

Leesburg Police Department

2016 Annual Report



Excellence through Leadership, Pride, and Dedication

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Chief of Police

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Letter from the Chief of Police

As an intricate part of the community Leesburg police officers take pride in serving Leesburg and are delighted to continue the rich tradition of delivering quality public service. We are excited about the partnerships we have established and look forward to developing new ones as Leesburg continues to grow. As your community PEACE officers we will continue to supersede the legal standard and exemplify heighten professionalism, and will diligently strive to maintain a moral and ethical standard that establishes and solidifies TRUST in ALL segments of our community. As we work to maintain relationships and partnerships with ALL community stakeholders let us remember to continue to keep that sense of accountability to our community that makes Leesburg one of the most desirable places to live and work.

We look forward to continuing to serve you while demonstrating Leadership, Pride, and Dedication!

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Mission, Vision, and Value Statement

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.

VALUES

Leadership

We are committed in leading the town government and the law enforcement profession by setting a mark of excellence in everything that we do.

Pride

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.

Dedication

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.

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Leesburg Police Department

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(703) 771-4500

Emergency:

911

CRIME LINE:

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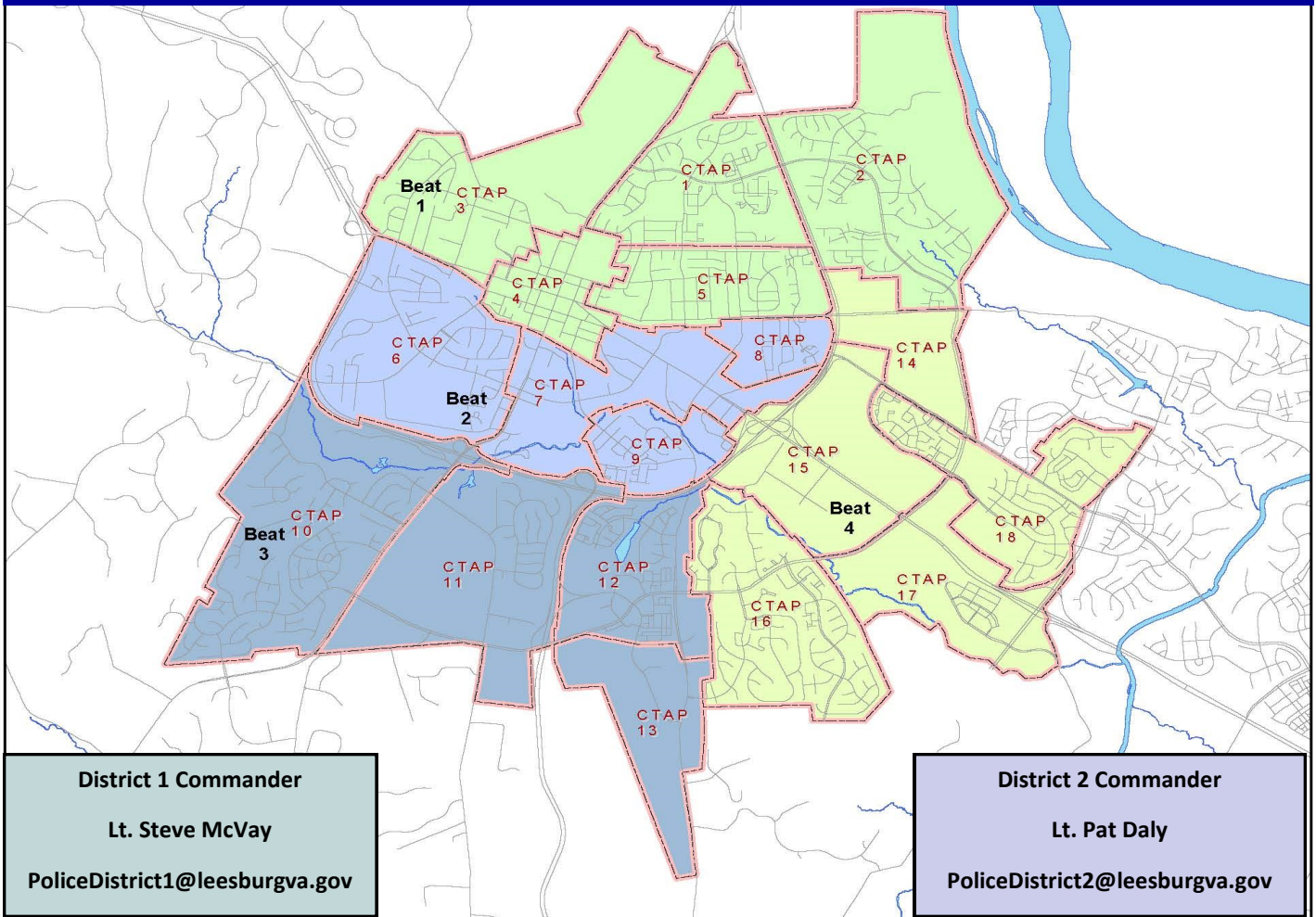
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Leesburg Police Department—Beat and Sector Map



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.

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.

To see crime information within the Community Policing Districts and Sectors you can access CrimeReports.com 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.

2016 Major Accomplishments

Major Operations/Events

The Leesburg Police Department, in partnership with the Home Depot and Lowes recently helped perform some much needed refurbishing to the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS) as well as the LAWS Administrative Office. Leesburg Police Officers and Administrative Staff, volunteers from the Federal Bureau of Investigations WFO, Loudoun County Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Recruits from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy Session 135, and several family members of Leesburg Police officers rolled up their sleeves on Friday and Saturday, November 11-12, 2016 to provide a fresh coat of paint to the Shelter and Administrative Offices. The paint and supplies were graciously donated by The Home Depot and the Leesburg Lowes Home Improvement Center. All persons involved with the event volunteered their own time to participate in this very worthwhile project.

