Burkburnett Police Department

2023 Annual Report
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Message from the Chief

As your police chief, I am honored to present the Burkburnett Police Department’s 2023 annual report, which highlights the dedication and accomplishments of our team of 17 sworn officers and 9 professional staff members. Please take the time to review our Annual Report, which presents an overall assessment of your police department. I hope you find the information in this report valuable and informative as we review the actions and activities of the past year.

While we celebrate our achievements, it’s crucial to acknowledge that there’s always room for improvement. We aim to enhance efficiency and strengthen community relations through ongoing evaluations, data-driven analysis, and feedback mechanisms. I encourage our community members to engage with us through our social media platforms and participate in various programs and safety events throughout the year.

Our commitment to the safety and security of our community remains unwavering. As our community evolves, so do the challenges we face. Rest assured, the Burkburnett Police Department is dedicated to meeting these challenges head-on and providing the highest standard of service to the Burkburnett community.

The Burkburnett Police Department upholds Values, Mission, and Vision with a guardian philosophy. We strive to be peacekeepers and caretakers, prioritizing the safety of our community while enforcing the law judiciously. We adhere to the fundamentals of H.O.P.E. for employees and the community alike.

At the Burkburnett Police Department, H.O.P.E. is built on Honesty, Opportunity, Perseverance, and Excellence. All members of the Police Department will be Honest, adhering to facts for fairness and truth. We provide the Opportunity to grow and create new ventures. We Persevere through difficult times, further strengthening our faith, family, and community resilience. Finally, we actively strive for Excellence in everything we do.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to the citizens of Burkburnett for entrusting us with the responsibility to serve and protect our community. Together, we can continue to build a safer and stronger Burkburnett.

Chief Donald Miller
Burkburnett PD
About Us

Our Mission
To reduce, disrupt, and prevent crime and disorder allowing for the preservation of peace through proactive, innovative, and ethical police services.

Our Vision
Working in partnership with citizens and businesses to serve our community and protect life and property by delivering honorable service focusing on H.O.P.E
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Honesty – Always Adhering to the facts, to bring fairness and truthfulness into everything we do.

Opportunity – Giving our community and employees alike the chance to found and form a new venture.

Perseverance – Regardless of the difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement we will continually strive to reach our goals.

Excellence – The attitude of always striving to do our best in everything we do. To expect more of ourselves than others believe to be possible.

The anchor symbolizes hope, steadfastness, calm and composure. It also can symbolize security in one or more uncertain experiences of life. An anchor is something that helps keep us grounded, connected to what matters most, and able to cope with challenges that life brings.

The oil derrick symbolizes the City of Burkburnett from the oil boom in the early 1900’s. Burkburnett is also known as “Boomtown” from the drilling boom that brought prosperity to North Texas.

The combination of symbols will be represented with the Burkburnett Police Department’s Core Values: H.O.P.E.
Best Practices

The Burkburnett Police Department became a Best Practices agency, accredited by the Texas Police Chief’s Association (TPCA) in 2022. The accreditation program is a voluntary process where departments in Texas prove their compliance with over 170 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices. These Best Practices were carefully developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service, the reduction of risk and the protection of individual’s rights. Burkburnett PD became the 182nd agency to be accredited by the program.

In 2022, the Burkburnett Police Department was audited by the TPCA to verify if we were continuing to follow the higher standard of procedures and practices. The auditors affirmed we were adhering to the Best Practices and complimented us on how well we were doing. What normally takes several days, only took a half day for the auditors to verify us and advise we were doing exemplary.
Centennial Celebration
1923-2023

Though the City of Burkburnett has its roots starting in the 1800’s, the municipality was not established until 1923. Prior to the city being established the area’s law enforcement was comprised of the constable’s office. With Burkburnett forming into an established city, it began the Burkburnett Police Department.

2023 marked the centennial year of the Burkburnett Police Department. A custom badge was designed and put into service for the year to commemorate the long-standing history of this department. At the end of the year, officers transitioned to the standard badges.
Leadership

Chief Donald Miller
29 Years of Service

Captain Shane Culp
13 Years of Service

Sergeant Blake Deeb
12 Years of Service

Sergeant Jeff Krc
17 Years of Service

Sergeant Royce Challis
18 Years of Service

Sergeant Paul Casillas
18 Years of Service

Sergeant Robert Turner
8 Years of Service
Budget

The Burkburnett City Council passed the vote to allot Burkburnett Police Department the following funds for the 2023 fiscal year:

| Expenses (Salary, Insurance, Retirement, Etc.) | $2,034,825 |
| Supplies | $20,200 |
| Maintenance (Gas, Vehicle, Etc.) | $64,442 |
| Sundry (Utilities, Training, Computer Systems, Etc.) | $172,279 |
| **TOTAL** | **$2,291,746** |

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This budget provides salaries and benefits for our officers while also providing them with state-of-the-art equipment, training, and resources. As stewards of the citizens’ finances, we strive to utilize the funds to develop this agency to meet the city’s needs. We send officers to training courses across the state and surrounding areas to bring back usable knowledge to better serve our citizens.
Statistical Analysis

The Burkburnett Police Department responded to 10,601 calls for service in 2023. Of those calls, 384 Incident reports were generated. This averages 29 calls for service a day.

