

# 2019

## Annual Report



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# Message from Police Chief

Dear Citizens,

Across the board, the City of Mobile experienced a reduction in crime for the year 2019 in all categories except in its number of homicides. The men and women of the Mobile Police Department remain relentlessly committed to making the community in which you live safer. They are held accountable to do more than patrol their beats, I encourage them to engage and build and maintain relationships with the members of the community as they serve and protect.



**Chief of Police  
Lawrence L. Battiste, IV**

As I always say, our department is good at solving crimes but we want to become better at preventing crimes. That is why we depend on you to also remain committed with us to help make the city a safer place to live, work and play. There have been countless times when we've asked for your help in solving a case –whether it's identifying a suspect or locating a suspect. You delivered. And, we thank you for that. But, let's come together stronger to prevent crimes. Be vigilant. Report any suspicious activity to police.

In 2019, a citizen satisfaction survey was conducted between August 1 and August 30 by researchers at the University of South Alabama. The survey allowed us to gauge Mobilians' perception of crime and safety. In general, 70 percent of citizens believe that Mobile is a safe place. Compared to the city as a whole, 93.4 percent of the respondents said they feel most safe in their specific area of town. While out shopping, 82.5 percent of the respondents said they feel safe. And, 77.2 percent said they feel safe in downtown Mobile.

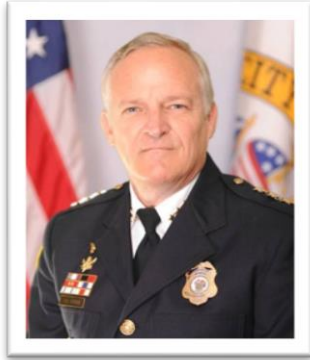
Let us continue showing progress for a safer community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Lawrence L. Battiste, IV". The signature is stylized and cursive.

## Mission

*Our mission at the Mobile Police Department is to make Mobile the safest city in America with respect to everyone.*

## Chiefs and Division Commanders



**Chief of Staff  
Clay Godwin**



**Chief of Operations  
Roy Hodge**



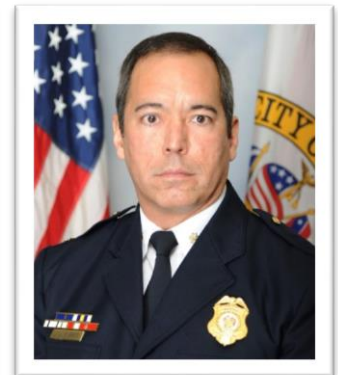
**Support Services  
Division  
Major Linda Tims**



**Special Operations  
Division  
Major Philip McCrary**



**Field Operations  
Division  
Major William Jackson**



**Investigative  
Operations Division  
Major John Barber**

In 2019, the Mobile Police Department was budgeted for 507 sworn officers. The actual number was 482. The department was staffed with a total of 225 civilian employees.

## Grants Awarded

For the 2019 fiscal year, the Mobile Police Department was awarded \$4.5 million in grant funding from 29 separate grant programs and awards. Most of the grant allocations are used to purchase equipment and fund overtime pay for officers, although other grant programs were specifically awarded. Some of the grants are three-year grants. The 2019 grant fiscal year is October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

<b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDING FOR PERIOD 2019</b> <b>Laura Angle, Grants Compliance Manager</b> <i>Last Updated 2/26/2020</i>	
DOJ COPS Hiring Program Grant - 2017	\$520,903.66
DOJ Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Grant - 2019	\$293,288.00
DOJ Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Grant - 2018	\$500,000.00
DOJ Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Grant - 2017	\$654,309.66
DHS Port Security Grant - 2018	\$13,957.00
DHS Port Security Grant - 2017	\$669,095.00
DOJ Justice Assistance Grant - 2019	\$169,327.00
DOJ Justice Assistance Grant - 2018	\$168,676.00
DOJ Justice Assistance Grant - 2017	\$176,782.00
DOJ Project Safe Neighborhood Grant - 2019	\$29,856.00
DOJ OVC Law Enforcement Based Direct Victim Services Grant - 2018	\$469,406.00
COPS STOP School Violence Grant - 2018	\$500,000.00
DOJ Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Grant - 2019	\$15,764.96
DHS HSGP EOD Grant #9LET - 2019	\$65,371.00
DHS USSS Financial Crimes Task Force - 2019	\$27,906.43
DHS USSS Electronic Crimes Task Force - 2019	\$6,431.18
DOJ FBI Task Force - 2019	\$17,051.77
DOJ USMS GCRFTF Task Force - 2019	\$10,218.37
DOJ DEA Task Force - 2019	\$29,095.46
HOTSPOT DUI Traffic Grant - 2019	\$22,520.20
B.A.S.E. STEP Traffic Grant - 2019	\$148,451.94
CIOT Traffic Grant - 2019	\$12,498.39
Labor Day Traffic Grant - 2019	\$13,968.93
K-9 Aftermath Grant - 2019	\$500.00
Mobile AKC Kennel Club Grant	\$2,000.00
Walmart Community Grants	\$8,500.00
MFUGE Grant	\$695.00
Target Community	\$2,500.00
State Farm Good Neighbor Grant	\$6,000.00
<b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDING AWARDED</b>	<b>\$4,555,073.95</b>

