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2023 Annual Report

A MESSAGE FROM *Chief Cordell*



I am happy to present the Burleson Police Department's 2023 Annual Report.

The BPD Team was busy in 2023, responding to 21,573 calls for service. In addition, officers self-initiated 34,942 activities. Overall, our crimes against persons had a 6.4% decrease, while our property crime increased by 6.7%. Assaultive offenses were down 4.4%, and sex offenses decreased by 25.4%.

Through the initiation of Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS), our officers were visible in high-traffic areas. Our professional staff did an amazing job, processing over 4,300 pieces of evidence, while our Records team processed 3,691 open records request. Detectives worked over 1,500 cases and Victim's Assistance made over 480 citizen contacts. The number of serious traffic accidents decreased but overall we had an 11% increase in crashes.

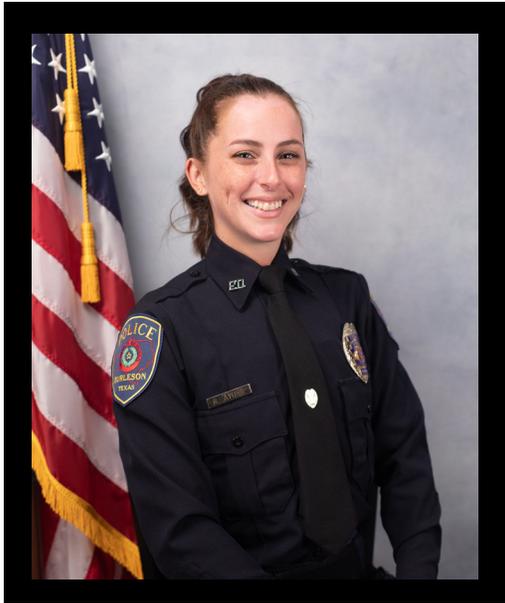
We are in the design phase of our facility expansion project that will add two buildings behind the existing building and include a remodel of the existing station. The expansion creates approximately 8,000 square feet of training space to enhance our readiness.

In 2024, BPD will transition from four policing districts to eight beats. This change allows us to manage future growth within our city and balance the call-load for our officers. Furthermore, this transition introduces beat integrity to ensure we provide equitable service to the entire city.

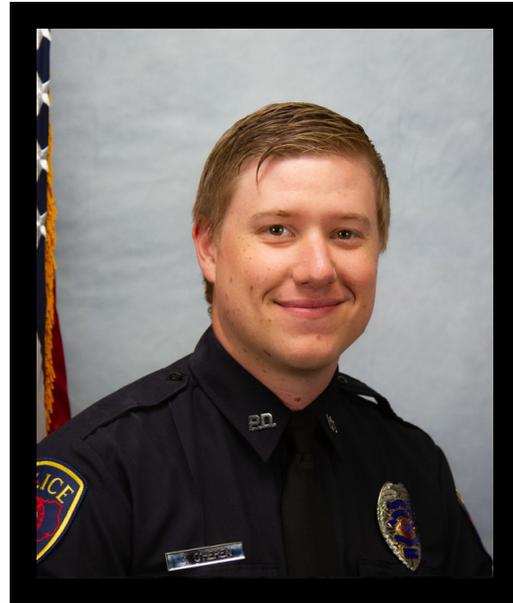
Our recruitment strategy resulted in the ability to add nine police officers in 2023. Seven officers were lateral entries from other agencies, allowing us to add experience to our team.

I am excited about the future of this department and appreciate the incredible men and women at BPD. Thank you for your continued support and entrusting us to serve this community!

2023 ANNUAL *Award Recipients*



Officer of the Year
Officer Rachel Ayuso



Rookie of the Year
Officer Chase O'Heren



Supervisor of the Year
Sergeant Brandon
Wichman



Civilian of the Year
Victims Assistance
Coordinator
Stephanie Beard



**Ofelia Blair Outstanding
Character Award**
Vicki McElroy

DEPARTMENT *History*

Since before the turn of the century, law enforcement has been an important part of city government. The City of Burleson adopted an ordinance on March 11, 1960, establishing a permanent police department and creating the position of chief of police. Until that time the city had a town marshal elected by the people or a "night watchman" who was appointed by the city council.



