

# Annual Report



2021

Greenville, NC Police Department

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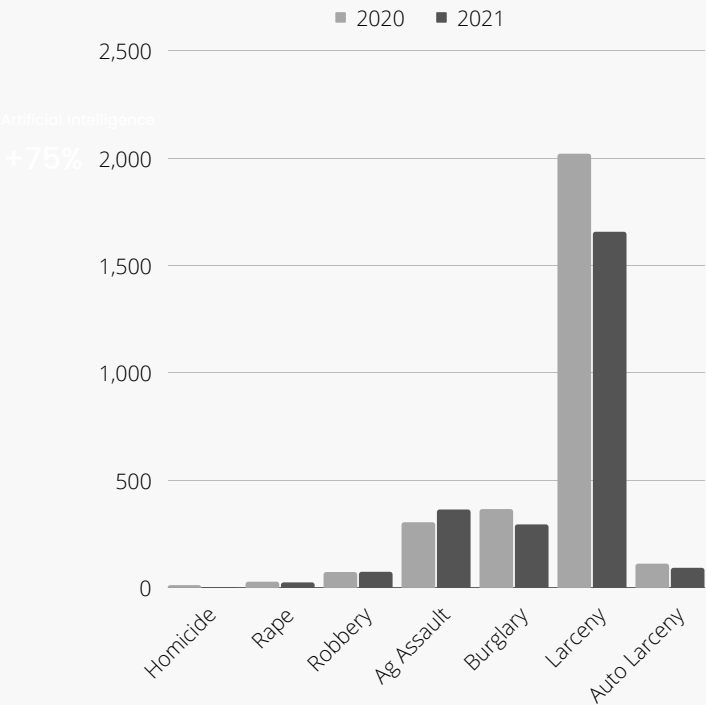




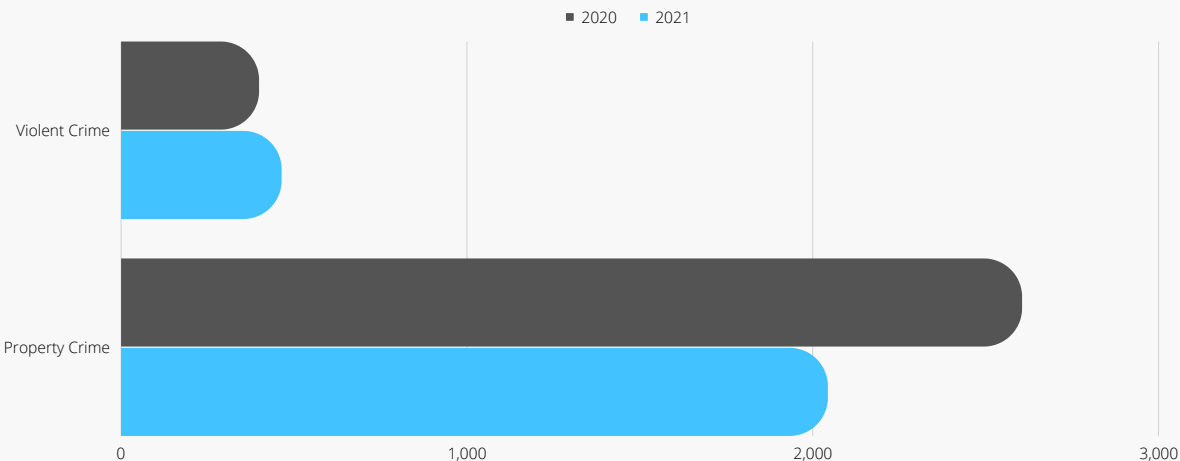
# the numbers...

Like many cities across the United States in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, aggravated assaults were up slightly in 2021 in Greenville. However, homicides and rapes saw significant decreases. Property crimes also dropped by 22% resulting in an overall 17% decrease in crime citywide in 2021.

