

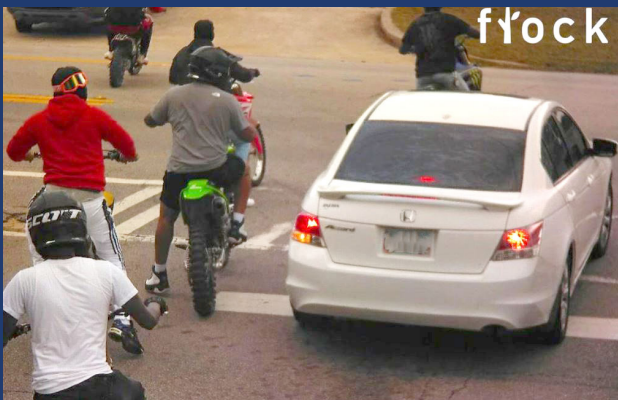
2021 ANNUAL REPORT

LAGRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



2021 HIGHLIGHTS

In his first year as the agency's Training Coordinator Sergeant Clower developed and introduced a technique called Shoot to Incapacitate which was first presented to all sworn officers during our annual inservice in February and March of 2021. This technique was introduced as an option to officers, when faced with deadly force encounters. This concept basically gives officers the option of targeting the abdomen, pelvic girdle and thigh when faced with a deadly force situation, versus the traditional norm of only targeting center mass of the body when employing deadly force. The training consisted of classroom instruction, a scenario based component utilizing simmunitions, and a live fire qualification course. The technique was also re-enforced throughout annual, quarterly scenario based training, and quarterly shift shoot training. Sgt. Clower was requested throughout the year to provide training on this technique for dozens of officers and instructors from throughout the country.



Dirtbike Activity

Year	2020	2021
Calls for Service	521	408
Citations	45	48
Arrests	12	28



DRAGON BOAT RACE 1ST PLACE WINNERS

'The Smokin' Pigs' which consisted of LaGrange Police Department, LaGrange Fire Department and other City of LaGrange employees participated in the 5th Annual Dragon Boat Race in July 2021. This event raises money for Harmony House, the local domestic violence shelter. This was our team's second First Place win after bringing home the first place trophy in the inaugural race in 2016.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Corporal Robbie Hall was selected as the Optimist Club of LaGrange Officer of the Year for 2021. Corporal Hall has been with the LaGrange Police Department since 2008. Corporal Hall is assigned in the Patrol Division as a Field Training Officer. Hall is also a certified Jiu Jitsu instructor and assists the department with their annual defensive tactics training.



ANNUAL CHIEF'S CHALLENGE 5K

A great emphasis is placed on both mental and physical fitness of our team and every fall, the Chief challenges his employees to run a 5K. On November 13, 2021, we held the 17th annual Chief's Challenge and over 25 city employees participated.

The background of the entire page is a photograph of several LaGrange Police cars parked in a lot at night. The cars are white with blue and black markings, including the word "POLICE" and "LAGRANGE". Several police officers in dark uniforms and hats are standing around the vehicles. The scene is illuminated by streetlights, creating a high-contrast, nighttime atmosphere.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) investigates or reviews all complaints against the LaGrange Police Department and its employees, use of force incidents, pursuits, and conducts internal investigations as assigned by the Chief of Police. OPS also conducts video reviews and performance audits.

During 2021 there were 52 Response to Aggression (RTA) incidents. The following represents the highest level of force used for each incident:

- 24 Takedowns
- 5 TASER
- 3 OC Spray
- 15 Hands/Arms
- 2 Firearm
- 1 Kg Bite
- 2 BolaWrap
- 0 Restraint Device

In 2021 the LaGrange Police Department received three complaints of biased based profiling. One complaint was investigated at the line-level and reviewed by OPS. All three complaints were unfounded for biased based profiling. In one incident there was an unrelated policy violation that was discovered and addressed.

