



Smithfield Police Department

Annual Report

2012

The year 2012 could be named the “year of transition” for the Smithfield Police Department. A number of organizational changes occurred as a result of a change in leadership. On January 1, 2012, Captain Alonzo Howell was named Interim Chief to replace the outgoing chief who had been sworn in as the County’s new sheriff. Upon the departure of the sheriff, so went a significant number of officers that made up core supervision of the Smithfield Police Department. The final tally of departing officers was seven which included five supervisors, including the sheriff. In addition, the Office Manager also departed. Within several weeks, the Smithfield Police Department had been reduced from a full-time complement of twenty-two sworn officers to a department of seventeen. This represented a reduction of almost one quarter of the force.

However, to the credit of the Town Manager, the Interim Chief, and especially the officers and support staff that remained loyal to the Smithfield Police Department, the Agency continued to operate and provide professional law enforcement services to the Town’s citizens. Also, during this time the Agency was making preparations for the transition that was due to occur as vacancies were filled and the new management team was assembled.

In March of 2012, after extensive interviews and vetting, Steven G. Bowman was named Chief of Police. Along with this appointment, (that was unanimously endorsed by the Town Council), promotions were made and vacancies filled. This agency was very fortunate on two fronts; we had very talented individuals remaining in the ranks that were promotable, and, the applicants desiring to join the new team were both numerous and highly qualified. At this writing, the staff is at full complement and stands ready to handle any law enforcement issue that may come its way.

The past year was also a year of successes for the Smithfield Police Department. In March, the Farmer’s Bank was robbed in a very violent manner. Through intense investigation and collaborative teamwork, the Department was able to solve this heinous crime and arrest six individuals. All currently await their final phase of trial. In addition to this major crime, we are very proud of the “day to day” performance of our officers that worked diligently to make Smithfield a safe place to live, work, and raise children.

During 2012, felony arrests were up a staggering 35%. One may not equate a rise in felony arrests with a safe place to live. However, when examined, this number is a direct result of “observed on patrol” arrests in which officers aggressively search for criminal activity afoot. In reality, these arrests, in all likelihood, prevented more serious crimes from occurring while removing criminals from our streets. In addition, misdemeanor arrests fell by four percent (4%). We believe that this number indicates general misconduct violations are falling in number due to police presence on the streets deterring violations.





In the area of traffic enforcement, the number of traffic summons increased 16% while the number of reportable crashes declined by a similar number 15%. Driving under the influence arrests were up nine percent (9%). Studies have shown that where there is an aggressive and visible traffic enforcement presence, lives are saved through a decrease in the number of crashes.

In other areas of enforcement, we observed general declines in other areas of criminal activity. Stolen property reported was down 64%, property damaged by vandalism or other means was down 45% while there was a slight increase in recovered property three percent (3%). All of these successes were accomplished while our general calls for service were up by two percent (2%). The Smithfield Police Department answered 11,864 calls for service in 2012.

The only major crime that remains an active case in which an arrest has not been made is the homicide that occurred in Jersey Park Apartments in December. The Police Department is confident that through continued dedicated investigation of this crime, the perpetrator(s) will be brought to justice.

The Smithfield Police Department remains dedicated to protecting and serving its wonderful citizens through a partnership that involves community policing. At this time, a number of new programs are being either initiated or considered. The hallmark project is the certification of Smithfield as a Certified Crime Prevention Community. This project, when completed, will signal to all that Smithfield is intolerant of criminal activity and will utilize whatever synergistic means enlisting the police and community to ensure we have the safest community possible. In addition, the Smithfield Police Department remains on high alert for any potential problems at the schools and daycare centers within our jurisdiction. We are working closely with the school system and our law enforcement partners to maintain a safe environment where our children go to obtain the best education possible.

In closing, the men and women of the Smithfield Police Department are very proud to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of this great Town. They strive daily to interact with their community in a manner that is both helpful and protective. They will continue working to make the Town of Smithfield a safe and secure place to live, work, and play.

