

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2021



“In Partnership with the Community”

W. Keith Early
Chief of Police

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Message from Colonel W. K. Early, Chief of Police

While our PGPD Team has continued to work through challenging times, we have remained committed with our efforts to provide the very best police services possible for our community.

The mission of our police department is straight-forward. We strive to prevent crime, detect and apprehend criminals, protect life and property, address quality of life issues, and to serve our community with compassion, honor, distinction and pride. The basic building blocks of our policing philosophy include partnering with our community, proactive policing, and problem solving.

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 statistical data related to crime, traffic incidents, calls for service, Animal Services and our Emergency Communications Center.

Regarding crime within the borders of Prince George County, when comparing calendar year 2021 to the calendar year 2020, violent crime increased by 1%. Similarly, property crime also increased by an overall 1%. We recorded 1932 incidents of total crime compared to 1914 incidents in 2020 (1% increase). Comparisons to our five-year crime averages are displayed on pages 9 and 10 of this report.

Regarding highway safety, during calendar year 2021, there were 1012 reported vehicular crashes throughout the County. During calendar year 2020, there were 1009 reported crashes (less than 1% increase). Highway safety initiatives continue to be a priority for our agency.

As always, we thank our Board of Supervisors; Interim County Administrator, Mr. Jeffrey D. Stoke; 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 values the relationships and partnerships we enjoy with the diverse community we serve. Our motto is, and will remain, "In Partnership with the Community."

I, along with all of the men and women of PGPD, remain humbled and honored to serve our cherished Prince George County community. We hope you enjoy our 2021 Annual Report.

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
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.

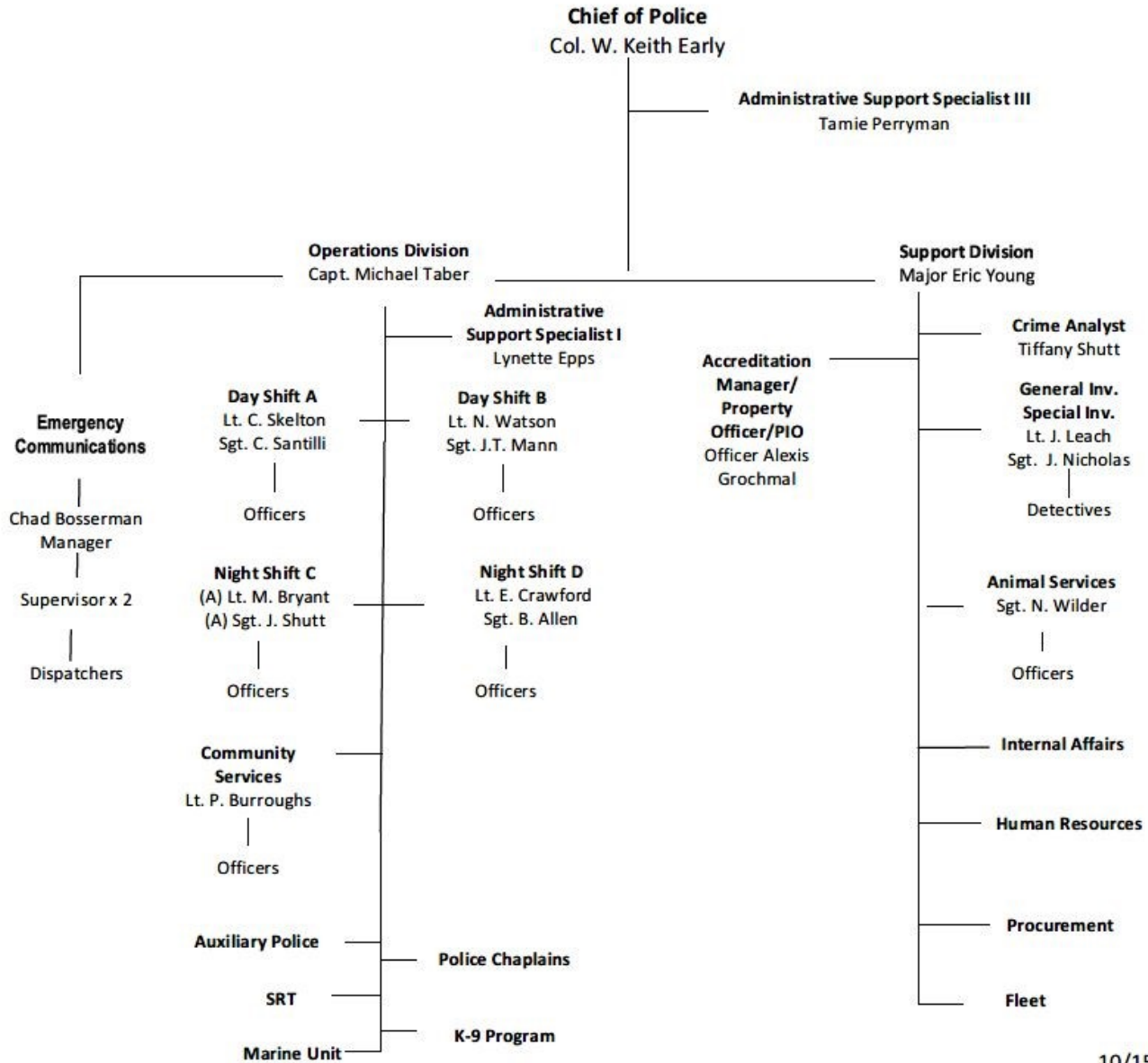
Vision

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.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



10/15/21

PERSONNEL AND BUDGET

POLICE BUDGET

\$6,524,301

POLICE	Number of Positions
Police Chief	1
Major	1
Captain	1
Lieutenant	6
Sergeant	5
Patrol Officer	28
Detective	7
Community Services	9
Accreditation/Property/PIO	1
Auxiliary Officers (Volunteers)	8
Total Sworn	67
CIVILIAN	
Administrative Support Specialist	2
Crime Analyst	1
Part-Time	2
Chaplains (Volunteers)	3
Total Positions	75

PERSONNEL AND BUDGET

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER BUDGET

\$1,523,279

ECC	Number of Positions
Manager	1
Supervisor	2
Communication Officers	14
Total Positions	17

ANIMAL SERVICES BUDGET

\$514,931

Animal Services	Number of Positions
Supervisor	1
Animal Control Officers	3
Civilian	
Adoption Coordinator	1
Kennel Attendant	1
Part-Time	4
Total Positions	10

POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL BUDGET: \$8,562,511

CRIME STATISTICS

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program enacted the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) with requirements for all Law Enforcement Agencies to be in compliance as of January 1, 2019.

This program ensures all agencies are reporting information which is collected based upon incident and arrests to be utilized in research, planning, and assessment of the nation's crime.

Offenses are listed by type with comparisons from previous years in Prince George County illustrated. As this program is continuously growing, more offenses are being added and there are new additions, such as Animal Cruelty and Hacking/Computer Invasion.

Crime Stats at a Glance

"A" Offenses , or Serious Crimes

Violent Crimes: Increase of 1% compared to 2020.

Property Crimes: Increase of 1% compared to 2020.

"B" Offenses, or Less Serious Crimes

Crimes within this category increased 13% compared to 2020. Examples of "B" Offenses include public intoxication, trespassing, disorderly conduct, curfew, etc.

Total Crime

Overall, there were 1,932 reported incidents of crime in calendar year 2021. During calendar year 2020, 1,914 incidents of crime were reported; total crime in Prince George County shows an increase of 1% compared to 2020.

