

# **Radford City Police Department**



## **2012 Annual Report**

**Don Goodman, Chief of Police**



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## Letter from Chief Don Goodman

To Mayor Brown and City Council Members:

On behalf of the Radford City Police Department, I am pleased to provide you with a copy of our **2012 Annual Report**. This report provides statistical information on the activities of the Department and highlights some of our accomplishments. What it can't catalog is the productive and professional relationship we enjoy as a part of the City's public safety team. We are grateful and proud to serve the City.

We have experienced a challenging year highlighted by staffing shortages and challenging public safety and police issues. Even with these demands, we continue to move forward as an agency. Our level of service and commitment to public safety and the community remain strong as evidenced by our growing Citizen's Police Academy, participation in the City/University Commission, the greater RU Alcohol Task Force, and the Radford Youth/Adult Partnership.

The first full year in the new Public Safety Building has brought an increase in cooperation with neighboring agencies. Our crime lab and other technological advances are the envy of the region and allow our neighbors access to crime fighting tools that in the past was only held at the Department of Forensic Science laboratories.

It is an exciting time to serve the city as a member of the Radford City Police Department. I am proud of our accomplishments. However, it is the day to day problem solving and innovation by dedicated employees that brings me the most satisfaction. Employees and officers go above and beyond daily to provide exceptional service to the City. They continue to earn my respect as their Chief and as a City resident. Each and every one of them demonstrates our core values of Service, Courage, Order, and Pride daily.

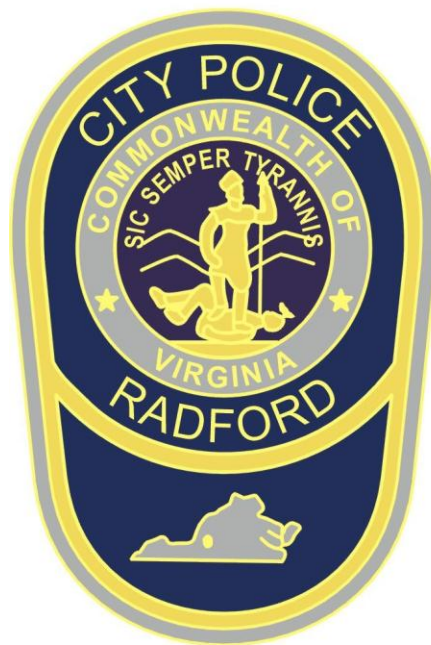
We invite you to review the pages of this report to share in our success.

Sincerely,

Don Goodman  
Chief of Police

## **Mission Statement**

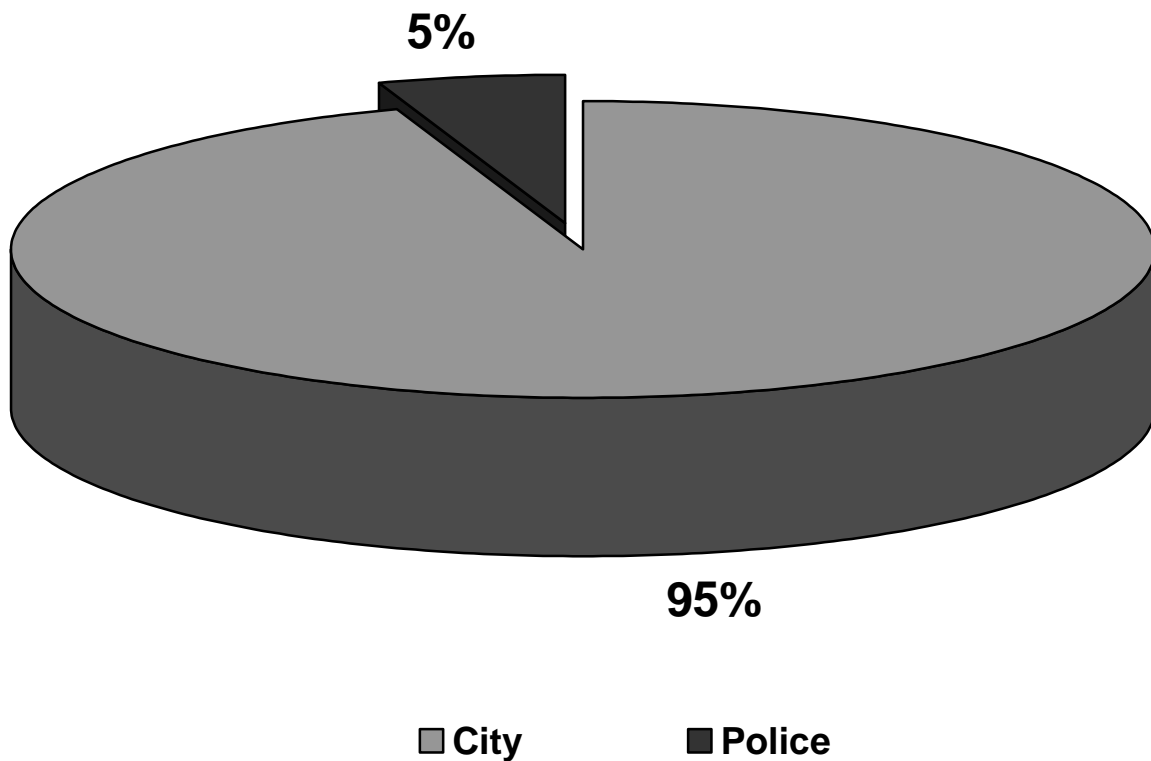
**THE RADFORD CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL STRIVE TO ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE BY PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE TO OUR CITIZENS, BUSINESSES, AND VISITORS THROUGH A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY WITH OUR COMMUNITY. WE WILL SERVE DAILY WITH COURAGE, ORDER AND PRIDE.**



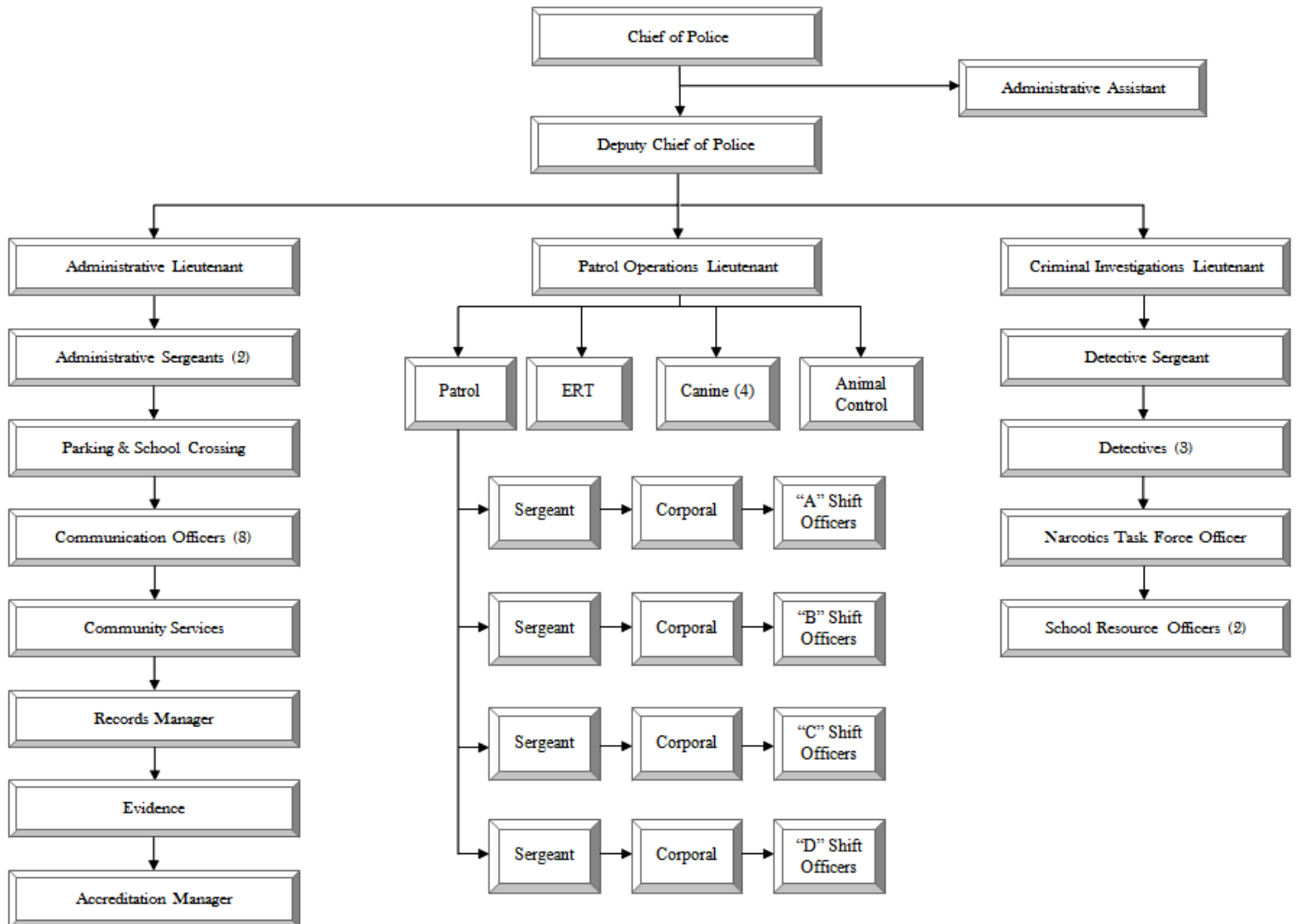
## Comparison Of City Budget Versus Police Budget

