

2024 Annual Report



Trending ~ Onward and Upward



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Members of the Rome City Commission
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Commissioners and Mr. Rich:

It is my pleasure to submit to you the Rome Police Department 's 2024 Annual Report entitled, " *Trending – Onward and Upward.*" With another year behind us, the Rome Police Department's 2024 Annual Report offers context of where we have been, along with the positive changes we have made, and where we are headed moving upward. We are proud to provide our partners and community members with the opportunity to learn about our agency's work, revisit important events and activities from this past year, as well as look into our future directions.

Overall, 2024 was a challenging yet accomplished year for our department. First, we were tasked with moving our entire department and infrastructure to a new location. In doing so, we had to ensure successful relocation while maintaining uninterrupted services for our citizens. As we packed up and left one homeplace behind, we embarked on an important journey to both establish our new roots and set in motion the process of moving upward.

Secondly, Rome and Floyd County hosted two large political rallies for the 2024 election year with no violence or issue, which is testament to working together with other local law enforcement agencies. Thirdly, the department implemented a plan for the deployment of body-worn cameras, fleet video systems, criminal interview room video systems, and automated license plate readers. Finally, our department continued to struggle with recruitment and retention of staff. This struggle is not unique to Rome for almost all police departments across the United States struggle with staffing shortages. The implementation of adjustments to our hiring guidelines and offering significant pay increases for our staff, as well as a dedicated effort to marketing our department to potential employees, made a noticeable reduction in our turnover rate and in an increase in the number of applicants received. A huge 'thank you' goes to our City Manager and City Commissioners for these adjustments.

The 2024 Annual Report also contains information regarding agency operations and functions, including reported criminal activity, calls for service, investigations and arrest, traffic data, agency staffing, citizen complaints, and collected revenue.

Your police department has the most dedicated and hardworking staff I have had the privilege to work with. They do their job well professionally, but also serve with compassion, empathy, and a desire to make a difference in the lives of those they encounter. As we continue our trend upward in 2025, we will remain steadfast in our commitment to providing the best possible police services to our citizens and our community.

For our department EVERYONE counts!

Respectfully,
Chief Denise Downer-McKinney
Chief Denise Downer-McKinney

Dedication

"Trending" Onward and Upward

As we look back on another remarkable year, we do so with immense pride and unwavering optimism, celebrating our continued upward momentum. This year stands as a testament to the resilience, dedication, and innovation of our officers, community leaders, partners, and stakeholders. We've not only met new challenges head-on but also seized opportunities for growth, most notably with our successful transition to a new campus. In tandem with this move, we've had the privilege of welcoming a talented group of new officers and promoting several deserving individuals, strengthening our team, and reinforcing our commitment to our mission.

2024 has been a year of great accomplishments, including the establishment of a new drone team, the addition of phlebotomists, and the placement of an additional School Resource Officer at Rome High School. We've also integrated cutting-edge technology, equipping all patrol vehicles with Automated License Plate Readers and implementing new Body Worn Cameras that allow for live streaming by supervisors. Our Special Operations Unit now has a new Honda side-by-side to enhance officer presence in parks and downtown areas. Additionally, we've introduced K-9 Cas, a versatile and highly trained dog specializing in apprehension, search-and-rescue, and locating narcotics. We've also continued to expand our in-house defensive tactics training, utilizing certified ju-jitsu instructors to ensure our team remains at the forefront of best practices.

As we look ahead, we remain steadfast in our commitment to pushing boundaries, setting higher standards, and achieving even greater success in the years to come. Together, we will continue to build on our momentum, striving for excellence in every aspect of our journey.

We are dedicated to maximizing our talents, providing ongoing opportunities for learning and professional development, and ensuring that our community receives the highest quality of service from the best-trained police officers possible.



Our Mission

To be the model of excellence in law enforcement.

We strive for peace, safety, and the suppression of crime.

We will maintain the trust and confidence of all people while working to improve quality of life.



INTEGRITY

We obey the law and respect the human dignity of all people. We are committed to honesty and ethical behavior in all of our actions in order to bring credit and honor to our city, our department, our profession, and our peers.



EXCELLENCE

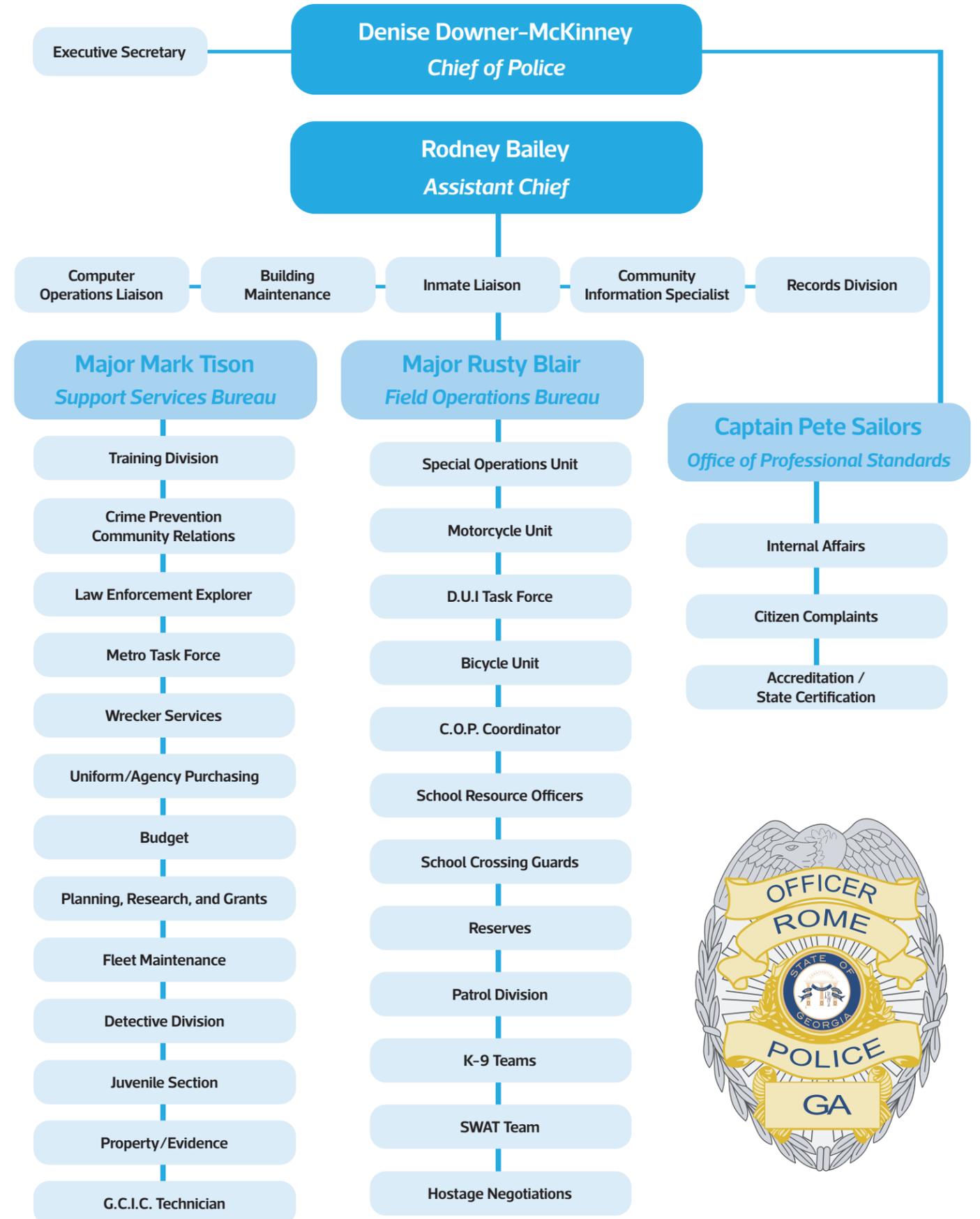
We are committed to excellence in the service we provide. We are committed to excellence in the community we serve. We are committed to excellence in our personal performance and professionalism.



DEDICATION

We will be dedicated to defend, promote and secure the blessings of liberty for all. We recognize that we must sometimes put the needs of others ahead of our own, even if it means the ultimate cost.

Rome Police Department Organizational Chart





Goals and Objectives

Goal #1:

To ensure the successful relocation of the Rome Police Department Property and Evidence from its current location to a new facility while maintaining uninterrupted services, securing storage and ensuring the Chain of Custody of all evidence.

Objective #1: Facilitate a seamless transition coordinating logistics and resources from the current Property and Evidence location to the new facility.

Objective #2: To ensure Property and Evidence is handled in a scrupulously careful manner to prevent tampering or contamination.

Goal #2:

To seek and successfully achieve the department's 39th year of National Re-Accreditation through CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement) and the 27th year of Re-Accreditation from the State of Georgia.

Objective #1: To remain in compliance with meeting specific standards of excellence and operation utilizing the best practices.

Objective #2: Provide training through roll call, and /or Power DMS, and /or in-service to support officers and staff on the departmental policies and procedures and validate agency is adhering to them.

Goal #3:

To increase the ability to investigate Crimes against Children.

Objective #1: Seek and train an Investigator to commit the time and efforts to conduct proactive investigations.

Objective #2: Join the G.B.I. Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) Task Force to develop an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and internet crimes against children.



