FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Colonel Edwin C. Roessler Jr.
CHIEF OF POLICE

2012 - 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR VISION

Your Police Department's vision 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.

OUR FUTURE

Class 60 takes the oath of office at graduation from the Fairfax Criminal Justice Academy, September 20, 2013

OUR VISION, MISSION and FUTURE

Today I have the honor of presenting you with the first annual report of my tenure as the 10th chief of the Fairfax County Police Department. Our great Department is a police family dedicated to working in partnership with you, the community, to prevent crime and improve the overall quality of life by delivering essential police services in a professional manner at all times.

2012 and 2013 have been times of profound change for our Department. Former Chief Dave Rohrer left us upon his promotion to Deputy County Executive for Public Safety and Deputy Chiefs Maggie DeBoard and Jim Morris were selected to be Chiefs of Police for Herndon and Vienna respectively.

Additionally, we took possession of two state-of-the-art, twin-engine helicopters that improve the safety and speed of our abilities to protect the public and our officers on both police and medical missions. Extensive renovations and improvements to the McLean and Fair Oaks District Police Stations and the county Animal Shelter are nearly complete and we've entered the first phase of providing urban policing to the rapidly developing Tysons area.

I'm very proud that the men and women of the Department worked tirelessly and diligently to prevent crime and provide police services, despite all of the changes. You will see evidence of their many successes throughout the pages of this report, especially the continued decline in overall crime in our county.

Looking toward the future, we must proactively address the challenges of urbanization while building internally upon our culture of safety. This shared vision acknowledges and requires the continued adoption of creative innovations, leveraging of intelligence-led policing, enhancements to our community policing modes, and fostering problem solving through engagement with all our partners.

Please be mindful that since 1940, the Fairfax County Police Department has actively engaged with the community it serves. Our retired employees and many community volunteers constructed a strong organizational foundation for all of us to build upon. We must challenge each other to be stewards of our foundation on a daily basis and to continually improve our Department, maintaining the tradition of excellence as our legacy to the generations ahead. Our strategic enhancements to our culture of safety, operations, tactics, equipment, pay and benefits, training, and wellness will ensure our Department is a great place to work for all.

I look forward to working side-by-side with members of the Department as we team with our Fairfax County community to accomplish our mission through innovation and perseverance.

Colonel Edwin C. Roessler Jr.
CHIEF OF POLICE

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Pictured left to right.

Catherine M. Hudgins
HUNTER MILL DISTRICT

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SULLY DISTRICT

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BRADDOCK DISTRICT

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MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT

Sharon Bulova
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DRANESVILLE DISTRICT

Jeffrey C. McKay
LEE DISTRICT

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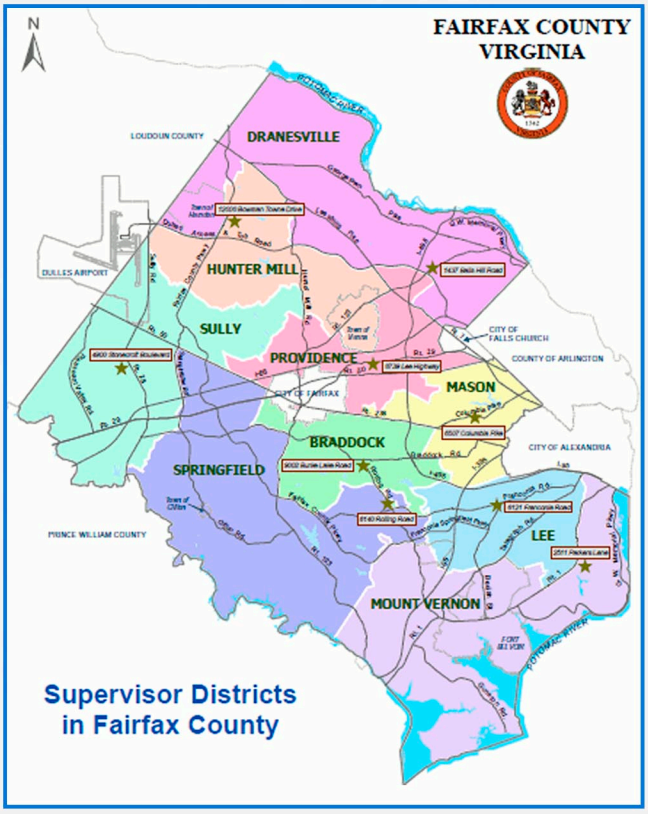
PROVIDENCE DISTRICT



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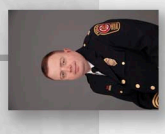

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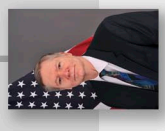
PATROL BUREAU - DIVISION 2

Maj. Arthur J. Hurlock
PATROL BUREAU - DIVISION 1



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

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ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BUREAU

Maj. Gun Lee
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BUREAU

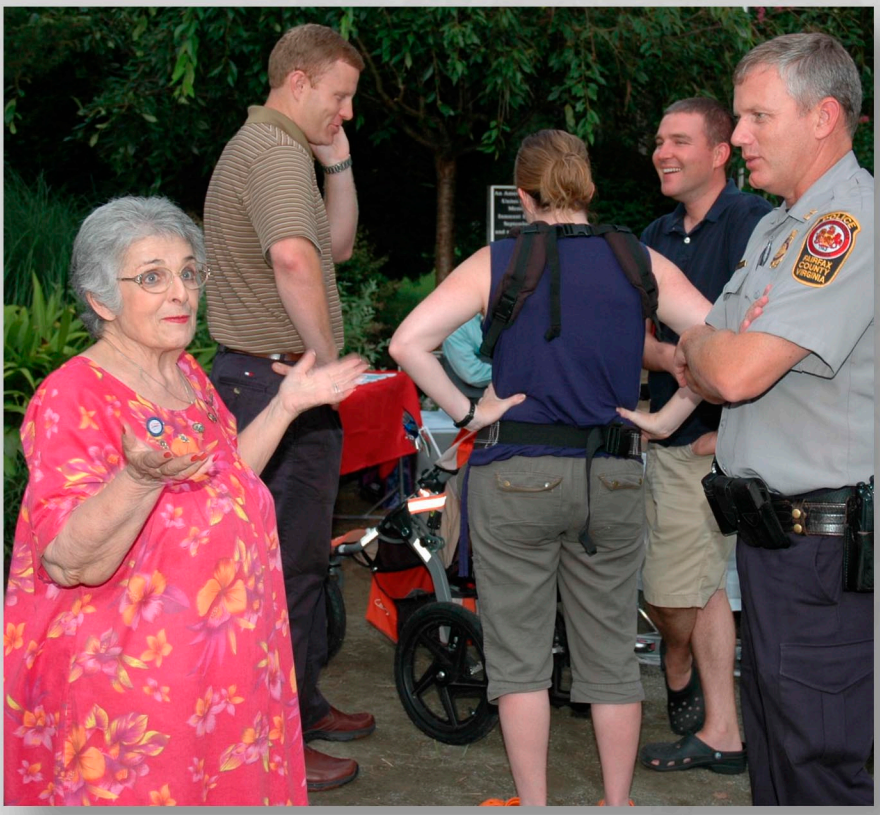
2013 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

What began in 1984 as a national effort to promote crime prevention and support neighborhoods and police community relations is alive and very well in Fairfax County.

