



# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

January 2025

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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

 Gornto Rd Bridge Reopened January 28, 2025


## ONGOING CITY PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION




### District 3

 Country Club Dr. Culvert Repair- JWA has removed the fallen culvert pieces and set up the the bypass pump.

### District 5

 River St construction work delayed by weather. RPI will begin February 2025.

### District 6

 Oakdale/Sherwood CMP Outfall Culvert Replacement- Construction began January '25; Anticipate completion by end of Feb. '25.



# 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 '25 – construction start in Feb/Mar '25
- TIA Project #16290 - Baytree Road @ Gornto Road – design by Kimley Horn – contractor is Reames & Son Construction– construction to begin 2025 (LC)

## CITY PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

### District 3

- Austin Steakhouse- water-100%, sewer-50%- began 12/4/24 (New Constructed Building)
- Cold Fusion- Storm-95%, water-100%, sewer-98% (DS)
- Harvest Station Apartments - bmps installed, sewer-99.9% , water-99.9%, Stormdrain 100% (DS)
- Madison Highway Buildings- Stormdrain-50% (LC)
- Race Trac Rd- Land Clearing in Progress, silt fencing at 50% (LC)
- The Retreat Apartments - sewer 90% - stormwater 30% (LC)

### District 4

- ACE Electric Expansion- Began mobilizing- (LC)
- Cross Road Baptist Church - hasn't started yet. Storm drain, sewer being rerouted for new buildings (LC)
- Greenleaf Center - storm drain -100%, sewer -100% water -100%- As-Builts Received in Nov (LC)
- Hawthorne North- sewer-15% (LC)
- Mount Zion Acres- Machinery is mobilizing LC)

### District 5

Boys and Girls Club- Lake Laurie- sewer-100%, water-100%, Waiting for As-Builts (DS)

### District 6

- Park Place Subdivision - water-100%, stormdrain-100%, sewer 100% water- Telecom being installed now, Building up Building Pads (DS)
- Peach Care- 100% Complete- Waiting for As-Builts- (LC)
- W Alden Place Subdivision- Sewer- 85% (LC)



# ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



**23**

Potholes Repaired

**56**

Stop Signs Replaced

**23**

Traffic Signals  
Repaired/LEDs  
Changed

**85**

Street Signs  
Created/Repaired

**518**

Water/Sewer Cuts  
Repaired - Sq Ft

**9.19**

Asphalt Pavement  
Resurfacing -  
tonnage

**15**

After Hours Repairs

**124**

Traffic Signal  
Maintenance



# ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



**1,147**

Ft of pipe cleaned

**9,018**

ft of canals  
maintenance

**126**

Miles of streets swept

**27**

Trees Trimmed

**42**

Trees Removed

**##**

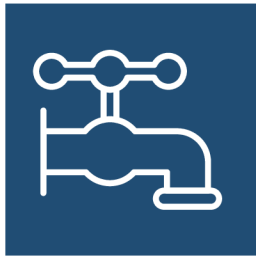
Work orders  
completed

# FINANCE

## DEPARTMENT



# of Meters Read  
**12,873**



# of Rereads  
**219**

# of Move Outs  
**106**

# of Cut List  
**0**

**59**

Business Licenses Issued



## COLLECTIONS

Property Tax	\$6,897,172.45
LOST	\$1,316,368.79
SPLOST	\$1,478,685.07
T-SPLOST	\$151,159.77

