GT | Georgia Tech Police Department

ANNUAL REPORT
2023

Letter from the Chief

Dear Members of the Georgia Tech Community,

I am proud to introduce the Georgia Tech Police Department's 2023 Annual Report, a comprehensive overview of our collective efforts, accomplishments, and challenges throughout the past calendar year. This report serves as a vital tool in our commitment to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in serving and safeguarding our campus community.

As we delve into the contents of this report, it is important to recognize its purpose: to provide insight into our department's performance, highlight areas of progress, and identify opportunities for growth. Through the dissemination of key data, analyses, and strategic initiatives, we aim to foster dialogue, collaboration, and informed decision-making among our stakeholders.

Our commitment to excellence in campus policing is reflected in the achievements outlined within this report. Notably, total violent crimes for 2023 have decreased by an impressive 27.3% from the previous year, a testament to our proactive approach and dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of all members of the Georgia Tech community.

However, it is also essential to acknowledge the challenges we face. Total property crimes increased by 6% from 2022, driven in part by more burglary crimes and motor vehicle thefts, particularly scooter thefts on campus, which the FBI's UCR program requires us to categorize as vehicles.

As we navigate these challenges, we remain steadfast in our commitment to enhancing campus safety and security. Through collaborative partnerships, innovative strategies, and technological advancements, we are dedicated to addressing emerging threats and vulnerabilities to create a safer environment for all.

I invite you to explore the insights and analyses presented in the Georgia Tech Police Department's 2023 Annual Report. Your engagement, feedback, and support are invaluable as we work together to uphold our shared commitment to excellence and ensure the continued well-being of our campus community.

Go Jackets!

Robert Connolly
Chief of Police

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What We Do

Sworn police officers at the Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) serve in diverse divisions, including Patrol, CORE (Community Outreach and Engagement), Crime Prevention, Criminal Investigation, Special Operations/K9, Internal Affairs, Standards and Accreditation, Recruiting, and Training. Additional assignments may involve participation in the Honor Guard and the Special Response Team.

Civilian staff members support the department in areas such as Forensics, Property and Evidence, Records, Crime Analysis, Physical Security, Fleet and Building Management, CORE and Communications. Additionally, civilians in the Office of Emergency Management prepare the Institute's response to catastrophic events, while the Operations Center is staffed by emergency communications officers and video analysts. The Office of the Chief employs civilians for finance, human resources, information technology, and administrative support.

Georgia Tech students also contribute to various campus safety roles to include social media reporters, special project assistants, video technicians and library ambassadors.

OUR MISSION

- To strive for excellence and integrity in providing a safe and secure environment and instilling confidence in the Georgia Tech community.

- To enforce laws and campus policy, to serve the diverse public, to prevent and detect criminal activity, and to reduce the fears of the public through community interaction and education.

- To promote growth and development for the members of the department.

OUR VISION

To become a recognized national benchmark in innovation and professional policing. We will be leaders in our profession by providing quality service through collaborative working partnerships within our community. We will establish a comprehensive approach to emergency preparedness and policing, providing leadership and coordination with local, state, and federal agencies to promote a safe and secure campus.

Core Values

Integrity

We uphold the highest standards of honesty, transparency, and ethical conduct in all our actions and decisions.

Professionalism

We demonstrate professionalism through our commitment to excellence, continuous learning, and adherence to established protocols and procedures.

Respect

We treat all individuals with dignity, fairness, and empathy, fostering a culture of inclusivity and mutual understanding within our diverse community.

Accountability

We take responsibility for our actions and decisions, striving for transparency and accountability in serving and protecting the Georgia Tech community.

Collaboration

We foster partnerships and collaboration with students, faculty, staff, and external stakeholders to enhance safety, security, and the overall well-being of the campus community.

Service

We are dedicated to serving the Georgia Tech community with compassion, responsiveness, and dedication, prioritizing the needs and concerns of those we serve.

Innovation

We embrace innovation and adaptability, continually seeking new approaches and technologies to enhance our effectiveness in addressing emerging challenges and advancing public safety on campus.

Executive Command

Office of the Chief

Chief of Police
Rob Connolly

Assistant to the Executive
Autumn Samuels

Assistant Director – Administrative Operations
LaConnia Jones

Deputy Chief
Carla Cook

Technology Division
Captain
Richard McNevin

Administrative Division and Special Operations
Captain
Marcus Walton

Emergency Management Director
Will Smith

Emergency Communications Director
Shireka Graham

Patrol Division
Captain
Troy Walcott

Criminal Investigations Division
Captain
Jarvis Flowers

Training Division
Lieutenant
Brian Bonus

Leadership Team

TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
Steve Travis
Information Technology Lead

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION
Interim Lieutenant Jessica Howard
Community OutReach and Engagement (CORE)

Gena Snead
Communications Program Manager

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Laura Gustavson
Assistant Director

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
Alicia Adams
Supervisor

Scientia Williams
Supervisor

PATROL DIVISION
Lieutenant Jacob Crossley
Day Watch

Interim Lieutenant Sabrina Vigil-Rodriguez
Evening Watch

Interim Lieutenant Scott Reese
Morning Watch

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION (CID)
Sergeant Austin Soper
Intel Unit/K9 Unit

