



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2013



Leesburg Police Department

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## LEESBURG POLICE 2013 FACTS AT A GLANCE

### CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

#### CRIME

- Group A Incidents -6.5% decrease
- Part I Crime -12% decrease
- Violent Crime - 8 fewer occurrences

#### POLICE ACTIVITY (CALLS FOR SERVICE AND OFFICER INITIATED CALLS)

1.1% increase

#### ARRESTS

Total – 2008

Adult – 1819

Juvenile – 189

### TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

#### CRASHES

- 1.82% increase in total crashes
- 2.3% increase in crashes with injury
- Intersection with highest number of crashes – East Market Street @ Battlefield Parkway
- Causation Factor – Driver inattention

TRAFFIC TICKETS - 7076

DUI Arrests – 167



## Leesburg Police Department Annual Report – 2013

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Dear Members of the Leesburg Community:

I am pleased to present you with the Police Department's 2013 Annual Report. The mission of the Town of Leesburg Police Department is to keep our community safe by providing the highest quality of police services. In 2013, Part I crime decreased by 12% led by a significant decrease (12.6%) in larceny.

As a result of the increases in shoplifting over the past several years, coupled with an alarming trend of Organized Retail Crime (ORC) groups targeting our large stores and malls, the Department initiated a tailored response plan to deal with Organized Retail Theft. The plan involved sophisticated analysis to identify trends and time patterns as well as establishing strong partnerships with retail to enhance preventive methods. The decreases we have seen this year are a direct result of those efforts.

During this year, our emergency preparedness and response plans focused on Active Shooter / Active Violence response. With the Tragedy of Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012, the Department began a comprehensive training and exercise program. This program involved close working relationships with the other law enforcement agencies in the county, Fire and Rescue and the Loudoun County Public Schools. Additionally the department conducted employee training for a number of businesses such as Wegman's, INOVA Hospital and Leesburg Corner Premium Outlet Mall.

The cornerstone of our success is the skill, dedication, and commitment of the men and women of this Department. These accomplishments reflect every member's strong commitment to our organizational values of Leadership, Pride and Dedication. I also want to thank the members of the Leesburg Citizens Support Team and the Leesburg Police Explorer Post for their individual and collective efforts, hard work, and contribution throughout the past year.

While our community remains safe, we are facing public safety challenges. In 2013, we saw significant increases in narcotic cases, and mirroring a national trend increases in heroin. Traffic continues to be a major problem with volume exceeding capacity on many of our roads.

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.

Joseph R. Price  
Chief of Police



## Leesburg Police Department

### Mission

The Leesburg Police Department is committed, in partnership with the community, to provide the highest quality of police services by using innovative, proactive approaches to improve the quality of life in Leesburg, while at the same time maintaining respect for the rights and dignity of all.

### Vision

Committed to Make Leesburg the **Safest** Community by:

- ❖ Providing high quality and high value service, the **first time, every time.**
- ❖ Creating a work environment where people want to come to work and succeed.
- ❖ Treating all with respect and dignity.

### Organizational Values

<b><i>Leadership</i></b>	<b><i>Pride</i></b>	<b><i>Dedication</i></b>
We are committed in leading the town government and the law enforcement profession by setting a mark of excellence in everything that we do.	We pride ourselves on our commitment to maintaining the public trust and respect through a commitment to the highest standards of integrity and professional ethics. We are committed to respecting the rights and human dignity of all and the value of all members of the community and Department.	We are dedicated to provide the highest quality of service in a consistent manner that emphasizes effectiveness, efficiency and innovation. We are dedicated to empower our employees to take risks, expand horizons, and always pursue excellence.

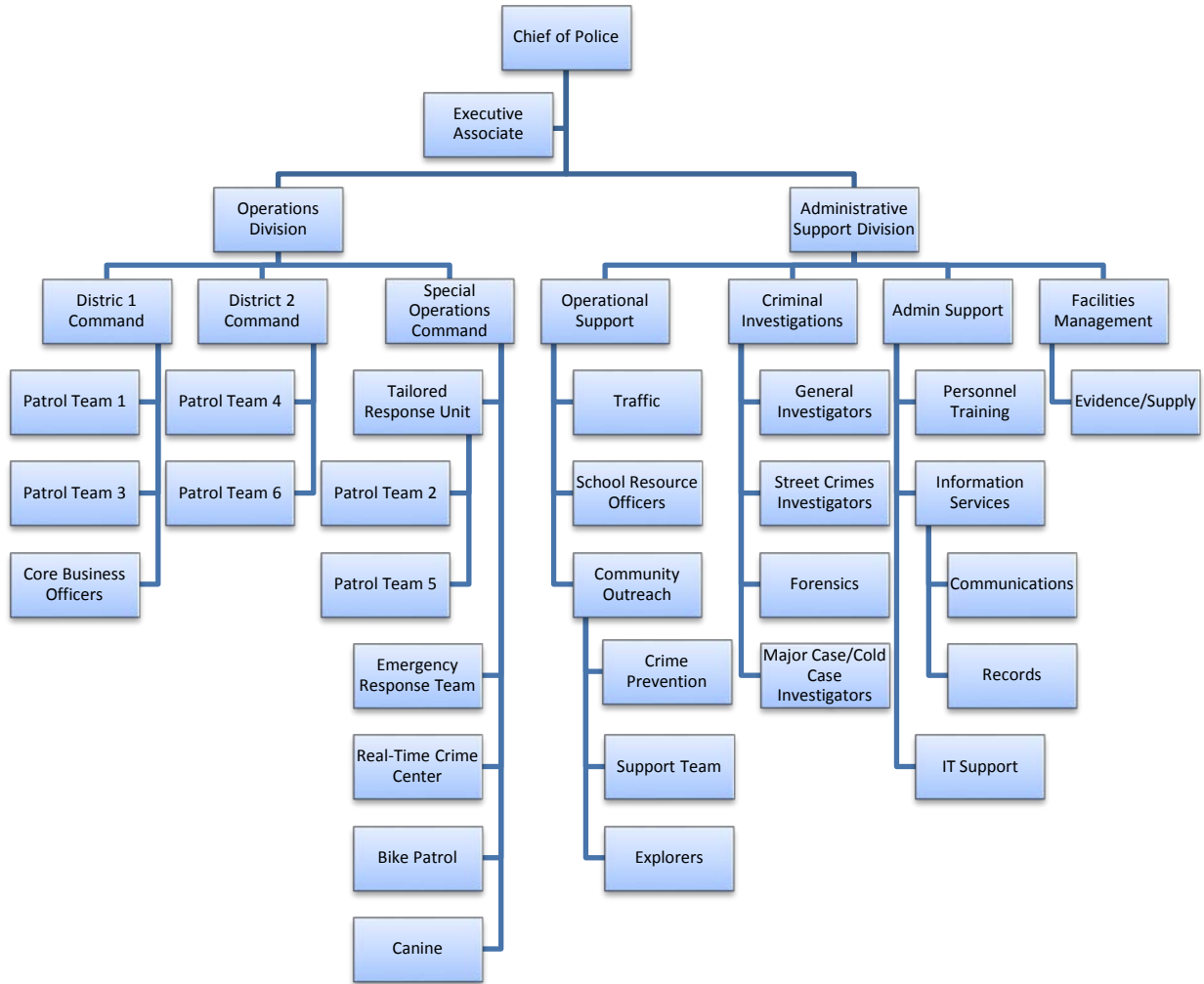
**Excellence through *Leadership, Pride and Dedication***

