

Prince George County Police Department



2016 Annual Report

Colonel W. Keith Early

Chief of Police

**“In Partnership with the
Community”**



2016 Prince George County Appoints New Police Chief




Circuit Court Clerk, Bishop Knott swears in Keith Early as Police Chief of Prince George County. Pictured L-R Jeff Stoke, Bill Robertson, Percy Ashcraft, Captain Eric Young, Captain Brian Kei, Sheriff Bucky Allin and Jerry Skalsky.

~ PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT ~


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"IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY"

TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Captain Eric Young
Interim Chief of Police 

DATE: February 24, 2016


SUBJECT: **New Police Chief**

I am pleased to announce that the County has hired a new Police Chief. On March 14th, Keith Early will begin his career in Prince George County as the next Chief of Police. Keith has over 20 years of police experience with Colonial Heights and Petersburg Police. He is currently the Field Operations Commander with Colonial Heights Police Department and a citizen of Prince George County. When you get the opportunity to meet Chief Early please welcome him to our Police Department. I appreciate the support you have showed me over the last five months as I have proudly served in the Interim Chief position.

cc: Accreditation File

COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA

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February 24, 2016

Keith Early Appointed New Prince George Police Chief

Prince George County Administrator Percy Ashcraft has announced that Captain Keith Early has been appointed to the position of Police Chief.

Early, a Prince George County resident, is currently an Operations Division Commander for the City of Colonial Heights. He will assume his new responsibilities on March 14.

"We went through a very thorough application and screening process to fill this very important position," commented Ashcraft. "There were a number of outstanding applicants. Captain Early represents all we were looking for."

Early will replace Chief Ed Frankenstein, who retired October 1. The search began last April to fill the position.

"It was important we found the right person," Ashcraft said of the lengthy time frame to fill the position. "Sometimes these things take weeks, and other times they take months. But in the end, finding someone who is the right fit is the ultimate goal."

Early began his law enforcement career as a Patrol Officer in the City of Petersburg in 1993. After accepting a similar position in Colonial Heights in 1994, he rose through the ranks holding positions as sergeant and lieutenant before being named captain in 2007.

Early has a Bachelor of Science degree in Justice Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University and a minor in psychology. He has attended Penn State University for Police Executive Development, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Early will inherit a Police force with 78 positions, including Communications and Animal Control. There are 58 sworn officers.



Chief Early signing his oath of office.

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY POLICE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY

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Message from Colonel W. Keith Early, Chief of Police

A lot has happened during calendar year 2016. We have experienced departmental re-structuring, promotions, and we have hired several new police officers and emergency communications personnel. We have demonstrated some excellent police work, executed numerous community events, and we have accomplished many goals.

Having served as your Chief of Police since March, I would like to share a few of my thoughts. First, I am very appreciative of Captains Eric Young and Brian Kei, and all of the men and women of PGPD, for making my transition into my new professional home so rapid, smooth and welcoming. In addition, I would like to thank our County Administrator, Mr. Percy Ashcraft, our Board of Supervisors, and our entire Prince George County Team for their support and leadership. Lastly, and most importantly, we are very fortunate to have the overwhelming support we enjoy from our citizenry. We have a great community in Prince George County. I consider myself blessed to have the opportunity to serve.

With the talented team we have in place within our Department, hold on for the ride, we plan to keep our foot on the gas during 2017 and accomplish great things!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Keith Early". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Colonel W. Keith Early

OVERVIEW

Located at 6600 Courthouse Road, the Prince George County Police Department is a progressive, mid-sized law enforcement agency. The diversified staff includes 56 sworn law enforcement officers, 12 volunteer Auxiliary Officers, 4 Animal Services Officers, and 14 Communications Officers. There are 7 civilian support personnel assisting the Department in achieving their goals for the County. There are 5 volunteer Police Chaplains from within the County who are available to assist the Department at any time of the day, seven days a week. The Department strives for high visibility and positive involvement with County residents. The Police Department is organized into two service units: The Field Operations Division and the Support Services Division.

Mission Statement

The Prince George County Police Department, in partnership with the Community, will strive to protect and improve the quality of life in Prince George; providing Leadership through Open Communication, Fair and Dignified Service and Interactive Problem Solving.

Vision

The Prince George County Police Department will continue to be a leading law enforcement agency, setting standards for Professionalism, Integrity and Innovative Service.

Values

The Prince George County Police Department takes pride in maintaining a high quality of life through a dynamic partnership with the Community we serve.

We Define "PRIDE" As:

***P**artnership*

We work with the community as a team through open, timely and clear communication.

***R**espect*

We treat others and ourselves fairly and consistently without bias or prejudice.

***I**ntegrity*

We exemplify honorable conduct in our professional and private lives.

***D**iversity*

We welcome and appreciate the distinct qualities and cultures of our employees and community.

***E**mployees*

We support and encourage the talents and skills of each employee. We recognize their dedication and self-sacrifice.

ACCREDITED AGENCY

What it means.....

WHAT IT MEANS TO THE COMMUNITY:

Accreditation increases the law enforcement agency's ability to prevent and control crime through more effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement services to the community it serves.



WHAT IT MEANS TO THE POLICE CHIEF:

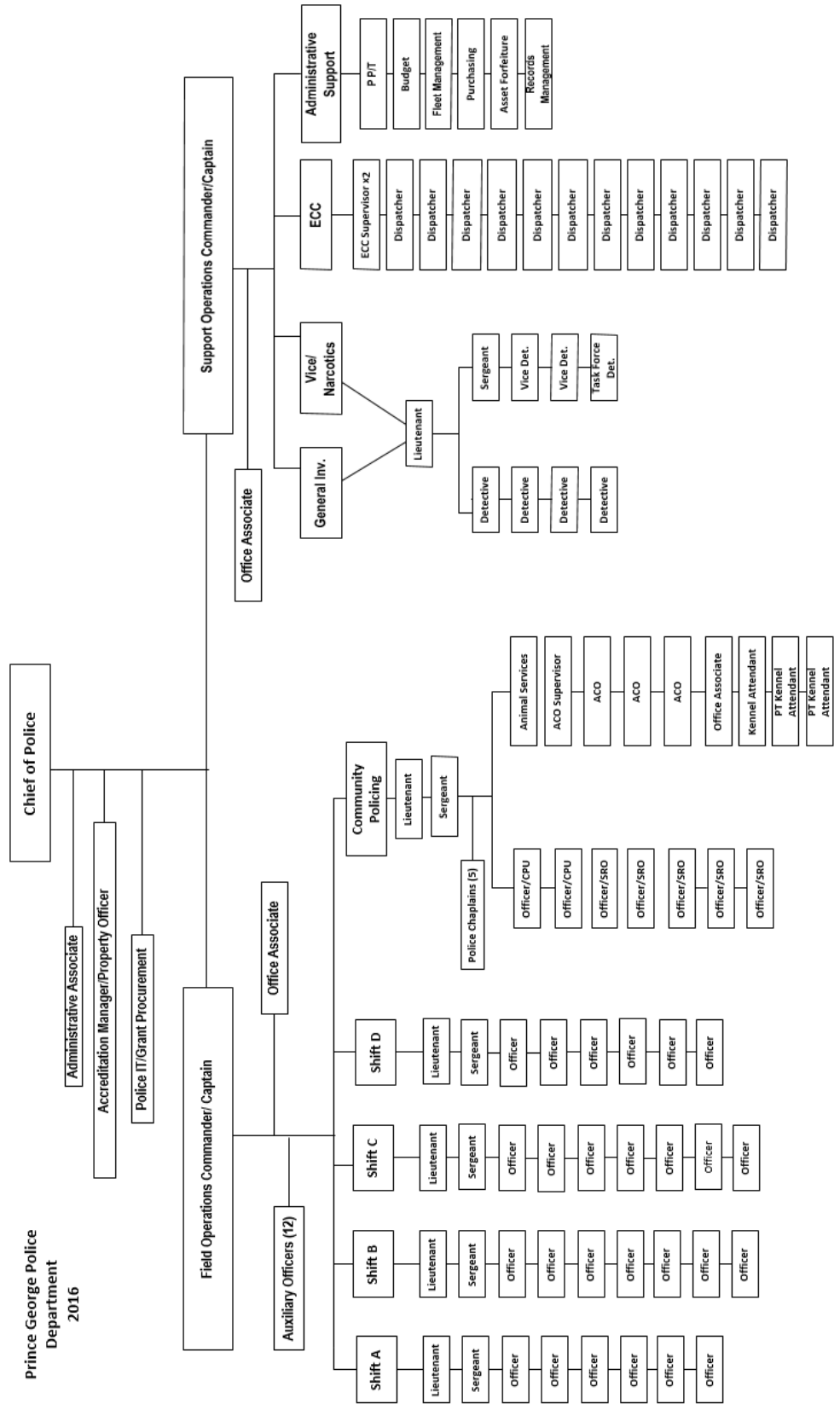
Increase public confidence in law enforcement; and to promote the professionalism of the Prince George County Police Department.

