

Dyersburg Police Department 2021 Annual Report



**AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCY**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



I am pleased to present the 2021 Dyersburg Police Department Annual Report. I am proud of the work our men and women do each and every day protecting our community. We have 60 dedicated professional commissioned officers serving our community providing public safety. Our team is rounded out with 8 support staff and other part-time traffic safety personnel who provide traffic assistance at the city schools and special events. Their work and support to our operation is invaluable.

Even as we were navigating through the pandemic, we were able to continue with our Community Changer events this year. And during the height of the pandemic, we never cancelled Shop with a Cop for children in our community. We provided 100 children the opportunity to shop for Christmas with the assistance from so many in our community that supports this effort. Community Changer is a community outreach initiative that was developed by the DPD to enhance police and community relationships by improving quality of life, and public safety through civility, mentoring, and community policing. Building upon our community's trust is vital not only for developing relationships, but to fight crime and the violence.

I would like to thank Mayor John Holden and the Board of Aldermen for their support, ensuring we are provided the tools and resources necessary to provide public safety to the residents and visitors of the City of Dyersburg.

Steven L. Isbell, Chief Dyersburg Police Department



MISSION STATEMENT

The Dyersburg Police Department exists to serve the community by protecting life and property; by preventing crime; by enforcing the laws; and by maintaining order for all citizens. Central to our mission are the values that guide our work and decisions and help us contribute to the quality of life in Dyersburg. Our values are characteristics or qualities of worth. ***They are non-negotiable.*** Although we may need to balance them, we will never ignore them for the sake of expediency or personal preference. We hold our values constantly before us to teach and remind us and the community we serve of our ideals. They are the foundation upon which our policies, goals, and operations are built. In fulfilling our mission, we need the support of citizens, elected representatives, and city officials in order to provide the quality of service our values commit us to providing.

We, the men and women of the Dyersburg Police Department, value:

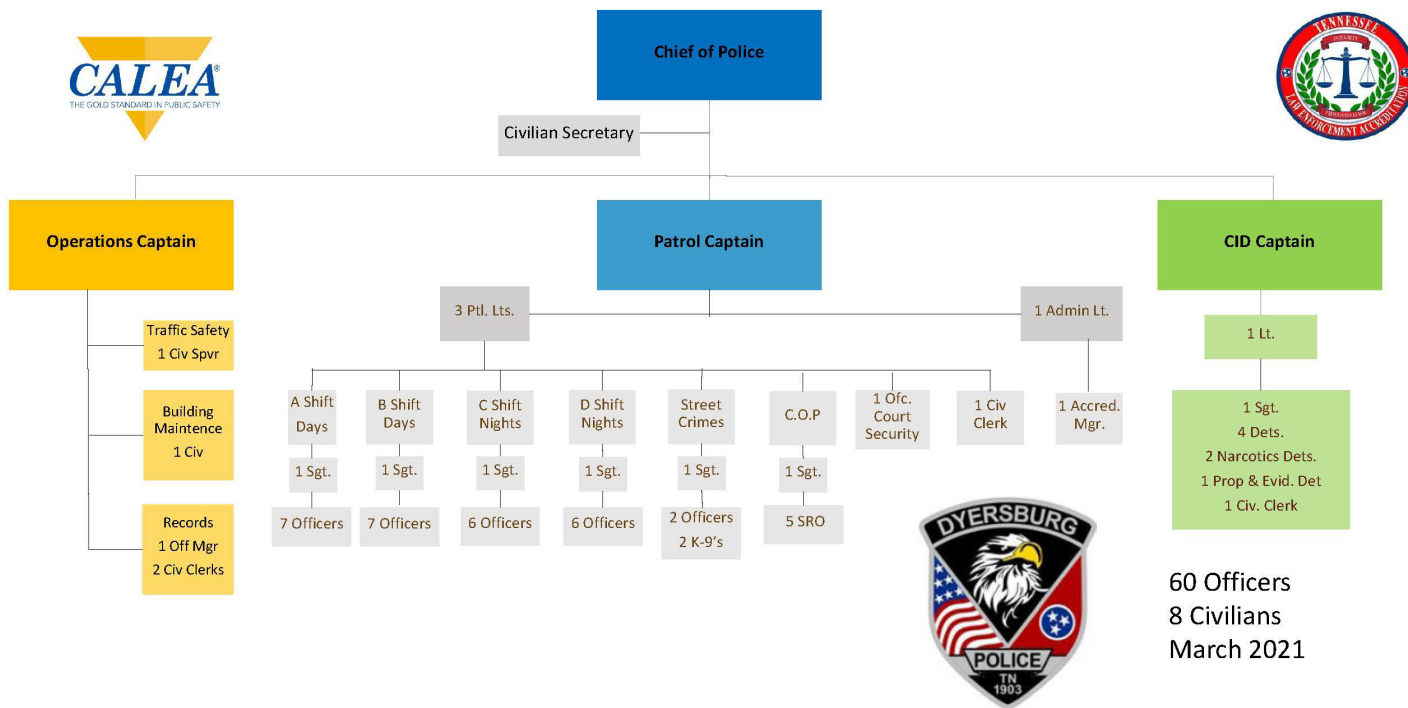
***HUMAN LIFE* INTEGRITY* LAWS and CONSTITUTION**

