

LILBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Police Chief's Message

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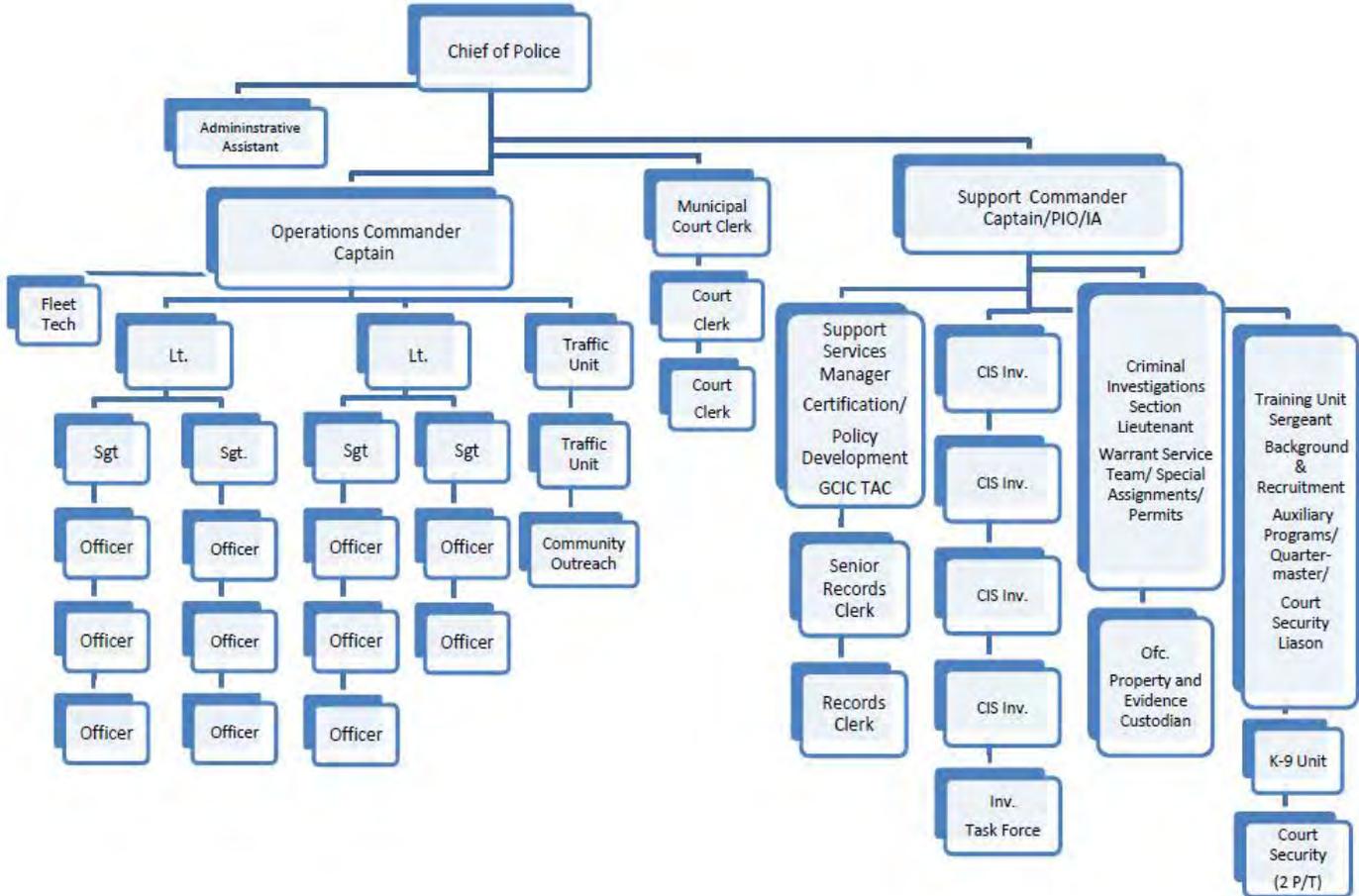
The Lilburn Police Department continues to make significant strides towards crime control, traffic safety, reducing emergency response times, and enhancing the profession of law enforcement. To aid in this effort, the Lilburn Police Department annually produces a report documenting the previous year's 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 that reads "Bruce Hedley".

