

The Beaumont Police Department



Annual Report

2021

A word from Chief Singletary

Over the past few years, our officers and civilians have endured one of the most trying times in law enforcement's history. We have suffered through the loss of one of our own: Officer Sheena Yarbrough-Powell. The Beaumont Police Department is still dealing with the sadness of her death. Recently, American law enforcement has dealt with many cities wanting to reform, defund, or disband their police departments. In general, the Beaumont Police Department is blessed with amazing support from our city leaders and citizens. We know that we must earn the support and trust of our community, and we make that our top priority. We want citizens to know that their safety and well-being are our top priority. We have many programs designed with that goal in mind. Through our Cops and Kids program, we aim to help children realize that we are the good guys and we're here to help. We design our community initiatives with the aim of establishing relationships. By getting our citizens on board, we can make Beaumont safer. Beaumont Police Department's officers and civilians will continue the mission of building relationships and serving our community.



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Our Mission

Our mission is to serve our community with integrity, fairness and respect.

Our Pledge

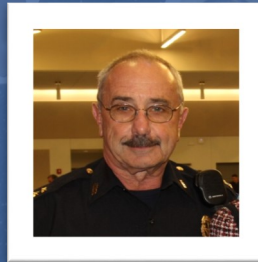
We pledge to work in partnership with our community to improve the quality of life, to provide for the protection of life and property, to reduce the occurrence and fear of crime, and to tirelessly pursue those who violate the law. We pledge to serve our community with courtesy. We pledge to continue to develop and promote a diverse and professional workforce and to develop leaders for tomorrow in order to provide the highest quality public service.

Our Code of Values

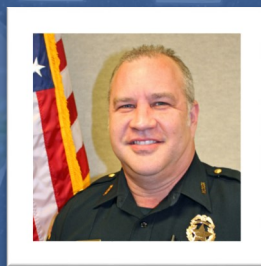
We value integrity. It is the foundation of all we do, upon which public trust and confidence is built. We value accountability. We are accountable to the public, to the department, and to each other. We value respect. We respect our citizens and ourselves. We value fairness. The principle that all are equal under the law guides our exercise of authority.



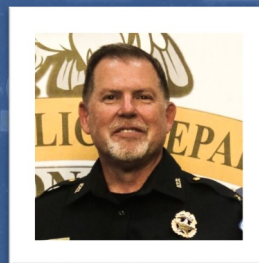
COMMAND STAFF



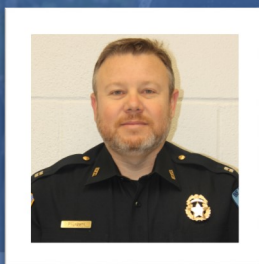
Chief
James Singletary



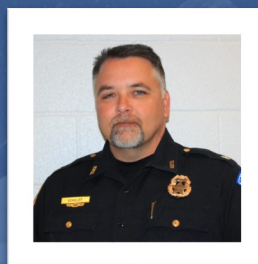
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Wayne Jeffcoat



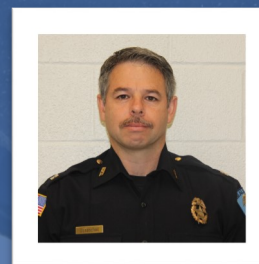
Assistant Chief
Jim Clay



Captain
Jason Plunkett



Captain
Chris Schuldt



Captain
Tim Ocnaschek

NEW HIRES

Sworn Personnel

Officer Matthew Balsizer	Officer Dereck Jennische
Officer Reginald Boseman	Officer Elisha Jones
Officer Andrew Collins	Officer Ryan Levy
Officer Brennon Davis	Officer Dylan Mathis
Officer Eric Elliot	Officer Benjamin Moore
Officer Dakota Gaines	Officer Craig Murphy
Officer James Greeson	Officer Jeremiah Reichert
Officer Mark Hall	Officer Sheldon Reid
Officer John Harrell	Officer Joshua Reuscher
Officer Jacolby Hatcher	Officer Alex Sikes
Officer Logan Ishee	Officer Travis Simpson
Officer Michael Tamayo	



Civilian Personnel

Sabrina Callesto - 911 Dispatch
Jillian Cassity — Emergency Management
Martha Franklin — Records
Amanda Meaux — Criminal Investigation Division
Emma Nelson — Community Relations
Lauren Ocnashek — Records
Jeff Phillips — Emergency Management
Karleigh Price — Property
Bailey Wilson - 911 Dispatch



NOTEWORTHY CHANGES

Retirees

Officer Louis Matthews 39 yrs., 3 mo.	Sergeant Michael Custer 21 yrs., 3 mo.
Officer David Apple 32 yrs.	Cheryl Ridinger 28 yrs., 9 mo.
Officer Jimmy Bartley 27 yrs., 8 mo.	Roxanne Stafford 26 yrs., 6 mo.

