

LEESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2008

Chief Joseph R. Price



*Leadership
Pride
Dedication*





LEESBURG POLICE 2008 FACTS AT A GLANCE

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

- Group A Incidents 6.8% decrease
- Part I Crime 3.8% decrease
- Violent Crime 27% decrease

POLICE ACTIVITY (CALLS FOR SERVICE AND OFFICER INITIATED CALLS)

4.3% Increase

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

Emergency - 5 minutes 35 seconds

Non-Emergency - 11 minutes 30 seconds

ARRESTS

Total – 1,555

Adult – 1,400

Juvenile – 155



TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

CRASHES

- 0.8% Increase overall
- Intersection with highest number of crashes – Sycolin Rd @ Bypass
- Causation Factor – Driver inattention

TRAFFIC TICKETS – 6238

DUI Arrests – 199



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Dear Members of the Leesburg Community:

I am pleased to present you with the Police Department's 2008 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 2008, Part I (serious) crime decreased by 3.8% and violent crime decreased by 27% from 2007 levels.

In 2008, we did see an increase in larcenies and in particular larcenies from autos. Through our intelligence-led policing strategies our officers and investigators were able to develop information that led to the arrests of over 40 persons for these crimes. In well over 75% of the reported cases, the targeted vehicle was left unlocked.

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 2008 were significant, the economic downturn and the rising tide of crime in other jurisdictions certainly may impact our community in the coming year. 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 2008

- Achieved significant reductions in Violent and Part I crimes
- Celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the Town of Leesburg
- Completed development and implementation plans for New World Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS)
- Deployed In-Car cameras
- Achieved full staffing
- Began planning cycle with Loudoun County DIT for radio system upgrade
- Established new community notification system - Alert Loudoun/Leesburg
 - emergency broadcast system that broadcasts need-to-know information from Leesburg Police and Loudoun County to individuals who sign up to receive alerts
 - Wanted & Missing Persons
 - Traffic Accidents
 - Terror Alerts
 - Weather Emergencies
- Established new Community Crime notification system- CrimeReports
 - It is a web-based system that allows the Leesburg Police to share crime data with the public, in near real-time. Community members can access their neighborhood crime information for free, empowering them to make informed decisions to help improve the safety of their families, friends, property and the community at large.
 - Automated email notification of criminal activity occurring in your neighborhood
 - Crime data presented in a searchable crime list format including, search by crime type, location, date, etc.
- New District Command Concept – Operations Division
 - Provides clear / accessible point of contact for community
 - Serve 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

Presidential Election 2008 Comes to Leesburg

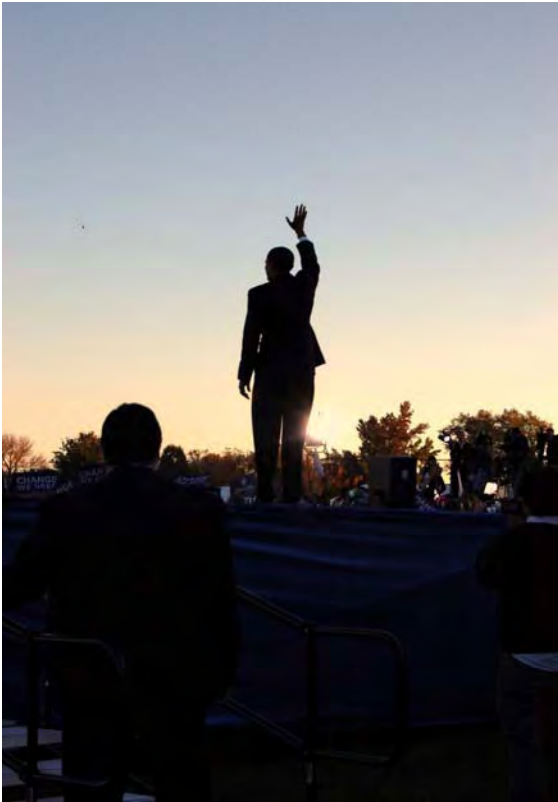
Leesburg became a destination in the 2008 Presidential Race and the department handled the challenges in an outstanding fashion. Working in partnership with the United States Secret Service, Virginia State Police, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Leesburg Public Works Department, the Leesburg Police Department assumed the lead role in planning and executing the operations for two large scale political rallies within a **five day period**.

October 22 - Barack Obama

On October 22nd, the Democratic Candidate for President (and future President), Senator Barack Obama, came to Leesburg for a rally at Ida lee Park. Crowds were estimated in the tens of thousands and while traffic was impacted throughout the area, the monumental event was handled by the Department and partner agencies in an outstanding fashion and went off without incident.



Tens of thousands welcome Senator Obama to Leesburg
(LPD Mobile Command Post in background)



Senator Obama takes the stage



Sgt. TJ Moore helps a visitor

The Captains meet the future President



October 27th - Sarah Palin

On October 27th, the Republican Candidate for Vice-President, Governor Sarah Palin, came to Leesburg for a rally at the JR Festival Lakes located in southeast Leesburg. Large crowds attended this event as well and while traffic was impacted throughout the area, for the second time in 5 days the Department and its partner agencies handled this event in an outstanding manner and it went off without incident.