Chiefs of Police

Billy Cordell - 2014 to present

- Tom Cowan - 2001-2013
- Harvey Hightower - 1993-2001
- Roger Rountree - 1988-1993
- Keith Rippy - 1985-1988
- Don Maxon - 1983-1985
- Homer Barns - 1966-1983
- William Howe - 1964-1965
- Bill Altizer - 1962-1963
- Eldon Collins - 1960-1961

Town Marshals

- Eldon Collins - 1958-1961
- Tom Holland - 1958
- J.T. Dunn - 1958
- O.P. Patterson - 1955
- Mally Bransom - 1948
- D.M. Hay - 1935 & 1938
- Joe Sudberry - 1934
- D.M. Hay - 1933 & 1935
- J.O. Faires - 1931 & 1937
- Clyde B. Higgins - 1930
- J.W. Hurst - 1925-1929
- J.O. Faires - 1922-1924
- N.B. Hall - 1921
- Joe Crawford - 1920
- Tom Withers - 1917 & 1919
- L.F. Jenkins - 1916 & 1918
- J.T. Wood - 1914
- S.A. Stout - 1913
- G.E. Bean - 1912

AREAS of Operations

The Burleson Police Department is comprised of three areas of operation: Office of the Chief, the Operations Bureau, and the Support Bureau.

Office of the Chief

The Office of the Chief oversees the overall day-to-day operations of the department, such as the development and maintenance of the department's budget and strategic plan. Housed within the Office of the Chief are Deputy Chief of Police Doug Sandifer, Senior Administrative Assistant, and the Administrative Lieutenant. The Administrative Lieutenant oversees the department's accreditation unit, community resources unit, and supervisory development.



