

Roswell Police Department



Annual Report 2012





FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

INTERIM CHIEF RUSTY GRANT



On behalf of the hard working men and women of the Roswell Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2012 Annual Report. This report will provide you with an overview of the organization and our operations for the year. It also contains statistics and facts that people are most curious about.

The year was one that brought a lot of change to the department, including the departure of Chief Dwayne Orrick. We thank him for his service to the City of Roswell.

Other changes include a number of initiatives directly in line with our five year strategic plan, several of which are detailed in this report. This includes the assessment and subsequent re-organization of our Detention Center, the creation of a multi-agency Mobile Field Force, and implementation of a comprehensive recruiting plan.

Developing partnerships has become a priority for the department and has proven to

be beneficial for everyone involved. Multi-agency initiatives such as a North Fulton Child Abduction Response Team (CART), Mobile Field Force, and North Fulton SWAT, as well as new partnerships with Roswell Recreation and Parks Department and the Roswell Fire and Police Foundation (formerly Roswell Firefighters Foundation) help make the Roswell Police Department a more well-rounded agency.

Regular evaluation and review of current practices is part of what allows us to deliver a consistently high level of service and our officers take an active role in that process. Various committees are in place to review current practices, research available options, and create comprehensive proposals on how we can enhance our efforts and improve the way we do business.

In this report you will find highlights of just a fraction of the great things that Roswell Police Officers have been doing over the past year that make us leaders in the profession. It takes dedicated individuals and a culture of hard work and professionalism to remain at the forefront of the law enforcement community. I have no doubt the men and women of the Roswell Police Department will continue to provide the citizens of Roswell with one of the best departments in the nation.

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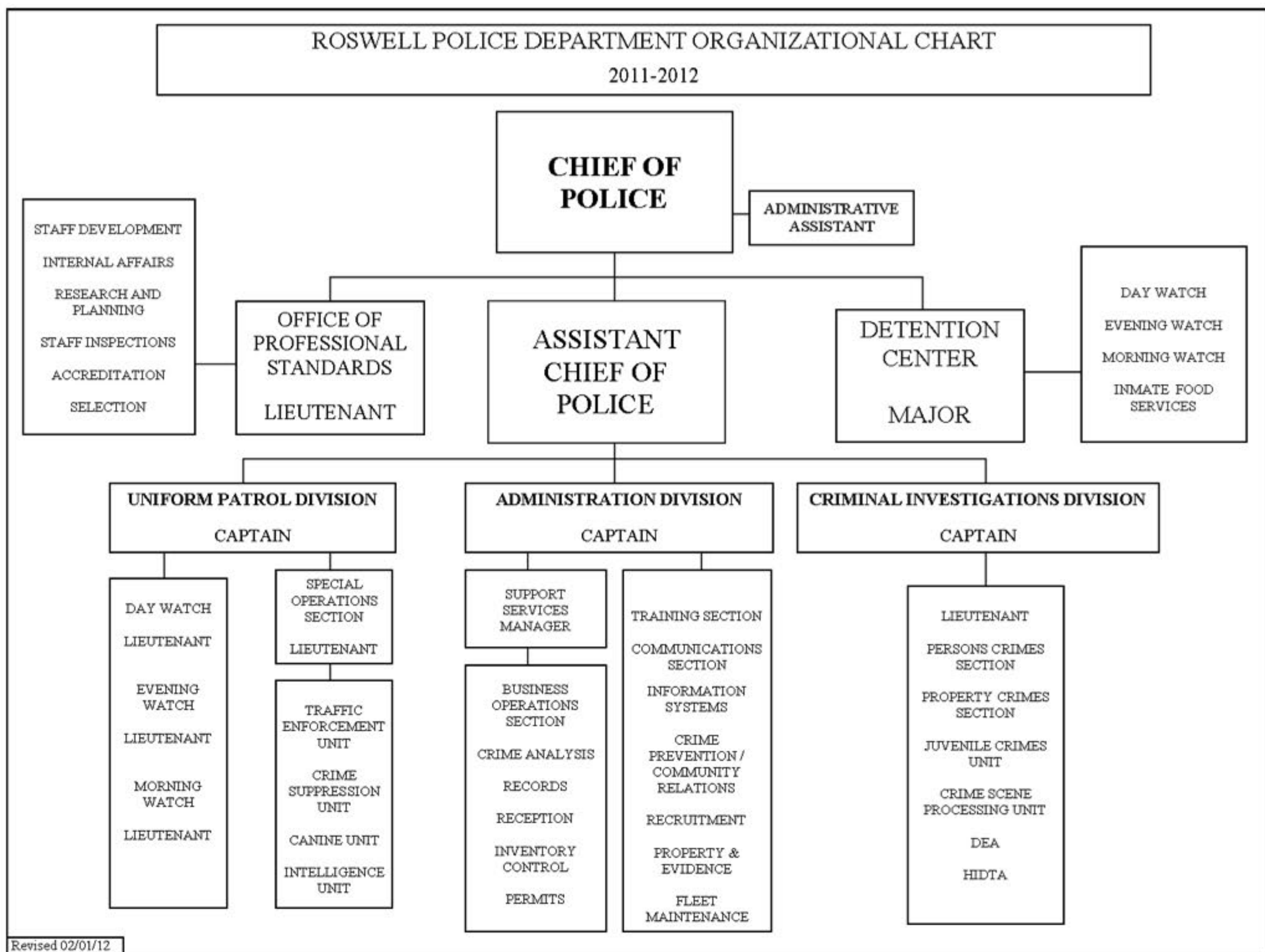
JERRY ORLANS
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NANCY DIAMOND
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Welcome to the Roswell Police Department

The Roswell Police Department provides police services to all those who live, work, play, and travel within the 42.02 square miles of the City of Roswell, Georgia. About 90,000 residents call Roswell home, and the 198 employees of the Roswell Police Department work hard to provide the best services possible 365 days a year. The Department has three main divisions: Uniform Patrol Division, which represents the uniform presence and backbone of the Department, Criminal Investigations Division, which handles all types of investigations and crime scene processing, and Support Services Division, which supports many of the day-to-day operations of the Department and is home to the Training Unit, Community Relations Unit, and Roswell 911 Center among others. The Annual Report 2012 will explore some of the daily functions, activities and initiatives of the employees in these and other areas of the Department.



Roswell Police Department Renewed Mission, Renewed Vision

In 2012, officers of the Roswell Police Department updated our Mission, Vision, Values, and Philosophy Statements. We proudly present these principles that guide us through everything we do and shape the future of the Roswell Police Department.

MISSION

The Roswell Police Department vows to protect life and property, preserve the peace, and strives to prevent crime, fear, and disorder in the City of Roswell in partnership with all of those who live, work, and travel through our city.

