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ANNUAL REPORT



BELTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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OUR MISSION

The Belton Police Department is dedicated to providing excellent service through partnerships that build trust, reduce crime, create a safe environment, and enhance the quality of life in our community.

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FROM THE CHIEF



On behalf of the men and women of the Belton Police Department (BPD), I am pleased to present the 2021 Annual Report. This report provides a snapshot of police activities during the most recent calendar year. It includes highlights of community outreach efforts, BPD staff and volunteers, and our racial profiling report. This past year continued to pose many challenges for our community as the result of the global pandemic. I am very proud of our staff for their commitment to keeping Belton safe despite some unprecedented challenges.

We see ourselves as servant guardians of this great community. We operate under a prevention focused model of community policing with servant leadership as a foundation. Belton officers and support staff are not just problem solvers. They are challenged to be problem finders to identify and prevent issues that could negatively impact the great quality of life we enjoy in Belton. We strongly believe we are successful when we have a strong community partnership built on trust, fairness, and transparency.

We are here to serve you, so please do not ever hesitate to reach out to any member of the BPD team if you ever need any assistance. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Belton City Council, City Manager Sam Listi, City staff, and all members of the BPD team for their efforts to maintain an outstanding quality of life in Belton. We are truly committed to providing excellent service to Belton. I look forward to seeing you in 2022 at one of our community events.



**GENE ELLIS | CHIEF OF POLICE
ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER**

CITY OF BELTON



This 2021 Annual Report is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the men and women of the Belton Police Department. The pictures, words and statistics contained in this report show the power of a compassionate and service oriented approach to policing—an approach that intentionally supports the quality of life that Belton residents know and expect. Officers are trained to be proactive in their approach to police work and when possible to seek to prevent crime before it occurs. To be successful with such an effort requires a community centered approach of building trust through relationships and showing professionalism at all times, including when on patrol, taking reports, assisting victims, and enforcing traffic laws.

BPD works night and day at making Belton a city where residents, business owners, and visitors feel safe and secure. Many partnerships support this effort, but among the most critical are those with the elected officials on the Belton City Council and the City Manager's office. Public safety works best in a collaborative environment where stakeholders and the community are aligned together and look out for one another. Belton is fortunate to operate under such conditions.

Please take time to consider the investment that was necessary to make these accomplishments possible. BPD expresses gratitude to those who have supported the Department over the past year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need assistance in any way.

