

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Colonial Heights Police Department



**Colonel Jeffrey W. Faries
Chief of Police**

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Message from the Chief

It is with much appreciation that I present the Colonial Heights Police Department's *Annual Report for Calendar Year 2011*. It is an honor to be able to present our message of successes and accomplishments resulting from the dedicated efforts of the professional men and women of the Colonial Heights Police Department. This report provides historical and statistical information on the activities and programs of the Department and highlights some of the events that we participate in on a yearly basis.

Even in fiscally challenged times, the Colonial Heights Police Department continues to function at a premium level. We continue to work on our goals and seek to improve in every facet of service that we provide. Our response to Hurricane Irene and the working relationships that materialized before and during this event brought the Department great pride. Another successful *Celebrate Safe Communities* night was had last October as we enjoyed meeting new neighbors throughout the City. We also graciously accepted a mobile message board that was donated by Bruce and Connie Thornton, two citizens in our community who give so much in an effort to make our community safe. We also hosted the annual *United Way Campaign* in which we raised over \$8,000.00. At the kick-off event, we had a static display of all of our specialized equipment in addition to unveiling our brand new 2011 Chevrolet Caprice patrol vehicles.

The attendance and graduation of Lt. William H. Anspach from the National Criminal Justice Command College offered through the University of Virginia has continued our relationship with that distinguished institution. We also take pride in announcing that Captain W. Keith Early attended and successfully completed the 247th Session of the F.B.I. National Academy. Both commanding officers deserved these opportunities and represented our City in the manner it deserves. Continued training and education of our command staff and officers is a primary goal in this Department, the results of which will benefit the citizens in our community for many years to come.

Throughout this report, it is my hope that you will see that all members of the agency, to include civilians and volunteers, are committed to exceptional public safety and service to our citizens, business community and visitors. I am thankful to have positive relationships with many members in our community, City departments and our schools. I appreciate the vast support and guidance from City leaders who allow us to accomplish so much.

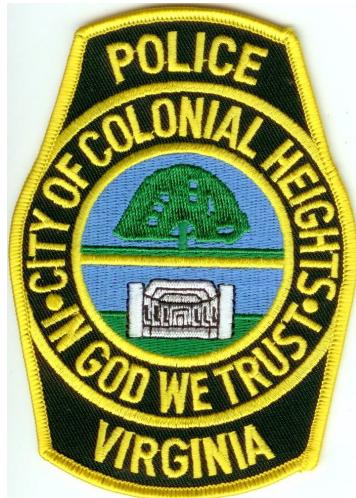
If there are any questions regarding the report, or requests for any additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,



Colonel Jeffrey W. Faries
Chief of Police

Mission Statement



The mission of the Colonial Heights Police Department is to protect the life, individual liberty and property of all people within the City of Colonial Heights, to develop and actively pursue a positive relationship with members of the community and to foster a positive working environment for members of the Colonial Heights Police Department

Department History

In September 1926, Colonial Heights was established as a town, having originally been a part of Chesterfield County and the City of Petersburg.

The first Colonial Heights law enforcement officer was a Town Sergeant who relied upon the assistance of the Chesterfield County and City of Petersburg Police Departments.

The first full-time police officer was Officer Brown, who came to Colonial Heights from the Chesterfield County Police Department. Then Mayor Shepard served as the town's first Police Chief and Magistrate. The first police department office was established in 1931 at what is now the school board building.

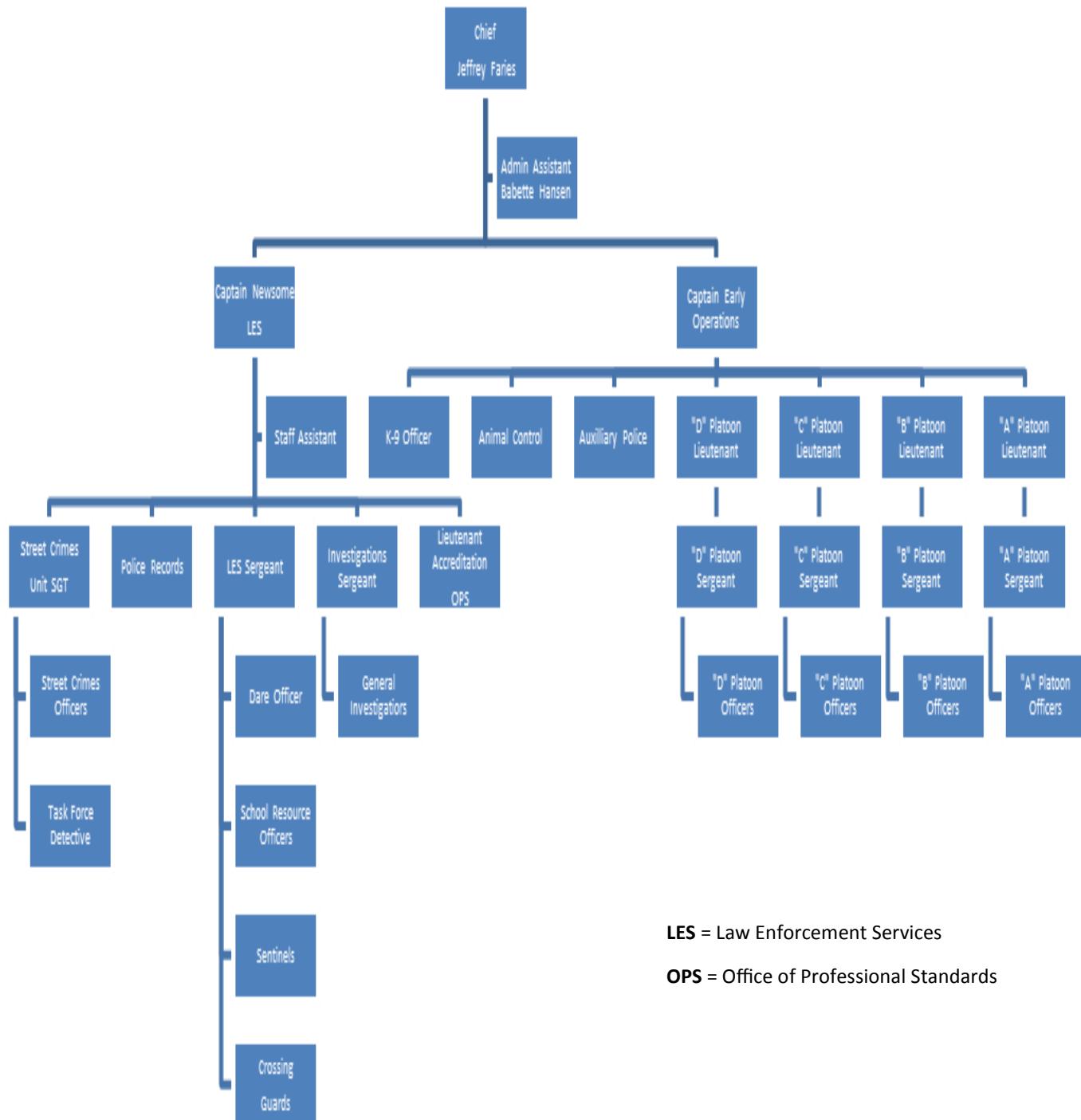
During the 1930's and 1940's, two police officers were on duty to protect the town. One officer was assigned to the day shift while the second officer worked at night. At times when Old Town Creek threatened to flood U.S. Routes 1/301, the officers divided the town, one patrolling north, and the second patrolling south of the creek.

