FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Colonel Edwin C. Roessler Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

May 2015

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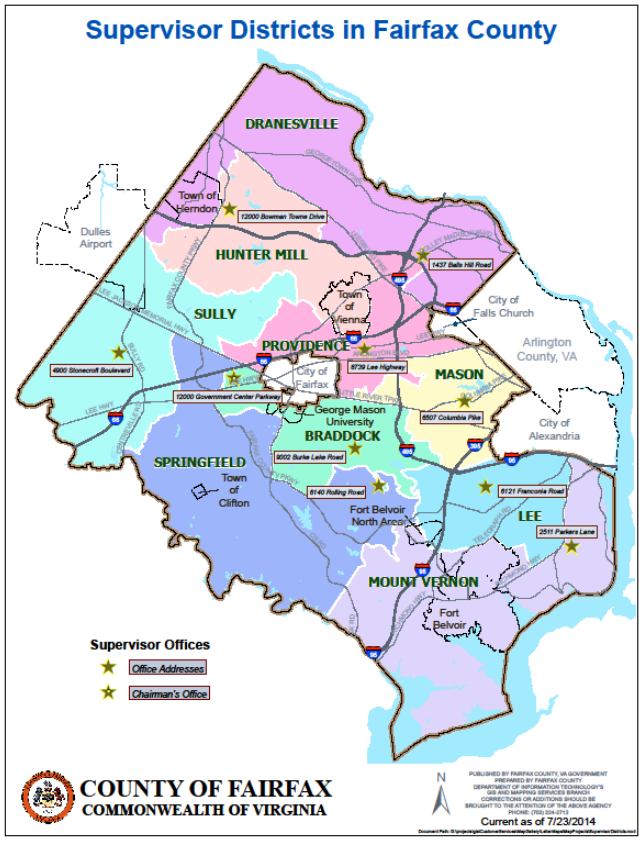


MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Colonel Edwin C. Roessler Jr.
Chief of Police

Calendar year 2014 witnessed progress in programs and services vital to the core commitments of every member of the Police Department, to prevent and fight crime, keep pace with urbanization, foster community engagement and build a culture of safety for all who live, work, play and visit Fairfax County.

Overall crime in the county decreased by 2.44 percent in 2014 compared to 2013, but as you'll see in this report, the numbers tell us there is still work to be done. I invite you to look beyond the statistics in this report to find what's happening close to your homes, schools and businesses. More comprehensive crime statistics can be found at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crime/statistics/.

Community concerns about the potential for increased crime started even before the first Metro Silver Line trains arrived in July. Creation and training of the nine-officer Tysons Urban Team helped us deal proactively with criminal behavior and marked the Department's evolution from suburban to urban policing models right-sized for Fairfax County.

Urban development brings with it increased pedestrian and traffic issues, but impaired and distracted driving, pedestrian injuries and deaths can happen anywhere. 2014 saw increased traffic education and enforcement efforts designed to foster and expand a countywide culture of safety.

It takes active, involved community members partnering with police staff and volunteers to build a culture of safety. The Department has enjoyed tremendous support from our many diverse communities over the years, but we can do better to improve opportunities to engage everyone, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation or national origin.

The Chief's Council on Diversity Recruitment I created in 2013 is hard at work on expanding the diversity members of the community seeking involvement with the Department, and on helping our ranks become more representative of the county's many communities.

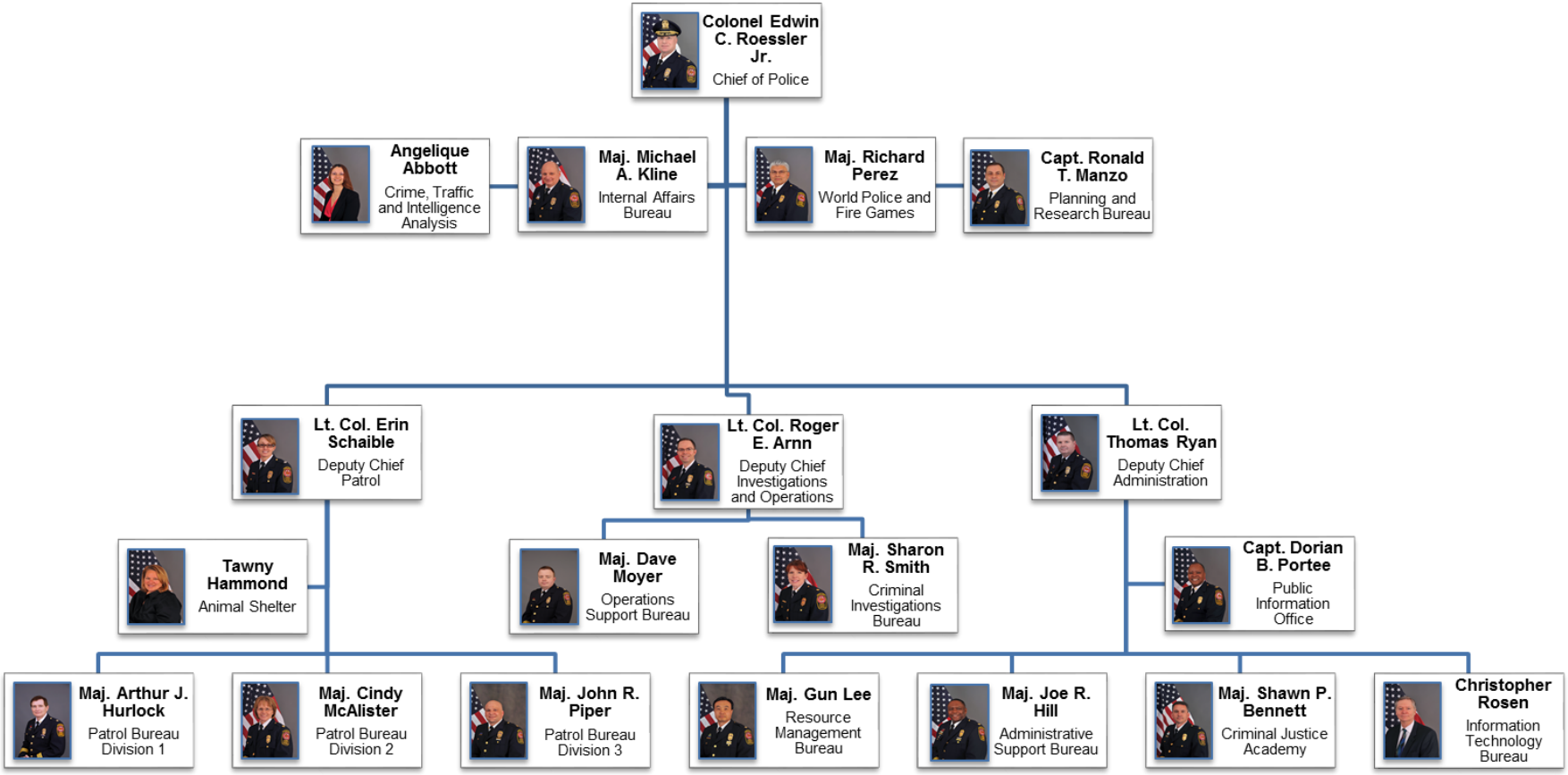
Allow me to close by expressing my heartfelt thanks for all the support and encouragement you have given the members of your Police Department in 2014. Stay with us for 2015 as we celebrate the Department's 75th anniversary and as the county welcomes thousands of athletes and their families to the World Police and Fire Games, June 26-July 4.

Sincerely,

Edwin C. Roessler Jr., Colonel
Chief of Police

FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE

2014 ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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Mason District Officer Gary Moore assists members of the community.

THE QUEST FOR DIVERSITY

"*The Police Department's diversity should mirror that of the community we serve and I am committed to achieving this goal…"* **Colonel Ed Roessler Jr., July 2013.**

Since that time, Chief Roessler has enlisted leaders of several dozen diverse communities in Fairfax County to help reach that goal. The Chief's Council on Diversity Recruitment already has a strategic plan for how the Department can reach its diversity recruitment goals.

