

# Acworth Police Department 2024 Annual Report

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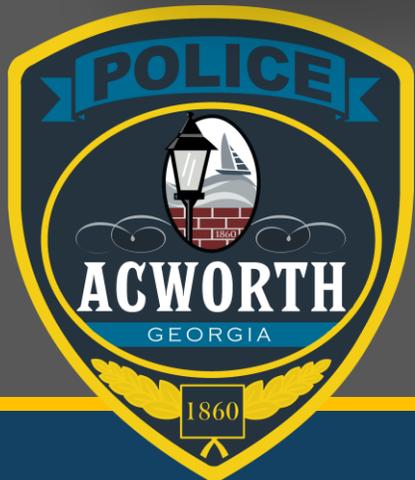
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# Acworth Police Department Mission Statement



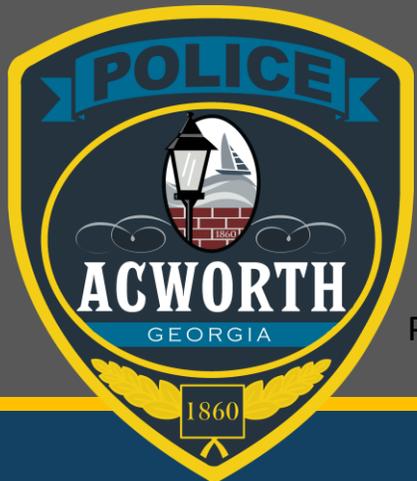
It is the mission of the Acworth Police Department to provide fair, impartial, and excellent law enforcement service to our community. To that end, we pledge to pursue the highest levels of training and education available, and to offer our community the highest levels of professionalism to the best of our ability.



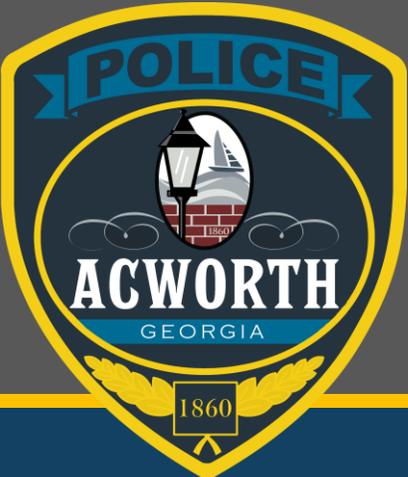
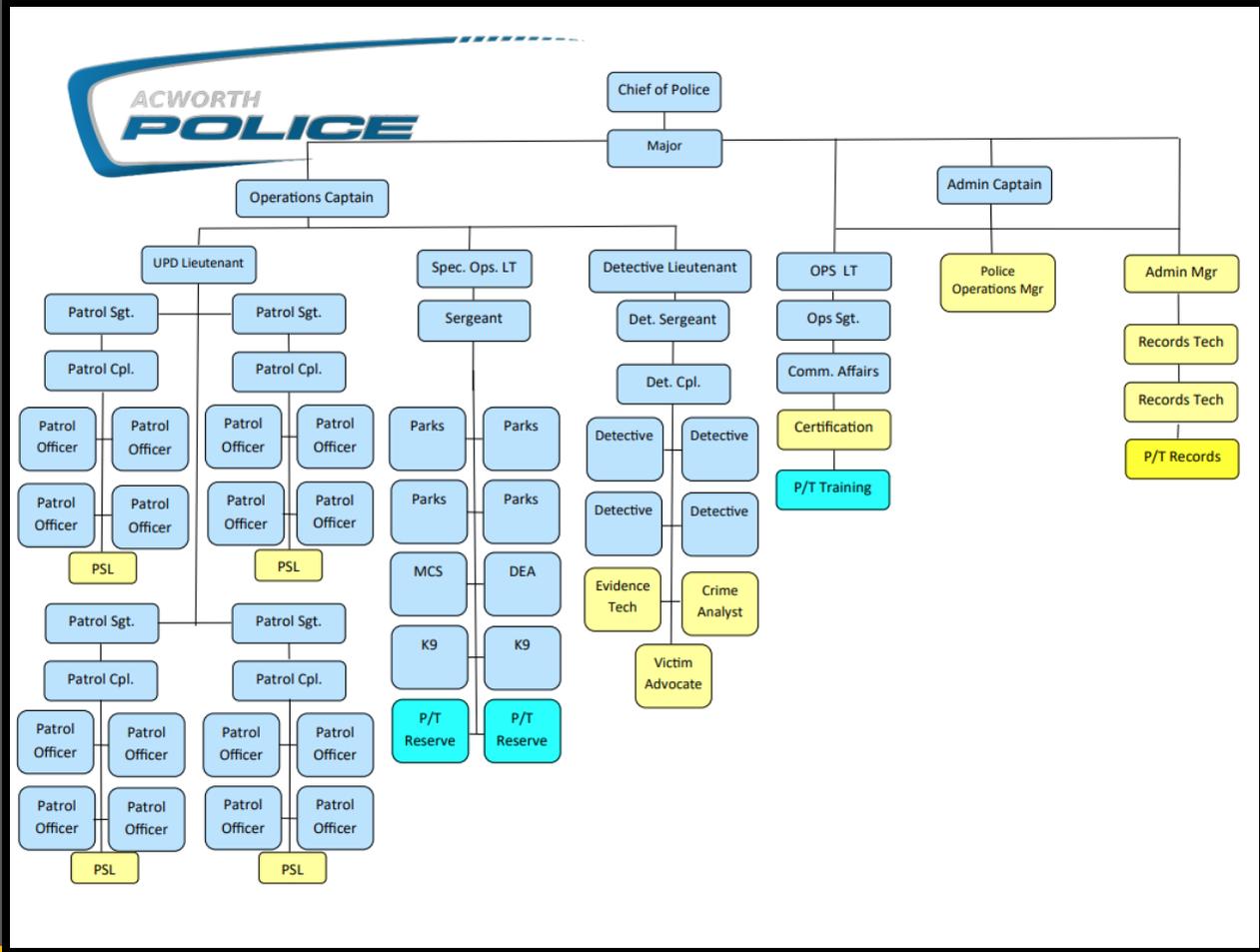
# Departmental Leadership