Steven G. Bowman
Chief of Police





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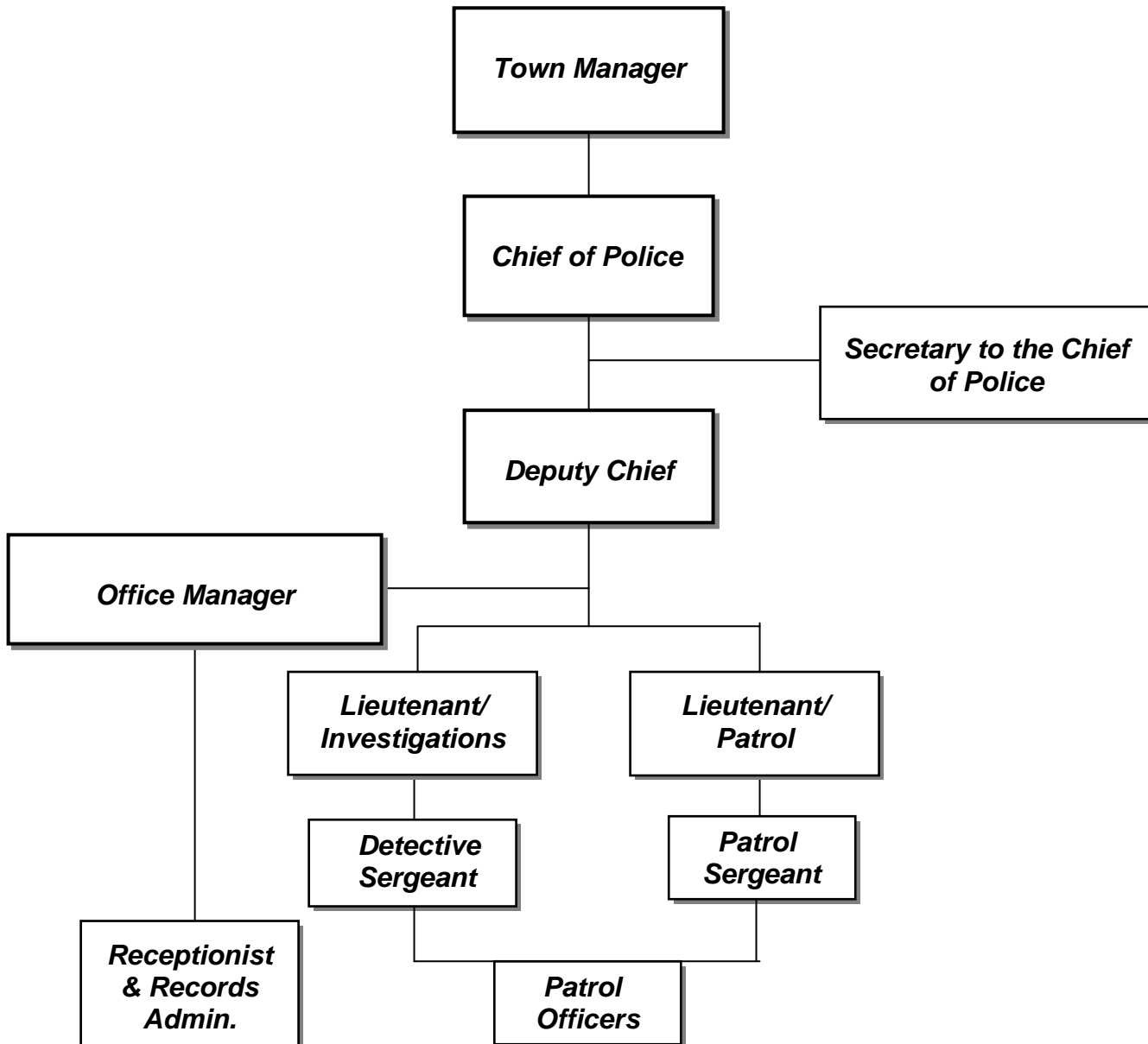
Mission Statement

The mission of this Department is to provide the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Town of Smithfield a dynamic, responsive, professional police department that forms a partnership with the community in order to preserve law and order, achieve mutually beneficial goals and objectives, and provide security and safety services in the most efficient and effective manner.