Chief's Diversity Council Strategic Plan FY'15

Council Mission Statement: Guide and advise the Chief of Police and Police Department leadership team on how to achieve the Department's diversity recruitment goals. Available at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/inside-fcpd/fy15strategicplan.htm

Council members and the public can monitor the Department's recruitment progress through Diversity Scorecards. The scorecards provide breakdowns of the most recent class graduating from the Criminal Justice Academy and previous reports of the racial and ethnic composition of the Department. The change in diversity reflected in the updated numbers and information on the county's racial and ethnic composition based on census and American Community Survey data are also included.

The current Diversity Scorecard is available at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/inside-fcpd/fcpdsworndiversityscorecardfeb2015.pdf

Diversity Council Chairman Siddique Sheikh and member Dr. Amy Trang, educator and consultant, offer their perspective on the Council's first year:

"The Chief and his team are working very hard to bring diversity to the FCPD that can serve as a model for other counties and states to emulate…Chief Roessler, in particular, has taken personal interest in pursuing recommendations by the Council to achieve the desired goals."

Chief Roessler makes new friends at National Night Out

FOCUS ON YOUTH

Teen Police Academy

Efforts to attract more diversity into the ranks of the Fairfax County Police Department have opened new opportunities for teenagers in volunteer programs.

Pictured at left are the 22 high school students from 14 area schools who graduated from the Department's first Teen Police Academy. Modeled after the adult academy, experienced officers spent 21 hours total, talking with the teenagers about what they do, how they do it and why. The class experienced the driving track, K-9 training, traffic stops and crime scene processing, just to name a few. Plans are to repeat the Teen Academy in 2015.

Master Police Officer (MPO) Mike Scanlon shows a student what it's like on his assigned motorcycle.

Future Women Leaders in Law Enforcement

The first Future Women Leaders in Law Enforcement class was billed as a chance for young women to explore careers in law enforcement and it didn't disappoint the 38 female high school students who attended. Most of the lively, interactive, sessions were led by women who have built very successful careers and are already leaders within the Department. They offered a very personal perspective on the variety of jobs and the skills police work demands. Chief Roessler expressed his enthusiasm and support for young women to picture themselves in law enforcement and to begin preparing now. The 2015 session promises to be equally exciting.

Course creator Tracey Ryan takes a turn teaching class.

The class offers hands-on experiences to all high school girls in Northern Virginia and it's free.

Explorer Posts Double

Law Enforcement Explorer Post 1742 and the newly formed Post 2252 in South County offer unique learning opportunities for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21. Where else could they learn from police officers how to conduct traffic stops or respond to a burglary in progress? And where else can they assist officers at community and safety events? More information is available at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/getinvolved/explorers.htm

Explorer Post 1742 at the 2014 National Conference at the University of Indiana.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

National Night Out

This is the night of the year when the serious business of crime prevention mixes perfectly with neighborhood gatherings, strangers make new friends, and adults act like kids again.

Can you spot Board Chairman Sharon Bulova, Major Gun Lee, or Chief Ed Roessler in this crowd of kids and the Night Out Knight?

One of the most recognizable symbols of fighting crime, McGruff the Crime Dog, proves he is more of a hugger than a biter with children.

Touch-A-Truck Fair

On a gorgeous June afternoon, over 2,800 adults and children of all ages climbed in, over and through some of the biggest vehicles operated by local businesses and government.

A father and son check out the view from a SWAT vehicle.

The Police Department hosts and supports public events such as Touch-a-Truck for the opportunity to mix with the community, hopefully fostering communication and improved police-public partnerships.

Motor officer, Sgt. John Harris, shares his motorcycle with some very interested kids.

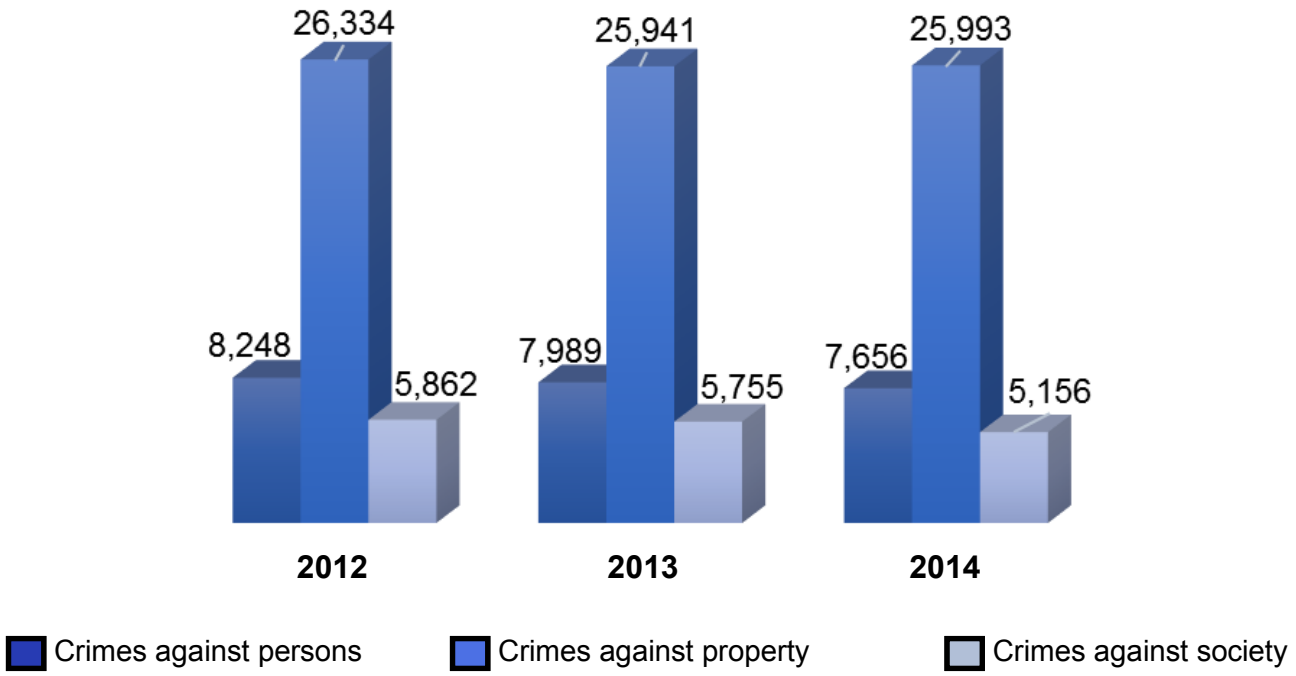
STATISTICS

Budget

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Budget	$ 209,818,683	$214,032,258	$230,040,783	$237,695,224	$244,123,698
Per Capita Spending	$ 193.96	$ 195.15	$ 206.41	$ 213.83	$ 218.70
Total Authorized Personnel	1,704	1,712	1,711	1,718	1,720
Total Authorized Sworn	1,359	1,360	1,359	1,370	1,369
Total Authorized Non-Sworn	345	352	352	348	351
Full-Time	281	288	288	284	287
Part-Time	64	64	64	64	64

2014 figures based on FY2015 Adopted Budget and 2014 estimated county population of 1,116,246

Crime

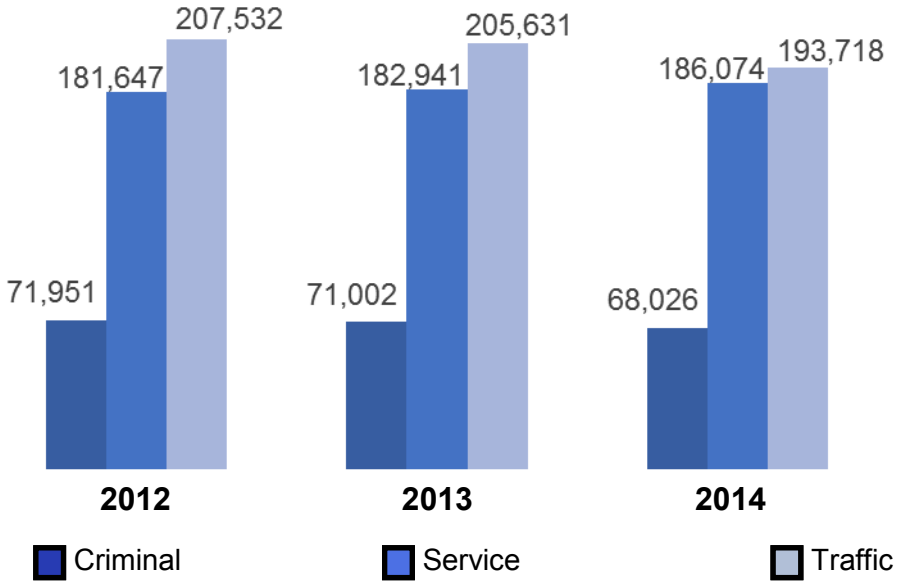


CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS are calculated based on the number of VICTIMS.
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY and SOCIETY are based on the number of EVENTS.

