



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Message from the Chief

I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve the City of Albemarle by leading the brave men and women of the Albemarle Police Department. Since joining the department in February, I've worked to build trust and foster strong connections with our community, the APD team, and other law enforcement agencies.

This annual report reflects the work of the entire APD staff to protect and serve our community. APD utilizes the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) in conjunction with the North Carolina and the Federal Bureau of Investigations to calculate the crime data for the City of Albemarle. North Carolina and the FBI utilizes data from Part I NIBRS reporting to calculate the crime statistics for cities.

Part I offenses are categorized by two specific areas, violent crimes, and property crimes. Violent crimes are comprised of the following: homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property Crimes contain the following: burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny, and arson.

In 2024, there was once again steady progress in reducing total crime year over year. Total crime in Albemarle declined by 7.5% compared to 2023. This follows a continued reduction in total crime, which has been reduced by 21% over the past five years.

Traffic enforcement continues to be a point of emphasis for the Albemarle Police Department. We've heard from our community about the need to address speeding, and APD has taken action. In 2024, APD issued 318 speeding violations, a 125% increase compared to the previous year. This increase reflects our ongoing commitment to improving safety on Albemarle's streets and responding to community concerns.

The work of APD continues to evolve. In the future, we'll continue to put emphasis on Community Engagement Initiatives, such as movie nights, coffee with a cop, and partnerships with community organizations.

“Total Crime declined by 7.5% compared to 2023.”

**Ryan Manley
APD Chief**



Message from the Chief Continued

We continue to collaborate with schools, churches, civic groups, and nonprofits to support shared objectives, whether it's youth mentoring, safety workshops, or emergency response preparedness. These partnerships enhance our ability to reach all segments of our community. We are stronger when we work together.

In line with our commitment to transparency and accountability, we have implemented Axon's in-car camera systems to work in conjunction with our existing body-worn cameras. These systems capture high-quality video evidence, increase officer safety, and provide a transparent record of public interactions.

We are implementing new data-driven crime reduction strategies that focus patrols and resources on areas that need them most. Predictive analysis and real-time crime mapping enable us to deter crime before it occurs. APD is working closely with other agencies and community leaders to identify and intervene in cases involving repeat offenders or emerging criminal trends. Our approach strikes a balance between enforcement and support, offering pathways to resources, treatment, and second chances whenever possible.

In closing, I want to thank Honorable Mayor Ronnie Michael, the City Council, City Manager Todd Clark and the Assistant City Manager Darren Rhodes for their leadership and support of the Albemarle Police Department. The Albemarle Police Department is committed to building a safer, stronger community through transparency, innovation, and trust. From movie nights to modern technology, we are not just protecting Albemarle —we are part of it.

-Ryan Manley
APD Chief

COMMAND STAFF



J.T. Cranford
Assistant Chief of Police



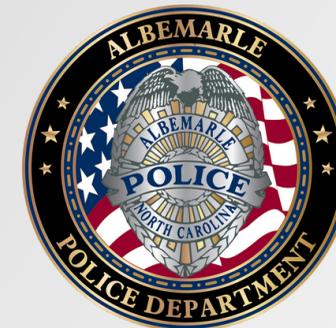
Captain D. Springer
Administrative Operations



Captain J. Clark
Patrol Division



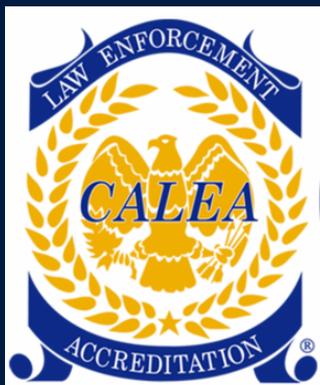
Captain D. Hicks
Criminal Investigations Division



ABOUT THE ALBEMARLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NATIONALLY ACCREDITED

The Albemarle Police Department (APD) is a law enforcement agency with an authorized staff of 52 sworn officers and 7 civilian personnel. The department is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) the gold standard in public safety.



OUR VISION AND MISSION

Our vision is to take a leading role in making the City of Albemarle a place where people want to live, work, and play.

The Albemarle Police Department is committed to fairness, compassion, and excellence while providing police services in accordance with the law and sensitivity to the priorities and needs of the community.

