



# **MOBILE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

**2026**



CHIEF WILLIAM R. JACKSON



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# INTRODUCTION TO THE MOBILE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Making Mobile the safest city in America with respect for everyone isn't just a slogan, it's what we strive for every day.** The Mobile Police Department strives to keep that promise by providing fair and equal service to all of Mobile's citizens.

Our officers have a deep commitment to the safety of our community and work tirelessly to build public trust, prevent crime, enforce the rule of law and protect the rights of the citizens they serve. Through transparency, accountability, and active engagement with the public, MPD continues to foster **a safer, stronger Mobile.**

Working across the Public Safety Department, MPD also connects local youth with programs and services designed to steer them away from criminal activity and toward positive opportunities.

**With a budgeted force of more than 500 officers,** the Mobile Police Department serves the citizens of Mobile with professionalism and commitment every day.

## MOBILE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CORE VALUES

**INTEGRITY** — Ensuring that all actions and decisions are guided by the highest ethical principles and strong moral values.

**ACCESSIBILITY** — Providing unwavering support and access where community members feel comfortable seeking assistance and engaging with law enforcement.

**HONESTY** — Ensuring transparency and fostering trust between the police department and the community in all actions and communications.

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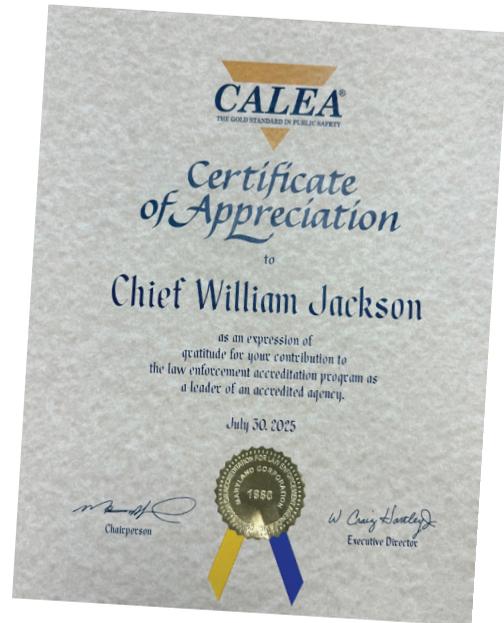


**In 2024, the Mobile Police Department completed a pledge to enhance trust and collaboration between police and the communities they serve.** The pledge is part of an initiative called the Trust Building Campaign, which was started by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the world's largest and most influential professional association for police leaders.

**To join the Trust Building Campaign, law enforcement agencies must pledge to implement 25 key policies and leading practices within a 36-month period,** which Chief William Jackson accomplished in 2024. Chief Jackson made the decision to join the Trust Building Campaign to ensure the Mobile Police Department is staying on the cutting edge of policies and procedures that are shaping law enforcement around the country.

**To complete the Trust Building Campaign Pledge, the Mobile Police Department** established policies and trainings, conducted assessments, and developed strategies within six focus areas (bias-free policing; use of force; leadership and culture; recruitment, hiring and retention; victim services; and community relations). All of these are designed to encourage positive community-police partnerships that promote safe, effective interactions, create strategies to prevent and reduce crime, and improve the wellbeing and quality of life for all.

**The greatest benefit in taking the Trust Building Campaign Pledge** has been having our policies and procedures reviewed by an outside entity to ensure our department is at the forefront of law enforcement and is fostering a relationship with our citizens. We are taking proactive measures and operating with the best and highest practices in law enforcement.