More in-depth crime statistics are available at:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crime/statistics/2013/20132014groupaibroffensesstatisticalreport.pdf

CALLS FOR SERVICE AND ARRESTS

Calls for Service



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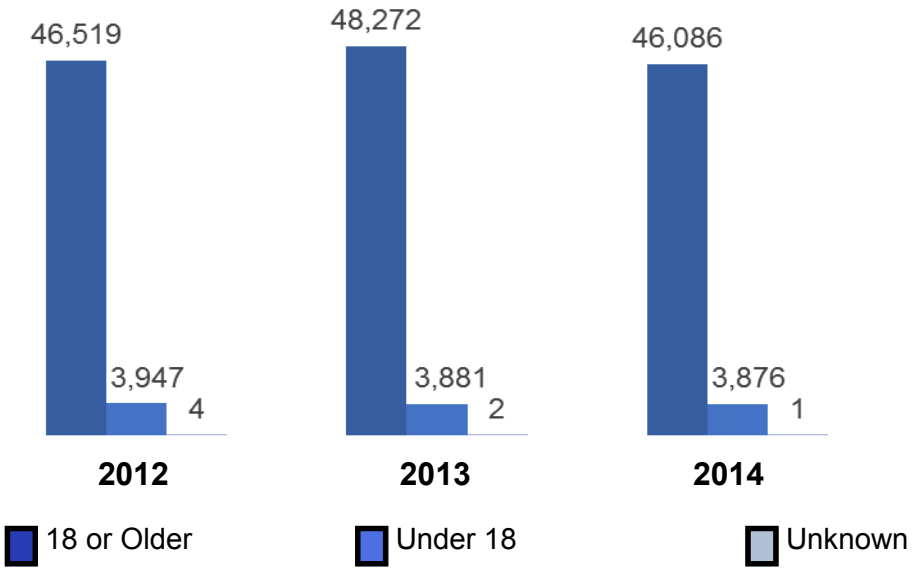
Arrests



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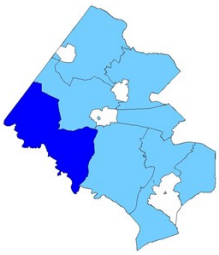
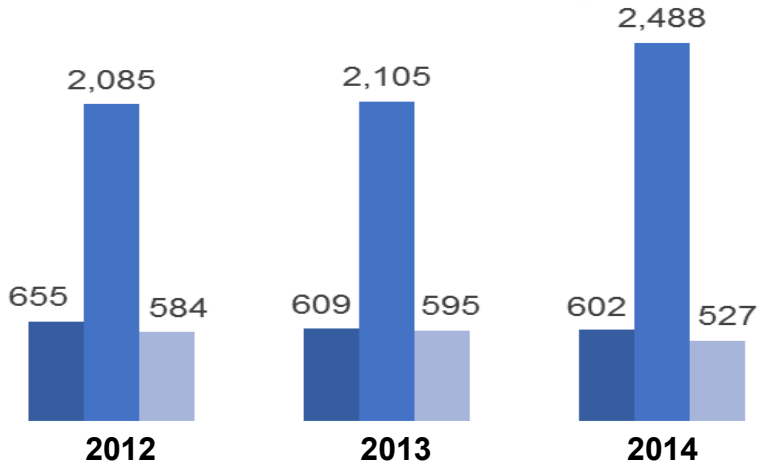
PATROL - Station Statistics

Sully





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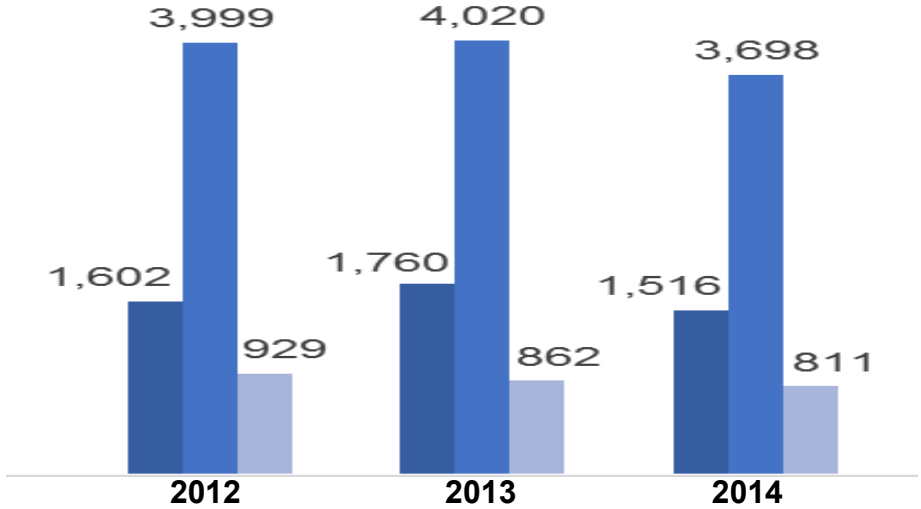

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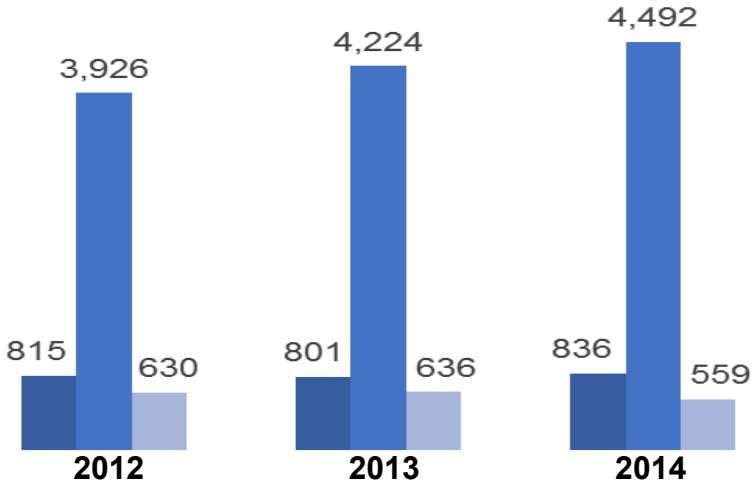

Crimes against persons Crimes against property Crimes against society

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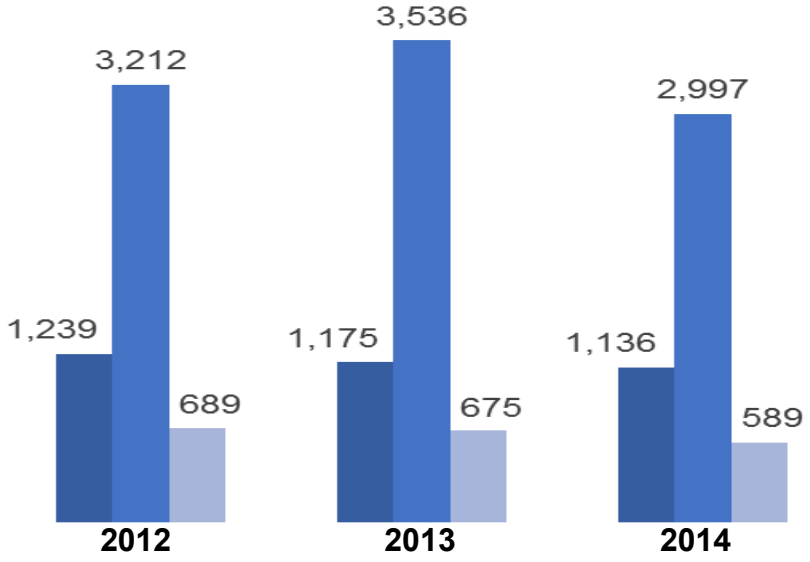