Operations Bureau

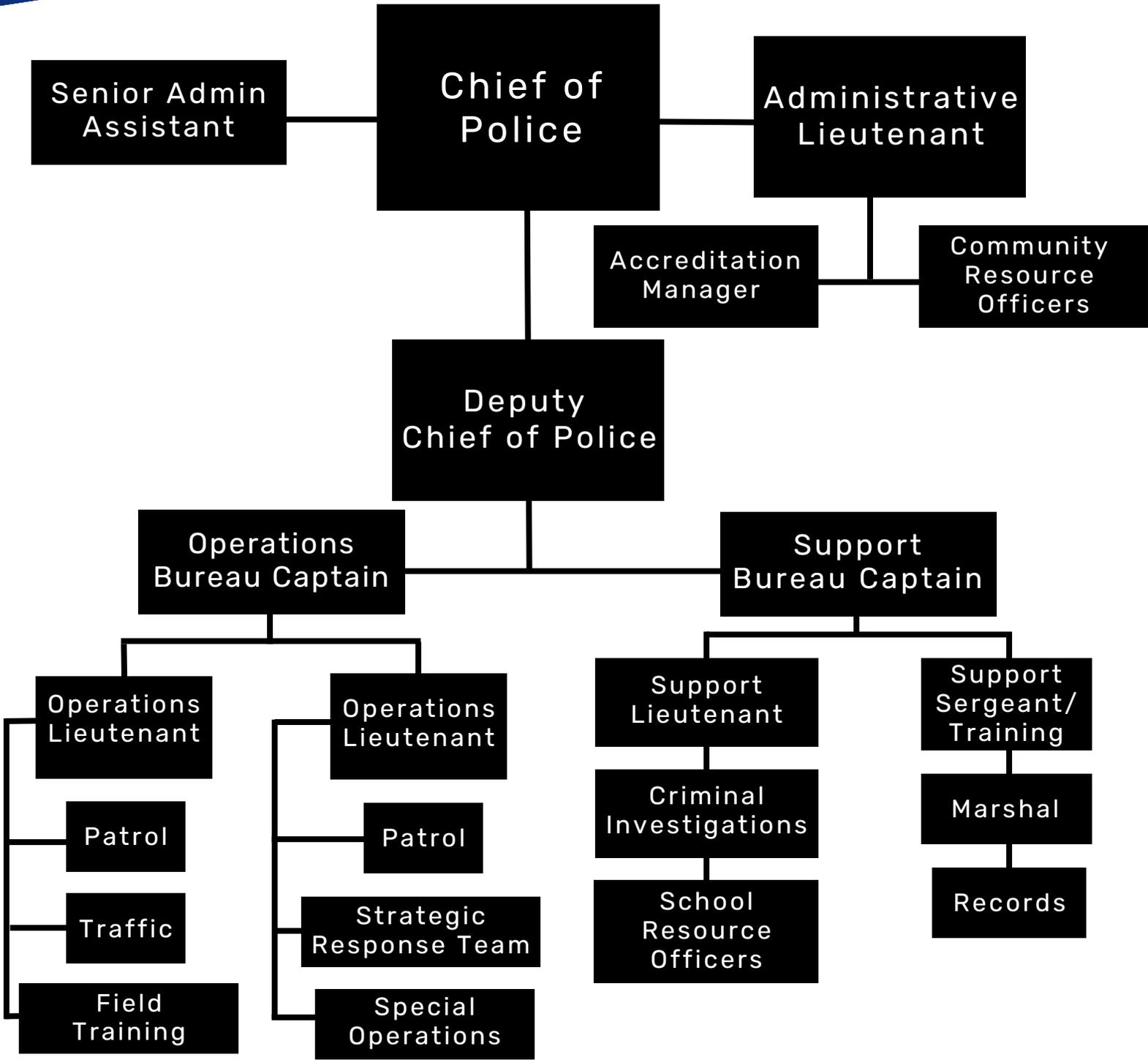
The Operations Bureau, led by Captain Melvin McGuire, provides uniformed services for the community. This includes patrol operations, traffic, field training, and the Strategic Response Team. The Operations Bureau contains two lieutenants who oversee the daily functions of the Bureau as well as special operations, such as SWAT, Crisis Negotiations, and Crash Investigations.

Support Bureau

The Support Bureau, led by Captain Randy Crum, provides support functions for the department. These include criminal investigations (detectives), marshal, school resource officers, training and development, internal affairs, and records. The Support Bureau contains one lieutenant who oversees the daily function of criminal investigations and school resource officers.



ORGANIZATIONAL *Chart*



COMMUNITY Resources

The Community Resource Officer (CRO) Unit assists the Burleson Police Department by carrying out the department's vision of "In Partnership with the Community" by engaging with the community through non-traditional law enforcement capacities. This includes planning and developing community events, such as Open House, National Night Out, and serving as a direct point of contact for home owner associations, neighborhood watch programs, and the business community. The CROs provide a number of educational programs throughout the community, such as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), Stop the Bleed, and the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training. Lastly, the CROs oversee the department's social media and Guardian Program.

Citizen's Police Academy

Held annually in June and July, the Burleson Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) is a multi-week educational program which affords citizens to learn about the various functions, roles, and responsibilities of the department. Sixteen community members graduated from the CPA in 2023.



Citizens on Patrol

The Citizens on Patrol (COPS) program is the lead volunteer program for the department. COPS members provide additional "eyes and ears" by patrolling the community. Members of the COPS programs are graduates of the CPA and the COPS academy, which is an additional eight weeks of training after the CPA. While not patrolling the community, COPS members can be seen assisting officers during major events, such as 4th of July events. Thirteen community members graduated the COPS academy in 2023.

Ministers and Officers for a Greater Burleson

The Ministers and Officers for a Greater Burleson (MOGB) program is a faith-based partnership which serves our community to enhance the quality of life for a greater Burleson. Members of the MOGB are graduates of the MOGB academy and are often called upon to assist with members of the community during critical incidents.