In 1948, Colonial Heights changed from a town status to a second class city, having a population under 5,000 residents.

In 1956, the police department relocated to the new City Hall building located on James Avenue. In the 1970's, the police department moved to the basement of the courthouse located on Temple Avenue. In 2001, the department was relocated to the newly established Public Safety Building in what was once city hall.

First established as a town and now a first class city, Colonial Heights has been served by six police chiefs. Today, the Colonial Heights Police Department has a sworn strength of 50 men and women.

Organizational Chart



Staffing

Sworn Personnel	
Position	Number of Positions
Chief	1
Captain	2
Lieutenant	5
Sergeant	6
Investigator	4
Police Officer	30
Animal Control Officer	1
Total	49

Civilian Personnel	
Administrative Assistant	1
Staff Assistant	1
Records Clerk	2

Part Time Positions	
Animal Control Aide	1
School Crossing Guard	5

New Personnel for 2011



The Colonial Heights Police Department welcomed Officer Andrew Barnhouse to our ranks in March 2011.

The Colonial Heights Police Department welcomed Recruit Officers Robbie Simmons and Steven Sexton to our ranks in September 2011. Both Officers began training at Crater Criminal Justice Academy in October 2011.



The Colonial Heights Police Department welcomed Animal Control Officer Jenny Smith to our ranks in December 2011.

Hurricane Irene

On August 27th, 2011, Hurricane Irene passed through the City of Colonial Heights causing widespread power outages and storm damage.



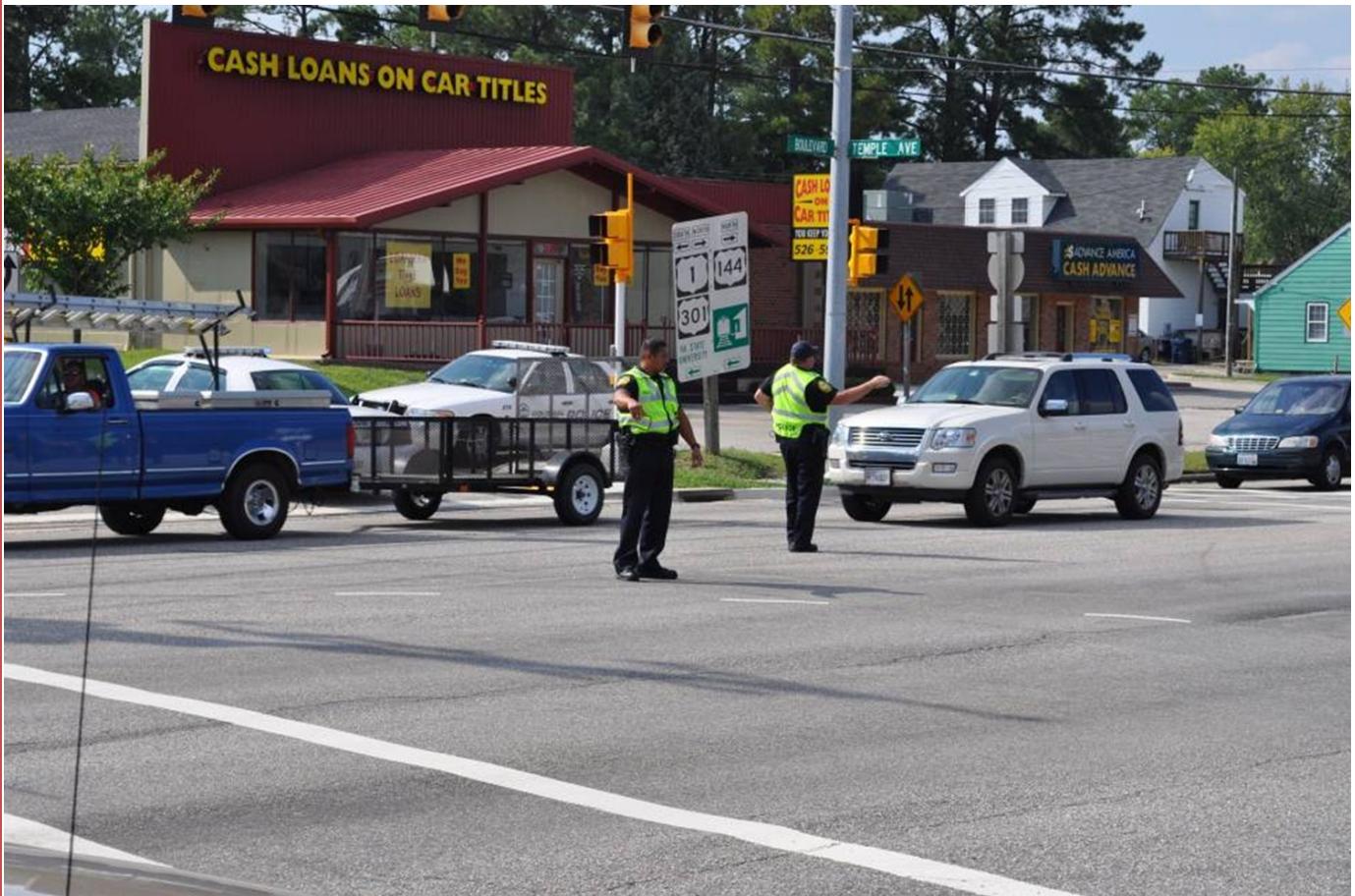
NASA/NOAA GOES Project

Hurricane Irene



Hurricane Irene

Police Officers and Auxiliary Police Officers spent many hours directing traffic in the aftermath of the storm.



