

2019 Annual Report

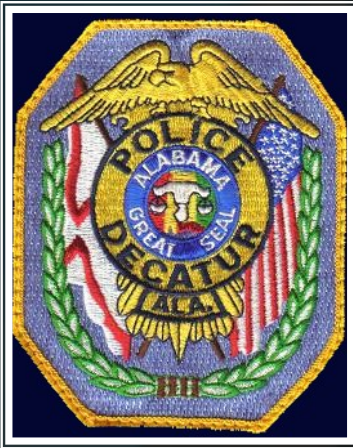


Decatur Police Department



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It is my pleasure and honor to serve as Chief of Police for the City of Decatur, Alabama for another year. I am proud to present the 2019 Decatur Police Department’s Annual Report. Public safety remains a top priority as I work alongside of the 190 men and women who make up this department. We serve a city of nearly 60,000 residents — surrounded by the natural beauty of North Alabama — which boasts a low crime rate and many family related arts and entertainment activities.

2019 has been a good year. The Police Department received national accreditation and is recognized in many other areas as a model department for other agencies large and small to emulate. As our city continues to grow, we have increased our partnerships with both local businesses and residents. We continue to put tremendous intention and action behind building the best police force in the nation. Promises made have turned into promises kept. Our police department continues to expand in terms of officer training, volunteers participation, hiring more civilian staffing, technological improvements, diversity in staffing, and utilization of the latest police equipment.

During this year, the Decatur Police Department, through our many different social media networks, touched an average of 250,000 people weekly, who shared or liked one of our many social media posts. Remember, you can always follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Nextdoor.

I ask that you sit back, relax, and enjoy reading the facts and progress of your police department. With the commitment from the Decatur Police Department, our partners and the community, we are fostering a better, safer Decatur for generations to come. Thanks for letting us serve you!

Chief Nathaniel Allen

Leadership & Administrative Staff

The Office of the Chief



Pictured from L-R: Lt. Todd Pinion — Office of Professional Standards, Emme Long — Public Information Specialist, Jennifer Wingo — Administrative Assistant to the Chief, Nathaniel Allen — Chief of Police

Command Staff — Captains



Captain Rick Archer
Criminal Investigation



Captain Chris Jones
Operations



Captain Tony Morgan
Management Services
Administration

Operations Division—Patrol Roster

<u>Day Shift A</u>	<u>Day Shift B</u>	<u>Night Shift C</u>	<u>Night Shift D</u>
Lt. C. Moffett	Lt. J. Buchli	Lt. J. Sharp	Lt. J. Crouch
Sgt. J. Lindley	Sgt. D. Betterton	Sgt. H. Atchley	Sgt. J. Birchfield
Sgt. W. Swoopes	Sgt. J. Renshaw	Sgt. M. Livingston	Sgt. M. Kitchens
S. Bowen	D. Clemons	J. Bentley	J. Bates
R. Bradley	K. Darby	C. Chapman	M. Bond
J. Brown	L. Franklin	I. Cole	E. Cole
D. Carr	M. Hazel	J. Espino	K. Evans
J. Cockrell	S. Hudson	D. Iyasere	C. Gardunia
R. Hawkins	M. Kent	K. Tenner	A. Justice
J. Heflin	T. Kirby	H. Ivey	C. Love
L. Hogan	D. May	E. Keller	J. Rippen
M. Knight	J. Macklin	C. Matthews	T. Slay
H. Lowman	V. Summers	L. Sharpley	B. White
A. Medina	J. Wellman		J. Wooldridge
W. Segars			



Operations Division—Traffic Unit Roster

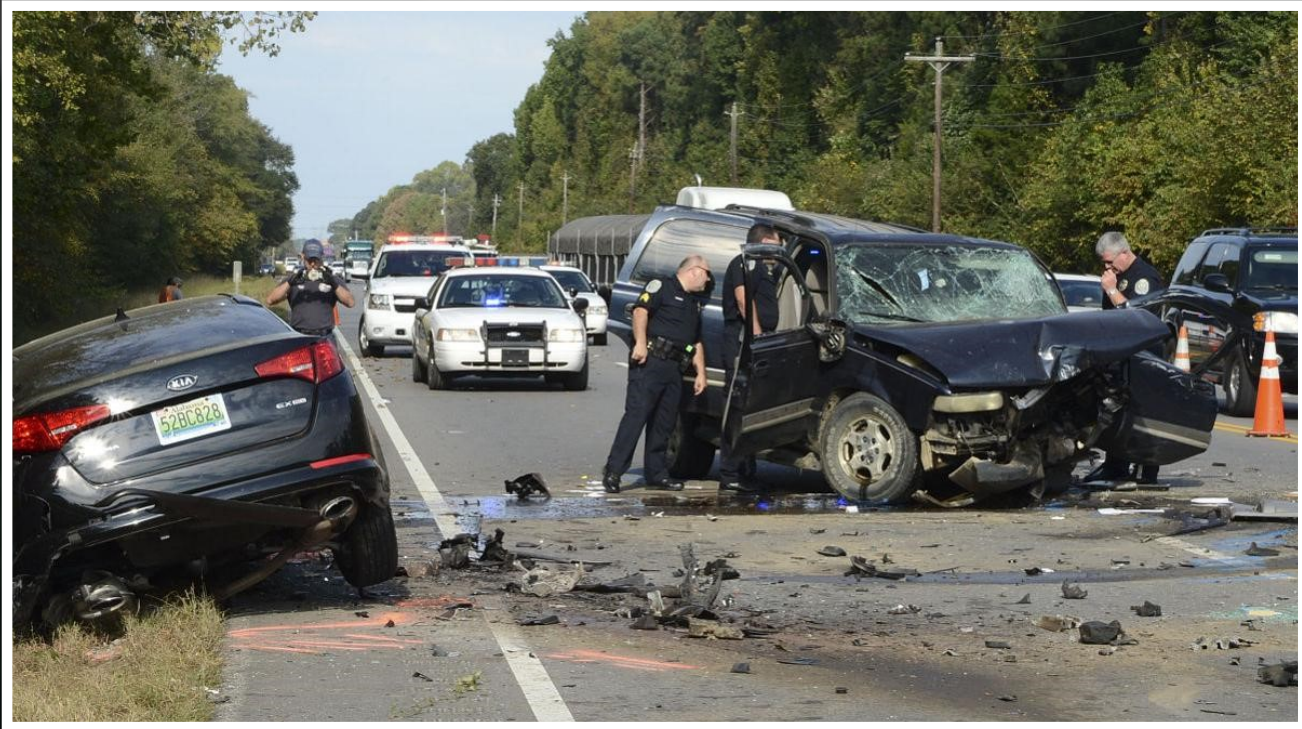
Supervisor: Lt. C. Delgado

Day Shift A

Sgt. B. Williams J. Fisher C. Macris K. Lewis M. Young

Day Shift B

Sgt. J. Harton J. Williams K. Moody T. Vest R. Willis



Criminal Investigation Division—Roster

Administrative Assistant: M. Cantrell

Detective Unit

Supervisor: Lt. J. Hayes (Property Crimes, Violent Crimes, and Financial Crimes)

Property Crimes

Sgt. J. Lyon

Det. J. Ferizovic

Det. T. Jackson

Det. B. Prosser

Det. C. Veazey

Financial Crimes

Sgt. J. Lyon

Det. M. Ferguson

Det. C. Sparks

Violent Crimes

Sgt. M. Burlison

Det. J. Daniell

Det. S. Mukaddam

Crime Scene Investigations - Trang Ozbun, Timothy Hutchings

Supervisor: Lt. G. Silvestri (Special Investigations, SORNA, Family Services)

Det. D. Bankhead

Det. J. Fuller

Det. R. Jowers

Det. J. Pace



Management Services Division—Roster

Supervisor: Lt. T. Ward — Homeland Security & School Resource Officers

School Resource Officers

Sgt. S. Elliott	B. Ozbolt
J. Schutt	M. Smiley
D. Berkowitz	J. Archuletta
J. B. Jones	R. Sutherlin



Jail Transport / Building Security

Sgt. M. Moore

Civilian Staffing

R. Allen, M. Keller, J. Loney



Administration Division—Roster

Fleet / Equipment: Sgt. B. Aldridge and Officer Abbott

Property Room: D. Annerton

Account Clerk — Civilian Staff: H. Darnell

Crime Analyst— Civilian Staff: Mary Odhiambo

Animal Services

Supervisor: Brian Lundberg

K. Hallman, C. Phillips, A. Whitlock, J. Tidwell, E. Ward, W. Castro



Records Division — Civilian Staff Supervisor: D. Birdsong
A. Woodruff, L. Adams, M. Powell, C. Burns

Department Demographics Breakdown

Sworn Personnel

139 Authorized Sworn Officers

128 Current Total Officers

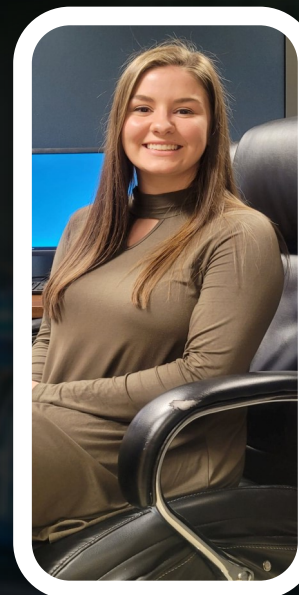
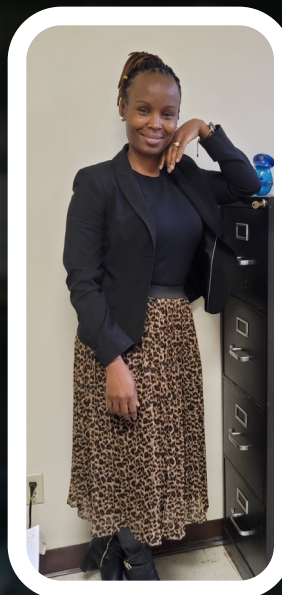
Race	Number	%
White	103	80.4%
Black	21	16.4%
Hispanic	5	3.9%
Gender	Number	%
Male	117	91.5%
Female	11	8.5%
Gender/Race	Number	%
White Male	94	73.4%
Black Male	18	14.0%
Hispanic Male	5	3.9%
White Female	8	6.2%
Black Female	3	2.3%

