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Annual Report

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Mission

The mission of the Atlanta Police Department is to create a safer Atlanta by reducing crime, ensuring the safety of our residents and building trust in partnership with our community.

Vision

We are a source of pride for the residents of Atlanta, admired among law enforcement agencies worldwide, recognized for our professionalism, integrity, and service to our communities.

Core Values

PROFESSIONALISM

Taking pride in our actions, duties, development, and appearance

INTEGRITY

Adhering to moral and ethical principles at all times

COMMITMENT

Striving for excellence, accountability, and effectiveness in our performance

COURAGE

Instilling trust and standing for justice in the face of danger



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Andre Dickens
MAYOR



**The City
of Atlanta
remains
committed
to ensuring
the safety
and well-
being of all
its residents**

To the People of Atlanta and Esteemed Members of the Atlanta Police Department:

This past year has been a testament to the resilience and dedication of Atlanta's communities, working alongside the Atlanta Police Department in our collective efforts to make this city safer.

The Atlanta Police Department's unwavering commitment to decreasing crime and its emphasis on eliminating guns, gangs, and drugs from our streets were central to achieving a significant reduction in homicides and overall crime in 2023. The Department's engagement with community partners, effective use of technology, and the diligent work of our E-911 operators and crime scene technicians have also been instrumental in these successes.

In line with our commitment to public safety, last year also featured an integral focus on our "Year of the Youth" initiatives throughout the city of Atlanta. To prioritize the support of our young people, we continued community-based programs, such as Midnight Basketball and the Police Athletic League, while expanding job opportunities citywide, aiming to provide Atlanta's youth with positive and constructive alternatives to crime. These programs are investments in the lives of our young people, offering the resources and skills needed to build a brighter future for themselves and, by extension, for our city.

The Atlanta Police Department, under the capable leadership of Chief Darin Schierbaum, has been a beacon of hope and strength. Their efforts, combined with the circles of support from City partners and the active participation of our citizens, have been paramount to our attainments. Our progress in reducing crime and nurturing Atlanta's youth are clear indicators of what we can achieve through unity and collaboration.

The City of Atlanta remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all its residents and fostering an environment where every individual, especially our youth, can thrive.

Sincerely,



Mayor Andre Dickens

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Darin B. Schierbaum
CHIEF OF POLICE
ATLANTA POLICE
DEPARTMENT

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**This year
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enduring
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of our
department,
founded in
1873**

It is with immense pride and gratitude

that I write to you as the Chief of Police for the Atlanta Police Department, marking not only the achievements of the past year but also commemorating a significant milestone in our department's history – the 150th anniversary of the Atlanta Police Department.

This year serves as a poignant reminder of the enduring legacy of our department, founded in 1873. Over the past century and a half, the Atlanta Police Department has evolved, adapted, and persevered through dynamic challenges, emerging as a symbol of dedication to public safety and service.

The 150th anniversary is a testament to the unwavering commitment of generations of officers, staff, and leaders who have served our community with honor and distinction. It is an occasion to reflect on the rich history that has shaped the Atlanta Police Department into the professional and community-focused organization it is today.

Throughout this milestone year, we have taken the opportunity to celebrate the achievements and contributions of those who have come before us. Special events, historical moments, and community outreach initiatives have allowed us to connect with the community on a deeper level, fostering a sense of shared history and mutual appreciation.

As we reflect on our past, we are also keenly focused on the future. The 150th anniversary serves as a springboard for our commitment to continuous improvement, innovation, and excellence in policing. Our goal is not only to honor the legacy of those who have served before us but to build a foundation for the next 150 years of service to the people of Atlanta.

In the pages of the 2023 Annual Report, you will find a detailed account of our department's activities and accomplishments over the past year, including the special initiatives undertaken to commemorate our 150th anniversary. We take pride in the progress we have made and the positive impact we continue to have on the safety and well-being of our community.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the dedicated men and women of the Atlanta Police Department, past and present, whose service and sacrifice have shaped our history. The 150th anniversary is a testament to their dedication, and it serves as a reminder that our shared commitment to public safety transcends time.

