

Colonial Heights Police Department 2012 Annual Report

An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



Colonel Jeffrey W. Faries
Chief of Police

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Message from the Chief



On behalf of the men and women of the Colonial Heights Police Department, I am pleased to provide you with the Colonial Heights Police Department's 2012 Annual Report. This report provides historical and statistical information on the activities and programs of the department and highlights some of our goals and activities.

As we reflect upon another successful year, we would like to extend our appreciation to the Colonial Heights City Council, the City Manager, and to all the citizens for their continued support of our department. We continue our efforts to build and enhance existing relationships with our residents, the business community and all those who visit our community.

We are delighted to report our continued partnership with the National Criminal Justice Command College, offered through the University of Virginia, from which Captain Wayne Newsome was a graduate in 2012. The City's commitment to training and development of its officers does not go unnoticed.

City Council recognized the recipients of our initial members of the D.U.I. "100" Club. Six of our officers were recognized for their superior achievement in the area of DUI enforcement based on the total number of DUI arrests over the course of their careers. As the keynote speaker, I had the honor of presenting our program at the Mothers Against Drunk Driving annual dinner.

Our agency also hosted the 2012 Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Breakfast, where we honored those officers and their families who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Message from the Chief

We continue to work toward our goal of state accreditation by rewriting policies, re-evaluating our procedures and revamping our facility to meet the criteria of the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. We took a major step forward when assessors from VALEPSC inspected our entire department on November 12-14, 2012. Formal recognition from the Commonwealth of Virginia as an accredited agency was received in early 2013.

Our Operations Bureau, which is led by Captain Keith Early, reported another solid year overall. Capt. Early's responsibilities include uniform patrol, Animal Control, our Auxiliary police force and all of our Sentinel volunteers. Toward the end of the year, we initiated our Special Operations Unit. This four-person unit was formed to address quality-of-life issues within our community. The focus of their efforts has positively impacted the shopping experience for our visitors and citizens alike. Uniform patrol was able to secure a grant and receive our first license plate reader. This piece of equipment will be used to combat vehicle theft and aid in the recovery of stolen automobiles. We also celebrated the graduation of two police officers from Crater Criminal Justice Academy—Robert Simmons and Kyle Sexton. It had been a while since we hired and then trained brand new police officers for the department.

Our Law Enforcement Services Bureau, which includes criminal investigations, crime prevention, school resource officers, training, purchasing, grants and D.A.R.E., has performed at a commendable level. While many other police departments have stopped teaching it for a variety of reasons, we continue to offer the D.A.R.E. program in the schools, since it has been well-received and supported. We are pleased with our efforts in crime prevention and the apprehension of criminals, boasting an above average clearance rate on reported crimes. The men and women of the police department work hand-in-hand with the public and business community and take personally the reporting and solving of crimes. It is an ongoing goal of our agency to do whatever possible so our citizens and our visitors feel safe and secure in our community.

I personally express my gratitude to all of our employees. They are the reasons for the successes of our agency. I look forward to the coming year and will do everything in my power to continue the efforts you see contained within this report. I am thankful for the wonderful relationships with the schools, City departments, civic organizations and the business community, as well as for the guidance provided by the City's administration. If there are any questions concerning the report data, or requests for additional information on any items in the report, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



Colonel Jeffrey W. Faries
Chief of Police

Mission Statement



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

Department History

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

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

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

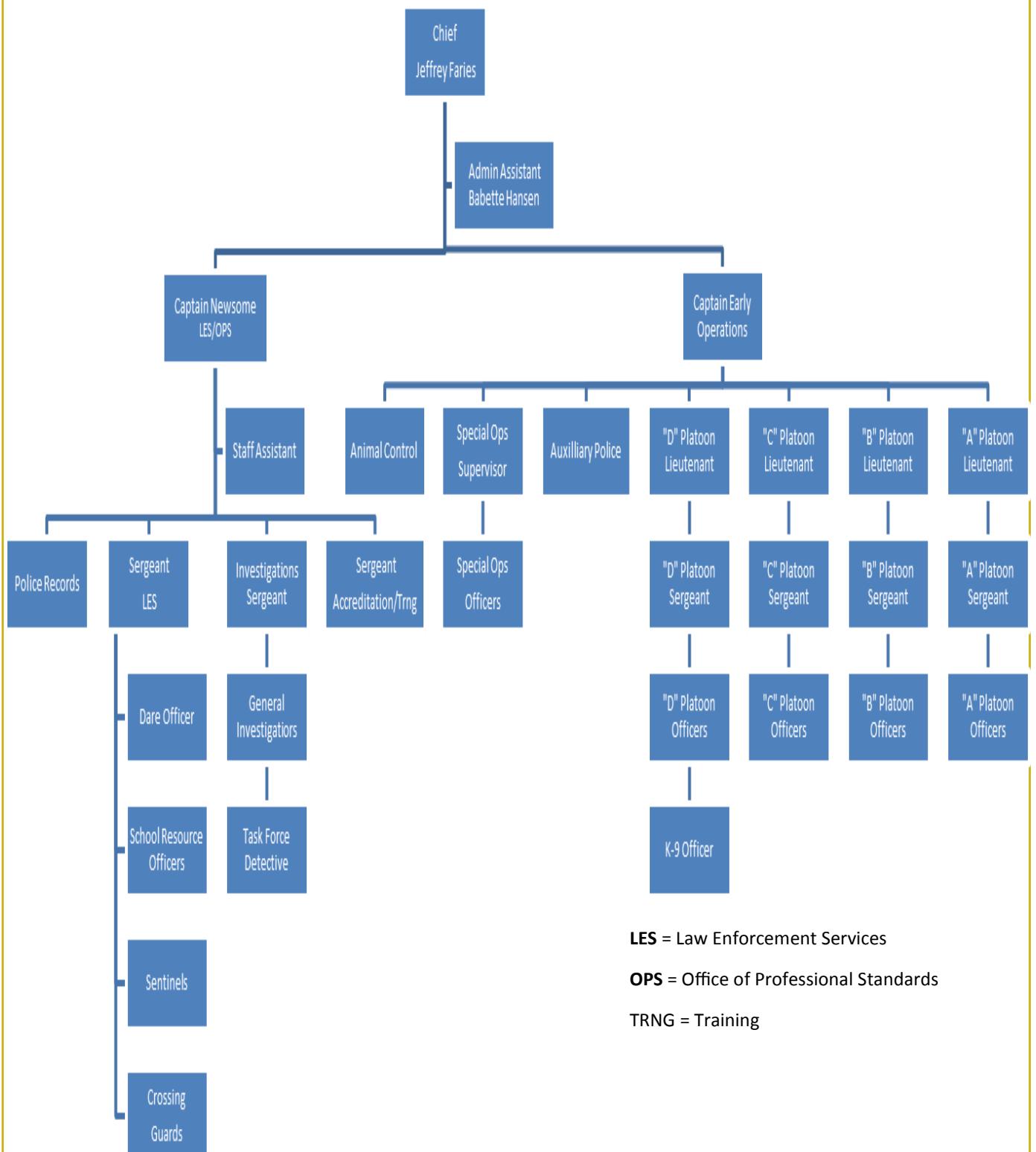
During the 1930's and 1940's, two police officers were on duty to protect the town. One officer was assigned to the day shift while the second officer worked at night. At times when Old Town Creek threatened to flood U.S. Routes 1/301, the officers divided the town, one patrolling north, and the second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

