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Mission

To keep you, your family, and our community safe.

Vision

To be respected and trusted by all segments of Chattanooga's diverse community.

Core Values

- 1 Responsiveness
- 2 Ethical Conduct
- 3 Selfless Service
- 4 Progressiveness
- 5 Equality
- 6 Community
- 7 Trust



Letter from Your Chief

To My Department,

As I reflect on the past year, I am truly in awe of the dedication, resilience, and perseverance each of you have demonstrated. Your unwavering commitment to protecting our community has had a direct and meaningful impact, as reflected in the reduction of crime victims. That achievement is a testament to who you are and the values we uphold as a department. Every day, you confront challenges head-on without hesitation and for that, we are all deeply grateful. What you do matters and your service is both recognized and appreciated.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to investing in your health and well-being—both directly and indirectly. Our ongoing gym renovation is progressing, with completion expected in the coming months. Additionally, we will have dedicated leadership focused on strengthening our Wellness and Peer Support program. We are also leveraging grant funding to augment the availability of mental health resources. Furthermore, we are raising our standards by ensuring that every employee completes an annual physical, reinforcing our commitment to your overall well-being.

Beyond health and wellness, we are also prioritizing your professional development. In 2025, we will offer leadership training for commanders, focusing on emotional intelligence and other key leadership skills. We will also provide additional career advancement opportunities, including a promotional assessment for Master Police Officers, Sergeants, Lieutenants, and Captains.

To My Community,

As I reflect on our work together over the last year, I am encouraged by what we have accomplished together. Through collaboration and relationship-building, we have worked toward a shared goal: ensuring not only the reality of safety but also the feeling of safety within our community.

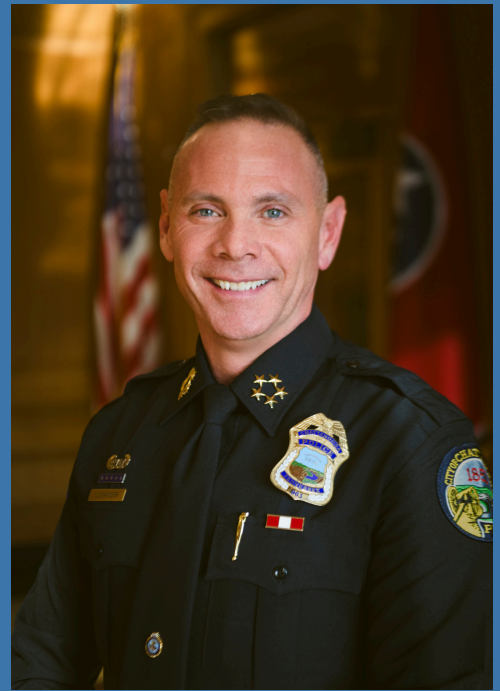
The progress we have made is evident, and while we celebrate our collective successes, I remain focused on continuous improvement. A reduction in crime statistics is important, but numbers alone are not enough—we must strive for even greater impact. We recognize that there is still work to be done, and we are actively committed to advancing our efforts.

In 2025, you will see us expanding our outreach and engagement within the community. We are reinstituting the Police Activities League and will host planned pop-up community events. Our Community Connection meetings, Community Police Academies, and partnerships with organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters will continue, along with many other engagement initiatives. You can also expect to see CPD leadership more present and involved on a regular basis.

A key component of my vision for this department—and for this community—is the development of strong, inspirational leaders within CPD. You deserve the very best from your police department, and I am committed to ensuring that our leadership sets the highest standard of excellence. We will lead by example, uphold the trust you place in us, and remain steadfast in our commitment to serving you.

Together, we will continue to make progress, strengthen relationships, and build a safer, more connected community.

John Chambers
Chief of Police



CPD Organization

The primary operations of the Chattanooga Police Department are broken into five categories; Neighborhood Policing Bureau, Criminal Investigations Bureau, Special Operations Bureau, Community Development & Support Services Bureau, and Administration.

Neighborhood Policing Bureau



Criminal Investigations Bureau



Special Operations Bureau



Community Development & Support Services Bureau



Administration



The Chattanooga Police Department (CPD) takes pride in its dedicated team of 500 sworn officers and 122 professional staff members who work tirelessly to serve and protect the community. Together, we embody CPD's commitment to public safety, community engagement, and professionalism, ensuring that Chattanooga remains a safe and welcoming city for residents and visitors alike.

Our sworn officers play a critical role in safeguarding the community, responding to emergencies, investigating crimes, and building relationships with citizens to foster trust and collaboration. Whether patrolling neighborhoods, conducting criminal investigations, or participating in outreach programs, these men and women are on the front lines, committed to protecting lives and maintaining peace throughout the city.

The professional staff are equally vital to the department's operations, performing essential functions in areas from crime analysis to crime scene investigations. Their expertise ensures that the department runs efficiently and effectively.

This combined team of over 622 dedicated individuals reflects the department's unwavering focus on excellence, innovation, and service. As we look ahead, CPD remains committed to strengthening partnerships, enhancing transparency, and continuing to build a safer Chattanooga for everyone.



Promotions

This section highlights key personnel who were promoted at Chattanooga Police Department this year, recognizing their continued dedicated growth within the agency.

Effective Date	First Name	Last Name	Rank
2/9/2024	Kyle	Moses	Lieutenant
2/9/2024	Bryon	Boller	Sergeant
2/9/2024	Charles	Bramlett	Master Police Officer
2/9/2024	David	Cowan	Sergeant
2/9/2024	Andrew	Peker	Lieutenant
2/9/2024	Daniel	Francis	Captain
2/9/2024	Lance	Lockhart	Master Police Officer
3/8/2024	Neysa	Gorgas-Rios	Sergeant
4/5/2024	Toby	Hewitt	Captain
4/5/2024	Lee	Stover	Lieutenant
4/5/2024	Max	Stansberry	Sergeant
4/5/2024	Colton	Krumrie	Master Police Officer
4/5/2024	Tamra	Postell	Terminal Agency Coordinator
4/19/2024	Stephen	Bulkley	Master Police Officer
5/3/2024	Jonathan	Brock	Lieutenant
5/3/2024	Christopher	Sims	Sergeant
5/3/2024	Charles	Harvey	Master Police Officer
5/3/2024	Larry	Ellis	Master Police Officer
6/14/2024	Bryan	Wood	Sergeant
6/14/2024	Carl	Frazier	Master Police Officer
6/14/2024	Jasa	Brownsey	Intelligence Analyst
7/12/2024	Jonathan	Bryant	Executive Chief
7/12/2024	Jason	Lewis	Assistant Chief
6/28/2024	Harry	Sommers	Interim Chief of Police
9/20/2024	Jeremiah	Niver	Sergeant
9/20/2024	Zachary	Franks	Master Police Officer
9/20/2024	Dewayne	Prater	Master Police Officer
9/20/2024	Duston	Finley	Master Police Officer
9/20/2024	Ashley	Pujol	Victim Services Specialist II
9/27/2024	John	Chambers	Chief of Police
11/29/2024	Toby	Hewitt	Deputy Chief
12/13/2024	Scott	Bales	Captain
12/13/2024	Michael	Ortel	Lieutenant
12/13/2024	Curtis	Morris	Sergeant
11/29/2024	Taylor	Walker	Director



Retirements

This section highlights key personnel who retired from the Chattanooga Police Department this year, recognizing their service and dedication to the community.

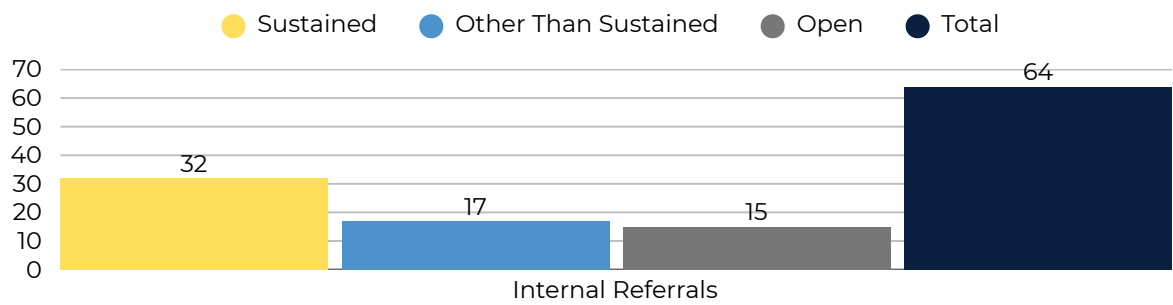
Years of Service	First Name	Last Name	Rank
22	Pamela	Talley-Hickman	Terminal Agency Coordinator
21	Tammy	Cook	Lieutenant
23	Brian	Blumenberg	Gang Intelligence Analyst
26	Rodney	Thompson	Sergeant
25	Greg	Mardis	Investigator
25	Jonathan	Watkins	Master Police Officer
25	Moreland	Wilson	Officer
27	Steven T.	Brown	Sergeant
42	John R.	Hass	Building Maintenance Mechanic
29	Larry	Lockmiller	Detective
32	Tetzel	Tillery	Master Police Officer
25	Jeff	Kirk	Master Police Officer
28	Scott	Crider	Captain
25	Eric	Milchak	Master Police Officer
28	David	Lewis	Master Police Officer
31	Jerome	Halbert	Executive Chief
26	Preston L.	Wolff	Master Police Officer