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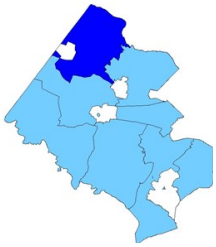

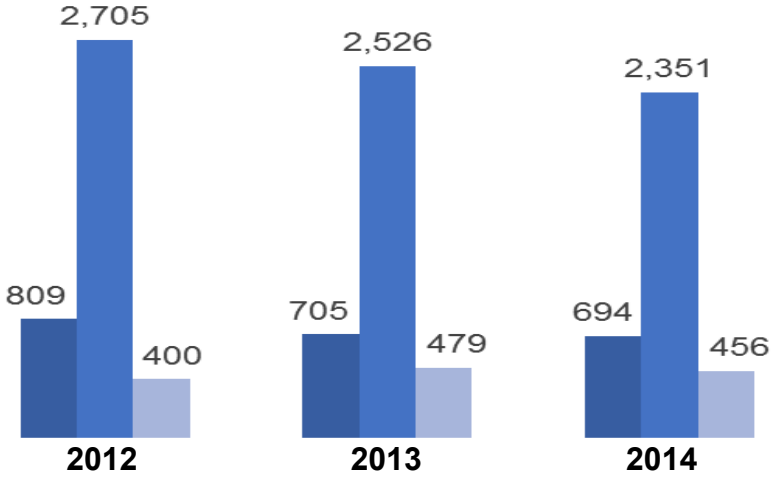

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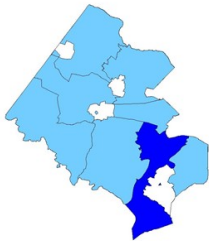

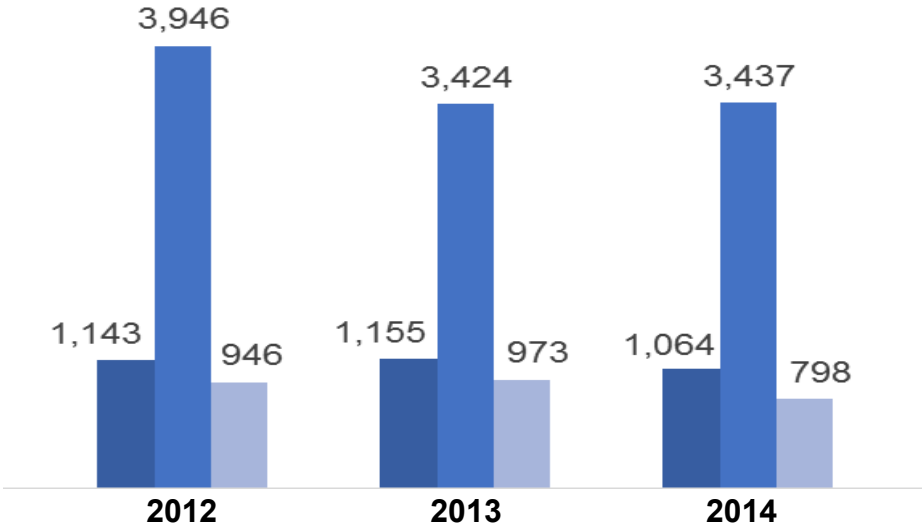

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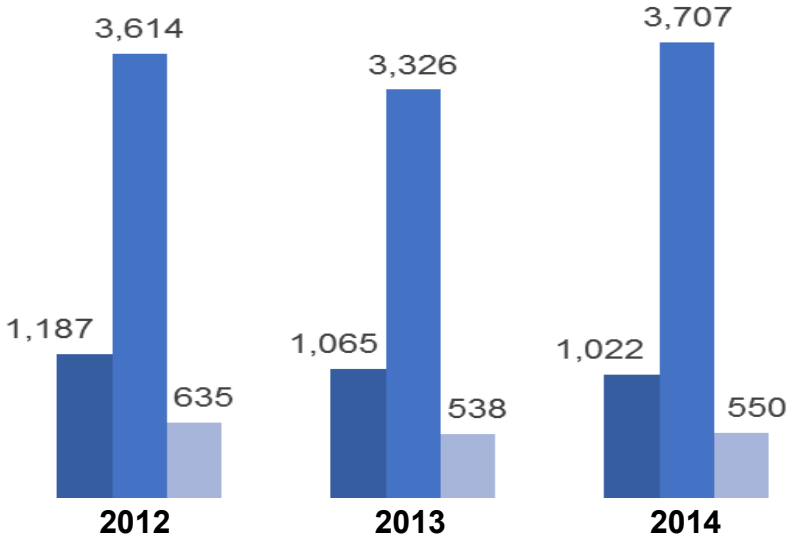

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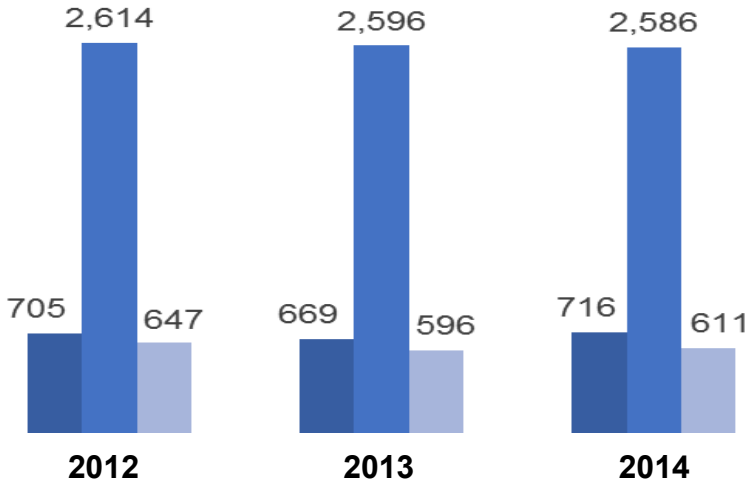
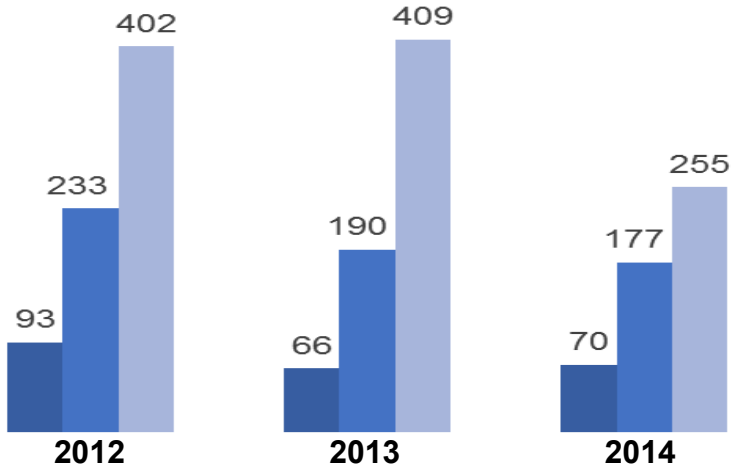


Headquarters and Other Assignments



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SULLY DISTRICT STATION

The Sully District Station is located in the midst of major commuter routes and access to Dulles International Airport in the western part of the county. The 106 officers and 11 civilians and volunteers assigned to Sully are passionate about traffic enforcement and innovative in their approaches to keeping drivers, passengers and pedestrians safe.

Motor Officer, MPO Troy Knefel, deciphers LIDAR readings for a Beams participant.

Neighborhood Beams Program

Community members from several Sully police district neighborhoods experienced a police officer's view of speeding and traffic safety. The Neighborhood Beams Program put radar and LIDAR detection devices in the hands of the curious and let them see for themselves how officers track and detect speeding vehicles. Sully selective enforcement officers, the crime prevention officer and members of the Department's Motor Squad were on hand to demonstrate and answer questions.