Non-Sworn Personnel

48 Authorized Non-Sworn Employees

42 Current Non-Sworn Employees

Race	Number	%
White	26	61.9%
Black	13	30.9%
Hispanic	3	7.1%
Gender	Number	%
Male	8	19.0%
Female	34	80.9%
Gender/Race	Number	%
White Male	7	16.6%
Black Male	1	2.3%
Hispanic Male	0	0%
White Female	19	45.2%
Black Female	12	28.5%
Hispanic Female	3	7.1%



Sworn Staff Retention

Retirements in 2019

Capt. Chris Mathews

Lt. Jonathan Green

Ofc. Al Ballesteros

Ofc. Todd Walker

Karen Wilkerson

Suzanne Townson

Resignations / Terminations in 2019

Ofc. Jonathan Lowery

Transferred to City of Decatur Building Department

Ofc. Patrick Edmonson

Transferred to another agency

Ofc. Jesse Calvert

No longer employed in law enforcement

Ofc. Mike Davis

Transferred to another agency

Ofc. Alex Garner

Accepted employment with Auburn PD

Ofc. Brent Steele

No longer employed in law enforcement

Ofc. Durand Prince

Accepted employment with Alabama State Troopers

Ofc. TD Jones

Accepted employment with Alabama A&M University PD

Ofc. Quenton Burney

Accepted employment with Birmingham PD

* Two officers resigned while under investigation for misconduct

* One officer was terminated due to misconduct

New Hires in 2019

Ofc. Brooke White

Ofc. Jeffery McRae

Ofc. Elijah Cole

Ofc. Izaiah Cole

Ofc. Christian Matthews

Ofc. Caleb Love

Ofc. Dyesha Iyasere

Ofc. Winston Ivey



In Memoriam



End of Watch-Officer Jeff Bailey

On November 22nd, 2019, the City of Decatur lost a true servant. Officer Jeff Bailey passed peacefully after a courageous and valiant battle with metastatic melanoma.

Officer Bailey joined the Decatur Police Department in 2003 and served most of his career in the Traffic Unit as a Motorcycle Officer.

Jeff greeted everyone with a smile and many were fortunate enough to receive a sincere hug. Although traffic officers make few friends on the job because of the nature of their duties, no one who met Jeff would leave with a bad word to say about him, he became friends with anyone who would allow him. Jeff made sure you knew that he cared about you.

As Chief Allen noted, “Today, we lost the best of us. Officer Bailey was the embodiment of all things officers should strive to be – kind, patient, empathetic, and dedicated. May we always be reminded to be a little kinder, to smile a little more, and to extend a helping hand to our neighbor – that’s exactly what Jeff would have wanted.”

The City of Decatur and the Decatur Police Department are fortunate that Jeff chose to serve here, and the city is a better place because of his service. The Decatur Police Department will forever be thankful and indebted for the service Officer Jeff Bailey has faithfully provided.

2019 Retirements



Karen Wilkerson retired on February 1st, 2019. "Ms. K" as she was affectionately known, began her career with the Decatur Police Department on January 5th, 1989 in the records division.

Ms. K was promoted to the administrative coordinator for the investigative division of the police department in 1994 where she remained for the next 25 years.



Suzanne Townson retired on June 30th, 2019. Suzanne began her career with the Decatur Police Department in 2002 as an Office Assistant in the records division.

Suzanne was promoted to Accounts Clerk in 2008 where she remained for the next 11 years.



Ofc. Todd Walker retired from the Decatur Police Department on August 31st, 2019 after serving the department for 25 years.

Ofc. Walker began his career on April 22nd, 1994. Ofc. Walker spent a great deal of the early part of his career as a criminal investigator specializing in property crimes.

Ofc. Walker left the department for a year in 2007 to join the war on terrorism as a civilian contractor.

After returning to the department in 2008 Ofc. Walker spent the remainder of his career serving in the patrol division.

2019 Retirements



Ofc. Al Ballesteros retired from the Decatur Police Department after serving more than 23 years. Ofc. Ballesteros began his career on December 14th, 1995.

Ofc. Ballesteros served in many capacities, including school resource officer, patrol officer, traffic accident investigator, narcotics investigator and fleet assignments.

Ofc. Ballesteros received the Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce's Minority Role Model Award in 2006, and became the first Hispanic officer to retire from the department.



Capt. Chris Mathews retired from the Decatur Police Department on April 30th, 2019 just shy of his 30 year anniversary.

Capt. Mathews began his career on August 17th, 1989 and worked as a patrol officer, narcotics investigator and traffic accident investigator.

Capt. Mathews was promoted to Sergeant in 2000, promoted to Lieutenant in 2003 and then Captain in 2007.

Capt. Mathews was a graduate of the FBI National Academy.



Lt. Jonathan Green retired from the Decatur Police Department on August 31st, 2019 after serving the department for over 23 years.

Lt. Green began his career on October 31st, 1996 serving as a patrol officer. He quickly earned a transfer to the department's street crimes unit, the "Streethawk" unit and the department's SWAT team where he served both for several years.

Lt. Green then worked as a criminal investigator and a narcotics investigator.

Lt. Green was promoted to Sergeant in 2003 and Lieutenant in 2008.

2019 Departmental Awards

The following officers received the department Fit Check Award for physical fitness in 2019:

Sgt. Bobby Aldridge	Sgt. James Harton	Ofc. Justin Rippen
Sgt. Kirk Arrington	Ofc. Timothy Hutchings	Ofc. Brandon Sain
Ofc. Brent Best	Det. Timothy Jackson	Ofc. Joey Schutt
Ofc. Cain Bowen	Det. Michael Kitchens	Ofc. James Spence
Ofc. Corey Cochran	Det. Sean Mukaddam	Sgt. Byron Williams
Ofc. Joshua Daniell	Det. Jordan Pace	
Ofc. Keelin Darby	Ofc. Juan Penuelas	
Lt. Chris Delgado	Det. Brian Prosser	

The following officers received the department Appearance Award in 2019:

Ofc. Damion Bankhead	Sgt. Ellie Green	Det. Sean Mukaddam
Ofc. Jonathan Bates	Sgt. John Harris	Ofc. Brandon Ozbolt
Ofc. Cain Bowen	Ofc. Mike Hazel	Ofc. Juan Penuelas
Ofc. Chad Chapman	Sgt. Jami Jones	Ofc. Allen Rawls
Ofc. Corey Cochran	Ofc. Eric Keller	Ofc. Brandon Sain
Ofc. David Craig	Ofc. Michael Kent	Ofc. Joey Schutt
Ofc. Keelin Darby	Ofc. Macey Knight	Ofc. Rance Sutherlin
Ofc. Jonathan Espino	Ofc. Hartis Lowman	Ofc. Kevin Tenner
Ofc. Lynn Franklin	Lt. Justin Lyon	

The following officers received the department firearms Top Ten Award in 2019:

Ofc. Troy Slay	Det. Timothy Jackson	Ofc. Vance Summers
Ofc. Kurt Hamilton	Ofc. Brent Best	Sgt. Byron Williams
Ofc. Justin Rippen	Det. Brian Prosser	Lt. Scott Strickland
Sgt. Bobby Aldridge		

2019 Departmental Awards

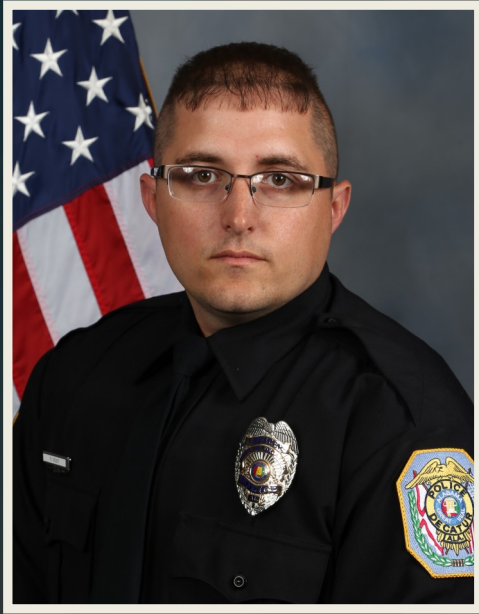
The following officers received the department Safe Driver Award in 2019:

Ofc. Brandon Abbott	Ofc. Lee Hogan	Ofc. Walter Segars
Ofc. Derek Annerton	Ofc. Shawn Hudson	Ofc. Marcus Smiley
Ofc. James Archuletta	Ofc. Timothy Hutchings	Det. Chance Sparks
Ofc. Dennis Berkowitz	Ofc. Johnny Jones	Ofc. James Spence
Ofc. Brent Best	Det. Michael Kitchens	Ofc. Vance Summers
Det. Jarrod Birchfield	Det. Jonathan Macklin	Ofc. Rance Sutherlin
Ofc. Allison Easterling	Ofc. Brandon Ozbolt	Ofc. John Wellman
Det. Michael Ferguson	Det. Jordan Pace	Ofc. Joshua Williams
Ofc. Josh Fisher	Ofc. Juan Penueles	Ofc. Bobby Willis
Ofc. Ryan Hawkins	Det. Brian Prosser	Ofc. Robbie Willis
Ofc. Mike Hazel	Ofc. Allen Rawls	Det. Matt Young

The following officers received the department Master Patrol Officer Commendation in 2019:

Ofc. Joshua Heflin	1st year	Ofc. Brent Best	3rd year
Ofc. Johnny Jones	1st year	Det. Jordan Pace	3rd year
Det. Timothy Jackson	2nd year	Ofc. James Spence	3rd year
Det. Jonathan Macklin	2nd year	Ofc. Michael Hazel	5th year
Det. Sean Mukaddam	2nd year	Det. Michael Kitchens	6th year
Ofc. Larry Sharpley	2nd year	Det. Brian Prosser	6th year

Officers & Employees of the Month



FEBRUARY 2019

On the morning of Feb 3rd, 2019 officers were dispatched to Brookline Avenue Southwest in regard to a report of a person breaking into motor vehicles. In spite of the fact that Ofc. Tony Vest had just completed a midnight shift and was off duty on his way home, Ofc. Vest responded to the area where he saw a man in the process of breaking into a vehicle. The suspect saw the officer and fled on foot into a wooded area that was flooded by recent heavy rainfall. Ofc. Vest pursued the suspect through water that was waist deep in parts while notifying other officers of his location to coordinate their efforts. Officers apprehended the suspect who was subsequently charged with breaking into several motor vehicles.



