

LEESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Chief Joseph R. Price



*Leadership
Pride
Dedication*





LEESBURG POLICE 2009 FACTS AT A GLANCE

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

- ... Group A Incidents 7.6% decrease
- ... Part I Crime 10.2% decrease
- ... Violent Crime 3.3% decrease

POLICE ACTIVITY (CALLS FOR SERVICE AND OFFICER INITIATED CALLS)

4.5% Decrease

RESPONSE TIMES (from time citizen's call received in Communications Center until officer arrives on-scene)

Emergency - 3 minutes 56 seconds

Non-Emergency - 5 minutes 14 seconds

ARRESTS

Total – 1,544

Adult – 1,324

Juvenile – 220



TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

CRASHES

- ... 3% decrease in total crashes
- ... Intersection with highest number of crashes – Sycolin Rd @ Bypass
- ... Causation Factor – Driver inattention

TRAFFIC TICKETS – 5,751

DUI Arrests – 171



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Dear Members of the Leesburg Community:

I am pleased to present you with the Police Department's 2009 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 2009, Part I (serious) crime decreased by 10.2% and violent crime decreased by 3.3% from 2008 levels.

Even though our overall numbers of violent crime is down, in 2009 we saw several instances of violent crime that rocked our community. In March, Jammie Lane, a long time community resident was brutally murdered in his home. In April, Inam Uddin killed his wife Nusrat and himself, while the couples' three children were asleep. In July, a botched robbery turned into two hostage/barricade situations with one lasting more than eight hours. This day, referred to by a local newspaper as "Leesburg's Longest Day" was successfully resolved with the suspect surrendering and no citizens or officers being injured.

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 for their individual and collective efforts, hard work, and contribution throughout the past year.

While the crime reduction numbers that we achieved in 2009 were significant, the continued economic problems and the rising tide of crime in other jurisdictions may impact our community in the coming year and cause our community to experience crimes that are more sensational. 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

<i>Leadership</i>	<i>Pride</i>	<i>Dedication</i>
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 2009

- ... Continued reductions in Violent and Part I crimes
- ... Fully implemented New World Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS)
- ... Continued with the deployment of In-Car cameras
- ... Maintained full staffing
- ... Began implementation with Loudoun County DIT for radio system upgrade
- ... Established new intelligence-led policing crime analytical system (Command Central) that provides all staff members with access to timely and actionable data
 - A web-based system allows Leesburg Police to rapidly view crime and calls for service data in a graphic format, share crime data with the public, in near real-time.
- ... Fully Implemented District Command Concept – Operations Division
 - Provides clear / accessible point of contact for community
 - Serves as a central point of reference for citizens to access LPD and perhaps ultimately Town resources
 - Expands geographic/community responsibility to command levels
 - Enhances community outreach
 - Develops a strong community based leadership core
 - Allows for more community based analysis
 - Commanders constantly monitor crime, traffic and qualities of life issues within assigned command area
 - Allows for more rapid problem identification and resolution
 - Will be able to marshal command, division, Department and Town resources to address problems
- ... Implemented community traffic safety programs
 - Community Speed Watch

Leesburg's Longest Day – July 10, 2009

On July 10, 2009, an armed gunman attempted to rob the Other Kind of Jewelry Store on Market St. The robbery was botched and the gunman fled firing a shot. Leesburg Police units quickly converged on the scene. The gunman encountered several citizens and again fired a shot. He fled the immediate scene and held two families hostage at two different locations ending up on Valley View Avenue.

A. The Other Kind of Jewelry Store

120-B E. Market St.

■ 11:27 a.m.

An attempted robbery is botched after owner Lynn Mischler flees her shop. The would-be robber chases Mischler and at least one shot is fired.

■ 11:28 a.m.

Prescott Engle, of Engle, Paxson and Hawthorne Insurance, sees a man hiding in the bushes at his 211 Edwards Ferry Road office.

■ 11:36 a.m.

Police log reports sightings of a man running near Dodona Manor.

■ 11:37 a.m.

The perpetrator shoots at Prescott Engle. Engle is not injured and loses sight of him near Loudoun Street.

■ 11:38 a.m.

Police log reports sightings of the fugitive near Mom's Apple Pie. Officers end the foot chase to set up a perimeter of the area.

B. Olmstead home

206 Royal St.

■ Around noon

The perpetrator forces entry into the home of Steve Olmstead and Jaime Davis. They return home, and Olmstead gives the man \$1,000 before he drives off in the Olmsteads' gold Jeep Grand Cherokee.

C. 105 Davis Ave.

■ Between 1:15-1:25

The Jeep is abandoned on Davis Avenue.

D. Belote home

709 Valley View Ave.

■ 1 p.m.

The fugitive enters the home of Robert and Frances Belote through the garage and barricades himself inside. A shot is fired from inside the house into the garage. Frances Belote calls 911. Police officers arrive minutes later and confirm the hostage situation.

■ 9 p.m.

Frances Belote is released unharmed.

■ 9:50 p.m.

The man, later identified as William Spencer, surrenders, and Robert Belote remains inside unharmed.

E. Loudoun County High School

415 Dry Mill Road SW

■ 5 p.m.

A door-to-door evacuation of all Valley View Avenue homes begins. The Red Cross sets up an emergency shelter at the school for the evacuated neighbors, who were unable to return to their homes until an hour after Spencer was in police custody.

Timeline of Terror

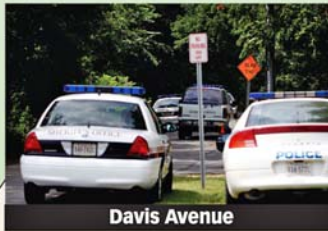
A fugitive terrorized Leesburg for nearly 11 hours on July 10.



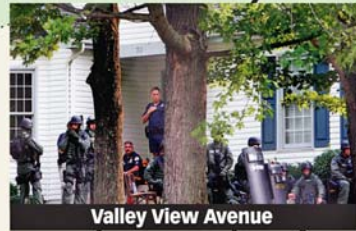
120-B E. Market St.



