



**TULSA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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# INTRODUCTION

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## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BYNUM



Greetings,

Our police department remains dedicated to serving our community. I have nothing but admiration for our sworn and civilian employees whose duty to the public is witnessed every day. As they patrol their respective areas, officers form bonds with residents and business owners and educate the community. Our investigators work diligently to provide closure to those who have been wronged by various criminal acts.

Civilian employees help those in need of assistance as well; emergency dispatchers are the first line of communication to those in distress and crime scene investigators meticulously process crime scenes. Together this is the teamwork that defines the Tulsa Police Department.

### Highlights from 2019 include:

- The hiring of 87 Tulsa Police officers thanks to unprecedented budgeting and hiring of new officers by the Mayor's Office and Tulsa City Council.
- Continuation and creation of new community policing practices such as the Tulsa Police Department's extensive implicit bias training for all police personnel and the enhanced transparency given to officers through body worn camera technology.
- Celebrated the one-year anniversary of our successful jail diversion program, the Tulsa Sobering Center.
- And bid farewell to Chief Chuck Jordan as he retired after his many decades of service to the Tulsa Police Department.

On these pages I hope you see the passion with which our officers serve, the honor they bring to their job, their accomplishments and a glimpse of their humanity. I am very proud of their accomplishments in 2019 and the innovative programs and projects our department is working on currently.

Best regards,

G.T. Bynum, Mayor City of Tulsa



## CHIEF WENDELL FRANKLIN

The year 2019 was pivotal for the Tulsa Police Department. As the year concluded, Chief Chuck Jordan retired after serving fifty years in law enforcement and the last ten as our police chief. A few months later, I was chosen to be Tulsa's 40<sup>th</sup> Police Chief since statehood in 1907.

It is an honor I never expected and a job that must involve all of Tulsa to be successful. I know our staff well as I have been a part of this organization for over two decades and I know without a doubt that the future has tremendous potential.



I began using the term "One Tulsa" after taking office because I believe that the challenges ahead can ultimately be mitigated if everyone in our community, along with every Tulsa Police officer, understands that we are all the same. We are mothers, fathers, sons and daughters—and a safer Tulsa is a responsibility we all share.

There was plenty of evidence in 2019 to prove the idea of "One Tulsa" even before I frequently started using the term. Our homicide clearance rate was at 97%—far above the national average of just 60%. While the Tulsa Police Department and our investigators leave no stone unturned in the quest for justice for the victims of violence, we could not have that level of success without the help of our citizens. It takes incredible detective work, but also good citizens coming forward with information and being witnesses—it takes all of us working together.

To maintain our incredible momentum, I am focusing on our community outreach and our transparency efforts with citizens. Our Community Service officers dedicated thousands of hours to outreach in 2019 and I am putting those officers together in one unit, so we can reach more children and young adults than ever before. We will also expand our Communications Unit, so that citizens can be assured that their police department is working for them. I also believe that transparency builds faith—and faith builds character—so our team is working tirelessly to meet the high expectations demanded of the Tulsa Police Department.

In closing, I want to thank you for your confidence in our department and I want to thank our police officers for their dedication to the safety of every citizen. Our success in 2020 and beyond demands that we all do our part. We are all one. We are "One Tulsa."



# THE TULSA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Tulsa Police Department will apply all knowledge, skills, and available resources by working in partnership with our Community to provide quality service, protect life, and property, prevent crime, and resolve problems so people can live without fear in a safe environment.

## VALUE OATH

I accept the responsibilities of being recognized as a leader of the Tulsa Police Department. As a leader,

I pledge to honorably perform my assigned duties while displaying the integrity and the courage:

To stand up for what I know is right,

To stand up against wrongs in any form,

To respect the dignity and rights of every individual,

To exercise wisdom and fairness in dealing with all citizens, and

To ultimately bring honor and pride upon the Tulsa Police Department and myself.

Having been duly appointed a Police Officer of the City of Tulsa, and a Peace Officer of the State of Oklahoma, I do solemnly swear, that I will defend, enforce, and obey, the Constitution and Laws of the United States and the State of Oklahoma, and the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Tulsa.

That I will obey the lawful orders of my superior officers and the regulations of the Tulsa Police Department.

That I will protect the rights, lives and property of all citizens and uphold the honor of the police profession, with my life if need be. This I solemnly swear.

# AWARDS, MILESTONES & MEMORIES

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## MEDAL OF HONOR

An award to any member of the Tulsa Police Department for an act of conspicuous gallantry above and beyond the call of duty while in a police situation where the recipient's life is in imminent danger. Recognition for actions meeting award criteria may be recognized posthumously by presenting the recipient's survivors with the award.

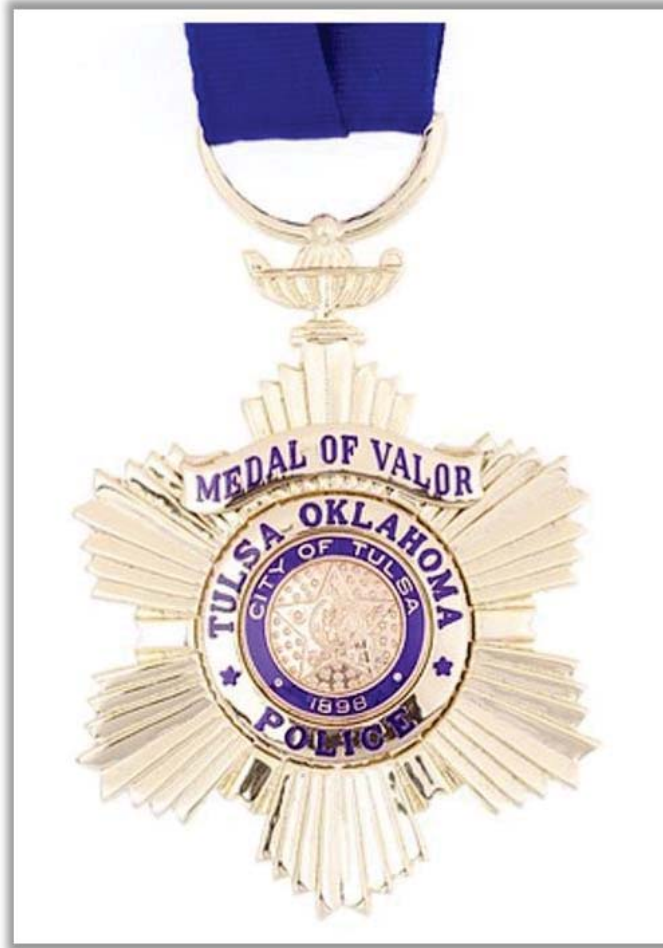


In 2019, the Tulsa Police Department Medal of Honor was bestowed upon Sergeant Michael Parsons.



## MEDAL OF VALOR

An award to any member of the Tulsa Police Department for an act of outstanding bravery or heroism through which the recipient demonstrates, to some great degree, characteristics of selflessness, personal courage, and devotion to duty.





## MEDAL OF VALOR (continued)

Officer Bryant Ward

Officer Mike Cawiezell

Officer Grace Hobbs

Officer Danielle Bishop

Corporal Jimmie Curran

Officer Robert Marcum

Officer Erin Bitting

Officer Shaun Downie

Officer Jay Taylor

Officer Benjamin Brandt

Officer Con Ericsson

Officer Michael Terwilliger

Officer Heath Brownell

Officer Tim Wilson

## PURPLE HEART

An award to any member of the Tulsa Police Department who is killed or injured as a direct result of a police situation.



Sergeant Michael Parsons



## CHIEF'S AWARD

An award to any member of the Tulsa Police Department for an outstanding accomplishment which has resulted in improved administration, improved operation, or substantial savings in manpower or operational costs, where the recipient has gone above and beyond the requirements of his or her normal assignment to contribute to a more effective and efficient police service, or for outstanding police work which has brought a great credit to the Department in a case of unusual public interest.





## CHIEF'S AWARD (continued)

Officer Derrick Alexander  
Officer Jason Angel  
Officer Randall Armstrong  
Corporal Clay Asbill  
Officer Kelly Braitsch  
Deputy Chief Jonathan Brooks  
Officer Angela Emberton  
Officer Michael Fullbright  
Sergeant DeMario Gay  
Officer Sherron Jones  
Sergeant Ashley Kite  
Major Matt McCord  
Corporal Jennifer Murphy  
Sergeant Mark Ohnesorge  
Corporal Naresh Persaud  
Officer Darrell Ross  
Corporal David Smasal  
Captain Karen Tipler  
Sergeant Billy White  
Officer (Ret.) Debra Glenn

## LIFE SAVING AWARD

An award to any member of the Tulsa Police Department for sustaining or saving the life of any human being, either on or off duty, except while employed as a medic or ambulance attendant.





## LIFE SAVING AWARD (continued)

Corporal Matt Arnold

Officer Roland Bruner

Officer Matthew Cazenave

Corporal Brian Collum

Officer Steven Daniels

Sergeant Lance Eberle

Officer Jesse Graham

Officer Daniel Howell

Officer Kendall Jobe

Officer Kevin Leaver

Officer Edmond Parish

Sergeant Robert Rohloff

Officer Gerard Stege

Officer Steve Thiemer

Officer Kerry Whitten



## DEPARTMENT COMMENDATIONS

An award for outstanding achievement which brings credit to the City of Tulsa and/or the Tulsa Police Department and involves performance above and beyond that required by the recipient's basic assignment.

Corporal Michelle Armentrout  
Officer Randall Armstrong  
Officer Brent Barnhart  
Corporal Chris Baurer  
Officer Daniel Bean  
Officer Warren Bigelow  
Officer Matthew Brabson  
Ms. Tara Brians  
Officer Lance Bond  
Officer John Brown  
Corporal Rusty Brown  
Officer Joel Burks  
Officer Billy Burson  
Officer Albert Caballero  
Officer Henry Carlson  
Officer Michael Cawiezell  
Officer Matthew Cazenave  
Officer Ian Chambers  
Officer Eric Chronister  
Officer Sylvester Climpson  
Officer Victor Clore  
Mr. David Combs  
Officer Donald Cox  
Officer Trenton Cox  
Officer Timothy Cronin  
Officer Pat Dunlap  
Officer James Edgeller  
Officer Nathan Edwards  
Officer Angela Emberton  
Officer Justin Finney  
Officer Luke Flanagan  
Officer Cory Franks  
Officer David Gionta  
Corporal Josh Goldstein

Officer Jesse Graham  
Officer Jack Graves  
Officer Joshua Griffith  
Officer Amy Hall  
Ms. Mechelle Hampton  
Officer Linda Hanna  
Officer Todd Hanson  
Officer April Harding  
Sergeant Jarrod Hart  
Corporal Matt Hart  
Officer Danny Hartman  
Officer Mitch Helberg  
Corporal Todd Henley  
Officer Jack Hester  
Officer Ryan Hieronymus  
Officer Garret Higgins  
Sergeant John Hoehner  
Officer David Hornok  
Officer Camden Houck  
Major (Ret.) Rod Hummel  
Officer Joshua Hyman  
Officer Cameron Ingram  
Officer Adam James  
Officer Eric Jameson  
Officer Daryl Johnson  
Officer Kayla Johnson  
Officer Alex Jones  
Officer Mark Kennedy  
Officer Justin Kerns  
Officer Daniel Kite  
Officer Andrew Knapp  
Officer Tracy Komasa  
Officer Kevin Kuerbitz  
Officer Nicholas Labadie



## DEPARTMENT COMMENDATIONS (cont.)

Officer Ronnie Leatherman  
Officer Joshua Ledbetter  
Officer David Ledezma  
Officer Perry Lewis  
Officer Jacob Litterell  
Officer Ashley Loncarich  
Officer Sean Love  
Officer Jerod Lum  
Officer Marshal Luton  
Officer Daniel Madewell  
Officer Joshua Marquette  
Officer Colton Martin  
Officer Justin McAlpin  
Officer Heather McCarthy  
Officer Robert Mealin  
Officer Jared Metzger  
Officer Dean Montgomery  
Officer David Moore  
Officer Chad Moyer  
Officer Chad Murtaugh  
Officer Sergio Natividad  
Corporal Chris O'Keefe  
Officer Scott Osborn  
Reserve Officer Matt Parker  
Officer Alisa Parrot  
Officer Mark Perkins  
Corporal Wyatt Poth  
Officer Dennis Radnovich  
Officer Chris Ralston  
Officer Edel Rangel  
Officer Ryan Rogers  
Officer Jason Roy  
Officer Scott Scepanski  
Captain Luke Sherman  
Sergeant John Sherrill  
Corporal Josh Showman

Officer Kurth Sires  
Officer Carl Small  
Officer Denny Smith  
Officer Jayson Smith  
Officer Michael Smith  
Officer Michael Snyder  
Officer Paul Spicer  
Officer Kyle Staats  
Officer Jeffrey Statum  
Officer Kenneth Stewart  
Sergeant Todd Taylor  
Officer Lucas Temple  
Officer Michael Terwilliger  
Officer Steve Theimer  
Sergeant Jacob Thompson  
Officer James Tornberg  
Officer Ed Trice  
Officer Christopher Turner  
Officer Daniel Twist  
Officer John Tyree  
Officer Nereyda Villa  
Officer Bryant Ward  
Corporal Joel Ward  
Officer Tim Ward  
Officer Reggie Warren  
Corporal Gene Watkins  
Officer Gordon Watson  
Officer Janella Weaver  
Officer Andrew Weeden  
Officer Chris Westcott  
Officer Jarrod Westfall  
Officer Jason White  
Officer Micah Yost  
Officer Mike Zenoni



## CHIEF'S UNIT AWARD

An award to any member of the Tulsa Police Department for an outstanding accomplishment which has resulted in improved administration, improved operation, or substantial savings in manpower or operational costs, where the recipient has gone above and beyond the requirements of his or her normal assignment to contribute to more effective and efficient police service, or for outstanding police work which has brought a great credit to the Department in a case of unusual public interest.

