

# Tega Cay Police Department

## 2020 Annual Report



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## 2020 Year in Review

2020 started off as business as usual for the TCPD. Staff began the year focusing on goals set in the prior year, like building community relations, focusing on the reduction of property crimes including increased residential patrols and preparation for the new ‘in house’ dispatch center.

### Top 2 Safest City in SC

Tega Cay moved to #2 in rankings of South Carolina’s safest cities and has been in the top 3 for the third year in a row.

Homesnacks, an online data analysis group that breaks down the best and worst places to live, placed Tega Cay in the #2 spot for 2020. Quote from this year’s publication: “Tega Cay has the second safest violent crime rate in the state which means you probably have a better chance of winning the lottery than getting mugged.”



Source: Public domain

<b>Population:</b> 11,322	Overall SnackAbility
<b>Rank Last Year:</b> 3 (Up 1)	
<b>Violent Crimes Per 100k:</b> 44 (second safest)	9.5
<b>Property Crimes Per 100k:</b> 1,448 (fifth safest)	/10

### COVID 19

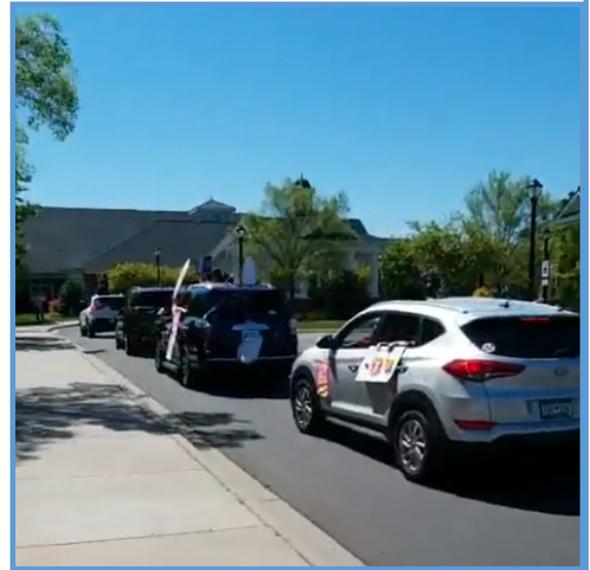
As the COVID-19 pandemic began to affect the Tega Cay community, the police department worked to adjust with the needs of the community, as well as the national and state mandates. In March 2020, Officers began using PPE when needed and limited unnecessary contact with the public. Use of online services offered through the City and Police website were encouraged to help reduce the spread of the virus. Balancing state and national requirements while focusing on our first priority, keeping the community safe, was a challenge. But because our police officers have a passion for their job and for keeping people safe, even if it means putting themselves at risk, our department was able to meet the needs of our community during unprecedented times.

## We're in This Together



The effects of the pandemic hit the city of Tega Cay employees close to home when our IT manager lost his battle with COVID 19. Mark Slocum was a vibrant co-worker and friend to many. He is greatly missed. The city held a tree planting ceremony in his memory at Trailhead park.

COVID 19, and quarantine mandates caused unexpected changes and hardships for everyone, including the Tega Cay residents of Wellmore, an assisted living facility. To help brighten their spirits and show them that their community cares- even if we must stay distanced, TCPD and many other community and family members participated in a parade around the facility.



It was a tough year for our Tega Cay kids too, who had birthdays but couldn't celebrate like usual.



When possible, TCPD officers made special stops to wish them a Happy Birthday and help make their day special.



## 2020 Challenges

### Parking, Parks and Parking Tickets

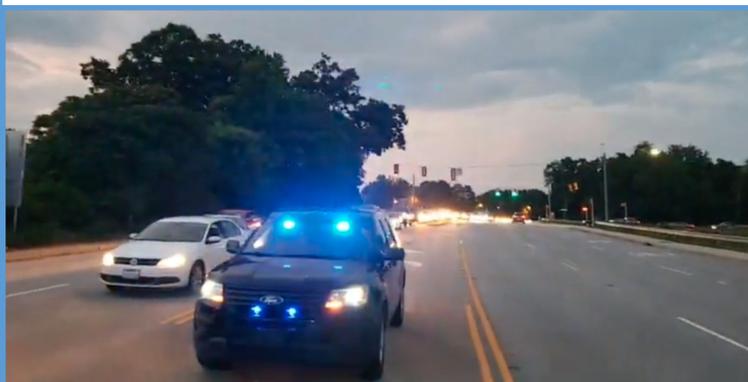


Summer + COVID pandemic = everyone went to the lake. Unfortunately, our Tega Cay lake access areas could not accommodate the increased number of people and cars that turned up each weekend. Tega Cay officers had to enforce parking laws, tow vehicles, and write tickets to make sure the roadways stayed clear and the parks stayed manageable and safe.