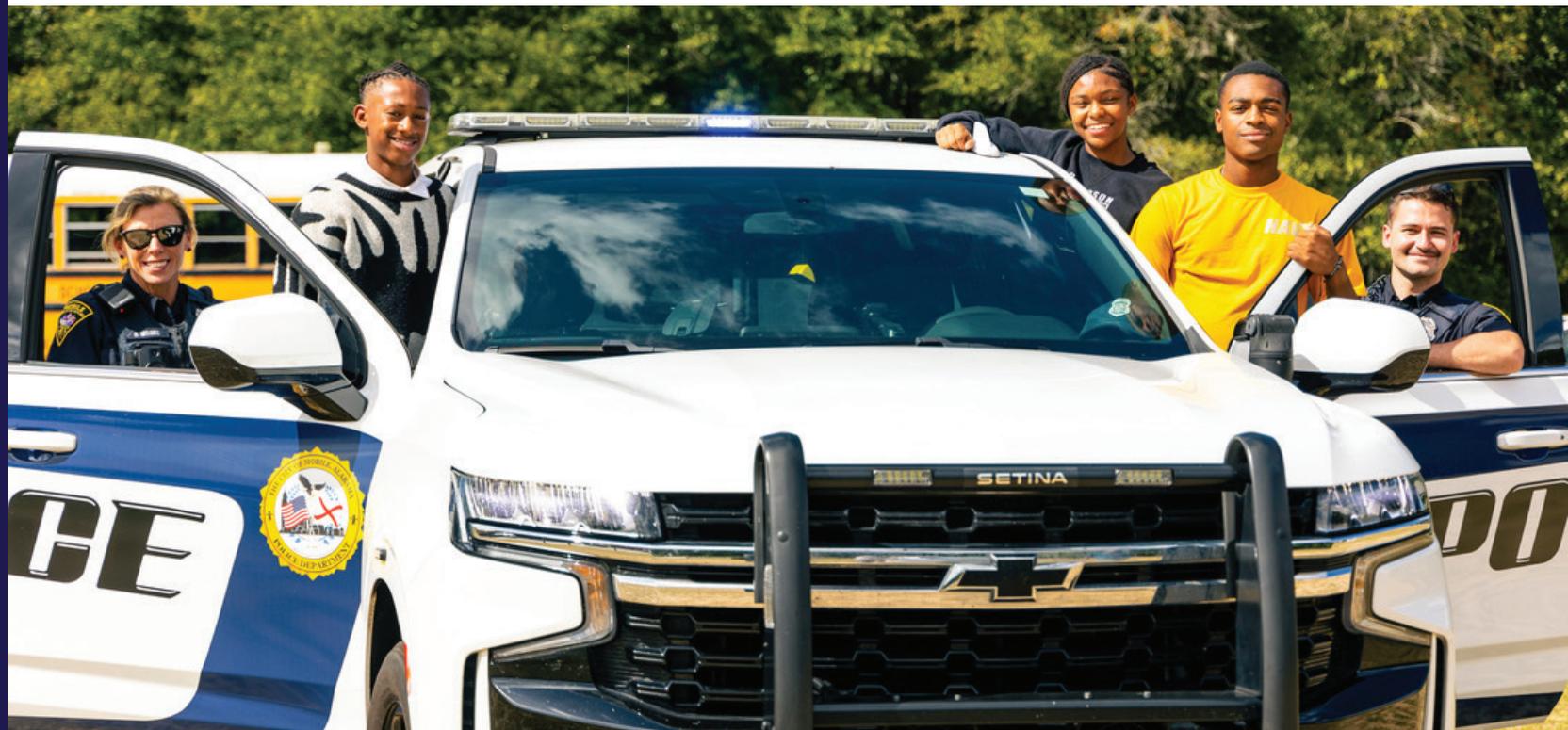


**In July 1994, the Mobile Police Department was initially accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).**

Accreditation from CALEA is based on standards that are established to reflect the best practices for law enforcement agencies. Pursuing accreditation from CALEA is a voluntary task.

Opening up the Mobile Police Department to be assessed by CALEA is a way of holding ourselves accountable. We are always striving to abide by the highest standards in order to provide Mobilians with the best services we can.

**Being accredited by CALEA shows that the Mobile Police Department follows the best practices for a public safety agency.** It is recognition that our leadership, operational guidelines and community services are in accordance with professional standards of excellence. It shows that we are motivated to ensure our officers provide the highest quality services to our community.





# OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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# MEET OUR CHIEF OF POLICE



## CHIEF WILLIAM R. JACKSON

**Chief William R. Jackson is a 30-year veteran of the Mobile Police Department.** He began his career as a police cadet in September 1995 and has progressed his way through the ranks. Chief Jackson has served as the assistant police chief and at the rank of major, commanding the Field Operations Division as well as the Investigative Operations Division. Throughout his career, Chief Jackson has supervised in areas of patrol, criminal investigations, traffic safety, narcotics & vice, and for several years worked as a task force officer on the DEA Drug Task Force. **In 2024, Jackson was named Chief of Police.**

Growing up in Chickasaw, Alabama, he attended C. F. Vigor High School. Following his dreams and in his father's footsteps, he joined the Mobile Police Department not long after graduating high school and began his service to the city. Chief Jackson went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in criminal justice from Faulkner University. He is married to Ashley, and is an extremely proud father of three daughters and one step-daughter.

Chief Jackson has been the recipient of the Wounded in Service award, Distinguished Service Award, multiple Chief's Unit Awards, among many other awards and recognitions. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association and has previously served on the Mobile Police & Fire Pension Board.

# MEET OUR DEPUTY CHIEFS



**CHIEF MELVIN JONES**  
Deputy Chief of Operations

**Melvin Jones was named Deputy Chief of Operations in January 2025.** He oversees the operations of each precinct, all investigations and special operations.

Deputy Chief Jones is a 25-year veteran of the Mobile Police Department. He began his career with the Mobile Police Department in June of 2000. Prior to his current role, Jones proudly served the communities of Mobile in the rank of Major, where he commanded Field Operations/East Division, which consists of Precinct 1, Precinct 3 and Central Precinct, as well as the Mounted Detail.

Throughout Deputy Chief Jones' career, he has had the privilege to supervise and/or command various areas of the department to include SWAT, a street enforcement unit, and Patrol Services.

**Matthew Garrett was named Deputy Chief of Administration in January 2025.** He oversees the Administrative Support Services Division, Intelligence Section and the Internal Affairs Unit.

Deputy Chief Garrett began his career with the Mobile Police Department as a police cadet in November of 1996. Prior to his current role, Deputy Chief Garrett served as the commander of the Central Precinct in downtown Mobile and as the commander of the Criminal Investigations Section.

Throughout his 29-year career, he has been assigned to numerous areas of the department including Field Operations, Narcotics, Criminal Investigations and Internal Affairs. Deputy Chief Garrett is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Class #281.