VISION

The Roswell Police Department strives to achieve the lowest crime rate and the highest quality of life in the State of Georgia. Our goal is to be recognized as the most professional law enforcement agency with the most desirable work environment of all law enforcement agencies in the State of Georgia.

VALUES

We, the Roswell Police Department, show in our words and actions that we value:

Integrity: Honesty and truthfulness in our actions.

Responsibility & Professionalism: Acting professional with the interest of the community foremost.

Courage: The ability to confront fear, pain, danger, uncertainty, or intimidation.

Compassion: Have concern and respect for all.

Perseverance: The diligent pursuit of our organizational mission and vision despite hardships, obstacles or opposition.

Through our values we commit to uphold the Constitution of the United States and Laws of the State of Georgia in order to achieve justice for all.

PHILOSOPHY

Safeguarding the persons and property within the City of Roswell is a shared responsibility between the Roswell Police Department and all those we serve. We strive to prevent crime, fear, and disorder through vigilance, preparation, and equal protection under the law, always mindful of individual rights and dignity. We foster a working environment within our organization where members are treated with respect, new ideas are encouraged, and teamwork is promoted.

Uniform Patrol Division



When most people come in contact with an officer of the Roswell Police Department, it is usually an officer from the Uniform Patrol Division. These officers patrol all areas of the city, look for criminal activity and answer calls for service. Our Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU) and Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) also fall under the command of the Uniform Patrol Division.

Most of the patrol cars one might see in Roswell are patrolling one of five zones, each divided into two beats. These officers are responsible for all calls for

service, which can include anything from a simple false alarm to a critical life-threatening incident. Roswell Police Officers take their safety and the safety of others very seriously so, for many calls, depending on the circumstances of the call, two or more officers may automatically respond. When they are not handling a call for service or the resulting paperwork, the officers try to remain active in their beat. This can mean being visible in a problem area, conducting traffic enforcement, talking to a local business owner or resident, or going on a foot patrol in an area not as accessible by car.

NEW PATROL SHIFT SCHEDULES START JANUARY 2013



Patrol Officers in the Uniform Patrol Division started new 12-hour shift schedule in January 2013. An "Alternative Shift Committee" made up of officers of various ranks and assignments came together for a comprehensive study of many different shift schedules, including the eight-hour shifts. The committee looked at the issue from every possible angle including manpower, cost effectiveness, service delivery, and morale. Some of the research consisted of various surveys and interviews done with officers and administrators at other agencies as well as scientific studies and budget analysis. In the end, the committee's recommendation that best served the citizens of Roswell and the Police Department was a 12-hour shift for Patrol Officers. The committee made the recommendation to the Chief and City Administrator in June but still had work to do. They then began the implementation process, making sure to allow enough time for officers to adjust their personal schedules and for the Department to transition smoothly without disturbing other initiatives and services. On January 7, 2013, officers began work in one of four new "Squads," patrolling from 6:00am until 6:00pm or 6:00pm until 6:00am.

Uniform Patrol Division



ROSWELL POLICE LEADING BY EXAMPLE



IN APRIL, [ROSWELL ROTARY](#) PRESENTED THE CHIEF AUBREY REEVES HERO AWARD TO POII JOHN LATHEM AND MPO WILLIAM HOOD FOR THEIR QUICK THINKING AND EXTRAORDINARY ACTIONS IN PREVENTING A SUICIDE.



IN NOVEMBER, DET KEN KRAUS GRADUATED FROM THE [NATIONAL FORENSIC ACADEMY](#) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS "THE BODY FARM." THIS 10-WEEK COURSE IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE BEST TRAINING FACILITY TO STUDY THE PROCESS OF EVIDENCE RECOVERY AND SUBMISSION.

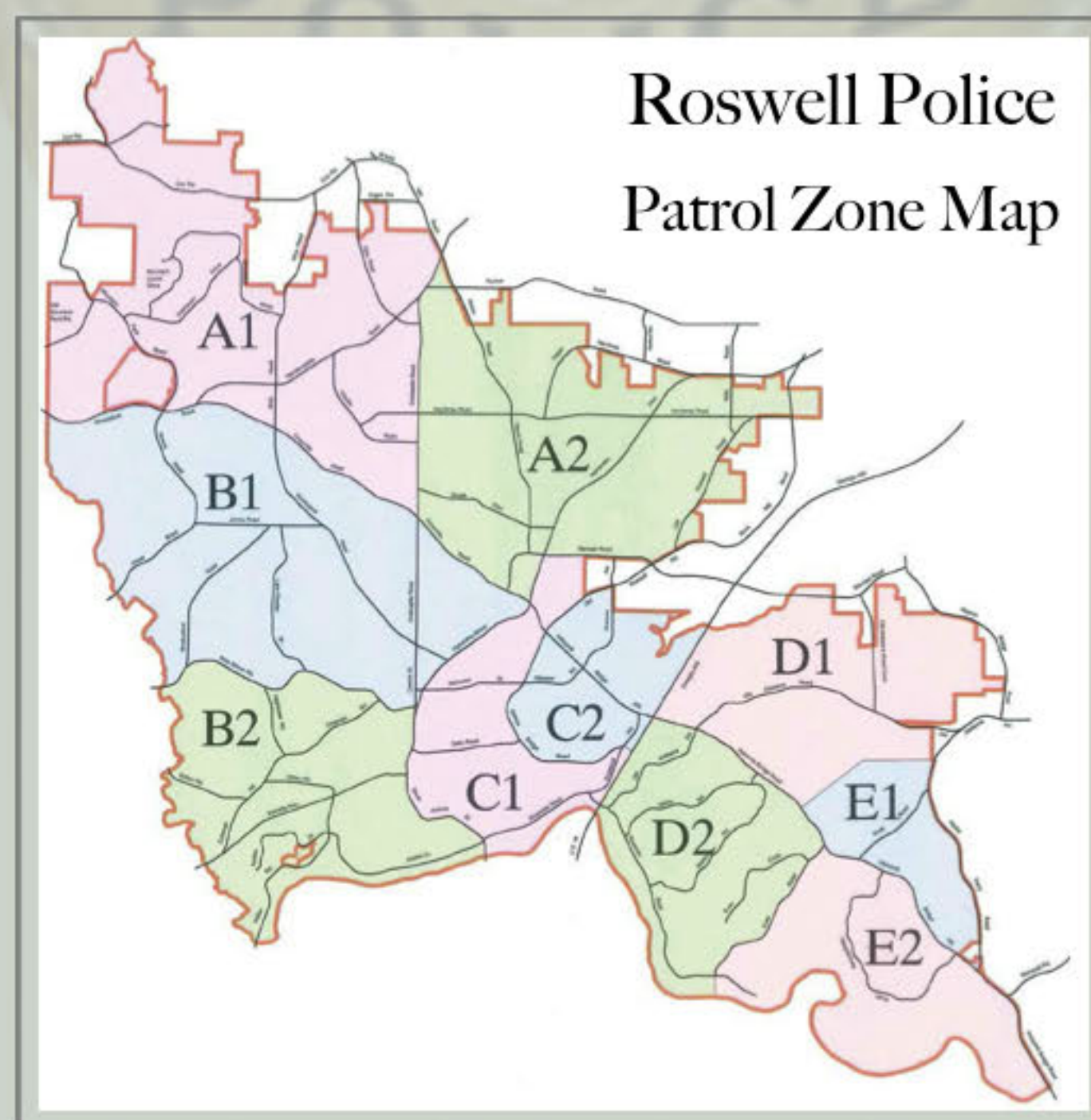
The Traffic Enforcement Unit focuses its attention on enforcement of the State's traffic laws. The unit uses a number of technology-based and statistic-based strategies to identify problem intersections and streets, as well as responding to citizen complaint areas. One officer from this unit is assigned to investigate hit-and-run accidents and two officers are part of the DUI Task Force. Officers from TEU also thoroughly investigate all fatality and serious injury accidents. All of these officers are highly trained and considered to be experts in their fields.