Bruce Hedley
Chief of Police

Police Department
2017 Organizational Chart



Mission Statement

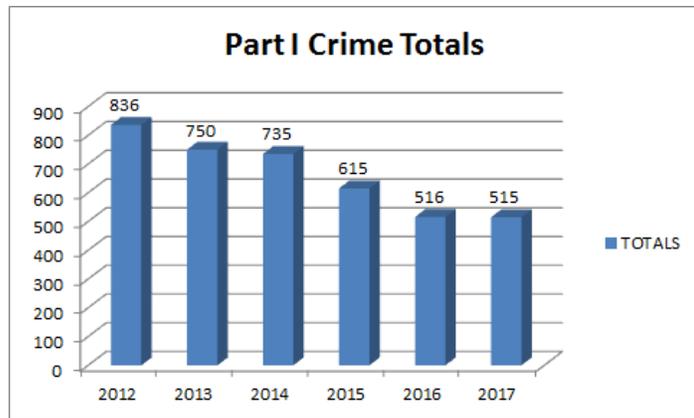
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Activity Summary - Six Year Trend



Total Part I Crimes Reported

Part I Crimes	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Homicide	1	1	2	1	1	0
Forcible Rape	1	4	0	1	0	3
Aggravated Assault	15	16	22	21	20	21
Robbery	19	15	14	19	16	22
Burglary	66	58	59	76	66	99
Larceny	391	401	483	584	619	657
Motor Vehicle Theft	22	21	34	33	26	33
Arson	0	0	1	0	2	1
TOTALS	515	516	615	735	750	836



Part I Crimes are classified as the most serious offenses reported to law enforcement. The Lilburn Police Department participates in Georgia's Uniform Crime Reporting through the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Part I crime totals have steadily decreased over the past six years. In 2017, Part I crimes are down 38%

The reduction in Part I crimes can be directly linked to the Police Department's Mission Statement;

"...working cooperatively with the community to promote a safe and secure environment..."

The Lilburn Police Department takes pride in the positive partnerships we have developed with the community. In 2017, the department met all goals and objectives, to include, maintaining high visibility in all the neighborhoods and business corridors. Officers made face to face business contacts and engaged our citizens and visitors. This provided the public an opportunity to experience a positive interaction with the police. Officers conducted well over 22,000 area and business checks during 2017.

"...resolve problems..."

All Part I Crime Case Clearance rates in 2017 are well above the F.B.I.'s current National Case Clearance data rates.

PART I CRIME CLEARANCE RATES		
	FBI	LILBURN
Homicide	59.4%	100.0%
Forcible Rape	36.5%	100.0%
Aggravated Assault	53.3%	87.0%
Robbery	29.6%	42.0%
Burglary	13.1%	18.0%
Larceny	20.4%	39.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	13.3%	18.0%

Thorough investigations and teamwork between Patrol and the Criminal Investigations Division assisted in identifying and arresting offenders to prevent further crimes against persons or property crimes.

The Department has had a 100% homicide clearance rate for the past ten years. This can be attributed to the Patrol Division quick response and securing the crime scene and the Criminal Investigations Division following leads, interviewing witnesses, and preserving evidence.