Captain Brett Bailey	Ms. Jordan Green	Sergeant Mark Ohnesorge
Officer Travis Berg	Sergeant Pat Harker	Officer David Pyle
Officer Robert Bowman	Mr. Tom Harris	Officer Khara Rogers
Ms. Tara Brians	Officer Craig Heatherly	Corporal Matt Rose
Ms. Joy Bucklin	Mr. Zach Hulsey	Corporal Troy Sappington
Mr. Jason Close	Mr. Carl Jackson	Corporal Mark Secrist
Corporal Brian Collum	Officer Eric Jameson	Officer Mike Sharp
Mr. Chris Dent	Corporal Craig Johnson	Corporal Dennis Smith
Officer Shea Duff	Officer Sherron Jones	Officer Shane Statum
Officer Sandra Dunn	Dr. Steven Katsis, MD	Officer Timothy Stendal
Officer Jason Edwards	Officer Demita Kinard	Corporal Jeremy Stiles
Corporal Darin Ehrenrich	Sergeant Tim Lewandowski	Officer Lori Visser
Officer Meghan Elias	Officer Sean Love	Officer Brandt Ward
Officer Con Ericsson	Sergeant Patrick Stephens	Corporal Heather Weakley
Ms. Kat Ericsson	Officer Greg McGowen	Mr. Gareth Wilson
Mr. Jeff Felton	Officer Joshua Metcalf	Officer Adam Woodard
Corporal Darin Filak	Officer Kyle Morgan	EMSA Alf Zeilinger
Officer Anthony First	Sergeant Jason Muse	Officer Pablo Zuniga
Officer Cory Franks	Officer Trent Newman	



## CITIZEN APPRECIATION AWARDS

An award to any citizen who, through an act or acts, has aided the Tulsa Police Department in its efforts to better serve the citizens of Tulsa. This act can be one of heroism, bravery, volunteer service, or any act that directly benefits the Department and the City of Tulsa.

### **Thomas Loper & Larry Crawford**

On March 2, 2019 at 1620 hours, Demetrious Harrison was driving his vehicle in an erratic manner north bound on South Lewis Avenue. Thomas Loper observed this behavior and noticed that a two-year-old child was inside Harrison's vehicle, riding in the front seat. Thomas Loper honked at Harrison who swerved into oncoming traffic and stopped his car. Loper then observed Harrison passed out in the driver seat with the two-year-old child in the front seat. Loper stopped his vehicle and knocked on Harrison's window to wake him. Harrison then woke up, exited his vehicle, and threw a vile that contained PCP. Thomas Loper then flagged down Larry Crawford. Loper and Crawford then wrestled with and detained Harrison until police arrived. Harrison was taken into custody by officers and arrested for DUI Drugs and child endangerment.

It is likely that by their actions, Thomas Loper and Larry Crawford saved the lives of Demetrious Harrison, the two-year-old child, and other citizens of Tulsa that were travelling on Lewis Avenue.

### **Jack Foreman**

On June 21, 2019, Homicide suspect Barton Vann was located at 2104 S. 102nd East Avenue. Tulsa Police Officers from patrol, Fugitive Warrants, Homicide, and the Special Operations Team responded and set up containment on the house. The suspect was extremely dangerous and had shot two people in 48 hours in two different incidents. He also made a statement about not going back to prison and getting in a shooting with police officers. To compound an already stressful and dangerous situation, the temperature that day was 96 degrees with a heat index of 110 degrees. Jack Foreman lives at 2133 S. 103rd East Avenue, directly in front of where the SOT command post was set up. Mr. Foreman approached officers and offered his home as a place where officers could cool off or use the restroom. This situation had the potential to be long and drawn out and Mr. Foreman's actions had a direct impact on officers' comfort and safety.



## CITIZEN APPRECIATION AWARDS (continued)

### **Krystal Sims-Marlatt**

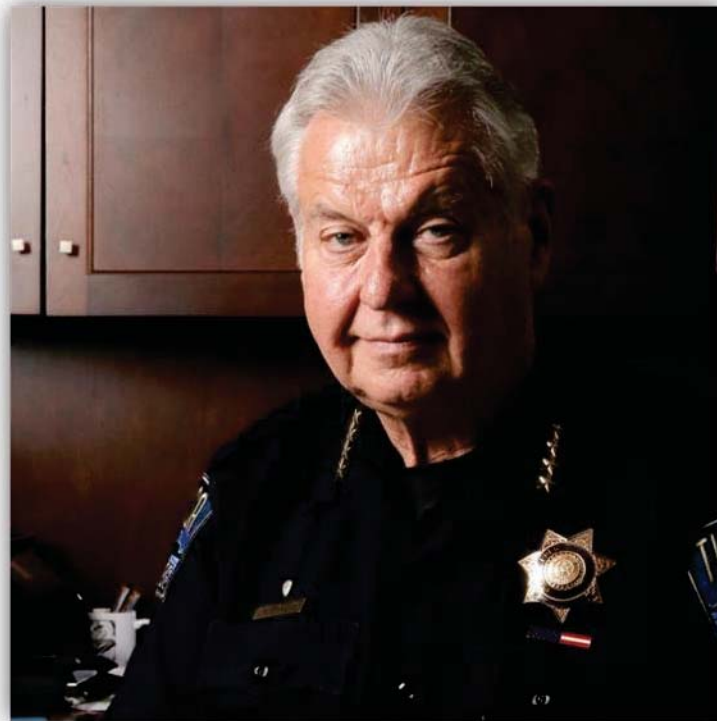
On November 6, 2018, Officer Cole Butler was assigned to 11300 E. HWY 51 (E/B) in reference to a possible suicidal subject. The caller stated that a subject was straddling the cement barrier on the highway. Other calls came in as Officer Butler was driving to the call. Upon arrival, Officer Butler saw a white female leaning against the cement barrier on the south side of the highway. She was extremely upset. There were several members of TFD personnel near her and Corporal Tom Milburn was on her left. Officer Butler also saw a female sitting behind the subject, apparently trying to comfort her. Because of the proximity of the two, Officer Butler assumed they knew each other. Officer Butler asked the second female if they knew each other and she said they did not.

Because of her calm demeanor and her obvious compassion, Officer Butler assumed she was a mental health professional. She advised she was not. When asked who she was, it was discovered that she was “just a citizen” who had been driving by when she saw the distressed subject on the highway. The citizen, Krystal Sims-Marlatt, chose to take the next exit, drive back west, get back on the highway, drive to the subject’s location, pull over, and get out of her vehicle despite the highway traffic, and made contact the subject while waiting on first responders. Officer Butler found the subject to be extremely emotionally distraught and possibly experiencing a severe panic attack among other possible issues.

The effort made by Krystal had a strong effect on the subject’s demeanor during a time of great need. Only the subject knows what her intentions were while placing herself so close to dangerous traffic. Krystal allowed the disruption of her schedule to minister to a fellow citizen during a crisis, while hundreds of other citizens chose to continue driving.



## CHIEF CHUCK JORDAN RETIRES



The year 2019 marked the last complete year of service for Tulsa Police Chief Chuck Jordan. He joined the department in 1969 and was an inaugural member of the Special Operations Team in 1978. He led task forces targeting crime sprees and serial offenders throughout his career. After retiring in 2001, he was employed with the United Nations in Kosovo before returning to law enforcement in 2005 with the Tulsa County Sheriff's Department. He was appointed Tulsa Police Chief on November 12, 2010 and led the agency through an unprecedented budget crisis. Chief Jordan's tenure saw an expansion of technology including the full implementation of body cameras in 2018 and pushing for additional training and the expansion of officer certifications in crisis intervention and emergency medical training including adding paramedic trained TPD officers.

Chief Jordan retired on February 1, 2020 after 50 years of law enforcement service. His final message to the department exemplified his daily desire to serve his community:

*"Take care and know that you will be in my prayers daily.  
Thank you for making me and TPD look good."*

## ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN POLICING



**December 3, 2019**—Officer Jesse Guardiola was awarded the Third Annual Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in Policing, an honor bestowed upon only 19 other law enforcement officers throughout the country. He received the award in a special ceremony in Washington D.C. The Justice Department Leadership presented this honor on Officer Guardiola for his involvement in Career Development and Hispanic Outreach. At the Tulsa Police Training Academy, Guardiola has actively worked in making a difference in the Tulsa community. Guardiola has developed a Hispanic Outreach Program, enacted survival Spanish language training, and educated not only law enforcement, but the Tulsa community as well on Hispanic immigrant culture.





## JENNIFER MANSELL HUMANITARIAN AWARD



The Jennifer Mansell Humanitarian Award was created to honor the memory of Officer Jennifer Mansell who lost her courageous battle with cancer on January 17, 2011.

Jennifer's commitment to social justice, humanitarian issues and service to her community left a mark on not only the Tulsa Police Department but on the entire Tulsa community in which she served. Jennifer was compassionate not only for the victims she encountered but also for those down on their luck. She worked diligently with the downtown shelters, caring for the homeless trying to make their lives better. Jennifer's passion for life, along with her kindness and empathy for others will live on in the hearts of people on the street she met, her friends, and most of all, her family.

This award encompasses the strength, courage, compassion and kindness for which Jennifer Mansell stood for. The award is given each year to someone who captures true selflessness when it comes to others and is for those with outstanding character, commitment and devotion to their profession and their community.

### Corporal Jack Pike, 2019 Recipient





## ROTARY CLUB OF TULSA OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Khara Rogers has been serving the Tulsa Police Department for over five years. Her father was a police officer in her hometown of Norman and she was heavily influenced by a police officer involved in community policing that educated young children about bicycle, street and personal safety at Safety Town Norman.

When the Tulsa Police Activities League (TPAL) position was announced, she immediately applied knowing it was exactly what she had dreamed of doing. TPAL is a citywide crime prevention program designed to build positive relationships between youth, police officers and the community. Recreational, educational, enrichment and mentoring programs are offered to youth ages 7 to 17, at no cost to participants.

She was given the “pink police car” due to her work ethic, visibility and positive reputation and she oftentimes displays the car off duty to generate conversations with the youth and public.

Her accomplishments in building this program have surpassed all expectations and her efforts reached 9,898 children in the first year.

## NRA POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Sergeant Michael Parsons received the coveted National Rifle Association Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in 2019, due to his actions during an incident that occurred the year before. On July 3, 2018, Sergeant Parsons responded to a traffic stop at a local convenient store. The driver was uncooperative with the officers, refusing to provide identification or to follow commands to exit the vehicle. Gang Unit officers negotiated unsuccessfully for several minutes with the suspect before they requested additional officers, including one with less-lethal munition capabilities. Sergeant Michael Parsons arrived at the scene and the suspect was advised he was under arrest for obstruction and the improper tag display on the vehicle. The suspect refused to comply with the officers and was warned of pepper ball deployment of O.C. spray if he did not comply with the orders given. As Sergeant Parsons began to deliver the pepper-balls, the suspect drew a weapon and fired multiple rounds at Sergeant Parsons and the other officers at the scene.

Sergeant Parsons was struck in his right thigh by one of the suspect's rounds and fell to the ground, while another officer at the scene returned fire, striking the suspect in his chest and neck area. Though he was suffering from a gunshot wound, Sergeant Parsons maintained his composure, continuing to direct officers at the scene and to cover the suspect vehicle with his service pistol. Even while being dragged to safety by fellow officers, Sergeant Parsons maintained coverage on the vehicle as the suspect was still actively moving inside.

Once behind cover, Sergeant Parsons re-assessed his wounds with the assistance of a police medic. With the presence of mind to quickly establish specific roles for different officers, he then began forming an arrest team to apprehend the suspect who still posed a threat to anyone in the area. Sergeant Parsons exercised outstanding judgment, sound tactics and determination in leading the arrest team to take the suspect into custody. Only after the suspect was in custody and no longer a threat to the public did Sergeant Parsons allow himself to be medically treated at the scene and transported to the hospital.

NRA President Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North stated the following regarding Sergeant Parsons while bestowing the award: "I am privileged to join the millions of members of the National Rifle Association in honoring Sergeant Parsons as the NRA's 2018 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Sergeant Parsons' outstanding tactical decisions in the heat of battle, his leadership and bravery in response to a serious threat to his fellow officers and innocent lives are a testament to his valor. Indeed, his heroic actions, despite being wounded, epitomize the selfless dedication of our men and women of law enforcement to public safety and to the communities they serve."



## HEROES AWARD CELEBRATION



The Tulsa Police Heroes Award celebration celebrates each Tulsa Police employee for demonstrating outstanding performance, initiative, courage, and heroism during their duties. During this annual event, officers are presented awards that they achieved the previous year. It is a family event with live music and dinner where the Tulsa Police Department gathers to reflect on past accomplishments while honoring those with outstanding accomplishments.





## FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

The FBI National Academy began July 29, 1935. It was created in response to a 1930 study by the Wickersham Commission that recommended the standardization and professionalization of law enforcement departments across the United States through centralized training. With strong support from the International Association of Chiefs of Police and with the authority of Congress and the Department of Justice, the "FBI Police Training School" was born. Courses at that time included scientific aids in crime detection, preparation of reports, criminal investigation techniques, and administration and organization. With the advent of World War II, courses were added in espionage and sabotage.

Today the FBI academy is a 10-week curriculum, with classes in forensic science, leadership development, law, behavioral science, communication, and fitness. Admission is limited to the top 1% of law enforcement officers worldwide. Members selected from the Tulsa Police Department must hold the rank of Captain and above.

### Tulsa Police Graduates of the FBI National Academy

Chief Wendell Franklin  
Deputy Chief Jonathan Brooks  
Deputy Chief Dennis Larsen  
Major Travis Yates  
Major Paul Fields  
Major Tracie Lewis  
Captain Robert Heidlage  
Captain Shellie Seibert  
Captain Richard Alexander  
Retired Deputy Chief Bill Wells  
Retired Deputy Chief Mark Andrus  
Retired Deputy Chief Mark McCrory  
Retired Major Julie Harris  
Retired Major Steve Bayles  
Retired Major Steve Steele  
Retired Major Rob Turner  
Retired Major Paul Williams  
Retired Major Matt Kirkland  
Retired Captain Richard Lawson  
Retired Captain Walter Busby  
Retired Captain Karen Ford  
Retired Captain Nick Hondros  
Retired Captain Randy Hughes  
Retired Captain Jim Hunter  
Retired Captain Tim Jones  
Retired Captain Dennis MacDonnell  
Retired Captain Gerald Konkler  
Retired Captain Steve Odom





## PROMOTIONS

The following Tulsa Police personnel were promoted in 2019. Those who wish to promote may participate in the department's rigorous promotion process. The first step involves a written test covering department policies and procedures, management-oriented textbooks, prosecutor bulletins, and other materials. The candidate then undergoes an oral interview staffed with trained assessors.

