

2022/2023 Year in Review



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



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DEPARTMENT MISSION

The mission of the Oak Island Police Department is to serve and protect the community by delivering professional police services; officers will enforce the law, ensure the safety of our community, and protect the rights of all citizens by policing with fairness and integrity.



DEPARTMENTAL VALUES

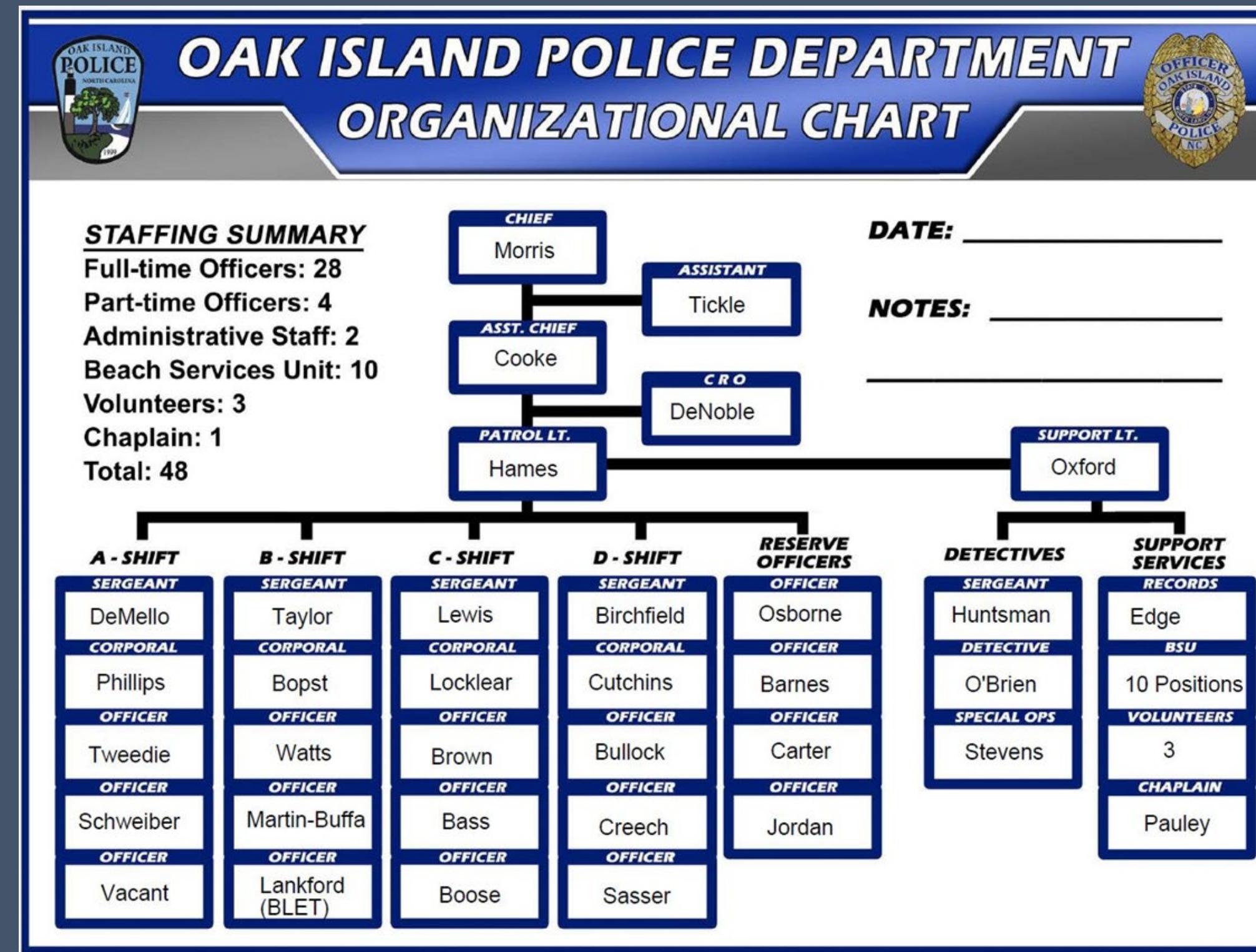
Professionalism: We are open and honest in our words and our actions. All people are treated with fairness and respect. Our conduct and appearance are held to a high standard.