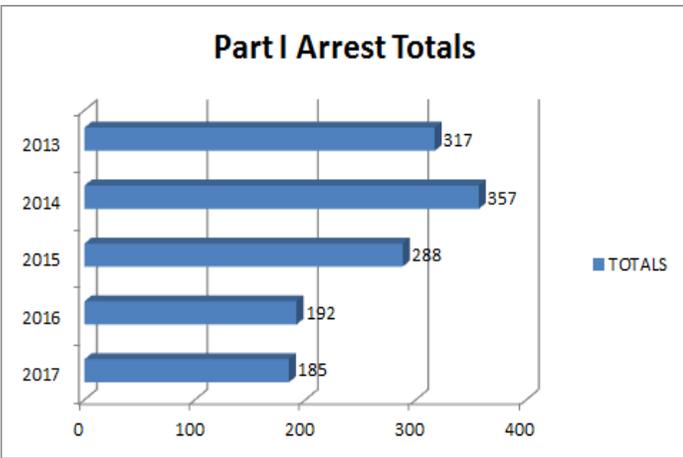
"...preserve the peace..."

To preserve accountability and continuity, each Patrol Officer is assigned a zone in the city and acts as the community liaison. This method has been very well received by businesses and residents, who get to know their zone officer.

In 2017, all Patrol Officers attended at least one neighborhood watch meeting and provided assistance to the Community Outreach Officer.

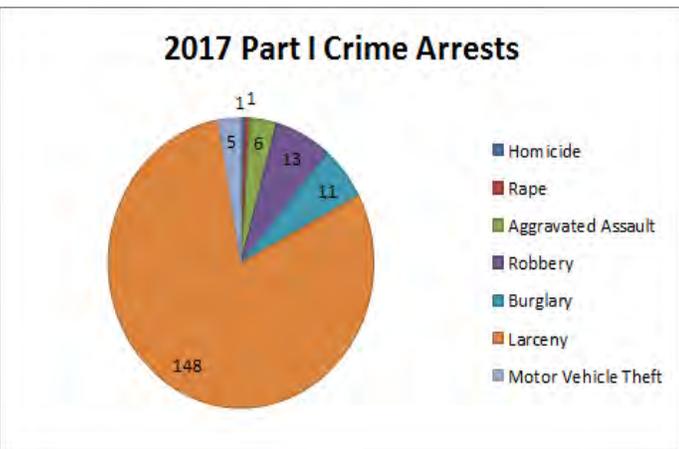
"...uphold the law..."

Arrests for Part I crimes were down due to the decrease in Part I reported offenses. Many cases were closed through the issuance of arrest warrants for identified offenders.



Part I crimes are made up of two types of crimes, violent crimes and property crimes. Violent crime offenses are Murder, Rape, Aggravated Assault, and Robbery. Property crimes are Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson.

In 2017, there were 21 violent crime arrests and 164 property crime arrests. Larceny (which includes shoplifting) accounted for 90% of the property crime arrests.



Arson Totals are 0 and not depicted in the chart.

Part II Crimes

The following is a list of Part II offenses reported in 2017. Arrest data is collected and submitted to the Uniform Crime Reporting program.

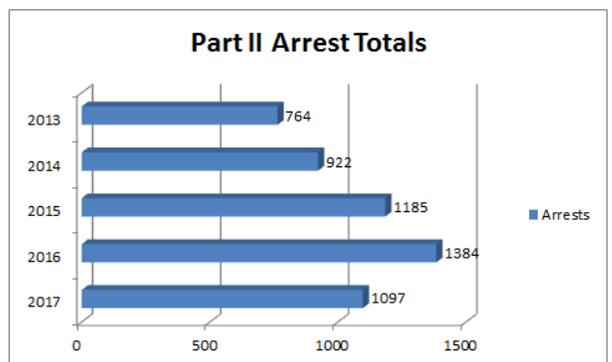
Part II Crimes	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Other Assaults	97	112	133	92	95
Forgery/Counterfeiting	25	28	36	27	27
Fraud	64	72	84	102	86
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property Recovered	49	39	52	37	29
Vandalism	74	109	128	120	137
Weapons Violations	4	3	3	5	5
Prostitution	0	0	0	1	0
Sex Offenses	19	9	11	16	10
Narcotic Drug Laws	122	114	78	74	72
Gambling	0	1	0	0	0
Family Offenses	9	11	10	5	9
Driving Under the Influence	76	80	58	50	50
Liquor Laws	5	13	6	12	17
Drunkenness	1	3	9	5	10
Disorderly Conduct	12	17	25	39	37
Vagrancy/Criminal Trespass	12	17	18	19	13
All Other Offenses/Traffic	795	1230	1028	718	642
Curfew/Loitering	0	2	2	0	4
Runaways	2	14	12	15	13
TOTALS	1366	1874	1681	1345	1256

