

Annual Report 2024

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THE BEAUMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT



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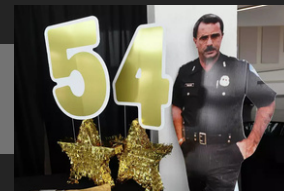
In the pages of this Annual Report, you will see just a few examples of significant events and successes from our department in 2024. One of these milestones was my promotion to the role of Chief of Police. With that in mind, I'd like to take this moment to thank the City Manager, Kenneth R. Williams, and Beaumont City Council for their unanimous vote of confidence. That coupled with the outpouring of support from the community has aided this transitional time within our department. Thank you as well to my family for their overwhelming support. I look forward to leading Beaumont to a safer and brighter future.

One of our goals as a department moving forward is not only to reduce crime, but also the community's fear of crime. One objective toward this goal is through increasing our visibility and availability throughout the city. Our efficiency plan aims to expand and increase our officers' service to the community by utilizing non-sworn personnel. By adjusting staffing to include more civilians, we free up sworn personnel to do work requiring peace officer authority and training. We hope to increase our civilian case specialists, ID techs, and Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) analysts. Furthermore, increasing technology efforts like our RTCC acts as a time saver and force multiplier. In 2025, we hope to expand the RTCC connections, access and usage. We believe that these changes will be reflected in faster response time to calls for service. Our goal is for citizens of Beaumont to see our officers present on the street and know that they will arrive quickly when trouble arises.

Within the department, we remain committed to our high standards in training and operations. We have taken initial steps towards TPCA (Texas Police Chiefs Association) accreditation of our policies and practices. This includes actively working on the extensive process of inventorying and disposing of property and evidence within proper guidelines and statutes. It also involves utilizing Lexipol's policy service to provide recommendations for best practices and training. We also aim to strengthen employee and family wellness with programs that go beyond basic peer support. These are just a few of the ways that the Beaumont Police Department aims to surpass industry standards and best practices.

As usual, all our efforts depend on buy-in from our city. We plan to increase community interactions and local partnerships, as well as improving our communication with victims in order to bring about positive changes. The Beaumont Police Department is grateful for the unwavering support of our community, which strengthens us to serve and protect with integrity and compassion. We look forward to building a better Beaumont together.





POLICE CHIEF RETIREMENT

In 2024, the Beaumont Police Department said goodbye to Chief Jimmy Singletary. After twelve years of service as Chief of Police, Singletary worked his last day on July 31st, 2024. A celebration of family, friends, and supporters gathered on July 25th to celebrate his 54 years of law enforcement coming to a close.

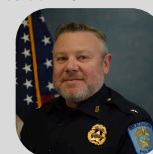
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CAPTAIN
CHRIS SCHULT



CAPTAIN
ONAFRE TYLER

SWEARING IN OF CHIEF OCNASCHEK

When Tim Ocnaschek came to the Beaumont Police Department in 1992, he had already served in the Air Force, and worked as both a dispatcher and a police officer. His first ten years at BPD were spent as a patrol officer, a field training officer, a specialist, and a detective in the Criminal Investigations Division.

He was promoted to sergeant in 2003, and Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Beaumont in 2007. In 2011 he was promoted to lieutenant and became captain in 2016 - all while maintaining his role in Emergency Management.

In July 2024, with 38 total years in law enforcement, he was appointed by City Manager Kenneth R. Williams, and unanimously confirmed by city council to be the next police chief of the Beaumont Police Department.

Chief Ocnaschek holds an Associate's Degree from the Community College of the Air Force, a Bachelor's degree from Lamar University Beaumont, and a Master's degree from Midwestern State University. He has 24 years of SWAT experience with Beaumont PD and extensive experience as an instructor. He is a Certified Emergency Manager through the State of Texas, and holds an international certification through IAEM. The Beaumont Police Department is excited to begin this next chapter with Chief Ocnaschek.