Thank you for your continued support as we celebrate this historic milestone and move forward in our mission to serve and protect the city of Atlanta.

Sincerely,



Darin B. Schierbaum
Chief, Atlanta Police Department

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Executive Command Staff

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IN ORDER BY RANK:



Chief of Police
Darin Schierbaum



Assistant Chief
Carven Tyus



Chief Administrative Officer
Peter Aman



Deputy Chief, Criminal
Investigation Division
Charles Hampton Jr.



Deputy Chief, Community
Services Division
Timothy Peek



Deputy Chief, Professional
Development Division
Prenzinna Spann



Deputy Chief, Field
Operations Division
Andrew Senzer



Executive Director,
Public Affairs Unit
Chata Spikes



Executive Director, E-911
Communications Division
Desiree Arnold

Command Staff

Major

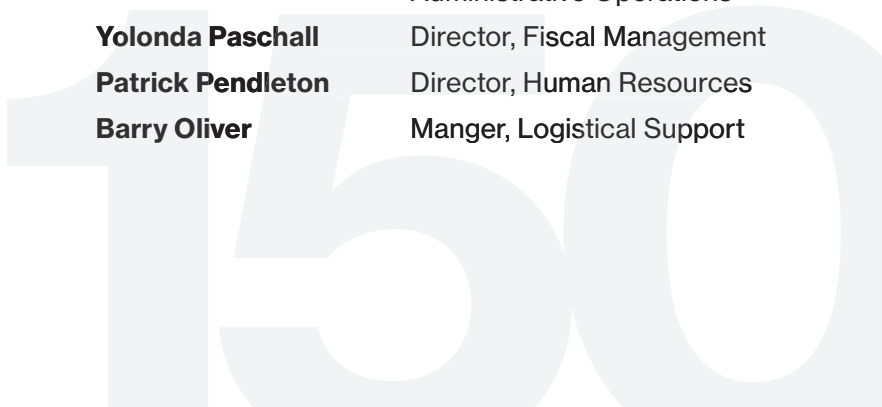
Felicia Claxton	Property Crimes Section	Gary Harper	Strategic Response Section
Peter Malecki	Major Crimes Section	Peter Ries	Administrative Operations
Jessica Bruce	Special Enforcement Section	Richard Smythe	Employee Services
Fred Watson	Training Section	Carlo Peek	Office of Professional Standards
Jeffrey Cantin	Community Oriented Policing Section	Hajredin Zenelaj	Executive Officer
Ralph Woolfolk	Violent Crime Interdiction Section	Jason Smith	Chief of Staff

Captain

Alnetta Harris	Property Crimes Section	Kristin Knight	Policy and Standards
Jeff Childers	Major Crimes Section	Roland Thomas	Special Operations Section/Aviation Unit
Lucas Wagaman	Administrative Operations	Kevin Knapp	Strategic Response Section
Michael Carter	Special Enforcement Section	Jeff Baxter	Code Enforcement Section
Jim Ellis	Night Commander I		
Neil Welch	Night Commander II		

