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**SPARTANBURG PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT  
2012 ANNUAL REPORT**

## Mission

We, the Public Safety Department of Spartanburg, are committed to providing high quality Police and Fire services in partnership with the community through dedicated efforts and innovative programs.

Our success is critical for improving the quality of life in our city through promoting safety while maintaining respect for human dignity and the individual rights of our citizens.

## Values

### *Integrity*

We will continue to strive for total honesty and integrity in order to provide a strong foundation for building trust in our community and organization.

### *Respect*

We are committed to maintaining the utmost respect for each other and the individual rights of the citizens we serve.

### *Pride*

We are proud to serve in a growing and vibrant community. Our pride and confidence in what we do reflects how we feel about our department and the community we serve.

### *Loyalty*

We are committed to upholding the Constitutions of our nation and state, the principles and values of the Spartanburg Public Safety Department, and the trust of the community we serve.

### *Accountability*

We recognize that in our chosen profession, we are held to a higher level of accountability. Therefore, we accept no less than the highest order of responsibility for our decisions and actions.

### *Partnerships*

We are committed to developing trusting and interactive relationships with the community in order to foster mutual respect and understanding. These partnerships will enhance the quality of life for all citizens.

We realize that the expression of ideas is meaningless unless actively practiced. Therefore, we are dedicated to all of the above values in order to promote a professional work place and a safe environment for our employees and the citizens which we serve.

## Important Phone Numbers

Director of Public Safety 596-2376

### Police Division

Emergency 911

Non-Emergency 596-2222

Patrol Division 596-2097

Traffic Division 596-2090

Special Operations 596-2224

Investigation Division 596-2065

Victim Specialist 596-2067

Forensics 596-2819

Narcotics Division 596-2040

Property & Evidence 596-2009

Records Division 596-2035

Crime Prevention 596-2096

Animal Services 582-1558

Office of Professional

Standards and Inspections 596-2034

596-2120

### Fire Division

Main Fire Station 596-2083

Fire Marshal's Office 596-2449

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Dear Citizens:

As I reflect on 2012 and look forward to the New Year, I am excited and continue to be encouraged by so many great things that are happening in Spartanburg. I am grateful for a Public Safety team that continues to seek new and innovative ways to enhance the livability of our community.

I appreciate having another opportunity to express the commitment of the City Council and that of myself to support the many groups and entities that all work for the common cause of maintaining a wonderful city and providing opportunities for individuals and families.

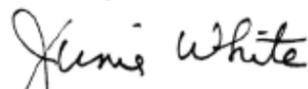
Spartanburg continues to be a host city for exciting events and opportunities and Public Safety has a vital role in helping to create wonderful experiences for our residents and visitors.

I am pleased that for another year, our City witnessed an overall decline in crime. We recognize that this is a reality because of the phenomenal collaborative spirit of community stakeholders representing non-profits, educators, healthcare, the faith community, business leaders, enthusiasts of the arts and community volunteers. We are truly seeing the evidence of progress!

As Mayor, I pledge to do my very best to provide our public safety team with the best equipment, technology and resources possible. Keeping residents safe is top priority, and involvement and vigilance from each of us is necessary if we are to maintain our status as a city with a declining crime rate.

I remain confident in our ability as a community to overcome any challenges that lie ahead. Our continued work towards a common goal of always improving and providing greater opportunities for residents and visitors is possible in 2013 and all the years to come.

Sincerely,

  
Junie White  
Mayor



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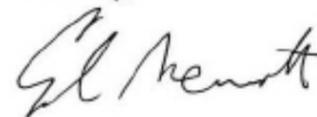
Dear Friends,

Providing for the safety of our residents and visitors is a core mission of the City of Spartanburg. Nothing the City does is more important. Under the leadership of the Public Safety Department, the City is proud of its proactive, collaborative approach to crime prevention that partners with our faith based, educational, nonprofit, and business organizations. We are grateful for the support of these organizations. I am also appreciative of the hard work of other City departments that assist and support the Public Safety Department.

Early each year, the City publishes a report of the crime statistics for the previous year. This report lets us track progress and identifies areas where we hope to improve. The annual report is a key tool in our efforts to keep citizens and policy makers informed as we move forward in our collective endeavors to improve Spartanburg.

Finally, I commend the outstanding efforts and sacrifices of the men and women of the Public Safety Department and their colleagues who serve the citizens of this community everyday in what are very challenging and difficult conditions. We thank them for their service.

Sincerely,

  
Ed Memmott  
City Manager



### Spartanburg City Officials

Mayor Junie L. White

### City Council Members

- W. Sterling Anderson, II - Council District One
- Jan Scalisi - Council District Two
- Robert Reeder - Council District Three
- Cate Brandt Ryba - Council District Four
- Jerome Rice, Jr. - Council District Five
- Linda Dogan - Council District Six

### Spartanburg Public Safety Committee

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|---------------------|------------------|
| James Bittner       | Todd Bridges     |
| Sallie Anne Burnett | Garrow Crowley   |
| Jennifer Evins      | Witney Fisher    |
| Chip Johnson        | Florence Kennedy |
| Tina Lyon           | Kitty Payne      |
| Vicki Schwartz      |                  |

The Public Safety Committee serves as a valuable resource to the Public Safety Department of the City of Spartanburg. The Public Safety Committee is comprised of a group of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to assist and give recommendations and feedback as we seek to develop and implement programs designed to enhance the services provided by the Department.

### Director's Office

The Director is responsible for all divisions of the Public Safety Department and has appointed division commanders to oversee the daily operations of each division. Each of the operating divisions has various units that carry out the department's operational and administrative functions. The Office of Professional Standards & Inspections and the Office of Planning and Research report directly to the Public Safety Director.