Leesburg Motor Officers (MPOs Wolff and McCartney) lead the Way



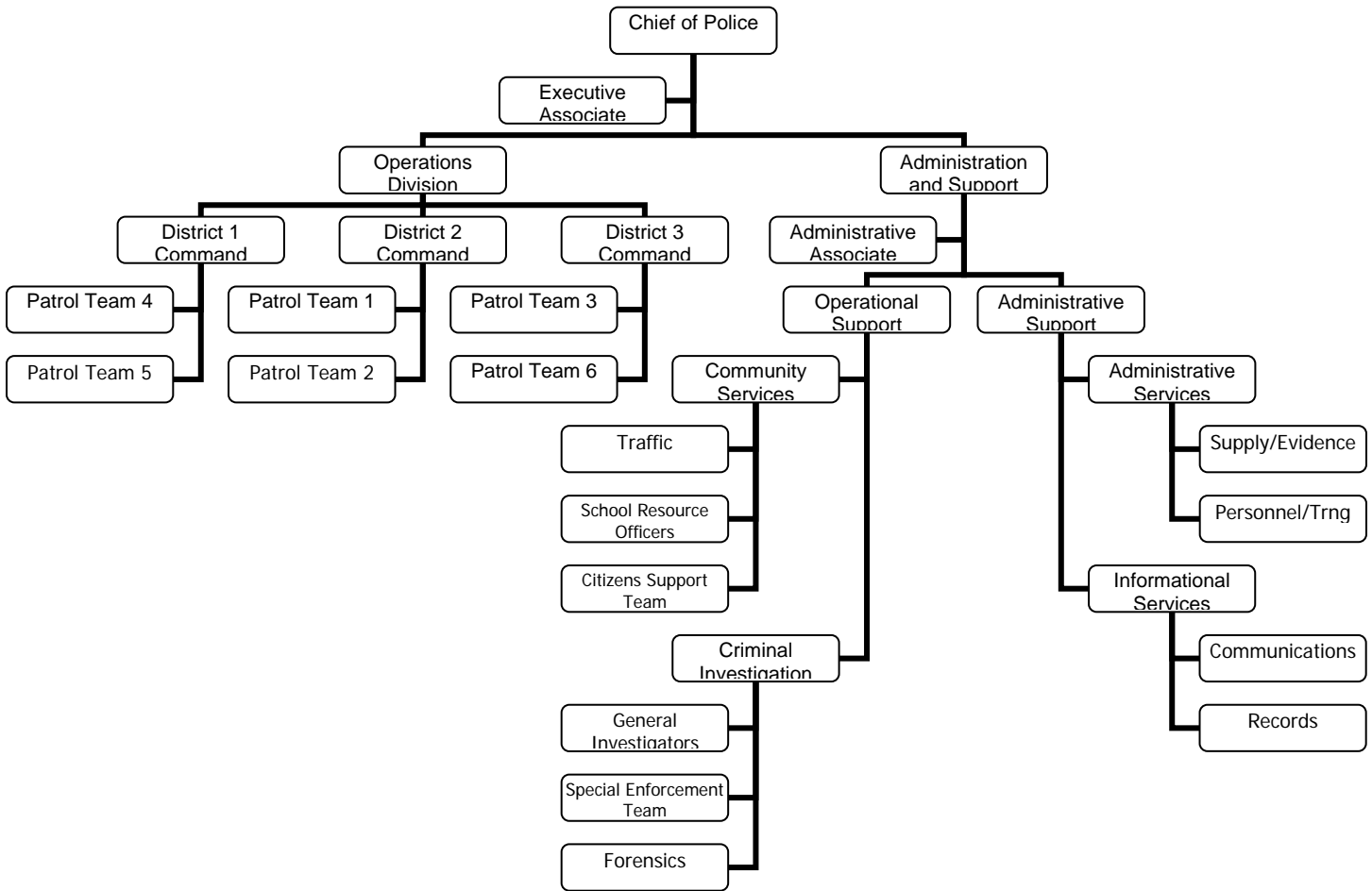
Officer Carrie Cline on Perimeter Duty



Governor Palin speaks to Leesburg

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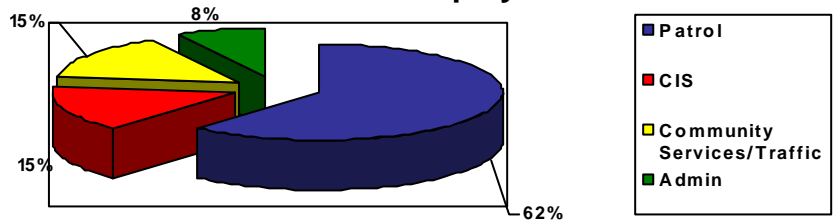
Organizational Chart - 2008



DEMOGRAPHICS

2008 Population: 39,000
 Land Area: 12 square miles
 Total LPD full-time employees: 96
 Total full-time sworn officers: 78
 Officer per 1,000 ratio: 2

Officer Deployment



Department Awards & Recognition

Employee Commendations

2008 O'Neal Stewart Employee of the Quarter Awards

1st Quarter – **Detective Lisa Kara** In recognition of exceptional efforts in the utilization of skills in computer forensics to examine and image hard drives in several criminal cases as well as the development of the Department's computer crimes program.



2nd Quarter – **Officer Wael Abilmona**

In recognition of exemplary efforts while serving as the Acting Officer –In Charge on his Patrol Team due to the extended absence of the regular supervisor.



3rd Quarter – No Award Given

4th Quarter – **Detective Matt Hackney; Detective Doug Shaw**

In recognition of exceptional efforts in the identification and recovery of property, and arrests in over 50 vehicle larcenies occurring during the summer and fall of 2008. Detectives Hackney and Shaw spent many hours conducting interviews, executing search warrants and coordinating multiple investigations with the Special Enforcement Team as well as federal agencies and the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.



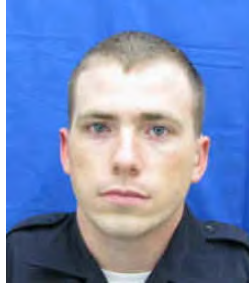
Det. Hackney



Det. Shaw

Commanders Awards:

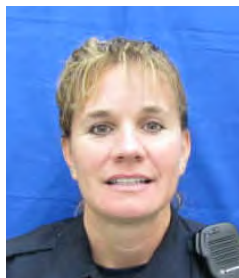
Officer Damian Moreau was presented a Commander's Award for his actions on February 22, 2008. While on patrol, Officer Moreau investigated a suspicious vehicle and stopped an in-progress sexual assault of an 11 year child.



