

APPLICATION



City Name Columbia, MS

Population Under 10,000 Over 10,000

Category Public Safety Planning & Economic Development

City Spirit Public Works

Title of Entry Safe and Secure Neighborhood Initiative

Description of Project _____

Covid-19 brought with it a changing landscape of crimes in our community. We saw an increase in violent crimes, particularly domestic violence and drive-by shootings, as well as property crimes. In response, the Safe and Secure Neighborhood Initiative was launched in October 2020, whose purpose is to create a safer Columbia by reducing violent crime, ensuring the safety of our residents, and building trust and partnerships in our neighborhoods.

Project Summary (use additional pages if necessary) _____

Please see the attached Summary.

Signature of Chief Elected or Appointed Official *Justin Kelly, Mayor*

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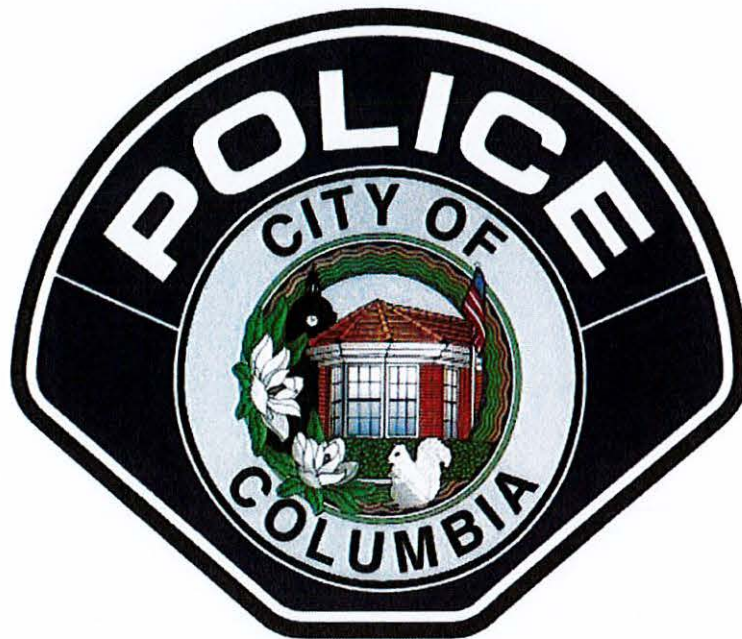
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Columbia Police Department

2020 Strategic Plan Update & Vision 2021

January 2020—December 2020



THE VISION OF THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

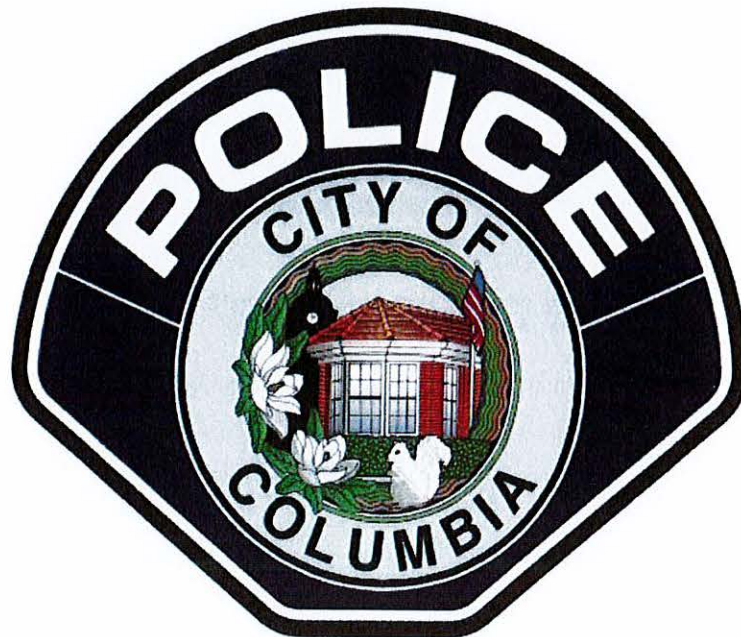
The Columbia Police Department will focus on engaging with the community, earning trust, building relationships, and creating a culture where our community views us as not only their guardians, but as trusted friends and community members. One-on-one, community oriented policing is the vehicle that will facilitate our vision.