***EXCELLENCE* ACCOUNTABILITY* COOPERATION**

***PROBLEM-SOLIVING* OURSELVES**



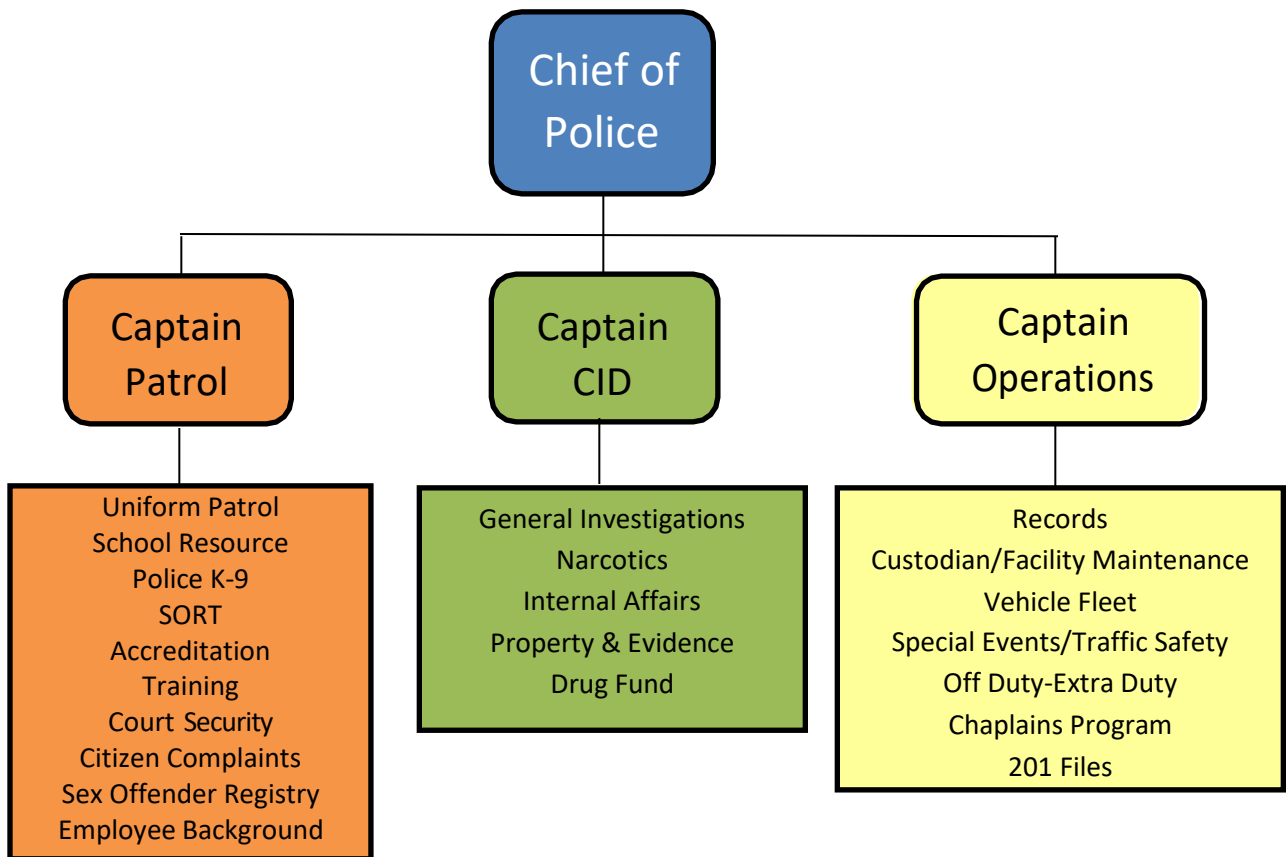
Dyersburg Police Department Organization Structure



Command Staff

Chief of Police- Chief Steven Isbell
 Operations Commander- Captain Roger Dudley
 Criminal Investigations Commander- Captain Billy Williams
 Patrol Commander- Captain Thomas Langford
 Lieutenant Bill Danley
 Lieutenant Kenny Jowers
 Lieutenant Jason Alexander
 Lieutenant Brandon Funderburk
 Lieutenant Todd Thayer

