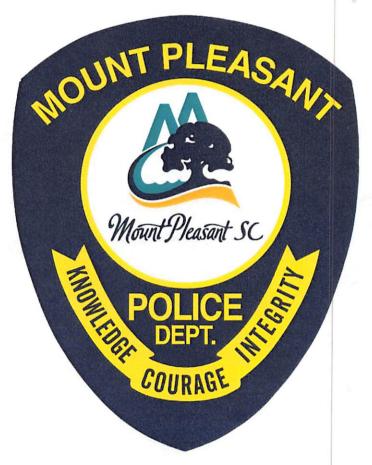
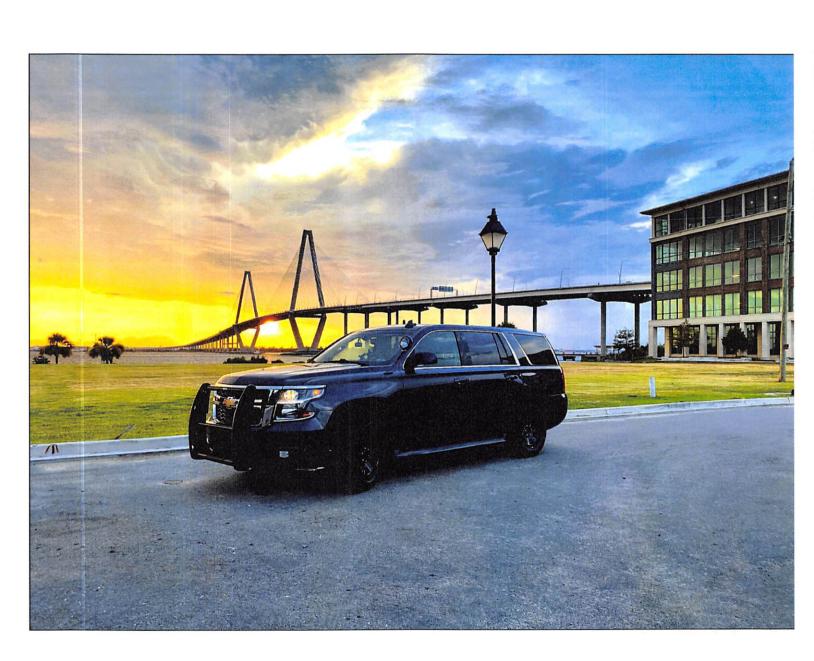
2020 Annual Report





Mission Statement

The mission of the Mount Pleasant Police
Department is to enhance the wellness of the
community by working in partnership with citizens
to protect life and property, maintain order,
understand and serve community needs, and
enforce the law in a manner consistent with
democratic values.

Department Overview

Population Estimate: 95,314

Jurisdiction Square Miles: 52

Sworn Officers: 154

Civilian Employees: 19

The Mount Pleasant Police Department believes in policing in a non-traditional way. We acknowledge that we need the assistance of our citizens to be successful. We strive to foster a harmonious relationship with our community. This is accomplished by recognizing and addressing their concerns and by aggressively targeting criminal activity that threatens their way of life.

Our Community Policing philosophy partners police officers with the citizens in their districts. This allows officers to build trust, connect to residents and businesses, and become a liaison the community can call upon.

What are Part 1 Offenses?

In the traditional National Incident Based Reporting System (SRS), there are eight crimes, or Part I offenses to be reported to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Department Overview	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Calls for Service	125,081	113,445	124,155	118,206
Dispatched Calls for Service	70,836	59,565	70,768	59,209
Officer-Initiated Calls for Service	54,245	53,880	53,387	59,283
Budgeted Sworn Officers	147	159	166	166
Frozen Sworn Positions	3	3	0	6
Budgeted Civilian Employees	23	23	23	23
Frozen Civilian Positions	1	1	0	0

Part I Offenses	2017	2018	2019	2020
Murder	2	ø	1	0
Rape	13	14	4	17
Robbery	24	15	14	13
Aggravated Assault	105	106	71	65
Burglary	179	141	122	79
Larceny	346	360	270	503
Motor Vehicle Theft	87	93	98	136
Arson	2	1	1	3
Other Offenses	2017	2018	2019	2020
Other Offenses Theft from Motor Vehicle	2017 312	2018 309	2019 428	2020 305
Theft from Motor				
Theft from Motor Vehicle	312	309	428	305
Theft from Motor Vehicle Shoplifting	312 311	309 281	428 314	305 375
Theft from Motor Vehicle Shoplifting Simple Assault	312 311 457	309 281 443	428 314 380	305 375 364