Sergeant Major Massee
Investigations

TRAINING DIVISION
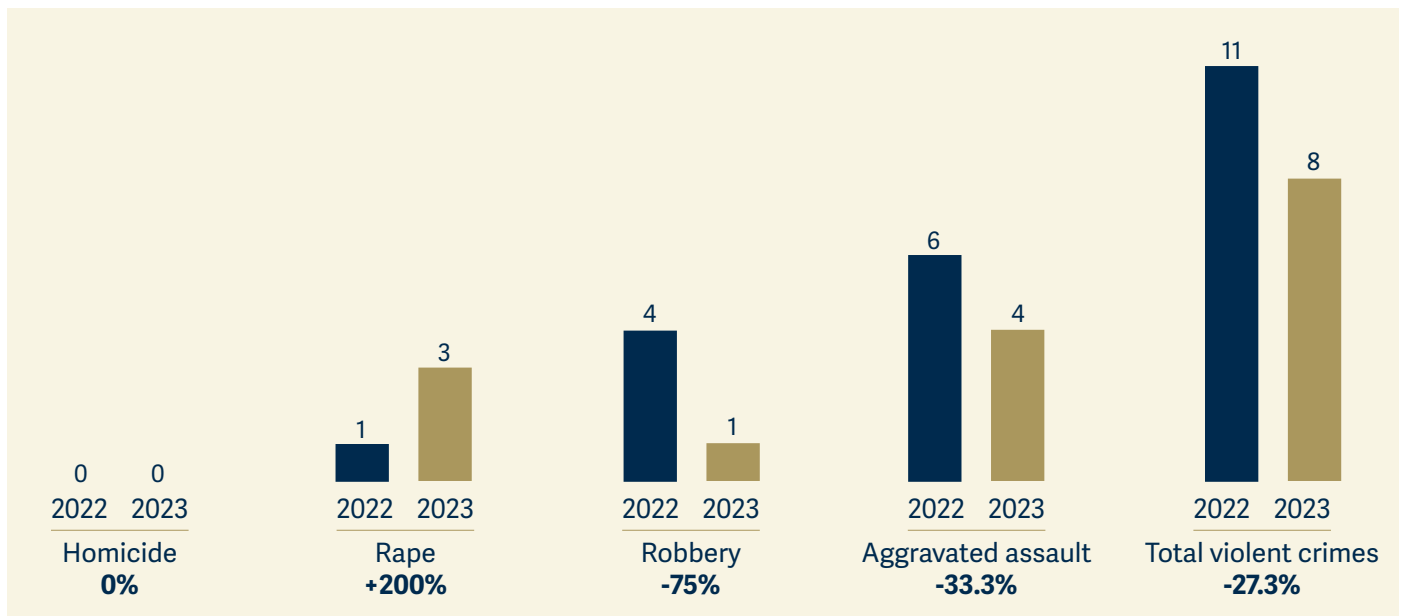Sergeant Manuel Blair
Training Coordinator/K9 Unit

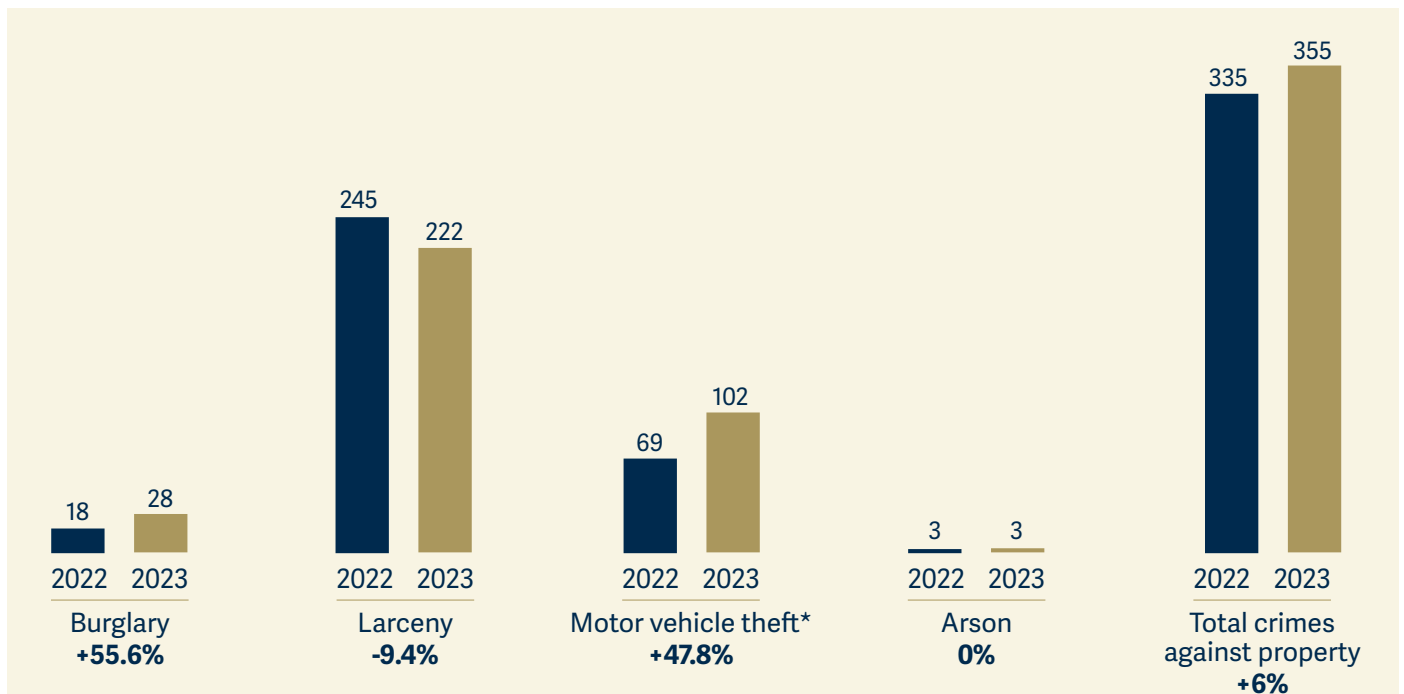Sergeant Charles Gaston
Training Coordinator

Crime Statistics

The following data illustrates Part I* offenses on the Georgia Tech campus in 2023, juxtaposed with corresponding data from 2022. These incidents have been categorized into crimes against persons and crimes against property for clarity and analysis.

