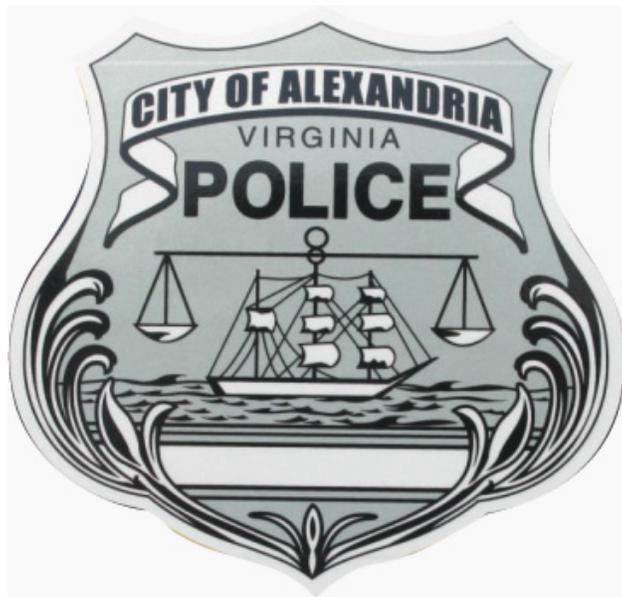


**ALEXANDRIA POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
2010 ANNUAL REPORT**



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*Mission and Values*

The mission of the Alexandria Police Department is to provide competent, courteous, professional and community-oriented police services. We are committed to maintaining and enhancing a strong and productive partnership with the community to continue to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in all of Alexandria's neighborhoods. We are dedicated to protecting life and property while assuring fair and equal treatment to everyone.

Central to the Department's mission are the values that guide its work and decisions. We, the men and women of the Alexandria Police Department, value:



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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Human Life            | Accountability  |
| Dignity               | Cooperation     |
| Integrity             | Problem-Solving |
| Laws and Constitution | Ourselves       |
| Excellence            |                 |



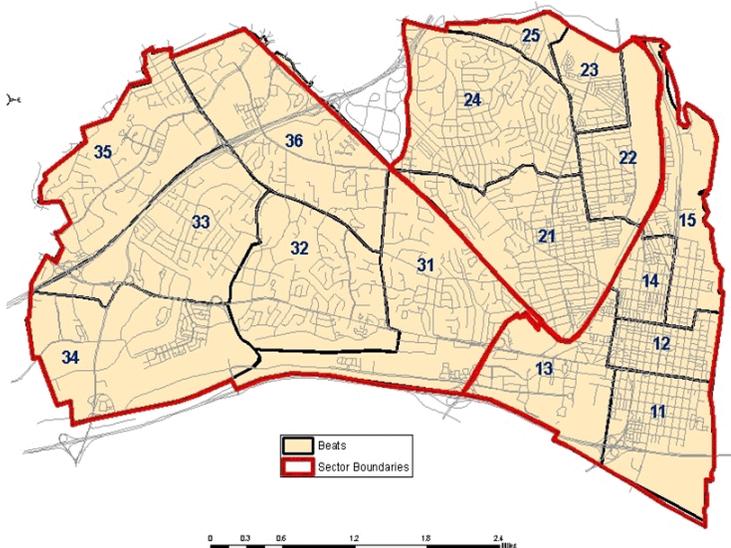
# City of Alexandria

Alexandria is located on the west bank of the Potomac River and Washington, D.C. and nine miles north of Mount Vernon. The City was founded in 1749, and became known as a port of entry for foreign vessels and a major export center for flour and hemp.

Today, Alexandria is home to 139,966 residents. Throughout the years, the City has experienced unprecedented commercial development. Today the Old Town historic district is known for its array of museums, architecture, special events, fine restaurants and hotels, and other attractions that draw more than 1.5 million international and domestic visitors to it each year. More than two million square feet of new office complexes have been constructed. With this development, the City has become a mecca for divisional, regional, national, and multinational headquarters for operations ranging from research and development to high technology, associations, and professional services. \*

## 2010 POLICE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL

CHIEF	1
DEPUTY CHIEF	4
CAPTAIN	8
LIEUTENANT	12
SERGEANT	42
OFFICER	238
SWORN TOTAL	305
CIVILIAN	151
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>456</b>



## Access Alexandria

The goal of Access Alexandria is to engage the community in various platforms, including social media Web sites where people are participating in rapidly increasing numbers. The objective is to strengthen City responsiveness and transparency by using multiple tools to inform the community about City events, programs, services, emergencies and more.

- Follow the City on Twitter (AlexandriaVAGov)
- Follow the City on Facebook (City of Alexandria, Virginia)
- Sign up for eNews Alerts at [www.alexandriava.gov/enews](http://www.alexandriava.gov/enews)

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# Message from the Chief

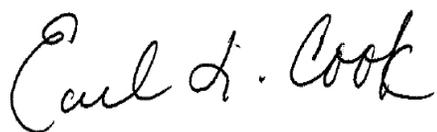
## Earl L. Cook

This year, the Alexandria Police Department faced numerous challenges. The City was confronted with many economic challenges and tough choices. Despite these challenges, there is still much to be proud of. Our goal each year is to improve our performance from the previous year in order to make this the safest community in America. I am pleased to report that we have furthered that goal in 2010 by reducing crime once again in the City of Alexandria. With significantly reduced resources, the Police staff, sworn and civilian, performed superbly to produce historic crime lows and exemplary service to the Community.

While this is good news, we know that the complexities and challenges of reducing crime further will continue in this new decade. We are up to the challenge. The men and women of the Police Department will meet these challenges with a determination to succeed. The main reason for this decline in crime is clear. It is the commitment and dedication of Police personnel to all the communities we protect and serve. Additionally, our partners; Randy Sengel and his outstanding staff at the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and his Deputies, and many other City Agencies collaborate daily with Police personnel to prosecute violators, resolve issues, and problem solve issues. Without the expertise and enthusiasm of these partners, the Police Department would not have been able to make this year such a success.

This year, the Police Department and residents continued to enjoy historic 43 year lows in crime throughout the City. The 43 year low in crime is laudable, however, we know there is more we can do to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors. Every day, members of our department strive to develop new and innovative ways to identify, track and combat crime. However, we know that combating crime is only part of creating a better community. Our ability to improve the quality of life heavily depends on our relationships with residents, business owners and visitors. These relationships are important to us and are our greatest asset.

I am grateful for the support we have received from the Mayor and City Council, City Manager and his staff and the residents we are proud to serve. In our high risk profession, it is gratifying indeed to know that our leaders and citizens recognize the sacrifices made and thoroughly support a dedicated group of Police professionals.