FLEET FACT:

RPD's motorcycle fleet is made up of 2003 Harley Davidson Electra Glides which are scheduled for replacement with new 2013 models.

The Crime Suppression Unit is a versatile investigative support unit responsible for identifying and addressing specific crime problems and trends within the City. Officers in this unit must be creative and able to quickly shift focus to different tasks and different types of problem-specific enforcement.



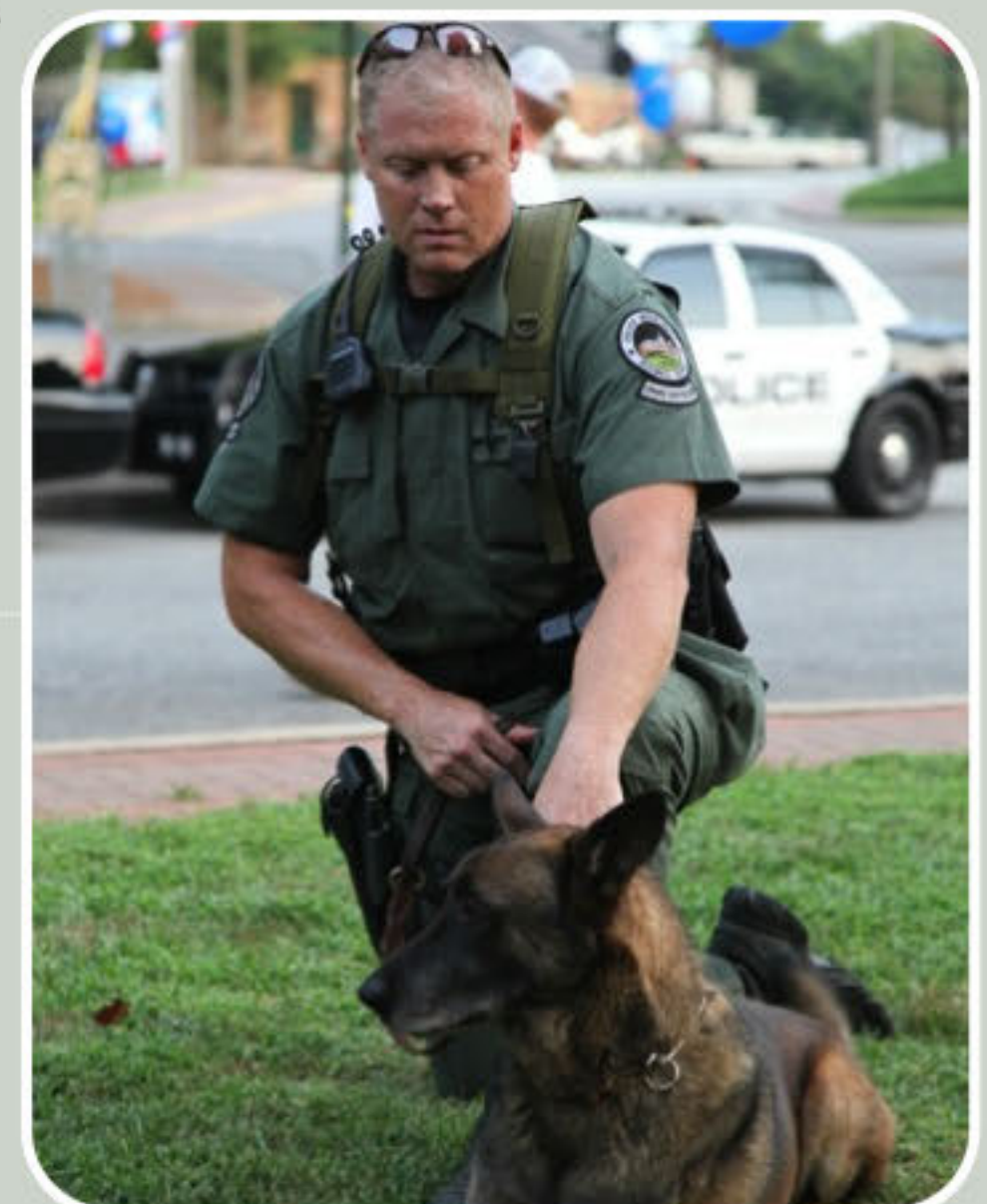
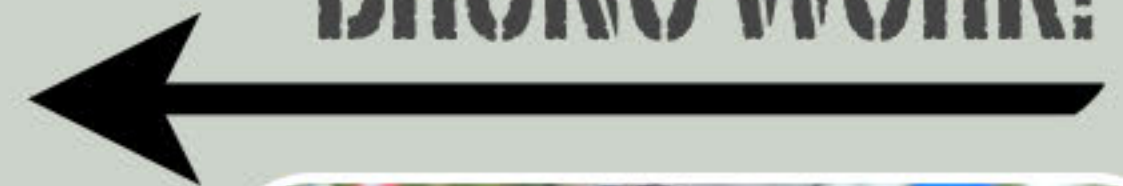
Spotlight:

K9 UNIT



The Roswell Police K9 Unit will be getting some new partners in 2013.