AUGUST 2024



COMMAND STAFF

CAPTAIN
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ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION



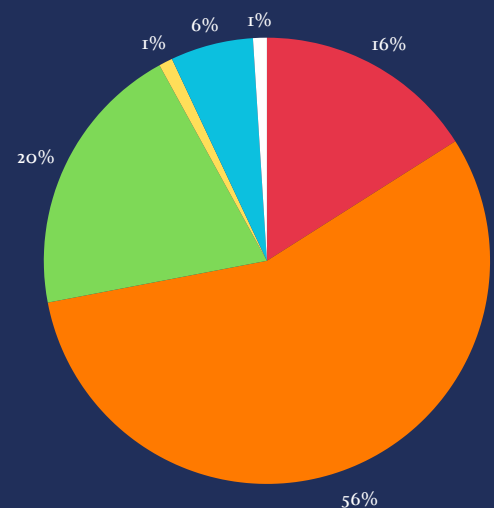
Until he was promoted to the role of Chief of Police in the summer of 2024, Tim Ocnaschek oversaw the Administrative Division as well as acted as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Beaumont. This division has three lieutenants, five sergeants, six officers, and 57 civilians. The collateral units of SWAT, Hostage Negotiators, Special Response Team, Honor Guard / Rifle Team, and Peer Support also function under this division.

BUDGET REPORT

The Beaumont Police Department is committed to being a good steward of taxpayer dollars.

In Fiscal Year 2025 (beginning 10/1/2024 and ending 9/30/2025) the Police Department budget is \$48,032,441, which is 28.7% of the city's general fund budget of \$167,556,655. The Police Department is one of the largest departments in the city with 260 sworn personnel and 71 full-time civilian employees. Approximately 89% of the department budget is spent on personnel salaries and benefits. The budget is managed by Budget Director, Lieutenant Kelvin Wilson.

- RTCC - 1%
- Emergency Management - 1%
- 911 Operations - 6%
- Administration - 16%
- Criminal Investigations - 20%
- Field Operations - 56%

TRAINING
AND PERSONNEL

Fleet

The Training and Personnel Unit oversees and maintains 271 vehicles and unique pieces of equipment. This includes patrol vehicles, SWAT vehicles and watercraft, the Emergency Management Command Trailer, and specialty equipment for the transportation of equipment and emergency supplies during natural disasters.

Personnel

This unit processes applications for sworn and non-sworn positions. 16 cadets, five officers and 13 non-sworn positions were hired in 2024. The Training and Personnel Unit participated in recruitment events, coordinated training, and assisted in conducting the Job Related Abilities Test for cadet applicants.

Training

All officers met or exceeded the State of Texas and BPD's mandated training requirements. Our officers attended 17,869 hours of training for calendar year 2024. Our training facilities were used 379 times for this training. These classes taught 1,322 officers over the course of the year.

HONOR GUARD

During 2024, the Honor Guard participated in several functions:

- Two posting of colors for various community functions
- One retiree funeral
- Two outside agency line of duty death funerals
- Memorial service for Dr. Jim Love
- Beaumont Police Department Memorial
- Special Officer George Frederick marker dedication



Four new officers were added to the Honor Guard while four tenured members left the detail. One of the tenured members was Chief Ocnaschek, who left the detail after approximately 30 years when he was named Chief of Police.



INTERNAL AFFAIRS

This unit is made up of two sergeants who both answer directly to the Chief of Police. They are selected by the Chief of Police and investigate all formal complaints filed against Beaumont police officers: both internally and externally. Texas law specifies complaints against officers must be submitted in writing, and must be signed by the complainant. Additionally, the unit gathers and presents evidence for review in all incidents involving use of force, police vehicle accidents, and administrative inquiries.

PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

Any evidence recovered in a criminal investigation is secured and preserved by this unit. The Property and Evidence unit also stores and disposes of property via court order. Additionally, they maintain all uniforms and accessories for the 260 sworn personnel.

Intake: 8,467

Destroyed items: 15,648

Seized items: 814

Department Use items: 36

Auction: 20

Released items: 2,409

2025 Goals: We will continue to research older cases with the focus of disposing evidence being held that is no longer needed in accordance with legal guidelines. With that said, our main goal is to continue to securely store, preserve, and manage all evidence submitted to our office while maintaining a complete chain of custody. This begins from the moment it enters our property room until the case's conclusion, while preventing contamination, loss, or tampering with said items.

