

Town of Leesburg Virginia Police Department



2005 Annual Report

Joseph R. Price
Chief of Police



LEESBURG POLICE 2005 FACTS AT A GLANCE

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

SERIOUS INCIDENTS (GROUP A)- 6.2% decrease

POLICE ACTIVITY (CALLS FOR SERVICE AND OFFICER INITIATED CALLS) – 0.5% decrease

RESPONSE TIMES

Emergency – 4 minutes 7 seconds
Non-Emergency - 8 minutes 43 seconds

ARRESTS

Total - 1631
Adult – 1356
Juvenile – 275

TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

ACCIDENTS - 9.7% increase
Intersection with highest number of accidents – Ft. Evans Rd @ Bypass
Causation Factor – Driver inattention

PARKING TICKETS – 2477

TRAFFIC TICKETS – 4913

DUI Arrests – 257



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Dear Members of the Leesburg Community:

I am pleased to present you with the Police Department's 2005 Annual Report. The mission of the Town of Leesburg Police Department is to work in partnership with the community to provide the highest quality of police services using innovative, proactive approaches to improve Leesburg, while at the same time maintaining respect for the rights and dignity of all. Our community has faced and continues to face a number of challenges ranging from public safety issues to exploding growth, all of which have an impact on the quality of life in our community. I am proud of the accomplishments and dedicated efforts of the men and women of this Police Department. These accomplishments also reflect our strong commitment to our organizational values of Leadership, Pride and Dedication.

During 2005, the Department has employed a number of strategies to improve our responsiveness and to police "smarter." We continue to focus on our core mission of public safety through technology and management programs such as the Crime and Traffic Accountability Program (CTAP), which focuses Department resources on locations and events that analysis shows are having the greatest impact on community safety and quality of life. In addition to crime reduction strategies, the Department has put a great deal of effort into enhancing our ability to deal with disaster and emergency situations. Finally, we continue to focus on prevention programs such as the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program that we present in 6th grade and our continuing partnership with Leesburg Parks and Recreation Department with the ROCK program and Loudoun County Parks and Recreation with the Midnight Madness program.

I know that I speak for every member of the Leesburg Police Department in saying that our success would not be possible if it were not for the strong partnership that we have with the Town leadership, other Town departments and most of all you the community. We pledge to continue to work with our partners to achieve our shared vision for Leesburg.

Lastly, I want to thank and commend the members of the Leesburg Police Department for their individual and collective efforts, hard work and contribution throughout the past year that has allowed the Department to fulfill its mission.