Many Part II offenses have increases directly attributed to officer initiated responses, specifically, Stolen Property Recovered (26% increase) and Narcotic Drug Law offenses (.07% increase).

Sex Offenses (excluding rape) increased due to the Department's participation of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crimes Against Children.

Property Damage offenses (listed as Vandalism) decreased significantly. The 32% decrease may be due to officer patrol activity.

The "All other Offenses" category includes crimes such as probation violation, warrant service, city ordinance offenses, and fingerprintable traffic related offenses.



Service Demand Statistics

Service Demand Statistics include all calls for service that are received through the E-911 Communications Center, emergency and non-emergency calls from the public, or self-initiated activity from patrol officers.

In 2017, there was a slight decrease in calls for service by .09%. Over 50% of the calls for service documented were area checks, that include neighborhoods, businesses, and parks. Through the city website, "Out of Town Housecheck Service", officers responded to 200 requests for checks in 2017, a 20% increase in requests from the previous year.

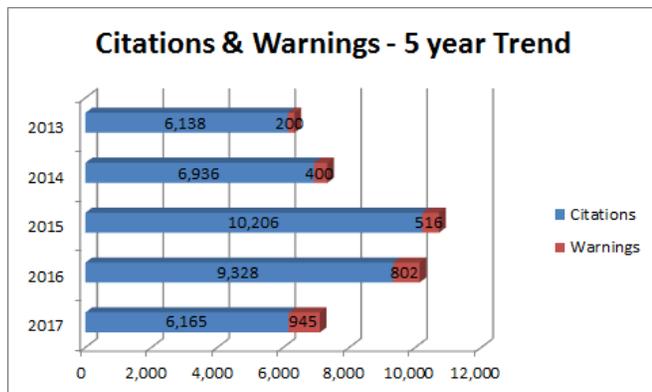
	2017	2016	2015
Calls for Service	42,201	46,524	46,280

Traffic Enforcement

Traffic citations decreased 34% from 2016. Due to a patrol staff shortage, the traffic unit was disbanded half way through the year. This accounts for the decrease in citations.

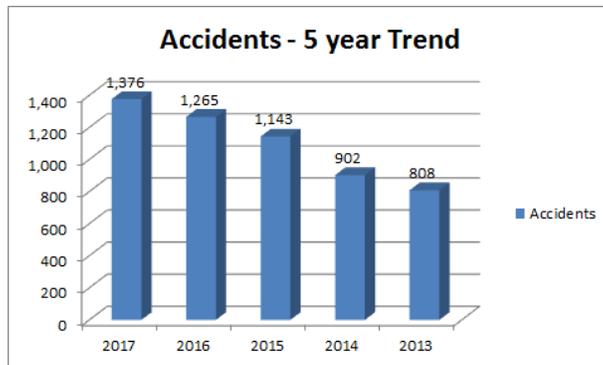
Warning citations have steadily increased over the past 5 years. Through citizen contacts officers are encouraged to educate the public on safety and equipment violations. Warning citations are maintained by the Lilburn Municipal Court and not submitted to the State Department of Drivers Services.

