# Prince George County Police Department



# 2017 Annual Report

Colonel W. Keith Early
Chief of Police

"In Partnership with the Community"



#### Remembering the 9/11 Tragedy

The flag pictured on our front cover and above is an American Flag flown days after the 9/11 tragedy at Ground Zero. This flag was raised Friday morning, November 3, 2017, in front of the Prince George Police Department.

The Flag flew for nine minutes and eleven seconds as Police, Sheriff, Fire and EMS personnel looked on along with BOS Vice Chairman Donald Hunter and County Administrator Percy Ashcraft. The sacrifices, freedoms and history this Flag represents were humbling for all in attendance.

The ceremony was coordinated through the efforts of Prince George resident Don Vtipil, an advocate for veterans and their families and co-founder of the Military Assistance Program. During a recent visit to Williamsburg, Don was introduced to John Sullivan, the owner of American Eagle Flag and Flagpole, LLC. While discussing the benefit concert Don was coordinating, Mr. Sullivan mentioned that he was the caretaker of one of the U.S. Flags flown at Ground Zero during the recovery operations at the Twin Towers. Mr. Sullivan made a recommendation to have the Ground Zero Flag be part of the concert so he loaned it to Don for the weekend. The Ground Zero Flag is part of our history and it is shared around the country for citizens to see and touch.

# PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY POLICE

#### IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY

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#### Message from Colonel W. Keith Early, Chief of Police

The goal of the Prince George County Police Department is to prevent crime, protect life and property and serve our community with honor, distinction and pride. Your police department personnel continue to enjoy the responsibilities of safeguarding the quality of life that we all enjoy. Prince George County truly is a great place to live, work, play and raise a family.

On behalf of the men and women of the Prince George County Police Department, I am proud to present our 2017 Annual Report. This report highlights some of the many accomplishments, programs and initiatives that are the product of our dedicated workforce and the community partnerships we cherish. Also contained in this report are some statistical data related to crime, traffic incidents, calls for service, Animal Services and our Emergency Communications Center

As always, we thank our Board of Supervisors; County Administrator, Mr. Percy Ashcraft; our entire Prince George County Government Team; and most of all, our citizens for the trust, confidence and support that are vested in us. Your PGPD Team takes tremendous value in the relationships and partnership we enjoy with the diverse community we serve. Our motto is "In Partnership with the Community."

I am personally humbled and honored to lead such a talented, dedicated group of men and women. We hope you enjoy our 2017 Annual Report.

Sincerely,

Colonel W. Keith Early Chief of Police



#### **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.

#### **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.

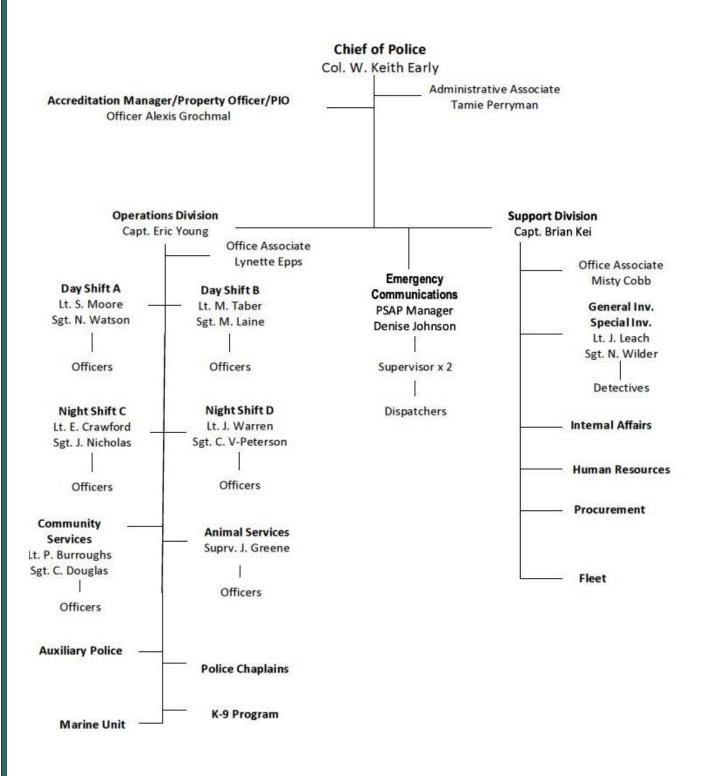
#### WHAT IT MEANS TO THE POLICE CHIEF:

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

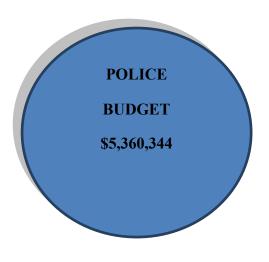
#### WHAT IT MEANS TO THE POLICE OFFICERS:

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.