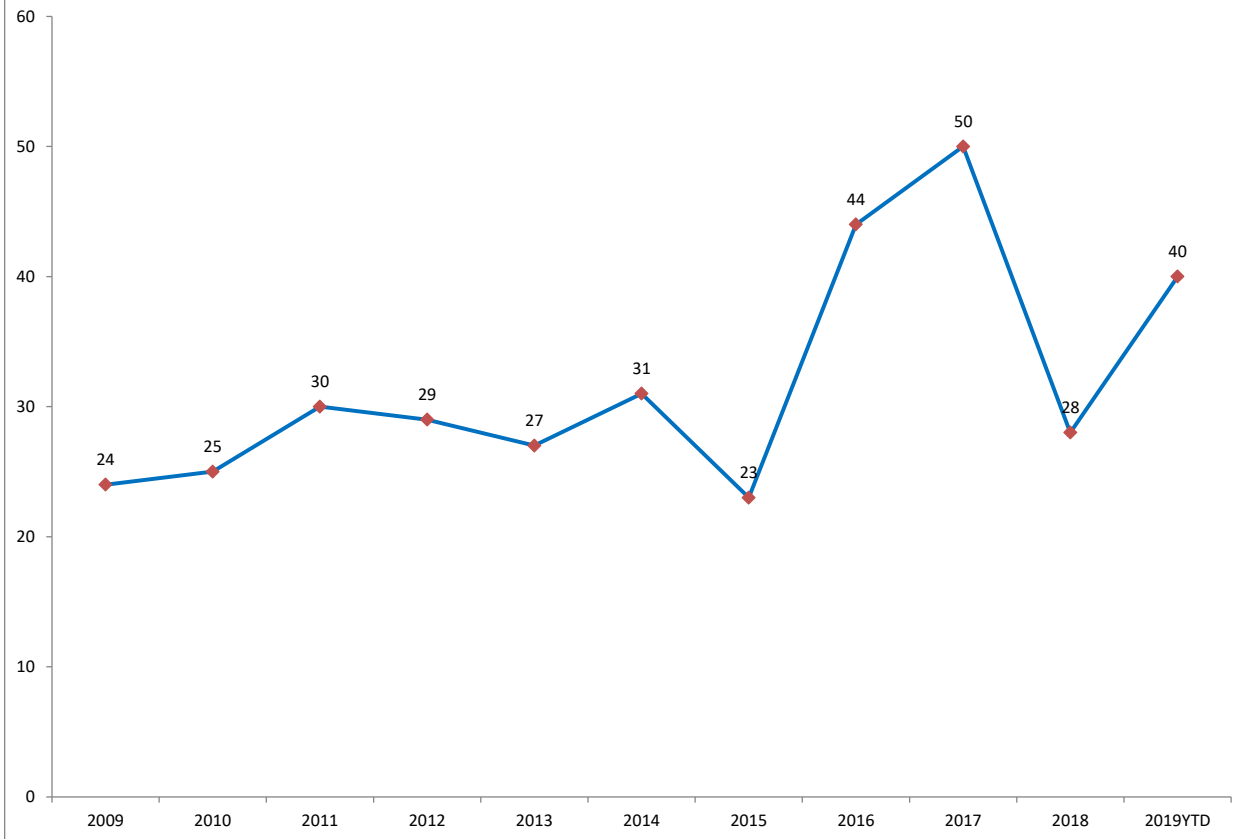
# 10-Year Crime Report

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018	2019YTD	% + OR -		
HOMICIDE	24	25	30	29	27	31	23	44	50	28	28	40	42.9%		
RAPE	34	59	48	45	75	135	115	87	141	168	168	142	-15.5%		
ROBBERY	854	654	637	460	458	430	404	438	440	378	378	255	-32.5%		
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1076	964	880	777	1044	1016	1122	1279	1329	1162	1162	1151	-0.9%		
BURGLARY	3710	3880	4061	2796	3221	2878	2232	2654	3084	2580	2580	2094	-18.8%		
LARCENY	9436	9280	8893	8755	9281	8391	8236	8443	9564	8633	8633	7537	-12.7%		
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	950	1028	703	552	690	533	597	891	1293	1089	1089	749	-31.2%		
<b>TOTAL CRIME</b>	<b>16084</b>	<b>15890</b>	<b>15252</b>	<b>13414</b>	<b>14796</b>	<b>13414</b>	<b>12729</b>	<b>13836</b>	<b>15901</b>	<b>14038</b>	<b>14038</b>	<b>11968</b>	<b>-14.7%</b>		
<b>PERCENT + OR -</b>	6.8%	-1.2%	-4.0%	-12.1%	10.3%	-9.3%	-5.1%	8.7%	14.9%	-11.7%		-14.7%			
<b>Population</b>	269415	266134	263016	263016	263016	263016	269406	269406	269406	269406		269406			
<b>Part I Crimes per 1000 population</b>	59.7	59.7	58.0	51.0	56.3	51.0	47.2	51.4	59.0	52.1	<b>2018</b> 52.1	<b>2019</b> 44.4			
<b>Violent crimes per 1000 population</b>	7.4	6.4	6.1	5.0	6.1	6.1	6.2	6.9	7.3	6.4	6.4	5.9			
Population furnished by South Alabama Regional Planning Commission.											<b>Violent Crime</b>		2018	2019	
Population and crime totals include the jurisdiction.													1736	1588	-8.5%
Increase to Population in 2007 due to City Limit and Jurisdiction Change															
Census Updated with 2012 Estimates July 2014															

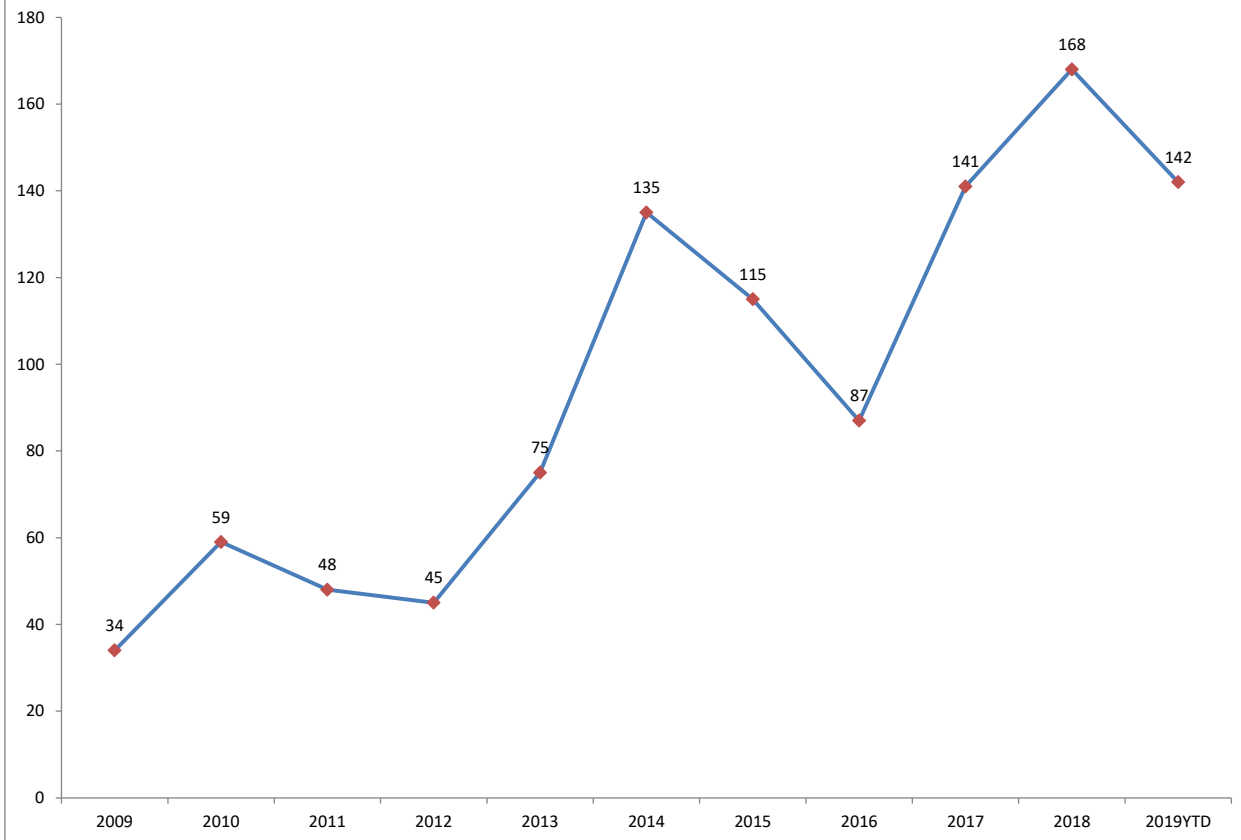
The City of Mobile experienced a reduction in crime by 14.7 percent from 2018 to 2019. Crime dropped in all Part I Crime categories except homicide where there was a 42.9 percent increase.