Each community decides for itself how to observe National Night Out, held annually on the first Tuesday of August. Most events in our county include the sharing of food and a great chance to mingle.

Kids can always find a helping hand when they need one, even at the Mason District gala for National Night Out.

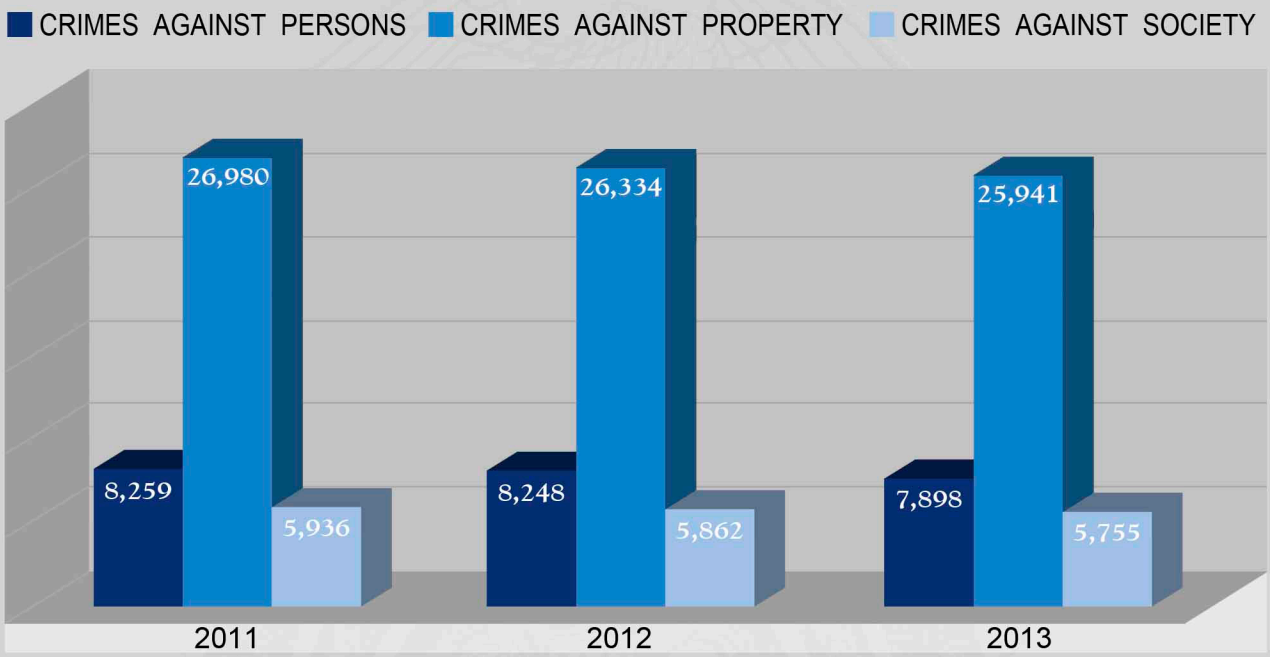


Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay (back left) and Franconia District Station Captain Jim Baumstark (right) mingle with National Night Out revelers.

Police officers from the Chief to district station commanders to patrol and auxiliary officers take every opportunity to participate in as many events as possible.

Mixed in with the fun and camaraderie is a very important message — We are organized and fighting back against crime!

FAIRFAX-AT-A-GLANCE



CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS are calculated based on the number of VICTIMS.

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

More in depth crime statistics available at:

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FCPD-AT-A-GLANCE

BUDGET

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013*
Budget	$217,838,702	$209,818,683	$214,032,258	$230,040,783	$237,695,224
Per Capita Spending	$213.72	$193.96	$195.15	$206.41	$213.83
Total Authorized Personnel	1,730	1,704	1,712	1,711	1,718
Total Authorized Sworn Positions	1,402	1,359	1,360	1,359	1,370
Total Authorized Non-Sworn Positions	368	345	352	352	348
Full-Time	304	281	288	288	284
Part-Time	64	64	64	64	64

* 2013 figures based on FY2014 Adopted Budget and 2013 est. County population of 1,111,620

SULLY

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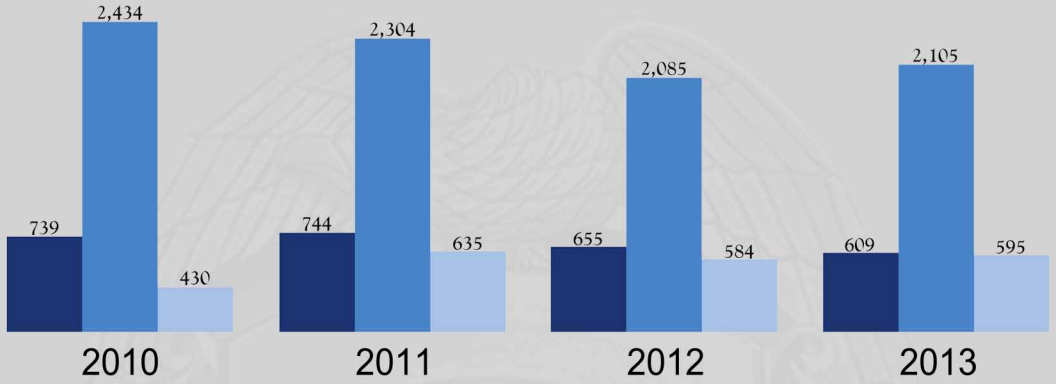

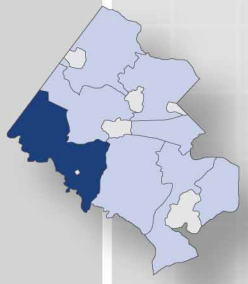

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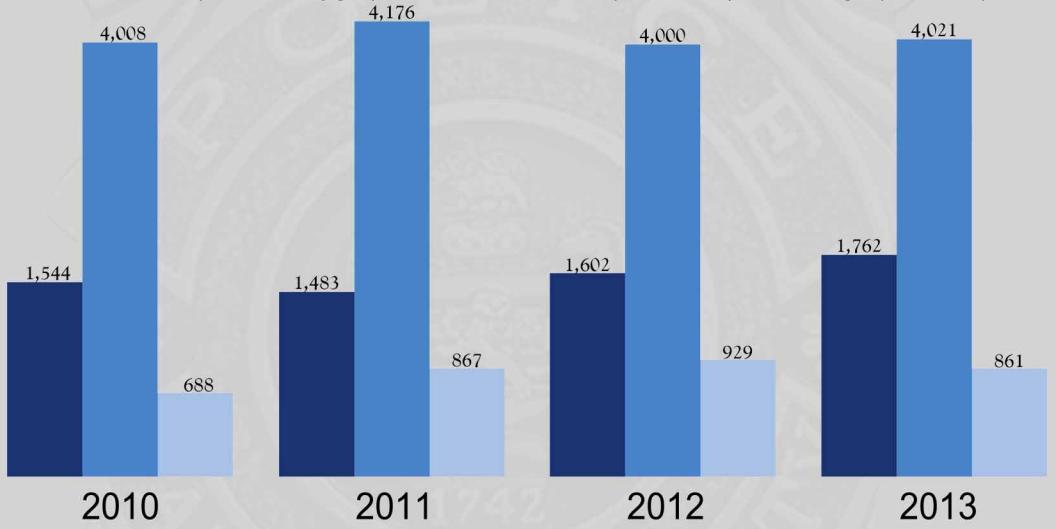

