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CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS
POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

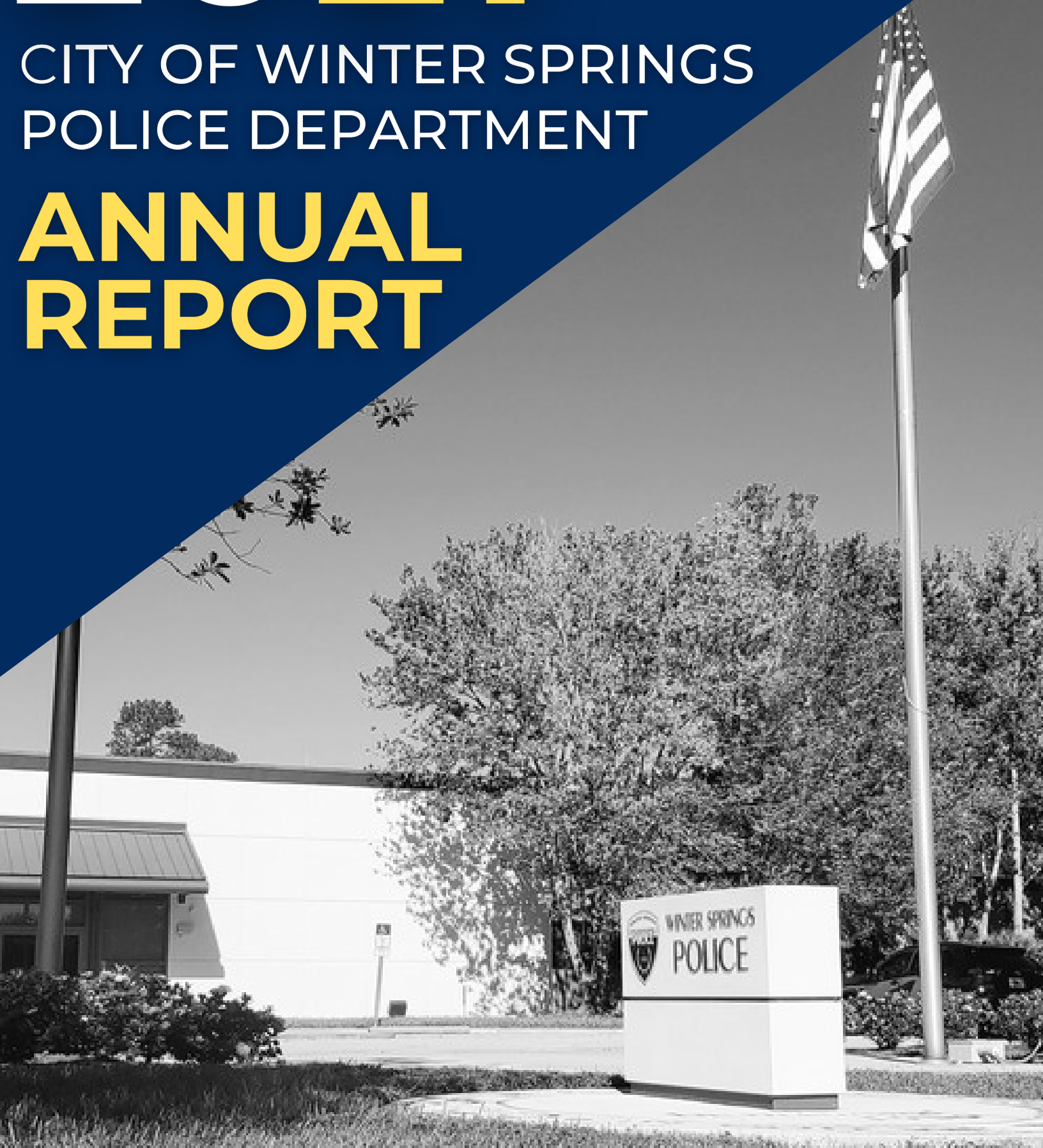


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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Winter Springs Police Department is to enhance the quality of life throughout the City of Winter Springs by working cooperatively with all of our citizens to preserve the peace, enforce the law, reduce the perception of fear, and provide for a safe and caring environment.