ACCREDITATION

In 1987, the Burleson Police Department became the first department in the State of Texas to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), located in Fairfax, Virginia. The department received its eleventh re-accreditation in July 2022, maintaining our professional status on an international level. Accreditation through CALEA demonstrates the department's voluntary commitment to law enforcement excellence by living up to a body of standards deemed essential to the protection of the life, health, and safety and rights of the citizens it serves. The Department completed and passed an annual review in June 2023. In order to maintain accreditation, the department must meet over 400 CALEA standards during the CALEA evaluation period.



Burleson Police Department
**is the longest
CALEA
accredited law
enforcement
agency in
Texas**



PATROL *Division*



Patrol is the backbone of the department, providing 24/7 coverage through three patrol shifts. In 2023, patrol transitioned to a 12-hour staffing schedule with an overlapping power shift. Patrol responds to calls for service, affect arrests, conduct traffic enforcement, investigate crimes, and investigate crashes. The city is divided into four patrol districts, but will be transitioning to eight patrol beats during 2024. In 2023, Burleson Police officers responded to 56,515 calls for service, with approximately 38% of those calls being citizen initiated. During 2023, the Burleson Police Department continued to prescribe to intelligence led and proactive policing philosophies. When coupled with Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS), this allows the Department to identify crime trends and to shift personnel to address those trends. It should be noted the Burleson Police Department observed an approximate 62% reduction in theft of motor vehicle parts (most commonly catalytic converters) during 2023.

56,515



calls for service

2023 PATROL DATA

15,480

Traffic Stops

4,518

Citations

222

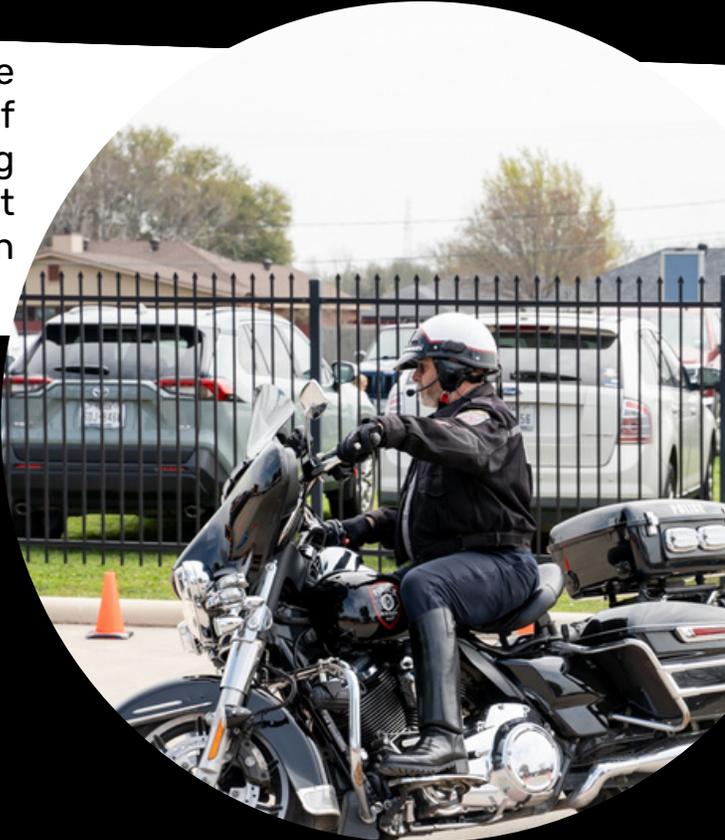
DWI Arrests

1,466

Arrests
(includes Adults
and Juveniles)

TRAFFIC *Unit*

The traffic unit is comprised of four motorcycle officers who carry out the primary duty of conducting traffic enforcement and investigating crashes. Most of the members of the traffic unit are certified in either advanced crash investigation or crash reconstruction.



