



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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Prepared For :
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FY25

COUNCIL GOALS



A city that works for everyone



An economy that prospers.



A safe community that thrives.



Spaces and places that inspire.

FY25

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS



1. Strengthen Downtown Partnerships

2. Improve Infrastructure & Utilities Awareness

3. Modernize City Ordinances & Codes

4. Advance Community Livability & Amenities

5. Ensure Fee Equity & Service Sustainability

6. Attract & Retain Talent Through Competitive Compensation

7. Improve Internal Communication & Accountability



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



ONGOING CITY PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

All Districts

Resurfacing LMIG 2024- Scruggs has completed all nineteen (19) streets in the project; Punch list items being completed



TSPLOST PROJECTS

TIA Project #16285 - Old Clyattville Road Widening – design & construction administration by LEA – contractor is Reames & Son Construction - Construction began in March 2025; Sewer and water main installation complete, Storm drainage and grading work in progress.

TIA Project #16290 - Baytree Road @ Gornto Road – design by Kimley Horn – contractor is Reames & Son Construction– construction began in March 2025; Foundations installed for four new poles; grading, curb, and stone base course construction complete for additional right-turn lane.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



UPCOMING CITY PROJECTS



District 1

- Knights Creek Sanitary Sewer Trunkline Rehabilitation, Phase 2 - Contractor is RPI Inc- Contracts executed and Notice to Proceed issued; Anticipated completion in late 2025.

District 3

- West Street Sidewalk Construction- Southland Contractors- Atlanta Gas completed renovations in late 2024. Revised contract approved by City Council and executed. Construction Notice to Proceed Issued in March 2025.
- Sugar Creek Emergency Repair FY25- Contractor is RPI Inc- Contracts executed and Notice to Proceed issued; Anticipated completion in late 2025.
- Remer Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation, Phase 1- Contractor is JWA- Contracts executed and Notice to Proceed issued; Anticipated complet



District 6

- Terrace Blvd- 8" Water Main, 500 linear feet- Contractor is RPI- Construction delayed by hurricane debris, Construction to start Spring 2025.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



PRIVATE PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION INSPECTED BY THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

District 1

- Ace Electric Expansion
- Landmark Calvary Holiness Church
- Scott Dowdy Subdivision
- Scintilla Charter Academy

District 2

- Turner's Center for the Arts

District 3

- Austin Steakhouse (New Constructed Building)
- Colquitt EMC Warehouse
- Dunkin Donuts
- Madison Highway Buildings
- Race Trac Rd
- Raising Cane's Chicken Tenders
- The Retreat Apartments
- Utility Plastics
- Valdosta Center Developer's LLC
- Williams Holding Pond
- Wing Time

District 4

- Cross Road Baptist Church
- Hawthorne North
- Hawthorne South
- Hawthorn Villas
- Mount Zion Acres Subdivision
- SGMC- Women & Children's Center

District 5

- Boys & Girls Club- Lake Laurie
- Grand Oak Subdivision

District 6

- Villas At Brayfield
- W Alden Place Subdivision
- Wok's Up



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



61

Potholes Repaired

10

Stop Signs Replaced

14

Traffic Signals
Repaired/LEDs
Changed

14

Street Signs
Created/Repaired

547

Water/Sewer Cuts
Repaired - Sq Ft

14

After Hours Repairs

56

Asphalt Pavement
Resurfacing -
tonnage

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

STATS
Stormwater/Arbor

12

Ft of pipe cleaned

7095

ft of canals
maintenance

204

Miles of streets swept

325

Trees Trimmed

12

Trees Removed

FINANCE

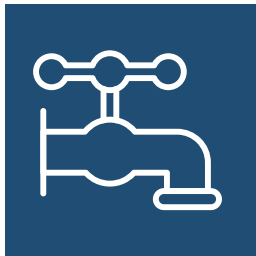
DEPARTMENT



METER READING

of Meters Read

22,613



of Rereads

30

of Move Outs

245

of Cut List

0

of Rereads

151

Business
Licenses
Issued



42

COLLECTIONS

Property Tax	\$1,349,828.04
LOST	\$1,127,034.57
SPLOST	\$2,915,033.37
T-SPLOST	\$87,190.13
GEFA DEBT BALANCE	\$51,464,394.78

CUSTOMER SERVICE

New Sign ups

253

Phone Calls

4,362

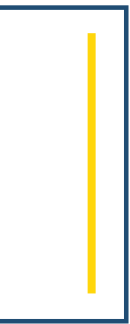
Window Transactions

6,854

Total Revenue

\$3,215,199.56





FIRE DEPARTMENT



2,261

TRAINING HOURS

Medical
106

Other Fires
9

Other Fires
16

Fire Alarms
117

Other Hazards
83

Vehicle Accidents
52

375 TOTAL CALLS

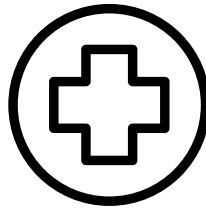
FIRE DEPARTMENT



CONT'D

Council District 1

- 30 FIRE ALARMS
- 31 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 1 OTHER FIRES
- 13 OTHER HAZARDS
- 1 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 2 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