## CUSTOMER SERVICE



New Sign ups  
**191**

Phone Calls  
**7,166**

Window Transactions  
**6,542**

Total Revenue  
**\$9,268,554.93**

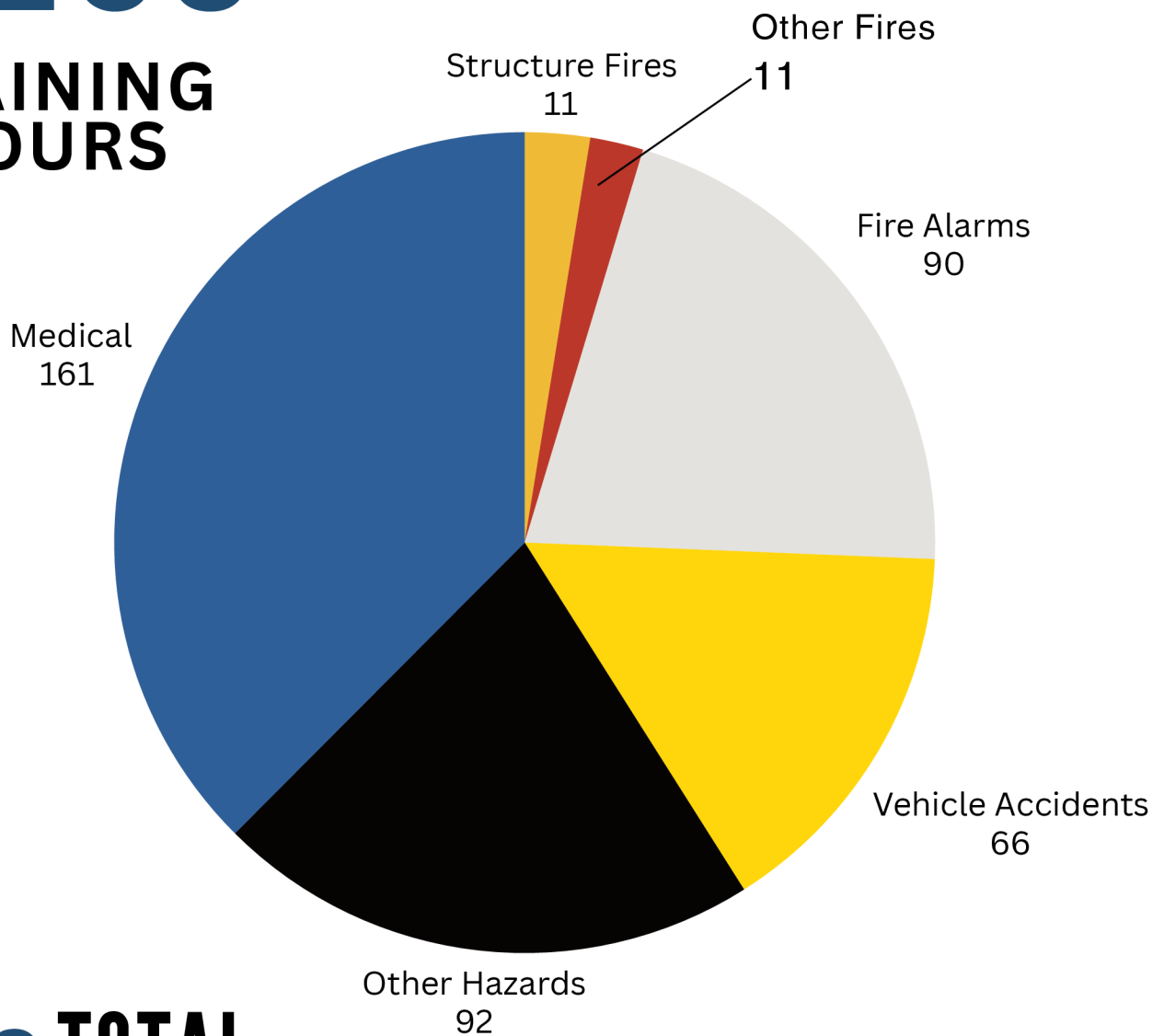




# FIRE DEPARTMENT



**2,165**  
**TRAINING HOURS**



**429** TOTAL CALLS

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



# CONT'D

## Council District 1

- 16 FIRE ALARMS
- 33 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 1 OTHER FIRES
- 6 OTHER HAZARDS
- 2 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 9 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



## Council District 2

- 26 FIRE ALARMS
- 33 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 1 OTHER FIRES
- 15 OTHER HAZARDS
- 3 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 9 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



## Council District 3

- 25 FIRE ALARMS
- 36 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 4 OTHER FIRES
- 13 OTHER HAZARDS
- 4 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 28 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS



## Council District 4

- 7 FIRE ALARMS
- 25 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 1 OTHER FIRES
- 10 OTHER HAZARDS
- 0 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 1 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

## Council District 5

- 11 FIRE ALARMS
- 25 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 2 OTHER FIRES
- 8 OTHER HAZARDS
- 0 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 8 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

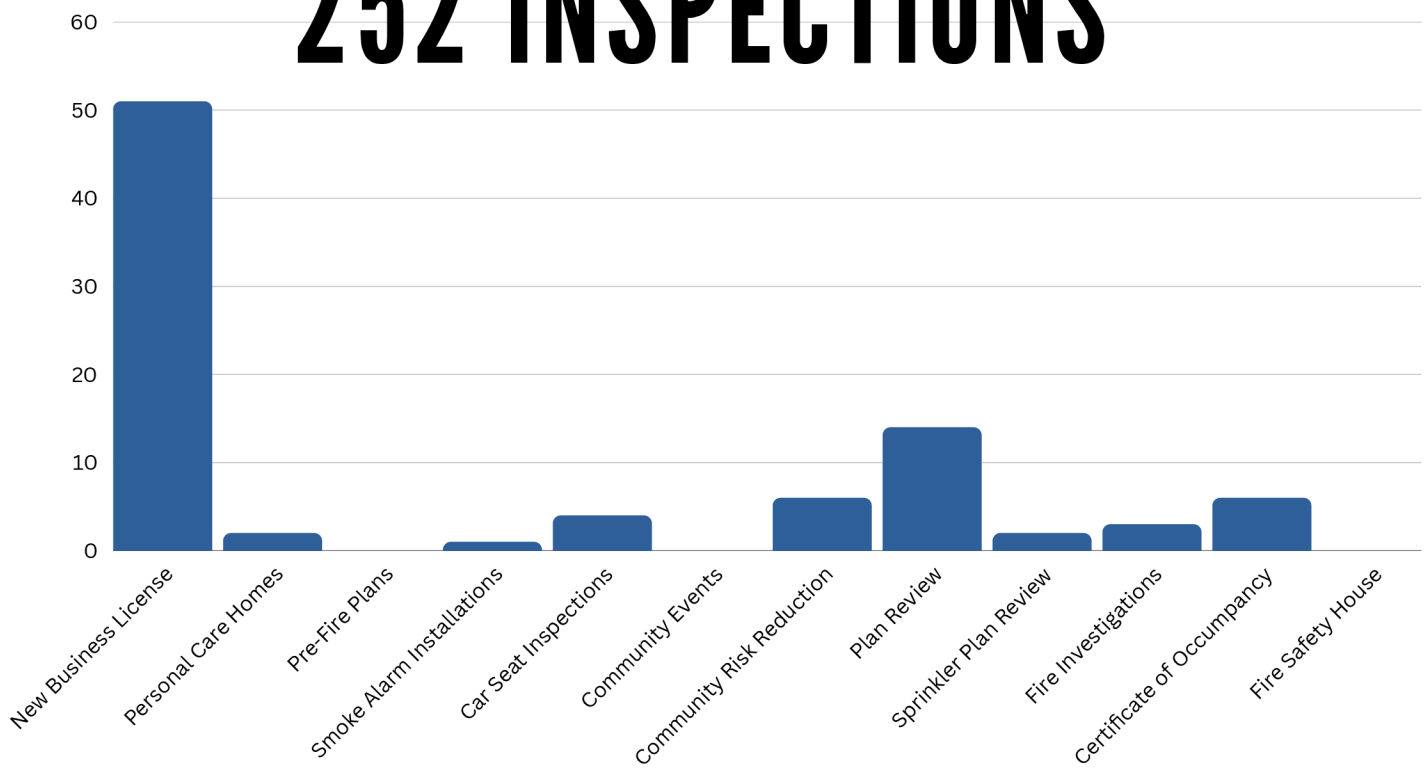
## Council District 6

- 10 FIRE ALARMS
- 24 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
- 0 OTHER FIRES
- 7 OTHER HAZARDS
- 0 STRUCTURE FIRES
- 12 VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



