GRAND PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2019 ANNUAL REPORT
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Mission
The Grand Prairie Police Department is dedicated to service and partnering with our community to maintain a safe environment with a high quality of life.

Values
COMMITMENT. To service through community partnerships, innovation and a holistic approach to policing.

PRIDE. In our appearance, in our professionalism and in safeguarding our community.

RESPECT. For our profession and for those we serve.

Motto
We Protect and Serve
Welcome to the Grand Prairie Police Department’s 2019 Annual Report. We have had a number of notable accomplishments this year which would not have been possible without the dedicated support of our citizens, elected officials and city management.

Our teamwork in 2019 led us to many notable accomplishments for our community including a 41% reduction in Part 1 Crimes since 2010; the creation of a GPPD Drone Unit to increase criminal apprehensions and enhance officer safety; implementation of the Cops, Cuts, and Curls Community Policing initiative to create more dialogue with citizens through interactions at salons and barber shops; final implementation of the GPPD Real Time Crime Center; implementation of the GPPD Fit Force comprehensive wellness program for police officers based on four cornerstones: physical, financial, spiritual, and emotional; the Clean Prairie initiative – Pride of Ownership and Occupancy - designed at improving cleanliness and orderliness across the City; GPPD Success Closet designed to help those in need dress for success; GPPD Basketball Skills Camp; the introduction of the Mayor’s Mentoring Program involving a Grand Prairie-based Big Brothers Big Sisters program and the H.E.L.P. (Helping Explore Life’s Potential) GPPD Mentoring Program.

Last year was also a sad year for us as we lost Officer A.J. Castaneda #472 who was tragically killed while honorably serving his community. A.J. was one of the finest people I’ve ever known and one of the best police officers I’ve had the privilege to serve alongside. I remain forever grateful to our amazing police department and community for their tremendous efforts in honoring A.J.’s life, legacy, service, and his family. He, along with our other Fallen Heroes Lyndon King and Greg Hunter, will NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

In closing, I want to express what an honor and privilege it was to serve as your Chief of Police for 8 ½ years. While I often receive credit for our many accomplishments, all the accolades belong to the members of GPPD and those who support us. We have truly built the premier law enforcement agency in the nation and I look forward to our future as Chief Scesney leads us to even higher heights. God Bless each of you for supporting me, as Chief, and I look forward to continuing to serve you in my new role as Deputy City Manager.

Sincerely,

Chief Steve Dye
Chief of Police (2011-2020)
POLICE ADMINISTRATION

Steve Dye
CHIEF OF POLICE
972-237-8713

Ronnie Morris
ASSISTANT CHIEF
972-237-8834

Daniel Scesney
ASSISTANT CHIEF
972-237-8911

Christy Martinez
ASSISTANT CHIEF
972-237-8758

Larry Simmons
DEPUTY CHIEF
972-237-8907

Mike Gudgel
DEPUTY CHIEF
972-237-8809

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS 2018-2019

$42,381,104 Personnel Services
$2,280,383 Supplies
$5,602,225 Services
$637,000 Capital Outlay
$217,416 Grant Match
$51,118,128 Total Appropriations

ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS 2018-2019

58 Complaints Investigated
1 Justified Use of Deadly Force
21 Sustained
1 Not Sustained
25 Unfounded
5 Exonerated
3 Pending
3 Closed by other means
PERSONNEL AND TRAINING
972-237-8690

- **13** Police Officers Hired
- **65** Non-Sworn Employees Hired
- **201** Background Investigations
- **206** Training Classes
- **4068** Training Hours

RETIREES

Victoria Anderson
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Emil Balliet
CHAPLAIN

Stephen Davis
LIEUTENANT

Kirk Garza
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Lyle Gensler
POLICE OFFICER

Gary Newton
SERGEANT

Wayman Nunn
POLICE OFFICER

Mitch Szempruch
POLICE OFFICER

Debra Willis
CIVILIAN INVESTIGATOR

Joe Wood
POLICE OFFICER

Jerry Talbert
CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Tobianne Vaughn
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST
FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

PATROL
972-237-8724

75,526 Citizen-Initiated Calls for Service
113,237 Officer-Initiated Calls for Service
188,763 Total Calls for Service
57,495 Traffic Stops

K-9

549 Deployments
278 Narcotic Finds
25 K-9 Demonstrations

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FRONT DESK

8,521 Front Desk Calls
1,157 Lobby Calls

COMMUNICATIONS
972-237-8790

122,373 911 Calls Received
114,287 Non-Emergency Calls
236,660 Total

94% Percentage of 911 Calls Answered within 10 Seconds

SWAT
972-237-8769

34 High Risk Search Warrants Served
3 Barricaded Persons Incidents Resolved
37 Total SWAT Unit Activations
8,560 SWAT Training Hours
36 SWAT Demonstrations

972-237-8769

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### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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<td>1,673</td>
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- **Value of Property Recovered:** $5,661,886.00
- **Arrests:** 9,400
- **Average Stay:** 2.80
### INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