Police Operations  
2011-2012 FY Budget  
\$3,379,658.00

City of Radford's  
2011-2012 FY Total Budget  
\$60,188,672.00

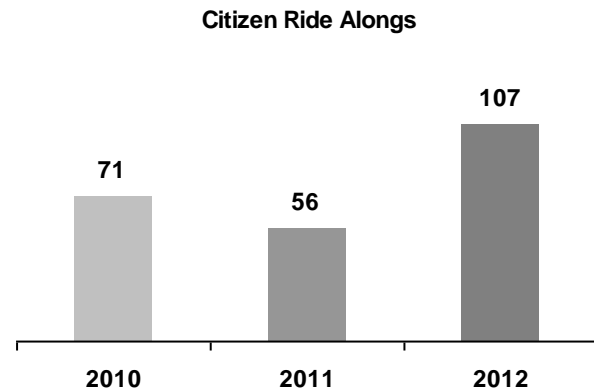


# Organizational Flow Chart



# Citizen Involvement

The Radford City Police Department offers a Citizen Ride-Along Program. The program allows citizens to ride with and observe police officers while they are performing their duties. Those participating in the Ride Along Program during 2012 were: potential department employees, Radford University and New River Community College students, local merchants, fellow law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions, employee family members, Citizens' Police Academy participants, and interested citizens. Not counted in the totals above are the ride alongs done by the Police Department chaplains. Above is a comparison of citizen participation in this program for the last three years.



The Radford City Police Department held its Fourth Annual Citizen's Academy in 2012. The objects of the academy are as follows:

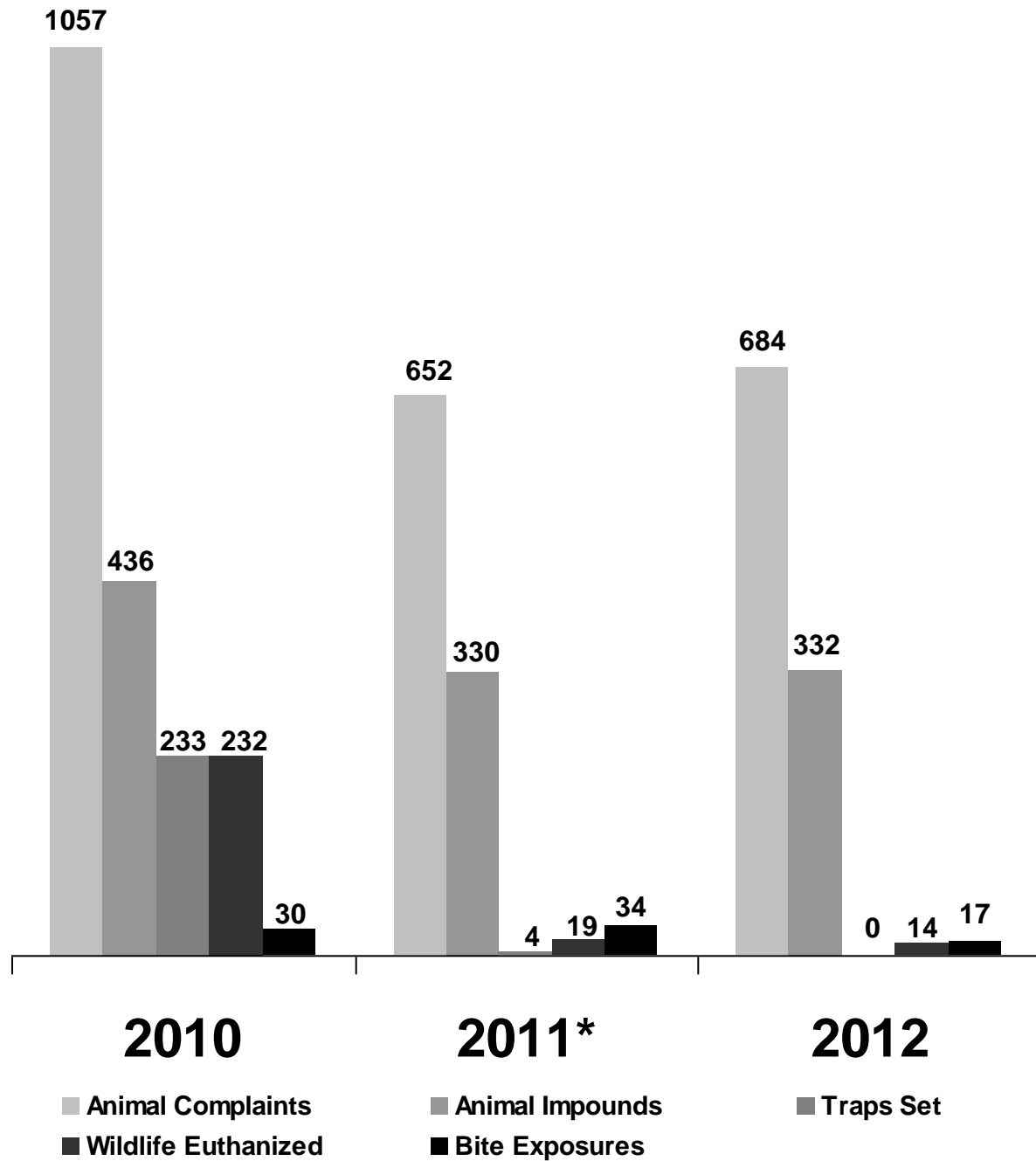
- To familiarize the citizens of Radford with the organization and function of the Radford Department of Police.
- To give the citizens a better understanding of the parameters in which an officer functions and why officers handle situations as they do.
- To develop citizen awareness and understanding of the role of law enforcement.
- To promote a positive image and base of support among members of the Radford community.
- To develop a nucleus of well-informed citizens who can be a resource for the community in promoting understanding between the community and the Police Department

We are honored to have as the graduates of the Fourth Annual Citizen's Academy the following outstanding citizens of the City of Radford:

- |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| ❖ Melissa Almond  | ❖ Robert Almond       |
| ❖ Mary Augst      | ❖ Don Cunningham      |
| ❖ Jaime Duval     | ❖ John Giesen         |
| ❖ Lerone Graham   | ❖ Susan Kelly         |
| ❖ Karen Kiley     | ❖ Kari Myers          |
| ❖ Joshua Oakley   | ❖ Jamie Olsen         |
| ❖ Richard Olsen   | ❖ Melissa Skelton     |
| ❖ Danielle Tresco | ❖ Christopher Webster |



## Animal Control



\*During 2011, the task of setting animal traps and euthanizing wildlife ceased to be a responsibility of Radford City Animal Control

## **Animal Control (continued)**

The Radford Animal Control shelter has made further improvements in 2012 to improve the facility which has improved care standards for the animals housed here. The use of Facebook and other social networks has increased community involvement, awareness, and led to more adoptions in the year 2012.

