



# ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

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## 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.

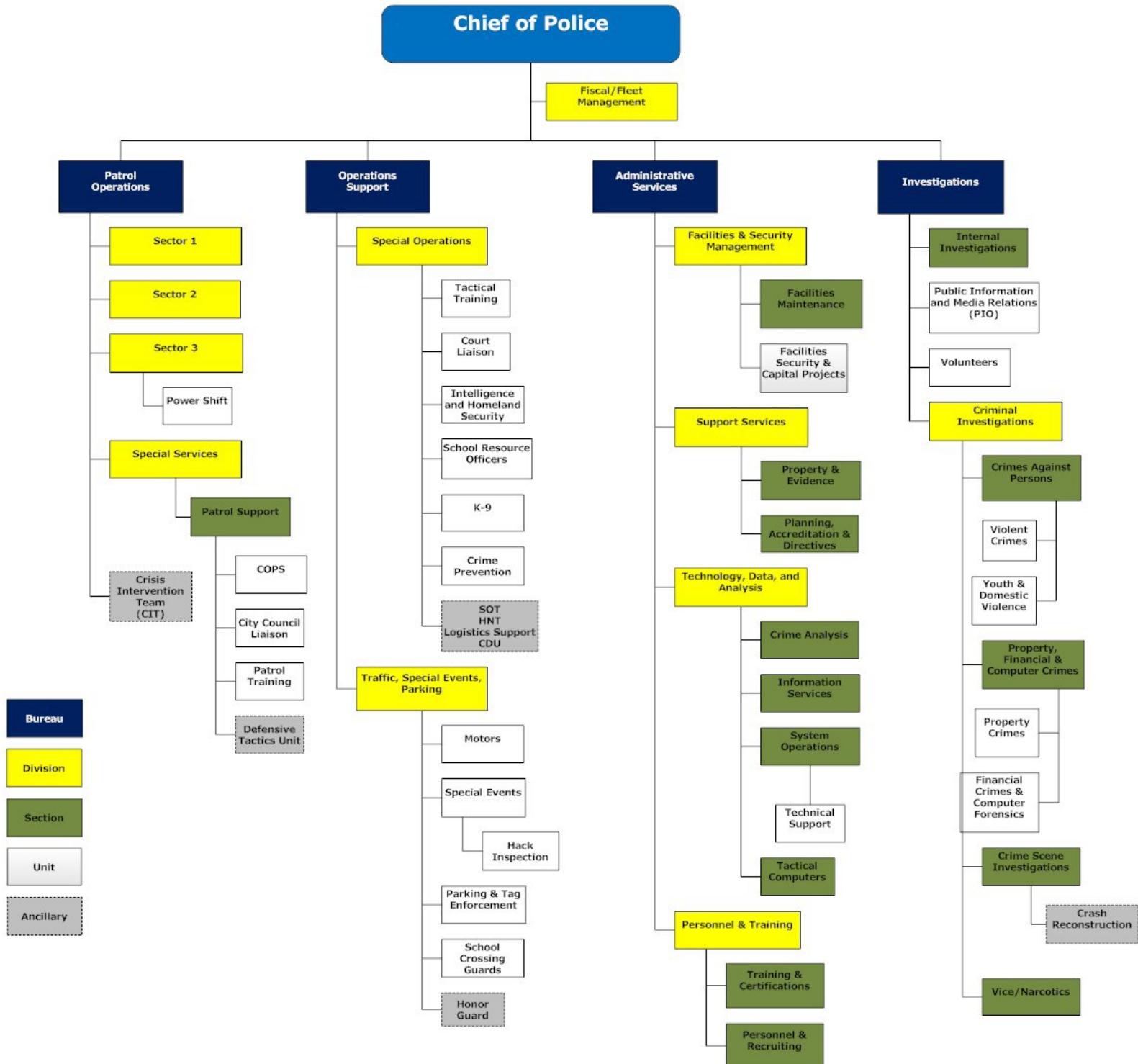
Central to the Department's mission are the values that guide its work and decisions.

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

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| · Human Life            | · Dignity        |
| · Integrity             | · Excellence     |
| · Laws and Constitution | · Accountability |
| · Problem-Solving       | · Cooperation    |
| · Ourselves             |                  |

# 2013 ORGANIZATION CHART

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## APD IN ACTION



Officer Guastavo Paulino rings a bell during the September 11 Remembrance Ceremony at Market Square.