*D*ear Spartanburg Community:

*We believe public safety is a product of a committed, conscientiously engaging and supportive community. It is those peculiarities that have contributed to 15 years of safety and crime reduction in our community. As we release our annual report, we celebrate those characteristics of our community. We have sought the involvement of neighborhood leaders who provide valuable input on the issues of improving safety in their respective neighborhoods and we are grateful for their efforts.*

*Recently we had the honor of hosting the International Society of Fire Service Institute of National Instruction of Standards and Technology and the South Carolina Fire Academy for research and creation of approved approaches to fighting fires and firefighter safety. We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to this national scientific training program. We also applaud the automatic aid efforts and successful relationships with the fire departments that adjoin the city's jurisdiction.*

*Our role will continue to be a partner in helping to create a viable, positive environment for those who live and work in the greater Spartanburg community.*

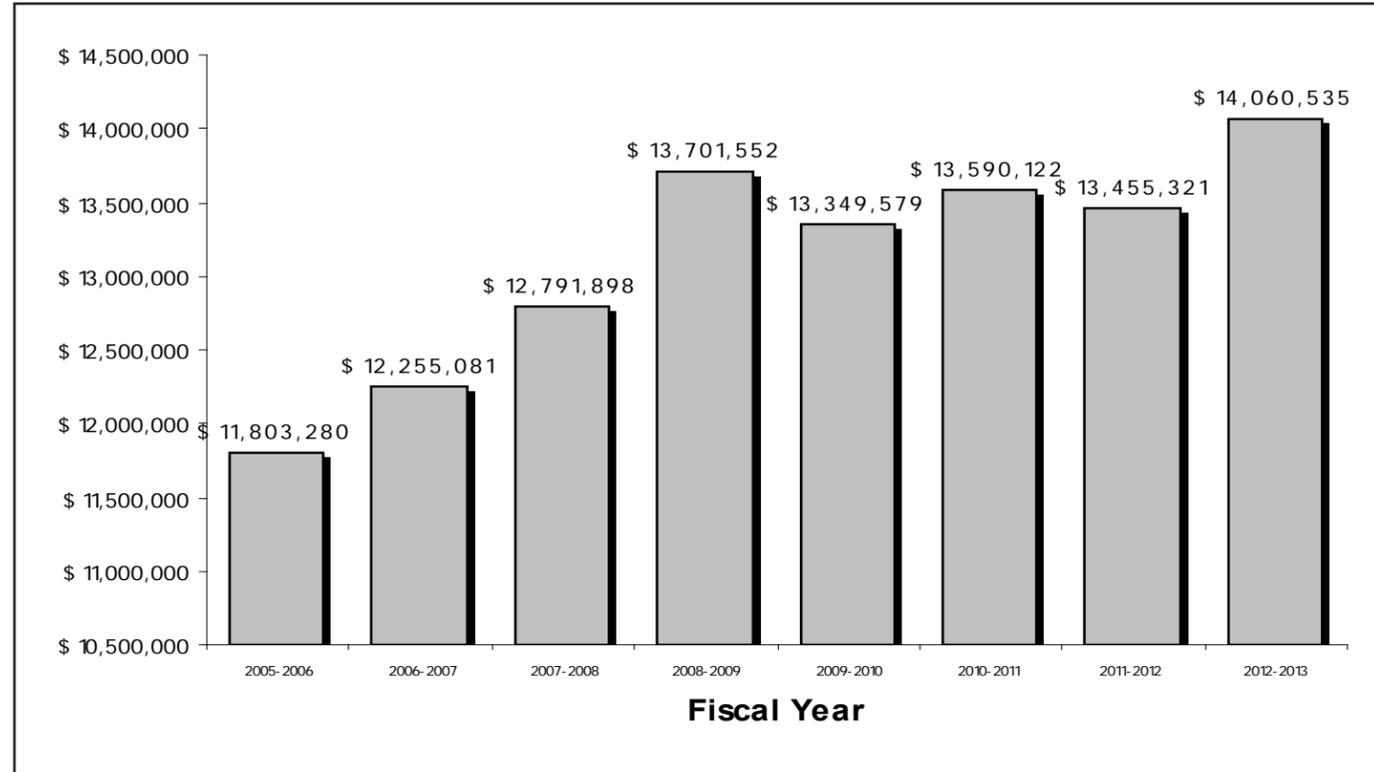
*Sincerely,  
A. Tony Fisher  
Director*



### About the Department

The Spartanburg Public Safety Department (SPSD), under the leadership of Director A. Tony Fisher, is committed to working with the community to reduce crime, solve problems and enhancing citizens' knowledge of fire and crime prevention tactics. We will continue to use various tools, resources and creative approaches along with positive partnerships and prevention initiatives to enhance police and fire services in the City of Spartanburg and its surrounding areas.

**Public Safety Annual Budget**



**2013 Public Safety Grants**

The following funding requests have been or will be submitted to support public safety initiatives.

Request	Local Match	Program
\$23,614	\$2,624	Programs For At-Risk Youth
\$49,865/yr for 3 yrs	\$5,539	Forensic Technician
\$2,000	None	Bullet Proof Vests
\$2,000	None	Police Equipment
\$2,000	None	Fire Equipment
\$97,000	None	Highway Safety
\$90,000	\$9,000	Fire Prevention
\$700,000	None	Enhance Policing Strategies
\$400,000	None	Reduce Violence Against Women

**SPSD Recruitment**

The Spartanburg Public Safety Department holds the highest standards for hiring, training, retaining and retraining its personnel.



The Department actively seeks to recruit quality candidates to maintain authorized staffing levels for fire fighters, police officers and civilian employees.

**SPSD Training**

We are fortunate to have many certified instructors in the Fire and Police Divisions. Roll Call training sessions are continually created by members at all levels within the Department.



The Department maintains a philosophy that places strong emphasis on providing the best possible training available. Training standards are reviewed on a continuous basis and training curriculums are frequently updated to ensure compliance.

*Police Officers Attended 152 Different Courses  
Total Training Hours 14,691*

**SPSD Accountability**

Policies are reviewed annually to ensure they are current with procedures, addressing evolving technology and changing legislation. Audits of various areas within the Department are conducted annually to ensure proper compliance, including audits of the Property and Evidence section, Narcotics Unit, and procurement procedures. Periodic reviews of pursuits and officers' response to resistance by combative individuals are conducted by our Office of Professional Standards & Inspections. We recognize that our employees are our strongest asset.