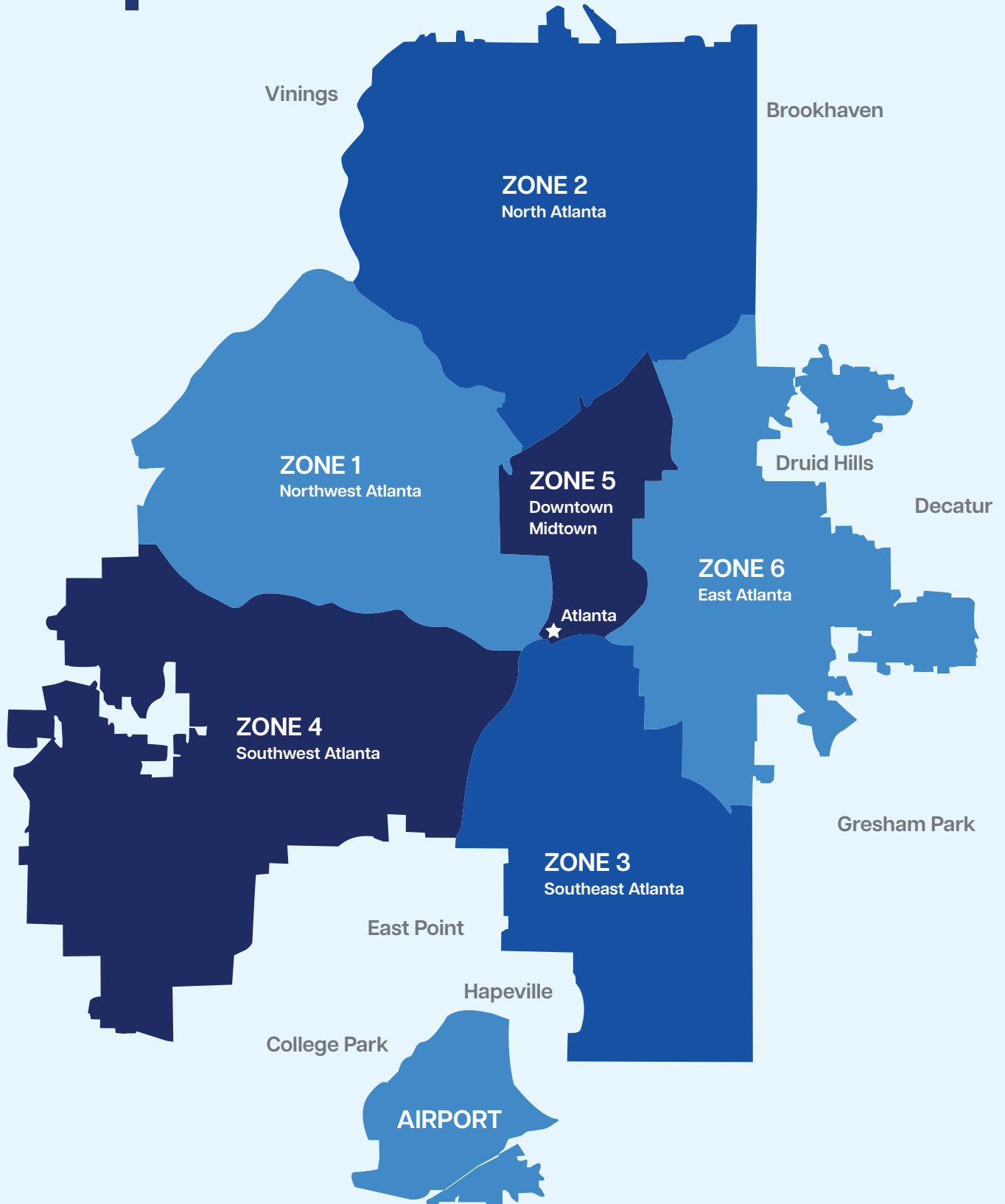
Civilian

Candace Walker	Director, Crime Lab	Darlene Jackson-Ellis	Director, Program Management
Dr. Stephanie Thomas	Director, Atlanta Police Leadership Institute (APLI)	Emmett Orr	Executive Director, Administrative Operations
Marshall Freeman	Deputy Chief Administrative Officer	Yolonda Paschall	Director, Fiscal Management
Cedric Crochran	Electronic Maintenance	Patrick Pendleton	Director, Human Resources
Daphne Talley	Director, Code Enforcement Section	Barry Oliver	Manger, Logistical Support



