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# Georgetown Police Annual Report 2024

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# Georgetown Police

On behalf of the members of the Georgetown Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2024 Annual Report. My intention, as always, is to take a moment to share with you some highlights from 2024.

## **Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Georgetown Police Department is to provide excellent public service and law enforcement to the community, with the goal of keeping Georgetown a safe place to live, work, and enjoy. The Department shall provide this service by utilizing best practices in law enforcement, continuous improvement in leadership, professionalism, and partnership with the community.

## **Vision Statement:**

We will utilize law enforcement strategies that are effective, fair and transparent. We will provide excellence in service through proactive law enforcement initiatives in partnership with our community, our schools, town departments, and our neighbors. We will ensure the Town of Georgetown remains a great place to live, work, and enjoy.

## **Core Values:**

We will achieve our mission through a commitment to the following values:

- **Integrity:** performing in an ethical, transparent, and honest manner with our partners, peers and community
- **Service:** Partnering with the community and addressing their needs and concerns
- **Honor:** High moral standard of behavior
- **Commitment:** Dedicating yourself to the department and community



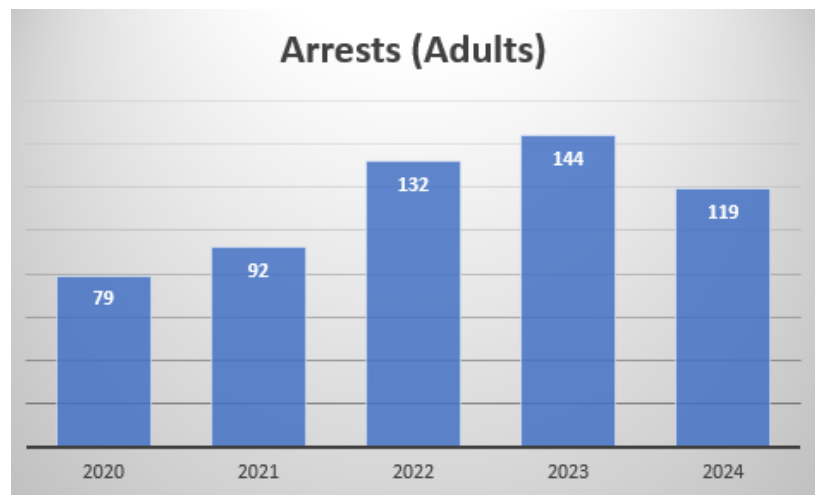
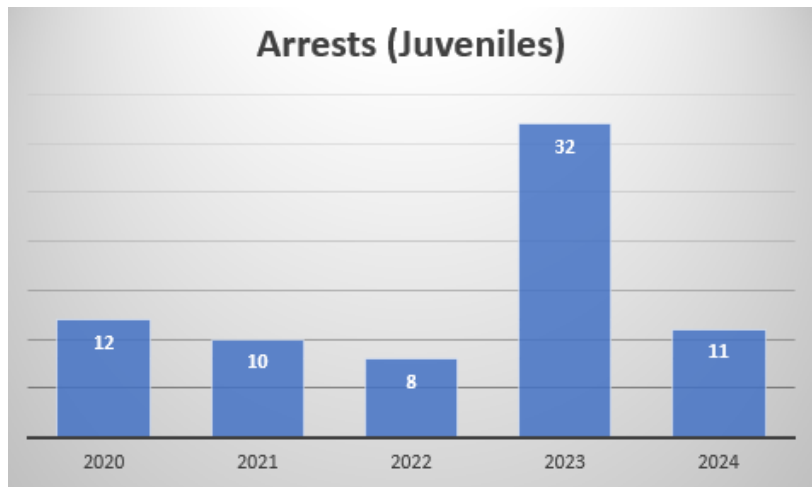
## 2024 Calls for Service

