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Message from the Chief

Once again, I am pleased to present to you the annual report for the Thomasville Police Department for 2011. Our annual report will give you a complex review of the activities, challenges and accomplishments of the Police Department for the year. Also, included is a descriptive explanation of the many functions our department offers to help the public better understand how we operate as a Law Enforcement Agency.

In our annual report you will find local crime statics and crime trends within the City of Thomasville as well as an overview of the types of calls the officers routinely handle on a daily bases. As you read this report I hope you find it to be interesting and an eye opener to the things we have to contend with to make this City safe for those that live and visit this beautiful place.

I also want to thank our citizen support groups for working endlessly with our officers to maintain some signature outreach programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Citizens Police Academy, and the Police Explorer Program for Youth, Shop with a COP, Safe-T-Ville and many more.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the men and women of the Thomasville Police Department for putting their lives on the line every day to protect the property and lives of our citizens. It is a privilege to work with a staff that continually strives for excellence through acts of professionalism, innovation, creativity, dedication and a caring spirit.

On behalf of the entire staff of the Thomasville Police Department, I want to thank the supporting body – City Manager Steve Sykes, Mayor Max Beverly, Mayor Pro Tem Greg Hobbs, Council Members David Lewis, Roy Campbell and Jay Flowers for their continuous support.

Sincerely,

Ellis C. Jackson
Chief of Police

Assistant Chief Rich

2011 proved to be another successful year for the Thomasville Police Department. As the Assistant Chief, I am responsible for leading the operations of the department which includes both Uniform Patrol and Criminal Investigations. These divisions are constantly striving to improve the safety, security, and quality of life for all of our citizens and visitors of our great community.

As you read through these reports, keep in mind that they serve as snapshots of our team's activities. This is just a glimpse of how our officers positively affect our community; our community always comes first.

Every division, team and officer is tasked with developing new goals each year which they use as a bench mark of the year's success. These goals are developed to remain tangent to TPD's overall mission: To improve and maintain the quality of life within our community by working together to achieve a common goal: a safe and secure city.

A new initiative was implemented in 2011 was a data driven approach to reduce crime. The officers had the capability of reviewing crime data and trends to effectively develop plans to reduce crime. With the development of technology and real time crime data, the days of random patrolling is becoming obsolete. Team leaders and officers are now required to develop daily plans based on crime analysis and put these plans into action with directed patrol techniques. With this implementation of data driven approach, crime should decrease and quality of life increase.

Our community should be proud of our officers within the TPD. These officers are fully committed to serving and protecting the lives of all citizens. Our officers serve as the solid foundation of the Thomasville Police Department and we are proud to have them serve our community.

2011 Patrol Division
Annual Report

Patrol, the agency's first responders, is made up of four watches. Each watch is commanded by a lieutenant and supervised by a sergeant with a maximum of 8 officers per shift. Officers within the patrol division are divided into zones in order to cover the city's 14.9 square miles. The current manpower assigned to Patrol is 43 members. The teams within the Patrol Division work 12 hour shifts and alternate between the day shift and night shift every four months. Some of the duties of the Patrol Division are: taking reports for crimes and accidents, directing traffic, traffic enforcement and acting as escorts for businesses and funeral processions. In order to effectively respond to a wide variety of calls, each watch is supported by K-9 and Bike team officers. Each patrol supervisor initiated several team goals along with departmental goals in an effort to promote a safe and secure community. Some of these accomplishments were; increased efforts to clear outstanding warrants, identification and problem solving initiatives involving high crime areas and identifying quality of life issues. Officers also worked closely with community leaders in developing and implementing neighborhood watch groups which focuses on reducing citizen crimes. Each team is tasked with implementing and managing three groups. Officers also participated in department efforts to support local citizens through the annual Good Will project. Over \$7,000 was raised which helps to support in need families.