**CHIEF MATTHEW GARRETT**  
Deputy Chief of Administration

# MEET OUR COMMAND STAFF



**MAJOR LINDA TIMS**

Investigative Operations Division  
*Joined MPD in 1990*

*Robbery Unit, Homicide Unit, Special Victims Unit, Identification Unit, Narcotics/Vice Unit, and Financial Crimes Unit*



**MAJOR WILLIAM REED**

Administrative Support Services Division  
*Joined MPD in 1998*

*Training Unit, Communications Unit, Records Unit, Community Services Unit, and Planning Unit*



**MAJOR PHILIP MCCRARY**

Field Operations West Division  
*Joined MPD in 1995*

*2nd Precinct, 4th Precinct, Homeland Security, Special Weapons and Tactics Unit (SWAT), and Traffic Safety Unit*



**MAJOR JONATHAN LEE**

Field Operations East Division  
*Joined MPD in 2005*

*1st Precinct, 3rd Precinct, Central Precinct, and Mounted Detail*

# MEET OUR CAPTAINS



**CAPT. LERON LEWIS**  
Commander  
1st Precinct



**CAPT. TED JOHNSON**  
Commander  
2nd Precinct



**CAPT. ANGELA PRINE**  
Commander  
3rd Precinct



**CAPT. BILLIE ROWLAND**  
Commander  
4th Precinct



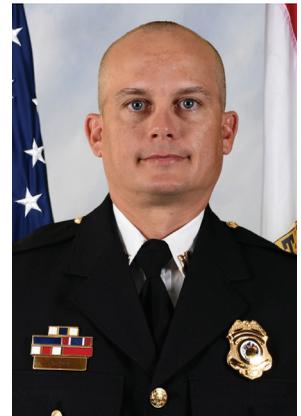
**CAPT. STAN LADNIER**  
Commander  
Central Precinct



**CAPT. CHARLES BAGSBY**  
Commander  
Criminal Investigations



**CAPT. JAMES CUNNINGHAM**  
Commander  
Special Operations



**CAPT. MATTHEW JAMES**  
Commander  
Special Investigations



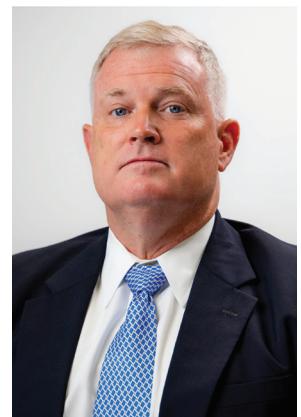
**CAPT. LEE LAFFITE**  
Commander  
Tactical Intelligence



**CAPT. RODNEY GREELEY**  
Commander  
Administrative Services



**CAPT. KEVIN RODGERS**  
Commander  
Support Services



**JASON SMITH**  
Director of the Gulf Coast  
Technology Center

# 1<sup>ST</sup> PRECINCT

2601 Dauphin Island Parkway Suite D.

Mobile, AL 36605

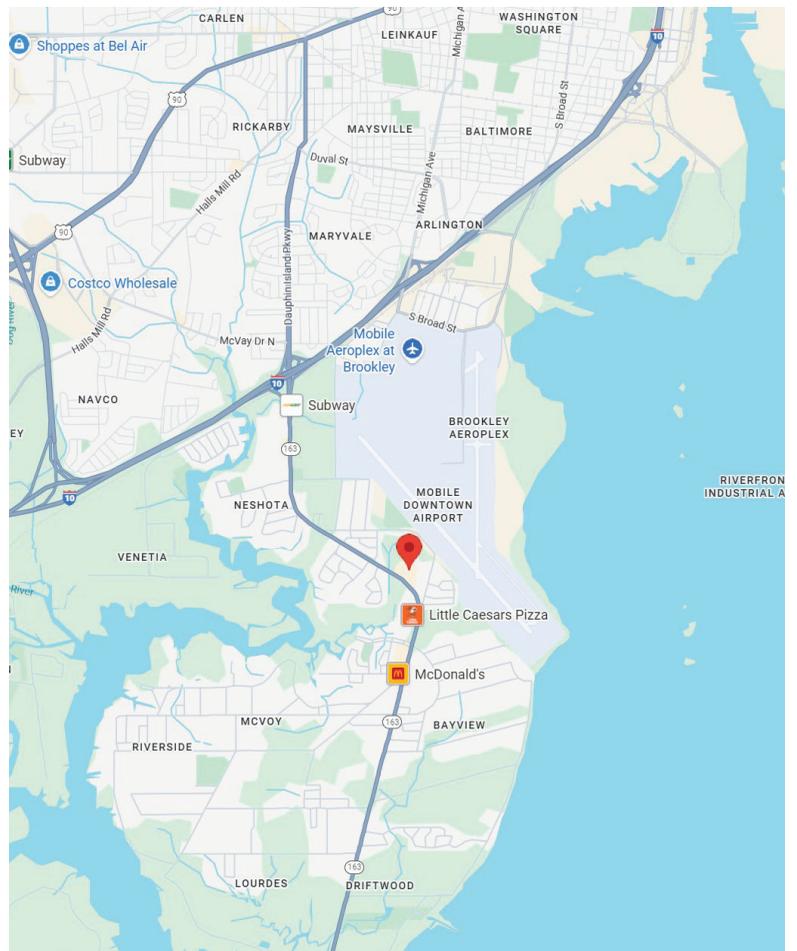
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**CAPT. LERON LEWIS**  
Commander | 1st Precinct

The 1st Precinct operational area is bordered by the Mobile River, Government Street, Interstate 65 and the Theodore Industrial Canal. The 1st Precinct covers a total of 81.6 square miles.

This area is heavily populated by residential construction in addition to commercial and industrial development.



