



2025 Annual Report



Gainesville Police Vision

Partnering world class urban policing with a globally influenced local community.

Gainesville Police Mission

- Serve the people
- Protect life, property, and rights
- Enforce the law fair and impartially
- Resolve problems

Gainesville Police Goals

1. Plan for a Better Future - Increase overall safety for the residents in the City of Gainesville by reducing, solving, and preventing crime
2. Foster Greater Equity - Professional development and training
3. Be a Community Model - Strengthen community policing by improving community engagement

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A message from Chief of Police, Nelson Moya



As your Police Chief, it is both an honor and a privilege to serve alongside the dedicated men and women of our department. Every day, our officers, staff and support personnel come to work with a shared mission – to protect and serve with integrity, dedication and excellence.

I want to reaffirm my unwavering commitment to ensuring that our community remains a safe, inclusive and welcoming place for all who live, work or visit here. Safety is a shared responsibility, and it is one we take to heart every single day.

Our department provides the highest standard of service with integrity, professionalism and respect. We understand that trust must be earned, and we strive to build that trust through transparency, accountability and meaningful engagement with every part of our diverse community.

We are continuously working to improve our practices, enhance our training and strengthen relationships with community members. My pledge to you is that we will always approach our mission with fairness, empathy and an unwavering dedication to justice and equality.

We value your input, your partnership and your support. Together, we can build a safer, more connected and more compassionate community.

Thank you for your continued trust and support in the Gainesville Police Department and its mission. We are proud to serve such a wonderful and diverse community. Our shared values will continue to make Gainesville great.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nelson Moya'.

Nelson Moya
Chief of Police

The Gainesville Police Department is a full-service, community-oriented policing law enforcement agency dedicated to partnering with our citizens for problem resolution.

GPD remains steadfast in its mission to serve and protect the City of Gainesville through enhanced programs and meaningful citizen engagement. This collaborative approach has significantly increased interest in employment within the agency. GPD received 195 sworn applications in 2022, over 200 in 2023, more than 450 in 2024, and 462 in 2025.

Gainesville is the largest city in Alachua County and the 13th largest city in the State of Florida. It serves as the cultural, educational, and commercial center of the North Central Florida region.

According to the University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research, there are an estimated 151,275 residents in Gainesville, out of 298,485 total residents of Alachua County.

By 2040, Gainesville’s population is projected to reach 160,317, while Alachua County’s population is projected at 332,191. The percentage of low-income households within the city is estimated to remain steady at approximately 24% through 2040.

Founded in 1854 and incorporated in 1869, the City of Gainesville is home to the University of Florida - the state’s leading research institution as one of the top 10 public universities in the nation, and Santa Fe College, a provider of excellent professional and vocational education. Additionally, Gainesville boasts one of the largest medical communities in the Southeastern United States.

GPD employs approximately 280 sworn police officers and 101.75 support personnel. In 2025, 33 sworn police officers and 22 support personnel were hired.



Gainesville Police Department Command Staff



Nelson Moya
Chief of Police

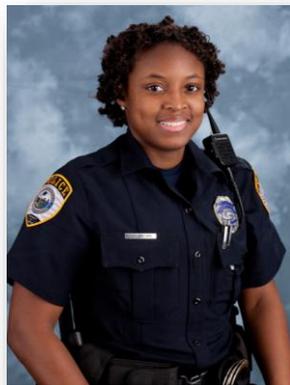


Jaime Kurnick
Major

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Captain Summer Hallett
Investigations Bureau



Captain Marquitta Brown
*Operations Bureau
District 1*

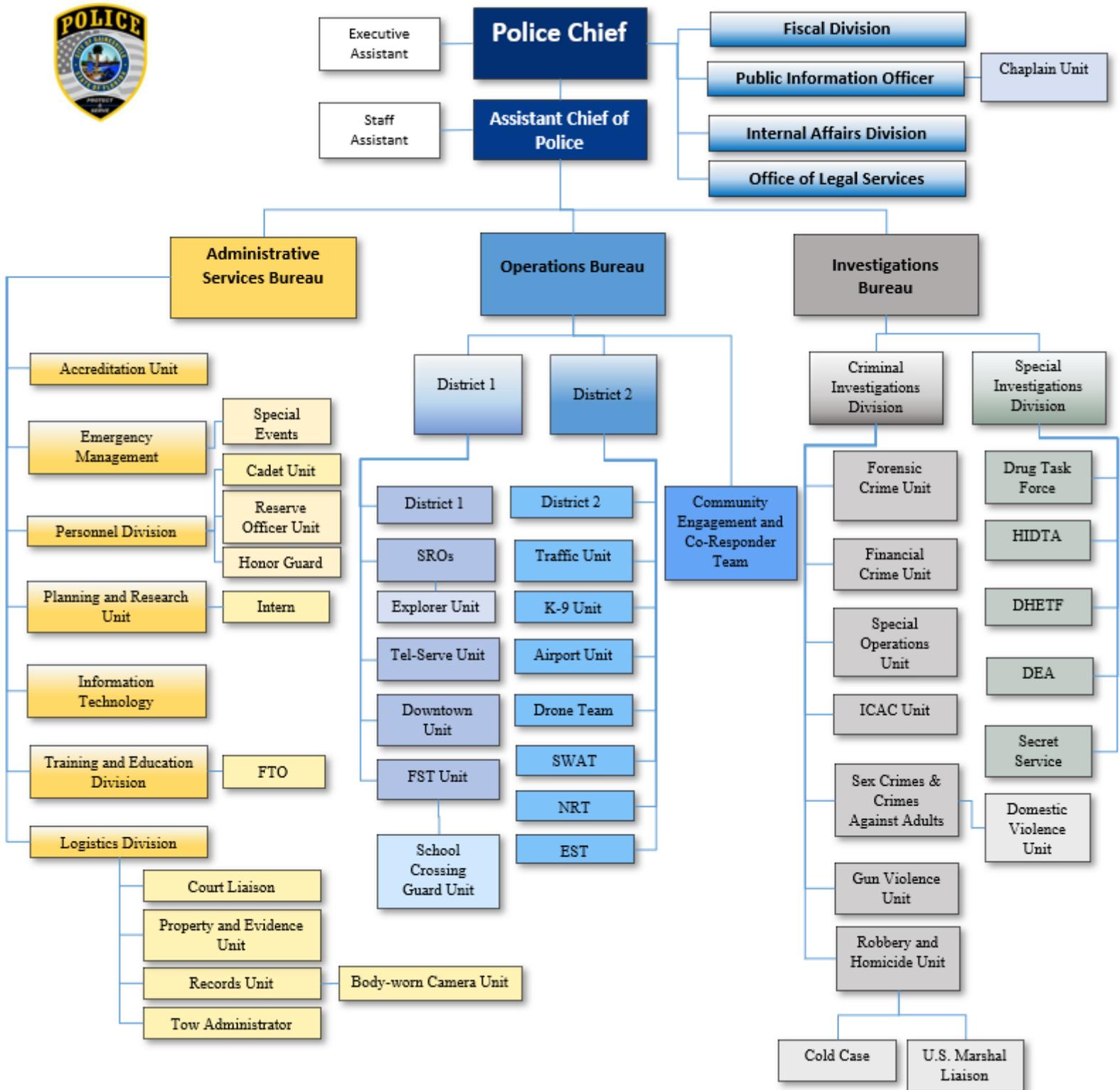


Captain Timothy Durst
*Operations Bureau
District 2*



Captain Paris Owens
*Administrative Services
Bureau*

Gainesville Police Organizational Chart



Office of the Chief

The Office of the Chief consists of the Police Chief, Assistant Chief, Fiscal Division, Public Information Officer, Internal Affairs Division, and the Office of Legal Services. The Chief of Police has authority over all members and components of the Department consistent with the laws of the State of Florida and the ordinances of the City of Gainesville. In the event