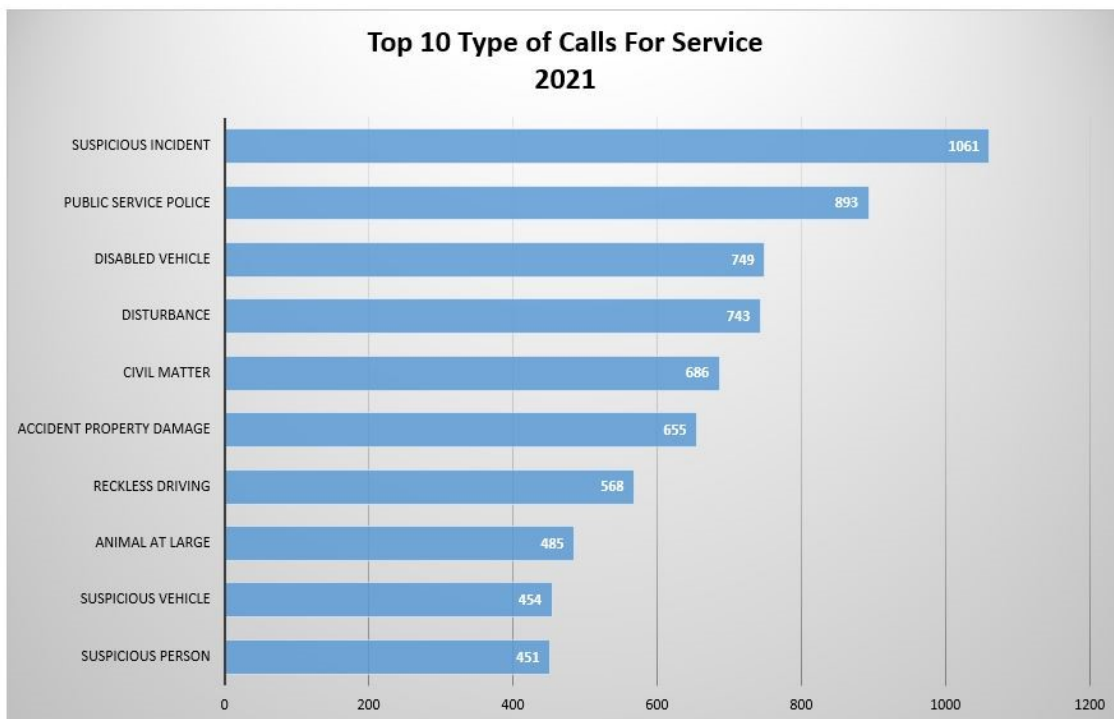
CRIME STATISTICS - "A" OFFENSES

"A" Offenses	TOTAL IN 2021	5 YR AVERAGE	TOTAL DIFFERENCE	CLEARED ARREST EXCEPTIONAL OR UNFOUNDED	TOTAL CLEARANCE FOR 2021
Violent Crimes					
Homicide-Murder/Non-negligent	5	1	400%	5	100%
<i>Vehicular Manslaughter</i>	2	1	100%	2	100%
<i>Murder</i>	3	1	200%	3	100%
Assault	338	302	12%	231	68%
<i>Aggravated Assault - Domestic: 39</i>	79	36	119%	61	77%
<i>Simple Assault - Domestic: 149</i>	226	244	-7%	154	68%
<i>Assault by Intimidation - Domestic: 9</i>	35	23	52%	18	51%
Kidnapping/Abduction	9	5	80%	7	78%
Robbery	10	10	0%	5	50%
Sex Offenses	38	37	3%	25	66%
Total Violent Crimes	400	355	12%	273	68%
Property Crimes					
Arson	5	1	400%	4	80%
Burglary	53	53	0%	12	23%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	9	16	-44%	4	44%
Embezzlement	8	4	100%	4	50%
Extortion/Blackmail	2	2	0%	0	0%
Fraud (categories below)	170	81	110%	27	16%
<i>False Pretense/Swindle</i>	33	24	38%	9	27%
<i>Credit Card/ATM</i>	39	26	50%	8	21%
<i>Impersonation</i>	2	7	-71%	0	0%
<i>Welfare Fraud</i>	17	1	1600%	0	0%
<i>Wire Fraud</i>	31	9	244%	5	16%
<i>Identity Theft</i>	45	12	275%	7	16%
<i>Hacking/Computer Invasion</i>	3	2	40%	0	0%
Larceny (categories below)	286	314	-9%	66	23%
<i>Pick Pocket</i>	1	1	0%	0	0%
<i>Purse-Snatching</i>	0	1	-100%	0	0%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	60	41	46%	22	37%
<i>Theft from a Building</i>	43	84	-49%	15	35%
<i>Theft from a Coin Machine</i>	3	1	200%	2	67%
<i>Theft from a Motor Vehicle</i>	42	73	-42%	3	7%
<i>Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts</i>	56	26	115%	8	14%
<i>All Other Larceny</i>	81	87	-7%	16	20%
Motor Vehicle Theft	44	30	47%	18	41%
Stolen Property Offenses	13	16	-19%	11	85%
Destruction/Vandalism	187	164	14%	58	31%
Total Property Crimes	777	681	14%	204	26%
Crimes Against Society					
Animal Cruelty	8	9	-11%	3	38%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	178	219	-19%	141	79%
Drug Equipment Violations	84	58	44%	67	80%
Gambling		1	-100%	0	
Pornography/Obscene Material	13	9	44%	6	46%
Prostitution	2	4	-50%	1	50%
Weapon Law Offenses	85	57	49%	62	73%
Total Crimes Against Society	370	357	4%	280	76%
Total "A" Offenses	1547	1394	11%	757	49%

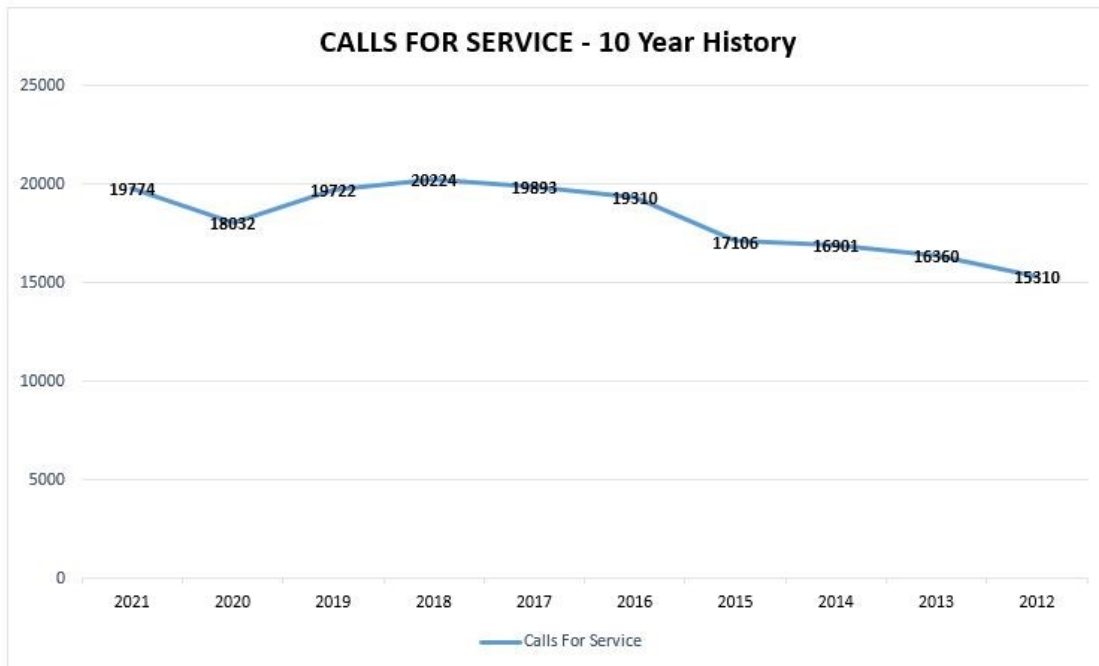
CRIME STATISTICS - "B" OFFENSES

"B" Offenses	Total 2021	5 YR AVERAGE	Total Difference	Cleared Arrest Exceptional or Unfounded	Total Clearance for 2021
Bad Checks	1	3	-67%	1	100%
Curfew Violation/Vagrancy	1	8	-88%	1	100%
Disorderly Conduct	24	39	-38%	18	75%
Driving Under the Influence	80	73	10%	78	98%
Family Offenses, Non-Violent	15	15	0%	10	67%
Peeping into Occupied Dwelling		1	-100%	0	
Public Swearing or Intoxication	41	34	21%	40	98%
Trespassing	39	36	8%	30	77%
Liquor Law Violations	12	6	100%	11	92%
All Other Offenses	172	281	-39%	137	80%
Total B Offenses	385	496	-22%	326	85%

CALLS FOR SERVICE



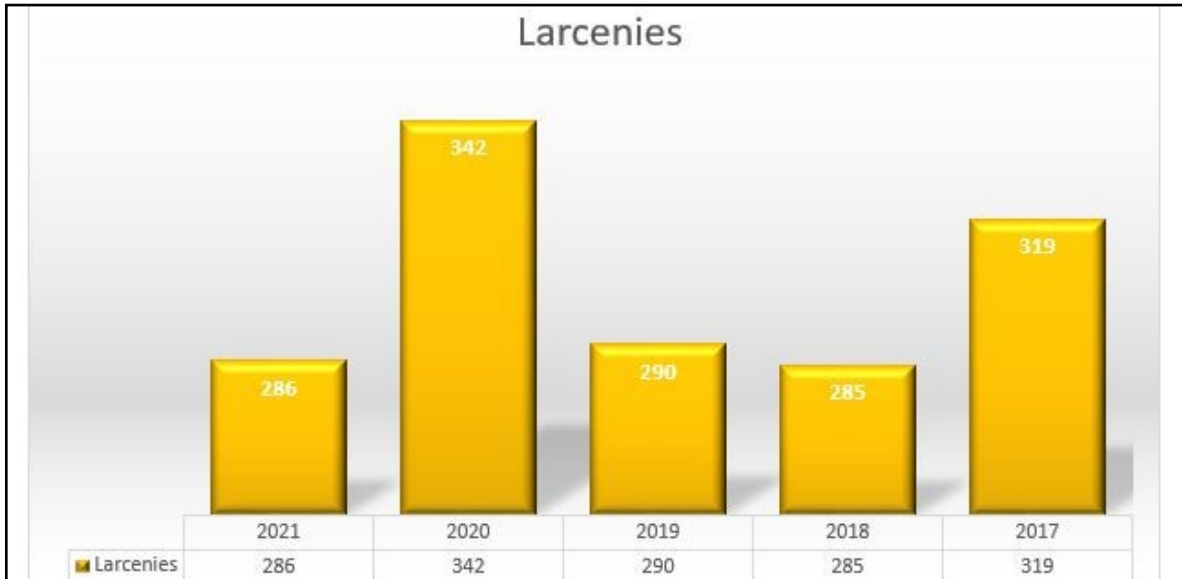
CALLS FOR SERVICE continued



MENTAL HEALTH

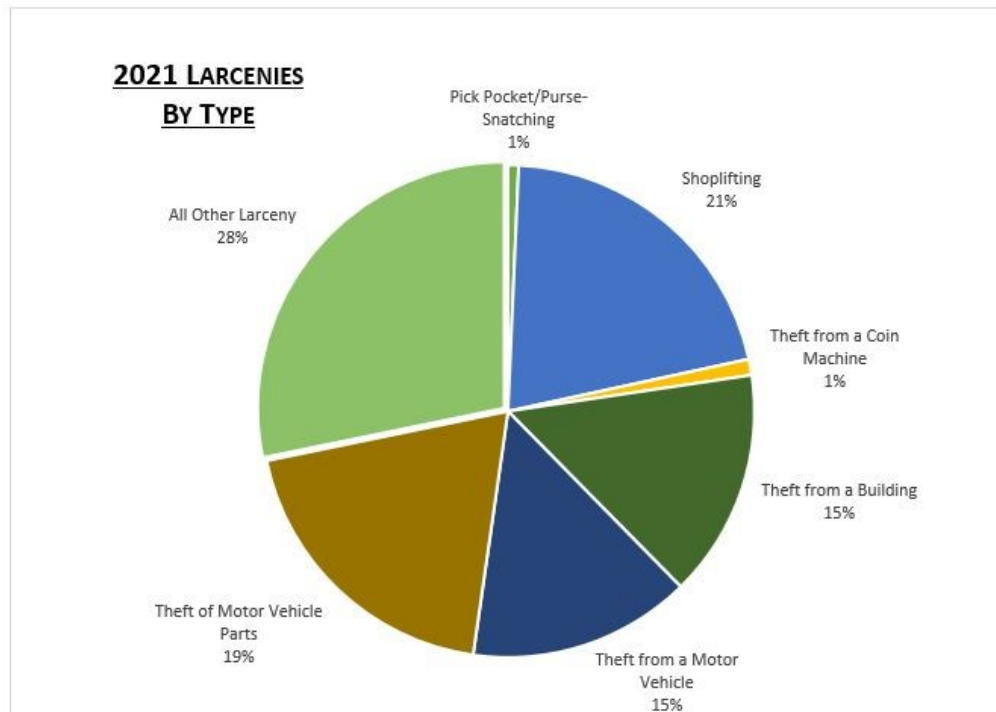
The COVID pandemic has affected many aspects in law enforcement, including mental health service. Prince George County Police has observed a 15% increase in Emergency Custody Orders and Temporary Detention orders issued and served, from 68 in 2020 to 78 in 2021. Additionally, there are times when these processes can be lengthy depending upon the mental health facility availabilities and transportation times. In 2021, over 525 hours were spent on mental health calls for service.