Goal #4:

To continue successfully and effectively the present recruitment process for the police department, establishing a steady influx of qualified candidates to meet staffing needs and enhance departmental diversity and capability.

Objective #1: Identify key demographics and communities where potential candidates may be found including universities, military bases, community centers, and online platforms.

Objective #2: Continue to encourage staff to personally recruit everyone, but especially the underrepresented groups and communities to promote diversity within the department.

Objective #3: Continue to utilize the Community Information Specialist in our marketing and branding efforts by developing and implementing a comprehensive marketing strategy to promote the police department as an employer of choice.

Objective #4: As manpower continues to improve, cultivate officers for succession and formalized training generating qualified officers to fill existing vacancies in Criminal Investigations, Training Division, and Special Operations Unit comprised of DUI Task Force, Motorcycle Unit, and Bicycle Unit.

Goal #5:

To induce motorists to drive safely to reduce the number of speed-related crashes, enhancing road safety and minimizing the risk of injuries and fatalities.

Objective #1: Increase police presence and enforcement efforts in areas with high incidences of speed-related crashes, including residential neighborhoods, and high-traffic corridors.

Objective #2: Utilize safety enforcement initiatives supported by National and State traffic Safety campaigns and education.

Objective #3: To launch a traffic safety blog on social media to increase community awareness, promote safe driving habits, and help to reduce traffic accidents.

Objective #4: Continuing the Safe Seat Initiative offering classes, child safety seats, and enforcement.

Awards and Achievements

OFFICERS of the MONTH

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| January
PFC Generow Bradley | May
PFC Jeffery Jackson
PFC Trace Bethune | September
PFC Josh Cipriano
PFC Jess Gilbreath |
| February
Lt. Brandon Brown
PFC Scott Kent | June
Sgt. David Metroka
PFC Noah Boyd | October
Lt. Chase Burnes |
| March
PFC Bryce Webb | July
PFC Keith Ballard
PFC Hunter Young | November
PFC Keith Ballard
PFC Noah Boyd |
| April
PFC Greg Brummitt
PFC Chris Hamilton | August
Inv. Matthew Cowan
Inv. Chris Ridling | December
PFC Bryce Webb |

CIVILIANS of the QUARTER

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1st Quarter
Rebecca Martin | 3rd Quarter
Michael Nicholson |
| 2nd Quarter
Kelly Madden | 4th Quarter
Kelly Madden |

YEARS of SERVICE

- | | |
|---|--|
| 20 Years
Inv. Misael Castrejon
Lt. Ryan Hutchins
PFC Chris Ridling | 30 Years
Assistant Chief Rodney Bailey
Cpt. Trixie Morgan
Cpt. Rock Pace
Cpt. Danny Story |
| 25 Years
Cpt. Chris DeHart
PFC Kevin Drew
SRO Sterling Haney
Stacey Kidd | 35 Years
Kim Stone
Cpt. Roy Willingham |

OFFICER of the YEAR

PFC Dalton Gibbs

PFC Dalton Gibbs was named Rome Police Department's 2024 *Officer of the Year* for his response to an armed robbery on Friday, February 23, 2024. At approximately 11:11am on February 23rd, PFC Gibbs found himself thrust into an intense, high-risk situation responding to a call of an armed robbery in progress. PFC Gibbs acted with extraordinary courage, without hesitation and without regard for his own safety, as he proceeded to stop a violent criminal and ensure the safety of those at risk.

PFC Gibbs engaged in a dangerous foot pursuit, when during the pursuit the fleeing suspect aimed a firearm directly at PFC Gibbs and fellow responding officer, PFC Weeks, expressing his intent to avoid capture at all costs. PFC Gibbs responded swiftly and neutralized the threat, unquestionably saving the life of his fellow officer.

PFC Gibbs' actions that day reflect the highest ideals of law enforcement: courage, sacrifice, and an unshakable sense of duty. He placed the safety of others above his own, setting an inspiring example for all who wear the badge. For his extraordinary courage in the face of danger, it is with great respect that he received the prestigious *Medal of Valor* and named the **2024 Rome Police Department Officer of the Year**.

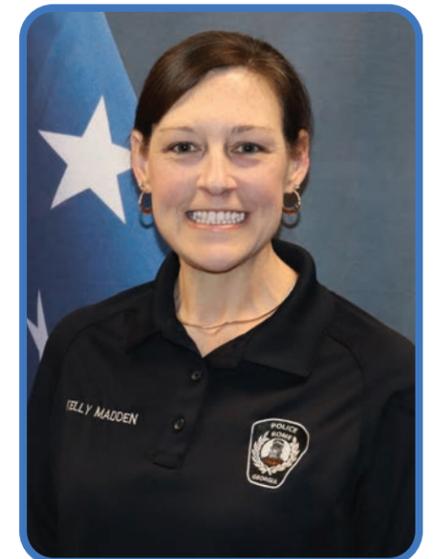


CIVILIAN of the YEAR

Kelly Madden

Kelly Madden, Community Information Specialist, was named 2024 *Civilian of the Year* for the Rome Police Department. Kelly joined the department in June 2023 and serves as the public information, media relations, and information specialist. She immediately emerged herself in this position and quickly became a part of the RPD family. Her "how can I help you" attitude is inspirational. She willingly volunteers her assistance, and, any time she is asked to help, her immediate response is "absolutely." She has worked diligently to get RPD's social media face exposed to a wider audience and the success has been evident in our increased statistics and hiring initiatives.

Kelly was named *Civilian of the Month* for both the 2nd and 4th quarters of the year, and was instrumental in RPD receiving 1st Place in Category 5 (for agencies with 50 to 100 officers) as well as receiving the award for Child Occupancy Protection- Best in the State at the 2024 GOHS (Governor of Highway Safety) Governor's Challenge Awards banquet. Receiving these awards was a direct result of Kelly's preparation, data collection, and documentation of yearly statistics related to accidents, speeding, seat belt usage, and distracted driving incidents.



Medal of Valor



PFC Dalton Gibbs

PFC Dalton Gibbs was presented the Medal of Valor in recognition of his extraordinary courage, unwavering dedication, and selfless service to the community.

For acts of bravery performed on February 23rd, 2024, in the line of duty, demonstrating exceptional valor, commitment to public safety, and an unyielding resolve to protect and serve, PFC Gibbs is the third Rome Police Department recipient of this prestigious award.

His actions reflect the highest ideals of law enforcement and embody the spirit of service above self.

Lifesaving Awards



PFC William Ballard



PFC Noah Boyd

In late 2024, both PFC Ballard and PFC Boyd were dispatched to a vehicle accident that involved a driver suffering from a medical emergency. As the officers approached the driver, they found him to be unconscious and unable to respond. The driver was removed from the vehicle and placed flat on the road of a very busy interchange; officers performed CPR for several minutes until an AED and additional personnel arrived.

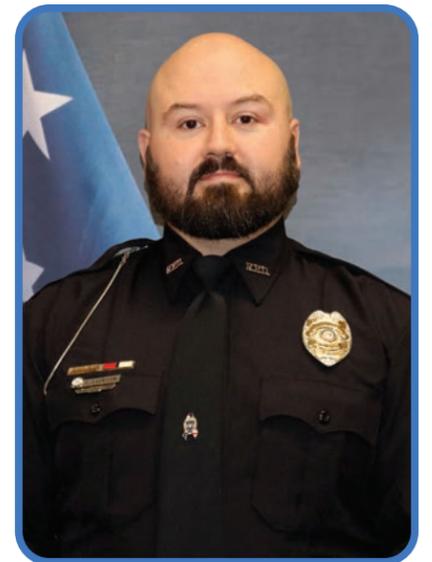
Without the quick actions of PFC Ballard and PFC Boyd the driver might not have survived. At last report, after an extensive stay in the hospital, the driver made a full recovery and was able to return home.

Community Awards



PFC Dow Turrentine

The **Community Criminal Justice Foundation** recognized PFC Dow Turrentine with the Award of Valor for his heroic actions while placing himself in jeopardy by rescuing two people from a burning vehicle. Retirees Stephanie Hudson and Debbie Burnett were also recognized by the CCJF for their years of service to the City of Rome and Community Criminal Justice Foundation.



PFC Jeffrey Jackson

The **Noon Optimist Club** of Rome recognized PFC Jeffrey Jackson at the **Respect for Law Enforcement Luncheon**, an annual awards luncheon that recognizes honorees from all law enforcement agencies that play a role in keeping the citizens of Rome and Floyd County safe. PFC Jackson was honored for his hard work and unending dedication to the Rome Police Department.



