Mission Statement
*Sworn to Protect – Dedicated to Serve*

**Our Vision**
We strive every day to be the best trained, best equipped, best performing police department that serves with excellence.

**Our Mission**
We will strategically and effectively police in a modern manner that ensures a safe, secure city.

**Our Desire**
We desire to maintain our city’s quality of life and ensure that our citizens feel safe to work, play, rest, and raise their children in this city.

We desire that our residents and businesses enjoy a high degree of protection and police services.

We desire to police in a manner that allows our community to get to know us as approachable employees which results in close relationships, partnerships, and professionalism.

We desire to assist in community development which in turn affects economic development for our city, our citizens, and future generations.

**Our Method**
We will give our absolute best and impact our community through quality police services we are proud of.

As a department, we will always seek to reach higher levels of performance through professional and ethical law enforcement operations and modern, proficient training.

We will always work as a professional team. Each section of the police department is an invaluable, critical, mission-essential component of this police team.

We will practice maximum effort in pursuing offenders and protecting the innocent.

As a department, we will strive to become one large family as we serve our community.

**Foley Police Department Community-Oriented Policing Strategy:**
Our strategy and vision as a police department is to interact with and become an integral part of the lives of our citizens.

We will build trust and develop partnerships and work together to lower crime and maintain and improve our quality of life for all citizens in all neighborhoods. Each day, we will work towards this mission so that our citizens feel safe to work, play, rest, and raise their children in this city.

We are parents, we are citizens, and we are neighbors. We have a personal stake in this mission.
Foley Police Department

LEADERS KNOW THE WAY
SHOW THE WAY
GO THE WAY
COMMAND SUPPORT GROUP

Kelly O’Donnell
Office Coordinator to the
Police Chief and Command Staff

Lisa Meredith
Grant Coordinator
Administrative Assistant to the
Police Chief and Command Staff

James Smith
Facilities

John Thornhill
Police Department Chaplain

J. P. Wilson
Police Department Chaplain
As I celebrate my 12th year as your police chief and as a citizen of Foley, I want to thank everyone for contributing to such a great place to live.

This year we saw a highly publicized narrative from the National Council for Home Safety and Security that placed Foley in the top 10 safest cities in Alabama. However, I later learned you had to go in and read some small print that showed that this ranking was based on the 2017 stats. Still not bad for 2017.

In 2018, we experienced an uptick in some of our crime categories but overall we had a drop in total crime of nearly 2%. As an agency, we of course, would like to see some type of drop each year and never want to see it increase. We have implemented some initiatives to target narcotics. The use and sell of narcotics brings in more crime. Rest assured we are on it!

Our calls for service continue to increase in our growing city. Foley is a great place to live and our secret is out. Everyone knows it. The governor’s office declared Foley an “Opportunity Zone,” see Mayor Koniar’s comments in our newsletter. We still need your partnership to keep and enjoy our quality of life here. Neighborhood Watch is a great program. If you don’t have one and would like one, send me an email at dwilson@foleypolice.org. We have a fast growing community. We will still need your help as we move forward. Please hear from our employees themselves in our Foley Police Annual Report for 2018. Our employees are professional, polite, productive, and a joy to work with. We strive to deliver an advanced level of police services and we practice maximum effort. On behalf of the men and women of the Foley Police Department, it is an honor to serve you.

Chief David Wilson
The Foley Police Department Focuses On

- Crime Fighting
- Quick Police Response
- Community Relations
- Delivery of Advanced Level of Police Services
- Professionalism
2018 Highest Crime Percentage
Theft 80%

80% larceny is a lot of theft but a good part of that is shoplifting in a retail driven city.
2018
Big Picture
Our city continues to grow and our population continues to increase. Our city will soon increase to around 20,000. That’s not the only population we serve as a police department. We live in a very busy city. We have a “Business Population” as well. An example of this can be seen at Tanger Mall. Tanger receives a few million visitors each year.