Message Board Donation

In 2011, Bruce and Connie Thornton graciously contributed to the Police Department allowing us to purchase a mobile message board. This board allows the department to notify citizens of events occurring throughout



United Way Kickoff

The Colonial Heights Police Department hosted the City's annual United Way "kickoff" event. The city raised over \$8,000.000 for United Way in 2011.



FBI National Academy

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Media Release

W. Keith Early graduates from FBI National Academy



Captain W. Keith Early has graduated from the 247th Session of the FBI National Academy after 10 weeks of intensive training.

The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad. Its objective is to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide. Its mission is "to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic and contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research, and forging partnerships throughout the world."

"Less than one percent of all law enforcement ever has the opportunity to attend the FBI National Academy. Captain Early earned the privilege and represented our City in the manner it deserves," said Chief Jeffrey W. Faries. While attending the academy, Captain Early earned 15 graduate credits from the University of Virginia, as well as the prestigious "yellow brick" for his physical fitness accomplishments during the 10 weeks.

Captain Early joins Colonel Jeffrey W. Faries as alumni of the program who are currently serving at the Colonial Heights Police Department.

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Media Release

Anspach graduates from National Criminal Justice Command College



Lt. William H. Anspach with NCJCC Director Ms. Cindy Orshek

Lt. William H. Anspach recently graduated from the 6th Session of the University of Virginia National Criminal Justice Command College. The NCJCC is a 10 – week intense training program that is targeted to mid-upper level law enforcement supervisors in state, county, or municipal agencies. The Command College is uniquely designed to provide an integrated, cutting-edge approach to criminal justice education through a framework of leadership and collaboration. Lt. Anspach was one of twenty-three graduates that were selected from the Commonwealth of Virginia to attend. Their curriculum and topics of instruction included leadership, management issues, forensic science, collaboration and negotiation and legal issues. Lt. Anspach joins Captain William "Keith" Early and Lt. Dann Ferguson as alumni of the program.

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Officer of the Month Awards

Each month, one employee is recognized for their outstanding service to the department and the community. These officers are nominated by their supervisors and the final selection is made by Administration.

January - Senior Officer Greg Thinnes

On January 11, 2011, Sr. Officer Thinnes was responding to a robbery dispatch at the Wachovia Bank on the Boulevard when he observed a suspicious vehicle traveling southbound on the Boulevard matching the description being broadcast at that moment. Apparently the robbery suspect had hopped into the bed of a pickup truck for his escape, and the driver of said vehicle was swerving and trying to draw the officer's attention. By the time the broadcast for the suspect vehicle was completed, Sr. Officer Thinnes already had the suspect at gunpoint in the roadway. Sr. Officer Thinnes was instrumental in preventing the suspect from physically assaulting the driver and continue his getaway in a vehicle. The suspect then fled on foot, at which time Sr. Officer Thinnes put himself in harm's way by pursuing the suspect. With the assistance of an off-duty Virginia State Trooper, the suspect was confronted in the woods and taken into custody after a brief struggle. What could have resulted in a very bad outcome ended in the arrest of a dangerous and violent criminal.

February - Senior Officer Scott Whirley

On February 3, 2011, Sr. Officer Whirley was notified by Colonial Heights Middle School administration that several rounds of live ammunition had been located in a boys' bathroom inside the school. Consequently, the entire school was placed on "lockdown" until further law enforcement resources could arrive. The principal of the middle school was very pleased with Sr. Officer Whirley's actions concerning this incident and with Scott's work in general at the school.

In addition to the above, Scott has become an integral part of the school's Crime Solvers Club. In February, he publicized a Crime Solvers case at the middle school and received a tip which has led to the identification of suspects in a larceny which occurred outside of the school. In general, Sr. Officer Whirley is doing an excellent job as the School Resource Officer at the Middle School, interacting effectively both with the students as well as the administration.

March - Officer Greer Fullerton

Among his other duties, Officer Fullerton had four (4) DUI arrests and issued 84 traffic summonses and 89 verbal warnings for the month of March. Officer Fullerton made two (2) self-initiated narcotics arrests from traffic stops, one of which resulted in \$248.00 being seized. Greer also made a felony child endangerment arrest from a traffic stop resulting in the operator being arrested for DUI and two small children being removed from a potentially dangerous situation. He constantly strives to be a proactive, aggressive police officer.

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April - Officer Stacey Whitt

Besides his regular duties, Officer Whitt investigated nine (9) new cases for April: issued (35) traffic summonses; obtained four (4) felony warrants, two (2) misdemeanor warrants; served eight (8) outstanding warrants; investigated four (4) vehicle crashes; and issued two (2) parking tickets. After investigating a lobby complaint that a family member may have stolen some jewelry, Officer Whitt located the stolen jewelry at three different businesses in the city. He arrested one family member and a friend for obtaining money by false pretenses, and also alerted Prince George Police of the incident, since the jewelry was originally stolen in their jurisdiction

May - Senior Officer Travis Karr

May was a very busy month for Sr. Officer Karr. He investigated a case where a subject reported that her prescription medication had been stolen when it was picked up by an unknown person. After speaking with the pharmacist, it was determined that the victim had indeed received the medication. Warrants were secured for her arrest for filing a false police report.

