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"Working today for a safer tomorrow."

**Orangeburg Department of Public Safety
2013 Annual Report
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Command Staff

***Director of Public Safety
Wendell Davis***

***Patrol Division Commander
Captain Michael Adams***

***Investigations Division Commander
Lieutenant Carl Shultz***

***Special Operations Commander
Captain Edward Conner***

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City of Orangeburg

Established:
1704 (town), 1883(city)

Government:
City Council

City Administrator:
John H. Yow

Mayor:
Michael Butler

City Council Members:
Richard F Stroman
Charles Jernigan
Charles Barnwell, Jr
Bernard Haire
L. Zimmerman Keitt
Sandra Knotts

City Budget:
\$ 17,025,060

City Employees:
215

Area:
8.30 square miles

Population:
13,964 (2010 Estimate)

Households:
5,795 (2010 Estimate)

Public Safety Officer/Population Ratio(per 1,000 residents):
5.37

Registered Voters:
8,098 (2009 estimate)

Median Household Income:
31,320 (2010 Census)

Median Family Income:
38,105 (2010 Census)

Colleges and Universities:
3

Orangeburg Age Structure

<i>Age</i>	<i>2010 Population</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
<i>0-4</i>	<i>897</i>	<i>6.4</i>
<i>5-14</i>	<i>1341</i>	<i>9.6</i>
<i>15-24</i>	<i>3991</i>	<i>28.6</i>
<i>25-34</i>	<i>1672</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>35-44</i>	<i>1222</i>	<i>8.8</i>
<i>45-64</i>	<i>2863</i>	<i>20.5</i>
<i>65+</i>	<i>1978</i>	<i>14.2</i>

Population by Race

<i>Race</i>	<i>2010 Census</i>
<i>White</i>	<i>2,977</i>
<i>Black</i>	<i>10,479</i>
<i>Asian</i>	<i>231</i>
<i>Hispanic</i>	<i>266</i>
<i>Native American</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Other</i>	<i>100</i>



Orangeburg Department of Public Safety

Organized:
1988

Sworn Officers:
76

Civilian Personnel:
27

Director:
Wendell Davis

Headquarters:
1320 Middleton St
Orangeburg, SC 29115

Budget:
\$ 7,511,074

2013 Total Calls for Service:
45,792

2013 Total Index Crimes:
974

Rank Structure:

Director
Captain
Lieutenant
Sergeant
Corporal
Public Safety Officer
Engineer

Marked Patrol Division Vehicles:
28

Unmarked Patrol Division Vehicles:
9

Bicycles:
25

Special Vehicles:
10

Fire Apparatus:
11



About the Chief



Chief Wendell Davis

Wendell Davis was appointed as Director of Public Safety for the City of Orangeburg in November of 1993 after serving in various capacities with the Aiken Department of Public Safety. He holds a Bachelor of Arts undergraduate degree from Newberry College and a Masters of Arts in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix.

One of the primary goals of Chief Davis upon his appointment as Director was securing national accreditation status through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. He credits CALEA accreditation as being the key to ensuring that law enforcement agencies deliver the most professional service possible to their communities and that law enforcement officials are recognized as professionals in the community. Chief Davis is very active in the law enforcement community throughout the State of South Carolina.

He served as President for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Association; Executive Advisory Board Member of the Law Enforcement Coordinating Council for the US Attorney's Office in South Carolina; Board Member of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Coordinating Council; and has served as an Assessor for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

He remains extremely committed to the community oriented policing philosophy and promotes individual and collective problem solving among the officers of the department. He has also been extremely active in the Orangeburg community and has served on many local boards during his tenure. He is a Paul Harris Fellow with Rotary International and Past-President of the Rotary Club of Orangeburg-Morning.

About Public Safety

The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety is a nationally accredited law enforcement agency. It is comprised of over 100 employees that include: Sworn law enforcement officers, engineers, and civilians. Adhering to the true Public Safety concept; Public Safety Officers are cross-trained in both law enforcement and the fire service. At Public Safety, all non-civilian employees are expected to obtain and maintain proficiency in both their roles as public safety officers. Located in the City of Orangeburg, SC, The Department of Public Safety continues to provide the best law enforcement and fire protection services to the almost 14,000 citizens of the Orangeburg community.



The Special Response Team secures an area.



Public Safety personnel battle a house fire.

What is Public Safety?

Public Safety is a concept whereby firefighters and police officers of a given jurisdiction are cross-trained in the fire service and law enforcement fields. In a fully integrated public safety department, as is the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, all non-civilian employees actually perform the dual functions of fire suppression and law enforcement.



Ladder 58 utilizing master stream devices.