SAM A. LISTI | CITY MANAGER



CITY COUNCIL



MAYOR
WAYNE CARPENTER



MAYOR PRO TEM
DAVID K. LEIGH



COUNCILMEMBER
JOHN HOLMES



COUNCILMEMBER
DAN KIRKLEY



COUNCILMEMBER
CRAIG PEARSON



COUNCILMEMBER
GUY O'BANION

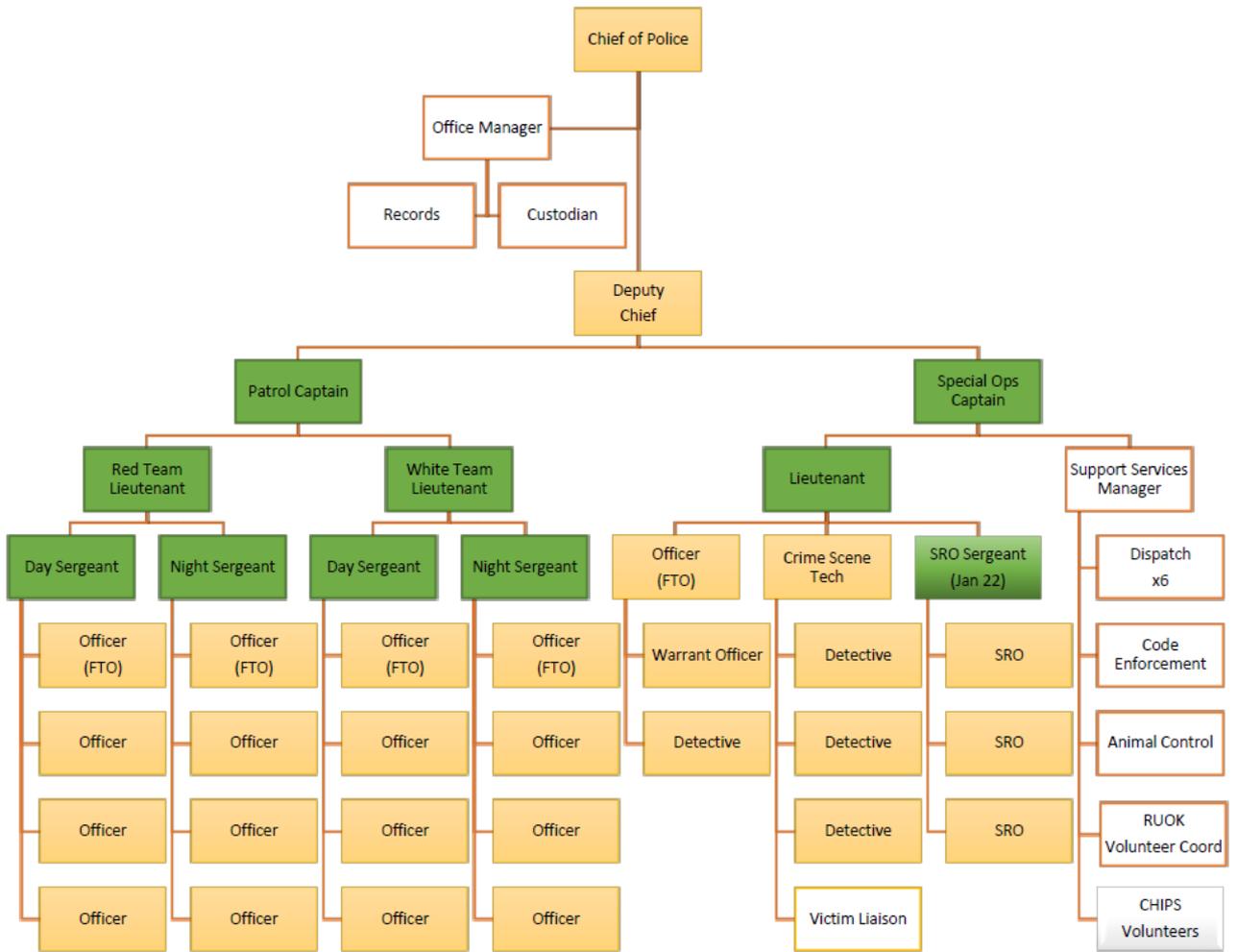


COUNCILMEMBER
DANIEL BUCHER



West Albany
PHOTOGRAPHY

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



RAE ALLEN PHOTOGRAPHY

PROTECTING A GREAT QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOSE WE SERVE.

- BPD is Prevention Focused through proactive community policing.
- BPD is dedicated to keeping our community and roadways safe.
- BPD maintains strong relationships with stakeholders, built on trust and transparency.
- BPD values all members of our team.
- BPD is committed to creating an environment so our community can enjoy an excellent quality of life.



CULTIVATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO THRIVE.

- Enhanced patrol of parks and trail system.
- Developed a traffic safety team.
- Expanded use of the CHIPS program for vacation watch and park patrols.
- Implemented recruitment and retention of staff strategies.
- Continued community outreach (RU OK?, NNO, CPA, YPA, Coffee with a Cop).
- Developed electronic sector newsletters.
- Expanded the E-Watch and Video Partnership programs.
- Focused on staff wellness and resiliency which included a family orientation.
- Maintained accreditation status from Texas Best Practices Recognition.
- Worked to enhance Belton's quality of life through a Prevention Focused model.

WE WILL REMAIN PREVENTION FOCUSED TO KEEP BELTON SAFE.