Functional Responsibilities Chart



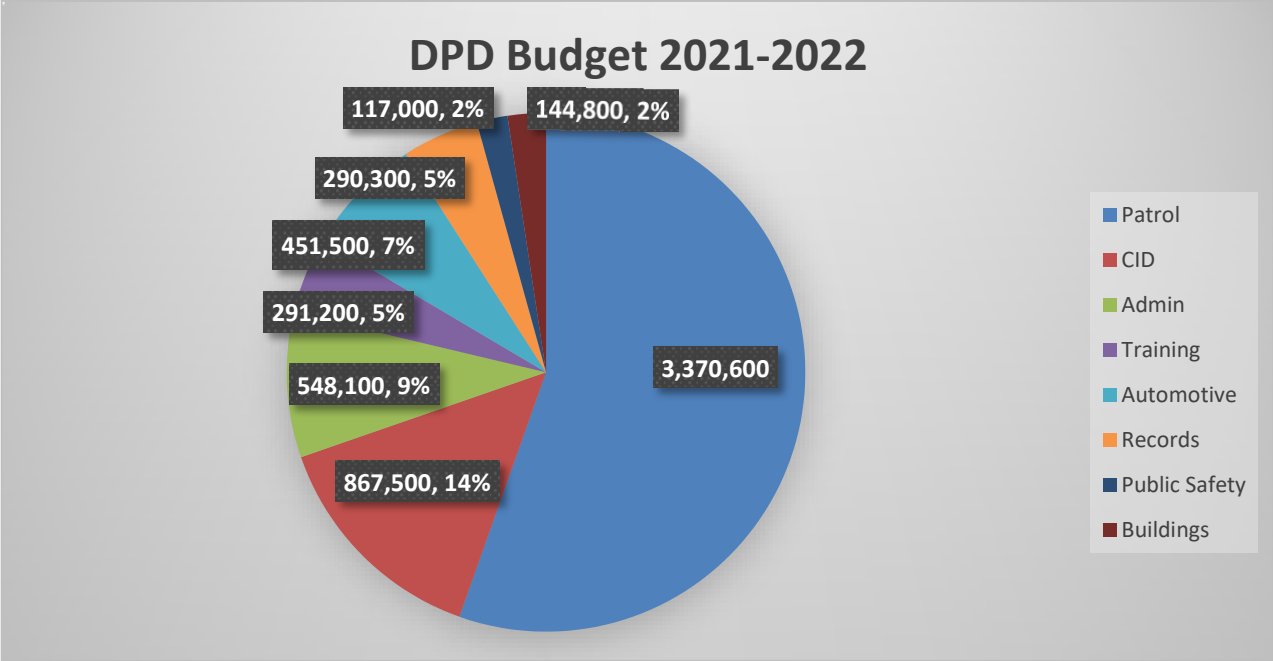
Dyersburg Police Department is 1 of only 6 agencies in West Tennessee to achieve the honor of being an Internationally Accredited Agency. Of the 18,000+ law enforcement agencies in the U.S., the Dyersburg Police Department is among the 5% that have received CALEA accreditation.

We are a full-service agency that provides 24/7 coverage. Additionally, the department is state accredited by (TLEAP) Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, through the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police. The department currently operates on an annual budget of 6.2 million dollars along with 68 full time personnel.

In September of 2014, the Dyersburg Police Department renewed their relationship and membership with Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), and received the award for Advanced Accreditation (Tier 2) in November of 2015 and November of 2019. This enabled the Dyersburg Police Department to become one of the first agencies internationally to embark upon the re-designed 4-year accreditation cycle. This cycle improves the agency's compliance with the standards and ensures that policies are up-to-date with the latest trends, goals, objectives, techniques, and training available. Annually, the Dyersburg Police Department undergoes a remote assessment from CALEA Customer Service Members (CSM) wherein a random sampling of 25% of the standards and agency proofing (policies, reports, photos, videos, training logs, etc.) are selected for intense review by the CSM. Our "physical" on-site is scheduled for 2023, and our agency will be one of the first to have this done. We are proud to be a member of such an elite group of organizations as only approximately 5% of the nation's police agencies are internationally accredited by CALEA.

The Dyersburg Police Department was the 4th agency within the State of Tennessee to achieve the newly minted Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation (TLEA) award in 2010. Since that time, we have received our third award from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police Professional Standards Committee. As a member of TLEA, the agency undergoes a separate, on-site, review of standards every three years by a team of TLEA Assessors.

The CALEA and TLEA on-sites involve a tour of the department, meetings with the Chief of Police and the Command Staff, interviews of individual officers and trainers, file reviews and confirmation of performance through ride-a-longs with random officers of the assessors choosing, public call-in sessions, and a public hearing wherein members of the public are invited to come forward and offer their opinions & experiences with the Dyersburg Police Department. Once that has been conducted the agency heads and the accreditation manager attend a conference where they are questioned in a public forum by members of the commission and judged as to whether we have achieved the status of accreditation. Once that is achieved the entire cycle begins again, ensuring that the agency is always at the forefront of law enforcement.



Of the total \$6.2 Million Dollar annual department operating budget, Employee Salaries, and Benefits accounts for 54% of the budget.

Patrol - Equipment and operating supplies to maintain 48 commissioned officers that provide 24/7 coverage to the corporate limits of the city.

Criminal Investigation- Equipment and operating supplies to maintain 12 commissioned officers that includes Detectives and Narcotic Detectives that investigate and follow up on all criminal cases.

Administration - Included in this budget are contractual agreements, random drug testing for new hires and ongoing testing for employees and electronic connection services for department hardware and equipment.

Training - To provide travel expenses for officers to attend various training conferences and specialized schools. Included also are 4 commissioned officers for training, property & evidence & Professional Standards.

Automotive - The department has a fleet of vehicles that includes 38 Marked Police Vehicles, 18 Un-Marked Police Vehicles and 6 Specialty Vehicles. Provides for constant regular maintenance and upkeep.

Records - The department maintains a secure intranet computer system that includes 3 different sites. The network contains some 30+ desktop and laptop workstations for our records management system.

Public Safety - The department has 14 Traffic Safety Personnel that work daily at School Zones & Special Events.

Buildings - Includes upkeep and maintenance on 4 department buildings and furnishings.

2021 Traffic Statistics

Top 5
Crash Locations in the City

1. 51 Bypass @ Lake Road
2. Lake Road @ Mall Blvd.
3. 51 Bypass @ Parr Ave.
4. St. John @ 51 Bypass
5. Mall Blvd. @ Mall Loop

The Department made 54 DUI Arrests in 2021 compared to 48 in 2020.

