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2022 Annual Report



A MESSAGE FROM *Chief Cordell*



I am happy to present the 2022 Burleson Police Department's annual report to you. I am proud of our staff's accomplishments and the level of service provided this past year. Overall, our crimes against persons had a slight 3.2% increase, which equates to seventeen (17) additional offenses. However, we had a 22.9% decrease in our crimes against property, which equates to three hundred and fifteen

(315) offenses. In particular, motor vehicle burglary decreased by 48.6%, representing the lowest number of these offenses in the previous ten years.

We completed several key strategic planning projects that will define the future of our department. We consulted an architect to evaluate future facility needs through space planning exercises, presented those needs to the Bond Committee, and we enlisted Matrix Consulting to evaluate our department's future staffing, finalize facility space planning, and evaluate alternate patrol scheduling models. The work done in 2022 will pave the way for this department's future service and needs. The future facility will consist of a combination of existing and new space of around 65,000 square feet.

I am excited about the future of this department as we implement the strategic plans created last year. We contracted with Brinkley/ Sargent/ Wiginton architectural firm to design the facility over the next twelve-eighteen months. We will hire a construction manager to assist in the design and begin construction soon after the architectural phase is completed. One of the key components of the new facility will be a robust training center to ensure our officers are well-trained and equipped to do their jobs.

It is an honor to serve this great city and we appreciate your support!

2022 ANNUAL *Award Recipients*



Officer of the Year
Officer Mark Hilliard



Rookie of the Year
Officer Saeed Harvey



Supervisor of the Year
Sergeant Chaz Garrett



Civilian of the Year
Sr. Admin Assistant
Lisa Cauthern



**Ofelia Blair Outstanding
Character Award**
Officer in Charge
Jonathan Gomez

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. Housed within the Office of the Chief are Deputy Chief of Police Doug Sandifer, Senior Administrative Assistant, and the Administrative Lieutenant, which is a newly funded position for the Burleson Police Department. The Administrative Lieutenant oversees the department's accreditation unit and community resource unit.



Operations Bureau

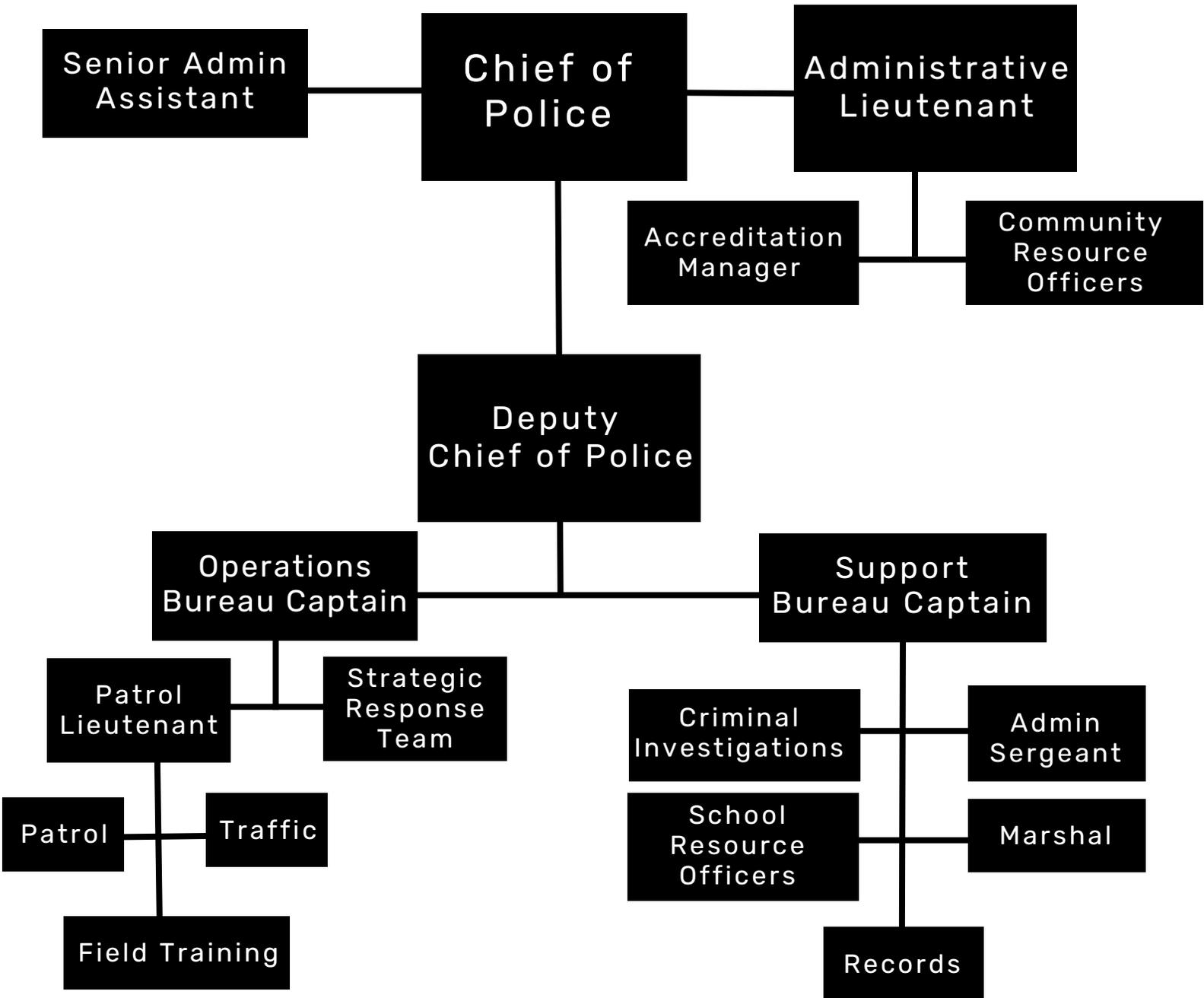
The Operations Bureau, led by Captain Melvin McGuire, provides uniformed services for the community. This includes patrol operations, traffic, field training, and the Strategic Response Team. The Operations Bureau added a patrol lieutenant to oversee patrol operations. Lastly, the Operations Bureau houses a number of auxiliary functions, such as SWAT, Crisis Negotiations, and Accident Investigations.

