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## HISTORY

### City of Fairburn

Originally formed in 1854, the City of Fairburn was the county seat of Campbell County. It was chosen as county seat in a referendum in 1871 that was spurred by the seat of Campbellton refusing to allow the Atlanta & West Point Railroad line through on account of the anticipated noise in the 1850s. As a result, the railroad chose to pass through Fairburn instead. As the City of Fairburn grew, Campbellton faded away. The government of Campbell County went bankrupt in 1931 during the Great Depression and was absorbed into Fulton County when it was established in 1932 along with Milton County to the north. Today, Fairburn is located along Interstate 85, with Georgia State Route 74 running directly through the city.

According to the 2017 census, the city encompasses approximately 17.1 square miles. As of July 1, 2017, the US Census Bureau estimated the population for Fairburn at 16,768. In terms of gender, the population is 60% female; the ethnic make-up is 13.89% Caucasian, 75.8% African-American, 8.8% Latino, 1.1% Asian, and 0.6% other. The city's estimated median household income for 2012-2016 was \$40,954.

In addressing the needs of this growing community, the City of Fairburn operates as a Mayor / Council form of government with a City Administrator. The Mayor and 6 Council members are part-time employees. The Mayor and City Council are elected by the entire City and serve "at large" rather than representing various districts. Each year, the Council elects a Mayor Pro tem from among its members. Fairburn's Mayor Pro tem assumes all duties and powers of the Mayor during the Mayor's absence or disability.

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## 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

### RETIREMENT



In February 2020, Lieutenant Toney Williams retired after 32 years of dedicated service to the City of Fairburn

### CHIEF STONEY MATHIS ELECTED

Chief Stoney Mathis elected as 4th Vice President with Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.

### 9 PROMOTIONS IN 2020



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## 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

### PART 1 CRIME DOWN 24% SINCE 2019

Part I	2019	2020	% Change
Murder	0	1	100%
Rape	4	3	-25%
Robbery	11	8	-28%
Aggravated Assault	38	27	-29%
Burglary	48	36	-25%
Vehicle Theft	62	47	-24%
Larceny	427	291	-32%
Arson	1	3	300%



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## EXECUTIVE STAFF



Chief Mathis graduated from Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma in 1992 with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He is a 2004 graduate of Drug Enforcement Administration (Drug Unit Commander Academy) in Quantico Virginia. Chief Mathis is a 2007 Graduate of the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute Class #118. He then received a Master's degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University in 2011 when he completed a two-year Command College program. Chief Mathis is also a 2017 Graduate of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Program.

Chief Mathis began his career in 1993 with the City of Monroe Police Department in Monroe, Georgia. In 1995, he transferred to the Henry County Police Department where he started as a patrol officer and worked his way through the ranks. He was promoted to the rank of Captain in 2002 and tasked with running the Henry County Drug Task Force. In 2005 he was promoted to the rank of Major commanding the Uniform Patrol Division and in 2010 Chief Mathis was appointed to the Assistant Chief of Police. In 2016, Chief Mathis was appointed to Chief

of Police of the Chattahoochee Hills Police Department where he implemented numerous community engagement programs.

In 2018, Chief Mathis was appointed to the Chief of Police of the Fairburn Police Department where he has been instrumental in building a solid community policing foundation and implementing intelligent lead policing which has significantly reduced the overall crime rate. Chief Mathis has a wide range of law enforcement experience to include corporate embezzlement, Fraud Investigation, Criminal Investigation, Narcotics Investigation, Uniform Patrol, Community Relations, SWAT, Certified POST Instructor, Certified Forensic Interviewer and he has over 15 years of command level experience.

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Deputy Chief Bazydlo graduated from Georgia State University with his undergraduate degree in 2005. He later graduated from Columbus State University in 2015, where he earned a Master's degree in Public Safety Administration. During his law enforcement career, he has attained his Intermediate Certification, Supervision Certification, Managerial Certification, and General Instructor Certification through the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. He is also a graduate of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program.

Deputy Chief Bazydlo has spent his entire law enforcement career in Fairburn. Since starting out as a recruit, he has served as a training officer, shift supervisor, Internal Affairs investigator, Public Information Officer, and Criminal Investigations Division Commander. He was promoted to Deputy Chief in 2016. He assists with the management of all day-to-day operations within the police department, working closely with the Chief of Police and the individual division commanders. He also remains the department's Public Information Officer and Media Relations Liaison.

