



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

February 2025

Prepared For :
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FY25

COUNCIL GOALS



A city that works for everyone



An economy that prospers.



A safe community that thrives.



Spaces and places that inspire.

FY25

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS



1. Review and address the conditions of the road within the city limits based on PCI and identify funding sources including LMIG and others.

2. Review traffic calming and signage policies.

3. Continue to monitor progress of Barack Obama and Cypress Street projects.

4. Move forward on identifying water and sewage infrastructure improvement funding services.

5. Review alcohol ordinances.

6. Research salaries of cities similar to Valdosta by mid-April.

7. Develop an orientation checklist for newly elected officials.



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



PROJECTS COMPLETED



River Street reopened following a culvert repair on February 26, 2025- District 5

ONGOING CITY PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION



District 3



Country Club Dr. Culvert Repair- JWA Demolition is complete. Base slab for culvert reinstallation is installed. Earthwork and box culvert placement ongoing.



All Districts

Scruggs began concrete work (Curb, Gutter, Driveway repairs) for the City wide resurfacing project





District 6

Oakdale/Sherwood CMP Outfall Culvert Replacement- 90% Complete. Final punch list completion underway.




ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



TSPLOST PROJECTS

-  TIA Project #16285 - Old Clyattville Road Widening – design & inspections by LEA – contractor is Reames & Son Construction– private utility relocation by AGL pending Feb 2025 – construction start in Mar 2025
-  TIA Project #16290 - Baytree Road @ Gornto Road – design by Kimley Horn – contractor is Reames & Son Construction– construction to begin Spring 2025 (LC)

UPCOMING CITY PROJECTS

-  **District 3**
West Street Sidewalk Construction- Southland Contractors- Atlanta Gas completed renovations in late 2024. Revised contract approved by City Council and executed. Construction to start March 2025.
-  **District 5**
 - Trotters Way- Small diameter sewer force main- Contractor is RPI- Construction delayed by hurricane debris; Construction to start Spring 2025.
-  **District 6**
 - Terrace Blvd- 8" Water Main, 500 linear feet- Contractor is RPI- Construction delayed by hurricane debris, Construction to start Spring 2025.



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



PRIVATE PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION INSPECTED BY THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

District 1

- Ace Electric Expansion
- Landmark Calvary Holiness Church
- Park Place
- Scintilla Charter Academy

District 2

- Harvest Station Apartments
- Turner's Center for the Arts

District 3

- Austin Steakhouse (New Constructed Building)
- Cold Fusion
- Madison Highway Buildings
- Race Trac Rd
- The Retreat Apartments

District 4

- Cross Road Baptist Church
- Hawthorne North
- Hawthorne South
- Mount Zion Acres Subdivision
- SGMC- Women & Children's Center

District 5

- Boys & Girls Club- Lake Laurie

District 6

- Villas At Brayfield
- W Alden Place Subdivision



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



152

Potholes Repaired

50

Stop Signs Replaced

15

Traffic Signals
Repaired/LEDs
Changed

115

Street Signs
Created/Repaired

822

Water/Sewer Cuts
Repaired - Sq Ft

10.81

Asphalt Pavement
Resurfacing -
tonnage

8

After Hours Repairs

17

Traffic Signal
Maintenance

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



36

Ft of pipe cleaned

26,315

ft of canals
maintenance

69

Miles of streets swept

284

Trees Trimmed

12

Trees Removed

39

Work orders
completed

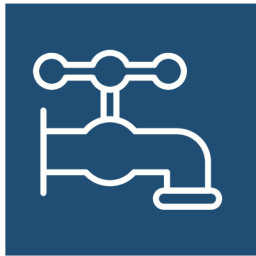
FINANCE

DEPARTMENT



of Meters Read

15,936



of Rereads

291

of Move Outs

129

of Cut List

0

66

Business
Licenses
Issued



COLLECTIONS

Property Tax	\$860,704.84
LOST	\$1,021,027.43
SPLOST	\$1,703,827.37
T-SPLOST	\$1,063,256.52