**Major Accomplishments in 2013**

- Major Operations/Events
  - Snow Emergency Declaration March 6, 2013
  - Active Violence Training exercises at
    - Loudoun Valley High School April 1, 2013
    - INOVA Cornwall Campus June 25, 2013
    - Leesburg Corner Premium Outlets October 1, 2013
    - Town of Leesburg Government Center November 14, 2013
  - Prescription Drug Take Back
    - April 27, 2013
  - Residential Shooting; 2 arrests June 2, 2013
  - Multiple Business Burglaries; 1 arrest July 23, 2013
  
- Hot Spot Policing initiative began in 2012 continues.
  - The Tailored Response Unit (TRU) works a flexible schedule enabling it to focus on hot spots identified through analytical processes. Evidence indicates that most crime occurs at 5% or less of street blocks within our community.
  
- The TRU and Core Business Officers (CBO) completed Organized Retail Crime (ORC) interdiction training as part of a public/private partnership drawing on resources from the LPD and retailers to interdict ORC.
  
- The Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) development continues
  - Town's GIS data has migrated from desktop to server application which will allow access by all employees from any internet accessible device.
  - Automated Tactical Analysis of Crime (ATAC) software purchased through grant funding will provide real-time analytical support at the officer level.



2013 Organizational Chart

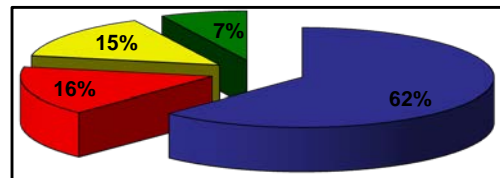


**DEMOGRAPHICS**

2013 Population: 45,936 (2012 data)  
 Land Area: 12 square miles  
 Total LPD full-time employees: 103  
 Total full-time sworn officers: 87  
 Officer per 1,000 ratio: 1.89

**Officer Deployment**

■ Patrol ■ CIS ■ Community Services/Traffic ■ Admin



## Department Awards & Recognition

### LOUDOUN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VALOR AWARDS

This year's ceremony recognized the following members of the Leesburg Police Department and others for their outstanding service with a:

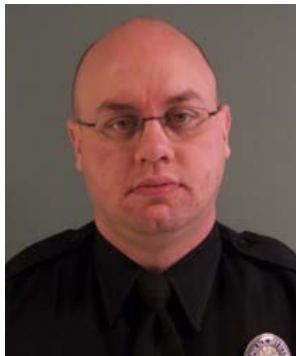
#### Life Saving Award

It was late in the evening on September 16, 2013, when Leesburg Police Officers Christopher Parker and Brandon Hazelgrove responded to the Fields of Leesburg Apartments for a report of a 3 year-old unconscious child. When they arrived, the Officers found the parents on the phone, receiving life-saving instructions from Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Dispatchers.

Officer Hazelgrove saw the child's eyes were open but he didn't appear to be breathing. He tried to get the child to respond but was unsuccessful. Officer Hazelgrove checked but did not locate the child's pulse and could neither see nor feel movement in his chest. He began CPR by giving two breaths followed by a cycle of compressions, with no results. Officer Parker jumped in to provide rescue breaths as Officer Hazelgrove continued with the chest compressions.

Soon, the child's eyes twitched and he resumed breathing, though in a shallow manner. Loudoun County Fire and Rescue personnel then arrived and took over CPR. The child was then transferred to INOVA Loudoun Hospital's Cornwall Campus for treatment.

For their valiant and successful efforts to perform CPR and resuscitate a small child, thus saving his life, Leesburg Police Officers Christopher Parker and Brandon Hazelgrove were recognized with a lifesaving award.



PO3 Christopher Parker



PO2 Brandon Hazelgrove

**Civilian Valor Award**

(Nominated by LPD Detectives)

It was 1:30 in the morning on December 6<sup>th</sup>, and Ms. Gerry Earl was seated in the living room of her 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment on Evans Ridge Terrace in Leesburg. Ms. Earl had the door open on this night when she heard yelling from the parking lot area.

Soon, someone was screaming, “Help! Help me!” From her door, Ms. Earl saw the victim nearby, with much of his body drenched in blood. Cautious at first and unsure of what was going on, Ms. Earl heard the victim shout, “I’ve been stabbed, help me, he’s going to kill me.” Between two vehicles, Ms. Earl saw a tall male, yelling loudly. She could see the knife in his hand, so she pulled the victim in her residence, slammed and locked the door, and called 911.

Once in the residence, Ms. Earl immediately began to deliver first aid, binding the victim’s wounds with towels. Ms. Earl was in fear that the suspect would break down her door to get to the victim, who told her he was in bed in his apartment, when the suspect broke down his door and started stabbing him. Ms. Earl saw that he was bleeding from his head, chest and arm, so Ms. Earl stayed with him, treating his injuries until Police and Fire/Rescue units arrived. Arriving police officers were able to identify and locate the suspect in this stabbing.

For selfless heroism and decisive action to remove the victim from harm’s way and treat his serious wounds, Ms. Gerry Earl is well deserving of a Civilian Valor Award.

**SPOT AWARDS**

**1. Officer Matthew Hackney was recognized for the following actions:**

On January 22, 2013, Officer Matthew Hackney was working his assigned duties when he learned of a robbery that occurred at a retail store in Leesburg. Officer Hackney went to the store and interviewed witnesses and collected evidence. Officer Hackney determined that the image of the robber captured on the store’s video surveillance system matched the image of the subject who committed multiple robberies in Maryland and West Virginia. Additionally, another Leesburg police officer had previously obtained two felony shoplifting warrants on the subject. Through additional investigation, Officer Hackney identified the subject who was travelling with his girlfriend and their infant child. By obtaining the subjects location through the phone carrier, Officer Hackney coordinated his findings with officers of the Prince William County Police Department and arrested the subject as he was exiting a Prince William County store, where he had just stolen computer equipment. The subject confessed to four robberies in West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia as well as shoplifting in Leesburg. Officer Hackney is recognized and commended for his thorough investigation and persistence to bring a dangerous criminal to justice.



**2. Officer Jesse Zappia was recognized in March 2013 for the following actions:**

Officer Zappia demonstrated excellent investigative skills resulting in the arrests of three subjects and resolving multiple burglaries in the downtown area. These subjects were responsible for a series of residential and commercial burglaries that occurred over several months in Leesburg and Loudoun County. A total of fourteen felony investigations were cleared as a result of these arrests. During the course of the investigation, Officer Zappia was able to recover two firearms stolen from one of the victims before they were used in any criminal acts.