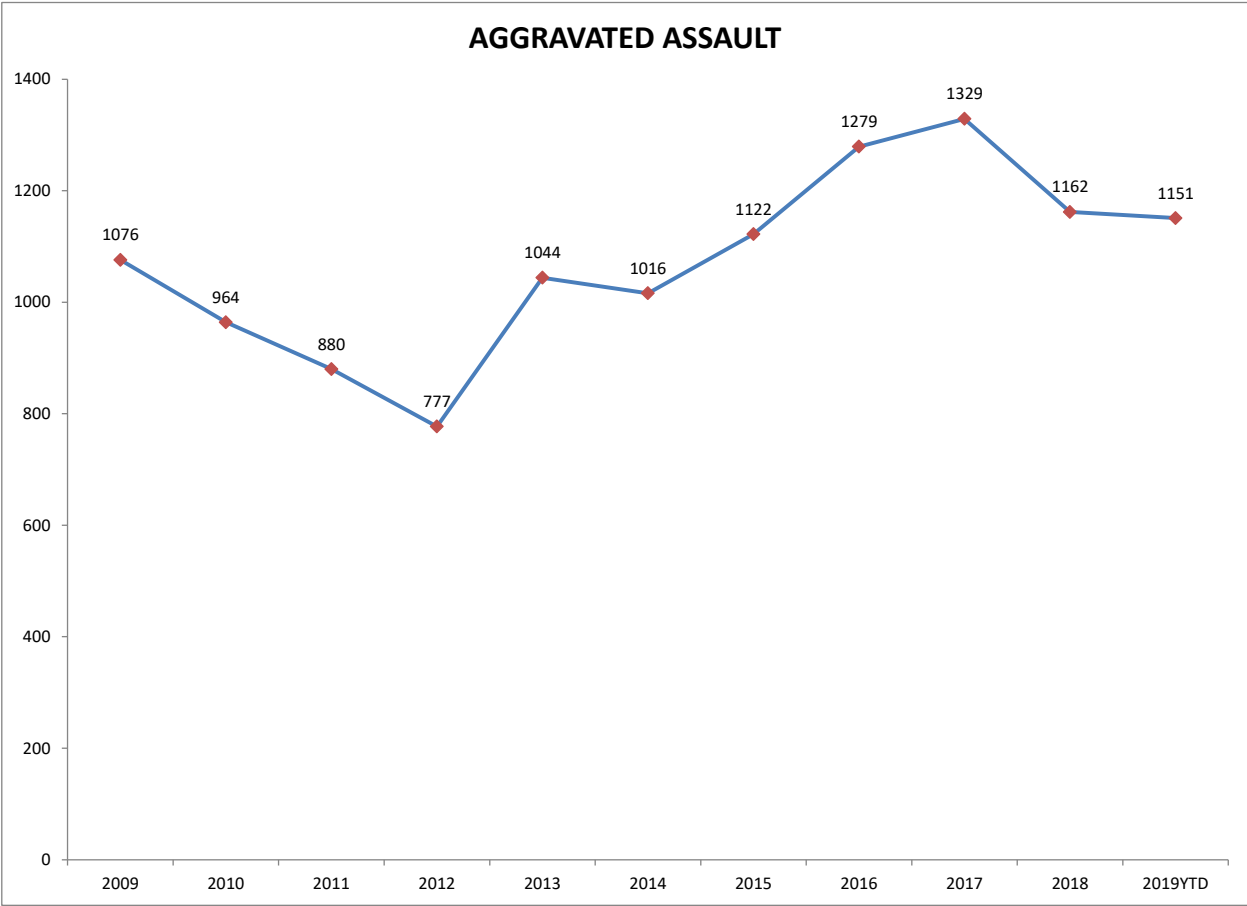
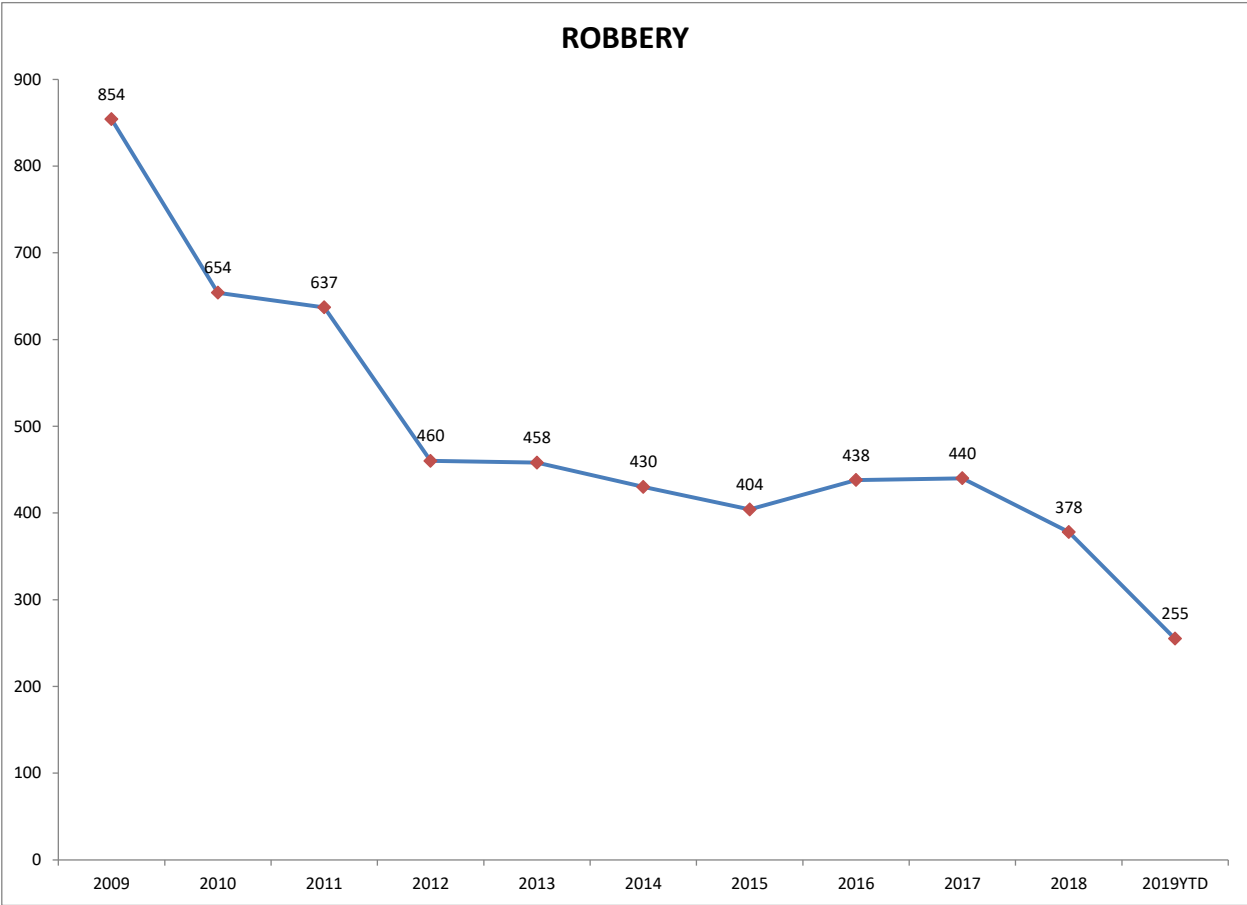
The next pages present the crime graphs for each Part I Crime. The crime trends can be seen at a glance over the past decade.

