

SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT

2016 Annual Report



THOMAS E. BENNETT
CHIEF OF POLICE

SUFFOLK CITY COUNCIL



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Patrick Roberts
City Manager



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

When Greek philosopher Heraclitus said “change is the only constant in life” he probably wasn’t thinking about a police department. But every day, week, and year, something changes. Laws will change that can make an officer’s job harder or easier. Technology changes and what was “state of the art” yesterday, is now obsolete. Even personnel change. As the baby-boomers retire and take their values with them, they are being replaced by a new generation with their own set of values. During 2016, the Department faced many of these changes and more. Federal court cases adjusted the Department’s use of force policy. While senior leaders retired, over one-third of the sworn personnel have less than five years on the Department. In 2016, the Department lost confidence in their sidearm and had to quickly transition to a brand new gun. Policy after policy was revised to meet the growing perplexities of the job. Even the shoulder patches on our uniform changed after 43 years.



With all these changes, our mission has remained the same. To provide law enforcement services to our community in a way that we are part of the community and they are part of us. Regardless of generational, technological, and legal changes that affect our personnel, if we remember our mission, we will flourish as a police department. Please read this annual report and see how we connect with our community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Bennett", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Thomas E. Bennett, Chief of Police



VISION STATEMENT



The Suffolk Police Department is a progressive organization committed to fostering healthy community relations while combating crime through developing effective lines of communication, the application of advanced technology, and the provision of innovative training.

We will strive to retain and recruit diverse personnel that are well informed, service oriented, and embrace the ideals of integrity and honor.

CORE VALUES

Service

We believe in providing the highest level of assistance to those in need, demonstrating our compassion and sensitivity to the needs of our community.

Professionalism

We believe that each of us are an ambassador of our profession and each citizen contact reflects our commitment to quality.

Direction

We value long term vision and leadership capable of adapting to and guiding change.

Partnership

We believe that teamwork is the foundation of effective policing, requiring the collaborative efforts of law enforcement and the community.

Risk Taking

We promote innovation and initiative to solve ongoing community problems.

Integrity

We believe in safeguarding the public trust by our dedication to values that promote honesty, ethical behavior, and treating others as we would want to be treated.

Dedication

We believe that we are bound to our chosen profession and pledge our commitment to serve.

Excellence

We believe each employee should strive to offer superior performance in service to our community.

BRIEF HISTORY OF SUFFOLK

1608 From the Jamestown Settlement, Captain John Smith and early colonists explore the Nansemond River and trade with Native Americans.

1646 Nansemond County is created from Upper Norfolk County, part of the original eight shires in the Colony of Virginia. Nansemond County will become an independent city in 1972 and part of present day Suffolk in 1974.

1742 From an English settlement known as Constant's Wharf, the town of Suffolk is officially created, named after Governor William Gooch's home of Suffolk County, England.

1779 During the Revolutionary War, Suffolk is burned by the British.

1863 From April 11 until May 4, Suffolk is held by Union Troops during the Civil War. During occupation, Riddick's Folly serves as headquarters of Major General John J. Peck and his staff of Union Army officers.

1910 Suffolk is incorporated as a city.

1912 Suffolk becomes famous around the world when Italian immigrant Amedeo Obici moves here with his Planters Nut and Chocolate Company.

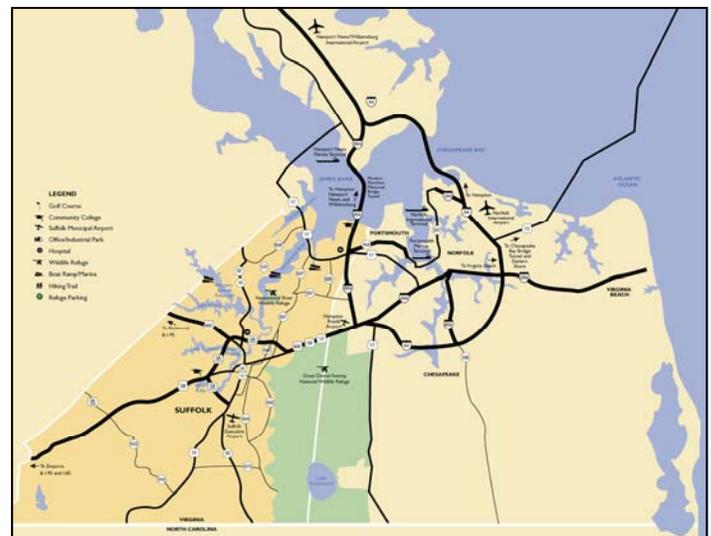
1974 In a consolidation of Suffolk, Holland and Whaleyville, with the former Nansemond County, present day Suffolk is created—making the new municipality 430 square miles, Virginia's largest city in land area.

2008 Suffolk marks 400 years since it was originally settled in 1608.

Now Suffolk is a vibrant part of the Hampton Roads Metropolitan area which is home to more than 1.7 million people. Having mild weather and being centrally located on the eastern seaboard, the Hampton Roads area is attracting businesses and people alike. Suffolk has a traditional downtown with trendy restaurants and a growing north end with chic shopping areas. Suffolk has everything, not to mention the best police department in the region!

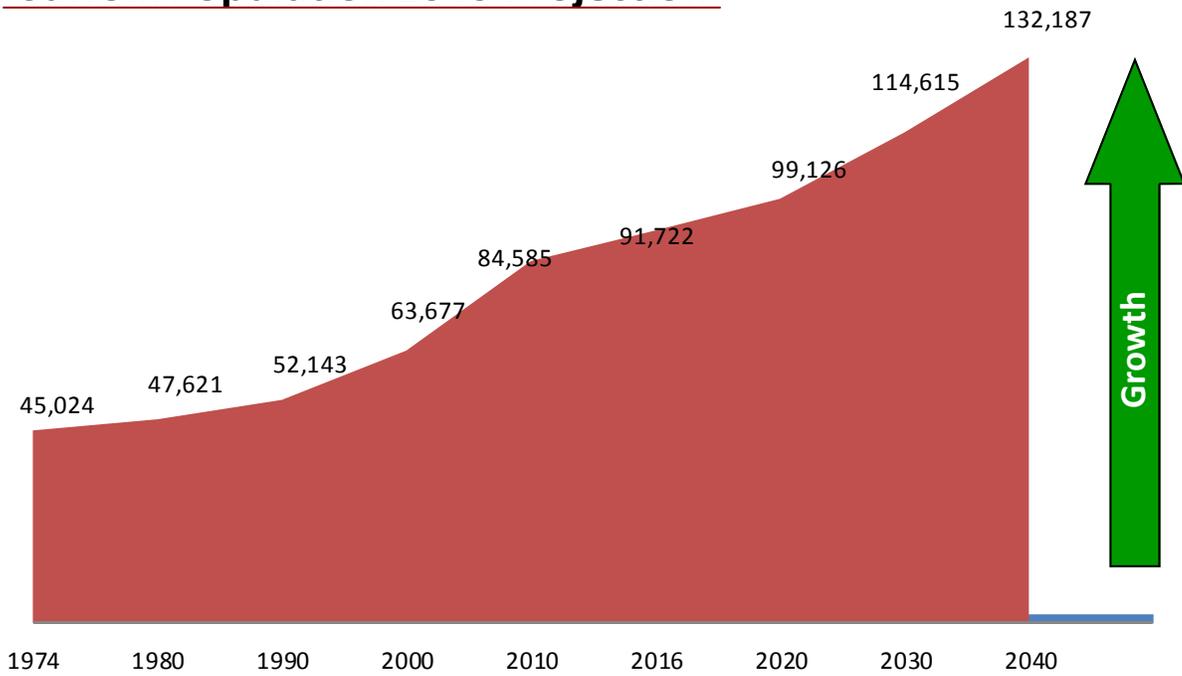


Suffolk Demographics	
Population	91,722
Total Households	30,868
Median Age	37.8
Median Household Income	66,822
Unemployment Rate	4.3%
Sex	
Male	49%
Female	51%
Race	
White Only	52.4%
African American Alone	42.8%
Asian Alone	1.9%
Other Races	0.5%
Two or More Races	2.4%
Ethnicity	
Hispanic Population	4%
Hampton Roads Region Population	1,727,366
Virginia Population	8,411,808





Suffolk Population 2040 Projection

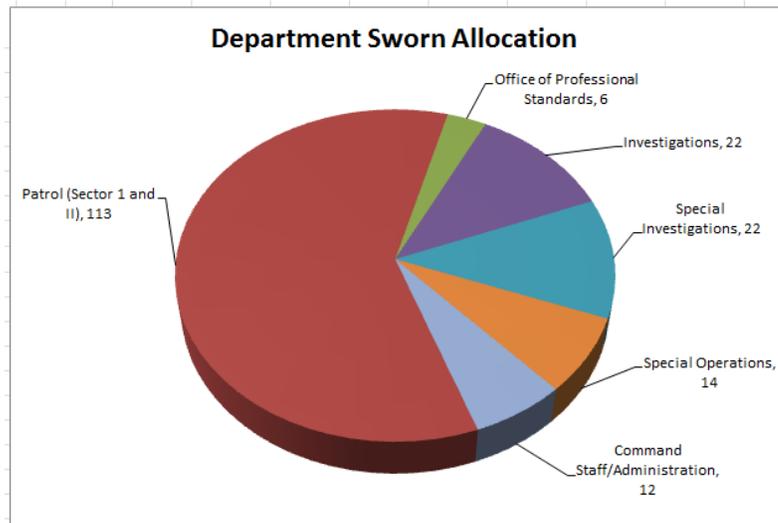


Service Professionalism Direction Partnership Risk taking Integrity Dedication Excellence



DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Sworn Police Experience	
Position	Average Years of Experience
Chief of Police	34
Deputy Chief	23
Captain	19
Lieutenant	17
Sergeant	15
Master Police Officer	18
Police Officer III	10.4
Police Officer II	4.2
Police Officer 1	0.47