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

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

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

2012 Organizational Chart



2012 Staffing

Sworn Personnel	
Position	Number of Positions
Chief	1
Captain	2
Lieutenant	5
Sergeant	7
Investigator	4
Police Officer	30
Animal Control Officer	1
Total	50

Civilian Personnel	
Administrative Assistant	1
Staff Assistant	1
Records Clerk	2

Part Time Positions	
Animal Control Aide	1
School Crossing Guard	5

New Personnel for 2012

On May 23, 2012, the Department welcomed
Officer Raul “Joey” Viera to our family



2012 Police Memorial Breakfast



On May 9, 2012, the Department hosted the **2012 Law Enforcement Memorial Breakfast** at the Hopewell Moose Club. This annual event celebrates the lives and honors the memories of law enforcement personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty in the Tri-Cities and surrounding regions.



2012 Police Memorial Breakfast



Fallen officers from Colonial Heights, CSX Railroad Police, Prince George County, Petersburg, Waverly, Dinwiddie County, State Police, Sussex County, Fort Lee and Charles City County are honored at this annual event.



2012 Memorial Breakfast



The Colonial Heights Police Department Honor Guard served at the memorial, escorting family members and guests as a candle was lit for each fallen officer.



VALEPSC ACCREDITATION



The Colonial Heights Police Department has been actively working towards accreditation through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. In 2012, Lieutenant William Anspach and Sergeant Terry Long continued bringing the department up to standard in preparation for the assessment, which took place in November 2012.

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

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

VALEPSC ACCREDITATION

In August, 2012, the Department participated in a “mock” accreditation. This one-day event allowed the Department to recognize any weaknesses and correct any deficiencies before the final accreditation in November, 2012.



VALEPSC ACCREDITATION

On November 12, 13, and 14, 2012, a team of assessors from VALEPSC (Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission) evaluated the Department on our progress towards accreditation. Official results of the accreditation process will be received in January 2013.



VALEPSC ACCREDITATION

The Department put on a “static display” demonstrating to the assessors every piece of equipment used by the officers. Below is our Kawasaki “Mule”, used at multiple events, and one of our new police vehicles.



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VALEPSC ACCREDITATION

The Department very often utilizes the mobile message board and the child safety seat trailer during crime prevention events.



VALEPSC ACCREDITATION

Accreditation Year in Review

~Lt. William H. Anspach



Beginning in June of 2010, the Colonial Heights Police Department officially committed to the process of becoming an accredited agency with the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. In order to meet the standards set forth by the Commission, the Colonial Heights Police Department had to become verifiably compliant in more than 750 separate standards. These standards ranged from hiring and training agency personnel to the proper storage and destruction of evidentiary property held by the agency.

The agency first began this process by implementing an updated policy manual and then allowed time for agency personnel to read and comply with the requirements. Next, documentation, or “Proofs of Compliance”, was collected to demonstrate that we were following the new policy as well as any applicable State law. After a year of gathering these proofs of compliance, as well as practicing several newly implemented procedures, a practice “mock” assessment was conducted in August of 2012. During this mock assessment, our agency was inspected by 10 certified assessors from various accredited jurisdictions. At the conclusion of the mock assessment, we determined that our agency was prepared and scheduled our final on-site assessment.

On November 12th, 13th and 14th, three master assessors with VALEPSC arrived at our agency and conducted a top-to-bottom inspection of every aspect of our organization. At the conclusion, it was determined that we had met all applicable standards and recommended the Colonial Heights Police Department to become the 85th accredited agency in the Commonwealth. This is an historic moment for this agency, the employees who made it possible and for the citizens whom we all serve, to ensure professional police services. The Colonial Heights Police Department is dedicated to the accreditation process and will constantly work to ensure that the agency adheres to the strict guidelines set forth by the commission.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE



Tri-Cities Regional Domestic Violence Task Force Honors Governor Bob McDonnell

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RICHMOND - During a brief ceremony on December 4, 2012, members of the Tri-Cities Regional Domestic Violence Task Force recognized Governor Bob McDonnell for his commitment to addressing the issue of domestic violence in the Commonwealth. Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance, D-63rd, task force chairperson; and James House board members presented the award on behalf of all taskforce members thanking McDonnell for his support in launching the regional task force in 2006 while serving as Virginia's Attorney General.

"This award is for you," said Dance, "to recognize and thank you for your assistance in launching this task force."