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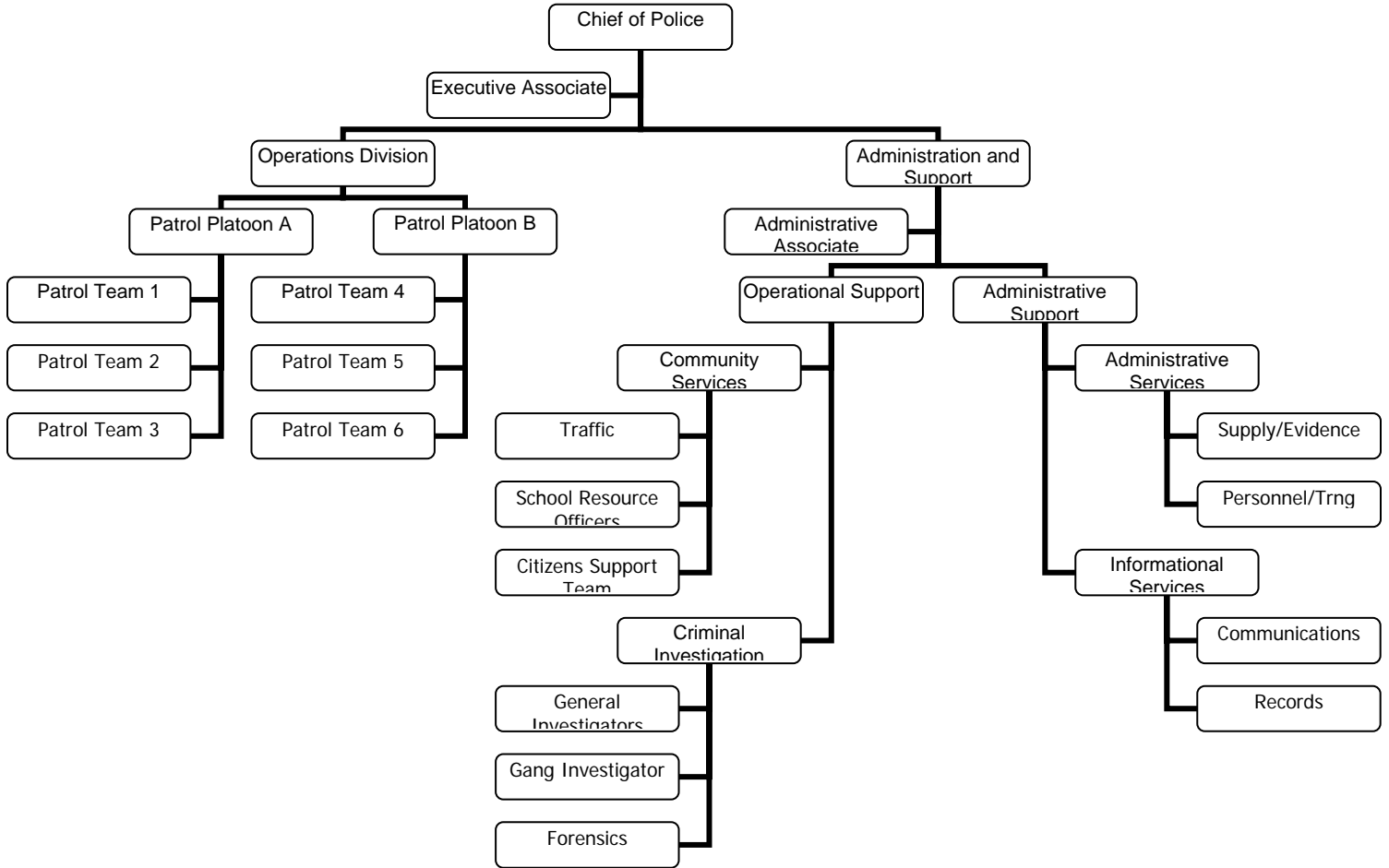
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Major Accomplishments in 2005

1. Gang Prevention- Chief did presentations on Gang strategies for:
 - a. Virginia State Rotary Conference
 - b. US Dept of Education
 - c. World Health Organization
2. Second year of GREAT program- recognition by Bureau of Justice Affairs for a model program
3. Continued Support for youth based outreach programs
 - a. ROCK
 - b. Midnight Madness
4. Obtaining and implementing State Homeland Security Grant of \$99,179 to increase readiness of Police and Public Works
 - a. New sign boards
 - b. New police mobile computers
 - c. New radio transmitter for Public Works
 - d. New generator/backup power systems for Town Shop and critical traffic lights
5. Sponsored Senior Officials Workshop for Emergency Preparedness for government officials throughout the county
6. Obtained grant to assist in replacing body armor
7. Completed the Department Strategic plan and began implementation strategies
8. Completed Conversion of mobile computer system to CDMA
9. Coordinated move of Town data center to police HQs
10. Evaluating in-car video camera systems for implementation funded by Uran donation and Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
11. Obtaining and implementing a COPS Technology grant of \$63,000 to provide for mobile computer cyclical replacement
12. Grant from Loudoun Crime Commission for 3 portable breath testers (PBT)s

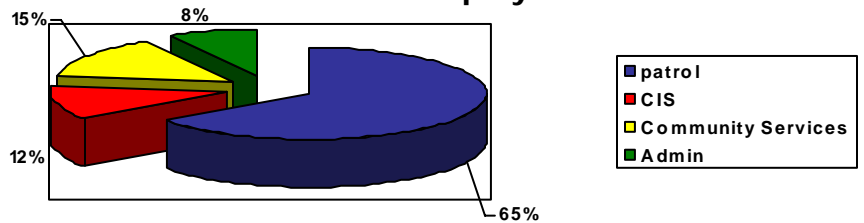
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Organizational Chart - 2005