Integrity: We are Committed to the highest standards of honesty and ethical conduct.

Service: We are dedicated to the citizens we serve, our fellow officers, and to the organization.

Excellence: There is always room for improvement. We strive to achieve the highest level of quality in everything we do.

OUR DEPARTMENT



OFFICER RECRUITMENT AND CADET PROGRAM



- Initiation of Police Cadet Program
- Since 2022: Hired 11 police officers:
8 full-time and 3 part-time
- BLET Program: 640 hours to over 800 hours
- BLET Program/Certification/Field Training
- BSU: 2022 hired 13 members with 9 returning
in 2023

TRAINING AND STANDARDS

- All officers must receive twenty-six (26) hours of mandated in-service training
- Ex: Legal update, Ethics, Mental Health, Community Policing, CPR, Hazard Materials, Stress on the Job
- Firearms Qualification: Use of Force Policy review, practical skills training with all issued firearms
- Certified Instructors In-house



ESSENTIAL CERTIFICATIONS

Any new officer with only formal BLET training once hired must complete all mandatory in-service training but also must complete the basic certification classes and training hours as follows:

- Radar Certification (40 hours)
- Taser Certification (24 Hours)
- Intoximeter Certification (40 hours)
- Standardized Field Sobriety Training (24 hours)
- Division of Criminal information (DCI) training (8 hours)
- cpr



TRAINING AND STANDARD - ADVANCED COURSES

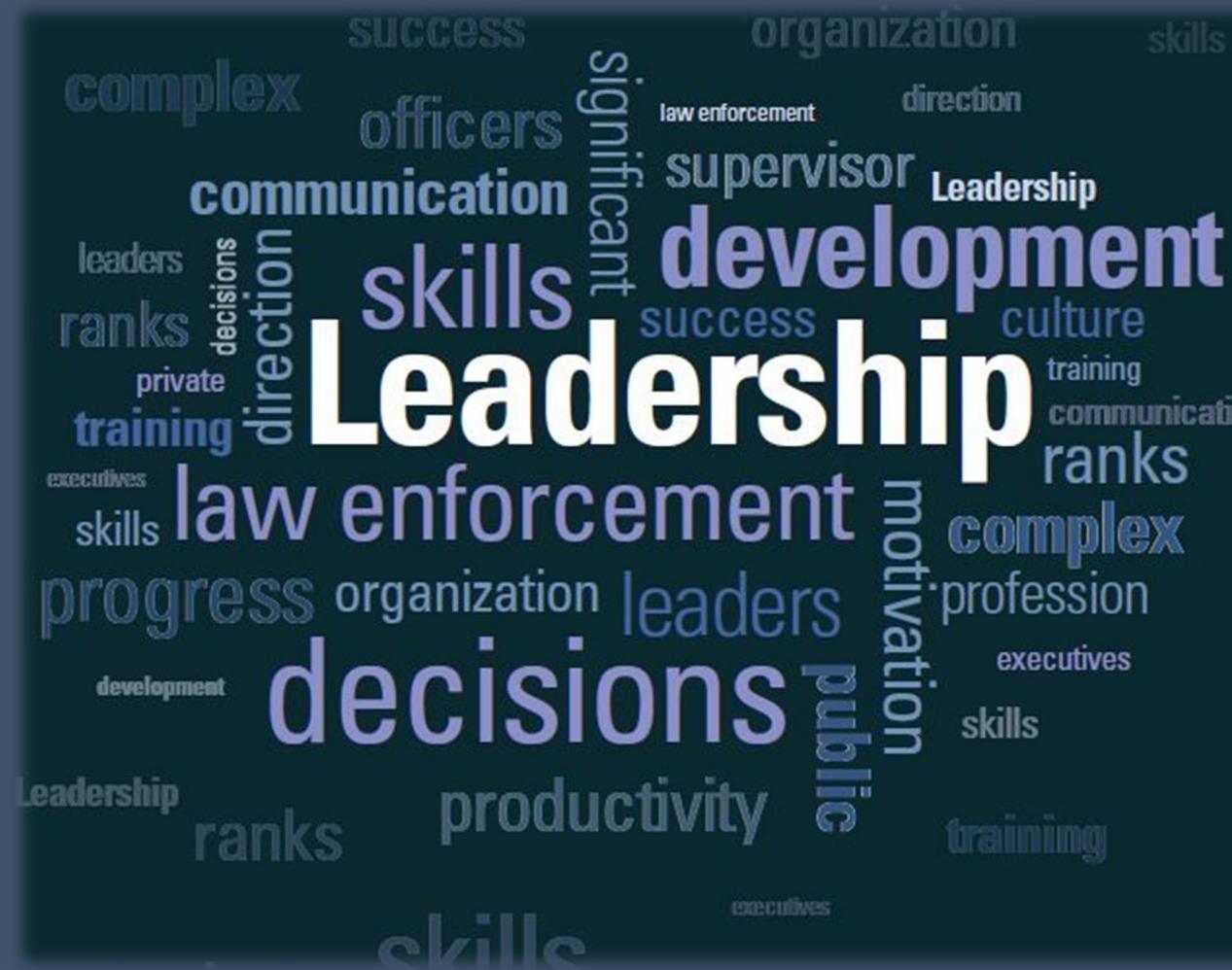
The department affords officers the opportunity to advance their skills and abilities through advanced training. The training is offered through the North Carolina Justice Academy, local community colleges, government agencies and other educational institutions.

