



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

March 2025

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. Review and address the conditions of the road within the city limits based on PCI and identify funding sources including LMIG and others.

2. Review traffic calming and signage policies.

3. Continue to monitor progress of Barack Obama and Cypress Street projects.

4. Move forward on identifying water and sewage infrastructure improvement funding services.

5. Review alcohol ordinances.

6. Research salaries of cities similar to Valdosta by mid-April.

7. Develop an orientation checklist for newly elected officials.



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



ONGOING CITY PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



District 3

Country Club Dr. Culvert Repair- Demolition is complete. Concrete culvert installed; Earthwork ongoing



All Districts

Scruggs began concrete work (Curb, Gutter, Driveway repairs) for the City wide resurfacing project



District 6



Oakdale/Sherwood CMP Outfall Culvert Replacement- 90% Complete. Final punch list completion underway.






ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



TSPLOST PROJECTS

-  TIA Project #16285 - Old Clyattville Road Widening – design & inspections by LEA – contractor is Reames & Son Construction– private utility relocation by AGL pending Feb 2025 – construction began in March 2025; Sewer installation nearing completion.
-  TIA Project #16290 - Baytree Road @ Gornto Road – design by Kimley Horn – contractor is Reames & Son Construction– construction began in March 2025; Work paused for utility relocation

UPCOMING CITY PROJECTS

-  **District 3**
West Street Sidewalk Construction- Southland Contractors- Atlanta Gas completed renovations in late 2024. Revised contract approved by City Council and executed. Construction to start March 2025.
-  **District 5**
 - Trotters Way- Small diameter sewer force main- Contractor is RPI- Construction delayed by hurricane debris; Construction to start Spring 2025.
-  **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

- Harvest Station Apartments
- Turner's Center for the Arts

District 3

- Austin Steakhouse (New Constructed Building)
- Cold Fusion
- Madison Highway Buildings
- Race Trac Rd
- The Retreat Apartments
- 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

