingly, intend for the exemption found at O.C.G.A. 50-18-72(a)(45) to apply to all documents and materials prepared as part of the certification process to the maximum extent permitted by Georgia law.

Step 1: Review the Risk Reduction Directives and Supporting Material

Step 2: Submission of 'Application and Participation Agreement'

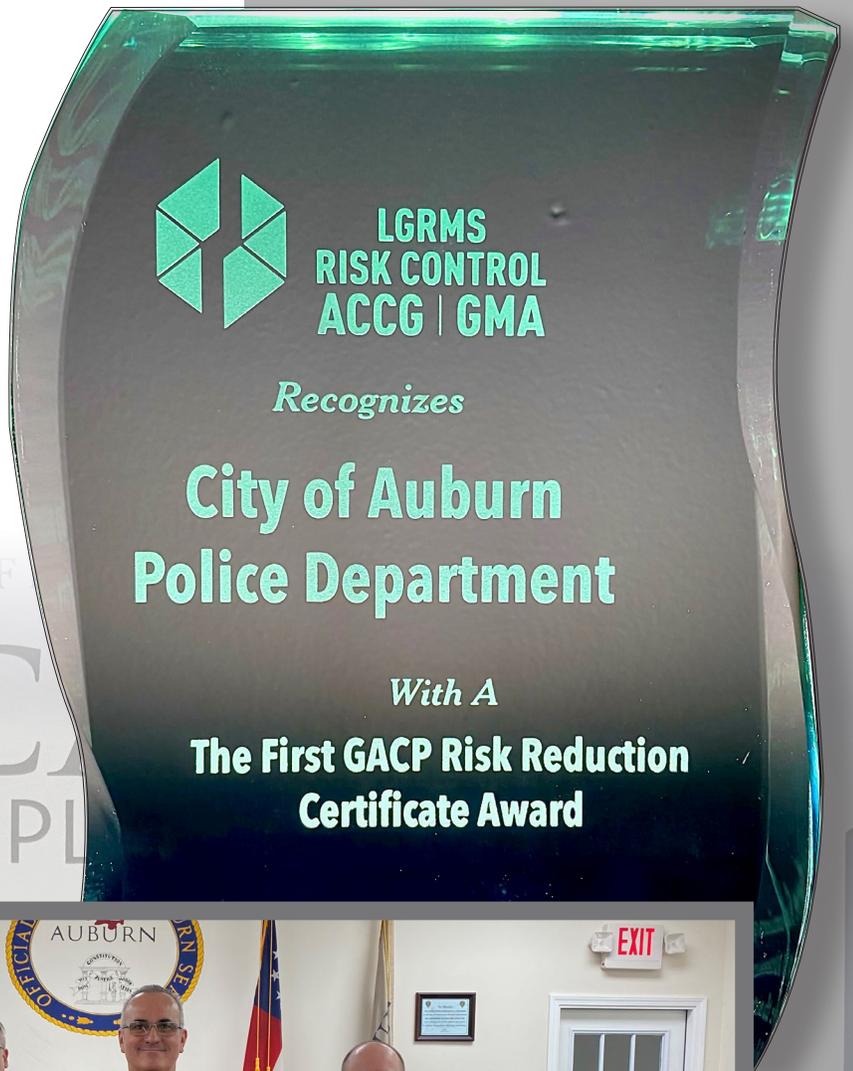
Step 3: Development and Implantation of Policies

Step 4: Certificate of Compliance

Step 5: Inspection and Verification of Compliance

Step 6: Renewal of Certificate.

The Auburn Police Department is proud to announce that on October 1, 2020, we were the first agency in Georgia to be awarded this certification.