## **2017 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**



#### **PERSONNEL AND BUDGET**



POLICE	Number of Positions
Police Chief	1
Captain	2
Lieutenant	6
Sergeant	6
Patrol Officer	26
Detective	7
Community Services	7
Accreditation/ Property/PIO	1
Auxiliary Officers (Volunteers)	12
<b>Total Sworn</b>	68
Administrative Associate	1
Office Associate	2
Part-Time	2
Chaplains (Volunteer)	5
<b>Total Positions</b>	78



<b>Emergency Communications</b>	<b>Number of Positions</b>
Manager	1
Supervisor	2
Dispatcher	14
<b>Total Positions</b>	17



Animal Services	<b>Number of Positions</b>	
Supervisor	1	
Animal Control Officer	3	
Office Associate	1	
Kennel Attendant	1	
Part-Time	4	
<b>Total Positions</b>	10	

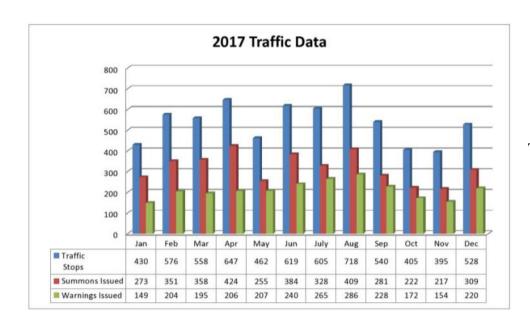
# 2016—2017 Crime Statistics

% Change	Cases Cleared	% Cleared
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13%	18	67%
73%	9	47%
-13%	140	59%
NC	1	100%
-43%	4	100%
0%	9	64%
68%	32	76%
-25%	3	100%
-3%	216	62%
-100%	0	NC
-32%	18	36%
-57%	6	67%
	2	
0%	0	50%
NC 52%	24	0% 48%
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5%	24	28%
13%	15	56%
-13%	36	35%
0%	1	100%
-10%	17	20%
36%	1	5%
67%	18	51%
7%	11	73%
-13%	34	19%
-6%	207	31%
2%	42	78%
27%	148	76%
100%	0	0%
-25%	2	67%
-56%	3	75%
23%	43	73%
18%	238	75%
-1%	661	50%
-1.49	501	5070
% Change	Cases Cleared	% Cleared
-28%	94	30%
-75%	1	100%
NC	1	100%
20%	5	83%
20%	24	67%
9%	70	99%
-15%	0	0%
-100%	0	NC
-27%	27	100%
13%	1	6%
		69%
-13%		86% 49%
	-7%	-7% 27 -13% 6

# **2017 Arrests**

JUVENILE	Arrests	Warrants Served
ASSAULT	5	5
CURFEW VIOLATION	9	9
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	7	7
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATION	6	6
LARCENY	3	3
RUNAWAY, JUVENILE	1	1
SEX OFFENSES	2	2
UNLAWFUL PURCHASE OR POSSESS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	1	1
VANDALISM/DAMAGE/DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	1	1
TOTAL	35	35
ADULTS	Arrests	Warrants Served
ALL OTHERS	68	122
ASSAULT	95	99
BURGLARY/BREAKING AND ENTERING	12	12
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	2	5
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	15	22
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	61	73
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATION	132	152
EMBEZZLEMENT	2	2
FRAUD	6	7
HOMICIDE-MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT	2	2
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	2	2
LARCENY	49	61
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT/STOLEN AUTO	1	1
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	1	1
PROSTITUTION	3	3
PUBLIC SWEARING OR INTOXICATION	23	25
ROBBERY	11	11
SEX OFFENSES	3	5
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	8	9
TRESPASSING	20	24
UNLAWFUL PURCHASE OR POSSESS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE	3	7
VANDALISM/DAMAGE/DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	8	11
WEAPON LAW OFFENSES	20	43
TOTAL	547	699

#### **COUNTY TRAFFIC STATISTICS**



**2017 Traffic Data Totals**Traffic Stops — 6,483
Summons — 3,811

Warnings — 2,526



# 2017 Total Traffic Crashes 1,085 Total Fatal Crashes 4

#### **PROMOTIONS AND CHANGES**

#### **Promotions**



January 31, 2017 - Sergeant Jodie Warren is promoted to Lieutenant.

#### **Changes**

Officer Philip Mayes from Patrol to School Resource Officer at Harrison Elementary School

Officer Alvin Jones from Patrol to School Resources Officer at N. B. Clements.

Officer Anthony Moegling from School Resource Officer to Patrol.

Denise Johnson (picture not available) from Public Safety IT to Public Safety Answering Point Manager

Officer Philip Mayes



Officer Alvin Jones



Officer Anthony Moegling



#### **NEW PERSONNEL**

(L-R) Captain Eric Young, Police Officer Recruit Justin Gilbert, Chief Keith Early, Captain Brian Kei





(L-R) Circuit Court Clerk Bishop Knot, Officer Vincent Christel, Chief Keith Early



(L-R) Captain Eric Young, Officer Sarah Tollison, Chief Keith Early, Captain Brian Kei



(L-R) Communications Officers Sean Kerley, Teresa Carter, Chief Keith Early



(L-R) Supervisor Donald Hunter, Captain Eric Young, Officer Bryan Allen, Chief Keith Early, Captain Brian Kei



Police Officer Recruit Jay Dee Johnson, III





(L-R) Circuit Court Clerk Bishop Knot, Captain Brian Kei, Chief Keith Early, Officer Timothy Vincent, Captain Eric Young, Sheriff Bucky Allin

(L-R) PSAP Manager Denise Johnson, Communications Officer Grayson Marshall, Chief Keith Early

#### **GRADUATES**

#### **Crater Criminal Justice Academy**



Police Officer Recruits Harold E. Allin, IV and McKenzie Love graduated from the 88th Basic Law Enforcement Police Academy on March 31, 2017.