MARCH 2019

On March 4th, 2019 Ofc. Kim Evans was dispatched to a residence on 6th Avenue Northeast to check the well-being of a person. Upon arrive Ofc. Evans located a man in the passenger seat of a vehicle at the residence. The man was unresponsive, had a very slow respiratory rate, decreased heart rate and appeared to have vomited on himself. Based on her experience and observation, Ofc. Evans believed the man to be suffering from an overdose and administered a dose of Narcan. Medical personnel arrived to assist and after a few brief moments the man became responsive and was subsequently transported to the hospital for treatment. Officer Evans' quick response most likely saved the man's life

Officers & Employees of the Month



NOVEMBER 2019

On November 13th, 2019 a man broke into the home of an elderly couple in Southwest Decatur. The suspect violently assaulted the man and woman and robbed them. Ofc. Walter Segars believed the suspect's description was similar to that of a man who he had encountered the day before at Parkway Hospital.

Acting on a hunch, Ofc. Segars was able to identify the robbery suspect, collect physical evidence and obtain video surveillance in a very short amount of time. Because of the effort and assistance Ofc. Segars provided detectives were able to obtain an arrest warrant and have the suspect in custody in less than 12 hours after the crime occurred.



Assorted Awards & Accolades

Medal of Commendation



On September 18th, 2019 the Decatur Police Department responded to a shooting on Central Parkway Southwest. Upon arrival, officers located a male suffering from a gunshot wound to his right upper thigh. The victim was laying in the grass in between two apartment buildings.

Officer Keelin Darby rushed to the victim's aid and began to put pressure on the wound. Where the wound was located, it was too high to apply a tourniquet. Officer Darby remained with the victim, providing pressure on the wound, while Emergency Medical Services prepared him for flight to Huntsville Hospital, for further medical treatment.

While at Huntsville Hospital, it was discovered the projectile struck the victim's femoral artery in his upper right thigh. The victim was rushed into emergency surgery where his artery was reconstructed. After speaking with surgeons, if it were not for Officer Darby applying immediate pressure, the victim would have in all likely have died from his injuries.

Assorted Awards & Accolades

American Legion Officer of the Year

Ofc. Keelin Darby arrived at the scene of a shooting and located a victim suffering a gunshot wound to his femoral artery. Ofc. Darby acted quickly and provided medical care that helped her to stop the bleeding and allow the patient to be taken by Medflight to Huntsville Hospital for treatment. Without her actions the man likely would have died from his injury.



Liberty's Legacy Super Citizen



Ofc. Michael Kitchens was nominated by the West Morgan Middle School for the Liberty Legacy Super Citizen Award. This award is given to individuals that are viewed by the students as active members and good examples in their community. Ofc. Kitchens was nominated for service as a police officer, coaching two girls basketball teams and helping with other school functions, as well as serving as a deacon at Trinity Baptist Church.

Department Achievements in 2019

- CALEA – Obtained CALEA certification during the first assessment
- Implemented the IA-Pro for the Office of Professional Standards to track officer complaints and use of force
- Replaced 16 new marked and 9 unmarked police vehicles
- Graduated 8 new Explorers from the Explorer Program
- Graduated 7 new citizens from Citizen Police Academy/Volunteer program
- Partnered with the Department of Youth Services to provide bicycles for children in need for Christmas
- Provided an eight hour training retreat for all department supervisors and managers
- Implemented a social media network reaching an average of 250K contacts weekly
- Graduated two senior supervisors from a nationally recognized Command Leadership school
- Reorganized the Organized Crime Unit to be more responsive to community needs
- Diversity in the department grew by an average of 10%
- Improved department website to include officer commendation section



Crime Statistics for 2019

2019 Offenses Overview

2019 Offense Total (All Reported Crimes) - 9,609

2019 Arrest Overview

Juvenile Arrests - 68

Adult Arrests – 2,376

Total Arrests – 2, 444

National Crime Statistical Comparison

	Population	Burglaries	Larceny-Thefts	Auto theft	Rapes	Robberies	Assaults	Murder and non-negligent manslaughter
United States	328,239,523	1,117,696	5,086,096	721,885	139,815	267,988	821,182	16,425
Alabama	4,903,185	26,079	92,477	12,577	2,068	3,941	18,679	358
Decatur	55,683	368	1,747	259	57	62	156	6

Source: <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2019/crime-in-the-u.s.-2019/tables/table-8/table-8-state-cuts/alabama.xls>

Crime Type	FBI	LERMS
Burglaries	368	341
Larceny-Thefts	1,747	1,010
Auto theft	259	138
Rapes	57	37
Robberies	62	60
Assaults	156	115
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	6	8
Total	2,655	1,709

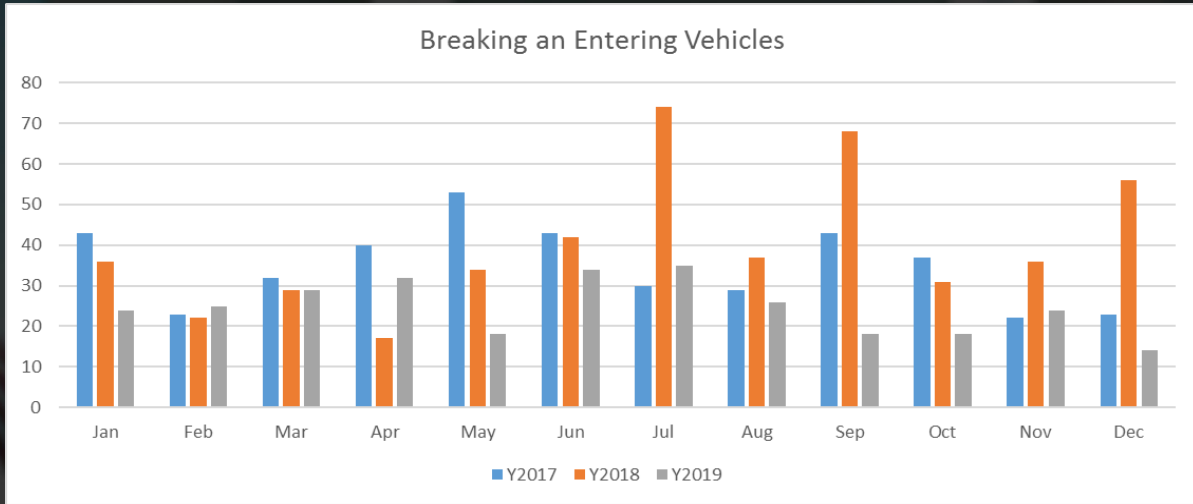
Decatur Crime Statistics

Decatur Police Department Crime Analysis

2017-2019 Comparisons

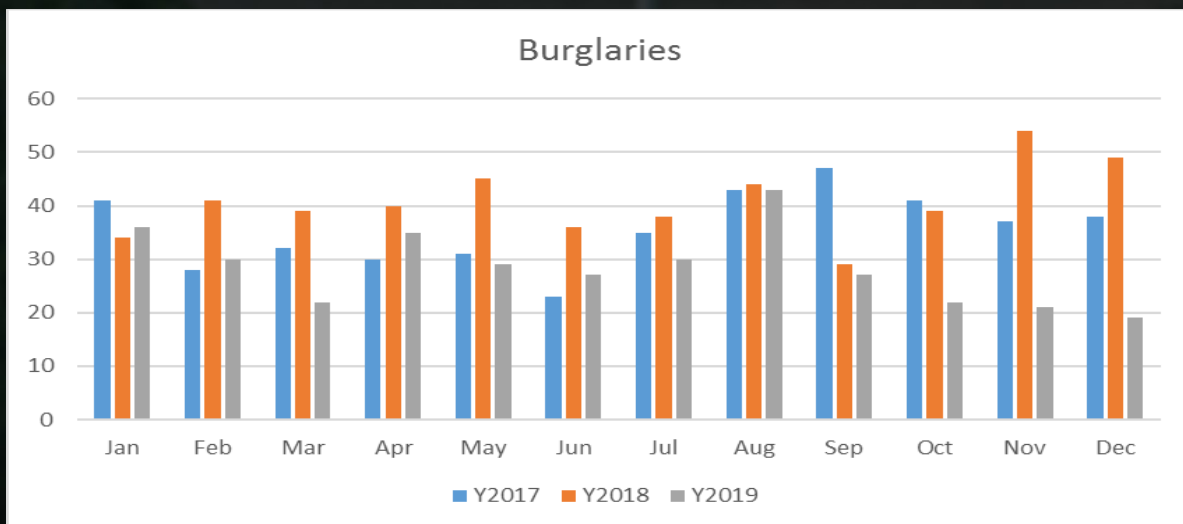
This is an analysis of selected crime types and data used was obtained from Aegis LERMS. Crime types looked at includes Breaking and Entering Vehicles, Burglaries, Thefts, Robberies, Assaults, Shootings, Stolen Vehicles and Unauthorized use.