### HOMICIDE

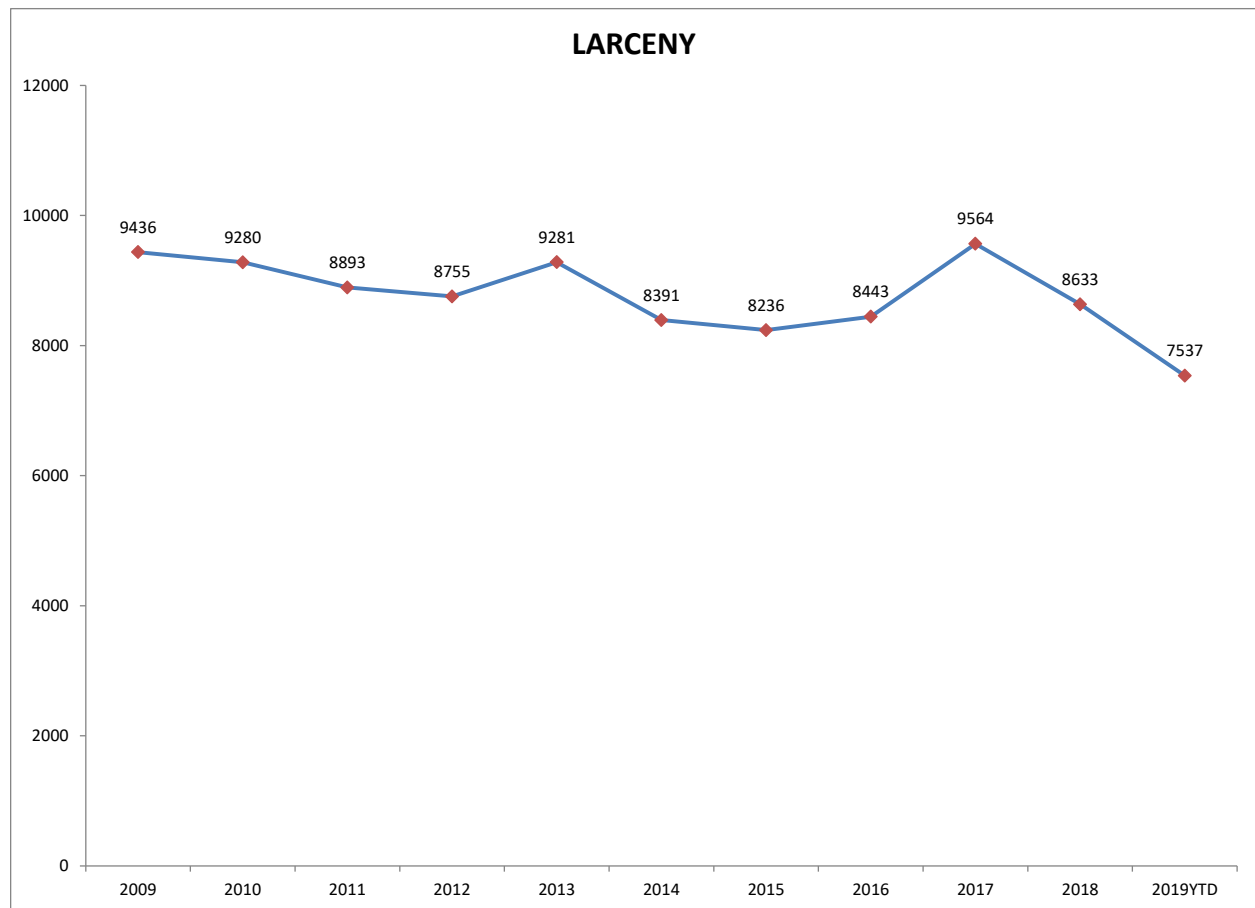
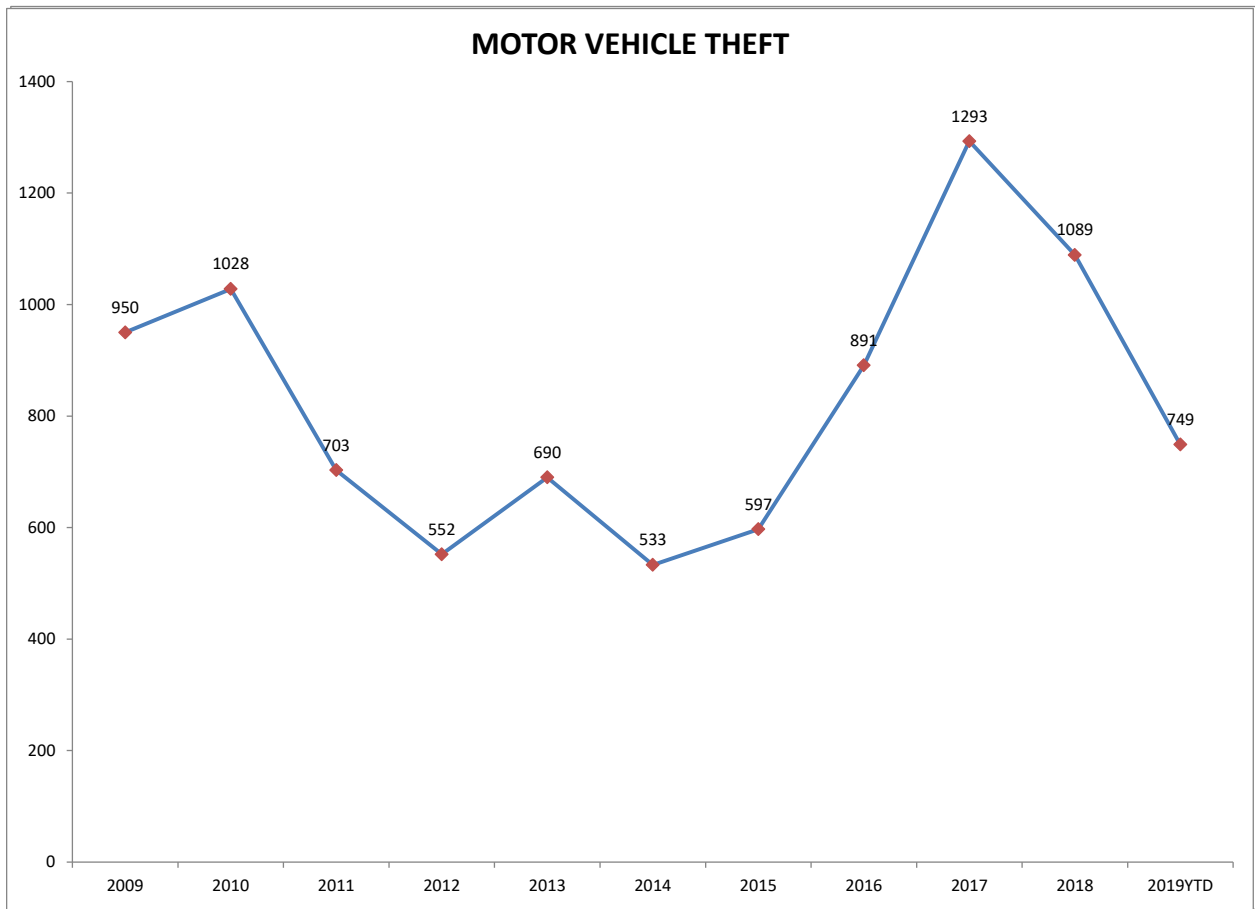


