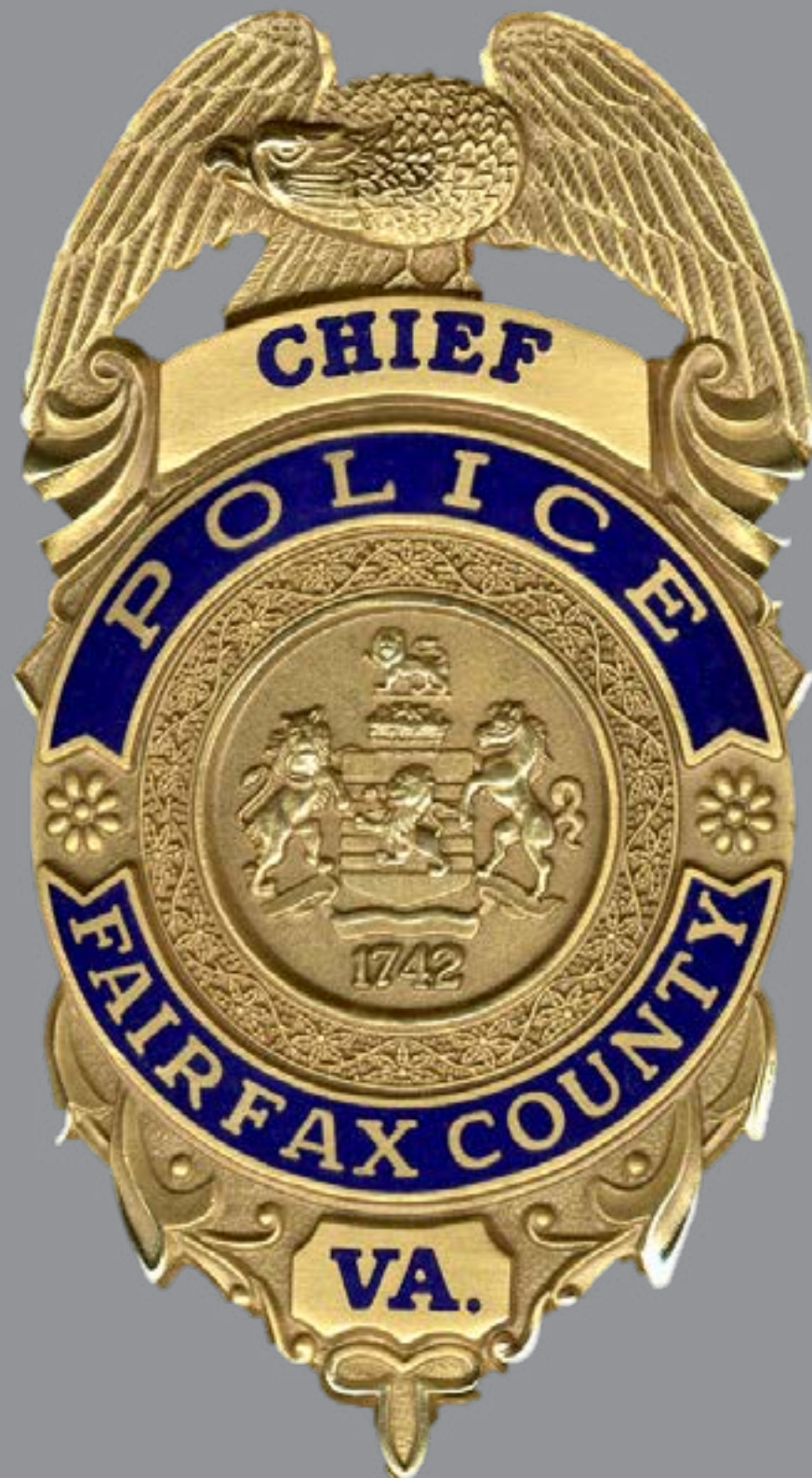


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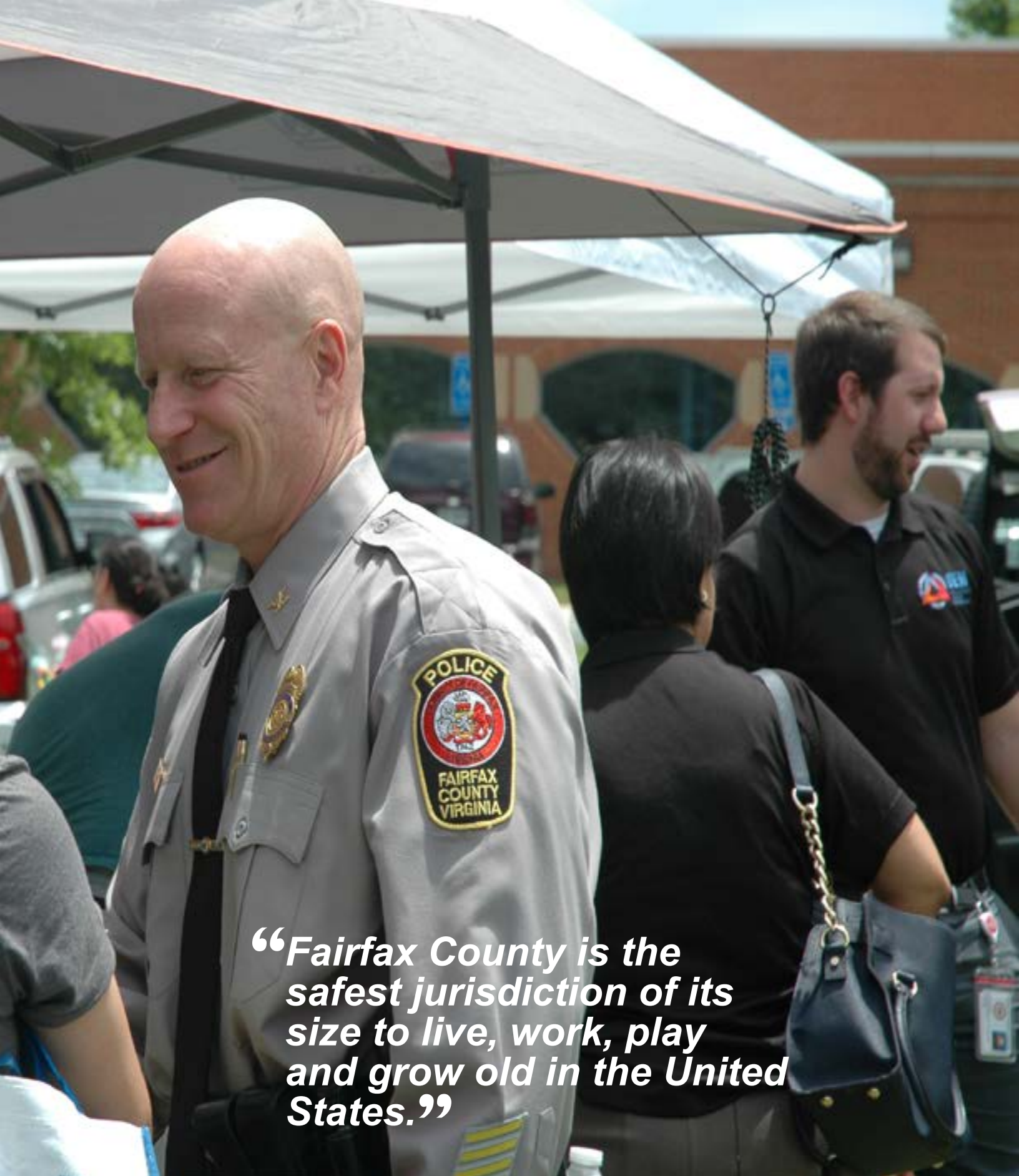
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- Bethany House
- Coffee with a Cop
- Diversion First
- Fairfax 50+
- Fairfax County Citizen Corps
- Fairfax County Communities of Trust
- Fairfax County Department of Family Services
- Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department
- Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services
- Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships
- Fairfax County Office of Women & Domestic and Sexual Victims Services
- Fairfax County Public Schools
- Fairfax County Sheriff's Office
- Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
- FBI National Academy
- George Mason University
- International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Leadership Fairfax
- National Night Out
- Nextdoor.com
- Northern Virginia Mediation Services
- One Fairfax
- Shelter House
- Special Olympics Virginia
- The George Washington University, Washington D.C.
- Torch Run for Special Olympics
- United Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County (UPC)
- Volunteer Fairfax
- Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP)







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safest jurisdiction of its  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

*Colonel Edwin C. Roessler Jr.*



The Fairfax County Police Department achieves its vision and mission through the support of a highly engaged community. We are grateful to all community members as we continue to work together to make our County the safest jurisdiction in the United States of America.

Through robust workforce planning, coupled with community engagement, the Police Department has co-produced multiple innovative policies, procedures, and organizational realignments to best serve the needs of our community. This includes the following highlights of services and recognitions:

- The Alternative Accountability Program (AAP) diverts first-time juvenile offenders out of the traditional justice system to provide a structured opportunity to become productive community members. AAP received the Capstone of the Year Award by the Center for Juvenile Justice and Reform at the Georgetown University School of Public Policy.
- Fairfax County achieved Certified Crime Prevention Community re-certification for the fourth time.
- The Crime Prevention Units hosted Worship Watch Workshops to address all aspects of safety planning for houses of worship.
- Nextdoor.com recognized us as the county with the fastest growing neighbor-to-neighbor social media platform utilization for preventing and fighting crime.
- Sixth re-accreditation from the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission.
- Full accreditation compliance from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Opening the new Fairfax County Public Safety Headquarters.
- Increasing community confidence and expanding trust through community engagement in collaboration with the Fairfax County Communities of Trust Committee. This committee was awarded national recognition by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as the model for improving law enforcement and community relations.
- Through the support of the Fairfax County Diversion First Program we have increased officer training, programs, and staffing resources for handling calls involving individuals experiencing mental health crisis episodes. Our officers continue to provide alternatives to jail by directly connecting individuals experiencing mental health crisis with services at the Merrifield Response Center.

On Behalf of all the members of the Fairfax County Police Department, we thank you for the continued support in achieving our mission and vision in 2017 and into the future.



# THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*Fairfax County possesses a stellar reputation nationally as the safest jurisdiction of our size among the top fifty major cities. We accomplish this through robust partnerships with all members of our uniquely diverse community. The mission of the Fairfax County Police Department is to prevent and fight crime.*

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## VISION STATEMENT

Provide ethical leadership through engagement with the community to:

- Prevent and fight crime,
  - Provide a Culture of Safety at work and in the community which preserves the sanctity of all human life, and
  - Keep pace with urbanization.
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## DEPARTMENT VALUES

We believe....

- The highest moral and ethical standards are the cornerstone of the agency, and all members are expected to adhere to these standards.
- The agency, through all of our employees and volunteers, strives to uphold the public trust and maintain accountability to the public.
- Our employees are the most important asset of the Department, and only through teamwork, mutual respect, and cooperation can the community be best served.
- The role of the police is determined by the community it serves; through a partnership with the citizens, the Department improves the quality of life through control and reduction of crime.
- The police and the community share in the responsibility for crime control and public safety.
- The capability to accomplish our mission is determined by the dedication to public service, diversity and quality of the work force; therefore, we seek to recruit and retain individuals who possess those qualities.
- The agency must seek to collaborate with neighborhoods to better understand the nature of local problems and to develop meaningful and cooperative strategies to solve these problems.
- The agency must enhance the skills of all personnel to ensure motivation, creativity, dedication, and professionalism, while creating an atmosphere of job satisfaction, enthusiasm, security and personal career development.
- Available resources, both personnel and financial, must be expended with maximum efficiency in order to provide optimum service to the citizens of Fairfax County.
- State-of-the-art technologies and continuous up-to-date training are essential for the maintenance and enhancement of police service delivery to the citizens of the community.
- Through the application of these commonly-held values, we will achieve excellence in policing in Fairfax County.

# Remembering Chief Durrer

The passing of Bill Durrer in May provided some reflection within the Fairfax County Police Department. The legacy he created in his 17 years as Chief of Police is still alive and well today. Chief Durrer recognized the rapidly expanding county as an opportunity to make some changes to the department. While he said he didn't have a plan, he created the base for what the Fairfax County Police Department looks like today.

Chief Durrer established the first mobile command bus and first Crime Scene truck for processing fingerprints at a scene. He formalized the General Orders to maintain consistency throughout the Department. He opened the first police headquarters in 1961 which included all aspects of the police department as well as six sub-stations to address the growing population and urbanization. He was responsible for the creation of the Community Relations Division and the Cadet Program.

A media blitz using radio, newspapers and television ads was launched in 1968 to gain interest in the FCPD. During this time there was fierce competition in the region to hire highly qualified candidates. The campaign brought in 1,000 inquiries.

FCPD saw the first K-9 unit in 1963, responsible for detecting explosives in airports. The first police helicopter was put into service and the first bomb technician was placed on an on-call basis and provided basic explosive training and response at the academy. The department also trained its first Civil Disturbance Unit, and was the first in the region to do so.



## FCPD SNAPSHOT OCTOBER 1957

### Chief Durrer started with:

- 128 personnel
- 200,000 residents in Fairfax County
- Two stations: Headquarters and Groveton Station



Chief Carl R. McIntosh

1940 - 1957



Chief William Durrer

1957 - 1975  
D. 5/16/2017



Chief Richard A. King

1975 - 1981



Chief Carroll Buracker

1981 - 1985



Chief John Granfield

1985 - 1992



# Recognizing the past for preparing for the future

Chief Durrer's career shaped the framework for the present day FCPD. In 2017, a new mobile command bus was introduced into the fleet. A mobile recruiting bus was put into service to allow FCPD recruiters to hold location-based interviews with potential candidates for the police department.

A new bureau structure expanded the existing branches of the organizational chart of the Department, creating a Cyber and Forensics Bureau. This bureau enables the Department to keep up with the rapidly advancing technological skills and types of equipment officers and detectives encounter when investigating crimes. The Major Crimes Bureau replaced the Criminal Investigations Bureau while shifting its squads to also incorporate growth.

The new Fairfax County Public Safety Headquarters was opened and moved Police and Fire Department functions into one location, replacing a building that both departments outgrew long ago and put divisions within the Police Department back in the same facility again.



## FCPD SNAPSHOT JANUARY 1975

### Chief Durrer ended with:

- 636 personnel
- 585,000 residents in Fairfax County
- Headquarters and six sub-stations: McLean, Annandale, Chantilly, Franconia, Mason and West Springfield



Chief Michael W. Young

1992 - 1995



Chief M. Douglas Scott

1995 - 1998



Chief Thomas Manger

1998 - 2004



Chief David M. Rohrer

2004 - 2013



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## COMMUNITIES OF TRUST

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*Photo top left*

Ms. Shirley Ginwright with Fire Chief Bauer, Chairman Sharon Bulova, Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, Col. Ed Roessler and Capt. Dean Lay at the FBI awards ceremony



*Photo bottom left*

Ms. Ginwright with Col. Ed Roessler and members of the FCPD at the Newington Forest Community Center Public Safety Event



*Opposite page*

The Communities of Trust banner in the Centreville Days Parade and at the Lorton Public Safety Day

*Shirley Ginwright , Chair of the Fairfax County, Va., Communities of Trust Committee (COTC) was presented the Director's Community Leadership Award by the FBI in 2017. In 2014, she met with law enforcement leaders and elected officials to discuss what precautions were in place and what needed to be done to prevent violence from occurring in Fairfax County. Ms. Ginwright recommended the creation of a committee to improve law enforcement and community relationships. As a result of Ms. Ginwright's initiative, the COTC was established bringing together local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies with community leaders to discuss community outreach and cooperation.*







*For the last two years, the COTC has held multiple meetings and organized a number of outreach events, including public safety days for youth and moderated community forums. These events have allowed citizens and public safety officials to communicate with each other and learn about the challenges facing each group. Ms. Ginwright has plans to establish a 501(c)(3) Public Safety Outreach Foundation and hopes to replicate the COTC in all counties in Virginia.*



2017 Communities of Trust events and awards:

- Lorton Public Safety Day
- Newington Forest Community Center Public Safety Day
- National Night Out
- Education subcommittee created to increase youth interest in public safety careers
- Office of Emergency Management recognition as

- partner in Emergency Preparedness
- Community Reading program
- Ms. Ginwright appointment to the Commonwealth's Commission for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Public Safety Job and Resource Fair at Bethlehem Baptist Church
- Centreville Days Parade
- Toy and Coat Distribution events

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## HONORING AMERICAN HEROES

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### THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT HAD THE HONOR OF WELCOMING VETERANS FROM CHICAGO TO DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Fairfax County Police Department had the honor of welcoming veterans from Chicago with Honor Flight Chicago (HFC) at Dulles International Airport. The HFC recognizes the bravery, determination and patriotism of our nation's senior war veterans with a one-of-a-kind journey to Washington, D.C. to visit a variety of inspirational memorials and the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center. Officers from the Fairfax County Police Department as well as Auxiliary Officers and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) greet the soldiers as they travel through the airport towards their transportation to their destination.

These flights are privately funded and all are welcome to greet the veterans as they arrive at the airport. For more information about HFC visit [www.honorflightchicago.org](http://www.honorflightchicago.org)

The Honor Flight Chicago escorts veterans to D.C. in a well-planned effort to create a unique and memorable experience for those who fought for our country in World War II and the Korean War.

- Men and women from all branches of the Armed Forces are represented by HFC
- Flights arrive once a month from May through October
- This program is provided at no cost to the veterans.