Officer Gabriel Ascunce On March 22, 2008, Officer Ascunce intervened as a couple using an ATM was approached by a suspicious person. Officer Ascunce determined the subject to be harmless and in need of food. Officer Ascunce transported the subject to a local restaurant and bought him a meal. It was not learned until the Chief of Police received a complimentary letter from the couple at the ATM expressing their appreciation for the officers presence and action, that Officer Ascunce had not only helped the couple with their sense of security, but also helped a person in need.



Officer Kathy Augustine On June 13, 2008, after completing a 12 hour patrol shift, Officer Augustine came upon a motor vehicle crash in northern Loudoun County. Officer Augustine voluntarily provided traffic direction and assistance for about 1 ½ hours while the scene was investigated and cleared. Officer Augustine is commended for her initiative and quiet dedication to duty.



MADD DUI Enforcement Excellence Award

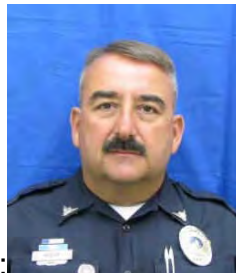
Officer Dale Depoy was recognized by MADD for his outstanding work in public safety throughout 2007 by arresting 27 drunk drivers with a 100% conviction rate.



Virginia Special Olympics Unsung Hero Award

Master Police Officer Bill Wolff

Awarded to MPO Wolff based on his continual support to the advancement of the Virginia Special Olympics through the annual coordination of the Leesburg Police Department Poker Run.



“The Annual Poker Run”

Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards



On April 14, 2009, 11 Leesburg police officers will be recognized through 12 awards by the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards.

Meritorious Action - Officer Chris Sciolino (See summary below)



PO 2 Chris Sciolino

Unit Citation - Sergeant Steve Pebler, Sergeant Wael Abilmona, Officer Justin Wilt and Officer Mirza Kadric

On March 16, 2008 at approximately 1:20 p.m., police responded to a 911 call at a Leesburg residence. While en-route, the call was upgraded to “priority” as dispatchers could hear yelling and fighting in the background. Officers arrived on-scene and found a female down on her knees and a male standing over her in a room in the rear of the house. The female was yelling for help and as officers approached to assist, the male slammed the door closed.

Officer Sciolino made immediate entry into the room as the female yelled that the male subject had a gun. The male was observed trying to gain control of a loaded .357 magnum firearm from the female and the barrel came up from underneath of her and pointed in their direction.

The male then began to struggle for control of the firearm with the female who was screaming on the floor. The male subject was able to gain control of the weapon as Officer Sciolino reached into the room and yanked the female out to safety.

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Officers Sciolino, Abilmona, Kadric and Wilt were then able to contain the armed subject and start to prepare for negotiations. Sgt. Pebler began negotiations that lasted for approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes. During this time the officers remained in close proximity to the armed suspect in an effort to provide cover for Sergeant Pebler.

Officer Sciolino is recognized with a Meritorious Action Award for exemplary action by placing himself in a situation of personal risk while removing the woman from danger. Sergeant Pebler, Sergeant Abilmona, Officer Kadric and Officer Wilt are recognized with a Unit Citation for their personal risk and bravery during an emergency situation which was brought to a peaceful conclusion.



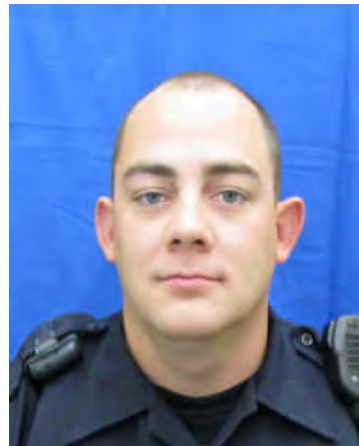
Sergeant Wael Abilmona



Sergeant Steve Pebler



PO 1 Mirza Kadric



PO 1 Justin Wilt

Lifesaving - Detective Doug Shaw and Officer Nick Martin

Detective Shaw and Officer Martin are recognized for their lifesaving action to save the life of a fellow officer. On April 6, 2008, a female officer collapsed while alone in the locker room from the sudden onset of a life threatening brain bleed. The officer lay alone for nearly an hour until Detective Shaw inquired as to her whereabouts at roll call. After locating the officer unconscious, unresponsive and barely breathing, Detective Shaw summoned help and the assistance of Officer Martin. Officer Martin and Detective Shaw quickly determined that the officer's airway was obstructed and Officer Martin inserted an oropharangeal airway and delivered rescue breaths. Detective Shaw and Officer Martin continued to provide care until relieved by rescue personnel. The officer continues to recover and her survival is credited to the lifesaving actions of Detective Shaw and Officer Martin.



Detective Doug Shaw



PO 3 Nick Martin

Lifesaving – Officer Heather Maupin

On March 5, 2008, Officer Maupin responded to the Target Store in Leesburg after learning of a rescue call for an unconscious woman. Officer Maupin was first to arrive and found a woman on the floor unresponsive and not breathing. Officer Maupin established an airway and delivered rescue breaths which were successful. Officer Maupin attached an automated external defibrillator and continued to care for the victim until rescue arrived. Officer Maupin is credited for taking action that saved a human life.



