

Annual Report 2017



DUNCANVILLE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



A Message From The Chief



Each year, the Duncanville Police Department gathers information regarding departmental activity from throughout the year and produces a publication that summarizes events, the Department's budget, crime statistics and other important information. This publication, which we call the Annual Report, is meant to keep our community informed about police activity and helps to support our transparency goal.

On behalf of the men and women of the Duncanville Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2017 Annual Report. It is an opportunity to highlight Duncanville, Texas, which has long been considered the perfect blend of family, community and business.

It is with the utmost pride that I offer this snapshot of our Department's accomplishments, none of which would have been possible without the devoted civilian and sworn men and women of our Department.

Today, the Duncanville Police Department strives to remain on the cutting edge of modern policing practices. We can best do this by working cooperatively with other governmental agencies, businesses, the faith-based community and all citizens. The police and community share in the responsibility for crime control and public safety. As we continue to work together, everyone benefits from the partnership. Our commitment to maintain these partnerships enables us to better understand the needs of citizens and provide the most efficient response to problems in our community.

I am consistently proud of the outstanding work performed by the men and women of the Duncanville Police Department. The many notes, emails and comments I receive on a regular basis from citizens, who were impressed with their experiences with one or more of our employees, speak volumes about the people who make up this organization and, ultimately, about the values our Department represents. The tremendous dedication and commitment of the men and women who make up the officers and staff of the Duncanville Police Department has been fundamental to our success in maintaining public safety in our community. Their hard work, innovation in problem solving and compassion for the citizens we serve are the reasons we achieve success in providing outstanding public safety services, year after year.

To the citizens of Duncanville, a sincere thank you for your willingness to work collaboratively with the men and women of your local police department to identify community concerns and develop solutions to address those concerns. We cannot provide a safe community without your continued support. We truly value our partnership. You can count on our continued commitment to this partnership to work just as hard to enhance the quality of life in Duncanville, Texas in 2018.

It is my privilege and honor to lead and serve this Department. I pledge my best to the Department and to those who have placed their trust in me.

For more information about the great work accomplished during 2017 by the men and women of the Duncanville Police Department, please turn the page and enjoy the reading.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert D. Brown, Jr.".

Robert D. Brown, Jr.

Chief of Police

Duncanville Police Department

Mission Statement

“The Duncanville Police Department, in partnership with ALL segments of our community, provides impartial, ethical and professional law enforcement service through a proactive approach in the prevention, detention and investigation of criminal activity. The Duncanville Police Department seeks to contribute to the highest quality of life through the involvement and interaction of the citizens we have pledged to serve. The foundation of this Department is defined by its members’ integrity and compassion.”

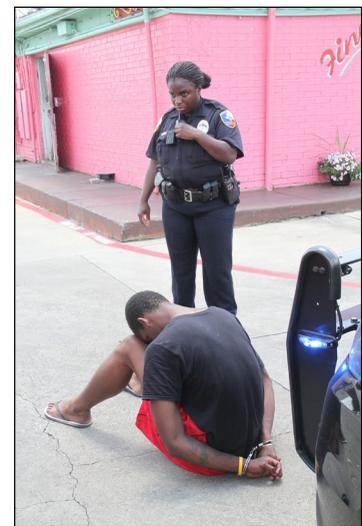
Police Memorial in memory of Sergeant Michael Poe and Officer Roger Hobden, killed in the line of duty, December 3, 1979.

Police Officer Memorial



2017 was another year that challenged the law enforcement profession both emotionally and professionally. The lives of 125 courageous law enforcement officers ended too soon. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the officers’ families, friends and co-workers. While the number of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty decreased from the previous year, far too many law enforcement officers are seriously injured or killed each year. Despite the assaults on law enforcement officers nationwide, we have steadfastly continued to answer the call of duty of serving and protecting our respective communities.

Robert D. Brown, Jr.
Chief of Police



City of Duncanville

The City of Duncanville has a total area of 11.3 square miles and is located in Dallas County, Texas. Duncanville's population was 38,524 according to the 2010 census. Duncanville is a suburb of Dallas (which surrounds the city on three sides) and is part of the Best Southwest area, which includes Duncanville, Cedar Hill, DeSoto and Lancaster. Duncanville is located in the southern part of Dallas County which has a population of 2,368,139.