### CEREMONIAL HONOR GUARD

The Fairfax County Police Department's Ceremonial Honor Guard has been a representation of the agency that in some instances is the vanguard unit most visible to other law enforcement agencies and the general public since 1980. The unit consists of 30 officers as well as Auxiliary Officers from all





elements and ranks of the Police Department. Also, incorporated are three vocalists who perform a variety of songs including the Star Spangled Banner during the presentation of colors. These officers perform their honor guard duties on a volunteer basis while keeping regular work schedules and sacrificing time with their families to represent the Police Department.

In 2017, the Fairfax County Honor Guard presented colors for 74

different assignments representing the Fairfax County Police Department. These assignments included funerals for fallen officers across the United States, funerals for retired officers from Fairfax County, ceremonial presentation of colors for community events such as the Washington Redskins and Washington Nationals home games, promotional and awards ceremonies and local parades. The Honor Guard has also been a part of welcoming heroes from incoming

Honor Fights, bringing war veterans into Washington, D.C. to visit the national memorials.

Every assignment presents its own challenges, whether it is staffing with volunteers, the weather, the location, or the time it takes to travel and perform their very special skill.

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## FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE HISTORICAL DISPLAY

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THE FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS (PSHQ) HAS THE HONOR OF HOUSING THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE HISTORICAL DISPLAY

The Fairfax County Police Historical Display collection is placed on the first two floors of the new PSHQ. It consists of FCPD materials dating from the 1920s to current times, and showcases many highlights of the FCPDs' milestones.

The entire collection was a retiree project, and built up by the efforts of retired sworn staff with ranks ranging from Sergeant to Deputy Chief. The funding came from the sale of FCPD History Books, copies of FCPD Historical Badges, the sale of the 75th Anniversary Badge, donations from the Fairfax County Retired Police Association, Retired and Active Staff, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 77, and the Active Police Association.





Items displayed are donated materials from all eras, and equipment which is no longer usable that is transferred over to the museum from the Department. There are thousands of items in the collection, with the best out on display.

Oversight of the Historical Display currently resides with Deputy Chief of Police, Lieutenant Colonel Ted Arnn, and retired FCPD staff, which have formed a 501c3 known as the Fairfax County Police Historical Association (FCPHA). This allows for private funding of the collection.

Retired Second Lieutenant Dan Courtney is the President of the FCPHA. Other members are Retired Deputy Chief Steve Sellers, Retired Captain Paul Puff, Retired Lieutenant Lee Hubbard, Retired Lieutenant Butch Gamble, Retired Sergeant George Ashely, Retired Homicide Detective Jim Dooley, and legal counsel Mr. Brant Baber.

The collection consists of numerous artifacts of police equipment, uniforms, weapons, badges, patches, some former evidence, and unique equipment. One such piece is from the CIA, dating back to the early 1960s. Recently, the FCPHA was also able to acquire a section of building and roof tile from the 9/11 Attack on the Pentagon. It is on permanent loan status from the Department of Defense, in commemoration of the response made by both the Police and Fire Departments to that location.

The FCPHA also has over 25,000 digital files which include pictures, movies, and assorted documents. All of this digital media has been scanned into an archive outlining the Department's history. Currently, the display shares space with the Fairfax County Fire Department's Historical Display. Combined, this makes for a unique view of both the Police Department and Fire Department throughout each of the respective Agencies' pasts.

The collection is open to the public to see during normal business hours.





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## DIVERSION FIRST

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Over the past two years, the FCPD has trained police officers, Sheriff's deputies, magistrates, dispatchers, fire and rescue personnel, and members of the community in crisis intervention and mental health first aid. Shareholders are moving the pendulum forward in recognizing that mental illness is not a crime and should not be treated as such. In doing so, stigma is reduced and understanding is increased throughout our community.

The emphasis in the first year of Diversion First was to divert individuals to assessment and treatment in lieu of arrest. This should and will remain a top priority – keeping people with mental illness, co-occurring substance use disorders, and/or developmental disabilities out of the criminal justice system.

However, not every person in crisis is diverted from arrest. Sometimes the alleged offense is too serious to ignore. For a broader systemic reach, the focus in 2017 is to strengthen diversion at initial detention and in court hearings. The intent is to leverage people into community-based treatment while still holding them accountable for their actions.

Individuals who have committed serious crimes and do not meet the criteria for supervised release into the community will continue to proceed through the traditional justice system. In these cases the jail provides behavioral health services or, in the most serious of cases, a jail transfer to a secure psychiatric hospital for stabilization.

The FCPD still actively seeks information from other jurisdictions with strong diversion programs. However, the FCPD now often finds itself on the receiving end of requests for guidance based on its own set of accomplishments. The FCPD has had the honor to speak by invitation throughout the year at local and national conferences and events.

More information about the Diversion First program can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/diversionfirst](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/diversionfirst)

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Diversion First is designed to prevent repeat encounters with the criminal justice system, improve public safety, promote a healthier community and is a more cost-effective and efficient use of public funding. The program's success is the result of collaboration and commitment among a broad group of stakeholders, including law enforcement; government leaders; judges and magistrates; the public defender and commonwealth's attorney; and mental health providers, consumers and advocates. County leaders agree that the most critical key to success for any jurisdiction is wide-ranging and sustained collaboration.

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## CHIEF'S COUNCIL ON DIVERSITY RECRUITMENT

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### THE COUNCIL

#### ***Established 2013***

The Council is comprised of several dozen diverse community leaders in Fairfax County who bring new networking opportunities to the Police Department as well as providing the Department with valuable insights regarding the many cultures that make up our diverse communities.

### THE CHIEF'S STATEMENT

#### ***On Forming the Council***

"The Police Department's diversity should mirror that of the community we serve and I am committed to achieving this goal. Fairfax County possesses a wealth of cultural diversity in addition to having excellent schools and other government services, all of which contribute to making Fairfax County a highly desirable place to live, work and play."

#### ***Key Empowerment Statement***

"This is your Police Department, it should be representative of your community, and I ask all of you to hold me, your Chief of Police, and all of us in the Department, accountable toward achieving the goal of having a Police Department which mirrors the community it serves."

For more information about the Chief's Council on Diversity Recruitment visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/chief/messages/council-ondiversityrecruitment](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/chief/messages/council-ondiversityrecruitment)

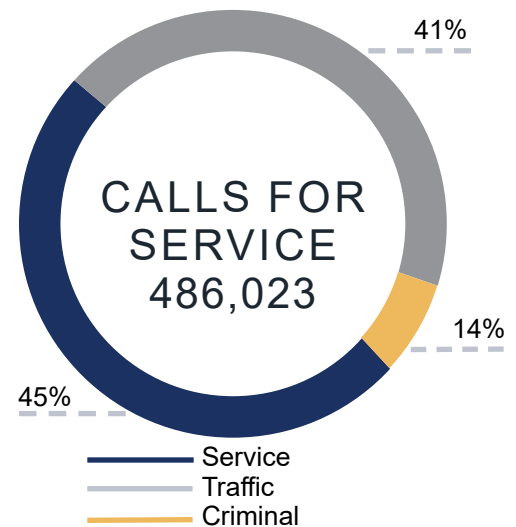
### ***THE SCORECARD as of August 2017***

Ethnic Identity	FCPD		Fairfax County	
White	1,186	82.7%	599,326	52.5%
Black	105	7.32%	104,297	9.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	67	4.7%	212,047	18.6%
Hispanic (may be any race)	76	5.3%	182,014	15.9%
Other Non-Hispanic	0		45,205	3.9%
Sub-Total*	1,434			
Vacant*	42			
Total	1,476	100%	1,139,889	100%

\* Inclusive of Over-Hire, and Grant Funded sworn police officer hiring opportunities

## 2017 FCPD STATISTICAL DATA

Calls for Service	Criminal	68,881	14%
	Service	217,635	45%
	Traffic	199,507	41%
	Total	486,023	
Types of Criminal Incidents	Crimes against Persons	8,197	21%
	Crimes against Property	24,131	61%
	Crimes against Society	7,257	18%
	Total	39,585	



### CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY:

Arson  
Bribery  
Burglary/Breaking and Entering  
Counterfeiting/Forgery  
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property  
Embezzlement  
Extortion/Blackmail  
Fraud Offenses: False Pretenses/  
Swindle/Confidence Game, Credit  
Card/Automatic Teller Machine  
Fraud, Impersonation, Welfare  
Fraud, Wire Fraud  
Larceny/Theft Offenses: Pocket-  
picking, Purse-snatching,  
Shoplifting, Theft from Building,  
Theft from Coin-Operated Machine  
or Device,  
Theft from Motor Vehicle, Theft of  
Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories,  
All Other Larceny  
Motor Vehicle Theft  
Robbery  
Stolen Property Offenses

### CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY:

Drug/Narcotic Offenses: Drug/  
Narcotic Violations, Drug Equipment  
Violations  
Gambling Offenses: Betting/  
Watering, Operating/Promoting/  
Assisting Gambling,  
Gambling Equipment Violations,  
Sports Tampering  
Pornography/Obscene Material  
Prostitution Offenses: Prostitution,  
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution  
Weapon Law Violations

### CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS:

Assault Offenses: Aggravated  
Assault, Simple Assault, Intimidation  
Homicide Offenses: Murder and  
Non-negligent Manslaughter,  
Negligent  
Manslaughter  
Kidnapping/Abduction  
Sex Offenses, Forcible: Forcible  
Rape, Forcible Sodomy, Sexual  
Assault With An Object, Forcible  
Fondling, Sex Offenses, Non-  
forcible: Incest, Statutory Rape



## FCPD Arrest by Age Statistics

18 or older	33,454
Under 18	4,618
Total	38,078*

\*6 arrests were made with no indications of age of offender

This information represents the FCPD's Group A IBR Offenses.

Crimes Against Persons are calculated by the number of victims of reported offenses based on date reported.

Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society are calculated by the number of reported incidents based on date reported.

For more information about Group A IBR Offenses visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/chief/crimestatistics](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/chief/crimestatistics)

## Crimes Against Property by Offense

Larceny/Theft	12,674
Destruction/Damage/ Vandalism of Property	4,646
Fraud	3,917
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	764
Motor Vehicle Theft	711
Counterfeiting/Forgery	570
Robbery	430
Embezzlement	273
Stolen Property	64
Extortion/Blackmail	55
Arson	26
Bribery	1

## Crimes Against Society by Offense

Drug/Narcotics Offenses	6,453
Weapons Law Violations	563
Pornography/Obscene Material	135
Prostitution Offenses	106

## Crimes Against Persons by Offense

Assault Offenses	7,773
Sex Offenses	289
Kidnapping/Abduction	113
Homicide Offenses	19

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## 2017 FCPD STATISTICAL DATA

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### TRAFFIC CITATIONS 114,485

#### Top Traffic Citations by Violation

Fail to Obey a Highway Sign/Signal	24,062
Speed Violations	18,764
Fail to Pay Full Time and Attention	14,879
State Inspection Violations	8,975
State Registration Violations	7,543
Driving on Revoked/No Operators License	4,552
Driving While Intoxicated	2,188

*\*6 arrests were made with no indications of age of offender*

#### Crash Reports

Reportable Crashes	8,253
Crashes involving Injuries	2,742
Alcohol Related Crashes	436
Traffic Fatalities	25

# 58%

The top seven categories of traffic violations listed a total of 80,963 citations in 2017; that is 58% of the total number of citations written by FCPD officers. The violation categories are made up of several code sections from both the Virginia Criminal Code and the Fairfax County Code.

# 5%

Alcohol-related crashes make up for 5% of the total number of crashes in Fairfax County. This data includes all crashes that occur in Fairfax County on public roadways.





## Driving While Intoxicated Arrests

DWI: 1st Offense	1,034
DWI: 1st Offense, BAC .15-.20%	376
Drinking while Driving/Open Container	187
DWI: 1st Offense, BAC >.20%	111
DWI: 2nd Offense w/in 5 years	107
DWI: 2nd Offense w/in 5-10 years	72
DWI: Drugs, 1st offense	48
DWI: 2nd Offense w/in 10 years, .15 - .20%	35
DWI: 3rd Offense w/in 5-10 years	27
Operate Vehicle without Ignition Interlock System	21
DWI: Person <21 Driving w/BAC .02% to <.08%	21
DWI: 2nd Offense w/in 5-10 years, BAC .15- .20%	19
DWI: 3rd Offense w/in 5 years	17
DWI: 1st Offense with Child Present	13
DWI: 2nd Offense w/in 10 years, BAC >.20%	10
DWI: 4+ Offense w/in 10 years	9
DWI: 2nd Offense w/in 5 years, BAC .15 - .20%	9
DWI: 2nd Offense w/in 5-10 years, BAC >.20%	9
DWI: 3rd Offense w/in 10 years, not all w/in 5 years	8
DWI: 2nd Offense w/in 5 years, BAC >.20%	7
DWI: 2nd Offense w/in <5 years, BAC .15 - .20% with Child	6
Driving with Suspended License; DWI: 3rd in 10 years	6
DWI: 3rd Offense in 10 years	5
DWI: Drugs, 3rd Offense w/in 10 years	4
DWI: Drugs 2nd Offense w/in 5 years	4
DWI: 1st Offense, BAC .15 - .20% with Child	4
DWI: Drugs, 2nd Offense w/in 5 - 10 years	3
DWI: 1st Offense, BAC >.20% with Child	3
Driving After Forfeiture of License, BAC .02%+	3
DWI: 2nd Offense w/in 5 - 10 years with Child	2
DWI: 1st Offense, BAC .20 - .25%	2
Z-DWI-Alcohol	1
DWI: Drugs, 4th+ Offense w/in 10 years	1
DWI: Drugs, 3rd Offense w/in 5 years	1
DWI: Drugs, 2nd Offense w/in 5 - 10 years with Child	1
DWI: Drugs, 1st Offense with Child	1
DWI: 1st Offense, BAC >.25%	1



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## FCPD SERVICES

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### THE FCPD WEBPAGE GETS AN UPDATE

In May 2016, the Fairfax County Department of Information Technology (DIT) contracted a new company to redesign the Fairfax County web page. Training began in August 2017 for DIT staff and County employees and in September the reconstruction of the FCPD website began with one full time employee. On December 15, the website went live with its new look and content. The new site was visited 23,925 times by December 31 and had 33,117 views.

What you will find on the website:

- Online reporting
- Reporting financial crimes
- District Station links
- Department resources
- Police contacts
- FCPD General Orders
- Crime statistics and reports
- Critical incident updates

For more information on the FCPD and to see the new site, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police)



### CRIME SOLVERS PAYS!

Fairfax County Crime Solvers is a non-profit organization made up of community members and businesses that partner with the FCPD to provide an anonymous platform for reporting information about criminal activity. A tip can pay if it leads to the arrest and prosecution of an individual who committed a crime. In 2017, 648 electronic tips were received and \$1,750 was paid to tipsters.

To find out more information about Crime Solvers visit:

<https://fairfaxcrimesolvers.wordpress.com/>  
<http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org/>  
<https://twitter.com/FFXCrimeSolvers>  
<https://www.facebook.com/fairfaxcountycrimesolvers>

### TEXT TO 9-1-1

Text to 9-1-1 is intended for specific emergency situations:

- For a person who is deaf, hard of hearing or has a speech disability
- For someone who is in a situation where it is not safe to place a voice call to 9-1-1
- A medical emergency that renders the person incapable of speech
- If in a remote location with limited voice network availability

Text to 9-1-1 is available within:

- Fairfax County
- Town of Herndon
- Town of Vienna
- Town of Clifton
- City of Fairfax



## FALSE ALARM REDUCTION UNIT

*Fairfax County Code Chapter 8.1 Article 1  
Section 8.1-1-1*

*It is hereby declared that false alarm calls within Fairfax County results in an inefficient use of police resources, reduces the faith in security alarm signals, and promotes complacency in police investigation of alarm signals. This creates a general public safety hazard detrimental to the protection of property and to the health, safety and welfare of citizens, and the police personnel responsible for the investigation of alarm signals.*

The False Alarm Reduction Unit (FARU) began in 2001 to specifically address the police resources being used to respond to both commercial and residential false alarms in Fairfax County. The ultimate goal of this civilian unit is to increase the number of registered alarms in the County to identify the location of all alarm systems and to decrease the amount of false alarms that require officer response.

Alarm systems are a tool to provide a layer of security for your home or business. When an alarm is triggered and requires police investigation, two patrol officers are dispatched to each location. If the alarm has been activated in error, those two officers are taken out of service for the time it takes to investigate the validity of

	2001	2017
False Alarms	45,731	14,794
Patrol Officer Hours	30,487	9,862
Reduction in False Alarms	-	32.7%
# of Patrol Officers for False Alarms	14.7	4.7

131,010 registered alarms in Fairfax County had zero false alarms in 2017



the alarm making them unavailable for other incidents occurring in their patrol areas.

