



# Orangeburg Department of Public Safety 2024 Annual Report



## **A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF**

On behalf of the dedicated and passionate employees of the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety, it is my privilege to provide insight into our agency. I hope you find the content informative and helpful in learning more about the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety and the services we provide for our community.

The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety is a fully accredited consolidated agency that provides police and fire services for its citizens. ODPS has a diverse professional and accomplished leadership team in place who are committed to leading the men and women within our agency. In addition, promotions from within and the hiring of new recruits brings new energy, fresh ideas, and positive change for all personnel and the organization.

The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety is committed to implementing best practices, evaluating our procedures, and improving processes by which we deliver services to our citizens. We endeavor to maintain trust through open communication, operational transparency, and accountability.

ODPS places a premium on developing innovative strategies to prevent and solve crime through collaborative community partnerships that will build our capacity to provide outstanding police service, thus enhancing the quality of life in our city.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the City Administrator, Mayor, City Council, and all our staff for their confidence and support. It is my honor to serve as Director of Public Safety for the City of Orangeburg, as we strive each day to hold up the banner of Our agency motto:

**“An Agency of Excellence– Serving with Integrity”**



# *Orangeburg Department of Public Safety*

## *2024 Annual Report*



### Command Staff

**Director of Public Safety  
Chief Charles P. Austin, Sr.**

**Deputy Director  
Colonel Edward Conner**

**Investigations Division  
Captain Victor Cordon**

**Patrol Division  
Captain Alfred Alexander**

**Special Operations Division  
Lieutenant Jason Sturkie**

**Fire Division  
Battalion Chief Jonathan Winningham**

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An  
Agency  
of  
Excellence  
Serving With Integrity

### **Mission**

It is the mission of the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety to Create and maintain an atmosphere of mutual cooperation with our community through innovative partnerships directed towards a common goal of protecting life and property through professional law enforcement and fire protection services.

### **Vision Statement**

The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety is dedicated to providing the highest level of law enforcement services to each and every citizen in our community, incorporating professionalism, dignity and courtesy.

Furthermore, we understand the need for community support and feel compelled to develop and implement positive programs to foster mutual respect between all citizens and the department while preserving life, liberty, and property.

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### **Core Values**

Loyalty - Integrity - Trustworthy

Commitment - Courage

Innovation

# STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS

## 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Rose Leadership Council was implemented
- The Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Grant received an extension
- Increased social media followers
- Chief Charles P. Austin, Sr. serves on the State Crisis Intervention Advisory Board
- Multiple officers attended Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation training (CPR)
- Implemented a QR code for ODPS
- Two School Resource Officers were added to support our schools
- New Vehicles for Lieutenants and School Resource Officers were added
- Internal Affairs position filled
- A Certified Firearms Instructor was added to the training staff
- A new Recruitment Officer was added to staff
- ODPS continued the Mentor Matters Program for 2024
- Implemented Senior Engagements
- Enhanced defensive tactics training
- Facilitated and/or participated in neighborhood watch groups during 2024
- Hosted multiple community events and assisted other agencies
- The Public Safety Foundation continues to grow



# WHO WE ARE

The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety serves a community of over 13,280 residents, employs more than 45 sworn officers, and over 10 civilian staff members. All ODPS staff are committed to upholding the longstanding tradition of professional public safety services for the City of Orangeburg. The Department provides 24-hour service to the community every day of the year to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our residents at all times.



## Welcome to the Family!

In 2024, ODPS hired 14 new employees to ensure the safety of the community.

- 7 Non-Certified Public Safety Officers
- 3 Certified Public Safety Officers
- 1 School Resource Officer
- 1 Communications Operator
- 1 DNA Technical Leader
- 1 Evidence & Property Specialist



## Field Training & Evaluation Program

### SWORN OFFICER TRAINING

Field training is an exciting time for new officers at ODPS! We're happy to share that two officers have recently graduated from the academy and five more are starting their journey.

It takes approximately 18 weeks for new recruits to become unaccompanied Public Safety Officers, while laterally hired officers typically can achieve this in 6-12 weeks. Great things are happening here at ODPS as we prepare dedicated officers to serve within their local community.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our community engagement programs are a group effort led by our community engagement program coordinator. While we face various challenges, we remain committed to enhancing our engagement activities. ODPS has successfully hosted several events including the Rose Festival, National Night Out, and Community Block parties, along with several other events. Our social media presence continues to increase and has reached over 11,000 followers. Our goal is to connect with our community as much as possible in person and virtually.



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ODPS is committed to enhancing employee skills and knowledge through focused professional development programs. Officers consistently participate in career development opportunities with a focus on improving training and valuable skills. Our goal is to increase the number of certified first responders equipped to administer CPR and effectively manage crises. ODPS aims to strategically strengthen the professional growth of our ODPS staff to ensure they are ready to meet the changing needs of our community.



Corporal Devon Gilmore had the opportunity to attend the FBI Law Enforcement Association training (FBI-LEEDA) where he earned his Media and Public Relations Certification in 2024.

The Academy is dedicated to providing the highest level of training, education, and information for law enforcement. The training focuses on leadership and management training while advancing the Science & Art of Law Enforcement. The training allows officers to develop an understanding of the critical role that public relations play in law enforcement and community relations.

Cpl Devon Gilmore

Orangeburg Public Safety Department

Our department conducted over 2,513 hours of training for all personnel on their response to resistance and aggression. This training covers various areas including de-escalation, firearms training, defensive tactics, survival skills, emergency operations, CPR for first responders, and emergency vehicle operations.

Officers also received shift briefing training on topics such as assisting victims of violence, juvenile issues, mental health issues, vulnerable adults, and responding to various hazards.