In 1984, the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS) was founded by three Loudoun County women with only \$3,000 in donations. The organization was incorporated under the name Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice, Inc. and began doing business as Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter and in 1985, the founders opened the shelter itself; the only place in Loudoun County where women and children fleeing domestic violence could find refuge.

Since then, LAWS has expanded to provide a full array of comprehensive services to adult and child victims of domestic and sexual violence. Besides providing emergency shelter, LAWS also delivers assistance to victims at our Community Services Center where we provide counseling, legal services, support groups, parenting classes, advocacy, and community outreach. LAWS also operates a thrift store in downtown Leesburg called The Resourceful Woman and runs the Loudoun Child Advocacy Center. The Center is a public/private partnership among Loudoun County agencies and organizations dedicated to child victims of abuse and/or neglect.



Personnel & Budget

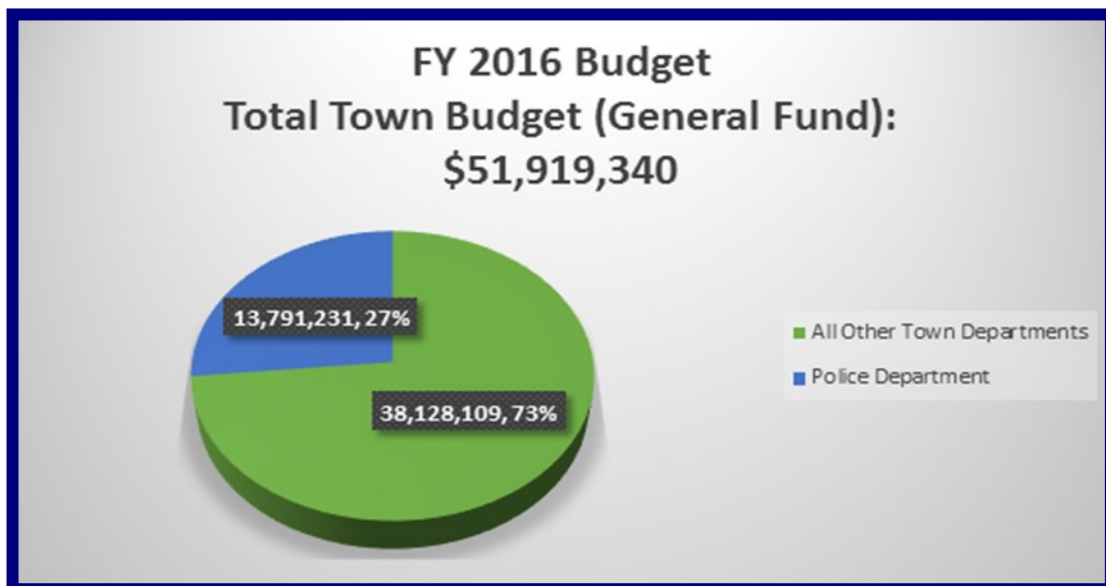
Sworn Staff	#
Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief	1
Captain	1
Lieutenant	6
Sergeant	9
Detective	12
Patrol Officer	43
School resource Officer	6
K9 officer	1
Traffic Officer	4
Recruitment	1
Police Academy Instructor	1
Property and Evidence	1

Non-Sworn (Civilian) Staff	#
Communications Supervisor	4
Communications Technician	7
Records Supervisor	1
Records Clerk	1
Executive Associate	1
Administrative Associate	1
Information Technology	1