District 6

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



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



69

Potholes Repaired

63

Stop Signs Replaced

15

Traffic Signals
Repaired/LEDs
Changed

72

Street Signs
Created/Repaired

436

Water/Sewer Cuts
Repaired - Sq Ft

28.52

Asphalt Pavement
Resurfacing -
tonnage

18

After Hours Repairs

20

Traffic Signal
Maintenance

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

STATS
Stormwater/Arbor

2,398

Ft of pipe cleaned

26,465

ft of canals
maintenance

134

Miles of streets swept

368

Trees Trimmed

63

Trees Removed

42

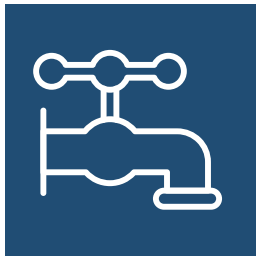
Work orders
completed

FINANCE

DEPARTMENT



of Meters Read
10,544



of Rereads
439

of Move Outs
140

of Cut List
0

53

Business
Licenses
Issued



COLLECTIONS

Property Tax	\$485,637.83
LOST	\$1,073,699.01
SPLOST	\$0
T-SPLOST	\$81,812.92

CUSTOMER SERVICE



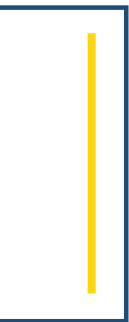
New Sign ups
286

Phone Calls
5,396

Window Transactions
7,711

Total Revenue
\$3,206,906.74



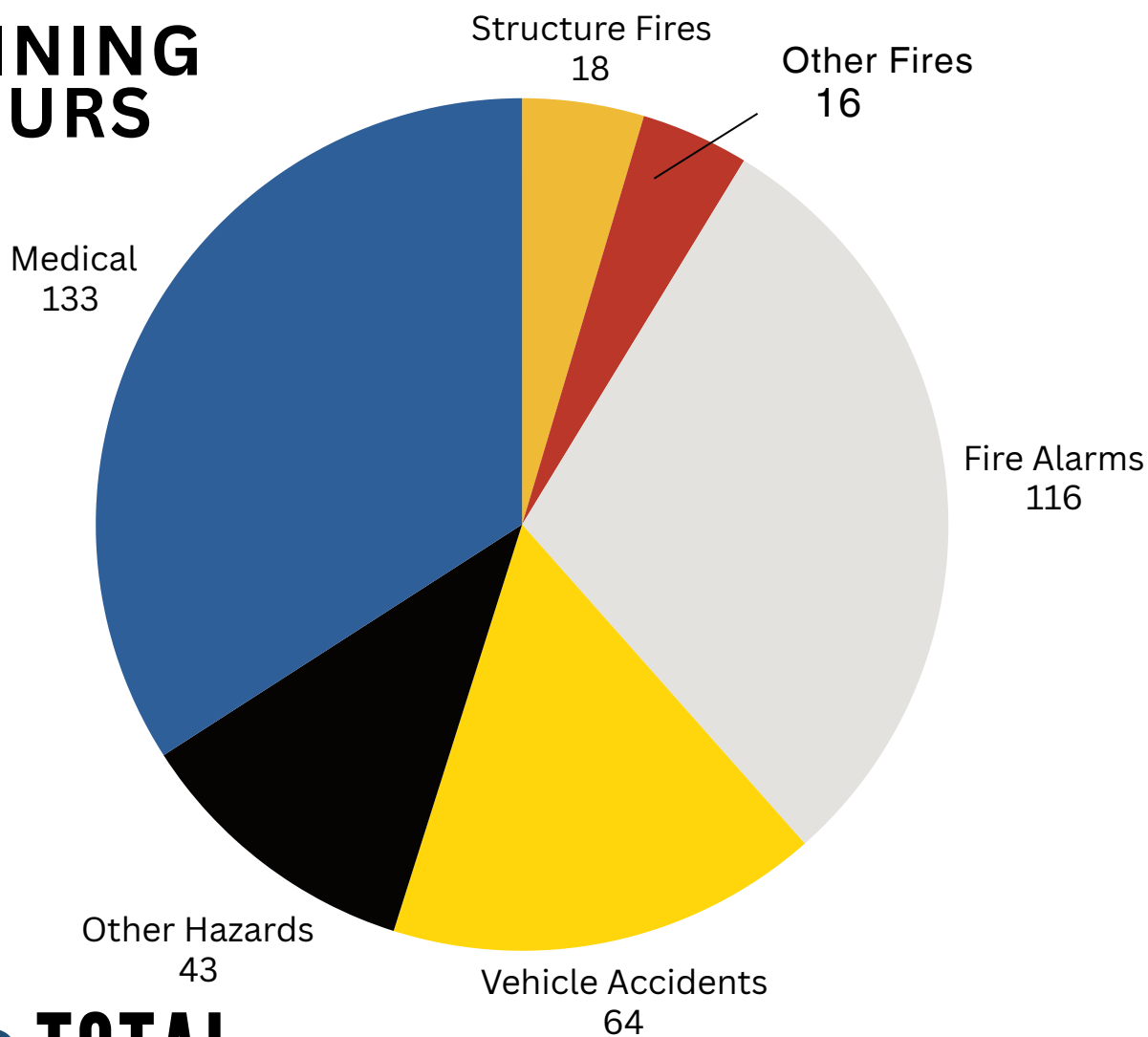


FIRE DEPARTMENT



1,705

TRAINING HOURS



390 TOTAL CALLS

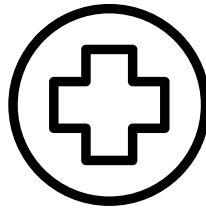
FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Council District 1

- 16 FIRE ALARMS
- 26 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 3 OTHER FIRES
- 7 OTHER HAZARDS
- 1 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 10 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



Council District 2

- 28 FIRE ALARMS
- 27 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 8 OTHER FIRES
- 3 OTHER HAZARDS
- 5 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 10 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



Council District 3

- 28 FIRE ALARMS
- 22 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 6 OTHER FIRES
- 7 OTHER HAZARDS
- 2 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 20 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



Council District 4

- 6 FIRE ALARMS
- 17 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 1 OTHER FIRES
- 6 OTHER HAZARDS
- 2 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 15 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Council District 5

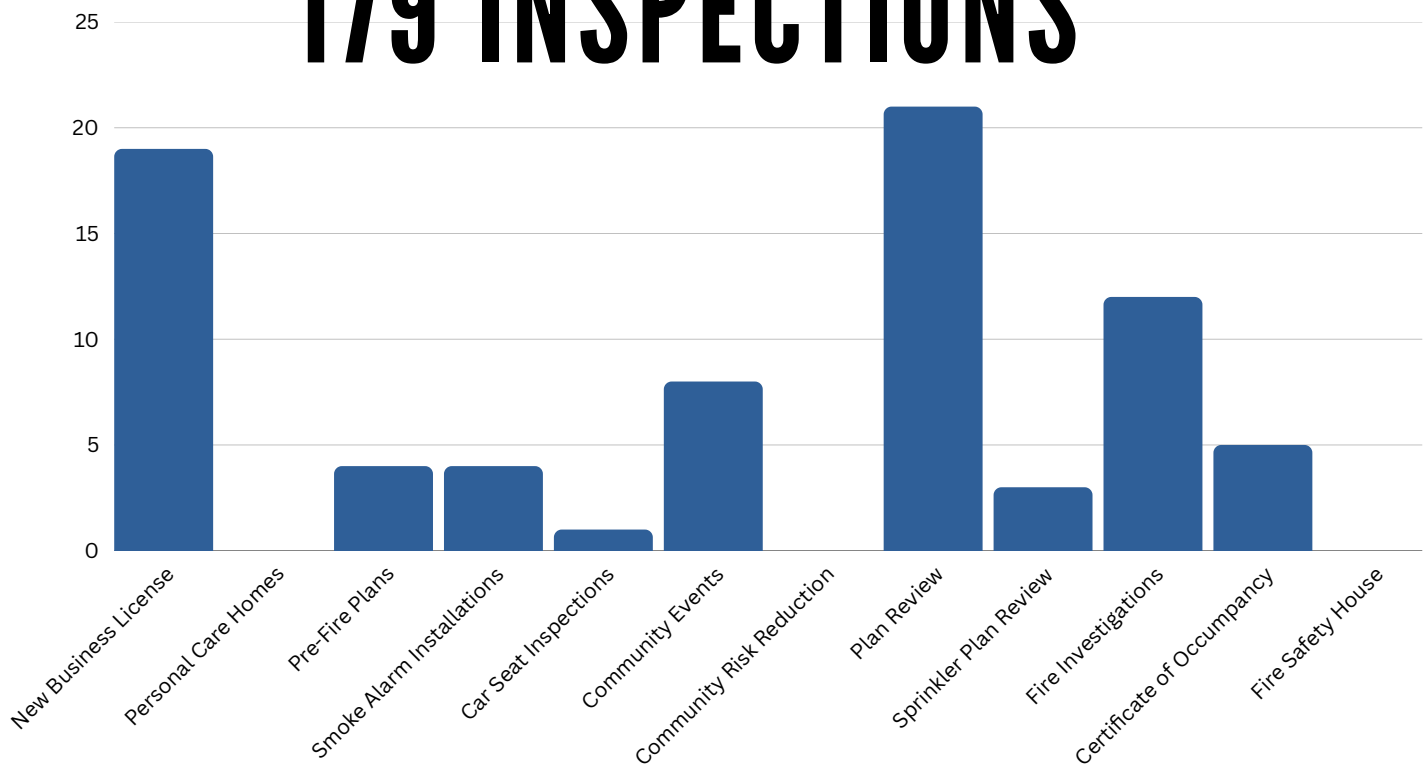
- 18 FIRE ALARMS
- 12 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 3 OTHER FIRES
- 1 OTHER HAZARDS
- 1 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 12 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Council District 6

- 7 FIRE ALARMS
- 15 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 2 OTHER FIRES
- 4 OTHER HAZARDS
- 3 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 3 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



179 INSPECTIONS



VFD CELEBRATES NEW ENGINE 1

On Monday, March 25, 2025, VFD celebrated the arrival of their new Sutphen Fire Engine 1 with a push-in ceremony. One stand-out feature is the traditional bell on the front bumper that can be rung from the Lieutenant's seat.