**Vehicle Pursuits**

Recognizing that an acceptable balance must be obtained between the capture of fleeing suspects and the responsibility of law enforcement to protect the general public from unnecessary risks, the Department has a strict policy that regulates when officers might engage in the pursuit of a vehicle.

2012 Pursuit Data	
Description	Totals
Failure to Stop Incidents	28
Vehicle Pursuits	3
Compliant with Policy	2
Non-Compliant with Policy	1
Pursuit Related Collisions	2
Pursuits Resulting in Injuries	2
Suspects Apprehended	3

**Law Enforcement Accreditation**



Spartanburg Public Safety Law Enforcement was awarded National Accreditation on March 20, 1999 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Department is also recognized as an accredited agency with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation Council (SCLEA) and is a member of the South Carolina Police Accreditation Coalition. Proof that compliance to national standards has been maintained is required to CALEA every three years.

**Criminal Investigation**

Criminal Investigation Division personnel are required to perform a variety of tasks. In addition to the investigative function, employees are responsible for crime prevention, latent examinations, crime scene processing, gang investigations, and coordinating programs aimed at reducing youth involvement in crimes.

Investigators are assigned to check all tips that are generated through Crime Stoppers as well as those tips that texters provide through our Text-a-Tip service. These services allow citizens to share information without disclosing their identity.

**Hotline**  
888-CRIMESC (274-6372)

**Web Tips**  
Submit a Tip Online

**Texting Tips - Text "TIPSC plus your message" to 274637 (CRIMES)**

**Unsolved Homicide**

On April 14, 2012, around 9:00 p.m., Tommy "TJ" Williams drove his vehicle into the driveway and to the rear of a residence on Amherst Dr. in Spartanburg, SC. Mr. Williams was shot and killed as he opened the door to exit the vehicle. We are still working to identify the person(s) responsible for the killing of Mr. Williams. Anyone with information about Mr. Williams' death or any other crime can provide that information to law enforcement by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC or text TIP649 with your tip to CRIMES (274637).



Tommy (TJ) Williams

**Homeland Security**

Since December 2005, an agency representative has been appointed to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). In February of 2012, the FBI along with our JTTF appointee executed search warrants at three locations as part of a 14 month long investigation into the criminal enterprise of New Deals Market located within the city limits of Spartanburg. Our appointee initiated this investigation which identified New Deals Market's criminal enterprise partners as Fast Point Convenience Store in Spartanburg, SC; and PJ's Wholesale Inc. located in Columbus Ohio. These three businesses were involved in EBT fraud and importing counterfeit goods such as "knock off" Nike shoes, Ralph Lauren Polo shirts, and New Era 59/50 baseball caps, among others from the People's Republic of China.



Fast Point Convenience Store  
Spartanburg, SC



New Deal's Market  
Spartanburg, SC



PJ's Wholesale, Inc  
Columbus, OH

The JTTF made six arrests and seized over three million dollars of counterfeit goods at these locations. All six persons have pleaded guilty to EBT and counterfeit goods charges in United States District Court.

**Combating Gangs for a Safer Community**

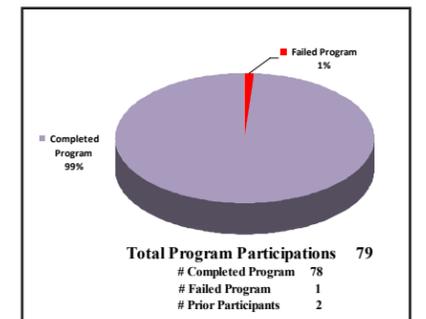


In 2011, our Department became one of the original participants in the Upstate Gang Working Group. The Group works to reduce gang related violence by identifying, prioritizing and targeting the most violent gangs in the Upstate of South Carolina. The Upstate Gang Working Group is comprised of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

Officer participation in this multi-jurisdictional task force ensures coordination of investigative efforts eliminates duplication of investigations and allows law enforcement to address all aspects of a particular gang. Because of the diversity and capacities of the partner agencies, The Upstate Gang Working Group is able to continually assess and develop actionable gang related intelligence for the benefit of the Upstate and the State of South Carolina.

**Youth Violence Reduction**

The Youth Violence Reduction Initiative focuses on reducing the likelihood of juvenile offenders engaging in subsequent criminal or delinquent behavior. The program was started in September 2009. During 2012, 79 juveniles were enrolled in the initiative. Ninety-nine percent (99%) of the enrollees have successfully completed program requirements or are in compliance with program requirements. The program has a 2% recidivism rate.



**Office of Victim Services**

Our Victim Specialists provide support services to crime victims and witnesses in the City of Spartanburg. They provide many services to include crisis counseling, referrals to partnering community agencies for shelter and professional counseling. They served over 960 victims in 2012. They also coordinate our “Day of Prayer” and “Shop with a Cop” as a support to crime victims.

Our Victim Specialists work to protect and preserve the rights of victims as prescribed by law.



**Citizens Academy**



The Citizens Academy is a program intended to provide citizens in our community knowledge of the inner-workings of the Spartanburg Public Safety Department. The program is designed to develop partnerships with community members and the Public Safety Department. Information is exchanged to give students a better understanding of how they can best utilize the services that are offered by the Spartanburg Public Safety.

The Public Safety Department implemented the Citizens Academy program in April of 2004, the most recent class ended December of 2012. Since the inception of the Public Safety Academy, approximately

380 people have graduated. Several graduates have made a career choice to seek employment with the City of Spartanburg and are currently serving as police officers.

Citizens who attend the Academy will receive training in the following areas: City Fire Division operations, Spartanburg County E-911, Spartanburg County Detention, Spartanburg County Courthouse, Property and Evidence, Tactical Operations (SWAT), Narcotics Unit, K-9 demonstration, Traffic, and Forensics.