CRIME STATISTICS - LARCENY



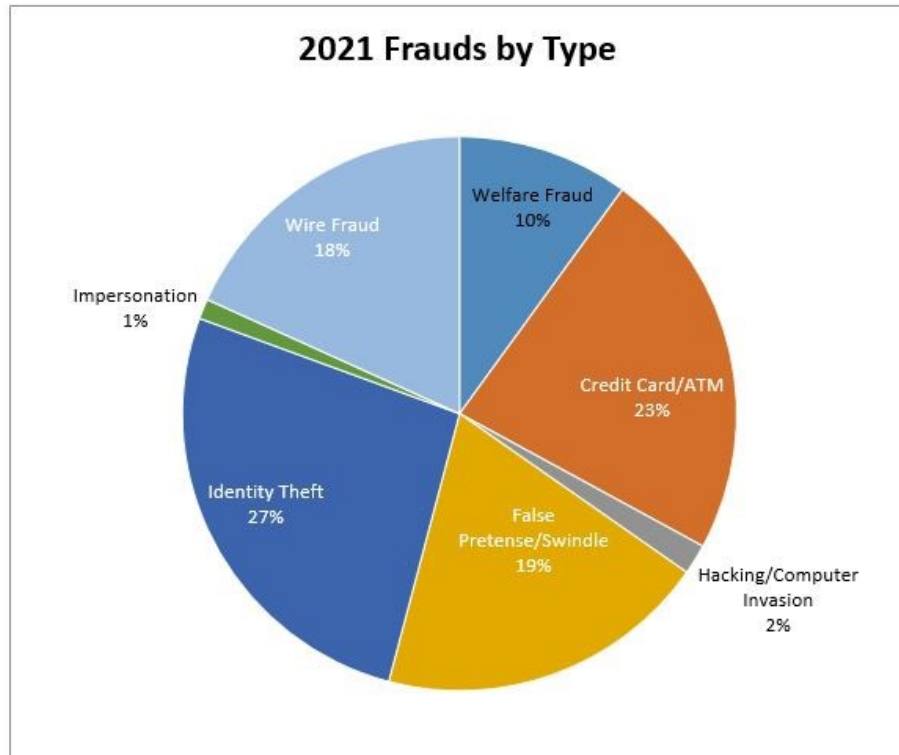
Larcenies are categorized by the FBI into seven groups: pocket picking, purse snatching, shoplifting, theft from building, theft from coin machine, theft from motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicle parts/accessories, and all other larcenies not otherwise specified.

For 2021, compared to calendar year 2020, Prince George Police documented a decrease of 16.4% of all larcenies combined. The most reported property stolen for 2021 is money, totaling 147 of the larceny cases. The second highest reported stolen property is vehicle accessories and auto parts, mostly catalytic converters and license plates.



CRIME STATISTICS - FRAUD BY TYPE

Continuing to educate and assist our community to not fall victim to fraudulent phone calls or requests remains a priority.



During 2021, the most common types of fraud trends were scammers calling as a family member who needed “bail money” by providing a credit card number over the phone, scammers pretending to be law enforcement and demanding payment over the phone in exchange to not be arrested, and identity theft cases where victims information are being filed with the Virginia Employment Commission in exchange for COVID Relief benefits.

Prevention is key to outsmarting fraud scammers. Never provide personal information over the telephone. If gift cards or bitcoin is a requested form of payment, it is likely fraudulent. Enroll in an identity theft program that will notify you if your social security number is used. Law Enforcement does not call requesting payment in exchange for warrants to not be served. Lastly, if you ever question a suspicious call, disconnect the line and contact Prince George County Police to report it and see if it is a common trend.

There are programs offered, such as The Crime Prevention Program, which provide additional information on crime prevention tips, including fraud and identity theft, offered by the Prince George County Police Department. Please see programs listed for further.

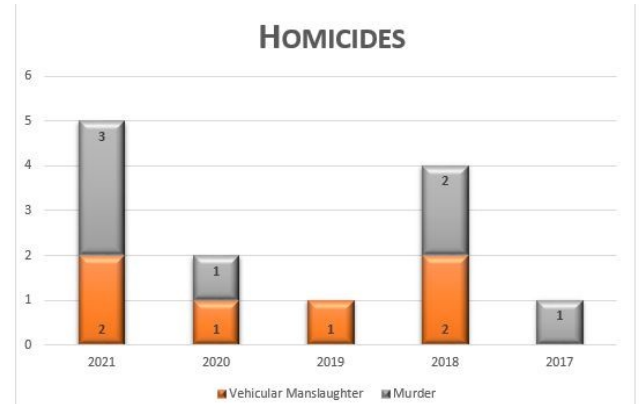
CRIME STATISTICS

HOMICIDE, ASSAULT, BURGLARY

Homicide

Homicide is the killing of one human by another. Homicides can be classified into the subcategories of murder, manslaughter and justifiable homicide.

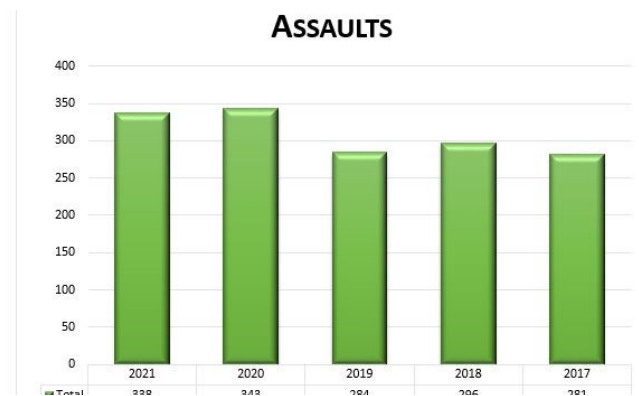
In 2021, Prince George County Police investigated two vehicular manslaughters and three murders. Homicide case clearance is 100% with all cases being cleared by arrest. One homicide case was later deemed as self-defense.



Assault

Assaults are categorized by severity and law as aggravated, simple, and intimidation. This is further determined due to weapons involved and bodily injury sustained.

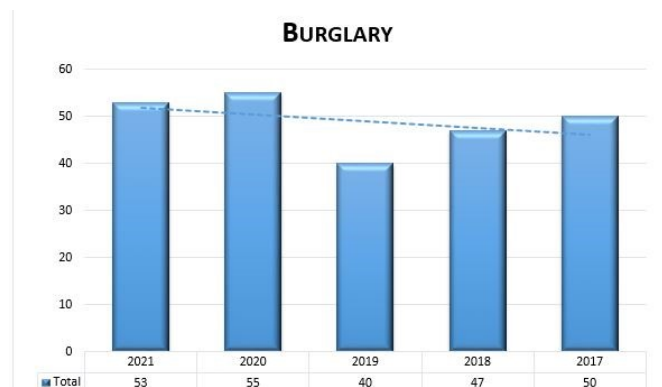
In 2021, Prince George Police responded to a collective 338 assaults. It is our goal, through a combined effort of proactive policing and community education on safety, to be effective with crime prevention.



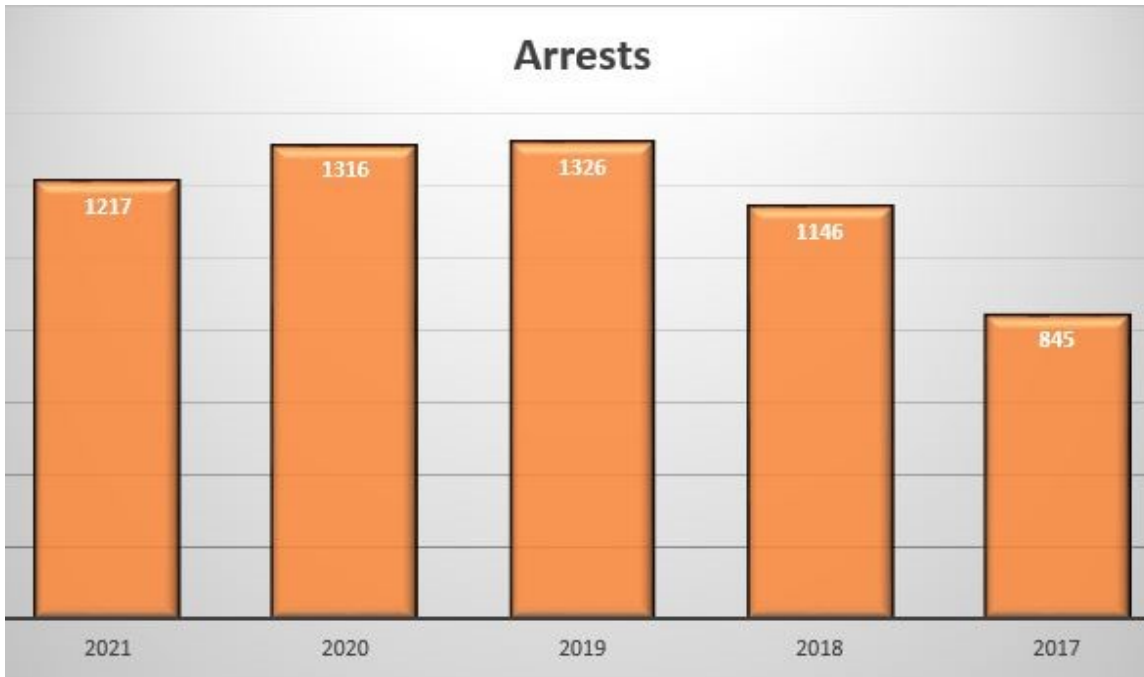
Burglary

Burglary, also known as breaking and entering, is defined by the FBI as any unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft. This includes any structure with walls, a roof, and a door to include sheds, barns, and garages.

In 2021, there was a 3.6% decrease from 2020.