Chief David Wilson
Population & Crime

WHILE OUR POPULATION INCREASED FROM 2017 TO 2018
OUR TOTAL CRIME DECREASED
We Practice Maximum Effort
Our Department
Patrol Division

The Foley Police Patrol Division consists of uniformed officers with a K-9 Squad, Code Enforcement, and two assigned to the Accident Investigation Unit. Patrol officers wear many hats in their day to day assignments. Our patrol officers strive to be professional, approachable, and a part of the community. Patrol provides many services above answering emergency calls, such as providing escorts, security at special events, investigating traffic crashes, and interacting with kids and citizens in our community. Each shift is tasked with developing strategies to enhance our community’s security and safety through proactive policing. This is accomplished by traffic enforcement, identifying crime trends, and working to prevent future crime. We practice maximum effort.

“Our patrol officers strive to be professional, approachable, and a part of the community.”
-Lt. Kevin Carnley
Patrol Commander
Corrections Section

The Foley Police Department manages a 55 bed municipal jail. Foley Corrections had a decrease in arrestees over last year. The total number of arrestees who came through the Foley Municipal Jail was approximately 3,332 individuals; there were 3,462 in 2017. Foley Municipal Jail not only holds arrestees for Foley arrests, but also for Summerdale and Elberta by contract. We also house for other agencies who need temporary housing until their arrestees can be transported to Baldwin County Corrections.

We have a 14 correction officer staff, 4 of which are supervisors, and 1 chief corrections officer. We have 2 corrections supervisors who are members of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). These team members can be called upon to respond to those experiencing a mental health crisis in our facility. All corrections staff work diligently to ensure the custody, care, and control of the inmates in the facility while providing a safe and secure environment.

The inmates are given opportunities to receive services while in our facility. With the intent of helping change lives, church services, drug counseling services, and AA/NA services are provided regularly for those who wish to attend. In 2018, approximately 200 inmates attended AA/NA services and approximately 60 attended School of Restoration Services. The individuals who receive these services are also provided with contact information to the service providers in the event they wish to continue services when they are released from jail. We provide inmates with custody, care, and control.

Corrections graduation at the Baldwin County Corrections Center
Foley Police Communications Section

2018 saw some changes in the Foley Police Communications Section. We saw some of our people promoted to other sections and some new people hired. Losing an experienced operator due to promotion or transfer is always difficult, but it also makes our section very proud. It is with pride that we extend heartfelt congratulations to Daniela Wilkerson and Erika Eissler on their moves. 2019 brings change, but we anticipate the same great fit that we have enjoyed for the past several years. We, as a section, look forward to the upcoming year with its unique challenges as our city continues to grow. In 2019, we look forward to giving each citizen and visitor to our city the most professional and courteous customer service that our section can provide. We expect success!

We practice maximum effort.
We are the lifeline.
Criminal Investigations Division

The Foley Police Department’s Criminal Investigations Division (CID) consists of fourteen members to include one lieutenant, two sergeants, two corporals, two narcotic detectives, six detectives, and one administrative assistant. The Criminal Investigations Division handles sex offenders, domestic violence offenders, juveniles, polygraphs, evidence collection, crime scene processing, and background investigations for future employees. The primary function is to investigate and solve felony cases and serious misdemeanors in the city of Foley. The Criminal Investigations Division works tirelessly to solve crime because our victims and citizens are very important to us. We are very victim oriented.

The Criminal Investigations Division consists of fourteen members that function as one very successful team; a team that has the reputation of being one of the best in our area. We put maximum effort into solving crime so that our citizens have a safe community to work, play, and raise their families.
Criminal Intelligence Unit

The Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) consists of the Criminal Intelligence Sergeant and two Police Fusion Center and Records Center employees. The overall mission of the CIU is to collect, compile, and store criminal reports and data and to perform crime analysis for the department. CIU members use systematic and analytical processes to provide timely and pertinent information relative to crime patterns and trend correlations that assist field officers, investigators, and administrative personnel in planning the proactive deployment of resources for prevention and suppression of criminal activities. CIU members assist the department in meeting the basic objectives of crime prevention, criminal apprehension, case clearance, and stolen property recovery.

CIU Sergeant Chuck Sutherlin is the direct supervisor of the unit and serves as the department's crime analyst and intelligence sharing liaison.