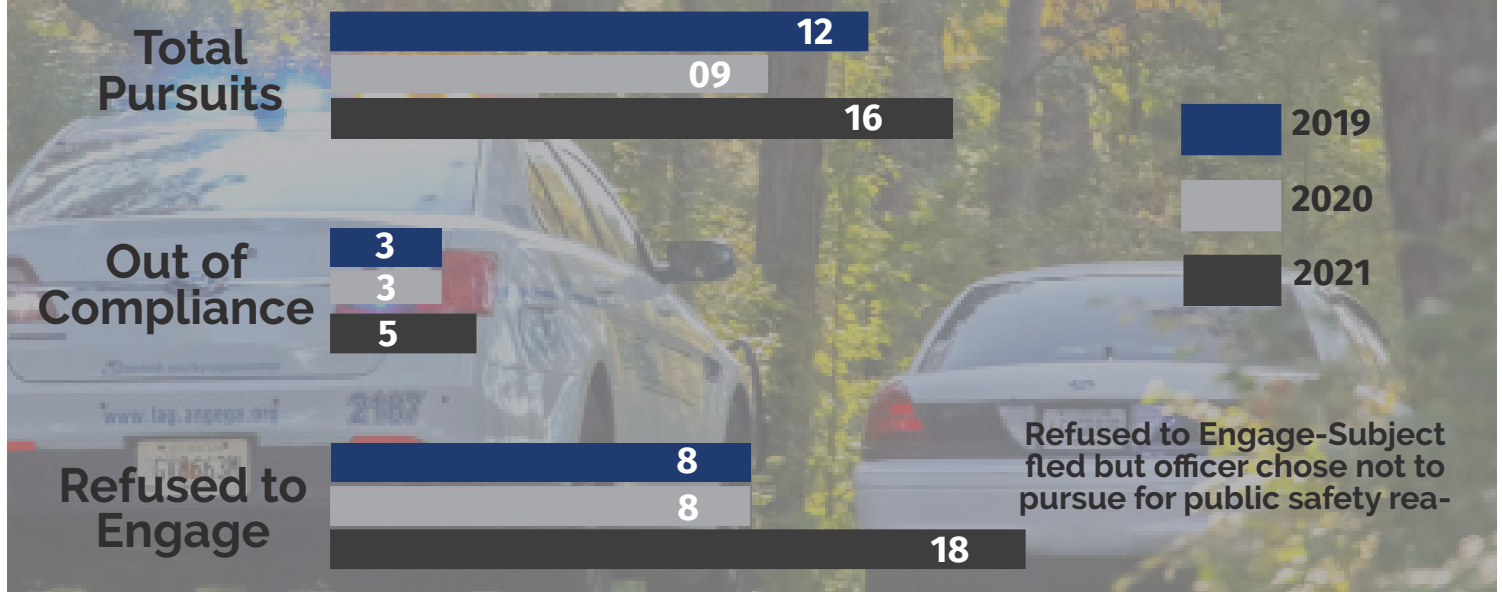
The Office of Professional Standards completed four Internal Affairs Investigations involving departmental employees. Of these investigations two were sustained.

RTA 3 Year Summary

Year	2019	2020	2021
Force Incidents	27	38	52
Officer Injuries	0	0	2
Suspect Injuries	2	1	4
Total Arrests	3329	2675	2821
% Per Arrest	.81%	1.42%	1.84%

Injuries for both officers and suspects indicate injuries that required medical treatment.

Pursuit 3 Year Summary



Citizen Complaints

Year	2019	2020	2021
Complaints	57	63	64
Proper Conduct	44	45	54
Improper Conduct	11	18	10
Misconduct	2	0	3

*Misconduct - The original complaints were unfounded but an unrelated policy violation was discovered during the investigation.