## TITANS PUBLIC SAFETY APPRECIATION NIGHT

On May 15, Chief Earl Cook, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and Fairfax Police Lieutenant Tom Ryan threw out ceremonial first pitches at T.C. Williams' Public Safety Appreciation Night. T.C. Williams' baseball team and booster club sold raffle tickets, with proceeds going to benefit Officer Peter Laboy and Fairfax County Officer Junior Dinh, who are recovering from critical line-of-duty injuries.



## CHARLIE HILL PARK CLEAN-UP

Friday, March 22, marked the 24-year anniversary of the line of duty death of Corporal Charles W. Hill. To mark the anniversary, the Alexandria Police Department's Special Operations Team gathered to clean the park. Corporal Hill was performing his duties as a member of the Special Operations Team when he was killed during a hostage situation.

## SERGEANT MORTON FORD ADDED TO NVCJTA MEMORIAL

On May 14, Sergeant Morton "Morty" Ford was added to the Memorial at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy. Sgt Ford died as the result of contracting Hepatitis C during a blood transfusion after being shot in the line of duty. On November 26, 1974, Sergeant Ford and several other officers had responded to a robbery in progress at a state-owned ABC store on North St. Asaph Street. As they arrived at the scene Sergeant Ford observed two men get into a car in an adjacent parking lot on Montgomery Street. As the patrol car pulled into the parking lot the men in the car immediately opened fire on the officers. Sergeant Ford rammed the vehicle as it attempted to flee and then returned fire. He was struck in the chest during the ensuing shootout. One of the suspects was fatally wounded and two others were taken into custody.

Sergeant Ford underwent several blood transfusions following the surgery. It was later determined that he received infected blood during one of the transfusions. His health continued to deteriorate until he passed away in 2011. Sergeant Ford served with APD for 26 years. He is survived by his brother and two sisters.



**K-9 "Gracie" waits for a command from her handler, K-9 Officer Steve Escobar, during the USPCA K-9 Trials.**

## 30th ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 6, Alexandria Police celebrated the 30th Annual National Night Out. The special celebration is part of a nationwide crime and drug prevention effort sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) to heighten awareness of crime prevention. Residents in more than 30 Alexandria neighborhoods hosted neighborhood cook-outs and sponsored block parties in support of National Night Out.



McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog and the K-9 Unit, Motor Unit, Bike Patrol, Command Bus, Armored Personnel Carrier and Crime Scene Mobile Lab toured neighborhoods and offered special demonstrations.

## USPCA NATIONAL K-9 TRIALS

This year, the United States Police Canine Association's National K-9 Trials were held locally in Charles County, Maryland. The competition began Monday, September 30 and continued through Thursday, October 3. APD was represented by four K-9 teams this year:

- Sergeant Steve Carr and K-9 "G'Kar"
- Officer Mark Wuckovich and K-9 "Marco"
- Officer Carlos Rolon and K-9 "Xig-Xag"
- Officer Steve Escobar and K-9 "Gracie"

The teams' skills were tested in numerous categories, including Evidence Search and Box Search, Agility, Obedience and Criminal Apprehension.





Before the winter weather hit, Alexandria celebrated the holidays with the 43rd Scottish Walk Parade. APD assisted with traffic and crowd control to ensure all spectators were safe during the parade.

## FEEDING THE COMMUNITY AT THANKSGIVING

On November 27, Community-Oriented Policing (COPS) officers distributed Thanksgiving meals and other supplies to deserving residents throughout the City. Through a partnership with Giant Food, approximately 30 families were provided full meals for Thanksgiving.

Each family was given a turkey, Thanksgiving sides and 3 bags of non-perishable "pantry stuffers." About 20 additional families were given bags of non-perishable pantry stuffers as well. A large donation was also provided to the New Hope family shelter in order to assist their feedings of several families of sheltered residents. In all, approximately two tons of food was distributed throughout the city.



## COPS FOR CHRISTMAS

Each Christmas, the COPS Unit takes extra steps to ensure the residents in their communities enjoy the holidays. On December



17, the Unit brought the holiday spirit to the residents of 375 S. Reynolds Street. The officers hosted a holiday party complete with Santa himself. In addition to pizza and cookies, Santa gave each child a gift from their wish list.