50

37

1,385 1,428

39

1,537 1,492

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Suicides

Disturbances

Field Operations Bureau

- Uniform Patrol
- Traffic Services
- Animal Control
- Harbor Patrol
- Mobile Field Force
- SWAT
- · Crime Prevention
- K9



Field Operations Bureau 2020 Goals

- 1. Prepare Officers for the next step in their careers by providing Sergeant Candidate School on supervisory topics every other month.
- 2. Increase the documentation of officer activity through the development of the program with the town's GIS system.
- 3. Increase work efficiency and work product of officers and supervisors.

Uniform Patrol

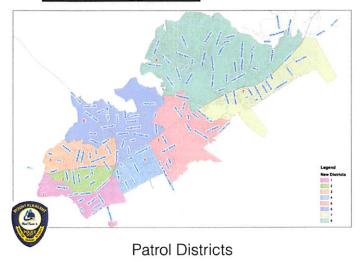
Public safety starts with providing order maintenance through the presence of uniformed police officers. Uniformed patrol is comprised of eight patrol districts that provide police service to the Town of Mount Pleasant. Uniformed officers are responsible for patrolling 52 square miles and providing law enforcement services to over 90,000 residents and visitors.

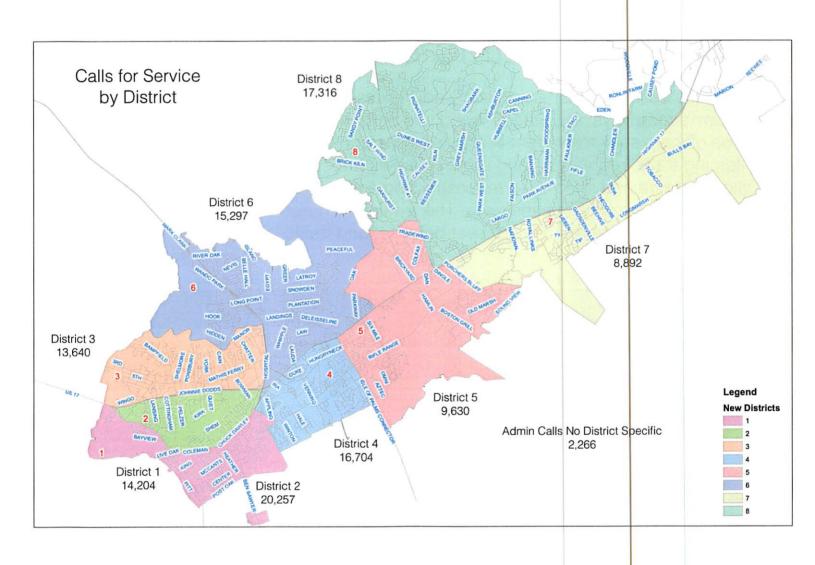
The department's eight patrol districts are patrolled by six teams that work ten hour shifts. Each team is comprised of two Sergeants, two Field Training Officers, and seven Officers. Officers are assigned to each district for at least nine months at a time so they become familiar with the citizens, businesses, and activity in their area of responsibility. This helps build a strong partnership between the officers and the citizens they serve. Every six weeks the patrol teams rotate between day shift, evening shift, and night shift.





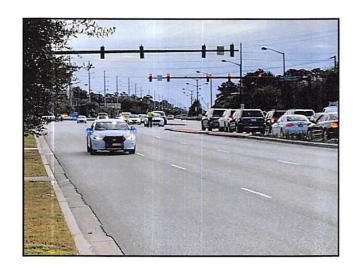






Traffic Services

The Traffic Services Team specifically addresses the needs of motorists who utilize the town's roadways. A Lieutenant and two Sergeants oversee officers on this team. These officers seek to prevent traffic collisions and promote public safety by enforcing traffic regulations and using those as educational opportunities. Traffic Officers are trained in collision reconstruction and are on call for serious and/or fatal collisions that occur within the town. The Traffic Team also educates the public on such issues as impaired driving, seat belt use, and traffic laws.



