

PRINCE WILLIAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY



PRINCE WILLIAM

Police Department

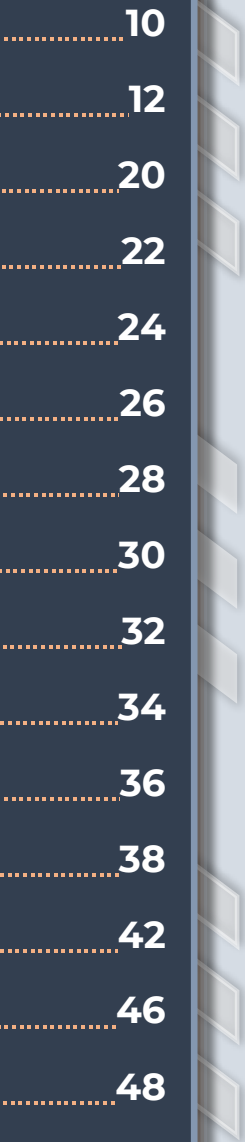
MISSION STATEMENT

The Prince William County Police Department is responsible for effectively and impartially enforcing the law while serving and protecting the community.

We believe integrity, honesty, and equality in the delivery of all police services is essential to building cooperation and trust with the community.

We strive to always achieve these values through a shared responsibility of accountability, transparency, and respect.

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2023 BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS



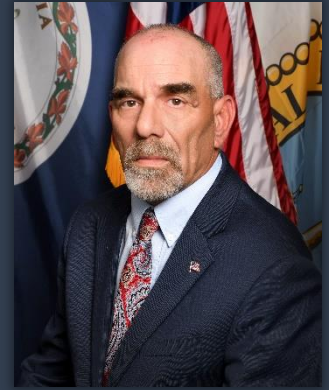
Ann Wheeler
Chair At-Large



Jeanine Lawson
Brentsville District



Yesli Vega
Coles District



Robert Weir
Gainesville District



Victor Angry
Neabsco District



Kenny Boddy
Occoquan District



Andrea Bailey
Potomac District



Margaret Franklin
Woodbridge District

COUNTY

GOVERNMENT



\$2.93B

COUNTY BUDGET*



491,693

POPULATION ESTIMATE (Q2 2023)



161,387

HOUSING UNITS (Q2 2023)



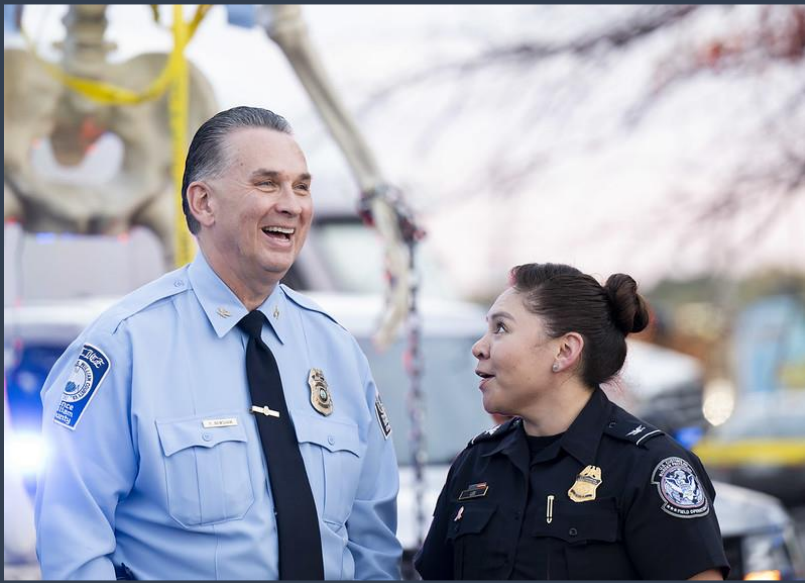
5,208

COUNTY EMPLOYEES*

(*FY23 BUDGET)



Christopher Shorter
County Executive



CHIEF OF POLICE

On behalf of the Prince William County Police Department, I am honored to present our community with the **2023 Annual Report**. As we all reflect on this past year, I am pleased to see the many accomplishments we've made as an agency compared to this time last year. One of our highest priorities was improving starting salaries for sworn members, which has helped with recruitment and retention, and has significantly reduced our vacancy numbers by almost half in just twelve months.

In 2023, the Police Department was also re-accredited through CALEA, a leading standard in law enforcement. We also finalized plans to acquire what is now our Scenario-Based Training Center, formerly Elite Shooting Sports, in Manassas. This facility has been widely praised by department members across the agency and will certainly prove to be a considerable asset in our ongoing training efforts for years to come. A community survey was also conducted in 2023, with results highlighting the professional, courteous, and service-minded members of this agency and the services we provide.

Looking ahead, I hope we maintain this positive trajectory with the continued support and appreciation of our community. A safe community is a united community. As we work together, we can ensure everyone not only feels safe, but is safe.

Peter Newsham

Chief of Police



Lieutenant Colonel Jarad Phelps has served as Deputy Chief since November 2019. Deputy Chief Phelps also briefly served as Acting Chief of Police following the retirement of Chief Barry Barnard in July 2020 until the appointment of Chief Peter Newsham in February 2021.

Deputy Chief Phelps is a native of Prince William County with over 28 years of law enforcement experience. Phelps joined the Police Department in 1996, beginning his career in patrol assigned to the Operations Division. Over the course of his career, Phelps served in several positions and on multiple part-time teams across the agency through the rank of Lieutenant. In 2014, Phelps was promoted to the rank of Captain where he served as the commander in multiple assignments.

Just prior to his role as Deputy Chief, Phelps was promoted to the rank of Major in 2017 where he was assigned to oversee the Operations Division during a critical time as the Police Department was establishing a third patrol district.

Deputy Chief Phelps holds a master's degree from George Mason University and an undergraduate degree from James Madison University. Phelps has attended numerous leadership and senior management schools including the FBI National Academy.



Jarad Phelps

Deputy Chief of Police



DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE



POLICE BUDGET
\$121,925,159

4.2%

COUNTY BUDGET

216

PROFESSIONAL STAFF



707

SWORN AUTHORIZED

(FY23 BUDGET)

DEPARTMENT

4-1-1

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Watch Groups | **648**

Community Programs Conducted | **180**



PERSONNEL

Applications Received | **908**

Recruits PWCPD Graduated | **70**



CALLS FOR SERVICE

Total Calls for Service | **198,085**

Telephone/Online Reports | **2,324**



TRAINING TOTALS

Basic Training Hours | **69,322**

In-Service Training Hours | **35,016**



RESPONSE TIME

6.01min

POLICE FLEET

Miles Driven | **7.5M mi.**

Police Vehicles | **685**

(*FY23 ACTUAL)



CHIEF OF POLICE

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF
Administrative Support
Community Engagement Section
FOIA Compliance Officer
Public Information Office

Office of Professional Standards
Accreditation & Policy Services
Body-Worn Camera Unit
Internal Investigations
Use of Force & Complaints

FINANCIAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION

Planning, Research, & Facility Services

Fiscal & Policy Management Bureau

Accounting & Business Services
Compensation & Benefits Services

Information Technology Mgmt. Bureau

Application Support & Project Manager
Budget & Deskside Support Services
GIS/Mapping Support Services
Mobile Equipment & Radio Services

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Administrative Support Bureau

Administrative Support
Criminal Evidence
Criminal Records
Fleet Management Services
Forensic Services
Licensing Services
Logistics & Support Services

Animal Services Bureau

Animal Enforcement Section
Animal Services Center

Criminal Justice Academy

Basic Training & Control Tactics
In-Service & EVOC/Firearms

Personnel Bureau

Candidate Selection & Background
Recruiting & Marketing
Co-Responder & Crisis Intervention

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Patrol Services Bureau

Central District
Dale City
Eastern Manassas
Lake Ridge
Occoquan

Patrol Services Bureau

Eastern District
Dumfries
Quantico
Triangle
Woodbridge

Patrol Services Bureau

Western District
Bristow
Gainesville
Hyamarket
Nokesville
Western Manassas

Special Operations Bureau

K-9 & SWAT
Special Events & Emergency Mgmt.
Traffic Safety & Crossing Guards
Part-Time Teams & Units

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Property Crimes Bureau

Digital Forensics
Property Crimes
Telephone & Online Reporting

Special Investigations Bureau

Gangs
Narcotics
Street Crimes

Special Victims Bureau

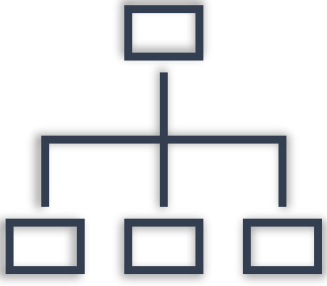
Special Victims & Physical Abuse
Domestic Violence
Internet Crimes Against Children
Human Trafficking

Violent Crimes Bureau

Crime Analysis
Homicide & Robbery
Intelligence & Missing Persons

Youth Services Bureau

School Resource Officers



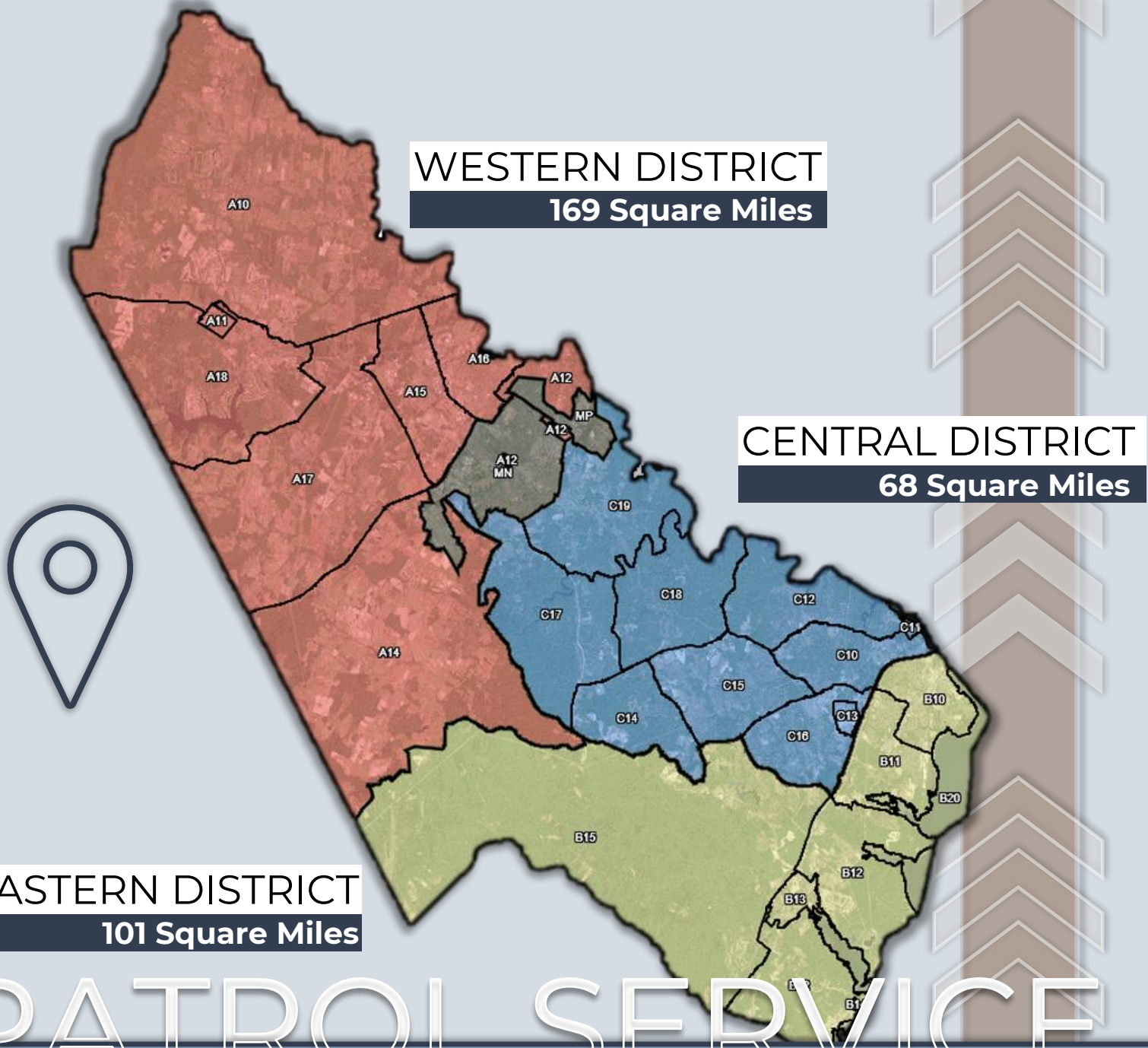
ORGANIZATION

CHART



PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

347 Square Miles



WESTERN DISTRICT
169 Square Miles

CENTRAL DISTRICT
68 Square Miles

EASTERN DISTRICT
101 Square Miles

PATROL SERVICE DISTRICTS

LEADERSHIP

AGENCY HEADS

Chief of Police..... **Peter Newsham**
Deputy Chief of Police..... **Jarad Phelps**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

Chief of Staff..... **Matthew Bromeland**
Professional Standards..... **David Burghart**

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Assistant Chief..... **Shana Hrubes**
Special Investigations & Violent Crimes..... **Jacques Poirier**
Property Crimes, Special Victims, & Youth Services..... **Neil Miller**

FINANCIAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES

Administrative Chief..... **Thomas Pulaski**

OPERATIONS

Assistant Chief..... **Kevin Hughart**
Patrol-Central District..... **Ruben Castilla**
Patrol-East District..... **David Smith**
Patrol-West District..... **Eileen Welsh**
Special Operations..... **Jaime Pavol**

SUPPORT SERVICES

Assistant Chief..... **Kimberly Chisley-Missouri**
Administrative Services..... **Joe Robinson**
Animal Services Center..... **Anthony Cleveland**
Personnel..... **David Bassett**
Scenario-Based Training Center..... **Brandan Dudley**
Training Academy..... **Ronald Teachman**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

The **OFFICE OF THE CHIEF** oversees the daily operations of the Chief's Office, as well as leading, facilitating or monitoring assigned special projects and representing the Office of the Chief on committees. The Chief of Staff also coordinates with Administrative Support, oversees responses to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, and serves as the commander of the Peer Support Team. Additionally, the Chief of Staff oversees:

The **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SECTION** which is responsible for the Department's community outreach efforts including crime prevention, watch programs, and community liaison needs. Community Engagement also oversees the Chaplain Program and coordinates the Community Police Academy.

The **PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE** which is responsible for coordinating news releases to the media regarding Department activities and criminal investigations, maintaining the Department's website and social media presence, and producing internal and external publications such as the Annual Report.

The **OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS** is also under the Office of the Chief and reports directly to the Chief of Police. This office investigates any allegation of misconduct by personnel and all incidents of resistance response. This office also oversees Accreditation and Policy Services and the Body-Worn Camera program.

Matthew Bromeland

Chief of Staff



CRIMINAL

INVESTIGATIONS

The **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION** investigates major criminal offenses and manages the Department's juvenile education programs. Falling within the Criminal Investigations Division are the Property Crimes, Special Investigations, Special Victims, Violent Crimes, and the Youth Services Bureaus.