RECORDS

The Records Unit processes, files and maintains police reports, and generates the monthly crime statistics filed with the Department of Justice. Additionally, the unit manages Teleserve reports, case protective orders, and trespass affidavits. The unit also handles permits for commercial and residential burglar alarms, sets up new accounts, and processes false alarms. Finally, the unit processes all Freedom of Information (open records) requests.

In 2024, Records:

- Scanned over 58,000 sets of documents
- Documented more than 6,500 arrests
- Processed around 9,100 alarm calls
- Quality-controlled approximately 14,100 patrol reports
- Filled roughly 8,700 requests/open records (which includes watching dash cam, body cam, and making redactions on reports)

911 DISPATCH

Calls to Dispatch in 2024: 324,373

911 – 97,086

Non-emergency – 113,237

Admin – 114,050



Total CAD (computer aided dispatch) events for 2024: 125,877

Reports Only – 3,602

Self-Initiated – 47,277

Calls for service – 74,998



911 in the Community

Along with answering their 324,373 calls for service, our Dispatch team remains active in the community. From school visits, to local events like Fire Festival, to job fairs at Lamar University, Dispatch strives to educate Southeast Texas.

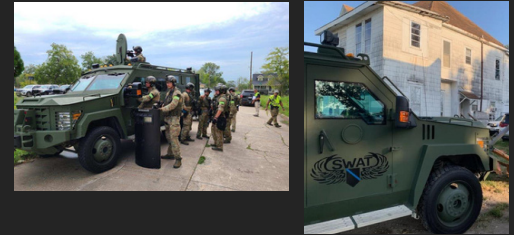


SWAT/ Hostage Negotiation



In 2024, the SWAT team conducted 30 high risk missions and members received 280 hours of specialty training.

The Beaumont Police Department SWAT team is a voluntary collateral duty. The 27 members assigned to SWAT go through an extensive selection process alongside their primary duty assignments throughout the department.



The SWAT team is also aided by an 11 member crisis negotiation team which responds to hostage/barricade situations. Both teams are subject to callouts 24 hours a day/365 days a year to respond to high-risk situations that require specialty training and equipment.

EM: Emergency Management

The Beaumont Police Department oversees and coordinates the city's Emergency Management program and management of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) under the direction of Mayor Roy West. Emergency Management prepares the City for a coordinated response to major events, emergencies, and disasters. Currently, recovery continues with five federally declared disasters and one state declared disaster (Imelda).

Highlights:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Facilitated 6 types of Community Outreach and provided resources or education to over 15,000 citizens.

PREPAREDNESS

- Participated in the regional emergency notification exercise to test the system and encourage cell phone registration.
- Hosted virtual and in-person training courses for city and regional members. ≈2000 students >15000 hours of training.
- Developed in-service training for personnel assigned to the EOC during an incident or disaster.



In 2024, Shaqueena Nobles was promoted to Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC). She formerly worked as Deputy EMC.

Emergency Management Continued...

RESPONSE

- Supported Mardi Gras, Gift of Life 5k, and Juneteenth.

RECOVERY

- Continues to work with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to facilitate the public assistance program, mitigation efforts, and the city's request for reimbursement for the associated costs of Tropical Storm Harvey, Tropical Storm Laura, Winter Storm Uri, and COVID.

FINANCE/GRANTS

- Applies for and manages new grants and grant awards
- Bills responsible parties for emergency response incidents involving hazmat and spills in accordance with state law.
- Organizes and facilitates major events that take place in the City.

PCR: Police Community Relations

The sergeant and three officers in Police Community Relations connect the police department with the community in many ways. These individuals serve as public information officers by communicating with the public and the media. These officers also facilitate the community outreach efforts of the Beaumont Police Department.

