



# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

THE ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



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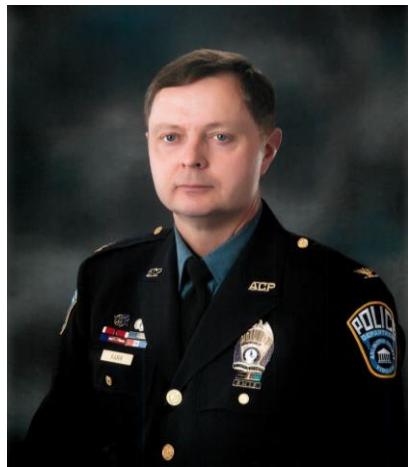
# Mission Statement



*The mission of the Arlington County Police Department is the reduction of the incidence of crime and the improvement of the quality of life in Arlington County by making it a place where all people can live safely and without fear.*

# Message from the Chief

## FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF M. JAY FARR



On behalf of the men and women of the Arlington County Police Department, it is my pleasure to present the 2017 Annual Report. The Department has adopted three key initiatives to guide personnel as we continue to deliver professional police services to the residents, visitors and businesses of Arlington County. These initiatives are community engagement, transportation safety, and crime prevention and control. This report highlights the Department's various accomplishments undertaken in each initiative in support of our dedicated pledge of serving with duty, honor and commitment.

Over the last five years, the overall crime rate in Arlington County has continued to decline. Despite this, our officers remain forward thinking to address emerging trends affecting public safety. Within this report, you'll learn how police officers are working with in collaboration with other Arlington County

Government agencies and healthcare providers to address the growing opioid and substance abuse problem. Opioid addiction and abuse is a public health crisis affecting communities across our country, and while we don't have all the answers, the partnerships developed in Arlington County have allowed us to increase education and awareness while providing those in need with treatment options.

In addition to addressing new challenges, the Department continues to build upon and nurture the strong relationships we've developed with the community. We recognize that the trust bestowed upon us by those we serve must be earned each day. We remain committed to actively engaging and effectively communicating with the public to promote community-based partnerships vital to public safety.

Our officers serve with unwavering commitment to the safety and security of the community. I couldn't be prouder of our achievements over the last year which are reflective of the dedication and professionalism demonstrated by our officers and civilian staff on a daily basis. While we take a moment in this report to celebrate these successes, our Department remains focused on proactively policing our neighborhoods to reduce and prevent crime while improving the overall quality of life. Great work happens here every day and I am confident that, together, we can continue making Arlington County a great place to live, work and visit.



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M. Jay Farr  
Chief of Police

# FAST FACTS

**ARLINGTON COUNTY POPULATION  
222,800**

**ARLINGTON COUNTY SIZE  
26 SQUARE MILES**

**ACPD - SWORN STAFF  
351**

**ACPD – PROFESSIONAL STAFF  
108**

**AUXILIARY OFFICERS  
13**

**CALLS FOR SERVICE  
78,330**

**TRAFFIC CITATIONS  
22,270**

**TRAFFIC CRASHES  
2,515**

**RED LIGHT VIOLATIONS  
17,543**



# 2017 Photo Highlights

## MONTH-BY-MONTH RECAP IN PHOTOS

Each day the men and women of the Arlington County Police Department perform duties vital to ensuring the safety of our community. These are some of the notable events and activities that reflect our fulfillment of the department's three key initiatives: crime prevention and control, transportation safety and community engagement.

JANUARY



Coffee with a Cop

APRIL



Prescription Drug Take Back Day

JULY



Stars & Stripes Anti DUI Event

OCTOBER



Breakfast with the Chief

FEBRUARY



Sentencing of David Black

MAY



Women in Public Safety Event

AUGUST



National Night Out

NOVEMBER



Street Smart Campaign

MARCH



Everybody Wins Book Drive

JUNE



Law Enforcement Torch Run

SEPTEMBER



Back to School Safety

DECEMBER



Operation Santa

# Demographics

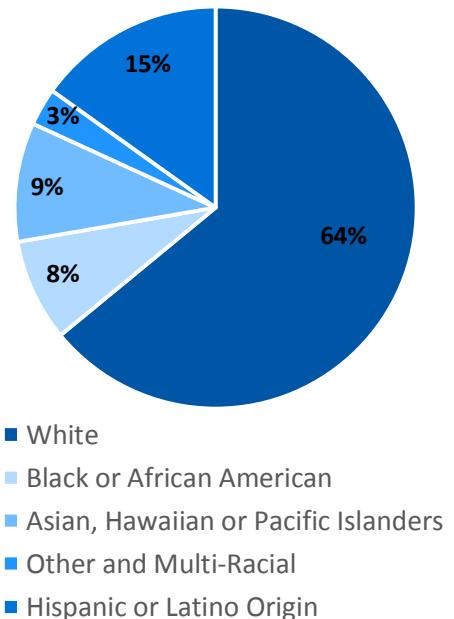
## THE ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

To best provide professional law enforcement services to the Arlington Community and build strong community-based partnerships, we strive to hire a police force that reflects the demographics of our community. The Personnel and Recruitment Unit seeks individuals from all backgrounds, who possess the necessary qualifications to serve Arlington's unique community. We pride ourselves on the diversity of the men and women across all positions within the Arlington County Police Department and we remain committed to the ongoing recruitment of qualified candidates to enhance the overall professionalism of the department.