PATROL OPERATIONS



Deputy Chief Larry Berg, a 25-year veteran of the Belton Police Department oversees two captains. The Patrol Operations Division is under the command of Captain Daniel Aguirre. He is assisted by two lieutenants and four sergeants. Patrol Operations is the main function and workhorse of BPD. Patrol responds to calls for police service, conducts preventive patrol, enforces traffic laws, conducts preliminary investigations into criminal activity, arrests criminal offenders, and seeks proactive interactions with citizens and groups. Patrol is divided into two teams; Red and White, made up of two 12-hour shifts each. Patrol is normally the first line of contact the public has with the police department. Officers responded to approximately 33,000 events in 2021.



SUPPORT SERVICES



The Support Services Division is under the command of Captain Allen Fields. He is assisted by a lieutenant, support services manager, and a sergeant. This division is comprised of services that support the delivery of law enforcement response to citizens of Belton including: Criminal Investigations; School Resource Officers; Direct Action Response Team; Evidence Management; Police Records; Code Compliance; Communications; Personnel and Training; Reserve Officer Program; Professional Standards; RU OK? Program; CHIPS Volunteers; Community Outreach; and Accreditation. BPD prides itself in having strong relationships with the community.





2021 TRAFFIC CRASHES
1,933 TOTAL RESPONSES*
422 NON-INJURY
156 INJURY
1 FATALITY

58%
of our stops
result in
warnings

2021 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT
6,500 TRAFFIC STOPS
2,729 CITATIONS
3,771 WARNINGS

*INDICATES NON-REPORTABLE OR ASSISTED BY ANOTHER AGENCY

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit is a partnership between BPD and Belton Independent School District (BISD). Four BPD officers are assigned to the 11 BISD campuses in the City of Belton. This collaboration is funded both by BISD and the City of Belton. The goal of the SRO program is to promote a safe learning environment and deter distractions that jeopardize school safety. This is accomplished by proactive interaction with faculty and students, quick response to disruptions, investigation of criminal activity on campuses, and presentation of prevention programs.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Criminal Investigations Division is staffed with four detectives, a crime scene technician, crime victim liaison, and one lieutenant. Detectives are responsible for solving crimes through follow-up investigations of criminal offenses that occur in the City of Belton. The detectives also represent Belton in multi-jurisdictional partnerships.



CRIME SCENES

Total Cases Assigned to Detectives	598
Cases Cleared (arrest, exception, unfounded)	301
Clearance Rate	50%
Value of Stolen Property	\$907,204
Recovered Stolen Property Value	\$240,400
Evidence Handled (number of items)	4,304

CODE COMPLIANCE

The Code Compliance Unit handles animal calls and code enforcement for the City of Belton. Two full-time staff members, who are cross-trained in these specialties, form the unit.



Total Animal Calls	3,151
Total Code Enforcement	8,949
Animals Handled	1,276
High Grass	1,853
Trash & Open Storage	3,775
Junk Vehicles	720
Voluntary Compliance	97%

POLICE BUDGET

FY 2022 BUDGET

Administration	\$373,780
Operations	\$3,090,620
Support Services	\$1,639,580
Animal Control	\$103,400
Code Compliance	\$80,960
Total Budget	\$5,288,340



2021 GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS



Department of Justice Bulletproof Vests	\$2,138
Area Agency on Aging (RU OK Program)	\$21,000
Victims of Crimes Act Crime Victim Liaison	\$56,494
Belton Independent School District School Resource Officers & Security	\$298,601
Total Received	\$378,233