Mark Wollmershauser	Major	Joshua Showman	Corporal
Matthew McCord	Major	Michelle Armentrout	Corporal
Luke Sherman	Captain	Warren Hidy	Corporal
Kimberly Lee	Captain	Todd Henley	Corporal
Wesley Phelps	Captain	Jeremy Stiles	Corporal
Jacob Johnston	Captain	Benjamin Elliott	Corporal
William White	Sergeant	Patrick Thompson	Corporal
Brian Wilson	Sergeant	Bradley Staggs	Corporal
Jennifer Murphy	Sergeant	Charles Smith	Corporal
Matthew Arnold	Sergeant	Ashley Kite	Corporal
Justin Ritter	Sergeant	Christopher O'Keefe	Corporal
Demetrios Treantafeles	Sergeant	Jeremy Ballard	Corporal
Jaime Kirby	Sergeant		
Jason Muse	Sergeant		

## CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE



There is nothing more devastating than the news of a family member's death by homicide, suicide, traffic accident, or other unexpected means. It is a time when families need and want information but are often overwhelmed by emotion. It is here that the Tulsa Police Chaplain's Office steps in.

Trained in proper death notification techniques, crime scene preservation, police procedures, and crisis intervention, these men and women donate thousands of hours each year to walk family members through the initial impact of catastrophic grief. Their aim is to help the families and lift the load from members of the Tulsa Police Department.



## IN MEMORY OF...

We mourn the loss of the following officer retirees who passed away in 2019. During the viewing service, the retiree's family is presented with a United States flag presented by the Tulsa Police Honor Guard. This is done in recognition of the dedication and sacrifice that the retiree and their family gave to the Tulsa Police Department.

Retiree	Years of Service	Month of passing
Officer Paul Jarrett	1967-1987	January
Lieutenant Tom Lewallen	1962-1985	April
Sergeant Brent Stice	1972-2000	April
Major Steve Steele	1975-2008	July
Corporal John Stevens	1967-1987	August
Sergeant Tim Stadler	1984-2009	August
Corporal John Umholtz	1967-1983	September
Officer Joe Marby	1963-1983	October
Officer Roy Hall	1967-1983	December
Sergeant Dwayne Smith	1972-1992	December



## WITH MY LIFE, IF NEED BE

The following officers gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving the Tulsa Police Department. These officers are deserving of our recognition and appreciation for their devotion to duty and service to our citizens.

Name	Date of Death	Name	Date of Death
Sergeant John Harrod	November 9, 1917	Officer James Peters	April 14, 1949
Officer Glenn Allison	February 7, 1918	Officer Cornelius White	May 18, 1951
Detective W.C. Meachem	June 8, 1920	Officer Wallace Casey	May 12, 1957
Officer Ed Yoakum	October 27, 1920	Detective Nelson Williams	June 2, 1958
Officer Robert Donnelly	February 26, 1922	Officer Alan Yerton	December 25, 1959
Officer Robert Jackson	October 31, 1927	Officer Thomas Milstead	November 30, 1960
Officer William S. Brooks	December 31, 1930	Officer Leroy Cowles	September 8, 1961
Detective James Wooley	January 23, 1931	Officer Hugh Greer	April 27, 1962
Detective Henry C. Morrison	April 23, 1933	Officer George Brady	April 3, 1963
Detective Lawrence Mitchell	July 22, 1934	Sergeant Thurman Spybuck	April 3, 1971
Officer Walter Clark	December 10, 1936	Auxiliary Officer Glen Wortham	July 15, 1973
Officer Edward Von Holten	March 24, 1937	Officer Carl Kime	November 5, 1979
Officer L.R. Rogers	March 16, 1941	Sergeant Donald Byerley	December 15, 1980
Officer Walter Busch	October 10, 1944	Officer Fabienne Van Arsdell	July 25, 1981
Officer Jerry St. Clair	September 2, 1946	Officer Kelly Smythe	March 26, 1982
Detective Sylvester Cormac	September 12, 1946	Officer Chance Whiteman III	March 26, 1982
Sergeant Ray Cowan	February 4, 1947	Officer James Slay	November 10, 1986
Officer Lawrence Inman	March 13, 1947	Officer Constantine "Gus" Spanos	April 23, 1993
Officer Claude Lynch	November 28, 1948	Officer Dick V. Hobson, Jr.	June 11, 1996

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

TULSA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2019



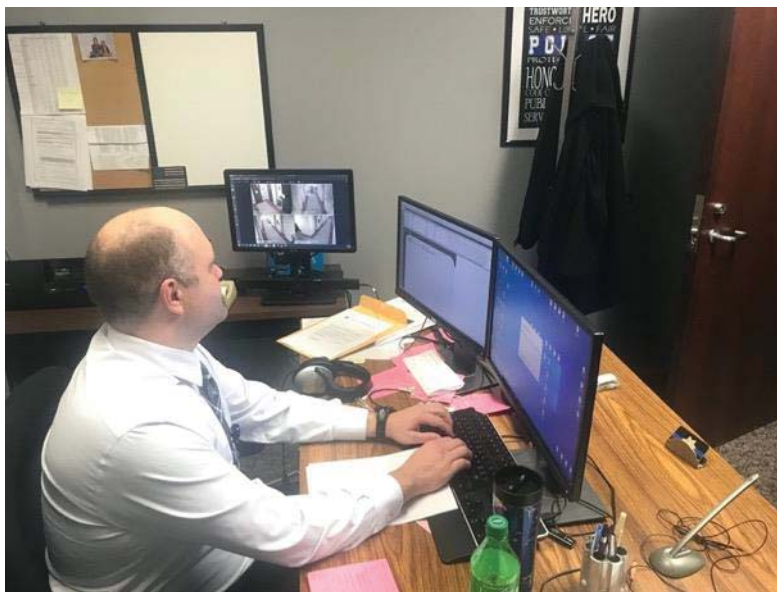
## INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Internal Affairs Section is responsible for investigating alleged misconduct by sworn and civilian members of the Tulsa Police Department. Complaints to the Internal Affairs Section can originate internally from members of the department or from citizens. The public may file a complaint in person, through e-mail, phone call or by calling the IA Hotline at: (918) 596-1355.

The Internal Affairs Section is also responsible for conducting an administrative review of all officer-involved shootings, vehicle pursuits and in-custody deaths. The Chief of Police may assign other investigations of an administrative nature, as well. Consisting of five sergeants and one captain, the Internal Affairs Section conducted the following activity in 2019:

- 464 complaints, involving 444 citizen complaints and 20 administrative complaints.
- 59 of the complaints came from citizens involved in calls for service.
- Of these 464 complaints, a total of 56 disciplinary actions were taken against employees.
- 512 applications of use of force occurred in 279 different incidents.
- There were 7 Deadly Force incidents with 4 rules within policy and 3 remain pending.

Tulsa Police officers responded to 288,764 calls for service and made a total of 15,798 arrests in 2019.



## RIVERSIDE “HAUNTED” PRECINCT

For the past ten years the Tulsa Police Department Riverside Division has hosted the “Haunted Precinct.” The event was started to promote and encourage more involvement between the citizens of Tulsa, and Tulsa Police officers. This event is a safe, free opportunity for families to have a Halloween experience. Specialty units within the Tulsa Police Department such as the Special Operations Team, and the Helicopter Unit attend the event bringing equipment, tools, and vehicles used to perform their specific duties. Children and families are welcome and encouraged to speak to the officers and explore firsthand what, and how this equipment is used to serve them daily.

This yearly event provides games for the children, a haunted maze, and a multitude of free candy. For the past ten years this event has continued to grow in attendance. This event proceeds rain or shine and will continue to do so in the future. The Haunted Precinct is approximately a three-hour event, and in 2019 had at least 1,500 children and families in attendance. Several community businesses support, partner, and sponsor the Haunted Precinct each year. Below are some of the businesses that worked with the Tulsa Police Department this year.





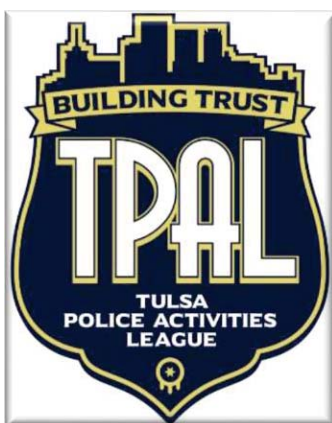
## TULSA POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE

The idea of an Organized Tulsa Police Activities League began in 2015 when Major Travis Yates tasked Sergeant Pat Harker and Corporal Jason Muse with researching the idea. Drawing from the success within other agencies, the Tulsa Police Department began to lay the groundwork to launch the Tulsa Police Activities League (TPAL). The Tulsa Police Activities League was launched in 2017 and very quickly formed key relationships with various organizations including First Tee Golf, R.B.I. Baseball and the Tulsa Drillers. Several police officers volunteered to get involved and develop additional programs including Sergeant Ken Simpson's Archery Program. Ideas and concepts grew at such a rapid pace, plans developed to place a full-time unit together.

In March 2018, Tulsa PAL Inc. attained non-profit status through the Tulsa Community Foundation. In May 2018, Tulsa Police Officer Khara Rogers was selected as a Tulsa Police Community Service Officer with her full-time duties being TPAL.

The Tulsa Police Activities League (TPAL) is a non-profit organization offering athletic and activity programs to the youth of Tulsa for free. It provides children in the City of Tulsa with an opportunity to build relationships with Tulsa officers.

Mentoring programs are designed to teach and encourage youth to make healthy choices and deter them from engaging in criminal activity. These mentoring programs provide a variety of athletic activities to train and teach youngsters ages 7 to 17 the qualities of good sportsmanship and teamwork.



## TULSA POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE

In 2019, The Tulsa Police Activity League reached 9,898 children through 15 different programs. The programs included:

- Physical Education
- Archery
- PAL FIT
- Boy Scouts
- Golf
- Bike Club
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Junior Police Academy
- Boxing
- Ropes Course
- Project Trust
- Bigs In Blue
- Southwest dairy
- Snow Cone Outreach

Programs in development include:

- Safety Town
- CrossFit Kids
- Junior High/Highschool JPA
- Prospect/Developing Events
- Badges and Bobbers
- Game Stop Gaming Day
- Lacrosse Camp

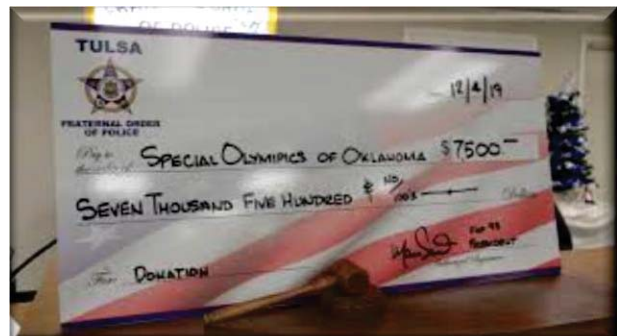


## TULSA FOP LODGE #93

The Tulsa Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #93 is the official bargaining unit for the Tulsa Police Department and in addition to providing support for Tulsa Police Officers and their families, they have invested heavily into community engagement. In 2019, the Fraternal Order of Police participated in the DVIS Christmas Tree along with the annual Toy Drive for Kids. A cash donation was given to Special Olympics Oklahoma for \$7500 as well as fundraising through the annual Polar Plunge.

In 2019, the Tulsa FOP Lodge #93...

- Financially supported the Tulsa Police Honor Guard.
- Provided Thanksgiving Dinner for all on-duty officers prepared by Keith Fallis and family.
- Provided Christmas Dinner for all on-duty officers.
- Sponsored 4-BBQ teams; "Badges & BBQ" fundraiser for the Tulsa Crime Stoppers.
- Donated to the 100-Black Men of Tulsa to help their summer internship program in Tulsa.
- Sponsored a Steaks for Sheepdogs event where meals were provided to 275 on duty officers.
- Financed a Spay and Neuter Event in Tulsa North.
- Community partner in a Golf Tournament hosted by the Chris Kyle Frog Foundation.
- Expanded the FOP Benevolent fund (established to give assistance to officers in need).
- Platinum sponsor of the TPD awards banquet.





## HONOR GUARD

The Tulsa Police Honor Guard provides honors at funeral services for all active, line-of-duty, and retired Tulsa Police officers. The Honor Guard also attends, when possible, the funeral services of officers killed in the line-of-duty and active officers who pass away in the state of Oklahoma and surrounding states. They also perform various ceremonial functions for the Tulsa Police Department such as academy graduations and special ceremonies.

The Tulsa Police Honor Guard was formed after the line of duty death of Thurman Spybuck on April 3, 1971. The Honor Guard is funded by the Tulsa Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 93 and supported by the Tulsa Police Department. The Honor Guard is made up of 30 active Tulsa Police Officers dedicated to honoring those that have served the citizens of the City of Tulsa upon their passing.

In 2019, the Honor Guard attended or coordinated 23 funerals across the state of Oklahoma including Arkansas and Texas. They participated in 18 Color Guard Details including Academy Graduations, Law Enforcement Conferences, Naturalization Ceremonies and Sporting Events.

The Honor Guard participated in Law Enforcement Memorial Services including the Oklahoma State Memorial, Oklahoma City Police Memorial, Tulsa Police Memorial, and the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C. The Tulsa Police Honor Guard participated in 46 events in 2019.





## TULSA POLICE RESERVES

Tulsa Police Reserve officers perform the same duties as Tulsa Police officers but do so on a voluntary basis. Except for education requirements, the selection criteria to become a Tulsa Police Reserve Officer is the same as a Tulsa Police Officer.

Tulsa Police Reserve officers receive more than twice the number of class hours required by the State of Oklahoma to become certified. Expert certified instructors guide recruits through the intensive coursework to prepare them to meet the department's high standards.

Following the intensive academy training, Tulsa Police Reserve officers are assigned to Field Training Officers for on-the-job training. All reserve officers receive the same amount of annual training hours as the full time TPD Officers and they often attend this training on weekends. The Tulsa Police Reserve Unit is a vital component of the Tulsa Police Department and provides increased coverage in patrol without impacting the overall budget.

In addition to providing a role in patrol, Tulsa Police Reserves serve as the primary response to special events throughout the City of Tulsa that includes parades, runs and a wide variety of other activities.





## TULSA POLICE RESERVES (continued)



In 1953, the Civil Defense Volunteer Program was organized in the City of Tulsa as a division of the Tulsa City/County Civil Defense Administration. The organization was created initially and solely for training volunteers who could be deployed to provide needed aid, services, and support to the citizens of the City and County of Tulsa, Oklahoma, under the direction, coordination and control of the Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency (TAEMA).