**3. Officer Doug Shaw was recognized in April 2013 for the following actions:**

A citizen contacted the Leesburg Police Department reporting they had received a text message from an acquaintance that wanted to hire someone to harm his current wife. This matter was assigned to Officer Doug Shaw for investigation. It was determined that the threat was a serious attempt at murder for hire. The case was complicated because both the subject and the intended target lived in the same home in Maryland. The subject was a Naval Reserve Officer and was employed by a federal government agency. In order to coordinate the investigation with the Inspector General's office, it was necessary to conduct an undercover law enforcement officer investigation. The investigation resulted in the recovery of a gun, money and property provided by the subject to the undercover investigator as payment for intended services. The subject was subsequently arrested. The outstanding investigative skills and tenacity of Officer Shaw to bring this case to conclusion are recognized by virtue of this award.

**4. Officer Jessica Shields was recognized for the following actions:**

On November 5, 2013, at about 1:35 a.m., while on routine patrol in her assigned beat, Officer Jessica Shields came upon a suspicious vehicle that was occupied by two men. Officer Shields observed the men exit the car and begin to walk away. Based upon her knowledge of her patrol area and that she had not seen the vehicle in the area before, Officer Shields made consensual contact with the subjects, who were released. Upon looking at the vehicle, Officer Shields noticed the interior dome light was on and informed the driver. Upon looking into the vehicle, Officer Shields observed what appeared to be marijuana in plain view. Upon making entry into the vehicle, 1.9 pounds of marijuana, cash and a stolen handgun were recovered. As a result of Officer Shields' diligence, keen policing skills and her desire to go above and beyond the normal handling of the encounter, a stolen handgun and a potentially dangerous criminal were removed from the streets of Leesburg.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER AWARD**

**Officer John Mocello**

Officer Mocello amassed a total of 430 overall stats with 40 Adult arrests and 8 Juvenile arrests. He has issued 105 citations, given 65 verbal warnings and completed 32 incident reports and completed 29 Field Interviews cards. Officer Mocello leaves no stone unturned on calls for service and exhausts all investigative means before relinquishing the case and has proven time and time again that no call is ever routine.

**COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY'S VICTIM SERVICES AWARD**

**Officer Bob Thompson**

On April 26, 2013, Officer Bob Thompson was among distinguished honorees recognized as part of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. The Loudoun County Commonwealth Attorney's Office recognized Officer Thompson with the Victim Services' Award for the second time. Officer Thompson investigated a child abuse case where a 2 year old had been severely burned by her father with an aerosol can. Officer Thompson obtained a confession from the father. He did not stop there as there was another wound discovered on the child's head. Officer Thompson persevered and learned that the father had stabbed his child in the head with a knife. Due to his thorough investigative and interview skills as well as his persistence in pursuit of justice for the 2 year old victim, Officer Thompson's work resulted in two criminal convictions.

## GOVERNOR'S TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AWARD

### Lieutenant Jeff Dubé

The Governor's Transportation Safety Awards recognize individuals and organizations who have made contributions to transportation safety in Virginia. The **Occupant Protection Award** is presented for promoting and encouraging the use of safety belts and/or child safety seats through creative and innovative programs and activities.

Lieutenant Jeff Dube, and First Sergeant Alvin D. Blankenship, Virginia State Police's Area 10 Office, led the official launch of Leesburg/Loudoun County's first-ever Seat Belt Safety Campaign called "The Put It Together (PIT) Challenge." An incentive-based program, with three fundamental elements, was established for the three schools that participated: Heritage, Loudoun and Tuscarora High Schools. Elements included pre and post surveys of seat belt usage by State Police and Leesburg Police personnel along with educational programs conducted within each school and the community by students from each school. More than 1,500 high school students from the three high schools ended up participating in the first PIT Challenge. Post-survey results indicated a 14 percent increase in the number of students wearing safety belts.

## FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY GRADUATE

### Lieutenant Vanessa Grigsby

The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide. 250 Law enforcement executives from over 160 countries are selected to attend. Its mission is "to support, promote, and enhance the personal and professional development of law enforcement leaders by preparing them for complex, dynamic, and contemporary challenges through innovative techniques, facilitating excellence in education and research, and forging partnerships throughout the world."

Lieutenant Vanessa Grigsby graduated with the 253<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy Program on June 14, 2013.



## **PROMOTIONS**

In 2013, a number of Department members advanced either through a competitive promotion process or through the Department's Career Development Program. Each member worked very hard for their respective advancement and is congratulated on their success.

### **Master Police Officer Advancement**

- Jesse Zappia

### **Police Officer 3 Advancements**

- Kathy Augustine
- Kenneth Green
- Joseph Marsten
- Mike McDonald
- Chris Mongelluzzo
- Mathew Santo
- Daniel Troxell
- Justin Wilt

### **Police Officer 2 Advancements**

- Brian Church
- David Green
- Leha Green

### **Communications Technician 3 Advancements**

- Lacy Williams

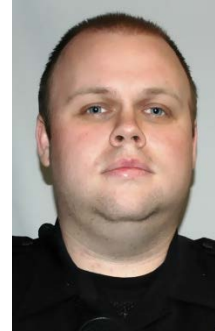
**New Members Joining the Department in 2013:**



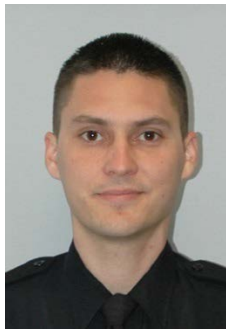
William Gage



Brandon Hazelgrove



Edward Martin



Bradley Schultz



Elaine Sudano



Matthew Ware

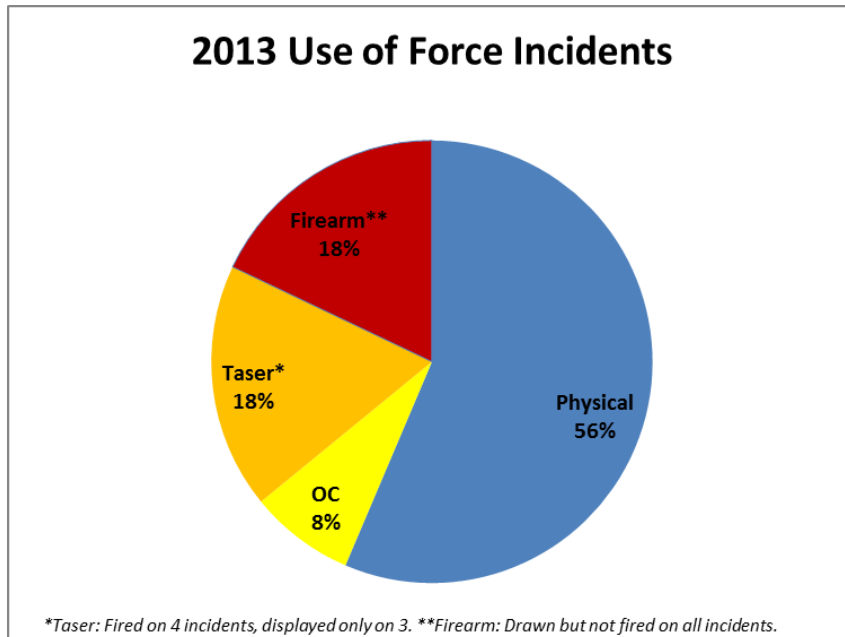
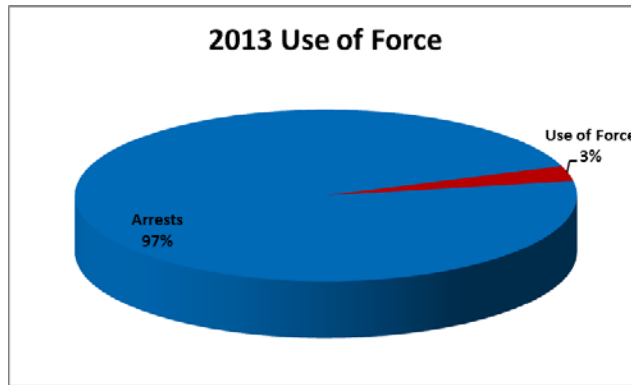