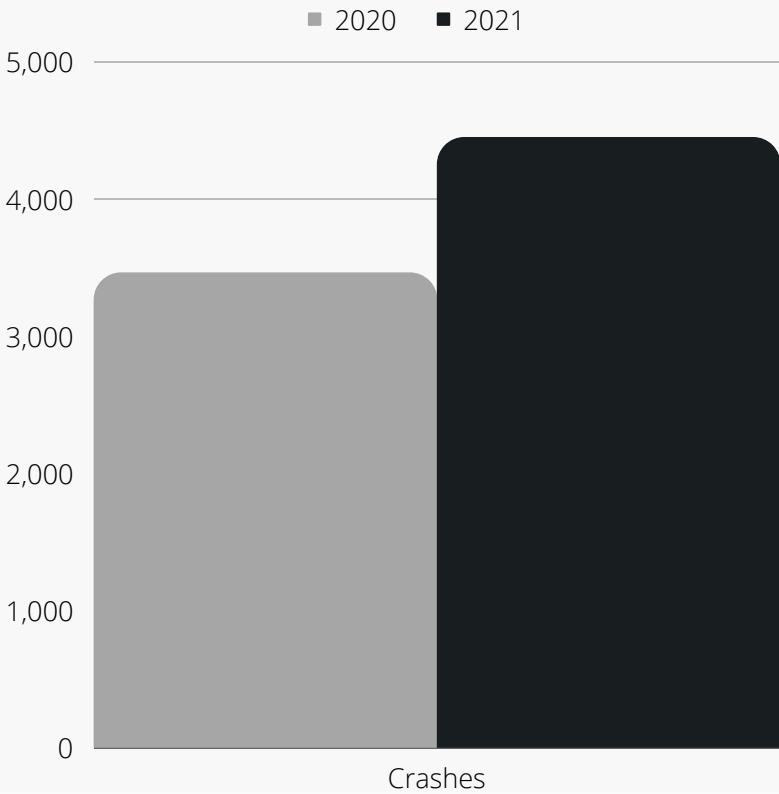
In 2020, Greenville experienced an unusually low number of crashes for our city (3462). This can largely be attributed to the decrease in drivers on the roads as more people were forced to work remotely during the pandemic. 2021 saw a predicted increase in crashes (4448) as motorists returned to work and the roads.



# Overall Crime



# Crashes





# 2021 Internal Affairs Summary

The Greenville Police Department promptly and thoroughly investigates all allegations of misconduct by its members. All internal investigations are conducted fairly and impartially. A single internal investigation may involve more than one complainant, more than one alleged violation of departmental rules, regulations, policies, directives or procedures, and more than one employee of the police department. During the 2021 calendar year, a violation of policy could be categorized into one of two types of investigations: A Non-Investigative Matter (NIM) or an Internal Affairs Investigation. All types of complaints and/or investigations were documented and tracked into IA Trak, the Department's current tracking system, utilized by the Office of Internal Affairs.