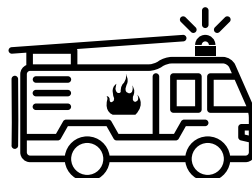
Council District 2

- 20 FIRE ALARMS
- 22 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 4 OTHER FIRES
- 16 OTHER HAZARDS
- 4 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 18 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



Council District 3

- 34 FIRE ALARMS
- 21 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 2 OTHER FIRES
- 18 OTHER HAZARDS
- 1 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 21 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



Council District 4

- 11 FIRE ALARMS
- 14 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 4 OTHER FIRES
- 7 OTHER HAZARDS
- 2 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 7 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Council District 5

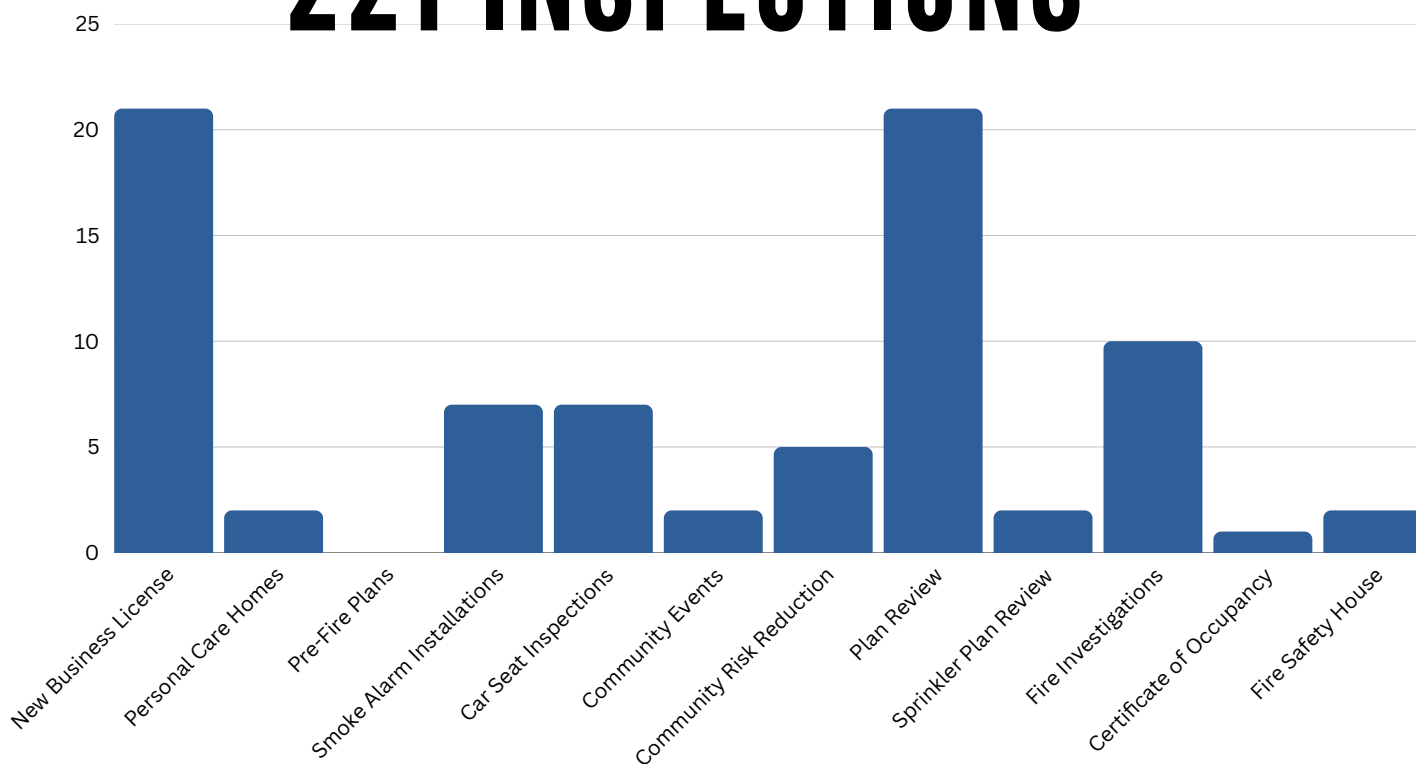
- 29 FIRE ALARMS
- 18 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 1 OTHER FIRES
- 16 OTHER HAZARDS
- 0 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 3 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Council District 6

- 17 FIRE ALARMS
- 10 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 3 OTHER FIRES
- 11 OTHER HAZARDS
- 1 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 9 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



221 INSPECTIONS



VFD HOSTS INAUGURAL 'CAMP BLAZE'

VFD hosted its inaugural Camp Blaze from July 28–30 — a three-day, all-girls fire camp focused on building confidence, teamwork, and leadership through hands-on fire and rescue activities.