CUSTOMER SERVICE



New Sign ups
222

Phone Calls
5,640

Window Transactions
9,091

Total Revenue
\$7,445,223.72



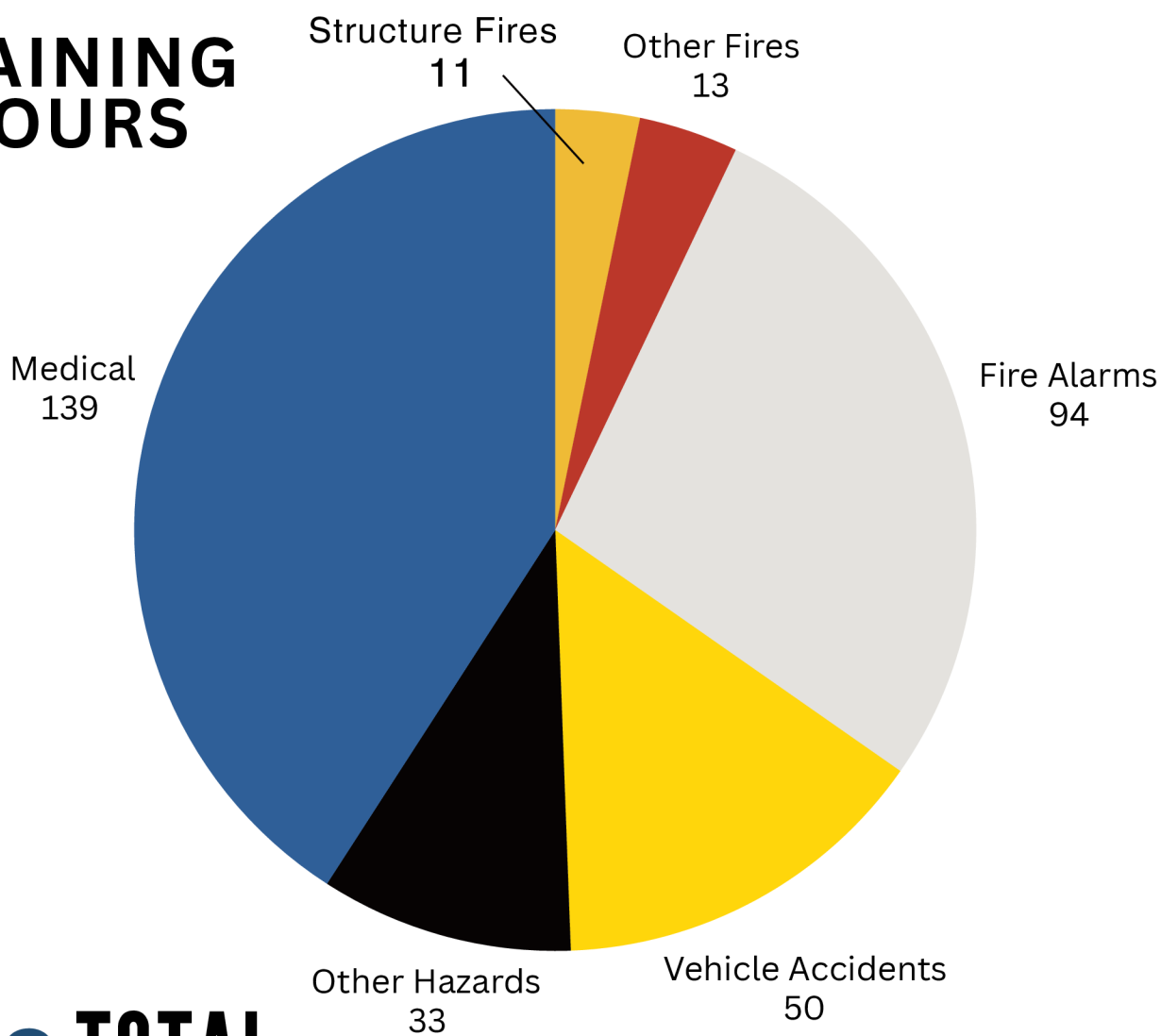


FIRE DEPARTMENT



1,206

TRAINING HOURS



340 TOTAL CALLS

FIRE DEPARTMENT



CONT'D

Council District 1

- 4 FIRE ALARMS
- 29 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 2 OTHER FIRES
- 7 OTHER HAZARDS
- 2 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 3 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



Council District 2

- 24 FIRE ALARMS
- 30 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 5 OTHER FIRES
- 6 OTHER HAZARDS
- 4 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 8 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



Council District 3

- 33 FIRE ALARMS
- 29 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 8 OTHER FIRES
- 8 OTHER HAZARDS
- 2 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 15 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



Council District 4

- 7 FIRE ALARMS
- 17 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 1 OTHER FIRES
- 0 OTHER HAZARDS
- 2 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 8 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Council District 5

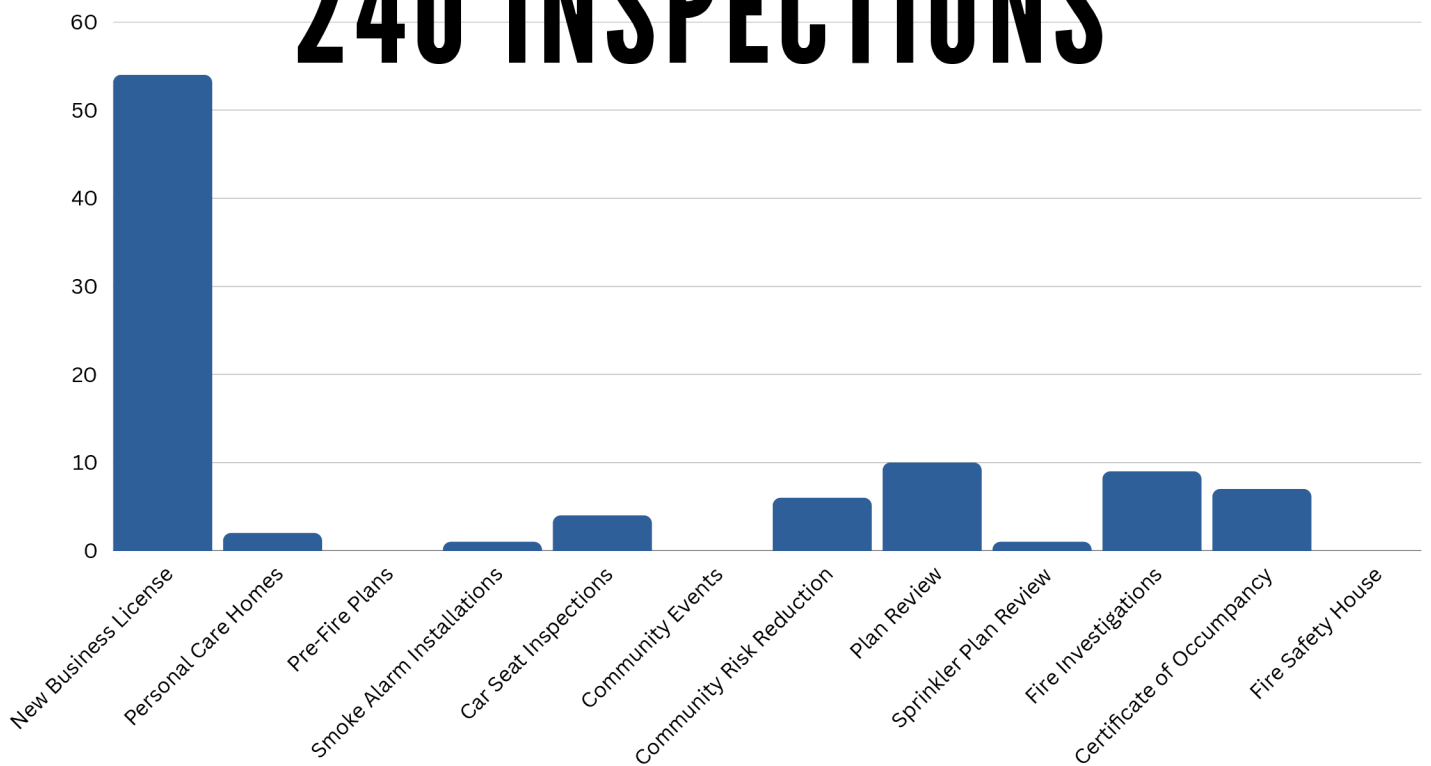
- 19 FIRE ALARMS
- 21 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 3 OTHER FIRES
- 0 OTHER HAZARDS
- 0 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 14 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Council District 6

- 15 FIRE ALARMS
- 17 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 2 OTHER FIRES
- 3 OTHER HAZARDS
- 2 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 6 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



240 INSPECTIONS



VFD SAVES DOG

On Sunday, February 2, 2025, at approximately 4:22 P.M., the Valdosta Fire Department responded to the report of a structure fire at 602 Charlton Street. A total of twenty firefighters responded, quickly bringing the fire under control and rescuing a canine.