Promotions

One new Sergeant and two new Specialists



CRIME AND CLEARANCE RATES

CITY OF BEAUMONT, TX
FBI REPORTED CRIMES 2021

VIOLENT CRIME	Total	Clearances
Murder	18	11
Negligent Homicide	0	0
Rape	88	11
Robbery	235	56
Aggravated Assault	1,163	483
PROPERTY CRIME		
Burglary	867	139
Theft	2,402	247
Auto Theft	375	81

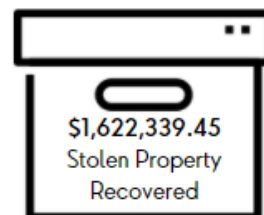
The BPD Excels

Average Murder Clearance Rate:
National - 54%
Beaumont PD - 61%

Average Auto-theft Clearance Rate:
National - 12%
Beaumont PD - 22%

NOTEWORTHY IN 2021

By the Numbers



Fiscal Responsibility

The Beaumont Police Department commits to stewarding taxpayer dollars well. Through disciplined fiscal management, in 2021, BPD provided year-round, 24/7 police services at a cost below the amount budgeted by city leaders.

In Fiscal Year 2022 (beginning 10/1/2021 and ending 9/30/2022), the budget for the Police Department is \$42,488,800. This comes out to 30.4% of the \$139,895,900 city budget. The Police Department is one of the largest departments in the city; with 260 sworn personnel and 64 full-time civilian employees.

Approximately 90% of the department budget is spent on personnel salaries and benefits. The budget is managed by Budget Manger, Lieutenant Kelvin Wilson.

Honor Guard



During 2021, the Honor Guard participated in many events across the country. They appeared at the Beaumont PD Police Memorial, the Texas Police Memorial in Austin and the National Police Memorial in Washington D.C.



4	Flag presentations at retiree funerals
2	Outside agency line-of-duty-death funerals
2	Colors posted for dignitary visits. Governor Abbott and Texas Speaker of the House, Dade Phelan

Internal Affairs

This unit investigates all formal complaints filed against Beaumont police officers. Texas law specifies complaints against officers must be submitted in writing, and must be signed by the complainant. Additionally, the unit also gathers and presents for review evidence in all incidents involving use of force, police vehicle accidents, and administrative inquiries.

Property and 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. The total intake of items was 11,247. The unit destroyed 933 items. Contraband, abandoned property, and items with unknown owners are among the items approved for destruction. When items are seized, they are due to be destroyed or (more rarely) used within the police department. 119 items were seized in 2021. 611 items were released back to their rightful owner.

Records Unit

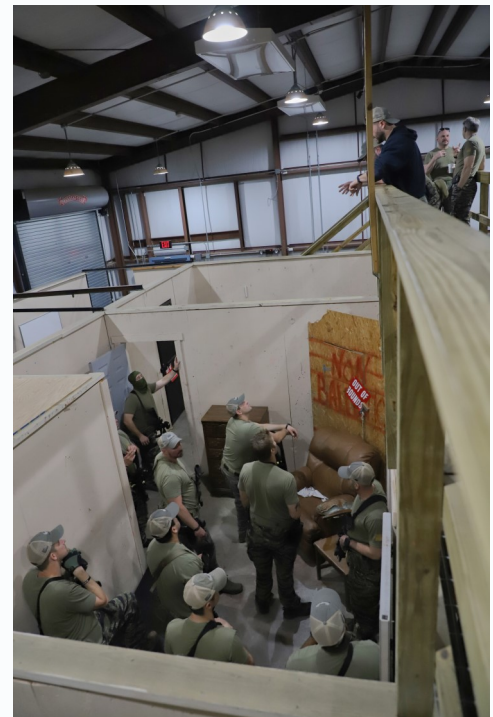
The Records Unit processes, files and maintains police reports, and generates the monthly crime statistics filed with the Department of Justice. In 2021, the Beaumont Police Department began reporting statistics under the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) guidelines. Additionally, the unit manages Tele-Serve reports, offense 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 fills all Freedom of Information (open records) requests.

