


A photograph of two Alexandria Police Department Honor Guard members in dark blue uniforms with gold trim and white gloves. The member in the foreground is holding a wooden rifle, and the member behind him is holding a large American flag. They are marching on a brick-paved area with trees and people in the background. The text "ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2008" is overlaid in a blue box in the top right corner.

ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2008

A photograph of Officer Sulma Kieth from a side profile, sitting in the driver's seat of a patrol car. She is looking at a Panasonic laptop mounted on the dashboard. The laptop screen displays a software interface with a table of data. The car's steering wheel and dashboard are visible. The background shows a bright, sunny day outside the car window.

PROBLEM-SOLVING PATROLLING

Officer Sulma Kieth patrols her beat in Sector 3. She works this beat as part of the Strategic Response System adopted by the Police Department in June 2007. Being assigned to the same beat for an extended period of time allows Officer Kieth to become familiar with her beat, its people, and its problems. This familiarity allows her to be proactive in improving the quality of life for those she helps protect.

VISION

To set the example and model of a modern, enlightened, successful 21st century police department that is rich in diversity, technically skilled, employee oriented, innovative, flexible, professional and, in performance and results, an indispensable, valued, trusted, respected and admired part of citizen, business and government communities we serve



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A tall, cylindrical brick tower under construction, reaching towards a cloudy sky. Two workers in dark clothing are visible at the base of the tower. One worker stands looking down, while the other is bent over, possibly working on the ground. A red metal ladder structure is visible on the left side of the tower's base.

MISSION AND VALUES

The mission of the Alexandria Police Department is to provide competent, courteous, professional and community-oriented police services. We are committed to maintaining and enhancing a strong and productive partnership with the community to continue to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in all of Alexandria's neighborhoods. We are dedicated to protecting life and property while assuring fair and equal treatment to everyone.

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

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INNOVATIVE CHANGES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

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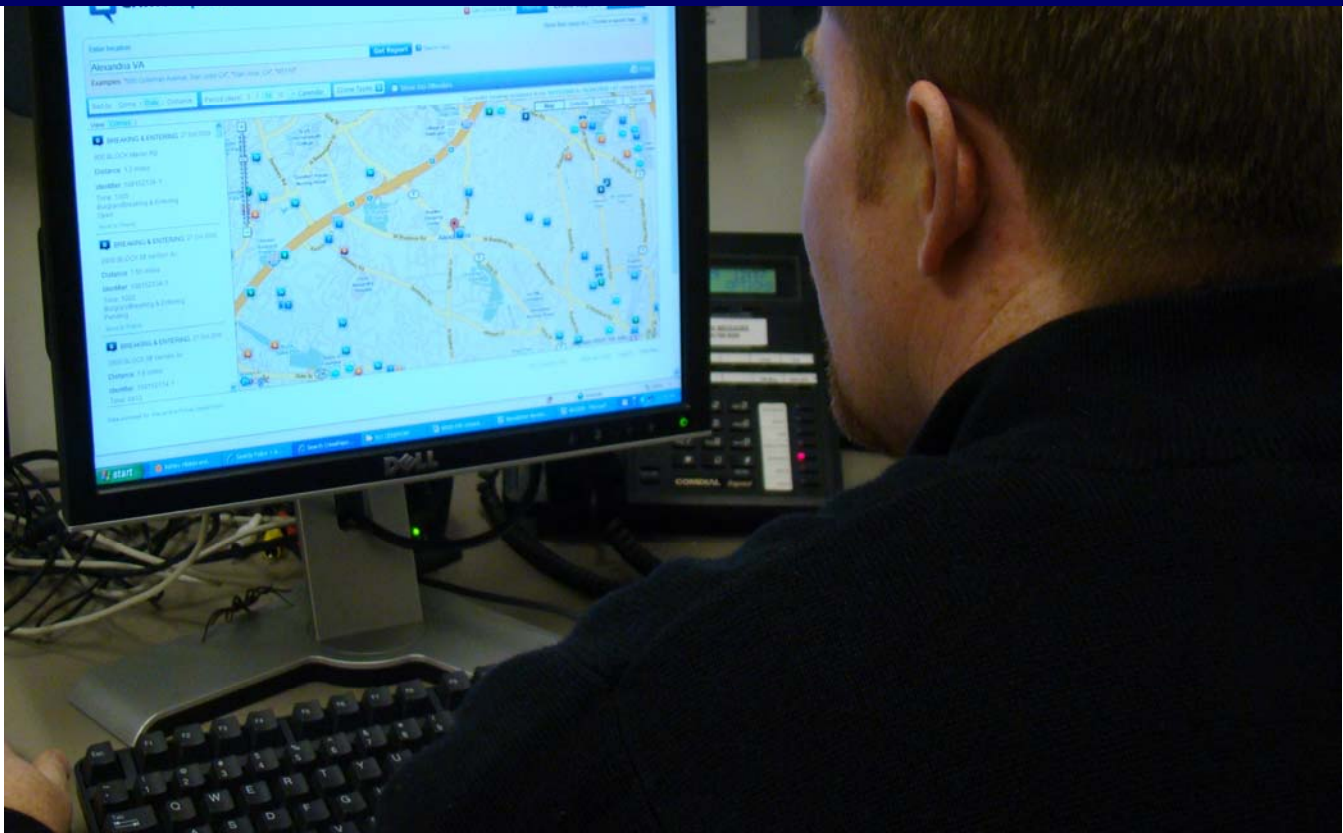
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Records Management System, is broken out into several general categories on the crimereports.com site. This data represents crimes that have been reported to the Alexandria Police Department.