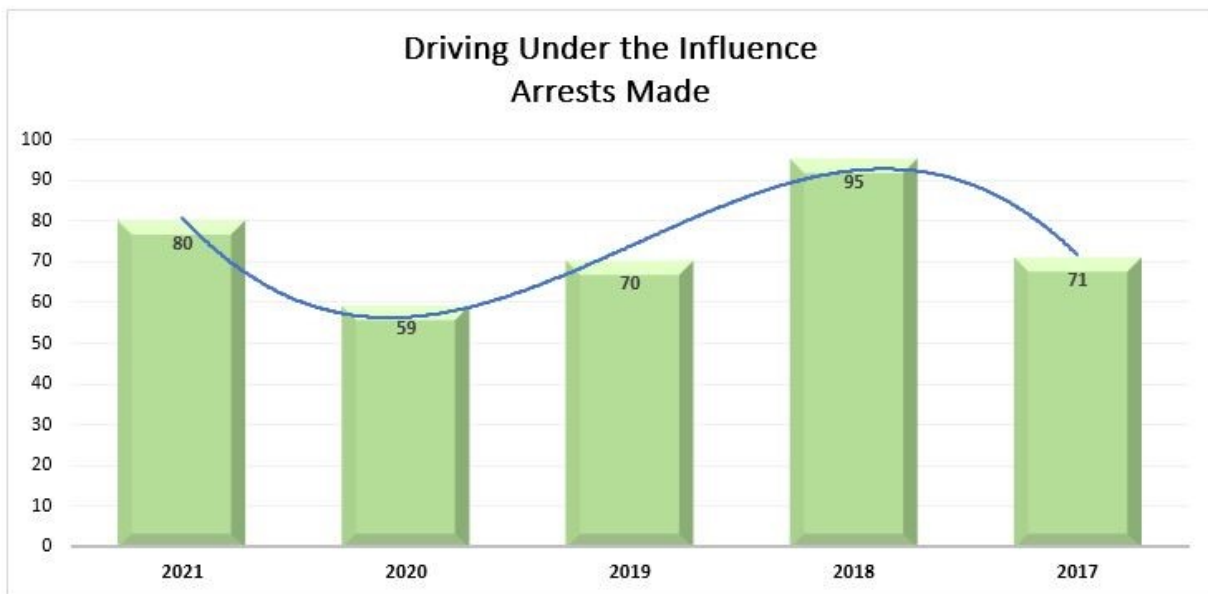


2021 ARRESTS

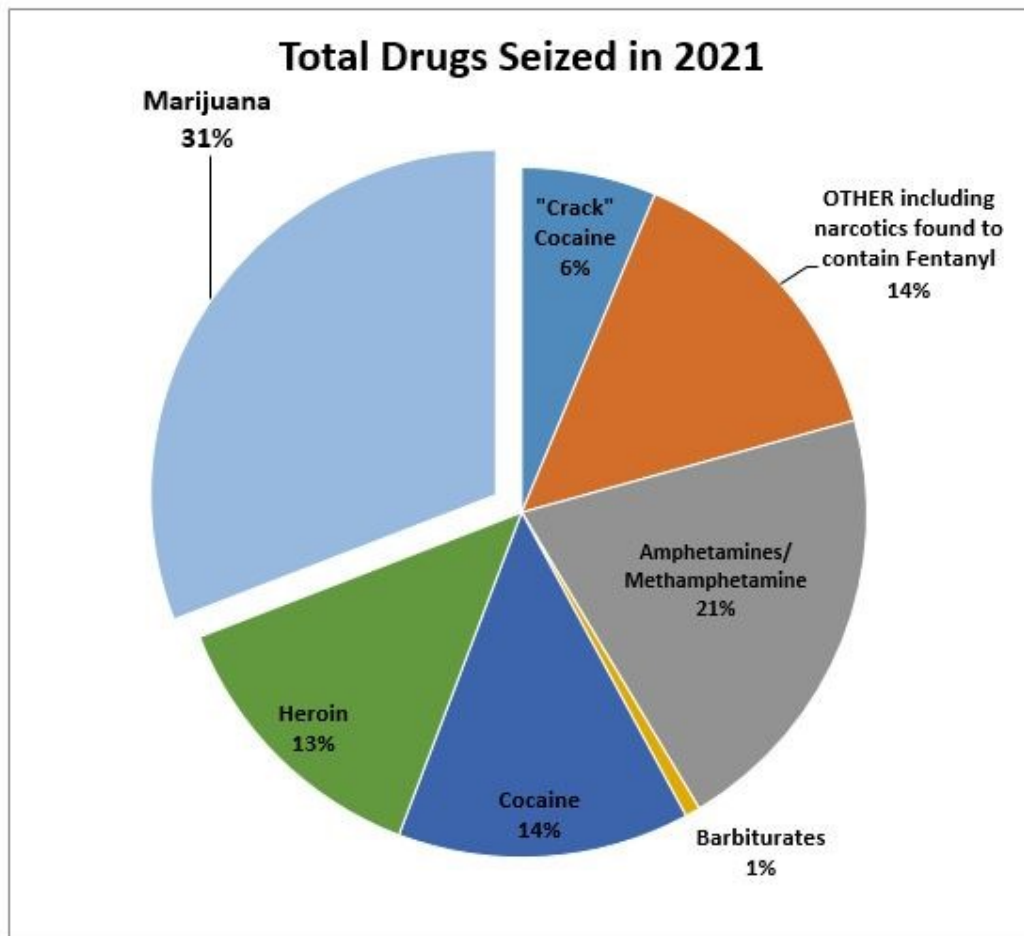


Arrests

Prince George County Police continues proactive efforts to reduce crime as needed through arrests. In 2021, there was a 7.5% decrease of total arrests from 2020.



2021 DRUG SEIZURES



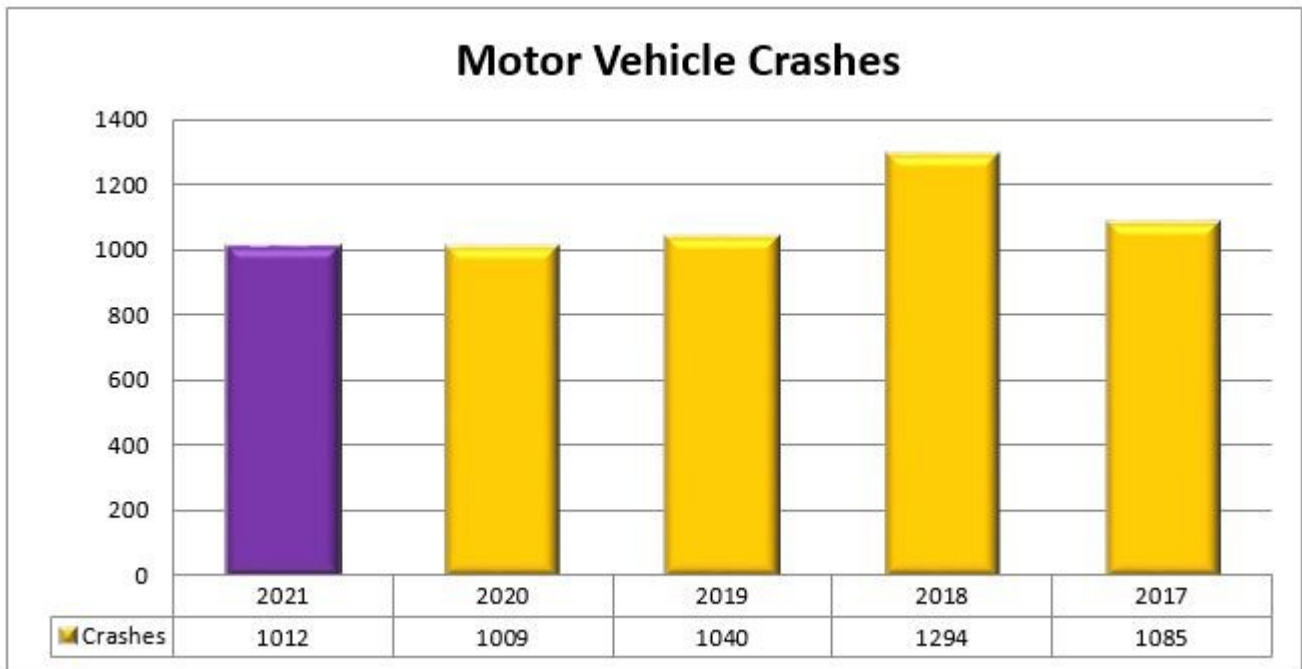
Drugs Seized

Throughout 2021, Prince George County Police officers eradicated approximately 340 various quantities of illegal narcotics from our community. Marijuana continues to be the most confiscated drug.

Other drugs seized included crack cocaine, amphetamines, heroin, prescription medication without authorized usage, and other opioids

ILLEGAL DRUGS

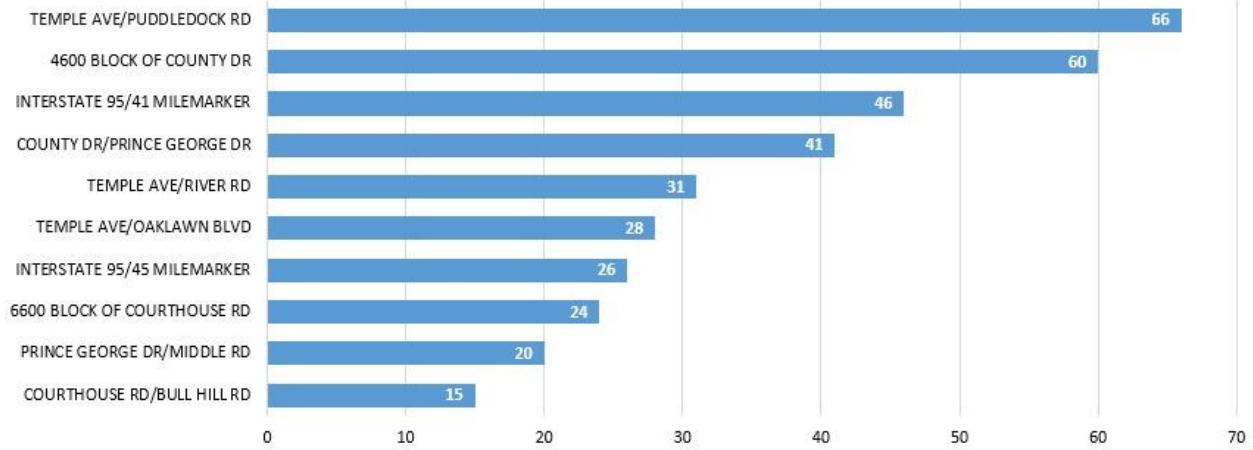
COUNTY TRAFFIC STATISTICS



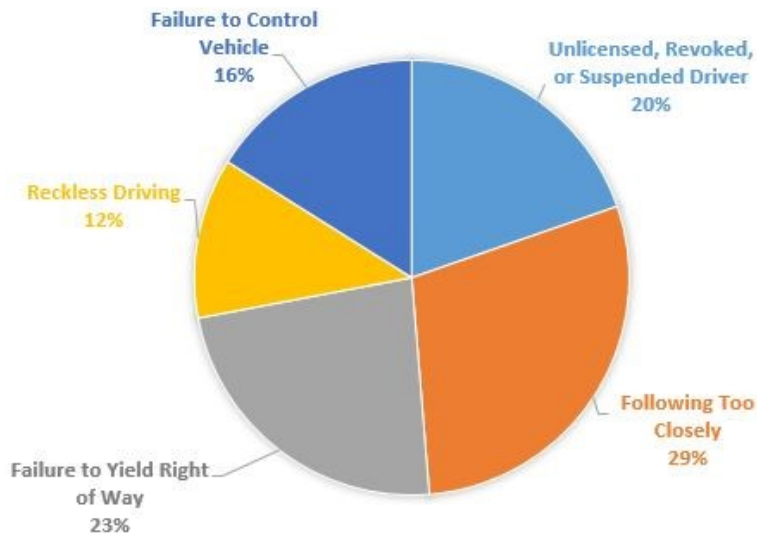
COUNTY TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Top Motor Vehicle Crash Locations in 2021