Facts about the Duncanville Police in 2017

Part 1 Crimes: F.B.I. chose these crimes on the basis of their seriousness, frequency of occurrence, pervasiveness in all areas of the country, and likelihood of being reported.

Crime Definitions

Aggravated Assault

An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe bodily injury, usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or other means likely to produce death or serious bodily harm.

Robbery

The taking or attempting to take, anything of value under confrontational circumstances from a person by use of force, threat of force, or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm.

Sexual Assault

The carnal knowledge of a person through the use or threat of force. Assaults to commit forcible sexual assault are also included.

Motor Vehicle Theft (U.U.M.V.)

The unlawful taking or stealing of a motor vehicle including attempts.

Theft

The unlawful taking or stealing of property or articles without the use of force, violence or fraud.

Murder

The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

Burglary

The unlawful entry to commit a felony or theft.

Major Crime

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Murder/Negligent Homicide	4	0	1
Involuntary Manslaughter	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	16	26	28
Robbery	96	122	87
Aggravated Assault	55	50	59
Commercial Burglary	72	102	104
Residential Burglary	129	145	98
Motor Vehicle Burglary	426	383	363
Burglary of a Coin-Op	2	14	5
Total Burglary	629	644	570
Motor Vehicle Theft (U.U.M.V.)	173	196	177
Theft/Felony	131	119	105
Theft/Misdemeanor	348	348	277
Total Theft	479	467	382
GRAND TOTAL	1,452	1,505	1,304

Command Staff



Brian Heard
Assistant Chief of Police
Hired 5/18/1987
Retired 12/27/2017



Mark LiVigni
Lieutenant/Assistant Chief of Police
Hired 7/1/1993
Appointed to Assistant Chief of Police
12/7/2017



Gary McDaniel
Lieutenant
Hired 5/16/1983
Retired 3/31/2017



Brett Beene
Lieutenant
Hired 7/15/1999
Retired 11/25/2017



Gene Kropff
Lieutenant
Hired 2/1/1998
Retired 2/3/2017



Stan Estell
Lieutenant
Hired 7/27/1995
Promoted to Lieutenant
12/09/2014



Chris McCaleb
Lieutenant
Hired 2/21/2000
Promoted to Lieutenant
2/7/2017



Rebekah Young
Lieutenant
Hired 6/1/2010
Promoted to Lieutenant
4/4/2017



Matt Stogner
Lieutenant
Hired 4/13/1998
Promoted to Lieutenant
12/7/2017



Arrests

		<u>Juvenile:</u>				
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
104	78	58	40	52		
		<u>Adult:</u>				
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
1,470	1,475	1,547	1,330	987		

Citations

2013	-	7,863
2014	-	8,181
2015	-	7,675
2016	-	7,256
2017	-	4,315

DPD officers made 2,825 traffic stops resulting in 4,315 citations. Officers made 26 DWI arrests. The department investigated 604 collisions, 3 fatalities, 216 injury collisions, and 385 non-injury collisions.



Calls For Service - 46,678



False Alarm Calls

2013	3,175
2014	3,160
2015	2,955
2016	2,146
2017	2,236

Animal Control

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Calls for Service	3,407	2,997	3,303	3,043
Reports	27	33	35	23
Citations Issued	15	10	19	14
Warnings	155	162	132	161
Dogs Impounded	656	756	793	880
Cats Impounded	264	358	300	250
Animals Euthanized	27	21	15	10
Tranquilized	19	15	15	11



2017 Police Budget

Personnel Costs	\$6,154,303
Equipment,Supplies,Services	\$1,618,221
Grants Offset	\$47,064
Reimbursement Offset (Xing Guard)	\$38,669
Total Police Department Budget	\$7,686,791
Total General Fund Budget	\$26,684,404
Police Department % of City Budget	29%





Criminal/Narcotics Investigation Division

The Criminal Investigation Division began 2017 with 139 open cases. Detectives were assigned 513 cases throughout the year. Detectives cleared 493 cases and 3 cases were suspended. The Criminal Investigation Division made 208 arrests and obtained 87 additional at-large arrest warrants. Criminal cases filed with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office totaled 295. The number of open cases carried over for 2018 is 188.