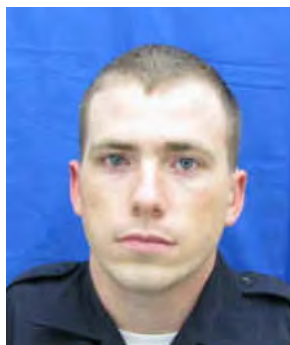
PO 3 Heather Maupin

Lifesaving – Officer Eric Wakeham and Officer Damian Moreau

Officer Eric Wakeham and Officer Damian Moreau are recognized for their lifesaving action after responding to assist with a house fire. On November 2, 2008, Officers Wakeham and Moreau arrived at a townhouse fire and learned that an elderly woman was inside the smoke filled residence and was unable to walk. The officers entered the smoke filled townhouse and carried the woman to safety. The fire department arrived and extinguished the fire and the woman was transported to the hospital where she was treated for smoke inhalation. The quick action of the officers entering the smoke filled house and removing the elderly woman from a life threatening situation before the fire department arrived resulted in the saving of a human life.



PO 3 Eric Wakeham



PO1 Damian Moreau

Lifesaving – Officer Nick Martin and Officer Stephan Winkler

On December 18, 2008, Officers Martin and Winkler responded to a nursing facility for an unrelated matter. While there, the officers learned of a resident who was suffering an apparent heart attack. The officers initiated CPR and deployed an automated external defibrillator to successfully revive the resident. The actions of Officer Martin and Officer Winkler saved a human life.



PO 3 Nick Martin

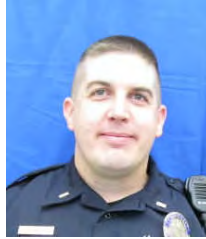


PO1 Stephan Winkler

Promotions

In 2008, 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.

Lieutenant



Carl Maupin

Sergeant



Patrick Daly



Mark Davis

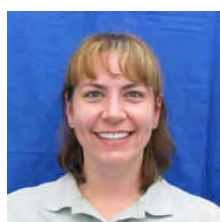


Wael Abilmona

Communications Technician Supervisor



Cindy Cain



Elisha Sanders



Alicia Taylor



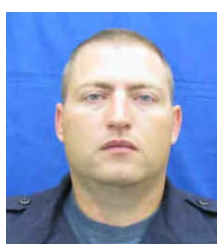
Jennifer Mavis

Master Police Officer

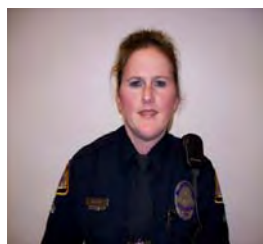


Christopher Tidmore

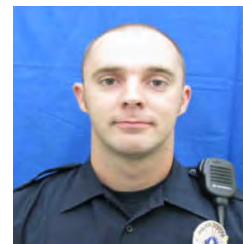
Police Officer III



Dale Depoy



Heather Maupin

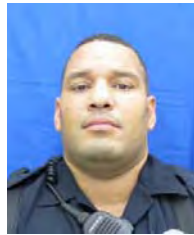


Nick Martin

Police Officer II



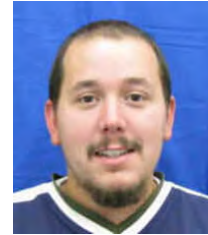
Gabriel Ascunce



Russell Bolden



Charles Fitch



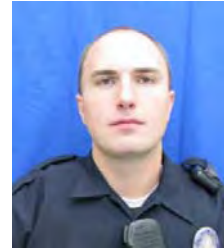
Mark Manocchio



Drew Stanley

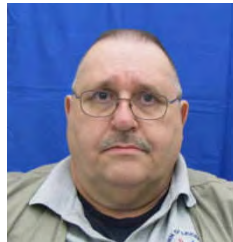


Jessie Zappia



Andrew Zucco

Communications Technician III



Otho Bloom

Communications Technician II



Lacy Sanchez

Citizen Complaints & Use of Force

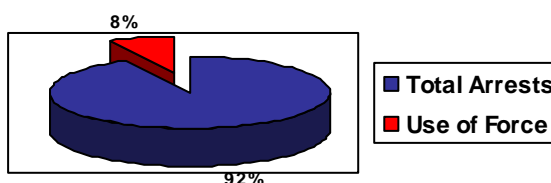
During the calendar year 2008, the Police Department received 7 formal complaints from citizens arising from more than 36,000 documented citizen contacts. In addition to the citizen complaints, the Department self-initiated 5 complaints. An administrative investigation was initiated in each of the 12 cases. The complaints involved concerns such as improper application of law, improper application of Department policy or procedure, and allegations of misconduct. Following an internal investigation of each incident, 5 of the complaints were found to be unsubstantiated. In 7 cases, an employee was found to have violated Department policy and appropriate corrective action was taken.

During 2008, the Leesburg Police Department had over 36,000 documented contacts with citizens, including 1,555 criminal arrests, 199 DUI arrests, 6,238 traffic tickets and over 29,000 citizen-generated calls for service. In reviewing all recorded contacts for 2008, there was one allegation of excessive use of force by an officer (this data is included in the total number of complaints from above) and this allegation was determined to be unfounded. In 128 cases, force was used to place a suspect into custody as a result of a lawful arrest. Six (6) of these cases resulted in officers using a chemical irritant (pepper spray) to gain compliance, 28 cases were instances where an officer drew their weapon as a result of a potentially threatening situation. In the remaining cases, officers were required to physically subdue the suspect. As a result of the use of force, 13 suspects received minor injuries and 5 officers were injured. All use of force incidents are reviewed and analyzed. The purpose of the analysis is to carefully monitor the use of force, keep all members informed of any trends concerning resistance by arrestees and to reinforce the use of sound officer safety and arrest techniques. The analysis of officer applied force aids in identifying potential training needs and serves to minimize officer injuries. Most importantly, a comprehensive review serves to ensure that only reasonable force is used to achieve lawful enforcement objectives.