Pictured from left to right: Lt. B. Hunt, Captain D. St. Onge, Major M. Cheatham, Chief J. Evans, Captain M. Taylor, Lt. R. Mines, Lt. J. Larocque



# Departmental Organization



# Recruitment & Staffing



**RECRUITING  
POLICE OFFICERS**

**ACWORTH  
GEORGIA  
1860**

**Courage Honor Service Dedication**

**CONTACT OUR RECRUITER SERGEANT MISTRETTA  
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Within the agency, Chief Jesse Evans departed in December 2024 with his transition to Cobb County District Attorney's Office. Major Mark Cheatham was appointed Interim Chief on 12/19/2024 with subsequent appointment to Chief of Police.

Additionally, the Training Division expanded, welcoming Sgt. Jordan.

In 2024, Acworth Police Department interviewed applicants for sworn and civilian positions. 50 background investigations were completed with 15 successful hires.



Chief Evans



Chief Cheatham

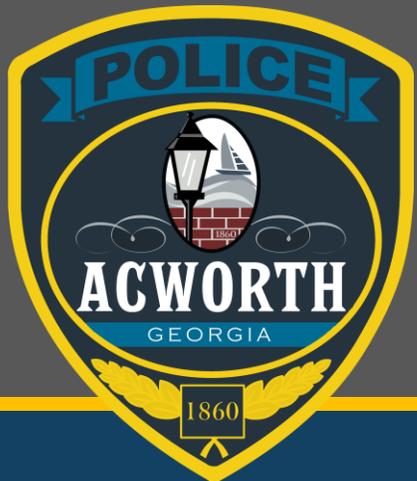


Sgt. Jordan

# Promotions

We extend our congratulations to the dedicated men and women of the department who earned promotions this year, recognizing their hard work, leadership, and continued commitment to excellence in public service:

Sgt. Almon  
Sgt. Greene  
Sgt. Guevara  
Sgt. Mistretta  
Corporal Hardy  
Corporal Severtson  
D. Askew  
E. Andrews



Sgt. Almon



Sgt. Greene



Sgt. Guevara



Sgt. Mistretta



Cpl. Hady



Cpl. Severtson



D. Askew



E. Andrews

# Auxiliary Program

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The Acworth Police Department Auxiliary Program was established where individuals may be assigned to operational components within the Department in a support capacity, enabling them to contribute their time to law enforcement-related community service. The Auxiliary Program houses the Acworth Public Safety Cadet & Chaplain Program.