of an absence, the Assistant Chief will take primary short-term responsibility for the Chief's duties. The Office of the Chief is Responsible for the management, direction, and control of the operations and administration of the agency.

Public Information Officer

The primary goal of the Public Information Officer (PIO) is to enhance public awareness and understanding of police matters within the community.

The Public Information Officer (PIO) plays a vital role in bridging the gap between law enforcement and the public, fostering trust and cooperation. The PIO is responsible for the following duties:

- Managing daily media requests regarding Gainesville Police Department events and ongoing investigations.
- Conducting television, radio, and print interviews related to department policies, issues, and incidents.
- Acting as a liaison by directing media inquiries to appropriate agency personnel for additional interview requests.
- Responding to major crime scenes to handle media requests and regulate media access.
- Assisting with and coordinating all press conferences initiated by the Department.
- Overseeing the Department's social media presence (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and providing input on the website.
- Providing still photography and videography services for agency events.
- Promoting a positive image of the Gainesville Police Department to the community.



Fiscal Unit

The Fiscal Unit keeps track of grant spending and is responsible for updating budget files. The unit works with each bureau to develop zero-based budgets for the upcoming fiscal year, and updates general orders to specify tracking of funds, running distribution reports, submitting ESAC, maintaining State forfeiture funds, and defining grant overtime details. The unit also ensures that all grant-related activities and projects are documented accurately and properly, including keeping detailed records of every step in the process, from initial conception to completion.

Internal Affairs Unit

In 2019, Internal Affairs moved from the GPD Headquarters to an off-campus downtown location. The new site has proven to be beneficial and has been well received by both members of the public and Department members overall.

In 2017, Internal Affairs purchased IA Pro Software and implemented its use. All of the data from previous programs, both AIM and RMS, was migrated over. The use of IA Pro continued in 2025. The IAPRO software captures an abundant amount of information and assists tremendously in creating

reports and researching information. IA Pro also incorporates a viable Early Warning System. Early intervention has been shown to be effective in reducing misconduct, improving community relations, and reducing turnover. The purpose of the Early Warning System is to identify risk factors and correct behaviors through training and intervention.

Case Overview

	2022	2023	2024
Internal	47	33	44
External	47	35	64

Investigation Type

	2022	2023	2024
Internal Investigation	21	10	19
Administrative Review	34	12	28
Bureau Investigation	31	24	37

Internal Affairs continues to facilitate the implementation of IAPro NextGen software to document and track departmental professional standards processes. In addition, as part of the IA Pro Software, Blue Team is utilized. Blue Team is used in completing Use of Force reviews, Pursuit reviews, damaged vehicle incidents, Counseling/Training, Video reviews, Citizen complaints/referrals and other Bureau level actions. Blue Team works hand in hand with IA Pro and compiles and houses all the data in one easily accessible location.

The unit continues to assist in training department members regarding the IA process, databases, forms, and workflow as well as assists in the implementation and creation of internal investigative processes and policies.

There were 108 complaints filed with Internal Affairs in 2024. Of the 108 cases received, 44 originated with internal complaints and 64 came from external sources.

Disposition

	2022	2023	2024
Sustained	42	20	36
No Investigation	2	0	0
No Misconduct/Review Only	3	0	2
Not Sustained	2	2	2
Unfounded	33	19	41
Exonerated	8	22	2
Open	8	22	24
Policy Failure	5	5	0

Internal

	2022	2023	2024
Sustained	36	16	31
No Investigation	0	0	0
Review Only	0	0	1
Not Sustained	1	1	1
Unfounded	1	0	2
Exonerated	1	2	1
Open	7	14	7

External

	2022	2023	2024
Sustained	6	4	5
No Investigation	2	0	0
Review Only	1	0	1
Not Sustained	1	1	1
Unfounded	32	19	39
Exonerated	4	3	1
Open	0	0	17

Response to Resistance Review

The United States Constitution and Florida law allow police officers to use force to effect arrests and ensure public order and the safety of citizens and their property.

In 2024, GPD responded to 92,998 Calls for Service. Officers and staff wrote 18,048 incident and crash reports. There were 2,006 custodial arrests made in 2024. Of those arrests, 1,822 were adults and 184 were juveniles. There were also 55 Notices to Appear issued as well as 2,045 Sworn Complaints completed.

In 2024, GPD officers responded to resistance a total of 58 times. Of those 58 incidents, 30 resulted in felony arrests, 18 resulted in misdemeanor arrests.

Police Advisory Council



The Police Advisory Council advises the Gainesville Police Department by offering community feedback concerning public safety issues and law enforcement needs and actions. To this end the Police Advisory Board is devoted to facilitating the flow of ideas relative to police services for the continued improvement of the quality of life of its citizens.

The Police Advisory Board is tasked with the following objectives:

- To foster understanding and communication between the citizens of Gainesville and the Gainesville Police Department and to review and advise the chief in community relations between GPD and all segments
- Increase involvement by the citizens and police in community programs;
- To review and advise the Chief on staffing policy and procedures as requested by the Chief/and or City Manager.
- Work to strengthen and ensure cohesion throughout the community and the application of equal protection under law.
- To acquaint citizens with the operation of the Gainesville Police Department and its varied activities;

- Serve as a panel to discuss closed internal investigations in regard to what processes may be considered in preventing the occurrence of future activities;
- To assist in crime prevention through the distribution of material on crime deterrence;
- To generate community interest and involvement in crime prevention, to include community-oriented policing and to improve community relations.
- Other matters may be referred to the PAB from time to time by the City Manager or Chief of Police.
- The PAB also reviews all closed Internal Affairs Investigations and makes recommendations to the Chief as to their review.

The Police Advisory Council meets monthly at a publicly noticed meeting at City Hall which is attended by Chief Moya and Major Jaime Kurnick.

Administrative Services Bureau (ASB)

The Administrative Services Bureau is comprised of the Training and Education Division, the Accreditation Unit, Information Technology, the Logistics Division, and the Planning and Research Unit, as well as the Personnel Division. ASB handles the administrative functions of the Gainesville Police Department and has over 50 FTE.