Breaking and Entering Vehicle



Breaking and entering vehicles were lowest in 2019 compared to the previous 2 years. Total burglaries increased from 2017 and 2018 by 15%. In 2019, breaking and entering decreased by 38% from 2018. Total cases reported averaged 27.75 cases reported monthly in 2019.

Burglaries



Burglaries were lowest in 2019 compared to the previous 2 years. Total burglaries increased from 2017 to 2018 by 14%. In 2019 burglaries decreased by 30% from 2018. Total cases reported averaged 28 cases reported monthly in 2019.

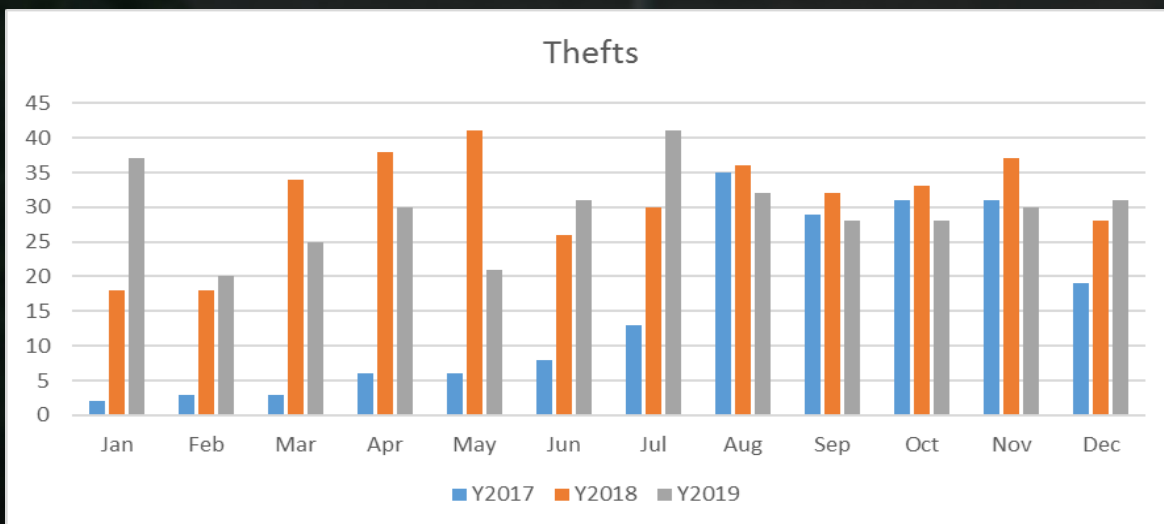
Decatur Crime Statistics by Zones

	Assaults				
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
2016	23	10	24	41	7
2017	25	13	22	18	13
2018	28	11	20	34	11
2019	33	13	34	29	6

	Shootings				
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
2016	17	9	10	9	1
2017	10	4	7	8	2
2018	21	12	13	10	2
2019	11	7	11	9	2

	Stolen Vehicles				
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
2016	18	7	25	16	9
2017	16	8	20	15	15
2018	11	23	22	42	17
2019	21	21	48	28	20

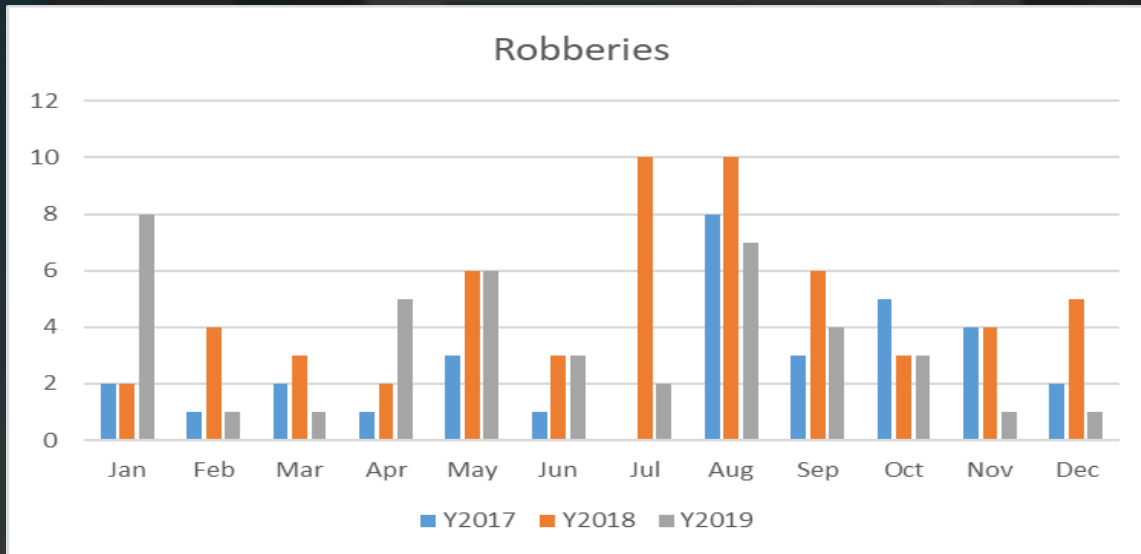
Thefts



Thefts were lowest in 2017 compared to the previous 2018 and 2019. Total thefts increased from 2017 to 2018 by 19%. In 2019, thefts decreased by 5% from 2018. Total cases reported averaged 29.5 cases reported monthly in 2019.

Decatur Crime Statistics

Robberies



Robberies were lowest in 2017 compared to the previous 2 years. Total robberies increased from 2017 to 2018 by 26 cases. In 2019 robberies decreased from 2018 by 16 cases. Total cases reported were randomly distributed through the months with an average of 3.5 cases reported monthly in 2019.

Total crime reports were lower in 2019 compared to 2017 and 2018. 2018 had the highest number of cases reported. Burglaries, breaking and entering vehicles, shootings, and commercial robberies were lower in 2019. Vehicle thefts were lower in 2018 and higher in 2017 with an increase of 5 cases in 2019. Robbery cases were lower in 2019 and higher in 2018 with a decrease of 26 cases in 2019.

Calls for Service Statistics for 2019

In 2019, the Morgan County E911 Center received 86,051 calls for service with the jurisdiction of the Decatur Police Department.

The information provided is based on the incident that was initially reported to the dispatcher (actual offenses may differ).

911 Hang Up	480
911 Open Line	319
Abandoned Vehicle	159
Administrative Action	1
Advanced Send-D	1
Animal Bites/Attacks-B	1
Animal Bites/Attacks-D	1
Animal Complaint	2602
Assault	229
Assault/Sexual Assault/Stun Gun-A	3
Assault/Sexual Assault/Stun Gun-B	17
Assist Motorist	1179
Assistance	687
Attempt to Locate	418
ATV Complaint	157
Breaking & Entering Auto	388
Burglary in Progress	266
Burglary Report	462
Business Alarm	2396
Cardiac/Respiratory/Death-B	6

Cardiac/Respiratory/Death-E	3
Cell Phone Call	7645
Chase	18
Check Well Being	3004
Checking Business	9
Civil Complaint	142
Commercial Vehicle Fire	9
Compliance Check	17
Criminal Mischief	709
Criminal Trespass	1185
Death Report	60
Direct Traffic	134
Disturbance	1747
Domestic	2275
Domestic Assault	79
Domestic (Non-Emergency)	183
Drowning/Near Drowning-D	3
Drowning/Near Drowning-E	3
Drowning or Water Injury (Cat. 1)	1
Drug Related	402
Emotionally Disturbed Person	723
Escape	3
Escort	553
Evidence Intake	1
Explosion	5
Extra Patrol	6401
Fireworks	297
Follow Up	1730
Foot Patrol	7496
Forgery or Fraud	386
Funeral Escort	260
Gunshots	482
Harassment	1051
Hit and Run (No Injury)	140
Hit and Run on Private Property	68
Hit and Run (With Injury)	9
Illegal Burn	9
Indecent Exposure	37
Industrial Accident	5

Calls for Service Statistics for 2019

Intoxicated Driver	386	S.O. Call for Service	9
Intoxicated Person	287	School Traffic Control	824
Juvenile Complaint	183	Serving Civil Papers	61
Kidnapping	5	Serving Warrant	2039
Law Drill (Mock Incident)	6	Shooting	34
Law PR Event	36	Shoplifter	127
Law Transport	1400	Soliciting	151
Line Down	31	Stabbing	11
Livestock	65	Stolen Vehicle	320
Look Out	57	Suicide	6
Lost and Found Property	356	Suicide Attempted	31
Meet Complainant	1189	Suicide Threatened	143
Missing Person	159	Suspicious Person	3191
Noise Complaint	800	Suspicious Vehicle Occupied	1742
Noise Complaint Vehicle	260	Suspicious Vehicle Unoccupied	433
Overdose/Poisoning-B	9	Theft	1605
Overdose/Poisoning-C	54	Traffic Incident with Entrapment	15
Overdose/Poisoning-D	20	Traffic Light Out	328
Overdose/Poisoning-O	7	Traffic/Transport Incident-A	26
Overdose or Poisoning (Cat. 1)	37	Traffic/Transport Incident-B	110
Overdose or Poisoning (Cat. 2)	7	Traffic/Transport Incident-D	31
Overdose or Poisoning (Cat. 3)	2	Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle	157
Parking Complaint	470	Unconscious or Syncope (Cat. 2)	1
Passenger Vehicle Fire	23	Unknown	3
Person with a Gun	216	Unknown Person Down-B	115
Premise Threat	11	Unknown Person Down-D	32
Prowler	337	Unsecure Building	101
Psychiatric/Suicide Attempt-A	31	Vehicle Inspection	72
Psychiatric/Suicide Attempt-B	46	Vehicle Stop	12833
Psychiatric/Suicide Attempt-D	9	Weather Related	2
Rape or Sexual Assault	115	Wreck	1857
Reckless Driver	1681	Wreck No Injury	579
Recovered Property	28	Wreck Private Property with Injury	2
Residential Alarm	1682	Wreck Private Property	757
Road Hazard	595	Wreck with Entrapment	15
Robbery	74	Wreck with Injury	252
Runaway Juvenile	90	Wreck with Unknown Injury	215

Complaint Statistics for 2019

Complaint Types

Internal	=	2
Citizen	=	13
TOTAL	=	15

Adjudication—Internal:

Sustained	1
Not Sustained	0
Exonerated	1
Pending	0
Resignation	0
UF	0

Adjudication—Citizen:

Sustained	10
Not Sustained	2
Exonerated	1
Pending	0
Resignation	0
UF	0

Department Breakdown—Internal:

A Shift	0
B Shift	0
C Shift	0
D Shift	0
Other	2

Department Breakdown—Citizen:

A Shift	2
B Shift	0
C Shift	4
D Shift	1
Other	6

2019 Annual Response to Resistance

There were a total of 149 responses to resistance.