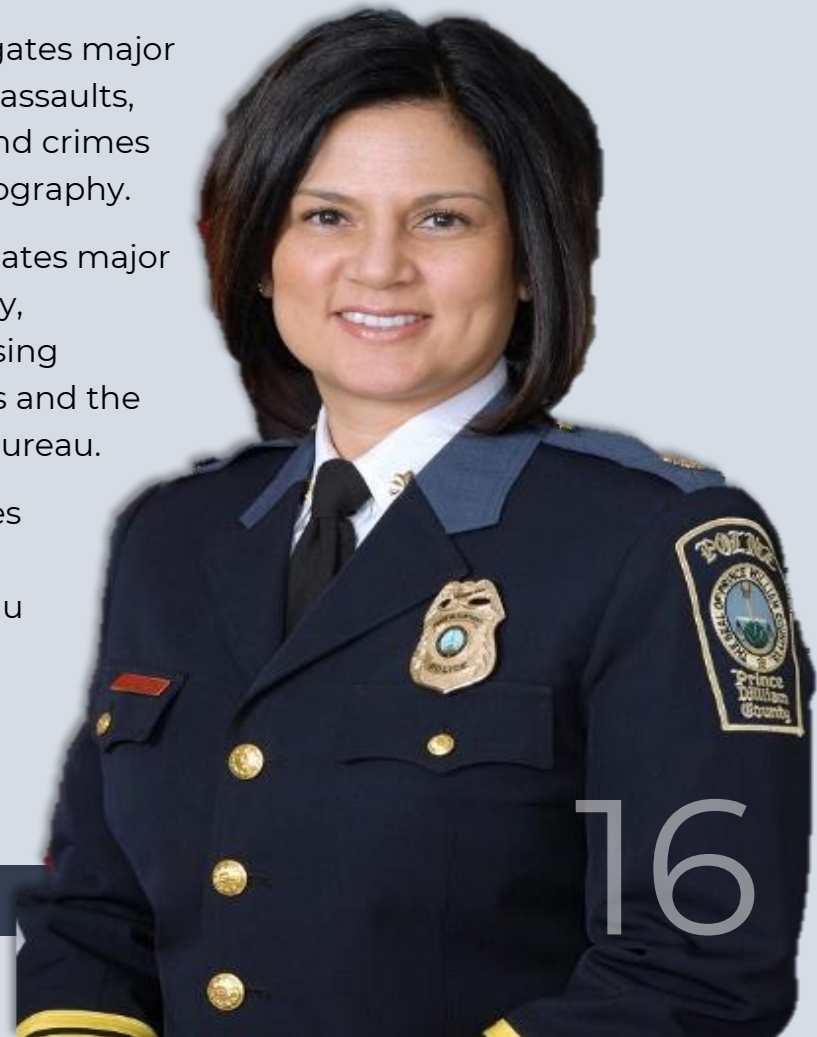
The **PROPERTY CRIMES BUREAU** investigates major offenses against property such as burglaries, larcenies, vehicle theft, and identity-fraud crimes. The Digital Forensics Unit and telephone/online reporting also falls under this bureau.

The **SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU** investigates drugs and narcotics complaints, gambling, prostitution, and any street-level and gang-related crimes that impact the safety of County residents.

The **SPECIAL VICTIMS BUREAU** investigates major offenses against persons such as sexual assaults, human trafficking, domestic violence, and crimes targeting children, including child pornography.

The **VIOLENT CRIMES BUREAU** investigates major offenses against persons such as robbery, homicide, aggravated assaults, and missing persons. Additionally, intelligence efforts and the Crime Analysis Unit also fall under this bureau.

The **YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU** oversees the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program for the department. This bureau is one of the largest in the division, assigning sworn resource officers to all County middle and high schools.



Shana Hrubes

Assistant Chief

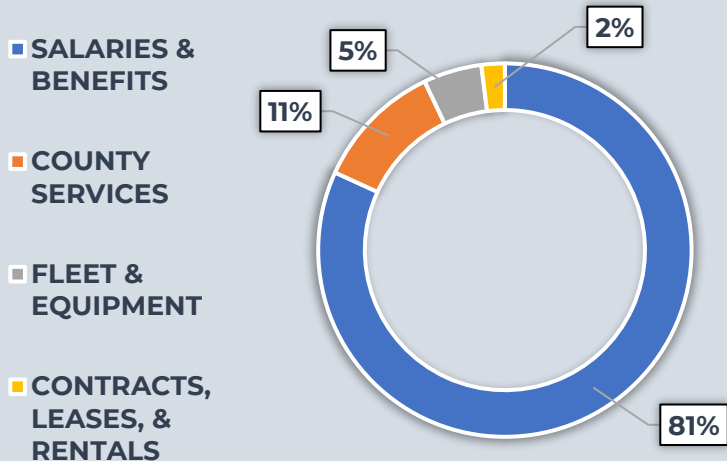
FINANCIAL & TECH. SERVICES

The **FINANCIAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION** provides additional internal services to the Police Department including financial and technical support. Falling within the Financial & Technical Services Division are the Fiscal and Policy Management Bureau and the Information Technology Management Bureau. Planning, Research, and Facility Services also falls under this division.

The **FISCAL & POLICY MANAGEMENT BUREAU** is responsible for fiscal services, budget development, compensation, benefits, police purchasing, and accounts payable.

The **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT BUREAU** is responsible for mobile data computer application and software support services, computer aided dispatch and records management systems application support services, mobile data wireless application and desk side support, and GIS applications services.

2023 POLICE BUDGET



Thomas Pulaski
Administrative Chief



OPERATIONS

The **OPERATIONS DIVISION** is responsible for maintaining police officers in constant operational readiness for immediate response to any call for service requiring police presence. Nearly two-thirds of the Department's personnel are assigned to the Operations Division, which includes the Patrol Services Bureau and the Special Operations Bureau.

The **PATROL SERVICES BUREAU** provides 24-hour patrol officer coverage throughout the County and parking enforcement needs at the district level. Patrol officers are the first response to any type of police call for service and are prepared to respond to any emergency. The Bureau is divided into three patrol districts, the **CENTRAL DISTRICT**, the **EASTERN DISTRICT**, and the **WESTERN DISTRICT**.

The **SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU** manages the activities of the Department's specialized operational units which include the Crash Investigation Unit, Crossing Guard Unit, K-9 Unit, Special Events, Traffic Enforcement Unit (Motors), and the Emergency Management Coordinator.

The Division also manages part-time teams and units including: the Bike Team, Civil Disturbance Team, Crisis Negotiation Team, Command One Team, Honor Guard Team, Horse Mounted Patrol Unit, Incident Management Team, Marine Unit, Search and Rescue Team, Small Unmanned Aircraft System Team, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, and Underwater Search and Recovery Team.



Kevin Hughart

Assistant Chief

SUPPORT SERVICES

The **SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION** provides support services to the Office of the Chief and other divisions. Falling within the Support Services Division are the Administrative Services Bureau, Animal Control Bureau, Criminal Justice Academy, and the Personnel Bureau.

The **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU** handles all evidence and property coming into the possession of the Department, Criminal Records, Licensing Services, Forensic Services, Logistics, and Fleet Management, among other areas. The bureau also conducts background checks and fingerprinting services.

The **ANIMAL SERVICES BUREAU** oversees the enforcement animal welfare laws, conducts animal education seminars, houses stray and unwanted animals in a clean and safe environment and coordinates the adoption of housed animals.

The **CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY** conducts all basic, control tactics, in-service, and leadership training for police officer candidates and certified police officers, including firearms and emergency vehicle operations. The academy also oversees the department's Wellness & Peer Fitness efforts.

The **PERSONNEL BUREAU** is responsible for the recruiting, processing, and selection of applicants to the Department, physical examinations, and polygraph services. The bureau also oversees the department's Crisis Intervention services including the Co-Responder Unit and serves as a liaison to the Public Safety Resilience Center.



Kimberly Chisley-Missouri

Assistant Chief

2023

JANUARY

In January, the Board of County Supervisors approved plans for the police department to acquire a new firearms range, formerly known as Elite Shooting Sports in Manassas. The new acquisition provides department with adequate space to grow without the delays, costs, and issues associated with a new build.

FEBRUARY

Typically held in February each year, the Special Olympics Polar Plunge is a widely popular event. For the first time, a 5K race was held with over 60 runners with nearly 300 participants taking the plunge. This year was also record-breaking in the amount raised for Special Olympics. [View photos from the event.](#)

MARCH

In March, members of the police department's command staff toured the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington D.C. This tour offered a new training program for executive staff which began with Chief Newsham and the Metropolitan Police Department in 2018.

JULY

Community satisfaction is important in knowing how our community gauges our response, services, and officer interactions. Time after the time, community survey results show overwhelming support for our agency and our members, scoring in the 90th percentile in all measured areas.

AUGUST

National Night Out celebrated during the first Tuesday in August each year brings together law enforcement and neighborhoods to celebrate and embrace one community. Each year, PWCPD partners with neighborhood watch groups to visit various block parties throughout the county. [Learn more.](#)

SEPTEMBER

For the third year in a row, the police department hosted a Community Fair centered on celebrating the strength of diversity in our community. The event included vendors and information tables from all aspects of County government. [View the invitation video from Chief Newsham.](#)

YEAR REVIEW

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APRIL

April is a month of awareness and appreciation. During this month we recognize the hard work of our volunteers, administrative professionals, and animal services staff while also drawing attention to sexual assault awareness, autism awareness, and child abuse prevention.

MAY

Each year on May 15, federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies across the Country pause to remember the sacrifices of their fallen. This day was officially recognized as a National Peace Officers Memorial Day in 1962 under President John Kennedy.
[View photos from our ceremony.](#)

JUNE

Chief Newsam joined Rep. Abigail Spanberger and other leaders in the medical community at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center in Woodbridge at a joint press conference in hopes of pushing a bill forward aimed at aiding law enforcement's ability to detect and identify dangerous drugs.
[Learn more.](#)

OCTOBER

On October 27, the police department paused to remember the 50th anniversary of Officer Paul "Pete" White's line of duty death. Officer White died from injuries sustained during a traffic crash that occurred days prior.
[View photos from our ceremony.](#)

NOVEMBER

At a ceremony held in November, the police department formally accepted the CALEA Award for Excellence in both Law Enforcement & our Criminal Justice Training Academy. The awards were presented to attending members at CALEA's fall conference held in Bellevue, WA.
[Learn more.](#)

DECEMBER

The Police Department, partnering with EPIC Recruiting, debuted a new recruitment website for the agency to attract new candidates. To see what PWCPD has to offer and to start your journey with our agency, visit **joinpwcpd.org**.

2023

27,459



VOLUNTEER HOURS

212

ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

2,903



ANIMAL FOSTERS & ADOPTIONS

102

FOSTER FAMILIES

592



ANIMAL UNIFICATIONS

92

EVENTS

186

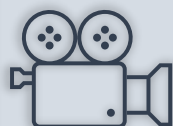


RESCUE & WILDLIFE TRANSFERS

ANIMAL SERVICES



Held Sept. 16, 2023, beautiful weather brought police, county public service agencies, and the community together for a day full of entertainment, food, activities, and information sharing. This was the third year the police department held this event and brought together agencies and groups from across the County to explain resources available for residents and business owners. Since the first fair in 2021 following the pandemic, attendance at the event has grown, demonstrating the need to embrace diversity and strengthen relationships.



WATCH: Community Fair invitation video from Chief Newsham.

COMMUNITY

FAIR

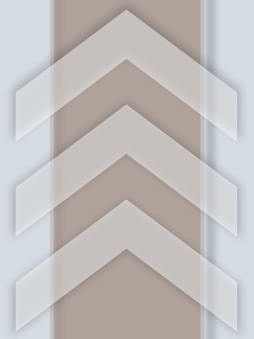
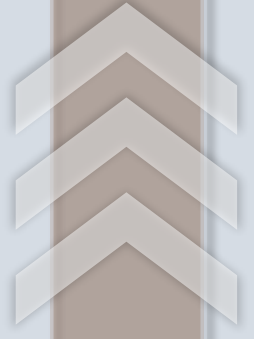
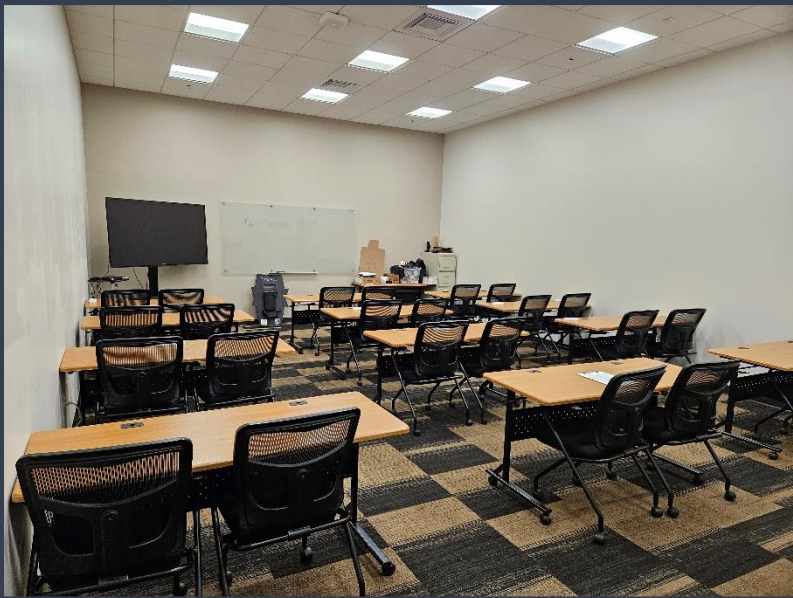
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On Jan. 17, 2023, the Board of County Supervisors approved the acquisition of a new firearms training center, formerly Elite Shooting Sports, in Manassas. The acquisition expanded and enhanced tactical training for members of the police department and based on the contemporary and innovative design of the facility, the agency transitioned training seamlessly with minimal renovation and delay associated with a new build project. Training officially began in the facility in Summer 2023 which has been widely embraced by department members recognizing the need for strengthen training. The facility offers the ability to grow for years to come.



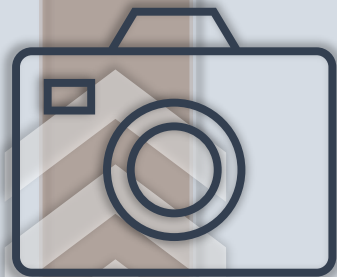
TRAINING CENTER



On Oct. 27, 2023, members of the police department paused to remember Officer Paul “Pete” White, who was killed in the line of duty 50 years ago. During a ceremony held at the Pete White Station in the western part of Prince William County, department members were joined by Officer White’s widow and family members. During the ceremony, a new placard was unveiled to be displayed in the area where Officer White’s tragic crash occurred. The placard will serve as a reminder for those who traverse the road that a life was lost, but not forgotten.



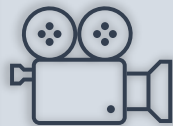
PHOTOS: Click image to view photos from the ceremony.



REMEMBERING

PETE

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WATCH: In 2014, “*The Pete White Story*” debuted, following the 40th anniversary of his tragic passing.

Since 1987, the Prince William County Police Department has been nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The accreditation process benefits both the agency and the community it serves by ensuring that the Department remains committed to providing the highest quality of professional service while promoting community cooperation and understanding, which are essential to 21st century policing. In November, the police department formally accepted the Award for Excellence in Law Enforcement and our academy, certifying our agency yet again.



[CLICK IMAGE TO LEARN MORE](#)

ACCREDITATION

ACHIEVED

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CALEA CONFERENCE
Bellevue Washington ~ November 11th 2023



CALEA CONFERENCE
Bellevue Washington ~ November 11th 2023



As part of the accreditation process discussed in the previous section of this report, the agency must conduct a community satisfaction survey every other year to gauge the community's feedback in areas of response, services provided, and staff professionalism and attitudes. Time and time again, the results of these surveys have shown overwhelming support and satisfaction with most responses in the 90th percentile in the areas measured. Historically, conducting community surveys has been used to gauge individual views and experiences. The results provide another opportunity for our agency to receive feedback on the delivery of police services and how we are doing. Surveys are another tool to help guide decision making on where we need to focus our resources to improve police services.



READ: Click image to read the full report available on our website.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

95%

POLICE SERVICES:
OVERALL

97%

POLICE SERVICES:
COURTEOUSNESS

96%

POLICE SERVICES:
PROMPTNESS

95%

POLICE SERVICES:
FAIR TREATMENT

94%

POLICE SERVICES:
INFO & CRIME PREVENTION

95%

POLICE SERVICES:
ATTITUDE

95%

ANIMAL SERVICES:
PROTECT ANIMALS & RESIDENTS

97%

FEELING SAFE:
IN NEIGHBORHOOD

95%

FEELING SAFE:
COMMERCIAL AREAS

In late December 2023, the police department launched a new website to recruit only the very best candidates and strengthen diversity amongst the ranks. This was an endeavor which began at the beginning of the year with many department members participating to help show the true face of the agency. The new site offers a user-friendly interface, compelling and dynamic visuals, authentic stories and videos from actual department members, and informative content. Each member of the department serves as an ambassador with their enthusiasm and dedication to safeguard and strengthen our community. If you or someone you know is interested in serving this community, check out the new site and apply today!



CLICK IMAGE TO LEARN MORE

NEW SITE, SAME

REPUTATION

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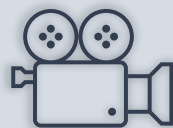
[APPLY](#)



SERVING WITH HEART, **PROTECTING WITH PURPOSE**

AT THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

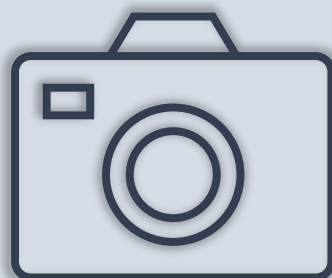
WATCH: New
Recruitment Video
Playlist.