Riding alongside a police officer, donning a firefighter’s protective gear, and touring the facilities are intense experiences and is highly recommended by past graduates.



**Traffic Enforcement**

Injuries and property damages from traffic collisions cause significant economic losses to families and communities. Traffic collision related injuries and deaths are preventable. Enforcement of traffic violations and driver safety education are effective interventions for improving safety on our roadways. Some of our focus areas for enforcement and education are:

- Speeding
- Impaired driving
- Distracted driving
- Aggressive driving
- Child restraint
- Seat belt



*SPO Charles Moore made 52 DUI arrests in 2012.*

The City of Spartanburg was recently awarded the AAA Carolinas “2012 Outstanding South Carolina Traffic Safe Community” award, recognizing improvements in safety and enforcement efforts.

Total Collisions	2005
Speeding Citations	4265
Seat Belt Violations	1099
Child Restraint Violations	140
DUI Arrests	187
Total Traffic Citations Issued	10,600

**Special Events**



Public Safety staff plays a vital role in safety planning and providing security for many of the Special Events that take place in our city. Our goal is to work with other City departments, event planners, and vendors to ensure prevention of and protection from incidents that could endanger the safety of the general public. The City takes a comprehensive planning approach which requires the involvement of practically every city department for many of the events that are held in the City.

<b>Special Event Permit Applications Reviewed</b>	<b>Police Hours Devoted to Event Security</b>
213	2200

*Does not reflect hours of officers working normal schedules or hours of fire personnel.*



**Employee Awards**

On April 19, 2012, the Public Safety Department recognized the following employees for their contributions to improving the quality of life in the City of Spartanburg.

- NON-SWORN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR - PSA Krystal Sexton
- COMMUNITY SERVICE (FIRE) - Captain Phillip Starck
- COMMUNITY SERVICE (POLICE) - Senior Patrol Officer Derrick Canada, Sergeant Tyrone Johnson
- ROOKIE FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR - Firefighter Richard Farr
- Honorable Mention: Firefighter Robert Davis, Firefighter Stephen Elder
- ROOKIE OFFICER OF THE YEAR - Public Safety Officer Robert Cheeks
- FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR - Captain Scott Sharrett
- OFFICER OF THE YEAR - Master Patrol Officer James Gardiner
- Honorable Mention:
  - Senior Patrol Officer Daniel Gordon
  - Senior Patrol Officer Christina Manriquez
  - Senior Patrol Officer Charles Moore
  - Public Safety Officer II Stephen McClure
  - Public Safety Officer II Keith Soules
- PROBLEM SOLVING (FIRE) - Lieutenant Chipper Wilkerson
- PROBLEM SOLVING (POLICE) - MPO Christopher Banks and SPO Jason Tapp
- Honorable Mention: Lieutenant William Foster
- LEADERSHIP (FIRE) - Battalion Chief Darryl Padgett
- LEADERSHIP (POLICE) - Sergeant Leslie Smith
- Honorable Mention:
  - Senior Patrol Officer Jonathan Lawson
  - Senior Patrol Officer Shane Morrow
  - Sergeant Paul Roper
  - Sergeant Jay Steadman
  - Animal Services Technician Michael Johnson
- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE - Sergeant Dave Feliciano
- LIFE SAVING (FIRE) - Captain Matthew Pruitt, Sergeant Jeffrey Dover, Sergeant Christopher Lamb and Senior Firefighter Raymond Mayley
- LIFE SAVING (POLICE) - Sergeant Leslie Smith, Public Safety Officers Tim Brochin and Robert Cheeks
- DIRECTOR'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE - Sergeant Paul Roper



**Fire Division**

The Fire Division is currently nationally accredited and possesses an ISO Public Protection Classification Rating of 2.

**Prevention Efforts**

Over the past several years the Spartanburg Public Safety Fire Division has worked to reduce the number of fire deaths and fire related injuries. Fire personnel have engaged in outreach activities at local schools, community events and in neighborhoods. In 2012, the Fire Division participated in 343 fire prevention events including Spring Fling, Fire Prevention Week, Fire in the Streets, Smoke Detector Installations, Station Tours, and other fire safety presentations.

Year	Children	Jr High	High School	Adults	Seniors	Totals
2012	7,278	264	38	2,412	240	10,232



**Strategies to Prevent Fires**

The Office of Fire Prevention is staffed with prevention experts who strive to assist the public through community education programs, pre-fire incident planning, and fire safety compliance inspections.

Equipping citizens with knowledge of how to prevent fires and respond in the event of a fire is a primary function. Identifying and correcting hazards is the best way to minimize the likelihood of damage or loss of property and to ensure the safety of employees, customers, and emergency personnel. We believe that strong prevention efforts are the best measures to improve safety.

Year	Events	Children	Jr High	High School	Adults	Seniors	Citizens served
2008	25	32	0	0	582	17	631
2009	127	399	24	68	2483	57	3031
2010	108	83	9	10	742	21	864
2011	56	49	11	5	637	29	731
2012	89	102	4	6	627	64	803

Fire personnel conducted 89 events and distributed safety information to 803 citizens.

