

Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Leroy Ravenell



2013 Annual Report



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Mission Statement

The Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office is committed to supplying law enforcement services through community-based operations to encourage excellence and education through a progressive partnership with Orangeburg County.

We are devoted to preserving the peace and protecting the rights of citizens and visitors through legal, ethical and humanitarian practices, while providing the highest standard of professionalism, integrity, and accountability.



2013 Employment Statistics

On December 31, 2013 the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office employed 122, with an additional 42 volunteers serving as Reserve Deputies, Volunteer Victims' Advocates, and Volunteer Communication Specialists.

During the 2012 calendar year, the following employment changes took place:

16 New Hires	2 Terminated
1 Re-Hire	1 Retired
11 Promotions	13 Resigned

Dear Citizens, Business Owners, and Visitors:

Since taking office in 2011, I have had three goals for my administration: to increase the visibility of our officers, to treat our citizens with respect and professionalism, and to increase the awareness of the Sheriff's Office operations. Each day we are making strides towards these goals to improve the overall effectiveness of our agency.

This is the third annual report our agency has produced and each year we are including more information and hopefully, improving your knowledge of the full scope of the operations of our office. This report is not just to let you know about the crime statistics in our county but also the good work being done to prevent crime and to provide citizens with techniques and tips to protect themselves and their property.

Law enforcement is mainly reactionary, meaning our agency responds after something has taken place. In the 2013 and 2014, you will begin to see a proactive, organized effort to expand programs for citizens and our employees. There are several avenues we are exploring to have a greater impact on this county and make a difference in the lives of our citizens and employees.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Sheriff of this great county that we all love and treasure.

Sincerely,



Sheriff Leroy Ravenell
2013 SC Sheriff of the Year





SHERIFF LEROY RAVENELL

Leroy Ravenell won his first run for political office when he was elected the 52nd Sheriff of Orangeburg County on January 25, 2011. He was re-elected for a full term on November 6, 2012.

A native and lifelong resident of the Santee community of Orangeburg County, Sheriff Ravenell matriculated through the public schools in Holly Hill, SC, before beginning an extensive career in law enforcement.

More than 25 years ago, Ravenell answered a special calling for his life, to serve as a law enforcement officer. Through this service and in numerous roles, he quickly learned the significance of his duty to not only enforce laws but to fulfill his life's philosophy to "Be Firm, Be Fair, and Be

Consistent."

Professionally, Ravenell has devoted his life to ensuring that the laws of this county, this state, and this country are enforced. Personally, he is a man of unwavering faith who has been divinely blessed with a unique ability to reach people regardless of their ethnicity, background, or social standing.

Desiring greater responsibilities, Ravenell achieved numerous certifications and increased his knowledge about the law enforcement industry. These advantages afforded him opportunities to be promoted to management and serve in a managerial role for more than 16 years.

He graduated magna cum laude from Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice. Without delay, he continued his post graduate studies at Troy University, Troy, Alabama, and obtained his Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Ravenell continues to give back to his alma mater as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Sociology/Criminal Justice Administration. He also talks with people of all ages about the positive differences they can make in their county and this country by making wise decisions and being true to themselves.

Sheriff Ravenell not only understands his importance to the laws that govern the people, he understands and accepts his responsibility to his Creator. He firmly believes in setting and upholding standards in every aspect of his life. He is a faithful member of the Unity Community Fellowship Church where Reverend Jerome Anderson is the pastor.

In 2013, Sheriff Ravenell was honored by the SC Sheriffs' Association as the Sheriff of the Year during their centennial observance of the Association. In 2011, he was named Warrior of the Year by the Healing Species, December 2011 Character Employee of the Month (Leadership), and SC Association of School Resource Officers Law Enforcement Administrator of the Year.

Ravenell is a member of the National Sheriffs' Association, the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, SC Law Enforcement Officers Association, Palmetto State Law Enforcement Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police, Association for Public-Safety Communications Officials, Edisto Lodge #39, and the Robert S. Wilkinson Consistory #220. He is a Lifetime Member of NAACP. He is a mentor in Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5. He is a member of the Criminal Justice Degree Program Advisory Board at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. He serves on the National Sheriffs' Association Crime Victims Services committee, the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association Legislative committee, the Board of Directors of the Orangeburg County Chamber of Commerce, the Law and Public Safety Advisory Board at the Technology Center for Orangeburg School District 5, and is a board member of A Servant's Touch Outreach and Support Ministries.

He is married to the former Angela Bodrick. They are the proud parents of three: a daughter, LeQuinta, and two sons, Xavier Justin and Avery Chandler.

Accomplishments & Awards

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

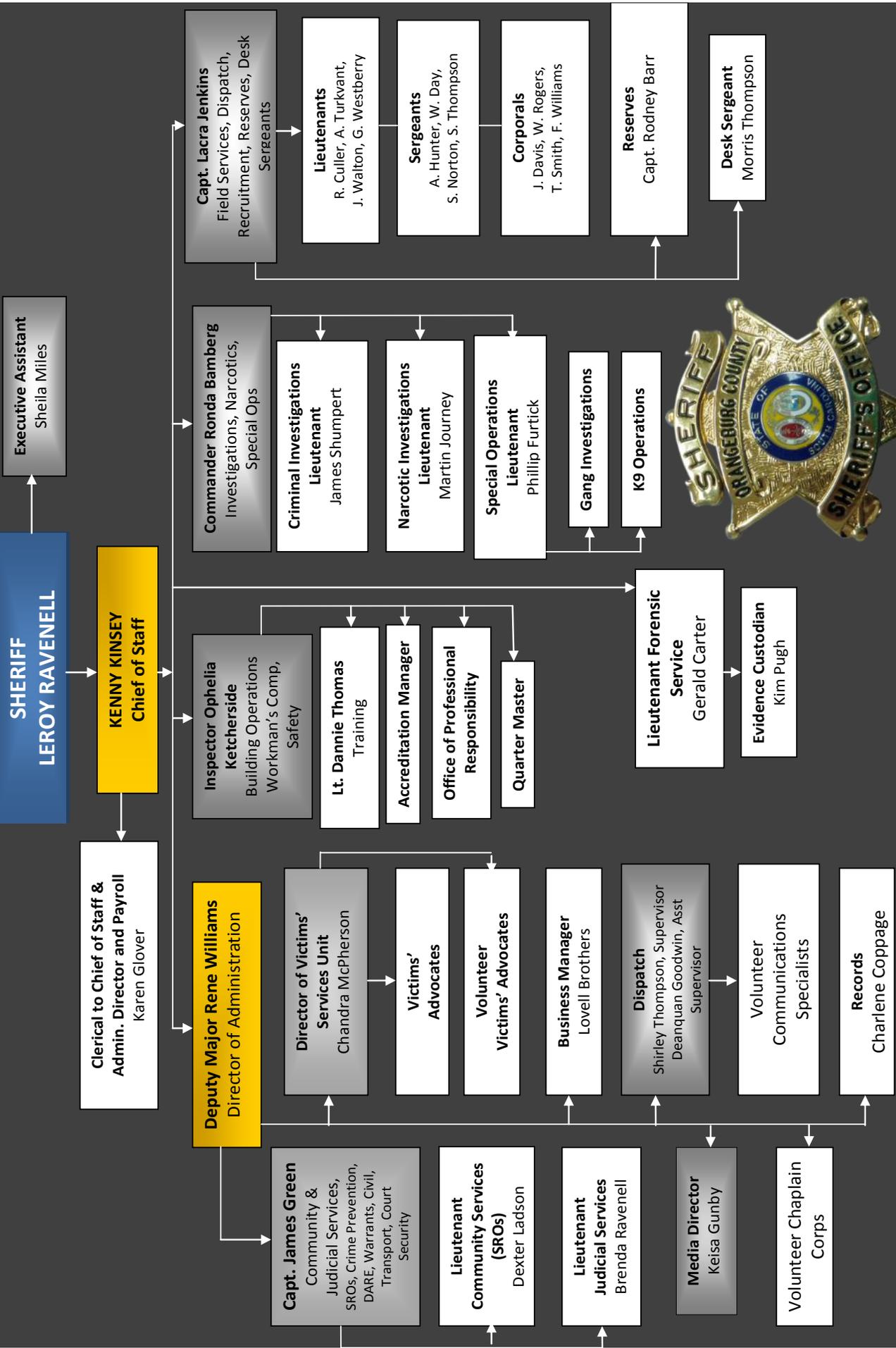
- * TASER® Training
- * FBI NCIC/SLED Audit
- * SOVA Audit
- * Updated Kevlar
- * Bike Patrol reinitiated
- * Fan the Heat Program
- * Back to School Bashes
- * Updating the Vehicle fleet
- * Field Services Shift of the Month Program
- * Completion of General Orders Manual
- * Deputy Richard Polite (SRO) elected to SC Juvenile Officers Association
- * Deputy Stacy Loadholt (SRO) is the Vice President of the SC Juvenile Officers Association
- * SC D.A.R.E. Association board. D.A.R.E. Officer Rusty Williams was elected President of the SC D.A.R.E. Association, Deputy Crystal Quinones was elected Secretary, and Sgt. Tommy Stroman was elected Low Country Representative
- * Capt. James Green is the 2nd Vice President of the SC Association of School Resource Officers and Deputy Stacy Loadholt is the Low Country Representative
- * Out of 20 applicants, 3 persons became certified as Reserve Deputy Sheriffs
- * 7 High School Volunteer Victims' Advocates and 14 Adult Volunteer Victims' Advocates completed certification



2013 AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- * SC Sheriffs' Association Sheriff of the Year - Sheriff Leroy Ravenell
- * National Sheriffs' Association Medal of Merit - Lt. Randy Culler
- * SCASRO School Resource Officer of the Year Low Country region - Deputy Cynnamon Morant
- * SCD.A.R.E. 22 years of teaching the D.A.R.E. program - Deputy Rusty Williams
- * SCD.A.R.E. Outstanding Service to D.A.R.E. - Sgt. Tommy Stroman
- * Rotary Club of Orangeburg (Morning) Service Above Self Award - Inv. Everett Culpepper
- * September 2013 Character Employee of the Month - Dep. Kelvin Mack (Courage)
- * October 2013 Character Employee of the Month and Citizen of the Month - Lovell Brothers (Fairness)





Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office

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Chief of Staff



Chief Kenneth Kinsey returned to the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office in 2011 when Sheriff Leroy Ravenell took office. Kinsey's previous experience includes the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the First Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. Kinsey's law enforcement career began in Orangeburg County and for those 13 years, he served in various deputy and supervisory positions.