The employees assigned to CIU are Missy Gibson and Joe Wiseman. Missy and Joe have two primary roles, records management and crime analyst technician.

The records management role consists of data entry, report validation, state and federal records disposition and reporting compliance, and file management.

The crime analyst technician function involves performing detailed research, mapping, collecting field reports, and providing crime data and crime statistics to the CIU sergeant for analysis.

Missy and Joe also provide reception and referral support for the entire department, administrative support to the command staff, assistance to the Community Service Unit with various community events, and other duties as assigned. We practice maximum effort.

“We are very proud of our Criminal Intelligence Unit. They help us put the puzzle pieces together.”

-Chief David Wilson
Accident Investigation Unit

The Accident Investigation Unit for the Foley Police Department will be adding two officers certified in Basic at Scene Traffic Homicide Investigation in 2019. This will bring the number of certified THI officers to four, with two officers certified in Traffic Crash Reconstruction. This unit has recently added a covert speed detection device that is utilized to identify problem areas for speeding, and is also useful in acquiring traffic data that can be used to increase safety on the roadways of Foley. Officers in this unit are also trained in the use of EDR (event data recorder) downloading equipment and techniques. The EDR tools and software allow the unit to image files that are saved on certain airbag modules, power control modules, and rollover sensors from the majority of modern vehicles involved in significant crash or “deployment” events. These files are very accurate and extremely useful in crash investigations. The data recorded normally includes a vehicle’s speed, braking, changes in velocity and direction during a crash event. The modules, or “computers,” in your vehicle, usually start recording the data five seconds prior to the crash event. The tools and training available to this unit significantly increase the level of service provided to motorists involved in serious vehicle collisions on the roadways of Foley. The Accident Investigation Unit for the Foley Police Department understands that a vehicle crash can be a traumatic experience for the parties involved. Although we investigate crashes every day, working approximately one hundred wrecks a month, we appreciate the fact that this is not a common experience for most people. We strive to be compassionate, professional, and to provide the best possible service to the citizens of Foley, along with our visitors and guests. We practice maximum effort.

Total Crashes

We have seen a steady decrease in roadway crashes. The majority of our crashes occur on South McKenzie between Michigan and Abbey Lane.

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The Foley Police Department K-9 Unit is comprised of one K-9 sergeant that is in charge of the unit, three other officers, and their K-9 partners. This allows each patrol shift to have a K-9 working with them and at their disposal. K-9 officers are on an on-call basis and are subject to call as needed. Each handler is assigned a K-9 that works and lives with the handler. The K-9 vehicles are specially designed to carry the K-9. These vehicles are equipped with safety features to keep the K-9 cool and hydrated. They are even designed to notify the handler if the car gets too hot. Also, these specially designed units allow the K-9 to be deployed from the vehicle if the handler needs assistance.

The unit maintains a high level of readiness for a variety of areas of deployment. The handlers and K-9s are responsible for the following duties: responding to alarms, criminal apprehension, tracking fleeing criminals, tracking missing persons, building/area searches for suspects, crowd control, evidence search and recovery, and detection of illegal narcotics. This means a lot of training. Each handler trains on shift as well as on their personal time. The unit meets and trains together every week for a minimum of sixteen hours per month.

The K-9 Unit helps make the city of Foley a safer place for citizens and businesses by locating and seizing illegal narcotics/drug money, tracking/apprehending fleeing criminals, locating evidence, and conducting demonstrations of the unit’s abilities to the public.

New additions to the unit are Officer Bryant Nelson/K-9 Titan and Officer Luke Hixon/K-9 Xedhor.
Code Enforcement

There are two police officers assigned to Code Enforcement. Code enforcement officers help protect the safety and health of citizens by ensuring that buildings, dwellings, and land in the city of Foley are in compliance with city ordinances. Additionally, we ensure that all new businesses to the area have obtained proper business licenses and permits. We also investigate the abandonment of vehicles, junk, trash, litter and debris, environmental or health hazards, as these fall under the category of maintaining the quality of life for all Foley citizens.