Thomasville Police
Criminal Investigation Division
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The Thomasville Police Department Criminal Investigation Division had a very busy and successful year in 2011. The Criminal Investigation Division investigated 1139 felony cases in 2011 with a 50 % clearance rate combining person and property crimes. Each Detective was assigned an average case load of 163 cases for the year 2011. This statistical data is directly attributed to the professionalism of our Officers/Detectives and the support we receive from the citizens of Thomasville/Thomas County.

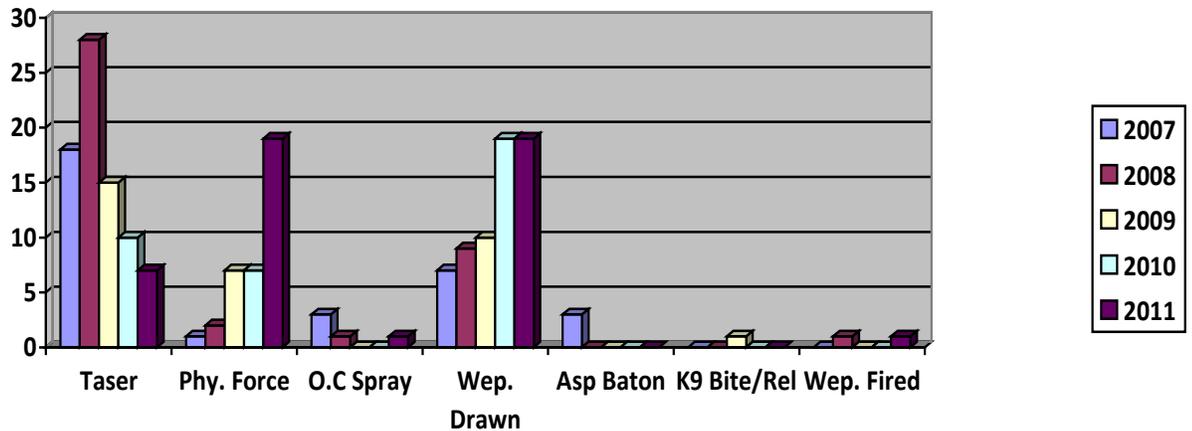
The Criminal Investigation Division participated in two team projects as a way to give back to the community in the year 2011 and they were; Goodwill Project and Walk a Mile in Her Shoes. The Goodwill Project is accomplished through the sale of BBQ plates with the proceeds used to buy children's gifts for needy children at Christmas as well as helping needy families throughout the year with over 45 needy children sponsored in 2011. The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes project is an ongoing project that Criminal Investigations assist with in raising funds. This event is offered to the community as well as Law Enforcement to raise funds for the Children's Advocacy Center, known as the Tree House. The Tree House became fully operational in 2011 with the help of Thomasville/Thomas County community and Law Enforcement. The CAC serves victims of sexual assault and is utilized in both adult & juvenile cases. We look forward to the New Year and continue to strive at bringing you excellent law enforcement services in South Georgia.

Support Services Division

The Support Services Division of the Thomasville Police Department is responsible for non-operational activities that allow the Thomasville Police Department to provide law enforcement services to the community. The Support Services Division is responsible for ensuring that our officers have the necessary equipment and support to provide high quality law enforcement services to our citizens.

The Support Services Division assists other divisions by providing communications, record filing, information retrieval, officer training, internal investigations, evidence retention and other functions. The Support Services Division is also tasked with overseeing the department's Calea accreditation. This nationally accredited program creates a check and balance by systematically conducting an internal review and assessment of the police department's policies and procedures, making adjustments wherever necessary to meet a body of internationally accepted standards. The Support Services Division consists of two Lieutenants, one sergeant, and four civilian employees. The following information contains 2011 police statistics compiled by the Support Services Division.

5 Year Use of Force Comparison



2011 Traffic Count

Thomasville Municipal court processed 7,828 citations and 2,677 warnings for traffic violations and tried 659 non traffic cases.