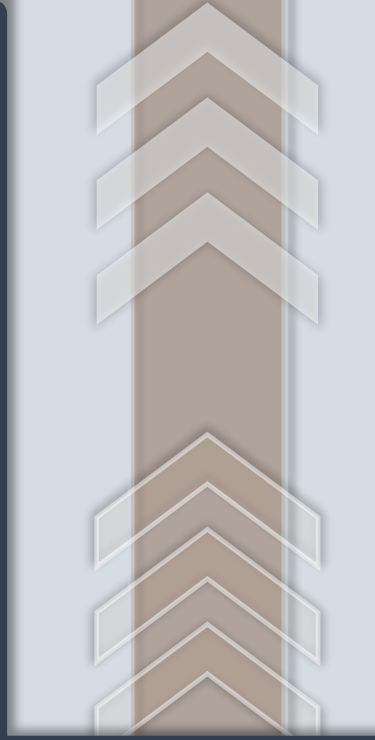


AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Anti-Defamation League (ADL) SHIELD Award
- CALEA Award for Excellence
- Human Rights Award
- Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, Sons of the American Revolution
- MADD Law Enforcement Award
- TOP COPS Awards (Honorable Mention)
- USPCA Iron Dog Competition
- VACP Award for Valor
- Valor Awards, Prince William Chamber of Commerce
- VA CIT Program of the Year
- WRAP Law Enforcement Award of Excellence

PHOTOS: Click image to view photos from the Valor Awards.





COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT is essential in any law enforcement organization. Through direct engagement between police staff and our residents and business owners, we can build lasting relationships amongst our community, while at the same time, enhancing public trust with the police. Listed on the preceding pages are a few opportunities where our residents can engage with their Police Department.

- Cadet Program
- Chaplain Program
- Community Advisory Board
- Community Police Academy
- Law Enforcement Explorer Program
- Ride-Along Program
- Student internship Program
- Volunteers in Police Service



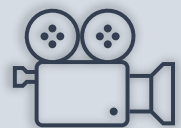


Just as important as community engagement is our **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** efforts. Throughout the year, our officers and staff participate in countless community events and speaking engagements. Police staff are asked to speak at community meetings, schools, and organization gatherings. Our members also participate in or help coordinate many events with our community partners each year.

- Coffee with a Cop
- Community Fair
- Junior Police Academy
- National Night Out
- Santa Cops
- Santa Ride
- Special Olympics of VA
 - Polar Plunge
 - Torch Run
 - Plane Pull
- Trunk or Treat
- Watch Groups



WATCH: School Resource Officer Appreciation video.



COMMUNITY

OUTREACH

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OFFICER RECOGNITION

Throughout the year, the Police Department recognizes the actions of our officers who go above and beyond the call of duty. A committee of peers in each of the three patrol districts review submissions by supervisors and select officer(s) to receive recognition as the “Officer(s) of the Month”.

The preceding pages include just a few examples of situations our officers faced this year. Their actions and quick thinking undoubtedly saved lives and are worthy of recognition.

MEMBER

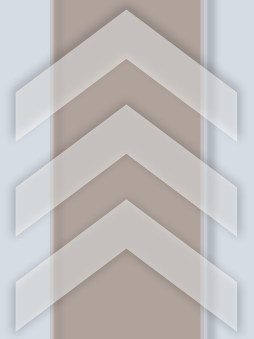
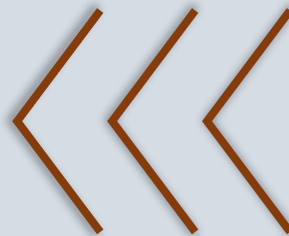
HIGHLIGHTS

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CENTRAL DISTRICT

CENTRAL DISTRICT

In November 2023, officers responded to the Opitz Boulevard overpass over Interstate 95 to assist a person-in-crisis. Officer Brown was able to build a rapport with the man. Through patience and natural speaking abilities, Officer Brown provided care and compassion to the man who recently lost a family member. Ultimately, the man agreed to go with officers to receive counseling and the incident was resolved without incident. Other members on scene were impressed with Officer Brown's handling of the call.



EASTERN DISTRICT

In November 2023, officers responded to the Triangle area for a shooting. Arriving on scene Officers Goude and Myrie attended to a victim who was suffering from multiple gunshot wounds using issued trauma and first aid kits. Officer Spina arrived on scene and all three officers continued life saving measures to include performing CPR. The victim was ultimately transported to an area hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Although the victim passed, the officers faced uncertain danger during a critical incident, and worked together in an attempt to save a life.



EASTERN DISTRICT

WESTERN DISTRICT

WESTERN DISTRICT

In February 2023, officers responded to a residence for an unknown trouble call. Two of the first responding officers, Master Police Officer Brown and Officer Turner, located a victim with a stab wound to her neck and provided immediate first aid utilizing their department-issued trauma kits. Officers were further able to determine the suspect was the victim's son who was located a short time later and arrested without incident. These two officers entered a situation where the danger was unknown and not only provided care to the victim but gathered important information leading to the arrest of the suspect.



SOCIAL MEDIA CORNER

The Police Department recognizes the need to keep the lines of communication open with our residents, business owners, and visitors to the County. The Police Department utilizes a variety of different social media platforms to inform and educate our community on topics such as serious incidents and traffic issues, safety resources and tips, and department recruiting and engagement events. These platforms also allow Department members to directly message our community to address concerns and answer questions. Our robust social media presence includes Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, NextDoor, and YouTube. The Police Department remains committed to our mission of building cooperation and trust with our community using social media.



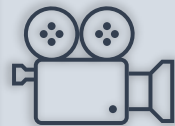
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10.8K



WATCH: "Move Over" Public Safety Announcement



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Tavon Fennell Sr.

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TJ and I had the privilege to meet Prince William County Police Department #ChiefNewsham yesterday, at the Prince William County Animal Services Bureau. Glad to see an familiar face from #DC down here! We chopped it up about a few things. Reminiscid about when I was an investigator for the Youth Gang Task Force, from DC to PWC youth issues, to just talking about football and family. But, most of all he took the time to here and already knew about the things I've been doing with the foundation TJsChampions.org Helping and bringing awareness of Inclusion for these families with children that have Down Syndrome, Autism and other Special Needs! He is a real stand up Man! He loves the animals as well!! I appreciate him! I looked forward to working/volunteering with him and PWCPD in the future.



CONNECT WITH US!

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IN MEMORIAM

Officer Guindon and two additional officers responded to a home on Lashmere Court in Woodbridge for a reported domestic altercation.

Unbeknownst to the officers, the suspect had already killed his wife inside the residence. Upon making contact with the suspect at the front door, he suddenly and without warning, pulled out a firearm and opened fire, striking all three officers. Additional responding officers took the suspect into custody without further incident and immediately rendered aid to the wounded officers. All three officers were taken to an area hospital where Officer Guindon died of her injuries. The two other officers were critically wounded.

Officer Guindon was sworn-in the day prior to this incident on Feb. 26, 2016. This incident was the first call Officer Guindon responded to that evening.



Ashley Guindon

End of Watch: Feb. 27, 2016

Officer Yung was killed at the intersection of Nokesville Road and Piper Lane in Bristow while responding to a separate traffic crash in Nokesville. Another vehicle made a left-hand turn from northbound Nokesville Road into a shopping center, crossing in front of the officer's motorcycle, causing a collision. Officer Yung was transported to a local hospital where he died from his injuries.

Officer Yung was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He had served with the Prince William County Police Department for seven years and was assigned to the Traffic Unit.

Officer Yung was a member of Law Enforcement United and served as a motor escort officer during the annual ride. He was survived by his wife and three children.



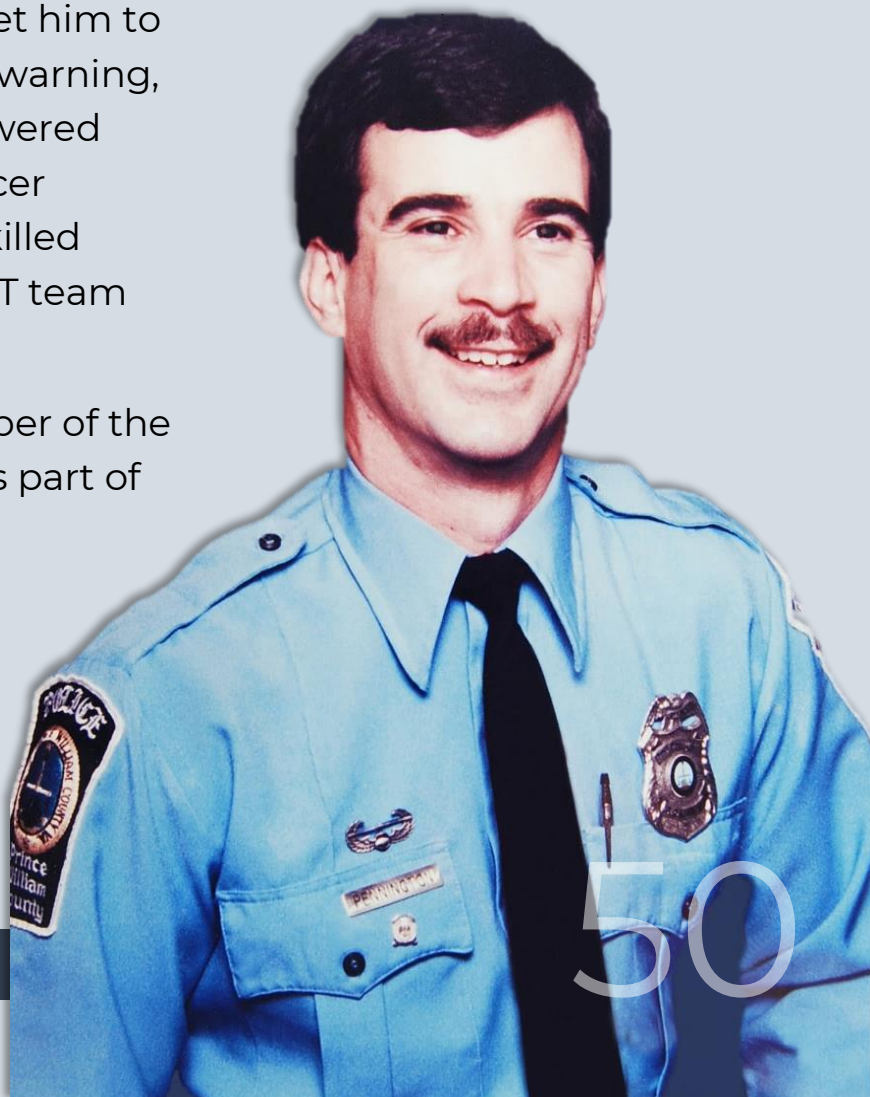
Chris Yung

End of Watch: Dec. 31, 2012

Officer Pennington and other members of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team were attempting to serve a search warrant related to the shooting of a law-enforcement officer. As the SWAT team surrounded the home, Officer Pennington and other officers knocked on the door and identified themselves.

Upon entering the home, the suspect was seen inside armed with a handgun. Officer Pennington, the assistant team leader, attempted to negotiate with the suspect to get him to surrender his weapon. Without warning, the suspect revealed a high-powered assault rifle and fatally shot Officer Pennington. The assailant was killed moments later by another SWAT team member.

Officer Pennington was a member of the Department for 11 years and was part of the SWAT Team.



Philip "Mike" Pennington

End of Watch: Nov. 22, 1990

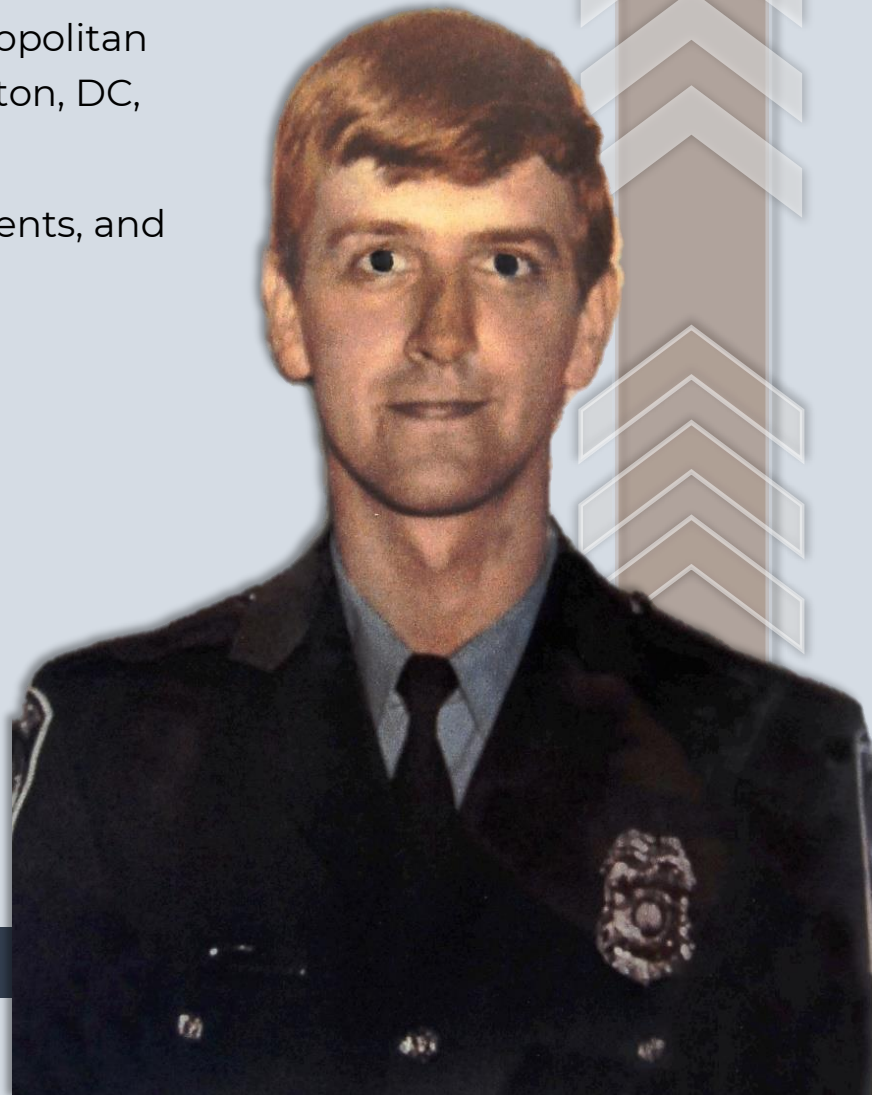
IN MEMORIAM

Officer White succumbed to injuries received six days earlier when he was involved in an automobile accident at the intersection of Route 234 and Route 15, in the Haymarket area.

He was responding to the scene of another accident when his vehicle struck a ditch, overturned, and caught fire.

Officer White had served with the Prince William County Police Department for two years and had previously served with the Metropolitan Police Department, in Washington, DC, for one year.

He was survived by his wife, parents, and two brothers.



Paul "Pete" White, Jr.

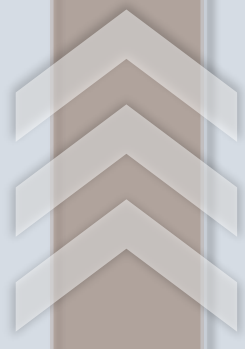
End of Watch: Oct. 27, 1973

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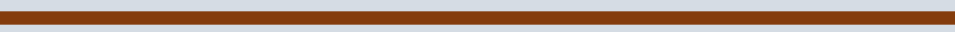
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DISCLAIMER

The data captured in this section of the Annual Report is valid as of March 1, 2024. Crime statistics and figures are known to change depending on the outcome of criminal investigations. The data detailed in this report represent a snapshot in time and was gathered in compliance with **National Incident-Based Reporting System** definitions and guidelines. As such, the number and categorization of offenses may differ when comparing the data over time. Crime data is collected by the Virginia State Police on a continual basis and updated accordingly. This data is made publicly available through the last published year on **Virginia State Police website**.



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OVERVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

OVERALL CRIME

+1.4%

VIOLENT
CRIME

CRIMES AGAINST
PERSONS

CRIMES AGAINST
PROPERTY

-0.1%

+0.8%

-0.9%

FIREARM-RELATED
INCIDENTS

-0.4%

NOTABLE CRIME IN 2023: MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

As seen across the Country in 2023, motor vehicle thefts specifically targeting Kia and Hyundai models increased, in part, due to the attention of a “social media challenge” involving teens and young adults. Thefts of motor vehicles, excluding attempts, rose 32.4% compared to the previous year. Oftentimes these thefts occur as a crime of opportunity when owners leave their vehicles unlocked and/or running. Stolen vehicles are often used in other crimes to aid in shielding the offender’s identity. For additional statistics on motor vehicle thefts, see page 67.

