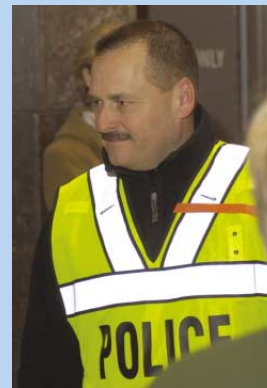# Fairfax County Police Department

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Message from the Chief

Dear Fairfax County Community Member,

I am pleased to present the Fairfax County Police Department's 2007 Annual Report. I hope you are able to take some time to review our accomplishments and that this report helps you better understand what we do to protect, serve, and engage our community.

I am honored to serve as Chief of Police, but more importantly, I am proud of the sworn, civilian, and volunteer men and women who serve our community with integrity, professionalism, dedication, innovation, and courage. Although this report represents only a sampling of what they do every day, I believe it reflects their spirit of service. As a police department, we are guided by our mission, vision, and core values, but our people are the heart of the Fairfax County Police Department and the foundation for our success.

We are also privileged to serve a vibrant, diverse, engaged, and supportive community, which we proudly acknowledge as key to our success. Your support and the commitment of other agencies and organizations enable us to engage in effective community-policing and problem-solving strategies designed to protect and enhance public safety and our quality of life. We thank all who have been actively involved and supportive of our many collaborative efforts, and we encourage others to become involved to make a difference in your community. Our Citizens Advisory Committees, Neighborhood Watch programs, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program, and the Citizens Police Academy are just a few examples of the opportunities we offer.

As we reflect on 2007, we are proud of our accomplishments, our safe community, and the quality of life we enjoy in Fairfax County. Although we face significant challenges in the months ahead I am confident that working together we can succeed. On behalf of the men and women of the Fairfax County Police Department I thank you for your steadfast support and commitment to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

David M. Rohrer, Colonel
Chief of Police

Mission

The Fairfax County Police Department protects persons and property by:

- Providing essential law enforcement and public safety services;

- Promoting and maintaining community involvement stability and order through service assistance and visibility

Values

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

- Ethical Standards

- Public Trust

- Our Partnership with the Public

- Laws and Constitution

- Accountability

- Teamwork

- Cooperation

- Harnessing Technologies

- Quality in Our People

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX

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Deputy Chief
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Lieutenant Colonel
Deputy Chief
Administration

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Credits

Fairfax County Quality of Life Crimes – Calendar Year 2007

Trespassing*** **987**

Graffiti **734**

Drug Offenses **2,376**

Noise Violations **162**

Domestic Dispute **6,070**

Destruction of Property** **4,139**

Prostitution Offenses **35**

Domestic Assault* **2,558**

Disorderly Conduct **965**

Drunk in Public **2,758**

DUI **1,695**
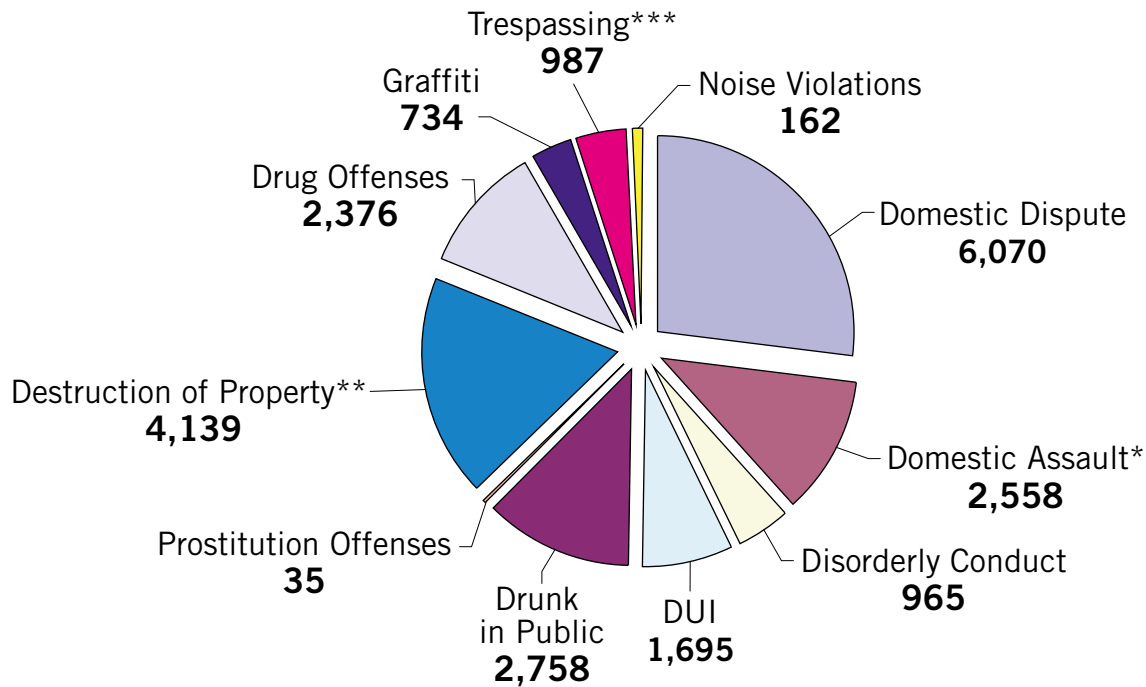
*Includes Domestic Assault, Simple and Aggravated   **Includes Destruction of Private and Public Property   ***Trespassing Private, Public, Church, Cemetery, and School