Accomplishments

- 4 Fun Day in the Park events – Interacting with hundreds of children and families
- Trunk or Treat – Drew over 5000 participants
- Santa In Blue – provided toys for over 500 children
- IEA Weekly Mentoring and Camp Brightstar
- Gift of Life Pink Patrol Car - 20 business appearances and over \$10,000 raised
- Citizens in Action group issued over \$150,000 in parking citations and added new members
- Organized Rotary ceremony to honor BPD units and officers
- Began programs at the Main Library on differing topics of law enforcement that the general public is interested in
- Over 25 site assessment and security walk-throughs for local businesses, along with instructing dozens of local business with BCRASE (Beaumont Citizens Response to Active Shooter Event)
- PCR attended over a dozen local fundraisers, promotions, and events. They consistently made special appearances to enhance the department's image and reach, as well as pursue positive community interactions throughout the city



2025 Goals

- Increase social media to improve community outreach and highlight accomplishments of our BPD units.
- Initiate a more proactive approach when communicating to media partners in both broadcast and print.
- Renew volunteer interest in the Citizens In Action volunteer program. This includes updating vehicles, uniforms, and implementing community interaction training for each member.
- Continue to provide support to neighborhood watches and encourage the Avenues area to add a neighborhood association to support the predominately Hispanic population.

Neighborhood Associations

PCR officers act as liaisons for all official neighborhood associations. The unit researches and provides call statistics and updates to each neighborhood association meeting weekly. This is a laborious task - pouring through print-outs and extracting calls that interest the association members. Officers in the unit continue to go above and beyond by initiating programs that fill the interests of the community.



Called the Neighborhood Watch of the 21st Century, the Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) is a city-wide initiative led by the Beaumont Police Department to enhance the safety of our citizens by responding to crime more quickly and efficiently. With crime a growing concern across the nation, the RTCC is a crucial tool to help level the playing field.

The most significant advancement in public policing since the invention of 911 and the most substantial technological improvement since computers were placed in police cars, citizens can expect to see a dramatic reduction in crimes and a notable increase in resolution rates.

In short, the Real-Time Crime Center is a game changer for public safety.



Though the facility was officially opened in July of 2024, the real crime-fighting work started with three officers in a conference room on January 22, 2024. Since that date, the Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) has grown:

- From 0 registered cameras to more than 2,800
- From 0 integrated cameras to more than 1,300
- From 6 stationary license plate readers to more than 100

The RTCC has assisted in more than 270 separate cases, ranging from arson to aggravated robbery to missing people. Through the targeted use of mobile license plate reader devices, over \$27,000 in City of Beaumont warrants have been served. The RTCC implemented a QR code system so that drivers can settle those warrants instead of going to jail - saving everyone time and saving the city money. Access to the Real-Time Crime Center systems has been given to all officers and dispatchers, so the RTCC is essentially never closed. Late at night and early in the morning, officers and dispatchers have used those systems to stop criminal activity, investigate crimes, and increase public safety.

Community participation has been key to the success of the RTCC. Several local businesses have integrated their surveillance cameras and some have installed license plate readers to their properties. Each business receives signage denoting that the location is monitored by the Beaumont Police Department Real-Time Crime Center.



On Thursday, July 18, 2024 the Beaumont Police Department hosted a ribbon cutting for the official grand opening of the Real Time Crime Center. This marked the culmination of several years of research and planning by our executive staff. City leaders, industry leaders, and early adopters of the RTCC Fusus system gathered to celebrate this huge step into the future for the department. The entire event was livestreamed for the public, so that anyone could celebrate the exciting moment with us.



Some notable integrated locations:

- Garth House - first integrated location
- SNS Grocery - first convenience store integration
- Thirsty's - first bar integration
- DuGood FCU - first bank/credit union integration
- All Saints Episcopal School - first primary school integration
- Lamar University - complete campus integration with license plate readers
- Beaumont Housing Authority - license plate readers on all properties
- Edison Plaza - rooftop public safety camera for roadways including the Purple Heart Memorial Bridge

This year will be another year of growth for the RTCC. There is another license plate reader deployment underway. Businesses are integrating every week. And all of the Beaumont Independent School District will be integrated in the coming months. Four crime analysts began training in early January, and we hope to have twelve hours of live monitoring seven days a week by March.

We appreciate all of our community partners and will do our best to make Beaumont a safer place to live, work, and shop. Finally, we truly appreciate all of our officers and civilian staff, without whom the Real-Time Crime Center cannot succeed. No piece of technology can keep our citizens safe without the hard work of the officers on the streets.

