

# Lilburn Police Department



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## Annual Report 2020

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# *Mission Statement and Values*

The mission of the Lilburn Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in the City of Lilburn by working cooperatively with the community to promote a safe and secure environment, resolve problems, preserve the peace, and uphold the law.

## **P.R.I.D.E. IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Members of the Lilburn Police Department are committed to the following organizational values, which guide our conduct to help accomplish our Mission Statement:

### **PROFESSIONALISM**

We support a climate of mutual respect, trust, and compassion, which will promote professionalism and positive attitudes. We will provide quality service in a courteous and efficient manner.

### **RESPECT**

We will treat all people impartially and in a dignified and courteous manner. We will exhibit understanding of ethnic and cultural diversity, both in our professional and personal endeavors.

### **INTEGRITY**

We demand the highest level of integrity from our employees. We are committed to the highest standards of trust, responsibility, and ethical conduct while promoting justice in a fair and impartial manner. We will hold ourselves accountable for our actions.

### **DEDICATION**

We will promote personal and professional growth by supporting continuing education and progressive training of the highest quality.

### **EXCELLENCE**

We believe that we can achieve our highest potential by actively involving our employees in problem solving and improving the level of service provided to the community. We are committed to exceptional effort, accuracy and thoroughness.

# Message from the Chief of Police . . .



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## The Police Chief's Message:

The mission of the Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in the city of Lilburn by working cooperatively with the community to promote a safe and secure environment, resolve problems, preserve the peace, and uphold the law.

The Lilburn Police Department continues to make significant strides towards crime control, traffic safety, reducing emergency response times, and enhancing the profession of law enforcement. To aid in this effort, the Lilburn Police Department annually produces a report documenting the previous year's information regarding crime statistics, traffic control, and community outreach efforts. We are dedicated to serving our community in an honorable and ethical manner as we pursue this mission.

I am honored to work with so many members of the Department – both sworn and civilians – who are deeply committed to working to make Lilburn the safest city possible.