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Citations	6,165	9,328	10,206	6,936	6,138
Warnings	945	802	516	400	200

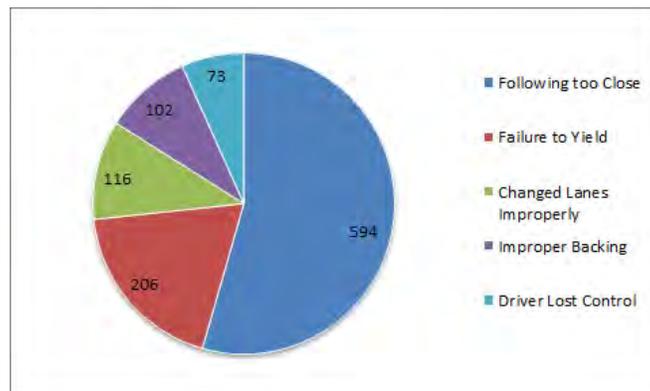


Motor Vehicle Accidents

In 2017, there were 1,376 Traffic Accidents reported to the State of Georgia Department of Transportation and Gwinnett County Department of Transportation. There was a .09% increase in traffic accidents in 2017 from 2016 totals. There were no fatality accidents in the City of Lilburn in 2017.



Top Five Contributing Factors in Accidents



License Plate Reader Data

The Department operates two License Plate Readers. Officers received 63 confirmed alarms in 2017 from the system. 74 citations were issued, including expired or suspended registrations. 24 vehicles were impounded and 4 arrests were made. A stolen vehicle was recovered using the License Plate Reader. Officers continue to monitor the License Plate Reader system while on patrol.

2017 Highlights of Part I Crimes and Arrests



Homicide Arrest

There was one homicide committed in the City of Lilburn in 2017. After a thorough investigation, Lilburn Police arrested the step-daughter who murdered her father-in-law in September.

Rapist Arrested

After an extensive investigation, an ex-boyfriend of the victim was arrested and charged with Burglary, Rape, Aggravated Sodomy, Battery, False Imprisonment, and Cruelty to Children.

Robbery Cases

In 2017, the City of Lilburn had multiple violent commercial armed robberies. The Criminal Investigations Division was able to make several arrests.

- > One suspect was arrested for the AT&T armed robbery.
- > Two suspects were arrested for the Royal Package Store armed robbery.
- > Three suspects were arrested for the Neighbors Gas Station armed robbery.
- > Two suspects were arrested for the Waffle House armed robbery.
- > There were also arrests made in personal armed robberies to citizens.

Burglary Cases

The Criminal Investigations Division made an arrest in the Shell Gas Station burglary. Investigators discovered the suspect had also committed several burglaries in the Gwinnett County area.

In October 2017, a father, daughter, and son were arrested for two burglaries of Lilburn Mosques. The suspects were also identified in several other burglaries in the metro Atlanta area.

A suspect was apprehended for a string of burglaries that had been committed to businesses on Pleasant Hill Road.



Larceny Arrest

The Criminal Investigations Division worked a major case involving a multi-State Gas Station safe thefts. Over 40 people were apprehended.

Warrant Service Team



The Warrant Service Team conducted 10 High Risk Warrant Operations to include search warrants for narcotics, child pornography and sexual exploitation of children crimes, armed robbery, aggravated assault, and entering auto warrant service. If not for the Warrant Service Team, these operations would have been deferred to an outside agency due to the risk factor.

Administrative

2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget

Police Department: \$3,369,198.00

Grants

On October 7, 2016 the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) awarded a grant through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program to the Police Department for the purchase of armored vests. The Police Department received \$2,200 in 2017 through this grant. The funds are used to purchase vests for new hires and replacing expired or damaged vests.

Risk Management

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.

In 2017, the Police Department investigated a total of three complaints. The three complaints were investigated by an Internal Affairs Investigator appointed by the Chief of Police. One complaint was unfounded and two complaints were sustained.

Use of Force and Vehicle Pursuit

The Lilburn Police Department recognizes and respects the value and special integrity of each human life. Investing police officers with the lawful authority to use force to protect the public welfare requires a careful balancing of interests. Officers are issued and trained to use particular tactics, techniques, and weapons as their primary method in administering legal force annually.

