

# 2023

## Annual Report

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**SPARTANBURG COUNTY**  
**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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- Did you know? The area was originally home to the Catawba and the Cherokee.

# A Message from Sheriff Wright



I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your sheriff for the past 19 years. It has been an honor to lead such a dedicated and hardworking team as we strive to protect and serve the citizens of Spartanburg County.

As you read through this annual report, you will see the tireless efforts of our team reflected in the statistics. This report also provides a deeper insight into the structure of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office and the daily responsibilities of each division and specialized unit. I am proud to say that we have worked diligently to provide the best services possible to the citizens of our county.

Looking towards the future, I am excited about the things happening at the SCSO and the progress we will continue to make together with the community. I am confident that with our joint efforts, we will be able to provide even better services to the citizens of Spartanburg County in the coming years.

Once again, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and dedication towards our shared goal of ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. The hard work and commitment have not gone unnoticed, and I am grateful to have such a fine bunch of men and women by my side.

Yours in Service.

Sheriff Chuck Wright



# Command Staff

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## **WILLIAM PARRIS**

### **CHIEF DEPUTY**

Chief William Parris began his career in Law Enforcement with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office in 1980. Chief Parris rose through the ranks of the Sheriff's Office throughout his career and was appointed Chief Deputy in 2005 by Sheriff Wright where he has served in that capacity since.



## **PHILIP WILKIE**

### **CAPTAIN**

### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION**

Captain Wilkie began his law enforcement career with the Gaffney Police Department in 2007 working in the Narcotics and Criminal Investigations Unit. He joined the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office in 2013 where he worked as a Uniform Patrol Deputy. Captain Wilkie has served the majority of his career in the Criminal Investigations Division working assignments in the Property Crimes Unit, White Collar Unit, and the Violent Crimes Unit. Captain Wilkie previously served as the First Lieutenant of CID before taking command as the Captain.



## **STEVE HENDERSON**

### **CAPTAIN**

### **UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION**

Captain Steve Henderson began his Law Enforcement career with the SCSO in 2005. Captain Henderson spent the majority of his career rising through the ranks of the K-9 unit as a Handler, Sergeant, and eventually Lieutenant. Henderson has also served as an operator on the SWAT Team. Before being 1st Lieutenant of Special Services, Henderson was the Lieutenant of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit. Captain Henderson previously supervised the day-to-day operations of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office Special Services as 1st Lieutenant before taking command of the Uniform Patrol Division.



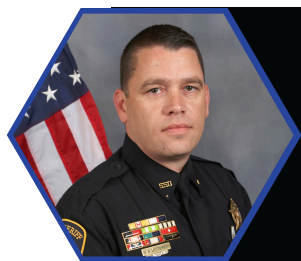
## **RAYMOND GIST**

### **CAPTAIN**

### **SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Captain Raymond Gist began his Law Enforcement career with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office in 1986. Primarily in the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), with notable assignments in the Property Crimes Unit and as a Violent Crimes Sergeant. After an assignment in the Warrants Division, Captain Gist transitioned to the Street Crime Drug Unit and then the Narcotics Division. In 2005, Captain Gist took on the role of Court Liaison Officer, collaborating closely with the Solicitor's Office for six years. Subsequently, he served as a Captain at the SCSO Detention Center for three years before returning to the Sheriff's Office in 2014 as Commander of the Special Services Division, where he currently serves.





## **BRANDON LETTERMAN**

CAPTAIN

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Captain Letterman began his law enforcement career with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office in 2004. He began his career with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office in 2006 where he has worked assignments in Uniform Patrol Division as a Deputy and a Sergeant. Captain Letterman has served a majority of his career in the Criminal Investigations Division working assignments in Property Crimes Unit, Violent Crimes Unit, Unsolved Homicides, Violent Crimes Sergeant, Digital Forensics Sergeant, Electronics Detection K-9 Handler, and Violent Crimes Lieutenant before assuming command of the Administrative Division



## **CHRIS LESO**

MAJOR

DIRECTOR OF JAIL OPERATIONS

Major Leso is the Director of the Spartanburg County Detention Center. Major Leso has 27 years Law Enforcement Experience having previously worked for Spartanburg City Police Dept. Major Leso began his career at the SCSO in 2003 rising through the ranks to Lieutenant over the School Resource Officer Division before being appointed Major over the jail by Sheriff Wright in December of 2021.



## **RANDY HOLLIFIELD**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - CAPTAIN

DETENTION CENTER SUPPORT SERVICES

Captain Randy Hollifield began his career in Law Enforcement with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office in 1982 where he worked until 1998. Captain Hollifield then returned to the SCSO in 2005 and has served in the capacity of Special Services Captain and currently holds the position of Assistant Director of Detention / Captain Support Services.



## **CLIFF HAYES**

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - CAPTAIN

DETENTION CENTER OPERATIONS

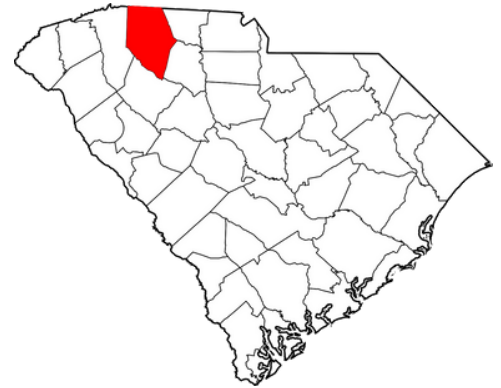
Captain Hayes began his career at the Spartanburg County Detention Center in January 1998. Captain Hayes rose through the ranks of the Spartanburg County Detention Facility throughout his career and presently serves at the Daily Operations Captain at the Detention Facility which he was promoted to on December 22, 2016.

- Spartanburg is the 4th largest county in SC by population.

# About Spartanburg County

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- Spartanburg County is a county located on the northwestern border of the U.S. state of South Carolina. The 2024 estimated the population is 366,681 making it the fifth-most populous county in South Carolina. Its county seat is Spartanburg.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 819.74 square miles (2,123.1 km<sup>2</sup>), of which 808.34 square miles (2,093.6 km<sup>2</sup>) is land and 11.40 square miles (29.5 km<sup>2</sup>) (1.39%) is water.



**DID  
YOU  
KNOW?**

There are more than 15,000 college students at 7 universities in Spartanburg County.

## About Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office

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- The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office has 550 total Sworn Deputies and Civilians.
- Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office Deputies have county-wide jurisdiction.
- Spartanburg County is bordered by Polk and Rutherford County, NC to the North, Cherokee County to the East, Union County to the Southeast, Laurens County to the Southwest, and Greenville County to the west.

The first airport in South Carolina was the Spartanburg Downtown Airport, opened in 1927



# SCSO

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office is to provide every person regardless of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, or other characteristic, whether resident, visitor or traveler the best law enforcement services and protection possible.