Accreditation Unit

The Accreditation Unit is responsible for ensuring all directives are updated via PowerDMS for review and editing of policies in accordance with the most recent standards. The unit must maintain yearly accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) by reviewing and interpreting standards and creating written agency directives and This prestigious recognition highlights GPD's unwavering commitment to excellence, professionalism and serving our community.. GPD has currently obtained Tier 1 accreditation status, and accreditation staff members are responsible for reviewing policies and procedures which would allow the department to meet higher standards for Tier 2 accreditation.

The unit attends CALEA conferences, updates policies and reviews them for four-year compliance, and completes city policies for City of Gainesville reviews. In 2025, the unit worked towards maintaining the accreditation for Tier 1, reviewed and updated policies for 4-year compliance, reviewed and updated standards and procedures for compliance.



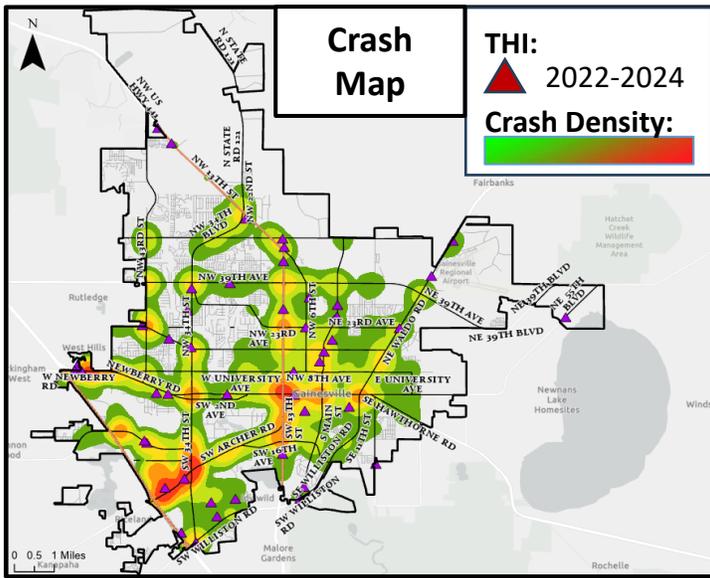
The Gainesville Police Department has been officially reaccredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Information Technology Unit

On a daily basis, the IT Unit ensures reliability of 22 servers, creates backup for emergency purposes, secures the network from viruses and Operating System flaws, secures sensitive data from outside parties, maintains the network such as connections to FDLE, Traffic Camera Network, Internet, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, University of Florida Police Department, High Springs Police Department, and the Combined Communications Center network. GPD's IT unit maintains 500 workstations - 200 desktops and 300 laptops and supports more than 20 applications. The IT unit manages extensive list of projects which include upgrading the SunGard system to the newest web platform, implementing a replication database for the Interagency RMS data, and implementing a new core servers. During 2025 we were able to upgrade all Windows devices to Windows 11 and require the use of the new CJIS compliant MFA solution, procure, configure, and distribute replacement of agency laptops, and complete the configuration and migration of the agency virtual server environment.

The IT unit is the backbone of GPD in terms of managing and disseminating information.

Planning and Research Unit



The Planning and Research unit comprises of a Senior Police Planner and two interns. The unit is responsible for designing, planning, administering, and coordinating department planning surveys, projects, studies, and police programs.

The Senior Police Planner leads annual staffing study, workload analysis, and program evaluation using statistical methods to assess program effectiveness for the Gainesville Police Department. The Planning and Research Unit also develops and formulates goals, strategies, and action plans that support intermediate and long-term strategic planning related to GPD's growth and community crime management initiatives.

Additionally, the unit conducts research and produces complex analytical reports, evaluates emerging law enforcement technologies and procedures, and collaborates with various city departments and external agencies. The unit is also responsible for publishing GPD's annual report and managing GPD's organization chart.

The unit is currently developing the Gainesville Police Department's next three-year strategic plan.

FBI National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

The Gainesville Police Department provides NIBRS information as a measurement of the overall crime in Gainesville.

The NIBRS program provides an aggregate monthly tally of crimes capturing details of each single crime incident – as well as on separate offenses within the same incident, capturing information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crime.

The program was transitioned from the now retired Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program on Jan 1, 2021.



In 2025, GPD's case closure rates remained above the national average in all reported categories.

Personnel Division

The Personnel Division is responsible for:

- Recruiting qualified applicants from diverse backgrounds who are representative of the community and possess integrity, honesty, and a commitment to serve the citizens of Gainesville.
- Maintaining a comprehensive recruitment plan focusing on aggressive recruitment of minority and female applicants.
- Maintaining, and updating annually, the Department's Affirmative Action Plan for the U.S. Department of Justice and the City of Gainesville.
- Co-sponsor or participate in career fairs, university and community college job fairs, community job forums, police academy orientations, military release center job fairs, and other recruitment events throughout the year.

The unit processed 462 PO applications and hired over 33 staff in 2025 as compared to 457 application and 31 hires in 2024.



The Personnel Division processed 462 police officer applications and hired 33 staff in 2025.

Honor Guard

The Gainesville Police Department Honor Guard is composed of six dedicated members who provide close-order drill and ceremonial services for a wide range of functions. These duties include serving as Color Guards for swearing-in, promotional, retirement, and awards ceremonies for both the Gainesville Police Department and other City of Gainesville entities.

The Honor Guard proudly marches each year in the University of Florida Homecoming Parade and participates in additional parades upon request.

The Honor Guard is further entrusted with conducting funeral services for all GPD retirees and officers killed in the line of duty. Members are dispatched throughout the State of Florida to honor fallen law enforcement personnel by attending line-of-duty death funerals.

Whether performing at celebratory events or solemn ceremonies, the members of the Honor Guard consistently represent the Gainesville Police Department and the City of Gainesville with exceptional pride, professionalism, and attention to detail.



Logistics Division

The Logistics Division carries out internal business processes that support the operations of the Gainesville Police Department. The division provides services in roam towing administration, contract towing, rotation towing, vehicles for hire, administration, court liaison services, records services, fleet management, facilities management, equipment issuance, supplies, evidence storage/tracking, and patrol video management.

Records

The Records Section is responsible for receiving, storing, and disseminating information to the public and partner agencies. Their responsibilities include:

- Conducting quality control reviews
- Compiling crime data under the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)
- Tracking sexual offender and predator address changes
- Processing public records requests
- Assisting with compromised identity cases
- Processing civil expungements
- Coordinating with the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS)
- Processing vehicle crash reports

In 2025, the Records Section played a key role in transitioning the agency to JUSTFOIA, a new public records management system designed to improve the accuracy and timeliness of records processing. During that year, the unit successfully processed a total of 9,854 public records requests.