On November 14, the Police Department added two new features to its Web site. These features, an Alexandria Police Department Most Wanted and Cold Case page, will assist detectives by providing the public with photos and information on open cases and wanted fugitives.

The Most Wanted page was created so residents can assist in locating serious offenders who have fled the area to avoid arrest and prosecution. This page will focus on violent offenders who may be a threat to others. The department will continuously update this page as needed.

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The Police Department hopes to use the Cold Case page to gather investigative leads on cases that continue to be unresolved. Detectives are actively investigating several of the cases listed on the page. As the page grows, more cold cases will be added to include other violent offenses.

In addition to these changes, beginning on November 24, the Police Department no longer issues a Daily Crime Report. In its place, year-to-date and week-to-week crime statistics will be posted on the Police Department's Web site on a daily basis. This information will be accessible through the "Crime Overview" link on the Department's home page, www.alexandriava.gov/police.

The Daily Crime Report was created as a tool for the media. Its purpose was never to provide residents with information regarding crime. The new innovative tools being provided to residents give a much more thorough and accurate account of crime in Alexandria.

SRS VIEWER UPGRADES

In 2008, the Police Department's Strategic Response System (SRS) Geographic Information System (GIS) Viewer application was upgraded by City GIS staff. This geography-based computer application was developed in 2007 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 update and change the SRS Viewer, an intranet map server (IMS) application. These changes added additional data and functionality for police staff.

This application includes crime, calls for service, arrests and field interviews for the last two years. Users can query data based on date, location, data type or specific type of activity. They can also create hot spots, buffers and spatial queries based on these data. Commanders now use these tools to perform

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preliminary analysis of crime and disorder problems before turning to the Crime Analysis Unit for more in-depth analysis. The SRS Viewer application has given crime analysis staff more time to tackle larger and more in-depth analytical projects.

The SRS Viewer has been very well received by the users and lauded for the range of data it includes, ease of use, and flexibility to display specific areas of interest or concern. While the creation of automated maps is not new, the ability for any officer, detective, or commander to create their own as needed is unique. The value of this application is difficult to quantify, but has been demonstrated through more focused responses to crime and anecdotal user success stories

AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATION TECHNOLOGY

In 2008, the Alexandria Police Department deployed a new mobile mapping application in the Field Operations Bureau. The department deployed over 100 new mobile computer devices equipped with Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL)

technology. This new technology provides up-to-date location information for police officers to ensure their safety in the field. The mobile mapping system consists of a GPS receiver on a mobile laptop computer, a communications link between the device and the dispatcher, and mapping software for display and dispatch. The system relies on frequent transmissions of XY coordinates to a server that are displayed on a map screen for both dispatches and officers to view. Dispatch decisions are made in response to where officers are located in the field. Should an officer-related emergency arise, dispatchers, commanders and other officers are able to see where the officer is located on the map for a quick response and resolution to the issue.

The police department deployed over 100 of these new laptops in 2008. Over the next two years, the department plans to complete its deployment of over 300 of these devices to all sworn officers. Once the deployment is complete, all officers will be able to see where other officers are located on a map for quick response to emergencies and to provide back up when needed.



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MOBILE AFIS

In June 2008, the Police Department began deploying Mobile Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) units to selected officers for use while on patrol.

The Mobile AFIS units are intended to provide officers, at the first point of contact, identification that will allow an informed decision to be made.

Mobile AFIS is a hardware device that is manufactured by DataStrip and communicates to one of three available servers in the AFIS system via a wireless modem.

The software, developed by Motorola/Printrak, allows the officer to scan two fingers of an unknown individual and search the entire region consisting of approximately 1.5 million arrest records.

The local database search time is approximately

one minute. The system is designed to continue the search until a match is found or until all three databases have been exhausted. A complete system search takes approximately two minutes to complete if the search continues to the last database.





NEW DOG:

There are times when nature can not be improved on by technology. The Department's newest member of its K-9 Unit, "Gage" a two-year old German Shepherd, has been rigorously trained to track suspects, conduct searches of buildings, and perform all phases of a criminal apprehension. He and his handler, **Sergeant Cindy Scott**, attended a 16-week Basic Canine Training class at the Prince William County Police Department's K-9 Unit Facility. Here, Gage and Sergeant Scott learned to work together as a team, successfully performing obedience using just voice commands.

STRATEGIC RESPONSE SYSTEM



This was the first year the Strategic Response System (SRS) was employed throughout the entire year. 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.

PERMANENT SECTOR AND BEAT ASSIGNMENTS

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.

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COFFEE WITH COPS

In July, the Alexandria Police Department began hosting Coffee with Cops meetings in locations throughout the West End of Alexandria. These meetings are meant to address various concerns and questions that residents have and to educate them on various services available through the Department.

On July 23, the first Coffee with Cops meeting was held in the Stonegate Community. During the meeting, officers assigned to the neighborhood gave presentations and answered questions from residents concerned about crime in their community. Officers made suggestions to help residents make their homes safer and more secure. On August 27, a Coffee with Cops meeting was held at Landmark Mall. Business owners asked questions regarding security and Department initiatives at the Mall.

More meetings will be held throughout the City to address the changing and continuing concerns of the residents of Alexandria.

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COMMUNITY ROLLS CALLS

In November 2007, the Alexandria Police Department began conducting periodic "Community Roll Calls." An Alexandria Police captain conducting an accreditation of a North Carolina police department stumbled across the "Community Roll Call" concept during his inspection, and upon further reflection, thought that it could be a valuable tool in certain situations in Alexandria.

