



2013 Annual Report
for the
**CHARLESTON
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

**Striving for
a Safer City**



A 2014-2015 Calendar



Core Values- H.e.a.r.t.

HONOR

We serve with honor through our actions, conduct, and job performance. Performed with integrity, even at personal cost, we constantly strive towards ever-rising standards.

EXCELLENCE

We seek excellence in all that we do and strive for continuous improvement. Our employees are encouraged to be innovative and creative.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We are an organization of employees who do the right thing and are responsible for what we do and say.

RESPECT

We value all citizens, each other and different points of view, regardless of race, gender, appearance, individual beliefs, or lifestyles.

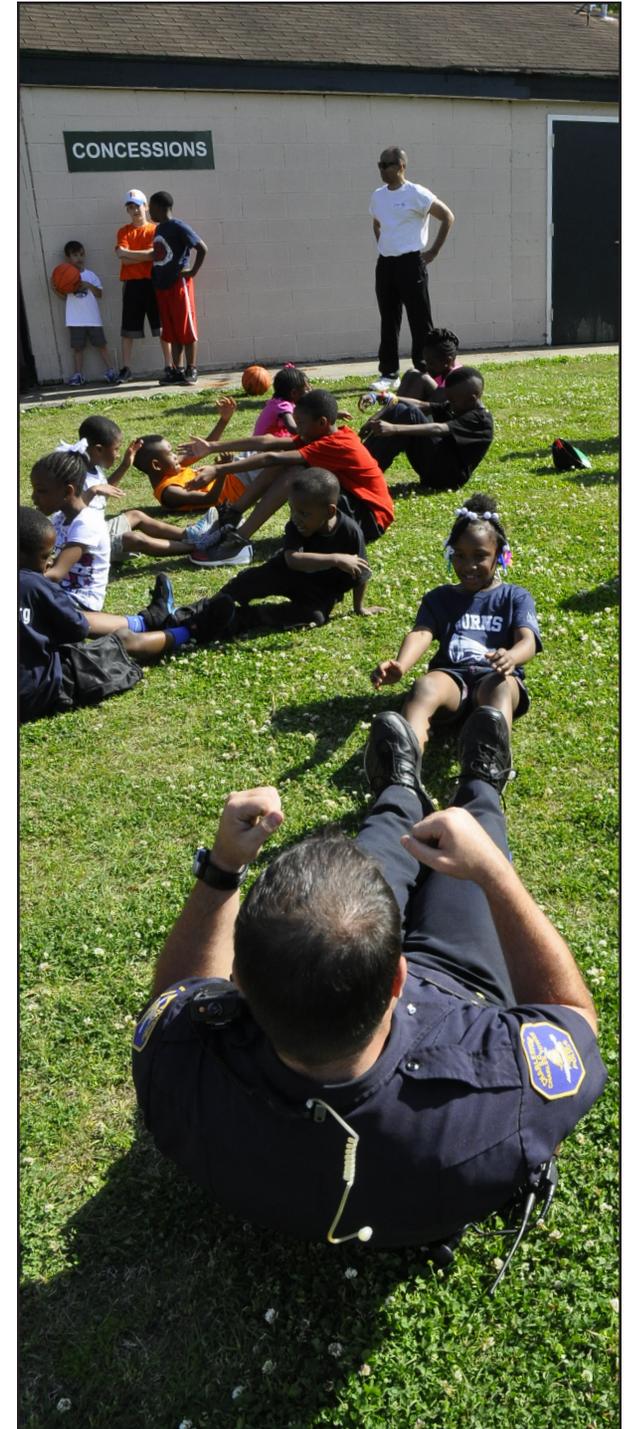
TEAMWORK

We support an environment that recognizes mutual cooperation and group accomplishments, while encouraging individual contributions.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Charleston Police Department to serve all people within our jurisdiction with respect, fairness, and compassion. We are committed to the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace, order, and safety; the vigorous enforcement of local, state and federal laws; and the defense of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and the Constitution of the United States of America in a fair and impartial manner. We are committed to serving our community to enhance the quality of life and to nurture public trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. Our officers are determined to serve as a deterrent to crime; develop relationships with community groups, residential and business organizations; to promote an environment receptive to tourism, visitors, and residents; and to support historic preservation in our city. Additionally, we are dedicated to our personnel by providing continuous training and educational development, as well as career enhancement opportunities. The Charleston Police Department has and shall continue to provide service of the highest quality to its community and foster community partnerships in crime prevention. The vision of the Charleston Police Department is to be a world class law enforcement agency committed to the values of Honor, Excellence, Accountability, Respect, and Teamwork. We demonstrate creativity, challenge

our capabilities, and encourage initiative and risk-taking. We hold ourselves to a high standard of excellence and continually improve by solving problems and making decisions that benefit the organization and community. We are dedicated to service, lifelong learning, and professional growth.





City of Charleston
Joseph P. Riley, Jr.
Mayor

March 25, 2014

Dear Residences,

The City of Charleston Police Department's 2013 Annual Report is a report of excellence, courage, and great public service. I am extremely proud of the men and women of the City of Charleston Police Department and know that pride is shared by every law-abiding citizen of our city.

Our first responsibility in government is public safety. In making our community safe, we grant the ultimate and complete freedom and opportunity to our citizens. The ability of our Police Department to achieve substantial reductions in crime has made the citizens of our city much safer. It is the result of intelligent, efficient and courageous law enforcement.

I wish to extend to Chief Greg Mullen and all the fine men and women of the City of Charleston Police Department, my sincere congratulations and gratitude.

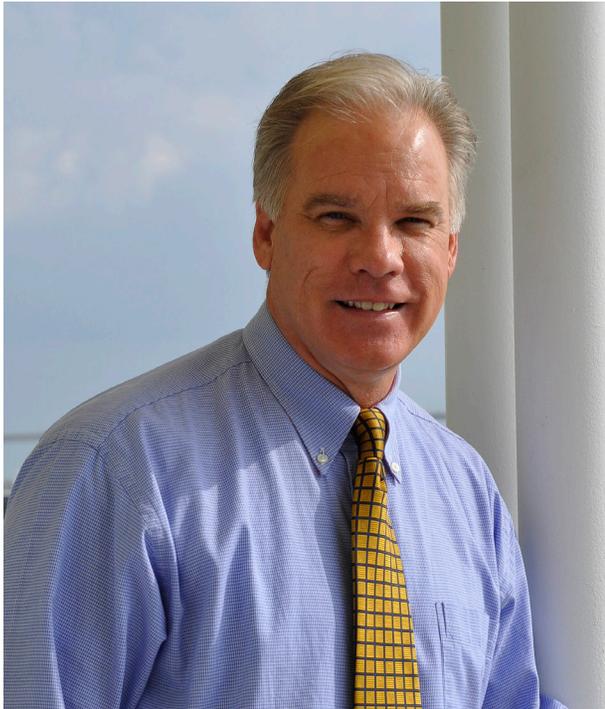
JPR,jr./dm

Most sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Joseph P. Riley, Jr.
Mayor, City of Charleston





JOSEPH P. RILEY, JR.
Mayor



City of Charleston

SOUTH CAROLINA

POLICE DEPARTMENT

GREGORY G. MULLEN
Chief of Police

May 5, 2014

It is an honor to serve the citizens of the city of Charleston, and to lead the men and women of the Charleston Police Department who work hard to make a positive impact in the lives of those who live, work, and visit our city.

So it is with great pride and pleasure that I share with you the 2013 Annual Report for the Charleston Police Department. In the following pages, you will read of how we work each day to accomplish our mission to reduce crime, the fear of crime and improve the quality of life for the citizens of the city of Charleston. These pages also reflect their accomplishments in the face of last year's challenges and opportunities.

Last year violent crime in the city of Charleston decreased 17%. In fact, serious crime declined more than 70% in the city during the past 7 years. The crime reduction didn't happen automatically. We encourage officers to have a sense of ownership for the areas they patrol and to employ directed tactics which allows them to more quickly and effectively address problems.