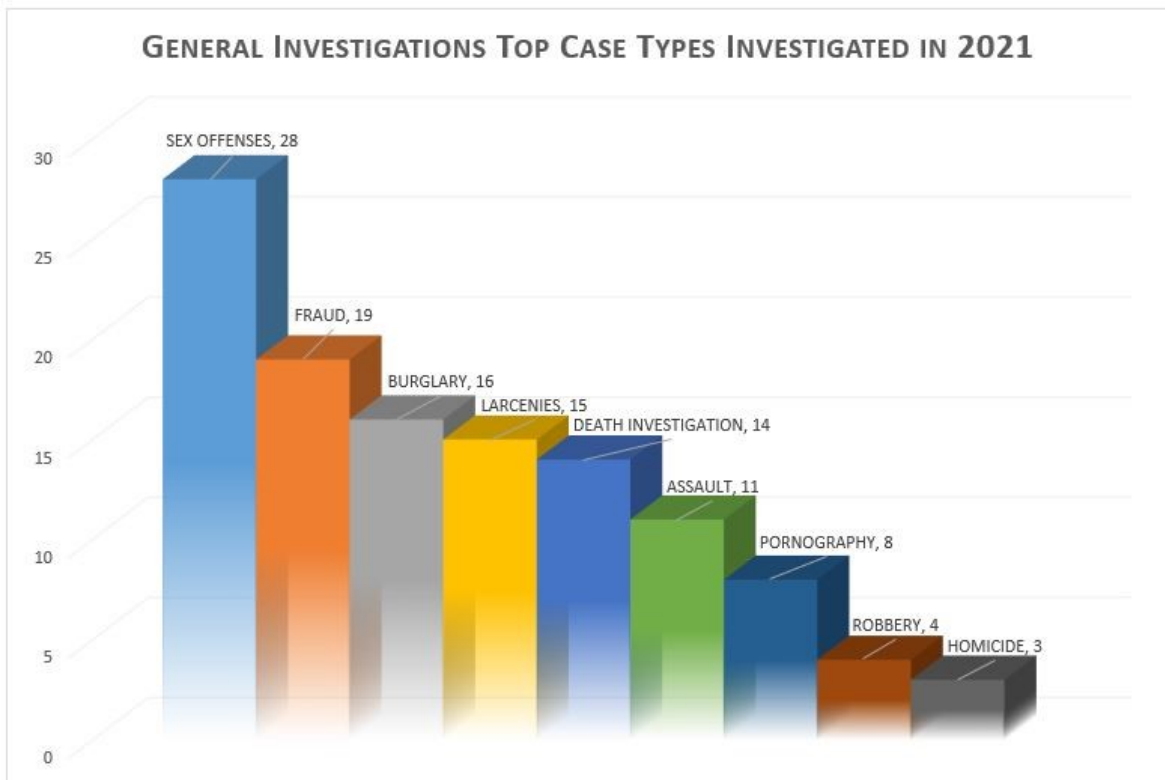
Encompasses approximately a mile around the listed location



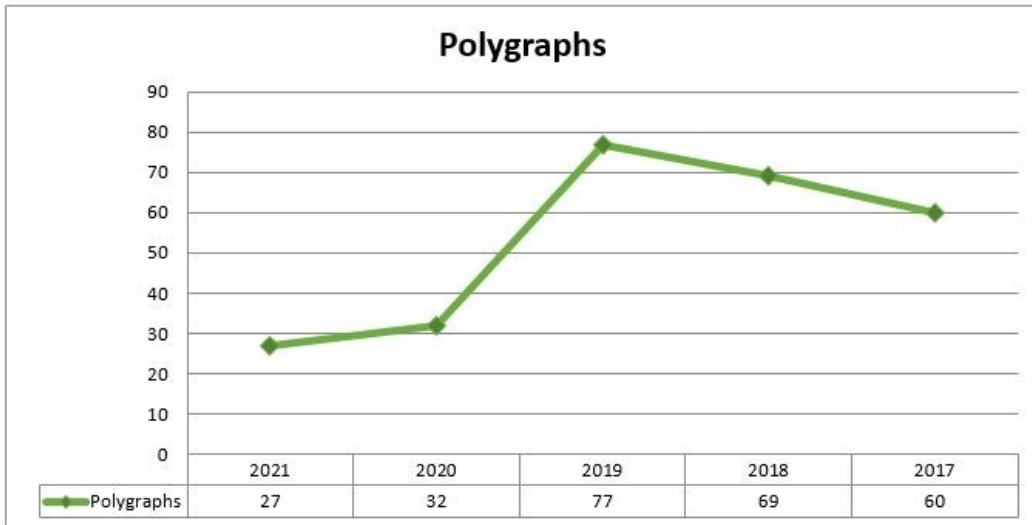
MOST COMMON CAUSES OF MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES 2021



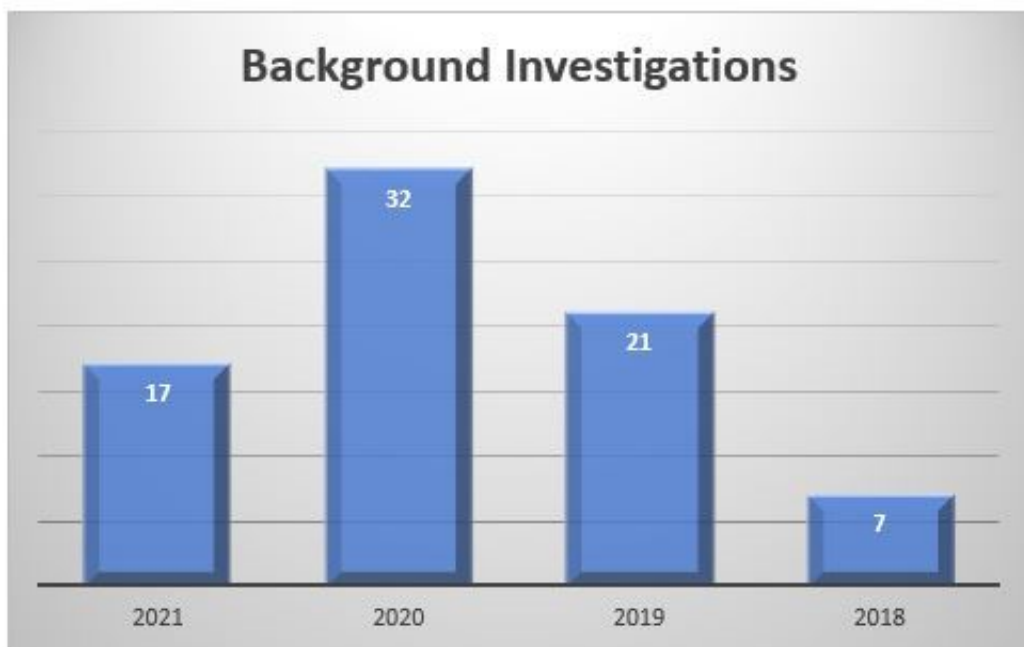
INVESTIGATIONS STATISTICS



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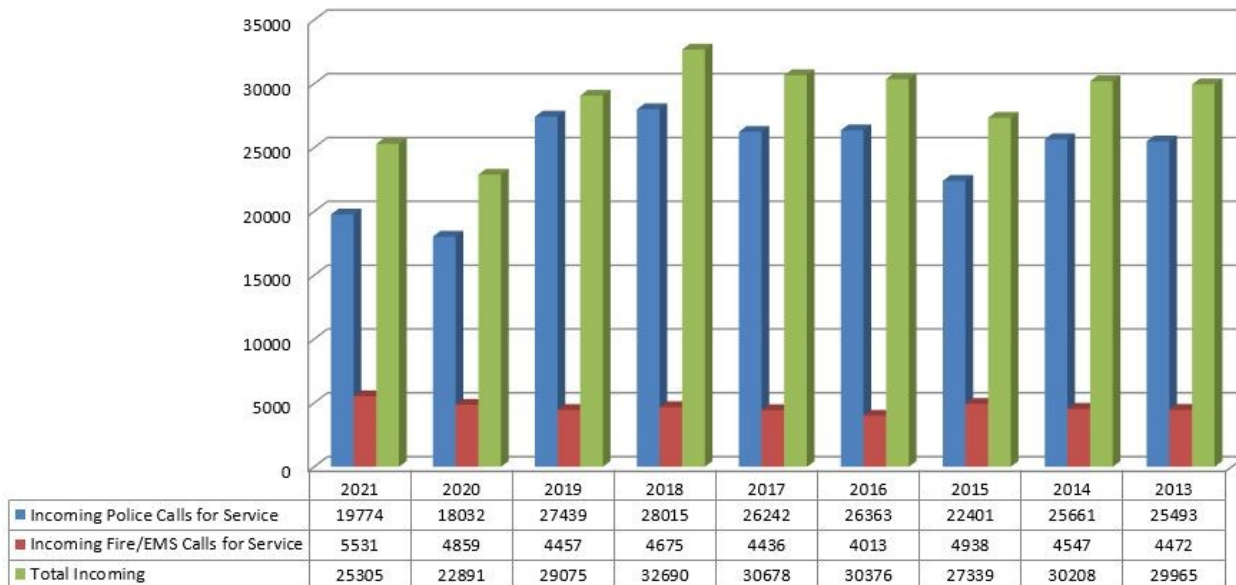


The Prince George County Police Department utilizes the polygraph as an investigative instrument. The polygraph is primarily used to assist with criminal investigations and pre-employment screening. Within our Investigations Division, the Department utilizes two state certified polygraph examiners, who are also certified polygraph intern supervisors. During 2021, with the continued COVID pandemic, polygraph statistics have decreased to follow social distancing safety standards.

