

DeKalb County Government



2025

Annual Report



DEKALB COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

GREGORY A. PADRICK
CHIEF OF POLICE



*Serving the community
Since 1915
with excellence*



DeKalb County Police Department

Mission Statement

The DeKalb County Police Department is committed to protecting life and property, maintaining public order, and enhancing the quality of life for all through professionalism, accountability, innovation, and community partnership.

Motto

Honor, Service, Partnership.

Introduction

DeKalb County was established in 1822. The DeKalb County Police Department, founded in 1915, is the primary law enforcement agency for unincorporated areas of the county, while providing resources and operational support to incorporated areas, as needed.

The county has a population of over 770,000 and a geographical footprint of over 267 square miles. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 53 percent of residents are African American, 37 percent white, 11 percent Hispanic or Latino; and over 17 percent of the population are immigrants from across the world. Through 2024, almost 32,000 veterans have called DeKalb County home.

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HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

The City of New Gibraltar was formed, it later became the city of Stone Mountain.

1825

The City of Doraville was established.

1871

Agnes Scott College was established.

1889

The DeKalb County Police Department was established.

1915

John Wesley Webb was the first DeKalb County police officer to be slain in the line of duty.

1919

A. S. Robinson was appointed the first Chief of the DeKalb Police Department.

1923

The City of Pine Lake was established.

1938

Former Naval Air Station was converted to the civilian airport: Peachtree DeKalb Airport (PDK).

1959

Julie Cochran was the first female appointed as a sworn DeKalb County Police Officer. She was also the first female to graduate from the Georgia Police Academy.

1971

The South Precinct was opened in South DeKalb Mall.

1979

The Summer Olympics were hosted in Atlanta. The DeKalb County Police Department provided support for the games and athletes.

1996

The City of Dunwoody was established.

2008

The City of Tucker was established.

2016

The funeral of First Lady Rosalyn Carter is held near Emory in DeKalb County.

2023

1823 The City of Decatur was established.

1856 The City of Lithonia was established.

1881 The City of Clarkston was established.

1908 The City of Chamblee was established.

1917 DeKalb Peachtree Airport, formerly known as Camp Gordon, was a World War I Training Center where the famous Sgt. Alvin York and thousands of other American soldiers trained.

1921 DeKalb police officers were paid \$150 per month and furnished their own cars.

1925 DeKalb Police Department deployed its first police motorcycle.

1945 DeKalb Police Department raided and destroyed the largest moonshine still ever located in DeKalb County.

1965 DeKalb County established its first K-9 Unit.

1972 DeKalb Police deploys its first police helicopter.

1986 The North Precinct opened in Dunwoody.

2006 The funeral of Civil Rights Leader Coretta Scott King was held in Lithonia, GA.

2015 The DeKalb County Police Department celebrates its 100 year anniversary.

2017 The City of Stonecrest was established.

2025 The DeKalb County Police Department launched its Real Time Crime Center.

CEO LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON



DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Joseph H. "Jack" Lumpkin, Sr.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



District 1
Robert Patrick



District 2
Michelle Long Spears



District 3
Nicole Massiah



District 4
Chakira Johnson



District 5
Mereda Davis Johnson



District 6
Ted Terry



District 7
LaDena Bolton



DeKalb County Police Department



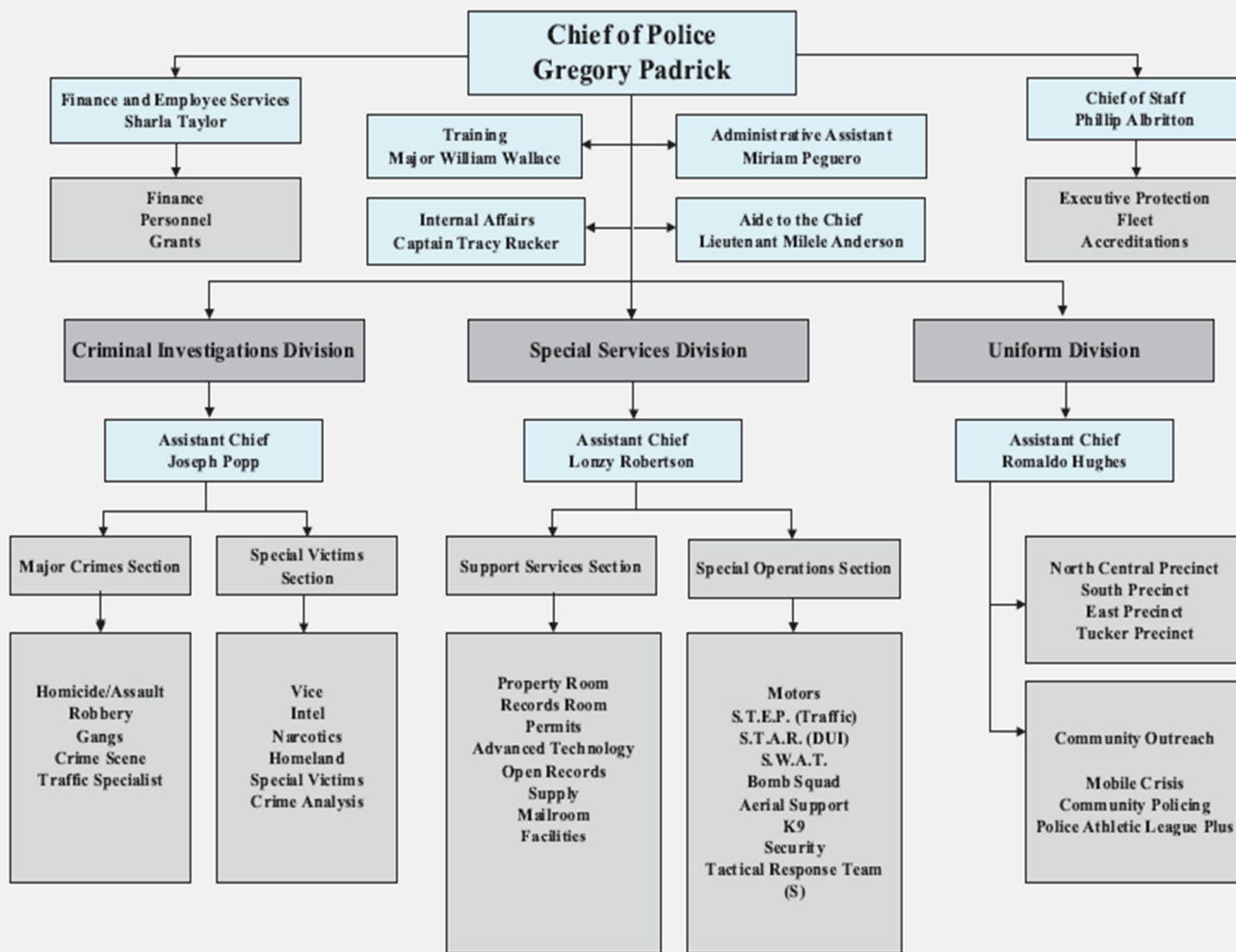
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Year in Review