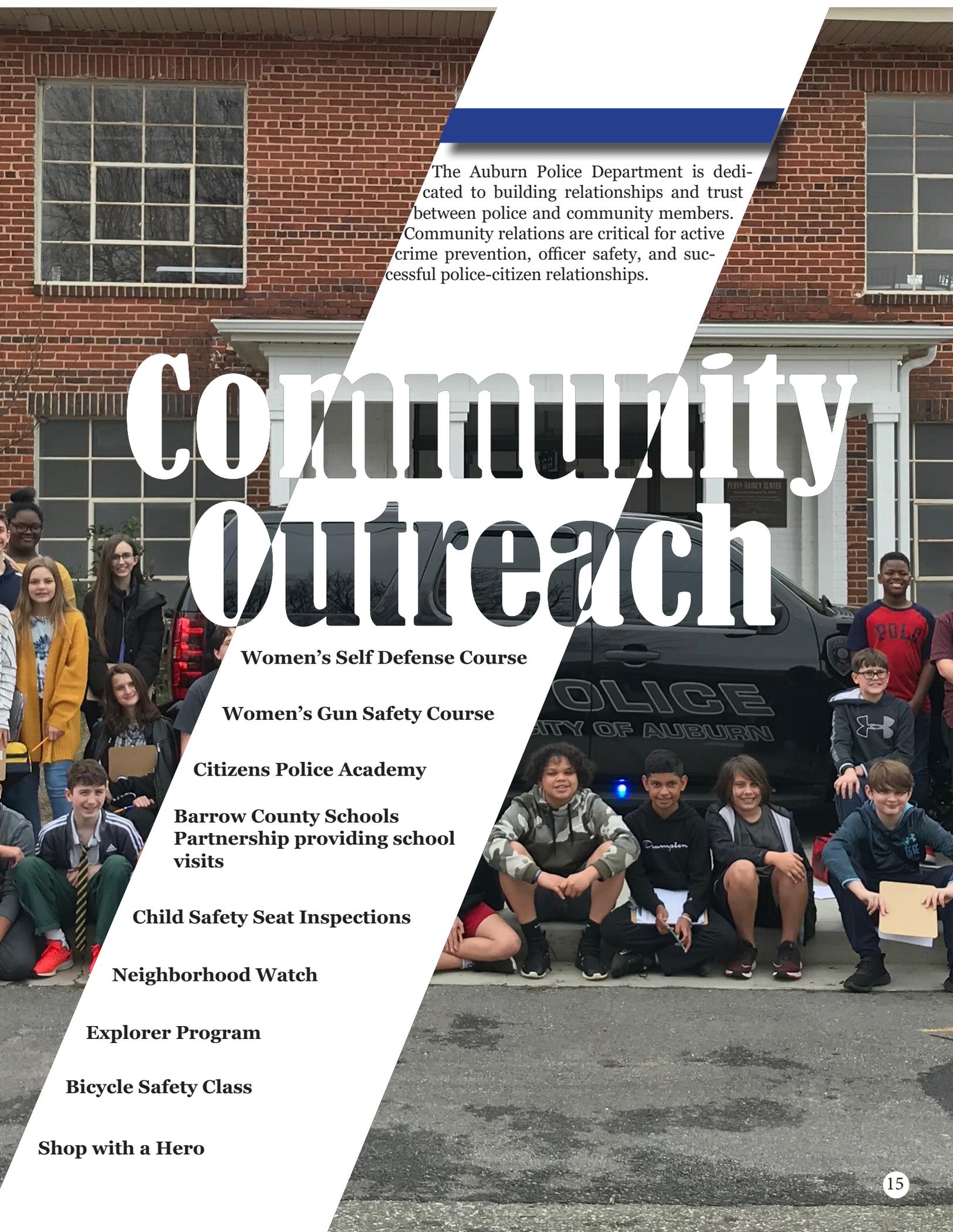


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The background of the poster is a photograph of a group of diverse people, including children and adults, posing in front of a brick building. A black police car is partially visible in the background, with "POLICE" and "CITY OF AUBURN" written on its side. A white diagonal banner cuts across the center of the image, containing text and a list of community outreach programs. The overall tone is positive and community-oriented.

The Auburn Police Department is dedicated to building relationships and trust between police and community members. Community relations are critical for active crime prevention, officer safety, and successful police-citizen relationships.

Community Outreach

Women's Self Defense Course

Women's Gun Safety Course

Citizens Police Academy

Barrow County Schools Partnership providing school visits

Child Safety Seat Inspections

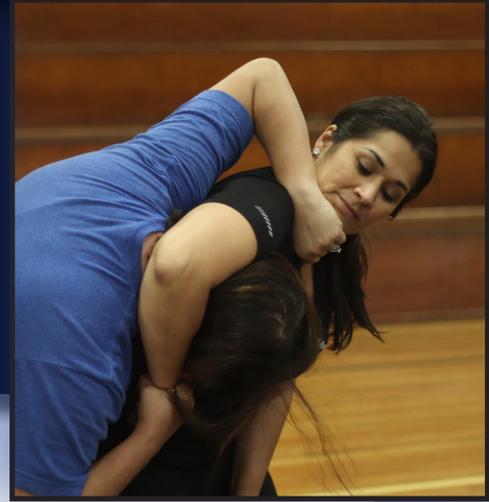
Neighborhood Watch

Explorer Program

Bicycle Safety Class

Shop with a Hero

Women's Self Defense



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 2020 over 150 women have signed up and taken the class. We hope to continue to offer the class and serve the community.