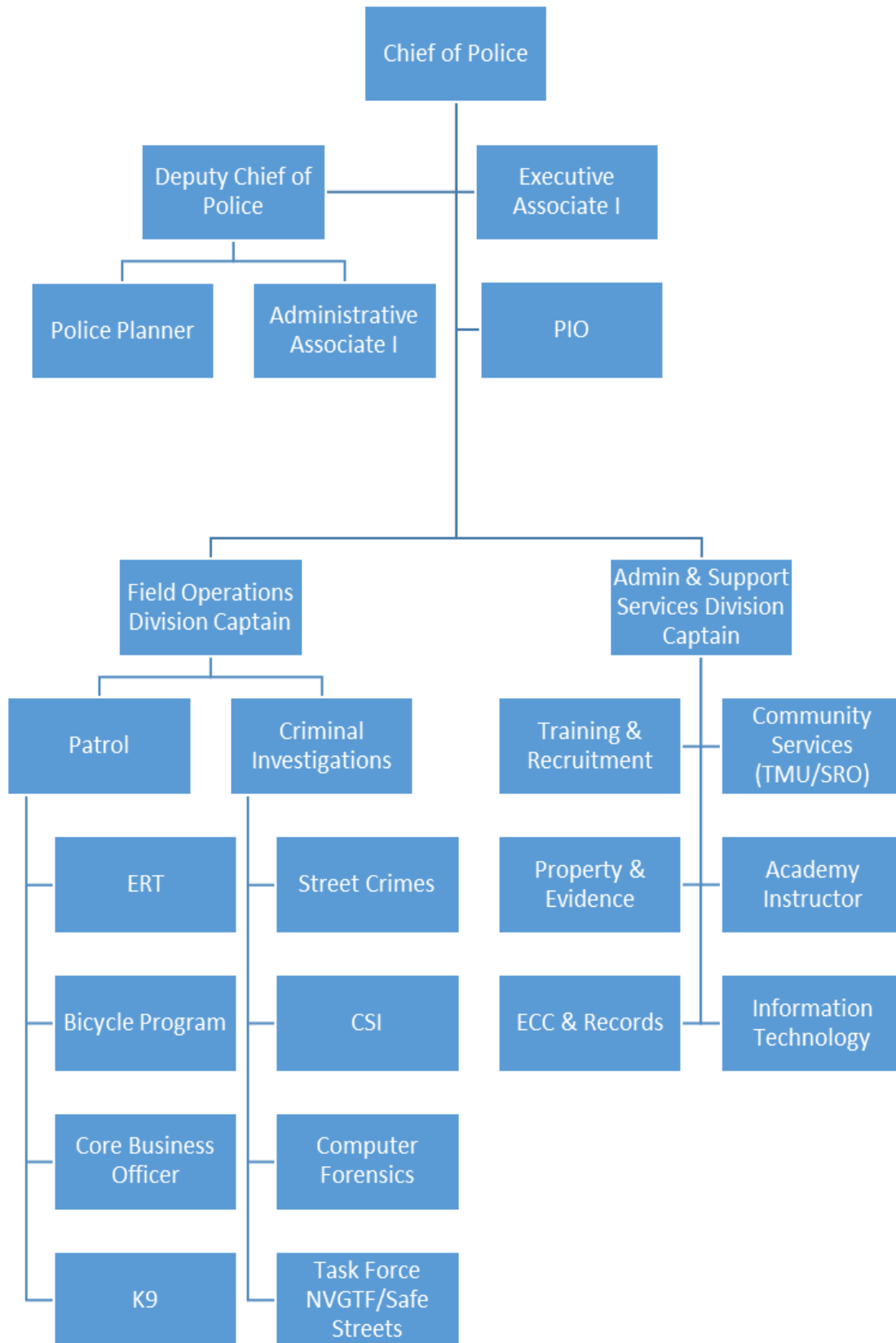
Total Sworn Staff: 87

Total Non-Sworn Staff: 16

Total All Personnel: 103



Organizational Chart



Gregory C. Brown

Gregory C. Brown is the Chief for the Leesburg Police Department. Chief Brown joined the department in 2016. Chief Brown recently retired from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department where he served as a Captain of the Eastern Loudoun Station.

Since 1997, Chief Brown served the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office as a patrol a patrol deputy, School Resource Officer, criminal investigator, and an undercover officer in vice, narcotics and gangs. He subsequently served as a supervisor in each of these units as well as a member of the Emergency Response Team (SWAT), and the Honor Guard. In addition, he has served as the Deputy Director overseeing all Basic Law Enforcement Training at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy. Prior to joining the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Chief Brown was an officer with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Police Department.

Chief Brown holds a Master's Degree in Justice Administration from the University of Louisville and a Bachelor's Degree from Ramapo College of New Jersey. He is a graduate of University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officers Course where he obtained a Graduate Certificate in Police Executive Leadership. Additionally, Greg recently completed the Mentoring Potential Chief Executive Officers Program which is a comprehensive two-year program co-sponsored by Cedarville University and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).



Chief of Police

Vanessa L. Grigsby

Major Vanessa Grigsby is the Deputy Chief for the Leesburg Police Department. Major Grigsby joined the department in 1996 and has held a variety of assignments to include patrol, community services and the Criminal Investigations Commander. Most recently, Major Grigsby served as Interim Chief following the retirement of Chief Joseph R. Price and the appointment of Chief Gregory C. Brown. Major Grigsby's accomplishments include establishing the department's first junior police academy in 2000, formulating the agency's false alarm program, and she played an active role in creating the agency's domestic violence protocols.

Major Grigsby holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Forensic Psychology from Kaplan University, and graduated from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy in 1996. Major Grigsby has attended the Institute for Leadership in Changing Times (ILCT), the Professional Executive Leadership School (PELS), and the FBI National Academy (Session 253). Major Grigsby's professional memberships include the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Professional Executive Research Forum (PERF) and the Professional Executive Leadership (PELS).



Deputy Chief of Police

Captain Wesley Thompson Commander of Administration & Support Services Division



The Operational Support Division section is made up of the Traffic Management Unit, Recruiting, Crime Prevention, Records, Property & Evidence, Emergency Communications Section and the School Resource Officer program.

Division Commanders

Lieutenant Jaime Sanford Commander of Criminal Investigation Division



Detectives assigned to the Criminal Investigation Section (CIS) are responsible for conducting in-depth, comprehensive investigations into felonies and serious misdemeanor cases. The Criminal Investigation Section also conducts all unique and undercover investigations conducted by the Leesburg Police Department.

CIS Detectives also serve as liaisons with allied federal agencies including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Postal Inspectors, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, United States Secret Service and United States Marshal's Service. CIS Detectives work cooperatively with Officers and Investigators from other departments for many leads that may exist outside the Town of Leesburg.