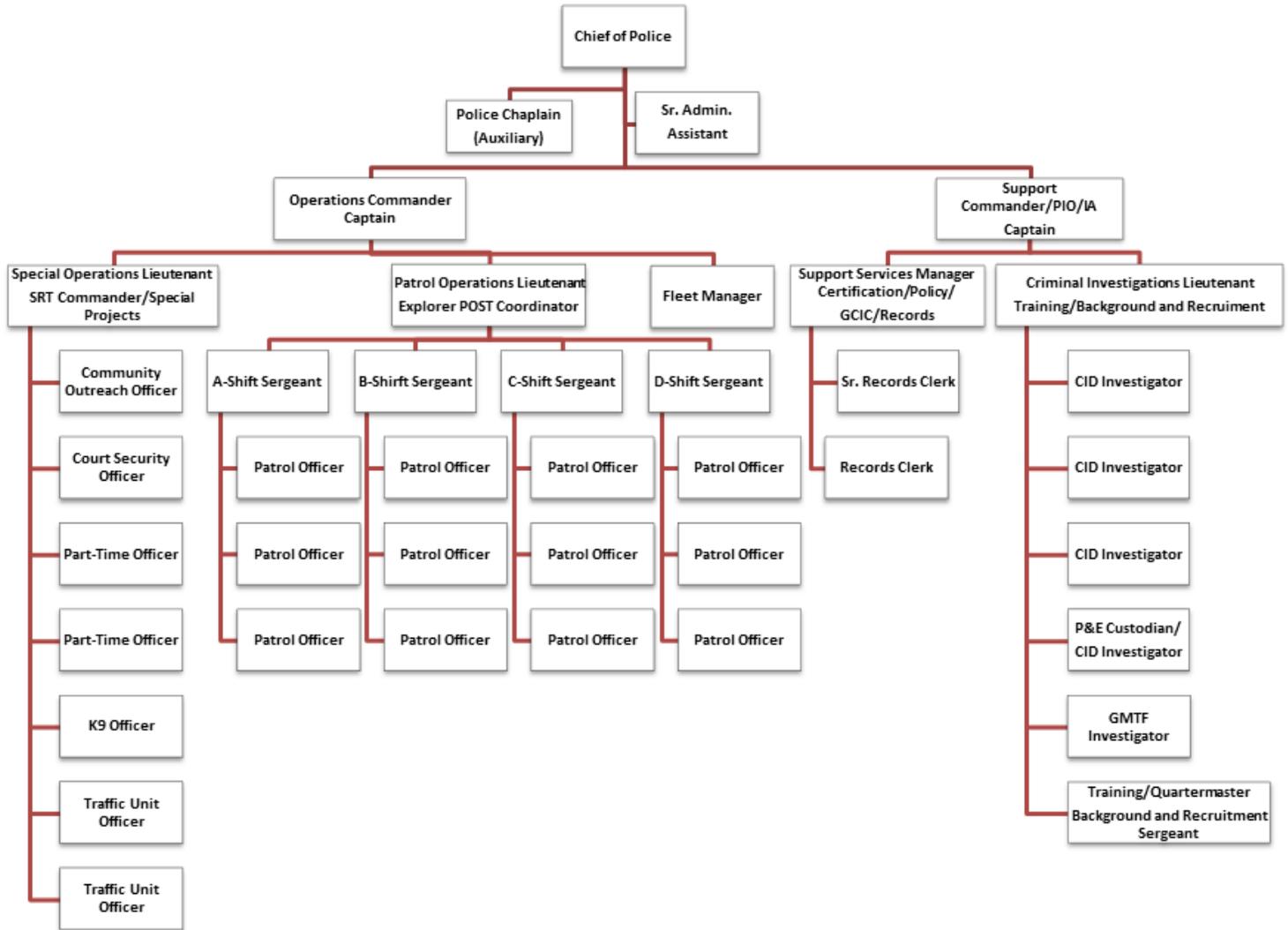
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Hedley".

Bruce Hedley  
Chief of Police



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# Organizational Chart



January 2021

# Command Staff



Captain Rob Worley  
Operations Commander

## The Operations Division

The Operations Division is the largest division and is responsible for many vital components such as Uniform Patrol, the Traffic Unit, the K-9 Unit, the Reserve Unit, the Warrant Service Team, Court Security, the Explorer Post, Fleet Operations, Community Outreach and Special Events. 2020 Goals and Objectives included:

>**Fight Crime and reduce the fear of crime in our community.** The Officers maintained high visibility in the neighborhood and business corridors. Officer's visits and increased patrol improved citizens sense of safety and provided a positive interaction with police.

>**Expand training and knowledge.** The department has a total of 6 officers trained in Crisis Intervention. All officers received training during roll call weekly.

>**Expand the community oriented policing responsibilities.** Despite Covid-19 attempts to deter interactions with the community, Community Outreach responded to Covid-19 by conducting neighborhood meetings through Zoom and also conducted a Citizens Police Academy. Patrol units from each shift met with new business owners and provided extra patrols during business shut downs.

## The Support Division

The Support Division is responsible for the day to day operations for the following elements: Criminal Investigations, Property & Evidence, Emergency Management, Crime Suppression, Training, Quartermaster, Background & Recruitment, Internal Affairs, Public Information Officer, Assigned Task Force Officer, Records, Communications, and State Certification. 2020 Goals and Objectives included:

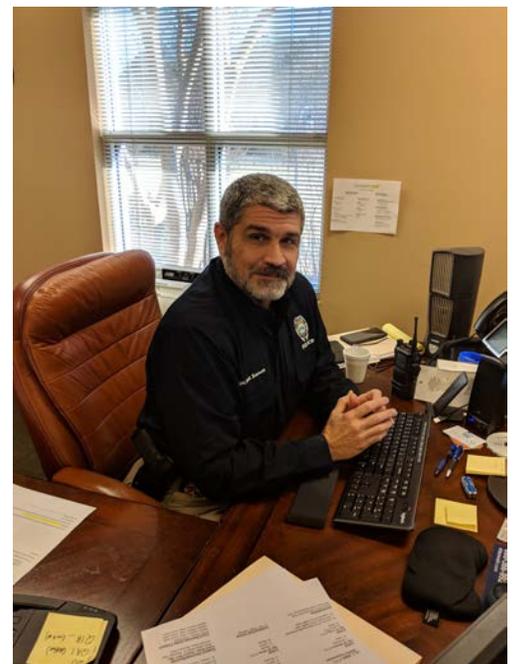
>**Enhance the efficiency of the Criminal Investigations**

**Division.** All investigators received training and have access to several new investigative tools to assist in working active cases and participate in state and local information sharing.

>**Community Involvement.** Investigators attend Patrol Shift Roll Call periodically and assisted with the Citizens Police Academy.

>**Property & Evidence.** A 100% inventory was completed on all in-custody property & evidence during the move to the new building.

>**Maintain compliance with State Certification standards and revise General Orders, as needed.** All General Orders were reviewed and revised, as needed. On August 1, 2020 the Department attained re-certification through the Georgia Association Chiefs of Police State Certification program.



Captain Scott Bennett  
Support Commander

# Uniform Patrol



Uniform Patrol Officers were assigned to the three zones in the city. Officers worked 12-hour shifts to cover each zone. Assignments to zones assisted officers in being familiar with the residents and businesses providing proactive policing to each zone. Officers handled 25,969 calls for service during 2020. A call for service included citizen requests, area checks, and officer's self initiated activity.

Uniform Patrol Officers continue to use cutting edge technology. All officers are equipped with body worn cameras and all vehicles are equipped with dash cam video recorders. Videos assist in prosecuting crimes and can be used as a training tool.

The Rapid ID Mobile Fingerprint scanner provides officers assistance in the positive identification of suspects. The device is an efficient tool that can be used in the field that saves officers time and can accurately identify persons of interest.

All Officers are trained to use Narcan, a single use nasal spray used to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. All officers also carry tourniquets to stop bleeding. This equipment assists Gwinnett EMS to provide life saving measures.

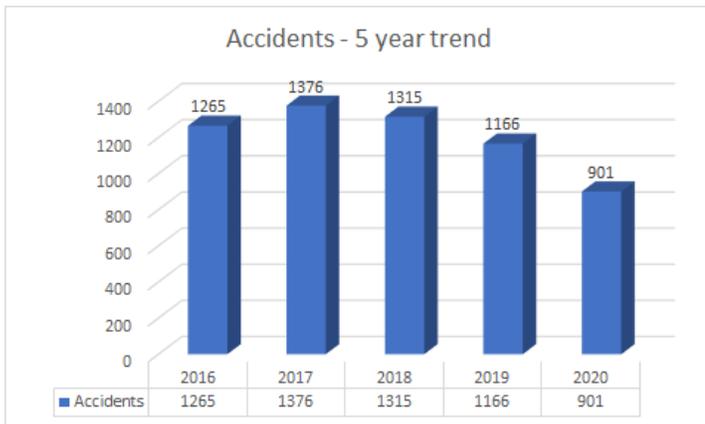


# Traffic Enforcement

The responsibility for the enforcement of traffic laws and regulations rests with all uniformed personnel in the department. A traffic unit was formed to concentrate on traffic enforcement and accident investigations.



All Traffic Units are equipped with an Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) to assist officers in identifying persons or vehicles who are connected to a crime.



