

Reducing and Preventing Violent Crime



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BY THE NUMBERS:

- SWORN: 435
- CIVILIAN: 121
- BUDGET: 41.8 million
- RESIDENTS: 133,358
- DAYTIME POPULATION: 205,764
- 130 square miles | 3 rivers
- MSA: 793,779

■ Agency Evolution - “How We Got Here”

- Prior to 2014
 - Leadership void at agency; 5 Chiefs / 7 years
- April 2014
 - New Police Chief Hired
- Summer 2014
 - July: Closed Drug Lab – Retested all cases; fired Chemist
 - July: NYPD – In Custody Death – Eric Gardner
 - Aug: Ferguson PD - Officer Involved Shooting – Michael Brown
- Fall 2014
 - Sep: SC Highway - Officer Involved Shooting – Unarmed Levar Jones
 - Nov: Cleveland PD – Officer Involved Shooting – Toy gun – Tamir Rice
 - Civil Unrest - Local Demonstrations & Protests - Black Lives Matter Movement



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▪ Agency Evolution - “How We Got Here”

• Winter 2015

- Mayor Steve Benjamin announces Justice for All Initiative – De-escalation, BWC, pay, home loan, take home vehicle, tuition reimbursement

Spring 2015

- Body-Worn Cameras issued department-wide

Summer 2015

- Apr: North Charleston PD - Officer Involved Shooting – Walter Scott
- June: Mother Emanuel AME Church Shooting
- July: Confederate Flag removed from SC State House – 10,000 flashpoint
- Continued Protests, Demonstrations & Marches

• Fall 2015

- Sep 30: Forest Acres Police Officer Greg Alia killed in line of duty
- Oct: 1000 year flood | 20 inches of rainfall over 3 days
- Nov 7: Columbia Police Officer Stacey Case killed responding to shots fires called – Vista suicide



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■ Agency Evolution - “How We Got Here”

• Crime picture 2014 - 2015

- Violent Crimes two time the national average
- Prevalent Gang Activity
- High Property Crime & Motor Vehicle Theft
- Gun crime
- SC Ranked 1st in Domestic Violence Homicides in 2015



- Disproportionate distribution of violent crime
 - Primarily in North Columbia & lower income neighborhoods
- Emerging Opioid Threat



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■ 2018 USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

- In 2018, the Columbia Police Department reported 68 use of force incidents.
- The number of use of force incidents represents approximately .03% of the
- citizen encounters with officers, and approximately .01% of arrests.
- Traffic
- stops accounted for 3 incidents in which a use of force occurred. Drugs,
- alcohol and mental health issues are significant factors in use of force
- incidents, accounting for 36 occurrences of use of force in 2018.

Use of Force, Public Encounters and Arrests			
	2017	2018	Change Over Previous Year
Total Use of Force Events	66	68	+2
Total Public Encounters	169,519	175,037	+5,518
Total Arrests	6,665	6,641	-24

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■ ShotSpotter

- Innovative gunshot detection technology to reduce gun crimes
- Utilizes multiple acoustic sensors to pinpoint gunfire activity
- Utilizes use-friendly maps to pinpoint gunfire activity
- Sends digital alerts through ShotSpotter App to police officer's smart phones & patrol car computers
- ShotSpotter does not replace residents calling 9-1-1
- CPD's implementation – April 18, 2019



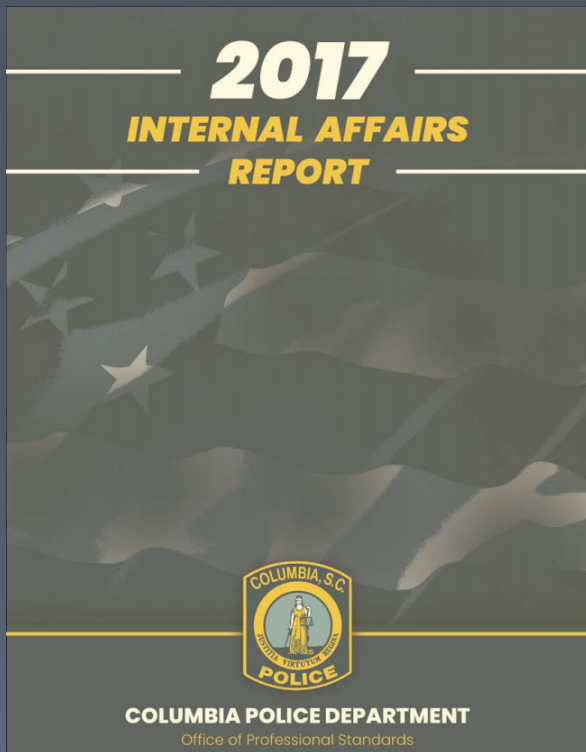
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# Of ShotSpotter Alerts			Persons Hit	Property Damage	Fatal			Arrest(s) Made						
496					3	16	1	North	1	26	North	18		
# Of Single Shots	# Of Multiple Shots	# Of Probable	South	0				South	1					
182	230	84	Metro	0				Metro	7					
Police Regions and Patrol Areas							Time Gunshots Occurred		Days Of Week					
Alerts by Regions			Rounds Fired by Regions		Rounds Fired by Patrol Areas		00:00:00 - 00:59	70	Sunday	80				
Metro	120	24.19%	Metro	450	27.39%	110	354	01:00:00 - 01:59	59	Monday	66			
North	280	56.45%	North	886	53.93%	111	68	02:00:00 - 02:59	44	Tuesday	58			
Not In City	42	8.47%	Not In City	153	9.31%	120	280	03:00:00 - 03:59	30	Wednesday	52			
South	54	10.89%	South	154	9.37%	130	57	04:00:00 - 04:59	22	Thursday	93			
TOTAL	496	100.00%	TOTAL	1643	100.00%	140	127	05:00:00 - 05:59	16	Friday	69			
							199	1	06:00:00 - 06:59	12	Saturday	78		
							250	14	07:00:00 - 07:59	5	TOTAL	496		
Shell Casings Recovered By Regions							260	233	08:00:00 - 08:59	1	Weapons Confiscated			
484	North Region	South Region	Metro Region		270	124	09:00:00 - 09:59	3	34	North	26			
	278	45	161		280	79	10:00:00 - 10:59	6		South	0			
							299	152	11:00:00 - 11:59	5	Metro	8		
117 separate crime scenes where casings were recovered.							310	8	12:00:00 - 12:59	6	# ID'ed as Stolen			
Top 5 Report Areas By Alerts			Range of Rounds Fired (26+ Rnds will only show if it occurred)		320	99	13:00:00 - 13:59	9	North	3	South	0	Metro	4
334	26	Rnds Fired	# Of Incidents		330	20	14:00:00 - 14:59	8	NIBIN Leads					
106	22	21 to 25	2		355	27	15:00:00 - 15:59	10	27					
419	22	13 to 20	14		TOTAL	1643	16:00:00 - 16:59	9						
178	20	7 to 12	55		17:00:00 - 17:59	12								
114	18	4 to 6	84		18:00:00 - 18:59	9								
			2 to 3		93	19:00:00 - 19:59	25	20:00:00 - 20:59	31	Gang Involvement				
			1	248	21:00:00 - 21:59	39	22:00:00 - 22:59	35	15	North	5			
ShotSpotter Incident Weekly Averages			TOTAL	496	22:00:00 - 22:59	35	23:00:00 - 23:59	30		South	3			
31.00									MGTF				5	