### RAPE

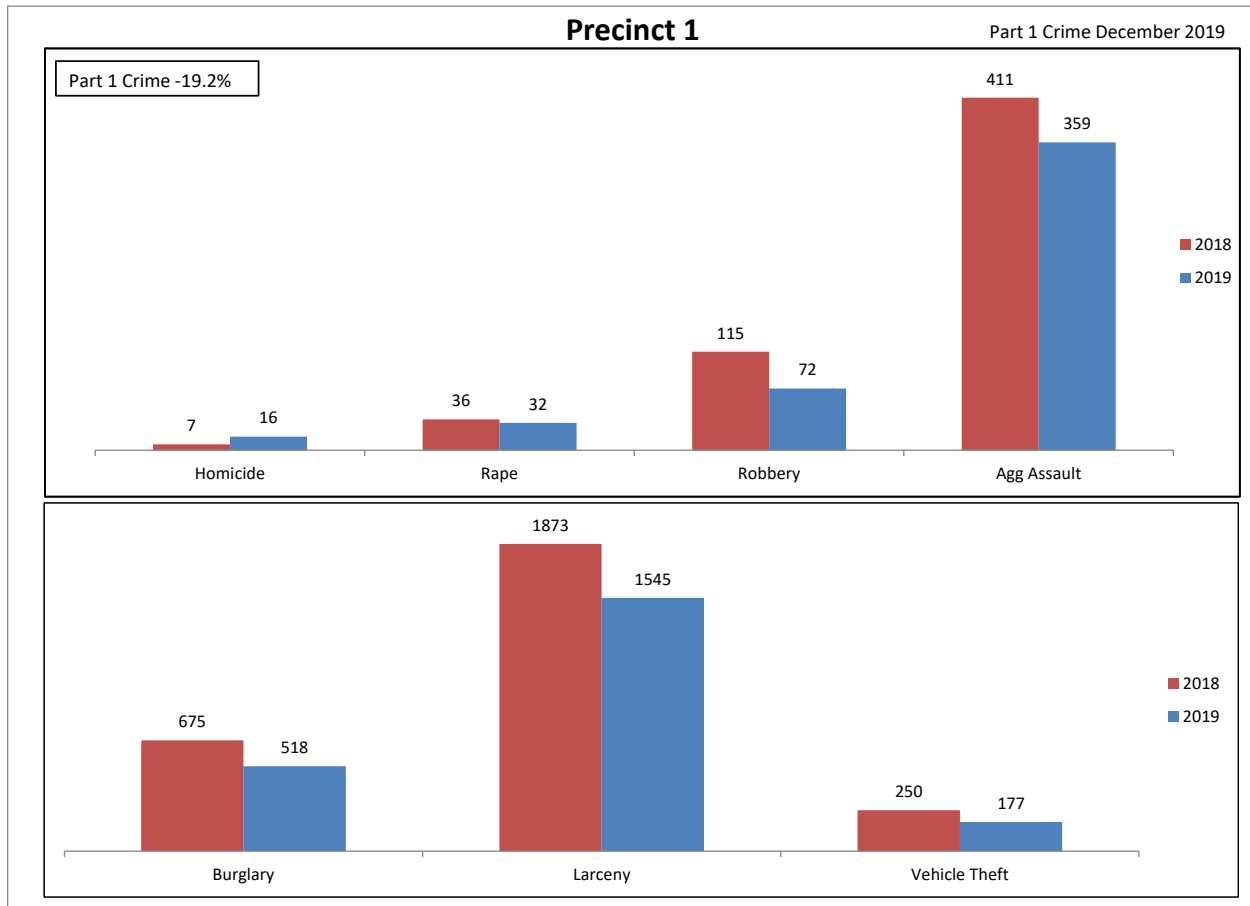








# Precinct 1 Crime Data



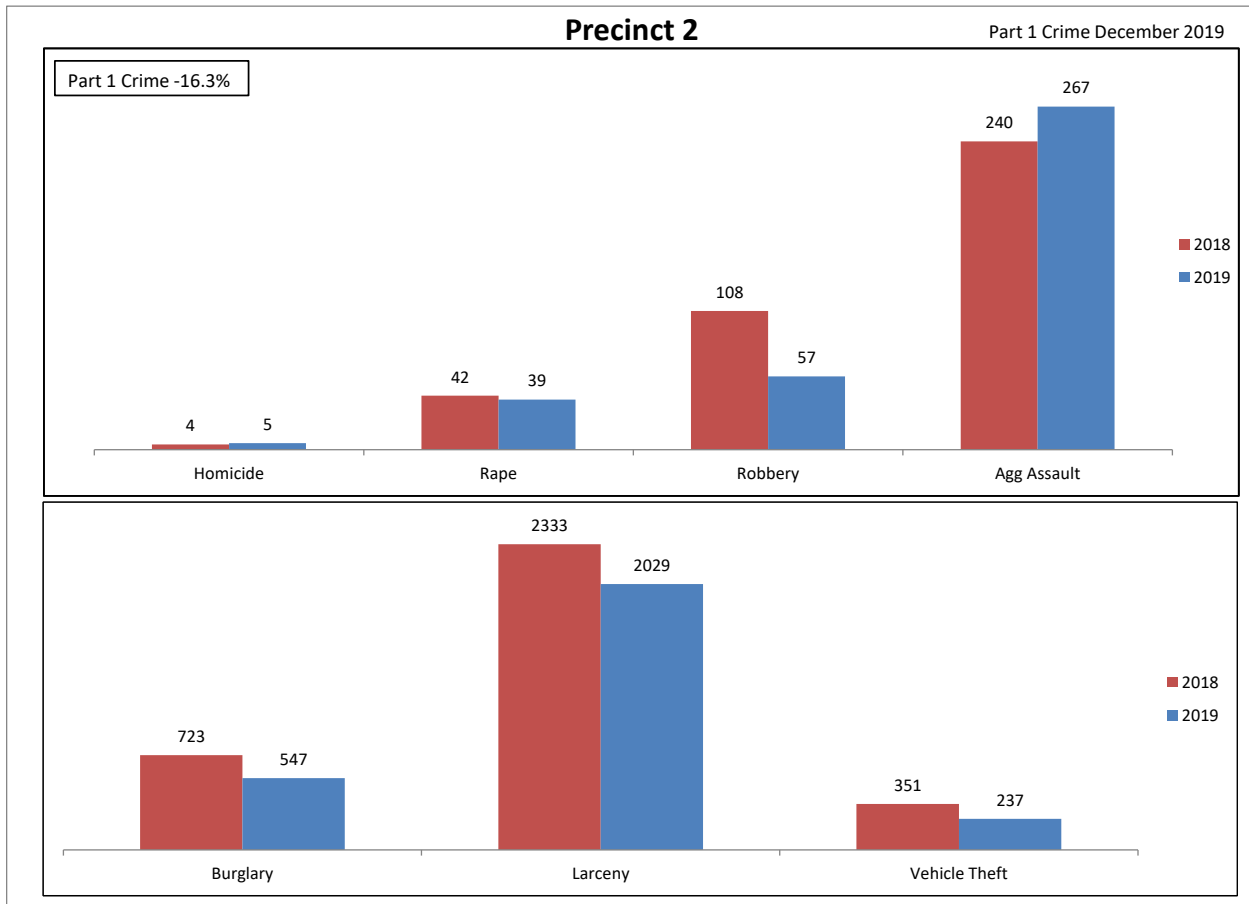
Captain Melvin Jones

**Number of Calls for Service in 2019 – 42,225**

**Number of Calls for Service in 2018 – 46,546**

In the First Precinct, there was a drop in robberies by 37 percent and burglaries by 23 percent. Larceny crimes decreased by 17.5 percent and aggravated assaults decreased by nearly 13 percent. Also, there was a 29 percent drop in vehicle theft crimes.