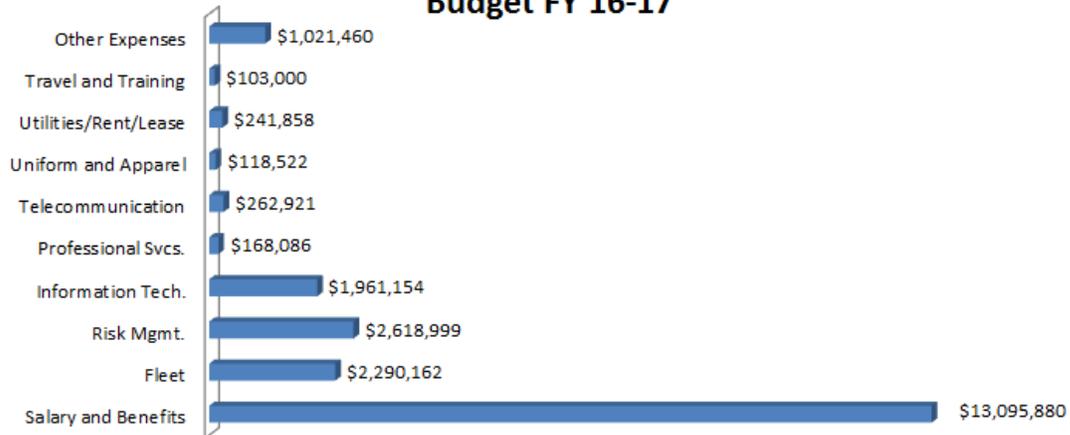


Full Time Sworn Demographics										
Ethnicity/Gender	PO1	POII	POIII	MPO	Sgt.	Lt.	Capt.	Dep. Chief	Chief	Total
White Male	10	30	25	11	11	6	2	2	1	98
White Female	2	15	6	2	4	1	1	1		32
Black Male	6	8	3	6	8	3	1			35
Black Female	2	3	3	2						10
Hispanic Male	1	4			1					6
Hispanic Female		4								4
Asian Male	1									1
Asian Female										0
Total	22	64	37	21	24	10	4	3	1	186

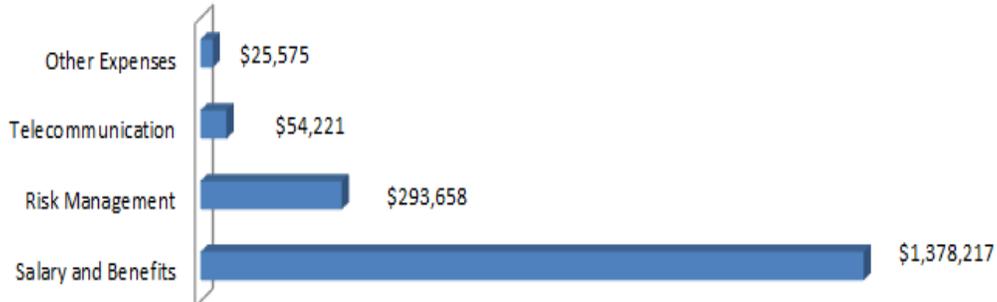
Full Time Animal Care, Emergency Communication and Administration Demographics					
Ethnicity/Gender	Animal Care	Communications	Central Records	Other Support	Total
White Male		1		2	3
White Female	9	16	6	7	38
Black Male	1				1
Black Female		6	6	2	14
Hispanic Male		1			1
Hispanic Female			1		1
Other Female		2			
Total	10	26	13	11	58



Suffolk Police Department Budget FY 16-17



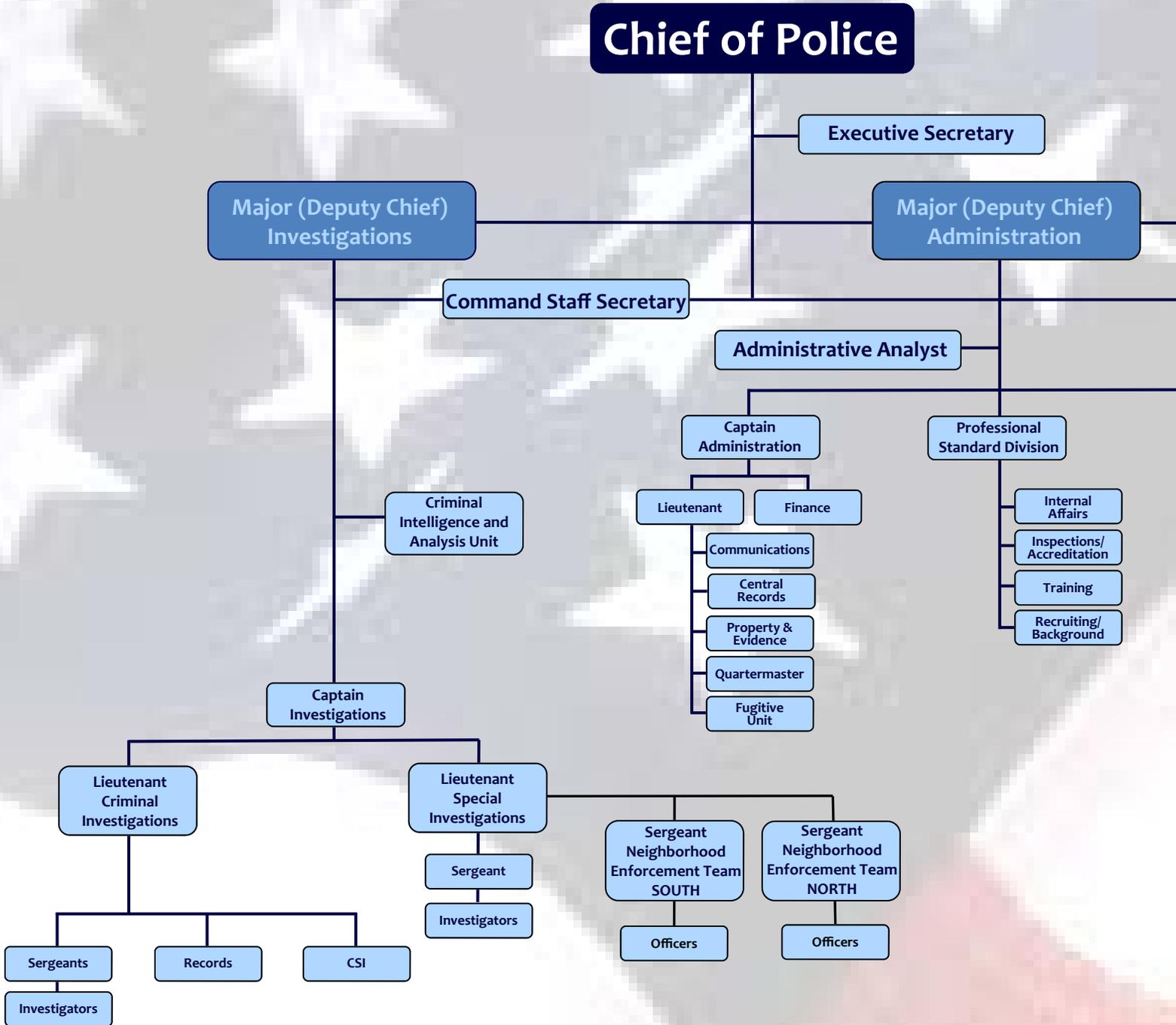
Emergency Communication Budget FY 16-17



Animal Shelter Management Budget FY 16-17



DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





Major (Deputy Chief)
Operations

Animal Control

Chief Animal Control Officer

Animal Shelter Manager

Animal Control Officers

Animal Caretakers

Captain
Precinct 1

Captain
Precinct 2

A Squad

B Squad

C Squad

A Squad

B Squad

C Squad

Special Operations

Lieutenant

Lieutenant

Lieutenant

Lieutenant

Lieutenant

Lieutenant

Lieutenant

Sergeants

Sergeants

Sergeants

Sergeants

Sergeants

Sergeants

Sergeant

Sergeant

Patrol

Patrol

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Motor Carrier Unit

School Resource Officer

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Traffic Unit

Auxiliary Officers

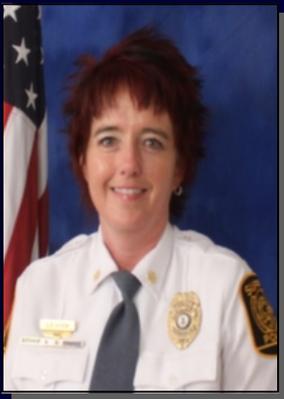
DEPARTMENT COMMANDS

Administrative Command



Major Steve Patterson is responsible for providing leadership and oversight for the Administrative Command. This Command is comprised of the Administrative Division, Office of Professional Standards, and Animal Care. The Administrative Division includes Emergency Communications, Central Records, Property and Evidence, Quartermaster, Warrant/Fugitive Unit, and the Administrative Analyst. The Office of Professional Standards includes the Internal Affairs Unit, Accreditation, Training and Inspections Unit, Recruitment, and Background Investigations. Animal Care includes the Animal Control Officers and Shelter Management.

Investigations Command



The Investigations Command is led by **Major Stephanie Burch**. This Command consists of the Criminal Investigations Unit, the Special Investigations Unit, and the Forensic Unit. The North and South Neighborhood Enforcement Teams and the Criminal Analysis and Intelligence personnel also are part of the Investigations Command.

Operations Command



The Operations Command is led by **Major Gerald Brandsasse**. This Command includes two divisions: Precinct I and Precinct II. These divisions compose the majority of sworn personnel on the Department. The Special Operations Section, which falls under Precinct II, includes the Traffic Unit, Motor Carrier Unit, School Resource Officers, Marine Patrol, Search and Rescue, Auxiliary Unit, and K-9 Unit. Additionally, Operations Command oversees the Department's SWAT, Dive, and Mobile Field Force teams.



Training

The Training Unit is responsible for coordinating, administering, and recording the training required to meet the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) standards and observed departmental and municipal needs.

From enrollment to recordkeeping, the training unit is responsible for all aspects of training. Every new hire is followed by the training unit from their first day at the academy until they graduate to independent patrol. They supervise and maintain all of the training records for newly hired officers, and oversee the selection and training of the field training officers that will instruct them. They are also responsible for ensuring that all Communications staff and Animal Control officers receive the proper instruction either through Hampton Roads Regional Academy or other affiliate departments.

The Training Unit consists of a Sergeant and two training officers.

In 2016, the Training Unit coordinated and/or conducted the following training for departmental employees:

- 12 (40) hour in service classes for all sworn personnel for a total of 480 hours
- 8 (16) hour in service classes for all non-sworn personnel for a total of 128 hours
- 10 auxiliary in-service classes for all auxiliary for a total of 50.5 hours
- 3 Post-Academy classes for a total of 784 hours
- 3 (17) week academy classes for which the unit coordinates staff instructors

In 2016, the Unit also coordinated or oversaw the following specialty instruction:

- 19 VCIN classes
- 8 Defensive Driving classes for non-sworn personnel
- 2 Patrol Rifle class
- 1 Basic CSI Class
- 3 Speed Measurement Classes
- 2 CIT classes
- 1 FTO training classes
- 17 Remedial Shooter open range days
- 2 Verbal Judo Classes
- 8 Traffic Incident Management Classes

- 7 Mental Health First Aid classes
- 2 fatal crash investigation classes
- 2 Community Policing Training classes

The Training Unit oversaw and approved the initial training on the newly selected Glock 22/23 duty weapon for the entire department. The Training Unit also oversaw the implementation of the initial training for the entire Department on NARCAN administration.