The Acworth Public Safety Cadet Program encourages youth education, participation in productive community service activities, and preparation for future roles as citizens, community members, leaders and future law enforcement officers.



Public Safety Cadets



Pastor Mike Lindeman,  
NorthStar Church

The Chaplain Program provides guidance and support to our staff and members of the community.

# 2024 Accomplishments



Officer Trapani and K-9 Robuck were awarded Officers of the Year for their exceptional dedication and contributions to the Special Olympics.



Captain Taylor graduated from Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Chief School.



Corporal Severtson was recognized as the Acworth Citizen of the Year by the Cobb Chamber.

# 2024 Accomplishments



Sgt. Mistretta received the Outstanding Community Award at the Cobb Chamber.



The Criminal Investigations Division was recognized for their outstanding performance in successful arrests and convictions across several high-profile cases.

# Officer of the Year

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Throughout the year, Officer Trapani consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication and vigilance, leading to multiple nominations for his outstanding work. His relentless efforts in identifying, locating, and apprehending wanted suspects showcase his skill and professionalism. He is highly proactive in patrolling, recognizing suspicious activity, and following up on leads to ensure the safety of our community.

Beyond his commitment to law enforcement, Officer Trapani has a true passion for the Special Olympics. His support and advocacy for Special Olympic athletes go above and beyond, making a lasting impact on their lives and in our community.

Congratulations, Officer Trapani! Your dedication, hard work, and heart for service do not go unnoticed. Thank you for all that you do!



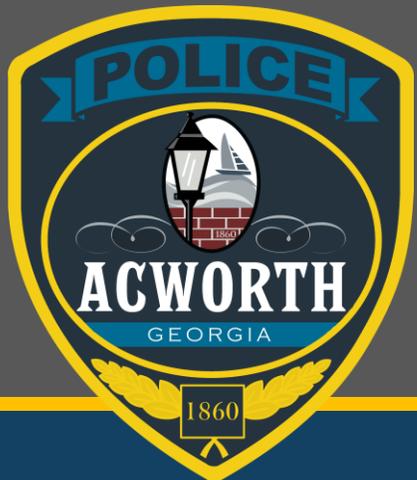
# Departmental Goals

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As we enter 2025, the Acworth Police Department remains committed to excellence in policing through innovation, community engagement, employee development, and proactive crime prevention. Our Department continues to evolve, integrating cutting-edge technology and data-driven strategies to enhance public safety while strengthening the trust and relationships we have built within our community.

