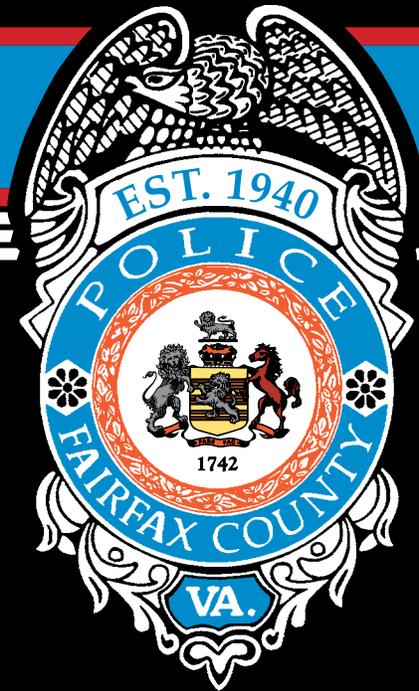


FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



2010

ANNUAL REPORT

Colonel David M. Rohrer – Chief of Police



message from the Chief



Dear Fairfax County Community Member,

I am pleased to present the Fairfax County Police Department's 2010 Annual Report. It represents only a small sampling of what our men and women, sworn, civilian, and volunteer, do every day and I hope it reflects their spirit of service to you.

We proudly acknowledge that our Department is successful because we have the full and willing support, and trust, of an engaged community. A shining example of that community support is the tip received from an observant and involved resident that led to the identification and arrest of an alleged brazen serial burglar who had been operating for weeks all across our county.

Like any police department, one of our core missions is the prevention of serious crime, and through effective strategies we continue to enjoy a low crime rate. But one of our hallmarks too over many years has been our focus on traffic and pedestrian safety, with a goal of reducing crashes, injuries, and deaths. Throughout 2010, officers at our eight district stations and the Traffic Division worked tirelessly to inform and educate the community about the dangers of distracted driving and to enforce laws aimed at drivers who were not paying full time and attention to the road. We held events that tested the driving abilities of media and students who were intentionally distracted in hopes of getting the message out to as many people as possible. As a result of concentrated enforcement, officers issued 9,031 summonses to distracted drivers, a 24 percent increase over the previous year.

2010 was also a year of tremendous change in the way officers and detectives gather, sort, and store information about events, people, and places so that anyone in the Department can more effectively access all that data. The addition of a far more robust records management system allows the Department to see and analyze a fuller picture of crime and traffic data than ever before possible. Patrol officers and detectives, crime analysts and commanders now have unprecedented access to comprehensive data that will allow for more effective and efficient problem-solving strategies, recognition of crime trends and patterns, identification and arrest of offenders, use of resources, and overall case management.

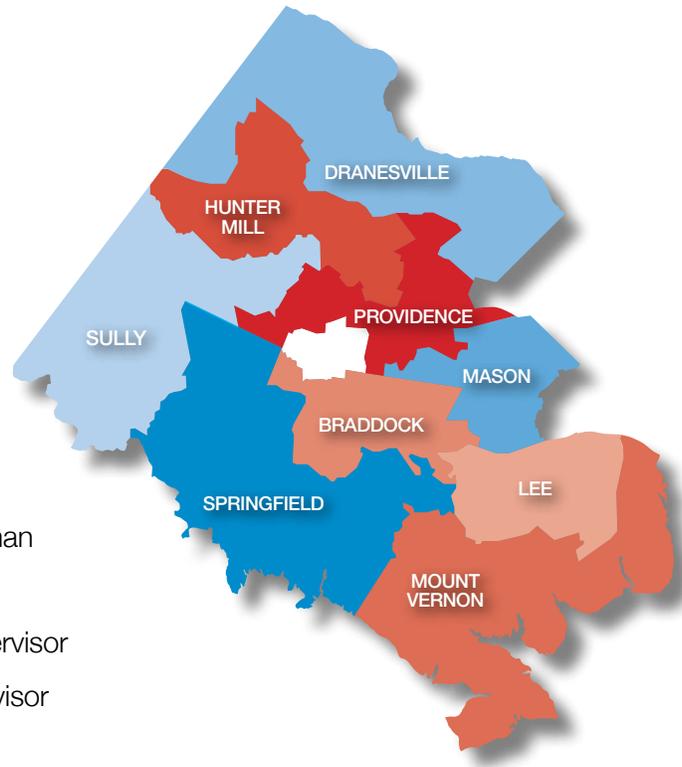
As we reflect on 2010, we are proud of our accomplishments, but we are also looking ahead with vision and commitment to build on our successes. We look forward to continuing to partner with you to keep Fairfax County the very best and safest place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