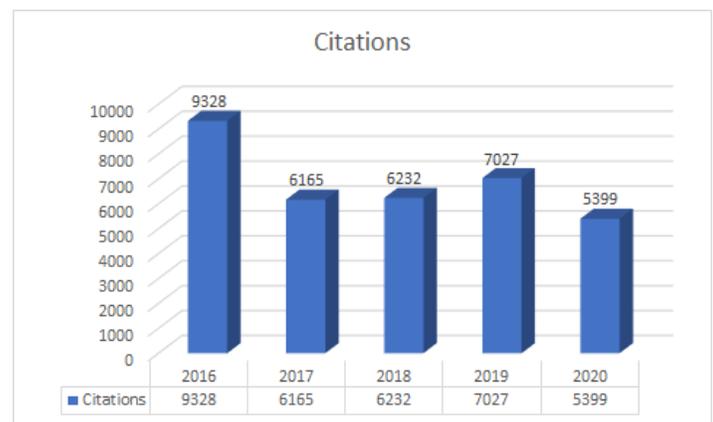
Of the 901 accidents worked in 2020, 235 accidents had reported injuries. This is an 23% decrease in accidents in the city since 2019.

The top five contributing factors at Accident scenes:

- >Following too close
- >Failed to yield
- >Changed lanes improperly
- >Driver lost control
- >Too fast for conditions



The Accident Investigation Unit worked three fatality accidents in the city limits and also assisted other agencies working fatality accidents.



In 2020, the department issued 5,399 citations that were processed by the Courts. This is a 23% decrease from 2019. Officers continue to issue warning citations as a tool to provide education regarding the "Hands Free" law and to proactively prevent accidents.

# Special Reponse Team



In 2019, the Lilburn Police Department, Duluth Police Department, and Suwanee Police Department joined forces to develop the Special Response Team (SRT). The Team trains and responds to the most dangerous high risk situations.

In 2020 the team served seven tactical warrants. The warrants this year included four Sexual Exploitation of Children warrants, two Violation of the Georgia Controlled Substances Act with intent to distribute, and one Entering Auto with stolen firearms warrant.

One warrant for violation of controlled substances yielded approximately one pound of methamphetamine, hundreds of ecstasy pills to include a pill press, and felony amounts of marijuana. One firearm was also seized.

The warrant for entering auto yielded multiple stolen pistols recovered.



# Canine Unit



The Lilburn Police Department Canine Unit was established in 2017. Sgt. Almedin "AJ" Ajanovic is assigned as the K-9 handler. Our canine, Ajax, is a belgium malinois. In 2020, Sgt. Ajanovic and Ajax attended over 240 hours of training. The Unit obtained Narcotics Detection Certifications from the National Narcotic Detector Dog Assn, the American Working Dog Assn, and the North American Working Dog Assn. The unit was awarded "Top Dog" in July 2020 during a certification conference.

During 2020, the Unit made 29 arrests (24 narcotic related and 5 from patrol apprehensions). Substances seized included methamphetamine, marijuana, ecstasy, heroin, cocaine, crack cocaine, THC oil, THC wax, and THC candy. Property seized, in addition to the narcotics, included over \$69,770 in cash and 2 vehicles.

In 2020, the Canine Unit had nearly 70 citizen interactions to include seven visits to local schools and conducting five demonstrations to various groups.



# Criminal Investigations

There are 4 investigators assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit that report to Lieutenant Keith Boles. Investigators made 15 arrests during 2020, clearing major cases. The Criminal Investigations Unit had a 39% clearance rate.



Continuing to expand the use of technology -

In 2019, several homeowner associations began a relationship with "Flock Safety." This company, an automatic license plate reader system, securely captures images and is able to identify vehicles.

In 2020, even more cameras have been installed and continue to be a great aid for investigators to help solve crimes.

In December 2020, Flock was instrumental in assisting in catching a bank robbery suspect. Lilburn investigators searched Flock for the suspect's vehicle and the vehicle was seen on Flock entering a nearby apartment complex.