The Police Department completed nine Use of Force reports from incidents and one Vehicle Pursuit report. Eight incidents involved the use of an electronic control device (taser) by an officer and one incident involved the use of Oleocapcian Spray (OC) by an officer. All Use of Force incidents and Vehicle Pursuit incidents are reviewed by the Shift Supervisor, Training Officer, and Command Staff.



State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification

The Lilburn Police Department continues to participate in the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program. Certification acknowledges the implementation of policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective.

Policies and procedures in the form of General Orders are constantly reviewed and updated or revised as needed. In January 2017, the Policy Committee met and reviewed and recommended revisions to several current policies and procedures, including high liability policies. High liability policies include Use of Force, Vehicle Pursuit, Domestic Violence, and Lethal and Non-lethal Weapons.

Many other policies were revised in 2017 that includes, but not limited to, Recruitment, Field Training, Promotional Procedures, Uniforms and Equipment, Mutual Aid, and Audio Visual Recordings.

Two new policies were implemented. New policies were Special Operations (K-9) and Internet Crimes Against Children Investigations.

In August 2017, the Georgia Chiefs of Police Association awarded the Police Department recertification in the Law Enforcement Certification Program. The Department maintains certification standards and receives recertification every three years after a successful assessment.

Gwinnett Metro Task Force (GMTF)

Lilburn Police continues to support and participate in the Gwinnett Metro Task Force. The GMTF was formed to combat the sale, distribution, manufacture and/or use of illegal drugs, and organized crime activity. Chief Bruce Hedley is a Board Member and has served as the Treasurer for the past six years.

News in 2017



The Lilburn Police Department works to keep citizens safe. In 2017, parking places in front of the police department were designated for citizens to meet when meeting with unknown persons to sell or purchase items on-line.

With the uprise in internet scams, the meeting spot was adopted to help citizens feel safe. The parking lot is video recorded and can be viewed live by police personnel.

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC)

The Lilburn Police Department, as a part of the Georgia Bureau of Investigations Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, conducted seven possession of child pornography investigations. There were multiple arrests associated with these cases.

In 2017, Lt. C. Dusik attended ICAC Undercover Investigation training. He conducted one undercover chat investigation, that resulted in the arrest of an adult male who traveled from Alpharetta to Lilburn to meet a 14-year old girl.

Property and Evidence

In 2017, Investigator S. Thornton was appointed as the Primary Property & Evidence custodian. Investigator B. Ross was appointed as the Secondary Property & Evidence custodian.

In October, an audit and inventory was successfully completed on all property and evidence. This included 100% accountability for all high liability items (drugs, guns, jewelry, and money).

The Lilburn Police Department continues to participate in the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI). In 2017, the department accepted and destroyed 287 pounds of prescription drugs through the NADDI prescription drug drop box located in the lobby of police headquarters.

License Plate Reader



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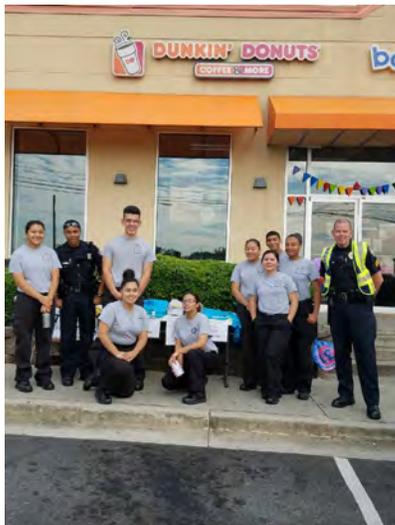
One vehicle, that had been reported stolen outside the city, was recovered in the city by the use of the License Plate Reader system.

Lilburn Explorer Post

The Lilburn Police Department sponsors an Explorer Post, an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of America.