## 252 INSPECTIONS



## RECRUIT CLASS 12

Recruits completed a victory run from the Training Center to Station 1, where they received their station assignments and shift duties to continue their journey as recruits. For the next year, they will train with their truck and engine companies.





# 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



# INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT



# of plans submitted	# of plans completed in 10 days or less
28	19

# of inspections  
submitted

**1,134**

# of same day  
inspections by  
permit clerk

**25**



# DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET



## EVENTS

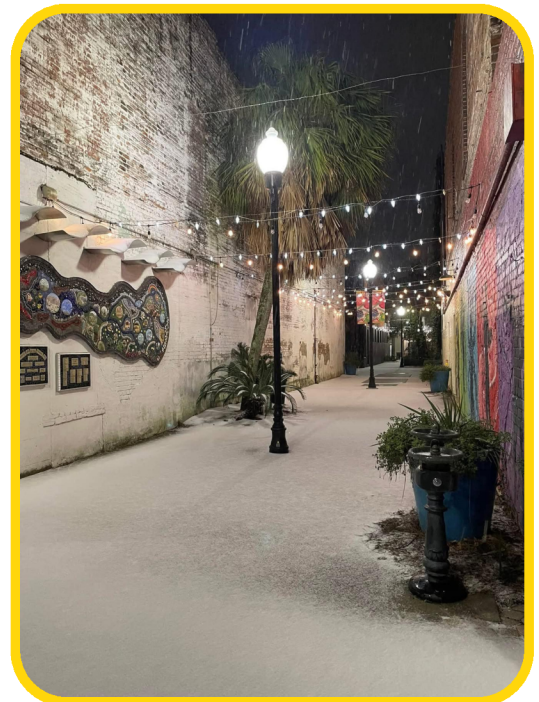
- Downtown - 1
  - First Friday
- Retail - 12
- Restaurants - 17
- Turner Center for the Arts: 39
- CVDA Meetings: 1

## SOCIAL MEDIA & WEB STATS

- **Facebook:**
  - Followers: 20K
  - Reach: 260.9K
  - New Followers: 682
  - Views: 630.1K
- **Instagram:**
  - Followers: 6,701
  - Reach: 10.7K
  - New Followers: 71
  - Visits: 484

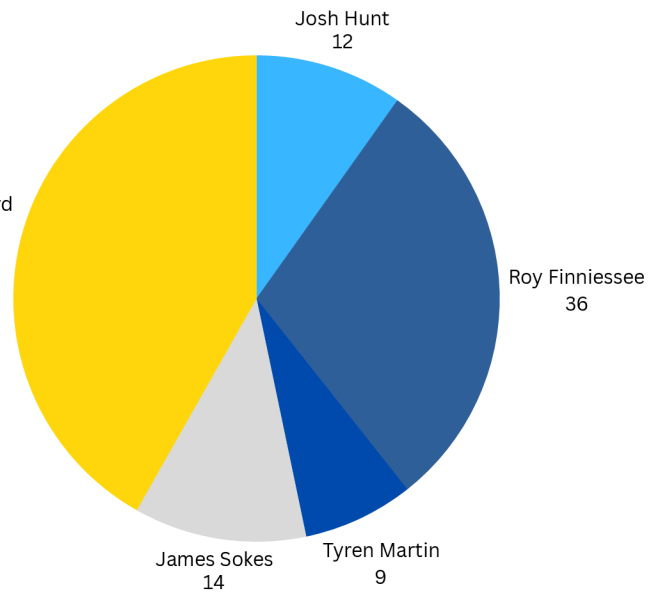
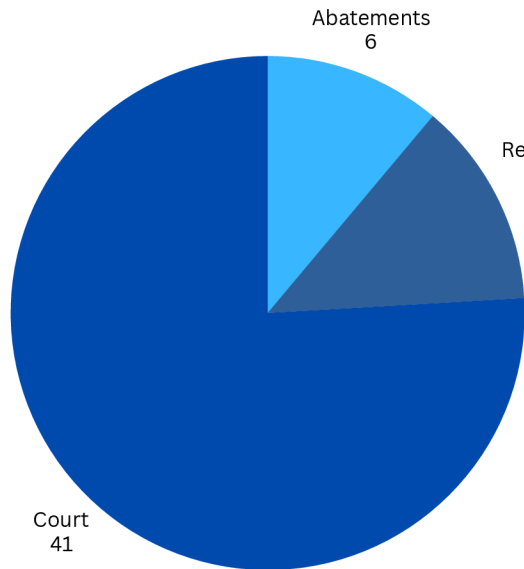
## BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES

- Covington's - January 23, 1992
- Mockingbird - January 4th, 2003
- Jessie's Restaurant and Catering - January 1st, 2009
- Mo's Mediterranean - January of 2020
- The Cranford Hotel - January 1st, 2021
- The Nook - January 27th, 2024