The Training Coordinator produced bulletins throughout the year, updating personnel on changes in law, emerging criminal trends, and any other pertinent information. On-line training classes are available to Department personnel either through the police academy or on the Department's PowerDMS. The Training Coordinator is responsible for building the training programs contained in the Department's internal system and coordinating between the academy and the officer to enable the proper on-line training.

One training officer is assigned to work with new recruit officers full time at Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Academy. This allows the Department the opportunity to monitor each recruit's progress and keep abreast of the latest training techniques and information.

Inspections

Staff inspections are an evaluation of the facilities, equipment, personnel and operations of the Department by Lieutenants who do not have direct control of the division which is being inspected. Staff inspections are comprehensive in nature, examining all aspects of a unit's operations and administrative performance. They also include the input of the personnel assigned to the unit being inspected. The results of the staff inspections are reported in writing to the Chief of Police. Any deficiencies noted must be corrected by the inspected division.

In 2016, there were six inspections completed on the following divisions: Crime Analysis, Neighborhood Enforcement Team, Central Records/Warrants, Communications, Property and Evidence and Professional Standards.

For 2017 the following inspections are scheduled: Office of Chief of Police / Planning & Research, Animal Control, Uniform Patrol – Precinct 1, Uniform Patrol – Precinct 2, Uniform Patrol – Special Operations, Investigations – Special Investigations Unit

Recruitment and Hiring

The Suffolk Police Department practices a rigorous, consistent, fair and non-discriminatory selection process by which employees are hired based upon their job-related knowledge, skills, and abilities. To that end, the Suffolk Police Department's Background Investigator and the Recruitment Team attended nine recruiting events in an effort to increase the applicant pool. Monthly testing continued to be the quickest way to regularly obtain a new pool of applicants, even though two months of testing were not conducted due to inclement weather. During 2016, the Suffolk Police Department received 970 applications. Of those applicants, 234 passed the physical agility test requirements. Of that number of applicants, 209 applicants successfully completed the written examination. In 2016, 17 of the 970 applicants were qualified and hired by the City of Suffolk Police Department.

Accreditation

In 2016, the Department went through its first CALEA re-accreditation. Assessors came in November and reviewed 170 standards and the supporting proofs. The "re-cred" was a success and the Department will receive official notification in early 2017 in Mobile, Alabama. The below picture shows the accreditation team and assessors.

Left to right: Detective Heather Linville, Major Stephanie Burch, Assessor Laura Saunders, Chief Thomas Bennett, Assessor Steven Seefchak, Major Steve Patterson, Major Gerald Brandsasse, Officer Shelly Koziana- the Department's Accreditation Manager.



Internal Affairs

Law enforcement agencies cannot function to the highest degree of integrity without being willing to invite and investigate complaints made against personnel. Not only are agencies expected to investigate external complaints but they are also expected to monitor and take prompt corrective action judiciously on departmentally generated investigations. It is not surprising that most internal affairs investigations are generated from within the Department. An agency will always keep the confidence of its citizens if the community believes that the agency is committed to oversight, investigation, discipline and training.



For the calendar year 2016, there were 55 complaints resulting in investigations. 43 complaints were generated within the department and 12 were generated by citizens. Department generated complaints comprised 78% of the total number of complaints. This percentage follows the trend of recent years, where departmentally initiated complaints make up the majority of investigated complaints. Of the 55 complaints, 41 were sustained and of the 41 sustained, seven were citizen-generated.

Complaint Type	Sustained	Not Sustained	Exonerated	Unfounded
ACD Discharge	2			
Biased Based Policing				3
Encounter with LE	1			
Excessive Force	1			
Fail to Appear in Court	4			
Fail to Complete Documents	1			
Fail to Notify	2			2
Fail to Provide Service	1			
Fail to Report for Duty	1			
Fail to Supervise	2			
Harassment				1
Improper Arrest/Prisoner Processing	1			1
Improper Data Entry	1			
Improper Investigation	6			1
Inappropriate Behavior/Misconduct	5			3
K-9 Policy Violation	1			
Late Case File	1			1
Lying/Deception	2			
Not Follow/Disobey Orders	2			
Rude/Unprofessional	2	1		
Sleeping on Duty	3			
Unsatisfactory Work Performance	1			
Violate Drug Policy		1		
Violate Camera Policy	1			
Total Investigations Findings in 2016	41*	2*		12*

*Note: The above is the total number of investigations conducted by the Suffolk Police Department and is based on the aggregate of incoming complaints. The investigations may involve more than one officer and/or multiple policy violations at the conclusion of the investigation. The listed disposition is the finding based on the overall investigation.

Administrative Division



The Administrative Division provides support services to our internal customers, while effectively meeting citizens' requests for a multitude of record keeping services. This Division is comprised of Central Records, Property and Evidence, Quartermaster, Communications, Fugitive Unit, Staff Coordination Unit, and the Administrative Analyst.

Commanding Officer
Captain Janet Brandsasse

Central Records

This unit, comprised of Police Records Technicians and a Records Management Supervisor, is responsible for all data entry into our Records Management System. In addition, they are required to respond to all citizen walk-in requests for service at two different facilities. They are assigned to Headquarters 24 hours a day and at Precinct 2 Monday through Friday during normal business hours. The data entry function is critical to ensuring accuracy of information and statistics.

Quartermaster

The Quartermaster is responsible for maintaining records and tracking all properties belonging to the Suffolk Police Department. This unit is also responsible for all supplies, equipment within the police department, inventory, purchase, maintenance and distribution of such equipment and supplies. One officer is staffing this position at this time. The unit has recently conducted uniform upgrades to include new shirts and pants, Level IIIA body armor, and the replacement of the Beretta PX4 pistol to the Glock 22 & 23.

Communications

The Communications Section is the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for all wire line and wireless non-emergency and 911 (emergency) calls within the City. It is comprised of 20 Emergency Communications Operators, 3 Emergency Communications Operator Supervisors, 3 Call-Takers and a PSAP Manager who holds the rank of Sergeant. Officers, firefighters, rescue personnel and citizens rely on this unit to provide accurate and timely information and/or service

to meet their individual needs. The Communications Operator must be able to prioritize, plan and multi-task to accomplish the desired result which is excellent customer service for both internal and external customers. Emergency Communications staff continued to work towards CALEA accreditation by drafting new operating procedures and collecting proofs of compliance. One dispatcher will be assigned to an administrative assignment with a goal of completion in 2017. The Emergency Communication Center received 144,733 calls into the Emergency Communications Center in 2016. They received 42,952 wireless calls, 431 Voice over Internet (VoIP) calls, 101,350 landline calls, 92,038 administrative calls, and made 49,557 outbound calls. This totaled 195,237 calls handled by the center. Not all calls received by the Emergency Communications Center are 911 calls, or calls for service. In addition, a single event may elicit multiple calls for service. The numbers above only represent inbound and outbound calls, not the type of call, or the calls dispatched to public safety personnel. This is covered elsewhere in this report.

Fugitive Unit

This unit is responsible for the recording and service of all warrants of arrest that are issued by the magistrate's office and courts system for the City of Suffolk. In 2016, the Department received a total of **3,627** warrants and **704** indictments, **749** Emergency Protective Orders. This was a total of **5,125** documents to serve with a total served of **4,175**. In 2016, the Fugitive Unit served **958** warrants, and **17** Emergency Protective orders for a total of **975**. This Unit is also responsible for conducting all out of state extraditions and conducted **31** such extraditions in 2016. This Unit is comprised of two officers, one sergeant, and one civilian clerk.



Administrative Analyst

The Administrative Analyst maintains the Department’s Strategic Plan and Vision Plan and is responsible for collecting data throughout the year to be used in this annual report as well as other Department reports. The Analyst is responsible for applying for, administering, and reporting on foundations, state, and federal grants. In 2016, the Department was awarded \$921,996 in grant funding for equipment, overtime, training, and other items.

Suffolk Police 2016 Grants

Grant Name	Items/Programs	Program Amount
FY 15 Byrne One Time Training	Blue Courage/Resilience	9,996
CVS Pharmacy	Two drug boxes	1,600
FY 17 PSAP Education Grant	Training Grant	2,000
FY 16 DUI Task Force Grant	Salaries, cars, equipment, etc.	412,673
DCJS CIT One Time T & E	Training supplies	1,180
FY 16 DCJS JAG	Crime Analyst, Software, Research	118,220
FY 16 Port Security Grant 00181	Replacement of SAFE boat motors	59,200
FireHouse Subs	4 AEDs	6,776
FY 16 JAG	Blue Courage Training, Equipment	35,137
FY 17 Highway Safety Alcohol	Overtime, Training, Equipment	35,364
FY 17 Highway Safety Occupant Protection	Overtime	3,708
FY 17 DUI Task Force	Overtime, Uniform, Licenses	197,872
VDEM Emergency Mgmt.	Reverse 911 System	19,000
VDEM Emergency Mgmt.	Spotting scopes, phones, camera updates	19,270
	GRANTS TOTAL	\$921,996

Property and Evidence

This unit is responsible for the intake, maintenance, return, destruction, or auction of all property or evidence that is taken into police custody, in accordance with Virginia legal requirements. This unit is responsible for all data entry regarding property, as well as periodic audits of the cataloging system. With the expansion of Police Headquarters in 2015, the Property and Evidence unit received a sizable increase in their physical domain. The expansion included a new HVAC system for the property room which was greatly needed to filter the air. The total number of items received in P&E in 2016 was 9,397. The Unit disposed of 8,426 items. Below is a breakdown of the disposed items.

- * Destroyed – 6390
- * Released to owner – 734
- * Released to AFIS – 575
- * Released to another jurisdiction – 391
- * Kept by Court – 56
- * Auctioned – 245
- * Other – 35



The Police Department believes that volunteers play a valuable service in offering experience and superior work skills. Their efforts reduce the burden on paid staff and close the gap in the age-old adage in government of “doing more with less”. Volunteers give their time selflessly and are truly appreciated by all they serve.