As of 2017, the City of Lilburn Explorer Post carried an average of 27 active cadets. We have cadets (ranging from 14-21 year of age) from several area high school clusters, such as Parkview, Meadowcreek, and Berkmar. Meetings are held weekly at the Lilburn Police Department.



Cadets assist the Police Department with many events throughout the year. In 2017, the Explorers assisted with Rock the Park, Sparkle in the Park, Lilburn Daze, and the Christmas Parade. They also assisted with Rupperts 5K Run. Ruppert Landscape donated a portion of the money raised to the Explorer Program. The program also received a donation from the Lilburn Women's Club.

The Explorer Cadets participated in several events in 2017, including the 6th Annual Gwinnett Law Enforcement Competition and Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN.

Citizen's Police Academy



The Police Department hosted the Citizen's Police Academy in the first quarter of 2017. The Academy was 10 weeks and classes were in the general operations of the Police Department and the basics of what would be expected from a City of Lilburn Police Officer. The Academy received enthusiastic reviews from the attendees.

Women's Self-Defense Program



In 2017, during the months of May, July, September, and November, the Operations Division held Women's self-defense classes for those who live or work in the City of Lilburn. The class was dedicated to enabling women with the knowledge to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of a crime. Participants were taught situation awareness, laws pertaining to self-defense, and tips for defending oneself and areas to strike. These classes were extremely popular and received great reviews.



Staff Training

During the calendar year of 2017, the Lilburn Police Department received 3,660 hours of specialized and in-service training. This is an average of 114 hours per officer. The State mandate is 20 hours.

Lilburn Police Department continues to participate in the Civil Emergency Team (CET). Squads from Gwinnett Police and Gwinnett cities make up the team. The squads train together for the purpose of assisting with civil disturbances that might arise.



The Training Unit continued to update the firearms training for the department as well. Officers utilized the Suwanee Police Firing Range for the required annual pistol qualifications and the Barrow County Firing Range for rifle qualifications. The Bentley Cup was awarded in 2017 to Investigator C. Belcher, the officer with the highest average qualifying score. This is Investigator Belcher's second year in a row to receive the Bentley Cup. The cup is on display in the lobby of the police department.

In 2017, along with the annual Use of Force training, all sworn officers received training in de-escalation techniques in compliance with the Georgia Peace Officer and Training Council mandates. The techniques are introduced to officers as a tool for reducing the need to use force.

Other specialized training in 2017 included Lt. C. Dusik attended Internet Crimes Against Children Undercover Investigations and Investigator S. Thornton attended training as the newly appointed Property & Evidence Custodian.

Special Operations - K-9 Unit



Meet K-9 Officer Aldemin Ajanovic and Ajax

In 2017, the Lilburn Police Department formed the Special Operations K-9 Unit. Officer Ajanovic and Ajax attended extensive training over the summer. Several businesses, groups, and private citizens donated funds to help purchase the K-9 protective vest.



The Operations Division partnered with Parkview Christian School to build a K-9 dog house with the 5th grade class. The project began as a community project to give back to the community and to demonstrate acts of kindness to others. The community's support has helped to make our K-9 program a success!



Municipal Court Services

Municipal Court Services continues to provide excellent customer service by processing citations and court paperwork in a timely manner. On July 1, 2017 Senate Bill 176 went into effect. The bill required the court to revise its procedures for handling cases of persons failing to appear. New procedures were quickly adopted, implemented and enforced.

Court security was evaluated and several new procedures went into effect to improve security for the Judge, Court personnel, and persons attending court. Court Security Officers attended court security training in Snellville. A new metal detector was purchased in expediting defendants into the court room. Parking for the Judge and Solicitor was moved to a more secure location providing a non-public entry and exit into the court room. All court personnel and security officers meet before each court session to evaluate security.

Records and Permits

In 2017, The Records Section continued to provide excellent customer service and promote organizational strategies to deliver professional and accurate information to our customers, which include police officers, other governmental agencies, public and private organizations and its citizens. The Records Section maintained 2,581 case files and over 500 active warrants. The section provides background checks and fingerprinting services to the public.