Attending the ceremony with Dance were task force members Kevin Massengill, Dinwiddie County Administrator; Elvira de la Cruz, Director of Programs and Services, The James House; Sr. Officer Sophie Benkendorf, Colonial Heights Police Department; Jane Clayborne, Director of Community Relations, The James House; and Bill Gandel, Prince George County Board of Supervisors, who provided McDonnell with updates on task force efforts, including providing training on child neglect and abuse mandated reporting laws, human trafficking, domestic violence in the workplace, and the effect of witnessing domestic violence on children.

Massengill thanked McDonnell, saying, "It started with you. Your ideas are now coming to fruition through the work of the task force."

The Tri-Cities Regional Domestic Violence Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional collaboration that seeks to end domestic violence through coordinated prevention, intervention, community education, and advocacy efforts. It is comprised of members from Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg, Dinwiddie and Prince George.

POLICE VS FIRE SOFTBALL GAME



National Criminal Justice Command College



Pictured above: Captain Wayne Newsome with NCJCC Director Cindy Orshek

Captain Wayne Newsome graduated from the 7th Session of the University of Virginia National Criminal Justice Command College. The NCJCC is a 10-week intense training program that is targeted to mid-upper level law enforcement supervisors in state, county, or municipal agencies. The Command College is uniquely designed to provide an integrated, cutting-edge approach to criminal justice education through a framework of leadership and collaboration. Captain Newsome was one of 15 graduates who were selected from the Commonwealth of Virginia to attend. Their curriculum and topics of instruction included leadership, management issues, forensic science, collaboration and negotiation, and legal issues. Captain Newsome joins Captain William "Keith" Early, Lt. Dann Ferguson and Lt. William Anspach as alumni of the program.

Officer of the Month Awards

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

January - Officer Jared Brandedberry

During the month of January, 2012, Officer Brandedberry led the shift in traffic enforcement, with the exception of DUI's. Jared wrote 41 traffic tickets and gave 69 verbal warnings. He made one (1) felony and nine (9) misdemeanor arrests, clearing by arrest all cases assigned. He has a great attitude towards work and puts forth effort every day.

February - Sr. Detective Thad Johnson

First, it has to be said that Sr. Detective Thad Johnson is a consummate professional. He puts forth 110% in every case with which he is tasked. Such is the case with his recent investigation of the residential burglaries which occurred during the Fall of 2011. Early in the investigation, it was determined that both Colonial Heights and Prince George Police Departments were plagued by the same perpetrator—a burglar who entered the rear of a residence with a pry bar, ransacking the home and targeting jewelry usually from the master bedroom. Both departments began working collaboratively, which ultimately resulted in the arrest of the suspect at a burglary scene when discovered and confronted by a homeowner in Prince George. As a result of investigative techniques, information was gathered which lead to a search warrant at the home of the suspect, where most of the stolen jewelry from Prince George was located. Further investigative techniques revealed that the suspect had taken numerous items of jewelry to a Colonial Heights jewelry store.

March - Officer David Gallagher

Officer Gallagher had a very busy month. He was able to clear two major cases in March—a fraud case involving a counterfeit check passed at New #1 China restaurant, and a breaking and entering case involving a false report made by an active duty military suspect. In the counterfeit check case, Officer Gallagher was able to identify both suspects and provide a photo line-up for the victim, resulting in two arrests. In the aforementioned breaking and entering case, an alleged “victim” reported that thousands of dollars of military equipment had been stolen from his shed. In actuality, the alleged victim had pawned the military equipment at a pawn store located in Hopewell. Through his investigation and collaboration with the Fort Lee Police Department, Officer Gallagher obtained enough evidence to charge the victim with filing a false police report. Officer Gallagher was also assigned 16 new cases during March, of which he cleared 13, for a clearance rate of 75%. In addition, he issued 27 traffic summonses, investigated 13 vehicle crashes and made 10 misdemeanor arrests during March, 2012.

Officer of the Month Awards

April - Sr. Detective Thad Johnson, Sergeant Sam Young, Sr. Officer Travis Karr

Sr. Detective Thad Johnson always goes above and beyond when called to duty. On April 28th, Sr. Detective Johnson was called to Dress Barn for an armed robbery. He worked tirelessly that evening to run down every lead available and eventually linked the suspect to more than 15 robberies in the Richmond area. At the conclusion of the evening, Sr. Detective Johnson asked permission to conduct a picture line-up with the victims the following day, Sunday, in an effort to facilitate an expeditious arrest before the suspect hurt somebody. After dedicating himself to this case for the next 30 hours and gathering evidence from other agencies, Thad was able to bring the suspect into custody.

Before Sr. Detective Johnson arrived on scene, however, he was preceded by Sgt. Sam Young and his squad as they were dispatched to the Dress Barn robbery call. Sam did an excellent job of directing his assigned officers to effectively handle this very stressful call for service. He also handled the initial report and in so doing, was able to locate a vital witness who ultimately helped identify the suspect. Sgt. Young's experience and diligence resulted in solving not only this robbery, but also numerous others in surrounding communities.

May - Sergeant Rob Ruxer

The Colonial Heights Police Department sponsored the Law Enforcement Memorial Breakfast at the Hopewell Moose Lodge on Wednesday, May 9th. This is a much esteemed ceremonial event that requires the host agency to coordinate many details. Once he was assigned this task, Sgt. Ruxer went right into "detail" mode and began to organize every aspect of this breakfast to make certain that it flowed smoothly and looked and sounded professional. He immediately called to order an organizational meeting, which was attended by the Command Staff, Sentinel volunteer Les Fryar, and from then on everyone contributed to the project. A speaker was sought and secured by the Chief; a singer of the national anthem was proposed and secured by Lt. Anspach; host agency awards and gifts were discussed and purchased; and all other matters and details were discussed and finalized.