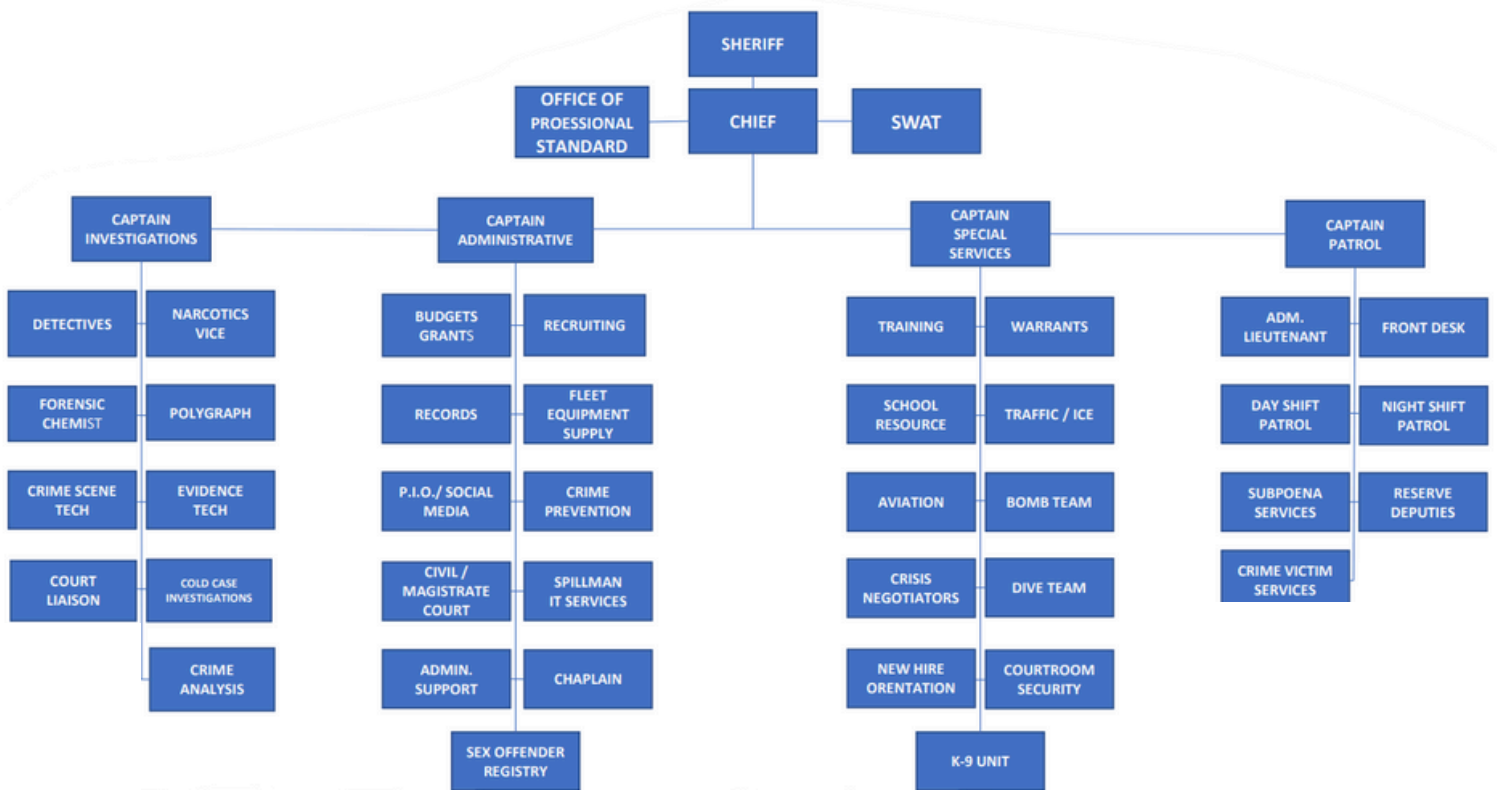


Spartanburg County was founded in  
1785.

# Organization



## Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office Organizational Chart



**SOUTH CAROLINA  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
ACCREDITATION, INC.**

# Budget & Finances



**2023 BUDGET = \$61,408,584**



Sheriff's Office

**\$38,913,584**

**85% PERSONNEL**  
**\$33,449,169**



Detention Center

**\$22,495,000**

**79% PERSONNEL**  
**\$17,947,751**

# CRIME STATS



## CALLS FOR SERVICE



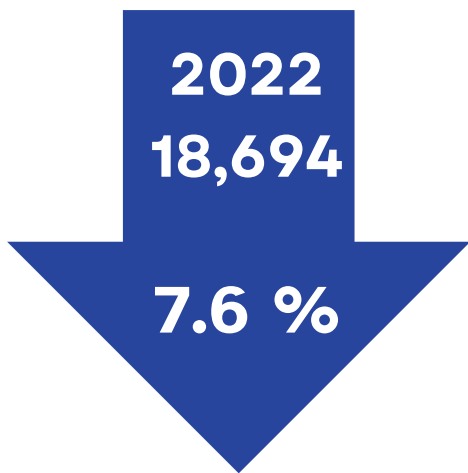
**2023**

**137,452**

Averaging one call of service every 3.8 minutes

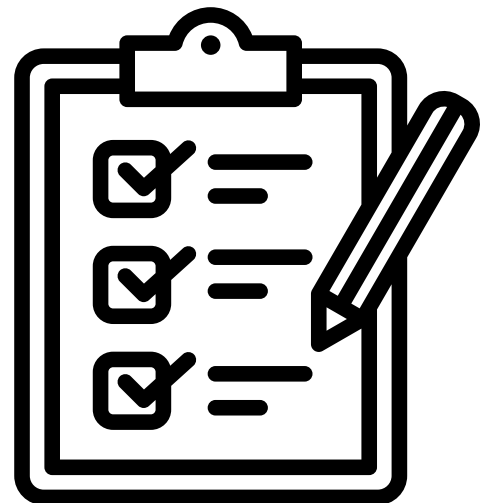
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## TOTAL REPORTS TAKEN



**2023**

**17,316**



\*\* All Crime Statistics represented in this report were reported by the SCSO to FBI'S National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) in 2022 & 2023.



# CRIME STATS

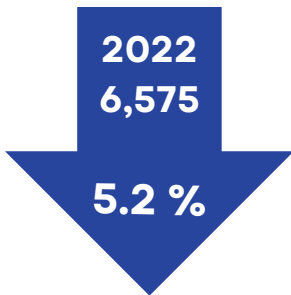


## CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

3,708



\*\* Crimes include: Murder, Manslaughter, Kidnapping, Sex Assault, Aggravated Assault, Simple Assault, Intimidation, Human Trafficking

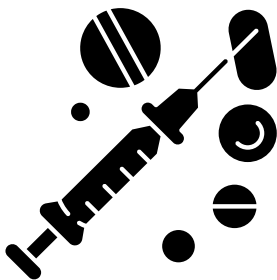


## CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

6,233

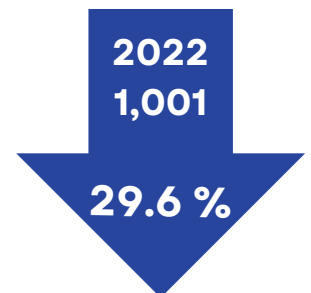


\*\* Crimes include: Arson, Burglary, Forgery, Vandalism, Embezzlement, Extortion, Credit Card Fraud, Impersonation, Identity Theft, Robbery, Shoplifting, Theft from Motor Vehicle, All Other Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft.



## CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY

704



\*\* Crimes include: Drug/Narcotic Violations, Drug Equipment Violations, Gambling, Pornography/Obscene Material, Prostitution, Weapon Law Violations, Animal Cruelty

# CRIME STATS



## Spartanburg County Crime Clock 2023



A Murder occurs every 45.6 days	A Larceny occurs every 6.7 hours
A Rape occurs every 5.4 days	A Vehicle Theft occurs every 14.6 hours
A Robbery occurs once every 12.6 days	An Arson occurs every 19.2 days
An Aggravated Assault occurs every 8.0 hours	A Part 1 Crime occurs every 2.2 days
A Burglary occurs every 10.5 hours	A Crime occurs every 49.4 minutes

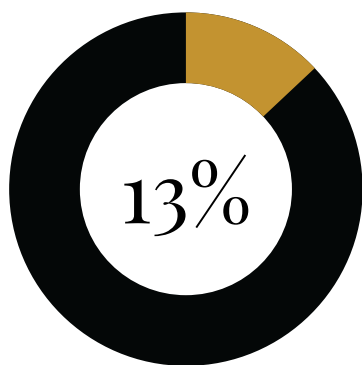
# Office of Professional Standards



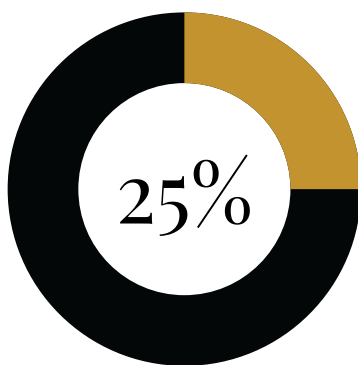
The Office of Professional Standards is tasked with the investigation of all external and internal complaints on deputies with the SCSO.

## Complaints for 2023

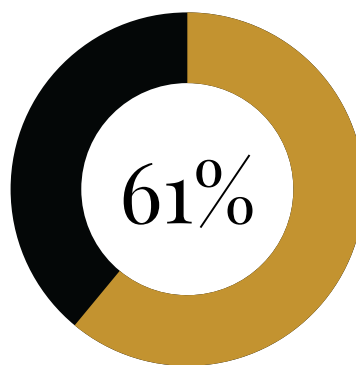
Total 65



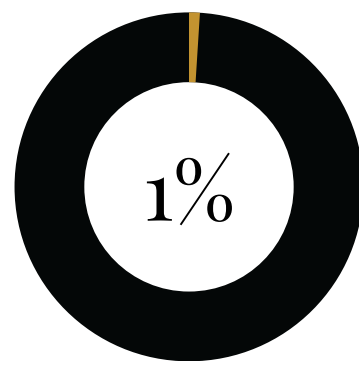
Sustained



Not-Sustained



Unfounded



Exonerated

**Unfounded:** The complaint was not based on facts, as shown by the investigation, or the incident complained did not occur.

**Exonerated:** The action reported did occur, but the investigation disclosed that the actions were reasonable, lawful, and proper.

**Not Sustained:** Insufficient evidence available to either prove or disprove the allegations of the complaint.

**Sustained:** Investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to support the allegations of the complaint.

## Demographics

White Black Hispanic Asian Other

517 Employees

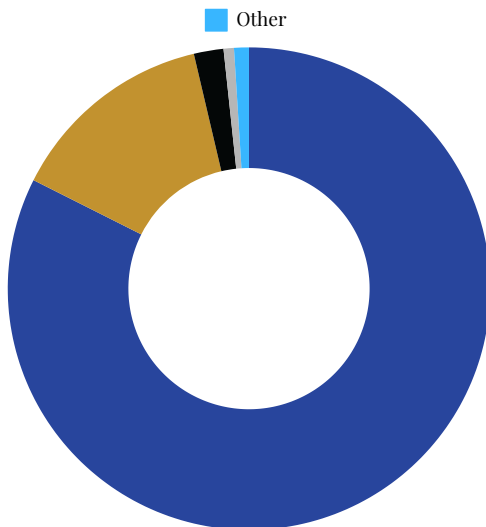
83% White

14% Black

2% Hispanic

.7% Asian

.3% Other



362 Males



155 Females

2023 U.S. Census Population Estimates for Spartanburg County, SC 356,948 population, 73.8% White, 20.7 % Black, 8.2 % Hispanic, 2.7 % Asian.

# Criminal Investigations



The Criminal Investigation Division consists of one Captain and one First Lieutenant with the following units: Violent Crimes, Property Crimes, White Collar Crimes, Special Victims Unit, Gang Unit, Narcotics / VICE, Forensic Chemist, Polygraph, Arson, Crime Scene Forensics, Evidence, Court Liaison, and Crime Analyst.

**\*\* All clearance rates are based on cases cleared by Arrest or Exceptional means**



**CRIME SCENE • DO NOT CROSS • CRIME SCENE • DO NOT CROSS**



# Violent Crimes Unit

The Violent Crime Unit consists of one Lieutenant, one First Sergeant, 10 Violent Crime Investigators holding the rank of Sergeant, and one Unsolved Homicide Investigator. The Violent Crimes unit investigate: Homicides, Suicides, Unattended Deaths, Robberies, Assaults, Kidnappings, Stalking / Harassments.



Measures	2022	2023
Total Cases Assigned	792	959
Number of Cases Cleared	410	635
Percent of Cases Cleared	71.43 %	84.78%



# Property Crimes Unit

The Property Crimes Unit consists of 3 sergeants, and 16 investigators. The property crimes unit is responsible for investigating Burglaries, Motor Vehicle, Thefts, Grand Larceny, Petit Larceny, Car Breakings.

Measures	2022	2023
Total Cases Assigned	3,281	2,477
Number of Cases Cleared	1,744	1,039
Percent of Cases Cleared	53.15 %	46.12 %

**17.6 %**  
is the  
National Average  
Clearance Rate for  
Property Crimes \*\*

\*\* In 2018 the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Division reported the national Property Crime Clearance rate was 17.6 %

## Arson Unit

The Arson Unit currently consists of 7 investigators who work Arson cases along with their normal property crimes investigator duties.

**12 %**

**INCREASE IN  
CLEARANCE  
RATE FROM  
2022**

Measures	2022	2023
Total Cases Assigned	98	110
Number of Cases Cleared	23	31
Percent of Cases Cleared	60.5 %	63.3 %

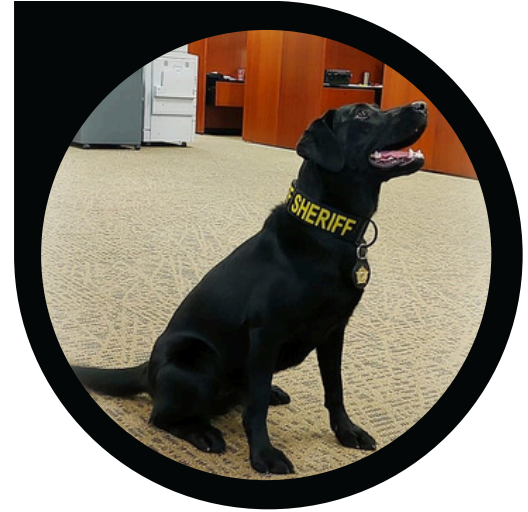


# Special Victims Unit

The Special Victims Unit currently consists of one Sergeant and 5 investigators. The SVU investigate crimes involving Sexual Battery, crimes involving Juveniles, Internet Crimes Against Children, Domestic Violence