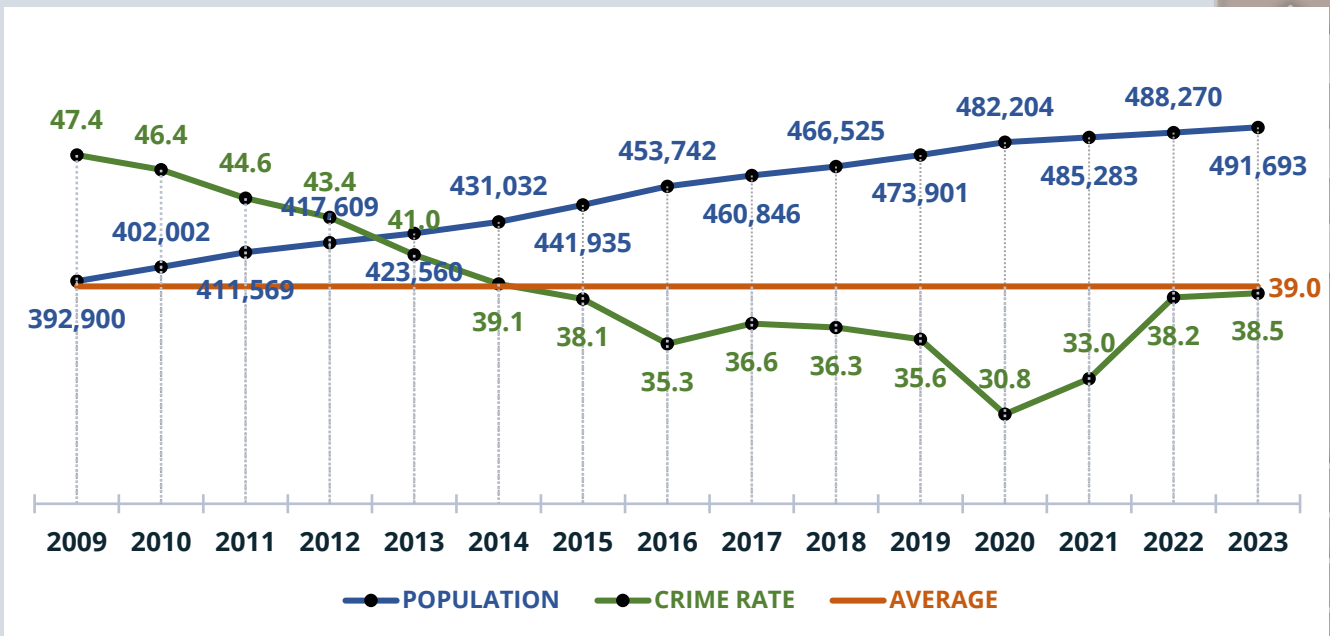
Police Department efforts to combat thefts:

- Social media campaigns & public education
- Dissemination of steering wheel locks
- Open communication with County auto-dealers
- Regional law enforcement summits
- Acquisition of investigative tools and equipment
- Partnering with the **Virginia State Police H.E.A.T. Program** to acquire assistance, training, and technical support

HISTORICAL

HISTORICAL CRIME RATE PERSPECTIVE

The collection and reporting of crime data continues to evolve. Over time, as these changes occur, reexamining crime trends remains an important factor in determining the overall safety of an area. Factors such as the rate of population growth, changes to state law or reporting mandates, and large impact events, can play a significant role in crime rate fluctuations from year-to-year. For example, in the years around 2020, crime rates initially dropped before becoming emblematic of pre-pandemic levels. While increases in crime of any kind is potentially concerning, exploring consistent trends autonomous of years that are rarities illustrates more normalcy in evaluating crime trends.



*County population based on estimates provided on the [Prince William County website](#).

Additionally, the crime rate was historically calculated using a methodology widely used across the Country that allowed agencies to effectively compare crime rates to other similar or nearby jurisdictions. The new mandated NIBRS system utilizes a wider set of data, including total crime reported to the police department, as opposed to only select crimes used in previously calculations. The chart above illustrates crime rates measured by the County's population compared with total crime since 2009 as provided by the Virginia State Police data collection website.

2023 YEAR END

	2022	2023
County Population	488,270	491,693
Total Crime	18,671	18,941
Crime Rate*	38.2	38.5
Total Criminal Arrests	8,258	9,679
Adult Arrests	7,663	8,899
Juvenile Arrests	592	776
Total Murder Victims	20	24
Total Traffic Citations	21,777	27,118
Total Reportable Crashes^	4,627	4,932
Total Crash Fatalities	26	22
Total Calls for Service (CFS)	173,301	198,085
CFS Resulting in Report	21,526	21,251

*Based on total reported Group A Offenses per 1,000 residents and County population.

^Reportable crashes as outlined under the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles reporting guidelines.

PERSONS-IN-CRISIS

CO-RESPONDER UNIT	2022*	2023
Co-Responder CFS & Hours	1,251 1,672 hours	1,518 2,352 hours
Co-Responder Outreach & Hours	290 166 hours	188 165 hours
Co-Responder Initiated ECO	68	98
Co-Responder Assisted Diversions	94.6%	93.5%

*Officers assigned to the Co-Responder Unit increased in 2022, leading to additional CFS and outreach opportunities.

CRISIS INTERVENTION	2022	2023
Person-In-Crisis (PIC) Related CFS	3,813	4,030
Officer Hours on PIC CFS*	29,591	28,372
Crisis Intervention Members	345	366

*Officer hours on Mental Health related CFS calculated based on one officer.

CRIME RATE

The **crime rate** in Prince William County is calculated by comparing total crime in the county to the total population. Previously, the crime rate was based on certain offenses which usually account for less than half of total reported crime.

CRIME RATE

38.5

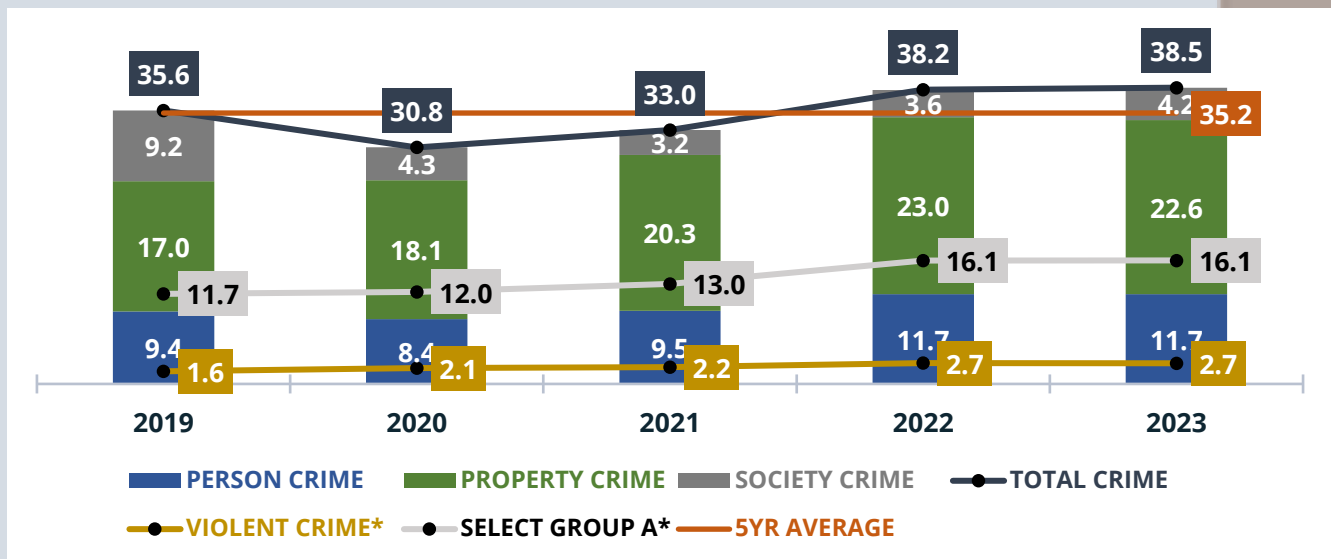
INCIDENTS

per 1,000 residents

In 2023, the crime rate in Prince William County measured 38.5 incidents per 1,000 residents. The crime rate rose from 38.2 the previous year, or about 0.8%. Total crime, as measured by Group A Offenses, also rose 1.4% compared to the previous year. The chart below reflects the County’s crime rate over the past five years.

CRIME RATE BREAKDOWN BY CRIME CATEGORY

While the overall crime rate rose slightly in 2023, violent crime, as defined by the Virginia State Police, and Crimes against Persons remained consistent with the previous year; Crimes against Property dropped about 1.7%; while Crimes against Society, often referred to as “victim-less” crimes, rose 16.6%. The five-year average crime rate, including during the pandemic which saw a sharp decrease in crime, measured 35.2 incidents per 1,000 residents. In the years prior to the pandemic, since 2009, the average crime rate was 40.3 incidents per 1,000 residents.



*Violent Crime represents the select offenses of murder/non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, aggravated assault, and robbery. Select Group A Offenses are listed on page 58.

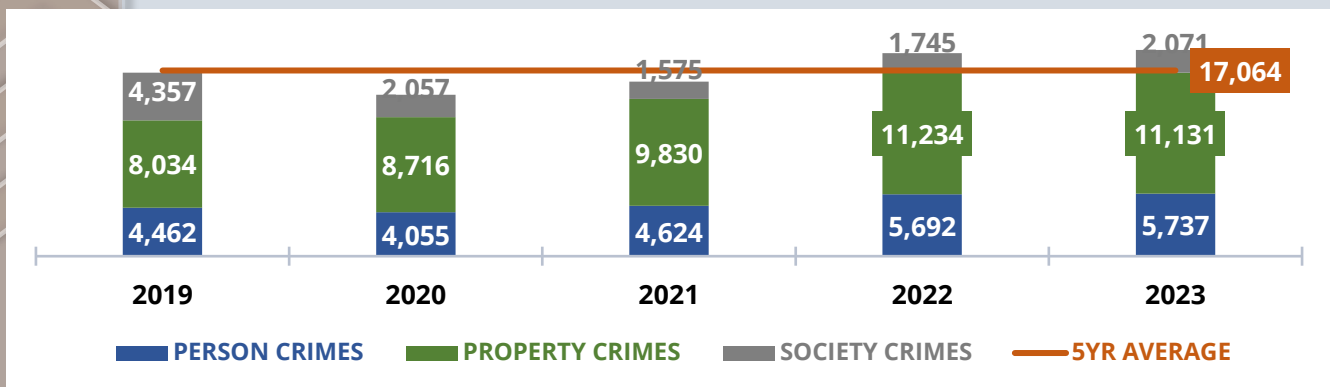
TOTAL CRIME

58

Total Crime, as measured by Group A Offenses under NIBRS², rose 1.4% in 2023, a difference of 270. Crime is divided into three categories: Crimes against Persons, Crimes against Property, and Crimes against Society, including a total of 52 offenses.

TOTAL CRIME
+1.4%
COMPARED TO
 the previous year

	2022	2023	(+/-)%
Crimes Against Persons	5,692	5,739	+0.8%
Crimes Against Property	11,234	11,131	-0.9%
Crimes Against Society	1,745	2,071	+18.7%
Total	18,671	18,941	+1.4%



OFFENSES: SELECT GROUP A OFFENSES

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Murder/Non-Neg. Manslaughter	14	8	10	20	24	SELECT GROUP A OFFENSES
Forcible Rape ⁵	81	75	80	89	90	
Aggravated Assault	479	723	738	960	930	
Robbery	154	145	186	221	251	
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	431	400	437	430	411	
All Larceny Offenses ⁸	4,043	3,986	4,353	5,545	5,298	41.7% OF TOTAL CRIME
Motor Vehicle Theft	348	429	515	575	892	
Total	5,550	5,766	6,319	7,840	7,896	
						16.1 INCIDENTS per 1,000 residents