Radford Animal Control has also strived to improve relations with other organizations to provide services to the community and donations to the shelter. These services include a pet food pantry. Food is regularly donated to us from Feed America and citizens of the community. As a result of these generous donations we have been able to assist many families with feeding their pets that would have otherwise been surrendered to the shelter. We have also assisted other organizations with donations of cat and dog food. Approximately 20,000 lbs of pet food has been given to citizens and other needy organizations in 2012.

West End Animal Clinic and The Radford Humane Society continue to assist with low cost spay/neuter and vaccinations for any pet adopted from Radford Animal Shelter. They have also assisted many citizens with low cost surgeries, treatments and other animal related services. Low cost services for other animals are provided by Mountain View Humane Society in Christiansburg who provided spaying/neutering for 27 shelter animals in 2012 at no cost to the City or adopter. Radford animal shelter hosted several low cost Rabies vaccination clinics with the assistance of West End Animal Clinic, Riverside Veterinary Clinic, and Janet Jones of Radford Treasurer's Office.

Radford Animal Shelter ran the Giving Tree program at Christmas for the second year. We received donations of food, toys, collars/leashes, cat litter and other animal related items from businesses and citizens. The program was a great success and will hopefully be an annual event at Radford Animal Shelter.

Girl Scout Troop 1075 along with Cathy Calfee completed their bronze award via volunteer work for Radford Animal Shelter. They renovated the kitchen storage area by painting the walls and floor, providing storage containers, and helping organize supplies. They raised funds for the project by bake sales and other Girl Scout activities. In addition, they also made cat toys and spent an afternoon enriching the cats accommodation.

Radford Rotary Noon club kindly donated us paint for walls and floors in the kennels and repairs to improve the kennels are scheduled.

## Animal Control (continued)

A new program to assist dog owners to bring outdoor dogs indoors has begun, the program offers assistance and training along with a crate loan or donation, crates are donated by citizens. A dog crate indoors can assist with the canine being left unattended and not cause damage and also assists with potty training the canine. These are the two(2) main reasons that dogs are normally left outdoors. The program is in its infancy but we have high hopes for its success.

Other services provided to Radford citizens include free straw for outdoor pets, as well as education to better the care of pets in Radford. We have also assisted with euthanasia to families with low income in cases where the animal has been proven dangerous or is sick and suffering. A free Dog Training Class has also been implemented to assist dog owners with better control and a more rewarding relationship with their dogs. Radford Animal Control promotes a friendly community approach which is being reciprocated by Radford citizens. As a result of these relationships and services, our adoption rate and animal transfer to other agencies continues to increase dramatically.

Radford Animal Control continues to build relationships with community organizations and schools and will on request provide a tour of the facility or a talk at your school or organization. The shelter which is maintained by a full time Animal Control Officer, a part-time Kennel Assistant and a volunteer force (mainly RU students), had an exciting and productive 2012.