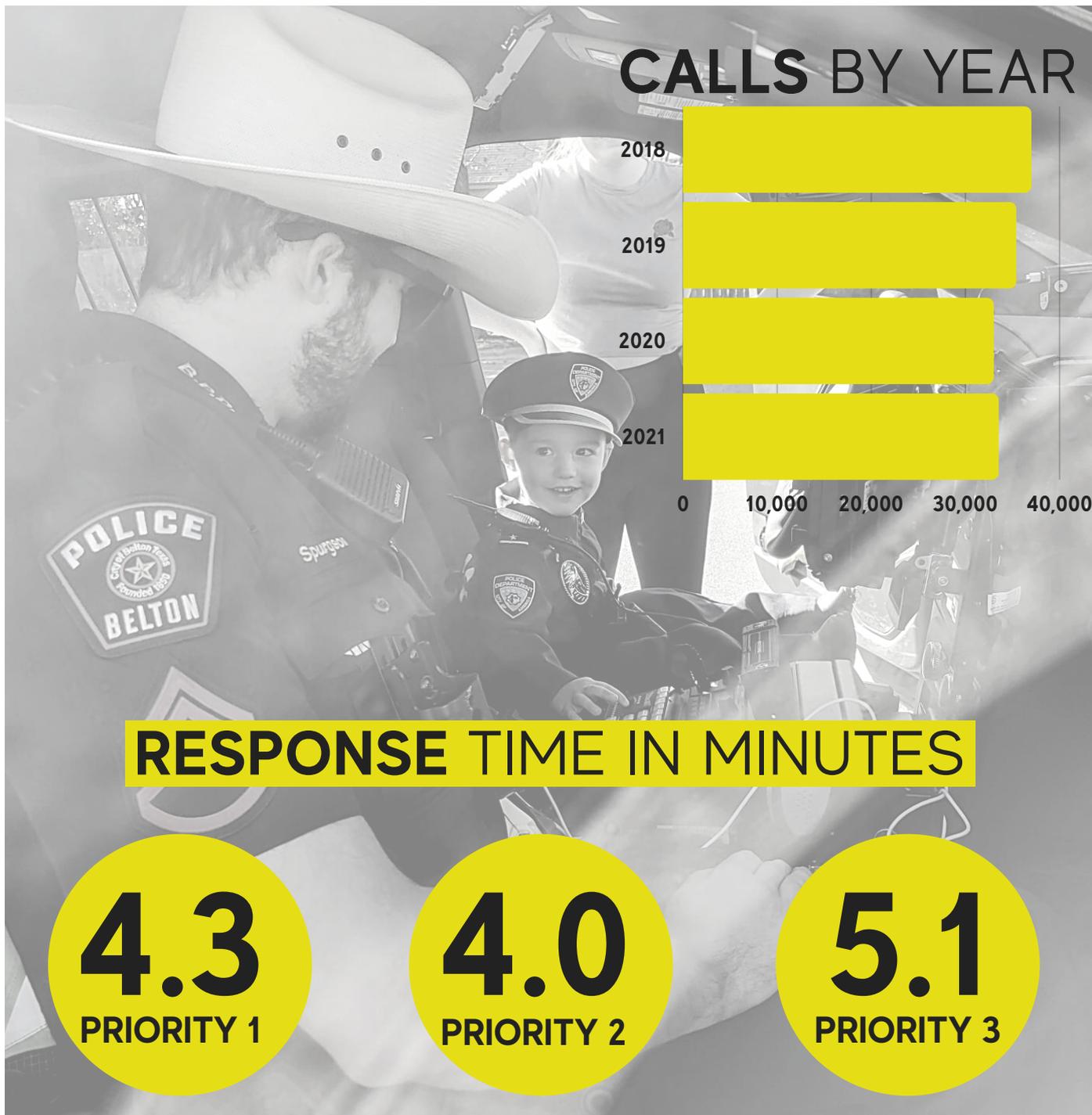
CALLS FOR SERVICE

Instances when an officer responds to a request for service from a citizen or initiates contact with a citizen.

(As recorded through Bell County Communications Center)

TOP 10 CALLS FOR SERVICE

1. 911 Calls
2. Suspicious Circumstances
3. Traffic Accidents
4. Reckless Drivers
5. Citizen Contacts
6. Welfare Concerns
7. Alarm Calls
8. Disabled Vehicles
9. Assaults
10. Animal Calls