Wrapped Cruiser

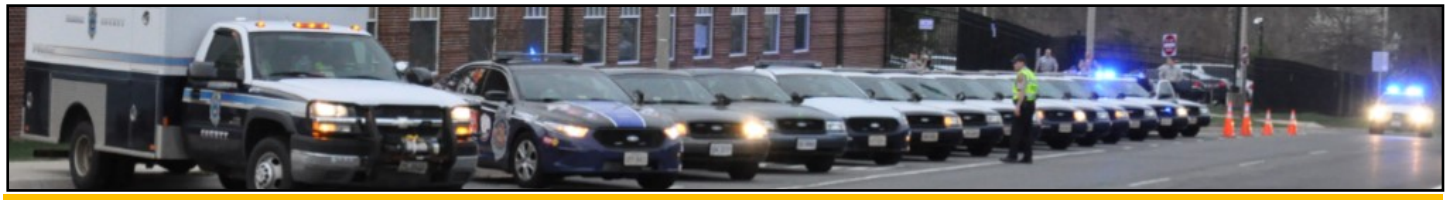
This unique police cruiser is the brainchild of Sully police district officers searching for a new way to communicate traffic safety messages. It is professionally "wrapped" with messages to buckle up, never text and drive and beware of the dangers of distracted driving, etc. A public-private partnership between Transurban, the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation, and the Department paid for the cruiser at no cost to the agency.

Bicycle Safety Day

A check of tire pressure, brakes and seat height were all in a day's work when Sully officers hosted kids and their parents at two summer safety events. At right, Second Lt. Tim Burgess adjusts a helmet. It's hard to tell who had more fun, the children or the officers.

All Hands on Deck

The Sully station initiated the "All Hands on Deck" (AHOD) initiative in 2013 and it continued to be a success in 2014. AHOD is an enforcement initiative that more than triples the number of on-duty patrol officers in the Sully police district. The saturation patrol provided an increased, visible deterrent to crime and reckless and unsafe driving, through aggressive enforcement and high visibility. This effort was in direct response to April's Distracted Driving Enforcement campaign and the notable increase in alcohol-related crashes.



Crime No Match for Determined Officers

The 119 officers, 12 civilians and volunteers assigned to the Mount Vernon District Station take great pride in the district and their dedication, work ethic and perseverance are credited with driving down serious crimes in 2014.

Among the initiatives the officers spearheaded throughout the year are:

- Increased foot patrols with particular emphasis on weekend nights.
- Gang intervention and suppression efforts pairing members of the Department's Gang Investigation Unit with district patrol officers.
- Street-level drug dealers and drug-related crimes targeted with organized crime and narcotics officers working the streets with district officers.

A Dangerous Mix for Pedestrians

A pedestrian darts across four lanes of congested traffic on Richmond Highway.

Richmond Highway can be a very dangerous place for pedestrians with its numerous bus stops, dense concentrations of housing and people, and the restaurants, stores and nightlife people like to frequent. The heavy volume of traffic on the Highway creates an increased risk for pedestrians.

Mount Vernon District officers launched education and enforcement campaigns in April and November of 2014 to minimize the risks. At the end of the month-long November initiative, pedestrian-related crashes dropped 50 percent from the previous November.

Several founding members of Post 2252 following their first fundraising car wash.

Officers Focus on Supporting Teens

Mount Vernon officers volunteered their personal time to create and support a new police explorer post for young men and women, ages 14 to 21, eager to learn what it takes to be police officers. Explorer Post 2252 met for the first time in September, making it the second explorer post sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department and the first in the South County region. For more information about the Explorer program go to: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/getinvolved/explorers.htm

The Mount Vernon District Station is piloting a restorative justice program aimed at holding young offenders responsible for their alleged crimes. They can avoid court and a criminal record, but only if they work to repair the harm their crimes have caused to victims, the community, their families and themselves.

Juveniles with non-violent, non-drug-related crimes attend a professionally mediated conference that includes the victim, the parents of both, and the arresting officer. The offenders explain why they committed the crime and the victims are free to ask why they were targeted and to explain how the crime affected them. The group then decides the "punishment" for the crime, which ranges from hours of community service to money to reimburse for damages.

McLEAN DISTRICT STATION

Station Construction

The 135 sworn officers, 39 civilians and volunteers assigned to the McLean police station spent 2014 in a construction zone (pictured at right). A three-year extensive expansion and renovation project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2015.

Safety efforts start with outreach and education.

Pedestrian Safety Campaign

Metro's Silver Line prompted increased pedestrian safety outreach, education, and enforcement before and after the official opening in July. Officers blanketed the areas around the four new Metro stations in the McLean District to make drivers and pedestrians aware of the potential dangers they faced once the trains started running. In 2014, the McLean station experienced a decrease in pedestrian-related crashes.

Sharing Our Differences

PFC Kai Ma (left, center) worked with a Chinese television crew to introduce the McLean District to the Chinese population. In the course of several ride-alongs and interviews, PFC Ma shared his experiences since becoming an officer and was able to learn some of the cultural differences of policing in China.

Bike to School Day

The officers of McLean police district's bike team (pictured at right), took advantage of Bike to School Day to have some fun. They escorted children who ride their bikes to school to show support for the two-wheeled commuters and to remind them to ride safely.

Badges for Baseball

Officers from the McLean police station volunteered their time to participate in very special summer camps in 2014. Badges for Baseball camps give at-risk kids the opportunity to form positive relationships with police officers and share their love of the game.

The mission of the 129 sworn officers and 18 civilians and volunteers of the Mason police station is to prevent crime, encourage safety and partner with neighborhood groups and individuals.

Summer Gang Initiative

Street gangs stepped up their activities across the Mason police district in 2014, but not for long. A combined force of bike team officers, gang coordinators from Mason and McLean, and members of patrol squads worked in concert to talk with known gang members and gather intelligence about their activities. The special efforts resulted in:

- 118 arrests.
- 3 guns recovered.
- 25 graffiti cases investigated.
- 4 females rescued from gang-run sex trafficking.

Santa's Spirit is Alive and Well at Mason

During the course of performing their duties during the holidays, Mason police district patrol officers learned of two families unable to provide their children with any gifts. So they pooled their resources and delivered Christmas trees, food, and gifts to every member of both families on Christmas Eve.

Members of the bike team had Santa in their hearts, too. With the help of Fairfax County Public Schools, they "adopted" several families facing very bleak holidays, shopped for gifts for each child (pictured at right) and hosted them at the station's second annual Community Christmas Party (pictured at left).

Focus on Safety Targets Drivers and Pedestrians

The officers of the Mason District Station led the way in arrests for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) in 2014. They charged 495 drivers with being impaired, 162 more arrests than the next highest station.

The aggressive enforcement effort also included unannounced inspections of businesses selling alcohol, looking for illegal sales of alcoholic beverages, and checks for fire and zoning code violations.

The results included citations, ABC license suspensions, closure of businesses and most importantly, an improved quality of life in the community.

Officers worked to engage pedestrians and change behaviors.

In 2012, Mason police district led the county with 46 crashes involving pedestrians. In 2014, that number dropped to 28 as a result of repeated education campaigns.

RESTON DISTRICT STATION

Construction of the new North County Governmental Center, home to the Reston District Police Station and Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine Hudgins, neared completion by the end of 2014. Reston's 119 sworn, civilian and volunteer employees expect to move into the new station around February 2015. The final step in the construction project will be demolition of the old building and completely new parking areas.

From a mud pit in the spring to a dust bowl in the summer, the massive construction project has impacted everyone at the station. At right, the final results are beginning to reveal the new facility that will become home-away-from-home for the Reston police family.

Biggest Losers from Police-Community Partnership? CRIMINALS!

It takes enthusiastic, engaged communities, in partnership with police, to make a dent in neighborhood crime. So when officers at the Reston District Station set out to prevent a repeat of a 2013 summer spike in street robberies, they turned to the community most impacted by the crimes, Hunters Woods.

In early spring, 2014, a group of community leaders and County agencies formed the Hunters Woods Community Coalition. Officers worked with the Reston Community Center, residents of Hunters Woods Fellowship House and businesses. Two open meetings gave the community the opportunity to voice their crime concerns.

The police professionals used those concerns to create an action plan to combat summer street robberies and other quality-of-life crimes. Foot and bike patrols were increased in the Hunters Woods area, including Reston Association trails that linked multiple apartment complexes in the area. At the end of the 30-day summer enforcement campaign, Reston officers made 28 arrests and street robberies in the district dropped by over 50 percent.

(L-R) Great Falls resident Sharon Rainey, Capt. Wall and Lt. Ken Baine.