Patrol Division	=	116	77%
A Shift	=	23	
B Shift	=	18	
C Shift	=	39	
D Shift	=	36	
Specialized Units	=	32	22%
Other	=	1	

Caucasian =	86	58%	Male =	130	87%
African American =	54	36%	Female =	19	13%
Hispanic =	6	4%			
Other =	3	2%			

Types of Responses to Resistance

Baton:	2	1%
Chemical OC:	2	1%
Hard Hands -Strikes:	13	9%
Ready Gun:	5	3%
Soft Hands:	130	87%
Taser:	25	17%

2019 Annual Response to Resistance Report

Ready Gun Reports

Patrol Division	=	66	80%
A Shift	=	26	
B Shift	=	6	
C Shift	=	12	
D Shift	=	22	
Specialized Units	=	6	20%
Other	=	10	
OCU	=	6	

82 Total Ready Gun Reports

Caucasian	=	32	39%
African American	=	35	43%
Hispanic	=	13	16%
Other	=	2	2%
Male	=	76	93%
Female	=	6	7%

Response to Resistance Details

Reason	Count	%
Active Aggression	39	18%
Bite	2	1%
Defensive Resistance	46	21%
Spit	1	.5%
Fled	22	10%
Kicked	5	2%
Knife	2	1%
Passive Resistance	56	26%
Punched	10	5%
Verbal Resistance	33	15%
Other	3	.5%

Condition or injury	Count	%
Abrasion	16	10%
Arm Injury	0	0%
Contusion	4	3%
EMS Declined	1	1%
Head Injury	6	4%
Injury claimed by subject	2	1%
Laceration	16	10%
No Injury	89	57%
No Treatment Required	2	1%
Probe Wound	18	11%
Treated at Scene	3	2%

Arrests Associated with Resistance (Number of Incidents)

	Count	Percent of total
No	25	17%
Yes	123	83%

Response to Resistance Details

Total Reported Response to Resistance

Total reported response to resistance

2015 =	178
2016 =	184
2017 =	143
2018 =	106
2019 =	149

Increase of 29% from 2018 to 2019

Total reported response to resistance by Patrol Division

2015 =	117
2016 =	136
2017 =	124
2018 =	89
2019 =	116

Vehicle Flight Reports

Pursuit Details

There were a total of 68 Vehicle Flight Reports for 2019.

Patrol Division	Count	%
A Shift =	23	26%
B Shift =	3	3%
C Shift =	28	32%
D Shift =	10	11%
Investigations =	2	2%
OCU =	7	8%
CSU/OTH =	14	16%

Total number of vehicle pursuit incidents: 68

Total number of officers involved: 87

Reason Initiated	Count	Percent of total
Eluding	5	7%
Failure to Stop	7	10%
Suspected Criminal Activity	19	28%
Wanted Subject	7	10%
Witnessed Violation	29	44%
Other	1	1%

Violation	Count	Percent of total
Assist Other Agency	1	1%
Other	5	8%
Suspected DUI	5	8%
Suspected of Criminal Activity	18	26%
Witnessed Violation	32	47%
Wanted Person	7	10%

Vehicle Flight Reports

Pursuit Details

Distance	Count	Percent of total
0 to 1 mile	25	36%
1 to 2 miles	16	24%
2.1 to 3 miles	11	16%
3.1 to 4 miles	4	6%
4.1 to 5 miles	4	6%
5.1 to 6 miles	3	4%
6.1 to 7 miles	1	1%
9.1 to 10 miles	2	3%
Beyond 10 miles	2	3%

Pursuit Aborted

No	49	72%
Yes	19	28%

Accident Resulting from the Pursuit

No	56	82%
Yes	12	18%



2019 Capital Projects & Purchases

- Upgraded security in the evidence room
 - Mobile command phone kit
 - Explosive scent kit
 - (3) Used storage units
 - (200) Evidence containers
 - Less lethal ammunition
 - Truck for special assignments
 - Camera for CID
 - Command Staff radios
 - Covert camera for CID
 - Handgun simulation kit
 - Night vision lasers
 - Employee Training
 - SWAT Team equipment:
 - SWAT team van
 - Assorted weapons
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Specialized Funding

Traffic Safety Grants- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides federal funding for programs such as “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”, “Click-It-or-Ticket”, STEP (Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program) and Impaired Driver Enforcement.

The funding allows the department to bring officers in on overtime to address these specific issues while not detracting from normal calls for service. The funding is provided to each state and Alabama’s is regulated and dispersed by ADECA (Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs). The funding is then further regulated and dispersed locally by NAHSO (North Alabama Highway Safety Office) for the Decatur region.

2019 Special Events

- **Annual Daikin Festival**, May 24th, 2019. 33 officers employed for a total of 198 hours (compensated off duty by Daikin)
- **Annual Alabama Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Classic**, May 25-26th, 2019, 26 officers employed over two days, for a total of 315 hours
- **Spirit of America Festival**, July 4th, 2019, 26 officers employed for a total of 128 hours
- **Soulstock**, May 17-18th, 2019, 18 officers employed for a total of 117 hours
- **9th Annual Decatur Morgan Hospital Foundation Dragon-Boat Festival**, May 11th, 2019, 3 officers employed for a total of 27 hours (compensated off duty by Decatur Morgan Hospital)
- **Carnegie Carnival Mardi Gras Parade**, March 2nd, 2019, 4 officers employed for a total of 16 hours
- New Years Eve celebration, December 31st, 2019, 8 officers employed for a total of 40 hours
- **3rd Friday Downtown Decatur**, Each 3rd Friday of the month from April though September, 4 officers employed each event for a total of 168 hours annually

In 2019, Officers worked a total of 1,009 hours to provide security and traffic control for special events.



Operations Division — Captain's Report

Captain Chris Jones

The Operations Division is commanded by Capt. Chris Jones and is the largest division of the Decatur Police Department. The Operations Division is comprised mostly of uniformed officers of the Patrol Unit, Traffic Unit, K-9 Unit, Crime Suppression Unit, SWAT Team as well as the non-sworn civilian staff of School Crossing Guards and the Sign Shop.



"A police department will only be as successful as the relationship that it has with the community in which it works. I am proud of the strides and furtherance of stronger community relations the Decatur Police Department officers maintain with its citizens. We have not been without fault, but with great relations comes the ability to work past issues or differences that may occur.

Our officers strive to demonstrate professionalism and should be proud of the effort and accomplishments they have achieved in this area."

Patrol Unit—Unit Updates

Specialized & Support Units

Defensive Driving Course: Decatur PD offers a Defensive Driving Course that is taught by officers certified through the National Safety Council. The program is fee-based and gives a motor vehicle operator an opportunity to attend in an effort to better educate the driver on rules of the road as well as offset the possibility of higher insurance rates due to receiving a ticket.

School Crossing Guards: The police department staffs this unit with 23 part time employees. These employees are assigned to various schools through the city and their work hours correlate with the arrival time and dismissal time of students. The primary focus for these employees is to ensure the safe street crossing of students at the schools.

K-9 Unit: The K-9 Unit receives specialized training and currently utilizes dogs that detect both illegal narcotics and explosives. All K-9s used have the ability to track humans, search buildings and perform criminal apprehension.



Sign Shop: The Sign Shop is responsible for the installation, maintenance and repair of various regulatory and informational signs that are placed throughout the city. Sign Shop personnel are also called upon to provide support at special events, major traffic crashes and natural disasters by providing traffic cones and barricades.

SWAT Team: Assignment to the SWAT team is a part time assignment and includes officers from different areas in the department. Team members receive specialized training and have specialized equipment that allows them to better respond to high risk situations that might include hostage situations, barricaded subjects, acts of terrorism, riot control, or high risk warrant service. All active members of the team have received APOSTC certification as SWAT team officers and participate in ongoing training each month. In 2019 there were four deployments where the SWAT team was needed.



Patrol Unit—Unit Update

Traffic Unit

The traffic unit is responsible for investigating motor vehicle crashes and traffic homicides in the city limits of Decatur. In addition, traffic unit officers also attempt to reduce the number of motor vehicle crashes through traffic enforcement and education.

In 2019 the Traffic Unit responded to 4,734 calls for service. Officers in the Traffic Unit conducted 2,921 vehicle stops and issued 4,011 traffic citations along with 613 warning citations. The Traffic Unit also responded to 1,367 traffic accidents. Officers in the unit made 56 arrests and 20 DUI arrests.

In addition to the enforcement of motor vehicle laws, the Traffic Unit also conducted 370 escorts which typically involve, funerals, movement of heavy equipment, etc.

Traffic Homicide Investigators (THI): Some Traffic Unit officers receive additional training that certifies them in the investigation of traffic crashes that result in severe personal injury or death. The training these officers receive is 80 hours total and it provides them with the necessary skills to properly investigate and document the case for possible court proceedings.