# TRAINING AND SPECIALTIES

- ◆ 2,513 Training Hours
- ◆ 15 Field Training Officers
- ◆ 9 Special Response Team Members
- ◆ 6 Multi-Agency Investigation Members
- ◆ 5 Victims Advocate Members
- ◆ 6 Communication Training Officers
- ◆ 2 Data Analyst
- ◆ 2 Firearms Instructors
- ◆ 2 Certified K-9 Officers
- ◆ 1 Drone Operator



# PATROL

## PATROL COVERAGE & MAP

The Patrol Division is led by Captain Alfred Alexander and is the largest division within the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety.

Uniformed officers are often the first point of contact between the community and citizens.

The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety provides 24-hour coverage 7 days per week to the citizens of Orangeburg.

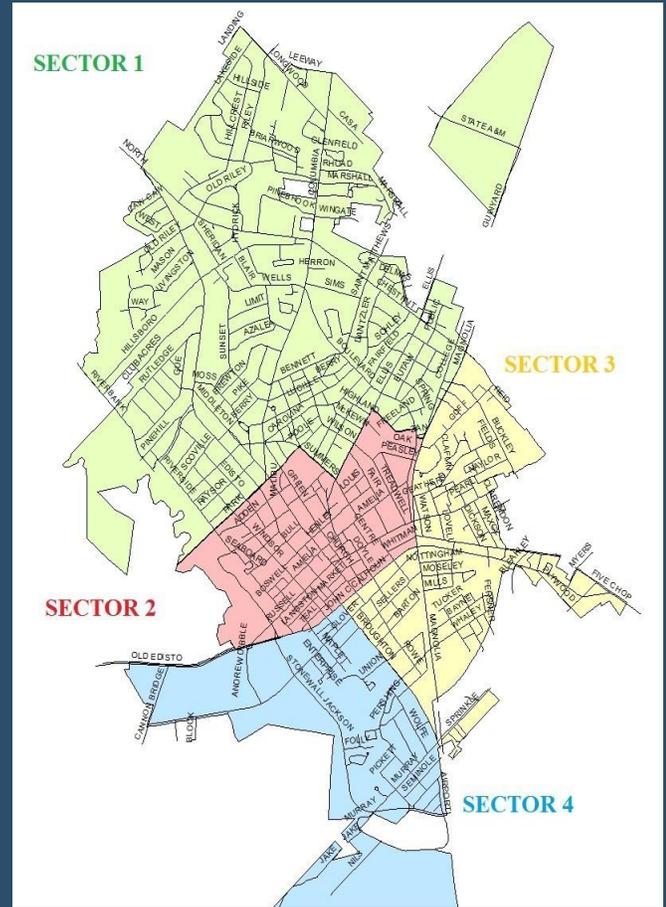
Officers patrol one of four designated sectors during each shift. These are established based on crime statistics, population density, and geographical boundaries.

Each shift includes one lieutenant who oversees one sergeant and four to six officers.

The division is dedicated to leaving a positive impression on all citizens that will reflect the agency's commitment to protect and serve.



Captain Alfred Alexander



**29,691** Total calls for Service Responded to by ODPS in 2024



# INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division is led by Captain Victor Cordon. The Investigations Unit is responsible for handling investigations of most felony crimes that are reported to the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety such as homicides, burglaries, robberies, frauds, juvenile crimes, along with other miscellaneous crimes as needed.

**The Division consists of many specialized units and personnel:**

**General investigators:** General investigators are responsible for incident investigation and perform many of the vital functions for case solvability.

**Juvenile Investigator:** Specializes in incidents involving juvenile suspects and victims.

**Narcotics Unit:** Specializes in narcotics and operations including video surveillance, suspect identification and any incident which may primarily involve narcotics.

**Victim Services:** Coordinates and serves as the liaison between the Department, Municipal Court, and various victims services.

**School Resource Officer:** SRO's responsibility is to collaborate with school administrators to provide essential law enforcement resources and expertise. The goal is to manage and maintain a safe and positive school environment.

## The Forensic Laboratory consists of these areas...

**Forensic DNA Analyst:** Responsible for analyzing and interpreting DNA evidence gathered from crime scenes.

**Forensic Narcotic Chemist:** Responsible for analyzing and identifying controlled substances, narcotics, and drugs in various forms such as powders and liquid pills, to support criminal and legal proceedings.

**Crime Scene Investigator:** Responsible for collecting, analyzing, protecting and preserving physical evidence from crime scenes and miscellaneous items obtained by officers during the course of their duties.

**Evidence Technician:** Responsible for managing and maintaining the integrity of all evidentiary items collected by the agency.



