

# BEAUMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



SERVING WITH INTEGRITY, FAIRNESS, AND RESPECT

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# CHIEF'S MESSAGE

The Beaumont Police Department faced many challenges in 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest, and three hurricanes were some of the challenges, but none of these would end up comparing to the devastating loss of one of our own. The pain of the tragic line-of-duty death of Officer Sheena Yarbrough-Powell will never actually disappear, but Sheena herself would be proud of the way her co-workers have continued on. The men and women of the Police Department served our community with integrity, fairness, and respect.

As COVID-19 spread across the nation, officers faced difficult working conditions while serving the public. Police personnel were also integral to Beaumont's emergency management response, assisting in establishing partnerships among local officials, businesses, schools, medical personnel, and others. Everyone worked together, utilizing protective gear and technology on an increasing scale through virtual meetings, continuing to serve while attempting to reduce the spread of the virus. Departmental personnel remain active in preparation for distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine in 2021.

Communities across the nation saw a rise in demonstrations, protests, and civil unrest. In Beaumont, people gathered peacefully to express their thoughts and opinions. The Beaumont Police Department is committed to maintaining positive relationships with our community and local civic organizations. I believe these successful relationships are one reason the City of Beaumont emerged from this period of unrest without negative impacts. The department's highly valued community trust remains intact.

The Beaumont Police Department always plans and prepares for weather events. Unfortunately, we experienced an active hurricane season. Personnel responded and served during hurricanes Marco, Laura, Delta, and Cristobal. Pre-existing plans include the ability to safely house our personnel, allowing them to not only continue with traditional police duties but to also engage in extraordinary operations to ensure safety and protection of our citizens.

Officer Sheena Yarbrough-Powell was one of the brightest stars at the Beaumont Police Department. Her tragic death on August 9th devastated not only her family, but also her police family and local communities. As we mourned the loss, neighboring police departments and others from miles away came together to honor her. On August 15th, thousands of community members lined the streets to pay tribute to our fallen hero. She was taken from us far too soon.

The year 2020 brought us unique challenges and heartache. I strongly believe that adversity is an opportunity to build character. The members of the Beaumont Police Department have shown their strength of character in every instance. I am proud to serve as your Chief of Police and honored to work alongside the talented men and women of this agency. The department's annual report is only a small glimpse of the hard work these individuals put forth. Their dedication is the reason why the citizens of Beaumont trust the Police Department to serve this community. They have truly set the tone for success in 2021 and years to come.

James P. Singletary  
Chief of Police



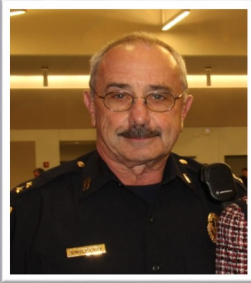
James P. Singletary  
Chief of Police

Appointed by City Council in September, 2011



50 Years of Service

# Command Staff



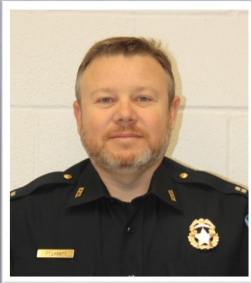
**Police Chief  
James Singletary**



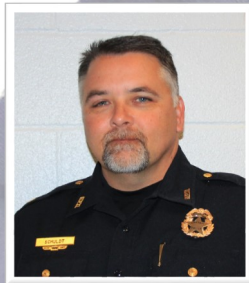
**Assistant Chief  
Wayne Jeffcoat**



**Assistant Chief  
Jim Clay**



**Captain  
Jason Plunkett**



**Captain  
Chris Schuldt**



**Captain  
Tim Ocnaschek**



## 2020 New Hires

### SWORN PERSONNEL

**Officer Justin Flanagan  
Officer Sidney Gomez  
Officer Zachary Guidry**

**Officer Nathan Hodges  
Officer Jose Jasso  
Officer Erika Saucedo**

### CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

**Autumn Boseman - Dispatcher  
Dylan Champagne - Dispatcher  
Morgan Brown - Dispatcher**

**Charlie Cox - Emergency Management Assistant  
Jessica Roche - Records Technician**

# BY THE NUMBERS

**4,888**

ARRESTS

(338 JUVENILE ARRESTS)

**193**

DUI ARRESTS

**358**

VICE/NARCOTIC ARRESTS

**37,489**

OFFICER-INITIATED

CALLS FOR SERVICE

**2,681**

CRASH REPORTS

**110,718**

CALLS FOR SERVICE

**\$4,078,322**

STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED

# CRIME AND CLEARANCE RATES

CITY OF BEAUMONT, TEXAS		
	FBI REPORTED CRIMES	CLEARANCES
<b>VIOLENT CRIME:</b>		
Murder	20	14
Negligent Homicide	0	0
Rape	76	18
Robbery	301	76
Aggravated Assaults	1059	408
<b>PROPERTY CRIME:</b>		
Burglary	951	113
Theft	2522	479
Auto Theft	358	86
Arson	21	0

# FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Beaumont Police Department is committed to being a good steward of taxpayer dollars. Through disciplined fiscal management in 2020, we provided year-round 24/7 police services at a cost below the amount budgeted by city leaders.