The "Community Roll Calls" was further adapted to become part of the SRS. The rolls calls are usually conducted outdoors in plain sight of the public. This is of particular benefit to communities experiencing a criminal trend or other public order issue because this unusually large police presence, although temporary, serves as a deterrent to the criminal element in the area. Law-abiding citizens have expressed their appreciation of these roll calls by making comments relating their appreciation of the police presence.

The first roll call was held in the West End of the City. The roll call was an explicit part of the police



response to a troubling criminal trend. It was conducted in a gas station parking lot adjacent to a high traffic intersection. The criminal trend ended soon after a series of these roll calls occurred. It will never be known if this concept was solely responsible for the end of the trend but many believe that it did have a deterrent impact. Strategic Response System is designed to encourage non-traditional police actions, such as the "Community Roll Calls", to reduce crime, the fear of crime and increase the quality of life in the City.

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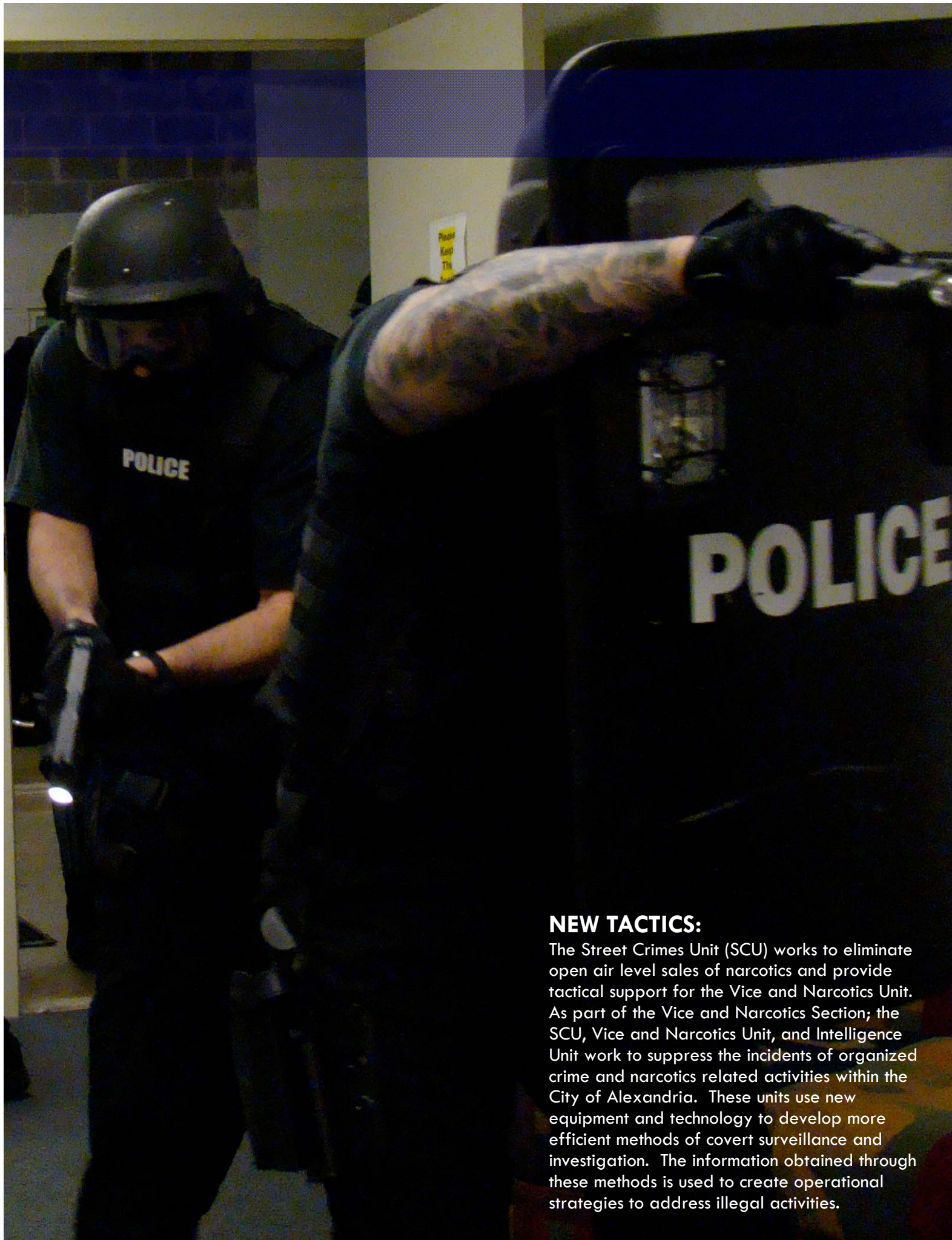
HOT SPOTS

The implementation of the Strategic Response System (SRS) which relies on traditional policing strategies supported by the analysis of crime trends, series and patterns, has helped the Alexandria Police Department identify Hot Spots of crime and nuisance calls for service within the City. A Hot Spot refers to an area that has a greater than average number of criminal or nuisance events, or an area where people have a higher than average risk of victimizations. Hot Spots are areas of concentrated crime and can be as broad or as an entire patrol sector or as specific as an individual address.

The Police Department's crime analysts work closely with detectives and patrol officers. They use data and crime mapping to look for concentrations of individual events that might indicate a series of related crimes. The crime analysts also look at small areas that have a

great deal of crime or disorder, even though there may be no common offender. Analysts observe neighborhoods with high crime and disorder levels and try to link these to underlying social condition, which helps in referring other City services to the residents within these neighborhoods.

