

# Juvenile Auto Burglary & Auto Theft Suppression



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- Education

- Criminal Justice & Behavior Analysis Bachelors Degree (Savannah State University)

- Public Administration & Non-Profit Organization Leadership (Savannah State University)

- Professional Experience

- 11 Years of Law Enforcement, Savannah Police Department & Gainesville Police Department

- Specialize in Gangs & Juvenile Crime

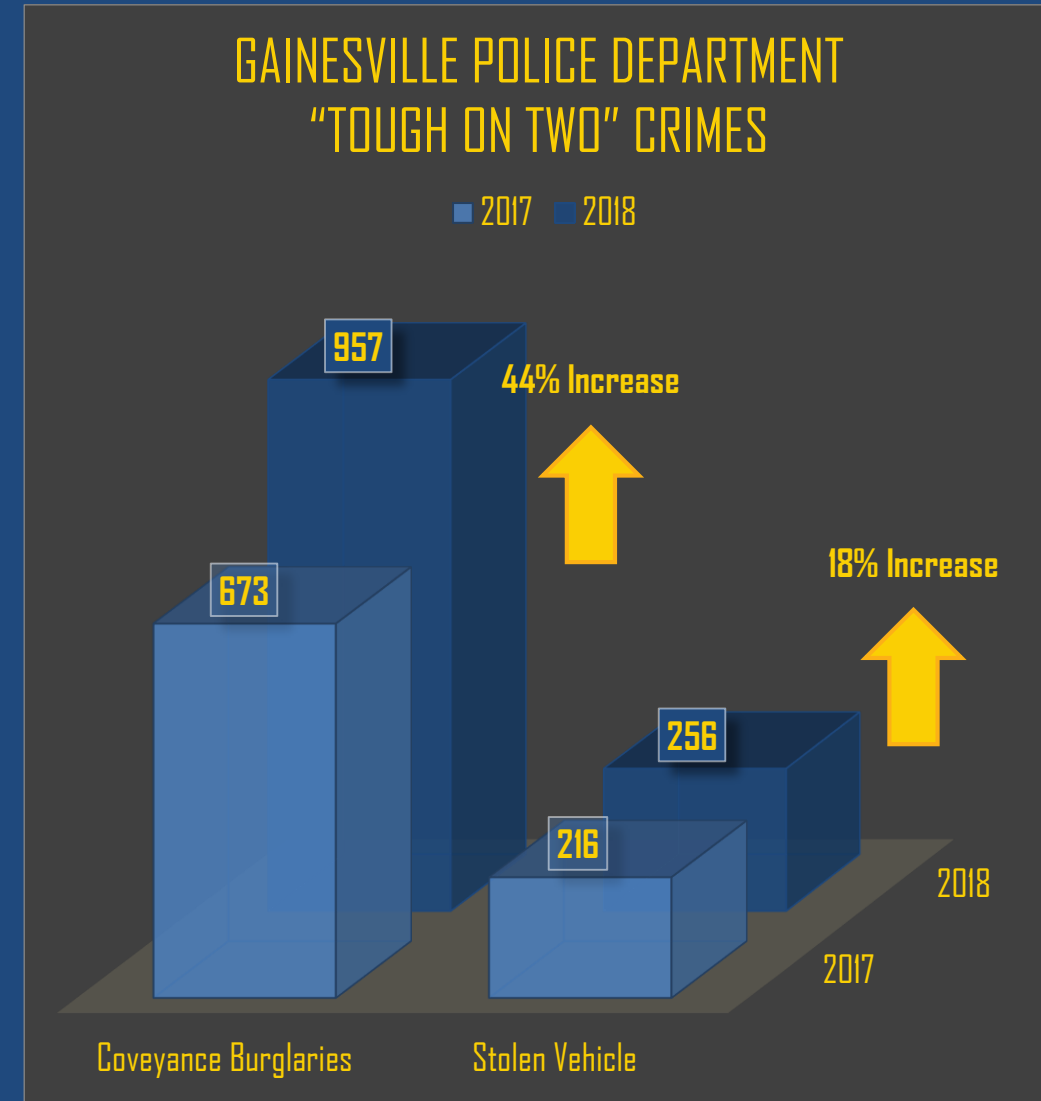
- Special Assignments

- End Gun Violence Initiative (Savannah Police Department)

- Drug Market Intervention, Gang Taskforce, Progress GNV, & Juvenile Auto Burglary & Auto Theft Suppression (JABATS) (Gainesville Police Department)