The next night, the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority hosted its annual Winter Wonderland event at Charles Houston Recreation Center. The COPS officers were tasked with the very important job of making sure Santa and his elves arrived safe and sound.

## NEWS AND EVENTS



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# MAJOR NEWS AND EVENTS

## SHOOTING OF OFFICER PETER LABOY

On February 27, Officer Peter Laboy suffered a catastrophic gunshot wound to his temple. At 11:44 a.m., an officer issued a look out for a yellow cab minivan regarding a minor offense. Almost immediately, Officer Laboy spotted the minivan and initiated a traffic stop. Shortly after, the Department of Emergency Communications began receiving 911 calls for an officer down. Officer Laboy was flown to Medstar Washington Hospital Center with life-threatening injuries.

A look out was again issued for the yellow cab minivan. A patrol officer spotted the minivan heading Southbound on Washington Street and attempted to initiate a traffic stop. The suspect vehicle sped off. A pursuit ensued into Fairfax County where the Fairfax County Police Department took over. The minivan crashed at Fort Hunt Road and Bellevue Boulevard. The suspect Kashif Bashir, 27 years-old, of Woodbridge, Virginia, was taken into custody. He was charged with Malicious Wounding of a Law Enforcement Officer and Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony.

Officer Laboy's chances of survival that day were one in a million. A team of 100 people at MedStar worked tirelessly to save his life. Doctors removed a portion of his skull in order to take out some of the bullet fragments. Dr. Janis Orlowski, Chief Medical Officer at Medstar Washington Hospital Center, told the media Officer Laboy's survival is a miracle.

The outpouring of support for Officer Laboy, his family, friends and coworkers, was overwhelming. On March 8, Vice President Joe Biden visited the Police Department to express his condolences, and thank everyone for a job well done. Vice President Biden met with the Police and City personnel who were involved the day Officer Laboy was shot.

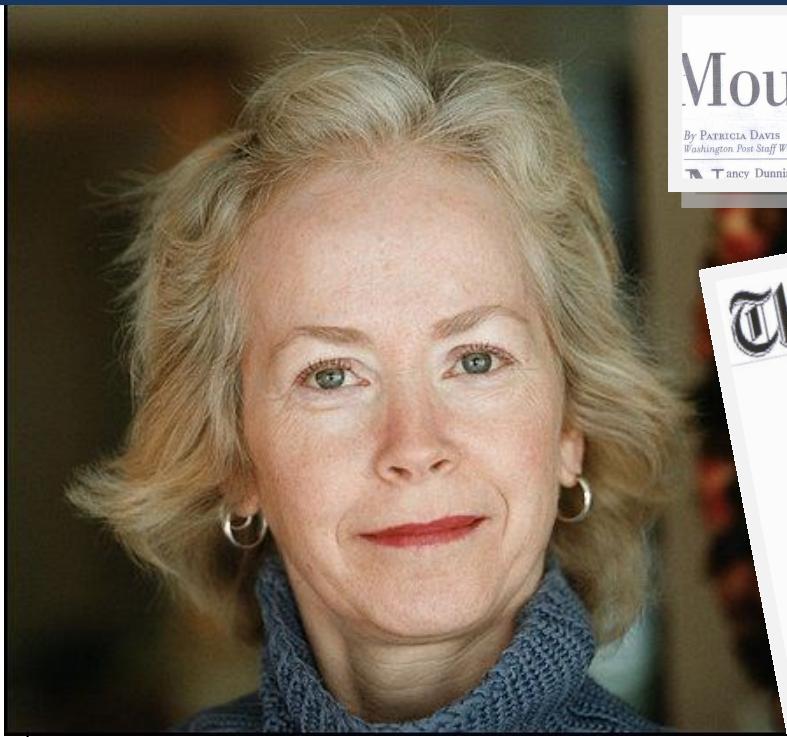
Additionally, residents and business owners held fundraisers and blood donation drives. On March 10, a fundraiser was hosted by Virtue Feed and Grain in and the Alexandria Police Association (APA). Amazingly, over 3,000 people attended. On March 21, the Police Department and Inova Blood Services hosted a blood drive in support of Officer Laboy. On April 21, the APA partnered with Pacers to dedicate the last mile of 2013's George Washington Parkway Classic in honor of Officer Laboy. This mile has been designated as the "LABOYSTRONG MILE". All were encouraged to come out with banners and signs to motivate runners to fight on like Peter, LABOYSTRONG!