Aside from the day-to-day operations, he coordinates, instructs, and plans all the department's community outreach programs, such as Active Shooter courses, and Neighborhood Watch Programs.

He is married to his wife, Libby, of 15 years, and together have four children.



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Lieutenant Eiswerth graduated from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama in 2005 with a Bachelor's degree in Criminology. He attended Auburn University on an Army ROTC scholarship, where he commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the National Guard upon graduation. He served 11 years in the National Guard reaching the rank of Captain and serving two overseas deployments to Iraq in 2010-2011 and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in 2015-2016. Lieutenant Eiswerth also received his Master's degree in Public Safety Administration from Columbus State University in 2019 when he completed a two-year command college program.

Lieutenant Eiswerth began his career in 2006 with the City of Fairburn when the Police Department sponsored him to attend Basic Mandate Academy. He started as a patrol officer and worked his way through the ranks, reaching the rank of Lieutenant in 2016 where he took command of the Uniform Patrol Division, responsible for all uniformed patrol officers. He has 15 years of law enforcement experience, all with the Fairburn Police Department. He is married to his wife, Vanessa, of 11 years, and together have two year old twins.

Lieutenant Ghant graduated from Georgia State University in 2011 with a Bachelor's degree. She attended the Basic Mandate Academy at the Fulton County Public Safety Training Center later that year. Soon after graduating as a certified Peace Officer, she was hired on by Fairburn, where she has been employed since. She is currently attending Columbus State University for her Master's degree in Public Safety Administration, with an expected graduation date of 2021.

Since starting out as a recruit in 2011, she has worked her way through the ranks, serving as a Field Training Officer and Shift Sergeant. She took on extra responsibilities such as State Certification Manager, leading the agency to achieve a passing score during the last audit. She attained the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned as the Division Commander over the Office of Professional Standards, responsible for all civilian personnel, Code Enforcement, Court Services, Internal Affairs, and State Certification.



She has 10 years of law enforcement experience, all with the Fairburn Police Department. She is married to her husband, Karlton, and together have 3 children.

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Lieutenant Keith McGhee is commander of the Criminal Investigation Division. Lt. McGhee joined the Fairburn Police Department in 2014. Prior to this assignment he was a Sergeant assigned as the Training Coordinator and Court Liaison Officer.

Before joining Fairburn PD, he worked for the following agencies: The South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail, Union City Police Department, Morrow Police Department, Clayton County Sheriff Office, and Morehouse College Police Department. Lt. McGhee started his law enforcement career in Detroit, Michigan as a Transit Police Officer in 1987.

Lt. McGhee is a POST Certified General Instructor and a Specialized Instructor in the areas of firearms, Taser, Use of Force, defensive tactics, field training officer, crowd control, less lethal weapons, tactical emergency care and hostage negotiations.

Lt. McGhee obtained his master's degree in Criminal Justice (specialization in Critical Incident Management) from St. Leo University and has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from St. Leo University. Lt. McGhee is an Adjunct Professor for the Georgia Military College in the Social Science Department.



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### CRIME STATISTICS: **PART 1 OFFENSES**



Crimes are classified as “Part I” or “Part II” offense categories. Part I offenses include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, and larceny / theft. The crimes in this group are all serious, either by their very nature or because of the frequency with which they occur, and present a common enforcement problem to police agencies. All other crimes are considered Part II offenses and are not report to the FBI.

**2017: 827 PART 1 OFFENSES**  
**2020: 416 PART 1 OFFENSES**  
**DOWN 49.7% FROM 2017**

To gain a measurement of crime trends, Georgia participates in the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s NIBRS. NIBRS is an incident-based reporting system used by law enforcement agencies in the U.S. for collecting and reporting data on crimes. The goal is to generate a set of criminal statistics for use in law enforcement administration, operation and management.