### ARLINGTON COUNTY POPULATION

POPULATION BY RACE/ETHNICITY (2010 Census)	
<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	<b>225,500</b>
White	132,961
Black or African American	17,088
Asian, Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders	19,895
Other and Multi-Racial	6,301
Hispanic or Latino Origin	31,382

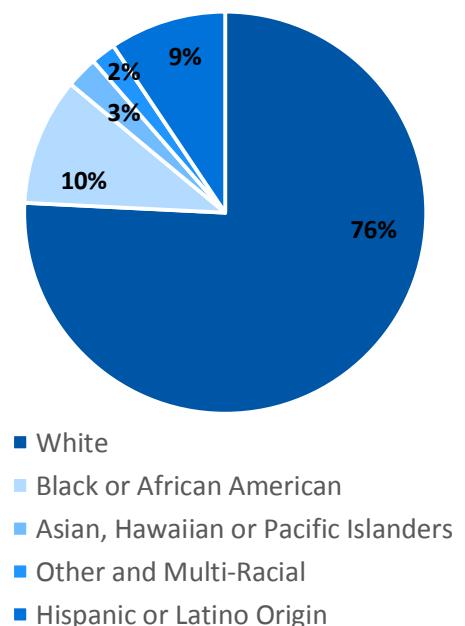
Source: Total Population – Arlington County Planning Division Estimate, Jan. 2018; Race/Ethnicity Break Down – U.S. Census Bureau - Census 2000 SF1: P004; 2010 Decennial Census 2010 SF1: P5



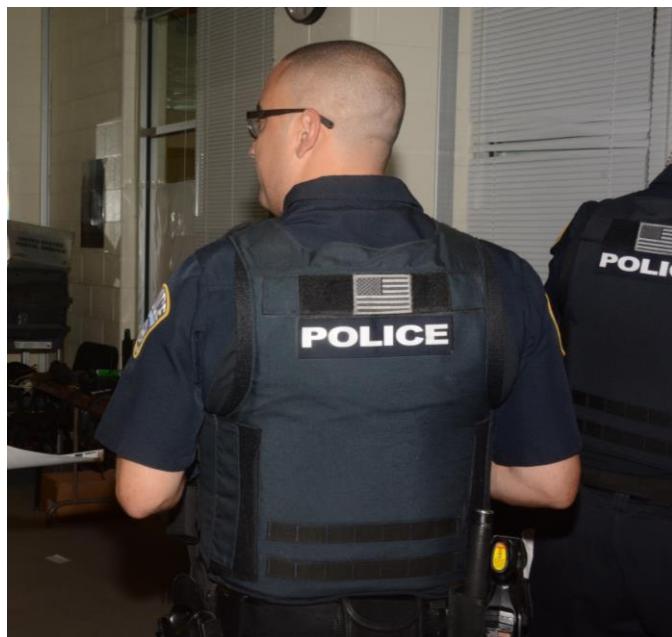
### ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT – SWORN STAFF

POPULATION BY RACE/ETHNICITY	
<b>TOTAL SWORN PERSONNEL</b>	<b>351</b>
White	266
Black or African American	36
Asian, Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders	9
Other and Multi-Racial	7
Hispanic or Latino Origin	33

Source: Arlington County Police Department Human Resources Management Section internal records



# CRIME PREVENTION & CONTROL



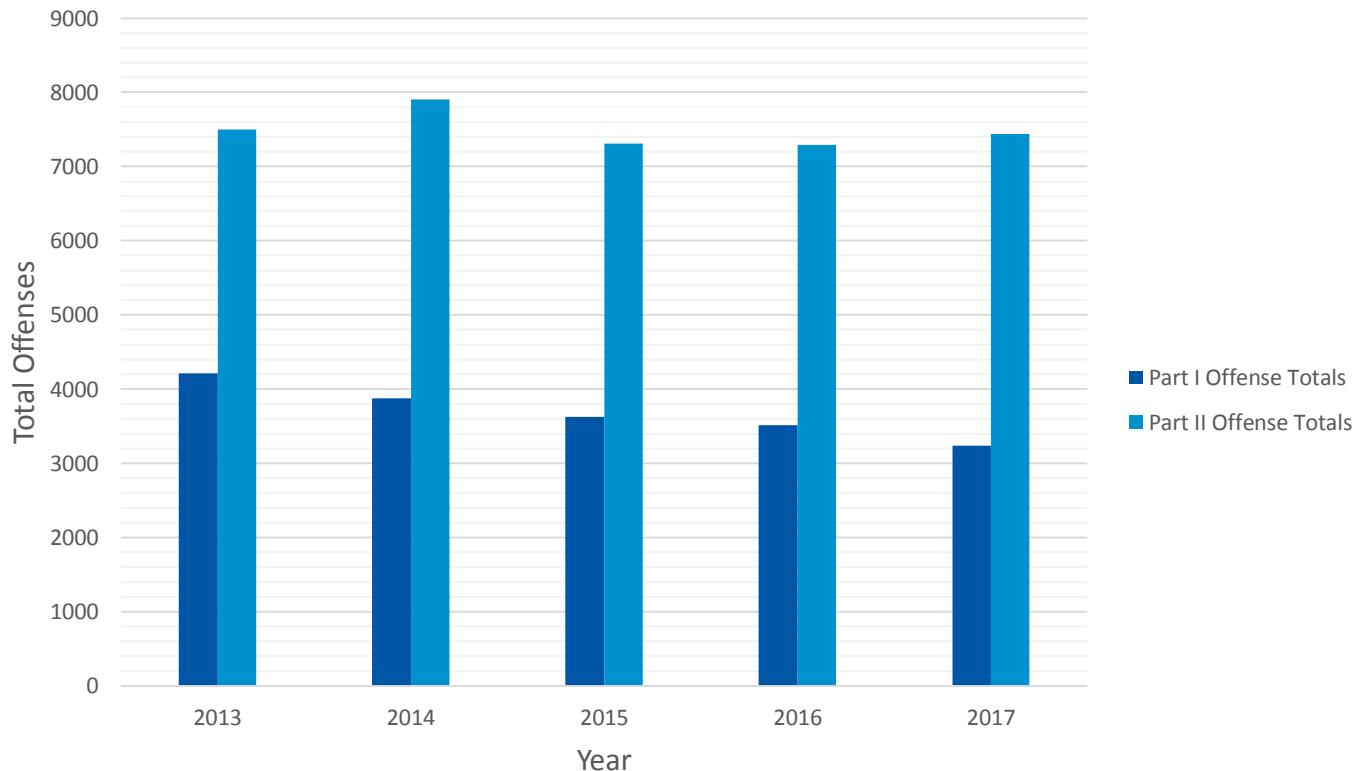
# 2017 Crime Statistics

## CRIME PREVENTION & CONTROL

The Arlington County Police Department's Annual Report is based on criminal incidents reported to the department. Crime data is collected using the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The NIBRS system requires that extensive data be reported for each crime occurring during a particular incident. In 2017, the overall crime rate in Arlington County decreased by 7.74%. The crime rate focuses on Part I Offenses as defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. However, most crimes investigated by the Arlington County Police Department are Part II offenses which are comprised of various felonies and misdemeanors. Part II offenses increased slightly from 7,288 reported in 2016 to 7,438 reported in 2017, a 2.06% increase.