In Fiscal Year 2021 (beginning 10/1/2020 and ending 9/30/2021) the Police Department budget is \$41,180,600, which is 31.2% of the city's general fund budget of \$131,940,700. The Police Department is one of the largest departments in the city with 260 sworn personnel and 64 full-time civilian employees.

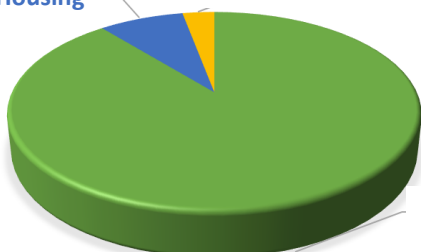
Approximately 90% of the department budget is spent on personnel salaries and benefits. The budget is managed by Budget Director, Lieutenant Kelvin Wilson.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

### OPERATIONAL COST:

Fleet, Technology & Prisoner Housing

Supplies, Equipment & Training



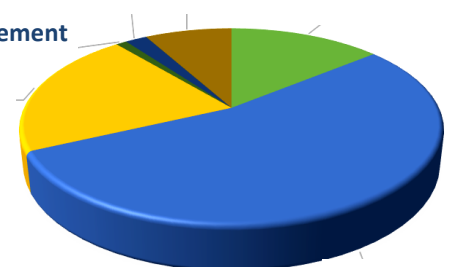
Salary & Benefits

Emergency Management

Criminal Investigation

911 Operations

Administration



Field Operations

# ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration Division works to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the department by providing support services to both operations and mission critical activities of the agency. Units that operate in administrative capacities include:

- Training & Personnel
- Internal Affairs
- Property & Evidence Unit
- Records Unit
- Police Community Relations Unit
- Honor Guard & Rifle Team
- Emergency Management
- 911 Call Center
- Department Wide Tactical Units

## *Training & Personnel*

Training is vital to ensure that the Police Department has the most professional and highly trained officers possible. This unit provides training that exceeds minimum training requirements set forth by state standards and covered 74 topics of curriculum during 2020. 10,238 hours of training were provided to officers. This unit also manages a police intern program.

## *Internal Affairs*

The Internal Affairs Unit of the Police Department investigates complaints filed against officers by citizens. The unit also investigates all incidents involving use of force, vehicle accidents, and administrative complaints. They also receive compliments typically from informal phone calls or letters from citizens as well as Positive Performance Recognition letters from officers supervisors.

## *Property & Evidence Unit*

The Property and Evidence Unit is responsible for the security and preservation of evidence that has been recovered as a result of criminal investigation. The unit is also responsible for the storage and disposal by court order of found property as well as safekeeping of property where the owner is known. In addition, they maintain all uniforms and accessories needed for the departments sworn personnel.



## *Records Unit*

The Records Unit processes, files, maintains police reports, and generates the monthly crime statistics filed with the Department of Justice. In addition, they manage our Tele Serve reporting function, complete offense reports, handle case protective orders, and file trespass affidavits. The unit also permits all commercial and residential burglar alarms, processes false alarms, and sets up new accounts. Another important task performed by the unit is filling Freedom of Information (Open Records) requests. The team processed many pieces of information to include:

Tele-Serve Reports: 1,843  
Protective Orders: 156  
Trespass Affidavits: 95

Open Record Requests: Approximately 7,700  
New Alarm Permits: 875

# POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Police Community Relations Unit had a challenging task due to the COVID-19 pandemic; however, despite many challenges, officers utilized innovative ways to stay in touch with the community. The ultimate goal is to educate the public and keep our community safe. Media partners are important in educating the public about crime prevention and personal safety.

## *Citizen Training Programs*

The PCR Unit conducts a variety of training courses available to citizens who are interested in how law enforcement works, who may be considering a career in law enforcement, or who seek opportunities to volunteer in Police Department projects. These training programs include:

- Citizen's Police Academy (CPA)
- Clergy and Police Partnerships (CAPP)
- Practicum in Policing (PIP)
- Citizens in Action (CIA)



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 2,120 Followers



*Cops & Kids Program*

## *Public Safety Presentations & Community Outreach*

Educating the public is one of the most important tasks of the PCR Unit. The unit conducts several public safety workshops covering topics such as personal safety, community response to active shooter, fraud, and much more.