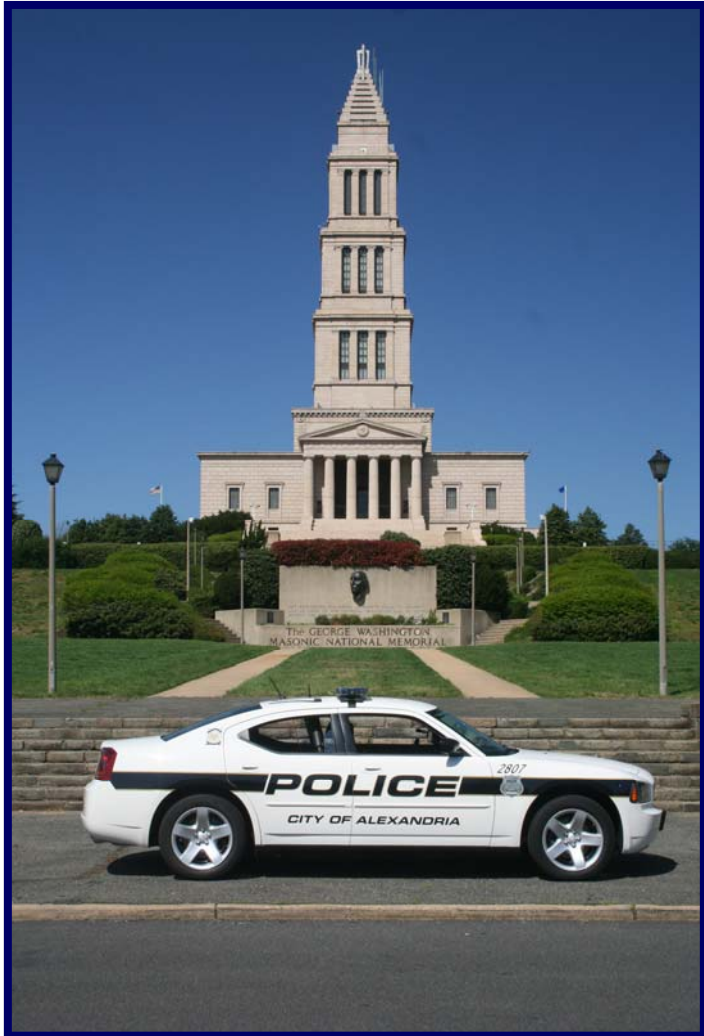
Identifying crime Hot Spots and analyzing characteristics of crimes within these areas are critical pieces of information for fighting crimes. The Alexandria Police Department uses real time analysis of crime series, patterns and trends to rapidly deploy resources to control crime problems more effectively and efficiently. The results of these increased efforts are closely analyzed to determine what is working to reduce crime in these Hot Spot areas and what needs further planning for the prevention of crime.



NEW TACTICS:

The Street Crimes Unit (SCU) works to eliminate open air level sales of narcotics and provide tactical support for the Vice and Narcotics Unit. As part of the Vice and Narcotics Section; the SCU, Vice and Narcotics Unit, and Intelligence Unit work to suppress the incidents of organized crime and narcotics related activities within the City of Alexandria. These units use new equipment and technology to develop more efficient methods of covert surveillance and investigation. The information obtained through these methods is used to create operational strategies to address illegal activities.

JANUARY



In 2008, the Police Department began phasing out the Ford Crown Victoria and using the Dodge Charger as its new standard police vehicle. The Charger possessed more safety features as well as increased gas mileage.



On January 30, the Alexandria Police Department is asked for the public's help in identifying the suspect in two robberies that occurred at two different 7-11 stores. The robberies took place on October 29, 2007, and December 16, 2007.

Video of the robbery was posted on YouTube, marking the first time the Department used a social media site to aid in the apprehension of a suspect.

FEBRUARY



On Saturday, November 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m, the Alexandria Police Department hosted a Child Safety Awareness Event. The event took place at Wiygul Automotive, 6001 Lane Drive.

During the event, residents could have police staff conduct Child Safety seat checks on their child's safety seat. In addition, the Alexandria Police Department provided digital information kits for children to parents through Safe Assured ID. The Police Department was able to acquire the equipment needed to implement the program with funds provided by the Alexandria Police Foundation.

SafeAssured ID is a proactive safety program designed to provide rapid emergency response and peace of mind to loved ones. Parents who choose to take advantage of the SafeAssured ID program will receive an encrypted mini-CD containing personal data, a full color photo SafeAssured Identification Card, a guidebook with prevention tips prepared in partnership with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and a "Quick Tips and Help Guide."

Police Department employees were kept busy during the event. Over 21 child safety seat checks



On February 10, the TC Williams High School hosted a rally for then Democratic Presidential Candidate Barack Obama. The event featured a speech by President Obama followed by a question and answer session.

Alexandria Police provided collaborated with many government agencies to provide maximum security for the event. Officers were on hand to provide traffic and crowd control as well as monitor the crowd for suspicious persons. Command staff provided Secret Service and participating law enforcement agencies with information regarding building lay out, parking, road closures and available security in order to create a safe and successful event.

MARCH



On March 24, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) teamed with the Alexandria Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies to launch its St. Patrick's Day SoberRide® Campaign.

WRAP's SoberRide, called one of the nation's most successful free cab ride programs for would-be impaired drivers, has helped to ensure greater Washington, DC residents have a safe way home on high risk holidays.

WRAP offers a free cab ride home to anyone who calls SoberRides's 800 number between 4:00 P.M. and 4:00 A.M. on the high risk holiday. Since 1993, WRAP has provided over 43,000 safe rides home.