In June 2020, a felony shoplifter was identified by using the Flock system. The shoplifter had stolen \$3,000 worth of tools from a local store. After searching Flock for the make and color of the shoplifter's vehicle, the vehicle was spotted and a tag number was obtained. Arrest warrants were issued for the shoplifter.



The Lilburn Police Department, as part of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, conducted sixteen possession of child pornography and child sexual assault investigations. There were multiple arrests associated with these investigations.

In addition to the 4 investigators, an investigator is also assigned to the Gwinnett County Drug Task Force. In 2020 the Task Force conducted many organized crime and major narcotics investigations.

In 2019, an annual audit of the Property and Evidence Room was completed. All high liability evidence to include firearms, money, jewelry, drugs, and seized vehicles were audited. A random sampling audit of all other property and evidence was conducted.



# Training

In 2020, Lilburn Police Department officers attained 3,212 hours of P.O.S.T. training. This averages 107 hours per officer. Training was held at a Georgia Police Academy, in-service classroom training at the Department, or during roll call.



## Required Department Training:

- Ethics
- Legal Updates
- Vehicle Pursuits
- Search & Seizure
- Transportation of Detainees
- Domestic Violence
- Property & Evidence
- Off Duty Conduct
- Sexual Harassment
- Selection & Hiring
- Citizen Complaints & Internal Affairs
- Use of Force
- Use of Deadly Force
- Deescalation Options for gaining compliance
- Suspicious Activity Reporting
- Dealing with the Mentally Ill
- Special Operations/SWAT
- Narcans
- Bias Based Profiling
- Demonstrate proficiency with all lethal, less-lethal, and electronic control weapons

Officers qualified with their duty pistol and rifle at the range in March 2020. Officers attended "night-fire" tactical courses in September 2020.



# Personnel



## Additions to Staffing:

In 2020, there were 5 new hires. These 5 applicants were hired as sworn officers. The Police Department welcomed the following new officers:

Samantha Pelligrino  
Rickyves Lalanne  
Chad Hannula  
Veronica Arnold  
Rick Spyker

## Promotions:

- >Alvey Lamb was promoted to Senior Patrol Officer.
- >Almedin Ajanovic was promoted to Sergeant



# Complaints & Internal Affairs

The primary function of risk management is to identify and eliminate loss exposures that could result in severe financial impact and impair the City's ability to provide essential public services. The Police Department strives to ensure employees act in a manner consistent with the Lilburn mission, values, and objectives. All complaints are investigated and taken seriously.

There were five investigations conducted in 2020. All five complaints were investigated by internal affairs and all complaints were generated internally. There were no citizen complaints in 2020. Four of the investigations were sustained and one investigation is still active as of January 1, 2021. There were no investigations that necessitated a policy revision.

# Administration & Records

The Senior Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police maintains all confidential files, complies with open records requests, accepts and processes court subpoenas, coordinates the Women's Self Defense and Citizen Police Academies, and keeps up with the Police Department budget and grants. These are only a few of the duties the Assistant is responsible for to aid in the operations of the Department.

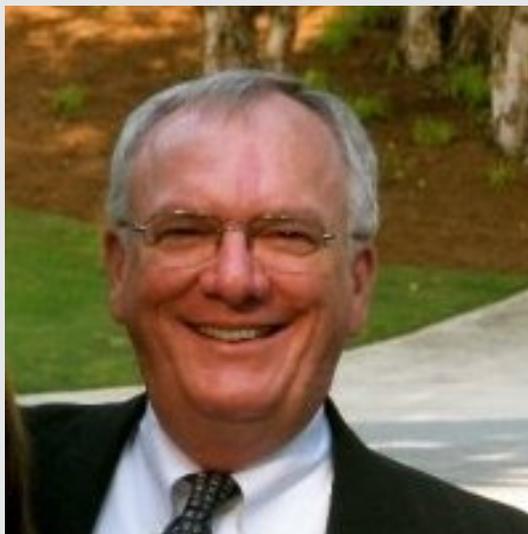
The Support Services Manager maintains all State Certification files and ensures standards are in compliance. In addition, The Support Services Manager is also the Records Supervisor, processes Uniform Crime Reporting and National Incident Based Crime Reporting statistics, GCIC Primary Terminal Agency Coordinator, and assists the Department with crime analysis, training, and permits.