Chaplain Services

The Police Department makes counseling and pastoral services available to officers, their families, other Departmental members and citizens of the community through the Police Chaplain Program. In 2016, the Chaplains conducted ride alongs with officers, attended National Night Out and was on-call to respond to serious situations as they did in the case of a child fatality.



J. Pipkin, Chaplain
Program Coordinator

Volunteers

Besides the Chaplain services, the Department, under the direction of Richard Vroman, perform many other duties for the Department. Some volunteers work out at the Department’s Animal Shelter where they take care of the animals that are taken in and prepare them for adoption. Volunteers also act as a liaison with civic leagues and help the Department keep up-to-date civic league board members and meetings schedule. Volunteers don’t mind getting their hands dirty as they have helped the Quartermaster conduct inventory, and they have worked with the Crime Scene Investigators to sort fingerprint cards. One volunteer contributes as a traffic assistance (non-sworn) officer who travels the highways and helps stranded motorists. Another volunteer greatly augments the personnel in Central Records by filing and purging parking tickets.



Richard Vroman,
Volunteer Program Coordinator

PRECINCT 1



**Commanding Officer
Captain Timothy Smith**

Precinct 1 is responsible for 310 of the City's 430 square miles. This Precinct covers 12 patrol districts, comprising 46% of the City's population. Precinct 1 operates with 57 officers and supervisors within the patrol division.

The Precinct continues to be diligent in providing quality service to the citizens within the City of Suffolk. During 2016, Precinct 1 officers handled 27,567 citizen initiated calls for service, which equates to 61.2% of the citizen initiated calls for service received by the Department.

In 2016, officers and supervisors within Precinct 1 continued to use proactive patrols to address quality of life issues and safety concerns raised by citizens. This initiative concentrates on the identification of problems, problem solving efforts, and evaluation of efforts on a single issue until the problem is resolved, or reduced, to a more manageable level. The proactive patrol concept has been used to address traffic-related complaints and reports of criminal activity. This concept has also been instrumental throughout the year in the prevention of crime within the high crime neighborhoods. Additionally, officers have remained visible in the high crash corridors, enforcing traffic violations relating to speeding, reckless driving, and driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Precinct 1 Officers have stepped up enforcement of the "No Through" truck zones in the Downtown district to provide citizen motorist less delays in traffic and reduced the amount of traffic accidents involving tractor trailer trucks on confined roadways.

With the newly formed predictive policing component of the Crime Analysis Unit, Precinct 1 has vigorously utilized their prediction models to reduce the opportunities for crime in predetermined areas. Officers receive daily reports outlining the possibility of crime in areas rated by three tiers, tier one being the highest probability. Officers use this information as a tool to observe any anomalies that may drive crime predictions in their assigned areas and develop actions to reduce or eliminate the predicted crime.

Precinct 1 officers also attend Civic League meetings for each active Civic League in the Precinct 1 area of responsibility. Attending these meetings enhances the relationship between the communities and the Police Department. The officers are also able to provide crime prevention tips and up to date crime statistics to each Civic League. The Civic Leagues voice concerns for their communities, and officers are able to address these concerns proactively. Civic League attendance and participation is crucial to maintaining and building positive relationships within the communities we serve.

Monthly inspections have continued to be completed to ensure personnel, vehicles, and weapons are above standard. Supervisors continuously review incident reports, customer feedback surveys, and in-car camera footage to ensure that officers are delivering the best customer service possible. The addition of body worn cameras has aided in officer performance feedback and has reduced the number of citizen complaints. The video from body worn cameras have been instrumental in providing opportunity for teachable moments.



PRECINCT 2



Commanding Officer Captain James Buie



Precinct 2, housed in the North Suffolk Public Safety Center, is responsible for 120 of the City's 430 square miles. This Precinct covers six of the Department's 18 patrol districts. This Precinct is staffed with 41 sworn officers, and one Police Records Technician. Additionally, the Department's Special Operations Division personnel including auxiliary officers, a Property Crimes Detective and Neighborhood Enforcement Team North are assigned to Precinct 2. In 2016, Precinct 2 had a total of 17,342 citizen initiated calls. The calls for service in 2016 were up 6% from 2015. Precinct 2 accounted for 39% of the citizen calls received throughout the city.

During 2016, Precinct 2 conducted two traffic safety checkpoints, and numerous DUI roving patrols. The purpose of the checkpoints, and the roving patrols were to reduce the number of impaired drivers operating vehicles within the city of Suffolk, and to reduce the number of accidents within the city. During the checkpoints over 120 summonses were issued. Precinct 2 also conducted speed enforcement initiatives in our high crash corridors. The speed enforcement initiatives were to conduct speed enforcement, aggressive driving enforcement and safety belt enforcement in our high traffic corridors. The initiatives were scheduled around our heaviest traffic volume times. During the initiatives over 1,500 traffic summonses were issued.

In 2016, Officers partnered with the community by attending over 24 civic league meetings to educate the public on general traffic safety, home and holiday safety. During 2016 Precinct 2 placed messaging boards in locations where car break-ins were occurring at an alarming rate. The signs were placed in the areas advising residents to "Help Reduce Crime Lock their Car Doors". Social Media sites were also utilized to get that public safety message out. Public Safety Brochures were also handed out on how to keep your property safe.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS



The Department's Special Operations Unit is comprised of seven specialized units: School Resource Officers, Traffic Enforcement Unit, Motor Carrier Unit, K-9 Unit, Motorcycle Unit, Marine Patrol Unit, and Auxiliary Unit.

Officer in Charge
Lieutenant T. Shelton

School Resource Unit

The Department currently has seven state certified School Resource Officers. School Resource Officers are certified to teach Virginia Rules and the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program. Other topics that are taught by School Resource Officers are: Anti-Bullying, Internet Safety, Gang Prevention, DUI, and Texting While Driving programs. Many of the School Resource Officers assist Suffolk Parks and Recreation in summer programs. Below are some of the numbers of students that are taught the GREAT and Virginia Rules programs. All high school students are taught the Virginia Rules program during the school year and 1,056 sixth grade students were instructed in the GREAT program during the 2015-2016 school year. All School Resource Officers participate in the truancy prevention program.

- Licensing – 163
- Moving Violations – 144
- Improper Registration – 60
- Equipment Violations – 107
- Seatbelt/Car Seat Violations – 24
- Miscellaneous – 197
- DUI Arrest – 97
- DUI Refusals – 31
- Drug/Narcotic Arrests – 28
- Ignition Interlock Violations – 3
- Drinking Alcohol while Driving – 13
- Weapons Arrests – 7
- Arrests – 152

Traffic Enforcement Unit

While there were no officers assigned to the Traffic Enforcement Unit, the Department has been utilizing a National Highway Transportation Safety Act (NHTSA) grant for two full-time officers to conduct DUI Enforcement and thus the DUI Task Force Unit was activated May 15, 2016. The officers conducted saturated DUI patrol efforts to reduce DUI related accidents while keeping the roads safe. The DUI Task Force Unit's other duties includes teaching recruit officers the fundamentals of DUI Standard Field Sobriety Testing and attending DUI forums within the region. Within a 7 month time span, the DUI Task Force Unit yielded the following results since June 1, 2016:

Motor Carrier Unit

The Motor Carrier Unit continued to enforce motor carrier violations to ensure the safe travel of commercial motor vehicles throughout the City. Below is a list of their activity for 2016:

- Overweight Summonses – 88
- Overweight charges – \$690,932
- Permit Violations – 42
- Motor Carrier Inspections – 288
- Passenger Bus Inspections – 8
- Hazmat Inspections – 43
- Vehicles placed Out Of Service – 64
- Drivers placed Out Of Service – 6
- Total CMV Violations – 487
- Escorts/Superloads – 23



K-9 Unit

The K9 Unit for 2016 had four canine teams. The teams consisted of one narcotics detection canine, one dual purpose patrol / narcotics canine and two patrol canines. Along with regular patrol and investigative responsibilities the teams also participated in canine demonstrations at school events, Mutt Strut, National Night Out, Senior Citizens Academy and the Youth Public safety Academy. The canine teams also performed the following duties during 2016:

Random Public Schools Sweeps – 10
Area Searches – 9
Article Searches – 10

Building Searches—48
Narcotic Searches— 21
Apprehensions— 5

Motorcycle Unit

The Department currently has three (3) certified Police Motorcycle Operators. Their duties include speed enforcement, funeral escorts, and participating in area parades to include Norfolk's Grand Illumination, Saint Patrick's Day and NATO parade. They also participated in the 2016 Road to Hope Memorial Bike Ride, Suffolk National Night Out and Torch Run. The officers attended the holiday parades in Suffolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Poquoson, and Smithfield.



Marine Patrol Unit

The Suffolk Marine Patrol consists of 2 boat operators (Officers) and is supplemented by the Special Operation's Sergeant. These Officers will operate one of the Department's four boats depending on the need and conditions. The Marine Patrol Unit's season is from May to September although a boat is always ready for deployment. During 2016, the Marine Patrol Unit conducted the following operations. Security details to include the Stars and Stripes Spectacular, Operation Dry Water BUI Enforcement, Crittenden Raft Race, Fourth of July event, HarborFest and Chippoke's Pork Peanut & Pine Festival.

The Marine Patrol Unit also conducted the following activities during 2016:

- 6 vessel boarding incidents (due to legislation change of "Reasonable suspicion required to stop, board, or inspect a non-commercial vessel on navigable waters of the Commonwealth" our vessel boardings are lower)
- 3 search and rescue operations

Auxiliary Unit

The Police Department currently had 7 certified Auxiliary Police Officers and 1 Traffic Assistance Officer. These officers assist with low priority calls for service and special patrols to include Traffic Safety Checkpoints and candlelight tours. The Auxiliary Officers provide security and traffic control for many special events throughout the year to include the Taste of Suffolk, Peanut Fest, Fourth of July celebrations, and many more. The Auxiliary Unit allows the Department to allocate resources more effectively and is a vital asset to the Police Department. These officers volunteer their time throughout the year and provide a very valuable service to the Police Department and the community.



The Investigations Division of the Police Department consists of Criminal Investigations, Criminal Intelligence and Analysis, Crime Scene Investigations Unit, the Neighborhood Enforcement Teams, and Special Investigations.

**Commanding Officer
Captain Alfred Chandler**

Criminal Investigations

During 2016, Criminal Investigations staff members assisted with the investigation of over 2400 Part 1 offenses reported throughout the City of Suffolk. The Department saw an increase in homicide investigations and a substantial increase in rape investigations. For 2016, the Department realized a 33% increase in homicides, investigating four for the entire year, and a 71% increase in rape investigating 12 more than 2015.