Property and Evidence

The Property and Evidence Section receives, stores, and disposes of all property and evidence that is submitted by department members. Members of Property and Evidence are responsible for maintaining the chain of custody and disposing of evidence and property based on statutory limitations or court order. They notify property owners when items are released and ready to be claimed. The Property and Evidence Section is also responsible for stocking, issuing, and tracking uniforms and equipment issued to department members.

Tow Administrator

The Tow Administrator is responsible for monitoring all rotation and trespass towing and addressing complaints for towing in a timely manner. The Tow Administrator maintains, and controls Citizen Serve.

Court Liaison

The Court Liaison Office is responsible for coordinating and scheduling GPD officers and staff for required appearances, including trials, depositions, traffic hearings, and other proceedings. These appearances occur in county, circuit, and juvenile courts, as well as with the State Attorney's Office, Regional Counsel Office, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) Board of Administrative Reviews, private attorneys, and court personnel. The Court Liaison Office also provides non-court-related information to GPD staff, attorneys, and local citizens.

Body-Worn Camera

The Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Unit reviews body-worn camera footage and assists the Records Section with public records requests related to video evidence. The unit oversees the BWC Program, including inventory management, training, deployment, system evaluation, and the maintenance of related policies, procedures, and hardware and software systems. The unit also manages body-worn and in-car camera inventories, trains new users, and resolves technical or operational issues as they arise.

Training and Education Division

The Training and Education Division (TED) helps the facilitation and coordination of training initiatives for GPD Sworn Personnel and provides nearly 1,200 hours of FDLE, CALEA and City of Gainesville training to sworn and non-sworn personnel. This training includes:

- Firearms qualifications and proficiency drills
- Responding to active threats
- CPR
- TacMed
- Fit Cop
- Response to resistance
- Proficiency with intermediate weapons
- Integrating Communication, Assessment and Tactics (ICAT)
- Physical Agility Course
- Pursuit and Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT)
- Secondary survival weapons, rifle and shotgun qualifications
- Patrol rifle
- New hire Mini-Academy
- AHA CPR Update
- Driving proficiency
- Firearms familiarization for GPD Forensic Unit Driver Instructor
- Firearms Instructor
- First Aid Instructor
- American Heart Association BLS CPR Instructor

TED members also attended several courses to maintain certifications and bring cutting edge training back to the members of GPD.

GPD TED partnerships with local, state and federal agencies allow personnel to be proactive in providing training and services to sworn and non-sworn personnel within GPD, City of Gainesville personnel, future law enforcement officer and to our neighbors. Programs such as the Neighborhood Policing Initiative, Policing Across Differences and How to Have a Courageous Conversation help open lines of communication, understanding and perspective for all working and living within the City creating symbiotic environment.

In 2025, the department delivered a broad range of high-liability, advanced, and foundational training programs coordinated by TED, including firearms, driving, defensive tactics, medical response, and critical-incident preparedness. This included pistol optics, ballistic shield, patrol rifle, CPR, and multi-agency C3 Pathways training; coordination of two 770-hour Basic Recruit Classes; three mini-academy classes training 23 new officers; retiree firearms qualifications; supervisor training; and the development and instruction of multiple FDLE-certified advanced and instructor-level courses. TED personnel also served as lead instructors at IPS, contributed to statewide curriculum development, and ensured ongoing compliance with FDLE, CALEA, and agency certification requirements.



The Training and Education Division conducted 90 hours of training for each sworn employee, 50 hours of training for each supervisor, over 300 total hours in high liability training, 2 BRC classes of 770 hours each, and 3 six-week mini academies for 23 newly sworn personnel in 2025. The division also completed 32 retiree firearms qualifications and 2-4 hours of CPR course for civilian personnel.



Operations Bureau

The Operations Bureau is the largest component of the Gainesville Police Department and is responsible for working in partnership with the community to provide police services to the residents of Gainesville, Florida. The Bureau is comprised of three divisions: District 1, District 2, and the Community Engagement Team. The Patrol Division operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with a primary mission of protecting life and property, enforcing Florida law and City ordinances, and safeguarding the rights of all individuals.

At the end of 2025, organizational changes were implemented within the Operations Bureau, most notably the creation of a new Downtown Unit under District 1. This unit focuses on addressing crime and quality-of-life concerns in the downtown and midtown areas.

community outreach and takes pride in building strong relationships with a wide range of community organizations to provide high-quality service. The Bureau looks forward to expanding these partnerships to include all neighborhoods.

Command staff also continues to work collaboratively with city, state, and county agencies to address problem resolution and homeland security initiatives. The Department remains an active participant in the Regional Domestic Security Task Force and the City of Gainesville Emergency Management Team. The following section provides a summary of 2025 performance measurements.

The Operations Bureau is the largest part of the Gainesville Police Department, comprising over 50% of the sworn members of the agency.

2025 by the numbers:

Calls for Service:

92,118

Arrests:

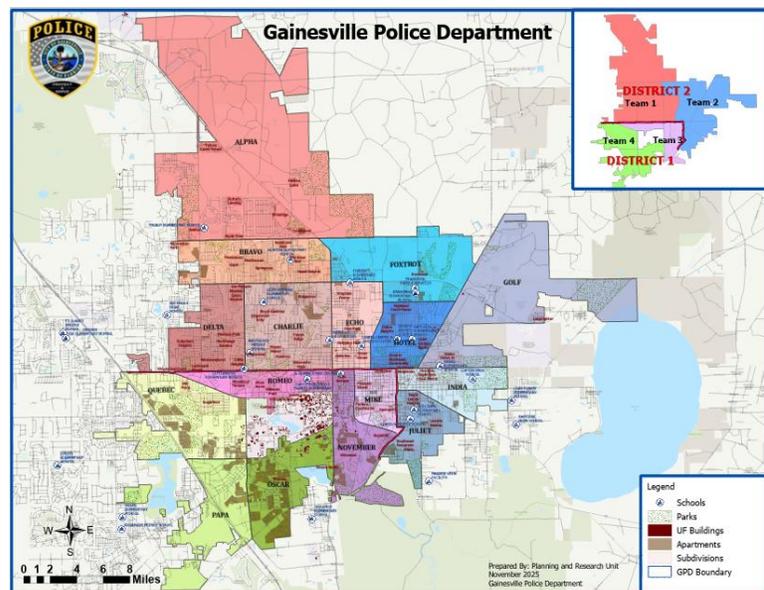
4,089

Written Reports (Incidents):

13,012

Written Reports (Traffic Crashes):

4,336



Violent Crimes

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Homicide	12	15	8	3
Rape	173	153	134	145
Robbery	162	184	199	129
Aggravated Assault	617	652	638	605

Property Crimes

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Burglary	357	511	477	337
Larceny	3656	3887	3458	2988
Auto Theft	580	535	402	247

District 1

District 1 is comprised of 56 patrol officers, along with School Resource Officers, the Explorer Unit, the Tel-Serve Unit, the Downtown Unit, the FST Unit, and the School Crossing Guard Unit. Each bureau in GPD is dedicated to fostering community engagement in their own ways through relevant events and programs. Some recurring examples of community engagement are officer presence at city safety events and city commission meetings, bicycle light giveaways, meetings with the Florida Department of Transportation, and assisting UF campus police with large crowds during football games.