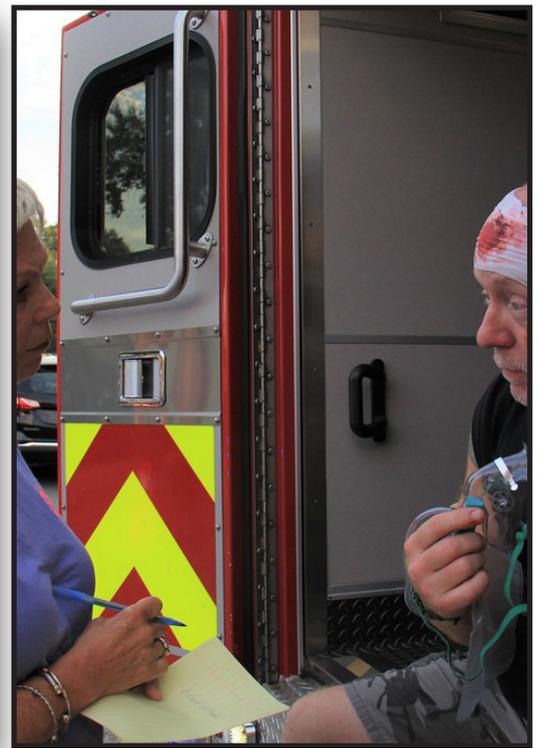
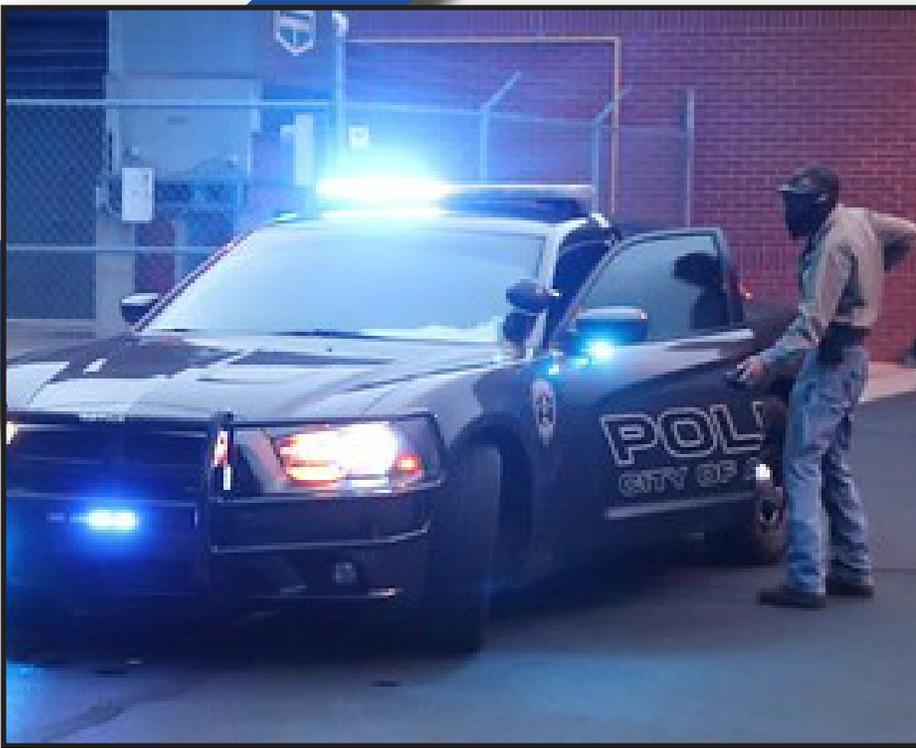
Women's Gun Safety

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 150 women that have taken this course, it has proven to be a very successful class offered by the Auburn Police Department.



This is roughly a 5 hour class consisting of a 1 hour classroom portion and then hands on at the firing range. We encourage the participants to bring their own weapon but we do offer .22 cal pistols to shoot if they do not currently own a firearm. At the end of the class they get a chance to experience shooting a shotgun and an AR-15 .

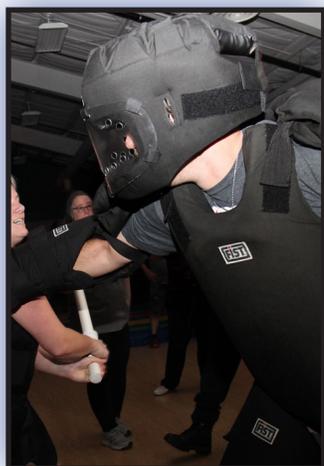




Citizen's Police Academy

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 citizens of the community what it is like to live a day in the life of a law enforcement officer. Not only do citizens learn what law enforcement officers deal with but they also learn how to be better prepared for day to day situations. Several

participants of past CPA classes have gone further in their education to become members of the law enforcement community.



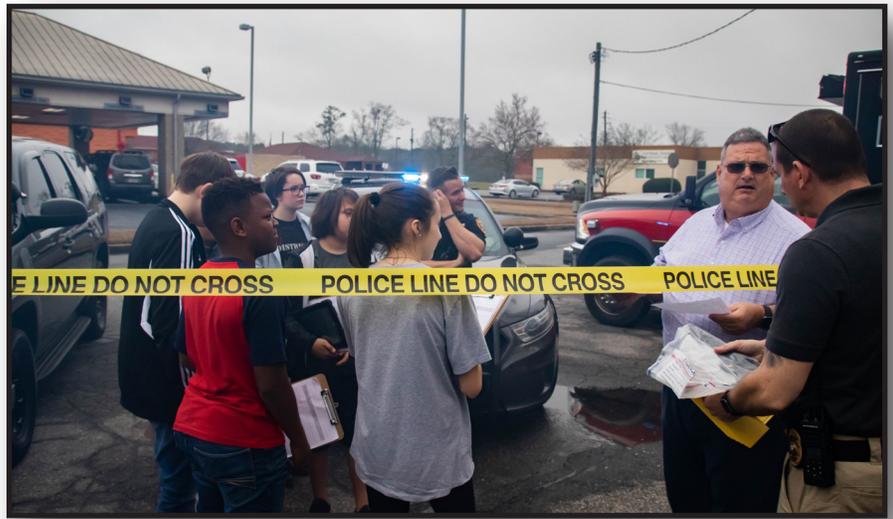
Citizens who participate in CPA, often become members of the Alumni Association after they graduate. The CPA Alumni Association serves the community by assisting in critical areas at local events, donating monetary resources to the

police department when possible and the alumni always enjoy coming back to assist with future CPA classes. The CPA Alumni has played a crucial role here at the Auburn Police Department and we thank them for their service.



Crime Scene Class with CFIT.

The Auburn Police Department was approached by the Center for Innovative Teaching or CFIT, to teach a class on crime scene processing. The teachers at CFIT stated the students have been studying about how crime scenes are processed and evidence is collected. The Auburn Police Department was excited to step in and create a training class for them.