Support Bureau

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



ORGANIZATIONAL *Chart*



COMMUNITY Resources

The Community Resource Officer (CRO) Unit assists the Burleson Police Department carry 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

The Burleson Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) is an eight-week educational program which affords citizens to learn about the various functions, roles, and responsibilities of the department.



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.

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. In order to maintain accreditation, the department must meet 484 CALEA standards during the CALEA evaluation period.



Burleson Police Department
**is the longest
CALEA
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Texas**



PATROL *Division*



Patrol is the backbone of the department, providing 24/7 coverage through three patrol shifts. They respond to calls for service, affect arrests, conduct traffic enforcement, investigate crimes, and investigate crashes. The city is divided into four patrol districts consisting of north, south, east, and west. In 2022, Burleson Police officers responded to 55,373 calls for services, with approximately 37% of these calls being citizen initiated. During 2022, the Burleson Police Department began utilizing Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) and prescribed to intelligence led policing philosophies, which allows the department to identify crime trends and to shift personnel to address those trends. It should be noted the Burleson Police Department observed a 48.6% reduction in burglary of motor vehicle reports during 2022.

55,373



calls for service

48.6%

reduction
in burglary of
motor vehicle
reports in 2022

2022 PATROL DATA

13,617

Traffic Stops

4,228

Citations

222

DWI Arrests

1,429

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 investigate crashes. Most of the members of the traffic unit are certified in either advanced crash investigation or crash reconstruction.



Crash Data

455 Major

1,052 Minor

349 Hit & Run

5 Fatalities

Traffic Stats

3,291

Traffic Stops

2,883

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 included 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 five sworn personnel, including one sergeant, three 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 allmembers 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.



CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS 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. In 2022, **CAPERS detectives investigated over 700 offenses.**



PROPERTY CRIMES UNIT

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 vehicle, obtaining a vehicle through fraudulent means, and identifying locations where stolen vehicles are being disassembled. In 2022, **Property detectives investigated over 1,000 offenses**



June 24, 2022

Wilshire Boulevard Investigation

An innocent female motorist was struck by a bullet on Wilshire Blvd. during an incident that stemmed from a botched drug deal. The 64-year-old female succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Detectives worked long hours, wrote numerous search and arrest warrants, and conducted several interviews to make six arrests within 48 hours of the incident. The complexity of this case and the multiple unknown suspects required detectives to interview numerous witnesses and locate several involved vehicles to unravel the case.

SUPPORT *Bureau*



PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

One Senior Property and Evidence Technician staff the Burleson Police Department Property and Evidence Unit. However, an additional technician was approved during the FY22-23 budgetary process. This position is anticipated to be filled in April 2023. The Property Coordinator is 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 2022, **Property and Evidence processed over 3,700 pieces of evidence.**

CRIME ANALYSIS

Burleson Police Department's crime analyst is tasked with producing crime bulletins, maintaining the briefing scroll, analyzing crime trends for the weekly reports, mapping, and completing 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.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE

In 2019, the Burleson Police Department received grant funding to obtain a full-time Victim Assistance Coordinator.

The Victim Assistance Coordinators knowledge of resources serve as a valuable asset to assist victims of crimes through all phases of the criminal justice process. Their networks allow the department to connect victims to resources, such as counsellors, 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.



STOP TASK FORCE

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 task force utilizes three methods to disrupt criminal enterprises and criminal activities:

1. Disrupt the distribution of narcotics by use of undercover operations; officers will also be responsible for seeking out, locating, and coordinating disposal of meth labs;
2. Coordinate efforts of all area law enforcement, as it relates to narcotics enforcement and the investigation of terrorism; and
3. Detect and disrupt the mobility of the criminal element via highway interdiction operations (use of uniformed peace officers in marked patrol vehicles to detect criminal activities on highways and roadways).

