
CAPITOL WATCH

This newsletter covering the Capitol Police intends to educate and inform the public on recent updates within the department. The goal is to provide a forum that offers transparency on important and relevant issues that affect the community. It will be published on a quarterly basis.

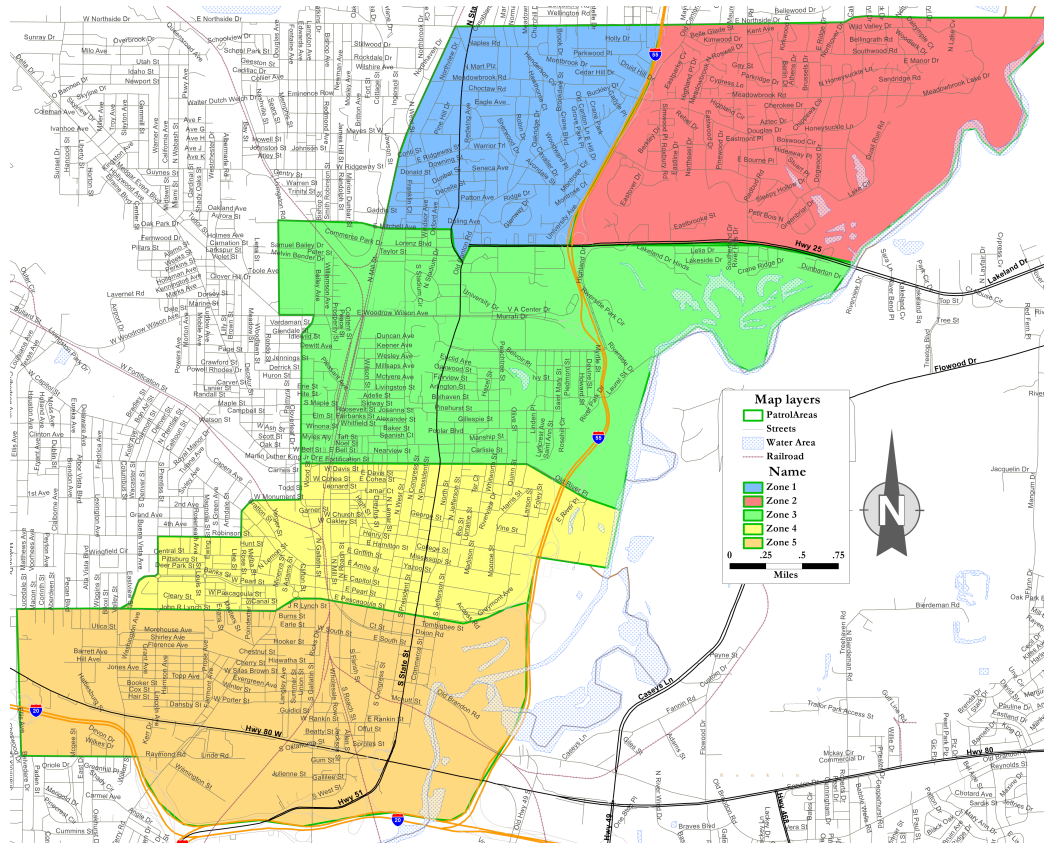


Capitol Police Chief Bo Luckey recently briefed state legislators on the progress of the department as it greatly expands its coverage area in the CCID.

Statement from Capitol Police Chief Bo Luckey:

Greetings! As Chief of the Capitol Police, I'm thrilled to announce that the dedicated men and women of our department are making great strides in advancing public safety across Jackson. As you know, our jurisdiction has expanded significantly, presenting challenges that would test any law enforcement agency. Yet, we're rising to the occasion, actively recruiting and training new officers to bolster our ranks and meet the growing demands. As we work to reach these goals, I'd like to share that it is truly heartening to hear from CCID residents that we're making a real, tangible impact—they're seeing our commitment firsthand through vigilant neighborhood patrols, swift response times, and strong community collaborations. We remain steadfast in our pursuit of maximum accountability and transparency for the people we serve and protect. Together, we're building a safer, more vibrant Jackson—and with your support, we'll turn that vision into reality.

CCID expansion broken into six policing zones



Zone 1 - This zone includes the Fondren Neighborhood and is bordered to the west by N. Mill and West streets, Lakeland Drive to the south, Interstate 55 to the east, and Northside Drive to the north.

Zone 2 - This zone includes the District at Eastover and is bordered to the west by Interstate 55, Lakeland Drive to the south, the Pearl River to the east, and Northside Drive to the north.