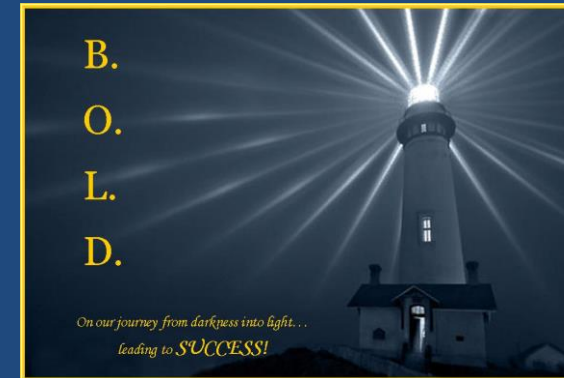
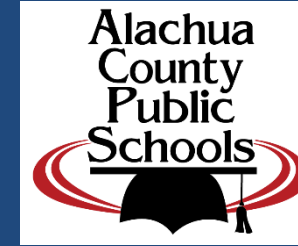
# Juvenile Auto Burglary & Auto Theft Suppression Meeting

- The Juvenile Auto Burglary & Auto Theft Suppression (JABATS), a collaborative community effort, was created during the latter months of 2018.
- The JABATS Meeting was a response to an increase of **forty-two percent for conveyance burglary offenses** and **eighteen percent for stolen vehicle offenses**.
- A statistical analysis determined that property crimes such as conveyance burglaries and stolen vehicles were attributable to juveniles in our surrounding area. In efforts to decrease our "tough on two" crimes, we focused on juvenile offenders.



# Multi-Disciplinary Collaboration

- Alachua County Public School
- Alachua County Sheriff's Office
- Alachua County States Attorney's Office
- AMI Kids – Gainesville, FL
- BOLD Program – Gainesville Police Department
- Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Probation (Circuit 8)
- Gainesville Police Department School Resource Officers
- Gainesville Police Department (HEROES Summer Program)
- Project Connect – Twin Oaks Juvenile Development Inc.
- Reichert House Youth Academy – Gainesville Police Department



# BOLD Program & Reichert House Youth Academy Roles in JABATS

## BOLD Program

- Participates Between 18-26 Years of Age
- Support Participates With Obligations Pertaining to Court, Educational & Employment Needs, and Daily Life Obstacles
- Over 90% of Participants Are Referred From The JABATS Meeting

## Reichert House Youth Academy

- Participates Between Elementary (3rd – 5th) & High School Grade Levels
- After School Program Designed for Youth In Need of Assistance Transitioning from Adolescent & Adulthood
- Assistance With Character Development, Counseling, & Educational Needs





# BOLD Program & Reichert House Youth Academy



3 BOLD Members Acceptance Night into Knoxville College

Reichert House Youth at Civil Rights Museum



# Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Role in JABATS

- All Juvenile Probation Officers Participate In The Weekly JABATS Meeting
- Juvenile Probation Officers Provide Updates Pertaining To:
  - Family Dynamics
  - Court Dispositions
  - Detention Status
  - Educational & Vocational Status
- Appropriate Follow-Up With The Youth & Their Family For The Below Objectives Are Discussed During JABATS:
  - Referrals for Services
  - Address Confirmation
  - Assistance with Executing Warrants
  - Meetings with School Resource Officers