On another occasion, after SCU had completed a controlled drug buy, a second vehicle was observed meeting with a suspected drug dealer. Sr. Officer Karr followed the vehicle away from the area and stopped it for a traffic infraction. Both occupants were arrested for possession of alcohol. The passenger, who had been seen speaking to the suspected drug dealer, was also arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

While in the parking lot of Walgreen's, Sr. Officer Karr observed a subject who had been arrested for prescription fraud a

June - Officer Sophie Benkendorf

Once again, Sr. Officer Benkendorf worked tirelessly to prepare our department and area athletes for the annual *Special Olympics Torch Run*. We had an impressive turnout of runners this year, and an even better showing of Special Olympics athletes. This year was financially challenging due to the fact that Red Lobster decided that they no longer wanted to participate in the *Cops and Lobsters* fundraising event in support of Special Olympics. Despite this support, Sophie persevered and managed to collect more than \$1,000.00 for this very worthy cause.

Along with her diligence in raising money, Sophie encouraged participation in the *Torch Run* and arranged to have the Special Olympics athletes and other supporters meet the runners at the finish line, enabling them to communicate with one another. For many, this was a reminder of the things that are truly important in life and a special memory forever.

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July - Officer Gary Sink

During the month of July, Officer Sink issued 40 traffic summonses, obtained one felony and five misdemeanor warrants, served five outstanding warrants and investigated three vehicle crashes. However, it was his intuition and diligence that merited special recognition this month.

Officer Sink assisted Sr. Officer Greg Thinnes during a traffic stop, when a male passenger exited the vehicle and entered the BB&T Bank, where he sat while being questioned. During the interrogation, Officer Sink noticed that the subject was sweating profusely, despite the air conditioning. Once it was determined that no charges could be placed on the subject, he was released. However, Officer Sink had a hunch that something was amiss with this person, so he returned to the bank chair where the subject had been sitting and discovered a one-ounce bag of cocaine and a digital scale tucked into the seat cushion. Surveillance was then set up at the bank to see if the individual would return to retrieve the narcotics.

August - Senior Officer Greg Thinnes

During the month of August, Sr. Officer Thinnes issued 49 traffic summonses; obtained three (3) felony and seven (7) misdemeanor warrants; served eight (8) outstanding warrants; issued three (3) parking citations; and investigated 10 vehicle crashes. He was responsible for 24% of the total summonses issued and 38% of the criminal arrests made by A Squad during the month of August, 2011.

In addition to the above, Sr. Officer Thinnes located three (3) fugitives from Colonial Heights, Petersburg and Chesterfield County during traffic stops. He also located a felony hit and run suspect vehicle for Chesterfield County after the vehicle fled the accident scene at Lakeview Avenue and Branders Bridge Road. Greg's confidence allows him to never hesitate in making decisions on very challenging matters.

September - Career Officer Renee Walters

On August 22, 2011, Career Officer Renee Walters took a grand larceny report of jewelry. The victim advised that her ex-sister-in-law was a possible suspect. When CO Walters checked the LInX and Shieldware databases, using a complete jewelry list provided, she had no success. However, Ms. Adams contacted CO Walters concerning her grand larceny report because she remembered the jewelry description and suspect name as information that she had previously received from Atlantic Pawn Shop. Based on Bobbi's information, CO Walters was able to complete her investigation, resulting in a warrant and the arrest of the suspect, which then led to a full confession. Her excellent memory and willingness to go the extra mile allowed CO Walters to bring an open case to a successful end.

Bobbi Adams and her Records co-worker, Robin Kester, are excellent employees, always willing to help without complaint and produce a high quality of work. Bobbi's assistance in this case was a fine example of how she is meeting the Department's overall mission of protecting the life, individual liberty and property of all people within the City of Colonial Heights.

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October - Master Detective Jason Chimera

It is perceived that once an officer is assigned to the Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force that they are rarely seen around the department. However, this is not the case with Master Detective Chimera. The other detectives in Investigations frequently call upon him for assistance with obtaining telephone records, intelligence on individuals and many other issues. Such was the case with a recent attempted malicious wounding and two shooting incidents that occurred on October 19, 2011. Once Master Det. Chimera learned of the investigation and suspect, he contacted a State Police confidential informant whom he believed would be able to assist in locating the suspect. The informant did contact the suspect via cell phone and was able to engage the suspect in conversation regarding the incidents, during which time he made incriminating statements that were audio recorded. Once the suspect's location was determined, Jason assisted with surveillance, compiling an operational plan for execution of a search warrant for the suspect's location, assisted with execution of the search warrant, collection of evidence, assisted with the search of a separate location and subsequent collection and packaging of evidence. Jason readily volunteered his assistance, expertise and knowledge to the investiga-

November - Sr. Officers Daniel Vilardo and Officer Adam Brandeberry

On November 25, 2011, these officers responded to an alarm call at Play 'N Trade. Officer Brandeberry observed a ladder leading to the roof of Chinamen's Buffet. As he continued to investigate, he discovered someone attempting to gain entry into Play 'N Trade by throwing a brick at the store's front window. He continued to investigate when Sr. Officer Vilardo located a subject attempting to hide behind some bushes in front of Rugged Wearhouse. The subject was questioned and finally confessed to trying to gain entry to the business in order to take items. This fact was further confirmed after viewing Play 'N Trade's video of the incident. Due to their teamwork and determination, these officers deserve to be named *Employee of the Month*.

December - Officer Gary Sink

During the month of December, 2011, Officer Gary Sink completed a PowerPoint presentation on proper lock-up procedures. This presentation is now used in conjunction with the department's policy on proper lock-up procedures and for in-house training on this policy. Officer Sink also responded to a residence in Sherwood Hills for several alarm calls during the month of December. At the residence, he found an elderly female living alone. After speaking with a family member and establishing that she needed assistance, he arranged for the lady to make application for the department's KeepSafe Program. Gary also had a good month statistically. He issued 30 traffic summonses, obtained six (6) warrants and had a 75% clearance rate on his cases.

Officer Recognition

M.A.D.D. Award

Each year the Virginia Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving recognizes local officers for their outstanding achievement in DUI enforcement. In 2011, Mothers Against Drunk Driving presented two officers from the Colonial Heights Police Department with this coveted award. Pictured below are Officer Richard Scrivner (top row) and Officer Kenneth Bish.