# 2<sup>ND</sup> PRECINCT

5441 Highway 90 Suite 25

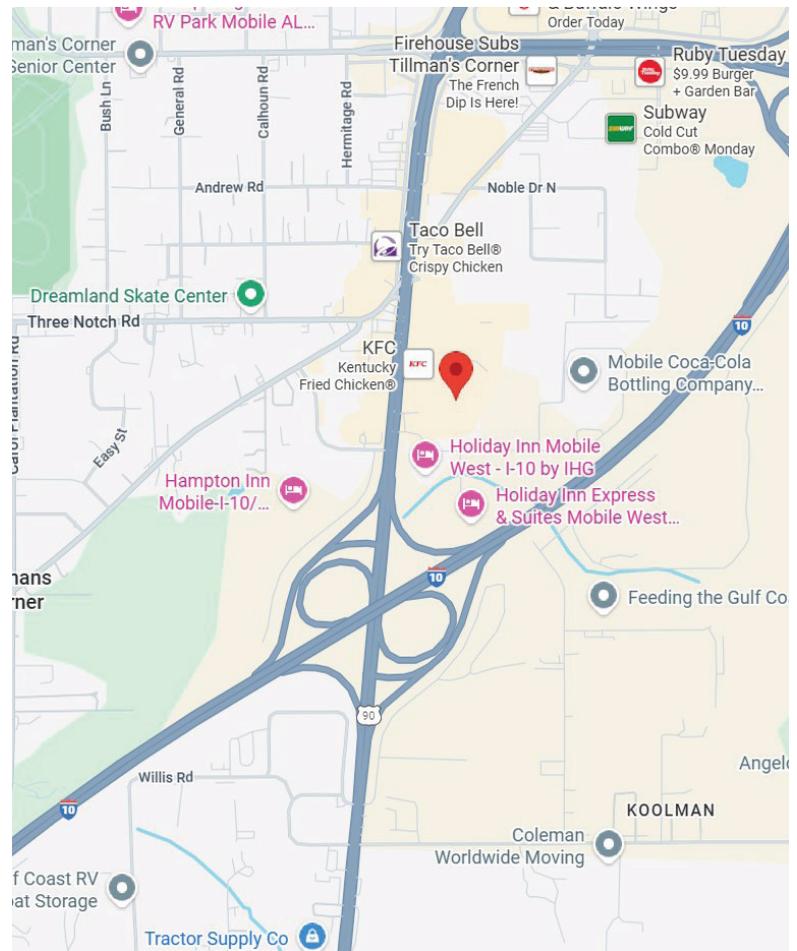
Mobile, AL 36619

251-208-1200



**CAPT. TED JOHNSON**  
Commander | 2nd Precinct

The 2nd Precinct operational area extends from I-65 and Airport Boulevard, west to the Dawes Community, and south to Irvington. The 2nd Precinct covers a total of 90.4 square miles.





# 3<sup>RD</sup> PRECINCT

2165 St. Stephens Road

Mobile, AL 36617

251-208-8021

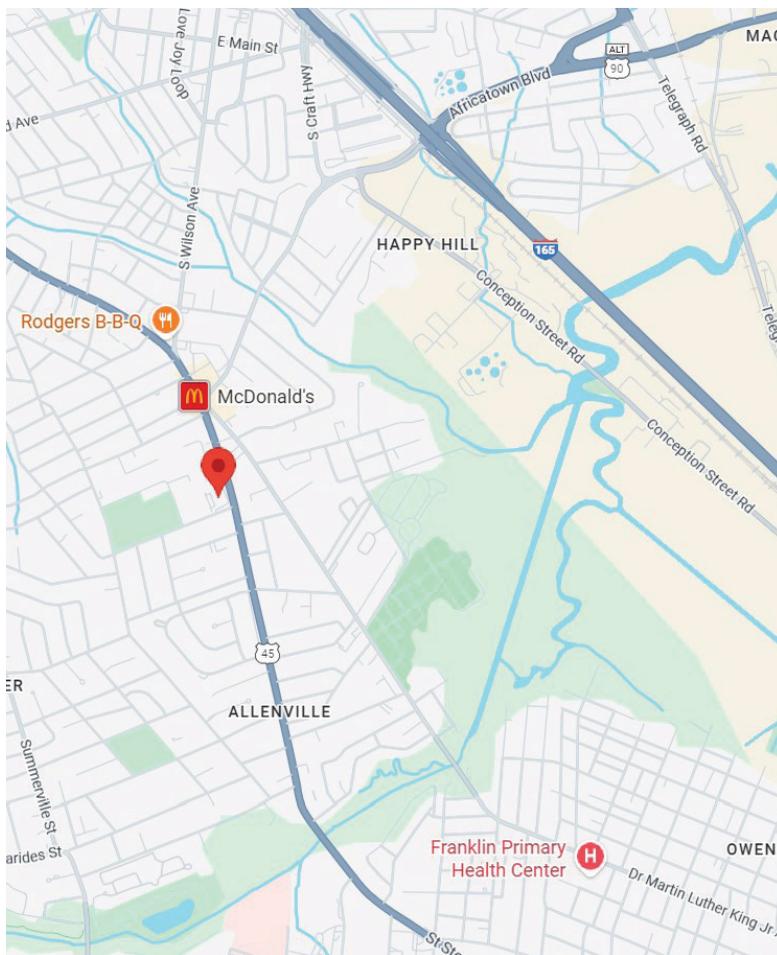


## CAPT. ANGELA PRINE

Commander | 3rd Precinct

The 3rd Precinct operational area is home to many diverse neighborhoods including the Springdale Mall area, the Alabama State Docks, and a large residential area of Midtown.

The 3rd Precinct covers a total of 43.5 square miles.