In 1976, the volunteer program expanded into an organization titled the Tulsa Auxiliary Police (TAP). While retaining its original intended mission and objectives, it expanded to permit Tulsa Auxiliary Police Officers to do other functions where trained personnel could help law enforcement agencies in manning functions involving the public where there were not enough personnel available from professional law enforcement agencies.

In 1995, the City of Tulsa established a new era of volunteer police officers. The Mayor of the City of Tulsa authorized the Chief of Police to appoint reserve municipal police officers as provided by state law. The Tulsa Auxiliary Police became the Tulsa Police Reserve (TPR). This organization consists of highly dedicated and motivated men and women who want to serve their community by volunteering their time and effort through law enforcement. TPR officers play a vital role in balancing the safety and cost factors during special/civic events and provide an inexpensive solution to continuing demands for greater police service.

The Chief of Police has designated the Special Operations Division of the Tulsa Police Department to manage this elite reserve police force. The Special Events Coordinator of the Special Operations Division has been designated to coordinate the activities of the organization through the TPR Command Staff. The TPR Command Staff has been designated to organize and implement the internal structure procedures of the organization. Since the inception of the Tulsa Police Reserve Unit, the Department has given reserve officers more responsibility, equipment, and support than in previous years. The Tulsa Police Reserve Unit fills a vital role by ensuring the safety of citizens at a variety of events throughout the City of Tulsa.



## TULSA CRIME STOPPERS

For over 45 years the Crime Prevention Network has served as a catalyst and facilitator in various neighborhoods in the Tulsa area to enhance the safety and quality of neighborhoods. Through public forums, community members bring problems of great concern to the attention of neighbors, as well as law enforcement. Tulsa Crime Stoppers helps communities take a unified stance against crime and violence.

The core programs of Tulsa Crime Stoppers include Alert Neighbors, Citizen Alert Patrol, and Crime Prevention Through Environmental design. Each of these programs offer strategies that prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime and improve the quality of life in Tulsa neighborhoods. Tulsa Crime Stoppers is skillful in collecting data that is specific to a neighborhood, communicating that data in a manner that is effective while generating support from participating neighborhoods. Tulsa Crime Stoppers helps build collaborative relationships that solve the community's most pressing need.

The Crime Prevention Network is Tulsa's only non-profit solely dedicated to public safety. Tipsters always remain anonymous and can receive up to a \$1,500 reward for information which results in the arrest of fugitives or individuals responsible for committing a felony crime. In 2019, Tulsa Crime Stoppers worked with over 53 neighborhoods in the Greater Tulsa area and successfully provided crime prevention education to over 5,600 people.

Tulsa Crime Stoppers has a free app available to download for the phone or tablet. The app, called Tulsa Tips, provides users with a secure, anonymous way to submit crime tips, communicate with detectives, review or update previous tips, and receive notification of their tips and whether they have been approved for rewards. Tulsa Crime Stoppers receives more than 3,600 tips annually.



# TULSA CRIME STOPPERS

# DIVISIONS & TEAMS

TULSA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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## HEADQUARTERS DIVISION

The Headquarters Division supports the Tulsa Police Department Mission and the City of Tulsa. These responsibilities include policy and procedure, managing standards for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), body worn camera and video management, broadband and mobile device management, inventory control, public website, Federal Grants administration, project management and technology management. Inclusive in Project Management is the Records and Case Management Project (RCMS). This massive project is the most fundamental technology upgrade that supports operations to occur at the Tulsa Police Department in over 40 years.

The Records and Case Management System (RCMS) Program was designed to replace and implement a newly integrated enterprise system solution for 911, Police, Prosecutor and Municipal Court. When completed, these fully integrated systems will provide the department the opportunity to increase the quality of service to the citizens that are served.

In 2019, the Tulsa Police Department recorded 512,204 police events using body worn and dash camera video equipment and those events will be surpassed in 2020. In 2019, the Headquarters Division reproduced approximately 6,200 videos for prosecutions, administrative investigations, internal review, training, and open records requests. Video management supports transparency, accountability, criminal prosecution, and enhances training by allowing the analysis of police interactions with the public.

Policy and Procedures are reflective of the Tulsa Police Department Value Oath and are compliant with State and Federal law, best police practices, and standards set forth by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Policy Section of Headquarters is tasked with the instantaneous maintenance of hundreds of department policies and procedure to be compliant with the aforementioned standards.



## HEADQUARTERS DIVISION (continued)

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA) is a National, Non-Partisan & Independent 501(c)(3) Organization. CALEA advances policing through innovation and science using standards to promote efficient resource allocation, best practices, technical advancement, and evidence-based strategies. The Tulsa Police Department has been accredited by CALEA since 2005. The 911 Center, managed by the Tulsa Police Department, became accredited in 2016. The Accreditation Work Group coordinates with all areas of TPD to maintain the standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The group tediously researches the further development of policy and continuously audits and maintains documentation to assure compliance with CALEA standards.

The Online Section of Headquarters is responsible for the internal and public web site. The public web site has served as an important source of information to the citizens of Tulsa. Live police calls, online crime reporting, jail lookup, crime prevention tips and an inside look at the department's specialty units are just some of the highlights at [www.tulsapolice.org](http://www.tulsapolice.org).





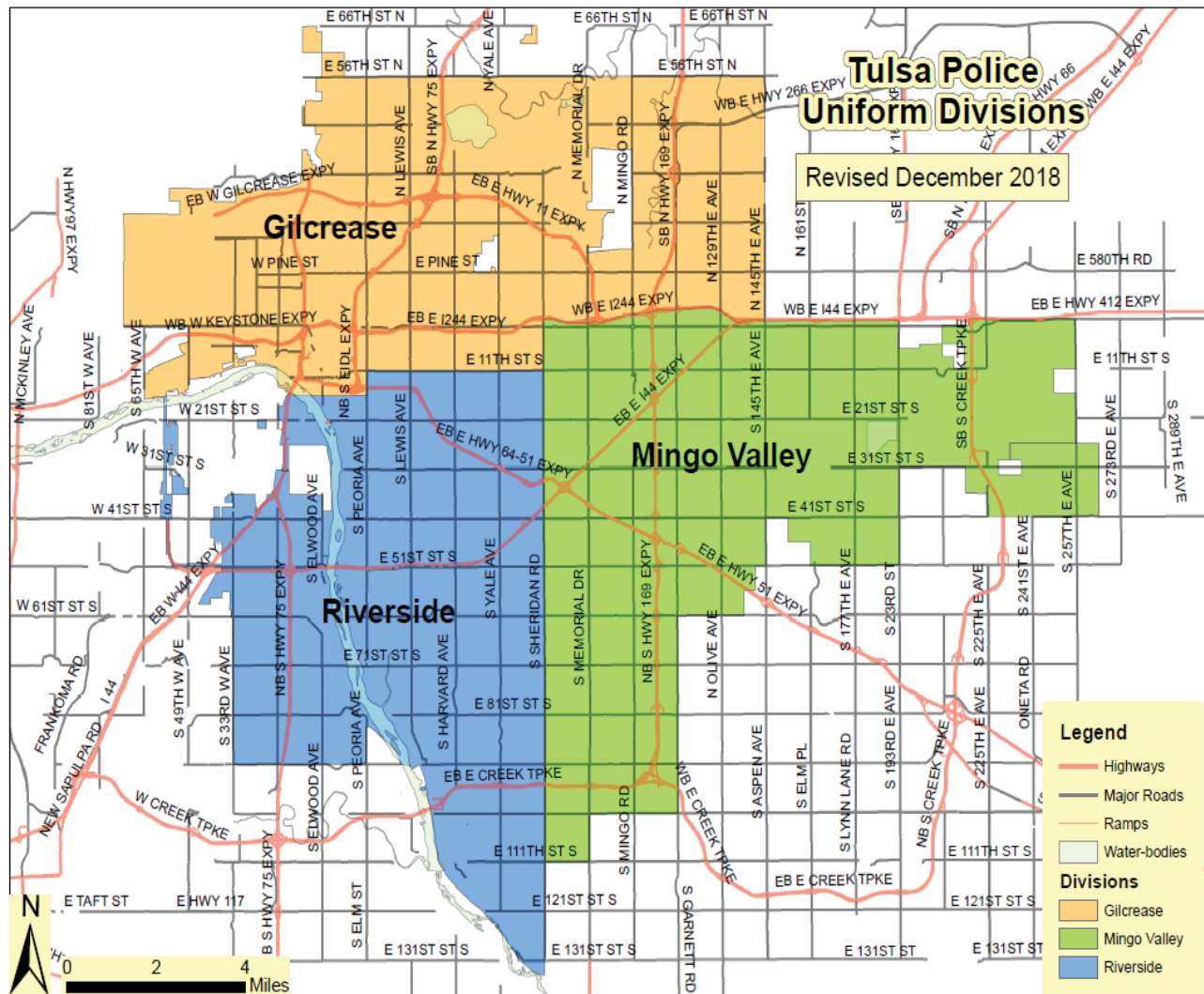
## UNIFORM DIVISIONS

The Tulsa Police Department has three uniform divisions focusing on three geographical areas.

**Gilcrease Division:** 3436 North Delaware Avenue

**Mingo Valley Division:** 10122 East 11th Street

**Riverside Division:** 7515 Riverside Parkway



Tulsa Police Department; HQ Division; December 2018

Together, these divisions cover roughly 197 square miles and serve 403,000 residents.



## GILCREASE DIVISION

The Gilcrease Division (GID) primarily serves the patrol needs of the geographical area north of 11th Street, as well as Downtown Tulsa. GID has numerous specialty units to address specific community needs including Divisional Investigations, Directed Patrol, Traffic, Community Resource Officers and Downtown IMPACT Units.

The IMPACT Unit was formed in 2014 to focus on increasing officer visibility and quality of life for residents, workers, and visitors in downtown. A second IMPACT Unit was created in 2019 to cover the late hours and protect those enjoying Tulsa's rich nightlife scene. Both units work together with residents, business owners, and other downtown stakeholders including the Downtown Coordinating Council.

GID launched a Community Resource Officer (CRO) program in 2019. While all Tulsa Police officers practice community policing, CROs specialize in community engagement and trust-building, particularly with youths. The Tulsa Crime Stoppers Reading Patrol Program gives officers an opportunity to have positive interactions with children by reading books to them every week and serves as just one example of the positive engagement the officers at GID provides. You may also see CROs hosting picnics, organizing spring break and summer programs to keep kids engaged and safe, and giving out needed personal care and hygiene products.

The mission of the Gilcrease Division Traffic Enforcement Unit is to provide a safer city for all citizens through the reduction of traffic deaths, personal injury, and property damage due to traffic collisions. The unit has adopted a threefold approach to traffic safety including the three "E's": Engineering, Education, and Enforcement. They have also partnered with Tulsa Public Schools and the news media to advance education to the public. The Traffic Unit routinely participates in monthly press releases highlighting enforcement areas such as seatbelt enforcement, construction zone safety, and red-light safety. Finally, the Gilcrease Traffic Unit aims to enforce traffic laws, particularly moving violations that are likely to result in traffic collisions and injuries.





## MINGO VALLEY DIVISION

The Mingo Valley Division (MVD) primarily serves the citizens of Tulsa living in the geographic areas in the East and Southeast portions of the city. The patrol officers are divided into three areas throughout the division. The community it serves is vibrant and diverse, stretching from areas such as the 71st Street Retail Corridor, the International District at 21st and Garnett, and portions of Historic Route 66. Further, the division has several specialty units who work to address specific issues within the Mingo Valley Division.

The Traffic Unit works tirelessly to address traffic safety in the division. Using collision data, they evaluate where to deploy their efforts in the division to make the roads safer for everyone.

The Directed Patrol Unit helps supplement patrol officers' work at reducing violent crime and the Organized Retail Crime Unit is responsible for making sure that serial larceny suspects are tracked, captured, and effectively prosecuted so that all businesses, big and small, can feel safe in knowing that their businesses will not be taken advantage of. All these units work together during the holidays in Operation Safe Shopper.

The Mingo Valley Division works with several public and private schools in the area to make sure that the schools are safe for children to attend and learn in. The Community/School Resource Officer works with Tulsa Public Schools and other school districts to deliver education to children about police and safety, to work with them on any school safety programs, and build strong positive ties with children in the community.

One of the biggest initiatives in 2019 at Mingo Valley has been to become more involved in the Hispanic/Latino community. Working with several leaders in that community, they identified several different venues to provide better information and interact in a non-enforcement manner within the community.





## RIVERSIDE DIVISION

The Riverside Division (RID) staffs 142 officers and supervisors in regular patrol assignments, divided between three shifts of three squads each. Operating out of facilities located on south Riverside Parkway, the division serves an area of over sixty square miles, running from Midtown Tulsa to the city limits in the south, as well as the neighborhoods west of the Arkansas River. Riverside Division's service area is a diverse mix of residential, commercial, and industrial districts and includes three of the city's major hospitals.

RID also staffs two traffic details consisting of eleven officers and supervisors. The two units regularly provide overlapping coverage for traffic enforcement and collision response between the hours of 6:30 AM and 7 PM, with additional flexibility if support is needed outside of those hours.

Additional support is provided by an investigative unit and a directed patrol unit, comprised of a total of nine officers and supervisors. These units offer a flexible and targeted approach to identify and address specific crime trends and serious and/or serial offenders within the division area.

In addition to the sworn response, the division staffs a dedicated Telephone Reporting Office. The experienced personnel in this office help coordinate officer response in the areas which result in a more efficient allocation of our sworn assets.

During the past few years, Riverside Division has been coordinating with the City of Tulsa's Working in Neighborhoods Department to identify and address nuisance properties which result in an inordinate proportion of calls for service. Since 2017 the division has also used the services of a dedicated Community Resource Officer, who works closely with community leaders and residents to proactively address crime problems in their neighborhood. These continuing efforts have seen a significant reduction of serious criminal activity in key districts within the division.



## IMPACT TEAM

The Downtown IMPACT Team currently has two squads and two supervisors dedicated to downtown who will serve as community resource officers and work with residents, business owners and downtown stakeholders for public safety needs.

Tulsa's downtown landscape requires a different type of patrol due to the rapid pace of growth in the Downtown entertainment districts. The Tulsa Police Department continues to evolve to meet the needs of citizens and it is important to have officers dedicated to Downtown Tulsa to help with the growth in nightlife, residents and events.