Teleserve Reports: 2,004	Tresspass Affidavits: 99	Protective Orders: 188
Open Records/ Subpoena: 7,600	New Alarm Permits Issued: 755	Alarm Renewals: 5,709



SWAT and Hostage Negotiation

Along with their regular duties within the Beaumont Police Department, 26 officers commit to extra training and physical fitness requirements to serve on the SWAT team. This team is on 24 hour call to assist officers in high-threat situations. SWAT is also aided by the 11 member negotiation team that responds to hostage/barricade situations. The vast majority of their calls for service are resolved peacefully.



Training and Personnel

In order to have the most professional and highly-trained officers possible, this department exceeds the minimum training requirement set forth by Texas state standards. In 2021, they covered 160 topics. Between classroom instruction at the station and tactical training, 1,576 officers from the Beaumont Police Department and regional agencies received 25,937 hours of training. They also hosted two Lamar Institute of Technology Interns for the law enforcement intern program.

POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Media and Community Outreach

The Police Community Relations (PCR) Unit is the center for media relations, community outreach, and volunteer programs. PCR officers are also mental health liaisons with Spindletop Center — Southeast Texas’ community mental health center. PCR officers are also contacts for both the neighborhood associations and crime stoppers program.

Throughout 2021, the PCR Unit engaged with the community while adapting constantly to the shifting landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic. They educated the public through trainings and public presentations to a wide variety of groups. Through media partners and social media efforts, PCR provided transparent communication and kept the community well informed. Media platforms continued to prove valuable as they resulted in tips that solved cases and identified subjects.



Cops and Kids

PCR held three Fun Day in the Park events at Alice Keith Park, Central Park, and Magnolia Park. These events work to build stronger relationships with the community and area neighborhoods. The annual Trunk or Treat event had a successful turnout of more than 2,500 community members. Furthermore, PCR impacted the community through Santa in Blue, Beaumont Police Explorers, Beaumont Police Museum and the School Reading Project (K-2nd Grade)



“Our vision is to interact with the community on a more personal level by initiating positive interactions. In 2021, we made over 800 Community Relations proactive contacts separate from our events and community programs. Our Unit also mitigated 33 special complaints that required further investigation and special attention.”
- Sgt. Cody Guedry

Volunteers

Volunteers came through in a big way!
The year would not have been so successful without them.

TAKE A LOOK:

Total volunteer hours: 927
Total # of volunteers serving: 47
Total large scale events assisted with in 2021: 8+

CITIZEN'S IN ACTION

Total # of hours patrolled: 23.5
Total cost of citations: \$26,500.00

Total cost saved by volunteers: \$19,010.00



43,000+ FOLLOWERS

3,200 FOLLOWERS



2,200 FOLLOWERS

875 SUBSCRIBERS



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION



Mental Health

There are 52 officers who are Certified Mental Health Peace Officers. These Mental Health Officers conduct weekly follow-ups and wellness checks on previous Emergency Detention Orders. During these follow-ups, officers ride along with a Qualified Mental Health Professional and provide assistance to these citizens with mental health disorders.



Office of Emergency Management

The Beaumont Police Department oversees and coordinates the City's Emergency Management (EM) program and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

2021 brought many new factors to the Office of Emergency Management. The office welcomed a new Administrative Assistant and EM Specialist. The office saw the appointment of a new director of Emergency Management with the new Mayor, Robin Mouton.

Response:

- Provided logistical and operational support for Covid-19 vaccination, infusion and testing centers.
- Responded to Winter Storm Uri from February 13-17 and Tropical Storm Nicholas from September 9-14.

Training & Exercise:

- Taught 33 courses to 374 participants. In all, 2,586 hours of training for City and Regional personnel.
- Worked with FEMA, federal, state, and regional agencies to complete an emergency plan for complex terrorist attacks.