Officers provided extra security and crowd control during Mayor William D. Euille's State of City Address on March 25.

The event, held at T.C. Williams High School, was attended by elected officials and residents who listened as the Mayor reviewed the past year's achievements and set a vision for the future of the City.

APRIL



On April 16, the Police Department assisted the Metropolitan Police Department during the celebrations surrounding Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States.

At 8:15 A.M., thirty members of the Department, including Chief Baker, were sworn in as U.S. Marshals. They were assigned to the 1800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue. Each employee was responsible for maintaining crowd control and providing security for their designated area. The Department assisted in ensuring that the Pope's visit was both a joyous and safe occasion.



On April 21, thirteen officers from the Police department were honored at the 22nd annual Public Safety Valor Awards, presented by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.

Officer Nick Lion and Animal Control Officer (ACO) Pete Fitzgerald were awarded gold medals entering the burning building four times in order to evacuate the home's six occupants safely.

Lieutenant James Bartlett, Officers Patrick Taylor and Ryan Wells were each awarded bronze medals for helping take custody of a man who had doused himself with gasoline and was threatening to ignite himself

Officer Christopher Ashcraft was awarded a silver medal and Officer Steven Pagach, Crime Scene Investigator Thomas Ground were given bronze medals for assisting in evacuating an apartment fire.

Officers Patrick Gittlesohn, John Saitta and Thomas Meehan were awarded gold medals, Officer Gregory Holden was given a silver medal and Officer Michael Nugent was honored with a Life Saving Award for the heroism they displayed during a fatal, flame-filled crash on I-495.

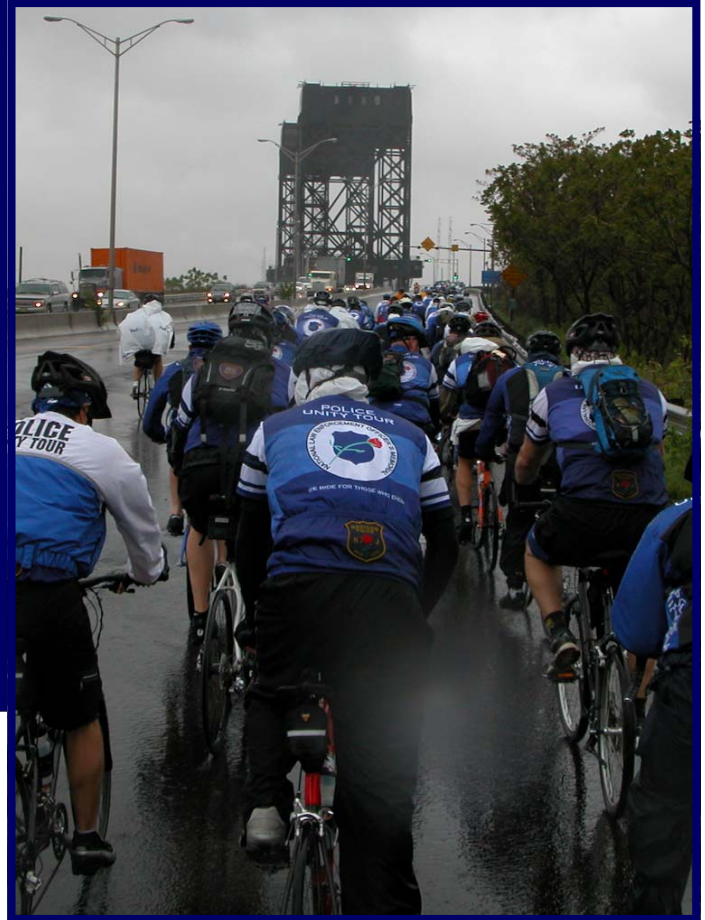
MAY



First proclaimed in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy, National Peace Officers Memorial Day is celebrated on May 15 and falls during National Police Week. During this week, law enforcement personnel from around the world gather in Washington, DC to participate in the national Peace Officers' Memorial Service and Candlelight Vigil. Communities across the country pay tribute to their fallen heroes. National Police Week serves as a time of appreciation for the ultimate sacrifice made by courageous and noble officers.

The Alexandria Police Department was honored to be the host city of National Police Week. The Hilton at Mark Center once again provided accommodations to all survivors and provided amenities for luncheons and seminars.

The Police Department provided many services throughout the week. The Department's Motor Unit provided escorts for survivors to and from Reagan National Airport. The Honor Guard participated in many of the week's ceremonies, including the Department's Wreath-Laying Ceremony and the 20th Annual Candlelight Vigil held at the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial. All Police Department personnel, including Chief Baker, joined together to honor the memories of the fallen and honor their survivors.



The Unity Tour is a four day fund-raising bicycle ride that stretches from Florham, New Jersey or Portsmouth, Virginia to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. In addition to honoring the memories of those killed in the line of duty, the officers rode in an effort to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and Museum.

The Alexandria Police Department is a proud participant of the Unity Tour. Officers volunteer their time and efforts to participate in the event. The officers train extensively as a group for the Unity Tour. This year, participants of the 2008 Police Unity Tour embarked on their 300-mile journey on May 8. They began in Florham, New Jersey and rode for three days and 225 miles. Unfortunately, inclement weather prevented the officers from completing the last leg of the tour.