TOTAL CRIME

1.4%

10.5%

5.6%

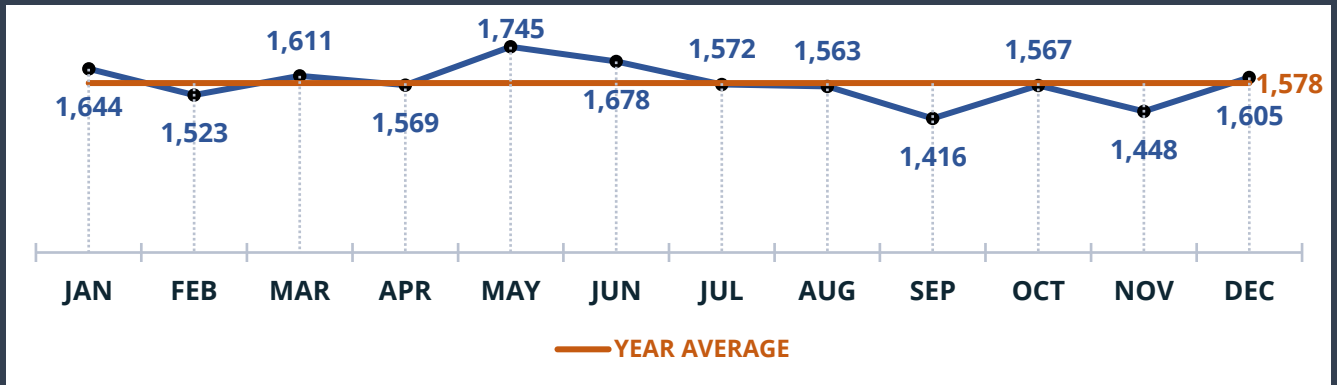
Major Injury Reported*

Stranger Offender*

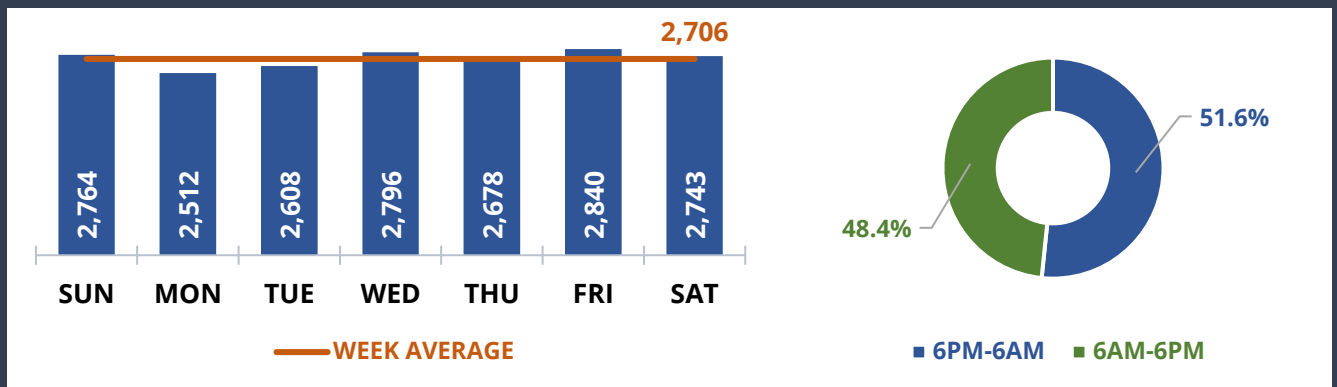
Weapon Used

**Calculations do not include Crimes Against Society due to victim classification as society/public.*

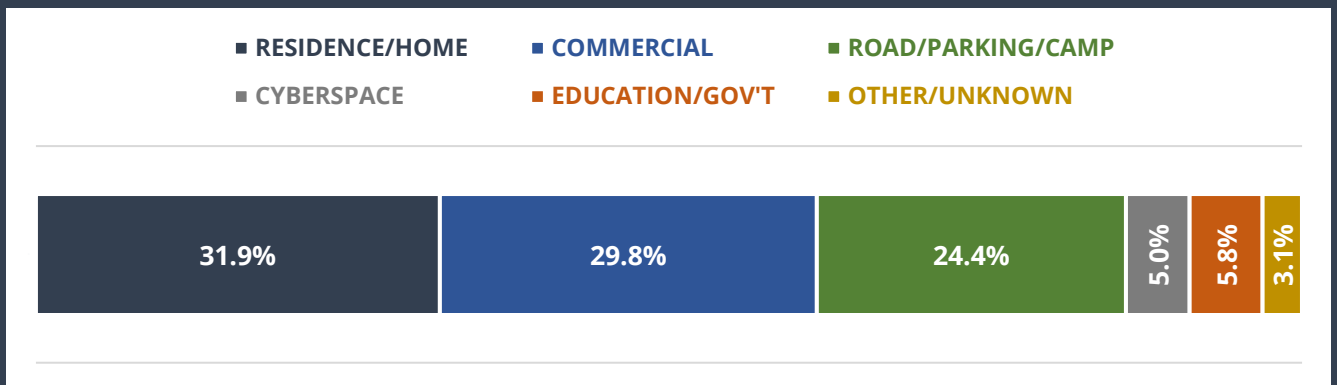
TOTAL CRIME BY MONTH



TOTAL CRIME BY DAY OF WEEK/TIME OF DAY



TOTAL CRIME BY LOCATION

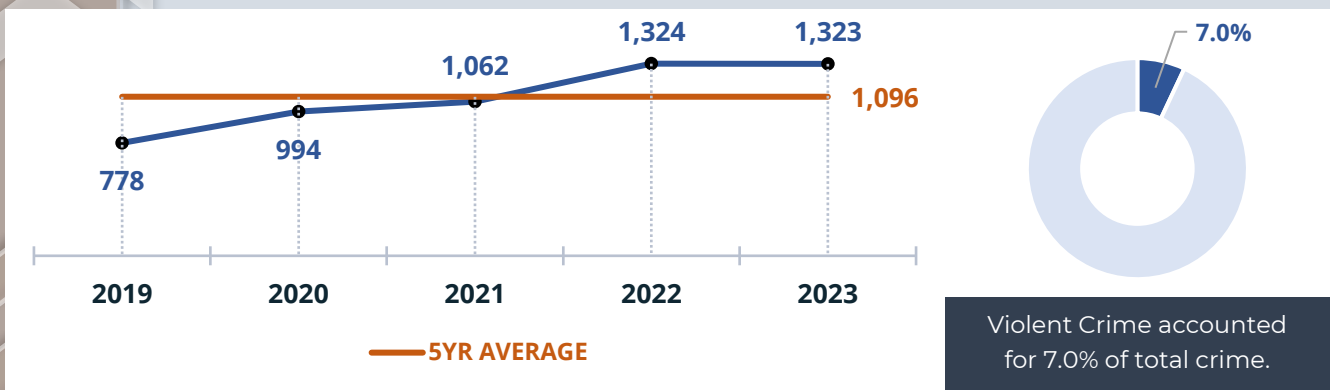


VIOLENT CRIME

Violent Crime fell 0.1% in 2023 when compared to the previous year. While historically low in comparison to overall crime, these offenses are identified as having significant impacts in the community. These crimes include the offenses of murder/non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, aggravated assault, and robbery.

2.7

INCIDENTS
per 1,000 residents



HATE BIAS MOTIVATION

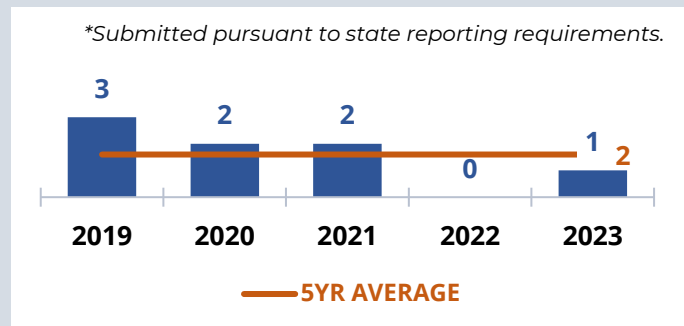
Hate Crimes are not separate, distinct offenses, but rather reported crimes motivated by the offender's bias.

Because of the difficulty of ascertaining the offender's subjective motivation, bias is reported only if the investigation reveals sufficient

information to lead a reasonable and

prudent person to conclude that the offender's actions were motivated, in whole or in part, by bias against race, religion, disability, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

In 2023, there was one reported incident with a hate bias classification by state reporting requirements. In June, a homeowner reported damage to their property including a pride flag and derogatory language spray painted on an exterior porch column. The paint was removed from the property without causing permanent damage. The language did not contain any threats. The investigation is active.



VIOLENT CRIME

16.8%

Major Injury Reported

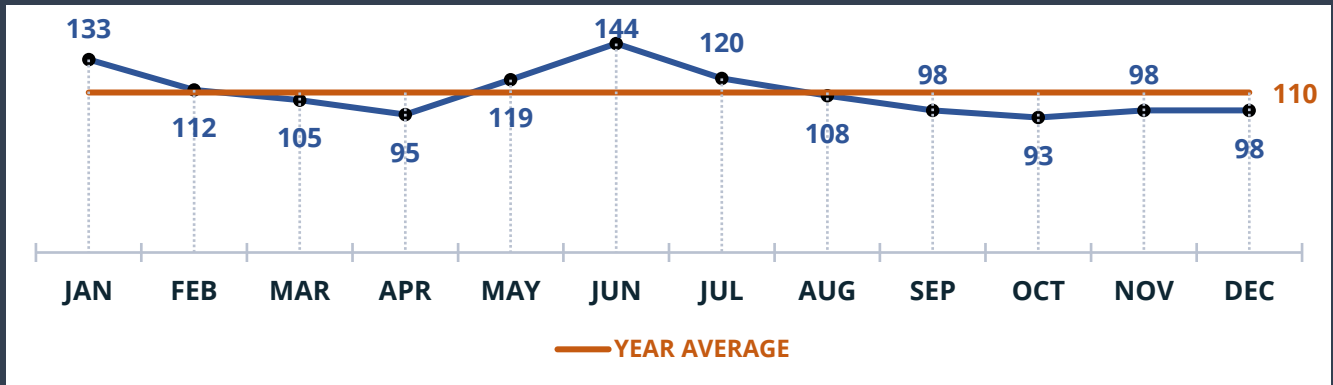
20.2%

Stranger Offender

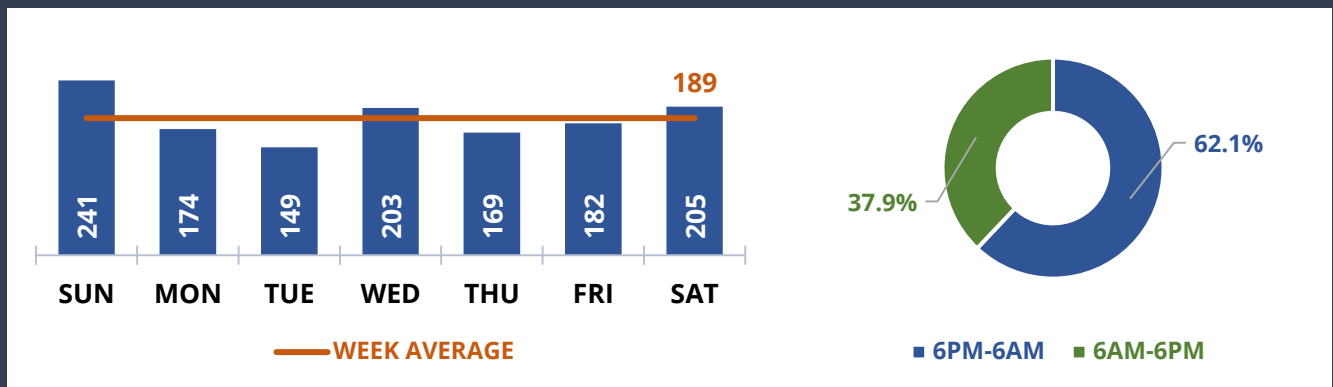
52.7%

Weapon Used

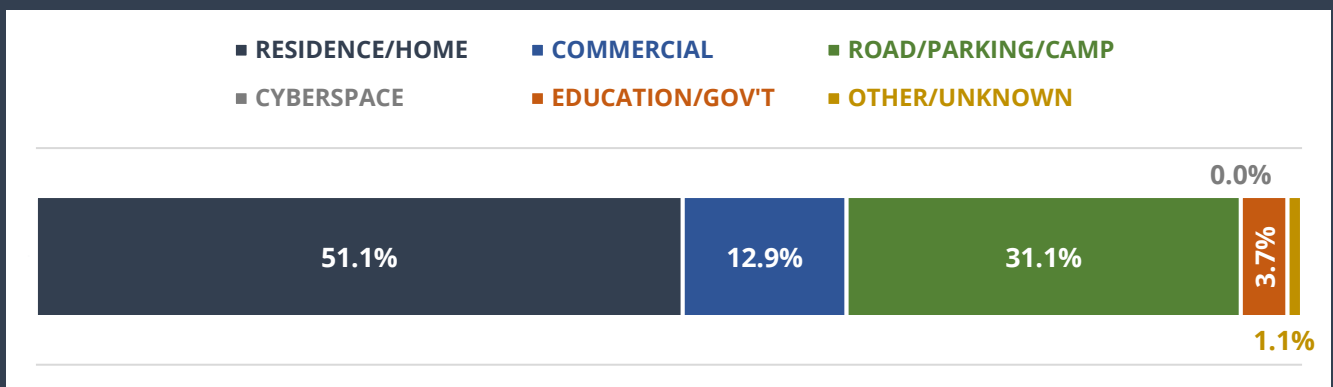
VIOLENT CRIME BY MONTH



VIOLENT CRIME BY DAY OF WEEK/TIME OF DAY

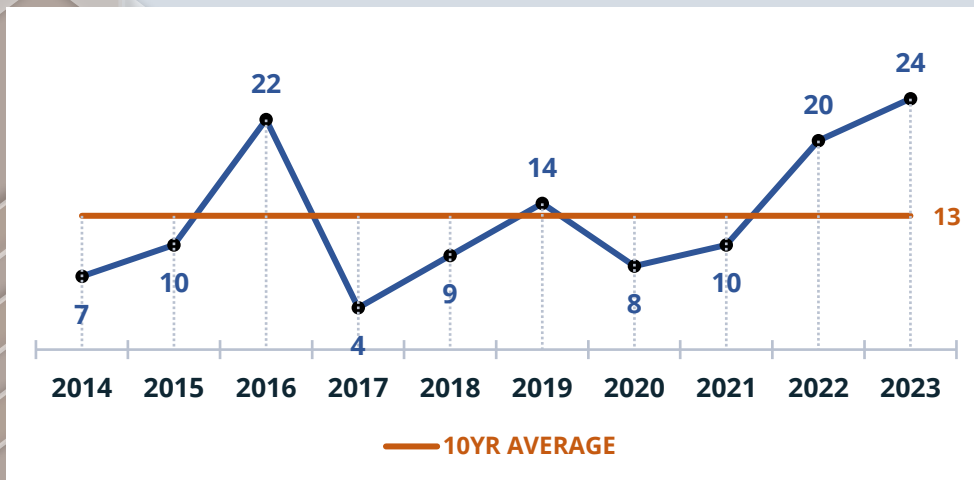


VIOLENT CRIME BY LOCATION



MURDER

Murder, defined as the willful killing of one human being by another, is often considered the highest profile offense committed against a person. The classification of this offense is based solely on the police investigation as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, or jury. This classification does not include deaths caused by negligence, suicide, crashes, or justifiable homicides. It also does not include attempted murder or assault to murder, which are counted as aggravated assaults.



As illustrated in the chart, the number of murders has varied from year to year and has not followed a predictable pattern. The analysis of individual cases also does not reveal any indicators that can be directly correlated to the number of murders or their causes in a given year.

The 10YR murder average of 11 is based on the number of victims from 2014-2023.

In 2023, there were 24 victims of murder in 20 separate incidents. Of the victims killed, 15 died by gunfire, six were stabbed, one died of blunt force trauma, and two victims were passengers killed in an intentional crash with another vehicle.

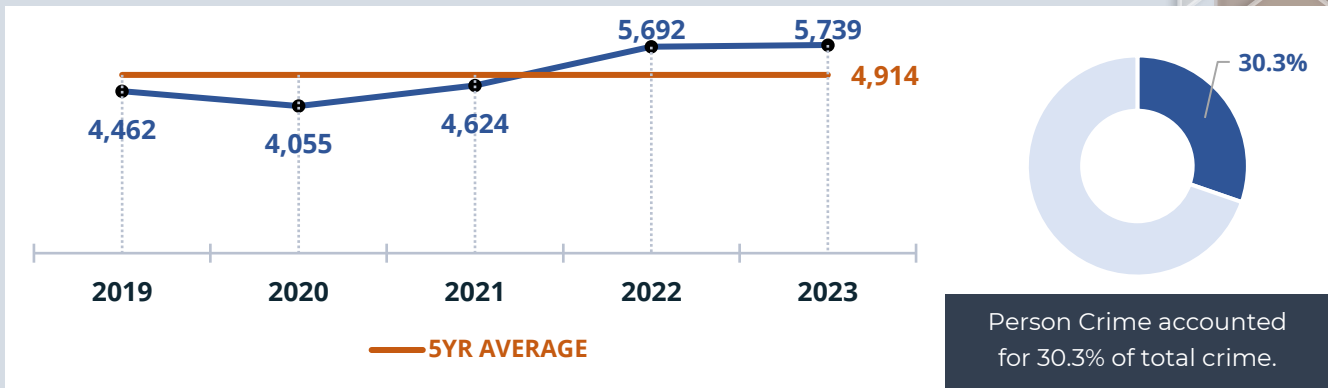
Based on the investigations, nine of the victims were killed in domestic-related encounters, four victims died in narcotic-related incidents, and 11 victims were killed in altercations with otherwise known parties. One incident alone resulted in the shooting death of three victims while two separate incidents accounted for two victims each. A single victim was killed in the remaining 17 of 20 incidents.

All murder cases were cleared in 2023. Most incidents, accounting for 22 victims, were either cleared with an arrest or the suspect being identified and warrants on file. One domestic-related encounter, which resulted in two victims, were killed along with the offender, clearing the case by exception-death of offender.

PERSON CRIME

Crimes Against Persons rose 0.8% in 2023 when compared to the previous year. These crimes are counted by the number of victims, rather than reported incidents. As indicated, these offenses involve crimes in which an individual is the victim.

11.7
INCIDENTS
per 1,000 residents



Person Crime accounted for 30.3% of total crime.

	2022	2023	(+/-)%
Murder/Non-Neg. Manslaughter	20	24	+20.0%
Negligent Manslaughter	3	4	+33.3%
Kidnapping/Abduction	126	112	-11.1%
Forcible Rape ⁵	89	90	+1.1%
Other Sex Offenses ⁶	266	182	-31.6%
Aggravated Assault	960	930	-3.1%
Simple Assault/Intimidation	4,225	4,391	+3.9%
Human Trafficking	3	6	+100%
Total	5,692	5,739	+0.8%

FORCIBLE RAPE		AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS	
Offender was reportedly a stranger to the victim	3.3%	Offender was reportedly a stranger to the victim	17.2%
Victim reported physical injury during the offense	30.0%	Victim reported physical injury during the offense	44.9%
Offender reportedly used a firearm/dangerous weapon	1.1%	Offender reportedly used a firearm/dangerous weapon	58.7%

ASSAULTS

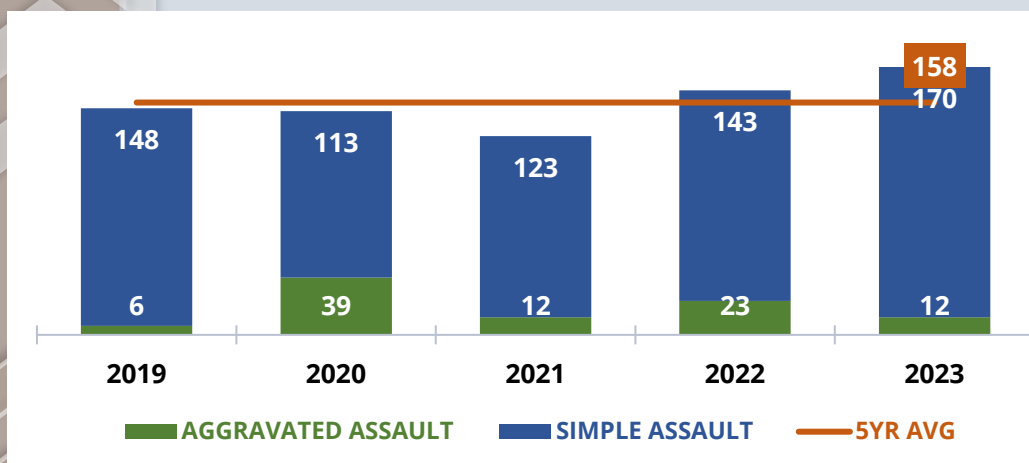
AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS

In 2023, **assaults** (simple and aggravated) accounted for approx. 92.7% of offenses in this category. The breakdown of assaults consisted of 82.5% simple/intimidation and 17.5% aggravated. When examining overall assaults, incidents involving a firearm, blunt object, or sharp instrument made up 10.3% of all assaults, while 4.0% of injuries were reported as serious in nature. Incidents involving an unknown party accounted for 13.6% of all assaults.