Officer Peter Laboy returned home on April 13, 2013, after spending nearly two months in the hospital. This homecoming represented a big step forward in his rehabilitation. Doctors are unsure as to the extent Officer Laboy will recover from his injuries.

On May 20, The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office presented indictments to the Alexandria Circuit Court grand jury during its regular session. The grand jury returned indictments charging Bashir, with aggravated malicious wounding, attempted capital murder of a law enforcement officer, and two counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony in the shooting of Officer Laboy.

The Alexandria and law enforcement communities went above and beyond to show their support for Officer Laboy. From monetary donations and household items to cupcakes for Officer Laboy's children, the overwhelming generosity and care shown is awe-inspiring.





# Mourning Loss of a 'Queen'

By PATRICIA DAVIS  
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2-10-04 Slaying of Popular Real Estate Agent Leaves Family Neighborhood Struck

Nancy Dunning spent the



**Nancy Dunning was found deceased in her home on December 3, 2013. Police are still actively investigating the case.**

## NANCY DUNNING HOMICIDE: 10 YEARS LATER; POLICE ACTIVELY INVESTIGATING CASE

Ten years ago, prominent Alexandria resident Nancy Dunning was found dead in her home from multiple gunshot wounds. Mrs. Dunning was a well-known real estate agent and wife of then Alexandria Sheriff, Jim Dunning.

Mrs. Dunning's death was a shock to the Alexandria community. Her family, friends and concerned business owners gathered a substantial reward for information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of her killer.

At the time, Alexandria Police Department detectives conducted a detailed investigation. The investigation, unfortunately, did not result in an arrest. Over the last 10 years, the Department has used numerous experienced detectives and external agencies not originally involved in the case to review Mrs. Dunning's death.

This is still a very active and fluid investigation. The death of James Dunning in 2012 has not had an impact on the investigation. A complete review of the case is being conducted, including forensic technology that was not available 10 years ago.

## HOMICIDE ON HOLLY STREET

On February 13, 94 year-old Elmer Roehrs was found dead in his home in the 2700 block of Holly Street. An autopsy determined the manner of death to be a homicide.

Alexandria detectives had been investigating a burglary that occurred at the same location on November 27, 2012. The suspect in that burglary was located and arrested on February 14 by the Alexandria Police Department's Tactical Anti-Crime Unit. Marie Maybell Johnson, 45, of no fixed address, was arrested around 3:15 a.m., following a traffic stop in the 1400 block of Duke Street. She was interviewed by detectives and transported to the William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center where she was held without bond. She was charged with Burglary and Grand Larceny from the incident on November 27, 2012.



On May 20, the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney Office announced the indictment of Ms. Johnson for murder, attempted arson, and destruction of property in the murder of Mr. Roehrs.



**Chief of Police Earl Cook gives a statement to the media following the arrest of Craig Patterson on May 21.**

## HOMICIDE ON LYNHAVEN DRIVE

On May 22, officers responded to the 100 block of Lynhaven Drive for reports of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, 22 year-old Julian Dawkins. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Based upon the results of the autopsy examination conducted by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the death of Julian Dawkins has been ruled a homicide caused by a gunshot wound. Mr. Dawkins was shot following a confrontation with an off-duty Arlington County deputy sheriff, Craig Patterson, during the early morning hours of May 21, in the Lynhaven area of Alexandria.

Alexandria Police arrested Arlington County Sheriff's Deputy Craig Patterson, 44. Patterson, a City resident, was charged with Murder in the homicide of Julian Dawkins.

## HOMICIDE ON NORTH ARMISTEAD STREET

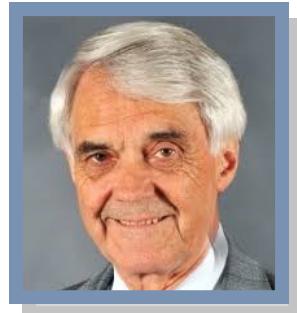
On July 24, at 5:30 p.m., police were called to the 400 block of North Armistead Street for a report of shots fired. Upon their arrival, officers located the victim, Bradley Bostick, 40, with a gunshot wound to the upper body. Paramedics examined the victim and pronounced him dead at the scene.



The manner of death was ruled homicide after an autopsy performed by the Northern Virginia Medical Examiner. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the Criminal Investigations Section at 703.746.6711.