Uniformed Patrol Operations

Captain Mike Pheil - Division Commander

Uniformed Patrol Operations encompasses four squads of officers for generalized patrol duties and for responding to calls for service, with certain officers being focally trained to augment patrol squads. These areas of specialty include canine, traffic enforcement, crime suppression and bicycle patrol operations. The division is also supplemented with civilian employees dedicated to Municipal Code Enforcement and Animal Services. With those allocations, the division consists of nearly sixty percent of the department's total number of sworn and civilian employees. Patrol officers respond to a wide range of calls for service, conduct preliminary and follow-up criminal investigations, and process crime scenes while enforcing criminal and traffic laws as well as ordinances enacted by the City of LaGrange. Officers are also engaged in a variety of problem-solving initiatives and community education activities based upon the department's firm commitment to community partnerships.

Department Arrest Information			
Year	2019	2020	2021
Traffic	514	434	515
City Ordinance	1052	836	632
Misdemeanor	863	658	816
Felony	752	747	858
Total	3181	2675	2821

Community Outreach

Lieutenant Marshall McCoy - Unit Supervisor

The Community Outreach Unit was created to enhance working partnerships with various community groups, faith-based organizations, formal and informal neighborhood associations and concerned citizens while addressing local quality of life issues. The Community Outreach Unit is responsible for assisting in developing and maintaining Neighborhood Watch Programs and serves as the primary liaison between the police department and citizen groups that wish to participate in strategic planning for long-term solutions to quality of life and public safety issues.

The Community Outreach Unit participates in the Mental Health program and the LaGrange/Troup County Homeless Coalition. In a collaborative effort with the local Feeding the Valley food bank, this Unit maintains an availability of shelf-stable food for officers to distribute to the homeless or other members of the community.





Traffic Unit

Lieutenant Marshall McCoy
Unit Supervisor

The goal of the Traffic Unit is to reduce the number of crashes that occur within the city while striving to gain voluntary compliance of traffic laws by those utilizing public streets and thoroughfares within the city. Members of this unit are tasked with coordinating and working special events occurring within the city, supervising school crossing guards, overseeing the Defensive Driving Course, enforcing state and local traffic laws and coordinating all other traffic-related activities for the Police Department.

Collision Trends

Year	2019	2020	2021
Total Crashes	2259	2189	2411
Fatalities	0	2	7
Crashes w/Injuries	417	371	377

Bike Team Unit

Corporal Michael Willoughby - Coordinator



The police department's Bike Team has been in place for over two decades. This team is currently comprised of 15 officers who deploy in this capacity on a part-time basis. LPD was attracted to this deployment technique based on the ease of movement that bicycles provide in addition to the value that this team adds from a community outreach perspective. In 2021, the Bike Unit rode over 500 miles within the city. Team members made three arrests, issued 12 citations, generated 20 field interviews, and made 692 community contacts.

Canine Unit

Sergeant Jeremy Butler - Unit Supervisor

Canine teams are currently assigned to the Patrol Division and are tasked with patrolling high crime areas, answering calls for service, assisting uniformed officers in apprehending fleeing offenders, and serving arrest warrants. The teams also assist with locating children, mentally ill, or disoriented individuals who have been reported missing. All three team members completed NAPWDA certification in October 2021 and they also completed PSP certification at the Alabama Canine Law Enforcement Training Center in November of 2021. Canine officers responded to 4,604 calls for service and conducted 58 tracks. There was one apprehension in the 2021 calendar year that resulted in a bite of the 135 arrests made for the year.



Corporal Willoughby was selected as one of the department's Employee of the Quarter during 2021.



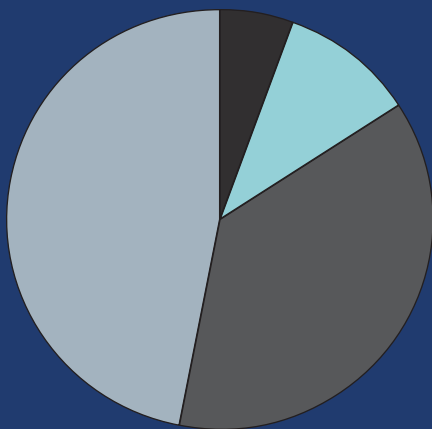
Year	2019	2020	2021
Calls for Service	3386	3791	4604
Traffic Contacts	357	329	2613
Arrests	183	182	135
Demonstrations	20	8	4
Outside Agency Assists	31	36	21
Tracking	48	49	58
Building Searches	8	7	11
School Searches	13	3	7
Canine Training Hours	1215	693	766
Handler Training Hours	621	1089	408
Injuries/Bites	1	1	1