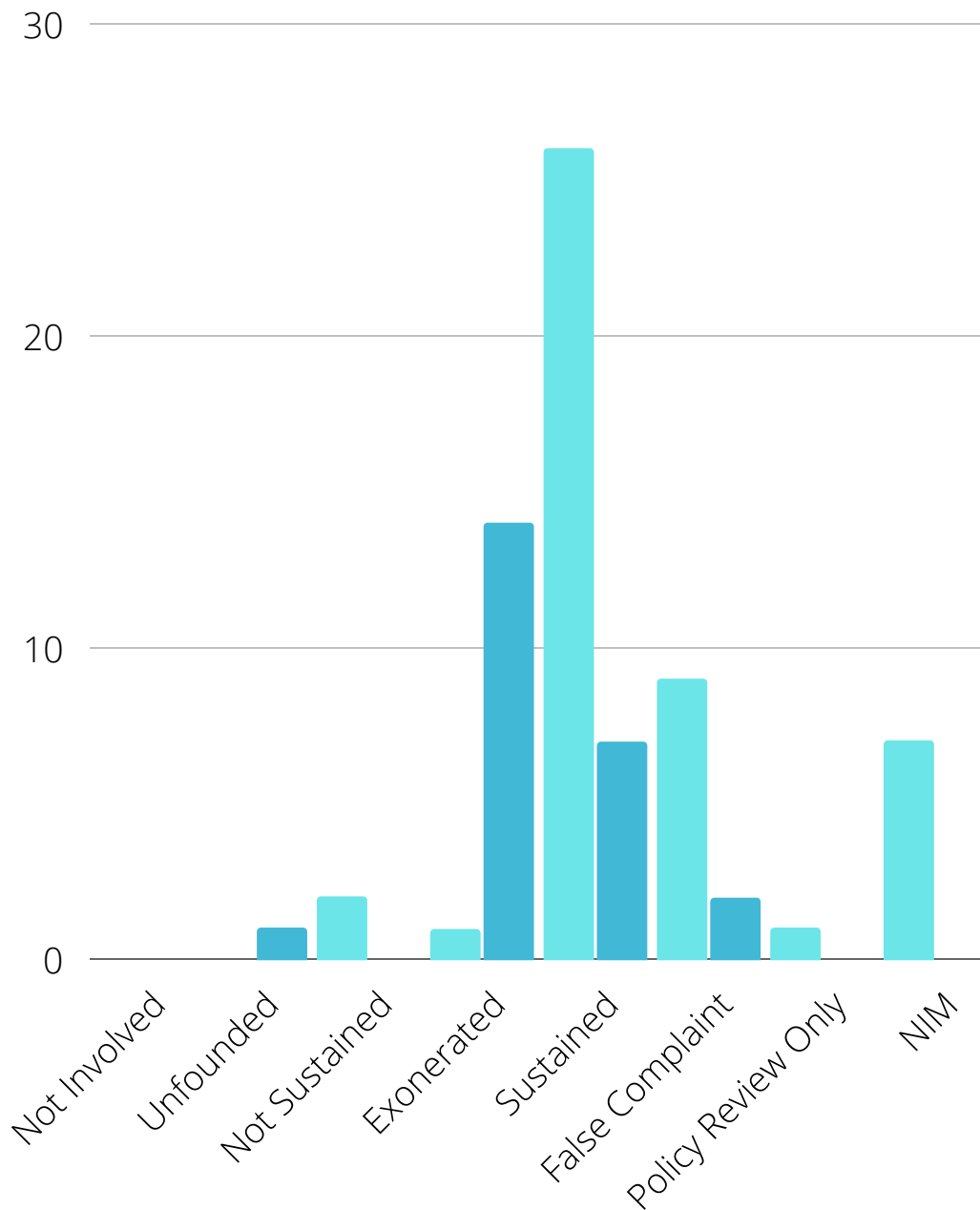
In 2021, a total of thirty-five (35) Internal Affairs Investigations were conducted. There were seven (7) cases where a NIM was used by a supervisor to document minor policy violations that were not at a progressive level for the employee. The combined Internal Affairs Investigations and NIM's, covered a total of 70 alleged policy violations. A NIM results in a non-disciplinary disposition and is only available under limited circumstances as determined by the Office of Internal Affairs on a case-by-case basis according to written policy. NIMS are given a number through IA Trak and maintained in the Office of Internal Affairs.

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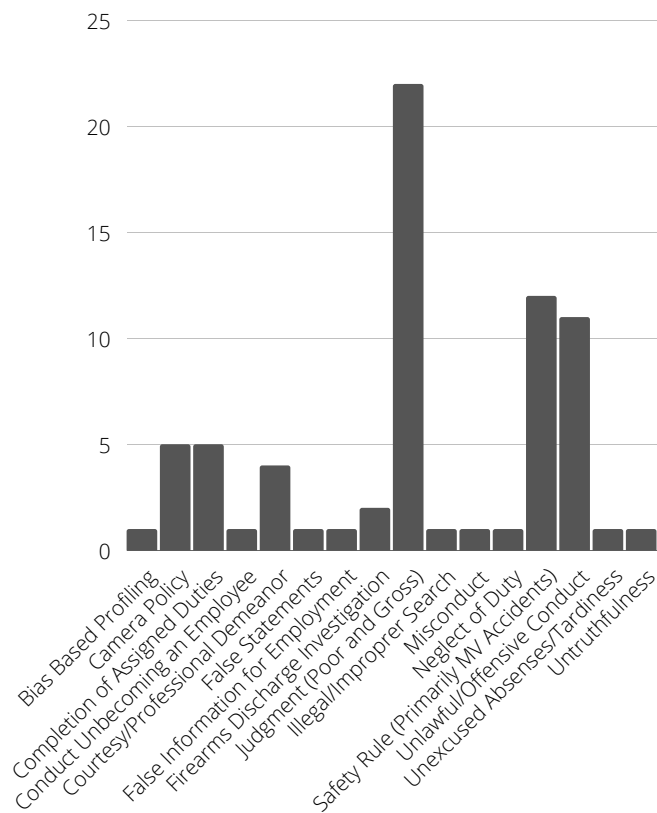
# 2021 Internal Affairs Summary

The 70 alleged policy violations during 2021 resulted in the following outcomes:

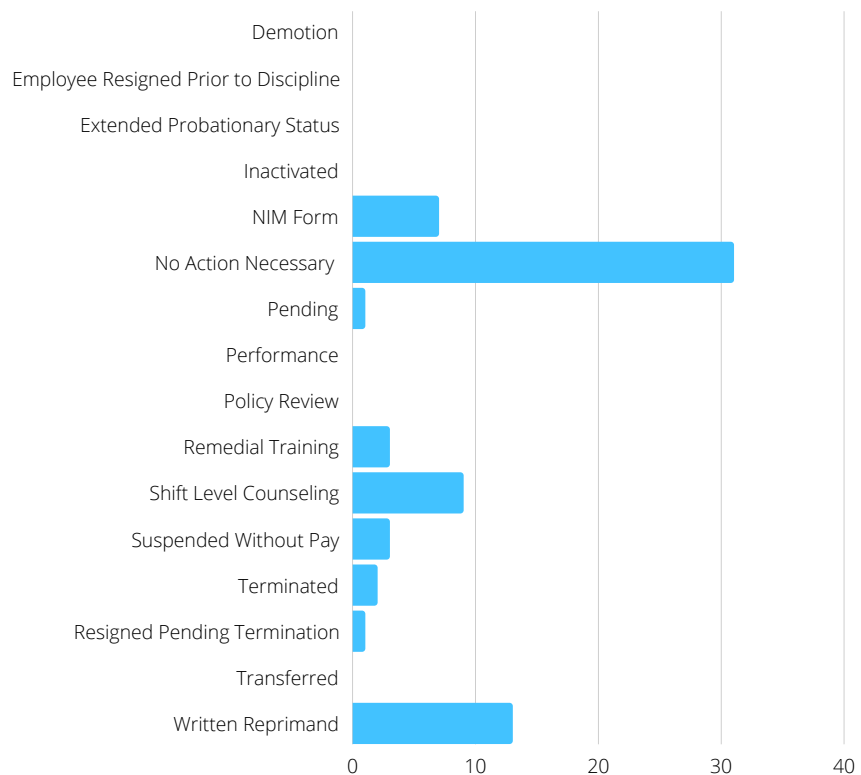


# 2021 Internal Affairs Summary

The Office of Internal Affairs investigated the following types of complaints in 2021:



Of the 70 allegations, the following actions were taken:







# remembering our own...

## Sergeant Tim "Mac" McInerney

It is undeniable in our line of work that we become a family -- born not from a blood line, but bonded in life by a blue one.

In June 2021, GPD's beloved Sergeant Tim "Mac" McInerney died in a house fire. Sgt. McInerney was a 26-year veteran of the Greenville Police Department. The majority of his career was spent in the Department's Special Investigations Unit, as a U.S. Marshals Service Task Force Officer, and as a member of the Greenville Police Department's Emergency Response Team. McInerney served as the Commander of the Department's Internal Affairs Bureau for several years. Most recently, he oversaw the Violent Crime Reduction Unit, supervising GPD's Federal and State task force officers, warrant squad and Violent Criminal Apprehension Team.

Police work truly ran through Mac's blood and it showed. His enthusiasm for the job was absolutely contagious. Mac dedicated his life to seeking justice for victims and his true passion was undoubtedly catching the "bad guys." Truth be told, he was really good at it. If you ran from him, he was going to find you. His work has earned him accolades over the years from the U.S. Marshals Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Attorney General's Office, just to name a few. Sadly, Mac was not a stranger to tragedy. He was one of the original four members of the U.S. Marshals Service Eastern North Carolina Fugitive Task Force and lost his partner, Warren "Sneak" Lewis, in 2011 while serving a murder warrant in Kinston. In 2018, Tim's wife of 15 years, Nicole, also unexpectedly passed away.

Despite extreme hardships, Sergeant McInerney persevered and always focused on the one person who was the center of his world -- his best friend, greatest accomplishment, and the love of his life -- his daughter, Sydney.