WHAT IT MEANS TO THE POLICE OFFICERS:

Accreditation requires that agency policies and procedures are in written form and are available to all agency personnel at all times. Accreditation assures employees that every aspect of the agency's personnel system is in accord with professional standards, and that the system is both fair and equitable.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Prince George Police Department
2016

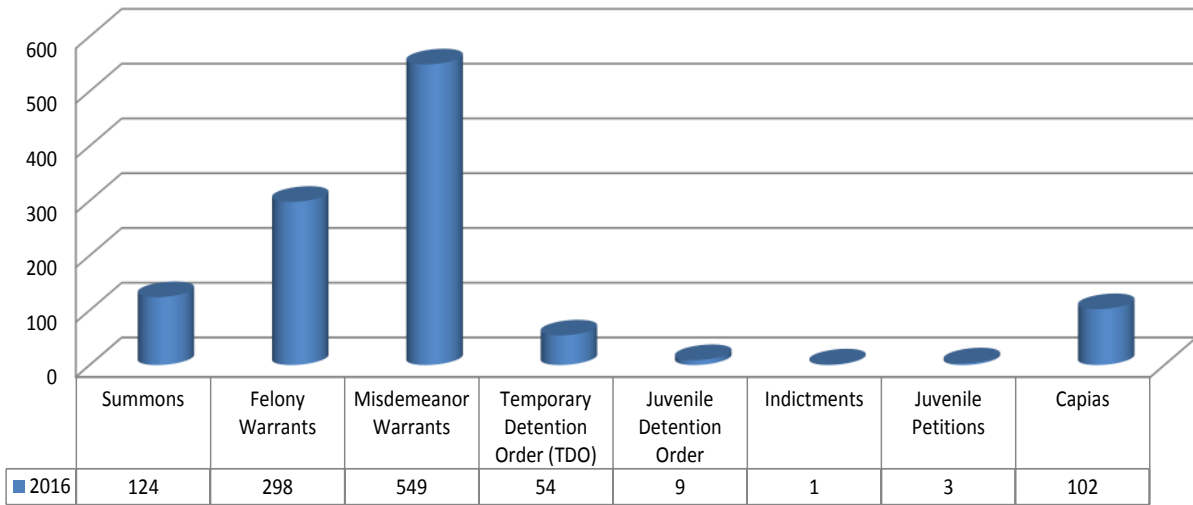


2016 YTD Crime Statistics

OFFENSE	2015 YTD	2016 YTD	Unfounded	2016 YTD	% CHANGE
HOMICIDE/MURDER	1	0		0	-100.00%
KIDNAPPING	7	7	-1	6	-14.29%
SEX OFFENSES	16	25	-5	20	25.00%
ROBBERY	6	14		14	133.33%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	27	24	-2	22	-18.52%
SIMPLE ASSAULT	243	276	-5	271	11.52%
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES	300	346	-13	333	11.00%
BURGLARY/BREAK & ENTER	55	74	-6	68	23.64%
LARCENY	216	240	-12	228	5.56%
AUTO THEFT	25	21	-2	19	-24.00%
ARSON	1	1		1	No change
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	54	93	-1	92	70.37%
VANDALISM/PROPERTY DAMAGE	177	208		208	17.51%
FRAUD	33	33	-4	29	-12.12%
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	19	21		21	10.53%
TOTAL PROPERTY	580	691	-25	666	14.83%
TOTAL DRUG OFFENSES	134	154	0	154	14.93%
GRAND TOTAL	1014	1191	-38	1153	13.71%

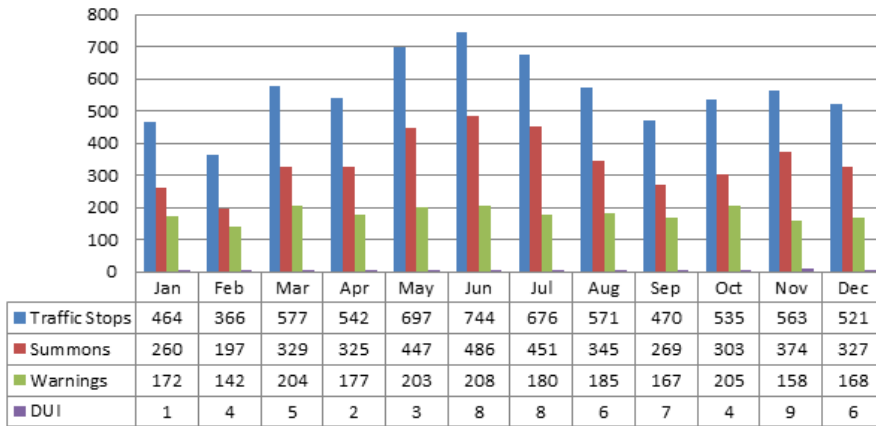


2016 PAPERS SERVED



COUNTY TRAFFIC STATISTICS

2016 Traffic Data



2016

Traffic Data Totals

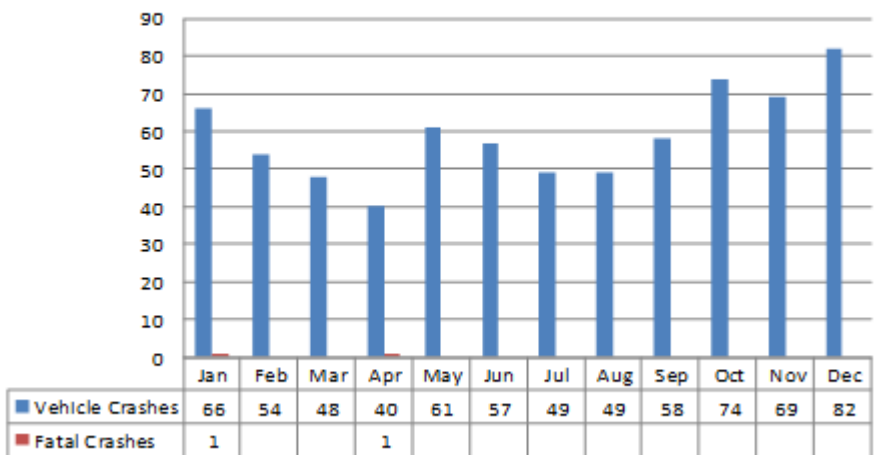
Traffic Stops — 6,726

DUI — 63

Summons — 4,113

Warnings — 2,169

2016 Vehicle Crashes



2016

Total Traffic Crashes

707

Total Fatal Crashes

2

PROMOTIONS AND CHANGES

Promotions



Chief Early with Sergeant James Nicholas

Changes

FTO Officer John Vasquez from Patrol to the Community Policing Unit.