June - Officer Jared Brandedberry

On June 12, 2012, Sr. Detective Thad Johnson was assigned to investigate a possible sexual assault. While investigating the first crime, Sr. Detective Johnson discovered a second sexual abuse case involving the same victim, but with two separate offenders. The investigation further revealed that both offenders and the victim's mother were illegal immigrants from Honduras and that none of them spoke English. Officer Brandedberry was contacted to interpret, and without hesitation, he responded to headquarters in full uniform. After realizing how involved and important this case was, Officer Brandedberry relinquished his extra duty scheduled for that night and worked through his night off and into the early hours of the next morning with a great attitude. His assistance was essential in the arrest of the individuals responsible for this unthinkable crime.

During the month of June, Jared also wrote 63 traffic summonses, gave 70 verbal warnings, arrested two (2) DUIs, conducted 12 field interviews and made seven (7) misdemeanor arrests. He also investigated 10 new

Officer of the Month Awards

July - Officer Raul Viera

Even though Officer Viera is new to our department, he has already exhibited exemplary performance. First, while responding to a suspicious person call at Wawa, Officer Viera observed a possible stolen vehicle noted in a previous teletype traveling along the Boulevard. The vehicle stopped suddenly and the driver fled on foot. Officer Viera gave chase on foot and caught the suspect, bringing charges relating to the stolen vehicle, the foot pursuit and multiple drug offenses. As a result of this capture, a neighboring police agency is in the process of clearing several burglaries.

Another example of Joey's diligence came to light when he responded to American Family Fitness for a report of a larceny from a vehicle. After taking report information and locating possible witnesses, Joey realized that this incident may be related to the vast number of reported larcenies being experienced from the men's locker room. With assistance from the Investigations Division, he was able to compile a line-up and positively identify the suspect, who was located later that day at the fitness center wearing a recently stolen backpack. The suspect was arrested and confessed to numerous larcenies from American Family Fitness, ending this rampant crime spree.

Last but certainly not least, Officer Viera began an investigation of the passing of \$1,600.00 in counterfeit currency at two large retailers in the city. He obtained surveillance footage of the offenses and requested a teletype message be sent to other agencies detailing the offenses and suspect descriptions. As a result, two suspects were identified, warrants were ob-

August - Sr. Officer Travis Karr

During the month of July, at least two unknown suspects broke into the Rite Aid located on the Boulevard. Thousands of prescription pills were stolen. Sr. Officer Karr was assigned this case, along with the task of investigating a multitude of scooter, moped, go-cart and four-wheeler thefts that had plagued Colonial Heights, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Hopewell, Prince George and Petersburg. Representatives from the respective agencies gathered for an intelligence sharing meeting, during which time several suspects were mentioned. Sr. Officer Karr volunteered to make contact and interview the suspects, since he had already developed a rapport with a few of them, one of whom was at that time incarcerated on an unrelated charge. During the interview with this particular suspect, Travis was able to extract enough valid information through questioning to obtain a search warrant, which resulted in recovery of clothing worn by the burglary suspects, burglary tools and numerous stolen narcotic medications. One of the suspects on scene during the search made a full confession, admitting to committing similar burglaries to Rite Aids in Hanover and Henrico, and two attempted burglaries in Chesterfield and Hanover.

As a result of Travis's diligence, burglaries from numerous jurisdictions were cleared by arrest. Further, Sr. Officer Karr was able to prevent the sale of narcotic medications by seizing what was on hand and the prevention of any future burglaries to obtain the narcotics. Additionally, he is fostering a cooperative relationship with several law enforcement agencies in the Richmond area.

September –Sr. Officer Gregory Thinnnes

In the month of September, students and faculty of the Colonial Heights schools returned after their summer recess. Increased traffic and the presence of students near and at our schools generated a need to remind drivers that "School's Open—Drive Safely". Sr. Officer Thinnnes was assigned the task of getting the message out and developing an enforcement blitz at the beginning of the new school year.

SCHOOL'S OPEN—DRIVE SAFELY posters were placed at the entrances and exits of 45 businesses and government facilities the week prior to the reopening of schools. Sr. Officer Thinnnes made contact with the responsible parties of each location and obtained permission to post the signage and arranged delivery.

In addition, Greg coordinated efforts with Sr. Officer Sophie Benkendorf to utilize the department's speed trailer and mobile message board in select areas near our schools as a reminder to drivers to slow down and obey the school zone speed limits. Daylight officers were directed to slow traffic down through high visibility enforcement. This effort continued when the daylight squad was off, as Greg worked with Lt. Ferguson to coordinate continued enforcement on the evening shift. During the first three weeks of school, officers issued 14 summonses and gave 19 verbal warnings for violations in the school zones!

As part of Sr. Officer Thinnnes' initiative, A Squad officers each adopted a school and assumed traffic safety and enforcement responsibilities for that school while it is in session. Partly due to Greg's efforts, there were no crashes or similar incidents at or near the schools during the first month of the new school year. Sr. Officer Thinnnes took ownership of this initiative and continues to offer ways in which the department can provide safer school zones throughout the school year.

Officer of the Month Awards

October - Sr. Officer Robert Clark

Sr. Officer Clark had an outstanding month by issuing 26 traffic summonses, 35 warnings, and a career high of four (4) DUI's in one month. He also made one (1) felony and 19 misdemeanor arrests for the month, while investigating 10 criminal cases, clearing 90% of them. Sr. Officer Clark also assisted with both the rifle and pistol qualifications as an instructor. Bob is a hard worker who is consistently self-motivated to be an active and productive member of our squad.

November - Lieutenant William Anspach and Sergeant Terry Long

For the past several years, the Colonial Heights Police Department has been working toward accreditation, rewriting policies, re-evaluating our procedures and revamping our facility to meet the criteria of the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. We took a major step forward when assessors from the (VALEPSC) inspected our overall department on November 12-14, 2012, in the hopes of receiving formal recognition from the Commonwealth of Virginia as an accredited agency. Without the efforts of Lt. Anspach and Sgt. Long, this process would not have been possible. Countless hours were put into this endeavor, ensuring that the training standards were met by everyone and guiding the department on a new course of operation. It has been a long, hard road and everyone worked hard, but these two officers were the glue that kept us together.

