

ANNUAL REPORT



2024

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CHIEF'S LETTER

The Anniston Police Department is committed to providing exceptional service to our community while upholding our mission to protect and serve. We take pride in our innovative policies and programs that have helped us become a leader in law enforcement. Our use of body-worn cameras and accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies are just a few examples of our proactive approach.

We value our relationship with the community we serve, and we strive to build trust through transparency and daily interactions. Our officers are encouraged to engage with the public regularly, not just during calls for service or traffic stops. We believe this will foster good relationships and help us better understand the needs of our community.

We recognize the importance of social media in reaching out to the public, and we were one of the first agencies in the area to expand our presence on these platforms. Our success has been noticed by other law enforcement agencies, and we are proud to share our knowledge with them. We also invite members of our community to join us in our mission. You can contact us anytime by phone, email, or mail. Our website at www.anniston.al.gov/police has all the information you need to get in touch.

We would like to thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to serving our community with excellence.

Sincerely,

Chief Nick Bowles



AGENCY PROFILE

1
CHIEF

4
CAPTAINS

7
LIEUTENANTS

11
SERGEANTS

61
OFFICERS

9
**SUPPORT
STAFF**

Since 1883, the Anniston Police Department has been a pillar of the community, committed to providing professional law enforcement services to the City of Anniston. Our primary goal is to ensure the safety of our citizens, and we take great pride in doing so.

Our department is located at 174 West 13th Street and consists of 84 sworn positions and nine civilian positions. We offer services to both the city limits and the police jurisdiction, which has an estimated combined population of 41,007 residents.

At the helm of the Anniston Police Department is Chief Nick Bowles, who has been with the department for 24 years, having served in every rank before his appointment as Chief of Police in July 2020. Chief Bowles graduated from the Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy in November 2000 and has since earned over 1,400 hours of continuing education. He obtained a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Central Christian College of Kansas and is a member of the Alabama Chiefs of Police Association.

Chief Bowles began his career at the department in August 2000 as a patrolman in the Uniform Division, later transitioning to the Investigative Division. For the last decade, he has held various supervisory positions, including commanding the Special Response Team and creating the Community Relations Unit. He has contributed significantly to the department's initiatives, such as updating policies and procedures, producing the first recruiting video, and earning our first certification from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Our department is committed to providing the highest quality law enforcement services to our community. Through innovation, training, and effective leadership, we strive to reduce violent crime and maintain a safe environment for all citizens.



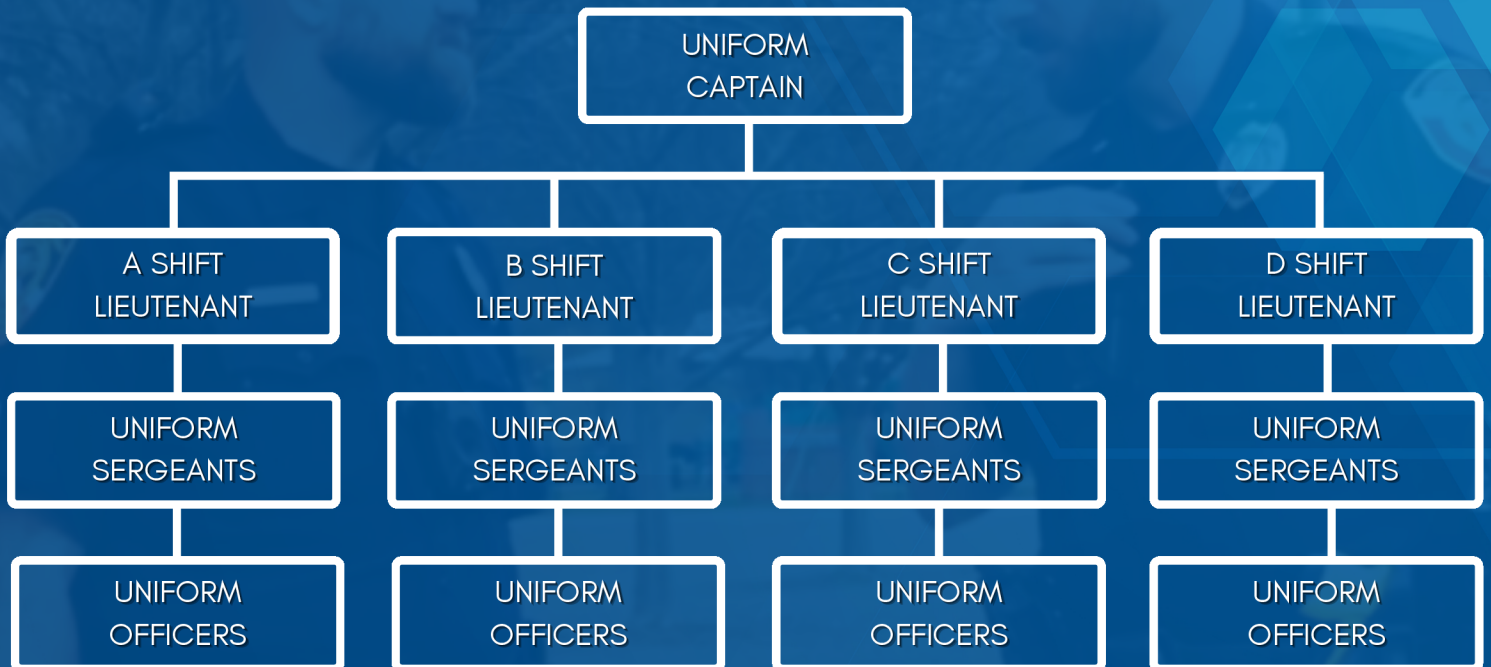
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