HUMAN RESOURCES



EMPLOYEE UPDATES

Anniversaries

Robin Jackson	36 yrs
Mynor Recinos	34 yrs
Tomas Chavarria	33 yrs
Amy Hall	28 yrs
Vicky Taunton	28 yrs
Jason Figarola	25 yrs
Joshua Ellwood	25 yrs
Chuck Dinkins	24 yrs
Carla Jones	23 yrs
Dana Fudge	18 yrs
Roger Roundtree	13 yrs
Daniel Jacobs	11 yrs
Tonya Kennedy	11 yrs
Shelia Williams	11 yrs
Ken Lowe	10 yrs
Brandon McDuffie	10 yrs
Steven Parrish	10 yrs
Aaron Brown	8 yrs
Daniel Carder	8 yrs
Ricardo Garcia	8 yrs
Bettie Jackson	8 yrs

Alexander Merritt	7 yrs
Joshua Box	6 yrs
Brandon Chadwick	6 yrs
Bernard Cumbie	6 yrs
Dominic Henry	6 yrs
Austin Keen	6 yrs
Tiffany Romanowski	6 yrs
Debra Dixon	2 yrs
Linda Rioux	2 yrs
Dominick Herrera	1 yr
Chelsea Nevels	1 yr

INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT



BELOW ARE BUILDING PERMITS IN THE CITY OF VALDOSTA LIMITS CONSISTING OF NEW CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, ACCESSORY STRUCTURES, AND REMODEL/REPAIR PROJECTS (BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL).

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6
28	32	17	40	25	22

# of plans submitted	# of plans completed in 10 days or less
32	15

of inspections
submitted

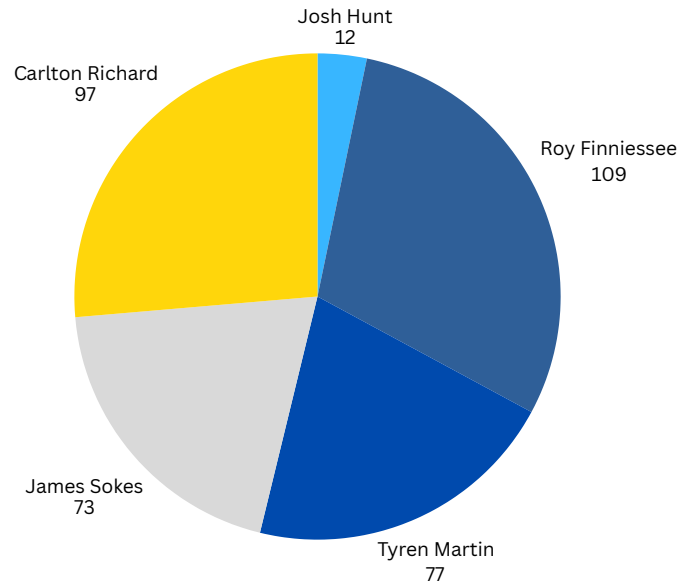
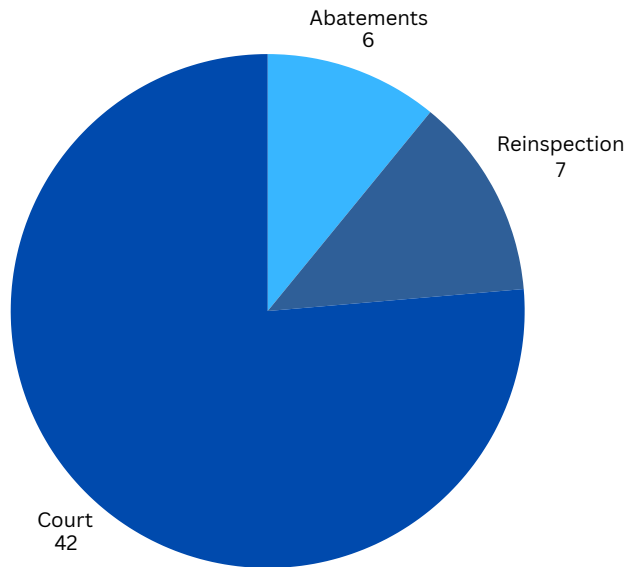
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of same day
inspections by
permit clerk

