



# CEDAR HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2017



Dear Residents and Visitors of Cedar Hill,

It is with great pleasure that I present the *Cedar Hill Police Department 2017 Annual Report*. Cedar Hill maintained a safe city crime index with a 34.2 per 1,000 population crime index rating.



Major accomplishments in 2017 include: Chief S. Rhodes

- 26% decrease in burglaries
- 14% decrease in robberies
- 90% overall customer approval rating for police services delivered based on a city wide customer service survey
- Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) renewed by voters for 15 more years
- Implementation of new Axon body camera program
- 48% increase in Citizens on Patrol hours
- 8% decrease in emergency call response times

In 2012, Cedar Hill voters approved a 5 year Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) that allowed the City to designate a portion of existing sales tax revenue (no new taxes) to fund the Police and Community Team (PACT) and its community policing initiatives with a focus on building relationships and partnerships. The CCPD has been extremely successful as validated by our crime reductions, citizen participation and satisfaction with police services. The initial 5 year term for CCPD expired in 2017 and voters approved a new 15 year term in November . Thank you for your support.

I encourage you to learn more about your police department. We welcome any questions, comments, or suggestions on ways to improve our service delivery. Check out our webpage for other useful information at [www.cedarhilltx.com/police](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/police), on twitter@cedarhillpolice, on Facebook at facebook.com/cedarhilltxpolice, and on YouTube at Cedar Hill Police Media. We look forward to serving you in 2018.



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## Award Winners



**Officer of the Year**  
**Thomas Pritchett**



**Supervisor of the Year**  
**Charles Reiss**



**Rookie of the Year**  
**Benjamin Schar**

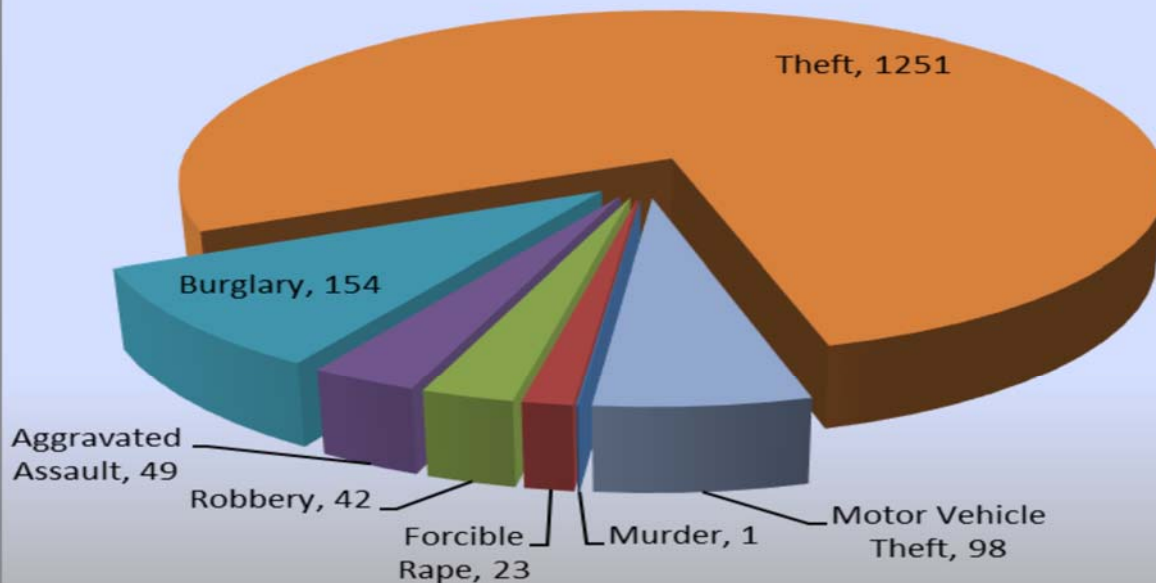


**Civilian of the Year**  
**Shelby Coffin**

## Statistical Data

	2015	2016	2017
Population	45,820	47,090	47,320
Police Budget (millions)	9.99	9.81	10.54
Authorized Sworn Staff	67	68	71
Authorized Civilian Staff	22.1	22.1	23.5
Citizen Initiated Calls	23,272	23,884	23,306
Emergency Call Response Time (mm:ss)	6:45	7:16	6:43
Non-Emergency Call Response Time (mm:ss)	17:08	18:58	18:35
Traffic Crashes Investigated	560	648	669
Traffic Crash Injuries (includes fatalities)	314	274	303
Arrests	1,872	1,904	2,025
Overall Crime Clearance Rate	40.9%	37.1%	37.6%
Cited Violations	6,741	8,020	7,698
Criminal Investigations Case Assignments	4,441	5,083	5,049

## Part I Uniform Crime Report



## DWI Accomplishments

In 2017, the Cedar Hill Police Department utilized all of our resources to proactively target and reduce driving related alcohol offenses to keep our city safe. Our efforts resulted in the arrest of 151 subjects for intoxicated driving related offenses.