DEMOGRAPHICS
 2005 Population: 37000
 Land Area: 12 Square miles
 Total LPD fulltime employees: 93
 Total Full time Sworn officers: 74
 Officer per 1000 ratio 2.0

Officer Deployment



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Department Awards & Recognition

Employee Commendations

1. Lt. O'Neal H. Stewart Memorial Employee of the Quarter Award

1st Quarter – Officers Heather Maupin/Nick Martin

2nd Quarter – Officer Robert Welch

3rd Quarter – Officers Matt Hackney/Dan Troxell

4th Quarter - Officer Mike Greene and K-9 "Oskar"

2. Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards

Officer Travis Lotz

Unit Citation

Officer Joseph Marsten

Unit Citation

Officer Robert Hall

Unit Citation

Awarded for Unusual Judgment, Zeal, Ingenuity and/or Personal Risk and Bravery during an emergency situation beyond what is normally expected in the performance of duty in rescuing a child from a burning building.

Officer Nick Martin

Lifesaving Medal

Officer Matthew Hackney

Lifesaving Medal

Officer Joseph Marsten

Lifesaving Medal

Awarded for actions under emergency circumstances which directly result in the saving of a human life by performing CPR and using a defibulator to aid an individual who had suffered a heart attack.

3. Commanders Awards

The Field Operations Division Commander issued 21 Commanders Awards or Certificates of Achievement in cases where an officer or civilian go above and beyond the call of duty or deliver exceptional service. In 2005, the following people were recognized as indicated below.

- MPO/Detective William Potter, Detective Patrick Daly January 2005 Initiative beyond what is normally expected in the performance of duty.
- Detective David Orr January 2005 Initiative beyond what is normally expected in the performance of duty.
- Heritage Square HOA March 2005 Partnership with the police to help bring about positive community change.

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- Officer Robert Hall March 2005 Professionalism and investigative persistence beyond what is normally expected in the performance of duty.
- Officer Nick Martin May 2005 Initiative beyond what is normally expected in the performance of duty.
- Sergeant Carl Maupin June 2005 Initiative and support to Field Operations through the use of technology
- Sergeant Doug Shaw, Officer Chris Tidmore, Officer Mark Manocchio, Officer Brandon Russell, Officer Vanessa Mertz-Myers August 2005 Response and investigative work to successfully close a regional crime problem and bring multiple perpetrators to justice
- Officer Joseph Ojeda August 2005 Outstanding investigative work in gang intelligence and enforcement
- Sergeant Carl Maupin October 2005 Work on special event management.

4. Spot Awards

- Detective John Falvey Spot award for his automation project regarding pawn records management
- Administrative Services Coordinator Jennifer Ford Spot award for her work in developing inventory and evidence management

5. Other Awards

- Officer Travis Lotz; Officer Matthew Hackney VASAP Excellence in Community Service Award for outstanding DUI-D enforcement.

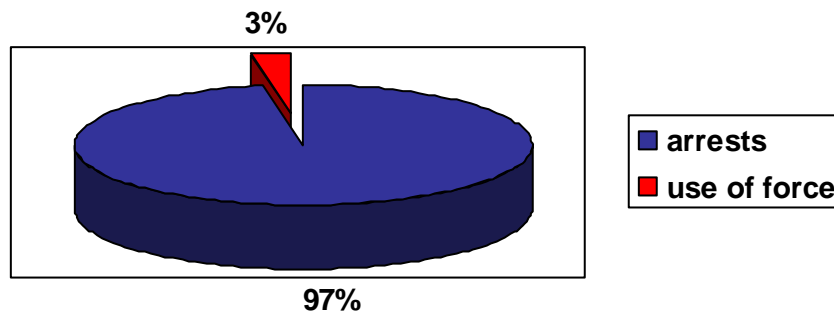
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Citizen Complaints & Use of Force

During calendar year 2005, the Police Department received 16 formal complaints from citizens arising from more than 34,000 documented citizen contacts. In addition to the citizen complaints, the Department self-initiated 2 complaints. An administrative investigation was initiated in each of the 18 cases. The complaints involved concerns such as improper application of law, improper application of Department policy or procedure, and allegations of misconduct. Following an internal investigation of each incident, 13 of the complaints were found to be unsubstantiated. In 5 cases, an employee was found to have violated Department policy and appropriate corrective action and/or discipline was administered.