The organizational chart of the Anniston Police Department is listed here. The four divisions (Uniform, Special Operations, Investigative, and Administrative) and the Training and Inspections Unit all have commanders that report directly to the Chief of Police. Each division and unit listed here will be described in greater detail on the following pages.



UNIFORM DIVISION

The Uniform Division, also known as the "Patrol Division," is led by Captain Matt Caballero. This division is the largest in the Anniston Police Department and considered its core component. The division caters to police service calls and preventive patrol, 24 hours a day. The division is divided into four shifts, each commanded by a lieutenant and overseen by two sergeants. A fully staffed shift consists of 10 officers and supervision.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Special Operations Division, led by Captain Justin Sanford, carries out a range of responsibilities. These include animal control, traffic enforcement, traffic accident investigations, information technology systems management, crime analysis, fleet management, street-level crime investigations, and providing law enforcement support to the local school system. When fully staffed, the division comprises a lieutenant, sergeant, four street crimes officers, two school resource officers, a traffic accident investigator, two civilian animal control officers, and one investigator assigned to the 7th Judicial Major Crimes Unit.



INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

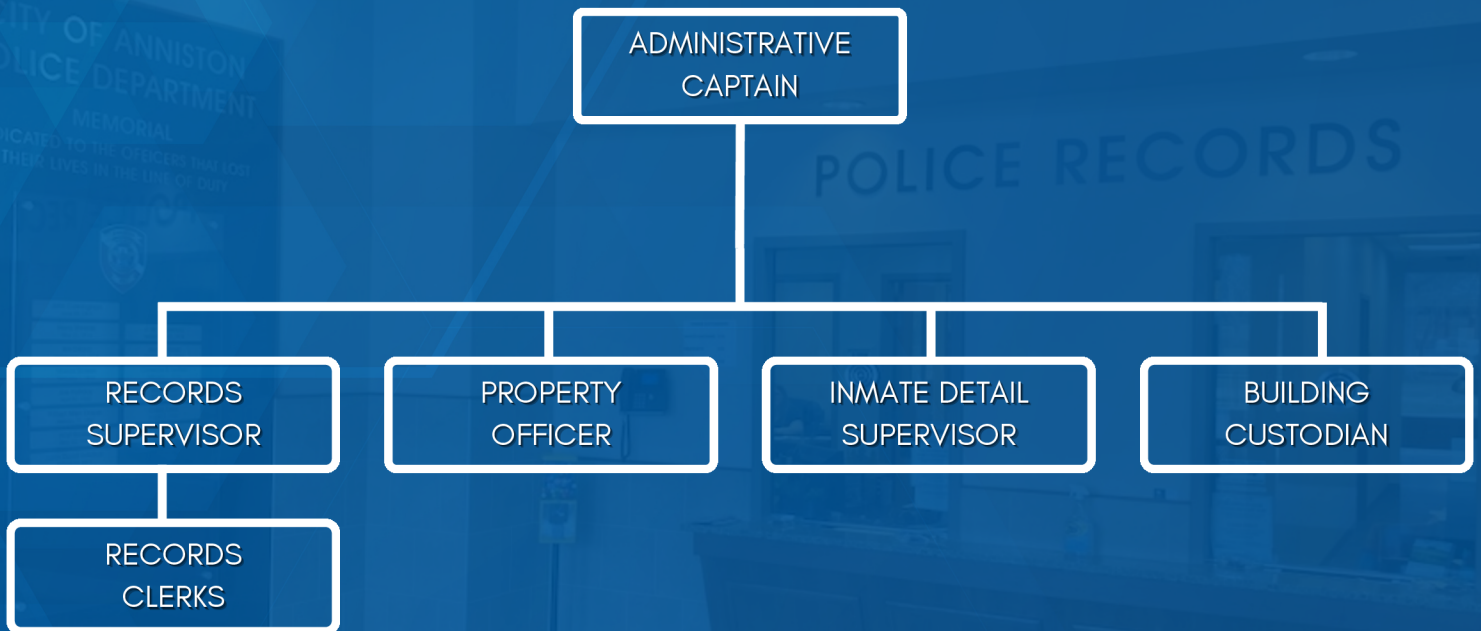
The Investigative Division, led by Captain Emily McCullars, is tasked with conducting follow-up investigations on reported crimes, gathering and analyzing evidence, locating and arresting individuals with outstanding warrants, and conducting sex offender notifications. This division comprises of a lieutenant, sergeant, eight case investigators, three crime lab technicians, two warrant officers, and a division secretary when fully staffed.