Zone Map

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Zone Commanders



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Major Reginald Moorman



Captain Karla Baldini



02

Major Ailen Mitchell



Captain Benjamin Vayens



03

Major William Ricker



Captain Reginald Pettis



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Major Antonio Clay



Captain Tommy Atzert

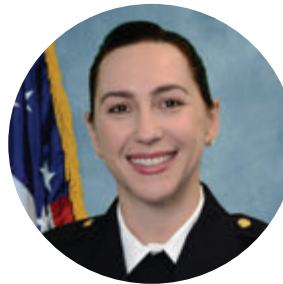


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Major Brian Schiffbauer



Captain Christian Hunt



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Major Andrea Webster



Captain Dorian Graham



AP

Major Kelley Collier



Captain David Wilson



80%

**CLEARANCE
RATE**

Homicide

Down from 177 Homicides
in 2022 to 133 in 2023

152

APEX

Guns Seized as evidence

\$2,314,813

Narcotics

Total Value of Drugs Seized

8%^{DOWN}

Zone 1

Crime Reduction Award,
down 8% in crime during the year

Highlights

In early 2023, the Atlanta Public Safety Training Center (APSTC) broke ground

and dedicated crews began building the state-of-the-art facility. The Atlanta Police Department extends its sincerest thanks to all of our partners, state, local, and federal for assisting the City of Atlanta with marking a milestone in the city's commitment to fostering a safer and more secure community.

The Atlanta Public Safety Training Center is slated to open its doors in December 2024. The APSTC is designed to be a hub of innovation and excellence, featuring cutting-edge infrastructure and cutting-edge technology. This world-class facility will provide a dynamic environment for comprehensive training programs, equipping law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency responders with the skills and knowledge needed to meet the evolving challenges of public safety.



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Celebrating 150 Years of Service

The Atlanta Police Department Celebrates its 150th Anniversary - 1873 – 2023. 2023 was a very special year for APD. We celebrated our 150th Anniversary as a law enforcement agency. That's 150 years of dedication and service to the great City of Atlanta.

As the largest law enforcement agency in Georgia, we are a Committed, Constitutional, Compassionate, and Component police force. Our mission has been and will always be to create a safer Atlanta by reducing crime, ensuring the safety of our citizens, and building trust in partnership with our community.

We are extremely thankful to the Atlanta Police Foundation, our community members, and stakeholders for their continued support over the years!



Highlights

From Recruit to Police Officer

In 2023, the Atlanta Police Department welcomed 103 dedicated individuals into its ranks upon their graduation from the APD Training Academy. These recruits embody the values of integrity, courage, and service, essential qualities that define our force. As they embark on their journey as law enforcement officers, they join a tradition of excellence and commitment to the safety and well-being of our communities. We are proud to have them as part of the Atlanta Police family, and we look forward to their contributions in upholding the highest standards of professionalism and accountability.



Crime is Toast

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The annual Crime is Toast breakfast highlights Atlanta Police Department's brave acts of service in our community.

Along with more than 1,000 business and community members in attendance, we honor the men and women of APD by presenting awards for outstanding service including Officer of the Year, Purple Heart and Meritorious Service.

This year, we celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Atlanta Police Department. The event was chaired by Chris Womack, CEO of Southern Company, and included several keynote speakers, including Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens and Georgia Governor Brian Kemp.

Congratulations to the 2023 Crime is Toast Award Winners

OFFICER OF THE YEAR | Officer Matthew Brown

INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR | Investigator Ronald Sluss & Investigator Matthew Condlan

PURPLE HEART | Officer Robert Golden

SWORN COMMANDER OF THE YEAR
Major Ailen Mitchell

SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR | Sgt. David Holleman

MEDAL OF HONOR | Captain L. Wagaman, Captain C. Hunt, Lt. C. Armstrong, Lt. J. Ellis, Sgt. T. Soukup, Ofc. R. Bryan, Ofc. A. Gaines, Ofc. M. Jones, Ofc. C. Lowe, Ofc. A. Abdul-Hakeem, Ofc. A. McDonald, Ofc. T. Belton, Ofc. O. Cooper, Ofc. J. Stanley