The formal public safety idea can be traced to departments in Glencoe, Illinois and Sunnyvale, California, as far back as the early 1950's.

In 1987, the Orangeburg city council voted to transform the Traditional Fire and Police Departments into a single, versatile Department of Public Safety.



Headquarters on Middleton St.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is led by Captain Mike Adams and is the largest division within the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety. Its primary responsibility is to provide uniformed law enforcement and fire suppression service to the City of Orangeburg and the citizens within its fire coverage area. Generally, a uniformed officer is the first contact a citizen has with the Department of Public Safety. With this initial interaction our goal is to leave the citizen with a permanent positive impression of this agency's professionalism.

Our Mission is to create and maintain an atmosphere of mutual cooperation with our community. The Patrol Officer units handle the initial fire and police response to 911 calls. They deal with all types of calls for service and complete the initial report of fire and criminal activity. The Patrol Officer is the most visible Public Safety presence in the community.



Patrol Captain Mike Adams

The Patrol Division serves as a manpower pool to support the many specialized units and functions within the department. Personnel from the Patrol Division serve on the following units in addition to their regular police response and duties:

- Firefighting on all calls for Fire Service within the City's fire district
- The S.R.T. (Special Response Team)
- Canine Unit (Includes one assigned canine.)
- Public Education
- Bike Officers
- Data Master B.A. Certified Officers

This diversity allows the individual officer to provide a variety of expensive services at no additional cost to the taxpayer. Additionally these skills strengthen the ability of the Patrol Division to manage highly complex and dangerous assignments on a daily basis. Approximately 44 uniformed public safety officers and supervisors are assigned to four geographic districts (sectors) within the city.

Investigations Division

The Investigations Division is led by Lieutenant Carl Shultz and is responsible for the follow up investigation of crimes occurring within in the city limits of Orangeburg, illegal narcotics, juvenile crimes and the provision of support and assistance to victims of crime.

The division consists of five units:

- General Investigation
- Juvenile/Victim Services
- Narcotics
- Forensics Services
- Gang Investigation

General Investigations is responsible for investigating all assaults, homicides, burglaries, sexual assaults, larcenies, kidnapping, robberies and financial crimes. The detectives are responsible for locating and interviewing victims and witnesses; locating and preserving physical evidence; recovering stolen property; identifying, locating, interviewing and arresting criminal suspects; and presenting criminal cases to municipal court and the solicitors office for prosecution.

Juvenile Services deals with juvenile offenders, youth services, programs and community involvement projects. The Juvenile Investigators work closely with the Family Court System and offenders to effectively ensure the reintegration and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.

The Victims Services (Advocate) assists persons who are a victim of a crime with the following: Staying abreast of and involved in all parts of criminal proceedings in their case, providing counseling and also relocation during the criminal proceedings when the separation of victim/suspect is required. Victims Services works closely with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Family Systems.

The Narcotics Team (VICE) focuses on drug interdiction, anti-drug operations and community projects, as well as operations to counter alcohol-related crimes, illegal gambling, and prostitution in the city.



Investigations Lieutenant Carl Shultz

Public Safety & Claflin Forensic Lab

In 2004, Public Safety and Claflin University developed a partnership to form a comprehensive regional forensic services laboratory to perform forensic services within Orangeburg County and the State of South Carolina's First Judicial Circuit. This partnership was brought about by a collaborative association between the department and an academic institution to help reduce the violent crime rate in Orangeburg County and the region and to ease the workload of forensic cases being sent to SLED.



It is equipped with a Motorola Automatic Fingerprint Identification (AFIS), GCMS, as well as DNA Analysis hardware. Also, a full time Forensic Chemist and Crime Scene Investigator were hired by Public Safety to staff the Laboratory and assist in more aggressive crime scene analysis.



Forensic Chemist David Martin working at the lab.

To date, Public Safety and Claflin University's collaboration has helped reduce the number of backlogged cases waiting to be analyzed and the fingerprint submissions requiring a query to SCAFIS. This reduction in time has resulted in quicker convictions, which help reduce crime by removing repeat offenders from the streets.

Special Operations Division

The Special Operations Division is led by Captain Ed Conner and serves as the support section of the Department of Public Safety. Special Operations is comprised of several specialized units that serve different functions within the department. Special Operations supports the other divisions of the department through providing the following services: law enforcement and fire service training, accreditation management, policy development, crime analysis, planning and research, grants management, fire inspections, records management, evidence and property control, court security, recruiting, and animal control.