VISION

The members of the Winter Springs Police Department are committed to excellence in our work. We embrace public service, anticipate changing needs, and respect diversity. In our partnership with the community, we have forged the future. We inspire integrity, pride, trust, and respect within our organization. Employees are encouraged to get involved through creativity as a source for new ideas to continually offer the best possible service.

As stewards of community resources, we accept the opportunities and challenges of technological advances, evolving demographics, urbanization, revitalization, and the changing role of Law Enforcement. We commit ourselves to these guiding principles: providing superior service, valuing our workforce, respecting diversity, communicating openly and consistently, and building community partnerships through involvement and education.

EXCELLENCE • INTEGRITY • INNOVATION • RESPECT



WINTER SPRINGS MAYOR & COMMISSION



KEVIN MCCANN
MAYOR



KEVIN CANNON
DEPUTY MAYOR



MATT BENTON
COMMISSIONER



TED JOHNSON
COMMISSIONER



TIANNA HALE
COMMISSIONER



ROB ELLIOT
COMMISSIONER

THE CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS IS LOCATED IN CENTRAL FLORIDA TEN MINUTES NORTH OF ORLANDO AND IS APPROXIMATELY FOURTEEN SQUARE MILES. OUR RESIDENT POPULATION IS ABOUT 39,000 WITH THOUSANDS MORE TRANSIENT VISITORS AND THOSE MAKING WINTER SPRINGS THE BASE FOR THEIR BUSINESSES COMMUTING HERE DAILY.

WINTER SPRINGS IS DESCRIBED AS A “BEDROOM COMMUNITY” SINCE OUR COMPOSITION IS OVER 85% RESIDENTIALLY BASED, HOWEVER, THE CITY HAS TAKEN GREAT STRIDES TO DEVELOP OUR COMMERCIAL BASE TO ACCOMMODATE THE GROWTH AND FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE CITY. THROUGH AN ONGOING EFFORT WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY, THE CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS HAS BEEN NAMED ONE OF THE MOST DESIRABLE CITIES IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK.

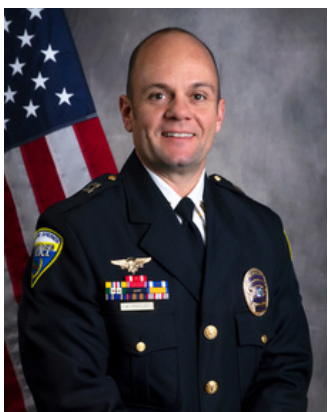
WINTER SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMAND STAFF



CHRIS DEISLER
CHIEF



MATT TRACHT
DEPUTY CHIEF



KEVIN PRESLEY
CAPTAIN



NICK ROMANO
CAPTAIN



DOUG SEELY
LIEUTENANT



BRAD HEATH
LIEUTENANT



DAN ACCOMANDO
LIEUTENANT



KEITH WHITMORE
LIEUTENANT

PERSONNEL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Ofc. L. Valentin

INVESTIGATORS OF THE YEAR

Sgt. A. Wilkins
Inv. C. Quick

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

Code Ofc. Terri Sanchez



The Life Saving Award is awarded when the actions of an employee are responsible for saving a human life or when the actions of the employee prolonged a human life to the extent where the person was released to the care of medical authorities, even if the person later expires.

Ofc. S. Schmidt
Ofc. J. Hilerio

Ofc. A. Colangelo
Ofc. E. Schwartz

Ofc. C. Montana
Ofc. P. Bittikofer



The Meritorious Action Award is awarded to any member for an exceptionally competent, credible act performed in the line of duty or for any accomplishment that brings recognition to the member, the department, and the City. This could be solving a major case, apprehensions for a crime in progress, etc.

Ofc. J. Roman
Ofc. J. Castro
Analyst Berges

Inv. D. Thrush
Dep. Chief Tracht
Sgt. R. Stephens

Ofc. C. Roland
Ofc. A. Colangelo
Ofc. E. Schwartz



The Unit Citation Award is issued to a distinguished division in recognition of outstanding performance and team oriented accomplishments.