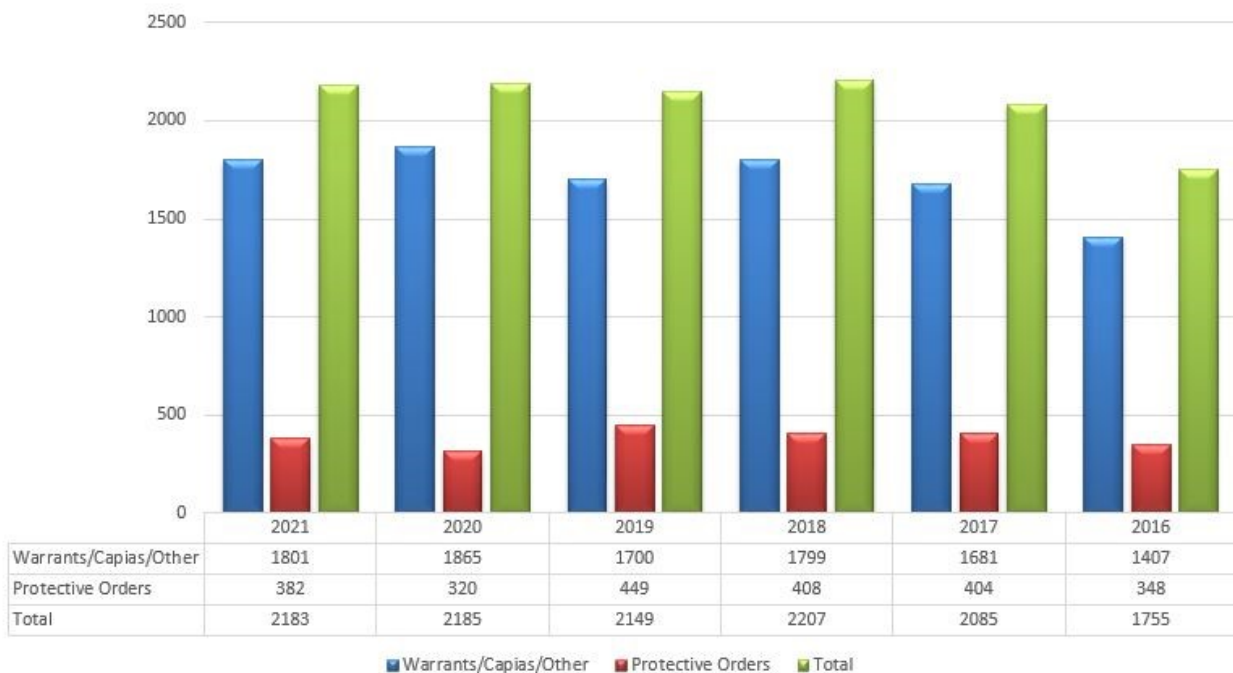


EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER STATISTICS

2013 - 2021 INCOMING CALLS FOR SERVICE

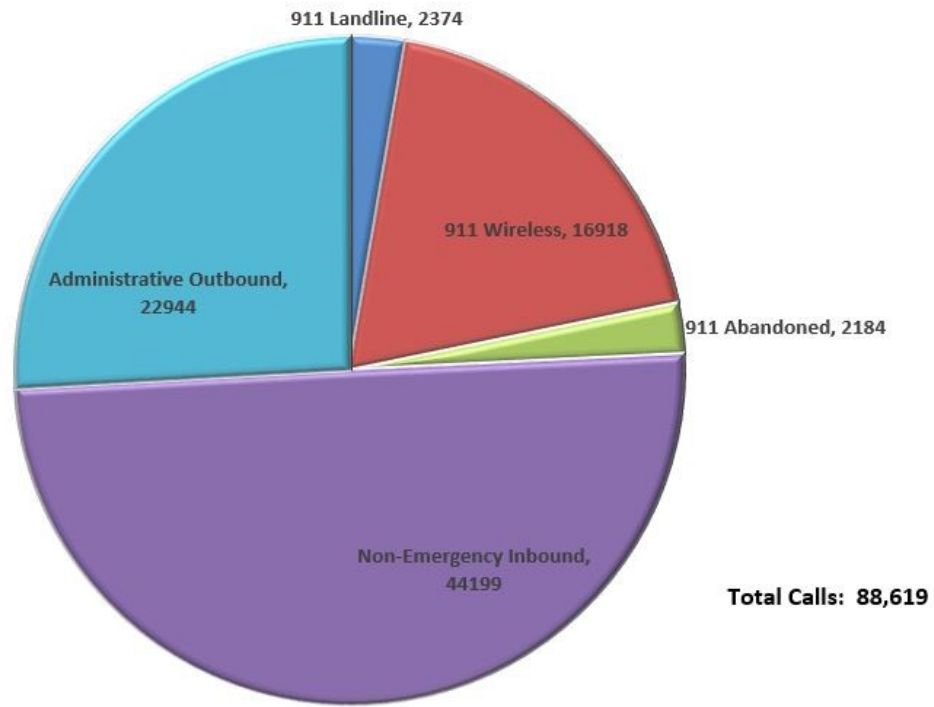


Warrants/Capias/Other and Protective Orders Processed 2016 - 2021

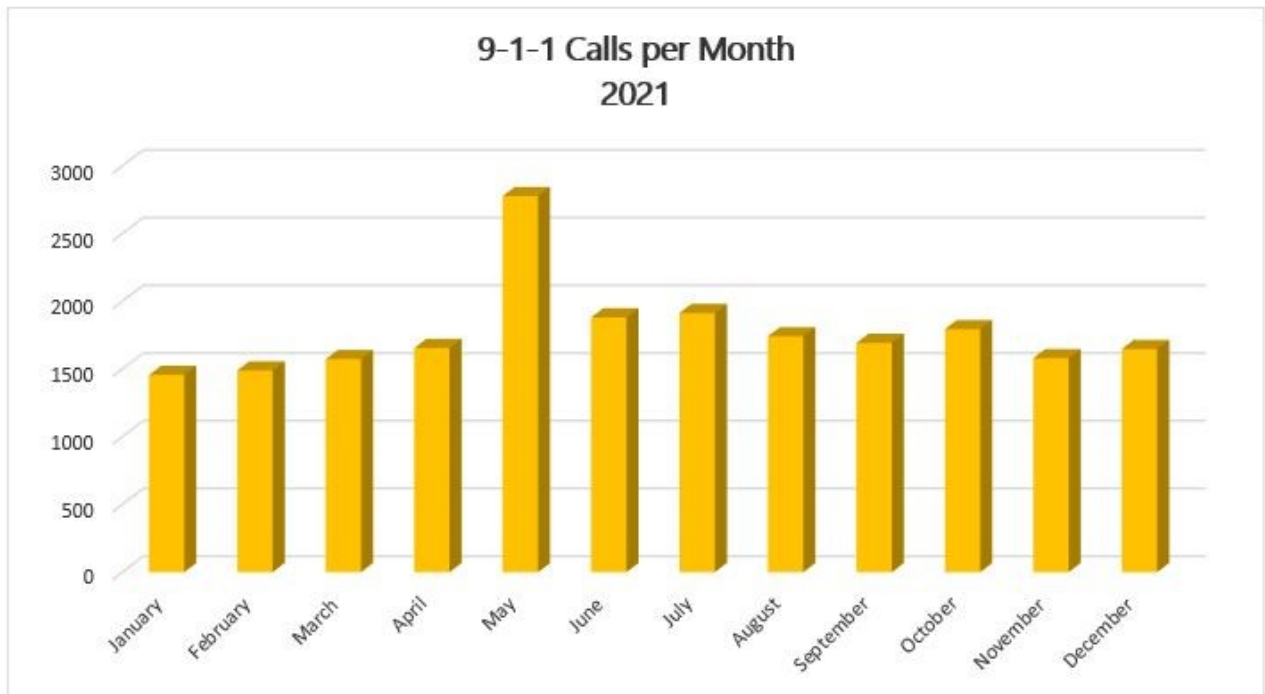


EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER STATISTICS

2021 Inbound/Outbound Calls

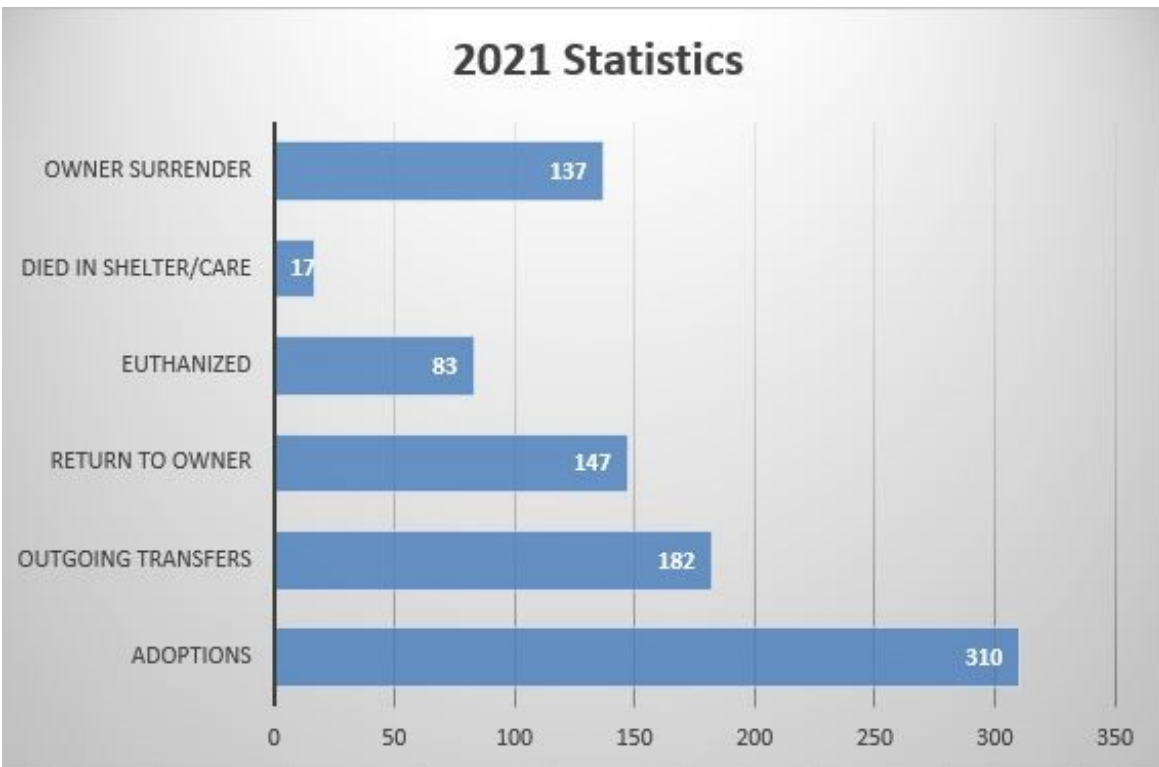
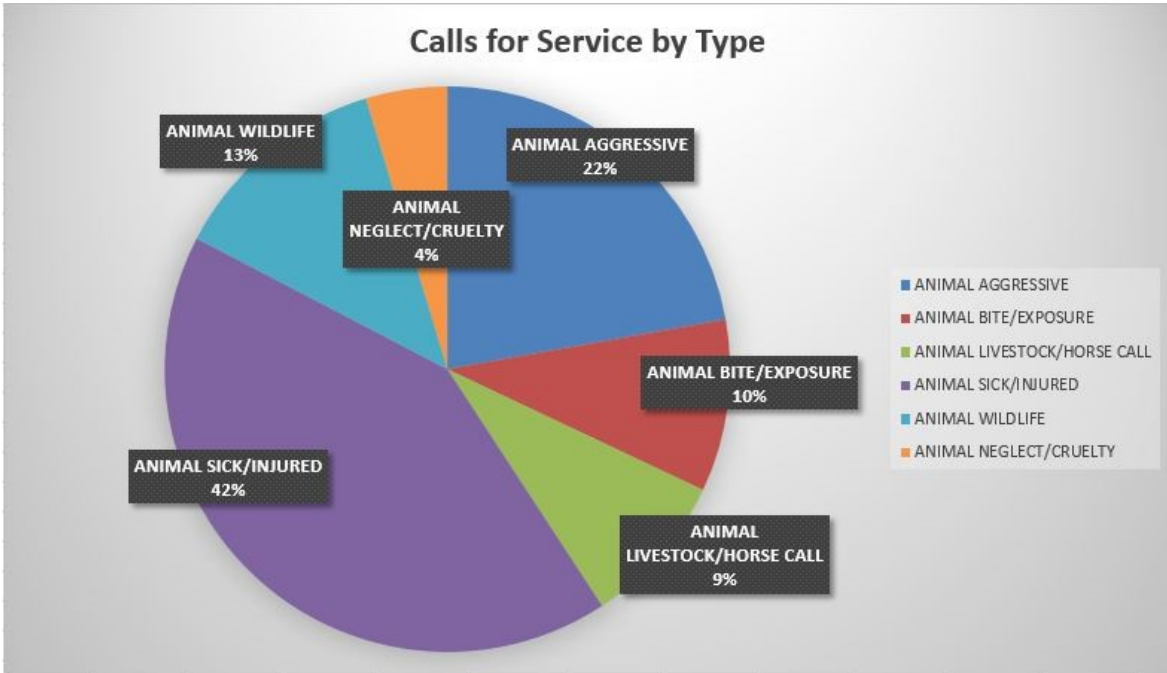