Traffic Enforcement	2017	2018	2019	2020
Collisions	2,986	2,864	2,901	2,423
Collisions with Injuries	486	457	532	487
Commercial Vehicle	90	87	102	66
DUI Collisions	85	74	75	76
DUI Arrests	321	293	225	261
Fatal Collisions	4	3	9	3

Animal Services

The Animal Services Team handles a significant number of calls involving both domestic and wild animals. Two uniformed civilians provide investigative support and follow-up regarding allegations of animal cruelty, neglect, and bites.



Animal Services	2017	2018	2019	2020
Calls for Service	1,337	794	872	1,020
Incident Reports	29	18	34	58
Citations	18	11	14	14
Warnings	209	207	154	137
Animal Bites	23	11	28	61
Deceased Animals	652	385	289	351
Animals Returned to Owner	138	62	79	112
ER Vet Visits	134	118	136	53
SPCA Visits	141	381	219	120
Call Outs	7	11	7	19

Harbor Patrol

Communities located along the coast of South Carolina are tasked with providing public safety to citizens and tourists who enter the waterways within the police department's jurisdiction. These waterways are jointly patrolled by federal, state, and local agencies. The Harbor Patrol Team is comprised of officers that handle special events and render aid to watercraft in distress. A Lieutenant, and two Sergeants oversee the officers that make up this team as collateral duty. In October we added a new SAFE boat to the team that was Christened on October 23rd.







Special Weapons and Tactics

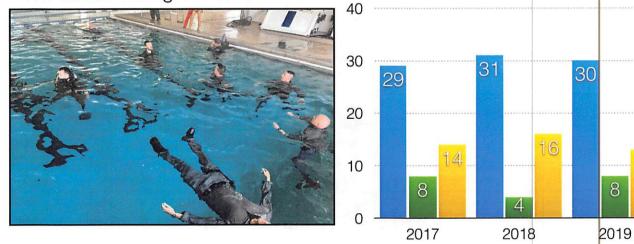
The Mount Pleasant Police Department recognizes that some incidents and/or high risk police functions require the utilization of a highly trained and closely managed team of officers. The SWAT Team is comprised of full time police officers assigned to this collateral duty in addition to other responsibilities. They receive specialized training that includes handling high risk warrant service, building entries, and barricaded subjects. A Lieutenant oversees twenty SWAT members who provide around the clock availability for emergency response. The SWAT Team is also supplemented with seven Mount Pleasant Fire Department tactical paramedics and one doctor during call-outs.

Training Days
Warrant Service

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Full Activations

2020



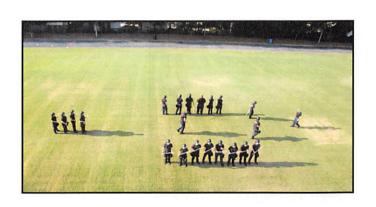
Crime Prevention

Crime prevention is a key component of community mobilization and that strong community partnerships are an essential element of any crime reduction strategy. There is a crime prevention officer on each patrol team that is tasked with educating and assisting community members to be more aware of their own safety, and to be proactive in the reduction of crime and eliminating the opportunity for crime. These officers are responsible for hosting the Citizen's Police Academy, Coffee with a Cop, National Night Out, and many other programs within the town.



Mobile Field Force

The primary duty of the Mobile Field Force Team is to protect the rights of all people who are exercising their constitutional rights to free speech and assembly, as well as to address and quell any disorder from unlawful protests. It is designed to provide rapid, organized and disciplined response to protests, civil disorder, crowd control or other situations in order to protect people and property. The team currently trains as a full team quarterly.





K-9 Team

The K-9 Team is comprised of a Sergeant, four officers and their canine partners. The Mount Pleasant Police K-9's are all certified in one or multiple disciplines such as narcotics, tracking, obedience, handler protection, and building searches. They are on call during off hours to provide 24 hour coverage if the need arises.



Investigations Bureau

- Criminal Investigators
- Vice/Narcotics
- Crime Scene Investigators
- Crime Analysis
- Victim Advocate Office
- School Resource Officer

Investigations Bureau 2020 Goals

- 1. Identify department members with an interest and aptitude to join each specialized area in the bureau and to prepare them for those positions.
- 2. Analyze 2019 data to prioritize resource allocation within the bureau.
- 3. Identify equipment and technology to address current and future crime trends.