- ◇ We have 482 sworn officers who are CIT certified. This constitutes 82% of the Department.
- ◇ Officers and command staff attended numerous community-related events throughout the year.
- ◇ Special Operations participated in and/or coordinated special details including, but not limited to, presidential escorts, parades, funerals and political rallies.
- ◇ Due to aggressive, innovative marketing campaigns, out-of-state candidate assessments and quarterly on-site hiring events, we hired 106 police recruits and 18 civilians employees in 2025.
- ◇ The launch of the Real Time Crime Center allows for enhanced safety of officers and citizens alike, while providing a robust investigative system to address crime.
- ◇ Uniform Division Held two (2) Community Safety Fair events. The 1st event was The Fall Safety Fair. Community members were able to eat candy and participate in fun activities with Officers. The 2nd community event was the 22nd Annual Fire Safety Fair. DKPD and DKSO partnered with residents to delivery safety tips for the community and showcase various public safety vehicles.
- ◇ The PAL Unit hosted the following:
 - PAL Career Development Program (CDP): For boys and girls, designed to run over three months. Participants take part in life skills workshops that prepare them for after-school jobs and future careers.
 - Female Empowerment Program: A three-month series of workshops designed to support girls academically, emotionally, and physically so they can thrive and reach their full potential.
 - PAL Survival Swim: An after-school program combining swim lessons with mentorship to ensure children gain critical water safety skills.
 - In-School Mentorship Programs: At Oak Grove Elementary and Panola Way Elementary, we provide life skills curriculum to help students with conflict resolution and positive classroom behavior.
 - PAL Unit hosted its summer Movie with A Cop event, treating **200** youth from DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Day camps and the PAL Swim Camp to lunch and a private screening of the new Superman movie. DeKalb County Police officers joined the kids for the movie, including members of the DKPD Motors Unit, who provided a police escort and showcased their motorcycles.
- ◇ The Uniform Division successfully partnered with our community for annual Faith & Blue community events.

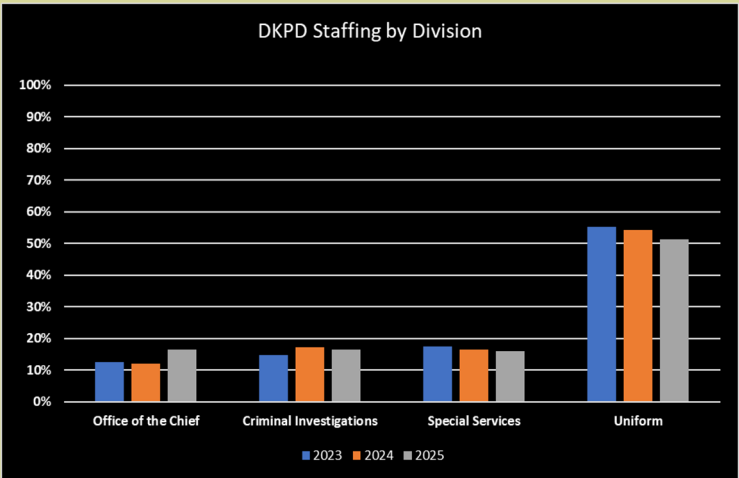
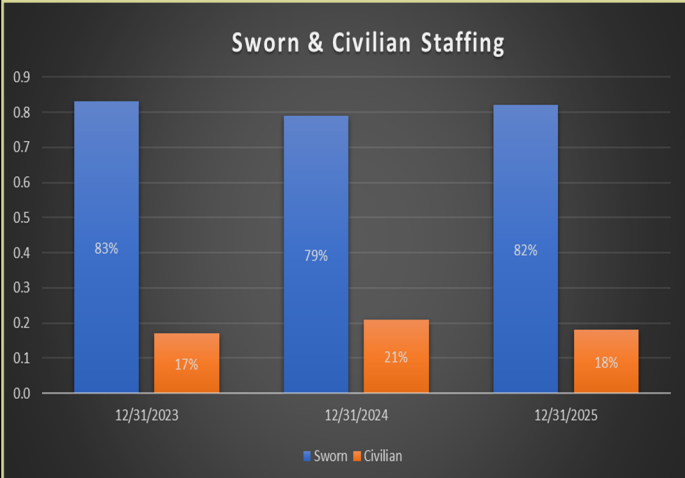
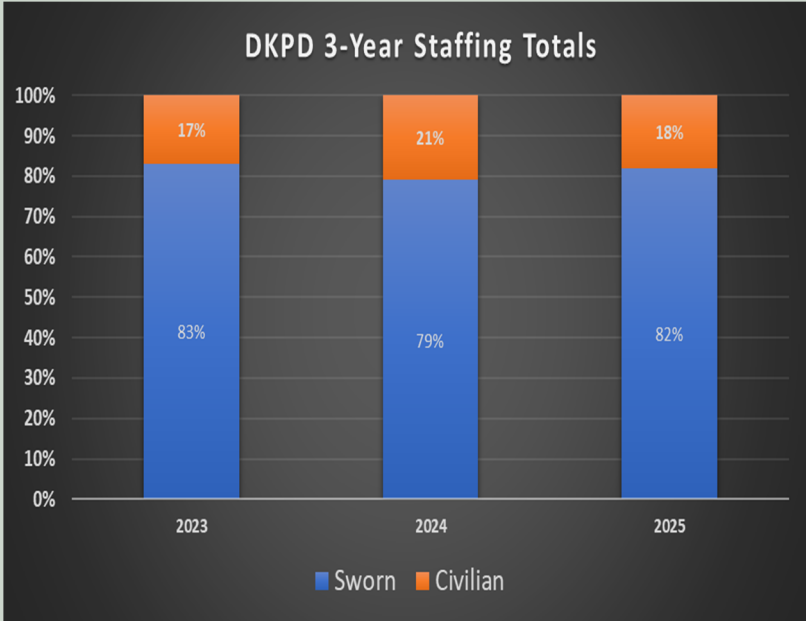
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

DeKalb County Police Department



DEPARTMENT STAFFING

The Department currently employees 705 personnel. Those personnel are allocated across three divisions and the office of the Chief of Police. The largest portion of the department’s staffing is under the command of the Uniform Division.