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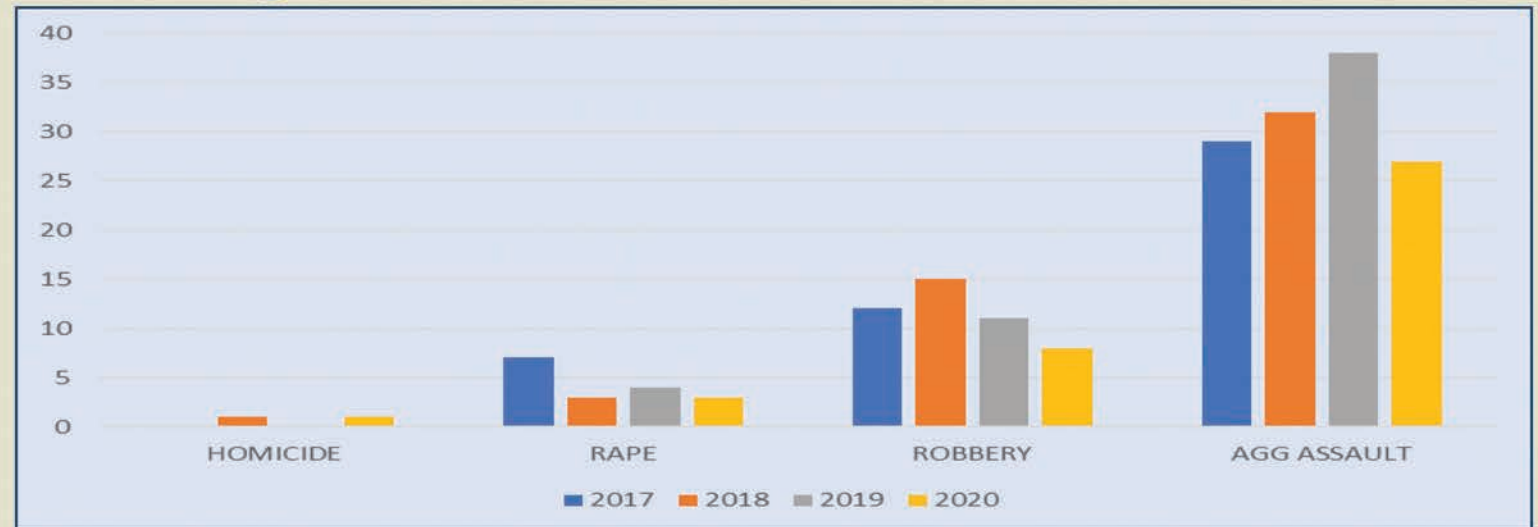
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### CRIME STATISTICS: **PART 1 OFFENSES** **CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS**

Crimes Against Persons include Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault. While these types of crimes typically represent the smaller percentage of Part I Offenses, they are generally more violent and severe in nature.

### 2020: 39 CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS DOWN 18.7% FROM 2017

#### Crimes Against Persons



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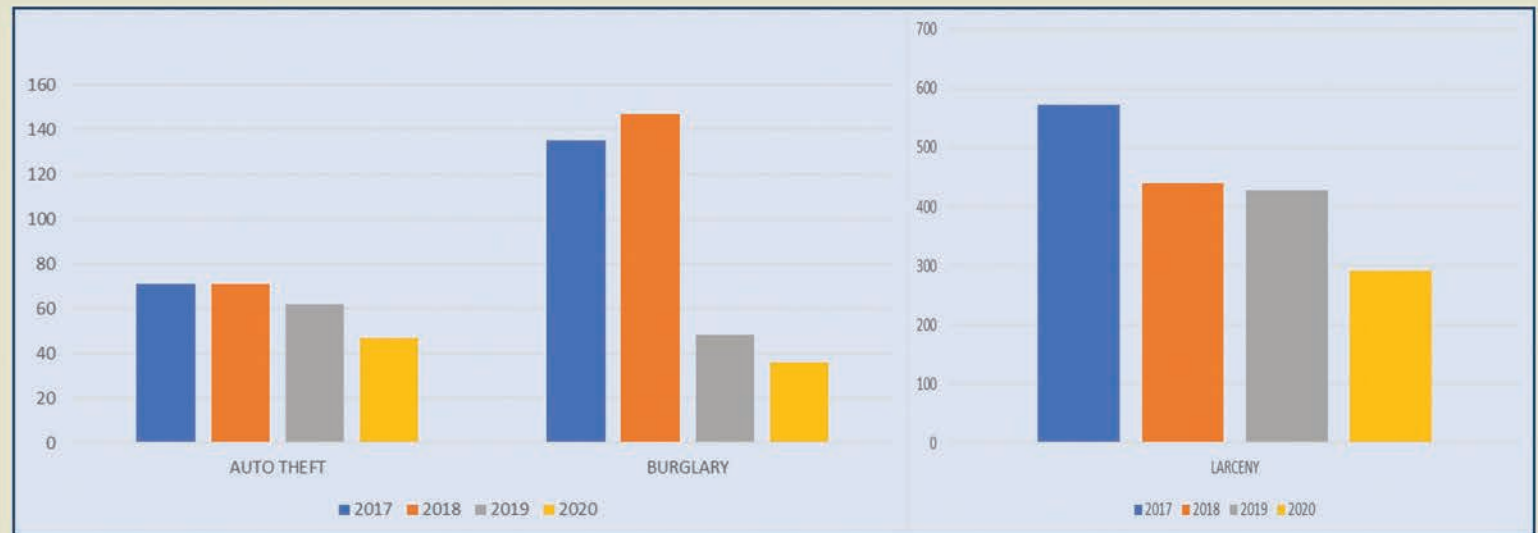
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# CRIME STATISTICS: PART 1 OFFENSES CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Crimes Against Property include Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Thefts. These types of cases do not involve force or violence but generally represent the highest percentage of Part I Crimes.