We know that proactive policing, problem-solving, and the enhancement of the relationship between the community and the police, as well as our social bond with residents, contributed to this decrease. We also understand the importance of engaging the community and building relationships with our community partners to prevent crime.

Our goal is to make the city of Charleston a safe place for its citizens and visitors. However, we know we can't address crime problems alone. We have a responsibility to involve citizens and our community partners in issues that impact upon the quality of their lives.

We continue to develop community bonds to ensure that the people most impacted by crime have a voice in identifying and resolving issues in their neighborhoods. We know our efforts must be tailored to the unique needs of each neighborhood. We also recognize our success wouldn't be possible without their support.

While we have accomplished much, there is much more to do in 2014. We will continue to strive for excellence in our service to the citizens of this city.

On behalf of the Department, I want to thank the Mayor, City Council, our citizens and community partners for their continued support.

Sincerely,

Gregory G. Mullen
Chief of Police





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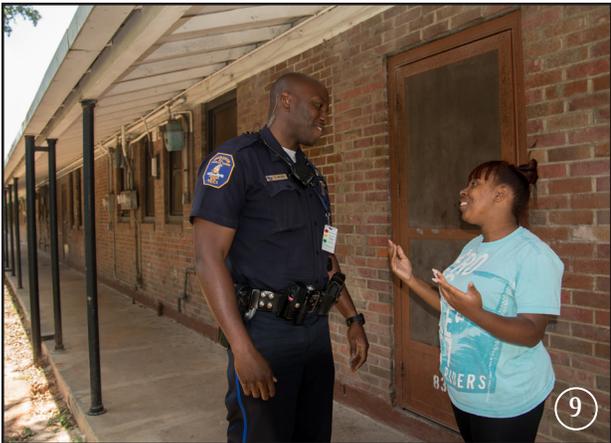
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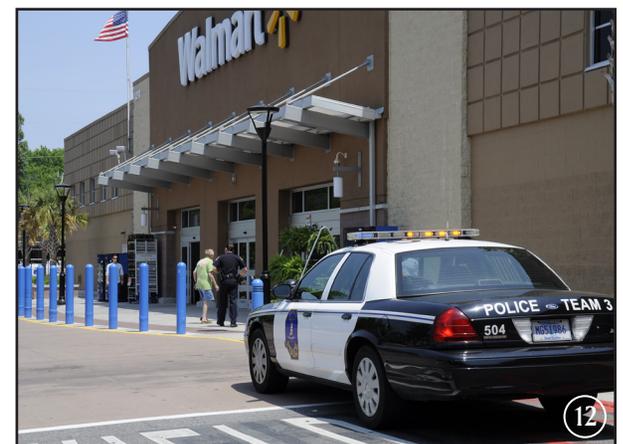
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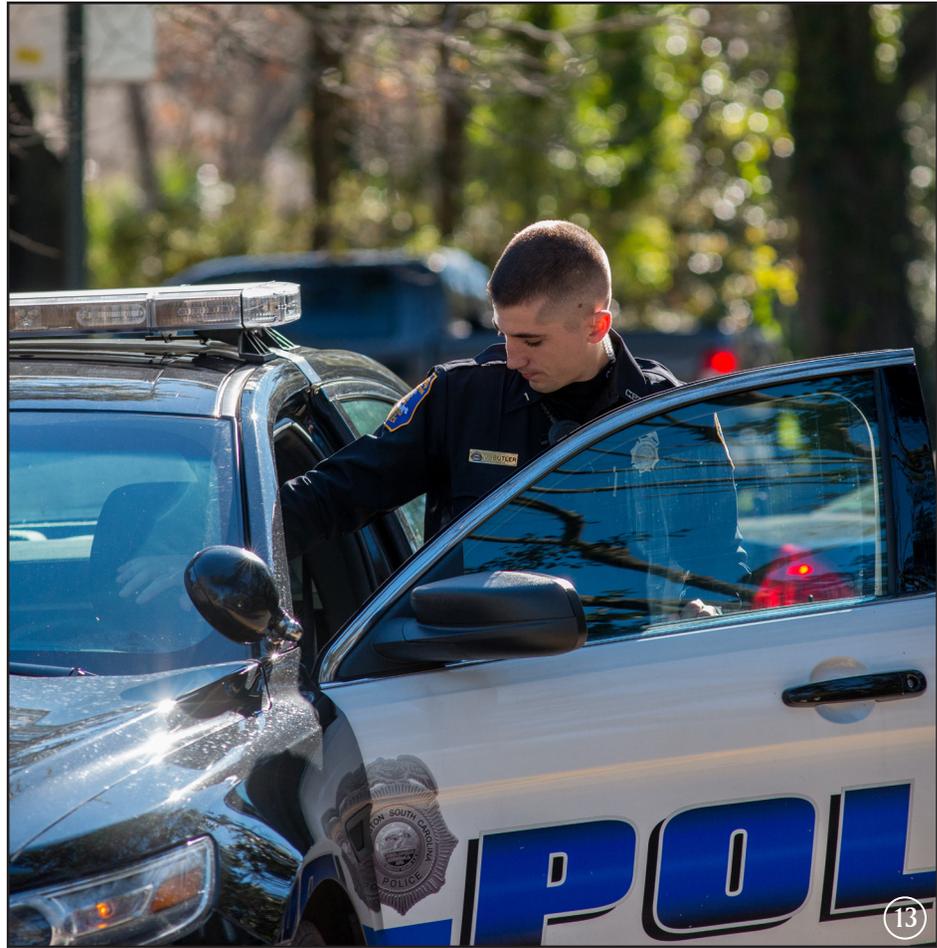
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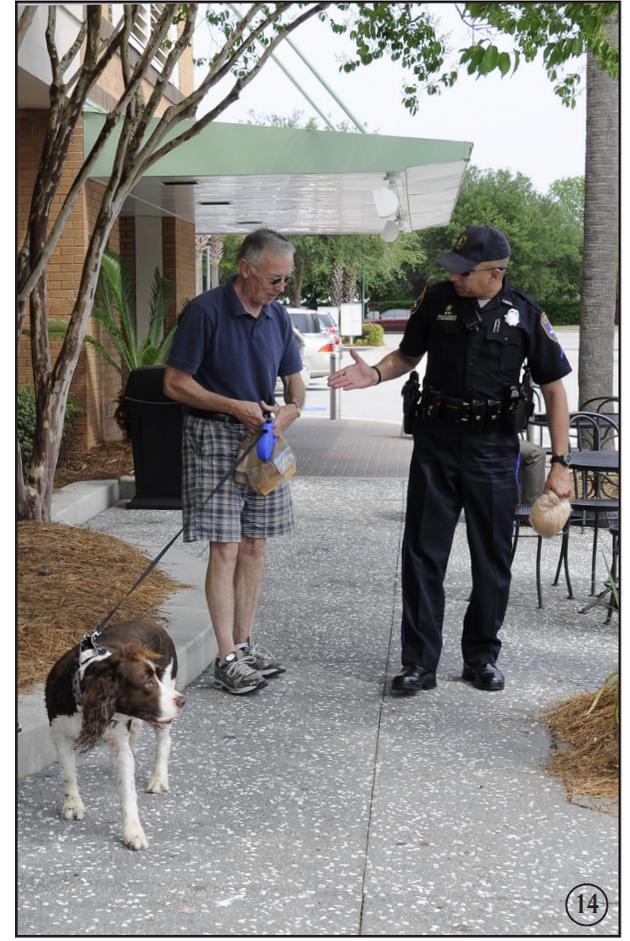
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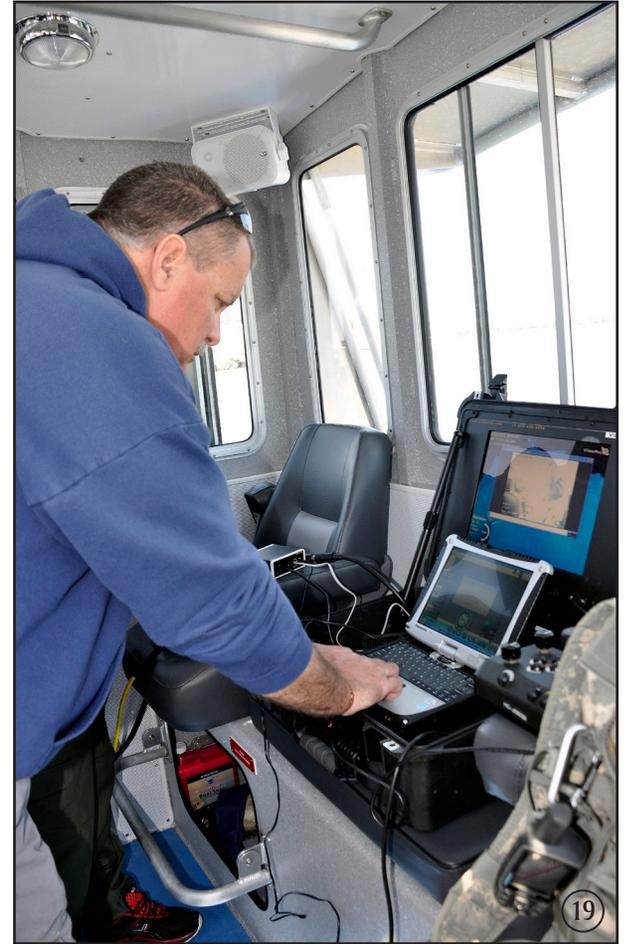
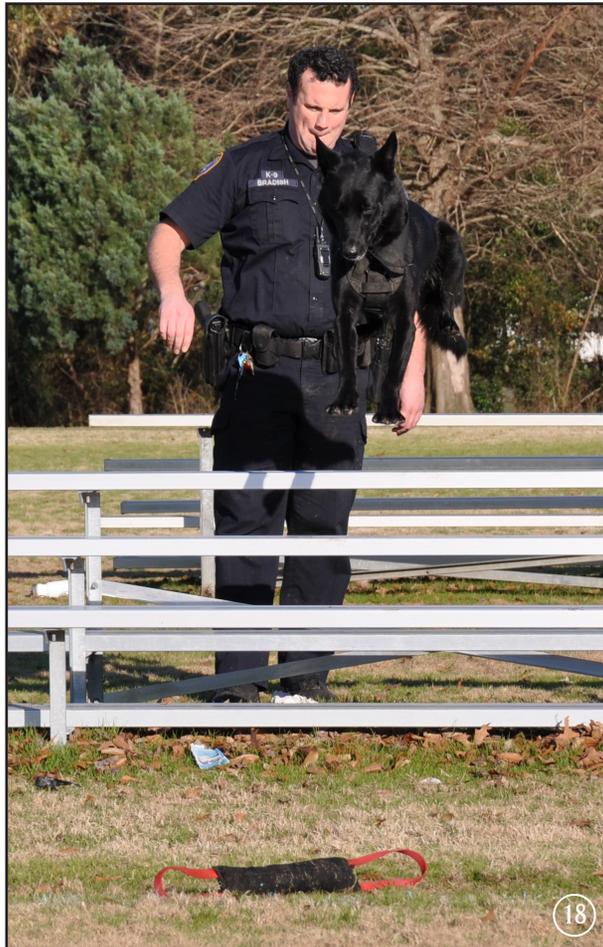
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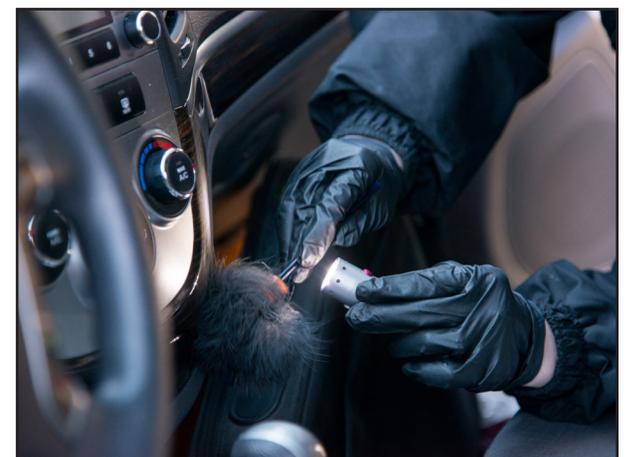
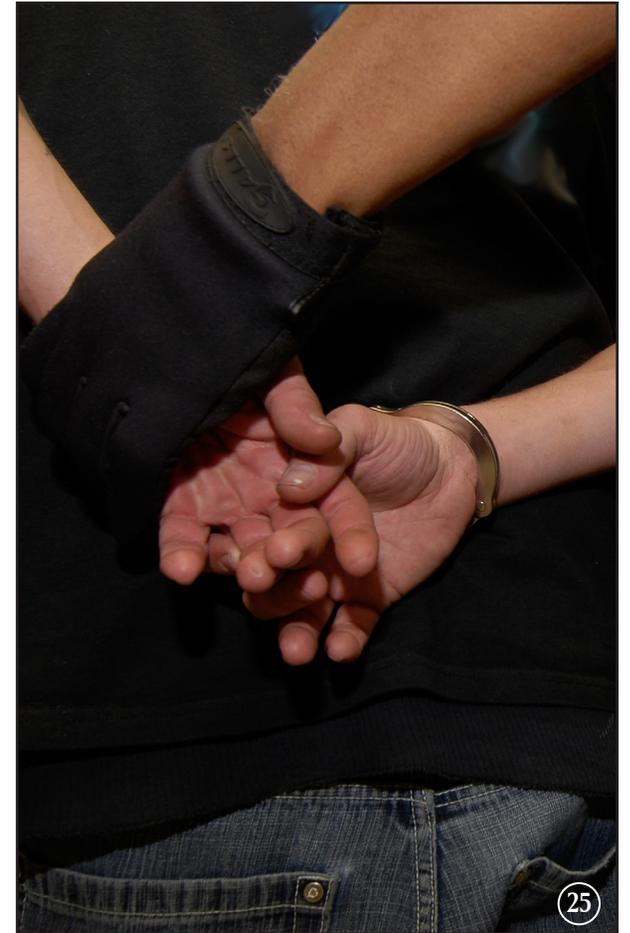
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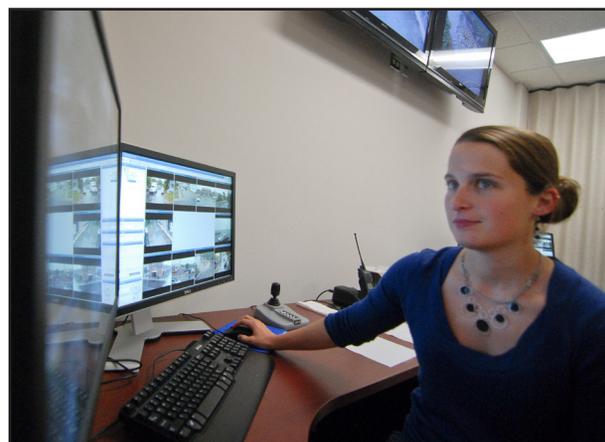
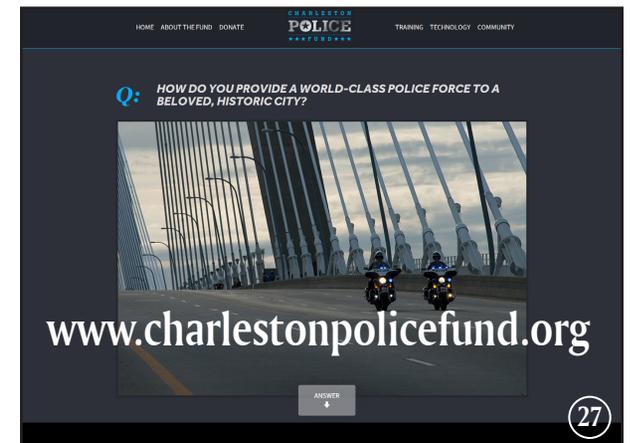
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ACCOMPLISHING OUR MISSIONS