## DIRECTED PATROL

Directed patrol is responsible for supporting enforcement operations focused in high crime areas in each patrol division, which include self-initiated investigations as well as the investigation of assigned cases. The investigators are responsible for completing appropriate reports to include confidential informant documents, intelligence reports, expense accounting forms, case initiations, case closures, search warrants, search warrant affidavits, and other reports as requested to prepare cases for prosecution at the city, state, and federal level.

## TRAFFIC DIVISIONS

Traffic enforcement is an activity of the uniform divisions. Selective enforcement activities can be based upon the review and comparison of collision and enforcement data performed by a uniform division commander, or designee. The selective traffic enforcement supervisor is responsible for coordinating with the Traffic Safety Committee and/or city traffic engineering regarding identified traffic problems that cannot be handled through enforcement alone and will ensure steps are taken to correct the problems identified.





## SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Special Operations Division serves the entire police department and the entire city of Tulsa. Units include the K-9 Unit, Air Support Unit, Bomb Squad, Dive Team, Incident Management Team, Special Events, Reserve Unit, Special Response Team, Motorcycle Unit, Airport Explosives Unit and the Special Operations Team.

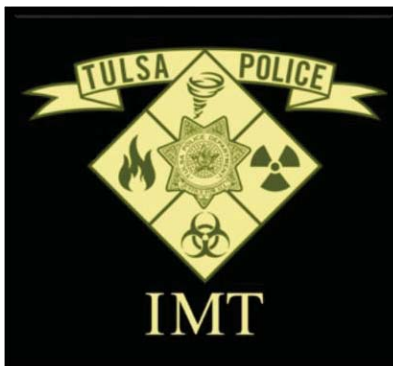
## INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

The mission of the Incident Management Team (IMT) is to provide support to field command operations within the City of Tulsa. The IMT's focus is to provide a contingent of specially trained and credentialed officers for the rapid implementation of an Incident Command Post (ICP) and to assist with the coordination of the Incident Command System (ICS) with other response agencies.

The team trains every month for incidents that include, but are not limited to the following:

Natural occurrences, tornadoes, floods, major storms, man-made occurrence, hazardous materials release, terrorist act, weapons of mass destruction, mass fatality incidents, transportation accident (air, rail, water, highway), civil disorder, prison/jail disorder, large crime scene, missing person (Amber Alert or Alzheimer's victim), incident involving a large area search, and special events.

The team works with other emergency response organizations including the Tulsa Fire Department, EMSA, Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency, Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Office of Homeland Security, FBI and the American Red Cross.





## K-9 UNIT

When citizens need help, they call the police. When the police need help, they call for the K-9 Unit. The Tulsa Police K-9 Unit was established in 1962 with two officers and they originally trained with the Kansas City (MO) Police Department.

Today, the Tulsa Police K-9 Unit is recognized throughout the world and currently consists of 12 dual purpose dogs that are patrol and narcotic certified. The unit has 12 officers along with a sergeant and corporal overseeing the operations.

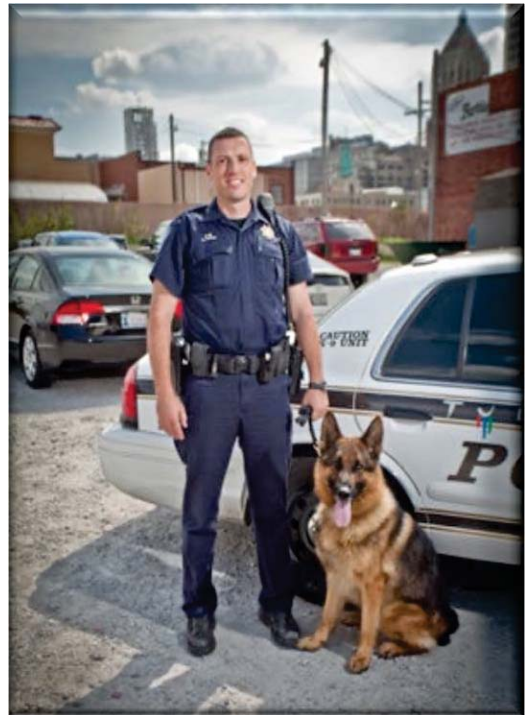
The function of the unit is to support the field and is considered a locating tool with a use of force option. The K-9 unit deploys on felony crimes with the canines being trained in building searches, area searches, tracking, suspect apprehension, and narcotics detection.

A K-9 can search a building much faster and safer than officers without dogs and can provide officers much needed distance in what is already a dangerous situation. All the canines are certified in narcotic detection including cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, and marijuana.

Even when the dogs cannot be deployed, K-9 handlers continue to support patrol by providing additional staffing.

### K-9 Unit Activity for 2019:

Number of Shifts	1202
Alarms	528
Searches	338
K9 Calls	4378
Felony Arrest	230
Misdemeanors	21
Traffic Citations	112
<b>Apprehension Rate</b>	<b>80%</b>



## K-9 UNIT (continued)



## MOTORCYCLE UNIT

The Motorcycles Unit's primary function is traffic enforcement and saturation enforcement. Additional duties include dignitary escort and traffic control on significant events. Motorcycle officers also respond to calls for service when necessary as well as various traffic control requests for the department throughout the city. Motorcycle officers relieve the patrol officers of a great deal of the traffic enforcement responsibility, which allows them to concentrate on the calls from citizens along with other patrol duties.





## BOMB SQUAD

The Tulsa Police Department Bomb Squad consists of eight bomb technicians, and six explosive detection canine handlers and their partners. In addition to call-outs, many of the special events in Tulsa were staffed by Bomb Squad personnel and Explosive Detection Canine teams. The events included the Route 66 Marathon, parades, concerts, NCAA basketball games, and numerous other events downtown. Upon request, Bomb Squad personnel also assist many communities outside of the City of Tulsa. The response protocol for bomb squad requests allows them to not only respond inside of Tulsa County, but also respond to any calls in the response area. The Tulsa Police Bomb Squad is continuing its participation in the FBI Stabilization Team, consisting of training/scenarios in responding to both Radioactive Dispersal Devices and Improvised Nuclear Devices. The Bomb Squad routinely trains and works with the Special Operations Team which increases the department's capabilities to respond with and aid team members if a situation arises such as an active shooter with IEDs or a booby-trapped scene. The team continues to take a leadership role in the Radiological Nuclear Detection effort in the City of Tulsa and the surrounding counties in cooperation and partnership.

Tulsa's bomb technicians continue to work to maintain proficiency and compliance with the State of Oklahoma's expectations for bomb squads. They have used RND detection protocols at all the major events the Bomb Squad staffed in 2019. The Bomb Squad provided more than 120 hours of training during training activities to other law enforcement agencies, government agencies, businesses, etc. Bomb Squad personnel also receive three days of training each month and each member accumulated 288 hours of training in 2019. Several members received additional training from either the ATF or the FBI.



## AIR SUPPORT

Some of the calls that the Air Support Unit responds to include robberies, burglaries, stolen vehicles, larceny, vehicle pursuits, foot pursuits and a wide variety of other situations that can assist patrol officers. The Air Support Unit routinely works with the K-9 Unit during their tracking for fleeing felons and places a high priority on responding to help locate missing elderly adults and children.

During times when the unit is not responding to calls, the unit patrols areas of Tulsa from the sky where there have been ongoing crime problems. The unit works with the Special Investigation Unit along with the Fugitive Warrants Squad with the surveillance and apprehension of dangerous suspects. Additionally, the unit provides support to the Special Operations Team with overwatch and information gathering during High Risk Search Warrant Services, Civil Unrest and Protests, Dignitary Protection and other situations.

The unit participates in community event static displays throughout the year where officers interact with the Citizens of Tulsa to explain their role and value to the community.

In 2019, the Air Support Unit was credited with the apprehension of 423 suspects and assisted in 196 arrests made by patrol officers. The unit recovered 89 stolen vehicles in 2019.

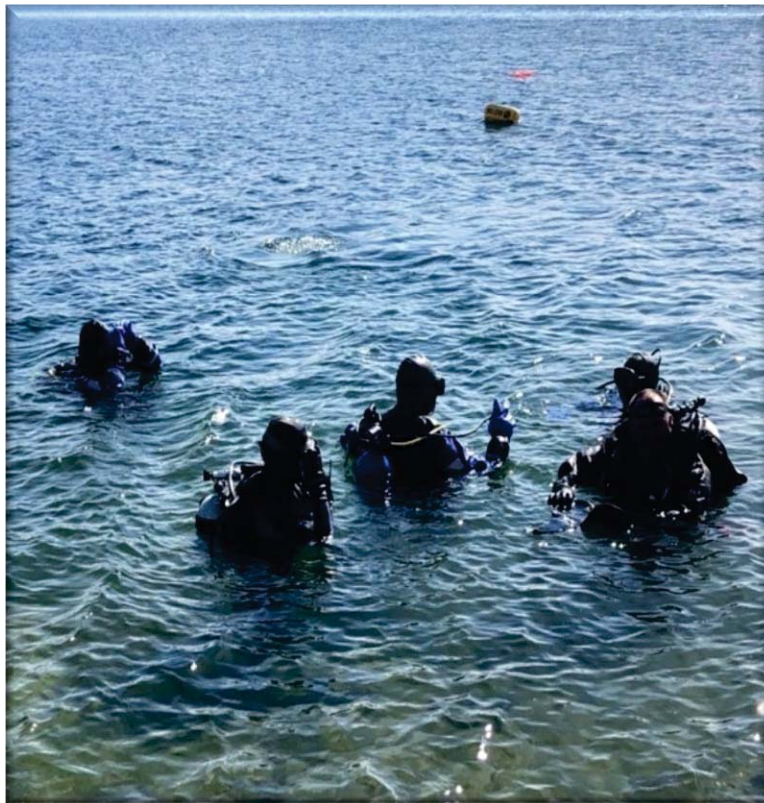
In 2019, the Air Support Unit flew a total of 1,100 hours, took 384 calls for service while providing backup to officers on 1,946 calls.



## UNDERWATER SEARCH & RECOVERY UNIT

The Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (Dive Team) is a specialty unit whose members, upon entry to the unit and at a minimum, are certified “Open Water Divers.” Ultimately, all police divers in the unit can be trained and certified to the “Divemaster” (PADI) certification level of training if they so choose. This specialized unit is designed to assist any officer in the underwater search and recovery of evidentiary items. The operational mode of this unit is recovery and not rescue. The Unit provides services for the following activities:

- Evidentiary searches.
- Recovery of drowning victims.
- Underwater searches for submerged/occupied vehicles or vessels.
- Support in the reconstruction or photography of underwater crime scenes.
- Public service lectures and presentations.





## SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM

The Special Operations Team is charged with handling some of the most difficult tasks faced by the Tulsa Police Department that includes:

Armed and Barricaded Suspects

Service of High-Risk Warrants

Dignitary Protection

Hostage Rescue



## ANNUAL WARRIOR COMPETITION IN JORDAN

Our Special Operations Team was honored to be invited to the Annual Warrior Competition for 2019. This competition is for tactical teams from around the world and only two teams from the United States are invited.

Jordan Armed Forces/ Arab Army hosted the 11th Annual Warrior competition at the King Abdullah II Special Operations Training Center (KASOTC).

Teams of elite Special Forces, military and law enforcement units from all over the world took part and competed in the Annual Warrior competition's decennial.

The competition is specifically tailored to challenge, enhance and hone the abilities of the teams competing for the title as it highlights individual skills of the team members as well as their ability to work together to plan and execute the hardest yet most realistic and challenging tasks and scenarios these units may face on duty.



## URBAN SEARCH & RESCUE

The Tulsa Police Department has five members on Oklahoma's Task Force One which responds to natural disasters around the United States.

- Officer Robin Mendenhall-K-9 Search Specialist
- Corporal Bobby Bryan- Logistics Specialist
- Sergeant Steve Stoltz- Logistics Specialist
- Corporal Rusty Brown- Rescue Specialist
- Captain Jacob "Moose" Johnston- Rescue Specialist



### Capabilities/ Team Information

- Heavy structural collapse
- High angle rescue
- Confines space rescue
- Trench rescue
- Canine search for trapped victims

The Urban Search & Rescue Team consists of 125 members from 33 agencies in and around Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan areas.

All team members are trained to the NFPA 1670 Structural Collapse Technician level and IFSAC-certified to the NFPA 472 Hazardous Materials Operations level. The teams receive specialized training in Medical Specialist, Technical Information Specialist, Structure Specialist, Heavy Equipment and Rigging Specialist, Technical Search Specialist, Canine Search Specialist, Logistic Specialist and Communications Specialist.





## SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The members of the Tulsa Police Department Special Response Team (SRT) are specifically trained and tasked with handling conflict and it is their responsibility to bring control to any situation and restore order. In addition, incidents complex in nature, size or impact that require a coordinated response involving large amounts of resources but demand the same level of professionalism as regular operations are also well suited for the Special Response Team. Incidents of this sort include, but are not limited to the following:

### **Natural disasters**

- Floods
- Tornadoes
- Severe thunderstorms
- Ice storms

### **Man-made disasters**

- Civil disturbances
- Explosions/bombings
- Acts of terrorism
- Penal institution disturbances
- Transportation accidents
- Hazardous materials releases
- Dam failures
- Large fires

The core function of the Tulsa Police Department is to maintain order, and it is vital to handle these critical incidents in an efficient manner to provide a sense of security to the community. The Special Response Team provides the necessary resources and specialized personnel to ensure the safety of Tulsa citizens in these incidents.

## EXPLOSIVE DETECTION CANINE UNIT

The TPD Explosive Detection Canine Unit is comprised of six Explosive Detection Canine Teams financed and sponsored by the Traffic Safety Security Administration.

Each Tulsa Police Handler is sent to Lackland Airforce Base in San Antonio for a ten-week Basic Handlers Course. The first two weeks are designed to teach the handlers about the programs and explosive handling procedures while in the last eight-weeks, the handlers work with their newly assigned canine partner. Upon graduation, the officers and their partner return to Tulsa ready to begin their assignment at the Tulsa International Airport.

Each year the team undergoes extensive recertifications from members of the TSA Canine Department from Lackland AFB. The annual evaluation typically lasts several days and is strict and difficult. The Tulsa Police Explosive Detection Canine Unit has maintained an excellent record of success regarding evaluations and re-certifications.