*The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program categorizes Part I crimes as follows: rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Crimes against persons, 2023 vs 2022 comparison

	2022	2023	
Homicide	0	0	0%
Rape	1	3	+200%
Robbery	4	1	-75%
Aggravated assault	6	4	-33.3%
Total violent crimes	11	8	-27.3%

Crimes against property, 2023 vs 2022 comparison

	2022	2023	
Burglary	18	28	+55.6%
Larceny	245	222	-9.4%
Motor vehicle theft*	69	102	+47.8%
Arson	3	3	0%
Total crimes against property	335	355	+6%

*The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program mandates the inclusion of motor scooter thefts when reporting motor vehicle thefts.

The following data highlights reported incidents on the Georgia Tech campus spanning a period of 10 years.

10-year UCR Part I crime comparison, 2014 to 2023

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023 vs 2014	2023 vs 2015	2023 vs 2016	2023 vs 2017	2023 vs 2018	2023 vs 2019	2023 vs 2020	2023 vs 2021	2023 vs 2022
Fall student enrollment	23,108	25,037	26,836	29,369	32,717	36,487	39,776	43,843	45,290	47,951	108%	92%	79%	63%	47%	31%	21%	9%	6%
Violent crime	20	13	17	16	3	9	8	10	11	8	-60%	-38%	-53%	-50%	167%	-11%	0%	-20%	-27%
Murder & nonnegl. manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Forcible rape	5	1	3	5	2	3	2	3	1	3	-40%	200%	0%	-40%	50%	0%	50%	0%	200%
Robbery	10	8	9	2	0	4	2	2	4	1	-90%	-88%	-89%	-50%	NC%	-75%	-50%	-50%	-75%
Aggravated assault	5	4	5	9	1	2	4	5	6	4	-20%	0%	-20%	-56%	300%	100%	0%	-20%	-33%
Property crime	382	341	244	299	305	320	201	209	335	355	-7%	4%	45%	19%	16%	11%	77%	70%	6%
Burglary	54	27	21	26	65	36	26	24	18	28	-48%	4%	33%	8%	-57%	-22%	8%	17%	56%
Larceny-theft	307	298	218	262	231	252	153	156	245	222	-28%	-26%	2%	-15%	-4%	-12%	45%	42%	-9%
Motor vehicle theft	21	16	5	10	9	30	22	28	69	102	386%	538%	1940%	920%	1033%	240%	364%	264%	48%
Arson	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	3	3	NC	NC	NC	200%	NC	50%	NC	200%	0%
Total part I crime	402	354	261	315	308	329	209	219	346	363	-10%	3%	39%	15%	18%	10%	74%	66%	5%
Total full-time officers	74	68	71	74	79	82	77	69	63	63	-15%	-7%	-11%	-15%	-20%	-23%	-18%	-9%	0%
Total full-time civilians	24	25	26	30	29	30	28	38	51	48	100%	92%	85%	60%	66%	60%	71%	26%	-6%
Students per officer	312.3	368.2	378.0	396.9	414.1	445.0	516.6	635.4	718.9	761.1	144%	107%	101%	92%	84%	71%	47%	20%	6%
Pt I crimes/officer	5.4	5.2	3.7	4.3	3.9	4.0	2.7	3.2	5.5	5.8	6%	11%	57%	35%	48%	44%	112%	82%	5%
Pt I crime/enrollment	1.7%	1.4%	1.0%	1.1%	0.9%	0.9%	0.5%	0.5%	0.8%	0.8%	-56%	-46%	-22%	-29%	-20%	-16%	44%	52%	-1%

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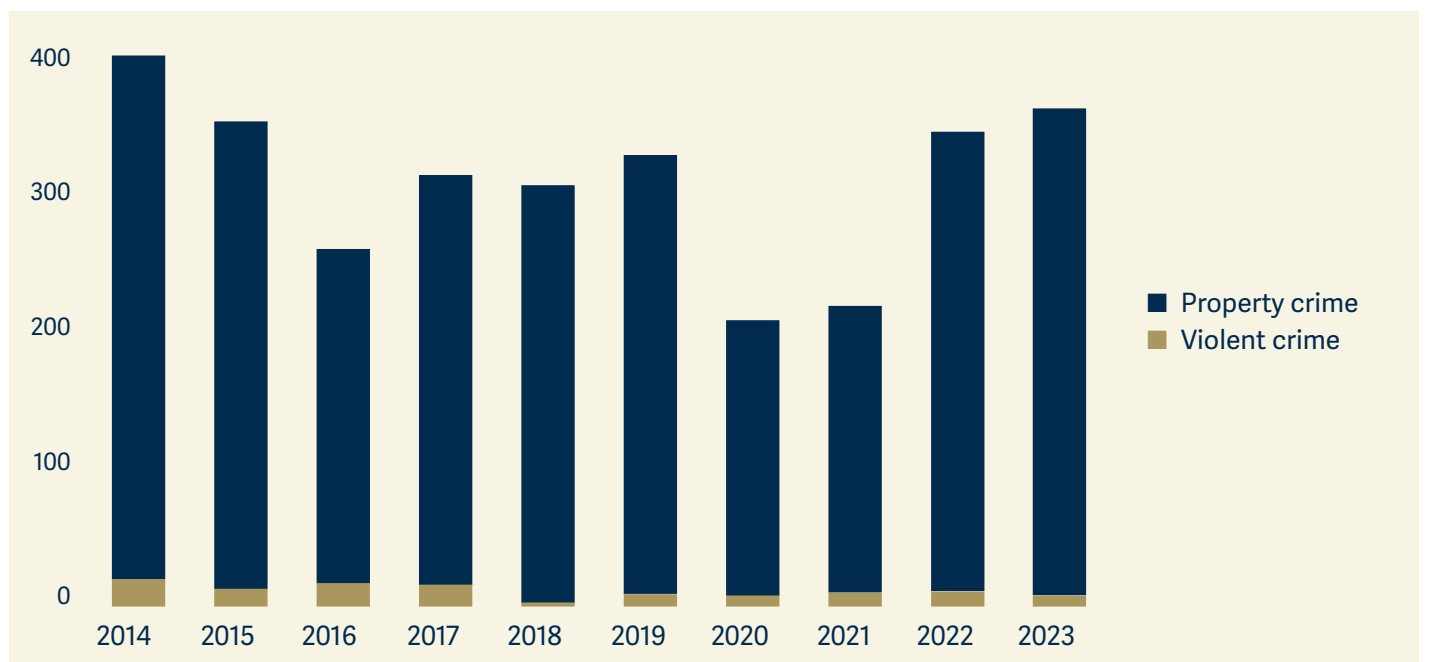
Use of Technology: Then vs. Now

GTPD has undergone significant technological evolutions, transitioning from traditional methods to cutting-edge solutions. This evolution has empowered officers with advanced tools for data analysis, surveillance, and communication, enhancing our ability to serve and protect the Georgia Tech community effectively. It is our goal to stay at the forefront of innovation in policing.