Professionalism in Your Officers

Internal Referrals

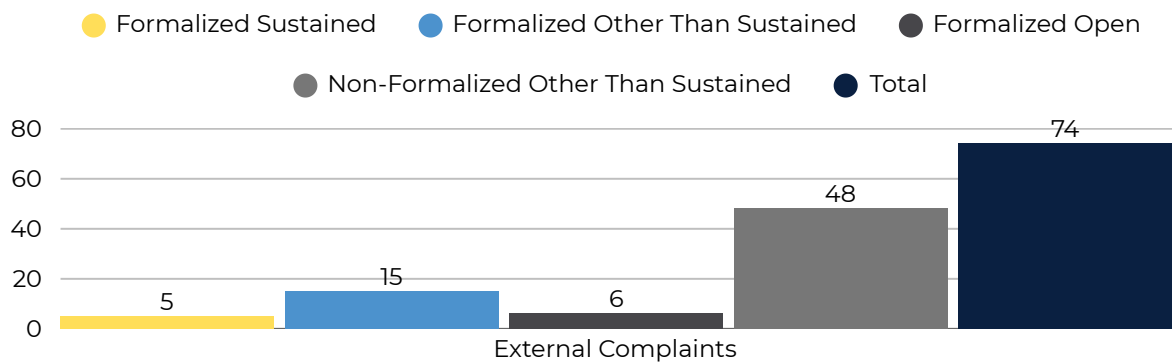
In 2024, the Chattanooga Police Department investigated a total of 64 cases which were referred by supervisory and command leadership to ensure accountability to our Code of Conduct standards and transparency of the disciplinary process. Less than half, total of 32 cases, resulted in sustained Code of Conduct violations after a comprehensive investigation to evaluate all objective facts and evidence. Another 17 cases fell under the category of other than sustained, which includes dispositions such as Exonerated, Unfounded, or Not Sustained based on objective facts and evidence. Additionally, 15 cases remain open and are still under comprehensive review. These figures reflect the department's commitment to thorough internal investigative processes and accountability to the highest professional standards.



External Complaints

All community member complaints are thoroughly investigated and reviewed to ensure accountability, transparency, and legitimacy. The Chattanooga Police Department accepts complaints of officer misconduct from all sources, including anonymous reporting. In 2024, the Chattanooga Police Department received a total of 74 complaints from external sources. 48 of those cases were closed as Non-Formalized based on thorough review of evidence, such as Body Worn Camera footage, which proved the involved officer(s) acted within the scope of department policy and state law. 26 investigations progressed beyond preliminary review to become formalized cases. Formalized cases include comprehensive interviews and intense examination of all available evidence. The completed case file is then objectively reviewed by at least four command levels prior to final disposition.

Our comprehensive internal investigative / review process reflects the department's enduring commitment to the highest standards of professional conduct, transparency, and our legitimacy in the communities we serve.



Use of Force Events

Use of Force (UOF) refers to the level of physical coercion or control that law enforcement officers apply to gain compliance, protect themselves, protect others, or make lawful arrests. Officers are expected to only use force that is reasonable and proportional under the circumstances while adhering to department policies, state laws, and federal laws. Chattanooga Police officers are required to report any level of force beyond officer presence and verbal direction.

The Chattanooga Police Department had a total of 310 UOF encounters reported in 2024, wherein officers responded to the demonstrated resistance and / or physical aggression of a subject and had to employ some level of force. Each UOF report and related Body Worn Camera (BWC) footage was reviewed by multiple command levels to ensure compliance with department policies. When comparing the use of force events (310) to the total number of community interactions (206,803), 0.15% resulted in physical force. Your Chattanooga Police Department is committed to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, and we will seek to de-escalate volatile situations at every opportunity.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In 2024, the Chattanooga Police Department's Community Outreach Unit continued its mission to build strong relationships with Chattanooga's diverse communities through various programs, including the Community Police Academy, Neighborhood Watch & Crime Prevention, Neighborhood Watch, and the OASIS program.

Community Police Academy

The Community Police Academy provides citizens with an in-depth look at police operations, offering insight into the various divisions within the department. This program fosters positive relationships and enhances public understanding of law enforcement. In 2024, we hosted two academy sessions—one in the spring and one in the fall—with a total of 40 participants. Graduates of the program are encouraged to join the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA), a volunteer group that supports department initiatives.

Neighborhood Watch & Crime Prevention

Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention efforts remain a priority in enhancing public safety and community engagement. The Community Outreach Unit collaborates with neighborhood associations, attends community meetings, and provides crime prevention resources. Additionally, we work with Chattanooga Residential Development to establish new Neighborhood Watch groups and partner with Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise (CNE) to educate new homeowners on safety and crime prevention. In 2024, the unit attended 16 neighborhood meetings and conducted 61 crime prevention presentations.

School Engagement

Engagement with local schools is a key component of our outreach efforts. In 2024, the unit attended 21 school events and conducted two high school tours of the Police Service Center, providing students with firsthand knowledge of police operations and career opportunities in law enforcement.

OASIS Program

The Ongoing Assistance & Senior Intervention Support (OASIS) Program serves Chattanooga's senior community members by conducting welfare checks and connecting them with necessary resources. Since rebuilding the program post-COVID, officers checked on 80 senior residents across the city in 2024. This initiative directly impacted a senior in critical need—without water, electricity, and experiencing memory loss—by coordinating assistance with Adult Protective Services (APS), the Fire Department Outreach Unit, Erlanger Hospital Outreach, and other local organizations.

The Chattanooga Police Department remains committed to fostering trust, communication, and collaboration with the communities we serve. Through these outreach efforts, we continue to strengthen partnerships and improve the quality of life for all residents.



Training Division



01 Training Overview

The Training Division of the Chattanooga Police Department plays a vital role in preparing new recruits to serve our community with professionalism and expertise. New cadets undergo 22 weeks of intensive training, which is followed by 16 weeks of field training. The field training consists of four distinct phases, ensuring that each cadet is well-equipped to handle the challenges of real-world law enforcement. Upon completing this rigorous process, probationary officers are assigned to their own shifts and sectors, where they work alongside experienced patrol officers.

POST Certification 02

This comprehensive training is a crucial step for all officers to become POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) certified. POST certification is a recognized qualification that ensures officers meet the minimum standards of training and competency required by the state to perform their duties effectively and ethically.



03 Training Process & Future Outlook

In terms of performance, the Chattanooga Police Department is actively evaluating the results from recent and upcoming academies. The current cohort of recruits is progressing through their training, and we anticipate the graduation of new officers in the coming months. These recruits are expected to contribute to the department's ongoing efforts to maintain public safety and strengthen community relationships. As we look ahead, the department is committed to continually refining its training programs to ensure the highest standards of service and professionalism.



Join CPD

How to Become a Chattanooga Police Officer

- 1. Meet the Requirements:** Review and ensure you meet the criteria outlined below.
- 2. Submit Your Application:** Apply at the QR code shown below; we will contact you shortly after.
- 3. Pass the Entry-Level Written Exam**
- 4. Complete the Physical Agility Test**
- 5. Undergo Preliminary Screening:** This includes a questionnaire, background check, and polygraph examination.
- 6. Final Evaluation:** Attend a final interview, medical exams, and drug testing.
- 7. Choose Your Path:** Join our Early Hire program or await the next Police Academy session.
- 8. Attend the 22-Week Police Academy:** Complete extensive training in the region's premiere police academy.
- 9. Engage in 16 Weeks of Field Training:** Gain hands-on experience with an experienced Field Training Officer.

Career Paths

With over 35 specialized units, CPD offers diverse career opportunities. After three years of patrol service, you can request an assignment to one of the following:

- **Homicide Investigations**
- **S.W.A.T.**
- **Narcotics & Vice**
- **Drone Operations**
- **Special Victims Unit**
- **Real-Time Intelligence**
- **Community Outreach**
- **K9 Officer**
- **Training Instructor**
- **Crime Scene Investigations**

Scan For More Info!



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Calls for Service

206,803

**Calls Responded to By
CPD Patrol Officers in
the City of Chattanooga**

**Note this number excludes any calls that were cancelled by dispatch as communications close outs.*

17,409

**Priority One Calls
Responded to By CPD
Officers**

03:39

**3 Minutes and 39
Seconds is the Average
Response Time to
Priority One Calls**

The Chattanooga Police Department (CPD) handles a wide range of calls for service, reflecting the diverse needs of the community it serves. Officers respond to emergency and non-emergency situations, prioritizing incidents based on urgency and potential threat to public safety.

Emergency calls often include violent crimes in progress, such as assaults, robberies, or domestic disturbances, as well as traffic accidents involving injuries and medical emergencies requiring police presence.

Non-emergency calls encompass issues such as noise complaints, property damage, welfare checks, and requests for assistance with minor disputes or lost property.