Organizational Chart





Department Staff



**Chief of Police
Steven G. Bowman**



**Deputy Chief
Alonzo Howell**





Investigative Division



**Lieutenant
Patrick Valdez**



**Detective Sergeant
Christopher Meier**



Patrol Division



**Lieutenant
Matthew Rogers**

Patrol Sergeants



Bryan Miller



Thomas Jones



Patrick Araujo



Donald Brady



Patrol Officers



Clay Seamster



Edmund Cook



David Adams



Joshua Powell



Eric Phillips



Daniel Fordham



Patrol Officers



Ryan Woods



Nicole Anderson



Danelle Wright



Wayne Hill



Samuel Johnson



Joshua Adams



Support Staff



Kristi Jenkins
Office/Accreditation Manager



Annette Crocker
**Secretary to the
Chief of Police**



Lorrie Porter
Records Administration



Lisa Villarreal
Records Administration



Kurt Beach
Crime Prevention



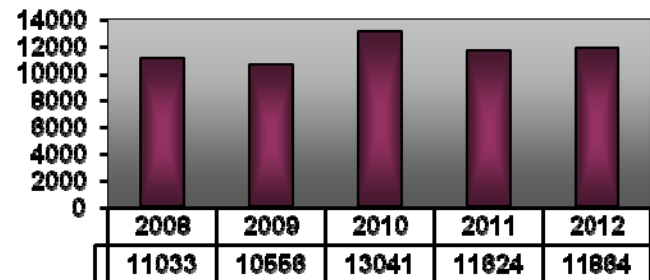


Department Statistics

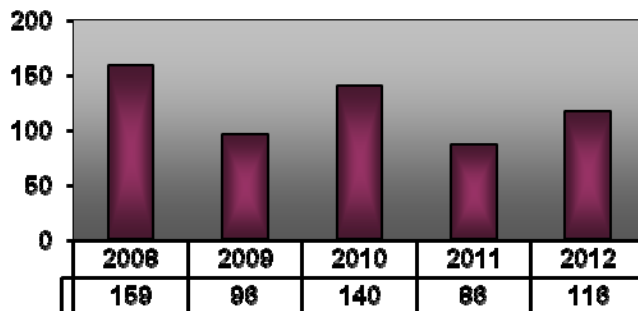
Again our Department saw changes in the police work dynamics in 2012. We show an **increase of 2%** in our calls for service. Felony arrests also **increased by 35%** and Misdemeanor arrests **decreased by 4%**.

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Emergency!!!