Promotions



Deputy Chief Vanessa Grigsby



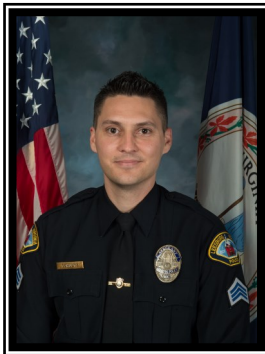
Captain Wesley Thompson



SGT Wael Abilmona



SGT Chris Mongelluzzo



SGT Brad Schultz

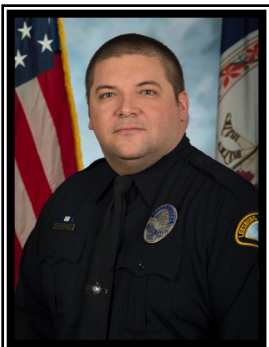


SGT Chris Vogel

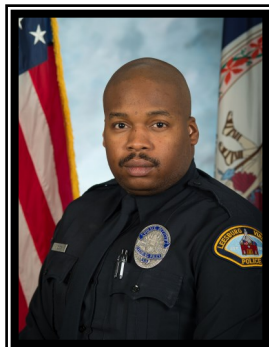


SGT Eric Wakeham

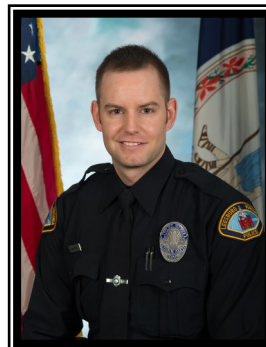
Career Development Advancements



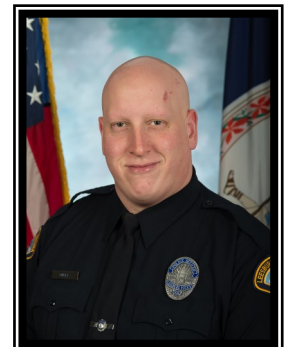
MPO T.R. Allen



P2 Carl Ford



P2 Steven Holmes



P2 Matthew Ware

Awards and Recognition

Lieutenant Daly Graduated from the Professional Executive Leadership School



On November 17, 2016, Lieutenant Patrick Daly graduated from the Professional Executive Leadership School (PELS), an intensive three-week leadership education program conducted in cooperation with the University of Richmond. This program is designed for individuals who currently serve in command/executive level positions within their agencies. The objective of this program is to acquaint participants with best practices in leadership, challenge them to reflect upon their own leadership competency, and examine ways of achieving both personal and professional growth.

Detective Pereira was honored at the Crime Victims Awards Ceremony.



Detective Marco Pereira was recognized on Friday April 15, 2016 at the Loudoun County Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney and Victim Witness Program's Annual Open House and Crime Victim's Awards Ceremony.

Detective Pereira is a 9 year law enforcement veteran and has been with the Leesburg Police Department for 4 years. Prior to being employed with Leesburg, he spent 5 years with the Alexandria Police Department. "Detective Pereira demonstrates an unparalleled level of compassion, and he always puts his victims first.

Awards and Recognition

Leesburg Police Recognized for Vehicle Occupant Safety Efforts



On Tuesday August 30, 2016, the Leesburg Police Department was presented with two awards for our efforts in vehicle passenger safety. The awards were a result of our efforts during the May 2016 Click-It or Ticket Campaign. We were presented with the *Most Improved Seatbelt Usage* and the *Highest Percentage of Seatbelt Use* by Michael Timm and Robert Weakley of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Highway Safety Office. "We are encouraged by the percentage of seatbelt use with the Town of Leesburg and are constantly looking for way to educate the public on the dangers of riding unbuckled in a motor vehicle", stated Major Vanessa Grigsby.

From May 23rd to June 5, 2016, Virginia's local law enforcement and Virginia State Police participated in the national *Click It or Ticket* campaign in an effort to save lives through increased seat belt use. This enforcement period was in advance of and included the Memorial Day holiday, one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

Leesburg Police Officer Recognized for Impaired Driving Enforcement

Officer Bradley Schultz was among the honorees at the 25th annual Awards For Excellence in Community Service and Public Safety, May 6, 2016 at the Westfield's Marriot Hotel. The event is sponsored by the Fairfax County VASAP Chapter and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Officer Schultz was recognized for his efforts in furthering highway safety by removing 19 drunk or impaired drivers from Leesburg roads during the year of 2014. Officer Schultz has been employed by the Leesburg Police Department for 4years and is currently assigned to the Patrol Section at the rank of Sergeant.



This is the 9th consecutive year that Sergeant Schultz has received this award, previously winning the award for 6 consecutive years while employed with the Winchester Police Department.





OFFICER WAEL ABILMONA AND OFFICER KRISTINE RZEWNICKI

Officers Abilmona and Rzewnicki were recipients of the *Stu Plitman Community Service Award* for their commitment to the Loudoun County Crisis Intervention Team as well as developing a proactive program to conduct welfare checks on an elderly resident in order to reduce reactive calls for service as well as providing the citizen with a sense of comfort and well-being. The officers also worked closely with Adult Protective Services staff and Mental Health staff to obtain court ordered assistance for the citizen. The citizen's visits are now described as "happy visits" and no longer focused on the citizen's paranoia, distress, and fears.



Officer Matthew Hackney, Officer Damian Moreau, and Officer Daniel Troxell

Lifesaving Award

On February 3, 2015, Officers Hackney, Moreau, and Troxell, (along with off-duty Officer Codie Hughes of the U.S. Secret Service), responded to a reported narcotics complaint and located an unconscious person lying on the ground near the suspect's vehicle. The officers immediately checked for signs of life but found none. Hackney and Troxell immediately called for an ambulance and began to administer CPR. Officer Moreau arrived on scene with a defibrillator and off duty officer Hughes assisted the units by administering chest compressions. The subject was eventually transported to a local hospital where he made a full recovery.

The Life Saving Award is given in recognition of actions not normally involved in the performance of duties, actions of an extraordinary nature, or actions that display outstanding execution of duties by an individual that directly results in the saving of a human life.



Former Sergeant Robert Munger

Lifesaving Award

On May 12, 2015, Sergeant Munger was on patrol when he observed a citizen carrying a large knife and running from a local restaurant towards the Loudoun County Government Building. Looking behind the building Sergeant Munger observed Loudoun County Sheriff's Deputy Amy Harper attempting to untie a man from a rope that was tied to a railing but was unable to due to the man weight. The subject was attempting to commit suicide by hanging himself. Sergeant Munger was able to assist Deputy Harper by un-wrapping the rope from the subject's neck and releasing the pressure. Munger then maintained control of the subject until rescue personnel arrived. The subject was transported to a local mental health facility for treatment. Mr. Rick Allison was working in his restaurant and observed Deputy Harper struggling to free the man and grabbed a kitchen knife to see if he could possibly cut the rope. As a result of their actions, Sergeant Munger and Deputy Harper were awarded Life Saving Awards.