HUMAN RESOURCES



EMPLOYEE UPDATES

Anniversaries

Patricia Coleman	45 yrs	Geraldine Fairell	7 yrs
Barry Williams	34 yrs	Matthew Bridges	5 yrs
Kyle Salter	25 yrs	Jacob Coleman-Diaz	5 yrs
Tammie Hart	23 yrs	Dillon Greene	5 yrs
Daphne Covington	18 yrs	Hudson Tanner	5 yrs
Tonnie Knight	18 yrs	Joshua Van Deraa	5 yrs
Roy Finiessee	17 yrs	Lauren Hurley	4 yrs
Daniel Dutton	14 yrs	Maria Rodriguez	4 yrs
Steven Shadron	14 yrs	Carlton Richard	3 yrs
Michael Cartrett	13 yrs	Sharah Denton	3 yrs
Richard Copeland	11 yrs	Erica Thrift	3 yrs
Matthew Francis	11 yrs	Carl Lehman	2 yrs
Jimmy Miley	10 yrs	Tyshon Neal	2 yrs
Cory Anderson	9 yrs	James Stokes	2 yrs
David Fawcett	9 yrs	Chris Holder	2 yrs
Jordan Greene	8 yrs	Kevin Taber	2 yrs
Ricky Cornelius	8 yrs	April Taylor	2 yrs
Joshua Abercrombie	8 yrs	Gregory Lofton	1 yr
Sarah Gardner	7 yrs	Joseph Bennett	1 yr

INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT



# of plans submitted	# of plans completed in 10 days or less
29	24

of inspections
submitted

987

of same day
inspections by
permit clerk

20



DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET



EVENTS

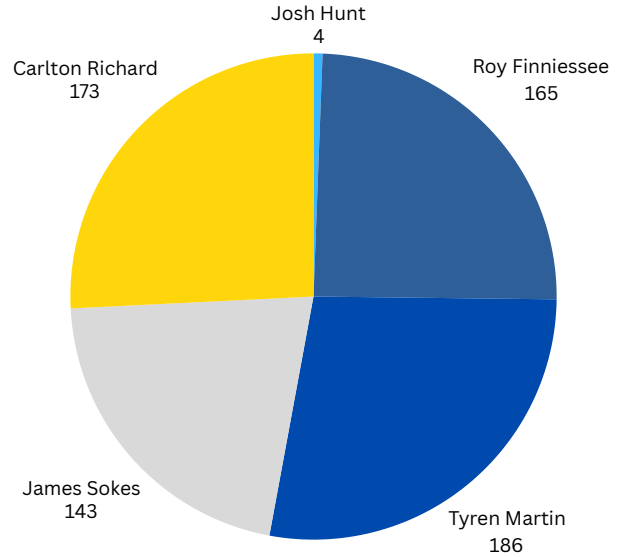
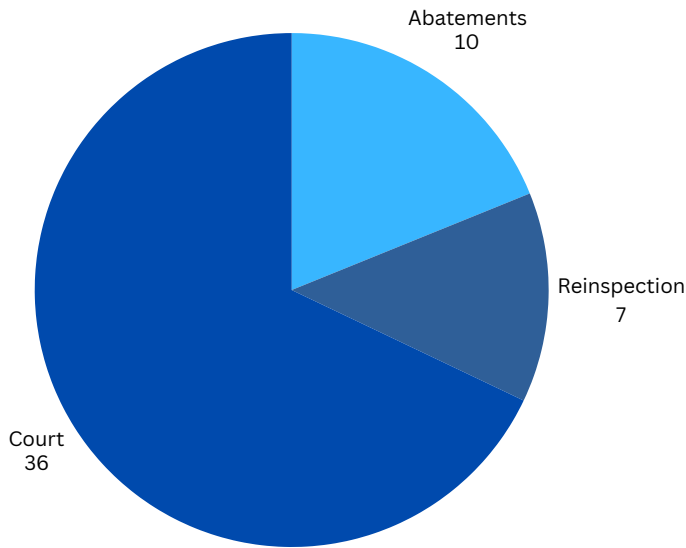
- Downtown - 2
 - First Friday
 - Azalea After Dark
- Retail - 7
- Restaurants - 21
- Turner Center for the Arts: 25
- Theatre Guild Valdosta: 1
- CVDA Meetings: 1