Cops and Kids Beaumont is a proactive initiative of the department that promotes personal safety, crime prevention, leadership, ethics, and civic duty for area youth through different programs. These programs include:

- Cops and Kids Halloween Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat
- Santa in Blue
- Beaumont Police Explorers - Post 730
- Beaumont Police Headquarters Museum
- School Reading Project (K - 2nd grade)







## MEET BOZZY

Bozzy is a local rescue that is utilized as the department's mascot. He is often found accompanying one of our officers during community events. If you see him, be sure to say hello and smile for a picture!

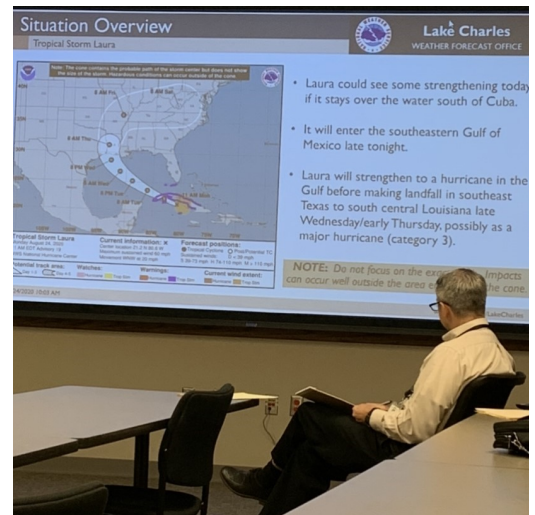
**#bozzy**

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The four person staff is supplemented by support from a variety of other departments. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated at some level since March 12, 2020, and continues to manage operational and recovery efforts for COVID vaccinations as well as Harvey, Imelda, and Laura recovery efforts.

The EOC also assisted the following:

- Mardi Gras February 20 - February 23
- Pandemic Response to COVID March 12– Ongoing
- Tropical Storm Cristobal June 7-8
- Hurricane Marco August 21 - August 24
- Hurricane Laura August 21 - August 30
- Hurricane Delta October 7 - October 15



Provided community outreach programs such as:

- Tours of the Emergency Operations Center
- Virtual attendance to various neighborhood association meetings
- Awareness programs through community service activities such as the Citizens Police Academy and Lamar University's Practicum in Policing Course
- Partnered with Lamar Institute of Technology to organize a regional Emergency Management Internship Program



The team also successfully completed the following tasks:

- Hosted virtual and in-person courses for several departments and divisions totaling approximately 300 hours of training
- Collaborated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to facilitate the Public Awareness Program, mitigation efforts, and the city's request for reimbursement of damage and response cost during Harvey and tropical storm Imelda
- Coordinated over \$45.5 million in funding from a variety of grants and funding sources to include FEMA reimbursements
- Managed approximately 65 grants used to purchase equipment, supplies, and reimburse payroll

Supports 311, provides dispatch coordination for law enforcement and animal control services with 26 current employees.

**CALL CENTER STATS:**

- Total calls to call center: 365,516
- Non-911 calls: 259,807
- Total 911 calls answered: 91,304
- 911 transferred calls to fire department: 19,735
- Hang-ups and callbacks: 14,405
- Average calls per handler: 14,058



# 911 CALL CENTER

## SPECIALIZED UNITS

### *Honor Guard*

During the 2020 calendar year, the Beaumont Police Department Honor Guard Detail and Rifle Element participated in several events. These included posting of colors at the 2020 Chief's Banquet, Mardi Gras Aurora Ball, Line of Duty Death Funerals for BPD Officer Sheena Yarbrough-Powell, Sergeant Harold Preston with the Houston Police Department, and Corrections Officer Dudley Champ with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

The 21-Gun Salute is the most commonly recognized of the customary gun salutes that are performed by the firing of cannons or artillery as a military honor for deceased warriors.



# SPECIALIZED UNITS



### *SWAT and Hostage Negotiation Team*

26 BPD officers commit to extra training and physical fitness requirements to serve the SWAT team. Each member has regular duties with the department and is on 24 hour call to respond to high threat situations. The team also executes high risk search warrants. An 11 person Hostage Negotiation Team responds to all hostage or barricaded subject type situations.