# Lead Telecommunicator Brad Cayton

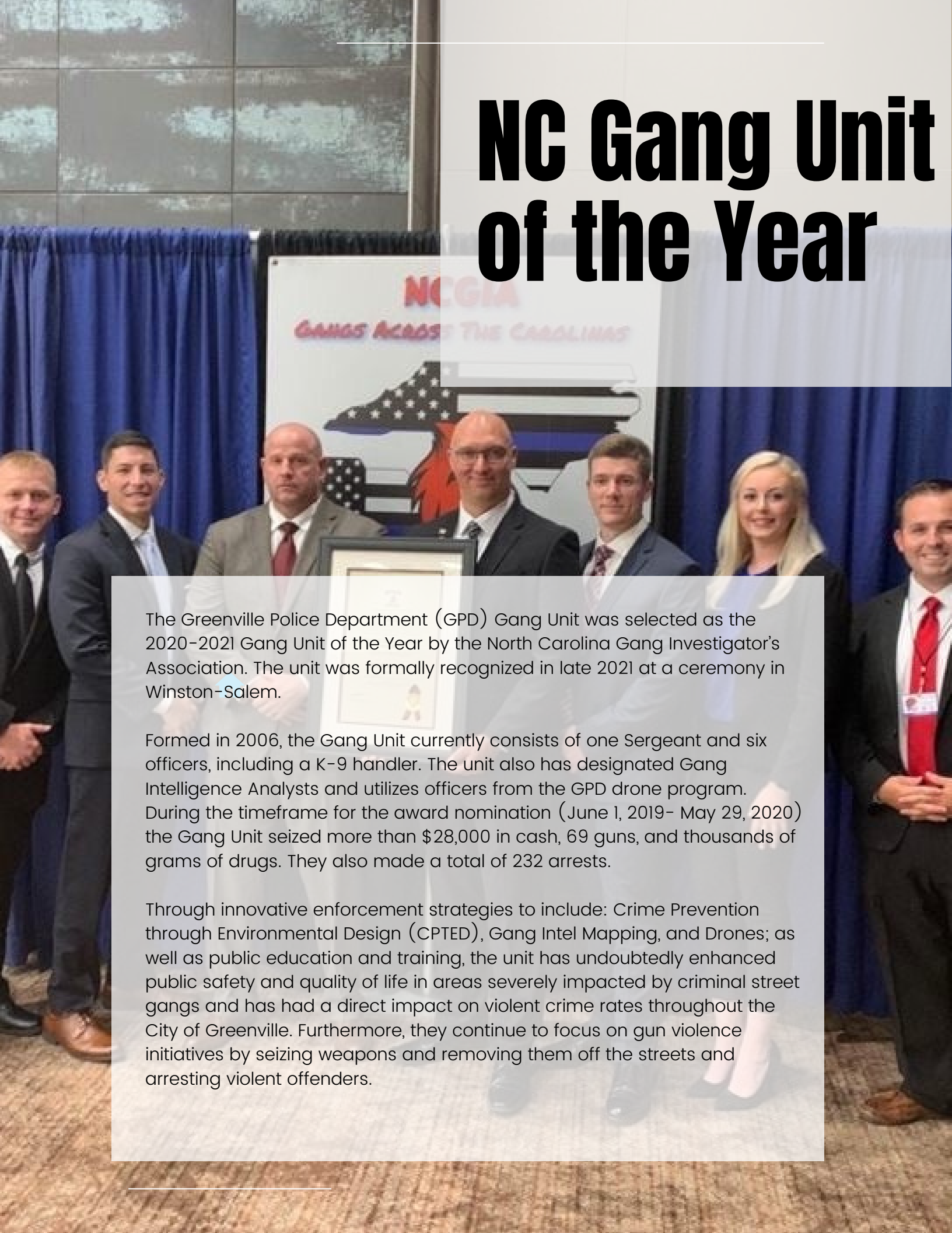
We lost an invaluable member of the GPD family to COVID in September 2021 -- Lead Telecommunicator Brad Cayton.

BIG personality. Even BIGGER heart. Truly one of the kindest individuals you'd ever encounter. A calm and reassuring voice on the other end of the line -- and an ace with the camera system. Brad dedicated his life to helping others in crisis and even solved many a crime. Dispatching was his passion and we were so very lucky to call him ours for more than 20 years.

His wife and boys were his entire world.

This one hurts. There's no other way to put it.

# NC Gang Unit of the Year



The Greenville Police Department (GPD) Gang Unit was selected as the 2020-2021 Gang Unit of the Year by the North Carolina Gang Investigator's Association. The unit was formally recognized in late 2021 at a ceremony in Winston-Salem.