Division staffing chart figures are derived from Divisional totals and do not reflect personnel assigned outside the listed Divisions

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Chief of Police plans, directs, manages, and oversees the activities and operations of the Police department including law enforcement, crime prevention, and crime suppression programs; coordinates assigned activities with other departments and outside agencies; and provides responsible and complex support to the community and other County departments.



Gregory Padrick
Chief of Police



Phillip Albritton, Captain
Chief of Staff



Milele Anderson, Lieutenant
Aide to the Chief

INTERNAL AFFAIRS



Tracy Rucker, Captain
Internal Affairs

Internal Affairs is responsible for the investigation, coordination and/or control of all matters involving the internal integrity of the DeKalb County Police Department, its personnel, or facilities.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS



Internal Affairs Unit has four primary objectives.

1. Protection of the public
2. Protection of the employees
3. Removal of unfit personnel
4. Correction of procedural issues

Investigations

	2025	2024	2023
Use of Force	190	145	176
Formal Complaints	55	45	37
Informal Complaints	306	206	177

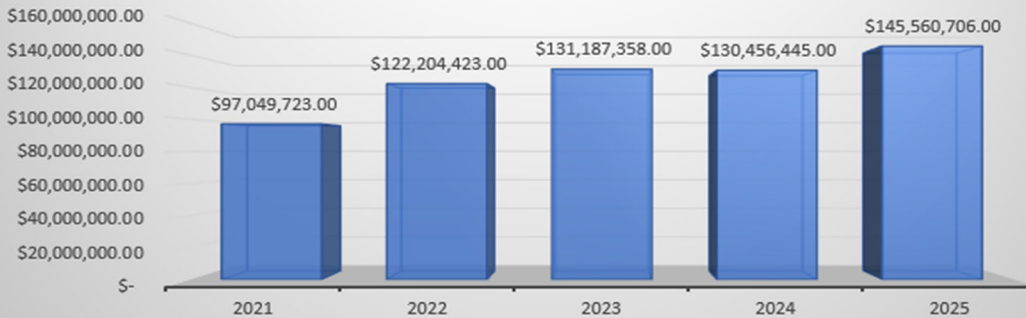
FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Financial Services section’s primary responsibility is to coordinate the department’s daily financial services, budget preparation and control. The Financial Services section ensures that the Department stays in line with approved annual budgets via accounting systems that are controlled by the Finance Department and the Department of Purchasing and Contracting pursuant to DeKalb County Code. Access is provided through an online Financial Management Information System for the County.