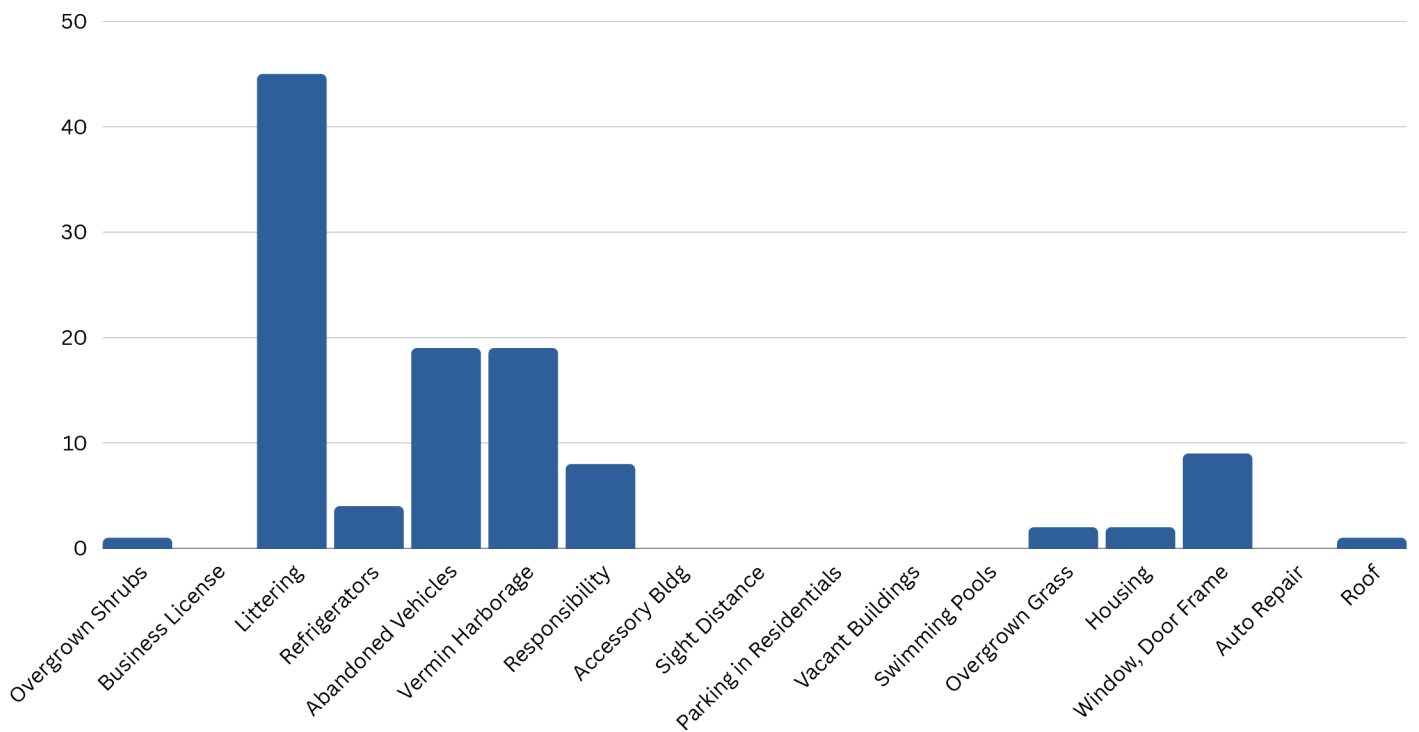




# COMMUNITY PROTECTION



## 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



# ZONING DIVISION



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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