# Precinct 2 Crime Data



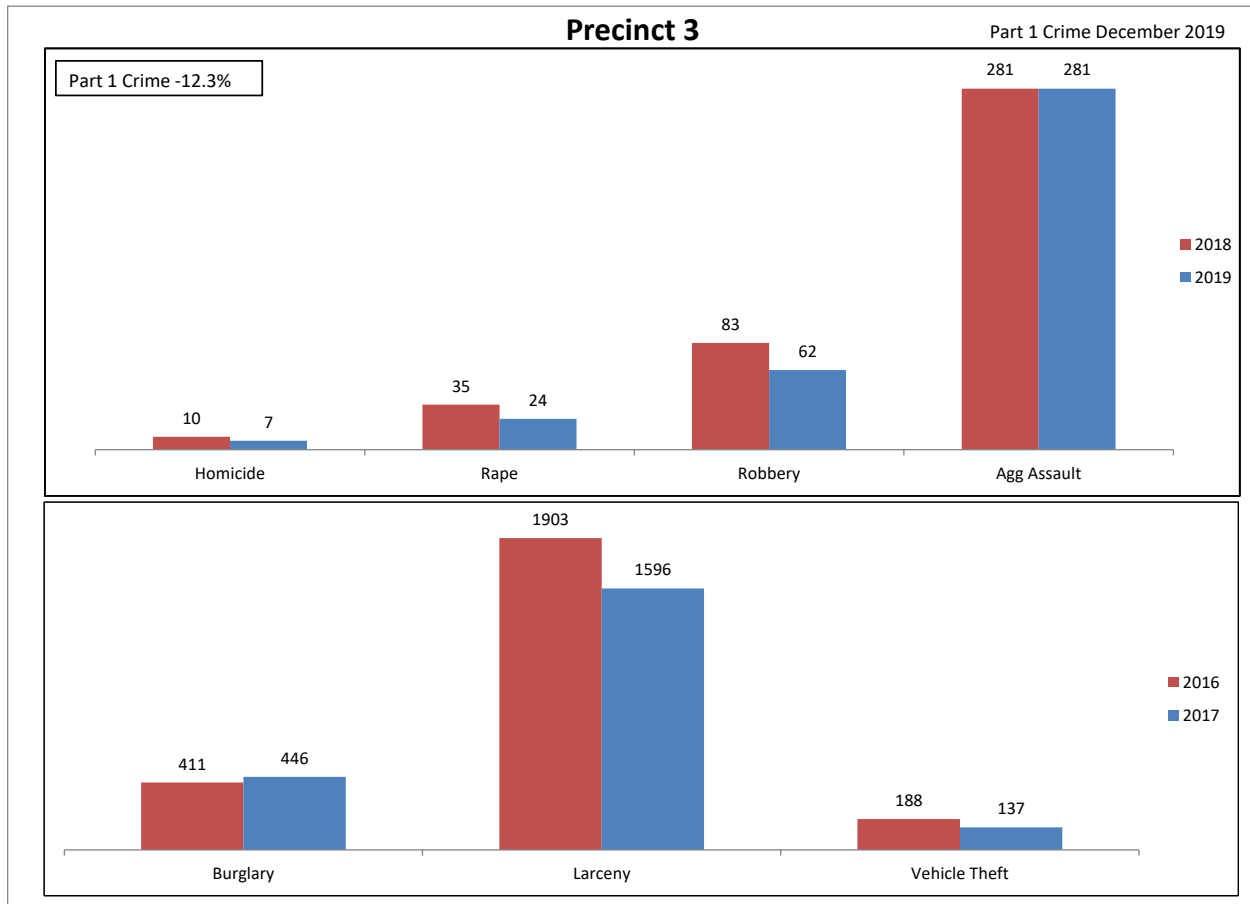
Captain Jonathan Lee

**Number of Calls for Service in 2019 – 44,482**

**Number of Calls for Service in 2018 – 48,468**

The Second Precinct experienced a decrease in robberies by nearly half, at 47 percent, compared to last year. The number of burglaries was reduced by 24 percent and vehicle thefts dropped by 32 percent. There was an 11 percent jump in aggravated assaults.

# Precinct 3 Crime Data



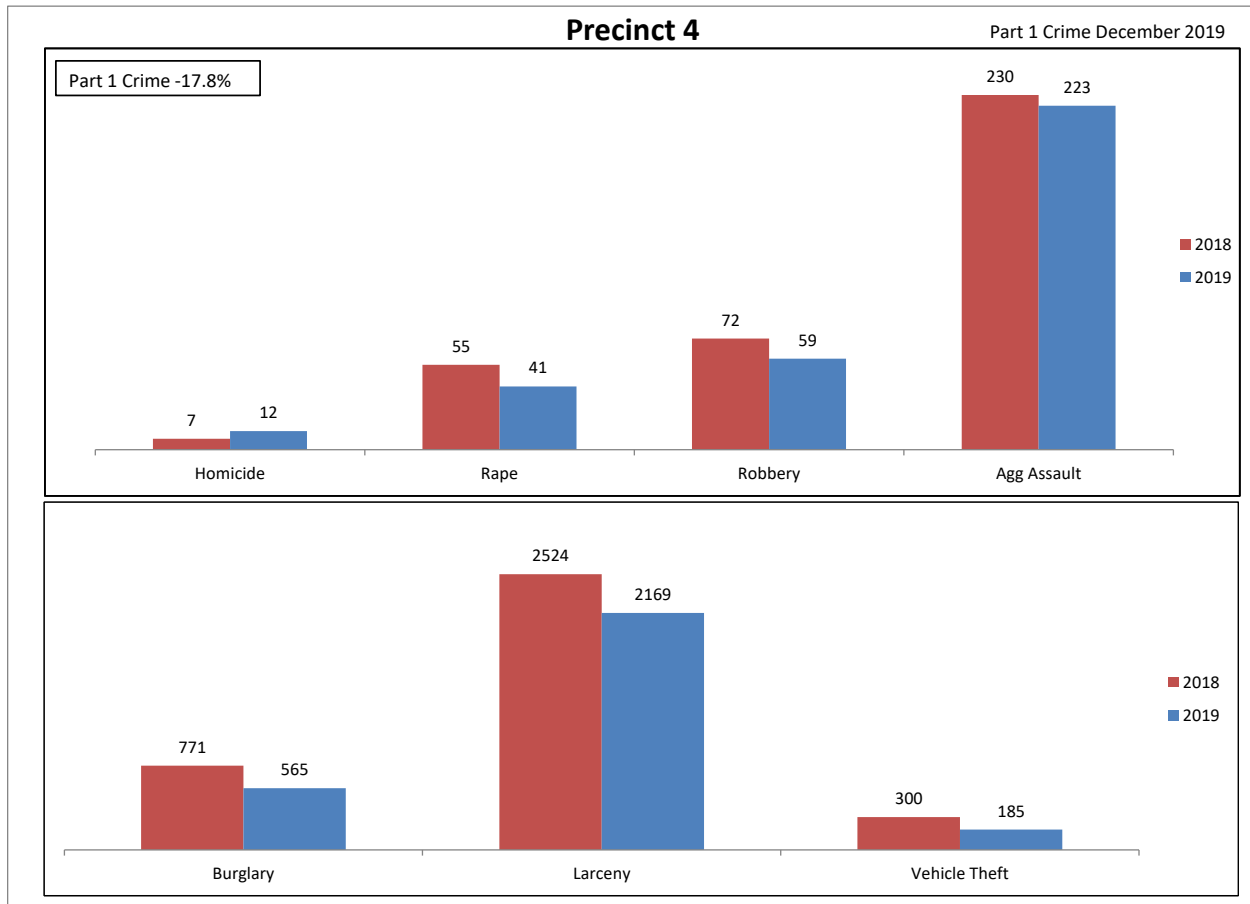
Captain Keith Stallings

**Number of Calls for Service in 2019 – 41,367**

**Number of Calls for Service in 2018 – 39,784**

In the Third Precinct, there was no change in the number of assaults from year to year. There was a 25 percent decrease in robbery crimes. Larceny dropped by 16 percent, and vehicle thefts were reduced by 27 percent. Burglaries only increased by 8.5 percent.

# Precinct 4 Crime Data



Captain Rodney Greeley

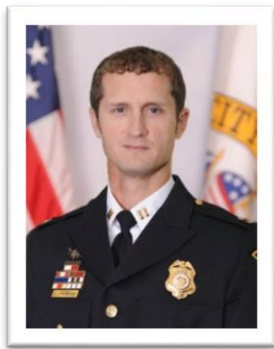
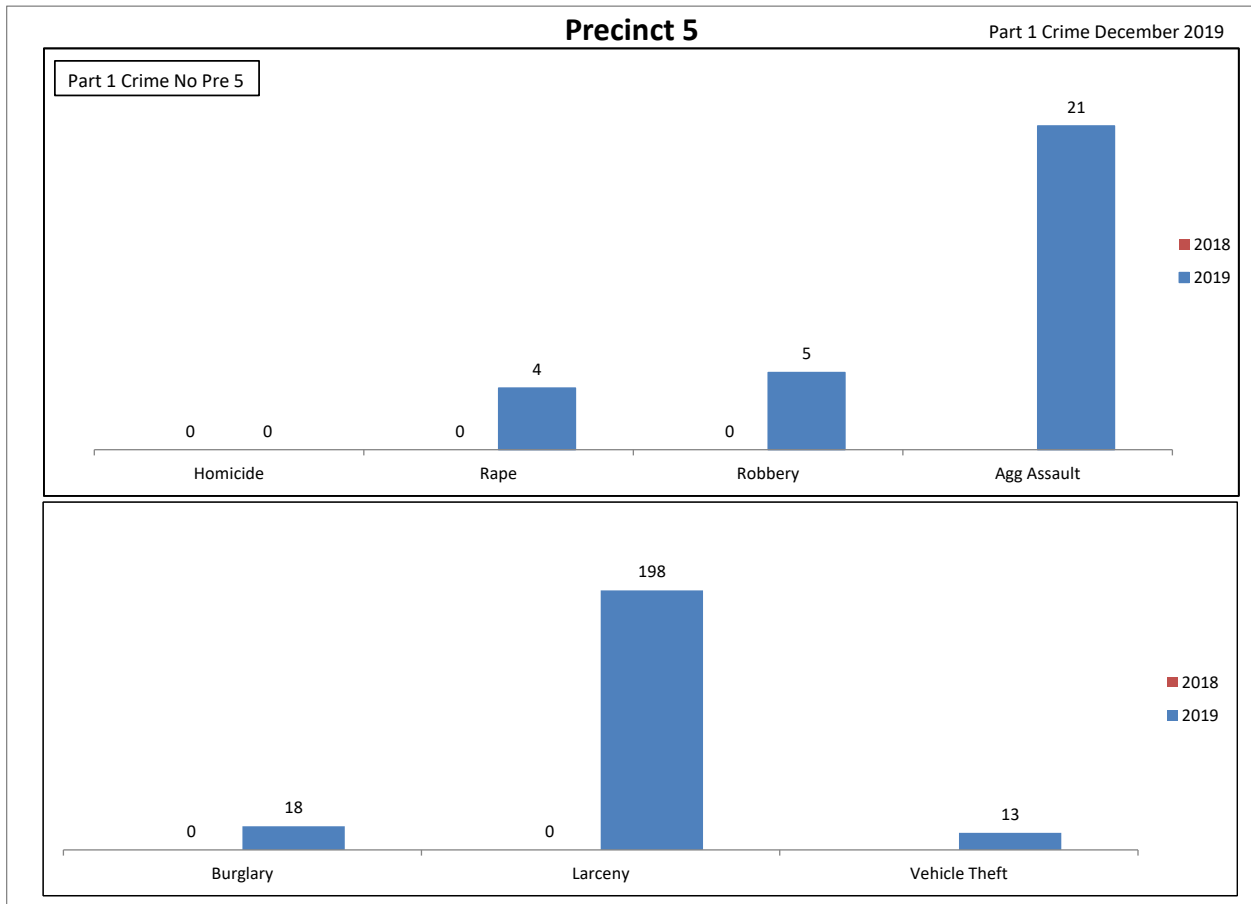
**Number of Calls for Service in 2019 – 49,203**