Officer Bradley Whitley from Patrol to General Investigations.

Lieutenant Paul Burroughs from Investigations Supervisor to Community Policing Supervisor

Sergeant Chris Douglas from Accreditation/Training to Community Policing/Training

Officer Tony Moegling from Patrol to School Resource Officer at North Elementary School

Lieutenant John Leach from Patrol Supervisor to Investigations Supervisor.

Sergeant Jodie Warren from Community Policing to Acting Lieutenant for Patrol Shift B.

Officer Alexis Grochmal from Community Policing to Accreditation Manager/Property Officer.

NEW HIRES

AUXILIARY



(L-R) Captain Brian Kei, Auxiliary Officer Richard R. Esque, Jr.,
Interim Chief Eric Young
February 1, 2016

PATROL



(L-R) Interim Chief Eric Young, Officer Borshch, Officer
Chamberlain-Borshch Officer Womack, Captain Brian
Kei
March 1, 2016

ADMINISTRATION



Circuit Court Clerk Bishop Knott swears in Chief Early on
March 14, 2016.

COMMUNICATIONS & PATROL



(L-R) Police Officer, Travis Stewart, Communications
Officer Terry Sweitzer and Communications Officer
James Hale—May 1, 2016

NEW HIRES, CONTINUED...

PATROL



Officer Billy R. Blankenship, Jr. is sworn in on September 1, 2016 by Bishop Knott, Circuit Court Clerk.

POLICE OFFICER RECRUITS



Police Officer Recruits, McKenzie Love (L) and Harold E. Allin, IV (R) will attend the 88th Basic Law Enforcement Academy October 3, 2016 – March 31, 2017.

COMMUNICATIONS



L-R) Communication Officers Lindsey Eickenmeyer, Jacob Kroll, and Ericka Edwards — November 1, 2016

K-9



K-9 Chace was sworn in on December 27, 2016.



Retirement...

After an extremely successful career with Officer Randy Dalton, K-9 Ekko retired after more than six years with the department. Ekko has had a productive career in both drug and suspect apprehensions.

Ekko, together with Officer Dalton, has made hundreds of narcotic arrests and seizures during his career with the Prince George County Police Department.

Ekko has been turned over to his handler, and we wish him well as he enjoys the good life of retirement. The bond between a handler and a K-9 partner is in explicable.

While Officer partnerships are clearly important, that between a K-9 and his officer takes on a different dimension.

Congratulations Ekko!



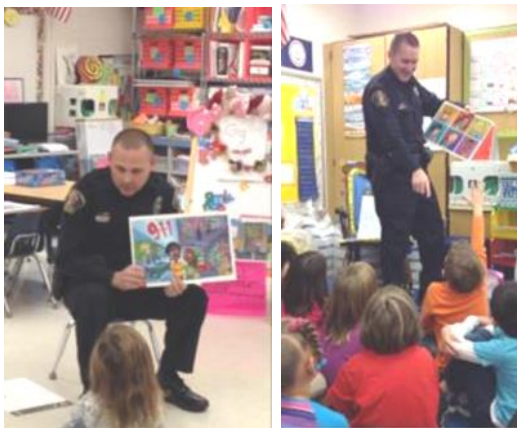
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



Pictured left to right are: Chief Early, Judy Chalkley, BOS Chairman Bill Robertson, Kari Wilson (ECC Supervisor representing Sherita Winfield), Captain Brian Kei, and County Administrator Percy Ashcraft.

The 3rd Annual Crisis Intervention Team Awards were held on November 8th. We are proud to announce that Prince George Communication Officers Judy Chalkley and Sherita Winfield were recipients of the "Dispatcher of the Year Award" for their professional, effective and calm handling of a critical, life-threatening incident. These employees are our heroes behind the scenes!

On Thursday, December 15th, Animal Services Supervisor Job Greene attended the Hopewell Police Department Awards ceremony. Prince George Animal Services was awarded a **Certificate of Commendation** for assistance with transferring animals from the Hopewell Animal Shelter and donating supplies to their Department.



D.A.R.E. Certification

Officer Mayes (L) and Officer Moegling (R)



Animal Control Officer Rachel Dlugos completed the National Animal Control Humane Officer Academy in Leesburg, VA. Rachel is now a Nationally Certified Animal Control Officer.



Captain Eric Young
Commander, Field Operations

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

Uniform Patrol

- Crash Investigation Team
- K-9 Unit
- Marine Unit
- Auxiliary Police

Community Policing Unit

- Animal Services
- Chaplain Program
- School Resource Officers

The Field Operations Division is comprised of Uniform Patrol and the Community Policing Unit. The Patrol Section is responsible for all initial criminal and vehicular crash investigations, requests for services from citizens, traffic control and proactive policing efforts. Officers are assigned to four different shifts to ensure adequate coverage throughout the County.

THE CRASH INVESTIGATION TEAM

The Crash Investigation Team

investigates motor vehicle crashes involving multiple vehicles with severe or potentially life threatening injuries, fatalities, and/or complicated crashes with an unknown chain of events. Crash Investigation Team members receive training in basic and advanced fundamentals of crash investigation and reconstruction. The Officers also assist the Detective Unit with the reconstruction of major crime scenes.



THE MARINE UNIT

The Marine Unit, a 24' Commercial Grade Boston Whaler, is operational 365 days a year. The vessel is deployed out of Jordan Point Yacht Haven on the James River. 2016 marks the 10th year of operation for the Marine Unit.



The Unit is staffed by nine Police Officers and one Auxiliary Police Officer. Prince George Fire/EMS has one active member who participates in routine and emergency operations. The purpose of the Unit is to promote public safety, respond to emergencies, and enforce the laws on the waterways of Prince George County. The Unit also coordinates with surrounding jurisdictions to assist their Marine Patrols. The Marine Unit also works and trains with the U.S. Coast Guard in both local and regional waters to provide security, enforcement, and rescue services.



During the month of April, the unit responded to two (2) separate incidents involving a capsized and a sunken vessel. Combined, the Unit rescued five (5) individuals from the cold waters of the James River.

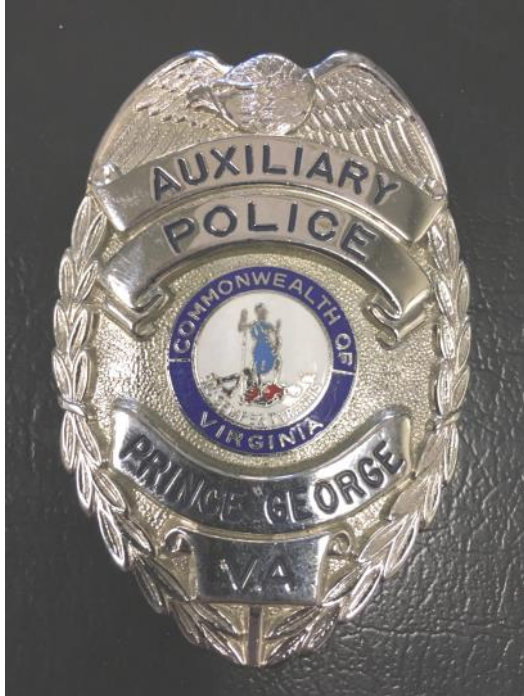
Some of the other activities the Marine Unit participated in during calendar year 2016 included: Annual Search and Rescue (SAR) Forum in Hampton, Virginia; assisting the U.S. Coast Guard during "Norfolk Harborfest;" assisting the City of Hopewell with their 100th Anniversary Celebration; assisting Surry County during the annual gathering in Cobham Bay during the "Peanut, Pork Pine festival;" and escorting the annual "Boat Parade of Lights" between Jordan Point in Prince George County and City Point in Hopewell.