1 Stand Up Charleston

Stand Up Charleston, a task force created in the summer of 2012 by Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. implemented its multi-pronged strategy to shape the future of the City of Charleston and our surrounding communities by developing opportunities for citizens and business leaders to Stand Up and commit to getting involved, and not to remain bystanders. The efforts are designed to reinforce the communications and relationship building between the Charleston Police Department and the citizens of Charleston. Two Community Awareness Day events were hosted for local youth in both the peninsula area and West Ashley with more than 400 participants. The first Neighborhood Assessment in partnership with the Riley Leadership Center at the College of Charleston for the Maryville/Ashleyville area was also held. Assets, opportunities, needs and concerns were identified and are now being addressed by both the City and the citizens.

2 Friday Night Lights

In 2013, the Charleston Police Department, along with the Charleston Fire and Recreation Departments started a new community initiative called Friday Night Lights.

Friday Night Lights is held from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday nights. It gives children ages 5-15 the opportunity to develop character, promote sportsmanship and have fun in a safe and encouraging environment.

Activities include arts and crafts, a basketball shootout, soccer, flag football, swimming, music, dance, educational sessions, food and movies

shown on a 20-foot inflatable screen.

“This is another opportunity to provide children from throughout Charleston with positive activities that offer fun entertainment, character building, and the chance to build relationships with police officers, firefighters, and recreation specialists,” said Charleston Chief of Police Gregory Mullen.

The event is well attended and continues to grow in popularity and influence.

3 Camp Hope

2013 was the second successful year of Camp Hope in the West Ashley and Johns Island areas. Located at West Ashley and Haut Gap Middle Schools, each camp began at 8:00 am and provided campers with an array of fun activities. Ranging in age from 11 to 15, these students were chosen from Charleston County Schools after applying for the program.

Each day of camp was a new adventure. Every week students went on educational field trips and were able to visit Charlestown Landing in order to explore early life in Charleston. They toured the Yorktown to gain a better understanding of military history and were able to see the inner workings of an air craft carrier. While visiting the Boeing Plant in North Charleston campers were even able to get an up close look at how 787 airplanes are made. Some of these tours were geared to show students potential future career paths.

On other days, the campers participated in activities to increase life and academic skills. Life skills such as respect for others and self-respect were taught and demonstrated. Campers also

learned about the dangers of drugs and the tragic ways drugs can change lives. Guest speakers, such as officers from the Crime Prevention Unit shared fire safety and crime prevention tips.

The downtown Camp Hope continued as it has in years past. Approximately 50 children aged 6 to 15 participated in this evening camp which runs from 6 pm to 9pm. They participated in many of the same activities as the day camps such as character building and safety and were able to work on their tennis skills or take swim lessons. This camp is unique in the sense that it helps get kids off the street and into a safe environment. In the future, the department is hoping to expand the camp in order to serve an even larger group of young people.

4 Lowcountry Teen Community Emergency Response Team Explorer Post 911 and Explorer Club 9112

In 2013, Lowcountry Teen CERT launched Lowcountry Teen CERT Explorer Club 9112 in three local middle schools.

Members also participated in Community Appreciation Days, National Night Out events, Youth Outreach in schools and churches, Emergency, Hurricane and Fire Expos, a Scuba program and in several Christmas parades.

They also assisted at the Tri-Charleston Triathlon, taught an introduction to CERT during the Charleston Police Department’s Camp Hope and became certified in first aid and CPR.

CERT's mission is to coordinate with youth from Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties to train, educate, and inform them about emergency and disaster preparedness, careers in firefighting, EMS, law enforcement and emergency management.

Teen CERT Explorer is a year-round program that educates young adults about emergency and disaster preparedness including how this relates to crimes against their property and persons. It also trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Its goal is to prepare these young adults for life's personal emergencies as well as larger scale disasters. Lowcountry Teen CERT Explorer Club 9112 is for middle school students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

Lowcountry Teen CERT Explorer Post 911 and Lowcountry Teen CERT Explorer Club 9112 were organized in June 2012 and August 2013, respectively, and were the first and only Exploring Post and Club registered CERT programs in the country when they were organized.

5 Community Services Officers (CSO)

Since the inception of the Community Services Unit in 2010, this team of dedicated volunteers has provided tens of thousands of hours in administrative and traffic support for the Charleston Police Department. Within the walls of the Police Headquarters building on Lockwood Blvd., Administrative CSOs provide assistance in the Chief's Office by processing paperwork and completing special projects. This allows for department personnel to focus on the specific duties of their job and greatly increases the efficiency of various offices.

On the roadways of Charleston, you will find members of the CSO Traffic Team assisting officers with non-enforcement duties. These volunteers receive extensive training in traffic control, patrol procedures, and report writing. With this training, they are able to respond to minor collisions with less than \$1000 in damage, assist disabled motorists, unlock vehicles, and direct traffic at special events and incident scenes. Driving fully marked units that are designated with Community Services markings, CSOs are equipped to handle a wide array of situations. This gives flexibility to sworn officers which allows them to focus on more serious calls for service and enforcement duties.

In 2013, CSOs provided traffic control and support for nearly every special event that took place in the city. Under the direction of LT Jason Emanuele, Commander of the Special Events & Projects unit, the team was well utilized anytime a need arose which included everything from last-minute events to weather emergencies. 2013 was also a year of growth for the team. Throughout the year, four new CSOs were trained and satisfactorily passed the examination that is given to certify volunteers.

6 Crime Reduction

In 2013, violent crime in the City of Charleston decreased by 17%. It is noteworthy that serious crime has declined over 70% in the last seven years. Crime reduction does not happen automatically. It is accomplished by hard work and community engagement.

The reductions in violent crime came from two of the fundamental philosophies that represent the foundation of the Charleston Police Department's efforts: a continual "sense of urgency" and an "all in" mentality. These foundation points

sustain quick responses regarding criminal activity in both a holistic and integrated manner. Crimes are solved quickly to prevent additional crimes from being committed by the same offender. It also helps speed the judicial process.

7 Team 1

Team 1 is the area of police patrol north of Calhoun Street to the North Charleston city limits. With an estimated population of 21,763, the Team 1 patrol area is an eclectic mix of residential and commercial activity. From fine dining to quiet residential streets, the Team 1 area is demographically and culturally diverse and boasts a wide array of population types from young professionals to families.

For many years, the Team 1 patrol area was plagued due to the high rate of felonious crime such as robbery and homicide. The Team 1 area also suffered from a disproportionate number of property crimes including but not limited to burglary and motor vehicle theft. However, over the past several years, the reduction in felonious crime is both palpable and noticeable within the area. For example, from 2012 to 2013, the homicide rate dropped an astounding 36% while the robbery rate dropped 30%. As for property crimes within the same time frame, the burglary rate dropped almost 17% while motor vehicle theft dropped 32%.

The conspicuous reduction in violent crime is a combination of several factors that have all contributed to the improved safety and image of the Team 1 area. More officers are on the street engaging in visible and proactive patrols. Instead of just responding to calls, Team 1 officers are actively seeking to engage the criminal element before a crime is even committed. Along with the increase in the number of officers, the focus on community policing has also paid dividends

for the noticeable reduction in violent crime. As officers are patrolling, they are engaging citizens and thereby forming bonds of trust. With the assistance of citizens willing to alert the police to potential problems, the police officers in Team 1 utilize tips and information to thwart the criminal element. Often, citizens are able to interact with police officers on foot or through planned community meetings. Team 1 also has several specialized units in which officers work including the Entertainment District, Powersquad Unit, Interdiction Unit, Bridgeview Housing Unit, and the Community Action Team.

