ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

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Mission

The mission of the Alexandria Police Department is to serve the community by:

• Protecting life, safety and property;

• Promoting and maintaining order;

• Preventing crime; and

• Enforcing the law.

Values

Central to the Department's mission are the values that guide its work and decisions.

We, the men and women of the Alexandria Police Department, value:

• Human Life

• Dignity

• Integrity

• Laws and Constitution

• Excellence

• Accountability

• Cooperation

• Problem-solving

• Ourselves

Message from the Chief

I am pleased to present the Alexandria Police Department's 2007 Annual Report. The Alexandria Police Department has been a pioneer in blending state-of-the-art technology with traditional policing and law enforcement efforts. Our vision is to set the example of a modern and successful 21st century police department that is rich in diversity, technically-skilled, employee-oriented, innovative, flexible, professional and an indispensable, trusted and respected part of the resident, business and government community it serves.

Alexandria's Part 1 crime increased by 29 offenses (0.8%) in 2007. This less than 1% increase was caused primarily by a rise in larcenies, particularly thefts from automobiles. Although the overall Part 1 crime rate rose slightly in 2007, continued reductions were achieved in five of the seven Part 1 crime categories. I am confident that we will reduce Part 1 crime to new record lows in 2008.

In 2007, the police department implemented its Strategic Response System (SRS). The system is a model of policing that incorporates the use of advanced technology and crime analysis data to respond proactively and effectively to new and emerging crime trends. It was designed to use focused and effective police tactics with a strong emphasis on problem-solving strategies to address root causes of crime in neighborhoods. It is my belief that SRS will help us to continue to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in all of Alexandria's neighborhoods.

I hope that as you read our Annual Report, you will take particular note of the exceptional employees we have in our department. It is the individual and dedicated work of these gifted public servants that distinguishes our department and keeps Alexandria a safe City to live, work or visit.

I am pleased with the police department's performance and appreciative of the support we continue to receive from residents, the Mayor, City Council, the City manager, the Commonwealth's Attorney, and other City Departments. On behalf of the men and women of the Alexandria Police Department, I thank you for your support and look forward to our continued partnership.