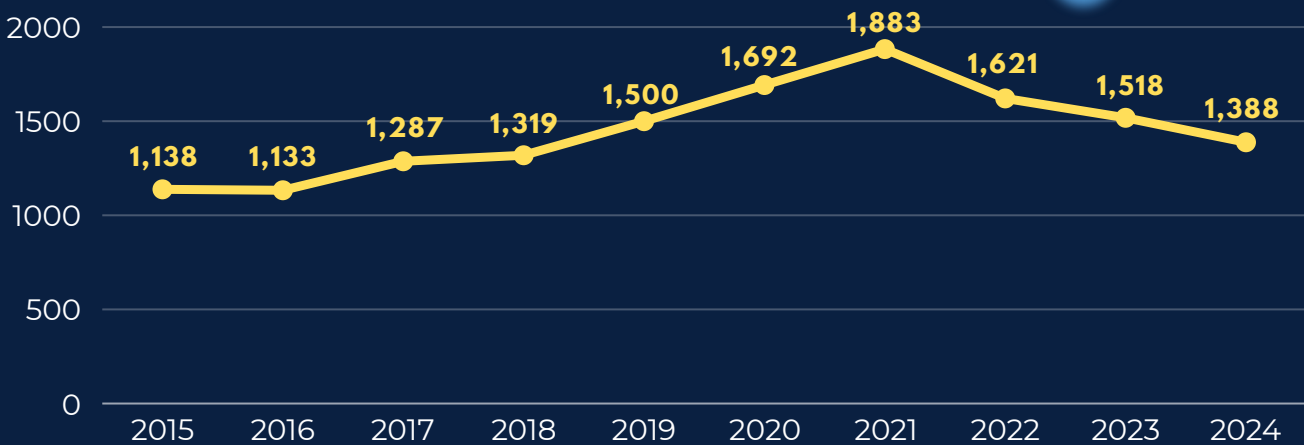
Additionally, officers frequently respond to calls related to community policing efforts, such as engaging with residents to address ongoing concerns or attending community events to foster positive relationships.



CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Crimes against persons include offenses such as homicide, aggravated assault, forcible sex offenses, and kidnapping/abduction, which have a profound impact on community safety and well-being[2]. This reduction reflects the department's strategic focus on proactive enforcement, community engagement, and data-driven decision-making.

There was a 9% decrease in crimes against persons since 2023.



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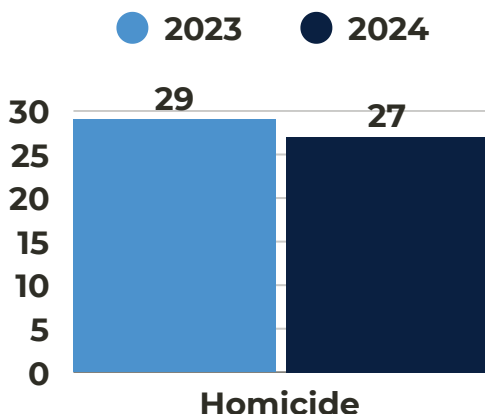
Additionally, the department's emphasis on building strong community partnerships contributed to this progress. Programs like neighborhood watch groups, community policing efforts, and outreach initiatives helped foster trust between law enforcement and residents, encouraging collaboration to prevent and address violent crime. The Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit's use of data and trend analysis enabled the department to allocate resources effectively, ensuring a timely and focused response to emerging issues.

Furthermore, partnerships with local organizations and social services provided critical resources, such as conflict resolution programs and support for at-risk individuals, addressing the underlying causes of violence.

The Chattanooga Police Department remains committed to continuing this positive momentum into 2025. By expanding on these successful strategies and deepening partnerships with the community, the department aims to further reduce crimes against persons and ensure a safer, more secure Chattanooga for all residents.

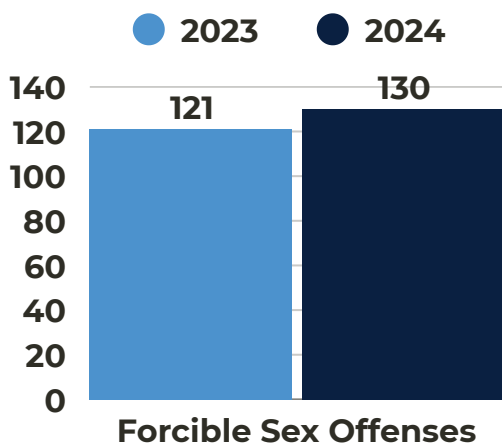
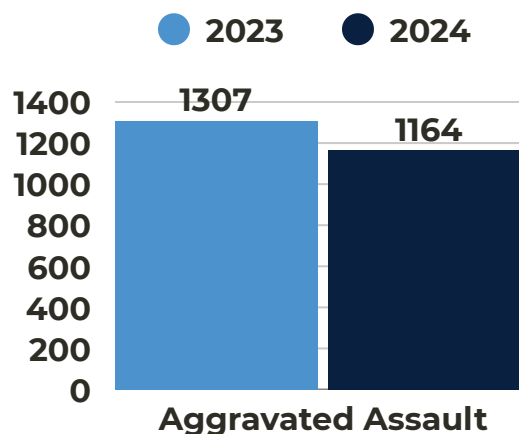


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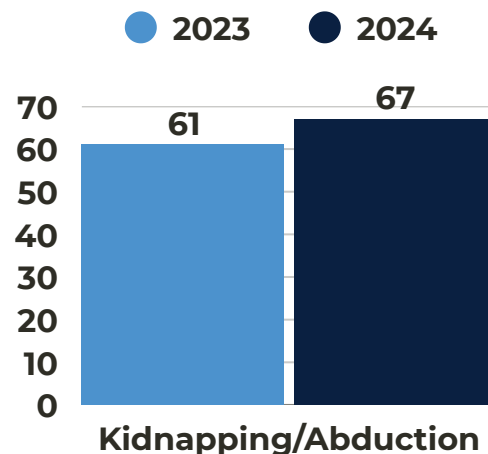
There was a **7% decrease** in homicides when comparing 2023 to 2024. In 2024, the Homicide Unit cleared **86% of all homicide cases**. This is far above the national homicide clearance rate, which in 2023 was at 57.8%.^[6]

The bar graph to the right illustrates aggravated assault cases in Chattanooga for 2023 and 2024. Cases decreased from 1,307 in 2023 to 1,164 in 2024, representing an **11% reduction**.



The bar graph to the left depicts forcible sex offense cases in Chattanooga for 2023 and 2024. Incidents rose from 121 in 2023 to 130 in 2024, marking a **7% increase**.

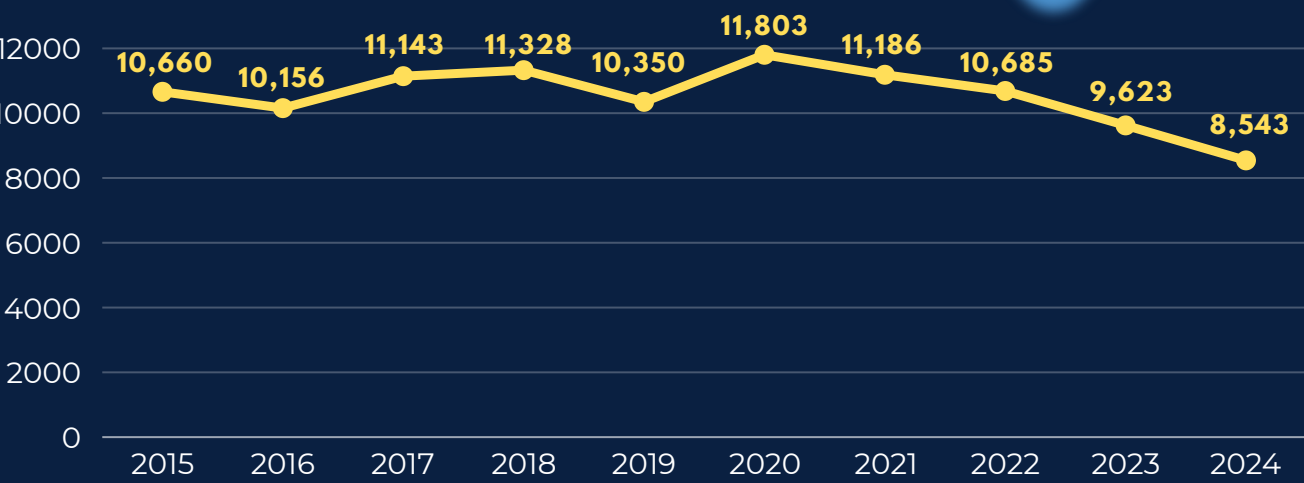
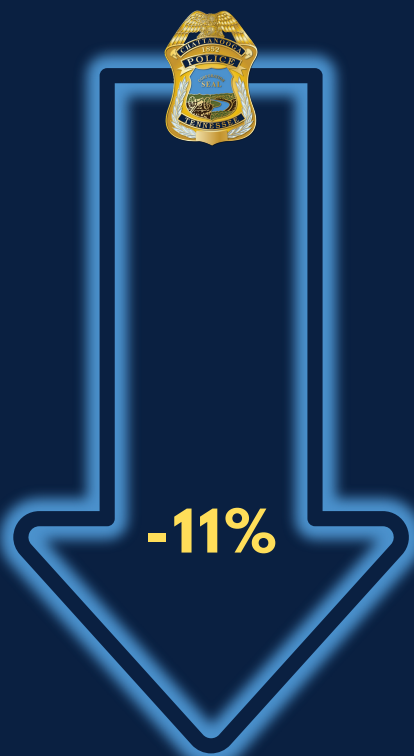
The bar graph to the right shows kidnapping/abduction cases in Chattanooga for 2023 and 2024. Incidents climbed from 61 to 67 in 2024, indicating a **10% increase**. Note, these stats include custodial interference.



CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Crimes against property are defined as incidents that unlawfully destroys another property or deprives an owner of property against the owner's will[2]. The crimes against property included within this report include burglary, larceny/theft, theft from motor vehicle, robbery, and auto theft.

There was a 11% decrease in crimes against property since 2023.



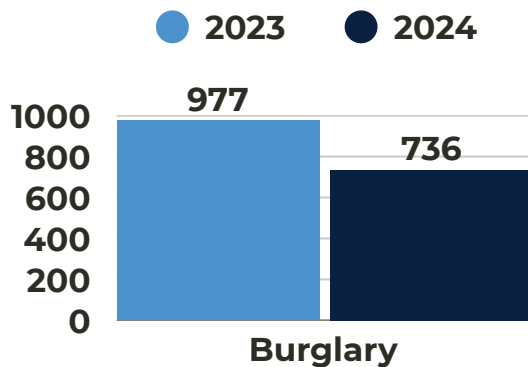
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This decrease is indicative of the continued effectiveness of crime prevention strategies and enhanced law enforcement efforts. Factors contributing to this decline include increased patrols, community engagement initiatives, and the implementation of advanced technologies for monitoring and investigation. Continued vigilance and collaboration with the community remain key to maintaining and furthering this downward trajectory in property crimes.

The Chattanooga Police Department is focused on sustaining this positive momentum into 2025. By refining successful strategies and strengthening community partnerships, the department aims to further reduce property crimes and contribute to a safer, more secure city for everyone.

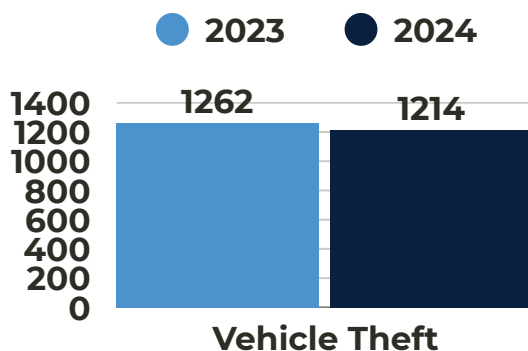
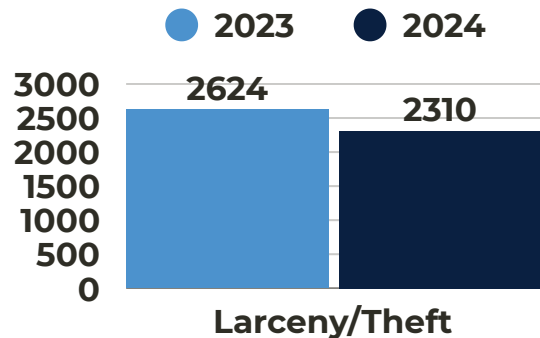


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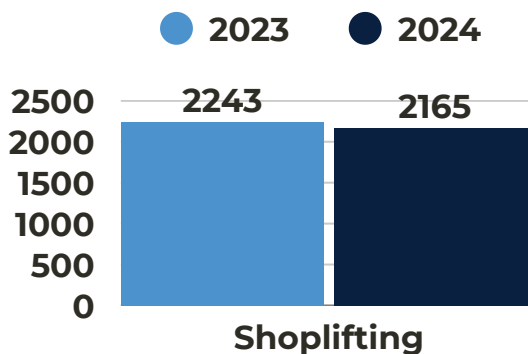
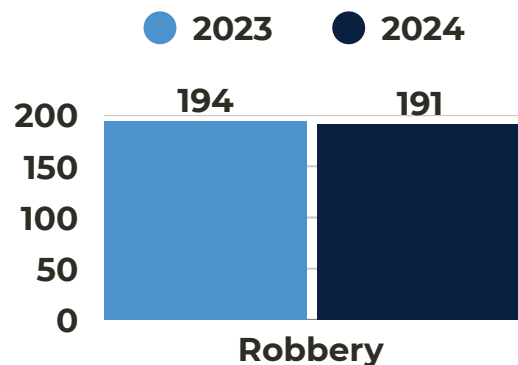
The bar graph to the left shows citywide burglary cases in Chattanooga for 2023 and 2024. Incidents declined from 977 in 2023 to 736 in 2024, marking a **25% decrease**.

The bar graph to the right represents larceny/theft cases in Chattanooga for 2023 and 2024. Incidents declined from 2,624 in 2023 to 2,310 in 2024, resulting in a **12% decrease**.



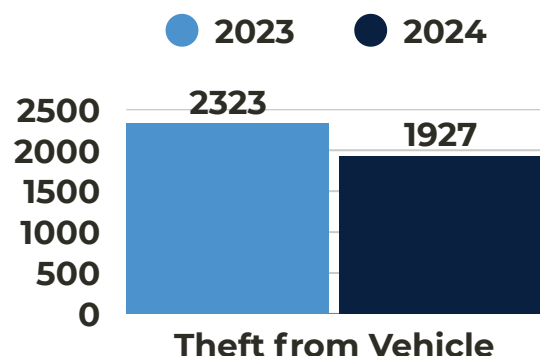
The bar graph to the left shows vehicle theft cases in Chattanooga for 2023 and 2024. Incidents declined from 1,262 in 2023 to 1,214 in 2024, which represents a **4% decrease**.

The bar graph to the right shows all robbery incidents, with 194 incidents in 2023 and 191 incidents in 2024, which is a **2% decrease**.



According to the bar graph to the left there were 2,243 shoplifting incidents in 2023 and 2,165 shoplifting incidents in 2024, which indicates a **3% decrease**.

The bar graph to the right shows all thefts from motor vehicles in 2023 and 2024. These types of thefts **decreased by 17% overall**.

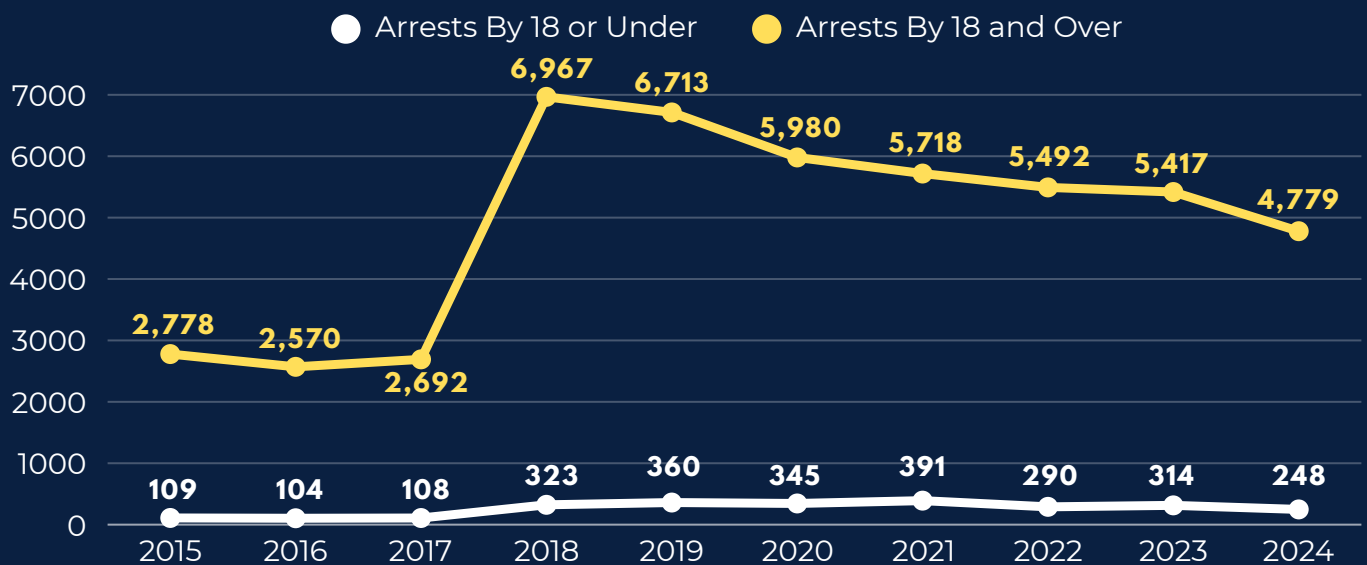
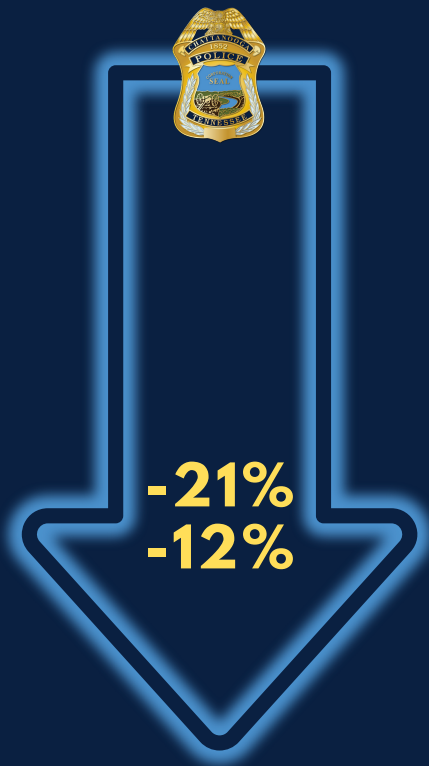


TOTAL ARRESTS

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program records one arrest for every individual instance in which a person is taken into custody, issued a citation, or summoned to appear for an offense[2].