The Senior Records Clerk and the Police Records Clerk processes citations, accident reports, and case reports. In 2020 the Records Section processed 1,459 case reports and process all open records requests. They also maintain all stolen vehicle, gun, and property entries and wanted person entries in the GCIC computer. In 2020 the section maintained 810 warrant entries.

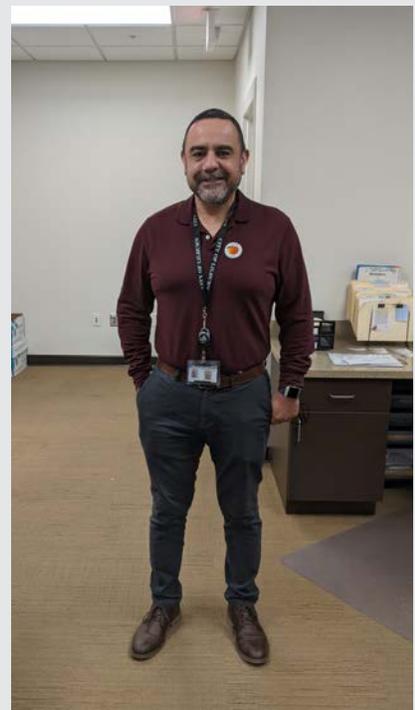
## Chaplains

The Lilburn Police Department Chaplains are Dr. Scott Batterton and Pastor David Cardoza.

Our chaplains assist the Department by making death notifications, responding to hospitals when officers or their families are injured or ill, attending or participating in funerals involving personnel, responding to critical incidents and major disasters, and providing liason with other religious leaders in the community.



Chaplain Scott Batterton



Chaplain David Cardoza

# 2020 Highlights

On October 11, 2020 at approximately 1:40 a.m. Lilburn Police officers responded to Main Street and Camp Creek Road in reference to an explosion. While enroute, additional information provided confirmed that it was in fact a train derailment. Sgt. M. Madden, Officer C. Huff, Officer A. Lamb and Sgt. A. Ajanovic began checking the area to determine the exact location.

Sgt. Ajanovic located the derailed train approximately 1/2 miles westbound from the Main Street and Camp Creek Road crossing. The train engine was observed flipped over on its side in water from a flooded creek. 38 train cars had derailed from the track and several cars were in flames.

The two conductors were rescued from the engine and brought to safety. The cars contained hazardous materials. Residents were evacuated. Lilburn Police officers, along with other agencies that assisted,

were commended for their quick response and how this critical incident was handled.



*Sgt. Almedin Ajanovic*

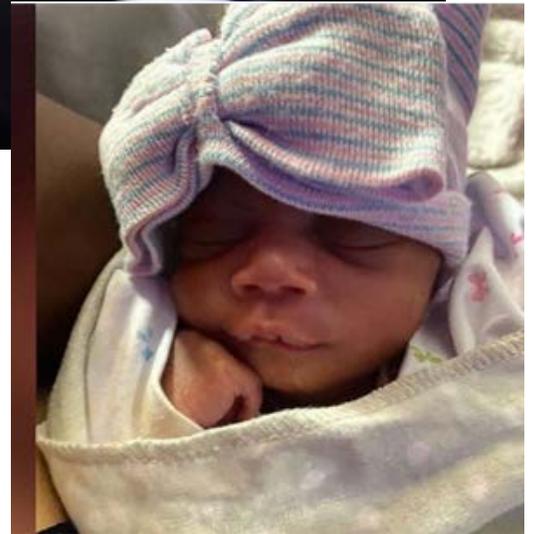


*Incident Command setup at Main Street and the Camp Creek crossing.*

# 2020 Highlights



In April 2020 officers responded to a traffic accident. Upon arrival they met with 2 female adults and 1 child. Little did they know that one of the female's had delivered a baby in the vehicle. The baby was missing and was believed to have been thrown out the window. Officer located the baby, alive and well, under the back seat.