**Captain Victor Cordon**

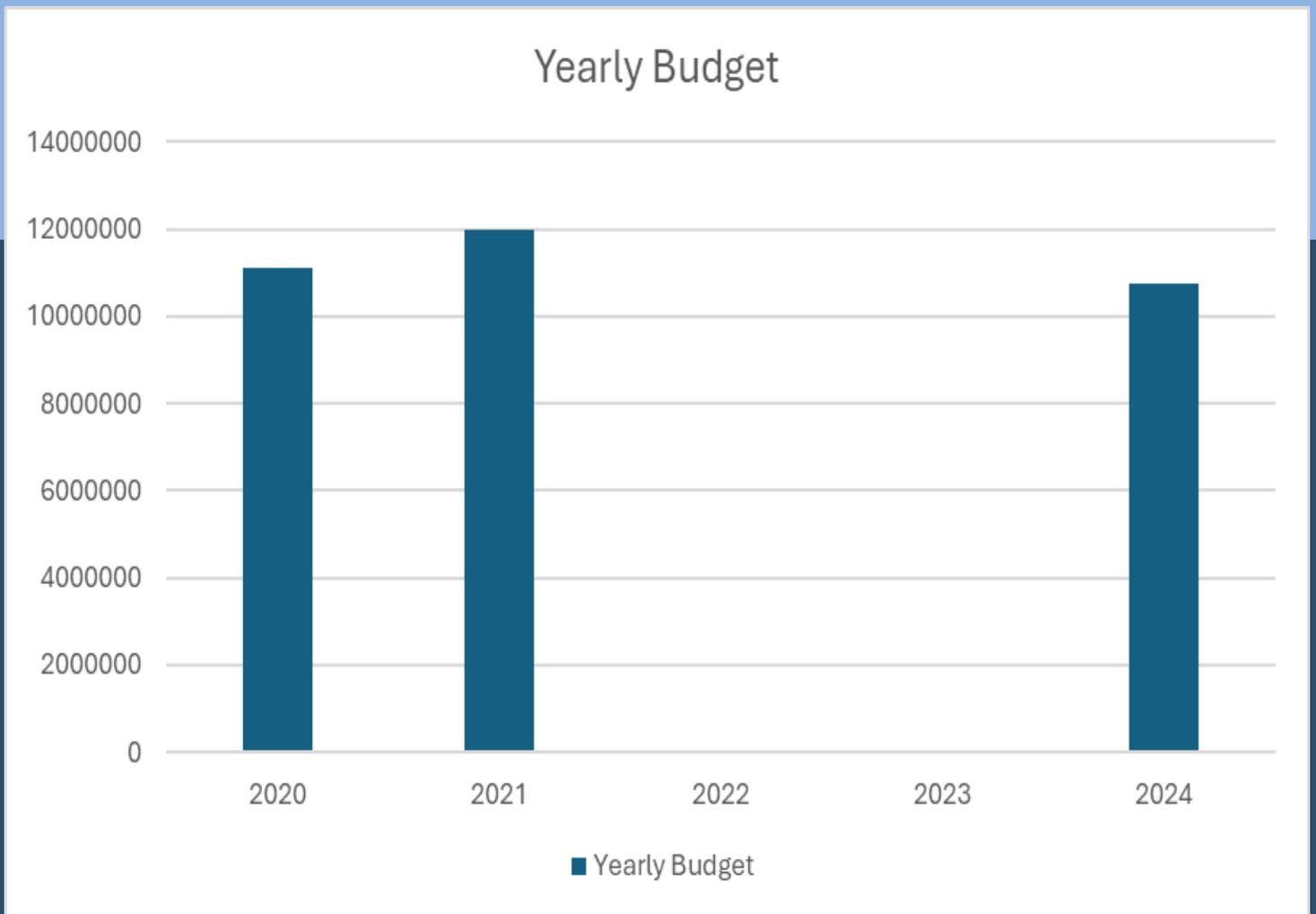
# FISCAL REPORT

The Annual Fiscal Report provides an overview of the fiscal year budget for the reporting year. ODPS total General Fund budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 was \$10,738,608 and is subject to change every year.

Additionally, ODPS has set aside \$75,000 specifically for grant matching funds for department equipment. This investment shows our commitment to providing officers with the necessary tools for their work. The Department has purchased new Axon in car camera systems, vehicles for patrol, and specialized vehicles for our School Resource Officers. A significant part of this budget was funded to the Patrol Division to keep our community safe.

During this fiscal year, ODPS was able to fill two School Resource Officer positions which were fully funded by state grants. The successful funding of these School Resource Officers marks a positive step towards enhancing safety in educational environments.

Although it has been a successful year, the costs associated with overtime have surpassed the budgeted amounts due to manpower shortages. However, ODPS continues to strive for excellence.



# ACCREDITATION

**CALEA Accredited since 2003**  
**SCLEA Accredited since 2020**  
**372 COMPLIANCE STANDARDS**  
**37 DEPARTMENT POLICIES AVAILABLE**  
**ONLINE**



Accreditation Manager  
Keri Rogers

## CALEA Accreditation

The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety achieved international accreditation in 2003 through The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). By voluntarily pursuing this accreditation the department is committed to meeting the highest standards based on industry's best practices.

The accreditation review cycle spans a total of four (4) years. At the conclusion of each cycle, CALEA conducts a comprehensive examination of our department's policies, procedures, and management practices to ensure continued compliance with all required standards.

## SCLEA Accreditation

The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety also holds dual accreditation through the state of South Carolina with South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation (SCLEA). SCLEA is the official South Carolina state accrediting body. Standards for the program are developed using South Carolina state law, stakeholder expertise, and best practices.

The SCLEA accreditation cycle spans three (3) years, with a similar examination occurring at the cycle's conclusion. ODPS has been accredited with SCLEA since 2020 and continues to maintain this accreditation.

Our ongoing commitment to the standards required by both accrediting bodies reflects our dedication to delivering professional law enforcement services to the Orangeburg community.

# 2023-2024 Individual Crime Statistics

<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Murder (09A, B, C)	1	4	+300%
Rape (11A)	8	2	-75%
Robbery (120)	21	25	+19.05%
Aggravated Assault (13A)	182	136	-25.27%
<b>Violent Percent Change</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>-21.22%</b>
<b>Property Crimes</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Arson (200)	5	5	No Change
Burglary (220)	184	139	-24.46%
Pocket Picking (23A)	0	1	-100%
Purse Snatching (23B)	1	1	No Change
Shoplifting (23C)	229	219	-4.37%
Theft from Building (23D)	48	37	-22.92%
Theft - Coin Operated (23E)	1	0	-100%
Theft from Automobile (23F)	144	179	+26.95%
Theft - Auto Accessories (23G)	33	24	-27.27%
All Other Larcenies (23H)	155	157	+1.29%
Motor Vehicle Theft (240)	74	77	+4.05%
<b>Property Percent Change</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Total Crime Change</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>-7.36%</b>