**WATCH
BRUNO WORK!**



Currently, the Roswell Police Department has one K9 Team, Ofc Greg Cooper and K9 Bruno. Bruno is a dual purpose K9, meaning that he is trained for patrol functions like tracking and apprehension, as well as narcotics detection. This valuable resource requires a great deal of ongoing training to keep their skills sharp. To increase the amount of time that a K9 Team can be readily available, the Roswell Police Department will be adding another team to the K9 Unit. The Department hopes to continue to expand the K9 Unit to cover all four patrol squads.

Criminal Investigations Division



After a crime occurs and the perpetrator is gone, the Criminal Investigations Division takes over. Detectives in this division specialize in investigating either persons crimes, property crimes, crimes against children or crime scene processing. There are also three detectives assigned to multi-agency task forces to combat the trafficking of illegal drugs.

Person Crimes Detectives investigate deaths, robberies, rapes, and aggravated assaults, among other things. Specially trained detectives handle all Crimes Against Children cases. Property Crimes Detectives investigate crimes like general theft, burglary, auto theft, and white collar crimes. Two white collar crimes

detectives are also active members of the United States Secret Service White Collar Crimes Task Force, which can provide additional training and resources to aid their investigations. The Roswell Police Department also has two detectives assigned to High Intensity Drug Traffic Area (HIDTA) groups and one assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force. These detectives work together in groups of officers from various local, state and federal agencies, combining resources and attacking large scale drug trafficking problems that can stretch across many jurisdictions. Being a part of these groups brings back invaluable training and resources that can be used locally.



CHILD ABDUCTION RESPONSE TEAM

Recognizing that the abduction of a child is not only one of a parent's greatest fears, but one that can grip an entire community, the Roswell Police Department is leading the way in creating a multi-agency, US Department of Justice certified Child Abduction Response Team (CART) for the North Fulton area. The team will work in conjunction with the [State of Georgia CART](#). The purpose of the team is immediate mobilization of a variety of resources, communicating with each other and working together towards a common goal to improve the local response. It will not replace or work against the State initiative, but rather capitalize and supplement it.

Spotlight:

INSIDE A POLICE CAR



The [L3](#) digital camera system records video from cameras on the front windshield and in the back seat as well as audio from inside the vehicle and a microphone worn by the officer. The system keeps track of certain triggers inside the vehicle such as lights and siren. It has a pre-record feature, GPS and wireless download.

The [LoJack](#) recovery system alerts the officer to the type and location of stolen property equipped with a LoJack transmitter.

The RADAR has antennas pointed to the front and rear that can measure the speed of vehicles coming towards or away from the police car whether the police car is stationary or moving.



The [Panasonic Toughbook](#) gets a lot of usage as officers use it to receive information about their calls, do research, type reports, communicate with each other and check email. It truly makes the car a mobile office.

Bars on the windows and inoperable door handles on the back doors prevent prisoners from escaping.

A partition restricts leg movement and protects the officer as a prisoner is transported.

The police radio, mounted with the switches for the lights and siren, allows officers to communicate on a wide variety of public safety channels including neighboring jurisdictions.

Support Services Division



A wide variety of job functions are found in the Support Services Division. Some are very visible, such as the officers in the Community Relations Unit, and some, such as Records and Permitting, provide a very specific and important service to the public. The Property and Evidence Unit and Training Unit are less visible to the general public but are absolutely necessary to maintain the high standards of the Roswell Police Department.

The Records Section receives, maintains and distributes records of police activity. They respond to all requests for [reports](#), including Georgia Open Records requests and accident and incident reports. The Roswell Police Department is also responsible for providing [permits](#) for liquor pouring and handling, massage therapy, vehicles for hire, and public solicitation. The Department has five Administrative

Specialists that provide support to the Police Department and those who visit or call. They create, maintain and distribute forms, files, and reports, as well as perform other necessary secretarial services. Crime Analysts are responsible for analyzing data to identify patterns, trends and linkages in criminal activity. The Crime Analyst also provides statistical and Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) information.

The [Property and Evidence Unit](#) is responsible for receiving, storing and handling all evidence and property coming in and out of the Police Department. Evidence Technicians handle certain evidence that needs to be transported to the GBI for processing. Upon adjudication of a case, items may be returned, destroyed, or auctioned using [PropertyRoom.com](#), an online police auctions center.

FIND US AND FOLLOW US



The Roswell Police Department's Facebook page and Twitter account saw a lot of activity and growth in 2012. More and more people are keeping in touch and staying informed by "liking" our Facebook page ([RoswellGAPolice](#)) and subscribing to our Twitter feed ([@RoswellGAPolice](#)). On any given day, the Department may post breaking news, lookouts on criminal activity, or information about where you and your family can join us for fun and informative events. Get connected now and don't miss a thing!

Support Services Division



ROSWELL POLICE LEADING BY EXAMPLE



IN MARCH, MPO TREVOR PRIMO PARTICIPATED IN THE 23RD ANNUAL [BATAAN DEATH MARCH](#) AT THE WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE IN NEW MEXICO. THE DIFFICULT 26.2 MILE MARCH THROUGH THE DESERT WITH A 40 LB PACK HONORS A SPECIAL GROUP OF HEROES THAT DEFENDED THE PHILIPPINES IN WWII. MPO PRIMO'S TEAM RAISED MONEY FOR THE [SPECIAL OPERATIONS WARRIOR FOUNDATION](#), WHICH PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO WOUNDED SPECIAL OPERATIONS PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES.



IN APRIL, ROSWELL PD HAD 44 MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN [RELAY FOR LIFE](#), RAISING \$2300 OF TEAM ROSWELL'S TOTAL \$8500, WHICH EARNED THE PLATINUM TEAM FUNDRAISING LEVEL.

The Training Unit ensures that all personnel receive the most progressive information and training related to all aspects of the job. The Police Department's Training Officer and staff organize and coordinate the Field Training Officer (FTO) Program, Recruit Training Academy, and a wide variety of other training classes that cover a multitude of specialties and skill levels. Many of these classes are presented at the Roswell-Alpharetta Public Safety Training Center (RAPSTC).



Officers of the Community Relations Unit work to provide a positive link between the Roswell Police Department and the community. The unit is responsible for ongoing programs including [Neighborhood Watch](#), [Citizens' Police Academy](#), [Police Explorers](#), and the [On Patrol](#) video series, among many others. The unit puts together and presents an endless variety of specialized programs for people of all ages, from school children to our senior citizens. Participation in special events, targeted education and information sharing creates partnerships with schools, businesses, and other community groups that prove to be invaluable. The Community Relations Unit is also responsible for public information to the news media as well as social media such as [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Also assigned to the Community Relations Unit is a Crime Free Housing Officer, who leads the [Crime Free Housing Program](#), an innovative crime prevention solution designed for rental properties. The cornerstone of the three-phase program is the partnership between law enforcement and the community, specifically owners and managers of multi-family rental properties. It is a natural combination of resources that has proven to stabilize the resident base, reduce exposure to civil liability for property owners, and in turn reduce crime, which benefits everybody.

