

CRIME

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Serious crime was at a 34-year low in calendar year 2000. For the fifth year in a row, the number of Part I crimes (homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft) declined and is 37.4% lower than the 8,499 recorded in 1991. In 2000, the Police Department also reported the fewest number of aggravated assaults in 40 years (a 26.7% decline from 206 to 151), the fewest rapes (down 27.3% from 22 to 16) and burglaries in 36 years (a 3.6% decline from 556 to 536), the fewest robberies in 34 years (down 3.2% from 158 to 153) and the fewest larcenies in 31 years (a 7.7% decline from 4,036 to 3,724).



In its first year of operation, Alexandria CARES (Child Automobile Restraint Education Services), a public and private partnership, checked 1,053 child safety seat restraints.

Did You Know?

* Each participant in the Sheriff's Office Modified Work Release Program must perform eight hours of community service in lieu of serving one full day in jail. This accounted for a total of 21,784 volunteer hours provided to the City.

Since January 2001, for the first time since calendar year 1995, serious crime has begun to increase and the Police Department is taking steps to address crime issues as they arise.

The increase in the 2001 Part I crime rate is largely due to the increase in larcenies, especially vehicle related larcenies, rape, aggravated assault and burglary. A comparison of all reported crimes between 2000 and 2001 revealed that the crime rate in 2001 is down 3.22% through September 30.

* The Fire Department's Code Enforcement Bureau conducted 24,315 property maintenance and fire and life safety inspections - 58% more than last year.



The Pentagon - after September 11, 2001



POLICE DEPARTMENT RE-ACCREDITATION

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE RE-ACCREDITATION

The Alexandria Office of Sheriff is one of only a few U.S. law enforcement and corrections agencies to be recognized by the National Sheriffs' Association for being accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections (CAC), the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC). During FY 2001, the Office was reaccredited by NCCHC, CALEA, and CAC.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

A Department of Justice grant enabled the Police Department to expand its Domestic Violence Unit to provide outreach, counseling, support and security services for domestic violence victims.

The Office on Women's Domestic Violence Program complemented these efforts by responding to over 7,000 calls to their 24-hour hotline, providing over 1,100 victims with court advocacy, assisting more than 250 women with nearly 700 sessions of outreach counseling, serving 350 children in group services, and conducting over 100 presentations to more than 2,500 people.



COMMUNITY PROSECUTION

In July 2001, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office's Building Bridges Inside the Community Program began in Alexandria. Its goal is to improve the quality of neighborhood life through coordination of City law enforcement resources and crime prevention efforts in the Hispanic community.



FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY CALLS

The Fire Department responded to 33 emergency medical service (EMS) calls per day (12,210 total) and 4,924 fire calls in FY 2001, compared to 31 EMS calls per day (11,442 total) and 5,447 fire calls in FY 2000.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

City Council approved a fifth medic unit in the FY 2002 budget, providing expanded emergency medical services. The new unit is now in service and is housed at Fire Station 207 on Duke Street.



The Fire Department's Technical Rescue Team took top honors in the structural collapse exercise at the annual Rescue Challenge in Roanoke.



Fire Station 204 - Renovations were completed at Fire Station 204 on Powhatan Street, which includes an engine and truck company, and the Fire Department's headquarters.

PART ONE CRIMES JANUARY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30 - 1996-2001

		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
VIOLENT CRIMES	Homicide	5	3	6	2	3	3
	Rape	29	33	32	16	10	21*
	Robbery	240	201	152	116	121	117
	Aggr Assault	192	226	189	162	110	137
PROPERTY CRIMES	Burglary	695	590	637	403	368	427
	Larceny	3,413	3,194	2,939	2,946	2,758	3,092
	Auto Theft	710	606	514	564	540	550
	Total	5,284	4,853	4,469	4,209	3,910	4,347
	Percent Change	-5.6%	-8.2%	-7.9%	-5.8%	-7.1%	11.2%

Rape category includes completed and attempted rapes.

* Of the 21 rapes so far in 2001, 15 were committed by an acquaintance or family member and 6 were committed by a stranger.