During 2005, the Leesburg Police Department had over 34,600 documented contacts with citizens, including 1629 criminal arrests, 257 DUI arrests, 4913 traffic tickets and over 26,000 citizen-generated calls for service. In reviewing all recorded contacts for 2005, there was one allegation of excessive use of force by an officer. This allegation was sustained and appropriate corrective action and/or discipline was administered (this data is included in the total number of complaints from above). In 56 cases, force was used to place a suspect into custody as a result of a lawful arrest. Eleven (11) of these cases resulted in officers using a chemical irritant (pepper spray) to gain compliance, one (1) case involved the use of the ASP baton, 22 cases were instances where an officer drew their weapon as a result of a potentially threatening situation. In the remaining cases, officers were required to physically subdue the suspect. As a result of the use of force, five (5) suspects received minor injuries and three (3) officers were injured. Additionally, 10 Leesburg police officers were assaulted during 2005 while performing their duties with two sustaining injuries that resulted in broken bones. All use of force incidents are reviewed and analyzed. The purpose of the analysis is to carefully monitor the use of force, keep all members informed of any trends concerning resistance by arrestees and to reinforce the use of sound officer safety and arrest techniques. The analysis of officer applied force aids in identifying potential training needs and serves to minimize officer injuries. Most importantly, a comprehensive review serves to ensure that only reasonable force is used to achieve lawful enforcement objectives.

Use of Force



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Criminal Activity

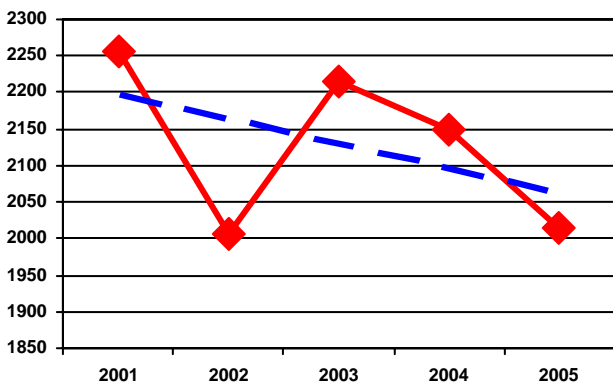
During calendar year 2005, serious crime incidents (group A) fell by 6.2% and index crime (occurrences of crime per 100,000 population) decreased by 10.2%. Property related crimes; in particular larcenies and destruction of property continue to account for the largest categories of criminal activity in 2005.

*Crimes by Types (*Includes attempts)*

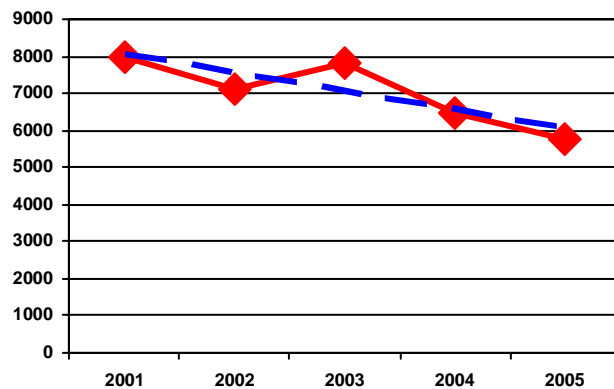
	2003	2004	2005
Murder	1	0	0
Rape*	15	13	8
Robbery*	16	11	22
Aggravated Assaults	57	27	53
Burglary*	81	74	40
Larceny*	812	738	638
Motor Vehicle Thefts*	58	43	50
Vandalism / Destruction of Property*	422	342	334

All members of the Department are committed to achieving our vision of making Leesburg the ***Safest Community***. Even with increasing population and workload, the Department through innovative approaches such as our problem solving activities and the Crime and Traffic Accountability Program (CTAP), has been able to achieve substantial crime reduction over the past five years.