Examples of this advanced training include:

- Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation
- Interviewing and Interrogation
- Crime Scene Processing
- DWI Enforcement
- Crime Prevention
- Community Oriented Policing
- Death Investigations



TRAINING AND STANDARD - LEADERSHIP COURSES



Training at the supervisory level include

- First Line Supervisor
- Field Training Officer
- Leadership Development
- Tactical Leadership

A strong emphasis on officer training will develop leadership capabilities and cultivate a strong team. This helps the efficiency of the department and being able to provide the best police services to the community.



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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Complete revision of policy and procedures
- 117 separate policies and procedures
- Accessible online
- Daily Training Bulletins



NEW TECHNOLOGY

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD):

The Oak Island Police Department does not have their own 911 communications center. Therefore, ALL calls for service must be routed, and dispatched through, the Brunswick County 911 Communications Center.

- Major Upgrade: CAD and Records Management System
- Same RMS past 23 years



UPGRADED TECHNOLOGY



- Motorola Handheld and In-Car Radios
- Apple I-Phone
- Motorola Body Worn and In-Car Cameras
- Tasers

ADMINISTRATIVE INSPECTIONS/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Inspections:

- DCI Audit
- Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Personnel Files Agency Checklist: Reviewed and In-Compliance
- Uniform/ Equipment Rooms

Accomplishments:

- Narcan
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

TRAFFIC SAFETY



One of the police department's primary roles is to ensure the streets of our town are safe.

Therefore, an emphasis is placed on traffic safety and the enforcement of traffic violations with both vehicles and low speed vehicles.

MOBILE RADAR TRAILER

- “Speeding Complaints”
- Mobile Radar Trailer displays a driver’s speed and gathers various statistical data
- Since purchasing the speed trailer, it has been deployed at 24 different locations around town.
- In the fall of 2023, there will be two (2) solar powered electronic speed signs;
 - one (1) placed along Beach Drive
 - one (1) placed along Yacht Drive.
- Personalized Messages for Traffic Safety
- Results posted on-line for review