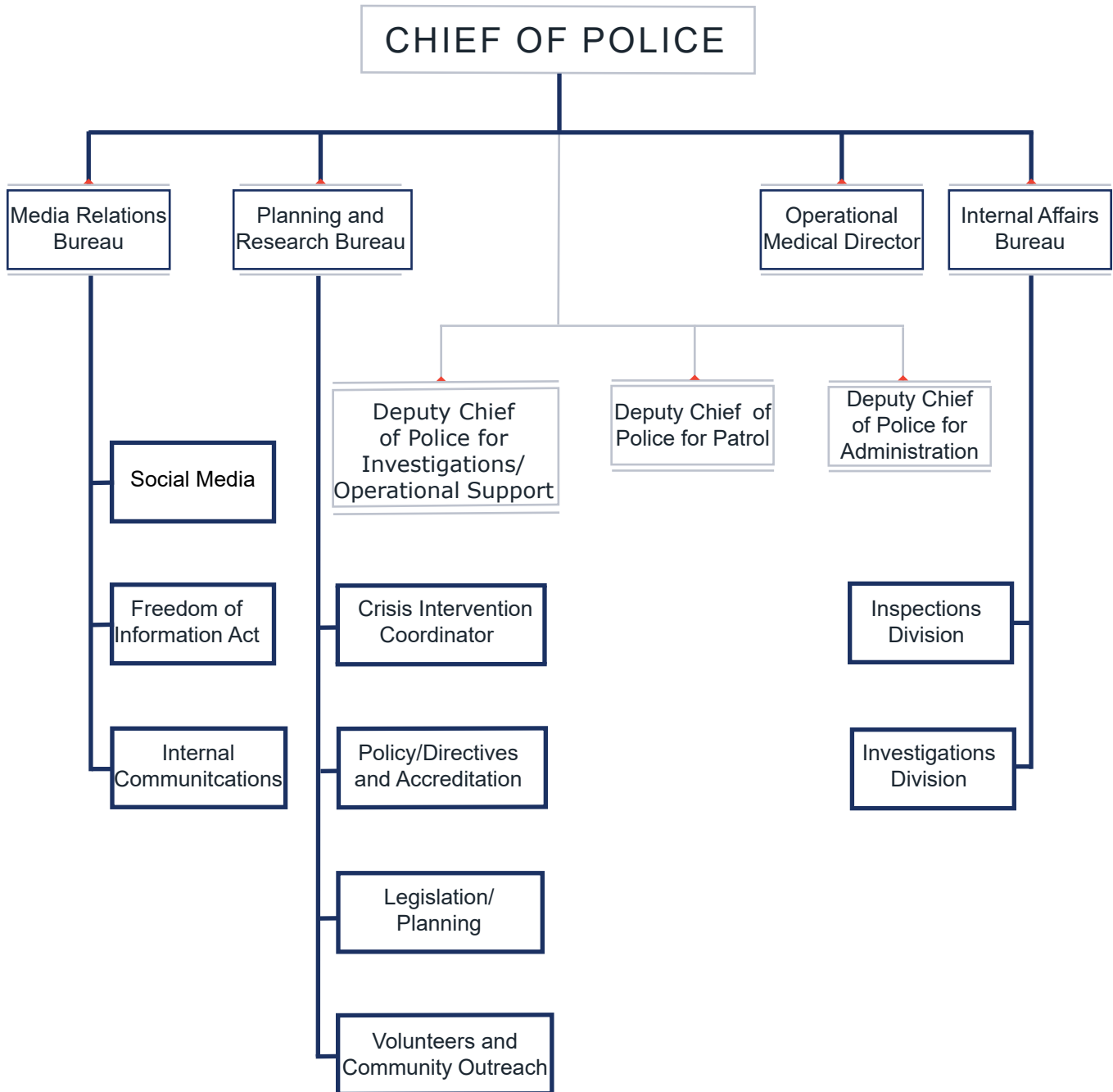
Weather is a factor in alarm systems. Cold temperatures, wind advisories and severe storms impact the number of false alarms that are dispatched to officers.

FARU works hard to educate their alarm companies and users about security systems and provides outreach to problem-solve issues with alarm systems according to the number of contacts the police department has with the alarm user. With the implementation of the Fairfax County Code section for false alarms, there is a incremental fee schedule for false alarms. For more information about FARU, how to register your alarm and other prevention tips visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/servicesah/falsealarmsecuritysystems>

# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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*This section represents the Bureaus of the FCPD that report directly to the Chief of Police that include Planning and Research, Medial Relations and Internal Affairs.*





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## CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

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*Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is designed to educate and prepare law enforcement officers who come into contact with people in crisis, to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness and to respond effectively and appropriately to the individual. The mission of the CIT program is to achieve positive long-term solutions through effective communication with partner agencies*

CIT training is a critical skill set for police officers serving in the 21st Century. The training provides law enforcement officers with a better understanding and deeper appreciation for individuals suffering from a mental health crisis. The Fairfax County Police Department recognizes the crucial importance of CIT and is committed to ensuring that every sworn officer receives this training.

Currently, 293 police officers assigned to the Patrol Bureau have attended CIT courses, which include 40 hours of instruction, simulation and practical exercises. This figure represents about 30% of patrol officers, who respond to unpredictable and often risky, calls for service every day in Fairfax County. To further efforts, current and future police recruit classes attending the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy will also receive a similar Crisis Intervention curriculum designed to enhance the capabilities and awareness important to new officers. Ten classes were offered in 2017. In the region, 470 officers have attended the training and are equipped to deal with Mental Crisis.

In January, 2016, CIT trained officers were selected to collaborate with the Fairfax County-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) at the Merrifield Crisis Response Center (MCRC); a primary location in Fairfax County for mental health needs and services. The primary function of those CIT officers is to provide a high level continuum of care for individuals brought to the MCRC by others for a mental health evaluation, stabilization plan or hospitalization. The service provided by the CIT trained officers at MCRC greatly increases the level of care and compassion for individuals suffering from a mental health crisis or illness in addition to providing a layer of security and safety for everyone. In 2017, MCRC is staffed 24-hours-a day, 7 days-a-week with law enforcement officers to allow patrol officers to return to their scheduled area faster to handle other calls for service. CIT staff has worked with insurance carriers and hospitals on their policies and procedures to streamline timely routines for medical clearance and mandatory reporting requirements.



The stigma of mental illness can often deny a person participation in family life, social networks, and productive employment. This stigma has a detrimental effect on a mentally ill individual's recovery and level of self-acceptance. Major causes of stigma are myths, misconceptions and negative stereotypes of people in the community.

### Mental Health Crisis Calls for Service

Total calls for service	7,037
Total police responses	5012
Incidents which evolved into mental health crisis events	1761
Incidents involving suicide attempts/suicide	264

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# VIRGINIA LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

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*Photo opposite page*

Colonel Roessler and Assistant Director Camie King sat with VLEPSC LeAssessor, Chris Douglas, in front of the Board at the Commission Meeting in May.



Colonel Roessler, Assistant Director Camie King and the FCPD Accreditation Team. From left, Second LT. Kevin White, LT. Rex Pagerie, Major Gun Lee and LT. Dalton Becker.



*The Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC) requires FCPD to adhere to 190 standards. To verify compliance with the standards, a team of VLEPSC assessors conducted a three-day, on-site assessment. Through file review, staff interviews, a ride-along, and discussions with leadership, they conducted a thorough evaluation of FCPD's policies and procedures. VLEPSC evaluates the Department through 190 standards that fall into four categories: Administration, Operations, Personnel, and Training.*



Colonel Roessler demonstrated his commitment to the accreditation program by actively participating in all phases of the assessment and interacting with team members. Officers took pride in their department and were enthusiastic about their positions in the department. ~ VLEPSC Assessment Report

The FCPD received a great deal of praise at the VLEPSC Commission meeting on May 11th, when the VLEPSC Commission unanimously voted to award FCPD with re-accreditation.

In the assessment report, it was noted "agency members wear many hats to execute the Department's mission and to serve the community." Specific observations that left an impression on the Assessment Team were that Colonel Roessler demands honesty and integrity from all members of his Department and the officers that were assigned to full-time stand-alone units as supplemental officers were fully aware of all the duties and responsibilities of that unit. This

was accomplished while maintaining the duties and responsibilities of their own individual assignments.

FCPD is among few agencies in the State of Virginia that are dual-accredited by the state through VLEPSC and nationally through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). FCPD also underwent an annual assessment through CALEA in July when a CALEA assessor reviewed 80 of the 484 standards. FCPD was found to be in compliance with all reviewed CALEA standards.

[www.vlepsc.org](http://www.vlepsc.org)  
[www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org)



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## THE CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

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### NEXTDOOR.COM

*February*

FPCD was recognized by Nextdoor.com as the fastest growing county using Nextdoor.com in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast United States. At the end of the year, there were 889 communities and 140,769 subscribers.

Several Fairfax County communities were also recognized for their activity on the community bulletin board.



### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Crime Prevention Unit coordinates all Neighborhood Watch volunteer programs within the County. This program empowers the community to be the eyes and ears for the police department where they live and work. There are 735 active programs in Fairfax County.



### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

*August 1, 2017*

Fairfax County communities hosted 209 National Night Out events this year. This national campaign gathers communities together to show crime is not welcome in their neighborhoods. Officers attended events in all eight district stations ranging from cookouts to carnivals.

### WORSHIP WATCH

Given the current climate in national news, the Crime Prevention Unit hosted its largest series of Worship Watch Workshops in 2017. This program brings Neighborhood Watch principles into a congregation setting and addresses all aspects of safety planning for houses of worship. Topics discussed include reporting suspicious activity to police and active violence planning.





*The Crime Prevention Unit is comprised of one Crime Prevention Office at all eight district stations. This unit coordinates station events, attends community meetings, and is involved in their communities as a whole.*

The Certified Crime Prevention Community (CCPC) Program makes Virginia a national leader in community safety by establishing a benchmark that local communities can meet in terms of providing for their safety.

- Fairfax County is one of 12 CCPC in Virginia
- This is the fourth certification for this program. Each cycle is three years.
- It takes the Crime Prevention Unit about 200 working hours to complete the recertification.
- This certification is part of the Department of Criminal Justice Services for Virginia.





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## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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### RAISING MONEY FOR AN IMPORTANT CAUSE



FCPD participated in Virginia Special Olympics events throughout 2017 and raised over \$18,000 to help send athletes to the Olympic Games in Richmond. Colonel Roessler has been the Region 1 Director for three years. He carries the torch in many events and promotes supporting the Special Olympic athletes with several events sponsored by the FCPD.



Region 1 raises the most money during the year to benefit local athletes with events like the Plane Pull at Dulles Airport, the Prince William Sheriff's Bass Tournament, and the FCPD Golf Tournament. FCPD participates in the Law Enforcement Torch Run and hosted a fun run in Lorton.



### FUNDRAISING FOR A SPECIAL CAUSE

Event	Fairfax Co.	Region 1
Cover the Cruiser	793.95	1,806.65
Golf Tournaments	13,426.00	18,241.00
Plane Pull	1,271.50	290,312.59
Polar Plunge NoVA	1,300.00	80,389.09
Polar Plunge VaBeach		12,402.50
Polar Plunge C'ville		149.66
Torch Run	896.00	3,901.00
Other Events		141,066.65
T-shirt & hat sales	697.00	9,336.02
Unclassified income		1,630.00
Total	\$18,384.45	\$565,990.16

2017 SPECIAL  
OLYMPICS EVENTS IN  
REGION 1 (NORTHERN  
VIRGINIA)





- February 4 – VA Beach Polar Plunge (many Region 1 participants)
- February 25 – NOVA Polar Plunge (Prince William County PD)
- June 8 – Region 1 Torch Run
- June 2 – Fairfax PD Golf Tournament & Prince William County Sheriff's Office Bass Tournament
- June 10 – Summer Games
- June 24 – Fairfax PD Torch Run
- July 22 – Cops and Lobsters – Prince William County Sheriff's Office
- August 30 – Wawa with the Law
- September 23 – Plane Pull (MWAA PD run event)
- September 29 – Prince William County Police Golf Tournament
- September 30 – Prince William County Police Safety Day
- October 21 – Red Robin Tip A Cop



Photo this page top: Joey Wheeler and Col. Roessler pass the Special Olympic Torch at the opening remarks of the Fairfax County Police Department Fun Run for Special Olympics in Lorton held in June. This event is held each year and is open to the public.

# AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS & VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE

The Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program was established in 1999 to utilize volunteers to augment the administrative operations of the department. While the mission of the VIPS Program continues to be primarily administrative in nature, it has greatly expanded to other areas of responsibility. The Citizens Police Academy, Teen Police Academy, Police Leaders of Tomorrow and Future Women Leaders in Law Enforcement are all programs that are actuated by VIPS.

The Citizens Police Academy is an award-winning 10-week glimpse behind the badge for the FCPD. This program is for individuals that live or work in Fairfax County and the Department encourages applicants from different ethnicities, professions, cultural backgrounds, orientations, age groups and communities to enrich the class discussions and strengthen community relationships. For more information about this program call 703-246-4315 or email [cpa@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:cpa@fairfaxcounty.gov). You can also visit:

- <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/servicesah/citizenspoliceacademy>
- Teen Police Academy - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/servicesiz/teenpoliceacademy>
- Future Women Leaders in Law Enforcement - <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/servicesah/fwlle>

The Auxiliary Police program is a uniformed volunteer program for individuals to supplement the FCPD patrol officers. This program requires the completion of 130 hours of training in the Academy and 100 hours of training with a Field Training Instructor. Currently, there are 67 Auxiliary Police Officers assigned to one of the eight District Police Stations. These officers work patrol, special events, DUI check points, and administrative duties along with required hours of training each year. In 2017, Auxiliary Police Officers worked 22,410 hours for the FCPD. If you are interested in becoming an Auxiliary Police Officer, visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/getinvolved/auxiliarypoliceofficer>.



## Auxiliary Police Officer Hours

Patrol Hours	10,671
Event Hours	3,948
Administrative Hours	4,869
Training Hours	2,922
Total Hours	22,410



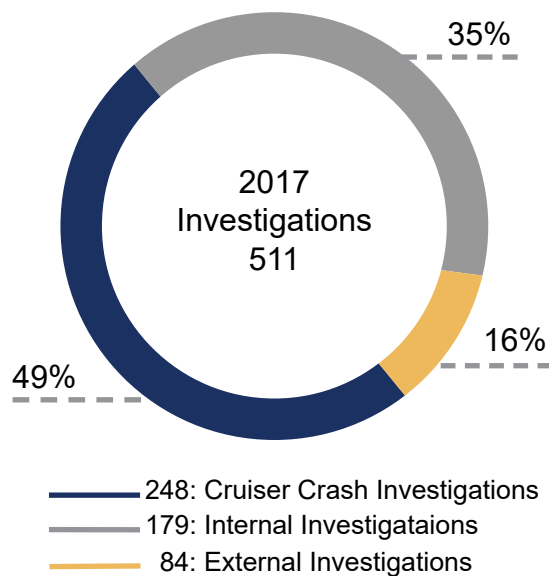






# INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

## INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS

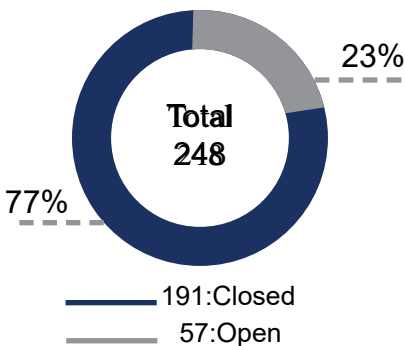


The Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) ensures the Department maintains the highest standards of ethics and integrity by overseeing the acceptance, investigation, and adjudication of all complaints. IAB reports directly to the Office of the Chief of Police and is comprised of two divisions: Investigations and Inspections.

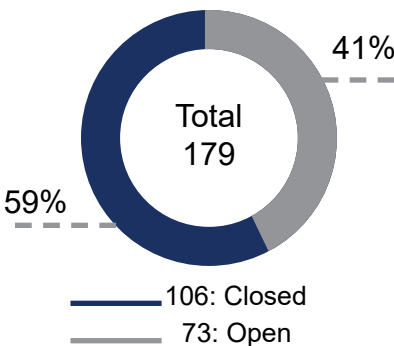
The Investigations Division is responsible for investigating serious allegations or suspected acts of employee misconduct, violations of Departmental policy and procedure, violations of law, and civil claims filed against the Department. IAB Detectives investigate each complaint or incident thoroughly and impartially, as well as, prepare investigative reports used for recommendations/considerations regarding policy changes, training, and disciplinary actions.

The Inspections Division provides the Chief of Police with a means of regularly assessing the Department's efficiency, effectiveness, adherence to Departmental policies and procedures, applicable laws, and professional standards. A report of each inspection is forwarded to the Chief of Police detailing the process, findings, and recommendations.

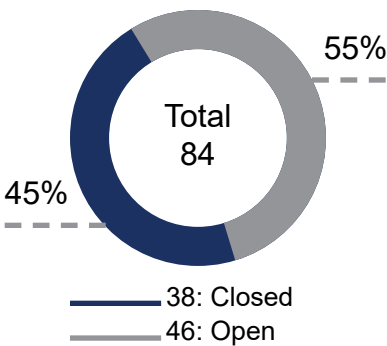
### Cruiser Crash Investigations



### Internal Investigations



### External Investigations



# 63%

Cruiser Crash Investigations deemed non-preventable. Patrol Officers spend a large portion of their 11.5 hour shift in a cruiser. All police officers drive an issued cruiser when they are working.

# 29%

External complaint investigations that were deemed to be unfounded or in compliance by IAB. There were 38 external complaint investigations in 2017.

## Closed Cruiser Crash Investigations

Sustained Violations	70
Non-Preventable	121

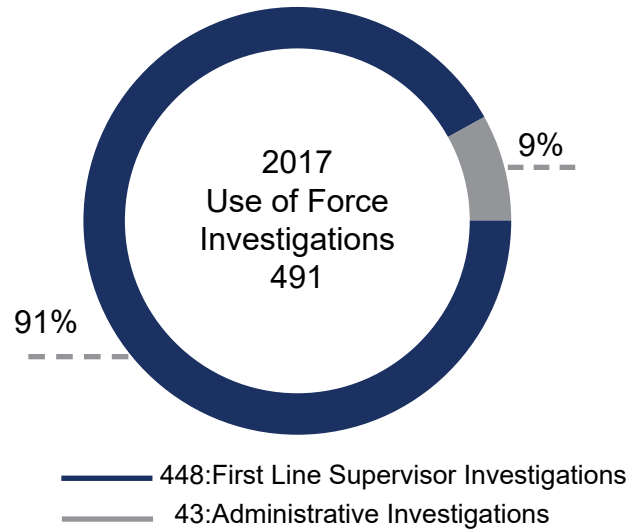
## Closed Internal Investigations

Sustained Violations	53
In Compliance	34
Unfounded	3
Not Sustained	2
Inquiries/Not Violations	14

## Closed External Investigations

Unfounded/ In Compliance	29
Sustained	7
Not Sustained	2

## USE OF FORCE INVESTIGATIONS



Use of force investigations are initiated when an officer uses any form of force while performing their duty as a law enforcement officer. Force is defined in FCPD General Order 540 as any physical strike or instrumental contact with an individual, or any significant physical contact that restricts an individual's movement. Merely placing an individual in handcuffs as a restraint in an arrest or transport activities, the simple presence of officers or patrol dogs, or police issuance of tactical commands does not constitute a reportable action.