Sergeant Bob Thompson, Officer William Gage, Officer Bradley Schultz

Former Officers Cary House and Ian Isleib

Unit Citation

On July 13, 2015, the officers were dispatched to a shooting in the 800 block of Rhonda Place, SE. Officer Schultz, Isleib, and House were first to arrive on scene and located a suspect standing in the yard holding a handgun. The officers gave the suspect verbal commands to drop the weapon and covered him with their weapons as the suspect complied. Officer Isleib approached and handcuffed the suspect and searched him for other weapons. It was at this time that Officer Gage arrived and assisted with maintaining scene control. Officers Isleib and Schultz located the victim lying in the driveway covered in blood and suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Sgt. Thompson arrived on scene and provided the officers with his Tactical Emergency Care Kit. The two officers then worked together to stuff the victims wounds with a clotting agent to slow the bleeding. After the scene was declared safe, the victim was flown by medevac to a local hospital where he recovered from his injuries. As a result of their actions, the officers were awarded a Unit Citation.



**Officer Travis Lotz, Officer Russ Bolden, Officer Michael Buracker,
and Officer Stephan Winkler**

Certificate of Valor

On June 6, 2015, the officers were working a security detail in the downtown area of Leesburg for a car show. It was around 9:00 PM when a citizen approached Officer Buracker regarding a fire in the alley near the Town parking garage. Officer Buracker went to investigate and noticed an apartment above one of the businesses fully engulfed in flames. The fire department was notified and the officers began to evacuate the surrounding businesses. By now the fire was spreading to other adjoining buildings and despite having no breathing equipment and hindered by heavy smoke, the officers made their way upstairs to check the apartments. The officers were able to force entry into each apartment to ensure no one was inside. As the officers continued the search of the apartments the smoke became overwhelming. By this time, firefighting apparatus arrived and the officers retreated from the burning buildings and briefed the arriving firemen of the situation. The officers then maintained scene control for the remainder of the incident.

Despite having no formal training or equipment to prepare them to search for victims inside a structure fire, the officers risked their own lives to search for others. As a result of their heroic actions, the officers were awarded a Certificate of Valor.

New Members Joining the Department



Chief Greg Brown



Officer Codori



Officer Connell



Officer Darin



Officer Kidd



Officer McClung



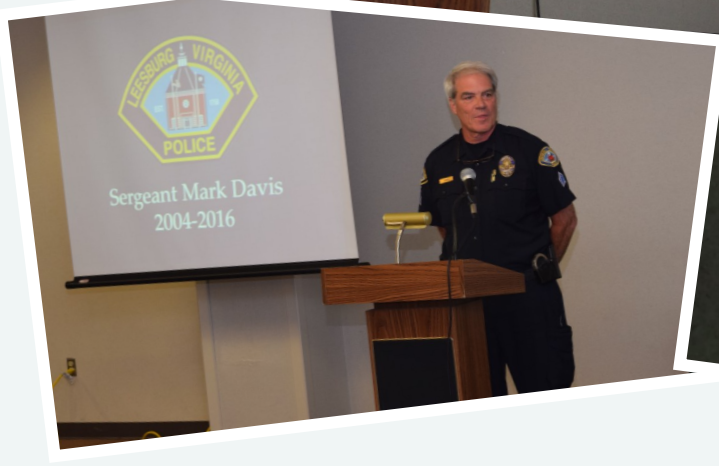
Officer Shenouda



Recruits Zuzzi, Davis, Porter and Wolfe

Retirement

As 2015 came to an end Chief Joseph R. Price announced his retirement. His sixteen years of service to the Town of Leesburg were the capstone of his forty year career policing. On February 25, 2016 the Leesburg Police Department was joined by senior law enforcement officials and dignitaries from across the region to honor Chief Price's distinguished service. Other members retiring in 2016 included, Lieutenant Jeff Dubé, Sergeant Mark Davis and Master Police Officer Mark McCartney. Thank you for your service and dedication to the Town of Leesburg residents, businesses and visitors. It was an honor working with you!

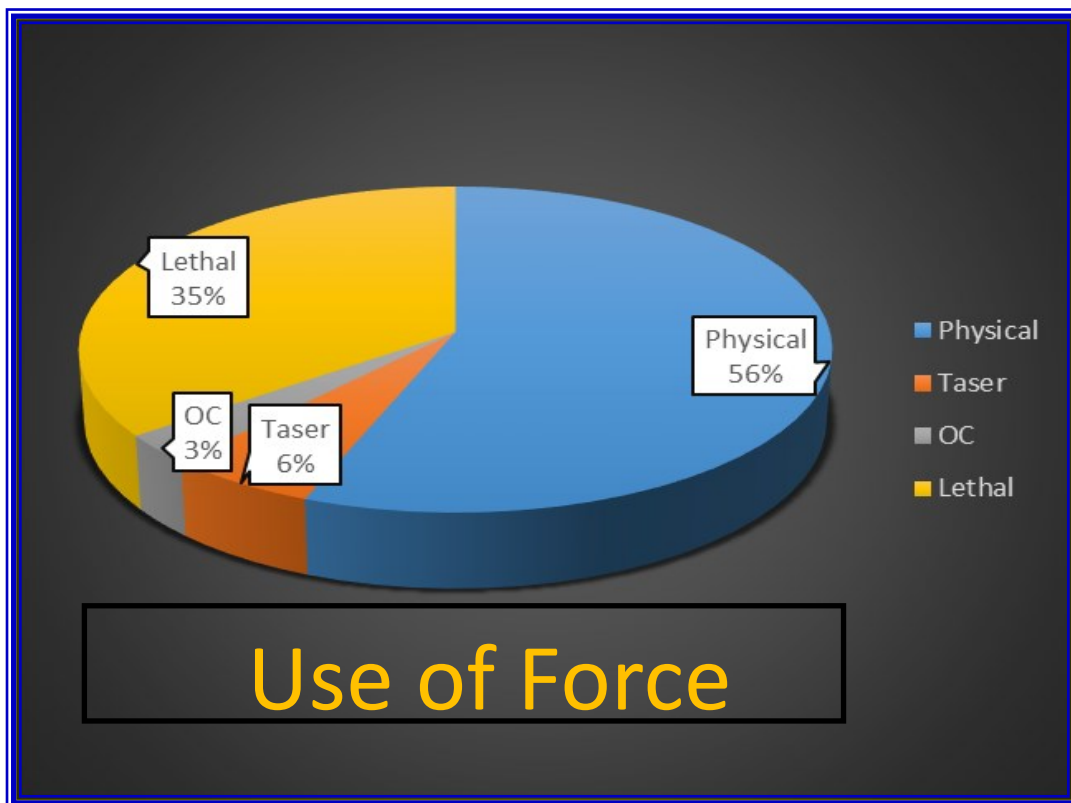


Citizen Complaints and Use of Force

During the calendar year 2016, the Police Department received four formal complaints from citizens arising from more than 44,110 documented citizen contacts. In addition to the citizen complaints, the Department self-initiated 2 complaints. An administrative investigation was initiated in each of the six 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 two of the cases and appropriate corrective action was taken.