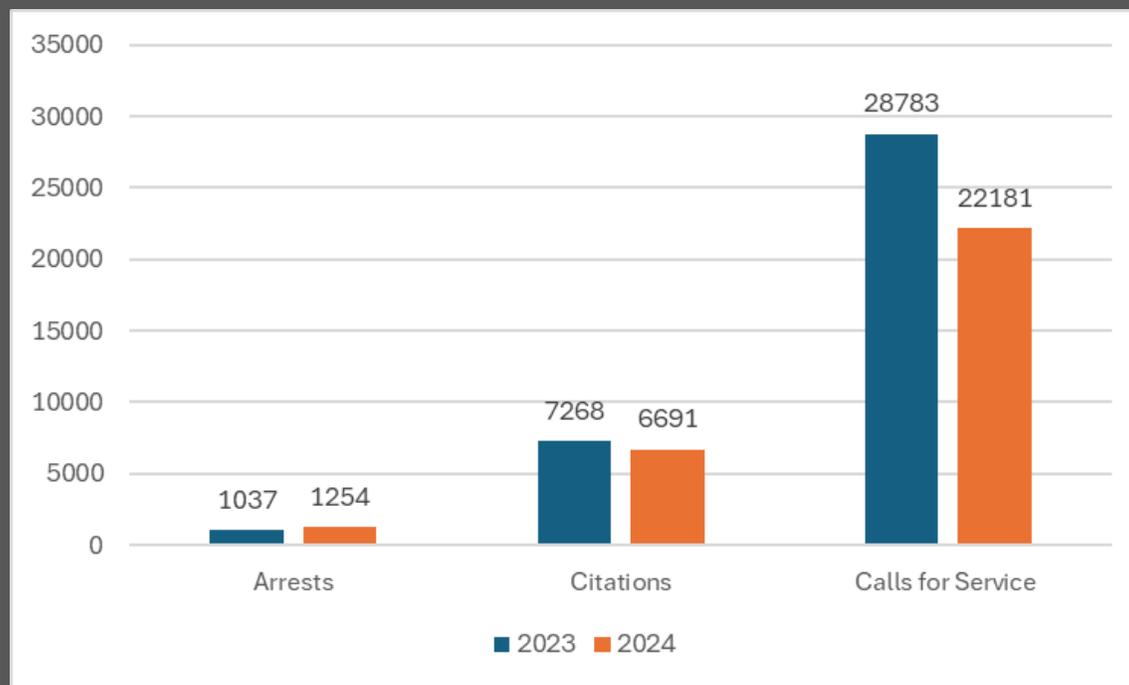
Our Departmental Goals include:

- Streamlining our Administrative Processes
- Creating a Frontline Leadership Academy
- Research, Develop and Implement a Drone First Responder Program
- Focus on Recruiting/Retention
- Strengthen Community Outreach and Proactive Policing
- Enhance Officer Wellness and Resilience



# Uniform Patrol Division

The Uniform Patrol Division is divided into two rotations which provide twenty-four (24) hours of continuous coverage for the City of Acworth. Patrol shifts are responsible for the preservation of life, property, order, initial investigation of crimes, suppression of criminal activity, and enforcement of state law and city ordinances. The Uniform Patrol Division is commanded by a Lieutenant B. Hunt.



Arrests increased 20.93%

Calls for service decreased  
22.94%

Traffic citations decreased  
12.28%

# Uniform Patrol Division Goals

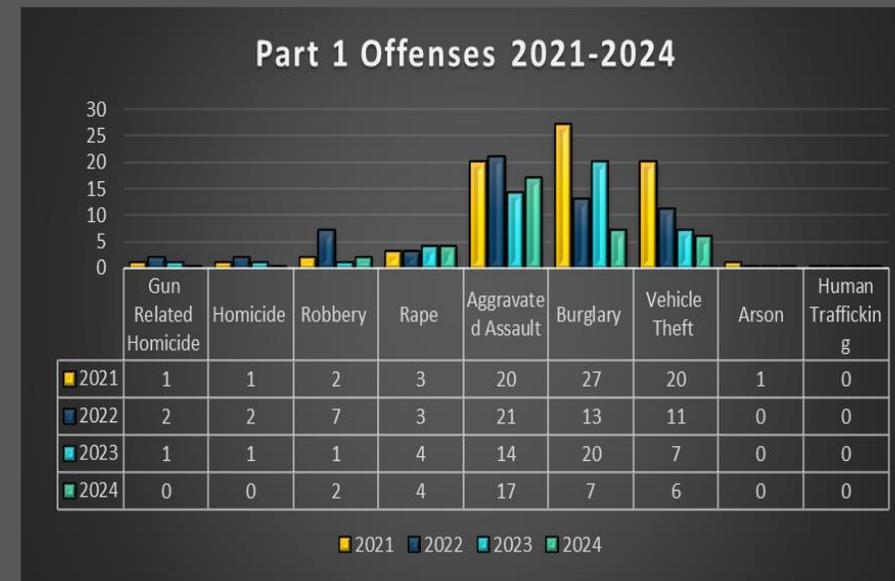
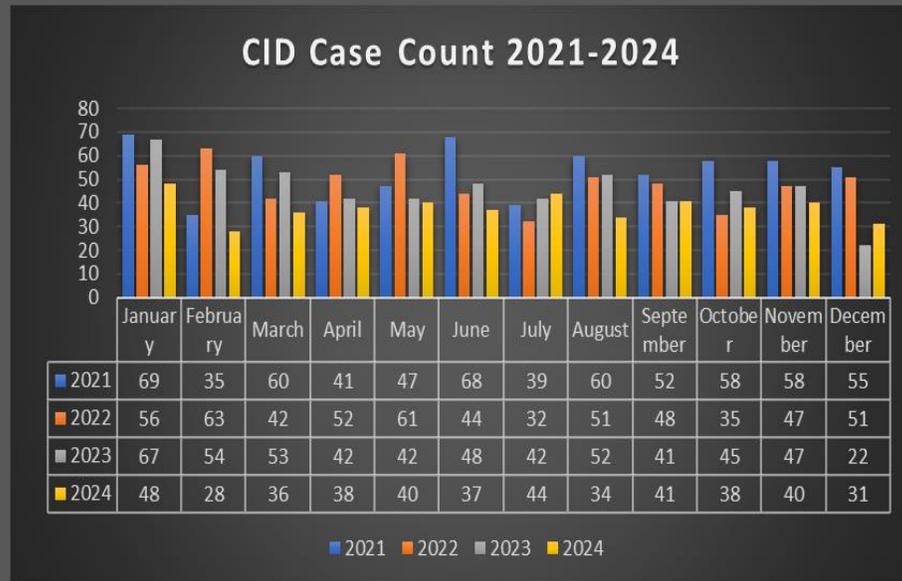
Uniform Patrol Division Goals:

- Enhance crime prevention & detection
- Increase professionalism & accountability
- Prepare officers for infrequent encounters (armed individuals around schools, missing persons, family violence encounters, etc.)
- Enhance community relationships



# Criminal Investigations Division

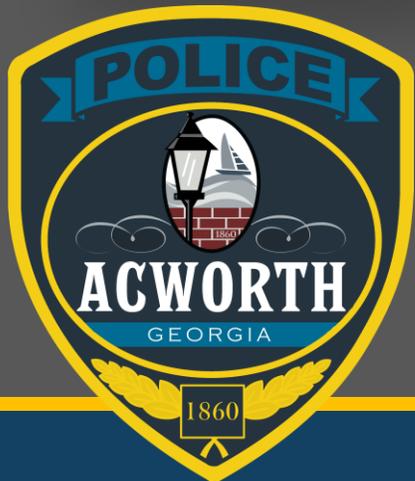
The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is to thoroughly and professionally investigate all criminal activity assigned for investigation. CID will be responsible for identifying and apprehending offenders, recovering property, gathering, documenting, and evaluating facts regarding criminal activity, and assisting in the prosecution of those charged with criminal offenses. The Criminal Investigations Division is commanded by Lt. E. Wallace.



# Criminal Investigations Division Goals

## Criminal Investigations Division Goals:

- Measure & evaluate victim-centered effectiveness
- Raise awareness of scams and fraud in senior population
- Improve evidence room management & efficiency



# Special Operations Division

The Special Operations Division concentrates their efforts on drug related enforcement, underage alcohol investigations, intelligence gathering and records management, specialized traffic enforcement, Community Relations and Education, Special Events, Canine, and other duties as assigned. The Special Operations Unit serves to augment the Uniform Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigations Division by preventing a gap in service between the divisions. This method of enforcement and education provides improved services, community relations, and crime detection and deterrence. The Special Operations Division is commanded by Lt. R. Mines.



## Special Operations Division Goals:

- Enhance public safety & security
- Enhance community relations & education
- Support & collaboration