Year	Part I Offense Totals	Part II Offense Totals
2013	4210	7495
2014	3872	7903
2015	3628	7313
2016	3512	7288
2017	3240	7438

### PART I AND II OFFENSES (2013-2017)



# 2017 Crime Statistics

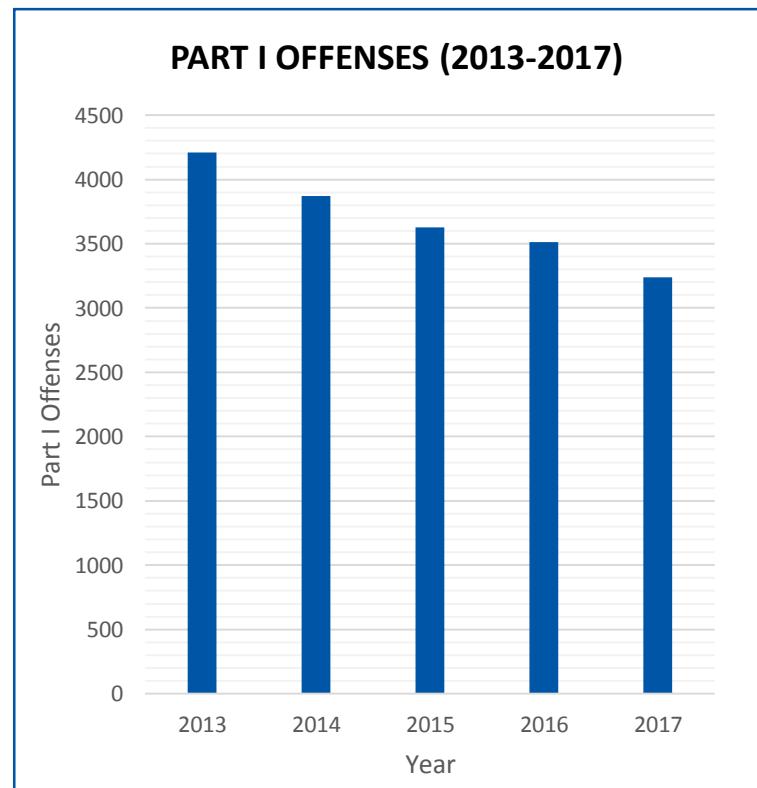
## CRIME PREVENTION & CONTROL

### PART I OFFENSES

Part I Offense	2016	2017	Percent Change
Aggravated Assault	177	184	3.95%
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	182	160	-12.09%
Forcible Rape	41	39	-4.88%
Larceny	2838	2635	-7.15%
Motor Vehicle Theft	167	143	-14.37%
Murder/Non Negligent	1	4	400%
Robbery	106	75	-29.25%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3512</b>	<b>3240</b>	<b>-7.74%</b>

Part I Offenses are divided into two categories; crimes against persons and crimes against property. Crimes against persons, which includes homicide, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault, decreased by 20.27% compared to reported offenses in 2016. Crimes against property, which includes, burglary/breaking and entering, larceny and motor vehicle theft, decreased by 8.5% compared to reported offenses in 2016. While the overall crime rate continues to trend downwards, Arlington County Police officers remain active and vigilant as they respond to calls for service and proactively patrol our neighborhoods to prevent crime.

Arlington County Police investigated four homicides in 2017, compared to 1 in 2016. Despite the increase, all four cases have been closed following significant investigations by the Department's Homicide/Robbery Unit.



# 2017 Crime Statistics

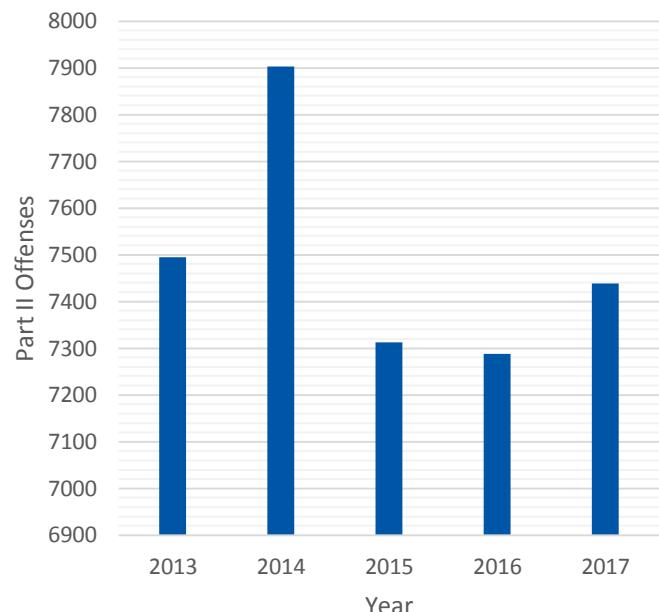
## CRIME PREVENTION & CONTROL

### PART II OFFENSES

Part II offenses are comprised of various criminal statutes. Below is a breakdown of the most common Part II offenses reported to police. Additional information has been provided on Part II offenses with significant increases to help provide context to these statistics.