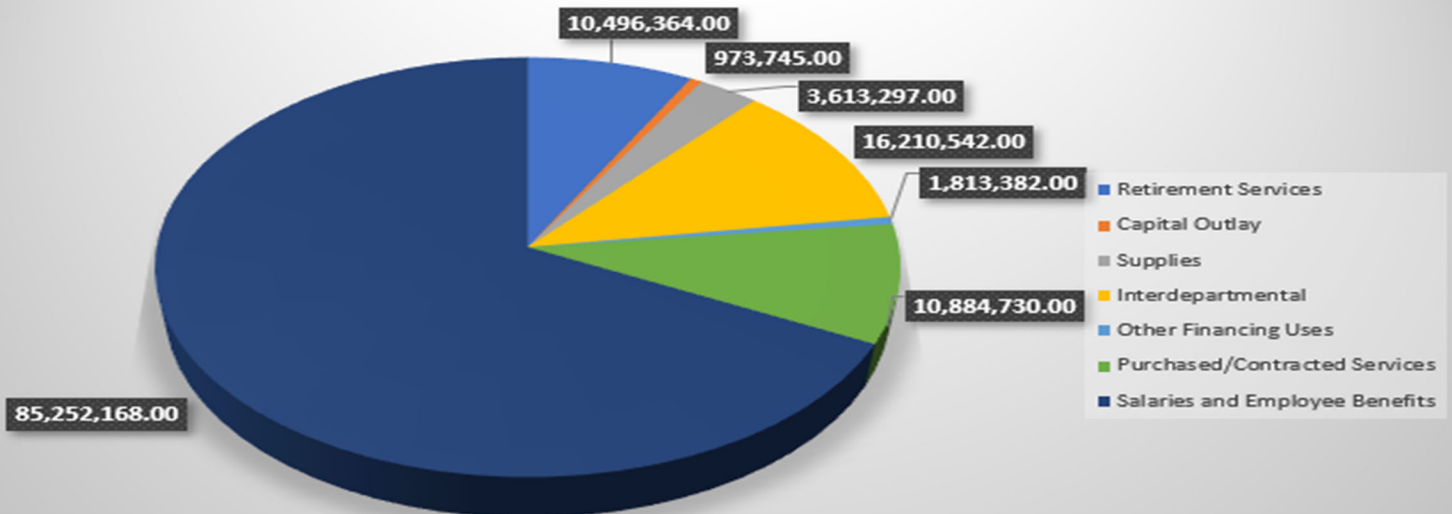


Janet A. Anderson
Fiscal Manager

Annual Budget Totals



2025 Budget by Expenditures Category

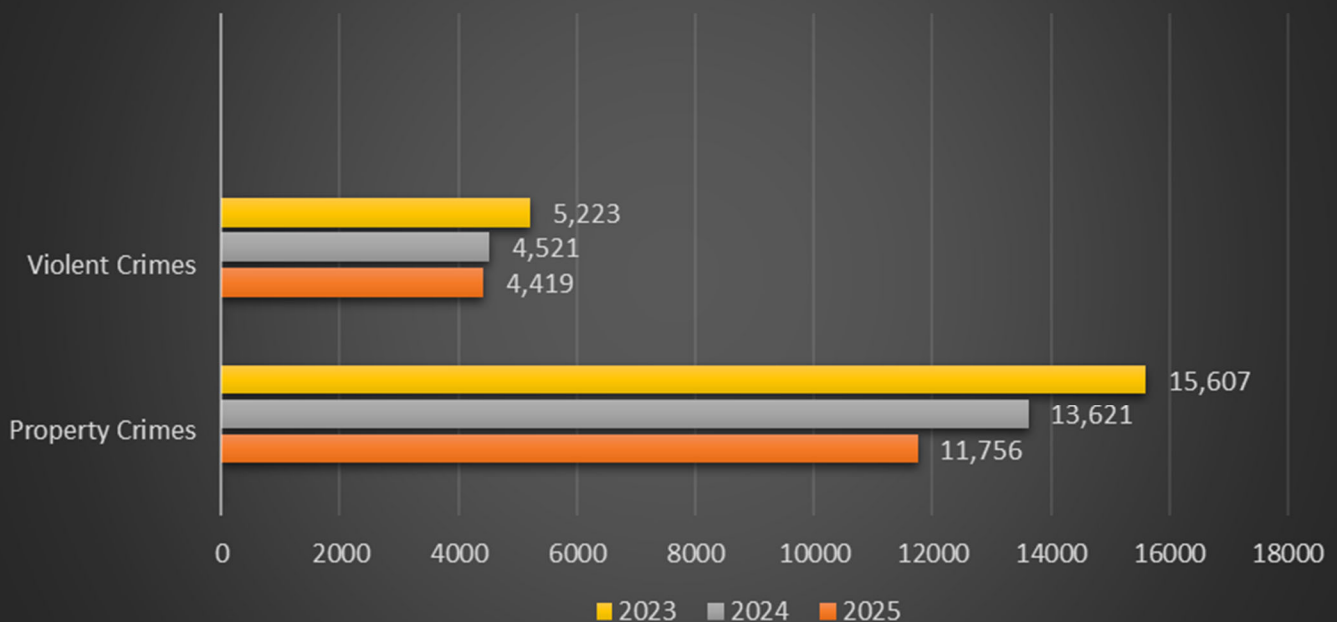


2025 DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

Crime Report Trends

Crime Report Trends			
	2025	2024	2023
Violent Crime			
Homicides	91	129	125
Forcible Rape	156	172	166
Robbery	672	789	878
Aggravated Assault	3,500	3,431	4,054
Total	4,419	4,521	5,223
Property Crime			
Burglary	2,204	2,377	2,983
Larceny Theft	4,926	6,028	6,521
Motor Vehicle Theft	4,626	5,216	6,103
Total	11,756	13,621	15,607

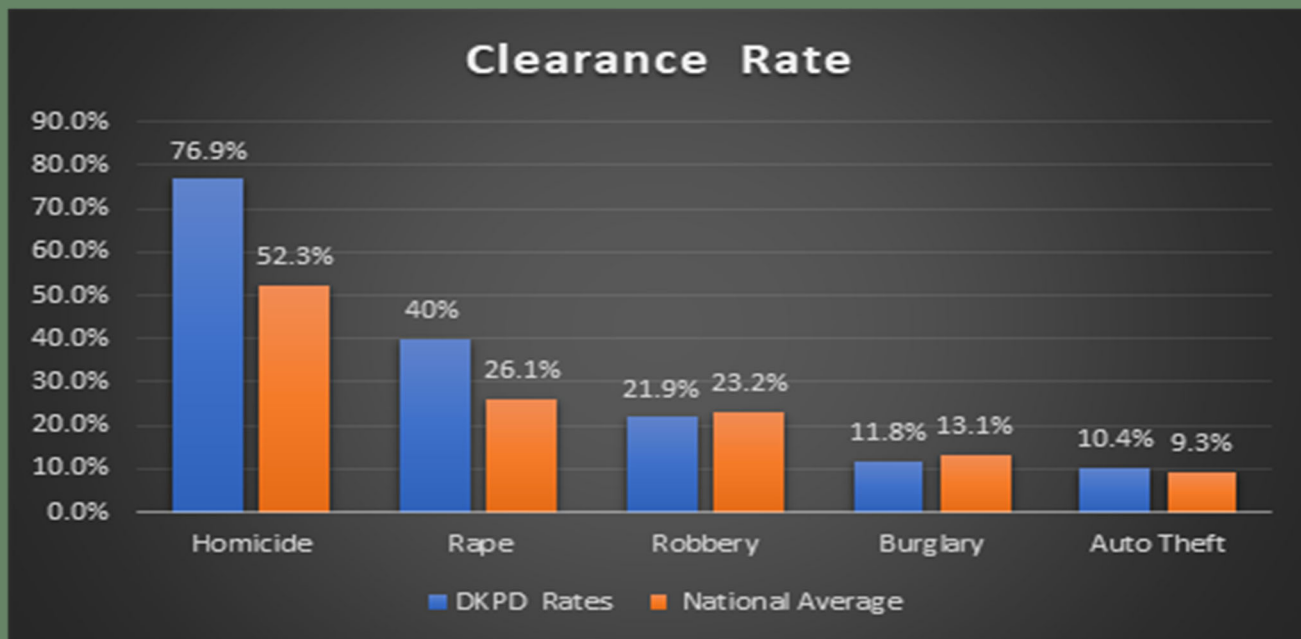
Violent and Property Crime Trends



2025 DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

Clearance Rates

Crimes	DKPD Rates	National Average
Homicide	76.90%	52.30%
Rape	40%	26.10%
Robbery	21.90%	23.20%
Burglary	11.80%	13.10%
Auto Theft	10.40%	9.30%