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TOOLS AND DEVICES

- 700 cameras, managed by three separate systems, with restricted views exclusively within the GT campus
- Over a decade ago, GTPD installed four LPRs in our patrol vehicles, alongside 16 fixed LPR cameras
- 8 years ago, GTPD installed cameras on three campus emergency phone stanchions

COLLABORATIVE PLATFORMS

COP (Common Operating Platform) — an in-house developed web application created collaboratively by GTPD and GTRI that enabled the integration of live data for monitoring diverse activities on campus. This groundbreaking initiative provided immediate situational awareness within the Georgia Tech community.

OPERATIONAL USE

- Decentralized, operating from several different platforms
- Investigational approach with limited foresight led to a reactive response following incidents

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TOOLS AND DEVICES

- Over 4,000 on-campus camera views and 11,000+ off-campus views, seamlessly managed on one platform
- As of 2023, we own and manage 76 fixed LPR systems, with each patrol car outfitted with its own LPR system.
- As of 2023, approximately 54 high-traffic emergency phone stanchions are equipped with cameras
- 100+ gunshot detection devices installed throughout GT buildings
- All GTPD officers are equipped with body cameras while on duty
- In-house digital forensic laboratory, with state-of-the-art technology for accurate analysis and investigation
- Unified Evidence Management Platform that streamlines data organization and accessibility for GTPD's investigative processes
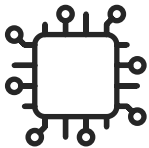
COLLABORATIVE PLATFORMS

GTPD migrated to a unified collaborative platform with capabilities similar to our previous Common Operating Platform. However, this upgraded system now integrates intricate information from external agencies, expanding our situational awareness beyond the Georgia Tech community.

OPERATIONAL USE

- Unified operational strategy, streamlining information to better coordinate law enforcement activities across all units, ensuring efficient and cohesive operations
- Proactive incident management, aiming to prevent and mitigate incidents before they escalate
- Integration of Artificial Intelligence to analyze vast data, automate tasks, and increase overall productivity
- Dedicated team to manage public safety technology and increase collaboration
- Cross-functional technology sharing facilitates seamless collaboration and innovation across various departments within Georgia Tech

Thank you, GT students!

The Georgia Tech Police Department would not be where we are without the contributions and hard work of our Georgia Tech students. From countless capstone projects, research initiatives, grand challenges, and student workers, our Georgia Tech students have played an immense role in helping to advance our mission and make the GTPD a leader in policing technology. We can't thank you enough.

Emergency Communications/ 911 Dispatch Center

The state-of-the-art Emergency Communications/ Operations Center is staffed with Georgia POST-certified public safety communication officers (dispatchers) and video specialists, including student employees. The dispatchers serve as a vital support network, acting as emergency liaisons between the public and sworn police officers. They receive, categorize, and monitor calls, emails, and texts while dispatching officers across campus. Additionally, dispatchers research license plate numbers, warrant statuses, and background information on suspects to share timely information with officers. Video specialists utilize camera technology to ensure officer safety during traffic stops and provide video support to criminal investigations through the monitoring of over 4,000 cameras. Our Emergency Communications/ Operations Center dispatchers are skilled professionals tasked with monitoring and utilizing several applications and systems each and every day.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- In July 2022, the Emergency Communications Center/ Operations Center was accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). Being CALEA-accredited provides the best practices and standards to enhance our commitment to better serve the Georgia Tech Community. The accreditation is an intensive process comprised of 207 standards and 20-plus annual continued-education training hours for each dispatcher.

- In August 2023, the Emergency Communications Center/Operations Center was recognized at the APCO International Conference for their CALEA accreditation accomplishment.

- The Emergency Communications Center/Operations Center was recognized in August 2022 at the International APCO Conference by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for receiving the "Missing Kids and 9-1-1 Readiness Program" certification, which consists of intensive training and policies review. **They are the first university public safety communications agency in the state of Georgia to achieve this recognition.**

GOALS

- Maintain CALEA accreditation and GCIC compliance
- Become APCO P33 training program certified
- Establish a peer support program

KEY CERTIFICATIONS

- GA POST Basic Communications Officer Training Course
- Telecommunicator Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (T-CPR) Training
- GCIC CJIS Security Awareness Training
- GCIC CJIS Network Operator Certification

114,494
calls dispatched

29,653
calls answered

98%
of all incoming calls for service
answered within 10 seconds

31
seconds or less: processing
time for incoming calls

550+
training hours completed

211
Quality Assurance (QA) conducted.
The QA program consists of a monthly
(or as-needed) process of evaluating
call-taking and dispatching processes.

