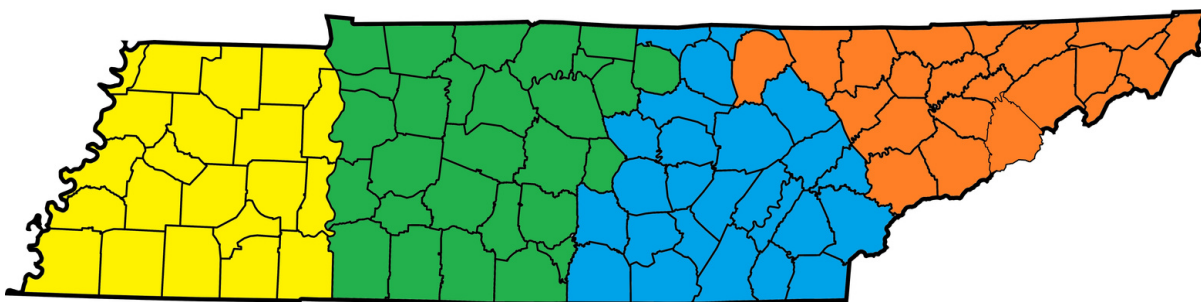


CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Bureau's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is the heartbeat and foundation upon which this agency was founded. It was created as a resource for the District Attorney General and for law enforcement agencies across the state to provide expertise in criminal investigations.

This division conducts investigations on public corruption, fugitive apprehension and criminal official misconduct. Special Agents conduct their investigations with professionalism and leadership. Agents typically have extensive experience in various investigation methods through their training and tenure with the Bureau or from previous work experience at another agency.

There are four regional field investigation units: West Tennessee, Middle Tennessee, East Tennessee and Upper East Tennessee.



For more information about the CID regional field offices, please visit www.tn.gov/tbi/divisions/criminal-investigation-division.html.

“The Criminal Investigation Division is committed to working in partnership with our local law enforcement and district attorneys general to ensure that justice is rendered in Tennessee’s most violent criminal investigations.”

Josh Melton, Assistant Director



FY 2021-2022 PAST CHALLENGES

- Increase special agent and intelligence analyst positions to meet the work demand/volume
- Broaden CID programs such as Victims Services to better serve the victims/witnesses of criminal investigations

FY 2022-2023 PRESENT WORK

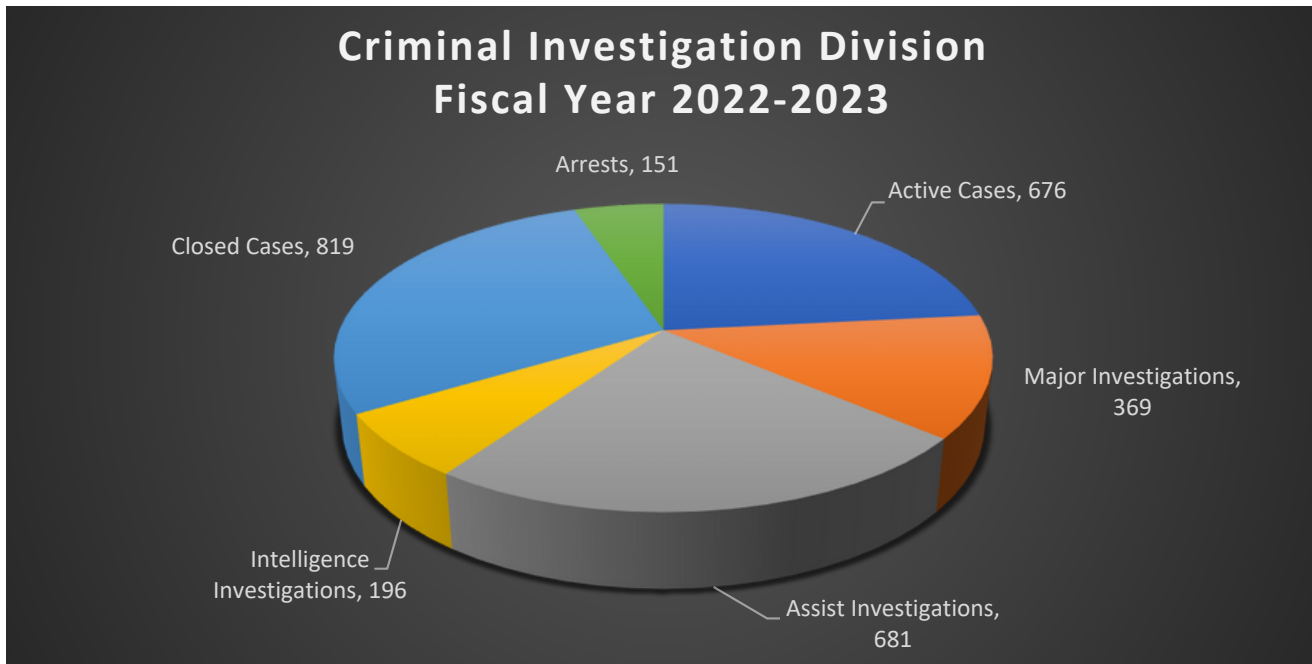
- Continue to pursue growth in relevant personnel to meet work demands across the state
- Monitor and maintain training, equipment, and technology for employees
- Continue priority work to combat overdose deaths and violent crime through ongoing cooperation with local, state, and federal partners

