

CAYCE POLICE DEPARTMENT
2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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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 highly trained team. We will relentlessly pursue the criminal element threatening the quality of life and safety of our citizens and the community.



Vision Statement

Sworn to Protect, Proud to Serve, our vision is to build a safe, just, and connected community through integrity, accountability, and respectful service to all.

Message from the Chief



The police department is in a strong position, and we are focused on continuing our progress into the 2026–2027 calendar year. We currently have four vacancies; however, two certified officers are scheduled to begin on Thursday, March 26. One of our open positions is the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police, which became available following Kristin Hall’s transition to her new role as City Clerk. We are confident she will excel in this position and congratulate her on this achievement.

As our staffing levels improve, we anticipate a reduction in overtime, which had significantly increased when we were operating with 14 vacancies.

We continue to encourage our officers and staff to pursue advanced training and higher education. Several members of the department are currently furthering their academic and professional development:

- Assistant Chief Von will graduate in May with a master’s degree in Organizational Leadership.
- Detective Gibson is pursuing a master’s degree in Business Leadership.
- Detective Sinnott is working toward a bachelor’s degree in Cybersecurity.
- VA Ashley Milbourne is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice with a focus on Child and Family Advocacy.
- Lieutenant Brown is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration.
- Detective Manuel is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and is expected to graduate in December 2026.

- Lieutenant McMillan will attend the FBI National Academy beginning April 8, 2026.
- Sergeant Branham is currently enrolled in the Certified Public Manager (CPM) program.

We have also established a Street Crimes Unit focused on addressing gangs, illegal firearms, and narcotics. This unit has been highly proactive, executing search warrants at multiple locations, including Abbott Arms, Riverland Park, Lybrand Street, the Quality Inn on Airport Boulevard, and 109 Knox Abbott Drive. Narcotics were recovered in all of these operations, and firearms were seized in three cases.

In addition, we have created a dedicated Traffic Unit aimed at reducing accidents and speeding within our neighborhoods. Increased traffic enforcement activity is largely the result of this unit's efforts.

The department has also experienced an increase in calls for service related to short-term rental properties (Airbnbs). Officers have been directed to complete a report for each response and to issue citations when appropriate. Parking violations associated with these properties are also being actively enforced.

We continue to collaborate with Transitions Homeless Shelter to address homelessness-related calls for service. Recognizing the strong connection between homelessness and mental health, we have integrated a mental health professional into our department. This partnership has led to individuals receiving necessary mental health services, returning to medication compliance, and in some cases securing housing and employment.

Our commitment to community engagement remains strong. Over the past year, the department has participated in numerous events, including:

July 2025

Cayce Character Camp

August 2025

Back to School Bash

September 2025

Tools for School

October 2025

- Tales on the Trails (Halloween Event)
- DEA National Drug Take Back

Books & Badges

November 2025

- Scooter Scott Project – Thanksgiving Dinners

Serve & Connect – Bountiful Harvest

December 2025

- Shop with a Cop
- Cards for Heroes
- Winter Wonderland

Serve & Connect Multi-Agency Packing Event

January 2026

Winter Scale – Explorer Program

February 2026

- C.A.S.E. Valentine Program – “Cupid’s Golden Years”