Bravo Shift

Delta Shift

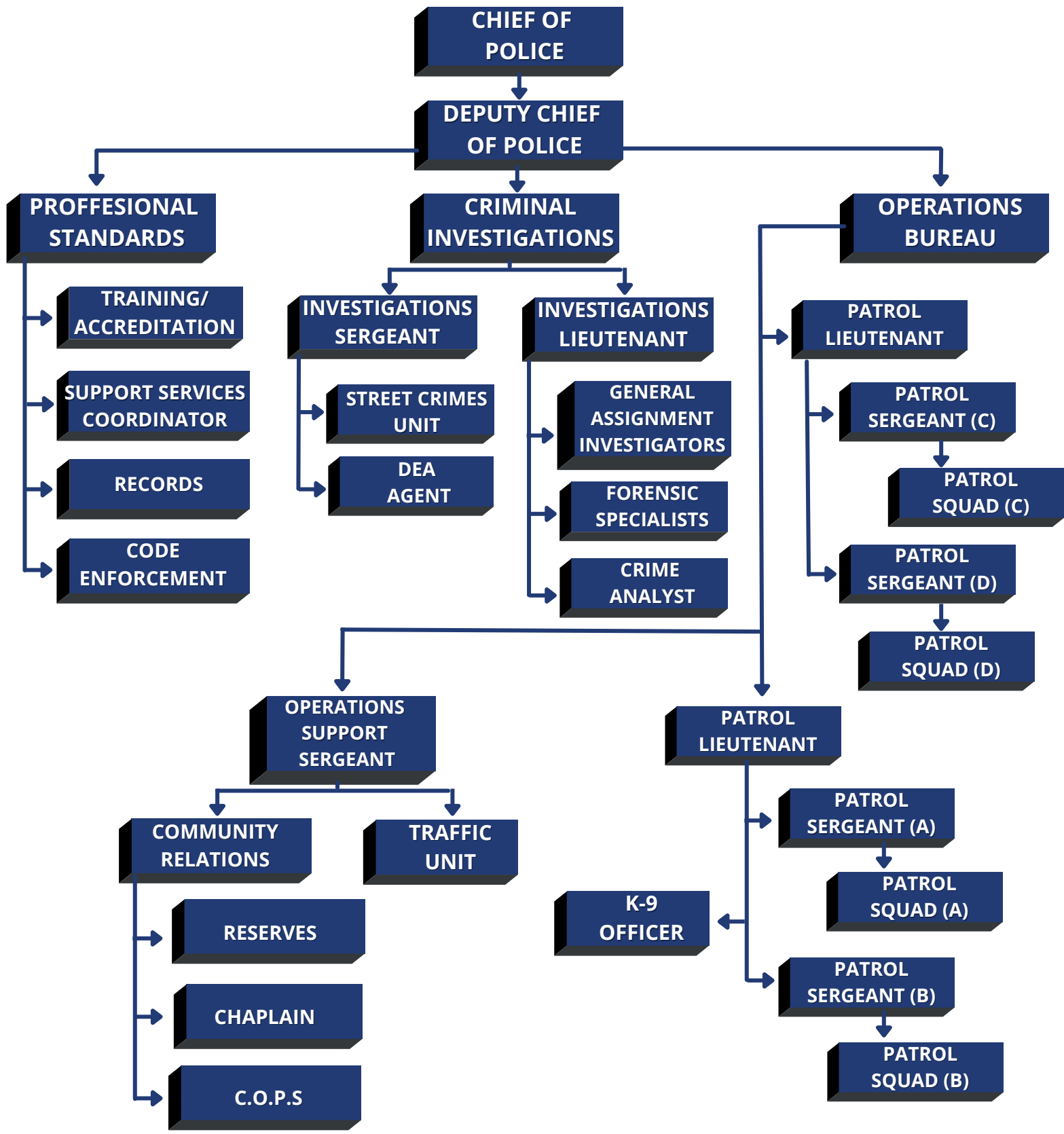


The Police Duty Medal is awarded to any sworn member who performs an act of outstanding police service which distinguishes the member beyond the routine call of duty.