## 2020: 374 CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY DOWN 51.9% FROM 2017

### Crimes Against Property



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# OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

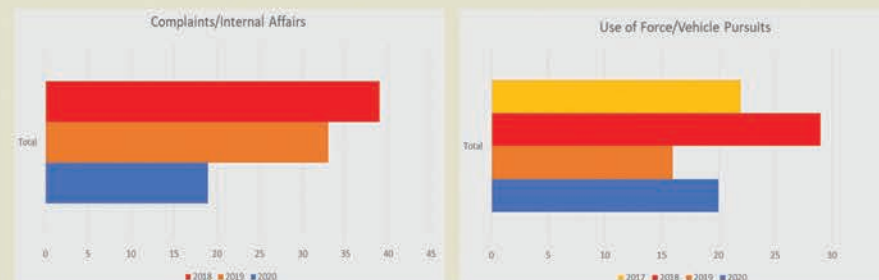
The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) investigates or reviews all complaints against the Fairburn Police Department and its employees, all use of force and vehicle pursuits, and conducts internal investigations as assigned by the Chief of Police. OPS also handles the maintenance of the department's State Certification files, which is a certification the department holds and shows that the agency follows all the best practices and policies suggested by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police.



OPS is also responsible for the management of the Police Administrative Aides, Court Services, and Code Enforcement. The division is headed by a Lieutenant, who also handles all recruiting and hiring of personnel. In 2018, a tracking system was created to monitor incoming complaints. This was done for transparency reasons, as well as providing Staff the ability to identify issues that could require intervention, retraining, or disciplinary actions. In 2020, there were 17 citizen complaints and 2 internal affairs investigations (both which were not sustained).

During 2020, 2 citizen complaints were found to be substantiated. One complaint was against a civilian employee, who received a reprimand. The other complaint was on an officer, who received a reprimand and retraining. The complaints received in 2020 showed a 43% decrease from 2019, and a 66% decrease in substantiated complaints. All other complaints were unsubstantiated.

In regards to the Use of Force and Vehicle Pursuits, each incident goes through a Review Board process comprised of 3 ranking members who review each incident in its entirety and apply case law and all legal standards set forth by the courts. In 2020, there were 0 Use of Force incidents and 0 Vehicle pursuits that were not in compliance with the department's policy and procedures, compared to 2019 when there were 5 incidents that were not in compliance. The department's emphasis on professional conduct and de-escalation techniques in stressful conditions proved effective.



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# OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



## COURT SERVICES

Court Services is lead by the City's Court Clerk, with an additional 2 civilian employees to assist with day-to-day operations. They're responsible for managing the court docket cases, issuing subpoenas, handling of fines, probation, binding cases over to Fulton County Courts, or issuance of bench warrants. Due to the pandemic of 2020, Court Services were halted statewide from April through September. Court Services adapted and implemented virtual sessions, holding 25 virtual court sessions of the 51 held in 2020.

COURT SERVICES	2019	2020
Court Sessions	74	51
Cases Heard/Closed	8,521	5,418
Bench Warrants	106	24
Probation	842	526

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Unit is comprised of three civilian Code Enforcement officers, and one Code Enforcement officer designated to handle new construction building compliance as well as erosion control. The four Code Enforcement officers are supervised by a sworn police Sergeant.