Use of Force

2007		2008	
Action	Instances	Action	Instances
<i>Drew Weapon</i>	33	<i>Drew Weapon</i>	28
<i>Chemical/ OC deployed</i>	19	<i>Chemical/OC deployed</i>	6
<i>Asp / Baton</i>	1	<i>Asp / Baton</i>	0
<i>Physical Force</i>	69	<i>Physical Force</i>	94
Total:	122	Total:	128

Use of Force

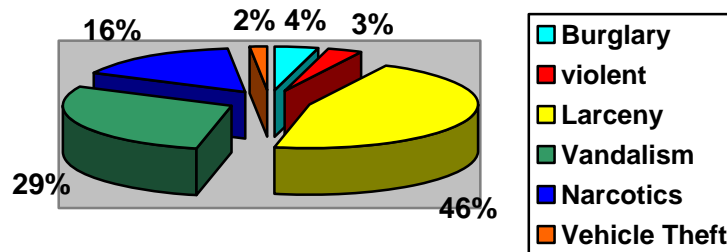


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Criminal Activity

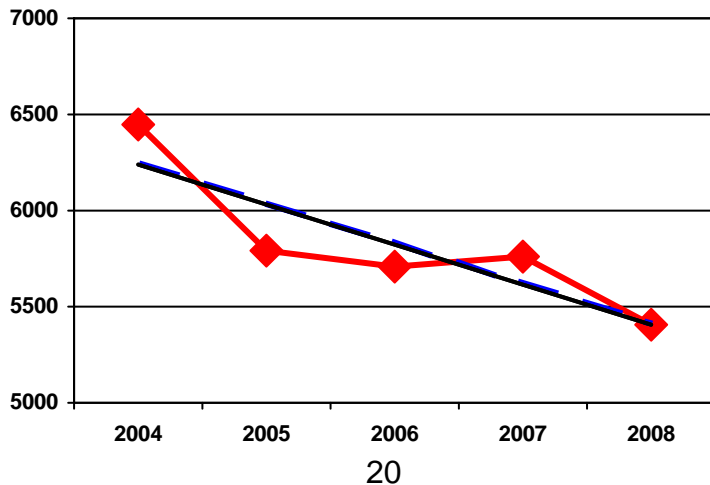
During calendar year 2008, serious crime (Part I) decreased by 3.8% and violent crime decreased by 27%. Property related crimes, in particular larcenies and vandalism / destruction of property, continue to account for the largest categories of criminal activity in 2008.

Crimes By Type (*Includes Attempts)	2006	2007	2008
Murder	0	0	1
Rape*	12	13	6
Robbery*	19	21	19
Aggravated Assaults	41	36	25
Burglary*	55	62	62
Larceny*	678	696	704
Motor Vehicle Thefts*	48	48	26
Vandalism / Destruction of Property*	433	484	442
Narcotics	349	340	246



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

Five Year Trends



Index Crime
(Grp A incidents per 100,000 population)

Criminal Investigations

The mission of the Criminal Investigation Section (CIS) is to conduct follow up investigation on felony complaints referred by the Operations Division or 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 those who commit serious felonies. CIS personnel incorporate Intelligence Led Policing in all of its investigations which include crimes against persons, property crimes, frauds, organized criminal activity, and internet crimes.

CIS is led by a Lieutenant and assisted by a Sergeant who has direct line supervision of 3 detectives assigned to the Special Enforcement Team (SET). The section is also staffed by 7 general assignment detectives and 1 civilian crime scene technician. One detective is dedicated to investigate family crimes and child abuse cases. During 2008, a primary focus of CIS was to further enhance its investigative skills in the area of cyber crime by seeking training and developing partnerships. CIS personnel teamed with the FBI's Child Exploitation Task Force and the Virginia State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force in order to address the growing problem of on-line child predators.



Detective Paul Holzerland working an ICAC case

In addition, detectives received instruction in the areas of forensic computer examiner training, computer imaging, and internet crime investigations. Also with changing technology in the manner with which fraud and other white collar crimes are perpetrated, CIS personnel were assisted by the U.S. Secret Service

Electronic Crimes Task Force and the Security Association of Financial Institutions. CIS personnel also provided instruction in public forums and schools on internet safety. In 2008, CIS personnel were assigned 726 investigations and closed 467.

Special Enforcement Team

The Special Enforcement Team (SET) began operations in 2007 and became fully staffed in 2008. SET is one of the Department's principal tools in achieving effective intelligence led policing. The mission of the Special Enforcement Team is to provide proactive analytical and enforcement capability in order to target areas of high/serious crime and individuals who pose a serious threat to the public safety. The Special Enforcement Team provides the capability to identify, locate and apprehend serious criminals and address crime problems and patterns that impact the public safety. The analytical aspect of this unit provides direct support to many investigative programs in identifying and targeting suspects in serious criminal activities.

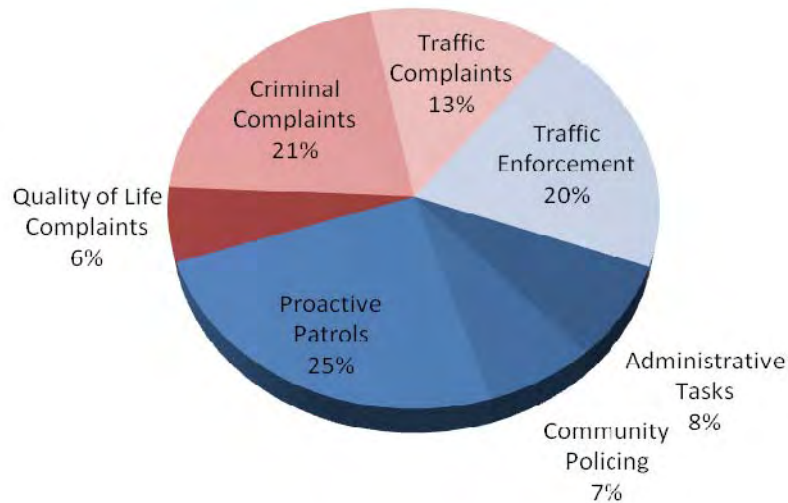
Operations were characterized by Intelligence Based Policing methods using sophisticated investigative techniques. The team developed relationships with other investigative units, including the Loudoun County Narcotics and Gang Units, the Virginia State Police Division 7 Narcotics Unit, the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. In 2008, SET was assigned to manage the LPD's Asset Forfeiture Program.