Ofc. A. Colangelo

Ofc. J. Cook

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

The Professional Standards Unit helps maintain the trust of our community by assisting the staff with monitoring professional accountability and compliance by our members to state law, departmental policies, and our agency core values. This trust is critical to the success of our police department and is a vital tool used to fight crime and reduce fear in the community. The Internal Affairs Unit thoroughly investigates complaints of officer misconduct, reviews policy and procedures, and the proper use of defensive action by our personnel.

USE OF DEFENSIVE ACTION SUMMARY

During 2021, officers found themselves in 26 situations which required them to respond with defensive action. These cases are all thoroughly reviewed, and all instances were found to be in compliance with department policies.

PERSONNEL AND BUDGET



- 1 CHIEF
- 1 DEPUTY CHIEF
- 2 CAPTAINS
- 4 LIEUTENANTS
- 6 SERGENTS
- 41 OFFICERS
- 8 CIVILIAN
- 2 RESERVE OFFICERS
- 6 VOLUNTEERS

STAFF
RECRUITED IN
2021

9

\$6,272,595
Salaries

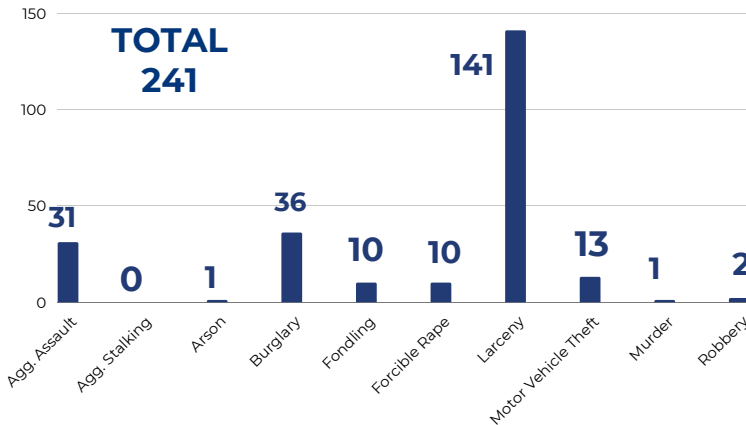
\$546,201
Operations

BUDGET

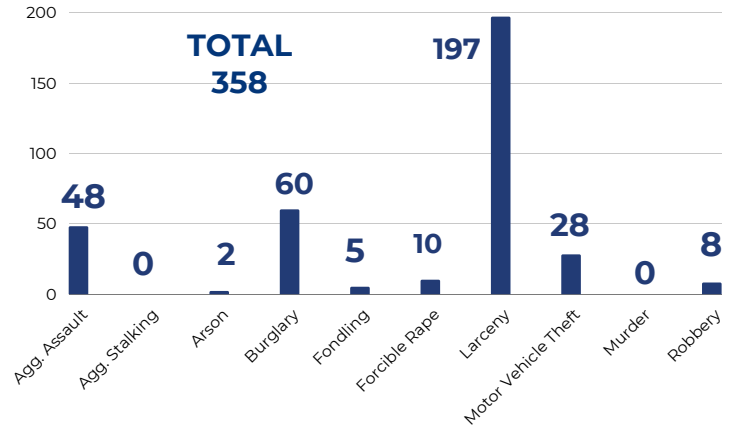
UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

The UCR Program collects data about Part I offenses in order to measure the level and scope of crime occurring throughout the nation. The program's founders chose these offenses because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to police. The Part I offenses are aggravated assault, aggravated stalking, arson, burglary, fondling, forcible rape, larceny, motor vehicle theft, murder, and robbery.

UCR YTD 2021



UCR YTD 2020



DID YOU KNOW?

We are switching to a new system/method of reporting crime statistics to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)!

Previously reporting Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics based on a Summary Reporting System (SRS)—an aggregate monthly tally of crimes—National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) goes much deeper because of its ability to provide additional details of criminal reports like location, time of day, as well as all separate offenses within each incident.

For more information, please check out <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr/nibrs>.



OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau of the Police Department has several components encompassing the Patrol Division, Operations Support Division, and Community Relations Division.