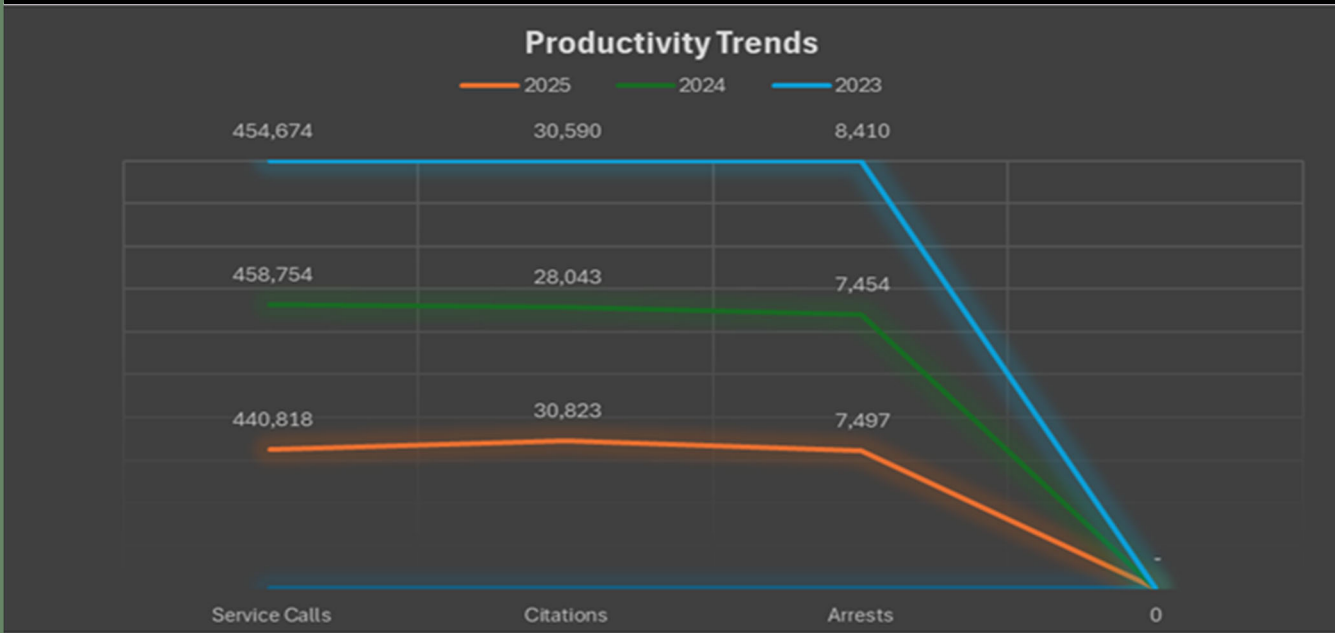


Clearance rates of cases investigated are a national measure helping law enforcement agencies to evaluate their investigative effectiveness. In addition to bringing arresting criminal perpetrators, the clearance of criminal cases helps to bring resolution to the victims, their families, and communities at large. These charts provide a comparison of DKPD 2025 clearance rates to those of the 2022 national averages.

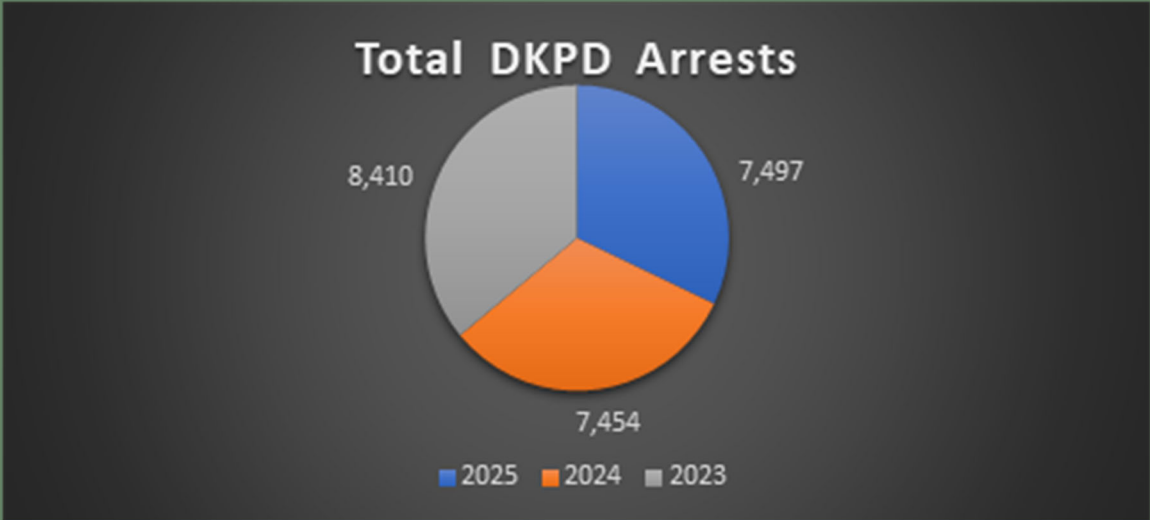
2025 DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

Department Activity Trends

	2025	2024	2023
Arrest	7,497	7,454	8,410
Citations	30,823	28,043	30,590
Service Calls	440,818	458,754	454,674



Total arrests include violations of state laws, Cities of Tucker and Stonecrest ordinances, and county ordinances and traffic offenses.

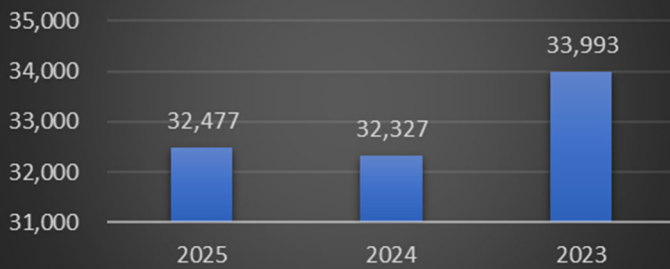


2025 DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS

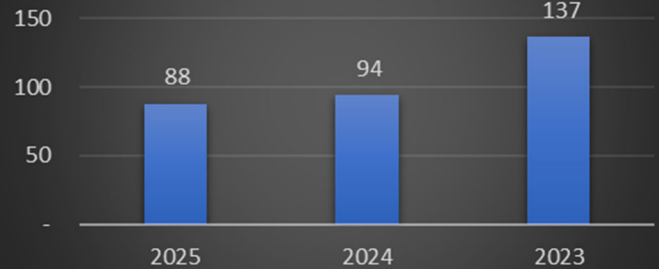
Traffic Accident Trends

Years	2025	2024	2023
Accidents	32,477	32,327	33,993
Hit & Run	8,790	8,976	9,703
Fatalities	88	94	137
Injuries	12,595	12,888	13,075