In addition to his intensive work on the department's accreditation process, Lt. Anspach has transitioned into the Special Operations Division. This unit is working hard and making a difference every day toward the efforts of crime fighting, crime prevention and community service. Sgt. Long will be continuing on in the "maintenance" phase of accreditation, ensuring that the department's standards are kept up, along with overseeing our officer training.

December - Master Detective Jason Chimera

Master Det. Chimera has investigated several significant cases during the month of December, two of which stand out from the rest. He was called out to respond to a burglary at Priscilla's. The investigation revealed that the suspect smashed the front glass door with a rock and gained entry. The surveillance video depicted a white male with a face covering targeting specific items. The suspect cut himself on shattered glass and left blood droplets at the scene. After processing the scene, Det. Chimera canvassed the most likely escape route and found a trail of some of the stolen items in the wooded area, some of which were covered in blood. While continuing to follow the trail of items, he located a wallet containing identification and clothing items that were likely dropped in the suspect's haste to flee the scene. The suspect has refused to cooperate in the investigation; however, once the result of forensic evidence is analyzed, it will make a compelling case with the addition of the recovery of the wallet.

Det. Chimera was also assigned to follow up on a Crime Solver's tip, which revealed that there was a plan in place to rob Long John Silver's Restaurant. An investigation into the matter revealed that several young men were approached by a John Blake Humphreys, who had solicited them to assist him with robbing Long John Silver's. Because of Det. Chimera's prompt follow-up to this lead, the alleged perpetrator was arrested and incarcerated before the robbery could take place. Further, the swiftness of the investigation likely prevented personal injury and/or loss of property.

Officer Recognition

M.A.D.D. Award

Each year, the Virginia Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving recognizes local officers for their outstanding achievement in DUI enforcement. In 2012, Officer Jared Brandeberry and Officer Greer Fullerton were recognized.



From left: Officer Greer Fullerton, Colonel Jeffrey Faries, Officer Jared Brandeberry

American Legion Awards

Each year, the Colonial Heights American Legion Post 284 recognizes one officer from the Colonial Heights Police Department as their “Officer of the Year”. In 2012, that was Sr. Officer Mike Foster, pictured below with Colonel Jeffrey Faries.

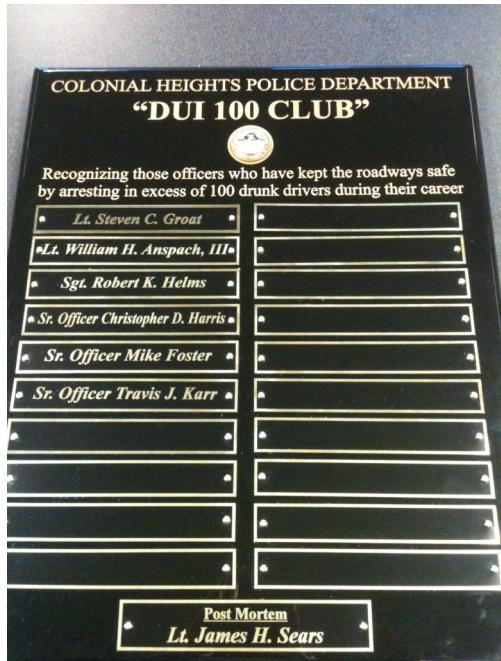
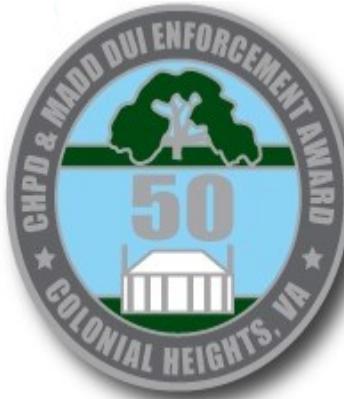
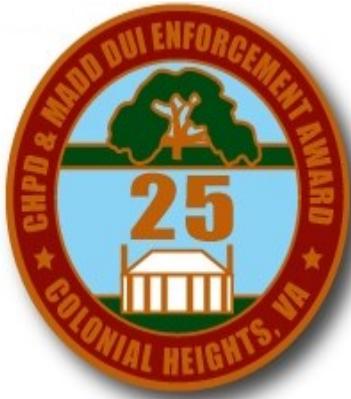


DUI “100” Club

In 2012, the Colonial Heights Police Department continued to recognize officers for DUI enforcement by induction into the

“100” Club

Officers were recognized for their superior achievement in the area of DUI enforcement based on the total number of DUI drivers that they arrested during their career.



Officers are awarded a pin that they wear on their uniform to indicate the number of DUI arrests they have made in their career.
(above)

The names of officers who were inducted into the “100” Club were also put onto a plaque which is displayed at Police Headquarters. (at left)