Our partnerships with other metroplex agencies include:

- ◆ Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- ◆ Dallas County DWI Task Force
- ◆ Texas Impaired Driving Task Force
- ◆ Impact Drug Prevention Cedar Hill

Our department is committed to ensuring all patrol and traffic officers are certified in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) every two years, including an update that was completed in April of 2017. This is possible because the department has trained SFST Instructors on staff. We also have two certified Drug Recognition Experts to assist in the arrest and prosecution of persons intoxicated on substances other than alcohol. In 2017, the department was awarded a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation to target DWI offenders during four phases throughout the year.

# Police And Community Team — P.A.C.T

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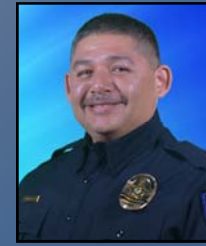
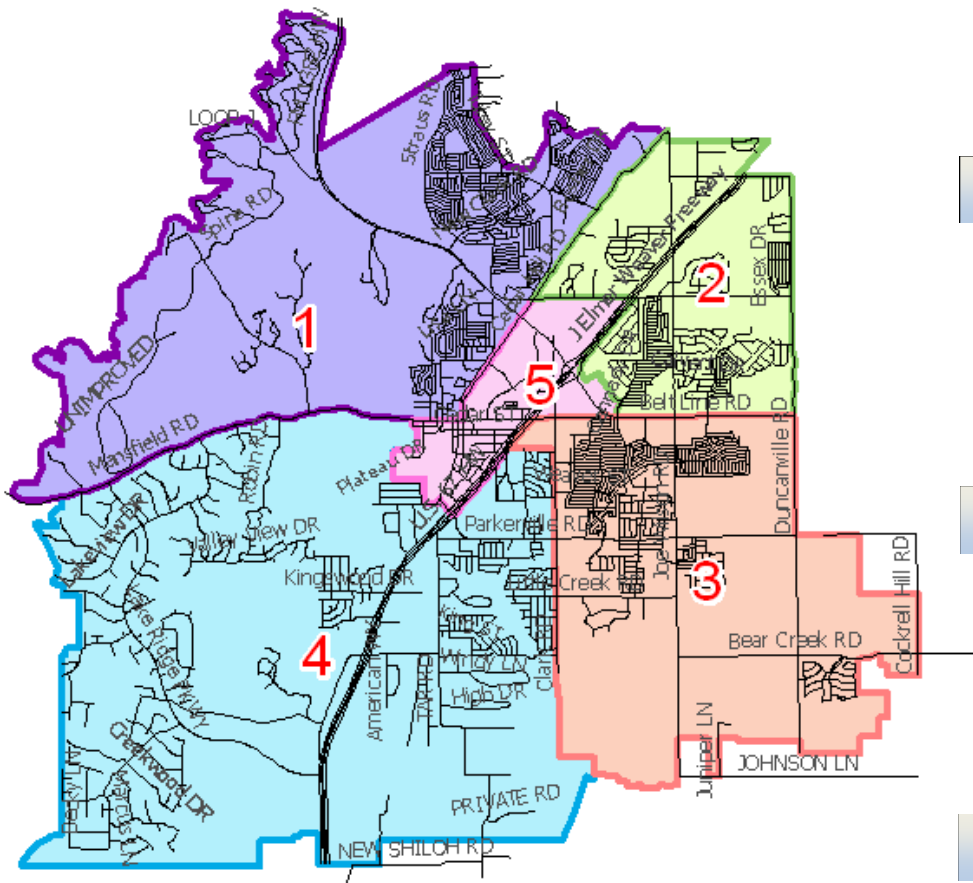
Sergeant N. Hammel



Officer R. Knott



Officer A. McSwain



Corporal J. Herrera



Officer T. Cooper



Officer R. Rodriguez

## What is P.A.C.T?

The Police and Community Team (P.A.C.T.) is a unit comprised of five officers and one sergeant who engage in crime prevention and problem solving activities in the community.

Each of the unit's officers is assigned to a patrol beat and works closely with other police department units to address issues. These officers also work closely with community groups and citizens to exchange information, provide crime prevention techniques, and resolve community crime concerns.

For more information visit [www.cedarhilltx.com/police](http://www.cedarhilltx.com/police)

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Cedar Hill Police Department is to provide the highest quality service that promotes and maintains a safe environment in partnership with the community consistent with our values.

In 2017, our citizen volunteers contributed 4,232 hours of their precious time to assist the police department in many areas. Additionally, the Citizens On Patrol program spent 5,013.5 hours and drove 14,423 miles patrolling the city to assist the police department in maintaining a safe environment. These dedicated community members gave freely of their time, which equaled a total labor value of \$227,809.

P.A.C.T. officers attended 44 crime watch meetings and conducted two Citizens Police Academies, with 24 graduates.

## Beat 2017 Customer Calls

Beat	2017 Customer Calls
1	3,711
2	4,583
3	4,377
4	3,490
5	6,437*

\*includes 1,125 walk-in calls at the police station