Animal Services Unit

Christopher Bussey - Supervisor

The LaGrange Animal Shelter is designed to house domestic dogs and cats, and houses animals primarily from three sources: owner or citizen turn-ins, LaGrange Animal Service officers' seizure and apprehension efforts, as well as those in the unincorporated areas of Troup County as conducted by the local Marshal's Office and the Animal Control Officer in Hogansville. This unit works in concert with LaGrange Humane Society, the Atlanta Humane Society, Puppy Pipe Line, and Paws Humane of Columbus, Ga. In addition to operating the Shelter, Animal Services Officers patrol the city in search of stray and potentially dangerous animals running at large and respond to citizen complaints. LaGrange Animal Services recently achieved 'no kill' shelter status and achieved a 94% save rate in 2021.



Puppy Pipeline 1077 235 Redeemed
Adopted 853 131 Euthanized

Code Enforcement

Lieutenant Marshall McCoy- Unit Supervisor

Code Enforcement Officers are responsible for identifying, investigating, and notifying citizens when they are in violation of city ordinances related to environmental issues, such as, overgrowth of grass and weeds, excessive litter, trash, refuse, abandoned and inoperable vehicles, nuisances, sewage, and general health standards. These efforts contribute to the improvement and maintenance of citizens' quality of life. Code Enforcement officers work to ensure cleaner neighborhoods, with the primary goal being to correct the violation and to gain on-going voluntary compliance from citizens in the orderly maintenance of their property.

Annual Summary of Issued Notices of Violation			
Year	2019	2020	2021
Inoperable Vehicle	682	693	446
Litter	835	608	449
Property Maintenance	790	1099	1023
Nuisance	30	79	78
Other Misc.	1621	1469	2208
Total	3958	3948	4204
Court Cases	36	13	16

Court Services and Warrant Unit

Sergeant Jeremy Butler - Unit Supervisor

The LaGrange Police Department is tasked with providing courtroom security for LaGrange Municipal Court during both civil and criminal arraignments and trials. The officers assigned to this unit provide courtroom security three times a week for criminal trials, once a month during civil hearings, and weekly for arraignments. Officers assigned to this unit transport prisoners to and from the local jail for Municipal Court proceedings. They made 72 out of town trips, served 189 Municipal Court subpoenas, and also served 152 truancy letters to parents throughout the city.

Training Section

Sergeant Josh Clower - Section Supervisor

The Training Section schedules and conducts initial and on-going training for all of the department's personnel and hosts regional agencies wishing to utilize the department's facilities. While Georgia Police Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Council requires that certified officers receive 20 hours of training annually, the department has an annual goal for each sworn officer to receive a minimum of 80 hours of training. Employees received a total of 20,663 training hours in calendar year 2021, which includes Georgia P.O.S.T. approved training and agency required training.

Several members of the department received or renewed specialized instructor certifications. All of these specialized instructor certification courses and basic certification courses ensure the department's ability to provide officers with additional beneficial training at a reduced cost as this training can continue to be held in-house as opposed to an off-site training facility. Of note, Lieutenant Lohr completed his Bola Wrap Master Instructor Course and Sgt. Clower received his initial training as a TASER instructor.

During the 2021 in-service training all sworn officers were trained in the use of the Bola Wrap device and are now fielded by every officer on the shift. Lieutenant Lohr, Sgt. Clower and SPO Davison continue to partner with the Troup County School System on safety, including routine site visits to ensure compliance with the school system's Active Threat Protocol, as well as several lockdown drills. Additionally, these officers provided training to hundreds of School Administrators through the year on active threat events which included both classroom instruction as well as simulated active threat events. These officers, along with the school resource officers, participated in Threat Assessment Training on the school system's new threat assessment model which was a required component of the safety protocol.