As previously stated, crimes against persons are counted by the number of involved victims, not reported incidents. This is notable due to incidents which may involve multiple victims. In 2023, **aggravated assault** victims totaled 930 in 675 reported incidents. As outlined on the previous page, additional context of offenses involving weapons, victim sustaining injuries, and how the parties are known to one another is also important for residents to properly gauge their own personal safety and understanding the possibility of being the victim of a random crime in this category.

ASSAULTS ON PWC POLICE OFFICERS

Below is a snapshot of simple and aggravated assaults committed against **Prince William County police officers**. In 2023, there were 182 total assaults on officers, up from 166 assaults the previous year. These numbers do not include the offense of intimidation which accounted for an additional 25 offenses in 2023.



Assaults on police officers rose 9.6% in 2023 compared to the previous year. The total is also 15.2% above the five-year average of approx. 158 assaults.

PERSON CRIME

4.1%

Major Injury Reported

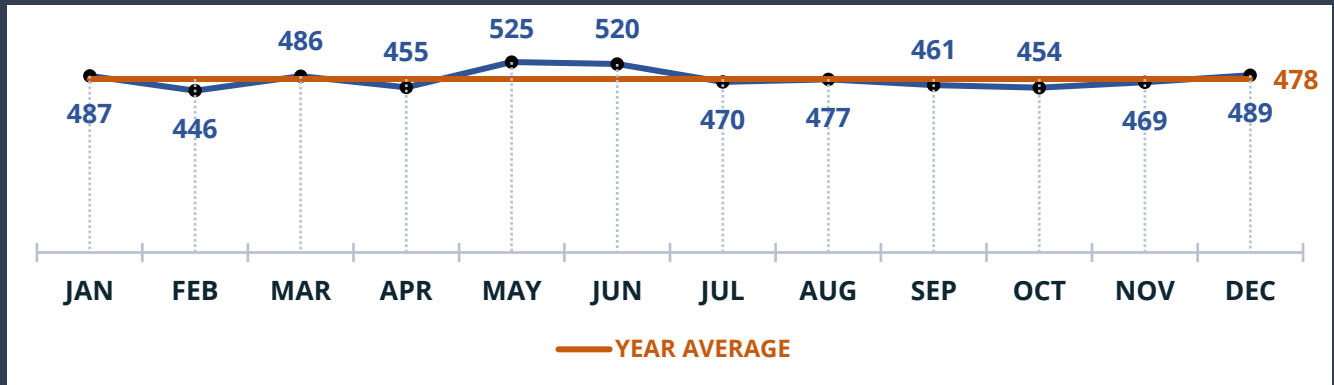
13.4%

Stranger Offender

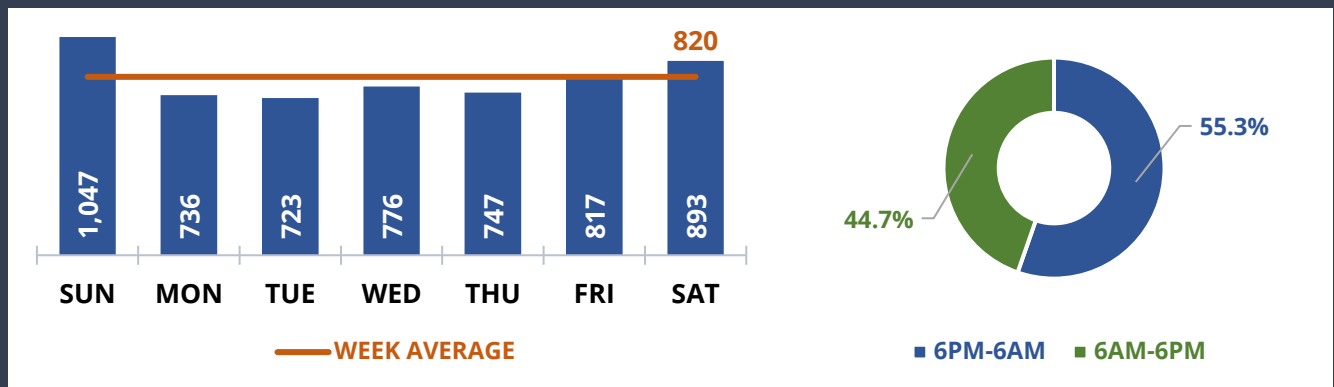
10.2%

Weapon Used

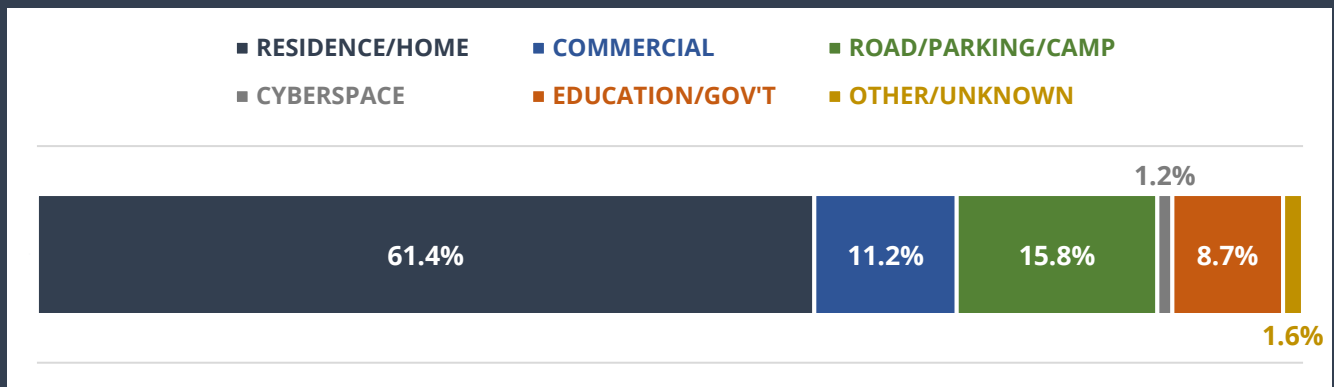
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS BY MONTH



CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS BY DAY OF WEEK/TIME OF DAY



CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS BY LOCATION

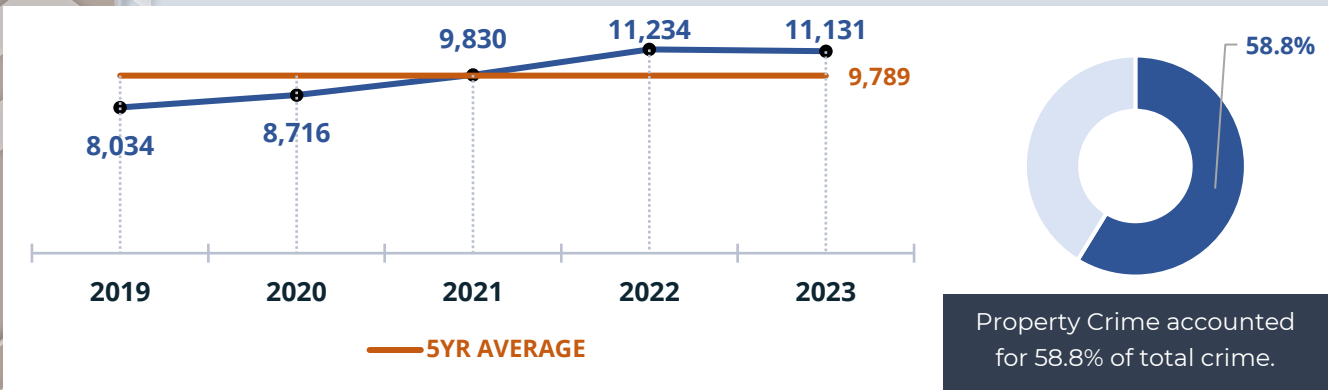


PROPERTY CRIME

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Crimes Against Property fell 0.9% in 2023 when compared to the previous year. These crimes are counted by the number of reported offenses, not involved victims. As indicated, these offenses involve crimes in which property is the primary object.

22.6
INCIDENTS
per 1,000 residents



Property Crime accounted for 58.8% of total crime.

	2022	2023	(+/-)%
Arson ⁴	31	40	+29.0%
Bribery	1	1	N/A
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	430	411	-4.4%
Counterfeiting/Forgery*	110	116	+5.5%
Destruction of Property/Vandalism	1,428	1,567	+9.7%
Embezzlement*	104	61	-41.3%
Extortion/Blackmail*	73	82	+12.3%
All Fraud Offenses ^{7*}	2,083	1,819	-12.7%
Identity Theft*	510	446	-12.5%
Hacking/Computer Invasion*	52	47	-9.6%
Robbery	221	251	+13.6%
All Larceny Offenses ⁸	5,545	5,298	-4.5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	575	892	+55.1%
Stolen Property Offenses	71	100	+40.8%
Total	11,234	11,131	-0.9%

*The reference to the select offenses noted above accounted for 32.9% of reported crimes for these specific offenses and 88.8% of total crime where cyberspace³ was reported as the location type.

Certain Crimes against Property, such as robbery, could involve multiple victims or reports of injury, or varying force used by the offender. As with all crime, context is important to gauge overall safety.

BURGLARY/B&E*		ROBBERY	
Offense reported was a completed act	80.5%	Offense reported was a completed act	84.9%
Offense reported occurred at night (6pm-6am)	62.5%	Offense reported occurred at night (6pm-6am)	56.6%
Offender reportedly used a force to enter location	58.9%	Victim reported physical injury during the offense	33.0%
Location classification was a residence	57.2%	Offender reportedly used a firearm/dangerous weapon	51.4%
Number of firearms stolen during a burglary	9	Victim classification was an individual	80.5%

**Burglary is unlawful entry to any structure with intent to commit a larceny or felony. A structure, according to the FBI, is defined as having four walls, a roof, and a door or any house trailer or other mobile unit permanently fixed.*

STOLEN FIREARMS	154	-35.8%
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ALL LARCENIES*		MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	
Offense reported was a completed act	96.3%	Offense reported was a completed act	81.5%
Victim classification was an individual	49.7%	Location classification was a residence	26.1%
Theft of property reportedly from a vehicle	20.7%	Offense reported occurred at night (6pm-6am)	65.0%
Number of firearms stolen from a vehicle	79	Number of vehicles recovered	554

**All larcenies include any offense of unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property belonging to another person.*

PROPERTY CRIME

92.1%

Completed Offense

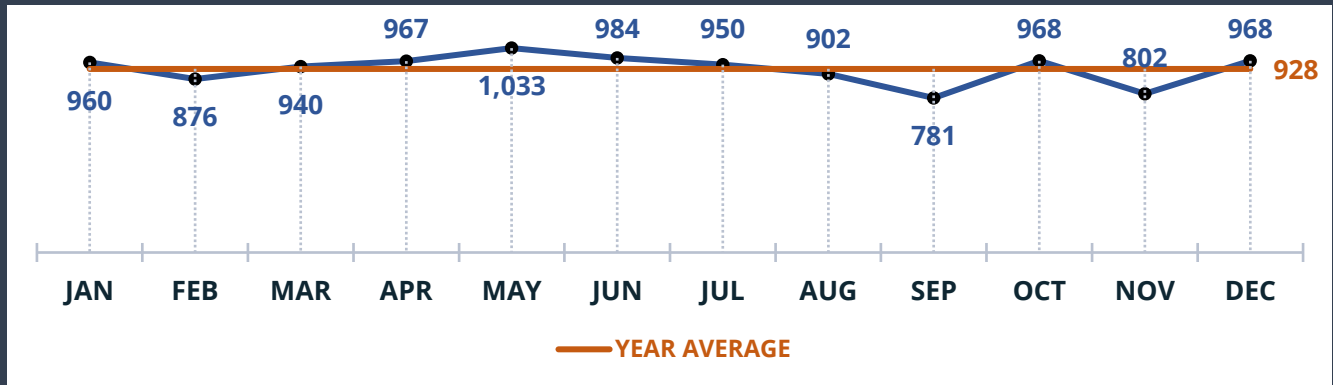
61.6%

Individual as Victim

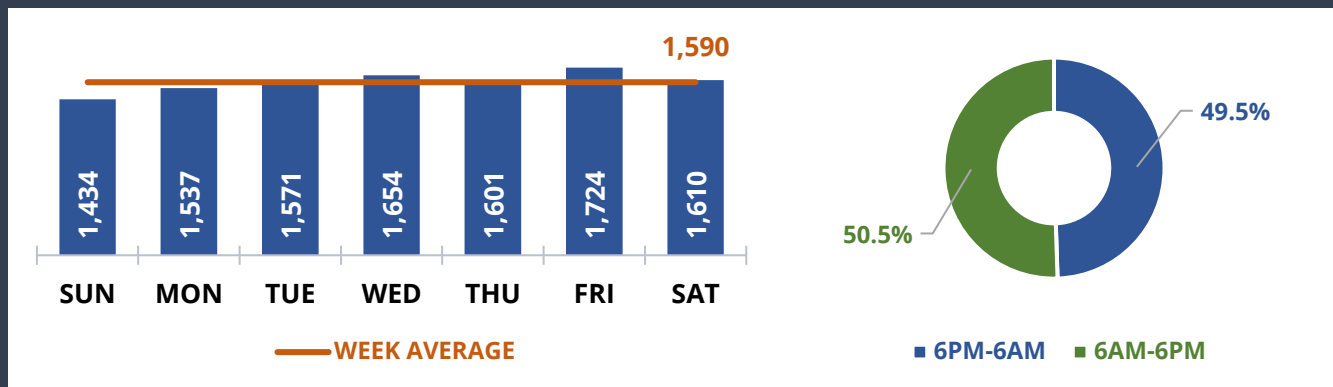
35.0%

Business as Victim

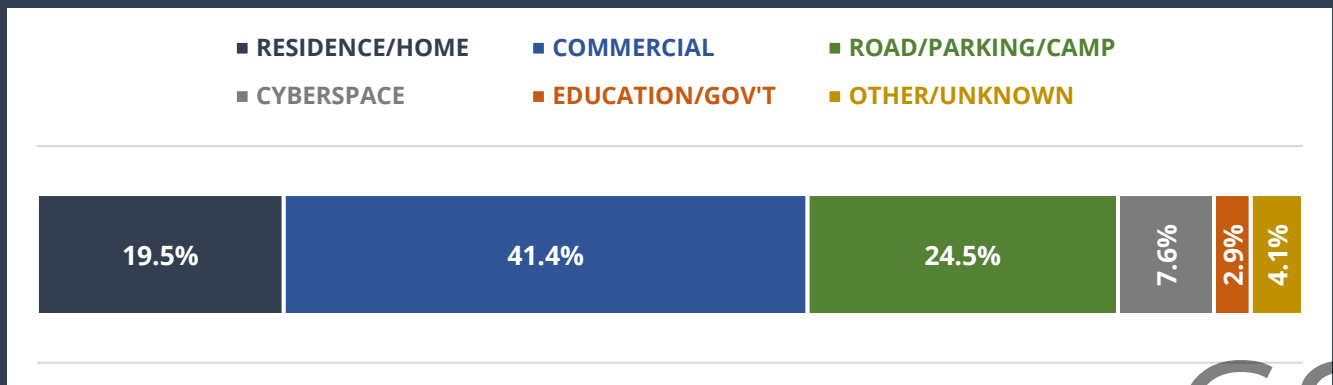
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CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY BY DAY OF WEEK/TIME OF DAY



CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY BY LOCATION

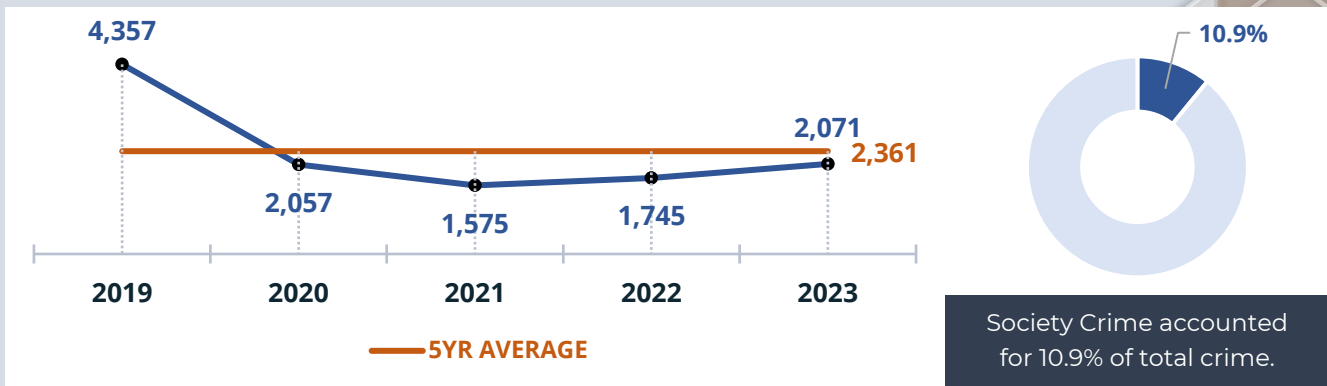


SOCIETY CRIME

Crimes Against Society rose 18.7% in 2023 when compared to the previous year. These offenses represent society’s prohibition against engaging in deviant activity, such as gambling, drug use, and prostitution, or certain types of activity in which property is not the object.