FY 2023-2024 FUTURE OBJECTIVES

- Expand recruitment and employee retention initiatives
- Implement improved technological tools and work processes to increase employee effectiveness and productivity
- Bolster the Victim Services program to effectively broaden services across the state to victims and witnesses of investigations
- Pursue the addition of intelligence analyst positions to support human trafficking efforts to provide intelligence-driven enforcement and better ensure victims of human trafficking are located and rescued from their current circumstances

As of June 30, 2023, the Criminal Investigation Division had 676 active/open major investigations. During the fiscal year, the division's agents conducted 369 major investigations, 681 assist investigations, and 196 intelligence investigations in support of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

In total, CID conducted criminal investigations, investigative assists, and intelligence gathering in 1,246 cases before concluding work in 819 cases.



Beginning in January 2019, reporting of case statistics reflect major cases only, with reporting of other classifications broken out for more accurate reporting. During Fiscal Year 2022-2023, agents made 151 arrests. (At this time, many of them remain judicially active.)

In addition, agents either arrested or assisted in the arrest of fugitives and noncompliant sex offenders.



FIELD INVESTIGATION UNIT

The Field Investigation Unit is divided geographically into four regions. Each region is headed by a Special Agent in Charge (SAC) who supervises three or four Assistant Special Agents in Charge (ASAC), 18 to 20 agents including those assigned to fire investigations, 1 to 3 administrative assistants, and 1 intelligence analyst. Generally, each judicial district has one to three field agents and/or investigators assigned to that district. From July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, the Polygraph unit performed 260 polygraph examinations, with most of these exams being performed at the request of local law enforcement officials.

Violent and white-collar crimes make up a large percentage of cases worked by the Field Investigation Unit. District attorneys general across the state issue written requests that a special agent investigates a crime or allegation of a crime, especially those that require an independent examination such as an officer use of force. Last year, the Field Investigation Unit opened 74 death investigations and closed 68. Other cases worked include embezzlement or theft of large sums of money from public entities or private businesses, bribery, violent sex crimes, child abuse, officer misconduct, and the death of jail inmates.

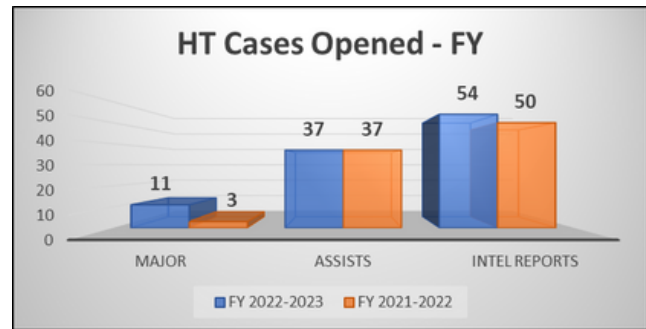
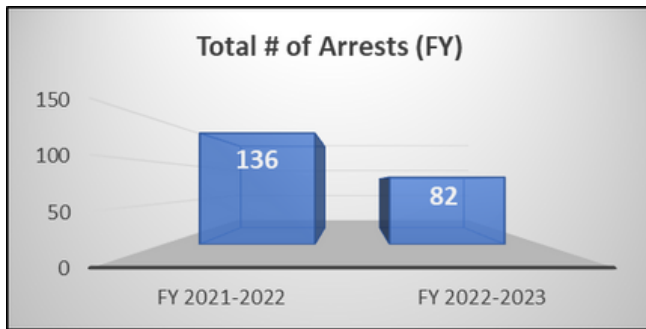
HUMAN TRAFFICKING UNIT

The Bureau's Human Trafficking Unit is tasked with investigating cases of adult and minor commercial sex and labor trafficking. In addition to investigating these criminal cases and prosecuting those responsible, this unit is also heavily involved in the recovery of adults and juveniles who are victimized by these trafficking organizations.