Five Year Trends



Group A Incidents



Index Crime

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One trend that we did experience this year was an increase in robberies from 11 to 22 cases. The majority of these cases were robberies occurring on the street and involved a one on one confrontation. The majority of the victims were Hispanic. This is a trend that also appeared in other communities in the area such as Prince William County and the City of Manassas.

Criminal Investigations Section

While it is our primary goal to prevent crime from ever happening, the Department prides itself on its ability to conduct effective and efficient investigative follow ups of reported criminal activity and to bring the case to closure. For serious offenses during 2005 the Department had a closure rate of 30.5% compared to a national average of about 20%. The Criminal Investigations Section investigates a large number of serious offenses (Group A) and also investigates a number of other crimes (Group B) such as forgery, fraud, embezzlement, vice offenses, offenses against the family and children, etc.

Patrol Section Activity

The primary responsibilities of the Patrol Section are to respond to reported criminal activities, conduct motor vehicle accident investigations, maintain consistent enforcement of traffic and criminal laws and work proactively to partner with the community in a joint effort to improve the quality of life in Leesburg. These activities help to maintain and promote highway safety for motorists and pedestrians alike.

Enforcement activities also serve to maintain the Town's excellent quality of life for its residents and the business community.

Responsiveness to neighborhood complaints about traffic and quality of life issues was a significant focus of the Patrol Section in the year 2005.

Criminal	1437	1608	1629
DUI	232	231	257
Parking	2578	2387	2477



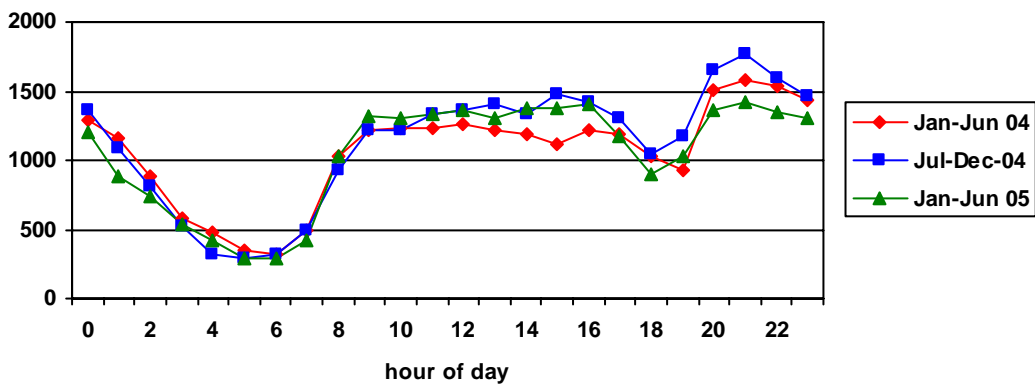
Arrests/Citations	2003	2004	2005
Traffic	5287	4457	4913

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Calls for Police Service: 2003 - 2005

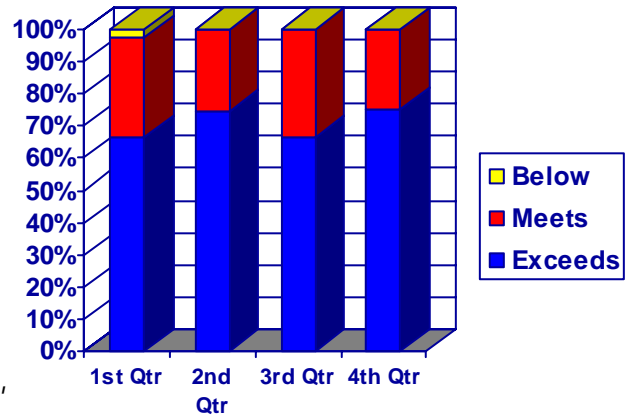
Citizen calls for police service and officer generated calls decreased by 305 calls in 2005. As part of its community policing philosophy the Department strives towards efficient community policing and encourages the community to call the police for any suspicious activity.