HUMAN RESOURCES



EMPLOYEE UPDATES

Anniversaries

Bobbie McGraw	29 yrs
Brian Boutwell	29 yrs
Douglas Stevenson	21 yrs
Adam Bembry	20 yrs
Cedric Saunders	10 yrs
Larry Spencer	10 yrs
Edward Black	9 yrs
Victor Anderson	9 yrs
Terrance Brown	9 yrs
Anthony McGriff	7 yrs
Antravius Jackson	3 yrs
Ryan Chamberlain	3 yrs
Bryan McCarty	3 yrs
Naiquavis Sutton	3 yrs
Charles Clark	2 yrs
Mitchel Alvarez	2 yrs
Rhonda Burgman	2 yrs
Gabrial Luke	2 yrs

Amanda Green	1 yr
Darius Leggette	1 yr
Jermaine Mitchell	1 yr
Kasmira Smith	1 yr
Conisha Golden	1 yr
Margaret Miller	1 yr
George Sutton Jr.	1 yr

4

New Hires

INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT



# of plans submitted	# of plans completed in 10 days or less
43	22

of inspections
submitted

960

of same day
inspections by
permit clerk

50



DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET



EVENTS

- Downtown - 2
 - First Friday
 - Love your Downtown
- Retail - 16
- Restaurants - 41
- Turner Center for the Arts: 54
- Theatre Guild Valdosta: 7
- CVDA Meetings: 1

BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES

- Georgia Beer Company February 4th, 2019

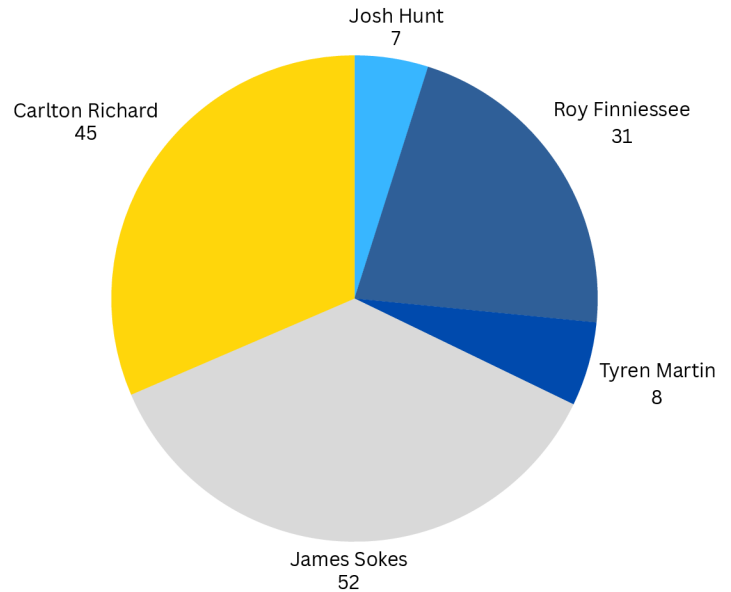
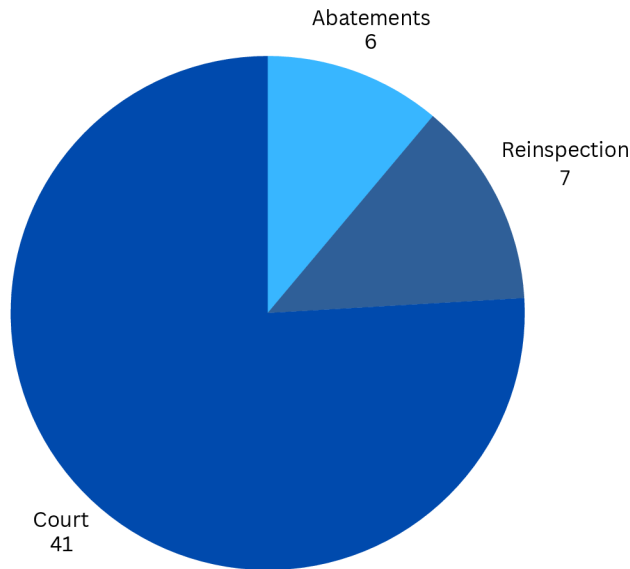


