

# CAYCE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



# Remembering Our Fallen

**Cpl. William J. Illingworth, Sr.**

**EOW February 28, 1991**



**Cpl. Drew Barr**  
**EOW April 24, 2022**





On the night of September 8, 1983, William J. Illingworth, Sr., a 32-year-old corporal with the (then) Cayce Department of Public Safety, was involved in a horrific traffic collision while responding to an emergency call for service. Corporal Illingworth sustained serious injuries in the crash with a tractor trailer on SC Highway 302 near I-26. He remained in a coma until passing away on February 28, 1991. He was survived by his parents, a son and a daughter.

Prior to beginning his 13-year career with Cayce, Corporal Illingworth served in Vietnam with the US Army. He is buried next to his parents at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Columbia. Those who knew Corporal Illingworth described him as being lefthanded, an avid weightlifter, conscientious about his diet and one who enjoyed playing practical jokes.

During Victim's Rights Week in April 2023, a memorial stone honoring the sacrifice of Corporal Illingworth, and Cpl. Drew Barr, was unveiled in front of the Cayce Police Department Headquarters. Corporal Illingworth's son, Billy Illingworth, Jr., was in the first grade at the time of his father's accident. Billy Illingworth, Jr., also a US Army combat veteran, traveled from Las Vegas, NV with his wife and children to speak at the dedication. Along with Corporal Illingworth's sister and two (2) brothers, former coworkers from 1983 were also in attendance. In addition to the memorial stone, a section of SC Highway 302 is now dedicated to Corporal Illingworth's memory.



April 24, 2022, is date the Cayce Police Department will never forget. Soon after responding to a call for help concerning a domestic violence incident, Cpl. Drew Barr was senselessly shot and killed. Since that horrible night, Corporal Barr's parents, Sonya and Roy, have become special members of the Cayce Police family. The annual Officer of the Year award has since been named after Corporal Barr as a way for us to remember his dedication, selfless service and supreme sacrifice to the citizens of Cayce.



Sonya and Roy Barr are pictured with Chief Chris Cowan and Sgt. Ronald Gibson, the recipient of the 2022 Corporal Drew Barr Office of the Year Ward.



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### **Mission Statement**

The Cayce Police Department strives to protect the public trust placed upon us by fostering community partnerships and developing a well trained team. We relentlessly pursue the criminal element threatening the quality of life of our citizens and the community.

### **Vision**

We build relationships through transparency with the community we serve and strive to be a pinnacle law enforcement agency.

## Meet the Chief



Cayce Police Chief Chris Cowan is recognized internationally for his vast network of private and public partnerships and his expansive policing knowledge from 30 years in law enforcement. Chief Cowan has extensive experience in leading special operations, homeland security, crime suppression, professional development, community policing, media relations and business and community crime prevention units.

These areas allow him to have a unique perspective on what it takes to be a guardian of our communities. Chief Cowan has also served as the chief financial officer, commander of SWAT, and community policing units.

The experience provided him a distinctive outlook on mitigating challenges to corporate and community quality of life issues due to it being paralleled with 22 years in corporate security, risk management and professional development. He has a passion for holistic policing strategies that provide stability to all citizens and protect the vulnerable through programs that create religious, business and neighborhood crime prevention.

Commissioned as a United States Naval Officer, Chief Cowan earned a bachelor's degree from the USC in Political Science. He also earned a Master's Certificate from the Australian Institute of Police Management. Chief Cowan is a graduate of the South Carolina Executive Institute, the FBI National Academy, the FBI Command College and the FBI Hazardous Devices School Executive Management Program. He has over 20 years of leadership

experience in the fields of administration, human capital crisis management, strategic planning, tactical operations, homeland security, community policing and state and local government affairs.

Chief Cowan has worked internationally with the London Metropolitan Police, the Staffordshire, England Police, Queensland Police Service, Australia, The Australia Federal Police, Hong Kong Police, Bulgarian Police Service and the Rhineland, Germany Polizei.



He has also worked nationally with the Los Angeles Police Department, New York Police Department and the North Carolina Justice Academy. Chief Cowan also works with federal, state and local partners in South Carolina in developing professional law enforcement professional development and community-based initiatives.