Measures	2022	2023
Total Cases Assigned	904	800
Number of Cases Cleared	604	507
Percent of Cases Cleared	87.79 %	79.97%

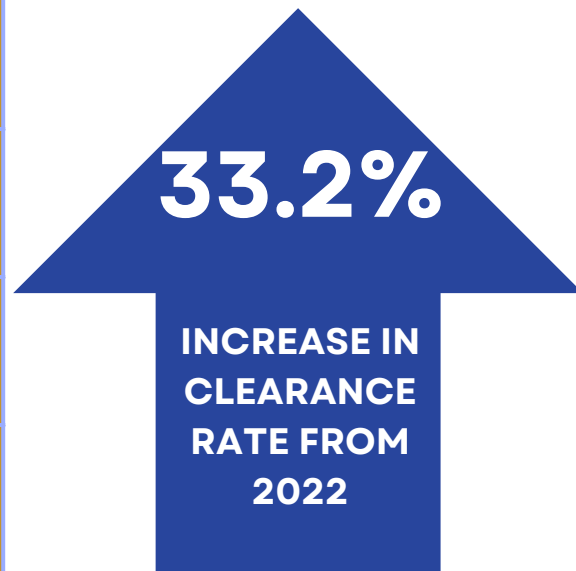


SATA is an Electronic Detection K-9 used on Search Warrants involving Child Pornography.

# White Collar Unit

The White-Collar Unit consists of one Sergeant and 3 investigators. This unit investigates crimes involving credit card theft/ fraud, embezzlement, identify theft,

Measures	2022	2023
Total Cases Assigned	1,031	723
Number of Cases Cleared	293	238
Percent of Cases Cleared	39.43 %	52.54 %



# Gang Unit

The Gang Unit consists of one Sergeant and four investigators. The Gang Unit is assigned to handle crimes consisting of firearms used in drive-by shootings and identifies known Gang Members.

Measures	2022	2023
Total Cases Assigned	210	315
Number of Cases Cleared	152	224
Percent of Cases Cleared	79.58 %	75.2 %



## NARCOTICS / VICE

### Seized Drugs 2023



Cocaine	13,161.43 gm
Cocaine Base	492.42 gm
Fentanyl	758.96 gm
Heroin	205.21 gm
Marijuana	295.34 lbs
Meth	77.52 lbs
Pills	3,583 doses
Other	2,212.99 gm

**771**  
Total  
Narcotic / Vice  
Charges in  
2023



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## Measuring Up

The SCSO Criminal Investigation Unit continues to exceed the National Average compiled by the FBI. The FBI Crime Index keeps track of clearance across the U.S. with a total of 15,008 agencies. The FBI keeps clearance rates based ONLY on arrests on the following cases (PART 1 CRIMES): Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson.

Crime	FBI Stats 2022	SCSO Stats 2023	Difference
Murder	50.05 %	81.25 %	+31.25 %
Rape	20.23 %	69.7 %	+49.47 %
Robbery	24.07 %	51.2 %	+27.13 %
Aggravated Assault	44.2 %	78.8 %	+34.6 %
Burglary	13.72 %	38.6 %	+24.88 %
Larceny - Theft	12.8 %	40.1 %	+27.3 %
Motor Vehicle Larceny	9.1 %	47.5 %	+38.4 %
Arson	26.1 %	80.7 %	+54.6 %

# Victims Assistance



The Victim Advocate provides assistance to victims and witnesses of crimes that occur within Spartanburg County. The victim advocate gives support and information to victims and witnesses as they navigate through the criminal justice system and legal process.



The Victim's Advocates hold a yearly Candlelight Vigil for victims of Violent Crimes as they come together during the holidays in a service of remembrance.



Every summer the Victims Advocates sponsor the Safe Passages Camp. Safe Passages is a therapeutic learning opportunity that seeks to provide adventure experiences that will teach children to overcome their grief by discovering their inner strength through challenge.



# Uniform Patrol Division



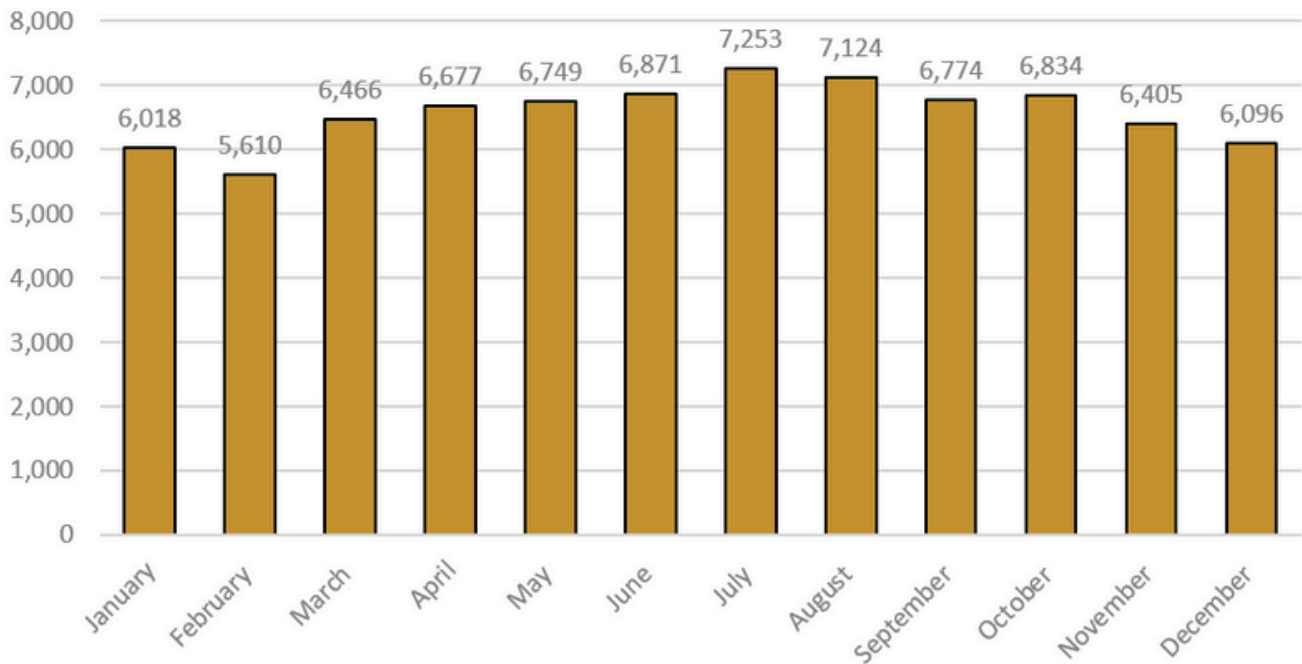
The Uniform Patrol Division consists of a Captain, a First Lieutenant and is divided into 4 platoons that work a permanent 12 hour day or night shift. Each Platoon consists of a Lieutenant, a First Sergeant, and 4 Sergeants with approximately 20-25 deputies. The Uniform Patrol Division deputies are the first responders to 911 and non-911 calls.