SOCIAL MEDIA & WEB STATS

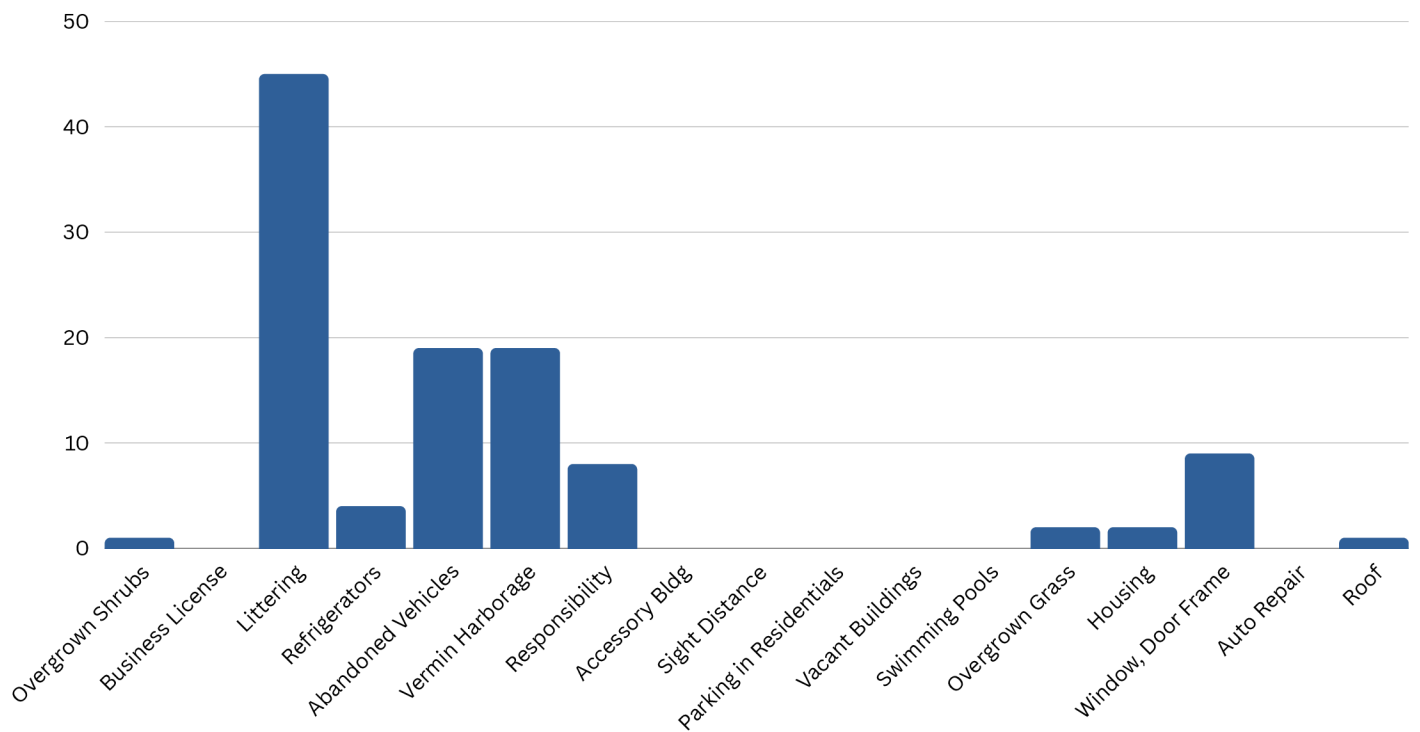
- **Facebook:**
 - Followers: 20,831
 - Reach: 291.4K
 - New Followers: 268
 - Views: 685.2K
- **Instagram:**
 - Followers: 6,901
 - Reach: 12.2K
 - New Followers: 117
 - Views: 37.2K



COMMUNITY PROTECTION



OPEN CASES



NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT



CDBG PROJECTS

- 216 Windsor Street,
rehabilitation District 4
- 817 East Brookwood Pl.,
reconstruction, District 4
- 1007 Ponderosa Dr.,
rehabilitation District 4
- 1007 Bunche Dr.,
rehabilitation District 1

203 CHESTER STREET.
RECONSTRUCTION DISTRICT 1



THE APPLICATION PERIOD FOR
COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT IS NOW OPEN



ZONING DIVISION



There were 31 **Zoning Approval forms** issued for non-commercial new construction or building additions.



There were (8) major ongoing **subdivision plats** during the month of January, as well as (1) new minor plat and (3) new recombination plats that were recorded. Several other proposed plats were reviewed in draft stages for future recording.



There were (1) of **Administrative Permits** processed in January, However, there were 0 Special Event alcoholic beverage catering events reviewed in January..



There were 2 **First Step** with local property owners and their development design professionals and 6 **Pre-application meetings** during January..



There were 1 **variance applications** processed in January through the ZBOA.



There were 7 **sign applications** processed and (#) approved in December .



There were (7) formal **Open Records Request** reviewed during the month of January.



There was 7 formal **Zoning Verification Letter** requested during the month of January.