In July 2011, Chief Cowan was chosen to be the International visiting Fellow to Queensland, Australia to work with the Queensland, Australia Police Service, Queensland Fire Service, Queensland Ambulance Service, Australian Federal Police, Australian Defense Force, Hong Kong, Shanghai, China Police Service and as an instructor in Leadership Development and Strategic Management with the Maldives Police Service. He also worked with the Queensland Police Service during the 2013 G20 International Leaders Conference in the area of critical incident management and special operations command.

In 2019, Chief Cowan worked internationally as a teacher of professional and leadership development in Bulgaria at the Eastern European FBI National Academy Associates. He also partnered with 200 law enforcement executives from across the United Kingdom, Eastern Europe and the middle east.

Chief Cowan has also held several statewide leadership roles in South Carolina ranging from President of the South Carolina Law enforcement Officers Association and President of the Blythewood Rotary Club. He served as Chairman for Crimestoppers of the Midlands spanning 56 law enforcement jurisdictions and was a charter member of the Crimestoppers Council. As a practitioner of public safety, Chief Cowan has been awarded the South Carolina Attorney General's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, twice received the



Southeastern Crimestoppers Coordinator of the Year award, the two-time Rotarian of the Year award winner and the American Lawman Magazine Officer of the Quarter.

Chief Cowan currently serves as the Director of Professional Development for the Jim Hudson Automotive Group. With 750 employees, the Jim Hudson Automotive Group is the largest in South Carolina and Chief Cowan works directly with the executive team and is responsible for launching and implementing their executive and mid-level management professional development program. From April 2020 to August 2021, Chief Cowan was in command of corporate Security for Celeros Flow Technologies. The Charlotte, North Carolina based company is an international energy corporation with assets in North America, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. His responsibilities encompassed establishing a travel safety and risk mitigation program for the 1700 employees within this newly divested company.



**During Chief Cowan's career he has earned the following awards and accolades:**

- 2012 & 2017 Rotarian of the Year
- 2014 Queensland Police Service G20 Visiting Fellow
- 2011 Queensland, Australia International Visiting Fellow
- 2008 FBI National Academy Graduate, 235<sup>th</sup> Session
- 2006 Southeastern Crimestoppers Association's Coordinator of the Year
- 2006 South Carolina Association of Crime Prevention Officer's Coalition of the Year, Coordinator
- 2004 South Carolina Crimestoppers Association's Coordinator of the Year
- 2003 South Carolina Association of Crime Prevention Officer's Coalition and Volunteer Program of the Year Coordinator
- 2001 National Citizen's Academy Association Program of the Year, Coordinator
- 2001 Spring Valley Rotary Community Service Award

2001 Rotary International, District 777, Group Study Exchange Team member to England

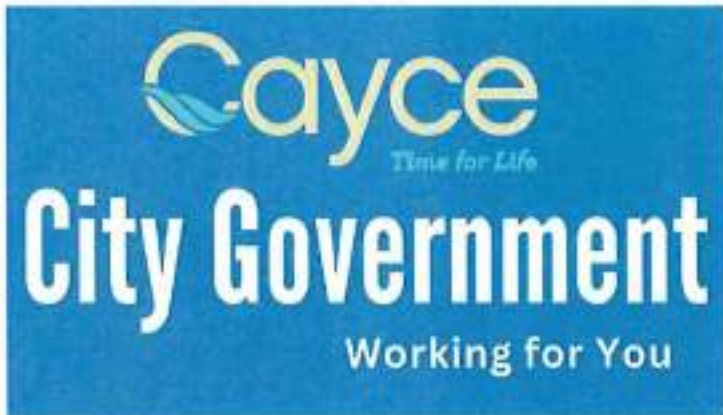
2000 American Lawyer Magazine Officer of the Quarter

2000 Blythewood Rotary Community Service Award

1999 South Carolina Attorney General's Law Enforcement Office of the Year

On October 1, 2021, he became the Police Chief for the City of Cayce, South Carolina. Chief Cowan's passion is outcome based, policing partnerships in public safety and compassion for all communities. Chief Cowan attends First Presbyterian Church in Columbia. In addition to being a Master Mason, he's a member of the board of directors of the Austin Wilkes Society Foundation and the Oliver Gospel Mission. Chief Cowan is also a Class D licensed soccer coach.