Fairfax County Index Crimes Calendar Year 2007

	2006	2007
Murder	19	13
Rape	73	95
Robbery	572	597
Aggravated Assault	334	339
Burglary	1,580	1,409
Larceny	13,075	14,244
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,455	1,459
TOTAL	**17,108**	**18,156**

FCPD At-A-Glance

Budget*	$213,477,042
Per Capita Spending	$210.84
Total Authorized Personnel	1,718
Total Authorized Sworn Positions	1,368
Total Authorized Non-Sworn Positions	350
Full-Time	279
Part-Time	64
Calls for Service	**248,333**

*Budget data includes all costs associated with the operation of the agency. Some expenditures may be for Police Department operations made through another agency; e.g., fringe benefits budgeted to the Fairfax County Office of Personnel have been added to the Police Department's authorized budget.

Traffic Division

TRAFFIC SAFETY SERVICES SECTION

- 25 DWI Checkpoints
- 14,457 drivers screened for alcohol impairment
- 242 businesses checked for compliance of alcohol sales laws

MOTORCYCLE SECTION

- 30,000 traffic summons
- 306 funeral escorts

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY (MCS) UNIT

- 1,222 trucks inspected
- 734 brake violations discovered
- 547 trucks taken out of service
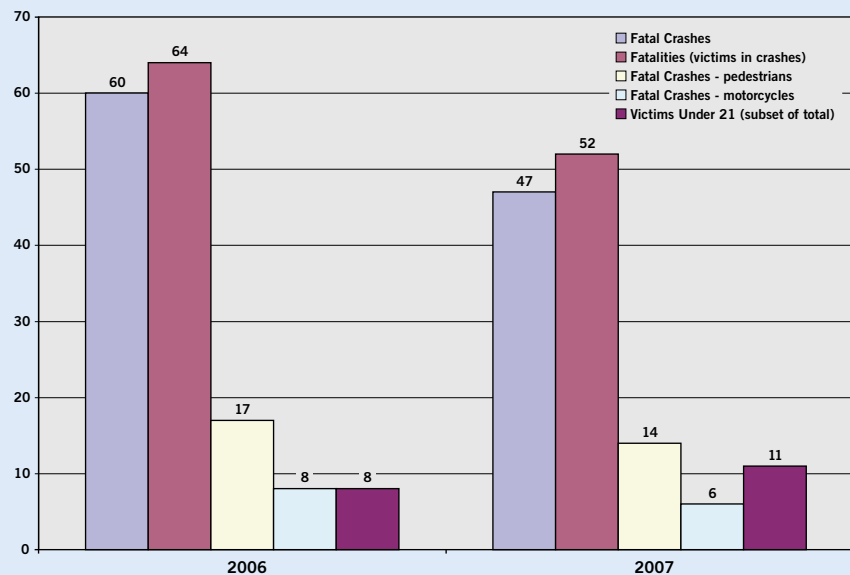
CRASH RECONSTRUCTION UNIT (CRU)

- 47 fatal crashes resulting in 52 deaths

PARKING ENFORCEMENT SECTION

- 64,739 parking tickets

FCPD AWARDS

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) awarded Fairfax County Police Department:

- 2007 Youth Alcohol Award
- 2007 Multi-Jurisdictional Award for the department's successful participation in Smooth Operator

Fairfax County Fatal Crashes – 2006-2007

Legend:
- Fatal Crashes
- Fatalities (victims in crashes)
- Fatal Crashes - pedestrians
- Fatal Crashes - motorcycles
- Victims Under 21 (subset of total)

	Fatal Crashes	Fatalities (victims in crashes)	Fatal Crashes - pedestrians	Fatal Crashes - motorcycles	Victims Under 21 (subset of total)
2006	60	64	17	8	8
2007	47	52	14	6	11

## Rescued Puppy Mill Puppies Arrive in Fairfax County

In November of 2007, thirty-two frightened and bewildered dogs and puppies arrived at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter after their rescue from a puppy mill in southwestern Virginia. The owner of the Carroll County, Virginia breeding operation surrendered ownership of the animals to the Humane Society of the United States after the over-crowded living conditions were uncovered.