(L-R) Sergeant Warren, Lieutenant Moore, Officer Santilli

Additionally, the Marine Unit executed scheduled patrols, and responded to approximately a dozen calls for service.

AUXILIARY POLICE



The Mission of the Auxiliary Police Unit is to augment the Prince George County Police Department by providing well-trained and equipped volunteer personnel as needed or directed by the Chief of Police. Auxiliary Police Officers are assigned to perform a variety of police functions, and these volunteers may also be called upon to assist with emergencies, special activities, and county events.

In 2016, Auxiliary Police Officers volunteered 697 hours of service. Prince George County Auxiliary Officers have full Police powers.

2016 Top Three Contributors

Auxiliary Officers

Officer Fields	166.5 hours
Officer Kvasnicka	117.5 Hours
Officer Hart	94.5 hours

COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

The Community Policing Unit comprises the Community Policing Program, Crime Prevention Program, School Resource Officers and Animal Services. The Community Policing Program encompasses the Community Policing Officers, Police Explorers, Honor Guard and Volunteer Police Chaplains. The Crime Prevention Program includes programs such as Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, Child Passenger Safety Seat, Bicycle Rodeo and Highway Safety.

The Community Policing Program is staffed by four Community Policing Officers who, in partnership with citizens, business owners, and other stakeholders, strive to address citizen concerns and improve quality of life through open communication, dignified service and interactive problem-solving. They coordinate police activities for major community events, such as: the Special Olympics Polar Plunge, Prince George Community Day, Hometown Heroes 5K, Special Olympics Torch Run, National Night Out, Back-to-School Fair and the annual Christmas Parade. Additionally, the Community Policing Officers provide service support to the Patrol and Detective Divisions as well as other County Departments.

The Crime Prevention Program educates citizens and business owners by providing crime prevention tips and information resources to them on a wide-range of topics including: identity theft, fraud, personal, senior, and internet safety. In 2016, Officers conducted several Crime Prevention Programs and training seminars to the citizens of Prince George County and other communities around the Tri-Cities. Five “Civilian Response to Active Shooter” (C.R.A.S.E.) classes were taught to Prince George County Employees and employees of two other private sector businesses. The Community Policing Program contains a Nationally Certified Crime Prevention Specialist, a State Certified Crime Prevention Specialist and an additional Police Officer trained in basic crime prevention. They perform written security assessments of single-family, multi-family, commercial, and industrial locations. The Community Policing Officers also work with the Community Development Department to address code compliance and property maintenance issues. The Community Policing Officers manage eight neighborhoods participating in the Neighborhood Watch program.

ANIMAL SERVICES UNIT

The **Animal Services Unit** enforces the County's Animal Ordinance and Virginia state law relating to animals. Animal Services provides an animal adoption program, picks up and shelters stray, sick or injured animals, issues dog licenses, investigates animal cruelty and neglect, and quarantines animals that have bitten someone. Animal Services promotes responsible pet ownership and pet adoptions within Prince George County.



ANIMAL SERVICES STAFF: (L-R) ACO Supervisor Job Greene, ACO Dana Newmeyer, Shelter Attendant Jessica Wicker, Associate Erika Gunn, Associate Marion Carmichael, Shelter Attendant Ruth Ann Silvey, ACO Samantha Hancock, ACO Rachel Dlugos

INTAKES	DOGS	CATS	TOTAL
	613	401	1014

DISPOSITIONS	DOGS	CATS	TOTAL
Adoptions	257	161	418
Outgoing transfers	99	115	214
Return to owner	208	9	217
Euthanized	42	57	99
Died in Shelter/Care	2*	13*	15*

*includes un-weaned kittens and puppies that died in house, in foster care, or at the veterinarian

Live Exit Percentages

2012	71%
2013	75%
2014	82%
2015	85.76%
2016	90.3%

Euthanasia Rate

2012	29%
2013	25%
2014	16%
2015	12.1%
2016	9.7%

ANIMAL SERVICES UNIT CONTINUED...

There are four Animal Control Officers and four support personnel who work from the Animal Services and Adoption center located at 8391 County Drive. Animal Control Officers are available to respond to animal related emergencies 24-hours a day 365-days a year.



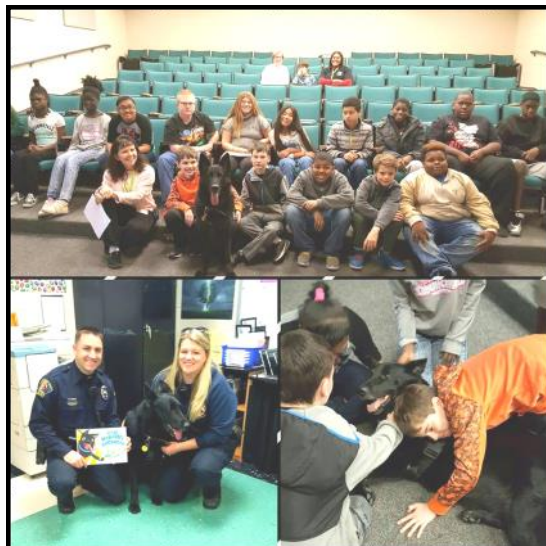
Thanks to a grant from Maddie's Fund in the amount of \$31,000.00, Prince George County Animal Services was able to purchase a new mobile adoption trailer.

This new trailer will allow our staff to transport more animals to/from adoption events held throughout our area safely and securely. In addition, the inside of this trailer is heated and cooled to ensure a comfortable experience for our animals and customers alike. ***Our goal is to find good homes for our four-legged friends, and this new equipment will help us do just that.***

Animal Services deployed the Adoption Trailer at a variety of events including The First Annual Richard Bland Pecan Festival, the Prince George Back to School Fair and at various business locations. They also held a variety of off-site pet adoption events, sponsored two county rabies clinics as well as holding the annual Howl-O-Ween Open House event at the Adoption Center.

The Animal Services and the Police Department implemented a Therapy Dog Program using “Coal” the German Shepherd. Coal the Department Therapy Dog has been specially certified to volunteer in settings such as schools, hospitals, and nursing homes. From working with a child who is learning to read, to visiting a senior in assisted living, Coal and his handlers ACO Hancock and Officer Santilli, work together as a team to improve the lives of other people.

(L-R) Officer Santilli, Coal, ACO Hancock →



Animal Services Brick Paver Project

Animal Services installed a brick paved courtyard located at the front of the building. This courtyard is used for potential adopters as an outdoor meet and greet area. Staff also utilizes this space to photograph pets for adoption for advertisement on social media. Citizens and businesses are able to purchase a personalized brick and have it engraved to honor a person or pet or to market a civic organization or business. All proceeds raised through the brick paver program are used to help animals in need of special care at the adoption center.



8X8 Bricks

\$200

Can accommodate up to
6 lines

4X8 Bricks

\$100

Can accommodate up to
3 lines



DONOR RECOGNITION

The Police Explorers, a division of the Boy Scouts of America, is a program open to males and females ages 14-21 years old who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement or other criminal justice related field. In addition to meeting twice a week, the Prince George Explorer Post assists the Police Department at various functions and events.

In 2016, nine Explorers contributed a total of 153.5 hours at 14 events. Some of the activities that the Explorers participated in include: directing traffic, assisting with event parking, fingerprinting youths, assisting with McGruff and “Nat” the Knight in their endeavors, and other various duties.



School Resource Officers in Prince George County and all across the Commonwealth of Virginia work as a liaison between their agency and the school system to ensure the safety of the children and the staff. The safety of all involved is crucial so that students and faculty have a safe environment conducive for learning. In addition, the program provides an excellent platform for positive relationship building between police, students, faculty and community.