# 4<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT

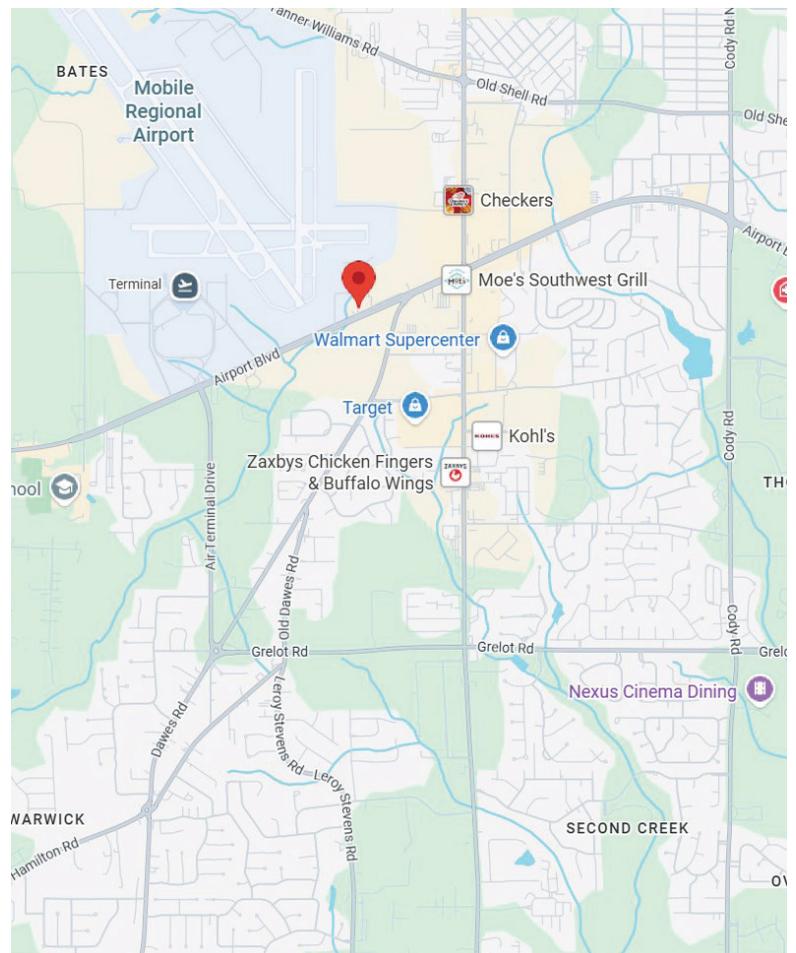
8080 Airport Boulevard  
Mobile, AL 36608  
251-208-1300



**CAPT. BILLIE ROWLAND**  
Commander | 4th Precinct

The 4th Precinct covers a large area west of I-65, including the University of South Alabama, Spring Hill College, the Spring Hill Community and the Mobile Regional Airport near Schillinger Road and Airport Boulevard.

The 4th Precinct covers a total of 76.1 square miles.





# MOUNTED DETAIL

**The Mobile Police Department's Mounted Detail is specially trained to operate in crowded, high-energy environments such as Mardi Gras parades.**

Through continuous training, officers and their horses are prepared to maneuver safely through dense crowds, towering floats, flying throws, and the loud, unpredictable sights and sounds of large public events. This training builds calm, obedient mounts capable of performing under highly stressful conditions.

The Mounted Detail was established in 1991 through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with an initial mission to patrol public housing developments. After two years, the program was transitioned to the City of Mobile.

**The detail is staffed by one sergeant and five officers and maintains a stable of seven horses,** including Percheron, Belgian, Friesian, and Dutch Warmblood-Thoroughbred cross breeds. The MPD Mounted Auxiliary, founded in 1997, is a volunteer organization of civilian riders who train regularly and patrol alongside officers as a support unit. The Mounted Detail hosted its first nationwide training school in 1993.



# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

**The Criminal Investigations Section** of the Mobile Police Department employs detectives responsible for investigating homicides, assaults, robberies, domestic violence, and sex crimes. This section is also responsible for collecting, documenting and preserving evidence from crime scenes.

**HOMICIDE/COLD CASE HOMICIDE DETAILS** — Investigates recent and active deaths within the Mobile Police Department's jurisdiction. This includes gathering evidence, interviewing witnesses, working with forensic specialists, and building cases to identify and prosecute suspects when it's determined it's a criminal matter. Cold Case reexamines unsolved homicide investigations by reviewing archived evidence, applying new forensic technologies, and following up on leads to seek justice for victims and their families.

**ROBBERY DETAIL** — Investigates crimes involving theft through force, intimidation, or threat of violence. Detectives gather evidence, interview victims and witnesses, analyze surveillance footage, and work to identify and apprehend those responsible.

**ASSAULTS/MISSING PERSONS DETAIL** — Investigates reports of individuals whose whereabouts are unknown, assessing whether the case involves voluntary absence, foul play, abduction, or endangerment. The detectives investigate felony and/or misdemeanor cases involving bodily harm.

**SPECIAL VICTIMS DETAIL** — Investigates sensitive crimes involving vulnerable victims, such as sexual assault and child abuse. Detectives work closely with forensic specialists, medical professionals, and advocacy organizations to gather evidence, support victims, and build strong cases against offenders.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DETAIL** — Investigates crimes between intimate partners or family members, including physical violence, threats, stalking, and protective order violations.

**YOUTH SERVICES DETAIL** — Investigates youth-related offenses, partnering with schools and families, to solve crimes and incidents involving juveniles.

**CRIME SCENE DETAIL** — Processes and documents crime scenes by collecting, preserving and analyzing evidence to support criminal investigations.

# SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

**The Special Investigations Section** of the Mobile Police Department is made up of the Narcotics and Vice Unit, Financial Crimes Unit, Asset Forfeiture and the Auto Theft Detail.

**THE NARCOTICS AND VICE UNIT** — Conducted over 500 investigations and executed more than 170 search warrants in 2025. These investigations have removed dangerous drugs from the streets of Mobile, including one case involving nearly 35,000 fentanyl pills.

The Narcotics and Vice Unit is responsible for the investigation of violations of drug and vice laws focusing on mid to upper-level drug dealers and traffickers.

**THE FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT** — Brought justice to many victims in 2025, including a case where an elderly victim was conned out of approximately \$700,000. They are responsible for investigating white-collar, computer, and other business related crimes.

**THE AUTO THEFT DETAIL** — This detail has worked hard locally to combat the Kia + Hyundai Theft trend that has plagued the nation, as well as the investigation and recovery of stolen vehicles such as vehicle parts, namely catalytic converters.

**ASSET FORFEITURE DETAIL** — Coordinates all asset forfeiture and property blight investigations.



# INTELLIGENCE

The **Intelligence Section** of the Mobile Police Department is responsible for providing timely, actionable intelligence to support high-risk operations, critical incidents and strategic enforcement initiatives.

**TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE DETAIL** — Responsible for collecting and analyzing intelligence to support real-time operations and long-term public safety strategies.

**GUN INTELLIGENCE DETAIL** — Dedicated to identifying, tracking and disrupting firearm-related violence through intelligence-driven strategies.

**TASK FORCE DETAIL** — Responsible for investigating cases, dismantling organized criminal networks and coordinating large-scale enforcement initiatives.

**MAYOR'S DETAIL** — Provides protection, threat assessment and security coordination to safeguard the mayor during official duties and public engagements.

**GANG INTELLIGENCE DETAIL** — Dedicated to identifying and disrupting criminal street gangs and gang-related violence.

**CYBER INTELLIGENCE DETAIL** — Responsible for identifying, analyzing and responding to cyber-related criminal activity



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS

**The Special Operations Section includes** Traffic Safety Unit, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit, Homeland Security Unit, Marine Detail, and EOD.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT** — Located at 850 Virginia Street, enforces traffic laws, responds to traffic accidents and provides traffic escorts. They are responsible for controlling the flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic and the enforcement of all traffic laws.

**TRAFFIC HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS** — Specially trained and certified in traffic accident investigations. This unit is responsible for investigating all traffic fatalities, accidents with injuries involving city vehicles and accidents with injuries involving leaving the scene.

**WRECKER/VEHICLE INSPECTION DETAIL** — Responsible for coordinating and scheduling the inspection of wreckers that are licensed to do business within the City of Mobile and its police jurisdiction. This detail also inspects private vehicles that have been issued citations for motor vehicle equipment violations.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DETAIL** — Charged with enforcing laws governing the safe transportation of hazardous substances through the city limits of Mobile. Their duties include inspecting hazardous material carriers to ensure their compliance with all applicable laws; monitoring highways and tunnels for violations; and investigating all incidents involving spills, leaks, etc. and other potential sources of contamination.

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICERS** — Civilian employees who perform various departmental duties including directing traffic at special functions such as sporting events. These officers are responsible for the safety and welfare of children at school crossings within their assigned areas. They work with school authorities by teaching children the rules of safety and strive for their cooperation and support in safety programs.



# SPECIAL WEAPONS & TACTICS UNIT (SWAT)

**The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit** is a team of highly trained officers tasked with the safe remedy of hostage situations, barricaded suspects, active shooters, and other high risk incidents. It also provides dignitary protection and assists with high-risk arrests and search warrants. Each officer assigned to this unit is required to pass a rigorous physical fitness test and demonstrate firearm proficiency under stressful conditions.

**The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Unit is supported by three specialized details:**

**The Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detail** is made up of specially trained officers who respond to potential explosive threats, including those associated with terrorist activity. These officers are trained to identify, render safe, and properly dispose of a wide range of explosive devices, incendiaries, and other hazardous ordnance. The detail also includes an explosives-detection canine team to assist in locating potential threats.

**The Underwater Search and Rescue Detail** conducts searches in bodies of water for evidence, objects of interest, and drowning victims. Officers assigned to this detail are certified divers trained to operate in hazardous underwater environments.

**The Hostage Negotiation Detail** is composed of officers trained in crisis management and conflict resolution. In addition to hostage situations, the team is deployed during incidents involving armed individuals experiencing a mental health crisis or exhibiting suicidal behavior.



## MARINE DETAIL

The Marine Detail is assigned to the Port of Mobile and places emphasis on the safety and security of Port operations and ships docked at the Mobile, Alabama Cruise Terminal. It also patrols the area of the Alabama State Dock and along Mobile's working waterfront. The Marine Detail is also assigned to the Theodore Industrial Port. Residential areas along the waterways are also regularly patrolled for criminal activity.

With the help of assisting agencies, the Marine Detail has also worked diligently to remove many derelict vessels from our local waterways, including Dog River. **A project aimed at their removal was made possible through a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**, with support from the NOAA Marine Debris Program, the City of Mobile, the Mobile Police Department and The Peninsula of Mobile. From 2023-2025, 13 derelict vessels were removed thanks to these coordinated cleanup efforts.

The Marine Detail also provides highly visible security and crowd management during embarkation and disembarkation of cruise ships.



# UNDERWATER SEARCH & RECOVERY

**The Underwater Search and Rescue Detail Teams (USRT) is a well trained group of officers that engage in the search and recovery of persons, evidence and property in the water.**

Selection for the team includes an arduous test of an officer's ability to function in the water both under increased mental and physical stressors.