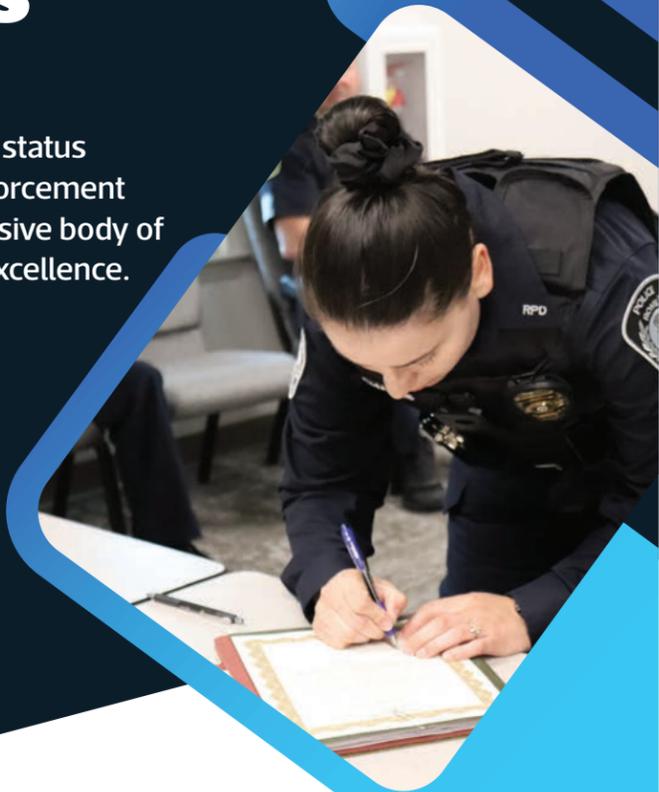
The **Governor's Office of Highway Safety** celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Governor's Challenge Awards in 2024 at an awards ceremony in Macon. The Governor's Challenge Awards is the state's premier law enforcement awards ceremony recognizing state, local, campus and military law enforcement units for the outstanding work they do in promoting highway safety through education and enforcement. Rome Police Department received the honor of Agency of the Year for agencies with between 76 and 100 sworn officers, as well as the Governor's Cup Child Passenger Safety Award. These awards highlight outstanding achievements in highway safety enforcement and education and recognize agencies for the approach and effectiveness of their overall highway safety programs.

National and State Certifications

In 1986, the Rome Police Department gained accreditation status through CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies), a national program that maintains a comprehensive body of law enforcement standards and recognizes professional excellence.



✓ In 2024, the department successfully completed its 3rd year of a four-year cycle for the CALEA re-accreditation review.



Since 1998, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) has recognized the Rome Police Department with a State Certification for meeting stringent professional police standards. In 2024, the department received the Meritorious Gold Award for continuous commitment to law enforcement excellence and best professional practices for 20 consecutive years as a State Certified agency.

Achieving the Certification status represents a significant professional achievement for our agency. Certification acknowledges that we have implemented policies and procedures that are conceptually sound and operationally effective. Our officers and employees are trained to follow these specific policies and procedures, which means we are giving our citizens the very best.



Phlebotomy Program

Piloted by Lieutenant Steven Smith and Sergeant Scott, the department began a phlebotomy program intended to reduce the time that officers spend obtaining blood samples on DUI cases and alleviate the costs associated with a hospital visit. Training included basic phlebotomy terminology and anatomy, blood collection procedures and required permissions, the use of straight needles and butterfly needles, the use of tubes and field collection equipment, the purpose of blood collection by law enforcement, the rights and responsibilities of law enforcement, correct documentation and reporting procedures, and legal and ethical practices. The program was successful in its pilot phase and four additional officers were selected to be added to the program.



Rome/Floyd County CART

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) recognized the Rome/Floyd County CART for achieving Recertification under the guidelines and standards required by various law enforcement professionals representing state, tribal, and local governments. Compliance with the standards and performance objectives of the child abduction exercise demonstrates that the Rome/Floyd County CART is prepared to respond if a child is missing, endangered or abducted and further establishes a professional standard for excellence. The Rome/Floyd County CART is re-certified and recognized for the professional readiness to recover missing, endangered, or abducted children. The local CART was first certified in 2011 and was the second only to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to be certified in the state. The purpose of the team is to quickly respond to and locate a child who has been abducted and is in life danger.

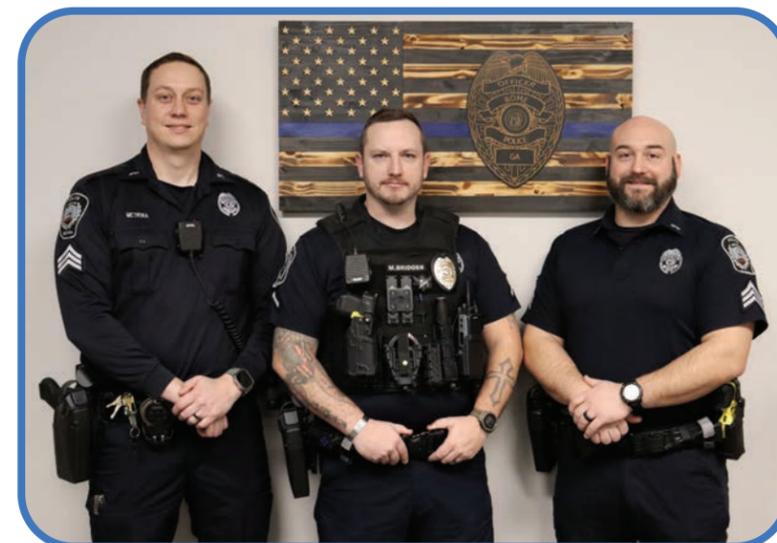
Less Lethal / Defensive Tactics

Four officers — Sgt. Scott Kasmar, Sgt. David Metroka, Sgt. Greg Brummitt and PFC Michael Bridges — commenced a training initiative to teach *Gracie Survival Tactics*, a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu system, following their completion of Level One and Level Two Instructor certifications in Defensive Tactics. The application of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu within law enforcement focuses on self-defense techniques, suspect control, and conflict de-escalation, minimizing the need for excessive force. As a result of these instructors' efforts in teaching Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, the department has experienced an 11% reduction in use-of-force incidents compared to 2023, alongside a decrease in injuries. These officers will persist in their educational efforts to improve their skills and those of their colleagues, thereby enhancing the department's overall effectiveness for the community and residents of Rome.



Educational Milestones

During the year, **Sgt. Aaron Thacker** completed his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from **Thomas University**, and **PFC Shaun Davis** completed his Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership from **Family of Faith Christian University**.





Training Division

16,735 Hours
EMPLOYEE TRAINING

2,379 Hours
COMMUNITY RELATIONS
ACTIVITIES

The Training Division's primary function is to ensure that officers and civilian employees both receive the necessary skills, knowledge and continuous training needed to perform their duties effectively. This division assists in developing and delivering training and topics relative to current law enforcement trends and Georgia Law. The Center provides annual training to the Department's officers on domestic violence, cultural competency, crisis intervention, de-escalation techniques, and use of force, just to name a few. In addition, the Training Center provides firearms proficiency training, remedial training when needed to in-house staff, and community service programs, bank security training, active shooter training to various businesses, schools and churches, Citizens Police Academy, etc. This unit is also responsible for maintaining each officer's certification and continuing education documentation.

Nearly a dozen recruits spent weeks on end at the Training Center in 2024, preparing for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center's police academy. Seven of these recruits became officers as they were sworn in following their graduation in December from GPSTC. Rome PD was well represented in this class as graduate Jimjad Ali Ansari was named 'Top Shot,' and graduate Isaiah Spurgeon represented the students as class president. The five remaining recruits are expected to complete the Academy in mid 2025.

The Training Center also held four Womens Firearms Safety Classes in 2024, involving nearly 100 women from the community in a fun, educational, and informative way to become comfortable with the use of a firearm.



Georgia Association of Women in Public Safety Captain Trixie Morgan, PFC Victoria Oney, Officer Sarai Comi-Silis and Officer Stacey Kidd represented us at the **Georgia Association of Women in Public Safety (GAWPS)** annual conference. Women in fire, law enforcement, and emergency communication services from across the state converged on Columbus for a week of professional development, mentoring, networking, and fellowship. Former RPD lieutenant Janet Moon, now serving as Chief of Police in Peachtree City, was this year's keynote speaker.

Georgia Crime Information Center Training Symposium Civilian employees Jenalee Roberts and Kristi Rogers attended the **Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) Training Symposium**, an annual event for law enforcement professionals specializing in GCIC-related tasks. This symposium plays a crucial role in keeping agencies informed about updates, policies, and procedures related to the GCIC system and provides a valuable refresher on various topics, including the CCH (Computerized Criminal History) system, the LMS (Learning Management System) website, CJIS validations, and GCIC GBI audits.



FBI-LEEDA Civilian employee Kelly Madden completed both the Media & Public Relations and the Master PIO (Public Information Officer) certifications through **FBI-Leeda**. These intense courses focus on strategy and brand management, and build on crisis management skills through tabletop exercises designed to build the framework for a crisis communication manual.

FBI GA-LEEDS Sergeants Joe Cardona and Aaron Thacker spent a week at the FBI Atlanta Field Office for the **Georgia Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar**. This advanced leadership training program for high-ranking law enforcement officials covers topics such as leadership, legal issues, managing critical incidents, working with the media, creating a culture of safety, community support, organizational ethics, and crisis management.

Drone Assessment and Response Tactics Captain Danny Story and Sgt. Chase Burnes attended a week-long **US Department of Homeland Security's Drone Assessment and Response Tactics (DART)** course at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, NM. The intense training program teaches front-line responders and emergency management personnel how to recognize, assess, and mitigate an unmanned aircraft event as a potential threat. The DART training also covered how to understand the dangers represented by terroristic use of unmanned aircraft.

Autism Awareness for First Responders Detective Tiffany Bennett with the **Paulding County Sheriff's Department** conducted a training seminar regarding **Autism Awareness for First Responders**, introducing the First Responder Autism Decal that helps an officer identify that there could be an Autistic person inside a vehicle or home. The multi-colored decal is in the shape of a child's open hand and contains buzzwords in reflective vinyl, so they are easily noticed at night, and help alert emergency personnel of the behavior the autistic person may exhibit in high-stress situations.