### 2019 Handlers/Partners:

- Sergeant Jacob Thompson
- Officer Steve Dickson and Kyra
- Officer Charles Ramsey and Topa
- Officer Brent Sanders and Wile E
- Officer Carl Small and Rony
- Officer Duke Stinnett and Odin
- Officer Ed Trice and Bruno





## TRAINING DIVISION

“For every type of officer, TPD offers opportunity expansion and career specialization to suit your unique interests and skills.”

—Major Thad Espy

The Tulsa Police Department Training Center produces the best-trained police recruits in the region. This goal is accomplished through dedication without compromise. Known for providing cutting edge training that conforms with national best practices, all available resources, knowledge, and skills are utilized from the trainers involved. The Training Division provides training for recruit classes, annual training for sworn officers along with various training for other agencies.

The goals of the Tulsa Police Training Academy are to provide quality and comprehensive training to the officers and recruits of the Tulsa Police Department and to become the premier law enforcement training center in the country. Training will, at a minimum, meet, but more often, exceed, those standards required by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) for certification as peace officers within the State of Oklahoma. Recruit class training will also include instruction relating to the tasks and duties of uniformed Tulsa Police officers working regular patrol beats.

Upon graduation from the police academy, recruits are required to complete 16 weeks of Field Training with a certified field training officer. Upon successful completion of the Field Training Program new officers are assigned to work regular patrol beats.





## RECRUITING



The Tulsa Police Department recruits new officers year around and offers testing 24 times per year. Utilizing an active social media and e-mail campaign along with visiting universities across the country, the Tulsa Police Department is committed to hiring the best and brightest in the nation.

With a responsive website, [www.JOINTPD.com](http://www.JOINTPD.com), along with 24-hour contact available, the Tulsa Police Department has maintained increased momentum in recruiting where many agencies are struggling.

The Tulsa Police recruiting strategy is centered around hiring the most qualified employees in the country with a focus on matching community demographics regarding female, Hispanic, black and Asian officers. The greatest disparity for the Tulsa Police Department remains female officers and a strong emphasis has been placed on increasing these high-quality recruits. While policing has traditionally been a male-dominated profession, the Tulsa Police Department has taken the steps needed to provide a larger pool of female applicants and to recruit from a diversity of populations.

In 2019, recruiting efforts yielded the following demographics in police applicant testing: 7 Asian, 21 Black, 14 Hispanic, 11 Native American, and 137 Whites. In total, 229 individuals applied and tested to become Tulsa Police officers in 2019.

## RECRUITING (continued)



### **Officer Jesse Guardiola**

"I've been recruiting for TPD for more than 10 years. I know every in and out of the applicant process. I work with high school kids interested in joining after college; college students nearing completion of their degree; and working professionals. I also work with all Spanish speakers. Call me at (918) 638-8695 and let's get you pointed in the right direction!"

### **Officer Randall Armstrong**

"As a Tulsa Police Recruiter, I have the opportunity each day to mentor and guide extraordinary candidates through the process of obtaining their dream job. As I learn about your unique experiences and desire to serve the Tulsa community, I will help guide you as well. Please call or text me at (918) 500-8786 with any questions about becoming a Tulsa Police Officer."



## WOMEN IN POLICING

Law enforcement agencies fulfill a fundamental role in our society. Therefore, it is critical they reflect the diversity found in the communities in which they serve. Recognizing this, the Recruiting Unit continues to reach out specifically to women to encourage them to consider a career in law enforcement.

The purpose of the Women in Policing campaign is to provide honest insight into what it takes to become a female police officer in the 21st Century. On January 4, 2019, Sergeant Billy White held the departments first Women in Policing campaign at the Tulsa Police Academy. The event focused on topics that included the hiring process, benefits, challenges, physical fitness, defensive tactics and hands-on firearms training.





## TULSA POLICE EXPLORERS

The objective of the Tulsa Police Explorers Program is to provide an in-depth, first-hand experience into all the different fields of law enforcement. The Tulsa Police Department is dedicated to creating knowledgeable young citizens and help mold future community leaders. All Explorer training is in accordance with the guidelines of the Exploring Division of the Learning for Life Organization and Tulsa Police Department regulations. This program is intended for young adults ages 15 to 18, who have expressed an interest in law enforcement.

Tulsa Police Explorers learn and train in various activities including building searches, crime scene investigation, weapon safety, defensive tactics, collision investigation, active shooter response, de-escalation, teamwork, communication, and leadership.

Explorers participate in a wide range of community events including the Prescription Drug Take Back program, Junior Police Academy, the Haunted Precinct, Recruit and Reserve graduations, and role playing for recruit training. Parking assistance is also provided for the Officer Memorial Ceremony, Christmas Parade, Polar Plunge and other city events.

The Tulsa Police Explorers have excelled in competition including finishing with ten first place awards at the Capital Challenge in Topeka, Kansas and first place overall at the LEEPAAC Colorado competition.





## TPD FIT

The Tulsa Police Department Fitness Unit is comprised of seven members including one full time supervisor and an assistant supervisor. Four members are CrossFit Level I certified, and one member is certified in Yoga. With an emphasis on functional fitness, each member has attended the CrossFit Law Enforcement Seminar while both Fitness Supervisors have attended the Tactical Strength & Conditioning Practitioners Course from the National Strength & Conditioning Association.

The Fitness Unit conducted approximately 900 physical ability tests in 2019 which included recruit classes, sworn officers and members from various Tulsa Police Specialty Units. Unit Officers also taught, trained and tested officers from outside agencies including Tulsa Public Schools, University of Oklahoma Campus Security & Police and the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office.

While operating an official CrossFit Affiliate, CrossFit 1907, the unit offered various classes in 2019 for free including CrossFit, Advanced Tactical Fitness, Functional Fitness, Yoga, and Ground Zero. The unit was also responsible for the fitness training of three academy classes in 2019 as well as mentoring incoming hires.

### 2019 Class Offerings

- TPDFIT Classes: Daily
- Ground Zero: Daily
- CrossFit: Daily
- Yoga: Wednesday & Friday
- TPD Combatives: Monday & Friday
- Advanced Tactical Fitness: Tuesday & Thursday
- Functional Fitness: Wednesday & Friday
- Kilomodo Fitness Online Tracking: 24/7
- TRX and Personal training as requested



## FIREARMS TRAINING UNIT



The Tulsa Police Department Firearms Training Unit is responsible for all areas in relationship to firearms and firearms training.

The Range staff provides the very best training available and in the safest environment possible. To do this, it is imperative that the staff remains current on proven tactics as well as new ideas and techniques. Continuing education is required and expected, not just for the staff, but for all officers.

Firearms proficiency is a diminishing skill and must be practiced on a regular basis for officers to maintain proficiency. To do this, the range and staff is available for officers daily. The unit strives to provide an atmosphere that is both inviting and challenging. The Range aids those officers that dedicate themselves to personal improvement.

To maintain proficiency and confidence, ongoing training must be continued for all officers, regardless of assignment. Firearms and the use of deadly force is the highest level of force used by a Police Officer and a priority must be given to its training, maintenance and ultimately the utmost safety.



## FIREARMS TRAINING UNIT (continued)

In 2019, the Tulsa Police Firearms Training Unit conducted all firearms training for Recruit Classes 2018-114, 2019-115, 2019-116, and 2020-117.

Each recruit class spends a minimum of 20 training days training with their firearms which includes two days of classroom to cover range and weapon safety, weapon maintenance & weapon nomenclature with the included written exams.

### **The 2019 Training for Recruits consisted of the following:**

- 14 days of pistol training
- 1 day of shotgun training
- 3 days of rifle training (30-hour class)

Each year annual qualifications are conducted for each officer, with all their assigned weapons and many personal weapons for off duty carry.

The Basic Handgun Course is offered several times each year and Tulsa Police officers can attend the range throughout the year for additional training.

In 2019, 18 additional firearm instructors were added to the Tulsa Police Firearms Training Unit. They are deployed to the range on a part-time basis when needed while working their full-time job as a Tulsa Police officer.

With a cutting-edge firearm range, the Tulsa Police Firearms Training Unit hosts several agencies from the area including the FBI, ATF, DEA, IRS and Tulsa International Airport Police.

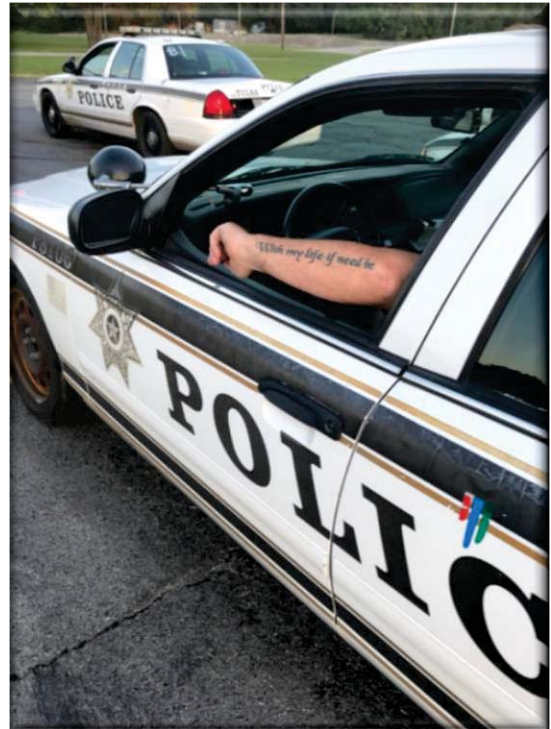
In addition to training throughout the year, the Range Staff is responsible for the repairs, maintenance and annual armoring of approximately 3800 weapons that are operated by Tulsa Police officers. The Tulsa Police Department has approximately 600 Tasers deployed, and the range is responsible for the training and re-certification of these less lethal tools.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT DRIVER TRAINING

In 1984, a flood caused the overflow of Mingo Creek and much of a privately-owned trailer park was under water. The Storm Water Management Department purchased the property with the original intention of making a public park out of it.

In 1986, Lieutenant Bill Wells and Sergeant Ollie Harris went to Storm Water Management and requested that the property be given to the police department for driver training. They agreed and turned Holiday Park over to the police department at no cost, creating one of the first training facilities of its kind in the Midwest.

Unlike other police departments, every recruit undergoes several days of vigorous driver training, including maneuvers on the driver training course. With vehicle incidents being the leading cause of death and injury to law enforcement over the last two decades, this training remains a valuable asset to the Tulsa Police Department and the citizens that are served.



## TULSA POLICE ACADEMY

“Through world-class, rigorous training, our recruits transform from committed citizens to a team of relentless guardians serving the Tulsa community.”

—Major Ryan Perkins

The Tulsa Police Department academy focuses on the fundamental topics necessary to ensure the recruits are trained properly and efficiently. The Tulsa Police Department provides 1150 hours of basic training to recruits, far surpassing the state requirement.

These fundamental topics include:

- Physical Training
- Classroom Education
- Community Policing
- Defensive Tactics
- Firearms Training
- Driver Training
- Scenario Training
- Emergency Medical





## HOMICIDE UNIT

The Homicide Unit investigates a variety of crimes that include but not limited to homicides, suicides, assault on police officers, officer involved shootings, felony assaults, and homicide cold cases.

The Homicide Unit works with a team concept when investigating cases that enables one of the best solve rates in the nation along with the following activities:

- Conduct witness interviews, taped-statements, evidence review and evaluation, corroborative and/or circumstantial evidence, line-ups, evaluation of phone records, informant information, etc., to further the investigation of assigned cases.
- Conduct surveillance, both physical and electronic, as per legal authority.
- When called out or contacted by pager, conduct investigation, assist requesting units and properly respond to all calls for assistance from the field.
- Coordinate with the Forensic Lab to review, analyze and present evidence for consideration in case investigation/prosecution.
- Utilize the Multi-County Grand Jury and Federal Grand Jury to question witnesses and obtain relevant records.
- Coordinate with outside agencies to further investigations of open cases to include travel to interview witnesses and suspects, recover evidence, make arrests and additional investigative tasks.

In 2019, the Homicide Unit investigated 1,688 various crimes:

- 63 homicides were investigated
- 61 were solved
- 97% cases were solved—one of the highest in the United States



## CRIME SCENE UNIT

The Crime Scene Unit's primary responsibility is to process major crime scenes and serve as an investigative support unit to detectives and field operations. Processing vehicles related to homicides, performing DNA swabs, cyanoacrylate fuming for latent prints, trajectory rod placement for bullet strikes and searching are just some of the specialties these officers are trained to perform. The Crime Scene Unit also facilitates the operation of the Digital Information System which contains photographic evidence and download stations for officers across the department. Missing adult cases are also the primary responsibility of this unit and they had a 2019 clearance rate of 90%.

### Crime Scene Activity For 2019

Adult Missing Person cases	399
Exceptionally Cleared	358
Crime Scene Processed Homicides	14
Crime Scene Processed Suicides	23
Other Deaths	72
Shooting with Intent to Kill	6
Stabbings	11
Sexual assaults	5
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	6
Other calls for service	302



## MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

The Major Crimes Unit has the primary responsibility as crime scene investigators for homicides and the primary investigative unit for suicides. In 2019, the unit responded to 290 calls for service and 85 crime scenes where a death was present. The Major Crimes Unit is also active in developing community partnerships and 2019 was the third year of their partnership with the Tulsa Tech Criminal Justice Program and the Tulsa Police Explorers. They routinely gave community presentations, detective division tours, and accepted internships throughout the year with students that have an interest in forensic work.

### **Cases Assigned to the Major Crimes in 2019, included:**

- Assault & Battery (Aggravated, Maiming)
- Assault on Officer
- Attempted Homicide; Attempted Suicide; Suicide
- DOA (Unattended or Attended)
- Explosive Device
- Overdose
- Stabbing
- Stalking (Stranger)
- Shooting with Intent to Kill; Pointing a Deadly Weapon

### **Scene Functions:**

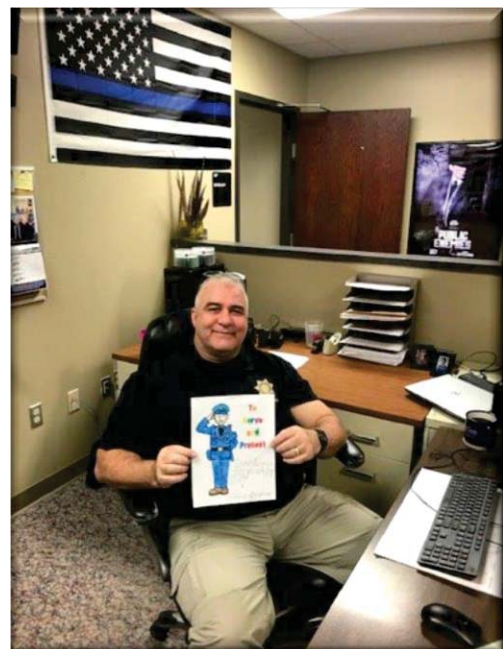
- Responsible for the overall investigation of the scene.
- Take photographs/video recordings and diagram crime scenes.
- Evidence documentation, collection, and packaging.
- Body positioning and measurements of the body.
- Blood-stain pattern analysis and shooting-reconstruction interpretation.
- Follow-up with homicide detectives prior to clearing the scene.
- Follow-up with Medical Examiner's Office and assigned homicide detective to check on additional investigative needs from the unit.