**Number of Calls for Service in 2018 – 51,105**

In the Fourth Precinct, the number of robberies went down 18 percent, compared to 2018. A significant drop was seen in the number of burglaries, nearly 28 percent, and vehicle thefts, 38 percent. Larceny crimes dropped by 14 percent and aggravated assault crimes dropped by 3 percent.

*In 2019, the Fourth Precinct had the highest volume in calls for service.*

# Central Precinct Crime Data



Captain James Cunningham

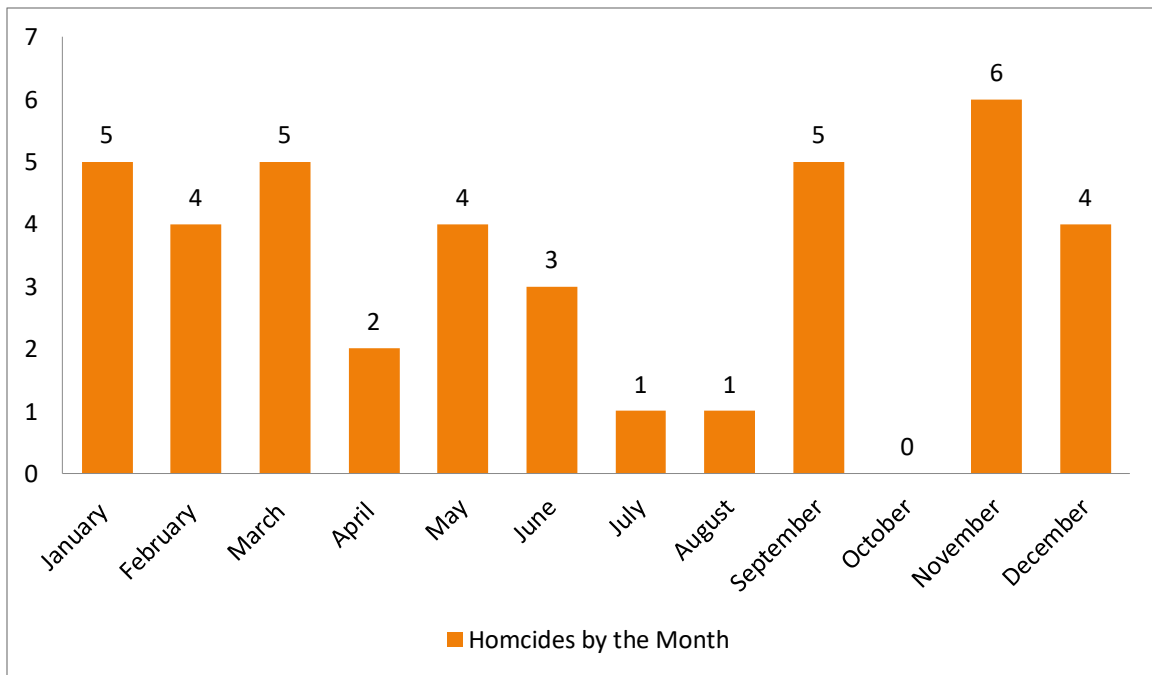
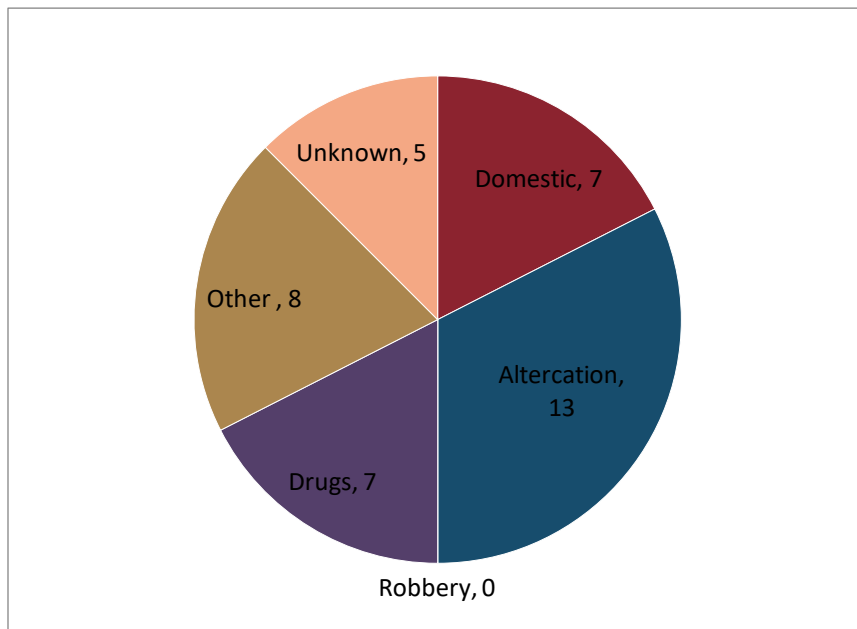
## Number of Calls for Service in 2019 – 9,130

Central Precinct is located in the heart of downtown Mobile. The precinct expanded in February 2019 becoming a fully-operational and specialized patrol precinct serving and protecting downtown Mobile. It is the lowest crime area in the city.

# Homicide Data

With a total of 40 criminal homicide cases and 12 unsolved, that puts the Mobile Police Department **homicide clearance rate at 70 percent**.

As far as motive, most of the homicides occurred due to an altercation, followed by drug-related and domestic-related reasons.



# Internal Affairs Investigations

The Internal Affairs Unit conducted a total of 38 investigations involving 51 members/employees. The investigations included seven shooting investigations. The dispositions are represented in the following table.

## *Internal Affairs Unit Investigations 2019*

Disposition	Number of Employees	B/M	B/F	W/M	W/F	A/M	Total
Proper Conduct	22	6	1	13	1	1	<b>22</b>
Improper Conduct	26	7	0	15	4	0	<b>26</b>
Unfounded	2	1	0	1	0	0	<b>2</b>
Term During Test Period	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Resigned Under Inv	5	1	0	4	0	0	<b>5</b>
Retired Under Inv	2	0	0	1	1	0	<b>2</b>
Termination	3	2	0	1	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>

Internal Affairs investigations do not imply that a member or employee was complained on individually. The complaint may be against the department or a subunit of the department. An Internal Affairs investigation may include more than one member/employee with differing dispositions.