David P. Baker
Chief of Police

City of Alexandria Mayor and City Council

Mayor
William D. Euille

Vice Mayor Redella
S. "Del" Pepper

Councilman Ludwig
P. Gaines

Councilman Rob
Krupicka

Councilmember
Timothy B. Lovain

Councilman
Paul C. Smedberg

Councilman
Justin M. Wilson
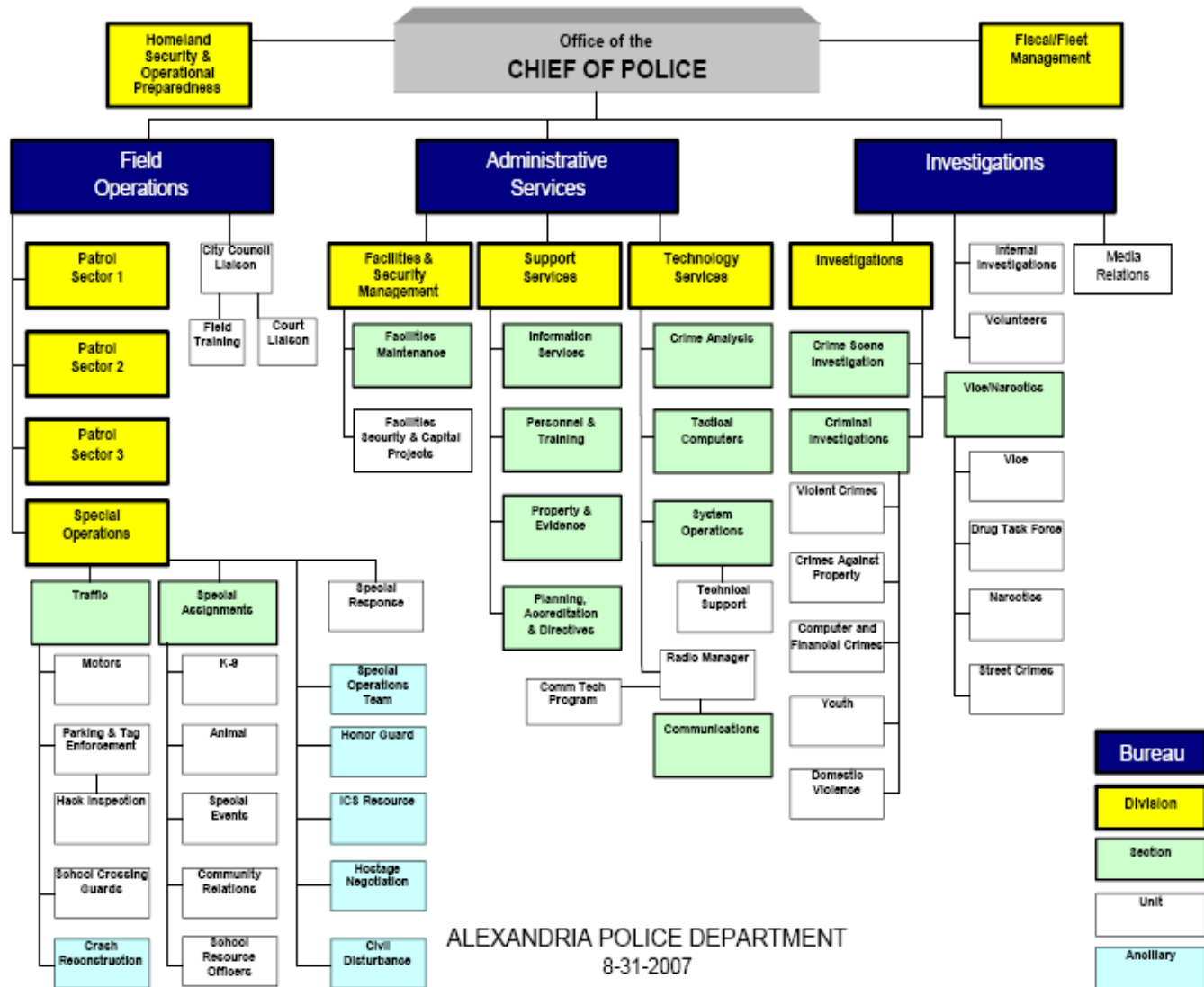
City Manager
James K. Hartmann

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ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT 2007

Office of the
CHIEF OF POLICE

Homeland Security & Operational Preparedness

Fiscal/Fleet Management

Field Operations

Administrative Services

Investigations

- Patrol Sector 1
- City Council Liaison
  - Field Training
  - Court Liaison
- Patrol Sector 2
- Patrol Sector 3
- Special Operations

Facilities & Security Management
- Facilities Maintenance
- Facilities Security & Capital Projects

Support Services
- Information Services
- Personnel & Training
- Property & Evidence
- Planning, Accreditation & Directives

Technology Services
- Crime Analysis
- Tactical Computers
- System Operations
  - Technical Support
- Radio Manager
  - Comm Tech Program
- Communications

Investigations
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Criminal Investigations
  - Violent Crimes
  - Crimes Against Property
  - Computer and Financial Crimes
  - Youth
  - Domestic Violence

Internal Investigations

Media Relations

Volunteers

Vice/Narcotics
- Vice
- Drug Task Force
- Narcotics
- Street Crimes

Traffic
- Motors
- Parking & Tag Enforcement
- Hack Inspection
- School Crossing Guards
- Crash Reconstruction

Special Assignments
- K-9
- Animal
- Special Events
- Community Relations
- School Resource Officers

Special Response
- Special Operations Team
- Honor Guard
- ICS Resource
- Hostage Negotiation
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Legend:
- **Bureau**
- **Division**
- Section
- Unit
- Ancillary