There were 1,128 Crashes investigated in 2021 compared to 438 in 2020.

There were 0 Fatal Crashes in the City in 2021 compared to 2 in 2020.

2021 Crashes by Month*

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
73	87	126	115	104	86	79	108	96	88	86	80

2021 DUI Arrests by Month

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
6	5	4	6	9	2	3	3	2	5	3	6

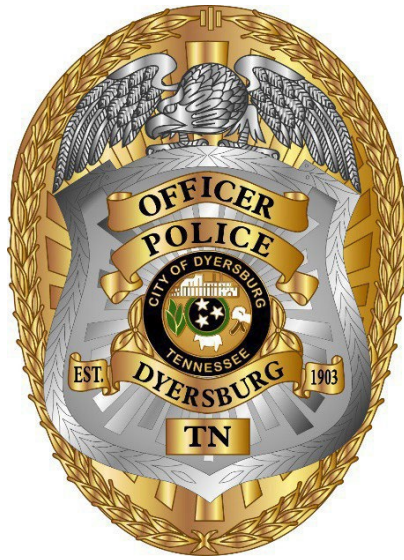
* The significant increase in crashes is due to new reporting protocol.

Department Personnel Overview

Years of Service	Commissioned	Civilian
0-1 year	9	0
1-5 years	12	2
5-10 years	7	1
10-15 years	6	2
15-20 years	5	0
20-25 years	6	3
25-30 years	6	0
30+ years	6	0

Authorized Strength of the Dyersburg Police Department is 60 Commissioned Officers & 8 Civilian Support Staff

Age of Employee	Commissioned	Civilian
20-25	4	0
25-30	7	0
30-35	14	1
35-40	8	0
40-45	5	1
45-50	4	0
50-55	7	3
55-60	5	0
60+	3	3



Dyersburg Police Department

Training Division

Risk Management Analysis

2021

Prepared by:

Ofc. Heather DeFoe
Accreditation Manager

Dyersburg Police Department

Introduction

During the calendar year of 2021, officers of the Dyersburg Police Department responded to a total of 23,989 calls for police service.

Of these calls, there were a total number of 1,978 arrests made. Of the 1,978 arrests, 1,767 were Adults and 211 were Juveniles.

When comparing this number to the 2,163 total arrests made in 2020, it was discovered that the Dyersburg Police Department made 185 less arrests in 2021, which is an 8.6% decrease.

There was a total of 93 Use of Force incidents reported in 2021. That's an average of 1 Use of Force incident out of every 22 arrests made. This means of the 1,978 arrests made a Dyersburg Police officer had to use some type of force 4.7% of the time.

Of the resistant offenders arrested by the Dyersburg Police Department in 2021, 8 were juveniles and 85 were adults.

The 2021 Risk Management Analysis revealed the following:

First Quarter of 2021:

- The total number of force encounters is 27.
- 4 of these encounters occurred on a Friday between 0000 to 0400 hours.
- Force encounters most often occurred between 0000 to 0400, with 10 being the total.

Second Quarter of 2021:

- The total number of force encounters is 23.
- 3 of these encounters occurred on a Wednesday between the hours of 1200 to 1600 hours and 3 on a Sunday between 0400 to 0800 hours.
- Force encounters most often occurred between 0800 to 1600 hours, with 9 being the total.

Third Quarter of 2021:

- The total number of force encounters is 26.
- 4 of these encounters occurred on a Wednesday between 2000 to 0000 hours.
- Force encounters most often occurred between 2000 to 0000 hours, with 11 being the total.

Fourth Quarter of 2021:

- The total number of force encounters is 17.
- 3 of these encounters occurred on a Sunday between the hours of 0000 to 0400 hours.
- Force encounters most often occurred between 0000 to 0800 hours with 5 being the total.

2021 Encounter Types:

- Of the total uses of force reported in 2021, 65 were during misdemeanor arrests and 28 were for felony arrests.

Force Applications on Resistant Subjects Summary:

Officers encountered a total of 93 Response to Resistance incidents in 2021. This shows a 22.6% increase from 2020 that showed 72 incidents. Even with the challenges of Covid-19, the DPD continues to focus on educating officers in objectively reasonable applications of force upon resistant subjects.

During department training officers are placed in scenarios where they are forced to make decisions in tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving situations which simulate a real-world environment. This training is designed to help officers become more aware of the pros and cons of the application of force on a resistant subject as well as the inherent risks to both officers and the resistant subject. Future training will strive to seek a balanced use of the tools and empty hand controls so that officers are constantly aware of their options while under stress. This will aid the officers in continuing to make the appropriate decisions in the field.

As a result of all physical force utilized by members of the Dyersburg Police Department in 2021, there are 7 incidents that caused an injury to a suspect, and required some degree of medical attention. Medical treatment was made available in every incident as soon as the officer was able to safely do so. This demonstrates that officers are following the Dyersburg Police Department Response to Resistance Policy regarding Assistance to the Injured.

In 2021 there were no reported instances where the Asp Baton was used to subdue a resistant subject.

The use of the Taser CEW has decreased by 27.3% in 2021. There was a total of 8 Taser CEW deployments in 2021 compared to the 11 deployments in 2020. There were 2 reported Taser CEW deployments in which officers energized the subject more than once. In each of these incidents, the subject continued to resist arrest after they received the initial deployment. Overall, officers have made excellent force decisions when the Taser has been applied, but are not over-reliant on the Taser CEW.