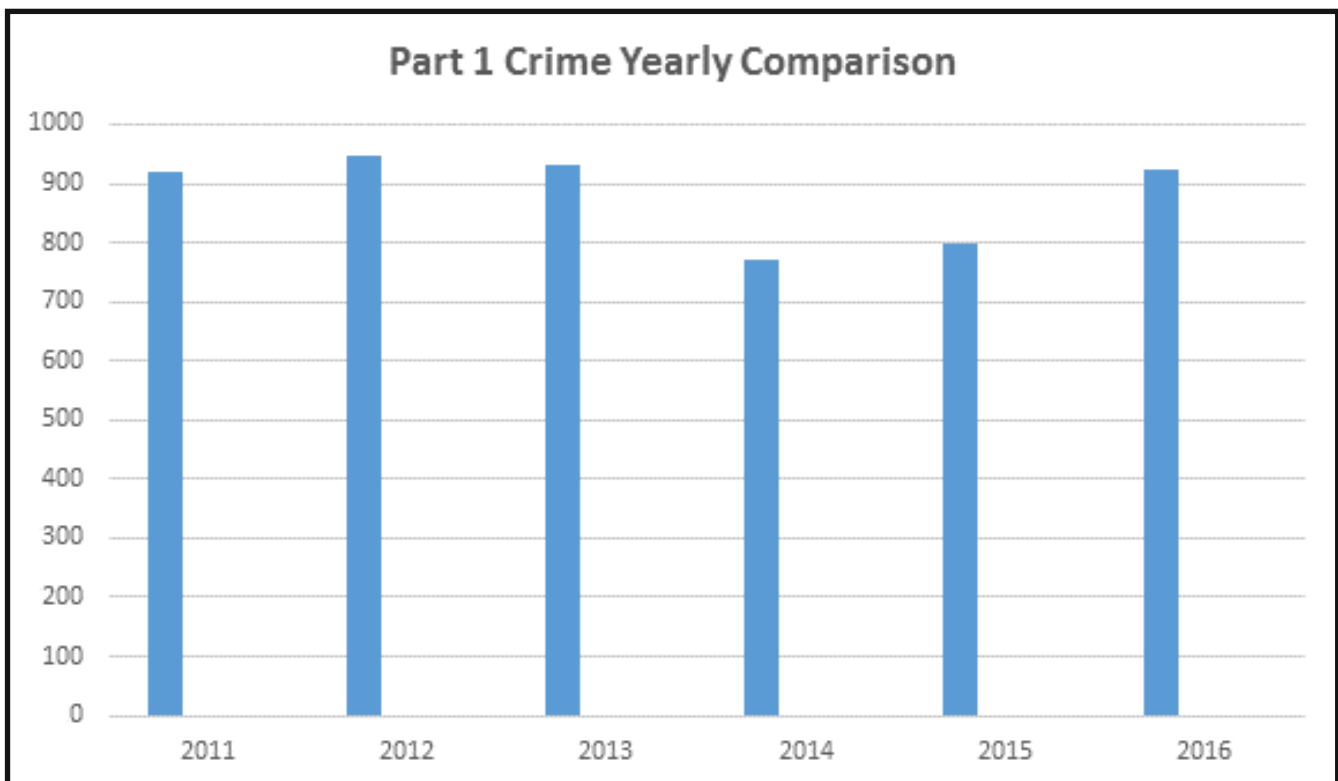
There were 30 Use of Force incident reports out of the 44,110 documented contacts that occurred in 2016.



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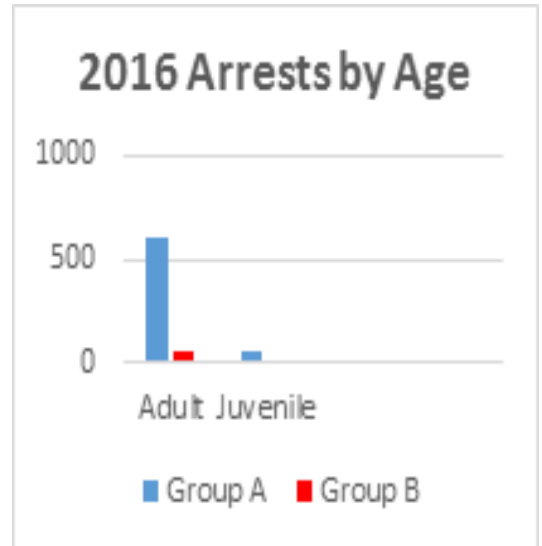
Part I Crime Yearly Comparison

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Homicide	0	0	1	0	1	3
Forcible Rape	6	11	11	8	12	20
Robbery	6	21	7	11	14	12
Aggravated Assault	41	42	43	26	43	58
Total Violent Crime	53	75	61	45	70	93
Burglary	55	46	47	53	36	20
Larceny	790	939	811	659	675	780
Motor Vehicle Theft	21	19	14	14	16	31
Total Property Crime	866	871	872	726	727	831
Total Part I Crime	919	946	933	771	797	924
Annual % Change	11.93%	2.93	-1.37%	-17.30%	3.37%	15.93%
Crimes Per 1000 Population	20	21	19	16	16	16
Total Population	44,525	45,981	47,673	47,673	49,496	51,209