SOCIAL MEDIA & WEB STATS

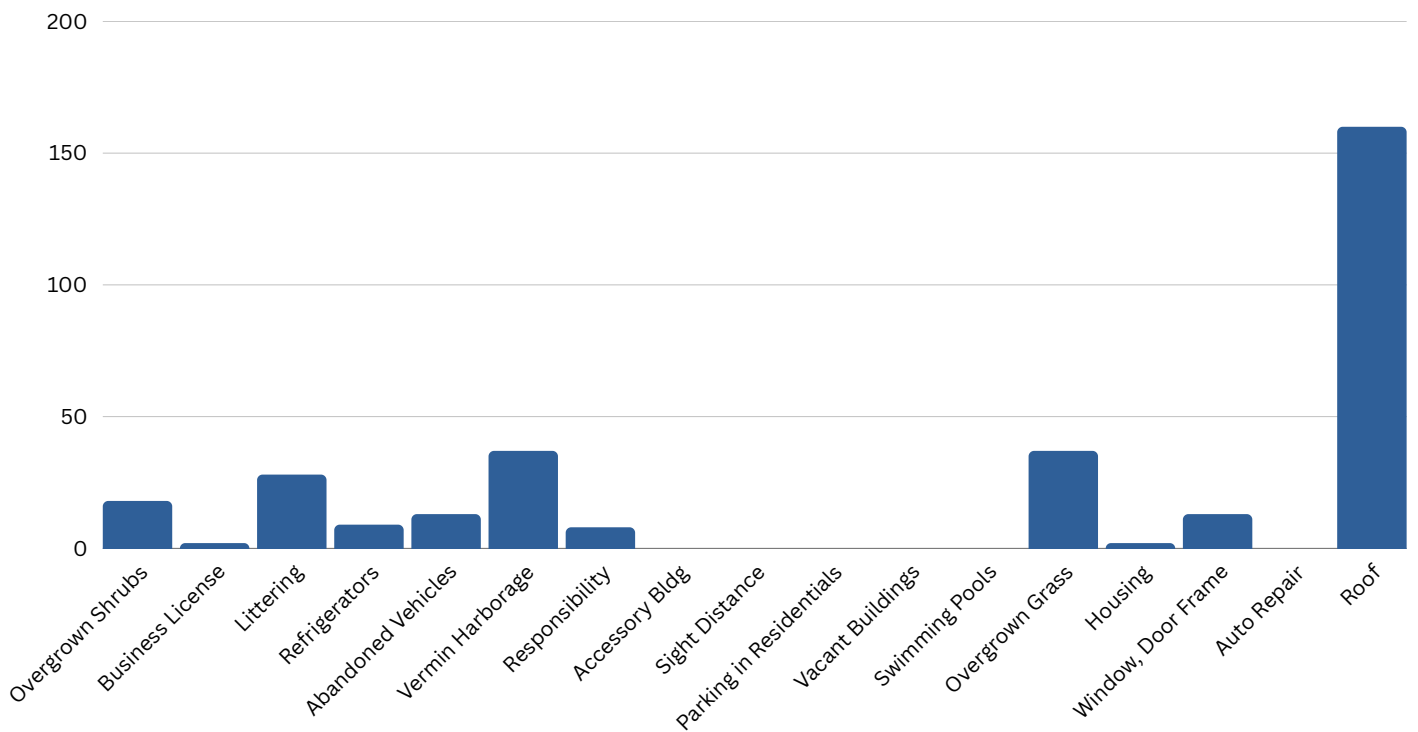
- Facebook:
 - Followers: 21,255
 - Reach: 243.4K
 - New Followers: 322
 - Views: 832.5K
- Instagram:
 - Followers: 6,857
 - Reach: 10.8K
 - New Followers: 21
 - Views: 32.1K



COMMUNITY PROTECTION



OPEN CASES



NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT



CDBG PROJECTS

- 216 Windsor Street,
rehabilitation District 4
- 817 East Brookwood Pl.,
reconstruction, 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 OPEN



ZONING DIVISION



There were 33 **Zoning Approval forms** issued for non-commercial new construction or building additions.



There were (3) major ongoing **subdivision plats** during the month of March, as well as (1) new minor plat and (2) new recombination plats that were recorded. Several other proposed plats were reviewed in draft stages for future recording.



There were (4) of **Administrative Permits** processed in March, However, there were (5) Special Event alcoholic beverage catering events reviewed in March..



There were 1 **First Step** with local property owners and their development design professionals and 11 **Pre-application meetings** during March..



There were 2 **variance applications** processed in March through the ZBOA.



There were 8 **sign applications** processed and approved in March .



There were (4) formal **Open Records Request** reviewed during the month of March.



There was 5 formal **Zoning Verification Letter** requested during the month of March.