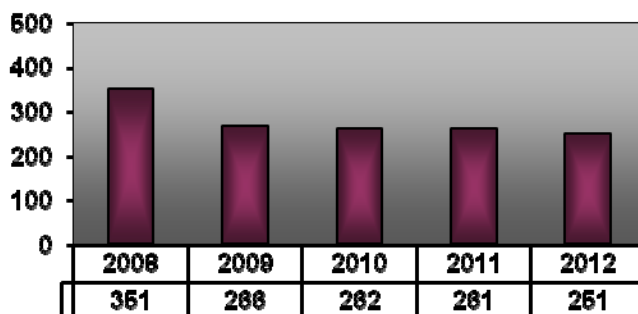
Calls for Police Service



Felony Arrests

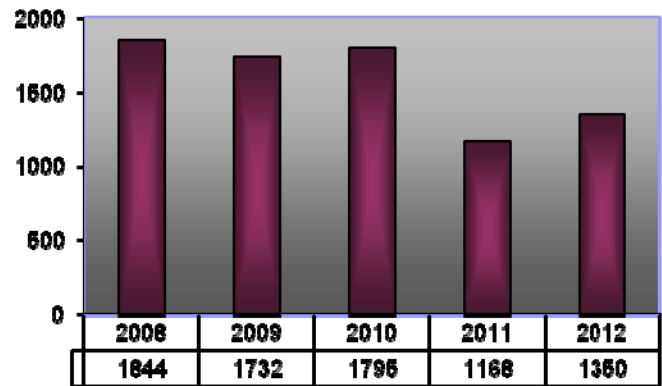


Misdemeanor Arrests

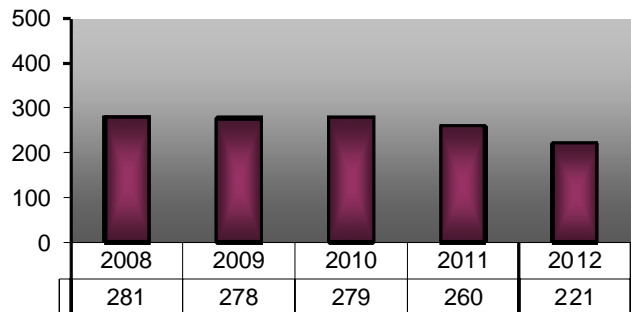




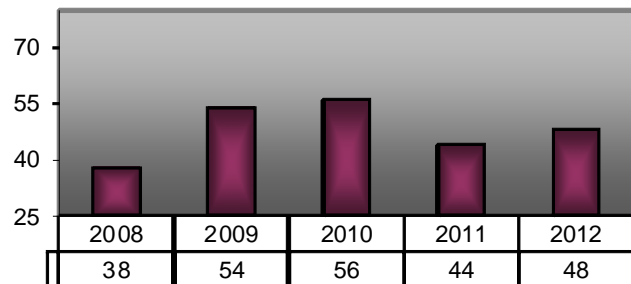
Traffic Summonses Issued



Motor Vehicle Crash Investigations



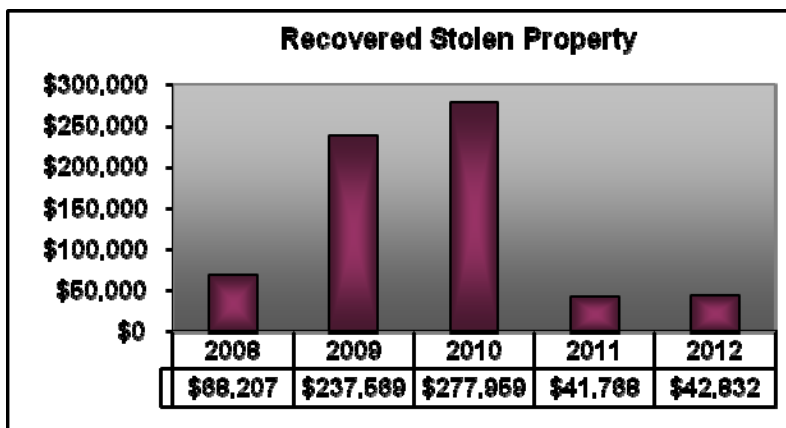
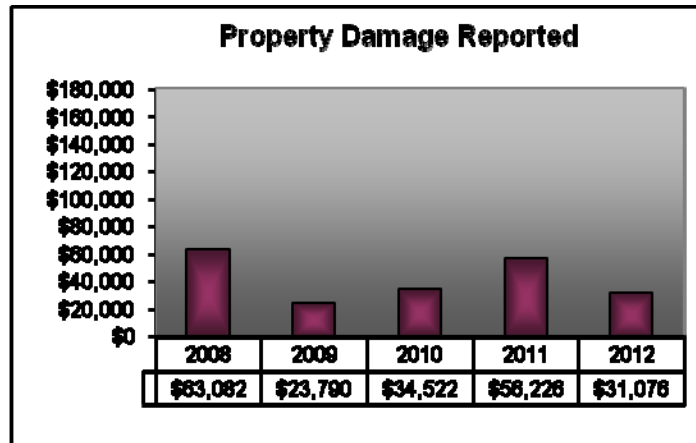
DUI Arrests

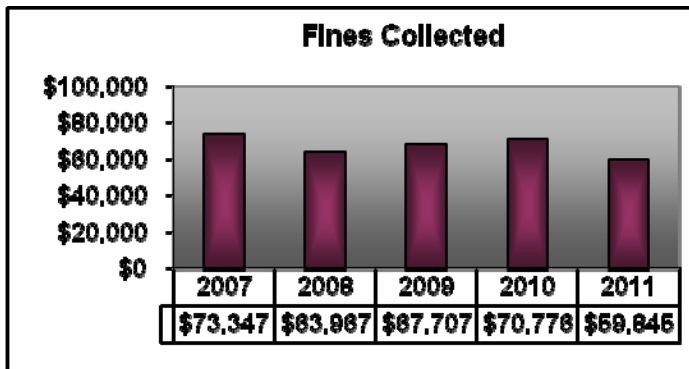




The number of traffic summonses issued **increased by 16%**, and motor vehicle accidents investigated indicated a **decrease of 15%**. DUI arrests **increased by 9%**.