Joseph Zebrine



### Citizen Complaints & Use of Force

During the calendar year 2013, the Police Department received 15 formal complaints from citizens arising from more than 49,764 documented citizen contacts. In addition to the citizen complaints, the Department self-initiated 6 complaints. An administrative investigation was initiated in each of the 21 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, sustained violations of Department policy were found in 4 of the cases and appropriate corrective action was taken. One investigation is still pending due to an injury to the employee. In the remaining sixteen cases, the employee’s actions were found to be correct or the complaint was unfounded.

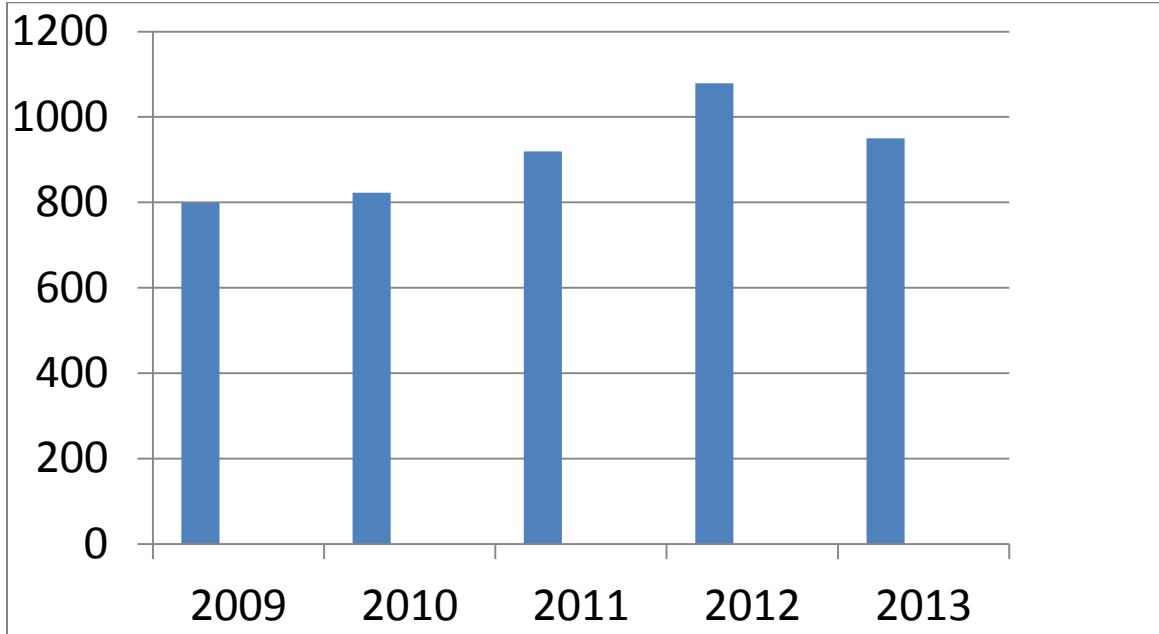


There were 39 Use of Force incident reports out of the 49,764 documented contacts that occurred in 2013 with none of them creating injuries.

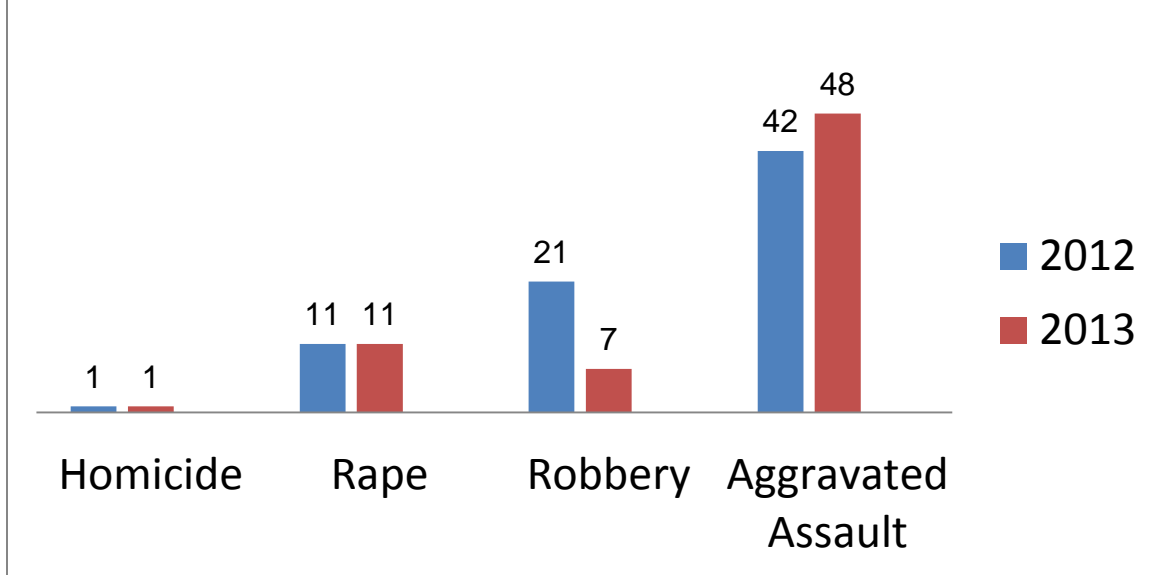
### Criminal Activity

During calendar year 2013, Part I crime decreased by 12% and there were 8 fewer occurrences of violent crime than in 2012. Property related crimes, in particular larcenies (12.5% decrease), accounted for the largest categories of criminal activity in 2013. Narcotic cases, the majority of which are a result of officer proactive work increased 53%.