Kinsey is one of 12 Internationally Certified Crime Scene Investigators in the state of South Carolina. He is qualified as an expert witness in Crime Scene Investigation/Reconstruction, Latent Fingerprint Identification, Footwear Comparison/Identification, Blood Stain Pattern Analysis, and Fabric Impression Examination. Kinsey is certified by the South Carolina

Criminal Justice Academy as a Specific Skills Instructor and by the NRA and SC Criminal Justice Academy as a Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor.

Kinsey is a graduate of Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Resource Management and Troy University with a Master of Science in Criminal Justice.

In 2012, Kinsey was honored as the Law Enforcement Administrator of the Year by the SC Association of School Resource Officers. He is a member of the South Carolina International Association for Identification, the International Association for Identification, South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association (SCLEA), the Clemson Alumni Association, and the Advisory Board for the Salvation Army. Kinsey is also a member of The Salvation Army Advisory Board.

Director of Administration



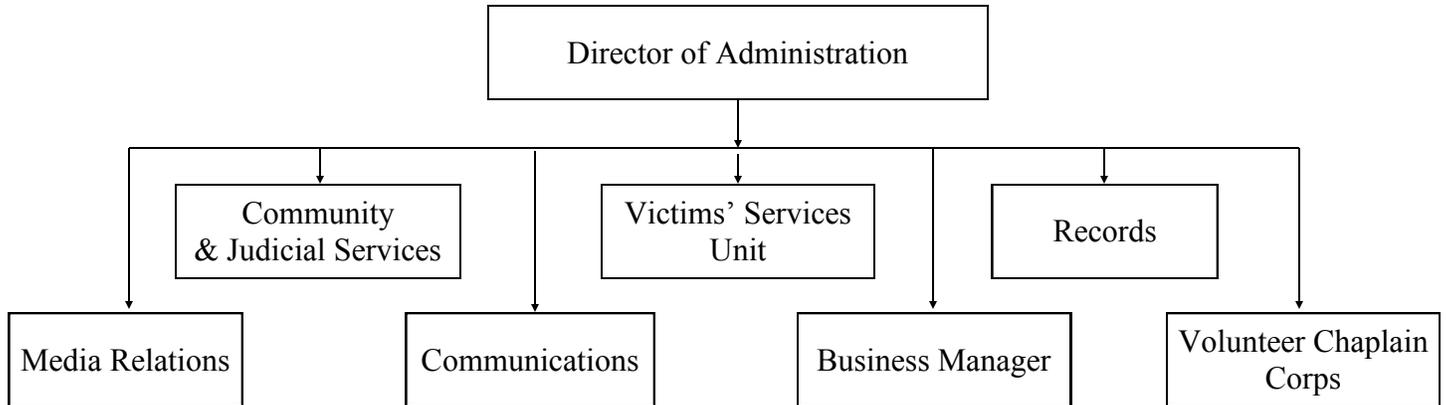
Deputy Major Rene Williams has served Orangeburg County for 26 years as a law enforcement officer. Since 1989, Williams has worked for the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office in various roles including: Deputy Sheriff, Captain of Field Services, Narcotics and Criminal Investigator, Commander of Investigations, and Major of Enforcement. He has also worked as a patrolman at the Orangeburg Department of Public Safety and the Holly Hill Police Department. His entire law enforcement career has been devoted to Orangeburg County.

Williams earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, Orangeburg, SC. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC, with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Criminal Justice Administration. Williams holds a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Troy University, Troy, Alabama.

Williams has completed LECC Narcotics Commander School and he has supervised more than 100 murder investigations.

He serves on the Law and Public Safety Advisory Board at the Orangeburg District 5 Technology Center and the Advisory Board for the Criminal Justice Technology Program at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. He is also a member of the Claflin University Alumni Association, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, Palmetto State Law Enforcement Officer's Association, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officer's Association, and the Association for Public-Safety Communications Officials.

Administrative Divisions



As of December 31, 2012, there were 52 employees assigned to the Administrative Divisions of the Sheriff's Office. 5 of the positions are funded by grants; 4 will expire in 2014, only 1 is renewable. This agency is still recovering from positions eliminated in Community & Judicial Services - Deputy Sheriff positions in Crime Prevention, Civil Process, and Warrants. These reductions limit the number of community groups and events we can support, the effectiveness of our capability to search for individuals wanted by various courts, as well as hampering the process to promptly handle civil issues.

In our constant effort to do more with less, we are fully utilizing resources like the U.S. Marshal Fugitive Task Force to locate individuals wanted for violent crimes that have left the area. Several arrests in 2013 were the result of the collaboration with the U.S. Marshal Task Force; including a murder suspect arrested in New York; an armed robbery suspect located in Washington, D.C., and a Sex Offender wanted since 2005 who was arrested in New York. More details about the U.S. Marshal Service Fugitive Task Force are on page 10.

Community & Judicial Services



Captain James Green is a 25-year law enforcement veteran, 20 of those years serving as a supervisor. Green is responsible for the Community Services Unit and the Judicial Services division of the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office. For the past ten years, Green has served the people of Orangeburg County as a Field Services Deputy Sheriff, crime prevention and gang specialist, and supervisor of the school resource officers.

One of the primary responsibilities of Captain Green and the staff of the Community Services Unit is to attend and conduct trainings and workshops with communities and groups to ensure citizens and business owners have information to protect themselves, their families, and their property. Captain Green and his staff remain active across the county to foster an interactive and cooperative relationship with citizens. The School Resource Officers also play a dynamic role in the safety of students at on school grounds.

Green is a magna cum laude graduate of Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology/Criminal Justice Administration. He is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Public Administration from Strayer University.

Community Services Unit

COMMUNITY/JUDICIAL SERVICES

The Community Services Unit is designated to provide interactive, informative, and innovative presentations and programs for the students and citizens in Orangeburg County. School Resource Officers (SRO), D.A.R.E. Officers, and Crime Prevention Officers work across the county to provide invaluable safety tips, communicate the responsibilities of law enforcement, and raise awareness about the issues taking place in the county. The Community Services Unit raised funds with Cop-on-Top of Chick-fil-A on St. Matthews Road for the American Heart Association and the Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Team Tobin. Officers also worked in area restaurants to raise funds for the Special Olympics. Community Services Unit officers assisted Meals on Wheels with food and water delivery during the warm summer months.



Deputies speak with students during Red Ribbon Week activities at Whittaker Elementary School.



Deputies and members of the Boys and Girls Club.

CRIME PREVENTION OFFICERS travel the county and spend more hours in the community than in their offices. The primary responsibility of these Deputy Sheriffs is to serve as resources for individuals and groups on how to protect themselves, their families, and their property. These officers are available to do media interviews, conduct presentations, as well as complete onsite surveys for citizens and business owners about safety issues. Crime Prevention Officers evaluate the crime trends taking place in our county and provide information to the community through presentations, media releases, and events.



Safe Halloween activities at the Prince of Orange Mall.

In 2012, the Crime Prevention Officers and the Community Services Unit attended crime watch meetings; hosted the 2nd countywide National Night Out observance at the Prince of Orange Mall; conducted two Citizen's Academy classes. Four female officers were trained to conduct self-defense trainings for women. Crime Prevention Officers conducted programs for various schools and community groups on bullying, home security, and drugs and alcohol. The Crime Prevention Officer's position was eliminated due to a reduction in the Sheriff's Office budget in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Community Services Unit

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SROs)-

Currently 8 Deputy Sheriffs, who receive additional certification by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy as School Resource Officers, work in middle and high schools in Orangeburg Consolidated School District 3, Orangeburg Consolidated School District 4 and Orangeburg Consolidated School District 5. These men and women maintain safety on the school campus conducive to learning, develop curriculum and activities for their student populations to promote positive attitudes regarding the law enforcement role in society, and serve as a liaison with school personnel and students in a cooperative effort to prevent juvenile delinquency.

In June 2013, Deputy Cynnamon Morant, SRO at Lake Marion High School, was recognized as the 2013 School Resource Officer of the Year for the Low Country Region by the SC Association of School Resource Officers (SCASRO) during their annual conference. Capt. James Green and Deputy Stacy Loadholt were elected to offices on the SCASRO board. Green was elected to the position of 2nd Vice President and Loadholt served as the Low Country Representative.

In October 2013, Deputy Richard Polite, SRO at Bethune-Bowman Middle/High School, was elected to the SC Juvenile Officer Association Board to represent South Carolina. Deputy Stacy Loadholt a SRO at Hunter-Kinard-Tyler High School serves as Vice President of the Association.

D.A.R.E. The Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office offers the nine-week Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program to students to help them resist the pressures which may influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, and other drugs. During Red Ribbon Week, officers visit schools and talk to classes and entire schools about the importance of resisting drugs and alcohol. Deputy Rusty Williams is the Sheriff's Office D.A.R.E. officer and he is also active in the SC D.A.R.E. Association. In 2013, Williams was elected President of the SC D.A.R.E. Association. Deputy Crystal Quinones was elected Secretary and Sgt. Tommy Stroman was elected Low Country Representative.



Deputy Major Rene Williams, Lt. Dexter Ladson, SCASRO President Lt. Alyssa Bodison, SRO Cynnamon Morant, and Capt. James S. Green. Morant was awarded the 2013 SCASRO School Resource Officer of the Year Low Country region.



Deputy Richard Polite



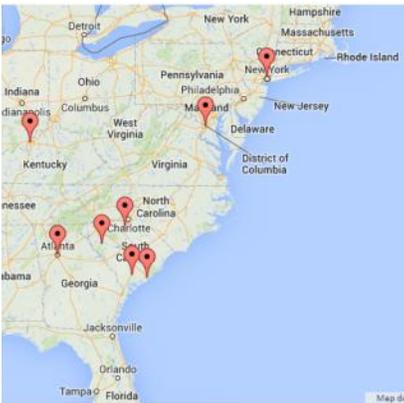
Deputy Rusty Williams was recognized for his work with the D.A.R.E. program. Deputy Crystal Quinones and Sgt. Tommy Stroman were elected the D.A.R.E. board.

Judicial Services

WARRANTS

The Warrants Division maintains all criminal warrants issued by the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office, fraudulent check warrants, and warrants issued by Family Court, Traffic Court, Magistrates Court, and General Sessions Court. The Warrants Division not only stores hard copies of the warrants but must also maintain the most current status of warrants through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database. The Warrants Division also locates individuals that are wanted for crimes in Orangeburg County as well as assisting other agencies in locating individuals wanted for crimes in other counties.

In 2013, the Warrants Division received 2,862 and served 2,595 warrants. Twelve individuals were arrested by the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force for crimes committed in Orangeburg County. One individual was arrested on an outstanding warrant from 2005 for failure to register as a sex offender.