10
community involvement/
outreach events

22,784
registered users

3,881
tips and emergencies

276
SafeWalks

Patrol

The GTPD's Patrol Division ensures campus security and public safety at Georgia Tech. Comprised of trained officers, we conduct patrols, respond to emergencies, and enforce laws on campus. Collaborating with local agencies, we extend safety measures to the broader community. Integral to crime prevention and maintaining order, our proactive approach fosters a safe environment for all.
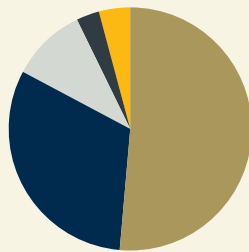

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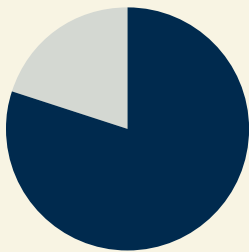
GENDER

- ■ Male – 80%
- ▫ Female – 20%

RACE

- ■ Black – 51%
- ■ White – 31%
- ▫ Multi-racial – 10%
- ■ Asian – 3%
- ■ Other – 3%

WE'RE CAPABLE

Our Patrol Division is equipped with advanced resources and highly trained personnel to ensure swift and effective responses to emergencies, proactive crime prevention, and comprehensive patrols. Our capabilities include rapid deployment, community engagement, and collaboration with local law enforcement to maintain a safe and secure environment for Georgia Tech and its surrounding areas.

CRIME MANAGEMENT MODEL (CMM)

The Crime Management Model (CMM), established over 10 years ago, transformed collaborative thinking and knowledge sharing within GTPD. Our monthly CMM meetings serve as a platform to inform all divisions about evolving crime trends and data. Integral to our efficiency, CMM ensures a secure environment for Georgia Tech and its surroundings. It sparks initiatives, outreach, and safety tactics, serving as a cornerstone of our proactive law enforcement approach.

17,390
Total calls for service

1,072
Citations

603
Warnings

459
Accidents

402
Total arrests

TOP CALLS FOR SERVICE

3,487
Information for officer

2,791
Safety escort

1,537
Service assistance

995
Suspicious person

923
Motorist assist

KEY INITIATIVES

- Policing Alternative Diversions
- Community Feedback Assessment
- Welfare checks
- Care package distribution
- Unsheltered resources
    - Clothing
    - Housing referrals

Special Operations

K9

The Georgia Tech Police Department's K9 Unit is a highly trained and specialized team dedicated to enhancing campus safety and security. Our K9s and their handlers undergo rigorous training to detect explosives and conduct threat assessments for large events. Additionally, as members of the Georgia Emergency Managements and Homeland Security Agency's K9 task force, the K9 unit assists in securing the venues for major events such as Georgia Tech Football Games, the Superbowl, and the World Series. Their skills and dedication help ensure a safe community.

K9S IN ACTION 2023

274
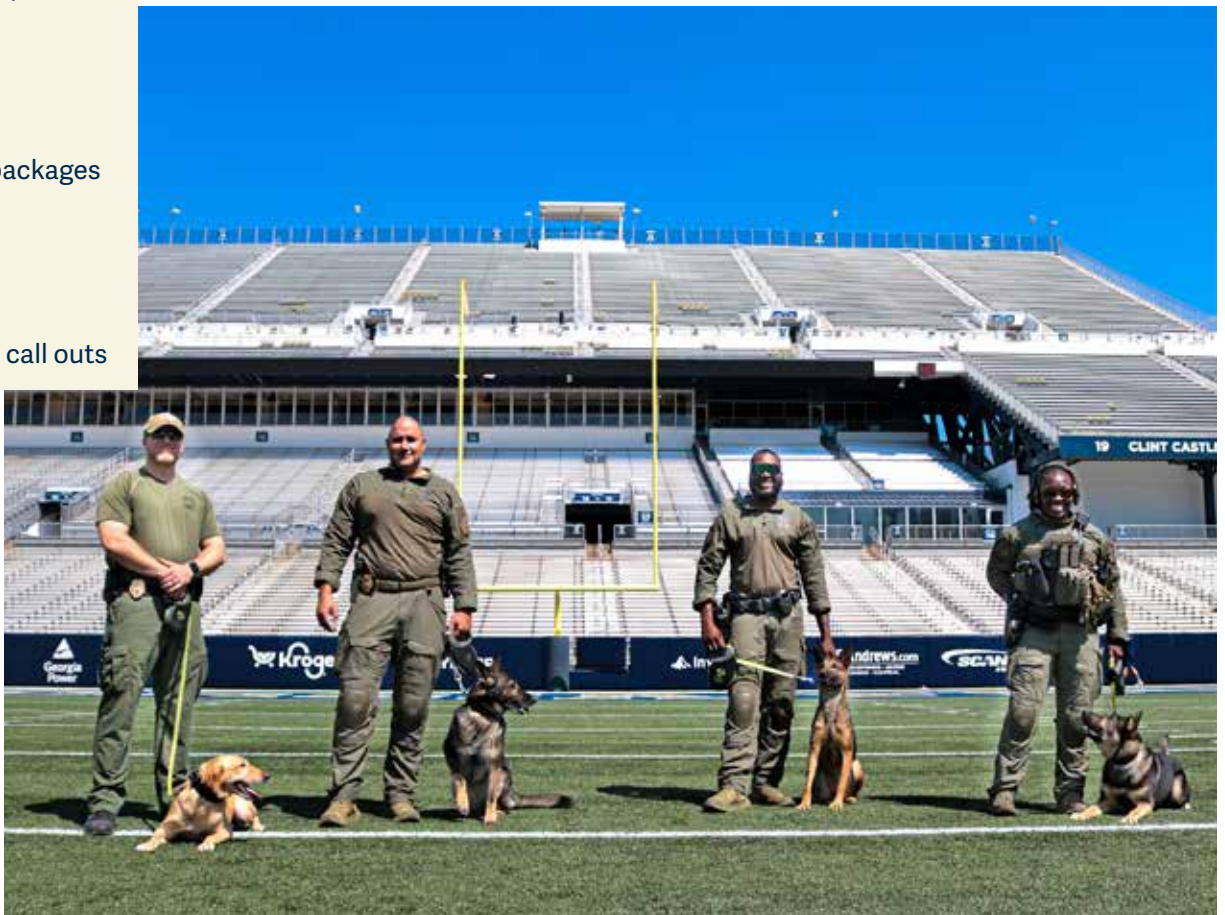Sterility sweeps

32
Suspicious packages

3
Bomb threat call outs

Emergency Management

The Office of Emergency Management is dedicated to ensuring the safety and security of the campus community through innovative emergency management programs. Our team handles a range of emergencies, from weather preparedness to lockdown measures, with a focus on proactive preparedness. We manage and utilize the Georgia Tech Emergency Notification System (GTENS) to inform and alert the GT community in emergencies, while also maintaining the GT Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Continuity of Operations (COOP) program for effective crisis management. Through regular exercises, training, and collaboration, we enhance response capabilities and foster a resilient community.