Among the 32 were Poodles, a Beagle, a Jack Russell Terrier, a Norwich Terrier mix, a Bichon Frise mix and a Shih Tzu. They ranged in age from an estimated two weeks to five years. Mothers with puppies were placed into foster homes until the puppies were at least eight weeks old.

Many of the dogs and puppies had a basic health exam before they traveled and a rabies vaccination if they were old enough. Once in Fairfax County, a veterinarian looked at the adult dogs to detect any major health concerns that required attention.

Shelter officials then advised all potential adopters that none of the dogs would be available for viewing or adoption immediately to give veterinarians and shelter staff time to assess each dog's health and temperament.

Eventually many dogs were made available and found their way to loving homes.
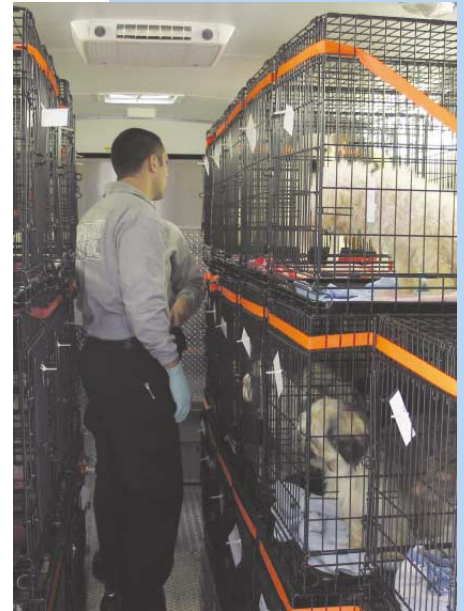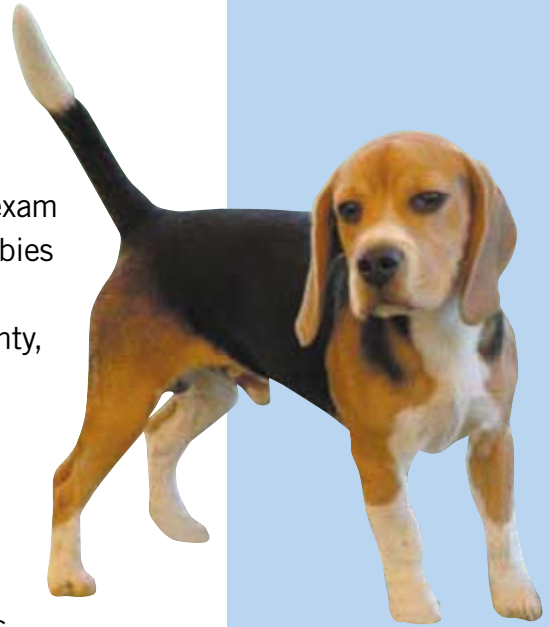
Station Highlights

Sully wins the District Challenge, a competition between the eight district stations in design of innovative programs and campaigns. Sully led the department in numerous areas of traffic enforcement:

- 19,951 traffic summonses issued (148,865 summonses issued by the department)
- 6,693 speed related summonses issued (15% decrease in speed related crashes in the Sully District)

- 1,617 child safety seats inspected and installed (47% of the 3,400 child safety seats inspected and installed by the department)

Stations Utilize Special Teams for Traffic Enforcement:

- West Springfield STRIKE Team focused on speeding in school zones: 532 summonses issued for speeding and 43 summonses issued for reckless driving
- Fair Oaks SET Team issued 2,683 summonses and warnings from May to October
- Reston SET Team issued over 4,200 summonses and handled over 117 traffic related PSA events

DWI and Alcohol Campaigns are a Success:

- West Springfield officers got 261 impaired drivers off the street
- Reston efforts in June and September/October resulted in 40 DWI arrests
- Fair Oaks officers made 54 DWI arrests during the four weeks of Safe December
- Two Shoulder Tap operations in October and November in the Franconia District resulted in 11 arrests of adults for illegal purchase of alcohol and one DWI arrest