MOBILE MESSAGING BOARDS

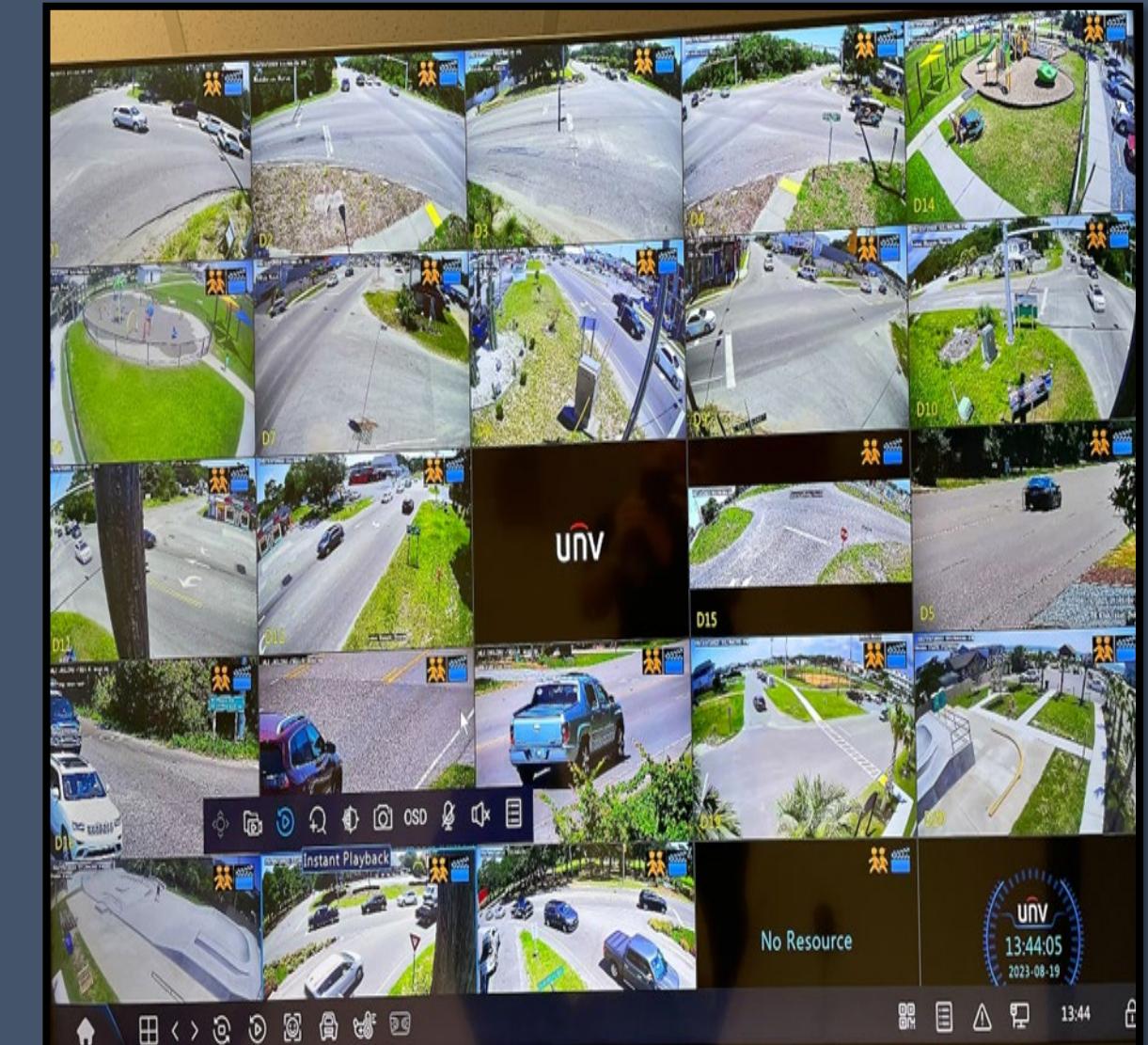