## Use of Force Administrative Investigations

In Compliance/Unfounded	40
Active	3

## Individuals in Mental Health Crisis

Calls for Service for individuals in Mental Health Crisis	7,037
Use of Force events involving individuals in Mental Health Crisis	46

# MEDIA RELATIONS BUREAU

## TAKING SOCIAL MEDIA BY STORM

In 2017, Media Relations Bureau Director Julie Parker added Emilie Voss, a former television anchor, as Deputy Director. Ms. Voss is primarily responsible for managing the FCPD's growing social medial platforms and serves as the Department's spokesperson. Ms. Voss joins the director, and a contingent of officers, one first lieutenant and four officers in the Media Relations Bureau (MRB). Also, housed in MRB is the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Compliance Manager.

The FCPD maintains Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube accounts as well as a blog that publishes a daily recap of police activity in Fairfax County. They are also responsible for responding to scenes, making media appearances and reporting information to the public.



## SOCIAL MEDIA BY THE NUMBERS

Platform	Subscribers	Posts
Twitter	231,000	2,852
Facebook	56,212	658
Instagram	3,140	277





*Photos left page.  
From left to right:*

An officer shares a fist bump with a gentleman who wandered away from his caretaker. This instagram post was liked 322 times.

A patrol officer noticed a student did not have on socks and found that many students didn't have socks because their families couldn't afford them in the Fair Oaks District. This tweet was liked 428 time and retweeted 177 times.

Officers from the Reston District met with members of the Muslim community to show support. This Facebook post reached 291,411 people and got 12,722 reactions, comments and shares.

Meet Harry! Twitter introduced the newest bomb dog with 604 likes and 68 retweets.



MRB hosted the inaugural Media Police Academy in July inviting all members of local media to give a first-hand look at a day in the life of an FCPD officer.

This 8-hour academy provided several hands-on training scenarios including simulating a traffic stop to give a "real life" look at the safety considerations and tactics used to conduct a traffic stop from start to finish.

Real life exercises were highlights for the participants including a de-escalation scenario where communication is key, decision-making abilities in the shoot-no shoot simulator, and learning how officers handle a domestic situation.

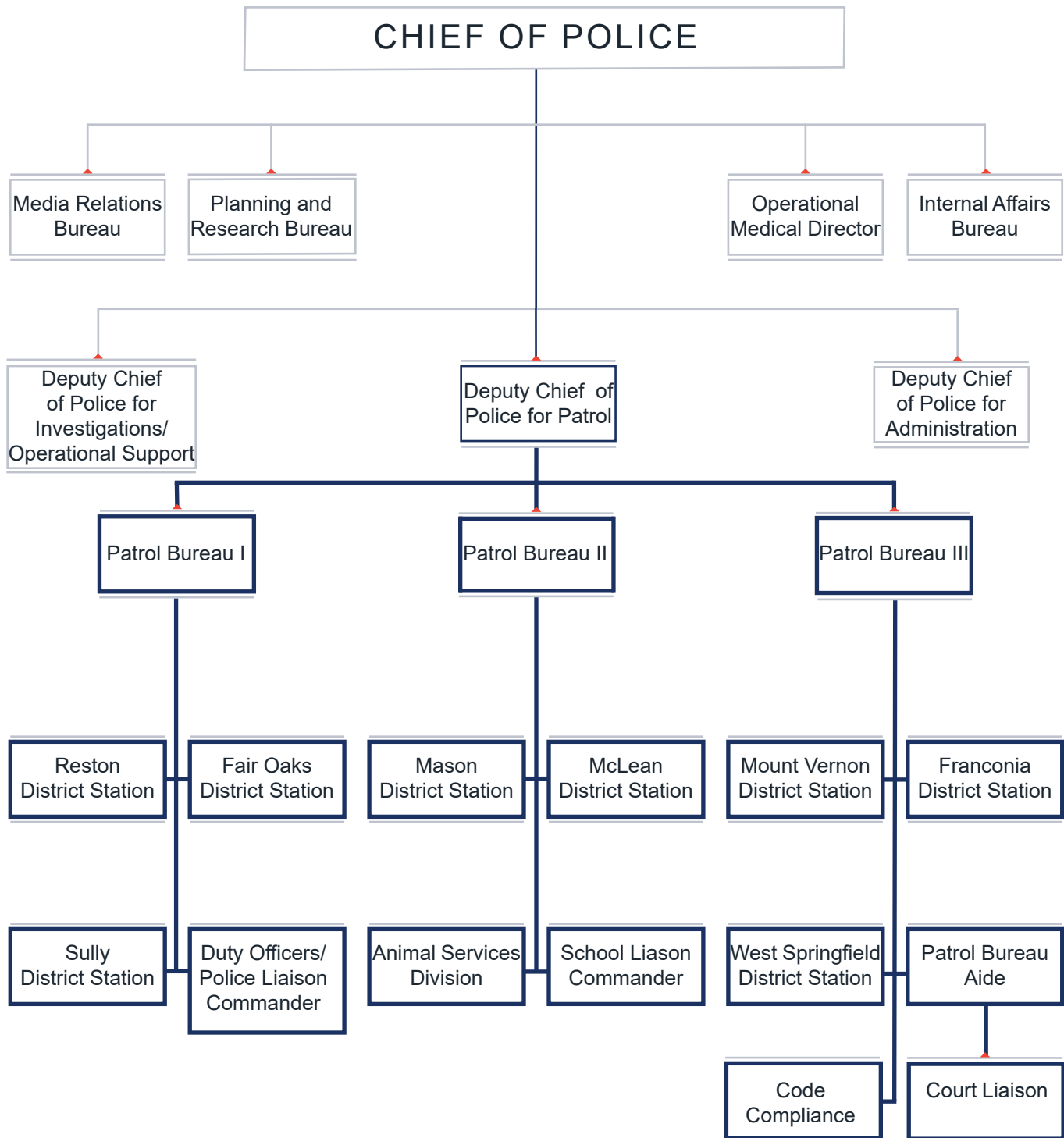
This program was designed to be a fast-paced, informative program to foster better understanding of the law enforcement work FCPD does every day and the reasoning behind police decision making and policies.

Topics of discussion with members of the FCPD and Col. Ed Roessler included release of information during investigations, use of force issues and policies, and the way social media is changing law enforcement.



## DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE FOR PATROL

*This section represents the Bureaus of the FCPD that report directly to the Deputy Chief of Police for Patrol that include the three Patrol Bureaus, overseeing all eight stations, the School Liaison Commander, School Resources Officers and Animal Services Division. Not all entities are represented in this publication.*



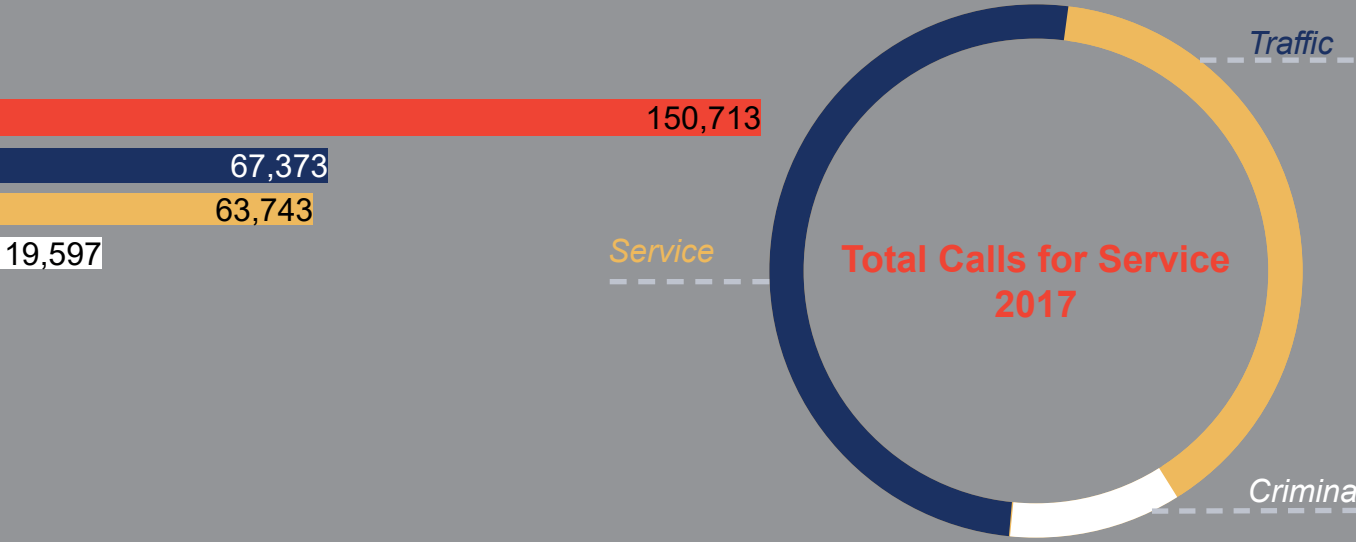
# PATROL BUREAU DIVISION I



## STATION BREAKDOWN

	Reston	Fair Oaks	Sully
Square Miles	55.61	42.98	69.66
Population	129,558	147,433	114,098
Households	49,236	53,447	36,538
Service Areas	4	4	4

## CALLS FOR SERVICE



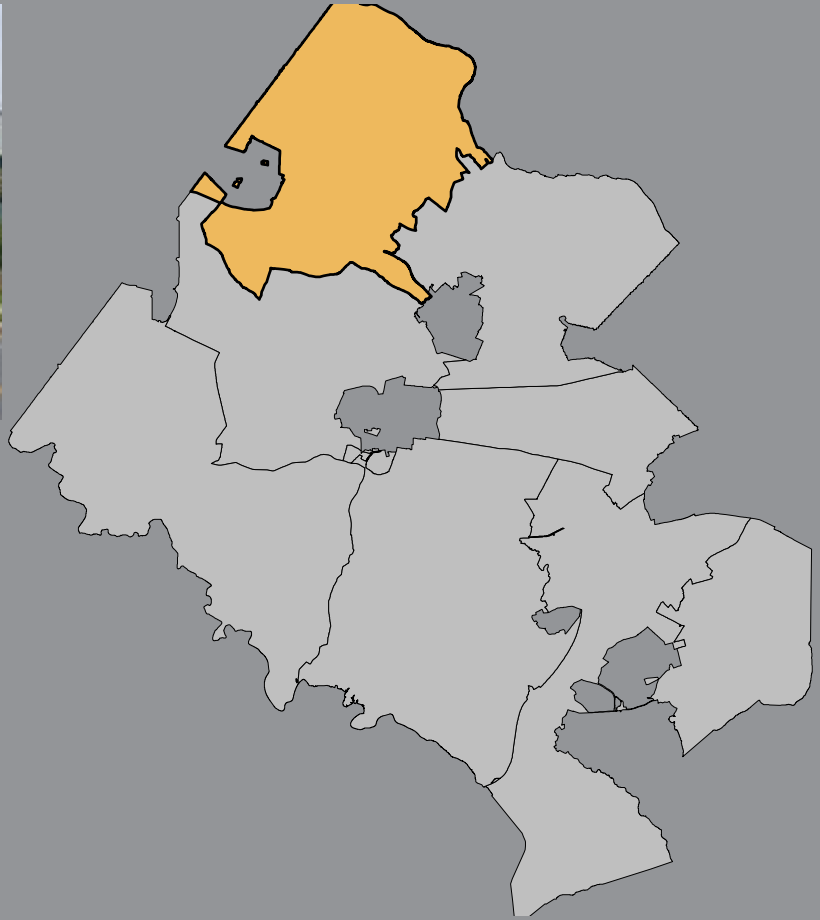


## RESTON DISTRICT STATION



1801 Cameron Glen Drive  
Reston, Virginia 20190

Number of Officers	106
Service Areas	4
Nextdoor Communities	153
Nextdoor Subscribers	21,976
Neighborhood Watches	65



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	43,674
Service	23,157
Traffic	13,837
Criminal	6,680
DUI Arrests	120
Traffic Crashes	875
Traffic Citations	6,175

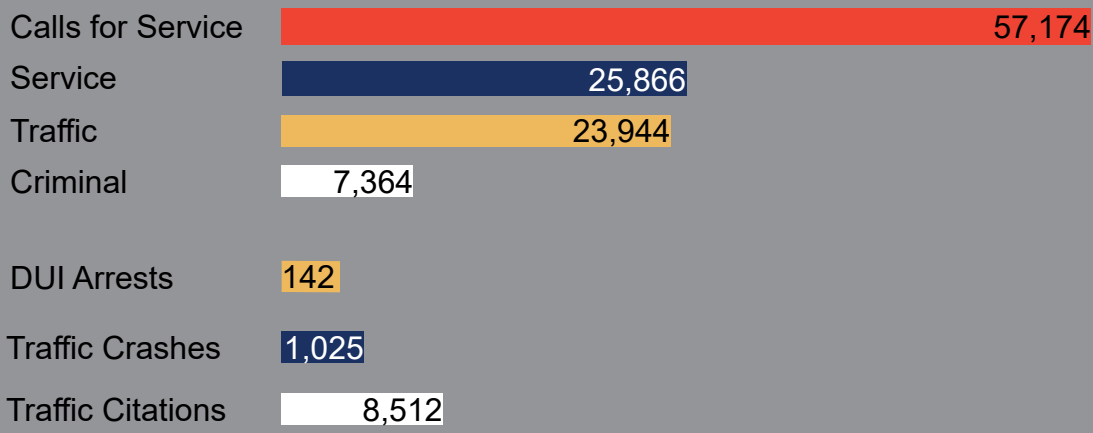
# FAIR OAKS DISTRICT STATION



12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway	
Fairfax, Virginia 22033	
Number of Officers	109
Service Areas	4
Nextdoor Communities	128
Nextdoor Subscribers	18,224
Neighborhood Watches	96



## CALLS FOR SERVICE



# SULLY DISTRICT STATION



4900 Stonecroft Blvd  
Chatilly, Virginia 20151

Number of Officers	103
Service Areas	4
Nextdoor Communities	75
Nextdoor Subscribers	11,912
Neighborhood Watches	58

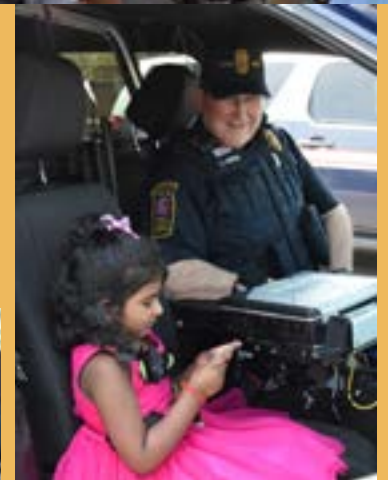


## CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	49,865
Traffic	25,962
Service	18,962
Criminal	5,553
DUI Arrests	285
Traffic Crashes	1,096
Traffic Citations	6,769



## PATROL BUREAU DIVISION I



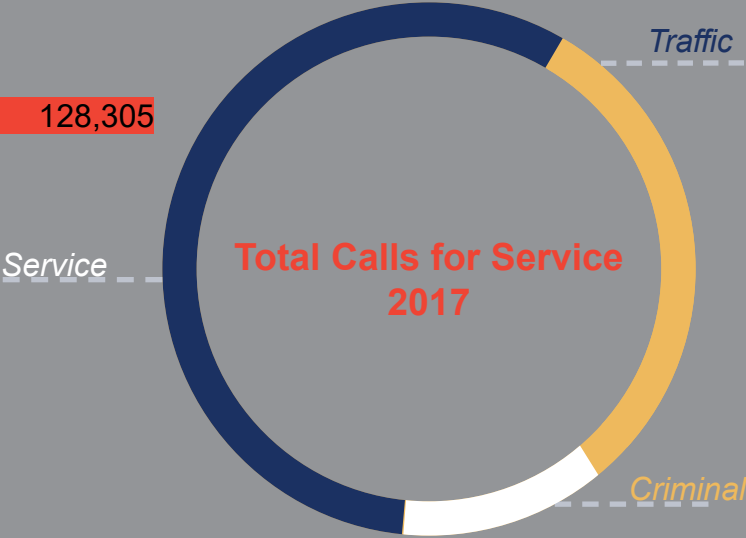
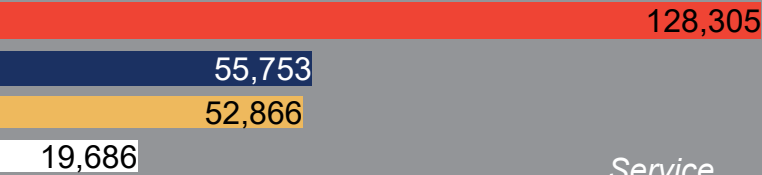
# PATROL BUREAU DIVISION II



## STATION BREAKDOWN

	Mason	McLean
Square Miles	26.86	44.12
Population	106,674	152,800
Households	38,544	57,952
Service Areas	5	5

## CALLS FOR SERVICE



# MASON DISTRICT STATION



6507 Columbia Pike	
Annandale, Virginia 22003	
Number of Officers	123
Service Areas	5
Nextdoor Communities	75
Nextdoor Subscribers	11,509
Neighborhood Watches	41



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	63,822
Traffic	26,886
Criminal	26,828
Service	10,108
DUI Arrests	328
Traffic Crashes	926
Traffic Citations	8,925



# MCLEAN DISTRICT STATION



1437 Balls Ford Road	
McLean, Virginia 22101	
Number of Officers	135
Service Areas	5
Nextdoor Communities	146
Nextdoor Subscribers	19,037
Neighborhood Watches	80



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	64,483
Service	28,925
Traffic	25,980
Criminal	9,578
DUI Arrests	166
Traffic Crashes	1,204
Traffic Citations	9,457

## PATROL BUREAU DIVISION II



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## ANIMAL PROTECTION POLICE OFFICERS



4500 West Ox Road  
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Number of Officers	25
Wildlife Biology Staff	3
APPO Vehicles	17

In 2017, Animal Protection Police Officers (APPO) split from the Department of Animal Services. This created a new structure for the Police Department and Animal Services.