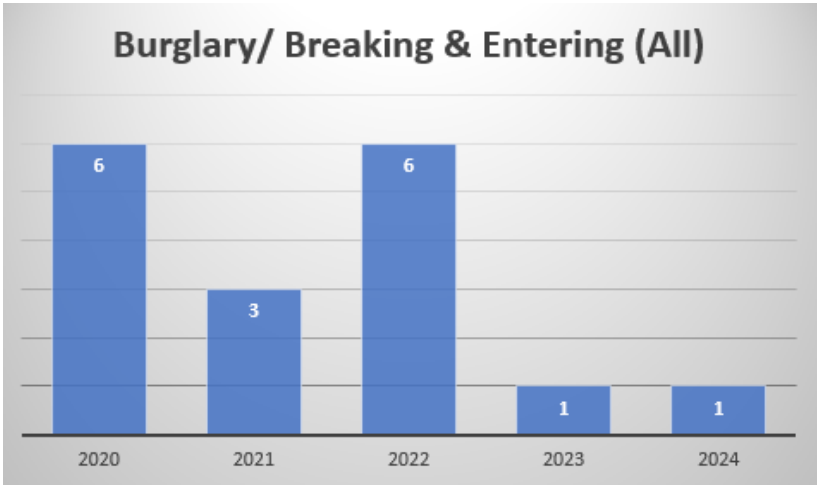
Nature	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Calls	18616	16226	18686	17225	17802
911 Calls	1358	1790	1835	1738	1566
Alarms	199	279	237	200	244
Animal Control (All)	330	288	316	309	293
Arrests (Adults)	79	92	132	144	119
Arrests (Juveniles)	12	10	8	32	11
Assault (Including Assault on Police Officer)	2	1	1	5	6
Behavioral Health	0**	0**	0**	62	65
Burglary/ Breaking & Entering (All)	6	3	6	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	2	1	2	1	1
Domestic (includes 209a violations)	209	137	164	174	151
Fraud (all types)	99	71	74	57	42
Harassment	28	31	18	25	34
Identity Theft	187*	31	19	22	14
Juvenile Matters/SRO	188	222	389	368	308
Larceny (all types, including attempted)	35	27	14	18	24
Medicals	715	731	812	825	701
Missing Persons (adults)	7	3	1	2	8
Missing Persons (Juveniles)	4	3	1	2	1
Motor Vehicle Crashes	135	130	141	151	158
Protective Custody (adult)	0	0	2	0	1
Protective Custody (juvenile)	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery (all types)	1	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	1	1	3	6	1
Traffic Stops	810	1114	1461	1424	1733
Town by Law Violation	14	0	3	5	7
Trespassing	113*	5	9	4	6

\* Covid Related \*\*Did not distinguish between Medical and Behavioral Health

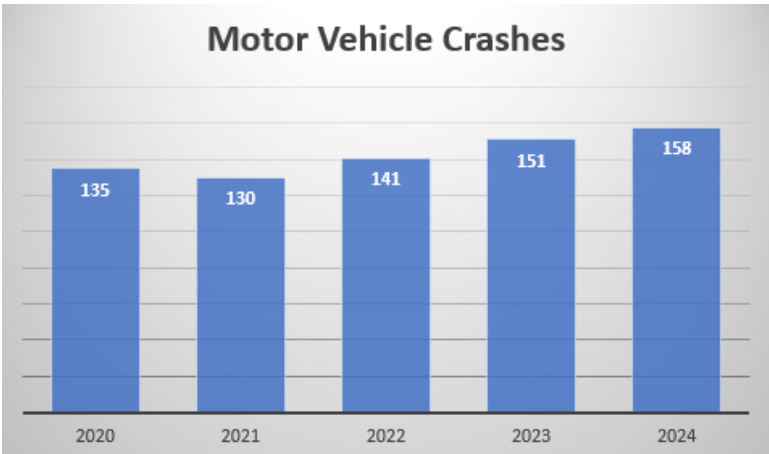
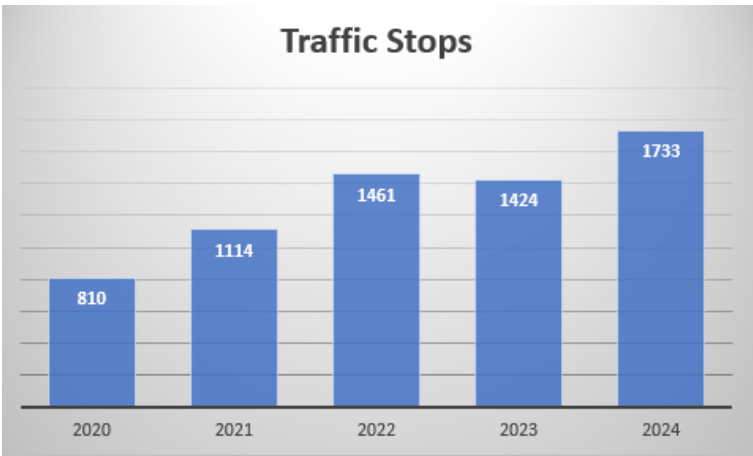