Pursuits:

In 2021 there were 32 incidents where a suspect evaded arrest in a motor vehicle. Of these there were 2 pursuits reported. Both of these pursuits were determined to be within policy as each of these involved suspects in attempted murders/aggravated assaults involving firearms. When faced with suspects who resist by evading in a motor vehicle, our officers are accurately choosing not to pursue with little or no supervisory input. This continues to demonstrate the effectiveness of our policy and training in Emergency Vehicle Operations that only allows for violent, felony pursuits.

Chemical Agent:

2021 showed a total of 13 uses of chemical agent, or a 44.4% increase, compared to the 2020 reported uses of 9. There were no injuries to suspects as a direct use of the chemical agent. Of the 13 incidents that the chemical agent was utilized as a force option, officers were able to decontaminate all of the suspects either on scene or upon arrival at the correctional facility, with the aid of correctional officers.

Weapons:

There were no weapon deployments in 2021.

Assault on Sworn Officer Review

During the calendar year of 2021, officers of the Dyersburg Police Department responded to a total of 23,989 calls for police service. Of these calls, there were a total number of 1,978 arrests made. Of the 1,978 arrests, 1,767 were Adults and 211 were Juveniles.

While performing their duties there were a total of 13 members of the Dyersburg Police Department assaulted. Out of the 13 incidents there were 4 that resulted in the officer receiving medical treatment.

Three of these assaults occurred while officers were investigating a felony. Two of the incidents that occurred had juvenile offenders while the other 11 were adults. Two of these incidents occurred in the East zone while the other 11 occurred in the West zone. These assaults ranged from the officers getting punched in the face, to being spit on, and pushing of the officer.

Out of the six white male suspects two ranged in the age of 18 to 25 years of age, and four ranged from the age of 45 to 60 years of age. Four of the white female suspects ranged with one in the area of 18 to 25 years of age, two from the age of 26 to 35 years of age and one 17-year-old juvenile. The two black male suspects were 28 and 45 years of age and one black female juvenile was 15 years of age. Out of the 11 white male officers that were injured nine were 21 to 30 years of age, one 36 to 40 years of age, and one 41 to 45 years of age. There was one black male officer injured that ranged from 25 to 30 years of age and one white female officer that ranged from 21 to 25 years of age.

The review did not reveal any unusual mistakes upon the officer's behalf or trends. Even so, training on pre-assault/threat indicators continues to be implemented within all facets of training as well as de-escalation strategies, defensive tactics, and the use of less lethal tools (spray, baton, and taser).

Table 1: 2021 Demographic Data of Force Encounters When Responding to Resistance


<p><u>White Males (40% of Force Encounters):</u> Resistant subjects for this category increased from the total of 29 in 2020 to a total of 46 in 2021. This is an increase of 58.6% from the previous year.</p>
<p><u>Black Males (33% of Force Encounters):</u> Resistant subjects for this category increased from 29 in 2020 to 38 in 2020. This is an increase of 31% from the previous year.</p>
<p><u>White Females (14% of Force Encounters):</u> Resistant subjects for this category increased from 6 in 2020 to 16 in 2021. This is an increase of 166.7% from the previous year.</p>
<p><u>Black Females (9% of Force Encounters):</u> Resistant subjects for this category decreased from 13 in 2020 to 10 in 2021. This is a decrease of 23.1% from the previous year.</p>
<p><u>Hispanic Male (3% of Use of Force Encounters):</u> Resistant subjects for this category increased from 1 in 2020 to a total of 3 in 2021. This is an increase of 200% from the previous year.</p>
<p><u>Hispanic Female (2% of Use of Force Encounters):</u> Resistant subjects for this category increased from the total of 0 in 2020 to a total of 2 in 2021. This is an increase of 200% from the previous year.</p>

Table 2: 2021 Analysis

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Response to Resistance 2021 Annual Analysis Chart

	White		Black		Hispanic/Latino any race		Other		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Firearm Discharge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Number of Suspects Receiving Non-Fatal Injuries from Firearms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
• Number of Suspects Receiving Fatal Injuries from Firearms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pursuits	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
CEW Deployment	3	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	8
Baton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chemical /OC	6	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	13
Weaponless	37	14	28	8	3	2	0	0	92
Total Use of Force Applications*	46	16	38	10	3	2	0	0	115

Total Number of Incidents Resulting in Officer Injury or Death During Force Encounters	4 injured 0 Deaths	
Total Number of Incidents Resulting in Suspect Injury or Death During Force Encounters	2 injured 0 deaths	
Total Number of Calls	23,989	
Total Use of Force Arrests	93	
Total Use of Force Complaints	0	

- One Use of Force Arrest may include a variety of officer response tactics (CEW, Pursuit, Firearm, Baton, OC, Weaponless) and therefore, may reflect a different numeric total than the Use of Force Incident itself.
- For accurate statistical purposes the use of a firearm on an attacking animal IS NOT added into the totals. However, it has been noted when it has occurred, and the DPD does track them annually as part of the Personnel Early Warning System.
- Of the 23,989 Calls for service over the 2021 period only 8.2% resulted in an arrest.
- Of the 1,978 custodial arrests made over the same 2021 period officers used force only 5.8% of the time.