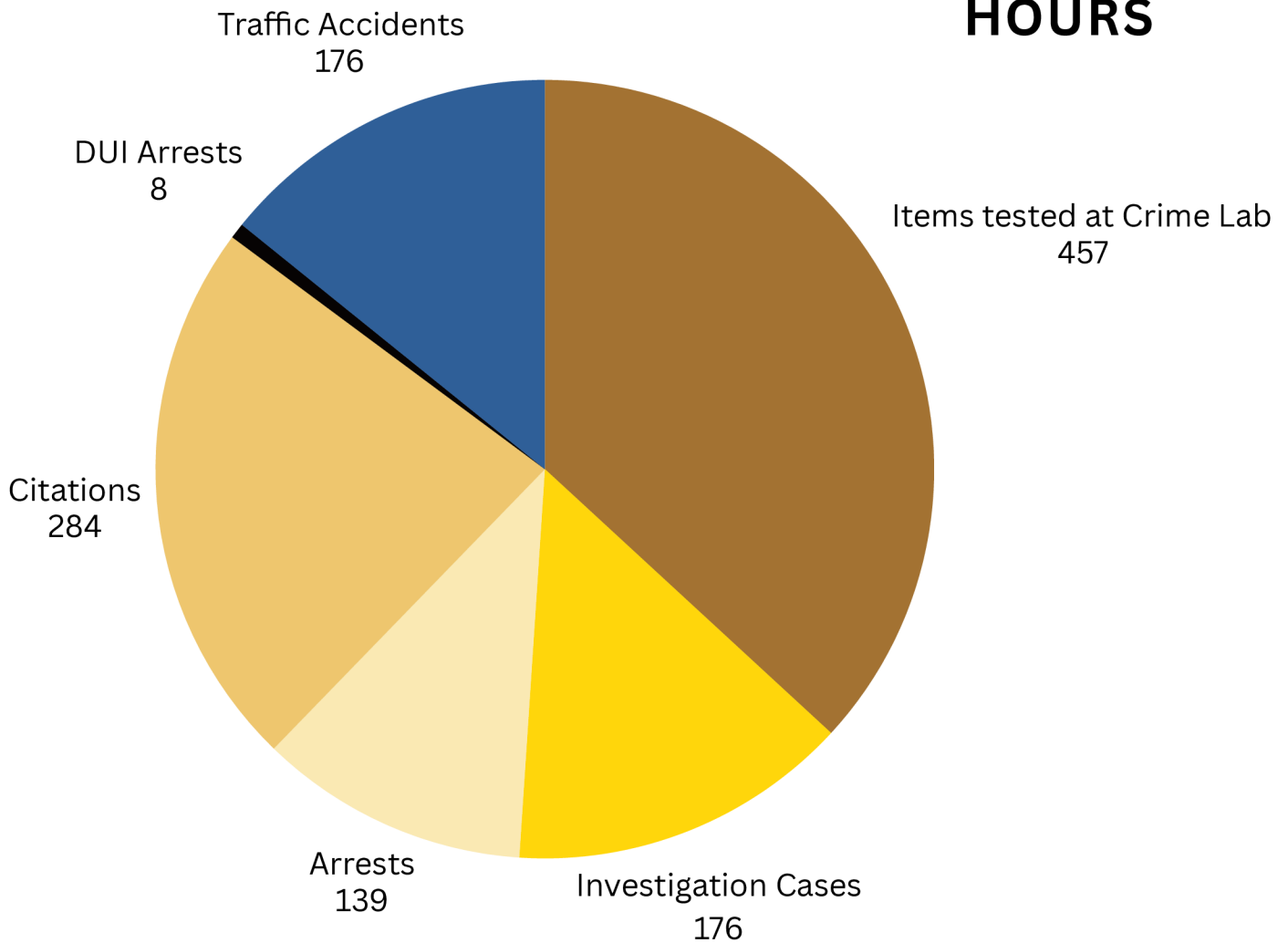


# POLICE DEPARTMENT



# 5,244 CALLS FOR SERVICE

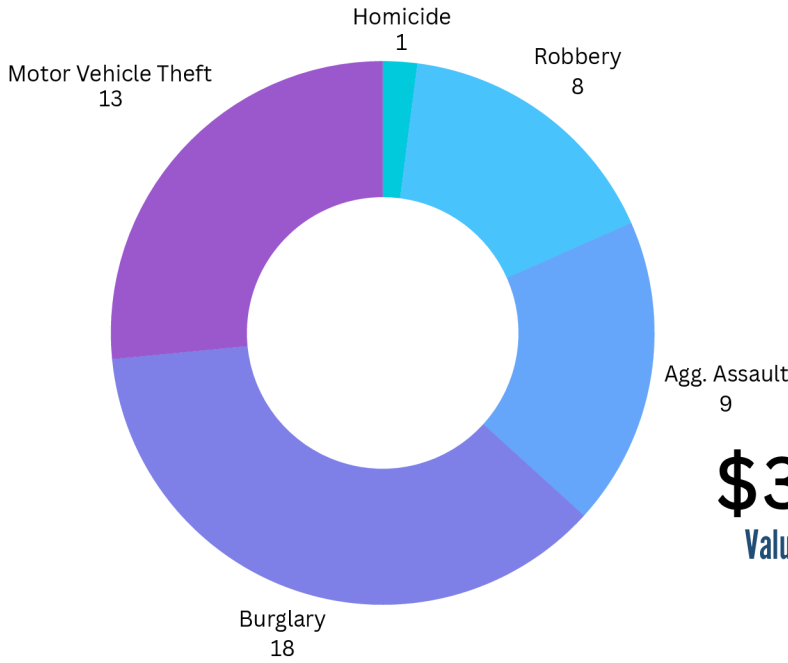
# 589 TRAINING HOURS



# POLICE DEPARTMENT



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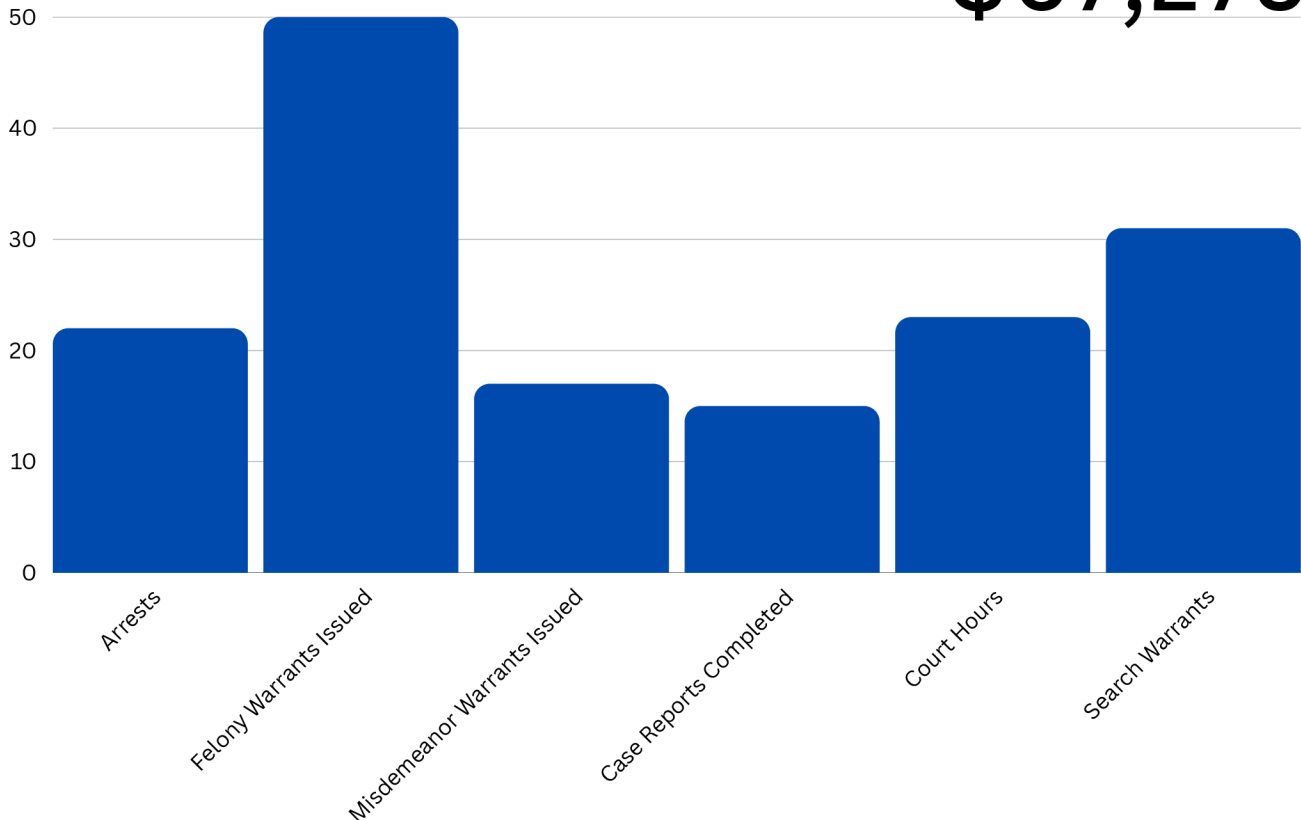


## INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

### 176 CASES

**\$322,000**  
Value of Property Recovered

Value of Property/Contraband Seized  
**\$67,275**



# POLICE DEPARTMENT



- VPD currently has 22 Neighborhood Watch Programs
- Vehicle display for special needs clients at a local group home.
- Stranger Danger and Gun Safety presentation for Special Needs clients at a group home.
- Officer Randall Hancock collected winter jackets from Knights of Columbus. They were donated to Living Bridges Ministries.

## 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 **60** case files and Lowndes County State Court received **24** case files to assist in prosecuting cases for both entities made by Patrol and Support personnel.

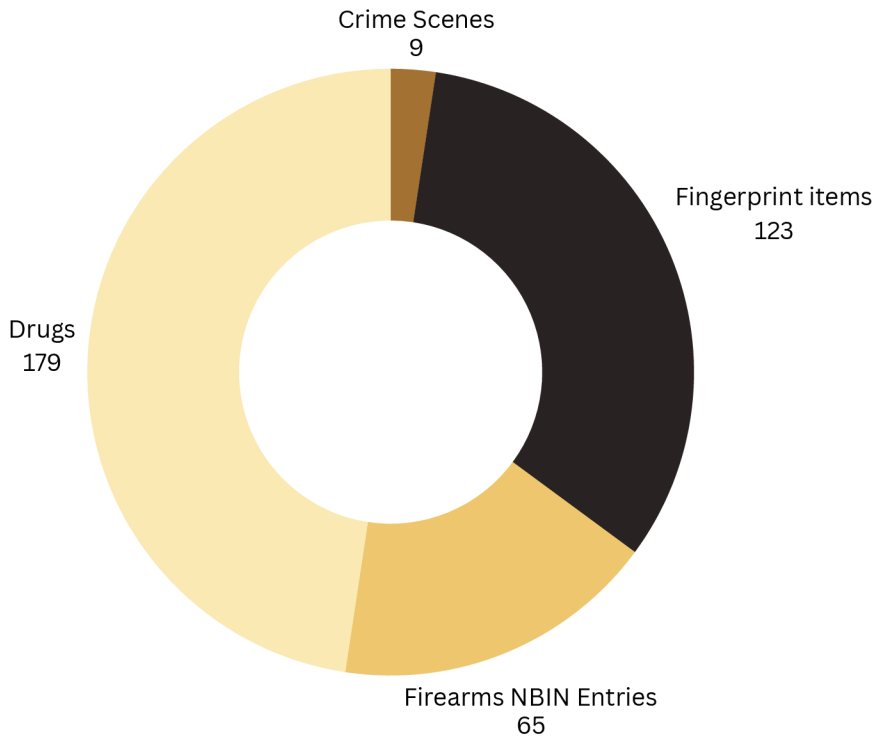
**11,702**  
documents processed



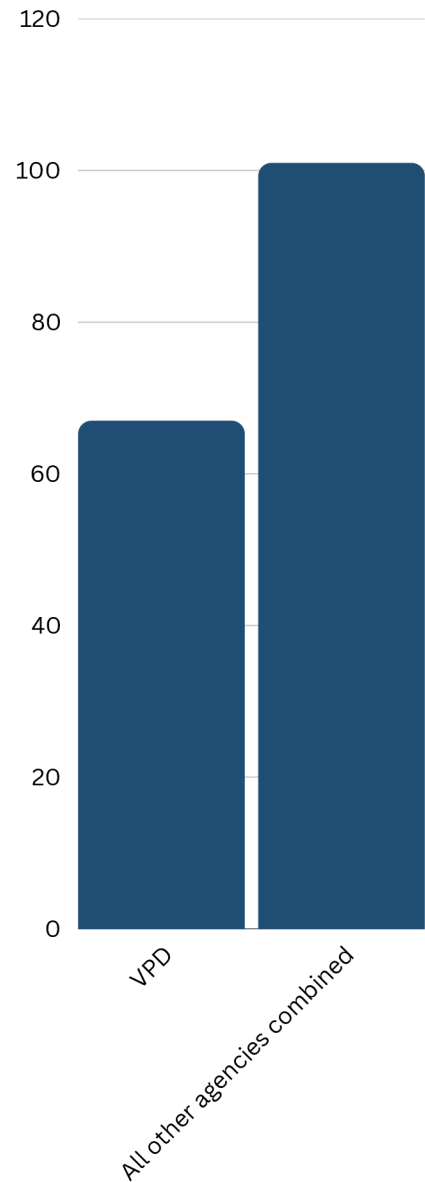
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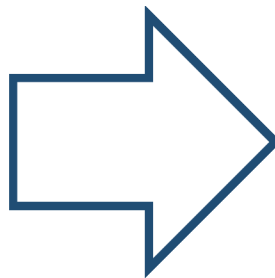
## REQUESTED SERVICES