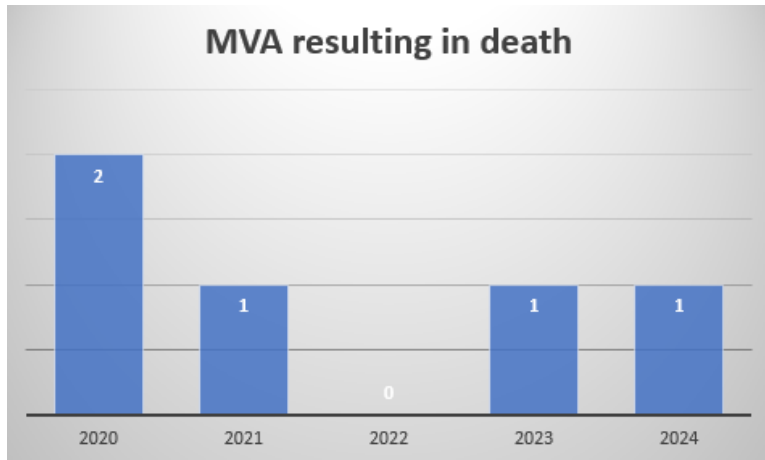
## Crime and Traffic Analysis





# Crime and Traffic Analysis Continued





## Multi-Year Planning

**Committee:** *Police Department Command Staff*

**Chief David Sedgwick**

**Lt. Scott Hatch**

**LT. James Rodden**

**Sgt. Matthew Carapellucci**

**Sgt. Philip Klibansky**

**Dispatcher Supervisor Keenan Leonard-Solis**

**Administrative Assistant Courtney Thomas**

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### **2024 Overview Review:**

#### **Personnel and Capital Accomplishments:**

- Implementation of Body Cameras
- Garage floor replacement
- Cells repaired and altered to meet DPH compliance
- Facility Camera system installed
- Replaced aged firearms
- Two-week summer camp made available to entering fifth graders
- Replaced the department web page

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- Hired 4 employees to cover vacancies
  - Implemented Traffic Control Officers (TCO) Program
  - Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission 3 Year Award

## Multi-Year Planning Continued

### Personnel Needs:

- Build Reserve Force. 6 personnel at this time
- Pending Retirement of Lieutenant

### Capital Needs:

- Capital Overlay: Two (2) vehicle replacement over two years;
- Public Safety Building Feasibility Study:
  - \_\_\_Parking Lot Pavement
  - \_\_\_Kitchen repair
  - \_\_\_Exterior paint or repair

### Year 2025:

- Annual purchase/replacement of a police service vehicle
- Computer Upgrade Program
- Replace aged tasers
- Server Upgrade Program
- Hire two more Full-time Officers
- Continue Feasibility study for new Public Safety building
- Reunification live drill
- Active Shooter Training

### Year 2026:

- Annual lease/purchase/replacement of a police service vehicle
- Replace portable radios