MERITORIOUS SERVICE | Ofc. Ayesha Abdul-Hakeem & Ofc. Ariel McDonald

DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION | Major G. L. Harper, Lt. G. Lyon, Sgt. J. Davis, Sgt. S. Farais, Sgt. N. McCay, Sgt. J. Fraser, Inv. D. Scott, Inv. J. Frasier, SPO D. Lawrence, Ofc. W. Floyd, Ofc. A. Denninger, Ofc. J. Haagsma, Ofc. J. Ramose, Ofc. T. Whitten, Ofc. M. Peterson, Ofc. J. Collie, Ofc. N. Sime

DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION
Investigator Jarion Shephard

DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION | Zone 5 F.I.T.
- Ofc. Alain Augustin, Ofc. Johnathan Davis, Ofc. Dewayne DeJonge, Ofc. James Douglas, Ofc. John Grubbs, Ofc. Carl Harp, Ofc. Jordan Hill, Ofc. Thomas Hoffman, Ofc. Terrence Holmer, Ofc. John Hordesky,

Ofc. Dennisea Law, Ofc. Christan Pearson, Ofc. Jeffery Romero, Ofc. Keith Shelley, Ofc. Adorrea Smith, Ofc. Orrett Walker, Ofc. Richard Wear, Sgt. Matthew Jean-Pierre, Sgt. Michael Jones, Sgt. Ben Matthew, Sgt. Von Pitts, Sgt. Thomas Soukup, Lt. Chad Armstrong, Lt. Olympia Fluellen, Lt. Craig Burrell Jr

DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION
Officer Charles Watson

JUDGE ARTHUR KAPLAN COMMUNITY SERVICE
Jimmy Cushman

DENNIS P. MULLEN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
Sgt. Todd Harris

MARION LEE TRAILBLAZER | Director Desiree Arnold

**JAMAINE E. CHESTER ATLANTA'S
FINEST** | Atlanta Police Honor Guard

BEYOND THE BADGE | Officer DaVante Matthews & Officer Xavier McCalpine

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR | Claudia Rivers

CIVILIAN SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
Brenda Yarborough

CRIME STOPPER OF THE YEAR | The Public Affairs Unit - Director Chata Spikes, Sgt. John Chafee, Sgt. Jarius Daugherty, De'Ja Porter, SPO Tasheena Brown, SPO Robert Stanionis, Ofc. Aaron Fix, Ofc. Anthony Grant, Ofc. John Predmore



Fallen Officers

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The Atlanta Police Department faced a challenging year with losing four of our fellow officers. We wish to honor the lives of these four fallen officers who have left us today and every day. Their dedication to our community and their service to the force has made a lasting impression on us all. As we pay tribute to their memory, we make a solemn vow to uphold the principles they held dear and to ensure their legacies endure. These officers epitomize commitment and honor; their influence on our department will always be treasured.

Inv. Christopher Blase



Lt. Anthony Colton



Ofc. Bennie Hardeman



Lt. Ryan Nienhusser



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Divisions

Field Operations Division (FOD)

The Atlanta Police The 2023 Annual Report underscores the vital role of the Field Operations Division (FOD), comprising our dedicated first responders who stand as the frontline against criminal activities. FOD's unwavering commitment to halting criminal elements is pivotal in ensuring the safety of our community.

Structured into six zones, FOD addresses the distinctive challenges posed by diverse neighborhoods. As a full-service department, the Atlanta Police Department operates on a priority system, handling a spectrum of 911 calls, ranging from gunshots and illegal parking to concerns about a barking dog. While calls involving harm or imminent danger take precedence, FOD diligently responds to all calls.

FOD officers serve as the initial point of contact with our community, making their role crucial in shaping public perceptions. Regardless of the circumstances, FOD guarantees a professional and reliable response, showcasing resilience in navigating challenging and rapidly evolving situations. The community can rely on FOD as a steadfast presence, ensuring safety and security in all endeavors.



Divisions

Criminal Investigations Division (CID)

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is comprised of relentless investigators and officers dedicated to unraveling intricate crimes throughout the City of Atlanta. These investigators, driven by an unwavering commitment, tirelessly pursue every lead to bring justice to our community.