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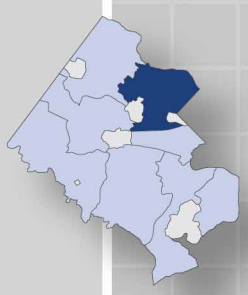

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DISTRICT STATION STATISTICS

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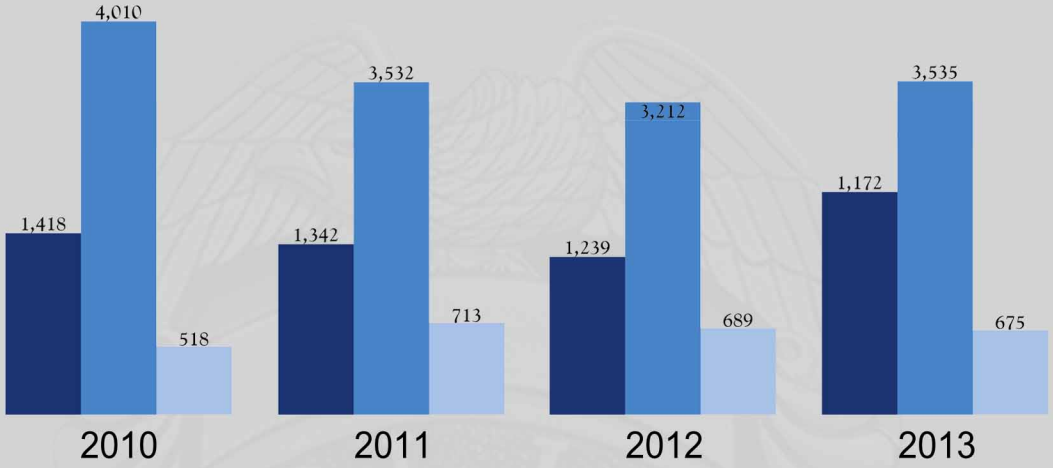

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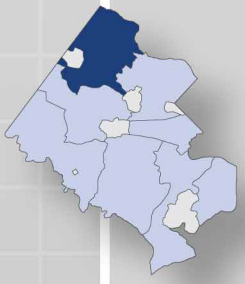

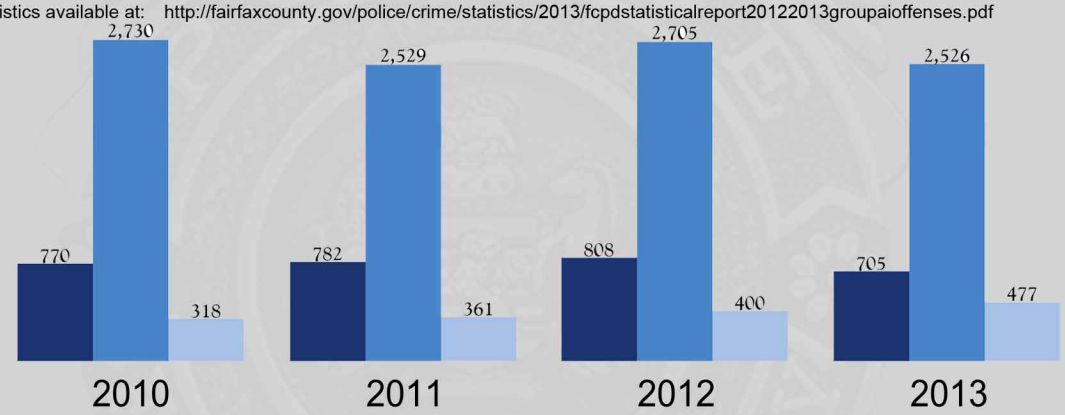

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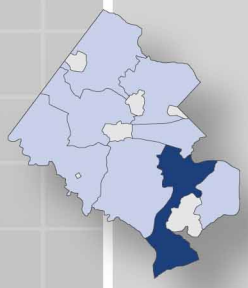