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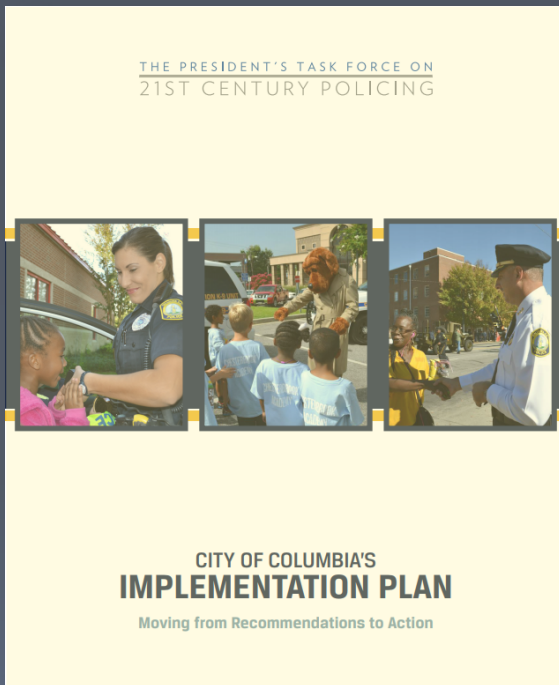
■ Path Moving Forward – “Restore Confidence in Police Department”

- **Accountability & Transparency Plan** – Citizen Advisory Council, I.A. Report, Annual Report, Police Attorney – Embedded at CPD
- **Revamped Internal Affairs Process** – Review Board, CAC
- **SLED Investigation for all Officer Involved Shootings or alleged crimes**
- **Initiated National Accreditation (CALEA) process** – Completed 2018



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■ Path Moving Forward – “Restore Confidence in Police Department”



- Launched New Website
- Established Social Media Team
- Recruitment Initiative
- Cadet Program
- Developed 5 year Strategic Plan
- Adopted 21st Century Policing Task Force & PERF recommendations
- Developed City of Columbia 21st Century Policing Implementation Plan



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- **Path Moving Forward – “Restore Confidence in Police Department”**



Selected as 1 of 15 agencies to participate in the Advancing 21st Century Policing Project (A21CP)

Project is now known as the Safer Neighborhoods through Precision Policing Initiative (SNPPI)

Reconstituted CPD Drug Lab – Hired 2 Chemists

Received Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation through CALEA

- Implemented SNPPI initiative & collaborated with CNA & COPS Office for publication – Four goals:
 - Identify strategies to reduce crime
 - Protect officer thru wellness and safety
 - Establish productive partnerships
 - Implement technologies to safeguard community



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Identify promising strategies that reduce crime



- Ceasefire Columbia
- Operation Real Time
- Home Visits
- Handle with Care
- COPS Hiring Grant
- Code Enforcement Division moved to PD oversight
- Midlands Gang Task Force
- Federal Task Force
- Property Crime Notifications
- One Mind Campaign



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Protect officer's safety & wellness

- Chaplaincy Program
- Mandatory Vest Wear Policy
- Restrictive Pursuit Policy
- Critical Incident Debriefs
- Accident Review Board
- Tactical First Aid Kits & Narcan Program
- Fit for Duty | FREE Gym Membership
- FREE Employee Health Clinic



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Establish productive interagency partnerships with law enforcement & community stakeholders



- SC Opioid Emergency Response Team
- College Internship Program
- City/County Gang Task Force
- Public Command Staff Meetings
- Homeless Coalition
- Young Ambassadors for Justice
- Columbia Council of Neighborhoods
- Beyond the Badge
- Citizen Advisory Council (CAC)
- Coffee with a Cop
- Front Porch Roll Call
- Urban League Summer Job Program
- Serve & Connect

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Implement innovative and effective technologies to help police departments safeguard neighborhoods

- Body-Worn Cameras
- Citizen Satisfaction Survey
- Smart Phone Initiative
- Public Data Initiative
- ShotSpotter
- Surveillance Camera Network
- Social Media
- National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)



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