## HOMICIDE ON ELM STREET

On November 11, police were called to the 200 block of Elm Street for a suspicious death. Around 12:30 p.m. a relative found the victim, Ronald Kirby, 69, unconscious. He was pronounced dead at the scene by medics.



An autopsy determined the manner of death to be a homicide and the cause of death to be multiple gunshot wounds.

The investigation is ongoing. Using forensic evidence from the February 6, 2014, homicide of Ruthanne Lodato, the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Forensic Science was able to possibly connect the homicides of Nancy Dunning (2003), Ron Kirby (2013), and Ms. Lodato.

Analysis shows that, "the items (bullets) exhibit the same general rifling class and characteristics and are similar in design to evidence (bullets) submitted in both Kirby and Dunning cases. However, the results of the microscopic comparisons were inconclusive. It was not possible to identify or eliminate these bullets as having been fired from the same firearm."



On February 18, Alexandria Police were involved in a shooting in the 3400 block of Duke Street.

## FATAL OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING ON DUKE STREET

On February 18, officers responded to the 3400-block of Duke Street for reports of a domestic incident. Once on scene, officers encountered a suspect with a weapon and were involved in a fatal police-involved shooting. The victim was identified as Taft Sellers, 30.

The Department's Criminal Investigations Section and Internal Investigations Unit conducted an investigation of the shooting. Per Departmental policy, the involved officers were placed on administrative leave with pay during the investigation.

In July, Commonwealth's Attorney Randolph Engle cleared the officers involved in the shooting of any criminal wrongdoing. His released report states, "Under these circumstances, the law clearly supports the conclusion that the officers were entitled to use deadly force in response and that they fired in self-defense."

The Alexandria Police Department's internal investigation of the fatal officer-involved shooting has concluded that the use of lethal force was reasonable and in compliance with Department policy.

The internal investigation determined that during the early afternoon of February 18, Alexandria police officers were called to the 3400 block of Duke Street for a domestic situation involving a man with a weapon. The ten officers who arrived on the scene

of this incident were confronted with a man armed with a gun. The officers on scene took cover and repeatedly asked the man to "drop his weapons" and "show them his hands." They assured the man they just wanted to help. Police and other witnesses verified that this man, later identified as Taft Sellers, did not comply with these officers' commands. Unfortunately, Mr. Sellers instead took a shooting stance and pointed his gun at the officers. The officers feared for their lives and the lives of their colleagues. The officers fired on Mr. Sellers and continued to shoot until there was no longer a perceived threat. Five shots struck Mr. Sellers, who died as a result of the injuries sustained from the gun shots.

The officers' use of lethal force has been determined to be objectively reasonable and in compliance with Alexandria Police Department Policy and is consistent with Police Department training. No Police Department policies were violated.

Alexandria Police Department policy allows the use of lethal force when, "an employee reasonably believes that the action is in the defense of human life, including the employee's own life, or in the defense of any person in imminent danger of serious physical injury."

The officers involved in the shooting of Mr. Sellers returned to work following the conclusion of the internal investigation.