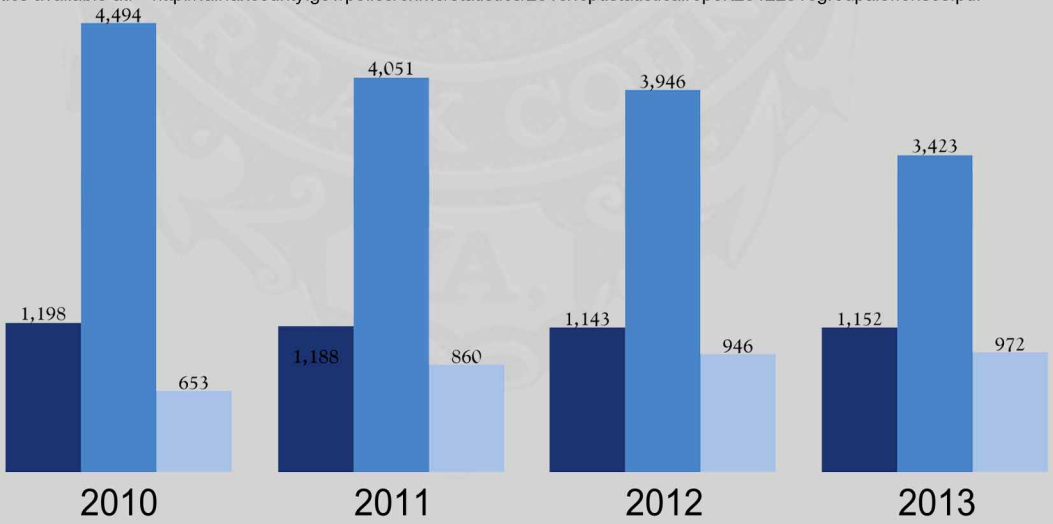

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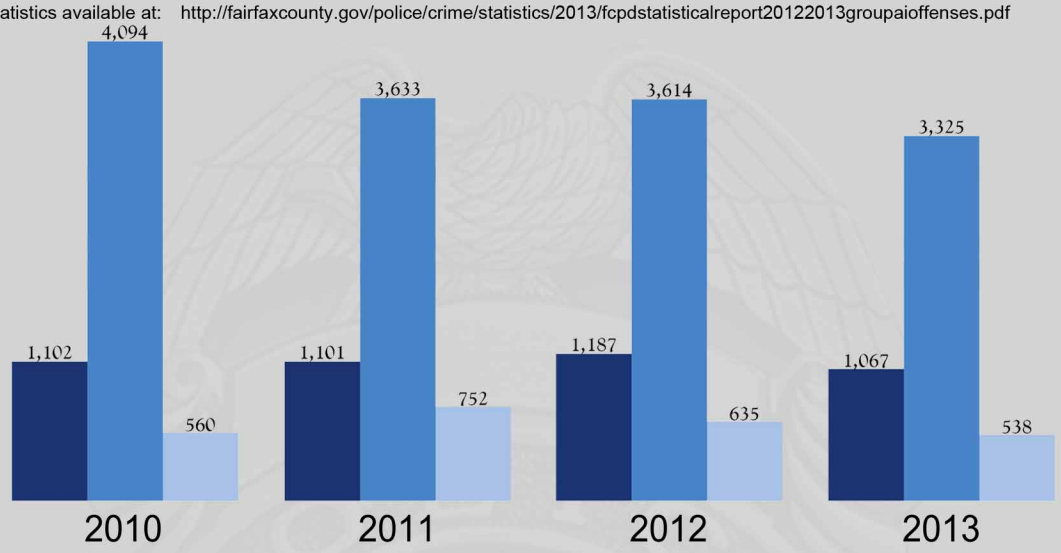

FAIR OAKS

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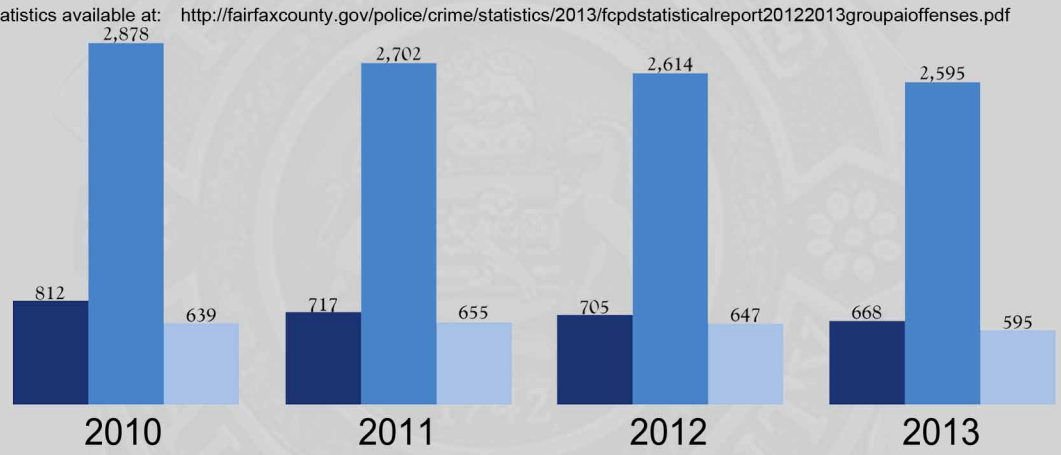

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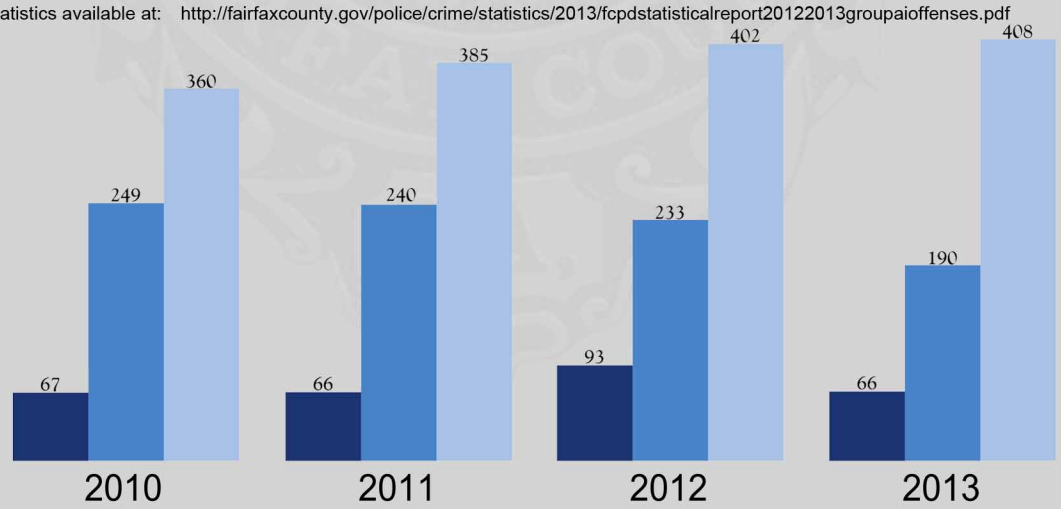

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ARRESTS

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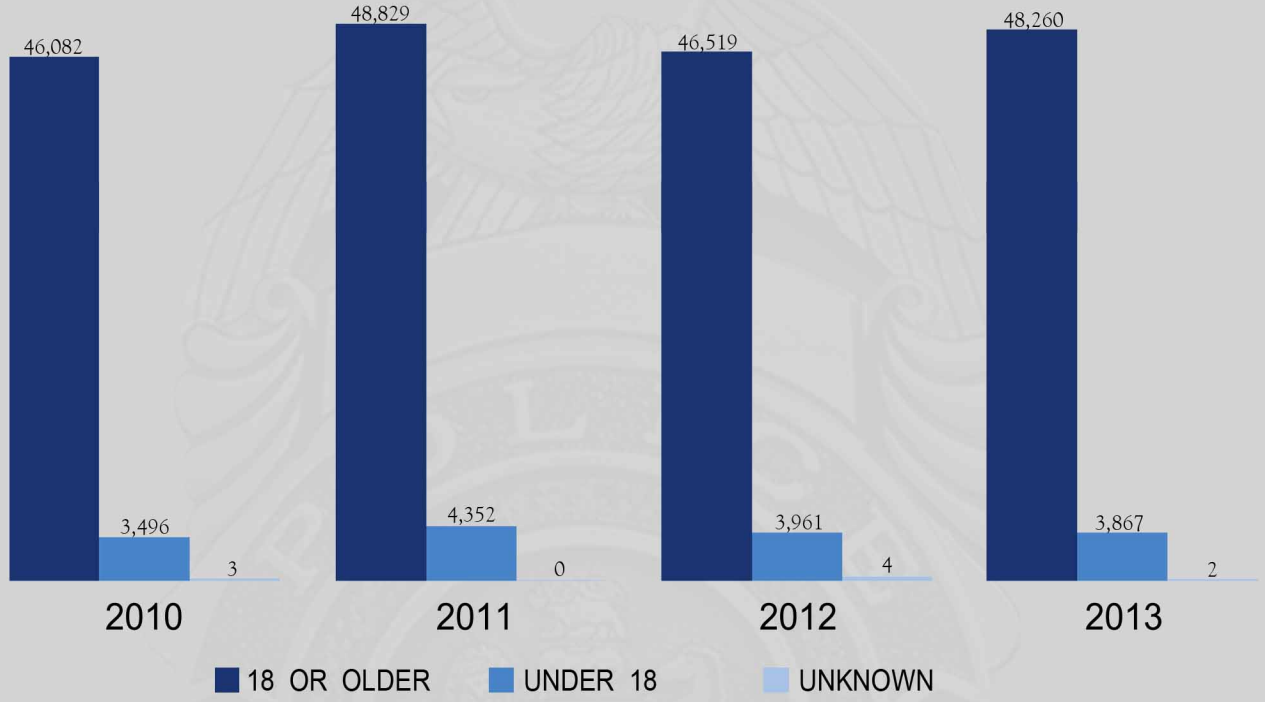