The Special Enforcement Team initiated 24 major cases/investigations in 2008. These cases all required long time frames, the development of informants, knowledge of the community, intensive research and analysis, and extensive coordination with other agencies. SET cases/investigations usually involve criminal activity that is not suited to investigation by patrol officers or general criminal investigators.

SET provides support to other sections and agencies. SET frequently provides pre-raid surveillance for search warrant service operations. SET has provided surveillance, command and control, and arrest teams in multiple Internet Crimes Against Children operations. SET provided electronic surveillance and plain clothes patrol/surveillance in the "Prowler" series investigation. SET provided an undercover officer to buy stolen property in one of the "Carhopper" series investigations. Two SET detectives are tasked to make AVID video forensic examinations. SET detectives also frequently support CIS on major investigations by following up leads for the lead investigators.

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.



New officers joining the Department in 2008:



Jesse Brock



Aaron Colliver



Michael Drogin



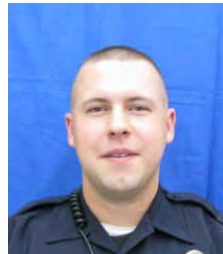
Wayne Gray



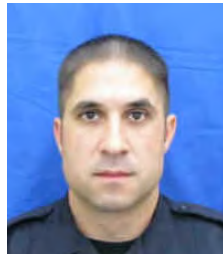
Kenneth Green



Jamie Holben



Michael McDonald



Chris Mongelluzzo



Bart Wellisley



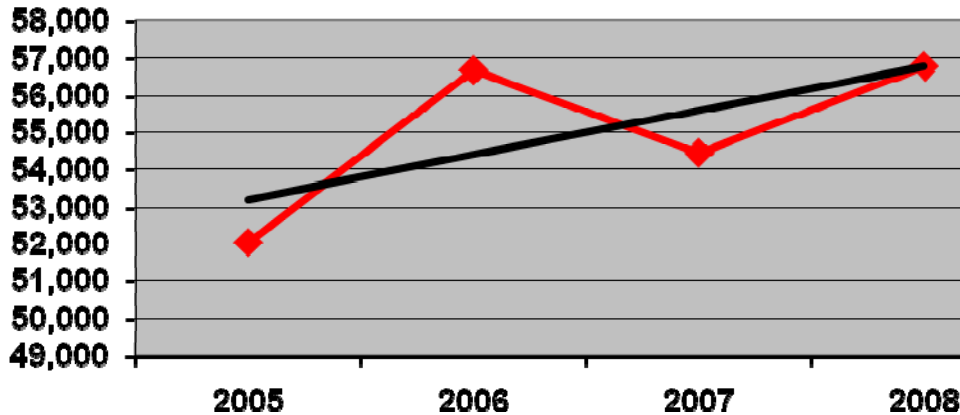
Stephan Winkler

Calls for Police Service: 2005 - 2008

Citizen calls for police service and officer generated calls totaled 56,786 in 2008, an increase of 4.31% over 2007. 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 Department strives to provide **quality service, the first time, every time.** In the past, supervisors conducted quarterly quality assurance surveys. A transition to a new survey process was initiated in 2008. Now a command level review is completed monthly. The survey is sent to persons requesting police services resulting in an offense report. This not only significantly increases the sample population but also allows for a more detailed analysis of the ratings to include offense types. The results of the survey are also incorporated into individual and Department wide training to improve future service. Initial results for 2008 are that the Department met expectations for professionalism, the respondent's confidence in the officer, and overall quality of work. The Department exceeded respondent's expectations of courtesy.

Community Policing

Community policing is the operational philosophy of the Leesburg Police Department. In simple terms, it means that every member of the Department, sworn and non-sworn, subscribes to and follows the principles of community policing in carrying out their assigned duties. The Department is committed to work in partnership with the community to solve problems and prevent crime.

To facilitate this philosophy and build strong partnerships, the Department has expanded its former 16 community policing sectors (also called CTAP sectors) within the Town to 18 and grouped them into three community districts. Sectors are reflective of neighborhoods throughout the Town and where possible, homogenous linkage (commercial to commercial; residential to residential) has been used in establishing the sectors.