## Cayce by the Numbers



**Population 13,781**

**Land area 17 square miles**



## Demographics and Historical Population

Census	Pop.	Note	%±
<a href="#">1920</a>	746		—
<a href="#">1930</a>	1,267		69.8%
<a href="#">1940</a>	1,476		16.5%
<a href="#">1950</a>	3,294		123.2%
<a href="#">1960</a>	8,517		158.6%
<a href="#">1970</a>	9,967		17.0%
<a href="#">1980</a>	11,701		17.4%
<a href="#">1990</a>	11,163		-4.6%
<a href="#">2000</a>	12,150		8.8%
<a href="#">2010</a>	12,528		3.1%
<a href="#">2020</a>	13,781		10.0%
U.S. Decennial Census			

### 2020 Census, Racial Composition

Race	Num.	Perc.
<a href="#">White (non-Hispanic)</a>	8,664	62.87%
<a href="#">Black or African American (non-Hispanic)</a>	3,062	22.22%
<a href="#">Native American</a>	34	0.25%
<a href="#">Asian</a>	502	3.64%
<a href="#">Pacific Islander</a>	1	0.01%
<a href="#">Other/Mixed</a>	627	4.55%
<a href="#">Hispanic or Latino</a>	891	6.47%

As of the [2020 United States census](#), there were 13,781 people, 6,017 households, and 2,794 families residing in the city.

### Response Times and Departmental Impact on Crime

In South Carolina, in the past 10 years, Weapons Law Violations increased 80.8% and Murders increased by 52.2%. (source: SLED Chief Mark Keel). The City of Cayce is not immune to the nationwide increase in crime but we are proactively patrolling and fostering strong partnerships in our communities.

*The 2023 data was unavailable at the time this report was prepared. This was due to the CPD being involved in a contract dispute with Motorola. Due to this disagreement, Motorola is refusing to provide data to the department until it is resolved. When the data becomes available, this section will be updated and will contain the same information as reported in 2022.*

In 2022, 2:09 was the average response time when a citizen was in distress. We responded to 11,700 calls for service, conducted 2,100 proactive patrols and made 786 custodial arrests. In comparison to 2021, in 2022, we had an 8.8% increase in calls for service, 22% increase in traffic stops, 39% increase in citations issued and a 43% increase in custodial arrests. We seized 85 firearms, investigated 829 collisions and ran 2100 directed patrols. We saw a 55.6% decrease in Sexual Assault, a 33.3% decrease in Robbery, a 9.6% decrease in Burglary, a 16.4% decrease in Larceny and an 8.5% decrease in Motor Vehicle Theft.

In 2024, we will track our community programs/partnerships and our social worker program.

	2022	2023
Calls for Service	11,700	12,983
Traffic Stops:	5,335	3117 *
Citations Issued:	4,259	*
CPD Cases Assigned	655	433
Custodial Arrests:	786	672
Fire Calls Dispatched:	1825	2144
Guns Seized:	85	*
Directed Patrols:	2,100	*
Speed Trailer Deployments:	61	72
Collisions Investigated:	829	639 *
<u>Animal/Park Services:</u>		
Calls for Service:	576	546

\* Denotes partial or non-existent data

**Cayce is growing and has over 350 store front businesses. Our businesses range from international corporations to locally owned shops and restaurants.**

Cayce is home to nationally known corporations like Dominion Energy, Farm Bureau Insurance, Amazon and CMC Metals. Cayce is also home to locally owned businesses such as Vella's and Tony's.

Vella's opened in 1951 as an open air market on the same corner where the current facility is located. In the 1950s and 60s, a chinchilla ranch was located behind the building.



Tony's Pizza opened in 1967 and was sold to a new owner in 2010

The new Lex Med facility on Knox Abbott Drive is now open.