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

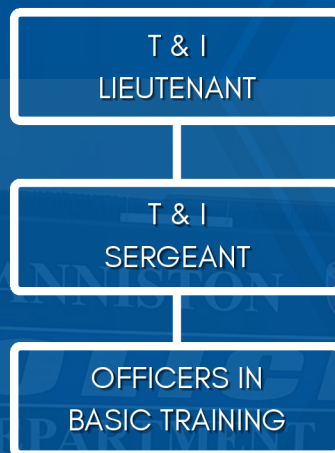
The Administrative Division, led by Captain Clint Parris, oversees various tasks, including the police budget, equipment and supplies procurement, record keeping, property control, facility maintenance, and inmate work detail. Additionally, the civilian side of this branch is comprised of a records supervisor, two clerks, an inmate work detail supervisor, and a building custodian. A sworn police officer manages the property room and takes walk-in reports during regular business hours.

The division's commander works with the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office and Calhoun County 9-1-1 to coordinate communication and jail services that are contracted out to these entities.



TRAINING & INSPECTIONS UNIT

The Training and Inspections Unit, commanded by Lieutenant Brett Lloyd, plays an integral role in the recruitment and training of police personnel. Additionally, this unit handles internal affairs investigations and oversees the management of personnel records and systems. A sergeant supervises the training function of this unit. New police officers are placed under this unit as they undergo basic police academy training.



2024 NEW HIRES



DERRICK DELANEY



JEFFERY FINLEY



GREGORY FRAZIER



JORGE GALVIS-MONROY



JAYLON LEWIS



PAIGE SMITH



MATTHEW SPATH



ZACHARY WALLACE



GRAYSON WIMPEE



LILLY WORKMAN



TARIC YOUNG

Police Academy

DIRECTOR'S AWARD

Officer Paige Smith



Officer Paige Smith graduated from the Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy on August 8, 2024. She received the prestigious Director's Award for the 192nd Basic Session, which represents the highest honor attainable by a graduate of the academy. This accolade is awarded to the top graduate of each class in recognition of exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication to duty.

Retirements 2024



Lieutenant Tim Suits
27 Years
1997 - 2024



Lieutenant Donny Smith
25 Years
1999 - 2024

Congratulations!