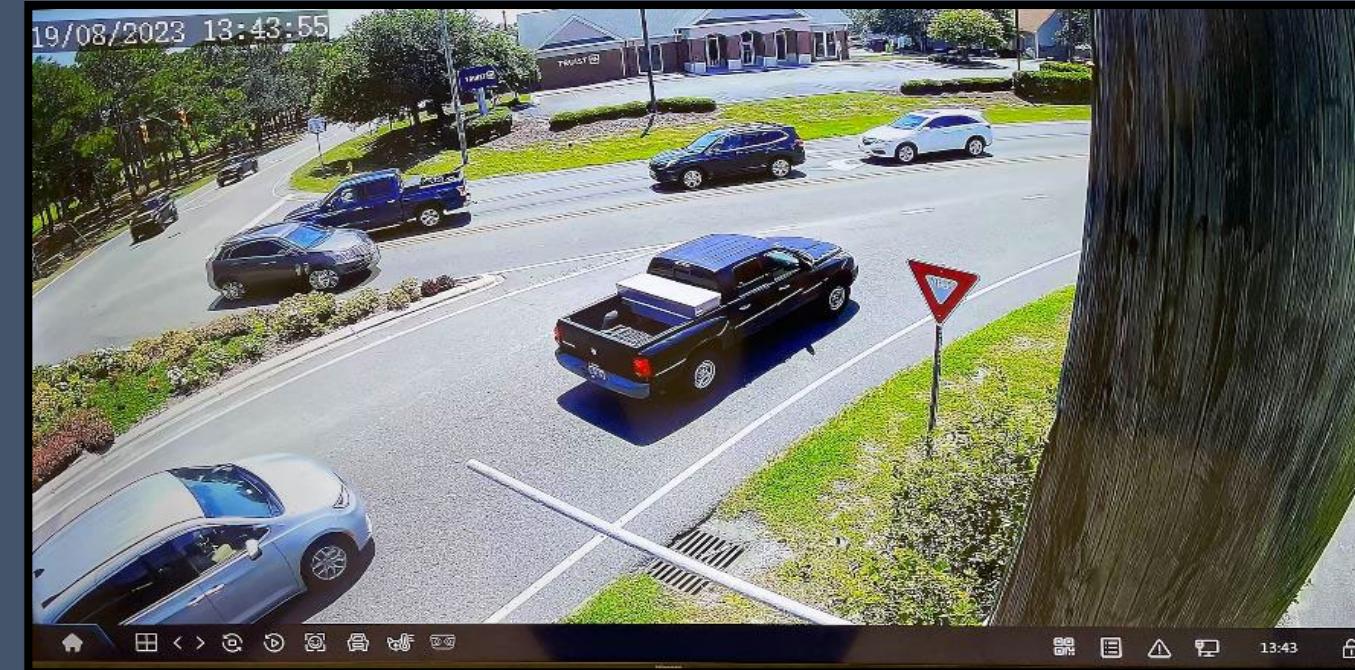