There was a 21% decrease in citywide arrests by 18 or Under and a 12% decrease in arrests by 18 and Over.

The data presented highlights arrest trends over the past decade, providing insight into patterns across different age groups. Arrests of individuals aged 18 and over saw a notable increase from 2017 to 2018, rising sharply from 2,692 to 6,967. Following this peak, adult arrests began a steady decline, dropping to 5,980 in 2019 and continuing downward to 4,779 in 2024.



*For consistency in reporting, data from 2015 to 2024 was pulled on February 19, 2025. This ensures that the most current data is included while maintaining a standardized timeframe for analysis. This data excludes all court-ordered expungements and includes juvenile arrests. The Chattanooga Police Department underwent a change in its reporting system in mid-2017, leading to more accurate arrest reporting beginning in 2018."

Juvenile arrests (18 or under) remained significantly lower than adult arrests throughout the period. From 2015 to 2017, the number of juvenile arrests remained relatively stable, fluctuating between 104 and 109 annually. However, a slight increase occurred between 2018 and 2021, with juvenile arrests reaching a high of 391 in 2021. Since then, juvenile arrests have gradually declined, totaling 248 in 2024.

The steady decrease in both adult and juvenile arrests over recent years suggests possible improvements in public safety initiatives, alternative sentencing programs, or crime prevention efforts within the community.



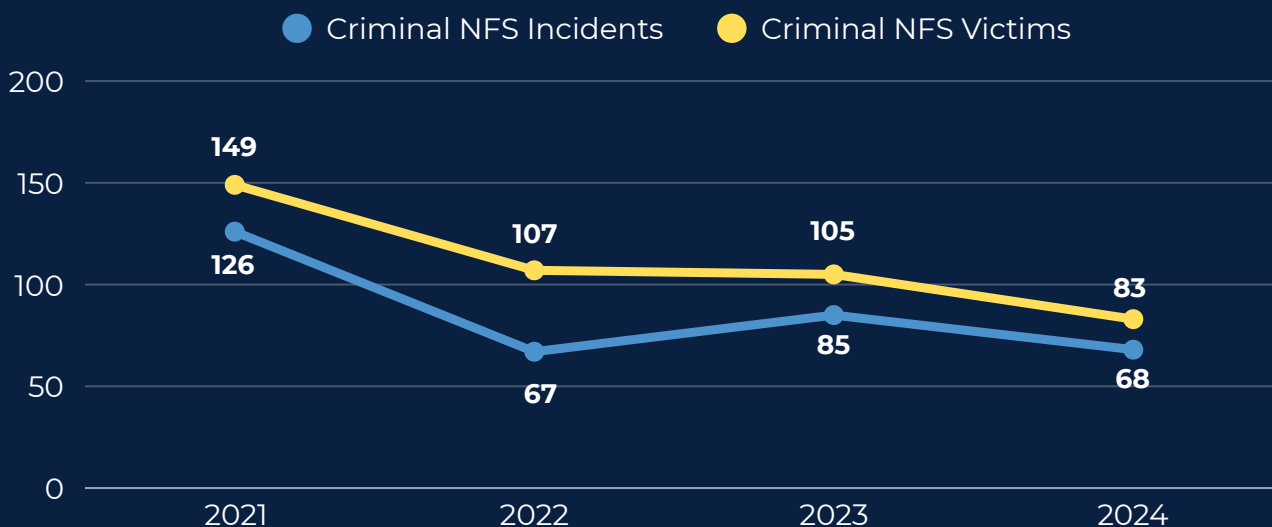
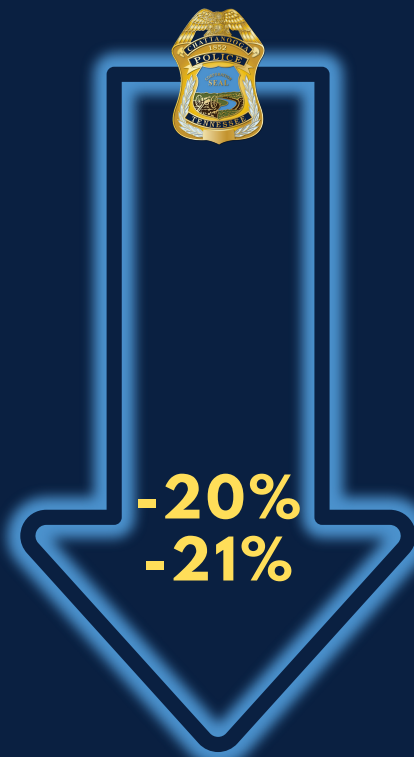
NON-FATAL SHOOTINGS

A non-fatal shooting (NFS) refers to an incident where a person is injured by gunfire but does not die as a result of the injuries.

There was a 20% decrease in citywide non-fatal shootings by incidents since 2023.

Additionally, there was a 21% decrease in citywide non-fatal shootings by victims since 2023.

The chart presented below specifically focuses on criminal non-fatal shootings, which are incidents where a firearm is used to intentionally harm another person during the commission of a crime or as part of criminal activity.



In the context of law enforcement or crime analysis, nonfatal shootings are often tracked and categorized separately from homicides to better understand trends in gun violence, victimology, and contributing factors. Data about nonfatal shootings can be critical for developing targeted interventions to reduce gun violence. This chart does not include shootings that are deemed justified (e.g., self-defense cases legally recognized as lawful), self-inflicted incidents (such as suicide attempts or accidental self-harm), or accidental shootings (unintentional discharges of a firearm that result in injury). By excluding these categories, the data provides a more precise representation of gun violence linked to criminal behavior, aiding in the analysis and understanding of trends within this specific context.



GANG MEMBER-RELATED INCIDENTS

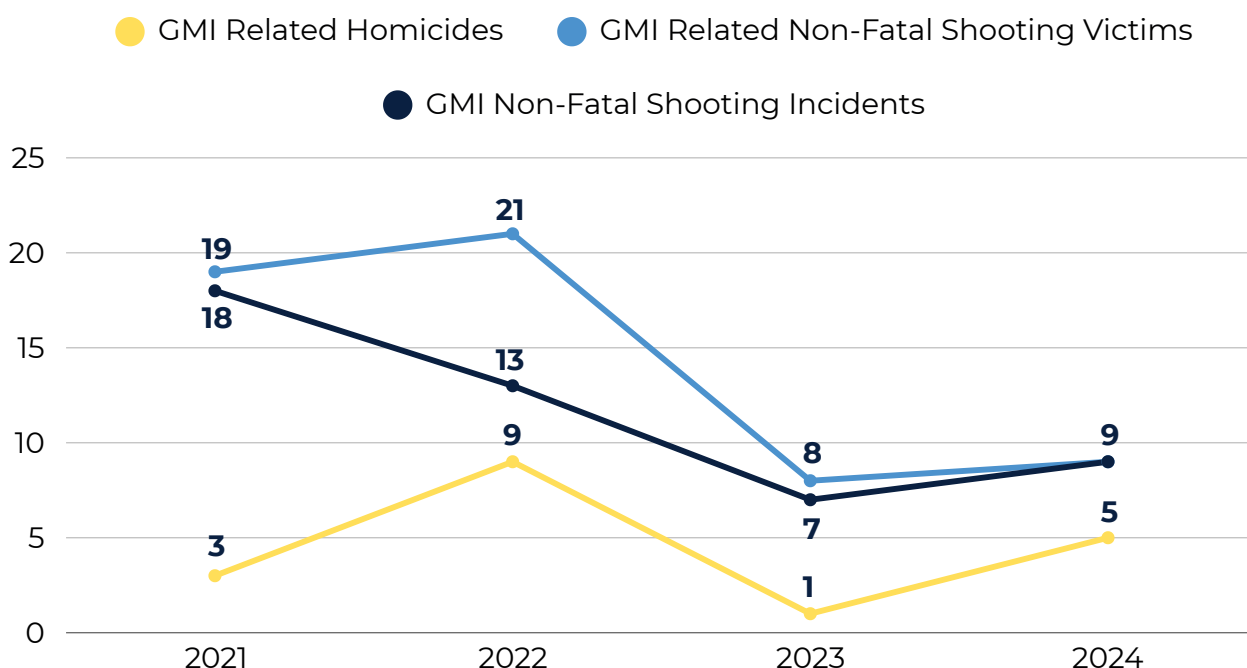
Gang member-related incidents (GMI) refer to events involving individuals who are identified as validated gang members or associates, based on established criteria used by law enforcement or crime analysis units.

These incidents often include criminal activities such as non-fatal shootings, homicides and other forms of violence or illegal behavior.

By tracking gang-related incidents, CPD can gain insights into patterns of gang violence, identify key individuals or groups driving such activity, and develop targeted strategies to mitigate gang influence in affected communities.