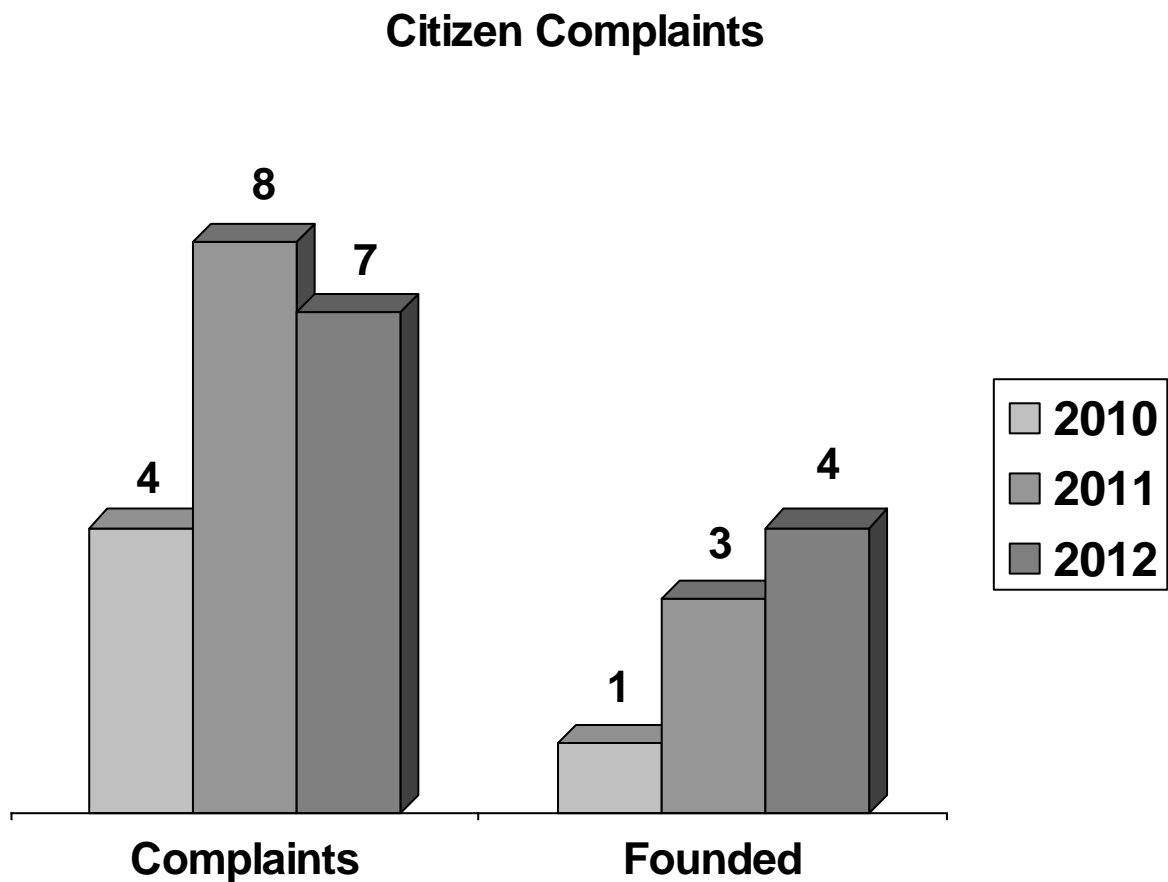
Girl Scout Group 1075



Christmas Giving Tree 2012

## Citizen Complaints & Compliments

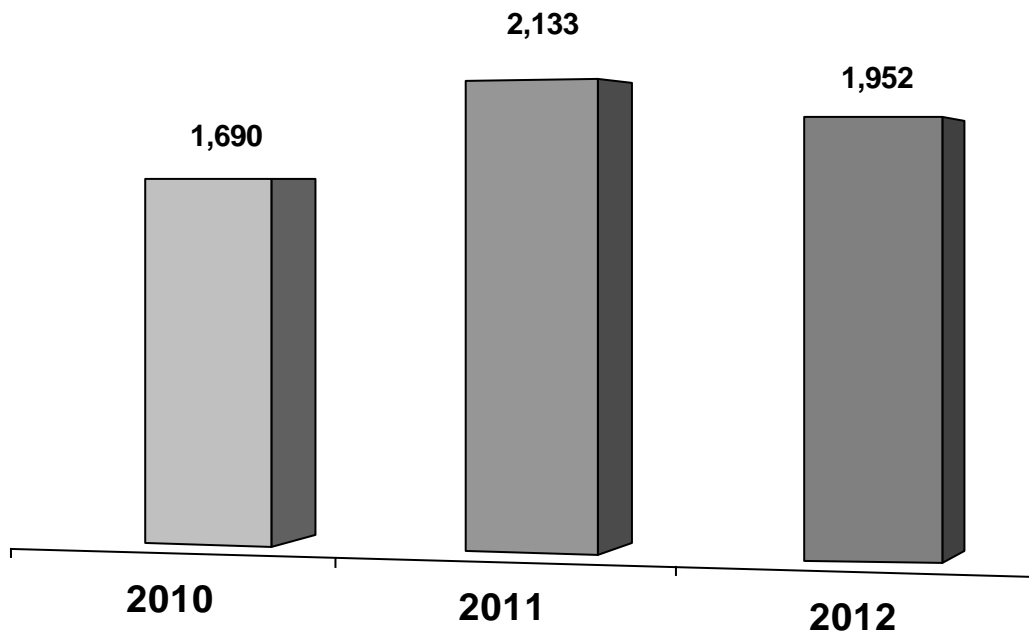
During the year 2012 the Department investigated seven (7) citizen complaints of misconduct by police officers. Of those seven (7) complaints, four (4) were founded. The founded incidents were corrected through appropriate disciplinary action. In addition to complaints, the Department welcomes compliments in written form for Police employees. In 2012, we received six (6) written compliments.



## Parking Enforcement

Since 2010, the duties of parking enforcement are assigned to the Patrol Division and are shared by the patrol shifts. Patrol Officers have been effective in their enforcement of parking regulations and in the resolution of parking complaints.

### Parking Tickets Issued



## Emergency Response Team

The Radford Police Department formed an Emergency Response Team in 2008 after identifying a need to be better able to respond to critical incidents, multi-jurisdictional events, and an increase in “high risk” warrant service. Five years later, the Team’s membership remains intact as originally selected – which is nearly unheard of in law enforcement. This speaks highly of the Team Members’ dedication to the SWAT element and taking on additional duties and training to support the Department.

The Team continues to utilize Storm Mountain Training Center Inc. and the National Tactical Officers Association as its SWAT training provider. The Team now trains a minimum of two days per month and has been able to continue to train with other tactical units in the New River Valley. Radford ERT continues to utilize Boy Scout Camp Powhatan as its “SWAT Home.”



During 2012, outside of training operations, ERT has been utilized in numerous missions that include high risk narcotics search warrants, unknown risk arrest and search warrants for the Criminal Investigations Bureau, and fugitive apprehension (both in the City and regionally). In addition, Radford ERT has for the fourth year in a row assisted Virginia Tech Police at all home football games by providing sniper/observer elements and anti-terrorism patrols. The Team continues to assist patrol officers (ERT’s *primary* mission) by providing personnel for reconnaissance and surveillance operations. The Team was utilized by a State Police/FBI Task Force during an undercover investigation of a “cold case.”

The Team has plans in 2013 to continue their rigorous training regimen. A continuing goal is to return the efforts made by the Boy Scouts on the Team’s behalf. A volunteer spring work day of service is being planned. ERT will assist in the Pulaski County Kids’ Fishing Day at Camp Powhatan. Construction on the joint BSA/RPD project Creekside Pistol Range at camp continues and is nearly complete. Restarting the “regional” training and operations effort is an additional goal and plans are in place to facilitate this project. Research for grant funding continues to upgrade equipment, vehicles, and operational capability.

ERT continues to have a large impact in assisting patrol officers by providing an additional level of response and safety for citizens. The team members continue to strive for new levels of operational capability.

## Criminal Investigations Bureau

During 2012, the Criminal Investigations Bureau has worked a variety of cases and saw an increase in serious crimes over last year. Each detective is trained to process evidence collected at a crime scene using the lab equipment. By processing our own evidence we are able to determine if potential evidence at a crime scene contains suspect fingerprints or other identifying information. We are able to return property quicker to the rightful owner and submit the evidence digitally to the state lab for comparison versus having to send bulky items all the way to Roanoke and wait extended periods of time to see if the items even have identifying evidence on it.



## **Criminal Investigations Bureau (continued)**

Our first hit using evidence processed in our lab was a Burglary of a 92 year old widow. Results were back approximately two months after being submitted to the lab, far quicker than the normal 7 – 8 months that the lab normally takes when evidence is submitted. As a result of the lab analysis the subject confessed to the crime and was found guilty.

The lab has also been used by other agencies to process evidence and has been a teaching aid to classes at Radford University. Students are able to learn by hands on processing in real life scenarios which benefit them in their studies. This relationship between our agency the university community has grown over the past couple of years.

In 2011 Sergeant Caldwell went to Hoover, Alabama for two weeks and was trained on cell phone forensics and evidence recovery by the Secret Service. In 2012, he analyzed 74 cell phones for our department as well as other agencies from Wytheville to Roanoke. Cases range from homicides, internet crimes against children to burglaries and drug cases.

Detectives attended a wide variety of training during the year. Each detective has been trained in evidence collection, interview and interrogation and other specialized courses.

Detective Martin completed meth lab certification training sponsored by the DEA during the past year. They provided equipment needed to respond to meth lab clean up. He has responded to approximately 20 meth labs with the Claytor Lake Regional Drug Task Force since the training.

On June 30, 2012 officers and detectives responded to 200 Jefferies Drive in reference to a shooting. Officers found Travis Lincoln Smith, age 25 bleeding from a single gunshot wound to the chest. He was pronounced dead on the scene by EMS personnel.

We charged victims brother Samuel Christopher Smith, age 21 of Hiwassee with second degree murder. Samuel was playing with a handgun after snorting drugs; he pointed the weapon at Travis and pulled the trigger. He was pronounced dead on scene.

The Commonwealth consulted the victim's family (also defendants) and made a plea offer in accord with their wishes. The charge was reduced to involuntary manslaughter and a guilty plea was accepted on February 15, 2013 in Radford City Circuit Court.



## **Criminal Investigations Bureau (continued)**

During Thanksgiving and Christmas break for Radford University, we provided nighttime burglary and arson watch utilizing detectives and patrol officers in unmarked vehicles. A high expectation of burglary calls and an active arsonist prompted the need for the extra patrol. This year we had very few burglaries reported when the students returned to Radford than in the past.

Even though only one homicide (Smith) was investigated this year, and an arrest was made shortly after the incident, a total of 20 deaths were reported, many of which CIB personnel actively investigated. This is a significant increase over the previous year.

The chart below shows a breakdown of the cases CIB worked by type of offense.

**Type and Number of Cases Worked by Criminal Investigations for 2012**

Arson	<b>2</b>	Motor Vehicle Theft	<b>12</b>	Runaway Juvenile	<b>4</b>
Assault -Aggravated	<b>19</b>	Murder	<b>1</b>	Vandalism	<b>115</b>
Assault - Sexual	<b>26</b>	Other Offenses	<b>43</b>	Weapons Offense	<b>5</b>
Assault - Simple	<b>41</b>	Larceny	<b>191</b>	Death	<b>20</b>
Burglary	<b>79</b>	Robbery	<b>9</b>	Fraud	<b>62</b>
Kidnapping	<b>0</b>				

## Claytor Lake Regional Task Force

The Radford City Police Department is a member of the Claytor Lake Regional Drug Task Force. A cooperative venture between the Virginia State Police, the Town of Dublin Police Department, the Town of Pulaski Police Department, Pulaski County Sheriff's Office, Wytheville Sheriff's Office, and the Radford City Police Department. Officers assigned to this task force have been successful in removing some of our more dangerous criminals from the street. The following pages outline their successes over the past year.