Spotlight:

RADKIDS



RadKIDS is the nation's leading personal safety empowerment program for children ages 5-12 years old. The comprehensive program provides hands-on learning for children on how to recognize, avoid, resist and escape violence, bullying, abduction and harm. RadKIDS not only teaches children how to respond to these situations, but it also teaches them core principles that relate to many areas such as "No one has a right to

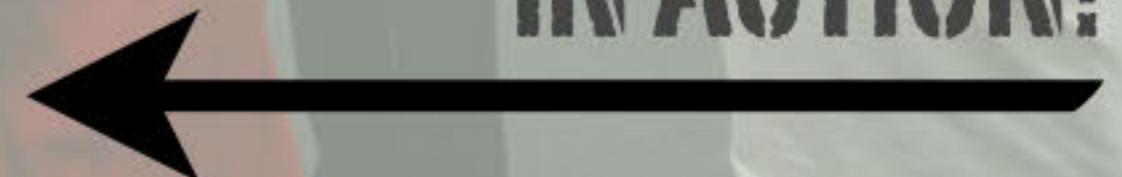
Roswell's first radKIDS graduated in June 2012! Programs will continue into 2013.



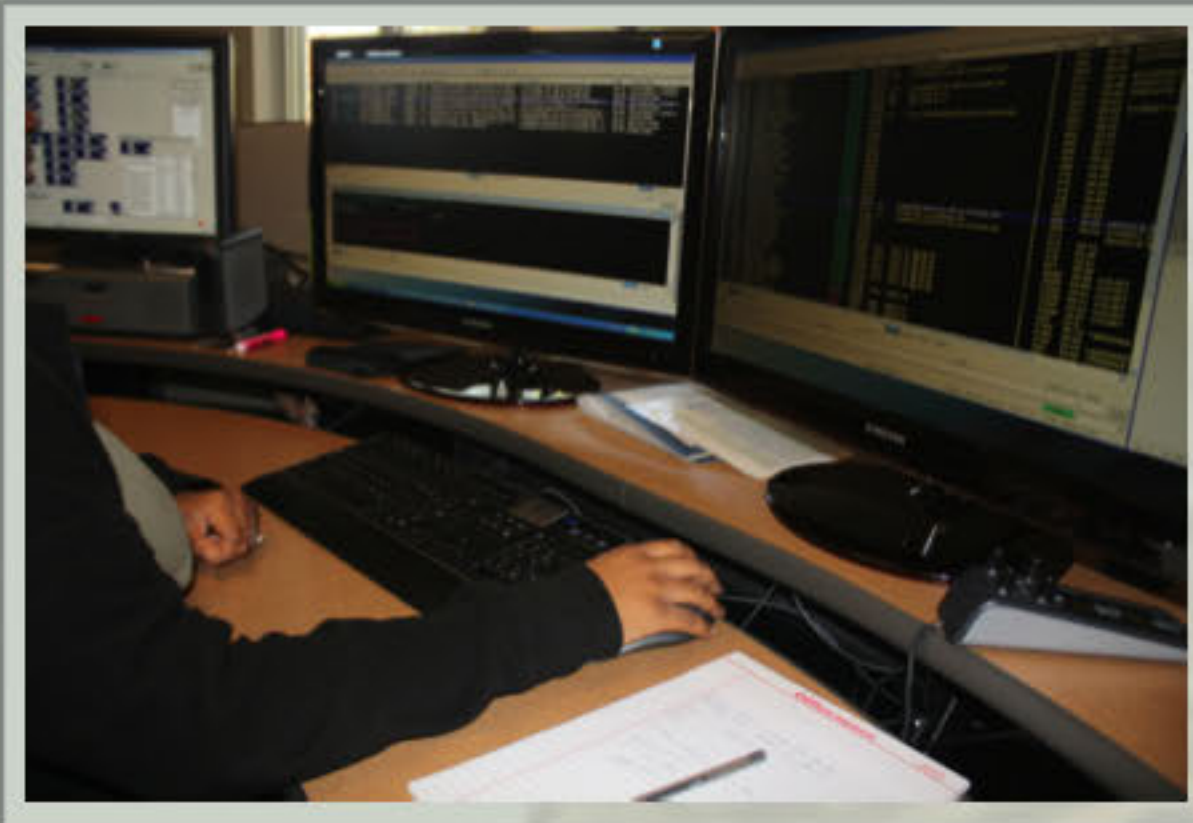
hurt me because I am special." Nationwide, over 80 kids have escaped an attempted abduction using their radKIDS skills and thousands more have escaped bullying and sexual abuse in their lives and received the help they needed. The Roswell Police Department has partnered with Roswell Recreation and Parks Department to offer separate radKIDS classes for children 5-7 years old and 8-12 years old. For more information on the radKIDS program, visit radkids.org or contact the Roswell Police Community Relations Unit at 770-640-4192. To sign up, contact [Roswell Recreation and Parks](#).



**SEE THE RADKIDS
IN ACTION!**



Support Services Division



The 911 Center also falls under the command of the Support Services Division. The 911 Center provides dispatch and E911 services for the cities of Roswell and Mountain Park. Three shifts of Communications Officers monitor nine radio channels with capabilities to monitor

over 80 more if necessary. They are responsible for 10 E911 phone lines and over 40 other emergency and non-emergency phone lines. They work using eight full dispatch consoles with Motorola Centra-comm Gold Elite systems, allowing for communication with multiple agencies across metro Atlanta. In 2012, the 911 Center handled 75,716 police incidents, 7,956 fire incidents, and 6008 EMS incidents. During the year, preparations have been made for the transfer over to an advanced new Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system which is part of a larger integrated system to be implemented across the entire department.

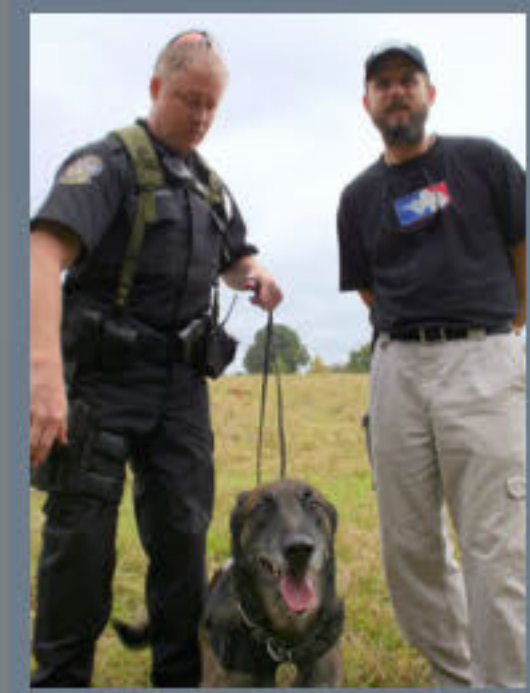
In 2012, a new Communications Manager took over and a new Quality Assurance Manager position was added. The Quality Assurance Manager works closely with the Communications Manager and Communications Officers to upgrade training and service delivery.