**2012 Fire Inspections**

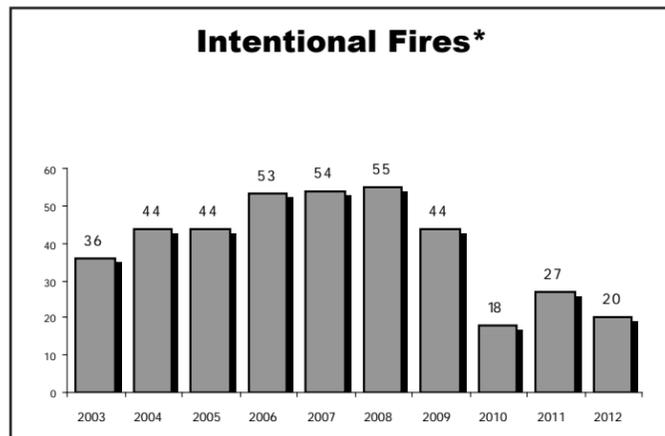
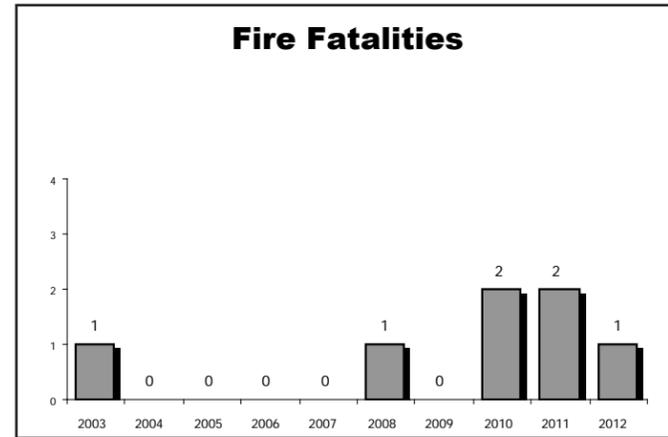
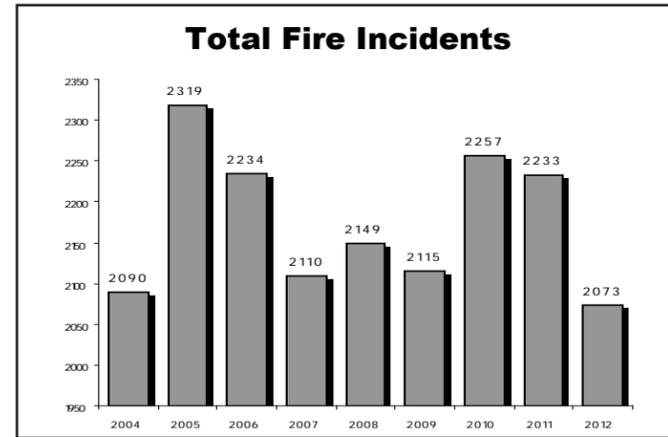
2012 Inspection Results	Total
Violations Discovered	1,825
Occupancies Inspected (initial)	1,531
Occupancies Reinspected	656
Total Inspections & Reinspections	2,062

**Fire Training**

Fire Division In-House Training For 2012	
Total Number Of In-House Classes	49 Classes
Total Training Class Hours For All Three Shifts	882 Hours
Total Training Man-Hours For All Three Shifts	16,758 Hours

Certificate Classes Attended By Fire Division Personnel	
Total Number Of Classes	70 Classes
Total Number Of Class Hours	1596 Hours

**2012 Fire Statistics**

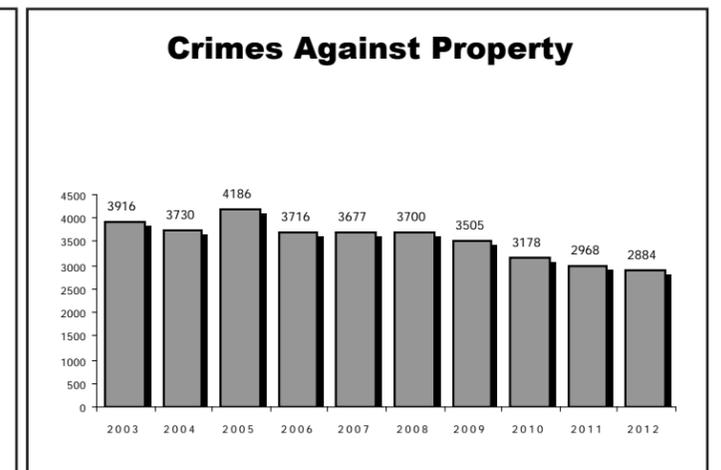
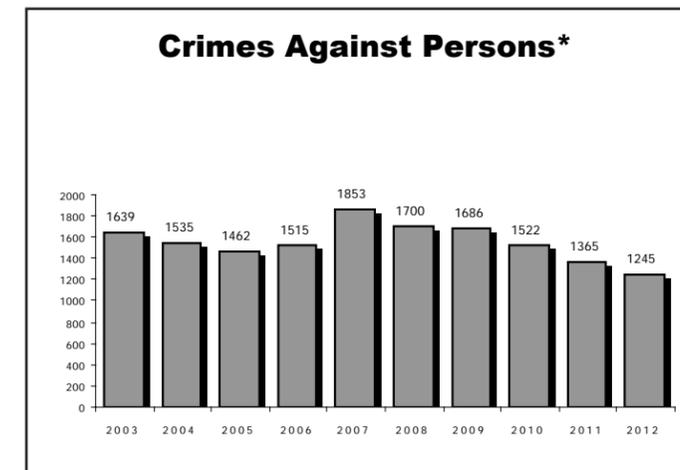
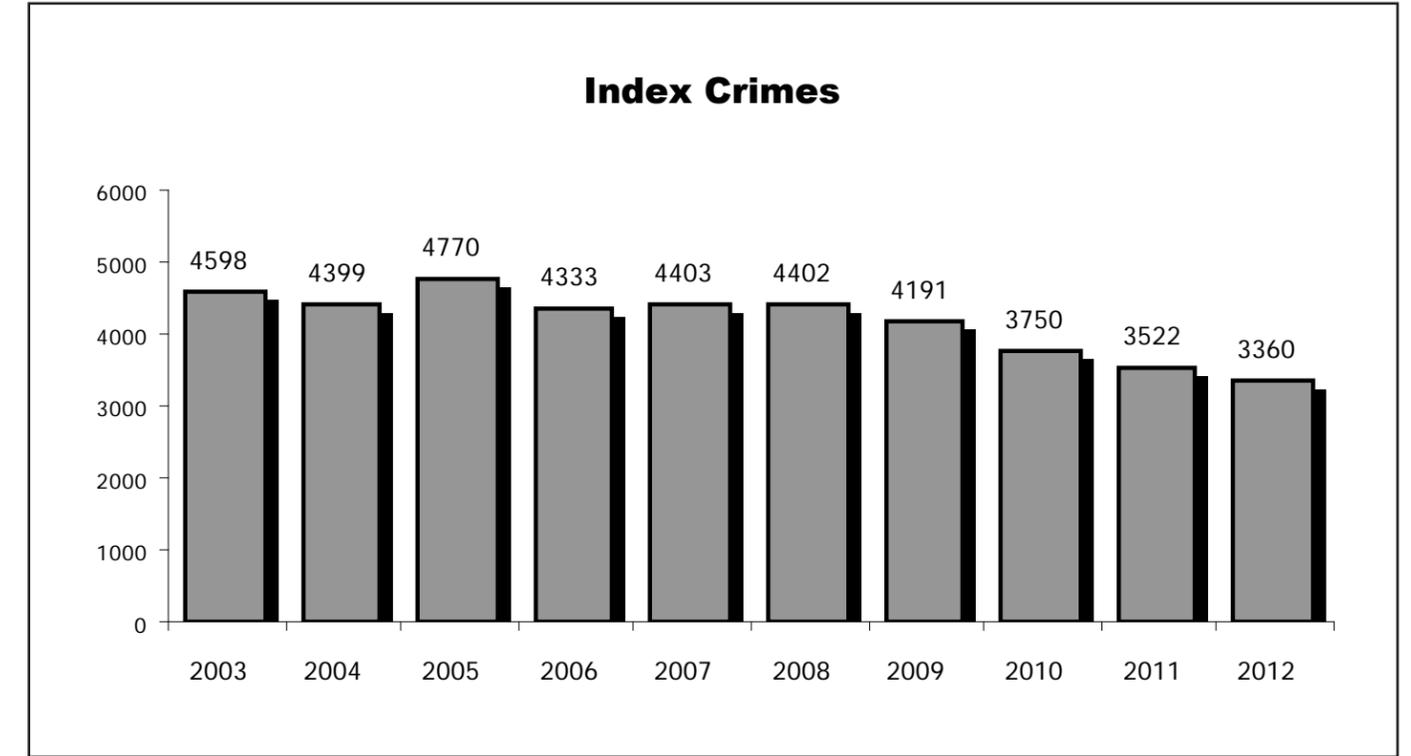