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division personnel are deployed strategically to cover all six zones within the city. We aim to exceed the expectations of our citizens and to provide the highest quality of law enforcement on every call. The primary responsibilities are to respond to emergency and non-emergency calls for service. In addition to responding to dispatch calls for service, officers conduct self-initiated activities such as traffic stops and patrolling neighborhoods they are assigned.

The professional men and women of the Winter Springs Police Department's Patrol Division do not limit their duties to crime prevention and traffic enforcement: officers routinely work with the community to help solve problems and maintain the peace. They also serve as first responders to medical emergencies, aiding sick or injured persons. Patrol Officers strive to build partnerships with those we serve.

OPERATIONS SUPPORT DIVISION

The Operations Support Division is composed of Reserve Officers, the Training Division, the Community Relations Division, and our civilian volunteer programs which include the Citizens On Patrol, Volunteers In Policing, and Chaplain programs. Members assigned to this division are available to assist Operations personnel with enhancing the quality services we provide to the community. Come on out and join us for one of our many community events!

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION

The Community Relations Division is responsible for initiatives designed to help promote and foster relationships with our community. During the year, they participate in several events ranging from Coffee with a Cop, HOA meetings, community involvement programs, and special events.

Community Relations personnel also manages the Explorer Post #708 program to engage young adults in activities that promote their law enforcement interests; Shield 360 program that encompasses many of the crime prevention programs we offer to our residential and business community; and our Citizen's Advisory Committee that meets monthly to discuss ideas, problems, and solutions to keep our community strong.