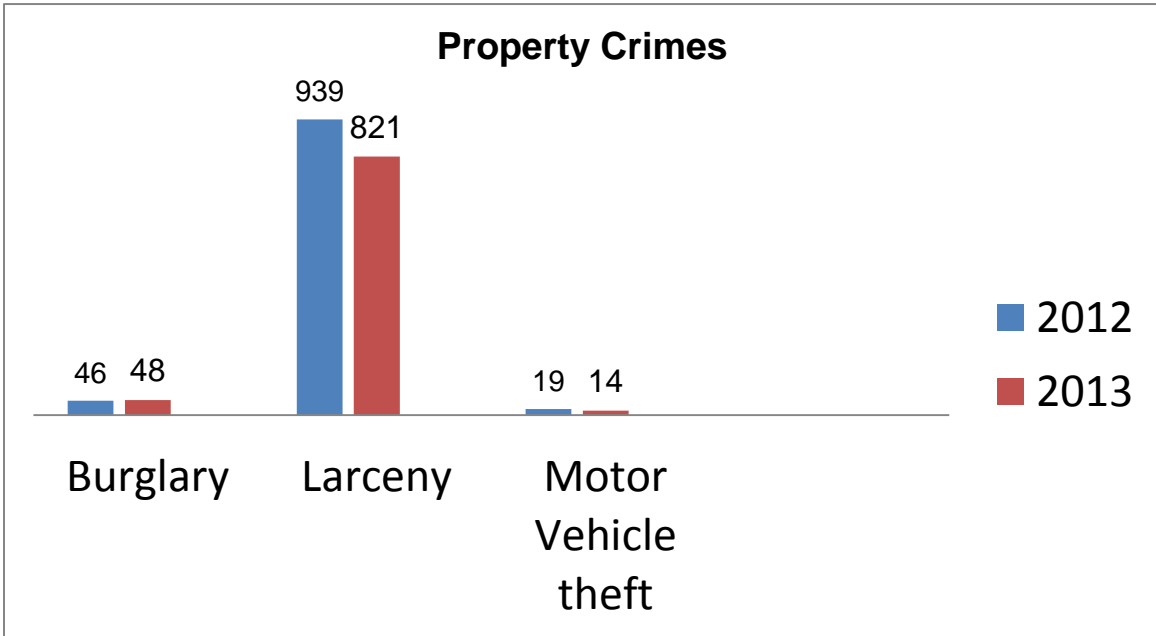
Part 1 Offenses 2009-2013



Violent Crimes

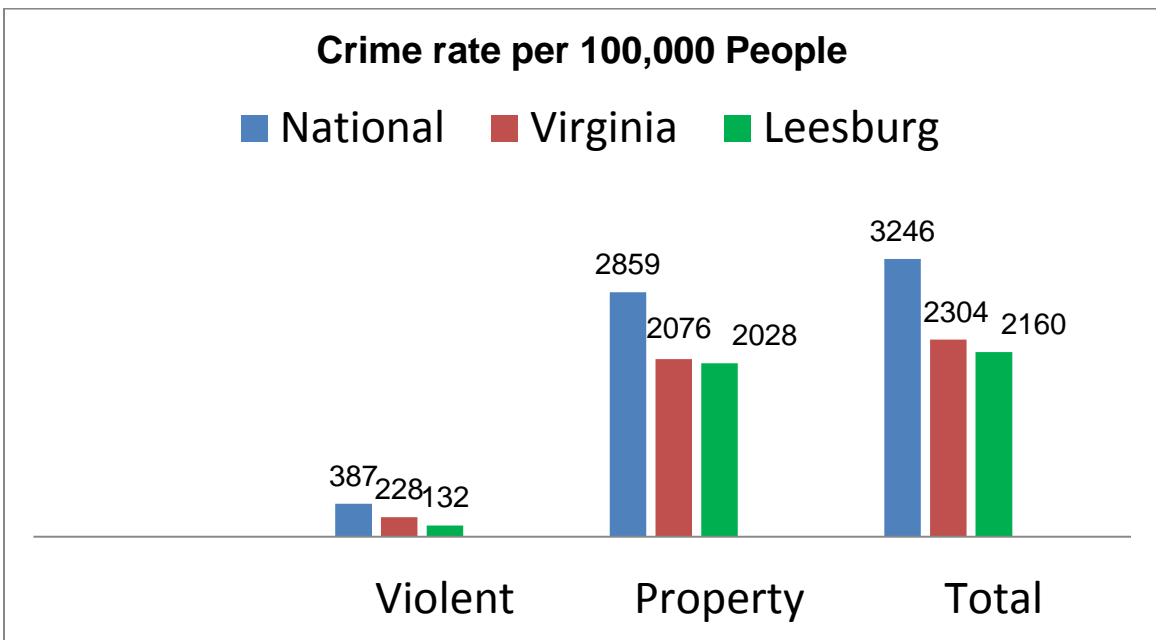


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### National Comparison

The crime rate per 100,000 is significantly lower in Leesburg compared to the national average. The violent crime rate in Leesburg is 65.8% below the national average. The property crime rate is 29% below the national rate. National figures based upon 2012 FBI Uniform Crime Report.



## Criminal Investigations Section

The mission of the Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) is to conduct follow up investigation on felony complaints referred by the Operations Division and cases proactively developed by CIS personnel. The goal of CIS is to reduce crime within the Town by focusing its investigative resources on habitual offenders and felons by incorporating the Department's Intelligence Led Policing strategies.

CIS is organized into four units: General Assignment; Street Crimes; Forensics; and Major Crimes/Cold Case. Each unit has detectives assigned specializing in crimes against persons, property crimes, frauds, narcotic cases, and gangs. Additionally, detectives assigned to CIS hold certifications in forensic interviewing of children, crime scene processing, and evidence recovery from computers, telephones, and other audio and video devices.

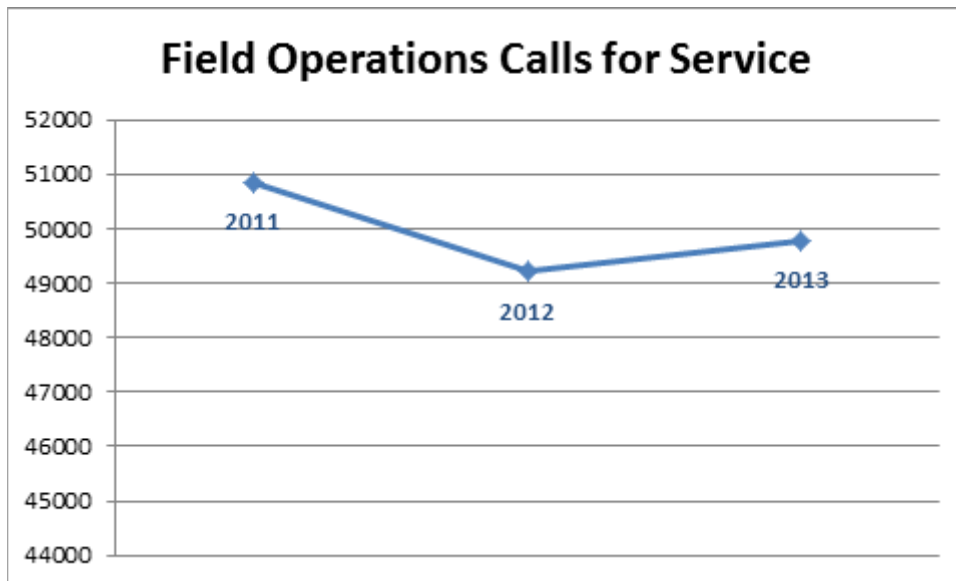


## Operations Division

The primary responsibilities of the Operations Division are to respond to reported criminal activities, conduct motor vehicle crash 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.