Crash Data

538 Major
1,134 Minor
377 Hit & Run

Traffic Stats

2,938
Traffic Stops
1,971
Citations

STRATEGIC RESPONSE TEAM (SRT)

SRT was founded on the premise that a modern police agency requires a means in which to address the four pillars of COMPSTAT. The COMPSTAT philosophy emphasizes information sharing, responsibility and accountability, and improving effectiveness. The core components are timely and accurate information or intelligence, rapid deployment of resources, effective tactics, and relentless follow-up.

SRT's mission is to address quality of life issues affecting the environment in which our citizens live and conduct business. Duties include conducting surveillance on locations and individuals where information indicates criminal activity is taking place, targeting fugitives from justice and repeat offenders of criminal offenses, and utilizing interdiction techniques to intercept human trafficking, narcotics, weapons, stolen property, and other contraband that is being trafficked. This also includes the seizure of illicit proceeds generated by these activities.

SRT is comprised of six sworn personnel, including one sergeant, four officers, one K9 officer and K9 Sonic. Members of SRT have received training in Desert Snow Highway Interdiction, Highway Interdiction Training Specialists, Street Crimes Investigator, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, Advanced Undercover Operations, ALERRT Advanced Actives Shooter, Defensive Tactics, Vehicle Close Quarter Battle, High Risk Vehicle Stops, and all members attend bi-monthly SWAT training.

CRIMINAL

Investigations

The Burleson Police Department Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) is broken down into two units; The Crimes Against Persons (CAPERS) Unit and the Property Crimes Unit. Within the CAPERS unit, detectives investigate murder, aggravated assault, assault, robbery, sexual assault, crimes against children, stalking, and harassment, to name a few. They receive specialized training to investigate these offenses.

Detectives assigned to the Property Crimes Unit investigate burglary, theft, burglary of a motor vehicle, identity theft, and forgery, to name a few. The Property Crimes Unit also has an auto theft investigator assigned to the Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force. The primary responsibility of this investigator is to investigate theft of motor vehicles, obtaining a vehicle through fraudulent means, and identifying locations where stolen vehicles are being disassembled.

In 2023, the Criminal Investigations Section investigated over 1,500 cases.



STOP TASK FORCE



The County of Johnson will disrupt criminals and dismantle criminal enterprises through undercover operations, covert surveillance, and overt interdiction operations. The Stop the Offender Program is a cooperative effort among the law enforcement entities throughout Johnson County.

The population served is the citizens who reside within the geographical boundaries of Johnson County and Tarrant County. The Stop the Offender Program is led by Commander Larry Sparks, who is an officer with the Burleson Police Department.