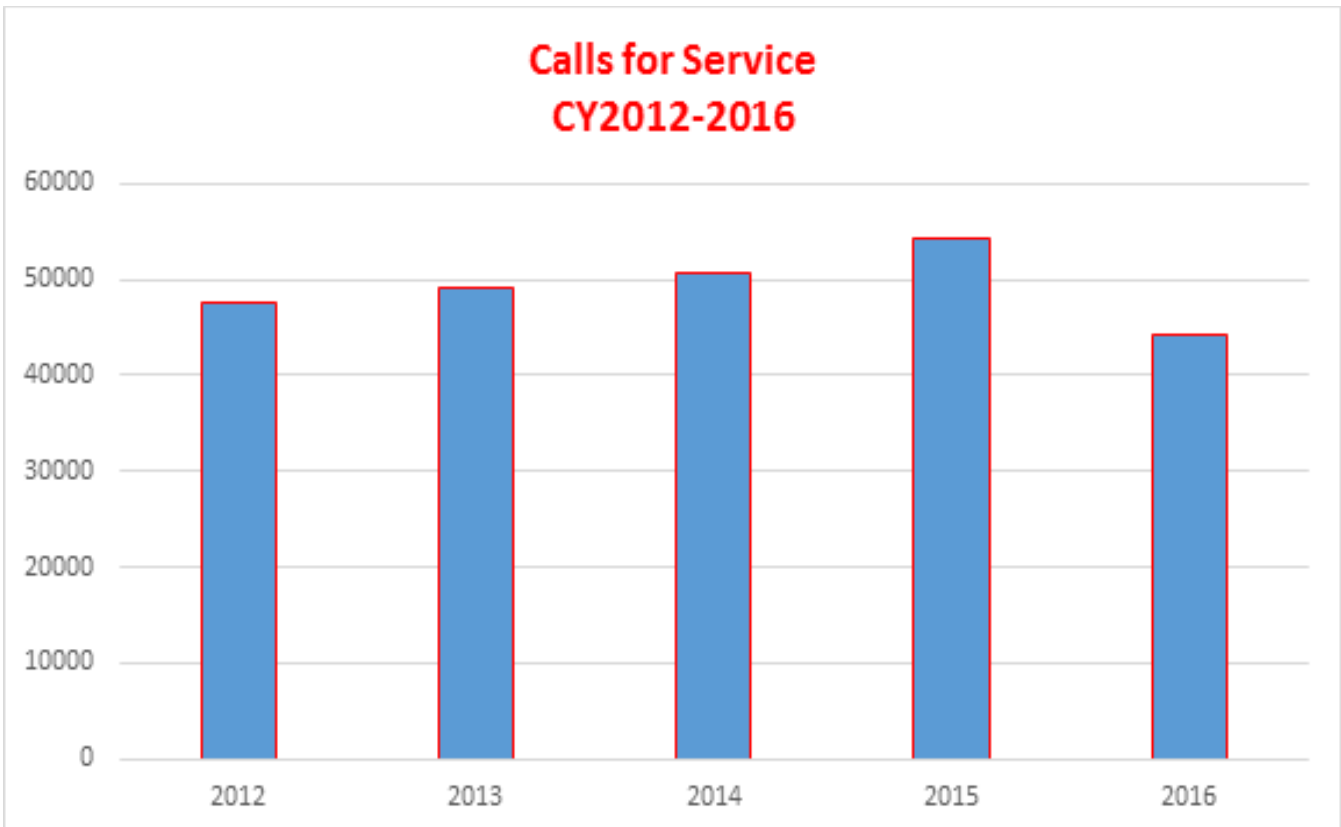
Arrests (Adult and Juvenile Comparison)

Group A Offenses	Total	Adults	%	Juvenile	%
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	139	128	88%	11	12%
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary/B&E	7	7	100%	0	0
Counterfeit/Forgery	6	6	100%	0	0
Destruction/Vandalism	8	7	87.5%	1	12.5%
Drugs/Narcotics	128	118	92%	10	7.8%
Embezzlement	13	13	100%	0	0%
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud	40	39	97.5%	1	2.5%
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0
Homicide	2	2	100%	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	9	9	100%	0	0
Larceny/Theft	243	222	91.3%	21	8.64%
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	9	90%	1	10%
Pornography/Obscenity	10	9	90%	1	10%
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	7	6	85.7%	1	14.3%
Sex Offenses (Forcible)	8	4	50%	4	50%
Sex Offenses (Non-Forcible)	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	1	1	100%	0	0
Weapon Law Violation	20	20	100%	0	0
Group A Arrest Total:	651	600	92.2%	51	7.8%
Group B Offenses	Total	Adults	%	Juvenile	%
Bad Checks	2	2	100%	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	3	0	0	3	100%
Disorderly Conduct	4	4	100%	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	13	13	100%	0	0
Drunkenness	23	23	100%	0	0
Family Offenses (Non-Violent)	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	1	1	100%	0	0
Peeping Tom	0	0	0	0	0
Runaway	2	0	0%	2	100%
Trespassing	6	6	100%	0	0
Conspiracy to Commit Group A	3	3	100%	0	0%
All Other Offenses	3	2	66.7%	1	33.3%
Group B Arrest Total:	60	54	90%	6	10%



Calls for Service Comparison

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
January	4099	3385	4259	4395	3500
February	3933	3364	3485	4374	3242
March	4432	3617	3606	4781	3521
April	4244	4113	3859	4960	3463
May	4263	4451	4555	4744	3769
June	4211	4359	4154	4271	3612
July	4347	4356	4577	4591	4131
August	3651	4631	4398	3938	3942
September	3245	4979	5123	4384	3639
October	3355	3997	4374	4758	3445
November	3631	3900	4130	4665	3659
December	4159	3988	4086	4400	4187
Total:	47570	49140	50642	54261	44110



Traffic Activity At A Glance

Reportable crashes decreased –31.2%* in 2016. The number of injury crashes increased 13.8% and Hit and Run crashes decreased 3% in 2016.