- Wolf Trap Youth Alcohol Enforcement during four concerts from June to August resulted in 34 arrests for underage possession of alcohol and 28 arrests for possession of marijuana by the Mclean District Neighborhood Patrol Unit
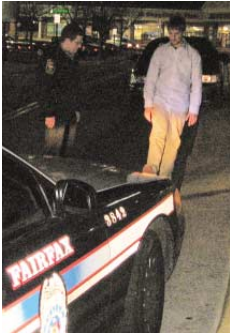
Seatbelt Violations Taken Seriously:

- West Springfield officers issued 1,353 summonses
- Sully officers issued 1,294 summonses
- Click It or Ticket Campaign survey reveals a 5% increase in seatbelt usage in the Mclean District as a result of education and enforcement

Multi-Agency Gang Suppression Operation in the Mason District on August 24, 2007:

- Staffing consisted of over 50 law enforcement officers from various entities within the department and from outside agencies
- Multi-prong approach of high visibility patrols, road checks, warrant services and home visits by Probation and Parole
- Numerous contacts were made which resulted in several arrests, including the arrest of suspects in three separate robberies, all occurring on this night

Highlighted Burglary Efforts:

- Reston investigations result in the closure of 50 burglary cases:
  - Garage burglary ring: 13 suspects arrested and 25 cases closed
  - Doctor office burglary ring: 1 suspect arrested and 17 cases closed
  - Serial burglary ring: 7 suspects arrested, 8 cases closed, recovery of several handguns
- Mt. Vernon patrol officer makes significant arrest:
  - An alert patrol officer arrested a suspect during an early morning break-in of a local business. The suspect was linked to a series of 24 burglaries which had occurred in Franconia and Mason Districts.
- McLean community can sleep better at night:
  - In September, a 10-year-old female woke up to find a stranger in her bedroom around 2:45 a.m. After an extensive investigation, the suspect was identified and arrested, and charged with burglary with intent to commit assault.
- Burglary Prevention Campaign in Mason District makes an impact:
  - An anti-burglary flier was created and distributed throughout the community
  - A video on home security enhancement was produced and aired on local television networks
  - Burglaries reported in the Mason District decreased by 50%

Cases in the Spotlight:

- Franconia District Narcotics Case:
  - On October 21, 2007, a patrol officer was able to gain access to a house during a narcotics investigation by obtaining consent. Upon entry, the officer immediately detected an odor of marijuana, and observed marijuana while conducting a protective sweep. Narcotics detectives responded and search warrants were executed, resulting in the seizure of over 15 pounds of marijuana, a firearm, and a total of $60,000.
- Malicious Wounding in McLean:
  - On Christmas Eve, a teenage boy was attacked and seriously injured by strangers near his home in McLean. Investigators followed up on numerous tips from the community, and information received aided police in charging three teenage boys with malicious wounding.
- Mt. Vernon Homicide and Bus Barricade:
  - On October 17, 2007, a woman was murdered in Huntley Meadows Park. Information obtained from citizens helped patrol officers locate the suspect, armed with a gun, on a Fairfax County Connector bus, near the intersection of Fordson Road and Richmond Highway. A four hour barricade situation was resolved peacefully with the help of numerous entities within the department. The suspect was arrested and charged with murder.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

St. Balderick's Event on March 16, 2007 at the Police Association

- St. Balderick's Foundation is the world's largest volunteer-driven fundraising event for childhood cancer research. Participants receive donations to shave their heads. The event resulted in over $66,000 raised, far exceeding the initial goal of $20,000. Over 90 officers and family members participated, but it was the "McLean Mug-Shots" who stood out as a group, raising over $13,000 and taking first place in the group competition.

Station Highlights

AAA School Safety Patrol Awards

- Three Fairfax County Public School safety patrols were recognized for excellent leadership qualities and safety skills, noteworthy involvement in school and outstanding citizenship: Matt Hoch (Canterbury Woods Elementary School), Kacie Townsend (Terra Centre Elementary School) and Sophia Okorn (Crestwood Elementary School). Safety Patrols attended monthly meetings with School Education Officers, and a select group attended a week long camp in August.

24th Annual National Night Out on August 7, 2007

- From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. residents in neighborhoods throughout Fairfax County and across the nation locked their doors, turned on outside lights and spent time outside with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Fairfax County hosted a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, police visits, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anti-crime rallies. The events were designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Road DAWG Camps

- Road DAWG (Don't Associate With Gangs) is a camp conducted for middle and high school students, aimed at preventing gang involvement and violence. Camps were held in the month of August by Mt. Vernon, Reston and West Springfield District Stations.

1st Annual K-9 Krawl held on October 20, 2007

- Created by Sully District Victim Services Representative Kacey Kirkland, with the help of Detective Jacqi Smith, in honor of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The walk raised awareness of the connection between domestic violence and animal cruelty.

