

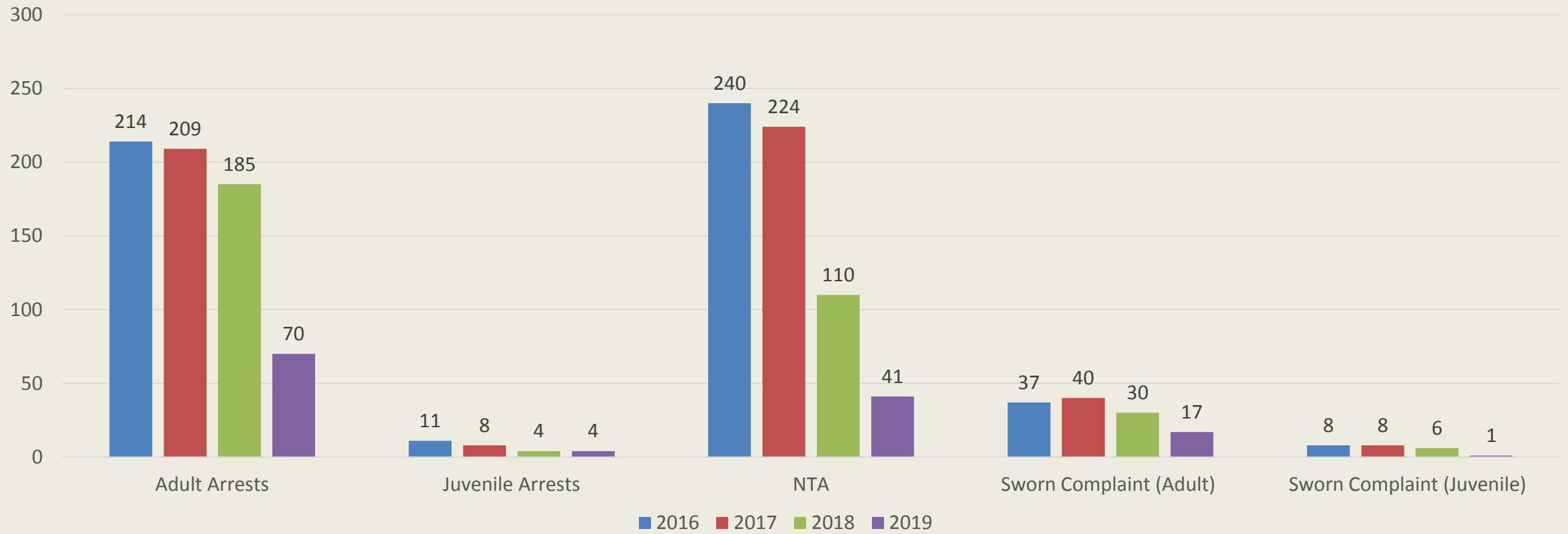
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**Gainesville Police Department
Cannabis Update
September 12, 2019
Captain Jaime Kurnick**



2016-2019 CANNABIS STATISTICS

POSSESSION LESS THAN 20 GRAMS



THE NUMBERS



Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change
Adult Arrest	214	209	185	70	-67.3%
Juvenile Arrest	11	8	4	4	-64%
NTA	240	224	110	41	-83%
Sworn Complaint (Adult)	37	40	30	17	-54%
Sworn Complaint (Juvenile)	8	8	6	1	-88%
Total Charges	510	489	335	133	-74%

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



- **With the passing of Senate Bill 1020 (Ch. 2019-132) on July 1st, 2019, Hemp with a THC content of 0.3% became legal.**
 - **Hemp resembles and smells like cannabis**
 - **Testing kits**
 - **State Attorney's Office Letter (See Addendum)**

