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Agency Evolution - “How We Got Here”

- **Prior to 2014**
  - Leadership void at agency; 5 Chiefs / 7 years

- **April 2014**
  - New Police Chief Hired

- **Summer 2014**
  - July: Closed Drug Lab – Retested all cases; fired Chemist
  - July: NYPD – In Custody Death – Eric Gardner
  - Aug: Ferguson PD - Officer Involved Shooting – Michael Brown

- **Fall 2014**
  - Sep: SC Highway - Officer Involved Shooting – Unarmed Levar Jones
  - Nov: Cleveland PD – Officer Involved Shooting – Toy gun – Tamir Rice
  - Civil Unrest - Local Demonstrations & Protests - Black Lives Matter Movement

BY THE NUMBERS:
- SWORN: 435
- CIVILIAN: 121
- BUDGET: 41.8 million
- RESIDENTS: 133,358
- DAYTIME POPULATION: 205,764
- 130 square miles | 3 rivers
- MSA:793,779
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- **Agency Evolution - “How We Got Here”**

  - **Winter 2015**
    - Mayor Steve Benjamin announces Justice for All Initiative – De-escalation, BWC, pay, home loan, take home vehicle, tuition reimbursement

  - **Spring 2015**
    - Body-Worn Cameras issued department-wide

  - **Summer 2015**
    - Apr: North Charleston PD - Officer Involved Shooting – Walter Scott
    - June: Mother Emanuel AME Church Shooting
    - July: Confederate Flag removed from SC State House – 10,000 flashpoint
    - Continued Protests, Demonstrations & Marches

  - **Fall 2015**
    - Sep 30: Forest Acres Police Officer Greg Alia killed in line of duty
    - Oct: 1000 year flood | 20 inches of rainfall over 3 days
    - Nov 7: Columbia Police Officer Stacey Case killed responding to shots fired called – Vista suicide
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- Crime picture 2014 - 2015
  - Violent Crimes two time the national average
  - Prevalent Gang Activity
  - High Property Crime & Motor Vehicle Theft
  - Gun crime
  - SC Ranked 1st in Domestic Violence Homicides in 2015

- Disproportionate distribution of violent crime
  - Primarily in North Columbia & lower income neighborhoods

- Emerging Opioid Threat
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2018 USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS

In 2018, the Columbia Police Department reported 68 use of force incidents.

The number of use of force incidents represents approximately .03% of the citizen encounters with officers, and approximately .01% of arrests.

Traffic stops accounted for 3 incidents in which a use of force occurred. Drugs, alcohol and mental health issues are significant factors in use of force incidents, accounting for 36 occurrences of use of force in 2018.

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<th>Use of Force, Public Encounters and Arrests</th>
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- **ShotSpotter**
  - Innovative gunshot detection technology to reduce gun crimes
  - Utilizes multiple acoustic sensors to pinpoint gunfire activity
  - Utilizes user-friendly maps to pinpoint gunfire activity
  - Sends digital alerts through ShotSpotter App to police officer’s smart phones & patrol car computers
  - ShotSpotter does not replace residents calling 9-1-1
  - CPD’s implementation – April 18, 2019
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<th># Of ShotSpotter Alerts</th>
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<th>Police Regions and Patrol Areas</th>
<th>Alerts by Regions</th>
<th>Rounds Fired by Regions</th>
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<th>Time Gunshots Occurred</th>
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<th>Top 5 Report Areas By Alerts</th>
<th>Range of Rounds Fired (26+ Rnds will only show if it occurred)</th>
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<th># ID'ed as Stolen</th>
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(All Tracking Activity For ShotSpotter Started on April 18, 2019)
(Your request includes gunfire that occurred on a celebratory date of the 4th of July, New Year’s Eve or New Year’s Day)
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- **Path Moving Forward – “Restore Confidence in Police Department”**

  - Revamped Internal Affairs Process – Review Board, CAC
  - SLED Investigation for all Officer Involved Shootings or alleged crimes
  - Initiated National Accreditation (CALEA) process – Completed 2018
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- **Path Moving Forward – “Restore Confidence in Police Department”**
  - Launched New Website
  - Established Social Media Team
  - Recruitment Initiative
  - Cadet Program
  - Developed 5 year Strategic Plan
  - Adopted 21\textsuperscript{st} Century Policing Task Force & PERF recommendations
  - Developed City of Columbia 21\textsuperscript{st} Century Policing Implementation Plan
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- **Path Moving Forward – “Restore Confidence in Police Department”**

  - Selected as 1 of 15 agencies to participate in the Advancing 21st Century Policing Project (A21CP)
  - Project is now known as the Safer Neighborhoods through Precision Policing Initiative (SNPPI)
  - Reconstituted CPD Drug Lab – Hired 2 Chemists
  - Received Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation through CALEA
  - Implemented SNPPI initiative & collaborated with CNA & COPS Office for publication – Four goals:
    - Identify strategies to reduce crime
    - Protect officer thru wellness and safety
    - Establish productive partnerships
    - Implement technologies to safeguard community
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Identify promising strategies that reduce crime

- Ceasefire Columbia
- Operation Real Time
- Home Visits
- Handle with Care
- COPS Hiring Grant
- Code Enforcement Division moved to PD oversight
- Midlands Gang Task Force
- Federal Task Force
- Property Crime Notifications
- One Mind Campaign
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Protect officer’s safety & wellness

- Chaplaincy Program
- Mandatory Vest Wear Policy
- Restrictive Pursuit Policy
- Critical Incident Debriefs
- Accident Review Board
- Tactical First Aid Kits & Narcan Program
- Fit for Duty | FREE Gym Membership
- FREE Employee Health Clinic
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Establish productive interagency partnerships with law enforcement & community stakeholders

- SC Opioid Emergency Response Team
- City/County Gang Task Force
- Homeless Coalition
- Columbia Council of Neighborhoods
- Citizen Advisory Council (CAC)
- Urban League Summer Job Program
- College Internship Program
- Public Command Staff Meetings
- Young Ambassadors for Justice
- Beyond the Badge
- Coffee with a Cop
- Front Porch Roll Call
- Serve & Connect
Implement innovative and effective technologies to help police departments safeguard neighborhoods

- Body-Worn Cameras
- Citizen Satisfaction Survey
- Smart Phone Initiative
- Public Data Initiative
- ShotSpotter
- Surveillance Camera Network
- Social Media
- National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
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