# CRIME STATISTICS

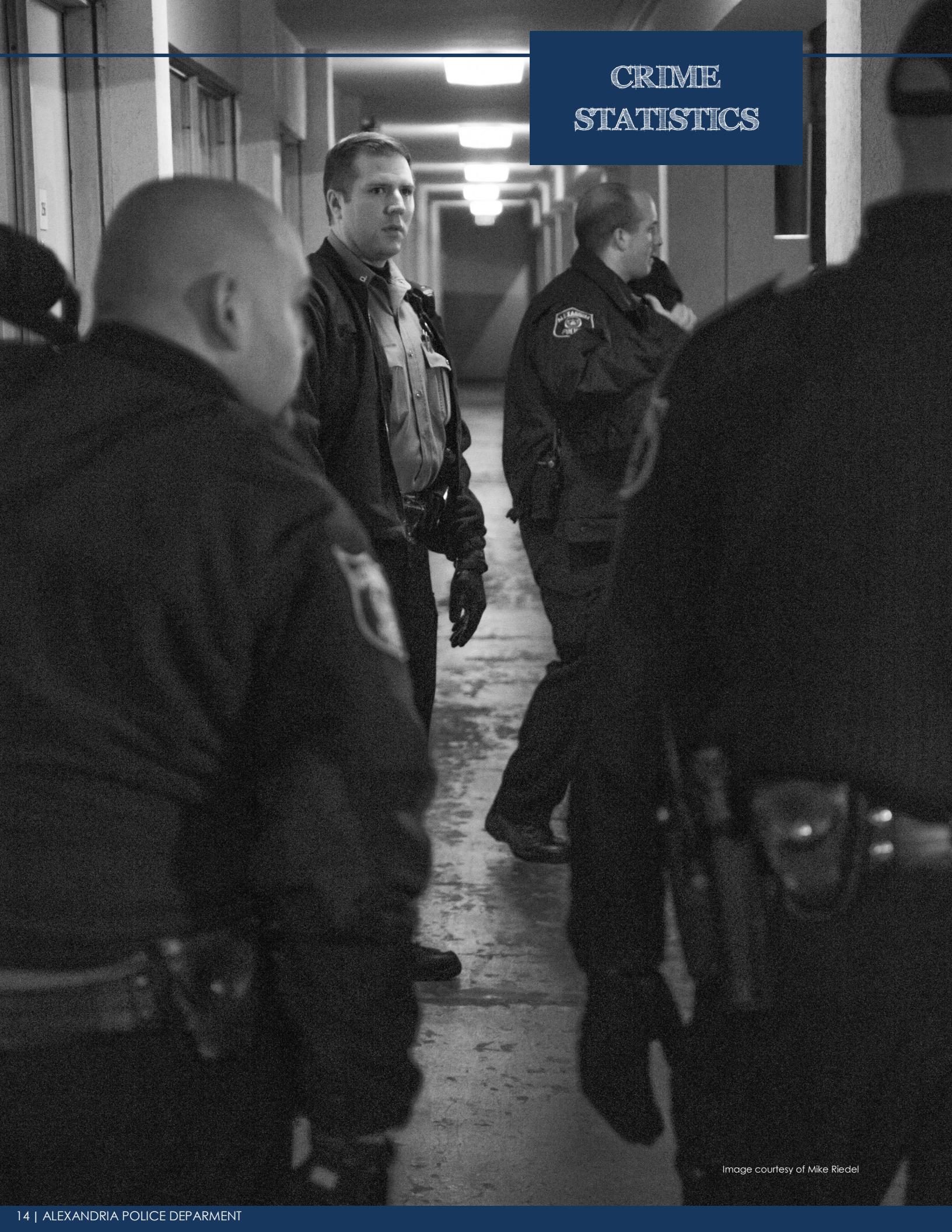


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## PART 1 CRIME STATISTICS

In calendar year 2013, total Part 1 crime increased by 1.2% or 39 offenses. Despite this slight increase, Alexandria continues to experience historic crime lows. These remain some of the lowest Part 1 crime rates the City has experienced since 1966. Homicide, rape, aggravated assault, and larceny increased in 2013; while robberies, burglaries and auto thefts decreased.

"Although overall Part 1 crime increased slightly in 2013, continued reductions were achieved in three of the seven Part 1 crime categories that are noteworthy. I am pleased that the City of Alexandria has continued to experience historic crime lows," said Police Chief Earl Cook. "In 2013, the sworn, civilian, and volunteer staff worked tirelessly to protect Alexandria; we could not do that without the support we receive from the community and City agencies. We remain committed to keeping crime low and maintaining a safe community".

### PART 1 CRIME STATISTICS

CRIME TYPE	2012	2013	Change	% Change
Homicide	0	5	5	N/C
Rape	10	14	4	40.0%
Robbery	138	115	-23	-16.7%
Aggravated Assault	96	114	18	18.8%
Burglary	252	251	-1	-0.4%
Larceny	2,467	2,546	79	3.2%
Auto Theft	320	277	-43	-13.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,283</b>	<b>3,322</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

### QUALITY OF LIFE CRIME STATISTICS

CRIME TYPE	2012	2013	Change	% Change
Destruction/Vandalism	1,133	1,101	-32	-2.8%
Prostitution	17	19	2	11.8%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	604	621	17	2.8%
Gambling	3	2	-1	-33.3%
Disorderly Conduct	133	155	22	16.5%
Driving Under the Influence	328	349	21	6.4%
Drunkenness	460	476	16	3.5%
Liquor Law Violations	436	469	33	7.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,114</b>	<b>3,192</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