With the community and the police officers of Team 1 working together, the area is among the safest of any of the geographical teams in the City of Charleston. Although violent crime is low in Team 1, the police officers in this area will continue to diligently work to maintain the abeyance in crime.

8 Community Action Team (CAT)

The Eastside area of the Charleston peninsula has had a storied history of violent crime that has plagued both residents, visitors and business owners for years. However, since the implementation of the Community Action Team in 2009, a discernible and appreciable decrease in violent crime has occurred. Community policing, the heart of the Community Action Team, has been a proximate and direct cause for the conspicuous decrease in violent crime. A police officer serving on a Community Action Team is more than just a patrol officer—he or she is a mentor, liaison, and ambassador for the City of Charleston.

Realizing the need for more community policing dedicated to a certain geographical area, the City of Charleston applied for and recently received a COPS grant to hire additional officers to

form another Community Action Team that will be dedicated to Bridgeview Apartments, the Rosemont neighborhood and the Athens Court area.

Situated on the northeastern side of the Team 1 patrol area, Bridgeview is a housing complex comprised of several hundred residents who live in twenty six different buildings. The need for a dedicated patrol team is pronounced in Bridgeview as the complex itself and the adjacent area, such as Athens Court and Rosemont, have suffered through a host of felonious assaults involving firearms. From 2010 to 2012, 17% of the 116 violent crimes involving firearms within the Team 1 area occurred in Bridgeview. Of the 215 weapon law violations that occurred in the Team 1 area during the same time period, 15% were committed in Bridgeview.

The Rosemont neighborhood and the Athens Court area are communities adjacent to Bridgeview that have also been negatively impacted by felonious crime in recent years. Rosemont is situated in the northern portion of the peninsula whereas the Athens Court area is just west of Bridgeview. Like Bridgeview, the aforementioned communities have also been afflicted by violent crime that often involved the use of a weapon such as a firearm.

A Community Action Team dedicated to these areas would be highly effective at reducing the number of felonious assaults—especially those involving firearms. Not only are officers of a Community Action Team proactive, the officers work with residents by forming a partnership to solve problems that are primarily caused by criminal activity. Community Action Team officers often talk to neighborhood citizens and attend community meetings. Furthermore, officers of a Community Action Team patrol on foot and bicycle in addition to utilizing patrol vehicles. Patrolling on foot and bicycle assists with making patrol officers more

visible and therefore more accessible to the community.

A new Community Action Team for the Bridgeview Apartments, the Rosemont neighborhood and the Athens Court area will continue to augment the Team 1 patrol officers who have already engaged in proactive measures that have dramatically reduced the incidence of violent crime.

9 Housing Unit

The Housing Unit of the Charleston Police Department is responsible for proactively patrolling and responding to calls for service in all City-managed public housing facilities. The Housing Unit is comprised of four patrol officers and a supervisor who are collectively responsible for several dozen housing facilities that are located throughout the City and across several geographical areas including but not limited to Daniel Island, downtown and the West Ashley area.

Similar to the City's two Community Action Teams, the officers who serve in the Housing Unit answer calls for service and proactively patrol City-managed public housing complexes. Due to their unique assignment, these same officers develop and foster a relationship with residents that create a bond of trust that has thus far paid dividends for purposes of preventing and apprehending the criminal element. The trust that develops is an integral component of community policing. Statistically, community policing efforts have effectively led to the dramatic reduction in serious crime within City housing complexes.

When a violent crime does occur on City-managed property, the residents in these communities routinely provide reliable and relevant information that frequently lead to an arrest being effected. But for this unique relationship, residents would be less inclined to share information that is vital

to preventing crime and apprehending offenders.

All of the housing officers have multiple years of experience and all hold numerous certifications vital to productive policing efforts. Their experience and special skills, combined with positive community relations, are all primary reasons for the Unit's demonstrable pattern of success.

10 Team 2

The Team 2 police patrol area is the section of the Charleston peninsula situated south of Calhoun Street. As of 2010, around 13,000 people lived in this region. This area is rich with a vibrant history almost unmatched anywhere else in the United States. From world class dining to high end hotels as well as historical locations such as the Market, Team 2 is home to the economic lifeblood of not only the City of Charleston, but the State of South Carolina. In fact, the Charleston Chamber of Commerce estimates that around one million people visit the Team 2 area on an annual basis.

Since tourism is vital to the City, the perception of safety is of paramount importance. The need for public safety is even more pronounced in an area that relies heavily upon tourism. Currently, the Team 2 area is statistically one of the safest regions in the City of Charleston and the violent crime rate continues to decline. From 2012 to 2013, the number of aggravated assaults decreased by 40%. Furthermore, during the same time period, the number of burglaries decreased by a remarkable 29% along with a precipitous drop of almost 54% in larcenies from a motor vehicle. These trends prove that the actions of the Charleston Police Department and the community are continuing to keep the Team 2 area safe.

Community policing, as evidenced in other geographical teams, has played a vital role for the low rate of violent crime. In addition to proactively patrolling identifiable beats, police officers in Team 2 are talking to the citizens in this area. As

trust forms, citizens are more willing to assist the police in dealing with criminal matters. Although Team 2 does not implement as many specialized units as other geographical Teams, Team 2 boasts the City's only full time bicycle squad. Team 2's bicycle squad works days as well as evenings and is staffed by seven officers. A benefit of having officers on bicycles is the increased visibility and community accessibility.

The visible, proactive policing style as well as the involvement of the community in Team 2 continue to make a noticeable difference in the area. These efforts will continue to ensure that residents and tourists alike will be able to live free from the fear of violent crime.

11 Tourism Oriented Policing Services (TOPS)

As the shopping and entertainment districts on Peninsular Charleston continue to expand, more tourists are visiting those parts of the city and, in turn, spending more time in each area due to the increased selection of shops and restaurants. Upper King Street has seen the most growth in the past year with several hotels and apartment complexes now under construction. This influx of visitors defines a need for additional police presence to monitor the crowds, respond to calls, and provide tourists with directions or support. The creation of the School Safety Response Team (SSRT) this past year provided some relief as those officers are available to assist in other areas when schools are not in session. Although this assistance is valuable, the growth in Downtown Charleston is showing no signs of stopping and the need for more law enforcement personnel will follow suit.

12 Team 3

During 2013, Team 3 officers and investigators worked diligently to lower property crime. While not as serious as violent crime, car break-ins and burglaries cause serious interruptions in the daily lives of citizens. A stolen laptop from a student's car can ruin an entire semester and a burglary can damage a family's sense of security. In order to lower property crime, Team 3 and the Charleston County Sheriff's Office worked together to develop a joint operation during the months of August and September. Team 3 leaders determined it was necessary to do this due to the number of over-lapping boundaries on both James and Johns Island. Investigators wanted to make sure information was shared between both agencies so any trends and patterns were easily noted. This cooperation led to several important arrests and decreased both burglaries and car break-ins.

Officers continued to meet with neighborhood groups to encourage crime prevention and hear about any areas of concern. Citizens were encouraged to lock their homes and cars. They were also encouraged to call police when they observed anything suspicious. Officers began to more effectively work with the deputies assigned to the Town of James Island. As noted previously, this helped with a spree of car break-ins that occurred earlier in the year. Investigators were able to compare notes and determine the same group of juveniles were targeting areas within the city, the Town of James Island and the County. This led to the arrests of the juveniles and the recovery of most of the stolen property.

During the 2013 Awards Ceremony the Team 3 Power Squad was recognized as the Team of the Year. This four officer unit traditionally works together to target drug crimes but they also concentrate on any areas where there has been an increase in crime. The unit worked throughout the year to identify and arrest drug offenders and remove guns from the street.