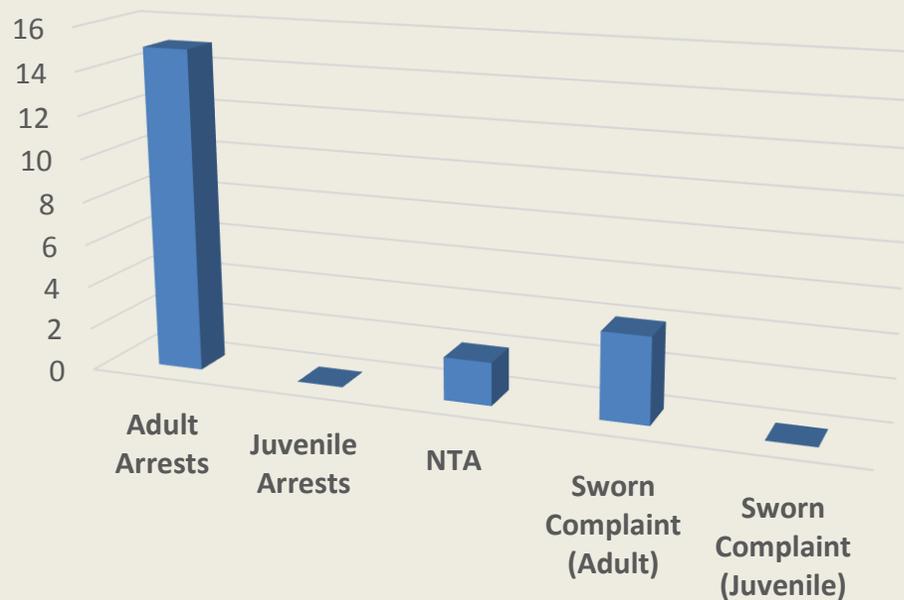
- **Medical Marijuana (low THC) is regulated and able to be ingested, and/or smoked (Senate Bill 182)**
 - **Must be purchased from a medical marijuana treatment center**
 - **May not possess more than 70 day supply (forms other than smoking)**
 - **May not possess more than 35 day supply (Smoking - which may not exceed 2.5 ounces)**
 - **Bill passed on March 18, 2019**

JULY 1ST, 2019 TO PRESENT – CANNABIS STATISTICS

POSSESSION LESS THAN 20 GRAMS



July 1st to Present, 2019



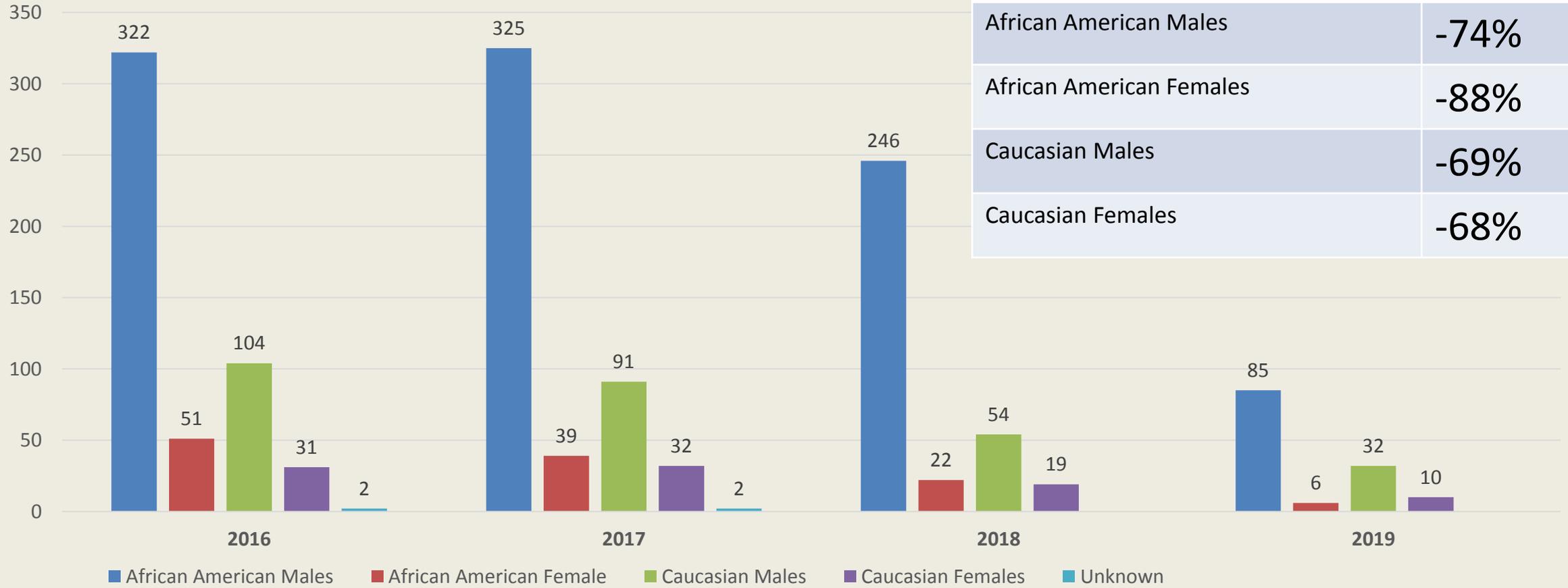
Quarter	2019 (Quarter) Average	07/01/19 – to Present	% Change
Adult Arrest	27.5	15	-45.5%
Juvenile Arrest	2	0	-100%
NTA	19.5	2	-89.7%
Sworn Complaint (Adult)	6.5	4	-38.5%
Sworn Complaint (Juvenile)	0.5	0	-100%
Total Charges	56	21	-62.5%