STRATEGIC RESPONSE SYSTEM

In June 2007, the Alexandria Police Department implemented a new Strategic Response System (SRS) aimed at reducing crime and improving the quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors in Alexandria. SRS relies on traditional policing strategies supported by the analysis of crime trends, series and patterns. Additionally, SRS emphasizes the use of problem-solving strategies to tackle difficult and long-term crime and disorder issues.
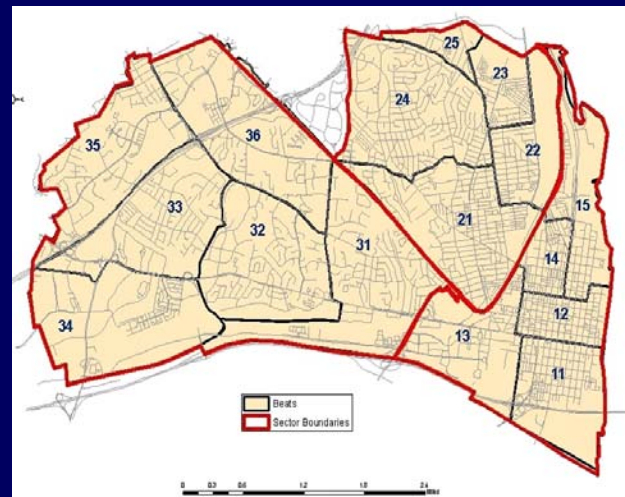
SRS was created and developed by the men and women of the Police Department to be used as a systematic tool that uses technology, non traditional police tactics and internal accountability to reduce crime. SRS was designed to challenge police commanders to use focused and effective police tactics with a strong emphasis on problem-solving strategies to address the root cause of crime in neighborhoods. SRS holds police commanders accountable to address and respond to crime and disorder problems occurring in their assigned area of responsibility. Open dialogue at monthly SRS meetings will help to quickly and effectively identify, address and resolve these issues through effective strategies, tactics and coordinated police resources.

Historically, the Police Department has deployed patrol officers based upon time-of-day shifts. The beats within these shifts were determined by numerous time-related variables. SRS uses geography, not time, as the basis for patrol beats and deployment of officers. The Police Department created three geographic sectors. These sectors were determined by analyzing calls for service, time officers spend on calls, crime density and patrol response time. Once created, the three sectors were further divided into sixteen individual patrol beats. This ensures that the Police Department is better able to identify and utilize resources in a more targeted way to combat crime and other neighborhood issues and continue to improve the quality of life in Alexandria.

In addition to the new geographic deployment of officers, patrol officers hours and shifts were adjusted. The Police Department used crime analysis to ensure the largest number of officers is working during peak times of calls for service. These changes place more officers on the street at all times to handle calls for service and increase the amount of time available to engage in problem-solving efforts. SRS allows for rapid and effective response to crime in the City and an improved level of service to the citizens in Alexandria.

SRS represents a modern, effective and creative organizational response capability. It increases the integration of crime analysis into the decision-making process so that policing strategies are unified, consistent, fact-based and effective in reducing crime and responding to neighborhood issues. SRS enhances and improves teamwork at all levels of the Police Department. Commanders have a greater ability to effectively measure individual and organizational performance. It allows for organized communications among officers and commanders and improves the quality and substance of communications with outside agencies. SRS enables the Police Department to proactively continue to improve the quality of life in Alexandria.

The Department created three geographic sectors that were further divided into sixteen patrol beats. Each beat is assigned a number according the sector it is located in.

TASER PROGRAM

On Thursday, November 1, the Alexandria Police Department launched a one-year test of Electronic Control Devices (ECDs). These devices serve as a new, less lethal tool in the department's commitment to protect the citizens of Alexandria. The department assigned 12 ECDs to specially trained patrol officers.

Chief of Police David P. Baker said, "Evidence shows the ECD to be a very effective law enforcement tool. It provides officers with another less lethal use of force option that is at least equal to, if not more effective than, those we currently possess." Studies have shown that both suspect and officer injury rates declined in areas where ECDs are used. The City is one of the last jurisdictions in the Washington Metropolitan area to deploy ECDs for use as a less-lethal tool. ECDs are currently used in both Arlington and Fairfax Counties.

The brand and model of ECD chosen for this test is the TASER X26. TASER devices use proprietary technology to quickly incapacitate dangerous, combative or high-risk subjects who pose a risk to law enforcement officers, citizens or themselves. TASER ECDs utilize compressed nitrogen to project two small probes up to 35 feet. These probes are connected to the TASER system by insulated wire. An electrical signal is transmitted through the wires to where the probes make contact with the body or clothing, resulting in an immediate loss of the person's neuromuscular control and the ability to perform coordinated action for the duration of the impulse while allowing a rapid recovery once the cycle ceases.