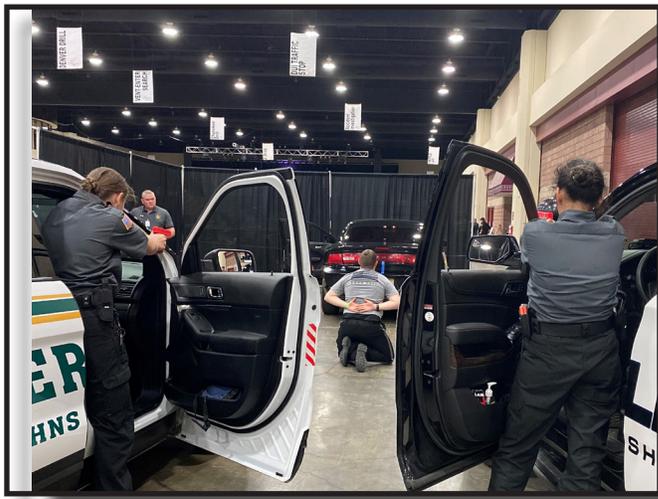
CENTER FOR INNOVATIVE TEACHING

To accomplish our mission statement of "ensuring an exceptional education that leads each student to become a high achieving and responsible citizen," the Barrow County School System intentionally grows its teachers and students by supporting innovations in both teaching and learning.

Students look for evidence at the crime scene and interview suspects. They were responsible for cataloging items they would need to collect. They were also responsible for taking pictures and making detailed drawings of the crime scene.



Explorers Program

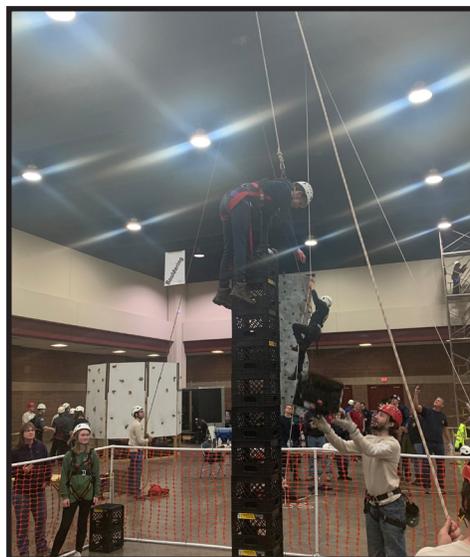


The photo in the upper right is the food drive we assisted with in Winder, GA. We unloaded trucks with food and then gave out the boxes to individuals that needed assistance.



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.



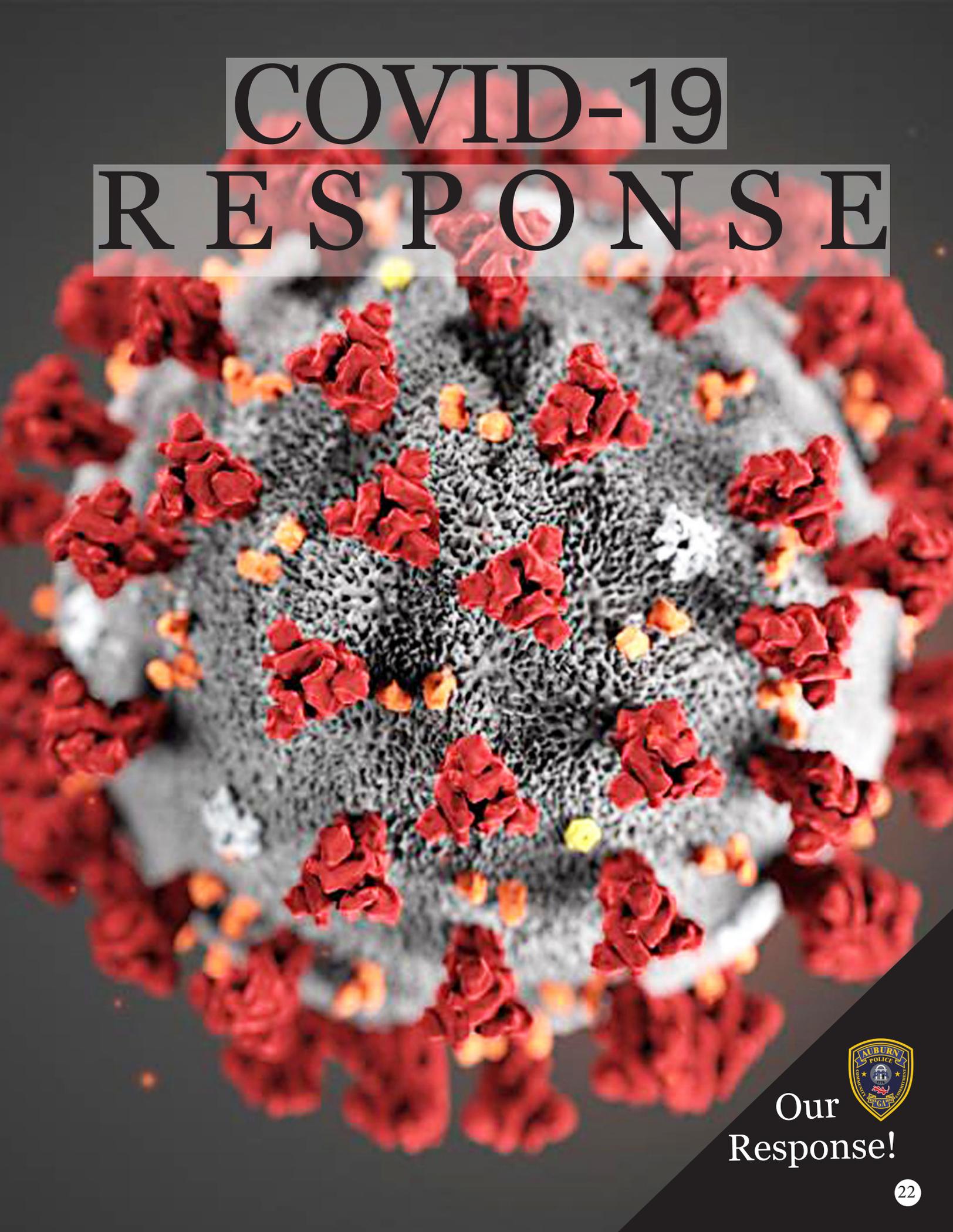
The photos that are on this page are from Winter Fest in Gatlinburg Tennessee. This is the site of the major competition that is held every year. The Explorers get to show off the skills they have learned at the competition against numerous different agencies.