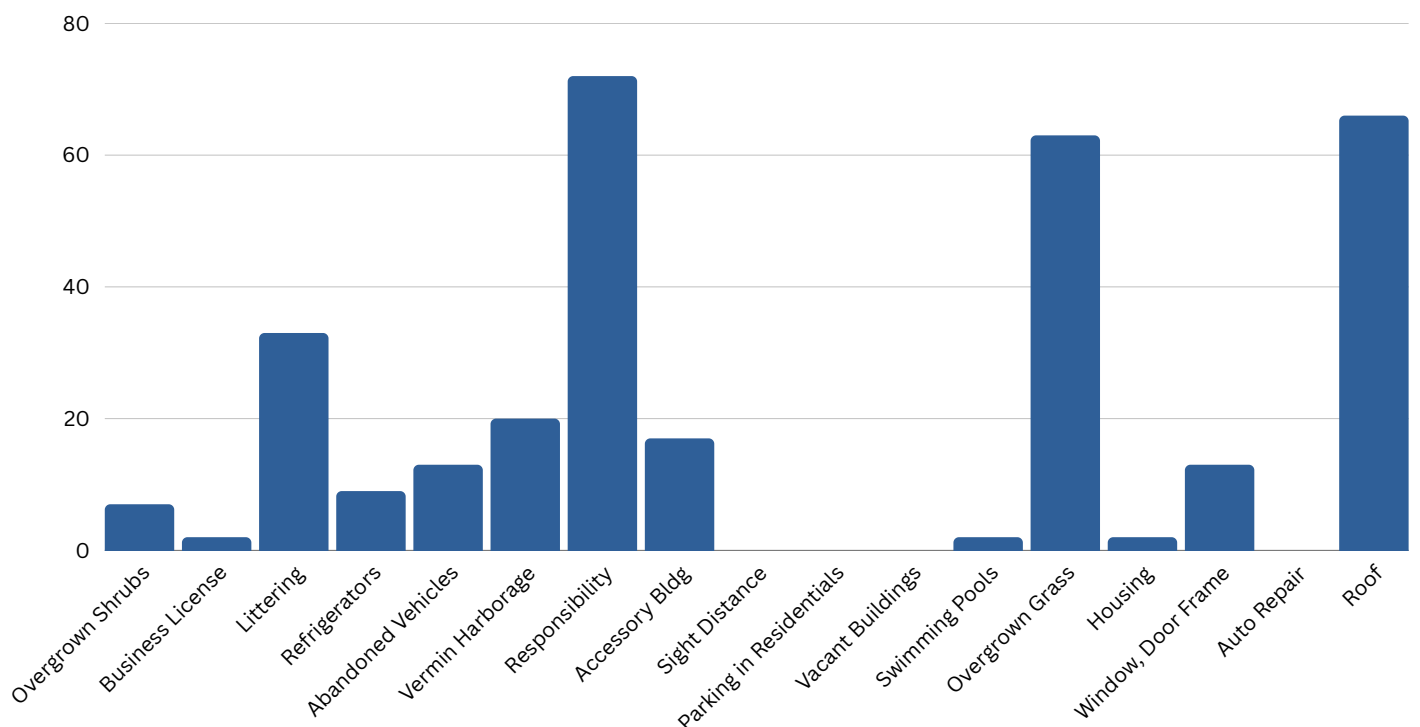
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COMMUNITY PROTECTION