- Destruction/damage/vandalism is comprised of approximately 15 criminal statutes. Of the 838 incidents, 633 are reports of destruction of property. While there was a 29.92% increase in 2017, the five-year trend is relatively consistent.
- In addition to the charge of disorderly conduct, this offense includes 45 reports of indecent exposure, 13 reports of public masturbation and 18 reports of urinating in public.
- The majority of the liquor law violations, 62 of the 129 reports, were underage drinking charges. Additionally, 28 of the offenses were for drinking alcohol in public.
- Of the 91 reports of weapons violations, 42 were firearm violations with 14 relating to other criminal offenses. This includes 6 reports of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 1 use of a firearm during the commission of a felony and 7 reports of carrying a firearm while in possession of a controlled substance. Additionally, there were 8 reports of reckless handling of a firearm and 14 reports of carrying a concealed weapon.

### ALL PART II OFFENSES (2013-2017)



\*This graph shows the total of all Part II Offenses reported

Part II Offense	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Percent Change
Counterfeiting/Forgery	152	183	183	173	161	-6.93%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	902	914	660	645	838	29.92%
Disorderly Conduct	35	30	26	41	123	300%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	789	886	934	922	963	4.44%
Drunkenness	645	693	601	601	729	21.29%
False Pretenses/Swindle	294	478	419	526	482	-8.36%
Impersonation	387	465	616	604	561	-7.11%
Liquor Law Violations	43	48	36	35	129	268.57%
Weapon Law Violations	55	54	70	58	91	56.89%

A previous version of this report provided incorrect percentage changes in the number of Part II offenses from 2016 to 2017

# Notable Investigations

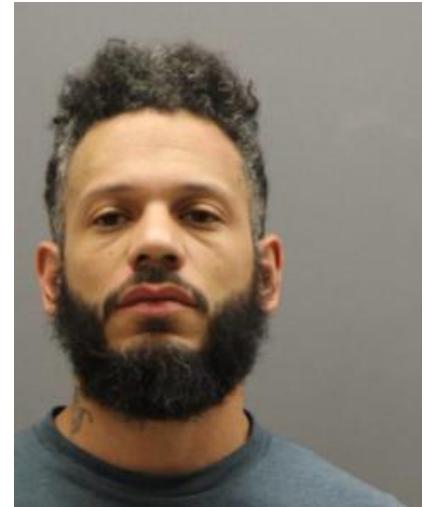
## CRIME PREVENTION & CONTROL

### SUSPECT SOUGHT IN WILLIAMSBURG NEIGHBORHOOD HOMICIDE ARRESTED IN NEW YORK CITY

At approximately 3:22 a.m. on February 19, 2017, Arlington County Police responded to the 6300 block of N. 29th Street for the report of shots fired. Arriving officers located one male victim suffering from a gunshot wound and immediately began performing CPR. Arlington County Fire Department medics transported Michael Gray, 23, of Manassas, Virginia to INOVA Fairfax Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

The initial investigation revealed that this shooting resulted from a dispute that took place during a party at a residence in the 6300 block of N. 29th Street. Following an intensive investigation including witness interviews and the review of crime scene evidence, charges were sought for Jason Allen Johnson, 38, of Washington D.C. Johnson subsequently fled the area and a long, exhaustive search was initiated by the United States Marshals Service and the Arlington County Police Department.

At approximately 4:10 p.m. on October 24, 2017, Jason Allen Johnson was arrested in New York City for shoplifting. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that he was wanted for First Degree Murder and on a District of Columbia Superior Court Warrant for Failure to Appear on a Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance – Cocaine charge. He was subsequently extradited to the Commonwealth of Virginia and is being held in the Arlington County Detention Facility awaiting trial.



### N. ROSSLYN SEXUAL ASSAULT SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER AN INTENSIVE 10 MONTH INVESTIGATION

At approximately 9:45 a.m. on May 7, 2017, Arlington County Police responded to the report of an unknown male suspect who entered a residential building in the 1500 block of Key Boulevard and began knocking on various apartment doors claiming to be a maintenance worker. Once the female victim opened her door, a physical struggle ensued between the victim and the suspect. During the attack, the suspect sexually assaulted the victim. The suspect then fled the scene on foot.

Arlington County Police detectives conducted an intensive investigation including the review of crime scene evidence, witness interviews and laboratory results. The review resulted in additional information that led detectives to identify Richard Allen Lowe as a possible suspect. Forensic evidence and thorough investigative efforts linked the suspect to the incident.



The suspect was arrested in Washington D.C. on February 22, 2018 with assistance from the Metropolitan Police Department. He was subsequently extradited to the Commonwealth of Virginia, where he is being held in the Arlington County Detention Facility awaiting trial.

# Criminal Investigations Division Highlights

## CRIME PREVENTION & CONTROL

### Reduction Of Criminal Warrants

*699 warrants were processed and 100 extraditions conducted in 2017*

Over the last two years, a renewed effort to process and serve criminal warrants has resulted in a significant decrease in the number of warrants the Arlington County Police Department has on file. In 2017, detectives assigned to the Warrant Unit processed 699 warrants and conducted 100 extraditions. Each arrest warrant processed is justice served on behalf of a victim and ensures that those accused of crimes in Arlington County face criminal prosecution.

The major contributors to the decline in our warrants on file was approval by the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to allow extraditions into Maryland and the District of Columbia for misdemeanor warrants and an internal restructure bringing the department's tactical and warrant units under the same supervisory structure.

### Legislative Changes In The Fight Against Terrorism

*Subsection added to state statute §18.2-46.5*

In October 2016, Homeland Security Detective Riley identified a noticeable enforcement gap between federal terrorism law and Virginia state statutes. Nationally, law enforcement agencies were detecting a new generation of terrorists that attempt to provide funds, materials and expertise to those fighting here or overseas that radicalize others to take up their cause. While law enforcement in the Commonwealth could aggressively pursue prosecuting subjects suspected of carrying out terrorist attacks within the state, they were powerless from being proactive against supporters of terror organizations abroad. If no attack or planning was directly connected to the Commonwealth, law enforcement and local communities relied on the federal government to take enforcement action.