Pictured from L-R: Lieutenant Paul Burroughs, Captain Brian Kei, Officer Harold E. Allin, IV, Officer McKenzie Love, Chief Keith Early, Captain Eric Young

**Police Officer Recruit Justin Gilbert** graduated from the 89th Basic Law Enforcement Police Academy on **September 9, 2017.** 

Pictured from L-R: Lieutenant Paul Burroughs, Captain Brian Kei, Chief Keith Early, Officer Justin Gilbert, Captain Eric Young, Bill Robertson, Board of supervisors Chairman; Percy Ashcraft, County Administrator





(L-R) Captain Brian Kei, Chief Keith Early, Detective Christina Noblin, Captain Eric Young

#### **Virginia Forensic Science Academy**

**Detective Christina Noblin** graduated from the 92nd Session of the Commonwealth of Virginia Forensic Science Academy on **June 30, 2017**. This training is an intensive, nine week program that is very challenging and nationally recognized. Christina's hard work will help advance our investigative capabilities to best serve PG County.

#### RETIREMENT



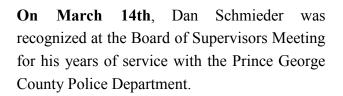
**Long-time D.A.R.E. officer**, friend to students, who as students referred to him as "Officer Dan" retired after 27 plus years in law enforcement. Officer Dan Schmieder was assigned to the School Resource Program at Harrison Elementary School.

Officer Schmieder built friendly relationships with students and presented lessons that would make a positive impact on their future.





Officer Schmieder is presented a shadowbox containing his past accomplishments. Pictured L-R: Captain Eric Young, Officer Dan Schmieder, Chief Keith Early





(L-R) Supervisor Donald Hunter, Dan Schmieder, Liza Schmieder

#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

#### February 2, 2017 Fire & EMS Awards

On February 2, at the Prince George Fire & EMS Awards Ceremony, members of the Prince George County Police Department were recognized with a Certification of Commendation and two Unit Citation Awards.



#### **Unit Citation- 16-1054**

Marine 1 Officer Butch Pearson Lieutenant Sean Moore Captain Jason Coker Sergeant Jodie Warren Officer Tom Milazzo

Marine 1 was recognized for the coordinated professional efforts on April 9, 2016 for the extraction of victims from the James River



#### Unit Citation- 16-2009

Prince George Police Department
Officer Ernest Dillard
Officer Patrick Hart
Officer Anthony Moegling
Officer Magen Moreno
Sergeant Cynthia Velazquez-Peterson
Lieutenant Michael Taber

Recognized for the coordinated professional efforts with Fire & EMS on July 11, 2016 for the search and rescue of a missing person which resulted in a positive outcome.

#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS continued...**

#### February 2, 2017 Fire & EMS Awards - continued

#### **Certificate of Commendation Power Phone**

Emergency Communications Supervisor Tiffany Shutt
Emergency Communications Supervisor Kari Wilson
Director of Information and Technology Kirsten Cherry
Lieutenant Chris Taylor
Firefighter/Medic Greg Simms

Communication Supervisors Tiffany Shutt and Kari Wilson were commended on their research, hard work and dedication to improve the service deliver to the citizens of Prince George County.



#### Lieutenant Earl Crawford Recognized

National African American History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their contributions to history, culture and society. **On February 24th,** Prince George High School recognized Lieutenant Earl Crawford for his contributions to our community. Lieutenant Crawford began his career as a police officer 14 years ago with the Prince George Police Department. He is an active member of the community, dedicating his time to connecting with youth and teaching them how to be empowered!



#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS continued...**

#### **MADD** Award



(L-R) PG Commonwealth's Attorney Susan Fierro, Officer Ernest Dillard, Chief Keith Early

On October 3, 2017, PGPD Officer Ernest (Ernie) Dillard was one of several officers from the Metro-Richmond area to be recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving Virginia for their exemplary efforts in DUI enforcement and education.

Proudly supporting Officer Dillard were Chief Keith Early and PG Commonwealth's Attorney Susan Fierro. Please join us in congratulating 'Ernie' for his dedication and hard work towards keeping our roadways safe.



#### Gang Investigator of the Year Award

On October 19, 2017, Detective Christopher Bryant received the Gang Investigator of the Year Award from the Virginia Association of Gang Investigators Association.

#### **Paul Harris Fellows**



**On November 14, 2017,** leaders of Prince George County, the Police Department, and the Rotary Club of Prince George County gathered to recognize three new Paul Harris Fellows.

The presentation of Paul Harris Fellow recognition is The Rotary Foundation's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational

programs. It is named after the founder, Paul Harris, a Chicago lawyer who started Rotary International with three business associates in 1905. Congratulations to (L-R) Robert (Bob) L. Woodward (United States Army Retired), Lieutenant Paul Burroughs and (far right) Sergeant W. Chris Douglas on being recognized as the world's newest Paul Harris Fellows!

#### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS continued...**

#### Master Assessor - Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission

**Sergeant Chris Douglas** with his accomplishment of becoming a Master Assessor for the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission.



(L-R) Chief W. Keith Early, Sergeant Chris Douglas

Prince George County Police Department became accredited via this Commission in the year 2013. Accreditation is a process by which Virginia agencies can be systematically measured, evaluated, and updated. The Commission's goals include the following: To increase the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement agencies; to promote public confidence in law enforcement, and to promote the professionalism of law enforcement agencies in Virginia.

Sergeant Douglas, having now become a 'Master Assessor,' will play a lead role in evaluating police departments throughout this Commonwealth. Departments undergoing these assessments desire to either attain or retain the status of an 'accredited agency.'



L-R) Captain Brian Kei, Captain Eric Young, Communications Supervisor Tiffany Shutt, Communications Officer Erika Edwards, PSAP Manager Denise Johnson, Chief W. Keith Early

# 4th Annual CIT Awards Dispatcher of the Year

On November 17th - Communications Officer Erika Edwards was recognized by the Riverside Community Criminal Justice Board during the 4th Annual Crisis Intervention Training Awards Ceremony.

Please join us in congratulating Erika for being selected 'Dispatcher of the Year.'

#### **2017 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

January



Communications
Officer Judy Chalkley

February



Lieutenant Sean Moore

March



Misty Cobb

April



Officer Charles E. Santilli, III

May



Officer James Shutt

June



Officer Travis Stewart

July



Officer Kelly Borshch

August



Officer Randolph B. Dalton, Jr.

September







Officer Anthony Moegling

October

November



K-9 Unit-Officer Randolph B. Dalton, Jr. and K-9 Chace

December



Tamie Perryman

Detective Unit



Captain Eric Young
Commander, Field Operations

#### **FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION**

#### Uniform Patrol

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

#### **Community Services Unit**

- Animal Services
- Chaplain Program
- School Resource Officers

The Field Operations Division is comprised of Uniform Patrol and the Community Services 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 consists of six (6) sworn officers (various shift assignments). The 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.









In 2017, the Crash Team investigated four fatal crashes and one additional crash for an outside jurisdiction.

#### K-9 UNIT

During 2017, the K-9 Unit had 27 utilizations and 15 drug arrests. The Unit



consists of one canine and his handler. K-9 Chace is a 4 year old, male, Belgian Malinois who joined the department in December of 2016. Chace's enforcement training took place in Holland and then continued in the U.S at USK9 Unlimited in Kaplan, Louisiana. He will serve the department as a dual purpose K-9 in Patrol and Narcotics. The Belgian Malinois breed is smart, confident, hardworking, and steadfast loyal.

The Unit has assisted local, state and federal agencies in investigations throughout Prince George, Petersburg, Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Hopewell and Dinwiddie. These investigations have led to the arrest of subjects involved in robbery, drug distribution, hit and run, domestic assaults, assault on law enforcement, weapons violations and felony eluding.



To prepare for certification, he received the following training: Patrol training in Chesterfield and Narcotics training in Richmond to become certified in Marijuana, Cocaine, Heroin, Ecstasy, and Methamphetamine detection.

To maintain certification through the Virginia Police Work Dog Association, Chace and his handler are required to train monthly in his specialty and recertify annually.



K-9 Handler Officer Randolph B. Dalton, Jr. and K-9 Chace.

#### 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. 2017 marks the 11th year of operation for the Marine Unit.

The Unit is staffed by nine Police Officers and two 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 2017**, the unit responded to a variety of incidents; some of these responses included a request for assistance from U.S. Coast Guard to help search for a possible vessel in distress, looking for missing or overdue boaters and towing of boats and hazards from the navigable waterways within the county.



Some of the other activities the Marine Unit participated in during calendar year 2017 included holiday patrols for "Memorial Day and "Labor Day" along the James and Appomattox rivers in Prince George; assisting U.S. Coast Guard during "Norfolk Harborfest"; assisting the City of Hopewell with a fireworks display in the Appomattox river and escorting the annual "Boat Parade of Lights" between Jordan Point Prince George and City Point Hopewell.





#### **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. 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 2017, Auxiliary Police Officers volunteered 962.5 hours of service**. Prince George County Auxiliary Officers have full Police powers.













(L-R) First Row—Officer Makenzie Brinson, Officer Raleigh Field, Officer Edward Harless, Officer Ivan "Nick" Hart, Second Row—Officer Andrew Kvasnicka, Officer Gary Lively, Officer Vaughan Moody (picture not available)

#### **2017 Top Three Contributors Auxiliary Officers**

Officer Hart 312 hours

Officer Fields 190 Hours

Officer Lively 147 hours



In Memory of Edward Victor Wisneski November 28, 1944 – June 16, 2017

Charter Member of the Prince George County Auxiliary Police Officers Deputy Sheriff for the Prince George County Sheriff's Office

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT**

**The Community Services Unit** comprises the Community Services Program, Crime Prevention Program, School Resource Officers and Animal Services. The Community Services Program encompasses the Community Services 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 Services Program is staffed by four Community Services 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. Some of these events included 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 Services Officers provide service support to the Patrol and Detective Divisions as well as other County Departments.