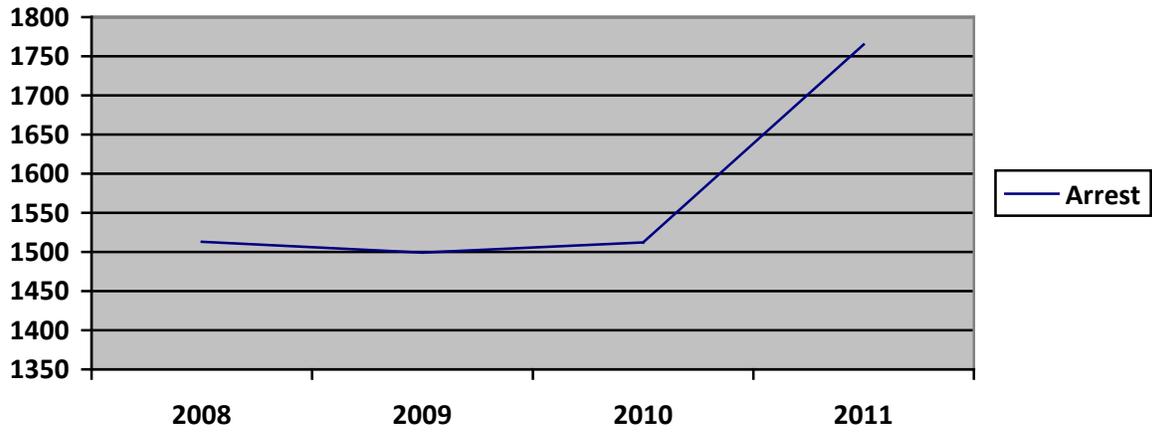
Charge	Number
General Enforcement*	659
Underage Consumption	29
Open Container (Alcohol)	118
Marijuana	106
DUI	127
Loud Music	144