# VEHICLE PURSUITS STATISTICS

## Pursuit Reason



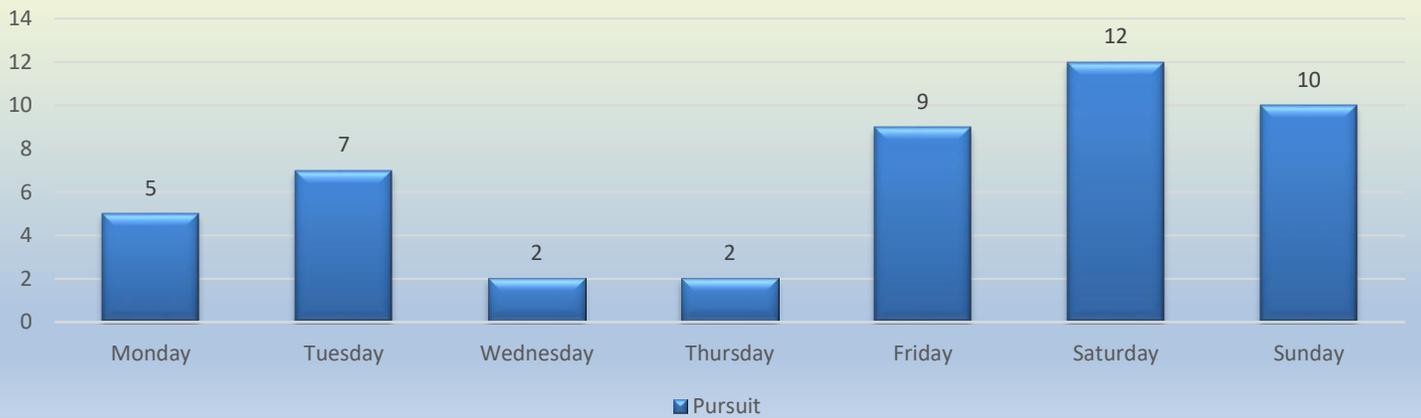
## Pursuit Result



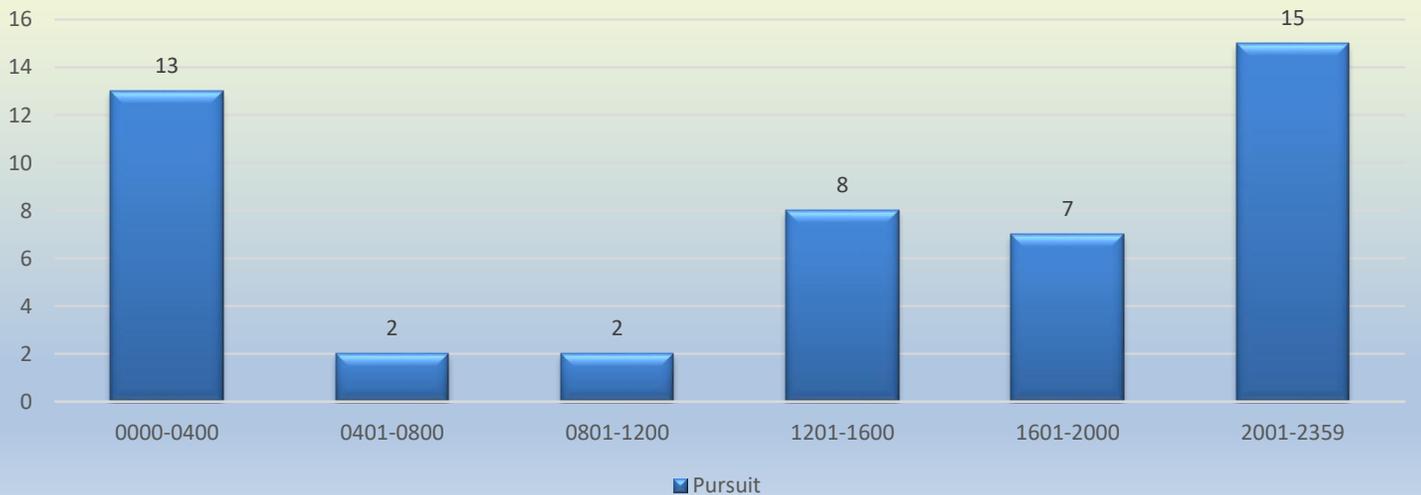
## Results



## Pursuits by Day of Week



## Pursuit Times



# VEHICLE PURSUITS ANALYSIS

A review of the 2024 vehicle pursuit data found that department policy was followed on all pursuits and that the training and equipment provided satisfied the Department's needs. There are no changes recommended to any procedures or training regarding vehicle pursuits by Public Safety Officers. Officers exercised caution and followed safely behind the fleeing vehicle, and, in most cases of termination, the pursuing officer noticed conditions that would place the public in danger, thereby self-terminating the pursuit. However, due to the large increase in vehicle pursuits from 2023 to 2024, current policies are under review to ensure the safety of the public, officers, and property.

During 2023, there were eight (8) pursuits initiated by Public Safety, and 47 initiated in 2024. During 2024, it was found that two officers initiated 38 of the 47 pursuits. There were several targeted campaigns that these officers were participants of that helps account for this increase, and for the overall increase in pursuits for the reporting year. Approximately 60% of pursuits continued and 40% were terminated. These results were also displayed in the near equality of those who were apprehended or escaped with arrests occurring in approximately 86% of pursuits that continued. Also, during 2024 the Department's FLOCK system notified officers of at least 13 stolen vehicles, which led to pursuits once the vehicle was located, and a traffic stop was attempted.

It was noted during the review that pursuits occurred most often over the weekend, Friday through Sunday. These were days when traffic enforcement officers' efforts were at their highest level. Pursuits that were terminated were not allowed to continue due to rain conditions and loss of sight of the vehicle due to traffic conditions.

Pursuits also occurred mostly between the hours of 8 PM and 4 AM. This is also related to traffic enforcement efforts. There were seven (7) noted instances of vehicles being damaged in pursuits, with the majority occurring when suspects lost control or fled the vehicle. Damage in all recorded incidents was minor functional damage to the vehicle and minor property damage.