David M. Rohrer, Colonel
Chief of Police

2010-2011 board of supervisors

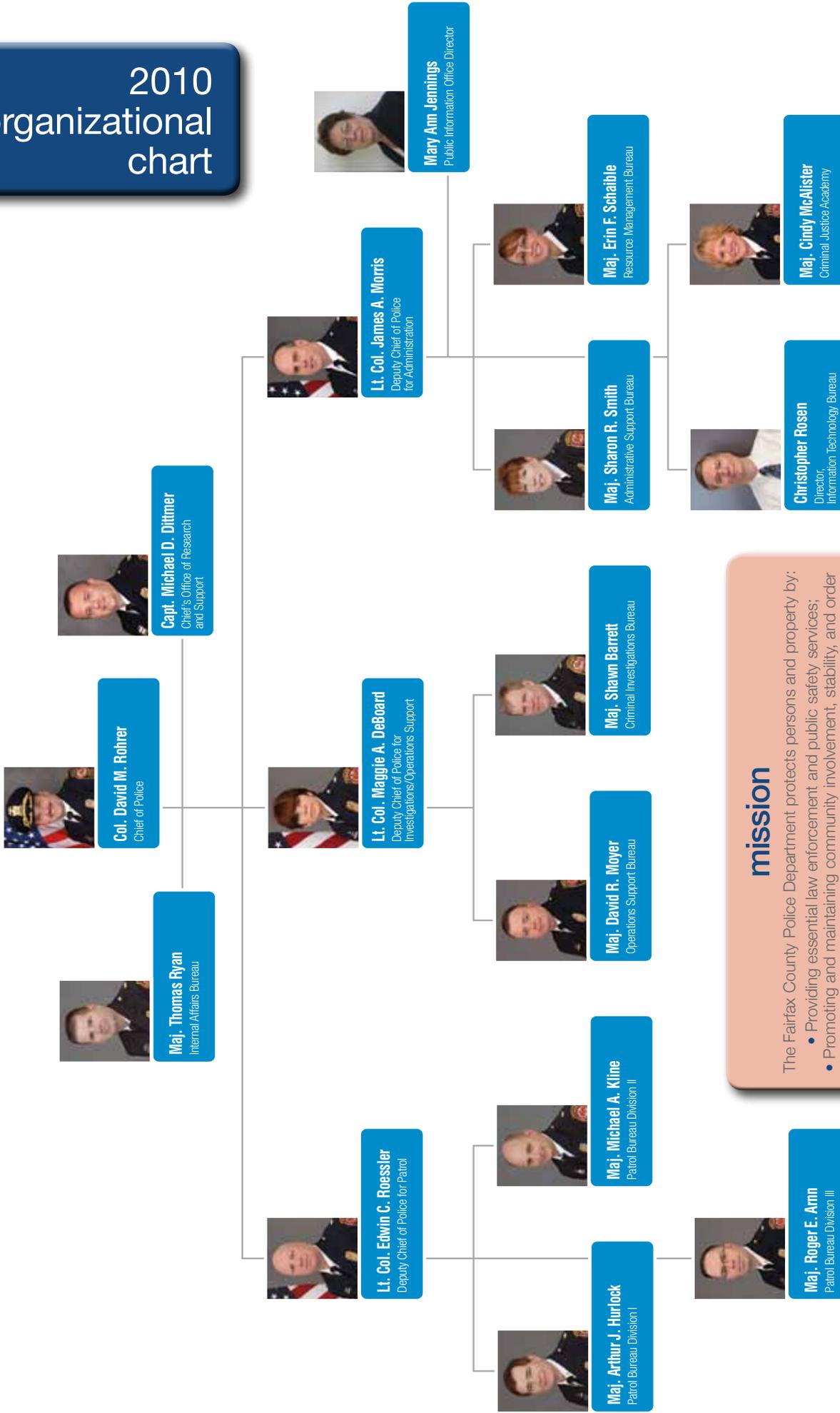
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2010 organizational chart



mission

The Fairfax County Police Department protects persons and property by:

- Providing essential law enforcement and public safety services;
- Promoting and maintaining community involvement, stability, and order through service, assistance, and visibility

values

We, the men and women of the Fairfax County Police Department, value:

- Ethical Standards
- Public Trust
- Our Partnership with the Public
- Laws and Constitution
- Accountability
- Teamwork
- Cooperation
- Harnessing Technologies
- Quality in Our People

Fairfax County Index Crimes 2009-2010

	2009	2010
Murder	14	16
Rape	105	74
Robbery	386	394
Aggravated Assault	309	450
Burglary	1,385	1,211
Larceny	15,643	14,345
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,096	963
TOTAL	18,938	17,453

Fairfax County at-a-glance

Budget*	\$209,818,683
Per Capita Spending	\$193.96
Total Authorized Personnel	1,704
Total Authorized Sworn Positions	1,359
Total Authorized Non-Sworn Positions	345
Full-Time	281
Part-Time	64

* FY 2011 adopted budget data includes all costs associated with the operation of the agency including those funded by another agency, (e.g. fringe benefits).

** Based on 2010 census FFX county population 1,081,726

traffic division

The Traffic Division's priority is to improve mobility for drivers in Fairfax County, while reducing the number of property, injury, and fatal crashes. The officers and civilian employees continue to use education and enforcement as well as an attention to engineering concerns to accomplish this.

During 2010, the Traffic Division began an initiative focusing on distracted driving. Recent studies have shown that distracted driving is a leading cause of crashes; some studies showing that figure as high as 80 percent.

The police Department invited media representatives to the training track to drive through various cone courses while being distracted. In addition to the media availability officers began heavy enforcement of the county law: Fail to Pay Full Time and Attention. As a result of this concentrated enforcement, officers issued 9,031 summonses in 2010.

Failure to Pay Full Time & Attention

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Summons Issued	2,664	3,316	4,305	7,261	9,031

Additional Enforcement Statistics

- More than 26,000 traffic tickets issued by the Motor Section
- Motor Carrier Safety Section inspected more than 800 trucks. Nearly half taken out of service for unsafe conditions
- Crash Reconstruction Unit investigated 33 traffic fatalities
- Underage Alcohol Stings conducted by the Traffic Safety Services Section resulted in 38 arrests
- Over 64,000 parking tickets issued by Traffic Enforcement Officers



internal affairs bureau

The mission of the Internal Affairs Bureau is to support the Office of the Chief of Police by investigating allegations of misconduct and matters of civil action against the Department. Detectives are responsible for conducting comprehensive investigations into complaints by citizens, violations of policy, or actions, and allegations which could result in civil litigation being brought against Fairfax County. The bureau is also responsible for tracking and overseeing all administrative or disciplinary investigations through the agency.

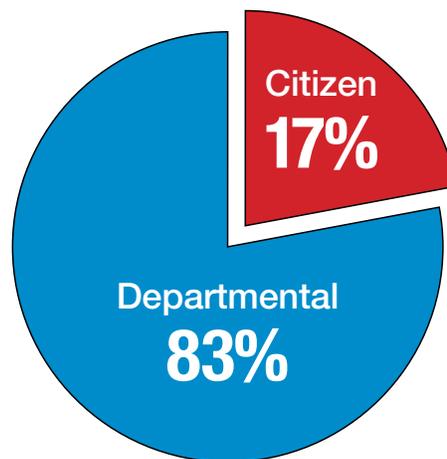
The seven Internal Affairs Detectives investigated 93 cases in 2009, the most recent year containing complete statistics.