Atlanta, GA	CSC 1st & Armed Robbery
Charleston, SC - 4	CSC 3rd; Armed Robbery; CDVHAN; CSC 3rd
Greenwood, SC	Assault and Battery 1st Degree
Louisville, KY	Engaging a child under 18 for sex performance & Unlawful Neglect To A Child
Newark, NJ	CSC 1st and 2nd & Engaging a child under 18 for sex performance
New York	Failing to Register as a Sex Offender.
Rock Hill, SC	(2) Attempted Murder, Armed Robbery, & Burglary 1st
Walterboro, SC	Attempted Murder
Washington, DC	Armed Robbery & Possession of a Weapon during the commission of a Violent Crime

CIVIL

The Civil Division receives all lawsuits or filings between individuals as well as between individuals and companies that are not criminal. Officers in this division process evictions, supervise the pick up and return of property by court order, and collect payments from individuals based on court ordered cases. In 2013, the Civil Division served 4,933 papers and received 2,015 papers.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

A responsibility of OCSO is to provide security at the Orangeburg County Courthouse on Docket Street because the courthouse is located in the city there is shared jurisdiction of this building with the Department of Public Safety. All guests must pass through a metal detector and bags are searched before entry. This security measure reduces the number of unlawful carrying of a weapon into a courtroom. Officers assigned to the courthouse remove disruptive persons as well as make arrests on warrants and as directed by the judges. There were no major incidents at the Courthouse in 2013.

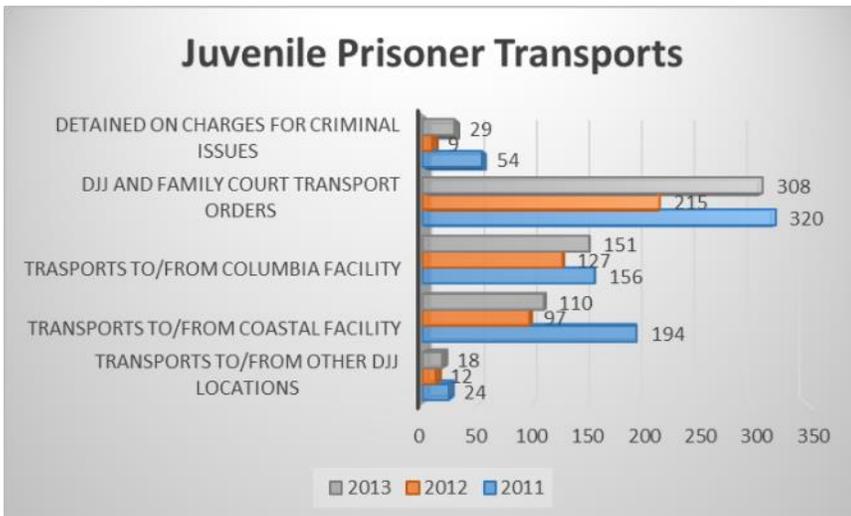
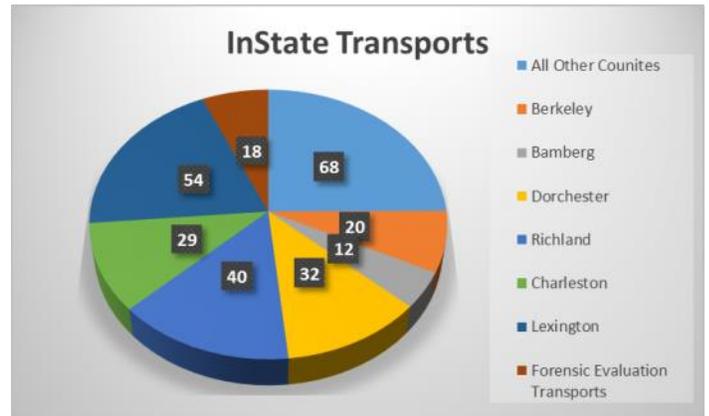
Judicial Services

TRANSPORT

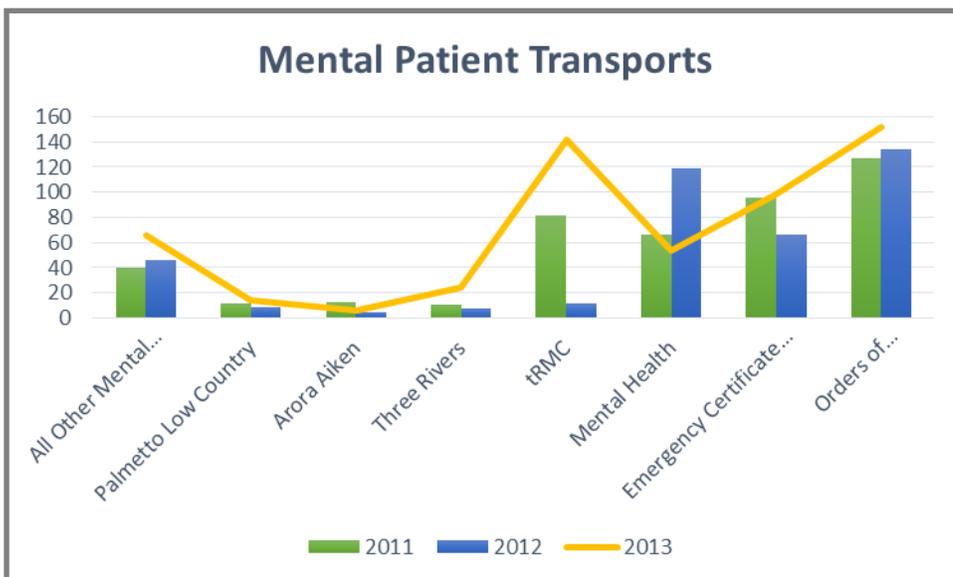
Deputy Sheriffs assigned to the Transport Unit provide transportation to individuals for forensic interviews, to inmates and juveniles for court appearances, and to prisoners who have fled to other states to escape prosecution.

The total number of transports made in 2013 was 1,445; in 2012 officers recorded 909 trips; and in 2011 that number was 1,050. The Sheriff's Office has undergone a significant effort to coordinate transports to other counties.

In 2013, officers working with this unit made 273 trips to transport individuals between in-state detention centers and jails.



Juveniles who are being detained for criminal or family court charges are transported by the OCSO. Offices made 748 trips were made to transport juveniles in 2013. In 2012, 659 trips were made and in 2011 748 trips were recorded.



The Sheriff's Office is mandated to provide transportation for court ordered evaluations. Officers made 556 trips in 2013 to transport mental patients based on court orders. In 2012, officers reported 399 trips and in 2011, 446 trips were made.

Victims' Services Unit



As the Director of Victims' Services, Chandra C. McPherson is responsible for implementing programs and activities into the community highlighting the services offered by the Victims' Services Unit. She assists in the training of advocates and law enforcement on meeting the needs of crime victims throughout the county. McPherson returns to the Sheriff's Office after holding positions with the State Office of Victim Assistance (SOVA) and the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

McPherson is a graduate of the first South Carolina Victim Assistance Academy. She is a member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Victim Advocate Association and in 2006 became a certified Crisis Responder by the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). She has also been

certificated as a victim service provider by South Carolina's Office of Victim Services Education and Certification.

The Victims' Services Unit responds and services the needs of victims of Orangeburg County. Director Chandra C. McPherson and 3 full-time Victims' Advocates serve as liaisons between the State (or the court system) and the victim, they help the victim with different aspects of the court system and they are there to give support to the victim and families at crime scenes or at the hospital. Advocates are certified to provide services by the Office of Victim Services Education and Certification. They are knowledgeable about all statutes pertaining to victims rights and ensure that those rights are being carried out by the Sheriff's Office. Victims' Advocates also help the victim with obtaining reimbursement for allowable expenses.

Advocates are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to respond to incident locations to support victims. Advocates provide support and guidance to victims during bond hearings, preliminary hearings and criminal domestic violence court cases.

In 2013, more than 5,378 were served by the Victims Services Unit. Advocates attended 285 bond hearings, 178 preliminary hearings, and 215 trials.

The Victims' Services Unit can be contacted at (803) 533-5944 during business hours and at (803) 534-3550 overnight and on weekends.



Wreath Laying Ceremony after Domestic Violence Awareness Month Press Conference.

Victims' Services Unit

- * Conducted workshops at the collegiate and high school level providing key information for students at Claflin University, South Carolina State University, North Charleston High School and Orangeburg Wilkinson High School on teen dating violence.
- * Conducted trainings and provided training material for local civic organizations and churches to include Fairview AME Church, Edisto United Methodist Church, Life Cathedral Ministries, Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
- * The Victims Services Division graduated the first Junior Volunteer Victims' Services Unit in the history of South Carolina. Seven young ladies from The Technology Center, representing Orangeburg and Calhoun County were trained under the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office to include classroom instruction and service hours. These young ladies were certified by the Governor's Office – Office of Victim Services Education and Certification.
- * A Candle Light Vigil was held during Victims' Rights Week to visibly signify support for the rights of victims.
- * The Victims' Services Division conducted a press conference at the start of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Courtney Scipio told about her mother, Anngenetta Glover, who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend while her children watched in Eutawville.
- * Olga Phoenix, of the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, conducted a workshop on Healing for Social Change: Your Wellness Plan and Secondary Trauma Prevention at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. Advocate Thais Britt coordinated the training.
- * Two billboards were erected during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Victim Lynette Glover's story was highlighted.
- * The Victims' Services Unit maintained a contractual agreement with the Town of Rowesville and Holly Hill to supply victim services to the residents of that town.
- * The Victims' Services Unit hosted a luncheon allowing local advocates to meet and exchange information that would assist in coordinated services to crime victims across the county. The Governor's Office Outreach Advocate and personnel from CASA Family Systems attended.
- * Mayors across the county issued proclamations recognizing National Crime Victims Rights Week.
- * The Victims' Services collaborated with local restaurants across the County to have awareness table tents displayed on their tables for patrons to read while dining with tips regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



Junior Advocates during the Crime Victims Rights Week Candlelight Vigil.



The first Junior Advocates certified to provide direct services to victims.



Olga Phoenix of the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence conducts workshop.

Grants

- * The Victims' Services Unit was awarded funding for an Outreach Advocate to develop an initiative for our Hispanic population and coordinate the services for the Volunteer Victim Services Unit. This funding was provided through the award of Grant 1W14013 in the amount of \$43,800.

Records Division

The Records Division is a primary point of contact when you visit the Law Enforcement Complex. They are responsible for managing incoming calls to the complex through our switchboard as well as the accountability and housing of all incident reports for the agency.

Incident Reports

There is no charge for a victim or complainant to receive the first copy of their incident report. An additional copy may be requested, for a \$2 fee.