Downtown Unit

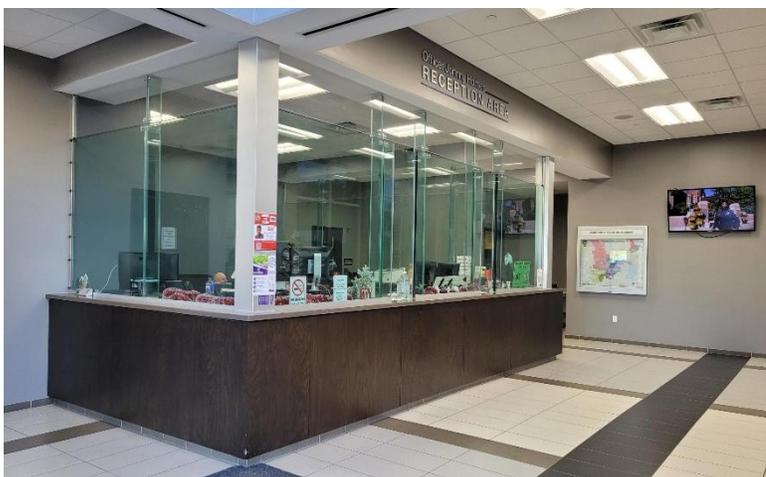
The Downtown Unit (DTU) was re-established in September 2025 to address quality-of-life concerns, enhance public safety, and increase proactive enforcement within the downtown core and surrounding districts by providing focused, high-visibility policing and coordinated enforcement during peak activity periods. DTU has conducted consistent foot and vehicle patrols throughout Downtown. Officers routinely engage business owners, venue staff, and community stakeholders to address recurring concerns related to disorderly conduct, alcohol-related violations, trespassing, narcotics activity, and general safety issues. DTU has supported numerous special events and high-activity weekends, including nightlife operations, the Evening Market, Halloween-related activities, and holiday events. These operations focused on crowd management, traffic control, and proactive enforcement, resulting in events being managed with minimal reported disturbances and improved overall safety.

DTU conducts homeless outreach efforts, making contact with individuals experiencing homelessness, offering available services, and coordinating referrals when appropriate. Additionally, DTU officers provide education related to alcohol consumption, Sip-and-Stroll regulations, and event compliance to patrons and business operators. Overall, the reestablishment of the Downtown Unit has increased police visibility, strengthened relationships with businesses and community partners, and enhanced proactive enforcement efforts aimed at reducing crime, disorder, and quality-of-life issues within Gainesville's downtown and surrounding districts.

Front Desk and Tel-Serve Unit

The Front Desk Unit consists of 3 allocated positions, including a sergeant. The Front Desk Unit houses the Tel-Serve Unit and is responsible for overseeing myGNV, Open Forums, the P2C online reporting system, and receiving calls for service. The Tel-Serve Unit consists of members who complete police reports with information received from complainants either via the telephone or in person at GPD headquarters. If a crime scene does not require protection or processing, in limited circumstance, the Front Desk Unit may take the report and send a field unit to the scene for processing. Additionally, the unit may take reports requiring follow-up that can be followed-up on by a field unit or

detective. A patrol supervisor may direct a call for service to the front desk, regardless of the nature of the call, if they believe it can be handled correctly by Tel-Serve personnel.



In 2025, the Front Desk Unit handled 21,509 calls for service, 23,231 including online reporting. There were additional 1,722 reports received online via P2C that front desk handled.

School Resource Officers



Gainesville Police Department's School Resource Officer (SRO) Team is comprised of 21 full-time, sworn police officers at all public schools within the city. The SRO program provides an increased level of effective interaction between the Police Department, students, school officials and parents. This liaison between the Police Department and the Alachua County School District facilitates the rapid resolution of minor problems before they become significant. While SROs are fully trained police officers with arrest authority, their primary focus is not on enforcement rather on working with the school's administration to maintain a safer learning environment.



A typical day for an SRO may include:

- Consulting with school officials regarding safety issues at the school or in the community.
- Investigating the circumstances surrounding crime which may have occurred on the school grounds.
- Conflict intervention/resolution between students.
- Providing advice to a troubled student.
- Teaching law or safety related topics to students in a classroom setting.
- Building a positive rapport with the students at the schools.
- Introducing students, parents, and school staff to helpful resources.

Field Service Technicians



A Field Service Technician (FST) is a uniformed, non-sworn member of the Gainesville Police Department who provides non-emergency police services to the community.

FSTs work in the field handling a variety of responsibilities, including traffic crash investigations, burglary and forgery investigations, crime scene processing, parking enforcement, traffic direction, and school zone operations.

FSTs do not respond to in-progress crimes, incidents involving on-scene suspects, or situations involving confrontation. Incidents not handled by FSTs include, but are not limited to, homicide, robbery, sexual battery, abduction, narcotics violations, and disturbances.

FSTs do not carry weapons and do not make physical arrests; however, they are authorized to issue parking and traffic citations and complete sworn complaints. All FSTs complete an eight-week Field Training Program (FTP) under the guidance of Field Training Officers. During this program, FSTs receive formal instruction and must successfully demonstrate proficiency in each training phase. FSTs also receive specialized training with the Forensics Unit in crime scene processing. Upon successful completion of the FTP, FSTs are assigned a department vehicle, with the option for a take-home vehicle for commuting.

The FST Unit operates independently within the Gainesville Police Department and is an essential component of the agency. The unit consists of three levels—FST I, FST II, and FST III—each with specific requirements for advancement. Additional career advancement opportunities are available throughout the department, depending on the chosen career path. FSTs primarily work Monday through Friday between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

In 2025, 14 Field Service Technicians were dispatched to 6,704 calls, wrote 736 investigative reports, responded to 1,098 traffic crashes, wrote 634 traffic citations, and took 54 sworn complaints.



School Crossing Guards



GPD provides School Crossing Guards at all public school crossing intersections to ensure the safety of our children. These guards act as protectors and mentors for the children. There are 18 public schools within Gainesville's city limits.

School Crossing Guards are the first person of authority your child sees each day on their way to school, and the last on their way home.



District 2

District 2 is comprised of 51 patrol officers, as well as the Traffic Unit, K-9 Unit, Airport Unit, Drone Team, SWAT, NRT, EST, Community Engagement, and the Co-Responder Team.

Drone Team



The Drone Team was formed in March of 2021. There are 9 team members who train regularly and command logged missions. There were over 500 flights logged in 2025, up from 250 in 2024. A new fleet of drones was introduced in July 2025.