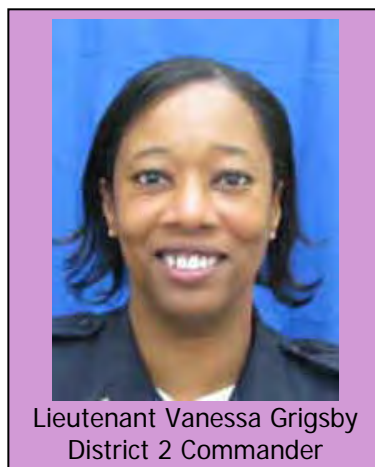
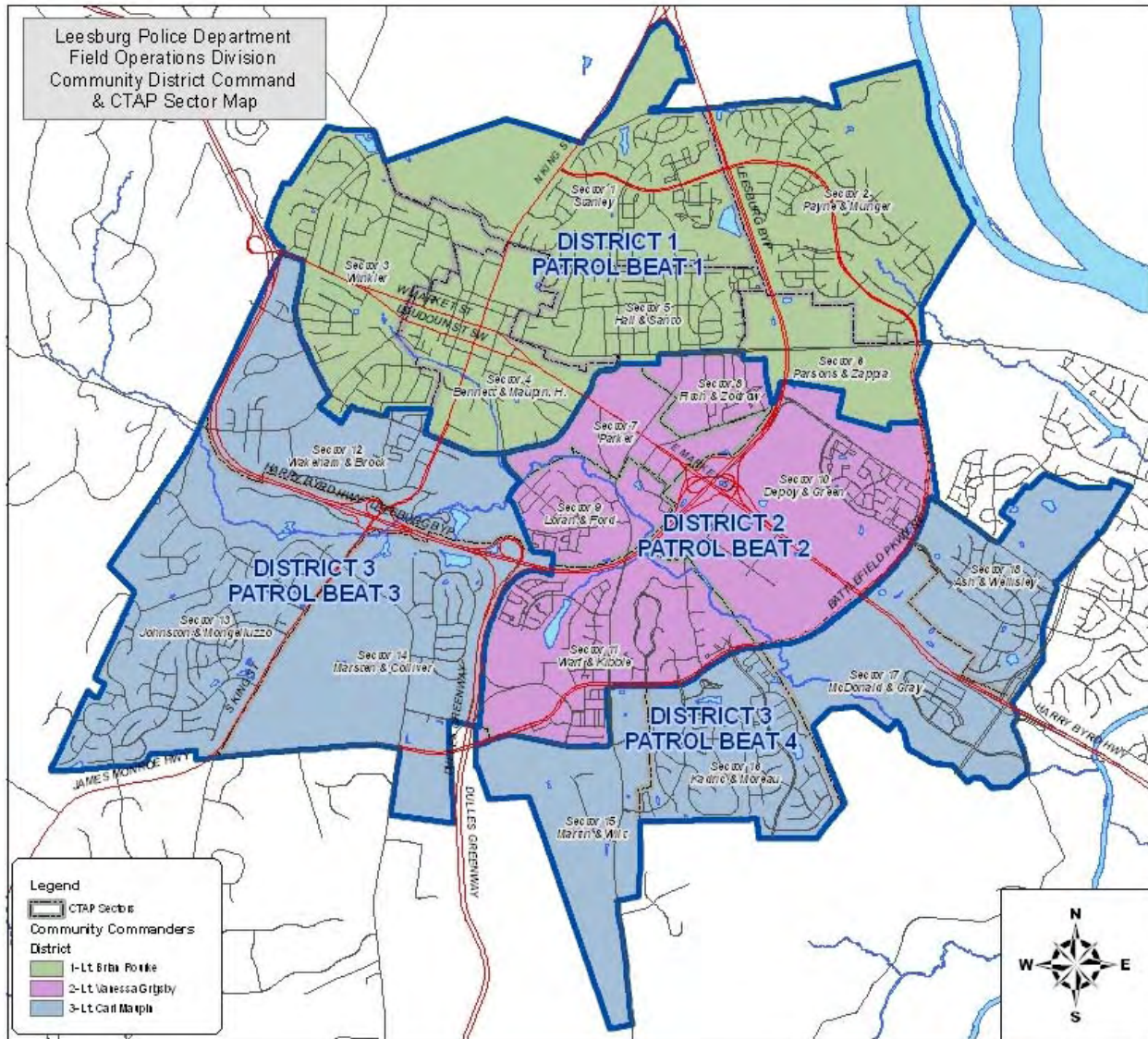
Each sector has several officers assigned for ownership. Those officers are required to monitor activities within their sector, develop partnerships with their assigned communities and develop and implement programs to address criminal activity and improve the quality of life. Additionally, the patrol beat assignment for each officer incorporates their CTAP sector to increase their familiarity with their sector and increase their availability. Citizens can locate their neighborhood on the map below and determine which sector they live/work in. The table lists the officers assigned to the sectors.

Citizens are encouraged to communicate directly with their assigned officers, and to invite the community policing sector officers to community meetings and other events. These officers are responsible for working closely with members of their community to develop working relationships and long term solutions. Additionally they work to identify hot spots and the tactical needs of their sector.

The Community District Commanders, also available for direct contact, link the community officers across their patrol shifts, coordinate police resource allocation for the district, and work to identify trends and strategic needs of their assigned districts. The monthly CTAP meeting enables district commanders to review each district's activity with their command peers in the Community Services Section and Criminal Investigation Section ensuring a unified response.



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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 2008, 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.



SRO
Assignments
2008-2009

LEESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Primary
Assignment

Heritage High School
PII R. Bolden

Loudoun County High School
MPO W. Potter

J. Lupton Simpson Middle School
Officer K. Augustine

Harper Park Middle School
Officer M. Day

Smarts Mill Middle School
PIII J. Pearson

Liaison
Assignment

Douglas School

C.S. Monroe Vo-Tech

Evergreen Mill Cool Spring Catoctin Elementary Schools

Tolbert Balls Bluff Elementary Schools

F. Hazel Reid Leesburg Elementary Schools

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Traffic activity at a glance....2006 through 2008

- Reportable crashes remained relatively the same in 2008. 484 in 2008 compared to 480 in 2007. There was one fatal crash in 2008. The number of injury crashes decreased from 124 in 2007 to 58 in 2008; and alcohol related crashes decreased from 39 to 20. Crashes involving pedestrians increased with 12 occurring in 2008. Hit and Run crashes also increased with 240 in 2008.
- There were 475 non-reportable crashes* during 2008, a decrease of 26 from 2007.
**A non-reportable crash, as defined by Virginia DMV, is a crash with less than \$1,000 of combined property damage and no personal injuries. Crashes that occur on private property are also classified as non-reportable.*

Type of Crash	2006	2007	2008
Fatal Crashes	1	0	1
Injury Crashes	130	124	58
Total Reportable Crashes	525	480	484
Non-Reportable	491	501	475
Total All Crashes	1016	981	959
Alcohol Related Crashes	30	39	20
Hit And Run	133	219	240
Pedestrian Crashes	9	9	12

Traffic Citation Reports

Citations	2006	2007	2008	3 yr. Avg.
Traffic	5770	5170	6238	5726
DUI	202	215	199	205
Parking*	1416	1226	1295	1312

* Finance Department assumed primary Meter Enforcement in 2006. These numbers represent parking tickets issued by Police Officers only.