CALLS BY YEAR



RESPONSE TIME IN MINUTES

4.3

PRIORITY 1

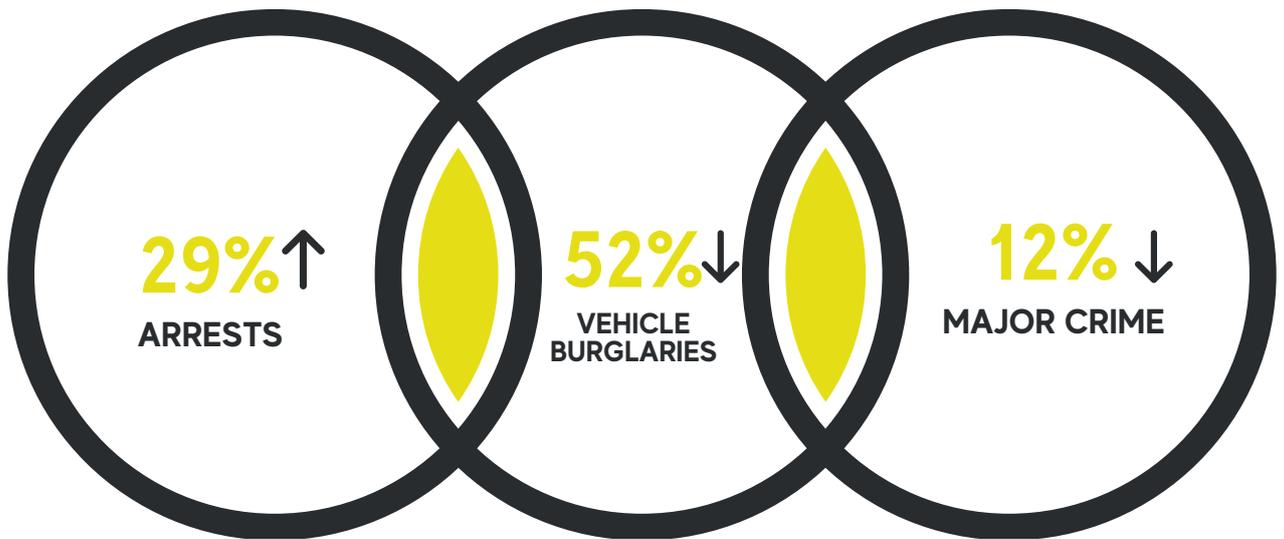
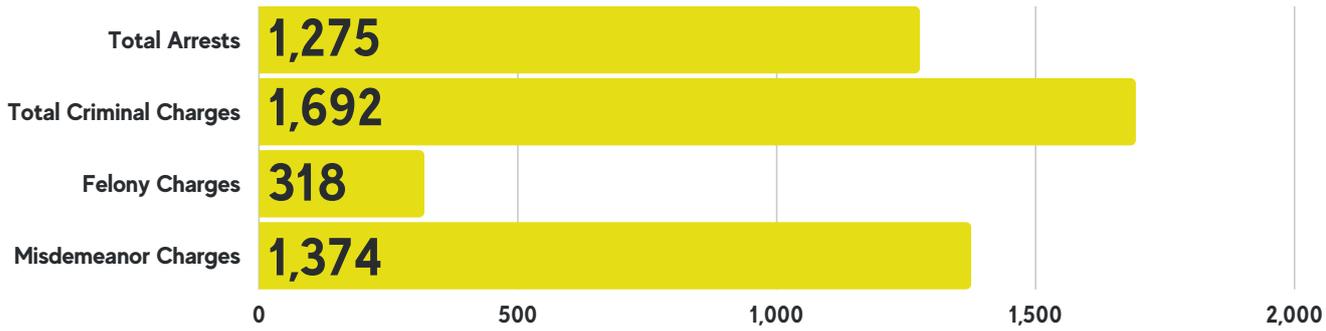
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PRIORITY 2

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PRIORITY 3

2021 ARRESTS



MAJOR CRIME REPORT

Crime	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Murder	1	0	0	2	2
Sexual Assault	6	16	22	16	21
Robbery	10	14	9	7	0
Aggravated Assault	13	15	13	17	14
Burglary/Residence	43	34	31	30	20
Burglary/Building	46	44	26	26	34
Theft/Larceny	464	412	366	456	391
Auto Theft/UUMV	5	18	9	29	29
Total	588	553	476	583	511

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RACIAL PROFILING

TOTAL STOPS : 5,945

Gender	
Female:	2,405
Male:	3,540

RACE OR ETHNICITY:

Alaskan/American Indian:	19
Asian/Pacific Islander:	67
Black:	866
Hispanic/Latino:	1,237
White:	3,756

RACE OR ETHNICITY KNOWN PRIOR TO STOP?