2024 PROMOTIONS



Justin Hartley
Promoted to Lieutenant



Randy Grier
Promoted to Lieutenant

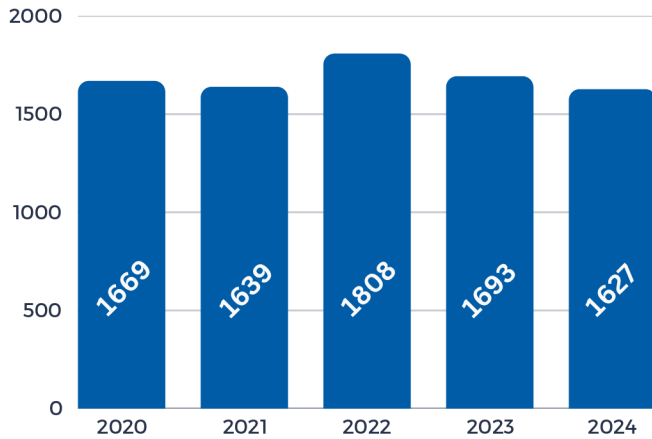


Preston Sorrell
Promoted to Sergeant



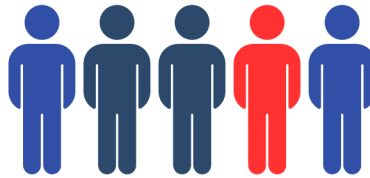
Donald McGraw
Promoted to Sergeant

CRIME TREND BY THE NUMBERS



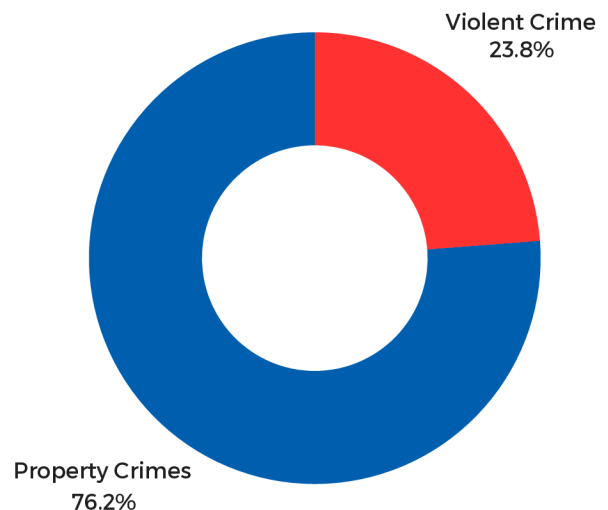
FIVE-YEAR CRIME TABLE

Part 1 crime encompasses both violent and property crimes, with the Anniston Police Department receiving a total of 1627 reports in the 2024 calendar year. There was a 3.90% decrease in Part 1 crime from the previous year. The chart on the left provides a visual representation of the total number of Part 1 crimes reported over the past five years.



VIOLENT VS PROPERTY CRIME

387 violent crimes and 1240 property crimes were reported to the Anniston Police Department during 2024. Violent crime is composed of four offenses: homicide, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crime is composed of three offenses: burglary, theft, and motor vehicle theft. 66.67% of violent crime and 43.49% of property crime cases were cleared. (Cleared by arrest of the suspect or by exceptional means)