FCPD Animal Protection Police Officers are not only police officers, they have an additional set of skills and certifications that allow them to deal with animals, both wild and domestic.

These officers are dispatched to calls about barking dogs, dogs running loose, animals not being cared for properly, sick or injured wildlife and a host of other complaints that deal with animals and their welfare. APPOs have arrest powers and handle most of the criminal cases involving animal abuse and neglect. Through their investigations, APPOs made 23 dangerous dog convictions in Fairfax County General District Court from calls for service in 2017.

In September, APPO Siobhan Chase traveled to Greece as part of a multidisciplinary team of subject matter experts to provide training to the Greek police and prosecutors on the correlation between animal violence and human violence and the successful detection and prosecution of those cases. APPO Chase was requested to join this team by Virginia's Senior Assistant Attorney General Michelle Welch, who regularly calls on FCPD APPO officers to provide training to their peers nationally--and internationally in this case.

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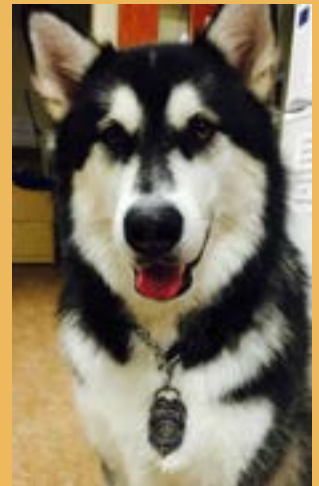
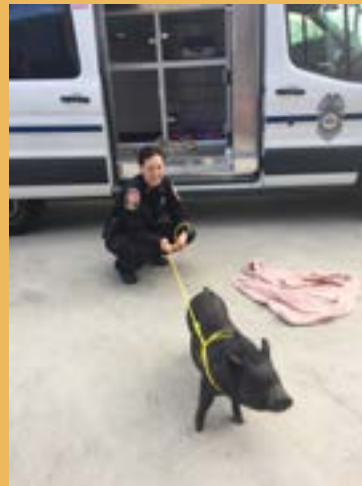
## CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	16,917
Wildlife Calls	4,183
Dog Bites	1,888
Humane Calls	970

### Impounded Animals

Cats	262
Dogs	816
Dogs Returned in the Field	148
Total Impounded	1,078





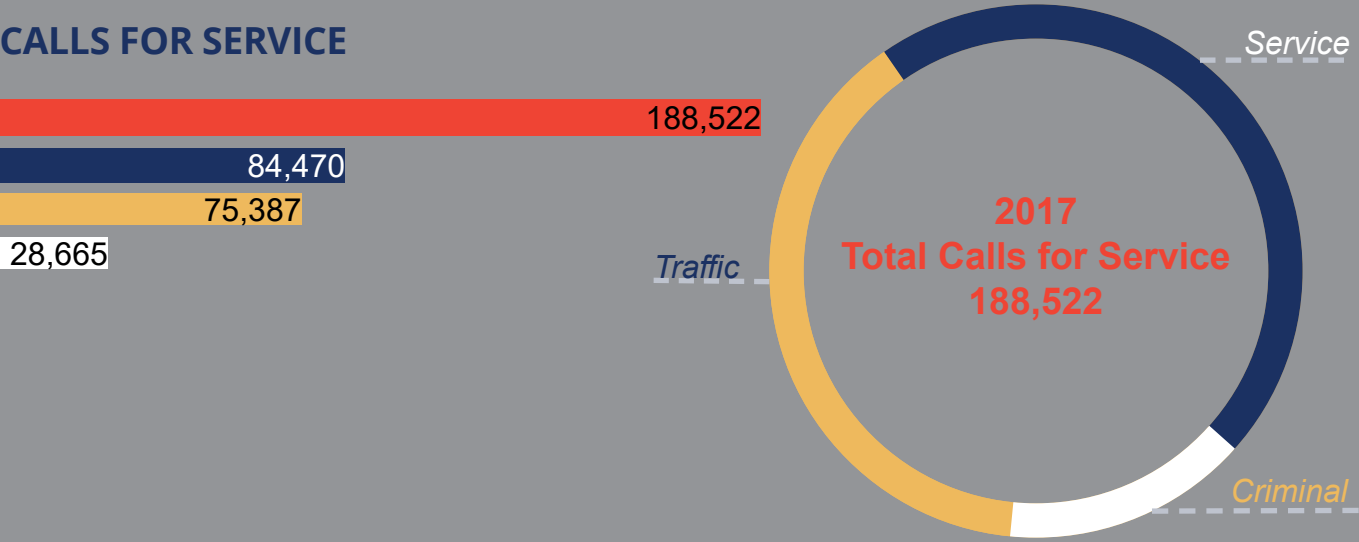
# PATROL BUREAU DIVISION III



## STATION BREAKDOWN

	Mount Vernon	Franconia	West Springfield
Square Miles	26.36	51.30	65.93
Population	107,873	133,285	197,862
Households	41,097	47,645	66,047
Service Areas	4	4	5

## CALLS FOR SERVICE



# MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT STATION



2511 Parkers Lane	
Alexandria, Virginia 22306	
Number of Officers	119
Service Areas	4
Nextdoor Communities	82
Nextdoor Subscribers	16,671
Neighborhood Watches	72



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	60,482
Service	27,982
Traffic	21,582
Criminal	10,918
DUI Arrests	145
Traffic Crashes	662
Traffic Citations	7,784



# FRANCONIA DISTRICT STATION



6121 Franconia Road	
Alexandria, Virginia 22310	
Number of Officers	123
Service Areas	4
Nextdoor Communities	98
Nextdoor Subscribers	14,247
Neighborhood Watches	116



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	66,215
Service	28,547
Traffic	27,603
Criminal	10,065
DUI Arrests	234
Traffic Crashes	1,123
Traffic Citations	11,006

# WEST SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT STATION



6140 Rolling Road	
Springfield, Virginia 22152	
Number of Officers	126
Service Areas	5
Nextdoor Communities	164
Nextdoor Subscribers	27,192
Neighborhood Watches	202



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	61,825
Service	27,941
Traffic	26,202
Criminal	7,682
DUI Arrests	179
Traffic Crashes	1,355
Traffic Citations	11,469

PATROL BUREAU DIVISION III





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## SCHOOL LIAISON COMMANDER & SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

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*The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program is a vital tool to meet the Department's goal of ensuring community outreach and partnership. The police officers assigned to each of the 25 middle school and 26 high schools take an active roll in maintaining a safe learning environment while fostering relationships with students and educators.*



*The SROs routinely handle calls for service on school grounds that would otherwise require a patrol response.*



*Photos from top to bottom*

SRO Stone with his Herndon High School students.

SRO Estess with his Oakton High School students promoting seat belt use.

SRO Gleason with Henry, his side-kick, at Poe Middle School.



School Resource Officers spend their day with their students. They are asked to teach civic lessons, participate in class activities and get to know the student body. These 51 officers attend every football and basketball game at their school, and can travel with other teams if asked. They chaperon school dances and are involved in many aspects of student life on their campuses.

SROs have a unique position. The 51 officers assigned to a school create a balance between enforcement and prevention activities on a daily basis.

**Partners in Safe Driving Program**

Partners in Safe Driving is a state mandated seminar for students enrolled in driver's education courses targeted towards teens and works to improve driving skills and awareness behind the wheel.

- 96 seminars were held and approximately 210 students participated in 2017

There were 9,496 juveniles who received their drivers licenses in Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court in 2017. This program requires every new teen driver to hear from an SRO about traffic laws like wearing seat belts, specific juvenile-related laws and distracted driving.

**Calls for Service**

FCPS has roughly 88,000 students enrolled in middle and high schools. The 51 SROs handled 1,836 police incidents in schools that warranted information being entered into the

police record management system. 657 arrests were recorded by SROs from those incident reports.

**Programs for Teens**

SROs provide support for several FCPD programs for teens.

Road DAWG Camp is a week-long program to help teens develop leadership skills and discuss decision-making processes with police officers while getting to experience some police training tools like the drivers track and obstacle course. There are three camps in Fairfax County, by geographical region, that host up to 30 teens at each location.

The Police Explorer Program has three posts in Fairfax County and involves more than 120 high school students. These students learn about careers in law enforcement by engaging in activities which provide hands-on training in police skills, while teaching valuable life skills such as leadership and self-confidence. This program has a strong emphasis on service and community and gives Explorers an opportunity to compete against other similar programs across the United States. An information meeting is held in September for each post.



Demographics	
Number of Students	88,000
Number of Schools	51
Number of police incidents	1,839
Number of arrests	657
Male	480
Female	177
Asian	21
Black	226
White	410



# ALTERNATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM

The Alternative Accountability Program (AAP) was designed in 2014 as a two-fold program aimed at improving diversion policies and practices within the juvenile justice system as a Juvenile Diversion Certificate Program Capstone Project.

The development of AAP is a direct result of a collaboration between the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Public Schools, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice and the Northern Virginia Mediation Services.

- A law was changed in July 2016 to allow police reports to be shared for the purpose of juvenile diversion.
- Referrals can be made by any Fairfax County patrol officer or School Resource Officer but must meet the eligibility requirements for the program.
- Only first-time offenders are eligible for the program and offenses may include destruction of property, disorderly conduct or larceny
- A "Make it Right" contract is drafted with conditions and set deadlines to optimize the restorative justice aspect of the program and outline a time-line for any community service and/or restitution.

In September, this multi-system collaboration was awarded Capstone of the Year by the Center for Juvenile Justice and Reform at the Georgetown University School of Public Policy for their efforts and success. The program reduced the use of formal processing and incarceration, improved public safety, avoided wasteful spending and limited the collateral consequences for youth who find themselves in the criminal justice system by using a data-driven approach to reduce racial and ethnic disparities at the point of system referral.

## Alternative Accountability Program Statistics

Number of Youth Referred	298	Number of Youth Completing AAP (conference and agreement)	148
Number of Cases Referred	212		
Number of Conferences	112	Number of FCPD Referrals	108

Agreements produced through AAP include outcomes determined by the victim, youth, youth's parents, and community stakeholders including FCPD



The goals for AAP are:

- To reduce the number of youth who are court-involved and have criminal records;
- To hold youth accountable for their actions without exposing them to risk factors associated with having a criminal record;
- To create appropriate, incident-specific responses for each case;
- To reduce recurrence of criminal acts by youth;
- To provide support for victims to participate in identifying how their harm is addressed.

[www.nvms.us/fairfax-rj](http://www.nvms.us/fairfax-rj)

## Demographics of referrals

Male	158*
Female	120*
White	171
Hispanic	19
Black	82
Asian	15
Multi-race	3
Other	2

\*20 referrals made no reference to gender





Explorer Post 505



Explorer Troop 1742

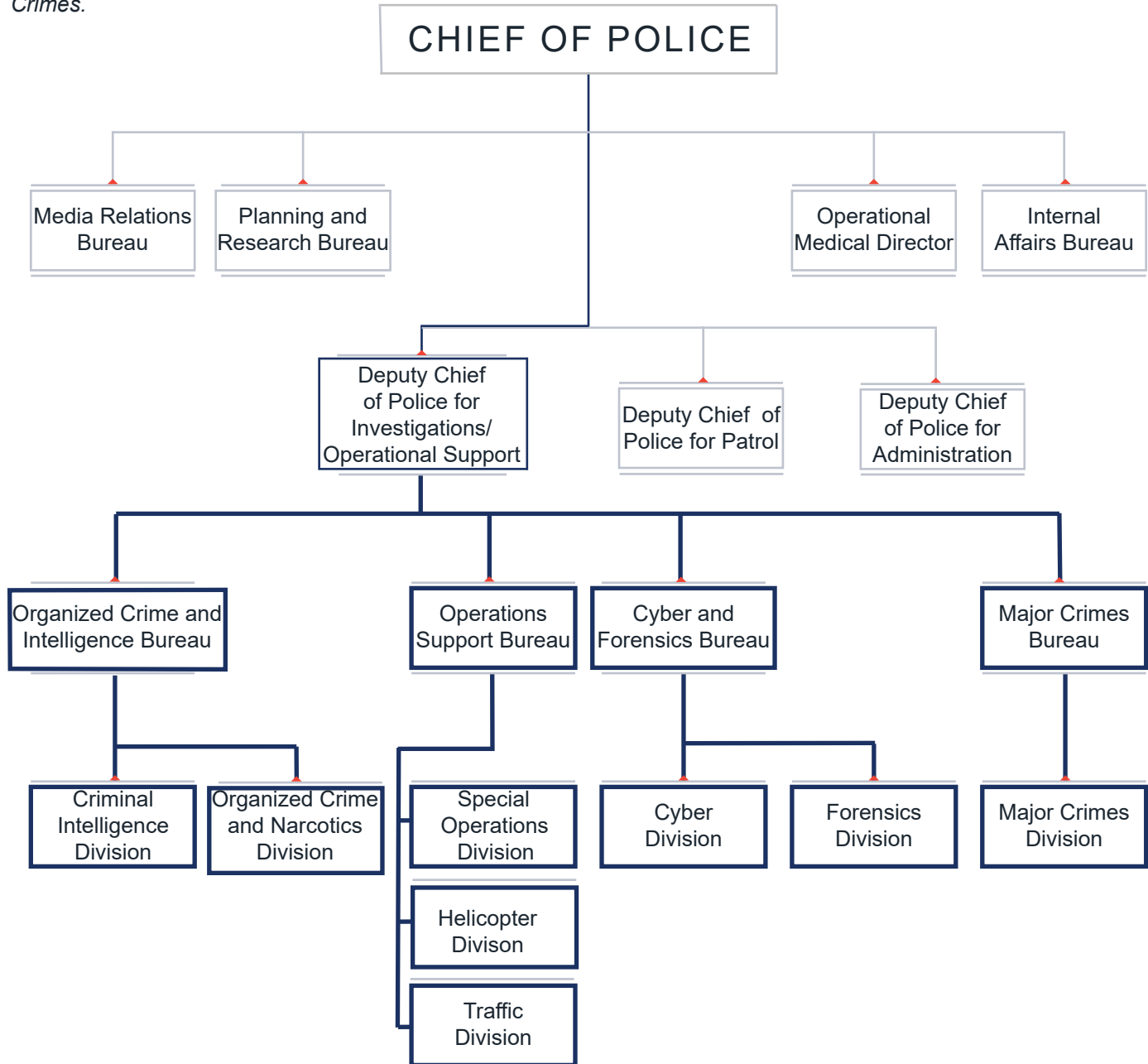


Explorer Post 2252



## DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE FOR INVESTIGATIONS/ OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

*This section represents the Bureaus that report directly to the Deputy Chief of Police for Investigations/Operational Support including Organized Crime and Intelligence, Operations Support, Cyber and Forensics, and Major Crimes.*



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## ORGANIZED CRIME AND NARCOTICS DIVISION

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While a patrol officer may respond to a scene, the primary investigative responsibility for all cases involving narcotics, especially opioids, is the Organized Crime and Narcotics Division (OCN) of the FCPD. This unit is made up of the Street Crime Unit and the Narcotics Unit, which include the Heroin Task Force. The Heroin Task Force is made up of four detectives that are part of OCN. These detectives respond to all locations following a suspected overdose from narcotics to obtain any evidence or witness statements that could lead to the identity of the supplier.

The Narcotics Unit is comprised of two squads of detectives to provide daily coverage for narcotics investigations in Fairfax County. Each Narcotics squad has eight detectives and two supervisors assigned to the unit. The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Vienna Police Department and Herndon Police Department also partner with the Narcotics Unit and have detectives as part of OCN.

*There is a national opioid epidemic and the Fairfax County community is not exempt from the problem. The Police Department saw a 20% increase in fatal overdoses related to heroin and opioids like Fentanyl; up from 63 in 2016 to 76 in 2017.*

These detectives not only investigate criminal narcotics behavior, they also spend countless hours educating the public on the dangers and warning signs of narcotics and addiction. They work closely with Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) and the Merrifield Center and developed a handout card of addiction resources that can be given out to anyone needing assistance. Every police station was provided copies of this card for patrol officers to use in cases where they recognize someone in need of services. The Narcotics Unit also provided training to Fairfax County Housing employees, Fairfax County Public Schools Nurses, and School Resource Officers

# 20%

Fairfax County saw an increase of fatal opioid overdose cases from 2016. In July, Gov. McAuliffe declared the Opioid Epidemic a Public Health Emergency.

