

## THE ALEXANDRIA STRATEGIC RESPONSE SYSTEM MODEL

The men and women of the Alexandria Police Department designed and implemented the Strategic Response System (SRS) – it combines technology, innovative police tactics and strategies, and accountability to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our communities. SRS emerged from a concept in 2006 to one of the most innovative and successful programs in the history of the Alexandria Police Department.

Under the leadership of Chief Earl L. Cook, SRS was further developed into an internationally recognized program. Many domestic and foreign police departments have sent representatives to learn about SRS strategies such as “Hotspots” policing and our award winning Community Policing Program.



## 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 Alexandria’s neighborhoods. We are dedicated to protecting life and property while assuring fair and equal treatment to everyone.



## ACCREDITATION

The Alexandria Police Department has been internationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 1986 and was reaccredited in 1991, 1996, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2010. This is a significant accomplishment for the men and women of the department. CALEA accreditation is a rigorous and difficult process that, if achieved, affirms the professional status of law enforcement agencies worldwide.

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# STRATEGIC RESPONSE SYSTEM

Creating Safer Communities

Earl L. Cook, Chief of Police



## ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT SRS PROCESS

The Strategic Response System (SRS) is a comprehensive approach to reducing crime, the fear of crime, and public disorder, while focusing on ways to improve the quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors in the City of Alexandria.

SRS relies on innovative policing strategies supported by the timely analysis of crime trends, series and patterns. This attention to near real-time crime data ensures that the appropriate resources are swiftly allocated to address emerging issues. Additionally, SRS emphasizes problem-solving activities at all levels of the police department aimed at addressing complex neighborhood crime and disorder problems.

SRS holds commanders accountable to geographic areas called sectors – they are responsible for planning, implementing and assessing responses to crime and disorder in their sectors. Regular SRS meetings, chaired by Police Chief Earl Cook, create a forum for open dialogue intended to assess commanders' responses to crime and, if needed, to assign additional resources to the problem. While SRS does assign accountability to specific problems, it is designed to be a learning environment where collective knowledge is shared and positive action is taken.

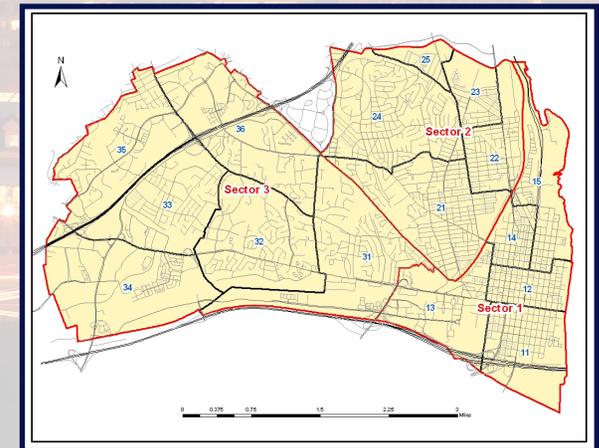
SRS is another instance in which the Alexandria Police Department recognizes that budgeted resources must be used in an efficient and effective manner.

## SRS develops, enhances and improves the following concepts:

- Teamwork at all levels.
- Clarity of purpose, mission and direction.
- Organizational communications.
- Agency and employee accountability.
- Proactive and problem-solving response.
- Measurable results.
- Substance and quality of communications outside the organization.
- Ability to effectively measure individual and organizational performance.
- Increased integration of crime analysis into decision-making process so that policing strategies and deployment are unified, consistent, fact based and effective to reduce crime and respond to neighborhood issues.
- Represents a modern, effective, creative organizational response to capability.
- Patrol function is structured to place the highest number of officers of duty during peak call for service times.
- Incorporates results into a SARA (Scan, Analyze, Respond, Assess) model until issues are controlled or solved.

## Cornerstones of SRS

- Accurate and timely analysis of crime and disorder data
- Rapid deployment of officers
- Effective tactics
- Relentless follow-up and assessment
- Successful partnership with the community



The City map above depicts the geographic deployment of Alexandria Police officers and resources. These three “Sectors”, outlined in red, are commanded by police captains who are accountable for responding to crime and disorder issues quickly and efficiently