A GLIMPSE OF 2023

145
COOP plans

246
Building redbooks updated

100+
individualized weather forecasts provided to campus partners

13
annexes to the EOP/venue emergency response plans developed

16
GTENS issued

5
Emergency support function workshops

EXERCISES COMPLETED

- Command Staff TTX
- Commencement TTX
- Football TTX
- Winter Weather TTX
- Watch Commander Drill
- Data Incident Response Team Exercise
- Crisis Management Team TTX
- Hazardous Materials TTX
- Crisis Communications Drill
- Active Assailant Drill

Training

At GTPD, we prioritize extensive officer training for skill enhancement and career development. Our sworn officers complete training mandated from institutions like the Georgia Police Officers Standards and Training Council and Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Additionally, our officers receive in-house training from our cadre of 22 GA POST certified instructors, as well as collaborative training with surrounding agencies such as the Atlanta Police Department, World Congress Center Police and Fulton County Police Department.

The department utilizes technology for the training of our officers with a dedicated training room equipped with a state-of-the-art simulator system. GTPD provides realistic training to its officers using a variety of specialized equipment designed to simulate real-life scenarios, including training rounds, Taser™ training cartridges, Redman suits, and other protective gear. The training unit collaborates with all units within the department to provide training specific to each unit's needs, benefiting the department as a whole.

TRAINING AREAS

- De-escalation
- Defense Tactics
- Mental Health
- Firearms
- Bias-based and Community Policing
- First Aid/CPR
- Duty to Intervene

LESS- LETHAL FORCE EQUIPMENT

- Oleoresin Capsicum Spray
- Taser™
- Bola Wrap
- Pepper Ball
- 40mm Direct Impact

2023 STATS

8,866
total hours of training

82
hours per officer (averaged)

76%
of officers exceeded the state-mandated 20 hours per year

TRAINING SIMULATOR SYSTEM

GTPD acquired a training simulator system in 2016 for officer training with video-based scenarios, focusing on decision-making and de-escalation skills. Initially portable, it became permanently set up in our new building in summer 2019, leading to increased usage frequency. In 2020, the system was upgraded with three screens offering 180-degree video projection, a new scenario database, and accessories for multiple officer participation, including simulating being shot at with foam balls. Currently, it supports training with various tools such as handguns, rifles, batons, OC spray, Taser7, and 40mm impact rounds.

In 2023, GTPD acquired a virtual reality (VR) training system. Although still in its early stages in law enforcement, VR technology allows for a higher level of interaction during scenarios compared to current screen-based simulator technology. As this technology advances and additional scenarios are incorporated, it will become increasingly integrated into our training program.

Responding to Mental Health Concerns

GTPD partners closely with campus stakeholders to identify and provide support for faculty, staff, and students facing mental health concerns. Through coordinated efforts, we strive to cultivate a campus environment that prioritizes wellness and supports all members of our community.

Recognizing the critical role that mental health plays in overall campus safety, GTPD places a strong emphasis on the training and preparedness of all our officers. As part of our commitment to student welfare, GTPD officers undergo comprehensive mental health training, which encompasses various intervention techniques and protocols. By equipping our officers with the necessary skills and understanding, we empower them to effectively respond to situations involving mental health concerns with compassion, empathy, and professionalism, enhancing the safety and well-being of our students and campus community.
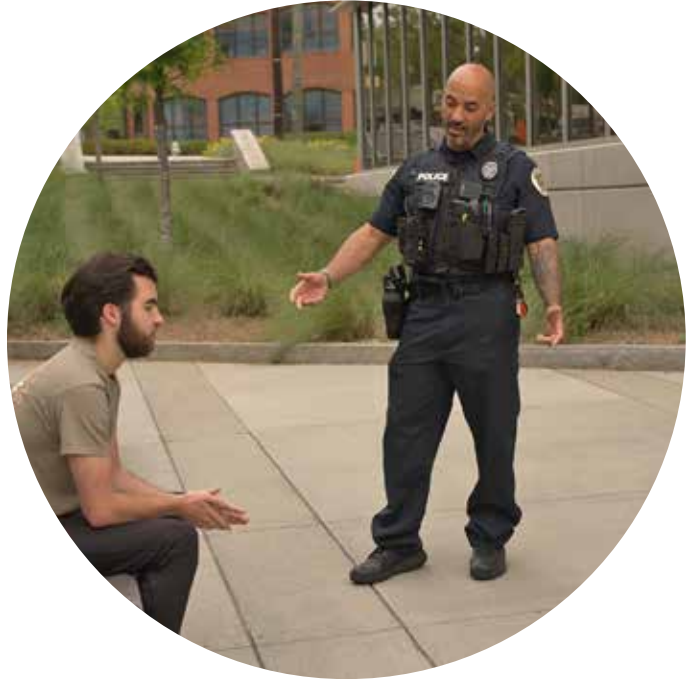
COMPASSION IN ACTION: MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING AND INITIATIVES

- **Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR):** Equips GTPD officers with the skills to recognize the warning signs of self harm and intervene effectively, ultimately saving lives.

- **Crisis Intervention Team (CIT):** GTPD's participation in CIT provides us opportunities to collaborate with community partners and connect individuals in crisis with mental health resources.

- **Mental Health First Aid:** Provides GTPD officers with the skills to provide initial support to those experiencing mental health concerns, promoting early intervention and recovery.

- **De-escalation Training:** Empowers GTPD officers with effective strategies to calmly defuse potentially volatile situations, promoting safety and fostering positive outcomes.

- **Peer Counseling:** The Peer Counseling initiative at GTPD offers designated counselors who stand ready to support personnel from other police departments in times of need.