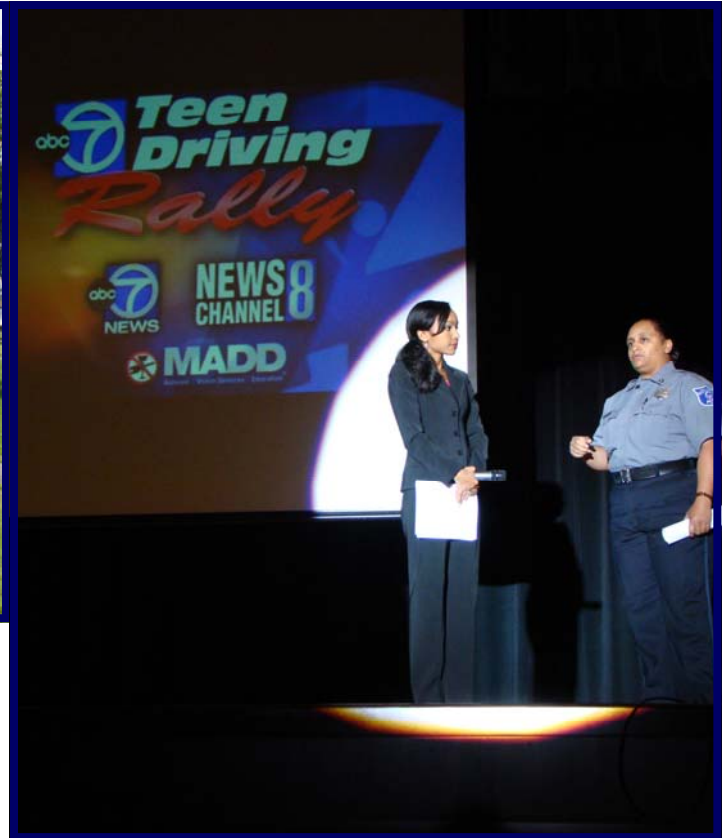
The Department honored the 21 police officers who participated in the Police Unity Tour at the 2nd Annual Police Unity Tour Banquet on May 14.

JUNE



On June 5, employees from the Police Department and Office of the Sheriff participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics. The Torch Run is an event where officers and other athletes run the "Flame of Hope" to the Opening Ceremony of Local Special Olympics competitions, State Games and National Summer or Winter Games.

Employees from both departments gathered early in the morning and were taken by bus to Daingerfield Island where they awaited the arrival of the "Flame of Hope." Once the "Flame of Hope" was passed off by officers from Arlington County, they carried the torch 3.5 miles. The employees ended their run at Jones Point Park where they passed off the torch to fellow law enforcement officers from other Virginia agencies who continued to run the "Flame of Hope" through Fairfax County.



On June 5, the Alexandria Police Department participated in a Teen Driving Assembly hosted by WJLA/ABC 7. The Assembly was held at T.C. Williams High School and was presented to their senior class. The assembly educated students about the effects speed and alcohol have on their driving and coordination.

During the first segment, Officer Charlette Mitchell-Young answered questions about the 60% of teen crashes that do not involve alcohol or illegal drugs. In the second segment, she then answered questions regarding the 40% of teen crashes that do involve alcohol or illegal drugs and conducted a field sobriety test on a student wearing "Fatal Vision Goggles."

The Alexandria Police Department took its own precaution to ensure a safe prom and graduation season. The Department increased DWI enforcement. Officers received additional training on handling underage drinking incidents and were on the lookout for them. The Police Department maintained its "zero tolerance" policy when handling any incident involving underage drinking.

JULY



On Friday, July 11, members of the Alexandria Police Department gathered to honor those employees that had been promoted since January 2007.

During the ceremony, commanders spoke of the pride and appreciation they have for all the employees of the Department and for the privilege of being able to honor the hard work of those recently promoted. All employees were called on stage and presented with a certificate of promotion and a heartfelt congratulations from the Chief and Deputy City Manager Michele Evans.

This year, the Motor Unit is celebrating its 90th anniversary.

The Alexandria Police Department began its motor unit in 1918 with the purchase of one motorcycle and an additional patrol wagon for use in answering emergency calls. The arrival of the motorized patrol wagon in March 1919 caused the Washington Post to declare that "With a motorcycle purchased about six months ago, the police department of Alexandria is now as well equipped as any similar department of its size in Virginia".

Throughout the years, the Motor Unit has changed in size. In 1922, City Council decided to increase the Motor Unit to three members. The officers alternated shifts, guaranteeing there was always one motorcycle officer available. The motorcycle unit continued to expand until, in 1950, there were ten motorcycles assigned. However, in the spring of 1950 the motorcycle unit suffered a set back as concerns arose that motorcycles are too dangerous. As a result, the unit was reduced from ten to two motorcycles. These two would only be used for funerals, parades and other ceremonial escorts.

Despite this setback, the Motor Unit slowly began to rebuild itself. Today, the Alexandria Police Department's Motor Unit has eleven members, including a lieutenant and a sergeant. The Motor Unit is part of the Traffic Section of the Special Operations Division. These motormen are responsible for escorts, traffic enforcement, perimeter control at emergency scenes, serious crash investigation, ceremonial duties and other assignments as needed.

AUGUST



This year, thirteen youths attended the Academy session that was held from Monday, August 4 thru Friday, August 8. The youths received presentations from Crime Scene Investigations, Communications, Internal Investigations, The Gang Unit, Vice/Narcotics, Polygraph, The Special Operations Team (SWAT), and Hostage Negotiations. They went on several field trips to visit the Motor and K-9 Units. They also went to the Juvenile Court where Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Cathy Evans gave them a presentation on juvenile law. The youths were taken to the Alexandria Juvenile Detention Center for a tour and while on that tour they had to walk through the hallways in a single file, hands behind their back and no talking just as the juveniles housed there have to do. Finally, the youths received a presentation on the Taser, a weapon new to the police department.