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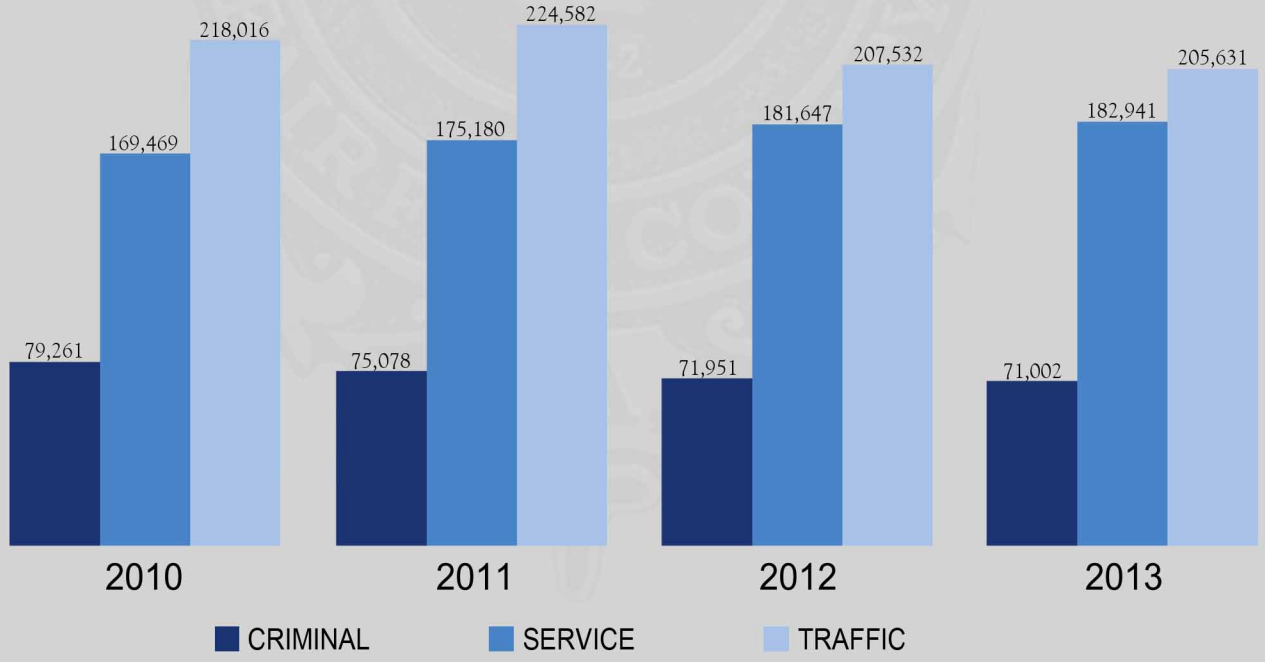


ARRESTS and CALLS for SERVICE

MAJOR CRIMES DIVISION

2012 CRIME CASES	Assigned	%Closed
Auto Theft	750	38
Child Abuse	337	52
Child Exploitation	1,601	93
Financial	2,486	36
Homicide	396	90
Robbery	158	37
Sex Crimes	227	69
TOTAL	5,955	-

2013 CRIME CASES	Assigned	%Closed
Auto Theft	736	42
Child Abuse	316	91
Child Exploitation	1,677	99
Financial	3,040	34
Homicide	401	99
Robbery	202	30
Sex Crimes	251	83
TOTAL	6,623	-

HOMICIDES

	2012	2013
Homicides	16	8
Closed by Arrest	10	3
Closed by Exceptional Means*	5	4
Active	1	1

* Murder/Suicide

VICTIM SERVICES SECTION

The Virginia Crime Victim and Witness Bill of Rights mandates the provision of comprehensive services to those who are emotionally,financially, and physically affected by criminal acts. Victim Services is included in the Criminal Investigations Bureau to ensure immediate, direct help to victims.

VSS observes National Crime Victims' Rights Week with a 5K Walk and Candlelight Vigil in honor of local victims in the spring and a 5K K-9 Krawl (pictured above) during Domestic Violence Awareness Month every fall. Both events are free and designed to create awareness.

CASES BY CRIME	2012	2013
Assault	566	514
Assault, DV-VPO, DV/PO*	143	80
Child Abuse	25	60
Child Sexual Assault	292	249
Domestic Violence	1,721	1,489
DUI-DWI	7	7
Elder Abuse	6	0
Harassment	127	113
Homicide	22	22
Other Crimes Against Persons	103	79
Property Crimes	289	282
Robbery	274	301
Sexual Assault	203	212
Stalking	32	29
TOTALS	3,810	3,437

* Cases represent victims, survivors, witnesses and family members.

INNOVATION FOCUSES on DIVERSIFYING FCPD

The appointment of Colonel Ed Roessler Jr as Chief of the Fairfax County Police Department on July 30, 2013, coincides precisely with a concerted effort to improve diversity of the sworn, civilian, and volunteer numbers throughout the Department. The new Chief immediately established the Chief's Council on Diversity Recruiting and wasted no time calling on leaders from the rich mixture of cultures represented in the county to join the Council.

The Chief is hopeful the new partnerships established through the Council will directly and favorably impact diversity recruitment, hiring, training and retention. His vision for the Council is that it will have a pivotal role in guiding the Department and the police leadership to create accountability measures that will ensure continued innovative, community-driven engagement, ultimately resulting in solutions to bridge the gaps in the diversity of the Department.

In addition to the Council, several divisions and bureaus within the Department are undergoing realignments to ensure there is organizational support for increased diversity in everything from the sworn and civilian ranks to opportunities for county residents to serve on established groups such as Citizen Advisory Councils and to attend the Citizens' Police Academy.

The Council kicked off its first meeting on November 15, 2013, learning about the Department's history and organizational structure and how the agency recruits, hires, and trains sworn and civilian personnel. By the end of that first meeting, it was evident that creating a police force that closely mirrors the community it serves will be no quick fix, but the members of the council are upbeat, confident, and eager to get to work.

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

Groups of about a half dozen Franconia District officers, detectives, and commanders hit neighborhood streets between January and July of 2012, to help break down fear and resistance toward police. They knocked on doors, introduced themselves, and talked about safety and quality of life issues. They distributed helpful safety and security information and encouraged everyone to call police at the first sign of suspicious activity in their neighborhood. One knock at a time, one family at a time, the officers had positive interactions with many wonderful communities.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

The Traffic Division is made up of 11 sections of specially trained officers and civilians who are devoted to the reduction of crashes, changing unsafe, illegal driver behaviors and strict traffic enforcement.