- 545 total investigations conducted throughout the agency.
- Over 52 percent of cases involved cruiser accidents and/or operation of police vehicles
- 83 percent of investigations generated by policy or internal concerns
- 17 percent of investigations initiated by citizens or others outside the Department
- 40 percent of investigations resulted in disciplinary action

The Internal Affairs Bureau is also responsible for processing subpoenas and Freedom of Information requests, as well as collecting data on cases involving use of force, vehicle pursuits, and destruction of animal incidents. This information collection effort helps assess training needs and measures the effectiveness of training and equipment.

- 421 Freedom of Information Act requests processed
- 713 subpoenas answered

Source of Allegations 2009



Use of Force Incidents Reported

	2005	2006	2007	2006	2007
Citizen Generated	9	5	15	7	10
Internal Reports	479	381	431	508	521
Total Incidents Reported	488	386	446	515	531

operations support bureau

Advanced, specialized training distinguishes the officers assigned to the Operations Support Bureau which includes canine, bomb squad, marine patrol, the helicopter, traffic and SWAT team.

Marine Patrol Unit

- 286 hours on the water
- 48 oral warnings
- 13 written warnings
- 154 citizen contacts
- 4 out-of-jurisdiction boat assists
- 2 Fairfax County boat assists
- 2 Drowning events
(Belle Haven and Occoquan Reservoir)

Explosive Ordnance Disposal

Total events handled = 287

- 38 K-9 Searches
- 5 Suspicious Packages
- 8 Bomb Threats
- 8 Barricades
- 4 Suspicious Vehicles
- 35 Assist Other Jurisdiction
- 6 Military Ordnances Recovered

Pounds of Material Destroyed = 541 lbs.



K-9 Statistics

Dispatched events = 3,549 Total

- Top 10 types of K-9 events
 - 545 Traffic stops
 - 462 K-9 Training
 - 204 Narcotics cases
 - 167 Robberies
 - 104 Suspicious person complaints
 - 95 Subject stops
 - 89 Burglary calls
 - 86 Suspicious event calls
 - 82 Burglary of occupied dwelling calls
 - 154 Police service –
(significant because the majority of these are assistance to other agencies)

Helicopter

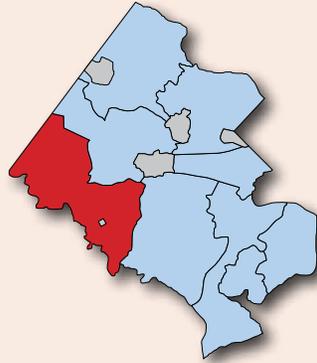
- 1,824 Missions
- 1,796 Flight hours
- 81 Medevacs



district station statistics

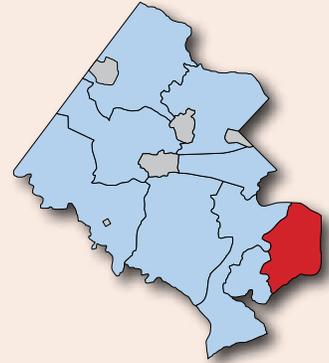
Sully District Station Index Crimes

	2010
Murder	3
Rape	7
Robbery	29
Aggravated Assault	27
Burglary	89
Larceny	1,139
Motor Vehicle Theft	81
TOTAL	1,375



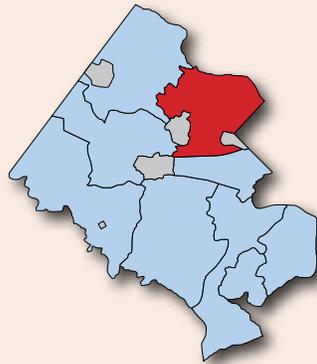
Mt. Vernon District Station Index Crimes