PATROL DIVISION



In 2024, Captain Chris Schuldt oversaw the Patrol Division. This is the largest division of the Beaumont Police Department and has an authorized strength of 188 police officers. This division consists of four patrol watches, the Traffic Unit and the Special Assignment Unit (SAU). Officers in this division service the approximately 115,000 Beaumont citizens 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The city covers an area of 85 sq. miles and more than 750 miles of roadway within the city limits, including segments of Interstate 10 and Highway 69.

K9 UNIT

The K-9 Unit currently has five K-9's and is staffed with one sergeant and four officers. The unit has two Belgian Malinois, one Dutch Shepherd, and two German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois mixes, all of which are dual trained on narcotics and patrol work. K-9 teams work 7 days a week. The teams have overlapping shifts in order to provide maximum coverage. During normal shifts, the K-9 teams interact and work directly with patrol officers by responding to all types of calls for service and providing an additional level of safety for officers.



K9 STATS:

- Answered 8,052 calls for service
- 393 Traffic contacts
- Responsible for 124 arrests
- Completed 201 Offense reports and investigative reports
- Responded to 283 alarms
- Conducted 3,975 building checks
- Conducted 137 Narcotic searches with 41 finds
- Conducted 66 tracks or area searches for fleeing subjects, locating 19
- Conducted 54 building searches for suspects
- Assisted in the seizure of \$580,243 in U.S. Currency
- Seized over 26.9 Grams of Cocaine and Crack Cocaine
- Seized over 1,577.27 grams of Methamphetamine
- Responsible for the seizure of 16 illegal firearms.
- Assisted SSD with all narcotics and high-risk search warrants
- Responded to all SWAT call outs
- K9 Unit was responsible for \$15,322 in city warrant arrests
- Assisted outside agencies throughout the area as needed
- Of the total arrest made by the K9 Unit, 65 were felony or drug related



Other K-9 abilities and tasks:

- Track fleeing suspects and alert officers prior to making contact
- Conduct building searches for hidden suspects
- Locate narcotic odor and provide probable cause for a search
- Train with SWAT and respond to all SWAT call outs
- Appear at community events, BPD's Citizens Police Academy, churches, schools and local libraries.
- Assist local, state and federal agencies in the area with both patrol and narcotics needs

SAU SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT UNIT

The Special Assignment Unit both gathers and analyzes intelligence. The goal of this unit is to identify and respond to high-crime areas. Furthermore, they work towards pin-pointing crime patterns.

- Calls for service - 892
- Traffic Stops - 468
- Arrests - 355
- Citations Issued - 186
- Offense Reports - 78
- City Warrant Arrest Total - \$76,113.68
- Drone Flights - 159



SAU 2024 HIGHLIGHT

Every year, members of SAU are assigned as bike patrol during YMBL South Texas State fair. Their purpose and mission during this time is the safety and security of all patrons entering the fair as well as the safety of all on the property of Ford Park. On Friday, March 29th, members of SAU observed two subjects acting suspicious and tried to contact them as they exited the fairgrounds. One subject began to evade from officers. While he was running, the suspect discarded an AR style rifle and a backpack that contained a pistol. The suspect was caught after a lengthy pursuit and placed under arrest.

He was later indicted federally and has since received a 48-month sentence in federal prison as well as three years supervised released after he serves his sentence. In total, five firearms were seized by SAU during the fair from multiple pedestrians stops.

SRT

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Beaumont Police Department's Special Response Team is a mobile field force team comprised of selected officers from throughout the department. SRT trains monthly in crowd control tactics and response. Officers assigned to SRT are trained in providing organized and rapid response to crowd control events and civil disorder.



PATROL WATCHES

The four patrol shifts includes four shift lieutenants, 22 sergeants, 110 officers, and one Sergeant Field Training Coordinator. These four patrol watches are further divided into three different zones in the city. Officers in these watches conduct proactive patrol and respond to calls for service throughout the City of Beaumont. First Watch patrols from 9:00pm to 7:30am, Second Watch patrols from 6:00am to 4:30pm, Third Watch patrols from 11:00am to 9:30pm, and Fourth Watch patrols from 4:00pm-2:30am. Calls that patrol responds to can range from criminal activity, to citizen concerns, to traffic related incidents and much more. These officers truly respond to every safety and law enforcement issue in Beaumont.