The School Resource Officer Program is comprised of 5 School Resource Officers. An “SRO” is assigned at the following schools: Prince George High School, N.B Clements Junior High School, JEJ Moore Middle School, North Elementary and Harrison Elementary. The SROs also support the schools that do not currently have an assigned officer.



(L-R, Off. Eric McQuage, Off. Cliff Skelton, Off. Dan Schmierer, Off. Tony Moegling, Off. Butch Pearson

On May 9, 2016 School Resource Officer’s Pearson, Skelton, Schmierer, and McQuage were recognized by the Prince George School Board for the outstanding work they do each and every day. Prince George County Police Department is honored to have these four outstanding officers.



The Bike Rodeo Program focuses on bike safety and participants receive helpful tips to improve their riding experience. Bicycles remain associated with more childhood injuries than any other consumer product except the automobile. Wearing a helmet reduces the risk of brain injury by approximately 90%.

During the year, the Police Department, in partnership with Fire & EMS, sponsored 4 bike rodeos at locations throughout the county. Participants had their brakes, seats, and other equipment inspected to ensure safety features are in place and working properly. This program has brought safety and education to children of all ages.



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The Child Passenger Safety Seat Program focuses on community outreach and educates caregivers about child passenger safety. The cooperative goal of the Child Passenger Safety Program is to train caregivers how to transport their children safely using car seats, booster seats, and seat belts. Child Safety Seat technicians conducted four child safety seat inspection events with approximately 102 child safety seats being inspected and/ or installed. Technicians also routinely assist citizens with inspections and/or installations. It is a proven fact that car seats and booster seats save lives. These devices offer the best protection for children in the event of a crash. Unfortunately, approximately 3 out of 4 child seats are not used correctly.

P.A.C.T.

Police and Community Together Program

In 2013, the Prince George County Police Department developed and implemented an exciting and innovative program for our autistic residents - the **Police and Community Together** program, also known as **P.A.C.T.** The Police Department recognizes the need to partner with the families of a special segment of our community in order to provide the highest level of service possible.

The **P.A.C.T.** Program introduces public safety resources from Prince George County to our autistic residents and their families. We want to identify this special segment of our community that has family members under the age of 18 who have been diagnosed with Autism. The Police Department would like to obtain vital information about your loved ones that can be used to locate them if they become lost or inadvertently walk away.

The Prince George County Police Department has partnered with the Prince George County Schools, Department of Social Services, District 19 Community Services Board, Prince George Special Olympics, and the Ft. Lee Exceptional Family Member Program to assist with the **P.A.C.T.** Program.

If you are interested in participating in the program contact our Community Policing Unit at:

804-863-1847 or communitypolicing@princegeorgecountyva.gov

Prince George County Police Department

P.A.C.T.
(Police And Community) Together
QUESTIONNAIRE

- Name of your loved one: _____
- What is the address where your loved one spends the majority of their time? _____
- Does your loved one go by a nickname? If so, what? _____
- Date of birth and age of the registered person: _____
- Diagnosis of the registered person: _____
- List all permanent names and phone numbers officers need to know: _____
- Physical description of the registered person:
 - Height: _____
 - Weight: _____
 - Hair Color: _____
 - Eye Color: _____
 - Race: _____
 - Gender: _____
 - Glasses: Yes No
 - Current Picture Available? Yes No

The Honor Guard participates in memorial ceremonies, academy graduations, and funeral services. This year, the Honor Guard participated in the Wreath Laying Ceremony for Prince George County Police Officers, Prince George County Sheriff's Office, and Virginia State Police Officers that have fallen in the line of duty.



The Police Chaplains

In 2016 our Chaplains have provided over 191 hours of service for our Department. They have responded to several suicides, fatal accident investigations and death investigations. Most importantly they have served as an extra layer of comfort for the Officers and Supervisors that have a difficult job to do. Their commitment to our Department and to the Community is much appreciated by the County and the Police Department.



3rd Annual
Police Chaplain Breakfast

The Police Chaplains Continued...

Volunteer Police Chaplains — The Police Department is very fortunate to have five chaplains from around the County on its staff. These Pastors are available 24 hours a day to assist the officers whenever and wherever they are needed. Chaplains have provided counseling and comfort during several incidents in 2016. They provide support and guidance to any police officer, communications officer, other department member and/or their families. They also assist police officers with victims of crisis situations and aid in the delivery of death notices.



CHARLES W. HENRY is Pastor of Charity Baptist Church on Ruffin Road in Prince George. He began his tenure there in November of 2000. He serves the Prince George County Police Department as "Chaplain 1." Reverend Henry's background includes a 20-year career as a commissioned officer in the U. S Army. During his military career, he served in a variety of leadership and staff roles in both stateside and overseas locations. His overseas tours included assignments in the Pacific, European, and Southwest Asia Theaters of Operation. Reverend Henry is a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm. His military awards and decorations include the Expert Infantryman Badge, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Airborne and Air Assault Badges, and the U.S. Army Ranger tab as well as several service-related medals and ribbons.

ROBERT W. LIVESAY, III, has served as Pastor of Oakland Baptist Church since 1993. In working with the community, Pastor Livesay has served as the F.C.A. Chaplain for the Prince George High School football and basketball teams for the past eight years and as Chaplain for the Prince George County Police Department for the past three years. He is a member of the Prince George Extension Leadership Council and the SALT Council of the Prince George Triad and Vice-President of the Woodmen of the World, Lodge 1.



The Police Chaplains Continued...



WAYNE MARBURGER has been pastor of Prince George Christian Church, located on Route 156 across from the PGHS Field House, since 1990. Pastor Wayne is a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Myerstown, PA. His passion is Bible study and teaching, prompting him to coin the phrase “Getting God’s Word into His people, and God’s people into His Word” as the Prince George County Chaplain motto.

CLARENCE M. THWEATT, JR. accepted his call to the ministry in 2008. He is an ordained minister and currently serves as Pastor of Wilborne Baptist Church in Waverly. Reverend Thweatt has previously served on the Redistricting Advisory Committee for the Prince George County School Board. He is also a member of the Saint James Masonic Lodge #128 in Disputanta. Reverend Thweatt has served the community as a Chaplain for the Prince George County Police Department for three years. He enjoys reading, spending quality time with his family and friends and giving back to his community.



REVEREND CHRISTOPHER JENKINS, AKA PASTOR CHRIS, helped found Unity Baptist Church, Prince George, in 2000. He began as the Youth Pastor until 2008 when he assumed the Senior Pastor role in which he serves now. He is the newest addition to the PGPD Chaplain Program as "Chaplain 5". He also serves as a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chaplain with Prince George Football (6 years), is a member of the Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) with PGDSS (3 years), is an active Therapeutic Foster Care Family and leads the collective effort of Good News Clubs in four of the five PG Elementary Schools. Pastor Chris grew up in Hopewell and is a graduate of Liberty University and Liberty Theological Seminary. His passions are his wife of fourteen years, his six children and fulfilling the Great Commission .

2016 SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE

The “Prince George County COPsicles” wanted to let everyone know this year’s “Polar Plunge” events raised over 1 million dollars for Special Olympics for a fifth year in a row. The 2016 Polar Plunge-Winter Festival-Virginia Beach event was held on February 6th with almost 4,000 brave souls taking the plunge into sub 40-degree temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean. This year the “Prince George County “COPsicles” had 17 team members, and they were able to raise over \$11, 290.00 for Special Olympics. As of today, the “COPsicles” were ranked 8th out of 250+ different teams at the Polar Plunge-Winter Festival for monies raised.

We want to say thank you to everyone that donated and participated. Great job!