### Calls for Police Service: 2011 - 2013

Citizen calls for police service and officer generated calls totaled 49764 in 2013, a slight increase from the 49208 in 2012. The Department strives towards efficient community policing and encourages the community to call the police for any suspicious activity.



### Community Policing

The Town is divided into Community Policing Sectors. Officers are assigned to a Community Policing Sector and are responsible for handling any issues within that sector.

The Police Department utilized two district commanders who continued to provide oversight, guidance and direction in providing timely and effective police services within the respective commands. The third operations lieutenant serves as the Emergency Services Commander and is tasked with refining emergency operations plans and training as well as honing the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC), in line with the constantly evolving world of law enforcement.

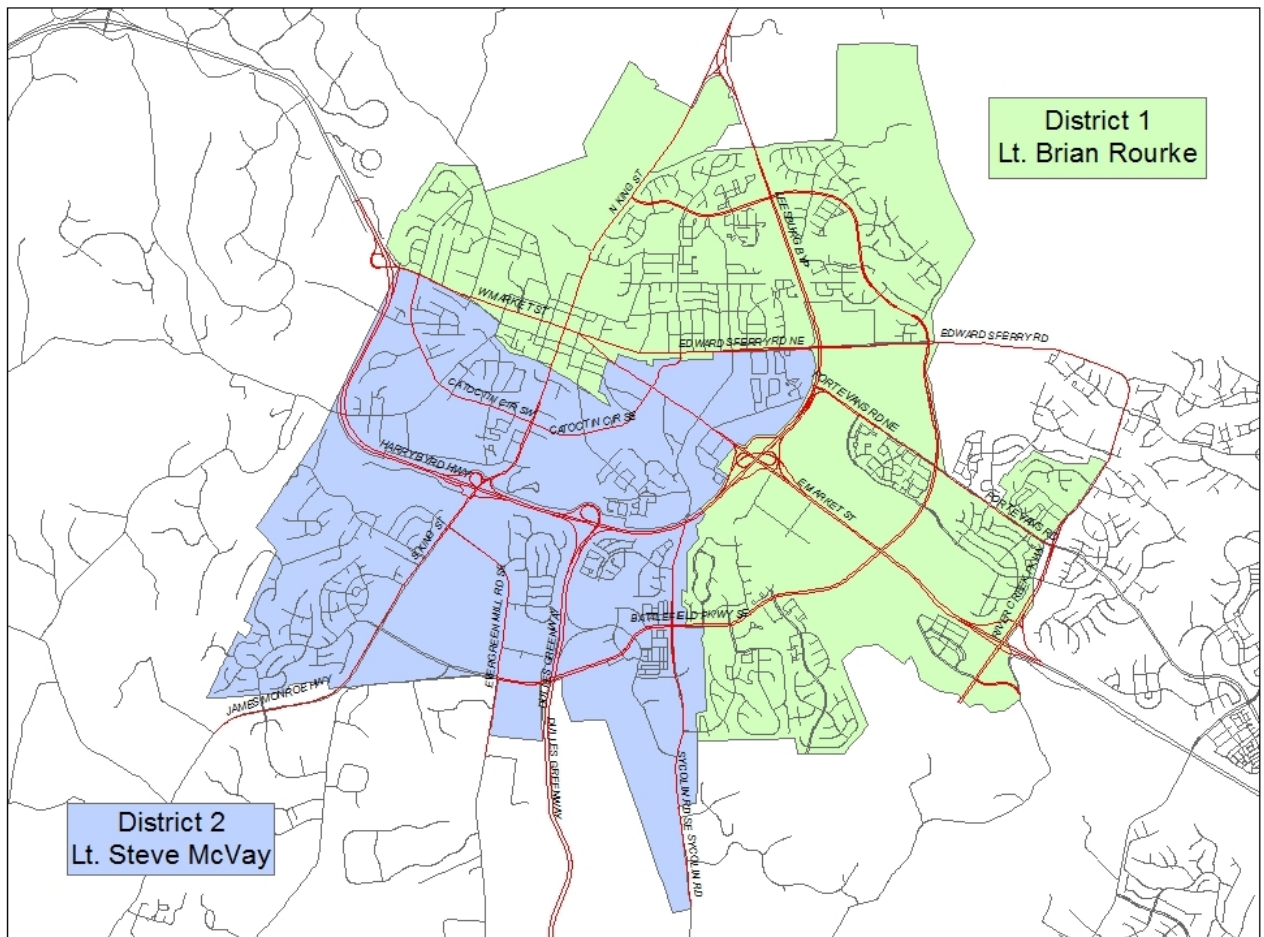


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The RTCC combines regional analysis, modeling, and forecasting that are then shared with the district commands to better deploy police resources in the interest of preventing crime, interdicting crime and being as proactive as possible, versus reacting to events after the fact.

The map shows the different Community Policing Districts and indicates the Commander for the various neighborhoods. From the Town's website one can click on the link to contact a Community Commander with questions and/or concerns for that district.

The email link is proving successful in providing a communication pathway for non-emergency questions, general information and for citizen feedback to the Police Department.



District 1 Commander	Lieutenant Brian Rourke	<a href="mailto:policedistrict1@leesburgva.gov">policedistrict1@leesburgva.gov</a>
District 2 Commander	Lieutenant Steve McVay	<a href="mailto:policedistrict2@leesburgva.gov">policedistrict2@leesburgva.gov</a>
Emergency Services Commander	Lieutenant Carl Maupin	<a href="mailto:cmaupin@leesburgva.gov">cmaupin@leesburgva.gov</a>

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To see crime information within the Community Policing Districts and Sectors you can access [CrimeReports.com](#) [External >>](#) from the police web page You can enter locations, dates and time frames to view recent activity in the area. You can also sign up to get email notifications of crime activity.

### Leesburg Police Cruisers



### LPD Canine Bak



### LPD Tactical Team



### Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

The CIT program is a partnership between law enforcement, mental health clinicians, the health care industry and community stakeholders and consumers. This partnership is intended to provide efficient and beneficial mental health services to citizens in need, while reducing the time involved in such calls for service and promoting improved follow-up services for consumers. CIT officers attend a specialized 40 hour training class designed to equip them with enhanced skills to identify, communicate with and provide appropriate aid and assistance to those citizens in a state of mental health crisis.