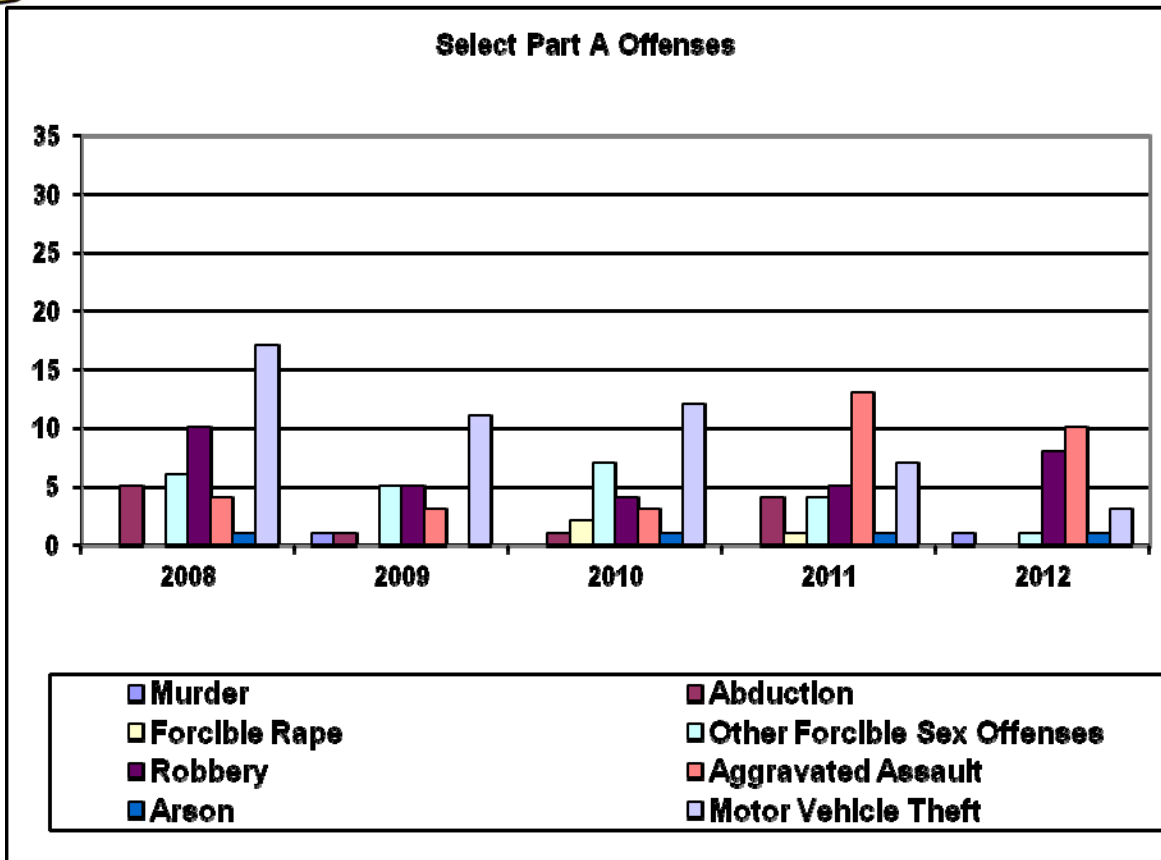
Property Damage Reported **was down by 45%**. Records indicate a **decrease of 64%** in Reported Stolen Property and an **increase of 3%** in Recovered Stolen Property.