Code Enforcement is responsible for responding to patrol related calls and enforcing municipal ordinances. On any given day, we can be responding to a burglar alarm and the next minute be dispatched to an animal complaint. With Code Enforcement, you never know what the next call may be. We also work closely with Foley City Hall addressing complaints that they may receive directly. Code Enforcement is also responsible for the protection of the Wolf Creek Nature Preserve and Wolf Creek Park and the wildlife that live there. We patrol the entire preserve looking for signs of illegal hunting as well as damage to the facilities. We practice maximum effort.
School Resource Officers

The School Resource Officer Program has now been in place for five years. For 2018, officers continued to work hand in hand with our administrators, teachers, students, and community. Community policing has now become a priority for law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Our School Resource Officers are able to make direct contact with the community on a daily basis, while also providing a safe and secure environment for our children.

Officers taught classes throughout the school year to student grades pre-kindergarten through 12th. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes were introduced to the role of police officers both in and out of schools. In 2014, we introduced the nationally recognized Run-Hide-Fight Program to our high school administration and teachers. In 2016, we were able to provide that presentation to all four of our schools, to include a presentation for our middle school students. Officers discussed safety and preventative measures to be used in case of an active threat on campus. Continuing with the effort to keep our schools safe, SROs along with our Professional Development Unit conducted an active threat training where teachers from Foley Elementary and Foley Intermediate participated in a live simulation of an active threat before the official school year started. Our SROs exposed Foley High School administration and staff to the dangers of a popular e-cigarette and how to recognize if their students have one. Also, officers are implementing a mentor program, with the assistance of the middle school administration, to reach students with disciplinary and behavioral issues.

During the summer, our officers once again assisted with the annual Foley Kid’s Camp. Officers assisted with range improvements and were present for summer camps that took place at Foley Elementary and Foley Intermediate Schools. The officers attended the annual TAASRO (The Alabama Association of School Resource Officers) conference that takes place in Gulf Shores. Each year this conference provides quality speakers from schools throughout this country who have been involved in active threat situations. They provide officers with tools and resources and in some cases are able to provide feedback pertaining to the psychological affect these incidents have on those involved.

The School Resource Officers look forward to the remainder of 2018 and the start of 2019 to continue their efforts to provide a safe and secure school environment while building relationships with the community. In just these first five years, officers are seeing a positive influence among students and receiving positive feedback from both parents and administrators. Our goal is to provide a safe environment so that students may continue to receive a quality education while learning the importance of officers in our community. Our officers will continue to mentor our youth and assist them in acquiring values that will help them be successful throughout life.

“We have some of our very best officers in our schools. Their primary mission is to protect the children and teachers. Their next mission is to mentor the kids and form good relationships with them and school faculty.”
-Chef David Wilson
Community Services Unit

Community Services Unit

2018 was another great year for the Community Services Unit. Our goal has and will continue to be building strong and lasting relationships with our community as a whole. We work together to reduce crime in our community. We have been able to accomplish this by implementing many services. Some of the services we have are:

Kid’s Camp, Citizen’s Police Academy, Neighborhood Watch, Foley Police Explorer Program, Ident-I-kid Program, certified child passenger safety seat installers, Police Services Kiosk, Yellow Dot Program, House Check Program, and Coffee with a Cop. Our Community Outreach Program conducts presentations on various topics that impact our community.

Information is a powerful tool and we strive to educate the public in an effort to help them better understand how to protect themselves and their property. We are working tirelessly with our businesses. As 2019 begins, we are very excited about the future and the direction of our Community Services Unit. We practice maximum effort.

“Our Community Services Unit is our icing on the cake.”

-Chief David Wilson
**Professional Development Unit**

The Professional Development Unit is a two man unit that coordinates all new employee orientation, in-service training, formal training, and field officer training for the department. The unit is responsible for purchasing departmental uniforms, duty equipment, and emergency vehicles. Training Coordinator Sergeant Eric Holland and Assistant Training Coordinator Bryan Shiver work together to provide the Foley Police Department with the highest level of training possible. This is done through various methods with experienced instructors from inside and outside of the agency. PDU also assists with the annual Citizen's Police Academy and Foley Forensic Seminar.