### July 4th

TCPD had their hands full with this year's July 4th fireworks show. The Tega Cay fireworks show was a high demand event, as we were one of the only cities in the area that did not cancel their show. Tega Cay Police had a plan for utilizing all of the safe parking zones in Tega Cay and instructions for residents and those attending the show were issued on social media.



When all designated parking zones filled up, cars were turned around and encouraged to park in areas outside of the city to ensure our roadways were clear for emergency vehicles.

# Getting Caught

## Lake Ridge Car Break Ins

In February, the Lake Ridge community was hit with several car break ins. Tega Cay officers responded to a suspicious person call and surprised the suspects while they were attempting to break-in to more vehicles. Suspects were pursued and 1 was apprehended on scene. Officers recovered a stolen gun and a stolen vehicle from the scene. As of today, 3 of the 4 suspects have been arrested. Through the course of our investigation, we learned that the suspects had been on a crime spree across the state.



Shykiem Demarcus Shingle



- 1x - Grand Larceny
- 12x - breaking Into Motor Vehicle
- 7x - Petit or Simple Larceny - \$2,000 or less (Enhancement per 16-1-57)
- 1x - Poss. Of a stolen firearm
- 1x - Damage to Property
- 1x - Poss. With Intent to Distribute - Fentanyl
- 1x - Poss. With Intent to Distribute - Oxycodone
- 1x - Poss. Stolen Vehicle
- 1x - Poss. Burglary Tools
- 1x - Financial Transaction Card Fraud
- 1x - Criminal Conspiracy

On 02-19-2020 at approximately 2:37 AM all Tega Cay officers were advised of a breaking and entering to a motor vehicle in progress in the Lake Ridge subdivision within Tega Cay jurisdiction. Upon arrival the victim advised officers 3 (three) suspects tried entering his vehicle and then fled the area on foot towards the Lake Ridge Community center. Officers were circulating the area when a second breaking and entering to a motor vehicle has just occurred at a residence down the street. With the assistance of York County Sheriff K9 Unit, Fort Mill Police Department, SC Highway Patrol, and multiple residents security footage one suspect, Shykiem Shingle, was apprehended and placed under arrest. **Shingle and three others were involved in multiple state-wide crime sprees including stealing a vehicle from Charleston, SC and stealing a firearm from Richland County.**

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**WANTED**

**CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS W/ PAST VIOLENT CRIMINAL HISTORY**

**\*STATE WIDE CRIME SPREE**

- Recovered stolen vehicle from Charleston.
- Recovered stolen gun from Richland County.

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**Calloway, Corey**  
5'9" – 167lb

**Richburg, Zachariah**  
6'1" – 175lb

**Corley, Ricquan**  
5'10" – 155lb

**CURRENT CHARGE(S)**  
Poss. Stolen Vehicle

**PENDING CHARGES**

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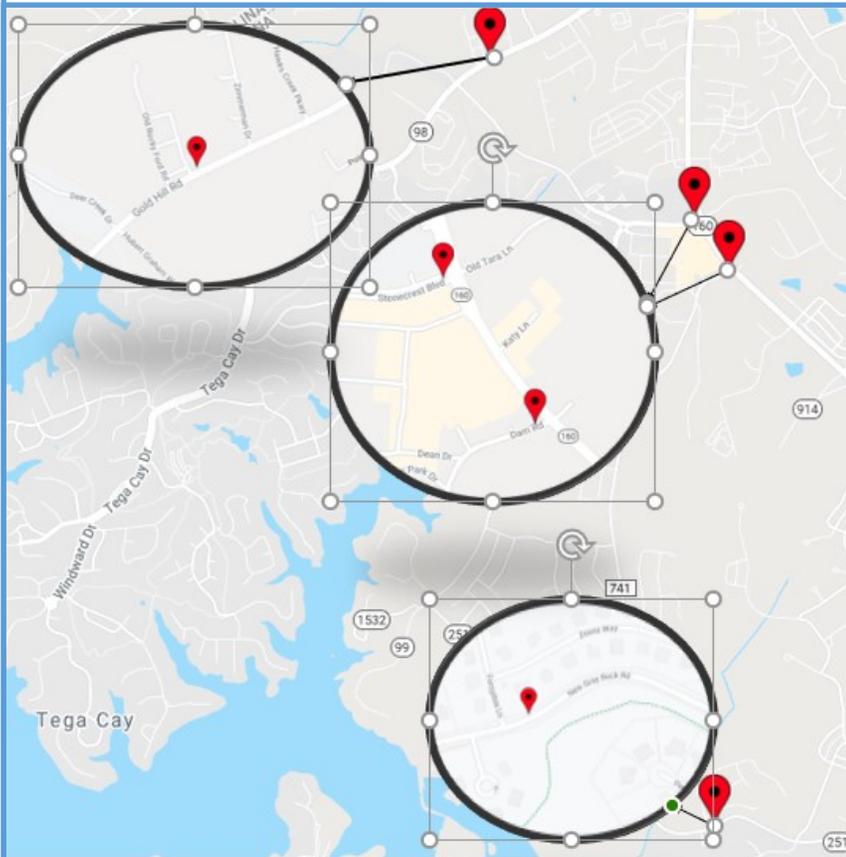