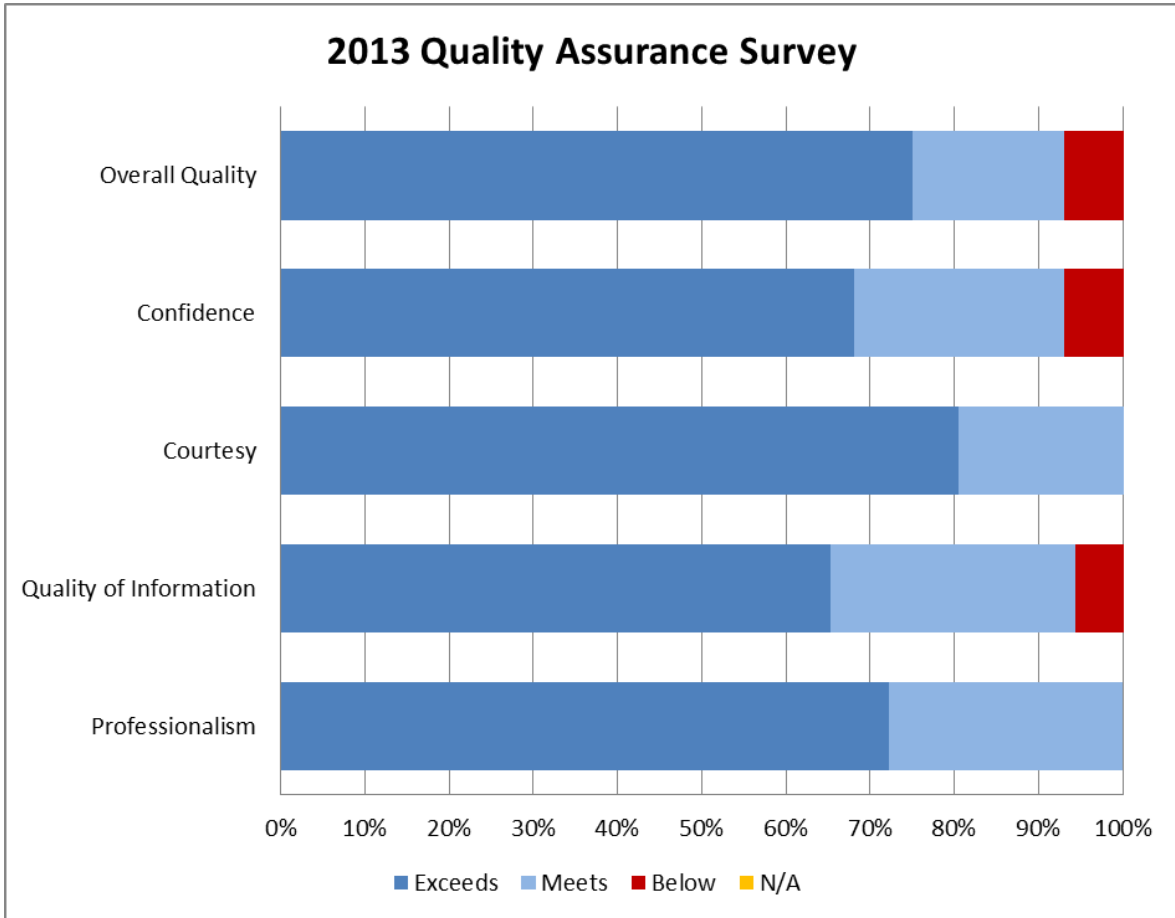
### Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) Initiative

As part of a regional effort, Leesburg Police Officers were trained and equipped under the TECC Initiative. Officers receive TRAUMA KITS AND TRAINING through a grant distributed by the Northern Virginia Emergency Response System (NVERS). On August 28, 2013, the Leesburg Police Department received a call regarding a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, the initial officer located a man suffering from a self-inflicted wound to his forearm. The officer used training he received through the TECC Initiative and immediately applied a tourniquet to the subjects upper arm to stop the blood flow and save his life.



## Quality Service

The goal of the Department is to provide quality service... *The First Time, Every Time.*



## Operational Support Section

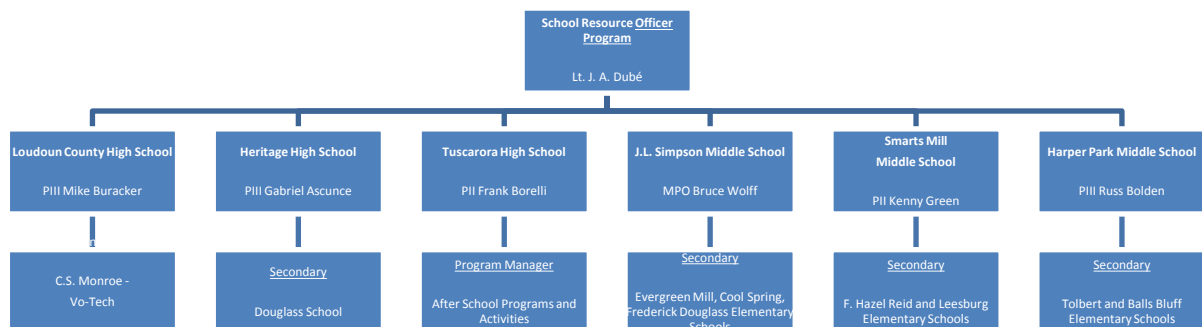
### School Resource Officer Program

In 2013, officers were assigned to Smarts Mill Middle School, J.L. Simpson Middle School, Harper Park Middle School, Heritage High School, Loudoun County High School, and Tuscarora High School. In addition to their regularly assigned schools, each School Resource Officer (SRO) is assigned secondary responsibilities at elementary schools and specialty schools within the Town of Leesburg.

When requested, the School Resource Officer will instruct classes in such topics as crime prevention, substance abuse and driver safety. They also provide information on legal issues, and promote positive relationships and a better understanding between youth and police officers.

Many in the law enforcement community have realized the advantages of a close and positive working relationship with their local schools. Interaction among police officers, students, faculty and administrators helps to produce an understanding of the police officer's role and the criminal justice system. The Leesburg Police Department's School Resource Officer program seeks to maximize these advantages by placing officers in requested schools during all normal hours of school operation.

During the summer months when school is not in session, the SROs conduct several summer camps at the Police Department targeting elementary and middle school aged children. Topics of instruction during these camps include team building, leadership, conflict resolution, character education, physical fitness, juvenile law, and police procedures such as fingerprinting and evidence collection.





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### Traffic Management Unit

The Traffic Management Unit is made up of a sergeant and (4) four officers, including (2) motorcycle officers who perform a wide variety of tasks ranging from responding to traffic related complaints from citizens and local government officials, selective enforcement, parking complaints, traffic control, traffic checking details, and crash investigation and reconstruction. A large percentage of their time is committed to conducting traffic safety programs to make our roads safer.

In addition to their regularly assigned duties, members of the Traffic Management Unit are also responsible for the following:

- Special Events (Parades, marches, downtown events, funeral escorts);
- Community Speed Watch Program;
- Variable Message Boards and Speed Trailer deployments;
- Radar and Lidar (Laser) instruction at department and police academy level;
- Police vehicle calibrations;
- Child Safety Seat installations and inspections.