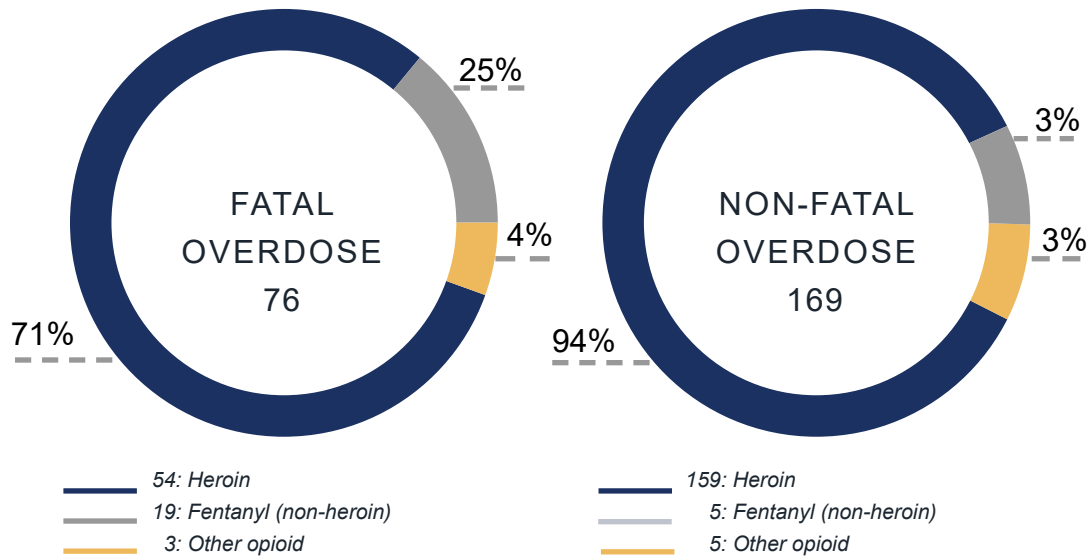
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The Chris Atwood Foundation continued to partner with the Narcotics Unit to educate the public on the dangers of drug addictions and recognizing the signs. This foundation also presented Second Lt. Jimmy Cox with their Hope Hero award for his tireless efforts to combat the opioid crisis over the years.

Three detectives and a supervisor are trained to carry NARCAN, to combat accidental exposure to opioids while in the field and one detective is a state-certified Emergency Medical Technician as well as a detective assigned to the Narcotics Unit.

The Street Crime Unit (SCU) has two supervisors and 12 detectives. Their primary investigative responsibility is combating street-level narcotics, vice activities and other crimes associated with those activities. The unit is a highly-trained tactical unit and is responsible for providing support to OCN. Support may also be provided for the Major Crimes Division, Criminal Intelligence Division and federal agencies in the area. In 2017, SCU averaged 2.6 tactical operations per working day with a total of 537 safely-conducted tactical operations.





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The number of police detectives assigned to follow up on every opioid overdose or suspected overdose in Fairfax County.

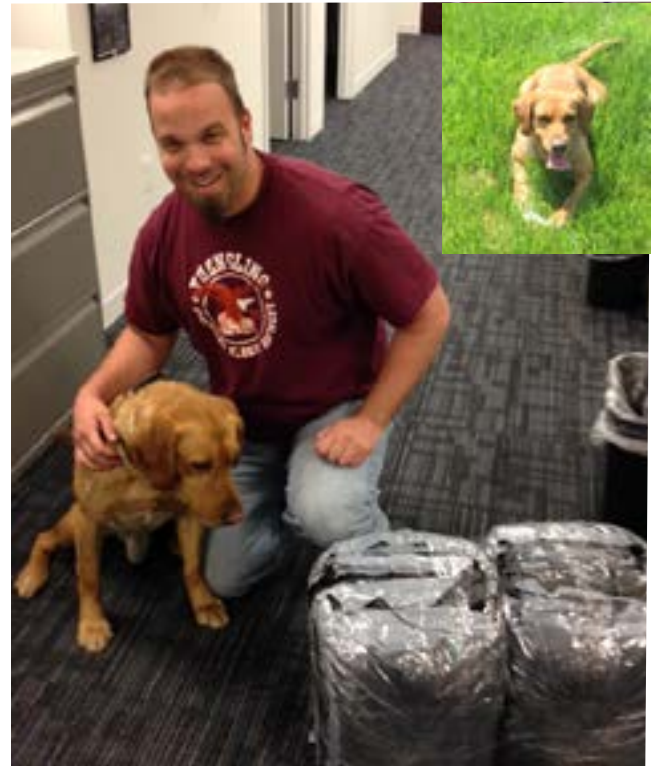
	SCU	Narcotics A Squad	Narcotics B Squad
Training Hours	216.5	919.5	600
Cases Assigned	537	300	398
Arrests Made	364	131	161
Weapons Seized	28	36	28
Search Warrants	2	43	62

## \$63,612 USD

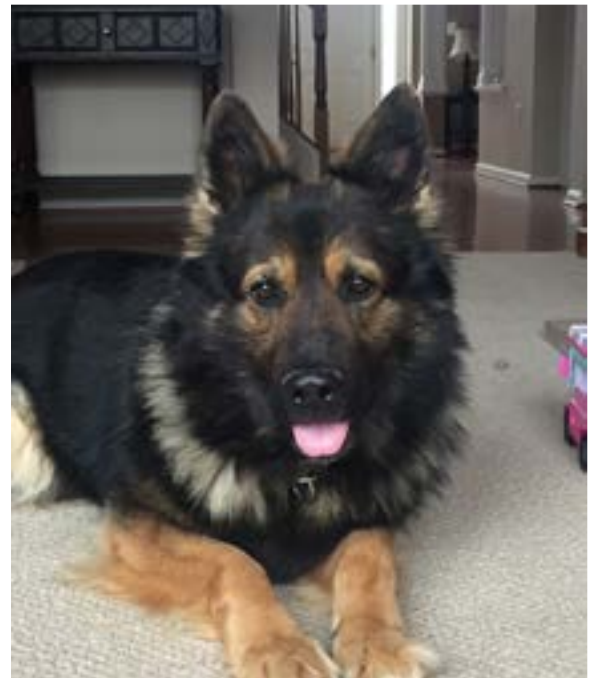
value of 1.4 pounds of Heroin seized by the Narcotics A Squad in 2017.

## 25 years

Jail sentence for major heroin/fentanyl distributor in the Washington, D.C. area, selling to many in Fairfax County. A search warrant produced 366 grams suspected heroin, \$20,954 in cash, a handgun, ammunition and jewelry. One co-conspirator has been sentenced and five others have been identified by police.



The Organized Crime and Narcotics Division also employs canines to assist in the detection of possible narcotics in their investigations. In 2017, OCN and SCU deployed their four canines to sniff out narcotics in cars, buildings, stores, schools and on persons over 600 times. These dogs' noses lead to 64 seizures of property and over 12 narcotics arrests. Wally, Onyx and Duke continue to work with OCN. Leroy retired from police work in the end of 2017 as his handler has moved out of OCN to another position in the Department.



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## MARINE PATROL, UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RECOVERY, SEARCH AND RESCUE

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### MARINE PATROL

The Marine Patrol Unit has two full time officers and a supervisor who work year round and are supplemented with two patrol officers and two auxiliary officers. These officers have completed the two-week United States Coast Guard Captain's Course to be qualified to staff the boat for patrolling the 78.9 miles of Fairfax County shoreline. This unit also has three additional officers who have passed the process to be qualified boat crew members. MPU provides support to the FCPD Underwater Search and Recovery Unit. The unit also promotes boating safety by attending community meetings to discuss public awareness about the dangers of unsafe boating and improper safety equipment. The unit has two boats which allow the unit to operate under various conditions.

#### 2017 MPU Stats:

- 195 warnings issued
- 78 summons issued
- 20 presentations and mutual aid requests
- 4 drowning response calls
- 2 Boating Under the Influence checkpoints



### UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RECOVERY

This supplemental unit has 12 patrol officers, an auxiliary officer and a supervisor. All members are basic open water SCUBA diving certified.

The mission of the Dive Team is to retrieve evidence or property and the recovery of drowning victims from underwater resting places in Fairfax County.



### SEARCH AND RESCUE

In 2017, Search and Rescue worked 16 active missions and interacted with many surrounding jurisdictions to provide mutual aid for missions. Three events were managed by Fairfax County; two evidence searches and a search for a lost person who was found walking in the area not far from home.



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## SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION (SOD)

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*The Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) Team is tasked with responding to a variety of high-risk critical incidents and developing action plans to bring these incidents to a successful conclusion.*

Twelve full-time sworn operators, including two fully-operational supervisors, make up the FCPD SWAT Team. These officers work and train as a team to be able to respond quickly to any high risk situation in Fairfax County.

One of the main duties of the SWAT Team is to serve all search and arrest warrants that are deemed high risk. In 2017, 91 warrant services were performed by SWAT:

- 44 services resulted in the suspects being armed or weapons were found in the residence
- 7 operations involved Tactical Vehicle Intercepts
- 55 operations were based on OCIB investigations
- 21 operations were based on patrol investigations
- 14 operations were based on MCB investigations

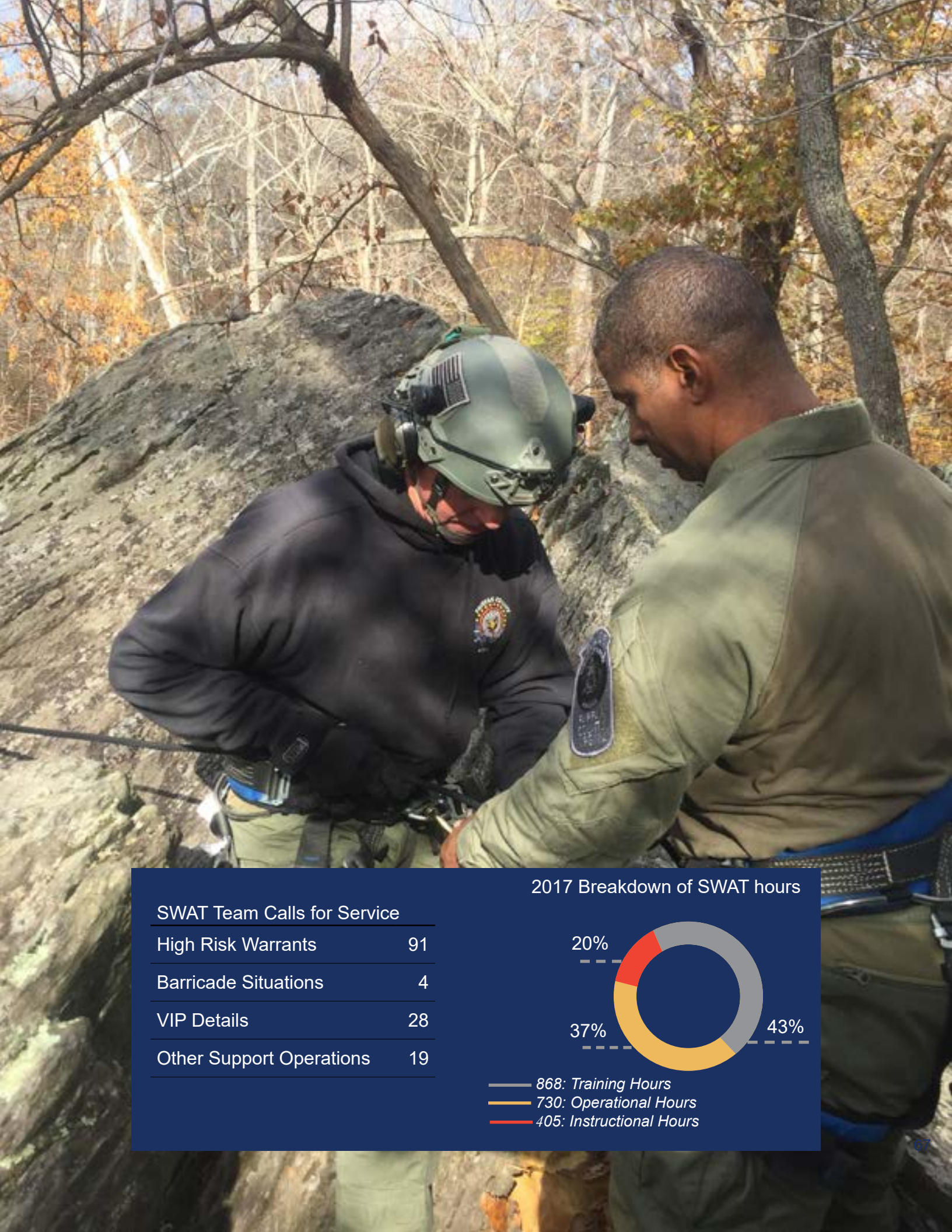
The SWAT Team also responds to calls involving barricaded individuals. They were called to four barricade situations in 2017. Three involved fire-arms, 3 involved underlying domestic issues and 2 involved someone in mental health crisis.

Training is a large part of the SWAT Team, not only training together to be proficient in the skills necessary to do their duties as SWAT Team members but training other officers, agencies and civilians in potentially life-saving skills. SWAT Team members are seen as subject matter experts in several topics deemed essential for law enforcement officers to maintain proficiency. Because of these skills and professional level of instruction, team members are often sought out to provide training for squads and specialty units within FCPD. FCPD SWAT provided 252 hours of instruction to multiple law enforcement agencies including the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office and Fairfax City PD. The team was also asked to provide training to the Tyson's Urban Team, Civil Disturbance Unit, OCIB, Fair Oaks patrol, the Department of Public Safety Communications Police Dispatchers and 76 hours of instruction for Recruits in Basic Training at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. Fifty one hours of instruction was provided for civilian groups seeking information and training from the SWAT team including Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax County Citizens Police Academy and Teen Police Academy, Rotary clubs, private schools and private corporations.



The FCPD SWAT Team also has 19 supplemental operators that train with full-time operators and work along side each other for calls. These officers work regular duty assignments throughout the County.

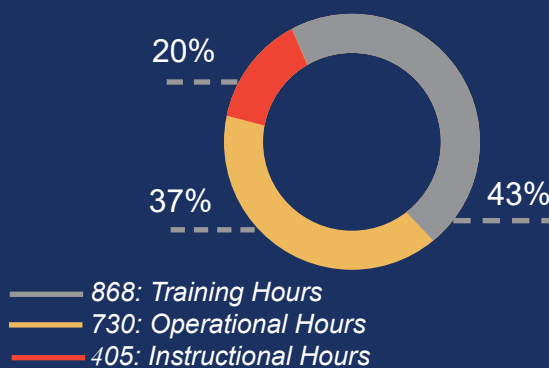




#### SWAT Team Calls for Service

High Risk Warrants	91
Barricade Situations	4
VIP Details	28
Other Support Operations	19

#### 2017 Breakdown of SWAT hours





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## CANINE SECTION

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The FCPD Canine Section has 13 sworn officers, including two supervisors that handle 16 highly-trained canines with the ability to track suspects and conduct drug sniffs. Most of the canines are German Shepherd or Belgian Malinois, and are used to track and assist in the apprehension of a suspect or used to sniff areas, people and things for drugs. There are three bloodhounds assigned to the Canine Section. These three, *Bolt*, *Silas* and *Juneau*, are used to find things and people when there is a greater time lapse or distance for tracking and are not usually trained to assist in apprehension of suspects.

All dogs live with their handlers, and *Bolt*, *Silas* and *Juneau* also live with a canine buddy too. Their police vehicles are specially equipped to accommodate one or two dogs as



the case may be. The dogs even have their own climate-controlled back seat.

K-9 officers have to pass special training with and without their dogs to become a K-9 handler. FCPD is very involved with training new dogs and handlers to specifically target urban and suburban localities that the dogs track in every day. Four officers and their dogs maintain SWAT Canine responsibilities and train for and assist SWAT on high risk warrants and barricades.



Other law enforcement agencies in the area ask for canine assistance from time to time. Some bordering jurisdictions do not have canine sections that have 24-hour-a-day staffing, and some have had staffing issues that leave their department without canine officers. FCPD also attributes some of the outside requests to the fact that the section has bloodhounds. Outside agencies requested Canine Section support 82 times in 2017. The dogs and handlers were happy to help.



## Canine Section Calls for Service

Dispatched Calls	4,345
Deployed Dog	1,098
Suspect Tracks	376
Drug Sniffs	355
Building Searches	104
Warrant Service/ Perimeter	80
Article Searches	70
Demonstrations	42

376 Suspect Tracks	
Established scent track	265
Locations identified	64
Evidence and property located	32
Persons located	32



### 355 Drug Sniffs

Vehicle sniffs	333
Area sniffs	11
Building sniffs	4
Currency Sniffs	4



# \$13,060 USD

Amount of US currency seized as a result of Canine Unit drug sniffs. Three vehicles were also seized as a result of Canine Unit drug sniffs and over 9,000 grams of illegal narcotics were collected in 185 alerts by dogs.

Cocaine	Crack Cocaine	Meth	Marijuana	Heroin	MDMA
83 gm	27 gm	4 gm	9088 gm	20 gm	43 gm



## 24

Number of deployments of FCPD's three bloodhounds to search for critically missing persons, such as Alzheimer's patients, autistic children or suicidal subjects. The bloodhounds were called to assist with four other tracks of a criminal nature where the time lapse or scene contamination was too great for the other dogs

## 89

Number of apprehensions made by dogs in 2017 by the Canine Unit. These numbers include both bloodhound and canine criminal apprehensions and locating endangered persons.