Michael Kelly, Chief of Police

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Letter from the Chief of Police

I am pleased to introduce the Columbia Police Department's 2020 Annual Crime and Activity Report as well as our 2020 Strategic Plan Update & Vision 2021. 2020 certainly presented us with challenges, however I am pleased to report that our department met those challenges and excelled in our mission. I hope you will appreciate with me the men and women who make up this incredible department and make possible all that we accomplished this past year. This year we introduced 6 Ford Explorer Police Interceptors to the patrol fleet equipped with the new graphics package, and updated the color and graphics package on two Dodge Chargers thanks to a generous donation from Beal's Collision Center and Southern Security & Safety Solutions. This year we implemented a safety training program that reduced liability of officer involved injuries, Officers took part in the *Fit for Duty* physical fitness assessment and many outperformed previous assessments. The department continued in the accreditation process and is working towards compliance with new guidelines from the Trump Presidential Administration, as well as completed a comprehensive quality assurance review.



This time last year CPD released the 2019 Annual Crime and Activity Report and strategic plan for 2020. We laid out a vigorous plan to engage with the community, build new partnerships, and strengthen existing relationships, then came Covid-19. We found it difficult to accomplish this mission during a quarantine. Many of our businesses closed due to mandatory shut down orders and citizens were forced into their homes to protect themselves from an invisible enemy. In spite of still having to navigate the dangers of Covid-19 this year, we will pick up where we left off and continue our vision; *Progress through Partnerships*. Some of our methods will be creative. We will harness technology by having virtual meetings, launch an app that is designed for communication between the public and police, increase our presence on social media, and when we can meet in person we will do everything possible to insure the health and safety of our community.

In closing let me say that serving as the Police Chief for the Columbia Police Department gives me great pride. The City of Columbia is rich with history and her future is bright! This is what makes policing in Columbia a meaningful and purposeful mission to me. The *city of charm* has become my family's home.

Thank you to the dedicated men and women of the Columbia Police Department for your continued commitment to provide exemplary service to our community. Thank you to our community for your support of public safety. On behalf of the Columbia Police Department, we look forward to working together and make *Progress through Partnerships* in 2021.

Michael Kelly
Chief of Police



We Are **CARING**

We Are **TRANSPARENT**

We Are **TRUSTWORTHY**

We Are **COMPASSIONATE**

We Are **INVESTED IN OUR YOUTH**

We Are **ENGAGED IN OUR COMMUNITY**

We Are **CRIME FIGHTERS**

**WE ARE THE
COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

We Are CARING



This year was a difficult year for many people in our community. In early March our department launched the COVID-19 response team. This team was tasked with mitigating the threat of COVID within the department and developing strategies to serve the community during the pandemic. Shortly after the formation of the team, tornadoes tore through Columbia and surrounding communities and left in their wake massive devastation. The COVID-19 response team was then changed to the Critical Incident Response Team, which operates daily to track resources, research and prepare grants, plan for future disasters, host briefings, and insures proper operation of emergency response equipment.



Caring

BY THE NUMBERS

CPD ACTIVATED THE COMMAND POST (POLICE OPERATIONS CENTER) **10** TIMES IN 2020 TO COORDINATE A REPOSE TO POTENTIAL LIFE THREATNING EVENTS

We Are **TRANSPARENT**

We strive to insure that the public understands our mission and the extent in which we work to hold ourselves accountable for our actions. Our teams meet regularly throughout the community to engage with citizens and businesses about criminal activity, crime prevention, and our efforts to insure public safety. We answer questions, publish a monthly crime and activity report, and host events such as Front Porch Gatherings and Coffee With A Cop to give citizens an opportunity to engage with those charged with protecting their city.



Chief Kelly, Captain Bass, Sergeant Bush and staff from the Columbia Police Department speak to citizens at Coffee with a Cop hosted by Wards.