13 Team 4

West Ashley Team 4 was both very proactive and productive in 2013. The team, comprised of 78 officers, worked together to reduce overall crime in the West Ashley area by a total of 27% compared to 2012. The largest reduction was seen in Robberies. The team showed a reduction of 45.8% in the number of robberies. This was accomplished by the hard work and dedication of the officers. The proactive work of the team showed an increase in patrols and aggressive tactics in and around our “hot spots” when they developed. Officers increased the number of drug arrests and weapon violations by 29.3%. Getting criminals and weapons off the street was just one of the many tactics used to help reduce the amount of violent crime.

The Community Action Team (CAT) was active in West Ashley communities during 2013. Several new initiatives were created and were supported by CAT members throughout the year and are still ongoing. One program, Friday Night Lights, was developed to give juveniles something to do on Friday nights and give them the opportunity to interact with law enforcement officers. These events took place throughout the City of Charleston and included movies and activities. CAT team members also worked hand in hand with the College of Charleston on a project in the Maryville and Ashleyville neighborhoods that continues today.

Officer Cory Goldstein was awarded the Charleston Police Department’s Medal of Valor for actions taken on March 30, 2013. Officer Goldstein observed a vehicle with a window tint infraction. An initial stop was performed but the suspect sped away. Officer Goldstein followed the vehicle until the suspect ran a red light and turned his lights off. Officer Goldstein continued on Savannah Hwy and found the vehicle against a

guard rail. He saw the suspect fleeing on foot. Officer Goldstein gave chase and during the chase, the suspect turned and fired several rounds from a handgun striking Officer Goldstein in the leg, arm, hand, and chest area covered by his protective vest. Officer Goldstein managed to return fire and struck the suspect several times. Officer Goldstein maintained custody of the suspect until additional officers arrived. Officer Goldstein recovered from his injuries and has returned to full duty.

Sadly, Team 4 lost a team supervisor, mentor and friend in a non-work related traffic accident on November 16, 2013. Sergeant Tony Person was killed in North Charleston from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash. Sgt. Person was a member of the Charleston Police Department for 12 ½ years and worked in several units with different assignments during his time with the department. The loss was felt throughout the team, the department and the community.

14 Team 5

The officers assigned to Team 5 keep in close contact with the residents of their neighborhoods. They displayed their commitment to the community in 2013 by attending numerous community events including National Night Out, business association gatherings, and neighborhood meetings. In this part of the city, officers can reach residents by email when crimes occur near their homes. This tool is particularly important in the event of a rash of car break-ins or vandalisms so that citizens are able to keep an eye out for future suspicious activity.

Technology also allows team leaders to disperse information to citizens during high profile events such as the annual Family Circle Cup. Each April, the Family Circle Cup arrives on Daniel Island along with thousands of spectators and

increased traffic. Since traffic problems can make a normal commute quite stressful for residents, officers work to direct traffic and pedestrians as efficiently as possible so residents will be minimally disturbed. The stadium also attracts concerts and other events during the year. During these events, officers control traffic and make sure concert goers follow the law. This was particularly important during the Widespread Panic concert in 2013. As Widespread Panic normally draws a colorful crowd, residents voiced concerns about the noise level and inappropriate behavior such a concert might create. With careful planning and cooperation with other agencies, the concert went on with minimal disruption to the Daniel Island Community.

As the smallest patrol team, officers assigned to Team 5 have to adjust quickly to schedule changes and new assignments. When someone is out sick, maintaining proper staffing can become a problem. Sudden changes are also necessary during a crime spree. Fortunately, officers take ownership of their assigned communities and make schedule changes in order to pursue the crime at hand. Although a small team, the officers assigned to Team 5 make a difference in the lives of those who live, work, and play on Daniel Island.

15 Hiring Grant

School security has become one of the biggest concerns in our society because of the notable tragic incidents that have occurred and continue to occur on school campuses. Because of this, the Charleston Police Department applied for a grant to help fund the work of our School Resource Officers (SROs). In 2013, the Department was one of several South Carolina law enforcement agencies awarded \$500,000.00. The grant was provided by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). SROs

spend part of each school day looking at potential security issues. They constantly view surveillance recordings, monitor who is coming in and out of the school and walk the campus looking for anything that seems out of place or presents suspicious circumstances. The SRO gets to know the students of their respective schools. That allows them to monitor any tension that may arise within the student body and be proactive in preventing physical altercations that could occur. Being aware of what is going on among the students on campus is crucial to maintaining school safety. Grants like the DOJ's COPS funding help with hiring, training and equipping new officers. School Resource Officers require specialized training due to the unique situations they may face. The COPS Office works to ensure school safety so students can learn in a safe and peaceful environment. They provide this grant as a way for school administrators, teachers, students and parents to work with law enforcement to develop and maintain safe schools.

16 Team 7 - SSRT/SRO

Team 7, also known as Special Units, continued to grow and evolve in 2013. Following the tragic events at Sandy Hook Elementary, Mayor Riley and the Charleston City Council approved funding to develop a group of officers with the primary mission to focus on prevention, mitigation, and response pertaining to countering threats against elementary schools within the city. The 18 officers and 1 sergeant that comprise the School Security Response Team (SSRT) are broken into smaller units, with an assigned number of schools to be monitored and patrolled on a frequent basis.

Prior to the beginning of the most recent school year, officers selected to be a member of SSRT went through the following training: Ad-

vanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training, Tactical Combat Casualty Care, an introduction to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design for Schools, Breaching, Firearms, and Operational Planning. Once the school year began, SSRT Officers formed partnerships with the administrators of the schools in their clusters and developed incident response plans for each school. With the concept of being predictably unpredictable, the officers completed over 16,000 keep a checks and walk & talks in 2013. In addition, there were approximately one dozen instances of SSRT placing a school into Code Yellow (or Administrative Lockdown) for situations near the school. These situations ranged from a subject fleeing on foot from a traffic stop, to a report of a robbery, to domestic altercations.

To aid in the effective management of school liaisons, the department's existing group of School Resource Officers (SROs) were assigned to Special Units. The 12 SROs are assigned to 9 CCSD schools, 1 Berkeley County School District school and 1 charter school on James Island. Between August 2013 through the holiday break, SROs accounted for 64 arrests with charges ranging from disturbing school to unlawful carry of a weapon on school property.

17 Team 7 - Traffic and DUI Unit

2013 was another successful year for the Charleston Police Department's Traffic Unit. While the number of collisions in Charleston continued to rise, the number of collisions resulting in death continued to decline by 56% with 50% fatalities. To this end, the Traffic Unit continually strives to reduce collisions through the targeted enforcement of aggressive traffic.

In 2013, the Traffic Unit applied for and received grant funding for the reimplementation of the DUI Task Force. This grant, which is federally

funded and administered by the state, provides funding for three years for two officers solely dedicated to the enforcement of DUI and other impaired driving offenses. This grant will also fund the acquisition of all the required equipment and training for these officers, including in car radars as well as two new patrol vehicles.

The Traffic Unit continued its support, participation, and sponsorship of Mothers Against Drunk Driving campaign. Each month, officers participate in the monthly Victim Impact Panel, hosted by MADD, to illustrate the real and unseen victims of impaired driving.

Across the United States, injuries and deaths resulting from intoxicated motorists continue to occur at an alarming rate. The problem of intoxicated driving is pronounced within Charleston County — including the City of Charleston. From 2007 to 2010, per the most recent data available, Charleston County was ranked first in South Carolina for fatal and severe injury collisions proximately caused by a driver under the influence of an intoxicant, usually alcohol. Additionally, during this same time period, Charleston County was ranked among the top ten in all South Carolina counties for DUI-related collisions. In 2011, approximately 107 DUI-related collisions occurred within Charleston County.