GPD PROCEDURE



- **Possession of Cannabis is illegal in the State of Florida**
 - **Florida State Statue 893**
 - **Investigations leads to other crimes and narcotics violations**
- **Gainesville Police Department members are mandated to follow our general orders in regards to illegal substances**
- **Legal Bulletin provided in order to explain the change in enforcement of cannabis possession**
- **The procedure is as follows:**
 - **Collect the evidence**
 - **Complete an incident report/other documentation**
 - **Test the substance**
 - **Weigh the substance**
 - **Submit the evidence to our property/evidence room**

DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CANNABIS UNDER 20 GRAMS

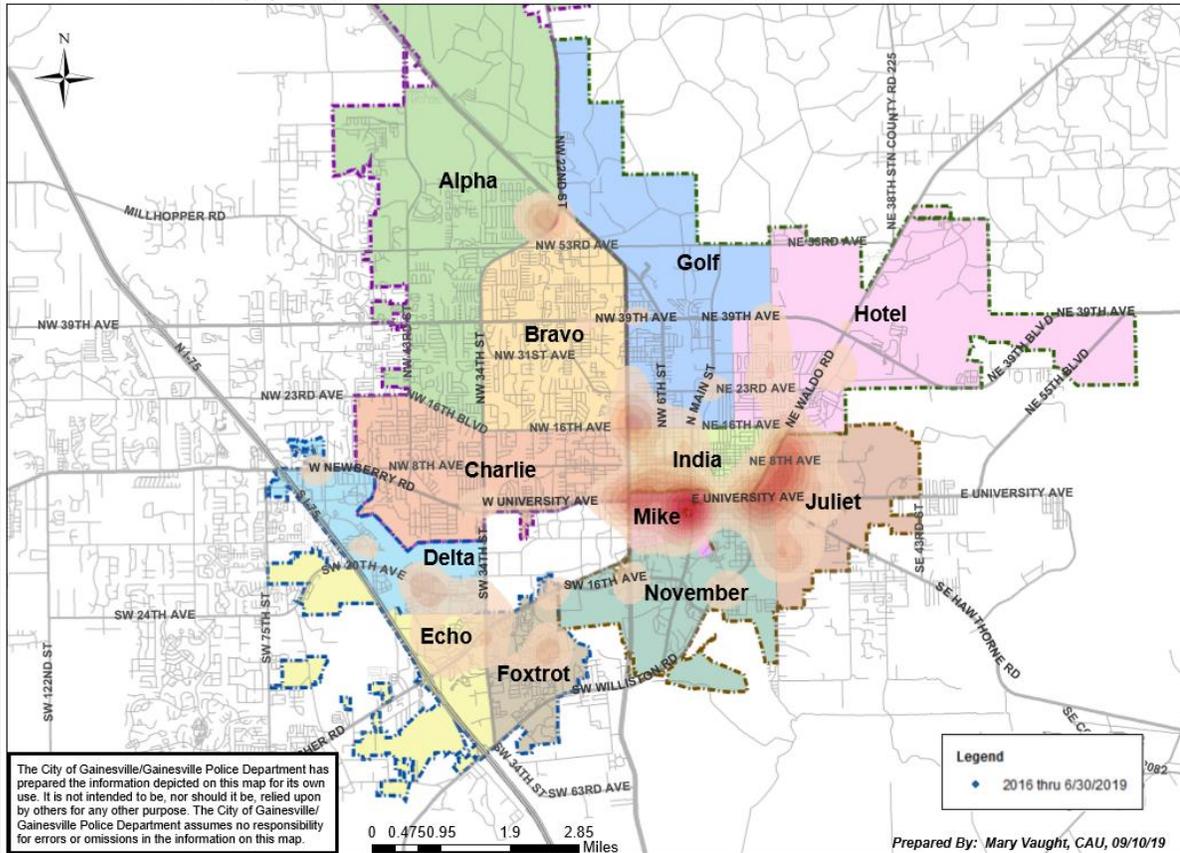


Individuals	% Change from 2016-2019
African American Males	-74%
African American Females	-88%
Caucasian Males	-69%
Caucasian Females	-68%