Officer Recognition

Officer Sophie Benkendorf received an award from the Virginia Highway Safety Office for all of her hard work in the area of Child Passenger Protection. Officer Benkendorf not only plans all of the Colonial Heights Police Department's Child Safety Seat Checks, but she also regularly attends events with SafeKids throughout the region. In addition to coordinating all events, she has equipped her work vehicle, a Chevrolet Venture Van, with every type of child safety seat and provides this vehicle for use by Patrol when they need to transport a child.



In 2011, The Colonial Heights Police Department received an award for Most Improved Safety Belt Use during the Click it or Ticket campaign. The city went from a pre-enforcement seat belt rate of 83% to a post-enforcement rate of 86%.

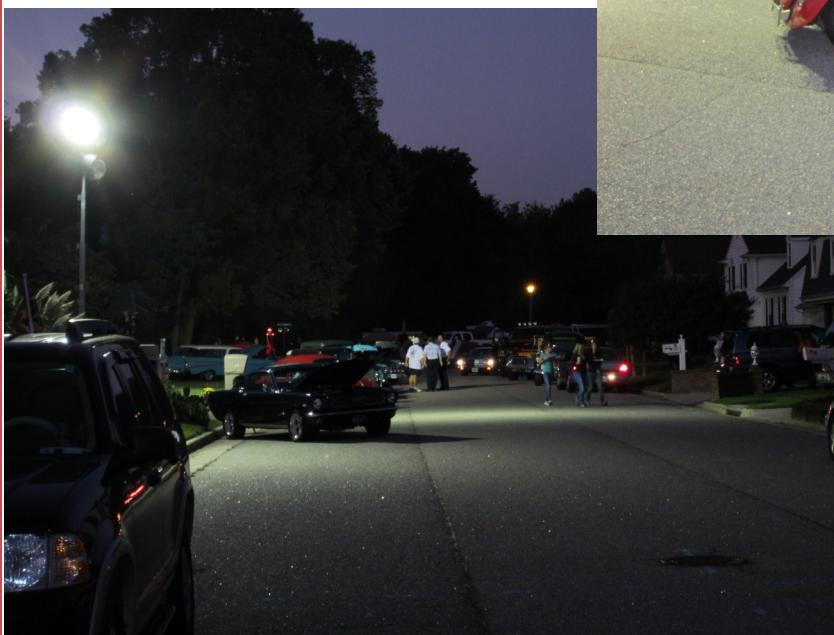
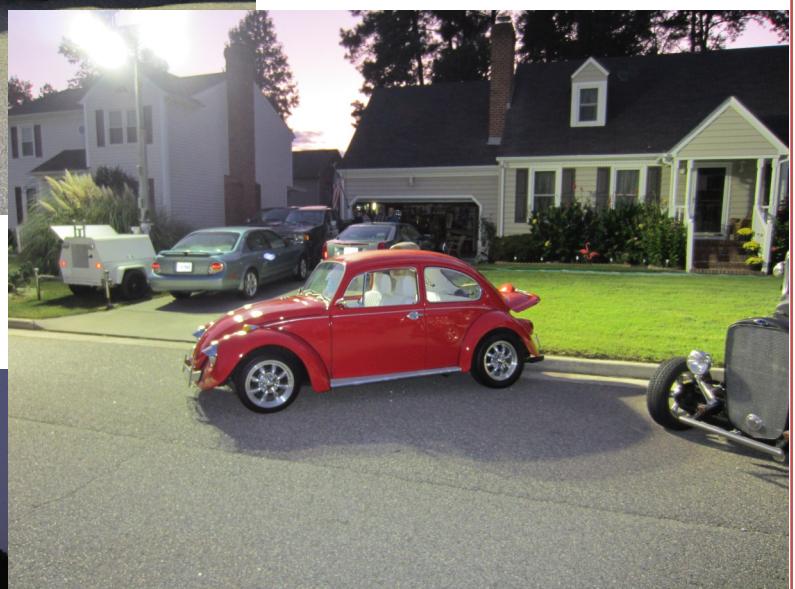
Celebrate Safe Communities 2011

Since 2009, The City of Colonial Heights has sponsored “Celebrate Safe Communities” on the first Tuesday of October. This event provides an opportunity for neighbors to get together and meet city officials who visit many of the locations throughout the



Celebrate Safe Communities 2011

Several locations, including this one in the Briarcliffe Subdivision, attract hundreds of guests and block off entire city streets to form a “block party”.



Bicycle Patrol

In 2011 the Colonial Heights Auxiliary Police formed a bicycle patrol squad and equipped it using donated funds. Several regular police officers have also received bicycle patrol training.



Operations Bureau

Uniform Patrol Division

The Uniform Patrol Division falls under the purview of the Operations Bureau Commander. The Division is comprised of thirty-five sworn officers divided amongst four squads. Each squad consists of a lieutenant, a sergeant, and patrol officers. Uniformed officers are able to provide police protection around the clock by working twelve-hour shifts.

Uniform Patrol officers provide a myriad of services to our community. Some of their responsibilities include: responding to calls for service, enforcing state and local criminal and traffic laws, conducting investigations, processing evidence, testifying in court, proactively identifying and addressing quality-of-life issues and providing general guidance for citizen inquiries.

The department has a strong belief in building partnerships with the citizenry, other City departments, business leaders, civic organizations, and other criminal justice agencies. These relationships are critical in order for the department to provide the best multi-dimensional services as possible.



Captain William Keith Early is the commander of the Operations Bureau

Uniform Patrol Division

Animal Control

The Animal Control Division, supervised by the Operations Bureau Commander, is tasked with the enforcement of city ordinances and state laws relating to the control and protection of animals. One full-time Animal Control Officer, one cross-trained police officer and a part-time Shelter Aide operate and maintain the shelter in accordance with state laws.

On a regular basis, Animal Control Officers are placed in harm's way due to their responsibility for vicious and rabid animals. Animal Control Officers attend in-service training which provides updates on laws, procedures and techniques.