Group A Offenses

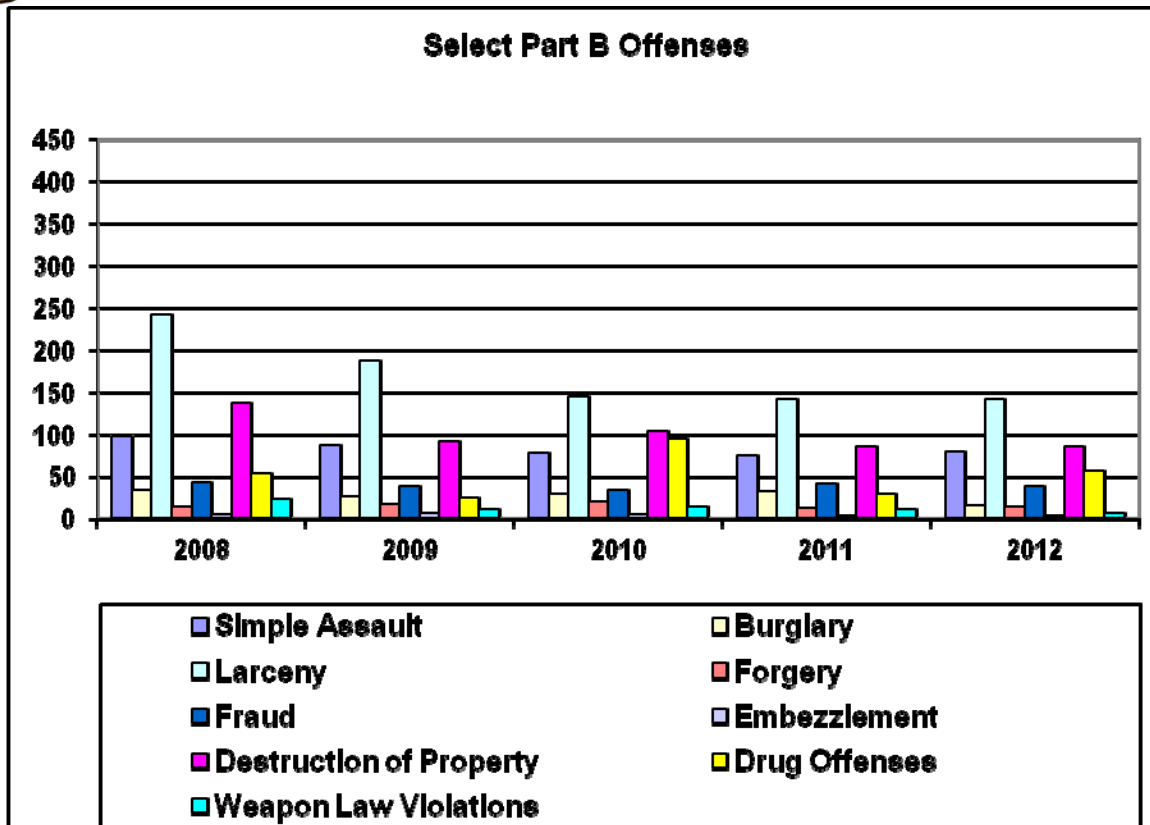
We have included significant criminal offenses that were reported to the Smithfield Police Department during the past year, and used built-in totals since 2008 for comparison. This synopsis is part of our IBR (Incident Based Reporting) report that we provide to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Both Select Part A and Select Part B are referred to as “Group A” offenses. It should be noted however, that these criminal incidents are not inclusive of all offenses reported to police. Offenses such as bad checks, disorderly conduct, DUI, public drunkenness, trespassing, and other misdemeanor offenses are not included in this report. They are referenced in “Group B” offenses and constitute a significant portion of incident reports taken by the Smithfield Police Department.



Select Part A Offenses

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Murder	0	1	0	0	1
Abduction	5	1	1	4	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	2	1	0
Other Forcible Sex Offenses	6	5	7	4	1
Robbery	10	5	4	5	8
Aggravated Assault	4	3	3	13	10
Arson	1	0	1	1	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	11	12	7	3
TOTAL SELECT PART A OFFENSES	43	26	30	35	24





Select Part B Offenses

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Simple Assault	98	87	78	75	79
Burglary	34	26	30	33	15
Larceny	241	187	145	142	142
Forgery	14	18	21	13	14
Fraud	43	39	34	42	39
Embezzlement	5	6	5	3	3
Destruction of Property	137	91	104	86	86
Drug Offenses	53	25	94	29	57
Weapon Law Violations	24	11	14	11	6
TOTAL SELECT PART B OFFENSES	649	490	525	434	441





Translator and Interpreter

The Smithfield Police Department was fortunate that one of its new hires was a former Spanish teacher. Officer Danelle Wright serves as both a translator and interpreter in addition to her patrol duties. As a translator she converts written documents from one language into another. In contrast, as an interpreter she deals with spoken language, listening to, understanding, and memorizing the content in the original or 'source' language and then reproduces statements and questions in a different 'target' language. Officer Wright is available to translate for the Police Department, the Town of Smithfield, the Isle of Wight Sheriff's Office, the Virginia State Police, and any other agency that has a legitimate need of her services. She was called upon numerous times in 2012 by fellow officers who requested her assistance.