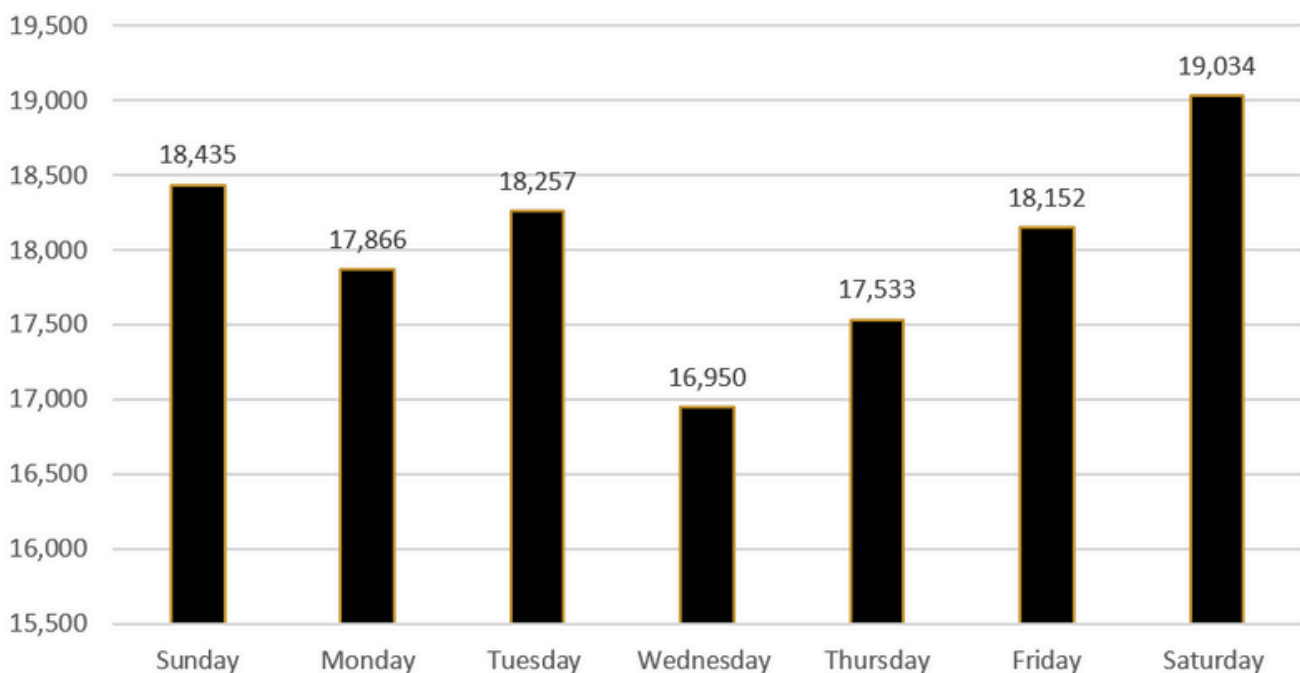
# Uniform Patrol Division



## 2023 Calls of Service by Months



## 2023 Calls of Service by Days of the Week

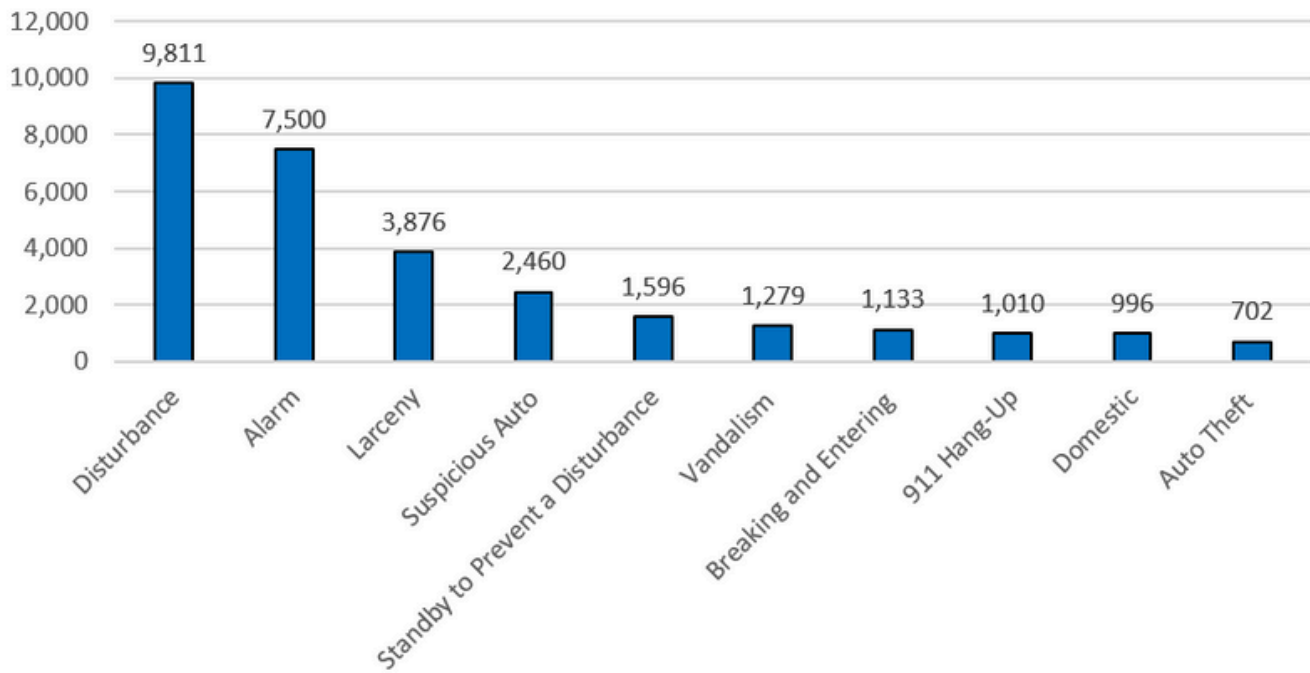




# Uniform Patrol Division



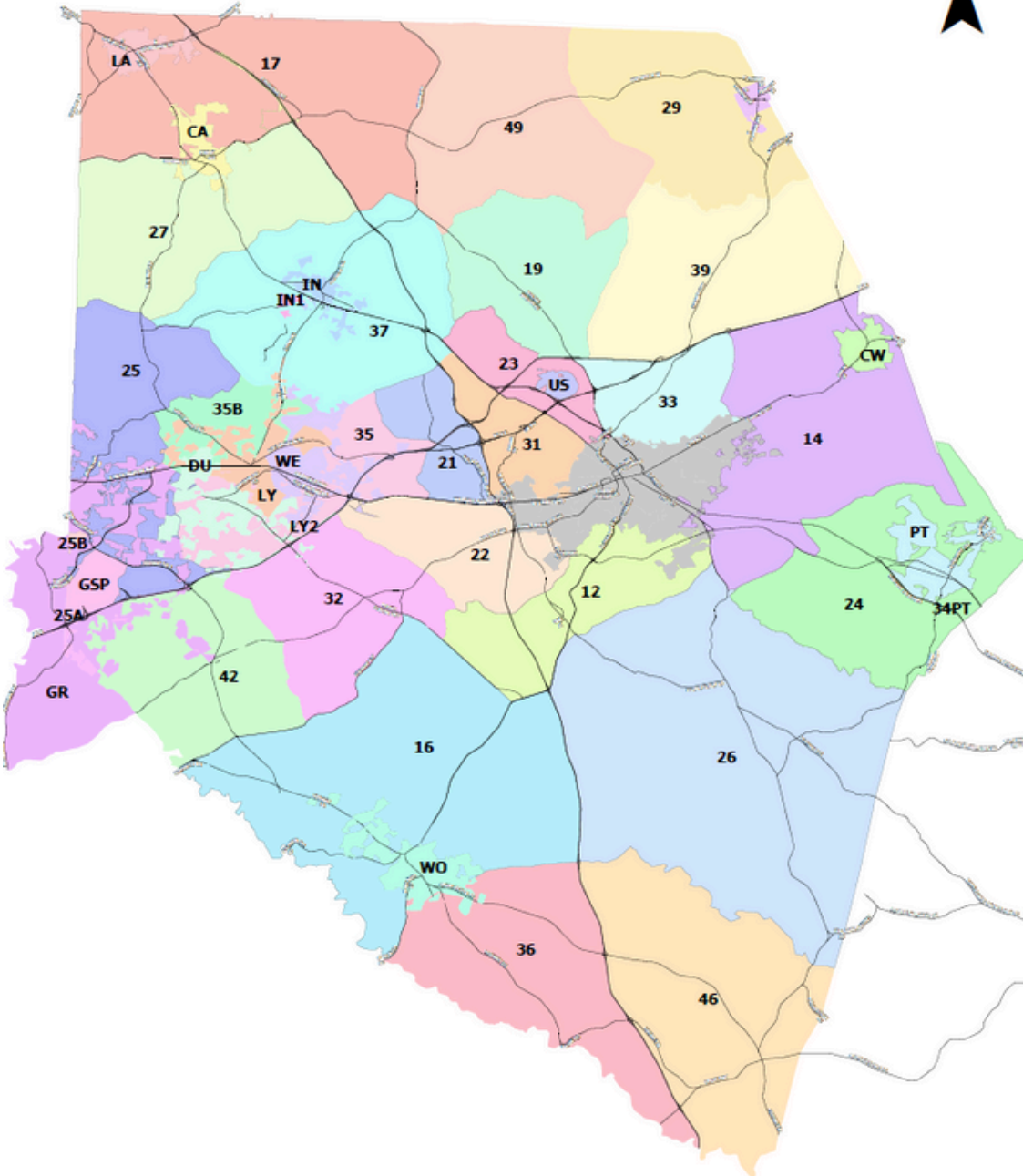
## 2023 Top 10 Calls for Service



# Uniform Patrol Division



Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office Zone Map



Spartanburg County Sheriff's Deputies in the Uniform Patrol Division are assigned zones in regions of the county. This allows for quicker response times and allows deputies to familiarize themselves with the area they patrol.

Spartanburg County is divided into 4 regions: Northwest, Northeast, Central and South.

Northwest Region consists of zones: 14, 27, 37, 25, and 35

Northeast Region consists of zones: 19, 29, 39, 49, 14, 24, and 34

Central Region consists of zones: 21, 31, 23, and 33

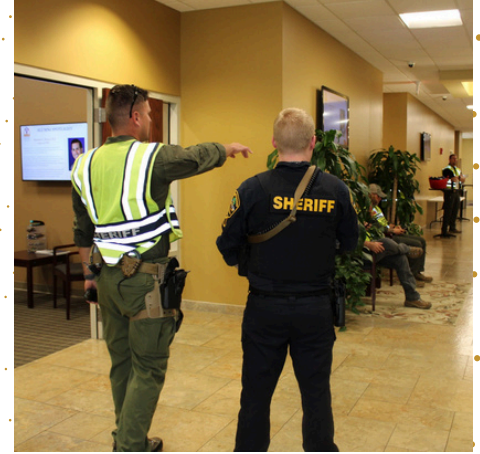
Southern Region consists of zones: 12, 22, 32, 42, 16, 26, 36, and 46



# Special Services Division



The Special Services Division is a division that encompasses specialized units and teams. Special Services Division consists of a Captain, a First Lieutenant and the specialized units of: School Resource Officers, Warrant Unit, Training Unit, K-9 Units, Traffic Team, SWAT Team, Aviation, Courthouse Security, Bomb Team, Crisis Negotiation, and Dive Team





# School Resource Officers

The School Resource Officer Division consist of one Lieutenant, one First Sergeant, two Sergeants and 57 SRO's.



**The SRO's protect 52 schools in across 7 School Districts on the county.**

## Warrant Unit

The Warrant Unit consists of one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, and 14 Deputies.

**10,014**

Total Warrants processed in  
2023

**8,527**

Total Warrants served in  
2023



# Training Unit

The Training Unit is responsible for the continual training of all certified deputies at the SCSO. The training unit consists of a Lieutenant, four sergeants, and a corporal.