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Animal Complaints	2616	1446	1364	1521
Impounded Animals	496	717	634	528
Animal Bites	19	8	12	3
Wildlife Complaints	146	41	37	37
Summons Issued	36	21	45	47
Animals Adopted	261	424	333	285
Returned to Owner	169	143	150	117

Uniform Patrol Division

Auxiliary Police

The Auxiliary Police, a volunteer division of the Colonial Heights Police Department, is a program offering citizens an opportunity to promote public safety through their own personal participation. Auxiliary Police continue to be an invaluable resource to the department and community as they perform supplemental police duties. Their patrol presence and keen observation, as well as interaction with the public, aides in crime reduction and enhances police-community relations. Another important function of Auxiliary Police volunteers is serving as a citizen-ready reserve in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

Auxiliary Officers donated 3,298 hours in 2011.



Law Enforcement Services

Law Enforcement Services

The primary task of the Law Enforcement Services Bureau is to provide support to all officers and to the command staff of the Colonial Heights Police Department.

The bureau is responsible for the Criminal Investigations Division; training; maintenance and purchasing of equipment, property and evidence and buildings and grounds. The bureau is also responsible for inspections, research and development, grants, records, receptionists and special projects. The Lieutenant in charge of Accreditation and the Office of Professional standards is also tasked with investigating internal affairs complaints.

The Bureau is also responsible for supplemental department services provided to the schools including School Resource Officers, a D.A.R.E. Officer and School Crossing Guards.

The Law Enforcement Services Bureau coordinates all crime prevention and public relations activities for the department. Activities include public speaking, the Police Citizens Academy, special events and the Sentinel Program.



Captain Wayne Newsome is the commander of the Law Enforcement Services Bureau

Law Enforcement Services

Accreditation

The department is seeking accreditation through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. In 2011, Lieutenant William Anspach continued bringing the department up to standard in preparation for the assessment which will take place in 2012.

Accreditation is a voluntary process whereby the department is systematically measured and evaluated to make sure it meets the professional standards set forth by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission.

State accreditation is the best measure of an agency's compliance with professional law enforcement standards, as determined by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. The Commission consists of Virginia sheriffs and police chiefs selected for their expertise and knowledge. Adherence to an acknowledged body of professional standards may help protect an agency against a variety of potential liability problems.

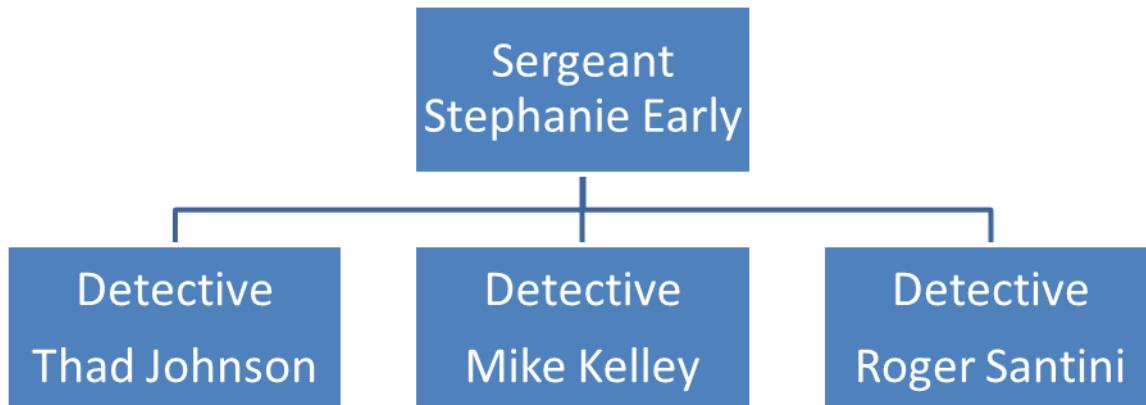


Law Enforcement Services

Investigations

The Investigations Division has the primary responsibility of conducting in-depth criminal and crime scene investigations. In addition to their primary roles, detectives are able to provide guidance to patrol officers concerning criminal investigations and crime scene processing. Detectives investigate many crimes, including narcotics violations, homicides, robberies, sexual crimes, property crimes, frauds, auto thefts, burglaries and missing persons cases.

The Investigations Division consists of a sergeant and three general investigators.



Law Enforcement Services

School Resource Officers



Middle School SRO Scott Whirley

The department employs two school resource officers, one at the High School and one at the Middle School. Their primary mission is to provide a visible and positive image to students. They are able to provide confidential counseling to students and help them make positive choices. School Resource Officers ensure a healthy school environment where both teachers and students feel safe.

(High School SRO Derek Pattison below)



High School SRO Derek Pattison

Law Enforcement Services

D.A.R.E.[®]

The Colonial Heights Police Department has provided a certified D.A.R.E. Officer to the city schools since 1987. Officer Sophie Benkendorf teaches D.A.R.E. to both elementary and middle school students. She also serves as the crime prevention officer, co-ordinating such events as Celebrate Safe Communities and the Special Olympics Torch Run.



The police department employs five School Crossing Guards. Crossing Guards are responsible for the safe passage of students while entering or exiting school grounds by designated crosswalks.

Law Enforcement Services

The Police Chaplains are appointed by the Chief of Police to act as an aide to the officers and citizens of Colonial Heights. They strive to provide spiritual guidance, counseling and comfort in times of crisis, without attempting to moralize, evangelize, or criticize.



Chaplain Mike Murray

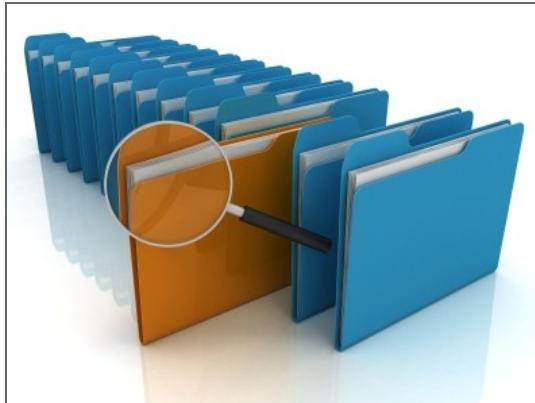


Chaplain Dr. George W. Lyons

Law Enforcement Services

Records

Two full-time Records Specialists, Ms. Robin Kester and Mrs. Bobbi Adams, are responsible for maintaining all police information. Records Specialists process all police and Animal Control reports, traffic and criminal summonses, parking tickets, alarm citations, vehicle crash reports, property receipts and pawn records. Closed investigative case files are archived and purged as necessary. Each year, our Records Specialists process in excess of 20,000 documents.