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- Communication Console Updating and or Replacement;
  - Fund cloud storage for Body Worn Cameras
  - Upgrade Power-DMS
  - Finalize plans for a new Public Safety building
  - Active Shooter Training

## Multi-Year Planning Continued

### Year 2027:

- Annual lease/purchase/replacement of a police service vehicle
- Seek funding for Public Safety building
- Active Shooter Training

### Year 2028:

- Annual lease/purchase/replacement of a police service vehicle
- Construction of Public Safety building
- Active Shooter Training
- New FT Hire
- Second FT SRO added to the Georgetown School District

### Year 2029:

- Annual lease/purchase/replacement of a police service vehicle
- Transfer to new Public Safety building
- Active Shooter Training

### Accreditation/Reaccreditation:

The department achieved Certification status in 2007 with the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission and achieved Accreditation status in September of 2008. The department has been Accredited every three years since that time. Re-Accreditation is due again October 2026.

### Goals Planning:

A more strategic plan of outlining goals and objectives have been the primary focus for the department. Although many initiatives have been accomplished a clear vision



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and tracking of accomplishments is now done on a regular basis with the department.

**School Resource Officer:**

Continue the collaborative with Georgetown School District with one officer assigned full-time to School Resource Officer Program.

## **Community Policing**

Community policing is a law enforcement strategy that focuses on building positive relationships and partnerships between police officers and the communities they serve. The main goal of community policing is to address the root causes of crime while promoting trust, cooperation, and mutual respect between law enforcement and our community. Unlike traditional policing, which often emphasizes responding to incidents and enforcing laws, community policing is proactive, concentrating on crime prevention and the overall well-being of the community.

Key elements of community policing in Georgetown include:

- 1. Collaboration:** Police work alongside community members, organizations, and local government agencies to identify problems and develop solutions. This partnership fosters a shared responsibility for maintaining public safety.
- 2. Prevention:** Instead of merely responding to crimes after they occur, community policing aims to prevent crime through education, outreach, and intervention programs. This approach seeks to reduce the underlying factors that contribute to crime, such as poverty, lack of education, or inadequate social services.
- 3. Visibility and Accessibility:** Our Officers engage with the community on a daily basis, building relationships and being visible in neighborhoods. This engagement helps officers gain the trust of community members, who are more likely to report crimes, share information, and collaborate with law enforcement when they feel understood and respected.



## Community Policing Continued

**4. Community-Oriented Programs:** Our Officers participate in educational initiatives, youth programs, and activities that strengthen community bonds. These programs aim to reduce crime by creating stronger social networks and improving the quality of life for the Georgetown community.

**5. Problem-Solving:** Our Officers actively work with communities to identify specific issues, such as drug or alcohol abuse, traffic violations, youth issues and collaborate with community members to find effective solutions.

By fostering cooperative relationships with the public, community policing seeks to build safer Georgetown, reduce crime, and enhance public confidence in all law enforcement.



## 2024 Recognitions and Commendations

- Dispatcher Mikara Crowley was recognized for her efforts helping a child in crisis at the station
- Lieutenant Scott Hatch and Officer Courtney Thomas were given a letter of recognition for the extraordinary efforts obtaining Accreditation award.
- Clinician Robin Reid was nominated for outstanding work as a clinician.
- Officer Michael Griffin was recognized for his efforts for taking a 911 call for a reported house fire and dispatching fire units.
- Officer Taylor Ford was recognized for her efforts in obtaining funds to build reunification kits
- Sergeant Matthew Carapellucci was recognized for his efforts in assisting a male party in a prolonged mental health crisis
- Officer Taylor Ford was recognized for participating in the Cruiser Convoy for the Special Olympics
- Officer Tyler Skane was recognized for his efforts in capturing a car thief

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- **Dispatcher Supervisor Keenan Leonard-Solis was recognized for assisting the Town of Billerica following the tragic death of Billerica Sergeant Ian Taylor**
  - **Detective Heather Lefebvre was recognized for her presentation to Georgetown Women's Guild**
  - **Sergeant Philip Klibansky was recognized by a motorist for his kindness and assistance for a disabled motor vehicle**
  - **Officer Daniel Jenkins, Officer Philip Sepe, and Officer Jacob Fitzgerald were all recognized for their participation in the Memorial Day Parade**