The Chattanooga Police Department has seen a gradual decrease in gang member-related incidents over the past four years. In 2021, there were 18 gang-related non-fatal shooting incidents and 19 non-fatal shooting victims, both of which peaked in 2022 at 13 and 21, respectively, before dropping significantly in 2023 to 7 and 8. Although 2024 saw an increase to 9 incidents and victims, these numbers remain significantly lower than previous years. Gang-related homicides followed a similar trend, rising from 3 in 2021 to 9 in 2022 before dropping to 1 in 2023 and increasing to 5 in 2024. The overall decline reflects the department's ongoing efforts to reduce gang violence and enhance community safety.

END OF YEAR GMI REPORT



CITYWIDE OVERDOSES

Overdoses have decreased by 32% in 2024, with fatal overdoses decreasing by 49%.

In 2024, the Chattanooga Police Department observed significant progress in addressing the overdose crisis within the community. Through targeted enforcement efforts, expanded education campaigns, and strengthened partnerships with public health organizations, overdoses in Chattanooga decreased by an encouraging 32%, while fatal overdoses saw an even more substantial decline of 49% compared to the previous year.

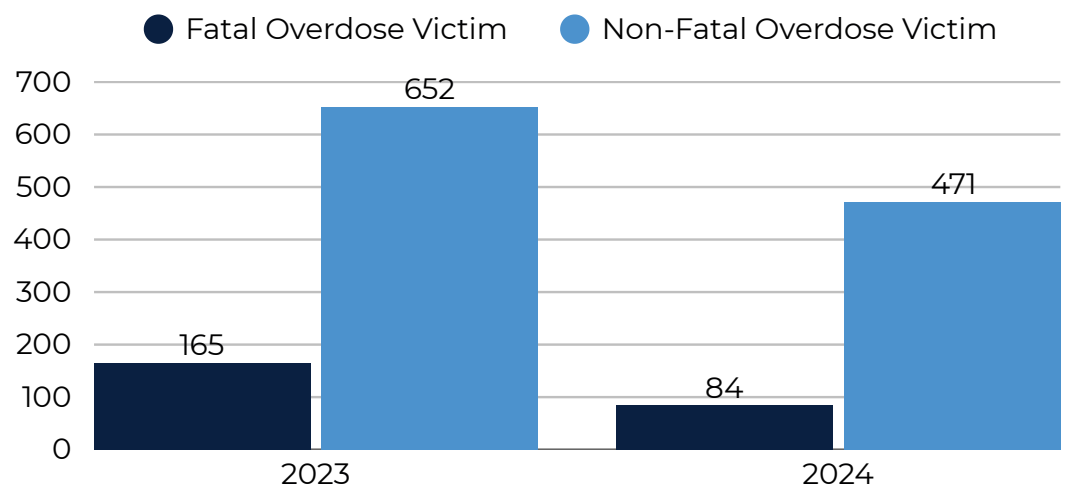
Factors Contributing to the Decline

- **Proactive Enforcement**
- **Narcan Deployment**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Collaborative Efforts**

Prevention & Outreach

Recognizing that enforcement alone cannot resolve the overdose crisis, CPD has expanded efforts to collaborate with public health agencies and community organizations to provide education on overdose prevention and resources for recovery.

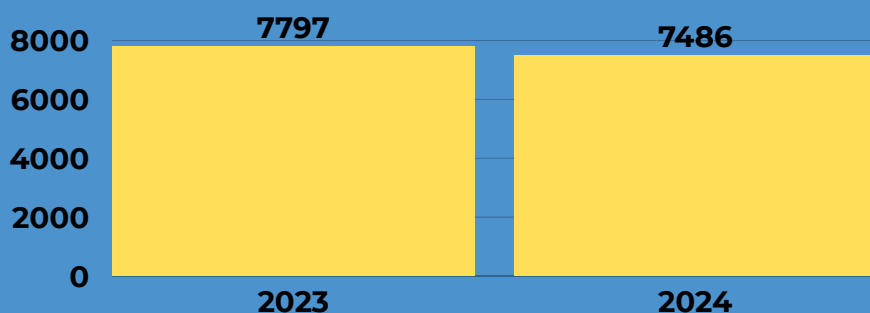
While these reductions represent meaningful progress, the Chattanooga Police Department remains steadfast in its commitment to further combat overdoses in 2025. Continued focus will be placed on targeting illegal drug supply chains, equipping officers with essential tools, and partnering with community stakeholders to ensure access to life-saving resources and treatment options. Together, we strive to build a healthier and safer Chattanooga.



TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

A traffic collision, also known as a motor vehicle collision occurs when a vehicle collides with another vehicle, pedestrian, animal, road debris, or other moving or stationary obstruction, such as a tree, pole or building.[3]

The chart below represents a **4% reduction in traffic crashes** over the two-year period. The decrease is attributed to proactive traffic enforcement, public education efforts, and increased improvements in roadway safety measures. This decline demonstrates progress toward creating safer roadways for all citizens.



The table below provides a breakdown of total traffic collisions by type for 2023 and 2024, along with the percentage change in each category.

Collision Type	2023 Total	2024 Total	% Change
Fatality	41	21	-49%
Incapacitating Injury	148	179	+21%
Non-Incapacitating Injury	298	906	+204%
Possible Injury	1769	935	-47%
Property Damage Over \$1,500 Threshold	5541	5445	-2%
Total Collisions	7797	7486	-4%

**Amendment - Upon further review, it was discovered that the 2023 property damage crash totals included all property damage crashes, regardless of the estimated damage amount (i.e., both under and over the \$1,500 threshold). In contrast, the 2024 property damage crash totals included only those crashes where estimated property damage exceeded \$1,500.*

This inconsistency resulted in an inflated total for 2023 property damage crashes when compared directly to 2024. To maintain accuracy and consistency in reporting, the 2023 crash totals have been updated to reflect only property damage crashes with damage estimates exceeding \$1,500, in alignment with how 2024 data was reported.

Thank you to our community for your continued partnership in making Chattanooga a safer place to live and drive!



Downtown BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

What is a BID?

A Business Improvement District (BID) is a private sector funding mechanism designed to improve the environment of a business district with new services financed by a self-imposed and self-governed assessment. These services, such as enhanced safety, maintenance, and public art, among others, are provided exclusively within the district.

Does this mean that local government will give up their work inside the BID's boundaries?

Absolutely not. Efforts undertaken by the BID and funded by its revenues will be an enhancement to—not a replacement for—those already provided by the City of Chattanooga. They work in the same way as a common area maintenance (CAM) agreement in shopping malls and office parks.

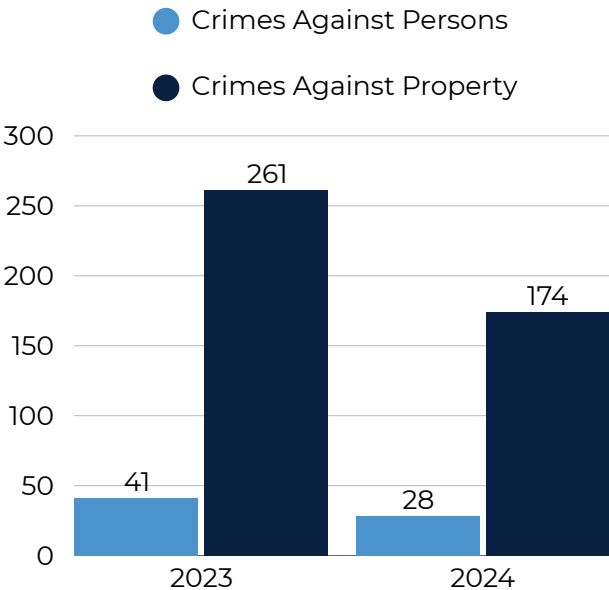
Where is the BID geospatial area in Chattanooga?

The BID is a portion of Downtown Chattanooga that is bounded roughly by the Tennessee River to the north, US-27 to the west, 11th Street to the south, and Cherry Street/Georgia Avenue to the east. The boundary extends through the centerline of 11th Street, Cherry Street, Georgia Avenue, and any other thoroughfare along its exterior boundaries.

Crime Rates within the BID?

Since the inception of the BID within Chattanooga in 2023, crimes rates have steadily decreased. When comparing 2023 to 2024, crime rates have decreased by 33% overall.

Total Crimes within the BID
January 1 - December 31
2023 & 2024



Crime Type	2023	2024	% Change
Aggravated Assault	36	26	-28%
Auto Theft	25	19	-24%
Burglary	15	7	-53%
Forcible Sex Offenses	0	0	*N/C
Homicide	1	0	-100%
Larceny/Theft	132	94	-29%
Robbery	4	2	-50%
Theft from Vehicle	89	54	-39%
Total Part One Crime	302	202	-33%



PROACTIVITY OF CPD

The Chattanooga Police Department is committed to proactive policing strategies that prioritize community engagement, crime prevention, and innovative problem-solving. Our officers and staff work tirelessly each day to anticipate challenges, address concerns, and implement effective solutions that enhance the quality of life for all residents.

