



GRAND PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WE PROTECT AND SERVE

**2019
ANNUAL
REPORT**





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GRAND PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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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



CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Sincerely,

Chief Steve Dye

Chief of Police (2011-2020)

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.

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

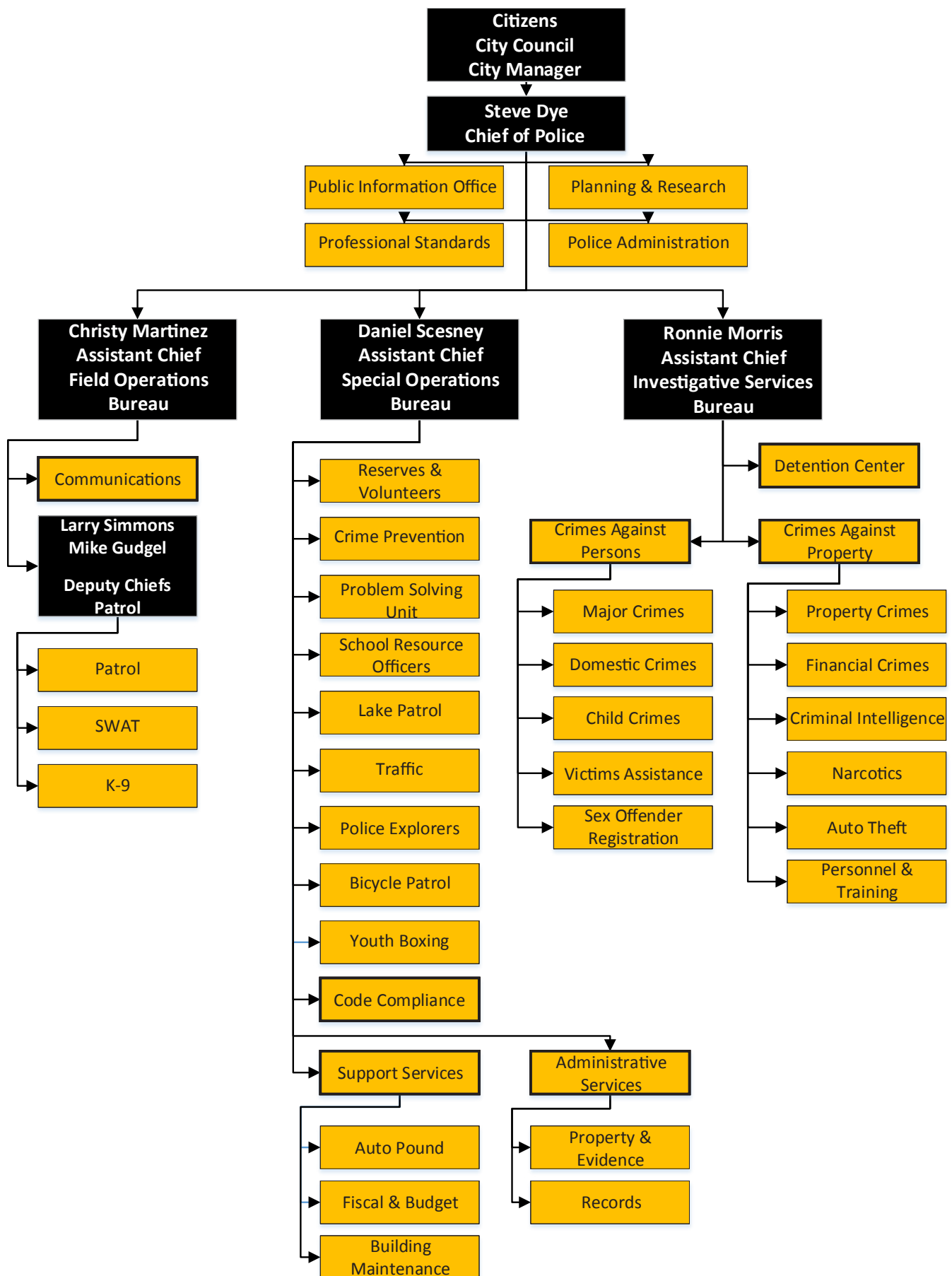
25 Unfounded

5 Exonerated

3 Pending

3 Closed by other means

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



PERSONNEL AND RETIREES



PERSONNEL AND TRAINING

972-237-8690

13

Police Officers Hired

206

Training Classes

65

Non-Sworn Employees Hired

4068

Training Hours

201

Background Investigations

RETIREES

Victoria Anderson

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Gary Newton

SERGEANT

Debra Willis

CIVILIAN INVESTIGATOR

Emil Balliet

CHAPLAIN

Wayman Nunn

POLICE OFFICER

Joe Wood

POLICE OFFICER

Stephen Davis

LIEUTENANT

Mitch Szempruch

POLICE OFFICER

Kirk Garza

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

Jerry Talbert

CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Lyle Gensler

POLICE 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

37

Total SWAT Unit Activations

3

Barricaded Persons Incidents Resolved

8,560

SWAT Training Hours

36

SWAT Demonstrations



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU



DETENTION

972-237-8951

9,400

Arrests

2.80

Average Stay

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

972-237-8724

Major Crimes

1,451

Cases Assigned for Investigation

215

Cases Filed

Auto Theft

1,140

Cases Assigned for Investigation

152

Cases Filed

Property Crimes

4,482

Cases Assigned for Investigation

875

Cases Filed

Financial Crimes

772

Cases Assigned for Investigation

92

Cases Filed

Domestic Crimes

1,673

Cases Assigned for Investigation

753

Cases Filed

Other

689

Investigative Search Warrants

\$5,661,886.00

Value of Property Recovered

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 |

UCR Part 1 Crimes

| | |
|--------------|--------------------|
| 6 | Murder |
| 39 | Rape |
| 135 | Robbery |
| 222 | Aggravated Assault |
| 503 | Burglary |
| 3,117 | Theft |
| 509 | Auto Theft |

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

Victim Assistance

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|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 61 | Crisis Counseling |