- The town owns four (4) large mobile message boards where different messages can be displayed to educate the public.
- The message boards are located at the entrance to both bridges along with Middleton and 58th Street SE.
- Personalized Messages: Traffic Safety, Seat Belts, and other messages.

TRAFFIC MONITORING AND SAFETY CAMERAS

The town recently completed the first phase of installing traffic monitoring and safety cameras.

- 23 cameras strategically placed
- High Traffic and High Liability Areas
- Vehicles Traveling on and off the Island



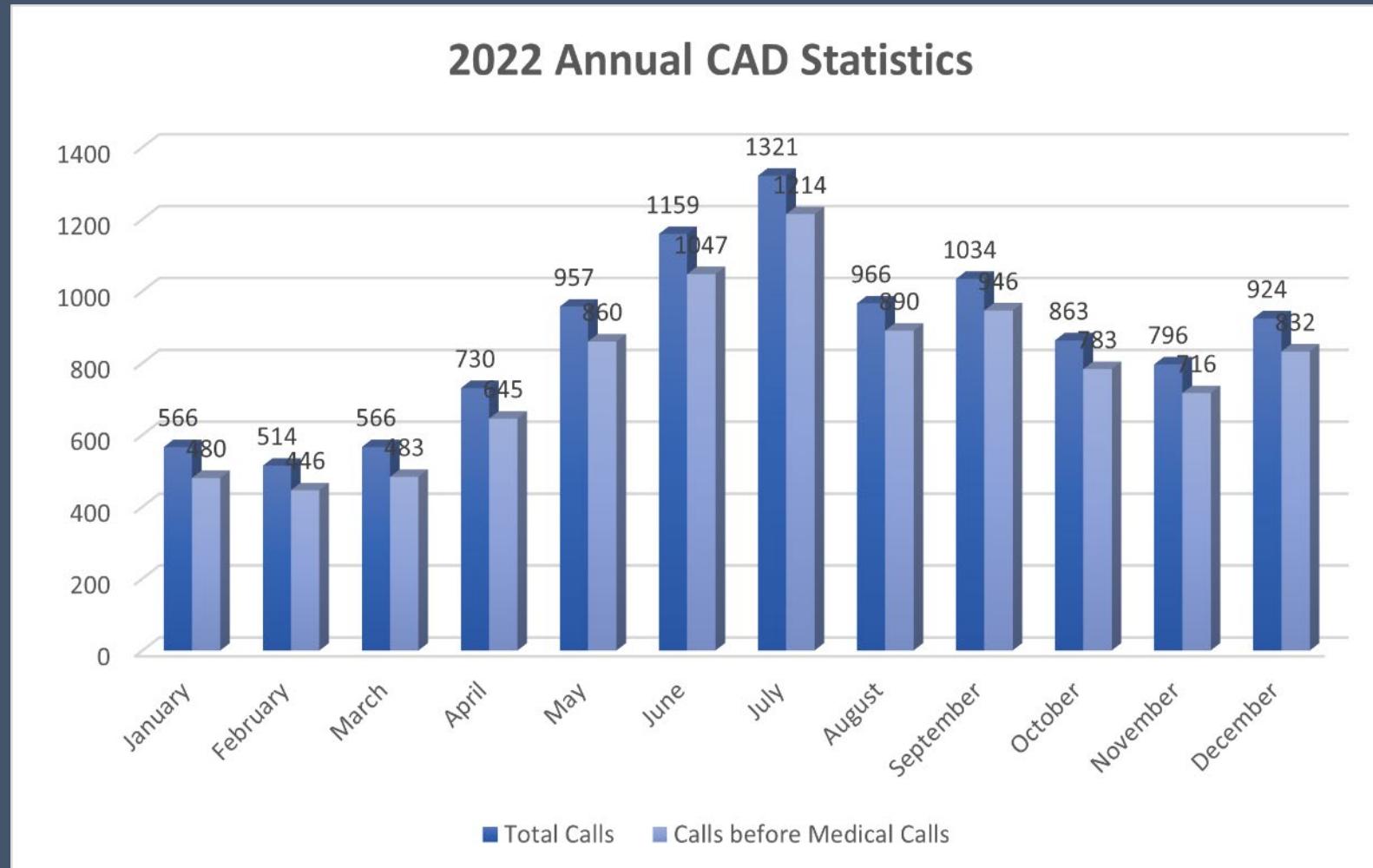
2022 & 2023 TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Activity	2022	January/August 2023
Traffic Stops	2998	1839
LSV Stops	*266	*168
Traffic Accidents	213	195
Traffic Accidents: Parking Lots	*65	*45
Traffic Accidents w/ Injuries	*26	*21
DWI Arrests	36	24
Speeding	758	498
Revoked / No License	348	227
Seat Belt	50	56
Expired Registration	413	247
Other Traffic Violations	709	416
Citations	1907	1306
Check Points	44	19

Note: If the number listed in the graph above contains an * sign, then the number was figured into the total number of Traffic Accidents.