A technology grant made possible by Congressman Joe Wilson in 2010 allowed the Sheriff's Office to purchase mobile units for officers to input incident reports and to look up criminal statutes. The grant also made possible 4 temporary clerks to input incident reports from November 2009 to 2014. In total the clerks entered 37,691 incident reports and 6,210 supplemental reports over a two year period.

As a result of the implementation of Mobile Data units, the Records Division no longer has to manually input incident reports generated by officers of the Field Services Division. Incident Reports generated by Investigations, School Resource Officers and Warrants are still input by Records Division Clerks. In 2013, more than 12,000 incident reports were completed.

The Desk Sergeant is available from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays to take incident reports where a visible inspection of property damage is not necessary and there is no evidence to collect.

Incident reports are then submitted monthly to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to be published in the annual crime book. SLED requires specific information about the incidents including: the date and time the incident took place; the type of offense; age, race, ethnicity, sex of victims as well as relationship to offender; suspects; weapons used; type of property and its value; and if narcotics were involved or seized.

FOIA

A Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request must be completed for anyone except the victim or complainant to receive a copy of an incident report. This request must be evaluated to determine 1) if the information being requested can be released, 2) if any information needs to be redacted, or 3) if the requester has a financial motive in requesting the report. The Sheriff's Office has 14 days to contact the person requesting the incident report to provide information on the status of the request. There is a \$5 fee per report for this service.

Expungement

The Records Division, upon receipt, coordinates the processing of Expungement Orders from the First Circuit Solicitor's Office and the Central Region Magistrates' Office. An expungement is the removal of an arrest or conviction from a criminal record.

Fingerprints

Anyone needing fingerprinting can visit the Ellis Avenue Complex on Wednesdays between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. and we will be able to accommodate this request. Fingerprint requests are usually needed for employment purposes. There is a \$5 fee for this service.

Background Checks

Background checks, **for Orangeburg County only**, are done daily. There is a \$5 fee for this service.

Criminal History Challenge

If you find inaccurate information on your criminal history, you have the right to challenge that information. This agency can only update information pertaining to arrests by the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office.

Communications Center

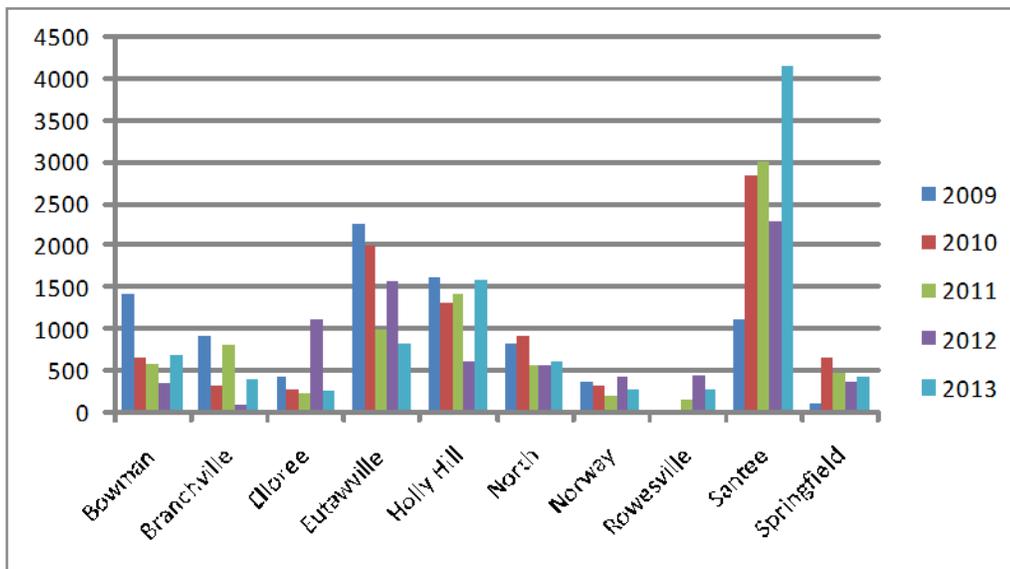
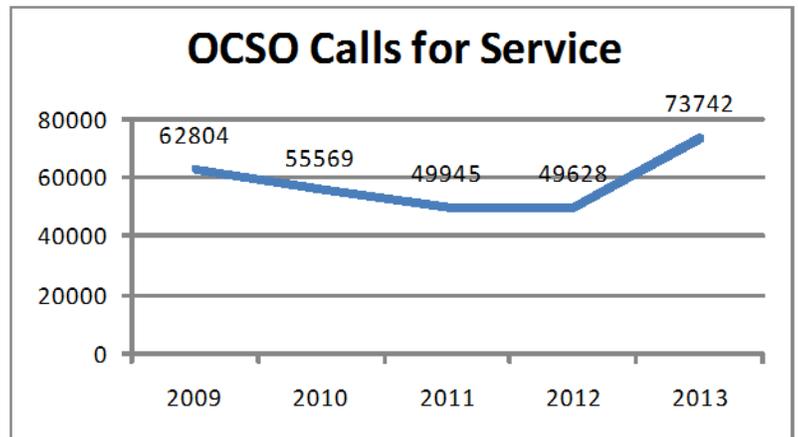


Shirley Thompson was promoted to the Supervisor of the Sheriff's Office Communications Center in 2011. She has been with the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office since 2001 and has been in a supervisory position for the past six years. Thompson came to the Sheriff's Office after working 12 years with the New York City Police Department Traffic Division Internal Affairs Division. Thompson has obtained certifications in Verbal Judo and Techniques, John E. Reid Certification in Investigations, and as a NCIC Instructor. She is a member of the Association for Public-Safety Communications Officials.

Thompson is pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice Administration at Claflin University.

Deputy Sheriffs are directed to calls by a Communications Specialist, often called a dispatcher, in our Communications Center. Each Communications Specialist works a rotating 12-hour shift. The Communications Center is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer calls not only for the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office but also the police departments of Bowman, Branchville, Eutawville, Elloree, Holly Hill, North, Norway, Rowesville, Santee, and Springfield.

Total Call Volume for the OCSO and local municipalities over the past five years:
 2009 - 71,951; 2010 - 65,022; 2011 - 58,504, and 2012 - 57,543, 2013 - 83,336.



Media Relations



Deputy Keisa Gunby is the Media Director for the Sheriff's Office and her primary responsibility is to utilize all available media to communicate with the stakeholders of the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office.

Gunby is a graduate of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. She holds a Bachelors of Arts in Journalism from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, and a Masters in Journalism from the University of Memphis, Memphis, TN.

Her previous experience in television and radio news enable the Sheriff's Office to deliver solid and timely stories.

Gunby is an International Crime Prevention Specialist through the International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners, Inc. and a member of the Palmetto Alliance of Public Information Officers. She has obtained Advanced Public Information Officer certification and Basic Instructor Certification through the Federal Emergency Management Agency Emergency Management Institute.

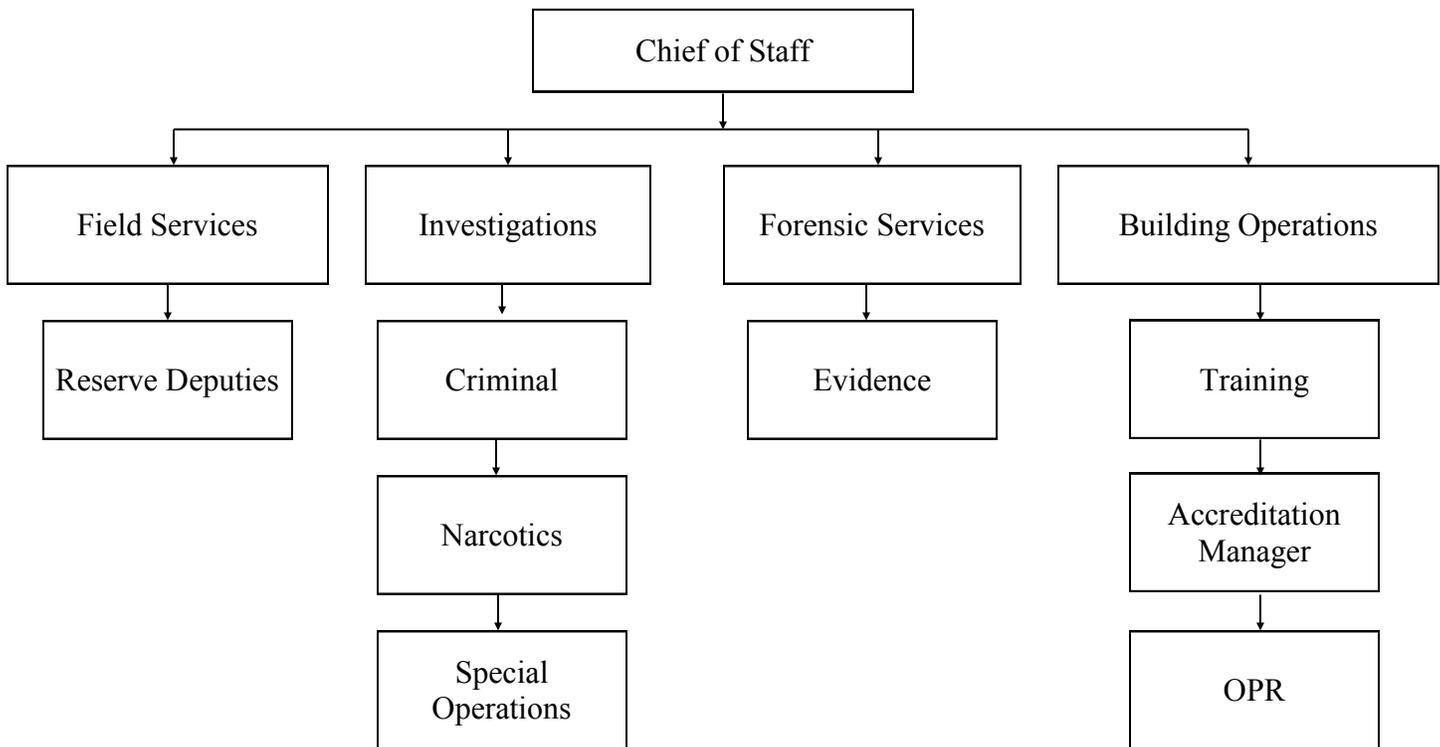
The Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office actively engages the media in investigations and promotes the operations of the agency. It is vital to the survival of this agency that accurate, reliable, and appropriate information is disseminated to the media and in turn to the citizens, business owners, and visitors of this county.