### *Special Response Team*

The Beaumont Police Department's Special Response Team is a mobile field force unit that is designed to provide rapid, organized, and disciplined response to civil disorder, crowd control, or other situations. Training and tactics used are based on tactics developed by the Office of Domestic Preparedness, as well as the more traditional mobile field force and general police patrol tactics. Throughout the year, the team responded to sixteen different crowd events, consisting of protests, marches, and rallies with the mission of preserving peace and preventing crime while protecting the rights of persons, and property.



# CANINE UNIT

8,083 Calls for Service    129 Narcotic Searches  
267 Traffic Contacts    59 Area Searches  
141 Arrests    13 Illegal Firearm Seizures  
3,092 Building Checks    \$76,824 in US Currency Seized



*In  
Memory  
of  
K - 9  
Joris*

8/11/11—6/22/20

K9 Joris was a dual purpose patrol and narcotic canine assigned to Officer Adam Little. Joris was responsible for multiple apprehensions and obtaining large quantities of narcotics and narcotic related currency during his lifetime. Thank you Joris for your service.

# TRAFFIC UNIT

13,306 Citizen Contacts  
185 DWIs Filed  
72 Arrests  
6 Special Events  
\$74,002 City – Warrants Served  
33 Fatalities Worked  
287 DOT Inspections  
14 Open-Air Crime Scenes Mapped  
2,571 Wrecks Processed / Worked



Committed to serve and protect.



## 1ST WATCH

**37,489 times**

BPD Officers initiated contact with a citizen during 2020 to either assure a citizen's well-being or investigate unusual activity

**750 miles**

Areas of roads, byways, and highways patrolled by officers of the Beaumont Police Department

Pictured on top left, First Watch / Pictured bottom left, Second Watch / Pictured top right, Third Watch / Pictured bottom right, Fourth Watch



## 2ND WATCH

# PATROL DIVISION



3RD WATCH



4TH WATCH

# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is responsible for the follow-up investigation of crimes that occur within the city limits of Beaumont. The goals of the division include the identification and arrest of guilty parties, recovery and return of property, and the submission of complete and properly prepared cases for prosecution. Property valued at \$3,163,470 was recovered due to the diligent efforts of investigators from this division.

## *Property Crimes Unit*

The Property Crimes Unit investigates cases where property is stolen or damaged. There are three sub units within Property Crimes. The Theft and Criminal Mischief Unit investigates crimes where property is stolen or damaged. The Burglary Unit investigates both residential and commercial burglaries where a building is entered without permission to commit theft or other offenses. The Financial Crimes Unit investigates offenses involving credit card abuse, identity theft and counterfeit or forged checks and currency.

Cases Assigned: 2,999 Theft and Criminal Mischief / 950 Burglary / 613 Financial Crimes



## *Persons Crimes Unit*

Persons Crimes investigates crimes against people age 17 and older. These crimes include assault, kidnapping, homicide, threats, harassment, and robbery.

Cases Assigned: 1,108 Aggravated Assaults / 311 Aggravated Robberies / 22 Homicides



## *Special Crimes Unit*

The Special Crimes Unit investigates all crimes committed against and by juveniles (ages 16 and under). They also investigate all sex crimes and maintain the registration of sex offenders within the City of Beaumont.

Cases Assigned: 1,496

## *Family Violence Unit*

The Family Violence Unit investigates cases involving domestic violence. Detectives work to help families break the cycle of domestic abuse, family violence, and create safety plans for victims.

Cases Assigned: 3,020







***Crime Scene Unit***

The Crime Scene Unit is a valuable tool for the Beaumont Police Department. These highly trained civilian crime scene technicians work closely with CID detectives to document and aid in the investigation of criminal offenses. They also house the regional AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Information System) terminal and the NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network) terminal which became fully functional in 2020. This tool has proven to be incredibly useful to the department.

Calls for Service: 4,730



***Narcotics/Vice Unit***

The Narcotics/Vice Unit investigates narcotics, prostitution, gambling, and firearms violations. The unit utilizes undercover buys of narcotics and surveillance of suspected offenders to develop criminal cases.

Cases filed: 268 / Search Warrants: 46 / Arrests: 199 / Firearms Seized: 102 / Currency Seized: \$531,160

***Auto Theft Task Force***

The Auto Theft Task Force investigates auto-related crimes, attempts to identify local, regional, and state-wide trends, and encourages public awareness about auto theft prevention. The task force covers Jefferson, Orange, Hardin, and Jasper counties. It is currently made up of personnel from the Beaumont Police Department, the Port Arthur Police Department, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, and the Hardin County Sheriff's Office.