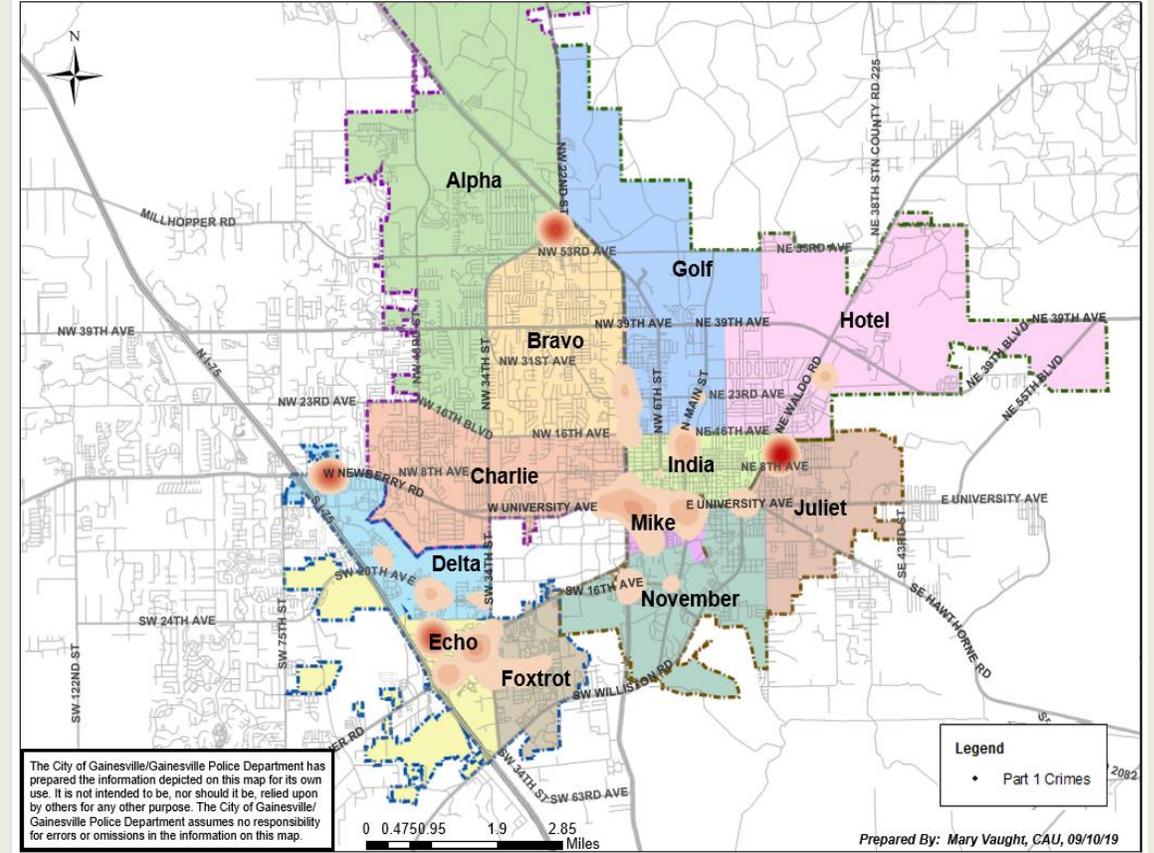


HEAT MAPS

GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT - ARRESTS
893-13/6(B) - POSSESSION LESS THAN 20 GRAMS - 2016 - Thru 6/30/2019



GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT - PART 1 CRIMES
2016 - 6/30/19



FACTORS TO CONSIDER IN POSSESSION OF CANNABIS ARRESTS AND DETECTION



- **Cannabis is easily detectable to Officers who have lawful contact with individuals during other investigations**
 - It can be recognized unlike other narcotics such as cocaine, methamphetamine, and other drugs
 - Arrests for Possession of Cannabis lead to other charges for narcotics that are not easily detectible
 - Areas in and around the Downtown entertainment district also have a high concentration of these offenses
 - Typical behavior of some patrons is to gather in groups in parking areas where fights and other things occur
 - Individuals often smoke cannabis within these groups
 - Several cases stem from traffic stops where an odor is detected after the stop is completed for a traffic violation
 - Looking at the maps and locations of offenses, several occur on roadways
 - The locations where a majority of our UCR Part 1 crimes have occurred are the same locations with the highest concentration of cannabis possession
 - As an agency, when we have crime in an area, we focus our enforcement efforts in those areas
 - With the increase in Police presence, it creates an opportunity to observe an odor of cannabis in our normal patrols