The Human Trafficking Unit is also responsible for providing training to local law enforcement agencies in conducting human trafficking investigations, as well as providing education and awareness to the public regarding the recognition and appropriate response to possible human trafficking interactions or observations.

The Human Trafficking Unit was originally staffed by four special agents across the state; one special agent assigned to each region. The HTU now has nine special agents across the state.

The operational objective of this unit is to dismantle criminal organizations involved in the commercial sex and labor trafficking industry, disrupt the market involving the buying and selling of commercial sex and forced labor, and rescue victims/survivors from the illicit human trafficking networks.



POLYGRAPH UNIT

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Polygraph Unit was created in 2019.

Prior to 2019, the Polygraph Unit was assigned to TBI's Field Investigation Unit and consisted of special agents who were licensed examiners as well as criminal investigators. After undergoing a rigorous national accreditation process, the unit transitioned into a formalized unit to support and highlight the technical expertise of its agents. As of June 30, 2023, the unit has a staff level of six positions. The positions consist of five licensed examiners/special agents assigned strategically throughout the state, one Assistant Special Agent in Charge, and one Special Agent in Charge from the Criminal Investigation Division.

The polygraph examiners assigned to the unit conduct criminal, specific issue polygraph examinations at the request of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies as well as requests received from district attorneys general. Due to the placement of examiners throughout the state, examiners can respond quickly to requests from law enforcement agencies in all 95 counties. In FY 2023, requests for polygraph examiners from local law enforcement agencies constituted approximately (95%) of the examinations.

Additionally, examiners conduct polygraph screening examinations of applicants to the agency during the hiring process. In FY 2023, the Polygraph Unit conducted 115 applicant screening examinations, which represent the most examinations ever conducted by the agency.

In continuation of maintaining the highest professional standards, the agency has prioritized maintaining the unit's national accreditation by instituting a thorough quality control review of each examination conducted, ongoing continuing education for each examiner, and an independent review of the unit's procedures to ensure compliance.

ACCELERANT DETECTION K9 TEAMS



The TBI currently has four Accelerant Detection Canine (ADC) teams assigned across the State of Tennessee. To ensure appropriate response times and adequate coverage, the ADC teams are currently assigned to West, East, Upper East, and Middle regions of the state. The TBI ADC teams recertify annually through testing sponsored by our federal partners from the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to ensure that the ADC teams are performing at an acceptable level.

In FY 2022-2023, the four ADC teams responded to well over 200 fire investigations/demonstrations which included requests from local public safety agencies as well as cases in which TBI was the lead investigative agency. To ensure the safety of the canines during deployments, each ADC team is equipped with a UAS (unmanned aerial system) with thermal sensors to check for hotspots as to not allow the canine to be exposed to extremely high temperatures.