The following pages highlight units within the department that have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments over the past year. Each of these achievements reflects our dedication to excellence and our unwavering focus on protecting and serving our community. These efforts, along with the exceptional work of our entire department, are designed to ensure the safety of your families, fostering a sense of trust and peace of mind for everyone who calls Chattanooga home.



GUN TEAM



The Chattanooga Police Department's Gun Team plays a critical role in reducing firearm-related violence and ensuring public safety across the city. This specialized unit focuses on addressing illegal firearm possession, use, and trafficking through targeted enforcement, intelligence-driven operations, and collaborative partnerships.

The Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration (CGIC) Initiative, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), is a competitive grant program that provides funding to state and local government entities that are experiencing precipitous increases in gun crime. This allows state and local government to implement comprehensive and holistic models to reduce violent crime and the illegal use of firearms within their jurisdictions by enabling them to integrate with their local ATF Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs).

With funding through the BJA CGIC Initiative, the Chattanooga Police Department (CPD) seeks to:

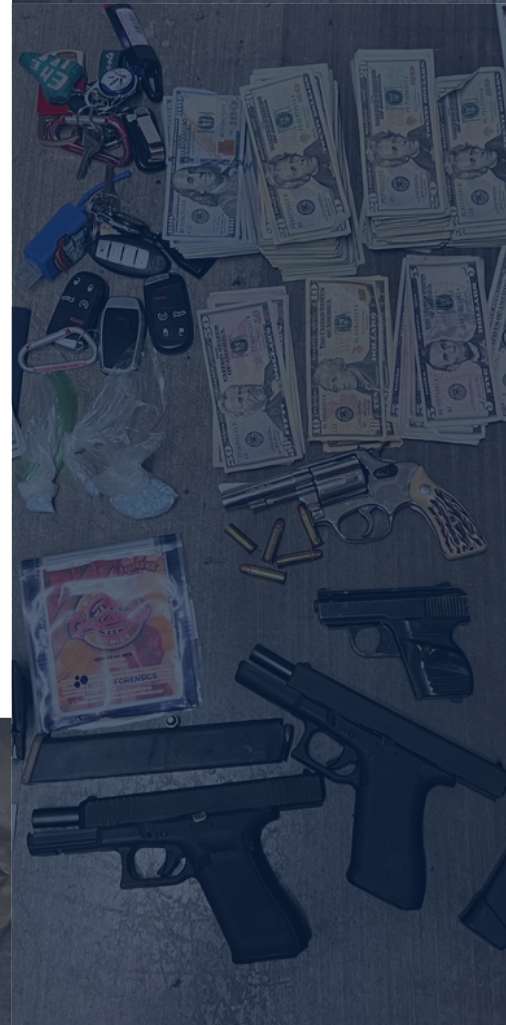
- 1) develop analytical support to improve police response to gunshots fired utilizing report management systems, eTrace, and additional technology
- 2) collaborate with ATF to investigate likely shooting incidents by ensuring that every crime gun is submitted to the ATF National Tracing Center
- 3) support and promote collaborative partnerships with multiple regional agencies to ensure effective prosecution of CGIC cases
- 4) ensure the sustainability of the CGIC through Memorandums of Understanding with partners and continuing education and outreach with partners.[5]



BJA
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice

2024 Gun Team Stats

- NIBIN Leads assigned: 311
- NIBIN Leads closed: 219
- Search Warrants: 36
- Firearm Recoveries: 115
- Money Seized: \$48,208
- Firearms Processed: 57
- Arrests: 113
- Test Fires: 1230
- Evidence Entries: 659



Victim Services Unit

The Chattanooga Police Department's Victim Services Unit works alongside law enforcement, investigators, and community partners to provide comprehensive support for crime victims. This includes offering direct assistance, ongoing care, advocacy through the criminal justice process, and connecting victims with essential community resources.

Our Objectives:

- To create a cohesive and streamlined response to the victims of crime who are being served by the Chattanooga Police Department.
- Increase awareness of victims' rights and responsibilities in the criminal justice and judicial processes.
- Provide victim-centered and trauma-informed advocacy services to victims and survivors of crime.
- Increase awareness of local and community resources and social services for victims of crime.
- Provide comprehensive and ongoing training for the Chattanooga Police Department, other local law enforcement agencies, and the public safety community at large.



Our Services:

- Follow-up Support & Advocacy
- Safety Planning
- Social Service Assessment & Planning
- Criminal Justice Support & Advocacy
- Court Accompaniment
- Crisis Counseling & Intervention
- Information & Referral
- Filing Assistance for TN Criminal Injuries Compensation Program
- Community Outreach
- First Responder Training
- On-Scene Response

Service Type	# of Clients Served	# of Services Provided
Information & Referral	931	2,710
Personal Advocacy/Accompaniment	217	653
Emotional Support	242	384
Criminal/Civil Justice System Assistance	923	3,645
Other Services (Phone/Email Follow Up)	1,515	7,113



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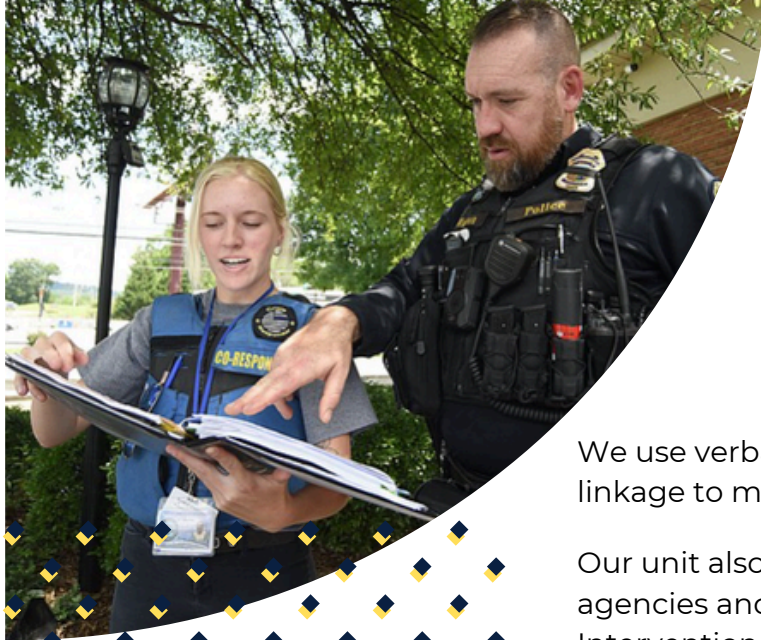


Victim Services & Chaplains Director
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In case of an Emergency Call 911





CRISIS CO-RESPONSE

The Crisis Co-Response Unit (CCRU) pairs a licensed mental health professional with a crisis intervention trained officer to respond to mental health-related crises in the community.

We use verbal de-escalation, safety planning, and resource linkage to maintain the safety of the individual and the public.

Our unit also provides training to local law enforcement agencies and community partners, including a 40-hour Crisis Intervention Training, that increases education and awareness to address the mental health needs of the community.

Crisis Co-Responder Finn and Officer Montana presented about our program at the 2024 International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in Boston.



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2024 CCRU Total Cases Worked

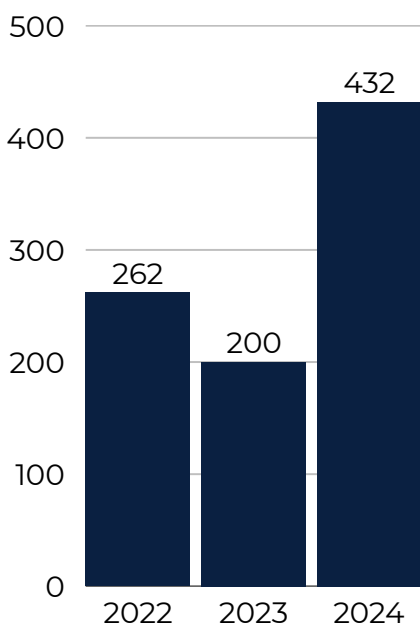
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2024 Officers Relieved by CCRU

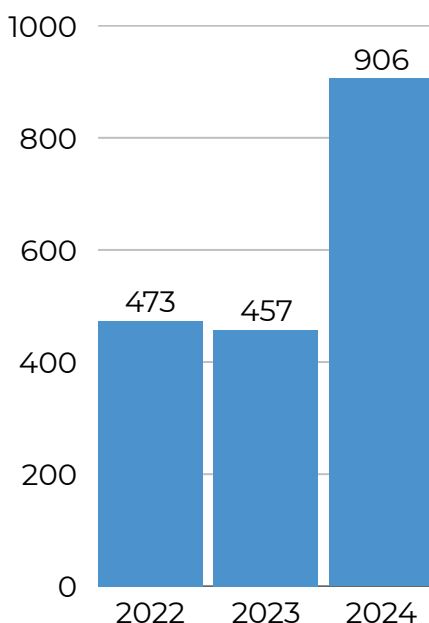
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2024 Mental Health Related Calls

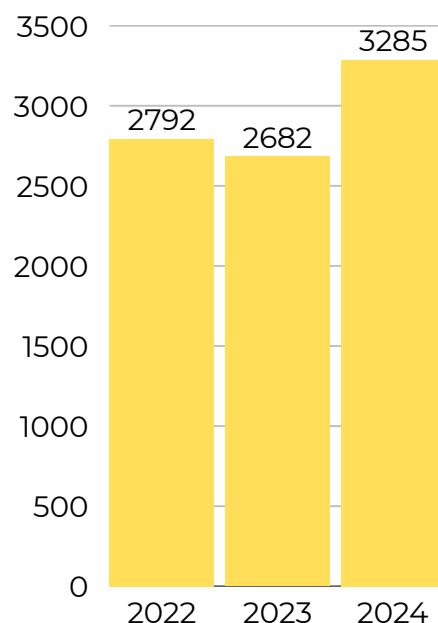
CCRU Total Cases Worked



Officers Relieved By CCRU



Mental Health Related Calls





Real-Time Intelligence Center



The Real-Time Intelligence Center (RTIC) is responsible for the deployment of advanced technologies to prevent and capture crime in real time. RTIC investigators provide critical information to first responders in the field using live streams of integrated camera systems including city cameras, public safety cameras, housing authority site cameras, partnering businesses

cameras, body worn cameras, and drones. RTIC investigators also use license plate recognition technology and crime databases. The RTIC has real-time access to Hamilton County School cameras if a serious incident or threat to a school is detected. School cameras are not monitored and are only accessed in the event of an active investigation or threat.