Teen S.A.F.E-D Day held on November 3, 2007 at the Government Center

- Crime Prevention Officers from the Fair Oaks District assisted members of S.A.F.E -D (Student, Adults, Faculty Educating Drivers) with the event, which was geared toward educating young drivers about the dangers of driving while intoxicated and peer pressure. The event consisted of three stages, all of which were based on a true story:
  1. A fatal crash scene which involved police and rescue
  2. A patient (actor) was transported to a mock emergency room where they died
  3. A court room hearing where the driver was charged with DWI and involuntary manslaughter.

Fair Oaks District Assist Older Drivers:

- APO Mike Szedlock taught almost 300 students during the 19 classes offered for the Mature Operator Driver Improvement Program (MODIP). The program is tailored to residents above the age of 55, and offers explanations of how age affects driving behavior and reinforces good driving practices that may have been forgotten.
- On October 24, 2007, auxiliary and patrol officers partnered with AAA to conduct a CarFit Program event at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center. CarFit educates senior drivers to properly position themselves in their vehicles and be more aware of their surroundings while driving.

Reston District Emphasizes Communication with Citizens:

- Flyers of crime trends and series of over 35 incidents were developed and distributed to over 4,000 residences
  - Neighborhood Watch Program increased 10% from 2006
- Business seminars conducted twice for the local business community
  - Business Watch Program increased 12% from 2006
- "Reston Reliance," the station newsletter, was distributed in over 600 hard copies and 2000 e-forms, in addition to being posted on the web
  - Open House was attended by over 2000 citizens

New Technology Hits the Streets:

- The Kubota, a new innovative crime-fighting tool, was introduced in January by the Reston District Station
- Mason District Station propelled modern technology by using a Mobile AFIS Unit, a piece of technology used in the field to assist officers in quickly identifying people by scanning finger prints and conducting facial recognition searches

Explosive Ordnance Division

They wear thickly padded, odd-looking suits and get to work with robots and dogs, but very few men or women volunteer to change places with members of the EOD or Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squad, better known as the Bomb Squad. In 2007, the two full-time and six supplemental bomb technicians handled 227 incidents and destroyed over 3,000 pounds of explosives and ammunition. (see statistics below, at right)

These officers and their four highly trained bomb detection dogs rush *into* situations while most of us are rushing *away*. One such high-profile case was the discovery of a cardboard box about the size of a standard piece of business stationery and four inches thick found inside a local office of a global company involved in scientific and military work for the government. The box was duct-taped on both ends; addressed to Homeland Security; and had a note on the bottom that read, "Please help me."

Once children were removed from a daycare located one story above the mysterious box, the squad's F6A robot whirred into action. An x-ray of the package showed it contained a plastic bottle with an unknown liquid inside. The robot carried the box from the building to a pre-arranged destruction area where it was rendered safe. Inside the box were the memoirs of a man described as emotionally disturbed and very upset with the IRS.

In a second case, the Fire Marshal called EOD to the scene of a house fire when illegal fireworks manufacturing operation was discovered in a backyard shed. Apparently the homeowner was working in his garage when sparks flew into a container of pyrotechnic powders and set the garage on fire. During the two-day operation that followed, approximately 650 pounds of explosive materials were seized and later destroyed.

Bomb Squad cases don't always involve bombs or explosives. In instances such as a man barricaded inside his house and threatening to hurt himself or others, the squad is called in to protect the lives of officers and others. EOD used its big F5 robot equipped with a pole camera and window breaker to see inside the barricaded house. SWAT team members were able to safely enter the house and take the man into custody as a result of reconnaissance done by the robot.

The Fairfax County Police Department's Bomb Squad is one of only 467 FBI-accredited bomb squads in the country.

Bomb Squad Operational Statistics for 2007

Incidents Handled	227
Call Outs	20
Calls to Assist other Jurisdictions	45
K-9 Searches	45
Special Events	20
Search Warrants	7
Barricades	9
Suspicious Vehicles	2
Suspicious Packages	10
Bomb Threats	8
Cases Handled by Phone	10
Pieces of Military Ordnance Recovered	4
Explosive Device Recovered	2
Pounds of Explosives and Ammunition Destroyed	**3093.75**

Criminal Justice Academy

ACADEMY CLINIC

The Fairfax County Police Department initiated an Injury Care and Prevention Program as part of the already established Wellness Program. Nancy Burke, a certified athletic trainer, was hired July 1, 2007 and staffs the clinic at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. Medical costs for injury care and prevention have been substantially reduced for the department, as well as individual employees, by having Nancy perform the following:

- Injury assessment
- Clinical diagnosis
- Referral to appropriate physicians
- Follow-up rehabilitation
- Health-related medical interventions
- Non-work related injuries and health conditions at no cost to employees


YOUTH DRIVING PROGRAM

Since the inception of the Youth Driving program in April 2002, the Emergency Vehicle Operation Center at the Criminal Justice Academy has held approximately 70 classes, training 1,035 students.