Special Operations Captain Ed Conner

All of the above listed units or sections serve vital functions to the department in the following manner:

- Training encompasses all agency training in both law enforcement and fire service disciplines from new recruit training to veteran in-service training.
- F.T.O (Field Training Officer) for new officers.
- Crime analysis, Planning and Research personnel specialize in grants management and crime analysis. In 2005, the Department began a comprehensive crime analysis program called CRIME-STAT designed to focus law enforcement resources based on current crime data and trends.
- Fire Inspections and Arson Investigation services.
- The Department's Accreditation Office manages the CALEA Accreditation process and works diligently to update policies and procedures. The Department received recognition as an internationally accredited law enforcement agency in March 2003 through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.
- Recruitment personnel are responsible for recruiting applicants to the Department to fill various vacancies within the organization. This section performs all pre-employment screening, testing, and application processing.
- The Department's Records Bureau is responsible for all agency records to include, but not limited to criminal case files, incident reports, booking reports, accident reports, etc.
- Communications Operators are responsible for receiving and dispatching all calls for service from the general public to emergency personnel.
- The Department has a full time animal control officer responsible for handling all complaints associated with animals within the city.
- The Crime Prevention Officer coordinates with both the Department and citizens in an effort to maximize reductions in city-wide crime rates.
- The Arson Investigators ensure that all fires of a suspicious nature are examined to provide better fire protection services to the citizens of Orangeburg and ensure that all criminal aspects, if any, are recognized.

2013 Achievements and Events

The introduction of National Night Out, “America’s Night Out Against Crime”, in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are fighting back. NATW’s National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August.



2013's National Night Out event on the Square.



Residents completing community survey forms.

Public Safety joins the community annually to support this neighborhood-oriented program in reducing crime where it matters most: where you live. This includes offering services to the community such as: community survey forms about the effectiveness of policing efforts, free pamphlets containing information about preventing crimes, and the opportunity to speak with officers about any issues that may be ongoing in their respective neighborhoods.



Public Safety personnel join neighborhoods.

Simply hosting a community gathering in the downtown area would be a disservice to the effort demonstrated by neighborhoods during National Night Out. Therefore, Public Safety makes it a priority to attend various neighborhood gatherings during National Night Out to show support and assist the community in organizing a successful, safe, and fun National Night Out event.



Mr. Smith secures vital grants for the department.

In 2013, the Department recognized a continued need for a dedicated Grants Manager position. John Smith worked tirelessly throughout 2013 to procure new sources of funding and grants to better enable Public Safety achieve its mission of providing the best fire protection and law enforcement services to the community. During 2013, Mr. Smith was able to obtain over \$90,000 in new grants for the department. Mr. Smith has also been instrumental in locating and applying for a variety of grants with over \$670,000 in total grant applications submitted to numerous federal, local, state and civilian agencies.

The Downtown Orangeburg Revitalization Association hosts a number of events during the year. These events assist the association in its mission “to encourage the development, redevelopment, and improvement of downtown areas, and to promote downtown merchants, and businesses, in order to create a strong economic base for our community.” One of these many events is the Car Show on the Square. This event allows many patrons to bring all makes and models of vehicles to the downtown area for a car show contest.



Cars lined up during the show wait to be judged.

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DORA

Car Show On The Square



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All years, makes and models welcome.
 Awards presented at 2:30pm.
 Pre-register by April 1, only \$15
 Day of event - \$20.

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Mark your calendar.
 Save the date.

The Car Show on the Square not only allows for communities and members of the same hobby to join together, but it also allows for the exposure to historic downtown Orangeburg to those who may not visit if not for the show. This exposure helps the community by exposing local businesses also generates interest in the development and redevelopment of downtown Orangeburg. Using events like the Car Show on the Square, downtown Orangeburg, its businesses and the community come together and strengthen the overall atmosphere of the downtown area, both socially and economically.

Car Show Flyer from 2013.



Armored Police Rescue Vehicle upon arrival.

In 2013, Public Safety began participation in the SC Budget and Control Board's "1033 Program." Section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997 authorizes the Department of Defense to transfer excess military property to state and local law enforcement agencies. The agency was successful in obtaining an armored police vehicle for use in tactical and rescue operations. This vehicle was obtained at no cost to the city of Orangeburg other than transporting it from the originating location.

This program allows Public Safety to obtain various tactical equipments from the Department of Defense at a fraction of the cost that would be incurred upon the city and taxpayers should Public Safety attempt to purchase the same equipment new. By obtaining, modifying and refitting existing surplus equipment, Public Safety was able to obtain an armored rescue vehicle to better enhance its tactical team's ability to respond to emergency situations.



Armored Police Rescue Vehicle after modifications.