Training hosts The Citizen's Police Academy for the purpose of familiarizing our citizens with our police services. It is an opportunity for the citizens to see how our officers are trained, demonstrating our vision of being a community-orientated police department.



The Field Training Program provides recruit officers with on-the-job instruction from experienced and qualified Field Training Officers. In 2021, 11 recruit officers participated in the FTO program for a total of 5,575 training hours.



School Resource Officer/L.E.A.D

Lieutenant Robert Kirby - Section Supervisor

Specially trained officers deliver educational courses through the L.E.A.D. Program (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) in elementary schools, while other officers serve as School Resource Officers (SROs) at the two city-based high schools, HOPE Academy, and the middle school. Officers serving in these capacities are recognized as role models by their respective students and they serve as mentors to many. Annually, these officers attend the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) Conference to remain proficient in their school-based duties.

Although the L.E.A.D. Program was not implemented due to COVID restrictions the SRO's, along with the Community Outreach Unit hosted the department's Youth Police Academy, a week-long mentoring program that focused on drug awareness, hands-on law enforcement applications, fire safety tips, bullying, and community policing. These annual events provide a positive impact on community youth as police officers develop and maintain friendships and partnerships that support community policing. The 2021 Youth Academy graduated more than 80 children ranging in age from 7 to 16 years of age over a two week period.



Criminal Investigations Section

Lieutenant Dale Strickland - Division Commander

The Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) conducts follow-up investigations involving felony and serious misdemeanor crimes. Members also process crime scenes, conduct surveillance, and prepare investigative case files for prosecution of criminal offenders. The Criminal Investigations Section has four state certified Crime Scene Technicians. Detectives within this section are assigned to units based on specialized training to conduct thorough investigations within their respective fields.

In 2021, a total of 100 polygraphs were conducted. Polygraph examinations are utilized for criminal, background, internal investigations, and as a part of pre-employment applicant assessments.

CIS represents the LaGrange Police Department on the Troup County Children and Family Advocacy Council's Child Death Review Committee and monthly Child Abuse Team Case Reviews; Troup County Crime Stoppers Board of Directors; and the Juvenile Court Stakeholders Association. They are also a cooperative member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) which was created by the Department of Justice to help state and local law enforcement agencies enhance their investigative response to offenders on the Internet that seek to sexually exploit children or otherwise contact them for indecent purposes.

CIS deploys resources to address crime trends based on information provided by the Crime Analyst. The Crime Analyst reviews crime reports, arrest reports, field interviews, and police calls for service to identify emerging patterns and trends. The analyst looks for all relevant factors in reports and issues bulletins, statistical information, and alerts to department personnel attempting to prevent future occurrences. The analyst also prepares statistics, data queries, charts and maps on demand to assist others in their crime prevention efforts.



Class A Crimes

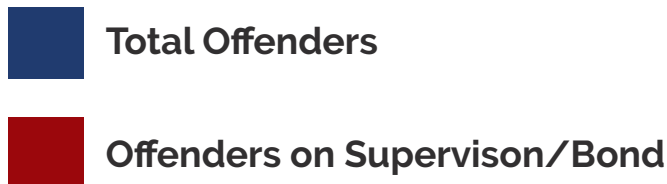
Year	1997	2018	2019	2020	2021
Murder	7	5	4	7	7
Rape	9	4	5	5	3
Robbery	74	41	33	39	36
Aggravated Assault	89	88	107	79	100
Violent Crime Total	179	138	149	130	146
Burglary	387	162	179	178	182
Larceny	1656	1263	1331	1464	1106
Vehicle Theft	114	70	112	125	91
Property Crime Total	2157	1495	1622	1767	1379
Total Crimes	2336	1633	1771	1897	1525