On August 18, the Alexandria Police Department honored the memory of fallen Sergeant Elton Hummer with a wreath-laying ceremony. Sergeant Hummer was a Alexandria police officer who was killed in the line of duty on August 18, 1928. The ceremony marked the 80th anniversary of Sergeant Hummer's death. It was held in the alley in which Sergeant Hummer was killed in the 200 block of South Alfred Street.

Sergeant Hummer, 30, had been a member of the Police Department for one year when, during his night shift foot patrol, he encountered someone in the above mentioned alley. An argument ensued, shots were fired and Sergeant Hummer was fatally wounded.

Despite a massive manhunt and use of all available resources, the murderer was never identified. Of the 18 police officers killed in the line of duty in Alexandria, Sergeant Hummer's murder is the only unsolved case.

Members of the Department's Honor Guard stood by the wreath as Captain William Johnson and former Alexandria Historical Society president Doug Thurman spoke regarding the bravery and dedication of Sergeant Hummer. Alexandria Pipes and Drums provided music for the ceremony.

To honor Sergeant Hummer the alley will be named Hummer Alley after him.

SEPTEMBER



The City of Alexandria hosted a September 11th ceremony to mark the 7 year anniversary of the terrorist attacks. The Police Department, Fire Department and Sheriff's Office all participated in the event. A joint Honor Guard presented and retired the colors. The heads of each law enforcement agency spoke of the events of September 11, 2001 and how life and law enforcement have been impacted. Residents, visitors, City employees, law enforcement personnel and City leaders gathered together to remember and pay respects to the heroes that served and the victims that lost their lives on September 11.



Officer Kyle Russel briefed the media on September 25, two days after he became the first Alexandria police officer to be shot in over 20 years.

On September 23, Officer Russel and Officer Aaron Fisher pulled over a vehicle that had been driving erratically on I-395. Officer Russel approached the vehicle and began to speak to the driver. Without hesitation, the driver shot Officer Russel in the chest. Officer Russel survived the incident. The bullet penetrated all layers of his vest. There is no doubt that his vest saved his life.

The driver of the vehicle continued down I-395. He shot himself just before he crashed into a guardrail near the 14th Street Bridge.

OCTOBER



On Wednesday, October 17, the Police Department participated in the City of Alexandria's Disability Mentoring Day. This program provides local students with disabilities the opportunity to promote career exploration and development through job shadowing.

This year, three students from T.C. Williams High School were paired with employees from the Police Department. Patricia Biava shadowed Officer Charlotte Mitchell-Young, Michael Belt was paired with Parking Enforcement Officer (PEO) Charmaine Ingelton and Ryan Bailey with Sergeant Joseph Seskey. Patricia, Michael and Ryan were given tours of the Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Section's office, the Communications Center and the Parking Enforcement Unit. They were also shown how the police cruisers and other equipment are used by the department. Each student had a personalized ID badge and business cards made for them. At the end of the day, Chief Baker presented each student with a departmental coin and hat to take home with them.



In an effort to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety, the Alexandria Police Department, together with Transportation and Environmental Services, conducted a Bicycle/Pedestrian/Vehicle Education Campaign beginning October 24. This awareness campaign encourages all riders, pedestrians and vehicles to be mindful of both City and State laws in Alexandria.

Both agencies held a bicycle education event on October 24 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and October 25 from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the area of King and Union Streets. Bicycle trained officers were on hand to answer questions about bicycle safety and offer maintenance and bicycle upkeep information to ensure the proper care of a bicycle. Maps, safety brochures, bottled water and other give-away items were also handed out.

NOVEMBER



On November 5, each member of the Department's Special Operations Team (SOT) ran an obstacle course to test their endurance and skilled training.

The SOT responds to major incidents throughout the City and must be prepared to handle any situation.



On November 13, Supervisory Crime Analyst Joe Ryan instructed the Old Town Civic Association on how to use the Department's new searchable online crime database, crimereports.com. [Crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com) was launched on November 6. The crimereports.com Web site was developed to help increase awareness and knowledge of neighborhood and City-wide crime trends and patterns. Through the Alexandria Police Department's partnership with crimereports.com, residents will be able to search and view Alexandria crime data using an online Geographic Information System.

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DECEMBER



Beginning on December 2, officers sold Christmas trees to residents in the tree lot at Union Station, 101 Callahan Drive. The annual event is the Alexandria Police Youth Camp's largest fundraiser and has been going on for approximately 18 years. The 583 trees purchased this year were from a tree farm in Pennsylvania. Sales began the day the trees were received and continued until all of the trees are sold. This year, the trees sold out in a short two weeks. Members of the department volunteered to sell trees to residents during their off duty hours.

The Alexandria Police Boy's Camp was started in 1947 by the officers of the Alexandria Police Department to provide "wholesome recreation, moral, physical, mental, cultural and civic training" for "boys and young men." The camp was later changed to include females. Summer camp has been held every summer since 1947 except in 2004 when the camp was damaged.

Grants, donations, and fundraisers are used to finance the camp. For further information on the camp, to make a donation, or to volunteer your time selling trees, contact one of the following Board of Directors:

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On December 6, the Alexandria Police Department participated in the 38th Scottish Walk Parade. The parade was one of many events held during the Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend. The weekend, sponsored by the Campagna Center, serves as a festive start to the holiday season.

The Motor Unit led the parade. In honor of his last parade ride, Officer Sean McGowan led the unit throughout its route. The unit was followed by the Police Department's Honor Guard.