Along with the many calls that our patrol officers respond to during their shift, they make time to connect to the community.

Our officers are civil servants and make it their goal to support our city.

TRAFFIC UNIT

This unit enforces traffic laws, investigates all traffic related fatalities and follow-up investigations of hit and run crashes. The unit is responsible for wrecker and taxi inspections as well as parade permits.

- 19 fatalities
- 4,197 crashes
- 13,562 contacts
- 32 special events
- 170 DWI's
- 492 DOT inspections



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



In 2024, Captain Onafre Tyler oversaw the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). This division includes five lieutenants, nine sergeants, 41 officers, and 13 civilians. CID encompasses Auto Theft Task Force, Crime Scene Unit (ID), Family Violence, Narcotics/VICE, Persons Crimes, Property Crimes (Burglary, Fraud, and Theft), and Special Crimes.

ATTF

AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE



The Southeast Texas Auto Theft Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency unit. This unit specializes in Motor Vehicle Crime investigation. These crimes include auto theft, auto burglary, thefts of equipment, ATV's, motorcycles, trailers, boats and cargo thefts. The task force concentrates its efforts in identifying and arresting offenders and organized criminal rings involved in these crimes.

The task force covers four-counties: Jefferson, Hardin, Orange and Jasper counties. There are four investigators, a lieutenant and a sergeant from the Beaumont Police Department. There is one investigator from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and one investigator from the Port Arthur Police Department. Task Force personnel also conduct inspections of repair shops and salvage yards, as well as VTR68(A) inspections. These inspections are VIN inspections and are conducted to determine the identity of a motor vehicle or trailer to ensure that it is not stolen. There are many stolen vehicles recovered as a result of these inspections.

ATTTF CONTINUED:

In 2024, there were 298 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (UUMV) cases. This was down 26% from the 405 of 2023.

There were only three catalytic converter thefts in 2024

In 2024, there were 791 Burglary of a motor vehicle (BMV), which is down 10% from the 883 BMVs in 2023.

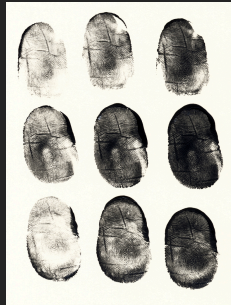
153 firearms were taken from vehicles, 137 from unlocked vehicles, which makes up 89%. 16 were taken with use of force.

"Bank jugging" or "jugging" is a type of robbery in which an offender follows a victim from a bank or other financial institution to their next location and demands money. In 2024, there were 18 juggings worth \$51,433.00



ID CRIME SCENE UNIT

The Crime Scene Unit is comprised of five highly-trained civilian crime scene technicians. With the supervision of a sergeant, these civilians work alongside detectives to document scenes, recover and process evidence, and provide additional aid in the investigations of all criminal offenses.



AFIS entries - 1,982

Positive Fingerprint Comparisons - 480

Members of the public fingerprinted - 354



NIBIN entries - 699

Calls for Service - 2,231

Leica Map360 scenes scanned - 50

FV FAMILY VIOLENCE UNIT

The Beaumont Police Department's Family Violence Unit is an investigative Unit that is assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division. This unit investigates all adult cases of domestic violence or family violence. These types of cases include, but are not limited to: murder, aggravated assault, strangulation assault cases, stalking cases, violation of protective order cases, terroristic threat, unlawful restraint, and misdemeanor assault.

FV CONTINUED:

The Family Violence unit consists of one sergeant, 5 investigators, and one civilian case specialist. Each investigator carries a significant case load. Due to the serious nature of domestic violence cases, each case is investigated to its fullest. Because of the sheer number of cases that they are assigned, this unit is consistently the busiest unit in CID. The Family Violence Unit works very closely with the Jefferson County Victim's Assistance. This agency, out of the DA's office, assists victims of family violence, and other crimes, through Crime Victim's Compensation. They also assist victims in getting protective orders to protect them from family violence. The unit also works closely with the Family Services of SE Texas, who operates the Beaumont Women's Shelter.