Zone 3 - This zone includes the city of Jackson's major medical centers, UMMC, St. Dominic's, Baptist, and the Jackson Medical Mall, as well as the Midtown and Belhaven neighborhoods. The zone is bordered by Livingston Road to the west, Fortification Street to the south, the Pearl River to the east, and Lakeland Drive to the north.

Zone 4 - This zone includes downtown Jackson and Jackson State University. It is bordered to the west by Prentiss, Robinson, and Prentiss streets, J.R. Lynch and Pascagoula streets to the south, Interstate 55 and the Pearl River to the east, and Fortification Street to the north.

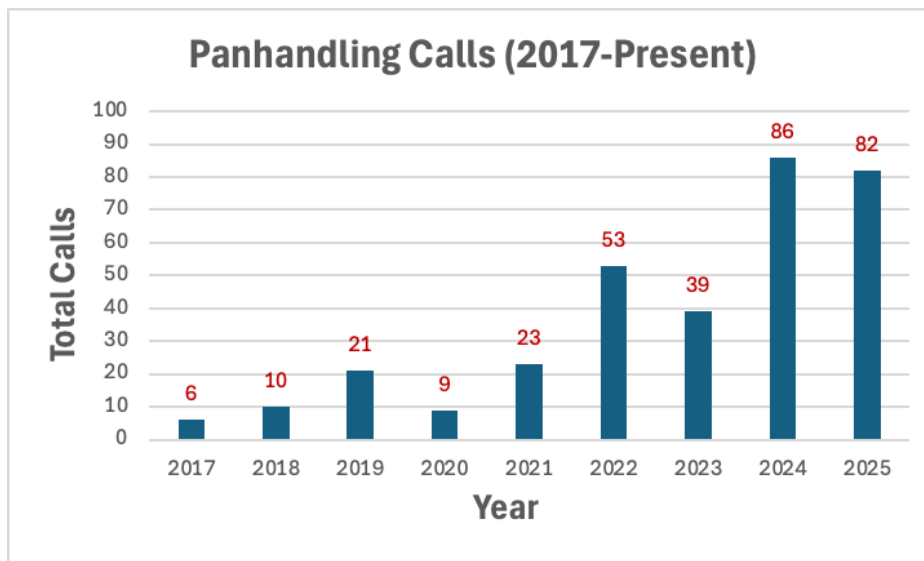
Zone 5 - This zone incorporates much of South Jackson and is bordered to the west by Ellis Avenue, Interstate 20 to the south, Interstate 55 to the east, and J.R. Lynch and Pascagoula streets to the north.

Zone 6 - This zone was recently added. It is bordered by Interstate 55 to the west, Northside Drive to the south, the Pearl River to the east, and Old Canton and Westbrook roads to the north.

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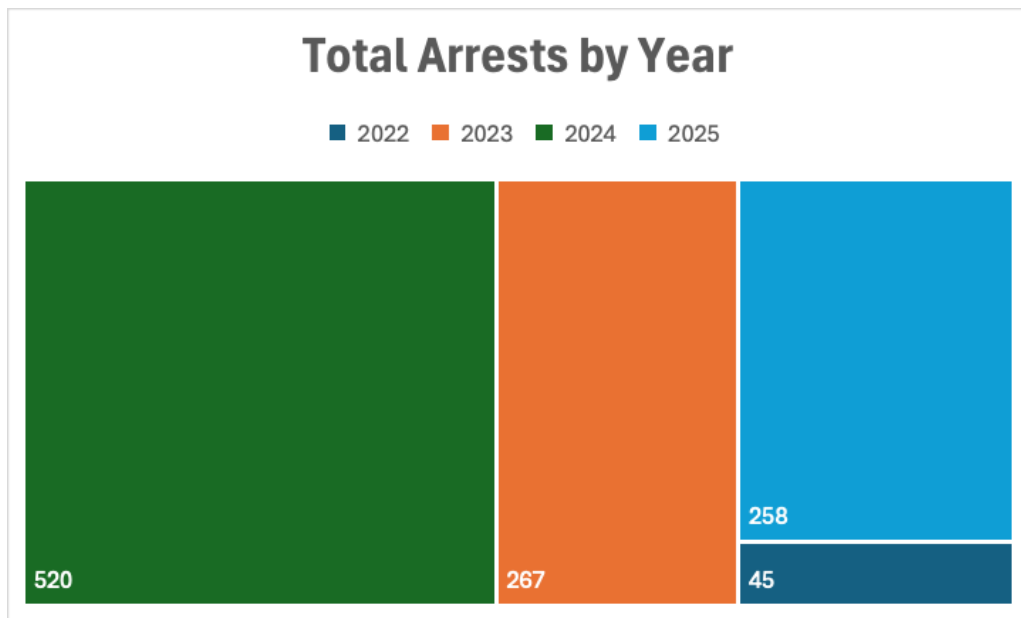
As the jurisdiction for Capitol Police expands, the department continues to train, hire, and staff officers and personnel to meet the increased needs of the community. There were roughly 160 officers on staff by the end of June 2025, with state funding for 180 officers.