CWC Block Party – Lexington County Library

March 2026

- Victims’ Rights Week

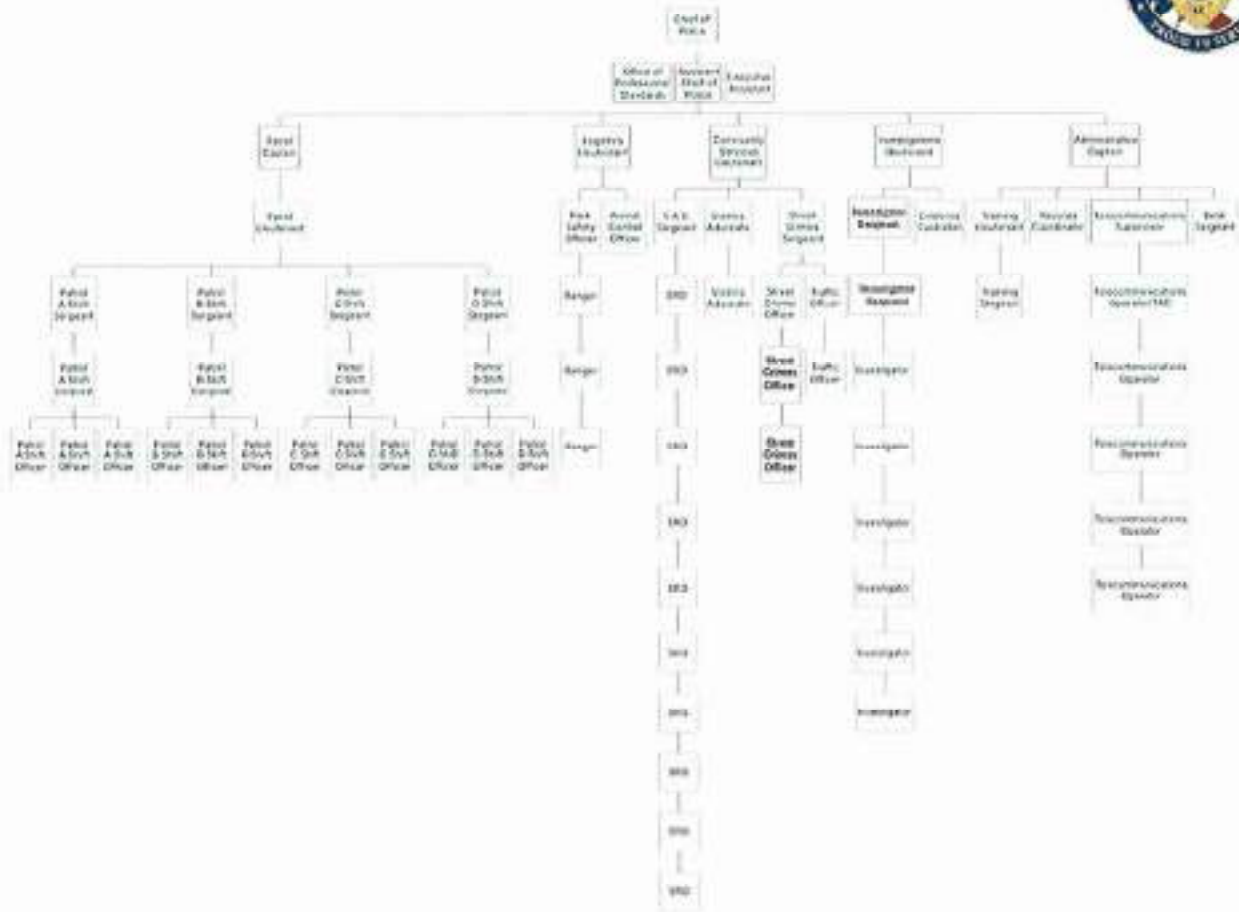
Tri-City Leisure Community Champions Week – Meals on Wheels

These events reflect our ongoing commitment to serving and engaging with our community across all age groups.

In September 2024, a homicide occurred at 800 Alexander Road. The Cayce Street Crimes Unit and Cayce Investigation Division have been diligently working on this case, making 2 arrests in February 2026. These suspects have been charged with Murder, Armed Robbery, Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime, and Criminal Conspiracy. This remains an ongoing investigation with the potential for more suspects and criminal charges to come.

While we are proud of the department’s accomplishments, we also remain committed to accountability. As stated from day one, any conduct that is illegal, immoral, or unethical will not be tolerated. Over the past year, four officers were terminated for misconduct. Two have had their law enforcement certifications revoked and are no longer permitted to serve as police officers in the United States. The remaining two have not filed appeals at this time. We will continue to hold all personnel to the highest professional standards.

Cayce Police Department Organization Chart



Personnel Demographics 2025



	Male	Female
Asian	1	0
Black or African	14	4
White	34	14

Sworn Employees	57
Non-Sworn Employees	10

* Data provided as of 12/31/25

Uniform 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.



2025 Statistics

Calls for Service	11,606
Response Time	11:07
Incident Reports	2675
Motor Vehicle Collisions	912
Warrants Served	359
DUI Citations	68
DUI Warrants	7
Burglar Alarms	484
Larceny Calls	414
Domestic Disputes	246
Traffic Stops	5326
Citations	2956
Warnings	3403

The Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) of the Cayce Police Department is responsible for conducting follow up investigations into criminal offenses that require additional investigative resources beyond the initial patrol response. Detectives investigate a variety of felony and serious misdemeanor offenses within the City of Cayce, including violent crimes, assaults, robberies, burglaries, financial crimes, narcotics offenses, and firearm-related offenses. CID detectives gather and analyze evidence, conduct interviews, develop investigative leads, and prepare search and arrest warrants to assist in the successful prosecution of cases. The Division has 9 investigators including a certified Crime Scene Technician. The division also maintains an Evidence Custodian who is responsible for the intake, storage, documentation, and release of evidence while ensuring proper chain of custody in accordance with departmental policy and legal requirements.