Managing Bias Strategies The **Community Oriented Policing Services** unit of the **US Department of Justice and the Center for Naval Analysis (CNA)** held the "Managing Bias Strategies" training at the RPD Training Center. Instructors Lea Douglin and Darnell Davenport worked with officers in learning practical, evidence-based strategies for law enforcement professionals that minimize harm and promote fairness, equity, and respect among officers and the communities they serve.



Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Administrative Staff Reserve Officer Stacey Kidd and Civilians Kim Stone, Rhonda Flemister, and Kristi Rogers attended the **Administrative Staff Conference** for the **Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Association** in Jekyll Island. The informative conference focused on team building and other techniques designed to improve employee production and department efficiency.

Special Operations Unit



The Special Operations Unit is comprised of officers specially-trained in various aspects of law enforcement: DUI enforcement, Motors, Accident Reconstruction, School Resource Officers, and Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Our SWAT and Mobile Field Force Teams also train and deploy under the Special Operations Unit. The Unit services the community in three major areas: enforcement actions, public information, and community education. Enforcement actions include DUI patrols, speed enforcement details, distracted driving enforcement periods, and seat belt enforcement zones. These efforts are carried out in conjunction with Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) mobilization periods.

Drone Response Program The new Drone Response Program is a 'force multiplier' that equips us with real-time intelligence to improve response to calls for service, manage emergencies, and conduct criminal investigations. Drones play a vital role in providing aerial perspectives of incidents, clearing and clearing buildings safely, documenting crime and accident scenes, assisting in de-escalation, and locating missing persons. Our drones are also used in accident reconstruction as specialized software allows the captured drone footage of the accident area to analyze and assess the reconstruction as opposed to shutting down an accident scene for hours for investigation. Department drone pilots include Captain Danny Story, Lieutenant Chase Burnes, Sergeant Greg Brummitt, PFC Eric Brunson, and PFC Ricky Mills.



School Resource Officers As part of the commitment to and partnership with **Rome City Schools**, an additional school resource officer was added to the **Rome Middle and High School** campus on Monday, September 16. The additional SRO helps bolster Rome City Schools' **Keep Schools Safe Initiative** which also includes the Evolv weapons detection devices at the high school and middle school, campus perimeter patrols, window safety film on doors and windows at schools, extra cameras throughout the schools, buzz-in systems at all schools for visitors and several other safety measures the district has put in place.



School Safety Summit Captain Danny Story, SRO Sterling Haney, SRO Anthony Banks, and PFC Tony Boston attended the 3rd Annual **GS3 School Safety Summit** at the Athens Classic Center presented by the Georgia Alliance of School Resource Officers and Educators (GASROE) that included training programs for educators and school resource officers and covered a wide range of topics including emergency preparedness, crisis intervention, and conflict resolution.

Specialty Patrol ATV The Special Operations Unit deployed the department's new patrol ATV to assist with patrolling areas that are difficult to access with a patrol car. This will help make outdoor parks and trail areas safer and more accessible for law enforcement.



Safe Seat Initiative

The Rome Police Department has 16 Child Passenger Safety Technicians to include 2 Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructors who are responsible for the Safe Seat Initiative. The program is self-funded, and we also provide seats to various agencies upon request. Monthly child safety seat education classes are held for caregivers, with more than 75 new seats distributed through the program this year. The Safe Seat Initiative also provides child safety seats when a motorist is stopped for a child restraint violation to replace the seat that is not in compliance with state law.

Concentrated Patrols

Multiple concentrated patrols are conducted throughout the year in conjunction with **National and State Highway Safety Campaigns** to help ensure the safety of all drivers and pedestrians by focusing on key traffic violations. These patrols target multiple issues including seat belt violations, DUI offenses, speeding, and equipment violations, which are all critical factors in preventing accidents and promoting safe driving behaviors. By increasing enforcement in these areas, officers aim to deter reckless driving and reduce the number of crashes and injuries. This proactive approach not only holds offenders accountable but also educates the public on the importance of following traffic laws, ultimately contributing to a safer, more responsible community. In addition to the listed results, the unit also seized \$1,830 as well as marijuana and mushrooms, and made three juvenile alcohol-related arrests.

Concentrated Patrols	2024
Hands Free Offense	71
Seat Belt Violation	41
No Insurance	7
DUI Arrest	3
Warnings Issued	172
Suspended License	15
Child Restraint Violation	26
Other Traffic Offense	52
Speeding Violation	341
Equipment Violation	3
VGCSA	5
Felonies	2
Reckless Driving	4

Office of Professional Standards

Complaint Analysis

Type of Complaint	Number of Complaints	Number Founded	Number Unfounded	Number Exonerated
Unprofessional Conduct	5	1	0	4
Rudeness	3	1	1	1
Harassment	2	0	0	2
Negligence	2	0	0	2
Biased Policing	1	0	0	1
Charging Complaint	1	0	0	1
Excessive Force	1	0	0	1
Wrongful Arrest	1	0	0	1
Totals	16	2	1	13

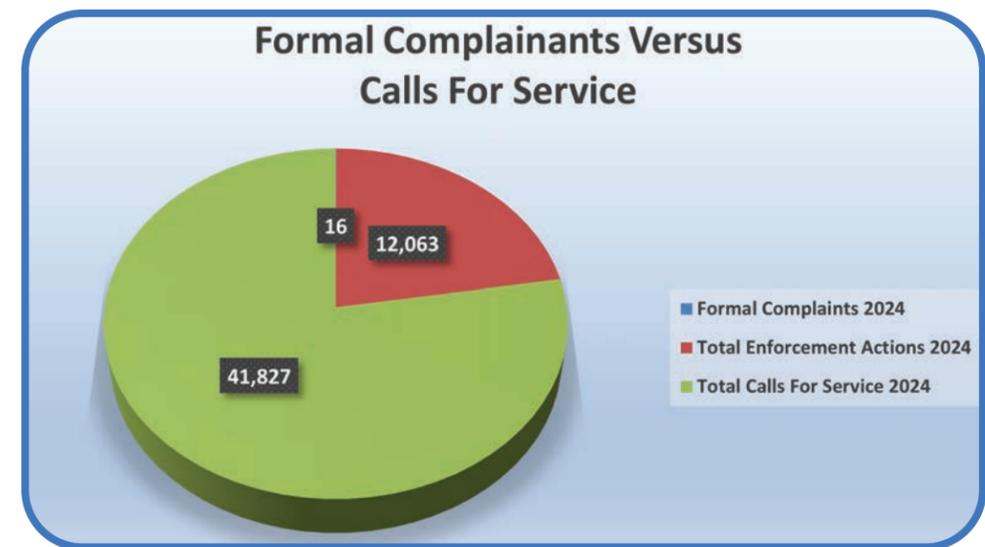
During the 2024 calendar year 16 formal complaints were submitted to the Rome Police Department concerning officer conduct. The chart above displays the categories the complaints were filed and the number of each type of complaint. The chart also indicates how many of each type of complaint were determined to be founded, unfounded, or exonerated. A founded complaint indicates the citizen had a valid complaint and sufficient evidence supporting their allegation existed. An unfounded complaint represents those where evidence indicating the complaint was or was not valid did not exist. When sufficient evidence exists to clear the officer of all wrongdoing alleged in the complaint it is registered as exonerated.



In 2024, complaints decreased by one complaint from 17 in 2023 to 16 in 2024.

- There were five complaints concerning unprofessional conduct by an officer. Four of the officers were exonerated. The complaint on one officer was founded and the officer received discipline.
- Three complaints alleging rudeness on the part of an officer were received. The investigations exonerated one of the accused officers and determined one complaint was founded, resulting in discipline for the officer involved. One complaint of rudeness was determined to be unfounded, due to the lack of evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.
- Two complaints alleging harassment by an officer were received and investigated. All officers involved were exonerated of the accusations.
- There were two complaints regarding negligence. Both officers were exonerated of the alleged misconduct.
- The department received one complaint regarding biased policing. The officer was exonerated as no evidence of biased-based policing was discovered.
- One complaint was received about a specific charge cited on a misdemeanor traffic citation. The officer was determined to have made the appropriate charge and was exonerated.
- The department received one complaint claiming the officer used excessive force during an arrest. After a thorough review, the officer was exonerated.
- One complaint alleging wrongful arrest was received and the officer was exonerated.

There were 41,827 calls for service during the year and 12,063 enforcement actions taken against citizens. Sixteen citizen complaints indicate approximately 0.038% rate of complaints compared to the calls for service. The number of complaints compared to the number of enforcement actions is approximately 0.1326%.



Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for investigating fraud, forgeries, assaults, burglaries, property crimes and other such cases. An investigation can include processing crime scenes, retrieving physical evidence, conducting interviews, and presenting completed case files to the Floyd County District Attorney's office for prosecution.