In June 2019, the Code Enforcement unit was reassigned and fall under the Police Department. Their responsibility and emphasis is on the compliance of enacted City of Fairburn ordinances. The below information only entails 2020 since no tracking system existed prior to joining the Police

CODE ENFORCEMENT	2020
Site Inspections	2,653
Stop Work Orders	11
Signs Removed	234
Door Hangers	2,814
5 Day Notice	1,047
Citations	47



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### UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION



The Uniformed Patrol Division encompasses four shifts of officers for generalized patrol duties and for responding to calls for service. Each shift includes four patrol officers, a Corporal, and the shift supervisor, Sergeant. Each of the four Sergeants are supervised and managed by the Division Commander. The division consists of nearly sixty percent of the department's total number of sworn employees. Patrol officers respond to a wide range of calls for service, conduct preliminary and follow-up criminal investigations, assist in the processing of crime scenes, and enforce criminal and traffic laws as well as ordinances enacted by the City of Fair-burn. Officers are also engaged in a variety of problem-solving initiatives and educational activities based on the department's

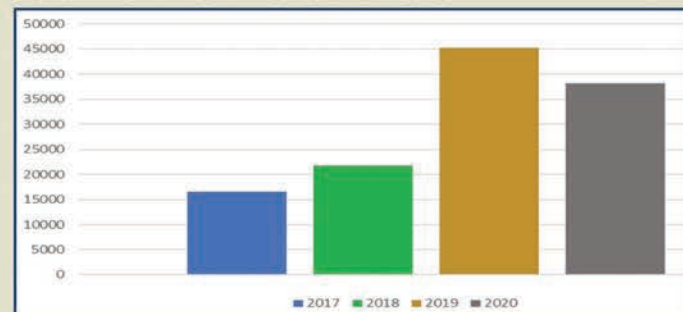
commitment to community policing and building a better relationship with the community.

In addition to the four patrol shifts, the Uniform Patrol Division includes a three-man Special Operations Unit lead by a Corporal. The Special Operations unit focuses on two tasks: traffic enforcement in order to deter motor vehicle accidents and anti-crime suppression in order to meet the Agency's goal of decreasing Part I Crimes in the City of Fairburn. The unit also handles any other time sensitive or priority tasks designated by the Division Commander or Chief of Police.

In order to ensure the continued decrease in crime, the division implemented a proactive police approach which included foot patrols and increased traffic enforcement for the purpose of visibility and crime displacement.

## 2020: 38,164 CALLS-FOR-SERVICE UP 129% SINCE 2017

### Calls For Service



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### UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION



The Uniformed Patrol Division's philosophy is to remain proactive in order to deter criminal activity within the City of Fairburn. The change to philosophy has helped ensure a reduction in crime over the last couple years. The goals for the division are to provide the utmost professional customer service to citizens through quick response to every call-for-service and proactive policing initiatives.

The community policing philosophy entails that although legally an officer can take an individual to jail, it does not always mean that it is the best solution to the situation. The same ideology applies to the proactive traffic stops conducted, whereas the issuance of a warning has the same effect

in changing a driver's behavior as does an issued citation. This reinforced community policing philosophy has permeated within the division and helped the Agency attain the reduction in crime. Fairburn's goal is to implement best practices in order to meet the stated goals.

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Calls for Service	16,599	21,759	45,218	38,164
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1,106	1,296	1,317	1,121
Traffic Stops	5,125	7,800	25,290	20,637
Traffic Warnings	1,458	5,412	19,539	16,724
Citations (Traffic/Criminal)	6,106	6,266	10,889	7,240
Illegal Parking Violations	< 100	440	1,438	2,161
Outside Agency Assists	< 150	167	304	364
Avg Response Time (MM:SS)	> 8:00	7:49	7:07	5:50
Physical Arrests	555	652	676	332

-50.9%

Physical arrests  
from 2019.

-1:07

Response time  
from 2019

-33.5%

Total citations  
issued from  
2019

1,047%

Total warnings  
issued from  
2017

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## SPECIAL OPS UNIT



The Special Operations Unit works alongside Uniform Patrol Officers on a daily basis. Their responsibility is to augment the patrol officers and add an extra layer of visibility in order to deter crime. In addition to augmenting patrol officers, they assist with traffic enforcement, traffic accidents, and drug enforcement efforts. The Special Operations Unit also participates with the Metro Area Traffic Enforcement Network (MATEN), which is a part of the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS). The unit also works hand-in-hand with the Criminal Investigations Division when handling warrant execution operations. Finally, the unit also handles all other time-sensitive tasks, such as citizen complaints reference traffic complaints, suspicious drug complaints, or any other task designated by the Division Commander.



## TRAINING

The training section of the department is managed by a Sergeant. The training section schedules and conducts initial and on-going training for all of the department's personnel. While Georgia Police officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Council requires that certified officers receive 20 hours of training annually, the department has an annual goal for each sworn officer to receive at least 60 hours of training each year.