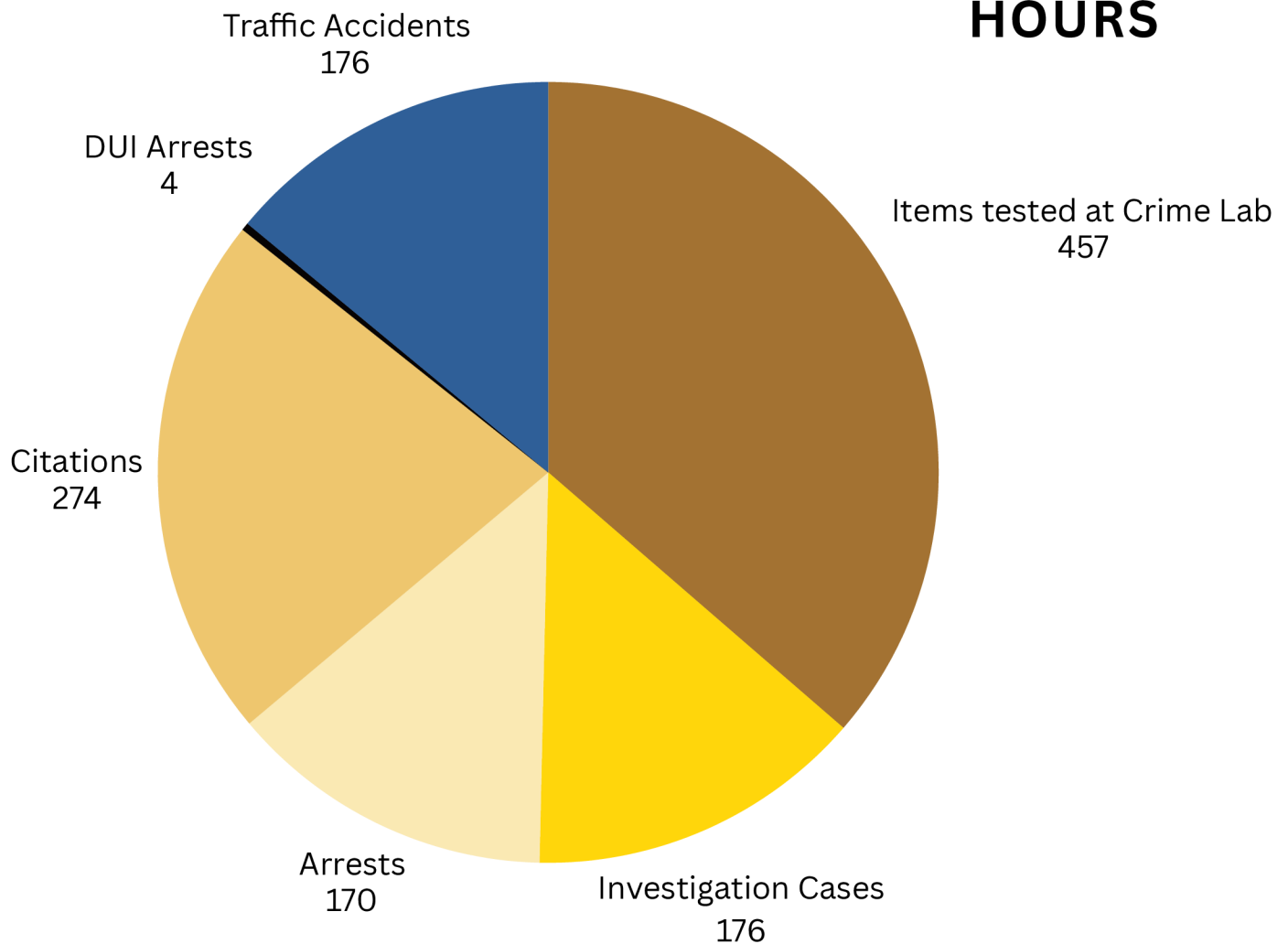
POLICE DEPARTMENT



4,903 CALLS FOR SERVICE

367

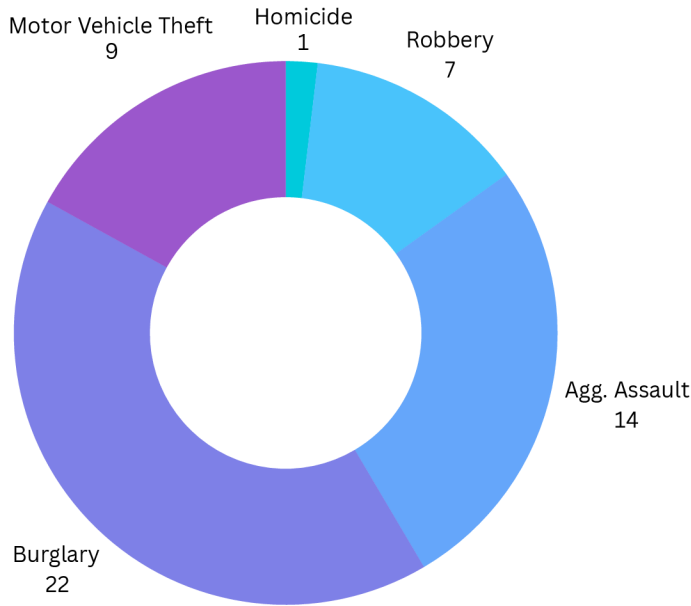
TRAINING HOURS



POLICE DEPARTMENT



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INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

208 CASES

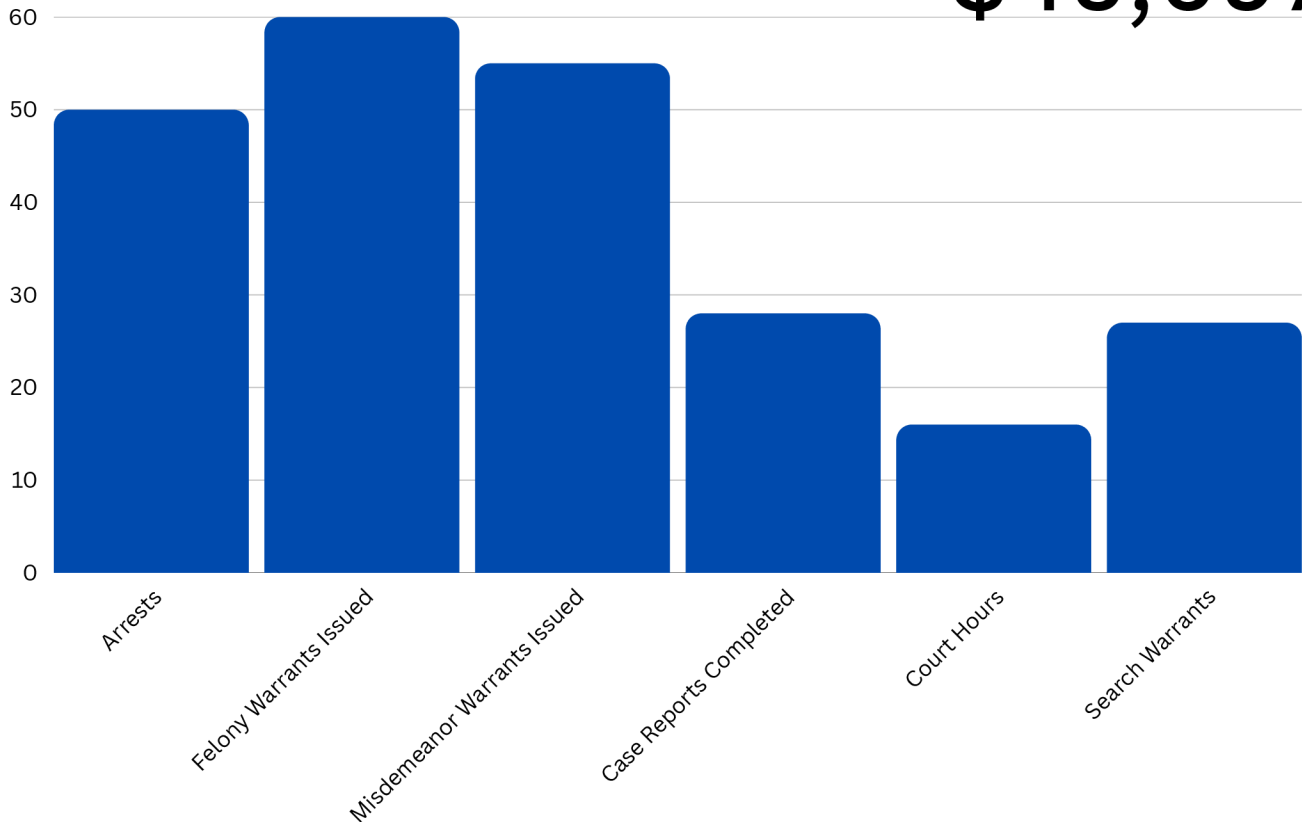


\$175,300

Value of Property Recovered

Value of Property/Contraband Seized

\$45,697



POLICE DEPARTMENT



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VPD currently has
22 Neighborhood
Watch Programs

Several members of the department participated
in receiving Valentines Gifts from special citizens
that made them for the officers.