Total Accidents

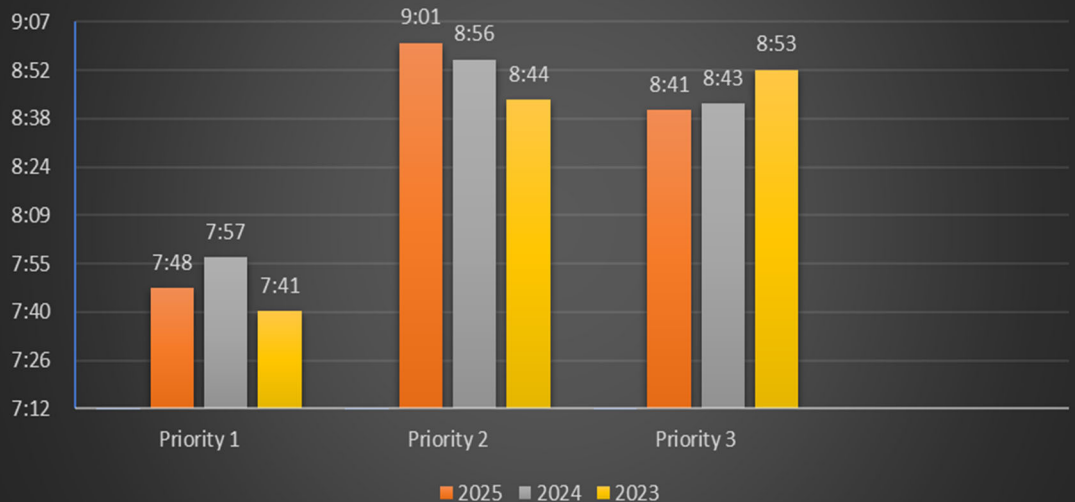


Traffic Fatalities



Call responses are assigned a value based on the priority of the call. Priority 1 calls are of an immediate life-threatening nature. Priority 2 calls require an officer to be on scene as soon as possible. Priority 3 calls are more routine and less serious in nature.

Priority Response Time in Minutes



UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division is the largest division in the Department with 385 sworn and professional staff. The division is divided into four precincts: North Central Precinct, Tucker Precinct, East Precinct, South Precinct, as well as the Community Outreach Engagement Unit. The men and women of the Uniform Division patrol the unincorporated streets of DeKalb County, answering 911 calls and interacting with the citizens daily. These officers and detectives conduct criminal investigations, investigate motor vehicle accidents, enforce state laws and county ordinances, and provide continuous patrol to our citizens. Each precinct also has a dedicated public education specialist to serve as a liaison with the community.



In 2025, the officers of the Uniform Division logged 307,950 calls for service, 1,946 felony arrests, 3,413 misdemeanor arrests, and wrote over 28,043 citations.

Officers and command staff hosted and attended numerous community-related events throughout the year. These included City and Community meetings, neighborhood watch meetings, faith-based community meetings, Major’s Night Out, and National Night Out.

Precinct	Sworn Personnel	Civilian Personnel	Total Personnel
North-Central	65	11	76
Tucker	80	7	87
South	88	10	98
East	80	8	88

UNIFORM DIVISION

Police Precincts



Emanuel McCown, Major

North-Central Precinct
1960 W. Exchange Place
Tucker, Ga 30084
770-724-7669



Matthew C. Harden, Major

Tucker Precinct
3375 Lawrenceville Hwy
Tucker, Ga 30084
678-937-5301



Brian K. DeLoach, Major

South Precinct
2842 H F Shepherd Drive
Decatur, Ga 30034
404-286-7911



Yolanda C. Baron, Major

East Precinct
2484 Bruce Street
Lithonia, Ga 30058
770-482-0300



Lonzy Robertson
Assistant Chief

SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

The Special Services Division is composed of the **Special Operations and Support Services Sections**

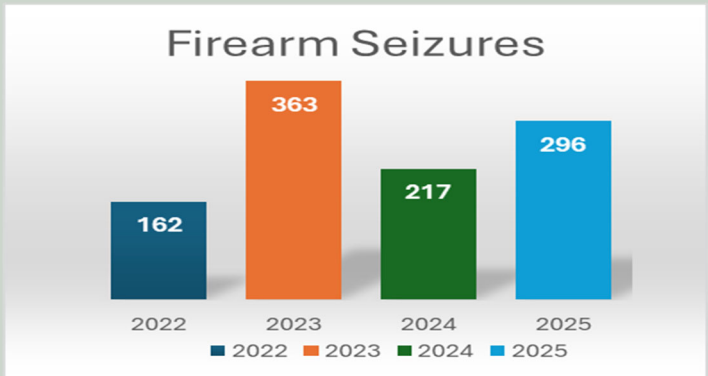
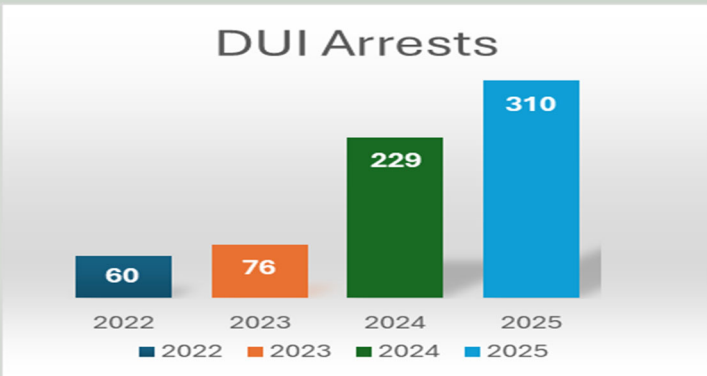
Special Operations Section

Special Operations is staffed by 53 personnel and consists of Traffic, Tactical, Administration and Security Units. Strategic traffic and crime reduction efforts were combined with operations for major events, protective details, facility and personnel security, and tactical support to federal, state, and local partners, which resulted in significant felony arrests and safety at large events.