Data Collection Period: 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

Table 3: Ongoing Analysis

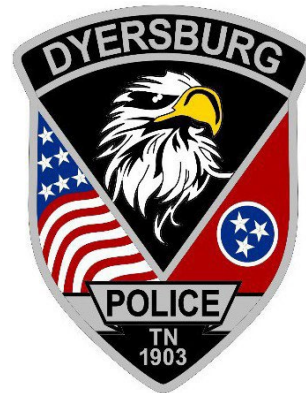
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Response to Resistance

16 Year Analysis (2005-2021)

	White		Black		Hispanic/Latino any race		Other		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Firearm Discharge	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
• Number of Suspects Receiving Non-Fatal Injuries from Firearms	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
• Number of Suspects Receiving Fatal Injuries from Firearms	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Pursuits	20	3	29	4	0	0	3	0	59
CEW Deployment	89	9	95	12	1	0	0	0	201
Baton	21	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	48
Chemical /OC	153	41	141	27	1	1	3	0	368
Weaponless	410	137	381	111	14	3	2	0	1,058
Total Use of Force Applications*	694	190	673	154	16	4	8	0	1,740

Total Number of Incidents Resulting in Officer Injury or Death During Force Encounters	44 injured 0 Deaths
Total Number of Incidents Resulting in Suspect Injury or Death During Force Encounters	79 Injured 2 Deaths
Total Number of Calls	467,248
Total Use of Force Arrests	1,474
Total Use of Force Complaints	4



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- Of the 467,248 Calls for service over the 16-year period only 10.3% resulted in an arrest.
- Of the 47,964 custodial arrests made over the same 16-year period officers used force only 3.1% of the time.

Data Collection Period: 2005 to 2021

Commentary:

In conclusion:

As we emerged from the societal challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2021 the Dyersburg Police Department continued to provide the highest quality training to department members in order to keep our officers well-versed and proficient in their everyday tasks.

Officers of the Dyersburg Police Department continue to demonstrate sound judgment in all use of force encounters, following the legal guidelines of State and Federal law and the policy, procedures, and training of the Dyersburg Police Department. This could not be done without the support of the Dyersburg Police Department's leadership to the continued and ongoing training and education of our officers.

The calls for service, and total arrests, have decreased compared to 2020. Even with the overall decrease, the force encounters did increase significantly from 1 in 32 arrests to 1 in 22 arrests where an officer was involved in a force encounter. There have been no other significant trends detected within the 2021 Risk Management Analysis beyond identifying time frames where shifts remain at peak call volume. This is addressed through the staffing levels developed by the Commander of Patrol Services.

Based on the findings of this analysis of the Dyersburg Police Department Response to Resistance it is recommended that the focus on high quality training and the continued education of our officers continue.

Respectfully,

Ofc. Heather DeFoe
Accreditation Manager

Annual Internal Affairs & Complaint Review

Reporting Period January 1st to December 31st, 2021 Date of Report 05/17/2022

Report Submitted by: Capt. Thomas Langford

Citizen Complaints

	External	Internal	Total
Total Complaints Filed	5	1	6
Total Referred to I/A	1	1	2
Total Handled by Supervisor	0	0	0

Internal & External Complaint Types

Type	Filed	Founded	Unfounded (Complaint is False)	Pending	Insufficient Evidence
OIS	0	0	0	0	0
Excessive Force	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0	0
Inappropriate Language/ Conduct	2	2	0	0	0
Theft	0	0	0	0	0
All Other	0	0	0	0	0

Total of 1 Internal Complaints referred to Internal Affairs

There have been a total of 5 complaints filed during the year 2021, only 1 of those were initiated internally while the 4 remaining were external complaints initiated by citizens.

Dyersburg Police Department- NIBRS Agency Crime Overview- 2021

Population Estimate		15,981		Offenses (*)		Arrests (**)	
Offense Overview		Group A Offenses		Reported	Cleared	Adult	Juvenile
Offense Total		2,497		Crimes Against Persons			
Number Cleared	1,153	Murder		4	1	1	0
Percent Cleared	46.18%	Negligent Manslaughter		0	0	0	0
Group A Crimes per 100,000 population	15,624.8	Negligent Vehicular Manslaughter		0	0	0	0
Arrest Overview		Kidnapping/Abduction		12	10	4	0
Total Arrests	1,979	Forcible Rape		12	6	4	0
Adult Arrests	1,831	Forcible Sodomy		0	0	0	0
Juvenile Arrests	148	Sexual Assault W/ Object		0	0	0	0
Unknown Age	0	Forcible Fondling		3	2	1	0
Arrests per 100,000 population	12,383.5	Incest		0	0	0	0
Average number offenses/incident	1.21	Statutory Rape		0	0	0	0
Domestic Violence Victims		Aggravated Assault		181	113	73	2
Offense	Reported	Cleared	Simple Assault	481	230	167	25
Murder	0	0	Intimidation	96	20	13	1
Aggravated Assault	76	63	Stalking	25	9	7	0
Simple Assault	315	179	Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	23	3	Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0
Stalking	18	9	Crimes Against Property				
Forcible Rape	5	3	Arson	4	0	0	0
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	Bribery	0	0	0	0
Sex Aslt. W/ Obj	0	0	Burglary	195	51	37	6
Forcible Fondling	0	0	Counterfeiting/Forgery	28	9	6	0
Incest	0	0	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	232	40	19	3
Statutory Rape	0	0	Embezzlement	10	4	4	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	8	6	Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0
Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	Fraud-False Pretenses	48	3	1	0
Involuntary Servitude	0	0	Fraud-Credit Card/ATM	26	4	3	0
Total	445	263	Fraud-Impersonation	8	0	0	0
Group B Arrests		Fraud-Welfare		2	0	0	0
Offense	Adult	Juvenile	Fraud-Wire	0	0	0	0
Bad Checks	1	0	Fraud- Identity Theft	0	0	0	0
Curfew/Vagrancy	0	0	Fraud-Computer Hacking/Invasion	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	33	22	Robbery	16	6	6	0
DUI	52	2	Theft-Pocket-picking	0	0	0	0
Drunkenness	78	0	Theft-Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0
Family-Non Violent	5	0	Theft-Shoplifting	200	144	145	0
Liquor Law Violations	8	3	Theft from Building	81	7	5	0
Peeping Tom	0	0	Theft from Coin Machine	1	0	0	0
Trespass	55	3	Theft from Motor Vehicle	91	7	5	0
All Other Offenses	780	55	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	52	3	2	0
Total Group B	1,012	85	Theft- All Other Larceny	106	14	11	0
			Motor Vehicle Theft	75	25	15	7
			Stolen Property Offenses	0	0	0	0