In addition to mental health training, GTPD leaders collaborate with campus partners to identify and address potential concerns, ensuring proactive support for the mental health needs of the Georgia Tech community.

Preparing for Active Threats

The Georgia Tech Police Department (GTPD) continuously reviews active threats within the community, utilizing cutting-edge technology and evolving strategies to remain vigilant and swiftly assess and respond to potential incidents, ensuring the safety of both the Georgia Tech campus and its surrounding community. GTPD's proactive approach to staying abreast of evolving threats underscores the critical importance of preparedness within the higher education landscape.

Through initiatives such as regular training exercises, threat assessments, and leveraging advanced surveillance technology, GTPD proactively equips itself to effectively respond to active threats and ensure the campus community's safety.

KEY INITIATIVES

- **Tabletops:** GTPD collaborates with campus partners to conduct tabletop exercises to prepare for active threats, ensuring coordinated responses and effective decision-making in critical situations.

- **Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) Training:** Empowers individuals with vital strategies to respond effectively to active shooter situations, enhancing both their safety and that of others.

- **Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT):** Enhances GTPD's ability to respond quickly and effectively to active shooter events, protecting lives and minimizing harm in critical situations.

- **Active Threat Drills:** GTPD conducts frequent active threat drills to sharpen response tactics, ensuring preparedness to safeguard the Georgia Tech community during crises.

- **Breaching Tools:** GTPD undergoes specialized training to proficiently employ breaching tools, strengthening our readiness to swiftly neutralize active threats and safeguard the Georgia Tech campus community.

- **Rifle Training:** GTPD expects all sworn officers to undergo long rifle training, ensuring readiness to handle a variety of threats effectively.

- **Special Response Team (SRT):** Specifically trained officers equipped with additional tools to respond to and mitigate active threats.

- **Georgia Tactical Officers Association (GTOA):** Several of our sworn officers are members of the GTOA and undergo rigorous training, equipping them with advanced tactical skills crucial for managing threats.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Our Criminal Investigation Division (CID) delves into criminal activities that extend beyond the initial inquiries conducted by the uniform patrol division. CID investigations address issues ranging from thefts and fraudulent activities to more sensitive cases such as sexual assaults, stalking, and incidents of intimate partner violence. CID is made up of two units: the Investigations Unit and Digital Intelligence Unit, both supported by our Forensics Lab.

INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

594
total cases assigned

153
arrest warrants secured

262
total cases closed

44%
case closure rate

DIGITAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT

GTPD's Digital Intelligence Unit (DIU) is instrumental in utilizing cutting-edge technology and expertise to investigate unlawful conduct. Our DIU team is highly regarded and collaborates closely with numerous external agencies to effectively solve and combat such illicit activities.

131
suspicious activity reports

61
intelligence bulletins

44
threat assessments

INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO:

- FBI
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Secret Service
- Drug Enforcement Administration

- Central Intelligence Agency
- National Security Agency
- Department of Defense

- Georgia Bureau of Investigation
- Fulton County Sheriff's Office
- Atlanta Public Schools Police Department

- Atlanta Police Department
- MARTA Police Department
- Georgia State University Police Department

FORENSICS

GTPD's Forensics Lab plays a crucial role in advancing forensic science and increasing our solvability. The Forensics Lab is led by the sole Certified Bloodstain Pattern Examiner in the state and one of only six certified Senior Crime Scene Analysts in Georgia, bringing unparalleled expertise to our ability to solve cases.

The forensics team is dedicated to ensuring that we remain at the forefront of forensic science, often refining our methods to meet the evolving challenges of modern investigations. Additionally, the lab fosters a culture of collaboration and knowledge-sharing, both within our team and with external law enforcement agencies.

PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE

1,098
evidence items

144
items for destruction

299
found property items

138
safekeeping items

DIGITAL FORENSICS ANALYSIS

97
Fingerprints

38
Electronic devices

KEY TECHNOLOGY

- IAFIS (Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System)
- Cellebrite
- Magnet Graykey

Social Media

The Social Media team, comprised of mainly GT students, is tasked with informing and educating the GT community. They use innovative strategies to enhance the visibility and promote the initiatives of GTPD. Our student assistants and communications officer serve as the creative powerhouse driving our social media presence, crafting captivating content that deeply resonates within our vibrant Georgia Tech community.

2023 Insights

FACEBOOK

51.8k
Accounts reached

5.9k
Accounts engaged

INSTAGRAM

283.4k
Impressions

48k
Accounts reached

5.6k
Accounts engaged

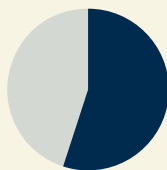### X (FORMERLY TWITTER)

9k
Average likes

7.2k
Followers

570
Communities

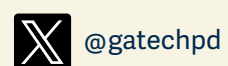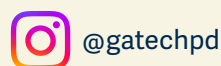### GENDER

- ■ Male: 55%
- ▢ Female: 45%

TOP 3 AGE RANGES

18–24: 27%

25–34: 30%

45–54: 16%

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Technology

GTPD is committed to being at the forefront of security technology by investing in cutting-edge tools that enhance surveillance, enable rapid responses, and deter potential threats. These technologies enable swift responses to possible risks and real-time monitoring, fostering a secure environment for the Georgia Tech community.

GTPD utilizes **surveillance cameras** across campus to monitor public areas, enhance security, and deter crime, providing real-time footage for situational awareness and investigations. Over 600 **blue light emergency phones** are positioned around GTPD for immediate assistance.

License Plate Readers (LPRs) are utilized on patrol vehicles and fixed locations to automatically capture license plate information, assisting in identifying vehicles of interest, tracking parking violations, and enhancing overall campus security.

GTPD utilizes cutting-edge **iPrep tools** to evaluate officers' stress reactions, integrating advanced biofeedback techniques. By employing visualization and breath control exercises, officers acquire mastery over their responses, thereby amplifying their effectiveness in handling high-pressure scenarios.