4.2

INCIDENTS
per 1,000 residents



Society Crime accounted for 10.9% of total crime.

	2022	2023	(+/-)%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	1,041	1,374	+32.0%
Drug Equipment Violations	198	174	-12.1%
All Gambling Offenses ⁹	0	0	N/A
Pornography/Obscene Material	84	108	+28.6%
All Prostitution Offenses ¹⁰	7	8	+14.3%
Weapon Law Violations	307	361	+17.6%
Animal Cruelty	108	46	-57.4%
Total	1,745	2,071	+18.7%

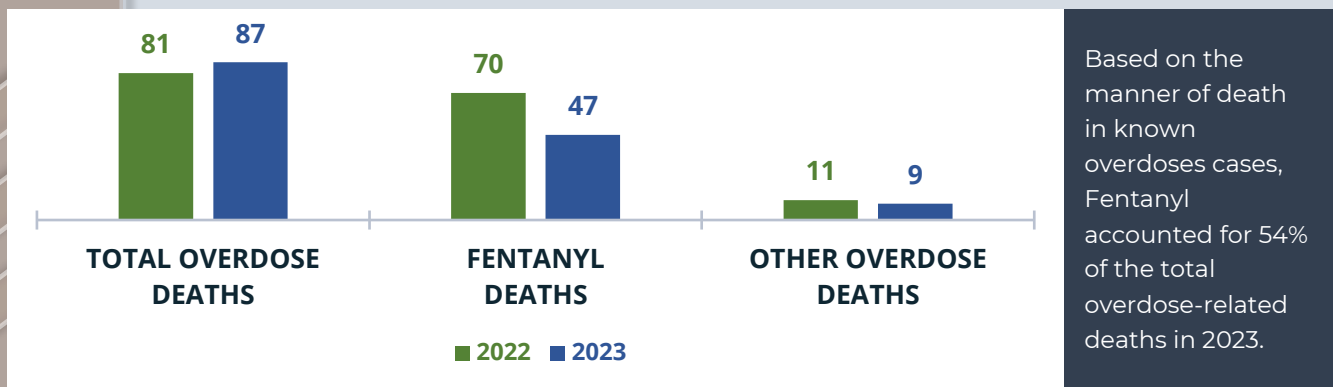
CANNABIS CONTROL AUTHORITY

In July 2021, Virginia authorized a new state authority to regulate the industry and legalized simple possession and limited home cultivation for adults 21 years of age and older. While laws regarding distribution, public use, and driving while impaired have remained in place, a drop in drug/narcotics violations can be expected over the coming years as additional legislation is implemented. Learn more by visiting the [Virginia Cannabis Control Authority website](#).

OVERDOSES

OVERDOSE DEATHS

The Police Department is committed to working with local and state authorities to decrease **drug abuse and overdoses**. The department partners with Community Services and the Virginia Department of Health to conduct enforcement efforts which reduce unlawful narcotics distribution in Prince William County. Regarding overdoses specifically, the Police Department investigates those encounters which result in a death or implications of unlawful distribution. In all other cases, the individual is encouraged to seek help through resources offered in the public or private sector.



Manner and cause of death are determined by the Medical Examiner's Office. In 2023, 31 overdose-related death cases are pending results of toxicology reports to confirm how the death occurred.

The Prince William Community Services Behavioral Health & Wellness Program, through a SAMHSA State Opioid Response grant, placed **medication drop boxes** at each of the three district police stations in Prince William County. These boxes, which are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, allow residents to safely dispose of unused and unwanted medications with no questions asked.

Unused and unwanted medications kept in the home are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Opioid medications specifically, pose a significant risk since they can be highly addictive and may lead to the use and abuse of other illegal drugs.

To find a district police station closest to you for medication disposal, visit our [website](#).

SOCIETY CRIME

190K+

15.2%

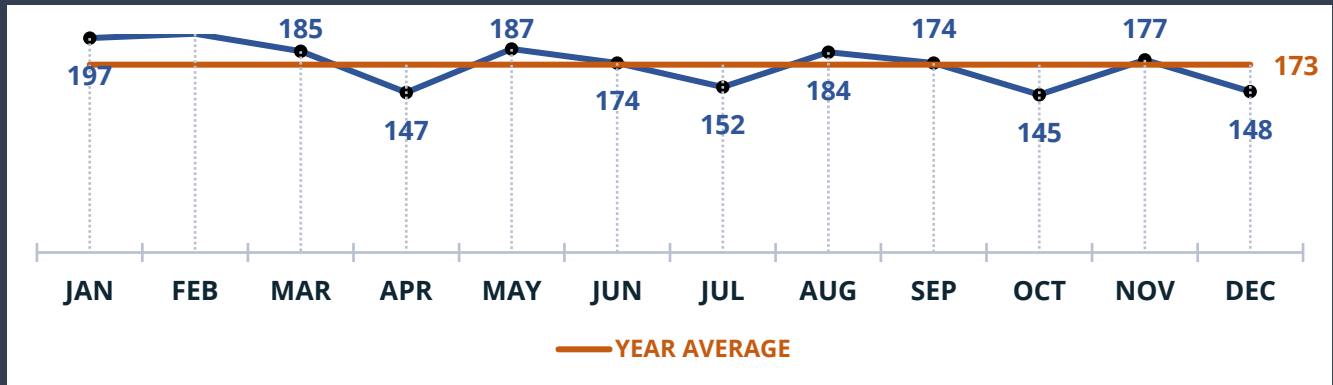
16.2%

Fentanyl Pills Seized

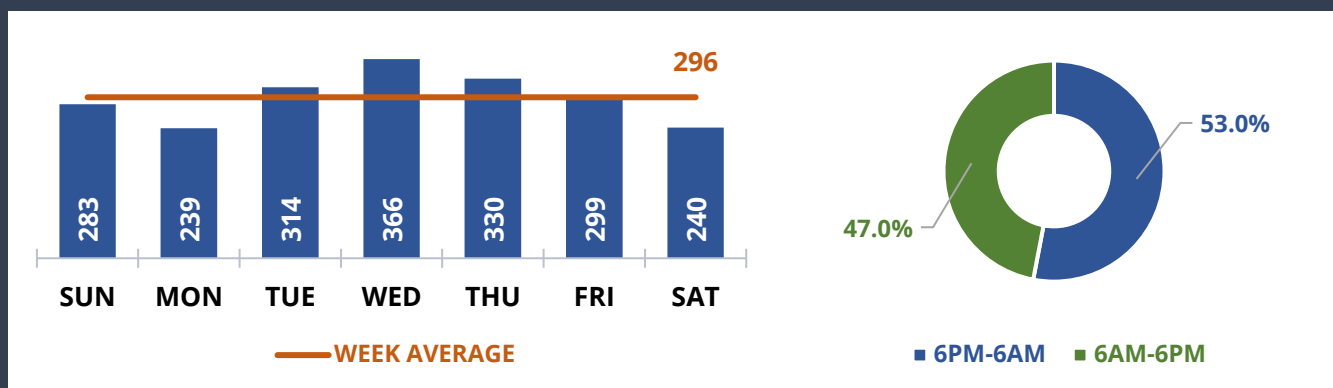
Juvenile Offender

Weapon Used

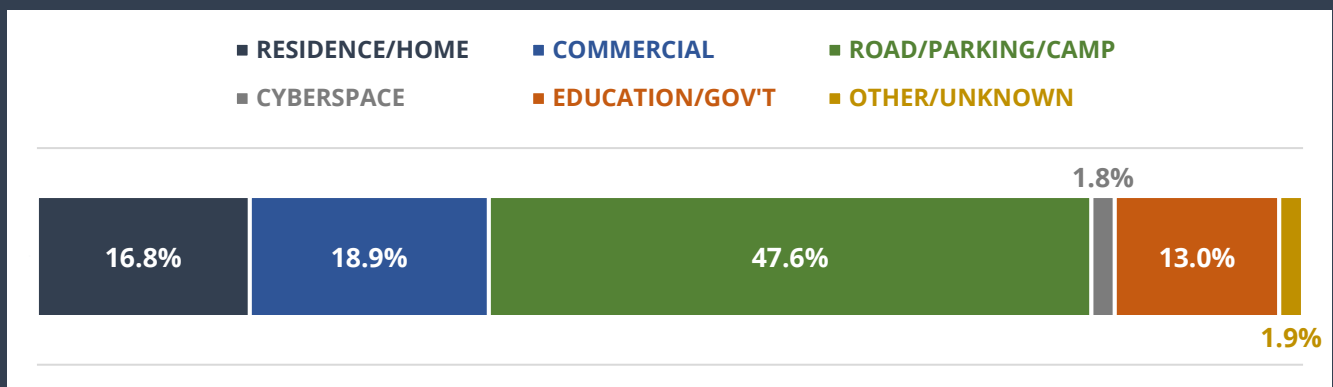
CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY BY MONTH



CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY BY DAY OF WEEK/TIME OF DAY



CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY BY LOCATION



ARRESTS

Law enforcement agencies report **arrest data** for all persons apprehended in the commission of Group A or B Offenses defined by NIBRS. The arrest data includes information about the person arrested and the circumstances. Individual arrest data as recorded by NIBRS may not directly correlate with the clearance of specific offenses.

2023 ARRESTS
+17.2%
COMPARED TO
 the previous year

The following table reflects the number of persons, separated by adults and juveniles, who were arrested for offenses committed this year compared to the previous year. In 2023, arrests for Crimes against Persons accounted for approx. 43.7% of all arrests for Group A Offenses. Additional arrests are often made during the year for offenses that were reported to have occurred in previous years as investigations progress, or when offenses are reported in later years beyond when they occurred. Officers made an additional 228 arrests in 2023 for offenses that occurred in previous years.

	2022		2023	
Adult Arrests	7,663	92.8%	8,899	91.9%
Juvenile Arrests	592	7.2%	776	8.0%
Total	8,258		9,679	

ARRESTS: SELECT GROUP A OFFENSES

	2022	2023
Murder/Non-Neg. Manslaughter	19	19
Forcible Rape	16	14
Aggravated Assault	348	407
Robbery	101	136
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	75	65
All Larceny Offenses ⁸	905	1,053
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	70
Total	1,489	1,764

ARRESTS

583

79.7%

1,494

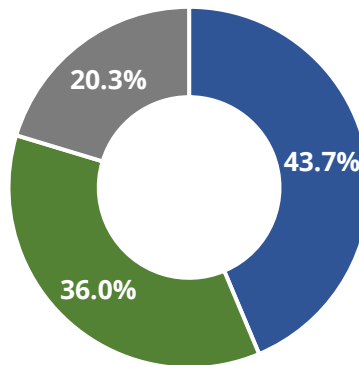
Violent Crime Arrests

Resident Arrestee

Domestic Arrests

ARRESTS: GROUP A OFFENSES COMPARISON

- CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS
- CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY
- CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY

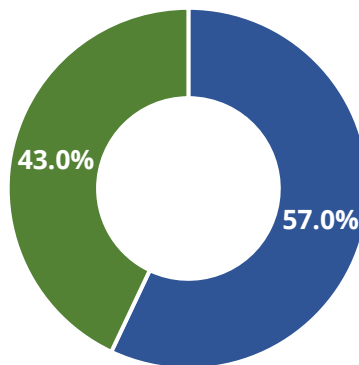


Arrests for Crimes against Persons made up approx. 43.7% of arrests for Group A Offenses, while these crimes only accounted for 30.3% of total reported offenses in 2023.

The above arrests comparison correlates to the date of incident, not date of arrest.

ARRESTS: GROUP A VS GROUP B¹¹ COMPARISON

Group B Offense data is only captured by arrest whereas Group A Offense data is collected on each incident and arrest.



- GROUP A ARRESTS
- GROUP B ARRESTS

The above arrests comparison correlates to the date of incident, not date of arrest.

ARMED* ARRESTEES

3.2%

*firearm or other dangerous weapon

For a more detailed breakdown of arrests for individual offenses in each group, visit the [Virginia State Police website](#).

CRASHES

	2022 (PWC)	2023 (PWC)	2023 (VA)	2023 PWC CRASH RATE
Total Reportable Crashes	4,627	4,932	127,603	10.0
Total Reportable Injuries	1,844	2,057	63,876	
Total Fatal Crashes	26	22	907	

Crash Rate increased in 2023 from 9.5 the previous year. The rate is based on total reportable crashes per 1,000 residents.

REPORTABLE CRASHES (PWC)

Total reportable crashes rose 6.6% in 2023 compared to the previous year. In reviewing frequency of crashes, data showed the highest number of crashes occurred in the last quarter of the year, with the most reported in May at 486. During the average week, Friday was the peak day with 777 crashes, followed by Wednesday and Thursday at 755 and 740 respectively. On a given day, crashes occurred more frequently between noon - 6 p.m., totaling 2,277, with the 5 p.m. hour seeing the highest at 398. The types of most crashes were found to be rear-end or angled collisions, totaling approx. 71.2% of all crashes.

TOTAL CRASHES

▲ **6.6%**

COMPARED TO
the previous year

FATAL CRASHES (PWC)

Total fatal crashes dropped for the second year in a row. In 2023, fatalities fell 15.4% compared to the previous year. Of note, the primary cause in nine of the crashes was excessive speed while six were the result of a pedestrian being at fault. More fatal crashes occurred in April and August than any other month, totaling five each, while Saturday was the peak day of the week at six. Fatal crashes occurred more in the evening, particularly during the 6 p.m. hour, which totaled four.

FATALITIES

▼ **15.4%**

COMPARED TO
the previous year

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE (CMV) SAFETY INSPECTIONS

#Total CMV Inspections	#Total Inspection Hours	%Trucks Out of Service	#Total Hazmat Inspections
650	508	38%	51

74

PEDESTRIAN CRASHES (PWC)

Total pedestrian-related crashes rose 10.1% in 2023 compared to the previous year. In reviewing frequency of crashes, data showed the highest number of crashes occurred in the last quarter of the year at 32.2%, with the most reported in October at 15. During the average week, Thursday was the peak day with 19 crashes, followed by Friday and Tuesday at 17 and 15 respectively. On a given day, crashes occurred more frequently between 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., accounting for 36 or about 41.2%, with between the 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. hours seeing an additional 16. **Fatal pedestrian-related crashes fell dramatically in 2023 by about 45.5% compared to the previous year.**

PEDESTRIAN
CRASHES

▲ 10.1%

COMPARED TO
the previous year

ROADWAY INCIDENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The **Roadway Incident Management Program** (RIMP) identifies intersections in the County at high-risk of vehicle crashes. To determine the impact at these locations, the number of citations issued, and hours of enforcement are tracked, in addition to any decreases observed in vehicle crashes over the year.

CENTRAL DISTRICT	EASTERN DISTRICT	WESTERN DISTRICT
Brentsville/Parkway	Dumfries/Old Stage Coach & Rt.1	Balls Ford & Parkway
Dale & Minnieville	Cardinal/Neabsco & Rt.1	Centreville & Leland
Minnieville & Smoketown	Dale & Potomac Center	Heathcote & Lee
Parkway & Smoketown	Marys/Mount Pleasant & Rt.1	Hornbaker & Nokesville
Parkway & Telegraph	Minnieville & Spriggs	Sudley Manor & Sudley

865

Citations Issued

2,601

Hours of Enforcement

-20.3%

Impact on Crashes*

*Impact on crashes based on total number of crashes at all listed RIMP locations in 2022 compared to end of year 2023.