Dyersburg Police Department- NIBRS Agency Crime Overview-2021 Cont'd

Group A Offenses Continued	Offenses (*)		Arrests (**)	
	Reported	Cleared	Adult	Juvenile
Crimes Against Society				
Animal Cruelty	13	5	5	0
Drug/Narcotic Violations	282	254	191	11
Drug/Narcotic Equipment Violations	144	127	57	3
Gambling-Betting/Wagering	0	0	0	0
Gambling- Operating/Promoting	0	0	0	0
Gambling- Equipment Violations	0	0	0	0
Gambling- Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	3	2	1	1
Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Prostitution Assisting/ Promoting	0	0	0	0
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0	0
Weapon Law Violation	66	57	36	4
Total Group A Offenses	2,497	1,153	819	63

(*) Offenses are counted using the FBI Units of Count for Crime

(**) The 'Arrests' column shows arrest made for incidents during the selected period, regardless of arrest date. Arrest counts for the same period may change over time.

It should be noted this report is valid as of July 19, 2022 and is subject to change.

Continued...

Comparing crime data from January 2021 through August 2022, violent crime in Dyersburg is down in every category this year with murder remaining the same from the previous year.

Aggravated Assault	-15
Aggravated Domestic Assault	-23
Assault	-29
Domestic Assault	-26

Murder comparison with previous years as of August 2022:

2022	4
2021	4
2020	1
2019	4
2018	0

It should be noted that weapon offenses had a sharp increase last year. In 2019 the department reported 35 weapon violations, 2020-39, and in 2021-66.

*According to the FBI-Active shooter incidents increased 50% in 2021 compared to 2020, and 97% from 2017. Gun deaths reached the highest number ever recorded in the United States in 2020, the first year of the pandemic, as gun-related homicides surged by 35 percent, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

“This is a historic increase, with the rate having reached the highest level in over 25 years.”

More than 45,000 Americans died in gun-related incidents as the pandemic spread in the United States, the highest number on record, federal data show. The gun homicide rate was the highest reported since 1994.

That represents the largest one-year increase in gun homicides in modern history, according to the C.D.C. data.

Cities from coast to coast have seen bloody episodes of gun violence since the pandemic began, but the new report is official confirmation of something that many Americans had already sensed: Amid the stress and upheaval, citizens turned to guns in numbers rarely seen.

The new numbers reveal not only startling increases in the rates of gun homicide, but also document “widened disparities” that existed even before the pandemic began, the C.D.C. said.

Homicides involving firearms were generally highest, and showed the largest increases, in poor communities, and exacted a disproportionate toll on younger Black men in particular. Deaths of Black women, though smaller in number, also increased significantly.

In addition to enforcement and suppression efforts to combat gun crime, the DPD has dedicated resources and personnel with the addition of three officers who are now certified instructors and are available to teach CRASE-citizen response to active shooter events. This service is being offered for free to businesses, industry, and churches.

The Dyersburg Police Department continues our partnership with the US Attorney General's Office for the Western District of TN, with Federal prosecution of weapon, gang, and drug crimes. In conjunction with the 29th Judicial District Attorney General's Office, gang injunctions issued through Dyer County Chancery Court 2021-2022, to help combat gang violence. The DPD was approved to purchase License Plate Readers. We are assisting Dyersburg Public Housing with obtaining a federal grant to purchase cameras for all Dyersburg Public Housing. We have increased patrols and adjusted shift assignments to compliment Street Crimes Unit in addition to our continued partnership with the FBI/Safe Streets Task Force, the US Marshal's Office, and entering into a partnership with Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Narcotics Division. The department has continued to grow our community outreach efforts with Community Changer to enhance police and community relationships.

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TIBRS

What is incident based reporting?

Incident based reporting views a crime and all of its components as an “incident”. In order to obtain important information, facts recorded and preserved about the incident are organized into specific categories or segments. The vehicle used for recording these facts is a “data element”. Data elements provide information about crime and its involvement with victims, offenders, property, arrestees, etc.