In collaboration with Georgia Tech Students, GTPD is developing a **weapons detection system** aimed at enhancing campus safety and operational efficiency. This **AI technology** will enable the detection of weapons and promptly alert GTPD to the potential presence of a weapon within a building.

Officers wear **body cameras** to record law enforcement interactions, fostering transparency, accountability, and evidence documentation, promoting professionalism and building community trust.

GTPD uses **gunshot detection** technology with acoustic sensors to swiftly locate and respond to firearm incidents, enabling rapid law enforcement deployment.

TECHNOLOGY IN NUMBERS

4,000+
Camera views

600+
Blue light emergency phones

400+
Gunshot detection devices

76
LPRs

GTPD continues to explore cutting-edge technological advancements.

Community OutReach and Engagement

The Community OutReach and Engagement (CORE) Unit is dedicated to cultivating strong and positive relationships within our community. Throughout the year, we partner with several entities to orchestrate a multitude of outreach events designed to forge lasting connections between our department and the Georgia Tech community, all while offering invaluable resources to empower those we serve. These initiatives serve as driving forces for nurturing trust, respect, and unity.

A GLIMPSE OF OUR OUTREACH EVENTS

- **Citizen Police Academy:** An opportunity for community members to gain profound insights into law enforcement practices, fostering a deeper understanding of the challenges and responsibilities faced by our officers.

- **Safety Classes:** Covering a spectrum of topics including C.R.A.S.E (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events), Crime Prevention and General Safety, Alcohol and Drug Awareness, and Self Defense courses.

- **Campus Safety Day:** A flagship event marked by collaborative efforts with multiple agencies in Atlanta, providing an interactive and informative experience for the campus community.

- **Summer Day Camps:** Featuring specialized programs such as Forensics, General Safety and Dispatching.

- **Micro-mobility:** Informative initiatives surrounding micromobility safety and guidelines, providing resources to ensure a safe campus for users and pedestrians alike.

- **Annual Care Package Drive:** A philanthropic effort in which GTPD collects essential items to distribute to those in need.

- **Coffee with a Cop:** An engaging opportunity for community members to personally connect with GTPD officers and personnel, fostering meaningful interactions over a cup of coffee.

- **B.U.M.P. (Bicycle Unsecured Management Program):** Innovative and proactive initiative by the GTPD, designed to enhance bicycle security on campus.

- **Property Registration:** An initiative that provides Georgia Tech students, faculty, and staff with the opportunity to register their electronics and mobile devices, enabling our officers to assist in the recovery of lost or stolen property.

Through numerous outreach events, we have strengthened the special connection between the Georgia Tech Police Department and our community. By actively getting involved in various initiatives, we are not only handling the now but also building the foundation for a lasting, collaborative partnership that is set to thrive in the years ahead. Our ongoing commitment to community engagement emphasizes our belief that a safer, more united community is built on trust, understanding, and shared responsibility.

OUTREACH IN NUMBERS

787
bike and property registrations

77
safety classes

# 56
outreach events

Community OutReach and Engagement

In Memoriam

This section is dedicated to fallen officers who have supported the Georgia Tech Police Department. Their courageous service embodies the values of honor, integrity, and selflessness that define the Georgia Tech Police Department. They will forever be remembered as integral members of our law enforcement family, deeply missed yet forever honored in our hearts.

Each year, we honor their memory by presenting the Gary F. Beringause Officer of the Year Award and the James M. Cornacchia Community Service Award to deserving recipients within the department.

Sergeant Gary F. Beringause
End of watch: November 28, 1986
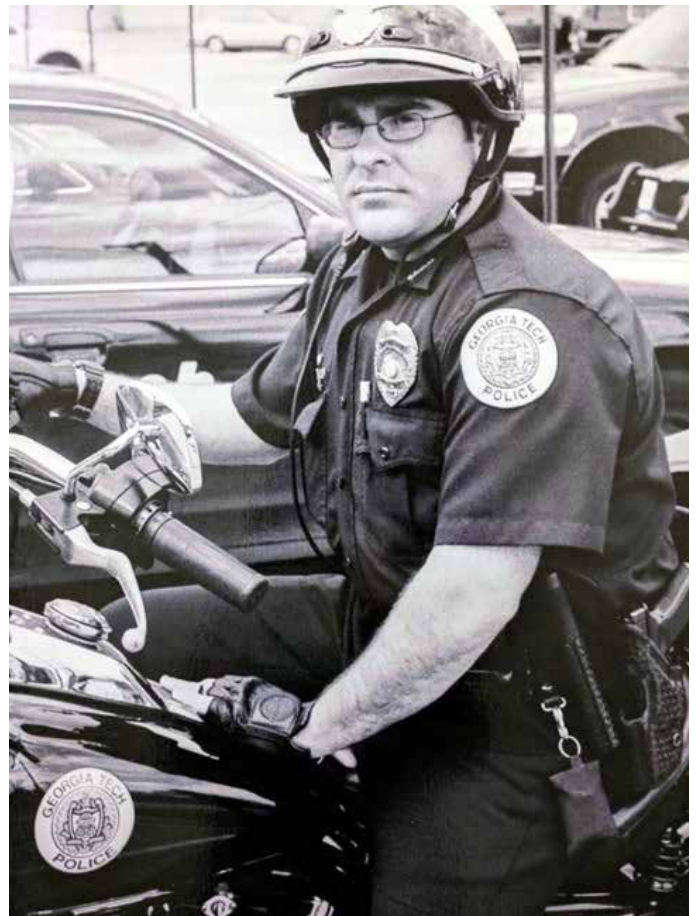
Investigator James Michael Cornacchia
End of watch: June 1, 2020

Thank you!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all Georgia Tech departments, faculty, students, and staff for their invaluable collaboration with the Georgia Tech Police Department. Your partnership and support are instrumental in creating a safer and more secure campus environment for everyone. Together, we strive towards a shared vision of community safety and well-being. Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to fostering a culture of trust and collaboration.

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