Communications Officers must complete training mandated by the State of Georgia, but the training does not stop there. Recently, Roswell Communications Officers began obtaining certifications for Emergency Medical, Fire and Police Dispatch by the National Academies of Emergency Dispatch (NAED). These protocols offer increased officer safety and "best practice" customer service to callers. It establishes Roswell as a benchmark agency by making the 911 Center the first in the state to have NAED certifications in all three disciplines. More advanced training helps towards the 911 Center's goal of accreditation as a Communications Center of Excellence through CALEA.

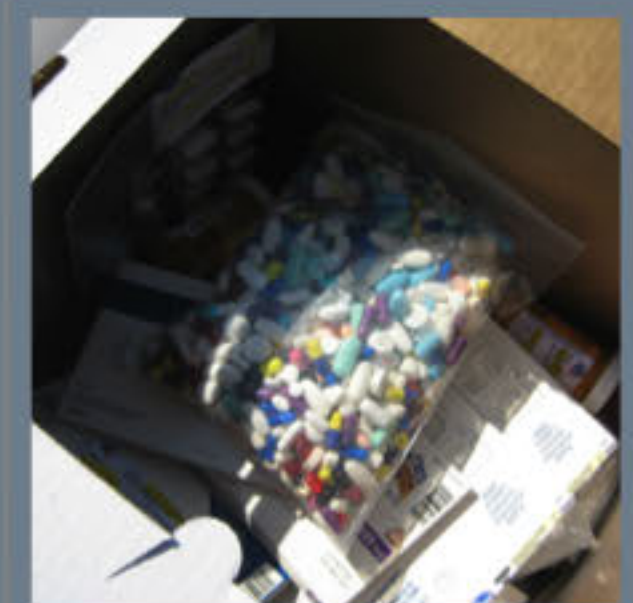
The professionalism and commitment to advanced training shown by the Communications Officers, together with the best equipment and implementation of advanced software, provides the citizens of Roswell a 911 Center they can depend on and trust in any emergency.



ROSWELL POLICE LEADING BY EXAMPLE



IN OCTOBER, K9 BRUNO AND HANDLER, POII GREG COOPER, WERE ASKED TO BE IN THE NEW ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER MOVIE BEING FILMED IN ATLANTA. DIRECTOR DAVID AYER, PICTURED ABOVE, IS KNOWN FOR HIS WORK IN THE MOVIES "TRAINING DAY" AND "S.W.A.T."



IN MAY AND OCTOBER, ROSWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTNERED WITH DEA FOR TWO DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENTS. THE EVENTS TOGETHER YIELDED OVER 550 POUNDS OF POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS EXPIRED, UNUSED AND UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION AND NON-PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. THESE ARE DRUGS THAT MAY NORMALLY BECOME HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS IF THEY ARE ABUSED OR DISPOSED OF IMPROPERLY.

Office of Professional Standards



The Office of Professional Standards reports directly to the Chief of Police and is responsible for Internal Affairs, Research and Planning, Accreditation, and Selection. The mission of this office is to ensure the integrity of the Department and its personnel through impartial investigation and developmental management support.

Internal investigations resulting from complaints and allegations of misconduct brought against members of the Department are handled by the Office of Professional Standards through an Inquiry Review Process. One part of that process is the Inquiry Review Board made up of officers from various units in the Department. It greatly increases accountability and ensures a standardization of how inquiries are handled.

The Roswell Police Department has been nationally accredited through the [Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies \(CALEA\)](#) since 1995 and has enjoyed accreditation through the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GCAP) since 2005. This long relationship benefits the

Department and citizens of Roswell by providing a framework of standards for the Department to adhere to, resulting in a higher level of service while reducing liability and risk. In April, officials from CALEA came to Roswell for a routine, comprehensive, on-site inspection. The inspection



included several meetings, file reviews, officer interviews and ride alongs, a tour of facilities and equipment, and a public hearing. The Department's Advanced Accreditation status was not only continued by unanimous vote, but the official report recommended our next assessment be a "Gold Standard" assessment. At the November awards ceremony, the Roswell Police Department was commended on how well it

actively addresses the high standards established by the Commission, and the Review Chair specifically commented on the rigorous Field Training Program for new officers.

Selection standards for new officers recently received a major review and update by a committee of Roswell Police Officers. The result is a process that focuses more on job specific skills. Among the changes are an updated physical agility test and oral interview board, as well as the addition of a written test and typing test. These tests help maximize the success rate of officers in the police academy and Field Training Program. It helps ensure that only the best officers possible are sworn in to protect and serve the City of Roswell.

In 2012, the Intelligence Unit was put under the command of the Office of Professional Standards. The Intelligence Unit provides support to officers and detectives across the department by analyzing and distributing information to help officers focus efforts in a more efficient way. The Intelligence Unit also provides logistical and technological support to investigations.

Roswell Police Department Internal Investigations 2012

INVESTIGATION TYPE	SUSTAINED	EXONERATED	UNFOUNDED	NOT SUSTAINED	RESIGNED DURING INV.	PENDING
FORMAL	2	1	3	0	7	0
INQUIRY	16	13	13	5	0	5

Spotlight:

TRAINING



Roswell residents have high standards for their police department. By nature of the job, police officers are expected to be ready to handle any situation thrown their way. Working in conjunction with the Roswell-Alpharetta Public Safety Training Center (RAPSTC), the Training Unit strives to make sure officers are as prepared as possible.

A large number of law enforcement encounters involve persons who are in a mental health crisis or are consumers of mental health services. In 2012, the Roswell Police Department attained nearly 100% certification for its Police, Detention and Communications Officers

The Training Unit brings "best-in-class" training to Roswell officers.



in the 40 hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training program. This innovative training greatly increases the likelihood of a safe, successful outcome for both officers and those they encounter. For more information on CIT, visit namiga.org.

Other training goals met in 2012 include all Roswell Police Officers being certified in the use of the Taser X26 Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW). Officers also received training to recognize the signs, symptoms and appropriate response to an "Excited Delirium" or Arrest Related Death Syndrome medical emergency. Also, monthly "open range" firearms training now provides officers with additional opportunities to increase their firearm proficiency and accuracy.