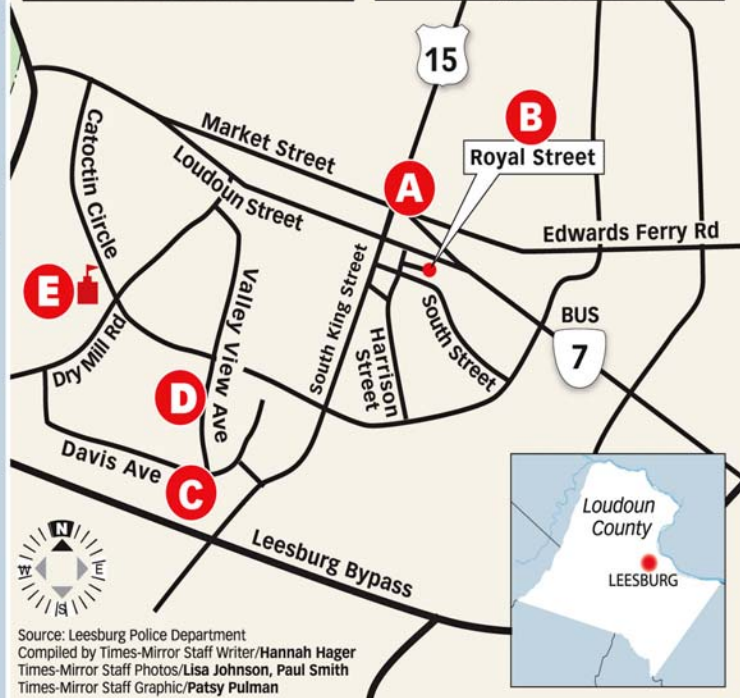
Royal Street



Davis Avenue



Valley View Avenue



Hostage Situation Valley View Avenue

Scores of officers from Leesburg Police, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and Virginia State Police responded to the barricade situation on Valley View Avenue where an armed suspect was holding two residents hostage. Leesburg Police took charge of the incident and incorporated other units into a unified command and operations plan to resolve the situation. The Fairfax County Police Department and US Customs provided helicopter assistance. Loudoun County Fire/Rescue and Emergency Management, as well as the Red Cross, provided medical support and assisted with the area residents who were evacuated from the scene.



Leesburg Police Mobile Command Post

The Scene at Valley View



Inside the Negotiations Operations Center

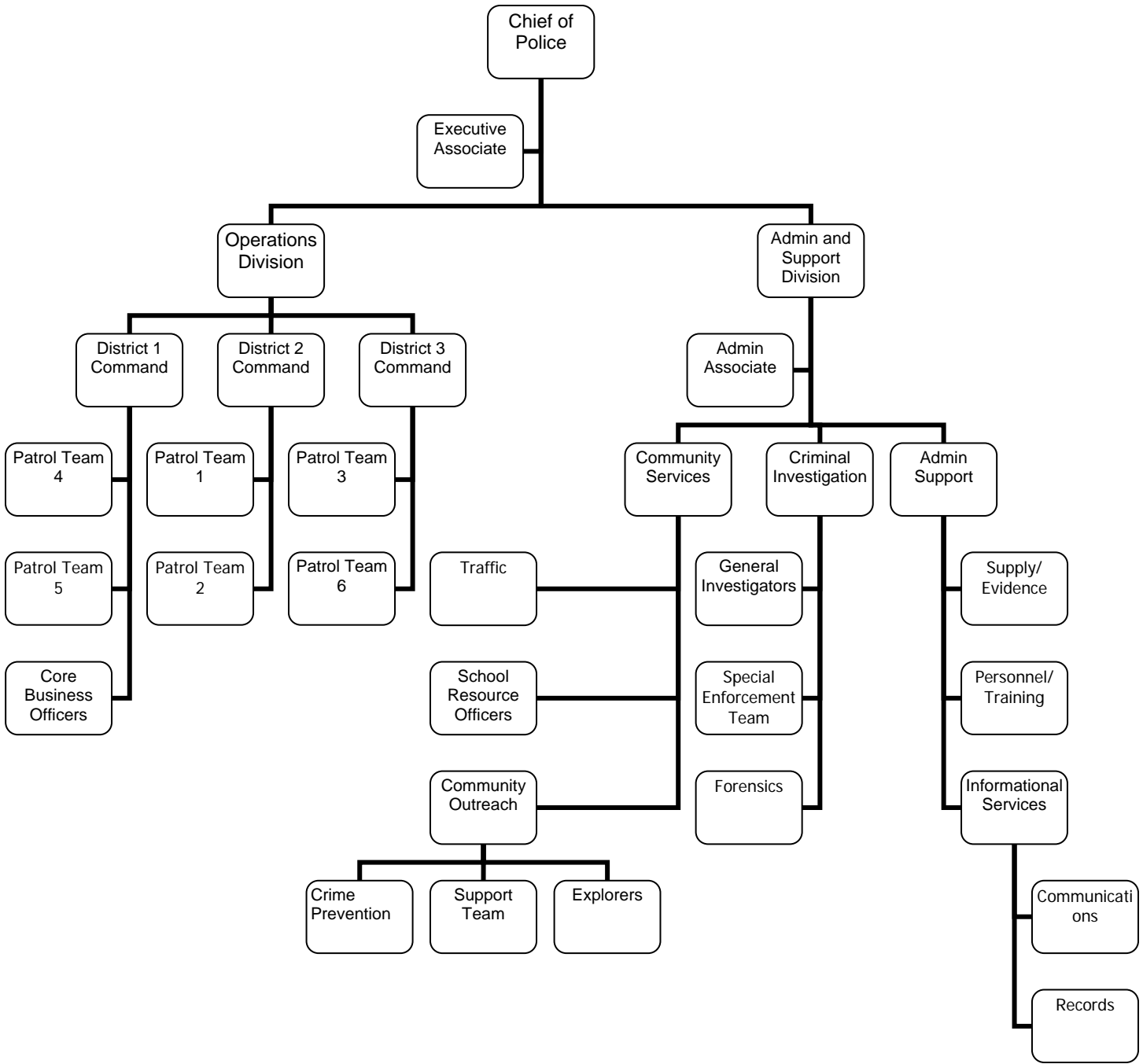
Members of the Leesburg Police Department Crisis Intervention Team conducted negotiations with the armed suspect for over 8 hours. During the course of the event, the suspect threatened on several occasions to harm the hostages.