Department Highlights

Greater Hampton Roads Regional Crime Line Top Cop Award

The Hampton Roads Crime Line's Board honors police officers and others who have demonstrated a commitment to a safer Hampton Roads community. These award recipients are leaders and role models for both their peers and their community. Nominations for these awards come from law enforcement agencies, civic leaders, key individuals, and hundreds of business leaders throughout the Hampton Roads area. To qualify the nominee must:

- Reside in Hampton Roads
- Exhibit a high level of personal achievement
- Demonstrate exemplary leadership skills
- Have had a positive impact on the Hampton Roads Community

Deputy Chief Alonzo Howell was selected as the 2012 Top Cop for the Smithfield Police Department. His hard work, dedication, and superior management and leadership skills served him well. He fulfilled the duties of Chief of Police when the former Chief of Police travelled on behalf of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. And when the former Chief was elected Sheriff of Isle of Wight County, Deputy Chief Howell served as Interim Chief for several months.



Deputy Chief Howell was formally recognized at the 12th Annual Hampton Roads Crime Lines Dinner and Top Cop Awards in November of 2012. The proceeds from the dinner and silent auction go toward paying the toll-free 1-888-LOCK-U-UP number used by citizens to call in anonymous crime tips that lead to the arrest of criminals. The remaining proceeds are shared among Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Peninsula, and Isle of Wight-Smithfield-Windsor Crime Line/Crime Solvers programs to pay the rewards that help solve crimes.

While many state dignitaries were present, the real heroes of the evening were the law enforcement officers and private citizens and organizations receiving recognition for their contributions to making neighborhoods and businesses a safer place to live and work.



Virginia State Police H.E.A.T. Awards Program

The Virginia State Police, in cooperation and with participation from numerous law enforcement organizations and the Insurance Industry, created the Help Eliminate Auto Theft (H.E.A.T.) program in 1992. Through extensive public information and education activities, as well as investigatory assistance to law enforcement, the program has reached across the citizenry of the Commonwealth. Popular too is the race car, truck, and now the motorcycle that



actively races and is displayed at various functions across the state. The Smithfield Police Department is continually recognized by the H.E.A.T. program for its efforts in enforcement and its public information and educational efforts on the issue of crime and auto theft. The Smithfield Police Department occasionally hosts VIN etching events free to the public. As a part of the H.E.A.T. program, the Virginia State Police annually offer three types of awards: The LEO Award, which recognizes law enforcement officers throughout the state for their special efforts in auto theft reduction in the areas of intelligence, prevention, enforcement, and recoveries. The Operation HEATWAVE Award, which recognizes the state wide efforts of law enforcement agencies in their efforts to increase public awareness of the H.E.A.T. program, familiarize citizens with the toll free telephone number (1-800-947-HEAT), and encourage citizen participation in helping eliminate auto theft in Virginia by calling in tips on auto theft activity. The Operation Summer HEAT Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement for auto theft arrest and vehicle recoveries made during the peak months of auto theft – June, July and August.



MADD Awards



Officer Ryan Woods



Officer David Adams

MADD honors law enforcement officers from across Virginia at eight regional Law Enforcement Awards Ceremonies. Officers are honored for their outstanding work on DUI enforcement and related prevention initiatives, education and training. The awards highlight the lifesaving work of law enforcement officers including Sobriety Checkpoints, Saturation Patrols, specialized DUI enforcement training, prevention efforts of school resource officers and DUI arrests. This year two officer's from the Smithfield Police Department were recognized for DUI arrests: Officer Ryan Woods and Officer David Adams had the most DUI arrests in the department in 2012.

Community Relations

The Smithfield Police Department welcomes every opportunity to provide a positive interaction between the citizenry of Smithfield and our police officers. We continue to actively support and promote the Community Help In Progress (CHIP) program by working in unison with local community leaders to discuss current issues and to provide healthy activities for local children. CHIP has continued to be a huge success and welcomes participation from all interested persons within Smithfield and the Isle of Wight County. Several events were also sponsored that have united our Police Department with the Smithfield community. These activities included:

- 4-H camp in Wakefield, Virginia.
- Bright Beginnings with the YMCA at Target department store, Chesapeake, Virginia.
- Kiwanis fishing trip at the James River Bridge.
- Halloween on Main Street.
- Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa at the Smithfield Center
- Homework Station, Jersey Park Apartments Community Room



Specialized Units

Throughout 2012, the specialized units of the Smithfield Police Department maintained close ties with regional law enforcement entities and participated in several joint-jurisdictional events.