 - Several cases involve areas where open air drug markets exist
 - Violent Crimes are happening in the area
 - Citizens and Community members complain about the narcotics transactions
 - Enforcement efforts are focused on these areas

EFFORTS AT GPD



- **Juvenile Arrest Policy changed for all schools in 2015**
- **Officers are allowed to issue more than one juvenile civil citation in lieu of arrest**
- **Trainings Initiatives**
 - **Procedural Justice training implemented yearly by training staff**
 - **Diversity training offered by the City of Gainesville on a reoccurring basis**
 - **Disproportionate Minority Contact Training**
 - **Leadership in Police Organizations (International Association of Chief's of Police)**
 - **Leadership Academy (Building our Bench)**
 - **Crisis Intervention Training**
 - **Mental Health First Aid training**

CANNABIS UPDATE



- **Possession of Cannabis under 20 grams (misdemeanor) Arrest numbers have decreased from 2016 to present**
- **Legislative changes have directed enforcement efforts**
- **Since July 1st, 2019 – Hemp legalization (0.3%) has impacted law enforcement policies and guidelines**
- **Cannabis is illegal**
- **State Attorney's Diversion programs**
 - **Program geared towards diverting misdemeanor offenses in order to keep individuals out of the criminal justice system**
- **Next steps in 2019**

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Questions or Concerns?