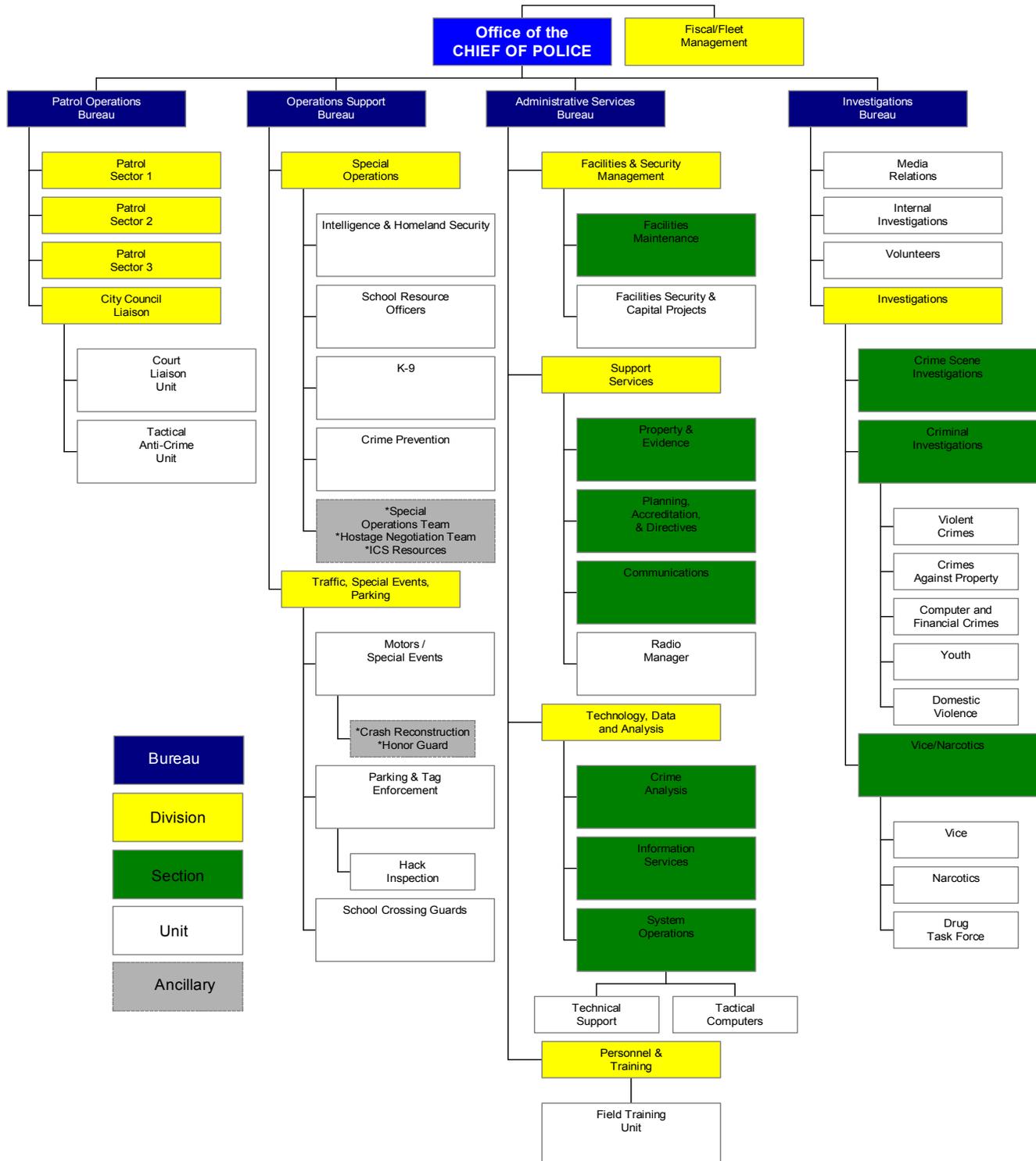
Earl L. Cook  
Chief of Police



# Organization Chart

## Alexandria Police Department

JULY 15, 2010



# *Patrol Operations Bureau*

The Patrol Operations Bureau provides the most visible police services to the community. Officers respond to emergencies, alarms, reports of crimes, calls for service and provide traffic enforcement. The services provided range from preliminary investigations of major crimes to problem-solving for complex quality of life issues. Officers provide these services 24-hours a day, 7 days a week.