Criminal Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Bureau is tasked with providing long term investigative efforts into crimes that affect Mount Pleasant. These detectives investigate crimes such as robbery, sexual assault, burglary, assault and battery, and other crimes. Investigations also oversees the operation of a comprehensive victim advocate program. This team is comprised of a Captain, Sergeant, and seven detectives.

Investigations Case Management	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of Cases Assigned	514	450	515	380
Cases Cleared	457	448	468	379

Vice/Narcotics

The Narcotics Team utilizes plain clothes detectives to suppress and investigate narcotic/dangerous drug related crimes. This is accomplished through the use of surveillance, confidential informants, and community cooperation. The Narcotics Team is also involved in community outreach and educational programs within Mount Pleasant. The Sergeant in this team oversees four detectives.

Narcotics Case Management	2017	2018	2019	2020
Active Cases	91	86	118	60
Cases Cleared	61	32	70	32
Drug Violations	102	85	110	103
Alcohol Violations	7	42	27	15
Vice Violations	0	8	15	7

Crime Scene

Evidence collection is crucial to the successful prosecution of a criminal offense. This evidence can take on many forms and its utility can be lost if it is improperly handled or maintained. These investigators respond to crime scenes for the purpose of capturing and preserving evidence of a crime that can be used in a court of law. This team has an officer on call at all times to ensure a 24 hour a day coverage. A Sergeant oversees four Crime Scene Officers.

2017	2018	2019	2020
210	205	147	128
4,993	5,429	4,573	4,380
9,051	9,544	8,110	7,558
2,989	4,224	5,677	4,421
22	46	128	45
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635	637	631	658
139	99	112	92
64	29	37	37
10	40	49	24
445	373	0	166
230	297	560	218
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Warrant Services

The Warrant Services Unit is tasked with serving all warrants generated by officers and the court system. This unit is staffed with one officer.

Case Management	2017	2018	2019	2020
Served Arrest Warrants	355	333	398	323
Served Bench Warrants	265	65	128	50
Active Arrest Warrants	268	403	383	295
Active Bench Warrants	0	104	173	49

Crime Analysis

Crime analysis is a function whereby data relating to crime is collected and analyzed to help a police department become more effective through better information. The information is collected by a civilian employee and can help solve crimes, develop strategies to prevent crime, find offenders, and plan for future needs.

Victim and Senior Advocates

Victim advocates provide immediate support, information, and general assistance to crime victims in dealing with the criminal justice system. These civilians act as a liaison between the victim or witness and the judicial system by accompanying them to court proceedings, arranging transportation and, standing up as a voice of support. The victim advocates also serve to educate the public through speaking, seminars, and correspondence. There are currently two victim advocates and one senior citizen advocate.

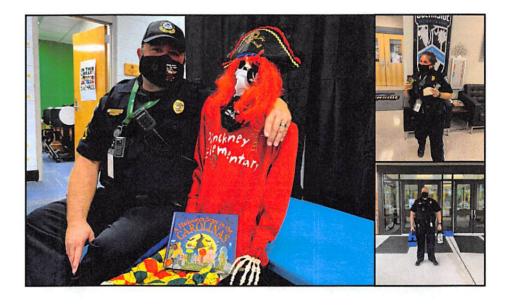
Victim Advocate Case Management	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of Cases Assigned	693	496	559	431
Referrals	56	36	41	40
Group Meetings	33	7	10	25
Attendees for Group Meetings	42	0	0	134
Court Appearances	39	21	90	108
Domestic Calls for Service	396	361	327	282

Senior Advocate Case Management	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of Cases Assigned	50	496	326	264
Referrals	1	36	31	86
Home Visits	5	30	49	22
Facility Visits	5	10	13	6
Court Appearances	1	21	33	18
SAFE Installs	NA	45	39	8

School Resource Officer

The Mount Pleasant Police Department utilizes a Lieutenant, two Sergeants, and sixteen officers in the elementary, middle, and high schools within the Town. This allows the faculty and students to have officers available to respond to calls for service that may occur during school hours and at after school events. Additionally these officers are on campus to facilitate communication and obtain information that can be used to address concerns immediately.

School Arrests	2017	2018	2019	2020
Wando High	5	49	52	28
Cario Middle	0	0	4	2
Laing Middle	1	1	2	0
Moultrie Middle	0	1	0	0
All Others	1	3	3	5



Office of Professional Standards

The Office of Professional Standards is managed by a Lieutenant who reports directly to the Chief of Police. This office is responsible for the recruitment, selection and background investigation of new employees, conducting internal inquiries, and investigating citizen complaints.