	2010
Murder	2
Rape	14
Robbery	98
Aggravated Assault	91
Burglary	178
Larceny	1,888
Motor Vehicle Theft	196
TOTAL	2,467



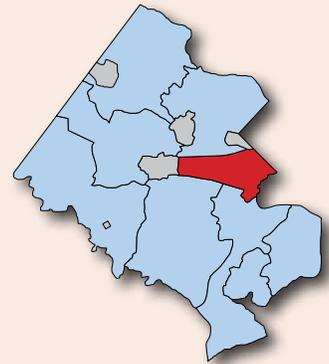
McLean District Station Index Crimes

	2010
Murder	1
Rape	6
Robbery	34
Aggravated Assault	44
Burglary	236
Larceny	2,335
Motor Vehicle Theft	107
TOTAL	2,763



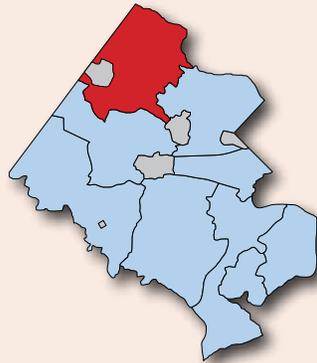
Mason District Station Index Crimes

	2010
Murder	1
Rape	12
Robbery	73
Aggravated Assault	96
Burglary	141
Larceny	2,081
Motor Vehicle Theft	119
TOTAL	2,523



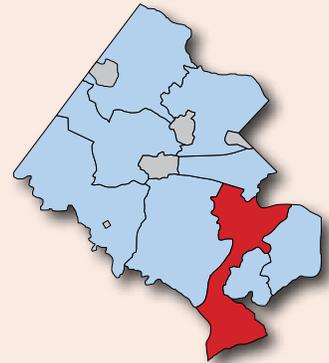
Reston District Station Index Crimes

	2010
Murder	0
Rape	13
Robbery	31
Aggravated Assault	29
Burglary	120
Larceny	1,231
Motor Vehicle Theft	77
TOTAL	1,501



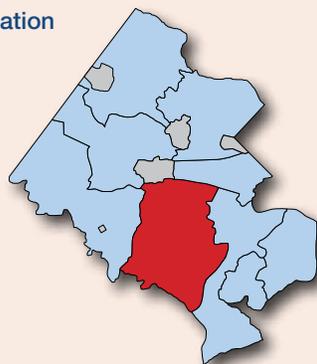
Franconia District Station Index Crimes

	2010
Murder	2
Rape	11
Robbery	63
Aggravated Assault	63
Burglary	184
Larceny	2,267
Motor Vehicle Theft	161
TOTAL	2,751



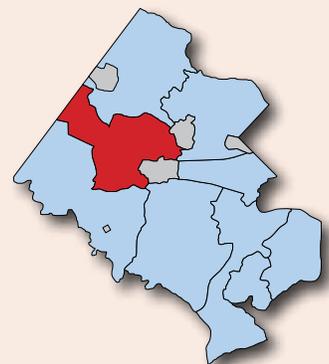
West Springfield District Station Index Crimes

	2010
Murder	6
Rape	5
Robbery	34
Aggravated Assault	68
Burglary	146
Larceny	1,899
Motor Vehicle Theft	115
TOTAL	2,273



Fair Oaks District Station Index Crimes

	2010
Murder	1
Rape	4
Robbery	25
Aggravated Assault	31
Burglary	112
Larceny	1,505
Motor Vehicle Theft	95
TOTAL	1,773



station highlights

Stations Utilize Special Teams for Traffic Enforcement:

DWI:

The Franconia Station participated in Safe December, where officers focused on keeping roads safe during the holiday season. During this month-long initiative, officers made 57 DWI arrests, in addition to another 259 traffic citations.



Reston's Safe December campaign resulted in 39 DWI arrests.

Mason District officers made 570 DWI-related arrests in 2010.

Mount Vernon officers made 380 DWI-related arrests in 2010.

During spring break West Springfield hosted alcohol awareness seminars at Woodson, South County, and West Springfield high schools. The seminars included a fatal DWI accident scenario, urging teens to think about the deadly consequences of drinking and driving.

Click it or Ticket:

Edison High School students were given a lesson in seatbelt laws. The Franconia District's School Resource Officer began handing out seatbelt awareness pamphlets to drivers when school started in September. School administrators made announcements about seatbelt enforcement and posted warnings on their website. In November, officers surveyed several hundred vehicles entering the school parking lot. They observed 41 people without seatbelts. The next day, officers issued 16 tickets for seatbelt offenses.

Burglary/theft:

In June and July, Reston officers participated in Operation Night Prowler to address night-time thefts from vehicles. Incidents of vehicle tampering dropped 48 percent during this program.