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## EXPLOSIVES ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD) SECTION

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*FCPD EOD is staffed with two full time technicians, six supplemental officers and four explosive detection canines. This unit is the only full-time municipal EOD section in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The primary mission of the EOD section is to respond to terrorist, criminal or suspicious events in which the use of hazardous devices or explosives and/or weapons of mass destruction (WMD) are involved. These officers complete a rigorous six-week program at the FBI's Hazardous Devices School in Huntsville, Alabama.*





## 2017 EOD Section Highlights

Events Handled	220
Call Outs	42
Presentations	40
Assisting Other Jurisdictions	22
Special Events	22
Canine Searches	16
IEDs Recovered	11
Military Ordnance Recovered	4
Roll Call/Officer Training	3
Rail Safe Operations on Metro	1
Training Hours	1,364.5
Canine Training Hours	1,764

Training requirements for this unit are complex and ongoing. After the technicians complete their initial six-week school, they must participate in 16 hours of monthly explosive training with their squad, attend a 40-hour school, attend seminars and symposiums, and complete eight hours of annual Hazardous Materials (HazMat) training. The EOD section also works and trains with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's HazMat unit.

In 2017, a new explosive detection dog, *Harry*, graduated from the CIA EOD K-9 school and was assigned to the unit after the 17-week program. *Harry* joins *Moose*, *Marco* and *Penny*.



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## HELICOPTER DIVISION

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The Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division provides tactical police aviation support, aeromedical evacuation, search and rescue, and other specialized air support as needed within Fairfax County and the National Capital Region to enhance public safety and welfare. The Helicopter Division is unique in the fact that it is just that; a helicopter. Officers complete about 14 months of medical training to obtain their paramedic certification, then complete another six-weeks of field training at the Helicopter Division. They must pass a proficiency examination from the Operational Medical Director before becoming a member of the flight crew.

These officers work with a pilot who is charged with flying the helicopter. The unit is staffed 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Even when weather is not conducive to flying, the officers work on medical skills.

The Helicopter Division is staffed with:

- 1 Police Captain
- 1 Police Second Lieutenant (Chief Flight Officer)
- 1 Chief Pilot
- 1 Director of Maintenance
- 11 Flight Officers/Paramedics
- 5 Pilots
- 1 Officer in Medic Training

In 2017, the Helicopter Unit welcomed a special addition to the hanger, *Obi*. *Obi*, a German Shepherd owned by one of the officers assigned to the division, was introduced to provide a much needed service; goose patrol. His job is to clear the runway of geese and other birds to allow for safe flying by the helicopter.



### Helicopter Division Missions

Total Missions	1,464
Felony Investigations	547
Misdemeanor Investigations	21
Patrol Requests	145
Police Service Calls	417
Other Jurisdictions Assistance Calls	282
Fire and Rescue Assistance Calls	81
Medevac Missions	66
Maintenance/Training	38

Ever wonder what the helicopter is doing when you see or hear it overhead? They post their recent missions on the Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division page, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/helicopterdivision/fairfax1](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/helicopterdivision/fairfax1). It does not update in real time, but will give the mission type and location when posted.





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## DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI) ENFORCEMENT SQUAD

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The DWI Enforcement Squad operates under the Traffic Division and is funded by a federal pass-through grant. The team consists of seven Police Officers First Class, one Master Police Officer, and one Second Lieutenant. These members were selected to the team because they had already demonstrated a dedication to traffic safety while assigned to Patrol. The team officially began working in December of 2016 with 2017 being their first full year.

The team works a rotating schedule of four ten-hour shifts. They deploy to different parts of the county every week, and are occasionally assigned to specific areas at the request of station commanders or in response to a specific event and/or holiday. In addition, officers are responsible for two traffic court dates per month, one criminal court date every other month, and numerous preliminary hearings and circuit court appearances as they arise.

All members of this squad are certified in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) under the standard set by the National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA). Seven of the officers are Department of Criminal Justice Services General Instructors and 5 are certified to teach the SFST as instructors for NHTSA. These highly specialized officers also have advanced training in identifying some narcotics and impaired driving from drug use, have worked with the

*It is clear that the DWI Enforcement Squad made the County's roads safer by removing impaired drivers. However, it is important to note the deterrent effect that this team has had as well.*

Commonwealth's Attorney's Services Council and are passing this knowledge onto their fellow officers. Members of the DWI Enforcement Squad instructed basic recruits in SFST at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy and were invited to instruct at the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy.



Patrol officers also received guidance and coaching throughout the year from the DWI Enforcement Squad at roll calls for six district stations. A notable tool these officers have is experience in court. They are frequently seen helping young patrol officers preparing testimony for trials and going over trial results to give advice on future appearances.

Beyond outreach to patrol, the DWI Enforcement Squad also helped the community to better understand what they do. Officers presented a course on DWI to two sessions of the Citizen's Police Academy and presented to Citizen's Advisory Councils at four district stations. They also assisted with an event at Langley High School where they helped to teach students about the dangers of impaired driving. They also hosted several ride-alongs, including two members of the Fairfax County Alcohol Safety Action Program Board. This nine-person team made 6,421 traffic stops. During these stops they issued 3,358 traffic citations. They also made a total of 1,356 criminal charges. These charges were applied to 241 individuals who were released on summonses and 607 individuals who were custodially arrested. Of these, 107 of the charges placed were felonies. 477 were Driving While Intoxicated offenses, 25% of all DWI arrest made in 2017.



DWI Enforcement Squad Arrest Results	
Arrests Finalized	265
Trial Cases	77
Plea Bargins	186
Nolle Processed	2

Total Convictions Percentages	
Total Convictions	90.94%
Total Trial Convictions (Any Charge)	71.43%
Total Trial Convictions (DWI)	51.95%

Conviction by Charge	
Convicted as Charged	53.58%
Convicted of Reduced DWI Charge	13.58%
Convicted of Refusal Charge Only	3.40%
Convicted of Reckless Driving	14.34%
Convicted of Other Charge(s) Only	6.04%
No Conviction	9.06%



# 6,421

Number of traffic stops the 9 officers of the DWI Enforcement Squad made in 2017. 3,358 citations were written to drivers on those traffic stops and 1,356 criminal charges were made.

# .363

The highest Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) reading obtained during a SFST for a driver on a roadway in Fairfax County. The legal BAC is .08.

# 7

The highest number of different drugs found in a drivers blood after a DWI Enforcement officer stopped them for suspected impaired driving. There is a search warrant process for obtaining a blood sample for suspicion of driving under the influence.

Once an arrest is made for DWI, a court date is set. These numbers reflect those cases that have a final disposition in the Fairfax County General District Court in 2017 and may not include all arrests made in 2017.

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## CYBER AND FORENSICS BUREAU

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***The FCPD is rapidly becoming a leader in the cyber and forensics field, not only in the Metropolitan Washington, DC region, but also throughout the country. As technology evolves at an unprecedented rate, so do the challenges facing our Department.***

This year, the Investigative Support Division separated from the Criminal Investigations Bureau and became its own Bureau within the Police Department. The newly created Cyber & Forensics Bureau (CFB) supports all entities on the Police Department, and is made up of the Crime Scene Section (CSS), Electronic Surveillance Section (ESS), Computer Forensics Section (CFS), and the Northern Virginia Regional Identification Section (NOVARIS).

The CSS routinely responds on all major cases investigated by the Major Crimes Bureau. In 2017, CSS was assigned 2,683 cases with 215 of those were on-scene responses to incidents. Twenty five cases involved homicides within Fairfax County.

The ESS handles covert video/audio surveillance, GPS tracking, cell phone tracking and examination of Forensic Video/Audio (FAVS) evidence.

Computer Forensics handles the analysis of all electronic device evidence, which includes cellular phones, computers, tablets and media memory devices. This year, CFS handled 250 cases, with a total of 689 devices analyzed.

NOVARIS is a collaborative endeavor initiated in the early 1980's by the police chiefs in the counties of Fairfax, Arlington, and Prince William and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax. The computerized storage and matching of fingerprints came online in April 1984 and remains today as part of a "triad" of Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS) which includes Washington D.C. and Montgomery and Prince George's County, Maryland. NOVARIS is led by a civilian director, who manages one system administrator, and four fingerprint analysts.



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Moving forward, CFB's strategic plan involves training more officers in crime scene procedures to expand the Supplemental CSS program, updating technology and equipment in ESS and CFS, the evaluation and testing by NOVARIS of a collaborative regional Facial Recognition system, and the purchase of a state-of-the-art mobile Crime Scene vehicle.

The Cyber and Forensics Bureau is a unique division of the police department as they do not generate cases of their own. They rely on cases created by patrol or the Major Crimes Division to become involved in a case. Once any section becomes involved they work closely with the patrol officer or detective that is assigned to the case to collect all evidence pertinent to the case at hand.

- In 2017, CSS received:
- 181 cases from Major Crimes
  - 51 cases from patrol
  - 5 cases from Internal Affairs
  - 10 cases from OCIB
  - 1 case from Animal Control
  - 2 cases not specified

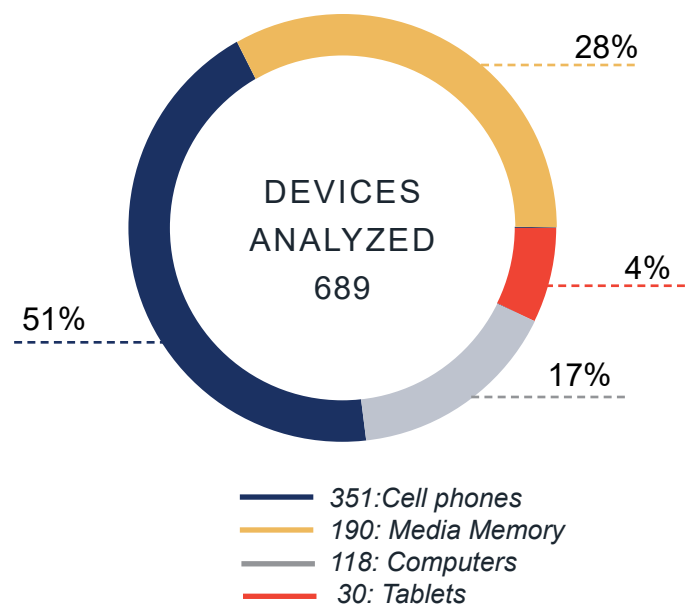


## CYBER AND FORENSICS BUREAU

Crime Scene Section	
Supervisors Assigned	2
Full time Detectives Assigned	12
Full time Supplemental Detectives	8
Civilian Photographers	2
Cases assigned to CSS	2,683
Cases requiring on-scene response	215
Homicides investigated	25
Electronic Surveillance Unit	
Supervisors Assigned	1
Full time Detectives Assigned	4
Forensic/Audio Examinations	263
Video Recoveries	235
Camera Installations	80
Cell Phone Orders/Search Warrants	65
GPS Installations	24
Computer Forensics Section	
Supervisor Assigned	1
Full time Detectives Assigned	5
Cases Assigned	250
Devices Analyzed	689

# 17,323

Total number of pieces of evidence processed by the Crime Scene Section detectives and Supplemental Crime Scene Unit in 2017. 16,188 were processed by CSS and 1,135 processed by the Supplemental Crime Scene Unit. 963 pieces of that evidence was chemically processed.





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## MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU

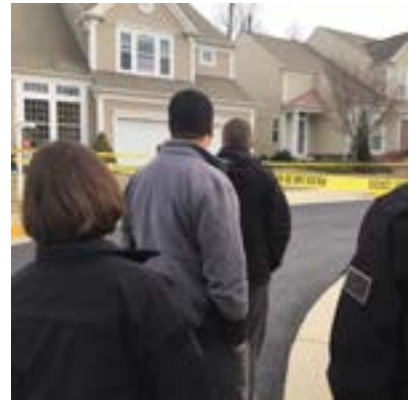
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***As technology continues to become more complex, detectives have learned to become more versed and dependent on digital evidence than ever before.***

During 2017, as the result of departmental restructuring, the Criminal Investigations Bureau was abolished and the Major Crimes Bureau (MCB) became an independent bureau divided into three of its own divisions (Violent Crimes/Special Victims/General Investigations). The Violent Crimes Division is comprised of the Homicide, Robbery, and Cold Case Squads. The Special Victims Division has Sex Crimes Squad, Child Abuse Squad, Victim Services Section and Language Skills Support Services. General Investigations has Fugitive, Child Exploitation, Financial Crimes and General Investigations Squads.

MCB investigations are highly technical in nature and require a large amount of resources and work hours. As technology advances and becomes more affordable, MCB detectives are tasked with incorporating these new advances into their investigations. Video surveillance has become more attainable and portable with wireless systems and wi-fi accessibility. Digital devices, something that used to be an anomaly in investigations, are now the norm. With these advances, MCB detectives do rely on the expertise of other divisions of the police department to partner in investigations to collect, analyze and preserve evidence that is collected during investigations. MCB detectives are assisted by crime scene detectives, crime analysts, digital forensics detectives, narcotics detectives, gang detectives, federal investigators and victim service specialists.

Trends in financial crimes are also growing in complexity as technology improves and is readily available to the public. Often money from the more elaborate financial frauds is sent outside of the country and is difficult to trace. New technology in skimming devices was introduced in 2017. These skimmers are internal and function with memory for storage of compromised personal identifying information (PII) and utilizes Bluetooth technology to download the stolen PII without detection. "Skimmers" have also increased in number. These are small devices that are inserted into the mouth of an ATM's card acceptance slot and sit between the card's chip and the ATM's chip reader. The device captures PII and is then retrieved by the suspect.



## LANGUAGE SKILLS SUPPORT SERVICES

Since 2005, the Language Skills Support Unit (LSSU) has provided vital linguistic and cultural support to our departmental personnel. There were 1673 hours of linguistic/translation assistance provided for 449 incidents in 2017. LSSU assistance and support was provided for MCB, Station Detectives, Patrol, Polygraph, Recruiting Outreach, Media/Public Outreach, and other jurisdictions requiring linguistic assistance.

Eight detectives, two Korean-speaking and six Spanish-speaking, and one supervisor make up the non-standing unit. The LSSU supervisor coordinates all spoken language skills by employees certified through the Department's language stipend program.

Special Victims Division	Violent Crimes Division	General Investigations Division
Sex Crimes 1 Supervisor 9 Detectives	Homicide 1 Supervisor 10 Detectives	Child Exploitation 1 Supervisor 5 Detectives
Child Abuse 1 Supervisor 9 Detectives	Robbery 1 Supervisor 7 Detectives	Fugitive 1 Supervisor 9 Detectives
Victim Services Section 1 Supervisor 11 Specialists	Cold Case 1 Supervisor 4 Detectives	Financial Crimes 1 Supervisor 11 Detectives 4 Civilian Investigators
Language Skills Support 1 Supervisor 8 Detectives 16 Languages spoken in language stipend program	Special Investigator	General Investigations 1 Supervisor 8 Detectives

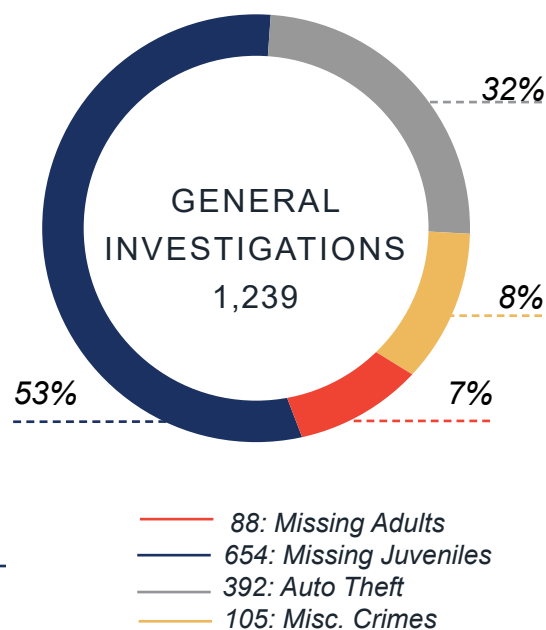
## \$5,000,000 USD

In 2017, Financial Crime recovered over 40 skimmers. One case yielded over 10,000 victims whose credit card information was stolen totaling over \$5 million.

Major Crimes Bureau	Cases Assigned	Cases Closed	Closure Rate
Child Abuse Squad	341	303	89%
Child Exploitation Squad	299	210	70%
Cold Case Squad*	10	17	170%
Financial Crimes Squad	708	249	35%
General Investigations Squad	1,239	831	67%
Homicide Squad**	426	488	115%
Robbery Squad	238	104	44%
Sex Crimes	322	277	86%

\*Due to the nature of cold case investigations, the number of cases closed and those newly assigned are not always equal annually.