\* The term "intentional" refers to a fire that has been set where the person doing it should have known the fire should not be set. An example would be burning trash in the backyard which is prohibited by city ordinance.

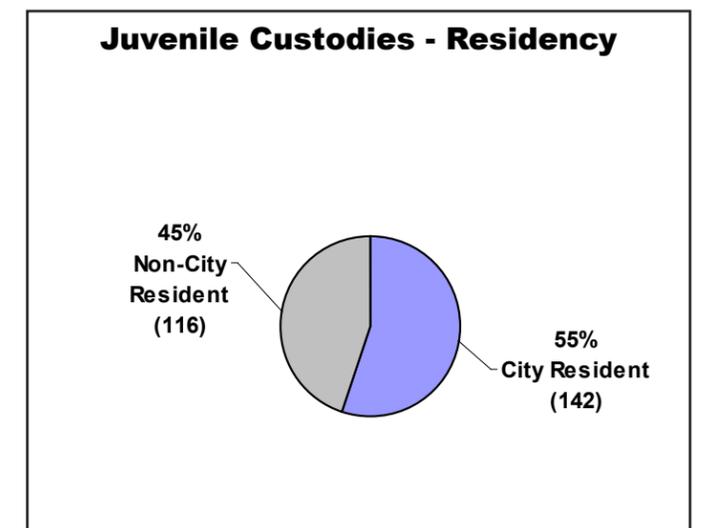
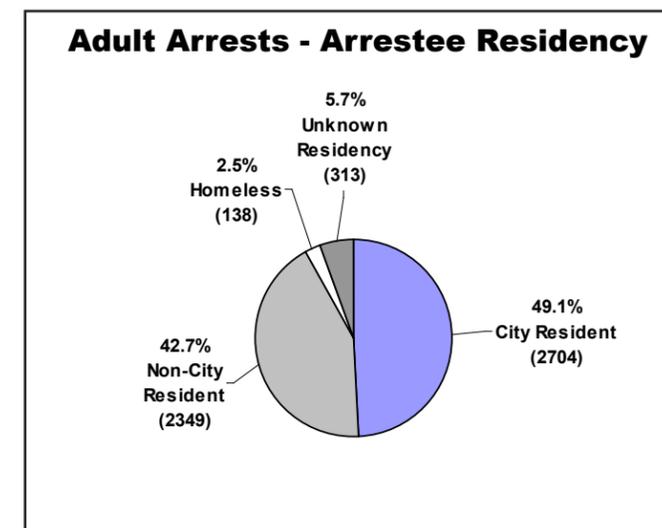
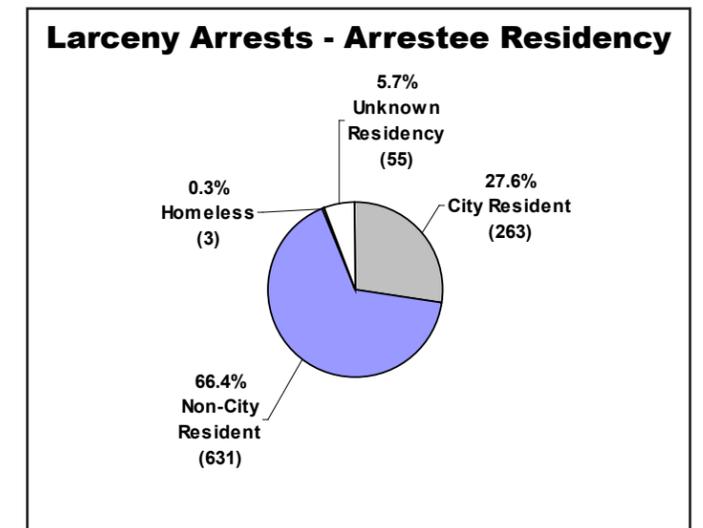
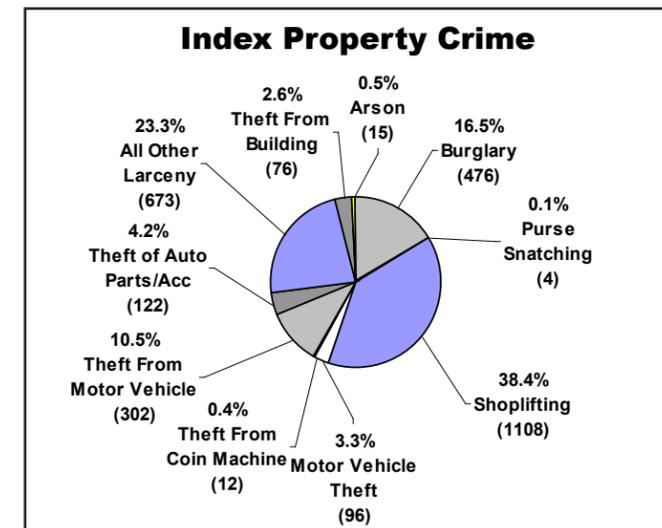
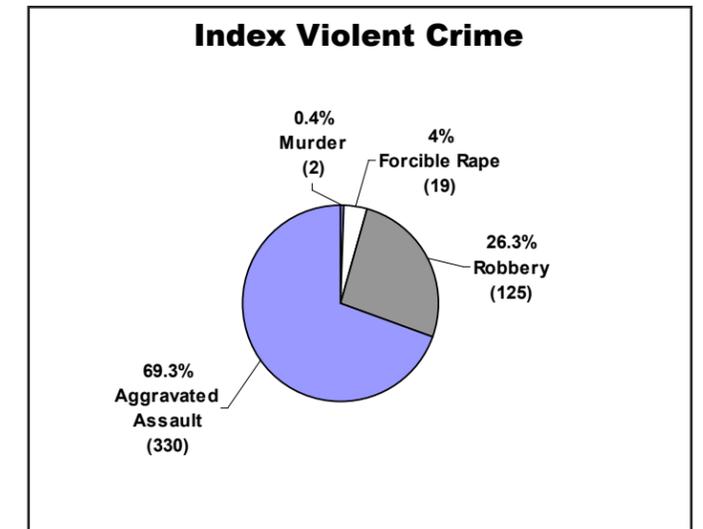
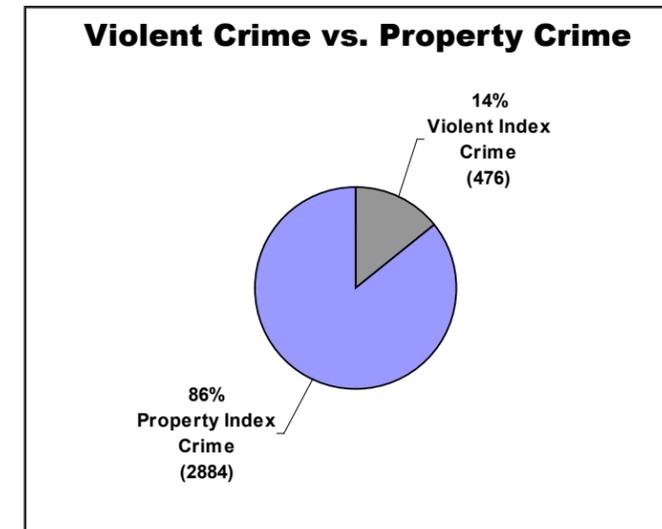
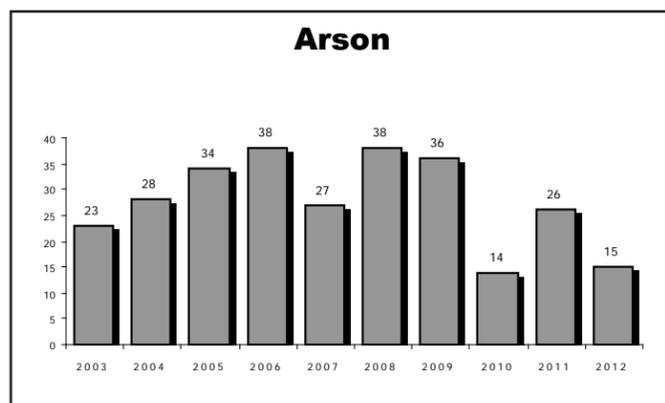