In 2019, the THI investigated 9 motor vehicle fatalities in the City of Decatur., down from 14 in 2018, representing a drop in traffic fatalities of 35%.

Motor Carrier Safety Unit: The Motor Carrier safety Unit (MCSU) consists of three officers assigned to the Traffic Unit who have been trained in specific laws that pertain to those vehicles that meet the classification of a commercial vehicle.

In 2019 the MCSU conducted 57 commercial vehicle inspections and found 68 violations. As a result, 2 commercial vehicles were placed out of service by the MCSU and 8 citations were issued.

Motorcycle Officers: The motorcycle officers are a group of officers that have received and been trained in the use of motorcycles for enforcement vehicles. The use of these vehicles provides an alternate means of transportation for traffic enforcement that may be better suited for the environment they are in at the time. The vehicles are also used at special events to include festivals and parades.

Criminal Investigation Division—Captain's Report

Captain Rick Archer

The Criminal Investigation Division is commanded by Capt. Rick Archer. The Criminal Investigation Division comprises the investigative branch of the department. Detectives are trained in general investigations and then specifically trained for certain types of crimes. The Criminal Investigation Division is divided into two areas of enforcement, the **Detective Division** and the **Special Investigations Division**.



“There is great reason to be optimistic based on the crime data in 2019. The crime stats in 2018 were concerning, Decatur followed a national trend of an uptick of both violent and non-violent crimes compared to previous years. The crime data for 2019 tends to indicate that 2018 was an anomaly and the crime rates in 2019 have dropped to a more consistent, lower crime rates that we have been enjoying for the past five years.

Our detectives continue to evolve with new trends in technology. Crimes are being investigated and solved more and more by non-traditional means. Our detectives are among the best trained in the state and are well adept with the use of modern electronic technology as means of investigating and solving crimes.

I became a detective in 2001, nearly twenty years ago. At that time our investigative division had one shared computer, we still used a typewriter to type arrest warrants, photographs were taken with a Polaroid camera and video surveillance was typically only used by banks and a handful of convenience stores. Technology is available and in use by our department today that could never have been conceived twenty years ago. Under Chief Allen’s administration, Decatur remains on the cutting edge of available training, technology and resources.

We strive to take proven officers and provide them with the best training and equipment available and as a result, our detectives routinely maintain case closure rates that are well above and in some cases nearly twice the national average. To say that I am proud of our investigative staff would be an understatement. We look forward to continuing these efforts into 2020.”

Criminal Investigation Division—Unit Updates

Detective Division

Violent Crimes Unit: Detectives assigned to this unit investigate crimes that involve **DANGER TO THE PERSON**. In 2019, the Violent Crimes Unit investigated 215 cases. Six of those cases were homicides. For the seventh year in a row the Violent Crimes Unit had a 100% clearance rate on all homicides. There has only been one unsolved homicide in the past 14 years in Decatur. The unit had an impressive 69% overall clearance rate for robberies, more than double the national average of 30.5%. The unit cleared 93% of felony assaults, well above the national average of 52.3%.



Family Services Unit: The Family Services Unit is responsible for the investigation of all reported domestic violence crimes, sex-related crimes, child abuse crimes and runaways. In 2019, the unit investigated 1269 cases, mostly representing cases of domestic violence.

Property Crimes Unit: Detectives assigned to this unit investigate crimes involving the **THEFT OR DAMAGE OF PROPERTY**. These detectives are typically assigned to investigate felony offenses of thefts, burglaries, breaking and entering of motor vehicles, criminal mischief and auto thefts. In 2019, the unit investigated 1,300 cases. The Property Crimes Unit boasted an impressive 44% overall clearance rate, more than double the national average of 17.2%.

Financial Crimes Unit: These detectives work under the Property Crimes Unit and are specially trained to investigate crimes involving forgeries, scams, embezzlements, fraudulent use of credit card as well as internet-related fraud cases. In 2019, the unit received 362 cases to investigate.

Criminal Investigation Division—Unit Updates

Special Investigations Division

Crime Scene Investigations Unit: The Crime Scene Investigation Unit is responsible for the documentation and collecting of evidence at crimes scenes using scientifically proven techniques.



Sex Offender Registration Notification Act (SORNA) Unit: SORNA is responsible for the registration and legal compliance of registered sex offenders in Decatur. The unit registered, tracked and followed up with compliance checks on 119 registered sex offenders. This number reflects those who reside in Decatur as well as those who do not reside in Decatur but are employed inside the Decatur's jurisdiction. The unit made six arrests of registered sex offenders for SORNA compliance violations.

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit: ICAC is responsible for investigating electronic based crimes against children. These cases include Child Pornography, Child Exploitation and Child/Human Trafficking cases, as well as working undercover online to locate child sexual predators and prostitutes. The unit was formed in 2018 and has required extensive training in order to begin performing in-depth and complex investigations. The unit became a member of the Alabama ICAC Task Force, assisting with support and follow up on electronic sexual crimes against children.

In 2019, the ICAC unit investigated 30 cases. Of those 30 cases, 12 were received by cyber tips. The majority of those cases involved the possession/dissemination of child pornography. As a result, 2 arrests were made for possession and dissemination of child pornography.

The unit investigated seven child pornography production/dissemination cases within the Decatur City School System.

Criminal Investigation Division—Unit Updates

Vice and Narcotics Unit

The mission of the **Vice and Narcotics Unit** is to conduct the complex investigations necessary to identify and eliminate the suppliers that control the flow of drugs into our neighborhoods; and to assist the patrol divisions in developing and implementing strategies that address street level drug sales that can have a devastating impact on crime and quality of life at the neighborhood level.

The Unit is responsible for collecting, archiving and disseminating narcotics-related intelligence for successful investigations and prosecutions. The goal is to reduce all criminal activity by effectively investigating, combating and interdicting the importation of illegal drugs into the City of Decatur, thus enhancing the quality of life for the citizens in our community.

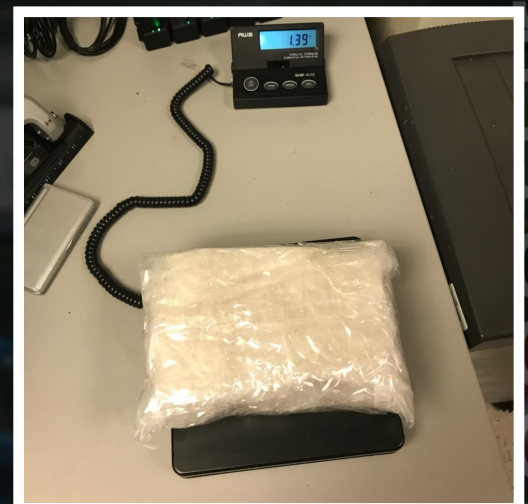
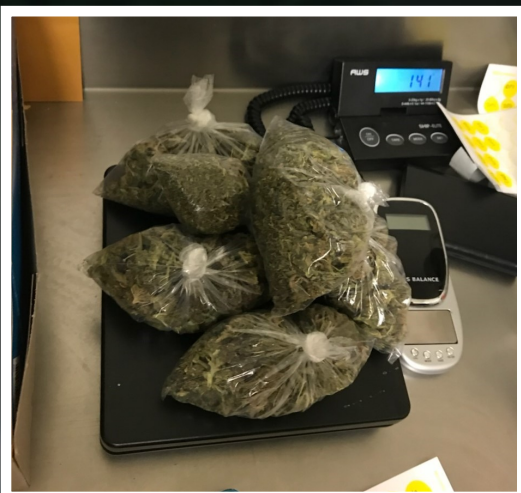
This is accomplished by developing informant networks, working undercover, conducting surveillance, processing criminal intelligence data, arresting drug dealers and buyers who engage in illegal drug transactions. Investigators work closely with other units at the local, state and federal levels. The Unit is also responsible for collecting, recording, maintaining, and disseminating intelligence data on criminal enterprises within and affecting the City of Decatur. The Unit concentrates on illegal activities such as gambling, bookmaking, pornography, prostitution and human trafficking.

The Unit is responsive to community needs. Priority is given to complaints of illegal activity affecting the quality of life of the residents of Decatur.

The unit consists of three Investigators and a Sergeant. One of the Investigators is assigned to the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) unit based out of Huntsville.

During 2019 the Unit members made 52 felony drug arrests with 127 charges plus 85 misdemeanor arrests with 64 additional charges. Most of the arrests were made responding to citizen complaints.

The unit also seized over 7 pounds of Marijuana, 6 ounces of Cocaine, 34 ounces of Methamphetamine, 5 grams of Heroin, 22 guns, 2 vehicles and over \$46,000 in currency.



Criminal Investigation Division—Unit Updates

Special Investigations Division / Vice and Narcotics Unit

In March of 2019, Vice/Narcotics and Officers with the Decatur Police Department's Patrol Division executed a vehicle stop on a blue Chevrolet Malibu for a traffic violation. The vehicle failed to yield and led patrol officers on a pursuit throughout the city limits of Decatur. The driver eventually fled the vehicle on foot, but was quickly taken into custody.

A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of over 1 pound of methamphetamine, with a street value of approximately \$20,000. A loaded firearm, marijuana, prescription medication, and drug paraphernalia were also located inside of the vehicle. The suspect was charged with Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Certain Persons Forbidden to Possess a Firearm, Attempt to Elude Law Enforcement, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Reckless Endangerment, Possession of Marijuana 2nd Degree, Illegal Possession of Prescription Drugs, and numerous traffic infractions.

During the booking process at the jail, the subject was found to be in possession of over 8 grams of crack cocaine. He was additionally charged with Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute, and Tampering with Physical Evidence.

In 2019, the unit received several complaints of local businesses operating illegal gambling machines in the city limits of Decatur. As a result, Investigators closed down several of those businesses, with the assistance of Community Development and the City Clerk's Office, while also seizing 12 gambling machines. On one of those occasions, a misdemeanor arrest was made.