Drones are utilized in various situations both law enforcement and non-law enforcement related. Examples of law enforcement incidents include search warrants, barricaded and/or wanted subjects, locating missing adults and children, assisting in felony cases, clearing building, and supervising large crowds, such as parades.

Examples of non-law enforcement functions include:

- Farm Share Food Giveaway Event at Oaks Mall
- Candlelight Vigil at City Hall for COVID Deaths
- SRO Photoshoot at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium
- Assisting Gainesville Fire Rescue with a large sinkholes



Special Weapons and Tactics

The Gainesville Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team is an elite team of officers that are specially trained to handle threatening situations that fall outside the capabilities of patrol officers.



Traffic Unit



The main objective of the Traffic Unit is the reduction of traffic related injuries and fatalities. This is accomplished through proactive enforcement efforts, coordination with city traffic engineers, and community education programs designed to create a higher awareness of traffic safety on Gainesville's roads.

One such way was utilizing grant funds from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) which allowed the Traffic Unit to conduct high profile education details targeting alcohol awareness, distracted driving, and the Safe Motorcycle and Rider Techniques (SMART) course. The Gainesville Police Department also qualified for funds through the IPTM Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety High Visibility Program Contract.

The Traffic Unit strives daily to make Gainesville's roadways safe. They routinely analyze traffic crash data and review citizen complaints. Once an area of concern involving moving traffic violations has been identified, officers diligently and proactively address those violations especially those that contribute to traffic crashes or, which may result in damage and/ or injuries to our citizenry.

Nine members, including one sergeant staff the Traffic Unit. Three members of the traffic unit serve dual roles as motormen in the Motorcycle Unit, within the Traffic Unit. The Motorcycle Unit is made up Traffic Unit members and supplemented by five part-time riders. The motorcycle fleet is comprised of eight Harley Davidson Police Road Kings equipped with Air-cooled, Twin Cam 114 cubic inch (1868cc) or 107 cubic inch (1753 cc) engines. Motorcycle Officers operate within the Traffic Unit, as a City-wide function. Motorcycles have increased visibility, accessibility, greater mobility, and ideal for traffic enforcement and special escorts.

The Traffic Unit is responsible for the investigation of traffic homicides that occur within the city limits. Officers investigating crash scenes where serious injury or death occurs use the latest in laser technology and computer equipment to investigate and map the scene of the incident for later reference for court. The Traffic Unit is also tasked with the implementation of the School Zone Enforcement Program and the Red Light Enforcement Program recently approved by the City Commission.



In 2025, Unit Members issued 8,133 citations, investigated 14 fatal traffic crashes, and 4,337 traffic crashes overall.

K-9 Unit



The Gainesville Police Department's Canine (K-9) Unit is assigned to our Patrol Support Bureau. Team members are among the most elite in all of GPD. When shootings, robberies, in progress burglaries or other priority calls are dispatched our K-9 teams are primary responders. Teams are regularly utilized to assist in criminal apprehensions, locate missing persons, detect narcotics and assist as back-up.

GPD is allotted 9 K-9 teams, eight of which are a part of Patrol while one team works highway enforcement with the Alachua County Combined Drug Task Force. Each Patrol team must go through a rigorous 480-hour basic handler course which prepares them for the various and unpredictable situations they will encounter. All K-9 teams must be evaluated and certified by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) or other certifying entity before they are deemed to be patrol ready. The teams re-certify annually to ensure that they have maintained the highest level of proficiency. Handlers and their K-9 counterparts train at least 10 hours a week to prime their patrol skills.

Notable from 2025:

- K-9 Unit members usually participate in multiple demonstration where they educated and interacted with our neighbors, to include schools and other special events.
- The K9 Unit cross-trained with several different specialty unit's last year, and plan to continue to do so in the future.
- Unit members also attended different advanced trainings during the year.
- The Unit was utilized during hundreds of arrests throughout the year and continues to be instrumental in arrests where citizen and officer safety is crucial, as well as locating missing/endangered citizens.

The Unit was instrumental in numerous robbery/burglary investigations and other on-scene tracks for violent crimes.

The K-9 Unit was responsible for 48 assists and 19 apprehensions in 2025.

Emergency Services Team

The function of the Emergency Services Team is to provide a rapid response to critical or mass casualty incidents.

EST members receive enhanced training and equipment and are designed to be rapidly deployed during large scale catastrophic or active shooter events. More and more active shooter incidents are occurring around the country, and it is vitally important that GPD have a team in place to handle the worst if it should ever visit our city. Their deployment provides for a well-managed tactical and/or medical response to critical incidents and is sometimes a needed bridge between a normal patrol call for service and SWAT/ NRT call-out. EST members are also tasked with providing effective communication skills for citizens in mental crisis and are committed to utilizing de-escalation efforts for the successful resolution of these incidents.



The Emergency Services Team (EST) is comprised exclusively of personnel from uniformed divisions and is structured to ensure continuous coverage across all shifts, providing 24/7 availability. EST is currently one of the few teams of its kind in the southeastern United States and was modeled after the New York City Police Department Emergency Services Unit.

Negotiations Response Team

The Gainesville Police Department's Negotiations Response Team (NRT) works closely with other specialized units, including the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team and the Emergency Services Team (EST), to manage high-risk situations involving armed or unarmed subjects and other unusual or critical incidents. The NRT also provides support to community members in times of crisis.

The Department recognizes that highly skilled negotiators can significantly reduce the risk of injury or loss of life in high-risk incidents. The Negotiations Response Team is a trained, dedicated, and compassionate group that takes pride in successfully resolving the calls to which they are dispatched. Team members regularly train with surrounding agencies and the Alachua County Crisis Center to maintain and enhance their skills.



Negotiations Response Team members are specially trained in interpersonal communication and negotiation tactics.

Community Engagement

Each bureau within the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) is committed to fostering community engagement through a variety of events and programs. In 2025, GPD organized 33 community engagement events, and 26 recruitment-focused activities.

Recurring examples of GPD’s community engagement efforts include officer participation at city safety events and city commission meetings, bicycle light giveaways, collaboration with the Florida Department of Transportation, and assistance to the University of Florida campus police during large football game crowds.

Other notable community engagement events hosted by GPD over the past year include:

- **GPAL UNITED** at Lincoln Middle School
- **Court Painting** at Forest Pine
- **Phoenix Community Clean-up**
- **Gainesville Housing Authority Community Events and Kickbacks**
- **Leadership Academy Days**
- **Shop with a Cop**
- **Youth and Badges Dialogue**
- **GPD Backpack Drive**
- **Trunk or Treat**
- **Turkey Bowl**
- **Fun Fridays**
- **Clothing Donations**
- **Youth Leadership Summit**



Through these initiatives, GPD continues to strengthen relationships with the community, promote public safety, and support youth and local organizations across Gainesville.