Officers are expected to take proactive steps within the assigned areas and at special enforcement locations in order to address locations experiencing crime activity and to take proactive action in addressing quality of life issues within the community. In 2005, officer generated activity increased by almost 20%.



Quality Service

The Department strives to provide quality service, *the first time, every time*. To insure that this occurs, supervisors conduct quarterly quality assurance surveys. These surveys are conducted to random individuals who had made a police call for service during the quarter. During 2005, over 66% of respondents reported that the service exceeded their expectations. 33% reported that the service met their expectations, and less than 1/2 of a percent reported that service was below expectations.



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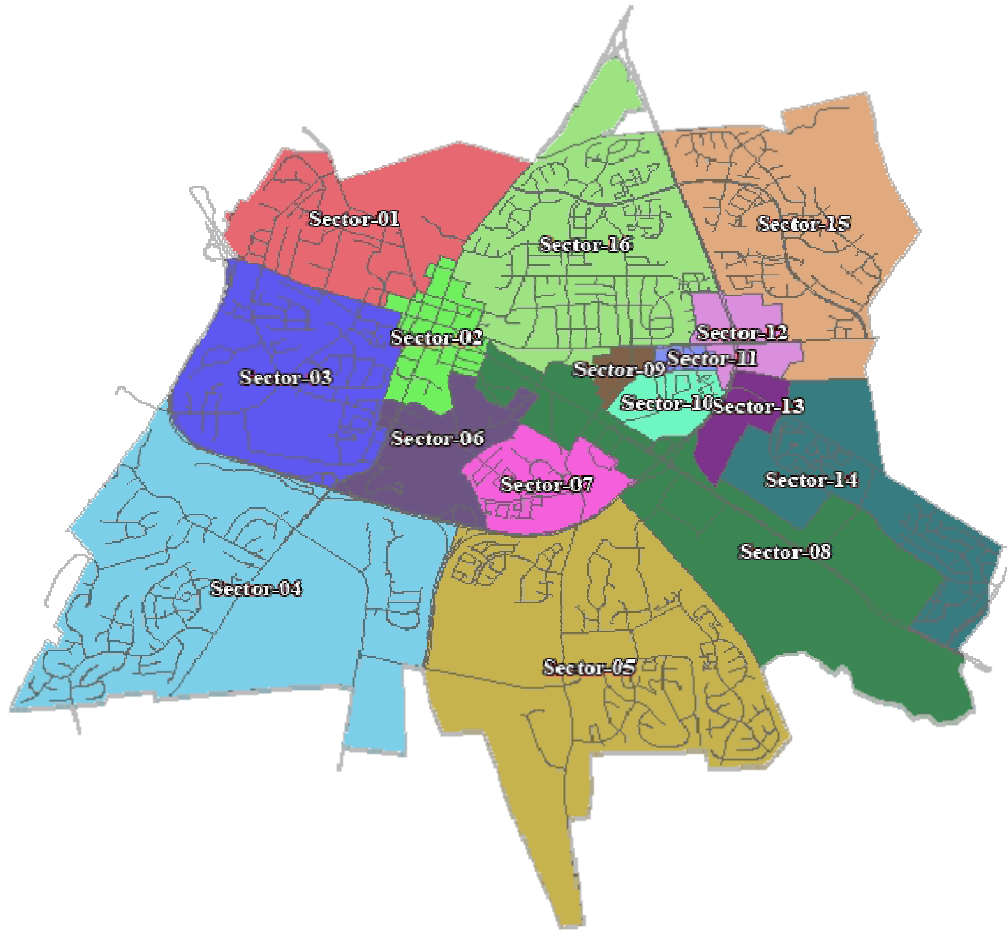
Community Policing



Community policing is the operational philosophy of the Leesburg Police Department. In simple terms it means that every member of the Department, sworn and non-sworn, subscribes and follows the principles of community policing in carrying out their assigned duties. The Department is committed to work in partnership with the community to solve problems and prevent crime. To facilitate this philosophy and build strong partnerships, the Department has established 16 community policing sectors within the Town. Sectors are reflective of neighborhoods throughout the Town and where possible, homogenous linkage (commercial to commercial; residential to residential) has been used in establishing the sectors. Each sector has at least one officer assigned for accountability. That officer is required to monitor activities within their sector, develop partnerships with their assigned communities and develop and implement programs to address criminal activity and improve the quality of life. Citizens can locate their neighborhood on the map below and determine which sector they live/work in. The second chart lists the officers assigned to the sectors. Citizens are encouraged to communicate directly with their assigned officers, and to invite the community policing sector officers to community meetings and other events.