#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT continued...**



**Crime Prevention Program** 

The Crime Prevention Program educates citizens and business owners by providing crime prevention tips and information resources on a wide-range of topics including identity theft, fraud, personal, senior, and internet safety.

**In 2017**, Officers conducted several Crime Prevention Programs and training seminars to the citizens of Prince George County and other communities around the Tri-Cities. Four

"Civilian Response to Active Shooter" (C.R.A.S.E.) classes were taught to citizens and youth

that participated in the various public safety academies that were hosted by the Prince George County Police Department. One C.R.A.S.E. class was opened to the citizens of Prince George County and surrounding localities through a partnership with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). The Community Services 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 Services Officers also work with the Community Development Department to address code compliance and property maintenance issues. The Community Services Officers manage eight neighborhoods participating in the Neighborhood Watch program.



**Neighborhood Watch** 

#### **ANIMAL SERVICES UNIT**

The Animal Services Unit enforces the County's Animal Ordinance and Virginia state law relating to animals. Animal Services provides animal adoptions, locates 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.

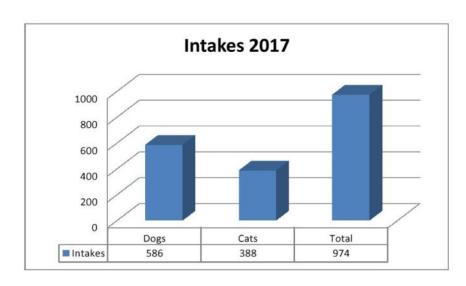
There are four Animal Control Officers and four support personnel who work from the Animal Services and Adoption center located at 8391 County Drive. Animal Control Officers are available to respond to animal related emergencies 24-hours a day 365-days a year.



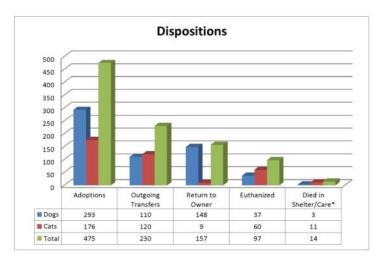
In 2017, the Animal Services Unit responded to over 2,000 calls for service, held 18 adoption events, obtained 22 convictions for animal cruelty and neglect, held 3 fundraisers, 18 therapy dog visits and had the largest annual open house to date.

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 Santilli, ACO Rachel Dlugos





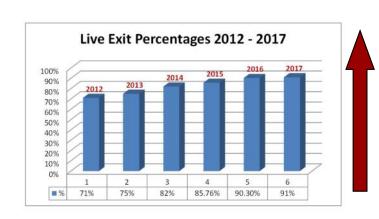
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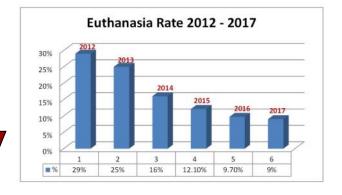




\*includes un-weaned kittens and puppies that died in house, in foster care, or at the veterinarian









#### **ANIMAL SERVICES UNIT continued...**

#### **CERTIFIED THERAPY K-9 COAL**



The Prince George County Police Department acquired access to a very special kind of Officer in October of 2016. He is a 9 year old, purebred, AKC registered, German Shepherd Dog, named Coal. Coal is a certified therapy K9, who was certified through Therapy Dogs International in 2015. Coal has been a working K9 his whole life. He began his career by earning and winning awards

in Canine Good Citizenship, obedience training, and K9 agility courses. Coal goes to work every day with a specific mission in mind; to comfort citizens, whether they find themselves being victims of crime, or helping young children learn to read. His handlers are Animal Control Officer S.L. Santilli and Police Officer C.E. Santilli. **In 2017**, Coal and his handlers conducted 18 therapy dog visits.







**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 by offering a personal awareness of the criminal justice system through training, practical experiences and other activities. In addition to meeting twice a week, the Prince George Explorer Post assists the Police Department at various functions and events.

In 2017, six Explorers contributed a total of 124.5 hours at 19 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. Two members competed in a Regional Explorer Competition with each winning an award. Two members attended the Law Cadet Program at the Virginia State Police Academy.

#### **Virginia Explorer Competition**

**On April 1**, the Prince George County Police Department Explorer Post 107 participated in the Virginia Explorer Competition sponsored by the Virginia Association of Law Enforcement Explorer Advisors (VALEEA). The competition was held at the Virginia Public Safety Training Center. Explorer Posts from all over the state participated in the competition.

Congratulations to our very own Wallace Canada and Maryia Kientzler, both took first place in the

physical agility course.







#### 28th Annual Youth Law Cadet Program

Wallace Canada (L) and Maryia Kientzler (R), both graduated from the 28th Annual Youth Law Cadet Program sponsored by the American Legion and held at the Virginia State Police Training Academy. This week long camp provides cadets with first-hand experiences and insights into law enforcement operations. This allows the cadets an opportunity to consider law enforcement as a potential career choice. Maryia Kienzler received the Camp Councilor's award as outstanding student.