Tactical Leaders Receiving Briefing on Operational Plan



Reviewing the Lessons Learned

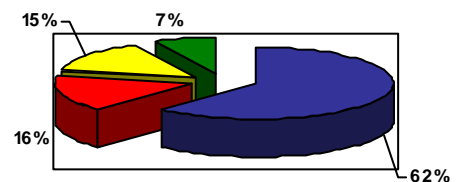
Organizational Chart - 2009



DEMOGRAPHICS

2009 Population: 39,000
 Land Area: 12 square miles
 Total LPD full-time employees: 100
 Total full-time sworn officers: 82
 Officer per 1,000 ratio: 2.1

Officer Deployment



■ Patrol ■ CIS ■ Community Services/Traffic ■ Admin

Department Awards & Recognition

Employee Commendations

2009 O'Neal Stewart Employee of the Quarter Awards

1st Quarter – Police Officer III Matt Ash



Officer Ash was recognized for his efforts in coordinating, establishing, and conducting training for Department police officers on the patrol rifle program to bring the program on line and into practice. Officer Ash also maintained his obligations to his patrol team and as a Field Training Officer, trained two new police officers.

2nd Quarter – No Award Given

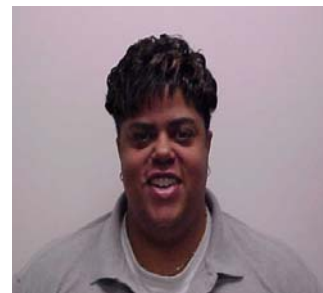
3rd Quarter – **Communications Technician Supervisor Cindy Cain, Communications Technician III Sherry Riley, and Communications Technician II Rhea Clark**



Cindy Cain



Sherry Riley



Rhea Clark

Award was given in recognition of their exceptional efforts during the July 10, 2009 Armed Robbery/Hostage incident in downtown Leesburg. The Communications Technicians answered an extraordinary amount of phone calls and radio traffic while maintaining a calm demeanor and were able to multi-task with ease during an intense, hostile, and fast-paced incident involving multiple crime scenes and many responding police officers from various jurisdictions.

4th Quarter – No Award Given

MADD DUI Enforcement Excellence Award

The Mothers Against Drunk Driving at the annual Awards for Excellence in Community Service and Public Safety recognized PO1 Robert Munger on May 8, 2009. Officer Munger arrested 28 drunk drivers in the year 2008 and is commended for his efforts to keep our streets and highways safe.



PO1 Robert Munger

Commander's Award

On April 15, 2009, police responded for a burglar alarm at Loudoun Guns. Officers found a front door glass smashed and quickly secured a perimeter. As a result of their efficient communication and quick, coordinated response, a fleeing perpetrator who dropped a stolen weapon was immediately apprehended. Their efforts helped end a countywide crime series involving several subjects and acts of violence, and several stolen firearms were recovered as a result of the investigation.

Officers Wakeham, Fitch, Santo, Munger, Moreau and CTs Taylor, Westbrook and Costello are commended for their teamwork and calm professionalism during a stressful, dangerous situation.



PO3 Eric Wakeham



PO2 Charles Fitch

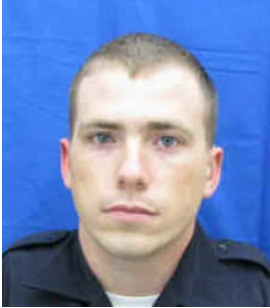


PO1 Matthew Santo



PO1 Robert Munger

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PO1 Damian Moreau



CT3 Alicia Taylor



CT2 June Westbrook



CT Blake Costello

Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards



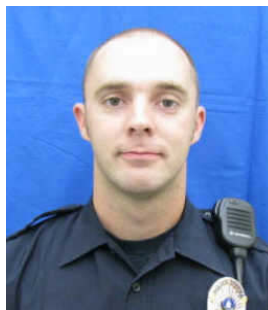
VALOR
FOUNDATION

The following officers and citizens were recognized by the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, Annual Valor Awards Program:

Lifesaving Award:



MPO Greg Parsons



PO3 Nicholas Martin

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On March 1, 2009, MPO Gregory Parsons and PO3 Nicholas Martin responded to a report of a cardiac arrest. Upon arrival, the officers found a 40-year-old woman on the floor, unconscious and not breathing. The woman's skin was blue due to lack of oxygen. The officers immediately initiated rescue breathing and observed the woman's color improve. The officers continued rescue breaths until emergency medical personnel arrived and assumed patient care. The woman later became conscious and was able to speak at the hospital. MPO Parsons and PO3 Martin were awarded a lifesaving medal in recognition of actions under emergency circumstances, which directly resulted in the saving of a human life.

Unit Citation:



Leesburg Police Department, Crisis Intervention Team

From left back: Sergeant Steve Pebler, Team Leader, Detective Doug Shaw, Sergeant T.J. Moore, PO3 Eric Wakeham, Detective Bob Thompson; *Front row left* MPO Chris Tidmore, PO2 Carrie Cline, Beth Masker, Loudoun County Mental Health, MPO William Potter, Sergeant Wael Abilmona. Not pictured Deborah Snyder, Loudoun County Mental Health, Communications Technician II Sharon Riley

Synopsis:

On July 10, 2009 at approximately 11:27 a.m., police responded to 120-B East Market Street (The Other Kind of Jewelry Store) for an attempted robbery. The suspect fled after the owner left the shop in a state of panic. The suspect chased the shop owner and at least one shot was fired. The

suspect fled on foot, headed east, hiding in the bushes at 211 Edwards Ferry Road. The suspect was then sighted running in the area of Dodona Manor. At 11:36 a.m., the suspect is seen by a citizen in the area of Mom's Apple Pie. The citizen noticed the suspect breathing heavily and sweating profusely, as he (suspect) appeared from behind a house. The citizen asked the suspect what he was doing there, and told the suspect to stop but he continued to walk away. The citizen then took cover behind a vehicle as the suspect displayed a weapon, and fired one round before continuing to flee on foot. Police units set up a perimeter in the area in an attempt to contain the subject.