"You cannot put a price on officer and citizen safety," says Chief Baker. "As a department, we must do all we can, within reason, to keep officers and citizens safe. ECDs will help achieve that goal."
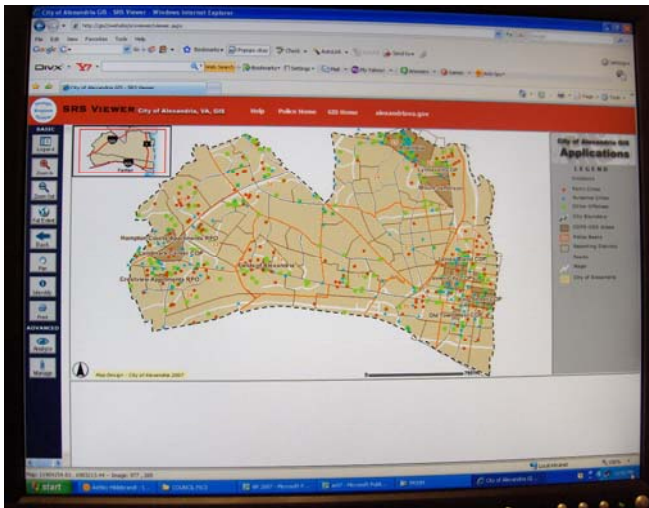

PROBLEM SOLVING TRAINING

During the summer of 2007, the Alexandria Police Foundation hosted a problem-solving training seminar for the entire Police Department. The goal of this training was to teach police employees to employ the advantages of problem solving to create efficient policing strategies within the City of Alexandria. Nationally-recognized instructor Rana Sampson taught employees how to utilize problem-oriented policing strategies to identify crime trends and develop effective, efficient and proactive reponses. The eight hour seminar demonstrated the steps used to identify problems within the City. Employees were shown how to create proactive solutions using those resources that are available to them.

The skills learned throughout the course of this seminar will allow employees to create a safer community and improve the quality of life throughout the City.

NEW TECHNOLOGY: SRS VIEWER

In 2007, a new geography-based computer application was developed to ensure the successful implementation of the SRS process and to institutionalize problem solving at the agency level. Members of the Department's Technology Services Division (TSD) worked closely with the City's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department to develop and create the SRS Viewer, an intranet map server (IMS) application. This interdepartmental coordination produced an application that integrates GIS functionality with law enforcement needs to effectively view and understand the relationship between geography and crime.

The SRS Viewer was developed to give command staff and supervisors the ability to view crime data geographically. Commanders and supervisors can now query police data (crime, calls for service, arrests and field interviews) based on address, beat, sector and neighborhood. This tool gives sector commanders and supervisors the ability to perform basic analysis of crime data in order to see emerging crime trends, pattern, series and problems. All commanders and supervisors within the department were trained on the SRS Viewer prior to implementation. Staff were given information on the data available in each application and were able to provide feedback and suggestions on ways to make the SRS Viewer more user-friendly. User manuals were also given to each staff member to aid them in using the SRS Viewer to begin problem solving projects.

The benefit of this application is twofold. First, the SRS Viewer provides commanders and supervisors with the ability to query and view basic crime data. By using the SRS Viewer, users can view crime in and around an address or neighborhood. Second, this ability allows members of the Crime Analysis Unit to spend a greater amount of time analyzing long-term crime problems, providing tactical analysis of series and trends and aiding detectives with analysis for investigations.

The GIS and Police staff who worked on the SRS Viewer were awarded the CityStars! Award for their work on this application. By creating this application in-house, staff saved the City roughly $100,000.

As SRS progresses, the Police Department's Technology Services staff continue to work closely with the City's GIS Department to make changes and upgrades to the SRS Viewer. This application will continue to play an integral part in the SRS process to find, analyze and solve crime and disorder problems

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

On November 17, 2007, the Alexandria Police Department received its sixth accreditation award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) at the Commission's fall conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Department was recognized with a certificate of meritorious accreditation for maintaining continuous accreditation for more than 15 years.

According to Chief of Police David P. Baker, "Reaccreditation by this National Commission signifies the professionalism, excellence and commitment to public service demonstrated by the outstanding men and women of the Alexandria Police Department.