Oath of Office

I do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and government of the United States and the Constitution and government of the State of South Carolina, that I will bear true faith, allegiance and loyalty to the same and to any ordinance or resolution of the Town of Mount Pleasant; that I will well and faithfully perform all duties of the office of Police Officer of which I am about to enter and will serve the citizens of Mount Pleasant to the best of my ability, at all times being fair and impartial in my decisions, yet enforcing the law equally, so help me God.

Support Services

- Records Management
- Budget & Property Control
- Career Development
- Accreditation Management
- Public Information

Support Services Bureau 2020 Goals

- 1. Improve procedures and practices to ensure quality training, records management, and fiscal accountability.
- 2. Oversee the Training Office's revision of the firearms training program to include the transition from annual qualification to biannual qualification.
- 3. Learn the town's new procurement / budget software to ensure efficient and effective management of the police department's budget.

Records Management

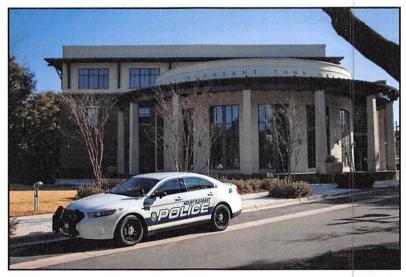
Professional police entities are tasked with operating a records section that is organized and secure. The Mount Pleasant Police Department provides records management services that include archiving, maintenance, and retrieval of police reports that are generated by the Department. This team interfaces with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and transmits incident data for statistical purposes. Records Management also encompasses our Duty Officers who take reports from citizens who walk into headquarters, route all incoming calls to the proper destination, and run the National Crime Information Center computer. This team is comprised of a civilian supervisor and four civilian Duty Officers as well as three Community Service Officers.

Records Activities	2017	2018	2019	2020
Expungement Orders Received	1,546	939	1,264	522
Expungements Complete	1,546	939	1,264	522
Expungements Pending	0	0	0	0
FOIA Requests Received	333	399	386	322
FOIA Requests Filled	333	386	386	322
Reports Requested by Citizens	7,394	6,307	6,957	2,044

Budget/Property Management

The Budget Office is responsible for daily management and critical monitoring of the budget process to include reconciliation of the general ledger account detail. This office is staffed by one civilian employee.

The Property Management Office is staffed by a civilian employee and is responsible for the procurement, distribution, inventory, and invoicing of all equipment and supplies used by the police department. This position also maintains inventory of the department's fleet of vehicles and ensures they are properly maintained.

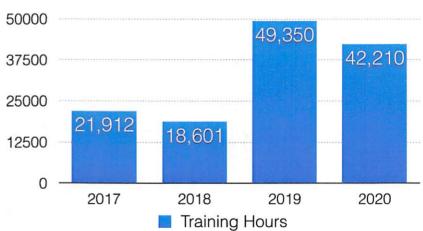


Career Development

Attracting and retaining qualified and professional police employees is critical to the success of a modern police agency. Mount Pleasant Police Department's Career Development Office recognizes that training does not end upon the completion of basic training but extends well into the career of each employee. Continuing education is fundamental to developing professional, knowledgeable officers.

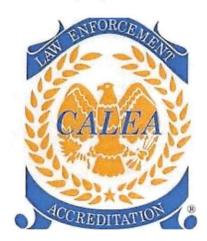
Career Development is tasked with the training of all newly hired officers before they attend the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy as well as civilian employees before they are released to their assignment. This team is staffed by a sergeant, an officer, and a civilian administrative assistant.





Accreditation Management

The Accreditation Manager is tasked with managing the accreditation process for the agency, as well as similar continuous improvement processes, including department policy review, revision and implementation. The tasks associated with the position include but are not limited to collecting proofs of compliance, documenting adherence to established standards, advising on standards updates, and all other duties as assigned by the Deputy Chief of Police, and/or the Chief of Police. This position allows the department to be better organized and more efficient in providing specialized services as the needs of the department continue to evolve while providing flexibility for the Deputy Chief of Police and the Chief of Police in managing the overall mission and functions of the agency.





Public Information Office

The Mount Pleasant Police Department is committed to informing the community and the news media of events within the public domain that are handled by or involve the police department. The Public Information Officer uses social media to deliver timely, accurate information directly to the public on a variety of platforms to include Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, Instagram, and Youtube. Social media allows the community to interact with the police department in non-traditional ways. This fosters two way communication that strengthens the bond between the police and the citizens they serve. In August, the MPPD podcast was launched.