**General enforcement includes all city charges other than traffic and those listed above*

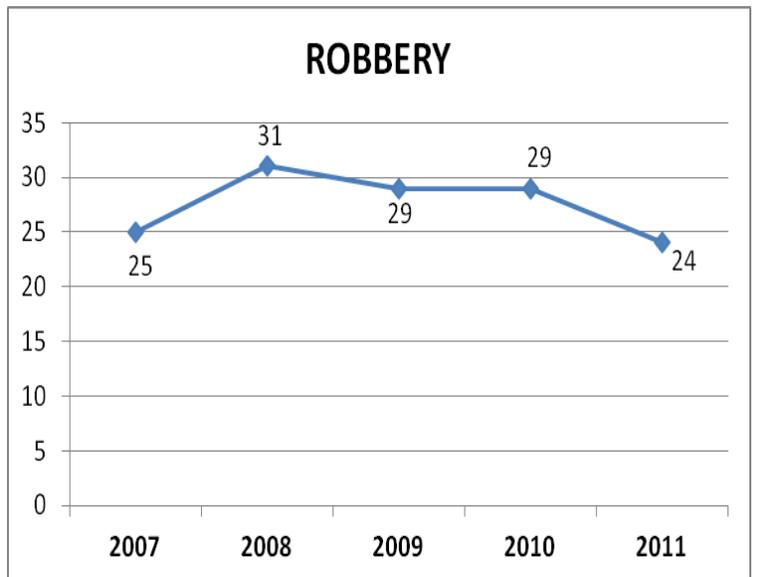
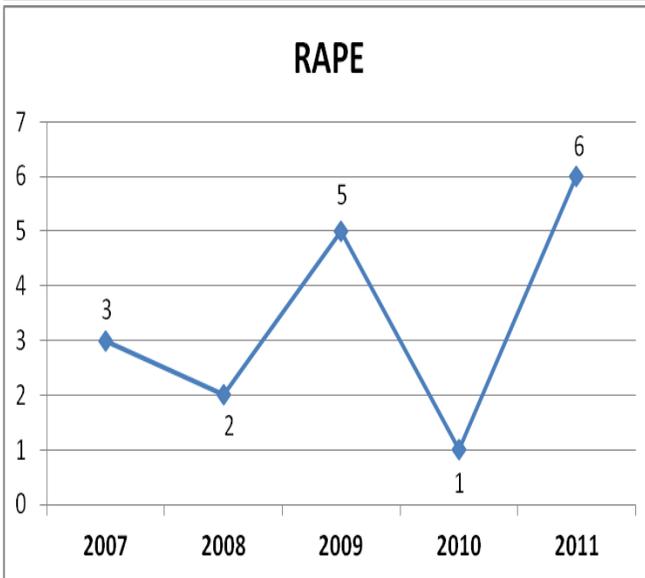
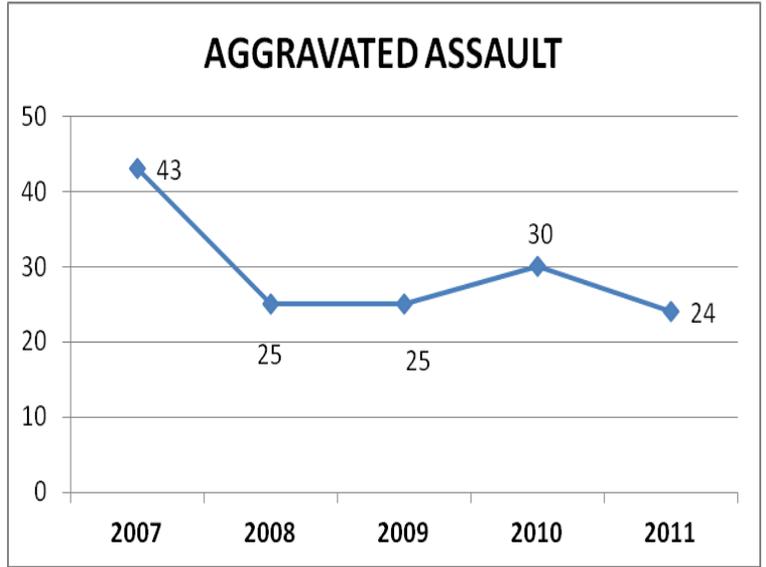
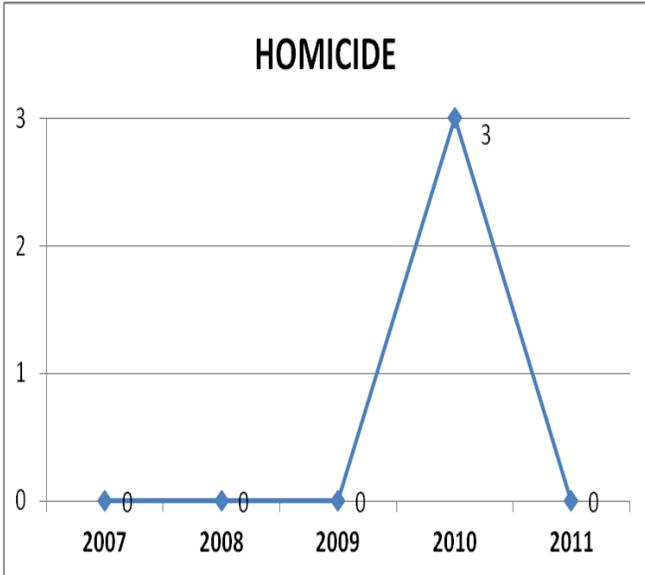
Four Year Comparison for Calls for Service

YR	TOTAL CALLS	OFFICER INITIATED	TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE
2008	78276	58603	19673
2009	91495	71771	19724
2010	132305	112683	19622
2011	147169	124161	23008