FV Stats

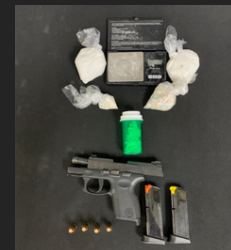
- 3,121 assigned cases
- 75 active cases
- 1,313 inactive
- 1,179 arrests
- 91 unfounded
- 815 exceptionally cleared



NARCOTICS AND VICE UNIT

Any violation or offense involving prostitution, gambling, or firearms is handled by this unit. The unit uses undercover buys of narcotics and surveillance to develop criminal cases.

- Total Search warrants executed: 106
- Narcotic Search warrants executed: 30
- Phone Search warrants executed: 49
- Vehicle Search warrants executed: 17
- Knock and Talks conducted: 22
- Guns Seized: 111
- Arrests: 178



- Crack Cocaine seized: 203.155 grams
- Cocaine seized: 2.42 pounds
- Marijuana seized: 139.76 pounds
- Synthetic Marijuana Seized: 15.34 pounds
- Meth Seized: 36.76 pounds
- Ecstasy Seized: 0
- Heroin Seized: 23 grams

PERSONS CRIMES UNIT

The Crimes Against Persons Unit is responsible for investigating crimes against the individual. This includes terroristic threats, assaults, robberies, and homicides. The unit is also responsible for investigating all unattended and suspicious deaths. In 2024, 20 homicides were investigated in the city of Beaumont. In these investigations, 13 resulted in arrests and murder charges and 6 were determined to be justified. In 2024, the unit also solved a notorious 1999 Missing Persons case. After 25 years, the remains of the victim were recovered and a suspect arrested and charged with murder.



PROPERTY CRIMES UNIT

The Property Crimes Unit investigates all residential and commercial burglaries, thefts, criminal mischiefs (acts of vandalism), criminal trespassing (unwanted individuals on property), and financial crimes (fraud, credit card abuse and identity theft). The structure of Property Crimes includes a lieutenant, 2 sergeants, ten detectives and 2 civilian case specialists. Detectives are assigned a variety of cases.

Two of the detectives also work with digital forensics obtaining evidence for the department to assist in the identification of these criminals and their successful prosecution. These detectives frequently attend classes and utilize highly specialized equipment. The advanced training and abilities of these investigators enable them to also assist other agencies in our area with similar investigations.

Civilian case specialists are responsible for a wide range of duties as well. They compile all the officer generated arrest cases to be submitted to the district attorney's office for prosecution. They are the main hub for the Criminal Investigations and patrol phone lines. They are tasked with many other duties for the daily running of Criminal Investigations.

In 2024 detectives assigned to property crimes conducted several operations for the recovery of stolen property and seized counterfeit items. Detectives, with the assistance from other units, gathered information and contacted those possessing the items or property. In these situations, stolen property and counterfeit items must be located and then recovered by detectives.

Also, during the course of normal investigations, detectives obtain search and arrest warrants to recover stolen property and bring those individuals to justice.

Property Stats

- Assigned Cases: 3,628
- Active cases: 177
- Inactive cases: 1,865
- Cases Cleared by Arrest: 1,322
- Unfounded: 100
- Exceptionally cleared: 244
- Amount of Recovered Property: \$4,783,451



SPECIAL CRIMES UNIT

The Special Crimes Unit of the Beaumont Police Department is an investigative unit of the Criminal Investigations Division. The function of this unit is to investigate all sex related crimes, crimes against children, and juvenile related crimes. Sex offender registration is also a part of this unit. Special Crimes consists of a lieutenant, two sergeants, 5 investigators, a civilian case specialist, and a civilian sex offender registrar. Each person is assigned cases to investigate. However, the detectives in this unit work in investigative teams of two detectives.