In 2018, several classes were hosted by our department to include Child Abduction Response and Investigation & Cell Phone Analysis, In-service Academy, and Introduction to Pistol course (taught by Cpl. Daniel Hudson and Cpl. Mitch Nelson). Officer Shiver taught several Run, Hide, Fight classes to local businesses. Officer Shiver will be receiving a Verbal De-escalation Trainer Certification and a Firearm’s Instructor Certification before the end of 2018.

In looking forward to 2019, Sergeant Holland and Officer Shiver are currently in the planning phase of training. On the agenda is Precision Immobilization Training, Verbal De-escalation Training, Advanced Firearm’s courses, and the Annual In-service Academy. PDU looks forward to bringing only the highest level of training to the Foley Police Department, surrounding agencies, and local businesses.

*Sergeant Eric Holland*  
*Officer Bryan Shiver*
Bicycle Unit

The Foley Police Department Bicycle Unit is well known in our community. They are highly visible during public events such as parades. During such events, the Bicycle Unit's visibility acts as a deterrent for crime or unsafe acts, while their mobility allows them to respond quickly in crowded areas. The Bicycle Unit is also called upon, at times, to patrol our streets just as a police officer would in a patrol vehicle. The Bicycle Unit’s officers have made a difference in our community by being visible and approachable while also using their unique skills to deter and detect crime.
Fugitive Tracking Team

The Fugitive Tracking Team (FTT) is a part-time team that is activated to track, pursue, and arrest dangerous and/or elusive fugitives. The team was officially formed in 2015 after its original members were called on to apply their knowledge, skills, and abilities to apprehend a very violent offender who had moved into our area and eluded capture. Those officers’ success in that mission led to the formal addition of the FTT to the many services provided to the citizens of Foley.

The success of the FTT has led to expansion of the team and furthering the group's skill set and abilities. The team now has 16 members split into 2 operational detachments, each supervised by a sergeant. The members' primary positions include: Patrol, K9, Criminal Investigations, and Criminal Intelligence. This team is highly trained, skilled, and effective in the work they are tasked to complete.

The FTT has been called upon by federal, state, and local agencies from across the nation to track and apprehend fugitives who have attempted to hide in and around our city. The FTT has also worked with other law enforcement agencies to apprehend fugitives that have fled our city to avoid arrest.
Foley's tactical officers are part of a multi-jurisdictional SWAT team known as the South Baldwin Special Response Team. The team is comprised of officers and tactical medics from Foley, Gulf Shores, and Orange Beach Police Departments. Team members cross-train and specialize in tactics and equipment in order to resolve situations that go beyond a standard patrol response. To earn a place on the team, officers must go through a grueling tryout process and maintain a level of physical fitness and proficiency in marksmanship, while training on a regular basis. The team also participates in several demos for the public throughout the year as well as participating in the Annual Special Olympics Torch Run and Race to the Top of the Tower.

When the public needs help you call the cops. When the cops get there and need help – they call SWAT!
Field Training Officers
Training Tomorrow’s Cops Today
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)

In 2016, the Foley Police Department established its Crisis Intervention Team or "CIT." CIT is a nationally recognized model that utilizes specially trained police officers and corrections officers in situations involving a citizen who is in a mental health crisis. Foley Police Department’s CIT is coordinated by Sergeant Chuck Sutherlin who is also a certified instructor in Mental Health Crisis Intervention and Mental Health First Aid. There are currently six sworn officers and two corrections officers on the CIT. These officers have attained at least forty hours of specialized training on recognition of various chronic and temporary mental illnesses. Additionally, they are specially trained on de-escalation of mental health crisis situations and are tasked with finding positive resolutions to these situations.

Foley Police Department also dedicated itself to training as many employees as possible in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) for Public Safety. MHFA is an internationally recognized eight hour course that briefly covers recognition of mental illness and how to help someone in crisis through a CPR-like method called ALGEE which incorporates assessing, listening, reassuring, educating, and providing appropriate resources for persons suffering from any level of mental illness or distress.

In recent years, city, state, and federal correctional facilities have become the largest providers of mental health services in the United States. There are many factors that contribute to this. The purpose of the Crisis Intervention Team and the goal of providing MHFA to all other employees is to decriminalize mental illness and to find positive resolutions to mental health crisis while using criminal charges and institutionalization as last resorts.