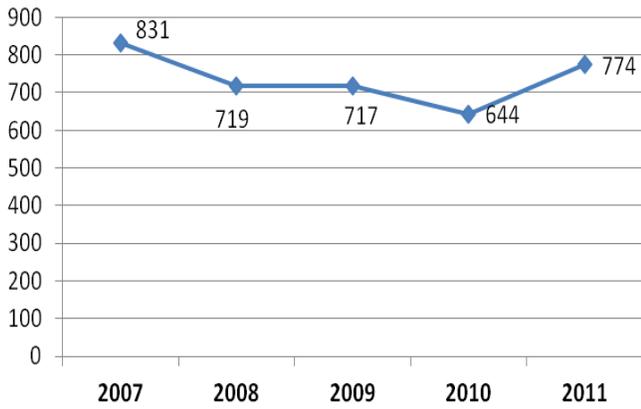
Four Year Arrest Comparison



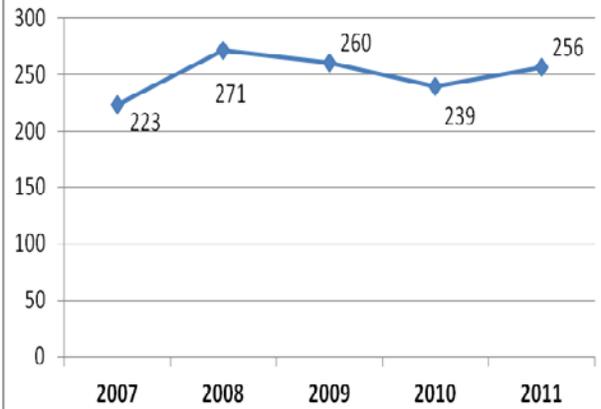
Five Year Crime Comparison



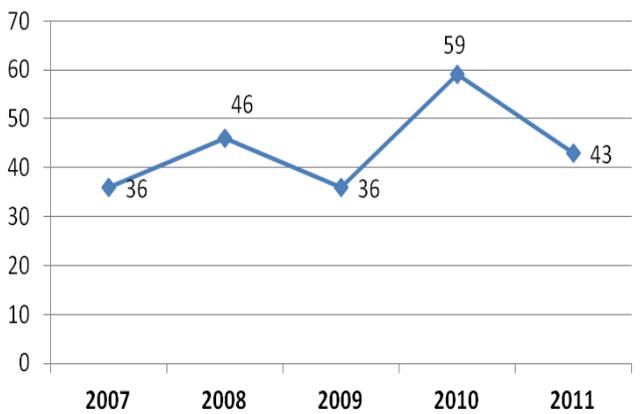
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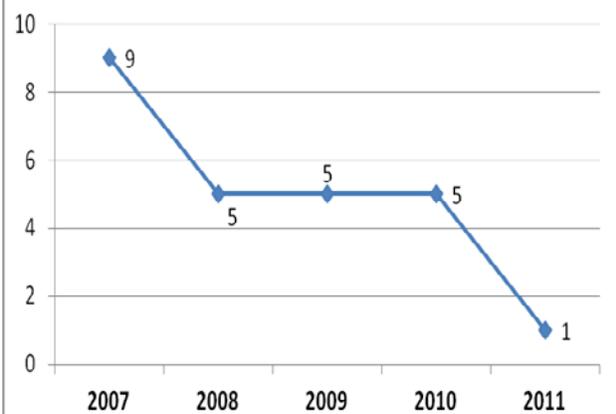
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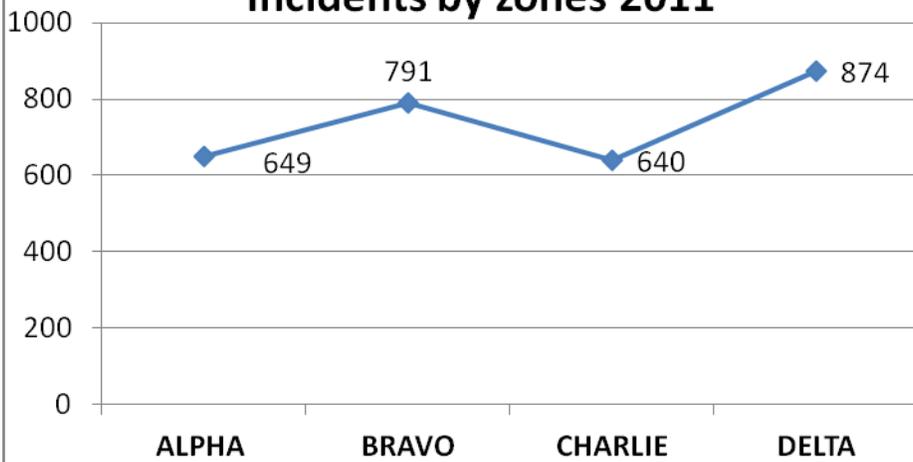
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Incidents by zones 2011