Cases Assigned: 737 Auto Thefts / 939 Auto Burglaries



# INTELLIGENCE - LED POLICING

Intelligence-led policing is a collaborative enterprise based on improved intelligence operations, community-oriented policing and problem solving. At the Beaumont Police Department, information sharing with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies is crucial to effectively combating and solving crime. These partnerships provide tools to identify, dismantle and prosecute crime rings that might not otherwise be caught due to the complex nature of their investigation. The department has current working relationships with these agencies:



***Special Assignment Unit***

The Special Assignment Unit gathers and analyzes intelligence to identify and respond to high crime areas or crime patterns.

**Downtown Beaumont**  
**MARDI GRAS** FEB 20-23, 2020  
 SOUTHEAST TEXAS

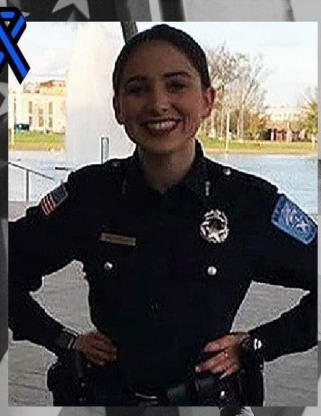
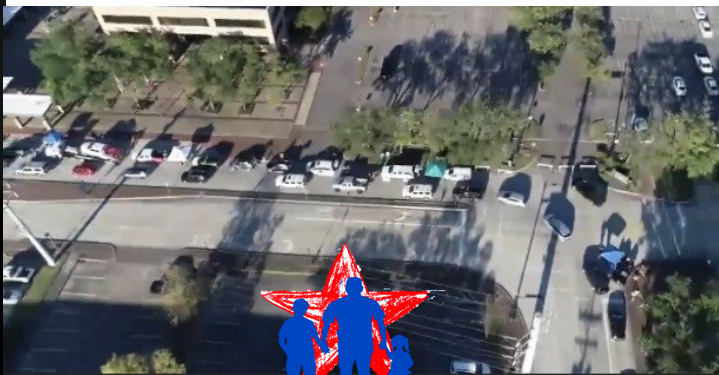


**DRIVE THROUGH**

**TRINK OR TREAT!**

**SATURDAY**  
**OCT, 31st**  
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
 BEAUMONT POLICE DEPT.  
 255 COLLEGE ST

**FREE**



*Officer Sheena Dae Yarbrough-Powell*

# SPECIAL EVENTS



## SWEARING IN OFFICERS

OFFICER ZACHARY GUIDRY

OFFICER SIDNEY GOMEZ

OFFICER NATHAN HODGES

OFFICER ERIKA SAUCEDA

## OFFICER OF THE YEAR

OFFICER JOSHUA RATCLIFF

BEAUMONT POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION



## CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY



**BLUE SANTA  
AND  
CHRISTMAS TREE DEDICATION**



**CHIEF JAMES P. SINGLETARY  
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS  
IN  
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**1970 - 2020**



# *Fallen But Not Forgotten*

Officer Sheena Yarbrough—Powell

EOW 8/9/2020



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS



## Beaumont Police Officers Association

The Beaumont Police Officers Association is the local association representing the officers of the Beaumont Police Department in all contract negotiations of wages, benefits and contract disputes. The BPOA is a member of and provides legal aid through the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT) for its members.



## Beaumont Police Department Benefit Association

The Beaumont Police Department's Benefit Association is an organization committed to assisting officers, both retired and active, with unreimbursed medical costs and survivor benefits. The Benefit Association is funded primarily by benefit dues and funds raised at its annual golf tournament.



## Community Advisory Committee

The Police Department's Community Advisory Committee was established by city ordinance on December 7, 2010. It is comprised of 14 citizens who are appointed by the mayor and city council members. The mission of the committee is to enhance citizen understanding, communication, and cooperation between the Police Department and the community. The committee meets once a month and acts in an advisory capacity to the Chief of Police. Current members are:

Jon Reaud, Chairman (Councilmember Pate)  
Shawn Javed (Councilmember Mouton)  
Roy McGrath (Councilmember Getz)  
Glenn Johnson (Councilmember Jordan)  
Rodney Robichau (Councilmember Neild)  
Karl Duerr (Councilmember Getz)  
James W. Reed (Councilmember Samuel)

Sandra Womack, Vice-Chair (Mayor Ames)  
Dwight Benoit (Mayor Ames)  
Alma Hodge (Councilmember Williams-Wright)  
Roy Steinhagen (Councilmember Pate)  
Jesus Abrego (Mayor Ames)  
Vernon Tubbs (Councilmember Mouton)  
Bill Sam (Councilmember Feldschau)

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