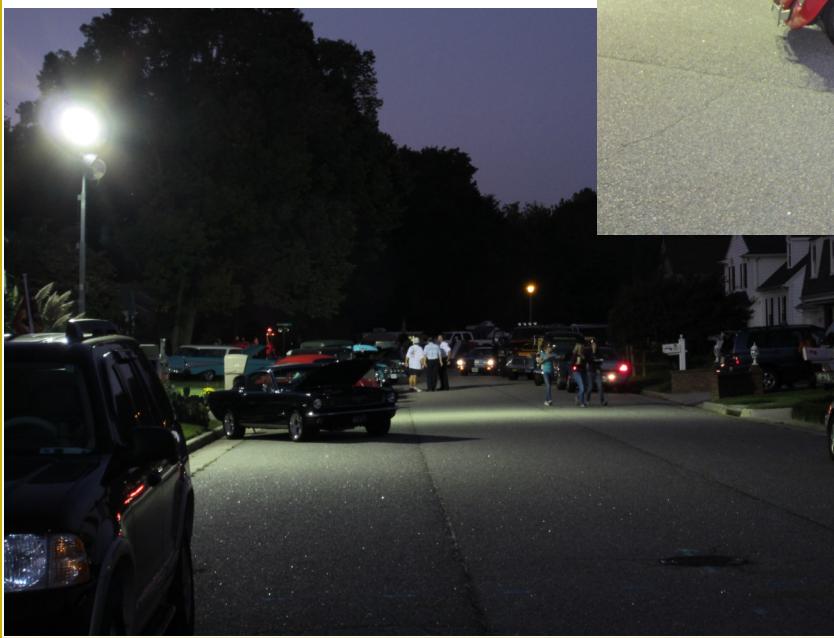
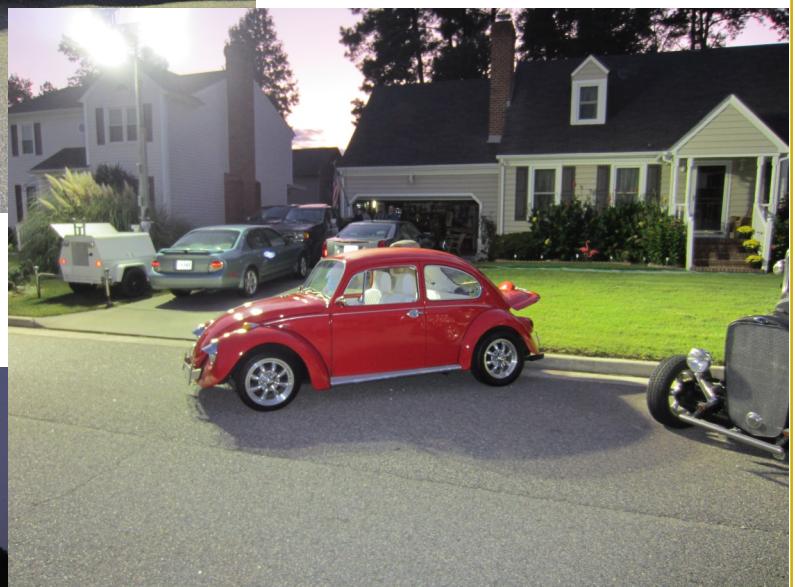
Celebrate Safe Communities 2012

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



Celebrate Safe Communities 2012

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



Operations Bureau

Uniform Patrol Division

The Uniform Patrol Division falls under the purview of the Operations Bureau Commander. The Division is comprised of 35 sworn officers divided amongst four squads. Each squad consists of a lieutenant, a sergeant, and patrol officers. Uniformed officers provide police protection around the clock in 12 hours shifts.

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



Captain William Keith Early is the commander of the Operations Bureau

Uniform Patrol Division

Operations Year in Review

~Capt. William Early



The year of 2012 brought many exciting changes and milestones for the Operations Bureau. The City received a new License Plate Reader which was put into service and will be utilized as a regular part of patrol operations to look for stolen vehicles. Sadly, one of our K-9 officers, Lou a Belgian Malawi, had to be laid to rest because of health concerns.

We had two officers; Robert Simmons and Kyle Sexton graduate from Basic Police Academy in March, both have gone on to be productive members of the Department. The newly formed Special Operations Unit was deployed in late 2012 to address quality of life issues within the City. The Sentinel volunteer unit was also brought under Operations in order to create a more efficient way of communicating with and training volunteers. The Sentinel Unit now meets and trains with the Auxiliary Police Officers.

Officer Joey Viera came on board with the Operations Bureau as the newest Patrol Officer, he quickly became an asset to the department.

Uniform Patrol Division

Special Operations Unit

The Special Operations Unit is a specialty unit comprised of police officers who concentrate on quality-of-life crimes (disorderly conduct, public intoxication, prostitution, etc.), narcotics violations, gang activity, and/or any other assignments.

The Special Operations Unit assists the Investigations Division with major crimes as needed. The Unit actively solicits tips from other officers and members of the public regarding suspected criminal activity of an ongoing, chronic nature. These officers work with local, state and federal agencies and are responsible for educating the public regarding topics of narcotics and gangs.



Uniform Patrol Division

Animal Control

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

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

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Animal Complaints	1446	1364	1521	1489
Impounded Animals	717	634	528	552
Animal Bites	8	12	3	3
Wildlife Complaints	41	37	37	9
Summons Issued	21	45	47	60
Animals Adopted	424	333	285	288
Returned to Owner	143	150	117	114

Uniform Patrol Division

Animal Control Year in Review

~Sr. Officer Stacey Arehart

During the year, the Colonial Heights Animal Shelter has worked very hard to provide the best care for our shelter animals. Our facility took in 552 animals. Of the animals taken in, 114 were safely returned to their owners, 288 were adopted and 126 were transferred to local rescues which assisted in finding them homes.

To assist the community, the shelter also provided low cost vaccinations. During the year, four rabies clinics were held where vaccinations were provided at a cost of \$8.00. At the events, 249 dogs and 53 cats were vaccinated.

In May, we worked with the Petersburg/Colonial Heights S.P.C.A. at the Fort Clifton Festival to raise money for the S.P.C.A. During the event, the S.P.C.A. provided low cost spay and neuter certificates to the public. A raffle was also held during the festival to help raise money for the S.P.C.A. Our shelter continues to work closely with the S.P.C.A., and most recently they donated \$15,000.00 to the shelter to assist with purchasing a new animal control vehicle.

Through the help of volunteers, we were able to create a Facebook page where our adoptable animals can be seen. People can also follow the animals that have been adopted. Facebook has also helped us make connection with many rescue groups to help us place animals. Our shelter continues to receive donations through our City webpage. A link to the Kuranda Pet Bed website has been very successful. The public has donated enough pet beds that we now have a pet bed for every dog in the shelter. We are now beginning to receive cat beds for the cat cages.

During December, we held Angel Adoptions. During this event, all animals adopted received a free rabies shot, free checkup at the vet and the adoption fee was waived. We adopted out four dogs and 14 cats during the event.

The Colonial Heights Animal Shelter continues to work with citizens, volunteers and rescue groups to provide safe homes for our animals and to make sure that all of our animals receive adequate care and treatment while in our care.