The primary responsibility of the Smithfield Police Department Motor Unit is the reduction of traffic related incidents within the Town through RADAR enforcement. The Motorcycle Unit not only patrolled the streets of Smithfield, it was called upon to participate in presidential escorts, funerals, parades, and festivals throughout Hampton Roads. To qualify for the Unit, officers must pass a rigorous selection process that includes an 80 hour Police Motorcycle Operators Course. Once selected members participate in regional motor training, honing their high speed, low speed, and precision riding skills.

The Marine Patrol Unit augmented the United States Coast Guard (USCG) in assessing damage to local waterways after hurricane Sandy passed through Hampton Roads. The waterway assessment was instrumental in determining when Sector Hampton Roads Port could resume operations. The Unit worked with the Virginia Marine Resource Commission conducting a search for an individual missing in the Windsor Castle Park area, which unfortunately turned into a recovery operation. The Unit assisted the USCG by locating and rendering aid to a boater in distress on the James River, prior to it being towed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Unit enhanced maritime safety and security for the 36th annual Pork, Peanut and Festival held in Surry, patrolling the waters near Chippokes Plantation State Park during the event. The Unit provided security on the Pagan River for the Town of Smithfield's 4th of July fireworks celebration, Olden Days maritime events, and the Smithfield wine and Brew Fest. Two members attended a Tactical Operators Course, designed to enhance the capabilities of students with the knowledge and skills necessary to appropriately react to threats in the maritime community.

The primary mission of the Emergency Response Team is the entry and securing of specified locations as a result of executing an arrest or search warrant in anticipated situations of violence, when a hostage or barricade situation exists, when there exists an unusually dangerous environment, or circumstances exist that would dictate the immediate entry of a location for the protection of life. In 2012, the team executed several warrants and assisted other jurisdictions in other tactical operations.





Training

During 2012 all members of the Smithfield Police Department received required in-service training mandated by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Several members of the department also received specialized training as noted below:

- Police Motorcycle
- Police Boat
- Police Bicycle
- Emergency Response Team
- Gang Identification
- General Instructor School
- Firearms Qualification
- Cultural Diversity
- Taser
- Defensive Tactics Instructor
- Property and Evidence Management
- Anti-Terrorist Intelligence
- Incident Based Reporting
- Virginia Law Update
- LIVESCAN
- VCIN Level "B"
- First Line Supervisor
- Radar Operator
- Intoximeter EC/IR II
- VA Victim Assistance Academy
- VA Victim Rights Conference
- Known Sex Offender Training
- Communicable Disease
- Tactical Boat Operator Course
- General Instructor
- VA Victim Assistance Academy
- VA Victim Rights Conference
- VA Child Labor Laws
- Mobile Command Post
- Basic SWAT School
- Terrorism Awareness
- Ritual Crime & Occult Training
- DUI Summit
- Highway Safety Workshop
- Nuclear Emergency Preparedness
- RMS





Grants

The Smithfield Police Department eagerly researches grant opportunities and applies for law enforcement assistance grants. Grants can be obtained from many different agencies for a wide variety of equipment. In the 2012 grant process the following actions occurred:

- Grants awarded
 - U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant valued at \$2,400 for the acquisition of four ballistic vests for department personnel.



Highway Safety Grants

In 2012 Smithfield Police continued its commitment to improving highway safety. The department received grant funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the amount of \$7,014. The funding provides overtime pay for participation in the national Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign which targets impaired drivers and the Click It or Ticket campaign which focuses on occupant protection and seatbelt usage.





Grants



In 2011 the Smithfield Police Department applied for a Department of Homeland Security Port Security Grant valued at \$200,000 for the acquisition of a multi-purpose command vehicle. The grant was approved and in 2012 the Department received the vehicle, designating it Mobile Command Center 1, or MCC1.

MCC1 is regional public safety asset that enhances multi-jurisdictional interoperability. It can be utilized for Command and Control before, during and after man-made and natural catastrophic events. It can also be deployed for large scale events such as Olden Days or Fourth of July fireworks display. It is a state of the art vehicle that provides synergy for wireless and data technology between multiple jurisdictions. Its small size also allows for greater mobility.