Around noon, the suspect forced entry into the home on Royal Street, SE. Also at the residence were a babysitter and a 2-year old child. The suspect stole a cell phone, jewelry, and took the keys to the babysitter's vehicle before locking the sitter in a bathroom. The residents returned home, at which time the suspect threatened them at gunpoint and told them to get on the floor. The suspect took cash from the victim's wallet before fleeing in their gold Jeep Grand Cherokee. The jeep was found abandoned a short time later on Davis Avenue, SW.

At 1:00 p.m., the suspect entered the home of another couple through their open garage, and barricaded himself inside the residence. The victims were locked in the bathroom, but were able to call 911 from a cell phone to report the hostage situation, and within minutes, police arrive. At one point the suspect enters the garage, presumably to steal the couple's car, but sees police activity and fires another round before fleeing back inside the residence.

Detectives Doug Shaw and Bob Thompson immediately began negotiating via a cellular telephone while the negotiations operations center was being set up. Detective Shaw was the primary negotiator, while Detective Thompson served as secondary negotiator or coach. Sergeant Moore was responsible for the overall negotiations process, while Sergeant Pebler served as the Team Commander for the incident. Other members filled in the remaining roles as they arrived.

The couple were tied up by the suspect and terrorized throughout the event. The negotiations with the suspect lasted for approximately nine (9) hours. The suspect was very agitated and displayed unpredictable behavior throughout the event. Detective Shaw was able to effectively establish trust and rapport with suspect, which was a vital component of the negotiations process. The negotiations weathered many peaks and valleys, but the CIT members remained calm, professional, and optimistic. The first victim was released at approximately 9:00 p.m. At 9:50 p.m., the second victim was released and the suspect surrendered to police.

The hostage-taker was later identified as William Spencer, 49, of Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Spencer has an extensive criminal record and has spent most of his adult life in prison. Mr. Spencer was charged with abduction & kidnapping by force, robbery, automobile theft, and the use of a firearm in

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the commission of a felony. After further investigation, Donald Blount, 44, of Leesburg was charged as an accomplice of Mr. Spencer's in planning the robbery of the jewelry store.

Although there were many officers and supporting agencies involved, the CIT members distinguished themselves during this incident, and are recognized for their professionalism. It is directly due to their efforts that the situation ended with a peaceful resolution and without serious injuries.

Mr. Robert Belote and Mrs. Frances Belote (not pictured) were issued Citizens Awards by the Chamber of Commerce due to their actions after being taken hostage. By having the composure and courage to develop rapport with their captor, their efforts aided police in bringing about their release.

Bronze Medal of Valor:



Detective Matthew Hackney

On July 10, 2009, at approximately 11:27 a.m. an emergency call was received by the Leesburg Police Department advising that a man fired a gun during a robbery at 120 B East Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Additional telephone calls to the LPD and witness statements from citizens in the downtown area revealed the same individual fired a hand gun at citizens on Edward Ferry Road, and later held victims hostage at 206 ½ Royal Street. The subject left the residence in a stolen vehicle which he later abandoned. He entered a residence on Valley View and held an elderly couple hostage while he collected valuables with the intent of stealing their vehicle. One of the victims was able to contact a LPD dispatcher by cellular telephone advising they were being held hostage by a man with a gun.

Detective Matthew Hackney, LPD, and Sergeant Chris Coderre, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, along with his canine partner heard the radio call that two hostages were being held and proceeded to the residence. The two officers and canine entered the garage and confronted the gunman as he was attempting to exit the residence and leave in the victims' car. The officers ordered the gunman to surrender; however, he reentered the residence and fired a shot, narrowly missing the officers. The officers and canine held their position until backup officers and the Special Operations Team arrived.

Following over eight hours of negotiation with the gunman by teams of law enforcement officers, he surrendered and the hostages were released unharmed.

For their courage to confront an armed and dangerous gunman, and hold their post despite being shot at in close quarters, Detective Hackney, LPD and Sergeant Coderre, LCSO are awarded the Bronze Medal of Valor in recognition of acts involving personal risk during an emergency situation, when such action is beyond that normally expected in the performance of duty.

Certificate of Valor:



Detective Doug Shaw

Detective Shaw is awarded the Certificate of Valor in recognition of acts demonstrating unusual judgment, zeal or ingenuity not normally involved in the performance of duties.

Detective Shaw worked as part of the Crisis Intervention Team and served as the primary negotiator throughout the entire event on July 10, 2009 summarized above. Detective Shaw was effectively able to utilize his communication skills and negotiation training to bring about the release of two hostages and the peaceful surrender of an armed and dangerous felon.

Promotions

In 2009, 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 are congratulated on their success.

Master Police Officer



Paul Holzerland

Police Officer III



Matt Ash



Russell Bolden

Police Officer II



Kathy Augustine



Kenny Green



Chris Parker



Stephan Winkler

Communications Technician III



Sherry Riley



Sharron Grubb

New Members Joining the Department in 2009:



Brittany "Leha" Green



Michael Pierce



Aaron Ray



John Bailie



Jason Nicodemus



Karen Potts



Damien Castro

Making a Difference - One child at a time

Department members continue their commitment of service to the community even when they are off-duty. Staff collected donations and then fed a delicious Thanksgiving Meal to over 100 people, many of whom were children.

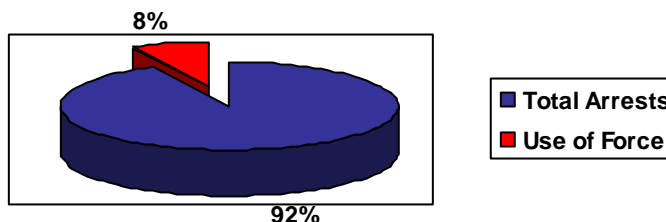
Members of the Department's Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #70 collected donations and took a number of children holiday shopping – as one youngster put it – “this is the best day of my life.”