Once selected, unit members are trained in Basic Open Water diving in preparation for completion of the MPD Public Safety Diving School where they will become competent and certified Public Safety Divers.

**Additional specialized training is undergone to prepare members** in the use of SONAR, advanced diving techniques, diving in overhead environments, specialized recovery techniques and more.

In recent years, the USRT has been called upon to locate persons missing in the water from drownings, vessel collisions and auto accidents, as well as to locate firearms and other evidence used to prosecute criminals for various felonious actions.

The team also conducted a highly technical more than year long operation to assist NOAA with the removal of more than a dozen derelict vessels abandoned in city waterways that were hazardous to the environment as well as local vessel traffic.





# GULF COAST TECHNOLOGY CENTER

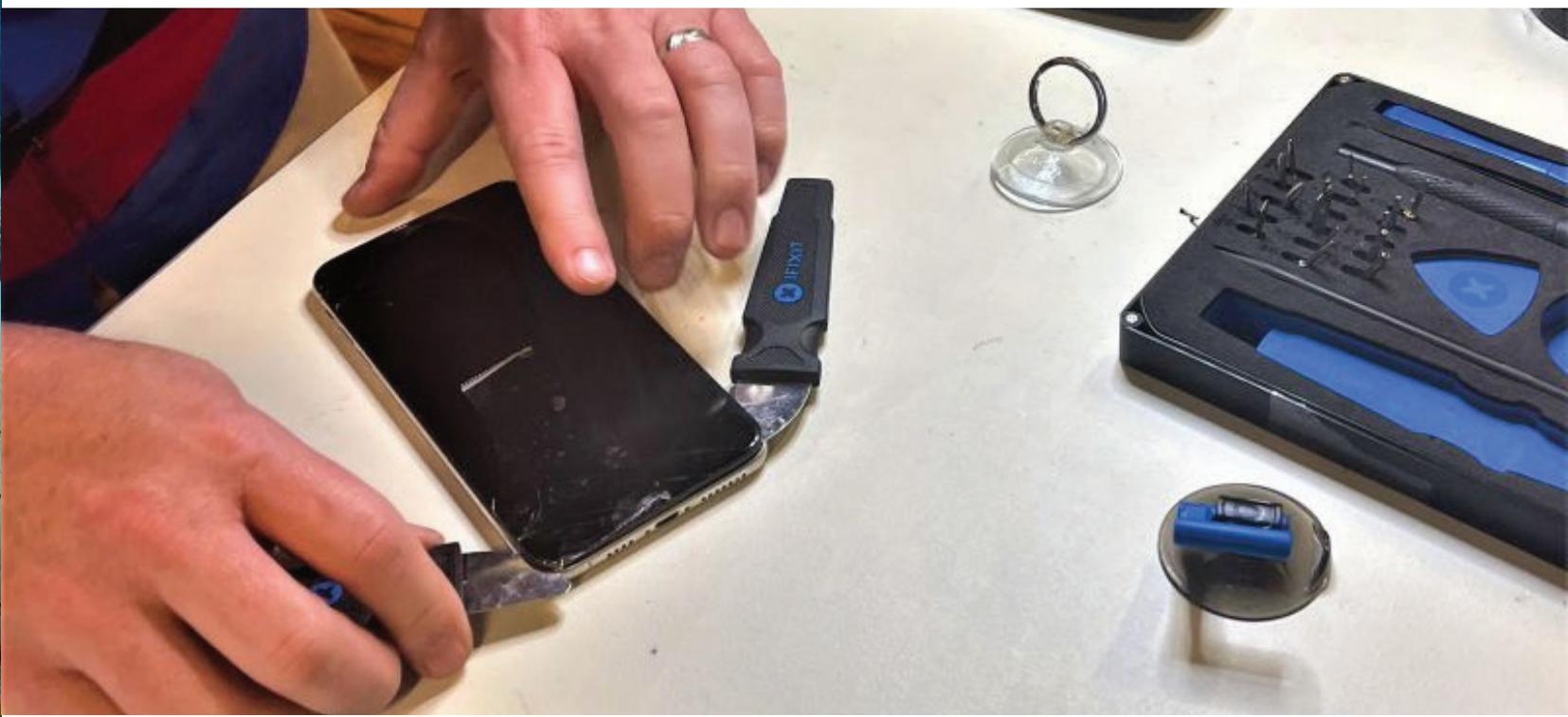
Imagine an environment where law enforcement agencies across multiple jurisdictions and levels of government collaborate with private industry partners and the academic community — all for the greater good. **That is the Gulf Coast Technology Center (GCTC).**

It is a place where one common goal — keeping our officers, citizens, and communities safe — remains paramount, and where the tools and resources of one entity are readily shared among all partners with no strings attached. It offers a diverse atmosphere, an open-door policy, and a team-led environment. At the heart of the GCTC is a focused effort centered on ingenuity, innovation, and the advancement of technology used to combat crime and support intelligence-led policing.