OPERATIONS BUREAU

TOTAL CALLS
FOR SERVICE

108,677

TOTAL ARRESTS

734

AVG EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TIME

3:19

AVG NON-EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TIME

6:07

TOTAL TRAFFIC
STOPS

11,522

TOTAL WRITTEN
WARNINGS

5,078

TOTAL
CITATIONS

2,504

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

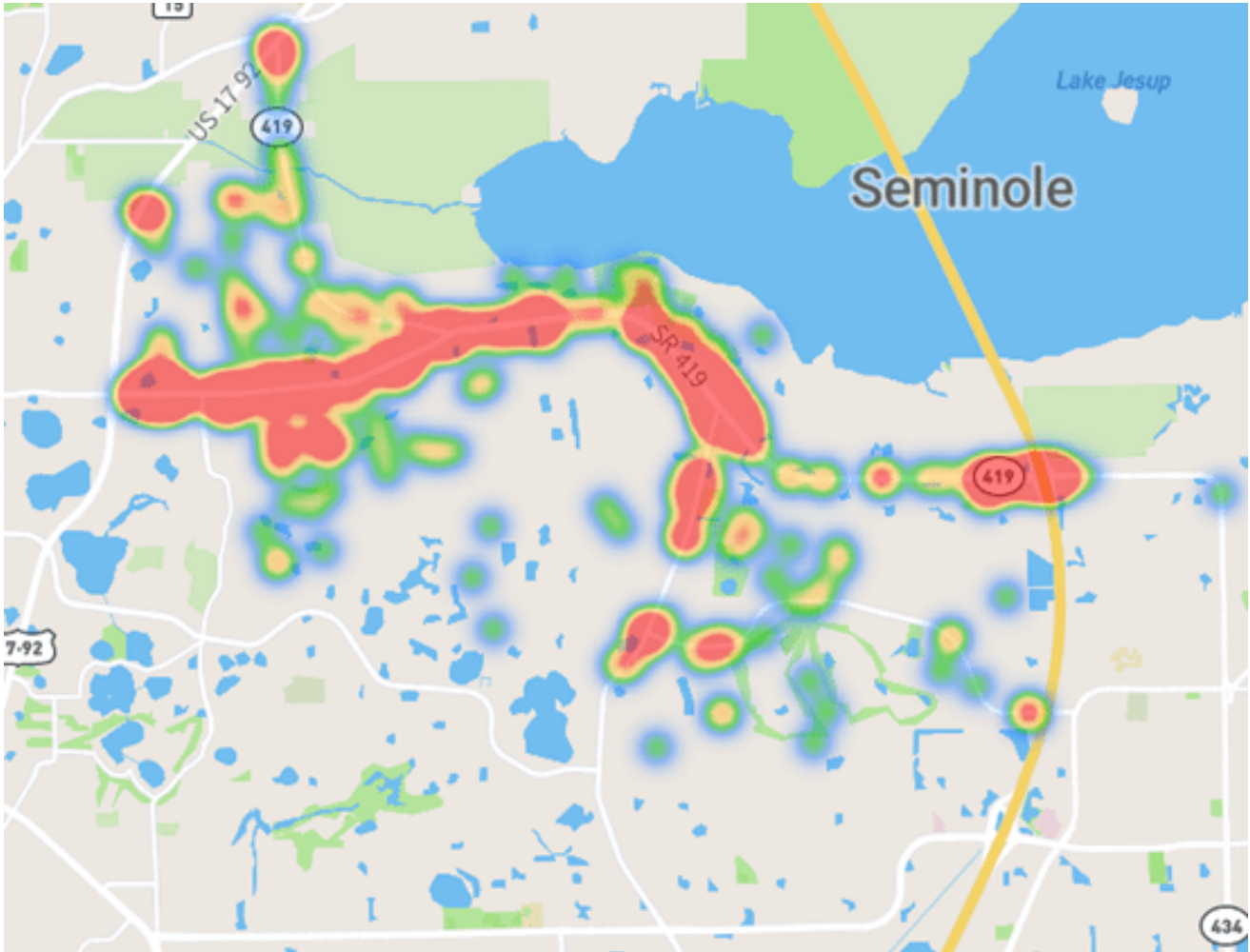
COMMUNITY MEETINGS/EVENTS 12

C.O.P. VOLUNTEER HOURS 332.5

RESERVE HOURS 140

OPERATIONS BUREAU

2021 CRASHES

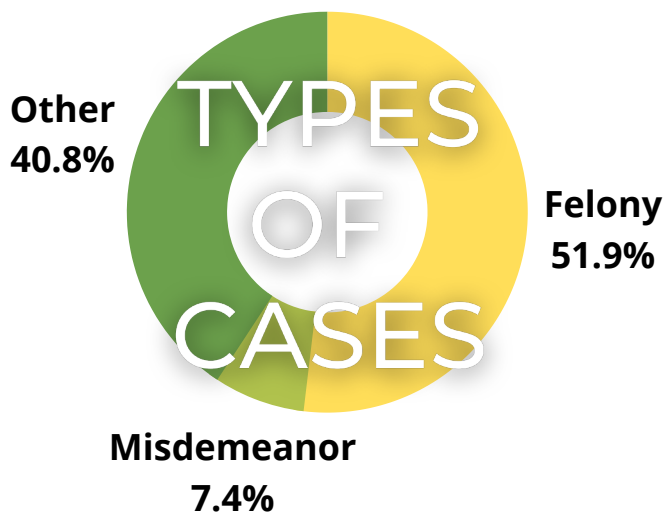


TOTAL VEHICLE
CRASHES

449

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Criminal Investigations Bureau is responsible for Crime Scene and Property and Evidence and conducting criminal investigations of crimes occurring within the jurisdiction of the City of Winter Springs. Detectives are trained to investigate a wide range of crimes, including homicide, robbery assaults, sex crimes, domestic violence, theft, burglary, fraud, vandalism, juvenile offenses, motor vehicle theft, missing persons, and any other felonies and serious misdemeanor cases.



**STOLEN PROPERTY VALUE
RECOVERED**

\$244,697

TOTAL ASSIGNED CASES

476

CRIMELINE - ANONYMOUS REPORTING

CrimeLine's mission is to increase the safety of the Central Florida community by assisting law enforcement agencies in removing undesirable individuals from the community. If you have information about a felony crime, then you need to call CrimeLine at 800-423- TIPS (8477).



Tip: Lock It or Lose It

Did you know that drivers who left valuables in plain view tremendously increase your odds of becoming a victim. Many of these crimes can be prevented with some simple, common sense actions of Lock it or Lose it and keep valuables out of sight.