## ANALYSIS OF ASSAULTS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT

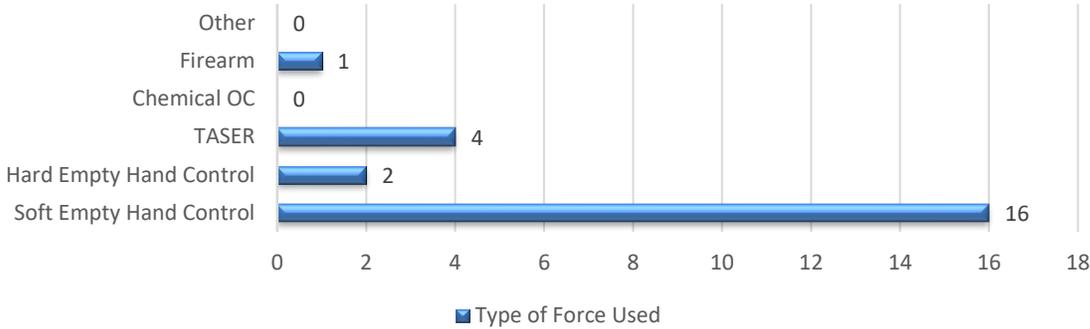
In 2024, there were two (2) instances of assaults on Orangeburg Public Safety Officers. One incident occurred during the effect of an arrest during a response to a malicious injury to property. During the encounter with officers, the subject kicked an officer in the chest, knocking the officer back into the doorway of the residence. The officer was not injured and used soft empty hand control to effect the arrest. This incident occurred during the day.

In the other incident, the officer was assaulted by the subject while attempting to gain control of the officer's firearm during an altercation in which the subject entered the officer's patrol vehicle while it was parked. The officer was not injured during the encounter and the subject was detained. This incident also occurred during the day.

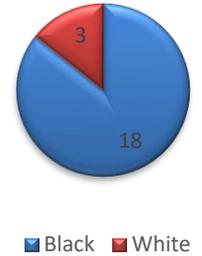
There is no indication of a trend between the two incidents. Although four of the five assaults on officers in the last three years occurred during the effect of an arrest, no trends were noted as the detainments causing the assaults were based on different reasons for arrest. Based on the nature of the incidents and assaults, there are no recommendations or training suggested that could enhance officer safety.

# RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE AND AGGRESSION STATISTICS

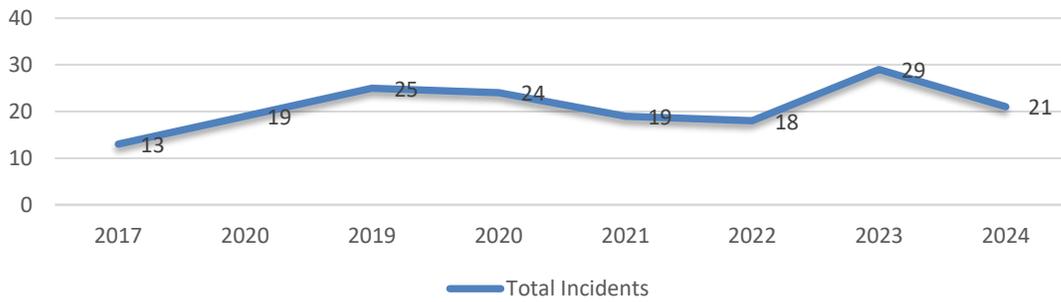
## Type of Force Used



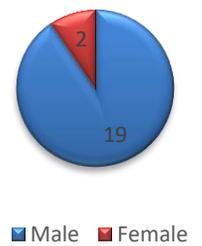
## Persons by Race



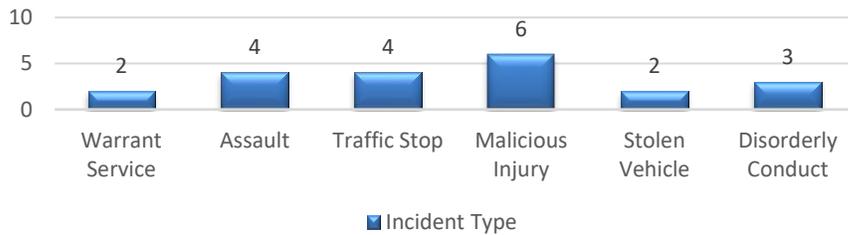
## Total Incidents



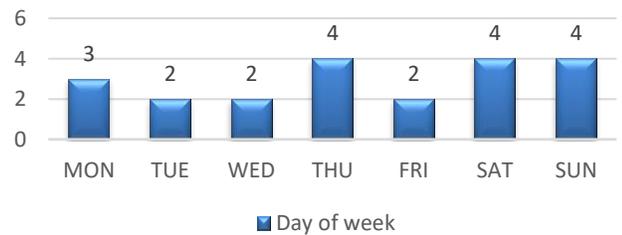
## Persons by Gender



## Incident Type



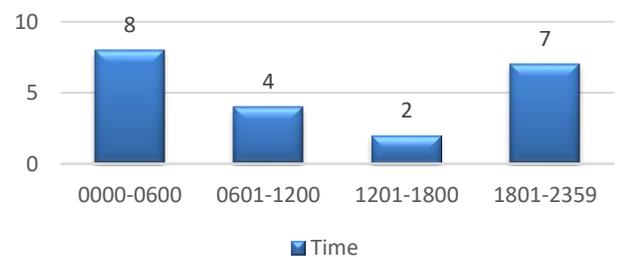
## Day of week



## Month



## Time



# RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE AND AGGRESSION ANALYSIS

A review of all Responses to Resistance in 2024 determined that in the 21 reported situations in which officers used force on an individual, proper training and policy were followed. In the 18 reports where empty hand control was used, all uses of force were efforts to effect an arrest or prevent evasion during events leading to or resulting from an arrest. Officers in these reports used clear, loud, verbal commands to ensure that the suspect received the least amount of force used to effect an arrest.