Drawing on their extensive years of experience, CID investigators routinely confront the challenge of assembling fragments of evidence left behind by suspects, skillfully piecing together the intricate puzzle of criminal cases. Once sufficient information is compiled for a warrant, the division's work persists around the clock until the arrest is successfully executed.

CID encompasses specialized units, each contributing uniquely to the investigative process. These units include the Special Enforcement Section, Major Crimes Section, Violent Crime Interdiction Section, and Property Crimes Section. Together, they form a cohesive and dedicated force that plays a crucial role in maintaining public safety and upholding the rule of law within the City of Atlanta. The units under each section are as follows:

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT SECTION

- Gangs Unit
- Homeland Security Unit
- Repeat Offender Tracking Unit
- Asset Forfeiture Unit
- Fugitive Unit
- Auto Crimes Enforcement Unit
- Crime Lab Unit
- Identification Unit
- Executive Protection Unit

MAJOR CRIMES SECTION

- Special Victims Unit
- Homicide Unit
- Major Crimes Response Unit
- Aggravated Assault Unit
- Robbery Unit
- Domestic Violence Unit
- Animal Cruelty Unit
- Crimestoppers Unit

PROPERTY CRIMES SECTION

- Burglary Unit
- Larceny from Auto Unit
- Larceny Unit
- Fraud Squad Unit
- General Crimes Unit

VIOLENT CRIME INTERDICTION SECTION

- APEX Unit
- Narcotics Unit



Divisions

Community Services Division (CSD)

The 2023 Atlanta Police Annual Report highlights the significant contributions of the Community Services Division (CSD), the dedicated division committed to fostering positive relationships within our communities. CSD remains at the forefront of our outreach initiatives, actively engaging residents and business owners to collaboratively enhance safety and vitality in Atlanta.

Throughout the year, CSD's impact expanded across Atlanta's 245 neighborhoods, demonstrating a growing influence. Starting in Spring 2022, the Atlanta Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit, standing tall at 10 feet on horseback, took proactive measures to combat crime. The unit patrolled over 20 City of Atlanta parks weekly, totaling 689 parks by the end of 2023. This strategic approach proved instrumental in crime suppression and provided an opportunity for officers to connect with the community in unconventional spaces.

The diverse components within CSD, such as the Airport Section, Community Oriented Policing Section, Special Operations Section, and Strategic Response Section, work synergistically to uphold the division's commitment to community service. In the pursuit of a safer and more vibrant Atlanta, CSD continues to evolve and innovate, ensuring a positive impact on the well-being of our city's residents. The units under each section are as follows:

AIRPORT SECTION

- Narcotics Airport Interdiction

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SECTION

- HOPE Team
- Path Force Unit
- Police Athletic League
- Special Projects Unit

SPECIAL OPERATIONS SECTION

- Aviation Unit
- Motors Unit
- Accident Investigations Unit
- High-Intensity Traffic Team (HITT)
- Mounted Patrol Unit
- SWAT/EOD Unit

STRATEGIC RESPONSE SECTION

- Drone Unit
- Film Liaison Unit



Divisions

Professional Development Division (PDD)

The 2023 Atlanta Police Annual Report highlights the pivotal role played by the Professional Development Division (PDD) in upholding the rigorous standards of the Atlanta Police Department. Through continuous training and the cultivation of future law enforcement leaders, PDD remains dedicated to enhancing the department's overall capabilities.

Recognizing that self-improvement is essential to better serve the community, PDD places a strong emphasis on internal development. The Atlanta Police Leadership Institute (APLI) served as a catalyst, inspiring our team to foster a positive culture within APD. APLI's focus on mental health and strategies for supervisory success empowered participants to contribute to a more supportive environment.

In the past year, a notable number of new graduates successfully completed APLI, marking a significant step forward in our commitment to self-improvement. Together, we set ambitious goals as the Atlanta Police Department looks ahead to 2024.