# Internal Affairs Citizen Complaints

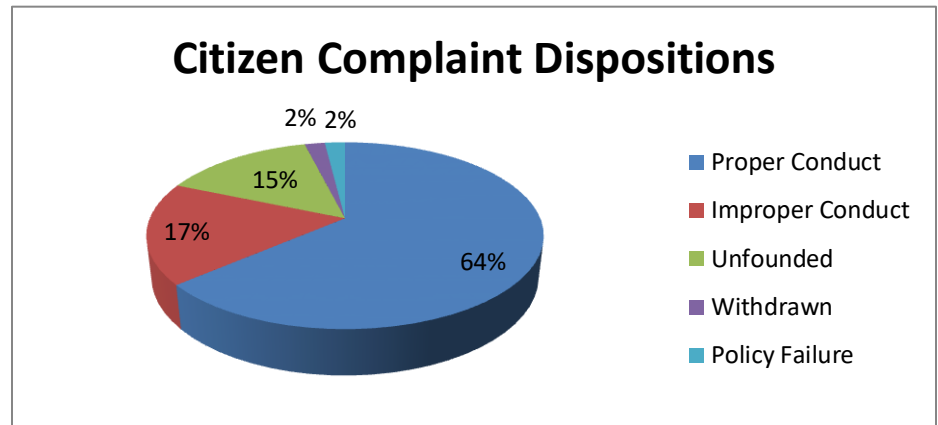
## Citizen Complaints

There were 65 citizen complaints filed during 2019 and cited 102 areas of concern. Of the 102 areas of concern cited, 64 percent were found to contain proper conduct by the officers and 17 percent were found to contain improper conduct.

Citizen complaints received during 2019 were categorized into ten areas of concern. Some inquiries noted more than one area of concern.

**Disposition of Citizen Complaints**

Disposition	Members
Proper Conduct	80
Improper Conduct	13
Unfounded	22
Withdrawn	2
Policy Failure	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>



**Citizen Complaint Dispositions by Area of Concern 2019**

Area	Complaints	Imp	Proper	Withdrawn	Unf	Insuf.	Pend	Pol. Fail.	Total
<b>Force</b>	25	0	23	0	2	0	0	0	<b>25</b>
<b>Arrest</b>	10	1	8	0	1	0	0	0	<b>10</b>
<b>Entry</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Search</b>	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Harassment</b>	6	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	<b>6</b>
<b>Demeanor</b>	39	6	22	2	9	0	0	0	<b>39</b>
<b>Procedure</b>	22	0	16	0	4	0	0	2	<b>22</b>
<b>Service</b>	11	2	7	0	2	0	0	0	<b>11</b>
<b>Property</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Biased Based</b>	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>119</b>

# 2019 Law Enforcement Award Recipients

## **OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

Officer Austin Collier

## **CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

Mrs. Rebecca Turk

## **POLICE COMBAT CROSS**

Sergeant Paul Hosford  
Officer Margo Andrews  
Corporal Benjamin Towarnyckyj

## **MEDAL OF VALOR**

Officer Margo Andrews  
Captain Rodney Greeley  
Officer Clarence Milne  
Officer Justin Billa

## **WOUNDED IN SERVICE**

Corporal Benjamin Towarnyckyj  
Officer Justin Billa

## **POSTHUMOUS AWARD**

Officer Justin Billa

## **MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

Sergeant Robert Davis  
Officer Philip Morris  
Officer Rafman Cotten  
Lieutenant Leland Terrell  
Sergeant Robert Davis  
Lieutenant Sean Fisher  
Sergeant Paul Hosford  
Corporal Daryl Gipson



Officer Philip Morris  
Officer Tanner Whipkey  
Officer Reshaun Perry  
Sergeant Jeremy March

## **EXCELLENT POLICE DUTY**

Officer Bradley Latham  
Officer Mona Wade  
Officer Melissa Hollis  
Officer Charles Dewberry  
Officer Jimmy Byrd  
Lieutenant Matthew James  
Sergeant Joe Cotner  
Corporal Jennings Powell  
Officer Eugene Evans  
Officer Alex Lott  
Officer Albert White  
Officer Christopher Mitchell  
Corporal Raymond Grissett  
Officer John Scroggins  
Corporal Richard Curd  
Corporal Tilford Saunders  
Corporal Eddie Blakely  
Corporal Joseph Hebert  
Officer Arthur Byrd  
Officer Anthony Williams  
Sergeant Curtis Dickerson

**LIFESAVING AWARD**

Lieutenant Paul Soulier  
Lieutenant Charles Degeer  
Sergeant Joe Cotner  
Corporal Benjamin Towarnycky  
Officer Brittney Latner  
Officer Bradley Latham  
Officer Joshua Pounds  
Officer Bradley Latham  
Officer Justin Washam  
Officer Newman Brazier  
Sergeant Charles Pharr  
Sergeant Joshua Himes  
Officer Austin Collier  
Officer Jayvien Banks  
Officer Jeffrey Boddie  
Officer Leslie Little  
Officer Preston McGraw  
Officer Stephen Sam  
Sergeant Patrick McKean  
Officer William Byrd  
Officer Margo Andrews  
Sergeant Joshua Gibbs  
Corporal Michael Ellzey  
Officer Paul Lee

**CHIEF'S COMMENDATION AWARD**

Lieutenant Kastrass Taylor  
Officer Gary Owens  
Lieutenant Kendall Sterrett  
Corporal Daniel Horgan  
Officer Terry Sexton  
Ronwick Thomas  
Lisa Levins

Sergeant Michael Kelley  
Officer Steve Hassell

**CHIEF'S UNIT AWARD STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

Commander Curtis Graves  
Sergeant Earl Adams  
Corporal Joshua Jones  
Officer George Tolbert  
Officer Nathaniel McCarty  
Meosha Hart  
Iris Franklin  
Gloria Hill  
Katina Randolph

**CHIEF'S UNIT AWARD ROBBERY DETAIL**

Lieutenant Charles Bagsby  
Corporal John Walstad  
Corporal David McMeans  
Detective Bryan Johnson  
Sergeant Joshua Joerger  
Corporal Michael Ellzey  
Corporal Joshua Coleman  
Detective Shaun Christian

**OUTSTANDING CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD**

John Weichman

**CITIZEN ASSISTANCE AWARD**

Angel Cooper  
Andre' Doucet  
Robert Warren  
Tommi Daniels

# In Memoriam of Our Fallen Heroes

*It is not how they died that made them heroes, it is how they lived.*

**Detective Edward Morris**

April 1, 1901

**Officer Charles Haggerty**

December 30, 1903

**Officer James J. Shaw**

December 21, 1924

**Officer Chris Dean**

January 22, 1926

**Officer W. F. Happy Murphy**

October 18, 1929

**Officer Edward P. Deford**

October 31, 1935

**Officer Cody Bettis**

August 3, 1938

**Officer Ollie Mason**

June 15, 1943

**Officer Pierce Lee (Rudy) Reeves**

September 24, 1944

**Officer Earl Royce Williams**

June 21, 1968

**Officer Joseph P. Brunson**

May 15, 1975

**Officer Henry Johnny Booth**

August 14, 1979

**Detective Julius Schulte**

April 18, 1985

**Officer Douglas E. Kountz**

May 2, 1992



**Corporal Owen P. McClinton**

December 13, 1996

**Corporal Rufus Earle Brown**

March 23, 1997

**Corporal Matthew Thompson**

February 11, 2004

**Officer Brandon Sigler**

June 2, 2009

**Officer Steven Green**

February 3, 2012

**Officer Justin Billa**

February 20, 2018

**Officer Sean Tuder**

January 20, 2019