The Sheriff's Office utilizes an internet site and social media pages to inform citizens on the operation and events of the Sheriff's Office. 20,269 people visited the Sheriff's Office website in 2012 at www.orangeburgcounty.org/ocso. The Facebook page can be located at www.facebook.com/OrangeburgCountySheriffsOffice.

Both the website and the Facebook site have proved invaluable in our investigations and promotion of Sheriff's Office sponsored programs and events.



Enforcement Divisions



As of December 31, 2013, there were 77 employees assigned to the Enforcement Divisions of the Sheriff's Office. The units in the Enforcement Division represent the largest number of sworn officers. These units are under the direct supervision of Chief of Staff Kenny Kinsey.

Field Services



Captain La'cra Jenkins is responsible for the Field Services (patrol) division, the Desk Sergeant, and the Reserve Deputy Sheriffs. Jenkins is a 13-year veteran with all of his service being rendered as a Deputy Sheriff of the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office.

Jenkins has been promoted through the ranks because of his commitment to law enforcement. Over his career, he has been involved in numerous narcotic cases as well as being first on the scene in some high profile cases.

He is certified as a basic instructor by the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

Jenkins earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from South Carolina State University.

Field Services

The Field Services Division is commonly referred to as our patrol division. These men and women are under the direction of Capt. La’cra Jenkins and are the initial responders to a citizen’s calls for service. The primary responsibility for these Deputy Sheriffs is to ensure the safety and security of citizens, visitors, and business owners. In addition to responding to calls and conducting some criminal investigations, Field Services Deputy Sheriffs also work proactively by ensuring safety on the roads, monitoring neighborhoods and communities for criminal activity, and developing relationships with the residents in their patrol region.



Deputies sharing safety tips with citizens at local store.

Field Services Accomplishments in 2013

- * Lt. Randy Culler received the Medal of Merit from the National Sheriffs’ Association for his overall service to the agency.
- * A Shift of the Month program was initiated to acknowledge the shift that performed to at the highest level each month.
- * Participated in the security detail for Elloree Trials and each county holiday parade
- * Provided additional security at Orangeburg Preparatory Academy, Husqvarna, and Piggly Wiggly

In 2013, the Field Services Division conducted 549,048 property checks, made 915 arrests, and responded to 40,472 calls for service. There are times when Deputy Sheriffs respond to a call for service by a citizen and an incident report is not generated.

Incidents when a report may not be taken:	
Assist Motorist	Special Assignment
Alarm	Animal Complaints
Suspicious Person	Funeral Escorts
Civil Dispute	Loud music or noise
Property Checks	911 Hang Up calls (when Accidental)
Suspicious Vehicle (with no description)	Shots Fired (with no complainant)
Assisting Another Agency (such as traffic stops, warrant pickups)	Drug Activity (this could be information about a property in a drug area)
Welfare Checks (when contact is made with the individual)	

Reserve Deputy Sheriffs

Reserve Deputies are volunteers that work a minimum of 20 hours each month by responding to calls for service, working special events, and assisting the agency in providing certified manpower. Reserve Deputies must successfully complete 12 hours of in-service training annually. In-service training will count towards their total monthly duty hours. Reservists must meet the same firearm qualification requirements as full-time Deputy Sheriffs. Three new Reserve Deputy Sheriffs completed training and have begun serving the citizens of Orangeburg County.

Investigations



Commander Ronda R. Bamberg oversees all investigative units at the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office. She began serving the citizens of Orangeburg County in 2000 with 16 years of military, municipality, and county law enforcement experience.

Commander Bamberg has supervised, assisted in, or was the lead investigator in more than 100 homicide cases. Her investigative experience also includes participation on a multi-jurisdictional violent crimes task force assigned to arrest and prosecute numerous upper level narcotic traffickers and drug kingpins. Commander Bamberg is a graduate of the LECC Narcotics Commander School and she is a certified Hostage Negotiator.

Criminal Investigators review all incident reports generated by the Field Services Division and the Desk Sergeant for follow-up investigations. A determining factor in the assignment of cases is if the charge will result in a felony and if the minimum sentence is more than a year in state prison.

Criminal Investigators are worked 1,659 cases and made 279 arrests. Two homicide investigations were conducted and charges were brought against brothers for the death of a local businessman. In the second homicide, our investigation indicated the deceased broke into a home and the homeowner fatally shot him while defending himself and his property.

In 2013, investigators arrested two employees of a local funeral home for embezzling more than \$200,000.

The Sheriff's Office issued 3,274 Nonferrous Metal Permits in 2013. These permits allow Orangeburg County residents to transport metal without penalty or the possibility of being arrested. The permits are part of the legislation making it harder for copper thieves to steal metal and sell it without proper documentation.



Liquor stills located in Orangeburg County.



Sheriff Ravenell and Commander Ronda Bamberg review seized evidence.

Narcotics

Narcotics Investigators are tasked with removing illegal drugs from the streets of Orangeburg County and preventing the other crimes that are associated with drug activity. Investigators use a multitude of proactive and reactive techniques to accomplish this goal.

In 2013, narcotic investigations resulted in the following total seizures:

Cash	\$2,147.00
Marijuana	445,029 grams
Methamphetamine	4 grams
Cocaine	49.29 grams
Crack Cocaine	37.7 grams
Hydrocodone pills	21.5 grams



Special Operations

Lt. Phillip Furtick supervises the Special Operations Unit.

The Special Operations Unit is comprised of K9, Gang Investigations, and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT).

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Investigators assigned to this unit conduct a variety of services for the Sheriff's Office. The responsibilities of the Special Operations Unit are inclusive of surveillance, critical incident response, prisoner transport, and investigations.

K9

The K9 Unit comprises the bloodhounds, narcotics, and patrol dogs. The handlers and canines train weekly to ensure the dogs maintain their sensory perceptiveness. K9 units and bloodhounds are regularly deployed to perform tracks, narcotic and school searches, to assist with search warrants, crowd control, building clearing and article searches. In 2013, K9 units were deployed 172 times and 16 times they were used in county schools to search for narcotics. K9 and handlers were asked to assist with tracks, narcotics and school searches a total of 27 times.



The K9 units are not only used for law enforcement purposes, but they are also called to perform demonstrations. In 2013, units performed 21 demonstrations including the Celebrate Freedom Foundation—Orangeburg County Project SOaR at Bethune-Bowman Middle/High School.



K9 units attend certifications and training seminars. All K9s attended certification in 2013 and two handlers attended a conference in Spartanburg County.

Equipment was purchased and donated to assist the unit in the tracking and training operations. The list of equipment includes: 2 hand held GPS tracking units, a kennel for a vehicle, 2 apprehension sleeves, tracking harnesses, leads, an apprehension suit, and other decoy equipment.

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT)

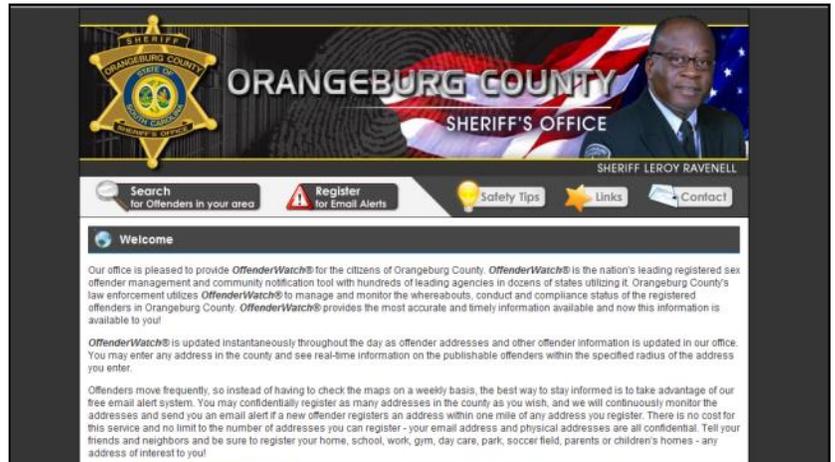
Officers must go through an extensive physical agility, tactical skills, and oral interview process to be selected to serve on the Special Weapons and Tactics team. SWAT team members respond to critical incidents where specialized training and skills are required.

Sex Offender Registry

As of December 31, 2012, the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining a registry of 142 offenders.

Sex Offenders are required to come into our offices twice each year and pay a fee of \$150 annually. Pedophiles are required to come in every 90 days.

The Sheriff's Office must always know a Sex Offender's residence, employer, property holdings throughout the entire state, and vehicle registrations. Depending on a Sex Offender's employer, we will notify colleges, universities, and schools, that an offender will be accessing their campus.



We publish a listing of offenders through the Sex Offender Website www.sheriffalerts.com and also send letters to schools, day care centers, and media for them to be aware of who is in their area.

April 8-10, 2013, compliance checks were conducted with the assistance of officers in various divisions of the Sheriff's Office to verify the location of all registered sex offenders. Several offenders were arrested due to the spring compliance including one in-state Walter Lee Myers and one out-of-state Joseph Jones.

Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver provides timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, and other related conditions or disorders. This program was launched by the Orangeburg Pilot Club and they continue to promote the value of the program. There is no fee to have your loved one monitored on the program.

Project Lifesaver is now under the direction of Investigations and Victims' Services. Lt. Phillip Furtick serves as the Msater Administrator and Sandra Shuler serves as Administrative Assistant.

Persons on the program must have a caregiver and live in Orangeburg County.



Building Operations



A 17 year law enforcement veteran, Inspector Ketcherside oversees the operations of all Sheriff's Office facilities, the impound lot, as well as maintaining records of Workman's Compensation and safety issues of the agency. Additionally she serves as the agency's quartermaster, responsible for maintaining the operation of the fleet and supplies. She directly supervises the training division.

Ketcherside has been with the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office for 13 years. She has served as a field service deputy, victims advocate, investigator, and the agency's first Regional Lieutenant.

She holds an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice.

Impound Lot - Vehicles that are towed, recovered, or seized by the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office are stored in the impound lot. Inspector Ketcherside is responsible for determining if the vehicles have cloned or altered identification numbers.

Quartermaster - The Quartermaster is responsible for ensuring all Sheriff's Office vehicles, units, and equipment are maintained according to county, state, and federal standards. The Quartermaster also responds to critical incidents with the appropriate equipment and personnel.

Building Operations - The Sheriff's Office has offices on Ellis Avenue, Chestnut Square, the Prince of Orange Mall, the Santee Outlets, Vance Town Hall, Neeses Town Hall, and the Turnkey Apartments in Branchville.

Fleet - The Sheriff's Office fleet consists of marked and unmarked vehicles, sport utility vehicles, and pick up trucks. The Sheriff's Office utilizes all-terrain vehicles and golf carts for special events and to access remote locations.