Property Crimes detectives have remained very busy investigating numerous burglary and theft offenses. Property Crimes for 2016 show a decrease 24% from 2015. Some property Crimes detectives are housed within the precincts to investigate burglaries and offenses where a trend or pattern is discovered within a defined area such as thefts from motor vehicles and larcenies of building materials. For 2016, the Department realized a decrease in burglaries of 11% from 2015. Criminal Investigations staff continues to urge citizens to protect their belongings by locking vehicles and removing valuable items from automobiles.

The Department has two Neighborhood Enforcement Teams. One team is assigned to each patrol precinct and is comprised of 3-4 officers and a sergeant. Their main focus is the proactive enforcement of gang related crimes and the collection of gang intelligence. The Neighborhood Enforcement Teams are focused on both short and long term, street level gang investigations, and have been instrumental at reducing gang related crime in the city. Both teams work very closely with our School Resource Officers, Intelligence Analysts, Uniform Patrol, and the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, to share information to ensure that gang mem-

bers are identified and prosecuted for criminal activity. The Neighborhood Enforcement Teams not only focus on prosecution of gangs, but also work to prevent gangs and youth violence by educating youth and their families with gang awareness programs and work to eradicate quality of life challenges within neighborhoods. In early 2016, the Neighborhood Enforcement Teams were reorganized and began to report to the Command Level Officer of the Special Investigations Section. In 2016, the Neighborhood Enforcement Teams conducted 29 gang awareness programs. In addition, the teams placed a combined total of 5 gang participation charges on individuals. They were also responsible for placing 272 various other (criminal) charges in 2016.

Special Investigations Unit

The overwhelming focus of 2016 was combating the ever rising opioid epidemic that not only affects Suffolk, but the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. During 2016, the Special Investigations Unit served 25 search warrants, made 27 arrests, processed 88 indictments, and made 125 controlled purchases of various items including heroin, cocaine, crack cocaine, marijuana, prescription narcotics, and alcohol. The Unit also responded to and investigated heroin related overdose incidents throughout the city. The Command Level Officer of the Special Investigations Section is responsible for the processing of all asset forfeiture and seized property for the Department. The Department seized over \$120,000 worth of property and currency. The Special Investigations Unit was responsible for seizing over \$106,000 of the total seized assets. Beginning in 2016, the Department estab-



lished a prescription drug drop off program through a grant with CVS Pharmacy. Collection centers were established at Headquarters and Precinct II. The Special Investigations Unit is responsible for the collection of the prescription drugs from the bins. As a result, nearly 460 pounds of prescription medication was collected in 2016 and destroyed.

Crime Scene Investigations

During 2016, there were 438 cases where the CSI Unit worked as the lead forensic investigators. During these investigations they collected 3,853 pieces of evidence; of these, 415 pieces were processed within the Police Department's lab. The Unit also took 20,524 photographs of crime scenes, fingerprinted 663 citizens, and conducted 29 programs and 57 photo assignments for various events for the Department. There were approximately 4 DNA hits, 64 fingerprint hits, and 2 trace hits. There were approximately 212 fingerprint examinations conducted, all in-house. There were approximately 128 digital forensic cases conducted to include cell phone extractions and surveillance video analysis. The Unit was honored this year by achieving the ANSI-ASQ ISO/IEC 17020:2012 International Forensic Accreditation. SPD was only the second Police Department in Virginia to achieve this accreditation. The annual Basic Crime Scene School graduated 3 new Suffolk Street Techs for a total of 29 working within the Department. These Street Tech's completed 272 crime scenes as lead technicians in 2016.

CSI Accreditation

On September 29th, the CSI Unit achieved ANSI-ASQ ISO/IEC 17020:2012 International Forensic Accreditation in 2016. This is the first unit to achieve accreditation in a police department in Hampton Roads and the second in Virginia. ANSI-ASQ stands for American National Standards Institute /American Society of Quality Control. The CSI Unit spent months preparing, rewriting policies, establishing updated procedures, and taking annual proficiency testing, culminating in an assessor review that occurred on August 23rd and 24th by an accreditation team that specializes in Crime Scene Investigation. The on-site accreditation consisted of a review of the unit's policies and procedures, and examination of all of the areas where the CSI Unit operates. They inspected the Unit's equipment and interviewed all of the Unit staff. They reviewed case logs, reports, several major cases, training records, personnel files, and equipment manuals. Each CSI Unit member was asked a series of questions to demonstrate proficiency in the field, as well as to demonstrate their ability to use assigned equipment.

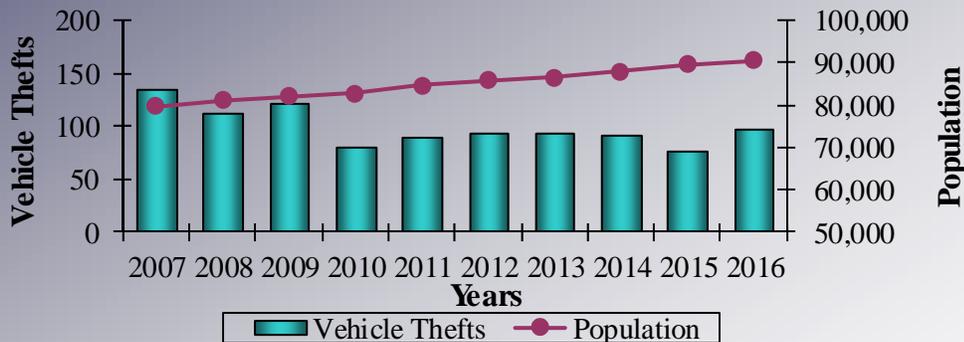
Glock Transition

On September 26th, the Suffolk Police Department began a transition from Beretta firearms to Glock firearms. The Quartermaster's Office, CSI Unit, and several firearms instructors began inventory, safety inspections, and test fires of the new Glock firearms. Department members received either Glock 22s or Glock 23s as new duty weapons. The Department also assisted with the transition for the Suffolk Sheriff's Department and Suffolk Fire Marshalls. Each weapon for the Police Department was test fired in the CSI Unit's new ballistic chamber housed in the Forensic Bay. Test fire bullets and cartridge cases were catalogued for storage in case of need for analysis at a later date. Once the test fires were completed, firearms instructors trained each sworn member of the Department on the new Glock firearms and were able to have everyone qualify with the new weapons by the end of October.

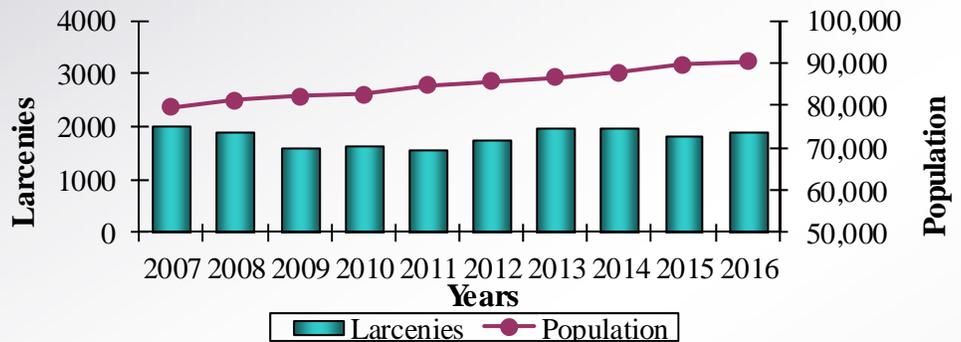
CRIME STATS

In 2016, the Department saw a 7% decrease in Part I crimes. Rape, Homicide, and Aggravated assault increased while Arson, Burglary, Larceny, Motor vehicle theft, and Robbery decreased. Aggravated assault increased by 12%, and Homicide victims increased by one. 2015 saw a large decline in rape incidents (60%); 2016's increase to 21 is still below the 10-year average of 23. Burglary (12%), Motor vehicle theft (8%), and Larceny (7.5%) saw the largest drop, which accounts for an effective decrease in crime for 2016. On average, Larceny accounts for 78% of Suffolk's Part I crimes.