# ARREST STATISTICS

		ADULT			JUVENILE			TOTAL	
ARRESTS	2012	2013	CHANGE	2012	2013	CHANGE	2012	2013	CHANGE
HOMICIDE	0	2	N/C	0	0	0.0%	0	2	N/C
SEX OFFENSE RAPE	6	12	100.0%	1	1	0.0%	7	13	85.7%
ROBBERY	49	31	-36.7%	11	13	18.2%	60	44	-26.7%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	51	50	-2.0%	2	6	200.0%	53	56	5.7%
BURGLARY	42	28	-33.3%	3	0	-100.0%	45	28	-37.8%
LARCENY (THEFT)	306	257	-16.0%	75	69	-8.0%	381	326	-14.4%
GLA	21	23	9.5%	13	3	-76.9%	34	26	-23.5%
OTHER ASSAULT	362	334	-7.7%	35	54	54.3%	397	388	-2.3%
ABDUCTION/ KIDNAPPING	11	5	-54.5%	0	1	N/C	11	6	-45.5%
ARSON	3	0	-100.0%	2	2	0.0%	5	2	-60.0%
FORGERY & COUNTERFEIT	28	23	-17.9%	0	0	0.0%	28	23	-17.9%
FRAUD	57	98	71.9%	10	5	-50.0%	67	103	53.7%
EMBEZZLEMENT	44	35	-20.5%	3	0	-100.0%	47	35	-25.5%
STOLEN PROPERTY	12	4	-66.7%	1	10	900.0%	13	14	7.7%
VANDALISM	57	61	7.0%	17	4	-76.5%	74	65	-12.2%
WEAPONS	25	27	8.0%	9	10	11.1%	34	37	8.8%
PROSTITUTION	17	22	29.4%	0	0	0.0%	17	22	29.4%
PORNOGRAPHY/	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
SEX OFFENSE OTHER	26	28	7.7%	0	2	N/C	26	30	15.4%
DRUG ABUSE	524	500	-4.6%	42	47	11.9%	566	547	-3.4%
GAMBLING	5	6	20.0%	0	0	0.0%	5	6	20.0%
D.W.I.	336	356	6.0%	1	1	0.0%	337	357	5.9%
LIQUOR LAWS	467	545	16.7%	74	25	-66.2%	541	570	5.4%
DRUNKENNESS	437	483	10.5%	9	2	-77.8%	446	485	8.7%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	116	141	21.6%	13	10	-23.1%	129	151	17.1%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	1,521	1,672	9.9%	258	310	20.2%	1,779	1,982	11.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,523</b>	<b>4,743</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>5,102</b>		<b>4.2%</b>

## CALLS FOR SERVICE

TYPE OF CALL	2012	2013	% Change
Abandoned Auto	324	294	-9.3%
Accident	5,321	5,083	-4.5%
Alarm	4,204	4,133	-1.7%
Ambulance/Fire	649	642	-1.1%
Animal Case	1,144	1,724	50.7%
Assault	529	489	-7.6%
Auto Theft	502	481	-4.2%
Auto Theft Recovery	136	115	-15.4%
Bomb Threat	3	3	0.0%
Burglary	545	522	-4.2%
Citizen Assist	1,353	1,469	8.6%
Disorderly	4,547	4,230	-7.0%
Domestic Trouble	2,413	2,313	-4.1%
Drugs	883	874	-1.0%
Drunk	973	924	-5.0%
E911 Hang-up Calls	979	677	-30.8%
Escort	27	32	18.5%
Fight	441	383	-13.2%
Homicide	0	0	0.0%
Larceny	2,946	3,064	4.0%
Locked in Auto	57	60	5.3%
Loud Party / Radio	161	162	0.6%
Missing Person	291	316	8.6%
Noise Complaint	2,156	2,047	-5.1%
Other	4,379	5,186	18.4%
Parking	4,074	4,124	1.2%
Phone Calls	347	341	-1.7%
Property Lost / Found	793	798	0.6%
Prowler	17	6	-64.7%
Public Service	487	419	-14.0%
Robbery	178	162	-9.0%
Sex Offense	150	160	6.7%
Suspicious Event	2,793	2,864	2.5%
Traffic Hazard	763	547	-28.3%
Traffic Problem	328	387	18.0%
Trespass	423	483	14.2%
Trouble Unknown	1,319	1,130	-14.3%
Vandalism	1,087	969	-10.9%
Weapon	266	305	14.7%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>47,988</b>	<b>47,918</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>



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