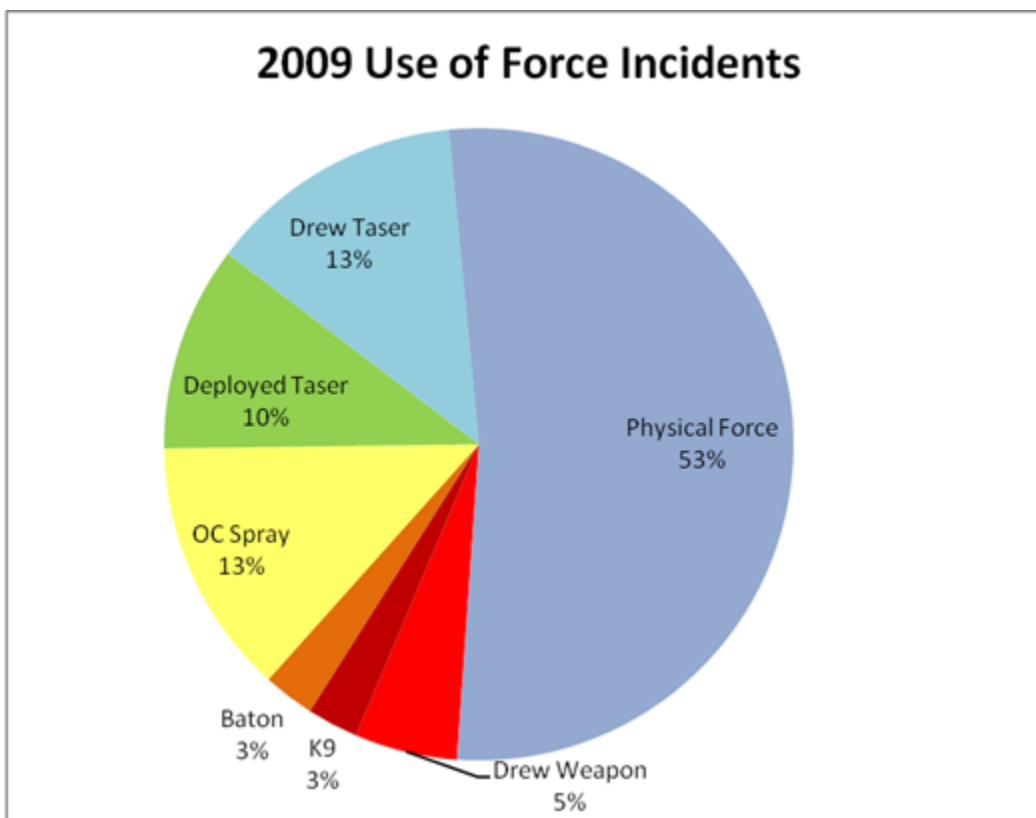
Citizen Complaints & Use of Force

During the calendar year 2009, the Police Department received 18 formal complaints from citizens arising from more than 36,000 documented citizen contacts. In addition to the citizen complaints, the Department self-initiated nine complaints. An administrative investigation was initiated in each of the 27 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 were found in three of the citizen-initiated cases and five of the Department-initiated cases. In those eight cases, an employee was found to have violated Department policy and appropriate corrective action was taken.

2009 Use of Force



2009 Use of Force Incidents

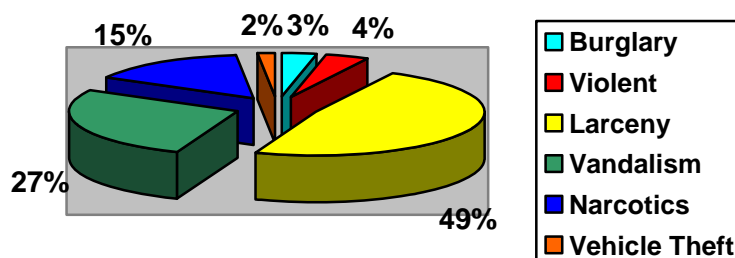


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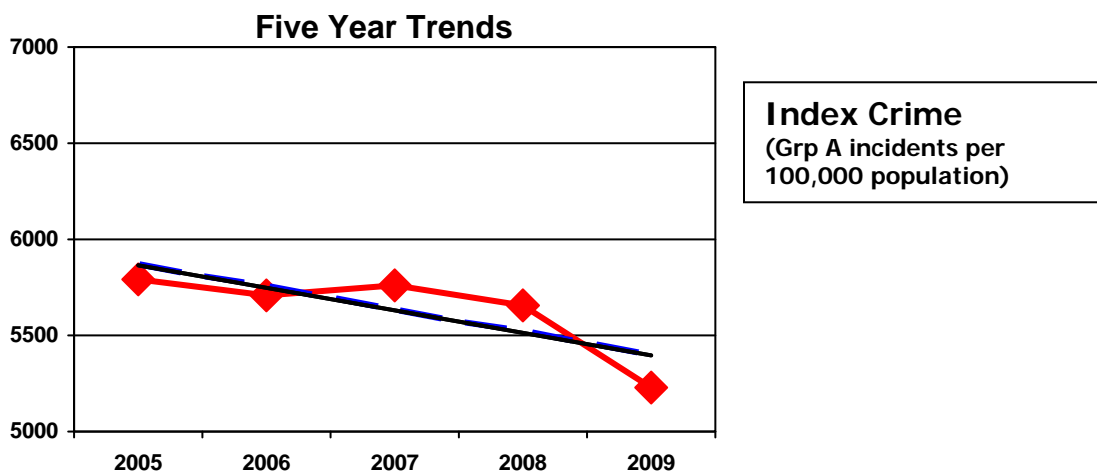
Criminal Activity

During calendar year 2009, serious crime (Part I) decreased by 10.2% and violent crime decreased by 3.3%. Property related crimes, in particular larcenies and vandalism / destruction of property, continue to account for the largest categories of criminal activity in 2009. (* includes attempts. ** During 2008, there were 2 murders. One was handled by Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.)

Crimes By Type (*Includes Attempts)	2007	2008	2009
Murder	0	1**	2
Rape*	13	6	11
Robbery*	21	22	19
Aggravated Assaults	36	30	25
Burglary*	62	62	44
Larceny*	696	723	657
Motor Vehicle Thefts*	48	27	24
Vandalism / Destruction of Property*	484	455	369
Narcotics	340	253	207



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.