Chief Manahan participated in a video to promote the
Great American Cookoff, between first responders to
benefit the Boys and Girls Club.

Food was delivered to the police department on behalf of
several businesses and citizens, along with appreciation
notes.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



TRAFFIC BUREAU



Top intersections with collisions:

- St. Augustine/Norman Dr
- Bemiss Rd/Inner Perimeter
- N. Ashley St./Northside Dr
- Baytree Rd/Gornto Rd

Top collision causes:

23.2%

Following too Closely

20.9%

Failure to Yield

BUREAU OF SUPPORT SERVICES



The District Attorney received **55**
case files and Lowndes County State
Court received **25** case files to assist
in prosecuting cases for both entities
made by Patrol and Support
personnel.

documents processed

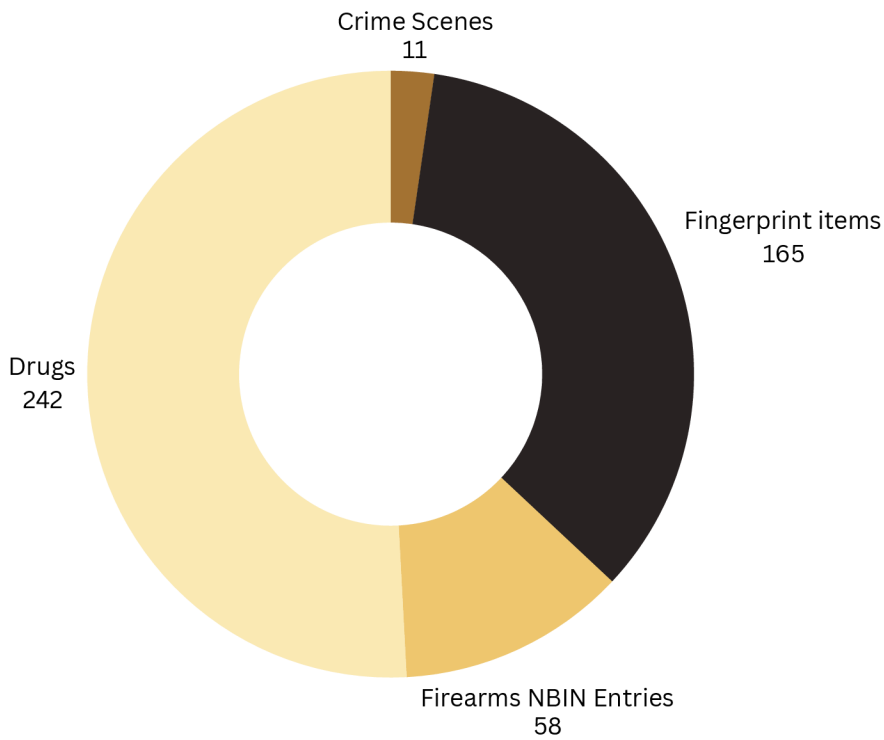
12,216

POLICE DEPARTMENT

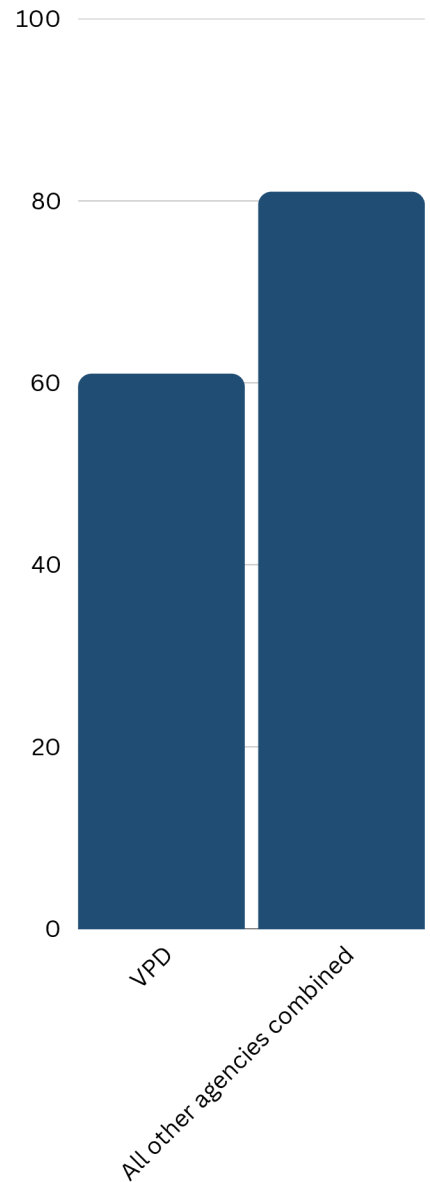


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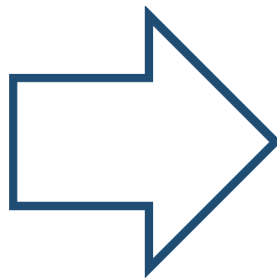
REQUESTED SERVICES



CRIME LAB



457 ITEMS
TESTED



YTD: 457
ITEMS TESTED

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



22,880
e-recycling
YTD (lbs)