Increased patrols at Fair Oaks Mall during the holiday season resulted in a 30 percent increase in arrests as compared to 2009.



Community Partnerships:

Mount Vernon officers worked with Ventures in Community (VIC), which consists of representatives from several churches working together to solve social problems.

Officers from the Franconia Station Neighborhood Patrol Unit co-hosted a bike rodeo for more than 50 children at Clermont Elementary School in September. The bike rodeo was sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department and Trails for Youth. Trails for Youth instructed students how to properly ride a bike and performed bike safety checks.



Officers in the Fair Oaks District participated in several community events, including the bike rodeo at Flint Hill Elementary School and a child safety symposium at Fair Oaks Church.

One of Mount Vernon's bilingual officers, Pfc Ray Gonzalez-Hernandez, conducted ongoing outreach to the Hispanic community in partnership with the Progreso Hispano program.

Mount Vernon organized a Hypothermia Outreach Program to provide emergency shelter for the homeless people during the winter months.

West Springfield hosted a Board of Supervisors Leadership Institute, focusing on the Neighborhood Watch program in that district.

Officers from the Franconia District, along with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and other local agencies, participated in a simulated mock casualty exercise with Virginia Railroad Express (VRE) in November. The exercise, using role players as live victims, allowed officers to practice their first-responder skills.

Franconia District officers collected more than 6,000 pounds of food, more than \$1,000 in cash, and nearly \$200 in grocery store gift cards during its Fill the Wagon campaign in December. The donations were distributed to four food banks in the Franconia/Mount Vernon communities.

Road DAWG Camps

Mount Vernon hosted a regional Road DAWG (Don't Associate with Gangs) summer camp for at-risk youths to help keep them away from gangs, drugs and crime.



Driver/Pedestrian Safety:

In an effort to increase awareness of distracted driving, McLean officers distributed posters warning about the dangers of driving while intoxicated and driving while texting to high schools and businesses belonging to the Tyson's Corner Security Association. To reinforce the no-texting-while-driving point, they positioned a message board throughout the district saying "Please, Just Drive."

Reston officers conducted a Safe Passage traffic campaign aimed at addressing pedestrian safety at school zones in September 2010. Officers issued 84 summonses.

Officers in the Reston District initiated a pedestrian/bicycle safety campaign in June called Project SAFE (Safe Avenues for Everyone). Three hundred and twenty five safety pamphlets were distributed; 117 summons and warnings were issued.

Sully District officers took the LEAD in traffic safety with their new initiative, Let's Eliminate Aggressive Driving. Throughout March, officers implemented a variety of enforcement techniques and strategies to curtail dangerous driving on and around the Sully District and Route 28 corridor. Officers were on the lookout for reckless driving, passing school buses, improper lane changes, following too closely, and other aggressive-driving behaviors.

Certified instructors from the Sully District Station performed free, child safety car seat inspections in March. Residents were asked to install the child safety seats themselves so technicians could inspect and properly adjust them, as needed.



Drivers may have seen a ghost last September as they traveled the highways of the Franconia District. A "ghost cruiser" was positioned in a variety of places to decrease infractions and increase highway safety. Tinted windows prevent motorists from being able to see whether or not an officer is inside the cruiser. An officer monitored the speed of vehicles on Pohick Road over I-95 without the ghost cruiser. He then compared those results to the speed of vehicles in the

presence of the ghost cruiser. The results indicated that the ghost cruiser had a significant impact on the motorists' speed. The average speed was reduced by more than nine percent and the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit by 15 miles an hour was cut in half.

Cases in the Spotlight:

Mount Vernon real estate scam

Last spring, a detective became aware of a real estate scam being committed at several vacant, foreclosed houses in the Mount Vernon and Franconia districts. Without the knowledge of the rightful property owners, the suspect would advertise these homes for rent on Craigslist at low monthly rates. The detective followed the "money trail" and subsequently discovered that a suspect was responsible for these and other scams ranging from Florida to New York. The detective's investigation lasted

seven months and required coordination with numerous law enforcement agencies and financial companies around the country. Because of his tenacity, a real estate scam with dozens of victims in several states was shut down.