No:	5,647
Yes:	298

REASON FOR STOP?

Moving traffic violation:	3,752
Pre-existing knowledge:	170
Vehicle traffic violation:	1,918
Violation of law:	105

LOCATION OF STOP:

City street:	5,098
County road:	48
Private property or other:	109
State highway:	289
US highway:	401

WAS A SEARCH CONDUCTED?

No:	5,412
Yes:	533

REASON FOR SEARCH?

Consent:	128
Contraband:	41
Incident to arrest:	44
Inventory:	85
No search:	5,412
Probable cause:	235

WAS CONTRABAND DISCOVERED?

No:	190
Yes:	343

DESCRIPTION OF CONTRABAND:

Alcohol:	60
Drugs:	227
Other:	98
Stolen Property:	8
Weapons:	17

RESULT OF STOP:

Arrest:	30
Citation:	1,934
Citation & Arrest:	66
Verbal Warning:	11
Written Warning:	3,838
Written Warning & Arrest:	66

ARREST BASED ON:

Outstanding warrant:	25
Violation of penal code:	117
Violation of traffic law:	20

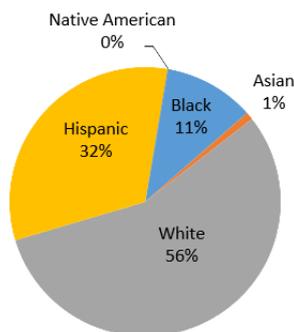
PHYSICAL FORCE RESULTING IN INJURY?

No:	5,944
Yes:	1

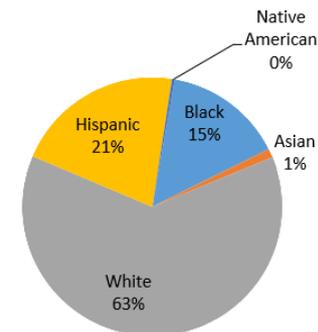
WAS ARREST DUE TO CONTRABAND FOUND?

No:	100
Yes:	62

BELTON DEMOGRAPHICS



TRAFFIC STOPS BY RACE



The following information on traffic stops has been reported to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement; pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 2.121 - 2.138.

CHIPS. AND RU OK?



The Belton Citizens Helping in Police Services (CHIPS) program was formed in 2011 to expand police resources through the use of volunteers. A benefit of the program is that it deters crime through visible presence. CHIPS supplement department resources by being extra eyes and ears while patrolling parks, shopping centers, and other areas where large groups gather. CHIPS Members volunteered 4,160 hours in 2021.

CHIPS members are graduates of our Citizens Police Academy (CPA) Program. Graduates of CPA formed a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, the Belton Police Foundation, committed to supporting BPD initiatives and staff.

CHIPS members staff the phones for the highly successful RU OK? Program, which works to ensure safety and provide help to the elderly of Belton. RU OK? is credited with saving thirteen lives to date. The Silver Santa initiative brings Christmas joy to all of the RU OK? participants by providing wrapped gifts to each of them. Silver Santa bags were delivered to 110 RU OK? Clients in 2021.



POLICE EXPLORERS



A Law Enforcement Explorer Post was established in Belton in 2012. The program is intended for youth who have expressed an interest in the criminal justice field as a career, age 14 (who have completed the 8th grade) to age 20. Our commitment is to improve relations between the Belton Police Department and the youth in the City of Belton. Explorers learn police work through specialized training and community service. The program allows young people to serve the community, develop leadership skills, and provides support from peers and adults during the maturing process. BPD Explorers can be seen working alongside officers at parades, community events, and Belton Tiger football games.

Belton School Resource Officers have held 10 Youth Police Academy (YPA) courses for middle school students. The goal of YPA is to build rapport between police officers and youth in our community.



