

LEESBURG VIRGINIA POLICE DEPARTMENT



2003 Annual Statistical Report

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Dear Members of the Leesburg Community:

I am pleased to present you with the Police Department's 2003 Annual Statistical Report. The mission of the Town of Leesburg Police Department is to work in partnership with the community to provide the highest quality of police services using innovative, proactive approaches to improve Leesburg, while at the same time maintaining respect for the rights and dignity of all. Our community has faced and continues to face a number of challenges ranging from public safety issues to exploding growth, all of which have an impact on the quality of life in our community. I am proud of the accomplishments and dedicated efforts of the men and women of this Police Department. These accomplishments also reflect our strong commitment to our organizational values of Leadership, Pride and Dedication.

During 2003, a clear trend became obvious in all areas of police operations. As reactive time becomes greater through increases in calls for service, accidents, etc. the ability of the department to proactively address problems has been diminished as shown by decreases in officer generated and special enforcement activities. To address this, the department has employed a number of strategies to improve our responsiveness and to police "smarter." Technology has been a key tool as well as management programs such as the Crime and Traffic Accountability Program (CTAP), which focuses department resources on locations and events that analysis shows are having the greatest impact on community safety and quality of life. However as population increases, so too will workload and the percentage of time available for proactive prevent activities will continue to diminish.

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.

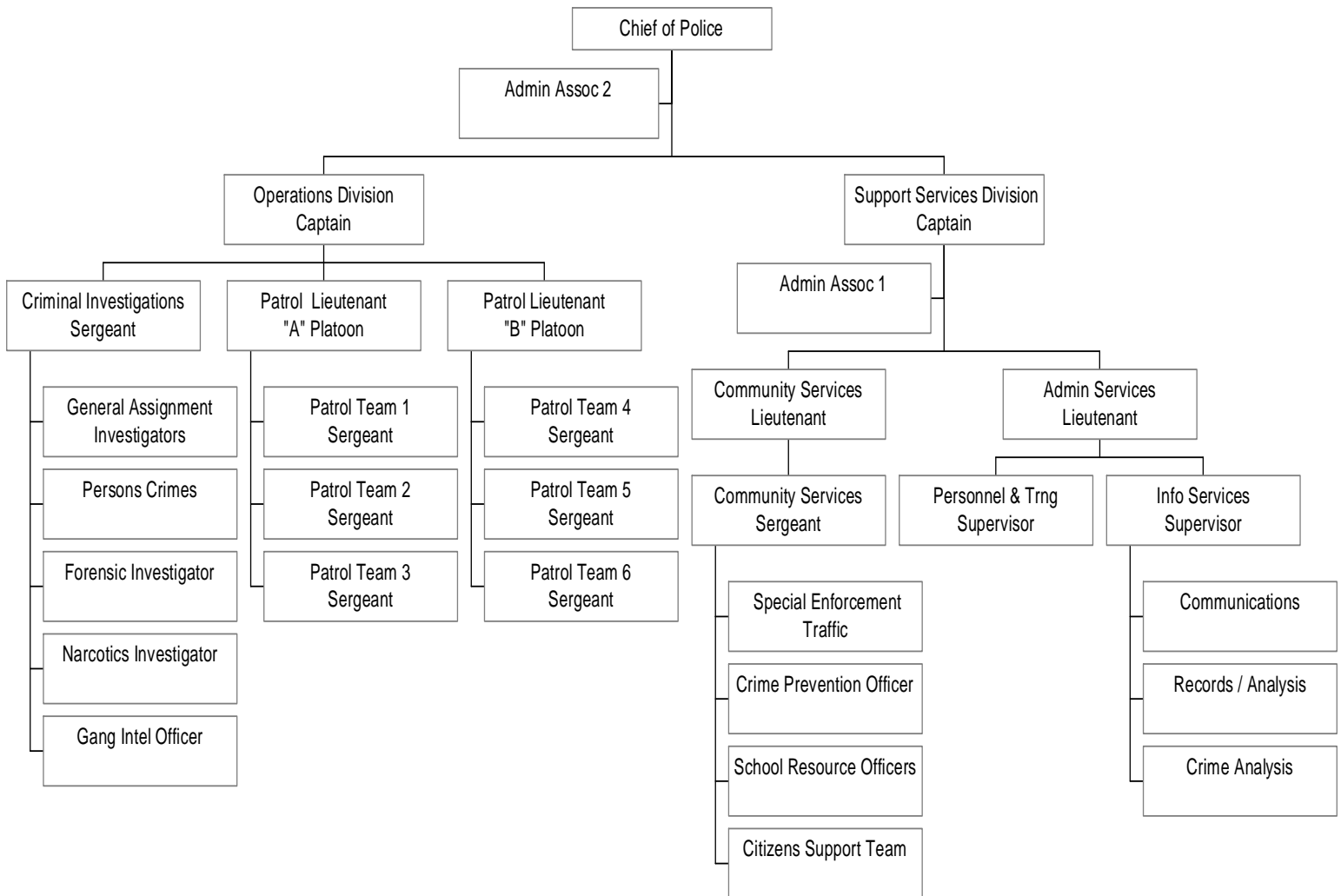
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Highlights of 2003 include:

- Maintained a response time (both emergency and non-emergency) better than the national average. 3 minutes and 37 seconds for an emergency / 8 minutes and 14 seconds for a non emergency
- Responded to and handled over 48,095 citizen generated calls for service and officer generated activities

- Continued to refine and utilize the Crime and Traffic Accountability Program, a geographic based accountability system designed to identify and track crime trends and hotspots. This system improves crime reduction strategies and internal communication
- Developed comprehensive department and Town emergency plans to facilitate emergency response and Homeland security responsibilities
- Deployed the paperless reporting system to enhance response capabilities and increase officers available time in the field
- Developed new deployment plans to increase both efficiency and effectiveness.
- Played a lead role in the creation of the 10th Congressional District Gang Task Force

Organizational Chart - 2003



Department Awards & Recognition

Department Awards

- The Police Department received the **1st place award** for agencies our size in the Virginia Chiefs' Challenge sponsored by the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and **3rd place nationally** for agencies our size in the Chiefs' Challenge sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and Ford Motor Company. These awards recognize the Department's efforts in a wide range of traffic safety activities conducted throughout the year.
- The Police Department received a **First runner-up award in a national competition** among agencies our size from ITT Industries for outstanding community policing programs.

Employee Commendations

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

1st Quarter – No award given

2nd Quarter – Police Officer II Bob Thompson – For outstanding proactive work in his assigned Community Policing Sector

3rd Quarter – Police Officer III David Kackley – For his all-around contributions to the agency while performing in a variety of roles. (Investigator, Patrol Supervisor, Crime Scene Technician)

4th Quarter – Police Officer III Carl Maupin – For his development and consistent monitoring of the department's Barment Program and Property Managers Group.

2. Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards

<u>Sgt. Michael Buracker</u>	Silver Medal of Valor
<u>Detective David Orr</u>	Lifesaving Medal
<u>Sergeant Michael Amato</u>	Meritorious Action Award
<u>PIII David Kackley</u>	Meritorious Action Award
<u>PI Uldarico Peregrino</u>	Meritorious Action Award
<u>PIII David Kackley</u>	Unit Citation
<u>PII Bob Thompson</u>	"" ""
<u>PII Michael Greene</u>	"" ""
<u>PI Travis Lotz</u>	"" ""
<u>PI Wael Abilmona</u>	"" ""
<u>PI Christian Loran</u>	"" ""
<u>PI Uldarico Peregrino</u>	"" ""

3. Commanders Awards

The Field Operations Division commander issued Commanders Awards or Certificates of Achievement in cases where an officer or civilian go above and beyond the call of duty or deliver exceptional service. In 2003, the following people were recognized as indicated below.

Officer Wael Abilmona & Officer Travis Lotz:

Recognized for quick thinking, thorough investigation and teamwork.

Detective Thomas Butler and Detective David Orr:

Recognized for innovative and outstanding work in criminal investigations.

Sergeant Doug Shaw and Officer Geoff Gendron:

Recognized for investigative diligence and successful criminal apprehension.

Officer Uldarico Peregrino:

Recognized for investigative thoroughness and professionalism.

Officer Matthew Hackney:

Recognized for pursuit safety, recovery of stolen property and criminal apprehension.

Officer Michael Greene:

Recognized for professionalism and perseverance in bringing a criminal suspect to justice through the appropriate and effective use of a police canine.