Traffic Management

Activity	2006	2007	2008
Special Enforcement activity (in hours)	785	452	556
Citations during Special Enforcement	1570	848	900
Funeral Details/Escorts	118	43	75

Intersections with the highest number of crashes:

Calendar Year 2008:	<u>Number</u>	<u>Location</u>
	34	Sycolin Rd. @ Bypass
	19	Edwards Ferry Rd. @ Bypass
	19	E. Market St. @ Cardinal Park Drive
	16	E. Market St. @ Battlefield Parkway
	14	S. King Street @ Catoctin Circle
Calendar Year 2007:	<u>Number</u>	<u>Location</u>
	28	Sycolin Rd. @ Bypass
	23	Edwards Ferry Rd. @ Bypass
	20	E. Market St. @ Cardinal Park Drive
	18	E. Market St. @ Battlefield Pkwy.
	18	E. Market St. @ Plaza St.

Community/ Volunteer Involvement

During 2008, 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 2008, the Citizens Support Team worked 18 Special Events and provided over 7,700 staff hours saving the Town over \$40,000 in staff costs. In addition to the various Town special events, members of the Support Team routinely perform functions such as community patrol, child DNA kit and fingerprint registrations, McGruff presentations, Department barrel train operation, and traffic control for downtown concert events.



Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team

Proactive Activity Hours Accumulated	7703
Patrol Staff hours replaced by Support Team	1925
Emergency/Disaster Callouts	4

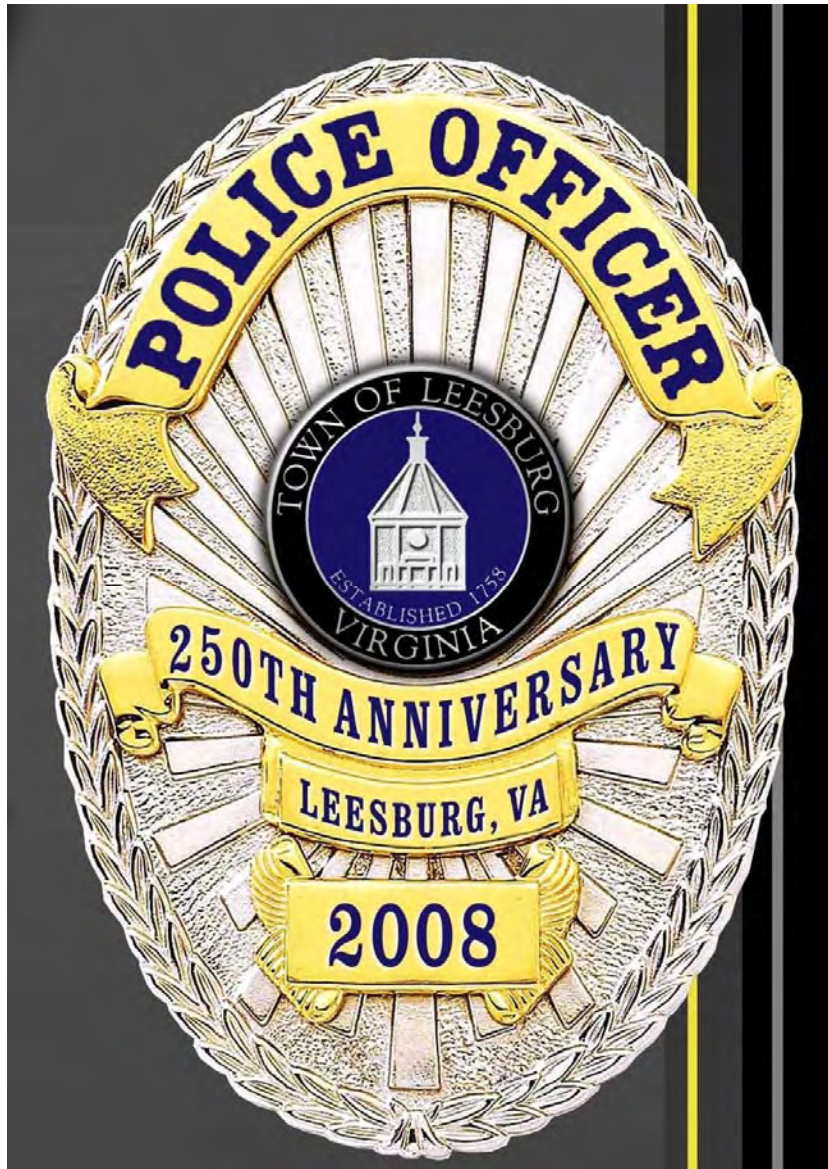


Leesburg Police Department
Explorer Post # 1041

The Leesburg Police Department Explorer Post 1041 was started in 2007. Currently the post has six active members who have assisted the Police Department at many public events. The post has been the recipient of two awards, the 2007 Rookie Post of the Year and the 2008 Community Service Post of the Year, both awarded by the National Capital Area Council.

It is a law enforcement based post dedicated to introducing young people to the role of law enforcement in today's society. Explorer post members are trained in basic police procedures. The Post's goal is to assist the LPD as much as possible. While completing this task, the Explorers learn what it is like to be a police officer, give back to the community, and strengthen their own interpersonal and leadership skills. The Leesburg Police Department hopes that with this program, youth can make an informed decision about possible careers in law enforcement and strengthen relationships between the police and young people.

Exploring is a worksite-based program. It is part of Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) through 20 years old. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences that help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Explorers are ready to investigate the meaning of interdependence in their personal relationships and communities.



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