48.99%

Part 1 Offense Crime
Clearance Rate for 2024

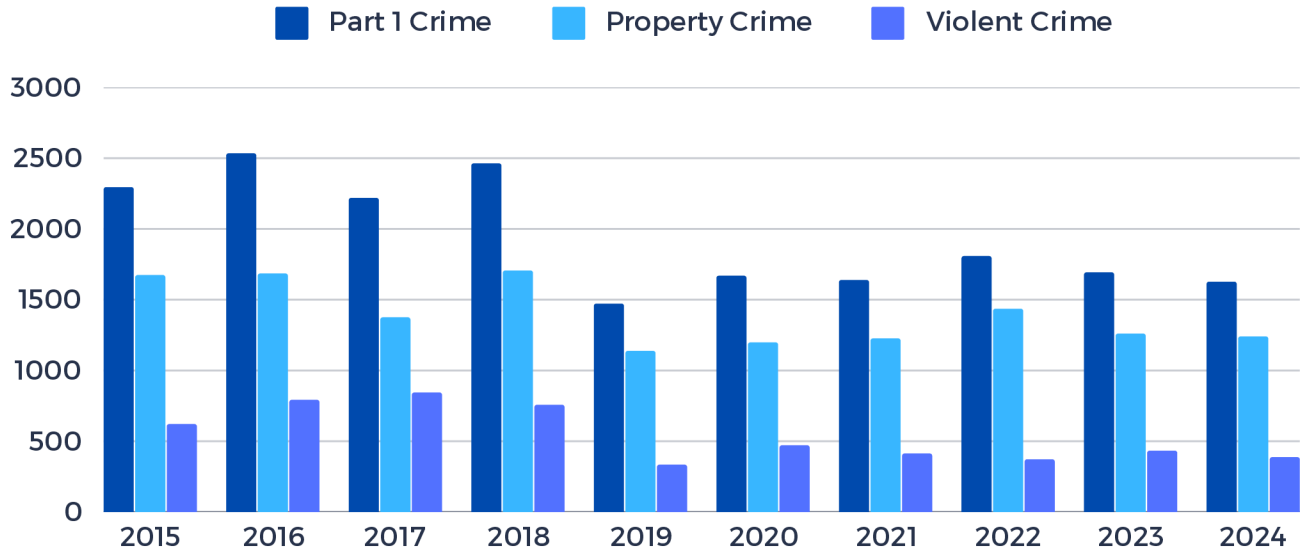
66.67%

Violent Crime Clearance
Rate for 2024

43.49%

Property Crime Clearance
Rate for 2024

TEN YEAR CRIME CHART



POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS

EXAMINING THE NUMBERS

Over the last several years, crime rates in Anniston have experienced a downward trend. During 2016, there were a staggering 2,534 Part 1 crimes reported, with 792 of those crimes being violent. That year had the highest Part 1 crime rate over the past decade but was closely followed by 2017 and 2018. When viewing the numbers for 2024, there was a 35.79% decrease in Part 1 crime, a 26.41% decrease in property crime, and a 51.14% decrease in violent crime as compared to 2016. This decline in crime rates indicates a positive trend towards a safer community.

PART 1 CRIME



36%



PROPERTY CRIME



26%



VIOLENT CRIME



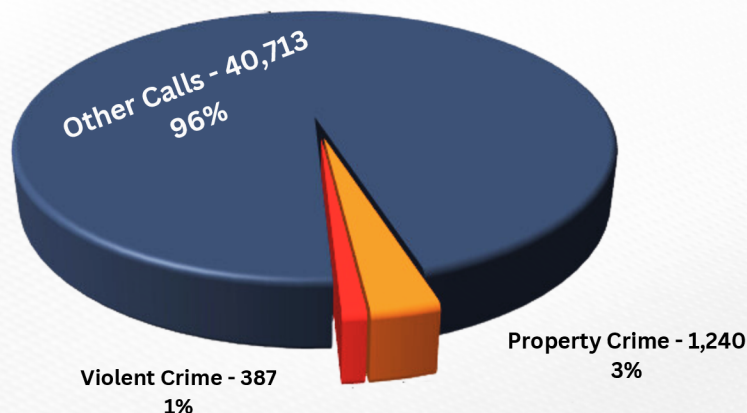
51%



42,340 CALLS FOR SERVICE

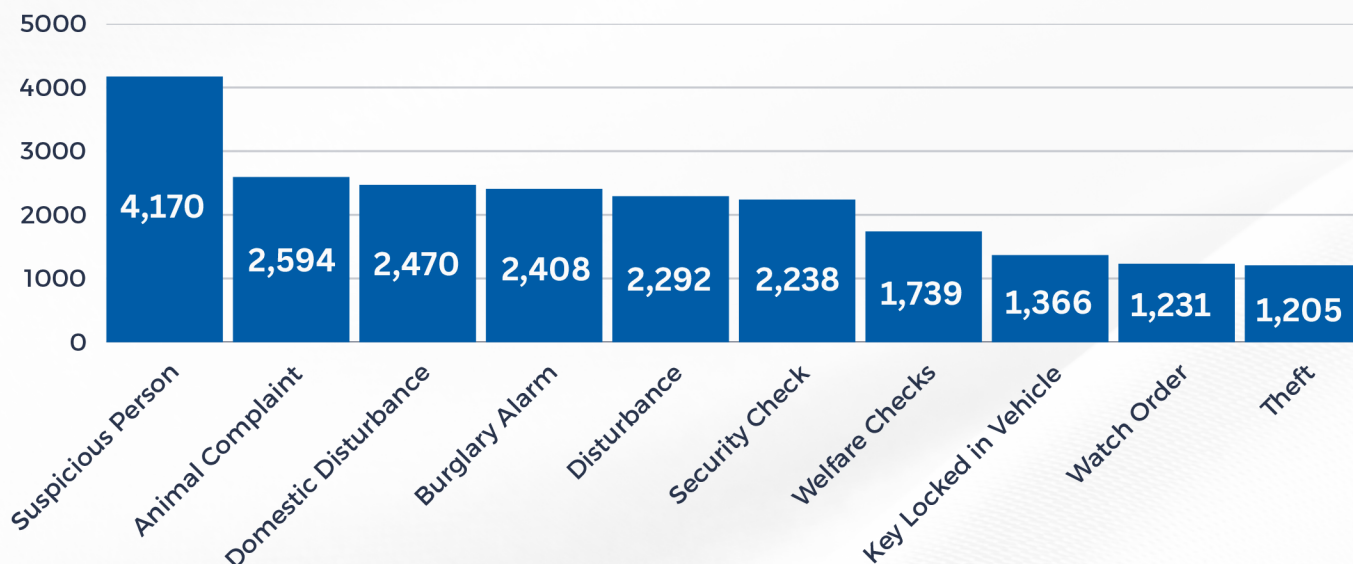
The Anniston Police Department responded to 42,340 service calls in 2024. Based on the most recent US Census data from 2020, the department serves a total population of 41,007 residents. Of these residents, 21,562 live within the city limits, while the remaining residents reside in the police jurisdiction, an area approximately three miles outside the city boundaries. Only four percent of the calls were related to Part 1 crime, and violent crime accounted for just one percent.