Coffee with a Cop

What better way for a new commander to get to know neighbors in his newly assigned police district than to sit down and chat with them over a cup of coffee? That's apparently what Captain Michael Wall figured when he adapted a national "Coffee with a Cop" program to the Reston police district.

The informal sessions provided an opportunity for community members to speak to Reston's top cop about issues such as speeding in neighborhoods and the impact of the Silver Line on crime.

The 24 officers, 13 civilians and 17 volunteers assigned to the Franconia police station are responsible for policing the fastest growing residential communities in the county and a developing hub of urban development.

Springfield Town Center Opens

The grand opening of the Town Center on Oct.17, 2014, is just the beginning of the transformation of the area surrounding the old Springfield Mall. The 80-acre site is designed to become a high-density, mixed-use development with over 2,000 apartments, offices and a hotel.

Police are already preparing for the new challenges the rapid growth and development of Springfield, coupled with its proximity to Metro and easy access to I-95 and I-495, will mean for the Franconia police district.

(L-R) Colonel Edwin C. Roessler Jr. and Franconia District Station commanders, Capt. Jeff Powell and Lt. Dean Lay.

Summer Crime Initiative

The summer of 2014 was no vacation for the Franconia Police District Station. Their summer was jammed with enforcement activities designed to reduce crime and the fear of crime in areas known for assaults, robberies, burglaries, larcenies, drug sales and vandalism.

Throughout the three-month initiative, the ranks of patrol officers swelled with the addition of detectives and officers from the bike team, the gang unit, and the Operations Support and Criminal Investigations bureaus. The summer crime initiative resulted in:

- 1,764 arrests for misdemeanor crimes.
- 130 charges for driving under the influence.
- 253 felony arrests.
- 6,684 traffic tickets.

The Generosity of Friends and Strangers

A pre-Thanksgiving food drive with a difference returned in 2014. During this drive, no one solicits for a single donation.

Auxiliary Police Officer Rich Majauskas, Volunteers In Police Services (VIPS) Sue Hotto, and Citizen Advisory Council member Katherine Jarmon, (L-R pictured at left), are on hand at participating stores to stack a steady stream of donations inside a truck and answer questions.

This year the drive contributed more than 4,000 pounds of canned and packaged, non-perishable food to three local food banks to help feed families in need.

WEST SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT STATION

The West Springfield Police District Station's 121 officers, 24 civilians and volunteers are responsible for providing services to roughly 67 square miles of Fairfax County. The district encompasses the county's largest residential community and includes both George Mason University and the Northern Virginia Community College campuses.

Beyond a Community Partnership

In July, the station sent officers to a pool party at the recently renovated Wedgewood Community Center to talk about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Food and music eased any tensions the presence of uniformed officers might have created, leading to an outbreak of friendly conversations.

Patrol officers began to stop by the complex and chat with anyone they encountered. Detectives visited the community center on their lunch hours, talking to program participants in a more informal setting.

By the time National Night Out rolled around in August, even the heat and humidity could not wilt the high spirits of the evening or hopes for the continued success of the developing partnerships.

Looks like a hula hoop is all it takes to melt a little girl's wariness towards Master Police Officer J.T. Frey.

Walk to School Day

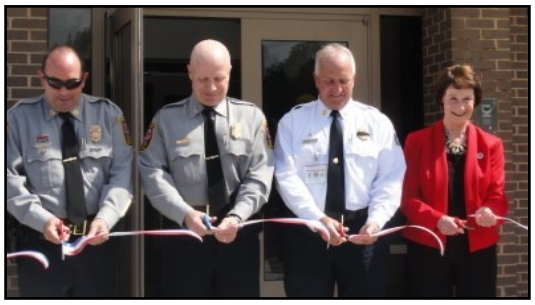
West Springfield police district officers partnered with Braddock District Supervisor John Cook to promote pedestrian safety Walk to School Day on Oct. 8. Terre Centre Elementary School hosted the event which is observed in more than 40 countries. Observing the day is part of the station's year-round efforts to advocate for traffic and pedestrian safety around schools and throughout the district.

Officers make a familiar walk a lot safer for neighborhood children.

Robbers Use Social Media to Find Their Victims

A mini-crime spree started on a Thursday in March 2014, when a customer eager for an iPhone responded to a seller's ad on Craigslist. Instead of getting the phone, the customer was badly beaten by three men and robbed of his wallet, money, and credit cards.

It happened again about two weeks later. A prospective buyer answered a Facebook ad for a phone for sale, but instead of an iPhone, he was met with a gun in his face and robbed. Four days later, the suspects pulled off three more robberies, prompting a West Springfield detective to request assignment to all of the cases. He developed leads from social media ads to several suspects. Twenty court orders and search warrants later, he arrested four of his five suspects. All four agreed to plead guilty to felony charges and face mandatory prison sentences.



On June 14, the 120 officers, civilians and volunteers of the Fair Oaks District Police Station celebrated completion of a $14-million renovation and expansion. Cutting the ribbon (L-R) are Capt. John Naylor, Police Chief Edwin Roessler Jr., Fire Chief Richard Bowers Jr. and Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.

The new facility (above) is expected to meet the needs and growth of the Fair Oaks Station until the year 2030.

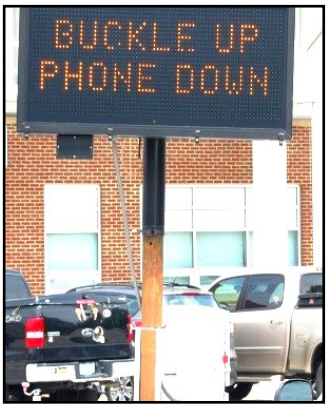
The new Fair Oaks Public Safety Center is 18,000 square feet larger than the original and boasts 24,000 square feet of renovated space, much of it in the police station.

Pedestrian Safety

PFC Dwayne Archer (above) is one of a small army of Fair Oaks officers who kicked off a two-week summer safety initiative, handing out 1,600 safety flyers to pedestrians and drivers around the Vienna Metro Station. In just 18 months, that area had 24 pedestrian and bicycle-related crashes. After education came strict enforcement. The results: 114 pedestrian and 107 traffic tickets and warnings.

Teen Safe Driving

In May, the Fair Oaks Station assisted Madison High School students with their “Act Out Loud” rally, focused on the dangers of drinking or texting while driving. The teenagers used peer-to-peer conversations to encourage everyone to make overall good decisions.



ANIMAL SERVICES

The Fairfax County Animal Services Division consists of three branches: Animal Control, the Animal Shelter and the Wildlife Biologist.

Animal Control

Twenty-six specially trained, sworn officers enforce county ordinances and state laws pertaining to animals. In 2014 they:

- Responded to 14,000 calls for service.
- Conducted more than 800 investigations.
- Responded to 3,200 wildlife calls.
- Took reports of 1,600 animal bites.

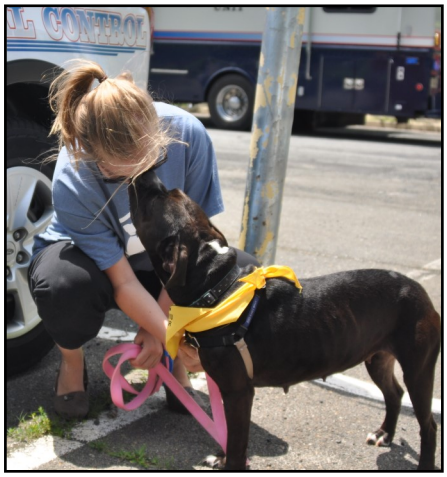
The official ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 17 marked completion of major reconstruction and renovation, greatly expanding the shelter facility.

Animal Shelter

Civilian personnel maintain and operate the only Fairfax County animal facility and work closely with Animal Control officers to care for lost, abandoned, abused or unwanted animals. Each year the shelter takes in more than 5,500 companion animals and an estimated 2,000 or more wildlife pass through its doors.

2014 was a banner year for the Shelter:

- Over 1,000 dogs adopted, setting new record.
- Adoptions topped 2,000 animals.
- Shelter received the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies' Compassion Award for efforts to reduce unnecessary euthanasia.
- The Humane Society of the United States recognized the shelter as one of the top 1 percent of shelters in the country.