Most of the businesses investigated received verbal warnings after being advised by investigators they were in violation of State of Alabama law. In those instances, owners promptly removed the machines, avoiding arrest. Approximately 100 machines were removed as a result of this action.



Management Services—Captain's Report

Lieutenant Tony Ward

The **Management Services Division** is commanded by Lt. Tony Ward after the retirement of Capt. Chris Mathews in 2019. The Management Services Division Commander supervises the operations of homeland security, crime analysis, safety education, school resource officers, transport officers, City Hall security, citizen volunteers/chaplains, front desk and honor guard.



In 2019 the Management Services Division had changes and departures in personnel without having an impact on the performance and accomplishments of the division.

The Safety Education officer has expanded the Citizen Police Academy and Explorer Program, as well as assisted citizens in setting up several new neighborhood watch programs. He has also continued and improved existing programs such as ACES, Operation Thank You and assisting DHR with Santa visits to in need citizens.

The School Resource Officers have had a busy year working with the schools to helping Decatur City School System win yet another Safe Schools Award. They continue to build relationships with the kids while working to ensure safety and security during the summer at Point Mallard Water Park.

The Transport Security Officers continue to provide excellent service for the city by taking over the responsibility for most prisoner transports and allowing officers to remain on the streets. The building security screeners have enhanced city hall security and reduced the number of contraband items brought into city hall with their efforts.

Looking toward 2020, the Management Services Division hopes to improve the department's relationship with the citizens even more and work toward moving the temporary employees into full time positions. Long term goals include increasing school resource officer staffing and assigning more officers to the safety education function.

Management Services—Unit Updates

Homeland Security: This unit is a liaison with local emergency management organizations and federal terrorist watch groups. The department's Homeland Security unit works in conjunction with several federal law enforcement agencies. Assistance is also provided to local industry and school board.

Crime Analysis Unit: Our crime analyst uses data collection and mapping software to compile information received from police reports. The data is used to create reports and recommendations for crime prevention and response techniques. Crime analysts are highly involved in criminal justice innovations like Problem-Oriented Policing and Intelligence-Led Policing.

Chaplains: The Police Chaplain Corp is a volunteer position with great responsibility to the police department as well as our community and the citizens we serve.

Because police work can become very emotional for the officers and the public we serve, the Police Chaplain works to meet the needs of both the Officer and citizen who may need assistance.

Our Chaplains will assist officers during their shifts and will also be on call to support and assist both officers and victims of trauma that they may come in contact with. The Police Chaplain is better equipped with knowledge to listen with empathy and calmly advise officers in an appropriate manner.

Chaplains from Left to Right:

K. Jett, T. Elliott,

C. McBride, R. Guinn



Management Services—Unit Reports

Safety Education Unit

This unit is designed to prevent crime by educating the citizens and by taking a proactive role in building community partnerships. This unit also organizes citizen volunteers, ACES, Explorers, Project Life Saver, Operation Thanksgiving and Christmas give a-ways.

2019 was a great year for the **Safety Education Unit**. Sgt. Jami Jones is currently assigned as the Safety Education Officer. Sgt. Jones schedules, coordinates and facilitates a tremendous number of meetings, projects and training. Under Sgt. Jones, the department has shown tremendous growth and improvement with community engagement programs, attendees, partnerships and future engagements with local businesses.

There were **22** new partnerships formed 2019, including: Magical Memories, Star Bucks, Donut Express, Marco's Pizza, United Way, PACT, Alabama Career Center, Decatur Public Library, AT&T, The Pet Food Store, US 2020 Census, Morgan County EMA, Morgan County Rescue Squad, Courtyard Marriott, KFC, Austin High School Art Class, Home Depot, Red Robin Rents, DJ Epic, Double D Music and Char Star (spoken word artist). All of these businesses, non-profit organizations and artists all donated their time, money or door prizes.

The following events were sponsored by the Decatur Police Department in 2019:

Heroes & Helper's (Shop with a cop)

Heroes & Helper's community event and motorcycle ride

National Night Out

Operation Thank You

Project Lifesaver: The Decatur Police Department continues to have a great relationship with the PILOT Club of Decatur. The PILOT Club purchased three additional devices at a cost of \$350.00 each. There are now five active clients registered in the program.

***Neighborhood Watch:** In 2019 there were **2** neighborhood watch meetings. One meeting was for the "Old Decatur" community and there were **21** residents in attendance. The second meeting was for the Dunbarton subdivision. There were **35** residents present.

Management Services—Unit Reports

Safety Education Unit

Recruiting: In 2019, recruiting was increased and 10 events were attended. There were career expo's at Ingall's Harbor, Celebration Arena, Fort Decatur and the Alabama Law Enforcement Expo (Birmingham, AL), College & Career Day at Decatur High School, Austin High School, Danville High School, Athens State, Calhoun Community College and Wallace State.

Read Across America: In 2019 the department partnered with Banks Caddell, Frances Nungester and Walter Jackson elementary schools and officers engaged with young students for reading, fun and friendship.

Back-To School Jam: In 2019 Decatur School Resource Officers again participated in this annual event as a way to get young people excited for their return to school.

ACES: In 2019 there were 60 children that participated in the program over the course of two weeks.

DUI & Marijuana Awareness: In 2019 Austin and Decatur High Schools participated in the "Teen Driver Safety Week". The Decatur Police Department partnered with the Alabama State Police and educated students on the effects of impaired driving. Students used "drunk goggles" and "marijuana goggles" to simulate the effects of impairment. Approximately 89 students benefited from this program. Over the course of four different training sessions, the officers reached over 400 students at the two high schools.

Anti-Bullying Campaign: Sgt. Jones appeared on WYAM TV 51 to discuss bullying, providing tips to young people on walking or riding bicycles to school and what to do when they encounter bullying.

Management Services—Unit Reports

Safety Education Unit

Safety Awareness: In 2019 several businesses and churches requested training and education concerning “Safety Awareness”. Sgt. Jones presented or facilitated the training with the following organizations:

Feb.25th, Byrd, Smalley & Adams Accounting. **10** employees were present

March 9th, Boy Scout Troop. There were **9** scouts present who received a traffic safety badge

March 27th, **15** ladies were present at First Bible Church to receive Safety Awareness and Self-Defense

September 16th, Covenant Counseling & Consulting. There **9** employees present

September 19th, Morgan County Association of Realtors, “Realtor Safety Month”. There were **50** realtors present.

September 28th, Safety Event at Old Navy

October 5th, Safety Event at Home Depot

October 12th, Safety event at Lowe’s

November 9th, Canaan Church in Hillsboro, AL; Safety Awareness, Project Lifesaver and the Yellow DOT Program. **63** senior citizens were present for this event

Transport Unit: This unit is responsible for the transport of individuals under arrests from the scene to the appropriate detention facility, or to and from Municipal court, for medical appointments and the hospital and other places as required. In 2019, the unit conducted 2,361 prisoner transports and 27 medical transports.

City Hall Security Detail: This unit is responsible for all the security of the Decatur City hall and the Decatur Municipal Courtroom. 4 temporary employees currently man the entry points and monitor the metal detectors. In 2019 the security staff successfully prevented 17 firearms, 1,433 knives, 194 pepper spray devices and 2 TASERS from entering City Hall.

Management Services—Unit Updates

School Resource Officers (SRO): SROs are community police officers within specific schools who work to build trusting relationships with youth, school staff and the community to create safer schools. The officers are assigned to specific schools within the Decatur City School system.

In 2019, the SRO's conducted 2,964 school walk through's, made 3,360 student contacts, responded to 1,290 calls from administrators, made 306 parent contacts, and conducted 8 threat assessments.



Honor Guard: The thirteen member honor guard unit is comprised of volunteer officers who have committed themselves to the time and training required for the specialized duties. They are highly respected for their attention to detail and precision in representing the Department. The Honor Guard regularly participates in many community events such as the Law Enforcement Memorial Week ceremony, State of the City address, as well as various Independence Day and Veteran's Day ceremonies.

The most important function that the Honor Guard performs is the attendance and paying respect to the families and communities of officers who lost their life in the line-of-duty.



Administration Division—Captain's Report

Captain Tony Morgan

The **Administration Division** is commanded by Capt. Tony Morgan. The Administration Division consists of the Training Unit, Accreditation Unit, Fleet/Equipment Supervisor, Evidence Custodian, Account Clerk, Records Unit, and the Animal Services Unit. The division is under the command of a captain and includes one lieutenant, a sergeant and an account clerk.



In 2019 the Administrative Division continued to assist the department move forward through improved training and equipment purchases.

The Training Unit continues to improve the training curriculum for new recruits and yearly in-service training to ensure officers are trained to the most current standards and topics are constantly updated to include relevant current law enforcement issues. Plans were in place to purchase a new firearms training simulator at year end to replace the current outdated simulator.

The department fleet transition to all SUV front line vehicles moved another step closer with the purchase of more Chevrolet Tahoe's. These new vehicles were equipped with the most modern equipment available. Plans were in place at year end to purchase the first Getac body cameras to replace the outdated L3 system.

The Records Unit continued to work on the Tyler Records Management System preparing to switch from UCR to IBR reporting protocols and added functionality to the Alarm module to merge false alarm calls into the system for tracking purposes.

The Animal Services Unit received new chemical capture equipment and training to aid in catching difficult to trap animals. They continued working with local pet stores on adoption events to increase animal adoptions and decrease the number of animals needing to be euthanized.

The Accreditation Unit completed the initial accreditation application process and the department was awarded CALEA accreditation on the first attempt making the department only the tenth police department in the state to receive that designation. Accreditation was accomplished with dedicated work from every unit in the department.

In 2020 the Administrative Division will continue to improve the training for the department and begin the process for maintaining accreditation status. Each unit in the division will look for new, creative solutions for existing issues and search for the best equipment available to assist the department move forward into the future.