To address the enforcement gap, Detective Riley proposed adding a subsection to state statute §18.2-46.5 Committing, conspiring and aiding and abetting acts of terrorism prohibited. During the 2017 legislative session, it became illegal in the Commonwealth for any person to knowingly provide material support to an individual or organization whose primary objective is to commit an act of terrorism and does so with the intent to further such individual's or organization's objective. While the federal government remains the primary investigator and prosecutor of terrorism related offenses, this legislative amendment increases the overall safety of the residents and visitors of the Commonwealth by providing an additional enforcement effort in the fight against terrorism.



#### SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

The Arlington County Police Department encourages the public to go about their normal business but remain vigilant. If you see something, say something by reporting suspicious activity to police.

# Nightlife in Arlington County

## CRIME PREVENTION & CONTROL

### ARLINGTON RESTAURANT INITIATIVE

The Police Department's Arlington Restaurant Initiative was designed to address public safety issues, foster relationships and cooperation with businesses, and ultimately raise the best standards of restaurants that serve alcohol. The goal of the initiative is to develop strategies that will maintain Clarendon as a safe destination for nightlife and entertainment.

To improve the strategies and standards of establishments serving alcohol in the Clarendon area, the Department's Restaurant Liaison Unit has focused on early intervention and training for restaurant staff. Under the initiative, the Police Department began training the staff of restaurants that serve alcohol in responsible alcohol service, fake identification detection, understanding their civil liability, and public safety expectations. Additionally, the Arlington Restaurant Initiative (ARI) is being developed to provide all restaurants in the County with a formalized program to raise best practices and comply with the law.



In conjunction with training being provided by the Police Department, the Bar Bystander Program was introduced. This program is led by Arlington's Project Peace, the Arlington Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, the Arlington Victim-Witness Program and Doorways, which provides training on sexual assault intervention techniques for restaurant staff.

In 2017, several outreach events were held in the Clarendon area, including anti-drunk driving events promoting responsible consumption of alcohol and Conversation with a Cop events to promote police-community partnerships. There is an overall positive response and sentiment towards the initiative among owners, staff, police officers and community members, indicating a positive change in Clarendon's nightlife culture. The Clarendon area has become the model for other areas of the County where nightlife is expanding. Establishing long term partnerships between the County, restaurants, and the community increases public safety and economic viability.



# Nightlife in Arlington County

## CRIME PREVENTION & CONTROL

### ESTABLISHED NIGHTLIFE AREAS

#### CLARENDON

- 20+ restaurants with ABC licenses
- An average of **5,500** patrons per weekend night
- Each year, Approximately **580,000** patrons visit Clarendon between 9pm – 3am
- Special events serving alcohol—Clarendon Day, Bar Crawls

#### SHIRLINGTON VILLAGE

- 17 restaurants with ABC licenses
- Special events serving alcohol— Samuel Beckett's & Shirlington Oktoberfest

#### CRYSTAL/PENTAGON CITY

- 25+ restaurants with ABC licenses
- Crystal City BID pursing and promoting nightlife and new restaurants
- Special events serving alcohol— Vintage Crystal City Wine and Cheese Festival

### EXPANDING NIGHTLIFE AREAS

#### BALLSTON

- 10+ restaurants with ABC licenses
- Ballston Quarter set to open fall 2018
- Ballston BID actively promoting restaurants and nightlife
- Alcohol related special events – Taste of Arlington

#### ROSSLYN/COURTHOUSE

- 15+ restaurants with ABC licenses
- Rosslyn BID actively promoting the 18-hour day
- Special events serving alcohol— Rosslyn Jazz Fest, Rosslyn Holiday Market

#### COLUMBIA PIKE EAST

- 6 restaurants with ABC licenses
- Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization promoting new retail
- Special events serving alcohol— Columbia Pike Blues Festival

Year	Officer Contacts	Urination in Public	Drunk in Public	Assault & Battery	Assault & Battery by Mob	Assault & Battery of Law Enforcement Officer	Malicious Wounding	Felony Drugs	Misdemeanor Drugs
2013	859	5	54	8	8	1	3	2	1
2014	882	12	70	8	0	4	0	1	1
2015	968	8	106	11	0	8	4	0	3
2016	8922	8	99	16	0	1	2	1	1
2017	15898	2	84	5	0	0	3	0	3

### REDUCING THE USE OF FAKE IDS IN ARLINGTON'S NIGHTLIFE ESTABLISHMENTS

Since its inception, the Clarendon Initiative has led to the identification and confiscation of more than 1,200 fake identifications, including 703 collected and turned over to the Police Department in 2017. Staff at nightlife establishments continue to be trained in recognition of fake identifications, actively limiting the number of underage patrons taking part in Arlington's nightlife.



# Opioids Awareness and Action

## CRIME PREVENTION & CONTROL

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, since 1999, the number of overdose deaths involving opioids (including prescription opioids and heroin) quadrupled in the United States.<sup>1</sup> The Northern Virginia area initially remained sheltered from the growing epidemic, however, in 2016 Virginia began seeing a growing number of overdoses attributed to opioid abuse resulting in health officials joining together to declare opioid addiction a public health emergency in the Commonwealth.<sup>2</sup> 2016 is also when the Arlington community began to see a significant increase in the number of opioid overdoses and deaths reported in the County. Since then, the number of fatal opioid overdoses in Arlington has tripled, with police incidents involving opioids and non-fatal overdoses rising. Also on the rise—the number of people seeking treatment for opioid use disorders within County programs, placing the opioid epidemic at the forefront of health issues plaguing our community.

In 2017, the Arlington County Police Department and the Department of Human Services hosted the first meeting of the Arlington Addiction Recovery Initiative (AARI) along with stakeholders from the County, representing law enforcement, public schools, substance abuse treatment providers, the Fire Department, Virginia Hospital Center and numerous non-profit partners. The creation of AARI laid the framework for community and governmental collaboration to coordinate and share data, as well as to further community outreach and education efforts.