9-1-1 Calls per Month 2021



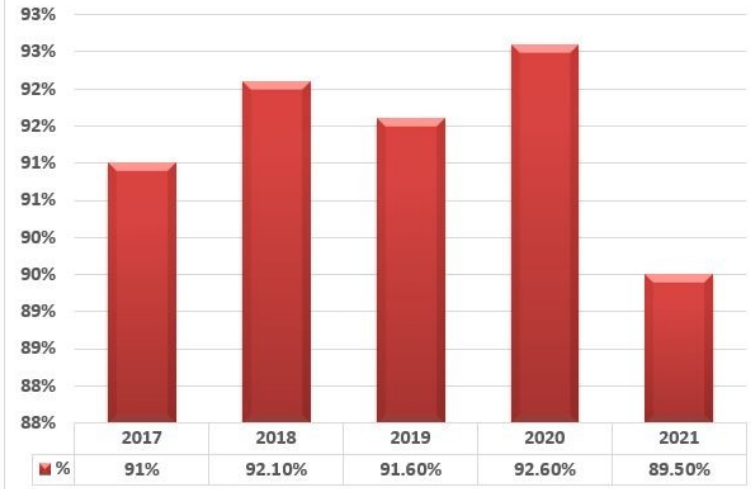
ANIMALS SERVICES & ADOPTION CENTER STATISTICS

In 2021, the Animal Services Unit responded to 1,363 calls for service, including:

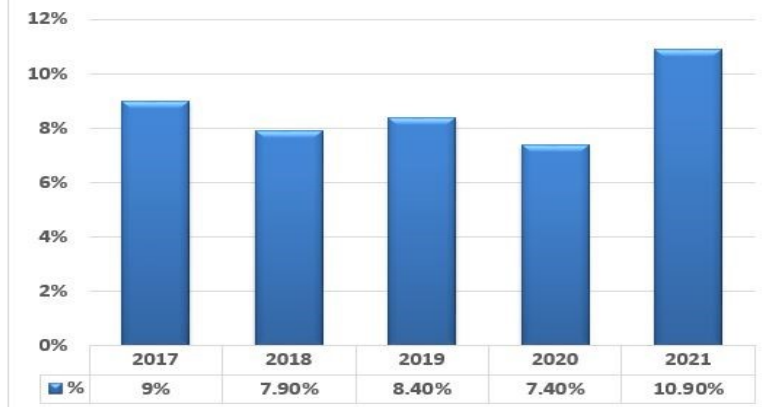


ANIMALS SERVICES & ADOPTION CENTER STATISTICS

Live Exit Percentages 2017 - 2021

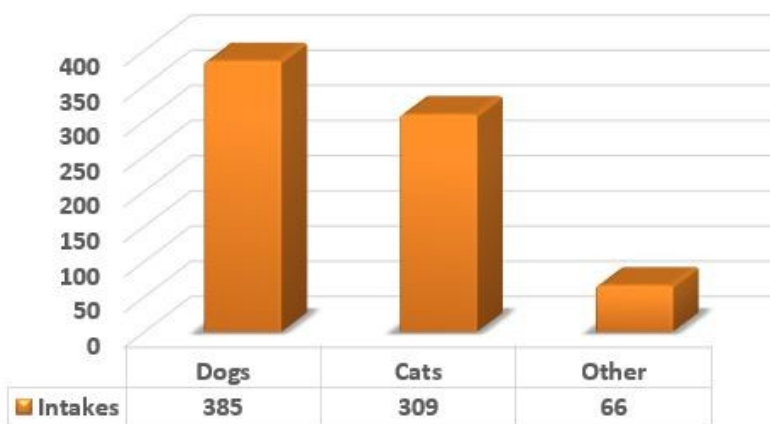


Euthanasia Rate 2017 - 2021



This rate reflects animals that had aggressive behavior and/or medical issues that necessitated need for euthanasia. Animals are only euthanized after a consultation with veterinarian professionals .

2021 Intakes



DIVISIONS



SUPPORT OPERATIONS DIVISION

Major Eric Young - Deputy Chief of Police
Commander Field Operations

General Investigations Unit
Special Investigations Unit
Property & Evidence
Animal Services
Internal Affairs
Human Resources
Procurement
Fleet

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



FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

Captain Michael Taber - Commander Field Operations

Uniform Patrol

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

Community Services

Chaplain Program
School Resource Officers

Emergency Communications Center

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 coverage throughout the County.

UNITS

CRASH INVESTIGATION UNIT

The Crash Investigation Team consists of ten (10) sworn officers. 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. Additionally, officers assist the Detective Unit with the reconstruction of major crime scenes.

In 2021, the Crash Team investigated five (5) crashes with four (4) being fatal.



K-9 UNIT



K-9 Chace



K-9 Valor

K-9 UNIT CONTINUED

The K-9 Unit consists of two canines and their handlers.

K-9 Chace is a 9-year-old, male Belgian Malinois. Chace joined the department in December of 2016. His initial law enforcement evaluation took place in Holland, and his basic training was conducted with the department. Chace serves the department as narcotics detection K-9. In November of 2018, during a training exercise, he sustained a serious injury to one of his hind legs. Unfortunately, after several surgical attempts to save his leg, the best course of action for Chace was amputation of the limb. This unfortunate injury did not change Chace; his desire to work is unaffected, and he continues to serve the department.

K-9 Valor is an 3 1/2-year-old, male Belgian Malinois. Valor joined the department in May of 2019. His initial law enforcement evaluation also took place in Holland. He serves the department within the Uniform Patrol Division.

To maintain a high level of skill and proficiency, monthly training is required of each canine team. Canines and their handlers maintain certification through the Virginia Police Work Dog Association.

The Unit provides specialized resources to assist the department with safeguarding Prince George County. These teams also provide support to surrounding law-enforcement agencies with apprehensions and searches.



K-9 Officer B. Robinson and Valor



K-9 Officer R. Dalton and Chace

THE MARINE UNIT

The Marine Unit, a 24' Commercial Grade Boston Whaler Justice, is operational 365 days a year. The vessel is deployed out of Jordan Point Yacht Haven on the James River. The year 2021 marked the 15th anniversary of operation for the Marine Unit. In 2021, our Marine Unit was repowered with two new twin Mercury 200XL Sea Pro DT 4-stroke outboard motors. Prince George County has jurisdiction on approximately 24 miles of the James River and roughly 6 miles of the Appomattox River. The James River & the Appomattox River encompass multiple ancillary creeks and serve as direct water access to several large industries, various bridges, and marinas.

The Unit is staffed by ten police officers and three auxiliary police officers. Prince George Fire/ EMS has active members who participate 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. Also, the Unit coordinates with surrounding jurisdictions to assist in their marine patrols and activities. The Marine Unit works and trains with the U.S. Coast Guard in local and regional waters to provide security, enforcement, and rescue services.

A critical portion of the Unit's training is the Annual Search and Rescue Training Forum (SAR) in Hampton, Virginia, held by the Virginia Port Authority and the U.S. Coast Guard. In addition to the routine scheduled patrols, the Unit responded to calls for service, which included requests for assistance from USCG and other localities to help search for vessels/ persons in distress.

Since 2019, the Department has been engaged in a Memorandum of Understanding to participate in the Port of Virginia's Maritime Incident Response Team (POV MIRT). This team shares resources and provides regional support during times of need. The partnerships developed with local, state, and federal agencies have helped enhance Public Safety resources available to our waterways.



AUXILIARY POLICE UNIT

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 2021, auxiliary police officers volunteered 740.50 hours of service. Prince George County auxiliary officers have full police powers.



(L-R) Officers Ross Bauschatz, Chris Douglas, Raleigh Field, Edward Harless, Ivan "Nick" Hart, Andrew Kvasnicka, Butch Pearson, Gary Lively
Not pictured: Officer Vaughan Moody

COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

The Community Services Unit, supervised by Lieutenant Paul Burroughs, encompasses the Community Services Program, Crime Prevention Program and School Resource Officer Program. Personnel included in this Unit are community services officers, police explorers, and police chaplains. Programs such as neighborhood watch, business watch, child passenger safety seat, bicycle rodeo and highway safety are administered.



SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM



The Special Response Team is a specialized unit consisting of two team leaders and ten members from within the Department. The team leaders organize the monthly training and plan the various operations for the team.

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

The Unit performed 12 operations during 2021.



GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The General Investigations Unit, the entirety of Investigations is supervised by Lieutenant John Leach and Sergeant James Nicholas. Investigators specialize in resolving felony crimes, crimes that require specialized skills, the utilization of specialized equipment, and crimes that involve complicated events.

In addition, investigators collaborate with the Virginia State Police, U.S. Marshals Service, ATF, and other Federal, State, and regional partners. These ongoing partnerships allow investigators to continue to engage in a high operational tempo.

In 2021, the Unit was assigned 205 cases, with an average of 26 cases per detective. Of the cases assigned, 38 cases are active; 105 cases have been cleared by arrest, exceptionally cleared or unfounded; and three of the cases have warrants on file, pending arrests.

Investigations receives cases from the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) and the FBI. In 2021, there was a 100% increase in these cases received.

The collaborative teamwork between Investigations and the Department of Social Services resulted in a 76% increase in cases for criminal review.

A total of 27 polygraphs were administered by Investigations. Due to the COVID pandemic, polygraph numbers have decreased 16% to follow social distancing safety standards.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Special Investigations Unit transitioned in 2017 from strictly vice and narcotics operations, to investigating a variety of crimes. These investigations are based on real time needs within Prince George County & issues in neighboring jurisdictions that effect Prince George County.

While vice and narcotics operations continue to be an essential function of SIU, additional responsibilities include surveillance, undercover operations, proactive enforcement in high crime areas, reconnaissance of repeat offenders, rash/pattern crimes, assisting general investigations & uniformed patrol, and other initiatives that target violent crime.

SIU investigated a multitude of crimes throughout 2021. These investigations resulted in over 100 arrests, and the seizure of illegal narcotics, U.S. currency, illegally possessed firearms, and other personal property assets – most being associated with drug trafficking and violent crime.

In addition, SIU works in conjunction with the Virginia State Police, the US Marshals Service, the ATF, and other Federal, State, and Regional partners. These partnerships have developed investigations which have led to the arrests of numerous dangerous offenders and fugitives.

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 strays, sick or injured animals; investigates animal cruelty and neglect; and quarantines animals within specified guidelines. Animal Services promotes responsible pet ownership and pet adoptions within Prince George County.

There are three Animal Control Officers and two 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.

Animal Control Officers



(L-R) Kylee Duty, Samantha Santilli,
Dana Newmeyer

Kennel Attendants



(L-R) Katy Daniel, Sherry Howlett,
Kimberly Harrison
Ruth-Ann Silvey, Jessi Wicker

CERTIFIED K-9 THERAPY PROGRAM



Lady Sansa was born September 3, 2017. She is a purebred AKC black colored German Shepherd and the daughter of retired Therapy K-9 Coal. Sansa completed her national certification in the spring of 2019. She scored the highest in her class on the rigorous 13-part test.

Whether Sansa is visiting victims of crime, helping young children learn to read, or just visiting throughout the community, her straight forward mission is to provide comfort. Sansa's handler is Animal Control Officer S.L. Santilli

In 2021, Lady Sansa and her handler attended fundraisers, adoption events, the Little League World Series, Career Day at J.E.J. Moore, student disability visits at Prince George schools, along with visits to county businesses and county work places.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER



CHAD BOSSERMAN
ECC MANAGER



VALERIE CANFIELD
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERVISOR



BRENDA SANTINI
COMMUNICATIONS
SUPERVISOR

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.