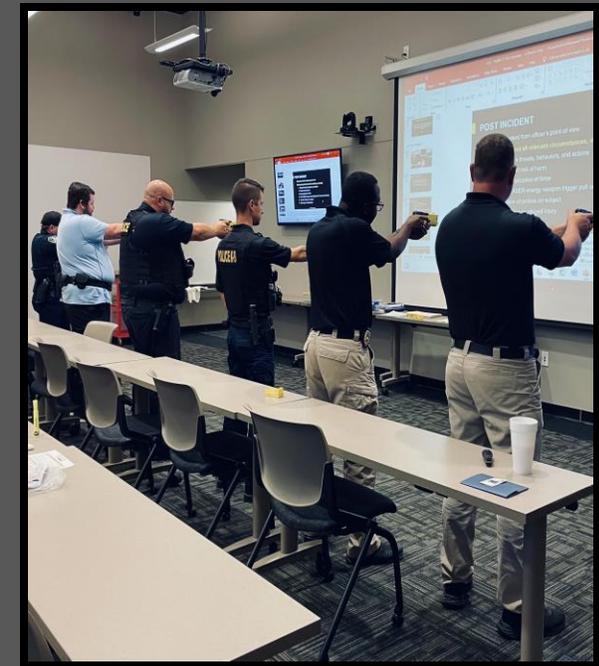


# Office of Professional Standards & Training

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) & Training is responsible for maintaining personnel files on all employees of the Department, policy development and revision, certification/accreditation management, conducting and coordinating training, conducting investigations into citizen complaints of administrative or criminal misconduct by departmental employees, and maintaining training files for all personnel. The Office of Professional Standards & Training is commanded by Lt. J. Larocque.

OPS & Training Goals include:

- Training to include firearms, driving, remedial & ancillary
- Upgrades to backup weapons & shotguns
- Employee development
- Continuity of certification



# Office of Community Affairs

The Office of Community Affairs is responsible for building relationships within the community, promoting the department, and providing educational opportunities that promote partnerships between the community, schools, and businesses. The Office of Community Affairs is overseen by Sgt. E. Mistretta.



Office of Community Affairs Goals:

- Enhance Social Media Engagement and Strengthen Recruitment Efforts
- Enhance the Public Safety Cadet Program
- Increase Awareness of the Acworth Police Community Foundation LESS Crime Act Tax Credit

The Acworth Public Safety Cadet Program is overseen by the Office of Community Affairs. The Cadet Program seeks to provide young men and women with a realistic introduction to the law enforcement career field and prepare them for a future in the field. The Program encourages youth education, participation in productive community service activities, and preparation for future roles as citizens, community members, leaders and future law enforcement officers.



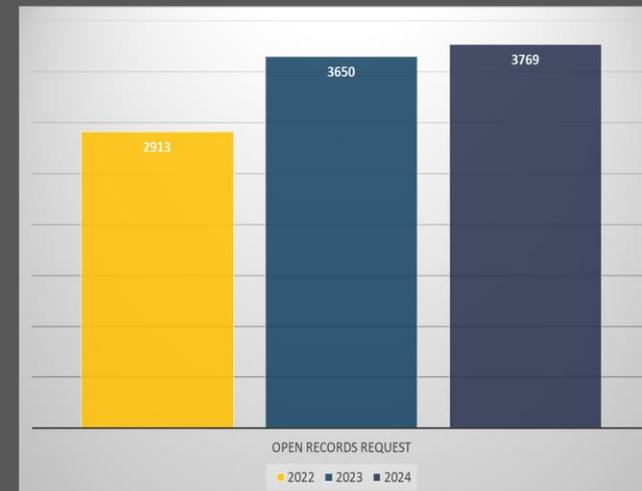
Cadets winning the Special Olympics Department of the Year

# Records Division

The Records Division supports the Police Department, the judicial system, other law enforcement agencies, and the public. This support is provided by the maintenance of all files, records, and documents (electronic and conventional) submitted to the Records Division for processing, retention and storage. The Records Division is responsible for disseminating accident and incident reports to the public and other authorized individuals. The Records Division runs criminal histories through GCIC/NCIC for the purpose of employment, permitting, and civil applications.

Records Division Goals:

- Develop skills and improve productivity through continuous learning and training
- Assess and enhance customer service for internal & external stakeholders
- Network with Surrounding Agencies to Adopt Best Practices



Open records requests increased 3.26% from 2023 and 29.39% from 2022.



# Looking Ahead

The Acworth Police Department is committed to serving our community through proactive policing, professionalism, and community partnerships. Looking ahead towards 2025, we are excited to advance our public safety services in the following areas:

- Drone as First Responder Program
- Expansion of Cameras
- Weapon Systems Upgrades



Thank you for your support of the Acworth Police Department and the unparalleled relationships with the citizens we serve!