Arrests made by officers: 384

Warnings/Citations Issued: 1636/614 (62.5%/37.5%)

Average response time: 2 minutes, 34 seconds

Assaultive crimes per 10,000: 81

Distance covered by police units: 220,034 miles
Crimes Against Persons

- Sexual Offenses - 0
- Aggravated Assaults - 3
- Simple Assaults - 12
- Other - 17
- Sexual Offenses (Family Violence) - 3
- Aggravated Assaults (Family Violence) - 7
- Simple Assaults (Family Violence) - 45
- Homicide - 2

Traffic Stops by Race
- White, 91.06%
- Black, 4.73%
- Hispanic, 3.15%
- Alaskan Native/American Indian, 0.63%
- Asian/Pacific Islander, 0.42%
The Burkburnett Police Department intends to assign a lieutenant and officer to oversee patrol operations, community outreach, and Accreditation compliance.
The face of the Burkburnett Police Department exists in the patrol division. These are the men and women out in uniform and marked patrol units that you see responding to calls, making traffic stops, and out checking on businesses and the community.

The patrol division is separated into four shifts: two day shifts and two night shifts. One sergeant operates each shift, with officers assigned to them. Officers work 12-hour shifts on a rotating 2-2-3 schedule (Panama Schedule). This allows all patrol officers to have every other Friday, Saturday, and Sunday off.

Our officers are encouraged to interact with the community as often as possible between calls or other pertinent incidents. With that, we encourage you to get to know our officers.
Criminal Investigations Division

Our Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is a hardworking team of well-qualified detectives. The detectives spend their shifts working on ongoing investigations and investigating crimes that have yet to be reported. Their end goal is gathering facts and building cases in an efficient manner to keep criminals off the streets. They work tirelessly, handling day-to-day operations while also being available 24/7 should their assistance be required.

CID works with a handful of resources from the surrounding areas to complete their mission. This includes, but is not limited to, the Texas Department of Family Services, Texas Rangers and CID, the District Attorney’s Office, Patsy’s House, and surrounding municipal and county sheriff’s offices.
Support Services

**Dispatch** – Our dispatchers work around the clock answering phone calls for emergencies and non-emergencies, dispatching necessary resources and units, and accessing a state and national database to disseminate information.

**Records** – Our records and evidence clerk maintains the ongoing reports that are developed by officers and CID. The clerks are also responsible for archiving evidence. This is a non-stop job, as crime and evidence never stop.

**Animal Services** – Our Animal services Office (ASO) are on duty five days a week handling calls for vicious, mistreated, or missing animals.

Needless to say, behind the badge is a team of unseen employees that the Burkburnett Police Department would not function without. We are very grateful for their work and dedication.
Community Outreach

Burkburnett Fire vs. Burkburnett Police Softball Game

Boomtown Babe Carwash

National Night Out
Burkburnett Police Department

Hotter’N Hell Hundred

Burkburnett Christmas Parade
Awards

Supervisor of the Year
Royce Challis
Patrol

Civilian of the Year
Evelyn Rodriguez
Records/Evidence

Officer of the Year
Ty Collins
Investigations
Intermediate Peace Officer
  Kenen Wininger
  Scott Bright
  Colton King
  Peyton Rushing

Advanced Peace Officer
  Officer T. Session

Educational Achievement
  Kenen Wininger, B.S.

Master Telecommunicator
  Kelly Daugherty

5 Years of Service
  Ty Collins
  Tatum Sappington
  Peyton Rushing
Chief Garland drowned when a bridge over the Red River, collapsed during a period of heavy flooding.

The chief had noticed that a number of people were on the bridge watching the rising flood waters. As he went onto the bridge to warn them to get off, the bridge was struck by timber from a railroad bridge that had collapsed upstream.

The impact of the timber caused the bridge to collapse. Chief Garland and six citizens were thrown into the river and drowned as a result.

Chief Garland had served with the agency for 15 years. He was survived by his wife and eight children.

Please view Chief Garland or any other fallen officers on the Officer Down Memorial Page, located here.
Burkburnett Police Department
101 East College Street
Burkburnett, TX 76354

For Emergencies requiring immediate response, always remember to call 9-1-1.

The Burkburnett Police Department is operational 24/7 by phone for non-emergencies and direct communications at 940-569-2231.

The department’s administrative and investigative division is available Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm excluding any holidays.

The front vestibule of the police department is always open and contains a call box that will immediately put you in touch with a dispatcher.