Criminal Investigations Section

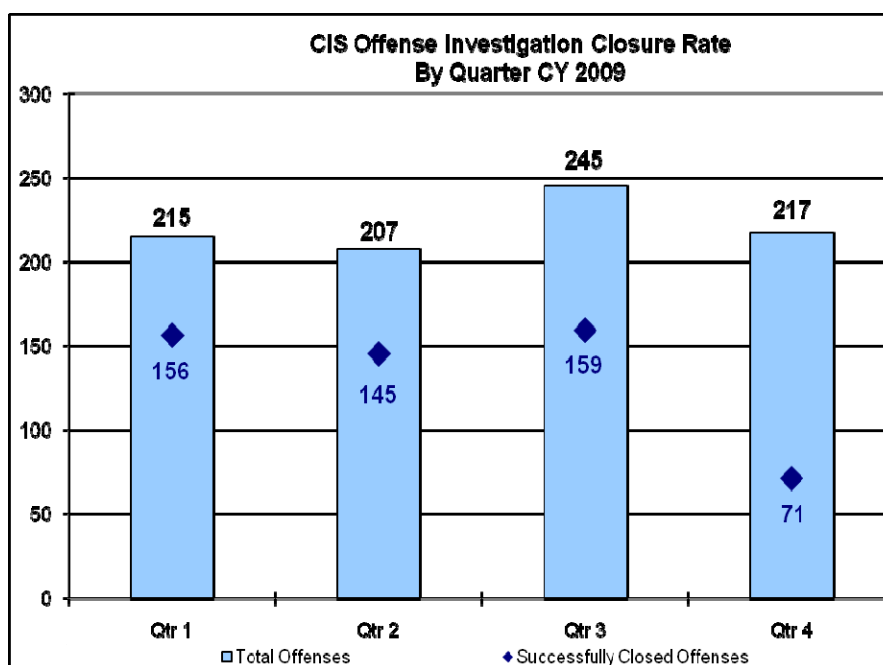
The mission of the Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) is to conduct follow up investigation on felony complaints referred by the Operations Division and cases proactively developed by CIS personnel. The goal of CIS is to reduce crime within the Town by focusing its investigative resources on habitual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

During 2009, CIS personnel received enhanced investigative training in the areas of domestic violence, child abuse, internet crimes, computer forensic evidence, hostage negotiations, gangs, and drug violations. CIS continued its partnerships with the FBI, U. S. Secret Service and the Virginia State Police in formal task forces to address computer crimes and on-line child predators.

Special Enforcement Team (SET)

The mission of the SET is to provide proactive analytical and enforcement capability targeting locations of high/serious crime, and individuals who pose a serious threat to public safety. The SET provides the capability to identify, locate and apprehend serious criminals and address crime problems and patterns that impact safety of the Town's citizens. The analytical aspect of this unit provides direct support to many investigative programs in identifying and targeting suspects in serious criminal activities.

During 2009, CIS personnel were assigned 884 investigations. In addition, they processed 103 crime scenes and conducted 118 digital forensic examinations.



Patrol Activity

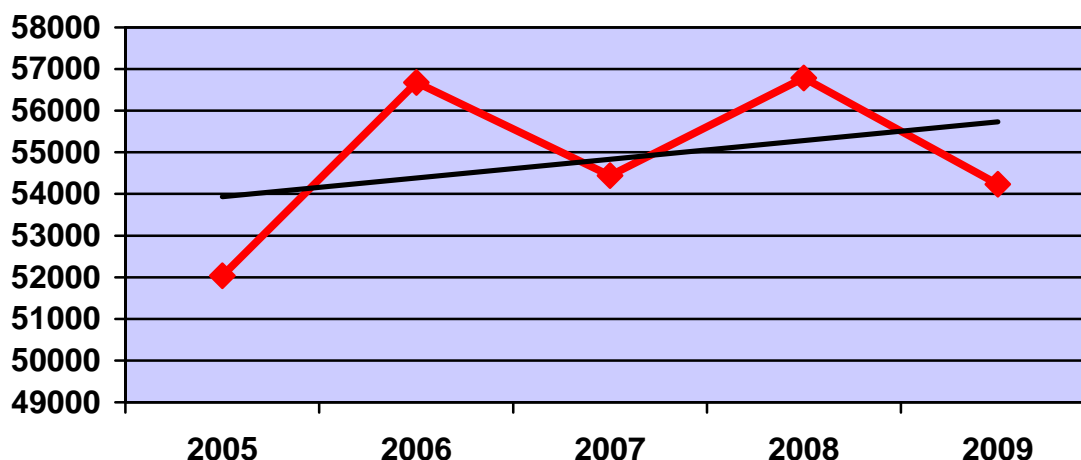
The primary responsibilities of the Patrol Section are to respond to reported criminal activities, conduct motor vehicle crash investigations, maintain consistent enforcement of traffic and criminal laws and work proactively to partner with the community in a joint effort to improve the quality of life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

Calls for Police Service: 2005 - 2009

Citizen calls for police service and officer generated calls totaled 54,235 in 2009, a decrease of 4.5% over 2008. The Department strives towards efficient community policing and encourages the community to call the police for any suspicious activity.