### Car Break Ins—Continued

In June, Officers responded to a suspicious person call on Amaranth Drive. A stolen vehicle out of Charlotte was located. Occupants had broken into several cars. K9 was called and 2 of 3 suspects were apprehended.

### License Plate Readers

TCPD was approved in 2020 to add LPR's (License Plate Readers) to the city, which will notify police when a stolen vehicle or vehicle associ-



ated with a wanted person enters the Tega Cay.

LPR's have been installed at 4 strategic locations throughout the city to ensure we are scanning the majority of traffic entering the city.

Many annual community events involving the PD were canceled this year, but when possible, TCPD used social distancing protocols to allow for safe community events and interactions.

## Camp Cadet Golf Tournament

Unfortunately, TCPD had to cancel Camp Cadet for the 2020 season due to COVID 19, but in anticipation of Camp Cadet 2021 we were still able to host our 2020 Camp Cadet Golf Tournament. With social distancing protocols, our golf tournament looked a bit different, but funds were still raised for several great causes in addition to Camp Cadet!



## National Night Out and Employee Appreciation

In October, National Night Out was drive thru style with Cousin's Maine Lobster Food Truck. As an added bonus, the Police Employees were treated to a lobster dinner in appreciation for all of their hard work through an unprecedented year.



### Community Education—Gold Hill Middle School



In February, Tim Carroll with the YCSO and Sgt. Burns with TCPD helped a student with her job shadow project by coming to the school, answering questions and showing her what it is like to be a K9 handler and police officer.



8th graders at Gold Hill Middle were educated on just how much vision can be impaired under the influence of drugs and alcohol when they experienced our 'fatal vision' goggles.

### Polar Plunge

It was a chilly Polar Plunge this year for all of the participants of the 2020 Special Olympics Polar Plunge. But it was all for a great cause and all \$ raised went to the Special Olympics of South Carolina.



### TCPD vs TCFD



TCPD remained undefeated for the 3rd year in a row at the annual Guns and Hoses softball game! Both teams did a great job and had lots of fun!

### Blood Drive

Due to the critical need for blood, Tega Cay PD hosted a Blood Drive in April, that yielded over 60 units of much needed blood during the pandemic.

**CITY OF TEGA CAY POLICE SOUTH CAROLINA**

**BE A HERO DONATE BLOOD**

April 15<sup>th</sup> 12pm-530pm

Tega Cay Police Department is hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross. Hungry Heroes will be providing a plate of BBQ for everyone who donates.

**HUNGRY HEROES**

**American Red Cross**

## 2020 Year in Review

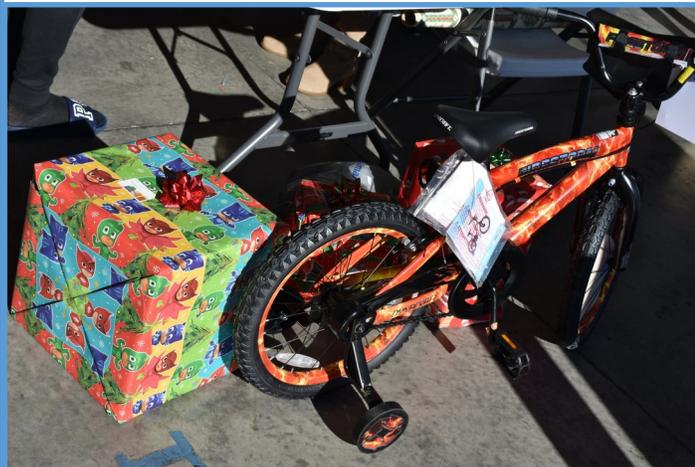
### Holidays with Heroes

With some protocols in place and some adjustments to the event TCPD and TCFD were still able to hold Holidays with Heroes. Several local families with children in need were adopted into this program and were treated to a trip to Walmart in Firetrucks and Police cars.