Despite the cold weather, the residents of Alexandria lined the streets of Old Town to cheer on the Police Department and all those marching in the parade.

2008 CRIME STATISTICS

PART 1 CRIME STATISTICS

OFFENSE	2007	2008	Change	% Change
Homicide	8	4	-4	-50.0%
Rape	18	35	17	94.4%
Robbery	162	157	-5	-3.1%
Aggravated Assault	183	154	-29	-15.8%
Burglary	365	314	-51	-14.0%
Larceny	2,663	2,813	150	5.6%
Auto Theft	375	376	1	0.3%
Total	3,774	3,853	79	2.1%

QUALITY OF LIFE CRIME STATISTICS

CRIME TYPE	2007	2008	Change	% Change
Destruction/Vandalism	1,774	1,893	119	6.7%
Prostitution	21	22	1	4.8%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	494	450	-44	-8.9%
Gambling	15	13	-2	-13.3%
Disorderly Conduct	207	191	-16	-7.7%
Driving Under the Influence	574	506	-68	-11.8%
Drunkenness	960	982	22	2.3%
Liquor Law Violations	563	550	-13	-2.3%
Total	4,608	4,607	-1	0.0%

2008 CRIME STATISTICS

ARREST STATISTICS

ARRESTS	ADULT			JUVENILE		
	2007	2008	% CHANGE	2007	2008	% CHANGE
Homicide	4	3	25.0%	0	0	N/C
Rape	10	8	-20.0	4	0	-100.0%
Robbery	53	53	0.0	18	49	172.2%
Aggravated Assault	91	88	-3.3	8	22	175.0%
Burglary	60	80	33.3	21	15	-28.6%
Larceny	418	498	19.1	133	151	13.5%
Grand Larceny Auto	29	43	48.3	7	7	0.0%
Other Assault	478	541	13.2	81	94	16.0%
Arson	0	1	N/C	1	0	-100.0%
Forgery	47	23	-51.1	2	3	50.0%
Fraud	109	86	-21.1	6	1	-83.3%
Embezzlement	61	52	-14.8	9	13	44.4%
Stolen Property	16	6	-62.5	9	3	-66.7%
Vandalism	93	136	46.2	28	23	-17.9%
Weapons	46	31	-32.6	24	13	-45.8%
Prostitution	23	26	13.0	0	0	N/C
Sex Offense Other	11	30	172.7	0	2	N/C
Drug Abuse Violation	459	409	-10.9	23	53	130.4%
Gambling	65	28	-56.9	1	4	300.0%
D.W.I.	589	512	-13.1	3	3	0.0%
Liquor Laws	624	654	4.8	79	84	6.3%
Drunkenness	1029	1,040	1.1	3	5	66.7%
Disorderly Conduct	194	183	-5.7	8	16	100.0%
All Other Offenses	1,681	1,801	7.1	244	362	48.4%
Total Arrests	6,190	6,332	2.3%	712	923	29.6%

2008 CRIME STATISTICS

Call Type*	2007	2008	% Change
Abandoned Auto	552	470	-14.9%
Accident	5,706	5,543	-2.9%
Alarm	5,419	5,211	-3.8%
Ambulance/Fire	779	798	2.4%
Animal Case	2,171	2,234	2.9%
Assault	668	698	4.5%
Auto Theft	724	664	-8.3%
Auto Theft Recovery	188	211	12.2%
Bomb Threat	13	8	-38.5%
Burglary	699	593	-15.2%
Citizen Assist	1,812	1,716	-5.3%
Disorderly	5,056	4,645	-8.1%
Domestic Trouble	2,680	2,701	0.8%
Drugs	700	687	-1.9%
Drunk	1,368	1,530	11.8%
E911 Hang-up Calls	2,161	1,915	-11.4%
Escort	54	115	113.0%
Fight	643	627	-2.5%
Homicide	4	1	-75.0%
Larceny	2,966	3,106	4.7%
Locked in Auto	63	84	33.3%
Loud Party / Radio	138	182	31.9%
Missing Person	331	358	8.2%
Noise Complaint	2,641	2,585	-2.1%
Other	4,778	4,362	-8.7%
Parking	4,292	4,180	-2.6%
Phone Calls	439	451	2.7%
Property Lost / Found	992	774	-22.0%
Prowler	39	24	-38.5%
Public Service	653	517	-20.8%
Robbery	192	178	-7.3%
Sex Offense	199	220	10.6%
Suspicious Event	2,941	2,985	1.5%
Traffic Hazard	574	708	23.3%
Traffic Problem	477	401	-15.9%
Trespass	648	708	9.3%
Trouble Unknown	1,652	1,810	9.6%
Vandalism	1,764	1,625	-7.9%
Weapon	332	310	-6.6%
Totals	57,508	55,935	-2.7%

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



COMMUNITY AND CITY AWARDS

SUNRISE OPTIMIST CLUB OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Officer Marcus Downey
Officer Nicholas Ruggiero

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Officer Stacey Herzlinger

KIWANIS CLUB OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Officer Jeetpal Panesar



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



2008 ALEXANDRIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARDS

GOLD MEDAL

Animal Control Officer Pete Fitzgerald
Officer Patrick Gittlesohn
Officer Thomas Meehan
Officer Nick Lion
Officer Jon Saitta

SILVER MEDAL

Officer Christopher Ashcraft
Officer Gregory Holden

BRONZE MEDAL

Lieutenant James Bartlett
Officer Thomas Ground
Officer Steven Pagach
Officer Patrick Taylor
Officer Ryan Wells



LIFE SAVING AWARD

Officer Michael Holden



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