In instances where there were injuries to the suspect (4), all injuries were consistent with minor scrapes and scratches from being taken to the ground by soft empty hand control or falling to the ground because of being subjected to a TASER deployment. In one instance, the probes of a TASER deployed by an officer failed to properly make contact. The subject was then able to flee from the officers and subsequently detained by hard empty hand control.

The ethnic, gender, and age trends showed that most responses to resistance occurred when the suspect was a black male between the ages of 19 and 25. The ethnic majority of Orangeburg's population is similar to the suspects encountered when responses to resistance were reported.

Regarding the times and dates related to the incidents, responses to resistance appeared to occur most often in the afternoon after 6 PM and 6 AM. Also, the days of the week that incidents occurred most often were Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Looking at responses during these days, there were no identifiable patterns that could be discerned. However, July and August accounted for 38% of all responses; with the rest of the year maintaining a similar trend. Upon review, the officers and circumstances during this period did not produce any identifiable patterns.

Officers who were responding to assaults and malicious injury to property encountered the most resistance. Subjects with active warrants were often cooperative until a warrant was confirmed and the officer attempted to initiate the arrest. The same was true for traffic stops. These trends continued to be present from 2023 to 2024.

Officers also practiced good arrest procedures by having more than one officer present so that each officer used the minimum amount of force to gain compliance.

There was one officer-involved shooting reported in 2024. In this instance, an officer was parked in his patrol vehicle when a subject approached his vehicle and jumped into the passenger seat. The officer was startled at the aggressiveness and intrusion of the subject and drew his service weapon. Upon seeing the weapon, the subject lunged across the seat at the officer to attempt to grab his weapon. The officer discharged the weapon when the suspect grabbed it, causing a round to pass through the subject's finger and the roof of the patrol vehicle. After the subject exited the vehicle, the officer noticed there were no other weapons involved, at which point the officer switched to his TASER and attempted to gain control of the subject.

When the suspect lunged again at the officer, he was struck with the TASER. This ultimately gained compliance for detention and arrest. The suspect injury sustained from the firearm received first aid from officers and EMS. No further injury to the suspect occurred.

There were no reviews or changes to training or policy as a result of instances of response to aggression in 2024. In command reviews of each instance of response, it was determined that policy and training were followed correctly by officers.

Officers in all use of force reports showed proper restraint and de-escalation procedures during the arrest procedure by ensuring the suspect was given loud, clear verbal commands, and then being properly restrained. This ensures that the suspect in each report complies and is effectively arrested with the minimum amount of force used.



## SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND ACTIVITIES

There are certain selective enforcement activities that are conducted by the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety on a recurring basis. The nature of these activities is directly related to crime patterns and trends that are observed and noted during weekly Crime Stat meetings.

Crime Stat meetings are generally held every week on Monday and include all crimes, patterns, and trends noted for the prior week. An analysis of these data is presented to the Command Staff, all shift lieutenants, and Investigators.

Decisions are made during these meetings by all personnel on where to direct enforcement or prevention efforts. Examples include Operation City Lights (an ongoing department-wide effort to reduce crime in pre-designated areas), and Red Means Stop (an ongoing campaign to select intersections in the city with high volumes of motor vehicle collisions).

These campaigns are paired with selective enforcement and police presence in areas designated by findings presented in Crime Stat and collaboration between the Command Staff, shift lieutenants, and Investigators. These efforts are consistently reviewed during the week and findings and results are presented in the next weekly meeting on the effectiveness of these efforts. The recommendations, campaigns, and enforcement activities may be changed or continued based on reporting during the next Crime Stat meeting. Command Staff also have available Quarterly Traffic Analysis Reports on collisions that occur.

A yearly analysis of all traffic collisions and efforts showed that in 2024, traffic efforts to reduce speeds on major roads were successful in the short-term during the time of enforcement but continually changed along major arteries in the city (Columbia Rd., Broughton St., Chestnut St.). Due to the addition several of the selective enforcement campaigns, the department has noticed an increase in pursuits as a result, but also a positive effect of clearing multiple incidents when an apprehension occurs. The department has also relied heavily on the FLOCK camera system to determine where stolen vehicles are continually flagged to direct enforcement efforts in those areas in the hopes of successfully intercepting stolen vehicles.

The recommendations, campaigns, or enforcement efforts are recorded and disseminated to all department personnel after the Crime Stat meeting. This ensures all department personnel are participating in the recommendations and procedures set forth during the meeting.

## BIAS-BASED POLICING REVIEW

Of the complaints received by ODPS, there were two (2) reports of biased-based policing reported to the department in 2024 arising from citizen complaints. After both cases were investigated by Internal Affairs, one (1) report was unfounded, and one (1) report resulted in the exoneration of the officer in question. In no instance were the allegations related to asset forfeiture.

Public Safety conducted an annual review of all traffic stops by service personnel and determined that there were no instances of biased-based policing actions that occurred. There were no recommended changes to training or operations in 2024.

## GRIEVANCES REVIEW

No grievances were filed against ODPS during the 2024 reporting year. ODPS maintains a transparent and fully accessible grievance policy where all employees are encouraged to report any instances of misconduct or negative treatment to the Human Resources department.

Many opportunities are offered for employees within the department to solve problems at the “lowest possible level”. This strategy enables direct-line supervisors to address problems an employee may express immediately and allows issues to be resolved without being escalated. Supervisors are encouraged to keep direct and frequent communication with their subordinates to ensure problems are identified and resolved in a timely manner. In the event of an issue that cannot be resolved by a direct supervisor, Command Staff make themselves available at all times to discuss issues an employee has expressed. Due to this open communication, ODPS believes this greatly contributes to the year-to-year lack of grievances filed by its employees.

## RECORDS DIVISION

Records Division staff members serve as the first point of contact for visitors upon arrival. Records Division staff members handle a variety of tasks and processes while sitting at the lobby window. They provide service at the front counter and take all non-emergency phone calls.