**2023 Quarterly  
In-Service was  
conducted for all  
certified deputies with  
specialized training  
focused on:  
De-escalation, Mental  
Health, and Special  
Needs**

# K-9 Unit

The K-9 Unit consists of a Lieutenant, a corporal, and 7 handlers. The SCSO utilize a wide array of specialized K-9's from Patrol Dogs, Tracking Hounds, a Bomb Dog, an Arson Dog, and an Electronic Detection K-9.

**102 - Tracks**  
**13 - Building Searches**  
**30 - Article Searches**  
**35 - K-9 Demo's**  
**218 - Warrant Services**  
**7 - SWAT Deployments**  
**36 - Agency Assist  
Deployments**

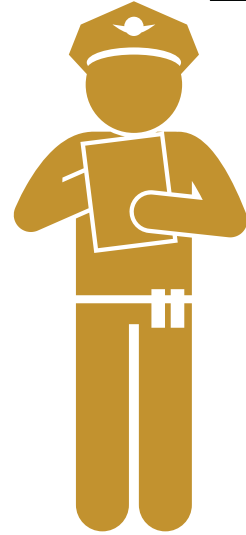


# Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit consists of one Lieutenant, two sergeants, and 10 Deputies.

**4,338**  
**Citations**  
**Issued**

**62 DUI**  
**Arrests**



# SWAT Team

The SWAT team consists of one full-time Lieutenant, 20 part-time SWAT Deputies, and two part-time SWAT Medics.



**13**

**Total SWAT**  
**Activations**





# Aviation Unit

The Aviation Unit is responsible for the enhancement of the public and officer safety through the use of airborne resources. The Aviation Unit consists of a full-time Pilot Lieutenant, and 7 part-time Tactical Flight Officers.



**2 - Vehicle Pursuit Assistance**  
**12 - K-9 Tracks**  
**2 - Fallen Officer Honor Flights**  
**10 - Demonstration's**

# Bomb Unit

The Bomb Unit consists of part-time positions of one Lieutenant, one sergeant and four bomb techs.

**1 - Explosion**  
**4 - Recovery of Explosives**  
**4 - Suspicious Packages**  
**1 - Threat**



**13**

**Activations**

# Dive Team

The dive team is comprised of all part-time positions with one corporal and 10 part-time divers



**9**

**Activations in 2023**

**2 - Recoveries**

**2 - River searches for missing persons**

**1 - Recovery of weapon used in a crime**



# Crisis Negotiation Unit

The Crisis Negotiation Unit consists of 10 part-time negotiators.