The County subsequently published an opioid awareness page on the public website, which is a compilation of educational and resource materials, and created a factsheet, outlining interventional steps County departments are making to address the crisis and serve as an educational resource to the public. Together, these resources serve as a starting point for individuals, families, parents and friends to understand the risks associated with opioids and where and how to get help. Additionally, the website shares up-to-date statistics on police investigated incidents involving opioids, including heroin overdoses, possession and distribution cases.

County departments and stakeholders hosted an Opioids Town Hall in October at Central Library. The event was moderated by NBC's Mark Segraves and featured an emotional keynote address by Virginia Beach Schoolboard Member Carolyn Weems, who shared her daughter's fatal experience with heroin; a panel discussion among Chief of Police Jay Farr, Commonwealth's Attorney Theo Stamos, Dr. John Palmieri of the Department of Human Services and Avi Garbow, an Arlington parent; and question and answer session with panel members. Strong community interest in the opioid epidemic is apparent—not only was the event at capacity with attendees, the livestream via the County's Facebook page has more than 3,500 views to date. It has also been replayed numerous times on Arlington TV, which continues to extend the reach of the information and stories shared at the event.

Calendar Year	Total Incidents Involving Opioids*	Total Opioid Overdoses**	Total Opioids Overdoses – Non-Fatal	Total Opioids Overdoses - Fatal
2014	No Record	10	6	4
2015	73	10	6	4
2016	122	45	33	12
2017	155	74	55	19

\*All incidents involving heroin (Overdoses, Possession and Distribution Cases)

\*\*Total Fatal and Non-Fatal Heroin Overdoses (Data reflects police incidents.)

<sup>1</sup> CDC. Wide-ranging online data for epidemiologic research (WONDER). Atlanta, GA: CDC, National Center for Health Statistics; 2016. Available at <http://wonder.cdc.gov>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/newsarticle?articleId=18348>

# K9 Unit Highlights

## CRIME PREVENTION & CONTROL

The Arlington County Police Department's K9 Unit combines the knowledge and judgement of police officers with the superior senses of highly motivated and trained police dogs. In 2017, the unit expanded to include three new explosive detection K9s obtained through a Northern Virginia Emergency Response System (NVERS) grant. Their addition brings the K9 Unit to 10 police officers and their K9 partners.

In addition to patrolling Arlington County, the K9 unit specializes in the detection of explosives, narcotics detection, conducting searches and tracking suspects. The K9 Unit also connects with the community during special events and demonstrations to highlight the dedication and training that the K9s perform every day in service to the residents, visitors and businesses of Arlington County.

To maintain their proficiency, the K9 Unit conducts extensive training throughout the year, including weekly unit training. Each team is required to conduct a minimum of 96 hours per year per assigned discipline: patrol, narcotics and/or explosive detection.



### BASEBALL CARDS

*Produced by Olive Oil and Boom*

### MEDICAL KITS

*Donated by CrossFit Woodbridge*



# TRANSPORTATION SAFETY



# 2017 Traffic Statistics

## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Transportation safety is a key initiative of the Arlington County Police Department and officers are focused on ensuring the safety of all travelers, including bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists. The Department uses a two-pronged approach to improving transportation safety county wide: education and enforcement.

The crash data provided for 2016 and 2017 is comprised of all traffic crashes that occurred in Arlington County, including those that were investigated by other agencies. Prior to 2016, only crashes investigated by the Arlington County Police Department were reported in the annual report. This change has contributed to the increase in injuries over the last two years, as the data includes investigations of crashes on state highways by Virginia State Police.

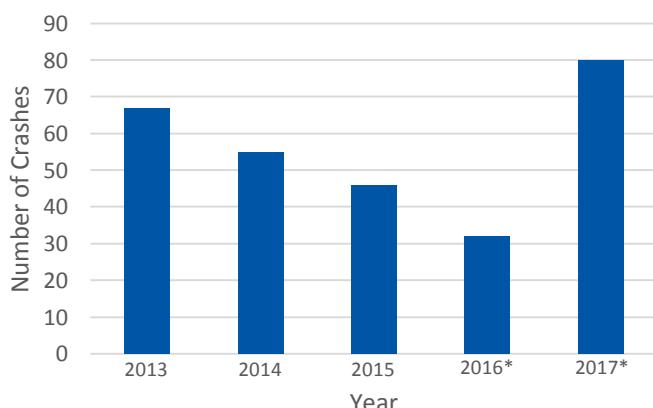
In 2017, there were 194 fewer reportable crashes than in 2016, a decrease of 7%. Though the number of reportable crashes decreased, the number of bicycle and pedestrian involved crashes increased and there were 2 crash-related pedestrian fatalities reported in 2017. The national average for pedestrian fatalities nationwide was 1.92 per 100,000 residents in 2017. This compares to 1.42 per 100,000 fatalities in the state of Virginia. Arlington had an average of .89 fatalities per 100,000 residents, which falls well below the national average.

Despite increases in the number of crash-related injuries, 86% of injuries sustained in pedestrian-involved accidents were considered minor and 5% did not involve injuries. 39% of bicycle-involved accidents had no injuries reported and 57% involved minor injuries. Only 8% of pedestrian-involved accidents had serious or fatal injuries and serious or fatal injuries were reported in just 4% of bike-involved accidents.