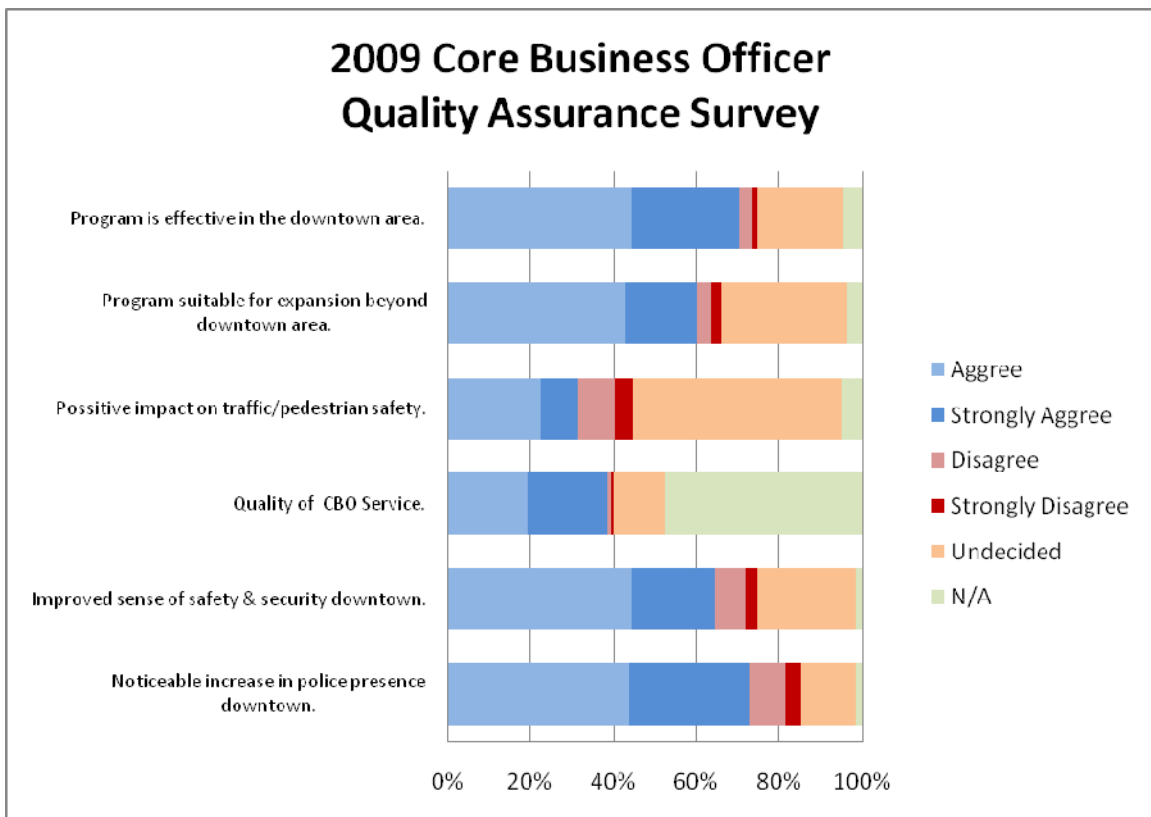
As part of its community policing philosophy, the Department uses a multitude of strategies to solve community problems. As an example, the Department developed a proactive patrol/surveillance plan after analyzing a trend in nighttime burglaries. Operational resources were deployed and supported by regional assets to successfully disrupt the trend.

Police Workload



Quality Service

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



Community Policing

Community Commander

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 Town is also divided into Patrol Beats which incorporate the Community Policing Sectors so that the officers will patrol the areas that include their assigned sector.

The Community Policing Sectors are grouped together to form Community Policing Districts, which debuted in 2009 as the evolution in the Department's community policing/intelligence led policing philosophy continued. The Community Commander Program incorporates an assignment of a Commander to organize and delegate assignments to the officers within the Community Policing Sectors inside of those Districts.

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 concerns for that district.

The email link is proving successful in providing a communication path for non-emergency questions, general information and for citizen feed back to the Police Department. As time goes by, the word is shared and citizens become aware of the Community Commander Program, the number of emails has increased.

District 1 Commander	Lieutenant Brian Rourke	policedistrict1@leesburgva.gov
District 2 Commander	Lieutenant Vanessa Grigsby	policedistrict2@leesburgva.gov
District 3 Commander	Lieutenant Carl Maupin	policedistrict3@leesburgva.gov

Crime and Traffic Accountability Program (CTAP)

The successful and award winning CTAP program continued to evolve in accordance with the implementation of the Community Commander Program and emerging technologies. This evolution has continued to enhance efficiency while improving information sharing and overall communication within the Agency.

No longer does the need exist for the entire field operations management team to come together to conduct a CTAP meeting and identify trends and develop responses to issues. The Community Commanders each receive input from their respective community policing officers and from that input, assemble a district summary for the given month. The CTAP meeting now consists of the field operations command staff gathering to review the summary data, develop approaches to issues and then implement those solutions in the respective communities via the individual officers and the Department resources as a whole.

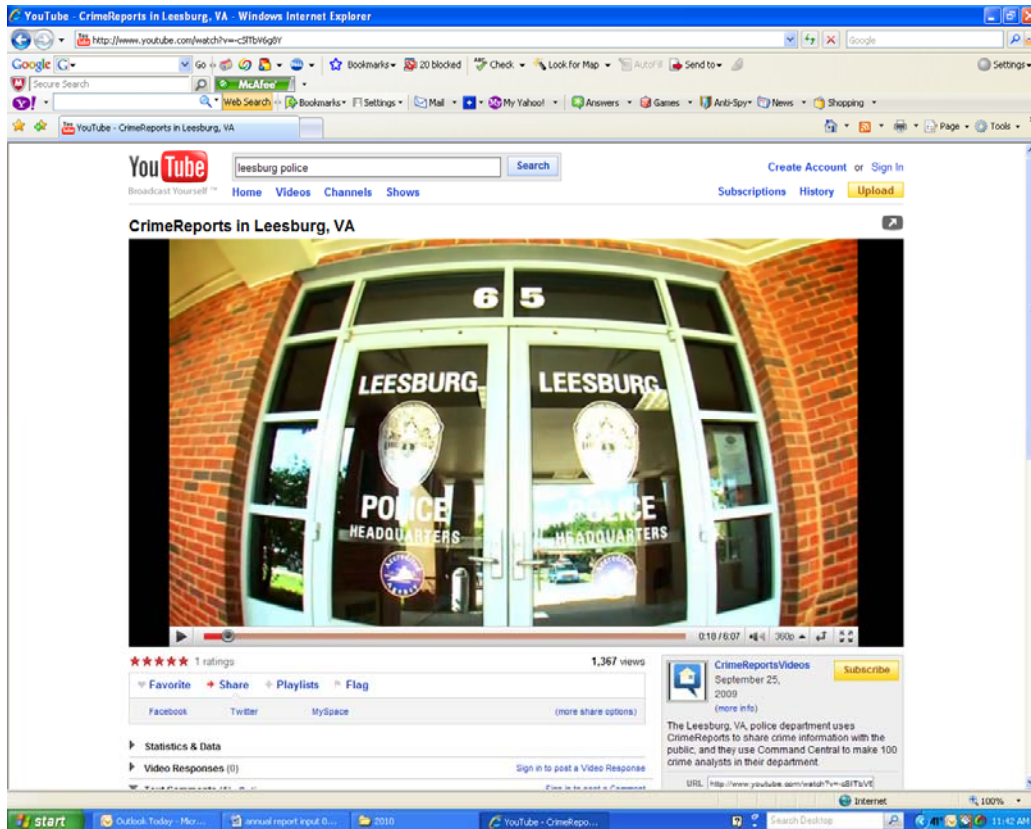
This new approach to the CTAP process has reduced overtime, freed up staff to perform other functions and has actually shortened the meetings themselves...while reaping greater satisfaction and productivity. A win for the community and a win for the Department.