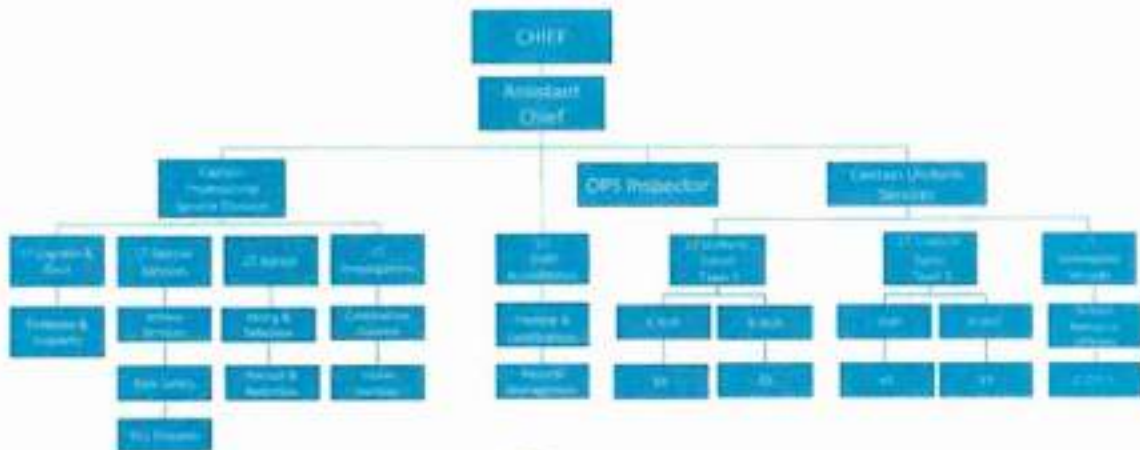
2022

2023

The Gamecock Theaters were located in the Parkland Plaza Shopping Center. They opened in 1972 and closed in the 1990s.



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART







## CAYCE POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

Race/Gender: (67)

Male	50
Female	17
White	52
Black	10
Pacific Island	2
Hispanic	3

*This data was obtained from an October 2023 employee roster. If the vacancies, the CPD will have 73 total employees.*

### DIVISIONS

Command Staff  
Training  
Emergency Management  
K9  
School Resource Officers  
Patrol  
Investigations  
Office of Professional Standards  
Victim Services  
Community Services  
Community Outreach  
Animal Control  
Park Safety  
Telecommunications  
Records Division  
Explorer Post  
Evidence  
Fleet/Quartermaster

# Cayce Police Department Divisions

## Patrol Division

The primary objective of our patrol division is to improve the quality of life for our citizens and visitors through proactive patrols along with prompt, professional and effective responses to calls for service. We work hand in hand with our community and deploy strategies and enforcement activities to prevent crime, traffic collisions, as well as to enhance the peace and safety of our city. The patrol division is the CPD's "front line" that patrols our roadways, neighborhoods and business districts 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week.





### Traffic Enforcement in 2023

Total Traffic Stops	3117 *
Citations Issued	*
Speeding Charges	*
DUI Arrests	*
DUS Arrests	*
Collisions Investigated	639*



Our "Speed Trailers" were introduced in July 2022 and were deployed 72 times in 2023.

The purpose of traffic enforcement is to educate the public on the importance of highway safety by enforcing the traffic laws. By doing this, we strive to reduce fatalities and serious injuries in motor vehicle collisions by minimizing the number of crashes and impaired drivers on our highways.

*\*Denotes incomplete or non-existent data.*

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## Criminal Investigations Division



The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is responsible for investigating criminal offenses that occur within the city limits of Cayce. It consists of a lieutenant, two (2) sergeants, four (4) investigators and a Secret Service taskforce officer. Each member is an experienced officer and receives advanced training in areas such as gang investigations, arson, burglary, robbery, property crimes and those related to financial transactions, violence and death. The CID utilizes the department's victim advocate to connect victims to available resources.