Recovery:

- Facilitated financial recovery from tropical storm Harvey (DR4332), tropical storm Imelda (appeal pending), Covid-19 (DR4485), Hurricane Laura (DR4572), and Winter Weather (DR4556)
- \$119,000 total reimbursement for four major events and nine hazardous material incidents

Community Outreach:

- Provided tours of the Emergency Operations Center
- Provided community awareness programs through avenues such as Citizen's Police Academy, Lamar University's Practicum in Policing, Clergy and Police Partnership. Also hosted four LIT students for the Regional EM Internship program.
- Assisted the Gift of Life Program

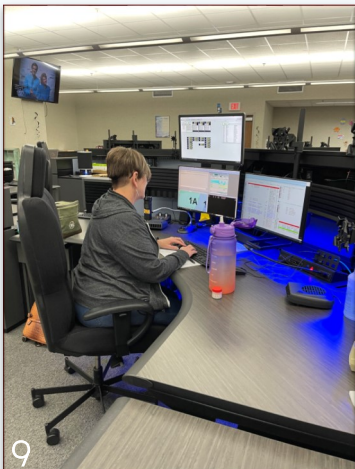


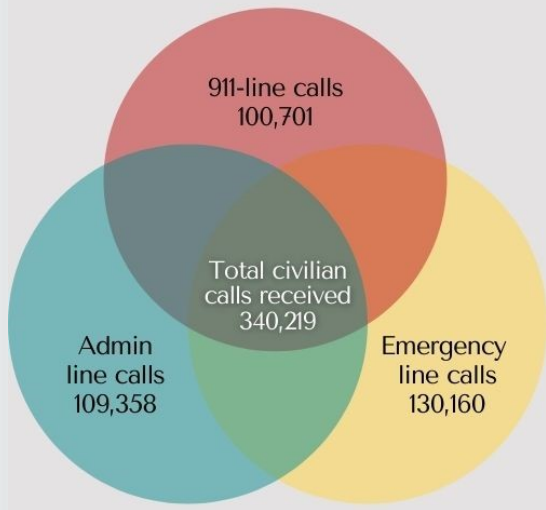
911 Operations

Training:

- Trained 30 Dispatch personnel in on-line in-service training; totaling 8,640 hours.
- Provided an additional 840 hours of specialty training to 105 tele-communicators and officers from Beaumont and regional agencies. Some notable topics included: The Resilient Dispatcher, When High Impact Calls have Impact, Being the Best, Basic Instructor, Hostage Negotiation, Texas Crime Information Center /Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System.
- Reimbursed \$28,000 for training and equipment from South East Texas Regional Planning Commission.

911 Operations Center installed new console furniture. Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission committed to reimburse this project.