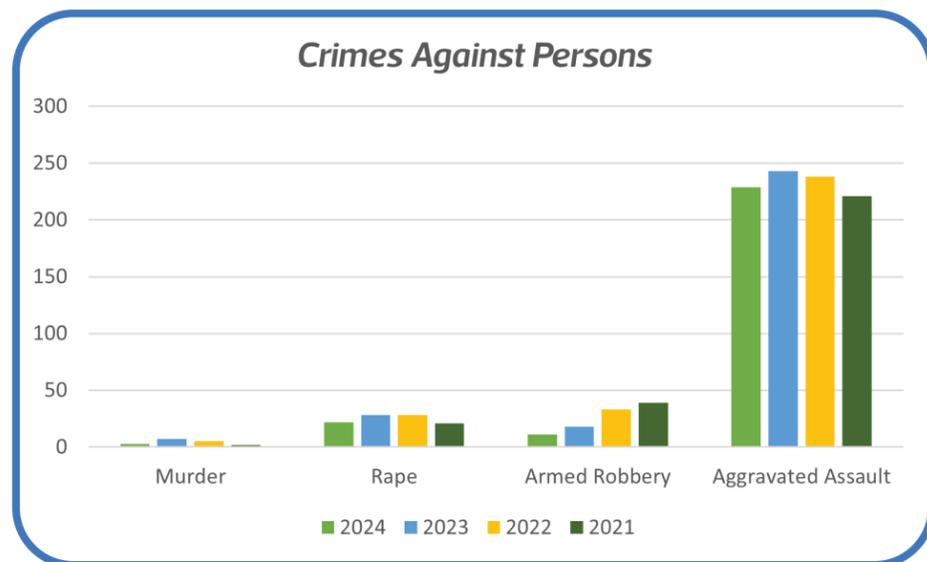
The CID is comprised of one captain, one lieutenant, one sergeant, investigators who operate on a rotating, on-call schedule, a juvenile investigator, a property and evidence technician, an administrative secretary, a case file clerk, and a GCIC technician.

The Rome Police Department submits crime data to the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). This allows us to measure crime and case clearance rates with counterparts across the nation.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Cases Assigned	429	526	336	295	304	379
Total Arrests	193	180	135	85	115	99
Felony Arrests	114	136	82	61	132	213
Cleared by Arrest	169	225	138	69	106	86
Polygraphs	0	25	25	66	50	78
Recovered Property	\$268,778	\$221,190	\$95,624	\$33,400	\$88,200	\$44,112

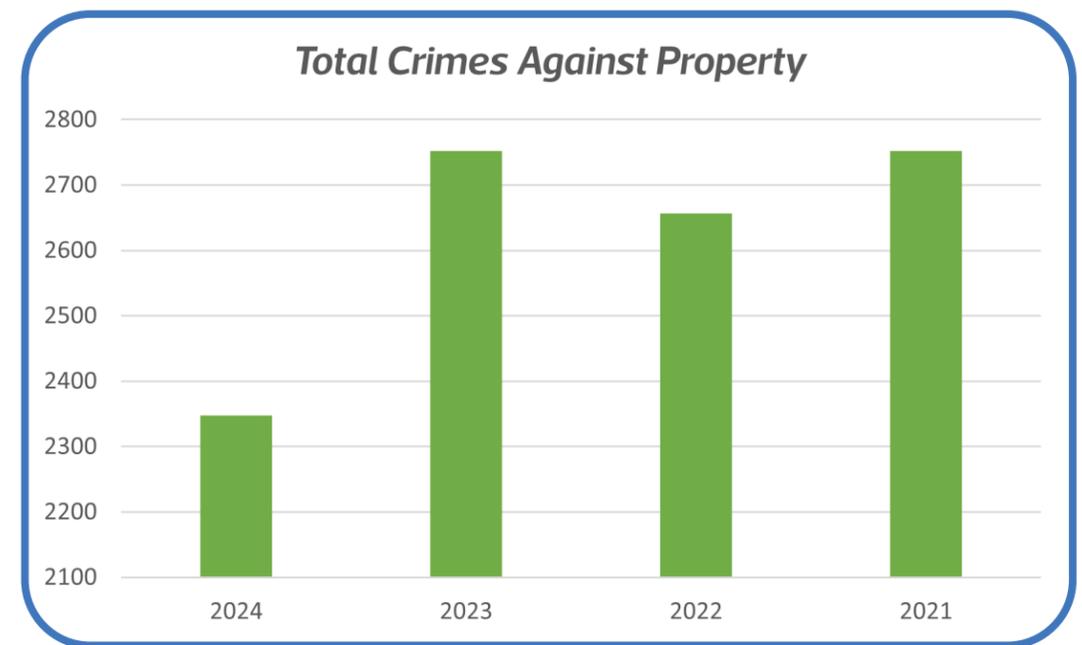
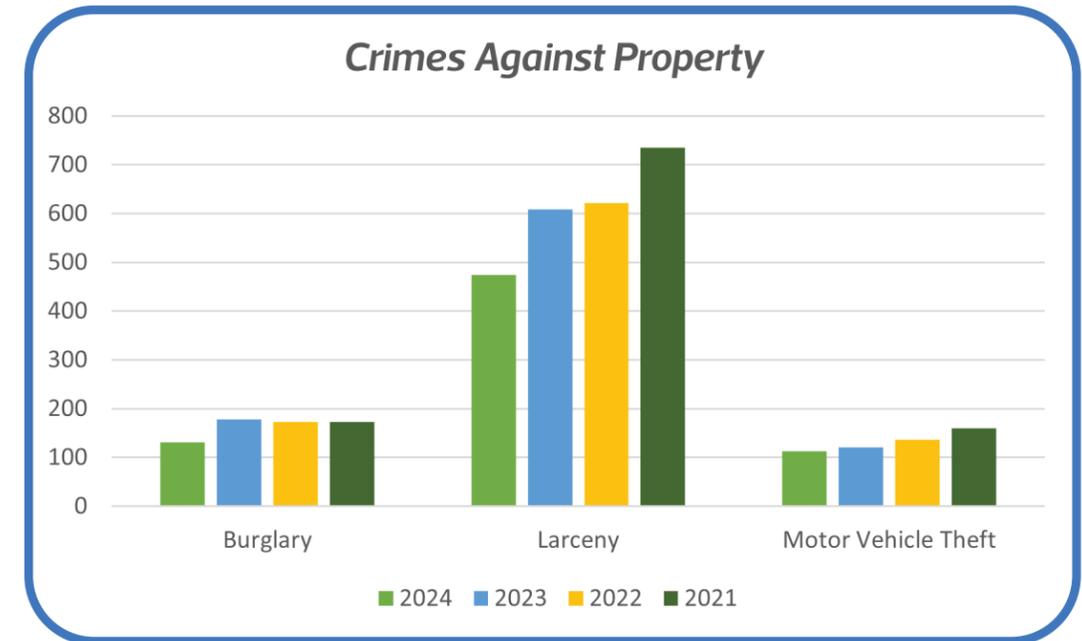
Crimes Against Persons

Crimes against persons are crimes that are violent and often high-profile. Murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault are crimes contained within this category. There were 1,423 crimes against persons reported in 2024, compared to 1,519 in 2023. This is a decrease of 6%.



Crimes Against Property

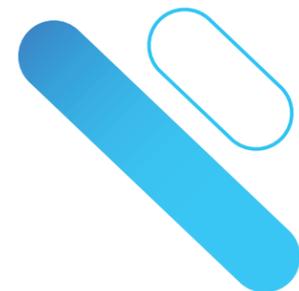
Crimes against property consists of crimes that involve the intruding, taking, or destroying property of another person. Property crimes do not involve force or threats toward the owner. These crimes include burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. There were 2,348 property crimes reported in 2024 compared to 2,752 in 2023. This is a decrease of 15%.