Members of the unit also serve on the Town of Leesburg's Standing Residential Traffic Committee and the County of Loudoun's Transportation Committee. In the 2013 calendar year, the four members of the Traffic Management Unit investigated **424** traffic crashes, issued **3307** traffic related summonses, and performed **134** child safety seat inspections.



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### Traffic activity at a glance.....2011 through 2013

- Overall 2013 crash statistics rose slightly from 2012. Reportable crashes increased 15% in 2013. The number of injury crashes remained relatively the same and Hit and Run crashes increased slightly with 289 in 2013.
- There were 522 non-reportable crashes\* during 2013, a decrease of 54 from 2012.

*\*A non-reportable crash as defined by Virginia DMV is a crash with less than \$1,500 of combined property damage and no report of personal injury. Crashes that occur on private property are also classified as non-reportable.*

Type of Crash	2011	2012	2013
Fatal Crashes	0	1	2
Injury Crashes	124	126	129
Total Reportable Crashes	450	467	540
Non-Reportable	588	576	522
Total All Crashes	1038	1043	1062
Alcohol Related Crashes	25	25	30
Hit And Run	229	263	289

### Traffic Citation Reports

Citations	2011	2012	2013	3 yr. Avg.
Traffic	6795	5462	7076	6444
Traffic Written Warnings	3210	2735	3065	3003
DUI Arrests	99	94	167	120
Parking *	1787	1253	1075	1371

### Traffic Management

Activity	2011	2012	2013
Specialized Traffic Details	454	333	566
Citations during Specialized Traffic Details	3567	2410	3307
Funeral Details and Escorts	92	101	105

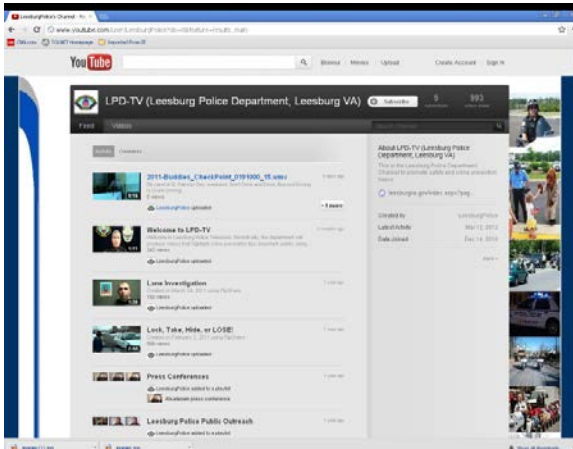
### \*Intersection Areas with the Highest Number of Crashes\*

(\*Locations include crashes that occurred in the general vicinity such as approaches, turn lanes, ramps. As well as occurred as a direct result of the traffic control device and backups)

Number	Area
22	East Market Street & Battlefield Parkway
10	Route 15 Bypass & Sycolin Road
9	South King Street & Evergreen Mill / Country Club Drive
9	Fort Evans Road & Battlefield Parkway
7	Edwards Ferry Road & Rt. 15 Bypass
7	East Market Street & Plaza Street

### Social Media Connections:

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## YouTube

The Leesburg Police Department's newest outreach initiative is our very own YouTube page. Citizens wishing to learn about crime prevention tips, press conferences, crime updates, and other information will be able to access that information in the form of short video segments. Our YouTube page is located at:

[www.youtube.com/leesburgpolice](http://www.youtube.com/leesburgpolice)

## Facebook

Citizens can follow the Leesburg Police Department through our Facebook page. Free to join, users can obtain updates on activities that we are involved in such as special events, crime bulletins, and traffic alerts. Our Facebook page is located at:

[www.facebook.com/LeesburgVAPolice](http://www.facebook.com/LeesburgVAPolice)



## Twitter

If you are interested in getting short, timely messages from the Leesburg Police Department, then Twitter is the place to do it. Free to join, users can obtain updates on activities that we are involved in such as special events, crime bulletins, and traffic alerts. Our Twitter page is located at:

<http://twitter.com/LeesburgPolice>



## Leesburg Police Explorer Post #1041



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The Leesburg Police Department Explorer Post #1041 was started in 2007. The Post now has thirteen active members. The Post continues to assist the Police Department at many public events including the July 4th Celebration, parades, foot races and National Night Out. Explorers have regularly assisted the Department with administrative projects that ranged from simple filing projects to sorting bicycles in the Town's impound lot. The explorers even provided "elves" for the ROCK Holiday party at Ida Lee. Explorer Post #1041 hosts the "McGruff" program, supplying the manpower to get McGruff to special events and assist the Crime Prevention Unit. Post #1041 also deploys the Department golf cart and a float at all the Town of Leesburg parades. The float is used to promote anti-crime and/or traffic safety topics. In 2013, the post also assisted with the Department sponsored "Holidays with the Cops" event.

This past year, to show community support, members of LPD Explorer Post #1041 spent most of their weekend afternoons in October assisting the Arc of Loudoun. The Arc of Loudoun opens "Shocktober", a well known "premiere haunt", every fall as a fundraiser. So that the "Shocktober" volunteers could concentrate on managing the sprits of Paxton Manor, the Explorer Post managed the parking for the event working over 130 man hours in support of the Arc of Loudoun.

Explorer posts help youth to gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. Law Enforcement Exploring shows youth the ins and outs of the law enforcement profession. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.



**Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team**



The Citizen Support Team is dedicated in its goal to support the Leesburg Police Department in its mission to protect and serve the citizens of Leesburg. The various ways the team assists the Department ranges from assisting at Town of Leesburg special events, community patrols, assistance at community events with the Crime Prevention Unit, data collection for the Traffic Management Unit, providing child identification/DNA kits to the public, pilot the Department's barrel train during parades and other child safety events, and when requested, perform traffic control at major fire or traffic accident scenes or after damaging storms. The Support Team is also the Department's partner in our "Holidays with the Cops" program. **In 2013, the Citizens Support Team provided 7541 staff hours of volunteer service, saving the Town over \$46,000 in staff costs. The Team has also spent over 554 hours working on administrative tasks for the Department. The number of hours worked by Team members in traffic control, special events, emergency call outs and proactive patrols totaled 6910 hours.**



**Giving Back to the Community**



Since the Department began hosting the “Holidays with the Cops “program, the event has gotten stronger with every year. In 2013, with the help of officers of the Department, Support Team members, and Explorers, over 5,000 dollars was raised to make the event successful. Ten children, identified with the help of ROCK staff, were taken shopping at Target with an LPD officer “partner” to help them with their shopping trip. This was right after the kids and their partners all had a chance to meet at headquarters and have dinner courtesy of Palio's of Leesburg.

This year, the “Holidays with the Cops “program received help from not only our police officers, dispatchers, and civilian staff, but also family members of Department personnel, Support Team members and Explorers. With the volunteer help, the support from Palio's, Target, and many other citizens and businesses, “Holidays with the Cops 2014” is already on its way to being a big success in its mission to give back to the community we serve every day.



“This is the best day of my life.”