Total police service calls entered into (CAD) Computer Aided Dispatch: 131,895

Entered and dispatched by 911 center - 83,638

Self-initiated by officers - 38,672

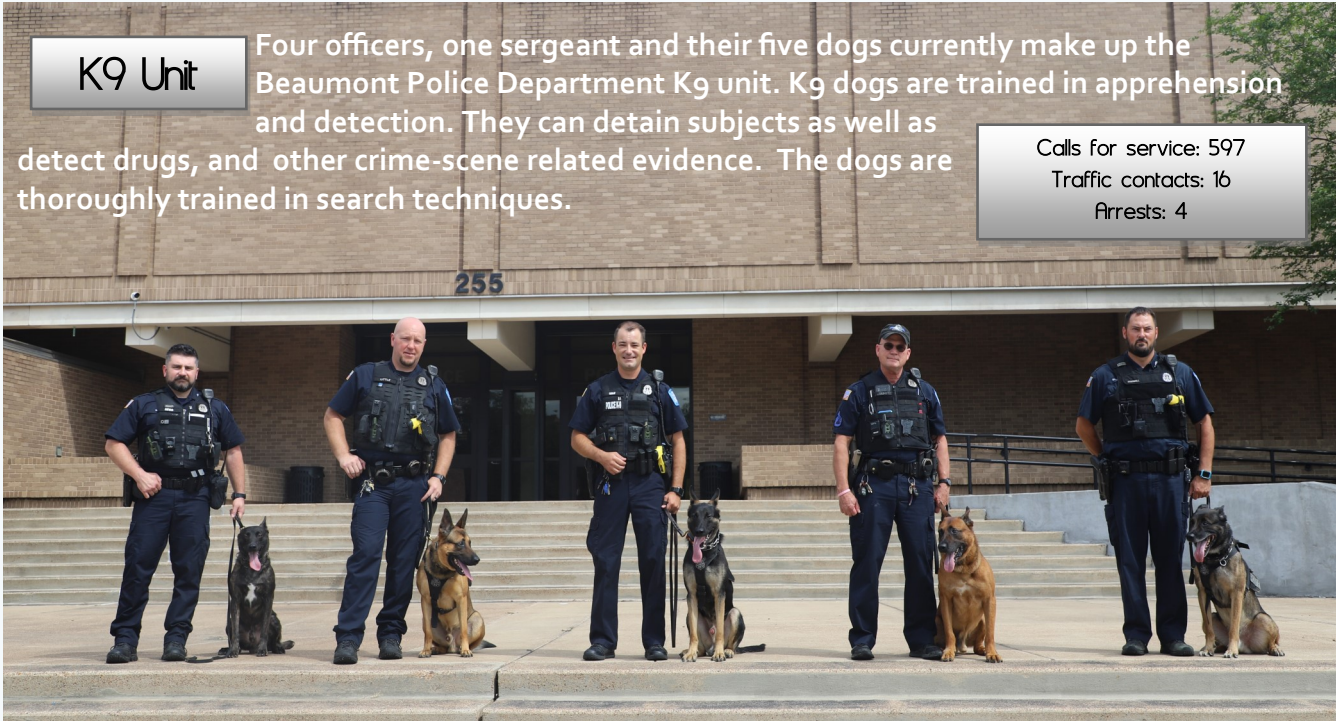
Report-only calls - 5,093

Calls for identification - 4,492

PATROL DIVISION

Intelligence-Led Policing

Information shared with local, state and federal law-enforcement agencies enables the Beaumont Police Department to effectively combat and solve crime. Intelligence-led policing is an approach based on improved intelligence operations, community-oriented policing and problem solving. Partnerships with other agencies provide tools to identify, dismantle and prosecute crime rings that might otherwise require overly complex investigations. The department currently maintains working relationships with these agencies:



K9 Unit

Four officers, one sergeant and their five dogs currently make up the Beaumont Police Department K9 unit. K9 dogs are trained in apprehension and detection. They can detain subjects as well as detect drugs, and other crime-scene related evidence. The dogs are thoroughly trained in search techniques.

Calls for service: 597
Traffic contacts: 16
Arrests: 4

Traffic Unit

This unit enforces traffic laws, investigates all traffic related fatalities and follow-up investigation of hit and run crashes. The unit is responsible for wrecker and taxi inspections as well as parade permits. In 2021, the Traffic Unit had 40 callouts: 25 fatality crashes resulting in 28 deaths, 9 homicide scenes, 5 crashes with no fatalities, 1 assist of another agency (with DPS on fatality crash).

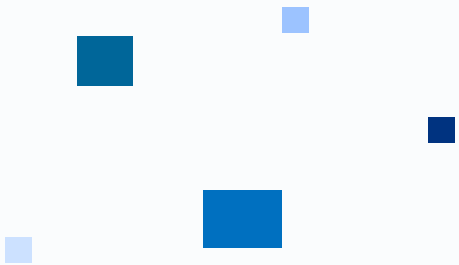


Citations: 11,443
 Crashes: 3,013
 Warrant Collections: \$191,635.76
 Cases filed: 230
 Funeral and Special Escorts: 22
 Special Events: 12

Traffic Officers

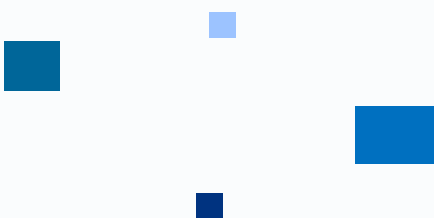


Motorcycle Officers



Special Assignments Unit

The Special Assignments 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.



The four watches patrol city streets and answer calls for service throughout Beaumont.



FIRST WATCH
9:00pm-7:30am



SECOND WATCH
6:00am-4:30pm



THIRD WATCH
11:00am-9:30pm



FOURTH WATCH
4:00pm-2:30am

PATROL DIVISION

Criminal Investigation Division

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Auto-theft task force



Through a collaboration of jurisdictions and agencies, this unit covers the areas of Jefferson, Orange, Hardin, and Jasper Counties. The task force investigates auto-related crimes and attempts to identify local, regional and statewide crime trends. Through the involvement of the Beaumont Police Department, the Port Arthur Police Department, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, and the Hardin County Sheriff's Office, the task force encourages public awareness about auto theft prevention.