*(from left to right)  
Officer Cepada Huff,  
Officer Daniel Bride, and  
Sgt. Matt Madden*

# Statistics

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Calls for Service	46,280	46,524	42,201	36,029	34,637	25,969

Calls for service include all calls received through the E-911 Communications Center, emergency and non-emergency, calls from the public and all self-initiated activity from an officer.

## Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

vs.

## National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

The Lilburn Police Department has participated in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program since 1974. The UCR system will retire in January 2021 and all agencies will begin reporting to the FBI's National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The Lilburn Police Department transitioned to NIBRS in January 2019. For crime comparison purposes both UCR and NIBRS statistics are provided.

## 6-year UCR Part I Crime Totals

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Homicide	2	1	1	1	0	1
Rape	0	4	1	3	2	0
Aggravated Assault	22	16	15	16	6	21
Robbery	14	15	19	24	8	13
Burglary	59	58	66	46	54	44
Larceny	483	401	391	329	273	205
Motor Vehicle Theft	34	21	22	29	41	32

PERCENT INCREASE/DECREASE PAST 2 YEARS			
	2020	2019	% Change
Homicide	1	0	100% increase
Rape	0	2	200% decrease
Aggravated Assault	21	6	250% increase
Robbery	13	8	63% increase
Burglary	44	54	19% decrease
Larceny	205	273	25% decrease
Motor Vehicle Theft	32	41	22% decrease

PERCENT INCREASE/DECREASE 6-YEAR PERIOD			
	2020	2015	% Change
Homicide	1	2	100% decrease
Rape	0	0	NA
Aggravated Assault	21	22	.05% decrease
Robbery	13	14	.07% decrease
Burglary	44	59	25% decrease
Larceny	205	483	58% decrease
Motor Vehicle Theft	32	34	.06% decrease

# Statistics

## 2-year NIBRS Group A Crime Totals

Offense	2020	2019	% Cleared
<b>Crimes Against Persons</b>			
Murder	1	0	100%
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	NA
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	NA
Non-consensual sex offenses	0	0	NA
Rape	0	2	NA
Sodomy	1	1	100%
Sexual Assault w/Object	0	0	NA
Fondling	5	2	80%
Aggravated Assault	21	14	47.62%
Simple Assault	92	81	47.83%
Intimidation	9	10	33.33%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	NA
Consensual Sex Offenses	0	0	NA
Incest	0	0	NA
Statutory Rape	1	1	NA
Human Trafficking/Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	NA
Human Trafficking/Involuntary Servitude	0	0	NA
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>			
Robbery	13	8	23.08%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	44	52	9.09%
Larceny/Theft	205	270	25.37%
Motor Vehicle Theft	32	36	6.25%
Arson	0	0	NA
Destruction of Property	59	49	16.95%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	21	57.14%
Fraud Offense	64	50	4.69%
Embezzlement	5	7	60.00%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	NA
Bribery	0	0	NA
Stolen Property Offenses	13	16	38.46%
<b>Crime Against Society</b>			
Drug/Narcotic Violations	22	56	68.18%
Drug Equipment Violations	2	1	100%
Gambling Offenses	0	0	NA
Pornography/Obscene Material	4	11	50%
Prostitution	0	0	NA
Weapons Law Violations	4	3	50%
Animal Cruelty	1	0	NA
<b>TOTAL GROUP A OFFENSES</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>28.1</b>

# Lilburn Police Explorer Post #922

The Lilburn Police Department Explorer Post #922 carries an average of 25 cadets. Cadets range from 14-21 years of age and come from several area high school clusters. Meetings are held weekly.