After the passage of House Bill 1197, the “Safe Solicitation Act”, Capitol Police are amending their approach to panhandling calls. The act, which went into effect on July 1, requires panhandlers to obtain a permit to solicit donations and sets time and geographic limits on the activity. The graph above illustrates the number of panhandling calls CP has gotten over the years, from before the expansion of the CCID and after. Notably, the number of calls more than doubled after the initial expansion of the CCID.



Capitol Police have responded to and investigated a total of 28 homicides since 2022. As of October 15, 2025, there have been nine homicides in the expanded CCID. An arrest has been made in 75 percent of all cases.



While many crimes are seeing a decrease across the City of Jackson, there remains a need for continued vigilance given the number of calls CP routinely handles. One example illustrating this fact is the number of arrests CP has made in the last four years, with an emphasis on 2024 to present. In 2024, there was a 95 percent increase in arrests from the year before, an indication of the higher volume of calls after the expansion.

Capitol Police Officer James Stuart could have worked anywhere. He chose home instead.

Officer Stuart decided to serve the people in the city where he grew up and lives.

Officer James Stuart could have opted for a long career with the Mississippi Highway Patrol and just about any other law enforcement agency. After all, serving others was always his underlying goal as an Infantryman in the Marines and a sniper in the U.S. Army. Instead, he opted to join the Capitol Police so he could do what he wanted full-time in the city he grew up in and loves.

Officer Stuart says he signed up with the Capitol Police to make a difference in the lives of all residents in the Capital City.

“I wanted to stay home and help people, help the community,” Officer Stuart said. “When I think about serving the community, I think some of the most menial tasks are the most rewarding. Helping an elderly woman cross the road in extreme heat, helping look for a lost dog in a neighborhood, or assisting a resident with a broken-down vehicle.”



Officer James Stuart has remained a consistent, reliable, and dedicated face of the department since his start in May. His motivation to serve is to give back to his home city of Jackson.



Supervisory Lt. Donell Reynold (left) praised Officer Stuart for his positive attitude, willingness to learn, and great collaboration with others.

Quick Facts

Age: 35

Home: Jackson, Miss.

Professional Background: U.S. Marines, Army: Infantry/Sniper

C.P. duties: Patrol Zone 5

Favorite Movie: Gladiator

Favorite Food: Grilled Chicken
(You can put anything on it)

Favorite Sports Team: Ole Miss Football (Stuart's father centered the defense as a middle linebacker in the 70s.)

Residents/CP celebrate National Night Out

NNO is a fun, family-friendly event that fosters community engagement and partnership with law enforcement agencies.

The Capitol Police family would like to thank the public, local businesses, Mayor John Horhn, city officials, and fellow law enforcement agencies who came out to this year's National Night Out. The fun, family-friendly event offered community-building, police-community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

This year's annual event featured food, live music, and games during the celebration of partnership with the community. Capitol Police would like to thank all those who attended and looks forward to additional engagement and collaboration with the community and fellow law enforcement agencies.

"We believe in unity," said Capitol Police Chief Bo Luckey. "National Night Out is an expression of what makes us successful as law enforcement officers. And that is the trust and confidence of the public we serve. This was an opportunity to strengthen those bonds and enjoy one another's company."

"We are always excited to hold these kinds of events to show residents in Jackson that we value and seek their input on how we can improve public safety in the city," said event organizer and Capitol Police Lieutenant, Jeremy Gordon. "We are thankful for their participation and look forward to more events in the near future."



This year's National Night Out celebrated longstanding and committed partnerships with the community to make the City of Jackson a better, safer, and more prosperous city.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please call **911** for any emergencies. For non-emergencies in the CCID, please call **601-359-3125**. Residents outside the CCID should call the Jackson Police Department for emergencies at **911** and non-emergencies at **601-960-1234**.

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