Internal Affairs Investigations

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CASE	Officers	Type	Status
A-1	4	Racial Profiling	Unfounded
A-2	1	Racial Profiling/Unprofessional Demeanor	Unfounded
A-3	1	Excessive Force/Police Brutality	Unfounded
A-4	1	Insulting and aggressive behavior	Sustained
A-5	2	Excessive Force	Unfounded
A-6	1	Excessive Force	Exonerated
A-7	1	Rude unprofessional behavior	Sustained
A-8	4	Civil Rights violation/misuse of authority/ Unnecessary comments	Part Exonerated/Part Sustained
A-9	1	Inappropriate Language/misuse of authority	Sustained

Internal Affairs Summary 2011
 By: Lt. Kathy M Royal

The Mission Statement for the City of Thomasville is: We will create and deliver excellent service to our community and to our team members through a culture of safety, courtesy, professionalism and efficiency. To insure that all employees maintain this culture, the Thomasville Police Department treats all complaints against our employees seriously. All complaints regardless of severity are investigated in either at a supervisor level or through internal affairs. All formal complaints are thoroughly investigated. To file a complaint, a person must contact a supervisor of the Thomasville Police Department and fill out a complaint form. The complaint form contains the name of the complainant, the name of the employee against whom the complaint is made and a brief written summary of the complaint. Anyone wishing to make a complaint against an officer or employee of the police department is encouraged to make the complaint in person; however the department will take complaints over the phone, through the internet or by other means. Each formal complaint is assigned a tracking number and logged for follow up.

Internal affairs investigations may also be initiated at the request of the Chief of Police. Such investigations typically involve violations of department policy or situations involving one or more supervisors. Request for consideration of a disciplinary action may also be assigned for investigation through the internal affairs function. There were 9 internal affairs investigations involving sixteen officers in 2011. Seven incidents involved allegations of improper conduct by officers while on duty while two involved officer misconduct by Officers while off duty. Two complaints resulted in additional training the officers were required to attend. Two complaints resulted in a total of five officer's receiving verbal written notice. Two complaints

Nature of complaint	Outcome
Unprofessional Demeanor	1 Unfounded 2 Sustained
Police Brutality	1 Unfounded
Misuse of Authority	2 Sustained
Racial Profiling	2 Unfounded
Rude Comments	3 Sustained
Excessive Use Of Force	2 Unfounded 1 Exonerated

involved Officer's receiving verbal counseling. It was determined through investigation that allegations in four other cases were unfounded. Three complaints involved officers having unprofessional demeanor. One of the cases was determined to be unfounded and without merit while two others it was determined that officers made unprofessional remarks and acted unprofessionally while dealing with a citizen. One case involved allegations of police brutality which was determined unfounded. The case involved accusations that officers had beaten him to obtain DNA and that they had done so without justification. Video clearly showed there was a search warrant and that complainant fought to prevent officers from taking DNA. During the process he himself bit down on the swap causing his own injury while fighting officers. Two cases involved complaints of misuse of authority. During incidents where officers were on out with citizens after making valid traffic stops evidence indicated that officers allowed outside interferences to "bait" them into handling the situation as they should have. They made decisions and then changed and became angry because of comments made by others which resulted in them giving citation rather than warning after already advising they would simply give warning. Two complaints were made in reference to racial profiling. In each of the two cases it was determined there was no evidence to support the allegations, and both cases were found to be unfounded and without merit. Three cases involved complaints of officers making rude comments. It was

determined through investigation that officers did in fact made rude and unnecessary comments while dealing with citizens during legal contacts. Three cases involved accusations of excessive use of force. Two of those cases were determined to be unfounded and without merit while the third involved a situation of someone being injured during the course of a felony traffic stop which the officer assisted and while attempting to prevent the driver from driving off again he grabbed him and accidentally scratched the driver on the head. Even the complainant said he did not know if it was intentional.