Property And Evidence

The Property and Evidence Section ended 2017 with an inventory of 11,946 items. During the year, 3,292 items were received and processed. The court ordered disposal of 2,386 items by destruction or donation to nonprofit and the remaining items were released to the owner.



National Night Out

There is not a more important program that you can get involved in, when it comes to your own neighborhood. Some may know it as Neighborhood Watch, Town Watch, or Crime Watch. No matter what you call it, this is the program for you. Crime prevention in a neighborhood, business district or park is a community responsibility. Crime is not a police department problem, crime is a community problem. It takes the community becoming partners in fighting crime.



Crime Prevention/Community Relations

CP/CR Meeting	175
CPA Student Graduating	28
COP/CPA Sessions	48
Crime Prevention Surveys	37
Media Releases	100
Neighborhood Crime Watch Meetings	35

Volunteer Programs/Citizens on Patrol

COP Patrols	365
COP Miles	11,939
Volunteer Hours	3,059
COP Hours	6,195
Crime Warning/Prevention Flyers	42
Participants in Nextdoor.com	4,800
Finger Printing	120
Vacation Checks	1,548
Garage Door Notices/Code Violations	105



Safe Exchange Zone

The Safe Exchange Zone was created for the protection of child custody exchanges, Craig's List, and Offer Up buyers/sellers. The zone has 24/7 video coverage and is located directly in front of the police department.





Citizen Police Academy

Twice a year, in the fall and spring, the Duncanville Police Department hosts a Citizen Police Academy. This exciting 11 week program allows community members the opportunity to experience first-hand the dynamic and complex nature of law enforcement. The Citizen Police Academy, established in 1990, has graduated fifty-five classes.

The concept of the Citizen Police Academy involves opening up the Police Department to the public and showing citizens exactly what they do and how they do it. The program offers a different topic each week.



Sessions are taught by experienced police officers who share their unique perspective on law enforcement.



Citizens On Patrol

The Duncanville Police Department's Citizens On Patrol (COP) has over 40 volunteers who not only give of their time but some use their vehicles as well. Since the beginning of this program in 1995, these volunteers have given over 75,645 hours of their time and have traveled over 294,000 miles. The City of Duncanville repurposed two police vehicles for use by the COP. Now the COP's have the option to drive their own vehicles or one of the COP vehicles when they patrol. In addition, they have assisted at parades, bicycle and 5k races, 4th of July events, searched for lost children and adults, and numerous other functions.

The volunteer program was first organized in 1990. Since that time, over 142,000 volunteer hours have been logged.



Drug Drop Box

The Duncanville Police Department has installed a secure Drug Drop Box in the lobby of the police station located at 203 E. Wheatland Rd. The drop box will allow residents a free, safe and anonymous way to dispose of any unused or expired medications 24 hours a day. The drop box is NOT intended for the use of businesses, pharmacies, clinics, doctor's offices or any facility that distributes medications. Thanks to grant funding provided by the North Texas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and The Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, unused and expired medications can be deposited for proper disposal. The amount of drugs collected in 2017 totaled 405 pounds.



Special Olympics

The Duncanville Police Department has supported the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) benefiting Special Olympics Texas since 1987. The LETR is the largest grass roots fund-raiser and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics Texas. Public Safety Personnel across the State of Texas and the world carry the "Flame of Hope" for the athletes of Special Olympics Texas. The Guardians of the Flame carry it into opening ceremonies of local, state, national and world competition. This year Duncanville Police held its 8th Annual Fire Truck Pull. Duncanville's Fire Truck Pull is one of the largest in the State of Texas.



Santa Cop Program

The Duncanville Police Department and Police Association work in conjunction with Duncanville Independent School District to find families that are in need of some assistance during Christmas time. This program distributed food and gifts to 29 Duncanville families, which included 83 children.

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DUNCANVILLE CITY COUNCIL



“On behalf of the Duncanville Police Department, I would like to extend my deepest thanks and gratitude toward Duncanville’s City Council for their continued support of our department. With your partnership, we are able to face adversity and overcome challenges. We look forward to working with our City Council for future endeavors, as well as continuing to serve the citizens of the City.”



ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
PAUL FREDERIKSEN



CITY MANAGER
KEVIN HUGMAN



POLICE CHIEF
ROBERT D. BROWN, JR.