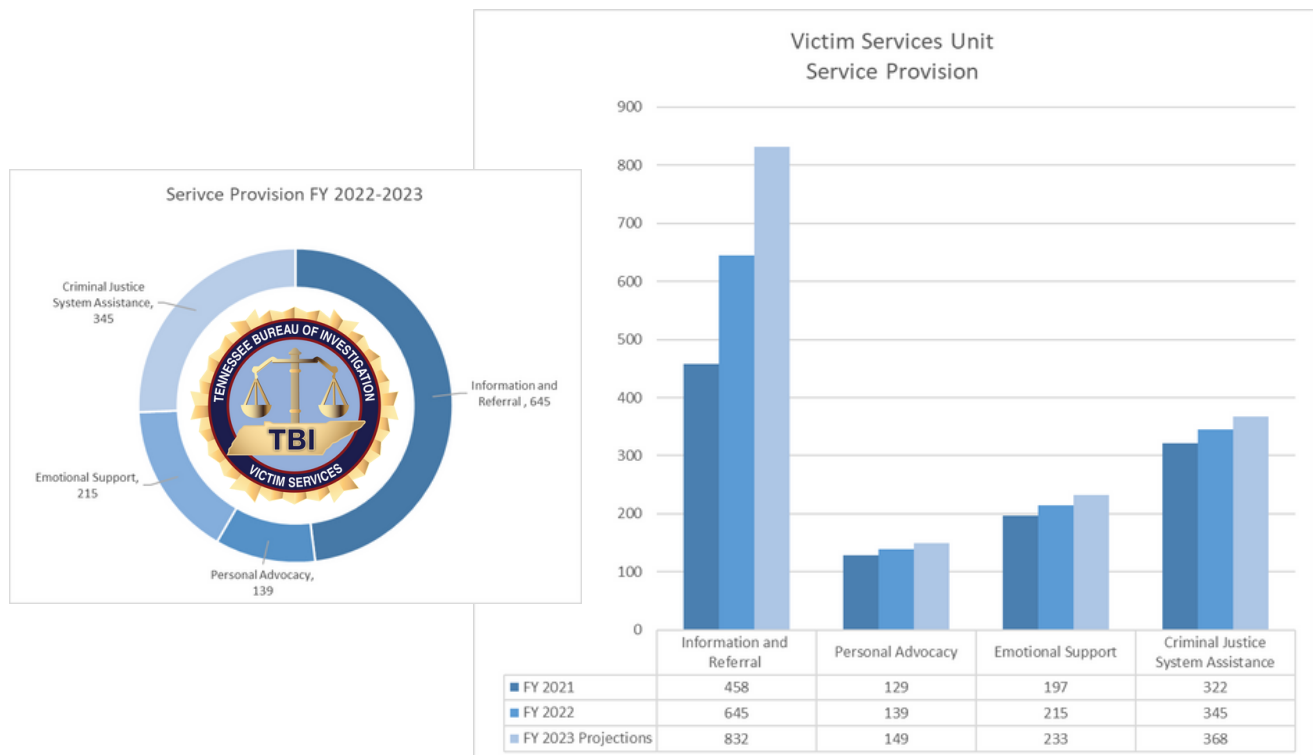
TBI ADC teams are often utilized when a fire investigation is believed to be criminal in nature. The utilization of the ADC teams allows for the timely discovery of trace amounts of ignitable liquids that could have been utilized to start or spread the growth of an intentionally set fire. The utilization of the ADC teams often increases the possibility that samples collected from fire investigations will come back positive. Likewise, the utilization of the ADC teams often decreases the already existing demands on TBI Forensics Services Microanalysis Unit by minimizing the number of samples collected from a fire scene in which the ADC did not detect the presence of an ignitable liquid.

For more information about the TBI Accelerant Detection Canines please visit <http://www.tn.gov/tbi/divisions/criminal-investigation-division/tbis-k9-agents.html>.

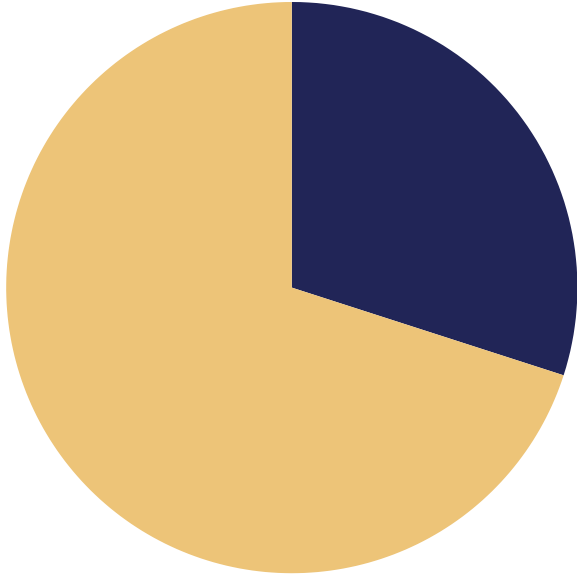
VICTIM SERVICES UNIT

The mission of the Victim Services Unit is first and foremost to uphold the TBI’s mission: “That guilt shall not escape, nor innocence suffer”. Victim Services ensures that TBI’s mission is upheld by providing nonjudgmental social, informational, and practical support to all crime victims and survivors working with TBI. This is accomplished by ensuring that victims and witnesses and/or their families involved in TBI investigations are informed of their rights, the investigative process, and the criminal justice process as required by federal and state law. The Victim Services Unit also offers a myriad of supportive services such as education and support with forensic interviews and medical examinations, death notifications, and case updates. The needs of victims are met through crisis intervention and counseling, advocacy, education, and information and referrals for victims of crime and trauma. Our Victim Services Coordinators also plan victim services-related programs, coordinate meetings with community resource stakeholders, and participate in various community outreach programs across the state.

The Victim Services Unit would like to expand to include a full-time Victim Services Coordinator in each of the four investigative regions of the state. During this Fiscal Year, the Victim Services Unit opened 73 new cases and served a total of 148 individuals. A total of 1,344 services were offered to these individuals as shown in the charts below:



FY 2022-2023 EXPENDITURES & FUNDING



OPERATIONS

\$5,985,487

SALARIES

\$13,987,797

TOTAL: \$19,973,285



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