# Courthouse Security

The courthouse security unit is responsible for the security of the Circuit Court Judges and the Spartanburg County Courthouse. The unit consists of one Lieutenant, two corporals, and 8 deputies.





# Administrative Division



The Administrative Division oversees the entire operation of the Sheriff's Office. The Administrative Division consists of a Captain, one First Lieutenant. Units in the Division are: Budget/Grants, Recruiting, Records, Fleet / Equipment, Crime Prevention, Public Information Office, Social Media, Civil Process, IT Services, Chaplains, and Sex Offender Registry.



# Civil Division

The Civil Division consists of one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, 13 full-time deputies, and 2 part-time deputies. The duty of the Civil division is to serve all papers issued from General Sessions and Magistrate Court that deal in Civil matters and oversee foreclosures and facilitate the transfer of property ordered by appropriate courts.



**13,278**  
**Civil Papers**  
**served by**  
**Civil Division**



## Recruiting

The Recruiting unit consists of a Sergeant and a deputy. The recruiting unit covers both the Sheriff's Office and the Detention Center.



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**Sheriff's Office**  
**100 - Applications**  
**36 - New Deputies**  
**Hired**

**Detention Center**  
**72 - Applications**  
**55 - New Deputies**  
**Hired**



## Public Information / Social Media

The Public Information / Social Media Unit consists of a Lieutenant and a Social Media Manager. This Unit is responsible for responses to FOIA requests and publishing information to Social Media Platforms.

297

### Freedom of Information Acts requests received



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scsheriffsoffice



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spartanburgcountysheriff



## Sex Offender Registry

The Sex Offender Registry consists of 3 sworn deputies.

- Provide the community with public information on registered sex offenders by ensuring that all registered sex offenders are listed on the Sex Offender Registry Website for South Carolina and the information on the offender is current.
- Take appropriate measures to ensure sex offenders are complying with South Carolina Sex Offender Registration Laws.
- Track and verify information given by sex offenders.
- Maintain sex offender files and databases.
- Work closely with South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (S.L.E.D.) and other law enforcement agencies on issues regarding sex offenders.
- Follow-up on cases involving registered sex offenders.
- Provide information to deputies in the field regarding sex offenders.

### Sex Offender Registry



906

Total Offenders in  
Spartanburg County

# Records

The Records Unit consists of one Lieutenant and 6 Records Clerks and supports the SCSO and the public by courteously and efficiently entering and maintaining vital police records.



**16,050 Reports Validated**

**5,081 Arrests Validated**

**3,310 Metal Permits issued**

**10,976 Reports printed for Citizens**

**7,770 NCIC Validations**



## Chaplain's Division

The SCSO Chaplains Division consists of one Full-Time Chaplain and 32 volunteer Chaplains and provides chaplains to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the law enforcement family and community when needed or requested.



**23**

**Critical Incident  
Responses**



# Spartanburg County Detention Center



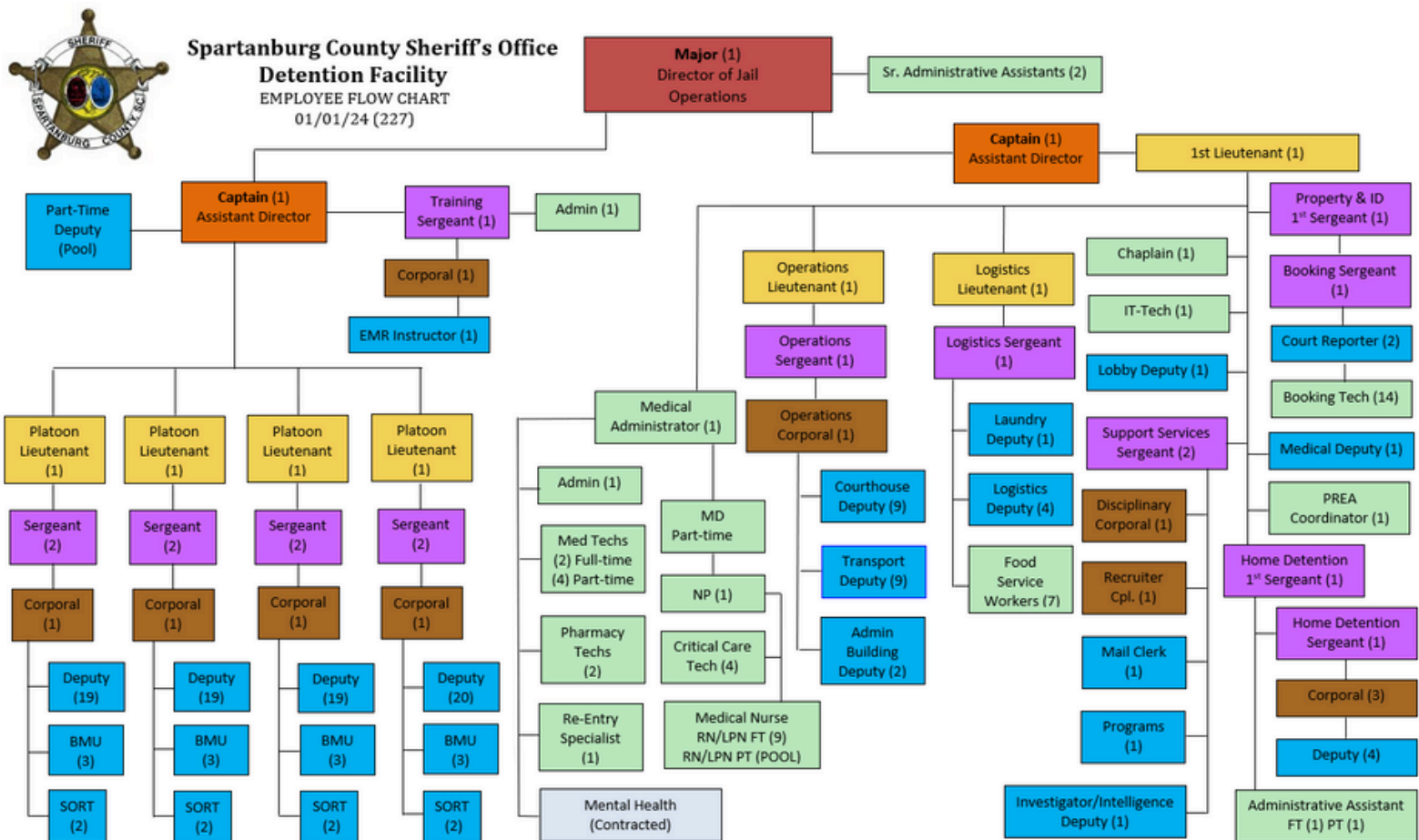
As a branch of the Sheriff's Office, the mission of the Spartanburg County Detention Center is to protect the public by securely detaining individuals who have been arrested and accused of committing various offenses against Spartanburg County citizens. The goal of the detention center is to ethically and legally provide a secure, sanitary and safe place of pre-trial incarceration in the most efficient and cost effective manner possible, while ensuring inmates receive humane, respectful and professional treatment from detention personnel. Detention administration assures continued oversight and compliance with standards set forth by the State and Local Jail Standards, while providing realistic career development, strategic planning, training and safety for management and staff personnel.