Tactical units are SWAT, Aerial Support Unit, Bomb Squad and the K9 Unit. Using specialized tactical capabilities, these units provide support for various special events and details, including high-risk search warrants, Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) callouts and support for dignitary visits.

Traffic units consist of the Strategic Traffic Accident Reduction (STAR) Team, Strategic Traffic Enforcement Patrol (STEP) Unit, and the Motors Unit. These units have a direct impact on the safety of the citizens by making the roadways of the county safer through various activities, including DUI safety checks, speed reduction enforcement and driver safety education events.

The Administration and Security Unit manages the police and professional security services for county facilities, events, and buildings. Additionally, security assessments are performed by unit personnel. This section organizes, analyzes, compiles, and reports data concerning all events and incidents, grants, projects, and other duties.



SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION



Theodore Golden IV
Major

Section Highlights

- STAR Team obtained the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Grant for 2026.
- STAR Team participated in statewide enforcement and educational campaigns related to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety.
- SWAT had a total of 113 operations including activations and search warrants.
- Increased flight time by 48% from 2024. In 2024 101.7 flight hours and 2025 197.2 flight hours minus maintenance flight hours both years.
- Added one fulltime tactical flight officer – pilot trainee.
- K9 Unit successfully passed their annual NAPWDA Certification.
- K9 Unit started its first Apprenticeship Program for protentional K9 Handlers.
- MPO B. Daniel completed the K9 Instructor Course.

SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Support Services Section



Matthew Ferreira
Major

The Support Services Section is comprised of Police Records, Supply, Advanced Technology, Peer Support, Chaplaincy, Facilities, Permits, Property Room, Open Records, the RETRO program, Mailroom, and the CryWolf/False Alarm reporting program. Leadership and staff strive to provide innovative programs and ideas for the Department such as the Peer Support Program, which is designed to assist public safety personnel in mitigating the stress associated with their profession.

Advanced Technology

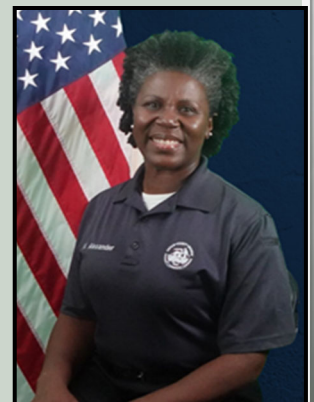
Advanced Technology orders, distributes and maintains critical technology and equipment, including cell phones, body worn cameras and GPS Rocket routers. ATU assists the Department with keeping our promise to be transparent to the community that we serve. We believe that body worn cameras assist our officers by protecting them from vexatious complaints, objectively recording their interactions with citizens, and capturing valuable evidence on incident scenes.

Police Records

Police Records is the central depository for all Police, Fire Rescue, and EMS documents. They provide reports to customers, law enforcement, courts and other criminal justice agencies. Police Records also utilizes GCIC/NCIC databases to conduct criminal history checks, as well as enter serialized items and missing persons/juveniles on the system. This also includes NCIC validations, UCR and crime statistics.

Open Records

The Open Records Unit is a single point of contact for the Department to answer public and legal requests for documents. Open Records personnel reach out to the appropriate custodian of records for necessary documents and then compiles the information into a single package to ensure that all requested documents are present and any confidential information is properly redacted.



Natashia Alexander
Police Records

SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Section Highlights

2025 Property Room Highlights

- Partnered with ATF and performed approximately 2,000 E Traces on firearms
- Destroyed over 29 **pounds** of drugs via the Sanitation Department's incinerator
- Successfully completed a DeKalb County Accreditation inspection
- Logged **25,759 items** of property into WEB RMS
- Submitted **2,599 guns** to the Property Room
- Released **326 guns** to their rightful owners
- Disposed of **8,312 items**.

2025 Permits, Taxi and Wrecker (PTW) Highlights

- **Total Revenue Generated:** \$269,760
- **Permits Issued:**
 - Firearm Permits: 2,436
 - Non-Firearm Permits: 2,554
- **Gun Safes & Gun Locks Issued:**
 - Gun Safes: 1367
 - Gun Locks: 0

2025 Supply Highlights

- **Uniform Requests:** 2,171
- **Office Supply Requests:** 510
- **PPE Requests:** 77

2025 Open Records Unit Highlights

- Hired one new Inv. Aide in an effort to work toward full staffing
- Total number of ORR in 2025 (ORU) = 13,959 vs. 13,180 in 2024 (5.9 % increase)
- Total number of microfiche trays processed (Records) = 800

2025 Police Records

- Hired one new Records Technician in an effort to work toward full staffing
- Total Revenue Generated: \$188,652.25
- Customer Service requests: 42,896
- NCIC Entries: 27,492

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Division Summary



Joseph Popp
Assistant Chief

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is composed of the Major Crimes, Special Victims, Narcotics, and Special Investigations sections. Together, these units are responsible for investigating the most serious and complex crimes impacting DeKalb County.

CID utilizes an intelligence-based, offender-focused investigative strategy designed to identify patterns, disrupt criminal activity, and hold offenders accountable. This approach reflects modern, 21st-century policing principles and emphasizes precision, collaboration, and professionalism.

The Division works closely with patrol operations, county partners, and state and federal agencies to ensure a coordinated and effective response to crime. CID detectives and civilian professionals are highly trained in investigative techniques, legal standards, and victim-centered practices. The Division remains committed to fairness, transparency, and diligence, ensuring every investigation is handled with care, integrity, and respect for the community.

Major Crimes Section

The Major Crimes Section investigates violent and high-impact offenses and provides investigative support in complex cases. This section includes the Homicide/Assault Unit, Crime Scene Unit, Gang Unit, Robbery Unit, and Traffic Specialist Unit.

The Homicide/Assault Unit investigates negligent and non-negligent homicides, felonious non-domestic assaults, kidnappings, and select officer-involved incidents. The Robbery Unit focuses on armed robberies and related violent offenses, while the Traffic Specialist Unit investigates serious traffic incidents, including vehicular homicides.