# Florida Department of Juvenile Justice & Gainesville Police Department

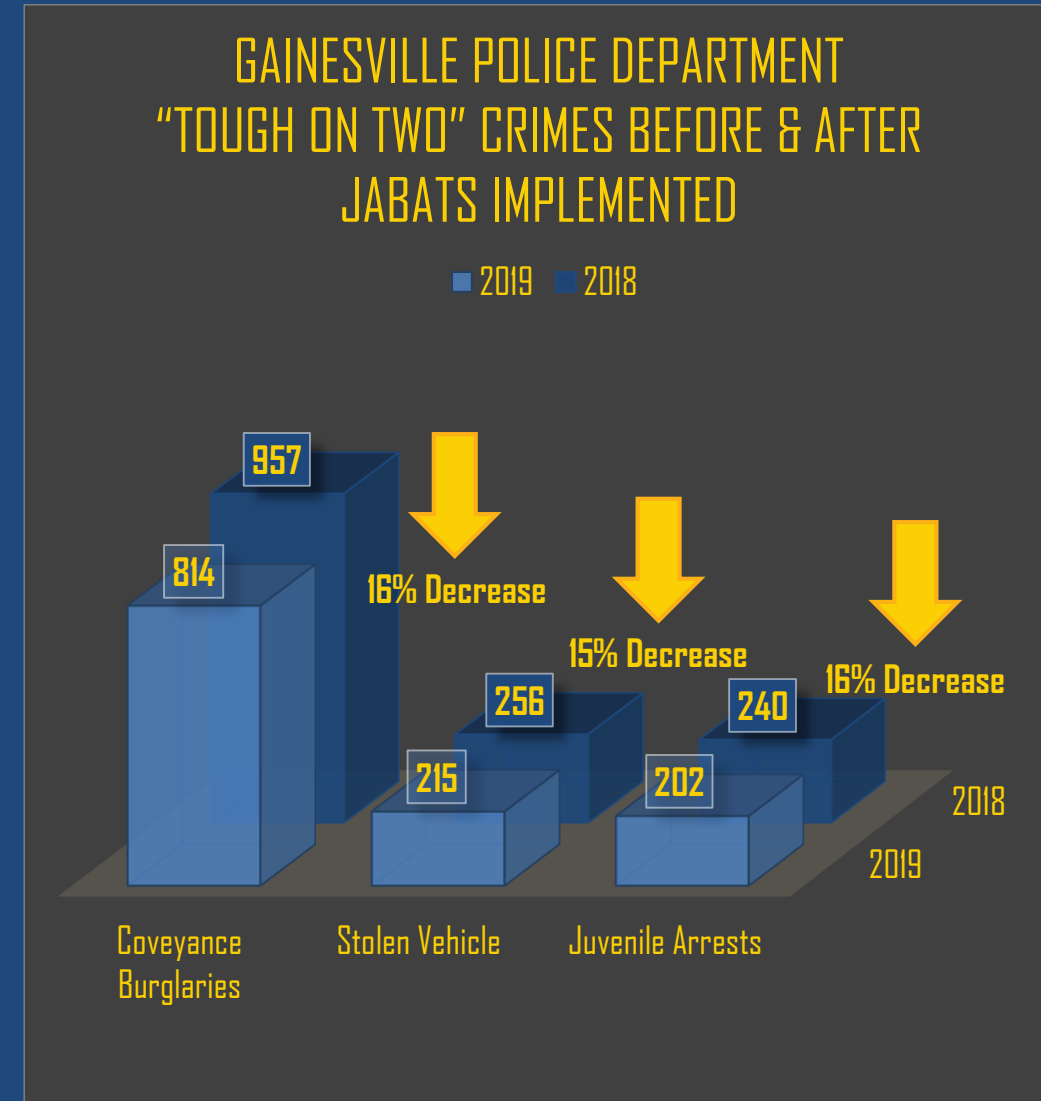
- JABATS Aligns The Department of Juvenile Justice Current Mission Statement & Reform Efforts
  - Effective Prevention & Intervention Services
  - Education Is Paramount
  - Strengthen Partnerships With Community Stakeholders
  - Turn Around The Lives of Troubled Youth
- Gainesville Police Department Values The Department of Juvenile Justice
  - Have A Seat & A Voice At The Table
  - Understand Our Policies & Procedures





# Juvenile Auto Burglary & Auto Theft Suppression Results

- The tracking of results and efforts are measured by crime statistical data indicating if the number of conveyance burglaries and stolen vehicles, "tough on two crimes", committed by juveniles have decreased or increased.
- During the first year of implementing JABATS there was a decrease of **sixteen percent for conveyance burglary offenses** and **fifteen percent for stolen vehicle offenses**.
- In addition to the decrease in conveyance burglaries and stolen vehicles, we decreased the number of juvenile arrests, by **sixteen percent**, an unexpected success.