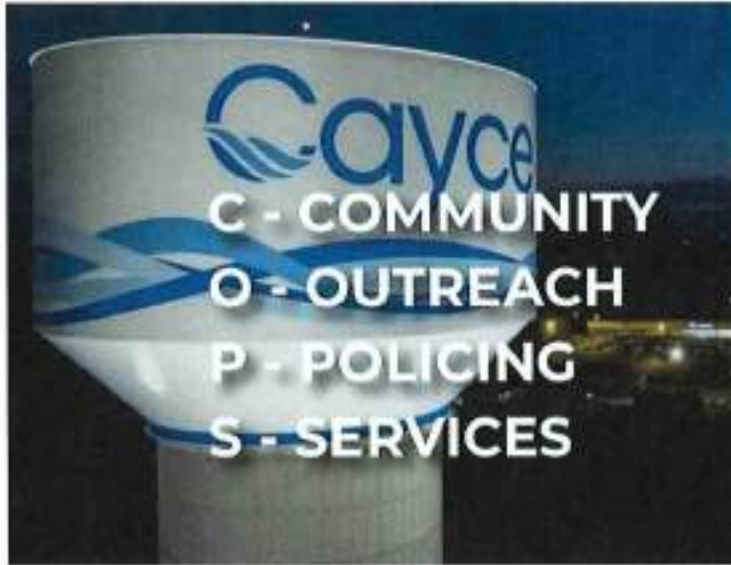
The CID partners with other police agencies to provide personnel to the Midlands Area Gang Taskforce (MAGF) and the Lexington County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET). One investigator is part of the South Carolina Attorney General's task force against Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). The CID regularly communicates with SLED for evidence analysis, intelligence gathering and investigations that are outside of our jurisdiction. In addition to the Sheriff's Offices in Lexington and Richland Counties, the CID also works alongside the FBI, DEA, ATF, US Marshals and Secret Service.

Our investigators are assigned cases referred by the patrol division, from within our community or by another police agency. In 2023, the CID investigated 433 cases, secured 180 arrest warrants and made 97 arrests. It is the goal of the CID to professionally and thoroughly investigate each case and present the findings in an effort to provide justice for all victims and the community.



In 2023, we received a federal grant to add a gang investigator to our staff. This officer is responsible for investigating crimes involving gangs. The officer works alongside other area law enforcement agencies to proactively combat criminal activity such as illegal drugs and guns that are commonplace among such groups. Also in 2023, we added a US Secret Service Task Force Officer. This officer completed extensive training in the areas of financial crimes and cell phone data extraction.

# Community Outreach Policing Services (COPS)



The COPS mission is to form partnerships with various businesses, churches, charities and civic groups throughout the city. These relationships are then used to focus on crime prevention, citizen education, community involvement, quality of life improvements and meeting the needs of those in distress. A few examples of the nearly 25 events the CPD hosted or participated in were: Health Fairs, a Turkey Giveaway at Thanksgiving, the Cayce Character Camp and a Back to School Bash. Our officers attend crime watch meetings, conduct security surveys and address safety concerns with the goal of maintaining a positive relationship between the department and the community.



**The Cayce Police Department strives to get to know the citizens we serve.**

## Community Outreach Policing Services II



**The Cayce Police Department sponsored a Turkey Give Away at Thanksgiving.**

**Hudson, our therapy K9, was too busy posing for pictures to help!**



# Community Outreach Policing Services III



**Your Cayce Police Department Participates in Shop with a Cop and the Special Olympics Torch Run**



**Cops n' Coop**  
for Special Olympics  
Chick-fil-A in West Columbia  
Wednesday, November 15  
Thursday, November 16  
Friday, November 17  
2299 Augusta Road (Highway 1), West Columbia

## Community Outreach Policing Services IV



**Our Tesla received plenty of attention at the Cars and Coffee Car Shows!**



**The Cayce Police Department had the first electric police car in South Carolina.**



## Community Outreach Policing Services V



During the week of December 5, Diamond's three children had their bikes stolen. Ofc. Austin Chawporn made sure Lt. Eddie West (pictured) with the Community Services Division knew about it. With the help of Jayson, from **Dialed Bicycles**, we were able to spread some holiday cheer with new bikes for her children. We are appreciative of our community partners who are willing to help our citizens when a need arises.



**Each Christmas, Sgt. Wesley Walker makes special appearances at the local schools and in the Christmas parade.**

# Community Outreach Policing Services VI

The Cayce Police Department reaches out to everyone in our city.

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## Compras con un Policia

¡Usted o su negocio pueden ayudar a patrocinar a un niño hoy!

Donaciones pueden ser hechas por el código QR, por correo, o llevándolas directamente al Departamento de Policía de Cayce hasta el 17 de diciembre a las 5 PM.

<b>Entregas Domiciliares</b>	<b>Por Correo</b>
Departamento de Policía de Cayce Attn: Sgt. Eddie West 2 Lavern Jumper Road, Cayce 29033	Crane Public Safety Foundation Attn: Sgt. Eddie West 2 Lavern Jumper Road, Cayce 29033

\*Dependencias de Policía y Cayce Police Safety Foundation

### 22 de diciembre

¡A nuestras familias y negocios de Cayce, cada día de diciembre, invitamos a las familias en necesidad a patrocinar a un niño en un niño que cada niño tenga \$50 para ir de compras con nuestros oficiales!