Uniform Patrol Division

Auxiliary Police 2012

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

Auxiliary Officers donated 2,631 hours in 2012.



Uniform Patrol Division

Sentinels 2012

The Colonial Heights Sentinel Program incorporates citizen volunteers into the police department to supplement and enhance services. Sentinel volunteers perform non-enforcement tasks such as traffic control, motorist assistance, crime prevention and assistance at special events. Prior to becoming a Sentinel, volunteers complete a 12-week training course and field training program. Classes, held during evening and weekend hours, provide necessary training to prepare students for entry into the Sentinel Program. Each Sentinel is asked to donate at least 16 hours every month. Sentinel volunteers donated a total of 288 hours in 2012.



Law Enforcement Services

Law Enforcement Services

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

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

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

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



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

Law Enforcement Services

Investigations

The Investigations Division has the primary responsibility of conducting in-depth criminal and crime scene investigations. In addition to their primary roles, detectives are able to provide guidance to patrol officers concerning criminal investigations and crime scene processing. Detectives investigate many crimes, including narcotics violations, homicides, robberies, sexual crimes, property crimes, frauds, auto thefts, burglaries and missing persons cases. The Investigations unit is also responsible for investigating and maintaining compliance on many permits such as concealed weapon permits and precious metals and gems permits.

The Investigations Division consists of a sergeant and three general investigators. The Narcotics Task Force detective also falls under the supervision of the Investigations sergeant.



Law Enforcement Services

School Resource Officers

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



Middle School SRO Scott Whirley



High School SRO Derek Pattison

Law Enforcement Services

D.A.R.E.[®]

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



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

Law Enforcement Services

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



Chaplain Mike Murray



Chaplain Dr. George W. Lyons

Law Enforcement Services

Records

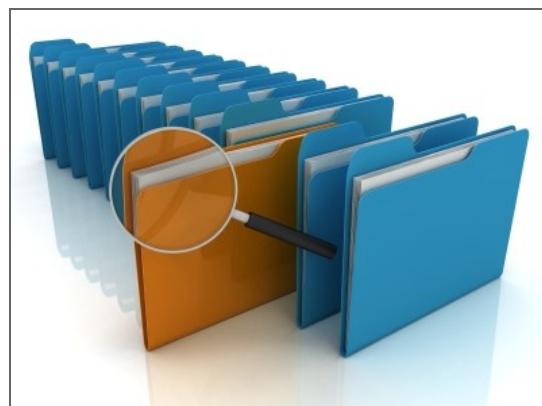
Two full-time Records Specialists, Ms. Robin Kester and Mrs. Bobbi Adams, are responsible for maintaining all police information. Records Specialists process all police and Animal Control reports, traffic and criminal summonses, parking tickets, alarm citations, vehicle crash reports, property receipts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



Ms. Robin Kester, Records Technician



Mrs. Bobbi Adams, Records Technician



Law Enforcement Services

Narcotics Enforcement



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

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



Specialized Units

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

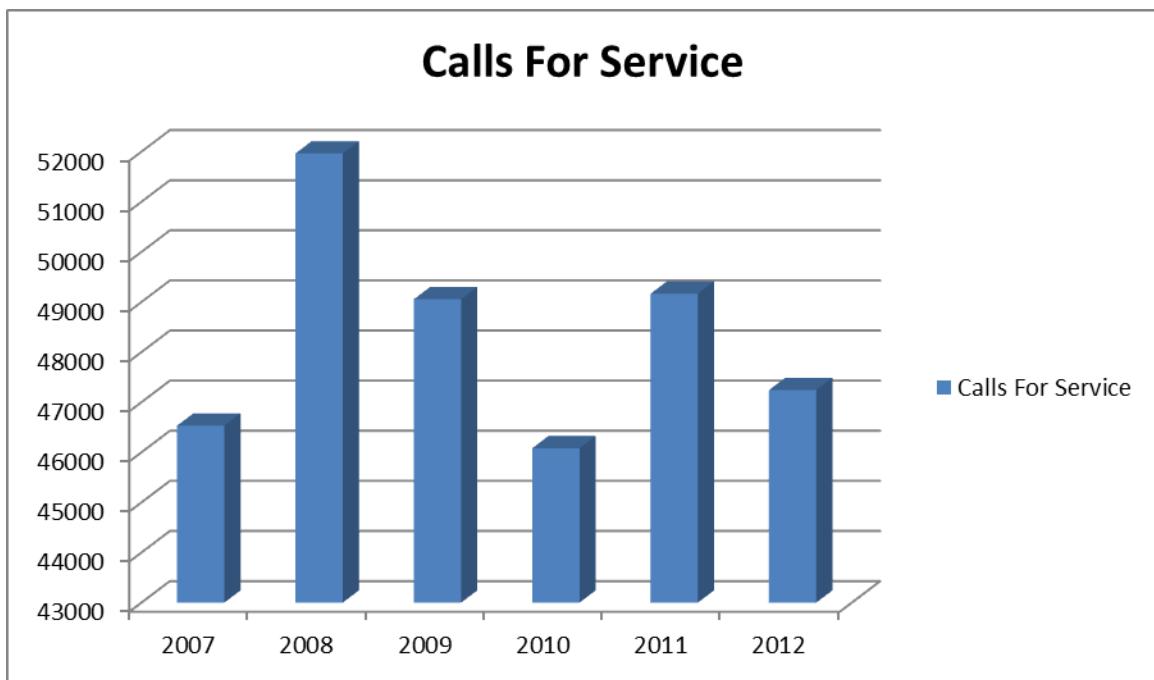
2012

City of Colonial Heights

Crime and Traffic Statistics

2012 Calls for Service

Year	Number of Calls
2007	46,531
2008	51,963
2009	49,053
2010	46,079
2011	49,164
2012	47,240