More than 300 shelter volunteers contributed 25,571 hours, the equivalent of nearly 14 full-time employees. Volunteer Stephanie Crews gets a special thanks from a hopeful Shelter dog.

Wildlife Biologist

Dr. Katherine Edwards joined the Animal Services Division in 2014. Among the programs and issues her office coordinates are deer management, geese management and wildlife diseases.

Animal Control Officer Kathy Prucnal rescues a bald eagle at Huntley Meadows Park, but the bird's injuries were too extensive for survival. (Photo courtesy of Michael Q. Powell)

INVESTIGATIONS and OPERATIONS

Criminal Investigations Bureau

The bureau is responsible for investigation of major crimes that require specialized training or a centralized investigative approach. It is comprised of domestic intelligence, criminal forensics, major crime investigations and organized crime and narcotics.

The **Major Crimes Division** (MCD) is divided into specialized investigative units including homicide, robbery, sex crimes, auto theft, financial crimes, child abuse, child exploitation, fugitive, cold case and victim services.

MCD CASES

SQUADS	2012	2013	2014
Auto Theft	750	734	595
Child Abuse	337	315	404
Child Exploitation	1,601	1,648	1,401
Financial Crimes	2,089	2,064	1,684
Homicide	396	401	391
Robbery	158	202	239
Sex Crimes	227	249	227
TOTAL	**5,558**	**5,613**	**4,941**

HOMICIDES

	2012	2013	2014
Homicides	16	8	10
Closed by Arrest	10	3	7
Closed by Exception *	5	4	0
Active	1	1	3
Inactive **	0	0	1

* Murder/Suicide ** Arrest Warrant on File

Victim Services Section

The decentralized staff of 10 specialists and the director assists victims and survivors of violent crime across the county, providing crisis intervention, counseling referrals, transportation, housing assistance, safety planning and more at all eight district police stations.

In 2014, the Victim Services Section:

- Served 3,677 victims and survivors.
- Championed the Purple Ribbon Magnet project for Domestic Violence Awareness Month in January.
- Hosted the second annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week 5K Walk and Candlelight Tribute in April.

- Participated in K-9 Krawl dog walk to raise awareness of domestic violence and animal cruelty connection.
- Partnered with animal shelter to expand "Pet Haven" program to provide care and shelter to pets from domestic violence situations.

Joining Forces Against Heroin

Heroin deaths in Fairfax County doubled from 2013 to 2014. Four out of five admitted heroin users report starting with opioid pain-killers: oxycodone, Percocet, morphine, etc. Opiate prescriptions skyrocketed, putting the gateway drugs within easy reach of teenagers and young adults chasing recreational highs. Heroin got cheaper and deadlier. It was clear to law enforcement that arrests would not solve the burgeoning problem.

On Oct.14, the Department convened a meeting of approximately 50 stakeholders from across a variety of disciplines and agencies to launch a comprehensive approach to the heroin epidemic.

Work is expected to continue into 2015 on five key areas: education, treatment, storage and disposal, enforcement, and data and monitoring.

Narcotics commander, Capt. Paul Cleveland, with Peggy Cook of the Community Services Board during an "Ask Fairfax" online chat, takes every opportunity to engage the community on the dangers of heroin.

Crime Scene Section

The 16 officers and nine civilian Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs) in this unit respond wherever crime happens, regardless of the time, weather or terrain. They spend hours collecting every bit of evidence they find. Their analyses of everything from fingerprints to the angle a fatal bullet travels very often protect the innocent and convict the guilty.

In addition to their work on complex investigations, members of the Crime Scene Section (CSS) invited CSIs from area law enforcement agencies to meet on a regular basis to share their training and study best practices. The Northern Virginia Crime Scene Investigators' Network will meet for the first time in January 2015.

Dirty, back-breaking work is all part of the job for CSIs.

OPERATIONS SUPPORT BUREAU

Helicopter Division

The Helicopter Division maintains and operates two Bell 429 twin-engine aircraft with a staff of 20, including 10 flight officers, six pilots, two mechanics and two police commanders. The flight officers are all police officers required to maintain certification as trained paramedics. The unit provides tactical police air support, medical evacuation, search and rescue and other specialized services as needed within Fairfax County and the National Capital Region.

Interested in why the helicopter flies over your neighborhood? Find out at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/helicopter/

MISSIONS	2012	2013	2014
Felony	334	476	436
Misdemeanor	267	172	117
Medevac	74	72	66
Patrol	346	324	233
Police Service	343	168	179
Fire Assist	25	143	74
Other Service	76	9	3
Other Jurisdiction	104	94	151
Maintenance/Train	62	43	96
TOTAL	**1,631**	**1,501**	**1,496**

Survivors Meet Their Rescuers

They may be hazy about how they wound up flying on Fairfax One, but all five former trauma patients recall a calming voice, a light touch or words of encouragement once they were aboard. Pictured at left, the survivors and the first responders who treated and transported them, met formally. Heaping thanks and gratitude on the men and woman, once more intent on keeping them alive than treating their injuries, was a step toward healing for the survivors. And hidden among all the praise and thanks, was a message with the power to sustain the crew through their toughest times: what they do really does make a difference.

OPERATIONS SUPPORT BUREAU

Charged with the provision of specialized support to all units of the Police Department, the Operations Support Bureau (OSB) is comprised of the Traffic Division, the Special Operations Division and the Helicopter Division.

Traffic Division

Specialization and years of training are required of the more than 60 officers assigned to the motor squad, crash reconstruction unit, motor carrier safety and traffic safety sections that make up the Traffic Division.

Drivers in Fairfax County were involved in 9,132 crashes in 2014. Traffic deaths and fatal crashes stayed on a path of steady decline, but the news was not as encouraging for pedestrians. (see table at right)

FATAL CRASHES	2012	2013	2014
Crashes	30	26	23
Fatalities	31	29	25
Victims Under 21	1	3	4
Pedestrian Victims	4	5	8
Unrestrained Victims	10	9	6
Driver Killed	9	5	3
Passenger Killed	1	4	3
Speed Involved	6	5	6
Driver Killed	6	3	1
Passenger Killed	0	2	3
Alcohol Involved	4	6	6
Driver Killed	4	4	4
Passenger Killed	0	2	3

The responsibility for traffic safety initiatives to address dangers such as speeding or drunk driving does not rest solely with the centralized Traffic Division. District police stations plan and execute campaigns within their own districts, based on the needs of that district. Very often, however, the Traffic Division and the stations pool officers and resources to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of an operation.

Four of the eight district police stations sponsored events to address pedestrian safety, impaired driving, distracted driving and speeding, while the remaining four stations targeted enforcement of three of those four topics during the year.

Pedestrian Safety

Over 400 pedestrians were struck by vehicles and injured in Fairfax County during the three previous years, pushing pedestrian safety to the top of commanders' action plans countywide.

For weeks during the summer, patrol officers were out of their cars, on foot and on bicycles at Metro stations in their districts, especially the five new stations on the Silver Line. First they handed out safety brochures and warning tickets, then issued tickets for violations in the final weeks of the campaign.

The Traffic Division launched a countywide pedestrian initiative on Halloween, typically the most dangerous time of the year for pedestrians. Motorcycle officers engaged pedestrians not using crosswalks and drivers who failed to yield at crosswalks, to raise awareness of the dangers of mixing pedestrians and bicyclists with vehicles.

Traffic Safety

Stand Up Against Speeding in Our Neighborhoods

The "Slow Down: You Live Here. We Live Here" campaign grew out of community complaints to members of the Board of Supervisors and police, into a countywide effort to make drivers more aware of their speeds on residential streets.

Police used newly acquired signs, attached to the poles of speed limit signs, that show the actual speed of an approaching vehicle.

In addition, the county also surveyed the public's perceptions of speeds in their neighborhoods. The survey found 77 percent felt drivers were going too fast and 80 percent worried that a child would be killed or injured as a result.

Braddock District Supervisor John Cook (at podium) helped launch a neighborhood speeding campaign on Aug. 8, 2014, flanked by (L-R) Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey, Police Chief, Col. Ed Roessler Jr., and Traffic Division commanders Lt. Archie Pollard and Capt. Michael Grinnan.

MPO Moore demonstrates how hard it is for large vehicles to see mopeds.