## **2024 Recognitions and Commendations Continued**

- **Sergeant Philip Klibansky, Officer Jacob Fitzgerald and Officer Adam Elmore received commendations for their heroism and efforts to save a victim of a house fire**
- **Dispatcher Gabriel Ricker received a commendation for his expertise and professionalism during a house fire**





- **Sergeant Matthew Carapellucci and Detective Heather Lefebvre were recognized for their expertise and investigation work to seize over 1800 items of illegal contraband**



## **2024 Recognitions and Commendations Continued**

- **Dispatcher Katelyn Gilleo was recognized for providing a 911 caller with child birth instructions**
- **Dispatcher Dean Razzaboni was recognized for providing 911 caller lifesaving instructions for a near drowning of a toddler**

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- Officer Adam Elmore was recognized for rescuing a man in mental health crisis from a swamp
  - Sergeant Matthew Carapellucci, Officer Daniel Jenkins, Officer Philip Sepe, Officer Jacob Fitzgerald, Officer Courtney Thomas were recognized for their participation in the opening ceremonies at the UMass Lowell River Hawks Hockey
  - Sergeant Matthew Carapellucci, Officer Philip Sepe, and Officer Jacob Fitzgerald were recognized for their participation in the Wreaths Across America
  - Lieutenant Scott Hatch, Sergeant Matthew Carapellucci, Officer Taylor Ford, Officer Michael Griffin and Clinician Robin Reid were recognized for the Annual Georgetown Police Food Drive
  - Sergeant Matthew Carapellucci, Detective Heather Lefebvre, Officer Taylor Ford, Officer Dean Julien, Officer Courtney Thomas, and Officer Sean Ridge were recognized for their assistance in the Annual Toys for Tots Santa parade.



## 2024 Arrivals and Departures

**Arrivals:**

**Communications:**

**Gaberial Ricker as a full time E911 Dispatcher**



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**Mikara Crowley as a per diem E911 Dispatcher**

**Adam Elmore as a full time Police Officer**

**Patrol:**

**Adam Elmore as a full time Police Officer**

**Sean Ridge as a Reserve Police officer**

**Amy Fanikos as a Reserve Police Officer**

**Departures:**

**Mikara Crowley as a full time E911 Dispatcher**

## **Public Safety Building**

The need for a new police and fire public safety building is crucial due to the age and space limitations of the current building. Here's a more detailed breakdown of the key reasons for this need:

**1. Aging Infrastructure**

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- **Outdated Building:** The current facility had been built many decades ago, and as such, it does not meet modern standards for safety, security, and efficiency. The buildings age has resulted in increased maintenance costs and disruptions to operations.
  - **Obsolete Systems:** The existing electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems are outdated and require replacement. Portable heaters are used in the winter and additional air conditioners are utilized in the summer as the current system is unable to keep up with demands.
  - **Increased Maintenance Costs:** The fire suppression, siding, windows, and main entrance access all need to be repaired or replaced.

## **2. Limited Space**

- **Overcrowding:** Police and fire departments require space for personnel, equipment, vehicles, and technology. The fire and police departments are at full capacity and modifications are required to accommodate incoming personnel.
- **Police Department's Female locker room** does not allow for more than two officers at a time.
- **Vehicle Storage and Equipment:** Fire trucks, police cruisers, and other essential vehicles need secure, spacious bays to park and undergo maintenance and to keep vehicles out of the elements. The lack of sufficient space for vehicles or equipment results in logistical challenges, hinder response times, and increase safety risks.
- **Emergency Operations and Collaboration:** A new facility will allow for dedicated spaces for emergency response coordination, training rooms, meeting areas, and storage. These spaces are critical for the smooth functioning of the departments, especially in crisis situations where rapid decision-making and coordination are vital.