204 bags of litter
collected

Right-of-Way &
Road Cleanups:
Love Where You Live &
Adopt-a-Road Programs

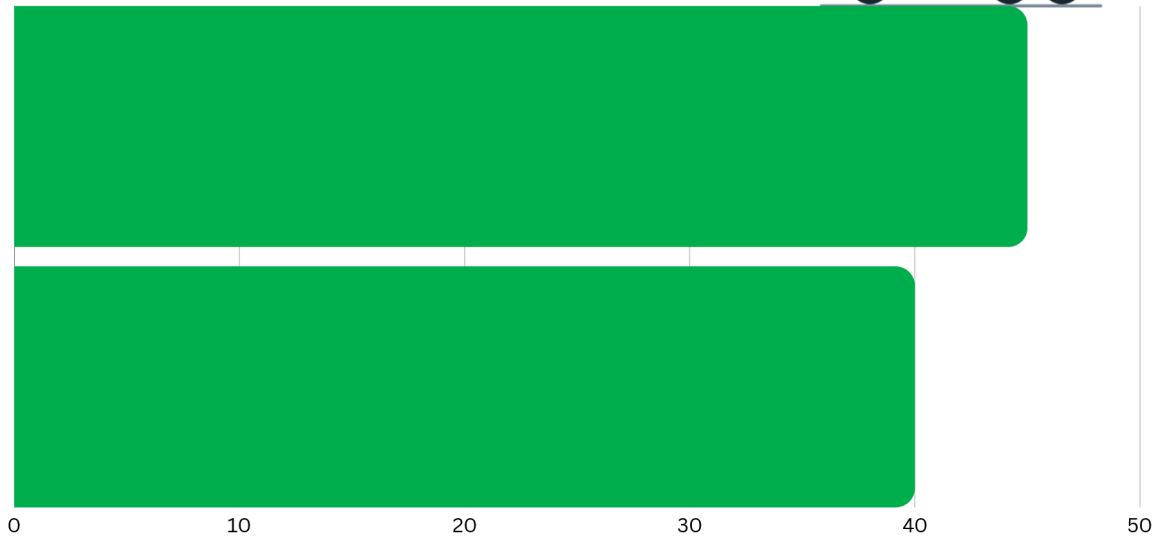
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Maintenance Center
Work Orders Completed



Junk Items (ton)

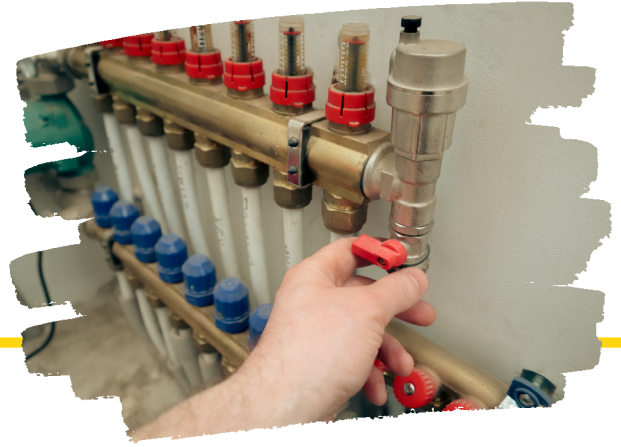
Right-of-Way Mowed (miles)