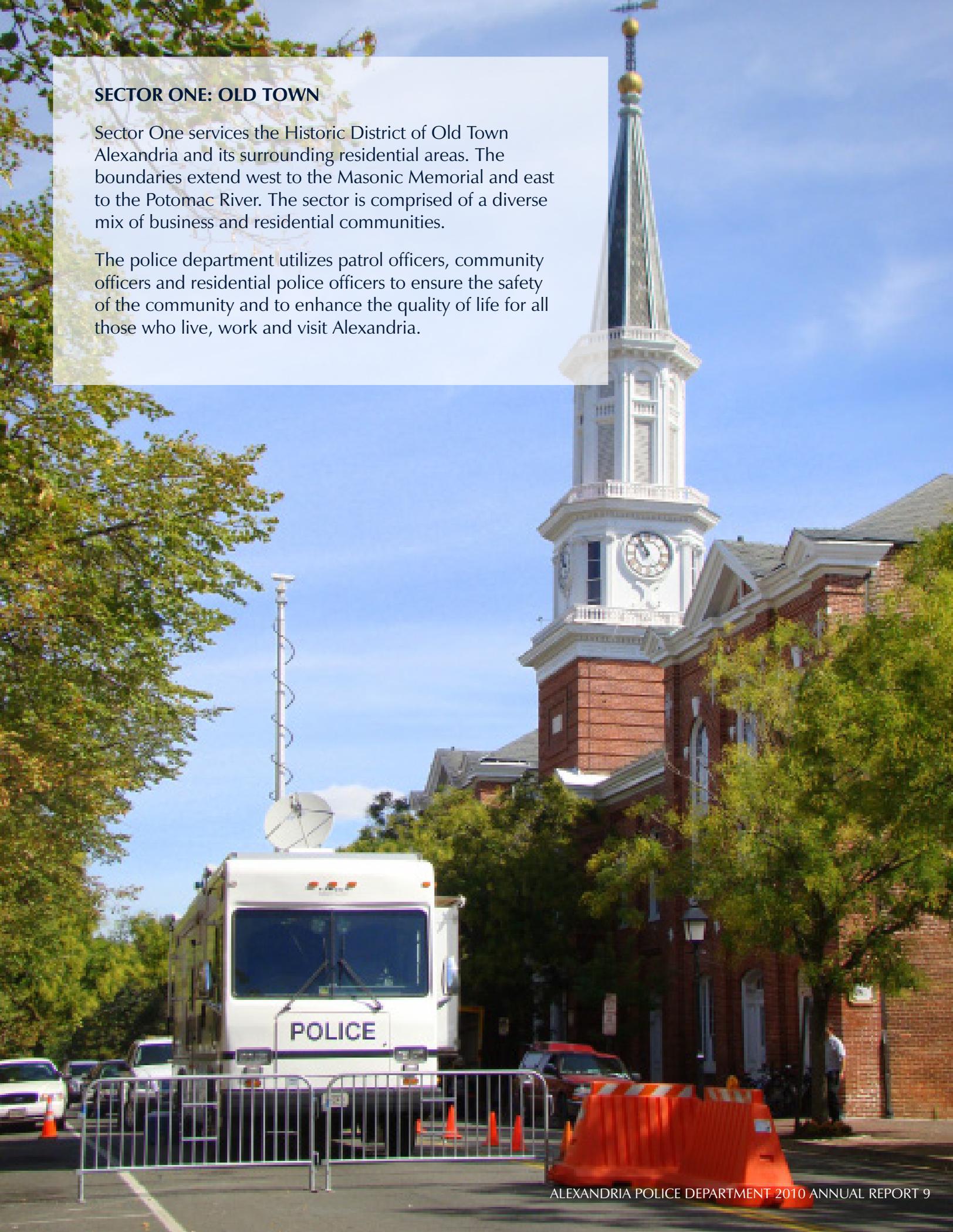


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## SECTOR ONE: OLD TOWN

Sector One services the Historic District of Old Town Alexandria and its surrounding residential areas. The boundaries extend west to the Masonic Memorial and east to the Potomac River. The sector is comprised of a diverse mix of business and residential communities.

The police department utilizes patrol officers, community officers and residential police officers to ensure the safety of the community and to enhance the quality of life for all those who live, work and visit Alexandria.





## **SECTOR TWO: DEL RAY/ARLANDRIA**

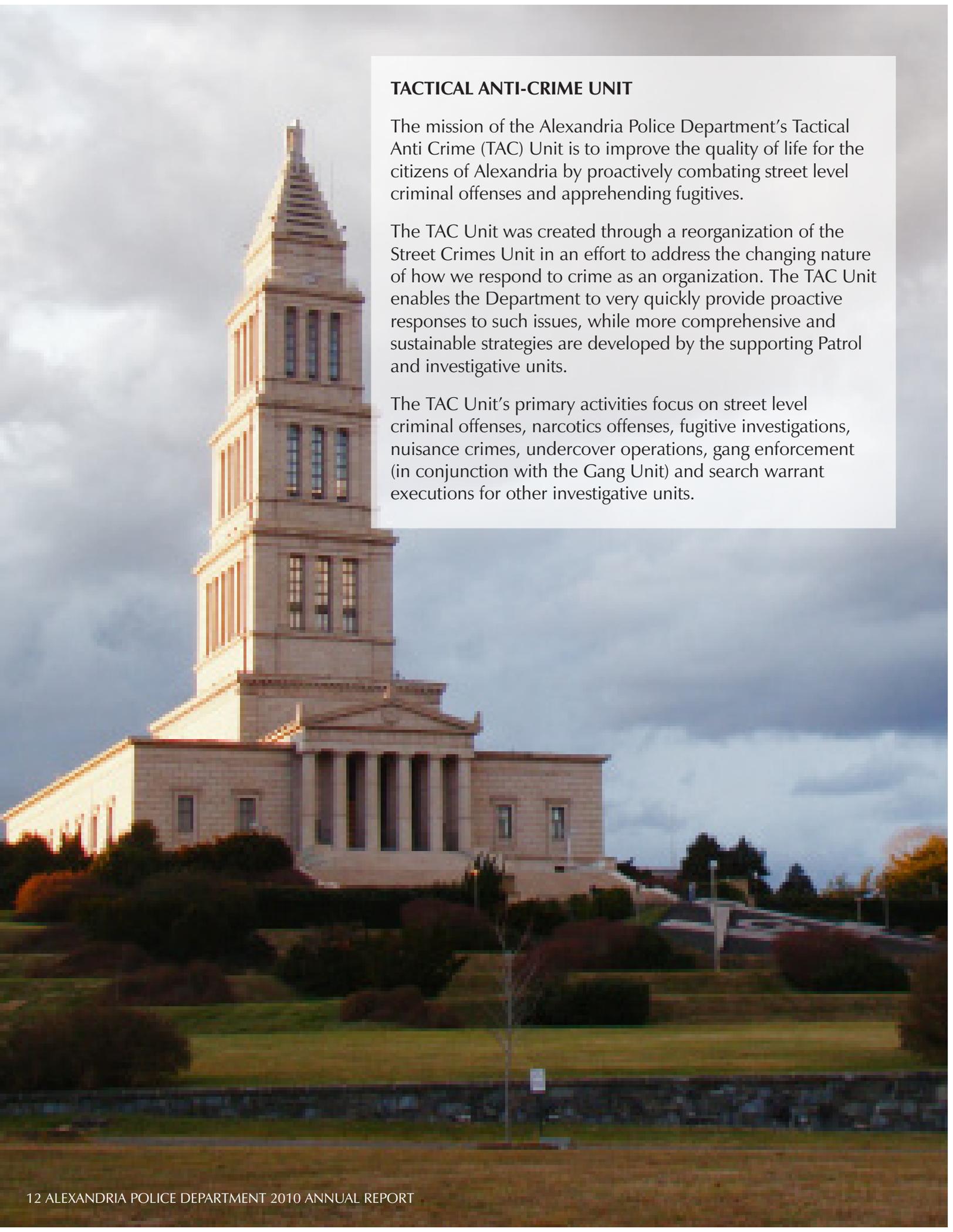
Sector Two is made up of the communities North of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, including Rosemont, Del Ray, North Ridge, Warwick Village, Hume Springs, Lynhaven and Arlandria. The Police Department is very proactive in each of these communities encouraging collaboration and open communication through its assigned liaison officers. Sector Two is divided into five primary patrol areas and three Community Oriented Policing areas with one residential police officer. This sector is actively patrolled by six supervisors and 44 officers, split between six groups to ensure 24-hour coverage every day of the week.



### **SECTOR THREE: THE WEST END**

Patrol Sector Three is divided into six primary patrol service areas, which serve a diverse mix of residential neighborhoods and business districts. The residential neighborhoods vary from single family homes to high-density, multi-story apartment buildings. The business districts are comprised of small family owned businesses as well as the large corporate variety.

The policing philosophy in Patrol Sector Three focuses on utilizing effective and innovative problem-solving strategies with the goal of preventing and reducing crime. We aggressively address public order and quality of life issues as we strive to enable our constituents to live and work in a safe and pleasant environment. Our officers are committed to maintaining and enhancing our strong partnerships with the many civic and business associations in the West-End of the City.



## TACTICAL ANTI-CRIME UNIT

The mission of the Alexandria Police Department's Tactical Anti Crime (TAC) Unit is to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Alexandria by proactively combating street level criminal offenses and apprehending fugitives.

The TAC Unit was created through a reorganization of the Street Crimes Unit in an effort to address the changing nature of how we respond to crime as an organization. The TAC Unit enables the Department to very quickly provide proactive responses to such issues, while more comprehensive and sustainable strategies are developed by the supporting Patrol and investigative units.