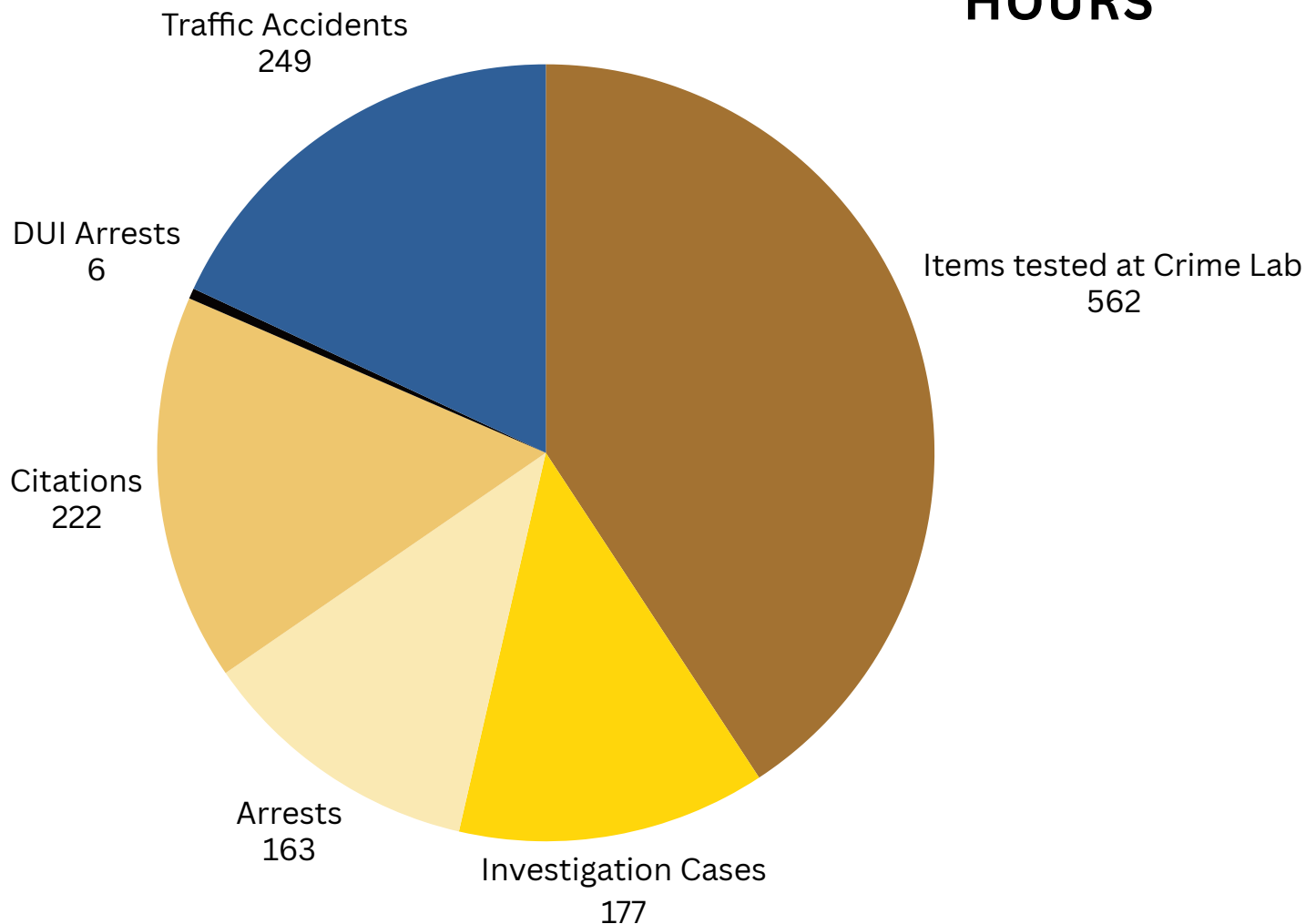
POLICE DEPARTMENT



5,286 CALLS FOR SERVICE

248

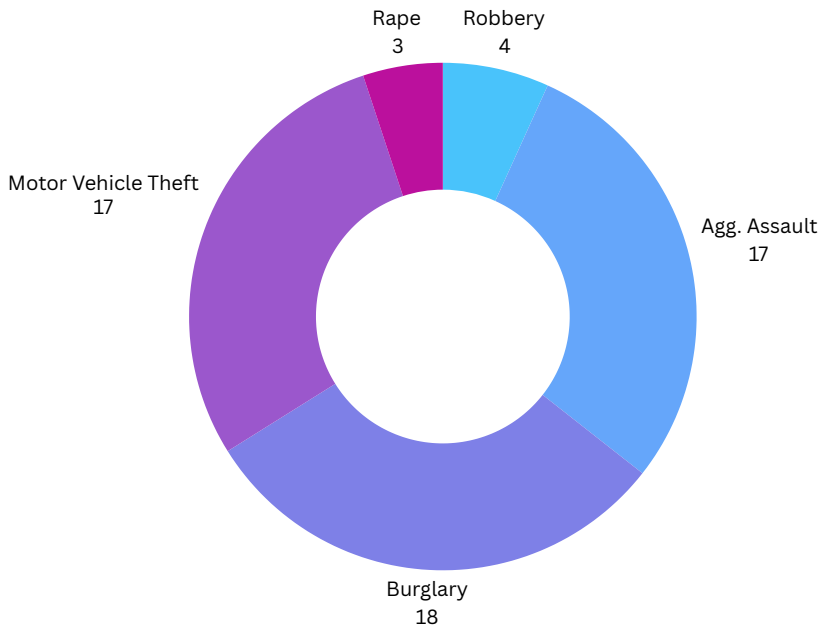
TRAINING HOURS



POLICE DEPARTMENT



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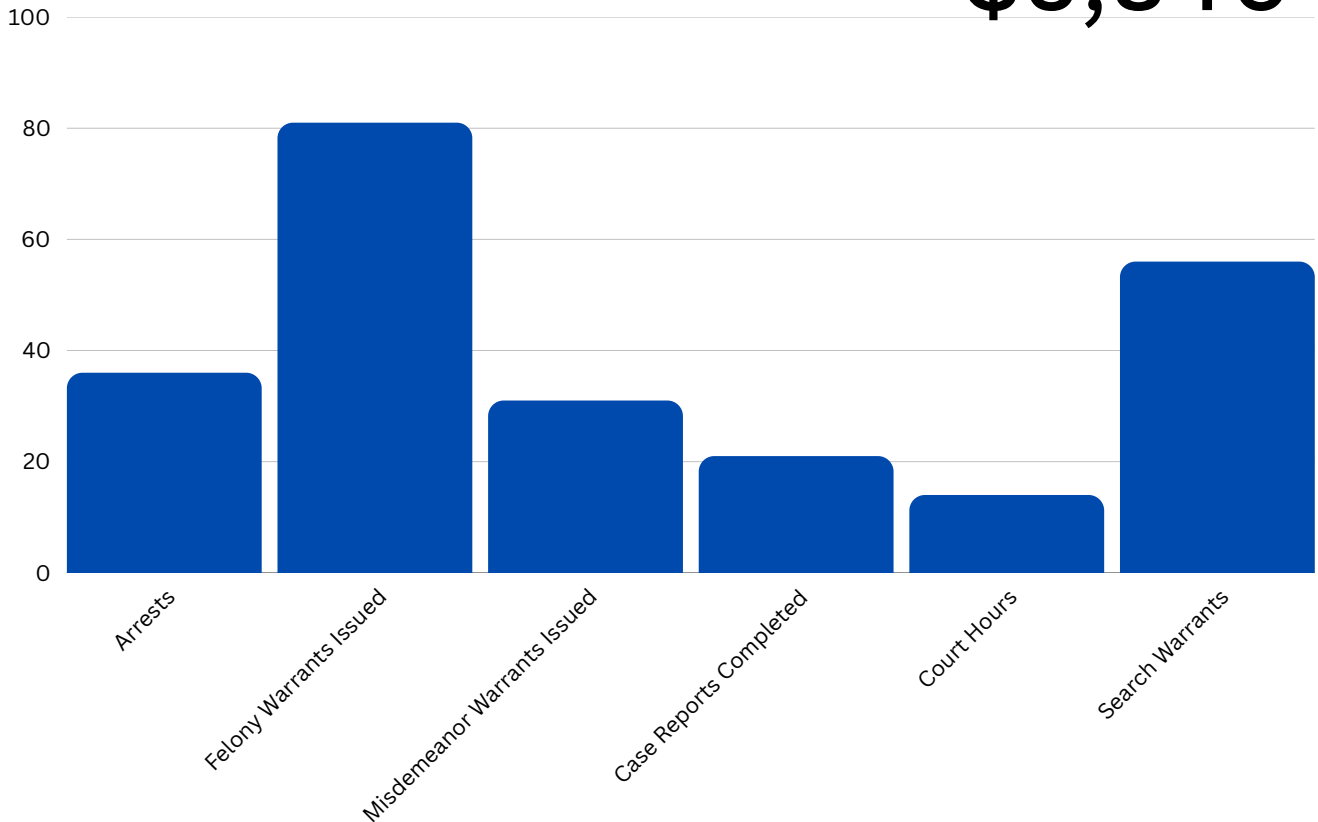


INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

177 CASES

\$124,059
Value of Property Recovered

Value of Property/Contraband Seized
\$5,840



POLICE DEPARTMENT



Officer Randall Hancock participated in the SGM Touch a Truck Event.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Staff spoke at the VSU Power of She Event, which provided career information to middle school-aged females.

Chief Manahan was a judge at a chili cookoff which raised funds for a service that provides support K9s to veterans and first responders.

Members of the department participated AND WON the Great American Cookoff, which benefited the Boys & Girls Club.

TRAFFIC BUREAU



Top roads with collisions:

- N. Ashley St (17)
- Inner Perimeter Rd (18)
- Norman Drive (17)
- N. St. Augustine (16)
- W. Hill Ave (14)

Top collision causes:

31%

Following too Closely

29%

Failure to Yield

BUREAU OF SUPPORT SERVICES



The District Attorney received **33** case files and Lowndes County State Court received **28** case files to assist in prosecuting cases for both entities made by Patrol and Support personnel.

documents processed

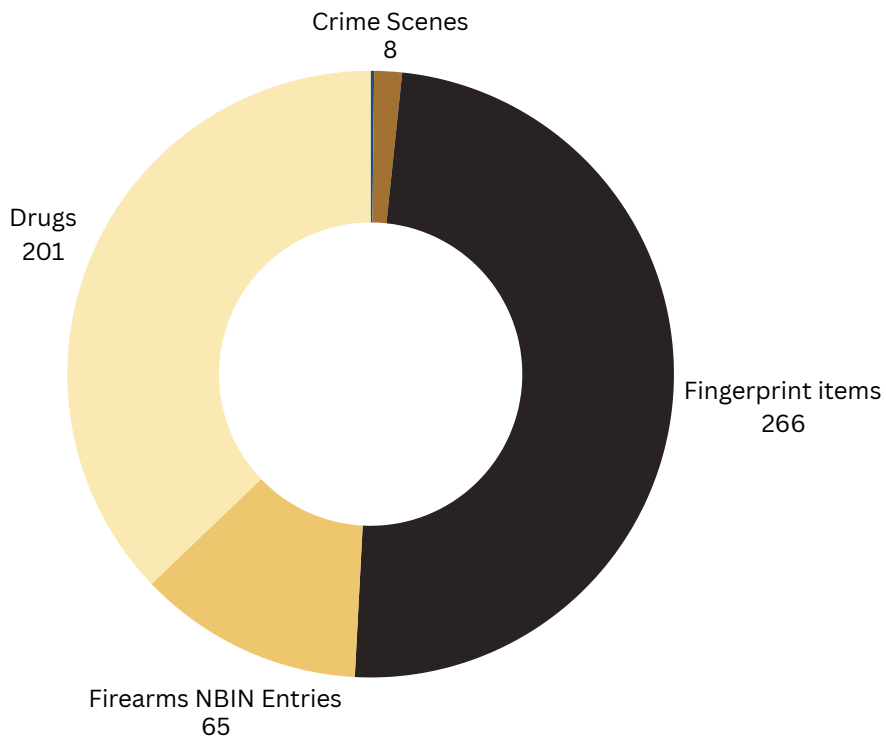
13,014

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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REQUESTED SERVICES



CRIME LAB



120

100

80

60

40

20

0

VPD

All other agencies combined

562 ITEMS
TESTED

YTD: 1,551
ITEMS TESTED

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



25,416
e-recycling
YTD (lbs)