TRAINING YEAR	TOTAL TRAINING HRS
2017	4,099
2018	7,275
2019	2,090
2020	3,460

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### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (CID)



The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) conducts follow-up investigations involving felony and serious misdemeanor crimes. Detectives also process crime scenes, conduct surveillance, and prepare investigative case files for prosecution of criminal offenders. The Criminal Investigations Division is lead by a Lieutenant, with a Sergeant, and five detectives. Additionally, CID includes an investigator who assists with investigations, but also specializes as the Property Room Custodian. The Division is split between two teams, with detectives handling either Property Crimes or Person Crimes.

The main priority for CID is to investigate and solve crimes. Because of their investigations, CID is able to analyze and identify crime trends that occur. CID reviews all crime reports and arrest reports, and police calls for service in order to identify emerging patterns and trends. Those trends are portrayed to uniformed officers and supervisors so a proper plan of action can be executed to prevent future occurrences. The goal is to exceed the national average of clearance rates published by the FBI, while providing quality customer service.

#### 2019

OFFENSES- PART 1	REPORTED	CLEARED	FPD CLEARANCE	NATIONAL CLEAR- ANCE
MURDER	0	0	N/A	61.95%
RAPE	4	1	25.00%	33.95%
ROBBERY	11	8	72.73%	30.05%
AGG. ASSAULT	38	21	55.26%	52.90%
BURGLARY	48	7	14.58%	13.70%
LARCENY	427	76	17.80%	19.05%
AUTO THEFT	62	12	19.35%	13.75%
ARSON	1	0	0.00%	22.05%

The charts to the left only annotate the Part I Offenses and does not include the financial fraud, child sex offenses, or any other high and aggravated misdemeanor offenses.

The clearance rate is solely dictated whether the case was cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared based on meeting a certain number of criteria outlined by the FBI. The National Clearance rate is based on most recent statistics provided by the FBI.

#### 2020

OFFENSES- PART 1	REPORTED	CLEARED	FPD CLEARANCE	NATIONAL CLEAR- ANCE
MURDER	1	0	0.00%	61.95%
RAPE	3	3	100.00%	33.95%
ROBBERY	8	3	37.50%	30.05%
AGG. ASSAULT	27	14	51.85%	52.90%
BURGLARY	36	7	19.44%	13.70%
LARCENY	291	45	15.46%	19.05%
AUTO THEFT	47	7	14.89%	13.75%
ARSON	3	0	0.00%	22.05%

The clearance does not include cases where an investigation has lead to active warrants on an individual who has not been taken into custody by a law enforcement agency. Once the arrest is made, such as the murder in 2020, the clearance rate adjusts accordingly.

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# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (CID)

Part of CID's investigations involve the processing of crime scenes, whether it be attaining buccal swabs, processing the scene of a shooting, crime scene photos, or attempting to attain latent prints. The Fairburn Police Department has a crime lab that detectives utilize to assist in their investigations.

The processing of crime scenes usually results in the seizure of property that are of evidentiary value. As such, each piece of property has to be properly logged to show a proper chain of custody. Detectives work daily with the Property Room Manager, who in turn ensures the Fairburn Property Room is maintained and kept orderly. In 2020, the Property Room underwent a major overhaul and is in the best condition it has ever seen in decades. In 2020, the Property Room Manager purged over 2,500 pieces of property, some dating as far back as 2002.



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS & OUTREACH

The BEST part of the Fairburn Police Department is the efforts made to build a strong lasting relationship with the community we serve. Although 2020 may have been an unorthodox year, our efforts to continue building strong community relationships were unwavering. The Fairburn Police Department strives on offering continual community events to build these relationships.

## BLUE LIGHT CHRISTMAS



## WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE



## CITIZEN'S POLICE



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS & OUTREACH

## POLICE TOWN HALL MEETING



## COVID SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT



## ACTIVE SHOOTER



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS & OUTREACH

And although Fairburn Police hosts and engages in many assorted events, the City of Fairburn's community always takes care of the officers and staff here at the police department. For that, we are grateful and appreciative for all the donations, gifts, and food provided to the great officers of this department.



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Since the deterrence of crime and other community issues should be a joint effort between the police and the citizens of Fairburn, we encourage all members of the community to get connected with our department and get involved in your neighborhoods.



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[Neighbors by Ring](#)

In any emergency situation, or if you believe you may be witnessing a crime in progress, dial **9-1-1** immediately.



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