Controlled Substance	Total Weight of Substances Purchased and/or Seized In All Areas	Total Weight of Substances Purchased and/or Seized In City of Radford
Marijuana	9,724 grams	6,952 grams
Marijuana plants	12	6
Powder Cocaine	9 grams	1 gram
Crack Cocaine	97.5 grams	0.5 grams
Heroin	4.4 grams	-
Methamphetamine	56 grams	2.5 grams
Oxycontin	-	-
Lortab		
Xanax		
Methadone		
Morphine		
Suboxone		
Oxycodone		
Schedule II Narcotics	514 dose units	4 dose units
Schedule III Narcotics	135.5 dose units	-
Schedule IV Narcotics	7771 dose units	-
Other Narcotics/MDMA	106.5 grams	187 grams
Hallucinogens	85 grams	85 grams
Methamphetamine Labs	25	1

## Claytor Lake Regional Task Force (continued)

The following table illustrates other statistics relative to the work of the task force as a whole:

	2010	2011	2012
Total amount of money seized by the Task Force	\$27,552	\$29,156	\$34,106
Total street value of seized illegal or controlled substances	\$1,483,100	\$813,384	\$312,550
Total number of weapons seized by the Task Force	67	48	5
Vehicles seized involved in the sale of illegal or controlled substances	3	4	7
Total number of cases initiated by the Task Force	266	293	220
Total number of search warrants executed	75	55	73

The following table illustrates other statistics relative to the work of the task force in the City of Radford:

Total number of guns seized by the Police Department	0
Total number of cases initiated by the Narcotics Unit	35
Total Charges pending or placed	70
Total number of search warrants executed	11

In 2012, the Radford City Police Department, along with the Claytor Lake Regional Drug Task Force, experienced an increase in large marijuana seizures compared with past years. The increase in the number of seizures can be contributed to the distributors/consumers attempting to have marijuana sent through the Postal Service, UPS and Fed Ex. Upon learning of these tactics, interdiction was conducted of these packages at the parcel facilities by the use of our K-9 units in the city before they were able to be delivered.

In early February, a Fed Ex package was intercepted containing 1.5 pounds of marijuana. A controlled delivery was executed with a subject taking control of the package and taken into custody. In a subsequent search of the suspect's vehicle \$9447.00 was recovered along with the marijuana.

In April of 2012 a large distributor of Marijuana was put out of business in which (2) vehicles were seized along with 8 pounds of marijuana and \$3400.00 in cash. Several other operations were conducted that led to the seizure of another vehicle leading to a search warrant in Floyd County with 5 pounds of marijuana, 200 marijuana plants and \$10,000.00 in cash.

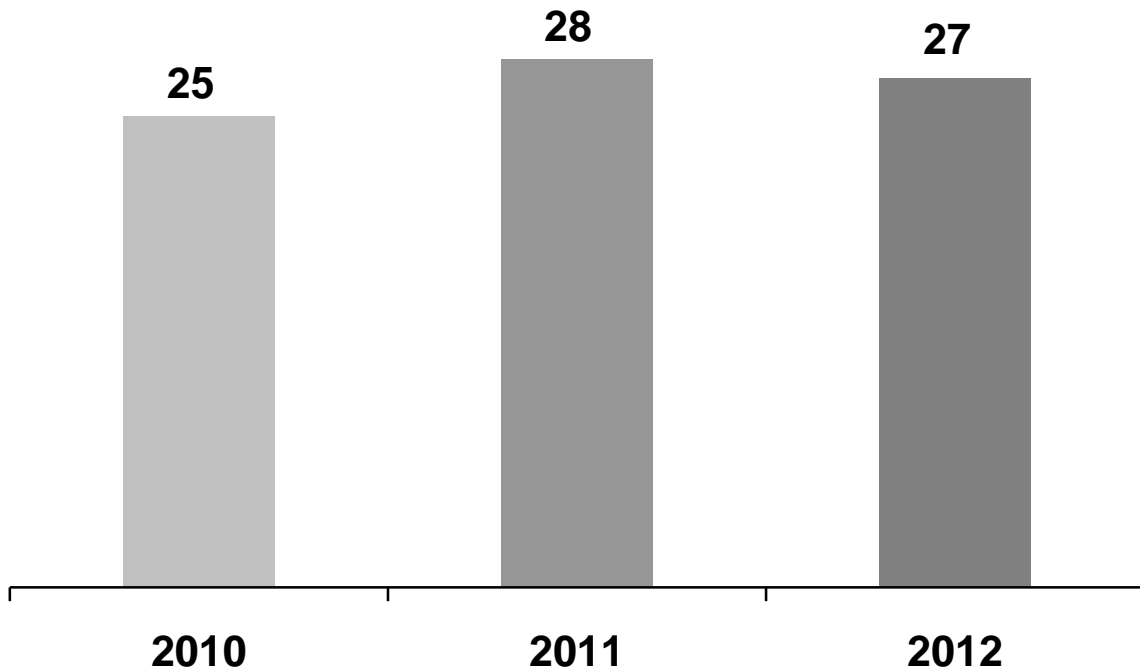
## Claytor Lake Regional Task Force (continued)

A Total of (3) vehicle was seized along with \$34,106.00 total cash seizure by the task force with \$21,329.00 seized in the City of Radford.  
See Photos below for reference.



## School Resource Officer

### Major Crimes in the Schools



The City of Radford is fortunate to have 2 School Resource Officers in our school system which enables these resources to be available to all four schools in the city. Our School Resource Officers provide safety and security in the schools by controlling disruptive students, meeting and educating parents and guardians, and offering guidance in regards to truancy and children in need of services. They provide instruction in various subjects and specializations and are responsible for the investigation of crimes that occur in all four of the schools in the district. One School Resource Officer spends most of his time at Radford High School, while the second School Resource Officer splits his time between Dalton Intermediate, Belle Heth Elementary and McHarg Elementary.



## K-9 Officer

In 2012, The Radford City Police Department continued the services provided by its K-9 Unit. The Unit responded to numerous regional requests from other jurisdictions for tracking, explosives detection, and narcotics detection. In addition to aiding surrounding jurisdictions, the Unit is utilized by The Radford City Police Department on a regular basis for the detection of narcotics and explosives, and additionally used for tracking and apprehension. The K-9 Unit has made multiple seizures of narcotics and performed many explosive sweeps. The Unit hosted the 2012 Fall Workshop for the Virginia Police Workdog Association. There were 50 dog teams from across the United States that attended the week-long event.

The Unit consists of:

- Ruckus, a Belgian Malinois, certified in tracking, obedience, apprehension, and narcotics detection; handled by Officer Rob Stultz
- Ares, a German shepherd certified in tracking, apprehension, and narcotics detection; handled by SPO John Crowder
- Robbie, a Belgian Malinois certified in explosive detection and apprehension; handled by SPO Mike Jenkins. Robbie was donated by the U.S. Navy to Radford Police Department in 2011.

As a whole, the K-9 Unit received over 1,600 hours of training in 2012.



**K-9 ROBBIE**



## Group “A” Offenses

The following pages outline the Group “A” offenses for 2012 as compared to that of 2011. Group “A” offenses are considered major crimes and are reported to the State as Uniform Crime Reporting Offenses.