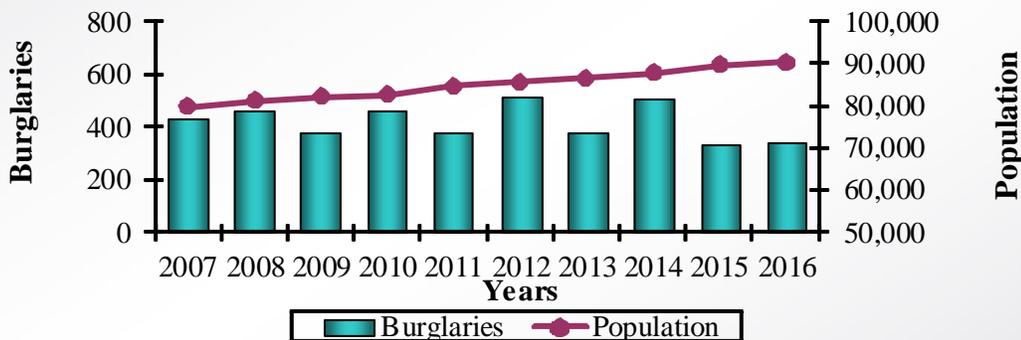
Motor Vehicle Thefts/Population



Larcenies/Population

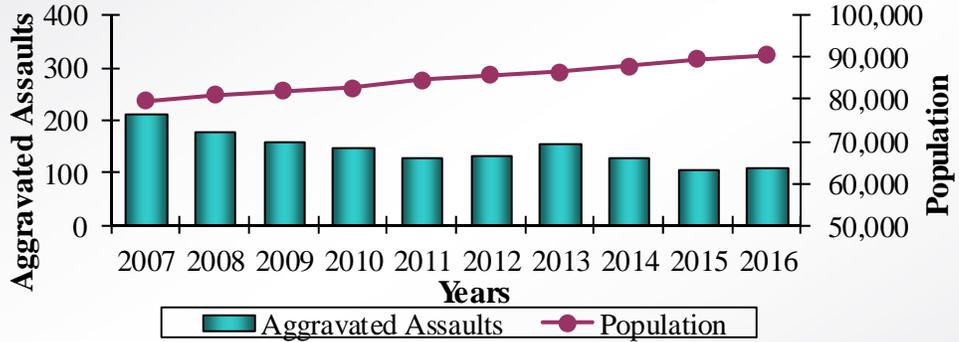


Burglaries/Population

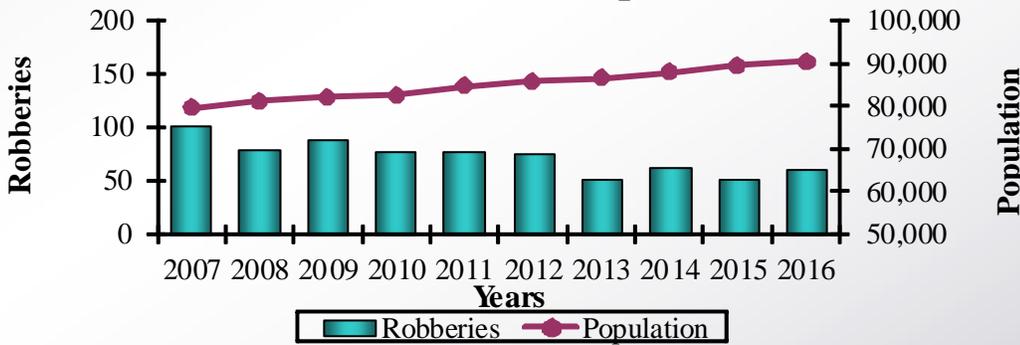




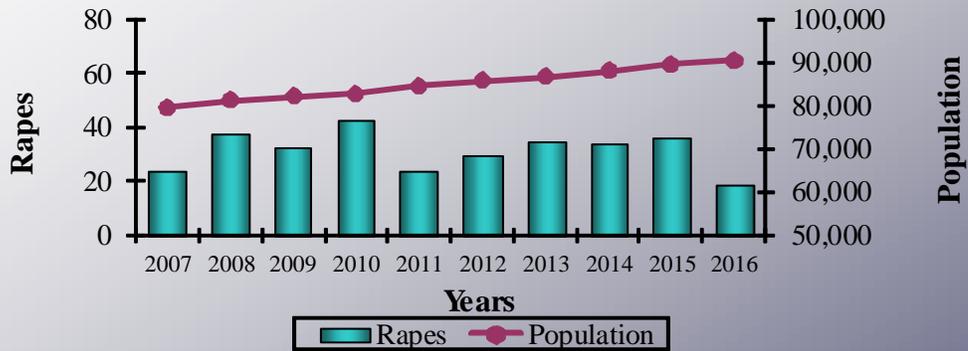
Aggravated Assaults/Population



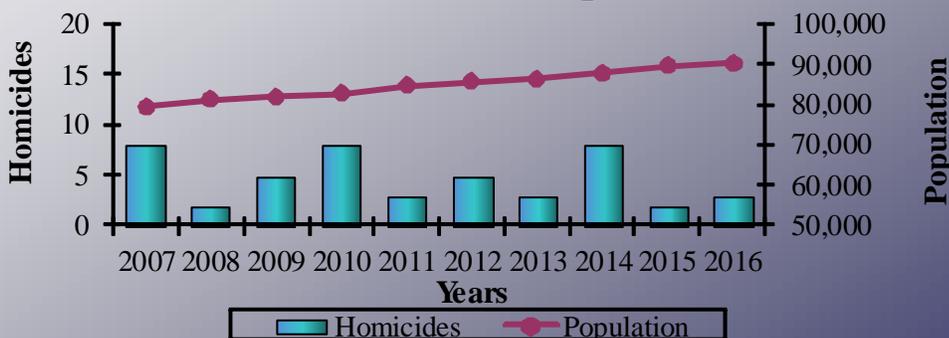
Robberies/Population



Rapes/Population



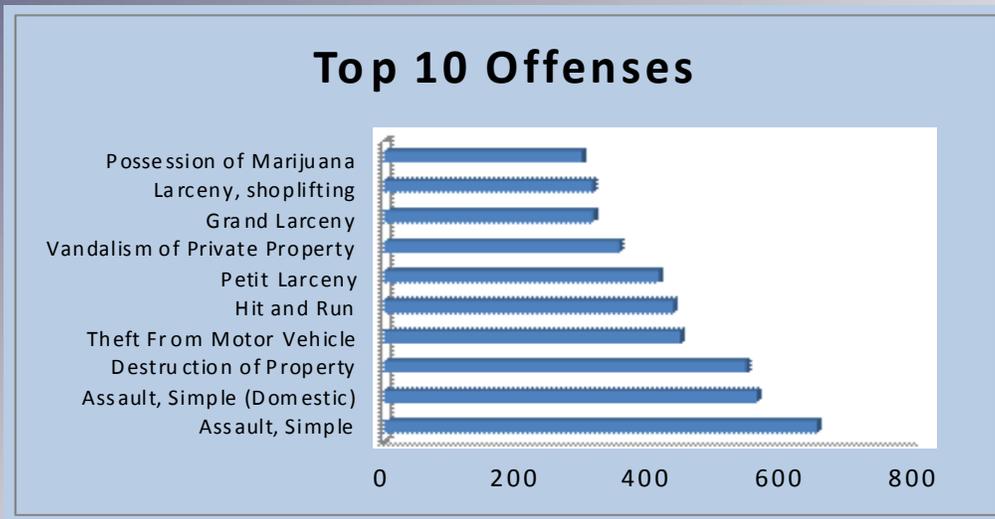
Homicides/Population



TOP 10 OFFENSES AND CALLS FOR SERVICE

Top 10 Offenses

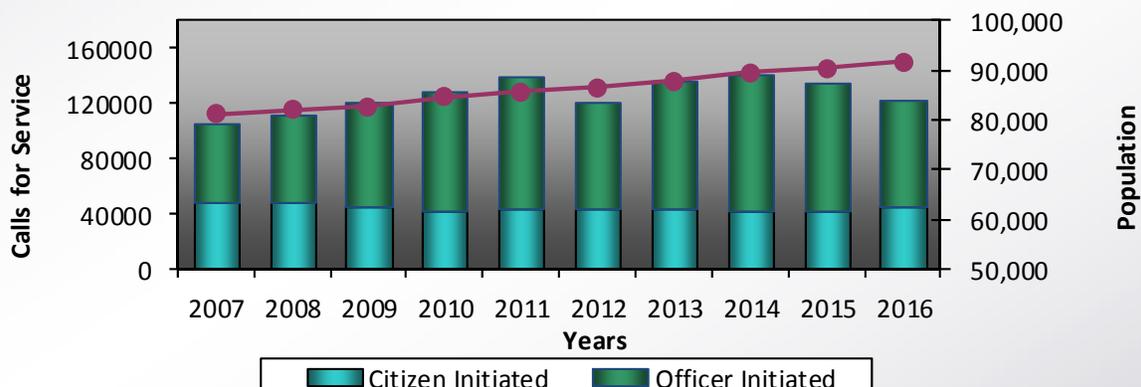
It is important for the Police Department to document crime. Only then can it set priorities to combat it. The Top 10 reported offenses gives a good indication where the Police Department's core functions are: Patrol and Investigations. Patrol responds to these crimes and in many ways prevents them from occurring. Investigations works the more serious crimes that are beyond the capabilities (time and resources) of Patrol.



Calls for Service/Population

In 2016, the Emergency Communication Center handled 123,467 calls for service into the Center. A "call for service" occurs each time that an entry is made into the dispatching database. Citizens may make the call for service (noted in blue on the chart) or an Officer may make a call (noted with green on the chart). As one can see, Officers will create more "calls" than citizens. That is because they are actively patrolling and handle many duties during their shift. Calls for service in 2016 were down 9% when compared to the previous year. This total was the lowest since 2012.

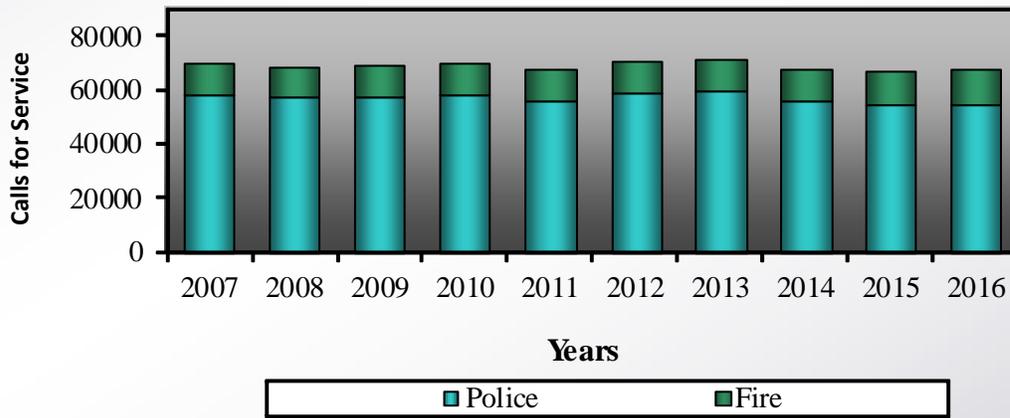
Calls for Service/Population





Public Safety Calls for Service

The Emergency Communication Center is part of the Police Department and it also serves as the dispatch center for Suffolk Fire and Rescue. The below chart shows the comparison of police calls for service compared to Suffolk Fire Rescue.



The below chart depicts the Top 10 citizen and officer initiated calls. Citizen initiated calls are considered reactive police work, while officer initiated calls are many times proactive. Both types are vital for a good police-community relationship and effective crime fighting.

