

# Police Department

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LOB #206:

## **INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT DIVISION**

### **Purpose**

The Investigations Support Division (ISD) is comprised of the Crime Scene Section and is responsible for the processing of evidence related to major crimes. ISD also processes evidence from individual stations' Criminal Investigation Sections and cases investigated by patrol. Each case assigned to the ISD involves multiple steps, is time consuming, and requires many hours to meticulously document, photograph, process and package evidence. Crime scene reconstruction, court preparation, evidence transportation, and autopsy attendance also require additional staff hours. The expansion of the ability to collect DNA in the field has also dramatically increased the amount of evidence collected and staff hours dedicated to scene processing. The Crime Scene Section is also tasked with photographically documenting all promotional, graduation, and award ceremonies for the Police Department. The Crime Scene Section's Photographic Lab develops and produces all reprints used by the agency for courtroom presentation and brochure publication. The Investigative Support Division is comprised of the Crime Scene Section (CSS), Northern Virginia Regional Identification System (NOVARIS), Electronic Surveillance Section, and the future DNA Laboratory.

### **Description**

To initiate and conduct thorough investigations of all major crimes including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, motor vehicle theft, financial crimes, fugitives from justice, cases involving children in need of services, controlled substance violations, and vice crimes, leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for those crimes in order to reduce the future occurrence and mitigate the effects of those activities, and thereby protect the community from their activities.

### **Benefits**

To protect persons and property by providing essential law enforcement and public safety services through investigations, while promoting involvement, stability, and order through service assistance.

### **Mandates**

ISD is responsible for the investigation of selected laws of the Code of Virginia and Fairfax County Code.

### **Trends and Challenges**

The amount of time spent on more increasingly complex cases and the workload per detective continues to be a challenge. The number of detectives in the unit has remained the same for many years even though the population of the County continues to grow and the need for investigative support services has grown.

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## Resources

Category	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Adopted
<b>LOB #206: Investigative Support Division</b>			
<b>FUNDING</b>			
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Compensation	\$2,460,086	\$2,168,464	\$2,302,526
Operating Expenses	212,236	172,357	250,886
Capital Equipment	0	53,998	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,672,322</b>	<b>\$2,394,819</b>	<b>\$2,553,412</b>
General Fund Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Cost/(Savings) to General Fund	\$2,672,322	\$2,394,819	\$2,553,412
<b>POSITIONS</b>			
<i>Authorized Positions/Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)</i>			
<u>Positions:</u>			
Regular	23 / 23	20 / 20	20 / 20
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>23 / 23</b>	<b>20 / 20</b>	<b>20 / 20</b>

## Metrics

Metric Indicator	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Estimate	FY 2017 Estimate
ISD-CSS Call Outs	NA	NA	559	670	670
Hours Spent at Scenes	NA	NA	1,698	2,163	2,163
Hours Spent Post Scene	NA	NA	1,421	1,989	1,989
Number of Evidence Items Collected	NA	NA	1,633	2,300	2,300
Cases worked by Detectives	NA	NA	543	758	758
Total Hours Spent on Cases	NA	NA	6,197	7,746	7,746
Day Shift Calls	NA	NA	157	196	196
Evening Calls	NA	NA	116	145	145
Autopsies	NA	NA	42	58	58
Hours on Search Warrants	NA	NA	45	61	61

This Division provides investigative support for the Department and other law enforcement agencies, including federal, state, and local, and protects the public. Detectives from the Investigative Support Division respond to call outs from the Major Crimes Division as well as requests from patrol. Detectives investigate major crimes to include homicide, rape, and robbery as well as other criminal acts at the request of patrol and station based criminal investigation sections.