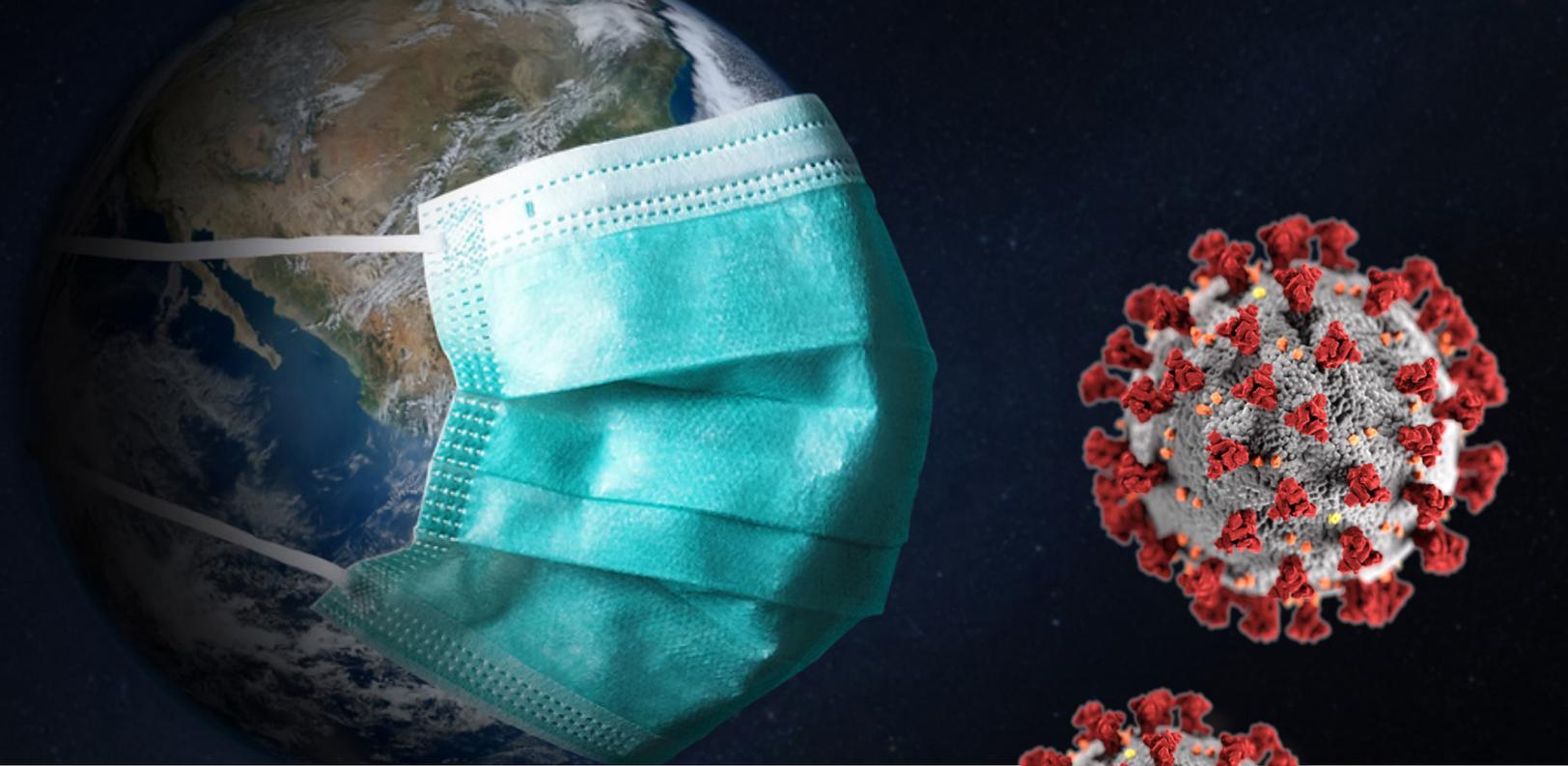
Shop with a hero is a yearly event that Barrow County Sheriffs Office, Auburn Police, Winder Police, Statham Police, GBI, GSP, and Barrow Fire and EMS participated in. Each officer gets paired up with a child from the community and we get to take them shopping for Christmas. This year each child received \$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 hero's, hence the name Shop With A Hero. We had so much fun and we are excited for next year!



COVID-19 RESPONSE



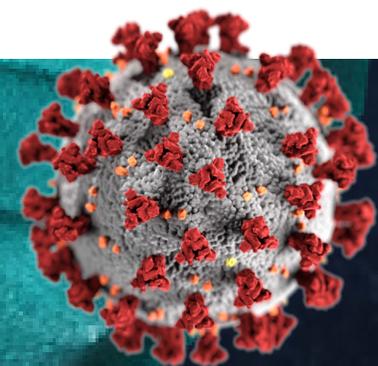
Our
Response!