Leesburg Police Citizen Support Team: Members were recognized for their prompt response and service in providing aid to safely recover an 84-year-old man who had left a local care facility.

- Mr. Raymond Kirkpatrick
- Mr. John Mallery
- Ms. Kathleen (Bert) Stewart
- Ms. Lora Tacey

4. Town of Leesburg Spot Awards

- Communication Technician Cindy Cain – Recognized for her daily contributions and professional service.
- Administrative Assistant Sherry Bodine – Recognized for her continuous outstanding work ethic and product.

Citizen Complaints & Use of Force

During calendar year 2003, the Police Department received 9 formal complaints from citizens arising from more than 34,000 recorded citizen contacts. In addition to the citizen complaints, the Department self-initiated 1 complaint. An administrative investigation was initiated in each of the 10 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 2 cases, an employee was found to have violated Department policy and appropriate corrective action and/or discipline was administered. Three cases remain under active investigation.

During 2003, the Leesburg Police Department had over 34,600 contacts with citizens, including 1437 criminal arrests, 200 DUI arrests, 5287 traffic tickets and 27768 citizen-generated calls for service. In reviewing all recorded contacts for 2003, there were 5 allegations of excessive use of force by an officer. Of those, 1 of the allegations was sustained, 2 unfounded and 2 are pending further investigation (this data is included in the total number of complaints from above). In 65 cases the suspect used force to resist a lawful arrest. Eleven of these cases resulted in officers using a chemical irritant (pepper spray) to gain compliance and two cases involved the use of the ASP baton. In the remaining 42 cases, officers were required to physically subdue the suspect. As a result of the use of force, three suspects received minor injuries and three officers were injured. Additionally, 12 Leesburg police officers were assaulted during 2003 while performing their duties. 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.

Criminal Activity

During calendar year 2003, total crime occurrences in Leesburg rose by about 10%. However, there was a decrease in indexed crime (occurrences of crime per population) of about 1.6%. Property related crimes, in particular larcenies and burglaries from construction sites and motor vehicle related thefts accounted for the largest categories of criminal activity in 2003.

Crimes By Types

	2002	2003
Murder	2	1
Rape*	12	15
Robbery*	22	16
Aggravated Assaults	44	57
Burglary*	60	81
Larceny*	759	812
Motor Vehicle Thefts*	52	58
Vandalism / Destruction* of Property	459	422

*Includes attempts

While it is our primary goal to prevent crime from ever happening, the department prides itself on its ability to conduct effective and efficient investigative follow ups of reported criminal activity and to bring the case to closure. For serious offenses (Part I), during 2003 the department had a closure rate of 31% compared to a national average of about 20%.

Number of Closures in Specific Crime Categories

	2002	2003
Murder	0	1
Rape	10	13
Robbery	8	9
Aggravated Assaults	28	32
Burglary	8	18
Larceny	133	176
Motor Vehicle Thefts	16	20
All Part I	671	749

Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division investigates a large number of Part I index crimes (serious offenses) and also investigates a number of Part II index crimes such as forgery, fraud, embezzlement, vice offenses, offenses against the family and children, etc.

Criminal Investigations Division clearance rate of assigned cases

	2002	2003	% change
# of cases assigned	767	906	+18%
# of cases cleared	596	673	+13%
% of cases cleared	45%	47%	+4.4%

Patrol Division Activity

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

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

Responsiveness to neighborhood complaints about traffic and quality of life issues was a significant focus of the Patrol Division in the year 2003.

Arrest/Citations	2002	2003	% Change
Traffic	5792	5287	-8%
Criminal	1441	1437	-0.4%
DUI	229	232	+1.3%
Parking	1698	2578	+52%

Calls for Police Service: 2002 - 2003

Citizen calls for police service increased by 2968 calls in 2003. The number of calls received reflects a 12 percent increase.