RTIC investigators proactively monitor public safety cameras in hotspot areas and assist officers to discover, prevent, and respond to crime. As calls for services come into 9-1-1, RTIC investigators pull up any camera feeds in the area to aid responding officers in their investigation. The RTIC provides real-time and investigative information to officers responding to a crime, overwatch during special events, situational awareness and investigative information during life-threatening emergencies, open source intelligence information, real-time information related to local, national and weather events, and much more.

Calls for Service



The RTIC is currently staffed by four full-time investigators and two supervisors covering 20 hours per day, 7 days per week.



RTIC Investigators worked 2,113 calls for service in 2024 capturing usable video evidence 68% of the time.

Digital Response Time



In May of 2024 RTIC supervision implemented a Digital Response Time (DRT). This refers to the amount of time it takes Real-Time Investigators to have "eyes on scene" via Public Safety Cameras and are able to relay critical information to officers. The average DRT was 30 seconds.

National Real Time Crime Center Association



In 2024, Sgt. Atwell presented at the National Real-Time Crime Center Association National Conference highlighting Chattanooga Police Department's achievements with its Real-Time Intelligence Center. During the presentation, Sgt. Atwell detailed how the integration of cutting edge technology, public safety cameras, and real-time data analysis has significantly enhanced the city's ability to respond to and capture crime in real time. Sgt. Atwell also highlighted how having a transparent collaboration between CPD and the community has created strong partnerships and support that many large cities struggle to achieve.

Tours



In 2024, RTIC Investigators hosted 47 public tours of the Real-Time Intelligence Center for a total of 424 visitors. During tours, investigators discuss, explain, and demonstrate the technology and capabilities of the RTIC and how it supports Chattanooga's communities by enhancing public safety and improving response efforts.





DRONE UNIT

Operational Integration

The Drone Unit plays a vital role in enhancing safety and efficiency across operations. It supports SWAT by conducting searches and providing real-time intelligence during entries, assists Hazmat teams with nationwide Federal Aviation Administration-authorized deployments for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, and strengthens event security through reconnaissance, crowd monitoring, and threat detection. These integrations highlight the unit's importance in modern policing.

The Drone Unit has demonstrated its value in enhancing public safety, aiding law enforcement operations, and fostering inter-agency collaboration. With continued innovation and expansion, the unit is poised for even greater contributions in 2025.

Technology and Collaboration

- The Drone Unit will expand in 2025 with the arrival of Brinc Lemurs and Brinc Responders with docks.
- Collaboration with the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) to establish violent crime hotspots near Chattanooga Fire Department Fire Halls.
- Network infrastructure checks underway to ensure compatibility with server requirements.
- New drones will assist in responding to low-priority calls and provide crucial intelligence for high-priority incidents.
- CPD has been identified as a potential early recipient of Brinc equipment as part of a pilot program due to its East Coast location.
- Assisted agencies such as Dade County Sheriff's Office, Alcoa Fire Department, and Lenoir City Police Department in setting up their drone programs.
- Numerous agencies have shown interest in mirroring CPD's successful drone program.

Unit Statistics

The Drone Unit successfully conducted a total of 303 operations, utilizing advanced aerial surveillance and tactical support to enhance law enforcement efforts. As a result of these operations, the unit contributed to the successful apprehension of 100 individuals, demonstrating the effectiveness of drone technology in improving situational awareness and operational efficiency.

Notable Apprehensions/Locations

- 3/29/2024: Assisted Patrol in locating a suspect involved in a shooting at East Brainerd Ball Fields.
- 4/25/2024: Located 4 of 5 suspects who fled from a traffic stop.
- 5/13/2024: Located an aggravated robbery suspect who fled into a heavily wooded area.
- 7/12/2024: Found a missing 11-year-old in a wooded area.
- 9/18/2024: Located a missing juvenile near the waterfront.
- 11/9/2024: Assisted in the apprehension of carjacking suspects after a vehicle pursuit and located a discarded firearm on a rooftop.
- 11/28/2024: Located a suspect who fled into a wooded area with a 5-year-old after a vehicle crash.



TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENTS



Body-Worn Camera Transition

Successfully updated 744 Axon Body 3 cameras with the new Axon Body 4 model, ensuring officers have the most up-to-date equipment for field operations.

Laptop Refresh Project

Conducted a comprehensive upgrade of 616 laptops, transitioning from IBM Lenovo devices to Dell Latitude 5430 Rugged and Mobile Precision 3581 models to meet the demands of modern policing.

Vehicle Equipment Modernization

Replaced 361 laptop mounts in patrol vehicles to improve functionality and usability. Installed 148 docking stations for Precision 3581 laptops in various office locations, optimizing workspace efficiency.

Mobile Device Deployment

Completed the issuance of 236 city-issued cell phones to improve communication and field operations.

Microsoft Office 365 Rollout

Initiated and oversaw the successful installation of Microsoft Office 365 on computers for officers of sergeant rank and above, as well as for officers requiring the software for their duties.

Training & Equipment Issuance

Issued essential equipment and provided hands-on training to new employees and cadets in the training academy. Delivered annual in-service training sessions to all officers, ensuring proficiency in department software and technology tools.



BUDGET REPORT

The Chattanooga Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2025 is \$91,022,073 which is a 4.23% increase over previous year's budget of \$87,173,664. Primarily increases are due to the funding of personnel cost which includes a revision to the sworn police payplan eliminating bi-annual raises and moving them to an annual raise cycle. Operation changes include an additional average of 5% increases for 911 Communication and Animal services contracts.



24/25 Fiscal Year Budget

$$\begin{array}{rcccl} \$70,722,208 & + & \$18,249,865 & + & \$2,050,000 \\ \text{Personnel} & & \text{Operating} & & \text{Overtime} \\ & & = & & \\ & & \$91,022,073 & & \\ & & \text{Total Budget} & & \end{array}$$

Department	Budget FY23/24	Budget FY24/25
Police Administration	\$6,101,718	\$5,334,346
Neighborhood Policing	\$33,362,579	\$35,958,028
Investigations	\$18,443,350	\$18,171,994
Special Operations	\$6,391,898	\$6,481,733
Support Services	\$15,148,296	\$16,973,570
Communications	\$5,707,915	\$5,983,599
Animal Services	\$2,017,908	\$2,118,803
Total Expenditures	\$87,173,664	\$91,022,073





GIVING BACK



This section is dedicated to recognizing the numerous organizations that Chattanooga Police personnel support and give back to each year, reflecting their commitment to making a positive impact within the community they serve. Below is a list of some of those organizations:

- Boys and Girls Club Inc.
- Big Brother/Sisters
- The Brave Effect
- Chattanooga Autism Center
- Children's Hospital at Erlanger Safe Kids at the Zoo
- Erlanger Summer of Safety Fest
- Forgotten Child Fund
- Leadership Chattanooga Alumni Board
- Partnership for Families, Children and Adults
- Special Olympics Tennessee
- UT Alumni Association Board
- YCAP Boxing Club



Accreditation

Commitment to Excellence Dual Accreditation Achievements

Our department is proud to maintain its status as a dual-accredited agency through both the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation (TLEA) programs.

In March 2024, we were honored to receive the Law Enforcement Meritorious Advanced Accreditation Certificate from CALEA, marking our eighth consecutive accreditation certification. This milestone is a testament to our continuous dedication to upholding the highest standards of professional law enforcement practices.

Our journey with CALEA began in March 2001, and for over two decades, we have remained committed to enhancing public trust, improving service delivery, and ensuring accountability through this rigorous accreditation process. We take great pride in these achievements, which reflect the hard work and commitment of every member of our organization in serving our community with integrity, professionalism, and excellence.



Social Media Engagement

The Chattanooga Police Department is dedicated to fostering strong connections with our community through active and transparent communication on social media. By sharing important updates, safety tips, and departmental initiatives, we aim to keep residents informed and engaged. Below, you'll find QR codes linking to our official social media platforms—follow us to stay connected and be part of our mission to build a safer Chattanooga together!

Facebook



LinkedIn



Nextdoor



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Our Mission is...

To keep you, your
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