This year has been difficult for all of us. COVID-19 has induced negative effects globally across industries, governments, non-governmental organizations and non-profit entities, among others. As the gravity of COVID-19 was recognized and expanded in the United States, we, the Auburn Police Department began to deploy new safety measures.

We began by the distribution of personal protection equipment (PPE), new methodologies to interact with the public, social distancing, encouraging hand washing and use of hand sanitizer, and frequent sanitizing of the police department. Our city court functions changed as well. Plexi glass screens were made and put into different locations in the courtroom. The number of individuals we allow in the courtroom changed. We typically seat about 40 people in the courtroom but this number was drastically reduced due to covid. Due to social distancing guidelines we had to reduce the number from 40 to about 8 people.

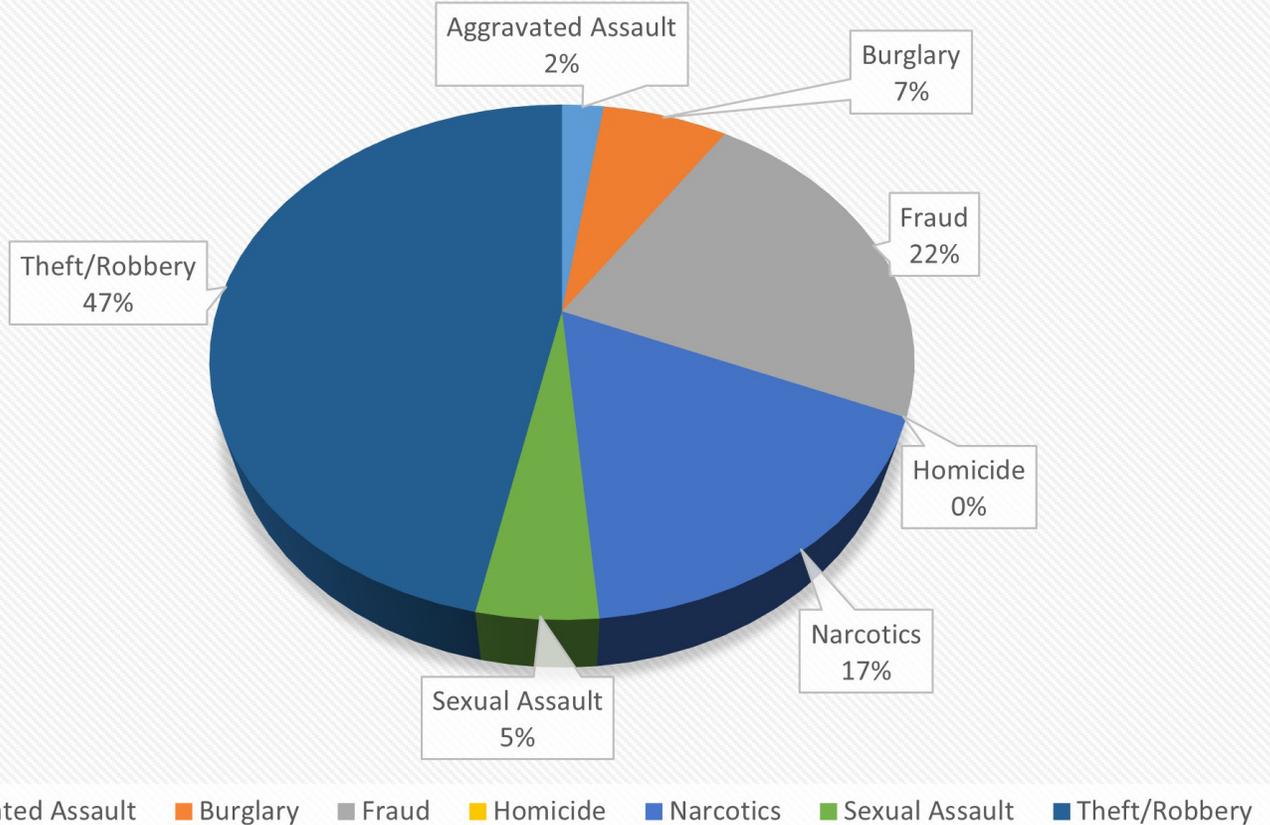
Covid 19 pandemic has been challenging and emotionally exhausting for everyone. Our plan for the future is a simple one. We will continue to follow guidelines that is set forth by the CDC and continue serving the citizens of Auburn with loyalty, integrity, fairness and excellence.



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY MONTH

JANUARY	→	251	AUGUST	→	268
FEBRUARY	→	260	SEPTEMBER	→	332
MARCH	→	318	OCTOBER	→	266
APRIL	→	208	NOVEMBER	→	287
MAY	→	307	DECEMBER	→	225
JUNE	→	303	TOTAL CALLS	→	3263
JULY	→	238			