- The Albemarle Police Department believes that the protection of life and property is our highest priority.
- The Albemarle Police Department will respect and protect the rights and dignity of all persons and conduct all citizen contacts with courtesy and compassion.
- The Albemarle Police Department will strive for excellence in its delivery of police services and will utilize training, technology, and innovation to achieve that goal.
- The Albemarle Police Department recognizes its inter-dependent relationship with the community it serves and will remain sensitive to the community's priorities and needs.
- The Albemarle Police Department will enforce the law impartially throughout the community.
- The Albemarle Police Department recognizes the individual worth of each of its members.



CRIME STATS

OVERALL CRIME

↓ 7.5%

OVERALL CRIME FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

↓ 21%

VIOLENT CRIME

115

Up from 97 in 2023

2024 COMPARISON TO VIOLENT CRIME FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

↑ 5.3%

BURGLARY

↓ 8%

9% lower than five year average

PROPERTY CRIME

↓ 12%

LARCENY

↓ 15%

VEHICLE THEFTS TOTAL

31 Up from 23 in 2023

AGGR. ASSAULTS

↑ 10%

HOMICIDE TOTAL

2

ROBBERY TOTAL

10

RAPE TOTAL

3

Down from 4 in 2023

ARSONS TOTAL

1

Down from 4 in 2023



1,196 Total Arrests

Crime Trends

Data from 2024 shows for the fourth consecutive year the City experienced a decline in total crime.

Case Clearance Data

HOMICIDE

CLEARANCE RATE

2

100%

APD's Criminal Investigation Division successfully cleared, with arrests, the City's only two homicides that occurred in 2024.

NOTE: Some cases are uncleared as they remain active

OFFENSE TYPE	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	OFFENSE CLEARED	NATIONAL AVG. CLEARANCE RATE
RAPE	3	0%	35%
AGG. ASSAULT	100	31%	53%
LARCENY	382	40%	19%
ROBBERY	10	30%	29%
ARSON	1	0%	21%
BURGLARY	105	22%	14%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	31	26%	13%

Criminal Investigation Division

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is assigned a variety of responsibilities. CID personnel perform their duties in conjunction with the department's Patrol Division, Administration, and Records Division. CID personnel are also involved with a number of State, County, and other local organizations. Staffing for CID consists of one Captain, two Sergeants, and seven Detectives.

A total of 883 cases were handled by APD's Criminal Investigation Division in 2024.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

In 2024, the total number of calls for service dropped by approximately 6% compared to 2023. Calls for service are categorized as citizen initiated or officer initiated. Citizen initiated calls are received by the Stanly County 911 Communications Center. Officer initiated calls take place as a result of realtime field observation.

27,360
TOTAL CALLS
FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service
from Citizens

17,409

Officer Initiated
Calls

4,964

Officer Initiated
Vehicle Stops

4,987

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY MONTH

JANUARY	2,274
FEBRUARY	2,082
MARCH	2,190
APRIL	2,223
MAY	2,487
JUNE	2,331
JULY	2,373
AUGUST	2,378
SEPTEMBER	2,309
OCTOBER	2,043
NOVEMBER	2,348
DECEMBER	2,322

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

APD is an active participant in the North Carolina Governor’s Highway Safety Program. The program is dedicated to promoting efforts to reduce traffic crashes through safe-driving initiatives including Click It or Ticket and Booze It & Lose It. These initiative help address issues such as impaired driving, seat belt use, speeding, distracted driving, motorcycle safety, bicycle safety, pedestrian safety and other aspects of highway safety.



FATAL CRASHES	INJURED PERSONS TOTAL	TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS
2	205	2,810

TRAFFIC STOPS	DWI ARRESTS	TOTAL COLLISIONS	SEAT BELT VIOLATIONS
4,987	63	920	16
SPEEDING VIOLATIONS	ALCOHOL CRASH RELATED	RECKLESS DRIVING	CHILD RESTRAINT VIOLATIONS
318	10	34	5

K-9 UNITS

In 2024, the Albemarle Police Department added a second Police K-9 Unit. The K-9 Units are utilized for narcotics detection and patrol work. K-9 Officers, Lord and Topi, are trained to search for and locate illegal drugs; perform tracks; evidence searches; building and subject searches; and criminal apprehension.