OPEN CASES



NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT



CDBG PROJECTS

 216 Windsor Street,
rehabilitation District 4

 1007 Ponderosa Dr.,
rehabilitation District 4

 1007 Bunche Dr.,
rehabilitation District 1

203 CHESTER STREET.
RECONSTRUCTION DISTRICT 1



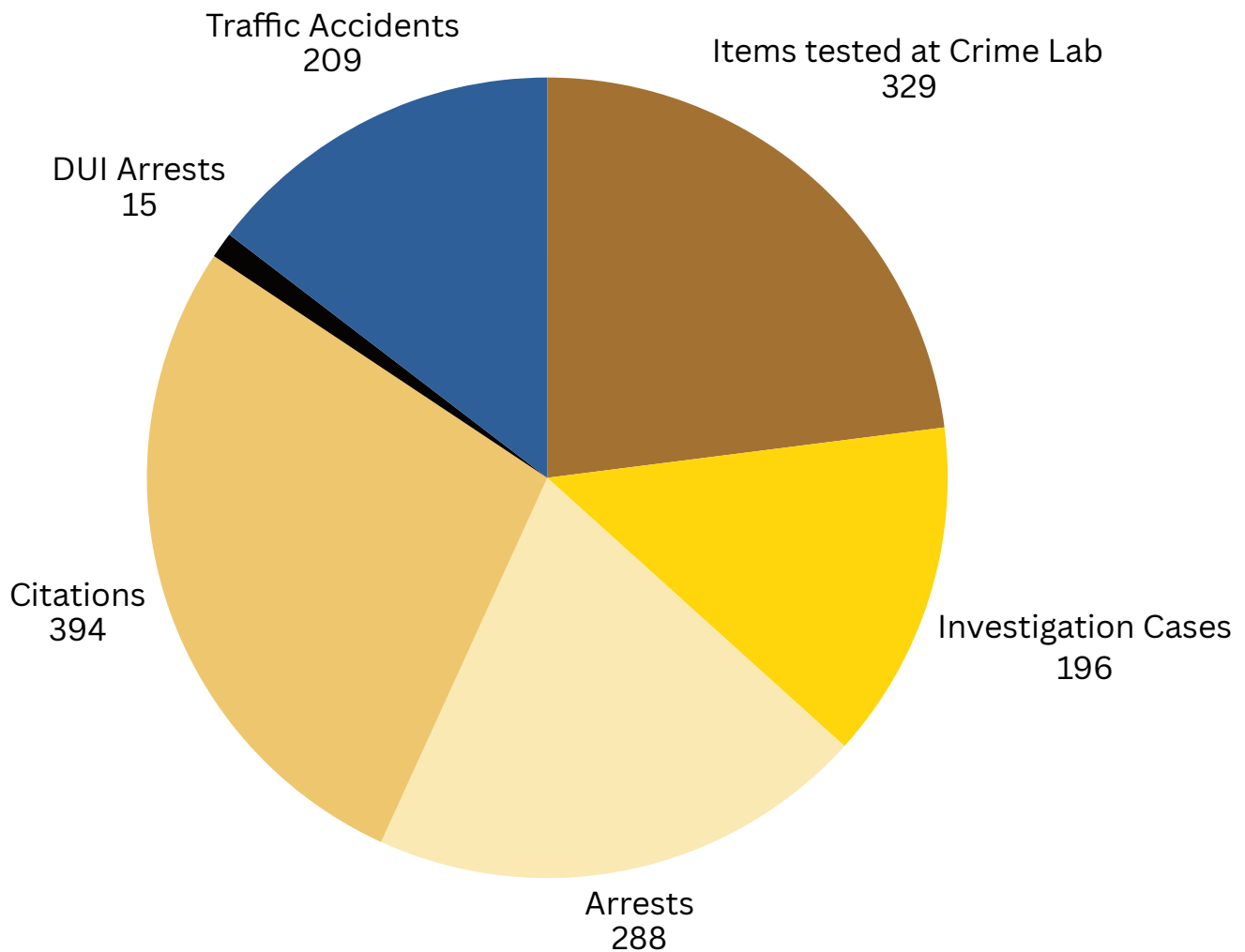
THE APPLICATION PERIOD FOR COMMUNITY
BLOCK GRANT IS NOW CLOSED

POLICE DEPARTMENT



5,479 CALLS FOR
SERVICE

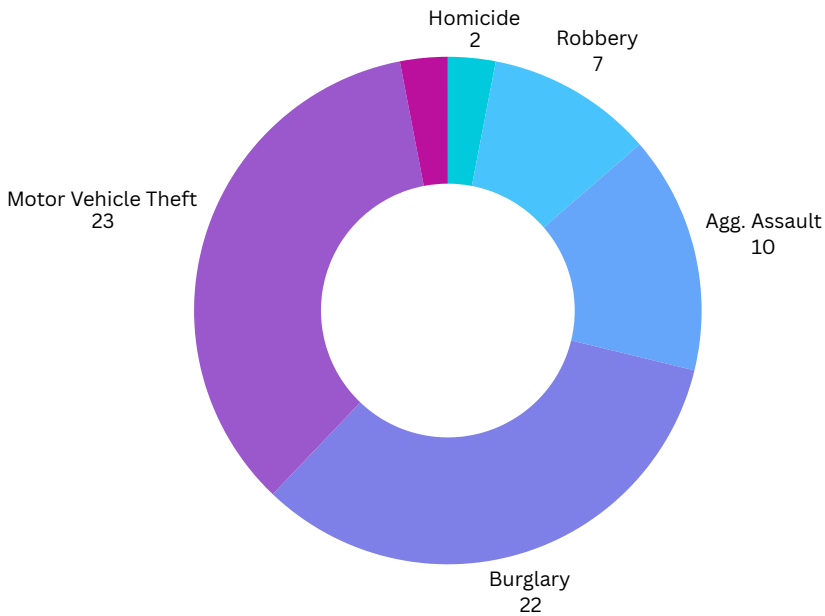
264
TRAINING
HOURS



POLICE DEPARTMENT



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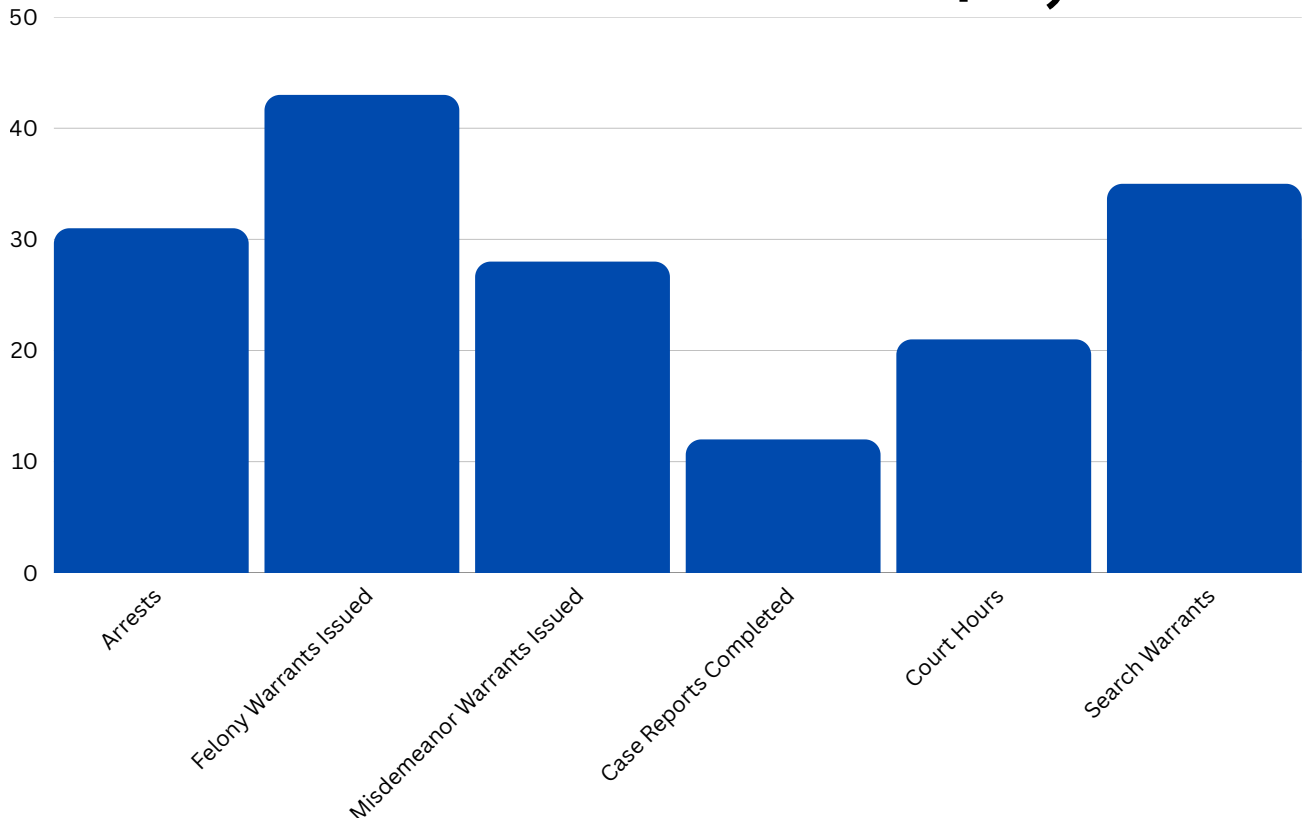


INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

192 CASES

\$189,665
Value of Property Recovered

Value of Property/Contraband Seized
\$7,790



POLICE DEPARTMENT



CONT'D



Chief Manahan, Commander Renfro, and Captain Klingemann attended the ribbon cutting for the National Guard Armory.

Chief Manahan attended the LifeSouth Appreciation Luncheon and received a certificate on behalf of the department for saving 180 lives.

DEFY is currently not in session, however, when it was found that one of the graduates had a medical concern, Officer Hancock and Ms. Gray had special visit with him.

Several members of the department provided security at the 3rd Annual Bluesberry Festival

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



TRAFFIC BUREAU



Top roads with collisions:

- N. Ashley St. / N. Oak St. Ext (5)
- Bemiss Rd / Inner Perimeter (4)
- Norman Dr / W. Hill Ave (4)
- N. St. Augustine Rd / Twin St (3)
- Gornot Rd / Jerry Jones (3)

Top collision causes:

23.2%

Following too Closely

24.5%

Failure to Yield

BUREAU OF SUPPORT SERVICES



The District Attorney received **50** case files and Lowndes County State Court received **40** case files to assist in prosecuting cases for both entities made by Patrol and Support personnel.