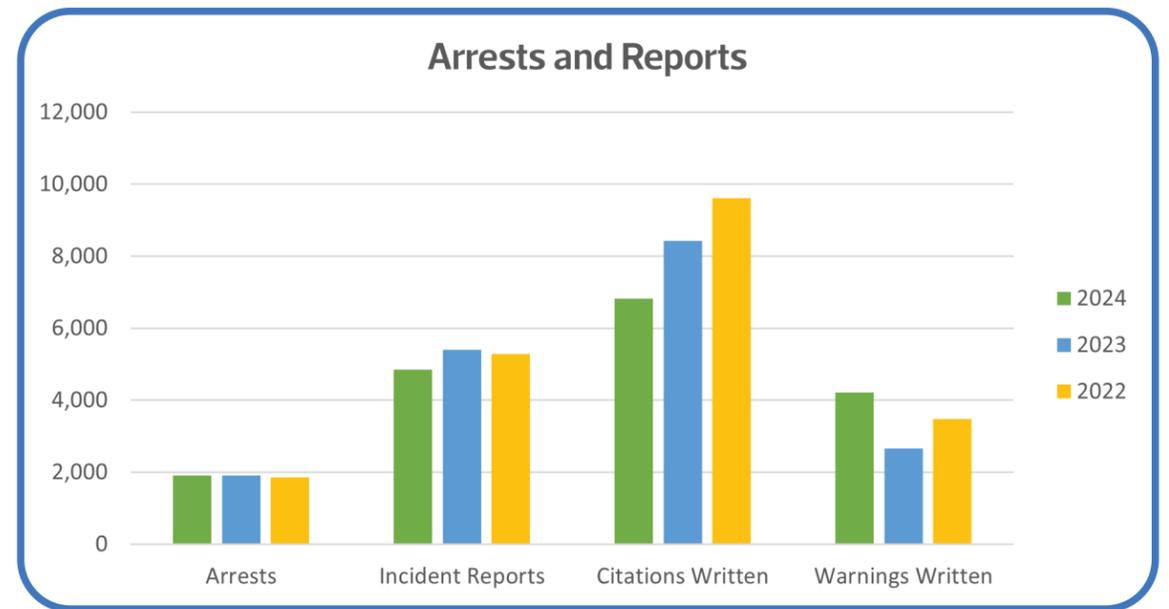
Uniform Patrol Division



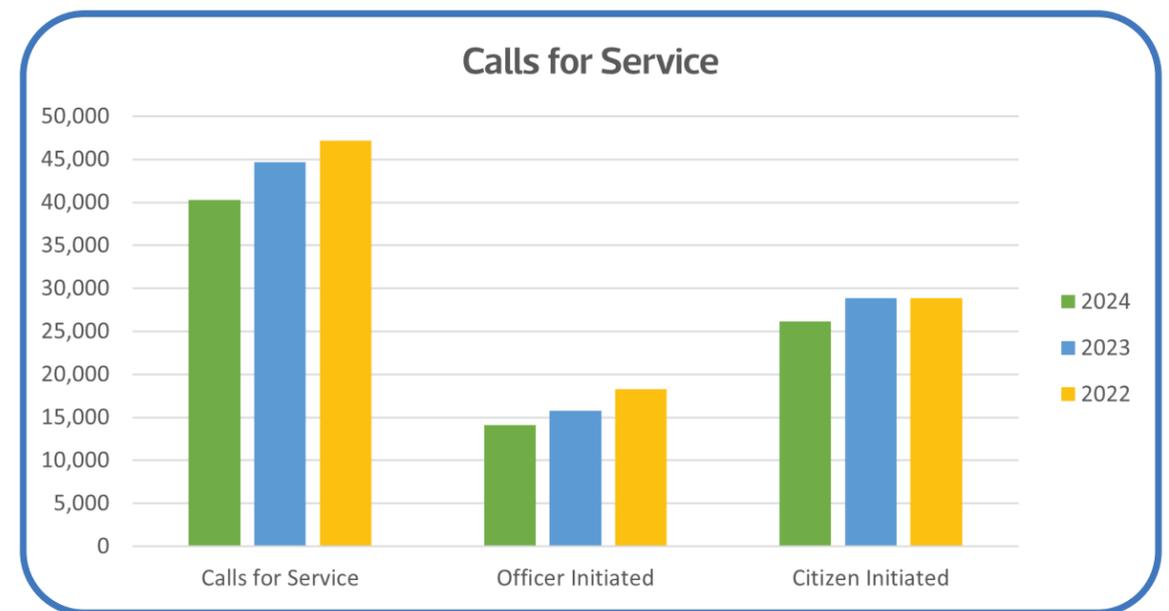
Our Uniform Patrol officers provide twenty-four-hour protection and render general public safety assistance to those who live, work and play in the City of Rome. This Unit acts to prevent street crimes through visible preventive patrol; respond rapidly to all requests of an emergency nature; respond to motor vehicle accidents and render aid to victims; assist citizens in dealing with legal, medical, social or humanitarian problems through direct crisis intervention; and improve law enforcement and community relations through increasing the quality and quantity of contact between citizens and the Rome Police Department. **A total of 519,618 miles were patrolled in 2024.**



Patrol officers assigned to night shift routinely conduct building checks to deter criminal activity and check security of buildings. In 2024, the Uniformed Patrol Division conducted **18,515** Night Eyes checks.



Reports on arrests, incidents, and citations provide an official, written account of events, ensuring that all actions taken by our officers are documented. This is critical for establishing the legal validity of the arrest and ensuring due process. Keeping detailed records helps to track the events surrounding an arrest or incident, preserving evidence for court cases or investigations, and ensure officers are held accountable for their actions, promoting transparency and maintaining public trust. In some cases, an initial arrest may lead to further investigation. Records allow investigators to follow up on cases and keep track of ongoing criminal activity or repeat offenders. These records can also be used to analyze crime trends, patrol effectiveness, or department workload. They help in resource allocation and strategic planning within our department. Accurate reports ensure that our officers have access to critical information when responding to calls or encountering suspects. This enhances safety by keeping officers informed about the background of individuals that we may encounter. Records of arrests and reports are reviewed internally by supervisors to monitor for compliance with laws, policies, and best practices. This review process helps in improving the overall quality of policing.



Citations

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Attempt To Elude	9	12	13	9	14	4
Suspended / Revoked License	204	240	289	288	233	257
Driving Without License	229	234	297	355	178	289
Fail To Yield Right Of Way	52	74	60	79	60	138
Following Too Close	576	631	669	594	537	665
Improper Backing	70	58	46	48	40	59
Improper Lane Change / Usage	1,017	970	888	844	672	736
Improper License / Registration	728	742	574	544	477	715
Improper Equipment	154	138	235	220	193	180
Leaving The Scene Of Accident	42	37	43	40	32	20
Laying A Drag	6	9	7	6	6	2
No Insurance	267	265	303	278	198	238
Reckless Driving	49	58	30	27	48	30
DUI	287	292	263	268	210	161
Speeding	1,597	1,927	1,995	2,234	1,460	2,276
Too Fast For Conditions	78	80	82	62	91	87
Violation Traffic Light of Sign	696	646	736	566	457	671
Seatbelt Violations	188	303	455	371	269	1,150
Child Restraint Violations	130	132	134	119	97	150
Distracted Driving	467	797	986	903	370	1,146
Other Violations	904	1,032	1,005	886	883	974
TOTAL	7,750	8,677	9,110	8,741	6,525	9,948

Accidents

	2024	2023	2022	Annual Change
Accidents Investigated	2,163	2,234	2,292	-3%
Accidents with Injuries	432	466	482	-7%
Injuries Reported	641	703	738	-9%
Accidents with Fatalities	4	9	8	-56%
Total Fatalities	5	9	8	-44%
DUI Related Accidents	48	62	64	-23%
Private Property Accidents	716	778	813	-8%

Metro Drug Task Force

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Felony Charges	757	765	314	747
Misdemeanor Charges	217	263	136	279
Narcotic Cases	177	238	104	236
Miscellaneous Cases	69	67	32	23
Search Warrants	87	142	48	86
Money Seized	\$142,366.46	\$186,779.00	\$54,818.40	\$100,631.00
Vehicles Seized	4	14	2	9
Firearms Seized	114	127	75	61
Cocaine Seized, Grams	614	289	149	335
Marijuana Seized, Grams	39,422	41,865	8,923	13,144
Heroin & Meth Seized, Grams	8,547	4,126	11	39
Surveillance Hours	3,396	1,690	2,551	684
Training Hours	2,121	2,353	1,419	1,115
Court Hours	122	200	140	60

Fines & Forfeitures

	2024	2023	2022
Fines & Forfeitures			
Court Fines (+)	\$563,521	\$626,052	\$671,285
Probation Co. Receipts (+)	\$434,061	\$442,636	\$424,618
False Alarm Revenue	\$31,920	\$42,260	\$26,900
Parking Fines (+)	\$955	\$1,460	\$950
Net Fines	\$1,030,457	\$1,112,408	\$1,123,644
Miscellaneous Revenue			
ID Cards, PTV Decals, Etc.	\$21,637	\$24,740	\$26,757
Photostat Copies, Background Checks	\$22,693	\$16,868	\$18,806
Subtotal	\$44,330	\$41,608	\$45,562
Total Fines and Misc. Revenue	\$1,074,787	\$1,154,016	\$1,169,207



In the Community

We play a crucial role in building strong, positive relationships with the community we serve, far beyond simply patrolling in cars or issuing tickets. We are actively involved in community outreach, engaging with citizens through neighborhood events, town hall meetings, and social initiatives.

By participating in civic and volunteer organizations, police officers help foster trust and cooperation, creating an environment where community members feel supported and understood. We strive to teach that law enforcement is not just about enforcement, but about working hand-in-hand with citizens to enhance safety and well-being, demonstrating our commitment to being accessible and approachable partners in community development. Here are a few examples of our community activities this year:

January

Chief Denise Downer-McKinney, Captain Chris DeHart, Sgt. Josh Glover, PFC Josh Cipriano, and K9 Björn joined community LEO partners in hosting **EMERGE** students. Previously known as High School Leadership Rome, **EMERGE** is the **Rome-Floyd Chamber's** skills-building and community leader training program for select high school students. The program sheds insight into critical issues facing the community and allowed students to see how they can be involved in making a difference.



February

The **Floyd Early Childhood Development Center** welcomed Chief Downer-McKinney as she read to students in celebrating **Black History Month**, providing students with wonderful models of heroes who persevered in some of the most difficult situations.

Floyd County Police Chief Mark Wallace, **Floyd County Sheriff** Dave Roberson, **Floyd County Prison** Deputy Warden Frankie Cronan, **Floyd County Juvenile Court Judge** Steven Bennett, **Floyd County District Attorney** Leigh Patterson, and numerous staff members from each department joined us as we hosted **Leadership Rome's** Public Safety Day at the Training Center.

March

Then presidential-candidate Donald J. Trump held a campaign rally at The Forum River Center. We worked hand-in-hand with the **United States Secret Service**, **Georgia State Patrol**, **Floyd County Police Department**, and the **Floyd County Sheriff's Department** to ensure a smooth and safe visit to our city. Our Motors Unit escorted the entourage to and from the **Richard B. Russell Regional Airport**.



