

# ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT TIMELINE

1853

First nine police elected

1872

Officer M. W. Rasbury first Officer killed in the line of duty

1873

First board of police commissioners meets and names Thomas Jones as the first chief of police

1886

First police wagon purchased

1889

Eight-hour workday adopted for police

1904

Juvenile Court and separate juvenile detention facilities established

1911

APD Motorcycle Squad was established

1918

First two policewomen appointed

1931

Police radio station begins operations

1948

First African-American police officers go on duty

1960

K-9 Corps begins patrolling

1971

First African-American woman officer hired, **Linnie Hallmon**

1994

**Beverly J. Harvard**, first African-American woman to hold the rank of chief of police of a major city, is appointed.

1996

Atlanta hosts **Olympic games**

1998

The Atlanta Police Department hosted its first **Citizen's Police Academy**

2003

The **Atlanta Police Foundation**, a non-profit, public/private partnership focused on advancing public safety in Atlanta is formed.

2004

**Investigator Sherry Lyons Williams**-first woman APD Officer killed in the line of duty

2011

The **Video Integration Center** is opened. The VIC uses state-of-the-art technology to increase the department's "eyes and ears" on the street by integrating public and private video cameras into a network

2013

The Department creates the **Path Force Unit**, a dedicated public safety resource for the Atlanta BeltLine and adjacent parks.

2014

The Atlanta Police Department becomes the first law enforcement agency in the nation to use **facial recognition software** to help identify and capture criminals.

2016

**Chief Erika Shields** became the 26th Police Chief for the City of Atlanta. She is the 2nd woman to hold the position and was sworn in December 28, 2016.

## 100 YEARS of Women in APD



School traffic policewomen in etiquette class, 1950



Motor unit, 1990s



Marilyn Stone, first female mounted patrol officer, 1974