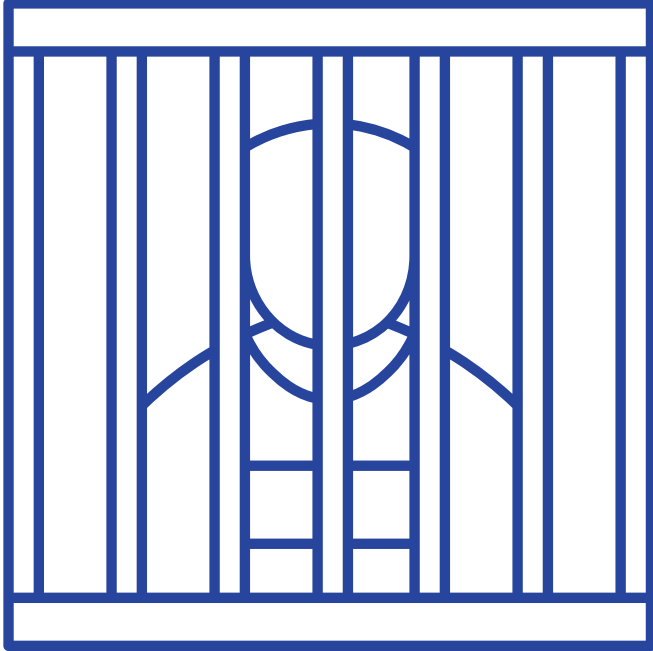
# Organization



## Spartanburg County Sheriff's Detention Organizational Chart



# Detention Center



**8,786**  
**Inmates**  
**booked in**  
**2023**

## Home Detention

**721**

New Bookings into Home Detention

**475**

Daily Average of Inmates on Home Detention

**383**

Successfully completed home Detention





# Detention Center

## Medical

**10,600**  
Medical  
Requests  
from  
Inmates



**162**  
Inmates  
transported  
to hospital

- Medical stats are from July 2023 - February 2024



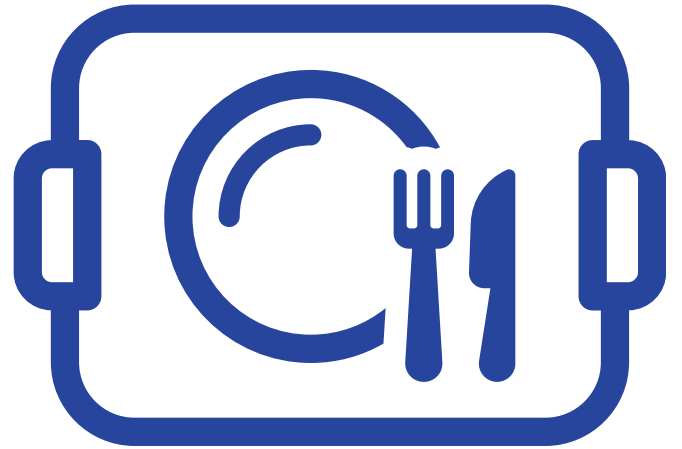
**9**  
Assaults  
on  
Detention  
Deputies

# Detention Center



**1,069,948**

**Meals served  
to inmates**



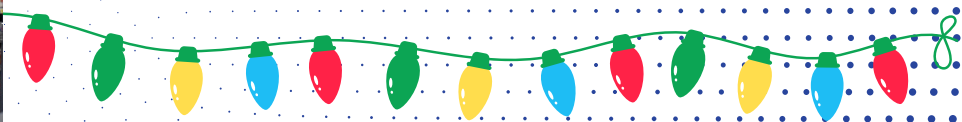
**2.08 Tons**  
**of litter collected  
from county  
roadways**

# Shop with the Sheriff

Every year the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office hosts children who are survivors or children of violent crime victims to a shopping spree during Christmas.



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!



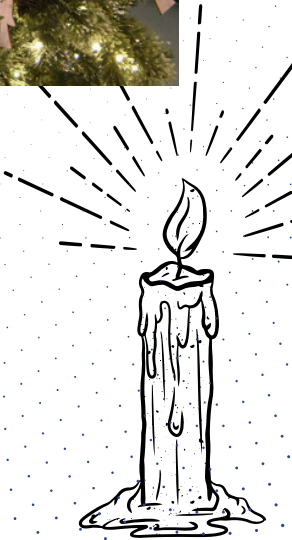
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# Candlelight Service

Every year the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocates Office holds a Memorial Service for those victims of violent crimes and alcohol related traffic deaths.





# In Memoriam



**“It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived.” – Vivian Eney Cross, Survivor**



## **Deputy Austin Aldridge B-22 End of Watch June 21, 2022**

Deputy Sheriff Austin Aldridge was shot and killed while responding to a domestic call at 3:20 pm on Chaffee Drive in Spartanburg.

When Deputy Aldridge approached the house, he was ambushed by the subject. Bystanders gave medical aid to Deputy Aldridge until EMS arrived and then provided responding officers with a description of the subject and his vehicle.

Another deputy spotted the subject and attempted a traffic stop. The man pretended to surrender but shot at the deputy, who returned fire before fleeing again. After crashing his vehicle, the subject engaged in another shootout before running into the woods, where members of the SWAT team and a police canine took him into custody. He was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening gunshot wounds. No officers were injured in the pursuit and apprehension of the subject.

Deputy Aldridge was transported to the hospital and succumbed to his wounds at 9:26 pm.

The man who murdered Deputy Aldridge died in custody prior to his trial for capital murder.

Deputy Aldridge had served with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office for three years. He is survived by his expectant wife, who gave birth to a daughter months later.

Deputy Sheriff Kevin Carper was shot and killed during a foot pursuit of a suspect who fled during a traffic stop.

The driver of the vehicle fled on foot as soon as Deputy Carper attempted to stop him on Midway Park Drive shortly after 10:00 pm.

A struggle ensued when Deputy Carper caught the suspect. The man produced a .38 caliber handgun and shot Deputy Carper twice. One round was stopped by his vest but the second round entered one of the vest's armholes, causing a fatal wound to the chest. The assailant was shot by Deputy Carper and a second deputy. The killer was transported to a local hospital where he died a short time later.

Deputy Carper had served with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office for 12 years. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

A monument on I-85, at Exit 69, was placed in memory of Deputy Carper and a bridge on Highway 129, crossing over I-85 in Spartanburg County, has been named in his memory. The memorial was later moved to Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.



## **Deputy Kevin Carper W-24 End of Watch February 27, 2007**





# This Is Us



**Deputy Akillah Jefferson**  
Crime Scene Forensics



**Grace Graves**  
Social Media Manager



**Deputy Candice Mabry**  
School Resource Officer



**Sergeant Jonathan McGill**  
Training



**LT. Tim Ansler**  
Traffic Unit



**Master Deputy Amanda Wilson**  
Sheriff Coordinator



**Deputy Jordan High**  
Uniform Patrol





# This Is Us



**Sergeant Brandon Bell**  
Detention Center



**Sergeant Shawn Copeland**  
Uniform Patrol



**Nicole Hancock**  
Victim's Advocate



**Deputy Matthew Kesler**  
Uniform Patrol



**Deputy Kendra Peake**  
Detention Center



**Deputy First-Class Brian Ouilhon**  
Uniform Patrol



**Lieutenant Bill Strickland**  
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