Under the leadership of Lt. Tim Allen, Explorer Post Coordinator and Inv. Sabrina Thornton, Post Advisor, the cadets receive training in many areas of law enforcement.

In February 2020, the cadets attended the BSA Winterfest competition in Gatlinburg, TN. They participated in many events including crime scene investigation and felony stops. This was the 8th year attending Winterfest.

Due to Covid-19, many events that the cadets would have participated in were cancelled. We are looking forward to next year and bringing our cadets back to participating in city events, as well as, other competitions. We are proud of our cadets!

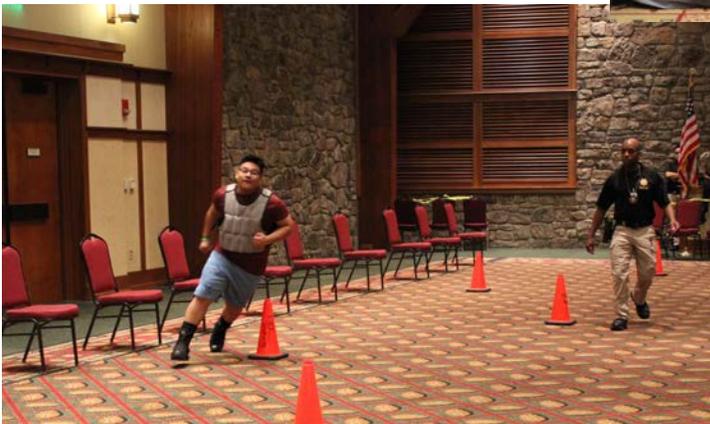


# Lilburn Police Explorer Post #922

## Winterfest Gatlinburg, TN



2020



# Community Outreach



The Lilburn Police Department's Community Outreach is managed by Senior Police Officer Mike Johnson. Even when the community began "socially distancing," officers were able to reach out to the community. Some of the events that occurred in 2020 are:

- >The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) began in February but was suspended (due to Covid-19) until June 2020. Participants attended classes for a full 10-week program.
- >15 Neighborhood and Business meetings (mostly on Zoom)
- >Several Safety Meetings with Churches, Mosques, Banks, and Schools
- >Participated in Shiloh Middle School's College & Career Day
- >Participated in several teacher parades and birthday celebrations
- >Participated in Northside Gwinnett Hospital and Emory Eastside Hospital events where Law Enforcement Officers honored front-line workers
- >Officers were honored by the senior group "The Funtime Club"
- >Participated in National Faith & Blue in October
- >Attended the Red, Blue, & You event in Buford. The Gwinnett Chamber honored first responders and front-line workers.



*"Citizens Police Academy"*



*"The Polar Plunge"*



*You're invited to*  
**2020 NATIONAL FAITH & BLUE WEEKEND**

Join your local law enforcement and members of your community for a weekend of resolution and reconciliation. National Faith & Blue Weekend is a collaborative effort to build bridges and break biases.

<i>Hosted By:</i> Calvary Baptist Church & Lilburn Police Department	<i>When &amp; Where:</i> Saturday, OCTOBER 10, 2020 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Calvary Baptist Church 5255 Lawrenceville Hwy.
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# Community Outreach

*Community Outreach coordinated care packages delivered to officers from the public.*



**Overwhelming Community Support - Lilburn Police says, "Thank you!"**

# Community Outreach



**Overwhelming Community Support - Lilburn Police says, "Thank you!"**

# Community Outreach



*Community Outreach coordinated and led several teacher parades and birthday and retirement celebrations.*



# Recruitment

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The poster features a central blue and gold badge with the text "POLICE OFFICER LILBURN POLICE GA" and "1776". The badge is surrounded by a blue ring with the words "HONOR", "PRIDE", and "COMMUNITY" and two stars. The background is a collage of police-related images: officers in uniform, tactical units in gear, and a K-9 dog.