TIP-A-COP

GUNS & HOSES 2ND ANNUAL SOFTBALL GAME



PRINCE GEORGE TORCH RUN



The Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics unites officers from law enforcement agencies and corrections departments across the state in an effort to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Virginia. This year the Prince George leg of the Torch Run produced 55 participants and 60 supporters. This year's event raised \$1499.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2016

The Prince George County Police Department participated in the “33th Annual National Night Out” (NNO) on August 4, 2016. NNO 2016 involved over 38 million people in 16,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

Prince George County held its first National Night Out with one event and about 20 residents of Birchett Estates in August 2002. Since then, the event has grown to 31 block parties with approximately 2,122 participants in 2016. These events are organized by members of the individual neighborhoods and attended by members of the Police Department, Sheriff’s Office and various other Prince George County employees.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. We have always had great community participation with these events. Next year, the Department hopes to encourage more of our citizenry to become involved.

We would like to thank all of our community members that made this evening a success!



**2016 National Night Out
Photo Contest Winner
Puddledock Place Apartments**



**Kidco Academy , winner of the 2015
Photo Contest is presented with the
2016 National Night Out cake.**

OPEN HOUSE

The Police Department held its Open House on October 13th. Officers gave tours of the building and had equipment on display for the public to see. There were approximately 100 citizens who came by the Department. This was a great opportunity for officer /citizen interaction.



DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Drug Take Back Day

April 29th

290 lbs.

October 22nd
286.6 lbs.



POLICE DEPARTMENT
COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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May 2, 2016

(Prince George, VA) – Prince George Police Partner with DEA for Drug Take Back Day

This past Saturday, the Prince George Police Department, in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Agency, collected 290 lbs. of unwanted and expired prescription medications as part of the eleventh National Prescription Take Back Initiative sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

"Thank you to the citizens of Prince George County that visited the collection site on Saturday and dropped off your unused, prescription medications. Prescription drugs are the second most commonly abused category of drugs, behind marijuana and ahead of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and other drugs. The National Institute of Health estimates that nearly 20 percent of people in the United States have used prescription drugs for non-medical reasons. Initiatives such as the National Prescription Drug Take Back help ensure that the abuse of prescription medications is reduced, and these initiatives help prevent these medications from wrongfully ending up in the hands of our youth. We will continue to vigorously pursue individuals who violate the laws governing prescription medications." If you or someone you know would like more information about this event, please contact the Prince George Community Policing Unit at 804-863-1847.

Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Watch Program is organized by concerned citizens, with Law Enforcement assistance, in an effort to reduce crime in their communities. Working with the Prince George County Police, these citizens can learn when and how to report suspicious activities as well as implement home security measures and precautions. The program helps to address the concerns of the citizens ranging from domestic violence, drugs and gang activity to abandoned cars and vacant lots filled with trash. No matter where you live, you can still beat the risk of becoming the victim of crime. However, addressing small problems early is often the best way to prevent larger problems from occurring down the road. Any resident of any community located in the County of Prince George can join the Prince George Neighborhood Watch Program, even those citizens that do not own their home but are just renting. Currently, there are eight (8) active Neighborhood Watch Groups throughout Prince George County.

Business Watch Program

The Business Watch Program was started in 2013 for Prince George County businesses with the focus on Crime Prevention and Business Security. The program's goal is to reduce crime, or the fear of crime, while promoting communication between the area businesses and the Police Department. The "Business Watch" program is a form of Neighborhood Watch and will allow "neighbors" to have an avenue for sharing information as well as understanding/promoting basic crime prevention.

This program was started in the area of the Crossings Shopping Center with Ms. Traci Hackley of the Baymont Inn and Suites being the first to register as a member. Since then, more than 260 other businesses have signed up as members. "Business Watch" has continued to expand to the other area businesses throughout Prince George County.



If you are interested in becoming a member of the **Prince George Business Watch** or starting a **Neighborhood Watch Group** in your community, please contact Lieutenant Paul Burroughs or Officer Harold Shreves of the Prince George Community Policing Unit at (804) 863-1847 or communitypolicing@princegeorgecountyva.gov.

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS ACADEMY



The Prince George County Police Department, in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office and the Commonwealth's Attorney Office, conducted a series of sessions designed to inform senior citizens of the basic functions of the three departments. The 2016 academy was composed of 45 hours of training, and participants were instructed on several topics to include:

Forensics

K-9 Demonstrations

Project Lifesaver

Crimes and Probation

Prisoner Transport and Drug Court

Animal Services

Criminal Investigations

Community Policing and Initiatives

Frauds and Scams

Victim Witness Program

Communications





Captain Brian Kei

Commander, Support Operations

SUPPORT OPERATIONS DIVISION

Emergency Communications Center

- Procurement
- Internal Affairs
- Human Resources
- Fleet

Detective Unit

- General
- Vice/Narcotics

The Support Operations Division supports all Police activities. It is comprised of the Police Administrative personnel, the Investigations Unit and the E-911 Communications Center. Personnel in the Police Administrative Division are responsible for hiring, payroll, evidence control, equipment, records, budget, fleet maintenance, purchasing, grants and training. The E-911 Communications Center dispatches all Police, Fire, EMS, County Departments and any other agency's calls for service.

Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public point of contact for emergency services• Monitors public safety providers
Investigations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigation of all serious and multiple crimes• Employee background investigations• Participation in the Regional Drug Task Force
Property & Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Packaging• Record Keeping• Release of Property• Destruction of Property
Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hiring of police officers, communications officers, animal control officers, and other civilian staff who work for the police department.• Yearly physical ability testing of sworn officers.• Promotional processes
Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operate budgets of Police, Communications, and Animal Services. (5.7 million dollars)• Equipment, Lease Agreements, Vehicles, Uniforms, etc
Internal Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complaints• Administrative vs Criminal• Adjudication

DETECTIVE UNIT



The **Detective Unit** is under the Command of Lieutenant John Leach. The Section’s responsibilities include investigation of all serious and patterned crimes. Detectives are trained and equipped to conduct specialized services, to include: forensic crime scene evidence collection; fire and explosives investigations; vice crime investigation; gang activity investigation; surveillance operations and polygraph examinations. This section is responsible for coordination of counter-terrorism and Homeland Security activities and participates in the Regional Drug Task Force.

Death Investigations

Seventeen death investigations were considered suspicious in nature and were investigated by the Detective Unit and the Medical Examiner.

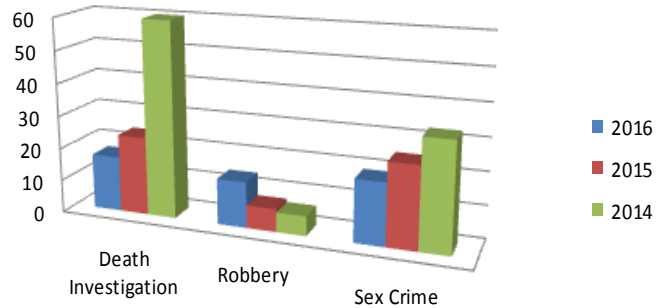
Robberies

Fourteen robberies were reported in 2016. Seven of these robberies occurred at businesses, and the remaining seven incidents were robberies of individuals. Six of the robberies have been cleared, and the remaining investigations are ongoing.

Rapes

Of nine reported rapes in 2016, five involved uncooperative witnesses, one investigation was unfounded, and one investigation resulted in an arrest.

General Investigations Totals

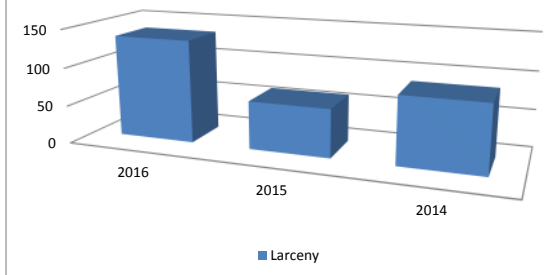


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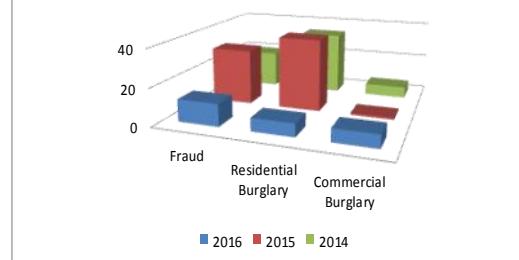
There were 49 reported burglaries assigned to Investigations in 2016. Eight cases were cleared by arrest, and six were exceptionally cleared.