#### Crisis Counseling
- **61** Crisis Counseling

#### Information/Referrals in Person
- **2,521** Information/Referrals in Person

#### Justice Support Advocacy
- **776** Justice Support Advocacy

#### Emergency Financial Assistance
- **7** Emergency Financial Assistance

#### Emergency Legal Assistance
- **1,334** Emergency Legal Assistance

#### Assistance Filing Compensation Claims
- **1,757** Assistance Filing Compensation Claims

#### Personal Advocacy
- **1,537** Personal Advocacy

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#### Crime Scene
- **1,574** Crime Scenes Processed
- **741** Evidence Items Processed in Crime Scene Lab
- **74,681** Fingerprint Comparisons
- **1541** Latent Fingerprints Submitted to AFIS/AFIX Tracker
- **172** AFIS/AFIX Hits
- **127** Manual IDs
- **30** Call Outs

#### Victim Assistance
- **Due to an increase of fingerprints submitted by Patrol after focused training and the addition of adequate supplies.**

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#### Financial Analyst

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<td>Drug Monies K-9 Alerted To</td>
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#### UCR Part 1 Crimes
- **6** Murder
- **39** Rape
- **135** Robbery
- **222** Aggravated Assault
- **503** Burglary
- **3,117** Theft
- **509** Auto Theft

#### Drug Seizures
- **109,460 / grams** Marihuana
- **72,547 / grams** Methamphetamine
- **$1,433,161.78 / grams** Assets/Currency Seized
- **1435.4 / grams** Heroin
- **24,106 / grams** Cocaine (Powder & Crack)
- **$2,526,430.50 / grams** Drugs Seized
SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE
972-237-8724

21,930 Items Received
13,452 Items Disposed
35,382 Items Flowed Through
551 Firearms Seized

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

TRAFFIC UNIT 972-237-8724

Crashes

3,823 Total Collisions Reported
2,734 Non-Injury Collisions
1,089 Injury Collisions
13 Traffic Fatalities
1,035 Hit & Run Collisions

Citations

24,023 Traffic Unit
6,650 STEP
22,914 Patrol/Other
1,317 School Zone Speed Violations
771 Truck Route Violations
53,587 Total Citations

RECORDS 972-237-8740

24,848 Reports Entered into RMS
9,212 Visitors to Lobby
9,573 Arrest Bookings
2,885 Crash Reports Purchased Online

$106,669.28 Fees Collected
15,115 Open Records Requests
853 P2C Online Reports
### AUTO POUND

**972-237-4100**

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<td>Vehicles Released</td>
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<td>Vehicles Crushed</td>
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**Auction Revenue**: $741,970.35

### CODE COMPLIANCE

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<td>Vehicles Towed</td>
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**Citizen Contacts**: 6,840

**Neighborhood Enrichment Team (NET Cases)**: 130

**Illegal Signs Removed**: 6,246

### COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

**972-237-8820**

- **New Crime Watches Organized**: 2
- **National Night Out Events**: 55
- **Child ID Kits Distributed**: 189
- **Nuisance Abatement Investigations**: 23
- **Neighborhood Watch Groups/Trainings**: 47
- **Citizen Police Academies / Graduates**: 2/59
- **Business Security Surveys**: 151
- **Residential Security Surveys**: 13
- **Alcohol Compliance Operations**: 14

**Volunteers**

- **Active Volunteers**: 131
- **Total Hours**: 22,940

**Equivalent Value ($24.64/Hourly)**: $583,364.20

*source: Independentsector.org*
FALLEN OFFICERS

WE PROTECT AND SERVE

It is not how these officers died that made them heroes. It is how they lived.

Sergeant Gregory L. Hunter

Sergeant Gregory L. Hunter began his law enforcement career with the Grand Prairie Police Department on January 4, 1973. He was the city’s first African-American Officer to be commissioned by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. On Friday, June 18, 2004, Sergeant Hunter was mortally wounded while he and Officer Bruce Seix investigated a suspicious vehicle at Walmart. Sergeant Hunter was ambushed by the suspect who opened fire as he emerged from behind a curtain inside his van. Sergeant Hunter is survived by his wife Denise and their daughter Erin.

Officer Lyndon F. King

Officer Lyndon F. King began his career as a Reserve Officer in 1973. He became a full time officer on July 7, 1976. On March 1, 1982, he became the first Grand Prairie Police Officer to be killed in the line of duty. Officer King was investigating an accident on Interstate 30 near the N.W. 7th Street overpass. He was killed in an accident when a drunk driver struck his squad car from the rear, sending it into a spin, striking Officer King. Officer King is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and his son, Michael, who was 18 months old at the time of his line of duty death.

Officer A.J. Castaneda

On June 7, 2019, Police Officer AJ Castaneda was struck and killed by a vehicle while running radar on the President George Bush Turnpike, near Dickey Road. Officer Castaneda was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran. He had served with the Grand Prairie Police Department for five years and had previously served with the Tarrant County Sheriff’s Office for six years. He is survived by one child.