## CRIME LAB



**457** ITEMS TESTED



**YTD: 457**  
**ITEMS TESTED**

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



**22,880**  
e-recycling  
YTD (lbs)

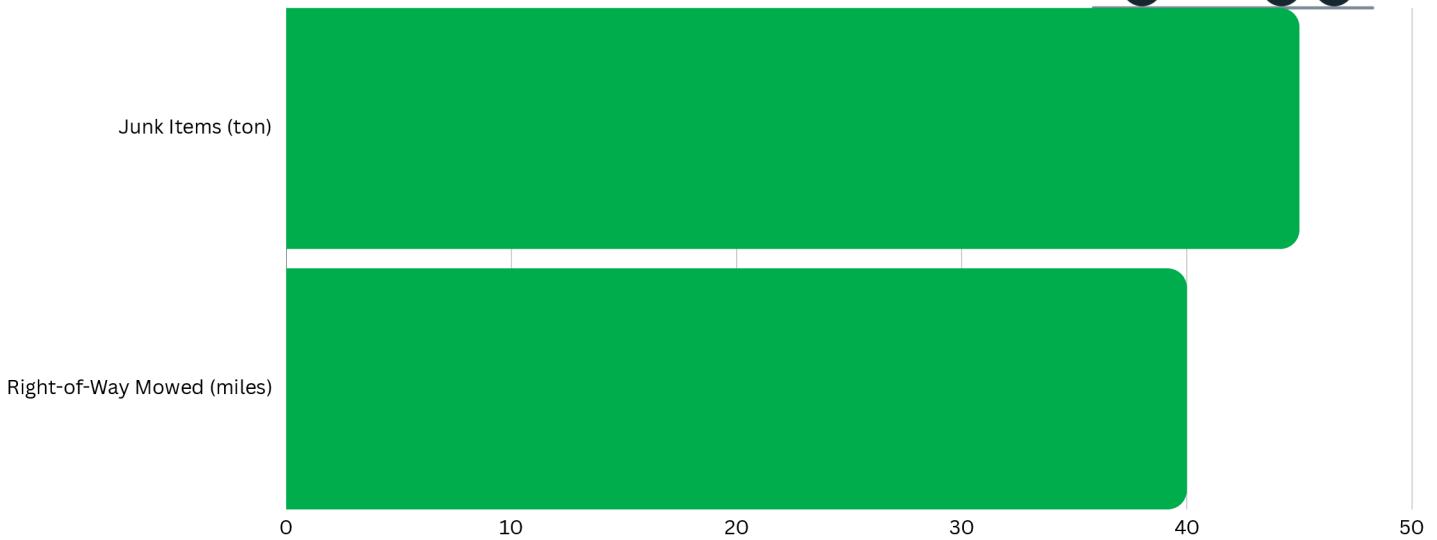


**225** bags of litter collected

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

**360**

Maintenance Center  
Work Orders Completed



## LANDFILL MONTHLY TONNAGE

Yard Debris	Commercial	Residential	Roll-off
536.67	990.29	1202.70	1177.32

# UTILITIES DEPARTMENT



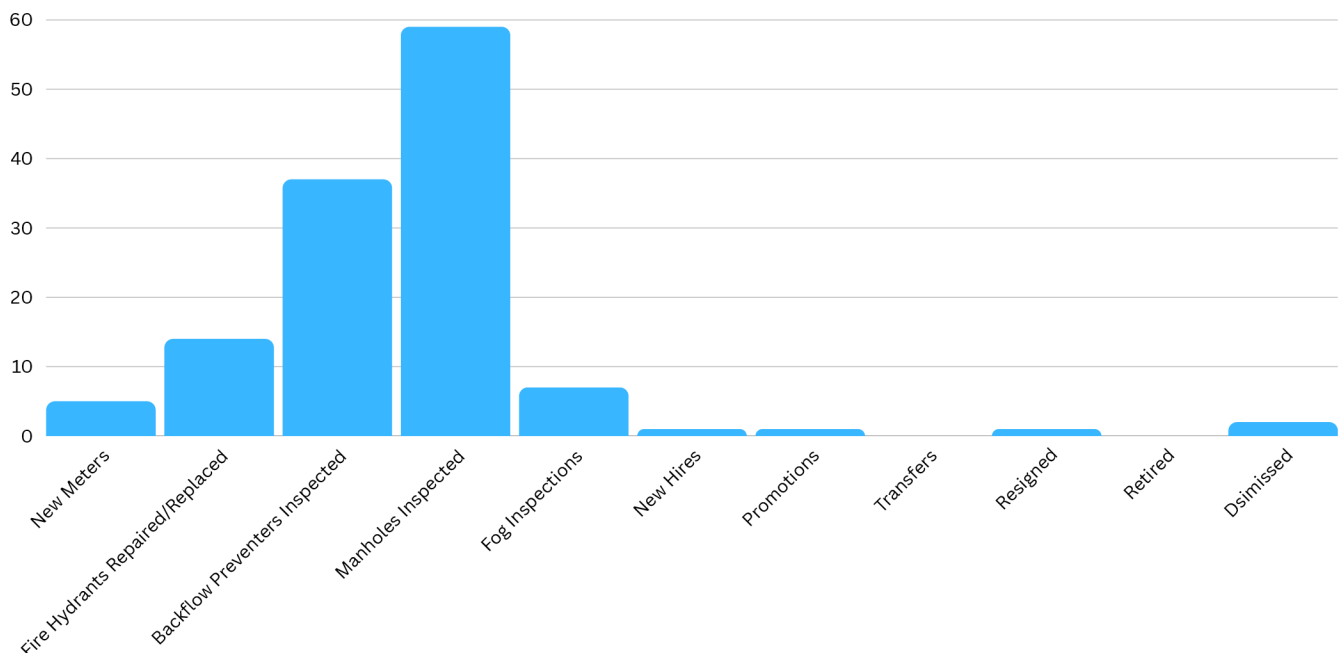
## Capital/Equipment Projects Update

- Guest Rd WTP - Train II Repair – 24” Water Main (Emergency Repair)
  - Contractor to begin (tentative) 2/20/25.
- 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 .
- Gornto and Remer Phase 1 Lift Station Improvements
  - We are anticipate to get this started in January of 2025.
- 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.
- 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

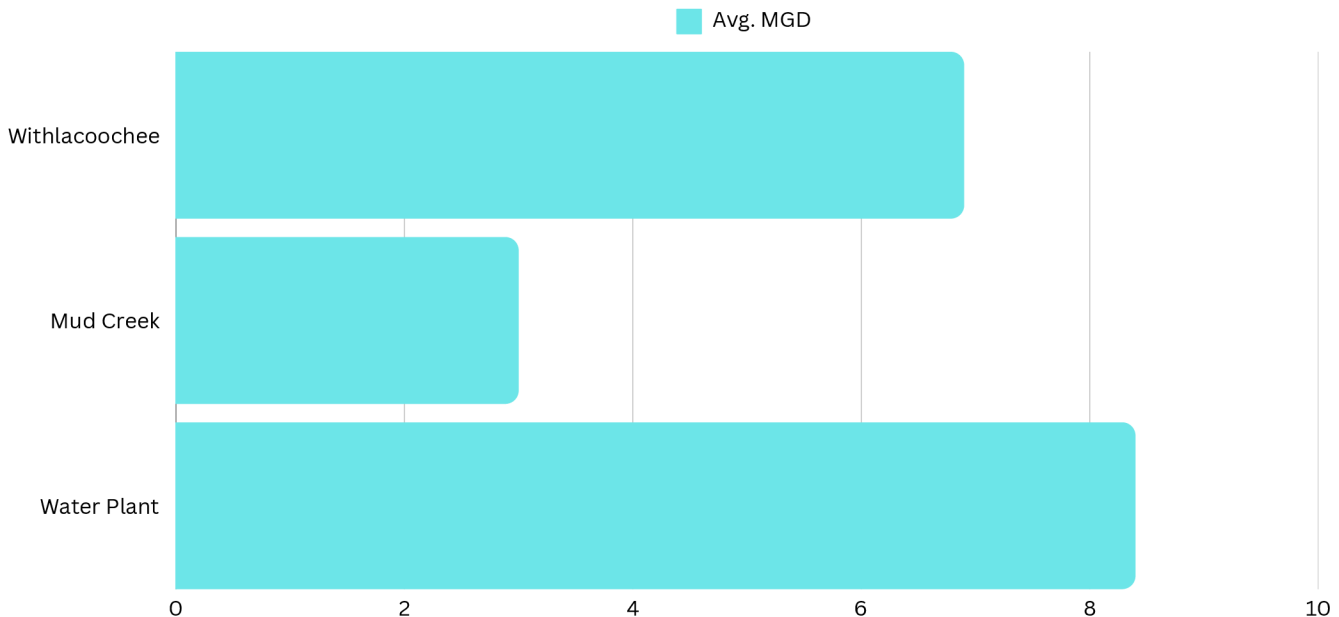
- Total : 6
- Acknowledged : 6
- Closed : 6

**14%** Central Maintenance  
Preventative Work  
Orders Completed

**75** Service Calls  
Completed :  