	2011	2012	% change
HOMICIDE	2	1	-100%
KIDNAPPING	5	3	--40%
FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES			
Rape	9	11	22%
Forcible Sodomy	4	2	-50%
Sexual Assault w/ object	-	4	N/C*
Forcible Fondling	9	13	44%
Total Forcible Sex Offenses	22	30	36%
ROBBERY	8	10	25%
ASSAULTS			
Aggravated Assaults	30	48	60%
Simple Assaults	261	224	-14%
Intimidation	6	15	150%
Total Assaults	297	287	-3%
ARSON	4	2	-50%
EXTORTION	-	-	-
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERING	96	106	10%
LARCENIES			
Pocket Picking	-	-	-
Purse Snatching	-	-	-
Shoplifting	81	51	-37%
Theft from a building	9	15	67%
Theft from a coin operated machine	14	10	-29%
Theft from a motor vehicle	58	57	-2%
Theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories	19	23	21%
All other larcenies	196	196	-
Total Larcenies	377	352	-7%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	19	23	21%

\*The percentage is not calculable due to division by 0

## Group “A” Offenses (continued)

	2011	2012	% change
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	37	62	68%
FRAUD			
False pretenses / Swindle / Confidence			
Game	72	86	19%
Credit Card / ATM Fraud	58	23	-60%
Impersonation	22	21	-5%
Welfare Fraud	-	-	-
Wire Fraud	-	-	-
Total Fraud	152	130	-14%
EMBEZZLEMENT	5	3	-40%
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	9	6	-33%
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALISM	292	294	1%
NARCOTICS OFFENSES			
Drug / Narcotic Offenses	213	245	15%
Drug Equipment Violations	109	133	22%
Total Narcotic Violations	322	378	17%
NON-FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES			
Incest	-	-	-
Statutory Rape	-	-	-
Total Non-Forcible sex offenses	-	-	-
PORNOGRAPHY / OBSCENE MATERIALS	4	3	-25%
GAMBLING OFFENSES			
Betting / Wagering	-	-	-
Operating / Promoting / Assisting Gambling	-	-	-
Gambling Equipment Offenses	-	-	-
Sports Tampering	-	-	-
Total Gambling Offenses	-	-	-
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES			
Prostitution	-	-	-
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	-	-	-
Total Prostitution Offenses	-	-	-
BRIBERY	-	-	-
WEAPONS LAW VIOLATIONS	29	22	-24%
GRAND TOTALS	1680	1712	2%



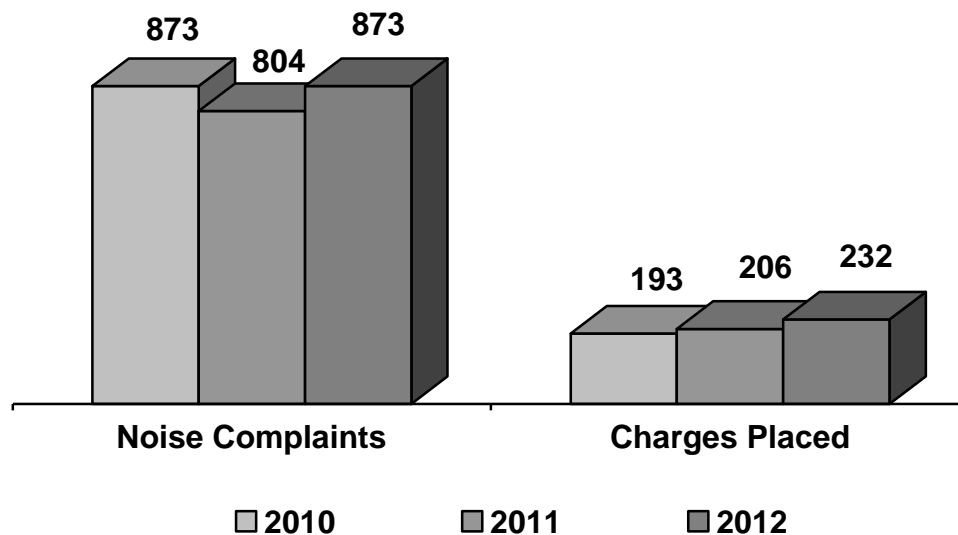
## Group “B” Offenses

We will now examine Group “B” offenses. These are crimes that are not “major” in nature, but are serious offenses that require as much manpower and attention as Group “A” offenses. These are reportable to the state only when an arrest is made. This list will not include Driving Under the Influence reports or Alcohol Violation reports, as these will be discussed in depth further in the Annual Report.

	2011	2012	% change
Bad Checks	8	10	25%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violation	-	2	N/C*
Disorderly Conduct	24	21	-13%
Family Offenses, Non-Violent	55	63	15%
Peeping Tom	2	2	-
Runaway	18	18	-
Trespassing	22	19	-14%
Conspiracy to Commit a Group “A” offense	15	20	33%
Conspiracy to Commit a Group “B” offense	-	-	-
All Other Reportable Offenses	355	441	24%
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>19%</b>

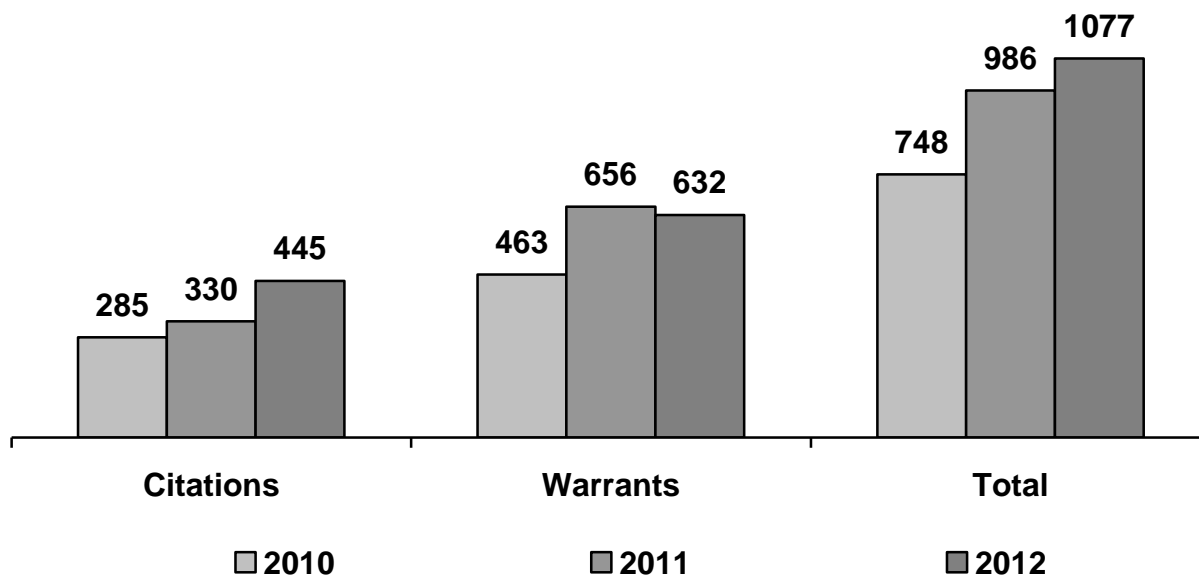
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## Noise Violations