Formed in 2006, the Gang Unit currently consists of one Sergeant and six officers, including a K-9 handler. The unit also has designated Gang Intelligence Analysts and utilizes officers from the GPD drone program. During the timeframe for the award nomination (June 1, 2019- May 29, 2020) the Gang Unit seized more than \$28,000 in cash, 69 guns, and thousands of grams of drugs. They also made a total of 232 arrests.

Through innovative enforcement strategies to include: Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), Gang Intel Mapping, and Drones; as well as public education and training, the unit has undoubtedly enhanced public safety and quality of life in areas severely impacted by criminal street gangs and has had a direct impact on violent crime rates throughout the City of Greenville. Furthermore, they continue to focus on gun violence initiatives by seizing weapons and removing them off the streets and arresting violent offenders.

# Entering the podcasting world...

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a police officer in today's world? Maybe you're wondering just how realistic are all those crime shows you regularly watch?

The Greenville Police Department is connecting with the community digitally through the launch of our podcast, "Off the Cuff(s)."

Between COVID-19 restrictions and nationwide civil unrest it was important now, more than ever, for GPD officers to be able to reach and relate to the community they serve. Off the Cuff(s) provides a rare, unfiltered, inside look at GPD.

The podcast is hosted by Greenville Police Officers and Public Information Officer Kristen Hunter. Each episode ranges between 30 minutes to an hour in length and provides unprecedented access to the diverse people and units within GPD.

The overarching goal of the podcast is to help humanize the badge and the people who serve.

"Cops are human and humans are fallible, so that doesn't mean that the cop hasn't ever done anything wrong, that doesn't mean Greenville police officers are perfect," said Neague in the podcast. "In fact, the expectation of perfect is what I'm trying to get away from here."

"They're people too," Hunter said. "Even if we reach just one person and potentially change their opinions about law enforcement and get them to see the human side of the officers, then we consider it to be a success."

Off the Cuff(s) is available for streaming on all major listening channels, including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google, and Amazon Music. You can also listen by visiting [offthecuffs.buzzsprout.com](https://offthecuffs.buzzsprout.com).







the right place at the  
right time...

At approximately 8:30 a.m. on June 3, 2021, two plain clothed GPD officers, Officer Justin Lavin and Officer Christopher Santiago, were traveling in the area of Frog Level and Wainwright Road on their way to work when they noticed a vehicle overturned in a ditch and submerged in water. The driver was trapped inside the vehicle.

Without hesitation, the officers quickly and selflessly jumped into action, breaking a window to the vehicle so they could gain access. Officer Lavin was able to enter the car and free the driver from her seatbelt. Officer Santiago had the presence of mind to hold a firm grip on Officer Lavin's belt in the event the car would slip further into the water. As Officer Santiago pulled Officer Lavin, Officer Lavin pulled the driver and their joint efforts freed the woman from the car — undoubtedly saving her life.

Chief Holtzman awarded both officers with the Police Medal of Valor. This is awarded for an act of outstanding bravery, intelligently performed in the line of duty at imminent personal hazard of life under circumstances exhibiting a disregard of personal consequences.

We are so proud of them both and honored to have them serving with the City of Greenville.





...a real life hero

Chief Holtzman was proud to present Officer Ayyat Zeidan with an Outstanding Police Performance award for her heroic actions. Here is an excerpt from the shift Sergeant:

“On Wednesday, April 7, 2021, GPD responded to a suicidal subject at 33 East. Officer Zeidan arrived and quickly built a rapport with the individual. The individual agreed to speak with an on-call mental health expert from Mobile Crisis and officers were cleared. A short time later, officers were flagged down by Mobile Crisis workers after the situation took a dramatic turn. The individual had stepped over a railing of the apartment building and threatened to end their life. I remembered the trust Officer Zeidan built with the subject and asked her if she would be willing to try to talk them back over onto safe ground. Without hesitation, Officer Zeidan agreed. For more than thirty minutes, Officer Zeidan talked to the individual and reassured them their life mattered. She showed compassion toward this person in a time of crisis. She displayed bravery in her willingness to consistently reassure the person they were not in trouble and that we were only there to help. The person was finally brought back over the other side and taken to the hospital for evaluation. Officer Zeidan’s interaction with this individual will leave a lasting impact on this person and all the bystanders witnessing her heroic actions that day. I am humbly requesting her consideration for the Outstanding Police Performance Award and I am proud that Officer Zeidan represents our police department.”