**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.

#### **School Resource Officer Day**

On May 9, 2011, the School Board approved to annually celebrate the third Wednesday in May as School Resource Officer Day which coincides with National Law Enforcement Week in May.

The School Resource Officer Services Program was started in 1998 to promote a partnership between the police and school system to provide a safe school environment, assist with crime prevention and intervention and support school staff in teaching students citizenship skills.

School Resource Officers John Pearson, Eric McQuage, Cliff Skelton, Anthony Moegling and Philip Mayes were recognized on May 8, 2017 by the School Board at their annual meeting in celebration of School Resource Officer Day/National Law Enforcement Week.

School Board Chairman, Kevin Foster, commended the officers for their dedication to the students, staff and our community.





(L-R) School Board members: Roger Franklin, Vice Chairman Lewis Stevenson, Robert Cox, Reeve Ashcraft, Chairman Kevin Foster, Officers Tony Moegling, Eric McQuage, John Pearson, Philip Mayes, Cliff Skelton, School Superintendent Renee Williams

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 3 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.







(L-R) New Safety Seat Technicians—Lt. Paul Burroughs, Officer John Vasquez, Officer Cliff Skelton



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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 nine child safety seat inspection events with approximately 125 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**

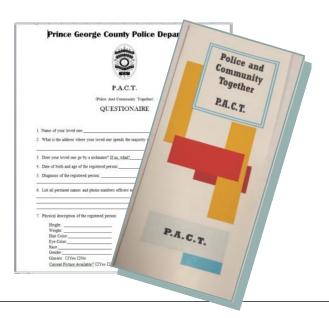
In 2013, the Prince George County Police Department developed and implemented an exciting and innovative program for our autistic residents - the **Police and Community Together** program, also known as **P.A.C.T.** The Police Department recognizes the need to partner with the families of a special segment 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 Services Unit at:

804-863-1847 or communitypolicing@princegeorgecountyva.gov



**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 2017 our Chaplains have provided over 121 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.



4th 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.





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.

REVEREND CHRISTOPHER JENKINS, AKA PASTOR CHRIS,

#### **2017 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 sixth year in a row.

The 2017 Polar Plunge-Winter Festival-Virginia Beach event was held on February 4th with almost 3,500 participants taking the plunge into sub 40-degree temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean.

This year the "Prince George County COPsicles" had 33 team members and were able to raise over \$14,700.00 for Special Olympics. As of today, the "COPsicles" were ranked 9th out of 250+ different teams at the Polar Plunge-Winter Festival for money raised.

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



The officers and deputies were there to support the Prince George Special Olympics Programs and the Law Enforcement Torch Run by trading in their handcuffs and badges for menus and serving trays. Donations, in the form of tips, were accepted for this worthy cause. This year we were able to raise over \$3,200 hundred dollars for Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. We are proud to report that total monies raised were more than any previous years for this fundraiser.

A special thanks to all those that made the Nanny's Tip-A-Cop such a huge success this year, all to benefit the Virginia Special Olympics, and especially the Prince George Special Olympic Athletes.









Officer Vasquez presenting Ken Robinson (PG Special Olympics Coordinator) with a check for funds raised.

#### **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. The Torch Run is
part of a year-round, grassroots
fundraising campaign by law
enforcement agencies to benefit their
local Special Olympics Program.





## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2017**



The Prince George County Police Department participated in the "34th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) on August 1, 2017. NNO 2017 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 2,250 participants in 2017. 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!



2017 National Night Out Photo Contest Winner Union Branch Baptist Church



Puddledock Place Apartments, winner of the 2016 Photo Contest is presented with the 2017 National Night Out cake.

# OPEN HOUSE October 12, 2017



The Police Department held its Open House on October 12th.

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**

On April 29th and October 28th, the Prince George Police Department participated in the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. The goal of this service is to help prevent misuse of unused, unwanted, or possibly dangerous prescription or over-the-counter medications, and to prevent potential health and safety hazards by using the old method of throwing the medications in the garbage or flushing them.

These events were extremely successful with a total of 390 pounds of drugs collected. Prince George Police Department would like to thank the DEA, the volunteers, and the citizens whose participation made the event a huge success.





# 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 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 problems larger 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 Neighborhood Watch and will allow "neighbors" to have an avenue for information sharing as well 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 240 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 Services Unit at (804) 863-1847 or communitypolicing@princegeorgecountyva.gov.

# Safe Exchange Zone

Your Prince George County Police Department is excited to offer a "Safe Exchange Zone" on the parking lot directly beside the Bland Building located at 6600 Courthouse Road, Prince George VA 23875. The Prince George Police Department is one of several law enforcement agencies now offering an Exchange Zone as a safer alternative to other meeting locations, such as a private residence or retail center parking lot.

The "Safe Exchange Zone" is a designated, signed area on our parking lot that may be used for custody transfers, private party exchanges from online purchases, or other private party transfers of property where safety may be a concern. The area is video recorded 24-hours a day. As a matter of routine business, police officers will not be present during transactions, and the video will not always be monitored in real time.