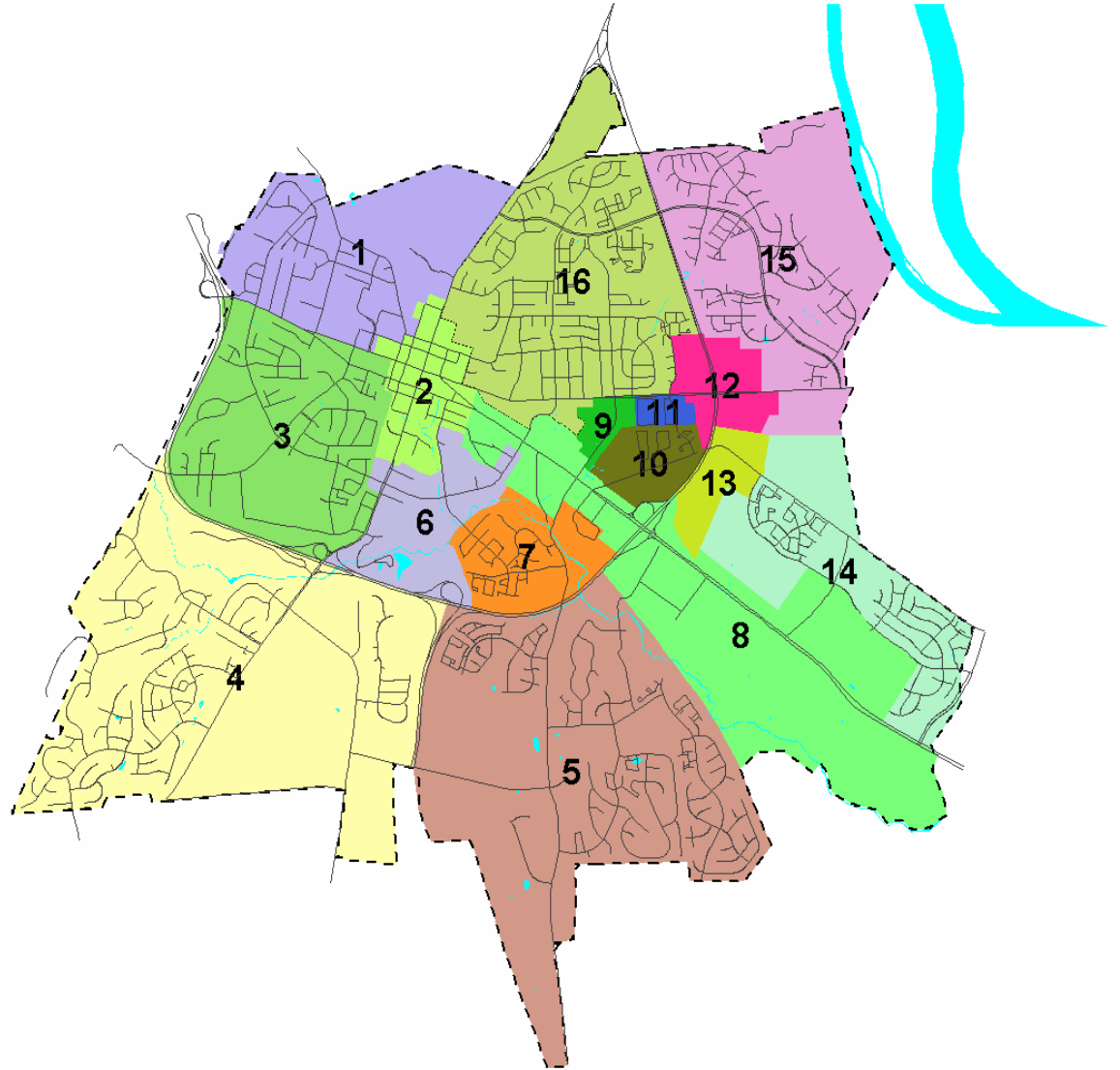
As part of its community policing philosophy the Department strives towards efficient community policing and encourages the community to call the police for any suspicious activity.

Activity	2002	2003	% change
Calls for Service	24800	27768	+12%
Officer Generated	21900	20327	-7.2%
Total	46700	48095	+3%
Quality of life projects	1122	1496	+33%

Community Policing

Community policing is the operational philosophy of the Leesburg Police Department. In simple terms it means that every member of the department, sworn and non-sworn, subscribes and follows the principles of community policing in carrying out their assigned duties. The Department is committed to work in partnership with the community to solve problems and prevent crime. To facilitate this philosophy and build strong partnerships, the department has established 16 community policing sectors within the town. Sectors are reflective of neighborhoods throughout the town and where possible, homogenous linkage (commercial to commercial; residential to residential) has been used in establishing the sectors. Each sector has at least one officer assigned for accountability. That officer is required to monitor activities within their sector, develop partnerships with their assigned communities and develop and implement programs to address criminal activity and improve the quality of life. . The Town of Leesburg Police Department has four Community Policing Teams. Citizens can locate their neighborhood on the map below and determine which sector they live/work in. the second chart lists the officers assigned to the sectors. Citizens are encouraged to communicate directly with their assigned officers to invite the community policing sector officers to community meetings and other events. Officers can be reached by calling 703-771-4500.