2013 Crime Index

The Crime Index is composed of selected offenses used to gauge fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime reported to police. The offenses included are the violent crimes of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault; and the property crimes of burglary, larceny, and auto theft. The Crime Index was developed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting program to standardize the way in which law enforcement agencies report crime statistics.

Violent Crime	2011	2012	2013	2012 – 2013 Change
Murder	0	0	0	No Change
Rape	5	7	5	-28.57%
Robbery	25	28	31	+ 10.71%
Aggravated Assault	38	28	52	+ 85.71%
Total Violent Crime	87	68	88	+ 39.68%

Property Crime	2011	2012	2013	2012 – 2013 Change
Burglary	288	234	211	- 9.83%
Larceny	516	615	619	+0.65%
Motor Vehicle Theft	58	54	56	+3.7%
Total Property Crime	865	903	866	- 1.92%

Crime Index Total	933	966	974	+ 0.83%
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Crime Factors

Throughout the 2013 Annual Report, the Department tries to place statistics in context— to explain *why* crime occurs in a particular area, instead of just where and how often. It is impossible, however, to analyze every crime factor within the pages of this report. As a general rule, readers should consider the following factors when gauging the relative safety of any city, neighborhood, or business district. The FBI in its Uniform Crime Reports provides most of these factors:

Factor	General Effect	Status in Orangeburg	Effects in Orangeburg
Residential Population & Population Density	High population leads to higher residential crime rate (residential burglaries, larcenies from motor vehicles, domestic assaults, auto theft). High population <i>density</i> also leads to a higher residential crime rate.	High transient population due to bus station and three colleges; Very high density (about 15,000 per square mile)	Higher residential crime rate than cities with similar populations
Commercial & Educational Population, number & type of commercial establishments and educational institutions	High commercial population leads to more “business” crimes (commercial burglaries, shoplifting, larcenies from buildings, forgery) and to more crimes against the person often committed in commercial areas (larcenies from the person, larcenies from motor vehicles, larcenies of bicycles, street robbery, auto theft)	Large amount of Commercial Businesses within the City of Orangeburg	Higher occurrences of crimes against persons and businesses within the ‘Business Districts’ where there is a large cluster of businesses in one area with easy access to major roads. The downtown area is not greatly affected by this phenomenon
Age composition of population	A higher population in the “at risk” age of 15– 24 leads to a higher crime rate.	28% of the population: In the “at risk” age of 15-24	A large percentage of crimes were committed by the “at risk” group
Stability of Population	Stable, close- knit populations have a lower overall crime rate than transient populations. Neighborhoods with more houses and condominiums (generally signifying a more stable population) have a lower crime rate than neighborhoods with mostly apartments (generally a more transient population).	Population varies greatly throughout the year in co ordinance with the college school year	More apartment and boarding houses leading to a larger crime rate due to the unstable population

Crime Factors Continued

Factor	General Effect	Status in Orangeburg	Effects in Orangeburg
Street Layout	Areas with major streets offering fast getaways and mass transportation show more crime clusters than neighborhoods with primarily residential streets.	Four major roads with one major road stemming off residential neighborhoods	Increased crime in areas where the major roads pass through the city. Provides greater access and egress to residential areas for crimes of opportunity
Proximity to Public Transportation	Criminals are often indigent and cannot afford cars or other expensive forms of transportation	Only one bus line with few stops and one taxi service in the city limits; very limited population access to public transportation	Crime data unchanged after implementation of new bus system. Crime in areas serviced by bus station remains constant despite higher mobility of citizens within the coverage area
Economic conditions, including poverty level and unemployment rate	Again, criminals are often indigent. Areas afflicted by poverty show higher burglary, robbery, and larceny rates than middle- class or wealthy neighborhoods.	Several low income housing areas and apartment complexes. Certain areas of city are occupied solely by lower income residences (section 8 housing)	These areas see a higher count of property crimes such as Burglary and a higher amount of violent crimes such as: Criminal Domestic Violence and Assault
Family conditions with respect to divorce and family cohesiveness	Larry J. Siegel, author of <i>Criminology</i> , says: "Family relationships have for some time been considered a major determinant of behavior. Youths who grow up in a household characterized by conflict and tension, where parents are absent or separated, or where there is a lack of familial love and support, will be susceptible to the crime- promoting forces in the environment."	Large number of single parent households within department's jurisdiction. Significant crime increases can be seen in areas where single-family households are prevalent. Gang activities and violent crime can be possibly attributed to lack of family/parent role models and also tendency of violence of family structures in the home	Significant amount of crime is committed by the "at risk" population due to a lack of a family support network
Climate	Warmer climates and seasons tend to report a higher rate of larceny, auto theft, and juvenile- related crime, while cold seasons and climates report more robberies and murder.	Tends to stay warmer during all seasons compared to national average	All crimes are somewhat evenly distributed among all seasons and temperatures. Violent crime dramatically increases within summer months
Operational and investigative emphasis of the police department	Problem- oriented, informed police departments have more success controlling certain aspects of crime than other departments.	Pro-active department with a COP Unit and substations in operation. Crime analysis active	Less crime tends to occur in areas where a crime watch has been instituted with the help of the COP and ILP Strategies