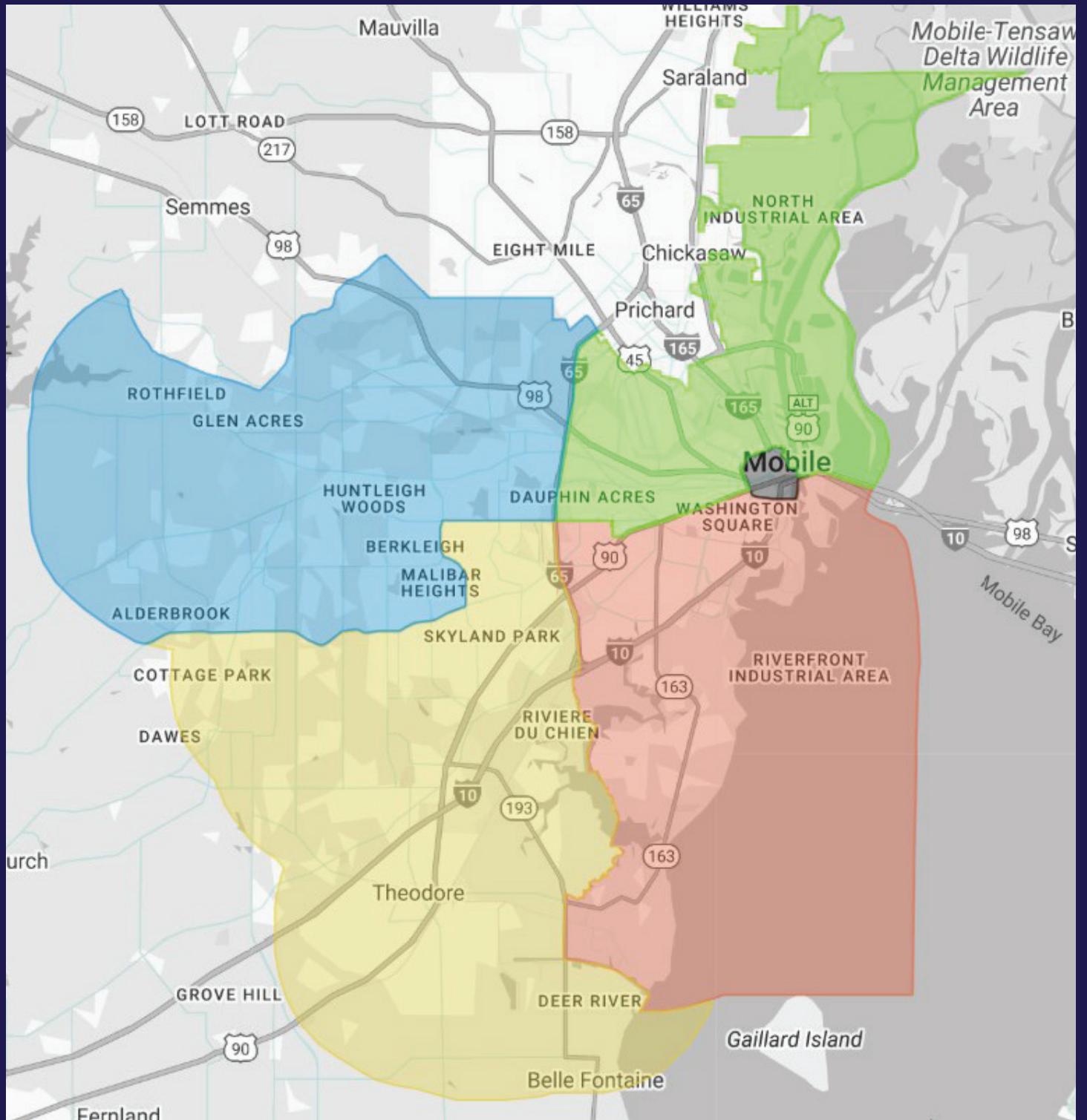
Created in 2018 through a partnership between the City of Mobile and the United States Secret Service, the Gulf Coast Technology Center is a digital forensics lab staffed by highly trained professionals from multiple law enforcement agencies. **Today, more than 40 local, state, and federal agencies are represented through the GCTC.** The GCTC is housed in an 8,000 sq. ft. building in downtown Mobile.

By bringing so many agencies under one roof, officers and agents can easily interact with one another to share intelligence, resources, and expertise. The collaborative nature of the GCTC routinely supports law enforcement investigations across the Gulf Coast.

Since 2024, the GCTC has been under the leadership of Director Jason Smith. Jason has an extensive background in law enforcement, cyberintelligence and digital forensics. He is a retired Senior Special Agent with the U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Marine Corps Veteran. He has a bachelors degree in Criminal Justice from Auburn University, and a masters degree in National Security/International Terrorism from American Military University. He also served as the Executive Officer of the GCTC from 2023 to 2024.



# MOBILE POLICE DEPARTMENT COVERAGE AREA



# UNIT CONTACT INFORMATION

**ASSAULTS UNIT**

(251) 208-1826

**ADULT SEX CRIMES**

(251) 586-1339

**CHAPLAIN CORPS**

(251) 208-1930

**CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER**

(251) 432-1101

**CRIME PREVENTION UNIT**

(251) 208-1924

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT**

(251) 208-1784

**FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT**

(251) 208-7240

**HOMICIDE UNIT**

(251) 208-1750

**IDENTIFICATION UNIT**

(251) 208-2585

**INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

(251) 208-7544

**JUVENILE CRIMES UNIT**

(251) 208-1743

**MOUNTED DETAIL UNIT**

(251) 208-2726

**NARCOTICS UNIT**

(251) 208-7235

**PROPERTY UNIT**

(251) 208-1890

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

(251) 208-1304

**RECORDS UNIT**

(251) 208-1991

**ROBBERY UNIT**

(251) 208-1747

**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

(251) 208-6383

**TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT**

(251) 208-1214

**TRAINING**

(251) 208-2720

**YOUTH SERVICES**

(251) 208-1743

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