

ISLE OF PALMS POLICE DEPARTMENT



2018 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 49,498 calls for service received from citizens and investigated 2,138 incidents. This total revealed an overall 1% increase of calls received from citizens from the previous year and a 14% increase in incidents investigated.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES	2018	2017	+/-	% CHANGE
Service Calls	49,498	49,034	464	+1
Incident Reports	2,138	1,863	275	+14

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.

PART 1 CRIME	2018	2017	+/-	% Change
Murder	0	0	0	0
Rape	2	0	+2	200
Robbery	0	1	-1	-100
Aggravated Assault	0	1	-1	-100
Burglary	12	23	-11	-48
Larceny	68	83	-15	-18
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	17	-11	-53
Arson	0	0	0	0
PART 2 CRIME	2018	2017	+/-	% Change
Sex Offenses	5	3	+2	66
Assaults	15	30	-15	-50
Forgery	2	0	+2	200
Fraud	31	26	+5	19
Stolen Property Offenses	5	2	+3	150
Vandalism	20	25	-5	-20
Narcotics Violations	53	45	+8	17
Weapon Law Violations	3	1	+2	200
Harassment	13	15	-2	-13
Disorderly Conduct	20	20	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	23	24	-1	-4
Alcohol Related Offenses	60	121	-61	-49
Resisting Arrest	10	1	+9	338
Traffic Offenses	132	92	+40	43
Warrant Arrests	7	9	-2	-22
All Other Offenses	2	1	1	100

CLEARANCE

Of the 2,138 incidents investigated by the Police Department in 2018, 138 were assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Investigators closed 30%, or 56 cases solved. There are 9 active cases that have been carried over into 2019, leaving the remaining 123 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 sixth award for accreditation in March 2017. The Department is scheduled to receive its seventh award for accreditation in March 2020.

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	2018	2017	+/-	% CHANGE
Traffic Stops	4,271	3,539	+732	+21
Driving Under the Influence	23	25	-2	-9
Driving Under Suspension	76	68	+8	+12
Speeding Tickets	610	223	+387	+173
Other Tickets	971	555	+416	+75
Parking Tickets	9,464	1,873	+7,591	+505
Warning Tickets	3,044	2,924	+120	+4
City Citations	277	334	-57	-20
COLLISIONS	2018	2017	+/-	% CHANGE
	91	73	+18	+20

ARREST DATA

In 2018 there were 315 arrests as compared to 413 in 2017; a 31% decrease.

OFFENSE TYPE	2018	2017
Murder	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0
Kidnapping / Abduction	0	0
Assaults	14	18
Burglaries	4	16
Larceny (shoplifting, theft from MV, Breach of Trust)	5	25
Motor Vehicle Thefts	2	4
Traffic Related Arrests	107	89
Driving Under the Influence	24	23
Crimes Against Person	0	33
Narcotic Related Arrests	45	55
Weapons Violations	2	1
Disorderly Conduct	20	24
Alcohol Related Arrests	37	102
Crimes Against Property	7	12
Warrant Arrest	6	8
Resisting Arrest	7	2
All Other Offenses	35	1
TOTAL:	315	413

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	2018	2017	+/-	% 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	2018	2017
Citizen Complaint	9	12
Sustained	4	3
Not Sustained	2	1
Unfounded	3	8
Exonerated	0	0
INTERNAL	2018	2017
Directed Complaint	7	1
Sustained	6	1
Not Sustained	0	0
Unfounded	0	0
Exonerated	1	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
2018	186	29	3	0	22	92	34	61	36
2017	165	27	1	0	17	67	42	61	28

TRAINING

Isle of Palms Police Department personnel received a total of 2,368 hours of training in 2018. The training included various topics such as, lethal and less lethal qualifications, Legal and Domestic Violence Updates, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Narcan Deployment and other advanced and in-service training.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Isle of Palms Police Department continues with the "Kids and Cops Program" and "Reading Buddies" with the youth programs 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" and National Night Out. We also held two Beach Clean-up events after major holidays and on hot summer days officers handed out frozen popsicles to beach goers. These programs provide our citizens the opportunities 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 relationships and keep our community safe!