Serial Burglar Strikes Countywide

In August 2010, a brazen burglar began a string of over 100 burglaries, attempted burglaries, and larcenies within six of our eight police districts.* The target was primarily cash found in purses and wallets left out in plain view, although two guns and some electronics were also stolen.

Most of the homes were entered through open garages and unlocked doors and windows, although there were also cases of forced entry. Police were particularly concerned because the homes were entered at night while residents were asleep.

A task force of investigators and officers from the affected districts and a number of highly specialized units within the Department was assigned to the serial burglary cases full time.

The burglaries stopped abruptly on November 17, 2010, when task force members and officers of the Montgomery County Police Department, working a joint surveillance operation, observed a suspect commit a crime in Potomac, Md. Brad K. Edmonds, 34, of Oxon Hill was charged in the Maryland cases. Charges are anticipated in Fairfax County.

*Sully, McLean, Mason, Reston, West Springfield, and Fair Oaks District Stations.

Collaboration Leads to Solving Bank Robberies

Officers from Fair Oaks and Sully stations collaborated with the Robbery Squad and the FBI to solve a series of bank robberies in the county. An investigation revealed that a man and woman were involved in several bank robberies in Fairfax County and the Town of Vienna. The man also had numerous felony warrants outstanding for drug-related offenses.

Mason District Drug Bust

While on routine patrol, the Mason District's Repeat Offender Patrol Enforcement (ROPE) unit witnessed a "hand-to-hand" drug transaction between two men. Officers investigated and discovered approximately 25 pounds of khat, a plant native to Africa that is classified as an illegal narcotic. Further investigation resulted in the seizure of another 115 pounds of khat along with thousands of dollars in cash. The two suspects were arrested for possession with the intent to distribute narcotics and possession with intent to distribute narcotics within a school zone. It is believed to be the largest seizure of khat in the county.



West Springfield Baby Case

Early one Sunday morning in November a parishioner arrived at the Saint Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church to find a pink duffel bag with a newborn baby inside. The baby, in good condition, was taken inside the church and cared for until help arrived. Rescue then transported the baby to Inova Fairfax Hospital. Doctors believed the baby, who was not delivered at a hospital may be of Hispanic descent. To date the parents have not been identified.

animal control at-a-glance

Animal Control Officers are specially trained law enforcement officers responsible for enforcing county ordinances and state laws that pertain to animals. Whether it's a report of stray dogs, raccoons roaming around in living rooms, or possums poking into trashcans, ACOs are there. The primary function of a

Fairfax County Police Department Animal Control Officer is to help protect county residents while dealing with pets and animals as humanely as possible.

Total Cases Handled by
Animal Control Officers: **14,799**

Animal Impound Statistics

	2010
Dogs	1,258
Cats	474
Other Domestic Animals	114
Wildlife Animals	844
TOTAL	2,690

Animal Bite Statistics

	2010
Dogs*	769
Cats	236
Other Domestic Animals	9
Wildlife Animals	29
TOTAL	1,043

*12 Dangerous Dog Convictions in 2010



Poisoned Meatballs

Poisoned meatballs killed two dogs in Fairfax County in the Sully Police District area in May of 2010. Animal Control officers were called to a home in Centerville by a citizen because their five-month-old Pit Bull puppy had ingested a meatball tainted with an unidentified, toxic substance and became ill. Investigating officers determined that an adult West Highland Terrier at a neighboring home had also ingested a tainted meatball at around the same time. Both dogs died a short time later.

The meatballs were found in the back yards of a total of three homes close to each other. They were collected and sent to a local laboratory for analysis. An Animal Control commander, police patrol commanders and officers responded to assist in a canvass of the neighborhood.

harnessing emerging technology



PFC Shelley Broderick, with the Fairfax County Police Department's Public Information Office, posts on FCPD's Facebook page. Social media is an important tool to connect with residents.

RMS Change

In 2010 FCPD changed the crime data reporting system from the old Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) summary report methodology to the newer National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The implementation of the new Records Management System (RMS) last year has enabled FCPD to make the transition, and FCPD is one of the first large departments in this region and elsewhere to do so. Nationally, only about a third of the law enforcement agencies have yet made the transition.