ENFORCEMENT

	2022	2023
Total Traffic Citations	21,777	27,118
Total Parking Citations	12,645	13,227

Traffic citations increased 24.5% in 2023 compared to the previous year, while parking citations increased 4.6%

	2023 TOP 5 TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	2023 IMPAIRED DRIVING ARRESTS
1. Speeding	6,660	1,030
2. Reckless Driving	1,965	
3. No Operator's License	1,780	
4. Disregard Traffic Light	1,639	
5. No Inspection Sticker	1,035	

Impaired driving arrests increased 9.2% in 2023 compared to the previous year.

AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

In 2023, the Board of County Supervisors authorized the pilot program to trial the automated enforcement of speed limits in active school zones, highway work zones and at red lights with the goal of improving the safety of roads in the county by encouraging motorists to slow down and be alert to fellow motorists and pedestrians. In early 2024, cameras were placed at four identified school zones across the County as part of the pilot program.

For more information about the County's Automated Traffic Enforcement Pilot Program, visit the [County website](#).

COMMUNITY POLICING ACT

The **Community Policing Act**, which began July 1, 2020, requires law enforcement agencies to collect certain demographic data and other information related to vehicle stops and encounters by police.

For a detailed breakdown of the Community Policing Act data for Prince William County, visit the [Virginia State Police website](#).

ENDNOTES

GENERAL REPORT NOTES

1. **Crime in Virginia**, The Department of State Police.
2. Criteria for distinguishing between Group A and B Offenses as provided by the FBI, **National Incident Based Reporting System guide**.
3. “Cyberspace” is a distinction noted for offenses that occurred on the internet. Reporting guidelines require offenses that occurred on the internet be reported with the location of cyberspace in the respective jurisdiction the victim resides.
4. The offense of “Arson” is investigated by the Department of Fire and Rescue, Fire Marshal’s Office. For more information about these crimes, **please contact their agency**.
5. Data pertaining to offenses in the Crime Report reflects the date of the offense, as opposed to the reported date. This distinction gives a more accurate depiction of crimes that occurred in the County for the respective year represented. Rapes, for example, are known to be reported beyond the offense date.

NIBRS REFERENCE GROUP DEFINITIONS

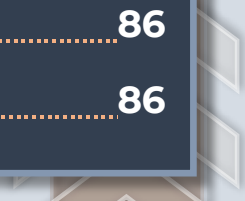
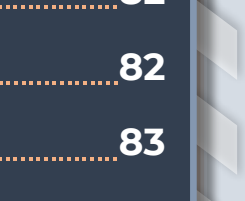
Additional NIBRS definitions can be found on the **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) website**.

6. The reference to “*Other Sex Offenses*” includes forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, forcible fondling, incest, and statutory rape.
7. The reference to “*All Fraud Offenses*” includes false presentences/swindle/confidence game, credit card/automatic teller fraud, impersonation, welfare fraud, and wire fraud.
8. The reference to “*All Larceny Offenses*” includes pocket-picking, purse-snatching, shoplifting, theft from a building, theft from coin operated machine or device, theft from motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicle parts/accessories, and all other larceny.
9. The reference to “*All Gambling Offenses*” includes betting/wagering, operating/promoting/assisting gambling, gambling equipment violations, and sports tampering.
10. The reference to “*All Prostitution Offenses*” includes prostitution, assisting or promoting prostitution, and purchasing prostitution.
11. The reference to “*Group B Offenses*” includes curfew/loitering/vagrancy violations, disorderly conduct, driving under the influence, nonviolent family offenses, liquor law violations, trespassing, bad checks, drunkenness, peeping tom, and all other offenses.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

DISCLAIMER

The data captured in this section of the Annual Report is valid for calendar year **2023**. It is the policy of the **Prince William County Police Department** to accept and investigate any complaint or allegation of misconduct against a department member. The Police Department also reports and investigates any physical response made by a department member and records any injuries while an individual is in police custody. These injuries include those sustained during a police action or response to resistance, and any pre-existing injuries prior to police contact, self-inflicted injuries, and accidental injuries.



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PERFORMANCE

COMMUNITY CONTACTS	2023
Total Calls for Service (CFS)	198,085
Criminal Arrests*	9,907
Traffic Summonses Issued	27,118
Parking Citations Issued	13,227
Reportable Motor Vehicle Crashes	4,932

*Criminal arrests total based on calendar year.

COMPLAINTS	2023
Total Complaints	68
Community Complaints	52.9%
Internal Complaints	47.1%
Sustained Complaints	29
Bias/Racial Profiling Complaints	0
Excessive Force Complaints	1
Complaint Ratio [^]	0.18

[^]Complaint ratio determined by number of community complaints compared per 1,000 calls for service.

RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE	2023
RTR Used (of arrests)	5.1%
RTR Investigations (all encounters)	640
Confirmed RTR (all encounters)	634
Complaints of Injury	232
Transports to Medical Facility	69
Serious Injury	0
Fatal Injury	0
Canine Used in Apprehension	31
Canine Uses Resulting in Bite	6

COMPLAINTS

The Police Department accepts and investigates complaints and allegations of misconduct, including anonymous complaints. In doing so, the Department strives to be fair to both the complainants and the members involved. The Department also seeks to impose disciplinary actions as necessary in a fair and impartial manner.

Total Complaints	Internal	Community
68	31	37

DEFINITIONS OF FINDINGS

- **SUSTAINED** | There is sufficient evidence to justify a formal finding of wrongdoing under a General Order, departmental directive, County rule or ordinance, or other law typically accompanying formal disciplinary action.
- **UNFOUNDED** | The allegation is false or otherwise not factually supported; or the complaint did not involve police personnel from this Department.
- **INFORMAL FINDING** | The alleged act did occur but did not rise to the level of a formal policy violation such that discipline is needed to correct the behavior. Informal findings are usually accompanied by squad level guidance, counseling, or remedial training, and by definition, cannot result in formal disciplinary actions.
- **EXONERATED** | The alleged act did occur but was lawful and in accordance with Department policy. Exoneration is a finding that the act was justified and lawful.
- **NOT SUSTAINED** | There is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.

	Exonerated	Informal Finding	Not Sustained	Sustained	Unfounded
Community	3	3	2	7	21
Internal	0	4	1	22	4
Total	3	7	3	29	25

**One community complaint is awaiting disposition.*

DISCIPLINE

DISCIPLINE IMPOSED

Type of Discipline	%	Type of Discipline	%
Written Reprimand	31.7%	Verbal Reprimand	3.3%
Suspension	18.0%	Demotion	1.7%
Probation	15%	Dismissal*	1.7%
Transfer	11.7%	Training	1.7%
Loss of Leave	6.7%	Other	1.7%
Termination	5.0%	Pending	1.7%

*Dismissal applies to members who were released during their probationary employment period.

TOP ALLEGATIONS

Internal Complaints	Community Complaints
Unprofessionalism	Unprofessionalism
Pursuit	Improper Investigation
Body-Worn Camera Violation	Not Following Procedures

Complaints may have numerous allegations and involve more than one officer. Unprofessionalism encompasses specific complaints of discourtesy, rudeness, demeanor, and general conduct.

BIASED/PROFILING & EXCESSIVE FORCE

In 2023, the Police Department had no sustained complaints of bias/racial profiling or excessive force. Allegations of this nature are taken very seriously. Historically, the Department has maintained few sustained complaints of this nature. In 2023, there was a complaint of excessive force; however, following an extensive investigation, the allegation was determined to be unfounded. Over the past five years, there has been **no sustained complaints** of either bias/racial profiling or excessive force.

Bias/Racial Profiling Complaints	Excessive Force Complaints
0	1*

*The lone excessive force complaint was thoroughly investigated and resulted in an unfounded disposition.

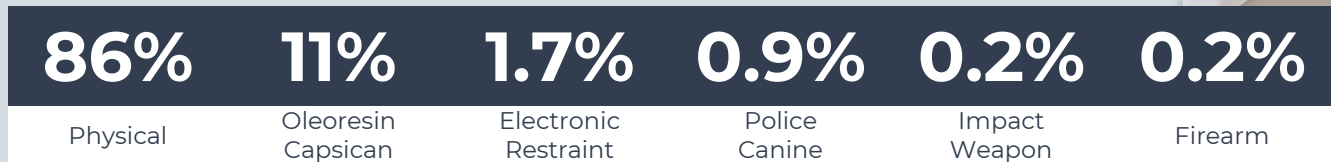
RESISTANCE

The Police Department investigates all instances in which members physically respond to a resistor to effect or maintain a lawful arrest or detention. Accidental, self-inflicted, and pre-existing injuries to prisoners are also investigated. The Department’s Response to Resistance Policy can be accessed on our [website](#).

RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE (RTR) ANALYSIS

In 2023, NO PHYSICAL ACTION was necessary in 94.9% of all lawful arrests or detentions made by officers. The Police Department conducted investigations into 640 separate encounters. As a result, physical action was determined to have been used to effect a lawful arrest or detention in 634 of those investigations, while 6 were deemed no physical action was used by definition.

Response to Resistance (RTR) is defined as an officer using any physical action, up to and including tools and equipment, to overcome the resistance from an individual who is being lawfully detained or arrested. Investigations are also conducted into any action that results in an injury, or mere complaint of injury, during the process of making or assisting with a lawful arrest or detention.

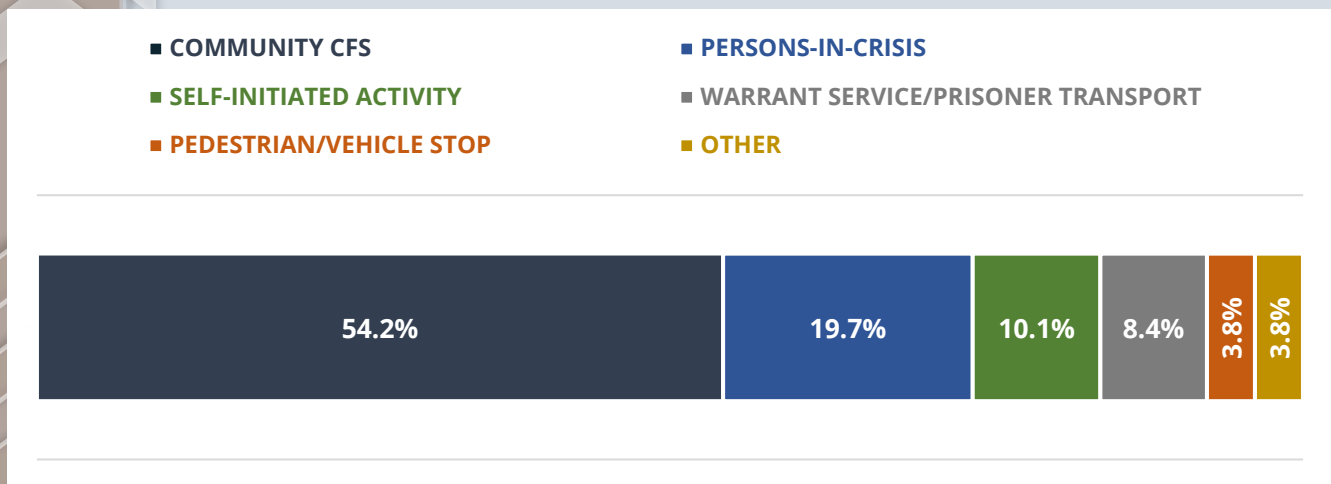


	Black	Hispanic (any race)	White	Other*
No Tool, Equipment, or Weapon	232	168	127	18
Oleoresin Capsican (Pepper Spray)	34	24	10	2
Electronic Restraint (Taser)	4	2	5	0
Police Canine	3	2	1	0
Impact Weapon	0	1	0	0
Firearm (Deadly Force)	0	1	0	0
Response to Resistance	43.1%	31.2%	22.6%	3.2%
Total Arrests	37.5%	34.8%	24.8%	2.9%

*The "OTHER" race group includes persons of Asian, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander decent. Races noted as unknown or refused are also included as "OTHER".

RESISTANCE, *cont.*

RTR investigations are broken down below by call type. **‘Community Call for Service (CFS)’** includes any incident received from a community member that is not included in one of the other designated call types; such as shoplifting, trespass, disorderly, etc. **‘Self-Initiated Activity’** includes incidents that occur during an officer’s proactive duties; such as foot patrols, traffic direction, follow-up activities or other instances where an officer encounters or witnesses an incident.



ARREST/IN-CUSTODY INJURIES

In 2023, the Police Department documented and investigated 790 individuals who reported an injury while in police custody. Most of the reported instances, 558 individuals or about 70.6%, were determined to have pre-existing injuries sustained prior to police contact, self-inflicted injuries, or injuries as the result of an accident while in police custody, such as an individual who trips or slips while being escorted by an officer.

Of the total reported injuries, 232 individuals, or about 29.4%, reported some type of injury sustained from a police action or use of force incident. In those specific encounters, 69 individuals sought treatment at a medical facility. Thirty-two individuals were treated for a complaint of pain or had no visible injury, while 22 were treated for an abrasion or laceration.

INTERVENTION

The Office of Professional Standards is responsible for administering the **Early Identification System (EIS)**, a database that flags members when specified criteria occur. The goal of this system is to reduce potential negative consequences for the member, fellow members, the agency, and our community. EIS is used to identify and assess member performance and intervene where appropriate.

The Police Department categorizes all response to resistance encounters as either **Level 1** (physical or chemical force where there was no or minor injury) or **Level 2** (force involving electronic restraint, impact device, canine, or firearms and/or serious injury such as major bleeding, broken bones, or any treatment at a medical facility). In late September 2021, the Department began categorizing the lowest levels of physical force as **Level 0** to better capture force encounters to improve analysis.

When any member has been involved in two or more sustained or not sustained complaints, or when any sworn member has been involved in three or more Level 2 use of force incidents, five Level 1 use of force incidents, or any combination of five use of force incidents in any six-month period, an EIS investigation will be initiated.

In 2023, there were 18 EIS activations involving 17 separate members. Of the total activations, 16 were the result of physical resistance in the course of a lawful arrest or detention.

In each EIS Alert involving physical resistance in 2023, all underlying RTR incidents were re-examined, and no further action was warranted. No patterns of excessive use of force were found in any of these EIS cases. In reviewing EIS Alert related to complaints, personal and off-duty difficulties are explored. All members who receive an EIS alert investigation are reminded of the Police Department's Wellness and Resilience services.

For more information on Prince William County Police Department policies, visit our [website](#).

ANALYSIS

VEHICLE PURSUITS ANALYSIS

In 2023, the Police Department engaged in six pursuits. All pursuits were thoroughly investigated. Three pursuits were found to be within the parameters of our current pursuit policy, while three were not. The three pursuits within policy were related to a violent felony. The pursuits ended with four apprehensions including one use of a tire deflation device on the fleeing vehicle, while the remaining two pursuits eluded police. One pursuit occurred between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., while the remaining five occurred between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Four pursuits involved speed in excess of 65 MPH. The Department's Pursuit Policy can be found on our [website](#).

GRIEVANCES ANALYSIS

In 2023, there were no grievances filed against the Police Department. Historically, in the last 20 years, there have been no more than two grievances filed in any single year. We attribute this to the quality of investigations and consistent discipline levied to members. There is also a culture within the Department of realizing mistakes are made, and corrective action is deemed necessary.

All members receiving discipline are provided options on steps to take should they wish to appeal or grieve discipline. Both hard copy pamphlets and online access to information is accessible to all employees.

LAWSUITS ANALYSIS

In 2023, two lawsuits were filed against members of the Police Department. Both suits are considered inactive; one was dismissed, while the second claim was denied.



OATH OF HONOR

On my honor, I will never betray my integrity, my character, or the public trust.

I will treat all individuals with dignity and respect and ensure that my actions are dedicated to ensuring the safety of my community and the preservation of human life.

I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions.

I will always maintain the highest ethical standards and uphold the values of my community, and the agency I serve.



**BASIC RECRUIT SCHOOL
GRADUATIONS OF 2023**

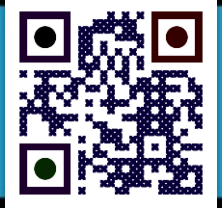
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- **Permanent, non-rotating work schedule**
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- **Paid retirement**
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