New electronic speed signs are deployed in answer to neighborhood complaints about speeding vehicles on residential streets. The light-weight, mobile signs will help determine whether speeding is a safety threat in a neighborhood and increase drivers' awareness of how fast they're traveling.

FATAL CRASHES	2012	2013
Fatal Crashes	30	26
Fatalities	31	29
Victims Under 21	1	3
Pedestrian Victims	4	5
Unrestrained Victims	10	9
Drivers Killed	9	5
Passengers Killed	1	4
Speed Involved	6	5
Drivers Killed	6	3
Passengers Killed	0	2
Alcohol Involved	4	6
Drivers Killed	4	4
Passengers Killed	0	2

CRASH RECONSTRUCTION UNIT

The scene of the fatal crash at the intersection of Manchester Boulevard and Kingstown Village Parkway.

The Crash Reconstruction Unit investigated 30 fatal crashes in 2012, 26 in 2013. Thirty-one people died in crashes in 2012 and 29 in 2013.

Crash Reconstruction detectives investigate all fatal crashes under FCPD jurisdiction. In January, 2012, they obtained a search warrant for the restraint control module, or black box, from a Mustang involved in a horrific crash that killed an elderly woman and seriously injured her husband.

Their investigation proved the Mustang was traveling in excess of 80 mph, more than double the 35 mph limit, when the crash occurred. The driver of the Mustang plead guilty to manslaughter.

OPERATIONS SUPPORT BUREAU

DWI ENFORCEMENT

DWI ENFORCEMENTS *	2012	2013
Checkpoints	22	28
Vehicles Screened	14,400	16,523
DWI Arrests	26	58

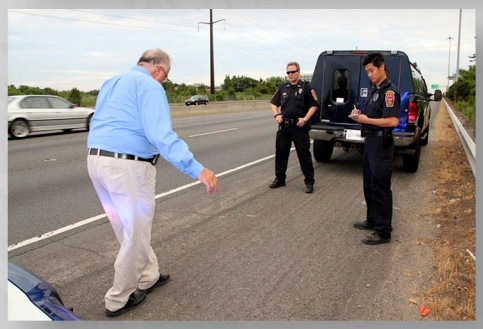
Grant-Funded Saturation Patrols	2012	2013
Officers	197	385
Vehicles Stopped	1,447	2,959
DWI Arrests	63	163

* Traffic Division operations only

DWI arrests by FCPD officers from all divisions:

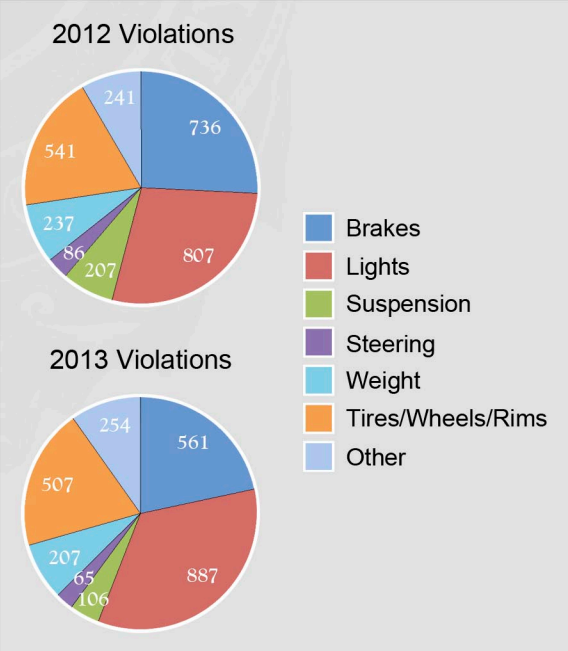
2012 = 2,624

2013 = 2,831



MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY UNIT

Removal of unsafe trucks from county roadways falls to the Motor Carrier Safety Unit. Throughout the year, they pull trucks off the highways for surprise inspections, forcing the most serious violators to tow their rigs in for immediate repairs.



OPERATIONS SUPPORT BUREAU

HELICOPTER DIVISION

The Fairfax County Police Department became the first law enforcement agency in the world to operate Bell 429 light, twin engine, multi-mission helicopters as crime-fighting and medical response tools in 2012.

Their speed, range, and interior space make them formidable crime-fighting and life-saving tools, ready 24-hours-a-day to support our personnel on the ground and serve the residents of Fairfax County.

HELICOPTER UNIT

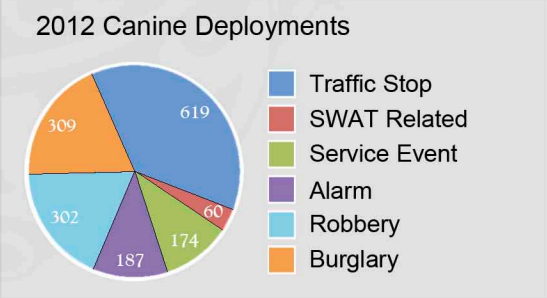
MISSIONS	2012	2013
Felony	334	476
Misdemeanor	267	172
Medevac	74	72
Patrol	346	324
Police Service	343	168
Fire Assist	25	143
Other Service	76	9
Other Jurisdiction	104	94
Maintenance/Training	62	43
TOTALS	1,631	1,501

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

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

K-9 UNIT

Training prepares dogs for missions involving helicopters.



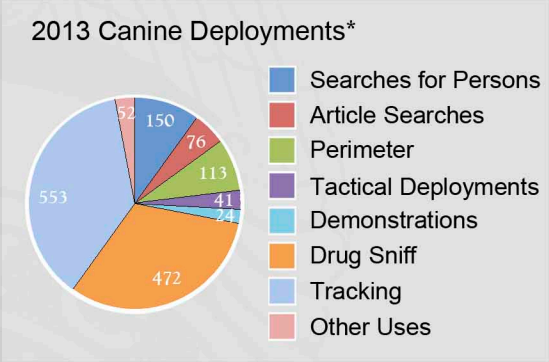
K-9 TEAMS DEPLOYED 1,481 TIMES IN 2012

OPERATIONS SUPPORT BUREAU

K-9 CASE HIGHLIGHT

A murder suspect was on the loose in November, 2012, and Sergeant Ari Morin and his partner, Bohdi, and MPO Marshal Thielen and his bloodhound, Cory, were called in for the search. The two teams tracked over approximately five miles of brush and rough terrain. The suspected killer was trapped in a parking garage and arrested, with the help of the SWAT team.

Sergeant Ari Morin and his partner Bohdi



*Stats and Charts for 2012 and 2013 do not match due to a change in the K-9 Unit's records management system.

K-9 TEAMS DEPLOYED 1,474 TIMES IN 2013

MARINE PATROL UNIT

The Marine Patrol Unit patrols Northern Virginia waterways year-round to enforce state and local laws and educate boaters about safety.