Training



Lieutenant Dannie Thomas is Lieutenant of Training and the Commander of the Special Weapons and Tactics team. Thomas has 14 years law enforcement experience and he has served 9 years with the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office. Thomas previously served the OCSO in the Field Services Division as a shift lieutenant.

He has previously served his country in the United States Navy and as a member of the South Carolina Army National Guard.

He is certified as a police sniper by the Florida SWAT Association and has been certified in more than a dozen trainings directly related to SWAT deployments. Thomas holds several instructor certifications in firearms and weapons. He is also a Fire Instructor at the SC Fire Academy and a certified firefighter.

The Lieutenant of Training searches for training opportunities for all staff to increase the skill sets and the knowledge base of the agency. With limited funds in the general budget for training and fees being charged for classes at the SC Criminal Justice Academy, Thomas has to utilize a network of instructional providers to locate free or low cost training programs. In keeping with Sheriff Ravenell's goal to instill life long learning throughout the agency, the training division stays abreast of the best practices in the criminal justice industry to ensure this agency is on the cutting edge of law enforcement technology and techniques.



Vehicle Operations Training at the SC Criminal Justice Academy.

In the 2013 in-service training cycle, Deputy Sheriffs were introduced to a timed driving course. The course was set up with the same parameters as the SC Criminal Justice Academy Driver's Course for cadets. Annually officers complete an in-house 40 hour in-service training. The weeklong in-service training began in 2011 and continues to provide all sworn officers with consistent training on new skills and refresher training on those learned at the SC Criminal Justice Academy.



Firearms Training

Deputy Sheriffs were issued TASERS after successful completion of a training class and having the course instructor deploy the TASER on the officer. TASERS are an additional option for

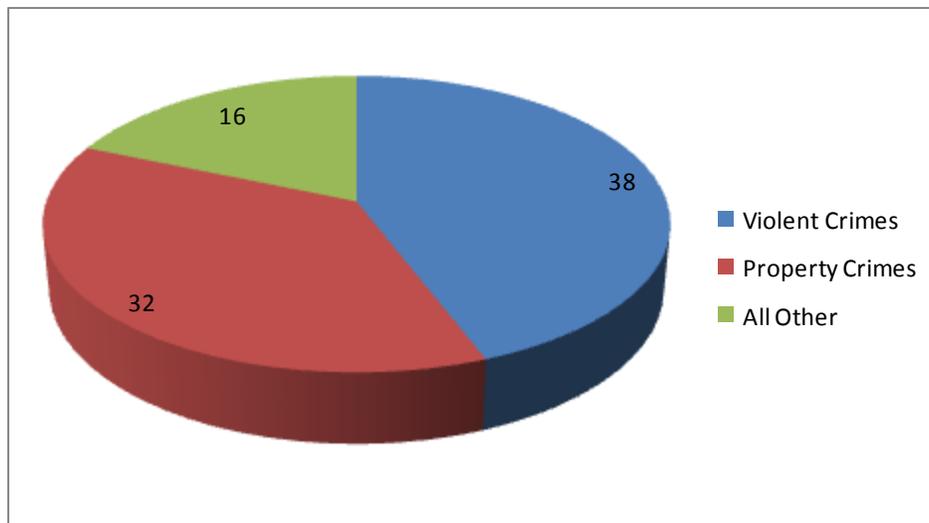


TASER® training

Forensic Services

The OCSO Forensic Lab was created in the Law Enforcement Complex in 2011. The Forensic Lab provides Investigators and Deputy Sheriffs with the tools that are required to identify, document, collect, and process physical evidence in a timely and efficient manner. The facility makes the agency self-sufficient and less reliant on other facilities to process our physical evidence, which increases our productivity and quality control.

The Forensic Investigators are led by Lt. Gerald Carter, and they have the resources to be proficient in all disciplines of crime scene investigations and evidence processing, including but not limited to latent print examination and identification, tire track and footwear examination and identification, trace evidence collection, bloodstain pattern analysis, marijuana analysis, forensic photography, and chemical enhancement.



Forensic Investigators responded to 86 scenes in 2013.

Violent Crime	Murder, Attempted Murder, Suicide, Assault & Battery—Second , CDV, Burglary, Shooting Incidents (with or without injury), Armed Robbery, and Arson (with special circumstances).
Property Crimes	Burglary, Larceny (including metal theft), Strong Arm Robbery (no weapon/no injuries), Malicious Injury/Vandalism, Forgery/Counterfeiting, Non-arson fire investigations, and Arson.
All Other Crimes	Natural/Accidental Death, Drug Related, Investigative Search Warrants, CDV, Assault & Battery, etc.

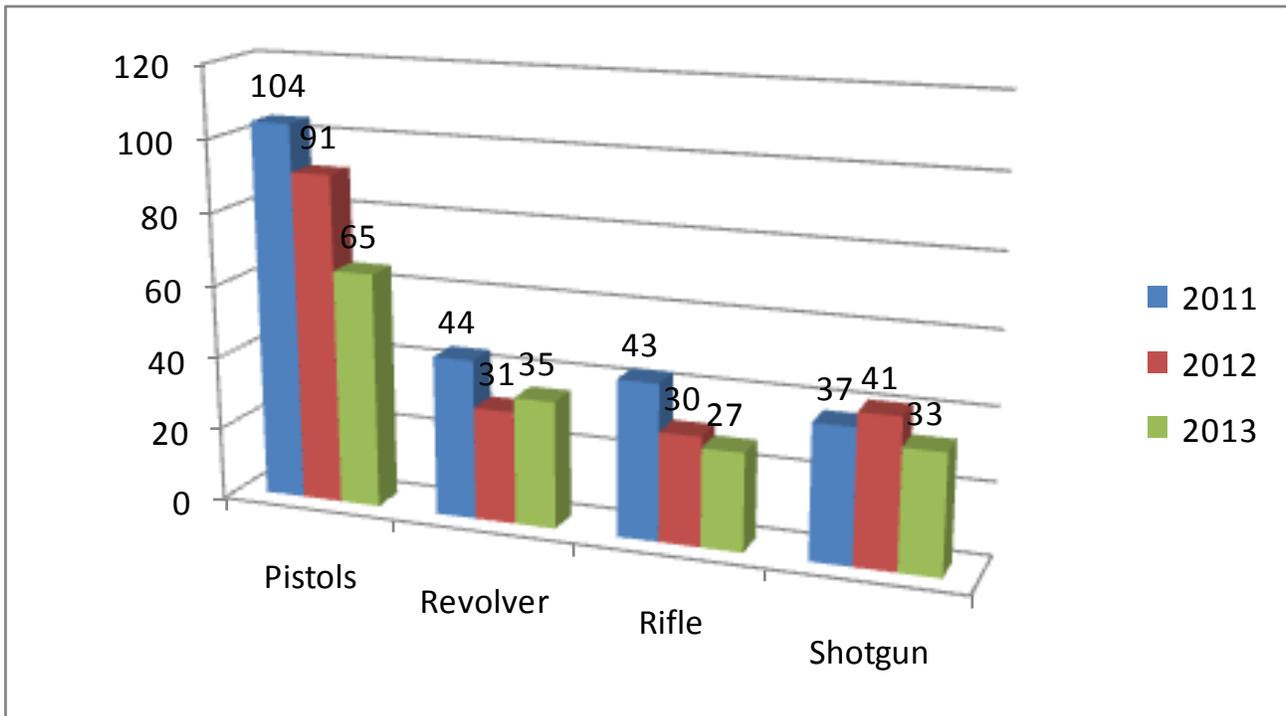
Evidence

Evidence collected during an investigation or as a result of a seizure is maintained under guidelines set forth by (agency). The length of time the evidence is maintained is based on the type of court case.

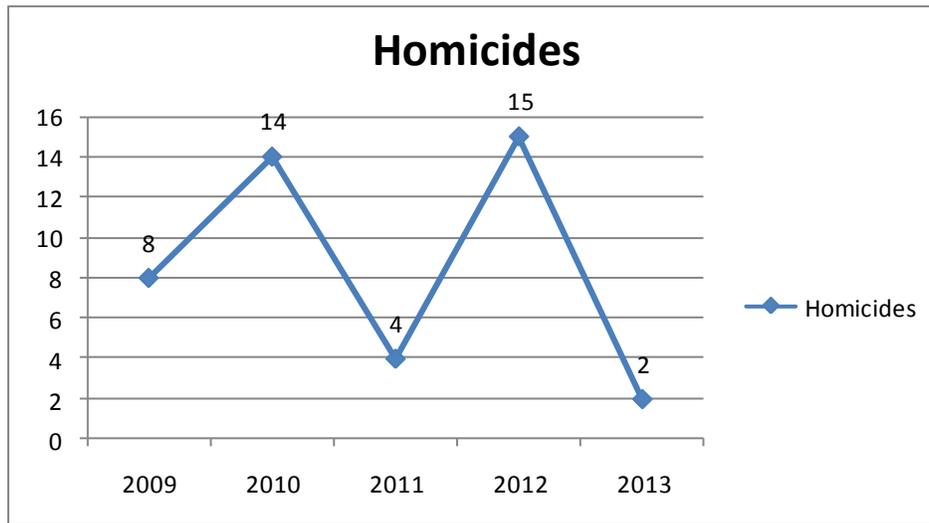
In 2013, 160 weapons were seized.

Often we are able to locate property and return it to the rightful owner. Also we are able to return property seized during an investigation to the lawful owner. In 2012, 224 items were returned.

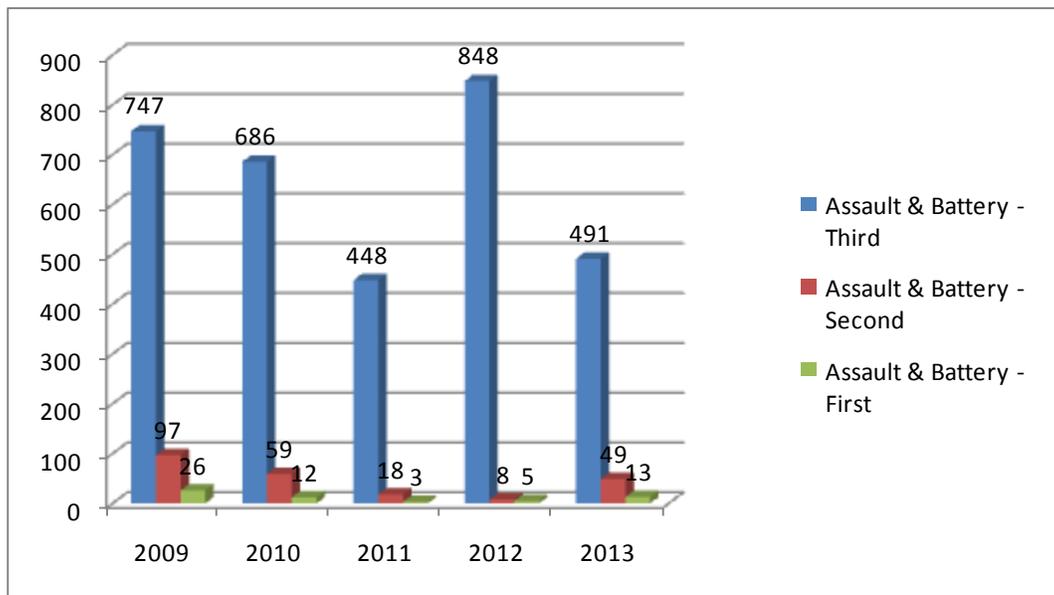
In 2013, officers collected evidence in 215 narcotics cases.