The unwavering dedication of the Atlanta Police Academy is evident in its commitment to transforming individuals from diverse backgrounds into compassionate, skilled, and effective Atlanta Police officers. Within PDD, the key components include APLI, the Policy and Standards Section, and the Training Section, each playing a crucial role in shaping the professional development landscape within the department. The units under each section are as follows:

ATLANTA POLICE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (APLI)

POLICY AND STANDARDS SECTION

- Planning, Research, and Accreditation Unit
- Staff Inspection Unit
- Atlanta Retired Police Reserves Unit
- Historical Society

TRAINING SECTION

- Recruit Training Unit
- Professional Development Training Unit
- Critical Incident Training Unit
- Firearms Training Unit
- Training and Compliance Unit



Divisions

Chief Administrative Office (CAO)

The Chief Administrative Office (CAO) stands as a recently established segment within the Atlanta Police Department, providing an avenue for the Chief of Police and Chief Administrative Officer to enhance their oversight of departmental operations with greater precision. Tasked with an array of responsibilities, the CAO takes charge of technology updates, financial management, record-keeping, crime trend monitoring, recruitment, and more. Comprising the Code Enforcement Section, Administrative Operations Section, Employee Services Section, Technology and Information Services Section, Program Management, and Fiscal Management, the CAO plays a pivotal role in optimizing the department's functioning. The units under each section are as follows:

CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS SECTION

- License and Permits Unit
- Open Records Unit
- Fleet Management Unit
- Central Records Unit
- Logistical Support Unit
- GCIC Validation Unit
- Property Control Unit

EMPLOYEE SERVICES SECTION

- Background and Recruitment Unit
- Personnel and Overtime Tracking Unit

TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SERVICES SECTION

- Real Time Crime Center
- Tactical Crime Analysis

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

HUMAN RESOURCES



E-911 | Answering the Call

In 2023, the E-911 Communications Center played a pivotal role in the APD's operations, managing an unprecedented 1,357,056 calls.

This remarkable figure represents a substantial increase compared to the previous three years, highlighting the center's critical role in public safety.

Led by Director Desiree Arnold, the E-911 communications dispatchers and personnel are the true first responders, serving as the vital link between the public and police response units. Their multifaceted responsibilities include receiving, classifying, and prioritizing calls from the public. They dispatch calls requiring police response, transfer or direct non-police response calls to the appropriate agency or unit, and conduct essential tasks such as stolen item checks, wanted/missing person verifications, and hit confirmations from entering agencies.



Additionally, the communications center processes requests and subpoenas for 911 tapes and Computer Aided Dispatch System (CADS) printouts, ensuring transparency and accountability. They also play a crucial role in taking reports on designated non-emergency crimes and completing GCIC/NCIC forms for missing persons and stolen autos. The E-911 Communications Center's efficiency and accuracy in these tasks are integral to ensuring that timely and precise assistance reaches those in need.

The exceptional performance of the E-911 Communications Center is a testament to the visionary leadership of Director Desiree Arnold. Her strategic guidance and commitment to excellence have been instrumental in optimizing the center's operations. Under her leadership, the center has not only coped with the increased call volume but has also improved response times, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to public safety.



Total Inbound 911 Calls: 992,668

Total Inbound Admin Calls: 364,388

Total Inbound ALL Calls: 1,357,056

Total Outbound Calls: 911,915

Average Answer Time: 24.33s

Answered in 15s or less: 68.09%

Answered in 20s or less: 71.06%

Answered in 120s or less: 95.57%



Dave Wilkinson
PRESIDENT AND CEO

Each day, the men and women of the Atlanta Police Department perform their solemn duties to protect the citizens of Atlanta with little fanfare or acclaim.

APD's selfless mission is the epitome of public service – a task often challenging, sometimes dangerous, usually taken for granted, but always essential for our well-being.

The Atlanta Police Foundation pledges to continue to bring the expertise, energy, and financial resources of the private and philanthropic communities to bear on those public safety initiatives that support APD and ensure that our City continues its progress to be the safest large city in the nation.

We look forward to working together as APD sets new standards of law enforcement excellence and as we celebrate the opening of the Public Safety Training Center later this year.

Dave Wilkison

CEO, Atlanta Police Foundation