The TAC Unit's primary activities focus on street level criminal offenses, narcotics offenses, fugitive investigations, nuisance crimes, undercover operations, gang enforcement (in conjunction with the Gang Unit) and search warrant executions for other investigative units.

# *Operations Support Bureau*

The mission of the Operations Support Bureau is to provide prompt support to the other three bureaus of the Police Department, mostly during field operations. Protecting life and property and focusing on quality of life for the residents of our City is our core mission.



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## **TRAFFIC SECTION**

### **MOTOR UNIT**

The Motorcycle Unit, or Motor Unit as it is commonly referred to, has a staff of nine Police Officers, one Sergeant and one Lieutenant who also serves as the Commander for the Traffic section.

The Motor Unit's primary responsibility is enforcement of Traffic Laws and rapid police response in emergency situations of all kinds. The Unit supervisor serves as a contact for citizens reporting traffic problems in their neighborhood. Traffic complaints are assigned to Officers in the Unit who assess the nature of the complaint on location and determine the best course of action to resolve the situation.

Motor Officers are the primary providers of funeral and VIP escorts in the City. These escorts are provided to ensure the safe passage and conduct of vehicles and pedestrians as they travel through the City to their destinations. Officers in the Unit are also commonly relied on to provide specialized patrols for special events, foot races and parades.

Officers of the Motor Unit also manage major traffic emergencies such as the temporary closure of main roadways and the detouring of traffic due to water main breaks and major crash situations.

Each officer assigned to the Motor Unit receives extensive specialized training in motorcycle operations, Speed Detection using RADAR and LIDAR and traffic enforcement. Select officers also have attained instructor status in motorcycle operations, RADAR and LIDAR Operations and Crash Reconstruction.

### **PARKING ENFORCEMENT UNIT**

The Parking Enforcement Unit has an authorized strength of twenty-six Parking Enforcement Officers, two Parking Enforcement Supervisors and one Police Sergeant.

The Parking Enforcement Unit is primarily responsible for enforcing parking regulations including: Meters, Residential Parking Zones, City Decal Enforcement, Disabled Parking Restrictions, Tour Bus Parking Restrictions, 72 Hour Parking Restrictions and other parking regulations. Parking Enforcement Officers detect vehicles with excessive unpaid parking fines. Vehicles with excessive unpaid parking fines may be immobilized with a "Boot" device or towed.

Parking Enforcement Officers, also known as PEOs, assist in police operations involving special events, major crashes and other traffic emergencies. They also serve as School Crossing Guards as needed.

### **HACK INSPECTOR**

The Hack Inspector's Office has a staff of three Hack Inspectors and one Clerical Assistant.

The primary responsibility of the Hack Inspector's Office is enforcement and regulation of Taxi Companies, Taxi Drivers and Taxi Cabs operating in the City of Alexandria and at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport under City license.

The Hack Inspectors process taxi driver applications, test and conduct background investigations of taxi driver applicants, maintain files and records on all applicants and drivers and issue credentials to

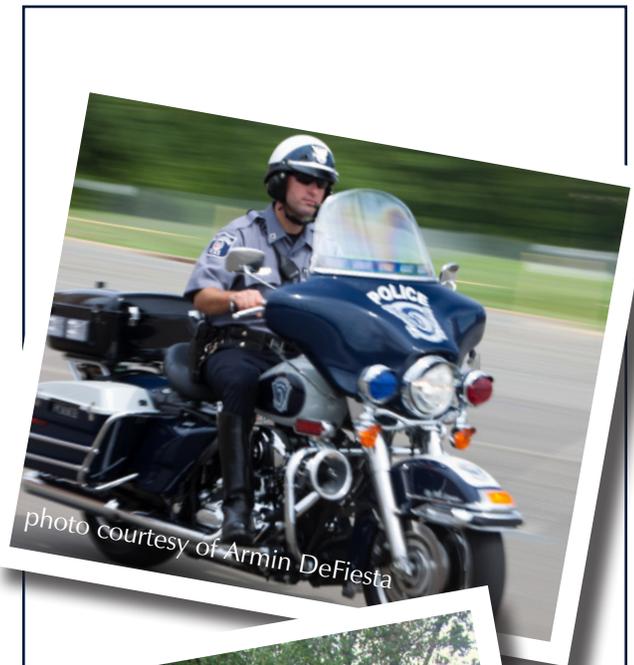


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taxi drivers. The City taxi industry supports over 1000 active drivers. The Inspectors also manage and investigate complaints reported by customers.

Hack Inspectors conduct vehicle inspections, verify the accuracy of meters installed in taxi cabs and complete the licensing process for taxi cabs operating in Alexandria and under City license at the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

### **K-9 UNIT**

In 1959, the Alexandria Police Department was authorized to inaugurate a canine corps, the first in the metropolitan area. Since that time, the Police Department has been committed to the canine program in order to provide the best possible service for the citizens of Alexandria. The ability of dogs to detect scents that humans cannot make them a valuable police tool and provide the ability to find suspects in hiding, track suspects who have fled on foot, and recover evidence. They are also trained and utilized to locate hidden narcotics and explosives. The K-9 Unit is currently comprised of one sergeant and seven officers.

Each officer is required to participate in a rigorous selection process in order to become a member of the unit. Once selected, the officer and his assigned dog are required to attend a 14-week basic patrol dog school where they work on obedience, agility, scent work, and criminal apprehension. At the end of 14 weeks, each team is tested and certified by judges from the United States Police Canine Association. After completion of the basic patrol school, they may also attend an 8-week drug dog school or a 12-week bomb dog school.

Members of the unit are required to train weekly in order to maintain the team's proficiency. When not at work, the canine spends their time at home with their handler and family. Officers are responsible for the care of their assigned partner both on and off duty

### **SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD UNIT**

The School Crossing Guard Unit is comprised of twenty-five Crossing Guards and one Crossing Guard Supervisor.

School Crossing Guards are selectively posted at points around elementary schools in the City to ensure the safety of children and pedestrians crossing streets as they report to and depart from school each day.

These uniformed "Guardian Angels" are a familiar presence to children and parents and many in the Unit have tenures of service to the community that literally spans generations.

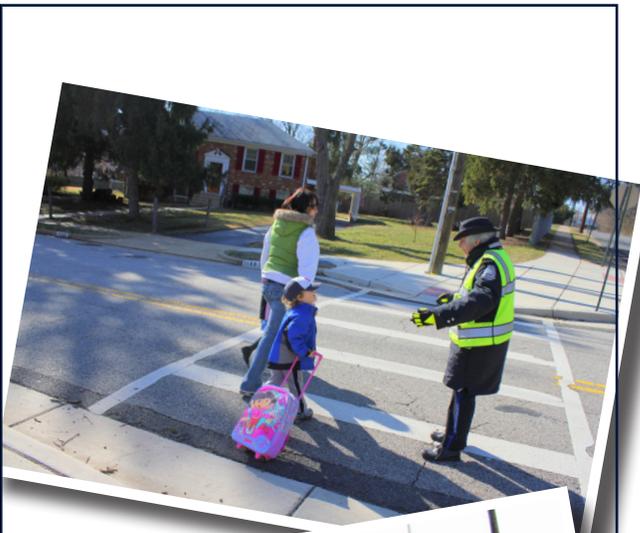
### **SCHOOL RESOURCE UNIT**

In 1997, the School Resource Unit (SRU) was created and supported by a strong partnership in conjunction with the Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS), City Manager's Office, City Council and the Alexandria Police Department.