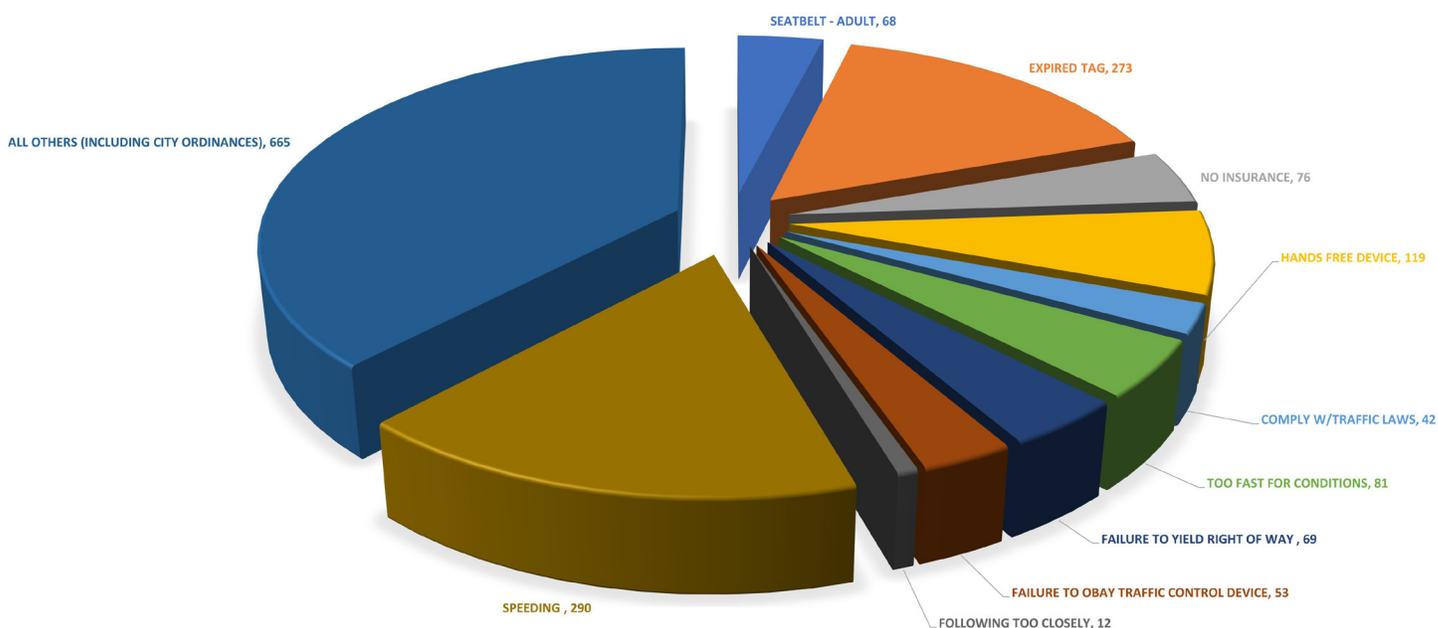
Part 1 Crimes



TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS BY OFFENSE

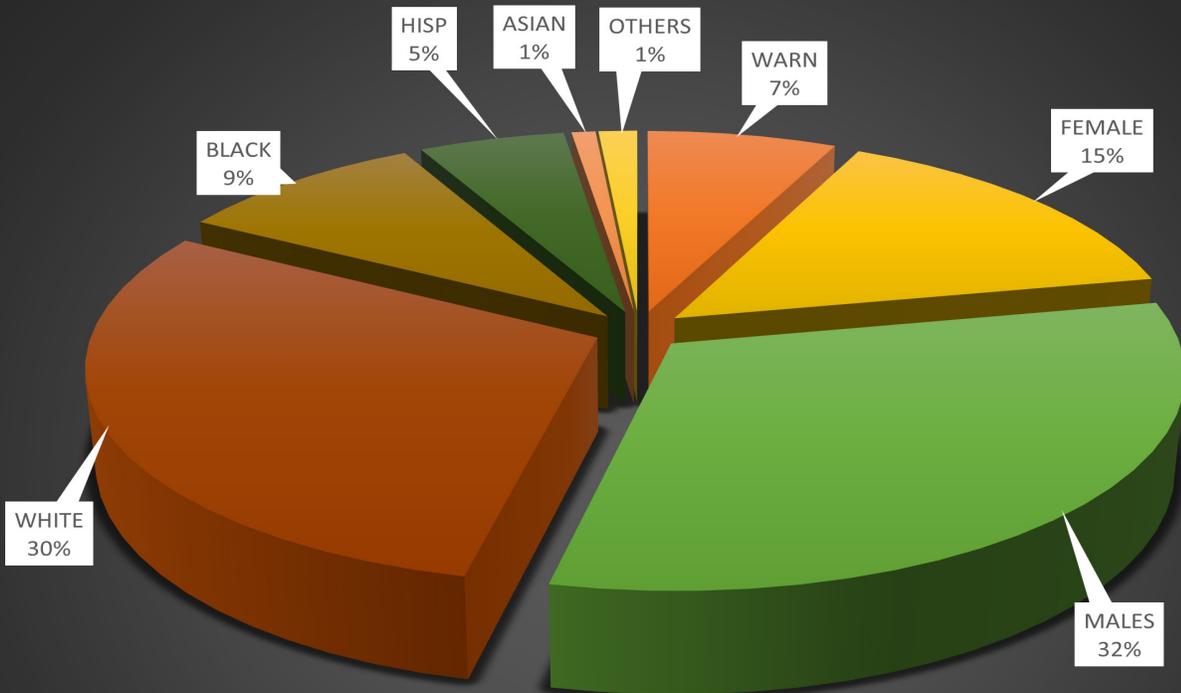
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
SEATBELT - ADULT	4	9	2	0	3	5	4	12	10	5	2	12	68
EXPIRED TAG	16	18	24	5	21	19	29	43	36	22	23	17	273
NO INSURANCE	4	5	3	0	7	10	5	9	6	6	5	16	76
HANDS FREE DEVICE	10	3	7	2	18	5	12	14	9	27	3	9	119
COMPLY W/TRAFFIC LAWS	4	1	6	17	6	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	42
TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS	1	8	7	6	11	14	19	9	1	2	3	0	81
FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY	2	0	3	1	11	10	8	21	4	3	2	4	69
FAILURE TO OBYAY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE	5	8	2	5	10	2	2	3	3	2	6	5	53
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	0	2	0	12
SPEEDING	21	23	9	13	25	25	20	35	35	22	23	39	290
ALL OTHERS (INCLUDING CITY ORDINANCES)	37	59	36	32	82	87	62	97	49	47	23	54	665
TOTAL	105	135	100	81	195	183	165	244	156	136	92	156	1748

TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS BY OFFENSE



CITATIONS ISSUED BY GENDER AND RACE

MONTH	CIT.	WARN	FEMALE	MALES	WHITE	BLACK	HISP	ASIAN	OTHERS
JANUARY	105	22	48	57	72	25	4	1	3
FEBRUARY	135	32	46	89	85	33	12	3	2
MARCH	100	15	32	68	73	17	9	1	0
APRIL	81	10	17	64	55	14	9	3	0
MAY	195	34	64	131	118	37	36	3	1
JUNE	183	32	50	133	120	42	17	1	3
JULY	165	21	47	118	105	37	18	3	2
AUGUST	244	45	74	170	150	44	17	8	25
SEPTEMBER	156	15	35	121	83	26	31	7	9
OCTOBER	136	14	43	93	85	20	22	2	7
NOVEMBER	85	7	47	45	61	18	12	0	0
DECEMBER	156	13	58	98	106	34	14	1	1
GRAND TOTALS	1741	260	561	1187	1113	347	201	33	53



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The Auburn Police Foundation is a charitable organization that exists to support the Auburn Police Department and its employees through the acceptance, management and disbursement of tax-deductible gifts and contributions. The Board of Directors consists of city residents, civic leaders, and members of the business community.

The Auburn Police Foundation's purpose is to provide the following charitable and educational services to members of the law enforcement community and the community that we serve.

Charitable Assistance to Families in Need

Assistance to members of the law enforcement community who are suffering financial hardship because of death, injury, etc.

Scholarships

Providing scholarships to children of members of the law enforcement community or to high school graduates seeking a criminal justice/law enforcement career.

Safety Equipment & Programs

Providing resources for the Auburn Police Department and programs (not currently funded through the government budget) that enhance public safety.

Training/Education

Providing additional/supplemental professional training and education programs to department employees not currently funded through the budget of the police department.

Community Outreach

Supporting community programs such as the Police Explorers Program and the Citizen's Police Academy.

Awards and Recognition Program

Supporting and recognizing the valuable community contributions made by members of the police department and community.

One of the Auburn Police Foundation's first contributions was to have batting cages installed at the Mary Carter ball fields in Auburn. This donation will be able to provide opportunities for kids to practice and play in a safe environment and is great for the development of young lives as well as for the game itself.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR

OFFICER BREON RUCKER

Officer Breon Rucker started his career with the Auburn Police Department on the 2nd day of January 2018. Since graduating from the Northeast Georgia Police Academy, he has endeavored to increase his knowledge base to ultimately become a better police officer. Even though Officer Rucker has only been in law enforcement three years, he shows the poise and professionalism of an officer with five times this tenure. Officer Rucker has made an immediate impact since his arrival and continues to encourage and inspire officers throughout the department.

During his time with our department, Officer Rucker has shown great interest in DUI detection and enforcement. On November 6, 2019 Officer Rucker successfully completed the Standardized Field Sobriety Training in addition to completing 16 hours of specialized impairment detection training with the Prosecuting Attorney's Council. In June of 2020, Officer Rucker completed Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement and since completing these courses, Officer Rucker has made 14 DUI arrests in 2020 alone. Due to his aggressive pursuit of training in this field, Officer Rucker is often consulted by his peers on the correct way to conduct DUI enforcement. While these numbers are good, it is his personality and devotion to our profession that sets Officer Rucker apart. Officer Rucker is always respectful and courteous and is considered somebody that the citizens of Auburn can be proud of. The City of Auburn Police Department is truly fortunate to have an employee such as Officer Rucker among its ranks. Congratulations to Officer Rucker on being awarded "Officer of the Year" for 2020.



CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

**CODE ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER
ANGIE THOMPSON**

CEO THOMPSON HAS BEEN EMPLOYED IN HER CURRENT CAPACITY WITH THE CITY OF AUBURN SINCE 11/05/2019. IN HER 14+ MONTHS ON THE JOB, MS. THOMPSON HAS EMBRACED THE POSITION WITH A COMMITMENT AND VIGOR NOT PRESENT IN PREVIOUS CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. MS. THOMPSON CONTINUES TO REMAIN VERY PRODUCTIVE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SEEKING TO BROADEN HER KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT TRENDS, CODES AND PRACTICES IN AN EVER-CHANGING & IMPORTANT AREA OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT. MS. THOMPSON IS MAKING A VERY POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN IMPROVING THE AESTHETICS AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF AUBURN. FOR ALL OF HER HARD WORK AND HER CONSCIENTIOUS APPROACH TO PERFORMING HER DUTIES, WE ARE PROUD TO RECOGNIZE ANGELA “ANGIE” THOMPSON AS THE AUBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT’S CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR FOR 2020.



CITY LIMITS OF AUBURN