2021 Class A Crimes

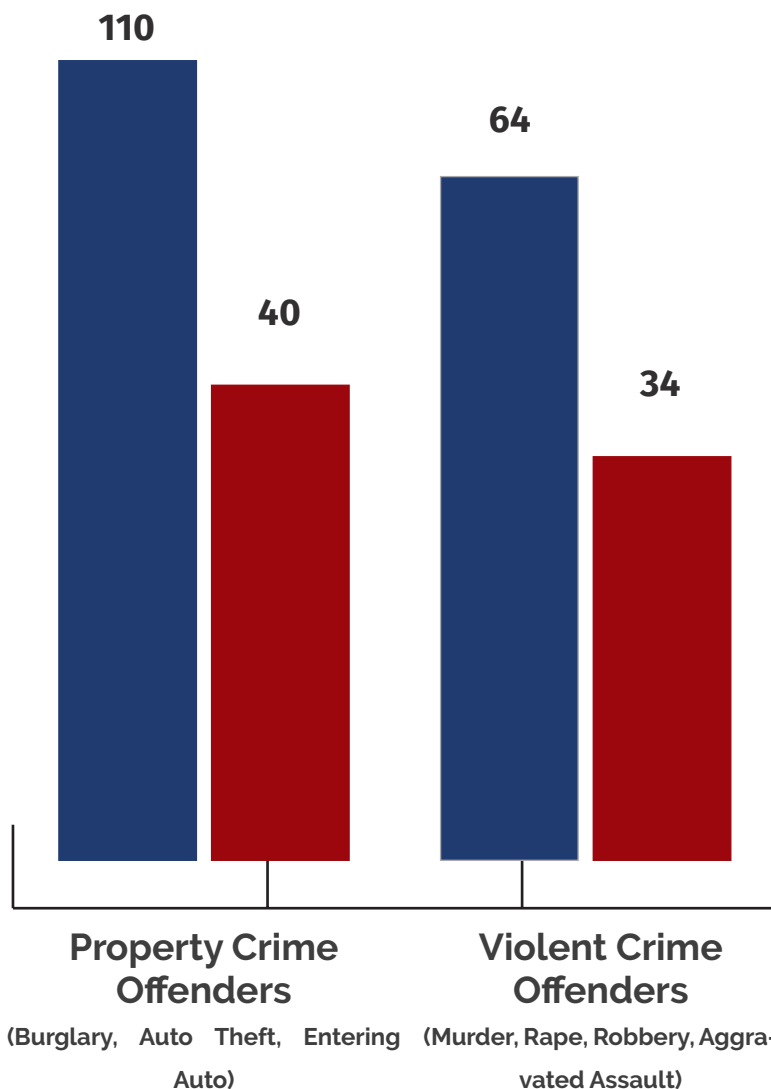
Offense	Reported	Cleared	LPD Clearance	National Clearance
Murder	7	9	129%	62%
Rape	3	1	33%	33%
Robbery	36	20	56%	30%
Aggravated Assault	100	45	45%	53%
Burglary	182	52	29%	14%
Larceny	1106	374	34%	19%
Vehicle Theft	91	47	52%	14%

*Aggravated Assaults- totals reported are per victim not per incident. A total of 80 incidents in 2021.

Community Impact of Recidivism



The chart on the right represents the number of offenders who committed Property Crime or Violent Crime offenses while on parole, probation, or bond. 33% of the Property Crime Offenders were on Parole, probation or bond when they committed the offense. 50% of the Violent Crime Offenders were on parole, probation, or bond, when they committed the offense.



Gun Violence Trend

Year	2019	2020	2021
Gun Shots	286	455	420
Persons Shot	26	32	24
Guns Recovered	146	144	152

Special Victims Unit

Sergeant Brian Brown - Unit Supervisor

The Special Victims Unit is comprised of detectives specially trained to investigate crimes of child, elder and domestic abuse, sexual assaults, and missing persons. These detectives work in conjunction with members of the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services, Adult Protective Services, Troup County District Attorney's Office, Troup County Child Advocacy Center, and several other local counseling providers while investigating these crimes. The Special Victims Unit works with Adult Protective Services on investigations involving allegations of at-risk adult abuse and also with the Office of Child Protection on every investigation involving alleged child abuse or neglect.

