

ISLE OF PALMS POLICE DEPARTMENT



2016 ANNUAL REPORT



A REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY



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A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY



SERVICE REPORT

The Isle of Palms Police Department responded to 13,215 calls for service received from citizens and investigated 1,596 incidents. This total revealed an overall 6% decrease of calls received from citizens from the previous year and a 13% decrease in incidents investigated.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES	2016	2015	+/-	% CHANGE
Service Calls	48,325	49,028	Decrease	1%
Incident Reports	1,596	1,837	Decrease	13%

CRIME REPORT

The South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) has divided crimes into two broad categories: Part 1 crimes and Part 2 crimes. Part 1 crimes are more serious in nature and include the more violent types of crimes (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) and property crimes (burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft, and arson). Part 2 crimes include all other categories.

CASE

PART 1 CRIME	2016	2015	+/-	% Change
Murder	0	1	Decrease	100%
Rape	0	2	Decrease	100%
Robbery	0	0		No Change
Aggravated Assault	0	4	Decrease	100%
Burglary	40	19	Increase	111%
Larceny	118	115	Increase	3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	5	Increase	180%
Arson	0	0		No Change
PART 2 CRIME	2016	2015	+/-	% Change
Sex Offenses	0	3	Decrease	100%
Assaults	15	19	Decrease	21%
Forgery	0	0		No Change
Fraud	31	31		No Change
Stolen Property Offenses	1	0	Increase	100%
Vandalism	26	40	Decrease	35%
Narcotics Violations	41	39	Increase	5%
Weapon Law Violations	1	3	Decrease	67%
Harassment	6	6		No Change
Disorderly Conduct	18	31	Decrease	42%
Driving Under the Influence	49	63	Decrease	22%
Alcohol Related Offenses	50	125	Decrease	60%
Resisting Arrest	0	1	Decrease	100%
Traffic Offenses	82	105	Decrease	22%
Warrant Arrests	9	17	Decrease	47%
All Other Offenses	1	6	Decrease	83%

CLEARANCE

Of the 1,596 incidents investigated by the Police Department in 2016, 240 were assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Investigators closed 24%, or 58 cases solved. There are 25 active cases that have been carried over into 2017, leaving the remaining 157 cases closed as unsolved.

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

The Isle of Palms Police Department successfully completed a Gold Standard Assessment. The Gold Standard Assessment puts the Department in a higher tier among accredited law enforcement agencies. The Gold Standard Assessment focuses more on departmental practices versus just policy compliance. This is a higher level of accreditation and only about 10% of all CALEA accredited agencies are eligible to try for the Gold Standard. The Isle of Palms Police Department has been a CALEA accredited agency since 2002, and received its fifth award for accreditation in March 2014. The Department is scheduled to receive its sixth award for accreditation in March 2017.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Traffic law enforcement is one of the primary responsibilities of the Department's objective. Officers identify and remove those drivers whose behavior indicates that they are an immediate danger to the public; improve driving behavior that differs from the accepted or legal requirements through direct enforcement contact and driver observation of police enforcement activities and develop and encourage voluntary compliance with traffic laws and ordinances through a continuing enforcement program.

OFFENSE	2016	2015	+/-	% CHANGE
Traffic Stops	3,131	3,821	Decrease	18%
Driving Under the Influence	52	66	Decrease	21%
Driving Under Suspension	43	67	Decrease	36%
Speeding Tickets	280	429	Decrease	35%
Other Tickets	590	894	Decrease	34%
Parking Tickets	8,590	5,104	Increase	68%
Warning Tickets	2,384	2,793	Decrease	15%
City Citations	328	455	Decrease	28%
COLLISIONS	2016	2015	+/-	% CHANGE
	82	107	Decrease	23%

ARREST DATA

In 2016 there were 365 arrests as compared to 706 in 2015; a 48% decrease.

OFFENSE TYPE	2016	2015
Murder	0	1
Forcible Rape	0	2
Kidnapping / Abduction	0	1
Assaults	9	14
Burglaries	5	0
Larceny (shoplifting, theft from MV, Breach of Trust)	12	11
Motor Vehicle Thefts	1	0
Traffic Related Arrests	153	169
Driving Under the Influence	52	66
Crimes Against Person	9	17
Narcotic Related Arrests	49	51
Weapons Violations	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	18	35
Alcohol Related Arrests	115	396
Crimes Against Property	35	19
Warrant Arrest	9	17
Resisting Arrest	0	6
All Other Offenses	2	2
TOTAL:	470	808

BIAS BASED PROFILING

It is the policy of the Isle of Palms Police Department to patrol in a proactive manner, to aggressively investigate suspicious persons and circumstances, while insisting that citizens only be stopped or detained when there exists a reasonable suspicion to believe they have committed, are committing, or about to commit, an infraction of the law.

COMPLAINTS	2016	2015	+/-	% CHANGE
Traffic Contacts	0	0	0	No Change
Field Contacts	0	0	0	No Change
Asset Forfeiture	0	0	0	No Change

COMPLAINTS / INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS

The Professional Standards Office of the Isle of Palms Police Department is responsible for investigating every complaint, conducting a fair and impartial investigation of the complaint, and determining whether the complaint is valid or invalid.

EXTERNAL	2016	2015
Citizen Complaint	15	15
Sustained	5	4
Not Sustained	5	3
Unfounded	5	7
Exonerated	0	1
INTERNAL	2016	2015
Directed Complaint	3	5
Sustained	3	5
Not Sustained	0	0
Unfounded	0	0
Exonerated	0	0

LIVABILITY VIOLATIONS

Isle of Palms Police Department has a Sergeant assigned to this function in an effort to deal with the city's quality of life issues, which range from noise complaints, barking dogs, roll carts, and business licenses. Patrol Officers initially respond to reported incidents and the Livability Sergeant will conduct follow-up investigations as needed. In addition, the City of Isle of Palms has court once a month specifically for Livability violations.

NOISE VIOLATION YEAR	TOTAL	ISLAND RESIDENT	LONG TERM / OWNER	LONG TERM / AGENCY	SHORT TERM / OWNER	SHORT TERM / AGENCY	OTHER	WARNING CITATION	CITY CITATION
2016	164	22	1	0	21	75	41	62	34
2015	201	39	0	0	37	71	54	105	39

TRAINING

Isle of Palms Police Department personnel received a total of 2,326 hours of training in 2016. The training included various topics such as, firearms and Taser qualification, Legal and Domestic Violence Updates, Emergency Vehicle Operations, and other advanced and in-service training.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Isle of Palms Police Department implemented "Kids and Cops Program" with the daycare children at the Isle of Palms Recreation Department and participated in the "Lunch Buddies Program" at Sullivan's Island Elementary School. The Department continued with its already successful "Coffee With A Cop", "Meet & Greet Events" and National Night Out. These programs provide our citizens the opportunity to interact and get to know the Officers that are serving their community. Our ultimate goal is to work with citizens and businesses to strengthen our relationships and keep our community safe!