The Records Division handles all police public records requests to ensure that visitors receive copies of case reports, photographs, etc. The team works closely with city and county prosecutors in handling criminal filings and other required documents.

They provide background checks for law enforcement agencies nationwide, and ensure that all reports entered into the records management system are accurate.



## COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The communications center is a secondary public safety answering point. Our communications Center operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In 2024 communication specialists entered and processed 698 Warrants for service by outside agencies. There were 16,393 calls that were citizen-initiated events and 13,298 officer-initiated events.



## TWO NEW POSITIONS

We are thrilled to welcome Officer Sojdak to the ODPS family! He successfully graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy recently, and we look forward to his fresh ideas. His dedication to serving the community and ensuring safety for all is evident, and we look forward to the positive impact he will have.



Congratulations  
Officer Sojdak



## MORE SUPPORT = MORE SUCCESS

The courtroom Bailiff is a law enforcement officer who maintains order in a courtroom. They are responsible for ensuring that court proceedings run smoothly and that everyone is safe. The Bailiff provides security, escorts prisoners to and from court, escorts witnesses to the stand, serves court orders, seizes assets, assists the judge with administrative tasks, and screens individuals who are entering the courthouse.



ODPS Bailiff Ofc. Craspe

# THE COMMUNITY SAFE HAVEN

ODPS in conjunction with Serve and Connect has established a community organization known as the Community Safe Haven. The Safe Haven is located within the city limits of Orangeburg at Hampton Chase Apartments and provides a liaison who can connect with citizens in need.

The primary goal is to address pressing issues that are affecting residents directly and, along with our community partners, to ensure they have access to the information and support that they need. By bringing these resources closer to home, the Community Safe Haven enhances accessibility and can empower residents to seek assistance without the barriers of travel.

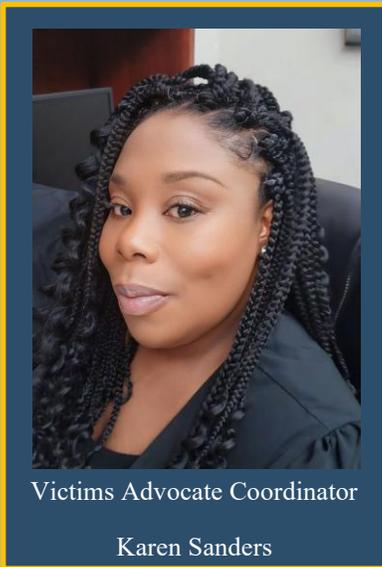
## Community Oriented Policing (COP)



ODPS Community service officers' goals are to build trust and respect while utilizing 21st century policing between the police and communities, change negative behavioral patterns, allocate resources more effectively, and address crime, social disorder, and fear of crime. Community oriented policing relies on collaborative partnerships between the law enforcement agency, the individuals, and organizations they serve to develop many solutions to the problem. It is important that the organizational structure of the agency prioritizes a safe environment for the wonderful citizens of Orangeburg.

# VICTIMS ADVOCATE SERVICES

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD

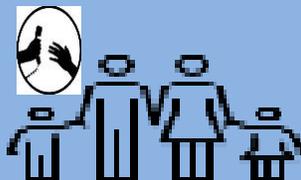


The victims advocate provides assistance to victims and or witness of crime that fall within the jurisdiction of the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety. ODPS has five victims' advocates that coordinate and serve as the liaison between the department, municipal court and various victims services.



## Victims Advocate Duties & Responsibilities

-  Ensures the rights of victims are protected
-  Provide crisis intervention and support
-  Explain victims' rights in legal system
-  Refer to counseling, resources, and support groups
-  Partners with outside agencies to assist victims
-  Serve as Advocate in court on behalf of the victim
-  Reads and reviews incident reports and initiates contact with the victims
-  Provides a professional atmosphere that is conducive to good community relations



# MENTORING MATTERS PROGRAM

The Orangeburg Department of Public Safety (ODPS) hosted its annual Mentoring Matters Summer Camp June 10th-June 28th. This year, the camp opened its doors to 35 students ranging from the ages of 5 to 15, all of whom are a part of Orangeburg community. Each day was packed with lots of laughs and, of course, lots of learning.

Attendees were provided with the opportunity to learn etiquette, how to tie a tie, learn about self-image, and so much more. During the summer, attendees are tasked to write, produce and act in their own skits that focus on issues within their community which they perform at their graduation ceremony. This program aspires to change lives and make a positive impact on the community that we serve.





# PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

## EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN

The Property & Evidence Unit is responsible for taking care of different items of physical evidence and storing items that have been found or collected during criminal investigations. The Evidence Technician is responsible for collecting, analyzing, protecting, and preserving physical evidence from crime scenes, and miscellaneous items contained by officers during the course of their duties.



### EVIDENCE DISPOSAL

In 2024 ODPS handled over 3,000 items that have been collected as evidence. When these items are no longer needed for a case, items are returned to the owner. In the case where attempts to contact the owner are unsuccessful, the items are destroyed, auctioned, or donated to non-profit agencies, and/or converted to agency use. When items are handled promptly, we can create much needed space for other items in the storage areas.



# K9 UNIT



**K9 DRACO PATROL**



**K9 ESO PATROL**



## D.A.R.E TO SAY NO TO DRUGS

- ◇ \$17,678.79-Currency seized
- ◇ 107-Firearms seized
- ◇ 55.24 oz.-Marijuana seized
- ◇ 81.85 Oz -Substituted Cathinone (Bath Salts) seized
- ◇ 19.53 oz- Cocaine seized
- ◇ 9.51 oz-Methamphetamine seized
- ◇ 20.23 grams-Fentanyl seized
- ◇ 16.12 grams-Heroin seized
- ◇ 590-Variou pills seized



# S.R.T. TRAINING

## SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Special Response Team (SRT) is an elite unit designed to tackle critical incidents and high-risk situations. SRT training offers officers a thrilling opportunity to enhance their skills and teamwork while making a difference in the community. This team not only responds to high-risk situations but also fosters safety and trust to create a positive impact throughout the community. Being a part of the SRT is not just a job, but an adventure!