Crime Reports / Command Central

The on-going partnership with the Leesburg Police Department and Crime Reports.com has remained successful. This online technology partnership allows individual community policing officers to engage in a simple review and analysis of calls for surface, busiest times, types of calls for service and other criteria in an effort to identify trends and develop successful solutions. A link to this free service is provided on the Town's Police Department web page and the Town's Home Page.

The Department's partnership and success with Crime Reports.com was highlighted in a video advertisement produced by the company and aired on YouTube and other media outlets. This six minute video shows the Department in action using this technology and demonstrating its value to the philosophy of intelligence led policing and community policing. As the video states, "The Leesburg Police Department uses CrimeReports to share information with the public and make 100 crime analysts in the Department."

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YouTube Link:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CrimeReportsVideos#p/u/4/-cSITbV6g8Y>

Click see all in the top box on right side

Click on the Crime Reports in Leesburg picture

Community Services

School Resource Officer Program

Since 1998, the Leesburg Police Department has had a police presence in the Middle and High Schools located within the Town of Leesburg. In 2009, officers were assigned to Smarts Mill Middle School, J.L. Simpson Middle School, Harper Park Middle School, Heritage High School, and Loudoun County 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.

The presence of a School Resource Officer, armed and in uniform, ensures a timely response to any criminal behavior, or better yet, deters the criminal behavior from taking place. Students and faculty are better protected from violence and can pursue their educational activities in a secure and orderly environment. 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 activity at a glance.....2007 through 2009

- ... Reportable crashes decreased slightly in 2009. There were 427 in 2009 compared to 484 in 2008. There was one fatal crash in 2009. The number of injury crashes increased from 58 in 2008 to 109 in 2009; and alcohol related crashes remained relatively the same. Crashes involving pedestrians decreased with only 5 occurring in 2009. Hit and Run crashes increased with 254 in 2009.
- ... There were 501 non-reportable crashes* during 2009, an increase of 26 from 2008.
**A non-reportable crash as defined by Virginia DMV and 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	2007	2008	2009
Fatal Crashes	0	1	1
Injury Crashes	124	58	109
Total Reportable Crashes	480	484	427
Non-Reportable	501	475	501
Total All Crashes	981	959	928
Alcohol Related Crashes	39	20	22
Hit And Run	219	240	254
Pedestrian Crashes	9	12	5

Traffic Citation Reports

Citations	2007	2008	2009	3 yr. Avg.
Traffic	5170	6238	5751	5720
Traffic Written Warnings	Not Collected	Not Collected	2138	
DUI Arrests	215	199	174	196
Parking *	1226	1295	1171	1230

- * Primary Meter Enforcement is conducted by the Finance Department. These numbers represent parking tickets issued by police officers only.

Traffic Management

Activity	2007	2008	2009
Special/Selective Enforcement activity	452	556	613
Citations during Special/Selective Enforcement	848	900	1744
Funeral Details/Escorts	43	75	83

Intersections with the highest number of crashes:

Calendar Year 2009:	<u>Number</u>	<u>Location</u>
	33	Sycolin Rd. @ Bypass
	26	E. Market St. @ Cardinal Park Drive
	24	Edwards Ferry Rd. @ Bypass
	21	E. Market St. @ Battlefield Parkway
	14	E. Market St. @ Plaza Street
	14	E. Market St. @ Fort Evans Rd.

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Calendar Year 2008:	<u>Number</u>	<u>Location</u>
	34	Sycolin Rd. @ Bypass
	19	Edwards Ferry Rd. @ Bypass
	19	E. Market St. @ Cardinal Park Dr.
	16	E. Market St. @ Battlefield Pkwy.
	14	S. King St. @ Catocin Cir.

Traffic Safety

The Traffic Management Unit (TMU) performs a wide variety of tasks ranging from selective enforcement, parking complaints, funeral escorts, traffic control, special events, and crash investigation and reconstruction. Members of the team are also certified as occupant protection technicians and provide installation of child safety seats free of charge. A large percentage of their time is committed to conducting traffic safety programs to make our roads safer.



MPO Bill Wolff explains the proper way to install and utilize a child safety seat

Community/ Volunteer Involvement

In 2009, the Department and the Community continued to benefit from the dedication and support provided by the Leesburg Police Citizens 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 2009, the Citizens Support Team worked 9 Special Events and provided over 8,500 staff hours saving the Town over \$47,000 in staff costs. In addition to the various Town special events, members of the Support Team routinely perform functions such as community patrol, community events with the Crime Prevention Unit assisting the Traffic Management Unit in data collection, child DNA kit and fingerprint registrations, McGruff presentations, Department barrel train operation, and traffic control for downtown concert events.



Proactive Activity Hours Accumulated	8,540
Patrol Staff hours replaced by Support Team	2,135
Emergency/Disaster Callouts	5



The Leesburg Police Department Explorer Post # 1041 was started in 2007. The post now has eleven active members who have assisted the Police Department at many public events including the July 4th Celebration, parades, and National Night Out. One of the Post's newest projects has been the revitalization of the "McGruff" program. The Post supplies the manpower to get McGruff to special events to assist the Crime Prevention Unit. This summer, members of the Post will be attending the Law Enforcement Exploring National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia at Georgia Tech.

The Post has received the National Capital Area Council awards for 2007 "Rookie Post of the Year" and the 2008 "Community Service Post of the Year". This year the Post was recognized by the council and awarded the William H. Spurgeon Award, the "highest recognition for individuals or organizations contributing significant leadership to the Exploring Program."

Law Enforcement Explorer posts help youth to gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. 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.