*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. ***In 2016 officers discontinued completing FR300 for non-reportable accidents.***

Type of Crash	2014	2015	2016
Fatalities	0	1	0
Crashes resulting in injury	165	174	198
Total Reportable Crashes	577	708	487
Non-Reportable	689	739	0*
Total All Crashes	1266	1447	685
Alcohol Related Crashes	19	21	11
Hit And Run	324	333	323

Traffic Citation Reports

Citations	2014	2015	2016	3 yr. Avg.
Traffic	5772	4999	3409	4726
Traffic Written Warnings	1882	1813	2019	1904
DUI Arrests	119	45	115	93
Parking	1695	1193	1417	1435

Traffic Management

Activity	2014	2015	2016
Specialized Traffic Details	418	812	426
Funeral Details and Escorts	82	108	84

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
49	E Market ST @ Bypass
36	Leesburg BYP @ Edwards Ferry RD NE
28	E Market ST @ Cardinal Park DR SE
22	E Market ST @ Plaza

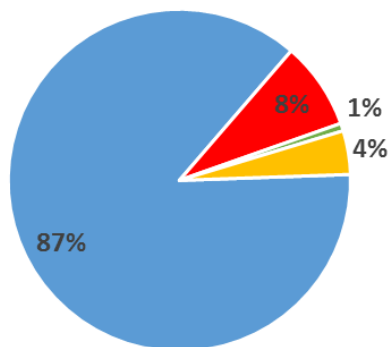
Training

Training has often been cited as one of the most important responsibilities in any law enforcement agency. Training serves three broad purposes:

- Well-trained officers are generally better prepared to act decisively and correctly in a broad spectrum of situations
- Training results in greater productivity and effectiveness
- Training fosters cooperation and unity of purpose



In-Service Training



■ General ■ Legal ■ Cultural ■ Deescalation

The Leesburg Police Department recognizes the importance of training its officers and is committed to providing the best training available to all personnel. All officers of the Leesburg Police Department will, at a minimum, attend 40-hours of in-service training on a biannual basis as mandated by the State. A 4-hour block of legal updates and a 4-hour block of cultural diversity training is mandatory during in-service training.

This year all officers completed additional training covering Policing in the 21st Century and Response to Threats.

Leesburg Police Explorer Post 1041



The Leesburg Police Department Explorer Post #1041 was started in 2007. The Post assists 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 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.



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 Citizen 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.



Giving Back to the Community

Community Outreach

9th Annual INMED/MotherNet Holiday Dinner

On Tuesday November 22, 2016, the Leesburg Police Department hosted a holiday meal at the Douglass Community Center. This is the 9th year that the members of the Leesburg Police Department have coordinated this special evening. Spanky's Shenanigans kindly volunteered to prepare all the food for the event. The annual event, held in partnership with INMED/MotherNet provides lower income, single parent families (w/small children) a warm holiday meal in a family atmosphere.

At 6:00 PM, members of the Leesburg Police Department and the Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team, delivered and served a full meal consisting of Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, and cranberry sauce along with chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese and various desserts to approximately forty adults and sixty children.

Overall the event was a rousing success and could not have happened without the generosity of the members of the Police Department and Support Team who eagerly donated funds as well as volunteered to be the guest servers for the meal. The Leesburg Police Department would also like to thank Azmi Zarou and Spanky's Shenanigans as well as the Douglass Community Center for their continued support of this very worthy program.



Community Outreach

National Night Out

August 2, 2016 saw the annual commemoration of the National Night Out event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and the Leesburg Police Department. This is the Leesburg Police Department's premier annual community relations event. The main location rotates around the town on an annual basis with some communities holding their own events. In 2016 the main event was held in the Heritage Square Community in Leesburg's northeast quadrant.

National Night Out serves to:

Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, Generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and Sends a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



The Leesburg Police event occurred on Tuesday August 2, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Sponsors for the event included Wegmans, Target, Kohl's, Chick-fil-A, and Cobb Theater. Other partners included the Town of Leesburg Parks and Recreation, Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team, Leesburg Police Explorer Post #1041, Loudoun County Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, InTotal Health, and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #69.

Events included a Barrel Train, Moon Bounce, Obstacle Course, McGruff the Crime Dog, prize giveaways, crime prevention tips, food and beverages, and the FOP "Paddy Wagon."

Satellite locations are at Sycamore Hill (Ginkgo Terrace NE) and Loudoun Hills (Meadows Lane NE).

Community Outreach

Leesburg Police Partnered with Rotary Club for "Thanksgiving in July" Project

Several area families are being provided with food baskets as a part of "Thanksgiving in July", a project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Leesburg in partnership with the Leesburg Police Department. Six local families were identified through contacts within the local schools to receive these baskets. Along with the baskets of food, each family will receive a gift card to a local grocery store.

The baskets were delivered to the Leesburg Police Department by Rotary Club members Ron Rogos and Jim Gable. "The partnership with the Rotary Club of Leesburg to provide these food baskets is a great example of being able to give back to the community and provide less fortunate families a healthy meal.

(Attached photo L-R: Ron Rogos, Sgt. Steve Pebler, Interim Chief of Police Vanessa Grigsby, Jim Gable)



Community Outreach

Thursday, October 20, 2016, was Leesburg Police Appreciation Day. Throughout the day, community members delivered cards, banners, treats and other tokens of appreciation to the Police Department offices. The officers and their families were treated to breakfast, lunch and dinner at the department, courtesy of John Marshall Bank.

One of the most extravagant gifts was a handmade quilt, presented to Chief Gregory Brown by Mickey Holman and Carolyn Hartley of the Waterford Quilters Guild (pictured at right). This beautiful quilt will be displayed at the Leesburg Police Department on Plaza Street.