Co-Responder Team

The Co- Responder Team is a partnership between the Gainesville Police Department and Meridian Behavioral Healthcare to deploy a sworn uniformed police officer with a Master’s level mental health clinician in the field responding to individuals with mental health and substance use concerns at their point of crisis.

Team members have a vested dedication in mental health services. They regularly attend community outreach events and provides training both internally and externally. The Team works closely with local stakeholders to provide appropriate resources. The Team started in 2018 with one officer and has since expanded to four officers, providing seven-day coverage and availability. The Co-Responder Team reports to the assigned Mental Health Liaison (Lieutenant).

Statistics	2025
Calls for Service	2414
Baker/Marchman Acts	111
Voluntary Transport	128
Jail Diversions	58
Baker Act Diversions	96
Emergency Room Diversions	33



Investigations Bureau

The Investigations Bureau consists of the Criminal Investigations Division and the Special Investigations Division.

Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is responsible for, but not limited to, the following types of investigations; homicide, robbery, gun violence, sex offenses, child abuse, aggravated assault/battery, burglary, grand theft, fraud, forgery, vehicle thefts, internet crimes against children, domestic violence, missing persons, burglaries, grand theft, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, arson, computer crimes and credit card crimes.

The Sex Crimes Unit works with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Coalition against Sexual Violence to implement trauma-informed sexual assault investigations at our agencies. GPD maintains a website, [www. ReportRapeGainesville.org](http://www.ReportRapeGainesville.org) which allows victims of sexual violence to educate themselves on their rights, report sexual violence, and access resources available to them. Investigators understand that sexual assault is very traumatic, and our investigators and officers continue training on trauma informed responses and interviewing to help in fully investigating cases of sexual violence.

We conduct checks on sexual offenders/predators to make sure that they are in compliance with state and local requirements. We are also very proud of our follow-up assistance that we provide to victims of both personal and property crimes by our Detectives and victim advocates. Currently, there are four victim advocates that work within our Criminal Investigations Division to provide immediate services and support to victims of crime.

CID is committed to working with local, state, and federal agencies. GPD strives to maintain task force affiliations with the Federal Bureau of Investigations, U.S. Marshals, and the United States Secret Service that allows to investigate, track, and apprehend offenders who cross jurisdictional lines to commit offenses or avoid prosecution.

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

The Gainesville Police Department is proud to be the host agency for The North Florida Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC). The ICAC Task Force has one sergeant and three investigators. ICAC is funded by federal grants authorizing the Gainesville Police Department to act as the host agency for the northern 38 counties of Florida. On a regular basis municipal, county, state, and federal authorities employ their combined resources in joint investigations, made possible by the network created by this Task Force. In addition to human resources, the cooperation between Task Force affiliates provides opportunity for computer examinations for those agencies which otherwise do not have that option. In addition to agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the Task Force is also comprised of advocacy centers and state agencies such as the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Office of the Attorney General.



Financial Crime Unit

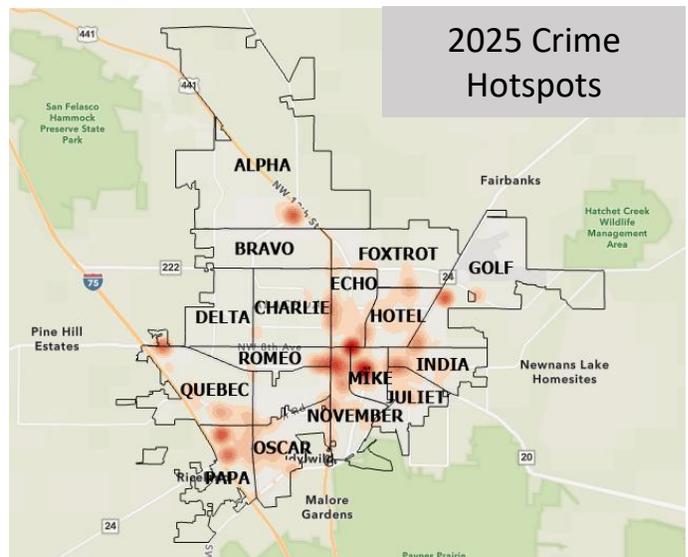
The Financial Crime Unit covers all economic crimes, general felony thefts, exploitation of the elderly, schemes to defraud, and felony retail theft. Financial crime unit handled approximately 686 cases in 2024 and 747 cases in 2025. This unit conducts gas station pump skimmer details with the Department of Agriculture three times per year to address the rise in skimming devices and protect consumers from fraud. The unit publishes monthly fraud prevention tips on social media platforms to educate the community on common scams and reduce victimization rates.

In addition, the Financial Crime Unit conducts retail theft blitz details to protect and support local businesses and attends community events to strengthen relations and gather intelligence on fraud trends. The unit also develops business fraud prevention training programs by organizing three training sessions for local business each year, which empowers businesses to take an active role in protecting themselves against fraudulent activity.



Special Operations Unit

The Special Operations Unit as part of the Criminal Investigations unit investigates all property crimes in the city. These crime include all burglaries including residential, conveyance, and business burglaries. The unit is also tasked with investigating all grand theft auto crimes. The unit consists of 8 members and in 2025, the unit investigated over 3,500 crimes.



Sex Crimes & Crimes Against Adults Unit

The Sex Crimes & Crimes Against Adults unit is responsible for completing FETI interviews for sexual battery investigations and ensuring victim-centered approaches are consistently applied in investigations. The unit participates in community outreach events and presents at quarterly community events to enhance community trust and awareness regarding crimes of sensitive natures. The unit conducts sexual offender and predator checks at least five times per year and ensures compliance and enhances public safety through regular monitoring. This unit aims to close all cases within 120 days of their initial report in order to expedite justice and provide timely resolutions for all victims involved.

Gun Violence Unit

The Gun Violence Unit has 5 full-time employees consisting of one (1) sergeant, four (4) detectives. The Gun Violence Initiative was created to address the rise in violent crime. This detail was a collaborative effort between Gainesville Police Department Drug Task Force, Patrol, Criminal Investigations Division, crime analysis and Florida Highway Patrol aviation unit.

Gainesville Police Department's Command Staff identified the need to continue the efforts of the Gun Violence Initiative by implementing the permanent Gun Violence Unit. The Gun Violence Unit will be a hybrid detective unit reporting to the Gainesville Police Department Criminal Investigations Division. CID GVU will work in partnership with CID Major Crimes (A-Squad) in responding to and investigating violent crimes (homicides, shootings etc.). The unit members will continue collaborating with local and federal agencies to combat and apprehend violent criminals within the city of Gainesville.

Federal partners have committed to assisting the unit with identifying resources and implementing local programs to assist with funding. GVU will utilize collective intel/information from agency partners and GPD crime analysis to strategically disrupt violent crime patterns. The GVU will focus solely on major and violent crimes in the city. We have aimed to identify potential offenders/victims and disrupt the most dangerous threats to our neighbor's safety in this community.