We believe that arranging to meet in these designated areas will potentially deter individuals wanting to engage in







criminal activity. These designated areas also allow citizens to maintain a level of privacy by not disclosing the location of their residence. If someone is not willing to come to the Prince George Police Department to complete an exchange, it could be a scam and possibly not worth pursuing.

Our parking lot has been quietly used for years and we are now publicly inviting and encouraging our community to utilize the new "Safe Exchange Zone." The optimal transaction time of Monday - Friday, between 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. is recommended.

#### PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY COMMUNITY 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 citizens of the basic functions of the three departments. The 2017 academy was composed of 10 weeks 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

**Criminal Investigations** 

Community Services and Initiatives

Frauds and Scams

Victim Witness Program

Communications

**Animal Services** 

# 4<sup>th</sup> Police Community Academy Graduation - November 17, 2017

Graduates of the 4th Police Community Academy Training Sessions - September 5 - November 14, 2017



# PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY YOUTH PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY





The Prince George County Police Department, in conjunction with Fire & EMS, held its first YPSA (Youth Public Safety Academy) from June19th to June 30th. Prince George YPSA is a two week-long camp designed to expose our young citizens to role models in public safety – namely their local police, fire, emergency medical services (EMS) personnel, as well as to teach them valuable life and safety lessons. The academy is limited to twenty five students in each class, with a minimum of 10 students for the class to run. The 2017 YPSA had 23 participants from the Junior High School and High School.

#### **Requirements:**

Interest in Public Safety (Fire or EMS)

Commitment to successfully complete the academy.

Prince George County students, rising 9th thru 12th grade

One written reference letter from a staff member at the applicant's current school

#### **Topics Include:**

Crime Scene Investigations
Fire Suppression
Evidence Collection
Vehicle Extrications
Crisis Intervention
Search and Rescue
Building Searches
High Angle Rescues
Defensive Driving
Traffic Laws
Judicial Process
Investigations
K-9 (dogs in police activities)
AND MORE!!!











#### SUPPORT OPERATIONS DIVISION

- General Investigations
- Special Investigations
- Internal Affairs
- Human Resources
- Procurement
- Fleet

Captain Brian Kei Commander, Support Operations

**The Support Operations Division** supports all Police activities. It is comprised of the Police Administrative personnel, and the Investigations Unit. Personnel in the Police Administrative Division are responsible for hiring, payroll, evidence control, equipment, records, budget, fleet maintenance, purchasing, grants and training.

Investigations	<ul> <li>Investigation of all serious and multiple crimes</li> <li>Employee background and investigations</li> <li>Participation in the Regional Drug Task Force</li> </ul>			
Property & Evidence	<ul> <li>Packaging</li> <li>Record Keeping</li> <li>Release of Property</li> <li>Destruction of Property</li> </ul>			
Human Resources	<ul> <li>Hiring of police officers, communication officers, animal control officers, and other civilian staff who work for the Police Department.</li> <li>Yearly physical ability testing of sworn officers.</li> <li>Promotional processes</li> </ul>			
Procurement	<ul> <li>Operate budgets of Police, Communications, and Animal Services.         (7 million dollars)</li> <li>Equipment, Lease Agreements, Vehicles, Uniforms, etc.</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Internal Affairs</li> <li>Administrative vs Criminal</li> <li>Adjudication</li> </ul>				

## **GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

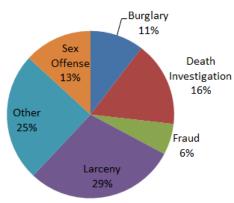


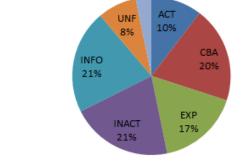
The General Investigations Unit is supervised by Lieutenant John Leach. The unit is comprised of detectives charged with the responsibility to investigate felony crimes which are listed in the charts below. These detectives are trained and equipped to conduct specialized services such as, forensic crime scene evidence collection; adult and child sexual assault investigations; fire and explosive investigations; surveillance operations; and polygraph examinations. In the past year, the Unit had an overall clearance rate of 69%.

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## **Cases Investigated**





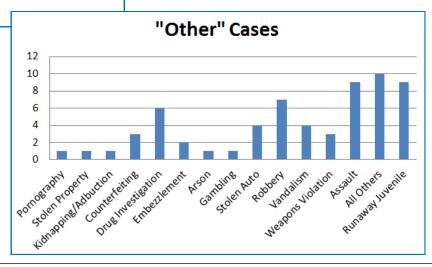
Case Status

In 2017, the Unit was assigned 250 cases, with an average of 50 cases per detective.

59 cases are currently active, 49 have been cleared by arrest and 8 have warrants on file.

In addition to the cases assigned, a total of 60 polygraphs were administered by the Unit.

ACT–Active
CBA–Cleared By Arrest
EXP–Exceptionally Cleared
INACTIVE–Inactive
INFO–Information Only
UNF–Unfounded
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#### **SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**

**During 2017**, the role of the Vice/Narcotics transitioned from a unit that solely concentrated on drug enforcement to a unit that tackles an assortment of investigative matters. Thus, the group was renamed the Special Investigations Unit.