\*\*Homicide Squad investigated 16 homicide cases in 2017. Other responsibilities of this squad include attempted kidnapping, malicious wounding, house fires, unattended deaths or deaths with no physician to sign death certificate (often due to natural causes)



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## VICTIM SERVICES SECTION

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*The Victim Services Section (VSS) has a more than 20-year history of providing comprehensive services to victims of crime in Fairfax County, Fairfax City, Town of Herndon, Town of Vienna and victims referred by the Virginia State Police. The staff is decentralized and located at each district station. The Victim Services Specialists are essential to the successful investigation and prosecution of cases in which they are assigned to meet the needs of victims of crimes who are attempting to navigate the criminal justice system.*

*The VSS directly supports and embodies the mission and focus of the FCPD in providing professional support, assistance, and the highest quality of service to the Fairfax County Community*







#### VSS Collaborations:

- Virginia Network for Victims and Witnesses of Crime
- Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance
- National Organization of Victim Assistance
- National Center for Victims of Crimes
- Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Victim Services
- Fairfax County Fatality Review Team
- Fairfax County Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team
- Sexual Assault Response Team

#### Two annual planned events for victims:

- April is National Crime Victims' Rights Week 5K Walk and Candlelight Vigil
- October is K-9 Krawl, a dog walk for awareness of animal abuse related to domestic violence

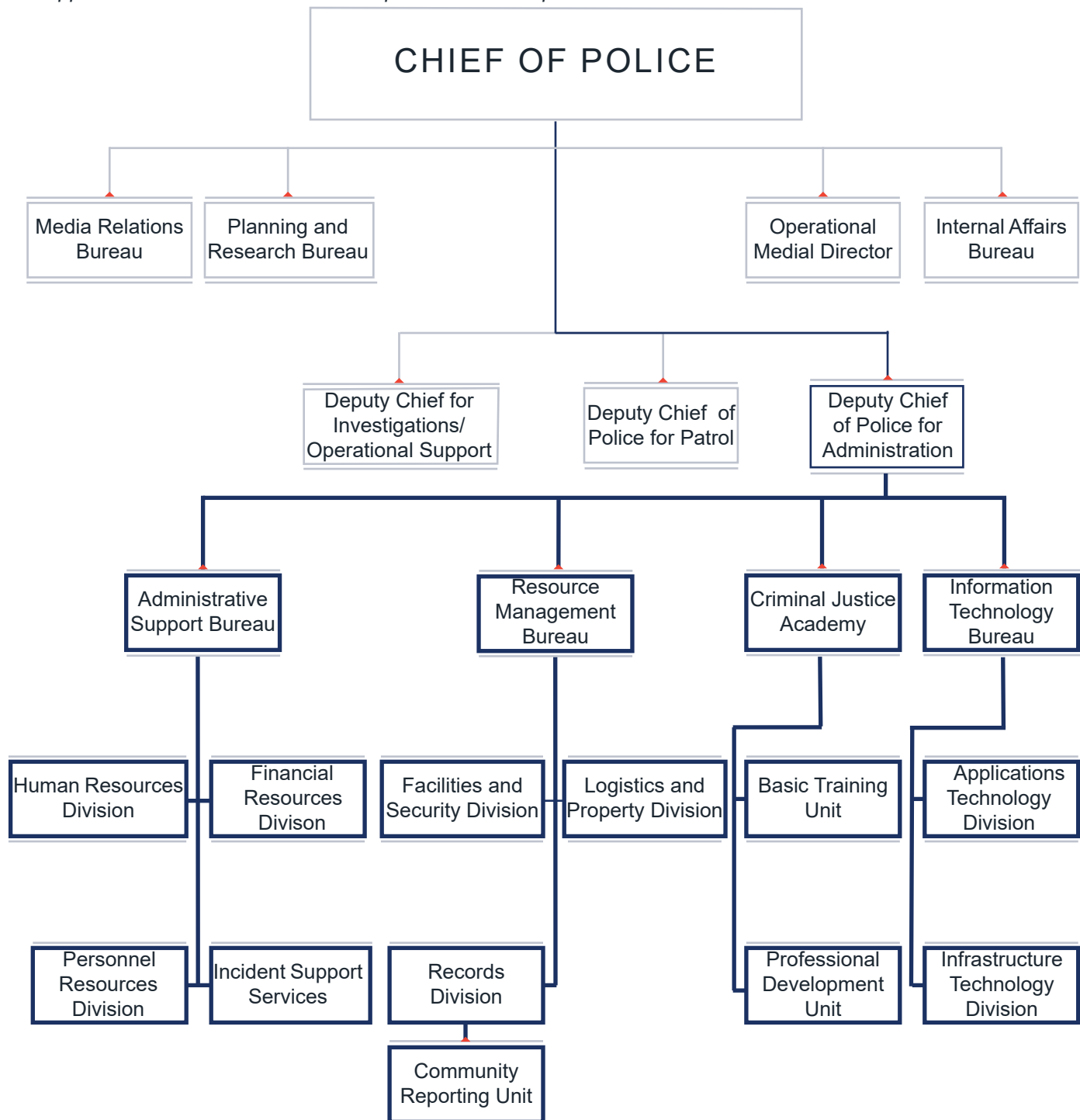
The 10 specialists provide services are not limited to: crisis intervention, counseling referrals, court accompaniment, referrals, transportation, property retrieval, housing assistance, help with obtaining protective orders, safety planning, assisting with funeral planning, victim impact statements and Criminal Injuries Compensation requests. Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund applications from VSS totaled \$171,322.85.

VSS works with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking. VSS is also the only resource in the County that works with victims of homicide, malicious wounding, robbery, bias and hate crimes, arson, burglary, and home invasions.

This section is funded by general funds and three Department of Criminal Justice Services grants: The Victim Witness Grant (\$178,460), the Violence against Women grant (\$52,993) and the VOCA New Initiative grant (\$99,905).

## DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE FOR ADMINISTRATION

*This section represents the Bureaus of the FCPD that report directly to the Deputy Chief of Police for Administration that include the Criminal Justice Academy, Resource Management Bureau and the Administrative Support Bureau. Not all entities are represented in this publication.*



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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

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The Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy(FCCJA) provides the residents of Fairfax County with highly-trained, competent, capable and professional law enforcement officers. The Academy was established in 1985 and is accredited by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission.

The FCCJA serves the FCPD, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Fairfax County Animal Protection Police, the Towns of Herndon and Vienna and the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's Office for basic recruit training and mandatory career development throughout an officer's career.

Each Basic Recruit session completes 1,040 hours of instruction lead by sworn officers from the participating agencies. It is roughly six months of training that includes defensive tactics, physical training, and classroom instruction to satisfy the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) required information to become a certified sworn police officer in Virginia. The recruits complete four academy exams, two legal exams, one DCJS certification exam, 22 practical testing scenarios, two patrol scenario-based days, additional building searches, simulation training, and range skills. Each session works with SWAT completing active shooter and critical decision making training, a mental health week discussing PTSD, police suicide, substance abuse, autism, community resources and emergency services. Each recruit is patrol ready with RADAR/LIDAR certifications, Pepperball training, Mandatory Emergency Vehicle Operator (MEVO) training and Range skills refresher upon graduation.

Recruits are also involved in several community projects like blood drives, a community day and host the Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) kids day during National Police Week.

In 2017 the Basic Law Enforcement Training Unit consisted of :

- 1- 2nd Lieutenant
- 2- SGTs (1 PD / 1SO)
- 2- MPOs- (1PD/ 1 Vienna)
- 6- PFCs (3PD/ 2 SO/ 1 Herndon)

The unit trained 103 recruits, graduated 2 sessions and began a third.



The training environment instills a culture of integrity, safety, excellence, professionalism, leadership, continual learning and service. All students are challenged to always commit themselves to protecting and enriching the quality of life for the people who reside and work in our neighborhoods and diverse communities.





Field Training Instructors (FTI) are patrol officers that are trained to act as one on one mentors for new graduates of the police academy. Every new officer is assigned to a FTI as well as newly promoted Sergeants. In 2017, 32 officers completed the Enhanced FTI School, 25 officers completed Basic FTI school and 30 supervisors completed Basic Supervisor school. The FTI program has mandatory requirements from the DCJS

which ensures all new officers and supervisors have the same training and knowledge from the FCPD and the State.

The FTI program:

- Trained 103 new officers from Session 67 and Session 68
- Trained 26 new Sergeants
- Trained 5 new direct-to-street hires
- Implemented a Regional FTI Coordinators Meeting
- Conducted mandatory DCJS

FTI recertifications

- Overhauled Basic FTI Manual to streamline paperwork



#### LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING UNIT

The DCJS requirement for police officer certification as continuing education is 40 hours of law enforcement career development education, four hours of legal education and updates, two hours of Cultural Diversity education and four hours of VCIN recertification required by the State Police every two years. The FCCJA offers a wide variety of classes to satisfy these requirements like the first-women only Krav Maga 40- hour school, retirement planning classes, health and nutrition classes as well as investigative classes like Drug Interdiction, Violent Street Gangs and Criminal Investigations classes.

LETU also assisted with the pre-hire physical conditioning of new recruits, instructing the control tactics portion of the basic recruit academy, preparing the facility for large scale events within the Department and assisting outside agencies with presentations about personal safety.



#### EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS CENTER

1-Second Lieutenant

6-Instructors

Agencies trained

- Fairfax County Police Department
- Fairfax County Sheriff's Office
- Town of Herndon Police Department
- Town of Vienna Police Department
- Fauquier County Sheriff's Office
- Ft. Belvoir MP's
- Albemarle County

#### EVOC Courses

##### Number of Student/Classes

MEVO	419/35
Extended PIT	355/36
Precision Immobilization Technique	171/17
MEVO/PIT Recertification	95/9
PIT Recertification	90/12
Session 70 Basic Training (10 days)	60/3
Session 69 Basic Training (10 days)	47/2
Basic Chainsaw Course	36/4
PIT Instructor (2 days)	28/2
EVOC/PIT Instructor (10 days)	22/2
Charger AWD Introduction	17/3
EVOC Instructor Recertification	4/2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,344/127</b>



FCCJA Session 68 Graduation



FCCJA Session 69 Graduation



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## FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS

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*The Police Department and Fire and Rescue Departments enjoy a unique partnership, one that enhances the public safety of Fairfax County. This new facility will allow the County to improve and expand opportunities to work collaboratively on public safety issues between departments and with the County as a whole.*

*With on-site training and multipurpose rooms, shared recruiting, interview and testing area and the ability to accommodate growth in both departments, the efficient, modern and environmentally friendly new facility positions the County to meet the needs of the community today and in the future.*





*Public services located in the lobby of the building include police central records, fingerprinting and Fire Marshal plan review.*

Building Facts	
Number of Floors	9
Square Feet	274,000
Parking Spaces	845
PD employees	245
FD employees	180

The Fairfax County Public Safety Headquarters opened in October with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an organized move in lasted until late December as all departments moved their equipment into the new space. Resource Management Bureau (RMB) worked tirelessly to make a seamless transition with phone and IT services as well as office goods arriving at the same time. With the new space, several Police Department functions, such as fingerprinting and central records, moved back into the same building as the majority of police services.

The new building was designed to achieve LEED Silver certification. This will be the County's first attempt to use energy-efficient LED lighting throughout the 274,000 square feet of space. Other green features include:

- Green roofs
- Low flow fixtures
- Eco-smart environmental controls
- Permeable pavement
- Rainwater harvesting
- Maximizing daylight inside the building

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## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BUREAU

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The Property and Evidence Section is responsible for maintaining the security and storage of evidence, recovered, lost or stolen property and for maintaining the Department's inventory of capital equipment



The Fleet Management Section is responsible for the efficient use and maintenance of the Department's vehicle inventory and their diverse necessary attachments.



The Records Division is responsible for continually auditing and evaluating the Records Management System, I/Leads, and for the management, maintenance and security of arrest records, investigation reports and other related integral documents. This division is also responsible for dissemination of criminal histories, and incident reports.

Warrant Desk is the central repository for all warrants held for service within Fairfax County.



The FCPD Cadet program provides an opportunity for young men and women aged 18-20 interested in becoming police officers to be employed by the police department. They can be assigned to any number of tasks inside the Department to include the property room, central records, patrol or the Criminal Justice Academy to name a few. If you have had to have fingerprints taken for work or volunteering, it was most likely done by a cadet.



Currently, there are five Cadets employed by the FCPD. For more information about the program visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/commontopics/joinourteam](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/commontopics/joinourteam)

## QUARTERMASTER SECTION





The Quartermaster Section is responsible for the acquisition and distribution of department-issued uniforms, equipment and supplies to all sworn officers and non-sworn personnel in the Department. The Quartermaster Section consists of two groups: Purchasing, and Shipping and Receiving.

Upon employment officers, are issued a complete uniform outfitting and equipment set as required by their assigned position. The Quartermaster Section manages, controls and accounts for all items

issued to Department personnel. This includes maintaining a record of the types, size and quantity of uniform clothing, and type, quantity and serial numbers of issued equipment.

The Quartermaster is responsible for ensuring that issued items comply with Department and national safety standards. A computer database is maintained and includes in-stock inventory, ordered items as well as information for all personnel who have been issued Quartermaster

items. Weapons are issued by the Firing Range or Academy while accessories are a Quartermaster item.

The Quartermaster Section signs for, inspects, verifies requisitioned status, updates the database and either shelf stocks or warehouses all deliveries. If the received items are back ordered, then the requester is notified of the item's estimated arrival time. For outgoing items, packages are properly packed, labeled, and picked up by the Station Logistics Technician or station representative.





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## FCPD RECRUITING

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*Ever wonder what it takes to be a FCPD officer?  
Its pretty simple; you must have an interest in the profession  
and be at least 20 years, six month of age at the start of the  
Academy. The mandatory minimum age for a sworn police  
officer is 21 in Virginia.*

*FCPD has three full-time recruiting officers that would like  
to hear from anyone interested in becoming a FCPD officer.  
More information can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/  
police/jobs](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/jobs).*



*In February, FCPD Recruiting and Media Relations Bureau launched #BeFCPD, a recruiting campaign geared towards social media. This campaign highlights different officers and their reasons for joining the Fairfax County Police Department as a Police Officer, Animal Protection Police Officer and other career and volunteer opportunities within the FCPD.*

To expand the recruiting possibilities, FCPD has gone "mobile" with the introduction of the Mobile Recruiting Unit (MRU). This bus provides recruiter a private space for on-site interviews at recruiting events and large community events. Since its dedication in September, the MRU has attended several recruiting events.

Along with the new mobile capabilities, social media and internet technology have brought new opportunities



for FCPD recruiting. A college in Pennsylvania has set up a Skype interview for its students to talk with recruiters and officers have traveled as far north as Buffalo, NY and as far south as Fort Benning, GA to talk to prospective candidates for the Department.

Locally, George Mason University students show the most interest for FCPD. Other colleges and universities are visited by recruiting officers and officers that are alumni, to talk about the Department and being a police officer.



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## SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

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### DIRECTING THE WAY, EVERY DAY



There are 135 School Crossing locations in Fairfax County every day. This employs 85 civilian positions to guide school kids safely across streets to get them to school and home each day. These civilians wear a uniform and have command of the crosswalk at their designated location. These locations are determined by Fairfax County School Transportation to ensure all walking students have a safe trip to school. You may also see a patrol officer directing traffic and students near a school. These are special locations that need more attention than most school crossing locations or are not filled with a permanent guard.

The Fairfax County Police Department is always interested in hiring School Crossing Guards. If you would like more information visit:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/commontopics/joinourteam/schoolcrossingguard>.

### SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS BY THE NUMBERS







Station	School Crossing Guards	School Crossings
Sully	8	15
Mount Vernon	8	14
McLean	10	13
Mason	6	8
Reston	11	20
Franconia	11	15
West Springfield	22	36
Fair Oaks	9	14
Total	85	135



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## FCPD HELPFUL LINKS

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Fairfax County Police Department - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police)  
Chief's Page - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/chief](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/chief)  
FCPD Incident Mapping - [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com)  
FCPD Crime Statistics - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/chief/crimestatistics](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/chief/crimestatistics)  
Crime and Safety in our Community - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/chief/crimeandsafety](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/chief/crimeandsafety)  
FCPD employment, Join Our Team - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/jobs](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/jobs)  
Financial Crimes Reporting - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/howdoi/financialcrimes](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/howdoi/financialcrimes)  
On-line Police Reports - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/howdoi/communityreportingsystem](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/howdoi/communityreportingsystem)  
All eight district stations webpages can be found on the FCPD webpage at - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police)  
FCPD Victim Services Section - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services1z/victimservices](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services1z/victimservices)

### FCPD on Social Media -

News and Information Update - <https://fcpdnews.wordpress.com>  
Follow us on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/fairfaxcountypolice](http://www.facebook.com/fairfaxcountypolice)  
Follow us on Instagram - [www.instagram.com/fairfaxcountypolice](http://www.instagram.com/fairfaxcountypolice)  
Follow us on Twitter - @fairfaxpolice  
Watch our videos on YouTube - [www.youtube.com/user/fairfaxcountypolice](http://www.youtube.com/user/fairfaxcountypolice)  
We participate in Nextdoor - [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

Fairfax County General Website - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov)  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors)  
Each Board Member and District webpage can be found here.

### Communities of Trust-

Website - [www.communitiesoftrust.com](http://www.communitiesoftrust.com)  
Facebook - [www.facebook.com/fairfaxcot/?fret=ts](http://www.facebook.com/fairfaxcot/?fret=ts)  
Twitter - @fairfaxcot  
E-mail - communitiesoftrust@gmail.com

Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement)  
Fairfax County Animal Shelter - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter)  
Fairfax County False Alarm Reduction Unit - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policefalsealarm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policefalsealarm)  
Falls Church-Fairfax Community Services Board - [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb)  
Northern Virginia Mediation Services/ Restorative Justice - [www.nvms.us/fairfax-rj](http://www.nvms.us/fairfax-rj)



**Police Officer Karen Jean Bassford**  
EOW: Wednesday, July 27, 1977  
Cause of Death – Automobile Accident



**Special Officer Sandy A. Gideonse**  
EOW: Thursday, December 3, 1998  
Cause of Death – Automobile Accident



**Captain Tommy F. Bernal**  
EOW: Thursday, June 28, 2001  
Cause of Death – Motorcycle Accident

# *IN VALOR, THERE IS HOPE*



**Detective Vicky Anne Owen Armel**  
EOW: Monday, May 8, 2006  
Cause of Death – Gunfire



**Second Lieutenant Francis "Frank" Joseph Stecco**  
EOW: Saturday, October 25, 2008  
Cause of Death – Drowned



**K9 – Bandit**  
EOW: Tuesday, August 5, 1975  
Cause of Death – Gunfire



**Master Police Officer Michael "Gabby" Garbarino**  
EOW: Wednesday, May 17, 2006  
Cause of Death – Gunfire





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