NIBRS reporting is a far more comprehensive and detailed data collection and reporting system which allows the department to have a fuller "picture" of crime. FCPD has always been able to research data on any crime, but NIBRS provides more readily accessible reports on more crimes, to include not only the seven traditional UCR summary report index crimes (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny), but 57 categories all together. It captures a much broader crime set of not only the traditional violent and property index crime categories, but other crimes such as narcotics offenses and "quality of life" such as drunkenness that may adversely impact the community and offer opportunities for problem-solving.

Facebook

Social networking and instant communication technologies are becoming important law enforcement tools. To ensure FCPD is able to capitalize on those technologies. Veteran Public Information Officer Shelley Broderick worked with the county Department of Information Technology to establish the FCPD fan page on Facebook in April of 2010. Broderick and other PIOs keep the page fresh with articles and new postings almost daily.

The FCPD has embraced the social networking site as an efficient, cost-effective way of interacting with the public and keeping them informed. With over 500 million users, the social networking juggernaut has overshadowed email as a communications tool.

So far, the site has over 2,000 fans, but PIO hopes to see that figure grow as word about the site spreads. Sign up at www.facebook.com/fairfaxcounty.police.

In addition to changing the reporting format from a UCR summary report to NIBRS, FCPD has also broadened, again with the ease of a more robust RMS

system, our aggravated assault category reporting so it is more consistent with the national standard. The application supporting the new RMS, coined I/LEADS, has added a multitude of new layers of functionality to the force, including a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system which helps to ensure that the most appropriate resources and skills are immediately accessible in any situation; a Records Management System (RMS) which provides a comprehensive view of people, places and events never before made available to the officer on the street; and an Automated Field Reporting (AFR) system integrated with the RMS, which allows for direct entry of report information in the field. These comprehensive aspects allow for increased accessibility of information, quicker apprehensions and high quality case management.



homicide school

The Fairfax County Police Department, in collaboration with the Virginia Homicide Investigators Association (VHIA), hosted its first homicide school in March of 2010 at the Fairfax County Police Academy.

With travel budgets tight, yet essential training for new investigators needed, police personnel teamed up with the VHIA, invited regional experts on homicide-related topics, and advertised the new program to police departments statewide.

The VHIA is a non-profit association, established in 1993, by a group of dedicated homicide detectives and serves as a forum to discuss and exchange



information related to homicide case management and operational strategies, as well as the latest advancements in forensic science and technologies. Several Fairfax County Police detectives were instrumental in the formation of the VHIA and continue to be

involved in its educational and training efforts.

Approximately 70 detectives attended the school, learning more about handling homicide crime scenes, working with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, managing victims and witnesses, courtroom testimony, media relations, and many other topics.

search and rescue team

In June of 2010 the Search and Rescue team located an endangered missing woman who had wandered into the woods. Their efforts undoubtedly saved her life. Since its inception, the Search and Rescue Team has saved three lives and contributed to the resolution of at least two homicide cases.

The team's primary purpose is to assist in locating endangered missing persons, but they are often called on to locate weapons, suspects, or other evidence of major crimes in wooded or inaccessible areas. The team works closely with detectives, the K-9 section's bloodhounds, and the helicopter unit and uses a variety of equipment such as thermal imagers, dirt bikes, bicycles, and ATVs.

The Search and Rescue Team has spent anywhere from 30 minutes to upwards of two days conducting a search. The team consists of 40 officers who, in addition to their full-time assignments, respond when needed for their specialized skill. Throughout the year they conduct training exercises to maintain their skills and improve search techniques.

Given the diverse terrain of nearly 230,000 acres that make up Fairfax County, the Search and Rescue Team is an invaluable resource to public safety officials.



in memoriam



“It is not how these officers died that made them heroes,
it is how they lived.”

Vivian Eney, Survivor



Karen Bassford
(1947-1977)



Sandy Gideonse
(1934-1998)



Tommy Bernal
(1950-2001)



Michael Garbarino
(1953-2006)



Vicky Armel
(1966-2006)



Frank Stecco
(1966-2008)



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