

# Gwinnett County Police Department

## Quick Facts

- GCPD's mission statement states that we are committed to serving the community through the delivery of professional law enforcement services in a compassionate manner in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens and improve the quality of life in our community.
- GCPD's core values are integrity, courtesy, pride and professional growth.
- GCPD is currently authorized 784 sworn officers, making it the third largest full-service police department in Georgia. Only Atlanta PD and DeKalb County PD are larger.
- The 2016 Budget for GCPD is \$121,602,345.
- Gwinnett County, Georgia is the second most populated county in Georgia. GCPD provides E-911, Animal Control, Emergency Management and Hazardous Devices Unit services to all 919,290 residents of Gwinnett County. Only Fulton County has a larger population.
- GCPD has the largest service population of any full-service police department in Georgia. GCPD provides full law enforcement services for 781,112 residents in unincorporated Gwinnett County as well as for residents inside the cities of Berkeley Lake, Buford, Dacula, Grayson, Peachtree Corners, Rest Haven and Sugar Hill.
- GCPD is organized into the Office of the Chief and four divisions, each led by an assistant chief. Within the Uniform Division, there are five separate police districts (West, South, North, East and Central Precincts), each led by a major. The district / precinct commanders are responsible for the delivery of police services within their district. There are plans underway for a sixth police district, with the precinct being located at Bay Creek Park near Grayson.
- GCPD has been nationally accredited through the Commission for the Accreditation of Law enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 1993. Accredited agencies adhere to 484 standards, which reflect current nationally accepted best police practices. Agencies are reassessed every 3-4 years. There are approximately 18,000 law enforcement agencies in the United States, and only 3.4% are accredited. GCPD was last accredited in 2013, and will undergo a reaccreditation assessment in 2016.
- Since 1998, GCPD has been state certified through the Georgia Police Accreditation Coalition. Agencies must meet 129 standards. There are approximately 628 law enforcement agencies in Georgia, and only 20% are certified. GCPD was recertified in 2015.

- GCPD has a demanding recruiting and selection process. The Background Investigation Unit is staffed by eleven trained and dedicated professionals who are responsible for recruiting the most qualified personnel that reflect the demographics of the County, and ensuring that these candidates are qualified and meet hiring guidelines established by GCPD, the Gwinnett County Human Resources Department, and the Merit System Rules and Regulations.
- GCPD's mandate training requirements surpass that of the State of Georgia. There are 26 approved police academies throughout Georgia, and four of the academies are operated by police departments. Georgia only requires 408 hours of training to become a certified officer. GCPD requires an additional 452 hours of training followed by ten weeks (60 work days) of observed field training. Georgia only requires firearms training once per year, whereas GCPD requires quarterly firearms training.
- 2015 Crime Rates (per 100,000 citizens)
  - Violent Crime – 216 (up 13.7% from 2014)
  - Property Crime – 2,088 (down 5.9% from 2014)
  - Overall Crime – 2,304 (down 4.3% from 2014)
- In 2015, GCPD officers were dispatched to / handled 549,600 calls for service. (3.3% reduction from 2014)
  - 260 *Use of Force* incidents. (4.76% reduction from 2014)
    - 0.047% of all calls resulted in the use of force by an officer.
    - 1.92 % of all use of force involved use of deadly force.
      - 5 incidents resulting in 1 fatality and 3 injuries.
      - .0009% of all calls resulted in use of deadly force.
  - 15,234 physical arrests where an individual was taken into custody.
    - Force was used in only 1.71% of all physical arrests.
  - 124 complaints filed against employees. (17.3% reduction from 2014)
    - 0.023% of all calls resulted in a complaint.
    - 72.6% of all complaints against employees were sustained.
  - 17 SWAT Callouts (10 callouts, 7 pre-planned warrant services) (37% reduction from 2014)
    - 0.000031% of all calls had a SWAT response (including warrants).
    - 0.000018% of all calls resulted in a request for SWAT (aggravated calls)

- **On March 1, 2016, the Board of Commissioners approved the purchase of 385 Tasers and equipment to finish equipping the entire department. Estimated cost is \$565,277.**
- **A Body-Worn Camera project has been funded as part of the 2016 Budget. We are currently using BWC in the Motors Unit. It is anticipated that the request for proposal (RFP) would be ready to be issued by the Summer 2016. Total project funding is \$1,154,820 (\$206,220 in 2016 and \$948,600 in 2017).**
- **30 additional sworn police officer positions were approved in the 2016 Budget.**