April

The **Rome Police Department**, **Rome Municipal Court**, and **Police Records Services** opened to the public at the new location, 375 Technology Parkway.

Our first special event in the new building occurred with the swearing in of two officers, Ryan Palmer, who transferred to us from another state, and Casey Cook, a recent graduate of the academy.



The **Sexual Assault Center of Northwest Georgia** as well as **Kingston Police**, **Floyd County Police**, **Berry College Police**, **Floyd County Sheriff's Department**, and the **Georgia Bureau of Investigation** met together to build a connected community AND bring awareness to sexual assault awareness month by placing teal ribbons on patrol cars for **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**.



This year's **Pinwheels for Prevention** event with **Harbin Pediatrics**, **the Harbor House Child Advocacy Center**, **Exchange Club Family Resource Center**, **Floyd County Police and Sheriff's Departments**, **Rome-Floyd Fire Department**, and other community partners and leaders marked the beginning of **Child Abuse Prevention Month**.



PFC Joey Gravell and Officer Michael Bigelow represented the Rome Police Department as first responders were recognized at **Stage for the Rescues** by the **Animal Rescue Foundation of Rome and Floyd County, Inc.** (ARF) at the City Auditorium.

> In the Community

Several officers joined other community members and leaders at the **Real Men Read** event hosted by **Anna K. Davie Elementary School**, and each officer read books to several classes.



Officer Jason Self was invited by Scoutmaster Eric Vaughn to join a meeting of **Boy Scout Pack 113**, where he shared about police equipment, common situations that police officers encounter, how we work with others in emergency situations, and what we should all remember in times of an emergency.



The **Kelsey-Aycock-Burrell Center** hosted the **Spring Princess Tea** where Officer Stacey Kidd spent some time with the princess' parents. Officer Kidd presented information and resources regarding internet safety and bullying prevention.

> May



For the second time during the year, the **Kiwanis Club of Rome** presented 30 new car seats to the department for the Safe Seat Initiative program through the Special Operations Unit. The Kiwanis Club continues to improve the world one child and one community at a time.

The annual **Peace Officers Memorial Service** at the Rome-Floyd Law Enforcement Memorial Plaza was a somber remembrance as we gathered to honor the memory all fallen Law Enforcement Officers of Rome and Floyd County. A rose was placed on each of the twenty individual monuments at the plaza as our local multi-agency honor Guard assisted with honoring each fallen officer.



Captain Chris DeHart was a featured presenter at **Floyd County Honors**, the premiere annual awards show celebrating the outstanding senior student athletes and artists of Floyd County.

> June



Many of our officers sported a teal "Not All Wounds Are Visible" PTSD Awareness wristband in awareness of **PTSD Awareness Month**. Even though PTSD treatments work, most people who have PTSD don't get the help they need, and we want to help spread the word that effective PTSD treatments are available.



K9 Björn and handler, PFC Josh Cipriano competed at the annual **USPCA Region 22 Trials** in Albertville, Alabama. Our team competed against 30 other canine units from agencies located in Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. Following the conclusion of certification as a patrol canine unit and narcotics canine unit, Cipriano and Björn were presented with two awards: first place for narcotics detection in a structure, and second place for overall narcotics detection, which is a joint scoring for both narcotics detection in a structure and on vehicles.

> July

Captain Roy Willingham spent an intensive two weeks of public safety leadership training in Israel with the country's top police executives for the **Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange's (GILEE)** 31st annual peer-to-peer executive education program.



Chief Downer-McKinney was an honorary shovel-holder at the groundbreaking ceremony for a new **Department of Driver Services** facility on Martha Berry Highway. The current DDS building has been in use since the 1950s and will be replaced by a larger, state-of-the-art facility.

> August

Several officers, family members, and civilian personnel helped make up more than 30 teams at the annual **Cops for Kids** softball tournament, which is a primary fundraiser for the **Floyd County Special Olympics**.

Officer Rusty Blair was promoted to the rank of Major and joined the Command Staff. Major Blair has served in several divisions including Patrol, Training (serving as director), Selective Enforcement Unit, Rome-Floyd Metro Task Force, and most recently held the role of Commander of the Criminal Investigation Division. He has served as a certified instructor for several areas including general instruction, firearms, and motorcycle officer.



In the Community

The RPD Motors Unit joined other motorcycle officers and law enforcement personnel in escorting the funeral procession of **Paulding County Sheriff's Office** Deputy Brandon Cunningham, a 30-year-old deputy who was shot and killed while responding to a domestic dispute.



Major Rusty Blair was crowned Prom King of the eighth annual **Night to Remember Foundation's Adult Prom**, a function benefiting dementia care needs, local Care Closet, and grant program for care needs through the local Alzheimer's Association.

September

The **Teen Vehicle Operations Course (TVOC)** fall session took place with classroom instruction at the station, and practical training at the Richard B. Russell Regional Airport.

PFC and Motors Officer Eric Brunson visited the **Children's Academy West** as part of **Community Helpers Week**, and talked with the 3-4 year olds about being safe in the car by always using your seatbelt.



Chief Downer-McKinney and Assistant Chief Rodney Bailey attended the **One Community United: One Table** event, an annual dinner on the John Ross Walking Bridge that provides a visible, living testimony to the mission of One Community United: to seek racial harmony and the melding of distinct communities into a more United Community.



October

Following the success of the March campaign event, our department was instrumental in assisting as Vice Presidential Candidate JD Vance held a rally in our community. The **SWAT team** as well as **Mobile Field Force** provided valuable and necessary resources as coordinated by the **United States Secret Service** in conjunction with the **Georgia State Patrol, Floyd County Police, Floyd County Sher-**



iff's Department, and Floyd County Emergency Management. Our Motors Unit successfully escorted then-VP candidate Vance from the Cobb County Airport to the venue, and back.

We joined the many businesses of Broad Street along with blocks full of vendors for the **Rome Downtown Development's Fiddlin Fest**, where we shared information on how to join our department as well as shake hands and make new friends!



The annual **Faith & Blue** event was held at **Harbin Clinic's Tony Warren Cancer Center** as we enjoyed coffee from Java Joy and breakfast with our fellow first responders.

Our Motors Unit headlined the annual **Walk a Mile in Her Shoes** event presented by the **Hospitality House of Rome**, which promotes support and awareness for domestic violence survivors.

PFC Taryn Carswell and Officer Stacey Kidd visited the **Floyd Early Child Development Center** and **Anna K. Davie Elementary School** to spend some time reading to our friends.

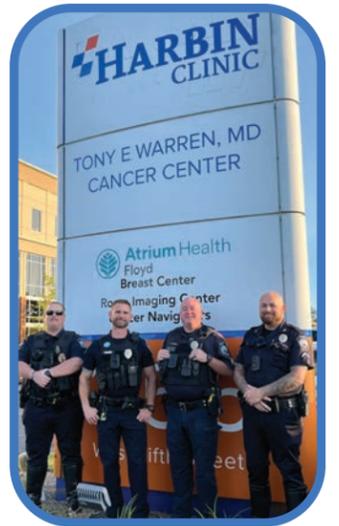


As a squad, team, and family, we enjoyed a brisk and beautiful walk with family, friends, and community supporters at the **NAMI Walk**, which raised awareness and support for mental health advocacy, as mental health challenges are something that affect millions of individuals and families every year. Our department was one of the top three fundraising teams for this year's walk. Several officers also attended the National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding at the **Greater Bethlehem Temple Holiness Church**.

Treats not Streets is one of our favorite days of fall on the lawn at the former Law Enforcement Center. Coordinated by **Floyd E-911**, we joined our fellow LEO and public safety partners to trick-or-treat with all the kids of the community.

November

The **21st Israel Police Delegation to Georgia** visited Rome. Several of our local officers and law enforcement leaders have been to Israel as part of the GILEE program, and enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones as we visited with this delegation.



PFC Scott Kent was recognized at the **Floyd County Commission** meeting for his actions during a dog bite incident. He and Deputy Michael Poster with the **Floyd County Sheriff's Department** responded to a call where a female had been attacked by her dog. The injuries caused by the dog were severe and extensive. Both PFC Kent and Deputy Poster were able to get the dog away from the victim, and use first aid measures to bandage and treat her wounds.



Along with **Rome's City Commission**, **Rome Floyd Fire Department Chief Troy Brock** and Rome Police Department Assistant Chief Rodney Bailey presented awards to two citizens and a fireman for heroic acts during a fiery crash on Nov. 8 on the loop near Wilbanks Road that seriously injured **Restoration Lindale** founder Tim Reynolds. **Floyd County College and Career Academy** vice principal Jeremiah Veillon and **Model High School** teacher and coach Benjamin Woodall were both recognized with the **Citizen Award for Extraordinary Bravery and Heroism** from the police department. **Rome Firefighter Brian Minshew** was awarded the Lifesaving Award from the fire department for going above and beyond his duty to save a life in the same wreck.



> December

Officer Chase Burnes was pinned and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and Officer Greg Brummitt was pinned and promoted to the rank of Sergeant.