Community Policing Sectors



Officer Assignments to Community Policing Sectors

Sector	Day Officer	Evening Officer	Night Officer N. Martin
1			
2	M. Bennett		
3			M. Hackney
4	P. Holzerland		J. Pearson
5			E. Sanders
6	H. Smoke		D. Depoy
7		G. Gendron	C. Loran
8		C. Smith	
9		S. Ebersole	
10	B. Thompson	M. Greene	
11	R. Welch		
12	R. Schlachter		E. Warf
13	D. Payne		D. Jones
14	W. Abilmona		T. Lotz
15	J. Falvey		J. Campbell
16	E. Wakeham		R. Hall

Traffic Activity 2002 through 2003

- The Town of Leesburg saw an increase in reportable accidents, 1,246 in 2003 compared to 1,176 in 2002. There were two fatal accidents in 2003. The number of injury accidents increased by 17.1% (from 134 to 157), and alcohol related accidents increased by 19% (21 to 25). Accidents involving pedestrians were down from 9 to 8 in 2003.
- There were 473 non-reportable accidents* during 2003, down from 748 in 2002 (*36.7% decrease *LPD policy change for completing non-workables*). Driver Inattention, Fail To Yield Right of Way and following too closely were the most frequent cause of vehicle crashes.

**A non-reportable accident is defined as an accident with less than \$1,000 of combined property damage and no personal injuries. Accidents that occur on private property are also considered non-reportable.*

Accident Data

Type	2001	2002	2003	Change
Fatal Accidents	0	1	2	+ 100%
Injury Accidents	144	134	157	+17.1%
Property Damage Accidents	979	1,042	1,087	+4.3%
Total Reportable Accidents	488	468	509	+8.7%
Non-Reportable	644	748	473	-36.7%
Total All Accidents	1123	1176	1246	+5.9%
Alcohol Related Accidents	23	21	25	+19%
Hit And Run	234	260	223	-14.2%
Pedestrian Crashes	10	9	8	-11.1%

Traffic Management

Activity	2002	2003	% change
Special enforcement activity (in hours)	329.15 (406 Summons Issued)	268.75 (371 Summons Issued)	-18%
Funerals	98	85	-13.2%
Traffic control details	54	71	+31.4%

Intersections with the highest number of accidents:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Location</u>
Calendar Year 2003:	33	Sycolin Road @ Leesburg Bypass
	28	East Market Street @ Plaza Street, NE
	24	East Market St @ Leesburg Bypass
	23	East Market St @ Rivercreek Parkway
	22	South King St @ Leesburg Bypass
Calendar Year 2002:	32	Cardinal Park Drive @ E. Market Street
	29	Sycolin Road @ Leesburg Bypass
	22	East Market Street @ Rivercreek Parkway
	21	South King Street @ Leesburg Bypass
	21	Edwards Ferry Road @ Leesburg Bypass
Calendar Year 2001:	42	Sycolin Road @ Leesburg Bypass
	34	Edwards Ferry Road @ Leesburg Bypass
	27	Cardinal Park Drive @ E. Market Street
	22	East Market Street @ Leesburg Bypass
	21	Leesburg Bypass @ East Market Street

Community/ Volunteer Involvement

During 2003, the department and community continued to benefit from the dedication and support provided by the Leesburg Police Citizen Support Team. These dedicated citizen volunteers provide tremendous support in areas such as special events, traffic control, searching for missing persons and community safety events.

Special Events

Number of man-hours needed for crowd / traffic control at special events	23250 staff hours
Number of police staff hours replaced by Support Team staff hours	4200 staff hours
Money saved in police or other town operating budget	\$34,000

Community Patrol

Number of staff hours needed for Specified proactive patrol activities	15000 hours
Number of police staff hours replaced By Support Team staff hours	10000 hours
Number of patrol FTEs replaced By support team	.67 FTE