Sentinel Volunteers



The Colonial Heights Sentinel Program incorporates citizen volunteers into the police department to supplement and enhance services. Sentinel volunteers perform non-enforcement tasks such as traffic control, motorist assistance, crime prevention and assistance at special events. Prior to becoming a Sentinel, volunteers complete a 12-week training course and field training program. Classes, held during evening and weekend hours, provide necessary training to prepare students for entry into the Sentinel Program. Each Sentinel is asked to donate at least 16 hours every month. Sentinel volunteers donated a total of 284 hours in 2011.

Law Enforcement Services

Narcotics Enforcement

The Street Crimes Unit (S.C.U.) is a specialty unit comprised of police officers who concentrate on quality-of-life crimes (disorderly conduct, public intoxication, prostitution, etc.), narcotics violations, gang activity, property crimes, violent crimes, problem areas or any other assignment as necessary. The Street Crimes Unit assists the Investigations Division with major crimes such as murder, rape or kidnapping. The Street Crimes Unit actively solicits tips from other officers and members of the public regarding suspected criminal activity of a chronic nature. They work with local, state and federal agencies and are responsible for educating the public regarding topics of narcotics and gangs.



The Central Virginia Narcotics Task Force was formed in 1997 to initiate both proactive and historical narcotics cases. The primary focus of investigations is the middle- and upper-level drug dealers in the Tri-Cities, Chesterfield and Prince George Counties.

Investigators from participating agencies and the Virginia State Police staff the Task Force on a full-time basis. The regional Task Force has its own impaneled multi-jurisdictional grand jury and assigned prosecutor. The Colonial Heights Police Department has one full-time detective assigned to the Task Force who reports directly to the Task Force supervisor and is also supervised by the Street Crimes Unit Sergeant.

Specialized Units

There are many specialized units within the department. These units are filled by members of both the Operations and Law Enforcement Services Bureaus. These specializations are credited towards an officer's advancement in the department's Career Development Program.

K-9 Narcotics dogs have been successful in finding a variety of illegal substances which have lead to the arrest and successful conviction of the numerous offenders. Additionally, canines are utilized for drug sweeps of city school buildings and grounds. They are available to assist other local police agencies with searches of schools and the execution of search warrants.

Honor Guard The Colonial Heights Police Honor Guard consists of police officers who volunteer to represent the department during functions such as parades, official ceremonies, athletic events and funerals for law enforcement officers and other public figures. Honor Guard members wear a distinctive uniform when performing this specialized duty.

Crime Scene Technicians Crime Scene Technicians are an essential part of the Colonial Heights Police Department. They are trained to assist detectives with major crime scenes as well as investigate minor crimes on their own. Crime Scene Technicians are patrol officers who are trained by the Investigations Division, but assigned to a patrol squad. They are provided with all the tools they need to investigate most crimes scenes they encounter.

Hostage Negotiators The Colonial Heights Police Department has several officers who are trained as hostage negotiators. These officers are able to utilize their natural skills, training and experience to verbally communicate with and convince a hostage taker or barricaded subject to release hostages unharmed, and surrender themselves peacefully.

Crash Investigators These officers are responsible for investigating fatal and major vehicle crashes, as well as crashes involving police department vehicles. Crash Investigators also provide expertise to patrol officers regarding the investigation of less serious crashes. Many of these investigations involve the determination of speed, crash reconstruction, interviewing witnesses, collecting and preserving forensic evidence and court testimony.

Child Seat Technicians These officers have been trained to properly inspect and install various types of child safety seats. They are available during their shift to assist citizens with safety seats. Additionally they work several special child safety seat inspection and installation events throughout the year.

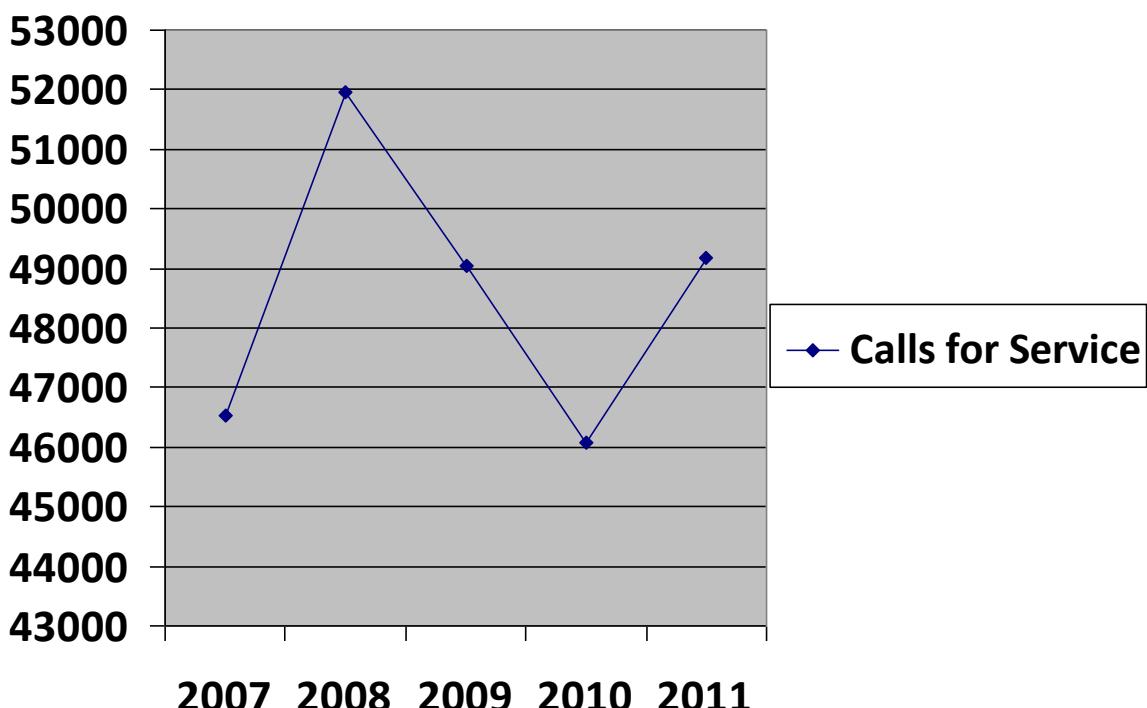
Extradition Officer One officer is responsible for coordinating and conducting the extradition of prisoners who are arrested and held outside of the jurisdictional boundaries of our city.