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Community Policing Sectors



CTAP SECTOR ASSIGNMENTS			
Sector	Day Officer	Evening Officer	Night Officer
1			MARTIN
2	BENNETT CLINE		
3			HACKNEY MERTZ-MEYERS
4	DIVINEY	ASCUNCÉ	
5	BYRNES	HARMISON	
6		BOLDEN	
7			LORAN
8	H. MAUPIN	C. SMITH	
9	OJEDA		TURNER
10		GREENE	B. THOMPSON
11	TROXELL	WELCH	
12	WARF		ZAPPIA
13			DEPOY MARSTEN
14	ABILMONA		LOTZ
15	HOUDE		MANOCCHIO
16	STANLEY		HALL

Officers can be reached by calling 703-771-4500.

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Emergency Preparedness



The police Department continued to develop and refine emergency plans and preparedness. Training was also conducted for senior Town staff and elected officials on emergency preparedness and emergency operations. Over the course of the year the Department used federal emergency preparedness funds to improve readiness by purchasing additional equipment including; sign boards, radio transmitter for the Public Works Department and generators and

other back up systems to provide electrical power to traffic lights at key intersections in the event of a power failure. The Department continues to build and maintain a strong partnership with other response agencies such as the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Department and Loudoun County Rescue Squad as well as the Loudoun County Department of Fire and Rescue, Office of Emergency Management and the Health Department through integrated planning and exercises. The Department provided support to gulf coast residents victimized by Hurricane Katrina, by spearheading a community collection for displaced residents living in Leesburg and Loudoun County and by donating surplus police equipment and vehicles to law enforcement agencies in the gulf region.

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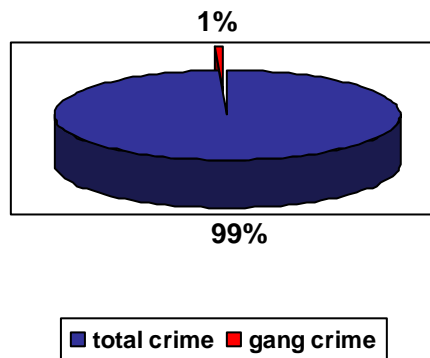
Gang Activity

Gangs are an issue of concern throughout the Northern Virginia region. The Leesburg Police Department is one of the founding members of the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force. The task force is made up of 13 local jurisdictions and includes state and federal partners. Our strategy for dealing with gangs works on a number of levels. We work diligently to investigate gangs and gang related/motivated criminal activity. Additionally, in conjunction with Loudoun County Public Schools, we offer the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program for all 6th graders. Our Department is committed to continue to work diligently to prevent and suppress gang activity in Leesburg. As can be seen by the table and chart, gang crime accounts for a very small percentage of the overall criminal activity in Leesburg.

2004-2005 Gang Statistics

Category of Crime	Number
Criminal Homicide	
Forcible Rape	
Robbery	2
Aggravated Assault/Malicious Wounding	1
Burglary(Break/Enter)	
Larceny/Theft	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	
Arson	
Simple Assault	11
Weapons Offense (Carry/Possess)	
Sexual Assault	
Drug Offense (Possess/Sale/Use/Manufacture)	7
Disorderly/DIP	6
Graffiti/Vandalism/Destruction of Property	22
Stolen Property-Related Crimes	