The **Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC-Rome) Regional Police Academy** held its Session 30 Basic Law Enforcement Training Graduation at Georgia Highlands College. Out of 23 graduates in this class, 7 represented the Rome Police Department. Jimjad Ali Ansari, Kameron Bell, Willard Rains, David Crawford, Isaiah Spurgeon, Emily Gunnells, and Thomas Zenga successfully completed this intense and months-long training. Graduate Ansari was named 'Top Gun' of the class for his accuracy and skill in firearms testing, and Graduate Isaiah Spurgeon represented the students as Class President.

Multiple officers and family joined the **Coosa Valley Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 14** on a very early Saturday morning to make Christmas with a Cop shopping possible for 52 community children.



> Reserve Unit

Our Reserve Unit plays a crucial role in supporting the community and enhancing public safety within the police department. They are actively involved in child safety seat installation classes, offering guidance and assistance to ensure the safety of children on the road. Additionally, Reserve Officers participate in the downtown walk-and-talk detail, where they engage with the community, build positive relationships, and provide a visible presence to deter crime. They also assist in helping manage special events, ensuring that large gatherings run smoothly, and public safety is maintained, as well as serve in the investigations division. Their dedication and commitment help strengthen the bond between the police department and the community we serve.

	Patrol	Detail	Training	Court	Admin	Annual
Azar-Dickens	95		40			135
Kidd	40	77	180		16	313
McGuire		99	23	12		134
Perri	561		28			589
Self	674.5	45	43	3.5	15	781
Annual Hours	1,370.5	221	314	15.5	31	1,952

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Retirements



Lieutenant John Walters 42 Years of Service

Starting out as a radio operator and jailer, John Walters began his law enforcement career on third shift, sending officers and cars to calls and checking the jail every hour, since he was too young to work the road. Shortly after turning 21, he got a new uniform and hit the road as a patrolman. At the time, the process was simple -- no polygraph and no psychological, but only questions of "can you read, write, shoot, and fight?" Walters stayed on patrol until around 1987 when he joined the newly formed Selective Enforcement / DUI Task Force. It was there that he got to work with a new slick top unit, Kawasaki motorcycles, and the darked-out DUI Task Force Cars.

In 1988, Walters became a certified instructor and started what would become a long history of training and preparing fellow and new officers. He spent time with SWAT as a counter sniper, assistant commander, and commander, and was one of the first two DARE officers for the department, working in all of the City's elementary schools. (This program later became RISE.) For 19 years, he worked

at the Joe Cleveland Training Center until a promotion took him back to patrol. Finally, with another promotion, he was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division.

Forty-two years, over 5500 hours of training, countless continuing education and college classes, and multiple promotions later, Lt. John Walters retires, leaving a long legacy of dedication, determination, and specialized training for the City of Rome and the Rome Police Department.

Prior to his last day on shift, Lt. Walters shared this with the department:

"...I have enjoyed working with all of you and I hope you continue to grow with this department and may it be fun. It was fun for me. I learned a lot about people and myself; you are all a part of my extended family. Finally, train with a sense of urgency so you do not perform with a sense of panic."



PFC David McGuire 29 Years of Service

On January 9, 1995, David McGuire joined the Rome Police Department as Badge #48 after dreaming of being an officer since childhood. He served on patrol, in the Selective Enforcement Unit DUI Task Force, on the SWAT team, and lastly in the Motor Unit.

Considered a backbone of the Selective Enforcement Unit, PFC McGuire was a years-long advocate for child passenger safety, led the department in DUI arrests, participated in statewide networking meetings, and worked countless road checks, task force details, speed details, and seat belt enforcement zones. He routinely worked closely with Georgia State Troopers, and regardless of the task at hand, worked willingly and gladly. He dedicated years of his life working to get impaired drivers off the road and never complained about being called for court outside of his jurisdiction or working in hot summer months to install car seats. He always understood that each task is important to the success of the mission.

There are pages and pages of notes, commendations, comments, and 'atta-boys' in PFC McGuire's file, including statements like:

- Pfc. McGuire continues to display professionalism and embodies the community policing mentality endorsed by the Rome Police Department.
- PFC McGuire is an asset to RPD. His professionalism, caring and helpful nature is what makes RPD officers the caliber of officers we have and strive to hire. David, thank you for all you do and for the manner in which you represent the PD!
- Your compassion, understanding, and patience made the world of difference in helping my brother cope with his problem. I want others to see what you have done and hope you get the recognition you deserve.
- David is a remarkable man and officer. He does a great job whatever the assignment. He is the model for others in having a servant's heart and serving others graciously. His joy of living and giving is infectious and should be aimed for by all!
- What is most impressive about PFC McGuire is his professional attitude that exudes in his routine performance.

McGuire was also a common site at the Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center Emergency Room, where he kept careful watch over the 3rd shift weekend hours for a number of years. There are just as many WOWs and kind words echoed from his time there.



Retirements

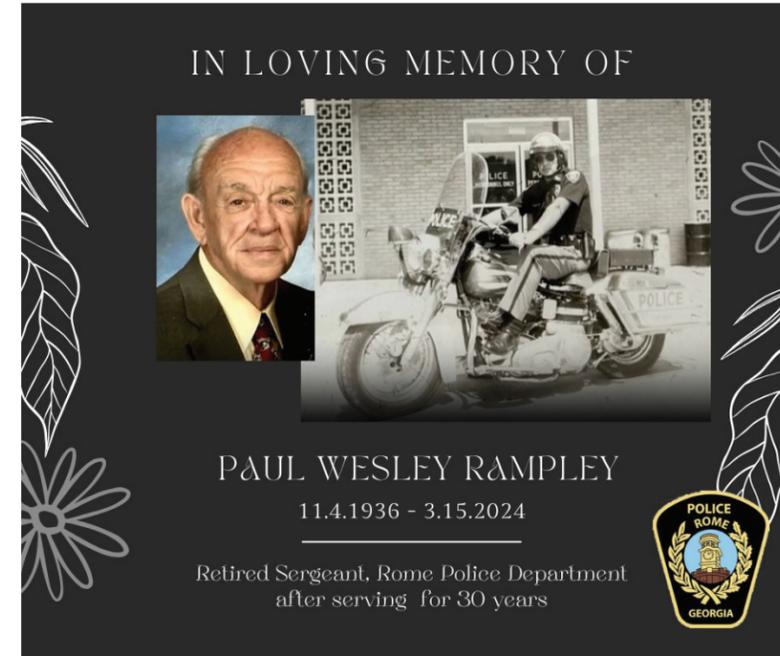


K9 Ares 3 Years of Service

K9 Ares, a German Shepherd who joined the department nearly three years ago, left the force for medical retirement in early 2024. K9 Ares served the citizens of Rome with great success; his expertise with narcotics detection, criminal apprehension, and tracking will be greatly missed.

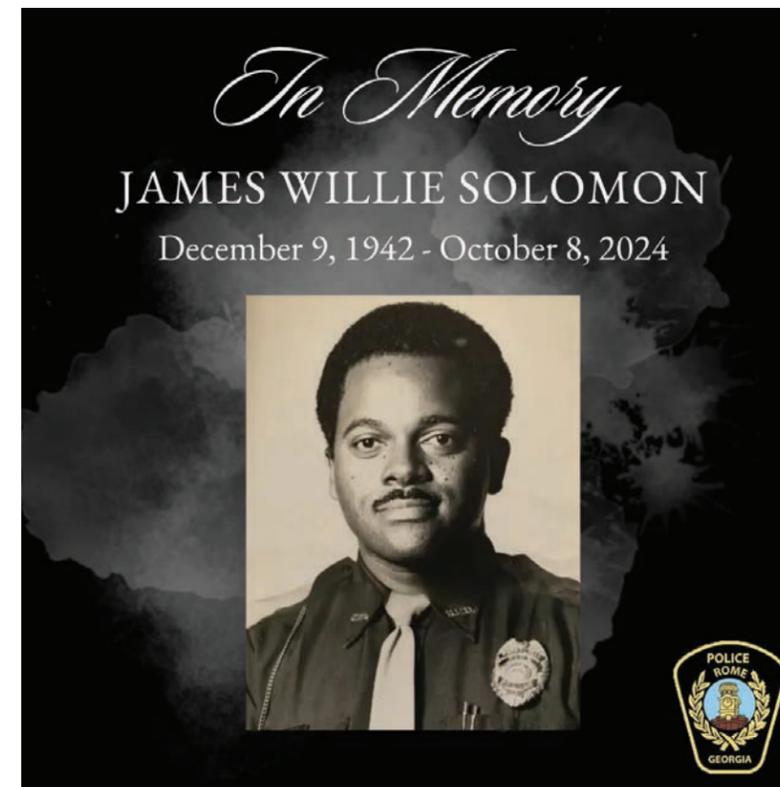
Enjoy retirement, Ares! You've earned it!

In Memory



Sergeant Paul Wesley Rampley March 15, 2024

Sgt. Rampley grew up in the Shannon area attending Model School. He served in the military for ten years having served in Europe, the Pacific at Fort Shafter Hawaii, Special Duty in Okinawa at Clark Air Base in the Philippines, and later Fort Benning, GA. He joined the Rome City Police Department in 1965 and, after serving for 30 years, retired in 1995. He was a good friend to and protector of Rome, Floyd County, and our Nation.



James Willie Solomon October 8, 2024

Hired in April 1968, Mr. Solomon served as an officer with the Rome Police Department for more than 23 years, and continued civilian service with the City of Rome until retirement.