¡Recorra el código con su teléfono para donar!

¡Muestras Oficiales de Cayce con sus familias!  
caycepd.com



VEN A COMPARTIR CON NUESTRO DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICIA DE CAYCE

## Noche de Cayce en Contra al Crimen

**4 de octubre**

**6 PM - 8 PM**  
2 LAVERN JUMPER RD.  
CAYCE, SC



## Si Se Puede

Si Se Puede, or “yes we can,” is sponsored by the Cayce Police Department as a method to reach all members of our city and advertise the services we provide. One way we accomplish this goal is to host the annual Fiesta. We are dedicated in continuing to find ways to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community we serve.



Thanks to generous support of our local vendors, during the Fiesta, we had delicious food, good music and an opportunity to gather.

We connect our citizens with right resources, encourage unity, and empower the Hispanic Community to trust us and help us stop crime. Si Se Puede es Poder, es Unidad, es pasión por los demás!

## “Dee’s D.O.V.E.S”

Ofc. Dee Cochran’s passion for service led to the creation of Dee’s DOVES: Developing, Original, Vibrant, Educated, Sisters. This school club is Officer Cochran’s effort to empower young ladies of all races and national origins to achieve their goals and to be successful and significant.



Chief Cowan and Ofc. Dee Cochran with the DOVES.

## C.A.S.E

### Cayce Assisting Seniors & Elderly



For more information please  
call or email us at  
803-550-9549  
chief@caycesc.gov

Cayce Assisting Seniors and Elderly

# C.A.S.E

*Mission:*

Our mission is to serve and advocate for those advanced in years of life through actively engaging mind, body and spirit. We will ensure that they receive love, respect, dignity, and are safe during their most vulnerable years. With the help of our churches, volunteers, and the community we will continue to ensure that seniors not only live but thrive as we faithfully enhance the lives of elders through protection and education.

Our Services will focus on:

- Home / Personal Safety
- Mental Health
- Physical Health
- Independent Living
- Financial Awareness
- Fun The Hour



The mission of Cayce Assisting Seniors and Elderly, or CASE, is to serve and advocate for those advanced in years of life through actively engaging mind, body and spirit. We will ensure they receive love, respect and dignity and are safe during their most vulnerable years. The Cayce Police Department will periodically call CASE members to check in and address any current needs. We will host events throughout the year with community vendors to offer services that maybe useful resources for CASE members. We will also conduct home visits and suggest opportunities to improve safety on the property. When the need presents itself, the Cayce Police Department will connect CASE members with community partners.

## Emergency Management Division

In addition to a river flowing through our city, Cayce has two (2) interstates (I-26 & I-77) and three (3) US Highways (US-321, US-21 and US-176) traversing our jurisdiction. Our Emergency Management Division (EMD) works in conjunction with other state and federal agencies to protect our citizens and visitors during hurricanes, tornados, floods, fires and chemical hazards.



## Office of Professional Standards



Created in September 2022, the Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is responsible for investigating concerns with our team members and/or the department's processes. The OPS conducts all internal investigations of alleged misconduct by CPD employees and has the responsibility to uncover, fully develop, and objectively report all facts and circumstances surrounding allegations or complaints of misconduct. In addition to investigating complaints, the OPS plays a vital role in the CPD's Law Enforcement Accreditation by reviewing reports of applications of force and vehicle pursuits.

The OPS Inspector meets quarterly with members of the Citizens Advisory Committee to discuss internal investigations and other areas of interest to public safety. The OPS also prepares an annual statistical report documenting the department's enforcement activity and other endeavors. Information derived from the OPS aids the CPD in better serving our citizens.

Our goal is to be professional, helpful, and courteous in all our encounters. We are dedicated to preserving integrity and our team cannot meet this objective without maintaining the trust of the public we serve. Therefore, each complaint, whether filed by a citizen or a team member, will be properly investigated. Complaints come to the OPS in a variety of ways. A citizen can contact the OPS via telephone, via email, request a complaint form by mail or stop by the CPD and obtain a form in person.

