

ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT



2010–2014
AN OVERVIEW

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CHIEF GEORGE TURNER MESSAGE

Since taking the helm of the Atlanta Police Department in 2010, the department has seen tremendous growth in all areas of operations. We have **new officers, new units, new partnerships, new technologies and tools, new media, new certifications, and new programs.** We have made substantial gains in our approval from the residents and businesses in Atlanta based on an awareness of the hard work of officers, the responsiveness of civilian support staff, and the outstanding examples in leadership set by the Command staff.

Our crime numbers are decreasing while the number of officers on the force is increasing. I hope you will look through some of our many accomplishments and feel as proud of them as I am. The Atlanta Police Department has demonstrated again and again over the last four years that it is disciplined, well-trained, and responsive. We look forward to even more growth in the future.



MAYOR KASIM REED MESSAGE

With my second term as the 59TH Mayor of Atlanta under way, public safety remains one of my top priorities. Growing up in Atlanta has given me a unique perspective on how this city has grown over the years. **In order for us** to have a thriving city, our **residents, visitors and business owners** must feel safe. In 2013, the Atlanta Police Department finally reached an authorized force of 2,000 officers; a goal that had been promised to the citizens of Atlanta for over a decade. I am not losing any momentum in my **second** term. The numbers speak for themselves. Crime in Atlanta is down **18 percent** in the last **four** years, due in part to the tremendous investments in public safety and technology. Public safety is the most important thing we do. A safe city is crucial to attracting and retaining businesses and encouraging visitors to want to come back to our city again and again. I am proud of the strides the Atlanta Police Department has made and look forward to working with the men and women of APD **to continue reducing crime and making Atlanta the safest big city in the nation.**



CRIME DOWN 18%

Over the past four years, major crimes including homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, residential burglary, larceny and auto theft **are down by 18 percent.**

2,000 OFFICERS

21 recruit classes = 572 recruits.



In 2013, the APD hired 932 officers, helping the department reach the **historic staffing level of 2,000 officers.**

NEW UNITS

APEX The Atlanta Proactive Enforcement Interdiction (APEX) is an assemblage of highly skilled and dedicated law enforcement officers who work aggressively to curtail violent criminal conduct in the City of Atlanta.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT The Special Victims Unit (SVU) was recreated into five sub-units who have collectively investigated more than 2000 total crimes against women and children.

- **The Sex Crimes Unit**
- **The Domestic Violence Unit**
- **The Child Exploitation Unit**
- **The Crimes against Children Unit**
- **The Child Exploitation Online Protection Squad (CEOPS)**

CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION Under the authority of the APD, the Code Enforcement Section **eliminated more than 4,500 backlogged cases** in the first month.

COMMUNITY LIAISON UNIT Officers from the COPS (Community Oriented Policing Section) Unit identify community issues, develop strategies and implement multi-disciplinary solutions within their neighborhoods.

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NEW SPECIALIZED UNITS & PROGRAMS



EXPANDED SCHOOL DETECTIVES SECTION The School Detectives Section has **61** full-time School Resource Officers and **20** additional sworn personnel who investigate crime and respond to calls in the schools.

PATH FORCE UNIT The Path Force Unit patrols the Beltline **seven days a week** primarily by bicycle, foot and mounted patrol. The unit moved into a new permanent location at 890 Memorial Ave in November 2013.

GRAFFITI TASK FORCE The Atlanta Police Department has a dedicated Officer to specifically patrol areas for graffiti. **In the past year, the APD has built cases against more than 10 offenders.**

JUVENILE OFFENDER PROGRAM The program was designed to ensure that all legal issues involving juveniles are fully investigated and social service resources provided.

**MORE THAN 600
JUVENILES MENTORED**

5 NEW TECHNOLOGIES

NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND TOOLS

In 2013, the Atlanta Police Department added new technology to fight crime. With the support of the Atlanta Police Foundation, the department launched the PredPol software. The system provide a prediction about where criminal activity is most likely to occur in the next 8 hours with a specific area based on comprehensive historical crime statistics.

THE VIDEO INTEGRATION CENTER (VIC) is comprised of nearly **3,000** cameras and the department uses the integrated network of both public and private cameras to monitor the city.

THE ATLANTA POLICE INTELLIGENCE NETWORK (APIN) is a web-based information sharing program that helps Gang Investigators target criminal activity.

779 NEW TASERS In 2013, the Atlanta Police Department began using tasers as a non-lethal force alternative.

2,500 NEW GLOCKS In 2013, the Department transitioned from Smith & Wesson to the Glock pistol, the recognized leader in law enforcement handguns.



NEW FACILITIES

3 NEW PRECINCTS

Atlanta Police and Fire Rescue Departments opened the **Zone 2 Arthur Kaplan mini-precinct** adjoined with Fire Station #28, **Zone 1 Criminal Investigation Division mini-precinct**, and the **Path Force Precinct**.



NEW PARTNERSHIPS

4 Successful Partnerships

COMMUNITY Project Steel Curtain was a joint detail with the U.S. Marshals, FBI, U.S. Attorney's Office, several units of the Atlanta Police Department and Pittsburgh community residents that continued over the spring and summer in 2012; and led to a joint effort with Code Enforcement to bring down a long-standing blighted property.

Homicide Tactical Community Canvasses involve neighborhood leaders going door-to-door with investigators in the community where the homicide took place. **SINCE 2011, THE APD HAS COMPLETED 36 CANVASSES AND MADE 18 ARRESTS**

BUSINESS The Atlanta Police Department in partnership with the Atlanta Police Foundation and through a generous gift from the Loudermilk Family, built and launched the **Operation Shield Video Integration Center**, which integrates thousands of existing and new cameras throughout the city. The VIC is expected to grow from 2,400 cameras today to **more than 10,000** in the next five years.