2012-2013 Individual Crime Statistics

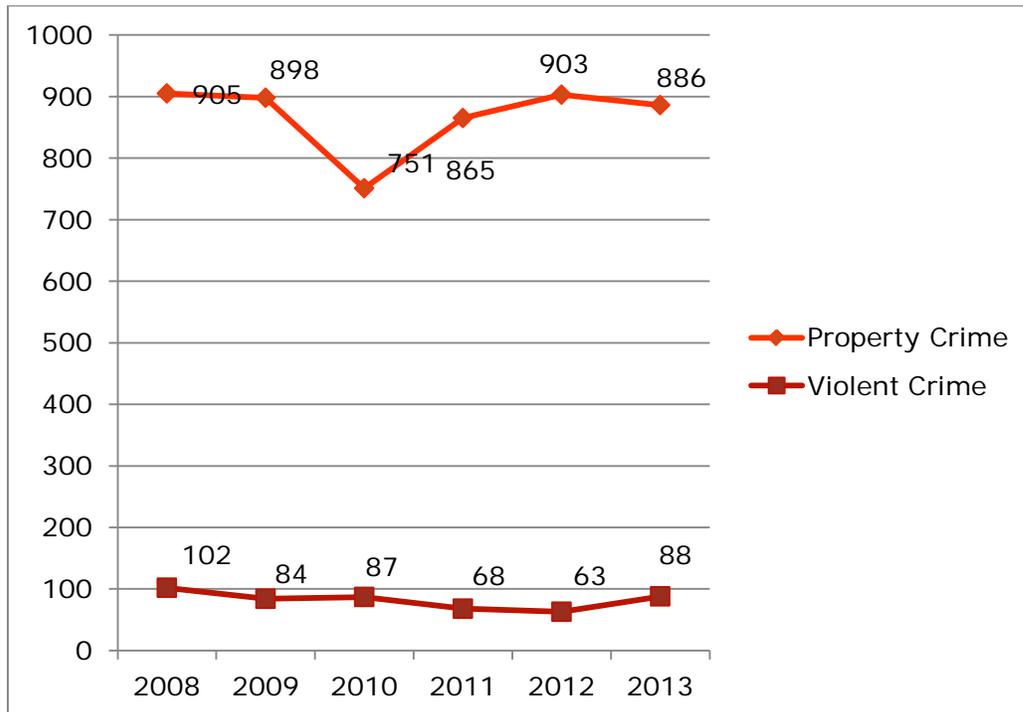
Violent Crimes	2012	2013	Percent Change
Murder	0	0	0%
Rape	7	5	-28.57%
Robbery	28	31	10.71%
Aggravated Assault	28	52	85.71%
Violent Percent Change	63	88	39.68%
Property Crimes	2012	2013	Percent Change
Burglary	234	211	-9.83%
Pocket Picking	0	0	0%
Purse Snatching	2	0	-100%
Shoplifting	147	179	21.77%
Theft from Building	15	67	346.67%
Theft - Coin Operated	2	1	-50%
Theft from Automobile	140	148	5.71%
Theft - Auto Accessories	42	24	-42.86%
All Other Larcenies	271	198	-26.94%
Motor Vehicle Theft	54	56	3.7%
Property Percent Change	903	886	-1.92%
Total Crime Change	966	974	0.83%

Figures reflect all UCR Part I Crimes reported to the department and maintained in Lawtrak. These figures were reported to SLED as part of the UCR Program.

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UCR Part I Crime Data Statistics 2008 through 2013

Offense	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Murder (09A)	0	1	3	0	0	0
Rape (11A)	9	11	6	5	7	5
Robbery (120)	41	36	41	25	28	31
Aggravated Assault (13A)	52	36	38	38	28	52
Total Violent Crime	102	84	87	68	63	88
Arson (200)	5	2	7	4	5	1
Burglary (220)	215	229	221	288	234	211
Larceny (23A-H)	618	594	480	515	615	619
Motor Vehicle Theft (240)	67	73	43	58	54	56
Total Property Crime	905	898	751	865	903	886
Total UCR Part I Crimes	1007	982	839	933	966	974



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