CYBER CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

The City of Albemarle's Criminal Investigation Division has dedicated staff to incidents involving children and cybercrimes. This staff participates in the North Carolina Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce. APD staff receives information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in reference to possible exploitation and other crimes against local children.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

APD has four School Resource Officer (SRO) positions, one for each school in the City. SROs assist school administration in maintaining a safe and secure environment. The officer in the Middle School also offers instruction in the D.A.R.E. program, a drug abuse prevention education program intended to give children skills to resist peer pressure to use tobacco, drugs, and alcohol.



YOUTH OUTREACH

APD operates a summer Junior Academy for middle school age students. The academy features a variety of activities that explain the roles and responsibilities of police in the community. Students learn about everything from evidence collection to how a criminal court trial occurs.

**PARTICIPANTS IN
D.A.R.E. PROGRAM**

**NUMBER OF STUDENTS
IN JUNIOR ACADEMY**

70

15

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



CREATING CONNECTIONS

At APD, community policing isn't just a concept; it's a commitment to building relationships with the people we protect and serve each day. It's why you'll see our officers at all sorts of events and activities across our City. In 2024, APD officers engaged the community in numerous ways including: Coffee With a Cop events, the Downtown Fall Festival, the Downtown Christmas Parade, Holiday Heroes Shopping, Sweets and Stories with Stanly County Partnership, the Special Olympics, Faith and Blue Weekend, Back to School Bash, and many more.

In 2024, APD was proud to once again partner with Safe Kids to host Community Night Out at YMCA Park, where more than 1,100 people were in attendance.



SEIZURES

In 2024, APD successfully removed various types of illegal drugs from the street valued at a total of \$197,735. These seizures occur in variety of ways:

-TRAFFIC STOPS

-ARRESTS

-SEARCH WARRANTS

2024 DATA

Items Seized	Amount Seized
Marijuana	2020.08g
Cocaine	105.11g
Pills	1008.5 du
Heroin/Fentanyl	86.3g
Methamphetamine	97.6g
Other	49g
Firearms	126
U.S. Currency	\$27,497.80
Vehicles	9

OVERDOSE CASES

In 2024, there were no fatal overdoses.

OVERDOSES 46

UP FROM 43 IN 2023

FATAL OVERDOSES 0

DOWN FROM 2 IN 2023

OPERATION MEDICINE DROP

You can make your home a safer place by using the Operation Medicine Drop box at APD to dispose of expired or unneeded medications.

The drop box is located in the lobby at APD and is open 24 hours a day. APD's Evidence Custodian makes sure the medications are disposed of properly.

In 2024, 178,736 grams of medication were put in the drop box.



DIAL EMERGENCY 911

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

42
TOTAL COMPLAINTS

11
COMPLAINTS BY
THE COMMUNITY

31
SUPERVISOR
INITIATED
COMPLAINTS

0 OFFICER-INVOLVED
SHOOTING INCIDENTS

25 RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE
/ USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

14 EMPLOYEE
COLLISIONS

10 PURSUIT
INCIDENTS

The Internal Affairs Division conducts internal and administrative investigations regarding police personnel, firearm discharges, use of force investigations, employee misconduct, and any other investigations as directed by the Chief of Police.

In 2024, out of 27,360 calls for service, the department received 11 complaints, just 0.0402% from all citizen contacts.

The police department recorded 11 citizen complaints in 2024 and 31 supervisor reported complaints.

Complaints may be made in person, by phone, in writing, or online at www.albemarlenc.gov/apdcomplaint



RECORDS SERVICE

The Records Division is comprised of five full-time civilian employees, one assigned to each Patrol Team and a Records Supervisor. We are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Two part-time employees are also employed and can be called to work when needed. Record Specialists work 12-hour shifts on a schedule identical to the Patrol Teams, allowing them to be available to assist the Patrol and Detective Divisions as well as the public at all times. Records personnel directs and advises all visitors to the Police Department and answers all incoming calls. Customer Service is our top priority at all times, both when interacting with the citizens of our city and when assisting members of Law Enforcement.

The Records Division maintains records through Hexigon On Call Records. Criminal reports are vetted by the Records Division personnel to assure they comply with National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) requirements. Reports are then submitted to the NC State Bureau of Investigation.

2024 RECORDS REQUESTS

Request Type	2024	Percentage Change from 2023
Incident Reports	2,084	-1.5%
Arrest Reports	1,196	-7%
Accident Reports	920	-17%

RECRUITMENT



New recruits are hired by the department and sent to Basic Law Enforcement Training to become sworn police officers. In 2024, we hired ten students with eight graduating and starting their career with the department in 2024.