SUPPORT *Bureau*



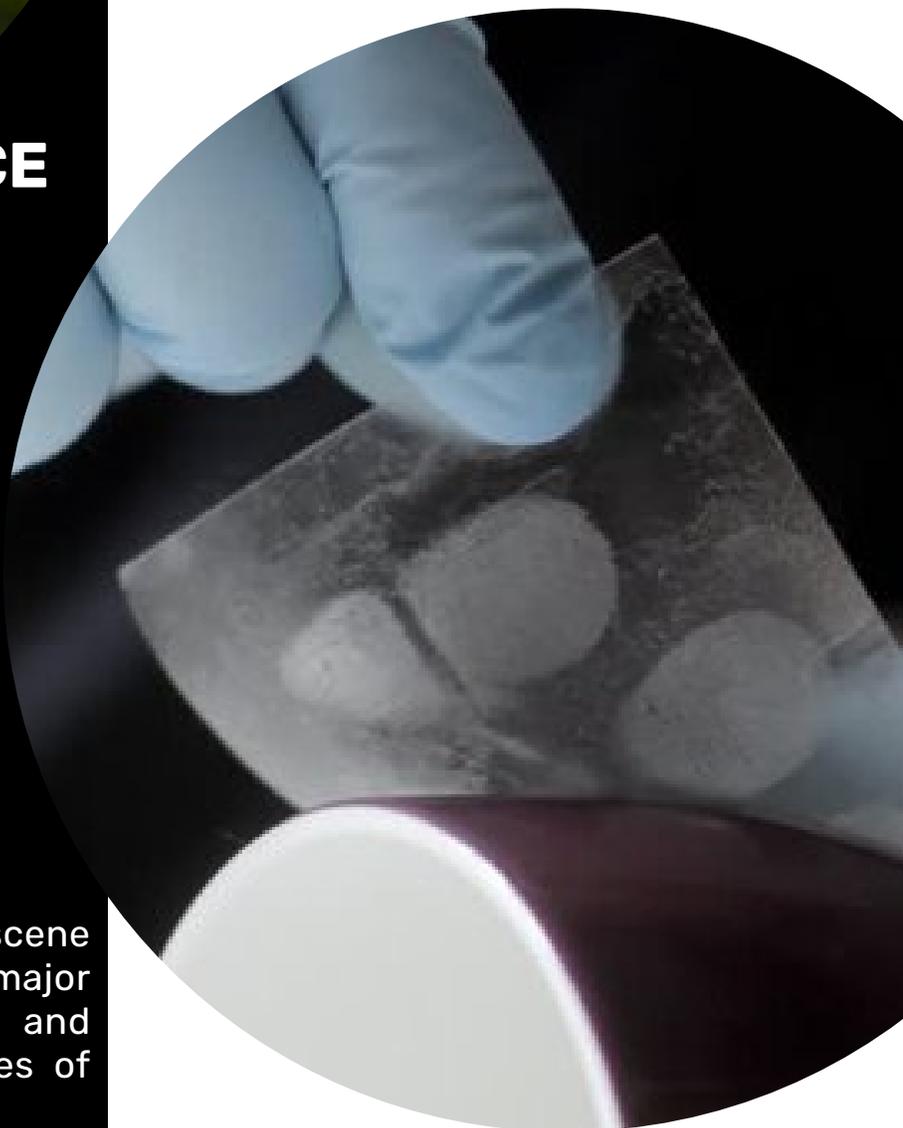
CRIME ANALYSIS

The crime analyst produces and disseminates crime bulletins, analyzes crime trends, produces hot spot maps, and completes statistics for the department. The analyst liaisons with other analysts throughout the region, serves on the Fort Worth Fusion Center, and is a Certified Law Enforcement Analyst through the International Association of Crime Analysts.

PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

One Senior Property and Evidence Technician and one Property and Evidence Technician staff the Burleson Police Department Property and Evidence Unit. The Property and Evidence Technicians are tasked with receiving all evidence, processing and entering into property storage, conducting audits, preparing court documentation for case disposition and property destruction, coordinating property release, and coordinating court ordered property destruction.

The technicians are also crime scene certified and assist with processing major crime scenes. In 2023, Property and Evidence processed over 4,300 pieces of evidence.



VICTIMS Assistance

Victim Assistance Coordinator

In 2019, the Burleson Police Department received grant funding to obtain a full-time Victim Assistance Coordinator. The objectives of the Victim Assistance program are further supported with a part-time Victim Assistance Coordinator.

The Victim Assistance Coordinators knowledge of resources serve as a valuable asset to assist victim of crime through all phases of the criminal justice process. Their networks allow us to connect victim to resources, such as counselors, shelters, food, and clothing.

Their compassion for victims ensures them that the Burleson Police Department cares for their physical and mental well-being, as well as serves as an advocate for victims through their journey to recovery. In 2023, the Victim Assistance Unit contacted 480 victims.

Victim Assistance Poster

Recognizing the challenges survivors face in reporting domestic violence, the Burleson Police Department launched a Victims Assistance Campaign. It involves discreet self-adhesive posters with QR codes strategically placed in female restroom stalls across local businesses and churches. These posters are more than just symbols; they're silent yet powerful tools for those seeking help. When scanned, the QR code directs the user to the Victims Assistance webpage – a safe platform.

Here, survivors can connect with dedicated advocates from the Victims Assistance Program. More than just a helpline, the webpage provides a wealth of resources and information crucial for their safety and well-being. In situations of immediate danger, the webpage offers a unique feature – TEXT 911. This ensures help is just a text away, providing a discreet lifeline without alerting the abuser.