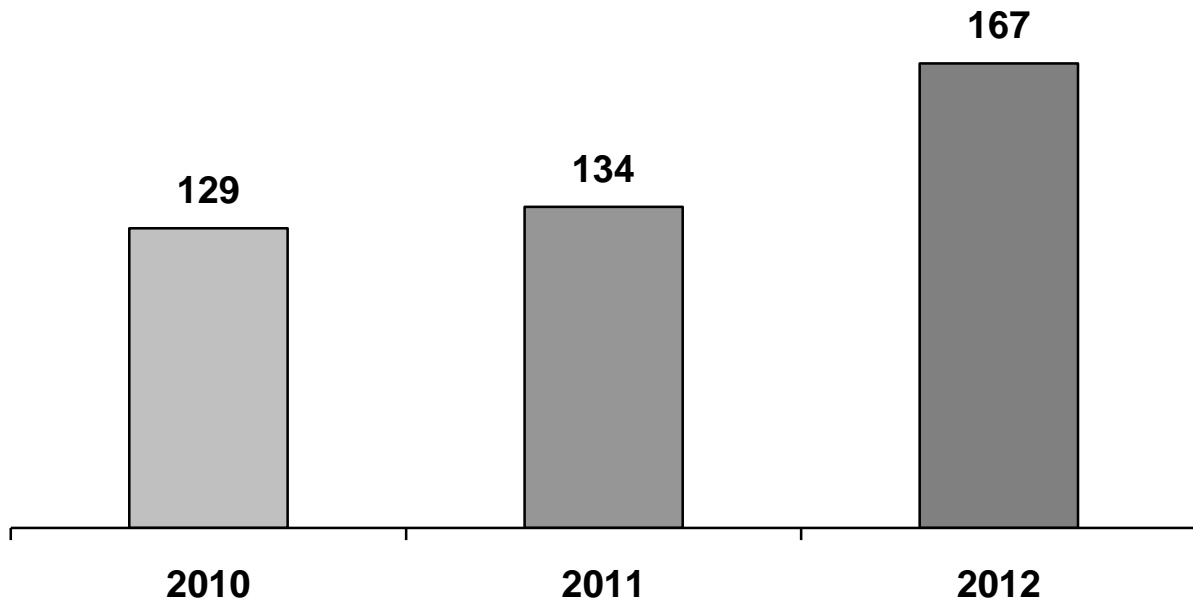
This chart illustrates the difference in the number of noise complaints versus charges placed in 2010, 2011, and 2012. Though a Noise Violation may seem to be a minor offense, it often leads to the discovery of more serious crimes such as drug and alcohol violations.

## Alcohol Violations



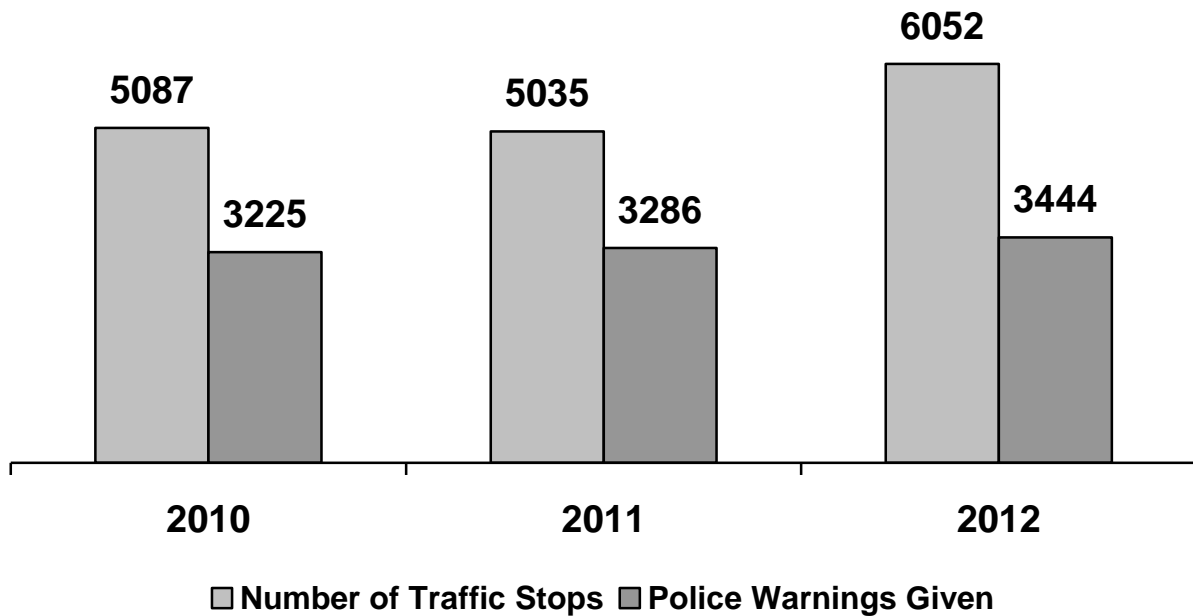
Radford City Police Department has a strict policy on lowering alcohol violations in the City. Studies have shown that alcohol is one of the major contributing factors to other crime, such as assaults, rapes, larcenies, and vandalisms.

## DUI Arrests



This chart shows the level of consistency in the enforcement efforts of the Radford Department of Police to get drunk drivers off the streets and in jail.

## Traffic Stops

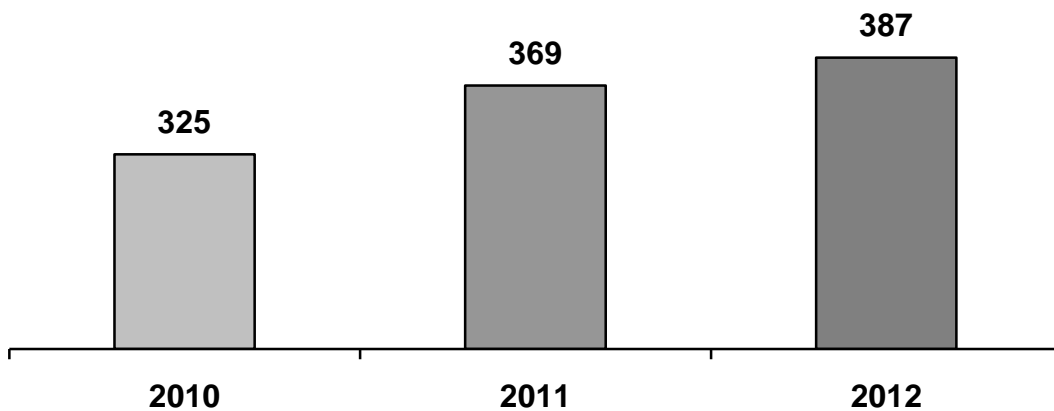


## Traffic Violations (Resulting in Charges)



## Vehicle Crashes

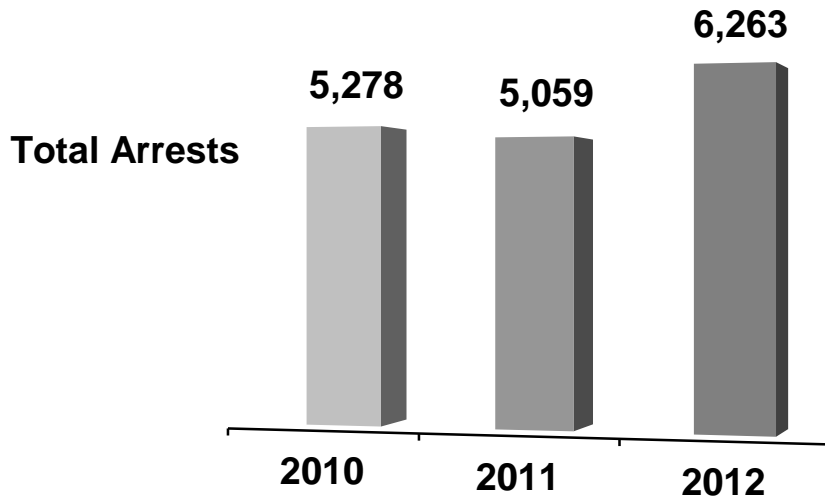
### Total Number of Accidents



There appears to be a steady increase in number of vehicle crashes in the City of Radford. This could be a direct result of the increase in traffic within the city.