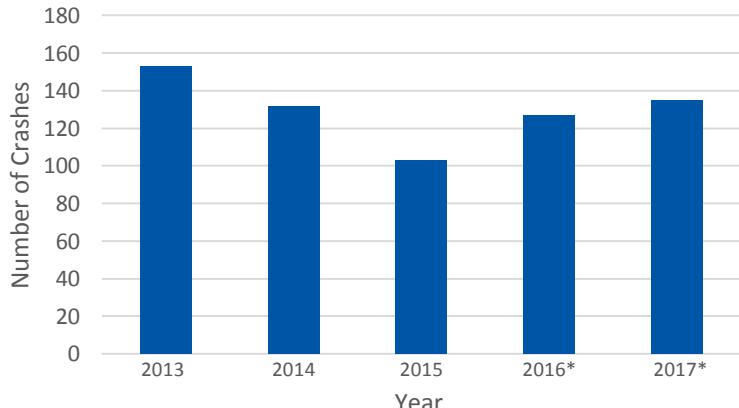
### Trends in Transportation Safety (2011-2017)

Crash Data	2013	2014	2015	2016*	2017*
All Crashes	2970	2902	2851	2711	2515
Bicycle Involved Crashes	67	55	46	32	80
Pedestrian Involved Crashes	153	132	103	127	135
Alcohol Involved Crashes	173	165	139	172	203
Injuries	596	555	499	718	1034
Fatalities	2	3	5	0	5

Bicycle Involved Crashes (2013-2017)



Pedestrian Involved Crashes (2013-2017)



\*Represents all reportable crash data in Arlington County, including investigations by other law enforcement agencies within the county.

# Safe Bicycling Initiative

## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

In March and April 2017, the Arlington County Police Department, in partnership with BikeArlington, conducted the second annual spring Safe Bicycling Initiative (SBI) as part of the ongoing effort to make Arlington a safe place to ride a bicycle.

The initiative took a two-fold approach: education and enforcement. From March 27 thru April 4, officers spent time in the community focusing specifically on individuals on bikes and the way motorists interact with them. The initiative began with educating motorists and bicyclists on traffic laws that apply to bicycling, specifically laws that help to reduce crashes, and then shifted to include targeted enforcement throughout the County. The targeted enforcement resulted in numerous citations of both bicyclists and motorists, all of which served as an opportunity for police to increase awareness of the SBI and related traffic laws.

As part of the SBI, BikeArlington also led an on-bike educational opportunity for Chief M. Jay Farr, Deputy Chief of Operations Andy Penn and other members of the department to highlight local infrastructure and first-hand experiences of what it's like to ride a bike on Arlington's busy streets and how the riding environment differs greatly throughout the County.



### 2017 STATISTICS OF NOTE

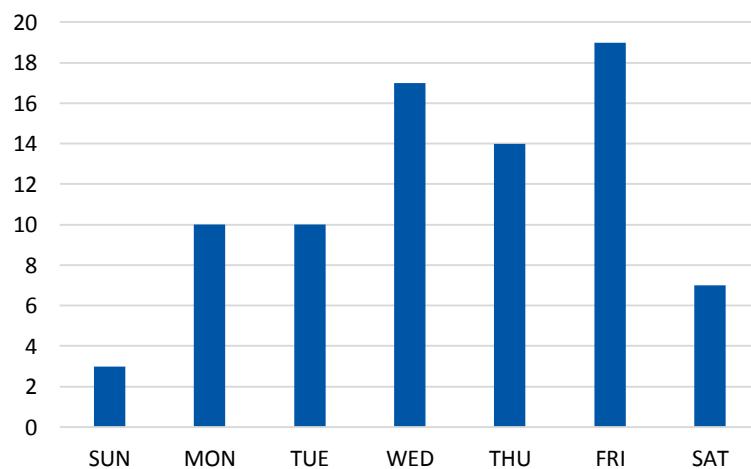
#### BICYCLES

##### 5 Year Trend– Bicycle Involved Crashes

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
44	39	43	32	80

- In 2017, ACPD Staff began capturing increased data on the frequency, severity and details of bicycle involved crashes.
- This has identified locations, traffic characteristics and human behaviors that may be addressed in order to reduce the frequency of future accidents.
- More reports were taken in 2017, likely due to an increased focus on bicycle safety.

#### Bicycle Involved Crashes by Day of the Week - 2017



# Transportation Campaigns & Initiatives

## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

### TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGNS

#### *Multiple departmental, regional and national traffic safety campaigns held*

Throughout the year, officers participate in various departmental, regional and national traffic safety education and enforcement campaigns to change pedestrian, driver and bicyclist behavior while reducing the number of traffic related crashes and injuries. To accomplish this, the department combines public safety education and high-visibility enforcement to ensure that all travelers share the road safely. For example, during the two regional Street Smart campaigns held in the Spring and Fall of 2017, officers issued 6,666 citations for traffic violations, made 33 felony arrests and recovered 4 stolen vehicles.

### PEDESTRIAN ENFORCEMENT DETAILS

#### *11 details conducted at targeted locations around the County*

In 2017, ACPD conducted 11 pedestrian safety details at locations around the County. These locations were selected based upon accident numbers, citizen complaints and sight lines. In these campaigns, a plain clothes officer, wearing a bright colored or fluorescent shirt crosses at the selected intersection when there is a measured safe gap in traffic. Drivers who fail to yield the right of way are stopped by nearby uniformed officers and cited. In 2017, several pedestrian enforcement details were covered by print, online and TV media outlets, expanding the reach of the public education component of these campaigns.

### MOVE OVER CAMPAIGN

#### *ACPD partners with local law enforcement agencies to increase awareness*

Every year emergency personnel are struck by motor vehicles while stopped on roadways conducting official duties. State law requires drivers approaching stationary vehicles that are displaying flashing lights to slow down and/or move over. June is move over awareness month and law enforcement throughout the Northern Virginia areas participated in the #MoveOverVA social media campaign to educate drivers about this potentially lifesaving legal requirement. As part of the campaign, ACPD created a poignant video highlighting the significant dangers officers face while stopped on our roadways.

### ROSSLYN PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INITIATIVE

#### *High visibility enforcement on weekday mornings*

Each weekday morning, officers direct traffic at the key intersections of Wilson Boulevard at Lee Highway and Lee Highway at Lynn Street in order to facilitate the orderly integration of vehicles, bikes and pedestrians in points of convergence of multimodal transportation. The goal of this high-visibility traffic enforcement is compliance with traffic ordinances, even when police are not present, to improve the safety of all travelers.