2004-2005 Leesburg Gang Stats



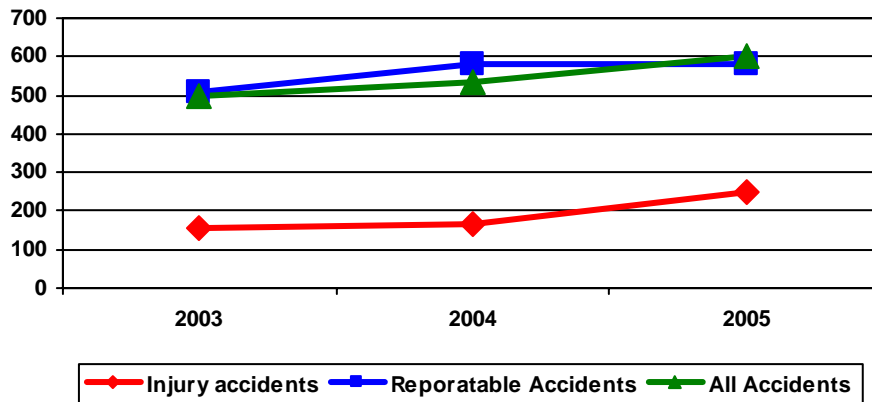
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Traffic Activity 2002 through 2005

- The Town of Leesburg saw a 0.1% decrease in reportable accidents, 580 in 2005 compared to 581 in 2004. There were no fatal accidents in 2005. The number of injury accidents increased from 165 in 2004 to 250 in 2005, and alcohol related accidents increased from 12 to 36. Accidents involving pedestrians remained the same with 5 occurring in 2005.
- There were 600 non-reportable accidents* during 2005, an increase of 12.5% over 2003.
**A non-reportable accident is defined as an accident with less than \$1,000 of combined property damage and no personal injuries. Accidents that occur on private property are also considered non-reportable.*
- Driver Inattention, Fail to Yield Right of Way and Following Too Closely were the most frequent cause of vehicle crashes.

Accident Data

Type	2003	2004	2005
Fatal Accidents	2	2	0
Injury Accidents	157	165	250
Total Reportable Accidents	509	581	580
Non-Reportable	496	533	600
Total All Accidents	1147	1272	1396
Alcohol Related Accidents	25	12	36
Hit And Run	222	249	275
Pedestrian Crashes	9	5	5



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Traffic Management

Activity	2003	2004	2005	% Change
Special Enforcement activity (in hours)	268.75	526.98	708	+34%
Funeral Details	85	97	101	+4.1%
Traffic Control Details	71	48	67	+39.6%



Intersections with the highest number of accidents:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Location</u>
Calendar Year 2005:	41	Ft. Evans Rd @ Bypass
	35	Sycolin Rd @ Bypass
	28	Cardinal Park @ E. Market St
	24	Battlefield Pkwy @ E. Market St.
	18	Plaza St @ E. Market St.
Calendar Year 2004:	40	East Market St @ Cardinal Park Dr
	38	Leesburg Bypass @ Sycolin Rd
	24	S. King St @ Leesburg Bypass
	23	Leesburg Bypass @ East Market St
	22	Leesburg Bypass @ Battlefield Pkwy

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Calendar Year 2003:	33	Sycolin Road @ Leesburg Bypass
	28	East Market St @ Plaza Street
	24	East Market St @ Leesburg Bypass
	23	East Market St @ Rivercreek Parkway
	22	South King St @ Leesburg Bypass

Community/ Volunteer Involvement

During 2005, the Department and community continued to benefit from the dedication and support provided by the Leesburg Police Citizen Support Team. These dedicated citizen volunteers provide tremendous support in areas such as special events, traffic control, searching for missing persons and community safety events. In 2005 the Support Team provided 8,011 staff hours saving the Town over \$140,000.

Community Patrol

Number of staff hours needed for specified proactive patrol activities	15,000
Number of police staff hours replaced by Support Team staff hours	1,000
Number of patrol FTEs replaced by support team	.67
Emergency/ Disaster Call Outs	18

Special Events

Number of man-hours needed for crowd / traffic control at special events	28,000
Number of police staff hours replaced by Support Team staff hours	5,000



Pictured above: Members of the Leesburg Citizen Support Team next to their patrol car in front of the Leesburg Police Station.