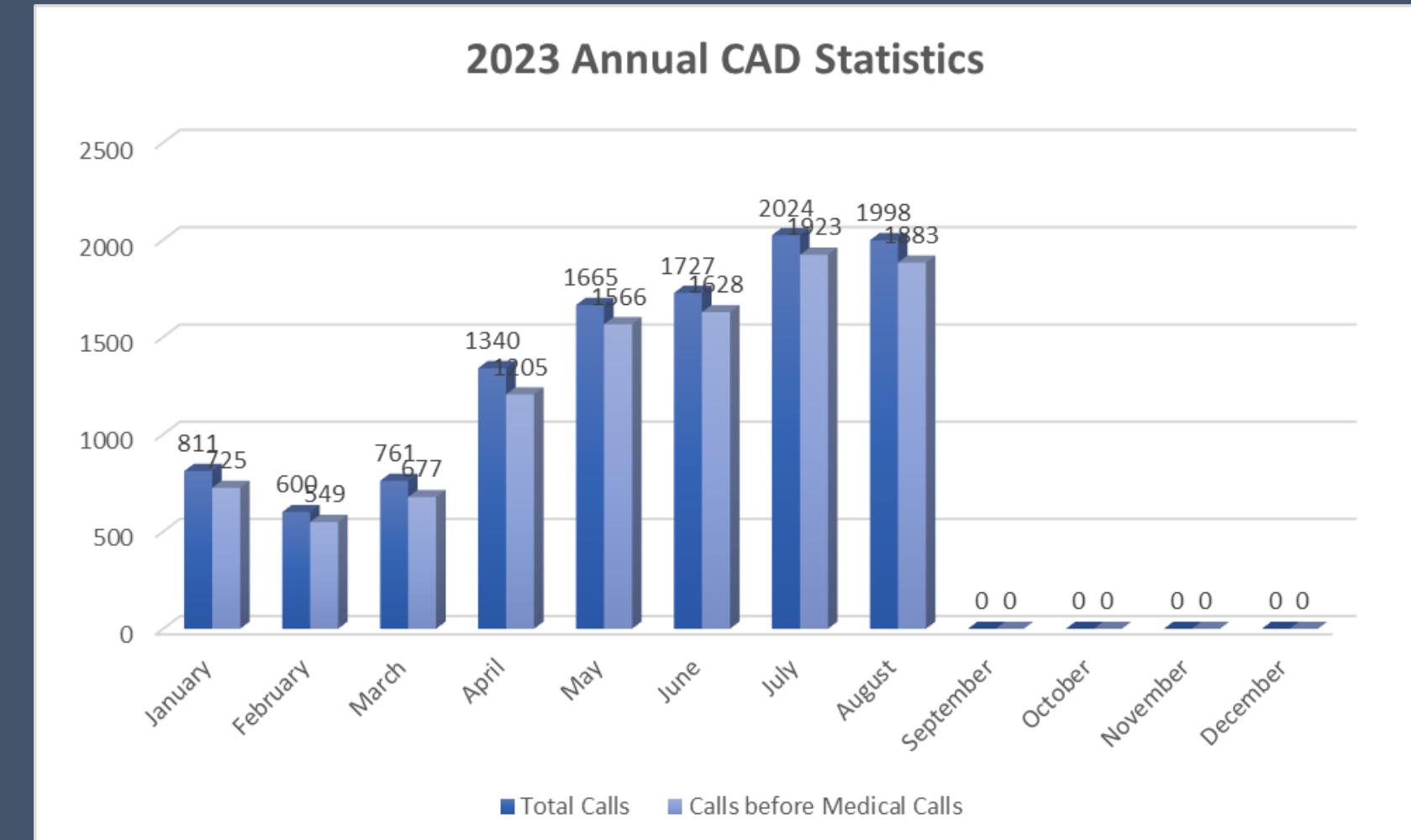
Daily, officers with the patrol division work to keep our streets safe through consistent traffic enforcement, visibility, and community engagement

2022 & 2023 CALLS FOR SERVICE



2022: Total calls for service: 8,418

2022: Total calls for service including medical: 9,472



2023: Total calls for service: 10,156

2023: Total calls for service including medical: 10,926

2022 & 2023 TOP 10 CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	2022	August 2023
Special Business/ Res. Checks	Unable to Track in 2022	4021
Call by Telephone	856	526
Alarm	423	249
Suspicious Vehicle/ Person	353	255
Take Written Report	430	250
Animal Control	272	210
Attempt to locate	347	207
Meet with Complainant	257	207
Improperly Parked Vehicle	214	166
Disturbance-Disorderly	232	146

2022 & 2023 CRIMES AGAINST PERSON AND PROPERTY CRIMES

2022 Crimes/Person	Total	July 2023 Crimes/Person	Total
Simple Assault	84	Simple Assault	38
Death Investigations	33	Death Investigations	16
Comm. Threats	25	Communicating Threats	17
Aggravated Assault	11	Aggravated Assault	3
Missing Persons/Runaway	9	Missing Person/Runaway	5
2022 Property Crimes		July 2023 Property Crimes	
Larceny	108	Larceny	63
Fraud Related	70	Fraud Related	42
Damage to Property	49	Damage to Property	28
Breaking and Entering	43	Breaking and Entering	24
Theft from Motor Vehicle	8	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1