The Gang Unit employs a balanced approach that includes prevention, education, intervention, and enforcement to address gang-related activity and reduce violence. The Crime Scene Unit supports investigations through evidence preservation, forensic documentation, and laboratory analysis, including latent print and NIBIN examinations.

Special Victims Section

The Special Victims Section investigates crimes involving vulnerable populations, including sexual assaults, crimes against children and elderly persons, domestic violence, missing persons, unexplained child deaths, and digital forensic examinations.

This section works closely with the District Attorney's Office and community partners such as hospitals, rape crisis centers, and children's advocacy organizations to ensure offenders are held accountable while victims receive appropriate support. Investigations are conducted using a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Narcotics Section

The Narcotics Section is comprised of the Narcotics Unit, Vice Unit, and participation in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) task force. This section focuses on identifying and dismantling drug trafficking organizations and addressing crimes that contribute to violence, addiction, and community harm.

Through intelligence-driven analysis, undercover operations, surveillance, and interagency partnerships, the section targets both street-level activity and organized criminal networks.



Anthony Ford
Major

Special Investigations Section

The Special Investigations Section includes the Intelligence Unit, Homeland Security Unit, and the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC). This section focuses on proactive crime reduction, intelligence development, and advanced investigative support.

The Intelligence Unit analyzes crime trends and offender patterns to guide operational decisions. The Homeland Security Unit addresses threats to critical infrastructure and public safety preparedness.

Real Time Crime Center

The RTCC launched in December 2025 and represents a significant advancement in the Division's investigative and operational capabilities. The RTCC provides real-time support to investigators and patrol officers, enhancing the agency's ability to respond to in-progress crimes, monitor traffic conditions, and locate missing persons—particularly vulnerable individuals such as children and seniors with cognitive impairments.

Staffed by trained analysts, the RTCC has access to hundreds of Flock and Fusus cameras positioned throughout the county. The center also maintains drone capabilities from one dedicated site, with plans to expand to three additional drone sites in 2026. This technology allows for rapid aerial response and enhanced situational awareness during critical incidents.

The RTCC offers significant scalability, allowing additional personnel to be integrated during major events or planned enforcement operations. Expansion to 24/7 operations is planned for 2026, which will further strengthen the Division's capacity to support field units and protect the community around the clock.

Division Accomplishments

The Victim Advocacy Program continues to be a cornerstone of victim support. Currently staffed by four full-time advocates, the program will expand to eight advocates in 2026, doubling its capacity to assist victims and families.

The Criminal Investigation Division remains dedicated to thorough investigations, offender accountability, and justice for victims, while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, transparency, and public trust.

SOCIAL MEDIA



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Tribute to our Fallen Officers

"Greater love has no one than this, ...



...that one lay down his life for his friends."

Tribute to our Fallen Officers

Officer David Rose
EOW: Friday, August 8, 2025

Sergeant Daniel Mobley
EOW: Saturday, January 2, 2021

Officer Edgar I. Flores
EOW: Thursday, December 13, 2018

Officer Kevin Jermaine Toatley
EOW: Saturday, September 19, 2015

Officer Ivorie Gerhard Klusmann
EOW: Saturday, August 10, 2013

Officer Eric Cecil Barker, Sr.
EOW: Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Officer Ricky L. Bryant, Jr.
EOW: Wednesday, January 16, 2008

Detective Dennis Carmen Stepnowski
EOW: Thursday, June 29, 2006

Officer Ann Marie Guinta
EOW: Saturday, July 20, 2002

Sheriff-Elect Derwin Brown
EOW: Saturday, December 15, 2000

Officer Jarvis Darren Crumley
EOW: Tuesday, December 29, 1998

Officer Ricardo J. Torres
EOW: Sunday, September 13, 1998

Officer Richard Lee Teague
EOW: Monday, November 23, 1992

Officer Wade C. Barrett, Jr.
EOW: Monday, April 8, 1991

Officer Wyndall T. Davis
EOW: Thursday, December 3, 1981

Officer Tommy Richard Gober, Jr.
EOW: Saturday, June 28, 1980

Officer Robert Keith Hawkins
EOW: Thursday, February 7, 1980

Officer Thomas Stanhope Atkisson
EOW: Tuesday, December 14, 1976

Officer Larry Eugene Quinn
EOW: Sunday, February 4, 1973

Officer Donald Lee Mitchell
EOW: Sunday, July 2, 1972

Officer William David Corn
EOW: Tuesday, February 1, 1972

Officer Charles Richard Norred
EOW: Wednesday, September 8, 1971

Detective Guy Fedrick Jones
EOW: Wednesday, June 5, 1968

Officer Johnny Farrell Puckett, Sr.
EOW: Saturday, July 16, 1966

Officer James Lonnie Mize
EOW: Saturday, February 6, 1954

Lieutenant James Charles Nix
EOW: Sunday, September 7, 1952

Officer Wilford Eugene Johnson
EOW: Sunday, September 7, 1952

Officer Charles Willis Wright
EOW: Wednesday, December 22, 1948

Officer Edwin Cecil Garrison
EOW: Friday, September 20, 1946

Officer Charles Linton Phillips
EOW: Friday, October 7, 1932

Officer Miles Henry Phillips
EOW: Friday, August 12, 1927

Officer Lewell S. Henderson
EOW: Friday, August 12, 1927

Officer Samuel D. Gentry
EOW: Wednesday, April 8, 1925

Officer John Wesley Webb
EOW: Sunday, March 16, 1919

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Tucker, GA 30084
www.dekalbpolice.com

Office of the Chief of Police

Chief of Police - 770-724-7440
Internal Affairs - 770-724-7910
Background & Recruiting - 770-724-7445

Division Commanders

Uniform - 770-724-7493
Special Services - 770-724-7592
Criminal Investigation - 770-724-7589

Precincts

North-Central - 770-724-7600
Tucker - 678-937-5301
East - 770-482-0300
South - 404-286-7900

Frequently Used Numbers

Permits - 404-297-3934
Property & Evidence - 404-294-2528

Emergency Number 911

Non-Emergency Number 404-294-2911