The mission of the Prince George Communications Center is to serve and protect the public by effectively receiving and processing 9-1-1 emergency calls and non-emergency calls; promptly dispatching public safety resources; and providing for the exchange of accurate, pertinent information.

The function of the Prince George County Emergency Communications Center is to serve as the liaison between the public and the Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services and various other federal, state and local resources. The speed and accuracy with which information flows through each system component are measures of the agency's effectiveness with responding to needs of the community. The Emergency Communications Center monitors radio, telephone, teletype, CAD and NCIC/VCIN.

The Emergency Communications Center operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The Center operates on a twelve (12) hour shift schedule. Communication Officers are assigned to permanent shifts.

All Communications Officers are currently certified through the Department of Criminal Justice Services. All personnel are additionally certified in the following: Emergency Medical Dispatch, ASHI CPR/AED, OSSI One-Solution CAD User and OSSI RMS. Many Communications Officers have acquired specialized training to include: general instructor, active shooter, suicide prevention, weapons of mass destruction, CIT for communications officers, ethics, the evolution of terrorism, sovereign citizen, liability, dealing with difficult callers, homeland security, hazardous materials, and FEMA.

RETIREMENT



Officer Ronald Sisson
20 Years of Service



Officer Anthony Townsend
18 Years of Service



Sergeant Michael Laine
22 Years of Service



Auxiliary Officer Edward Harless
28 Years of Service

NEW PERSONNEL



COMMUNICATIONS

Ashley N. Allen

Amanda M. Hill



PATROL

Richard Buleza

David A. Dean

Eldon A. Dodd

Naomi L. Krasnogor

Tavon J. Morris

Nickanor A. Newman

Antonio M. Roane

Cody R. Williams

Graduation



Congratulations to our New "Officer" Cody Williams on graduating from the 95th Basic Law Enforcement Academy on June 17, 2021

PROMOTIONS/ADVANCEMENTS

Promotion to the Rank of Sergeant



(L-R) Bryan J. Allen, Charles E. Santilli, III, James T. Mann

2021 CAREER DEVELOPMENT ADVANCEMENTS

CAREER POLICE OFFICER

Christopher A. Bryant
Ernest E. Dillard
John K. Kuykendall
James T. Mann
Eric L. McQuage
Anthony D. Reed
Charles E. Santilli, III
Harold N. Shreves

MASTER POLICE OFFICER

Alexis B. Grochmal
Alvin F. Jones, Jr.
Wayne T. Newsome, III
Christina N. Baxley

SENIOR POLICE OFFICER

Billy R. Blankenship, Jr.
Magen Moreno
James Shutt
Travis A. Stewart

POLICE OFFICER FIRST CLASS

McKenzie Albright
Bryan Allen
Austin Blaylock
Miderson Compere
Justin Gilbert

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER III

Dana Newmeyer
Samantha Santilli

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



Commendation February 23, 2021

The Board of Supervisors recognized Auxiliary Police Officer Raleigh Field this evening. He was issued a Commendation for a lifesaving effort on January 19, 2021, when he pulled a woman from a burning vehicle.



Recognition - Going Above and Beyond April 19, 2021

SRO Alvin Jones was recognized by Pastor Bobby Clary, of the Foundation Church for his interaction with some of our high school students, being impressed by what he witnessed.

2021 Officer of the Year November 20, 2021



The 2021 "Officer of the Year" award was presented to one of PGPD's finest, Officer Kelly Borshch!

The annual award and anniversary banquet for local public safety members was generously provided by the Hopewell VFW Post 637.

Congratulations to Officer Borshch! We are proud of you and grateful for your dedicated service to the County of Prince George.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



Commendation from Prince George County July 13, 2021

On May 24th, at approximately 12:20 hours, officers were dispatched to the 5300 block of Courthouse Rd regarding a single motor vehicle crash with entrapment..

Officers arrived on the scene and located a vehicle on the right side of the road entirely on fire and the female driver lying on the side of the road. She advised that her boyfriend was still in the vehicle. Officers heard screams from the passenger side of the vehicle. Officer approached the passenger side of the vehicle in an attempt to get to the male party. Officers could utilize fire extinguishers to extinguish the fire enough to remove the passenger from the engulfed vehicle.

Front (L-R) Officers D. Byrum, Borshch, ACO D. Newmeyer

Back (L-R) Officers C. Allin, C. Leftwich, J. Kuykendall, A. Martin, B. Bryant



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



MADD AWARD - October 20, 2021

Officers Brandon Robinson and Andrew Worrell were 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.

Please join us in congratulating both officers for their dedication and hard work towards keeping our roadways safe.

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT) FIRST RESPONDER OF THE YEAR AWARD - November 12, 2021



Congratulations to Prince George Police Officer Billy Blankenship, who received the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) First Responder of the Year award.

Officer Blankenship was recognized for his work with and dedication to people in crisis or mental illness. He was among a distinguished group of professionals honored Friday, November 12, 2021, for excellence in mental health and addiction recovery services at the 2021 CIT Annual Awards breakfast.

Prince George Police officers participate in the County Crisis Intervention Team's (CIT) training. The program is meant to help better serve those with mental illness during interactions with law enforcement. Reports suggest that police officers encounter people with mental illnesses on about 10 percent of emergency calls for service.

Prince George County's mission is to improve the quality of life for families and individuals impacted by mental health disorders through education, support, advocacy, and stigma reduction.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

January

Officer D. Byrum



February

Officer A. Worrell



March

Officer E. Binford



April

Officer A. Grochmal



May

Officer M. Dobbs



June

Detective T. Stewart



July

Officer K. Borshch



August

Officer N. Krasnogor



September

Officer A. Roane



October

T. Shutt



Crime Analyst

December

Officer D. Dean



TRAINING



In 2021 members of the Prince George County Police Department attended over 750 hours online, 1500 hours on the range, and 1000 hours of training 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.

IN SERVICE TRAINING:

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

TRAINING CONTINUED

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 Services 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 and Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police & Foundation Implicit Bias 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.

VACP Implicit Bias Training is designed to be taken by each officer individually, not simply a webinar or video to be played during roll-call. Officers will be required to complete each section (a mix of training videos, readings, and knowledge check games), pass the 25-question competency test, and complete the course evaluation in order to generate the Course Completion Certificate and receive DCJS training credit.

PROGRAMS

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM is staffed by two 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 handing out PPE (personal protective equipment) supplies and assisting with COVID test sites. Additionally, the Community Services 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 informational resources on a wide-range of topics including identity theft, fraud, personal, senior, and internet safety.

In 2021, several Crime Prevention Programs and training seminars were scheduled but had to be canceled as a result of the "COVID-19" pandemic. However Four "Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events" (C.R.A.S.E.) classes were taught to citizens and employees of Prince George County through several safety training seminars hosted by Prince George County. Planning has already begun for additional C.R.A.S.E. classes to be taught in 2022. Prince George County continues to partner with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) to conduct a C.R.A.S.E. seminar during the Emergency Preparedness Workshop which is open to any citizen from the county and surrounding localities. The Community Services Unit is staffed with a supervisor and a nationally certified crime prevention specialist who are available to 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 provide crime prevention tips and services to neighborhoods throughout Prince George County.

THE POLICE EXPLORERS, a division of the Boy Scouts of America, is a program open to males and females ages 14-20 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 2021, three Explorers were a part of the program. With COVID-19, Explorers were unable to participate in their normal events but were able to assist with handing out PPE to the community.

PROGRAMS CONTINUED

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 7 School Resource Officers. An "SRO" is assigned at the following schools: Prince George High School, N.B Clements Junior High School, J.E.J. Moore Middle School, North Elementary, South Elementary, L. L. Beazley Elementary and William A. Walton Elementary.

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%.

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 even seat belts. 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.

Currently the County of Prince George has three police officers and two deputy sheriffs specially trained as child safety seat technicians. This group of technicians conducted 8 "in-person" child safety seat inspections and/or installations during 2021. These technicians are also available to provide assistance to citizens both over the phone or virtually as a resource to answer questions or concerns dealing with the safety of their children.

As a result of the 2021 "COVID-19" pandemic, the several large scale seat checking events that these technicians normally participate in had to be canceled. However, the program was still able to move forward by partnering with the Virginia Department of Health as a "Child Seat Fit Station" in which technicians are available to assist citizens with inspections and/ or installations by appointment at the Police Department.

PROGRAMS CONTINUED

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 .



PROGRAMS CONTINUED

VOLUNTEER POLICE CHAPLAINS - The Police Department is very fortunate to have three 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 2021. They provide support and guidance for victims of crisis situations and aid in the delivery of death notifications. In addition, they are ready and willing to assist any police officer, communications officer, other department member and/or their families during times of need.

In 2021, our Chaplains provided service for our Department by responding to several suicides, fatal accident investigations and death investigations. Their commitment to our Department and to the community is much appreciated.



Pastor Charles W. Henry



Reverend Clarence M. Thweatt, Jr.



Reverend Christopher Jenkins,
a.k.a. Pastor Chris

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. Currently, there are three (3) active Neighbor-hood Watch Groups within Prince George County.

PROGRAMS CONTINUED



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 . Since then, the program continues to be a vital part of crime prevention with currently more than 250 businesses involved. The "Business Watch" program continues to provide open lines of communication between the area businesses and the Prince George County Police Department.

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 offers a "Safe Exchange Zone" on the parking lot directly beside the Bland Building located at 6600 Court-house 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.

PROGRAMS CONTINUED



THE PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY YOUTH PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY

Prince George YPSA is a one 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.

Requirements:

Interest in Public Safety (Police, Fire/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!!!

PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Get Important Alerts.



Quick. Convenient. Free.

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!

2021 NIXLE MESSAGES DISTRIBUTED

Alert:	19
Advisory:	255
Community:	63
Total:	337

Nixle Users:

Email 2,215
SMS Text 3,529

Total contacts: 3,838

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.

EVENTS

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

On April 24th and October 23rd, 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. This event was extremely successful with a total of 494.5 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.



HOPEWELL– PRINCE GEORGE CRIME SOLVERS



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: Tony Wesson as President; Jay Paul as Vice President; Linda Forehand as Treasurer and Christy Blankenship as Secretary.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY



Sheriff John Atwood
Sergeant Clifford Scott Jr.
Trooper Leo Whitt
Officer Shelly Crowder
Deputy Claude Gatewood
Police Chaplain Robert Livesay III

Each year, on the first Friday of December, wreaths are placed for each of our fallen officers of Prince George County. Their commitment to the Prince George County Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police and the community will never be forgotten.

“COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP” DODGE CHARGER



The vehicle has a sharp patriotic scheme wrap that is a tribute to all of our past, present, and future military veterans. It also displays the numerous community programs that our team engages with and promotes on a regular basis. This vehicle was repurposed from our fleet and was made possible with donations.

Find the Prince George County Police Department on Facebook and Twitter!