2013 Crime Statistics Violent Crimes



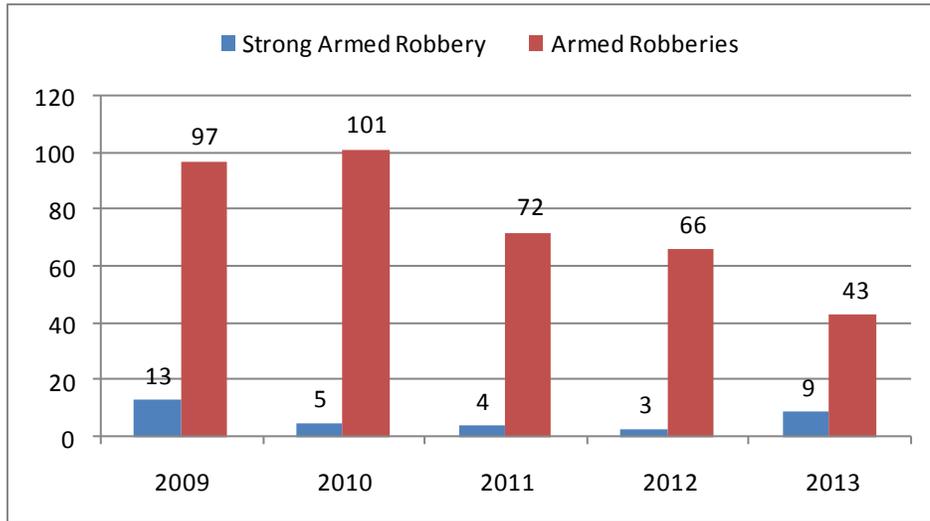
In 2013, there were 2 homicide investigations. In one investigation, the deceased person was breaking into someone's house and charges were not filed based on the Castle Doctrine. In the second investigation, two brothers were charged in the murder of a local businessman.



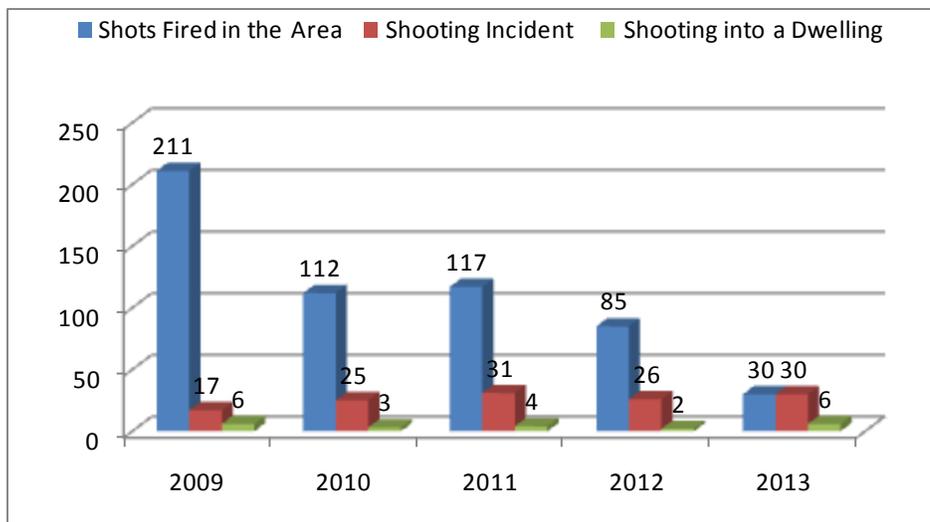
The charge of Assault and Battery has three levels:

1. Third - is the lesser charge, it is for contact where the person had the ability to injure another and committed and act to cause an injury. There was a 42.1% decrease in calls for service in this incident type.
2. Second - is when there is moderate bodily injury or the nonconsensual touching of a person above or under clothing. There was a 512.5% increase in the number of reported cases of Assault and Battery - Second Degree incidents.
3. First - is the most violent. It is for injuries to a person during a robbery, kidnapping, or theft OR injury that is likely to cause death or great bodily injury OR nonconsensual touching with lewd and lascivious intent. There was a 160% increase in number of reported Assault and Battery - First Degree incidents.

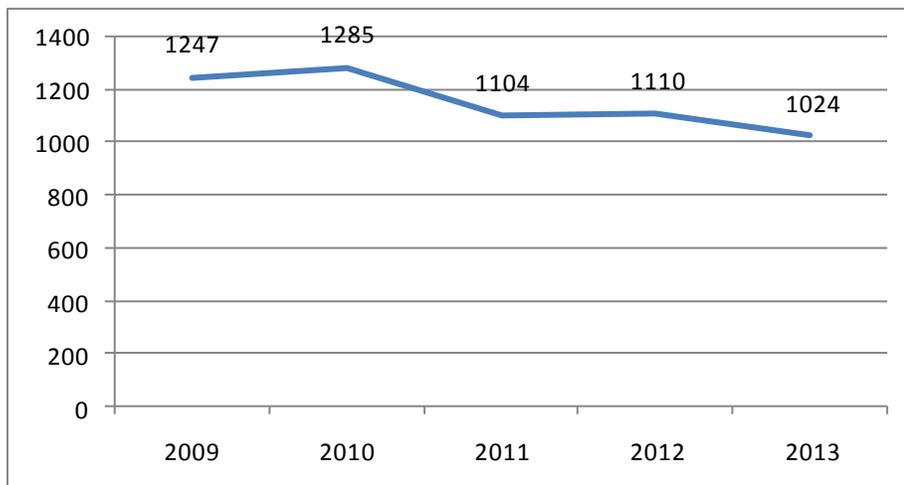
2013 Crime Statistics Violent Crimes



35% decrease in armed robberies.
There was a 200% increase in strong armed robberies from 3 in 2012 to 9 in 2013.



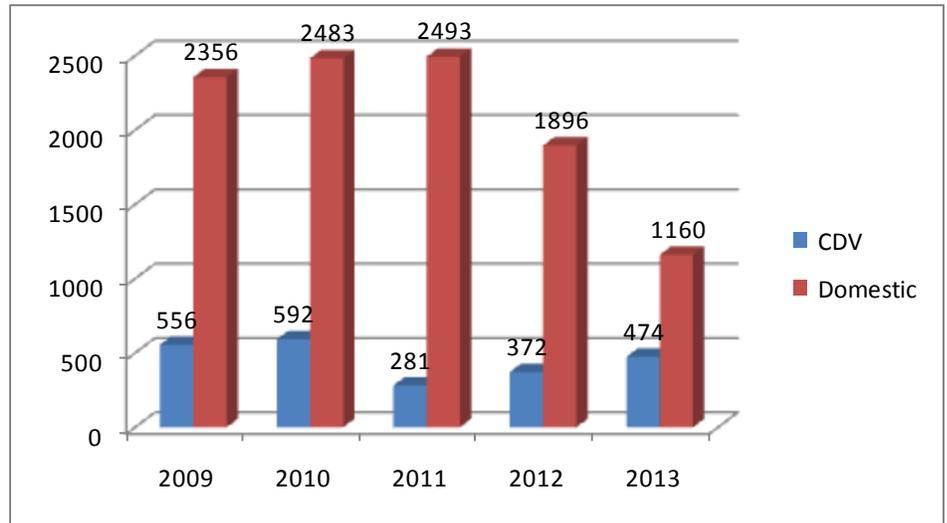
Reports of a shooting incident are up 15.3%. The number of citizen's calls to investigate a shooting incident are averaging between 25-31 annually. **The number of investigations of shots fired into a dwelling are up 200% from 2 in 2012 to 6 in 2013.** **Calls concerning shots fired in the area are down 64.7% from 85 in 2012 to 30 in 2013.**



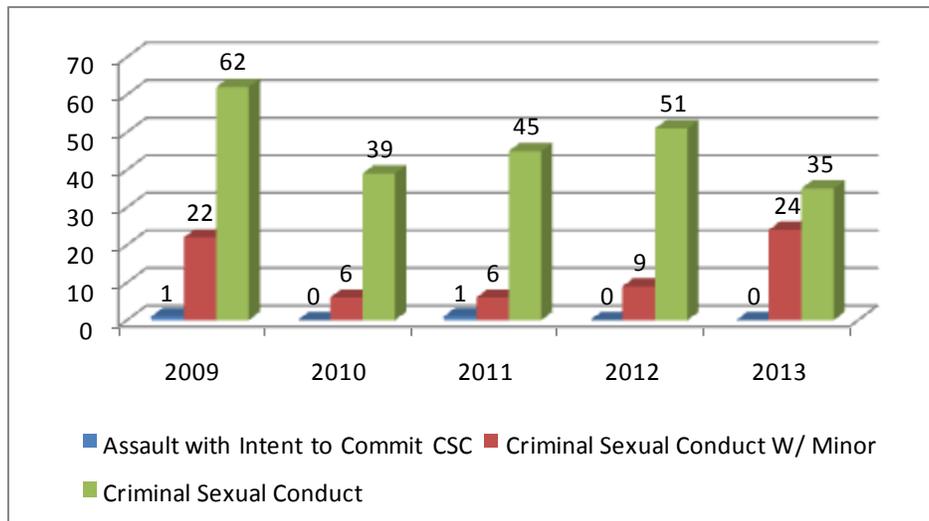
Malicious Injury to Property prohibits a person to willfully and maliciously cut, shoot, maim, wound, or otherwise injure or destroy an animal, or any other kind, class, article, or description of personal property, or the goods and chattels of another. The value of the property or the property loss can not be greater than two thousand dollars. **There was a 7.7% decrease from 2012.**

2013 Crime Statistics Violent Crimes

The second most reported incident to the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office is a domestic disturbance. An incident is categorized as a domestic if the persons engaged in the dispute are married, live together, or have a child in common. **There was a 39% decrease in the number of calls for service with the incident being a domestic.** Although the numbers are favorable, the various units of the Sheriff's Office are still working diligently to reduce this statistic.