What is TIBRS?

The Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS) program is an incident-based reporting system designed to collect information on every single crime occurrence and on each offense and arrest within the occurrence. The most significant difference between TIBRS and traditional Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system is the degree of detail in reporting. TIBRS collects information on 24 crime categories made up of 54 specific offenses (Group A Offenses) compared to the UCR Summary reporting system that collects only eight Part 1 Offenses. Additionally, arrests are reported for 10 Group B offense categories in TIBRS. Under the UCR Summary system, only the most serious offense was reported. In TIBRS up to 10 offenses can be reported within the same incident and each offense is counted as a crime. Because of the differences between UCR summary data and TIBRS data, any cross comparisons would provide inaccurate results in trend analysis. As of January 1, 2021 the UCR system was retired and the FBI switched to NIBRS.

Pitfalls of Ranking

In the past, crime data has been used to compile rankings of individual jurisdictions and institutions of higher learning. These crude and/or incomplete analyses have often created misleading perceptions which adversely affect geographic entities and their residents. The FBI has a long-standing policy against ranking cities, counties, states and universities/colleges on the basis of crime data alone and the FBI concurs.

Locals should not be ranked because there are many factors that cause the nature and type of crime to vary from place to place. TIBRS statistics include only jurisdictional figures along with reported crime, clearance or arrest data. Rankings ignore the uniqueness of each locale. Per the FBI, all jurisdictions are affected in some degree by:

- Population density and degree of urbanization of the locality and surrounding area;
- Variations in composition of the population;
- Number of residents vs. the “policing population” i.e., residents plus daily commuters, transients, tourists, shoppers, etc.;
- Economic conditions;
- Modes of transportation and highway systems;
- Cultural conditions;
- Family conditions with respect to divorce and family cohesiveness;
- Climate;
- Effective strength of law enforcement;
- Administrative and investigative emphases of law enforcement; and/or

- Policies of other components of the criminal justice system, i.e., prosecutorial, judicial, correctional, and probational.

The attitudes of a jurisdiction's citizenry toward crime and the crime reporting practices of its residents are known to have an effect on the number of crimes coming to the attention of law enforcement.¹

Because of concerns regarding the proper use of TIBRS data, the TBI has the following policies:

- The TBI will not analyze, interpret, or publish crime statistics based solely on a single dimension of interagency ranking;
- The TBI will not furnish agency-based crime statistics to data users in a ranked format; and
- When providing/using agency-oriented statistics, the TBI cautions and, in fact, strongly discourages data users against using rankings to evaluate locales or the effectiveness of their law enforcement departments.

Crime Rates

Crime rates in both Crime in Tennessee and the FBI's Crime in the United States reflect all 24 Group A Offense Categories. The purpose of this publication is to make the data more clear than the overall FBI survey of crime. Please be aware, the data included in this publication is raw numbers and not the crime rates. In order to assist in determining crime rates for given offenses, the following formula may be used:

$$\text{Crime Rate} = \frac{\text{Number of Offenses}}{\text{Population}} \times 100,000$$

Population Estimates

The population data is from the 2021 state population estimate.

Trends

We strongly discourage attempting to compare the TIBRS data for 2021 to any data previously released by the FBI in the Crime in the United States publications. The data sets are not comparable due to the number of types of crimes reported and that all offenses in an incident are reported in TIBRS. Trend information for the state is included in the statewide section of the report.

¹ "Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics: Their Proper Use - FBI." *FBI.gov*, May 2017, <https://ucr.fbi.gov/ucr-statistics-their-proper-use>.

Crime Counts

All crimes reported in Crime in Tennessee are based upon crimes that occurred in 2021. If a person was arrested in 2021 for a crime that occurred in a previous year, the arrest statistics will not be included in the 2021 counts.

Note: This report is based upon data submitted as of July 1, 2022. As agencies update their 2021 data, the changes will be reflected at <https://crimeinsight.tbi.tn.gov/>. Although changes will be reflected on the site, this publication will not be updated.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to present to you the 2021 Crime in Tennessee annual report. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's CJIS Support Center, compiles and publishes this report based upon crime statistics submitted by all law enforcement agencies across the state. The agencies report crimes to the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS), which is the state's version of the FBI's National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

Incident-based reporting views a crime and all its components as an "incident." Information about the crime, including details of the offense, victim, offender, property, arrestees, and the relationship between the people involved, are all reported.

The TIBRS program continues to serve as a model for the nation and remains successful because of the continued cooperation by Tennessee's law enforcement community. The TBI provides TIBRS training to commissioned and non-commissioned law enforcement personnel across the state. TBI remains committed to this effort and will continue to provide the training and technical assistance necessary to collect the most accurate and comprehensive crime statistics for Tennessee and its citizens.

As always, we strongly discourage ranking of law enforcement agencies according to the statistics. There are too many demographic, socio-economic and other factors out of the control of law enforcement that contribute to the nature of the crimes committed. Crime varies from place to place and ranking the agencies based solely on numbers would neither be fair to the agencies nor their communities.

I would like to thank all participating law enforcement agencies for their hard work and contributions to making this report a thorough and accurate picture of crime in Tennessee. It is only with their support that our state continues to maintain such a successful program.

Sincerely,

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Director



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Community Events in 2021