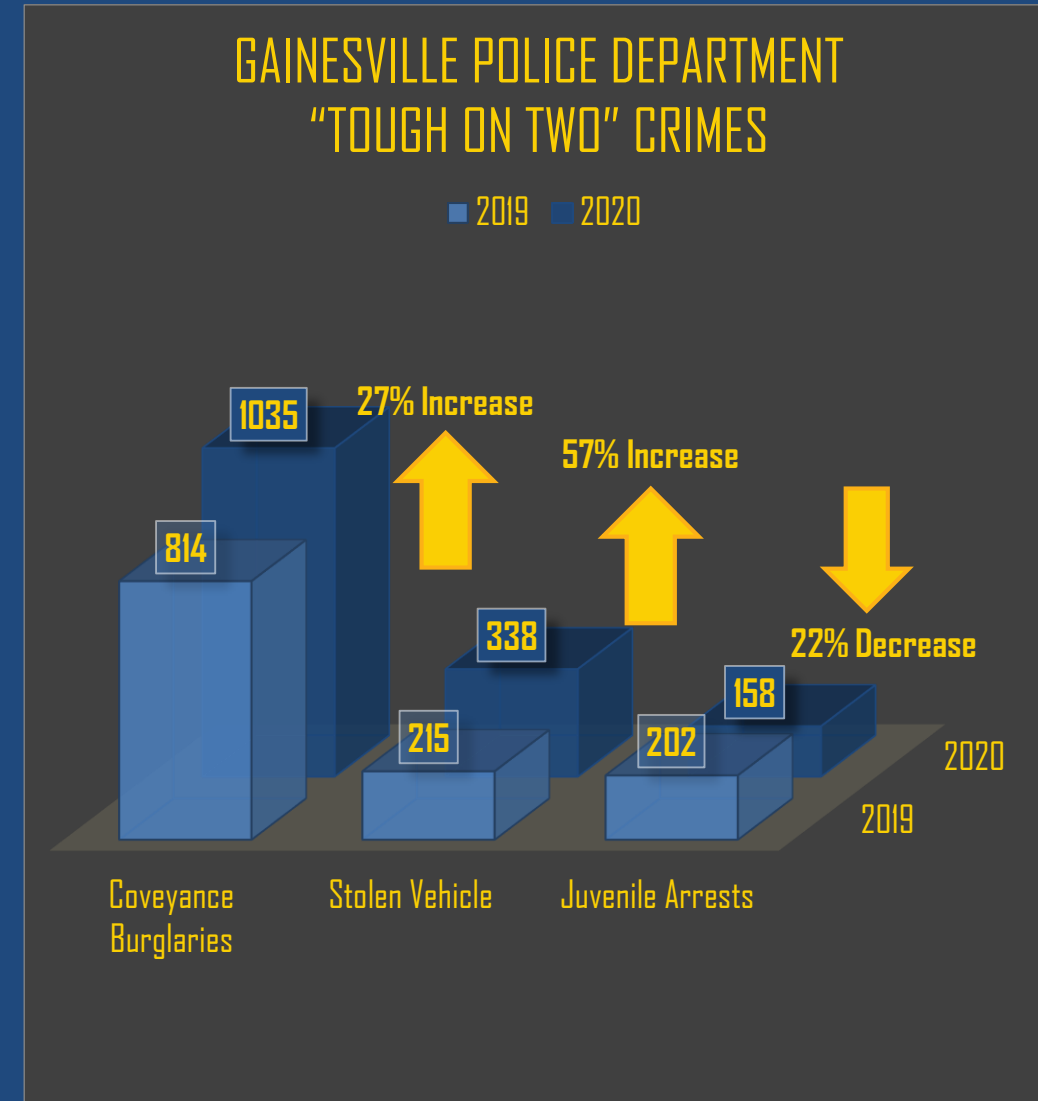


# Challenges Due to COVID-19

- BOLD Program
  - Limited Communication With Participants Access to Partners & Services (Evening Network & Life/Social Skills Classes Canceled)
  - Declined Access to Partners & Services (Employment, etc.)
- Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
  - DJJ Offices Are Closed to the Public, Including Youth & Their Families.
  - Alternative Methods of Contact, No Face-to-Face (Zoom, FaceTime, TEAMS, Phone Calls, "Drive Ups"-Reserved for High Risk Youth)
  - Families Have Limited Access to Services
  - Traditional Court Dates Canceled
- Gainesville Police Department
  - Increased in "Tough on Two" Crimes
  - Inadequate Juvenile Curfew Checks Due to Displacement of Youth
- Reichert House Youth Academy
  - Barrier of Communication, Attendance, & Home Visits with Youth
  - Transportation Issues With Youth, Program and Educational Institutions

# Challenges Due to COVID-19 Statistical Data Analysis

- The tracking of results and efforts are measured by crime statistical data indicating if the number of conveyance burglaries and stolen vehicles, "tough on two crimes", committed by juveniles have decreased or increased.
- During the first year of COVID-19 there was an increase of **twenty-seven percent for conveyance burglary offenses** and **fifty-seven percent for stolen vehicle offenses**.
- COVID-19 restrictions maybe responsible for the decrease in juvenile arrests.



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