2020 Award Winners

Community Service Awards

SWAT TEAM

Motorcycle Team

Victim Advocates

FTO Eiseman

SPO Martin

PFC Hannan

Civilian of the Year

Tracy MacKellar

Rookie of the Year

Officer Clinkscales

Investigator of the Year

Detective K. Clark

Officer of the Year

PFC K. Thompson

Supervisor of the Year

Sgt. Parks

Visionary Award

Deputy Chief Gragg

Officers and Civilians of the Quarter 2020



FTO Eiseman SPO Stafford PFC Fitzgerald PFC Lipari

Mrs. Holley Mrs. Schwenk Mrs. Tocco Mrs. Kropp Mrs. Tapia-Cooper

Life Saving Awards 2020

Chief Ritchie SGT Smetena FTO Armbruster DET Aponte DET Elvington PFC Hamilton OFC Dittrich



Public Contact Warnings

2020	Female	Male	Grand Total
Caucasian	770	1,234	2,004
African American	156	334	490
Hispanic	19	67	86
Unknown	3	9	12
Total	948	1,644	2,592

Traffic, Criminal, Parking Citations

2020	Female	Male	Total
Caucasian	3,662	5,352	9,014
African American	932	1,267	2,199
Hispanic	179	447	626
Multiracial	20	35	55
Asian	67	66	133
American Indian	1	1	2
Unknown	7	3	10
Other	7	12	19
Total	4,875	7,183	12,058

Adult Arrest Data from 2020

2020	Female	Male	Grand Total
Jurisdiction	179	486	665
Out of State	26	52	78
In State	199	525	724
Unknown	3	4	7
Blank	0	1	1
TOTAL	407	1,068	1,475

Adult Arrest Data from 2020

2020	Female	Male	Grand Total
Asian or Pacific Islander	2	4	6
African American	102	319	421
Hispanic	15	59	74
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	2	2
Unknown	5	3	8
Caucasian	283	681	964
Blank	0	0	0
TOTAL	407	1,068	1,475

Juvenile Arrest Data from 2020

2020	Female	Male	Grand Total
Jurisdiction	23	45	68
Out of State	0	0	0
In State	12	25	37
Unknown	0	0	0
Blank	0	0	0
TOTAL	35	70	105

Juvenile Arrest Data from 2020

2020	Female	Male	Grand Total
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0
African American	18	30	48
Hispanic	1	0	1
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0	0	0
Unknown	1	0	1
Caucasian	15	40	55
Blank	0	0	0
TOTAL	35	70	105

Internal Affairs

The Office of Professional Standards is required to annually provide a statistical summary of the complaints filed against department employees.

Finding	Count
No Finding	9
Exonerated	7
Not Sustained	7
Sustained	31
Unfounded	5
Total	59

Explanation of Findings

Exonerated

The acts, which provide the basis for the complaint, occurred; however, investigation revealed that they were justified, lawful and proper.

Not Sustained

Investigation failed to disclose sufficient evidence to prove the allegation made in the complaint.

Sustained

The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to prove clearly the allegations made in the complaint.

Unfounded

The investigation proved that the act or acts complained of did not occur.

Use of Force Totals

Type of Force	Total Number of Incidents
Compliance Techniques	2
Contact Controls	2
Defensive Tactics	4
Handcuffs	7
Joint Locks	1
Other	4
Pain Compliance	1
Strikes	1
Taser	3
Total	25

Types of service being rendered

2020	Percent of Total
Arrest	63%
Call for Service	23%
Foot Pursuit	4%
Traffic Stop	10%

Reason for the Use of Force

Assaulting Officer
Combative
Defense of Officer
Defense of Other
Assaulting Other
Refused to Comply/Respond

Demographics

Mount Pleasant Police Department All Employees

The Mount Pleasant Police Department is considered a large police department in the state of South Carolina. As of December 31, 2020, the Department had 169 employees: 154 sworn employees and 19 civilian employees.

The median age of all employees was 33.9 years old. The Department by gender was 75.9% male and 24.1% female. The Department by race was 74.9% Caucasian, 24.1% African American, and 1.0% all other categories combined.