The Youth Driving Program is a one-day, hands-on course developed to provide advanced driver training techniques to Fairfax resident teenage drivers between the ages of 16-18 who possess a valid drivers license. Subjects covered are:

- Basic Vehicle Dynamics
- Guest Speaker (The Art of Driving)
- Proper seating position (forward & reverse)
- Proper steering techniques (forward & reverse)
- Anti-lock & Threshold braking techniques
- Skid Recovery Techniques
- Crash Avoidance
- Controlling weight transfers
- Off-road recovery techniques
- Parallel Parking Techniques
- Decision Making

These techniques are some of the same skills taught to FCPD officers. The instructors are law enforcement officers who teach driver training skills to their peers and are ranked among the best in the nation. All students and parents are extremely pleased with the program, quality of training, and the opportunity to received advanced driver training beyond what they get in their high school drivers education program.
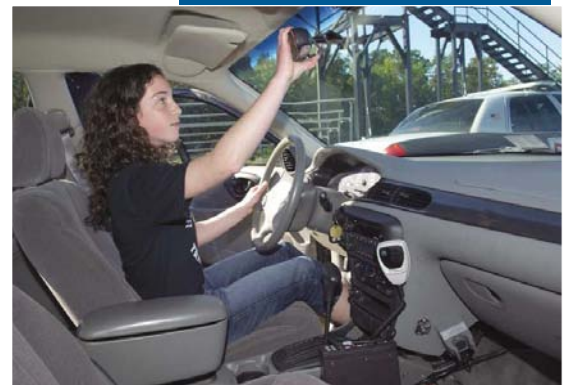
FIREARMS TRAINING UNIT HIGHLIGHTS 2007

- Hosted a SWAT competition for the National Capitol Region SWAT Association
- Addition of a physical agility and endurance obstacle course for Department use.
- Co-Hosted the Police Wives Day for shooting & driving at the range and track.
- Annual Event – Co-Host the Retiree shoot & drive at the range and track.
- Semi-Annual Event – Host the Citizens Academy graduation and drive & shoot.

SWAT Competition

On June 16, 2007, the Chantilly Range was draped in a cover of tactical fanfare as it hosted the inaugural National Capital Region SWAT Association competition. There were 16 teams representing various law enforcement agencies that arrived to experience the benefits of competition. The two Fairfax County SWAT competition teams, Team 1 and Team 2, took home six awards, including first and second overall. Awards were provided for each of the four events: Officer Rescue, Five Gun Medley, Obstacle Course, and the Sniper Relay.

The events were held on the many ranges at Chantilly with the premier event conducted on the obstacle course just inside the gates of the facility. Although the mainstay of the event was focused on the four head-to-head physical events, the gathering also included a large vendor area and plenty of family and friends who cheered on their respective teams.

A safety briefing kicked off the event at 7:00 a.m., followed by the Officer Rescue event. This event was initiated by a lone team member who engaged multiple targets using a Remington 870 shotgun, which allowed the four other team members to run down range and engage targets using sub-machineguns and handguns. The event culminated by rescuing a downed dummy officer and carrying the weighted figure through a coned corridor. When the times were tabulated, Fairfax County SWAT Team 2 won the event, with Team 1 closely behind in second.

The Five Gun Medley was aptly positioned on the rifle deck allowing plenty of room to run and safely and engage a variety of targets. This event incorporated precision shooting from rifles which set in motion team members who sprinted to pre-staged shooting positions and targets. Each member, prior to the event, pulled a coin from a bucket which designated the gun they would be assigned for the event. This type of weapon selection ensures that all members are proficient with all weapon systems and adds a level of fairness to the event. As the teams cycled through the event, it was evident the times would be extremely close. In the end,

Fairfax County Team 1 won the event with the U.S. Capitol Police Department placing second.