In 2018, the Foley Police Department almost doubled employees trained in Mental Health First Aid with 67 trained. Its 10-person Crisis Intervention Team consists of employees from Patrol, Criminal Investigations, and Corrections.
Critical Incident Stress Management

The Foley Police Department along with the Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office, has established a Critical Incident Stress Management Team.

Critical incidents are traumatic events that cause powerful emotional reactions in first responders who are exposed to those events, including police officer line of duty deaths, suicides, deaths of minors, etc.

Members of the team are diverse, and include many experienced first responders in law enforcement, fire service, and EMS, as well as chaplains and clergy who have all expressed an interest in seeking to help their brother and sister first responders. Team members have received training in Critical Incident Stress Debriefing.

The additional stress from critical incidents over the career of a first responder has an enormous impact on the well-being of the first responder. Statistically, emergency service personnel who are exposed to stressors from critical incidents are more likely to go through significant disruptions in their life, such as divorce, financial problems, emotional problems, and even suicidal thoughts and behaviors. The timely exposure to a group critical incident stress debriefing session by trained team members is extremely effective in helping members and others exposed to a critical incident to cope with and progress through the process of recovery.

The CISM Debrief Team is designed to primarily help first responders deal with extreme trauma, but debriefing sessions can be open to civilians and others who have witnessed extreme traumatic events.

*CISM is a first responder to our first responders.*

-Chief Wilson
The Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) is the largest public awareness vehicle and grass-roots fundraiser for Special Olympics. Known honorably as Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement members and Special Olympics athletes carry the “Flame of Hope” into the opening ceremony of local competitions, and into Special Olympics State, Provincial, National, Regional, and World Games. Annually, more than 97,000 dedicated and compassionate law enforcement members carry the “Flame of Hope” symbolizing courage and celebration of diversity, uniting communities around the globe.

The LETR for Special Olympics engages law enforcement worldwide championing acceptance and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities, starting first with their own communities. Over the years, the Torch Run has evolved and now encompasses a variety of innovative fundraising platforms to include The Race to the Top in Orange Beach, Polar Plunge in Gulf Shores, and many more across the state.

Since inception, LETR has raised more than half a billion dollars and changed millions of attitudes.

Locally, Foley Police Department began participation in LETR eleven years ago. We have participated in every local Torch Run, numerous state-level runs, and one national-level run. More importantly, Foley Police Department has raised tens of thousands of dollars for Special Olympics through various fundraising efforts.

Foley Police Department’s Sergeant Chuck Sutherlin is a twelve year veteran of the LETR. He currently serves as Foley’s LETR representative, the LETR coordinator for Baldwin County, and is a member of the Alabama LETR Executive Council.

LETR is changing the future for people with intellectual disabilities and lighting the way for acceptance and inclusion.
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Foley Prosecutors

Mike Dasinger

Helping Keep Foley Safe

Frank Holland
Law Enforcement Oath of Honor

On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character or the public trust.

I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions.

I will always uphold the constitution, my community and the agency I serve.
PROMOTIONS

Matt Cuellar – Corporal to Sergeant

Carlos Lizarraga – Corporal to Sergeant

Jacob Guthrie – Communications to Communications Shift Leader
PROMOTIONS

Erika Eissler Communications to Patrol Secretary

Kyle Azevedo – Sanitation to Corrections
2018 Award Recipients

OFFICER OF THE YEAR MICHELLE OLIVER

“I am blessed beyond belief to be able to serve with all of the men and women of The Foley Police Department. I am so humbled and honored to be named the department’s police officer of the year. After 22 years of service, I would not be the officer I am today if it weren’t for the team work shared between the department divisions that include communications, records, magistrates, corrections, and patrol (to include all of the specialized police divisions).”

Corporal Michelle Oliver

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR DOUGLAS DEAN

“I am greatly honored to have received recognition as Public Service Employee of the Year. To be so recognized by the men and women of the Foley Police Department is without question the greatest honor of my life. All other previous accolades, and there have been some, have been greatly overshadowed by this acknowledgement of my work. Thank you once again.”