2021 AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

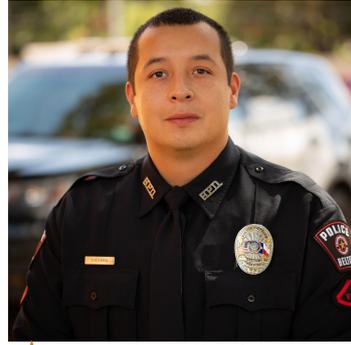
OFFICERS OF THE QUARTER



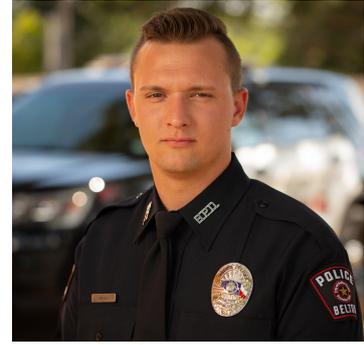
LIEUTENANT
GLENN BENNETT



OFFICER
ALDO GOMEZ



★ OFFICER
MARIO GUEVARA



OFFICER
DALTON MENIX



TELECOMMUNICATOR
JEREL MUNIZ



OFFICER
JACOB SCHILLE



OFFICER
CARLYN YARBOROUGH

LIFESAVING AWARDS



OFFICER
TRAVIS LOCK



DETECTIVE
JOSH TULLOCH



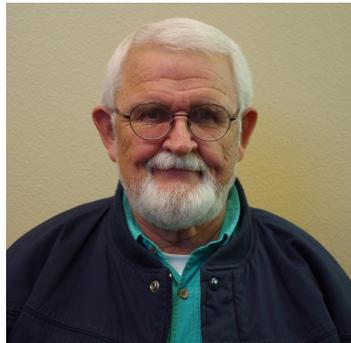
OFFICER
JASON WIMBISH

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



FOUNDATION PRESIDENT
CHARISSE BENNETT

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR



CUSTODIAN
LARRY ROSS

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

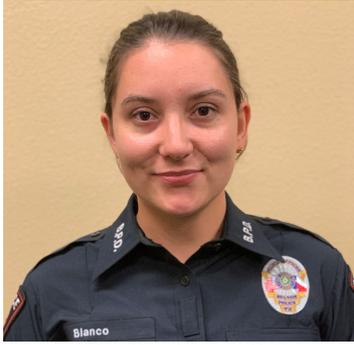


CAPTAIN
ALLEN FIELDS

★ INDICATES AWARD WAS EARNED TWICE

BELTON POLICE

MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM



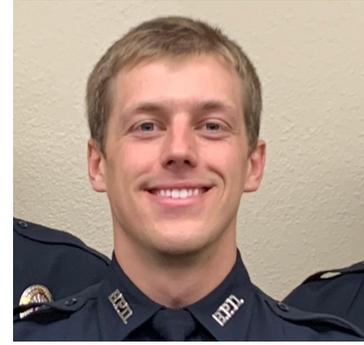
TRACI BLANCO
CADET



CHRIS CARTER
CADET



JENNIFER GIBSON
CRIME VICTIM LIAISON



GRIFFIN GILES
PATROL



ALDO GOMEZ
PATROL



SEAN MERCER
PATROL



BRIAN PEDRAZA
PATROL



JESSICA VOSBURG
PATROL

CLERGY-POLICE PARTNERSHIP

The Belton Clergy-Police Partnership (BCPP) is a team of local pastors serving as a liaison between the police department and the community. BCPP members minister to officers and victims of crime; pray for the police department and the community; communicate community concerns directly to the Chief of Police; and provide calm during a crisis. The BPD Police Chaplain, Alton McCallum, leads the BCPP team.

RECOGNIZED TEXAS AGENCY

The Belton Police Department became the first Bell County law enforcement agency to be accredited as a Recognized Law Enforcement Agency by the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Agency Best Practices Recognition Program. The recognition program evaluates compliance with 170 standards that are best practices in Texas. These standards were developed by Texas law enforcement professionals to assist agencies to efficiently and effectively serve the public and protect individual rights. They cover all aspects of law enforcement operations including use of force, protection of citizen rights, vehicle pursuits, property and evidence management, and patrol and investigative operations. BPD was awarded Re-Recognition status in 2014 and 2018, putting it among the elite 5% of Texas law enforcement agencies.