In addition to the investigation of complaints as they are made, the department also conducts quarterly analysis of all use of force incidents and internal affairs cases as part of our Employee Warning System. The purpose of this quarterly analysis is to identify specific areas of operations or specific employees which exhibit potential patterns of concern. Once identified, areas of concern can be addressed through training or disciplinary intervention. No employees were flagged by the Early Warning System as potentially problematic in 2011.

Citizens may also make a formal commendation for the positive actions of police officers and civilian employees. Commendations can be made by sending a letter summarizing the actions of the police officer or civilian employee to the Chief of Police.

Community Relations 2011 Annual Report

The Thomasville Police Department's Community Relations Division is comprised of School Resource Officers, the Crime Prevention division, and the Bike Patrol Unit. One of the CRD's goals is to develop and teach safety classes within city schools and our community. CRD currently coordinates the D.A.R.E. and G.R.E.A.T. and many other programs to educate and benefit the citizens of our community across all spectrums.

D.A.R.E.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education teaches students how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives. D.A.R.E. goes beyond traditional drug abuse and violence prevention programs by enabling children with the skills needed to recognize and resist the subtle and overt pressures that cause them to experiment with drugs or become involved in gangs or violent activities.

G.R.E.A.T.

Gang Resistance Education and Training Programs or G.R.E.A.T., is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid using delinquent behavior and resorting to violence to solve problems. G.R.E.A.T also offers a continuum of components for students and their families, including summer continuing education programs for community youths which are led by School Resource Officers.

Our streets and neighborhoods should be safe for our youths to walk and play; however, today's youth face traffic hazards and dangers everyday while walking to and from school. CRD recognized the need for a program that focused on teaching Thomasville youths how to recognize these dangers safely; in the creation and implementation of the "**Safe-T-Ville**" program. Youths participating in the Safe-T-Ville program are taught the importance of pedestrian safety and stranger danger. Another program taught is **Junior Law Enforcement**. This program teaches children what a police officer does on a regular basis while exposing them to mock controlled training. This program offers a chance for the children and police officers to build trust among one another.

A second CRD goal is to continue educate citizens on crime prevention. The implementation of Neighborhood Watch Programs has offered a valuable opportunity for officers and citizens to discuss problems and quality of life issues that may be affecting a neighborhood. Working together as a team offers both the citizens and officers a chance to build partnerships and a safer community. Community Relations also teaches classes to citizens and community leaders on issues such as identity theft, forgery and burglaries. These classes give the citizens information about current trends and recommendations on how to reduce their chances on being a victim. Other programs initiated by the division are National Night Out, Shop with a Cop, High School Safety Expo, Halloween Safety and Bike Safety.

Beginning in 2010 the Thomasville Bike Unit was placed under the Community Relations Division. Currently there are three officers attached to this unit. The main goal of this unit is

crime suppression. The bicycle officer has certain advantages over the traditional patrol officer such as stealth. Bike officers utilize this stealth to patrol trouble areas and increase officer presence.

The Thomasville Police Department is no stranger to utilizing the latest technology to fight crime, and recently, we have taken the idea of “mobile crime fighting” literally. In 2011 the Thomasville Police Department introduced two web-based tools which gave citizens near real-time access to crime incident data and also another way to submit anonymous tips about local crime. Partnering with CrimeReports, TPD has made crime mapping software available for the general populous. Citizens can now look at their city; neighborhood and even their individual street to see what kind of crimes have taken place, in near real time. Citizens can view crimes by type – traffic accidents, sex offenders, theft, etc. – date-range, location or any combination of categories. Using “Text a Tip,” citizens now have the capability of submitting crime tips anonymously by sending text messages to TPD and Crime Stoppers anonymously with their cell phones. Text a Tip works by encrypting the submitter’s cell phone number, then routing the information to TPD and Crime Stoppers. TipSoft’s encryption ensures that the sender remains anonymous, but still provides for two-way communication between TPD and the submitter.