Cases assigned: 1,549



Crime Scene Unit (ID)

This unit is comprised of five highly trained civilian crime scene technicians. With the supervision of a Sergeant, these civilians work alongside detectives to document, collect evidence, and aid in investigation of criminal offenses. The unit also houses the regional AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Information System) terminal.

Calls to the field: 4,474

AFIS entries: 278

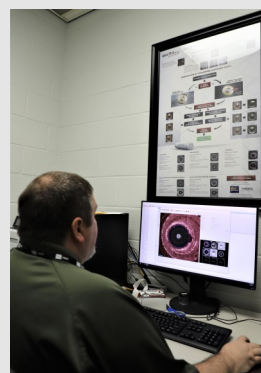
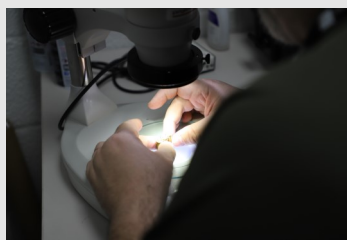


NIBIN—National Integrated Ballistic Information Network

Similar to a person's fingerprint, guns leave behind unique markings on bullet casings. NIBIN scans these markings and imprints to attempt to link cases and identify suspects. As soon as the Property unit obtains a casing, the ID unit has 48 hours to enter those casings into NIBIN. When a gun is confiscated, ID also enters the casings from test-fire rounds shot with the gun by Beaumont officers. The more entries into NIBIN, the stronger the database becomes. In 2021, Beaumont ID unit entered 500 casings, resulting in 95 leads.



Port Arthur Police Department and ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) also utilize Beaumont Police Department's NIBIN system. Any agency is welcome, as long as they are trained. Recently, two ID civilians were certified as NIBIN trainers. They are beginning to train the other ID employees at BPD.



Family Violence Unit

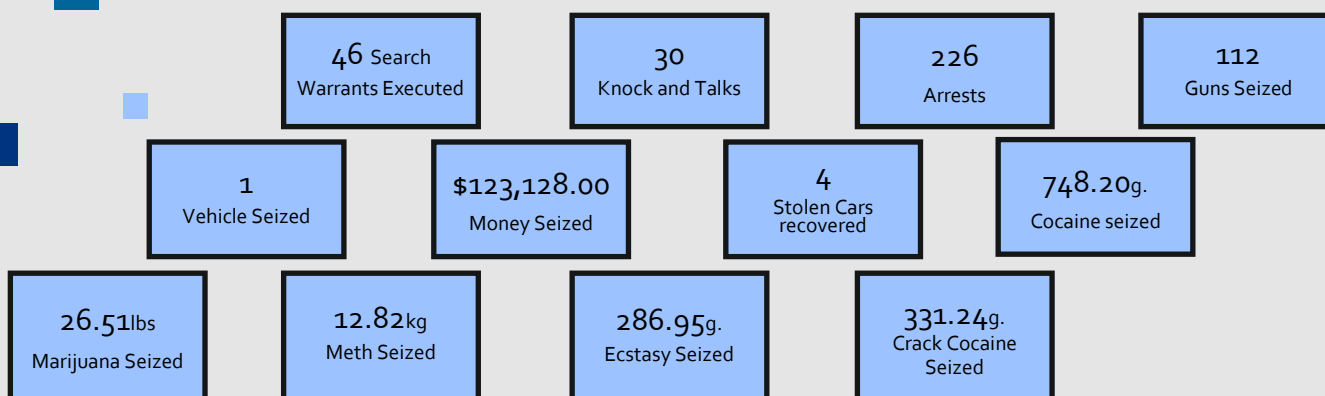
This unit investigates domestic violence cases. Detectives within this unit work with families to break the cycle of domestic abuse. Through working with various agencies like Family Services of Southeast Texas and Jefferson County Crime Victim's Assistance, they help victims and families develop strategies to escape and avoid abusive situations in the future.

Cases assigned in 2021: 2,858



Narcotics/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.



Property Crimes Unit

This unit investigates stolen or damaged property. Three sub-units function within the Property Crimes Unit: Burglary, Financial Crimes, and Theft and Criminal Mischief.

Burglary investigates both residential and commercial burglaries where a building is entered without permission to commit theft or other offenses. They were assigned 336 cases in 2021.