Robbery & Homicide Unit

The Robbery & Homicide unit aims to increase the clearance rate for robberies and achieve a 100% clearance rate for homicides by improving investigative techniques and emphasizing the importance of thorough investigations. The unit maintains clearance rates above the national average by regularly comparing division rates to national statistics and adjusting practices accordingly throughout the year.

Detectives in the Robbery & Homicide Unit are required to attend specialized trainings each year to enhance professional development, improve investigative skills, and remain updated on best practices. The unit regularly collaborates with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office share updates and information on known criminals throughout the community.

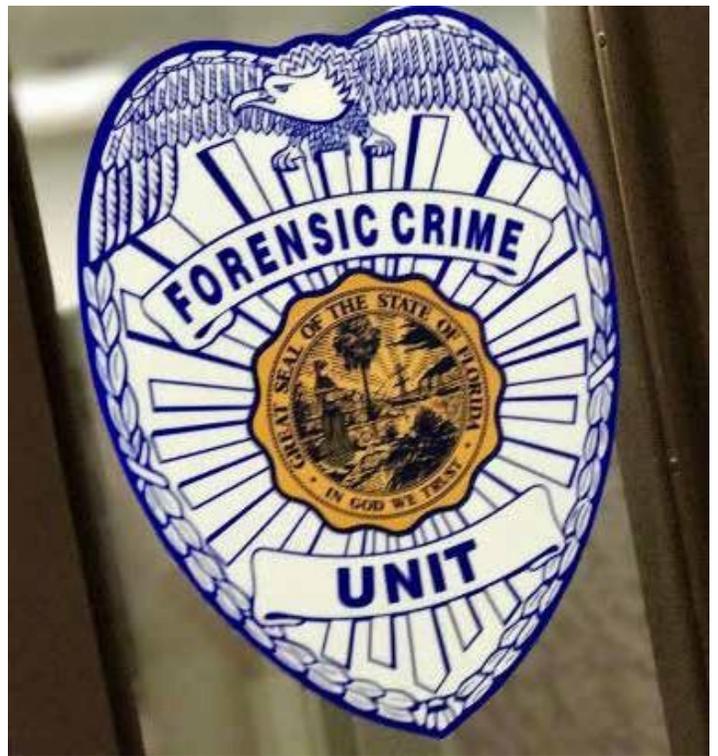


Forensic Unit

Investigators respond to major crime scenes to photograph, document and collect evidence and process the scene for latent prints. Each Forensic Crime Unit Investigator utilizes a fully equipped crime scene vehicle. These vehicles contain all the equipment necessary to process most crime scenes. They have cameras and print processing equipment, shoe wear and tire impression casting equipment, additional lighting, metal detectors, portable alternate light source equipment, borescopes, trajectory kits, ladders and many other items. Investigators also utilize a large workroom where evidence can be examined more closely. In the workroom, we have individual assigned & secure lockers, large tables to examine items, chemical processing equipment for latent prints, photography workstation, and large drying lockers. The Forensic Crime Unit works closely with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in Jacksonville for additional processing and analysis.

The Latent Print Examiner utilizes the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). In 2025 the office received 316 latent print submissions, of which 14 were AFIS quality entries. The Latent Print Examiner made 60 identifications for the year (117 individual prints identified).

The Photograph Technician stays up to date on digital cameras and digital video recordings systems. We also utilize evidence.com, an online digital evidence platform. All Sworn Police Officers and Police Service Technicians are issued smartphones. Personnel use the smartphones to take digital photographs of crime scenes to upload into our database or directly into evidence.com. Our unit is also tasked with State Attorney's Office requests. These requests can be for processing items collected, sending things to FDLE, copies of DVDs, and sharing photographs taken by our officers/PST's. The unit completed over 23 State Attorney's Office requests for 2025. Our crime scene investigators collect and preserve evidence and work together to figure out the most challenging crime scenes. They are constantly attending training classes, webinars, or learning from each other to better enhance the unit. The Forensic Crime Unit also works directly with the Criminal Investigations Division on a daily basis to prepare evidence which may be needed for the prosecution of cases by the State Attorney's Office. The unit also attends community events to provide an opportunity for the community to ask questions and understand the importance of our work.



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Special Investigations Division

The Special Investigations Division (SID) is a part of the Gainesville-Alachua County Drug Task Force (GACDTF). The purpose of this division is to identify, quantify, and respond to emerging drug problems within the task force area.

Alachua County Drug Task Force



The GACDTF is a collaborative effort between the Gainesville Police Department, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, the University of Florida Police Department, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The Drug Task Force targets illegal drug activity at three levels. The Drug Task Force investigates street-level drug crimes that occur throughout the City of Gainesville and Alachua County. Detectives assigned to the street-level Narcotics Squads identify and arrest subjects who are selling drugs in neighborhoods and affecting the quality of life for the residents in the area.

The Drug Task Force also has detectives assigned to state and federal drug task forces to increase the impact of local drug cases. The Drug Task force recently became part of the Federal HIDTA initiative (High intensity Drug Trafficking Area) and the Drug Task Force is receiving Federal funding to assist in the investigation of narcotics cases.

The HIDTA Squad investigates mid-level suppliers of the street-level dealers. These mid-level dealers often extend beyond the City of Gainesville into surrounding cities and counties. The DEA Task Force investigates upper-level suppliers of drugs. Many of the upper-level drug investigations extend to other states and countries. Both task forces work toward significant State or Federal prison sentences for serious drug offenders. The investigations of mid and upper-level suppliers often develop from street-level cases made by the Narcotics Unit when working community problems.

GPD's SID personnel also work as part of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office's Combined Alachua Drug Enforcement Team (CADET). The Mission of the CADET Initiative shall be to pursue, disrupt and dismantle major drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) by identifying, arresting and prosecuting individuals or networks responsible for the importation and distribution of illicit drugs in Alachua County.

In 2025, the CADET Initiative resulted in 59 arrests on a total of 226 cases. A large quantity of illegal narcotics worth a total street value of \$13,398,901 was seized alongside \$638,691.96 in cash and assets.

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative

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Domestic Highway Enforcement Task Force

The Gainesville-Alachua County Drug Task Force (GACDTF) is comprised of deputies with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office as well as officers from the Gainesville Police Department, who investigate street-level, mid-level, and upper-level narcotics trafficking organizations that operate throughout Alachua County. The Domestic Highway Enforcement Task Force (DHETF) is a specialty unit operating within the Unit.

Drug Enforcement Administration

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Secret Service and US Marshalls

The Criminal Investigations Division is committed to working with local, state, and federal agencies. As a result, Gainesville Police Department strives to maintain task force affiliations with the Federal Bureau of Investigations, U.S. Marshals, and the United States Secret Service. These partnerships are very beneficial for our city due to the enhanced relationships built with these federal agencies. Our collaboration allows us to investigate, track, and apprehend offenders who cross jurisdictional lines to commit offenses or avoid prosecution.





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