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
RPD TRAINING!**



Detention Center



The Roswell Detention Center experienced a lot of change in 2012. Previously used to house all persons sentenced by the Roswell Municipal Court and all misdemeanants and felons awaiting trial, the Detention Center's primary function now is a 72-hour holding facility.

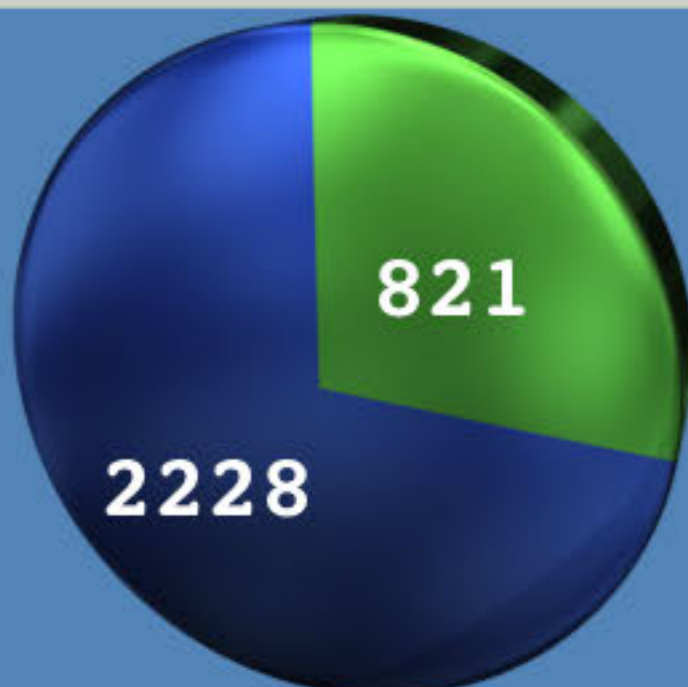
An electronic warrant system puts Police Officers face to face with a judge over a computer within minutes for certain charges. Thanks to an agreement with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, after an arrest, the officer can obtain a warrant and have the inmate transferred to the Fulton County Jail annex in Alpharetta. Certain arrestees that must have a bond hearing in Roswell can do so via closed circuit television. If the prisoner

can not bond out of jail within 72 hours or the prisoner is under sentence by the Roswell Municipal Court, they are transferred to a contracted facility in Pelham, GA. The facility, run by the Pelham Police Department, handles all prisoner services including transportation to and from Roswell when necessary. Housing a prisoner can be costly, so these new efficient procedures keep costs much lower.

The Detention Center also recently began using the TeleHealth Program for inmate medical services. The TeleHealth equipment includes a monitor that allows the inmate to speak with medical personnel as they are being evaluated real time. This reduces costs and logistical issues related to medical services and transports, while increasing officer safety.

ROSWELL DETENTION CENTER

**TOTAL BOOKED 2012:
3049**



● Males
● Females



● Misdemeanor
● Felony

Part Time Units



North Fulton SWAT is a multi-agency tactical unit made up of officers from Roswell Police, Alpharetta Police, and Milton Police. Team members work a variety of full time assignments and ranks within their respective jurisdictions and come together as North Fulton SWAT to train and handle critical incidents such as barricaded subjects, hostage situations, high risk warrants and any other situation that may require their specialized skills and equipment. Attached to the team is a Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) that trains and works hand-in-hand with the tactical element towards a common goal.

The combination of resources reduces the response time of tactical officers since all three cities can draw from a larger pool of officers from across North Fulton County. It also makes certain special equipment or specially trained personnel are immediately available to all three jurisdictions, which can be critical in an emergency.

New in 2012, the Mobile Field Force is tasked with quickly responding to incidents of civil disturbance. A need became

apparent most recently in 2011 and 2012, as communities across the country, including metro Atlanta, were faced with large crowds of unruly persons protesting economic disparity. Like North Fulton SWAT, the Mobile Field Force is a multi-agency initiative that combines resources to provide an emergency service to more residents that otherwise may not have had access. Roswell Police, Alpharetta Police, Sandy Springs Police and Johns Creek Police all contribute toward the officers' equipment and training needed for this specialized unit.

The Honor Guard participates in events like the "Roswell Remembers" Memorial Day program at Roswell City Hall. Members of this part time unit work to keep their skills and appearance sharp and professional.

The Reserve Unit is made up of officers who work on a unique part time schedule allowing them to fill in gaps in the Uniform Patrol schedule and assist with special events or critical incidents. Reserve Officers have the same training and authority as full time officers.

Spotlight:

NORTH FULTON SWAT TRUCK



The truck is the first to be emblazoned with "North Fulton SWAT"

There is no doubt that one of the biggest celebrities in Roswell in 2012 was "the truck." The new North Fulton SWAT truck attracted a lot of media attention and was a popular attraction at many events around the City of Roswell. Where ever it went, people wanted to see the truck that they heard so much about.

In case you did not hear, in December 2005, a Roswell resident donated the 1998 Grumman Olson retired bread truck to the Roswell Police Department. Best intentions to transform the vehicle into a SWAT truck fell through for a variety of reasons until July 2011 when a series of events set into motion a great community donation by World Harvest Church in Roswell.

The church quickly raised \$25,000 towards the conversion and a talented member of the congregation volunteered to do the work. The total value of materials and labor is estimated at \$150,000. The total cost to the taxpayers of Roswell was \$0.00.

In July 2012, the new truck was unveiled and it has since been used on several tactical operations and training events. The custom built vehicle will serve the citizens of North Fulton County for years to come. More information on the truck can be found in a feature article published at lawofficer.com.



Humble Beginnings

The North Fulton SWAT truck as a retired bread truck.

Crime Analysis



The FBI designates certain crimes, because of their frequency and severity, as Index Crimes. Statistics regarding these crimes are reported by the Roswell Police Department to the FBI as part of Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standards. Internally, department personnel utilize statistical analyses to aid in identifying trends, similarities, and possible perpetrators. It helps officers direct their patrols to more efficiently prevent crime before it happens. More information on UCR can be found [here](#).

Roswell Police Department Index Crimes 2012

	HOMICIDE	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	BURGLARY	LARCENY - THEFT	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	ARSON
JAN	1	0	2	6	23	114	8	0
FEB	0	1	4	3	23	99	14	0
MAR	0	0	3	3	30	76	10	0
APR	0	0	4	4	24	86	7	0
MAY	0	1	2	2	28	88	8	0
JUN	0	0	4	7	30	107	5	0
JUL	0	1	5	9	40	105	10	1
AUG	0	1	7	6	45	130	4	0
SEP	0	0	5	5	34	103	9	2
OCT	0	2	6	6	43	109	9	0
NOV	0	1	11	3	34	105	9	0
DEC	0	0	10	7	45	106	1	0
TOTAL	1	7	63	61	399	1228	94	3

Index Crimes as defined by the [FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program](#).