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The SRU originally consisted of one School Resource Officer (SRO), assigned to George Washington Middle School. Due to the success of the program, the unit has steadily grown in size to the current staffing level of one SRO Sergeant and six School Resource Officers.

All officers selected to the SRU attend a 40-hour School Resource Officer School. This training is provided by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services- Center for School Safety. The SROs receive additional specialized training from ACPS and other training sources on a wide range of subjects: dealing with kids who have emotional & educational issues, school policy, laws of search, seizure & arrest on school grounds, how to prevent and deal with an active school shooting incident and many other related topics.

The Alexandria SRU is a member of the Virginia Association of School Resource Officers (VASRO) and the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO). Both of these organizations provide networking with other SROs, training and out reach services that our SROs can use to assist them in providing superior service to the schools they serve.

The SRU is always available to speak with any group or organization that may want to learn more about what duties the SROs perform and how they form a partnership with their assigned schools.

The SROs take guardianship of the schools they are assigned to and with the support of their principal; they become a valuable member of the school's administration team.

## **CRIME PREVENTION UNIT**

The Crime Prevention Unit is staffed by one officer. It is responsible for a numerous crime prevention efforts and programs throughout the City.

**CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED) AND SPECIAL USE PERMITS (SUP) REVIEW:** The purpose of this program is to provide assistance to the City's Planning and Zoning Department by reviewing special use permits and building blueprints for future development in the City. This process was implemented to provide input in the design of areas that will be less susceptible to crime. Due to our involvement in this program, many crime prevention recommendations are now routinely incorporated into site plan requirements.

**ROBBERY AWARENESS:** This program is presented to businesses requesting a presentation on robbery prevention strategies and techniques. Additionally, every business in the City that has had the unfortunate occurrence of being robbed is contacted and offered this program as a means to prevent future robberies.

The Robbery Awareness program is offered to every business along with a Business Security Survey. The program is a standard recommendation made by the Crime Prevention Unit for appropriate businesses applying for a Special Use Permit.

**HOME AND BUSINESS SECURITY SURVEYS:** This program is offered to all residents and businesses in the City. Home security surveys are

an integral part of the Neighborhood Watch Program. The surveys are one of our most effective programs.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** Neighborhood Watch has been in existence in Alexandria since 1982. However, in recent years, the participation by communities in the program has declined. This is partly due to a perceived reduced need for the program because of the overall reduction in crime rates.

### **OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND OPERATIONAL PREPAREDNESS**

With the history of 9/11, the Sniper Incident, and Hurricane Katrina as a backdrop, the face of Public Safety has changed. The office of Homeland Security and Operational Preparedness (HS/OP) coordinates information regarding potential threats against the City and its citizens from an all-hazards perspective. This includes planning and preparation for incidents of international or domestic terrorism, natural or manmade disasters and the related information/intelligence gathering to meet those challenges.

HS/OP is responsible for the traditional Homeland Security functions to include: maintaining a liaison with federal, state, local and military terrorism/intelligence counterparts; partnership in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force, and review and local follow-up investigations of related police reports and bulletins regarding international or domestic terrorism matters.

HS/OP also has oversight of federal and state grants related to Homeland Security issues, department-wide unmet equipment and technology needs assessment, all-hazards emergency response preparedness, and inspectional review for operational readiness.

HS/OP provides training for our own and other regional area officers on the subjects of terrorism, improvised explosive devices, and identity document fraud. The unit also maintains a library of terrorism-related information on the police department's mobile display terminals.



A photograph showing three construction workers in the foreground, wearing white hard hats and high-visibility yellow safety vests. They are looking towards a building under construction in the background. The building has a large window with a grid pattern, and the interior lights are on. The scene is set during dusk or dawn, with a blue and purple sky. The text 'Administrative Services Bureau' is overlaid on the top part of the image.

# *Administrative Services Bureau*

The Administrative Services Bureau (ASB) is responsible for providing administrative, technical and facility services to the Department.

## FACILITIES AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

The Facilities and Security Management Division has a civilian staff who are responsible for the department's facilities maintenance, security management and capital projects.

FSMD responsibilities include overseeing the planning, design and construction of the new police headquarters facility, providing custodial services, maintaining the existing inventory of space, coordinating maintenance/repair services and managing the access control and video surveillance systems for the facilities.

### Special Functions:

**Facilities Maintenance:** A staff of custodians and a facilities supervisor provide custodial

and facilities maintenance/repair services.

**Facilities Security:** The security system, covering access control, intrusion monitoring and video surveillance, consists of over 150 devices from card readers to vibration sensors to covert cameras. The systems must remain functional on 24/7 basis to provide access control to an operation that never stops. This section also manages the department telephone system.

**Capital Projects:** The Capital Projects program is responsible for guiding the department through the planning, design, construction and occupancy of a state-of-the-art facility. Ensuring that the department's requirements are clearly understood, communicated, and included in the new facility project is the major focus of this program.

## COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Communications Center handles all emergency (911) calls for the City and non-emergency calls for the Police Department. Medical emergencies and fire calls within the city limits are transferred from the police center to the Fire Department Communications Center.

The Communications Center employees work four shifts to provide 24/7 coverage. Each communications center employee is trained to be both a call taker and a dispatcher. The call taker handles the telephone calls, both emergency and non-emergency, from the public, other law enforcement agencies, officers and many others. The dispatcher handles the radio, call assignments and the dispatching of the calls to the officer. This position is often a high pressure one during emergencies. Each dispatcher is responsible for all routine radio work in the city, including call dispatching and ordering of certain auxiliary services, such as tow trucks and animal control. In addition to the initial dispatching of calls, dispatchers are responsible for routinely receiving and logging arrivals at calls, logging clearances from calls, dispatching to and clearing from administrative service details (periods of unavailability which include equipment maintenance and arrest transportation), and logging to and clearing from on-view incidents, which include traffic stops. Field officers using their Mobile Data Browsers



(MDB), relieving dispatchers of such routine tasks and reducing radio talk time as well, now complete many of these tasks. The communication employees rotate through the dispatcher position during their shift.

Incoming emergency calls are assigned with an Automatic Call Distributor by available call takers. This distributes the workload of incoming calls fairly evenly among those assigned this function. Most of the Section's dispatching work is accomplished using a CAD (computer-aided dispatch) system, with operators and dispatchers using computer terminals to rapidly record and transmit information. Patrol cars are equipped with MDBs. Dispatch functions are recorded using the computer terminals. The resulting statistical data provides extensive capability for production of management reports and workload monitoring.