265 bags of litter
collected

Right-of-Way &
Road Cleanups:
Love Where You Live &
Adopt-a-Road Programs

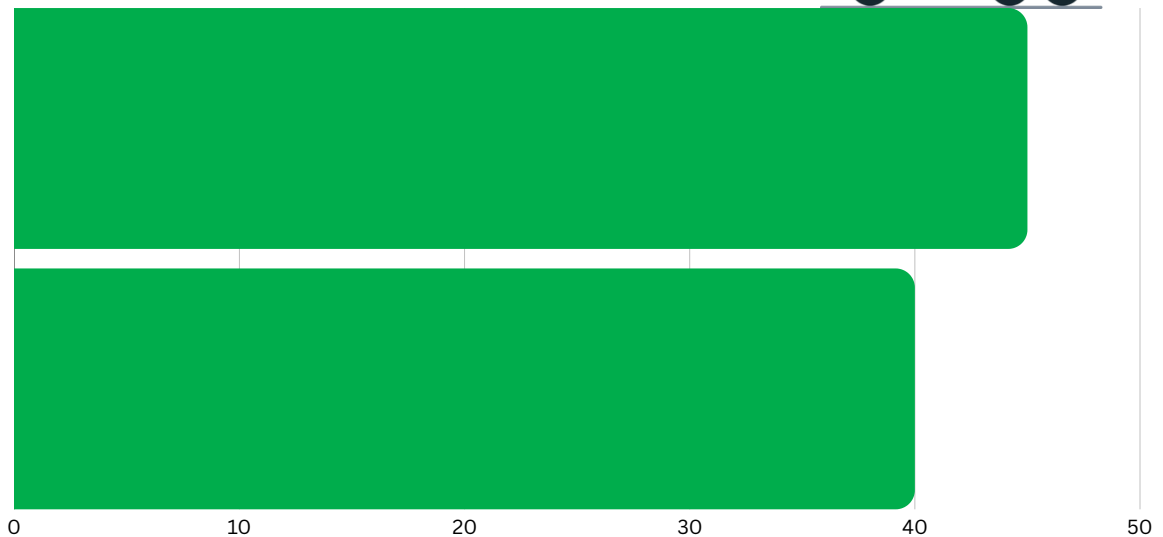
595

Maintenance Center
Work Orders Completed



Junk Items (ton)

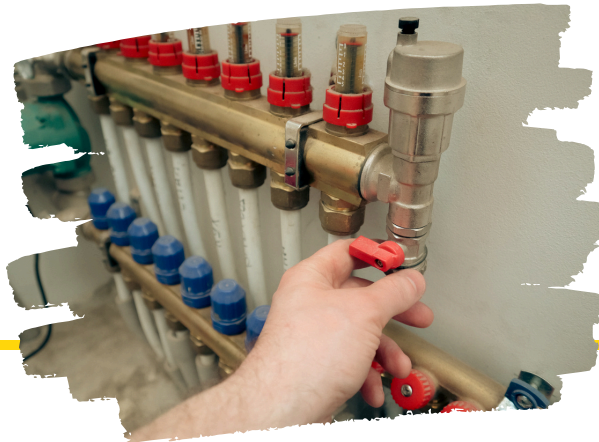
Right-of-Way Mowed (miles)



LANDFILL MONTHLY TONNAGE

Bulk	Commercial	Residential	Roll-off
645.68	983.82	9418.42	931.31

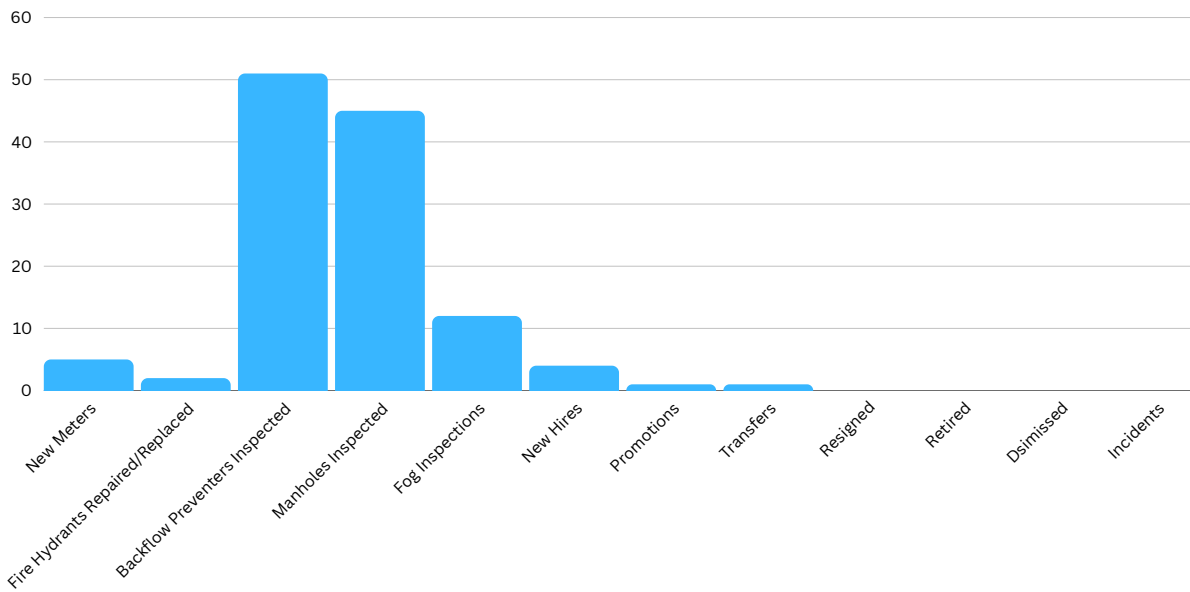
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