# **Public Safety Building Continued**

## **3. Improved Safety and Security**

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- **Security Features:** Police and fire departments require secure areas to store sensitive materials, such as evidence or fire-fighting equipment. A new facility would provide better security measures, including surveillance systems, secure locker rooms, and access control to protect both officers and civilians.

#### 4. Compliance with Modern Standards

- **Changing Regulations:** The current public safety building does not meet modern fire, building, or ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) regulations. A new building would meet those requirements from the start, ensuring legal compliance and a safer environment for employees and the public.
- **Sustainability:** A new building presents an opportunity to incorporate sustainable design features, such as energy-efficient lighting, solar panels, and water-saving systems, reducing operational costs over time and supporting environmental goals.

#### 5. Operational Efficiency

- **Improved Workflow:** A well-designed, modern facility would streamline operations, improve workflow, and reduce response times. Dedicated spaces for briefing, training, and holding areas would make it easier for personnel to transition between tasks and improve overall department coordination.
- **Room for Growth:** As emergency response needs evolve, a new facility can be designed to accommodate future expansion. This would allow the departments to scale operations as needed, whether by adding personnel, equipment, or new technologies.

#### 6. Employee Morale and Retention

- **Staff Well-Being:** The work environment plays a key role in employee satisfaction and retention. A modern, spacious, and well-equipped facility will improve morale, reduce stress, and support the health and well-being of the officers and firefighters who serve the community.
- **Training and Development:** With the right facilities, departments can offer improved training programs and professional development opportunities, which in turn, lead to a more effective and well-prepared workforce.

## Public Safety Building Continued

#### 7. Community Impact

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- **Public Access and Trust:** A new, accessible facility can help improve community relations by providing a visible and professional presence in the community. It could also include areas for public outreach, community policing initiatives, and safety education programs.

#### **8. Cost Efficiency**

- **Energy Efficiency:** A new building will be designed with modern energy-efficient systems, leading to long-term savings on utilities, maintenance, and repairs. A more efficient facility can offset some of the initial construction costs over time.
- **Reduced Maintenance Costs:** A newer, well-maintained facility is less likely to require constant repairs, reducing the costs associated with keeping an aging building operational.

#### **Conclusion:**

The current police and fire department facility is no longer adequate to support the growing demands of public safety. The aging infrastructure, limited space, and outdated systems hinder the ability of first responders to do their jobs effectively and safely. A new facility would provide a modern, efficient, and secure environment, allowing both the police and fire departments to better serve the community and adapt to future needs. Investing in a new building would not only enhance operational efficiency and safety but also improve employee morale, public trust, and long-term sustainability.

## **Conclusion**

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As your Police Chief, I want to express my sincere gratitude to the residents of Georgetown for your unwavering support of our department. The safety and well-being of our town is a collective responsibility, and your trust in our officers and dispatchers is invaluable. The collaboration between the Georgetown Police and our community is essential for maintaining the security and pride we all value. Your acts of kindness, patience, and commitment to safeguarding our community truly make a difference and do not go unnoticed.

Our 2024 annual report showcases our strong commitment to public safety and community well-being. Over the past year, we have implemented practices that have strengthened our relationships within the community. The dedication and relentless efforts of our officers have played a pivotal role in upholding the laws of the Commonwealth, effectively reducing crime, and ensuring the safety of our town. This annual report not only highlights our significant achievements in community policing but also reaffirms our commitment to continuous improvement and professional development.

As we move forward, we acknowledge that the landscape of policing is changing. While our call volume remains consistent, the complexities of each service request require even greater commitment from our officers. We are dedicated to responding swiftly and effectively, but we realize more resources are needed. Expanding our team by adding additional officers will significantly reduce wait times, decrease overtime, and help prevent officer burnout.

I am proud to serve this remarkable town alongside such dedicated and compassionate Officers and Dispatchers. Together, we will continue to build a strong, safe, and enjoyable community.

Thank you once again for your trust and support.

David P. Sedgwick  
Chief of Police