Assault	239
Burglary	45
Death Investigation	23
Drug/ Narcotic Violation	144
Fraud	98
Harassment	112
Larceny/ Theft from Building	292
Leaving the Scene	97
Robbery	4
Shoplifting	31
Solicitation/ICAC/Porn/CSC	23
Vandalism	93
Weapons	33

Community Action Team

The mission of the Community Action Team (C.A.T.) is to build strong partnerships with local businesses, churches, charities, and civic organizations across the city. These collaborations are used to support crime prevention efforts, provide citizen education, encourage community engagement, enhance quality of life, and assist individuals in need. Examples of the many events hosted or supported by the CPD include health fairs, a Thanksgiving turkey giveaway, the Cayce Character Camp, and a Back-to-School Bash. Officers also participate in neighborhood watch meetings, conduct security assessments, and respond to community safety concerns.





**July
13-23**

**MONDAY-THURSDAY
8 AM-4 PM**

\$90 PER CHILD
\$50 OFF SECOND CHILD
*CAMP FOR AGES 7 - 12

BREAKFAST & LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

CAYCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
303 BULLDOG BLVD



CONTACT:
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OR 803-960-9967

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Cayce Assisting Seniors and Elderly (CASE)

The mission of Cayce Assisting Seniors and Elderly (CASE) is to support and advocate for older adults by promoting engagement of the mind, body, and spirit. We are committed to ensuring they are treated with love, respect, and dignity while remaining safe during their most vulnerable years. The Cayce Police Department will regularly reach out to CASE members to check on their well-being and identify any needs. Throughout the year, we will host events featuring community vendors who provide valuable services and resources for members. In addition, we will conduct home visits to recommend ways to enhance safety on their property. When necessary, the Cayce Police Department will also connect CASE members with trusted community partners for additional support.



Victim Services Unit

Victim Services Unit 2025 Annual Report

The Victim Services Unit at the Cayce Police Department provides advocacy, crisis response, and resource coordination for individuals and families impacted by crime. Working alongside officers, the unit ensures victims receive immediate support, safety planning, and connections to essential resources, including emergency lodging, counseling, legal assistance, and necessary referrals.

Through ongoing outreach and prevention education, the unit also builds trust, increases awareness of available services, and strengthens relationships between law enforcement and the community.

2025

BY THE NUMBERS

A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT THROUGH ADVOCACY, RESPONSE, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

25-29

Most
Represented
Age Range



Who We Served

Victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking, and other crimes. Female victims represented the majority of those served across all quarters.

Most Common
Crime Type

Domestic &
Family
Violence

20+

New
Community
Partnerships

2025 CASE TOTALS: 143

2025 VICTIMS SERVED: 163

DIRECT COMMUNITY CONTACTS: 3,100+

2 FULL TIME VICTIM ADVOCATES

10+

Community
Education &
Engagement
Events

Victim Services Unit

Community Impact & Event Highlights



Breakfast at Cape High School/Victoria's Event - Connecting with students and sharing available support resources.



Civic Hours Presentation Month - Raising awareness through school education of more than 1,300 students and the Pinckney Good Samaritan Fund quarterly.



Back to School Day - connected with over 375 individuals to provide resources, build relationships, and help get students heading into the school year.



Tools for School - shared school safety information, school supplies, and more connections with over 60 individuals.

Community Impact & Event Highlights



Take an Ice Day - This event allowed for meaningful, face-to-face interactions with over 600, helping establish trust and reduce victim fear as we take our responsibilities seriously.



Winter Event Cape Elementary - Through interactive activities and educational displays, Victim Services educators help build positive relationships with 1,000+ students.



Books & Bibles - Connecting with youth through reading and positive interactions.



Partnering with Inevitable Concerns - to pack and provide Greg's Groceries food boxes throughout the community.

Traffic Unit

Through a balanced approach of enforcement and education, the Traffic Unit strives to reduce collisions, enhance pedestrian safety, and promote responsible driving behaviors throughout the community. Officers work diligently to identify hazardous driving patterns, address speeding concerns, and maintain a visible presence in high-traffic and high-risk areas. At the same time, they engage with citizens to increase awareness of traffic laws, encourage safe practices, and build trust between law enforcement and the community.

In support of this mission, the Traffic Unit has also conducted strategic traffic checkpoints during high-traffic holidays such as New Year's and St. Patrick's Day. These checkpoints are designed not only to deter impaired and reckless driving, but also to reinforce the importance of making safe and responsible decisions behind the wheel during times when roadway risks are elevated.



Employment Unit

WE ARE HIRING

Competitive Starting Salary
Bi-Weekly Payroll
14 Paid Holidays
Supplemental Insurance
Vacation/Sick Day Accruals
Paid Parental Leave
Christmas Bonus
Gym Membership
Take Home Vehicle

Paid Insurance - Employee Portion
Paid Training and Equipment



Total Applicants*	85
Total Hired*	24

* Sworn positions

Training Division

Cayce Police Department focuses on maintaining a comprehensive, effective, and inclusive training model. This program:

- Trains both sworn and unsworn employees to be tactically and technically proficient in their duties.
- Promotes preparedness, professionalism, and pride.
- Encourages personal and professional development.
- Supports the department's mission and vision.