	2012	2013
Patrol Hours	384	450
Reports Generated	55	31
Summons Issued	102	76
Warnings Issued	127	203
BUI Checkpoints	2	5
BUI Arrests	0	2
Citizen Contacts	1,479	1,541
Drowning Responses	2	2
Boat Accidents	0	0
Presentations	11	11

Keeping an eye out for impaired boaters.

A brief safety check and boaters can get back to having fun.

OPERATIONS SUPPORT BUREAU

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL UNIT

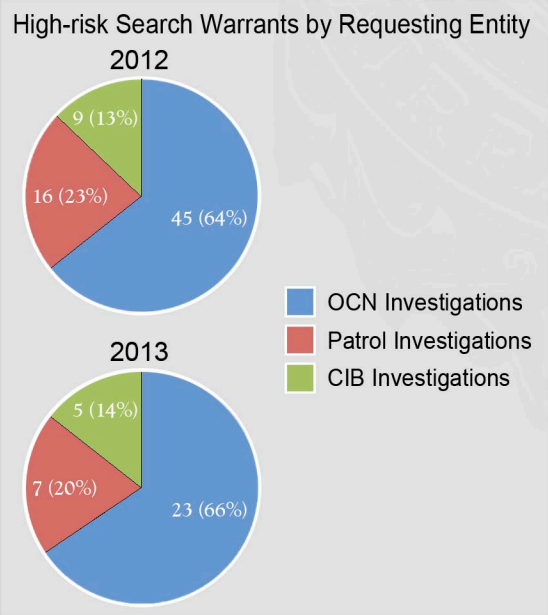
	2012	2013
Incident Totals	251	285
Call Outs	19	19
Military Ordnance Recovered	8	90
IEDs Recovered*	16	15
Assist Other Jurisdiction	25	19
Rail Safe Ops**	10	8
K-9 Searches	16	18
Special Events	19	12
Roll Call Training	24	18
Presentations	14	13
Training Hours	1,610	1,889

*Improvised Explosive Devices
**In conjunction with METRO Transit Police

EOD suits and gear carefully checked before each mission.

SPECIAL WEAPONS and TACTICS (SWAT)

The SWAT team's specialized training and equipment are utilized to serve search warrants deemed high risk, when there is a threat of encountering armed or violent suspects. In 2012, SWAT served 72 high-risk search warrants in support of investigations by Patrol officers and Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) detectives. In 2013, that number dropped by half to 36.



A simulated critical incident aboard a bus provides SWAT training and experience utilizing vehicles and tools unique to their mission.

OPERATIONS SUPPORT BUREAU

FLEET REPLACEMENT OF PATROL CARS BEGINS

To the patrol officer, a police cruiser is a rolling office, a home-away-from-home during long hours spent answering calls for service and proactively looking for any signs a criminal is at work. To the community, the marked cruisers are very visible reminders that police are in the neighborhood and it is time for a quick check of the speedometer and to buckle up and drive right.

New Ford Police Interceptors flank the discontinued police work horse, the Ford Crown Victoria

In 2013, the Police Department began to systematically replace the veteran mainstay of police cars, the specially equipped Ford Crown Victoria, because Ford discontinued production. Well ahead of the start of replacement, though, a committee formed of officers from various assignments evaluated the cars major manufacturers had to offer.

The evaluators drove all the prospective replacement cars on the Department's driver training track to test the handling, visibility, acceleration, brakes, and performance when road conditions simulated bad weather. Staff members evaluated the safety features in each car and compared the costs of adding each model to the fleet.

The officers and staff voted the Ford Police Interceptor (All Wheel Drive, V6) number one overall. It scored the best for handling, braking, and inclement weather driving (can handle 6+ inches of snow.) It easily responds to the demands of pursuit and emergency response driving. It offers traction and stability control, even under harsh driving conditions and offers the best fuel mpg/economy. Last, but by no means least for officers who spend eight hours and more in their patrol cars, the Police Interceptor provides the size and comfort they need.

In an average year, the Department's fleet of vehicles logs over 15 million miles on the road, much of it by the nearly 900 vehicles assigned to the Patrol Division and often in adverse traffic and weather conditions and extremely demanding circumstances. That put safety features of the replacement vehicles at the top of the priority list. The 2013 Police Interceptor got five out of five stars in the government safety ratings. It boasts a safety cell construction, crumple zones and advanced ultra-high-strength boron steel, a personal safety system, and safety canopy system and side airbags. It was also the only vehicle tested that could sustain a 75 mph rear impact collision.

Ford offers the Interceptor in both a sedan and a utility vehicle (AWD, V6,) which is more compatible for use by specialty units such as K9. The added bonus to the Police utility model of the Interceptor is it shares the same chassis and drivetrain as the sedan so parts for both are compatible.

All-in-all, the Ford Police Interceptor offers a total package that makes bidding farewell to the beloved Crown Vics a little easier.

The two models of the Police Interceptor use the same parts which streamlines purchase and inventory

ANIMAL SERVICES STATISTICS

	2012	2013
Animal Intake	4,163	4,267
Adoptions	1,420	1,787
Live Release Rate*	85%	92%
Euthanized	850	749
Returned to Owner	1,118	1,135
Wildlife Received	1,511	1,804
Animals Transferred Out of Rescue Groups	575	390
Animals Transferred In for Adoption	0	205
Volunteer Hours	9,941	13,742
Animal Bites in County	17,476	19,906

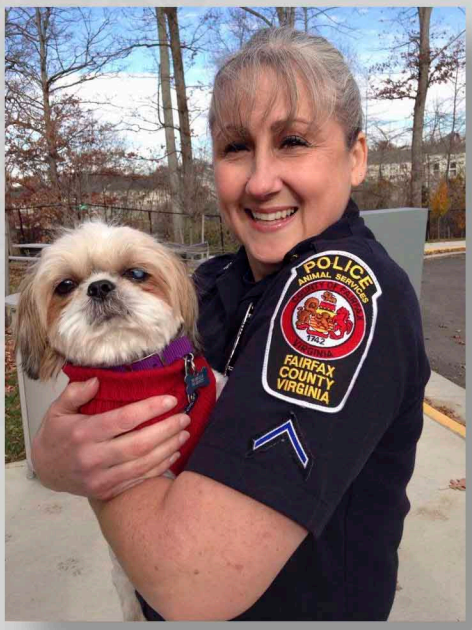
*based on Asilomar Accords calculations

When a 60-pound fawn fell into a retaining pond at Occoquan Regional Park, Animal Control Officers, aided by the Fire Department, launched an all-out rescue mission. The struggling deer was pulled from the water and survived her ordeal.

BISCUIT: THE ELUSIVE SHIH-TZU TURNED FAMILY PET

Biscuit after two years on the lam.

A street-wise little dog nicknamed Biscuit eluded all attempts at capture for over two years. He hid in leaf piles and under porches in Franconia, never allowing anyone to get close enough to catch him until Animal Control Officer Enna Lugo got involved. In April, 2013, she rounded up volunteers, determined to nab her fugitive, and it worked! A veterinarian removed 40 ticks while cleaning up the little dog. A few months of rest, love and training later, Biscuit was released to a forever home and his new family.