CRIME SCENE

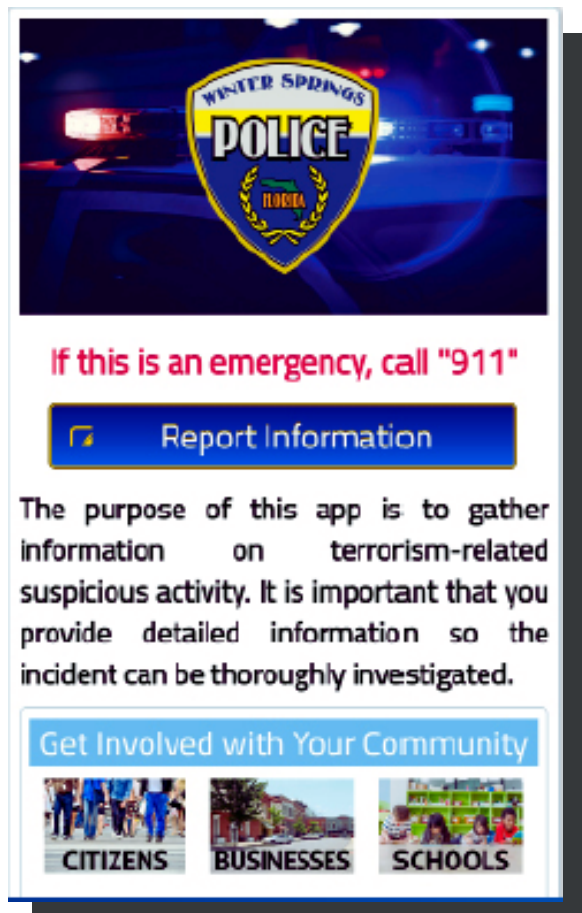
PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

Technical Services and Property & Evidence Divisions provide a host of in-house services, including laboratory processing of evidence, inventory, and control of the department's property and evidence storage room, crime scene processing, evidence collection, and quartermaster functions. This highly trained personnel are critical to the mission of the agency and provide a level of service that ranks among the highest in the area.

A free app called **Florida See Say** is increasing the ability for law enforcement to more effectively communicate with the public and also allows citizens to easily communicate and send information to law enforcement.

The Winter Springs Police Department is asking citizens to download the app in order to receive messages and alerts such as traffic issues, crime alerts, missing persons, wanted persons and any other emergency requiring public notification. If a user sees a suspicious vehicle or person or wants to provide anonymous information, including photos, audio and/or video, they can send it through the app. The user can remain anonymous if they choose.

Florida See Say is currently available through the Apple app store and the google play store on android devices.



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If this is an emergency, call "911"

Report Information

The purpose of this app is to gather information on terrorism-related suspicious activity. It is important that you provide detailed information so the incident can be thoroughly investigated.

Get Involved with Your Community

CITIZENS BUSINESSSES SCHOOLS

If the Winter Springs Police Department is holding property that belongs to you please contact our bureau directly Monday-Friday 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. An appointment is necessary to obtain property from our Property and Evidence Section. You may reach us directly at (407) 327-7961 or (407) 327-7969.

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CH

SUPPORT SERVICES

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement division is responsible for enforcing the City Ordinances. This division aims to work together with the community to keep unkempt, unsightly areas from negatively impacting the property values of the city and preserve the sense of community that makes Winter Springs the desirable area it is.

TOTAL CASES INVESTIGATED

4,597

TOTAL RECORDS PROCESSED

18,593

RECORDS

The Records Division is responsible for the management and processing of all police reports, public record requests, and fingerprinting. Records staff are often the first face you see when visiting the police department.

RECORDS REQUESTS PROCESSED

874

TOTAL CITIZENS FINGERPRINTED

544



Scan the below QR for the Business Alarm Registration program allows police to contact business owners after normal business hours for any issues that may arise at the place of business.



Going out of town soon? Scan the House Check Request QR to request an officer to stop by and check on your home while you're away.



Scan the above QR code for the Business Watch program to receive an in-person consultation from WSPD to teach you and your staff about crimes, suspicious activity and inspect for vulnerabilities.

Heroes help in more ways than just one!



Winter Springs Police Department 2021



Congratulations



Community Youth Outreach 2021



Cool



Citizen's Police Academy 2021





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