Year	2019	2020	2021
Domestic Violence	439	356	562
Elder Abuse	70	37	54
Child Abuse	312	190	224

Special Investigations

Sergeant Rebecca Noles - Unit Supervisor

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) concentrates its efforts on illegal and controlled substances, prostitution, and alcohol violations. Property and Evidence Control, Buildings and Grounds and the Gang Squad are also coordinated through this unit. The majority of investigations handled within this unit are self-initiated while utilizing a wide range of covert and overt techniques in order to identify and gather evidence to support arrests and prosecutions. Techniques for conducting such investigations commonly include the use of confidential informants, use of surveillance operations, covert video and audio recordings, buy-bust operations, use of undercover police officers, and execution of search warrants. During 2020, the Special Investigations Unit served 28 search warrants, initiated 33 alcohol investigations and seized over \$471,000 in illegal drugs, property and cash.

Gang Squad

The Gang Squad is responsible for, providing training to community members and police officers, and works collaboratively with officers in investigating and prosecuting gang cases. The Gang Squad attempts to refer criminal street gang cases to alternative dispositions, other than criminal prosecution. These referrals are to programs, that strive to break the cycle of gang involvement by offering job training skills, High School equivalency classes and college classes. The Gang Squad has also partnered with the Boys and Girls Club of West Georgia to develop and implement programs throughout the community aimed at gang prevention.

Special Investigations Unit Arrests

Felony Arrests	110
Misdemeanor Arrests	8
City Ordinance Arrests	34
Total	152
Gang Investigations	33
VGCSA Charges	
Cocaine	43
Marijuana	48
Methamphetamine	8
Misc. Controlled Drugs	20
Other Offenses	20

Emergency Services Unit

Captain Dale Strickland - Coordinator



ESU addresses special high risk situations within LaGrange to include, Hostage Incidents, Barricaded Suspects, Suicidal Suspects, Woodland Searches, Civil Disorder/High Risk Demonstrations, Dignitary Protection, and High Risk Search/Arrest Warrant Service. The Unit consists of two specialized working teams, The Crisis Negotiation Team and the Tactical Team. Tactical members completed over 180 hours of tactical training during 2021 as a unit and provided training to all members of the police department on responding to active assaults. In 2021, ESU was deployed on four occasions. Two deployments were for planned high risk search warrants and two deployments were for armed barricaded suspects wanted for felony offenses. In both cases, crisis negotiators worked diligently to negotiate with the suspects for a surrender without the need for tactical remedies. In the first stand-off, the suspect surrendered to arrest after gas was introduced into the home. The second stand-off lasted over 17 hours with the suspect threatening kill police, firing numerous rounds as he walked through a neighborhood placing residents in danger, threatening to detonate explosives, and shooting hundreds of rifle rounds at officers. During the stand-off the home he was barricaded in caught fire and burned. The suspect was later located deceased inside the home.

Records Section

Captain Andree Robinson - Commander



The Records Section is the official recipient for any requests made of the LaGrange Police under the Georgia Open Records Act. The Support Division Commander is the official Records Officer. There were 548 substantial Open Records Requests in 2021 processed by the Records Section, as well as 640 requests from various court systems for videos and photographs for criminal prosecution. The Records Section also processed 469 Alcohol Beverage permits, 633 accident reports, and 1,632 criminal history requests for employment.

Community Service

The intent of the Community Service program is to provide general services in the form of labor or skill to local, State, County, and Municipal government agencies, and non-profit organizations within the City of LaGrange. During 2020 there were 1,261 participants for a total of 7,560 hours and a cost savings of \$54,804.



2021 Annual Report

LaGrange Police Department

A community oriented police department committed to serving our citizens