## ROBBERY UNIT

The Tulsa Police Robbery Unit is comprised of a Sergeant, Corporal and five Investigators. The unit investigates robberies with a weapon, robberies by force, extortion, kidnapping for extortion and weapons offenses that are not gang related. One robbery detective is also assigned as an FBI Task Force officer who coordinates with the FBI and Federal Prosecutors for Federal prosecutions.

In 2019, the unit was assigned 1,248 cases for investigation and 551 of those cases were cleared by an arrest or warrant for arrest. The unit boasts a 100% solve rate for Robberies of Financial Institutions from 2016 to 2019.

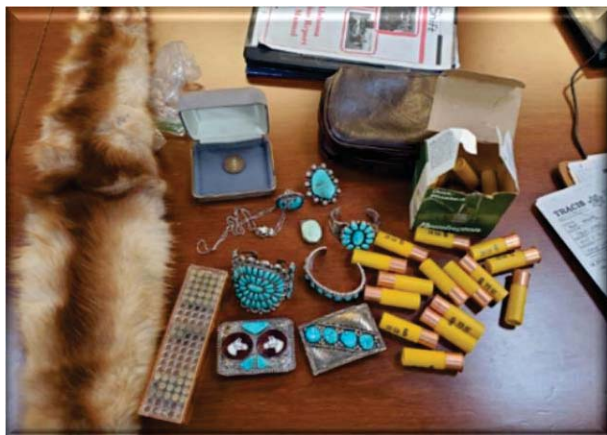




## BURGLARY UNIT

The Tulsa Police Burglary Unit investigates all crimes where burglary is the primary offense. Those include first degree burglary, second degree burglary, knowingly concealing stolen property, breaking and entering, buying or receiving stolen property and false declarations of ownership.

The unit consists of eight detectives and three supervisors who investigate residential burglaries, commercial burglaries, burglaries from vehicles and includes a pawn-shop detail that tracks merchandise at pawn shops. Each detective is responsible for investigating assigned cases, locating and recovering stolen property, recovering evidence, interviewing witnesses, conducting photo line-ups and interrogations, preparing intake packets, out of custody affidavits for arrest warrants and making arrests. They must also respond to assist the field with burglary related incidents during normal and off-duty hours. They also work with the District Attorney's Office to obtain successful convictions. The unit investigated a total of 9,167 cases in 2019 including 4,266 Burglary from Vehicles and 2,715 Residential Burglaries.





## CYBER CRIMES UNIT

The Tulsa Police Cyber Crimes Unit consists of two supervisors and two examiners/investigators. Unit members are credentialed Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force officers. Some members of the unit are also Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Task Force officers. The primary focus of the unit is to investigate internet crimes against children involving the crimes of production, possession, and distribution of child exploitation material (child pornography), lewd proposals to a child involving the internet, enticement of a child, and other ICAC related crimes.

### Arrests/Convictions 2019\*

	State	Federal
Arrests	20	10
Charged	20	10
Convictions	10	10
Avg. time in custody	14 years	12 years

\*Convictions includes cases that originated in 2018 but conviction was in 2019.

## EXPLOITATION UNIT

The Tulsa Police Exploitation Unit is responsible for the investigation of Missing or Kidnapped Children and Sex or Violent Offender Registration. They are the lead Investigatory Unit for Amber Alerts. In 2019, the unit consisted of five detectives who were assigned and investigated 1,899 cases. Amber Alerts are unique and very staff intensive. Multiple Detective Units, the Incident Management Team, and dozens of Field Officers are assigned to the Amber Alerts. In 2019 the Tulsa Police Department issued two Amber Alerts. Both children were located and returned safe.

The unit maintains the official registry for all registered sex and violent offenders. Currently there are 483 Registered Sex Offenders and 142 Registered Violent Offenders living within the City of Tulsa. In addition to conducting compliance home checks, the unit actively looks for offenders that are living within the City of Tulsa but not registered. In 2019, the Unit arrested 83 Sex Offenders for Failure to Register.



## FAMILY VIOLENCE UNIT

The Tulsa Police Family Violence Unit investigates all domestic-related assaults on adults including shootings, stabbings, kidnappings, strangulations, and violations of protective orders. The unit works closely with the Family Safety Center, Domestic Violence Intervention Services, and the Tulsa Forensic Nursing Staff to ensure victims receive all the resources that are available to them as well as collect all evidence necessary for arrests and prosecutions. The unit has one Sergeant, one Corporal, and five detectives. The goal of the unit is to reduce violence and domestic homicides in Tulsa. Over 8,500 cases were assigned to the unit for follow-up investigation in 2019. In the last two years, the unit has aggressively investigated domestic strangulation cases to reduce future domestic homicides. The unit investigated over 700 domestic strangulations in 2019.

## AUTO THEFT UNIT

The Tulsa Police Auto Theft Unit is responsible for follow up investigations and preparing cases for prosecution of all vehicle theft-related crimes. These crimes include larceny of motor vehicle, unauthorized use of motor vehicles, embezzlement of vehicles, chop shop operations, as well as inspecting, identifying, and investigating vehicles with altered Vehicle Identification Numbers. The Auto Theft Unit is also responsible for investigations involving "heavy equipment" defined as construction or agricultural equipment. In 2019, the Unit investigated a total of 4,373 crimes consisting of 3,264 auto thefts. 81% of the vehicles reported stolen were recovered.

## FUGITIVE WARRANTS UNIT

The Fugitive Warrants Unit seeks to apprehend persons with outstanding felony warrants, particularly those for violent crimes. The Unit commonly coordinates with other local, state, and federal agencies to bring violent fugitives to justice. The Fugitive Warrants Unit is also the primary field response unit for the Detective Division for Amber Alerts, high profile or large-scale violent crimes, and serial violent crimes. In addition to these duties, the Fugitive Warrants Unit routinely responds to active situations in the field, with undercover vehicles, as an additional resource for patrol. In 2019, the Fugitive Warrants Unit apprehended 300 violent fugitives.



## FINANCIAL CRIMES & SENIOR SERVICES UNIT

The Tulsa Police Department Financial Crimes Unit is comprised of three smaller units consisting of eight detectives and two supervisors which make up Financial Crimes, Senior Services and a Secret Service Liaison. Financial Exploitation involves the fraudulent use of stolen or manufactured checks, credit or debit cards, drivers' licenses, ID cards or other documents to acquire cash or things of value. The Financial Crimes Unit investigates all crimes involving the financial exploitation of all individuals, businesses or financial institutions.

The Unit also investigates crimes involving the use of scams, tricks or deception to cheat the victim of anything of value. The Unit investigates all embezzlement cases whether they involve the embezzlement of money or items by an employee, as well as home-repair fraud when the victim pays the contractor up front and they never return to start the job. Additionally, this Unit works the defrauding of hotels and restaurants, the failure to return rental cars, U-Hauls, rented furniture or electronics and false declarations of ownership in pawn when committed by employees.

The Senior Services Unit investigates neglect, abuse or exploitation of senior citizens or vulnerable adults. They liaison extensively with Adult Protective Services to investigate reports of various crimes involving seniors reported to the APS hotline. This Unit also performs hundreds of well-being calls on seniors annually. The detective assigned as the liaison with the United States Secret Service investigates all crimes involving the use, possession or manufacturing of counterfeit currency, money orders and coins.

In 2019, the Unit investigated 5,475 reported crimes which resulted in the arrest of 514 suspects. Detectives prepared an additional 264 arrest affidavits which were submitted to the District Attorney's Office for the issuance of arrest warrants.

The unit is comprised of five women and five men, two of whom are fluent in both English and Spanish.



## CHILD CRISIS UNIT

The Tulsa Police Child Crisis Unit investigates the following types of crimes against children:

- Unattended or Suspicious Child Deaths, including homicides resulting from abuse or neglect.
- Child Abuse by Injury, caused by a person responsible for the child.
- Child Sexual Abuse (Children currently 13 and under), includes lewd acts or proposals to a child under 16 and rape.
- Child Neglect, omission to provide proper supervision, safety, or basic needs.
- Drug Exposed Children.

The Child Crisis Unit is responsible for investigating most felony crimes against children reported to the Tulsa Police Department. Child Crisis Detectives coordinate joint investigations with Department of Human Services Child Protective Services and utilize resources available from the Child Abuse Network and physicians from University of Oklahoma Pediatrics.

The unit is unique within the police department due to the nature of the offenses investigated and the age and developmental level of the victims. Each Child Crisis Unit detective is responsible for routine detective duties such as interviews of witnesses and suspects, recovery and documentation of evidence, drafting affidavits for warrants, and submission of supplemental reports that detail information obtained during the investigation.

However, unlike most detectives, those in the Child Crisis Unit usually do not directly interview their victims or child witnesses. That information is obtained through a forensic interview conducted by a Forensic Interviewer with the Child Abuse Network. Child Crisis Unit detectives also must be familiar with injuries and injury patterns that are both normal and abnormal to expected childhood injuries at various developmental stages to assist in determining if physical abuse may have occurred. They frequently staff case information with child abuse specialists from OU Pediatrics as well as medical personnel at local hospitals and clinics.

In 2019 the Child Crisis Unit investigated 1,485 crimes including 12 child deaths, 473 cases of physical abuse, 511 cases of neglect, and 401 cases of sexual abuse.



## SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT

The Tulsa Police Special Victims Unit investigates incidents that involve sexual assaults or sexually related offenses. The Unit focuses on cases involving victims whose current age is fourteen or older even if the actual offense occurred at a much younger age. The offenses investigated by the Unit consist of:

- 1st Degree Rape-1st Degree Rape/Spouse
- 2nd Degree Rape; Rape by Instrumentation
- Sodomy
- Sexual Battery
- Lewd Proposal to Minor; Lewd Molestation of a Minor
- Exposure to Communicable Disease
- Indecent Exposure (victims of any age)
- Peeping Tom (victims of any age)
- Obscene Phone Calls (victims of any age)
- Outraging Public Decency (victims of any age)
- Sexually Motivated Kidnapping
- Sexually Motivated Stalking; Sexually Motivated Burglary
- Non-Consensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images-Revenge Porn
- Prostitution & Soliciting a Lewd Act
- Field Interview Reports; and Assists in Amber Alert investigations

The unit is committed to a victim-centered approach where they prioritize the safety, privacy and well-being of the victim while acknowledging and respecting the victim's input into the criminal justice system. An important component of investigating sex crimes is the collaboration with community partners and providing resources to the victims.

In 2019, the unit investigated 324 first degree rapes, 283 lewd molestations, 254 sexual batteries and 97 indecent exposures. The unit made 140 arrests and sent 288 cases to the District Attorney's Office for review and prosecution.



## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Tulsa Police Special Investigations Division is part of the Investigations Bureau with the mission to increase the safety and security of Tulsa citizens and their neighborhoods through the collection and analysis of intelligence, dissemination of intelligence information, investigation of gun crime, narcotics, vice, gang and other organized criminal offenses, and the arrest and successful prosecution of those who commit these offenses.

### **Crime Gun Unit**

The Crime Gun Unit was established in 2018 with the sole focus of reducing firearms-related violent crime in the City of Tulsa. This mission is largely accomplished by utilizing a three-prong approach. By partnering with the ATF, the unit has excelled at NIBIN investigations and federal prosecutions for the city's most violent offenders. The team has also seen many arrests and gun seizures by following up on gun-related cases as quickly as possible. The greatest strength of the unit lies in the network of confidential sources the investigators have built over the years. This network continues to produce some of the most impactful seizures and prosecutions the unit has had. In 2019, investigators seized 233 firearms that had been used or possessed illegally.

### **Intelligence Unit**

The Intelligence Unit is a function of the Special Investigations Division. The criminal element throughout Tulsa County and the nation are always evolving and learning new tactics to defeat law-enforcement detection and avoid arrest. The unit utilizes and seeks the latest technology to stay ahead of the criminal mindset. The Intelligence Unit collects, assesses, analyzes and disseminates criminal intelligence and information related to potential threats affecting the City of Tulsa and the surrounding areas. The Unit uses its expertise to provide support to the Tulsa Police Department's goal of reducing crime through the application of intelligence-based policing. The Unit partners with outside agencies to share information in the interest of public safety. The Intelligence Unit also maintains the Small Unmanned Aircraft System (SUAS/Drone) program. The SUAS allows officers to get a bird's eye view of major collision scenes, natural disasters, armed and barricaded situations, and other large-scale incidents. Tulsa Police Policies and Procedures strictly govern its use.



## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (continued)

### **Narcotics Unit**

The Narcotics Unit within the Special Investigations Division is tasked with investigating and enforcing Oklahoma statutes regarding the distribution, trafficking, and manufacture of controlled dangerous substances and the associated criminal activity that impacts the City of Tulsa. The goal of these investigations is to increase the safety and security of the citizens of Tulsa by arresting and prosecuting individuals who violate these laws.

The Narcotics Unit has identified additional ways to target violators of Oklahoma state statutes regarding drug trafficking. During 2019, the Narcotics Unit investigated seven heroin-overdose death investigations. Those cases resulted in charges being filed on eight individuals for first-degree murder. Four of those defendants have pled guilty, and four cases are currently pending jury trial.

### **Human Trafficking and Vice Unit**

The Tulsa Police Department's Human Trafficking and Vice Unit is responsible for the investigation of all forms of human trafficking, commercial sex trafficking, street level narcotics, alcohol and gambling. The primary focus of the unit is human trafficking and the crimes that surround it, namely commercial sex trafficking, pandering and narcotics.