2022 & 2023 NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS

2022	Total	January - July 2023	Total
Felony Arrests	31	Felony Arrests	16
Misdemeanor Charges	104	Misdemeanor Charges	30
Maintain Dwelling for Drug Distribution	0	Maintain Dwelling for Drug Distribution	0
Non-Resident Charged	59	Non-Resident Charged	19
Residents Charged	13	Resident Charged	5
Non-Fatal Overdoses	5	Non-Fatal Overdoses	4
Fatal Drug Overdoses	2	Fatal Drug Overdoses	0
Non-Residents	3*	Non-Residents	2*

COMMUNITY POLICING



- In August of 2022, the town re-initiated the Community Resource Officer (CRO) program
- Not only does the CRO work to build relationships within the community, but he also helps to solve community problems that arise.
- The CRO continues to partner with other town departments and local nonprofit organizations to make a positive difference in the community.

CRO ACTIVITES AND EVENTS

Since the CRO position was established, the department has attended, hosted, and/or participated in **119** activities. The following is examples of the events the CRO has created or participated:

- Coffee with a Cop
- Dutchman Dinghy Dash – Cardboard Boat Race
- First Responder Fishing Derby
- Chop with a Cop – Axe Throwing match with Local Youth
- Church Security Assessments
- Fraud/Hurricane/Self-Defense Presentations
- Faith Leader Meetings
- The Partnership Against Fraud
- Badges and Books
- Friends Feeding Friends
- Career Fairs
- Woman's Missionary Union First Baptist Church Meals program
- Spring Beach Sweep
- Claus Cause / Helping needy families

COMMUNITY POLICING

Social Media

- The police department has increased its reach to the public since the creation of the CRO. In 2022, the police department's Facebook page had 24,500 visits. In 2023, the FB page has already exceeded 60,000 visits which is an increase of 150%.
- Always working to build relationships both in-person and on-line



CRO FUNDING: Over \$20,000

- Grants
- Sponsorships
- Donations-These donations went towards the success of multiple events such as Chop with a Cop, The Dutchman Dinghy Dash, Thanksgiving meal giveaway, The Christmas family adoption program, and the renovations of the Veterans Park.



BEACH SERVICES UNIT

911 Sand Dune Calls

2022: 93

2023: 21

Charge	Enforcement Action (Verbal Warning or Written Citation)				Total:
	Zone 1 (West)	Zone 2 (Middle)	Zone 3 (East)		
Sand Dune	309	422	205	936	
Dog at Large	193	124	127	444	
Glass Container	158	209	145	512	
Holes on the Beach	263	277	241	781	
Electric Bikes/ Hoverboards	12	5	29	46	
Blocking Emergency Beach Access	404	708	916	2,028	
Holes filled in	141	134	136	411	
Total Enforcement Actions:	1,480	1,879	1,799	5,158	

Communication with Citizens	2,250	2,511	2,492	7,253
Miles Driven Per Zone	3,683.1	2,527	2,421.6	8,631.7
Missing Rescue Devices/ Tubes	1	1	0	

Beach Safety

- Beach Safety Education
 - Flotation Rescue Devices
 - Rip Current Flags
 - Colors and Meanings:
 - Jelly Fish
 - Dogs on a Leash
 - Filing in Holes



LOOKING FORWARD

- Accreditation
- Live Scan Fingerprinting
- Computer Replacement
- Pistols and Shotguns
- Health and Wellness



DEPARTMENTAL GOALS

Goal 1: Promote a safe community by crime reduction: Continue to objectively evaluate our community and develop strategies to reduce crime.

Goal 2: Improve Traffic and Pedestrian Safety: Visible Consistent officer presence and enforcement efforts on the streets.

Goal 3: Staffing and Recruitment: Continuous recruitment effort to attract and hire the most qualified employees.

Goal 4: Employee Development: Foster a positive and supportive culture that helps employees grow and develop their skills to better serve the community.

Goal 5: Community Engagement: Continue our community policing efforts by creating positive interactions and building relationships with members of our community.

Goal 6: Promote a safe and healthy beach environment: Continue to have a consistent presence by civilian and police staff on our beach.

Goal 7: Enhance communications internally and externally: Maintain an open line of communication within our community.