documents processed

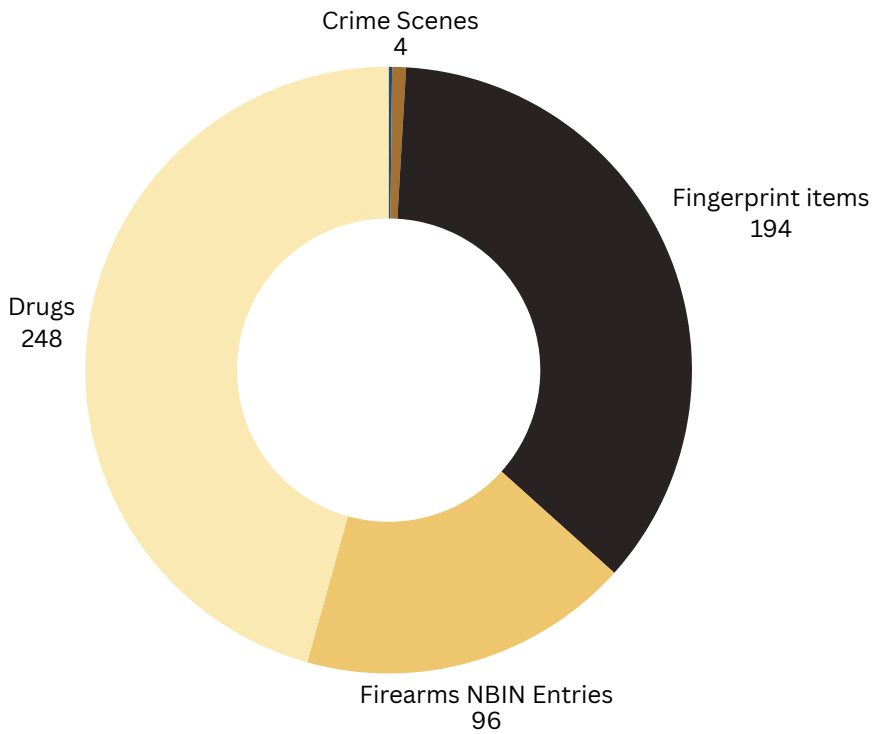
10,859

POLICE DEPARTMENT

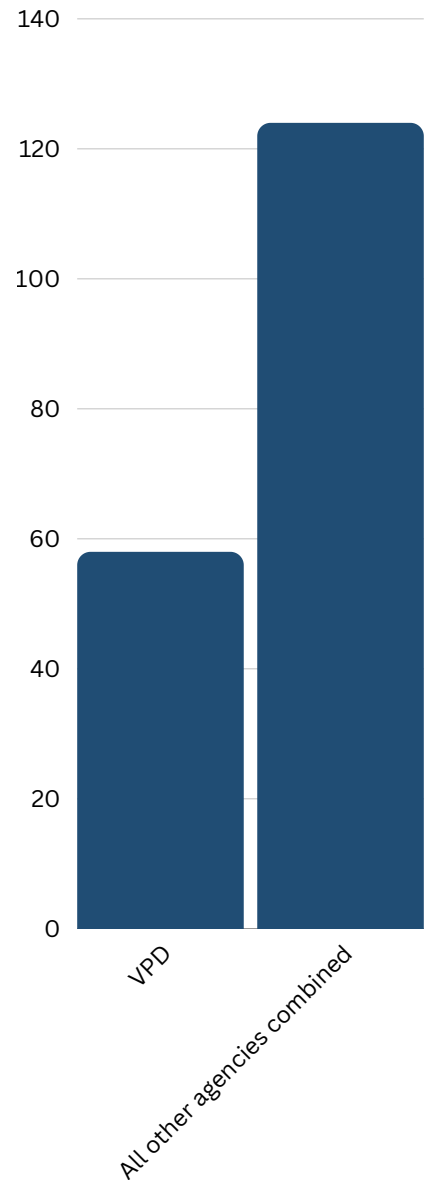


CONTD

REQUESTED SERVICES



CRIME LAB



574 ITEMS
TESTED

YTD: 1,898
ITEMS TESTED

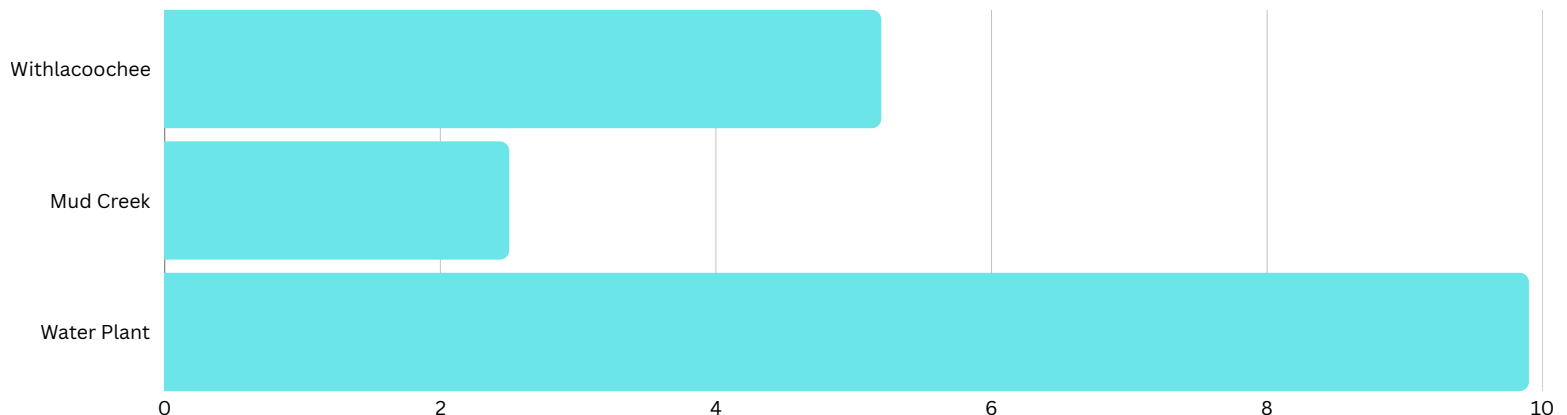
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



Capital/Equipment Projects Update

- Guest Rd WTP - Train II Repair – 24” Water Main (Emergency Repair)
 - This project should be completed in August of 2025.
- Contractor to begin (tentative) 8/20/25 Guest Rd WTP - MCC Switchgear.
 - The project should be completed in August 2025.
- Withlacoochee WPCP - Sludge Belt Press Replacement.
 - This will be taken to council in August 2025.
- Gornto and Remer Phase 1 Lift Station Improvements
 - We should receive the VFD’S shortly then thy will be installed.
- Remer 30” Trunkline- Phase 1
 - The project should start shortly the NTP has been given to the contractor.
- Knight Creek
 - The second phase should start in August of 2025. The NTP has been given to the contractor.
- Water Plant No 2
 - This project is out to bid.
- Inner Perimeter Rd Water & Sanitary Sewer Extensions to E. Park Ave. Project.
 - In the design phase.
 - This project should start shortly.
- CMOM and Consent Order
 - We sent a letter out to EPD regarding the extension of the consent order.
- Mud Creek WPCP
 - Currently Turnipseed is working on the plant upgrade plans.
- Sheri Lake Extension
 - Currently in design and surveying process.
 - We are in discussion about this project.
- Knight Mill Lift Station Rehab
 - This project should start shortly the NTP has been given to the contractor