There was a 27% increase in the number of Criminal Domestic Violence (CDV) calls. CDV occurs when there is a threat, attempt, or physical harm is caused.



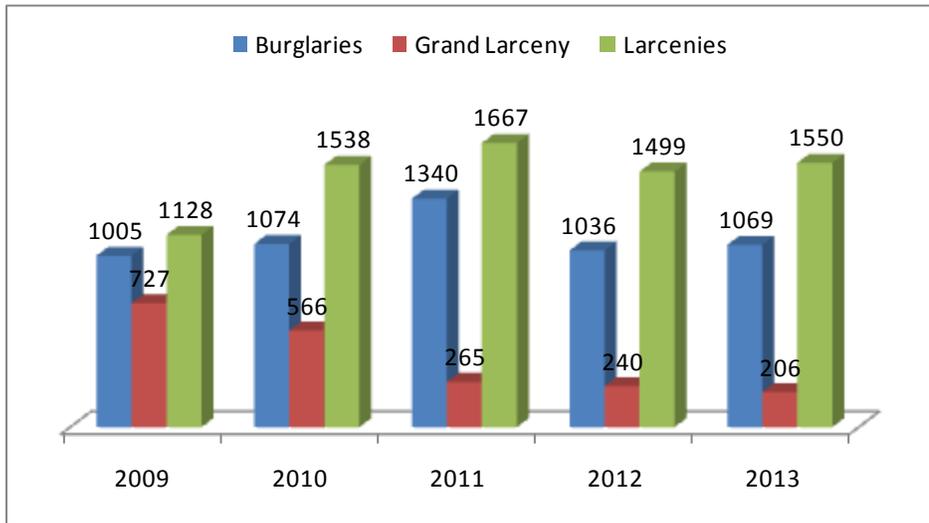
Criminal Sexual Conduct is charged if a suspect engages in sexual battery of the victim and uses force, causes the victim to be drugged to engage in the act, or uses threats and other criminal activity to force the victim to comply. **There was a 31% decrease in CSC reported from 2012 to 2013.**

Criminal Sexual Conduct With A Minor is charged when the victim is less than 16-years-old and the suspect has been convicted, is on the sex offender registry, or is a caregiver of the victim. **There was a 166% increase in cases of criminal sexual conduct with a minor. There were 9 cases in 2012 and 24 reported cases in 2013.**

Assault with Intent to Commit CSC is charged even if the sexual act does not take place. **There were no reported cases in 2013.**

2013 Crime Statistics

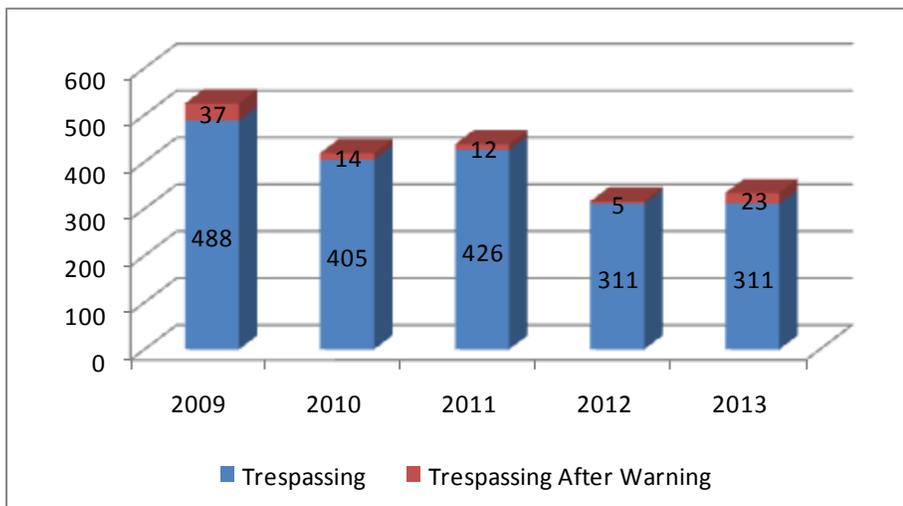
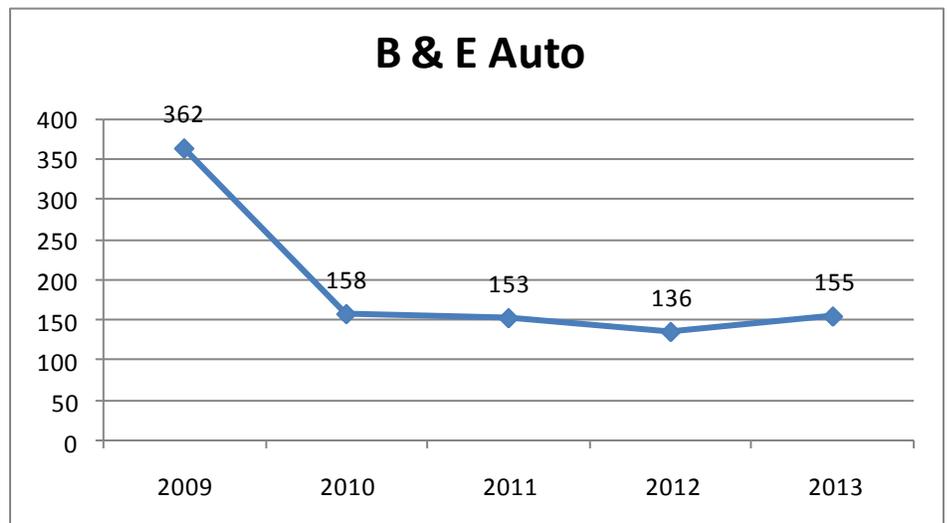
Property Crimes



A burglary is entering the living quarters of a building without consent and with intent to commit a crime. Grand larceny is the theft of property totaling more than \$2,000 and is a felony. Petit Larceny is the theft of property totaling less than \$2,000 and these cases are heard in Magistrate's Court.

Property Crimes have had mixed results in 2012. Burglaries are up 3.2%. Larcenies are up 3.4%. Grand Larcenies are down 14.1%.

The number of cases of Breaking and Entering into Automobiles increased 14% from 2012.

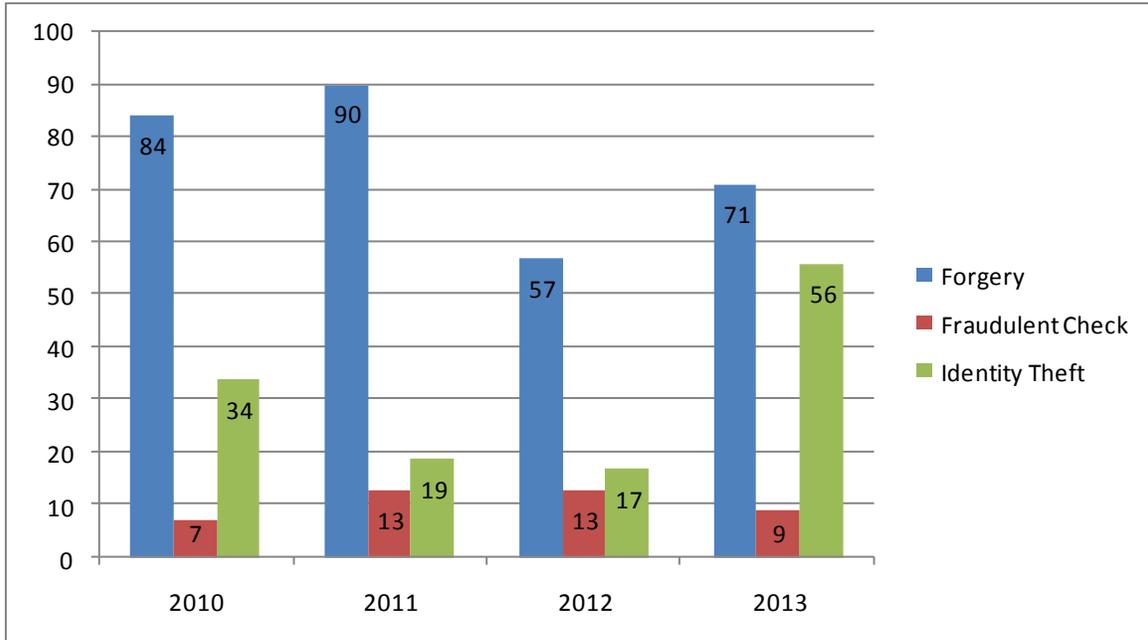


Entry onto a property or enclosed space that belongs to another is considered Trespass. Trespass after warning occurs when the property owner or tenant has indicated an individual may not return to the property.

Calls for service for both incident types are down from 2011.

Trespassing incidents are unchanged from 2012 to 2013. Trespassing After Warning is up 360% from 5 in 2012 to 23 in 2013.

2013 Crime Statistics Financial Crimes



An individual or business owner may seek a warrant to recover lost funds from a fraudulent check. Persons with Check Warrants are contacted to appear in court to settle their outstanding checks without the penalty of jail time. **The number of fraudulent check case investigations is down 31% from 2012.**

Forgery is altering, creating or counterfeiting an instrument with the intention to defraud a person. **Forgery cases are up 24.5% from 2012.**

Identity theft is the use of another individuals personal information without their permission. **From 2012, there was a 229% increase in Identity Theft cases from 17 in 2012 to 56 in 2013**

Emergency Contacts

Department of Juvenile Justice	(803) 533-6270
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)	(803) 896-7133
South Carolina Highway Patrol	(803) 531-6840
Department of Motor Vehicles	(803) 531-6866
Arson	800-922-7766
Forest Fire Reporting	800-777-3473
Department of Natural Resources	800-922-5431
Orangeburg Department of Public Safety	(803) 531-4654
Bowman Police Department	(803) 829-2511
Branchville Police Department	(803) 274-8000
Elloree Police Department	(803) 897-2223
Eutawville Police Department	(803) 492-3374
Holly Hill Police Department	(803) 496-3811
North Police Department	(803) 247-5801
Norway Police Department	(803) 263-4300
Rowesville Police Department	(803) 534-2745
Santee Police Department	(803) 854-2438
Springfield Police Department	(803) 258-3152
Orangeburg Detention Center	(803) 539-2091
Orangeburg County Magistrate's Office	(803) 533-5843
Department of Probation and Parole	(803) 533-6288
Department of Mental Health	(803) 536-1571
The Regional Medical Center	(803) 395-2200
Poison Control	(803) 222-1222
American Red Cross	(803) 534-5735
National "Do Not Call" Registry	888-382-1222



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