Human Trafficking, in its various forms – human sex trafficking, child sex trafficking, commercial sex trafficking and labor trafficking – are persistent and disturbing crimes in the City of Tulsa and the State of Oklahoma.

According to the most recent statistics available from the National Human Trafficking Hotline for Oklahoma, the Human Trafficking and Vice unit (HTV) identified 78 traffickers, 49 trafficking businesses, and 139 victims of human trafficking.

The unit utilizes undercover tactics and operations to encounter human trafficking victims and suspects while simultaneously partnering with NGO's to rescue victims from their abusers.

Due to an increased focus on reducing victimization caused by human trafficking, related arrests by the unit are up 600% since August of 2019.



## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (continued)

### **DEA Task Force**

The members of the Tulsa Police Department assigned to the DEA Task force are responsible for conducting long-term, complex drug conspiracy cases. Most of these investigations focus on dismantling Drug Trafficking Organizations. Tulsa Police Department Task Force Officers attempt to identify the source of the supply, as well as the way that money is delivered back to the criminal organizations. These cases often involve other states and foreign countries.

The unit coordinates their investigations with other DEA Task Forces throughout the country and around the World. Often, this involves travel across the country to further the investigation with the occasional travel to a foreign country to further a case. The unit works closely with the US Attorney's office. They testify in Grand Juries, give input as to who to indict along with preparing evidence for and testimony in jury trials. To be successful, the unit works with several other units within the Tulsa Police Department. This allows the significant resources within the DEA to be utilized to further complex conspiracy cases initiated by members of the Tulsa Police Department.

### **Joint Terrorism Task Force**

The officers assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force are primarily responsible for the investigation of domestic and international terrorism related cases. Unit members also investigate school and/or public threats received by the Tulsa Police Department and the FBI's public access line. Their duties also include the building of relationships with religious organizations who have been the target of threats and liaising with law enforcement agencies.

These investigations are closely monitored and often operate at the highest level of classification.

Unit members have been tasked with navigating the area between criminal behavior and mental health concerns while investigating individuals who have conveyed threats to individuals or the public. In 2019, unit members completed Crisis Intervention Team training and the Oklahoma Public Schools Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management System training.



In 2019, the unit assisted and investigated multiple threats including some that did not reach the federal level such as a school shooting threat where the unit identified the juvenile utilizing social media and determined that the suspect was not a viable threat at the time which caused the threat level to be lowered for students and parents.

### **FBI Safe Streets Task Force**

The FBI Safe Streets Task Force is responsible for conducting complex, long term investigations. These investigations include racketeering, complex conspiracy investigations and drug/gang investigations. Many of these investigations will include Title III electronic communication intercepts (wiretaps) and will be funded by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. In addition, the FBI task force also conducts school and/or public threat investigations and public corruption investigations. The task force investigated numerous school shooting threats in 2019 with most of them appearing on social media platforms.

### **Organized Gang Unit**

The Organized Gang Unit patrols areas known for high incidence of gang activity and responds to calls for service, particularly those involving violence. The unit is responsible for identifying and apprehending gang fugitives with outstanding warrants. Organized Gang Unit officers closely coordinate with investigators from other divisions and departments to include federal law enforcement officers in locating and interviewing witnesses in gang-related crimes. The unit is responsible for investigating felony gang-related assaults and completing appropriate follow-up investigative reports. The Organized Gang Unit is part of the Tulsa Multiagency Gang Intervention Team. The group meets regularly to identify and certify new gang members that may pose a threat to the community.

The Organized Gang Unit focuses on investigations where criminal street gang members sell and possess illegal narcotics and firearms. The Tulsa Police Department recognizes that reducing gang violence is a community-wide effort, and the entire community must be involved in preventing the growth of gang membership. The Organized Gang Unit is responsible for educating the public on the dangers of gang violence and providing information on what to do if they suspect gang activity in their neighborhood.

The Organized Gang Unit works closely with other units in the Tulsa Police Department and other agencies to support investigative activities when the need for surveillance, service of search warrants, and other staffing intensive operations are present.

## LIVE PD

A&E's "Live PD" attracted millions of viewers in 2019 and the Tulsa Police Department was often featured. The show not only gave the viewing public a chance to ride along with officers, but also hear the calls they receive, while seeing how the officer works through the process of handling a variety of situations. A body camera only catches a narrow portion that the officer sees while the live camera catches a wider angle and more of the interaction between the officer, suspect, and victim. The transparency provided by "Live PD" added significant value to the Tulsa community and helped to meet the department's overall mission of community engagement.





## RECORDS

The Records Division is the official repository for all police reports created by the Tulsa Police Department. With 30 civilian employees dedicated to the processing of police reports, the division completes not only data entry into the department's records management system but also handles officer requests for information and public requests for information.

All police reports are filed in Police Records which is the official custodian for the Tulsa Police Department. The Oklahoma Open Records Act provides for public access to defined "Open Records" and the Records Division is responsible for filling those requests.

In 2019, the Records Division processed 103,532 reports from Tulsa Police officers including the completion of 2,121 Open Record Requests for documents and video from Tulsa citizens.

Servicing the community is of paramount importance to the Tulsa Police Department and Records utilizes staff at a public counter which completed 22,643 requests in 2019 including phone calls, mail, faxes and e-mail.

Citizen requests to expunge crimes has increased each year and in 2019, the division completed 929 expungement requests for a wide variety of crimes.





## FORENSICS

The Forensic Laboratory is accredited to the ISO/IEC 17025 standard by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) through the forensic science testing laboratory accreditation program. Accreditation to this program requires full compliance to the ISO/IEC 17025 standard, the supplemental accreditation requirements issued by ANAB, and the FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories.

In 2019, the Forensic Laboratory was awarded the Foresight Maximus Award for the second consecutive year by operating at 90% or better of peak efficiency.

Scientists from the Forensic Laboratory provided scientific testimony in 28 cases that included the Tulsa County District Court, Canadian County District Court, and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Also, in 2019, the Forensic Laboratory performed testing in over 4,000 cases consisting of over 14,000 items of evidence utilizing services from seven forensic disciplines organized in the following sections:

### **Biology**

The biology section performs presumptive testing for body fluids, performs human STR & YSTR DNA testing, performs physical comparison between evidentiary DNA profiles and known standards to determine identity, performs relatedness testing, and participates in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

### **Chemistry**

The chemistry section is comprised of three forensic disciplines performing drug, fire debris, and toxicology testing. The chemistry section identifies controlled substances and performs weight measurement, detects ignitable liquids and ignitable liquid residues, detects volatiles in biological fluids, quantifies ethanol in biological fluids, and detects ethanol in beverages.

## Firearm/Toolmarks

The firearm/toolmarks section performs functionality testing on firearms, evaluates bullets, cartridge cases, and shotshells for firearm product (make/model) determination, performs physical comparison between bullet, cartridge case, and shotshell evidence to determine the number of firearms represented, performs physical comparison between known firearms and firearm evidence to determine common origin, performs serial number restoration, utilizes E-Trace, and participates in the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN).

## Latent Prints

The latent print section processes evidence for the presence of latent prints, evaluates recovered prints to determine suitability for comparison, performs physical comparison between latent prints and known standards to determine identity, establishes the identity of unknown individuals, and participates in the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) and the Next Generation Identification (NGI) system.

## Questioned Documents

The questioned documents section authenticates documents and currency, performs analysis on evidence to recover indented writing, and performs physical comparison between handwriting evidence and known standards to determine authorship.





## CITY OF TULSA JAIL

In 2017, the City of Tulsa announced it would open its own municipal jail, eliminating the need to send arrestees for city charges to Tulsa County's David L. Moss Justice Center. All surrounding local communities operate their own municipal lock up facilities as well.

Opening the municipal jail was the most efficient use of taxpayers' money as officers can get back in the field to serve and protect citizens through the streamlined booking processes at the municipal facility. Opening the jail also allows for diversion programs, such as the Sobering Center (Public Inebriate Alternative), to be operated more efficiently.

### Jail Services

The City of Tulsa Jail Facility is in the Tulsa Police Courts Building, 600 Civic Center in Tulsa. The jail operates 24/7, including all holidays. The jail was renovated in 2017-2018 and is managed by the Tulsa Police Department and staffed by detention officers from G4S Security Solutions. Jail staff consists of 25 detention officers and a G4S security manager. The jail facility has 25 male beds and five female beds each divided into their own cell blocks. The jail also includes an intake area, holding cells, attorney visitation rooms and separate common areas for males and females. All inmates have access to telephones located in the cell areas.

The City of Tulsa jail can hold prisoners up to 10 days pursuant to state standards. The City of Tulsa has an agreement with the Rogers County Sheriff's Office in Claremore, to be used for overflow capacity and for the occasional municipal sentence longer than 10 days. In 2019, 5,852 prisoners were booked through the facility.





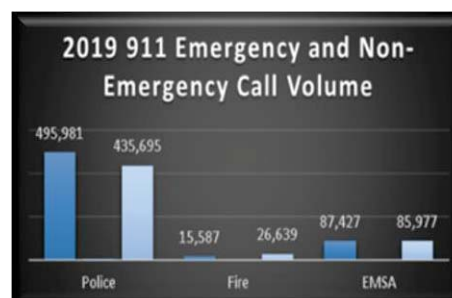
## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

The mission of the Public Safety Communications Division (PSC) is to provide communications support to the Tulsa Police Department, Tulsa Fire Department, regional fire departments and Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA) to deliver an accurate, timely, and safe response to calls for service from citizens that are mutually served. Support is provided by trained telecommunicators using an enhanced 911 telecommunications system, modernized computer technology, and public safety radio system.

The PSC is the primary Public Safety Answering Point for the City of Tulsa. Their primary role is answering emergency (911) and non-emergency calls and providing dispatching and teletype services for the department. In 2019, the Division performed call-taking and dispatch services for the Tulsa Police and Fire Departments along with the Fire Departments of Berryhill, Catoosa, Oak Grove, Sperry and Turley. Accredited by the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA) since 2016, the PSC Division has achieved one of the highest credentials in the industry.

### 1,147,402 CALLS RECEIVED IN 2019

- 598,995 emergency 911 calls
- 548,311 non-emergency calls
- 71% of 911 calls answered within 10 seconds
- 76% of 911 calls answered within 20 seconds

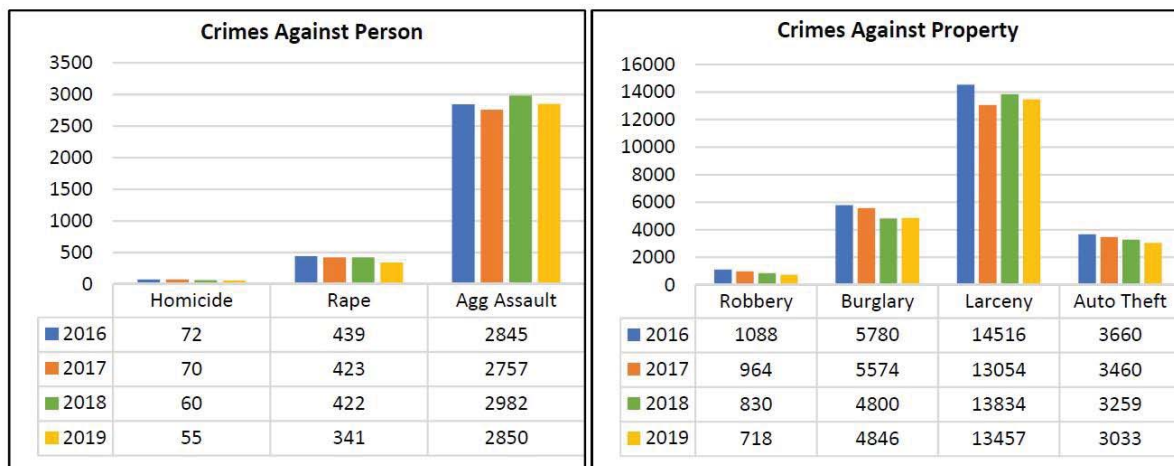


The National Emergency Number Association's (NENA) standard for answering 911 calls states that 90 percent of all 911 calls should be answered within 10 seconds during the busy hours (the hour each day with the greatest call volume) and 95 percent of all 911 calls should be answered within 20 seconds. The PSC Division is committed to achieving NENA standards through an emphasis on recruiting, retention and training.



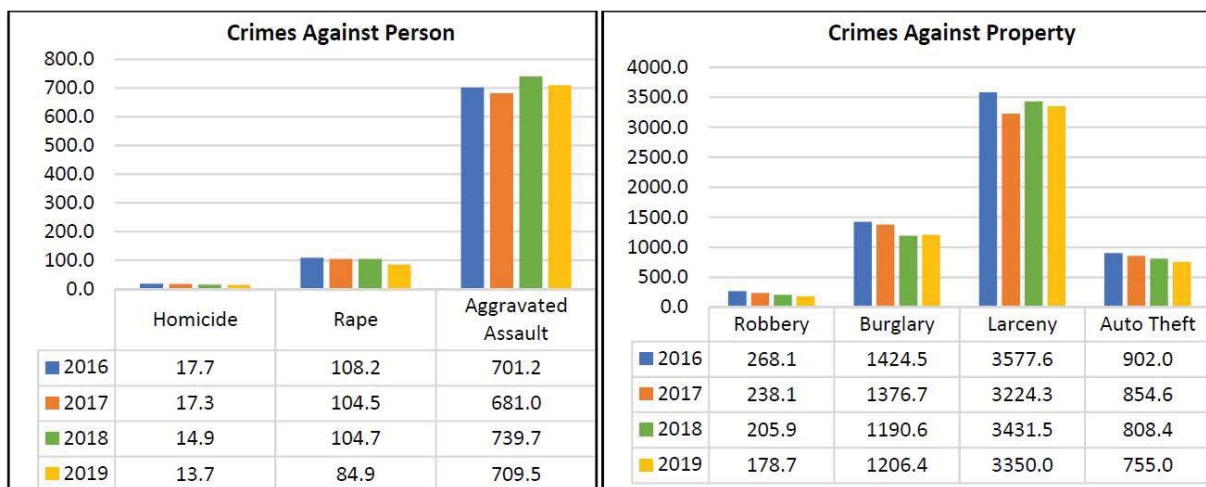
## 2019 CRIME STATISTICS

Total Crime: 2016-2019



\*Above crime counts are FBI official UCR numbers from Crime in the US, table 8, published each year.

### Crime Rates 2016-2019 (per 100k population)



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