Water

**34** Service Calls  
Completed :  
Sewer

**185** Watershed & River  
Samples Collected





# PUBLIC INFO DIVISION



## LINKEDIN

**1,305 followers**    **119 page views**  
+14 increase    56.6% increase



## FACEBOOK

**27,505 followers**    **202.8K reach**  
+243 net increase    63.6% increase



## INSTAGRAM

**3,985 followers**    **5.8K reach**  
+47 increase    10% decrease



## YouTube

**804 subscribers**  
+5 increase



**WATCH 75.2  
TIME HOURS**

## 9 VIDEOS UPLOADES

1. 2025 CDBG Applications Now Open
2. Regular Council Meeting 1.9.25
3. Welcome Officer Elliott & Officer Ritter to the VPD Family
4. Love Where You Live: Jan 2025 Road Cleanup
5. Mayor Matheson Brings You Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief Information
6. VPD: A message from your Police Chief
7. Gov 101: Your inside look at City operations
8. Transforming Lives: CDBG Home Reconstruction
9. 2024 Greater Valdosta Christmas Parade

## GOVDELIVERY REPORT

**11,369 Subscribers**

+232 increase

## NEWSLETTER SENT

01/13/2025

**7,405 Recipients**

- 94.8% Delivered
- 5% Bounced
- 47% Opened
- 5% Click Rate