Crime reports often present skewed numbers when calculating crime rates as they typically consider only the city population, neglecting areas outside city limits covered by police departments. This leads to inflated crime rates for cities that extend their services to police jurisdictions. For instance, if a city serves a population of 100 residents, including the police jurisdiction, and 10 crimes are reported, the accurate crime rate would be 10%. This means citizens would have a 1 in 10 chance of being a crime victim based on accurate population figures. However, if the crime report includes only 50 city residents but uses the same 10 crimes in its calculations, it would erroneously show a 20% crime rate for the city. This would imply that citizens have a 1 in 5 chance of being victims of crime, which is misleading due to the inaccurate population count.



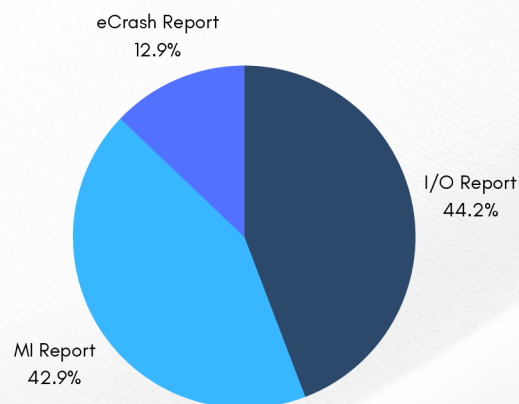
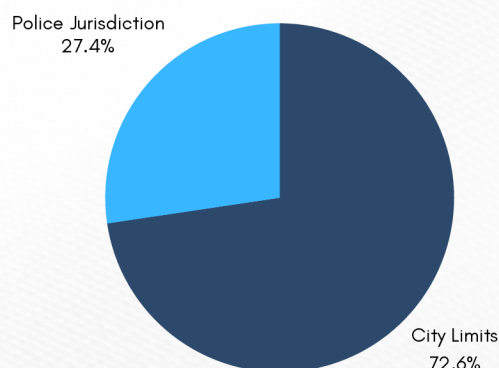
Violent Crime 01 %
Property Crime 03 %
All Other Calls 96 %

TOP TEN CALLS FOR SERVICE



Out of 42,340 calls for service, 72.6% occurred within the city limits, while 27.4% were in the police jurisdiction. Additionally, 3,266 Incident/Offense reports were filed, along with 3,172 Miscellaneous Incident reports, and 950 Traffic Accident reports (eCrash). In 2024, there were 447 felony arrests, and 1,740 misdemeanor arrests conducted. The top 10 calls for service accounted for 51% of all of the total calls for service. They are listed on the chart above.

There were 10,101 traffic stops conducted in addition to the calls for service. 21% of the stops resulted in a traffic citation and 493 people were arrested.