The Police Department completed its on-site assessment in March and was recommended for reaccreditation by the Commission. The accreditation process is continuous and the department must submit annual reports to CALEA attesting to continued compliance with the standards. The police department is due for its next on-site assessment in March of 2010.

2007 Statistics

PART 1 CRIME STATISTICS

OFFENSE	2006	2007	% CHANGE
Homicide	5	8	60%
Rape	26	18	-37.0
Robbery	202	162	-19.9
Aggravated Assault	210	183	-10.7
Burglary	388	365	-4.7
Larceny	2,538	2,663	4.2
Auto Theft	376	375	-0.5
Total	**3,745**	**3,774**	**0.8%**

QUALITY OF LIFE CRIME STATISTICS

CRIME TYPE	2006	2007	% CHANGE
Destruction/Vandalism	1,536	1,774	15.5%
Prostitution	14	21	50.00
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	527	494	-6.3
Gambling	8	15	87.5
Disorderly Conduct	165	207	25.5
Driving Under the Influence	479	574	19.8
Drunkenness	866	960	10.9
Liquor Law Violations	549	563	2.6
Total	**4,144**	**4,608**	**11.2%**

2007 Statistics

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Call Type*	2006	2007	% Change
Abandoned Auto	678	552	-18.6%
Accident	6,143	5,706	-7.1
Alarm	5,756	5,419	-5.9
Ambulance/Fire	850	779	-8.4
Animal Case	2,078	2,171	4.5
Assault	701	668	-4.7
Auto Theft	706	724	2.5
Auto Theft Recovery	189	188	-0.5
Bomb Threat	12	13	8.3
Burglary	713	699	-2.0
Citizen Assist	1,991	1,812	-9.0
Disorderly	5,565	5,056	-9.1
Domestic Trouble	2,710	2,680	-1.1
Drugs	842	700	-16.9
Drunk	1,381	1,368	-0.9
E911 Hang-up Calls	2,222	2,161	-2.7
Escort	72	54	-25.0
Fight	709	643	-9.3
Homicide	1	4	300.0
Larceny	3,015	2,966	-1.6
Locked in Auto	60	63	5.0
Loud Party / Radio	236	138	-41.5
Missing Person	346	331	-4.3
Noise Complaint	2,707	2,641	-2.4
Other	4,326	4,778	10.4
Parking	4,624	4,292	-7.2
Phone Calls	435	439	0.9
Property Lost / Found	1,080	992	-8.1
Prowler	34	39	14.7
Public Service	666	653	-2.0
Robbery	241	192	-20.3
Sex Offense	221	199	-10.0
Suspicious Event	3,041	2,941	-3.3
Traffic Hazard	792	574	-27.5
Traffic Problem	487	477	-2.1
Trespass	736	648	-12.0
Trouble Unknown	1,769	1,652	-6.6
Vandalism	1,561	1,764	13.0
Weapon	472	332	-29.7
Totals	**60,168**	**57,508**	**-4.4%**

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ARREST STATISTICS

ARRESTS	ADULT			JUVENILE		
	2006	2007	% CHANGE	2006	2007	% CHANGE
Homicide	3	4*	33.3%	2	0	-100.0%
Rape	7	10	42.9	0	4	N/C
Robbery	63	53	-15.9	25	18	-28.0
Aggravated Assault	93	91	-2.2	17	8	-52.9
Burglary	54	60	11.1	10	21	110.0
Larceny	374	418	11.8	109	133	22.0
Grand Larceny Auto	20	29	45	19	7	-63.2
Other Assault	444	478	9.3	81	81	0.0
Arson	3	0	-100.0	1	1	0.0
Forgery	43	47	9.3	0	2	N/C
Fraud	75	109	45.3	5	6	20.0
Embezzlement	62	61	-1.6	9	9	0.0
Stolen Property	15	16	6.7	6	9	50.0
Vandalism	93	93	0.0	31	28	-9.7
Weapons	55	46	-16.4	24	24	0.0
Prostitution	13	23	76.9	0	0	N/C
Sex Offense Other	3	11	266.7	0	0	N/C
Drug Abuse Violation	425	459	8.0	51	23	-54.9
Gambling	44	65	47.7	1	1	0.0
D.W.I.	488	589	20.7	1	3	200.00
Liquor Laws	629	624	-0.8	52	79	51.9
Drunkenness	940	1029	9.5	1	3	200.00
Disorderly Conduct	154	194	26.0	16	8	-50
All Other Offenses	1,747	1,681	-3.8	316	244	-22.8
Total Arrests	5,847	6,190	5.9	777	712	-8.4%

* 5 out of the 8 homicide cases in 2007 have been closed by arrest.