Corrections Shift Leader
Douglas Dean
The Foley Police Department is a highly productive, community oriented police force that offers an advanced level of police services. With 64 police officers and a total force of 96 employees, we are committed to serving you. Listed below are some of the services or programs available to our citizens:

- **Specifically Directed Community Oriented Policing Assignments:** Patrol officers are often tasked with distributing brochures and surveys door to door for the Community Services Unit, such as Neighborhood and Business Watch Program brochures and an in-depth survey generated from the chief’s office soliciting the input of citizens.

- **Neighborhood Watch:** The Neighborhood Watch Program has grown from two groups in 2007 to seventeen groups and counting. The Community Services Unit trains volunteers to recognize and report suspicious activity in a safe and timely manner in their respective communities. The active involvement of residents helps reduce burglaries and other property crimes, and develops strong relationships between citizens and police.

- **School Resource Officer:** The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program was initiated in the 2008-2009 school year. The primary goal of the SRO is to ensure the safety of our students, administrators, parents, and community. The presence of the SRO helps deter illegal and disruptive behavior. One of the most important aspects of the School Resource Officer Program is the development of strong rapport and relationships between the SRO and students. All four public schools in Foley have an assigned SRO on campus. The SROs are specially trained and selected Foley Police Officers.

- **Park-Walk & Talk:** A formal program where Foley Police Officers get out of their cars and walk through neighborhoods to meet and greet.

- **Animal Control Services:** We have two regular sworn Foley Police Officers whose duties as code enforcement officers include animal control duties. Though any of our police officers can and do enforce animal control laws within the city at any time of the day or night, it is extremely beneficial to use an officer who specializes in this area. This is especially true when taking enforcement action during the investigation of animal neglect / animal cruelty cases, dog bites, vicious animals, stray dogs, problematic dog owners, etc. The two officers also assist in patrol duties out in our streets.
• **Explorer Program:** The Foley Police Department Explorer Post 77 is the oldest explorer program in the state of Alabama. The program is designed to give high school students a chance to see what a career in law enforcement would be like. Explorers are allowed to ride with patrol officers and assist with traffic control at various functions such as parades, festivals, football games, and the local rodeo. The Foley Police Explorers sponsor dances at the middle school and participate in Habitat for Humanity projects. At least four of our explorers have gone on to enter law enforcement in some capacity. There is no way to accurately account for the goodwill that this program has produced in the student population and their families.

• **Child Safety Seat Installation:** Foley Police Officers certified in the installation of various car seats are available, through appointment, to properly instruct new parents and grandparents in the safe installation of car seats. Call 952-4010 to make an appointment.

• **Citizen’s Police Academy:** The Citizen’s Police Academy has become one of our most popular Community Oriented Policing Programs. The twelve week program provides sixteen to twenty residents, at a time, the opportunity to experience law enforcement from the “other side.” Modules include time spent at the firing range, a K-9 demo, a Special Response Team demo, a visit from the Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office to discuss civil processes, a visit from the district attorney and judges’ offices to explain their role in the legal process, exposure to traffic stops, arrest procedures, and the ever popular “paperwork.” This program has been effective in bringing about a change of attitude in some of our citizens who have been most critical of law enforcement in general. Two Citizen’s Police Academies are held during the year.

• **Ladies’ Firearms Course:** Another popular program is the Ladies’ Firearms Training Course. More women are choosing to protect themselves with firearms than ever before. This program is in high demand, with classes being filled with every offering. Certified Firearms Instructors provide training in the safe and effective use of firearms and an explanation of laws that pertain to guns and self-defense.

• **Community Expo:** The Foley Police Department Community Expo is a large-scale quarterly outreach that rotates to various neighborhoods within Foley. The event includes games, food, and booths manned by officers and other police department personnel who explain various functions and resources available within the department. The Expo also provides information regarding resources available in the community. Expos may also include child fingerprinting, distribution of the Yellow Dot Program packets, K-9 demos, and other activities of interest.
- **Child Fingerprinting:** A popular outreach is the Child Fingerprint Service offered by the Community Services Unit. This is done at the expo, but is also frequently done at other community events and commercial locations throughout the year. Kits include a photo and fingerprints of the child that can be used as needed to provide identification for law enforcement or other purposes. The kit includes an 8 x 11 printout and provides the parents with a CD with all the information on the printout, as well as a video and audio of the child.