Mopeds, Mini-bikes and Scooters

Mopeds used to be driven just for fun or sport, but today an increasing number are driven by commuters traveling very busy roads. In 2014, MPO Joe Moore of the Traffic Division (pictured at left) led a campaign to educate the public and police officers about laws and safe operation of mopeds.

A new law that took effect in July 2014, requires mopeds with 50 cc engines to be registered with DMV, drivers to be at least 16 and anyone on a moped to be wearing a helmet and protective glasses unless the moped has a windshield.

DWI ENFORCEMENT	2012	2013	2014
Checkpoints*			
Vehicles Screened	14,400	16,523	15,886
DWI Arrests	26	58	57
Saturation Patrols			
Vehicles Stopped	1,447	2,959	2,224
DWI Arrests	63	163	76

***Traffic Division Only**

Detection and arrest of drivers who have been drinking is a recurring priority for police. A total of 2,433 drivers were arrested by a combination of station patrol officers and Traffic Division special enforcement teams.

Detecting Distracted Drivers

The FCPD offered its first distracted driver training to officers in April, designed to underscore the importance of enforcement. In 2014, 12,109 citations were issued for failure to pay full time and attention to driving.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Special Operations Division is comprised of the following units: Canine, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), Marine Patrol, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Technical Response, Search and Rescue, Underwater Search and Recovery and the Special Operations Medical Program. Based on their specialized training and expertise, these units are called to support patrol and investigative units whenever conditions warrant.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit

The primary mission of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit is to respond to terrorist, criminal, or suspicious events in which the use of hazardous devices or explosives and/or weapons of mass destruction are involved. The unit is comprised of two full-time certified bomb technicians and six police officers who serve in a supplemental capacity. The unit also has four certified explosive ordnance detection canines

Tucker (L) and Penny (R), spent seven days a week for 16 weeks in training with their handlers during the summer of 2014. Both teams graduated in November and are on the job today.

Marine Patrol Unit

The mission of the Marine Patrol Unit is to enforce boating operation and safety laws along nearly 79 miles of Fairfax County shoreline and waterways.

The unit uses two distinctly different boats to fulfill its mission: a 35' twin-engine, 600 horsepower Marlago and a 19' flat-bottom, Carolina Skiff.

The crew consists of three full-time and five supplemental officers, two of them Auxiliary Officers. Crew members must pass the U.S. Coast Guard Captain's Course to serve.

Underwater Search and Recovery Unit

The mission of the dive unit is the retrieval of evidence or property and the recovery of drowning victims from waterways throughout Fairfax County. The unit is made up of one supervisor and 15 supplemental officers.

Rigorous training prepares them to dive in freezing and/or contaminated water without risking exposure to harmful conditions or hazardous materials.

A Police Explorer assists the Marine Patrol Unit conduct boating safety checks. In 2014, the MPU issued 144 summons, 246 warnings and made three arrests for boating under the influence.

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration is divided according to mission and includes the Administrative Support Bureau, Criminal Justice Academy, Information Technology Bureau, the Public Information Office and the Resource Management Bureau.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BUREAU

Personnel resources, financial resources, human resources, incident support services and the volunteer chaplain unit make up this bureau. The 12 sworn officers and 41 civilians are responsible for issuing pay checks, hiring, budgets, psychological and spiritual services for the Department.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

The Criminal Justice Academy provides professional training to recruits and officers of the Fairfax County Police Department, the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, the towns of Herndon and Vienna police departments and the Fairfax County Fire Marshal.

In 2014, the accomplishments of the 44 sworn officers and six civilians on the Academy staff include:

Academy Session 61 takes the Oath of Office on May 2, 2014.

- 64 recruits trained in two sessions.
- 1,265 officers trained at driving track.
- 5,448 officers trained by range instructors.
- 1,424 sworn officers completed general law enforcement classes.
- Created case study review series of best practices from previous cases.
- Held first Special Topics In Law Enforcement conference on financial health.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUREAU (ITB)

The ITB handles the demanding communications needs of the 1700 Department employees with a staff of 12 sworn officers and civilians. Among their major accomplishments in 2014:

- Replaced nearly 3,000 portable and in-vehicle radios in eight months to enhance interoperability with surrounding jurisdictions.

- Updated operating system and improved security to over 600 in-vehicle computers.

- Started installation of new e-summons system to reduce driver delays and officer exposure to traffic dangers.

- Exchanged over 600 Blackberry devices with iPhones to increase functionality and standardize platform for development of future smart phone apps.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The six officers and two civilians in the FCPD Public Information Office (PIO) consistently deliver public safety news and messages. They are dedicated to encouraging community outreach, engagement and feedback. New tools and technology launched in 2014, such as the enhanced interactive crime mapping application, improved the efficiency and reach of the Department's messages.

The FCPD News Blog debuted in 2014, replacing press releases to communicate news and important safety messages to the public quickly. Approximately 30,000 users get daily updates on the blog, which automatically "tweets" the information as it is posted.

Social media help PIO spread the word about dangers in the community.

The content of the quarterly news show "On the Beat," televised on Channel 16 and shown on YouTube, is another PIO product.

PIO uses Social media tools to get out critical information in real time about road closures and areas to avoid because of weather events and police activities.

The Crime Solvers program, coordinated and managed in PIO, is a crime-fighting partnership of police, the public, and the media. It provides cash rewards for anonymous tips that help solve crimes in the community or capture wanted suspects.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BUREAU

The Resource Management Bureau provides vehicle, equipment and facility services in support of the entire Department. It also has oversight of Central Records, Property and Evidence, Quartermaster, Warrant Desk and police construction projects.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Public Safety Headquarters on Sept.16, 2014.

In 2014, RMB projects included:

- Start of construction of new public safety building.
- Installation of In-car audio-video recorders in 650 vehicles.
- Second year of five-year integration of Ford Interceptor sedans and utility vehicles into FCPD fleet.
- Evaluation and testing of new prisoner partitions in cruiser sedans to enhance driver and prisoner comfort and access.
- Evaluation of exterior ballistic vests for durability and comfort .

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

The Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) reports directly to the Chief of Police. It is responsible for the comprehensive investigation of citizen complaints, allegations of policy violations or actions which could result in litigation against the County.

IAB detectives track and oversee all administrative and disciplinary investigations within the agency.

2014 statistics for the Internal Affairs Bureau:

- 574 cases investigated.
- 114 or 20 percent of cases originated with a citizen complaint.
- 460 or 80 percent originated with complaints from within the Department.
- 273 or 48 percent involved cruiser crashes or operation of police vehicles.
- 312 cases have been closed (262 remain open).
- 132 allegations or 42 percent were sustained (resulted in disciplinary action).
- 650 Freedom of Information Requests (more than double previous year).
- 943 subpoena requests.

FCPD SEEKS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

With the stroke of a pen, Col. Edwin C. Roessler Jr. (right), signed up the Fairfax County Police Department to be scrutinized by the prestigious Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) as the agency's executive director, W. Craig Hartley Jr. (left) looked on.

"*Our goal*," remarked Chief Roessler, "*is to demonstrate to our community that their Police Department continues to be progressive and innovative by allowing ourselves to be benchmarked against the best practices for our profession within our state and nationally*."

The FCPD will maintain its accreditation with the state accrediting body, the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission.

A self-assessment to demonstrate compliance with CALEA's 482 national standards has already begun in Fairfax County.

OUR VISION

The vision of the Fairfax County Police Department is to provide ethical leadership by engagement with the community to:

Prevent and fight crime.

Improve the culture of safety in the organization and within the community.

Keep pace with urbanization.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Fairfax County Police Department is to prevent and fight crime.

END OF WATCH

When a police officer is killed in the line of duty, the date of death is referred to as his or her End of Watch. The term is often used in a broadcast transmission over police radios to inform members of the affected department that a fellow officer has died.

LET US NEVER FORGET OUR HEROES

Karen J. Bassford. End of Watch: July 27, 1977

Sandy A. Gideonese End of Watch: Dec. 3, 1998

Tommy F. Bernal. End of Watch: June 28, 2001

Vicky Armel. End of Watch: May 8, 2006

Michael E. Garbarino. End of Watch: May 17, 2006

Frank J. Stecco. End of Watch: Oct. 25, 2008

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