Coffee with a Cop is one of many ways that CPD connects with citizens of the community.



Chief Kelly speaks to the new media after a meeting of the Board of Aldermen where new policies dictating use of force tactics and training were passed unanimously. One of the most important changes made in 2020 was the increase of training hours for officers from 24 to 75 yearly.

Transparency

BY THE NUMBERS

Citizen Complaints 5
Use of Force Incidents 7
Pursuit 1

2019 by comparison

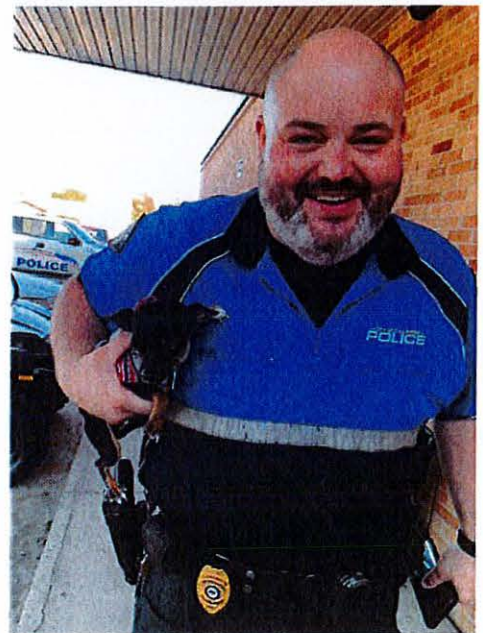
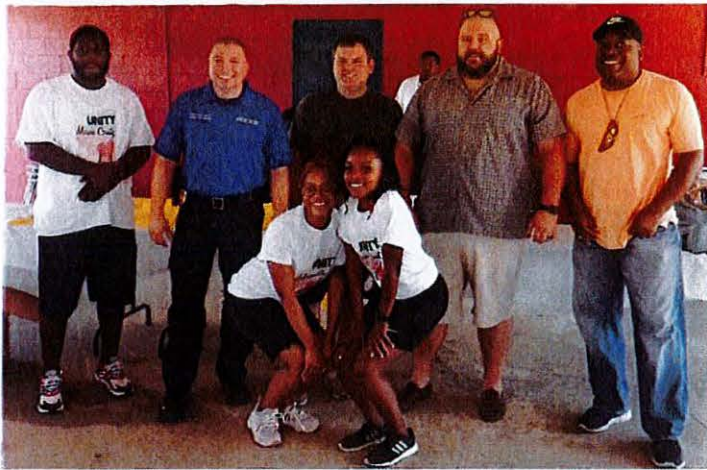
BY THE NUMBERS

Citizen Complaints 3
Use of Force Incidents 1
Pursuit 2

Use of force reporting became more stringent in 2020 due to changes in policy and issued special orders.

We Are TRUSTWORTHY

We are proud of our innovative and meaningful programs that bridge the gap between our community and the police department.



**COFFEE WITH A COP
FRONT PORCH GATHERING
UNITY DAY
TRIKE-A-THON
RESCUE BOO
OPERATION THANKSGIVING BLESSING**

We Are COMPASSIONATE

We understand that there is more to law enforcement than putting people in handcuffs. Our commitment is to invest in our community and seek to understand the causes that lead some people to victimize others. We will seek out alternate solutions to imprisonment when appropriate.



Compassion BY THE NUMBERS

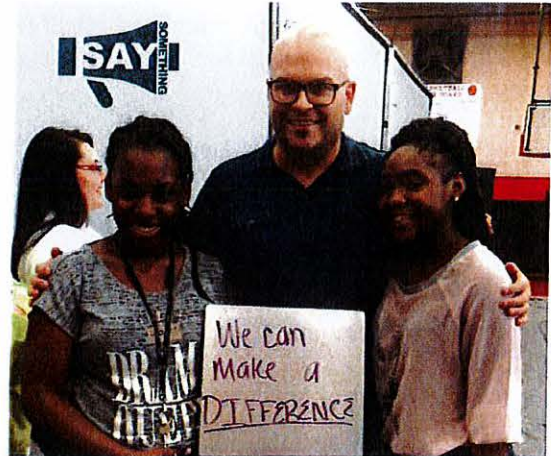
CPD partnered with **KIDS HUB**
Child Advocacy Center this Christmas to
serve over **300** children.