● Avg. MGD



UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



See Click Fix

- Total : 3
- Acknowledged : 0
- Closed : 3

41

Service Calls
Completed :
Water

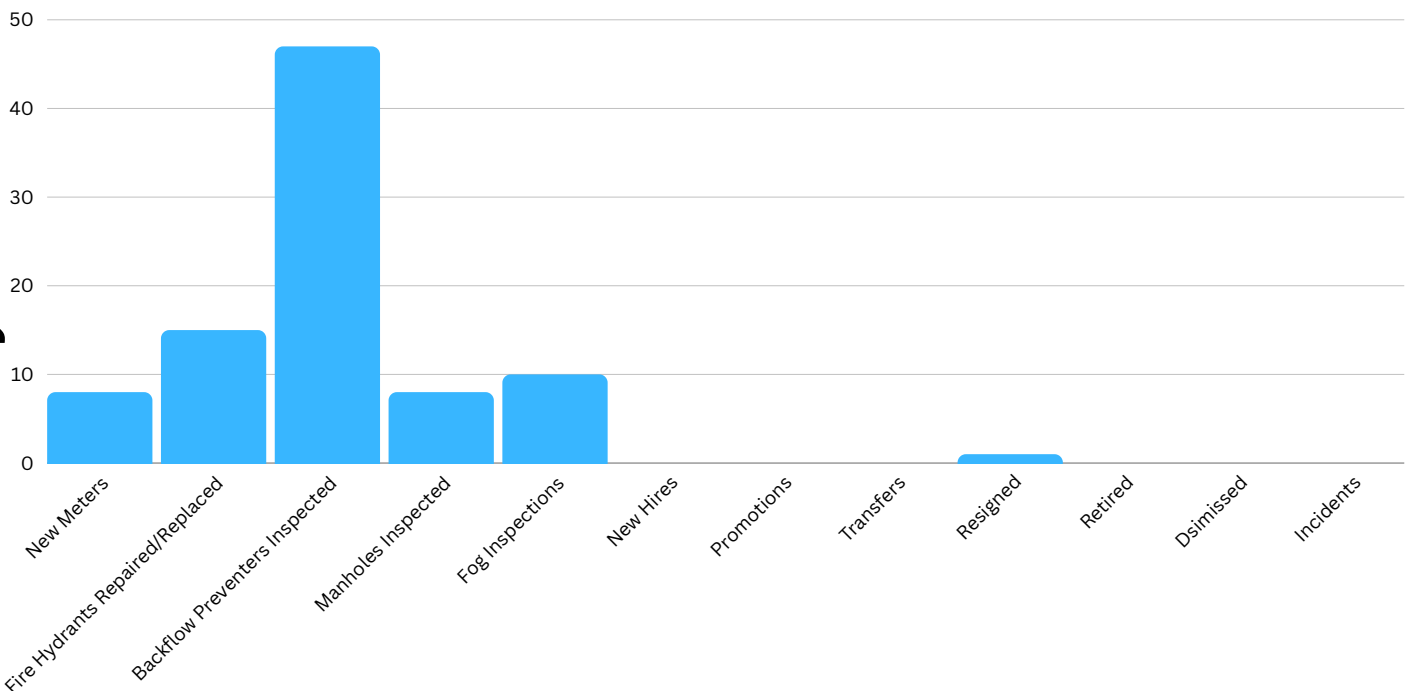
100% Central Maintenance
Preventative Work
Orders Completed

21

Service Calls
Completed :
Sewer

125 Watershed & River
Samples Collected

Monthly Stats



PUBLIC INFO DIVISION



LINKEDIN

1,358 followers **134 page views**
+14 increase 5.6% decrease



FACEBOOK

28,277 followers **136.3K reach**
+153 net increase +1.2% increase



INSTAGRAM

4,112 followers **2.7K reach**
+27 net increase 47.8% decrease



YouTube
826 subscribers
0 increase



WATCH 73.3
TIME HOURS

13 VIDEOS UPLOADES

1. Let's Talk Podcast | Human Resources
2. Harvest Station Ribbon-cutting & Groundbreaking
3. Let's Talk Podcast | Hurricane Preparedness
4. CDBG Ribbon-cutting | Young Family
5. City Council Meeting 5.8.25
6. 2025 National Water Week Celebration
7. VPD | 2025 National Police Week
8. Let's Talk Podcast | Public Works w/ Chandra McAllister
9. VPD Awards & Promotions Ceremony
10. 2025 National Public Works Week
11. City Council Meeting 5.22.25
12. City of Valdosta | Your Career Starts Here
13. VPD | 2025 New Officer Swear-in

GOVDELIVERY REPORT

12,013 Subscribers
+167 increase