The Stop the Offender Program is led by Commander Larry Sparks, who is an officer with the Burleson Police Department.



Arnoldo Reseniz Rivera, a Burleson resident, was leaving his home on October 21, 2021, when investigators conducted a traffic stop. A K-9 performed an open-air sniff, which gave probable cause to search the vehicle. This led to the discovery of a large amount of methamphetamine and counterfeit oxycodone pills (known on the street as M30 pills that contain fentanyl and cocaine). Also present in the vehicle was a firearm. A search warrant was executed on Rivera's residence, where another large amount of fentanyl was located. Rivera was charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver over 400 grams for the methamphetamine, Possession with Intent to Deliver over 400 grams for the fentanyl, Possession with Intent to Deliver over 4 but less than 200 grams for the cocaine and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a felon.

A total of one kilo of methamphetamine, 1.5 lbs of fentanyl and six grams of cocaine were seized.

On October 27, 2022, Rivera pled guilty to State charges and received a 45-year sentence to the Texas Department of Corrections.

The investigation and arrest were made possible with the assistance from the Stop the Offender Program - Special Crimes Unit (S.T.O.P. - S.C.U.) in conjunction with Mid-Cities Drug Task Force (MCDTF), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office K9, and Burleson Police Department.

SCHOOL RESOURCE Officers



The Burleson Police Department and Burleson Independent School District have collaborated to provide a police presence on school campuses. Currently, the School Resource Officer (SRO) Section is staffed with one sergeant and seven officers. However, through the budgetary process, one additional SRO sergeant and two additional SROs will be added mid-2023. The two high schools have the highest level of school occupancy with BHS having over 1,700 students and CHS having over 1,900 students. Both high school campuses are expected to exceed 2,000 students in the near future. SROs also provided educational presentations to students, faculty, and staff, attend student and parent conferences, and assist school administration.

RECORDS

The Burleson Police Department Records section receive and process all reports generated by police personnel, in addition to compiling reports as required by the Department, State, and FBI. Records staff performs quality assurance on the reports before uploading them into a computerized records management system. The Burleson Police Department utilizes the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).



By the Numbers

	2021	2022
Incident Reports	4,793	4,778
Reported Accidents	862	898
Open Records Requests	3,165	3,213
Expunctions/Sealing Completed	93	150
Traffic Stops	17,272	18,704



BURLESON POLICE DEPARTMENT

NIBRS CRIMES

		YTD 2022 Total	YTD 2021 Total
Crimes Against Persons (NIBRS - GROUP A)			
09A	Murder/ Manslaughter	1	2
09B	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
100	Kidnapping/ Unlawful Restraint	2	2
11A-D	Sex Offenses	60	46
11A	Rape	25	28
11B	Sodomy	8	1
11C	Sex Assault w/ Object	4	2
11D	Fondling	23	15
36A-B	Sex Offenses - Consensual	0	3
36A	Incest	0	0
36B	Statutory Rape	0	3
13A-C	Assaultive Offenses	483	476
13A	Aggravated Assault	86	73
13B	Simple Assault	372	365
13C	Intimidation	25	38
64A	Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex	0	0
64B	Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0
	Crimes Against Persons Total	546	529

Statistics reported are raw figures for crime analysis tracking purposes and may differ from those reported to the FBI.

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NIBRS CRIMES

		YTD 2022 Total	YTD 2021 Total
Crimes Against Property (NIBRS - Group A)			
120	Robbery	7	8
220	Burglary	52	52
23A-H	Theft Offenses	560	689
23A	<i>Pocket Picking</i>	0	0
23B	<i>Purse Snatching</i>	0	0
23C	<i>Shoplifting</i>	200	169
23D	<i>Theft From Building</i>	21	17
23E	<i>Theft From Coin Op Mach</i>	0	6
23F	<i>Theft From Motor Vehicle (BMV)</i>	108	210
23G	<i>Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts</i>	74	81
23H	<i>All Other Theft</i>	157	206
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	52	84
26A-G	Fraud Offenses	237	331
200	Arson	1	5
210	Extortion / Blackmail	0	0
250	Counterfeiting / Forgery	53	37
270	Embezzlement	2	1
280	Stolen Property Offenses	0	2
290	Vandalism	104	174
510	Bribery	0	0
	Crimes Against Property Total	1068	1383

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NIBRS CRIMES

		YTD 2022 Total	YTD 2021 Total
Crimes Against Society (NIBRS - Group A)			
35A-B	Drug Offenses	317	295
35A	<i>Drug/Narcotic Violations</i>	289	276
35B	<i>Drug Equipment Violations</i>	28	19
39A-D	Gambling Offenses	0	0
40A-C	Prostitution Offenses	0	0
370	Pornography / Obscene Material	22	13
520	Weapon Law Violations	62	51
720	Animal Cruelty	1	2
	Crimes Against Society Total	402	361

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