10,101 TRAFFIC STOPS
2,176 TICKETED
493 ARRESTED



447 FELONY ARRESTS
1,740 MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS

2024 CALLS BY ZONE

Zone 8

Anniston is organized into eight response zones, with an officer assigned to each zone around the clock. Below is the breakdown of call requests for each zone in 2024:

Zone 1: 3,460 Calls for Service

Zone 2: 3,271 Calls for Service

Zone 3: 5,923 Calls for Service

Zone 4: 7,731 Calls for Service

Zone 5: 4,501 Calls for Service

Zone 6: 3,137 Calls for Service

Zone 7: 7,088 Calls for Service

Zone 8: 6,859 Calls for Service

2024 TOP 5 CALLS BY ZONE

Zone 1

1. Alarm Call - 329
2. Security Check - 238
3. Animal Problem - 206
4. Suspicious Person - 205
5. Welfare Check - 177

Zone 2

1. Suspicious Person - 275
2. Alarm Call - 266
3. Domestic Disturbance - 202
4. Disturbance - 193
5. Animal Problem - 167

Zone 3

1. Suspicious Person - 788
2. Security Check - 437
3. Disturbance - 341
4. Domestic Disturbance - 257
5. Alarm Call - 253

Zone 4

1. Suspicious Person - 855
2. Animal Problem - 458
3. Disturbance - 425
4. Alarm Call - 386
5. Domestic Disturbance - 355

Zone 5

1. Suspicious Person - 404
2. Alarm Call - 315
3. Security Check - 297
4. Animal Problem - 287
5. Disturbance - 274

Zone 6

1. Suspicious Person - 301
2. Domestic Disturbance - 265
3. Animal Problem - 239
4. Disturbance - 193
5. Alarm Call - 158

Zone 7

1. Suspicious Person - 750
2. Domestic Disturbance - 581
3. Animal Problem - 545
4. Security Check - 439
5. Disturbance - 390

Zone 8

1. Suspicious Person - 585
2. Animal Problem - 450
3. Security Check - 404
4. Alarm Call - 402
5. Domestic Disturbance - 387

APD Community Relations Unit



CRU Summary of Events and Donations for 2024

Over 1500 toys donated to
nearly 80 families, benefiting
around 140 children

Over 1,100 food items donated

FOOD DRIVE

The Anniston Police Department needs your help! Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and we want to ensure that everyone in our community gets a good holiday meal! Please donate any non-perishable items! Deadline for donations is November 25th!

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
174 W 13th St, Anniston, AL 36201
The Anniston Police Department Front Lobby

ANNISTON POLICE TOY DRIVE

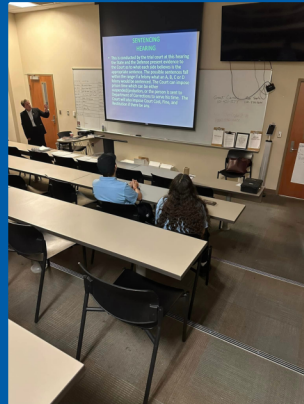
DROP OFF A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY UNTIL 12/18
In the main lobby of the Anniston Police Department
174 West 13th Street

We invite the citizens of our community to come together with our staff in donating gifts to families in need during the holiday season



2024 YES PROGRAM

The Anniston Police Department's Youth Explorer and Service Program (YES) is a mentoring program for teens and young adults aspiring to careers in law enforcement. Each cadet is paired with a mentor from the Anniston Police Department, gaining practical experience through classroom activities, ride-alongs, physical fitness sessions, and more. The mission is to build relationships that inspire youth to impact their communities positively through public service. YES emphasizes core values of Community, Honor, Integrity, and Professionalism, aiming to enhance trust and relationships between law enforcement and the community.



The Anniston Six

APD K9 Unit



Corporal Yarbrough
K9 Chopper



Corporal Chaffin
K9 Ink



Officer O'Tinger
K9 Izzy



Corporal Underwood
K9 Louie



Corporal Bush
K9 Odin



Officer Masiak
K9 Zeus



Officer of the Year 2024



Corporal Christopher Bush

Corporal Bush has been a valued member of the Anniston Police Department for four years. Throughout his time with the department, he has evolved into a skilled and versatile police officer. His commitment to his profession is evident in the amount of effort he dedicates to his assigned responsibilities. He is particularly passionate about combating drug-related crimes in Anniston, which motivated him to join the department's Street Crimes unit.

Recognizing the need for a K9 handler, he proactively sought out this role. Through his research, he discovered Hurricane Creek, a Georgia-based organization that rescues and trains dogs for law enforcement use. Thanks to his early achievements as a K9 handler and the program's affordability, he played a key role in establishing the largest K9 program in Anniston's history. Today, there are six K9 teams in operation, a testament to Bush's dedication, research, and strong work ethic. He frequently assists others by providing training support as well.