The Records Section provides crime analysis to assist patrol supervisors in directing units to targeted crime areas and investigators in developing crime patterns. Records personnel also assists the Community Outreach Officer in providing crime analysis information to neighborhood and business watch groups.

Staffing

The Police Department has 32 authorized full-time sworn police positions and 3 part-time Court Security Officer positions. The Police Department has 8 authorized full-time civilian staff positions.

In 2017, there were five personnel separations. All positions were sworn police officer positions.

Additions to Staffing



Police Officer Andrew Bouery
Police Officer Todd Bureta
Police Officer Natalia Byrd
Police Officer Marquis Henderson
Police Officer Jeffrey Northway
Police Officer Cory Purl

Promotions



Senior Police Officer
Police Officer Almedin Ajanovic
Police Officer Andy Blimline
Police Officer Matt Legerme

Investigator
Investigator Cody Belcher
Investigator Vince Difatta
Investigator Bert Ross
Investigator Sabrina Thornton

Sergeant
Sergeant Adam Garner
Sergeant Ryan Long
Sergeant Matt Madden
Sergeant Mickey White

Lieutenant
Lieutenant Tim Allen
Lieutenant Keith Boles

Captain
Captain Rob Worley

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EVENTS

In 2017, the City of Lilburn's community outreach efforts not only maintained its great relations with the citizens but continued to grow its efforts in many different areas throughout the city. Projects exceeded expectations. The Lilburn Police Department participated in 96 neighborhood watch and safety meetings. This is a 52% increase from 2016. Participation in other areas include:

- >4 security assessments for churches and businesses,
- >3 neighborhood watch cookouts,
- >1 city employee appreciation cookout,
- >4 Career Days with local schools,



- >5 Senior Scam presentations, and
- >9 Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) presentations.



The Police Department participated in the Georgia Special Olympics Torch Run.

Community Outreach Officer Mike Johnson visited daycares and schools throughout the community. He participated in the 2017 National Lunch Week at Lilburn Elementary School and served lunch to over 1,500 students.



The Lilburn Police Department participated in the 2017 Gwinnett County Multi-Cultural Festival. Officers attended the event where they set up a table with educational materials.



The Department participated in Home Depot's Safety Day. A table was set up with educational materials and officers met with children and their families.



The Lilburn Police Department participated in the 2017 Gwinnett Public Safety Festival at Cool Ray Field.

Community Outreach participated in the Lilburn Easter Egg Hunt, Classic Cars event, and the Berkmar High School Spring Arts Festival.



The Police Department participated in many City Park events in 2017 providing security and traffic control. Events included, but were not limited to Rock the Park, Sparkle in the Park, Lilburn Daze, and the Christmas Parade.



The Police Department provides tours of the police station and patrol vehicles to children's groups year round.



The Police Department participated in the "One Congregation" kickoff and went door to door to over 30 churches to gain participation. The event was held to bring cohesion between congregations and Law Enforcement agencies throughout Gwinnett County.

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National Night Out 2017



National Night Out is a nationwide event designed to generate citizen support and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and build police-community relationships.

There was an estimated 2,000 visitors to the event. The City of Lilburn ranked 22nd out of host cities and departments nationwide and was the highest ranking city in the State of Georgia for the size of the city under 15,000 population. This is the fourth year in a row that the City of Lilburn was nationally ranked.



There were two helicopters represented by the Department of Natural Resources and the Georgia State Patrol. The Gwinnett County Sheriff's office, Georgia State Patrol, and Lilburn Police vehicles were on display for children to see up close. Motor units, the Gwinnett Bomb Squad, Gwinnett Fire Department, Duluth Mobile Command unit, and a HERO unit were at the event. There were 80 vendors, including the Sweetwater Masonic Lodge providing child identity and fingerprint kits.