Children were able to shop for Christmas presents for their families and even able to choose some items for themselves.

Gifts are wrapped and families are often given food to take home for a special Christmas dinner.



I'm not sure who enjoys this event more, the kids or the volunteers!

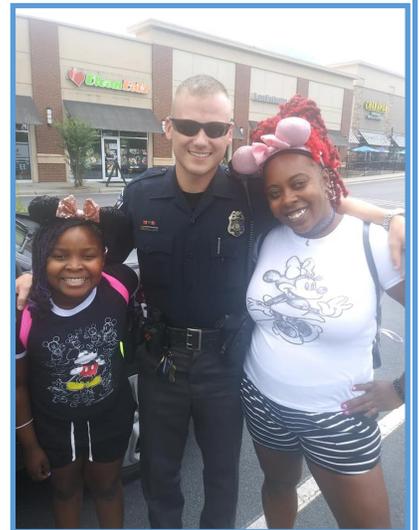


## Community Relations

We love our Tega Cay kids!

Jaxon (4) and Kemahni (10) wanted to explore the inside of the Forensics Service Unit vehicle. They got to press (most) of the buttons and even assisted Officer Timbs with dusting and lifting their own finger prints!!

What an experience ♡



Sydney Aquilino's wish was granted from Make-A-Wish America! He had been in treatment for leukemia since his diagnosis in 2018 and only has 35 weeks to go. Our officers stopped by to celebrate with him and his family.



### We love our Tega Cay kids! They make safe choices...

Andrew, Hudson, Kate and Julianne found a deadly weapon in their back yard, while playing on a snow day. Police believe it came from suspects who broke into several vehicles nearby. While fleeing, the suspects allegedly dropped a loaded gun in the back yard of the home.



Instead of picking up the gun, the kids told an adult right away and that adult notified law enforcement. We are so proud of them for making the safe and smart choice. Not only were they featured on CN2 they were also nominated by Chief Parker for the next annual Camp Cadet.

### ...And they Do The Right Thing

When officers observe kids in Tega Cay 'Doing the Right Thing', like helping Mom and Dad with chores, helping a neighbor, picking up trash etc... Many times those kids are awarded with a special "Do the Right Thing" card. Those cards can be turned in to Brusters Real Ice Cream for free ice cream.



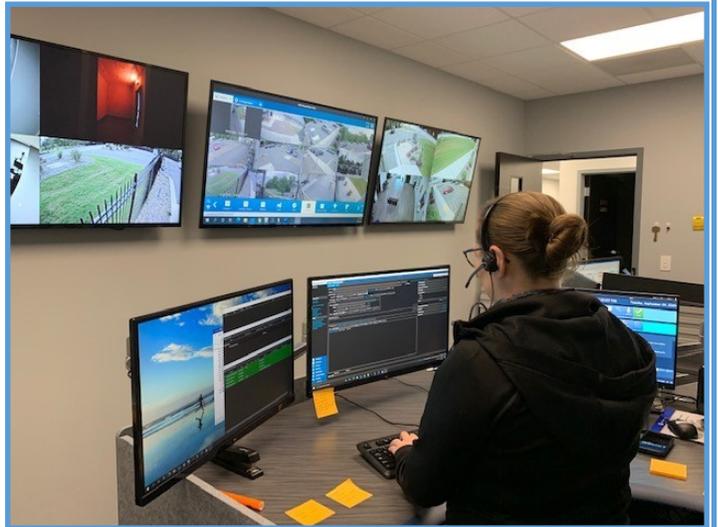
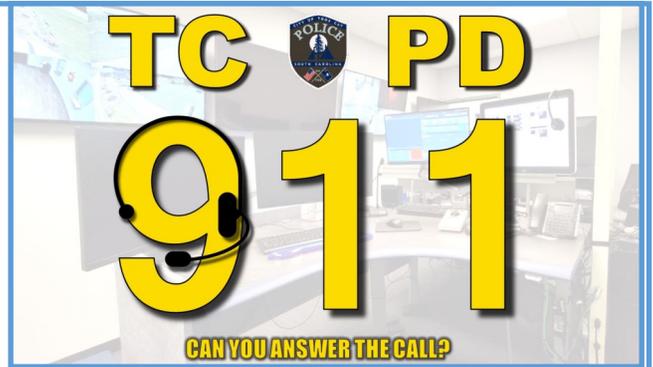
### Dispatch is IN THE HOUSE!