The remaining burglaries remain unsolved.

General Investigations Totals



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VICE UNIT



- Conducted twenty-two controlled buy operations during 2016. These operations resulted in the seizure of illegal narcotics with the street value of \$58,296.00.
- Conducted eight gang related investigations. These investigations were conducted jointly with the State Police.
- Obtained a total of 105 felony and 120 misdemeanor charges.
- Debriefed 107 subjects during 2016. Valuable information was obtained from these subjects and several of these individuals assisted detectives with investigations.
- Conducted 111 interdiction operations. During these operations, Vice checked area parks, businesses, motels, apartments, and subdivisions for criminal activity. These operations resulted in twenty-two interdiction stops. One of these operations was conducted as a joint operation with the Tri-Cities Regional Strike Force.
- Participated in operation “Home Contact”. Three of these operations were conducted in conjunction with the Tri-Cities Regional Strike Force. The purpose of these operations was to conduct home visits with people that are on probation or parole.
- Conducted a drug sweep of the Prince George High School. No illegal substances were located.
- Vice presented information to a group of Boy Scouts about the dangers associated with drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. An overview of constitutional law and ways to become involved in the betterment of their community was also discussed. This presentation was used to help these Scouts earn merit badges.



All of these operations resulted in a total of \$90,770.50 worth of drugs, weapons, property, and money that was taken out of the community. These investigations resulted in a total of 225 arrests.



Hopewell-Prince George Crime Solvers

The Hopewell-Prince George Crime Solvers experienced another successful fund-raising year with the support of the Prince George Police Department.

This year's Annual Rib Fest was held in honor of Fred Morene as he stepped down from the Board after years of service. Mr. Morene and his family attended the event where he was recognized for his contributions to the community through Crime Solvers and many other organizations in the Hopewell-Prince George area. The event featured entertainment by the Oldies but Goodies Classic Cruisers. Donations and prize giveaways raised approximately \$11,000.



The Crime Solvers Board agreed to donate funds for gift cards to help promote text-a-tip at both Hopewell and Prince George schools.

Fort Lee Provost Marshal's Office has provided representation at many of the meetings in 2016. Hopewell-Prince George Crime Solvers operates solely on fundraising activities and donations and receives no tax funding.

Prince George Police officers, along with the Crime Solvers Board, work hard to help prevent and solve crimes by holding fundraisers and meetings with community members. The Board elected new officers: Randy Sealey as President; Tony Wesson as Vice President; Linda Forehand as Treasurer and Christy Blankenship as Secretary.

Donations may be sent to:
Hopewell – Prince George Crime Solvers P.O. Box 25 Hopewell, VA 23860.

Check us out at:
<http://hpgcrimesolvers.org>

TRAINING



In 2016, members of the Prince George County Police Department attended a total of 2651 hours of training. The majority of those hours of training were completed at Crater Criminal Justice Academy. The academy is located on County Drive in Prince George County.

OVERVIEW:

The Prince George Police Department encourages employees to seek opportunities to develop their knowledge, skills, and abilities. Although every officer must attend a basic academy and periodic in-service training, the department strives to provide opportunities for specialized and advanced training for officers.

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

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

Additionally, the Prince George County Police Department recognizes its importance, and is committed to providing the best training available to all personnel.

TRAINING CONTINUED...

IN SERVICE TRAINING:

All sworn personnel of the department as required by law, biennially, attend a 40-hour in service school.

SPECIALTY TRAINING:

Specialized training is required for certain personnel and is geared towards enhancing our department's mission through innovative services. Examples include:

Aerosol Spray Instructor	Fire Investigations
Baton Instructor	Crash Team Investigations
Intoxilyzer Operator	Forensic Evidence Tech.
Community Policing Officer	Crime Prevention Specialist
Radar Instructor	Defensive Driving Instructor
Child Safety Seat Technician	School Resource Officer
Firearms Instructor	CPR Instructor
Crime Solvers Liaison	Canine Officer
Honor Guard	Defensive Tactics Instructor
Armorer	Marine Unit Operator
Field Training Officer	Polygraph Examiner
Emergency Medical Technician	General Instructor
ECW (Taser) Instructor	

Additionally, all police and communications officers are required to complete CIT Training.

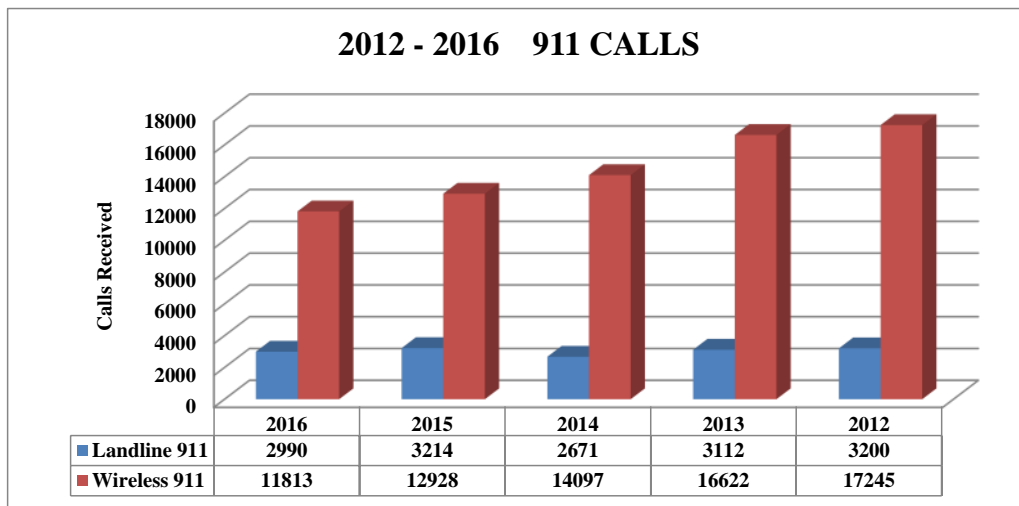
CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) is a well-documented and highly successful “pre-booking” diversion program that provides law enforcement officers training to assist individuals with a mental illness. The goals of CIT are:

- To reduce injury to officers and family members and individuals in crisis.
- Improve interactions between law enforcement and persons with mental illness.
- Prevent the inappropriate restraint, incarceration and stigmatization of persons with brain disorders.
- Link individuals in a mental health crisis to appropriate treatment and resources in the community.