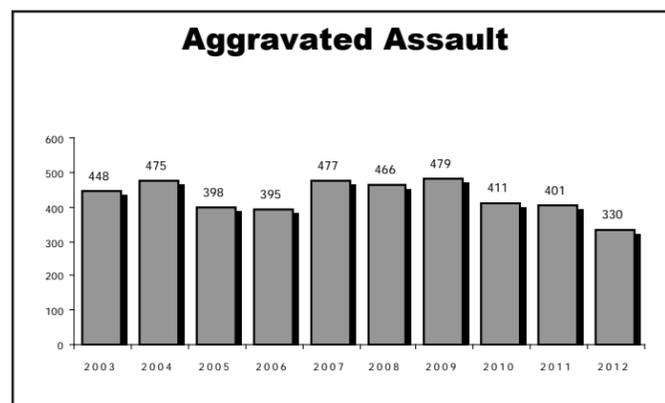
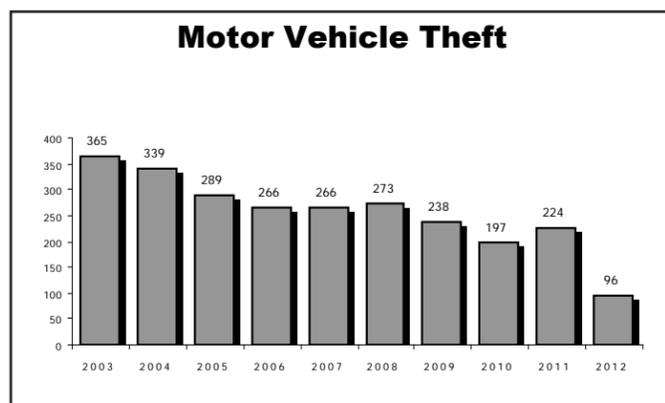
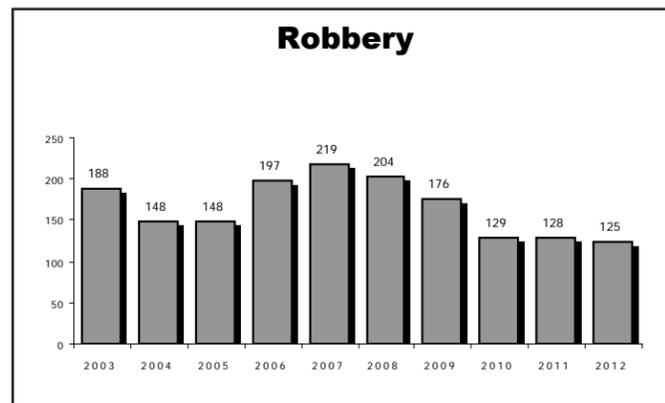
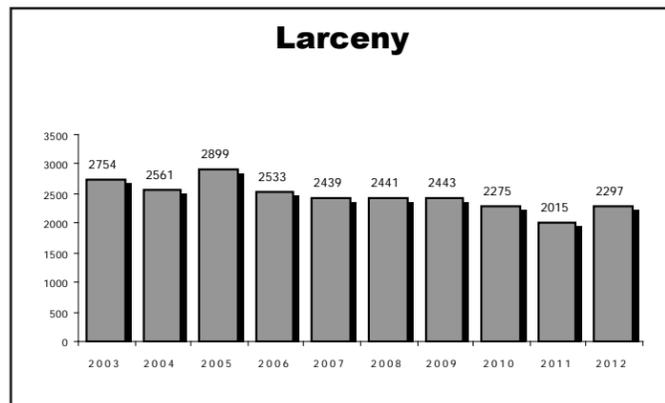
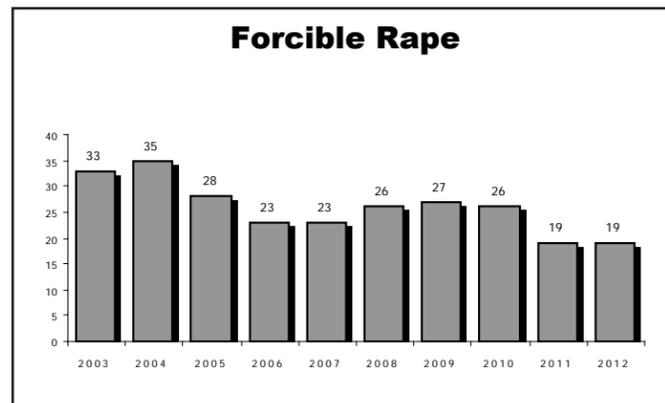
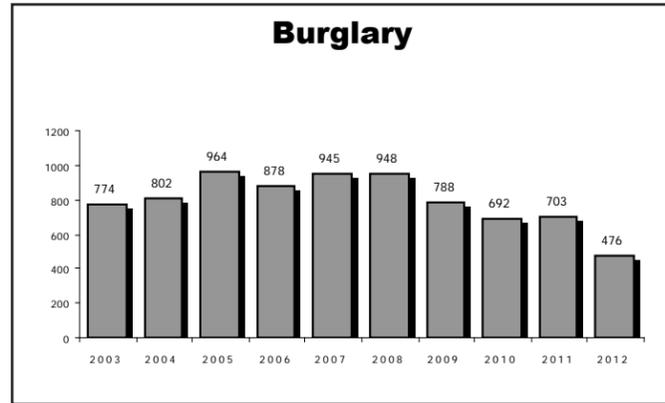
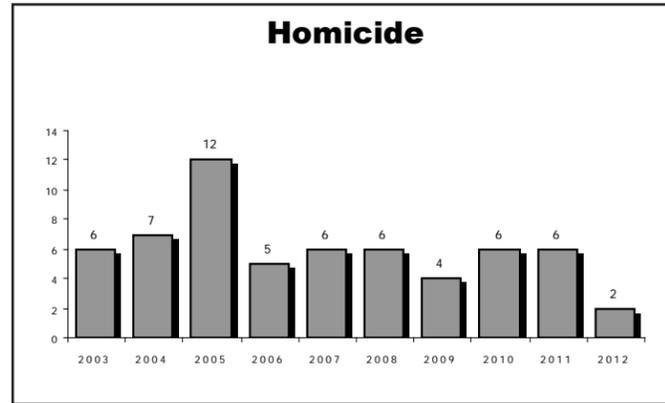
**Index Crimes**

Index Crimes are defined as murder and non-negligent manslaughter, robbery, forcible rape, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

In the City of Spartanburg, these crimes decreased by 162 in 2012 as compared to 2011. Index Crimes have declined dramatically since 2003 (down 19.5%) and continue to remain 26.9% below the ten year average. This pattern of decline has closely mirrored overall crime rates throughout the United States.



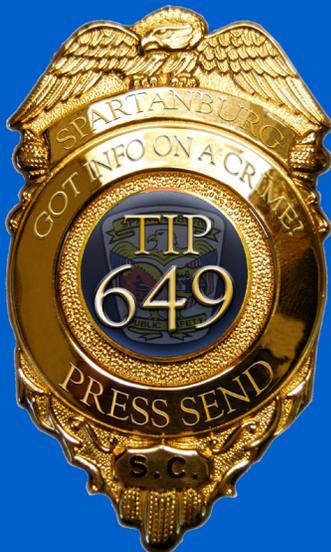
\*Includes manslaughter, simple assault and intimidation which are not part of the Index Crimes as defined by the FBI.



# FIRE DIVISION



# POLICE DIVISION



## REMAIN ANONYMOUS

Text **TIP649**  
with your tip to  
**CRIMES**  
**(274637)**