The City of Albemarle is dedicated to supporting its law enforcement professionals. Our police officers annually receive cost of living pay increases. We've also instituted merit pay, making police officers eligible for a pay increases.

Other benefits include 401 K, free health insurance, longevity package, and take home vehicle. Lateral sworn officers may receive compensation consideration for experience, education, bi-lingual skills, and adjustment of leave accrual with time in law enforcement.

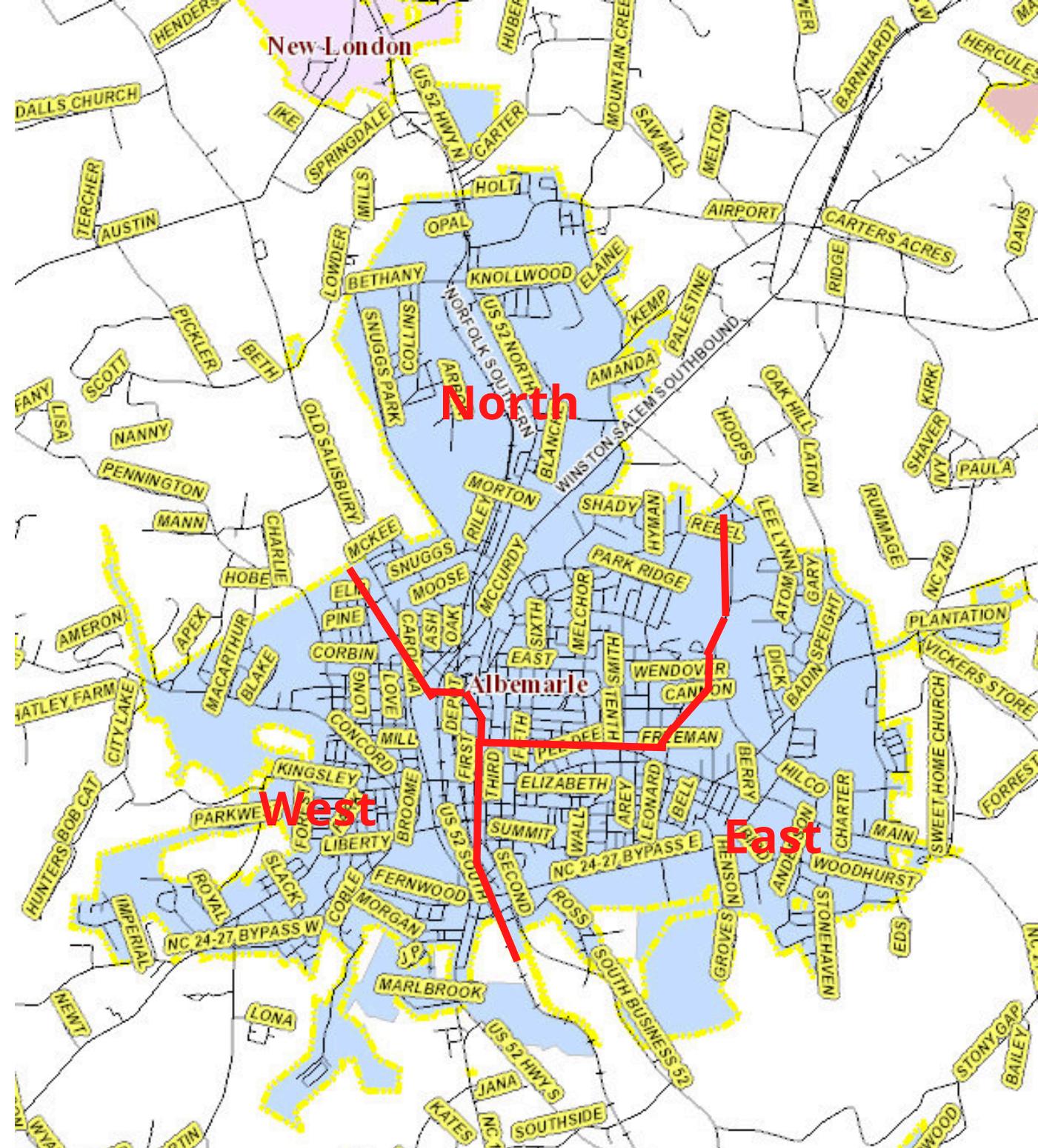
267 PEOPLE APPLIED
TO JOIN APD



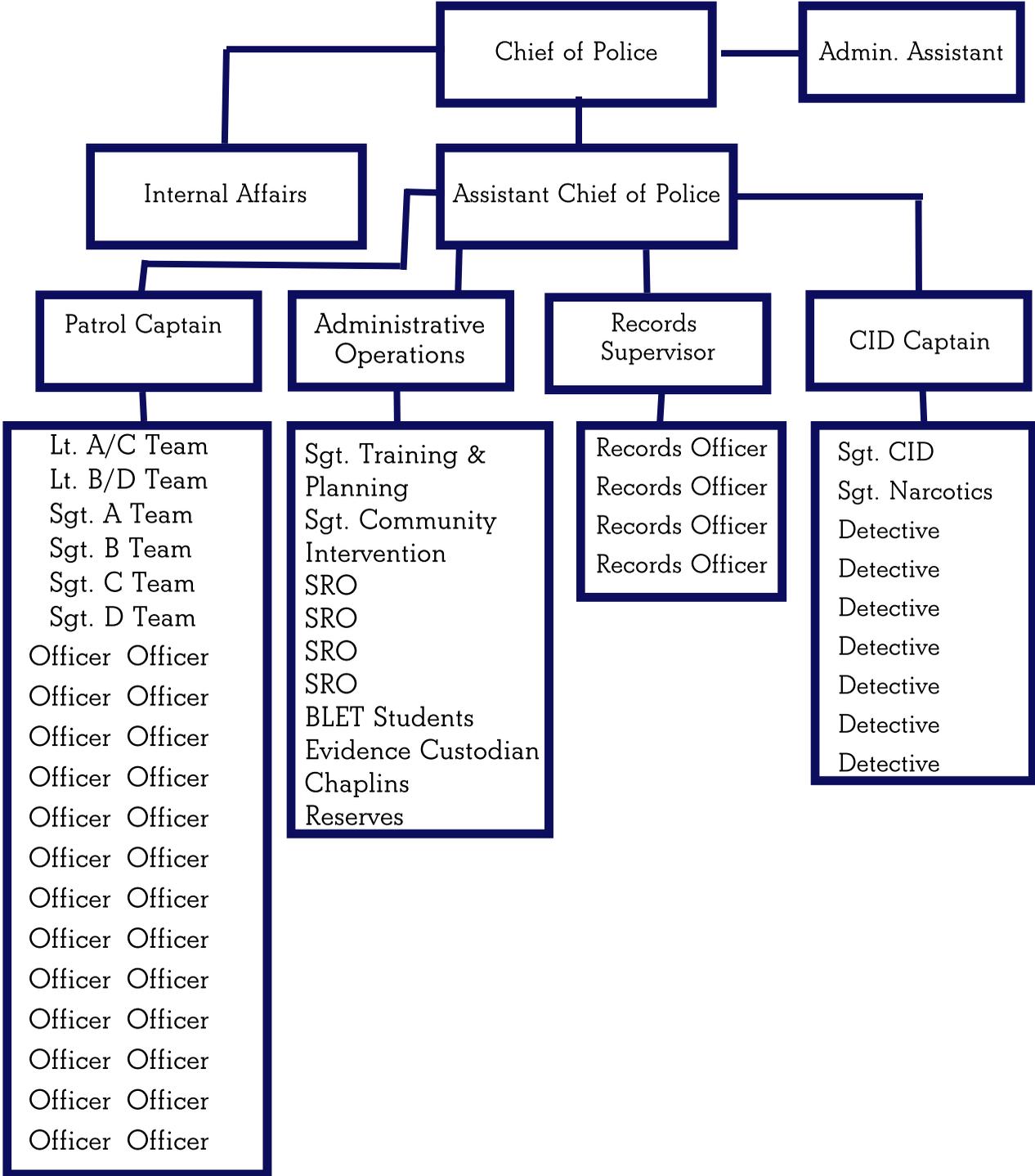
78%
COMPARED
TO 2023

CITY ZONE POLICING

The Albemarle Police Department patrol division is divided into 3 patrol zones, east, west, and north. Officers are assigned each zone for their daily duties. The city is approximately 17 square miles with 18,000 residents.



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



BUDGET



TOTAL BUDGET
\$6,228,736

BUDGET BREAKDOWN

\$5 MILLION
PERSONNEL (81%)

\$991,585
OPERATING (16%)

\$156,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY (3%)

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East Office**
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