NATIONAL The Atlanta Police Department entered into a partnership with the U.S. Department of State and sent Atlanta Police officers to East Timor in Southeast Asia to assist with the development of their police department. In June 2014, three officers traveled to San Salvador to teach a course on hate crimes.



70 NEW PATROL CARS



The new Ford Interceptor cars arrived in 2013 and are equipped with the latest technology to fight crime.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Atlanta Police Department has more than 14,000+ subscribers/followers on social media channels. APD was recently ranked #34 in the TOP 50 Law Enforcement Agencies on Social Media.



facebook.com/AtlantaPoliceDpt



[@Atlanta_Police](https://twitter.com/Atlanta_Police)



youtube.com/AtlantaPoliceDpt



instagram.com/atlantapolice

NEW PROGRAMS

The Atlanta Police Leadership Institute (APLI) provides leadership training and development opportunities for all APD officers, regardless of rank. More than 175 people are enrolled in the program with the first class graduating in 2014.

The Atlanta Police Department's auto theft investigators uncovered a new trend of recycling legitimate vehicle identification numbers from scrap yards and putting them on stolen vehicles. **This resulted in multiple arrests and 24 cases were cleared.**

The Mayor's Cup Boxing event, sponsored by the Police Athletic League (PAL) raised more than \$40,000 for an entire year of PAL programming.



40 MILLION VISITORS PROTECTED

A LEADER IN POLICING

The Atlanta Police Department coordinated several event security plans for major events including the NCAA Final Four, Atlanta Dogwood Festival, SEC Championship Game, Chick-Fil-A Bowl, Peachtree Road Race and the Annual New Year's Eve Peach Drop.

Source: Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau, 2013

E-911 COMMUNICATIONS The 'Hub' of the Department. The E-911 Center answers 911 calls and dispatches units to emergency situations. The 911 Operators answer 93% of all calls within 10 seconds and received more than **1,000,000** calls in 2013.

The Atlanta Police Department's Gang Resistance and Education Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.) reached **2,500** students by discussing the alternatives to gang activity.

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EVENTS

In 2013, the Community Liaison Unit participated and spoke at nearly 500 events on safety and crime prevention.

5 YEAR-PLAN In 2013, the APD has implemented a comprehensive, five-year strategic plan that sets a course for excellence in every aspect of its operations. Chief George N. Turner personally presented the plan to the rank and file directly through a series of department-wide meetings.

168 NEW HOMES FOR OFFICERS

In partnership with the Atlanta Police Foundation, the Department has assisted 168 officers with moving and establishing residence in the City of Atlanta.

NEW CERTIFICATIONS

The Atlanta Police Department has once again received accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). In 2013, for the first time, APD became accredited by the Georgia Association of Chiefs (GACP). [These certifications ensure that the department's procedures and policies have been reviewed for best state and national practices.](#)



25% reduction in citizen complaints

In the past two years, citizen complaints have decreased by 25 percent. The department follows the City of Atlanta's CARE initiative and has pledged to provide excellent customer service.

ATLANTA POLICE FOUNDATION

The Atlanta Police Department, along with the Atlanta Police Foundation, has created a model for public/private partnerships. Together, the partnership has established, funded and managed programs and initiatives strategically focused to make the City of Atlanta safer. By doing so, the Atlanta Police Department has become a best-in-class police force and a model for law enforcement agencies throughout the southeast and the nation.



Under the leadership of Dave Wilkinson, the Atlanta Police Foundation has enabled APD to grow **40%**, from 1,433 to 2,000 officers. At the same time, violent crime has decreased 40 percent; overall crime has decreased **30%** in the last 14 years. Today, the APD is a stronger, smarter, more innovative department as a result of the many initiatives made possible by the support of the Atlanta Police Foundation.

APF INITIATIVES

- Crime Stoppers tips have helped solve more than 900 cases—resulting in more than **720** violent criminals being taken off the streets. Since 2009, **tips have increased by 142%, arrests by 483%, cases solved by 484% and more than \$410,632 have been paid in rewards.**
- Commissioned a bi-annual Crime Perception Survey to measure the impact of the communications strategies on APD’s reputation and the public’s perception of crime.
- Provided more than **661** scholarships to APD employees allowing them to reach their educational goals quickly and affordably and improving APD’s retention of employees.



APD CRIME STATISTICS

Offense	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Homicide	80	93	88	83	84
Rape	135	89	148	113	105
Robbery	2,725	2,162	2,343	2,276	2,363
Aggravated Assault	3,419	3,405	3,518	3,555	2,965
Burglary	9,112	8,016	7,499	6,192	5,938
Larceny—from automobile	11,125	9,185	8,543	8,753	9,264
Larceny—other	8,386	8,556	8,731	8,459	7,894
Auto theft	5,726	5,043	5,371	5,150	4,432
TOTAL OFFENSES	40,708	36,549	36,241	34,581	33,045

TOTAL CRIME REDUCTION: -18%

COMMAND STAFF LISTING 2014



George N. Turner
Chief of Police



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Deputy Chief Joseph Spillane
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Deputy Chief Erika Shields
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City of Atlanta
Department of Human Resources
Celebrates
Women's History Month
March 1st - 31st

The Atlanta Police Department recognized its employees in March during Women's History Month at a lunch in the Atrium of City Hall.