## TECHNOLOGY, DATA AND ANALYSIS DIVISION

The Technology, Data and Analysis (TDA) Division is comprised of a mix of sworn and civilian staff responsible for the department's entire information technology infrastructure, data management systems and crime analysis.

TDA's responsibilities include assessing, implementing, and maintaining technology products to include, for example, the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and primary Records Management Systems (RMS), a resource of over 300 MDBs, and Emergency 911 equipment. This division also maintains, verifies and validates all police records data and ensures that data is entered, stored and retrieved properly by staff. Finally, TDA is also responsible for the analysis of all police data for tactical, strategic and problem solving purposes.

Specific Functions:

Systems Operations: Mission critical systems such as CAD, RMS, and Emergency 911 are maintained by a professional staff who ensure security and functionality on a 24/7 basis. Staff works with other departments and jurisdictions on a regional basis in efforts to better interoperate and share data sources. When appropriate, staff has used internal resources to develop quality data retrieval and reporting programs that provide the needed flexibility to meet department goals and objectives.

Technical Support: TDA provides user support throughout the department by maintaining a local area network (LAN), several data servers, and over 300 personal computers.

Tactical Computers: The Tactical Computer System is a comprehensive mix of software and hardware that allows officers to use mobile computers for mobile data communications, form completion, word processing, wireless transmission of electronic police reports, a mobile intranet, and more. Staff maintains a web based mobile intranet, researches emerging technology, trains users on the computer systems, and completes all troubleshooting for user and system based problems.

## CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

The Crime Analysis Unit is staffed by three employees: a Supervisory Crime Analyst and two Crime Analysts.

The Crime Analysis Unit carefully reviews and analyzes all crime reports, calls for service, arrests and other pertinent information. In addition, the unit seeks to identify and analyze crime patterns, series and trends. These types of analyses provides commanders, supervisors, detectives and officers with information necessary to deter crime, identify offenders and make sound deployment decisions.

The Crime Analysis Unit pro-



duces tactical, strategic and intelligence-related products for commanders and officers. The unit performs analysis of crime series and patterns as well as long-term strategic analysis of crime-related problems throughout the City. This unit supports the patrol function by providing officers with information on emerging trends, patterns and series. Crime analysts support the investigative function with association charts, link analysis and other intelligence related products.

The analysis performed by the Crime Analysis Unit is used for tracking current and emerging crime series in the City. Commanders, detectives and patrol officers use these products to aid with investigations, surveillance efforts and problem solving projects. Crime bulletins and the weekly crime report are posted to the Mobile Data Browsers (MDB) so officers can access the information regarding crime series and trends while on the street.

The Crime Analysis Unit is a key component in the Department's Strategic Response System (SRS). SRS allows for the early identification and location of crime trends. The information provided through the SRS process is used to identify trouble spots and emerging problems and to better target resources to combat crime.

## **INFORMATION SERVICES SECTION**

Staff enter, verify and validate all police records data (incident reports, arrests, etc) in the Records Management System (RMS). This section is also responsible for processing criminal history checks, warrants, expungements and subpoena duces tecums (for production of evidence).

## **PERSONNEL AND TRAINING**

The Personnel and Training Section supervises the personnel and performance evaluation systems, manages the career development and counseling program, manages the training programs, coordinates civilian and sworn recruiting, conducts background investigations, controls hiring processes, coordinates internal transfers and promotional processes, maintains personnel records of all employees, maintains attendance records, manages the payroll system, maintains a master file of all Special Directives, prepares training materials, manages the firearms range, coordinates grievance procedures, prepares and implements personnel policies and procedures based on Administrative Regulations, acts as liaison with various City agencies and makes recommendations to the Chief of Police on personnel issues.



## **FISCAL AND FLEET MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

The mission of the FFMD is to ensure effective and efficient management of the Police Department's financial and fleet resources. Related to this mission are four goals: to ensure our employees have the best possible tools we can afford to perform their duties, to ensure the Police Department acquires and maintains a vehicle fleet that is in the best possible state of performance and readiness, to assist the Chief in ensuring that the department operates within its annually appropriated resources and to support the pursuit of leading technologies and interoperability.

The division has a total staff of six, including one sworn sergeant. The daily responsibilities of the division includes budget development and administration, procurement, revenue management, grants development, fleet oversight, and policy development related to these functions.



## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

The Criminal Investigations Section (CIS) is a functional entity of the Investigations Bureau of the Alexandria Police Department commanded by two Lieutenants. The CIS commanders report directly to the captain of the Investigations Bureau. The Investigations Commander, in turn, reports directly to the Deputy Chief of Police.

The section is divided into two subsections, the Crimes Against Persons Section and the Property and Financial Crime Section. Each is comprised of the following units: Violent Crimes Unit, Gang Unit, Property Crimes Unit, Youth Unit, Financial and Computer Crimes Unit and the Domestic Violence Unit. Each of these units is supervised by a sergeant.

## CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION SECTION

The CSI Section is a major support section for the police department, particularly for the various investigative elements of the department as well as the patrol division. The CSI section is a 24-hour 7 day a week operation dedicated to processing crime scenes to facilitate the recovery and preservation of physical evidence. The CSI Section also provides public fingerprinting services to those persons who either reside or work in the City of Alexandria. The section is comprised of one Section Commander (civilian), one Sergeant, nine Crime Scene Investigators, four Latent Fingerprint Examiners (civilian) and one Police Records Clerk.



## VICE AND NARCOTICS SECTION

The Vice and Narcotics Section is commanded by a Lieutenant. The Section consists of a Narcotics Unit, Vice Unit, Intelligence Unit and several detectives assigned to various Federal Task Forces.

The mission of the Vice and Narcotics Section is the suppression of vice, organized crime and narcotics related activities within the City. This is accomplished by: creating a negative financial impact on individuals or businesses which engage in illegal vice and narcotic activities, gathering and developing intelligence information so that operational strategies can be created to address these illegal activities, conducting investigations, making arrests and preparing cases for the successful prosecution of those arrested and ensuring all Federal, State and City laws are uniformly enforced.

### **Narcotics Unit (Also includes the Vice and Intelligence units)**

The Narcotics Unit is responsible for conducting investigations designed to target and deter middle and upper level drug and vice operations within the City. Several members have cross-jurisdictional authority to combat drug and vice operations at a federal level. Drug operations consist of covert surveillance, Intelligence gathering, use of informants and the preparation and execution of search warrants. Prescription fraud investigations are also conducted by this Unit.

## INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

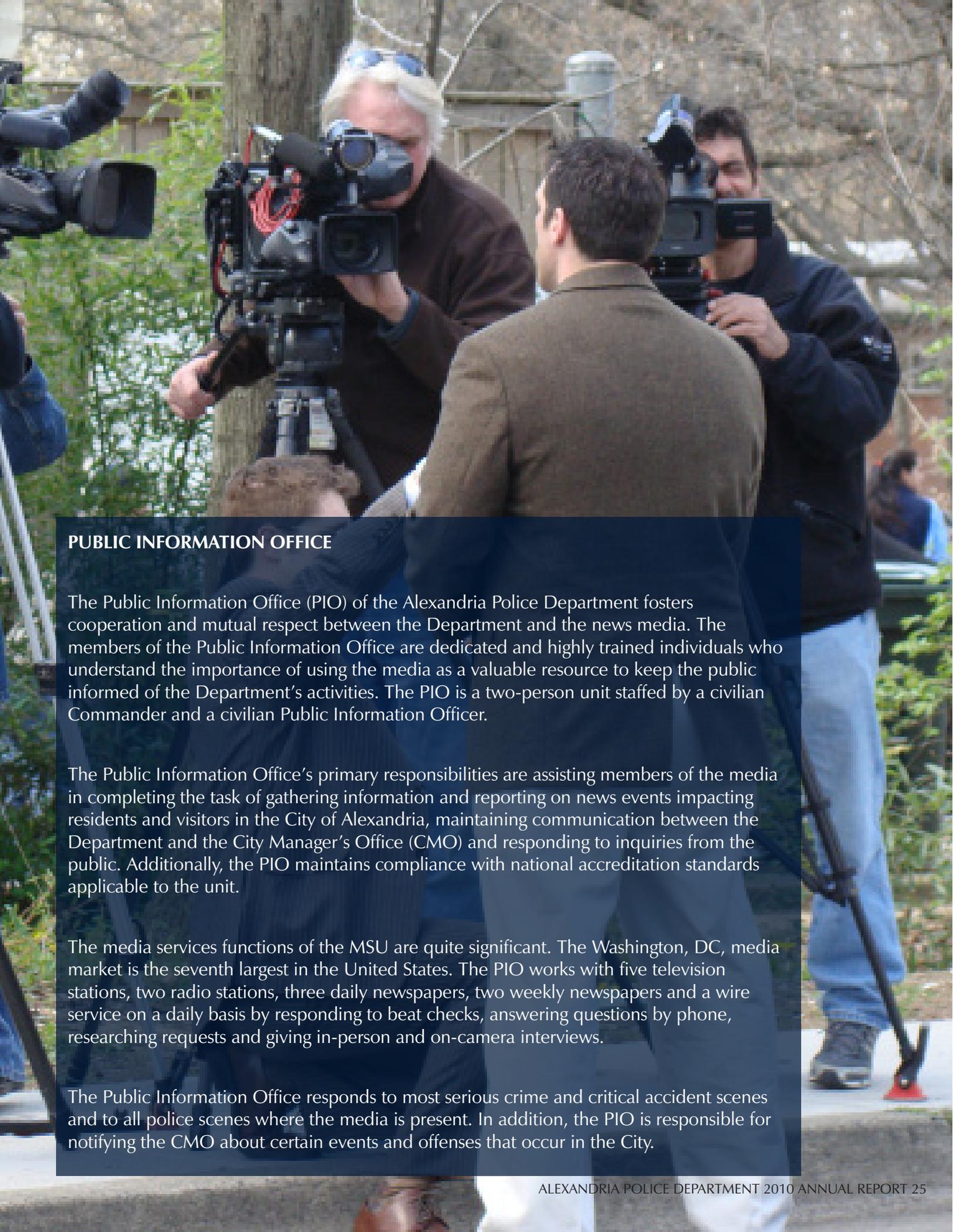
The Alexandria Police Department's policy is to require its employees to obey all laws and department rules and to treat all persons fairly and with respect. In order to maintain public trust and confidence, it is also the policy of this Department to objectively and thoroughly investigate all allegations of wrongdoing and to consistently and fairly administer discipline when appropriate. Public faith and trust in the Police Department and its employees are essential to the accomplishment of our mission.

The Internal Investigations Section is responsible for recording, registering and controlling the investigation of complaints against or alleged misconduct of employees of the Alexandria Police Department.

Citizens are encouraged to contact the Alexandria Police Department with any complaints about the actions of a police or non-sworn employee if they believe the conduct was inappropriate or violated the law.

Every complaint is reviewed and logged by the Internal Investigations Section and then assigned to the appropriate entity for investigation. Once the investigation is completed, the complainant will be notified of the disposition of the complaint.





## **PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE**

The Public Information Office (PIO) of the Alexandria Police Department fosters cooperation and mutual respect between the Department and the news media. The members of the Public Information Office are dedicated and highly trained individuals who understand the importance of using the media as a valuable resource to keep the public informed of the Department's activities. The PIO is a two-person unit staffed by a civilian Commander and a civilian Public Information Officer.

The Public Information Office's primary responsibilities are assisting members of the media in completing the task of gathering information and reporting on news events impacting residents and visitors in the City of Alexandria, maintaining communication between the Department and the City Manager's Office (CMO) and responding to inquiries from the public. Additionally, the PIO maintains compliance with national accreditation standards applicable to the unit.

The media services functions of the MSU are quite significant. The Washington, DC, media market is the seventh largest in the United States. The PIO works with five television stations, two radio stations, three daily newspapers, two weekly newspapers and a wire service on a daily basis by responding to beat checks, answering questions by phone, researching requests and giving in-person and on-camera interviews.

The Public Information Office responds to most serious crime and critical accident scenes and to all police scenes where the media is present. In addition, the PIO is responsible for notifying the CMO about certain events and offenses that occur in the City.

# 2010 Crime Statistics

In 2010, Alexandria continued to experience historic lows in Part 1 crime. Total Part 1 crime decreased by 0.9% or 33 offenses, in calendar year 2010. This is the lowest annual total in Alexandria since 1966. Homicide, robbery, burglary and auto theft declined in 2010; while rapes increased by five offenses, aggravated assaults increased by ten offenses and larceny increased by fifty offenses.

“It is with great pleasure and pride that I commend the men and women of the Alexandria Police Department who contributed to this

historic low in crime. Their dedication, passion, and performance, regardless of challenges, is the driving force behind our successes. The Police Department’s mission is to make Alexandria one of the safest cities in America. Together with our citizens, business partners, Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office, and other city agencies like the Sheriff’s Office, we collaborate to prevent disorder and serve the victims of crime,” said Alexandria Police Chief Earl L. Cook.