Administration Division—Unit Reports

Waterborne Response Unit: The Waterborne Response Unit (WRU) provides marine patrols, assists disabled boaters and swimmers, and enforces boating laws. The unit patrolled waterways during Dragon Boat Race, Memorial Day (Jubilee), and Independence Day (Spirit of America) holidays. In addition, the unit conducted patrol 12 times during the year.



The Waterborne Response Unit trains regularly with the department's SWAT team to remain proficient in waterborne deployment, assault tactics and underway boarding operations.



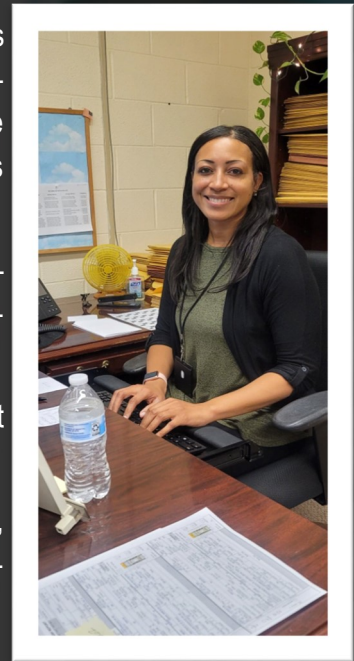
Administration Division—Units & Updates

Fleet/Equipment Supervisor: The Fleet/Equipment supervisor is a lieutenant that is responsible for equipping and maintaining department vehicles and ensuring that department radios and equipment are maintained and issued to personnel as necessary. The lieutenant ensures that repairs and maintenance are handled in a timely manner and is responsible for tracking vehicle assignments as laid out by the chief of police.

Evidence Custodian: The Evidence Custodian is responsible for the tracking and security of all property that is taken in by the department for safekeeping or held as evidence.

Records Unit: The Records Unit maintains all reports completed by the department and is staffed by one supervisor and three other employees.

The records employees enter report information into the recordkeeping software, report statistics to the appropriate state and federal agencies and provide copies of reports to citizens as needed. In 2019 the Records division served 5,296 citizens.



CALEA Accreditation

The Accreditation Unit is staffed by one sergeant, the accreditation manager. The accreditation manager is responsible for bringing the department into compliance with the applicable CALEA standards to retain the CALEA accreditation. This is done by ensuring department policies and practices meet recognized standards and sub-standards.

In November 2019 the Decatur Police Department received its first accreditation award at a CALEA conference in Kentucky. Having received the award, the Department now enters into the reaccreditation phase. During this phase, the accreditation unit has to review and update policies as well as provide proofs for all applicable Law Enforcement Standards. This process is reviewed by CALEA every year to retain the reaccreditation status.



Administration Division—Decatur Animal Services

The animal Services Unit is staffed by one manager, four full time kennel staff members, three animal control officers, three temporary employees, and several volunteers. All Animal Service employees are civilian non-sworn personnel. Animal Services is responsible for the cities stray animal population, adoption of animals entering the facility, and strengthening the bond between animals and humans. Although Animal Services is not a no kill shelter we strive to save, rescue, and adopt as many animals as possible.

In 2019, the shelter responded to 2,078 calls for service and received 2,095 animal intakes. The shelter had 1,537 out-takes such as adoptions and animal rescues. The Animal Shelter had a 71% animal save rate in 2019, up from 64% in 2018.

In 2019 the Animal Shelter has undergone extensive research, planning and is in the process of trying to implement a new ordinance for no tethering of canines in the city of Decatur. The Animal Shelter was able to add a keycard swipe system to the building to ensure the safety of both the staff and the public while at the facility. The Animal Shelter routinely participates in special events to promote animal awareness, community outreach, education and animal adoptions. Some of these events include Heroes and Helpers, PetSmart adoption events, Bark for Life and classroom led education for the youth.



Administration Division—Training

The Training Unit consists of one sergeant and two officers. It is responsible for scheduling, coordinating, conducting and documenting all department training. This includes conducting new recruit and lateral officer training, Field Training Officer assignments and recordkeeping as well as police applicant physical agility testing. Training classes are conducted using the training staff, department personnel that have received specialized training or outside instructors that are experts in a particular subject.

DPD Training Summary for 2019

Department Wide Training (By Primarily In-House Staff):

Cultural Diversity	4 hours
Dementia Training	2 hours
DUI Interlock Devices	1 hour
Eagle Consulting Officer Awareness/Self Care	4 hours
Taser, OC/CS Re-certifications	3 hours
ASP/Expandable Baton Re-certifications	3 hours
Radiation Training	3 hours
CALEA	1 hour
FEMA/All Hazards Planning	4 hours
CPR/Narcan training	3 hours
Spring Firearms (Qualifications only)	1 hour
Fall Firearms (Qualifications and Training)	7 hours
Draeger Recertification	<u>4 hours</u>
<u>Total (Per Officer):</u>	<u>40 hours*</u>

*Minimum Hours of Training Received per Officer. Some Officers received additional hours for specialized training attended (see below)

Other Training Conducted by and/or hosted by DPD

Patrol Rifle Course (12 Attendees)	24 hours
Skid Car Training	8 hours
Advanced Leadership and Supervision	24 hours
Crisis Negotiation Training	8 hours
Field Training Officer Course	24 hours
Lateral Academy and FTO Program	480 hours
New Recruit Orientation Academy and FTO Program	<u>800 hours</u>
<u>Total:</u>	<u>1368 hours</u>

Community Outreach Programs

Explorer Program

The Explorer Program is for young adults, ages 14-17, with an interest in a career in law enforcement who wish to gain personal awareness of the criminal justice system through training, hands-on experiences, and other activities. The Explorer Program allows those who live near or in Decatur to become informed and involved in law enforcement, while actively becoming part of their community.

Members of the Explorer Program are expected to attend regular meetings that consist of administrative updates, the scheduling of upcoming events, and routine training. Due to the nature of the work, training is very formal and disciplined. Participants must strive to achieve at least an 80% average in all academics while in the Explorer Program. If participants show a respect for their role in the Explorer Program and successfully complete the above requirements, they will have opportunities to help with city events. Members of the Explorer Program are provided with a uniform at no cost.

Eight new members completed the Explorer Program in 2019, bringing the total number of active members to 12.



Community Outreach Programs

Police Volunteer Academy

It is important for a Police Department to have interaction and cooperation with the general public. One way to accomplish this goal is through an exchange of ideas and education.

The Decatur Police Department's **Police Volunteer Academy** program is an excellent means to achieve this end. The Police Volunteer Academy is designed to acquaint the public with operations of the police department. It is our intention that at the completion of the program, participants will have a better understanding of the police officer's role in the criminal justice system and the community, as well as an appreciation of the many challenges facing law enforcement in today's society.

The course is structured to provide as much information as possible in enjoyable and interesting ways. There is no fee for the classes. We only require that the participants come each week prepared to be involved in discussions and demonstrations.

The Police Volunteer Academy includes information on such topics as Law, Crime Prevention, Community Policing, Arrest Procedures, Investigations, and many other topics. In addition to tours of the police building and patrol annex, Academy students will get a closer view of K-9 officer training exercises, participate in an interactive firearms training simulation, and tour the Morgan County 911 dispatch facility where they will witness the processing of raw emergency information. Upon completion of the Academy, program members may elect to participate in multiple ride-a-longs.

Alumni of the Police Volunteer Academy will be able to volunteer to assist at community events, such as: registration days for Yellow Dot and Project Lifesaver, Alabama Jubilee Hot Air Balloon Classic, the Spirit of America Festival, and National Night Out. Each graduate of the Police Volunteer Academy receives an official badge, patches, and a uniform to wear at sponsored events.

Seven new members completed the Volunteer Academy in 2019, bringing the total number of active members to 21.



Community Outreach Programs

ACES

ACES is a week long summer program designed to present youths with alternatives to drugs and gangs, provide them with positive role models, and improve the law enforcement-youth relationships in this area. The program was created by the Decatur Police Department in 1992 and targets youths, ages 8 through 14. The ACES is an acronym derived from Alternative Choices. By joining the ACES program, the youths will be "Flying High on Life."

ACES meets at a neighborhood location during the summer, for five days. The program can be repeated at additional locations as time and finances allow.

After providing lunch, they are taken on field trips to different locations in the area. The objective of these trips is to expose the youths to different career opportunities in the area. They are also able to meet on-site positive role models. Past locations for these trips in Decatur have included Amoco, Browns Ferry, Channel 48 News, Chiptec, Decatur General Hospital, Decatur Utilities, Daiken, the Fire Department, General Electric, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Nova Chemical, the Police Department, Redstone Arsenal Military Base, Saginaw Steering Gear, South Central Bell, and 3M.



Project Lifesaver

An international search and rescue organization for individuals diagnosed with cognitive conditions, **Project Lifesaver** supplies bracelets that transmit a radiofrequency to reduce the time it takes to find a missing person who may wander from his or her caregiver.

If your loved one has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, autism, or any type of brain disorder that would cause them to wander or become lost, they are eligible for a Project Lifesaver bracelet.

Participants must:

Have a caregiver with them at least 75% of the time.

Wear the bracelet at all times.

Never drive a vehicle at any time.

Once registered, supervising patrol officers are made aware of those registered for Project Lifesaver and are prepared for specialized rescue efforts on every shift.



Chief's Final Message

As Chief of Police for the City of Decatur , it has been my complete honor and privilege to serve this city. As we move forward in our work to build a stronger and more resilient Decatur, I am grateful to the brave men and women of the Decatur Police Department who sacrifice so much for our safety. I appreciate you accepting this department as part of your family. Additionally, I appreciate you taking the time to read this report and become familiar with the operations of the police department in general.

Until we meet again — Stay Safe!



Chief Nate Allen

**Thank You, Mayor and City Council,
for Your Support!**



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