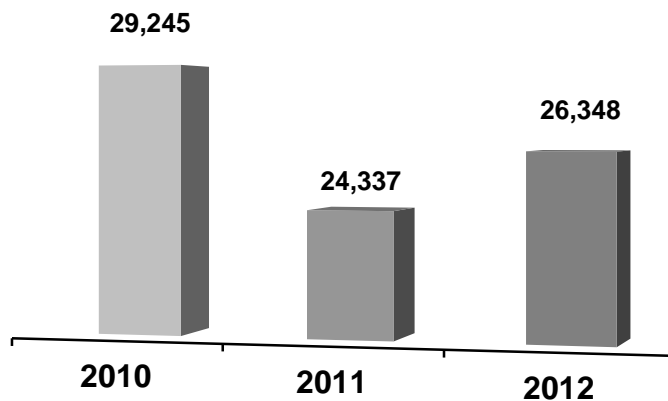
## Arrest Totals

The Radford City Police Department makes arrests via two (2) main avenues. These are: citations issued for minor criminal offenses and for infractions of traffic and local laws and arrests or service made on warrants issued by the magistrate and indictments handed down from Circuit Court. Civil papers, which include the detention of mental subjects, no trespassing notices given to citizens, and protective orders, are also served by sworn personnel but not counted as arrests.



## Calls for Service

### Total Calls for Service



The total number of calls for service includes Police, Fire, EMS, and Public Works calls that are dispatched through the Emergency Communications Center. The number of calls increased 8% from 2011 to 2012. The number of calls may fluctuate based upon how data is input.

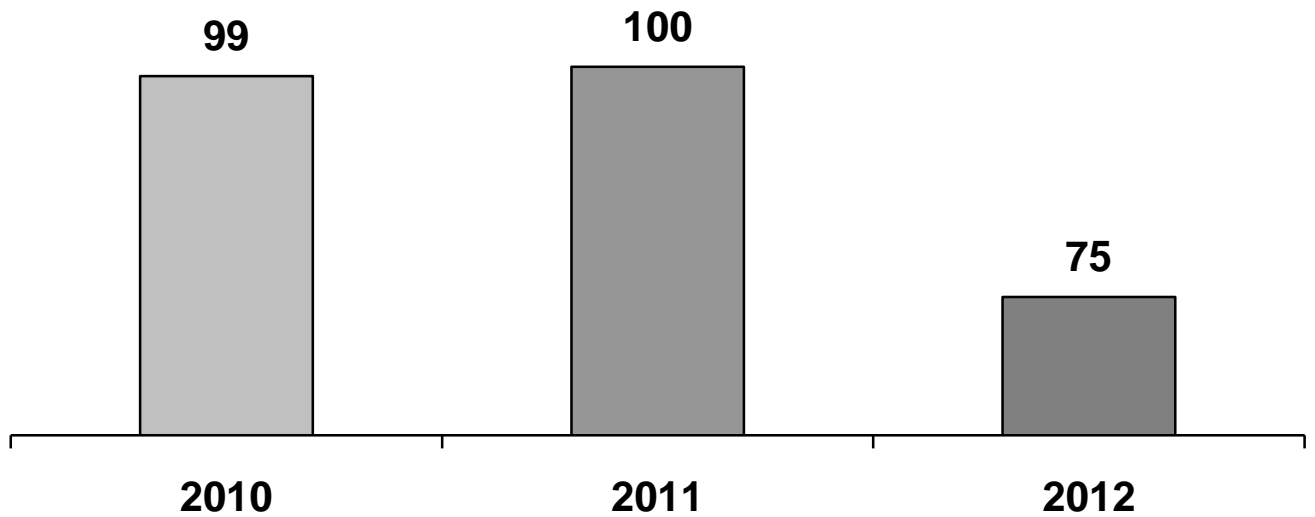
## Requests for Community Service

In addition to requests for criminal investigations, service calls for criminal activities and other general public safety issues, the City of Radford Police Department spends much time assisting the community with non-criminal services. These include:

- ❖ Car Seat Installation
- ❖ Non-Violent Family Matters (to include Run-Aways)
- ❖ Civil Disputes
- ❖ Traffic Control

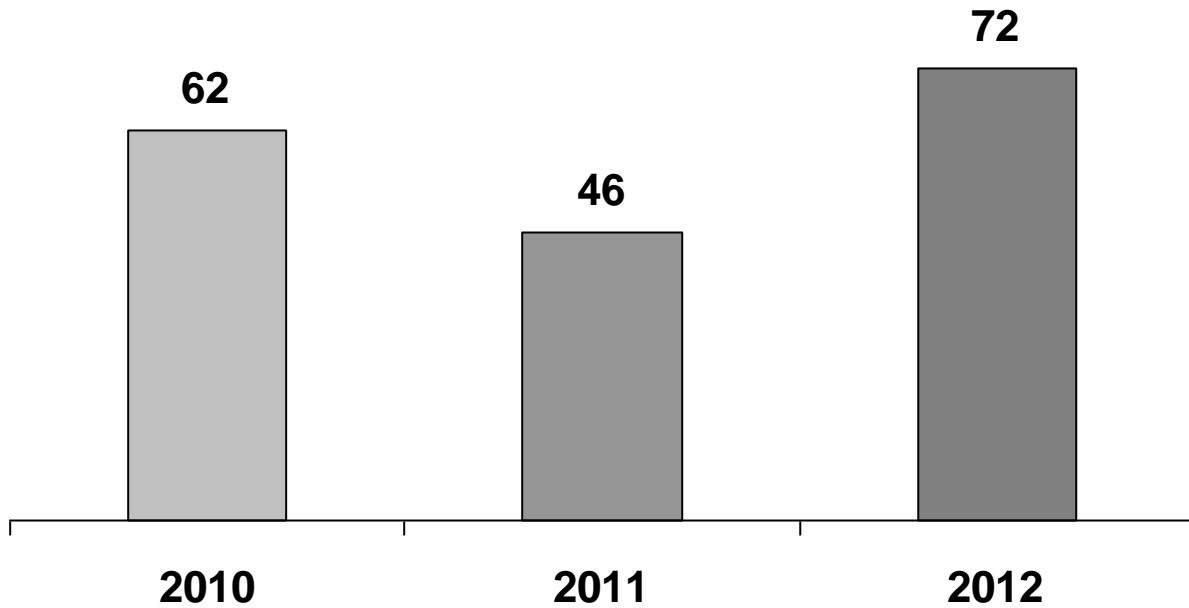
We will look at some of these services now.

### Calls for Mental Subjects

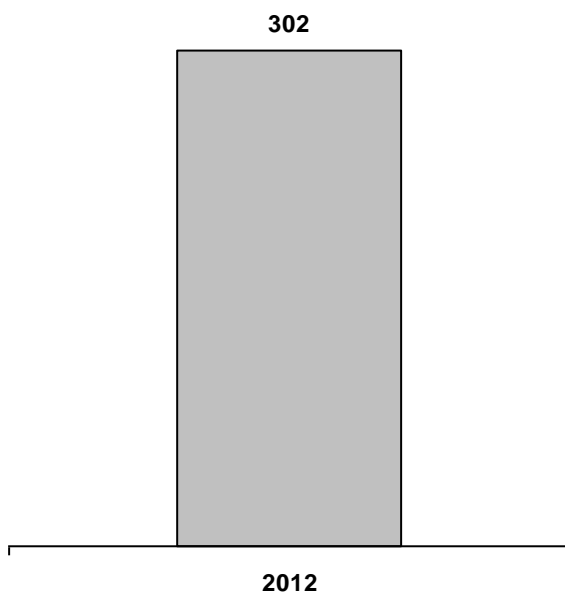


## Requests for Community Service (continued)

### Calls for Funeral Escorts



### Calls for Vehicle Lockouts



This data has not been captured in previous years, but is a service that we offer the citizens of Radford and those visiting Radford. As you can see, we spend much time and effort for this community service.

## Conclusion

The Office of Records Management at the Radford City Police Department, along with Chief Don Goodman, thanks you for your time in reading our **2012 Annual Report**.

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