Officer Lugo proudly displays the"new" Biscuit

ROAD D.A.W.G. CAMP

Consequences. Risk. Teamwork. These are among the key concepts middle-school aged kids are exposed to, many for the first time, at summer camps run by the Police Department, Fairfax County Juvenile Intake and Probation, Neighborhood and Community Services and the Community Services Board. You only have to look at the campers' expressions, though, to see there is a lot of fun happening while they're learning.

The name of the camps harkens back to their creation in 2004 when parents and others in communities in the southern end of the county voiced their concerns about gang recruitment and participation reaching into middle and elementary schools. The police officers who invented the camps wanted to honor the many officers, known as Road Dogs, who spend their careers in cruisers, patrolling the streets and highways of the county. They changed the spelling of DOG to D.A.W.G., which stands for "Don't Associate With Gangs" and that name continues today.

Over the years, the program has evolved from primarily an anti-gang focus to building resilience and decision-making skills and linking kids with after-school programs and community resources that can help nurture and sustain their personal development.

Teamwork and leadership skills also play major roles in camp activities. Prospective campers are referred by school counselors, teachers, and administrators as well as personnel from community centers and after-school programs. Typically, the kids selected show great potential to become unofficial leaders in their circle of friends and acquaintances.

The campers do not just learn about police work, they experience it. They challenge the SWAT team's obstacle course; ride in cruisers during driving demonstrations on the test track; and suit up in heavily padded gear used by bomb technicians.

The week-long camps are held in August at three locations across the county. They are free for the campers and their families, including breakfasts, snacks, and lunches.

K-9 KODIAK PROVES HE IS TOP DOG

All five Fairfax County officers and their canine partners that competed in the 2012 Virginia Police Canine Association Iron Dog competition came away winners, but it was Kodiak and his handler, Officer Brad Weeks, who walked away as the overall Iron Dog champions. Each team is timed on a mile-and-a-half course and tested on scent tracking, decoy apprehensions, vehicle searches, and environmental distractions.

FCPD ATHLETIC TRAINER HONORED

The Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association tapped FCPD's athletic trainer, Nancy Burke, for induction into its Hall of Fame in 2012. Burke helps officers avoid injuries through training and education and provides physical therapy to help rehabilitate injured officers so they can return to duty.

FCPD WINS TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARDS IN 2012 and 2013

The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP) recognized Fairfax County Police Department officers and programs in both 2012 and 2013.

Last fall, VACP named PFC Michael Mittiga Traffic Safety Officer of the Year for 2012 for his leadership and dedication to traffic safety in the Mount Vernon Police District. In addition to managing station efforts to ensure children were safe in correctly installed safety seats, Mittiga led a pedestrian safety initiative and also issued 1,610 summonses including 142 drivers charged with reckless driving.

The previous year, FCPD took VACP's special category Underage Alcohol honors for its yearlong efforts to deter alcohol use among minors. Those efforts included undercover buy operations, weekly DUI checkpoints or directed patrols, and special initiatives such as Safe December.

MOTOR OFFICERS EXCEL IN HARLEY-DAVIDSON COMPETITION

Eight members of the FCPD Motor Squad scored an impressive win in a motorcycle riding safety and skills competition celebrating Harley-Davidson's 110th anniversary. One hundred and ten riders from 14 police departments competed at the company's Milwaukee, Wisconsin headquarters in 2013 and our FCPD officers took first place in the team competition.

RESCUE OF TWO BOYS EARNS FCPD HELICOPTER RECOGNITION

Two Spotsylvania County boys, ages 10 and 5, disappeared from their home after going out to play with their dog in newly fallen snow on January 25, 2013. The Fairfax County Police helicopter joined in the search of heavily wooded terrain using the on board infrared camera. Nightfall and below freezing temperatures were setting in when the crew spotted a heat source under a fallen tree and led ground searches to the boys and their dog.

AWARDS

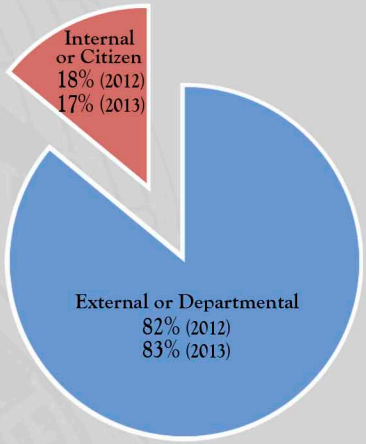
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

The Internal Affairs Bureau reports directly to the Chief of Police and is responsible for comprehensive investigations into citizen complaints, policy violations, or actions and allegations which could result in civil lawsuits against Fairfax County.

Internal Affairs conducted a total of 585 investigations in 2012 and 569 in 2013:

- Of these, cruiser crashes and/or operation of police vehicles accounted for 42% in 2012, 45% in 2013
- 40% of the cases resulted in disciplinary action in 2012, 46% in 2013
- In addition to these cases, IA handled 256 Freedom of Information Act requests in 2012 and 273 in 2013
- 779 subpoena requests were answered in 2012, 858 in 2013

Source of Allegations



WE MAKE A GREAT TEAM !

Your police department has been able to maintain a safe community, with one of the lowest crime rates for large communities in the country, but we have not done it alone. Your continued help and support have enabled us to solve some really tough cases and put potentially dangerous criminals behind bars.

The officers, civilians, and volunteers of the FCPD thank you and encourage you to keep working with us to make our neighborhoods among the safest in the country.

Here are just a few of the cases your tips helped us solve:

- Three horses, two goats, a calf and a chicken were slashed and cut in and around Frying Pan Park on two nights in the Spring of 2012. Less than a month after the second attack, your tips led us to arrest a 17-year-old suspect on multiple counts of maiming an animal, cruelty to animals, and trespassing.
  His subsequent conviction and sentence will keep him away from animals and weapons and under close scrutiny by the courts for several years.
- The owners of over 40 cars and trucks in the Centreville area woke up to smashed car windows and missing electronics, money and personal items in January of 2013. An anonymous tip to Crime Solvers broke open the case the following month. Three men, ranging in age from 21 to 24 were arrested on nearly two dozen charges.
- In two West Springfield neighborhoods car windows were shot out in 2012. Most of those vehicles were empty, but soon there were reports of an occupied house and occupied cars hit too. Investigators knew the weapon used was an air soft or pellet gun but they could not nail down any suspects. Finally, five months after the shootings started, tips started rolling in. As a result two Arlington men were charged with destruction of property and shooting into an occupied home and vehicles.

YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE ! THANK YOU !

Karen Bassford
(1947 - 1977)

Sandy Gideonse
(1934 - 1998)

Tommy Bernal
(1950 - 2001)

"It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived"

Vivian Eney, Survivor

Vicky Armel
(1966 - 2006)

Michael Garbarino
(1953 - 2006)

Frank Stecco
(1966 - 2008)

IN MEMORIAM

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