LANDFILL MONTHLY TONNAGE

Yard Debris	Commercial	Residential	Roll-off
612.77	992.21	1058.39	840.00

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



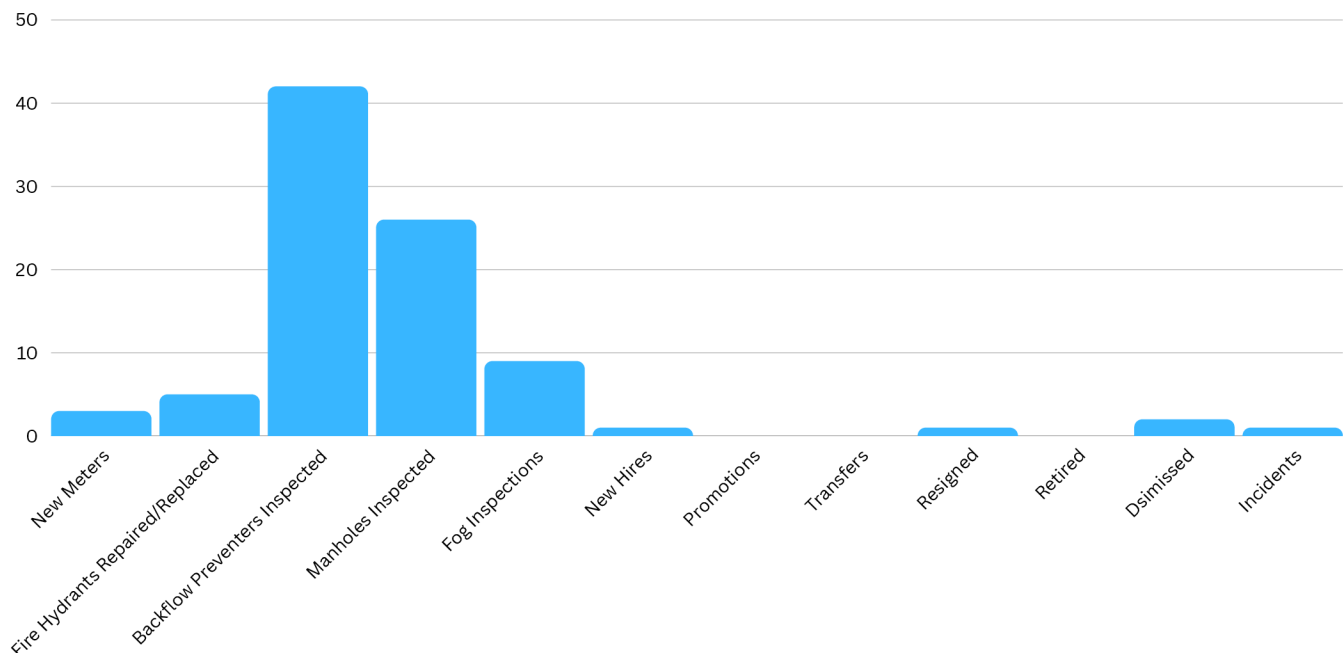
Capital/Equipment Projects Update

- Guest Rd WTP - Train II Repair – 24” Water Main (Emergency Repair)
 - Contractor to begin (tentative) 3/20/25.
- Guest Rd WTP - MCC Switchgear.
 - The project should be completed in March 2025.
- Withlacoochee WPCP - Sludge Belt Press Replacement.
 - The 90% design review and meeting was in January 31st, 2025 .
 - Reviewing 100% design.
- Gornto and Remer Phase 1 Lift Station Improvements
 - We are anticipate to get this started in January of 2025.
 - Council approved installing four VFD’s two at each station.
- Water Plant No 2
 - We anticipate water quality results from Well# 2 in a couple of weeks. Well #1 results are completed.
- Inner Perimeter Rd Water & Sanitary Sewer Extensions to E. Park Ave. Project.
 - In the design phase.

CMOM and Consent Order

- The end of the year report will be sent to EPD at the end of January 2025.
- The end of the year report was completed and sent to EPD.
- Mud Creek WPCP
 - Currently in design and surveying process.
- Sheri Lake Extension
 - Currently in design and surveying process.
- Knight Mill Lift Station
 - Currently in design process.

Monthly Stats



UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



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See Click Fix

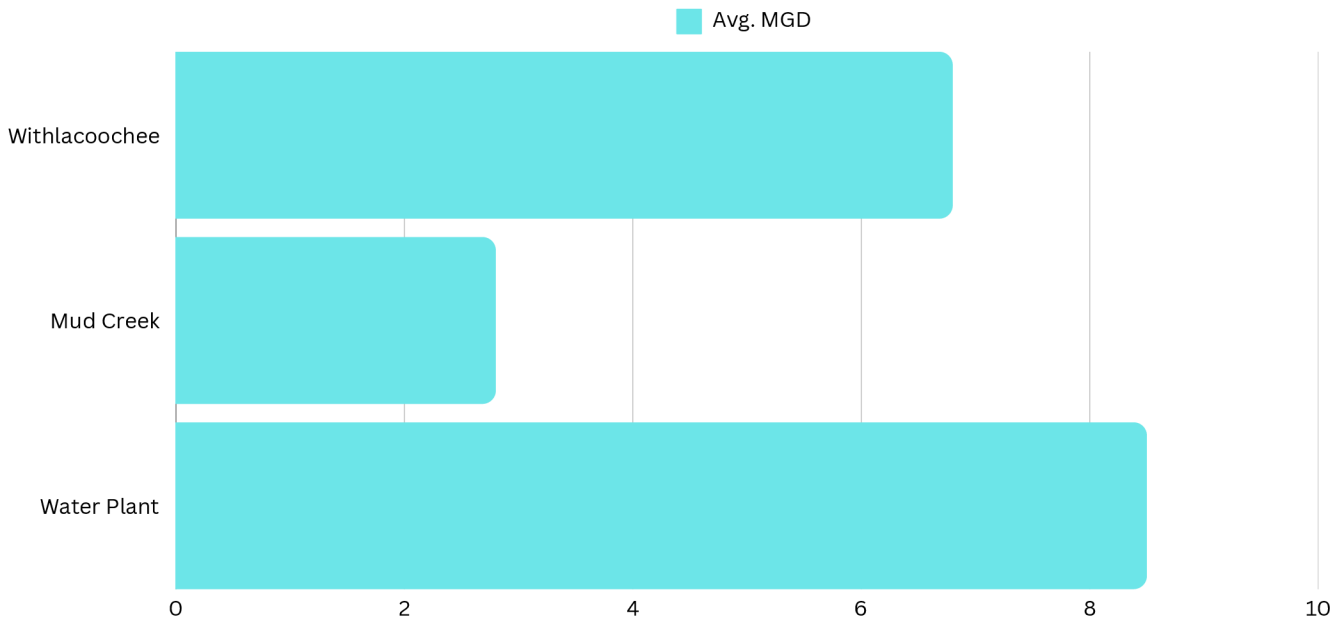
- Total : 6
- Acknowledged : 6
- Closed : 4

97% Central Maintenance
Preventative Work
Orders Completed

48 Service Calls
Completed :
Water

21 Service Calls
Completed :
Sewer

150 Watershed & River
Samples Collected



PUBLIC INFO DIVISION



LINKEDIN

1,305 followers **105 page views**
+13 increase 7.9% decrease



FACEBOOK

27,654 followers **117.7K reach**
+33 net increase 41.5% decrease



INSTAGRAM

4,303 followers **6.3K reach**
+46 net increase 10.4% decrease



YouTube

814 subscribers
+10 increase

16 VIDEOS UPLOADES

1. Special Called Meeting of the Valdosta City Council 1.28.25
2. VFD: Burn Awareness Week 2025
3. Save the Date for the 3rd annual Bluesberry Festival!
4. Welcome New Employees to the City of Valdosta! | HR Breakfast
5. How to Use the Valdosta Click N' Fix App | Public Works Service Requests
6. Regular Session of Valdosta City Council 2.6.25
7. Inaugural SGBC Black History Month Parade
8. How to Get a Business License in Valdosta
9. Arbor Tips for Georgia Arbor Day



WATCH 51.4
TIME HOURS

10. MATHCOUNTS 2025: Valdosta's Future Mathematicians Compete for the Win!
11. Regular Session of Valdosta City Council 2.20.25
12. Neighborhood Development | Community Development Block Grant Program
13. How to Report Utility Issues with Valdosta Click N' Fix
14. VPD | Quarterly Training for Annual Recertifications
15. VPD's Officer Dilan Boutwell Receives Rotary Club's Officer of the Year Award
16. Valdosta Celebrates Arbor Day

GOVDELIVERY REPORT

11,513 Subscribers
+144 increase

NEWSLETTER SENT

02/10/2025

7,532 Recipients

- 96% Delivered
- 4% Bounced
- 45% Opened
- 6% Click Rate

02/17/2025

7,529 Recipients

- 96% Delivered
- 4% Bounced
- 43% Opened
- 5% Click Rate