To combat the epidemic of intoxicated driving within the City, the City of Charleston Police Department applied for and was recently awarded a grant through the State of South Carolina to fund two full time police officers who focus almost exclusively on combating intoxicated driving. The new DUI Unit will augment the existing Traffic Unit that already operates to combat intoxicated driving. The two police officers in this newly-formed DUI Unit work opposite of one another to ensure coverage every day of the week. The officers of this new Unit will patrol during evening

and late night hours when, statistically, the number of intoxicated drivers on the road is greatest. Since starting in January, the DUI Unit is averaging around twenty DUI arrests per month.

By recognizing the prevalence and grave consequences of intoxicated driving within the area, the Charleston Police Department is proactively taking the necessary steps to combat impaired driving. Through enforcement action and public education via programs such as MADD, the Charleston Police Department strives to prevent individuals from posing a public safety hazard by driving intoxicated.

18 Team 7 - K9 Unit

After many changes within the K9 unit in 2012, 2013 saw the retirement of K9s Charlie and Ronan, along with the addition of two new K9 handlers and K9 partners: Officers Bradish and K9 Dulan, along with Officer Thom and K9 Orrie.

While growing, the unit continued to maintain a high level of productivity, simultaneously participating in over 25 special events, including Spoleto, the MOJA Festival, the Cooper River Bridge Run, and the South Eastern Wildlife Exposition. In addition to these special events, the unit conducted hundreds of narcotic sweeps- from traffic stops and port container inspections, to requests by local school officials. The sweeps resulted in large amounts of narcotics being seized in addition to the furthering of various state and federal investigations.

The bedrock of this success is based on the strong training and leadership from within the unit. Throughout the course of the year, members of the unit attended various training seminars, with the primary training focus being to qualify the new K9 teams through the North American Police Work Dog Association Workshop.

19 Team 7 - Underwater Recovery Team (UDT)

The Underwater Recovery Team (UDT) of the Charleston Police Department utilizes special equipment to conduct sweeps, inspections, and recovery operations throughout the city whenever they are called upon. Often times, given the complexity and difficulty of such operations, these tasks are conducted jointly with other local agencies and the United States Coast Guard.

In 2013, the UDT deployed several times in support of Charleston Police operations, as well as for that of other agencies. The deployments included evidence sweeps of areas where firearms were believed to have been disposed of, protective sweeps of various Charleston piers, and security sweeps in support of the Cooper River Bridge Run.

The team is headed by Sergeant Harry Mills and consists of several divers, boatswains, and equipment operators. Together, the team utilizes a vast array of diving, sonar, and recovery equipment. They also utilize several different types of water craft, ranging from rigid hull craft to inflatable type craft. Given Charleston's busy port traffic, continuous harbor activity, and the inherent dangers of underwater operations, a complete debrief and after action report is completed by the entire team to determine strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement. The UDT secured powerful new equipment in 2013- primarily a FLIR, or forward looking infra-red radar, as well as additions and upgrades to the department's underwater Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV).

20 Team 7 - Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT)

The Crisis Negotiation Team trains for and prepares to respond to incidents that include hostage situations, barricaded subjects, and potential suicide victims. The goal of the team is to peacefully resolve the crisis event through negotiation strategies and techniques that preserve the safety and welfare of the hostages, civilians, and law enforcement officers who become part of the incident. In 2013, the team welcomed five new members.

Often deployed in conjunction with the SWAT and Explosive Devices Teams in the overall critical response effort, the team is comprised of a group of officers consisting of a lieutenant, sergeants, senior police officers, and police officers who are highly trained and experienced in negotiating and communicating with people in high risk and dangerous situations.

In order for the team to achieve the objective to preserve the life and safety of those involved in a crisis incident, the unit's training and strategy methods are practiced throughout the year to maintain a high-level of proficiency and optimal effectiveness. The team incorporates cross-training with staff from Charleston Mental Health as well as with other departments within the tri-county area. Four times a year, various local agencies including the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, Dorchester County Sheriff's Office, Mount Pleasant Police Department and many more are involved in joint training aimed at developing inter-agency communication and operating procedures for events that require the resources of multiple agencies. The implementation of the current training program helps to enhance the unity, communication, and response of different agencies to work more succinctly and cohesively together

in the event that a multi-jurisdictional response is needed for a hostage or crisis incident. The training also offers opportunities to share ideas and strategies, which will enhance the success and overall effectiveness of the Crisis Negotiation Team's ability to peacefully resolve future crisis incidents or hostage situations.

21 Team 7 - Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU)

The Civil Disturbance Unit is comprised of a commander, assistant commander, and several squads of specially trained Charleston Police officers equipped to handle large disturbances, outside the scope of the specific patrol teams. These officers undergo, at a minimum, quarterly training in tactics, operations, and drills designed to minimize the amount of time a disturbance is allowed to persist. To that end, the unit has been focusing on the use of dynamic, small-unit tactics better suited to urban environments in favor of traditional "skirmish-line" type tactics.

22 Team 7 - Explosive Devices Team (EDT)

The Explosive Devices Team, commonly referred to as the Bomb Team, had an exciting and action packed year. In addition to conducting joint training exercises with the SWAT team and Crisis Negotiation Team, the Explosive Devices Team also conducts regular training solely dedicated to the mission of locating and disarming potential explosive devices. With the EDT being reduced to only two certified bomb technicians; the department has sought out and secured funding to send two additional officers to the EDT school in early 2014.

The EDT responded to several high profile incidents including locating two Civil War era pro-

jectiles, two suspicious powder calls received in the mail, along with assisting the Mount Pleasant Police Department with a bank robber, who was said to have a grenade.

In addition to these incidents, the EDT also participated in several special events, providing protective sweeps during the Cooper River Bridge Run, Family Circle Cup, Naval Military Ball, Charleston Pride Parade, and all local college graduation ceremonies. The team also assisted Federal Agents during visits of Vice President Biden to the low country.

23 Team 7 - SWAT

The Special Weapons and Tactics Team, commonly known as SWAT, serves as a rapid response unit comprised of highly trained officers, marksmen, and operators. These officers employ a variety of specially equipped vehicles and a wide array of less than lethal munitions to help ensure that the high risk situations they respond to end with the safety of all involved. To reach this aim, the team trains bi-weekly, in conjunction with quarterly training sessions with the department's EOD and CNT.

One of the key additions in 2013 was the development and implementation of an in house department SWAT school for training new members. Because of this, several new members were added to the team in 2013. After training, they will be assigned to various teams and ready to work alongside officers with many years of experience already on the team.

This year, the SWAT Team provided a variety of support to the department, aside from their traditional duties of high risk situations. Throughout the year, the SWAT Team provided dignitary protection support to visiting dignitaries attending various events. They also participated

in several saturation patrols in response to various violent crimes sprees. The team participated in numerous high risk warrant services, which yielded multiple felony arrests, firearms, and large amounts of drugs and cash.

24 Central

Central Investigations is divided into two main divisions to include crimes against property and crimes against persons. The Property Crimes Unit is further divided into areas that tackle burglary, automobile theft, and white collar crime. The Crimes Against Persons Unit includes detectives that focus specifically on violent crimes, special victims, and robbery. Even though a detective may focus on a certain type of crime, every central detective is able to respond to a multitude of calls and further develop the investigative process.

When a crime occurs, a central detective is either dispatched to the incident location to begin the process of the investigation or a detective is assigned the case. A primary goal in any central investigation is to establish sufficient probable cause to effect a custodial arrest, whether on scene or through the warrant process. Before reaching this point, a detective may need to talk to witnesses, talk to the victim, canvass the area, review security footage and conduct interviews. The process of the investigation may be time consuming, meticulous and tiresome, but each detective's contribution provides a vital role in each case.

Central Investigations provide the necessary link between the patrol officer's preliminary investigation and the solicitor's prosecution of the case. Because of their dedication, diligence and methodical investigative process, detectives are able to satisfy the end state of prosecution by redressing the harm a victim has suffered.