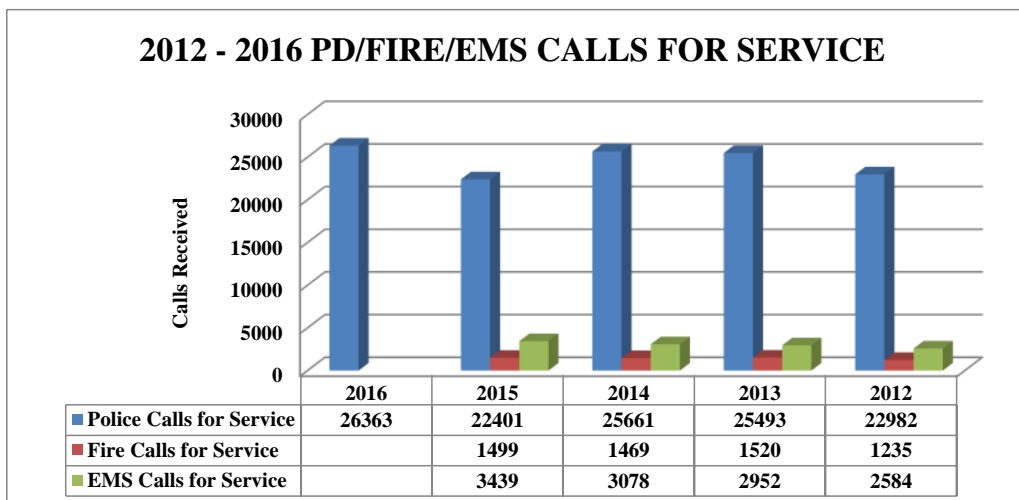
COMMUNICATIONS



The Prince George County Communications Center is staffed by professional communications personnel charged with providing round the clock service to the citizens of Prince George County. Their duties include, but are not limited to: receiving emergency 911 and non-emergency requests for Police, Animal Services and Fire/EMS. The Communications Officer must be able to determine the nature and urgency of incoming calls, prioritize the calls and dispatch the appropriate resources.



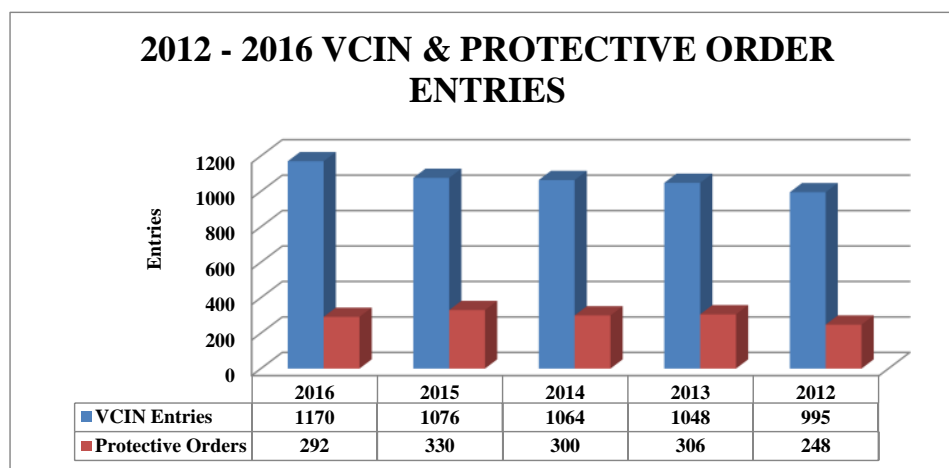
The mission of the Prince George Communications Center is to dispatch public safety services with the least possible delay after the request is received or requirement for emergency service is known to exist; to provide an efficient information service to public safety officials in the field in order to assist them in the safe and accurate completion of their duties.



COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUED...

The function of the Prince George County Emergency Communications Center is to serve as the communications liaison between the Public, Police Department, Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services, and to receive citizen's requests and efficiently relay all information necessary to the operation of the Department. It is the Emergency Communications Center's responsibility to the citizens and visitors within Prince George County, to provide for dispatch of Police, Fire and EMS service and public safety in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

The speed and accuracy with which information flows through each system component are measures of the agency's capability to respond to the needs of the community. The Emergency Communications Center monitors Radio, Telephone, Teletype and Automated Data Communications, CAD, and NCIC/VCIN.

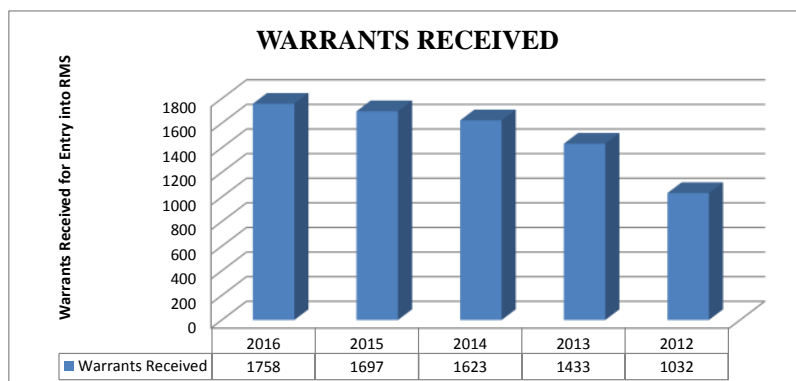
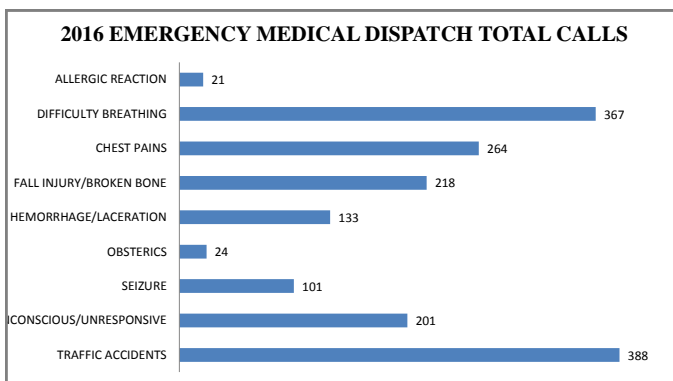
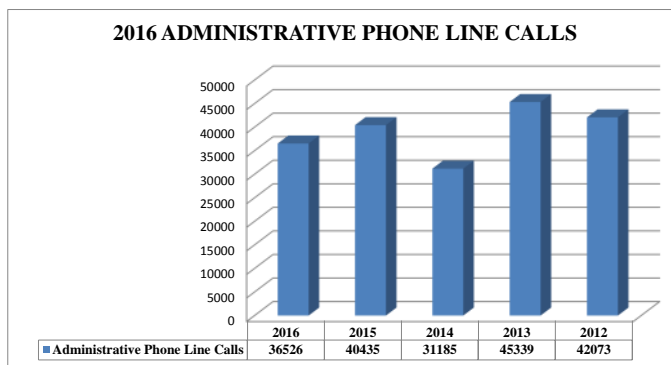


The Emergency Communications Center operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. A normal workweek consists of 40 hours, which include weekends and holidays.

The Center operates on a twelve (12) hour shift schedule with one (1) four (4) hour day during the workweek to maintain a forty (40) hour work week. Communication Officers are assigned to permanent shifts.

COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUED...

All Communications Officers are currently certified in Prince George Emergency Medical Dispatch, American Red Cross CPR Healthcare Provider, OSS I OneSolution CAD User, OSS I RMS User, CIT for Dispatchers, and DCJS. Many communications officers have acquired specialized training to include: general instructor, active shooter, suicide prevention, weapons of mass destruction, Spanish for law enforcement, ethics, evolution of terrorism, sovereign citizen, liability, dealing with difficult callers, homeland security, hazardous materials, and FEMA.





Building Safer Communities Together

In January of 2012, Prince George County launched Nixle, a Community Information Service designed to deliver important and timely information to County residents by using the latest technology. Nixle's mission is to enable government agencies, small to medium size businesses and enterprise-level organizations to communicate in a secure way and exchange multimedia content over a trusted mobile platform.

The Nixle service delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications by web, e-mail, and cell phone.

Nixle is a trusted resource and is available at no cost!

Register at www.nixle.com to start receiving important alerts today!

2016 Nixle Messages Distributed

Alert: 1
Advisory: 186
Community: 32
Total: 219

Nixle Users:

Email 1,069
SMS Text 1,317

**ALERT MESSAGES ARE TIME-SENSITIVE
AND REQUIRE RESIDENTS TO TAKE
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**Advisory messages are
intended to communicate
important, need-to-know
information.**

**Community messages
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