- **Sports Liaison Officers:** Volunteer police officers on shift and while on patrol look for opportunities to play sports with children and young adults in all neighborhoods throughout the city. This fosters trust and develops police and citizen relationships. Football, basketball, soccer, and sports of all kinds are played. This has been a very popular program with the involved police, the kids, and their parents.

- **Public Services Kiosk:** Foley Police Officers set up a mobile kiosk that contains handouts, pamphlets, and informational material about different programs and services our department offers its citizens. The police services kiosk is driven to different locations where the public and community are located. The officer accompanying this kiosk interacts with the visiting public and talks one-on-one with the citizens about the programs offered and answers any police type questions the public may have. This has proven to be a great time of interaction and communication between the police and the community.

- **Business Enrichment Program:** Police officials, instructors, and detectives offer a wide range of topics that are taught to the business community, schools, and churches free of charge as a service. These topics range greatly but include and are not limited to school safety, church safety, shoplifting prevention, robbery prevention and safety, counterfeiting, fraud, and other similar courses.

- **Senior Citizen I. D. Program:** This program provides the same services as the Child Fingerprinting Program but is for seniors. The Foley Police Department will maintain a database of basic information about participants and photos to be used in cases where dementia patients are found unattended.

- **House Checks:** Many of our residents are retired and travel extensively. The Foley Police Department recognized that anyone who would be gone from home for an extended period of time would appreciate someone checking on their residence in their absence. This program has been very well received, and we have received numerous letters thanking us for going “above and beyond” in providing this service.
- **Yellow Dot Program:** The Yellow Dot Program provides citizens a packet that they can complete and leave in their car with critical instructions that might be needed by law enforcement or emergency medical technicians in case of an emergency on the roadway.

- **K-9 Demos:** K-9 handlers give numerous demonstrations throughout the year. This popular outreach provides the opportunity for children and adults to observe these highly trained K-9 officers and their handlers at work.

- **Foley Kid’s Camp:** In 2010, the first Kid’s Camp was held. The camp provides various activities for children with an emphasis on being safe while having fun. Kid’s Camp always addresses basic topics such as “stranger danger” and staying safe while on the internet. If an activity such as boating is included, an integral part of the experience is teaching the children how to be safe while boating. This camp is a popular summer activity for children in Foley, as well as being appreciated by their parents.

- **Drug Collection Drop Box:** In partnership with the DEA, Foley Police Department established a drop box in the main lobby of the police department where citizens can turn in prescription drugs that are outdated or no longer needed. This helps keep unused drugs out of the hands of people who may abuse them as well as preventing the pollution of our waters from people flushing the pills.

- **Vehicle Assistance:** Foley Police Officers assist motorists that have keys locked in their vehicles or that need their cars jumped off. This free motorist assistance program is one of our more popular police services.

- **Close Patrols:** Citizens or businesses can arrange for extra drive-by patrols of homes or businesses. This can be a preventive measure to help reduce the likelihood of suspicious people in the area, vandalism, threats, and theft. Increased police presence in neighborhoods discourages criminal activity.

- **Funeral Escorts:** Foley Police Officers escort funeral processions and facilitate their passage through traffic by blocking intersections and directing traffic into the place of internment. This service reduces the likelihood of accidents and provides a compassionate service to grieving families.

- **Window Tint Inspection:** The State of Alabama regulates the amount of window tint that can be applied to vehicle windows. Any person who purchases a vehicle with tinted windows can bring it to the police department to make sure the tint is within legal limits in order to avoid getting a citation if it is too dark.
• **Coffee with a Cop:** The chief, other staff members, and Foley Police Officers meet with customers at local restaurants in a relaxed atmosphere in which police and citizens meet and greet.

• **Friday Night Dances:** Community Services Officers and other department personnel sponsor dances at the Foley Civic Center four times each year as fundraisers for the Foley Police Explorer Program. This also provides fifth and sixth graders the opportunity to socialize.
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