The tireless effort of the detectives within Central Investigations allows citizens and tourists to live, work and visit in peace as well as provide penal restitution to those who have been impacted by a criminal act.

25 Special Investigations Unit

The Special Investigations Unit investigates illegal narcotic activity and vice crimes such as prostitution, human trafficking, internet crimes against children and gambling. In 2013, SIU initiated 251 cases that led to 521 arrests. Its philosophy is that citizens ought to demand safe, non-violent, drug free neighborhoods to live, work and raise their families. These officers are committed to developing pro-active strategies targeting street level drug dealers and users who have a negative impact on the quality of life in our neighborhoods. This unit also works with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to prevent illegal narcotics from being transported into the city.

26 Transition to Consolidated Dispatch

Over the past several years, agencies throughout Charleston County have been transitioning to the Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch Center. This center provides a central location for all police, fire, and EMS communications to be managed and allows for better inter-agency collaboration when situations that warrant mutual aid or a response that falls in multiple jurisdictions arise. Preceded by the Charleston Fire Department and a number of other agencies, the Charleston Police Department transitioned in to the Consolidated Dispatch Center on November 19, 2013. All dispatchers that previously worked for the City of Charleston became employees of Charleston County and either assumed the duties

of a dispatcher or call-taker at the center. The transition was seamless and marked only by a simple announcement on the radio stating, “CDC is now handling all communications.” With that, the Communications Center at Charleston Police Headquarters closed its doors and flipped off the lights for the first time in decades. The space previously used for Charleston Police Dispatch is now being converted into a state-of-the-art emergency operations center to be used for major incidents, special event command posts, and the creation of the department’s first Real Time Crime Center.

27 Charleston Police Fund

The Charleston Police Fund continued to grow in 2013 as the 12-member advisory board that works with Chief Mullen sought out funding for items that aren’t attainable with the department’s regular budget. Overall, the goal of the fund is to enhance the quality of life in the city of Charleston by supporting initiatives that provide advanced training for officers and command staff, cutting edge law enforcement technology, and a special focus on community partnerships. Additionally, a website was launched in 2013 to showcase the mission of the Charleston Police Fund in a central location. This site also links to the Coastal Community Foundation’s online giving page which allows citizens to make a contribution to the fund.

2006-2013 Violent Crime & Property Crime Summary for Charleston, SC

Year	Violent Crime ¹			Property Crime ²		
	Number	% Change		Number	% Change	
		vs. prev year	vs. 2006		vs. prev year	vs. 2006
2006	960	--	--	4,358	--	--
2007	909	-5.31	--	4,246	-2.57	--
2008	800	-11.99	--	4,535	6.81	--
2009	597	-25.38	--	3,993	-11.95	--
2010	429	-28.14	--	3,980	-0.33	--
2011	398	-7.23	--	3,754	-5.68	--
2012	296	-25.63	--	3,367	-10.31	--
2013 ³	237	-19.93	-75.31	3,241	-3.74	-25.63

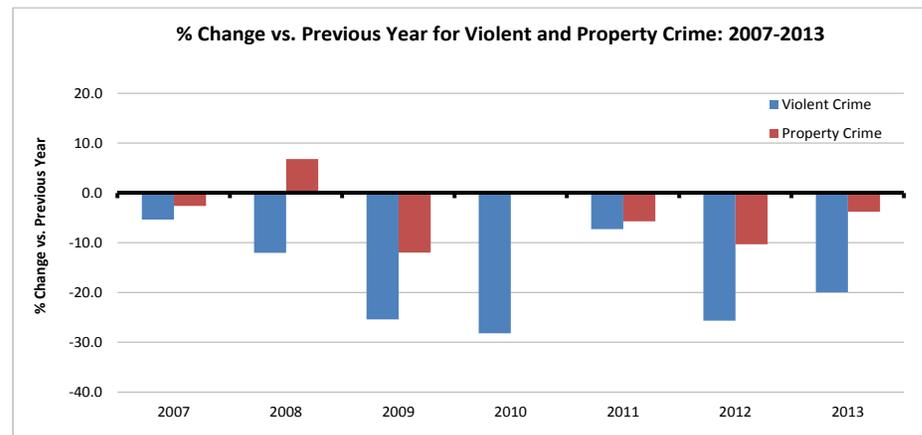
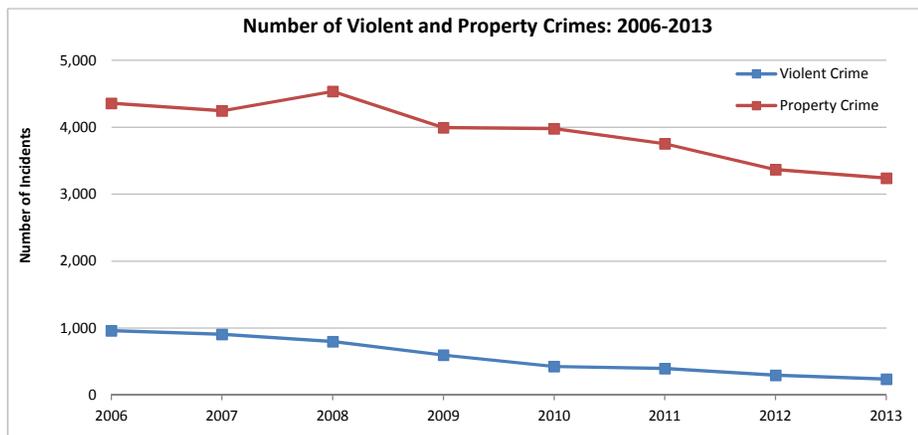
¹Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault

²Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft

³Based on SLED Uniform Crime Report data

Sources: FBI Uniform Crime Report, Table 8 (2006-2012); SLED Uniform Crime Report (2013)

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2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS



TEAM OF THE YEAR
Team 3
Power Squad



**POLICE OFFICER
OF THE YEAR**
PO Jeffrey Pasquale



**PROBATIONARY OFFICER
OF THE YEAR**
PPO Ryan Miller



**FLEET SERVICES
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**
Evelyn Grant



**CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE
OF THE YEAR**
Ms. Angela Burgess



**VOLUNTEER
OF THE YEAR**
Mr. Daniel Prentice



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
Mr. Brian White



LIFE SAVING AWARD
PO Cory Broadwater



LIFE SAVING AWARD
PO Michael Calore



MEDAL OF VALOR
PO Cory Goldstein

2013 RETIREES



Elisabeth Spencer
Elder Support Unit
 21 Years of Service



MPO Edmund Davis
Mounted Patrol Unit
 18 Years of Service



Steven Thomas
Fleet Services Unit
 15 Years of Service



PO Kay Wang
Team 3
 14 Years of Service

Retirees Not Pictured:

- Carroll Buggs 17 years
- Charles Reynolds 14 years
- MPO Deborah Fritts..... 25 years



Sgt. Tony Wayne Person Jr.
Feb. 5, 2001 – Nov. 16, 2013

Charleston Police Sergeant Tony Wayne Person Jr. died November 16, 2013 as a result of injuries he sustained in a traffic accident in North Charleston.

Sgt. Person joined the Charleston Police Department on February 5, 2001, where he was assigned as a patrolman in Team 3. On June 16, 2003, he became the Team 3 Investigator, where he began his interest in solving criminal cases. He later joined the Tactical Anti-Crime Team in December 2005, where he was very proactive until his transfer to the Central Investigations Division on August 28, 2006. In that unit he had the opportunity to successfully work multiple major crime cases.

On November 1, 2009, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant of Police. In that capacity, he served as a Patrol Supervisor in Team 1, Team 5 and then as the Power Shift Supervisor in Team 4.

He also was a member of the Explosive Device Team and a former member of the Police Environmental Response Unit.

Sergeant Person was known to perform admirably any assigned task often going above and beyond the call of duty simply because of his genuine concern for others.



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