## PART 1 CRIME

CRIME TYPE	2009	2010	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Homicide	5	2	-3	-60.0%
Rape	15	20	5	33.3%
Robbery	143	125	-18	-12.6%
Aggravated Assault	115	125	10	8.7%
Burglary	325	310	-15	-4.6%
Larceny	2,755	2,805	50	1.8%
Auto Theft	344	282	-62	-18.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,702</b>	<b>3,669</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

## NUISANCE CRIME

CRIME TYPE	2009	2010	CHANGE	% CHANGE
Destruction/Vandalism	1,646	1,402	-244	-14.8%
Prostitution	29	12	-17	-58.6%
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	469	474	5	1.1%
Gambling	8	6	-2	-25.0%
Disorderly Conduct	192	155	-37	-19.3%
Driving Under the Influence	463	327	-136	-29.4%
Drunkenness	740	581	-159	-21.5%
Liquor Law Violations	566	462	-104	-18.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,113</b>	<b>3,419</b>	<b>-694</b>	<b>-16.9%</b>

## 2010 ARRESTS

CRIME CATEGORY	ADULT			JUVENILE			TOTAL		
	2008	2009	CHANGE	2008	2009	CHANGE	2008	2009	CHANGE
ARRESTS									
Homicide Intentional	3	4	33.3%	0	2	N/C	3	6	100.0%
Sex Offense Rape Forcible	8	3	62.5%	0	0	N/C	8	3	-62.5%
Robbery	53	57	7.5%	49	37	-24.5%	102	94	-7.8%
Aggravated Assault	88	62	29.5%	22	9	-59.1%	110	71	-35.5%
Burglary	80	70	-12.5%	15	11	-26.7%	95	81	-14.7%
Larceny (Theft)	498	472	-5.2%	151	162	7.3%	649	634	-2.3%
Grand Larceny Auto (GLA)	43	23	-46.5%	7	17	142.9%	50	40	-20.0%
Other Assault	541	476	-12.0%	94	106	12.8%	635	582	-8.3%
Arson	1	1	0.0%	0	2	N/C	1	3	200.0%
Forgery & Counterfeit	23	47	104.3%	3	1	-66.7%	26	48	84.6%
Fraud	86	128	48.8%	1	2	100.0%	87	130	49.4%
Embezzlement	52	58	11.5%	13	5	-61.5%	65	63	-3.1%
Stolen Property	6	13	116.7%	3	13	333.3%	9	26	188.9%
Vandalism	136	122	-10.3%	23	26	13.0%	159	148	-6.9%
Weapons	31	22	-29.0%	13	11	-15.4%	44	33	-25.0%
Prostitution	26	38	46.2%	0	0	N/C	26	38	46.2%
Sex Offense Other	30	14	-53.3%	2	5	150.0%	32	19	-40.6%
Drug Abuse Violation	409	427	4.4%	53	67	26.4%	462	494	6.9%
Gambling	28	13	-53.6%	4	2	-50.0%	32	15	-53.1%
D.W.I.	512	479	-6.4%	3	1	-66.7%	515	480	-6.8%
Liquor Laws	654	655	0.2%	84	123	46.4%	738	778	5.4%
Drunkenness	1,040	782	-24.8%	5	9	80.0%	1,045	791	-24.3%
Disorderly Conduct	183	174	-4.9%	16	20	25.0%	199	194	-2.5%
All Other Offenses	1,801	1,898	5.4%	362	454	25.4%	2,163	2,352	8.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,332</b>	<b>6,038</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>17.6%</b>	<b>7,255</b>	<b>7,123</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>

# CALLS FOR SERVICE

TYPE OF CALL RESPONDING TO	2009	2010	% CHANGE
Abandoned Auto	364	462	26.9%
Accident	5,454	5,320	-2.5%
Alarm	4,667	4,685	0.4%
Ambulance/Fire	946	952	0.6%
Animal Case	1,861	1,640	-11.9%
Assault	623	573	-8.0%
Auto Theft	614	504	-17.9%
Auto Theft Recovery	140	124	-11.4%
Bomb Threat	4	5	25.0%
Burglary	643	566	-12.0%
Citizen Assist	1,434	1,341	-6.5%
Disorderly	4,494	4,397	-2.2%
Domestic Trouble	2,725	2,743	0.7%
Drugs	782	783	0.1%
Drunk	1,208	1,260	4.3%
E911 Hang-up Calls	1,711	1,291	-24.5%
Escort	159	82	-48.4%
Fight	544	545	0.2%
Homicide	0	0	N/C
Larceny	3,106	3,099	-0.2%
Locked in Auto	65	58	-10.8%
Loud Party / Radio	231	272	17.7%
Missing Person	353	293	-17.0%
Noise Complaint	2,422	2,179	-10.0%
Other	4,868	4,901	0.7%
Parking	3,694	3,573	-3.3%
Phone Calls	405	365	-9.9%
Property Lost / Found	727	748	2.9%
Prowler	20	7	-65.0%
Public Service	471	470	-0.2%
Robbery	173	146	-15.6%
Sex Offense	170	167	-1.8%
Suspicious Event	2,999	2,866	-4.4%
Traffic Hazard	524	925	76.5%
Traffic Problem	280	340	21.4%
Trespass	628	550	-12.4%
Trouble Unknown	1,612	1,539	-4.5%
Vandalism	1,371	1,159	-15.5%
Weapon	286	252	-11.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,778</b>	<b>51,182</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>

## DWI Enforcement

The Police Department conducted five Mobile DWI Checkpoints in 2010. During these checkpoints, Alexandria police substantially increased enforcement of drunk driving laws. The DWI crackdown began in the late evening and continued until the early morning hours.

Additional officers were assigned to patrol major corridors, targeting motorists who commit hazardous moving violations and exhibit other behaviors that may indicate a driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



The maximum penalty in Virginia for the first conviction for driving under the influence is 12 months in jail, a \$2,500 fine and a 12-month suspension of driving privileges. There are mandatory jail terms associated with these offenses,

depending upon the blood alcohol content of the driver. Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles administrative fees may apply as well.

## MOBILE DWI CHECKPOINT STATISTICS

	February 27	March 27	May 22	July 30	December 5
VEHICLE STOPS	91	142	151	30	81
DWI ARRESTS	6	6	3	1	5
VIRGINIA UNIFORM SUMMONS ISSUED	55	72	17	33	37
TRAFFIC VIOLATION WARNINGS	25	56	6	8	44

# Honors and Awards

## Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards

### *Silver Medal*

Sergeant Stafford Farmer-Lee  
Sergeant Terri Mucci

### *Bronze Medal*

Sergeant Zygmund Slevinski  
Officer Lewis Stitt  
Officer Henry Segura  
Officer Seth Weinstein  
Officer Michael Dunkwu  
Officer Jesse Meekins  
Officer Frank Pounsberry  
Officer Daniel Schultz  
K-9 Officer Carlos Rolon and Ajax  
K-9 Officer Kim Hendrick and Max  
K-9 Officer Steve Brown and Bosco  
ECT Joanne Watson  
Officer Burke Brownfeld  
Officer Robert Egan  
Officer Brad Cecchitti  
Officer Steve Matthews  
Officer Troy Boyle  
Officer Daniel Lebreton

### *Lifesaving Award*

Officer Ian Torrance  
Officer Loren West

### **Kiwanis Officer of the Year**

Officer Keith Burkholder  
Officer William Taylor

### **Sunrise Optimist Officer of the Year**

Sergeant Christopher Flood  
Officer Humberto "Alex" Trapero

### **Jaycee Award**

Carolyn Cassidy  
Matt Smith

### **WRAP Award**

Officer Gregory Holden





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