Our new 'in house' dispatch center went Live in September 2020. With an in house dispatch center, we can provide even better service to the citizens of Tega Cay with shorter response times.

We began recruiting for dispatchers early in the year and by September

we were ready to roll with our new dispatch center and team of emergency dispatchers. Our full time dispatchers trained at the Police Academy for several weeks before beginning call training at the PD. They became certified not only as

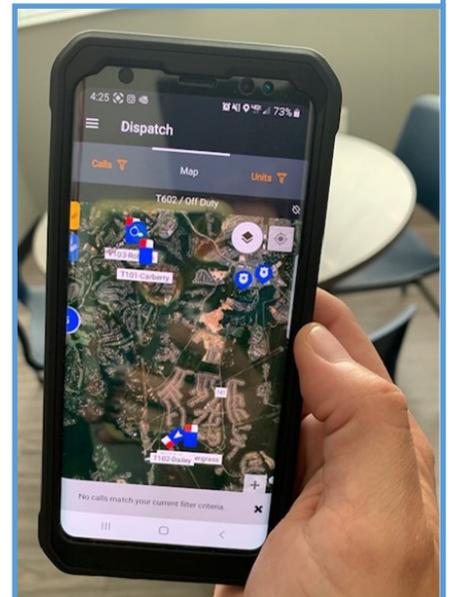
BTO's (Basic Telecommunication Officers) but also became certified at Basic Detention Class 2 Officers.



### Zuercher

Our new, integrated RMS, 911, CAD, Mobile and Jail system was implemented in October. With this new system we are able to take advantage of multi-

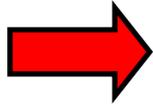
agency info sharing and CAD information can even be viewed on a mobile device.



### Social Media

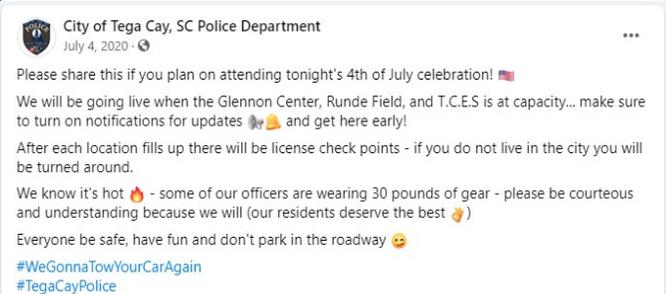
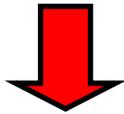
Tega Cay PD upped its Social Media game this year with fun, sharable posts.

Posts like this...



...resulted in larger audience interaction and reach.

This made it possible for more people to see important safety posts and updates from TCPD like this.



# 2020 Year in Review

## New Hires, Awards and Promotions

Congratulations to the following Tega Officers that received promotions in 2020.

### Promoted to:

Anthony Reap	Lieutenant over Patrol
Josh Gordon	Sergeant
Joanne Roberts	Corporal
Joshua Bowling	Corporal

### Newly Hired Employees for 2020



Hendrickson

Officer Michael Wright  
 Officer Jaxine Hendrickson  
 Officer Darius Rivers  
 Officer Nicholas Jones



Wright



Rivers and Jones

### Awards

In November **Sgt Josh Gordon** and **PFC Josh Bowling** were recognized for the dedication to keeping the roads of York County safe, with focused DUI enforcement.



The City of Tega Cay Employee of the Year was awarded to Officer Steven Timbs! Congrats

to Officer Timbs, whose dedication to his work and teamwork focused attitude make this award well deserved.

## Training

Training completed by TCPD staff members in 2020:

### Induction Training

- ◆ Basic Telecommunications Officer Training
- ◆ NCIC Training
- ◆ Basic Detention—Class 2 Officer Training



### Annual Proficiency Training

- ◆ Firearms
- ◆ Rifle

### Advanced Training

- ◆ Annual Legal and Criminal Domestic Violence updates through the SCCJA (South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy)
- ◆ Mental Health Response Training through SCCJA
- ◆ Speed Measurement Device Training
- ◆ DataMaster Training
- ◆ Monthly Use of Force and Firearms Training Simulations
- ◆ Swift Water Rescue Training



Water rescue training is important for a Lakeside community. In August, 2 of our officers attended a Swift Water Training course. It has always been our goal to provide the best training available for our officers. The more advanced training our officers receive = better officers to serve the needs of the City.