2016 Top 10 Citizen-initiated CFS

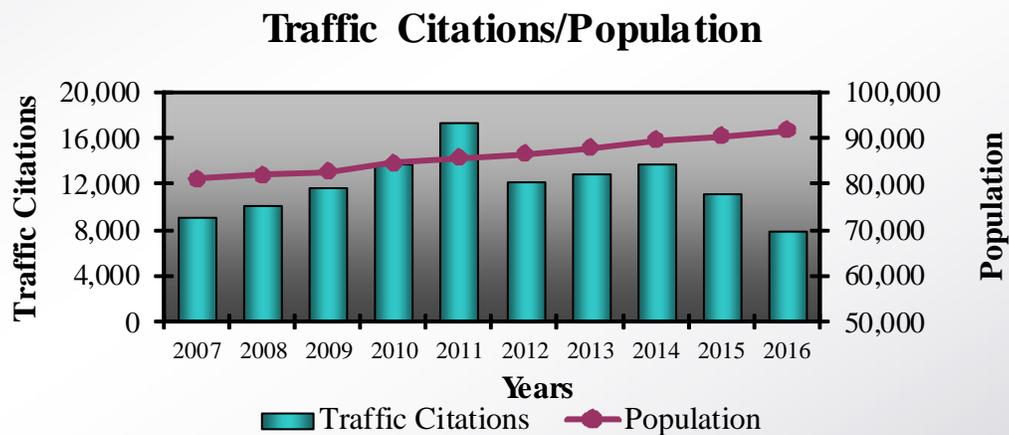
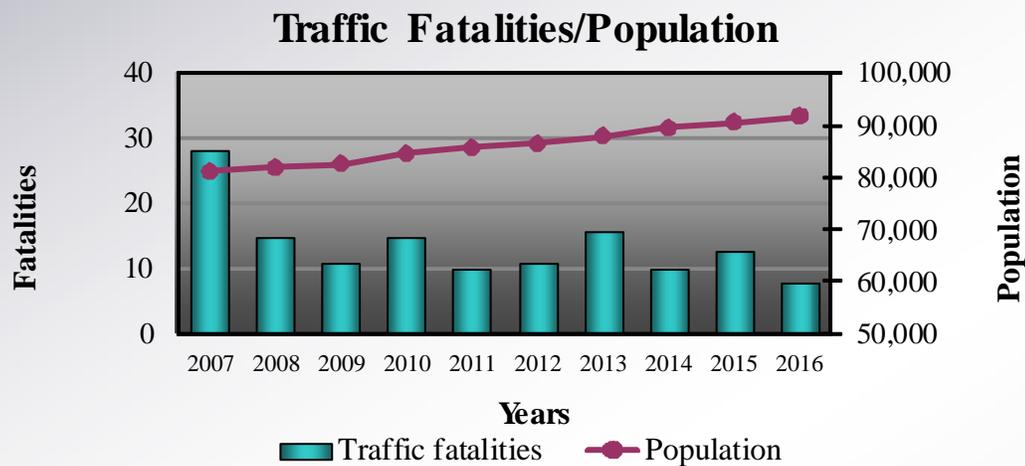
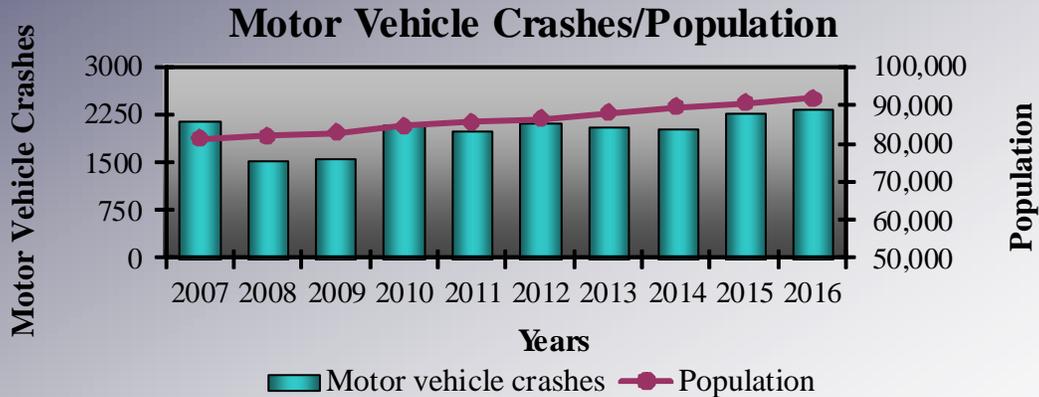
Nature of Call	Total
SEE COMPLAINANT	5,229
ALARM B&E	3,671
AUTO ACCIDENT	2,659
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2,337
ANIMAL CONTROL	2,239
DISTURBANCE	2,019
RECKLESS DRIVER	1,863
CHECK BUILDING	1,639
DISTURBANCE DOMESTIC	1,524
LARCENY	1,425

2016 Top 10 Officer-initiated CFS

Nature of Call	Total
CHECK BUILDING	30,058
VEHICLE STOP	14,119
COMMUNITY POLICING PROJECT	5,309
DIRECTED PATROL	4,761
TRAFFIC DETAIL	3,933
BUSY ON INVESTIGATION	3,588
SEE COMPLAINANT	2,456
FOOT PATROL	2,212
ANIMAL CONTROL	1,914
IMPROPERLY PARKED VEHICLE	1,716

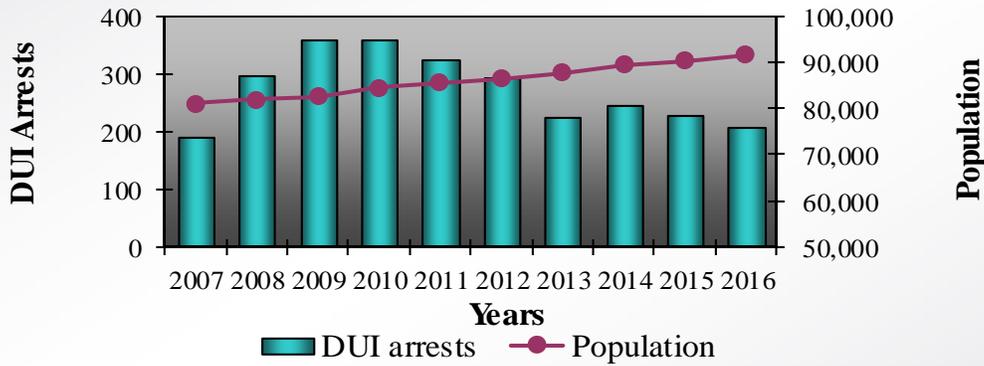
TRAFFIC ACTIVITY

In 2016, motor vehicle crashes continued to trend upward when compared to the past two years. Traffic citations have dropped by 28% when compared to 2015 and 54% when compared to the highest year of summonses issued over the past 10 years, in 2011. The Department is engaging in several ways to increase the numbers of citations to reduce the number of crashes. Through grants and other initiatives, the Department is committed to being proactive in highway safety. And while one fatality is too many, in 2016, the number of fatalities went down 38% and was the lowest total (8) since 2006 when there was also eight.





DUI Arrests/Population



Top 10 Traffic Citations	
Citation	Total
Speeding	2,427
Driving Under Suspension	864
Expired State Tags	407
Fail To Obey Signs/ Bond Surrender/ Improper Equip	362
Expired Rejection Decal	303
Reckless - Improper Brakes	268
No Drivers License	259
Following Too Close	245
Fail To Yield At Intersections With A Stop Or Yield Sign	217
Improper Passing On Double Solid Line	192
Use Unsafe Equipment	189
Reckless - General	178
Reckless Driving - Excessive Speed	145
Failure To Wear Seatbelt	143
Failure To Stop At Red Light	111
Vehicle Registration Violations	103
Fail To Yield - Left Turn Traffic To Yield Right Of Way	86
Fail To Yield/Reduce Speed To Stationary Emergency Vehicle	71
Defective Equipment-Headlights	69
Inspection - None Or Expired	65



Suffolk Brings Home Top National Night Out Honors

For the fourth time in nine years, the City of Suffolk's National Night Out event was named best in the nation among communities with a population of 50,000 to 100,000 residents by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). Suffolk's 2016 edition of National Night Out saw thousands of individual citizens, neighborhoods, civic groups, businesses, City employees, and City public safety personnel gather to celebrate and say no to crime.

The City of Suffolk had previously received the number one ranking in 2008, 2009, and 2014. This is the 11th straight year the City of Suffolk has placed in the top 5 in the nation for National Night Out. Suffolk is also the highest ranking City/County in the State of Virginia and one of only two Hampton Roads Cities/Counties to place Nationally (Smithfield, Virginia - #21 in Category 5).

In the individual neighborhood/community category, National Night Out – Obici was one of seven such groups in the nation to receive an award and recognition for their event.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. This event enhances the relationships between neighbors and first responders while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

National Night Out 2017 is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2017. For more information on Suffolk's National Night Out events, visit www.suffolknno.com or www.facebook.com/SuffolkVaNNO



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PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS

Promoted to Deputy Chief
Gerald Brandsasse



Promoted to Captain
Alfred Chandler



Promoted to Lieutenant
Jesse Epperson



**Promoted to Emergency Communi-
cation Operator Supervisor**
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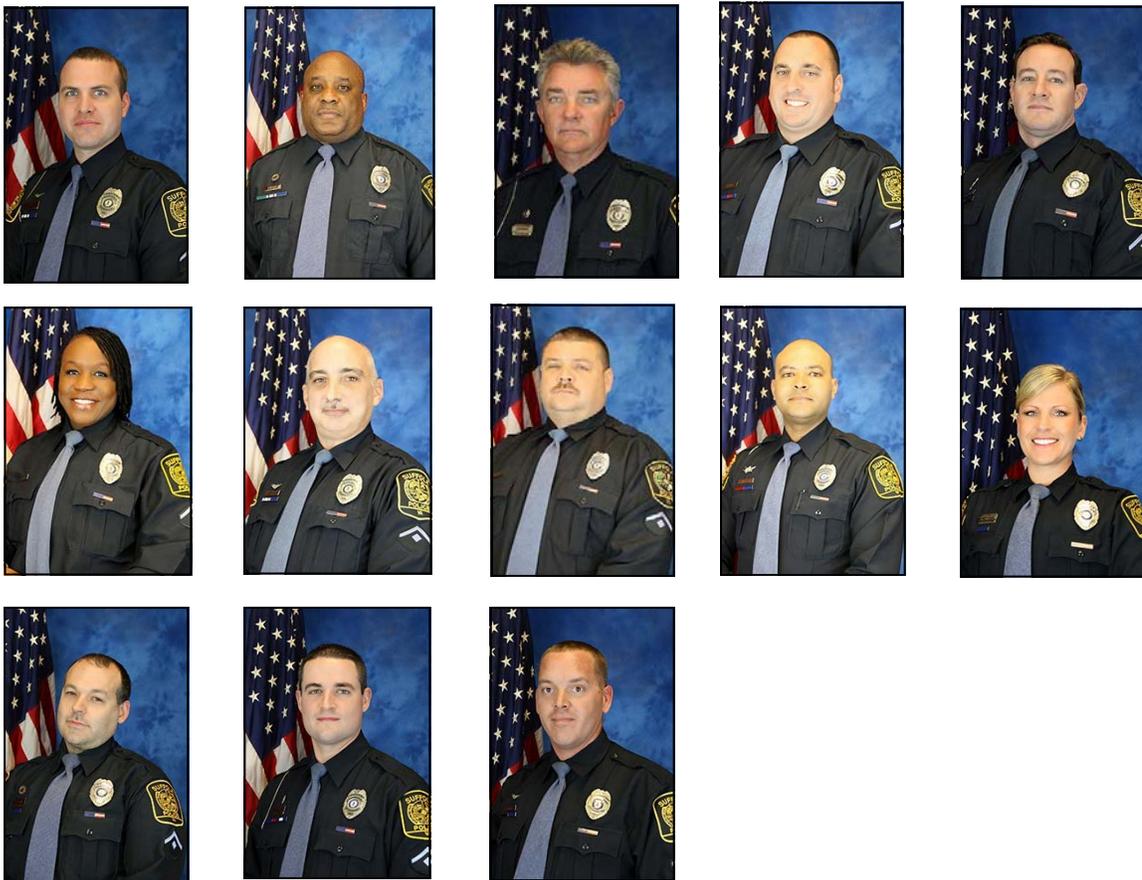