HOMICIDE: THE WILLFUL KILLING OF ONE HUMAN BEING BY ANOTHER.

RAPE: THE PENETRATION OF THE VAGINA OR ANUS BY ANY BODY PART OR OBJECT, OR ORAL PENETRATION BY A SEX ORGAN OF ANOTHER PERSON WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE VICTIM.

ROBBERY: TAKING OR ATTEMPTING TO TAKE ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM THE CARE, CUSTODY, OR CONTROL OF A PERSON OR PERSONS BY FORCE OR THREAT OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE AND/OR PUTTING THE VICTIM IN FEAR.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT: THE UNLAWFUL ATTACK BY ONE PERSON UPON ANOTHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLECTING SEVERE OR AGGRAVATED BODILY INJURY.

BURGLARY: THE UNLAWFUL ENTRY OF A STRUCTURE TO COMMIT A FELONY OR THEFT.

LARCENY - THEFT: THE UNLAWFUL TAKING, CARRYING, LEADING, OR RIDING AWAY OF PROPERTY FROM THE POSSESSION OR CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION OF ANOTHER.

ARSON: ANY WILLFUL OR MALICIOUS BURNING OR ATTEMPTING TO BURN THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER.

Budget



ROSWELL POLICE LEADING BY EXAMPLE



IN JULY, ROSWELL POLICE HOSTED A FIRST EVER HOSTAGE NEGOTIATORS' TRAINING SUMMIT. FIFTY-SIX OFFICERS FROM NINE AGENCIES PARTICIPATED IN SCENARIOS SET UP IN CLASSROOMS AT ROSWELL HIGH SCHOOL, SIMULATING SITUATIONS THAT NEGOTIATORS MAY ENCOUNTER. THE TRAINING WAS KEPT REALISTIC BY ALLOWING TEAMS OF NEGOTIATORS TO USE ALL OF THE ACTUAL TACTICS AND EQUIPMENT THEY WOULD USE ON AN ACTUAL OPERATION AND BY USING LOCAL ACTING STUDENTS WITH POLICE OFFICERS AS ROLE PLAYERS.



IN JULY, THE ROSWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS FEATURED ON LAWOFFICER.COM FOR INNOVATIVE FIREARMS TRAINING THAT COULD SAVE THE LIVES OF POLICE OFFICERS EVERYWHERE. THE ARTICLE WAS THEN CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE TOP 10 TRAINING ARTICLES OF 2012.

The operating budget for the Roswell Police Department for the fiscal year 2012-2013 is \$18,705,498. This includes the General Fund, Confiscated Assets Fund, E911 Fund, and Capital Projects Fund.

It should be noted that the Confiscated Assets Fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the proceeds from the sale of confiscated assets and is funded solely through property and asset forfeitures. State law specifically regulates the use of such assets. Examples of use for these funds include training and equipment for the SWAT and Mobile Field Force teams, as well as equipment and training for Crisis Negotiators.

The Roswell Police Department works to maximize its service delivery within its given budget. More budgetary information can be found [here](#).

FUND	FY13 APPROVED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND	\$15,689,951
CONFISCATED ASSETS FUND	\$413,493
E911 FUND	\$2,067,054
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$535,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$18,705,498

Source: [City of Roswell FY 2013 Approved Budget](#)



FLEET FACT:

Due to the Ford Crown Victoria being discontinued, RPD will be transitioning to the Chevrolet Caprice and Tahoe patrol vehicles.

Spotlight:

EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



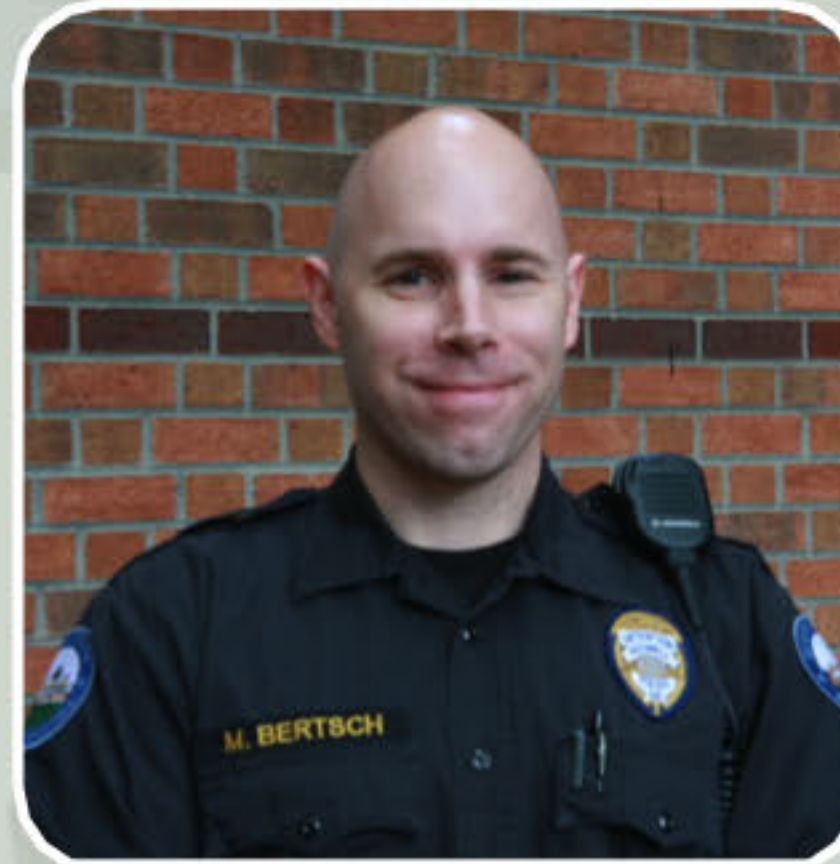
POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2012

POII James Major has been with the Roswell Police Department since 2001 and is currently assigned to the Office of Professional Standards.



DETENTION OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2012

Detention Officer Matthew Bertsch has been with the Roswell Police Department for 8 years and is currently assigned to Day Watch.



Thanks to these dedicated employees for their exceptional service to the citizens of Roswell.

SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR 2012

Lieutenant William Anastasio has been with the Roswell Police Department for 28 years. He is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division.



CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2012

Gloria Thompson has been with the Roswell Police Department for 3 years and is currently assigned to Records.