While drug enforcement is an integral function of this unit, additional responsibilities include surveillance operations, tracking opioid overdoses, investigating rash/pattern crimes, proactive enforcement operations in high crime areas, and assist general investigations.

SIU conducted 19 undercover buy operations during 2017. These operations resulted in the seizure of illegal narcotics to include; cocaine, marijuana, ecstasy, heroin and other opioids with the street value of \$3,490.00. In addition to the undercover operations, SIU conducted a drug sweep of Prince George High School. No illegal substances were located during this operation. The Unit participated in operation "Home Contact" 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. SIU also conducted training for police and fire personnel on methamphetamine awareness.

**The Warrant Execution Team** is a specialized unit consisting of two team leaders and six members from within General Investigations, SIU and Community Policing. The team leaders organize the monthly training and plan the various operations for the team.



The Commander of Support Operations oversees the operations of this team. The primary responsibilities of the team are the execution of search warrants and arrest warrants.

The team is not intended to be utilized during identified, high risk situations that would otherwise require the response of Special Weapons and Tactics Team. The Unit performed multiple special operations within the year 2017.



# **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 Retired Police Captain K. V. Butler. Mr. Butler 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 \$5,000.

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

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 2017, members of the Prince George County Police Department attended a total of 5,360 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

Baton Instructor
Intoxilyzer Operator

**Community Services Officer** 

Radar Instructor

Child Safety Seat Technician

Firearms Instructor
Crime Solvers Liaison

Honor Guard

Armorer

Field Training Officer

**Emergency Medical Technician** 

ECW (Taser) Instructor

Fire Investigations

Crash Team Investigations
Forensic Evidence Tech.
Crime Prevention Specialist
Defensive Driving Instructor

School Resource Officer

CPR Instructor
Canine Officer

**Defensive Tactics Instructor** 

Marine Unit Operator Polygraph Examiner General 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.

#### **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**



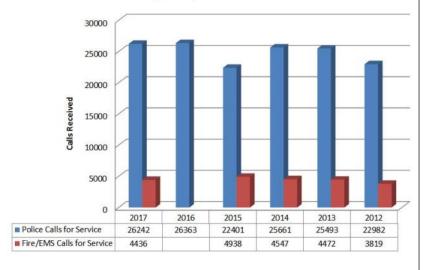
The Prince George County Communications Center is staffed by professional communications personnel charged with providing 24/7/365 service to the citizens of Prince George County. Their duties include, but are not limited to, receiving emergency 911 and non-emergency requests for Police, Animal Services 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.

Landline 911 ■ Wireless 911 

2012 - 2017 911 CALLS

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.

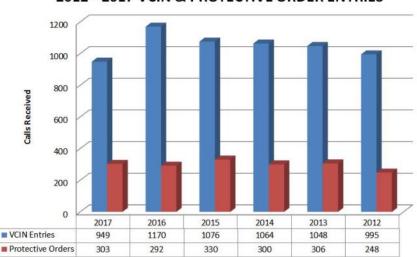
#### 2012 - 2017 PD/FIRE/EMS CALLS FOR SERVICE



## **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.

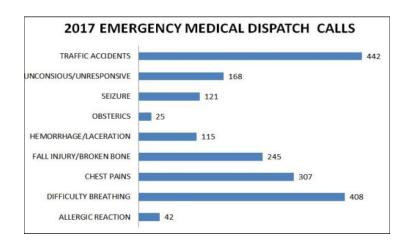


2012 - 2017 VCIN & PROTECTIVE ORDER ENTRIES

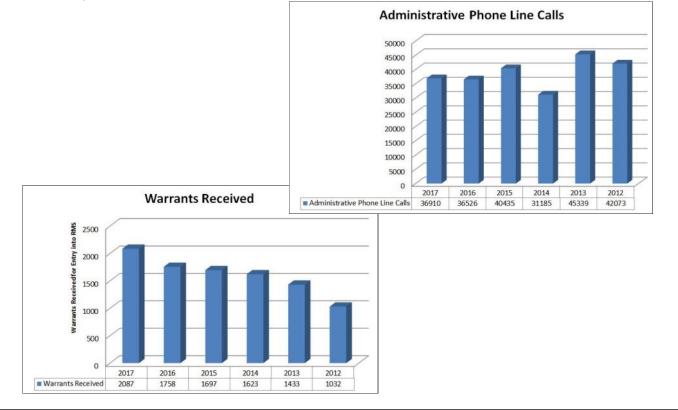
The Emergency Communications Center operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. A normal workweek consists of 40 hours, which include weekends and holidays.

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, OSSI OneSolution CAD User, OSSI 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!

#### **2017 Nixle Messages Distributed**

Alert: 2

Advisory: 168

Community: 23

Total: 193

**Nixle Users:** 

**Email 1,922** 

**SMS Text 1,450** 

ALERT MESSAGES ARE TIME-SENSITIVE AND REQUIRE RESIDENTS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION.

Advisory messages are intended to communicate important, need-to-know information.

Community messages convey everyday local news and developments.