Promoted to Sergeant
Eric Crawley





Promoted to Senior Police Officer



Row 1 left to right: Jonathan Bulls, Marcus Carter, John Crombie, Benjamin Delugo, Nicholas Gasparini,
Row 2 left to right: Nicole Hayward, Michael Holman, Steven Ireland, Derek Jackson, Natalie Mathews
Row 3 left to right: Clifton Sessoms, Shane Sukowski, Nicholas Walker

Retired in 2016



Dean Smith
Deputy Chief



David Burke
Detective



James Menken
Officer

NEW OFFICERS



Front row left to right: Officers James Howard, Carmon Loman, Michael Swinney, Judson Gauf.
Back row left to right: Chief Bennett, Officers Adrian Feliz-Diaz, Zachary Hyman, Jamaal Livingston, David Wells

Left to right: City Manager Patrick Roberts, Major Gerald Brandsasse, Officer Meghan Tallon, Emergency Communication Operator Supervisor Brandee Curl, Mayor Linda Johnson



Left to right: Officers Andrew Shaffer, David Powell, Kyle Valois, Trevor Tello, Corey Hubbard, William Price, James Capehart, Matthew Schelling, Kyle Gosney, Kyle Hall, Janel Farmer

NEW EMPLOYEES



La Toria Bland
Records Technician



Kaitlin Owen
Animal Caretaker



Casey White
Animal Caretaker



Emily Matuschek
Emergency
Communication Operator



Judith Luffman
Crime Analyst



Trisha Mendez
Records Technician



Alexandria Whiteside
Crime Analyst



Brenna-Lea Whary
Call Taker



Amanda Velosa-Redenius
Emergency
Communication Operator



Kimberly Duncan
Call Taker



Kathryn Hute
Records Technician

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AWARDS

Department Commendations



1st Row: Lieutenant John McCarley, Lieutenant Kevin Harrison, Sergeant Herman Kee, Sergeant Jason Lyons, MPO Chalimous Grant, MPO Jasper Whitehead : MPO Kevin Dodson, **2nd Row:** MPO Paul Hutta, MPO Tyson Wild (2), SPO Nicholas Gasparini. Detective Mathew Faubion, Investigator Alex Johnson, Investigator Gary Parker (2), Investigator Ryan Linville, **3rd Row:** Officer Cedric Boyette, Officer David Gawryluk, Officer James Brooks, Officer Jerry Fowler, Officer Jesse Fede, Officer Jonah Cravey, Officer Lauren Stabinski, **4th Row:** Officer Michael Wingate (2), Officer Paul Helvestine, Officer Shelly Koziana, Officer Tiffany Valentine, Officer Timothy Johnson, Officer Timothy Mason, CSIS Lurena Huffman, **5th Row:** Intel Analyst Amanda Lopez, Dispatcher Tracy Pierce



Employees of the Year

Officer of the Year



Detective
Rachaelann Cain

Supervisor of the Year



Sergeant
Lance Callis

Emergency Communication Operator



ECO
Andrea Beale

Officers of the Quarter

1st Quarter



D. Ferster



D. Ranger

2nd Quarter



A. Shockley

3rd Quarter



T. Mason

4th Quarter



R. Linville

Lifesaving Awards



A. Chandler



C. Balzer



C. Sessoms



W. Bradshaw



K. Gaines



D. Ferster



D. Ranger



M. Wingate



E. Holman

Community Service Awards

Sergeant Chad Hooker
Sergeant Jason Lyons
MPO Paul Hutta

SPO Derek Jackson
Officer Samantha Bradshaw
Officer Nicholas Gasparini

Officer David Gawryluk
Officer Matthew Moraczewski (2)

Citizen Awards

Deputy Eddie Harville, Investigator C. Burt Nurney, Gloria Saggese, Danny Whitaker

Noteworthy Performance of Duty Awards

Major James Buie
Lieutenant Isaac Lopez
Lieutenant John McCarley
Lieutenant John Meston
Lieutenant Kevin Harrison
Lieutenant Timothy Duncan
Lieutenant Troy Shelton
Sergeant David Wellford
Sergeant Jason Lyons
Sergeant Robert Fahrman
Sergeant Thomas Cain
Sergeant Tyrell Champagne
MPO Iris Davis (2)
MPO Paul Hutta
MPO Sherry Fellers
MPO Tammy James

MPO Tyson Wild
MPO Tyson Wild (2)
SPO Shane Sukowaski (2)
Detective John Crombie
Detective Sean Rowan (2)
Detective Tiffany Valentine
Detective Tiffany Whitten
Investigator David White
Investigator Ryan Linville
Officer Ashley Shockley
Officer Cedric Boyette
Officer Jennifer Brahan
Officer David Gawryluk (2)
Officer Derek Jackson
Officer Jennifer Parker
Officer John King

Officer Josie Hall
Officer Kenneth Smith
Officer Khandi Skiba
Officer Kristi Gaines
Officer Marcus Carter
Officer Michael Wingate (2)
Officer Reginald Boone
Officer Ricardo Serrat
Officer Robert Gazsy
Officer Rosario Tumminello
Officer Samantha Bradshaw
Officer Aaron Smith
Officer Sevwane Smith
Officer Shane Sukowaski
Officer Tiffany Valentine
CSI Tonja Thornton

ACO Rachel Burden
ACO Kathleen McLendon
ACO Kathryn Stoutenburgh
ECO Tracy Pierce
ECO Julie Spicer-Eger
ECO A. Velosa-Redenius
PRT Erica Powell
Aux. Sergeant Donald Thompson
Aux. Officer Andreas Thomas
Aux. Officer John Deehan
Aux. Officer Keith Richards
Aux. Officer Lurena Huffman
Traffic Assistance Officer Terry Suggs
K-9 Chamba
K9 Vigo

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Flag Football for Relay for Life

For the past five years, the Police Department has played the Fire-Rescue Department in a “friendly” game of flag football to raise money for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life campaign. For the fifth year in a row, the Police Department was victorious. We thank the Fire-Rescue for being a part of this worthy cause.

SPD VS SFD
Relay for Life
Flag Football Game
April 21, 2012

2nd Annual
Flag Football Game
SPD VS SFD
April 27, 2013

3rd Annual
Flag Football Game
POLICE VS FIRE
May 10, 2014

4TH ANNUAL
SPD VS SFD FLAG
FOOTBALL
MAY 30, 2015

SUFFOLK POLICE
VS
SUFFOLK FIRE & RESCUE
RELAY FOR LIFE
JUNE 4, 2016

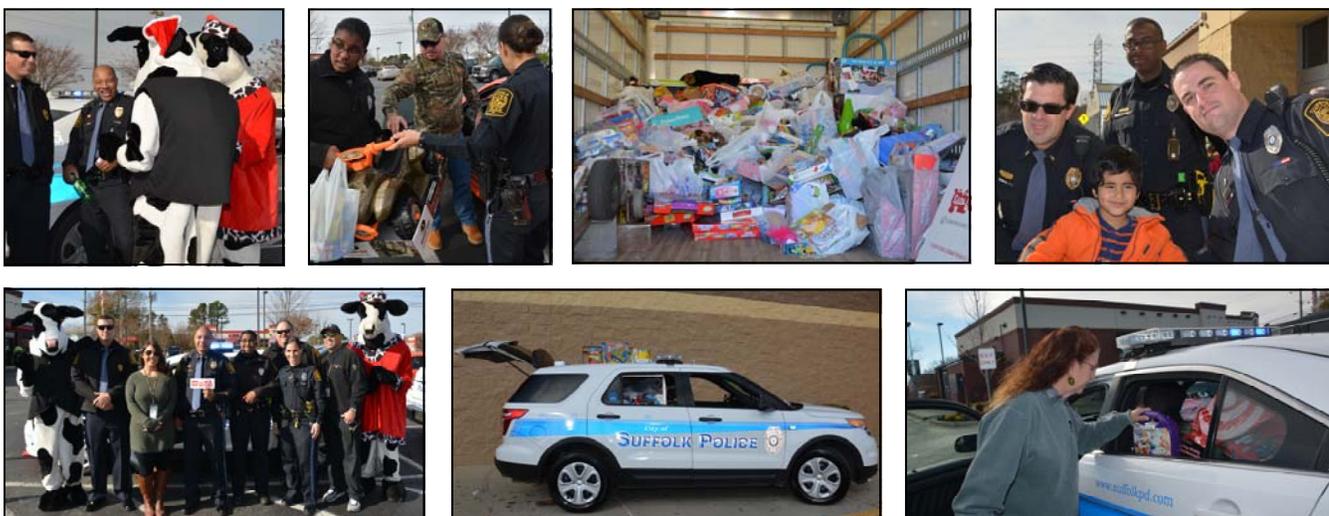




Father's Day Hoop Basketball



Stuff the Car for Toys for Tots



Torch Run for Special Olympics



Chew with the Blue



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SENIOR CITIZEN ACADEMY

The second annual Suffolk Police Senior Citizens Academy was held one day a week, for eight weeks in the summer of 2016. Students were provided a range of city and state law enforcement topics to include: Traffic Stops, why and how to respond to Law Enforcement, personal safety, and crime prevention classes. Instructors explained the purpose of the Department's specialized units and equipment. There was also an interactive class on Crime Scene Investigations which is always the class favorite. The academy concludes with attendees having the chance to ride with officers on the street which rounds out the academy's goals of educating the citizens on the job of law enforcement and gives a firsthand account of the dedicated men and women of the Suffolk Police Department.



IN MEMORIAL



Policeman George T. Smith (not pictured), shot and killed in the line of duty on July 4, 1908

Chief of Police William E. Brinkley, shot and killed in the line of duty on December 2, 1918



Patrolman Joseph S. Pratt, shot and killed in the line of duty on October 20, 1935

Police Officer II William Andrew (Drew) Henley, suffered a fatal heart attack in the line of duty on March 19, 2005