In this unit, the investigators work closely with the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office and its prosecutors. They also collaborate with The Garth House (a children's advocacy center), Texas DFPS (CPS), and many other victim's groups. They have a sergeant on the regional Child Fatality Team, a member of SART (Jefferson County Sexual Assault Response Team), and members of SE Texas Alliance Against Trafficking. Special Crimes detectives take an active role in outreach and education by speaking to various public and civic groups.



Special Crimes Stats

- Assigned cases: 1,604
- Active cases: 118
- Inactive Cases: 256
- Arrests: 327
- Unfounded: 377
- Exceptionally cleared: 513

COLD CASES

PERSONS CRIMES UNIT

Over the past few years, our Persons Crimes Unit has set their efforts on re-opening cold cases. With modern technology and fresh eyes, the unit has found great success.

Mary Catherine Edwards

On January 14, 1995, Mary Catherine Edwards was discovered deceased by her parents, in her West End home. She was found handcuffed, and the investigation revealed she had been sexually assaulted and strangled. An exhaustive investigation began, but ultimately went cold. In January 2021, a new technique called Investigative Genetic Genealogy was used to develop a suspect. Ultimately, Clayton Bernard Foreman was identified and arrested for the murder of Mary Catherine Edwards. He was taken into custody in Franklin County, Ohio.

Much of this cold case investigation can be credited to Det. Aaron Lewallen and Det. Tina Lewallen.



In March 2024 was Foreman was sentenced to life in prison.

Kimberly Langwell



The 1999 disappearance of Kimberly Langwell remained unsolved for 24 years until a recent re-opening of the cold case led to an arrest. In 2023, new detectives began to comb through evidence, leads, tips, and re-interview all family members, friends, and potential witnesses in the case. The investigative process was even documented on the Oxygen Channel's hit television show, Cold Justice (season 7, episode 7). As circumstantial evidence began to develop on a prime suspect, detectives brought the case before the Jefferson County Grand Jury in April 2024 where nearly a dozen witnesses were subpoenaed for their testimony. The case broke wide open when detectives zeroed in on a person of interest that they believed was a key witness to providing information about what happened to Langwell.





Through investigation, a promising lead was obtained from the witness that led detectives to executing a search warrant on the suspect's property. An expansive search of the suspect's property began on June 10th, 2024. With equipment and resources provided by Texas EquuSearch and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), a burial site within the suspect's home was eventually located. A 13 hour excavation process ultimately led to the full recovery of Kimberly Ann Langwell's remains on June 13th, 2024. On the same day, an arrest warrant was obtained for Terry Rose for the offense of Murder. Rose was taken into custody and is currently awaiting judicial proceedings; all suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



An enormous team effort and assistance was provided by Lt. J. Sliger, Sgt. Tamayo, Det. H. Wilson, Beaumont Police Department sworn personnel, BPD ID Crime Scene Unit, SWAT, Special Assignment Unit (SAU), Traffic Unit, Public Relations Department, FBI, ATF, Texas EquuSearch, City of Beaumont Public Works, Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, Jefferson County Grand Jury, Cold Justice team, Forensic Medical Services, University of North Texas, Jefferson County Regional Crime Lab, and most importantly; the loved ones of Kimberly Langwell. After 25 years without her, Kimberly Langwell's family was able to provide her with a proper funeral service and burial in October 2024.



Fun Days in the Park

With the goal of connecting to individual communities within the city, BPD hosted four Fun Days in the Park in 2024. On Sunday afternoons during the summer, our officers and civilians set up games, activities, and provide sno-cones in parks throughout Beaumont. This program is one of the best ways to show children that the police officers care and are there to help.



Trunk or Treat

BPD Trunk or Treat is the largest Cops and Kids event of the year. It grows year after year, typically hosting between 3,000-6,000 attendees of all ages! This event draws citizens from across Southeast Texas who are looking for a safe, fun, Halloween experience for their children.



Santa in Blue

For over 30 years, BPD's Blue Santa program has brought joy to children by providing gifts during the holiday season. The mission continues to focus on supporting children in need while building positive relationships between officers and the community. Generous donations make it possible for BPD to shop for families and ensure their kids experience a truly special Christmas. The Blue Santa Send-Off remains a highlight of the year!







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