**YOU DON'T HAVE
TO LIVE WITH
ABUSE**

we can help

THE CITY OF
BURLESON
TEXAS

HELP IS ONE SCAN AWAY

WE TAKE ACTION WHEN YOU
ARE READY OR IT'S
ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

WE HAVE THE RESOURCES
THAT **EMPOWER** YOU

NEED IMMEDIATE HELP BUT CAN'T TALK, TEXT 911

SCHOOL RESOURCE

Officers



The Burleson Police Department and Burleson Independent School District have collaborated to provide a police presence on school campuses. The School Resource Officer (SRO) Section is staffed with two sergeants and nine officers. With a combined population of just under 4,000 Students, BHS and CHS have two SRO's assigned to each campus and a SRO assigned to all secondary schools. SROs also provide educational presentations to students, faculty, and staff, attend student and parent conferences, and assist school administration. They cross-train with the School Safety Officers assigned to all elementary campuses.

RECORDS

The Burleson Police Department Records section receive and process all reports generated by police personnel, and compile reports for the Department, State, and FBI. They perform quality assurance on all reports before uploading them into a computerized records management system. They compile data for the consultant to complete our annual racial profiling report. The Burleson Police Department utilizes the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).



By the Numbers

	2023	2022
Incident Reports	4,758	4,778
Reported Accidents	998	898
Open Records Requests	3,691	3,213
Expunctions/Sealing Completed	96	150
Traffic Stops	20,213	18,704



BURLESON POLICE DEPARTMENT

NIBRS CRIMES

		YTD 2023	YTD 2022
		Total	Total
Crimes Against Persons NIBRS Group A			
09A	Murder/ Manslaughter	0	1
09B	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
100	Kidnapping/ Unlawful Restraint	4	2
11A-D	Sex Offenses	44	59
11A	Rape	21	24
11B	Sodomy	2	7
11C	Sex Assault w/ Object	6	4
11D	Fondling	15	24
36A-B	Sex Offenses - Consensual	0	0
36A	Incest	0	0
36B	Statutory Rape	0	0
13A-C	Assaultive Offenses	460	481
13A	Aggravated Assault	76	83
13B	Simple Assault	352	373
13C	Intimidation	32	25
64A	Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex	0	0
64B	Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0
	Crimes Against Persons Total	508	543

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NIBRS CRIMES

		YTD 2023 Total	YTD 2022 Total
Crimes Against Property NIBRS Group B			
120	Robbery	9	7
220	Burglary	89	52
23A-H	Theft Offenses	573	558
23A	<i>Pocket Picking</i>	0	0
23B	<i>Purse Snatching</i>	0	0
23C	<i>Shoplifting</i>	240	201
23D	<i>Theft From Building</i>	37	21
23E	<i>Theft From Coin Op Mach</i>	1	0
23F	<i>Theft From Motor Vehicle (BMV)</i>	136	106
23G	<i>Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts</i>	28	74
23H	<i>All Other Theft</i>	131	156
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	73	51
26A-G	Fraud Offenses	210	236
200	Arson	2	1
210	Extortion / Blackmail	0	0
250	Counterfeiting / Forgery	49	54
270	Embezzlement	11	2
280	Stolen Property Offenses	1	0
290	Vandalism	118	104
510	Bribery	1	0
	Crimes Against Property Total	1136	1065

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NIBRS CRIMES

		YTD 2023 Total	YTD 2022 Total
Crimes Against Society NIBRS Group C			
35A-B	Drug Offenses	337	318
35A	Drug/Narcotic Violations	277	290
35B	Drug Equipment Violations	60	28
39A-D	Gambling Offenses	0	0
40A-C	Prostitution Offenses	0	0
370	Pornography / Obscene Material	18	22
520	Weapon Law Violations	41	62
720	Animal Cruelty	6	1
	Crimes Against Society Total	402	403

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