2012 Crime Statistics

Part 1 Crime Comparison

Crime	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Homicide	0	0	2	0	-100%
Rape	2	5	5	4	-20%
Robbery	24	22	9	13	+44%
Aggravated Assault	21	24	18	24	+33%
Total Violent Crimes	47	51	34	41	+21%
Break and Enter	67	74	61	59	-3%
Larceny	751	696	856	897	+5%
Vehicle Theft	38	30	30	42	+40%
Arson	7	8	4	7	+75%
Total Property Crimes	863	807	951	1005	+6%
Total Part I Crimes	910	858	985	1046	+6%

2012 Crime Statistics

Part 1 Crime Clearances

Crime	Number of Offenses	Cases Cleared	% Cleared
Homicide	0	0	N/A
Rape	4	4	+100%
Robbery	13	8	+62%
Aggravated Assault	24	24	+96%
Total Violent Crimes	41	35	+85%
Break & Enter	59	21	+36%
Larceny	897	636	+71%
Vehicle Theft <small>(all vehicle types)</small>	42	6	+14%
Arson	7	3	+43%
Total Property Crimes	1005	666	+66%
Total Part I Crimes	1046	701	+67%

2012 Crime Statistics

Other Reported Crimes

Crime	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Simple Assaults	258	261	166	-36%
Assaults on Police	10	5	9	+80%
Annoying Phone Calls	20	14	10	-29%
Bomb Threats	2	1	2	+100%
Child Neglect	21	28	50	+79%
Curfew Violations	5	16	4	-75%
Drugs/Narcotics	292	253	292	+15%
Disorderly Conduct	42	32	23	-28%
Domestic Violence	438	509	439	-14%
Drunkenness	109	85	87	+2%
Embezzlement	46	38	39	+3%
Credit Card Fraud	60	52	51	+2%
Fraud by Swindle	49	49	58	+18%
Forgery	51	69	47	-32%
Hit and Run	243	234	264	+13%
Kidnapping/Abduction	14	7	7	0%
Missing Person	8	6	3	-50%
Resist Arrest	30	42	27	-36%
Pornography	2	6	3	-50%
Indecent Exposure	4	4	9	+125%
Sexual Assault	14	23	34	+45%
Stalking	6	2	4	+100%
Suicide	1	0	5	+500%
Trespassing	67	51	51	0%
Vandalism	194	168	160	-5%
Weapons Violations	57	59	32	-46%
All Other Offenses	600	746	826	+11%

2012 Crime Statistics

Persons Arrested by Offense

Offense Type	2010	2011	2012
Homicide	0	1	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	3	4	3
Robbery	17	10	5
Aggravated Assault	18	18	26
Other Assault	265	256	171
Burglary	30	38	31
Larceny	689	823	897
Vehicle Theft	8	13	5
Arson	6	2	3
Forgery / Counterfeit	38	46	34
Fraud	140	144	104
Embezzlement	58	68	49
Vandalism	77	58	68
Weapons Offenses	46	50	46
Sex Offenses	17	35	20
Drug Sales	98	89	55
Drug Possession	262	279	293
DUI	308	242	235
Alcohol Violations	131	93	59
Drunk in Public	124	103	98
Disorderly	42	42	36
Runaway	34	38	32
Curfew	35	16	20
Other	1584	1805	1692
TOTAL	4030	4273	3979

2012 Crime Statistics

Domestic Violence Calls for Service and Arrests

	2010	2011	2012	% Change
Total Domestic Calls for Service	438	509	439	-14%
Total Arrests	107	109	86	-21%
Adult Male	72	63	54	-14%
Adult Female	24	32	20	-38%
Juvenile Male	8	9	6	-33%
Juvenile Female	3	5	6	20%

2012 Crime Statistics

Assaults on Police Officers 2012

Type of Call	Number of Assaults
Disturbance	6
Handling Prisoner	1
Other Arrest	1
Traffic Pursuit / Stop	1
Total Assaults	9

2012 Traffic Statistics

Traffic Summons by Type

Offense	2010	2011	2012
DUI	308	242	235
DUI Test Refusal	60	54	54
Speeding (Radar)	3946	4298	4097
Speeding (Other)	18	28	3
Reckless (Speeding)	160	133	156
Reckless (General)	95	64	70
Habitual Offender	13	7	8
Hit and Run	24	23	36
Following too Closely	111	153	157
Fail to Keep Proper Control	18	32	29
Improper Turn	22	25	31
Improper Lane Change	31	45	95
Fail to Obey Highway Sign	403	476	569
Fail to Obey Highway Signal	198	190	207
Fail to Yield	151	123	116
Fail to Obey Siren/Lights	11	17	11
Expired or No Operator's License	410	461	539
Suspended Operator's License	609	628	729
No Safety Restraint	145	173	243
No Insurance	97	123	88
Expired or No Inspection	1150	981	776
Expired or No Registration	599	615	580
Expired or No License Plates	239	320	419
Improper Equipment	547	674	787
Fail to Dim Headlights	61	72	91
Expired or No Local Tag	28	34	33
Miscellaneous	516	430	343
TOTAL	9880	10421	10502

2012 Traffic Statistics

Motor Vehicle Crashes and DUI Arrests

Year	No. of DUI Arrests
2007	284
2008	407
2009	333
2010	308
2011	242
2012	235

Year	Reportable	Non-Reportable	Total Crashes
2007	444	744	1188
2008	340	723	1063
2009	344	701	1045
2010	309	730	1039
2011	302	733	1035
2012	320	750	1070

2012 Traffic Statistics

Motor Vehicle Crashes by Month and Top Ten by Location

2012	2011	No. of Crashes
92	January	53
79	February	86
113	March	85
104	April	79
86	May	75
69	June	79
74	July	80
92	August	99
83	September	103
95	October	96
88	November	97
95	December	103

Rank	Location	No. of Crashes
1	Parking Lots	298
2	I-95 & Temple	82
3	Conduit / Temple	61
4	Dimmock / Southpark	32
5	Temple / Dimmock	29
6	Boulevard / Temple	24
7	South / Southpark Blvd	22
8	Temple / Southpark Blvd	19
9	Conduit / Old Town Creek	17
10	Boulevard / Dupuy	19

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