Financial Crimes investigates credit card abuse, identity theft, and counterfeit/forged checks and currency. They were assigned 646 cases in 2021.

Theft and Criminal Mischief investigates crimes where property is stolen or damaged. They were assigned 1,163 cases in 2021.

Special Crimes Unit

This unit investigates all crimes committed against and by juveniles aged 16 and under. These detectives also investigate all sex crimes involving both juveniles and adults. The unit is responsible for the registration and compliance of 740 sex offenders in the Beaumont area. The unit partners with many local agencies including the Garth House, Southeast Texas Alliance Against Trafficking, Harvest House, Child Protective Services, and other local law enforcement.

Cases assigned in 2021: 1,548



All eyes on:

Persons Crimes Unit

The Persons Crimes Unit handles all violent crimes against persons 17 and older.

Store robberies

Missing persons cases

Assaults

Robberies of individuals

(Some of what they handle:

Critical missing

Bank robberies

Aggravated Assaults

Home invasion robberies

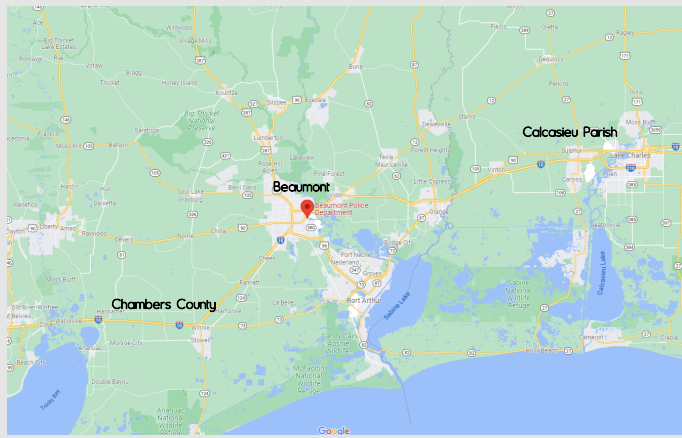
Terroristic Threats

Harassment

Detectives are assigned to all persons-related crimes, even when there is no known actor/suspect. This also includes homicides and officer-involved shootings.

In 2021, there were 18 homicides in the city of Beaumont. Of the 18, 14 of these were investigated by the Persons Crimes unit.

During the year, the Persons Crimes unit also investigated several older cases. Two of the cases solved were from the year 2020. One victim was recovered in Chambers County. The other involved a mother and her unborn child, who were found in Calcasieu Parish, LA.



Another prominent case that was brought to a close was the 1994 murder of a local school teacher. Through DNA genealogy, a suspect was tracked down in Ohio, arrested, and extradited. Detectives in the Persons Crimes unit are responsible for investigating some of the most heinous of crimes. They are relentless in their investigations, as shown by their accomplishments in 2021. The Beaumont Police Department is proud of the Persons Crimes unit.



Criminal Investigation





2021 Police Memorial



National Peace Officer's Memorial Day occurs every year during National Police Week in May. This week recognizes law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

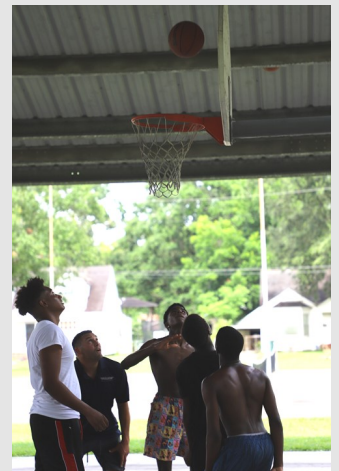


NOTEWORTHY MOMENTS



Fun days at the park

Throughout the year, the Beaumont Police Department set up in local parks to reach out to the community. These pop-up events enable the department to focus on connecting with individual neighborhoods throughout the city





Trunk-Or-Treat





Over 2,500 Southeast Texas residents participated in the annual Trunk-Or-Treat. Community members gathered treats as they looked at and learned about various first-responder vehicles, equipment and programs.



NOTEWORTHY MOMENTS



Santa in Blue...





Throughout the year, officers nominate families-in-need for the Santa in Blue program. Through generous donations, those families can then receive toys and a visit from Blue Santa himself.

In 2021 the Santa in Blue program served 72 families and 300 children in Beaumont.



...And all the rest





NOTEWORTHY MOMENTS