| 2,521 | Information/Referrals in Person |
| 776 | Justice Support Advocacy |
| 7 | Emergency Financial Assistance |
| 1,334 | Emergency Legal Assistance |
| 1,757 | Assistance Filing Compensation Claims |
| 1,537 | Personal Advocacy |

Financial Analyst

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|---|---------------------|
| Cases Assigned for Investigation | 1662 |
| Cases Filed | 1576 |
| Vice/Drug Complaints | 161 |
| K-9 Deployments | 115 |
| Building/Residential Searches for Narcotics | 87 |
| Vehicle Searches for Narcotics | 57 |
| Demonstrations | 2 |
| Drug Monies K-9 Alerted To | \$168,835.00 |



Drug Seizures

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|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| 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

Cases Filed

572 DWI

4

DUI - Minor

1

Intoxication Assault

1

Intoxication Manslaughter

135

Other Criminal Traffic Cases

378

Fail to Leave Identification

4

Fail to Stop and Render Aid

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

LAKE PATROL UNIT

972-237-8769

964

Boating Contacts

77

Boaters Assisted

67

Water Rescues

428

Land Contacts

0

Boating Accidents

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

5,852
Vehicles Impounded

4,833
Vehicles Released

108
Vehicles Crushed

\$741,970.35
Auction Revenue

CODE COMPLIANCE 972-237-8296

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| 16,782 Code Compliance Officer Initiated Inspections | 15,680 Follow Up Inspections | 6,840 Citizen Contacts |
| 4,932 Citizen Complaints | 1,246 Citations Issued | 130 Neighborhood Enrichment Team (NET Cases) |
| | 115 Vehicles Towed | 6,246 Illegal Signs Removed |

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

972-237-8820

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



Volunteers

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 131 Active Volunteers | 22,940 Total Hours | \$583,364.20 Equivalent Value (\$24.64/Hourly) source: Independentsector.org |
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FALLEN OFFICERS

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



Sergeant Gregory L. Hunter



Gregory L. Hunter

OFFICER

END OF WATCH: JUNE 18, 2004

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



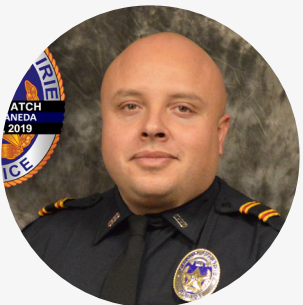
Lyndon F. King

OFFICER

END OF WATCH: MARCH 1, 1982

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



A.J. Castaneda

OFFICER

END OF WATCH: JUNE 7, 2019

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.

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