#CPDoperationMakeChristmasBright



We Are INVESTED IN OUR YOUTH

We are committed to serving the youth of our community, providing them opportunities to be involved with the department, and building trusting relationships that will last into their adult lives.



SAY SOMETHING
ASSEMBLY TOPICS



**BULLYING
TRAFFICKING
SUICIDE
ADDICTION**

Students are in a constant battle with issues that are detrimental to their survival. This past spring, CPD in Partnership with local businesses funded and brought in the Say Something School Assembly team to speak in our local schools grades 6-12 about the dangers of cyber bullying, teen suicide, addiction, and minor exploitation. The team made up of presenters from Mississippi and Kansas included the likes of; Travis Dummond, a motivational speaker for schools from Wichita, KS, Bo Trebotich, former recording artist/DJ from Jackson, MS, Leah Daughdrill, survivor of human trafficking and recovered drug addict from the Pinebelt area. The team used a full multimedia, interactive presentation that challenged our students and prompted some to seek help. For more information on Say Something School Assemblies, you can look them up at www.saysomethingassembly.com.

Our City's Youth BY THE NUMBERS

4 run-a-way juveniles were reported to the Columbia Police Department & **4** run-a-way juveniles were returned safe to their families.

We Are ENGAGED IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Columbia Police Department are truly friends and blessing to me and Mt. Bethel Church. Chief Kelly and his staff assisted us in many ways this year. During the tornado that affected the Sandy Hook area, many of my members were affected. I am so very proud and blessed to be pastor of a church in a community where complete strangers show love and come to assist.

The Columbia Police Department gave their time, energy, experience, equipment, food, drink, beds, pillows and blankets to assist the people of Mt. Bethel Church. Please know we are all so grateful for everything.

Chief Kelly and his officers also took the time to come and join the church and community in our Black Lives Matter program, to take a stand together. The only way we can solve a problem is to first realize there is one.

God gave us the commandment to love and thanks for doing just that.

Pastor Jessie Bridges.



Community Engagement BY THE NUMBERS

CPD SAFELY TOOK PART IN OVER **30** COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS IN 2020 even in the midst of a pandemic

We Are **CRIME FIGHTERS**

There is nothing more important to us than fighting crime, responding to crises, and exploring new ways to curb criminal behavior; it is at the core of what we do every single day. The officers of the Columbia Police Department work tirelessly day and night responding to emergencies, investigating crimes, and holding accountable those who prey on others.

CRIMES BY THE NUMBERS 2020	2019 by comparison
Misdemeanor Arrest 206	353
Felony Arrest 66	87
Citations Written 1397	1414
Traffic Accidents 300	278
Total Calls for Service 9466	6602
Total Reports 878	846

ESU BY THE NUMBERS

10 HIGH RISK SEARCH WARRANTS EXECUTED
2 HIGH RISK FELONY WARRANT ROUND-UPS
In conjunction with US Marshal Service/DEA and other partners.
5 TRAINING SCENARIOS/TEAM MEETINGS
1 lead by US Marshal Service Trainer
OVER 500 COMBINED TRAINING HOURS

TASKFORCE

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area - HIDTA

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Taskforce
OCEDTF

US Marshal Taskforce

US Attorney Taskforce on Human Trafficking

CRIME SUPPRESSION BY THE NUMBERS

Marijuana 1626.8 grams
Methamphetamines 189.35 grams
Heroin 1.4 grams
Crack/Cocaine 2.65 grams
Pills 135 DU
Counterfeit Substances 15 DU
US Currency \$2912
Vehicles 1
Firearms 3

We Are **CRIME FIGHTERS**

TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT

