



“You can’t run a professional organization like a lemonade stand.”

Galveston Police Chief Henry Porretto

Calls per officer per day in 2013



| City | Calls for service 2013 | Authorized patrol officers | Average number of calls per officer per day |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Galveston | 75,423 | 75 | 2.76 |
| League City | 36,065 | 80 | 1.24 |

The number of authorized officers is the maximum number funded in department budgets. The actual number of officers available for patrol typically is less than authorized because of vacation, sick and family leave, mandatory training and because departments are seeking to fill positions.

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Calls for service during 2013

Despite Galveston’s seasonal tourist industry, the number of calls to the Galveston Police Department that require the attention of a police officer doesn’t fluctuate wildly, Chief Henry Porretto says.