2011

Crime in Colonial Heights

2011 Calls for Service

Year	Number of Calls
2007	46,531
2008	51,963
2009	49,053
2010	46,079
2011	49,164



2011 Crime Statistics

Part 1 Crime Comparison

Crime	2009	2010	2011	% Change
Homicide	0	0	2	+200%
Rape	2	5	5	0%
Robbery	24	22	9	-59%
Aggravated Assault	21	24	18	-25%
Total Violent Crimes	47	51	34	-33%
Break & Enter	67	74	61	-18%
Larceny	751	696	856	+23%
Vehicle Theft	38	30	30	0%
Arson	7	8	4	-50%
Total Property Crimes	863	807	951	+18%
Total Part I Crimes	910	858	985	+15%

2011 Crime Statistics

Part 1 Crime Clearances

Crime	Number of Offenses	Cases Cleared	% Cleared
Homicide	2	2	100%
Rape	5	5	100%
Robbery	9	8	89%
Aggravated Assault	18	18	100%
Total Violent Crimes	34	33	97%
Break & Enter	61	24	39%
Larceny	856	578	68%
Vehicle Theft	30	13	43%
Arson	4	2	50%
Total Property Crimes	951	617	65%
Total Part I Crimes	985	650	66%

2011 Crime Statistics

Other Reported Crimes

Crime	2009	2010	2011	% Change
Simple Assaults	181	258	261	1%
Assaults on Police	11	10	5	-50%
Annoying Phone Calls	22	20	14	-30%
Bomb Threats	1	2	1	-50%
Child Neglect	16	21	28	33%
Curfew Violations	8	5	16	220%
Drugs/Narcotics	285	292	253	-13%
Disorderly Conduct	27	42	32	-24%
Domestic Violence	541	438	509	16%
Drunkenness	146	109	85	22%
Embezzlement	38	46	38	-17%
Credit Card Fraud	65	60	52	-13%
Fraud by Swindle	44	49	49	0%
Forgery	60	51	69	35
Hit and Run	154	243	234	-4%
Kidnapping/Abduction	12	14	7	-50%
Missing Person	6	8	6	-25%
Resist Arrest	43	30	42	40%
Pornography	2	2	6	33%
Indecent Exposure	7	4	4	0
Sexual Assault	13	14	23	64%
Stalking	4	6	2	-67%
Suicide	1	1	0	-100%
Trespassing	71	67	51	-24%
Vandalism	33	16	28	+75%
Weapons Violations	48	57	59	+4%
All Other Offenses	92	89	55	-38%

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Persons Arrested by Offense

Offense Type	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	0	0	1
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	0	3	4
Robbery	28	17	10
Aggravated Assault	14	18	18
Other Assault	244	265	256
Burglary	64	30	38
Larceny	879	689	823
Vehicle Theft	8	8	13
Arson	9	6	2
Forgery / Counterfeit	133	38	46
Fraud	255	140	144
Embezzlement	72	58	68
Vandalism	108	77	58
Weapons Offenses	89	46	50
Sex Offenses	23	17	35
Drug Sales	89	98	89
Drug Possession	267	262	279
DUI	333	308	242
Alcohol Violations	222	131	93
Drunk in Public	172	124	103
Disorderly	58	42	42
Runaway	27	34	38
Curfew	45	35	16
Other	1835	1584	1805
TOTAL	4974	4030	4273

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Domestic Violence Calls for Service and Arrests

	2009	2010	2011	% Change
Total Domestic Calls for Service	541	438	509	16%
Total Arrests	109	107	109	2%
Adult Male	71	72	63	-13%
Adult Female	30	24	32	33%
Juvenile Male	4	8	9	13%
Juvenile Female	4	3	5	67%

2011 Traffic Statistics

Traffic Summons by Type

Offense	2010	2011
DUI	308	242
DUI Test Refusal	60	54
Speeding (Radar)	3946	4298
Speeding (Other)	18	28
Reckless (Speeding)	160	133
Reckless (General)	95	64
Habitual Offender	13	7
Hit and Run	24	23
Following too Closely	111	153
Fail to Keep Proper Control	18	32
Improper Turn	22	25
Improper Lane Change	31	45
Fail to Obey Highway Sign	403	476
Fail to Obey Highway Signal	198	190
Fail to Yield	151	123
Fail to Obey Siren/Lights	11	17
Expired or No Operator's License	410	461
Suspended Operator's License	609	628
No Safety Restraint	145	173
No Insurance	97	123
Expired or No Inspection	1150	981
Expired or No Registration	599	615
Expired or No License Plates	239	320
Improper Equipment	547	674
Fail to Dim Headlights	61	72
Expired or No Local Tag	28	34
Miscellaneous	516	430
TOTAL	9880	10421

2011 Traffic Statistics

Motor Vehicle Crashes & DUI Arrests

Year	No. of DUI Arrests
2007	284
2008	407
2009	333
2010	308
2011	242

Year	Reportable	Non-Reportable	Total Crashes
2007	444	744	1188
2008	340	723	1063
2009	344	701	1045
2010	309	730	1039
2011	302	733	1035

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Motor Vehicle Crashes by Month and Top Ten by Location

2011	No. of Crashes
January	53
February	86
March	85
April	79
May	75
June	79
July	80
August	99
September	103
October	96
November	97
December	103

Rank	Location	No. of Crashes
1	Parking Lots	335
2	I-95 & Temple	74
3	Dimmock & Southpark	51
4	Conduit & Temple	42
5	Southpark Blvd & Southpark Circle	32
6	Temple & Southpark	31
7	Boulevard & Temple	26
8	Temple & Dimmock	25
9	Boulevard & Ellerslie	21
10	South & Southpark Blvd	19

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