The educational level of all employees was 10% high school diploma and equivalent combination of college credit hours and training, 30% associate degree, 50% bachelor's degree, and 10% master's degree or higher.



New Employees

340 individuals applied to become a police officer with the Mount Pleasant Police department in 2020. Fifteen applicants successfully completed the hiring and background investigation processes and were commissioned as police officers. Their names are listed below.

Eason, Patrick
Theos, Katherine
French, Dylan
Jordan, Tyler
Brown, William
Capers, Madelyn
Dean, Joshua
Detwiler, Rebecca
Garcia, Elsi
Kane, John
Deese, Michael
Schoonmaker, Raymond
Todd, Travis
Graves, John



Four civilian employees were hired in 2020. Their names are listed below.

Mackellar, Tracy Burden, Jadda Coger, Maria Deas, Ashley

Separations

During the 2020 calendar year the Mount Pleasant Police Department had 20 employees separate from the Department. Sixteen sworn officers and four civilians left the Department. The breakdown is as follows:

REASON FOR LEAVING - SWORN

- (4) Terminated
- (4) Family reasons
- (1) Employment in Law Enforcement out of state
- (2) Took job outside of law enforcement
- (5) Personal reasons

(20) Total

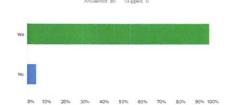
REASON FOR LEAVING - CIVILIAN

- (2) Terminated
- (1) Family reasons
- (1) Personal reasons

(4) Total

Citizen Survey

Q1 Were you satisfied with the amount of time it took for an officer to reach you?



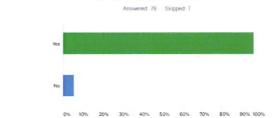
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.29%	81
No	4.71%	4
TOTAL		85

Q8 Overall were you satisfied with the way the responding officer(s) handled your request?



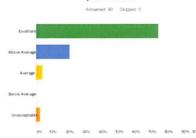
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.39%	80
No	3.61%	3
TOTAL		83

Q3 In your opinion did the uniform appearance of the responding officer project a positive image?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.87%	74
No	5.13%	4
TOTAL		78

Q14 Please rate the Mount Pleasant Police Department on their overall performance.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	73.75%	59
Above Average	20.00%	16
Average	3,75%	3
Below Average	0.00%	0
Unacceptable	2.50%	2
TOTAL		80

Polar Plunge







Shop with Our Cops







SRO Jean training for Olympics



Video: SRO training for Olympics gets special send-off from school

School Resource Officer Mulern Jean is training to represent Haiti in the 100-meter hurdles at the 2021 Summer Olympics

Oct 17, 2020

By Suzie Ziegler

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. — In addition to keeping elementary schoolers safe. School Resource Officer Mulern Jean has her sights set on Olympic glory.

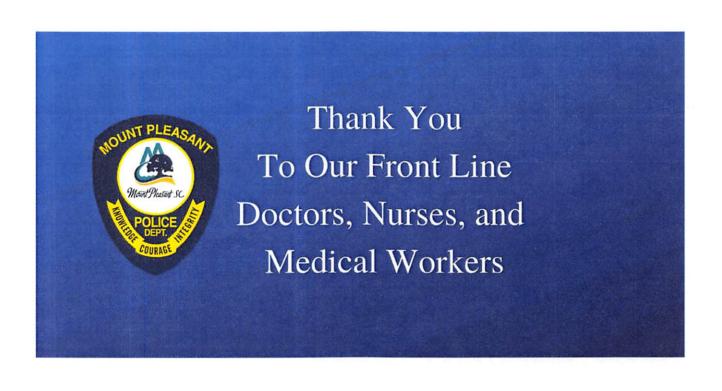
On Thursday, the track athlete was set to leave to train for the 2021 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, according to WCIV. But students and staff at Laurel Hill Elementary wouldn't let her go without a special send-off.

Children and faculty lined up outside the school, cheering and waving flags for Jean, video from Mount Pleasant Police shows. Jean held her own Olympic torch – made with tissue paper – while taking a lap around the parking lot. A faculty member gave her a homemade gold medal and a signed Olympic flag.

Jean is training to represent Haiti in the 100-meter hurdles, according to WCIV.

https://www.police1.com/police-heroes/articles/video-sro-training-for-olympics-gets-special-send-off-from-school-pIN1N2db4yw6Mlow/

COVID-19



COVID Support



COVID Parades













Additional Community Events