# 2024 EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS



*Roger Brant Service Award*

*30 years of Dedicated Service*

*2024 Recipient*

*Sgt Arney Lucas*

*Sgt Danny Dantzer*

*20 Years*

*Sgt Henry Jennings*

*25 Years*

## Five (5) Years

Sarah Kittrell

Shakeya Robinson

## Ten (10) Years

Kenyatta Jenkins

## Twenty (20) Years

Danny Brightwell

## Twenty-five (25) Years

Randy Hughes

# Retirements



*Lt. Jennifer Haig*

*Twenty-five (25) Years of Service*



*Randy Hughes*

*Twenty-five (25) Years of Service*

# 2024 PROMOTIONS



Lieutenant Maier (middle)  
Sergeant Read

Sergeant Hampton (right of Chief)  
Sergeant Wolf  
Corporal Scriven  
Corporal Gross

## INTERNAL AFFAIRS

We have a lot to be proud of! Lieutenant Black is now our Internal Affairs Investigator. Please Join us in congratulating him and all our colleagues who have recently been promoted. Their dedication and hard work are truly commendable.



*Lt. Black - Internal Affairs Investigator*

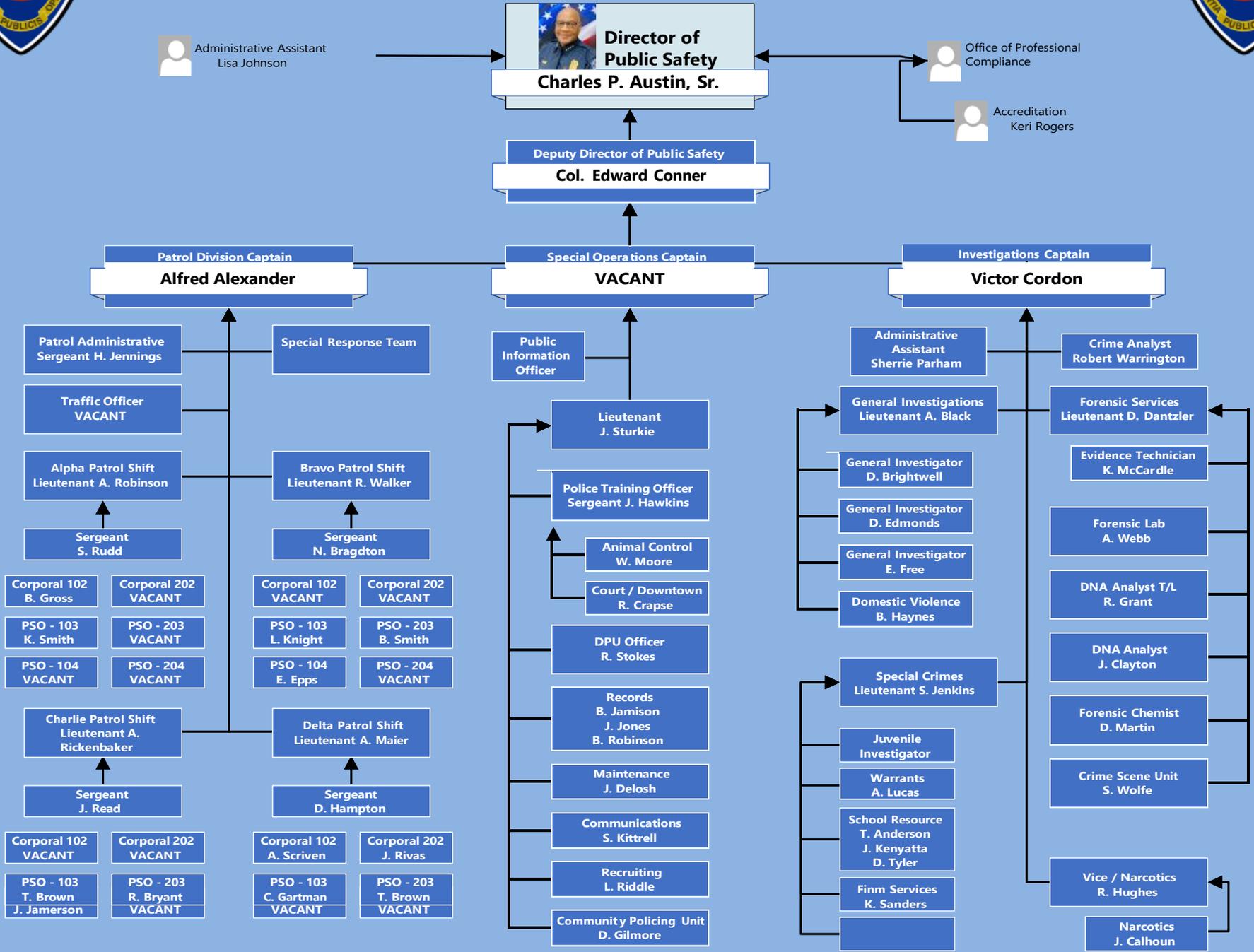


We are proud to announce that Sergeant K. Jenkins has received the Impact Award from Serve & Connect for 2024. The Orangeburg Department of Public safety partners with Serve and Connect to provide essential groceries to the community. Sergeant Jenkins has served as the liaison between Serve and Connect and ODPS for three years and has demonstrated exceptional professionalism to enhance community policing efforts within the community. His efforts along with many other officers in coordinating groceries have greatly strengthened community ties. Congratulations to Sergeant Jenkins on his well-deserved recognition.





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**CALL 911 FOR AN EMERGENCY**

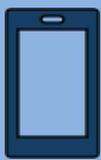
Non-Emergency call 803-534-2812



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