The Obstacle Course was the third event of the day. Facing the O'Course from the range house, teams ran from right to left experiencing the pangs of each obstacle. The event commenced with a mechanical breach of a thick steel door allowing five team members to vault through two window frames or the doorway. The venerable rope climb came into view with a flurry of competitors whipping the rope around legs and arms, vying for the best technique to reach the cow bell hanging 20 feet above. The remainder of the O'Course was a test of strength and cardiovascular endurance as teams swung through the monkey bars and dipped through the in-and-out box. A shout of "clear" ensured all teams ran through the course together, clearing each of the 14 obstacles as a "team" before moving forward. At the end of the course was a large log with roped handles; the rope handles assisted in elevating the log on the shoulders of team members who ran through a designated path which returned them to the finish line.

The last event of the day was the Sniper Relay. The unique nature of this event was the weaponry; most notably was the reverberation and thud felt when the handcrafted .308 caliber rifles were fired at targets 200 yards downrange. This event pitted pairs of sharpshooters who were timed as they repeatedly ran and shot from three different shooting positions: sitting, kneeling, and prone. Between each precision shot the pair of shooters ran 200 yards before immediately positioning themselves in one of the three designated positions. As the pair of shooters completed their running and shooting, judges scored the accuracy of their shots which was added to their running score. When all the running and gunning was over, the Fairfax County Team 1 convincingly won the event with Fairfax County Team 2 taking second, and the NSA Police Department finishing third.

When the final announcement was made, Fairfax County Team 1 and Team 2 respectively took the first and second overall winning positions, with the NSA Police Department taking third.

Fairfax County Team 1 consisted of Second Lieutenant Chris Cochrane, MPO Travis Schaney, MPO Jeff Finn, MPO Mike Donaldson, MPO Tony Depoto, MPO Bob Swartz, and PFC Rich Cruger.

Fairfax County Team 2 consisted of MPO John Diguilian, PFC Brian Walley, MPO Jey Phillips, PFC Brian Ruck, PFC Lance Guckenberger, PFC Matt Luik, and PFC Dan Griffith.

NOVARIS

By Bill Reeves

NOVARIS. What is NOVARIS? No, it's not a drug company or third Century BC Greek Tragedy. NOVARIS is an acronym that stands for the Northern Virginia Regional Identification System.

It started in 1984 with the participation of police chiefs from Alexandria, Arlington County, Fairfax County, Prince William County, City of Falls Church, and Fairfax City and was arguably one of the most innovative concepts the Department has ever undertaken. A cooperative network was then formed with the Metropolitan Police Department and the U.S. Secret Service in Washington, and another consortium, the Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (RAFIS), which includes Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. NOVARIS has the distinction of being the first truly regional multi-jurisdictional fingerprint identification system in the world.

A regional fingerprint database was vital to law enforcement in the Washington metropolitan area. Criminals routinely cross jurisdictional boundaries and may have multiple arrests in several localities. With the shared database, if a subject has multiple arrests in the area, each agency keeps a copy of the subject's prints on the same database, thereby increasing the likelihood of getting a match on a print he may have left at a crime scene.

NOVARIS recently installed its latest Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), and is the fourth generation in the history of NOVARIS. Additionally, the new livescan system in place at the Adult Detention Center has palm print capture capabilities. All felony arrestees are being palm printed as well as fingerprinted and photographed. Statistically, about 34 percent of all latent print cases received have latent palm prints. However, it will be a while before a palm print database is established.

The AFIS system has integrated mug shot capabilities provided by Viisage. That's the firm that provided its facial recognition system for use at a Super Bowl football game. It allowed facial recognition of wanted persons in the crowd who were recorded subsequently picked up by the authorities.

The potential use of this type of product for counter-terrorism and public safety in the National Capital Region was too good to pass up. NOVARIS Project Director, 2Lt. Vince Byrd, is actively working on the subsequent phase of the upgrade which includes Mobile AFIS and facial recognition features.

Selected units of the Department will be issued hand-held mobile devices about the size of a radar unit that have a camera and a two-finger biometric capturing system. An officer using this hand-held device will be able to transmit pictures and/or two fingerprints of subjects of interest they may have stopped or interviewed during the course of an investigation. The AFIS and mugshot query will search its database to see whether that person is wanted or has a criminal history. The long term goal is to have mobile access to all mugshot databases in the National Capital Region.

AFIS has generated thousands of "hits" over the last 23 years. Unlike on television shows, the AFIS system does not flash "Match" or "Hit" on the screen. Once a latent print has been scanned, coded, and entered, the system algorithm converts the points into a code and searches through the database for the 20 or 30 individuals with the closest matching scores. Each respondent is visually compared by the examiner. If it looks as though it may be a "match," the hard copy of the fingerprint card is pulled and the comparisons are conducted with special fingerprint magnifiers. This process can take minutes, hours, even days.

The current Northern Virginia database contains over 500,000 arrest fingerprints of individuals. That translates to 5,000,000 fingerprints, assuming most people have 10 fingers. The resulting "hits" may be the first and only clue to the identification of the perpetrator of a crime.