Cayce Police Department offers in-house training multiple times per year, as well as online virtual training, courses taught at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, and privately contracted training for specialized purposes. Cayce Police Department currently has 18 certified Instructors.

For the 2025 Calendar year, Cayce Police Department completed:

- **2899.5** hours for SCCJA Training classes (**880.5** hours were on-site classes).
- **1792** hours of In-Service training
- **204** hours of training outside of SCCJA

2025 Total Training Hours: **5085.5**, averaging **89** hours per officer.



Emergency Management Division

EMD consisted of storm events and a hazmat event. The Hazmat event was a mixture of chemicals that created an exothermic reaction and needed a multi-agency response.

EMD also completed active threat response training for the city and some social groups inside the city. This included procedures for active threat events as well as first aid training. We also completed several threat assessments of locations inside and outside of the city as a service to the community.

EMD completed one full scale exercise in conjunction with 3 other agencies and 2 other city departments. This was held at our wastewater facility in October and simulated a chlorine release.

Finally, we worked with city utilities to revise required documentation by state and federal regulators.



Accreditation

The Cayce Police Department was first accredited by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation (SCLEA) program six years ago. Since then, we have successfully completed two reaccreditation processes, reflecting our continued commitment to the highest standards in policing.

In September we were honored to be presented with our latest reaccreditation award by the State Council. This achievement highlights the dedication of our officers and staff to serving our community with professionalism, accountability, and excellence.



Telecommunications Division

The Telecommunications Division is critical to the operation of the Cayce Police Department and are the front line for responding to emergencies. The staff assists officers by promptly informing them of requests for assistance and providing information regarding driver's licenses, license plates, wanted subjects and stolen motor vehicles and firearms. They help citizens by accepting calls for service and processing 911 calls for emergencies. We are currently staffed with seven (7) operators that work 24 hours a day to provide the highest quality of service to our community.

Records Division

The Cayce Police Department Records Division processed 167 Freedom of Information Act requests in 2025. Records also processes all other requests from crime victims, attorneys, insurance companies, and law enforcement agencies.

The Office of Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS), established in September 2022, is responsible for investigating concerns involving department personnel and departmental processes. OPS conducts administrative investigations into allegations of misconduct involving Cayce Police Department employees and is tasked with uncovering, fully developing, and objectively reporting all facts and circumstances surrounding complaints or allegations.

In addition to investigating complaints, OPS supports the department's law enforcement accreditation efforts by reviewing incidents such as applications of force, vehicle pursuits, and other events requiring administrative review.

OPS also prepares an annual statistical report documenting departmental enforcement activity.

Information derived from OPS investigations and reviews assists the Cayce Police Department in maintaining accountability, improving operations, and better serving the community.

OPS is committed to conducting all investigations professionally, objectively, and fairly. Maintaining the trust of the public and department personnel is essential to achieving this mission. Therefore, all complaints, whether submitted by a citizen or a department member, will be reviewed and investigated when appropriate.

Animal Control

The Cayce Animal Services Division operates with a mission to protect public health and safety while ensuring the humane care and treatment of animals. The Animal Services Division rescues injured, abandoned or abused animals and those roaming the streets. Key responsibilities include enforcing state and local animal laws, managing stray and abandoned animals, investigating cases of cruelty or neglect, and promoting responsible pet ownership. Our officers will take these animals to a pet shelter where their owners can reclaim them or, in some situations, they can be adopted by a new owner. The Cayce Animal Services Division operates with a mission to protect public health and safety while ensuring the humane care and treatment of animals.

Parks Division

It is the Parks Division's mission to enhance the lives of residents and visitors to the City of Cayce by providing safe and welcoming places for relaxation and enjoyment. Our officers patrol and monitor park activities to ensure the visitors are safe and respect the park's natural beauty. Our park officers are happy to answer questions about a particular park's history or natural resources. They are also available to obtain medical or law enforcement assistance. Our officers support crime prevention methods by encouraging our visitors to secure their vehicles and be aware of their surroundings.



K-9 Unit

The Cayce Police Department's (CPD) K9 unit supports all other CPD divisions by tracking fugitives, locating missing persons and the detection of drugs. Our K9 team also assists other midlands police agencies. Each team participates in countless hours each year honing their unique skills. Our K9 team is unique in that we have K9s used to detect evidence, track missing or wanted persons and a therapy dog.





Remembering Our Fallen

Cpl. William J. Illingworth, Sr.

EOW February 28, 1991



Cpl. Roy "Drew" Barr

EOW April 24, 2022