# Alcohol Safety Action Program Highlights

## TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

### IMPROVING TRAFFIC SAFETY THROUGH ANTI-DRUNK DRIVING INITIATIVES

The Arlington County Police Department is committed to improving the safety of our roadways through enforcement and education programs designed to combat impaired driving.

The Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) is a specific enforcement campaign focused solely on identifying, stopping and arresting drivers who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The program utilizes saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints to monitor vehicular traffic for signs of impaired driving. The maximum penalty in Virginia for the first conviction for driving under the influence is 12 months in jail, a \$2,500 fine and a 12-month suspension of driving privileges.

Impaired driving is 100% preventable. That's why the department combines enforcement campaigns with public education to increase awareness of the inherent dangers and consequences associated with driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Throughout the year, the department participates in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign and partners with the Washington Regional Alcohol Program's SoberRide Campaign. The goal is to encourage citizens to plan ahead and if your celebration includes alcohol, designate a sober driver, whether it's a friend, relative, taxi, ride sharing or public transportation.

### STATISTICS OF NOTE

ASAP

**Total Enforcement Hours** 2212.5

**Tickets Written** 913

**DUI Arrests** 77

-1 Juvenile DUI

**Other Arrests** 277

**Field Sobriety Tests Conducted** 170

**Total Contacts with Citizens** 1502

**Fugitives Apprehended as a result of stop** 20

**Felony Arrests** 31

**Drug Related Arrests** 28

**Reckless Driving** 166



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



# Police, Fire & Sheriff Block Party

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

On August 26, the Arlington County Police Department, the Arlington County Fire Department and the Arlington County Sheriff's Office collaborated to host the 2017 Arlington Police, Fire & Sheriff Block Party at Kenmore Middle School. The third annual event was designed as an opportunity for the public safety branch of Arlington County Government to give back to the community for their ongoing support. The free event offered community members an opportunity to get to know the men and women who serve and protect the Arlington community, while also getting an in-depth look at the operations and function of each of the departments and their equipment.

The event was widely publicized by the departments, as well as local media outlets. Leading up to the event, the Water Too promotional video, which featured the Third District Community Policing Team conducting a synchronized swimming routine went viral and was featured by news outlets across the country. To date, the video has more than 100,000 views across the Police Department's social media accounts, was shared more than 700 times on Facebook and nationally the video has over 2 Million views. Additionally, the police department participated in live demonstrations with ABC7 and FOX5 DC, highlighting the distracted driving course and 15 minutes behind the badge, both offered at the event.

More than 250 employees worked the event, including personnel from the three departments, personnel from private companies and organizations, and volunteers. An estimated 6,500 visitors took advantage of the event's attractions, displays, games and free food, almost double the turnout in 2016. The overwhelming turnout is indicative of the interest the community has in the public safety departments, the value of the developing trust and confidence with those we serve, and highlights the importance of ongoing community engagement.



# Summer Teen Enrichment Program (AC STEP)

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

During the summer of 2017, the Arlington County Police Department hosted the first Summer Teen Enrichment Program (AC STEPM). This grant-funded program was offered to rising 8th and 9th graders identified by their Arlington Public School and/or School Resource Officer for their potential leadership qualities. This program provided positive experiences and mentorship during the summer months through a three week program designed to develop leadership skills, provide the students with smart decision-making skills, educate and lead discussions about the dangers of risky behaviors, provide practical knowledge and education about lifestyle skills important to employment, mental health, and finances in the 21st century and to promote healthy lifestyles through team building, leadership activities and self-confidence.

Throughout the three-week program, students spent time interacting and learning from School Resource Officers (SROs), other staff from the Police Department, county agencies and community leaders in various hands on activities. Students also worked with the SROs to develop and execute a community service project focused on giving back to the community. Seventeen students graduated from the program and have been paired with a School Resource Officer who will serve as a mentor for the remainder of their time in the Arlington County Public School system.



# Officers Deploy to Puerto Rico

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### THREE TEAMS OF FOUR OFFICERS DEPLOYED TO PUERTO RICO IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Twelve Arlington County Police officers volunteered and deployed to Puerto Rico to assist with law enforcement resources in the wake of Hurricane Maria. The officers deployed in three staggered teams between November 10 – December 18, 2017, and served the Puerto Rico community for sixteen days each. The request for assistance came through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), which is the national emergency management mutual aid system that facilitates state-to-state disaster assistance.

Upon arrival to the island, ACPD officers were sworn into service as peace officers. Their mission was to provide traffic control at critical intersections impacted by power outages, relieving this burden from the local officers who can now focus on other law enforcement responsibilities. Each of the three teams provided traffic direction at the intersection of Route 66 and Route 3 in the town of Rio Grande. Throughout their deployment, they worked 12-hour shifts in service to the Puerto Rico community and were joined by other Virginia Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) teams from Prince William and Hampton, as well as teams from, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Florida, Houston and Montana.

"I am proud that our officers are willing to dedicate their time to provide the citizens of Puerto Rico with an added sense of security in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria," said Police Chief M. Jay Farr. "Our officers take an oath to serve and protect and their willingness to deploy shows their commitment and dedication, not just to the Arlington County community, but to citizens everywhere."



# In Remembrance

*The Arlington County Police Department has lost seven of its heroic police officers while in the line of duty. To serve and protect was their oath, to honor them is our duty.*



**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER**

Louis Shaw  
E.O.W. December 6, 1935



**DETECTIVE**

Russell Pettie  
E.O.W. January 20, 1954



**OFFICER**

Arthur Chorovich  
E.O.W. December 5, 1964



**OFFICER**

Israel Gonzalez  
E.O.W. October 25, 1972



**OFFICER**

George Pomraning  
E.O.W. September 2, 1973



**OFFICER**

John Buckley  
E.O.W. April 15, 1977



**CORPORAL**

Harvey Snook III  
E.O.W. January 14, 2016

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

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