In 2001, NOVARIS received about 600 ten-print arrest cards per month from the ADC and that's now up to about 1,600 per month.

Wherever he steps, whatever he touches, whatever he leaves, even unconsciously, will serve as silent evidence against him. Not only his fingerprints or his footprints, but his hair, the fibers from his clothes, the glass he breaks, the tool mark he leaves, the paint he scratches, the blood or semen that he deposits or collects – all these and more bear mute witness against him. This is evidence that does not forget. It is not confused by the excitement of the moment. It is not absent because the witnesses are. It is factual evidence. Physical evidence cannot be wrong; it cannot perjure itself; it cannot be wholly absent. Only its interpretation can err. Only human failure to find it study and understand it, can diminish its value."

— Paul L. Kirk, PhD
Founder and professor of the Forensic Science Department at University of California at Berkeley and known as the "Father of Modern Criminalistics"

Honors & Awards

Detective Bob Murphy of the CIB Cold Case Squad was named Homicide Detective of the Year by the Virginia Homicide Investigators Association for his investigation into the tragic Sully murders. The photograph is (from left to right) Det. Steve Milefsky, Det. Bob Murphy and 2Lt. Bruce Guth.

Captain Susan Culin and MPO Bob Barton accept the Youth Alcohol Award on behalf of the Department from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Fairfax County Police Department also received the 2007 Multi-Jurisdictional Award for the Department's successful participation in Smooth Operator.

Officer Morris, of the Sully District Station, was recognized by the Washington Regional Smooth Operator Campaign for his dedication to traffic enforcement for the second year in a row.

Gold Medal of Valor Recipients

Det. Vicky O. Armel (Posthumous)
MPO Michael E. Garbarino (Posthumous)
Ofc. Richard A. Lehr, Jr.

Silver Medal of Valor Recipients

2Lt. Boyd F. Thompson, Jr.
MPO William C. Horn
MPO Mark P. Dale
Det. Jeffery W. Andrea

Bronze Medal of Valor Recipients

PFC Michael A. Wheeler
PFC David M. Popik
Sgt. John G. Sterling
Sgt. Mark J. Smith
PFC Christopher R. Keaveny
PFC Wesley S. Bevan
Lt. Joseph R. Hill
MPO Jeffrey K. Rockenbaugh
PFC Ivan J. Roeske
Lt. Stephen J. Thompson
2Lt. Craig S. Copeland
MPO Robert D. Patterson
PFC James H. Urie
PFC Daniel L. Horton
Det. Steven L. Carroll
PSC Lisa A. Smith

Certificate of Valor Recipients

Sgt. Michael O. Barbazette
Det. Anthony D. Erway
Det. John P. Keating
PFC Brian A. Gaydos
2Lt. Christopher C. Cochrane
PFC Darrell D. Estess
PFC Eric M. Hillebrand
PFC John S. Turner Jr.

Lifesaving Award Recipient

Khalid S. Sheikh

We Remember…

The Policeman's Prayer

O, Almighty God,
Whose great power
and eternal wisdom
embrace the universe,
watch over all policemen and
law enforcement officers.
Protect them from harm
in the performance of their duty
to stop crime, robberies,
riots and violence.
We pray, help them keep our
street and homes safe,
day and night.
We recommend them
to your loving care
because their duty
is dangerous.
Grant them your
unending strength and
courage in their
daily assignments.
Dear God,
protect these brave men,
grant them Your
almighty protection
and unite them
safely with their
families after duty ends.

Amen

DEDICATED TO THE HEROES
WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US

OFFICER
KAREN J. BASSFORD
1947 - 1977
OFFICER
HENDRICK A. (SANDY) GIDEONSE
1934 - 1998
CAPTAIN
TOMMY F. BERNAL
1950 - 2001
DETECTIVE
VICKY O. ARMEL
1965 - 2006
MASTER POLICE OFFICER
MICHAEL E. (GABBY) GARBARINO
1952 - 2006

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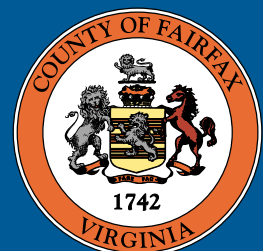they lived."*

Vivian Eney, Survivor

Karen Bassford
(1947-1977)

Sandy Gideonse
(1934-1998)

Tommy Bernal
(1950-2001)

Michael Garbarino
(1953-2006)

Vicky Armel
(1966-2006)

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Deputy Chief for Patrol	703-246-4488
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Administrative	
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