Capital/Equipment Projects Update

- Guest Rd WTP - Train II Repair – 24” Water Main (Emergency Repair)
 - Contractor to begin (tentative) 4/20/25.
- Guest Rd WTP - MCC Switchgear.
 - The project should be completed in May 2025.
- Withlacoochee WPCP - Sludge Belt Press Replacement.
 - The 90% design review and meeting was in January 31st, 2025 .
 - Reviewing 100% design.
 - Getting quotes from different vendors should be taken to council soon.
- Gornto and Remer Phase 1 Lift Station Improvements
 - We are anticipate to get this started in January of 2025.
 - Council approved installing four VFD’s two at each station.
 - The VFD’S have been ordered should arrive in a month or so.
 - Bids should go out for the Remer and Gornto lift station rehab April 24, 2025.
- Remer 30” Trunkline- Phase 1
 - Bids for phase 1 is set to go out April 24, 2025.
- Knight Creek
 - Bids for phase 2 is set to go out April 24, 2025.
- Water Plant No 2
 - We anticipate water quality results from Well# 2 in a couple of weeks. Well #1 results are completed.
 - We have the final walk thru for the production wells on 4/1/25.
 - We are about done with the 100% design review.
- Inner Perimeter Rd Water & Sanitary Sewer Extensions to E. Park Ave. Project.
 - In the design phase.
 - Turnipseed Engineers are working on the plan development and the final field survey.
- CMOM and Consent Order
 - The end of the year report will be sent to EPD at the end of January 2025.
 - The end of the year report was completed and sent to EPD.
 - We are waiting on the response back from EPD regarding the report.
- Mud Creek WPCP
 - Currently Turnipseed is working on the plant upgrade plans with target plan completion date of June 2025.
- Sheri Lake Extension
 - Currently in design and surveying process.
- Knight Mill Lift Station
 - This should go out for bid May 8, 2025.

Monthly Stats



UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



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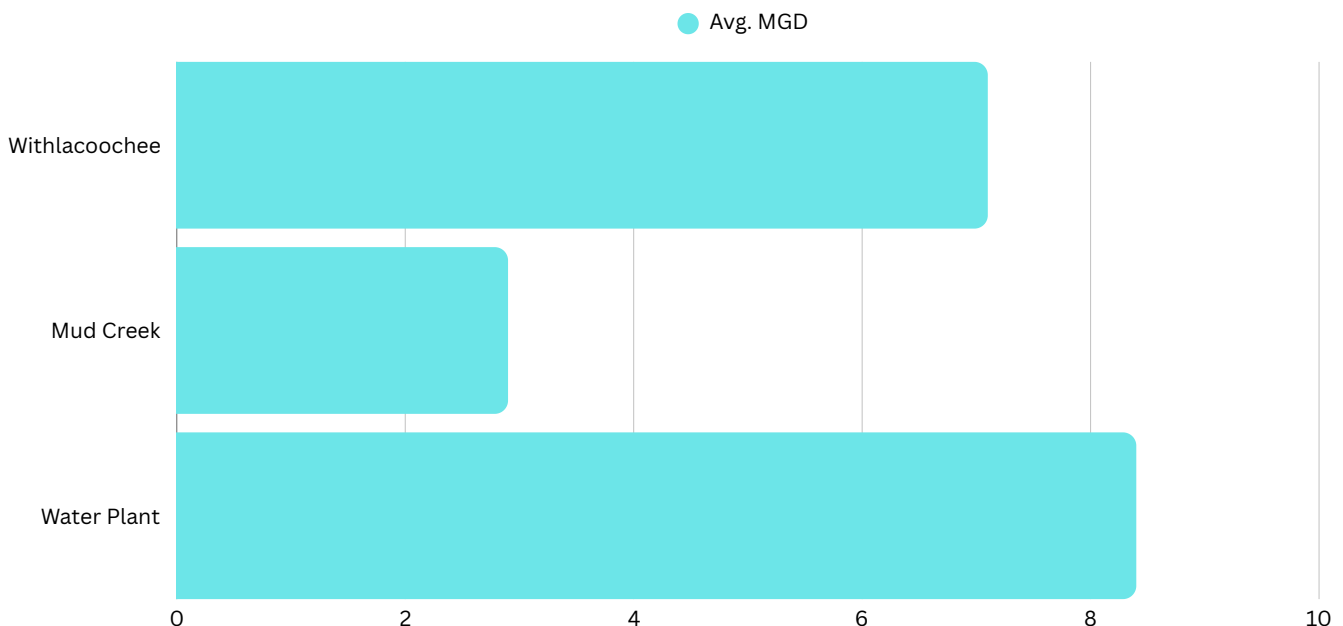
- Total : 8
- Acknowledged : 8
- Closed : 7

39 Service Calls
Completed :
Water

100% Central Maintenance
Preventative Work
Orders Completed

30 Service Calls
Completed :
Sewer

125 Watershed & River
Samples Collected



PUBLIC INFO DIVISION



LINKEDIN

1,340 followers **94 page views**
+25 increase 32.9% decrease



FACEBOOK

27,815 followers **102.2K reach**
+161 net increase 23.1% decrease



INSTAGRAM

4,359 followers **4.3K reach**
+35 net increase 32.5% decrease



YouTube

818 subscribers
+4 increase

16 VIDEOS UPLOADES



**WATCH 70.5
TIME HOURS**

- 1.VFD Recruit Class 11 Graduation & Promotion Ceremony
2. Valdosta's Tree Canopy Open House | Planning for a Greener Future
3. Inaugural Southern Georgia Black Chambers Black History Month Parade
4. Regular City Council Meeting 3.6.25
5. Love Where You Live: March Road Cleanup
6. Behind the Scenes: Valdosta's Central Lines Crew at Work!
7. Valdosta Police Take the Win! | 2025 Great American Cook-off Recap
8. VPD Celebrates Women's Month
9. Valdosta City Council Regular Session 3.20.25
10. VFD | Meet the New Public Fire & Life Safety Educator
11. Enter the 17th Annual Valdosta People's Choice Photo Contest - New Categories!
12. VFD | New Engine Push-in Ceremony
13. VFD | Hazmat Training with Captain Robert Mercer

GOVDELIVERY REPORT

11,681 Subscribers

+168 increase

NEWSLETTER SENT

02/10/2025

7,572 Recipients

- 96% Delivered
- 4% Bounced
- 29% Opened
- 3% Click Rate

02/17/2025

7,625 Recipients

- 96% Delivered
- 4% Bounced
- 43% Opened
- 4% Click Rate