2007 Statistics

TOP TEN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SITES IN 2007

Intersection	Total
Edsall Road and S. Van Dorn Street	29
Duke Street and S. Quaker Lane	26
N. Beauregard Street and Seminary Lane	26
Duke Street and S. Walker Street	25
N. Beauregard Street and King Street	19
Duke Street and Sweeley Street	18
Duke Street and S. Pickett Street	18
Duke Street and N. Jordan Street	17
Pershing Street and Telegraph Road	17
Duke Street and Henry Street	16

FACTS AND FIGURES

FY 2007 Department Budget	$49,451,928
FY 2008 Department Budget	$51,378,889
FY 2007 Strength, Sworn Officers	315
FY 2007 Strength, Civilian Personnel	146
Calls for Service - CY 2007	57,508
Criminal Arrests (Adult and Juvenile) - CY 2007	6,902

Awards and Recognition

Honors and Awards

Police employees perform outstanding work on a daily basis. This year, several of the police department's officers earned special recognition for their service.

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards
Gold Medal
Sergeant Dennis Andreas
Officer Shawn Adcock
Officer Stephen Parker
Officer Douglas Serven
Silver Medal
Officer Peter Feltham
Officer Brian Fromm
Officer Kim Hendrick
Detective Victor Ignacio
Officer Michael Nugent
Bronze Medal
Officer Jean-Claude Dorsanvil
K-9 Titan

Lifesaving Award
Officer Zygmond Slevinski
Certificate of Valor
Officer Robert Opsut
Detective Betty Sixsmith

Sunrise Optimist
Officer of the Year
Officer Burke Brownfeld

Kiwanis
Officer of the Year
Officer Patrick Taylor
Officer Ryan Wells

Sons of the American Revolution
Officer of the Year
Officer Eric Rehberg
Officer Heather Vice

Jaycees
Officer of the Year
Sergeant Stafford Farmer-Lee

Promotions
Sergeant
Courtney Ballantine
Gregg Ladislaw
Jerry Newcomb
Brian Thompson

Lieutenant
Juan Torres

Officer Burke Brownfeld is presented with his award from the Sunrise Optimist Club

Officer Ryan Wells and Officer Patrick Taylor celebrate their award with Chief David Baker

Chief David Baker speaks at the Sunrise Optimist Club Officer of the Year Luncheon

GET INVOLVED

The Alexandria Police Department hosts community events throughout the year.

Memorial Service to Honor Alexandria's Fallen Officers
Baptist Temple Church
700 Commonwealth Avenue
May 17

National Night Out
Neighborhoods across the City
August 7

Youth Citizens Police Academy
Ages 13-17
August 13 through 17

Citizens Police Academy
Wednesday evenings
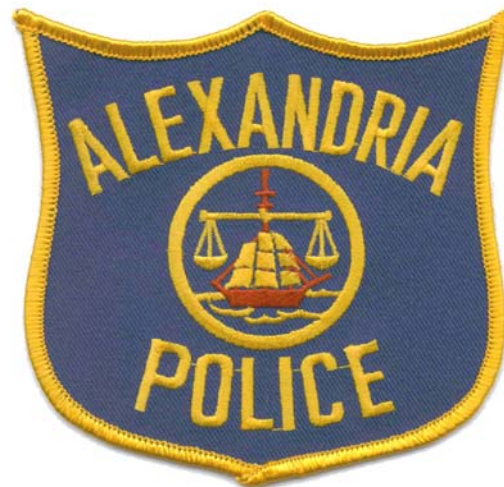September 6 through November 15

Please contact the Community Relations Unit at 703.838.4520 for more information about these and other programs.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Emergency………………………...…………….. 911

Non Emergency……………………….. 703.838.4444

Non Emergency TDD………………….. 703.838.4896

Crime Solvers…....…………………….. 703.838.4858

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